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### ASCELIA PHARMA – COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS



#### **ADVANCING ORPHAN ONCOLOGY**

- Identify, develop and commercialize novel drugs that address unmet needs in rare cancers
- Two drugs in advanced clinical development
  - ORVIGLANCE in global Phase 3; FDA Orphan Drug Designation
  - ONCORAL ready for Phase 2

#### **BUILDING GLOBAL CAPABILITIES**

- Based in Malmö (Sweden), US affiliate in New Jersey (US)
- Solid balance sheet and financed into Q4 2023
- Listed on NASDAQ Stockholm (Ticker: ACE)



### RECENT KEY EVENTS

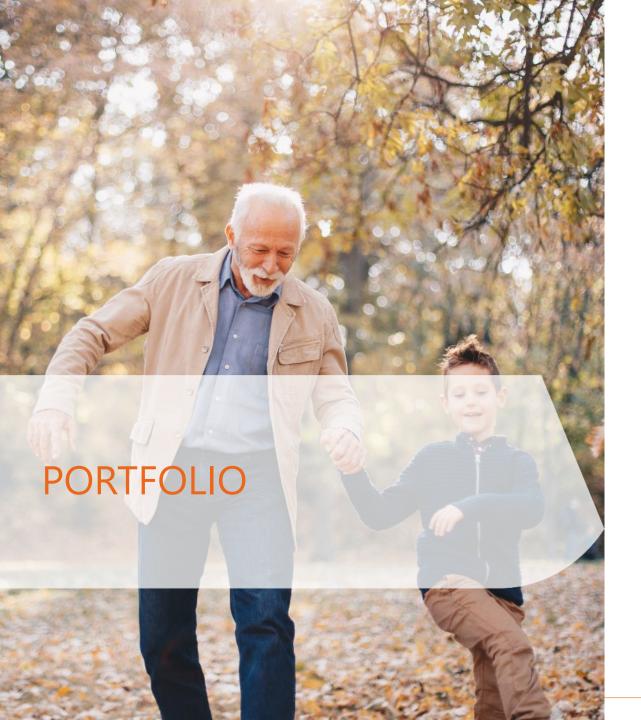
### Key events in Q4-2022

- New strong Orviglance data support successful SPARKLE completion with substantially fewer patients
- Ascelia Pharma expands management team to prepare for commercialization
- Presentation at the RSNA congress of results from Orviglance food effect study showing strong liver enhancement both with light meal and in fasting condition
- 65 patients have completed SPARKLE at the end of 2022

### **Key events after Q4-2022**

71 patients have completed the SPARKLE study by January 27, 2023





### **ORVIGLANCE**

Liver diagnostic drug in ongoing Phase 3

ONCORAL

Daily oral chemotherapy ready for Phase 2



### ORVIGLANCE - FILLING AN UNMET NEED IN LIVER MRI

# Liver metastases 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

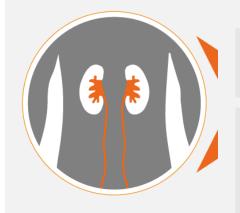
# Contrast enhanced MRI is gold standard



#### Contrast enhanced MRI

- Detection and visualization
- Surgery or drug treatment planning
- Post-treatment surveillance

# A role for Orviglance in patients with kidney impairment



#### Healthy kidneys

MRI with gadolinium contrast agent

#### Severe kidney impairment

- All gadolinium contrast agents have regulatory Black Box warnings
- Risk of severe side effects, incl. Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

#### **Orviglance**

aims to be the liver imaging option without gadolinium-related safety risks for cancer patients with poor kidney function



