UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 8, 2024

Acumen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	001-40551	36-4108129
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

427 Park St., Charlottesville, Virginia	22902
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(434) 297-1000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, $0.0001 par value	**ABOS**	**The Nasdaq Global Select Market**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 8, 2024, Acumen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "**Company**") posted an updated corporate presentation to its website at https://investors.acumenpharm.com/news-events/presentations, which the Company may use from time to time in communications or conferences. This corporate presentation was updated to include additional biomarker data relating to ACU193. A copy of the corporate presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d). Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Corporate Presentation, dated January 8, 2024.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Acumen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Dated: January 8, 2024

By: /s/ Matthew Zuga
Matthew Zuga
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Business Officer

Dan O'Connell, CEO

J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference

January 8, 2024

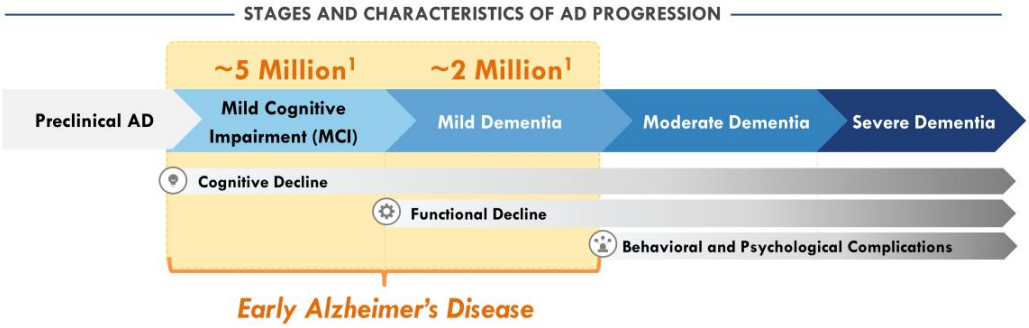
Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statement describing Acumen's goals, expectations, financial or other projections, intentions or beliefs is a forward-looking statement and should be considered an at-risk statement. Words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "could," "would," "seeks," "aims," "plans," "potential," "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning Acumen's business, and Acumen's ability to achieve its strategic and financial goals, including its projected use of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and the expected sufficiency of its cash resources into the second half of 2026, the therapeutic potential of Acumen's product candidate, ACU193, including against other antibodies, the anticipated timeline for initiating a Phase 2 clinical trial of ACU193 and a Phase 1 trial to support a subcutaneous dosing option of ACU193, and the expected use of proceeds from a credit facility. These statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Acumen management, and are subject to certain factors, risks and uncertainties, particularly those inherent in the process of discovering, developing and commercializing safe and effective human therapeutics. Such risks may be amplified by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These and other risks concerning Acumen's programs are described in additional detail in Acumen's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including in Acumen's most recent Annual Report Form 10-K and future filings and reports by Acumen. Copies of these and other documents are available from Acumen. Additional information will be made available in other filings that Acumen makes from time to time with the SEC. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and Acumen expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, except as otherwise required by law, whether, as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In this presentation, references to cash also include cash equivalents.

Advancing a Potential Best-In-Class Antibody Targeting Toxic Amyloid Beta Oligomers (AβOs) for Early Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

- Large market in need of additional treatment options
- ACU193: monoclonal antibody (mAb) highly selective for toxic AβOs
- Positive Phase 1 clinical trial results presented in 2H 2023
- Experienced leadership team with extensive AD drug development experience
- Strong balance sheet supporting clinical development plans for ACU193
- Expect to initiate Phase 2 (IV) and Phase 1 (subcutaneous) studies in 2024

Early AD Patient Population Represents Significant Market Opportunity



Uptake of first-generation, disease modifying, anti-amyloid beta treatment options is expected to increase, while significant unmet need and room for improvement will persist

