Alexion (AstraZeneca Rare Disease) Deep Dive Research Report

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Executive Summary - Key Performance Indicators

FY 2024 REVENUE	EMPLOYEE COUNT	ACQUISITION PRICE
$2.38B	**3,082**	**$39B**
+21% YoY	Global	2021 (AstraZeneca)

FLAGSHIP PRODUCT	PATENT CLIFF RISK	2030 REVENUE TARGET
Ultomiris	**Soliris**	**$5-6B**
+33% CER Growth	2025-2027 Expiry	18% CAGR

Company Overview

Alexion, operating as **AstraZeneca's Rare Disease** division, is a global biopharmaceutical leader specializing in complement-mediated diseases, metabolic disorders, and hematology. Founded in **1992** and acquired by AstraZeneca for **$39 billion** in **July 2021**, Alexion maintains operational independence with **3,082 employees** globally.

Led by CEO **Marc Dunoyer** (appointed August 2021), the company's flagship product **Ultomiris** generated approximately **$1.1 billion** in FY 2024 revenue (+33% CER), while legacy product **Soliris** faces biosimilar erosion

with revenues declining **22%** to ~$800 million.

Revenue Mix by Product (FY 2024)

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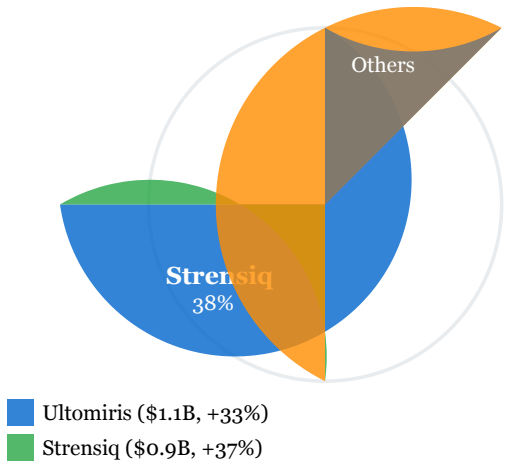
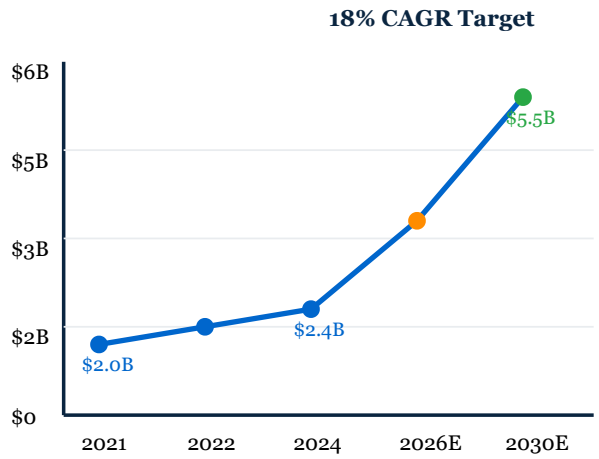


Revenue Growth Trajectory (2021-2030E)



Drug Portfolio Summary

Complement & Hematology Franchise

Product	FY 2024 Revenue	Growth YoY	Patent Status	Peak Sales Potential
Ultomiris (ravulizumab)	~$1,100M	+33% CER	US 2035-2039; orphan ended Dec 2025	$3-4B (2030)
Soliris (eculizumab)	~$800M	-22% CER	Expiring 2025-2027; biosimilars entering	Legacy decline
Andexxa (andexanet alfa)	$219M	+20% vs 2023	Withdrawn US Dec 2025	$0 (US withdrawn)
Danicopan (VOYDEYA)	Minimal (Canada only)	N/A (new)	Canada approved; US/EU Phase 3	$500M-1B (2030+)

Metabolic & Rare Disease Franchise

Product	FY 2024 Revenue	Growth YoY	Patent Status	Peak Sales Potential
Strensiq (asfotase alfa)	~$900M	+37% CER	Active patents; orphan exclusivity	$1.5-2B (2030)
Kanuma (sebelipase alfa)	LAL-D market ~$285M	Stable/modest	Orphan exclusivity	$400-500M (2030)
Koselugo (selumetinib)	Not disclosed	>3x growth	Adult approval Nov 2025	$500M-1B (2030+)

Ada Patient Finder Analysis - Top Targets

Methodology: Ada Patient Finder fit assessed on diagnostic delay (>12 months), per-patient net revenue (>$50K/year), underdiagnosis rate (>20%), and symptom detectability. Scoring: 0-10 scale (6+ = viable target).