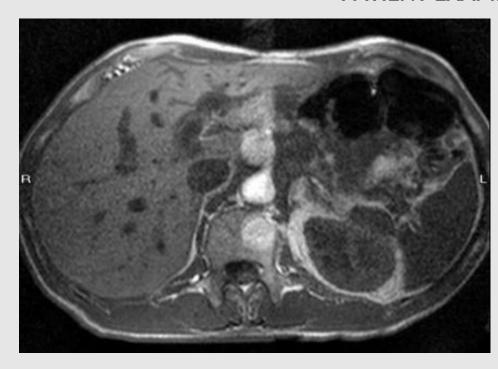
<sup>1)</sup> Riihimäki, M. et al. Patterns of metastasis in colon and rectal cancer. Sci. Rep. 6, 29765; doi: 10.1038/srep29765 (2016); Journal of Pathology, 2014, 232:23-31

<sup>2)</sup> 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

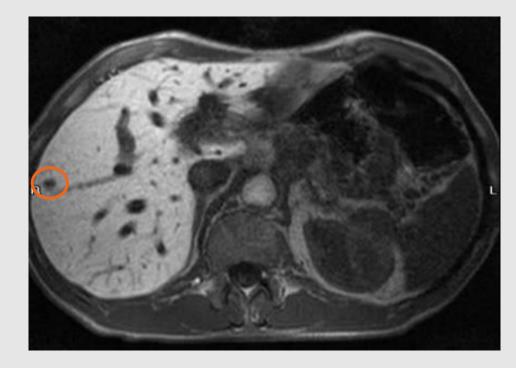
<sup>3)</sup> Rahbari et al. Metastatic Spread Emerging From Liver Metastases of Colorectal Cancer: Does the Seed Leave the Soil Again? Annals of Surgery: February 2016 - Volume 263 - Issue 2 - p 345-352

### STRONG LIVER ENHANCEMENT WITH ORVIGLANCE

#### PATIENT EXAMPLE FROM PHASE 2 STUDY



**UNENHANCED** liver MRI (without contrast agent)



**ORVIGLANCE** contrast enhanced liver MRI Liver metastasis appear with Orviglance

### EIGHT COMPLETED CLINICAL STUDIES

- Data presented at major radiology conferences

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Phase 1 & 2	Completed (6 studies)	BLINDED READ STUDY Safety and efficacy vs. unenhanced in all phase 1 and 2 images (6 studies, including 178 persons and compassionate use)		Consistent positive results, incl. 33% more lesions Delineation (border sharpness) and conspicuity (contrast vs. background): p-value < 0.0001
		ORVIGLANCE VS. GADOLINIUM CONTRAST AGENT Orviglance vs. gadolinium (Multihance) and vs. unenhanced (20 persons crossover with 3 independent readers)		Number of lesions (3 of 3 higher) Smaller lesion detection (3 of 3 higher) Delineation and conspicuity (2 of 3 higher)
Phase 3 Program	Completed (1 study)	FOOD EFFECT STUDY Evaluates the effect of food intake on absorption and signal intensity (23 healthy volunteers)		Strong liver enhancement both in fasting condition and with light meal, support intake of light meal
	Completed (1 study)	HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT STUDY  Evaluates the effect of liver impairment on the safety, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics		Well tolerated in patients with liver impairment Confirms excretion primarily via the liver and not the kidney
	Ongoing (1 study)	SPARKLE PHASE 3 PIVOTAL STUDY  Evaluates the safety and efficacy in target patient population (enrollment not yet completed		<b>71 of 80</b> patients completed 27 Jan, 2023 Completion expected <b>Feb-Mar 2023</b>



# New strong Orviglance data support successful SPARKLE completion with substantially fewer patients

Press Release 06 Dec 2022

#### Assumptions for original SPARKLE sample size estimate were conservative

New data with the same image reading methodology as in SPARKLE demonstrate

- Successful re-read study (p<0.009) based on 20 patients for lesion visualization (primary endpoint in SPARKLE)
- Two to three times higher effect than originally assumed

Statistically significant results can be obtained with substantially fewer patients and strong likelihood of success, while maintaining conservative assumptions

We have thoroughly analyzed the new data and original assumptions with statisticians and regulatory experts to validate this important finding

Based on discussions with the FDA, Ascelia Pharma has decided to change the patient enrollment target of SPARKLE to 80 patients

As of 27 January, 71 patients were enrolled in SPARKLE.

