Integrating computational power and biology to discover life-transforming

medicines

Interim results for six months ended 31 July 2021

Successful RNAi Platform Development

October 2021



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### **Company Overview**



#### Integrating computational power and biology to discover life-transforming medicines

- Ability to model human biology and interrogate complexity for better and faster drug discovery
  - Experimentally validated computational platform centered around network biology
  - Increased translatability and improved probability of success
  - Third party validation Galápagos novo nordisk C 4 X D Top5 Pharma





- Competitive proprietary RNAi platform developed. Convergence with computational platform to rapidly identify and prosecute novel targets to unlock further value
- Experienced leadership and growing **multi-disciplinary team**. Currently 34 FTE
- 谷 **Scope for future partnerships**, across computational and RNAi platforms
- Well-funded following recent £22.5m capital raise

# Highlights (incl. post period)



Significantly strengthened cash position to facilitate a number of initiatives, expanding the Company's platform capabilities and acceleration of the development of in-house RNAi pipeline

#### **RNAi platform development**

- Successful proprietary GalNAc-siRNA platform developed and characterised. Equivalent performance to leading platforms demonstrated
- 11 patent applications filed to protect innovative GalNAc-siRNA construct designs

#### Computational platform – zooming into hepatocytes

- Hepatocyte Knowledge Graph created and ambitious experimental omics data strategy underway
- Expanded target identification focus and creation of tailored computational applications in hepatocytes and RNAi
- Increased automation and cloud computing

#### Collaborations – further validation of our computational platform

• **Galapagos collaboration:** Hit compounds successfully identified and 3 milestone payments received during the period. Collaboration active and hits being further investigated. Scope for further milestones through pre-clinical, clinical and commercial

#### Corporate

- Successful £22.5m gross fund raise from new and existing shareholders
- Commenced trading on OTCQX Best Market in the U.S. important step to broaden shareholder base
- Board and leadership changes and significant increase in scientific staff

# Financial Summary: Six months ended 31 July 2021



	Six months ended 31 July 2021	Six months ended 31 July 2020
Revenue	£0.5m	£0.04m
Operating loss	£3.5m	£2.7m
Cash and cash equivalents	£31.6m	£15.1m*
R&D	£2.5m	£1.2m

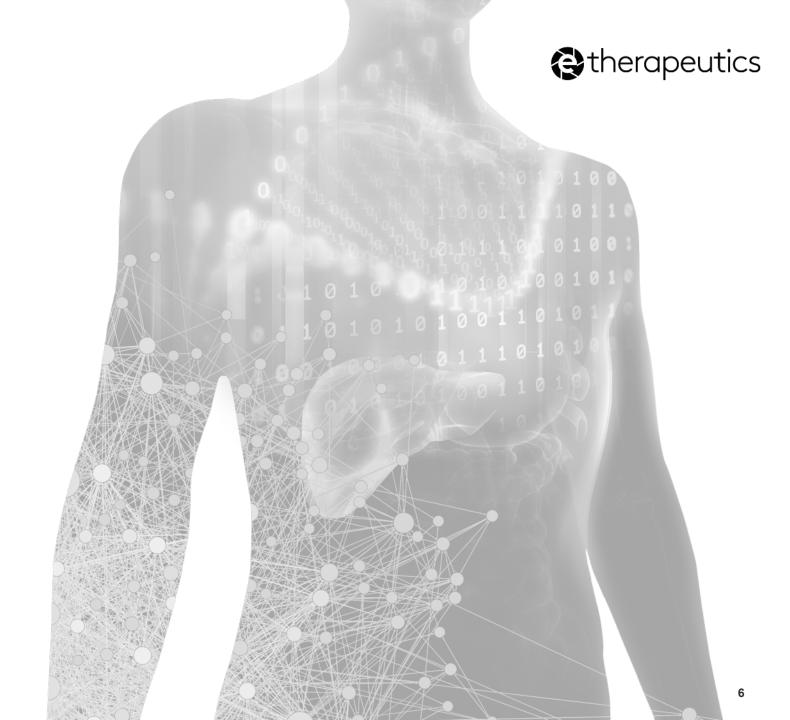
#### **Financial Highlights**

- **Strengthened financial position** following successful fund raise of £22.5m gross
- Continued to carefully manage the underlying cash burn
  - focusing on generating income and achieving external commercial validation with our partners and;
  - investing in a new RNAi platform

