

Silence Therapeutics Plc  
June 2018 Interim Results  
Dr David Horn Solomon, CEO  
David Ellam, CFO

A new era in RNAi therapeutics



# Silence: Operational Highlights

- **New leadership** in place with the recruitment of Dr David Horn Solomon as Chief Executive Officer, an experienced public company biotech CEO, board member and biotech investor.
- **The field is advancing:** Gene-silencing as a therapeutic modality was granted its first drug approval by the FDA on 10 August for *patisiran*, validating RNAi as a class of drugs that now have a clear path to market.
- **Positive regulatory feedback** and **promising data** in clinically validated animal disease models representative of iron overload disorders, increases confidence in Silence's lead candidate **SLN124**, with first patient entered in the Phase Ib study anticipated in H2 2019.
- Out-licenced programme, **QPI-1002** for Prevention of Acute Kidney Injury progressed to Phase III clinical trial by partner Quark Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- **Patisiran** remains accused of infringement of Silence's Intellectual Property in the United Kingdom and Portugal.

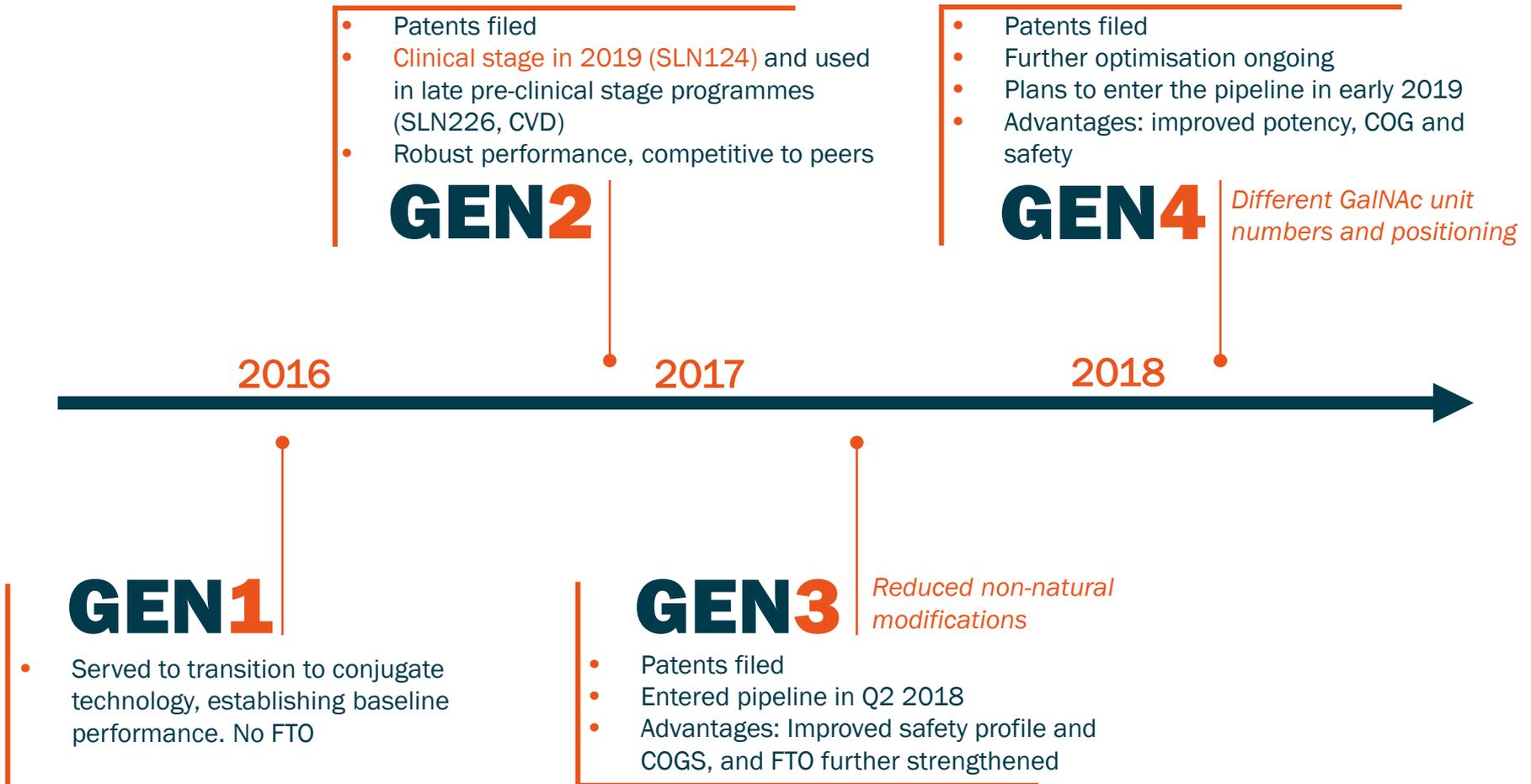