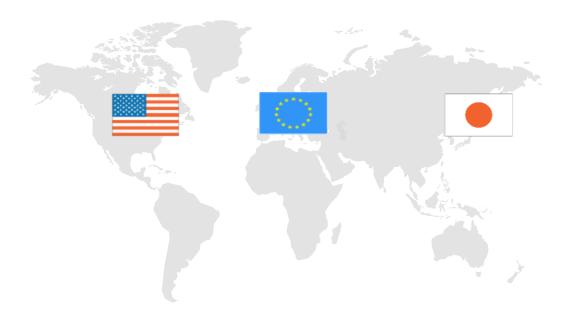
Our confidence in SPARKLE outcomes and commercial potential remains strong as we prepare for the next steps for Orviglance and Ascelia Pharma



### ORVIGLANCE MARKET \$500-600 MILLION ANNUALLY

### \$500-600M ADDRESSABLE MARKET IN US, EU AND JAPAN

- Ascelia Pharma to commercialize in the US
- RoW commercialization with partners



#### **DRIVERS**

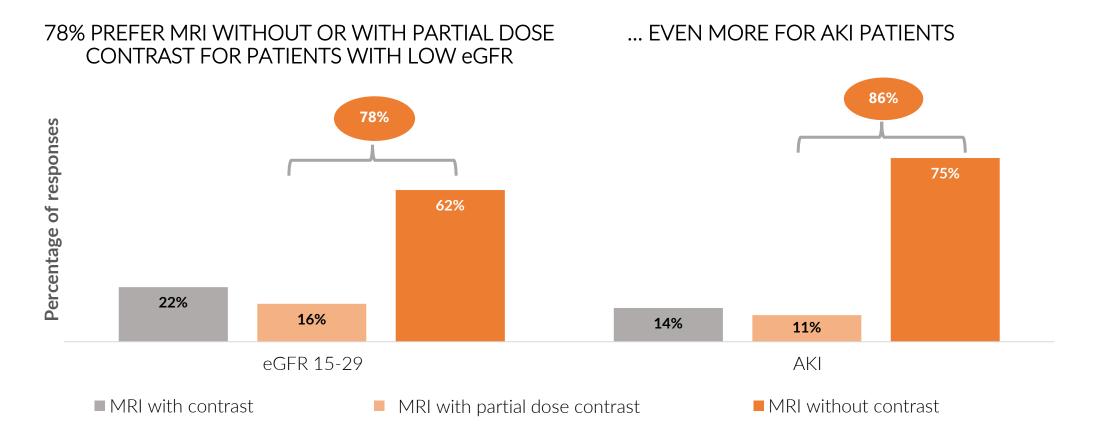
- Patients with suspected primary liver cancer or liver metastases and severe kidney impairment (~4%)
- Actual imaging procedures (real-world data)<sup>1</sup>
- Payer and expert input (+75 stakeholders)<sup>2</sup>