#### **Financial Outlook**

- Underlying cash burn in H2 expected to be higher than H1
  - further progress R&D activities
  - build administrative infrastructure to support scaling of business

# The Convergence of two Cutting-edge Platforms



# **Network & systems biology – core expertise of ETX**

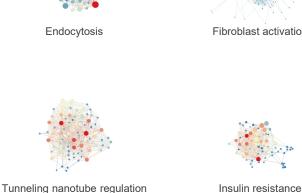


Network models are constructed and interrogated using ETX proprietary computational methods to provide insights into complex diseases and transform drug discovery

# Biological complexity remains the big challenge in drug discovery and development. We strive to address it

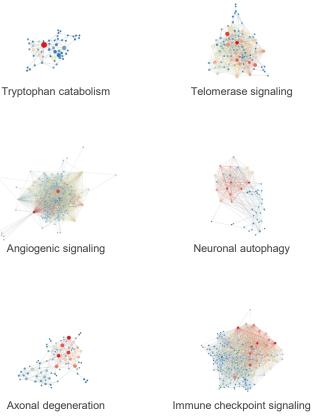
- Biological functions are controlled by networks of genes and proteins
- Understanding these networks is key to understanding disease
- Millions of network models of disease processes built to ask therapeutic questions
- Ability to test millions of interventions in silico
- Computational outputs feed directly into translatable laboratory assays





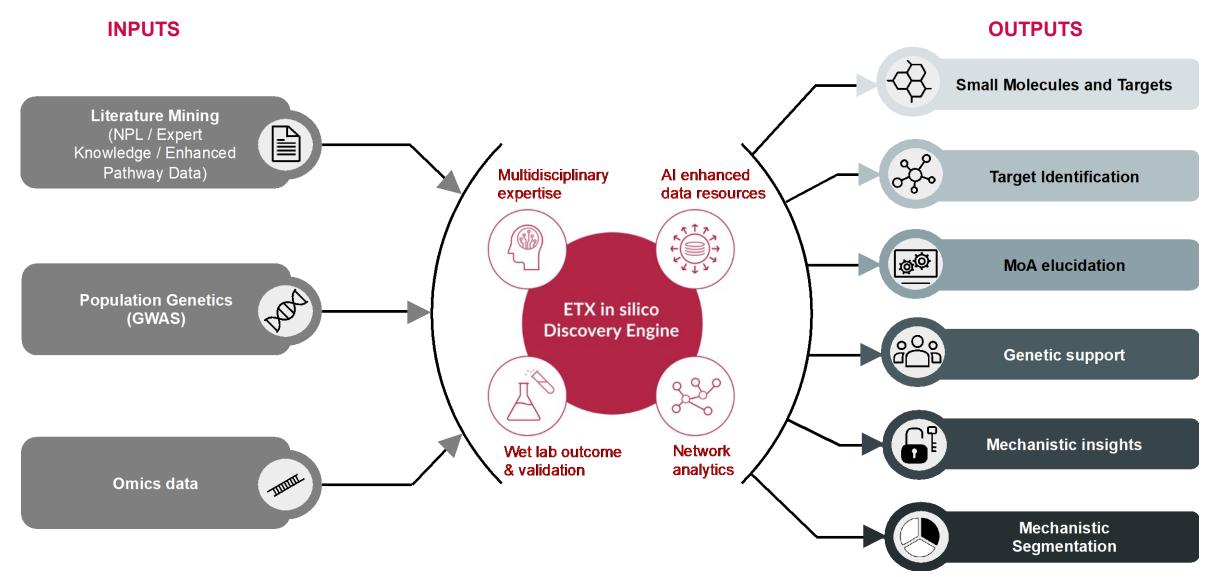






### ETX in silico Discovery Engine – Inputs & Outputs





# **Competitive landscape – differentiated positioning**



The industry faces two huge difficulties: understanding biology and making good drugs

# Computational discovery (small molecule focus)

- Huge effort around solving small molecule chemistry
- Speed asymmetry
- Poorly understood biology



