



COMPANY INTRODUCTION

VSR: an Innovative Biotech Discovery Company

VSR's business model: two main components

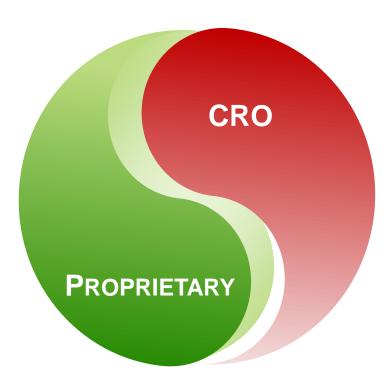




Discovery of innovative small molecules of plant origin

Iterative molecular **engineering** and re-combination

Medium/long-term investments





Tailored, end-to-end new asset design and patenting

Co-discovery of new assets and support to own research

Short-term cash generation

Areas of expertise: Biopharma, Nutraceuticals, Food & Agritech, Animal Health

Our pipeline: fourteen projects, three ready for *in vivo* development





STAGES

CURRENT

PROJECTS

1. CONCEPTION

- Anti-microbial drugs (for antibiotics-resistant bacteria)
- Tools for regenerative medicine enhancement
- Guanylyl Cyclase C agonists
- Livestock protection tech (alternative to antibiotics)
- Cherry tomato-based nutraceuticals
- Crop protection and detoxification technology

2. DISCOVERY

- Neurodegenerative disease prevention drugs (anti-inflammatory)
- Anti-ageing (antioxidants) drugs and cosmeceuticals
- Chemotherapy / radiotherapy toxicity prevention drugs
- Pomegranate waste valorisation technology

3. VALIDATION

Therapy for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (intestinal mucosal barrier)

4. PATENTING

(ready for in vivo dev.)

- Target therapies for solid tumours (15+)
- Immunomodulation drugs
- Cationic exchange resins





Growth model: four potential options





PARTNERING & **CO-DEVELOPMENT**



- Early tailoring of technology to market / partner needs
- Accelerated R&D through synergies
- Possibility to leverage different geographies

DIRECT **FUNDRAISING**

- Diversified pipeline
- Flexible business model
- Outstanding R&D team
- Experienced, dedicated mgmt team



OUT **LICENSING**

- Wide portfolio of opportunities
- Support in iterative technological evolution

NewCo(s) **INCORPORATION**



- Focused on specific, IPprotected asset's pre-clinical and clinical development
- Dedicated talent sourcing
- Access to VSR's know-how and laboratory capabilities
- Flexible governance and localization options

Currently seeking investors to accelerate growth and pipeline development



Contract research: end-to-end solutions and ad hoc research services, depending on Client needs





END-TO-END SOLUTIONS



4. LEAD / PROTOTYPE OPTIMIZATION

AD HOC RESEARCH SERVICES

BASIC RESEARCH

- Gene expression
- Immunoassay
- Epithelial Barrier
- Proteomic
- Signal Transduction

DRUG DISCOVERY

- Drug Synthesis
- Cytotoxicity Assays
- Efficacy & Side Effects
- Lead Compound Screening
- Target Identification
- Mechanisms of Action

- Cell Death & Apoptosis
- Cell Migration
- Cell Invasion
- Cell Proliferation
- Cell Adhesion

PRECLINICAL RESEARCH

- PoC¹ Studies
- Toxicology Studies
- Animal Models of Disease
- PK & PD² Testing
- Animal Imaging

2. PK: Pharmacokinetics; PD: Pharmacodynamics

^{1.} PoC: Proof of Concept

Case studies: examples of contract research projects





CASES

1. BIOPHARMA

2. AGRITECH

3. ANIMAL HEALTH

BACKGROUND

Heritable Kidney Disorders are mostly **chronic**, **uncurable diseases** with negative prognosis

Lemon and its derivatives possess **micronutrients** with unexploited nutraceutical / pharma properties

Farm animals experience **intensive** sanitation procedures with harmful effects for human health

OBJECTIVE

Discover new pharmacological treatments to improve clinical patient management

Assess the **chemical fingerprint** of lemon **products and byproducts** (juice, pulp, peel)

Assess and improve current feeds in terms of animal health and quality / safety of food derivatives

KEY RESULTS **New molecular targets** identified and validated, to be translated into novel therapeutic strategies

Knowledge of nutraceutical potential and strategy to **maximize lemon production value** (including waste)

Innovative, antibiotic-free biofeeds for the regular diet of farm animals







Team and partners







General Management







Business Development



Giovanni M. Pitari Research & Development

Expertise:

- Basic & Clinical Pharmacology
- Translational Medicine
- Professor, Thomas Jefferson University (USA)
- Principal Investigator in International Cancer Projects
- Inventor, 5 PCT-level Patents (40% success rate)



Finance & Administration





LABORATORY



Genetics



Immunology



MedChem

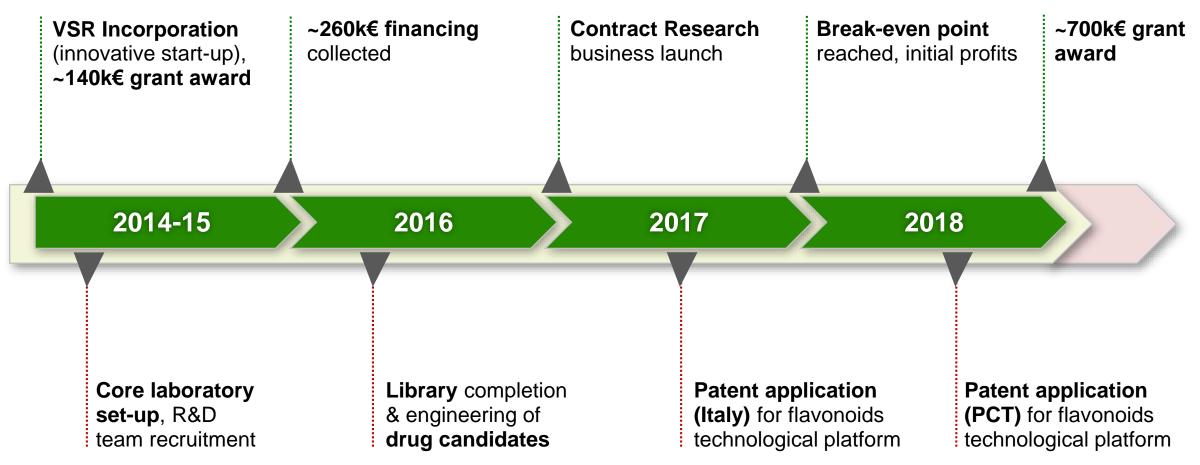




Our history and results achieved so far



KEY CORPORATE MILESTONES



KEY SCIENTIFIC MILESTONES



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