

Biocompatible Nanoparticle Technology Unlocking Cancer Therapies & Rapid Diagnostics

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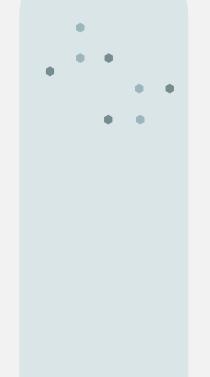
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# Proposed Transformational Acquisition\* of Siva Therapeutics by Sona Nanotech: A mutual unlocking of value

#### **Deal Rationale**

- Sona gold nanorods key to THT success
- Approval for THT could provide validation for Sona gold nanorods in other therapies
- First targeted application will be for rectal cancer
- The relevant market size for rectal cancer treatment is 28,000 new cases per year in US alone:

# Total number of new cases of rectal cancer annually in US = 44 000

Diagnosis Stage	Relevant Cases	Number of US cases treatable by THT per year
Stage 1	100%	10,516
Stage 2	100%	11,968
Stage 3	50%	5,786
<b>Total Relevant Cases</b>	77.4%	28,270
Stage 4 (not relevant)	0%	0
Total, all stages	100%	28,270

#### **Salient Deal Terms:**

Sona to acquire 100% of Siva for up to US\$8.65 million

- 100% share consideration
- US\$2m payment upfront conditional on minimum equity raise
- Closing conditional on raising US \$1m in equity, etc.
- Success and time-based earn-out payments (with minimum share price 'floors') based on:
  - 1. Securing of a colorectal cancer tumor model
  - 2. Delivery of functional infrared light device, SivaLum<sup>TM</sup> 2.0
  - 3. Positive results from a large animal study
  - 4. Positive results from a "first in human" study and patent

#### Siva Assets And IP To Be Acquired

- Validation of therapy with melanoma with small animal study
- Safety study data
- Two supporting patents held
- Significant know-how, reputation, contacts and studies
- Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory assessment study
- SivaLum<sup>TM</sup> 1.0 infrared lightsource (with version 2.0 in design)
- Expertise of Len Pagliaro with 24 years' experience in biotechnology



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### Sona Nanotech at a Glance\*

- Unique biocompatible proprietary gold nanorod manufacturing technology
- Developer of novel lateral flow rapid tests
- Key role in the advancement of photothermal medical therapies
- Proposed transformative acquisition\* provides a mutual unlocking of value



#### Poised to benefit from multiple catalysts

# Proposed Transformative Acquisition\* of



Pioneer in targeted hyperthermia (THT)

#### **Therapies**

Three key Siva development milestones targeted for 2023

#### **Diagnostics**

**Two** novel, rapid point of care tests heading towards clinical trials



David Regan, MBA CEO, Sona Nanotech

- Strategy consultant and corporate director
- 15 years capital markets experience



Len Pagliaro, PhD
President. Siva Therapeutics

- Prof. of Bioengineering & Laboratory Medicine
- 24 years' experience in biotech products & licensing

\*Assumes the proposed acquisition of Siva Therapeutics



# Sona's Platform Technology: Uniquely biocompatible gold nanorods (GNRs)



#### What are gold nanorods

- Rod-shaped nanoparticles made of gold
- Nanometer is one-billionth of a meter
- Sizes of 10 to 100 nanometers in length
- Produced by chemical synthesis
- Can be conjugated to different molecules



#### Uses of gold nanorods

#### **Therapies**

- Photothermal therapy
- Tumor targeting activity
- Anti-bacterial activity
- Drug delivery vehicle

#### **Diagnostics**

- Diagnostic markers for imaging
- · Immunoassay and biosensing



#### Limitations of other nanoparticles<sup>1</sup>



#### Sona's GNR technology solution

**X** Toxicity:

Other gold nanorod production uses CTAB (cyltrimethylammonium bromide)
CTAB is a known toxin that can

- kill cells
- is therefore less suitable for in-vivo therapies

Uniquely Biocompatible:

- Sona surfactant uses no CTAB
- Can produce heat in the same way as CTAB-based GNRs.
- Potentially more suitable for use in the body<sup>2</sup>

Shape:

Nanospheres, nanostars or nanoshells have

- Limited surface area
- Limited stability
- Limited penetration depth into cells
- Limited ability to tune for resonance

Shaped as rods:

#### Nanorods by Sona have

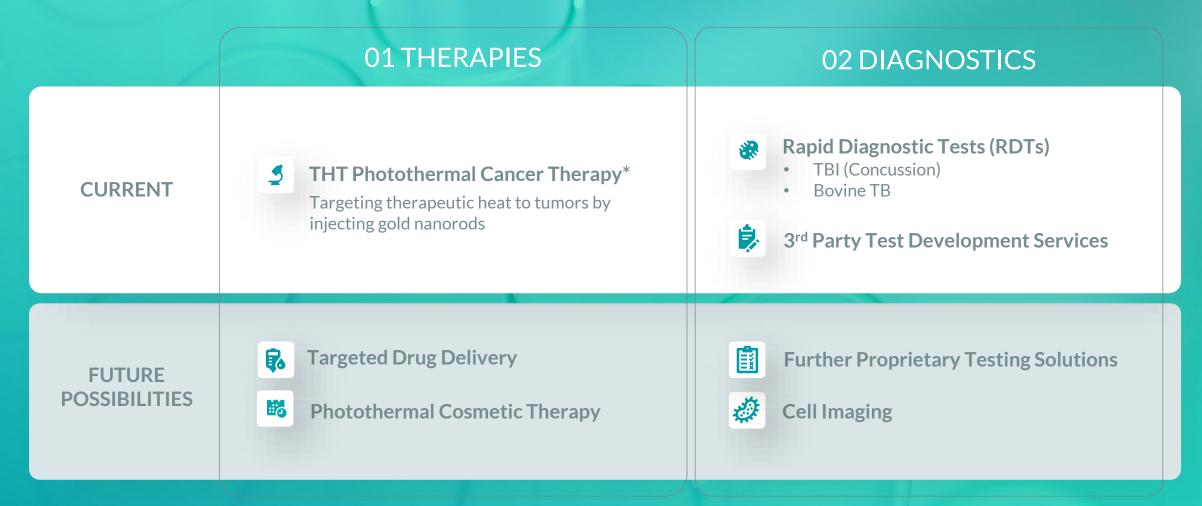
- Variety of lengths and widths to increase surface area
- Long shelf life and stable surface properties
- Complex light polarization and novel optical properties for use in diagnostic imaging
  - High color intensity can lead to enhanced sensitivity in lateral flow tests <sup>3</sup>

Sona GNRs could unlock the power of in-vivo applications



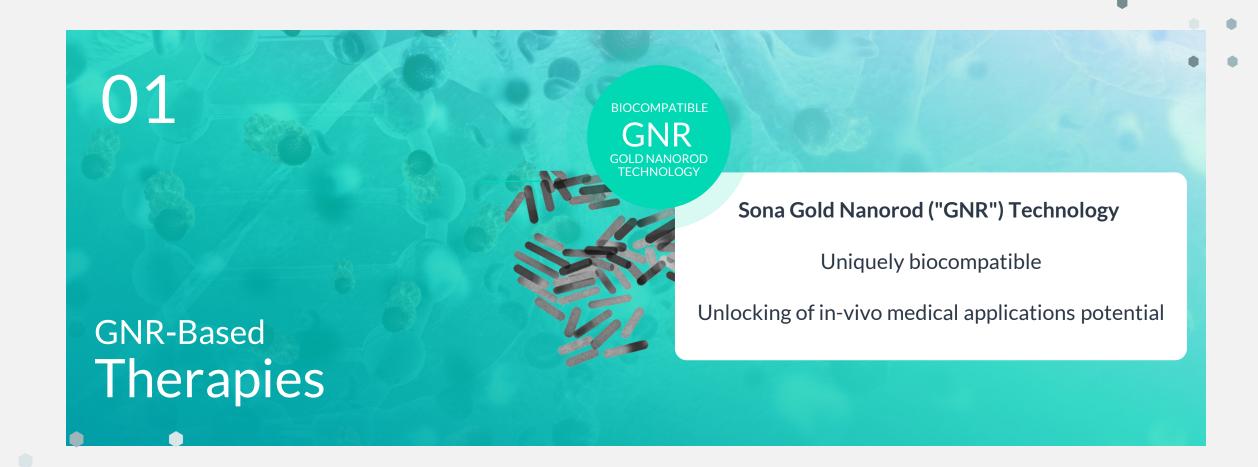


# Two Areas of Strategic Focus\*



\*Subject to the proposed acquisition of Siva Therapeutics





# Sona's GNR technology in

# Siva Therapeutics' Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy<sup>™</sup> (THT)



Pioneered by



Len Pagliaro, PhD

- 24 years of experience
- Successful commercialization of biotechnology products, services, and licensing
- Completed prestigious assessment program at the US Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory (Established by the FDA and the National Cancer Institute)

www.SivaTherapeutics.com

Current Cancer Treatments are risky, expensive and can do harm

- Chemotherapy and radiotherapy are non-selective in their destruction of cells
- Advanced therapies are expensive
- Surgery is risky

How does THT work?

