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**The melanocortin (MC) Peptide program**

# Combined MC technologies provide versatility to address a broad range of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases

## Resomelagon/AP1189

Being developed for:

Once daily oral administration

- Early severe RA (P2b)
- DMARD-IR RA (P2a/b)
- Membranous nephropathy (P2a)

## MC Peptides

Being developed for:

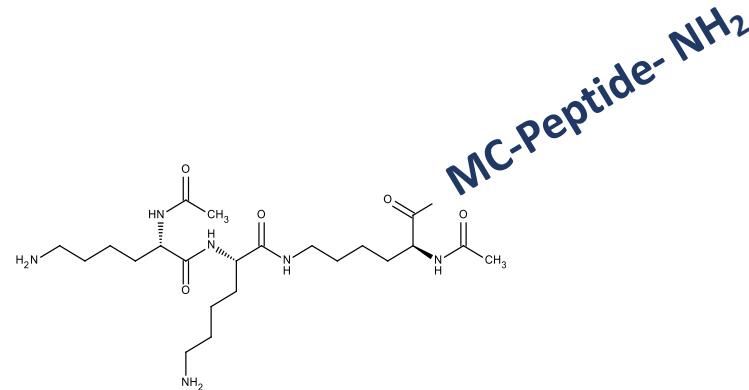
- **TXP-11**: Intravenous administration for organ protection in major surgery
- **TXP-35**: Slow-release formulation for inflammatory and orphan diseases

# AP1189 and MC peptide agonists are complimentary

	AP1189	MC Peptides
API	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small molecule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70+ peptide analogs</li> </ul>
Receptor Selectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selective for MC receptors 1&amp;3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varying profiles of MC receptors 1,3,4 &amp; 5</li> </ul>
Agonism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biased Agonist</b> - Stimulates ERK1/2 activation pathway</li> <li>• Provides immunomodulation without potential cAMP pathway side effects like melanogenesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Full Agonist</b> – Stimulates both cAMP and ERK1/2 pathways, similarly to natural agonists</li> <li>• Potential to provide additional activity from cAMP stimulation</li> </ul>
Dosage Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oral, once-daily dosage form</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV and Sustained-release SC</b></li> <li>• Can develop additional forms per need</li> </ul>
Suitable For	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early use in inflammatory conditions like RA where MC receptors 1&amp;3 are involved and where oral convenience and good tolerability are important</li> <li>• <b>Combination use with advanced therapies</b> in patients with more advanced disease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV for severe inflammation</b> associated with organ dysfunction/failure like major surgery</li> <li>• <b>Sustained-release SC in inflammatory conditions</b> where parenteral administration or local administration are desirable</li> </ul>

The combined melanocortin technologies will allow targeted development for a wide range of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases with unique assets with MC receptor profiles and routes of administration tailored to the disease and target patient population

# BAP modification of MC peptides is associated with increased binding affinity and potency over native ligands



Peptide Agonist	MC1R			MC3R			MC4R			MC5R		
	K <sub>i</sub> (nM)	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	E <sub>MAX</sub> (%)	K <sub>i</sub> (nM)	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	E <sub>MAX</sub> (%)	K <sub>i</sub> (nM)	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	E <sub>MAX</sub> (%)	K <sub>i</sub> (nM)	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	E <sub>MAX</sub> (%)
α-MSH derived:	4.6	13	96	114	62	95	128	28	107	404	1104	103
<b>TXP-11</b>	1.2	8.9	102	24	53	110	26	18	70	193	625	111
NDP-α-MSH derived:	1.8	11	88	21	17	92	11	1.3	100	7.5	40	28
<b>TXP-35</b>	0.29	2.1	90	2.8	1.7	85	2.7	2.6	78	4.3	4.8	29
<b>TXP-59</b>	0.49	1.4	84	2.7	1.6	93	2.4	0.57	69	113	163	11

