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***Rapid Drug Discovery with
proprietary medicinal chemistry***

**Alchemedicine, Inc.
Keigo TANAKA
*'Alchemist of medicine'***

➤ Corporate Information

- Founded in April 2019
- Located in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan
- Spin-off biotech from Eisai
- Closed Series A in February 2021: Total 9.5M USD

➤ R&D

- Core technology: Proprietary medicinal chemistry enabling rapid discovery of drug candidates
- Diverse drug discovery programs without disease foci
- Completed lead optimization for internal **four programs in two years** and started external collaboration under MTA

- Built a foundation of HiSAP through the discovery of novel organic reactions/reagents since 2003
- Combination of above exclusive technologies and application know-how is the key for rapid discovery of drug candidates from existing drugs

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HETERO-FUSED CYCLIC COMPOUND

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employing a large excess of the organoboron reagent.^{7a}
Tanaka extended the scope of the reaction to an intramo-
lecular Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling with sodium al-

Founder TANAKA: Introduced as one of the major contributors who extended the scope of Nobel-prize-awarded Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction



* >10-fold improvement of drug profiles with similar or better pharmacological activity.

Example: approved drug A


- Package insert 'Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors'
- Drug interactions with CYP3A4 substrates in human
- Low solubility leading to non-linear PK profile

	Approved drug A	Optimized with HiSAP [®]
CYP3A4 irreversible inhibition	Yes (<1 μ M)	No (>10 μ M)
Solubility (μ M, pH=7.4)	1	6
inhibition of target receptor at 100 nM (%)	50	60

Technology POC **after** starting our business



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Program	Key issue of known compounds		
A	Efficacy DMPK	Pharmacological activity	100%
B		BBB penetration	0.05
C		Cell permeability	0.03
D		Solubility in water	1
E		Drug-drug interaction	0.31
F	Side effect	Atrial fibrillation	4.3
G		Neutropenia	92
H		Liver injury	54
I		Target selectivity	72
J		Target selectivity	4
			2400%
			1.1
			2.8
			>100
			12
			>100
			<1
			1
			1500
			>67

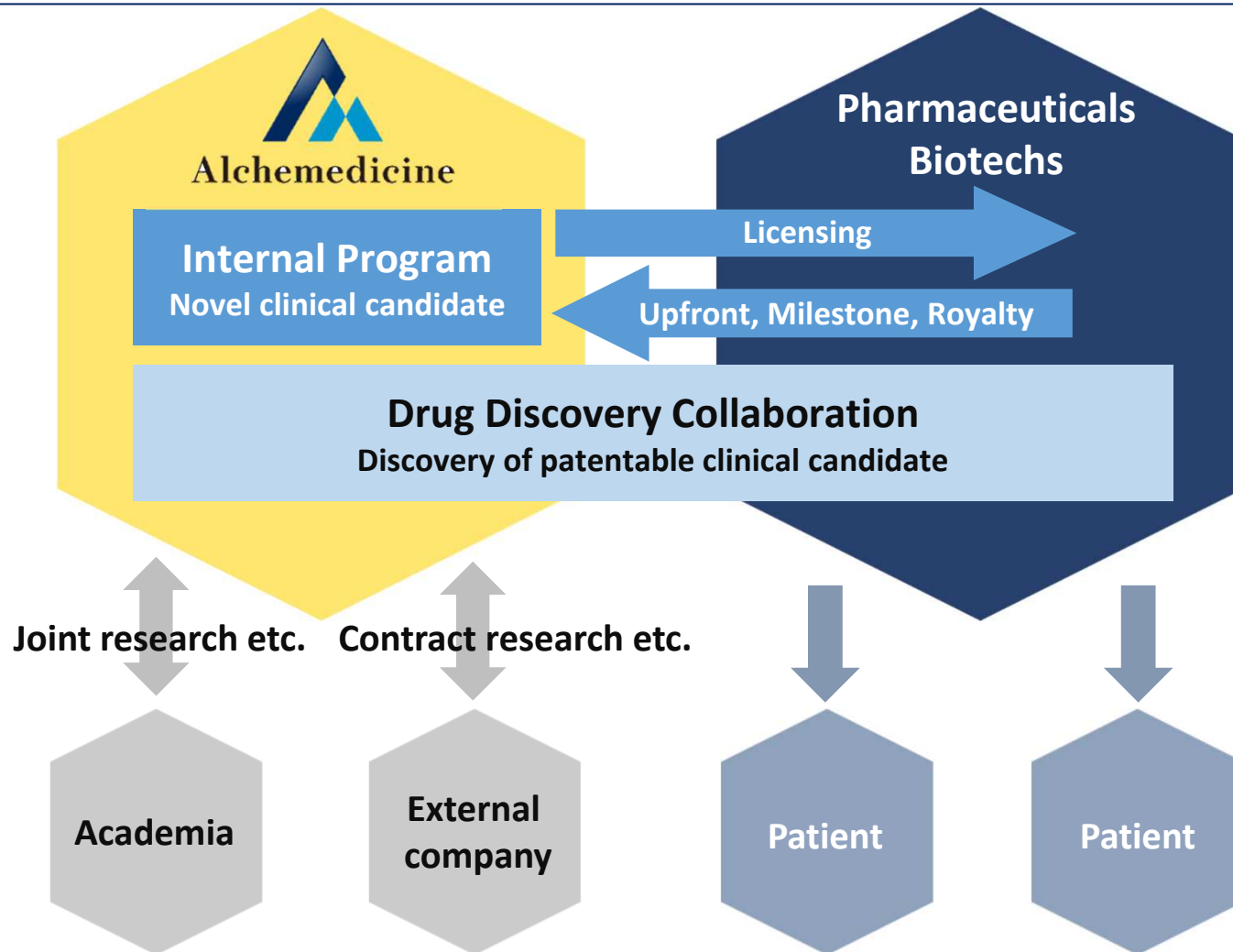
Current status of internal program

➤ **MTA-ready for four compounds in two years**

Program	Disease area	Exploratory			Preclinical	Clinical
		Differentiated Lead Generation	Lead Optimization	Major pharmacology and prelim tox	Preclinical studies	Clinical studies
1	Metabolism	➔			<div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Started collaboration with pharma companies under MTA </div>	
2	Eye	➔				
3	Cardiovascular	➔				
4	Cancer	➔				
5	Cardiovascular	➔				
6	CNS	➔				
7	Metabolism	➔				
8	Immunology	➔				
9	Bone	➔				
10	Metabolism	➔				
11	CNS	➔				
12	gastrointestinal	➔				

Business model

- **Out-license of novel clinical candidate from internal program**
- **Collaboration aiming for the discovery of novel clinical candidate**



We welcome collaboration:

- **License of internal drug candidates**
 - **MTA-ready four compounds**
 - **Disease area: metabolism, eye, cardiovascular, cancer**

- **Joint program aiming for the rapid discovery of drug candidates from existing compounds**
 - **Low efficacy, safety issues, etc.**
 - **Estimated timeline for medicinal chemistry**
 - **Five months for the discovery of differentiated and patentable lead compound**