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with rare skin diseases

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin: Developing the First
Pathogenesis-directed Therapy for Disseminated
Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis

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QTORIN™ Pitavastatin Program: Today's Attendees



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- Associate Dean for Physician-Scientist Development
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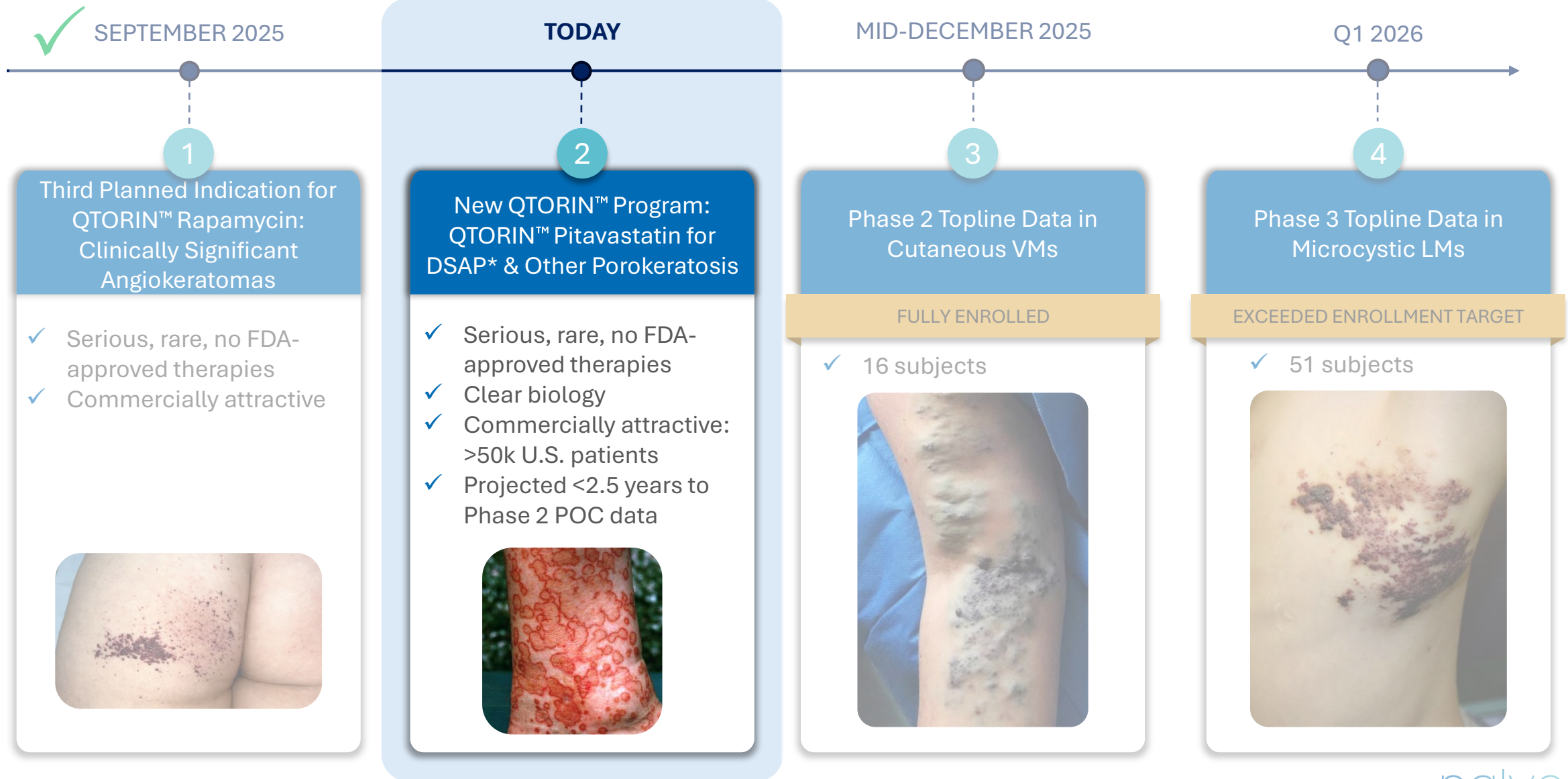