1. 2021 Alzheimer's Association

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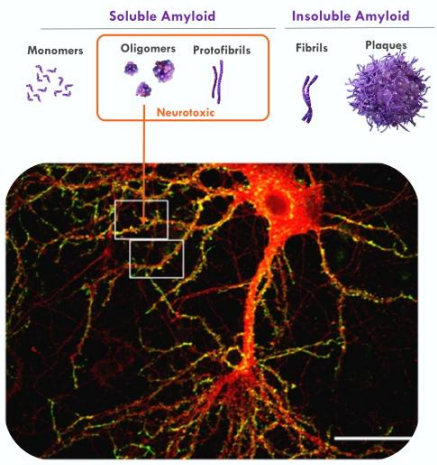
Amyloid Beta Oligomers (AβOs) are Widely Recognized as Highly Toxic Agents in AD Pathophysiology

- ✖ Impair synaptic function[1]
- ✖ Contribute to impairment of memory and cognition[2]
- ✖ Induce tau hyperphosphorylation[3]



Mature hippocampal neuron and toxic AβOs bound to dendritic spines

Image Lacor et al., 2004.

1. Cleary et al., 2005; Townsend et al., 2006; Poling et al., 2008; Reed et al., 2011; Batista et al., 2018.
2. Ferreira, S. T., and Klein, W. L., 2011.
3. De Felice et al., 2008; Zempel et al., 2010; Ochalek et al., 2017.

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ACU193: Potential Best-in-Class Immunotherapy for Early AD

ACU193's High Selectivity for Toxic AβOs May Provide Meaningful Cognitive Efficacy and Improved Safety

Rationally Designed for Improved Efficacy & Safety

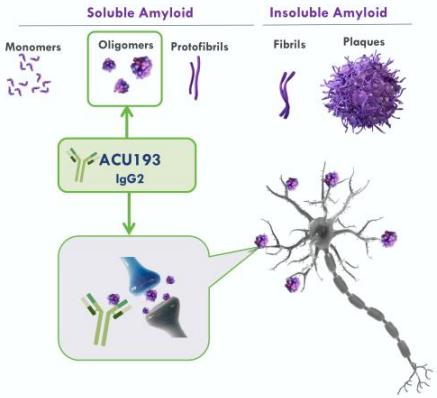
- **Humanized, affinity matured mAb developed to target toxic Aβ oligomers**
- > 500-fold greater selectivity for AβOs over Aβ monomers
- > 85-fold greater selectivity for AβOs over Aβ fibrils
- **IgG2 subclass mAb with reduced effector function**

Large Pharma Discovery

- **ACU193 discovered in collaboration with Merck & Co.**
- Acumen holds exclusive program rights with no future financial or other obligations due to Merck

Encouraging FDA Interactions

- **FDA Fast Track designation for the treatment of early Alzheimer's disease**
- **FDA End of Phase 2 meeting in 4Q 2023**



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INTERCEPT-AD Phase 1 Data Support Potential for ACU193 to Offer Best-in-Class Efficacy and Safety

Key Takeaways from INTERCEPT-AD

Potential for Differentiated Efficacy	✓ First mAb to demonstrate selective target engagement of AβOs (most toxic form of Aβ) ✓ Rapid, significant plaque reduction comparable to the current market front-runners at similar timepoints ✓ Movement of AD biomarkers in CSF and plasma are a strong indication of downstream effects – amyloid, tau, synaptic
Potential for Differentiated Safety	✓ Compelling safety profile with low incidence of ARIA-E ✓ Absence of ARIA-E observed in ApoE4 homozygotes ✓ Broad therapeutic index with convenient monthly dosing