#### **RNAi**

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- Significantly faster molecular design
- Lack of novel targets
- Poorly understood biology

Drug design times and costs (estimated)







### **Information RNAi Molecules**

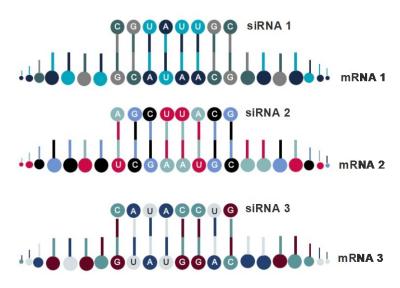


Expansion into RNAi, a highly specific and reproducible modality for gene silencing that enables accelerated timelines and lower R&D costs

# New proprietary RNAi platform technology for liver gene silencing:

- Enables ETX to silence selectively <u>any of the ~10k</u> <u>genes</u> in the genome of hepatocytes
- Ability to quickly prosecute target gene ideas generated computationally (key differentiator)
- Rapid design of information molecules that become drug candidates
- GalNAc conjugation enables hepatocyte specificity and subcutaneous administration
- Accelerated generation of new candidates relative to other modalities

#### siRNA design based on genetic code

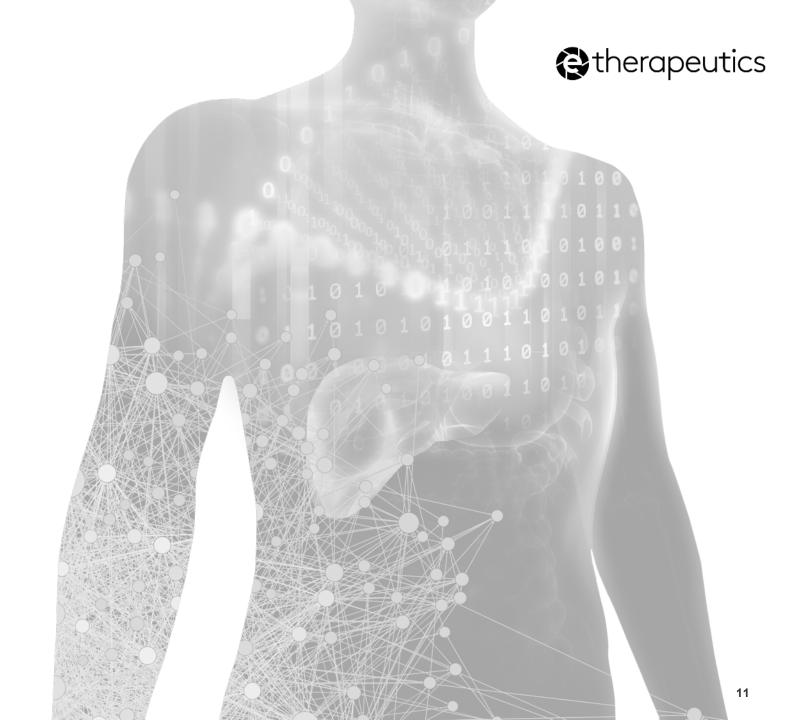


GalNAc conjugation enables specific siRNA delivery to hepatocytes (liver)



GalNAc: N-acetylgalactosamine

Development of a World-leading Proprietary RNAi Platform



# **Benchmarking Studies – ETX GalNAc-siRNA Platform Characterisation Completed**



#### **Experimental plan**

- Construct designs: 8 oligonucleotide chemistries and different GalNAc linkers tested
- Target knock-down: both depth and duration of knock-down evaluated
- High hurdle: ETX platform benchmarked against leading peer platforms (including one approved drug and one in registration)
- Reproducibility: 3 targets evaluated

