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### **About Us**

#### Innovative biopharmaceutical company

Focused on next-generation bio-therapeutic solutions for tissue repair and regeneration

#### **Diversified and differentiated product portfolio**

Clinically and commercially validated bio-active therapies targeting unmet medical needs in burn care, wound care, and tissue repair

#### Proprietary enzymatic platform technology

State-of-the-art, cGMP certified sterile manufacturing facility

Strong management with proven execution capabilities

### **Diversified Portfolio of Differentiated Product**



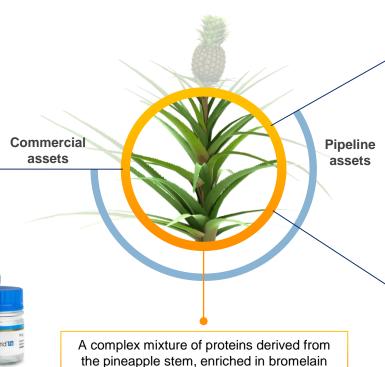
#### Next generation of burn care

Indication: Eschar removal of deep partial and full thickness burns

Classification: Biological orphan drug

Target audience: Hospitalized patients Development status: EU and international market approvals in hand; BLA accepted for filing by the FDA, with a PDUFA goal date of June 29, 2021





**EscharEx Bioactive debridement agent** Indication: Debridement of chronic/hard-to-heal wounds (VLU's/DFU's/pressure ulcers) Classification: Biological drug candidate Target audience: Outpatient setting **Development status:** U.S. Phase II adaptive design study underway EscharEx . Investigational Drug, not approved in any jurisdiction

#### **MWPC005**

**Topical enzymatic biotherapy** 

Indication: Treatment of non-melanoma skin cancer

Classification: Biological drug candidate

Target audience: Outpatient setting

Development status: U.S. Phase I/II study initiation is planned for 2Q 2021



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### **Today's Agenda**

#### Introduction

Sharon Malka, CEO, MediWound

Current Chronic Wounds Debridement Practice Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., Ph.D., University of Miami

#### Market Landscape Analysis

Ilina Sen, Sr. Director, Huron Consulting Group

#### EscharEx In-vivo H-t-H Comparator Study

Adam J. Singer, M.D., Stony Brook University

The Biofilm Opportunity Robert J. Snyder, D.P.M., M.Sc., Barry University

#### MediWound Business Update

Sharon Malka, CEO, MediWound



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**Experts Panel Discussion and Q&A** 



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# Current Chronic Wound Debridement Practices

Robert S. Kirsner, M.D., PhD Chairman & Harvey Blank Professor Dr. Phillip Frost Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Miami, Florida



# Brief Biography

- SAWC Co-Chairperson 25+ years
- International Steering Committee WUWHS
- Largest Wound Healing Research Program in US
- Former Head Advisory Committee Largest WH Service Company in US
- Led Major RCTs, Clinical and Humanitarian Efforts



## **The Clinical Problem**

### **Diabetic Foot Ulcers**



### **Venous Leg Ulcers**





## **Common Chronic Wounds**

High prevalence

High cost

High complications



## **Impact of Chronic Wounds**

## Chronic wounds affect 6 million Americans each year

## Cost > \$40 billion



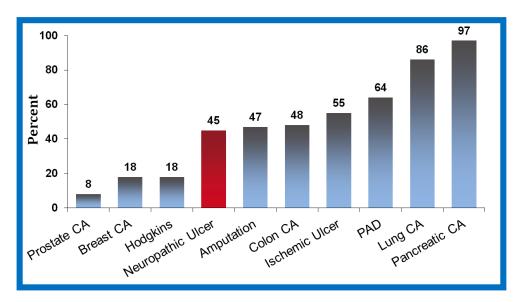
Sen et al: Wound Repair Regen. 2009;17(6):763-71

## **Mortality Rates**



**Diabetic Neuropathic Ulcer** 

Foot ulcers from diabetes have higher mortality rate (45% over 5 years) than many cancers, including breast and prostate!



CA = carcinoma; PAD = peripheral artery disease.Armstrong DG, et al. *Int Wound J.* 2007;4(4):286-287.



Robbins JM, Strauss G, Aron D, Long J, Kuba J, Kaplan Y. J Am Podiatr Med Assoc. 2008 Nov-Dec

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#### Original article

Burden of venous leg ulcers in the United States

Table 5. Estimated annual incidence of VLU in Medicare and private insurance.

23		Medicare			Private insurance		
	Year	New patients <sup>a</sup>	Total patients <sup>b</sup>	Incidence <sup>c</sup>	New patients <sup>a</sup>	Total patients <sup>b</sup>	Incidence <sup>c</sup>
	2007 2008 2009 2010 Total	23,644 23,348 24,369 	1,116,983 1,094,325 1,089,946 	2.1% 2.1% 2.2%	8322 7556 7592 10,009 33,479	1,917,988 1,545,801 1,507,734 1,656,530 6,628,053	0.4% 0.5% 0.5% 0.6% 0.5%

<sup>a</sup>New patients defined as those with at least one VLU diagnosis in the calendar year but no VLU diagnosis in the previous year. Patients were also required to meet other sample selection criteria (in terms of age restrictions and enrollment).

<sup>b</sup>Total patients were defined as those with at least one medical claim and continuous non-HMO insurance coverage in the year of estimation as well as the previous year.

°Incidence was calculated by dividing the number of new patients by the number of total patients in the calendar year.

## Venous leg ulcers: Prevalence = 2.2 million patients annually in US

VLU = venous leg ulcer. Rice JB, et al. *J Med Econ*. 2014;17(5):347-356. Singer AJ, Tassiopoulos A, Kirsner RS. N Engl J Med. 2017;377:1559-1567





Incremental costs of VLU: \$6000-\$7000



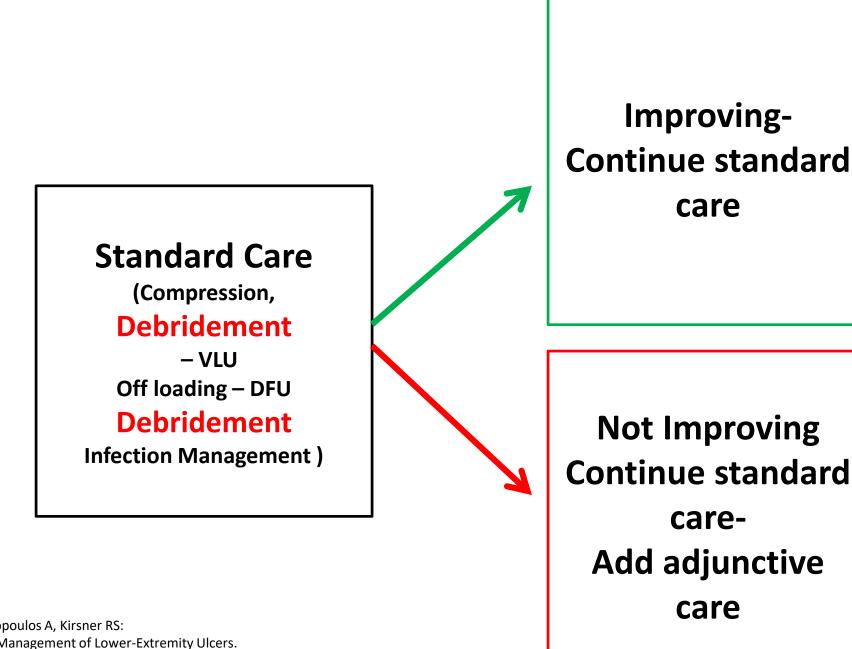
- Increased work loss days: 4 per patient
- Total incremental costs of VLU: \$14.9B



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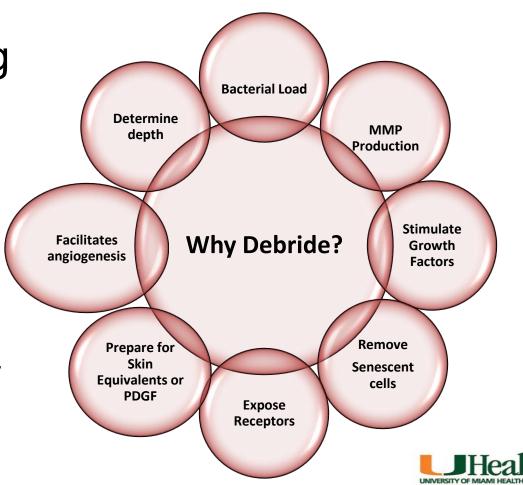




