

Nanoforming - the Patient- and Planet-Centric Approach From Increasing Bioavailability to Enabling Sustained Drug Delivery

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## Small is Patient- & Planet-Centric



#### **Benefits for the Planet:**

- Most pharma and biotech carbon footprints (>90%) are from the supply chain
- Lower DS and DP volumes reduced costs
- Less organic hydrocarbon solvents, polymers and excipients required as seen with ASDs
- We use recycled CO<sub>2</sub> as a side product from a local industry – possibility to further recycle this and become a carbon sink
- Simplified supply chain
- Opportunity to support on-shoring initiatives



## Patented CESS® technology - nanoforming small molecules

#### The Controlled Expansion of Supercritical Solutions - CESS<sup>®</sup>



 Nanoform's CESS<sup>®</sup> is the only 'solution-to-particle' technology that can manufacture nanoparticles without organic hydrocarbon solvents, excipients and complex production processes.

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## Nanoparticle and ASD technologies





## Small particle size leads to high surface area

#### Measured surface area (BET) and SEM particle size of nanoformed APIs





**Starmap** Illuminating the future of Pharma **The CESS® Digital Twin – enhancing experimental efficiency** 





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### STARMAP<sup>®</sup> helps inform future experimental work... (gives a probable coordinate )







## Direct nanocrystallization using CESS®

Compound	Comments	Processed Form I ref.
Fenofibrate	Control of PSD from 400nm to 8mm	The nanoformed tablets demonstrated a time of maximum plasma concentration $(T_{max} = 1.75 \text{ h}, \text{ ranging from } 0.75 \text{ h} \text{ to } 4.00 \text{ h})$ earlier relative to both reference products: Felden ( $T_{max} = 2.75 \text{ h}, \text{ ranging from } 0.75 \text{ h} \text{ to } 12.00 \text{ h})$ and Brexidol ( $T_{max} = 2.25 \text{ h}, \text{ ranging from } 0.5 \text{ h} \text{ to } 8.00 \text{ h}).$
Atovaquone	Control of polymorphic form and morphology	The nanoformed piroxicam tablets had an increased Area Under the Curve (AUC) during the first hour after dosing (AUC(0-1)) (1150 ng*h/ml), showing 33% improvement compared to Felden (863 ng*h/ml) and was very similar to
Piroxicam	Phase I clinical data	Brexidol (1180 ng*n/ml). 450 nm rphology: rods Polymorph: Form III Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.3mm Signal A-kless Mag= 100 KX Time: 12:164 Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: round Polymorph: Form III Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: Time: 12:164 Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: Time: 12:164 Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: Time: 12:164 Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: Time: 12:164 Time: 12:164 Ettr: 7.004/ WD-5.9mm Signal A-kless Morphology: Time: 12:164 Morphology: 12:164 Morpholo

Direct nanocrystallization by CESS<sup>®</sup> offers control of PSD, crystalline form, morphology and improved clinical outcomes.



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• Low solubility

• Stable



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#### **Controlled nanocrystallization of amorphous nanoparticles**

- Potential to generate smaller nanoparticles through generation of amorphous material in CESS<sup>®</sup>
- Secondary crystallization: low polymer loading, increased stability of crystalline material

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## A flexible nanoforming toolbox, ezetimibe (Case Study 1)



**Smallest amorphous nanoparticles** 

100 % drug substance

Larger crystalline nanoparticles

Retaining small size and stable!

Nanocrystal drug product intermediate



#### **Class with huge commercial potential**

- 327 APIs; 78 commercial launches
- US Sales 2022 of \$31.3B

#### Characterised by solubility and bioavailability challenges

- 49% BCS Class II
- 20% BCS Class IV
- 37% with bioavailability <75%
- 55% with food effect









## TKIs are an attractive class for Nanoforming





Digital twin of our CESS process predicts many launched TKIs will perform well in our systems

Selected one "challenging molecule" for study ...Food effect ...High dose

Can we develop a crystalline form of the commercial polymorph that is solubility and bioavailability-enhanced?

## TKI Inhibitor: Nanocrystallization of amorphous nanoparticles (Case Study 2)

#### **CESS<sup>®</sup>** amorphous nanoparticle production

Bulk API ~3 - 70 µm



Nanoformed amorphous API ~65-300 nm



#### Post-CESS®: controlled nanocrystallization

Drug product intermediate nanocrystals ~70-120nm



EHT = 2.50 kV WD = 6.4 mm Signal A = InLens Mag = 25.00 K X EHT = 2.50 kV WD = 6.6 mm Signal A = InLens Mag = 25.00 K X







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# TKI Inhibitor: *in vitro* dissolution performance and stability (Case Study 2)



Nanocrystalline materials generated by controlled crystallization offer increased dissolution rate and higher apparent solubility than bulk API, commercial dosage and amorphous.





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Nanocrystals may also help to reduce food effect



## Innovative creation of small nanocrystals in Drug Product Intermediate (Case Study 3)





## Nanoform's intermediate product matches ASD exposure *in-vivo* and is stable

#### (Case Study 3)



#### Performance and stability

- Equivalent exposure compared to ASD product, after oral suspension administration in rodents.
- Polymorph and particle size are stable for 14 weeks.

#### Patient adherence and convenience

- Nanoform have taken a multi tablet ASD product, reduced it to a single tablet, the same size as one of the original tablets, for the same combined dose with a nanocrystalline formulation.
- Nanoform's approach improved the loading degree thus reducing pill burden and has also enabled FDC possibilities



## The Patient- & Planet-Centric Nanoform Toolbox

- CESS<sup>®</sup> can produce tailored nanoparticles down to 50nm:
  - Direct control of crystalline vs. amorphous, particle size and morphology
  - Flexibility to also nanocrystallize amorphous nanoparticles with novel formulation platform
- Crystalline nanoparticles offer:
  - Increased absorption and faster onset of medications
  - Opportunities to improve on amorphous dispersions through:
    - Increased stability, lower polymer loadings, lower pill burden, no requirement for organic hydrocarbon solvents, new IP and improved patent protection for products
- Demonstrated *in-vivo* equivalence to ASDs with improved patient and planet benefits!



# Small is a Powerful Ingredient in Formulations

# Sustained Drug Delivery



## Controlling Drug Release with High-Drug Loaded System

#### Mitigating Initial Burst Release When a Multilayer Design is Not an Option



#### **Innovative Approach**

Changing the particle size of the drug impacts the network for drug release

#### Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) Particle Size Distribution (PSD)





Reducing drug particle size will reduce initial burst and yield slower overall drug release



## Mitigating Initial Drug Burst While Slowing Overall Drug Release

#### Demonstrating the Potential of CESS<sup>®</sup> and VitalDose<sup>®</sup> EVA Together



CESS® nanoparticle engineering combined with VitalDose® EVA drug delivery can slow overall drug release as well as minimize the initial burst release associated with highly drug-loaded systems



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# Thank you

Please contact <u>christian.jones@nanoform.com</u> to discuss how 'Small' can be an 'Ingredient' in your formulation