Matt Korenberg
CFO



Bohan Wei
VP Corporate Development &
New Product Planning

Multiple High-Impact Milestones Between Now and End of Q1 2026



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Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis

Disease Overview & Scientific Rationale

Dr. Keith Choate,
Yale School of Medicine

Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis (DSAP) is a Serious Disease with No FDA-Approved Therapy

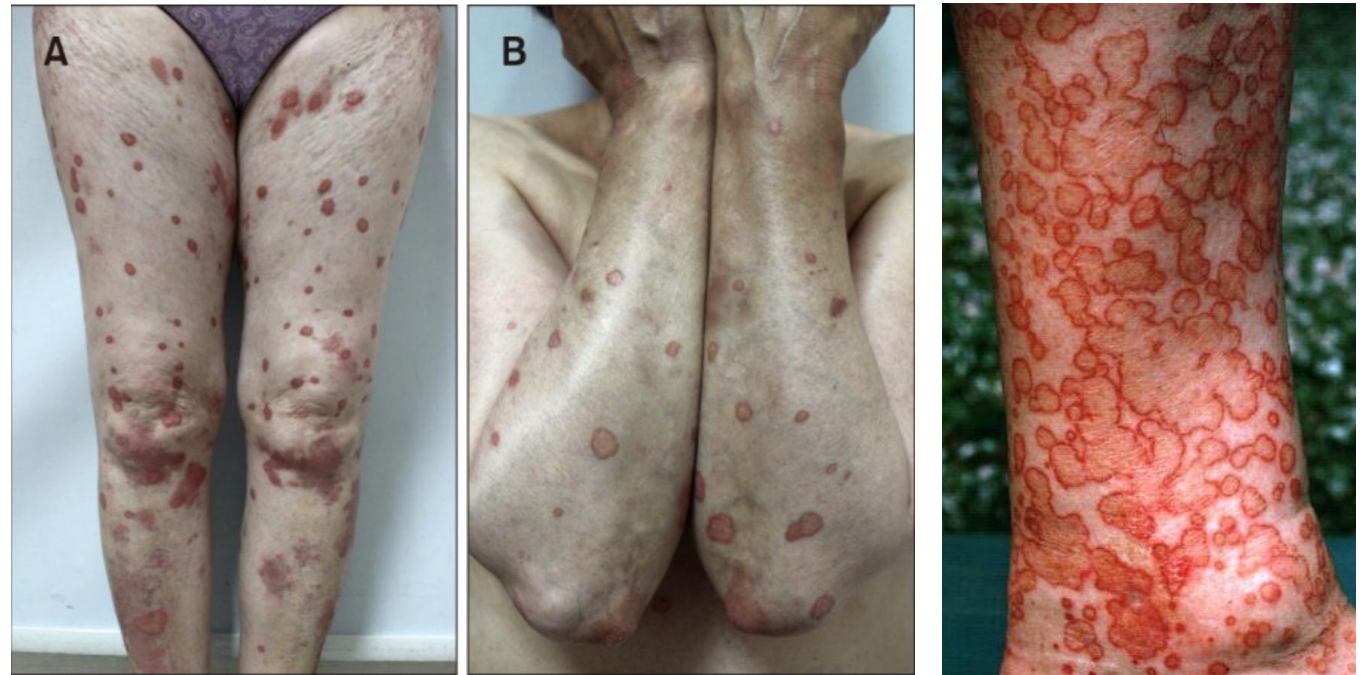


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High impact to patient quality of life with meaningful risk of malignant transformation to squamous cell carcinomas



Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis (DSAP): Progressing to the First Potential Pathogenesis-directed Therapy

1893



Vittorio Mibelli
Italian Dermatologist

First discovered porokeratosis – from Greek meaning “*abnormal keratinization disorder*”

2011



Amy Paller, MD
Member of Palvella MSAB
Northwestern Medicine
Feinberg School of Medicine

Discovery that **mutations in the mevalonate pathway** are responsible for many genetic skin diseases

2019-2020



Keith Choate, MD, PhD
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Breakthrough discovery that **second hit mutation underlies porokeratosis** and translated those findings into a proof-of-concept study in patients with porokeratosis