Singer AJ, Tassiopoulos A, Kirsner RS: Evaluation and Management of Lower-Extremity Ulcers. NEJM 2017:377:1559-1567

## **Goal of Debridement**

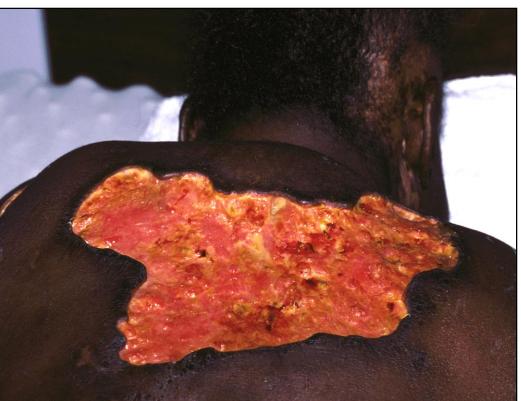
- To remove necrotic tissue and to expose and stimulate functional dividing and migrating cells
- To reduce surface bioburden
- To reduce inflammatory/Proteolytic Environment
- To provide an environment where wound healing can occur





Outcome Desired Removal of Necrotic Tissue

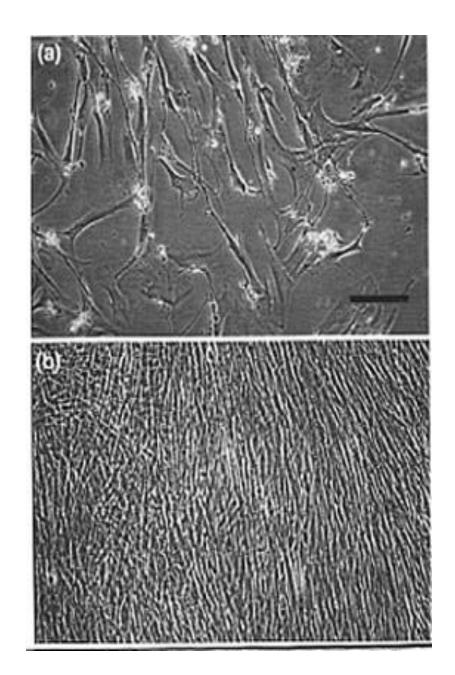
## Mission Accomplished!!



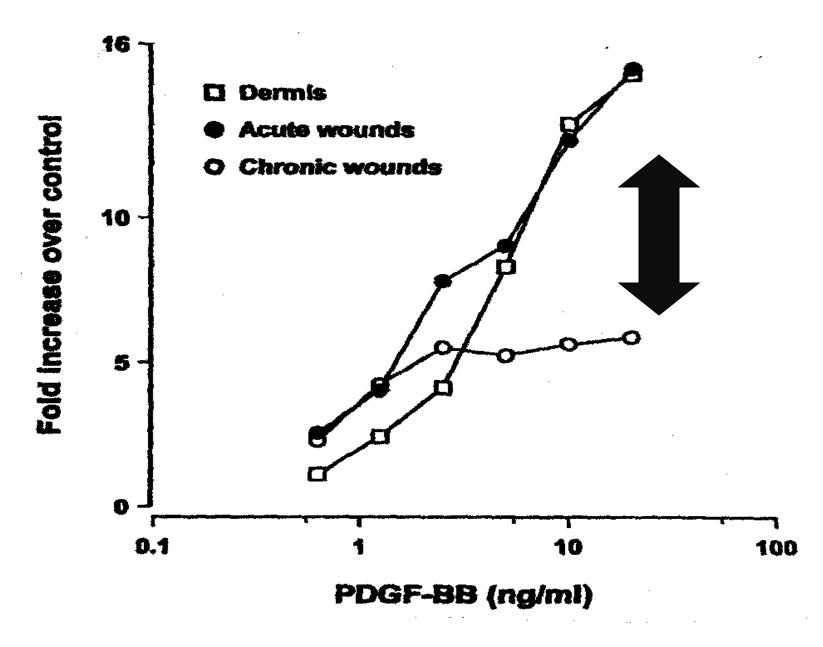


## Fibroblasts - 10 days (a) Chronic Wound

## (b) Acute Wound









Research

#### **Original Investigation**

#### Frequency of Debridements and Time to Heal A Retrospective Cohort Study of 312 744 Wounds

James R. Wilcox, RN; Marissa J. Carter, PhD, MA; Scott Covington, MD

Invited Commentary

IMPORTANCE Chronic wounds usually get trapped in the inflammatory stage of wound healing; however, aggressive debridement transforms chronic wounds to acute wounds and therefore complete healing.

OBJECTIVE To investigate healing outcomes and debridement frequency in a large wound data set.

DESIGN Retrospective cohort study.

SETTING Data collected from 525 wound care centers from June 1, 2008, through June 31, 2012, using a web-based clinical management system.

PATIENTS Referred sample of 154 644 patients with 312 744 wounds of all causes (of an initial data set of 364 534 wounds) participated. A total of 47,19% were male. Median age was 69 years (age range, 19-112 years), with 59 22% having one wound. Eligibility criteria included age older than 18 years, receiving at least 1 debridement, and having been discharged from the system. Advanced therapeutic treatment was ineligible. Because of incomplete, questionable, or ineligible data, 57 190 wounds were not included. Most wounds were diabetic foot ulcers (19.0%), vencus leg ulcers (26.1%), and pressure ulcers (16.2%).

INTERVENTION Debridement (removal of necrotic tissue and foreign bodies from the wound) at different frequencies.

MAIN OUTCOME AND MEASURE Wound healing (completely epithelialized with dimensions at  $0 \times 0 \times 0$  cm).

RESULTS A total of 70.8% of wounds healed. The median number of debridements was 2 (range, 1-138). Frequent debridement healed more wounds in a shorter time (P < .001). In regression analysis, significant variables included male sex, physician category, wound type, increased patient age, and increased wound age, area, and depth. The odds ratio varied considerably for each variable.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE. The more frequent the debridements, the better the healing outcome. Although limited by retrospective data, this study's strength was the analysis of the largest wound data set to date.

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JAMA Dermatol. doi:10.1001/jamadermatol.2013.4960 Published online July 24, 2013. Corresponding Author: James R. Wilcox, RN, Healogics, 5220 Belfort Rd, Ste 130, Jacksonville, FL 32256 (im wilcox@healogics.com).

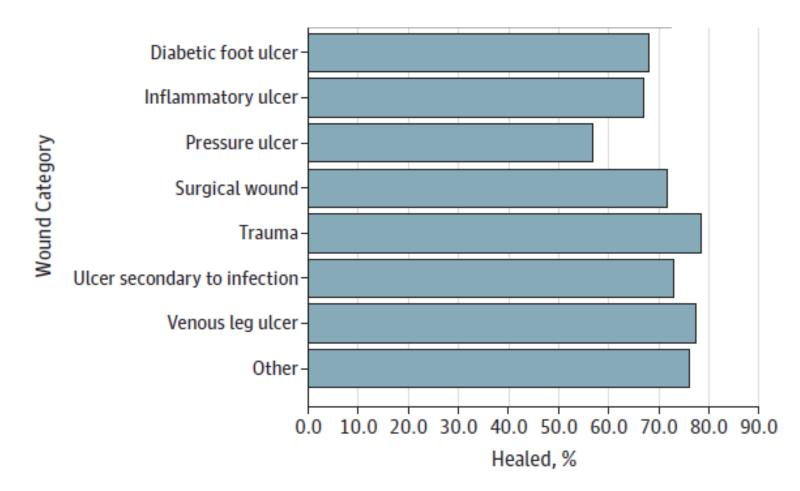
### N = 312,744 wounds 154,664 patients 525 WCC

4 yr. period (2008-2012)

Most Common Wound Types: VLU 26.1% DFU 19% PU 16.2%

### Avg. # of debridements = 2 (range 1-138)



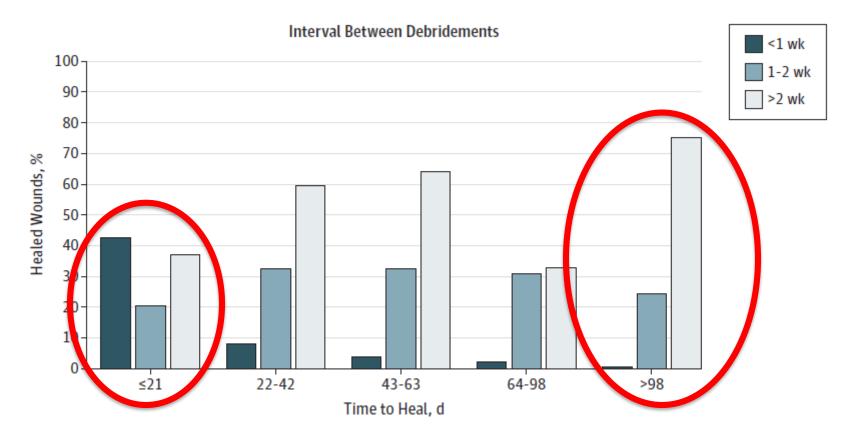


#### Healing Rates for the Different Categories of Wounds



J Wilcox et al. JAMA Dermatology. 2013; 149 (9): 1050-1058.

