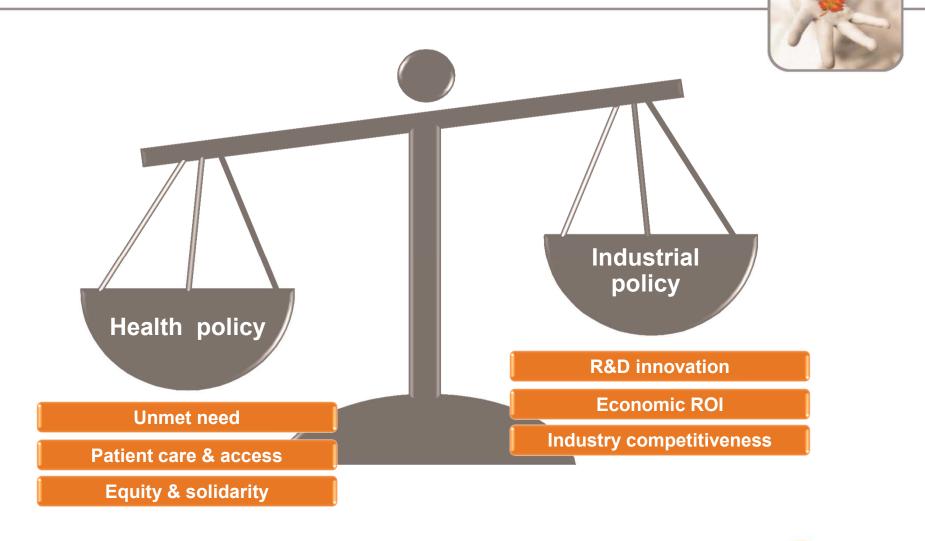


# Value & Specificity of Rare Diseases Business Model

Is the pursuit of this societal priority sustainable?

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## Value & Specificity of the Rare Diseases Model the Policy Equation





#### **Outline**



- Rare Diseases is one of the healthcare challenges
- "Learn from the rare!" a major source of R&D innovation
- Reward of innovation based upon unmet need & patient outcome
- Importance of orphan policy incentives
- Sustainable Rare Diseases access model
- Early dialogue between sponsor-regulator-payer-patient groups



## Rare Diseases Unmet Need A Societal Priority



#### **Severity**

Life threatening, devastating diseases

### Lack of treatments

7.000 rare diseases
1% covered by approved
treatments in EU\*\*

#### **Social impact**

Families' daily life suffering & psychological despair

60% of families affected have a lower income\*\*\*

#### **EQUITY & SOLIDARITY**

« Patients suffering from rare conditions should be entitled to the same quality of treatment as other patients with more frequently occurring disorders »

OD in Legislation: EC 141/2000 Preamble 7, Article 3.1.b



<sup>\*</sup>Nature July 2010

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: 68 Orphan drugs approved in EU by 2010

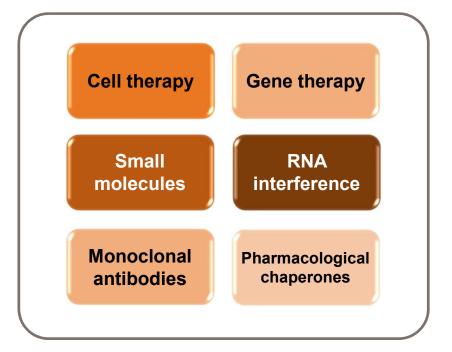
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#### **Rare Diseases – Treatments**

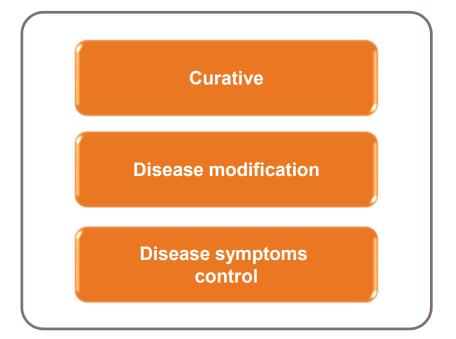
Scientific Advances Lead to New Breakthrough Therapies for Patients