#### **Results**

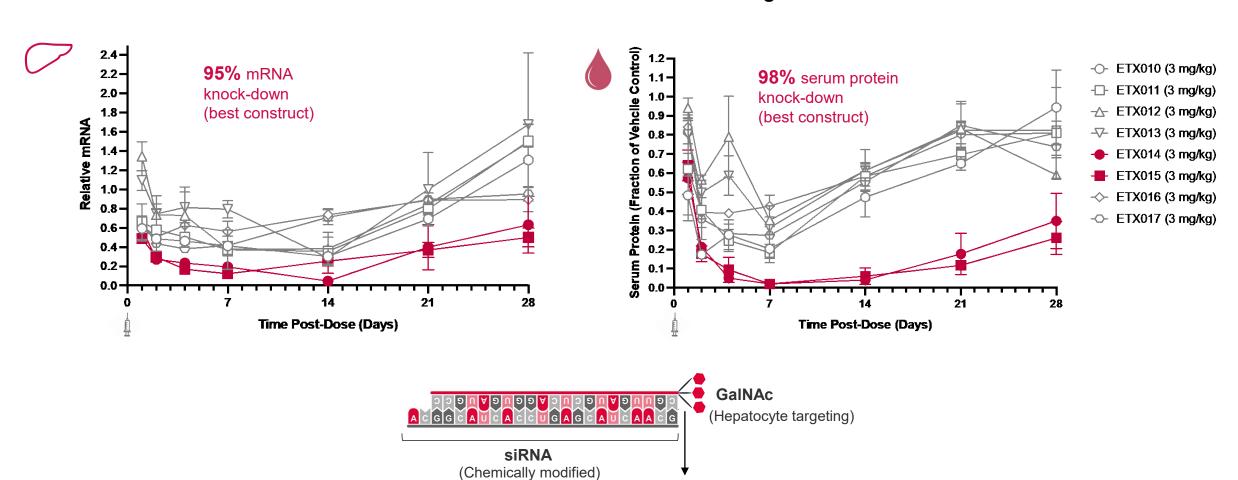
- ✓ **Data package:** *In vitro* and *in vivo* experiments completed. Characterisation datasets generated (See next slides for headline results)
- Lead designs: Most potent designs consistently identified
- √ 11 patent applications filed
- ✓ Competitive depth and duration of target gene knock-down. Equivalent performance to leading platforms

RNAi platform ready to prosecute targets identified in-house

# ETX GalNAc-siRNA Platform Performance: Headline Mouse Results



#### Different ETX constructs tested in mice for **Target X**



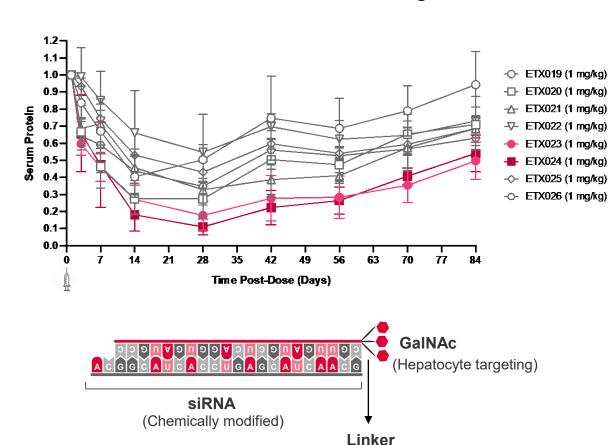
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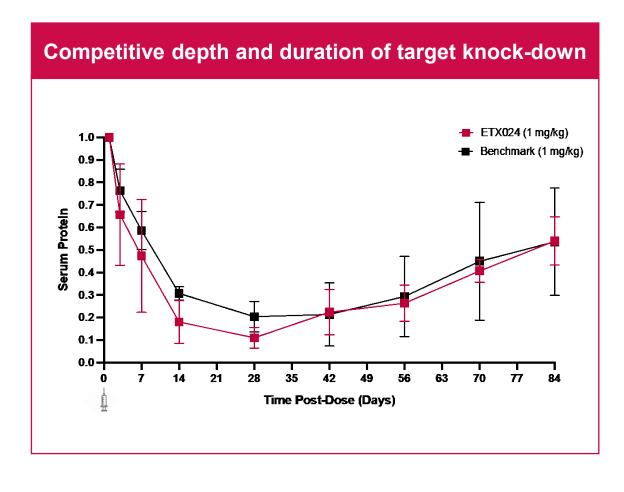
# ETX GalNAc-siRNA Platform Performance: Headline Non-Human Primate (NHP) Results



