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# **Orviglance® NDA Submission Approaching**

Q2 and Half-Year Report 2025

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# QUARTERLY REPORT Q2 2025 INVESTOR CONFERENCE CALL

## Agenda

Recent key events

Portfolio

Financials and priorities ahead

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## Presenters

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Deputy CEO - Julie Waras Brogren

CSO – Andreas Norlin



*At Ascelia Pharma, we identify, develop  
and commercialize novel drugs that  
address unmet needs of people  
with rare cancer conditions*

# ASCELIA PHARMA - HIGHLIGHTS

## Pipeline

### ORVIGLANCE® – Registration phase

- First-in-class contrast agent for use in liver MRI in patients with severely impaired kidney function
- FDA Orphan Drug Designation
- Global addressable market of USD 800 million
- Phase 3 study successful and clinical development completed

### ONCORAL – Phase 2-ready

- Daily, oral irinotecan chemotherapy
- Clinical collaboration with Taiho Oncology
- Opportunity in gastric cancer and other solid tumors

## Global outlook and Nordic roots

Based in Malmö (Sweden), US entity in New Jersey (US)  
Listed on NASDAQ Stockholm (Ticker: ACE)

# Q2 2025 PROGRESS

## Key events in Q2 2025

- ✦ Study on Orvigance target patients accepted for presentation at the ISPOR 2025 conference
- ✦ Publication of scientific article on Orvigance in Investigative Radiology
- ✦ Ascelia Pharma receives gross proceeds of SEK 43 million from exercise of warrants series TO 1
- ✦ Bulletin from the Annual General Meeting in Ascelia Pharma AB on 7 May 2025

## Key events after the period

- ✦ Updated timeline for submission of the Orvigance NDA take place early September 2025



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**ORVIGLANCE®**

**Liver diagnostic imaging drug**

**ONCORAL**

**Daily, oral chemotherapy**

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# ATTRACTIVE ORVIGLANCE OPPORTUNITY

- A well-defined unmet need for liver imaging in cancer patients with impaired kidney function
- A global addressable market opportunity of USD 800 million
- Clinical development completed with 9 studies and strong phase 3 results
- Commercial scale manufacturing
- Orviglance advances to regulatory filing and approval phase



# ORVIGLANCE – FILLING AN UNMET NEED IN LIVER MRI

## Patient Landscape

Liver metastases are critical in cancer care



Liver metastases are common in many cancer types and often the cause of mortality<sup>1-3</sup>

- Colorectal cancer, metastatic breast cancer, gastric cancer

## Treatments

Contrast enhanced MRI is the gold standard

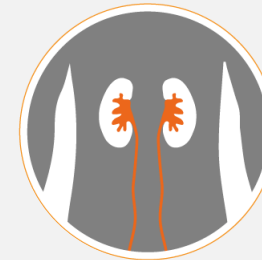


Contrast enhanced MRI

- Detection and visualization
- Surgery & drug treatment plan
- Post-treatment surveillance

## Unmet Need

A role for ORVIGLANCE in patients with severe kidney impairment



Patients with healthy kidneys

- Receive MRI with gadolinium-based contrast agent (GBCA)

Patients with severe kidney impairment

- Black Box warning for gadolinium contrast agents
- Risk of severe side effects, incl. Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)

## ORVIGLANCE

Aims to be the imaging option without gadolinium-related safety risks in patients with severe kidney impairment

- Manganese based
- Liver specific

1) Riihimäki, M. et al. Patterns of metastasis in colon and rectal cancer. *Sci. Rep.* 6, 29765; doi: 10.1038/srep29765 (2016); *Journal of Pathology*, 2014, 232:23-31  
2) Guy diSibio and Samuel W. French (2008) Metastatic Patterns of Cancers: Results From a Large Autopsy Study. *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine*; June 2008, Vol. 132, No. 6, pp. 931-939  
3) Rahbari et al. Metastatic Spread Emerging From Liver Metastases of Colorectal Cancer: Does the Seed Leave the Soil Again? *Annals of Surgery*; February 2016 - Volume 263 - Issue 2 - p 345-352

# CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED



Nine studies with consistent positive efficacy and safety results<sup>1-7</sup>

286 patients and healthy volunteers

## Phase 3 study confirmed efficacy and safety in the target population

Pivotal study on visualization of focal liver lesions and safety in patients with severe kidney impairment (85 patients)

## Orviglance efficacy confirmed vs. gadolinium & unenhanced in re-evaluation

Re-read of phase 2 study (20 patients) with liver metastases with same endpoint as in phase 3

## Phase 2 studies demonstrated efficacy and safety in patients with known metastases

Total 4 studies with 75 patients

## Phase 1 studies demonstrated safety, absorption and signal intensity

Total 4 studies with 126 healthy volunteers

1) Thomsen HS *et al.*, Acad Radiol 2004; 11: 630-636

2) Thomsen HS *et al.*, Eur Radiol 2007; 17: 273-278

3) Rief M *et al.*, Invest Radiol. 2010; 45: 565-71

4) Brismar TB *et al.*, Eur Radiol 2012; 22:633-41

5) Albiin N *et al.*, MAGMA. 2012; 25:361-368

6) Study CMC-P005, primary objective to study of Orviglance for imaging of bile ducts (not published)

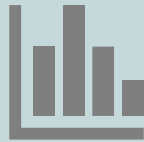
7) Results from Phase 1 and 2 and Food Effect and Hepatic Impairment Studies presented at RSNA and ESGAR conferences between 2022 and 2023

# ADVANCING ORVIGLANCE TOWARDS APPROVAL

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Nonclinical



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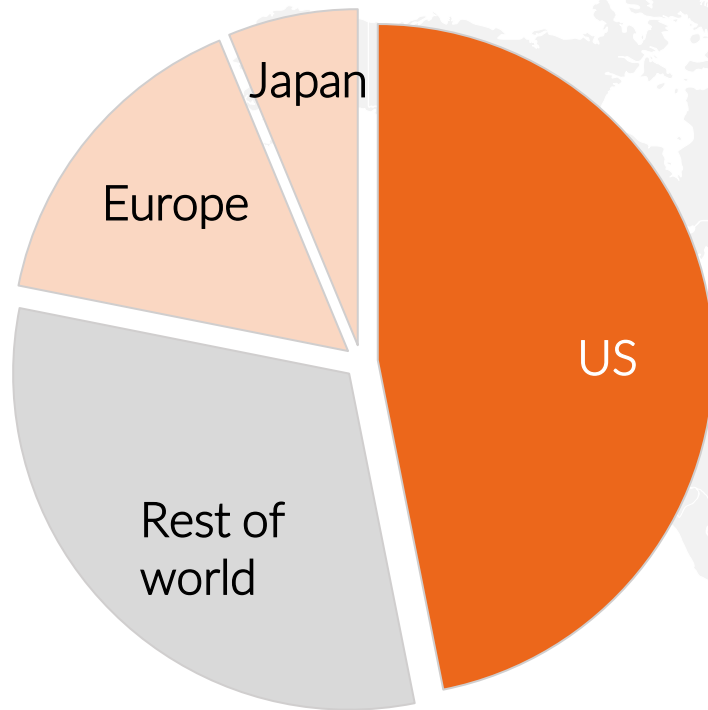


## US FDA

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# ADDRESSABLE MARKET OF USD 800 MILLION ANNUALLY



Global addressable market of USD 800 million, half of this in the US

**Focused launch** for well-defined patient population in liver imaging in cancer patients with severe kidney impairment

Global commercialization through partners

Sources:

Ascelia Pharma market research on real-world volumes with Decision Resources Group, 2020.. Ascelia Pharma market access research and analyses with Revenue Reimbursement Solutions and Charles River Associates (2020), Triangle (2022) and Trinity (2022), incl. 75 stakeholder and expoert interactions. 1) Final pricing strategy is subject to Phase 3 data, payer evidence, negotiations, discounts and access strategy