- Targets heat directly to the tumor
- Uses IV injection of GNRs to heat the tumor from the inside
- Achieves hyperthermia instead of ablation destroying cancerous cells selectively
- Sona GNRs are inert and **do not** use toxic CTAB

Sona GNRs in targeted hyperthermia may create the opportunity to treat cancer without doing significant harm to healthy cells

# Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy<sup>™</sup> (THT)

Medical device with two components:

- Gold nanorods for injection
- Infrared light source

Heating tumors does the following:

- Stimulates immune system
- Kills cancer cells
- Increases tumor perfusion
- Shrinks tumors

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SivaRods™ concentrate in **solid tumors, 7-fold** vs in non-tumor tissue



01

Injection of billions of SivaRods™ into the bloodstream



Tumor is treated for 10 min with SivaLum™ infrared light set to same wavelength as the nanorods



03

04

IR Light energy causes the SivaRods™ to vibrate, creating sufficient heat to kill cancer cells selectively



Not damaged by hyperthermia's 44°C

SivaRods™ heat to 44°C

Selectively kills cancer cells

Works from the inside of the tumor out

Heat shock protein (HSP) synthesis used

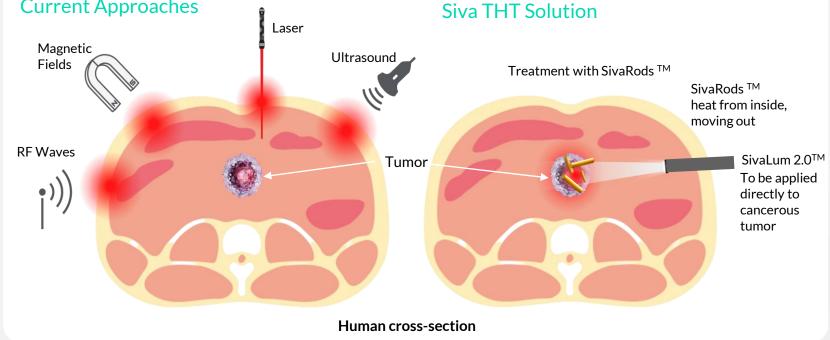
Cancer cells are more sensitive to heat

Destroying cancer cells while healthy cells can go undamaged



# THT photothermal cancer therapy using GNRs will address current treatment issues

# Siva's THT "inside-out" heating maximizes efficacy and minimizes collateral damage Current Approaches Siva THT Solution



**Studies** 

- Siva has had major success in reducing tumors in small animal studies.
- Eliminated tumors in mice in 4 weeks 4
- Validated by Nanotechnology Characterization Laboratory study and report.

#### **Key Issue**

Using gold 'in vivo' is understood to be safe

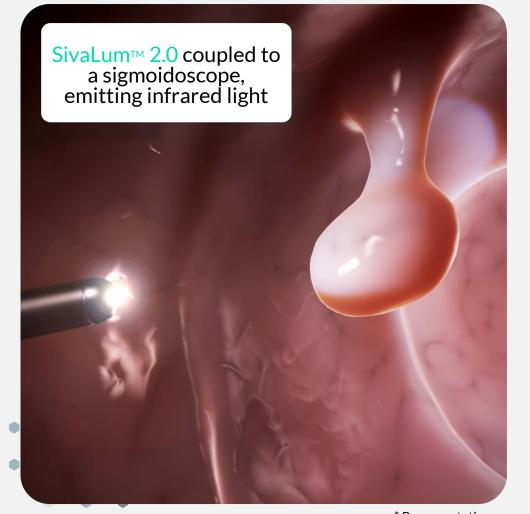
Long-term effects of GNRs treated with toxic CTAB are unknown.



#### Sona GNR Advantage

Sona's proprietary CTAB-free GNRs have shown no toxicity

Confirmed by third party and inhouse testing<sup>2</sup>



\* Representative

# First THT Application: Colorectal Cancer Tumors

Why is THT uniquely suited for colorectal cancer treatment?

- Alternatives diminish quality of life
- Significant market
- Outpatient procedure within current workflow
- Effective for solid tumors
- Early detection is possible
  - THT can be integrated with "watch and wait" approach
- Low metastatic index

# Treatment Benefits

- Minimally invasive
- Targeted treatment
- o Enhances success of other cancer therapies 6
- Easy to use
- Affordable





Lateral Flow Assays (LFA's) as diagnostic tools are:

- Simple
- Fast
- Low-cost
- Rely on nanoparticles

Can provide rapid results (eg. at-home pregnancy tests) at point-of-care

#### How could Sona's GNRs make a difference?

- Multiple test lines per unit
- Easy-to-read results from one small sample
- Potentially greater sensitivity could detect trace amounts of biomarkers





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# Sona's Concussion Screening Test Prototype



"We estimate that between 1.1 and 1.9 million sports and recreation related concussions occur annually in US children aged ≤18 years."