#### Debridement Frequency vs. Days to Heal: All Wound Types (321,744 Wounds)



Wounds with debridement intervals of 1 week or less healed significantly faster.

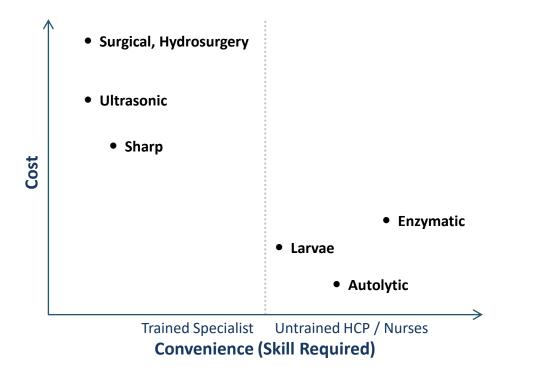


## **Types of Debridement**

Strategy	Description	Examples
Surgical (Excisional/Sharp)	Removal by surgical instrument	Scalpel, scissors, hydrosurgery, lasers, curettes
Mechanical	Removal of necrotic tissue by mechanical means	Wet- to dry dressings, hydrotherapy, ultrasound, abrasion
Biosurgical	Sterile larvae selectively digest necrotic tissue and bacteria	Sterile blowfly or housefly larvae
Autolytic	Uses the body's own enzymes to dissolve necrotic tissue; assisted with moisture-retentive dressings	Moisture retentive dressings
Enzymatic	Topical application of enzymes to liquefy necrotic tissue	Collagenase



## **Current Standard Of Care**



## Factors to Consider

- Homogeneity
- Pain
- Bleeding
- Cost
- Setting
- Convenience

Significant Medical Need for Rapid and Effective Debriding in Outpatient Settings



## Opportunity

- The rapid non surgical low skill level debriding agent
- Agent for skilled nursing facility patients
- Rapid wound bed prep prior to skin grafting
- Short duration focused therapy



## **Summary and Conclusion**

- Debridement is the cornerstone of great wound care
- Selecting type of debridement is dependent on a number of factors
- Debridement is part of the planning process of advanced therapies



## Market Landscape Analysis & EscharEx Market Potential Ilina Sen, Life Sciences Senior Director Huron Consulting Group

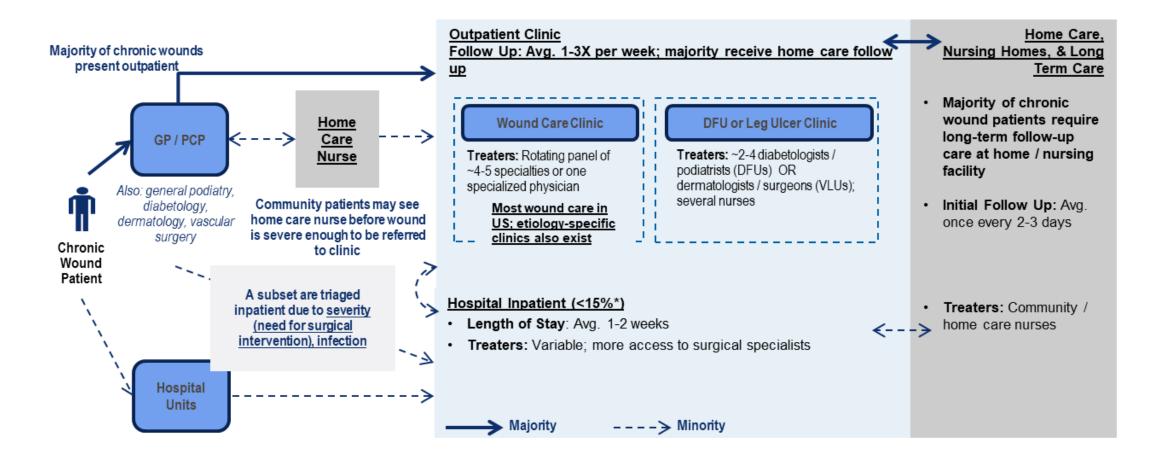


## **Market Research Has Been Comprehensive**

Robust Qual / Quant Research	Refreshed Qualitative Research	Market Sizing Analysis	Market Potential Evaluation
<ul> <li>In-depth interviews (N=30) with KOLs, community practitioners, payers in US / EU</li> <li>Current &amp; future treatment dynamics</li> <li>Feedback on EscharEx profile and positioning</li> <li>Pharmacoeconomic considerations</li> <li>Web survey (N=200) fielded to quantify the opportunity for modeling (e.g. eligibility rate, tx rate, shares, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In-depth interviews with VLU treaters (2020) across diverse specialties to reflect range of treaters that see VLU patients (N=10, 45 min each)</li> <li>Interviewees represented diverse geographic mix across the US</li> <li>Discussion focused on clinical and commercial topics of interest related to the evaluation of EsharEx potential</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Performed market sizing analysis for VLUs and DFUs</li> <li>Triangulated estimates across range of sources including literature, syndicated market research, and analyst reports</li> <li>Perform analog research to identify benchmarks to guide time to peak adoption estimates</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Created a 10-year forecast for ExcharEx in VLUs and DFUs</li> <li>EshcarEx market share estimates were based on prior rounds of market research</li> <li>Output included VLU and DFU revenue estimates building to total EscharEx market potential</li> </ul>

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## **Chronic Wound Patient Journey: Key Site Care**

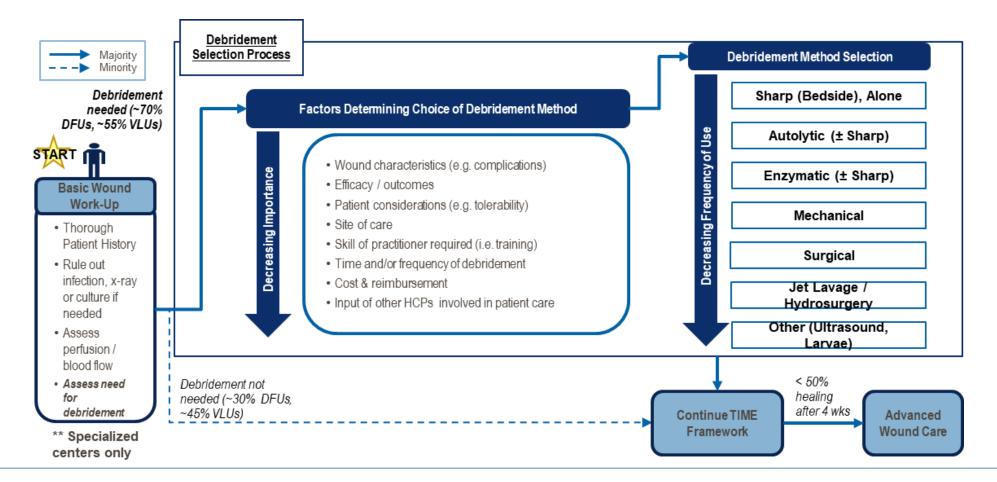


Most Chronic Wounds in The U.S. are Treated Outpatient with Follow-up Visits 1-3x per Week

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\* 15% present in academic setting w/ more complex wounds; overall % inpatient likely lower