Drug	Indication	Fit Score	Diagnostic Delay	Net Revenue/Patient	Addressable Pool (US)
Ultomiris/Soliris	PNH	**9/10**	2-3.7 years	$160-300K (US)	1,500-2,000 patients
Strensiq	HPP	**8/10**	24.5 years (adults)	$114-171K (US)	2,000-4,000 patients
Ultomiris/Soliris	aHUS	**7/10**	Significant (60-80% delayed)	$160-425K	500-1,000 patients
Ultomiris	gMG	**6/10**	102-363 days	$160-300K (US)	1,000-2,000 patients
Kanuma	LAL-D	**5/10**	Years (CESD misdiagnosed)	$80-240K	100-300 patients
Koselugo	NF1-PN	**4/10**	Minimal	$40-90K	1,000-3,000 patients

Top Ada Patient Finder Pitch: PNH (Fit Score 9/10)

Opportunity: "40% of PNH patients experience life-threatening thromboembolism before diagnosis—after an average 2-3.7 year diagnostic odyssey. Ada's symptom checker surfaces 'dark urine + anemia + clotting' patterns that physicians miss, identifying 1,500-2,000 undiagnosed US patients worth **$240-600M** in Ultomiris revenue. At 8% of first-year revenue, Ada's fee ($24K-$48K per patient) unlocks $250-500M incremental market expansion vs. zero-cost organic awareness."

Key Statistics: Diagnostic delay 2-3.7 years; <40% diagnosed within 12 months; 79% consulted multiple providers before diagnosis; 40-50% underdiagnosed/delayed.

Competitive Landscape

C5 Complement Inhibitors (PNH/aHUS/gMG Market)

Company	Product	Mechanism	Status	Market Share (est.)
Alexion (AstraZeneca)	Ultomiris	Long-acting IV C5	Market leader	40-45% PNH
Alexion (AstraZeneca)	Soliris	IV C5 inhibitor	Biosimilars entering	30-35% PNH (declining)
Roche/Chugai	Crovalimab	Subcutaneous C5	FDA-approved June 2024	5-10% PNH (early)
UCB	Zilbrysq	Subcutaneous C5 (daily)	gMG only (Oct 2023)	<5% gMG
Amgen	Bkemv (biosimilar)	Soliris biosimilar	US launch 2024 (~10% discount)	5-10% PNH (emerging)

C3 Inhibitors & Proximal Pathway

Company	Product	Mechanism	Status	Market Share (est.)
Apellis	Empaveli	C3 inhibitor	FDA-approved May 2021	6-7% PNH ($98.1M US 2024)

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Novartis	Fabhalta	Oral Factor B inhibitor	FDA-approved Dec 2023	Emerging (<5% PNH)
Alexion	Danicopan	Oral Factor D inhibitor	Canada-approved July 2024	Minimal (not US/EU)

Key Risks & Challenges

High-Priority Risks

- **Soliris Patent Cliff (2025-2027):** $800M FY 2024 revenue declining to $200-400M by 2027 due to biosimilar entry (Amgen Bkemv, Samsung Bioepis)
- **Ultomiris Orphan Exclusivity Loss (Dec 2025):** Opens pathway for biosimilars 2028-2030; core patents extend to 2035-2039 but complex manufacturing may delay
- **Competitive Erosion:** C3 inhibitors (Apellis Empaveli), oral Factor B (Novartis Fabhalta), subcutaneous C5s (Roche crovalimab) gaining PNH share
- **Andexxa US Withdrawal (Dec 2025):** $81M US revenue loss; safety concerns (14.6% thrombosis rate vs. 6.9% standard care) damage credibility
- **IRA Pricing Pressure:** Soliris/Ultomiris at risk for Medicare price negotiation (40-60% net cuts possible if selected 2026-2028)

Valuation & Outlook

2030 Revenue Target: $5-6 Billion (18% CAGR)

AstraZeneca's commitment to **$80 billion total revenue by 2030** positions Rare Disease (Alexion) to contribute **$5-6 billion**, representing an **18% CAGR** from FY 2024's $2.4 billion.

Growth Pathway:

- **Ultomiris:** $1.1B (2024) → $3.5-4B (2030) via Soliris conversions, gMG penetration, C3G/NMOSD approvals
- **Strensiq:** $0.9B (2024) → $1.8-2B (2030) via underdiagnosed HPP penetration (24.5-year adult delay reduction)
- **Koselugo:** Minimal (2024) → $500-800M (2030) via adult approval (Nov 2025) doubling addressable market
- **Danicopan:** $0 (2024) → $500M-1B (2030) via US/EU approvals (2025-2026 assumed)

- **Portfolio Decline:** Soliris ($800M → $200M), Andexxa ($219M → $0 US), Kanuma (flat $280M)

Peer Comparison

Company	2024 Revenue	Market Cap	EV/Sales	Key Franchises
Alexion (AZ Rare Disease)	$2.4B	N/A (subsidiary)	N/A	Complement, Metabolic
BioMarin Pharmaceutical	$2.3B	~$15B	~6.5x	Enzyme replacement
Sarepta Therapeutics	$1.8B	~$12B	~6.7x	DMD gene therapy
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	$10.3B	~$110B	~10.7x	CF (Trikafta)
Apellis Pharmaceuticals	$0.5B	~$4B	~8x	Complement (Empaveli)

Implied Alexion Standalone Valuation: $14-19 billion (6-8x FY 2024 revenue), below 2021 acquisition price of $39 billion due to Soliris decline and Andexxa failure. Strategic value to AstraZeneca reflects synergies, pipeline potential, and rare disease platform.

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