#### **Technology platforms**



#### Patient outcome





### Rare Diseases a Dynamic Source of R&D Innovation



- Significant R&D investments inflow\*
  - OD R&D expenditures in the EU have increased 2X faster than overall Pharma (year 2000 to 2008).
  - R&D in ODs represent an increasing proportion of total R&D in the general biopharmaceutical industry.
- R&D innovation impact France case study\*\*

• ASMR I & II 32% 52%

(share in total drugs reimbursed) 2001 to 2009

- A major contributor to the economy\*
  - Employment in companies working on orphan drugs in EU has more than doubled between 2000 and 2008

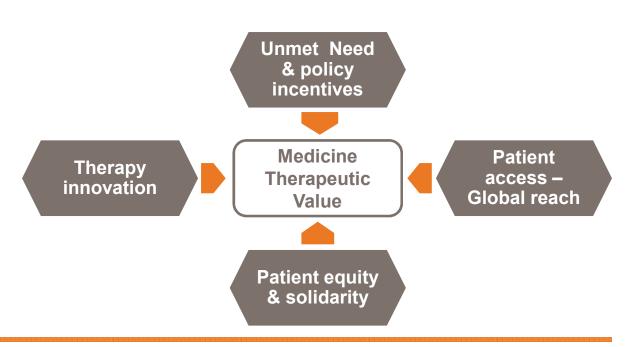


## Rare Diseases Sustainability for Health Care Systems? Key Factors of Change



**Affordability** 





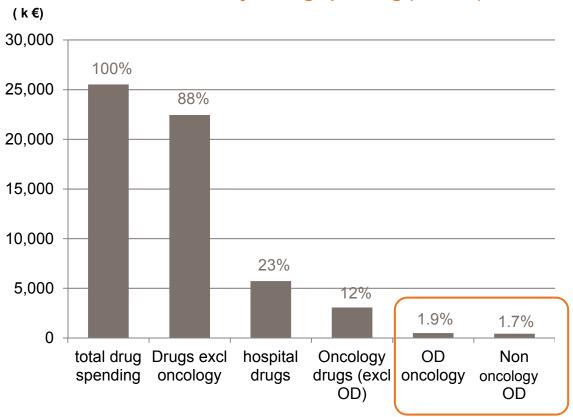




#### **Orphan Drugs – Low Budget Impact**







### EU overview 2009 ODs in total drug spending (%)

Germany 2.5%\*
Italy 2.1%\*\*
Spain 2.5%\*
France 2.4 %\*
UK 1.8%\*





6%-8% of population



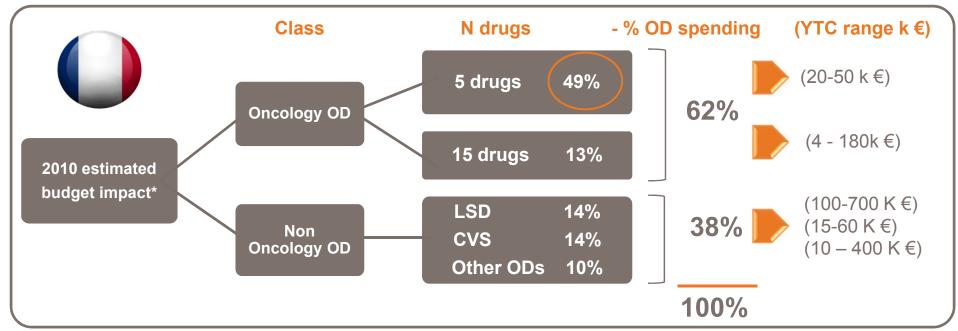
<sup>\*\*</sup> Rapporto OSMED 2010



<sup>\*\*\*</sup> CEPS report 2009

## Orphan Drugs Budget Impact Dynamics Concentrated & Likely to Plateau







Estimated 2016 budget impact

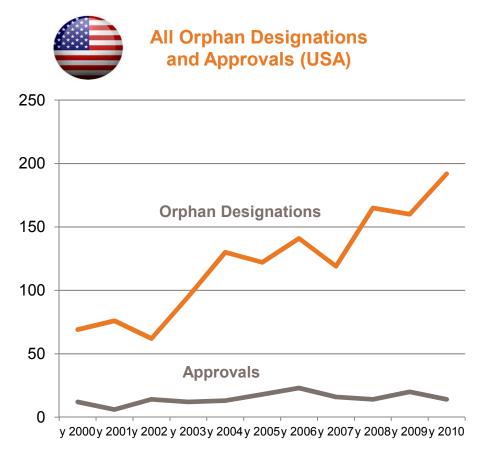
Orphan drug spending in EU likely to plateau at 4% - 5% of total drug spending\*\*



#### Rare Diseases Business Model

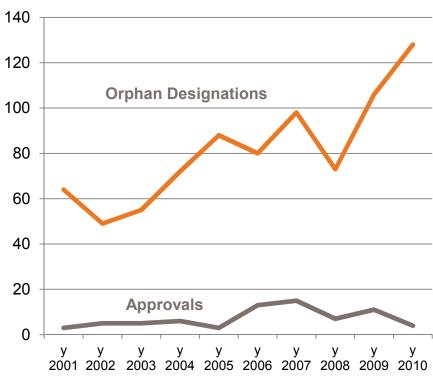


#### Rate of Orphan Product Approvals Remain Flat





All Orphan Designations and Approvals (EU)





## Rare Diseases Drug Development a Challenging Reality



#### Substantial heterogeneity of patient population

 Difficulty in clearly defining the patient population – clinical presentation, disease subtype

#### Small patient populations

- Difficulty in demonstrating statistical significance
- Geographically dispersed patients recruitment

#### Limited clinical experiences

- Common problems for medical sites, industry and agency
