

# ARGENICA TO PRESENT ARG-007 DATA AT FETAL AND NEONATAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

**Perth, Australia; 4 September 2023** - Argenica Therapeutics Limited (ASX: AGN) ("Argenica" or the "Company"), a biotechnology company developing novel therapeutics to reduce brain tissue death after stroke and other brain injury, is pleased to announce Dr Adam Edward, Argenica's Neonatal Scientific and Regulatory Advisor and Post Doctoral Research Officer at the Perron Institute for Neurological and Translational Science, is presenting a talk today at the 49th annual Fetal and Neonatal Physiological Society (FNPS) meeting in Queenstown, New Zealand.

The talk is titled ARG-007: a promising neuroprotective peptide for hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy. The slides are attached to this announcement.

Argenica's Managing Director, **Dr Liz Dallimore said**: "We are delighted that Dr Edwards has been invited to present preclinical data on the efficacy of ARG-007 in models of hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy. Dr Edwards will use the opportunity to inform the scientific community of this exciting and world leading research."

This announcement has been approved for release by Argenica's Managing Director.

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#### **ABOUT ARGENICA**

Argenica (ASX: AGN) is developing novel therapeutics to reduce brain tissue death after stroke and other types of brain injury and neurodegenerative diseases to improve patient outcomes. Our lead neuroprotective peptide candidate, ARG-007, has been successfully demonstrated to improve outcomes in pre-clinical stroke models, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy (HIE). The Company has recently completed a Phase 1 clinical trial in healthy human volunteers to assess the safety and tolerability of a single dose of ARG-007. Argenica is now progressing towards a Phase 2 clinical trial in ischaemic stroke patients, as well as continuing to generate preclinical data in other neurological conditions, including in TBI, HIE and Alzheimer's Disease.



# ARG-007: a promising neuroprotective peptide for hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy

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## Disclaimer

- Argenica Therapeutics Ltd is the commercial entity leading the clinical development of ARG-007 as a neurotherapeutic
- Appointments
  - Shareholder of Argenica Therapeutics Ltd
  - Neonatal Scientific and Regulatory Advisor of Argenica Therapeutics Ltd

## Presentation overview

- The unmet need in HIE
- ■ARG-007 as a neurotherapeutic
- Modified Rice-Vannucci rat model of HIE
- ■ARG-007 efficacy PND7 and PND10 rats
- ■Future directions

### The unmet need in HIE

Sentinel event

≥ 35 weeks gestation

Developed

3 in 1,000

**LMICs** 

26 in 1,000

Therapeutic hypothermia
33.5°C for 72 hours
46% of infants receive no benefit

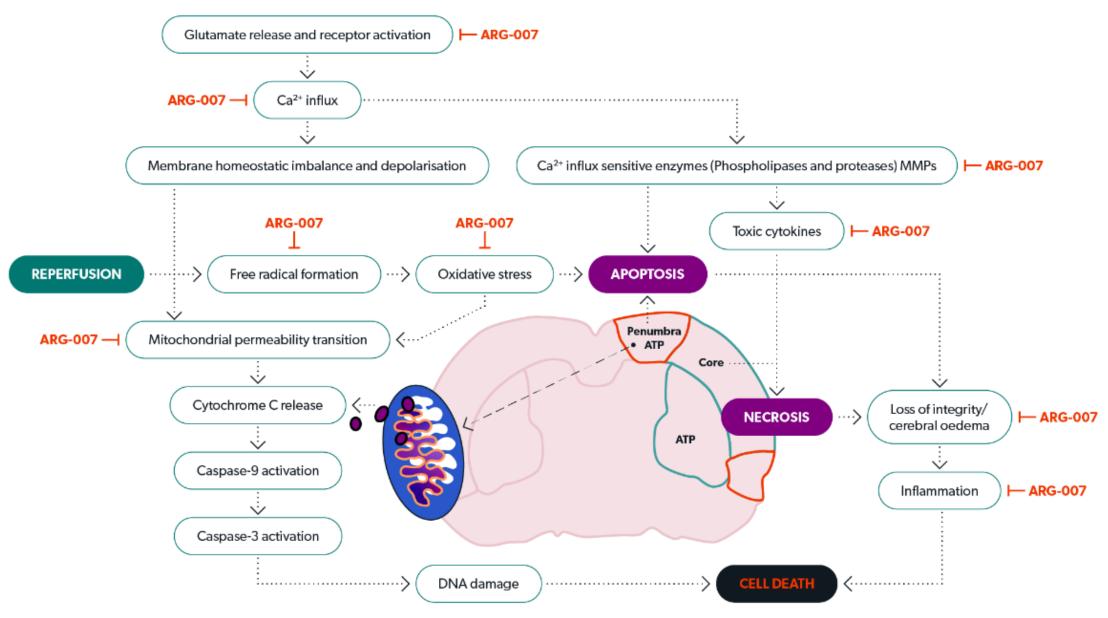
Neonatal neurocritical care post-HELIX No advisable neuroprotective strategy

