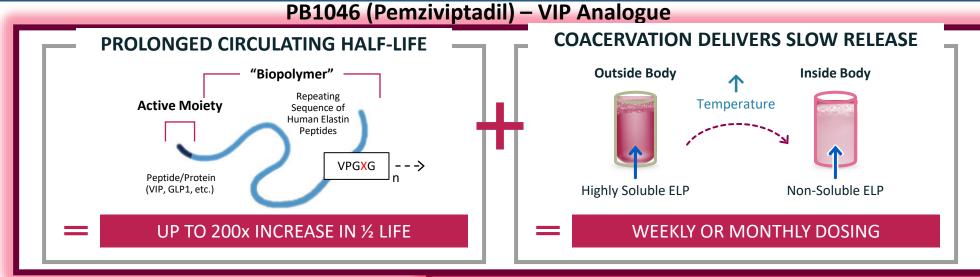


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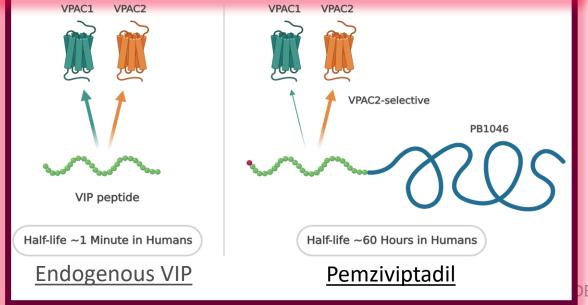
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Pemziviptadil is an investigational neuropeptide, VIP, genetically fused to an elastin-like biopolymer for treatment of PAH:

- Confers a prolonged circulating half-life with coacervation delivering slow release of VIP.
- The biologic effects are mediated by two receptors, VPAC1 and VPAC2, belonging to the family B of G protein-coupled receptors in the pulmonary and systemic circulation.
- Functional deficiency of VIP has been described in humans with PAH.









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Methods:

- The multi-dose safety, PK, and VIP-based functional and pharmacodynamic effects of Pemziviptadil were evaluated in an open-label, multi-dose study in three female PAH subjects with an implanted CardioMEMS™ device.
- The safety and accuracy of the CardioMEMS™ HF System, which continuously monitors pulmonary artery pressure from a sensor implanted into the pulmonary artery, have been previously documented, along with correlations with Swan-Ganz measurements and echocardiography.
- Pemziviptadil was administered weekly subcutaneously x 8 weeks (extended due to subjective improvements) at dose levels previously tested and shown to be safe.
- We have <u>previously reported</u> the hemodynamic changes.
 This report describes the changes in functional capacity based on the results of the six-minute walk test distance.

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Subject	Age	6MWT at	6MWT at	Change from	Duration of
	(years)	Baseline	Follow up	Baseline	Treatment
#1	74	220 meters	236 meters	+ 16 meters	6 months
#2	29	468 meters	546 meters	+ 78 meters	18 months
#3	61	411 meters	402 meters	- 9 meters	2 months

Results:

- Pemziviptadil was well tolerated.
- PK profile data confirmed the dose-related but less than dose proportional increase in study drug exposure observed in humans with essential hypertension.
- The 6MWT distance improved after 18 months of treatment in a 29-year-old woman; it was approximately stable in the other two participants without any clinically meaningful deterioration.

Conclusions:

- The preliminary data for Pemziviptadil support continued evaluation as a potential novel therapy for PAH patients.
- Pemziviptadil appears to be safe and well tolerated.
- These hypotheses will be tested in the ongoing randomized, double-blind, parallel group Phase II PAH study assessing exercise capacity after 16 weeks of Pemziviptadil.



