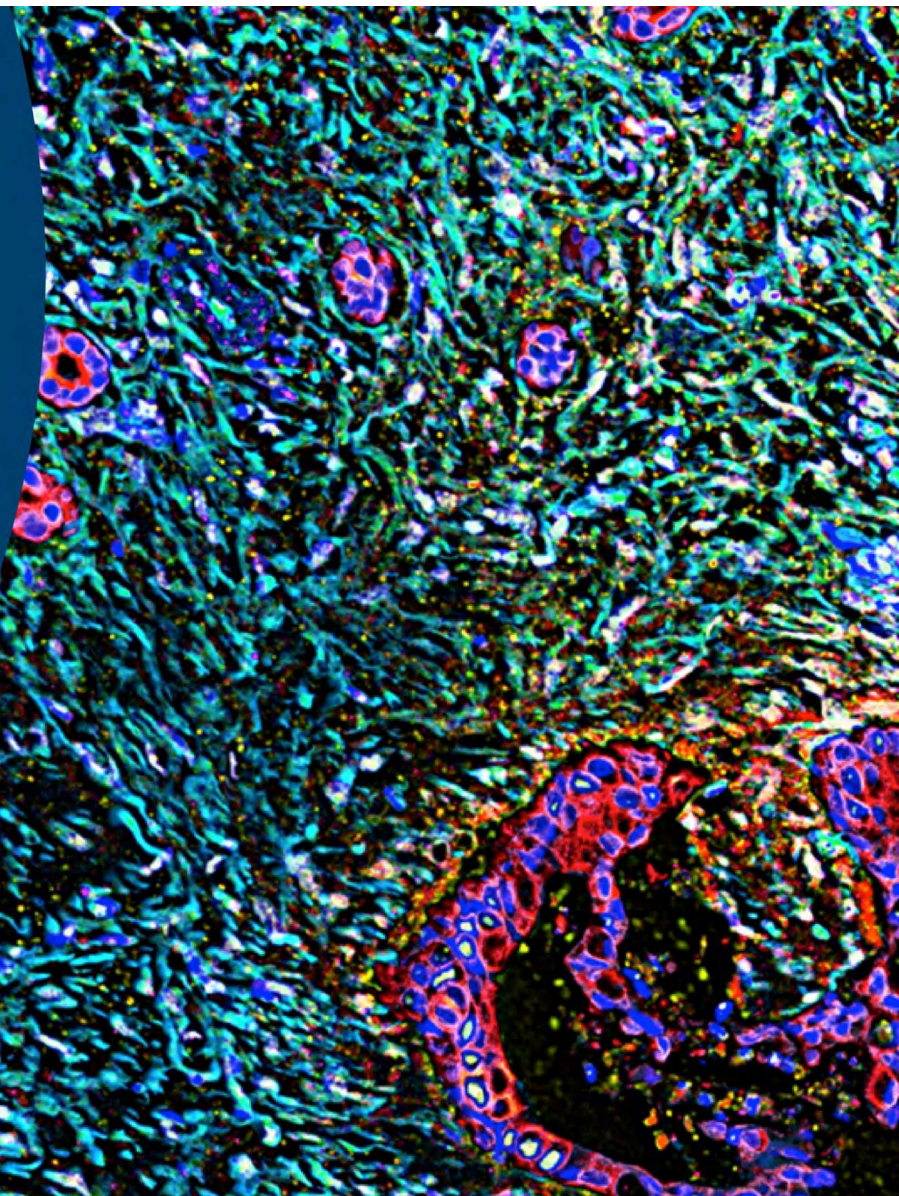




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Section One

# Corporate Overview



# COMPANY OVERVIEW

- ASX:ATX
- Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia
- Market capitalization: A\$19.6M
- AU Institutional Investors include Platinum, Blueflag, Acorn Capital, Pengana Capital



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Warwick Tong**

MB ChB MPP GAICD

**Chair**

Senior and executive roles at GSK, Surface Logix, Cancer Therapeutics CRC



**Robert Peach**

PhD

**Director**

Senior drug development roles at Apoptos, Biogen Idec, IDEC, BMS, Receptos



**Jane Bell**

AM, LLB, LLM (Lond), FAICD

**Director**

Banking and finance lawyer; experienced Board member incl. Mesoblast and Monash Health



