## circio

# First half 2023 presentation

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#### Circio - an innovator in next generation circular RNA therapeutics

An innovator in next generation circular RNA therapeutics **Strategy**: a strategic shift was announced to prioritize and accelerate the circRNA program over the legacy clinical stage immunotherapy programs

Rebranding: The company was rebranded as Circio, with new OSE ticker CRNA

**circRNA**: Technical proof-of-concept was established for novel circVec vector designs, including demonstrating 15X extended half-life vs. mRNA in vitro

**Intellectual property:** The circRNA IP portfolio was strengthened by filing of a patent application covering a novel circVec vector type

**Cancer vaccine TGO1**: The first patient was dosed in two collaborative clinical studies in mutant RAS cancers in the USA and Norway

Despite challenging market conditions, Circio secured access to a convertible financing facility of up to NOK 300m



## Circio has called a reduced second tranche of NOK 21.5m, securing funding to 1Q 2023



\* To compensate for increased risk due to low trading volume

### Financial update

2. circRNA update



## Key figures first half 2023

NOK m	1H22	2H22	1H23
Total revenue	0	10	0
R&D expenses <sup>1</sup>	-23	24	-42
Payroll and related expenses	-30	-22	-22
Other operation expenses <sup>2</sup>	-7	-398	-8
Total operating expenses	-60	-444	-73
Operation loss	-60	-434	-73
Net financial items	0	-2	-3
Loss before income tax	-60	-436	-76
Net change in cash	-56	-60	-35
Net cash EOP	126	66	31

### **1H Financial snapshot**



Shareholder base

	Estimated ownership <sup>1</sup>		
Shareholder	Shares million	Ownership	
Høse AS	11.7	5.8 %	
Nordnet Bank AB (nom.)	5.6	2.8 %	
Bækkelaget Holding	5.5	2.7 %	
Andreassen, Jon-Arild	5.2	2.6 %	
Goldman Sachs Int (nom.)	5.2	2.6 %	
Citibank, N.A.	5.1	2.5 %	
RadForsk	4.4	2.2 %	
Nordnet Livsforsikring	2.6	1.3 %	
Danske Bank (nom.)	2.4	1.2 %	
Vaktmestergruppen	2.2	1.1 %	
10 largest shareholders	50.0	24.8 %	
Other shareholders (6 333)	152.1	75.2 %	
Total shareholders	202.1	100.0 %	

1 As per 18 August 2023

traded Average last 12 months

NOK million

**USD** million

### circRNA update



#### Despite tough market conditions, RNA-based financings have increased sharply during 2021-23



Source: BioEquity Note: Other includes ASOs, saRNAs and tRNA private financing deals

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#### circRNA is gaining momentum as a superior mRNA platform



### circRNA provides a toolbox to create a novel class of medicines



#### circVec – Circio`s proprietary vector system for intra-cellular protein expression



circVec DNA or viral vector

Inject

circRNA biogenesis

Intra-cellular protein expression

### circVec is a modular genetic cassette for intracellular circRNA biogenesis and protein expression



Genetic cassette design

Multi-functional circRNA design

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- Strong transcription rate
- Best known circRNA biogenesis
- In-built RNAi functionality
- Vector agnostic applicable to a variety of DNA and viral systems
- IP filed 4Q<sup>22</sup>
- 15x extended half-life vs. mRNA
- Enhanced and prolonged protein expression
- Sponging of miRNAs
- Regulatory functionality

## circVec achieves 15x prolonged circRNA half-life and increased protein expression vs. mRNA *in vitro*



Accumulation of circVec circRNA and protein payload over time, RT-PCR and Western blot



circRNA outperforms mRNA in vitro – confirmatory in vivo experiments ongoing

### circVec starting point is based on nature`s best design



Screening of most effective circRNA-producing sequences invented by nature



## circVec design has been systematically optimized for circRNA biogenesis and protein expression

Design optimization for circRNA biogenesis circRNA-specific RT-PCR



Design optimization for protein expression Western blot, circRNA protein payload



Efficient circRNA designs outperform mRNA Western blot, protein expression



## circVec offers clear advantages in multiple therapeutic areas, and opens new opportunities for circRNA



"Remove-and-replace" concept with durability and safety advantages

Major long-term potential

Efficient and durable expression of therapeutic proteins in solid tumors

Fastest path to clinic

Enhanced potency, single dose vaccine concept with simplified administration

Early partnering option

Designed for intra-cellular circRNA supply, durable protein expression and targeted regulatory functionality

Screening and prioritization ongoing to identify target rare diseases suitable for circVec approach

#### **Initial Screening**



## In vivo testing of circRNA vectors: design and timelines



## Circio has a unique edge in the emerging circRNA field



World-leading experts in-house with over 10 years experience in circRNA biology
Led by circRNA discoverer and pioneer Dr. Thomas B Hansen

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Differentiated vector delivery platform opening new therapeutic areas for circRNA
Potential applications in rare disease, cancer gene therapy and vaccines

• Efficient circRNA biogenesis and H2H superiority vs. mRNA demonstrated in vitro

• Unique, multifunctional "remove-and-replace" therapeutic concept for rare disease

In vivo circRNA data in multiple settings in 2H 2023 (H2H vs mRNA vector)

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- Comparative protein expression level and durability in solid tumors
- Comparative antigen expression and immunogenicity for vaccine concept
- Comparative protein and reporter expression from non-viral vector