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A new standard in cholesterol therapy

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Agenda

About Aqur

A pioneering bioscience company headquartered in Westlake Village, California, United States

Developing a revolutionary oral therapy targeting high cholesterol, addressing a $25+ billion market

Core Values

Team

Our team consists of world-renowned scientists, researchers, and industry experts with deep expertise in bioscience, pharmaceutical discovery, and cardiovascular health. Collectively, the team has contributed to the development of over 30 commercial drugs, generating more than $10 billion in sales.

Vision

Pioneering a future where cardiovascular disease caused by high cholesterol is effectively treated with cutting-edge, and patient-friendly therapies.

Mission

Dedicated to advancing breakthrough treatments that address some of the most urgent health challenges, ensuring safety, efficacy, affordability, and accessibility.

High Cholesterol & Cardiovascular Disease

CVD

High cholesterol is a major contributing factor to the Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

>1 billion

People suffer from high cholesterol globally, affecting approximately ~39% of adults (~94M Americans)

#1

CVD is the number 1 cause of death worldwide, responsible for ~31% of all annual global deaths

18.6 million

Annual cardiovascular deaths, with ~ 85% attributable to atherosclerotic CVD, primarily caused by elevated LDL

Current Cholesterol Therapeutics: Statins

MoA

Competitive inhibition of enzyme HMG-CoA reductase

LDL

Typical reduction:
30 – 50%

Administration

Oral

Cost

Low

Effect

Reduces cholesterol level & helps stabilize atherosclerotic plaques

Side Effects

Muscle-related & gastrointestinal symptoms, liver enzyme elevation (reversible & rare)

Current Cholesterol Therapeutics: PCSK9i

MoA

mAbs - binds to PCSK9
siRNA - interfere with PCSK9 synthesis

LDL

Typical reduction:
50 – 70%

Administration

Injectable

Cost

High

Effect

Significantly reduces LDL cholesterol levels in high-risk patients

Side Effects

Injection site reactions, flu-like symptoms, hypersensitivity or allergic reactions (rare)

Current Market

PCSK9i injectables: ~ $3.7 Billion

NOVARTIS / Alnylam	LEQVIO® (inclisiran) injection 284 mg/1.5 mL	~$754M Sales in 2024
SANOFI / REGENERON	Praluent® (alirocumab) Injection 75mg/mL 150mg/mL	~$725M Sales in 2024
AMGEN	Repatha® (evolocumab) injection 140 mg/mL	~$1.22B Sales in 2024

2020 - Novartis acquired The Medicines Company for $9.7B, primarily for inclisiran (Leqvio), then under-development

2020 - AstraZeneca acquired Dogma Therapeutics' oral PCSK9 inhibitor, for an undisclosed amount

Statins (*incl. generics*): ~ $16 Billion

AstraZeneca	CRESTOR® rosuvastatin	~$1.15B Sales in 2024
Pfizer	LIPITOR® atorvastatin calcium tablets	~$2.0B Sales in 2024

Therapies Under Development

Targeting PCSK9

SUPPRESSED PCSK9

AstraZeneca

AZD0780
CLINICAL RESEARCH PHASE II

MERCK

MK-0616
CLINICAL RESEARCH PHASE III

Targeting LDL-R

PCSK9 UNAFFECTED

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AQR-008
PRE-CLINICAL RESEARCH

Aqur’s Oral PCSK9i

Portfolio of over 50 peptides

Patent granted in 2020

Royalty free

Leading candidate

Pre-IND stage

AQR-008: Designed to Explore a New MoA

Targets

EGF-A domain on the
Low-Density Lipoprotein Receptors (LDL-R)

Prevents

PCSK9 binding to LDL-R, process that leads to LDL-R degradation in the hepatic cell

Allows

LDL-R recycling back to the hepatic cell membrane, and recurrent binding to LDL particles for clearance