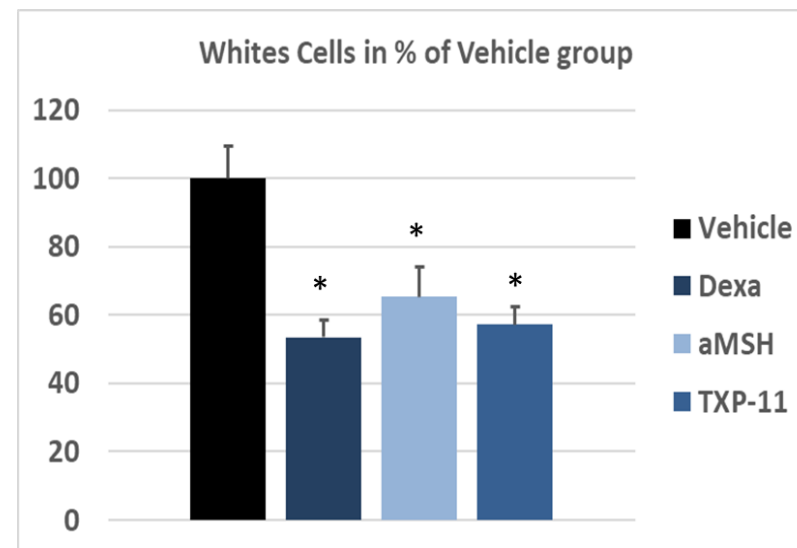
# Anti-inflammatory effects of SynAct Pharma's BAP-modified Melanocortin receptor agonists

## Inhibition of inflammatory responses in murine macrophages

	IL-1 $\beta$	IL-6	TNF- $\alpha$	CCL-2
<b><math>\alpha</math>MSH backbone</b>				
TXP-11	76%	80%	62%	16%
TXP-35	71%	72%	52%	33%
<b><math>\gamma</math>MSH backbone</b>				
TXP-01	80%	86%	72%	49%
TXP-44	76%	74%	66%	42%

Zymosan induced inflammation in murine macrophages-  
maximal inhibitory response relative to vehicle treatment

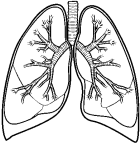


## Treatment effect in model of acute peritonitis



Compounds given iv; n=18 per group  
Mean  $\pm$ SE. \*: p<0,01 vs vehicle

Data on file

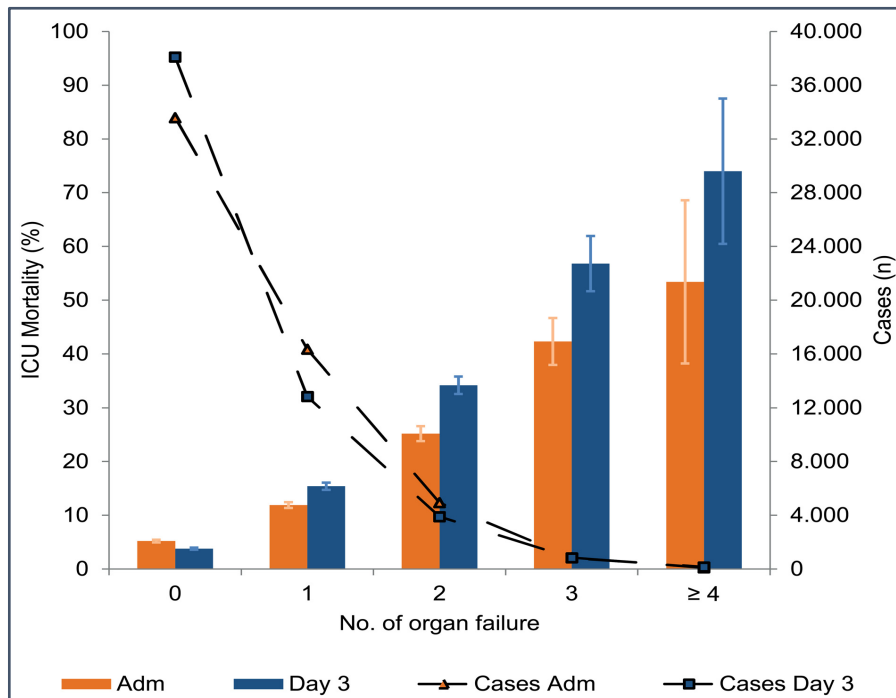
# Peptides to target high unmet needs and high value opportunities

