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Conference call on decision to enter phase 3 development in early Alzheimer's disease and GLP-1 R&D strategy update

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- Victoza® is approved for the management of type 2 diabetes only
- Saxenda® is approved in the USA and the EU for the treatment of obesity only

# Strategic aspirations for 2025 – focus point today is Innovation and therapeutic focus

# Purpose and sustainability

#### • Being respected for adding value to society

- · Progress towards zero environmental impact
- Ensure distinct core capabilities and evolve culture

# Innovation and Jo

- Further raise the innovation-bar for diabetes treatment
- Develop a leading portfolio of superior treatment solutions for obesity
- Strengthen and progress the Biopharm pipeline
- Establish presence in Other serious chronic diseases focusing on CVD, NASH and CKD



# Commercial execution

- Strengthen Diabetes leadership aim at global value market share of more than 1/3
- Strengthen Obesity leadership and double current sales<sup>1</sup>
- Secure a sustained growth outlook for Biopharm



**Financials** 

#### Deliver solid sales and operating profit growth

- Deliver 6-10% sales growth in IO
- Transform 70% of sales in the USA<sup>2</sup>
- Drive operational efficiencies across the value chain to enable investments in future growth assets
- Deliver free cash flow to enable attractive capital allocation to shareholders

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on reported sales in 2019, <sup>2</sup> From 2015 to 2022. IO: International Operations; CVD: Cardiovascular disease; NASH: Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis; CKD: Chronic kidney disease.

### Full ownership of the oral delivery technology Eligen® SNAC



#### The acquisition is completed

- The total acquisition price is USD 1.8 billion, which will be financed through debt
- Acquisition eliminates future SNAC royalty payments and provides full access to the technology platform for future pipeline projects
- 2020 financial impact from acquisition:
  - No impact on operating profit
  - Tax rate expected to be in the middle of the range
  - Free cash flow expected to be lowered by the acquisition price
- **2021:** Expected impact on operating profit from the acquisition is less than 1%, driven by amortisations partly offset by eliminated royalty payments<sup>2</sup>
- Medium term: Acquisition expected to have a neutral to positive net impact on operating profit<sup>2</sup>
- Usage of the technology platform for future pipeline projects

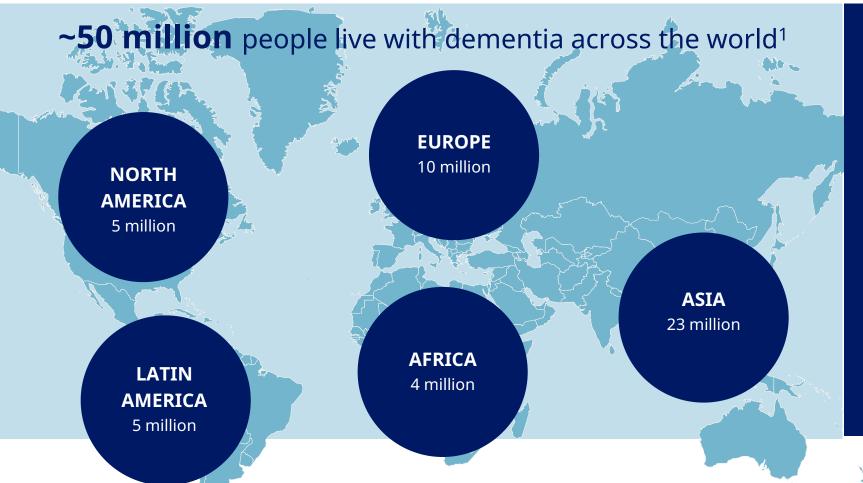
# Novo Nordisk has decided to initiate phase 3 trials in early Alzheimer's disease with oral semaglutide



## Novo Nordisk aspires to address a high unmet medical need within Alzheimer's disease using GLP-1

- Alzheimer's disease is a serious chronic disease with devastating consequences for patients and their families as well as a burden for societies
- Novo Nordisk expects to initiate a phase 3 programme in early Alzheimer's disease during H1 2021 with oral semaglutide
- The decision is based on GLP-1 data from randomised clinical trials, real world evidence, preclinical models and discussions with regulatory agencies