American Academy of Pediatrics<sup>8</sup>

#### **Current Problems**

**Biomarkers** 

Other concussion markers only elevate within hours or days

**Assessments** 

Current tests rely on subjective cognitive assessment

Time to result

Currently no readerless, rapid concussion test commercially available

#### **Sona's Concussion Screening Solution**

- GFAP (Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein) Released into the blood stream within minutes of a concussion<sup>9</sup>
- GFAP to be multiplexed with other concussion biomarkers to create unique mTBI fingerprint
- Relies on definitive biomarker identified associated with concussions
- Rapid lateral flow test at the scene

Validated in-lab with contrived concussion blood samples

Sona's concussion screening test to be used at the scene of injury

#### **Next Steps**

- Validate with clinical samples
- Clinical trials

# Sona's Bovine Tuberculosis Test Prototype



"With help from the NRC IRAP program and the collaboration with our partners in the UK, we hope to offer farmers a more effective method for early detection of bovine TB than is currently used to mitigate the spread of this debilitating disease."

David Regan CEO of Sona Nanotech

#### **Current Methods & Issues**

## Time to results

- No cost-effective early detection methods currently available
  - A diagnosis through a skin test, turnaround of 48-72 hours<sup>10</sup>
  - Post-mortem examination and tissue culture, can take up to 12 weeks<sup>11</sup>

## Cost of Intervention

Once bTB is confirmed, all exposed animals in a herd are destroyed
Estimated costs of bovine TB control in UK to top £1 billion over the next decade 12

#### Accuracy

Skin test cannot distinguish between infected and vaccinated cattle

#### Sona's Bovine Tuberculosis Solution

- Early detection at low cost without the need for test-and-slaughter
  - Blood sample taken for rapid lateral flow test
  - Associated app for tracking and reporting in minutes
- Rapid screening of individual animals, no need to destroy healthy cattle
- Discern TB positive from TB inoculated cattle

Validated in-lab with contrived blood samples

#### Next Steps

- Validate with clinical samples
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# Sona's next steps: Road to THT Commercialization

- Potential future clinical studies to provide multiple valuation catalysts
- Near-term catalyst in large animal studies (Preclinical)
- Success would initiate human pilot (Phase I)
- De Novo pathway for medical device expected

Pre-Clinical Financing

GMP Production Certification

SivaLum™ 2.0 Prototype Development

Large Animal Studies

Prepare and File FDA IDE

Human Phase 1 Financing

Human Pilot & Feasibility Study

Human Phase 2 Financing

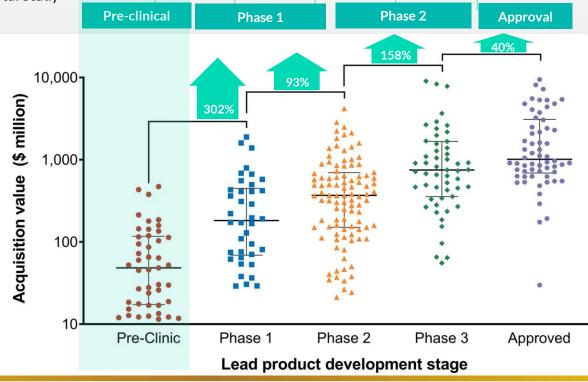
Human Pivotal Study

Study of biopharma company acquisition valuation lifts by lead product development phase<sup>14</sup>

Mean acquisition valuation increase:

- Pre-clinical to Phase I 302%
- Phase I to Phase II 93%
- Phase II to Phase III 158%
- Phase III to approval 40%

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## Product Development Portfolio



#### **Therapies**

Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy with Siva Technologies\*

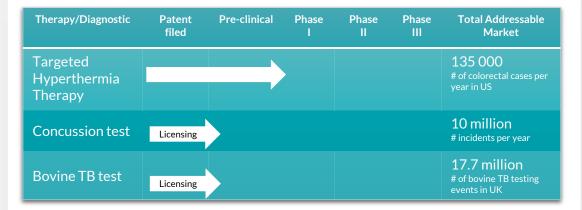
The opportunity in Siva's THT is lucrative due to the clinical catalysts

- The biggest increase in valuation occurs from pre-clinical to Phase 1<sup>13</sup>
- Valuations have been identified to be higher for US and oncology companies 15, 16.

