

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

Exopharm presents at Bio CEO & Investor Digital Conference

16 February 2021, Melbourne, Australia: Exopharm Limited (ASX:EX1) announces that the Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Chris Baldwin, will present to the *Bio CEO & Investor Digital Conference* on 16 - 18 February 2021.

Dr Baldwin's presentation entitled "The Global Growth of EV Medicines and the Year We LEAP" is attached.

By the Board - this announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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ABOUT EXOPHARM

Exopharm (ASX:EX1) is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company using exosomes (extracellular vesicles (EVs)) from cells to generate a new class of transformative medicines.

Various Exopharm EV products harness the powerful natural ability of EVs to efficiently target cells and transfer selected materials into cells and across barriers.

Exopharm has two exclusive proprietary technologies that extend the utility of EVs into engineered EV medicines (EEVs): the LOAD technology improves loading of nucleic medicines into EVs, and the EVPS technology allows EVs to be directed towards selected cell types. Exopharm uses combinations of LOAD and EVPS to develop a pipeline of EEV products aimed at treating a wide scope of medical problems including neurological diseases, infectious diseases, cancer, and fibrosis.

Exopharm's LEAP technology solves the challenge of purifying EVs at large scale. With LEAP, Exopharm is also developing naïve (or natural) EVs (NEVs) from adult stem cells and platelets as regenerative medicine products. NEVs have the potential to deliver the regenerative benefits of cells without the challenges of administering cells to patients. NEV products target a broad range of medical problems including osteoarthritis, autoimmune conditions, acute injury and chronic injury.

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The Global Growth of EV Medicines and the Year We LEAP

Investor Presentation

16 February 2021



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Overview

- Exopharm is a clinical stage company at the forefront of developing transformative medicines based upon exosomes (EVs)
- 40 staff based in Melbourne, Australia; 2 staff based in Europe
- Publicly-traded on the ASX (ASX:EX1) (listed Dec 2018) Current market cap: AU\$ ~100 million, 139 million shares on issue

Priorities

- Empower exosome medicine discovery globally
- Build general EV engineering, manufacturing and characterization platform
- Establish regulatory pathways for EV products through early phase clinical development
- Partner with established biopharmaceutical companies to ensure the broadest application of the technology possible
- Generating revenue



EVs: Nature's Solution to Cellular Coordination

Extracellular Vesicles (or EVs, also referred to as exosomes) are natural nanoparticles that transfer cargo between cells

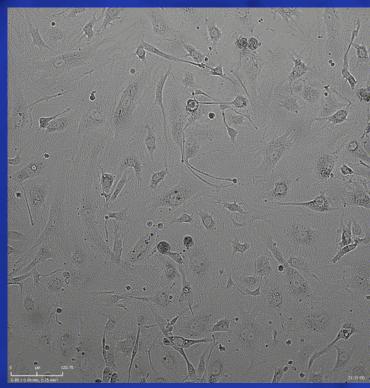
EVs consist of three parts:

- **1. Package**: Outer membrane that forms the EV
- 2. Address: External proteins that determine which cells receive an EV
- **3.** Cargo: Instructions (RNA) and building materials (proteins)

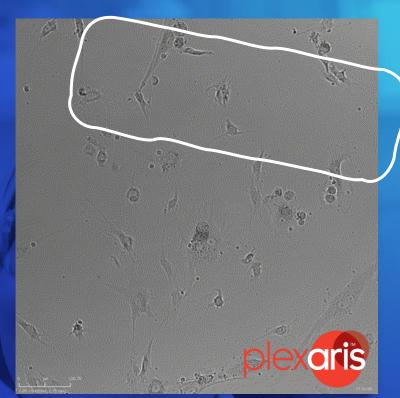


Our EVs Coordinate Cells to Build Structure





Alone, human endothelial cells have no coordination



With Plexaris, the cells quickly coordinate and form structure



RNA Vaccines Use "Artificial EVs"

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines deliver RNA to cells using artificial nanoparticles (LNPs)

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How COVID unlocked the power of RNA vaccines

The technology could revolutionize efforts to immunize against HIV, malaria, influenza and more.