#### **UPSIDES**

- Other markets, e.g., China
- Annual growth of 4-5%



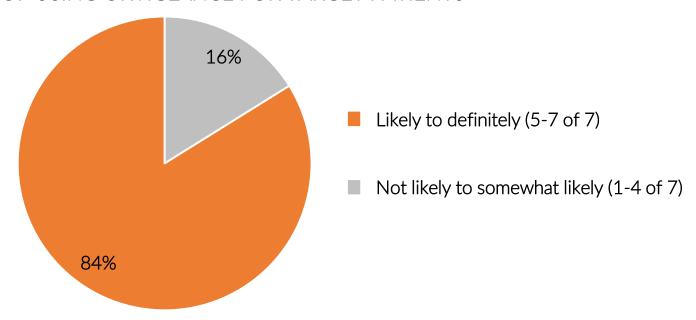
### US PHYSICIANS PREFER UNENHANCED MRI FOR TARGT PATIENTS





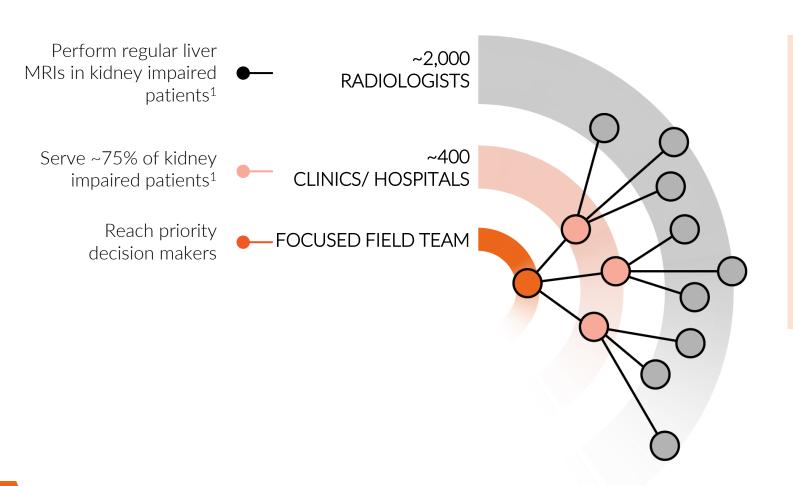
### US PHYSICIANS SAY THEY WILL USE ORVIGLANCE

#### LIKELIHOOD OF USING ORVIGLANCE FOR TARGET PATIENTS





### CAPTURING US MARKET VALUE WITH ASCELIA'S TEAM



#### **BUILDING ASCELIA U.S. TEAM**

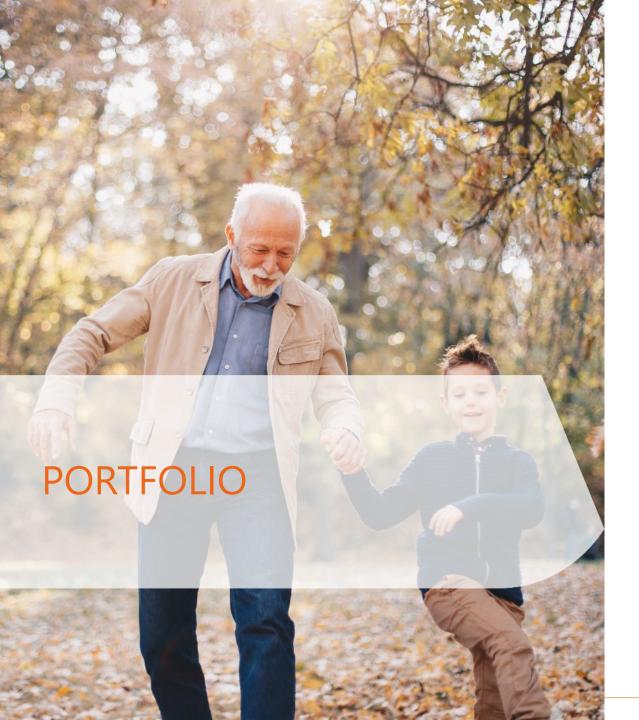
New Jersey office (up to 40 FTEs at launch)

Cambrex manufacturing partner in New Jersey

#### BUILDING OUT U.S. FOOTPRINT

SPARKLE Phase 3 study at leading US Sites including Mayo Clinic, Mass. General, Stanford