# Driving the Business Forward

- Primary emphasis is on advancing our proprietary pipeline of valuable **RNAi-derived** assets to build significant shareholder value and to create innovative products for patients and their caregivers.
- Building expertise around Hematology and Iron Metabolism Disorders.
- Partnering, with additional resources now secured, to validate and advance our pipeline assets.
- Broadening pipeline suitable for Partnering, including Cardiovascular Disease.
- Speed to development – can go from Idea to “First in Human” in 24 months.
- Silence’s Gen 3 GalNAc platform provides fewer non-natural chemical modifications with comparable performance. Gen 4 is about combining design elements that increase potency and duration of action of GalNAc conjugates.
- Management is focussed on increasing US presence, including contact with specialist investors.



# Evolution of our GalNAc-siRNA platform





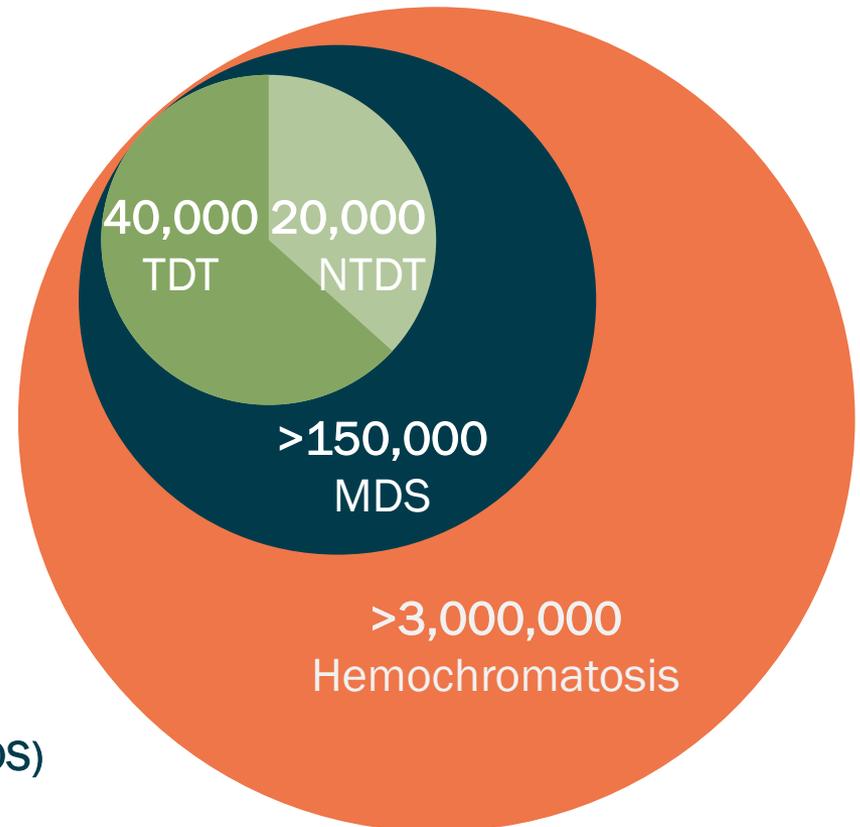
# Market opportunity for SLN124 (US and Europe only)



- **$\beta$ -Thalassemia intermedia & T. major (TDT)**
  - Combination with transfusions & chelators to reduce frequency & dose
  - Improve erythropoiesis and reduce secondary iron overload burden
- **$\beta$ -Thalassemia intermedia (NTDT)**
  - Monotherapy to delay onset of severe symptoms
  - Reduce dietary iron overload & subsequent organ damage