**Chris Burns**

PhD, GAICD

**CEO and MD**

Experienced drug R&D leader: Pfizer, Cytobia, YM BioSciences, Gilead

# HIGHLIGHTS



## **Clinical trial in advanced pancreatic cancer underway**

- Interim readout planned for Q3 2024
- Preliminary signs of efficacy



## **Lean, experienced drug development team**

- Network of experienced consultants and contractors



## **Open IND for narmafotinib trial in pancreatic cancer**



## **Orphan Drug Designation for pancreatic cancer and IPF**

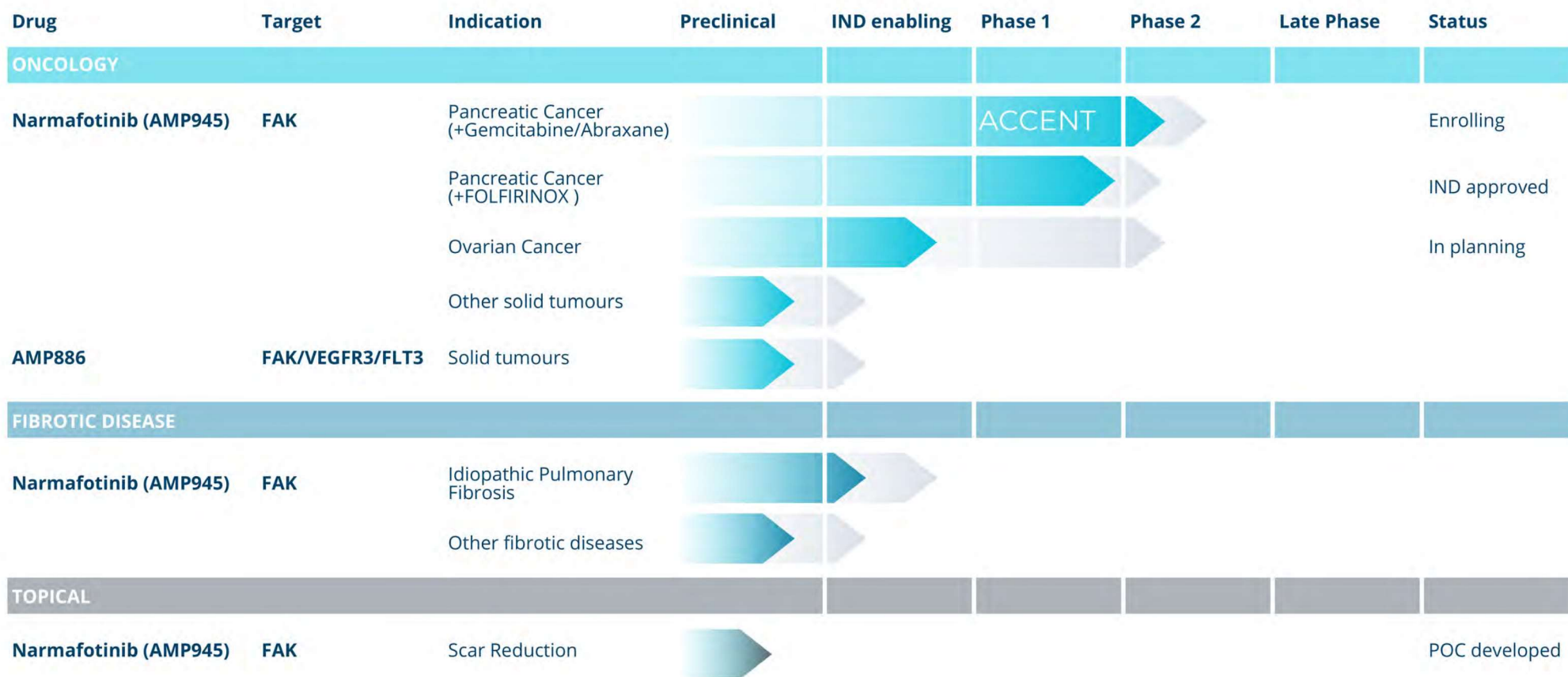


## **Compelling preclinical data in disease models:**

- Pancreatic cancer
- Ovarian cancer
- Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)