#### Summary non-human primate target Y knock-down data (serum protein):

Different ETX constructs tested - Target Y

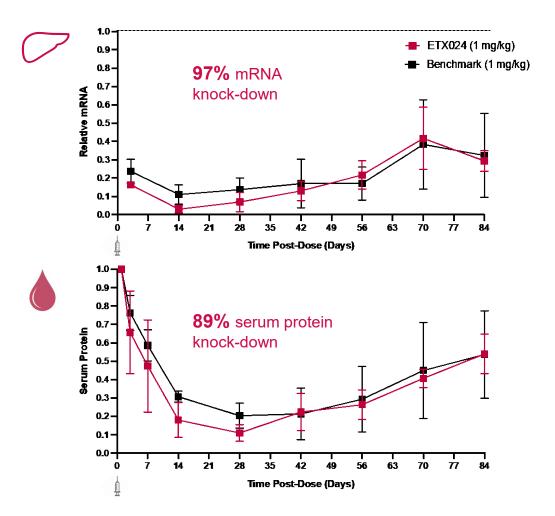




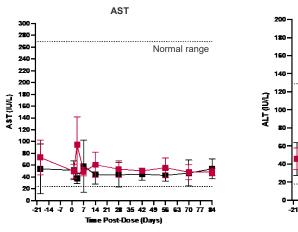
# ETX lead Construct Design Performance and Safety (NHP)

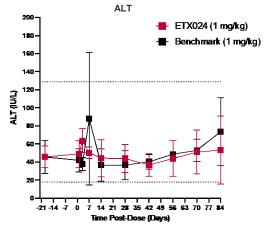


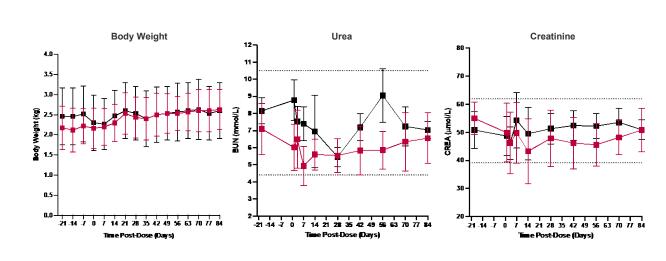
Target Y liver mRNA and serum protein levels show deep and sustainable knock-down for 3 months in non-human primates