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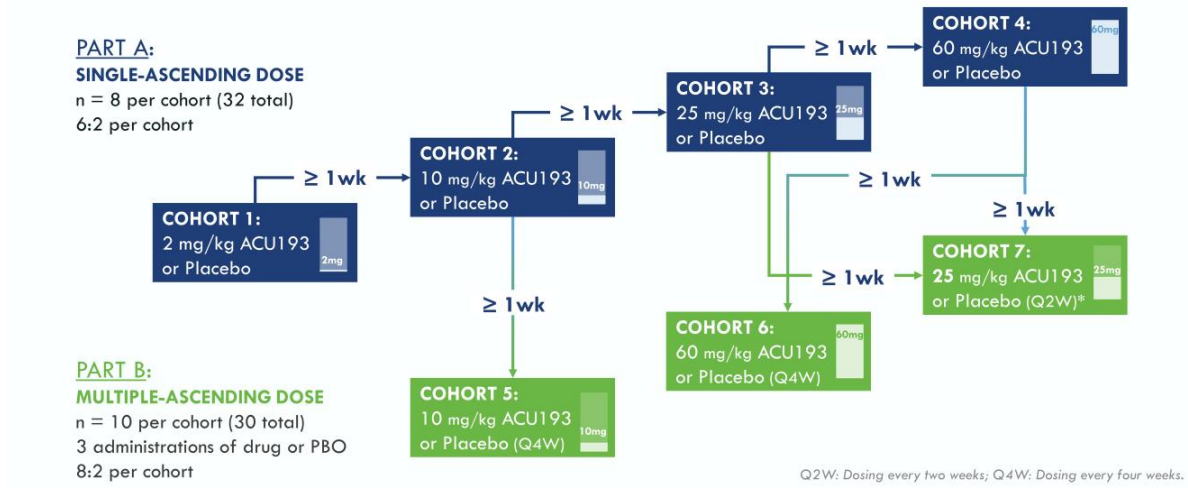
INTERCEPT-AD: A Randomized Placebo Controlled Phase 1 in Early AD Patients



Q2W: Dosing every two weeks; Q4W: Dosing every four weeks.

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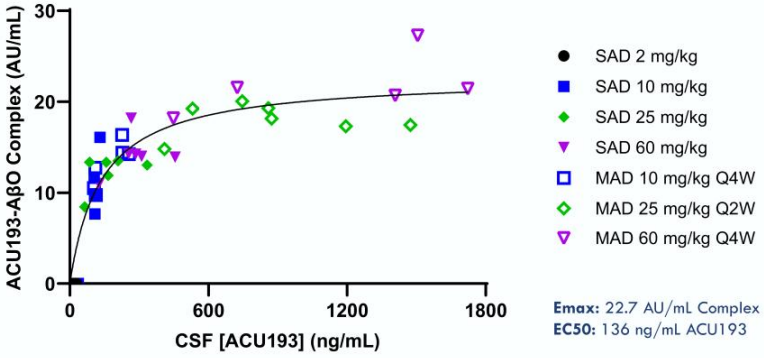
Doses Approaching Maximal Target Engagement Support ACU193 AβO Mechanism and Helped Guide Dose Selection for Next Study Phase

Target Engagement

ACU193-AβO Complex

Single & Multiple Dose Cohorts - Exposure Response Relationship (Emax Model)



Emax: 22.7 AU/mL Complex
EC50: 136 ng/mL ACU193

*One patient from Cohort 5 (10 mg/kg Q4W) excluded because only received one administration of drug (study drug discontinued after lacunar infarct).

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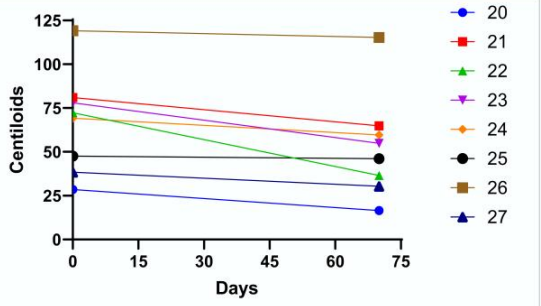
Nearly All ACU193-Treated Patients in High Dose MAD Cohorts Showed Reductions in Plaque Load After Three Doses at 63 or 70 days