Elie Dolgin

However, LNPs have major limitations for drug delivery:

- Anti-LNP immune response
- Lack of specific address
- <u>Inefficient cellular uptake</u>

EVs overcome all biological limitations of LNPs

But without economical purification, EVs have not been a legitimate option

Human Evidence for EV Medicines Creates Value for Exopharm

Promising global results

New Israeli drug cured 29 of 30 moderate/serious COVID cases in days — hospital

Medicine developed at Ichilov moderates immune response, helps prevent deadly cytokine storm, researchers say; 29 of 30 phase 1 trial patients left hospital within 3-5 days

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Codiak Reports Additional Positive Phase 1 Results for exoIL-12™ Confirming Local Pharmacology and Dose Selection for Safety and Efficacy Trial in Early-Stage **Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) Patients**

Pharmacodynamic results confirm localized exoIL-12 pharmacologic

But without LEAP*:

Scaling up to Phase II trials will be very expensive

Scaling to Phase III or commercial will be near <u>impossible</u>

* or some new discovery

Every new result increases the potential value of LEAP

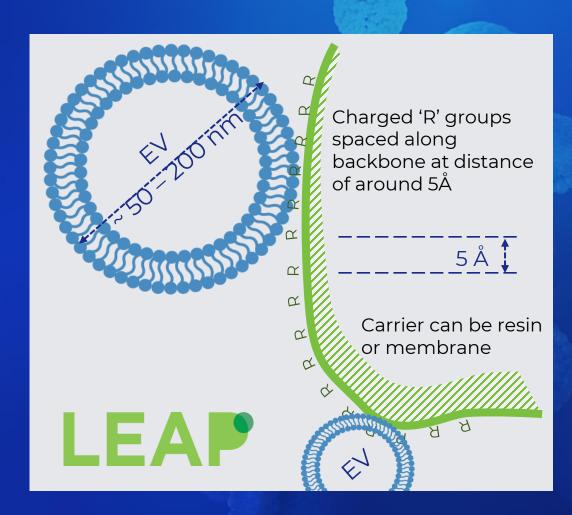
Every new result de-risks Exopharm's EV programs



LEAP: Starting with the End in Mind

Scalable, economical GMP process for purifying EVs

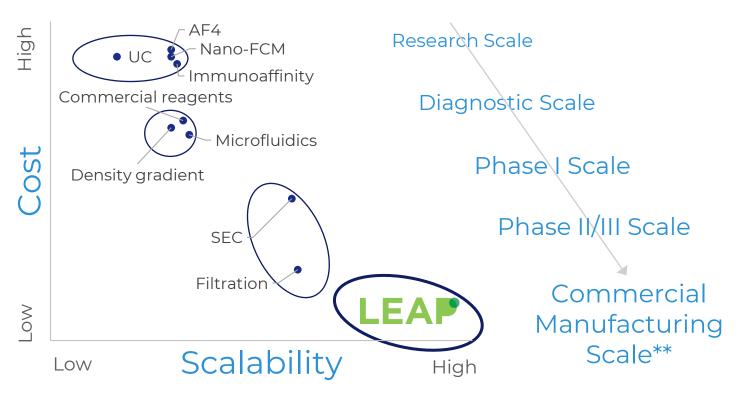
- Initially developed in 2016
- Wholly owned by Exopharm
- A specific class of cation exchange media can purify EVs, even though EVs have a net negative charge
- This discovery of this use applies to commercially available resins from leading manufactures



LEAP is the Only Known Technology for Commercial-scale EV Purification



State of the Art, EV Purification as of June 2020*



Unlike all alternatives, LEAP technology:

- uses industry-standard equipment/processes
- 2. uses low-cost, reusable consumables
- scales economically beyond thousands of doses

Technologies and Standardization in Research on Extracellular Vesicles

^{**} LEAP assessment from Exopharm, based on industrial use to date; LEAP Patents processing through National phases at present

^{*} Adapted from https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tibtech.2020.05.012

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LEAP IP Bridges Between Existing Purification Tools and the EV Market

Companies with assets covered by LEAP IP



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From Platform to Products, Exopharm's EV Medicine Strategy

Establish EV Technology Platform

Design economical, scalable, and consistent processes for EV medicines from Day 1
Once established, leverage to drive EV medicines globally



Build Clinical Experience with Naïve EVs Produce EVs from high-confidence sources (platelets, MSCs) for early human safety trials to credential manufacturing processes