#### Additional potential therapies

- Drug Delivery
- Photothermal Cosmetic
- Further in-vivo therapies:
  - · Esophageal cancer
  - Bladder cancer
  - Prostate cancer
  - Pancreatic cancer
  - Uterine cancer

#### Sona Therapeutics & Diagnostics Portfolio



#### **Diagnostics**

Licensing for:

- Concussion test
- Bovine TB test

#### Additional potential diagnostics

- Lateral Flow Tests
  - Alzheimer's
  - Strep throat
  - Prostate
  - Depression/Anxiety
- Diagnostic Uses
  - Cell Imaging

A recent study has shown biopharma company valuations increased by 15.2% for each additional product under development.<sup>14</sup>

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## **Management Team**



David Regan CEO

- Business and commercial operations oversight
- Strategy consultant and corporate director
- 15 years public company experience in strategy, IR and corporate development
- MBA from INSEAD and BBA (Hons) from St. FXU



Len Pagliaro, PhD President, Siva Therapeutics, to be CSO, Sona Nanotech\*

- Prof. of Bioengineering & Laboratory Medicine at University of Washington
- 24yrs exp with biotechnology products, services, & technology licensing
- Developed commercialization at BioImage from concept to a \$26M P&L in 4 yrs, leading to acquisition & integration by ThermoFisher Scientific
- As CEO of Dynamic Light, Inc. led the spinout of an academic team from concept to first revenues in under 3 years



Darren Rowles Head of Diagnostics

- 17 years' experience with nanoparticle diagnostics
- Grew nanoparticle sales from \$200K to \$5.5M with ~\$4M profit
- Advisory board member to Gold Conference and multiple university collaboration projects
- MBA from Bath
   University and BSc in
   Biomedical Science
   and Toxicology from
   UWIC



Kulbir Singh PhD Co-Founder & Head of GNR R&D

- Responsible for GNR development
- Named author on 35 research papers and 2 patents
- PhD in chemistry from Guru Nanak Dev University
- Co-founder of a sciencebased, consumer product company



Robert Randall, CPA Chief Financial Officer

- Extensive public company experience as CFO Torrent Capital, Antler Gold and eXeBlock Technology
- B.Comm. from St. Mary's University with CA designation in 1987 with Coopers and Lybrand Chartered Accountants

### **Board of Directors**



James Megann Chair

- 25 years of experience in venture capital, capital markets and marketing
- Managing Director of Numus
   Financial which has completed over
   \$1.5B in transactions
- He also serves on the board of Torrent Capital (TSX-V: TORR).



Walter Strapps
Director

- CEO and co-founder, Carver
  Biosciences Inc., a Khosla Ventures
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- MBA, FCPA





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- Industrial research chair in applied nanotechnology at Cape Breton University, NS
- Chemist with extensive experience in immunoassay and cancer research.





Dr. Gerry Marangoni

- Co-Founder of Sona
- Tenured professor of chemistry at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS





Fiona Marshall

- Extensive experience in the lateral flow industry.
- Responsible for establishing a US based R&D and production facility for various lateral flow tests, including tests for class 3 deadly pathogens that served US military contracts

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# Appendix B Additional Reading

#### **Gold Nanorods**

Gold nanorods as contrast agents for biological imaging: optical properties, surface conjugation and photothermal effects

<u>Fabrication of Gold Nanorods with Tunable Longitudinal Surface Plasmon Resonance Peaks by Reductive Dopamine</u>
Gold Nanorods: The Most Versatile Plasmonic Nanoparticles | Chemical Reviews

Functionalized gold nanorods for nanomedicine: Past, present and future

Nanomaterials: An Overview of Nanorods Synthesis and Optimization

Spheres vs. rods: The shape of gold nanoparticles influences aggregation and deposition behavior -

#### Targeted Therapies

<u>Functionalized Gold Nanorods for Tumor Imaging and Targeted Therapy - PMC</u>

Nanomaterials | Free Full-Text | Potential of Polymeric Films Loaded with Gold Nanorods for Local Hyperthermia

Applications

Effects of differently shaped TiO2NPs (nanospheres, nanorods and nanowires) on the in vitro model (Caco-2/HT29) of

the intestinal barrier | Particle and Fibre Toxicology | Full Text

Gold nanospheres and nanorods for anti-cancer therapy: comparative studies of fabrication, surface-decoration, and anti-cancer treatments - Nanoscale (RSC Publishing)

#### Traumatic Brain Injury

Injury in review, 2020 edition: Spotlight on traumatic brain injuries across the life course -

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Hospitalizations, and Deaths