- Challenge of defining practical clinical endpoints

#### Traditional study designs often not feasible

- Randomization of trials and inclusion of control arms can be untenable
- Double-blind design with placebo or standard of care is often difficult to apply



#### High Risk Pharma R&D Innovation Model



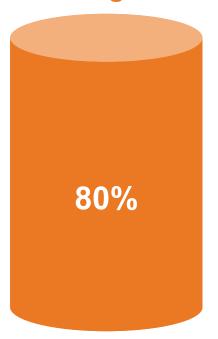
Discovery Pre clinical	Phase III Phase III	Marketing Authorization (EMA)	Reimbursement (National)
	Common diseases	Rare diseases	drivers
1. Time R&D financing cost Cost of capital	10 y to 14 y* (from pre clinical to launch)	<=	therapeutic area     Disease rarity (ultra orphan)
2. Risk (attrition)	P-O-S = 8%* (from pre clinical to launch)	<=	Diseases pathways     repurposed vs « pure » OD
3. Costs	1.8 -2.2 Bio \$* (capitalized at 11%)	0.5 – 1.5 Bio \$ (capitalized at 11%) > cost per patient	<ul> <li>N countries (rarity)</li> <li>complexity recruitment</li> <li>relative n patients in trials (up to 15% of prevalent population)</li> </ul>

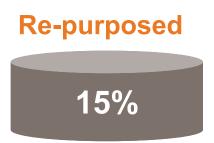
<sup>\*</sup> Source: "how to improve R&D productivity", S Paul, Nature(2010).

### Investment Dynamics & Returns Depend on the Sources of Innovation



#### **Sole designations**









## Access to Rare Diseases Treatments Opportunities for Policy Optimisation



iscovery | AOP, published online 24 June 2011; doi:10.1038/nrd3493

### Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

### COMMENT

### Accelerating access to treatments for rare diseases

#### Marc Dunoyer

Changes in regulatory policy and legislative incentives to promote the development of drugs for rare diseases — orphan drugs — have led to increases in the number of orphan drug designations, but the rate of such products reaching the market remains frustratingly flat. This article highlights areas in which novel approaches could facilitate regulatory approval and access to treatments for rare diseases.