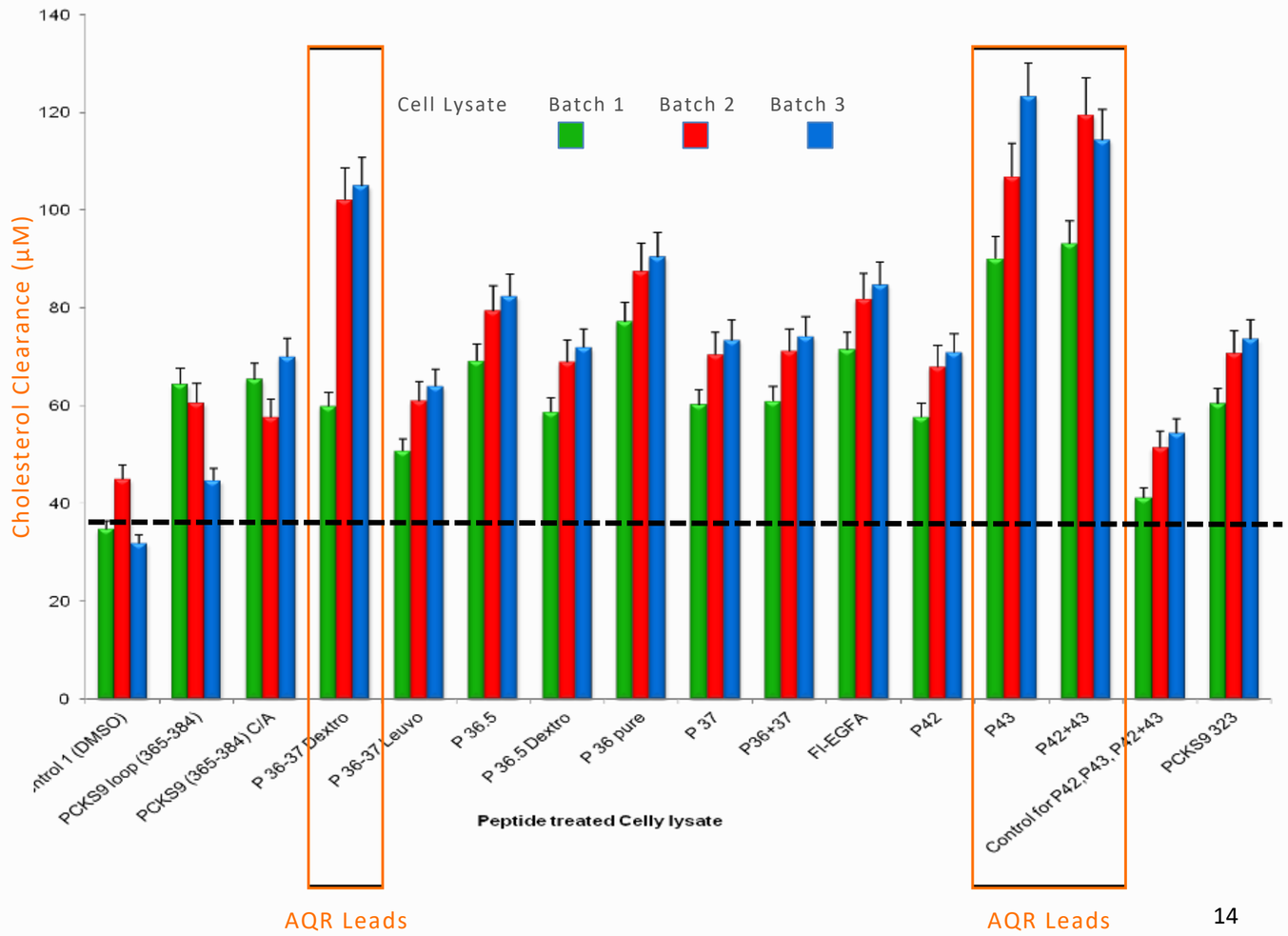
AQR-008: Potential Advantages

- Oral delivery
- Minimizes side effects
- Affordable for patients
- Improved patient compliance
- Storage without refrigeration