2025

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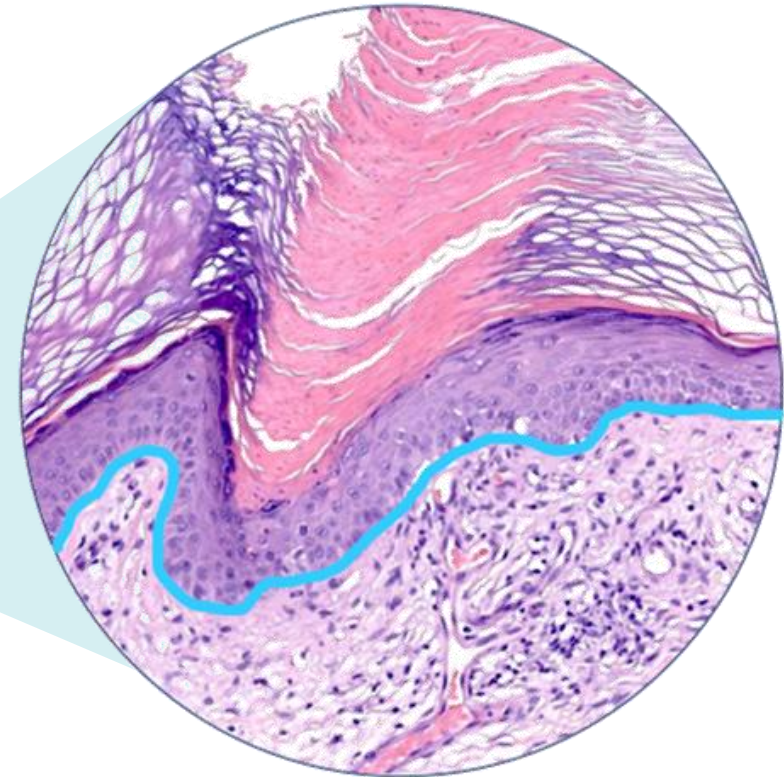
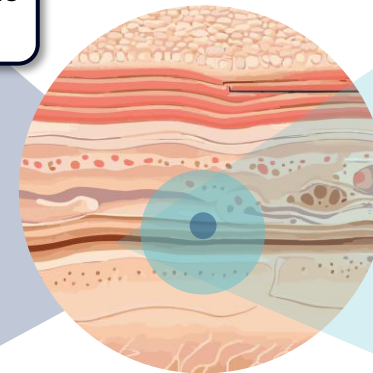
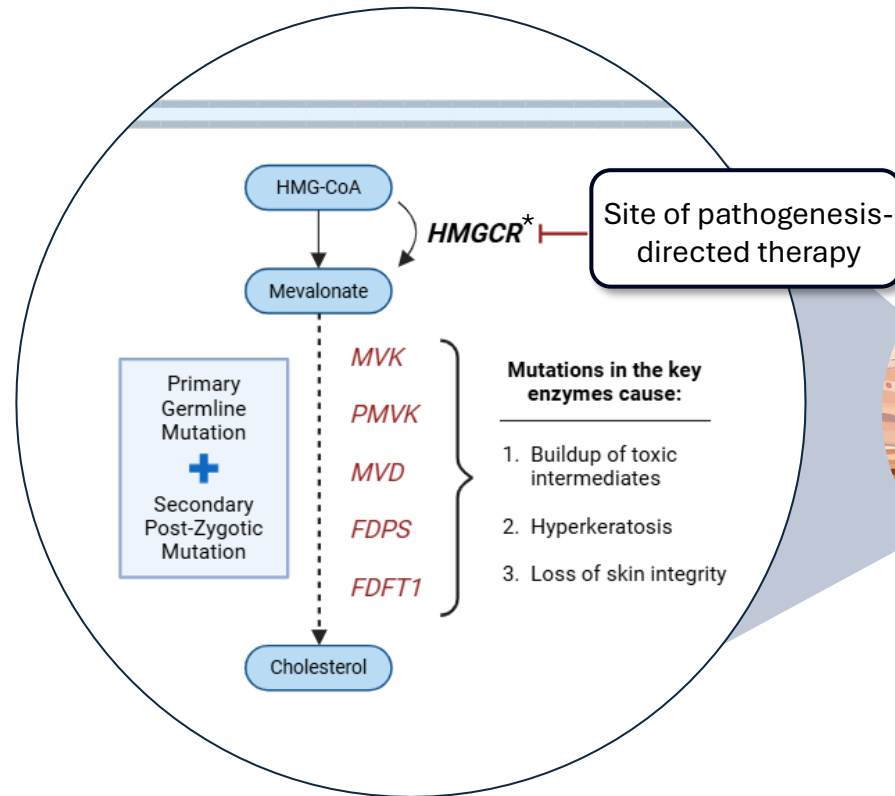
Jeff Martini, PhD
Chief Scientific Officer
David Osborne, PhD
Chief Innovation Officer