# Large unmet need within Alzheimer's disease with ~85 million people living with mild cognitive impairment and dementia

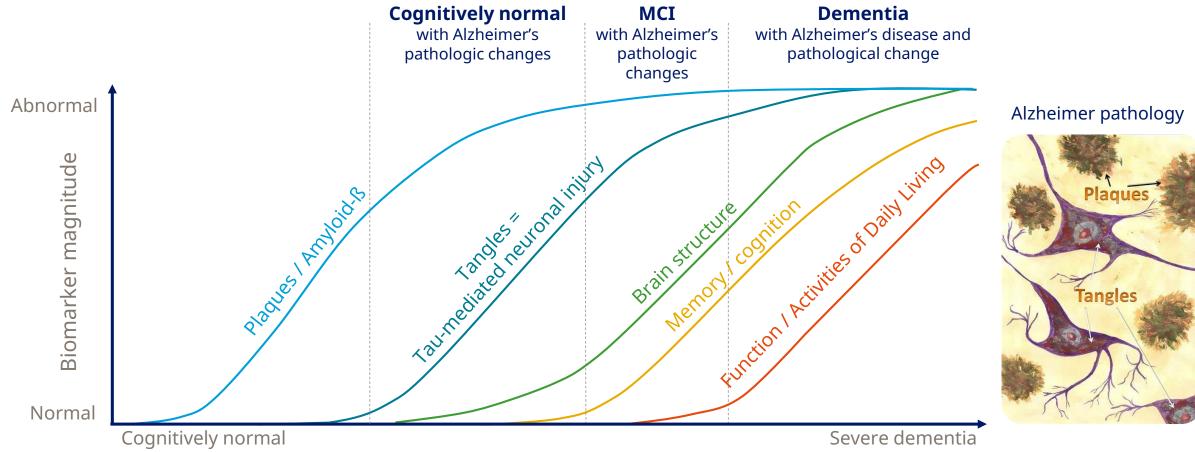


### Alzheimer's is the leading cause of dementia

- ~55 million people have mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease<sup>2,3</sup>
- ~30 million people have Alzheimer's dementia<sup>2</sup>
- Currently no approved disease modifying medical treatments for Alzheimer's disease
- Historic failure rate within Alzheimer's clinical development programmes >99%<sup>4</sup>

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## Alzheimer's disease has different clinical disease stages defined by the impairment of cognition



### The decision to go into phase 3 is based on data from clinical trials, real world evidence and animal studies



#### Randomised controlled trials

- 53% lower risk of dementia with liraglutide/semaglutide in NN CVOTs in T2D1
- Systemic anti-inflammatory effects with semaglutide<sup>3,4</sup>
- Less decline in cerebral glucose metabolism (FDG-PET) with liraglutide in AD<sup>2</sup>
- No improvement in cerebral glucose metabolism, but less decline in temporal lobe volume and total grey matter volume for liraglutide vs placebo in the ELAD phase 2 study<sup>6</sup>
- Short-term memory improvement with liraglutide in people with obesity<sup>5</sup>



**Proof-of-concept** 

GLP-1 in AD

#### Real world evidence

- Two studies show significantly lower risk of dementia after GLP-1 exposure<sup>7,8</sup>
- Analysis of Danish nationwide registry showed 11% lower risk of dementia per year of GLP-1 exposure
- Analysis of US TRUVEN claims database showed 31% lower risk of dementia after >2 years of GLP-1 exposure



#### **Animal studies**

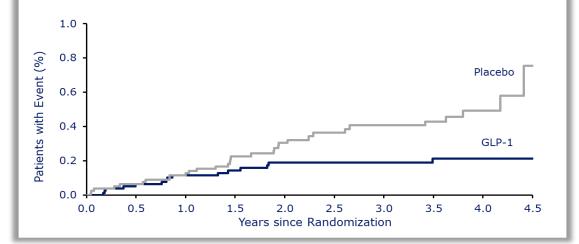
- Improved memory function with GLP-19 incl. semaglutide<sup>13</sup>
- Reduced phospho-tau accumulation<sup>10</sup>
- Reduced neuroinflammation with GLP-1<sup>11,12</sup> incl. semaglutide<sup>13</sup>



### The analysed data indicate reduced risk of dementia with GLP-1

### Lower risk for dementia with GLP-1 treatment in Novo Nordisk CVOT trials

- LEADER, SUSTAIN 6 and PIONEER 6 pooled data including 15,820 people with T2D
- 53% lower risk of dementia in post-hoc analysis with liraglutide, s.c. or oral semaglutide vs placebo (n=47). Hazard ratio: 0.47 [0.25; 0.86]<sub>05%CI</sub>