Preliminary Cholesterol Clearance Results

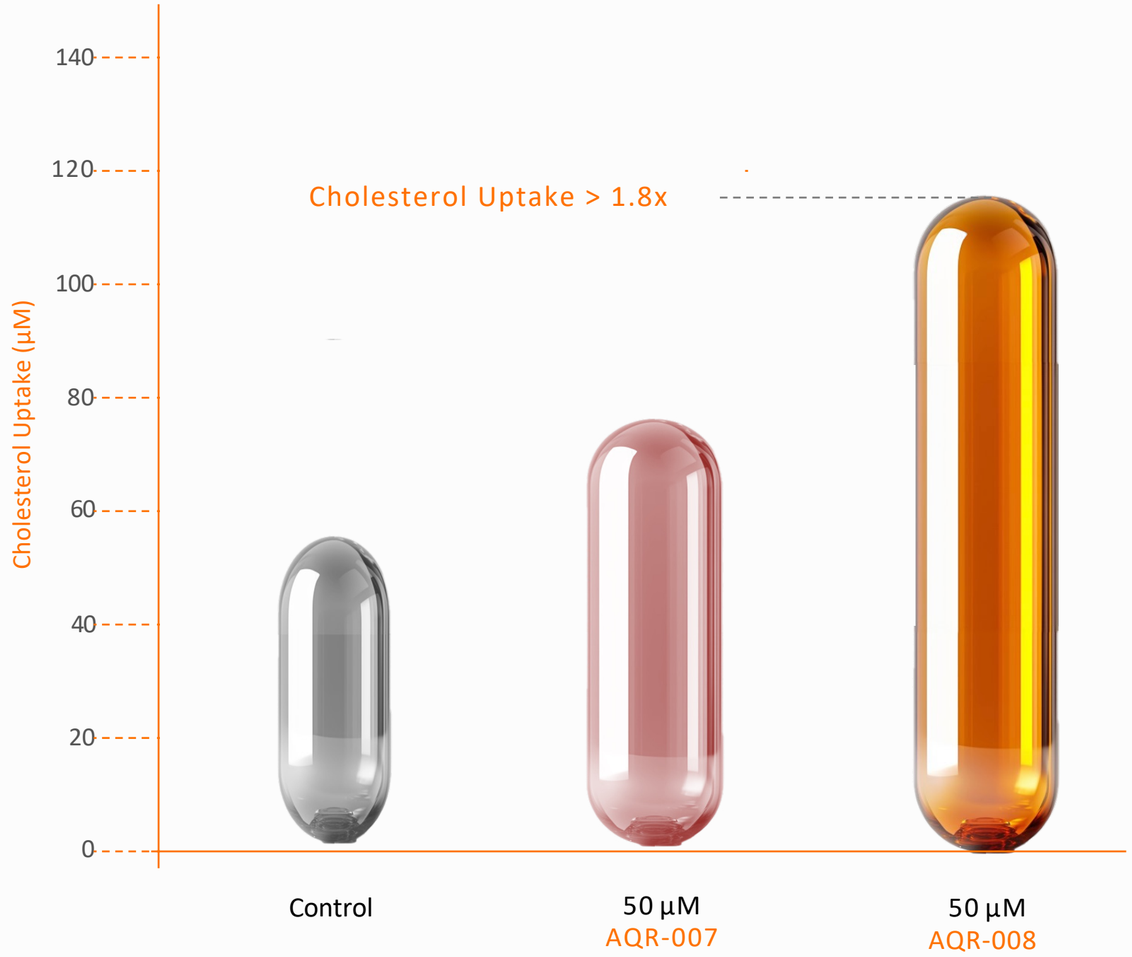
Aqur's peptides exhibited nearly

3x Cholesterol Clearance