Extensive formulation development completed with plans to enter clinic in 2H 2026 – **potential to be first FDA-approved therapy**

Clear Biology: Targeting the Causal Mevalonate Pathway

Target: Mevalonate Pathway

Tissue: Epidermis & Dermis



An on-target, in-tissue approach could result in significant clinical improvement

Unmet Need for First FDA-approved Topical Mevalonate Pathway Inhibitor for DSAP

Oral statins are not a viable therapeutic option in DSAP:

High first pass metabolism and/or sub-therapeutic biodistribution to the skin

Topical cholesterol/lovastatin for the treatment of porokeratosis: A pathogenesis-directed therapy

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Proof-of-concept study, demonstrating a plausible mechanistic approach

>20 subsequent supportive studies of off-label use of topical statin therapy in porokeratosis...

...however, today **poor patient outcomes persist** due to lack of access and known variability in unapproved formulations which can limit safety, efficacy, and quality

Significant need for an FDA-approved topical mevalonate pathway inhibitor

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Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin Formulation Development

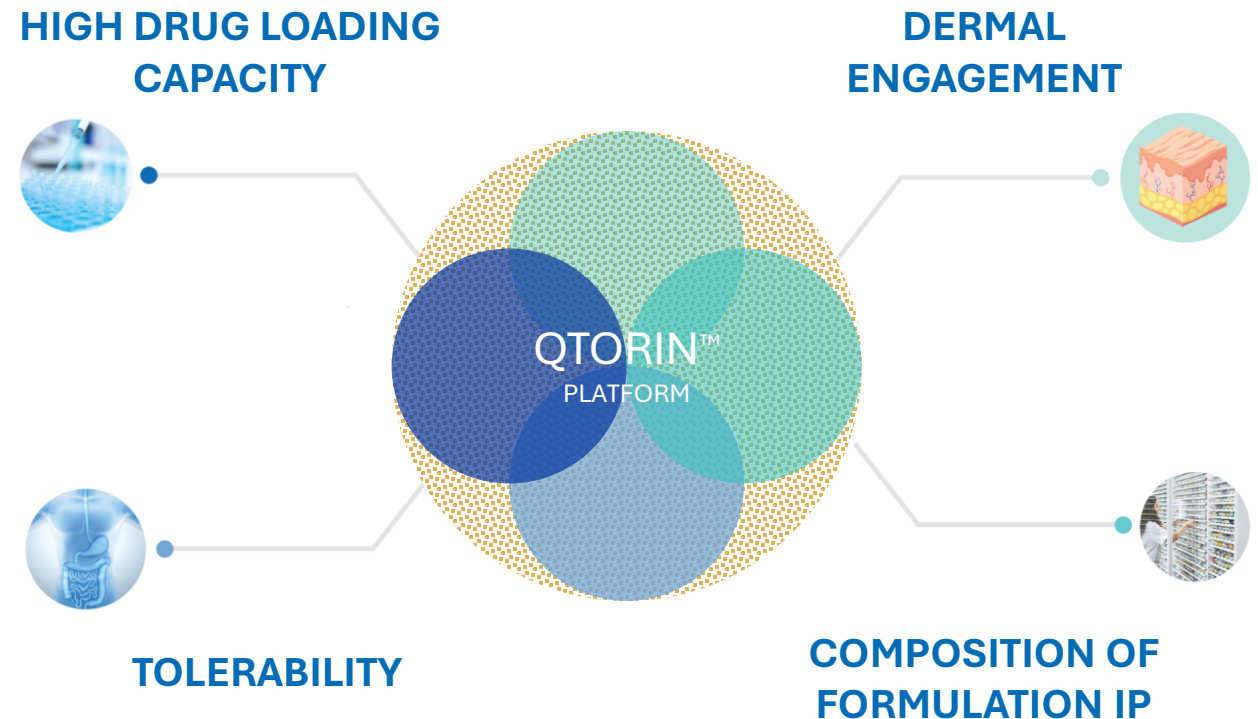
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QTORIN™ Platform: Application to Mevalonate Pathway Inhibitors