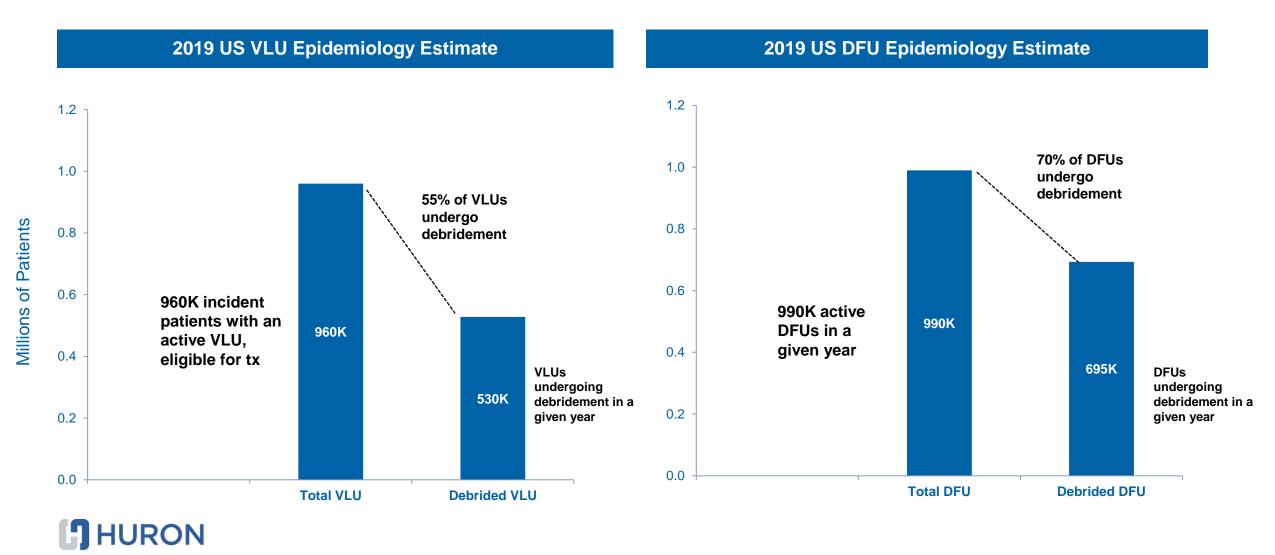
## **Debridement is SOC, But Method is Not Standardized**



Wound characteristics, efficacy, and patient considerations are top influencers of choice

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## Triangulation Indicates ~960K VLUs and ~990K DFUs Annually Eligible for Debridement



## **VLU Debridement Approach Driven by Site of Care**

#### **Current Use of Debridement Approaches**

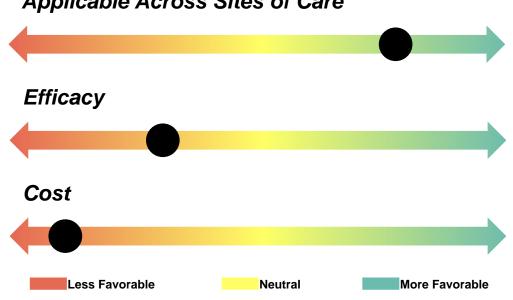
Technique Type	%s of VLUs Debrided*	Drivers of Use	Treaters
Sharp (Only)	~40%	<ul><li>Fastest method</li><li>High efficacy</li></ul>	<ul> <li>WC clinic (surgeons or other trained staff)</li> </ul>
Enzymatic (Only)	~15%	<ul> <li>Can be applied in any setting</li> <li>For patients who do not want to undergo sharp</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Practices less suitable for sharp (e.g. other specialty practice, nursing home)</li> </ul>
Sharp + Enzymatic	~10%	For patients with fibrotic tissue     in wound after sharp	<ul> <li>WC clinic (surgeons or other trained staff)</li> </ul>
Autolytic (Only)	~15%	<ul> <li>Can be applied in any setting</li> <li>Most affordable, used for less severe wounds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Home health, nursing homes</li> </ul>
Sharp + Autolytic	~10%	<ul> <li>For patients who need continued debridement after sharp</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WC clinic (surgeons or other trained staff)</li> </ul>
Other (including other combo of sharp & ultrasound, hydrotherapy, etc.)	<10%	<ul> <li>Ultrasound helpful in patients with high pain, but equipment / biological agents not available at many practices</li> </ul>	Limited number of more comprehensive WC clinics

#### Commentary

- All VLU patients seen at WC clinics will undergo debridement
  - In contrast, in home health setting only 1/3 VLUs are debrided
  - Other 2/3 of patients have wounds that are caught and managed early by nurses, and thus can heal without needing debridement
- Choice of debridement technique is highly dependent on site of care
  - Surgeons and clinicians at wound care clinics, regardless of medical specialty, perform sharp debridement as SOC for all patients
  - In other specialty practices, such as dermatology, clinicians much more split between sharp vs. non-sharp
  - As expected, nursing home / home health settings depend enzymatic or autolytic and will refer patients to WC clinic if severe

## **Current Enzymatic Use is Limited, Due to Perception of Low Efficacy and High Cost**

#### **Current Enzymatic SOC Perception**



#### **Applicable Across Sites of Care**

#### Commentary

- Sites of Care / Use Case: Use restricted as adjunctive in settings where sharp is preferred (surgery or WC clinics), with greater use in sites where sharp is less accessible (nursing homes, and home health)
- Efficacy: Opinion of enzymatic efficacy ranges very low to moderate
  - Application is almost always less frequent than daily (daily only possible in nursing homes and for patients with caregivers; 2-3 days more common)
  - Efficacy is modest, and can be impacted when used with other topicals
  - While time to debridement with enzymatic standard of care varies based on wound size, duration, with average use of ~6-8 weeks
- **Cost**: High cost cited as major disadvantage of enzymatic •
  - 2019 AWP \$284 / 30g; reimbursed under pharmacy benefit
  - Prior research showed patients used ~6-8 tubes on avg (total ~\$2000 AWP)

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# There Exists Significant Need for Rapid-Acting and Safe Enzymatic Agent, Filling Gap Left by Panafil/Accuzyme

**Unmet Need** 

- Clinicians voice the **need for an effective, safe, and affordable non-surgical debridement agent,** as sharp is not suitable for all sites of care and require trained staff to perform
  - Ideally this product will require less frequent application than enzymatic debridement approaches and causes low pain
  - Gap in market remains after recall of papain products (seen to be much more effective than enzymatic standard of care), which were used commonly in sites of care not suitable for sharp procedures
- Outside of new product needs, logistics and adherence challenge exist with patient getting to clinics, timely change of dressing, elevating leg, etc.
- KOLs note awareness of crowded pipeline for chronic wound care healing products
- Pipeline is limited for debridement products

"There is an enormous unmet need for an enzymatic debridement agent that is more rapid acting and safe.

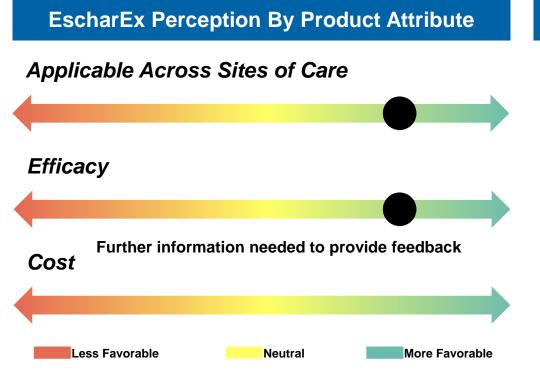
...Accuzyme was a hundred-million-dollar drug and rightfully so, it really was a very good. I used a lot of it and I was a lot more likely to use it after my sharp debridement than enzymatic. So I think there is a huge unmet need."