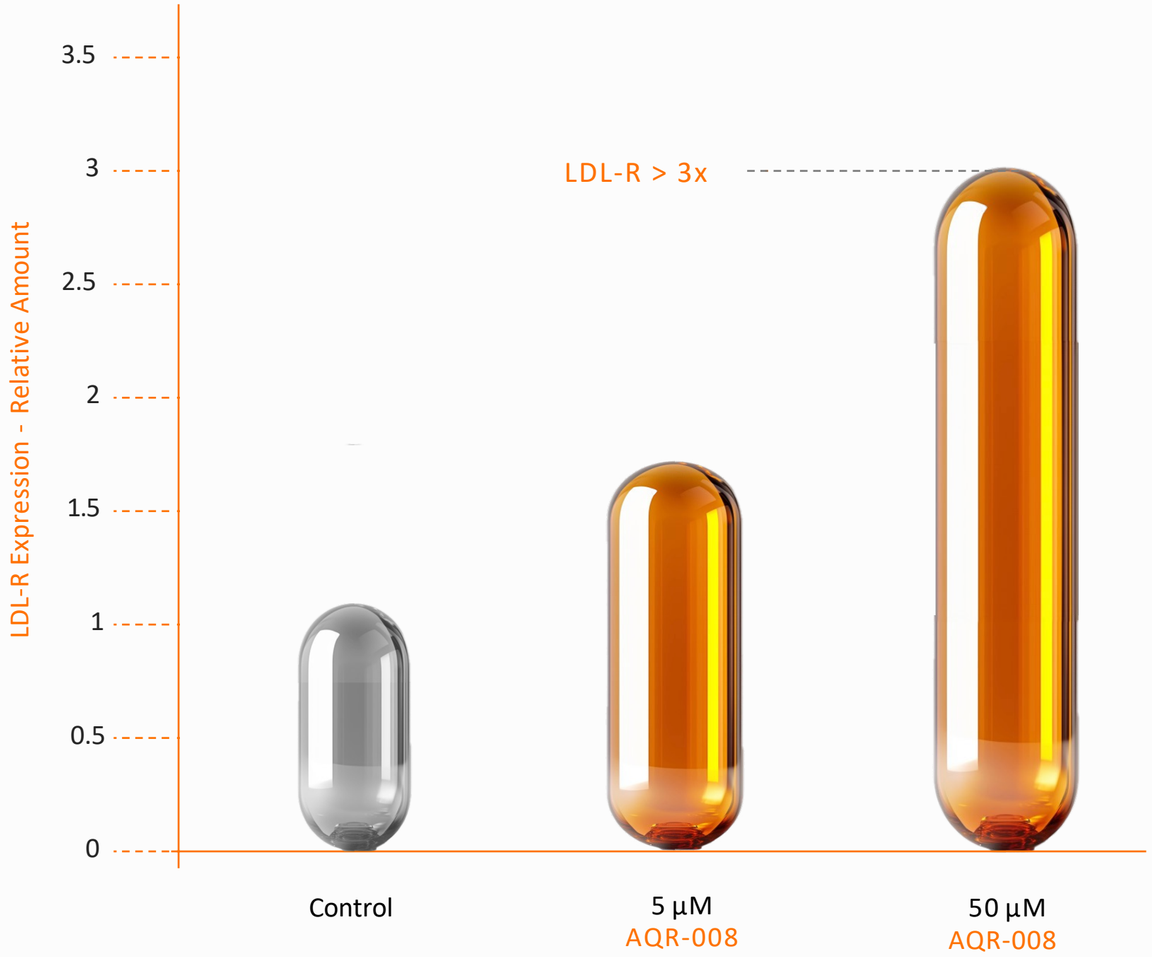
Preliminary Cholesterol Uptake Results

Aqur's leading peptides increase Cholesterol Uptake levels (>1.8x) in HepG2 cells