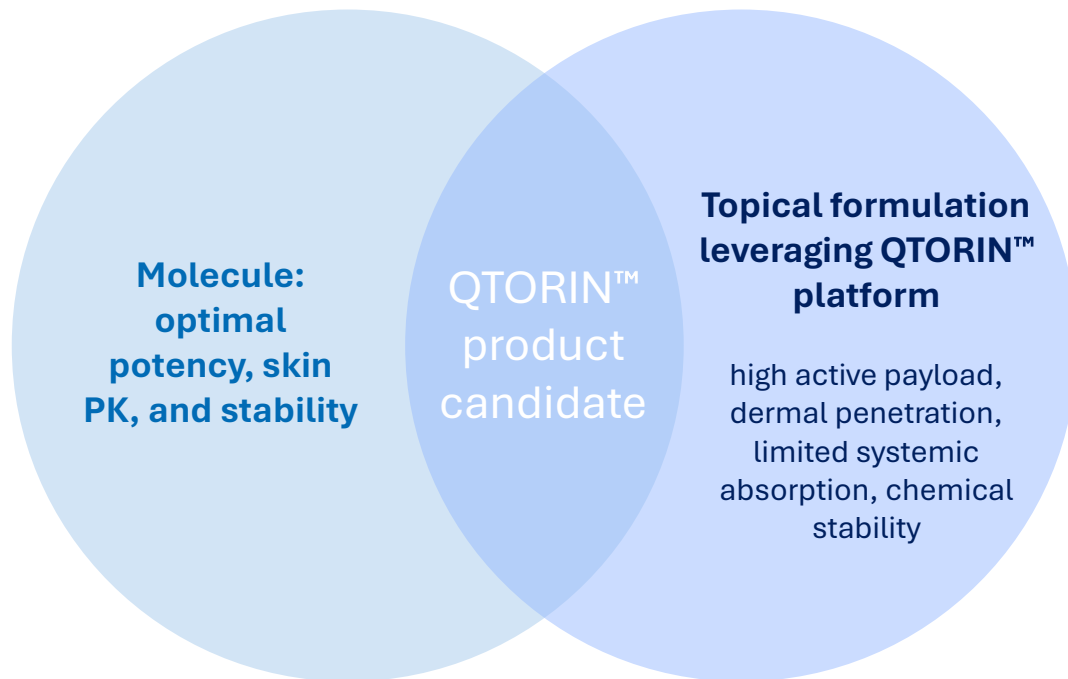


David Osborne, PhD
Chief Innovation Officer

- Recognized formulation expert with 35+ years of industry-leading experience in topical drug development
- Founding scientist and CTO at Arcutis Biotherapeutics (NASDAQ: ARQT)
- Contributed to the development of three dozen topical therapies, incl. ZORYVE® (roflumilast) cream and foam



Developing the First Pathogenesis-directed Therapy For DSAP



Target Product Profile Established in 2024

Chemical & formulation stability

Targeted dermal penetration

High potency

Optimized release from vehicle

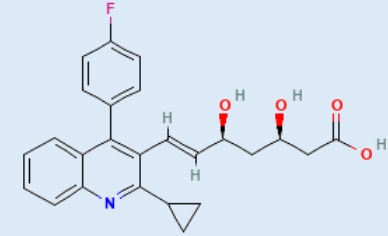
Designed for patient adherence

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin: On Target, In Tissue

Using QTORIN™, we considered and tested a wide range of mevalonate pathway inhibitors