- US KOL #2

**Pipeline** 

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# Given Significant Unmet Need, EscharEx Welcomed as Another Option, Especially for HCPs Relying on Non-Sharp



#### Commentary

- Eligible Patient Population (similar to current enzymatic):
  - Patients seen at sites of care not conducive for sharp
  - As adjunctive to sharp in WC clinic settings
  - Patients not suitable for sharp (anxious, sensitive to pain, or have arterial disease)
  - Patients with removable compression to enable frequent application
- Efficacy: Feedback was most positive in specialties with lower sharp use (e.g. nurses, dermatologists); for sharp treaters, H2H vs. current enzymatic standard of care is important to drive EscharEx adoption with superiority data seen as clinically meaningful
- **Application:** Daily dosing noted as challenging, but not a disadvantage compared to current enzymatic treatment



## **U.S. Market Opportunity**

~2,000K VLUs & DFUs patients eligible for debridement in a given year

> 55%-70% Percentage of wounds debrided

32% Percentage debrided by enzymatic methods (Research indicates that EscharEx can expand enzymatic market (20% today) if superior to current enzymatic agent and more cost effective)

70% Anticipated EscharEx market share based on superiority **5 Years-to-Peak Share** 

CoT: \$1,500 (base) / \$1,800 (upside) / \$1,200 (downside)

CoT: based on 5 applications on average @ \$300 per application

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- EscharEx TAM for VLUs and DFUs is estimated at ٠ \$2B in the U.S.
- EscharEx potential market share is estimated at ٠ 20%-25%

Market potential estimates based on above assumptions, and does not account for market access and other considerations that may impact actual figures and are subject to EscharEx approval by FDA. EscharEx is an investigational Drug under development, not approved in any jurisdiction





## Development of a Porcine Model for Eschars and Evaluation of a novel Bromelain-Based Enzymatic Debriding Agent

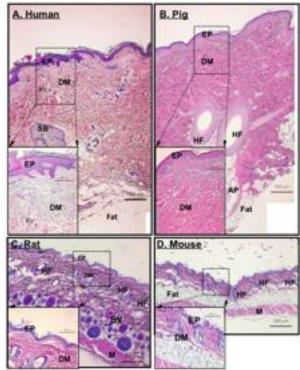
### Adam J Singer, MD; Itai Sabbag, DMV; Yaron Shoham, MD



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- Over 6 million chronic wounds annually
- Development of novel therapies limited by lack of animal models
- Pigs are optimal animal model for wounds
- Doxorubicin known to cause skin necrosis after accidental extravasation







- Develop a novel porcine eschar model using intradermal injection of doxorubicin
- Assess the efficacy of a novel bromelain-based enzymatic debridement agent in this model
- Compare the efficacy of a bromelain-based enzymatic debridement agent with a commercially available enzymatic debridement agent

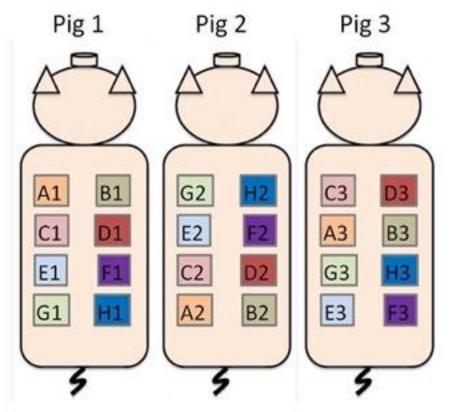
**Study Objectives** 



- Full thickness excisional wounds created on 3 pigs
- Wound edges injected with various concentrations (0.25, 0.5, 0.75 mg/ml) and volumes (2.4, 4.8 ml) of doxorubicin
  - Thin layer of petrolatum gauze for 9 days
  - Non-permeable layer of parafilm days 9-10
  - Dry gauze days 11-20
- Wounds monitored for a period of 46 days for the development of eschar

## Methods

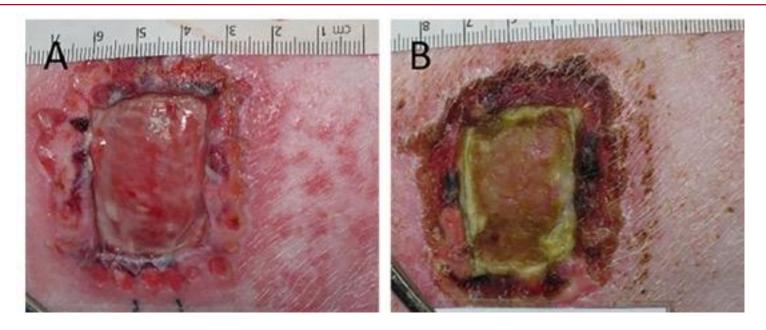




A (1,2,3): Control, untreated wound B (1,2,3): Control, untreated wound C (1,2,3): 0.25mg/ml Doxort Font Color ml. D (1,2,3): 0.25mg/ml Doxorubicin 4.8 ml. E (1,2,3): 0.5mg/ml Doxorubicin 2.4 ml. F (1,2,3): 0.5mg/ml Doxorubicin 4.8 ml G (1,2,3): 0.75mg/ml Doxorubicin 2.4 ml. H (1,2,3): 0.75mg/ml Doxorubicin 4.8 ml.

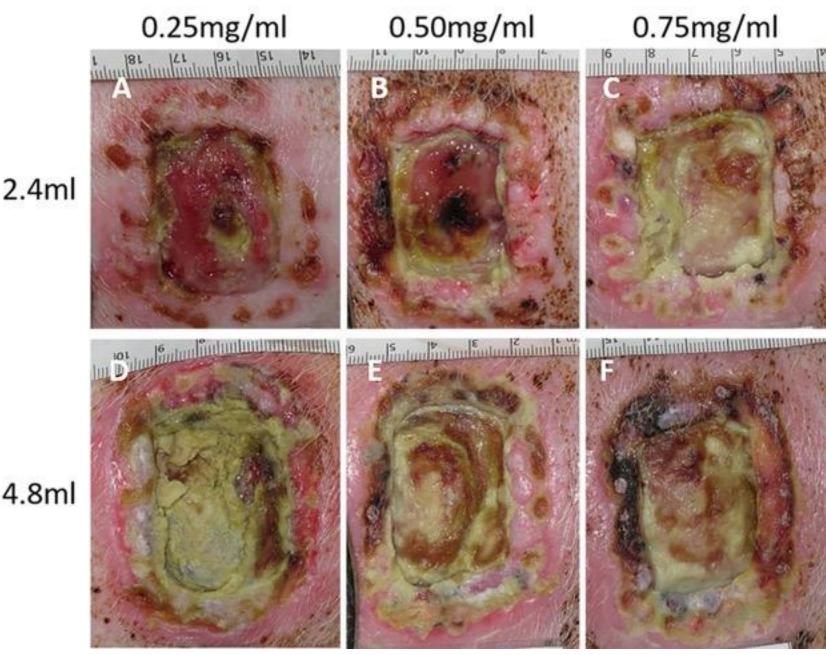
# **Experimental Design**





- A) a full-thickness excisional wound 10 days post infliction, covered by occlusive dressing. Erythema in the healthy skin surrounding the wound is distinct.
- B) A wound 18 days post infliction, covered by gauze. Two distinct eschar types are apparent. In the center, a slough composed of materials secreted from the wound, and in the periphery, completely necrotic skin where doxorubicin was injected. The healthy skin surrounding the wound (peri-wound) shows no apparent irritation.

# **Model Development**

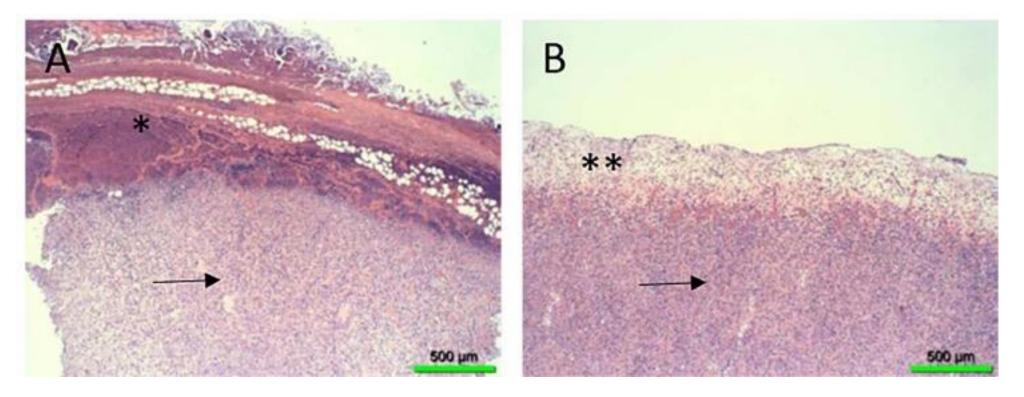


**Representative 3 cm × 3 cm chronic** wounds with varying concentrations and volumes of doxorubicin injection. With increasing volumes and concentrations, the necrotic tissue at the wound periphery is more homogenously dispersed and the central eschars is thicker.

**Model Development** 

4.8ml





- A) A representative micrograph of H&E-stained tissue taken from the wound. A. Wound periphery. Mummified skin including deep dermis and underlying fat. \* Infiltrate rich in inflammatory cells. Arrow denotes deep granulation tissue.
- B) Wound center. \*\* Edematous granulation tissue. Arrow denotes deep granulation tissue.