10 solutions to accelerate access to treatments in rare diseases

- 1. Importance of continued flexible orphan incentives
- 2. Role of Patients' disease registries & post-approval studies
- 3. Global Simplification-Harmonization of regulatory requirements



### Patient Timely Access to Rare Diseases Treatments Development Process as a Continuum





April 2012

## Perspective: A Modern Progressive Approval System for Rare Diseases

#### By Marc Dunoyer

The recent dramatic increase in the number of orphan drug designations has prompted patient groups, pharmaceutical companies, legislators and many other stakeholders to look for ways to accelerate the delivery of innovative new medicines to people with rare diseases. In particular, patients suffering from illnesses for which there are no adequate licensed therapies want access to promising new products earlier in the drug development cycle.

Against this backdrop, there is a growing urgency to rethink the regulatory review process itself. One option certainly worth exploring is a more progressive assessment and approval mechanism under which potential therapies for rare diseases are reviewed.

Certain dynamics make rare diseases ideal subjects for such regulatory innovation. These include the relatively small patient populations, the concentration of clinical research activities at medical centers of excellence and the high level of specialization of the treating physicians. Another unique feature of rare diseases is the wealth of scientific knowledge among patients and their families and, as a result, the extent to which they can interact with specialist doctors about diseases and their evolution.

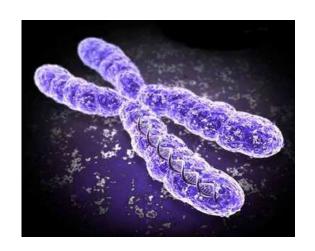
Taken together, these factors make the rationale for 'experimenting' with less conservative regulatory mechanisms very compelling. 1. Accelerated and Conditional approval should become the default pathway in this priority population provided sufficient dialogue has taken place between patients, physicians, drug developers and HTA.