# ATTRACTIVE US OPPORTUNITY

Abdominal imaging procedures in cancer patients  
with severe kidney impairment  
based on epidemiology and real-world data<sup>1</sup>

Around 400 healthcare provider accounts serve  
75% of kidney impaired patients<sup>4</sup>

Pricing range benchmarks based on innovative  
diagnostics, payer and expert input and price testing<sup>2, 3</sup>

~100,000  
procedures annually

~400 accounts

\$3,000-4,500

Sources:

- 1) Ascelia Pharma market research with Decision Resources Group, 2020. Literature on prevalence and epidemiology of kidney disease, cancer and liver metastases.
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- 4) Ascelia Pharma analysis based on market research with Decision Resources Group, 2020

# UNMET NEED RECOGNIZED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

**NSF\* risk**  
with warnings for target population

“Those of us who have seen NSF are frightened by it... you’ll get **buy-in from a lot of nephrologists...**”  
- Head of Renal section at US university hospital  
(from Ascelia Pharma Advisory Board meeting)

**+90%**



of HCPs are concerned by issues  
relating to GBCAs (including NSF)

**+16%**



of providers have experienced  
GBCA-induced NSF

““The college [American College of Radiology]...have a **growing sense of responsibility and accountability** about using these agents in high-risk patients.... our perception of which agents are “safe” has changed... this is another place where practice needed to evolve”  
- SPARKLE Investigator and Head of Radiology at US university hospital

\*nephrogenic systemic fibrosis

# MOMENTUM FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO GADOLINIUM

## Deposition in brain & organs

concerns around safety for all patients

New safety category recommended for Symptoms Associated with Gadolinium exposure (SAGE), by Am. College of Rad. (2022)

Multiple-GBCA effect on body movement and mental skills study requested by the FDA (ODYSSEY, 2020)

## Water contamination

scrutiny of environmental impact

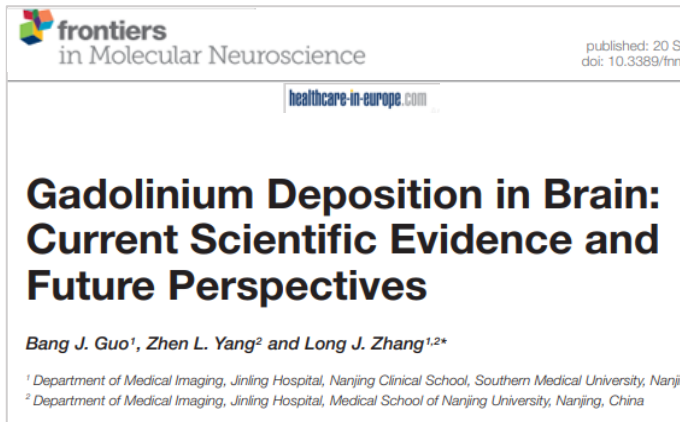
Gadolinium excreted in urine is discharged into our environment and drinking water

## Future with less/no gadolinium

focus of leading gadolinium manufacturers

Low dose full-body gadolinium contrast agents pursued by GBCA players with one approved by the FDA (Guerbet/Bracco) and another in regulatory review (Bayer)

Completion of Phase 1 of full-body IV manganese-based contrast agent (GE HealthCare)



1) Brünjes R. et al. Anthropogenic gadolinium in freshwater and drinking water systems, Water Research, Volume 182, 2020..

Other sources include:

Macke et al. Fast and automated monitoring of gadolinium-based contrast agents in surface waters, Water Research, Volume 207, 2021.

Oluwasola et al. Gadolinium based contrast agents (GBCAs): Uniqueness, aquatic toxicity concerns, and prospective remediation. Journal of Contaminant Hydrology, Volume 250, 2022.

M. Nicholl. Seeking alternatives to gadolinium-based contrast agents. Healthcareineurope.com. July 22022

Bang G. Gadolinium Deposition in Brain: Current Scientific Evidence and Future Perspectives. Mol. Neurosci., 20 September 2018.