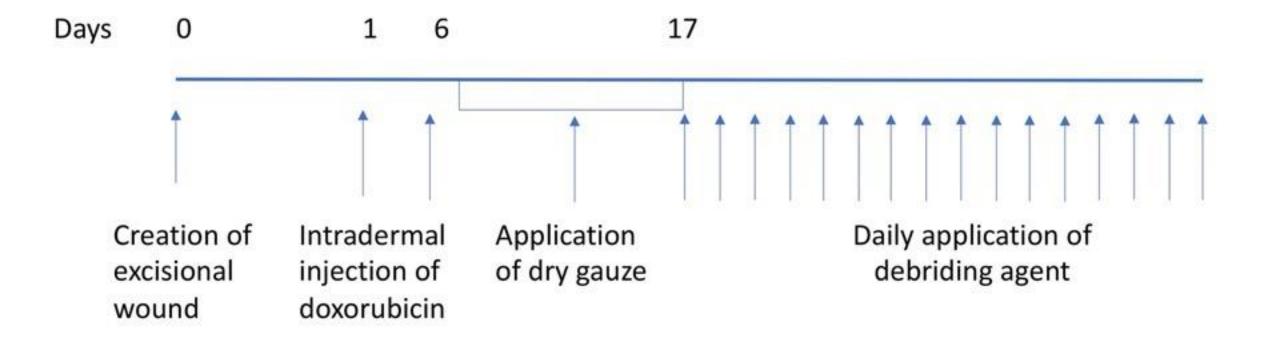
# **Micrographs Of Experimental Wounds**



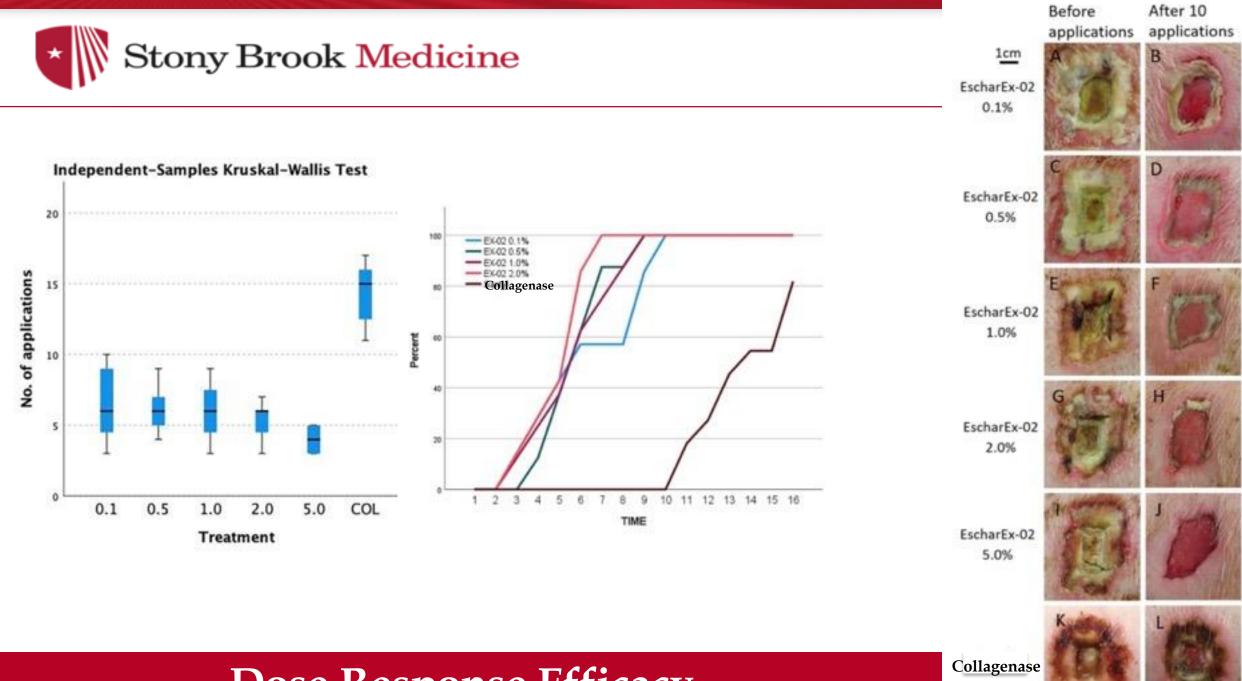
- Additional wounds created on another set of animals
- Eschars treated with up to 16 daily applications of various concentrations (0.1%, 0.5%, 1%, 2%, 5%) of EscharEx or commercial collagenase debridement agent
- EscharEx: concentrate of proteolytic enzymes enriched in bromelain derived from pineapple stems

## Methods: Assessment of Wound Debridement





# Schematic of Study Design



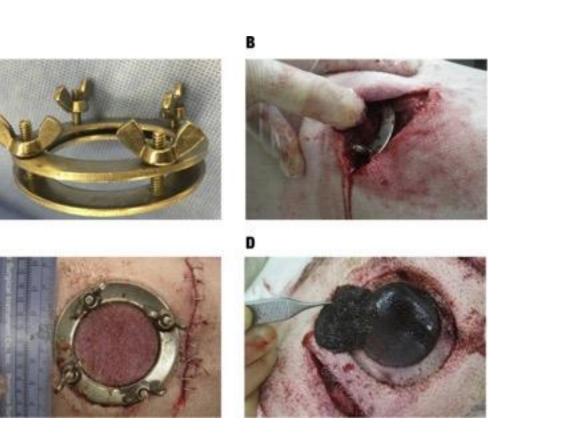
## **Dose Response Efficacy**



- Central eschar seen in human chronic hard to heal wounds consistently formed in pigs by intradermal injection of doxorubicin
- EscharEx is more effective than commercial collagenase debridement agent in debriding eschars
- Consistent with prior study of contaminated ischemic porcine wound model



Singer et al. Burns 2018;44:896





Development of a contaminated ischemic porcine wound model and the evaluation of bromelain based enzymatic debridement



- Small sample size
- Pigs vs. humans
- Short term follow-up

## Limitations



- We describe a porcine model for creating eschars similar to chronic wounds in humans
- A novel bromelain-based enzymatic debridement agent was significantly more effective than a commercially available collagenase in removing eschars in this wound model
- These data support ongoing clinical trials of EscharEx





# <u>EscharEX</u> A '*Triple Threat*': Managing Biofilm/ Bioburden

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- Interim Dean, Professor and Director of Clinical Research, Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine
- Practice limited to wound management and limb preservation for more than 30 years
- Principal or Lead Investigator on more than 65 randomized controlled trials
- Published more than 165 peer-reviewed and trade journal articles on wound management and related topics
- Lecture nationally and internationally on wound management

# Objectives

- Discuss an overview of managing biofilm/bioburden in chronic wounds
- Review bromelain and its effect on biofilm
- Learn about the new pharmacology study regarding EscharEX
- Describe why EscharEX may be a 'Triple-Threat' to chronic wounds

# What is the Problem

- "Microbial infections are the single most important cause of chronic, non-healing wounds. Chronic wound infections typically form biofilms, which are notoriously recalcitrant to conventional antibiotics..". (Kadam et al 2019)
- "Bacterial biofilms are an ever-growing concern for public health, featuring both inherited genetic resistance and a conferred innate tolerance to traditional antibiotic therapies..." (LuTheryn et al 2019)

Kadam et al (2019)Biomedicines, 7(2), 35

LuTheryn et al (2019)Microbial Biotechnology, 13(3), 613–628

Infection Complicates the Treatment of Wounds and Impedes the Healing Process by:

- Damaging tissue<sup>1</sup>
- Reducing wound tensile strength<sup>1</sup>
- Inducing an undesirable inflammatory response<sup>2</sup>

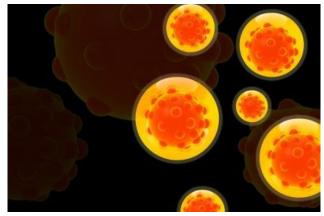


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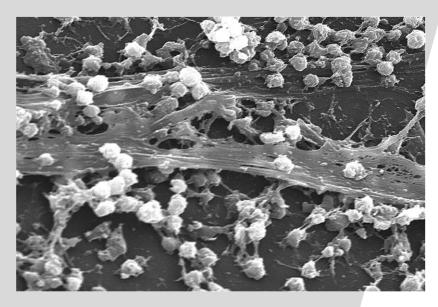
• Thus, controlling or preventing infection is essential in order for the healing process to progress normally

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# Community of pathogens

Multiple species of bacteria and fungi living together.