AQR-008: Pre-Clinical Efficacy

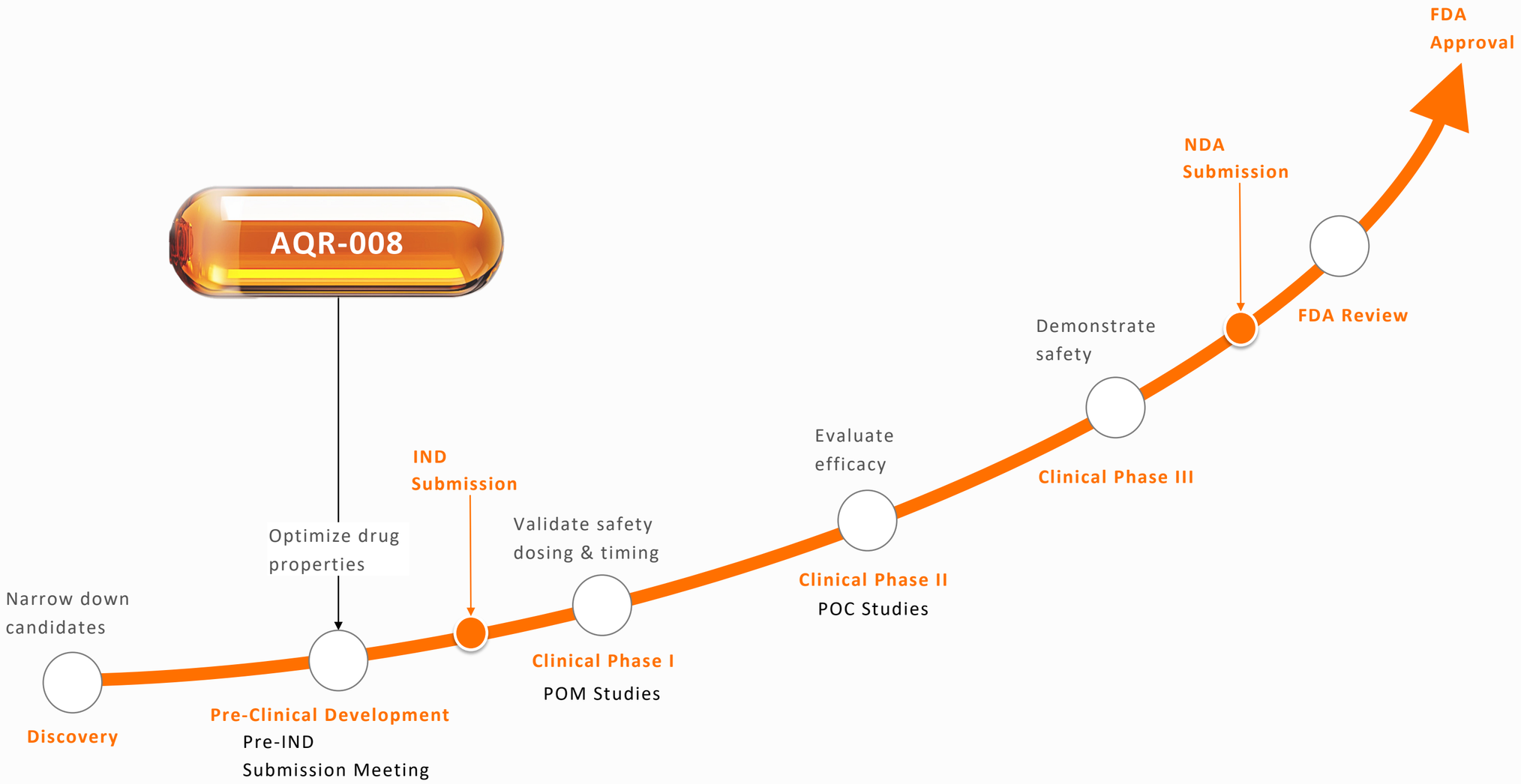
Significantly enhanced (>3x)
LDL-R Expression in human hepatic cells
at 50 µM concentration