Create Innovative Engineered EV Products

Customize EVs for cell-type specific delivery of precision medicines including nucleic acids and proteins

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Today, LEAP Presents Four Distinct Paths to Revenue ("LEAP Inside")

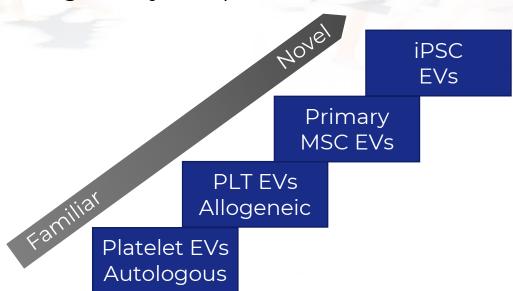
- 1. Internal Program Enablement
 - All Naïve and Engineered EV Products
 - Very large upside, slower to monetise (> 3 yrs)
- 2. Branded LEAP Columns Sold to Academic Researchers
 - Small, quick potential (< 1 yr)
 - Exploring OEM partners
- 3. Know-how/Tech Transfer to Biotechs seeking to scale
 - Potential collaboration agreements with peer EV companies and pharma companies building internal EV expertise
 - Considerable medium term revenue (1 3 yrs)
- 4. Licenses for Commercial Use
 - Multiple alternatives leading to LEAP enabling entire EV medicine field
 - Major long-term revenue stream (>4 yrs); exploring revenue partner



Naïve Program Advances Regulatory Progress Across All EV Products

Step-wise progression to regulatory acceptance of EV medicines possible due to consistent process

Regulatory Perspective on EV Sources

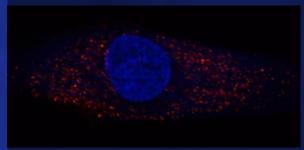


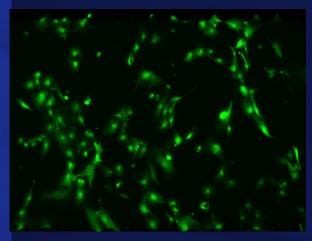




PLEXOVAL II Study: Platelet EVs







"A prospective, randomised, double blind, placebo controlled, single dose, single site phase I study to assess the safety and biological activity of a Human non-autologous platelet derived extracellular vesicle therapy vs placebo on wound healing rate following skin punch biopsy in healthy volunteer adults" (Trial registration number CT-2020-CTN-01678-1)

Final dosing: Dec 2020

Final follow-up: Jan 2021

Final report: around Mar 2021

Naïve EV Phase II/III Manufacturing Process is Fast and Economical



For PLEXOVAL II ...

- 2 operators, 8 hr from LEAP to final product
- 40 doses of Plexaris product

For a Phase II Trial, Producing 400 doses would require bigger equipment, but only the vial filling would require more labor

For a Phase III Trial, Producing 4,000 doses would require bigger equipment, and the vial filling would be automated

Same is true for Cevaris (Naïve EVs from adult stem cells)



Naïve EVs: Strategy and Progress

Strategy

- Use Naïve EV programs to build manufacturing and regulatory expertise across both Naïve and Engineered EVs
- Leverage lower COGs and demonstrated safety profile as a "fast follower" to cell based regenerative medicines

Clinical Milestones

Platelet EVs



Autologous Phase I (2020)



Allogeneic Phase I (2021)

MSC EVs



Allogeneic Phase I (2022)

Unique, Powerful Technology Underpins Engineered EV Programs





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Scalable, economical GMP process for purifying EVs



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Activity enhancing method for delivering RNA by EV



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Tropism-conferring* approach for engineering EV surface proteins

Applicability

Exclusivity

 Natural EVs (e.g. blood, plant, bacterial)

Engineered EVs

100%

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Natural EVs

Engineered EVs

100%

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Engineered EVs only

 Can also be used for tracing and protein cargo

100%

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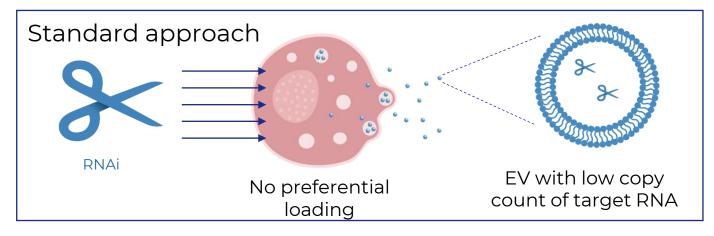
^{*} Tropism is the preference for an EV to enter a specific cell-type