## Real-world evidence shows lower risk of dementia in GLP-1 treated type 2 diabetes patients



#### Danish nationwide registry

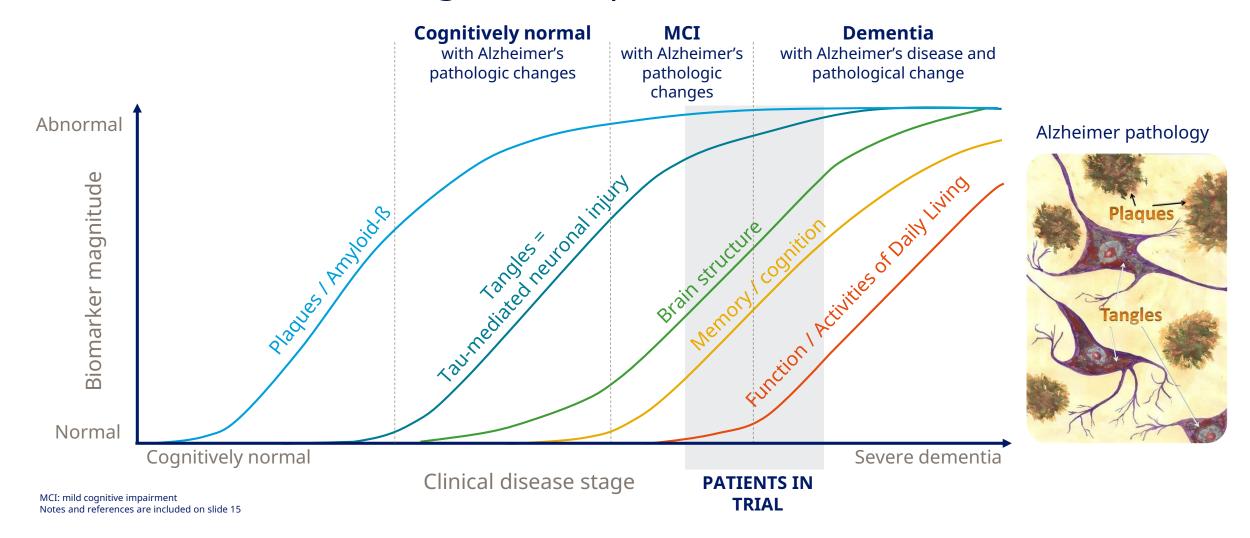
- 11% lower risk of dementia per year of GLP-1 exposure. Hazard ratio: 0.89 [0.84; 0.93]<sub>95%CI</sub>
- 25% lower risk of dementia after 2.5 years of GLP-1 exposure
- n= ~470,000



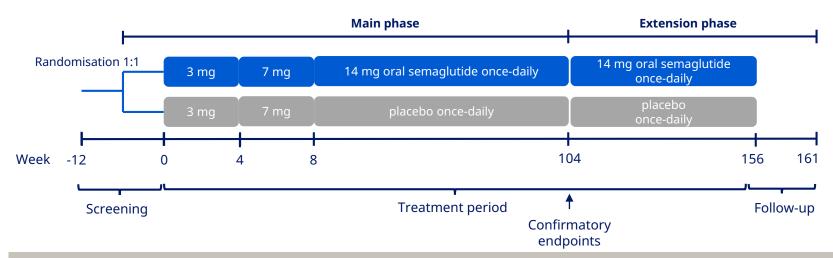
#### **TRUVEN claims database (US)**

- **31%** lower risk of dementia after >2 years of GLP-1 exposure. Hazard ratio: 0.69 [0.57; 0.82]<sub>95%CI</sub>
- n= >300,000

# The phase 3 trial will enrol early Alzheimer's patients in the continuum of mild cognitive impairment and mild AD dementia



# Two phase 3 trials with a total of ~3,700 early Alzheimer's patients testing oral semaglutide 14 mg vs placebo



**Objectives:** To confirm superiority of oral semaglutide vs placebo on the change in cognition and function in people with early Alzheimer's disease

**Primary endpoint:** Change in the Clinical Dementia Rating – Sum of Boxes (CDR-SB) score from baseline to end of 104 weeks of treatment

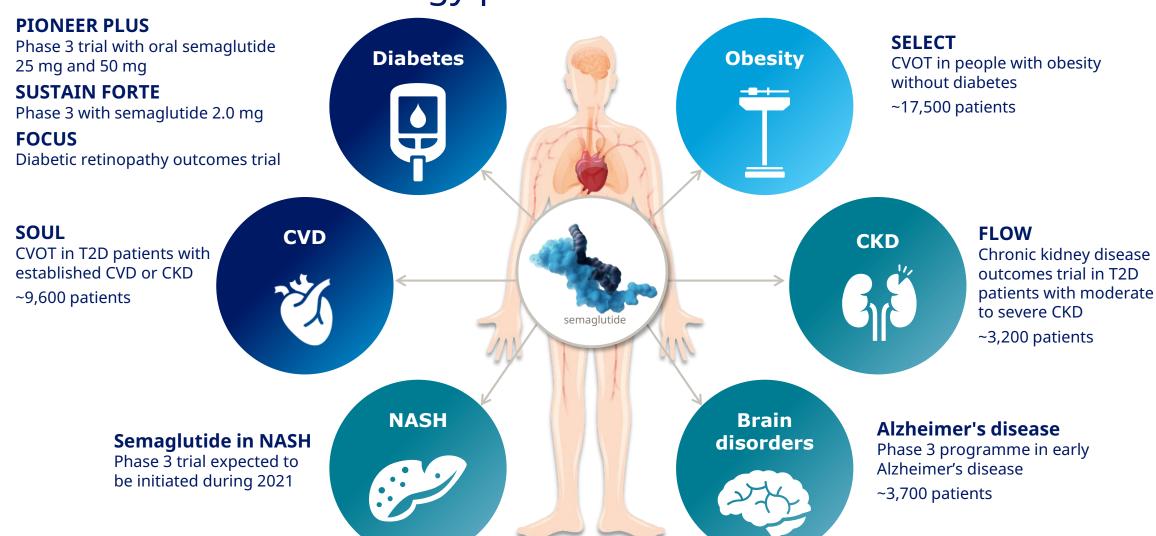
**Key inclusion criteria:** Early Alzheimer's disease (mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia), Mini-Mental State Examination  $\geq 22/30$ , and age between 55-85 years. One of the trials will have around 20% with small vessel pathology