AQR-008: Overview of Design, Mechanism, and Potential Effects

STAGE	In pre-clinical studies
MECHANISM OF ACTION	Targets the EFG-A domain on the LDL-R Blocks LDL-R from binding with PCSK9 Prevents LDL-R degradation & enables its recycling
DELIVERY METHOD	Oral
RESULTS & EFFECTS	Significant LDL cholesterol reduction
PCSK9	PCSK9 UNAFFECTED Does NOT bind to PCSK9 Does NOT suppress PCSK9 production Does NOT interfere with other PCSK9 functions
SIDE EFFECTS	Minimal side effects
COMPLIANCE	High compliance due to oral delivery, low cost & minimal side effects
COST	Designed for patient affordability

Path Forward



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Michael A. Fole, MD, MBA

Chief Executive Officer

- 25+ years of experience in wealth & family office management, banking, trading and investments
- MD - University of Medicine & Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest
- MBA - University of La Verne, California

Jeffrey B. Wolin, JD

President

- 25+ years investment banking, corporate transactions, mergers & acquisitions, public filings and financings
- BS - Biomedical and Chemical Engineering - Columbia University

James Hess Leach

Chief Financial Officer

- 40+ years of experience in family office venture capital
- Chairman & Senior Managing Director, National Trust, LLC
- Chair Emeritus, Rhode Island PBS Foundation & Inductee, Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame

Tomi Sawyer, PhD

Chief Scientist

- Inventor of MCR1 agonist NDP-MSH (Scenesse® by Clinuvel) recently approved by the FDA
- Invented ALRN-6924 (Aileron) and Iclusig® (Ariad/Takeda)
- Former titles: Distinguished Scientist (Merck), CSO (Aileron), SVP (Ariad) & Sr. Director (Pfizer)
- Past President of the American Peptide Society

Michel F. Denarie, MBA

Chief Operating Officer

- 37+ years veteran of the pharmaceutical industry
- 21 years with IQVIA - Senior Principal, Strategic Drug Development - Global COE Lead, Patient Insights - Senior Principal, Commercial Effectiveness
- BS - Kogod School of Business - American University
- MBA - Darden School of Business - University of Virgina

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Madison F. Richardson, MD

Board Designee

- 40+ years board-certified surgeon
- Officer, Medical Board of California (1987-1993)
- Former Asst. Professor of Surgery, USC & UCLA Medical Schools
- Lt. Col., Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (1968-1979)

Jessica Fieldman

Board Designee

- 10+ years auditor
- BS – Haas School of Business at University of California at Berkeley and Master of Business Taxation - University of Southern California
- Certified Public Accountant California (inactive)
- Formerly auditor at Deloitte
- Transitioned to psychotherapy completing a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy

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- Medical Director of Beverly Hills Cardiovascular
- Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease at Mayo Clinic
- 10+ years at Cedars Sinai Medical Center
- BA – Emory University
- MD – New York Medical College

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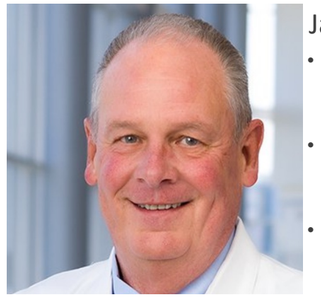
- 15+ years of commercial leadership and general management experience in the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry
- Former Amgen General Manager Germany in Spain & Portugal, and Corporate Vice President & General Manager of Amgen's US Bone Health & Cardiology Business Unit
- MSc & PhD - Chemical Engineering - ETH Zurich

Wayne Paterson

- Director & CEO, Anteris Technologies Ltd
- Former Head of Pharmaceuticals (South Korea) and Head of Commercial Operations (China), Roche Pharmaceuticals
- President, Merck KGaA Europe, Canada and Australia
- Global Head of Cardiovascular Medicine, Merck KGaA (2010-2012)