Molecule	Potency	Optimal Skin PK	Stability
Pitavastatin	✓	✓	✓
Mev. Inhibitor 2	Did not meet some or all pre-defined target product attributes		
Mev. Inhibitor 3			
Mev. Inhibitor 4			
Mev. Inhibitor 5			
Mev. Inhibitor 6			
Mev. Inhibitor 7			

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PITAVASTATIN



- **Pitavastatin is an FDA-approved next-generation oral statin** for patients with primary hyperlipidemia and mixed dyslipidemia
- **Superior inhibition of the mevalonate pathway compared to all molecules evaluated**
- **Key characteristics:**
 - Payload: > 2% concentration achieved
 - Dermal penetration: *in vitro* penetration test confirms > IC90
 - Low systemic absorption
 - Encouraging preliminary drug stability
 - IP: Filed formulation & method of use IP and licensed Yale IP

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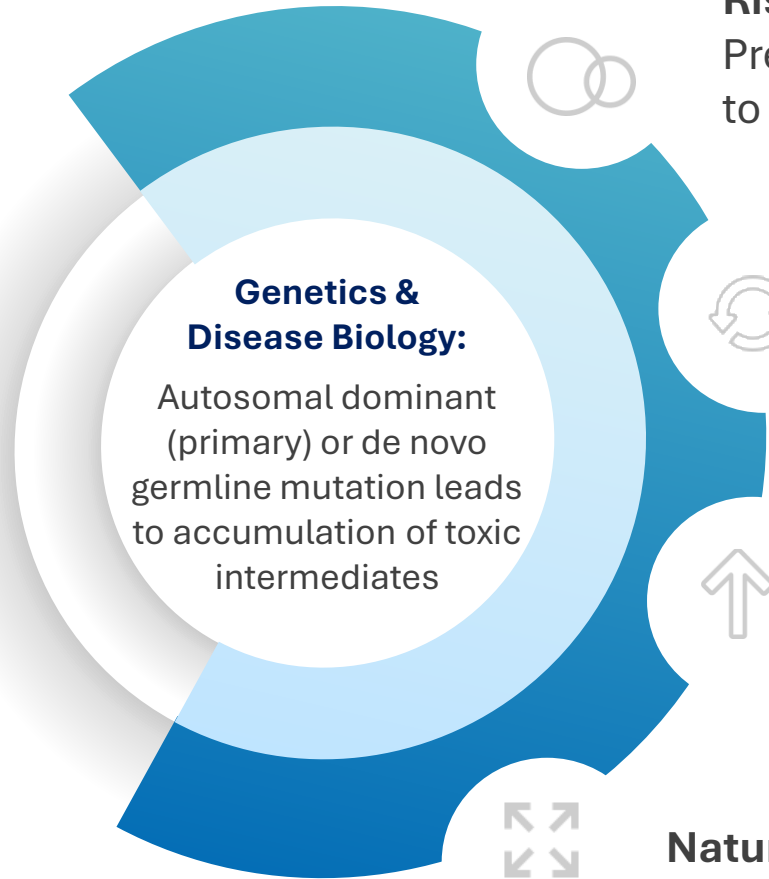
Clinical Development Plan

Dr. Jeff Martini,
Chief Scientific Officer

Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis (DSAP): Chronic, Pre-Cancerous, and Progressive

> 50k patients

ESTIMATED IN THE U.S.¹



Genetics & Disease Biology:

Autosomal dominant (primary) or de novo germline mutation leads to accumulation of toxic intermediates

Risk of malignant transformation:
Premalignant disease with transformation to non-melanoma skin cancers²

Significant impact to quality of life:
clinical signs include skin disfigurement, burning, and persistent itch

Persistent and extensive: Clonal proliferation of abnormal keratinocytes leads to increased number and size of lesions

Natural history: Spontaneous regression is extremely rare²



No FDA-approved therapies

Current options:
Laser, surgery, and off-label topical chemo agents & mevalonate pathway inhibitors

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QTORIN™ Pitavastatin Clinical Pathway: Planned Initiation of Phase 2 in 2H 2026