Therapeutic Area	Evidence for Targeting With Melanocortin agonists	Development Strategy
 <b>Critical Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <math>\alpha</math>MSH has demonstrated organ protective effects in several models of systemic inflammation</li><li>▪ An <math>\alpha</math>MSH analogs demonstrated activity in preventing the need for RRT in CABG surgery patients</li><li>▪ Wealth of animal modelling data on <math>\alpha</math>MSH and analogs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Short-term dosing, IV administration and ability for multiple daily doses provide quick straightforward path to clinic</li><li>▪ Ability to target multiple organs/systems including pulmonary, cardiac and renal</li></ul>
 <b>Rheumatology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Complete melanocortin system is expressed in joints</li><li>▪ Demonstrated Acthar efficacy in RA, PSA, lupus, ankylosing spondylitis and myositis</li><li>▪ MC1R and particularly MC3R are believed to be the key MC receptors in the osteoarticular system</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Numerous large and orphan diseases shown to be responsive to melanocortins are treated by rheumatologists</li><li>▪ Diseases are addressable with subcutaneous administration</li></ul>
 <b>Ophthalmology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <math>\alpha</math>MSH is constitutively expressed in eye and has immunomodulating effects on retinal cells</li><li>▪ Acthar demonstrated efficacy in refractory uveitis</li><li>▪ Positive P2 data form competing technology in dry-eye disease (DED)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Large disease conditions like dry eye disease are accessible via eye drops - quicker path to clinic</li><li>▪ Both orphan (non-infectious uveitis) and large (AMD) diseases can be targeted with SC</li></ul>

May establish collaborative efforts in additional therapeutic areas like pulmonary and dermatology

# Postoperative organ dysfunction and failure is a significant source of in-hospital mortality and healthcare system cost

Postoperative Organ Dysfunction/Failure and Associated In-Hospital Mortality From a German National ICU Registry				
Surgery	Status	Pulmonary	Cardiac	Renal
Scheduled	Dysfunction	83%	53%	30%
	Failure	12%	40%	5%
Unscheduled	Dysfunction	85%	56%	36%
	Failure	19%	38%	8%



## Postoperative Organ Dysfunction and Failure

- Organ dysfunction and failure are common surgical complications<sup>1</sup>
- The three primary organs/systems involved in perioperative complications include the pulmonary cardiac and renal systems
- In-hospital mortality from surgical-admissions to the ICU was shown to increase substantially with the number of impaired organs (SOFA Score)
- For postsurgical patients the risk of in-hospital mortality was highest for liver, renal and pulmonary with odds ratios of ~3.1, 2.7 and 2.3 respectively in patients with an ICU LoS > 5 days

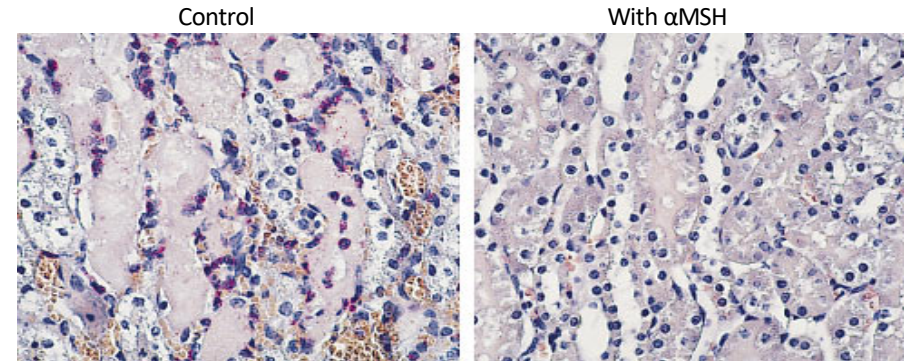
<sup>1</sup>Bingold, et al. (2015) Individual Organ Failure and Concomitant Risk of Mortality Differs According to the Type of Admission to ICU. PLoS ONE 10(8); <sup>2</sup>Figure from and data table adapted from same