#### Well tolerated in non-human primates





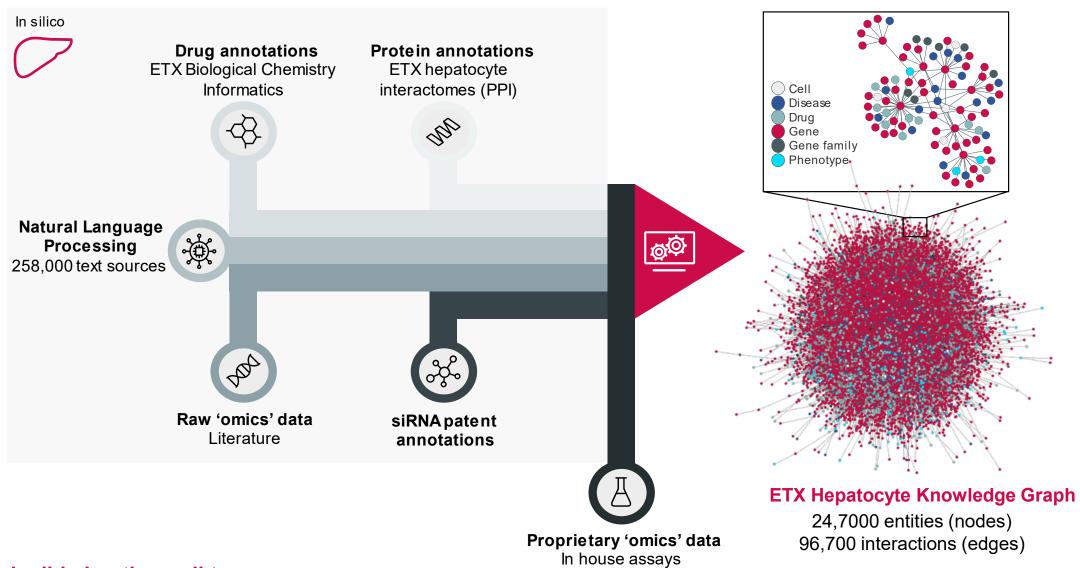


Hepatocyte-specific Computational Platform



# Hepatocyte-specific\* Data Strategy and Knowledge Graph

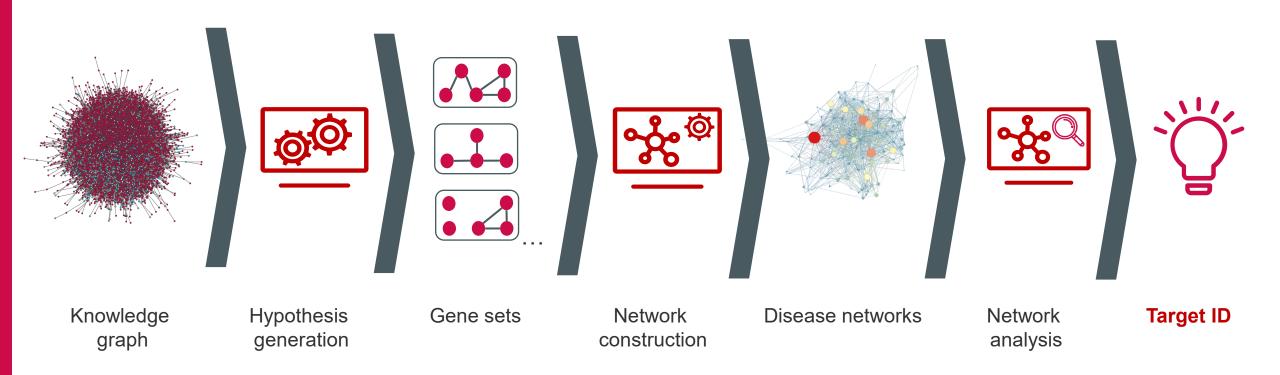




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# **Hepatocyte Target Identification**





Target identification is the biggest limitation in the field.

We leverage our computational platform to identify targets. We are uniquely positioned to drive novelty, based on a better understanding of disease biology

### Value Inflection Points & Business Model



#### Optionality and near-term opportunities for value realisation

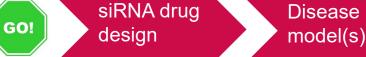






ETX Computational Platform & Hepatocytespecific data

# In-house pipeline offers scope for early partnerships siRNA drug Disease IND Pha



Target 5-6 monomination \$500K

5-6 months 18 months \$500K c.\$500K enabling

18 months c.\$1.5m

Phase 1

### Dicema™



2019 30 targets \$175M + \$357.5M milestones per target



2019 **\$400M + \$200M** milestones





2021 ALS \$25M + \$694M Potential royalties



2019 CKD and IPF Undisclosed financials





2016 1 target (LPa) \$35M upfront \$21.5M equity \$617M milestones



2019 1 asset (HBV) \$200M upfront \$1.47B milestones

# **Summary and Next Steps**



#### RNAi:

- Proprietary GalNAc-siRNA platform technology developed and extensively characterised
  - Equivalent level of target gene knock-down and duration of action demonstrated against leading platforms
  - 11 patent applications filed to protect inventions
- Ability to inhibit any gene in hepatocytes (liver) and rapidly generate drug candidates to prosecute target ideas

#### **Computational Platform:**

- **Galapagos collaboration**: Successfully identified hits (replicated 100-1000x higher hit rate) and received 3 milestone payments in the period. Scope for further upside throughout development and commercial
- Most complete hepatocyte-specific knowledge graph created
- Expansion of target ID capabilities, including mode of action elucidation and target deconvolution capabilities
- Adaption and application of computational approaches to RNAi discovery
- Continued streamlining via increased automation and cloud computing
- Further partnering conversations ongoing

#### **Next Steps:**

- Generate proprietary omics (experimental) hepatocyte data to feed into knowledge graph
- Continued development of computational platform for internal use and further collaborations
- Populate in-house RNAi pipeline and initiate partnering discussions
- R&D Day in 2022

# **Experienced Leadership**

**Alison Gallafent** 

Head of IP





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