## Other iron overload disorders

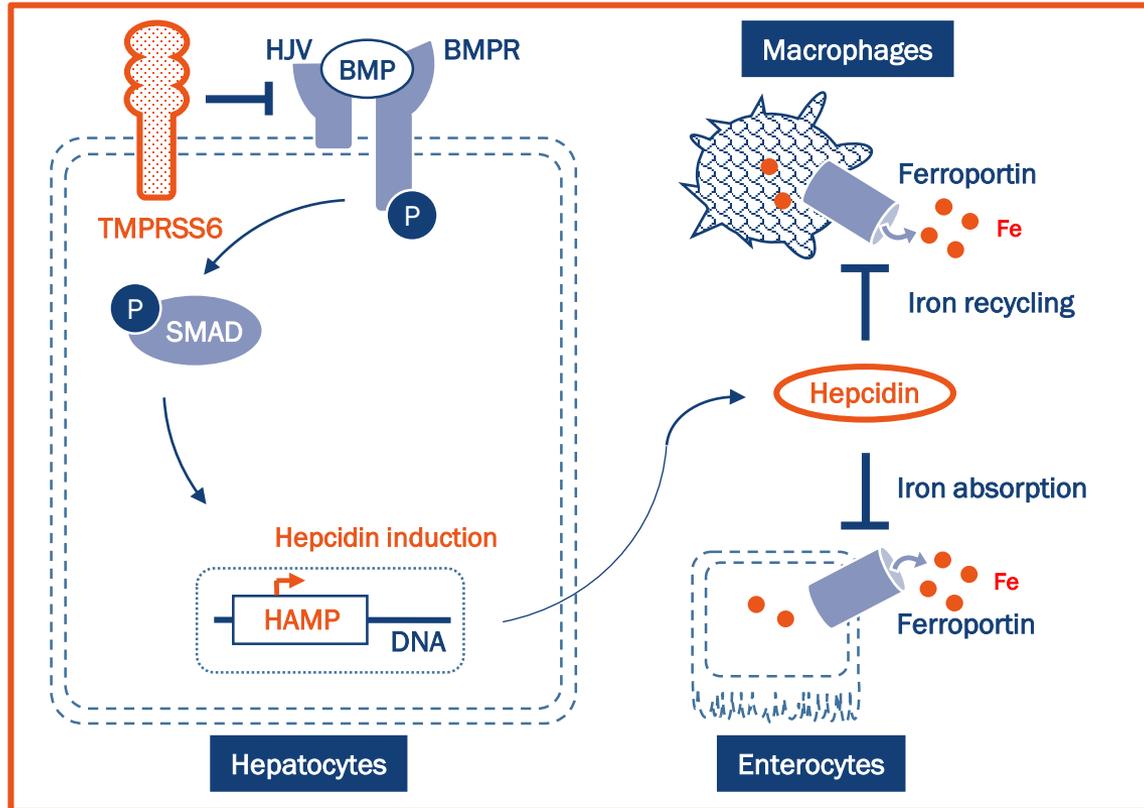
- **Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)**
- **Hemochromatosis**



**SLN124 for  $\beta$ -Thalassemia with significant upside potential in other iron overload disorders**

TDT = transfusion dependent Thalassemia; NTDT = non-transfusion dependent Thalassemia

# SLN124 mechanism of action: increasing Hepcidin by silencing its repressor TMPRSS6



- **TMPRSS6** (Transmembrane Protease, Serine 6) is a negative regulator of the BMP/SMAD signaling pathway
- Inhibition of TMPRSS6 in hepatocytes induces Hepcidin expression
- Hepcidin reduces absorption of dietary iron and the release of iron from cellular storage, thereby reducing circulatory iron levels
- The liver is the predominant source of Hepcidin

## Silencing TMPRSS6

- 1 Increases Hepcidin levels
- 2 Reduces iron levels
- 3 Improves erythropoiesis
- 4 Reduces anemia & iron overload