#### **Entangled polymers**

Microbes secrete a protective matrix called EPS (extracellular polymeric substance) made from polymers including proteins, glycolipids, polysaccharides and DNA.

#### **Metallic bonds**

Metallic ions bind polymers of the EPS together forming a resilient-barrier.

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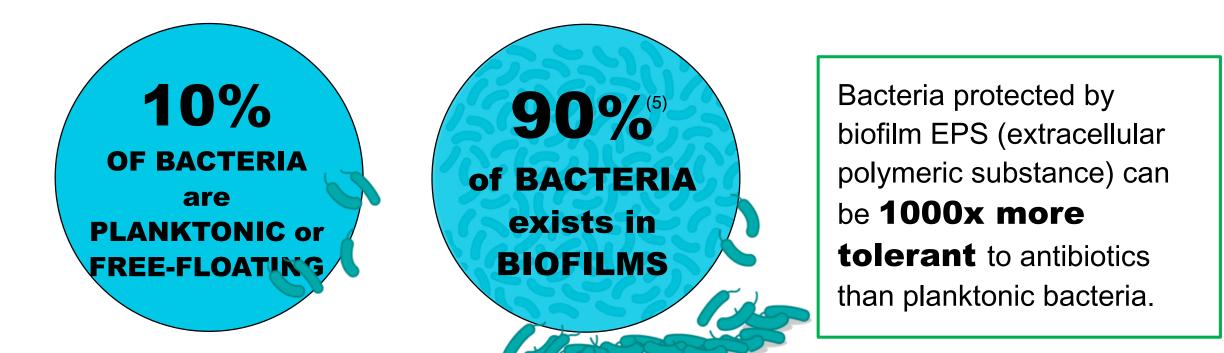
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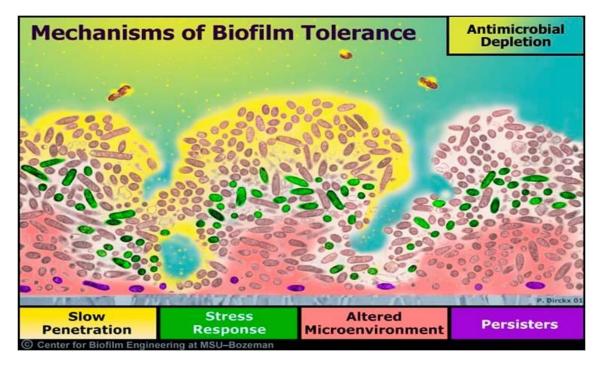
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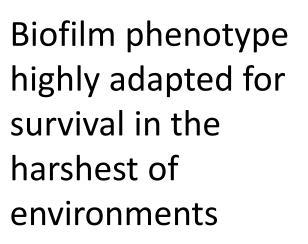
# Most bacteria exist within biofilms

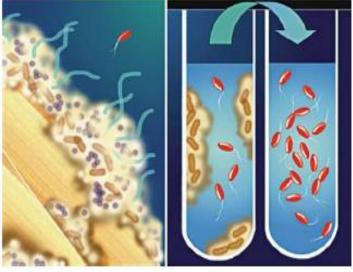


# Biofilms Don't Play Fair

- Difficult to culture
- Tolerant of biocides
- Tolerant of antibiotics
- Capable of regenerating







# The Benefits of Bromelain

#### Informer and Drug Breature



Enzymatic degradation of in vitro Stophylococcus oureus biofilms supplemented with human plasma

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• Staphylococcus aureus biofilm model that mimicked wound like conditions

• The antibiofilm activity of four enzyme compounds reviewed

Bromelain reduced biofilm mass by 98%

• Scanning electron microscopy confirmed detachment of the biofilm EPS and bacteria from growth surfaces

• Overall, results indicated that enzymes such as **Bromelain** may be an effective means of eradicating biofilms and a promising strategy to improve treatment of multidrugresistant bacterial infections

# Clinical Pharmacology Study:

A prospective study performed to evaluate the clinical performance and pharmacology effect of EscharEx (EX-02 formulation) in debridement of lower leg ulcers (VLU and DFU): Clinical Phase II

**Protocol Design** 

- Study objective to test the pharmacological effect of EX-02 5% in patients with VLU and DFU
- Single arm, open label study
- Up to 15 patients, 2-3 US sites
- Duration up to 8 treatment applications + 2 weeks follow-up
- Punch biopsies and wound fluids will be taken before and after complete debridement
- Evaluation with Moleculight

Data Collection

- Clinical performance- Incidence & time to complete debridement
- Effect on biofilm, bio-markers (i.e.: cytokines, MMPs) and planktonic bacteria
- Safety- systemic & local AEs, labs

Timeline

- Study initiation is anticipated soon
- Data is expected by year-end 2021



# EscharEX as a 'Triple Threat'

- Efficient wound debridement may convert a chronic wound into one that is acute
- Bromelain could disrupt biofilm bacteria
- Bromelain could decrease planktonic bacteria





## **EschaEx CDP and Business Update**

## **EscharEx - Enzymatic Debridement for Chronic Wounds**

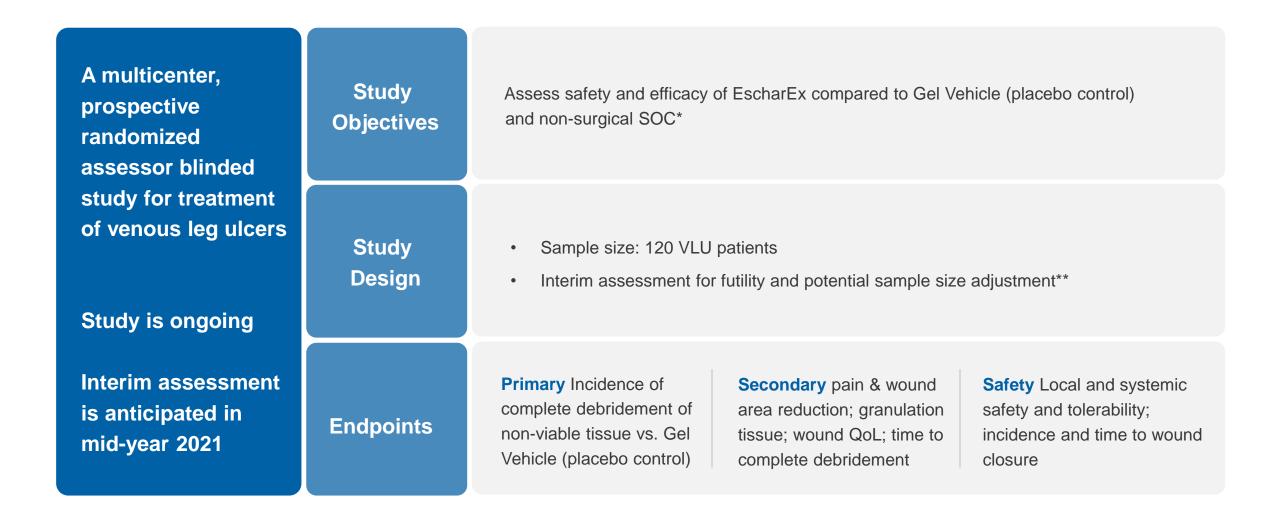
- Investigational biological drug containing a mixture of proteolytic enzymes
- Designed for outpatient setting
- Inline with current treatment workflows and reimbursement landscape
- Easy to use, high potency for once a day topical application
- Designed to debride chronic wounds in less than a week
- Extended IP protection