# Melanocortin peptide agonists in disease models – marked treatment potential in therapeutic dose regiment

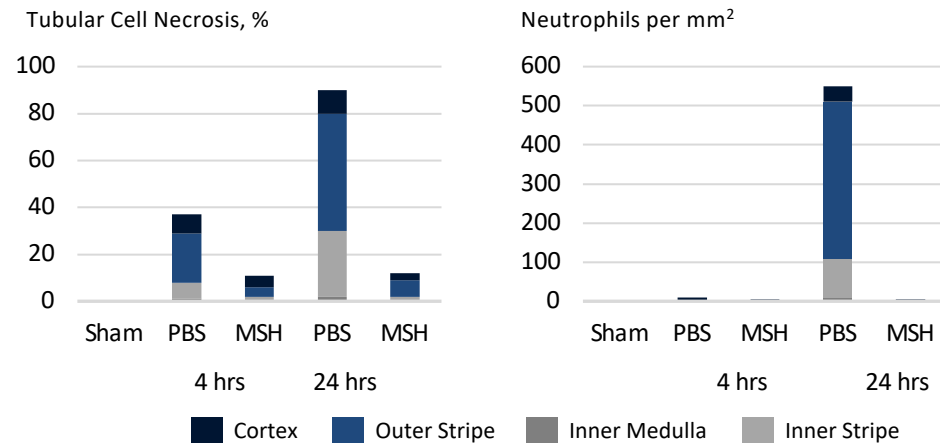
## $\alpha$ MSH is kidney protective in a rodent model of ischemic AKI



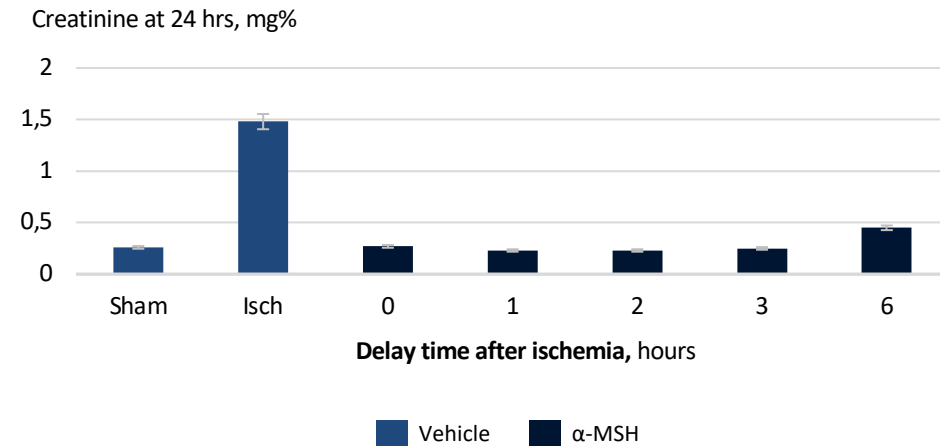
Mice were subjected to bilateral renal ischemia and the first dose of  $\alpha$ MSH was given at time 0 or was delayed from 1-6 hours after reperfusion. All groups received subsequent doses at 6 and 16 hours after clamp removal.