ARG-007 neurotherapeutic potential Adjunct to therapeutic hypothermia

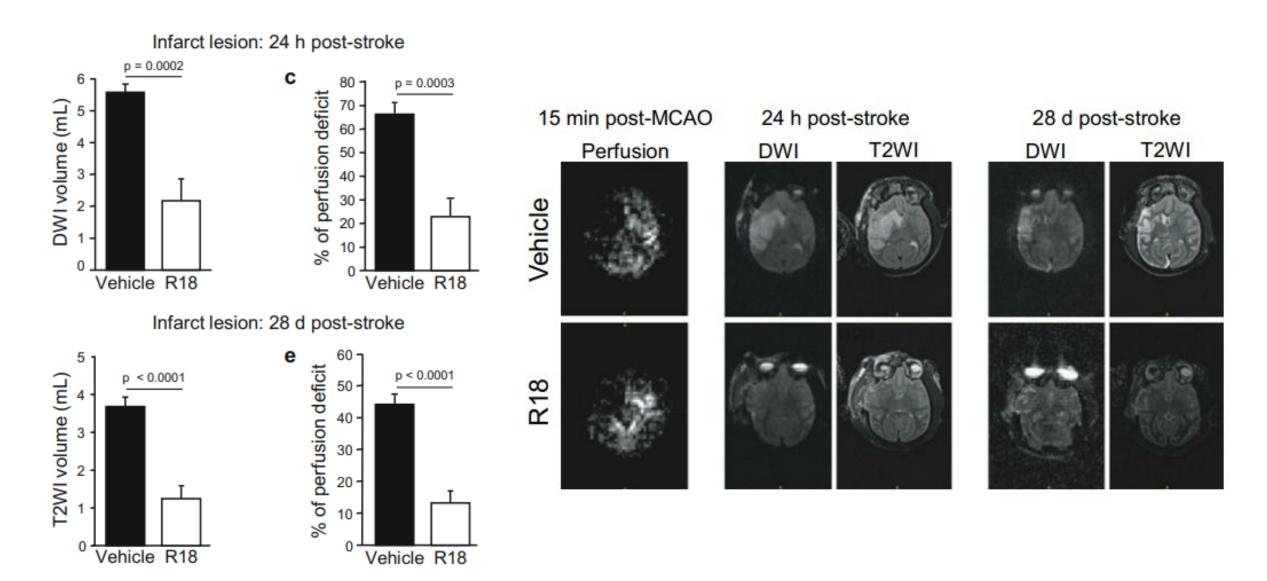
ARG-007 neurotherapeutic potential Standalone therapeutic