# PIPELINE



next 12 months

# MILESTONES

2024

2025

**Pancreatic  
Cancer**

↑  
ACCENT  
Interim  
Analysis

↑  
Commence  
FOLFIRINOX  
Trial in US

↑  
ACCENT  
Trial  
Complete

↑  
Phase 2b/3  
Planning

**Ovarian  
Cancer**

↑  
Commence  
Clinical Trial

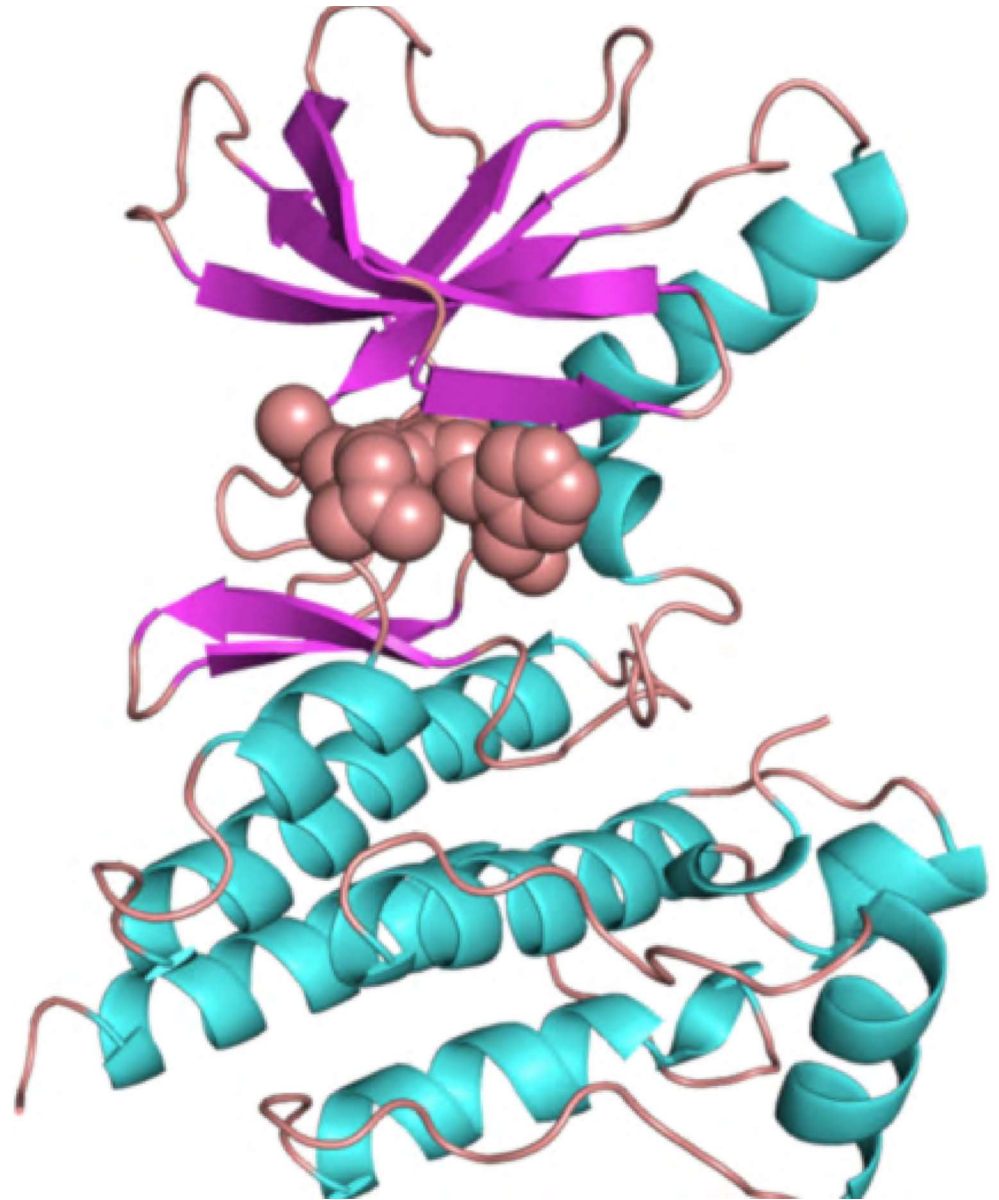
**Partnering**

↑  
Regional  
Licensing  
Deal



Section Two

# FAK and Narmafotinib



# ROLE OF FAK IN CANCER

FAK involvement in **both cell intrinsic and extrinsic effects** allows an inhibitor to target multiple cancer pathways. A FAK inhibitor is well placed to work in combination with various combination therapies and in multiple indications.

## Target:

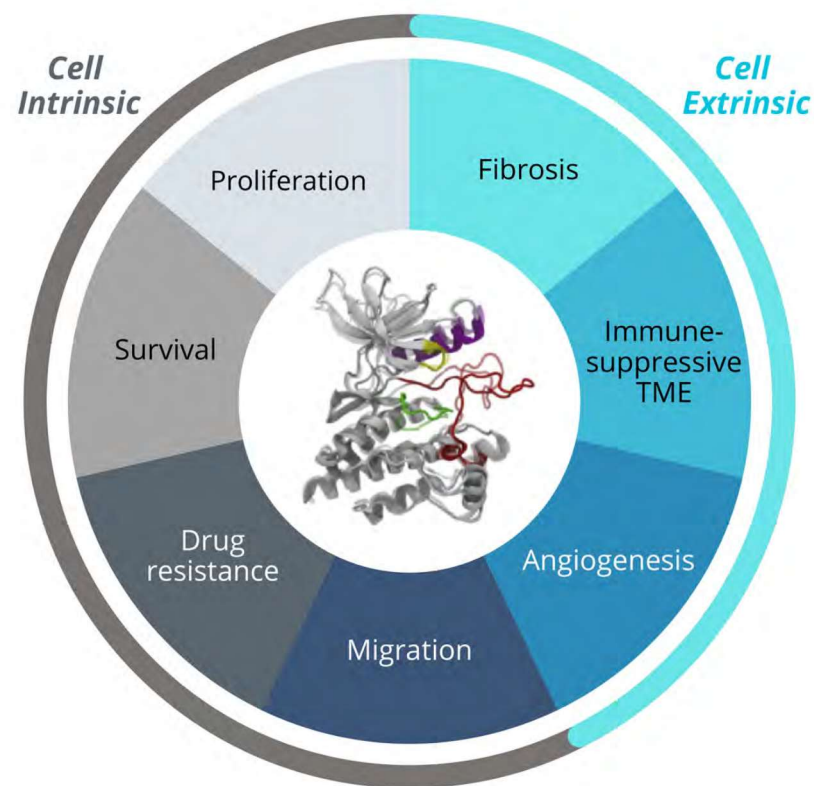
- Cell proliferation and migration
- Chemoresistance
- TME desmoplasia
- Suppression of immune response

## Combination therapy:

- Standard of care chemotherapies
- Targeted therapies
- Immunotherapies
- Radiotherapy