### Significant reduction in the extent of tubular infiltration



### Significant decrease in serum creatinine

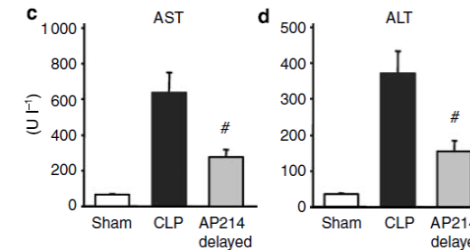
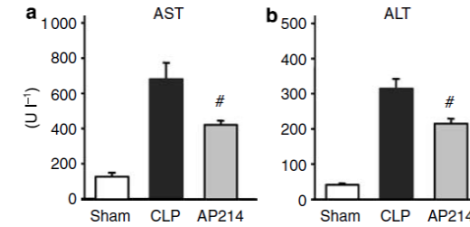
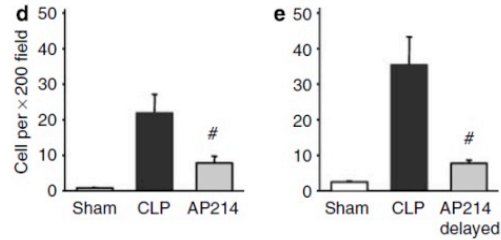
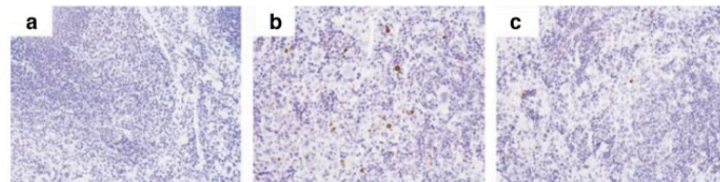




# Marked organ protective effects of the AP214 melanocortin peptide agonist in model of Sepsis

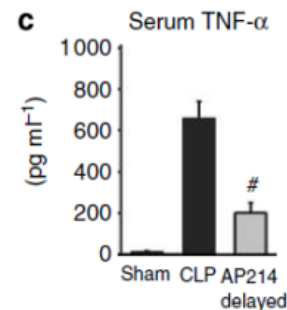
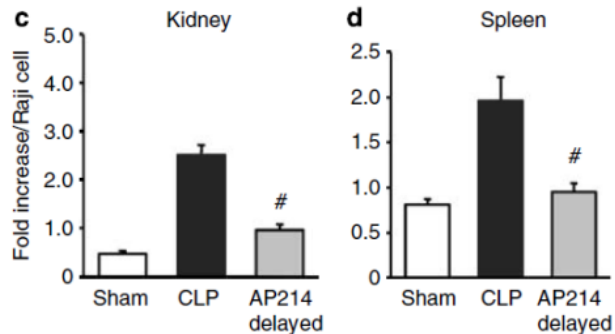
Reduces Splenic Caspase 3 activation

Reduces liver affection



Reduces NF- $\kappa$ B activation

Reduces circulating levels of TNF- $\alpha$



Sepsis were induced in mice by caecal ligation puncture (CLP) and treatment with TXP-1214 (AP214) were given 6 hours later)- Readout collected 24 hours following CLP. Animals were co-treatment with imipenem/cilastatin

# TXP-11 is advancing to Phase 1 clinical development in H1 2024 – Targeting organ dysfunction following major CV Surgery

- Lead candidate in novel class of melanocortin receptor agonists with increased affinity and potency compared to native melanocortins
- Peptide designed by use of IP-protected BAP (Branched Amino-acid Probe) technology
- Anti-inflammatory and pro-resolving effects in relevant experimental models
- TXP-11 is being developed as an intravenous solution for the treatment of organ dysfunction as seen in major surgery and in critical care patients
- Preclinical development including IND enabling tox and GMP production of study medicine has been completed
- Continued supportive pharmacology program to support CTA is ongoing
- **Current development status:**
  - Pharmacology program in additional disease models ongoing
  - toxicology and safety pharmacological studies to support clinical development completed – NOAEL: rat: 25 mg/kg given once daily for 2 weeks ; minipig: 10 mg/kg given as 30 infusion once daily for 2 weeks.
  - CMC development for Phase 1 and 2a studies completed. This includes GMP produced drug substance and production of first clinical batch of drug product

SYNACT PHARMA

INFLAMMATION RESOLUTION

Thank you



# Q&A