# ON TRACK FOR OPTIMAL COMMERCIALIZATION

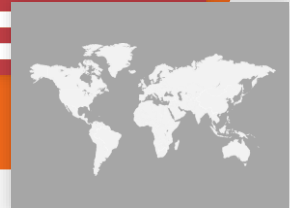
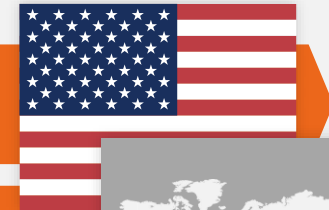
## Strategic objectives for commercialization

- Optimal balance between investment required and future revenues
- Leverage established commercialization capabilities
- Maximize value with global launch strategy

## Global commercialization through partners

Secure launch readiness

Establish commercial partnerships



Dialogue with potential partners progressing

# RECOGNITION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

Orviglance data accepted for 4 oral and 5 poster presentations at major conferences

American Society of Nephrology (Kidney Week), Oct 2024

- SPARKLE primary results - oral presentation

Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), Dec 2024

- SPARKLE primary results - oral presentation

Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR), Feb 2025

- SPARKLE detection - oral presentation
- SPARKLE metastases and HCC – poster presentation

Eur. Soc. of Gastrointestinal & Abdominal Radiology (ESGAR), May 2025

- SPARKLE metastases and HCC – oral presentation
- SPARKLE detection – oral presentation
- SPARKLE primary results – poster presentation

Prof. Soc. for Health Economics & Outcomes Research (ISPOR), May 2025

- Burden of illness real world claims analysis – poster presentation

Radiological Society of North America, (RSNA), Dec 2025

- SPARKLE quantitative assessments – poster presentation



Publication in Investigative Radiology

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Lesion Visualization of an Oral Manganese Contrast Agent Compared to Unenhanced MRI and Gadobenate Dimeglumine in Patients Undergoing Liver Magnetic Resonance Imaging for Evaluation of Colorectal Cancer Metastases  
*Centralized Assessment of a Randomized, Crossover, Phase II Study*

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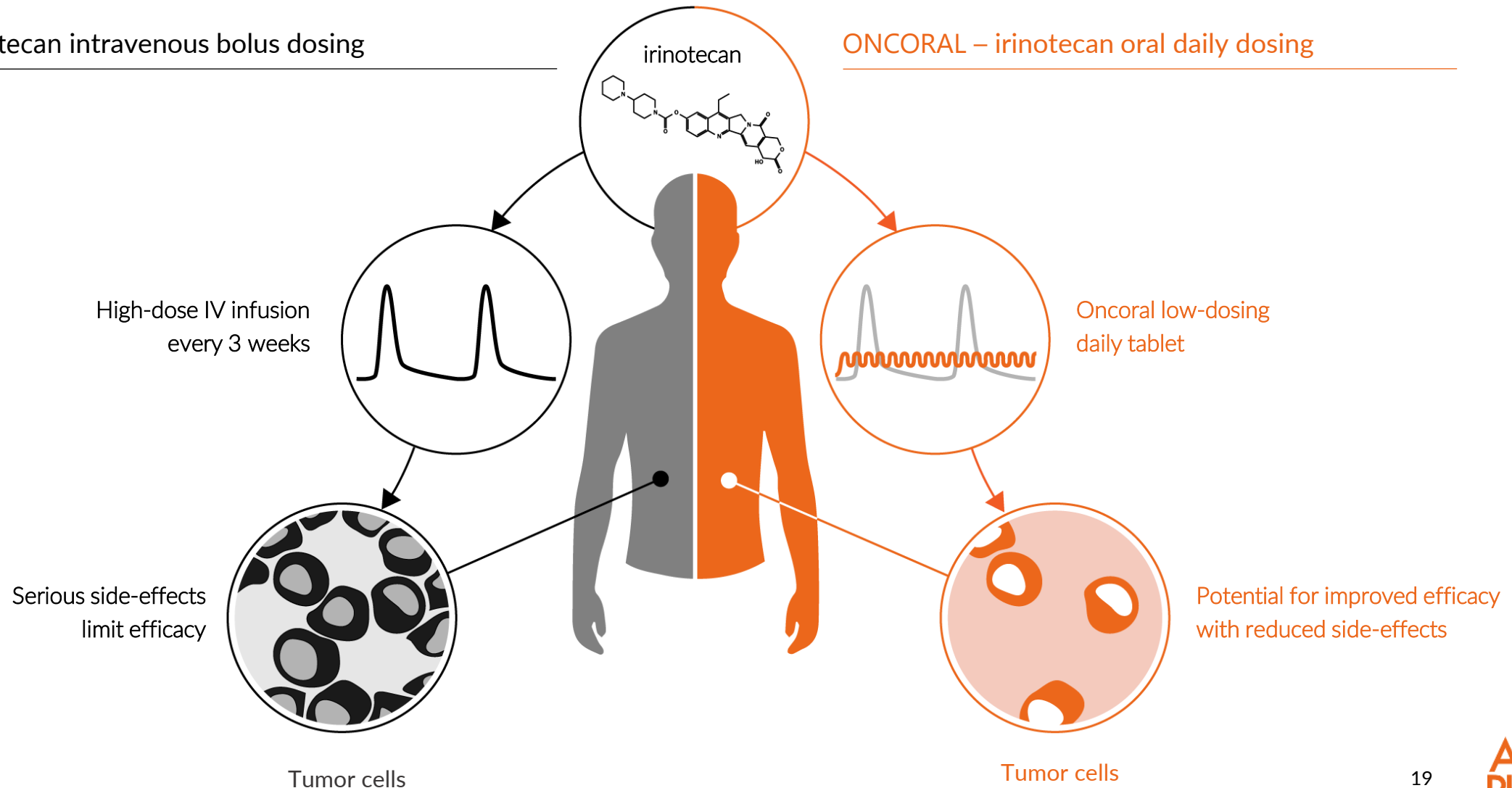
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# IMPROVING IRINOTECAN EFFICACY AND TOLERABILITY