Trial timeline: Expected to be initiated during H1 2021 and complete 3-4 years from initiation

#### Clinical dementia rating sum of boxes (CDR-SB) explanation

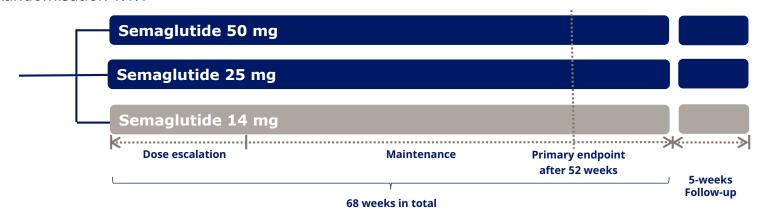
- Ratings in six domains are summed to provide a clinical measure = sum of boxes (SoB)
- Six domains (boxes):
  - Memory
  - Orientation
  - Judgment and problem solving
  - Community affairs
  - Home and hobbies
  - Personal care
- CDR-SB Scores range from 0 to 18

Novo Nordisk continues to explore opportunities with GLP-1 and utilise the oral technology platform



# Phase 3 trial with oral semaglutide 25 mg and 50 mg in T2D will assess efficacy for patients in need for improved outcomes

#### Randomisation 1:1:1



**Trial design:** One trial with a total of ~1,200 patients with type 2 diabetes

**Primary endpoint:** Change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> from baseline to week 52

**Confirmatory secondary endpoint:** Change in body weight from baseline to week 52

**Key inclusion criteria:** Type 2 diabetes; HbA<sub>1c</sub>: 8.0-10.5%; BMI:  $\geq$ 25.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and stable dose of 1-3

oral antidiabetics

# Higher doses of oral semaglutide phase 3 programme in T2D

- Objective is to confirm superiority of oral semaglutide 25 mg and 50 mg once daily versus oral semaglutide 14 mg once daily on HbA<sub>1c</sub> reduction
- Phase 3 expected to be initiated during H1 2021
- Trial expected to complete in around 2.5 years from initiation



Two phase 3 trials with oral semaglutide 14 mg vs placebo in early Alzheimer's disease will be initiated during H1 2021

- Alzheimer's is an area with a large unmet need
- Data from modes of action of GLP-1 indicates a potential effect
- High risk trial due to historic failure rate within Alzheimer's clinical development

A phase 3 trial with oral semaglutide 25 mg and 50 mg vs oral semaglutide 14 mg in patients with type 2 diabetes will be initiated during H1 2021

Phase 3 trial with oral semaglutide 25 mg and 50 mg in T2D will assess efficacy for patients in need for improved outcomes

#### Notes and sources

**Slide 4: 1.** Novo Nordisk Q3 2020 Company Announcement; 2. Press release 5. November - Novo Nordisk to acquire Emisphere Technologies and obtain ownership of the Eligen® SNAC oral delivery technology

**Slide 6:** Note: Numbers for Latin America includes the Caribbean and Europe includes Russia; 1.The World Alzheimer Report 2015, The Global Impact of Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), London. 2. Number based on 60% of people with dementia having AD (Dementia UK Update 2nd edition, 2014, Alzheimer's society); 3. Petersen RC. Continuum (Minneap Minn). 2016 Apr;22(2 Dementia):404-18), ~1,000 million people >60 years in world by 2020 (Source: United Nations) and Busse A. Br J Psychiatry. 2006 Nov;189:399-404. [Population based study]; 4. Jeffrey Cummings Clin Transl Sci. 2018 Mar; 11(2): 147–152)

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**Slide 9:** Danish register: Dementia cases based on diagnosis (ICD10) or treatment (anticholinesterases, memantine) codes; TRUVEN: Dementia cases based on SNOMED ids for all diagnoses (ICD-10) or treatment (anticholinesterases, memantine). Data from cardiovascular outcomes trials, LEADER, SUSTAIN 6 and PIONEER 6 are included in the post-hoc analysis.