## Indications:

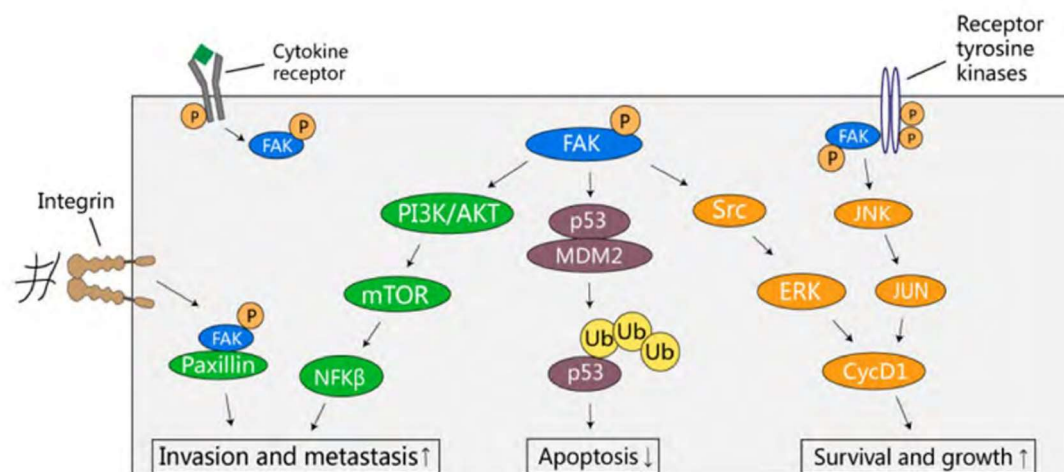
- Pancreatic cancer
- Ovarian cancer
- Cholangiocarcinoma
- Liver cancer
- Gastric Cancer
- Others...



# POTENTIAL FOR COMBINATION WITH TARGETED AGENTS

Literature evidence for synergistic or additive combinations with:

- Raf/Mek inhibitors
- Kras inhibitors
- Hippo Pathway inhibitors
- I/O agents
  - anti PD-1 and PD-L1
  - anti-TIGIT
  - T cell co-stimulators



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# NARMAFOTINIB (AMP945)