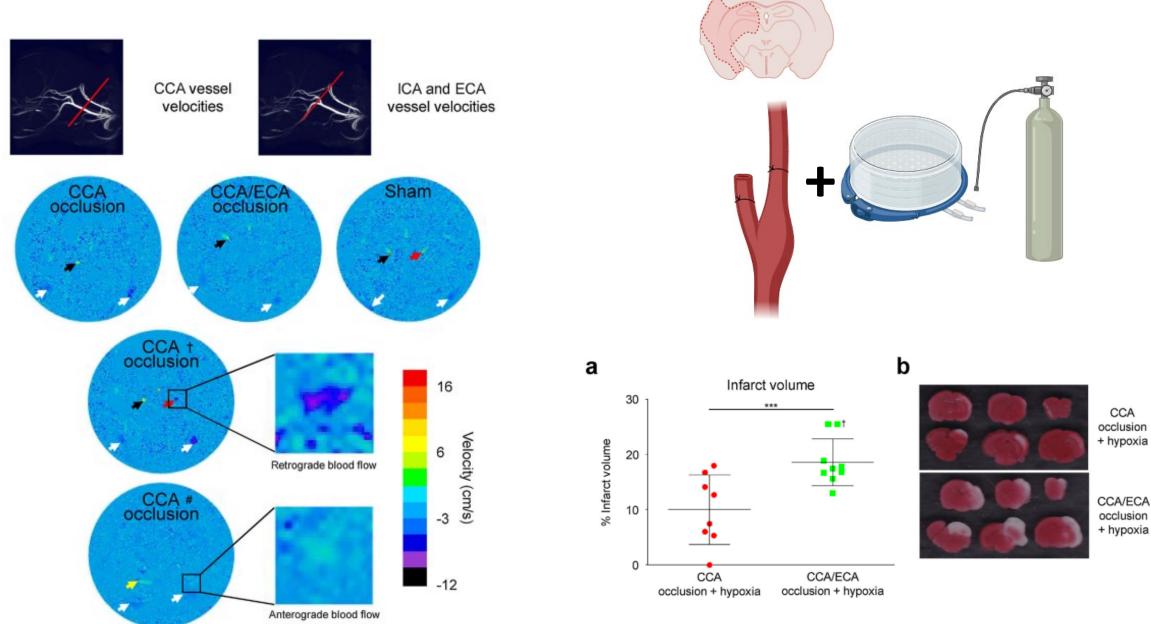
## ARG-007 as a neurotherapeutic



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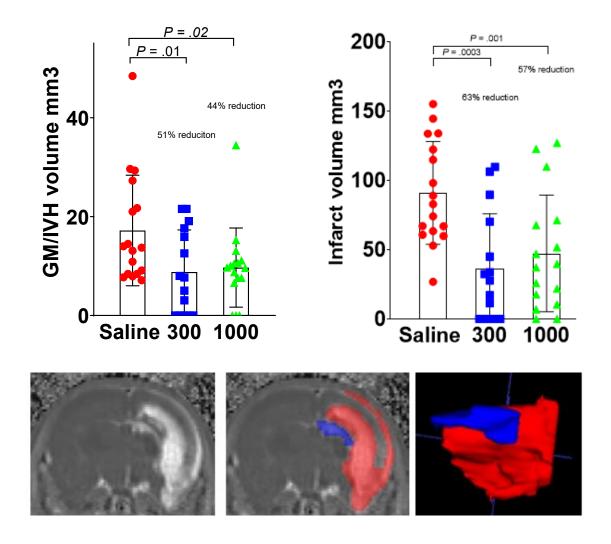
## Modified Rice-Vannucci model