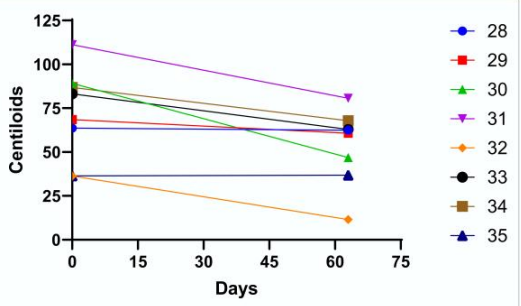
25 mg/kg Q2W MAD



Mean reduction in amyloid plaque

Δ (absolute value, centiloids)	13.7
Δ (%, centiloids)	20.6%

60 mg/kg Q4W MAD



Mean reduction in amyloid plaque

Δ (absolute value, centiloids)	18.1
Δ (%, centiloids)	25.6%

Plaque load based on florbetapir PET

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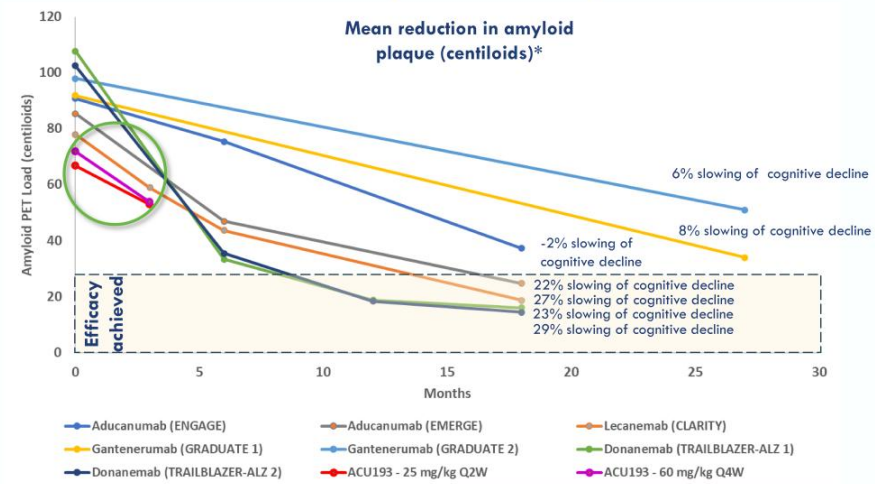
PLAQUE REDUCTION

ACU193 Highest Doses Reduced Amyloid Plaque at Similar Rate and Magnitude to Lecanemab at Comparable Timepoints



Acumen Pharmaceuticals, data on file; van Dyck (2023), NEJM (amyloid PET reduction estimated from graphs).

*There have been no head-to-head clinical trials between the product candidates listed above. Study designs and protocols for each product candidate were different, and as a result, results may not be comparable between product candidates.

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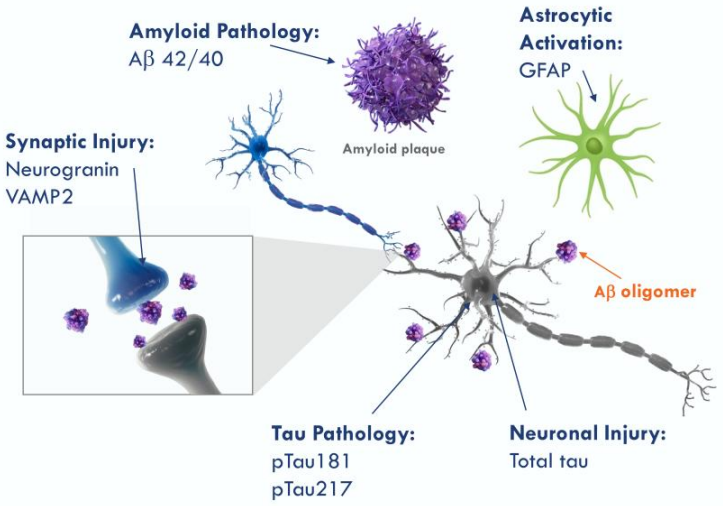
Importance of Key Fluid Biomarkers Associated with AD Pathology

- Biomarkers from cerebrospinal fluid and plasma capture neuronal, synaptic, and axonal injury and reflect the cumulative outcome of different pathological substrates in AD[1]
- Evidence suggests that biomarkers are likely to be better predictors of the underlying pathology of AD than imaging alone[2]
- **After just three administrations of ACU193, patients with early AD demonstrated improvements in biomarkers associated with AD pathology**



1. Tarawneh, R. Biomarkers: Our Path Towards a Cure for Alzheimer Disease. Biomarker Insights Volume 15: 1–15. 2020; 2. Blennow K, Zetterberg H. The Past and the Future of Alzheimer's Disease Fluid Biomarkers. J Alzheimers Dis. 2018;62(3):1125-1140.

