DEVELOPMENT OF POTENT, ORALLY BIOAVAILABLE PROTAC® LRRK2 DEGRADER MOLECULES AS POTENTIAL DISEASE MODIFYING THERAPEUTICS FOR NEURODEGENERATION

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## PROTAC<sup>®</sup> protein degraders combine the benefits of small molecules and gene-based knockdown technologies





### Arvinas' PROteolysis-TArgeting Chimera (PROTAC®) degraders can:

- Eliminate disease-causing proteins (rather than inhibit)
- Disrupt scaffolding functions of target proteins
- Bind and degrade classically "undruggable" proteins
- Act iteratively (catalytically)
- Potential for oral delivery and achieve broad tissue distribution, including across the bloodbrain-barrier

## Arvinas neuroscience pipeline addressing areas of tremendous unmet need in neurodegenerative diseases



## > 6 million

patients in the U.S. are diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or Huntington's diseases alone<sup>†</sup>

- Opportunity for PROTAC<sup>®</sup> protein degraders:
- Very few disease-modifying therapies exist
- Blood-brain barrier penetration is a challenge for other modalities
- Other potential therapies have difficult routes of administration, e.g., intra-thecal

### **Arvinas Neuroscience Pipeline**

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- Potential to cross the blood brain barrier and degrade disease-causing proteins inside cells
- Specifically target pathogenic proteins in the brain
- Potential for oral therapies



Phase 1 trial with PROTAC<sup>®</sup> LRRK2 degrader ARV-102 initiated Feb 2024

<sup>†</sup>Global data, DecisionResources.

mHTT, mutant Huntingtin protein; MSA, multiple systems atrophy; PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy; LRRK2, Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2



PROTAC®-induced LRRK2 degradation as a potential treatment for idiopathic Parkinson's disease and progressive Supranuclear Palsy



### Human genetics and biology create a strong rationale for differential biology of PROTAC® LRRK2 degraders

#### LRRK2 is a large multidomain scaffolding kinase

- Parkinson's Disease (PD) has a diagnosed prevalence of ~1M in the US, with more than 10M worldwide<sup>1</sup>
  - No approved disease-modifying therapies for PD
  - Familial mutations and sporadic variants implicate LRRK2 in PD ('breaks on lysosome clearance')
- Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) is a pure tauopathy with rapid progression to death within 5-7 years
  - No approved therapies for PSP
  - Genetic variants in the LRRK2 locus associated with accelerated progression time to death
- LRRK2 kinase inhibitors and an ASO in clinical trials



#### Mutations in and increased expression of LRRK2

LRRK2, Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2; ASO, antisense oligonucleotide

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Parkinson's Foundation. Who has Parkinson's? https://www.parkinson.org/understanding-parkinsons/statistics, accessed 01/06/24

## PROTAC<sup>®</sup> induces degradation of LRRK2 in in human PBMCs, impacts phospho-RAB pathway, and is on mechanism



PROTAC<sup>®</sup> LRRK2 degradation aligns with effects on target & pathway engagement in vitro





# Single oral LRRK2 PROTAC<sup>®</sup> administration rapidly degrades target in mouse brain (concentration-dependent and durable)



LRRK2 PROTAC<sup>®</sup> Optimization Dose-Response PK/PD in Cortex 24h post dose 150 (% CTL) ROTAC-A- 5.2 nM DC<sub>50</sub> 100 PROTAC-B- 70 nM DC<sub>50</sub> Degradation 50· 0--9.0 -8.5 -8.0 -7.5 -7.0 -6.5 [PROTAC] Brain, M \*PK/PD- Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic effect relationship

LRRK2 Degradation [PROTAC]<sub>brain</sub> 100 PROTAC Exposure, LRRK2 (%Veh) 75-50-25lloq Ζ 0 10 15 Time (days)

LRRK2 PROTAC<sup>®</sup> Time-Course - Cortex

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PROTAC<sup>®</sup> LRRK2 degrader shows better target engagement, enhanced potency and pathway engagement versus a LRRK2 inhibitor in G2019S KI mice





<sup>a</sup> G2019S familial Parkinson's Disease mouse model LRRK2, Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 Data presented at 2023 Keystone Summit: Autophagy and Neurodegeneration



### PROTAC® LRRK2 degrader induced less severe Type II pneumocyte enlargement in mice despite full target engagement

#### LRRK2 Degradation/ Target Engagement



LRRK2 Kinase Inhibition/ Target Engagement



#### Lung Type II Pneumocyte Enlargement/ Hypertrophy (Histopathologic Score)



- Expected lung phenotype observed with LRRK2 PROTAC and kinase inhibitor MLi2 (positive control for type II pneumocyte enlargement)
- Effect is reversible after 14-day wash-out
- No evidence of collagen deposition in lung with LRRK2 PROTAC<sup>®</sup> degraders in primate (tox studies to date)

# Surfactant protein accumulation in mouse lung observed with LRRK2 kinase inhibitor MLi2, but not PROTAC<sup>®</sup> degrader







## Arvinas' oral PROTAC<sup>®</sup> LRRK2 degrades LRRK2 in multiple deep anatomic brain regions in non-human primates







Our LRRK2 degrader induces biomarker changes that reinforce confidence in the PROTAC<sup>®</sup> mechanism of action in the brain and periphery



PROTAC<sup>®</sup>-induced reductions observed in key lysosomal marker in cynomolgus monkey

**BMP** reductions in cynomolgus monkeys



BMP levels were measured by UPLC-MS/MS and normalized to creatinine and then expressed relative to baseline.

PK/PD of LRRK2 reduction in cortex and CSF following oral dosing in cynos

CSF LRRK2 reductions in cynomolgus monkeys; surrogate compartment for brain



Equivalent PK/PD supports the utility of measuring CSF LRRK2 as a surrogate for monitoring LRRK2 reductions in the brain.

LRRK2, Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2; PK/PD, pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; BMP, Bis(monoacylglycerol)phosphate: a lysosomal lipid Data presented at 2024 Keystone Summit: Targeted Protein Degradation

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## Preclinically, PROTAC<sup>®</sup> LRRK2 degraders:

- Achieve potent, selective, and durable target engagement in brain following oral dosing
- Show better target engagement, enhanced potency and pathway engagement compared to inhibitors
- Induce less severe type 2 pneumocyte enlargement and there's no accumulation of surfactant protein C, compared to MLi2
- Impact clinically relevant biomarkers in primates

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### Thank you - Team Arvinas!