Jay Horton, MD

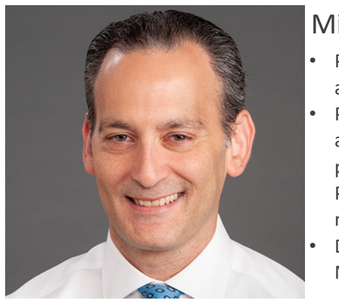
- Dr. Horton's characterization of PCSK9 & the protein's interactions with LDL-R provided the foundation for the development of PCSK9i
- Professor of Internal Medicine and Molecular Genetics, Chief of the Division of Digestive & Liver Diseases
- Holds the Robert C. & Veronica Atkin Chair in Obesity & Diabetes Research - University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

George M. Tsoukas, MD, FRCPC

- Associate Professor of Medicine, McGill University Health Centre
- Seasoned expert in endocrinology and cardiovascular disease, and has authored numerous scientific papers
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and an active member of several professional societies, including the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research and the American Heart Association

Nabil Seidah, MC, PhD, OQ, PRSC

- Discovered and cloned seven (PC1, PC2, PC4, PC5, PC7, SKI-1 and PCSK9) of the nine known enzymes belonging to the convertase family
- Author of over 720 peer-review articles & manuscripts
- Recipient of Medical Research Council Scientist Award, McLaughlin Medal of the Royal Society of Canada, the Parizeau Prize of the Association Canadienne-Française, the Pfizer Distinguished Cardiovascular-Metabolic Research Jean-Davignon Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the "Jacques Genest" Lecturer Award



Michael D. Shapiro, DO

- Professor of Cardiology and Molecular Medicine at Wake Forest University
- Published extensively in the areas of atherosclerosis imaging, lipid disorders, and preventive cardiology with research focuses on PCSK9 physiology and its impact on lipoprotein metabolism
- DO - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

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- Professor in Pharmacology, Department of Medicine, University of Padua, Italy
- Author of >190 peer-review articles & manuscripts, including “Emerging oral therapeutic strategies for inhibiting PCSK9” published in Atherosclerosis Plus
- PhD in “Experimental Pharmacology”
- PhD in "Toxicology of Environment and Nutrition” - University of Milan, Italy

Ajoy Basak, MSc, PhD, FIC

- Inventor of AQR-008
- 25+ years of discovery and development of PCSK9, cholesterol regulation & CVD
- Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa
- Affiliate Investigator, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
- Published 150+ peer reviewed articles on PCSK9 enzymes

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- Director, The Lubman Lab (University of Michigan Medical School) investigating novel biotechnologies
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- Former associate Research Fellow at Pfizer specializing in drug discovery & early clinical development, with a concentration in dyslipidemia and metabolic diseases
- MS in Pathology and Comparative Medicine - Bowman Gray School of Medicine - Wake Forest University

Mary G. Sorci-Thomas, PhD

- Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Clinical Nutrition-Medical School of Wisconsin
- Funded for 33+ years by the National Institutes of Health & for 20 years participated as a Project Leader on an NIH funded Program Project that studied Atherosclerosis and Lipid Metabolism
- PhD - Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Robert E. Burrier, PhD

- Career technology executive with experience in pharmaceutical research
- Participated & led programs resulting in drugs currently on the market including Zetia & Vytorin
- RGD at Schering-Plough, Merck KGaA, Eli Lilly, GelTex, and Genzyme
- PhD - Boston University, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Comparative Medicine - Wake Forest University

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Khaled Machaca, PhD

- Senior Associate Dean for Research, Innovation and Commercialization, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar & Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Weill Cornell Medicine
- Machaca Lab investigates Ca^{2+} signaling, non-genomic progesterone signaling, and personalized treatments for monogenic disorders, with continuous support from NIH and QRDI
- Serves on editorial boards, reviews for journals and funding bodies, and has a strong record of student and postdoc mentorship

At a Glance

Innovation

Unique Mechanism of Action

Strategy

Proven Development Pathway

Target

Large Addressable Market

Advantage

Oral, Affordable, Accessible

Thank You!

We look forward to the journey ahead,
where we can turn our vision into reality.

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