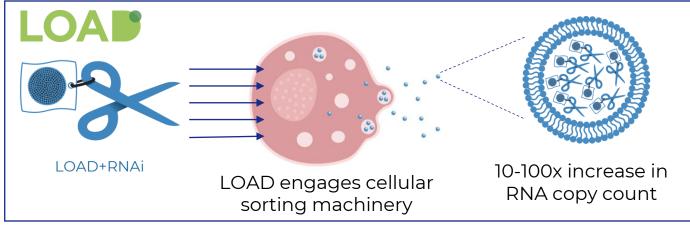


LOAD: More RNA Cargo, More Effect

Activity enhancing method for delivering RNA by EV

- Cells have sorting machinery that can transfer specific RNA sequences into EVs
- LOAD attached to an RNA cargo directs the sorting machinery to preferentially pack RNA cargo into EVs
- LOAD increases the efficiency of RNA cargo loading by 10 – 100-fold







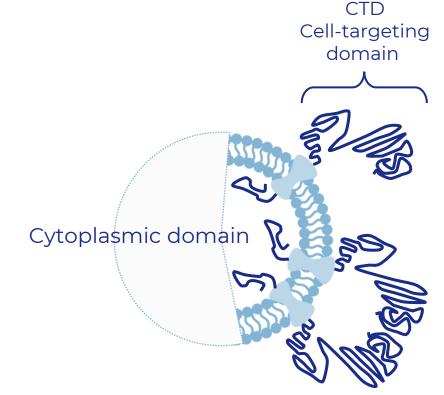
EVPS: Construct Approach

Tropism-conferring approach for engineering EV surface proteins

1. Design construct based on VSVg viral coat protein:

Cargo: Cytoplasmic domain for proteins carried as cargo
VSVg: Transmembrane domain passes through cell and EV bilipid layers
CTD: Cell-targeting domain for externally facing proteins