Drug-like, ATP-competitive, small molecule

Highly potent and selective

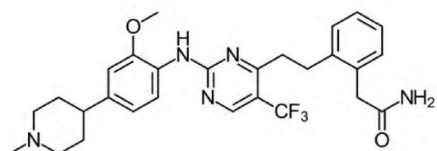
Excellent PK; once-a-day dosing

Minimal risk for drug-drug interactions

Best-in-class profile

## Narmafotinib

Drug-like small molecule

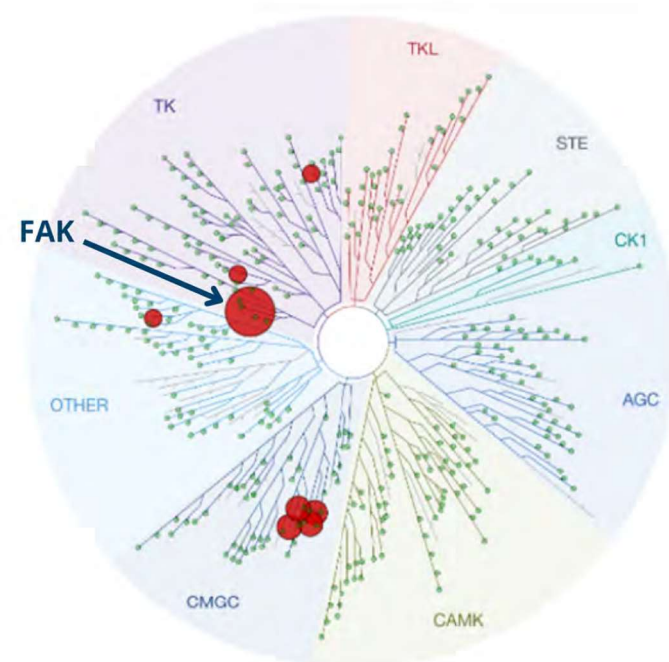


## FAK Activity

Highly potent FAK inhibitor

IC <sub>50</sub>	2.2 nM
K <sub>D</sub>	29 pM

**Selectivity**  
Highly selective for FAK

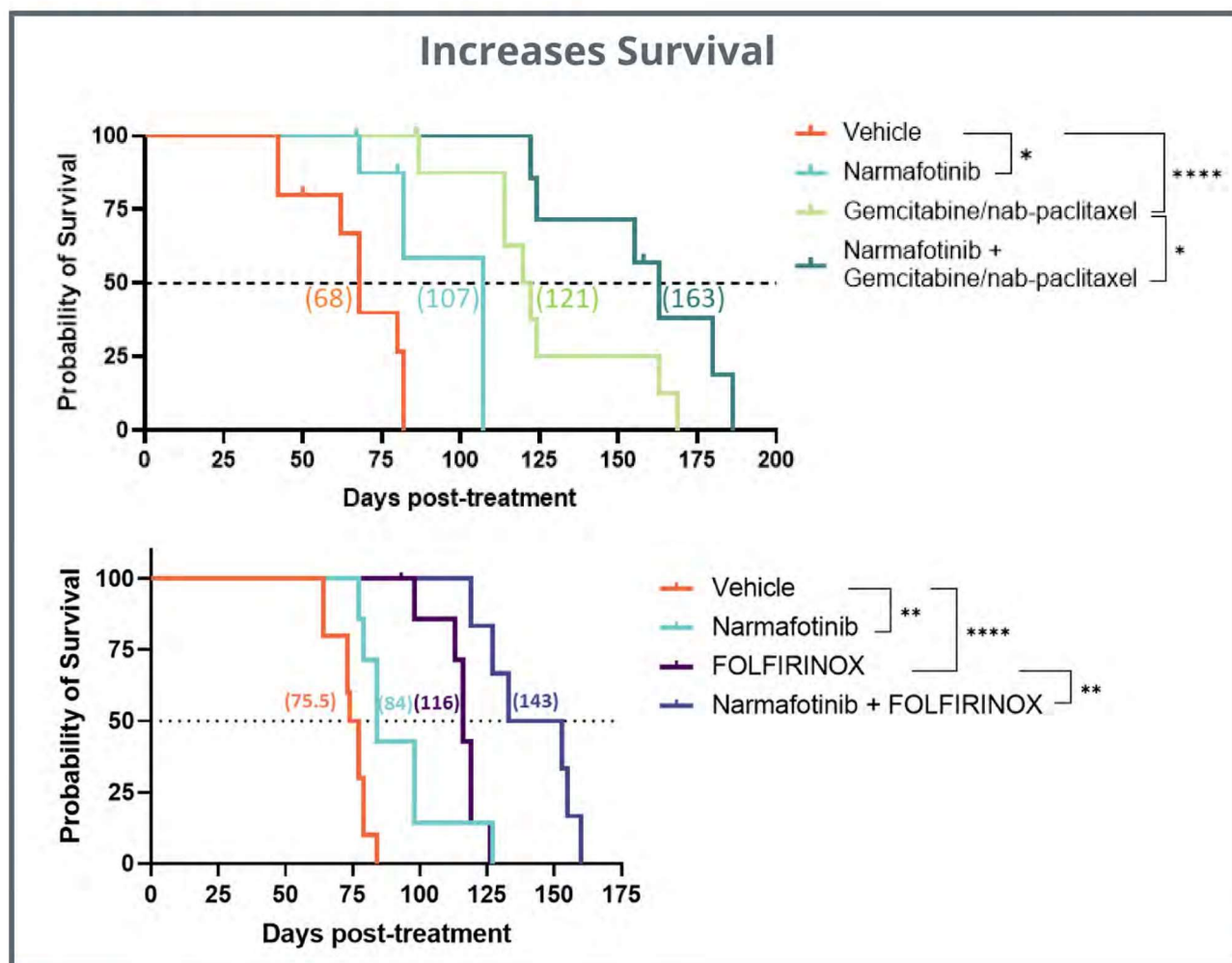
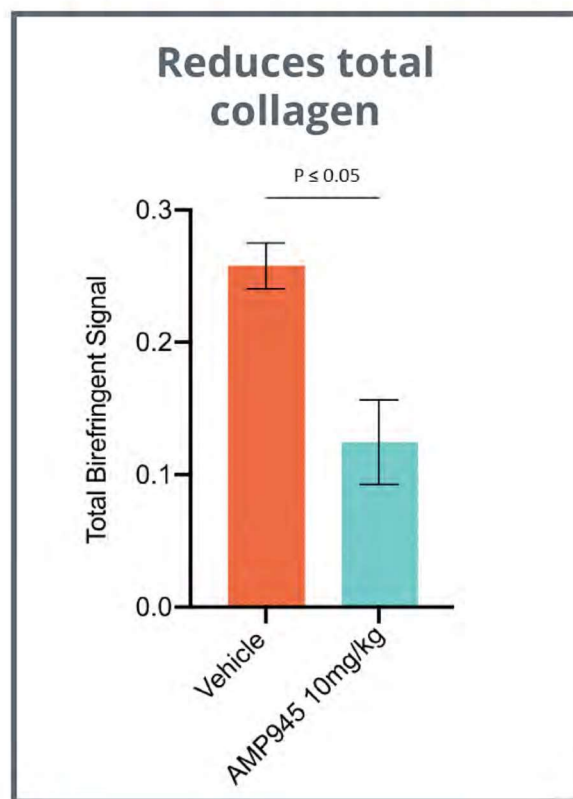


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# Narmafotinib in Solid Tumours