2. Progressive assessment and approval mechanism as a standard practice



### Reward of Innovation Based Upon Unmet Need & Patient Outcome





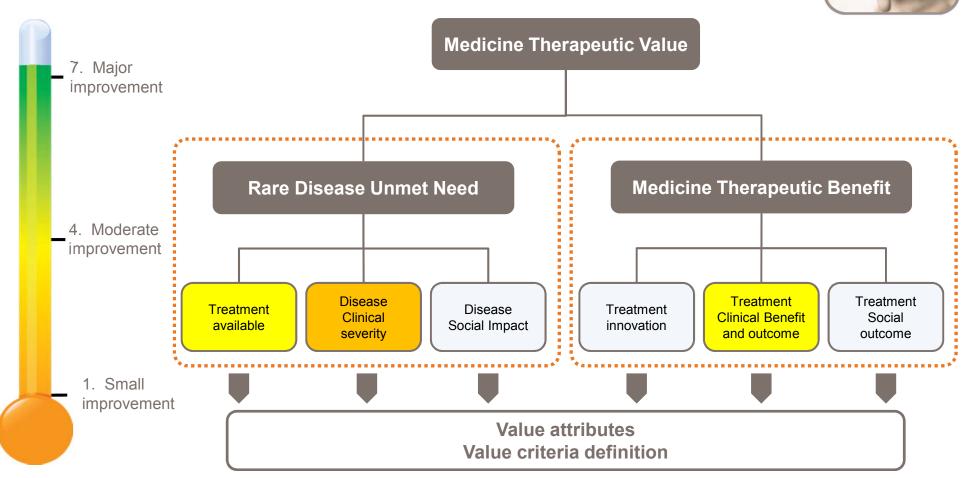
#### **GSK Rare Diseases Portfolio**

75% of targeted diseases have no approved treatments



#### **Define Medicine Therapeutic Value**





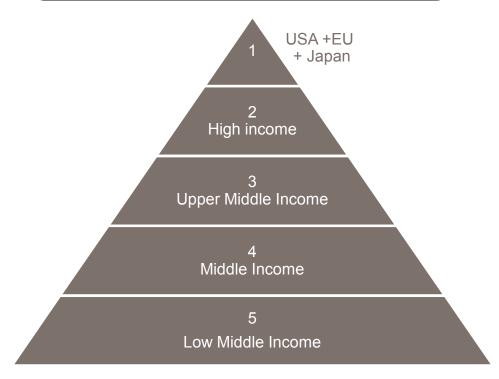


#### Patient Access & Global Reach



### Tiered pricing based on GNI & payers' willingness/ability to pay

#### **Global patient reach**



#### **Illustrative case study**



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Tier 4

Tier 1

Tier 2

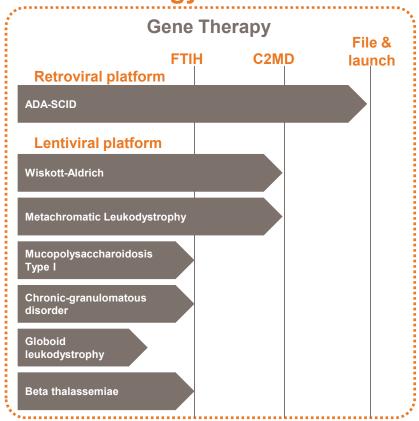


Tier 5

### Rare Diseases Investment Dynamics the Importance of Franchises



**Technology Franchises** 



#### **Synergies**

- Development
  - Regulatory
    - Access
  - Advocacy
- Commercial

#### **Diseases Franchises**

**Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy** 

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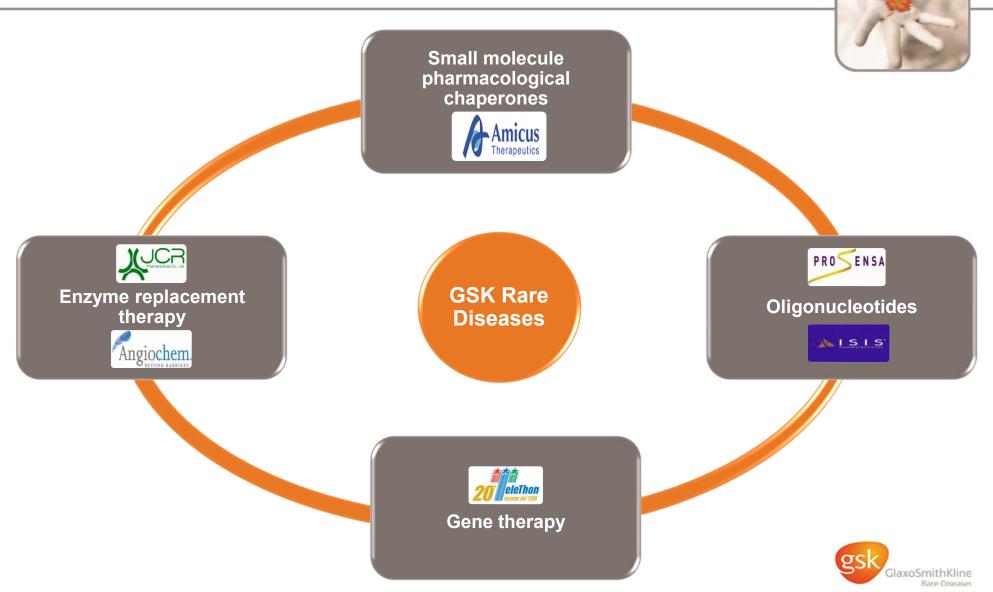
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## Rare Diseases Investment Dynamics Alliances & Partnerships



#### A Sustainable Model is Possible



- Rare diseases treatments societal value recognition
- Development / market access process should be seen as a continuum
- Global reach & innovative Holistic pricing approaches can be considered to address affordability
- Role of patient disease registries & post approval studies
- importance of early & constant dialogue between sponsor-regulator-payers-patient groups