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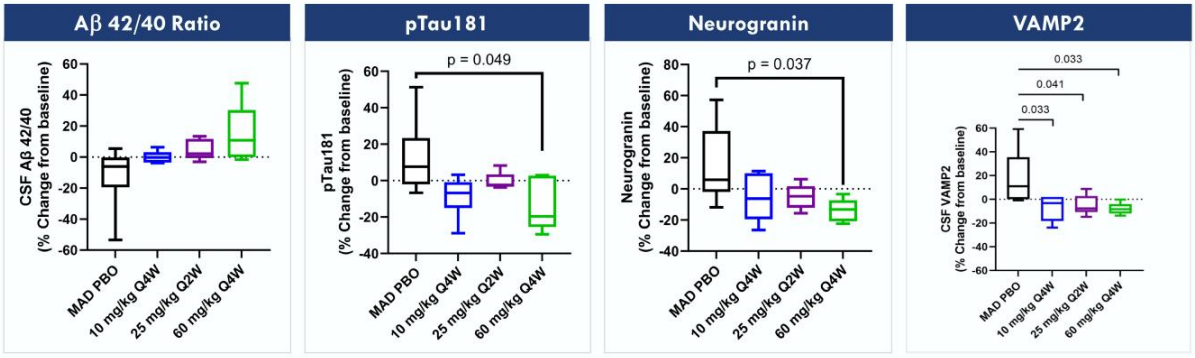
Consistent Changes in CSF Amyloid, Tau and Synaptic Biomarkers Indicate Downstream Pharmacology of ACU193 After Only Three Doses



Amyloid pathology *Tau pathology* *Synaptic injury*

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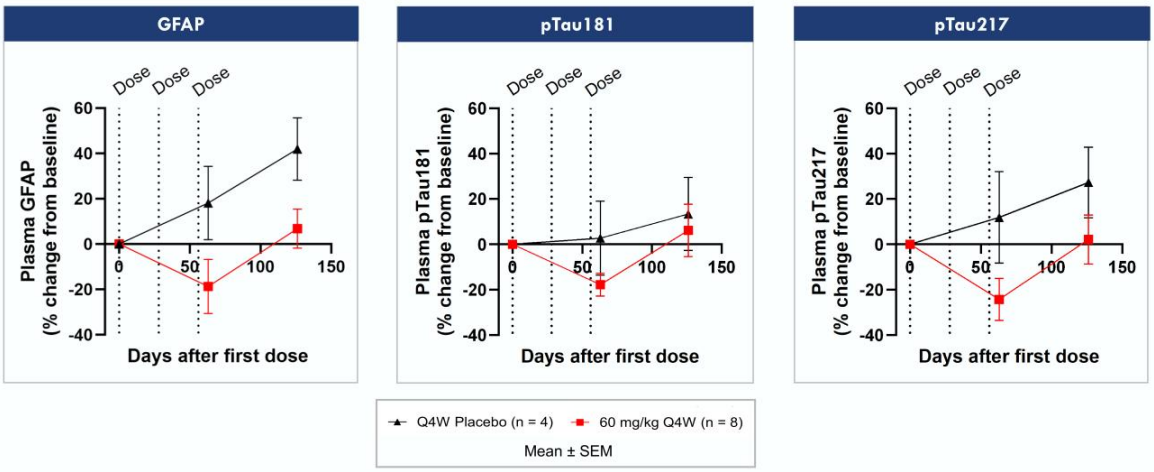
PLASMA BIOMARKERS

Consistent Drug Effects Observed in Plasma Biomarkers in 60 mg/kg MAD Cohort

After Dosing Completed, Biomarkers Rebounded, Supportive of ACU193 Drug Effect



No trends observed for plasma Aβ 42/40 (drug interference testing pending); no consistent trends observed in 10 mg/kg Q4W or 25 mg/kg Q2W