# Therapeutic activity of SLN124 in a disease model of Hereditary Hemochromatosis type 1 (iron overload)

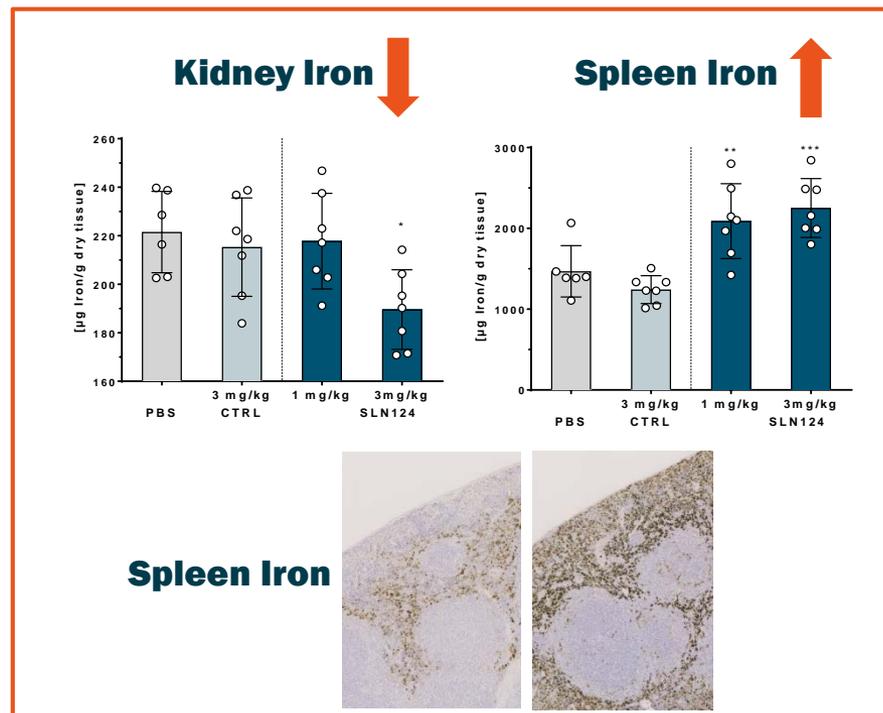
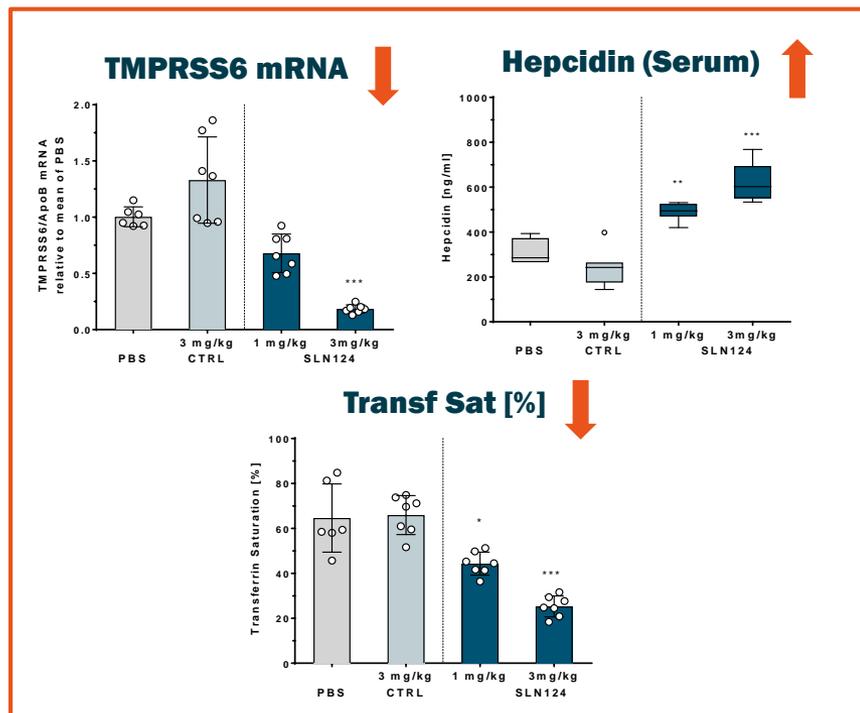