### **ORVIGLANCE**

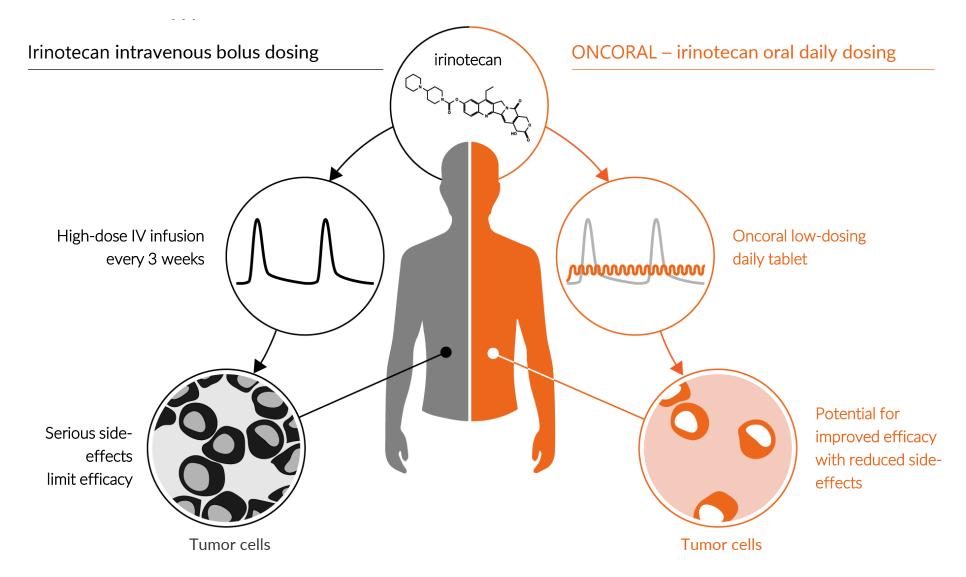
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### **ONCORAL**

Daily oral chemotherapy ready for Phase 2



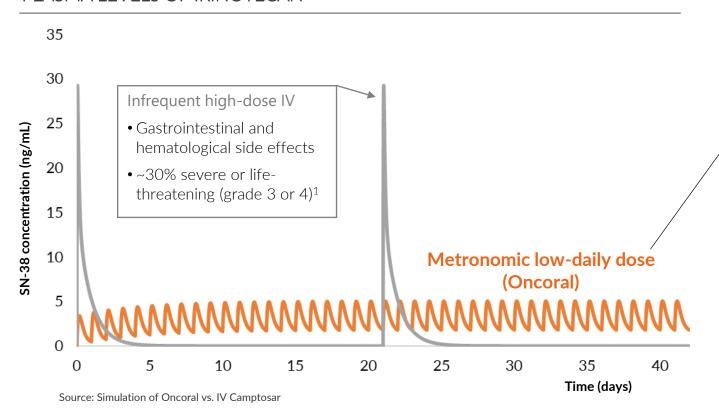
### IMPROVING IRINOTECAN EFFICACY and TOLERABILITY





### ONCORAL PHASE 1: ENCOURAGING SAFETY PROFILE

#### PLASMA LEVELS OF IRINOTECAN



#### Frequent (metronomic) low-dose irinotecan

- Several studies show improved tolerability<sup>2,3</sup>
- Daily dosing adjust quickly if acute toxicity

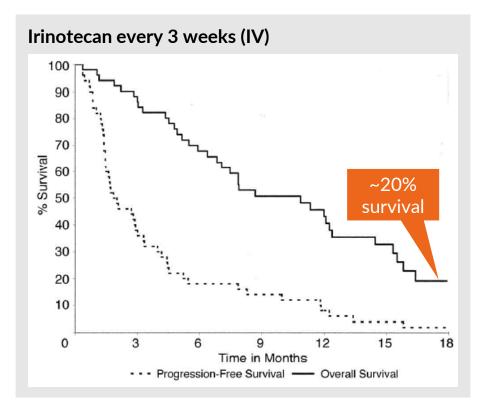
#### Oncoral Phase 1 results

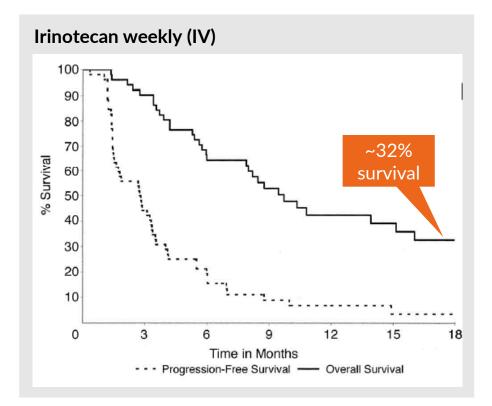
- Well tolerated, no unexpected side-effects
- Hematological toxicities mild-moderate (grade 1 or 2)<sup>4</sup>
- Efficacy: Stable disease even in patients previously treated with IV irinotecan