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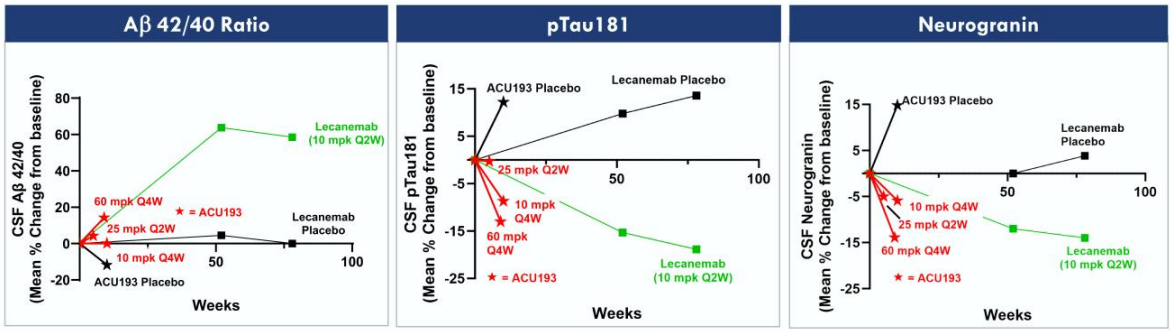
CSF BIOMARKERS

ACU193 Compares Favorably on CSF Aβ 42/40 Ratio, pTau181 and Neurogranin at Early Timepoints to Lecanemab*



Lecanemab values from CLARITY, estimated from AAIC 2023 presentation (Michael Irizarry)

*There have been no head-to-head clinical trials between ACU193 and Lecanemab. Study designs and protocols for each product candidate were different, and results may not be comparable between product candidate.

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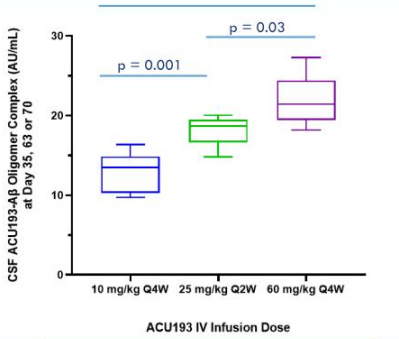
Key Takeaway: ACU193 Demonstrates Potential for Best-in-Class Efficacy

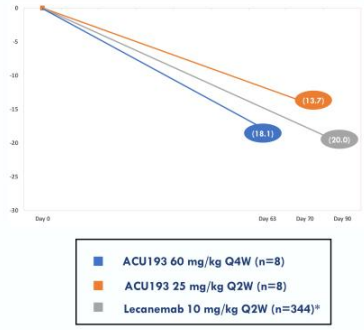
Engaged Toxic AβOs, Reduced Plaque at Comparable Rates to Market Leader, and Demonstrated Strong Downstream Pharmacology

Target Engagement in CSF



Toxic amyloid beta oligomers engaged in dose-proportional manner in CSF and reached near-maximal effect

Plaque Reduction



ACU193 60 mg/kg Q4W (n=8)
ACU193 25 mg/kg Q2W (n=8)
Lecanemab 10 mg/kg Q2W (n=344)*

*Highest doses of ACU193 demonstrated reduction in amyloid plaque comparable to lecanemab at similar timepoints**

Biomarker Effects

Markers of amyloid plaque load
- Amyloid PET load (Centiloids)
- CSF Aβ 42/40 ratio

Markers of tau pathology
- CSF and plasma p-tau181
- Plasma p-tau217

Markers of synaptic and neuronal injury
- CSF neurogranin
- CSF VAMP-2
- Plasma GFAP

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SAFETY

ACU193 Demonstrates Potential for Best-in-Class Safety

Compelling Overall Safety Profile, with Low Incidence of ARIA-E

INTERCEPT-AD Phase 1 Safety Data

5 Total ARIA-E cases, or ~10%

0 Cases of ARIA-E in ApoE4 homozygotes N=6

0 Deaths, SAEs Related to Study Drug

✓ **Limited incidence of ARIA-E**
- 10 mg/kg Q4W: 1 asymptomatic case
- 25 mg/kg Q2W: 1 asymptomatic case
- 60 mg/kg Q4W: 2 asymptomatic cases; 1 symptomatic case