## Study design



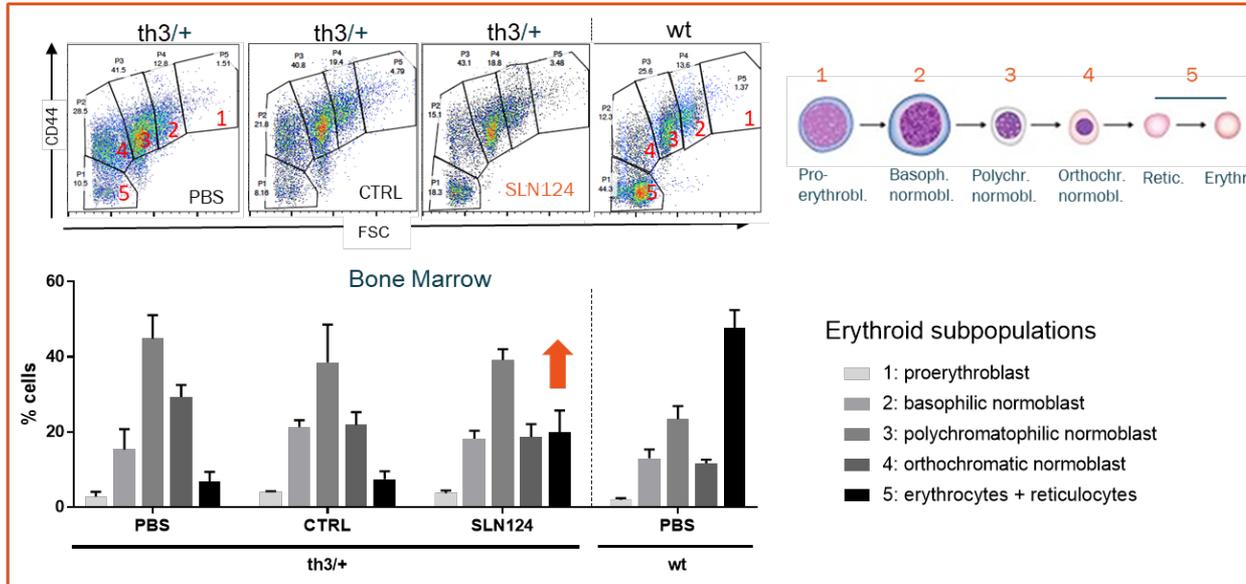
Hfe<sup>-/-</sup> mice

Collaboration with  
Prof. Dr. Martina Muckenthaler  
Heidelberg University, Germany



- Dose-dependent and **robust silencing of TMPRSS6 mRNA** in the liver
- **Induction of hepcidin expression and normalisation of iron levels** and transferrin saturation
- **Reduction of tissue iron levels** and redistribution to spleen (physiological storage compartment)

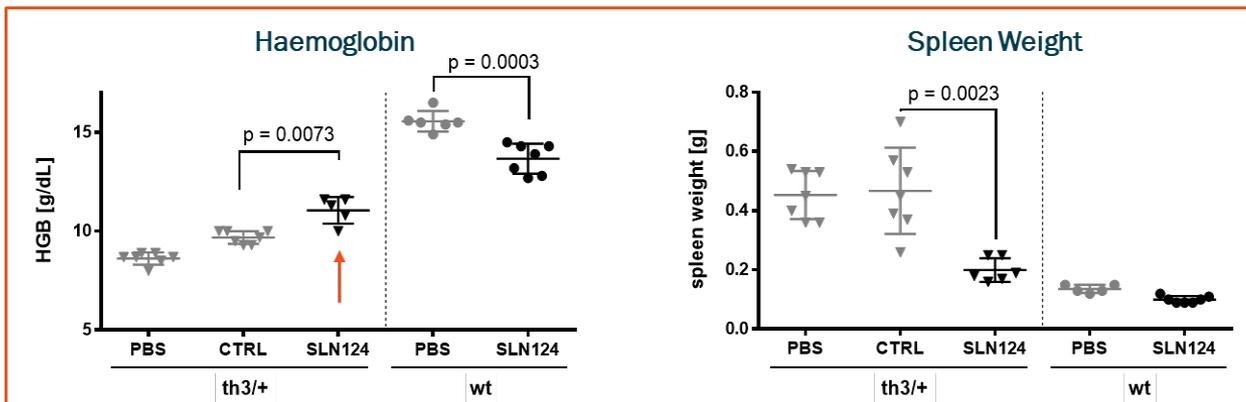
# SLN124 improves RBC maturation, anaemia and normalises spleen size in a murine model of $\beta$ -Thalassaemia intermedia



Collaboration with **HUDSON** INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH  
 Dr. J. Vadolas &  
 Dr. G. Grigoriadis. Monash Medical Centre/Melbourne, Australia

Hbb<sup>th3/+</sup> mice

Study design



**SLN124 treatment shows promising disease-modifying effects in a clinically relevant model of  $\beta$ -Thalassaemia**



# SLN124 Summary

- **Preclinical package:** Robust data generated in several disease models
- **Status:** Non-clinical development work ongoing, with CTA filing expected in Q2 2019
- **Clinical plans:** Phase 1b planned in patients ( $\beta$ -Thalassaemia and MDS). Network of KOL's established
- **Dosing regime:** Patient-friendly, with a monthly or less frequent schedule envisaged and subcutaneous administration route
- **Regulatory:** after submitting the SLN124 Briefing Document to the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, positive feedback was received at the June Scientific Advice Meeting
- SLN124 is **commercially viable** compared to gene therapy, which has a heavy burden on patients versus a monthly SubQ.