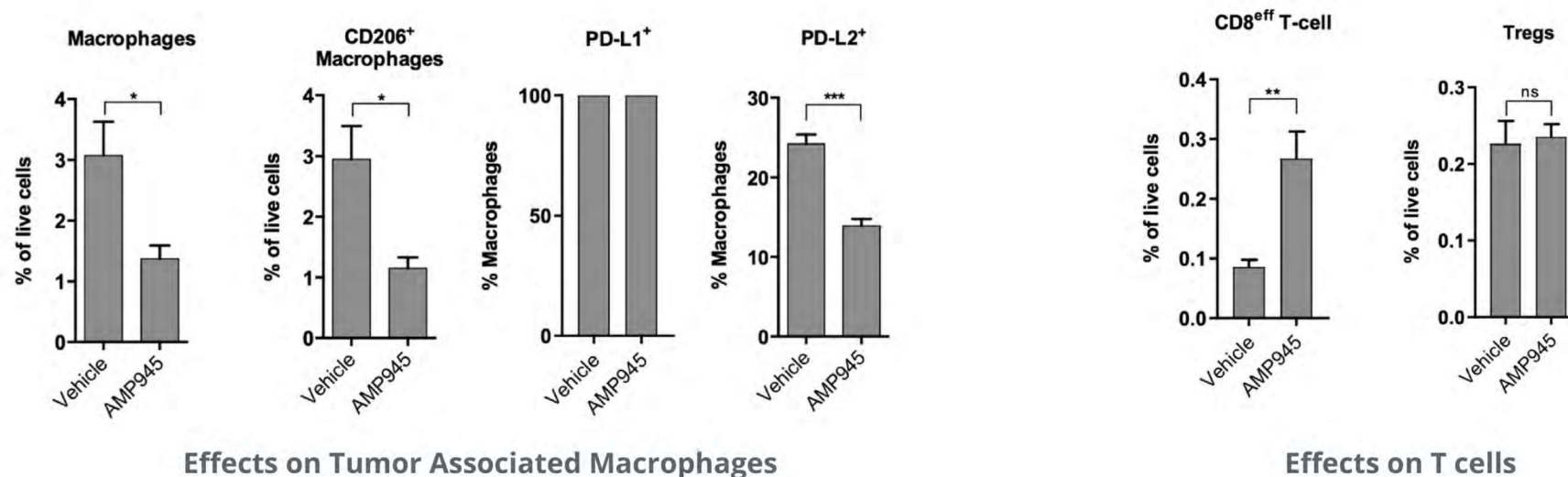
# NARMAFOTINIB ACTIVITY IN VIVO





# NARMAFOTINIB INCREASES IMMUNO-REACTIVITY OF TME

In vivo, narmafotinib treatment reduces tumor-infiltrating MDSCs\* and tumor-associated macrophages and increases CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells



SCC mouse model; Narmafotinib (80 mg/kg, p.o. q.d.)

Tumors excised day 12 for analysis

\* Myeloid derived suppressive cells

Section Four

# Narmafotinib in the Clinic



# PHASE 1 TRIAL OF NARMAFOTINIB

## Trial Execution

Recruited 56 healthy volunteers aged 18 – 65

Single and multiple ascending doses

Single site in Melbourne, Australia

Completed 2021

## Summary of Outcomes

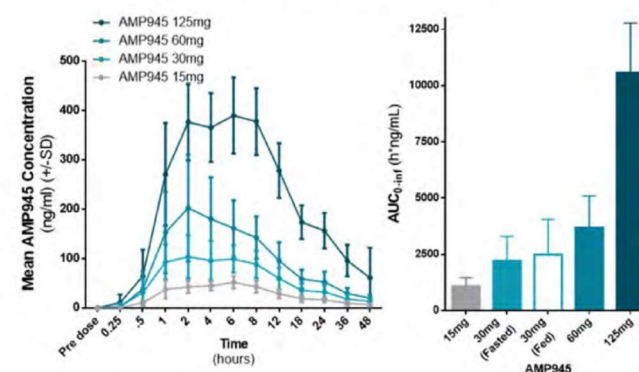
Safe and well-tolerated at all doses tested

- No serious adverse events (SAEs) or withdrawals and no identified safety trends

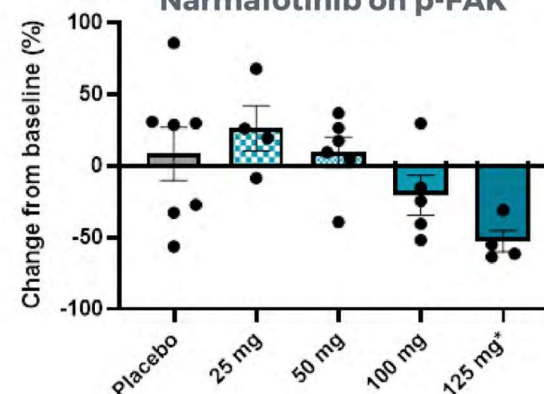
Once-a-day oral dose supported by pharmacokinetics

Inhibition of FAK demonstrated in skin biopsies taken from participants (pFAK levels decrease with increasing dose)

### Pharmacokinetics in Single Ascending Dose Study

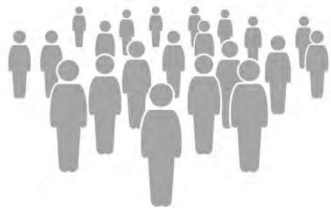


### Pharmacodynamic effect of Narmafotinib on p-FAK





# PANCREATIC CANCER



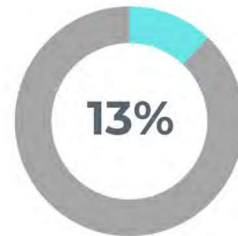
## Increasing Prevalence

Est. 64,000 diagnoses and 50,000 deaths in US this year\*

4,500 were diagnosed in 2023 in AU in 2023\*\*

\* American Cancer Society ([link](#))