✓ **No ARIA-E observed in ApoE4 homozygotes (n=6), despite comprising 13% of study**
- Differentiated from other antibodies that have ARIA-E rates ~30% to ~40% in participants who are E4-homozygotes

✓ **Broad therapeutic index** with convenient monthly dosing
- Safety profile may support attractive benefit/risk option for large portion of patients

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Experienced Clinical, Regulatory and Development Leaders with Substantial Experience Executing Early Through Late-Stage Alzheimer's Disease Trials

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Strong execution in 2023 achieved successful Phase 1 results, encouraging EOP2 feedback from FDA on future development plans and a partnership to develop a subcutaneous administration of ACU193

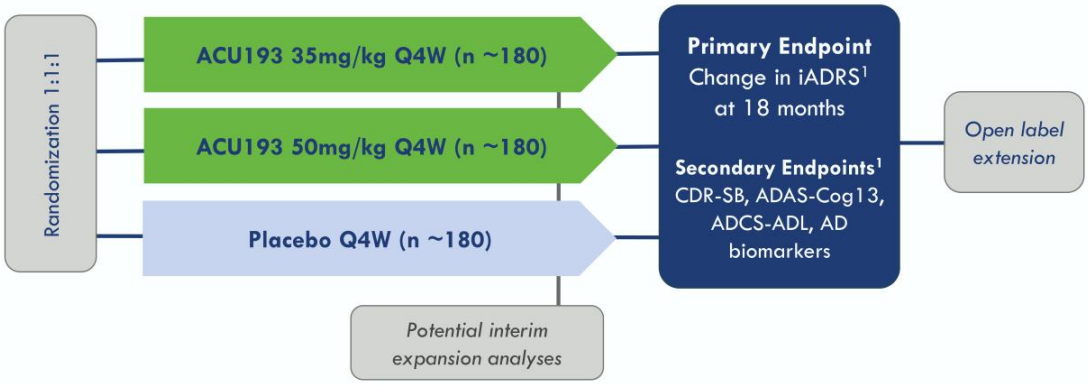
Acumen has the Expertise and Resources to Advance ACU193 into the Second Half of 2026

Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of Sept 30, 2023	~$283M
Debt financing secured from K2 HealthVentures in November 2023	up to $50M Debt financing

Strong Balance Sheet and High-Quality Life Sciences Investor Syndicate

ALTITUDE-AD Phase 2/3 Study Design

Objective: To evaluate the clinical efficacy, safety and tolerability of ACU193
Patient population: Patients with early AD (MCI or mild dementia due to early AD)



1. iADRS: Integrated Alzheimer's Disease Rating Scale; CDR-SB: Clinical Dementia Rating – Sum of Boxes; ADAS-cog: Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale – Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL: Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study – Activities of Daily Living

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ACU193 Subcutaneous Formulation Under Development in Collaboration with Halozyme

Potential to Broaden Patient Access and Increase Treatment Convenience

- Announced partnership with Halozyme in November 2023 to develop subcutaneous dosing option for ACU193
- Halozyme's drug delivery technology, ENHANZE®, is commercially validated in seven approved therapies, with global collaborations covering more than 60 therapeutic targets
- Current ACU193 potential target product profile inclusive of no more than single weekly injection

Plan to initiate Phase 1 bioavailability study in mid-2024 comparing the pharmacokinetics of subcutaneous forms of ACU193 to the IV form

Summary

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Significant and growing Alzheimer's population in need of additional treatment options
- ✓ ACU193 demonstrates high selectivity for toxic AβOs in AD patients
- ✓ Highly experienced clinical, regulatory and development leaders driving ACU193's development
- ✓ **Potential for ACU193 to offer best-in-class efficacy and safety strengthened by positive Phase 1 data**

Next Steps

- ➡ Anticipate Phase 2/3 clinical study, ALTITUDE-AD, initiation in 1H 2024

  Two treatment arms versus placebo: 50 mg/kg Q4W and 35 mg/kg Q4W

- ➡ Anticipate Phase 1 subcutaneous clinical study initiation in mid-2024

Thank you

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