## Irinotecan intravenous bolus dosing

## ONCORAL – irinotecan oral daily dosing

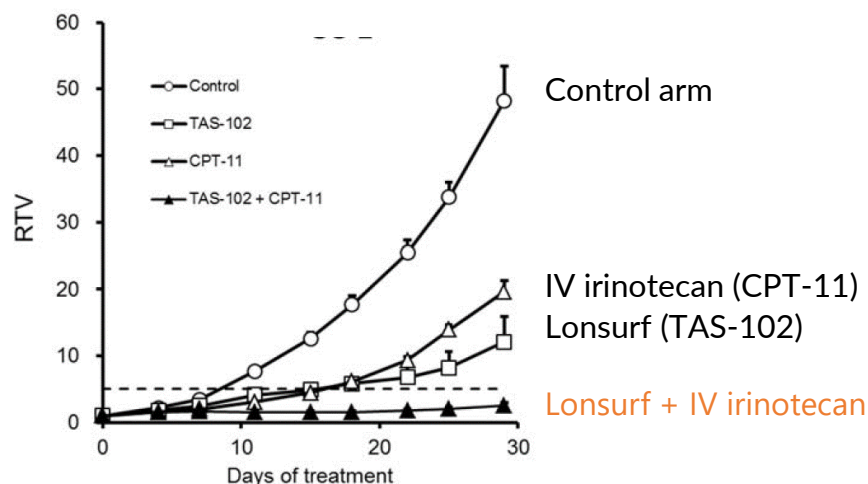


# ONCORAL PHASE 2 IN GASTRIC CANCER

## STRONG RATIONALE FOR GASTRIC CANCER

- High unmet need and clinically demonstrated
- Potential for synergistic effect between Lonsurf and irinotecan

Efficacy study in an animal model of gastric cancer<sup>1</sup>  
(Relative Tumor Volume, RTV)



## LONSURF AND IRINOTECAN COMBINATION

### RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED PHASE 2 STUDY

- ~100 patients with metastatic gastric cancer
- Study arms: Oncoral + Lonsurf vs. Lonsurf
- Endpoints: Progression Free Survival (Primary), Response Rate, PK, Safety (Secondary) and Overall Survival (follow-up)
- IND approved in the US
- To focus all resources on Orvigance, the study has not been initiated yet