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin: From Concept to Clinic

- Targeting <2.5 years to Phase 2 POC data
- QTORIN™ pitavastatin optimized for stability and drug delivery
- Working with FDA Division of Dermatology and Dentistry
- Filed intellectual property

FDA meeting planned 1H 2026

- Discuss proposed Phase 2 study design
- Discuss eligibility for expedited programs (Fast Track Designation)

Initiation of Proposed Phase 2 study anticipated in 2H 2026

- Phase 2 protocol drafted
- Endpoint development nearing completion with extensive input from key opinion leaders and patients

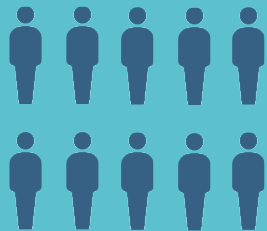
GOAL: Initiate Phase 2 clinical development in 2H 2026

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin: Future Expansion Opportunities

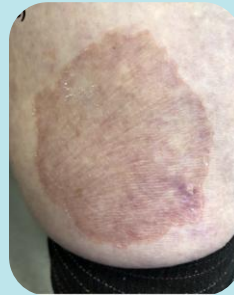
First Clinical Trial: DSAP Patients



DSAP:
50k+ U.S. pts



Subsequent Studies: Expand into Other Porokeratosis Subtypes



Porokeratosis of Mibelli:
20k+ U.S. pts



Other subtypes (incl. linear porokeratosis):
10k+ U.S. pts



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Commercial Opportunity

Matt Korenberg
Chief Financial Officer

Attractive U.S. Commercial Opportunity for DSAP

>50k

diagnosed DSAP patients in the U.S. based on two sources (Clarity Pharma, n=277 physicians; Zagoras et al, 2023) and confirmed by KOL calls

**Orphan
Pricing**

anticipated based on disease severity and lack of FDA-approved therapies

100%

96%

Market research (n=55 physicians)¹:

of physicians would incorporate Product X (topical mevalonate pathway inhibitor) into their practice

of physicians would consider Product X as a first line therapy for DSAP patients

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Key Takeaways

Wes Kaupinen
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin for DSAP: Key Program Milestones Achieved

1

Scientific & Medical

- ✓ **Strong KOL support** - Dr. Keith Choate, Dr. Amy Paller, Dr. Dirk Elston, Dr. Jim Treat, Dr. John Doux, and others
- ✓ **Known genetics and clear biology confirmed**
- ✓ **Analyzed published case studies of off-label statin use, confirming proof-of-principle**

2

Commercial

- ✓ **No FDA-approved therapies and low competition**
- ✓ **Prospective epidemiology work confirmed commercially attractive opportunity**
- ✓ **Initial physician market research and patient-based market research completed**

3

Product Development

- ✓ **QTORIN™ formulation:** High concentration of drug, dermal penetration, stable
- ✓ **Safety:** *in silico* testing completed
- ✓ **IP licensed from Yale** (Inventor: Dr. Keith Choate)
- ✓ **IP filed on formulation and method of use**

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Regulatory

- ✓ **Planned 505(b)(2) pathway**
- ✓ **Potentially eligible for expedited programs** (Fast Track Designation)
- ✓ **Potentially eligible for orphan designation**

Life cycle management opportunities for other porokeratosis subtypes

Disseminated Superficial Actinic Porokeratosis (DSAP): Aligned With Palvella's Pipeline Strategy

QTORIN™ Rapamycin

Microcystic LMs, Cutaneous VMs, Clinically Significant Angiokeratomas
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓
✓

QTORIN™ Pitavastatin

DSAP
Chronic, extensive lesions, malignant transformation
>50k U.S. patients
None
Mutations in mevalonate pathway lead to accumulation of toxic intermediates
Multiple published case studies + use in academic centers
Opportunity to be first-in-disease and SOC

- Serious
- Rare
- No FDA-approved Therapies
- Strong Scientific & Biologic Rationale
- Published Case Studies & Off-label Use of API
- Commercially Attractive

Significant unmet medical need

Optimizing likelihood of clinical success

Multi-billion dollar U.S. TAM¹



1. Based on internal and third-party estimates.



Thank You

Striving to be first for rare disease patients

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