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### **Tailored drug development for patients living with HAE**

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# Hereditary angioedema (HAE) is a rare, life-long condition characterized by attacks of swelling

- Rare and potentially life-threatening genetic condition
- 1:10,000 to 1:50,000 Individuals affected by HAE globally
  - At least 6,600 people living with HAE in the U.S.
  - At least 8,900 people living with HAE in Europe
  - Globally, under-diagnosed/treated





Nordenfelt et al, Acta Derm. Venereol 2016: 96: 540-545





### HAE attacks are unpredictable, debilitating and potentially lethal

Attacks are unpredictable in frequency, location, timing, and severity

- Multiple types of triggers
- If untreated, attacks last multiple days
- Attacks are commonly painful, leading to hospitalization or multiple sick days
- Half of people living with HAE experience a potentially life-threatening laryngeal attack at least once in their lifetime

Annual attacks (overall)



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# **Bradykinin B2 receptor blockade is a clinically proven effective treatment of HAE attacks**



Excess bradykinin is the cause of signs and symptoms of swelling during an HAE attack

Icatibant is a bradykinin B2 receptor antagonist, a marketed and proven effective treatment of HAE attacks

PHA121 is designed to block signaling by bradykinin

HMWK: high-molecular-weight kininogen; cHMWK: cleaved high-molecular-weight kininogen



### Targeting the culprit in HAE: bradykinin



### PHA121 (PHA-022121)





#### PHA121

- PHA121 is the first orally bioavailable bradykinin B2 receptor antagonist
- Highly potent and selective B2 antagonist
- 2.4-fold lower molecular weight than icatibant
- Metabolic soft spot has been stabilized by the introduction of a deuterium atom
- Optimized for metabolic stability and exposure in human

# PHA121 is a uniquely potent, orally available competitive inhibitor of the bradykinin B2 receptor

Competitive antagonism of bradykinin-induced contraction (human umbilical vein preparation)



PHA121 is 25-fold more potent than icatibant at the endogenous human B2 receptor

Lesage et al, Frontiers in Pharmacology 2020, doi: 10.3389/fphar.2020.00916; ; Lesage et al, Int. Immunopharmacology 2022, doi.org/10.1016/j.intimp.2022.108523

### Translational bradykinin challenge model in monkey

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- Modelled after icatibant BK challenge in healthy volunteers (POC Phase I study)
- Mean arterial blood pressure (MABP) was measured using telemetry
- BK iv injected using infusion line and remote-control pump
- BK-induced a transient MABP decrease of 20-40 mmHg

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BK challenge Predose
BK challenge 2h after PHA121

### In preclinical in vivo studies, oral PHA121 inhibits challenge by bradykinin with longer duration and faster onset than SC icatibant

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Vehicle

+5h

PHA-022121, 1 mg/kg

+6h

+7h

PHA-022121, 10 mg/kg

# In healthy volunteers, oral pre-treatment with PHA121 blocks the effect of bradykinin-induced hemodynamic changes

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A **single** PHA121 dose predicted to provide **similar PD effect** as two injections of icatibant

https://epostersonline.com/acaai2020/node/1369; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaci.2019.12.094; https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\_docs/nda/2011/0221500rig1s000ClinPharmR.pdf

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### PHA121 is 20- to 25-fold more potent than icatibant

Human bradykinin B2 receptor function		Icatibant	PHA121	PHA121 relative potency vs
		Potency, nM		icatibant
In vitro	Recombinant B2 receptor in CHO cell line	3.19	0.15	21-fold
Ex vivo	Endogenous B2 receptor in human umbilical vein	8.71	0.35	25-fold
In vivo	Human BK challenge haemodynamic model *	4.08	0.17	24-fold

\* Potency expressed in nM, considering free fraction in plasma 0.56 for icatibant and 0.038 for PHA121, and MW 1,305 for icatibant and 535 for PHA121

Picomolar potency of PHA121 is confirmed in the 3 models

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1 Disease 2 Treatment paradigms

1 Active ingredient 2 Optimized formulations

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# Two innovative formulations to optimize the treatment experience for all types of HAE patients

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effective way for patients to live

### First-in-human Phase 1 study PHA121 PK profile optimally suited for on-demand treatment

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- Fast absorption, reaching anticipated therapeutic exposure (EC<sub>85</sub>) in less then 15 minutes
- Plasma half-life approximately 3.4 to 5.6 hours, about 3-fold longer than icatibant

# In preclinical studies, the solution formulation demonstrated the same PK profile as the capsule

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### PHVS416: Oral soft capsule containing PHA121

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(samples, not the actual product)

- PHVS416 meets target product profile for oral on-demand treatment of HAE attacks
  - Exposure reaches anticipated therapeutic levels within 15 min of intake
  - Anticipated duration of action similar to two injections of icatibant
  - PHVS416 is used for RAPIDe-1, our Phase 2 trial for the on-demand treatment of HAE

# **Designing an extended-release formulation meeting the requirements of prophylaxis**

- 24 h exposure of test item in human requires
  - Test item to be highly absorbed in the gut: high oral bioavailability
  - Test item to be absorbed throughout the entire GI tract, including the colon
  - Slow release of test item from tablet, gradual disintegration over time
  - An acceptable peak to trough plasma exposure in PK profile

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#### **Evidence of PHA121 absorption in the gut** *Fecal excretion in rat & monkey*

	Excretion of PHA121, recovery over 24 h in %		Oral bioavailability,	
	Urine	Faeces	гро	
Rat	0.05	2.2	43%	
Monkey	<0.01	<0.5	28%	

 High oral bioavailability together with little to no PHA121 excretion, suggesting full absorption in the GI tract

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# **Evidence of colonic absorption in rat indicates feasibility of extended drug release**

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Fecal excretion

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# Low/absent excretion of unchanged PHA121 confirms high extent of absorption in human gastrointestinal tract

Single dose mass	Excretion of PHA121, recovery over 72 h in %		Oral bioavailability,
balance study with	Urine	Feces	гро
	0.09	3.2	57%

\*Single-dose mass balance and absolute bioavailability study with an oral 20 mg dose of PHA121 and an oral and intravenous microtracer dose of <sup>14</sup>C-PHA-022121 in healthy male subjects

 High oral bioavailability together with low fecal excretion of PHA121 confirmed the assumption of high absorption throughout the gastrointestinal tract

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### In vitro, gradual, near linear dissolution of PHA121 from XR tablet

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#### Simulated GI matrix and mechanical stress

### The extended release formulation (PHVS719) compared to PHVS416 Single-dose PK study demonstrates QD potential for PHVS719

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### PHVS719: Film-coated extended-release tablet containing PHA121

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(samples, not the actual product)

- PHVS719 meets target product profile for oral prophylactic treatment of HAE
  - 24 hours coverage of anticipated therapeutic exposure
  - PHVS719 will be used for Chapter-2, our Phase 3 trial for prophylactic treatment of HAE

## First-in-human, orally available B2 antagonist with two innovative formulations to optimize the treatment experience for all types of HAE patients

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