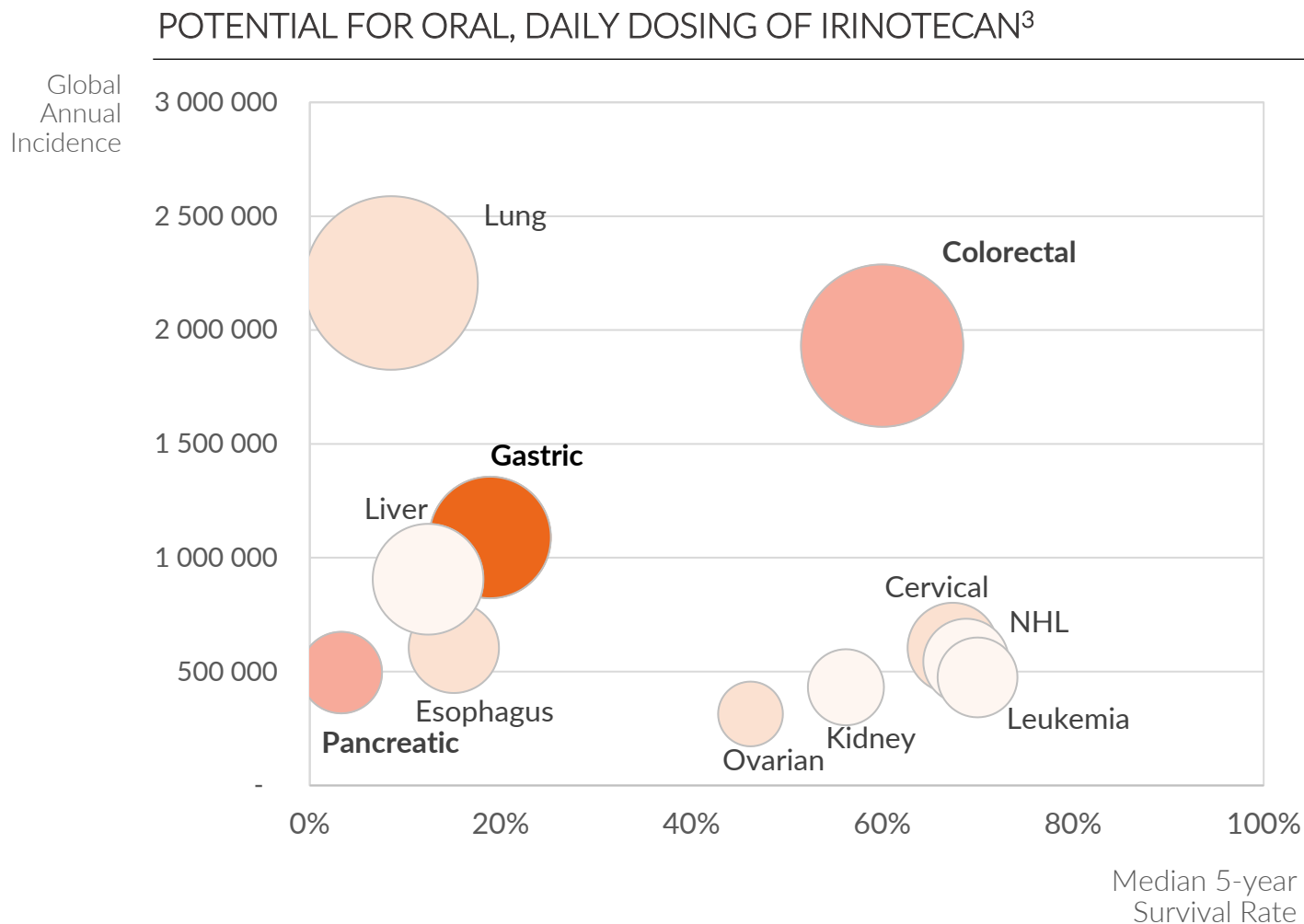
Clinical collaboration with



LONSURF is approved for treatment of metastatic gastric cancer and metastatic colorectal cancer