J Neuro Methods 2017, Edwards et al

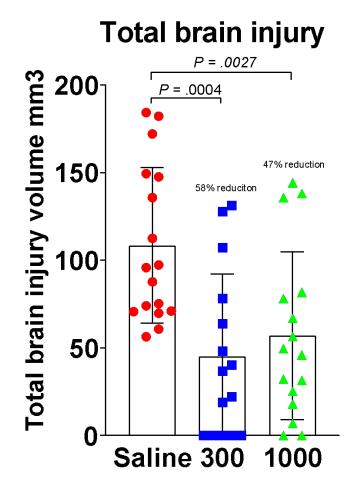
# ARG-007 efficacy in the PND7 rat

#### **ARG-007** efficacy as a standalone therapy

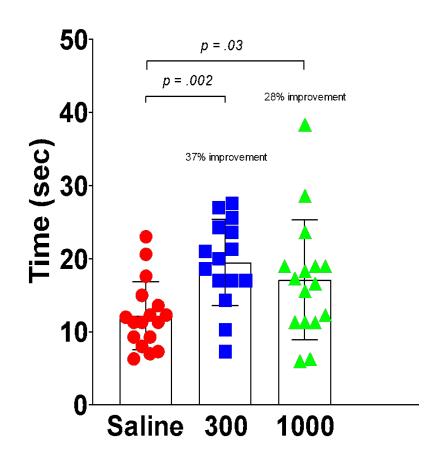


#### **ARG-007 efficacy after** hypothermia **200**<sub>1</sub> \*\*\* \*\*\* 150 Infarct mm3 100 50-**Saline** Saline 100 300

## ARG-007 efficacy in the PND7 rat



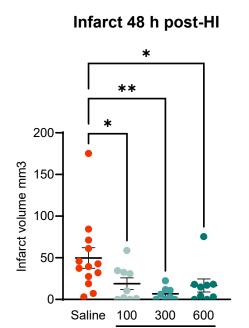
#### **Rota-Rod**



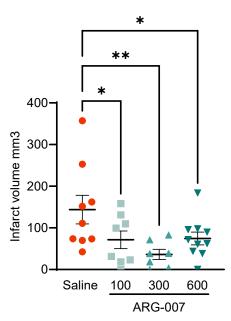
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**Unpublished observation** 

# ARG-007 efficacy in the PND10 rat

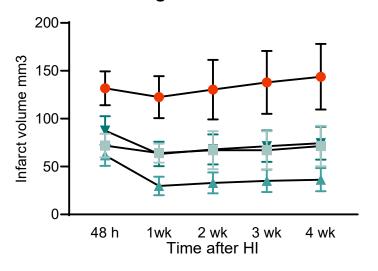


#### Infarct 4 weeks post-HI



#### Longitudional infarct

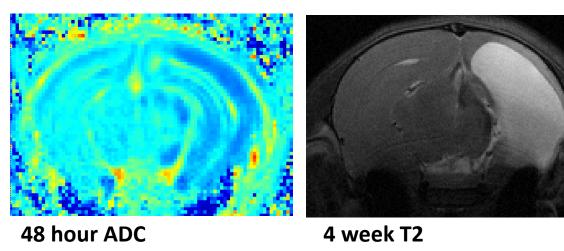
ARG-007

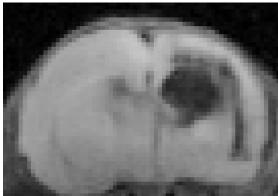


- Saline
- --- ARG007 100 nmol/kg
- → ARG007 300 nmol/kg
- → ARG007 600 nmol/kg

#### **Neuropathological correlates:**

- Neocortical infarct
- Striatal infarct
- Subcortical infarct
- Foci haemorrhage





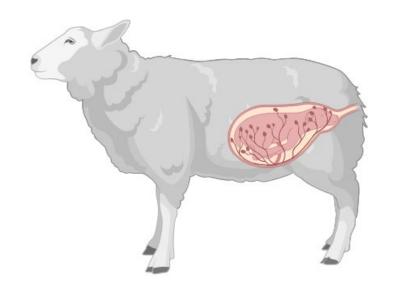
4 week

4 week ADC

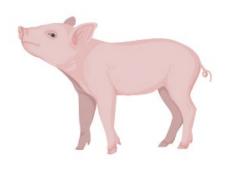
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## Future planned studies



ARG-007 neuroprotection in preterm asphyxia ± LPS challenge



ARG-007 neuroprotection in term asphyxia with recovery and 25 day behavioural assessments

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