## **Ongoing U.S. Phase 2 Adaptive Design Study**





## **Phase 2 Study Successful Results**

N=32

N=15

P = 0.024

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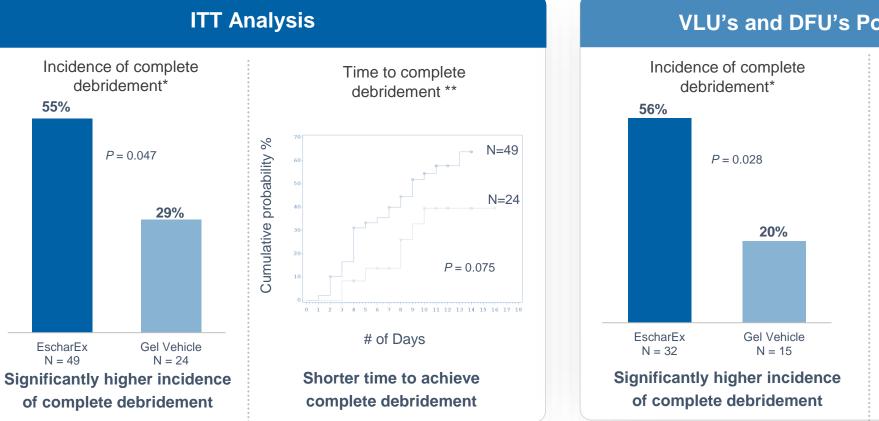
# of Days

Shorter time to achieve

complete debridement

Time to complete

debridement \*\*



#### VLU's and DFU's Post-Hoc Analysis

Cumulative probability %

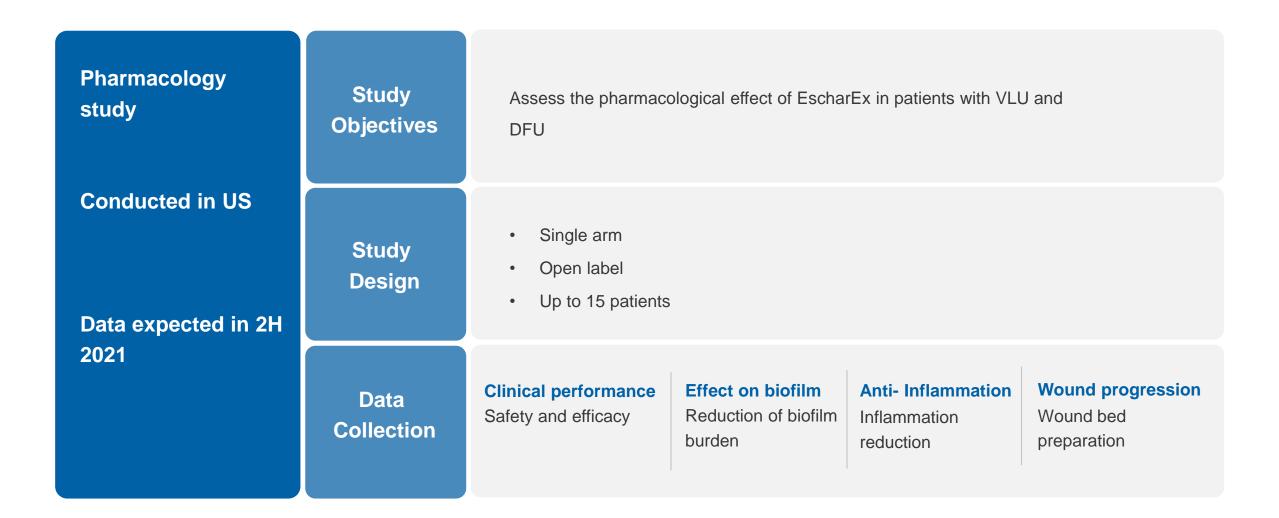
Safety profile comparable to hydrogel vehicle and no deleterious effect on wound healing was observed ٠

No material safety concerns were identified in all doses and dosing regiments ٠

>90% of the patients who completed debridement with EscharEx were debrided within 7 days (after 4-5 daily applications)

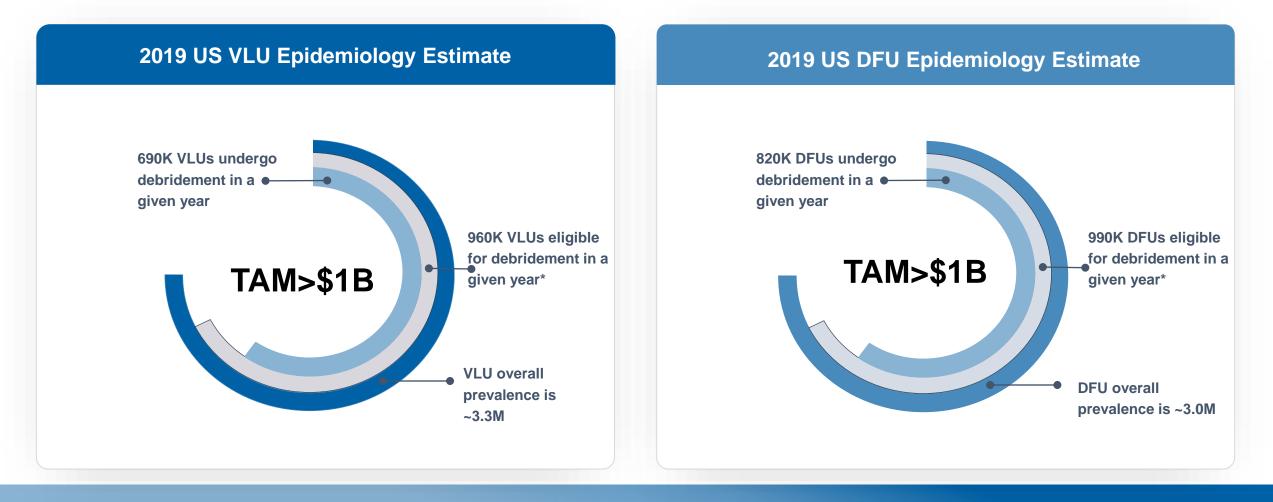


## **Pharmacology study**





## **U.S. Debridement Market Opportunity**



Feedback supports potential to extrapolate beyond initial indication given similarities of debridement approaches



## **Commercial Strategy**

#### **Target Audience**

#### Site of care:

- Hospital-based outpatient department
- Wound care clinics
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Home care

#### Key clinicians:

- Vascular specialists
- Plastic surgeons
- Podiatrists
- Primary care physicians



#### Pricing



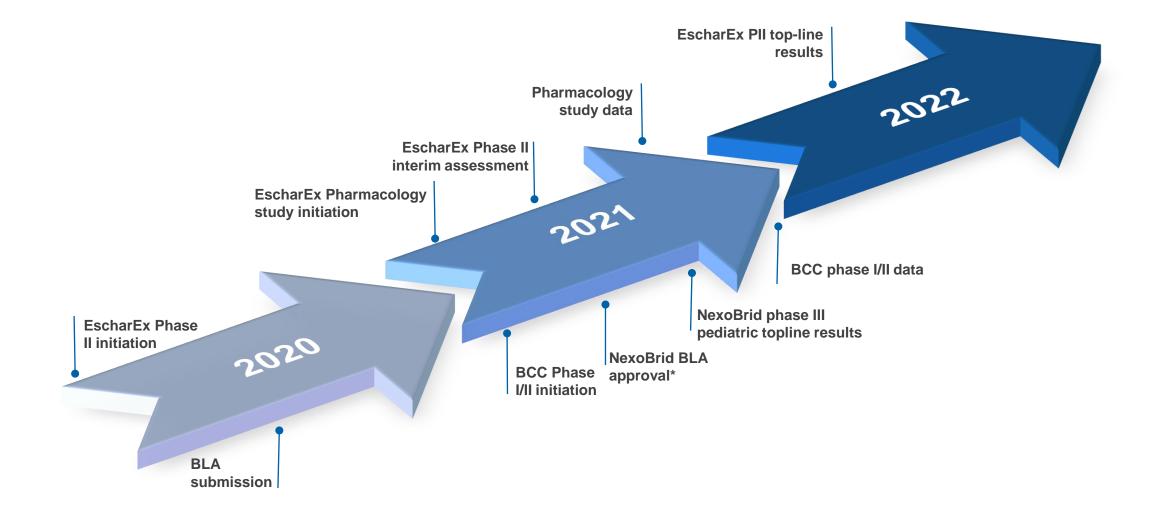
- Current enzymatic debridement average cost of treatment estimated at \$1,600-\$2,000
- Pricing to reflect cost saving

#### Reimbursement

- Existing reimbursement codes for enzymatic debridement
- Hospital Outpatient Prospective
   Payment System (OPPS) code 97602:

"Removal of devitalized tissue from wound(s), non-selective debridement, without anesthesia (e.g., wet-to-moist dressings, enzymatic abrasion), including topical applications(s), wound assessment, and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per session."

## **Upcoming Milestones**



### **Experts Panel Discussion**



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