1) Nukatsuka et al: Combination Chemotherapy Using TAS-102 and Irinotecan Hydrochloride, ANTICANCER RESEARCH 35: 1437-1446 (2015)

# HIGH VALUE OPPORTUNITY IN GASTRIC CANCER AND EXPANSION



**A WELL-ESTABLISHED CHEMOTHERAPY**  
with recognized anti-tumor effect in solid tumors

- **Current focus: Gastric cancer**
  - Clinically demonstrated
  - Guidelines recognized
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> highest cancer deaths<sup>1</sup>
  - Orphan disease (US and EU)
  - \$3-4bn market<sup>2</sup>
- **Approved indications for IV irinotecan**
- **Indications where IV irinotecan are clinically demonstrated & guidelines recognized**
- **Indications where IV irinotecan are clinically demonstrated**

1) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 2021)

2) GlobalData - Gastric and Gastroesophageal Junction Adenocarcinoma - Global Drug Forecast and Market Analysis to 2024

3) Globocan 2020, WHO, Cancer Research UK

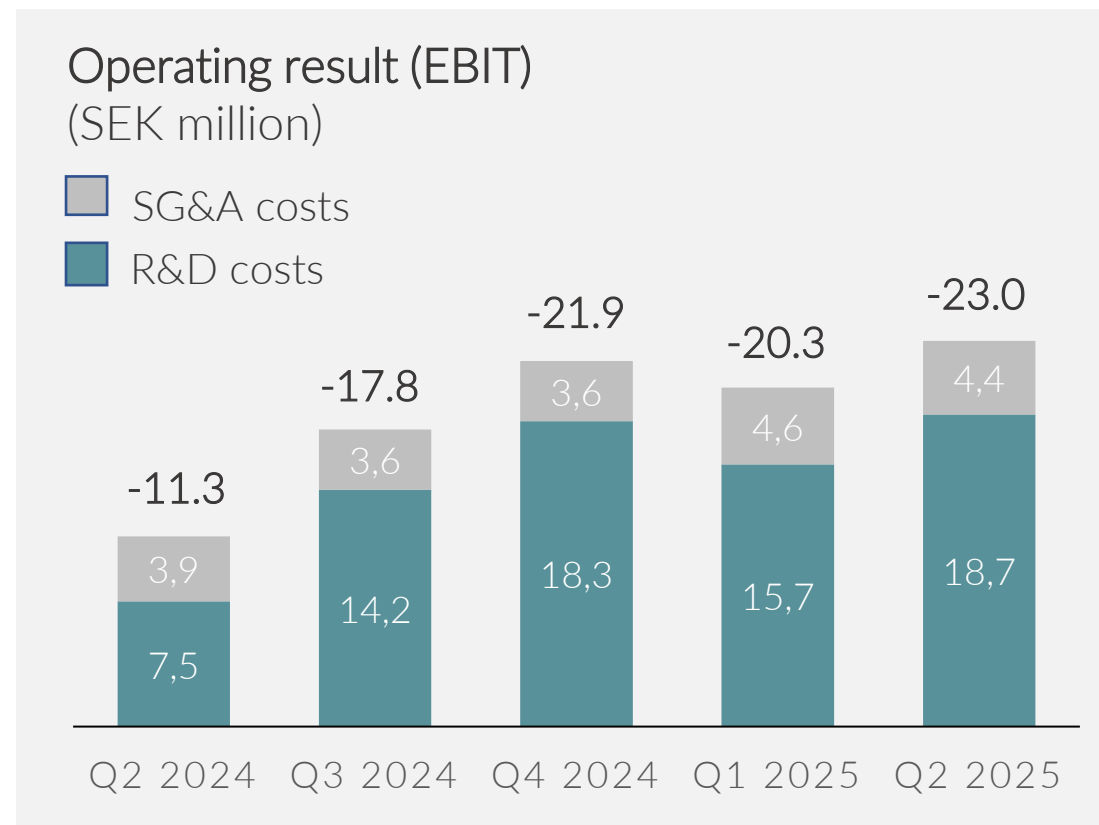


## FINANCIALS & OUTLOOK

# OPERATING RESULT– MAINTAINED LOW OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating loss of SEK 23.0 million in Q2 2025

Costs are at a similar level compared to Q1 2025 with a continuous focus on NDA submission preparations.