\*\* Cancer Australia ([link](#))



## 5 year survival

Difficult-to-treat: typically detected late in disease progression



## Market size

Global treatment market estimated over US\$6 billion in 2023

Projected to grow to ~US\$36 billion by 2036<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Research Nester ([link](#))

# ACCENT PHASE 1B/2A CLINICAL TRIAL

First-line therapy

Patients with non-resectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer

Intermittent dosing of narmafotinib between normal chemotherapeutic doses of gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel

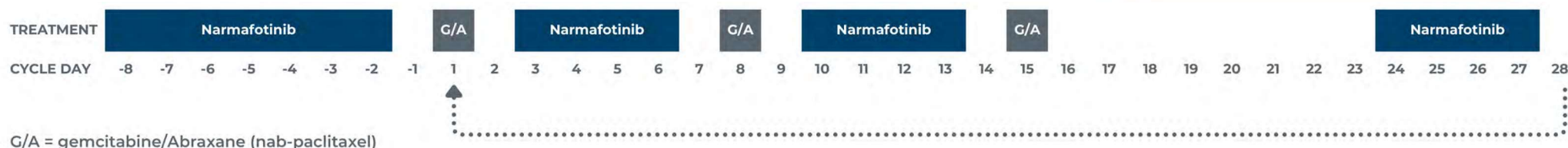
- Designed to enhance standard of care
- Mirrors design of preclinical efficacy studies

**Phase 1b:** Dose Selection

**Phase 2a:** Simon's 2 Stage design with 50 patients

## Overall Endpoints:

- Primary
  - Objective response rate
  - Duration of response
- Secondary
  - Overall survival
  - Progression free survival
- Exploratory
  - Impact on/of biomarkers



G/A = gemcitabine/Abraxane (nab-paclitaxel)

ClinicalTrials.gov NCT05355298

# ACCENT TRIAL DESIGN

Phase 1b

Dose  
Selected

Phase 2a

Interim  
Analysis

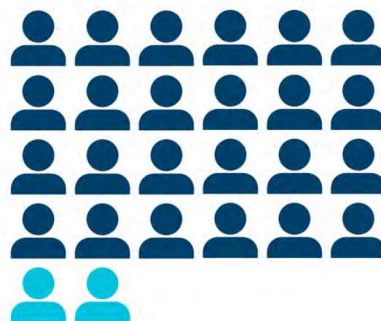
Phase 2a (cont)

14 patients



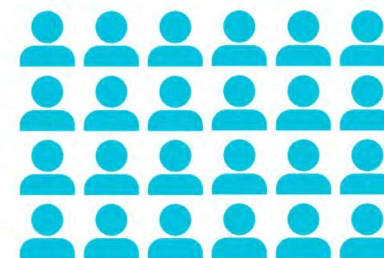
COMPLETED

26 patients



RECRUITING

24 patients





# ACCENT PHASE 1B SUMMARY

3 Cohorts (100 mg, 200 mg, 400 mg; QD)

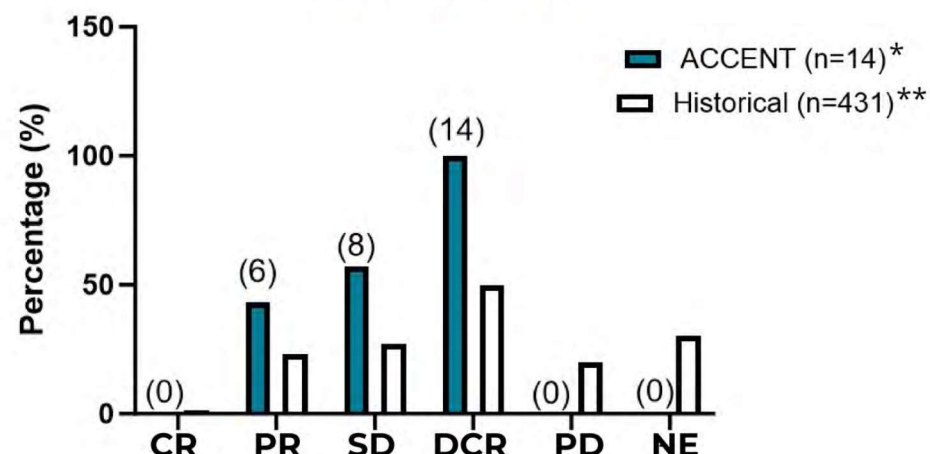
Safe and well tolerated

- All patients elected to stay on drug post cycle 1
- One DLT: uncontrolled nausea
- Fatigue (Gr 3 or below) in more than 1 patient likely drug related

Comparison to historical gemcitabine/Abraxane combination

- Includes patients on all doses
- Not powered for efficacy
- 9 of 14 patients on drug > 5 months

## Best Response - all patients Phase 1b Trial



CR - Complete Response

PR - Partial Response (reduction in tumour size >30%)

SD - Stable Disease

DCR - Disease Control Rate (PR +SD)