SLN124 is well positioned to offer a potentially safe and potent disease-modifying treatment option to patients living with iron overload disorders, such as  $\beta$ -Thalassaemia (both TDT and NTDT patients)



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H1 Financial Report 2018

# Increase in Operating Expenses to drive platform and indications



Income statement (GBP '000)	2018 H1	2017 H1	2017 Full year
Revenue	0	16	16
Research and development costs <sup>1</sup>	(5,212)	(3,817)	(7,943)
General & Administration expenses <sup>2</sup>	(4,681)	(3,021)	(6,464)
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(9,893)</b>	<b>(6,822)</b>	<b>(14,391)</b>
Other income <sup>3</sup>	106	166	10,616
Tax	1,100	1,140	2,157
<b>Net result for the period (after tax)</b>	<b>(8,687)</b>	<b>(5,516)</b>	<b>(1,618)</b>

<sup>1</sup> £1.4M increase is higher CMC costs & outsourcing of clinical operations costs, offset by reduced headcount

<sup>2</sup> £1.7M increase is mainly Litigation costs (£1.3M increase from £0.2M prior period) as well as £0.2M increase in payroll costs due to investment in key hires

<sup>3</sup> Full year 2017 included £9.1M gain on sale of Arrowhead shares and £1.3M gain on reclassification of FX gains on reclassification of foreign subsidiary.

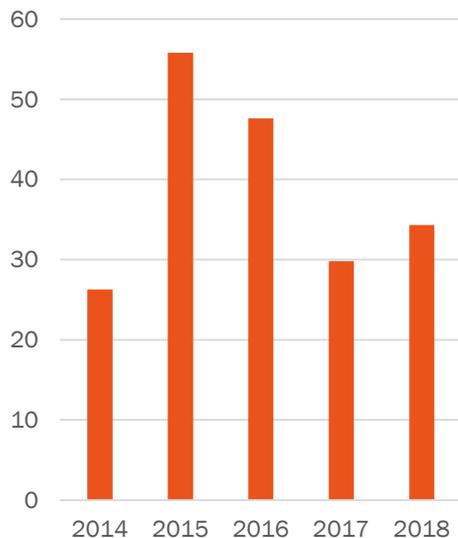
# Silence has >12 months cash to continue to advance the business



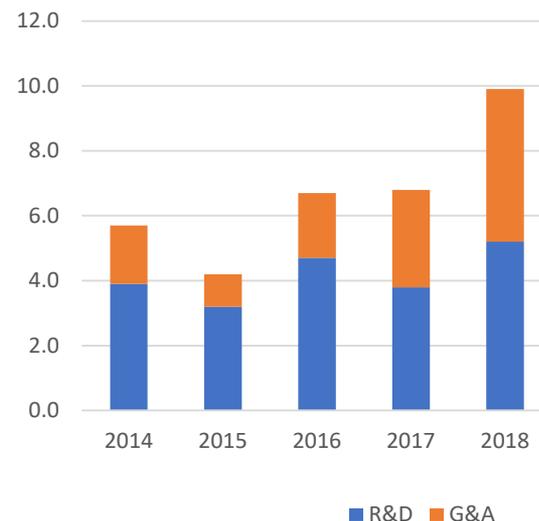
Cash, cash equivalents & term deposits of £34.3M at 30 June 2018 (\$45.1M)

R&D and G&A Expenses @ 30 June each year

Cash @30 June each year £M



R&D and G&A Expenses £M



In the last 12 months, Silence received £18.4M proceeds from sale of ARWR shares, having spent £9.2M to acquire those shares in the prior 12 months

Excluding Litigation & Patent costs, R&D runs at 60% of total costs for last two periods

# Expected newsflow outlook & milestones next 15 months



	Q4 2018	H1 2019	H2 2019
<b>SLN124</b>			
CTA enabling toxicology	○		
File CTA		○	
First In Human dosing			○
<b>CV disease</b>			
pPoC in NHP	○		
<b>2018 new Targets</b>			
POM data available	○		
pPOC in mice		○	○
Final candidate nomination			○
<b>Alcohol Use Disorder</b>			
CTA enabling toxicology			○
<b>Platform Strengthening</b>			
Gen3 design in use for new targets	○		
Gen4 toolbox validated and in use		○	
<b>Quark Out-License in QP-1002</b>			
First interpretative results for DGF Phase III study expected	○		
<b>Anylam Litigation</b>			
UK court hearing	○		
Expected UK court hearing verdict		○	