Notes:

1) Other operating income and other operating costs added to SG&A

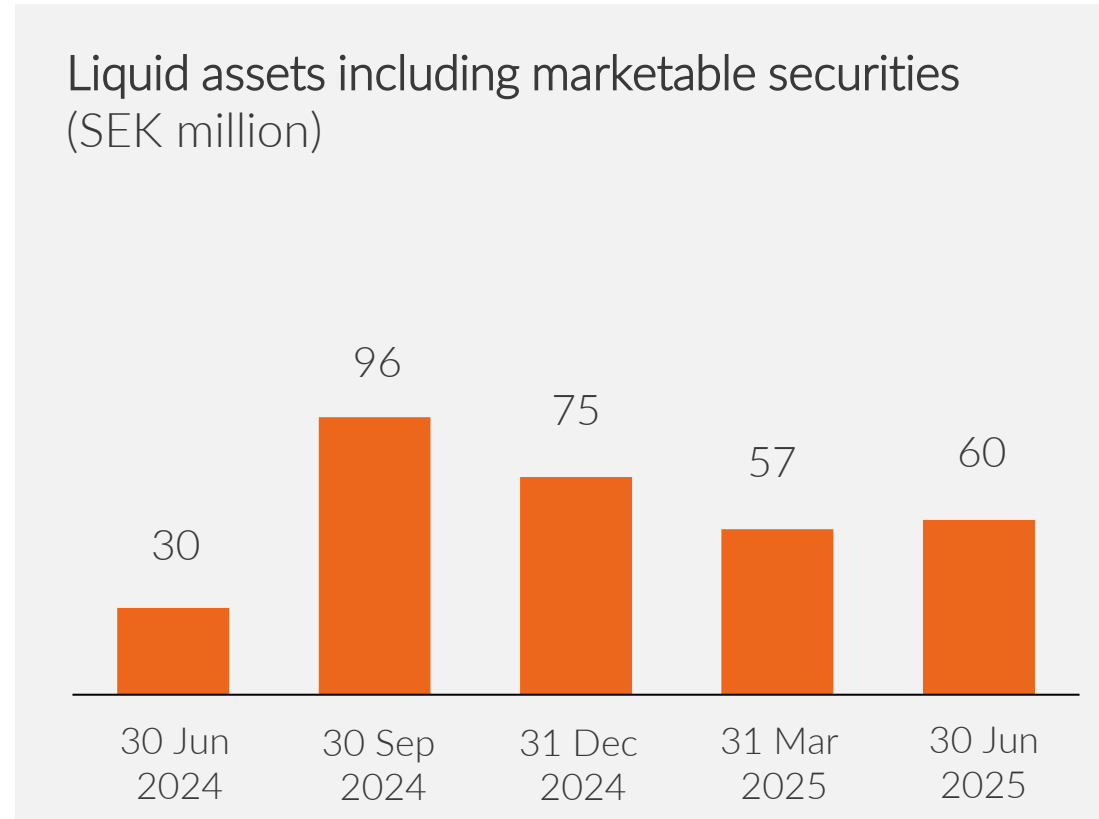
# LIQUIDITY - CASH RUNWAY TO AT LEAST END 2025

Liquid assets of SEK 60 million (30 Jun 2025);

Successful TO 1 warrants exercise with SEK 43 million additional financing before costs and a subscription rate of approximately 96 percent.

SEK 20 million loan from Fenja repaid

Cash runway reaches at least end 2025; with reserve for potential repayment of the SEK 7.5 million Fenja convertible end of 2025. Excludes financing from partnering.



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