PD - Progressive Disease

NE - Not Evaluable

\* Investigator reviewed

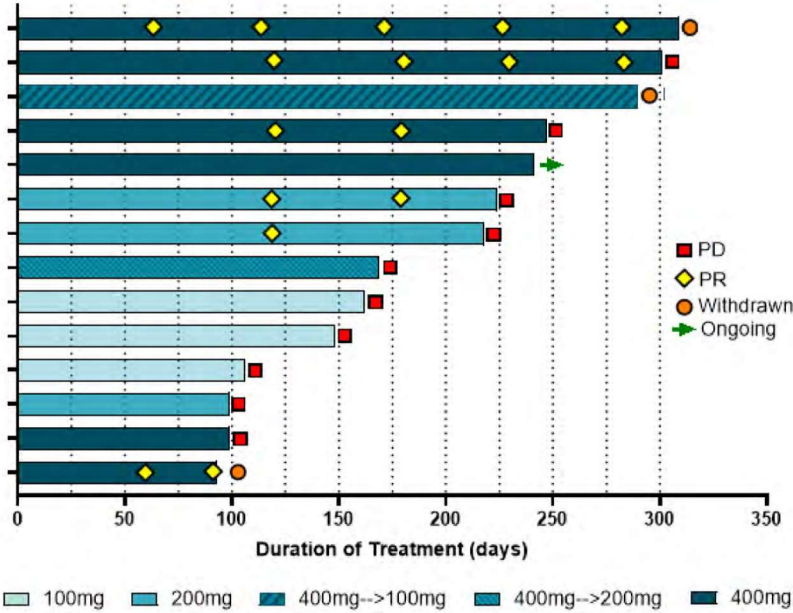
\*\* Independent review as part of MPACT trial  
(NEJM 2013: 369; 1691-1703)

NB. Phase 1b trial not powered for efficacy

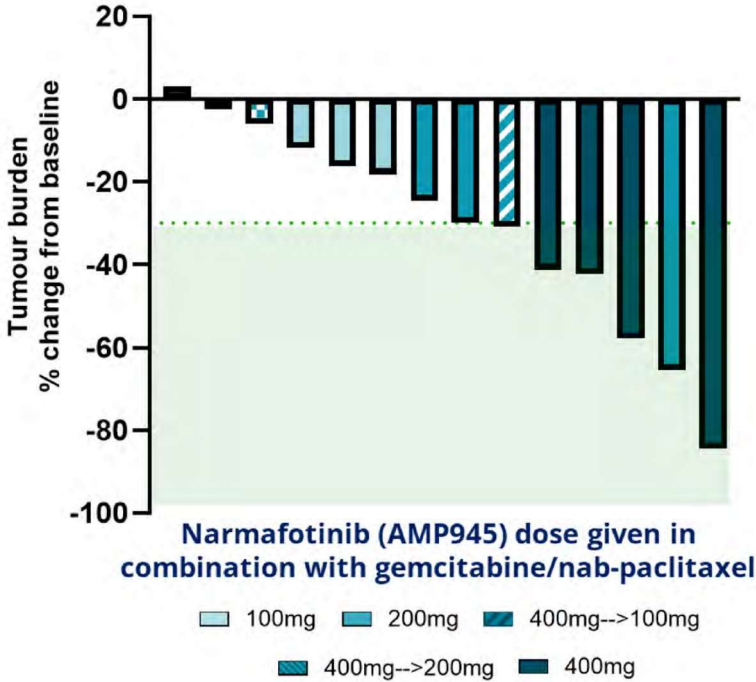
# ACCENT PHASE 1B SUMMARY



Patient Duration on ACCENT trial  
(as at May 2024)



Best response  
(as at May 2024)



Section Five

# Summary





# OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY



## Combinations in pancreatic cancer

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Gemcitabine and Abraxane  
(ACCENT trial)  
-  
FOLFIRINOX (US trial with  
open IND)



## Combinations in ovarian cancer

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Platinum resistant disease  
-  
Maintenance therapy post  
surgery















## Preclinical evidence in other solid tumors

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Bile duct, oesophageal, head  
and neck cancer  
-  
kRAS-mutant cancers  
(e.g. lung, colorectal)  
-  
Other fibrotic cancers  
(e.g. liver cancer)

# COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

	Selectivity	Good PK profile	Good DDI profile	Clinical Notes	Stage of development
<b>Narmafotinib</b>				<b>Safe and well tolerated</b>	<b>Phase 1b/2a (pancreatic cancer)</b>
<b>Defactinib (Verastem)</b>				Recent success in Phase 2 LGSOC	Phase 2 pancreatic & ovarian cancer trials in combination with PD1 or RAF/MEK inhibitors
<b>Ifebemtinib (Inxmed)</b>				Drug related, off-target adverse events noted	Phase 2 (ovarian cancer) Phase 1b/2 in KRAS mutant solid tumours
<b>GSK2256098</b>				First generation FAKi Issues with DDI and MTD lower than effective dose	DISCONTINUED

# HIGHLIGHTS



Best-in-class



Orphan drug designation in pancreatic cancer and IPF



Demonstrated safety and tolerability in healthy volunteers and patient population  
Preliminary signs of efficacy in pancreatic cancer



Open IND



Strong IP position





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