2. Engineer into producer cell line using plasmid vector

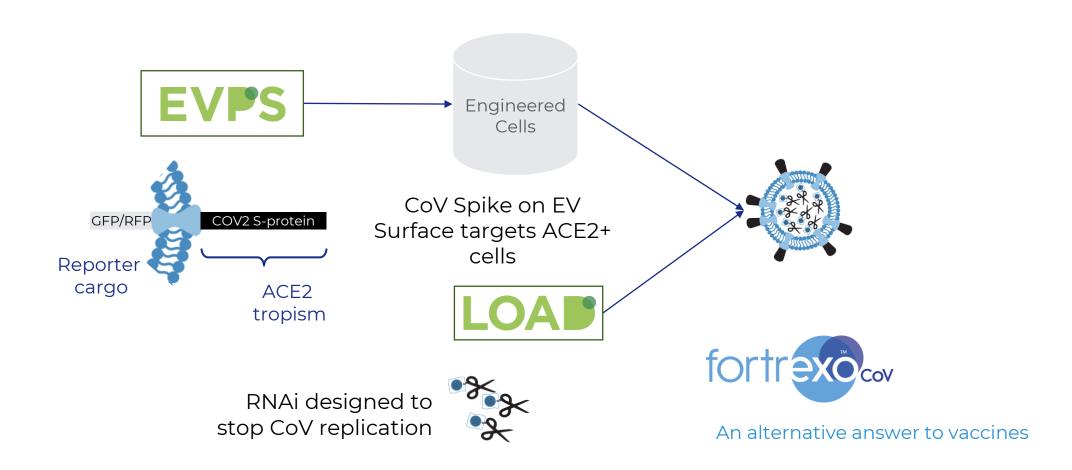


EVPS EV from engineered producer cell

Note: VSVg = vesicular stomatitis virus glycoprotein

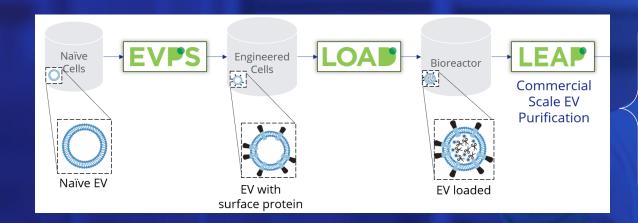








EEV Factory for Precision Medicine



Cancers

Viruses

Rare diseases

Neurological diseases

Custom
addressing targeting EEVs to
selected cell
types



Custom medicines 'Drug' cargoes e.g. small molecules, RNAi, siRNA, mRNA



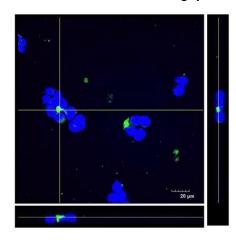
Partnering Capabilities

- Protein and nucleic acid additions to EVs
- Fully-scalable proprietary purification technology

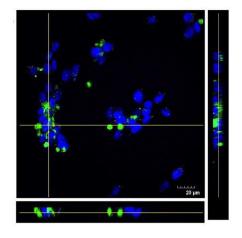


Cognevo: EVs Enter Brain Cells

LEAP-purified MSC-EVs are taken up by human neuronal-like and glial-like cell types in vitro



Blue - glial cells (LN18), Green - EVs 10-15% uptake



Blue - neuronal cells (SH-SY5Y), Green - EVs 40% uptake

EVPS to enhance BBB penetration

- Developing constructs to confer neurotropism through surface protein expression
- Collaborations with academic KOLs to identify and test peptide, scFv and other constructs

Advanced cargo options

- Delivering gene therapy alternatives (such as RNA or protein) through BBB
- Multiple academic collaborations in place

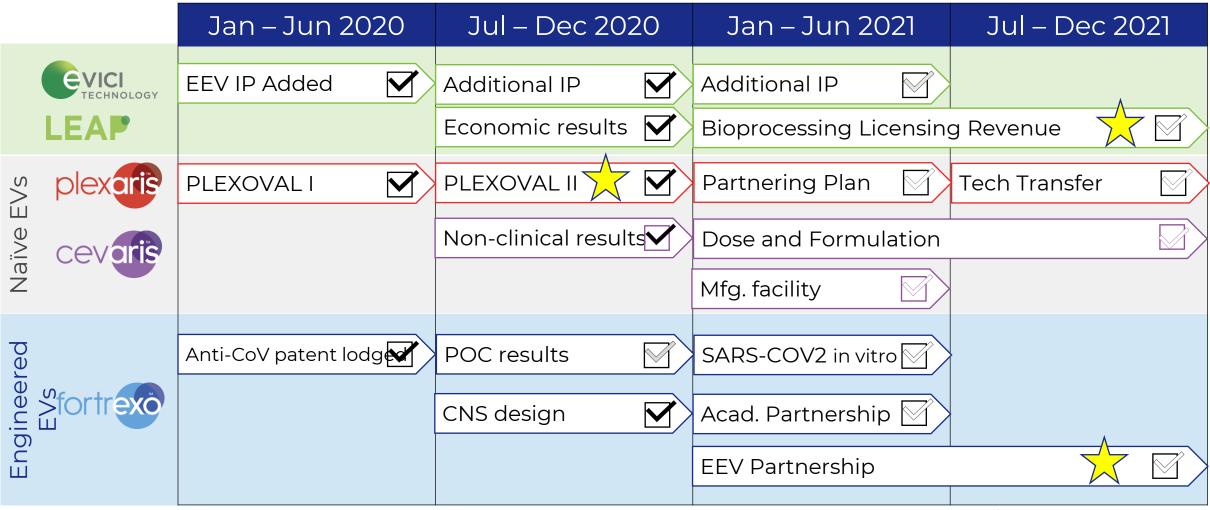


Engineered EV Deals

As of Jun 2020

EV Company	IP Status	Pharma Partner	Date	Area	Upfront	Milestones
EVOX THERAPEUTICS		V Lilly	Jun 2020	CNS	> \$50 mln	\$1.7 billion
		Lilly	Mar 2020	Rare diseases	\$63 mln	\$1.3 billion
CODIAK		Jazz Pharma	Jan 2019	Cancer	\$77 mln	\$1.8 billion
		Jazz Pharma S A R E P T A THERAPEUTICS	Jun 2020	CNS	> \$100 mln	Not disclosed
excpharm		Target: 2021				

Exopharm has a Direct Path to Revenue







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