### IMPROVING IRINOTECAN EFFICACY BY FREQUENT LOW DOSING

#### OVERALL SURVIVAL: IMPROVED FROM 20% (DOSING EVERY THIRD WEEK) TO 32% (WEEKLY DOSING)<sup>1</sup>





Study in patients with metastatic refractory breast cancer, N=103

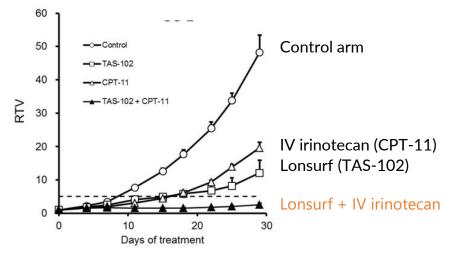


### ONCORAL PHASE 2 IN GASTRIC CANCER

#### 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 Orviglance, patient enrollment is not initiated until it can be done effectively

Clinical collaboration with



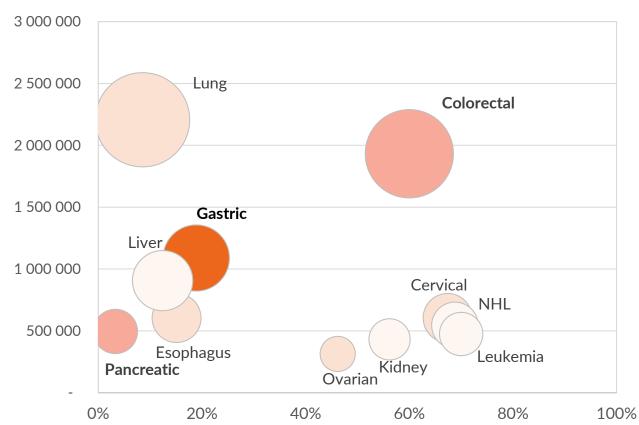
LONSURF is approved for treatment of metastatic gastric cancer and metastatic colorectal cancer



### HIGH VALUE OPPORTUNITY IN GASTRIC CANCER AND EXPANSION

#### POTENTIAL FOR ORAL, DAILY DOSING OF IRINOTECAN<sup>3</sup>





Median 5-year Survival Rate

## 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



<sup>1)</sup> International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 2021)

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

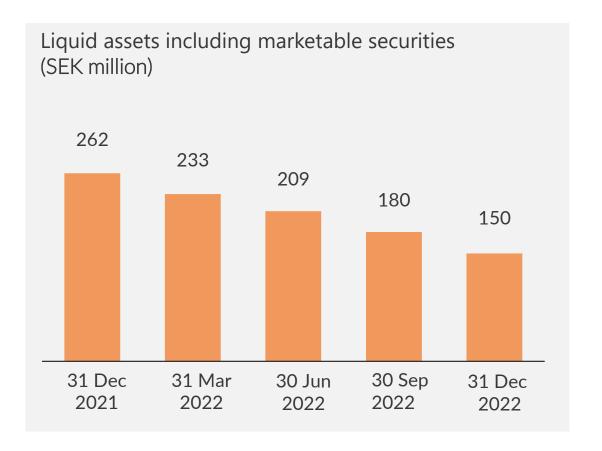
<sup>3)</sup> Globocan 2020, WHO, Cancer Research UK



### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q4 2022 - LIQUIDITY POSITION

### Liquidity position:

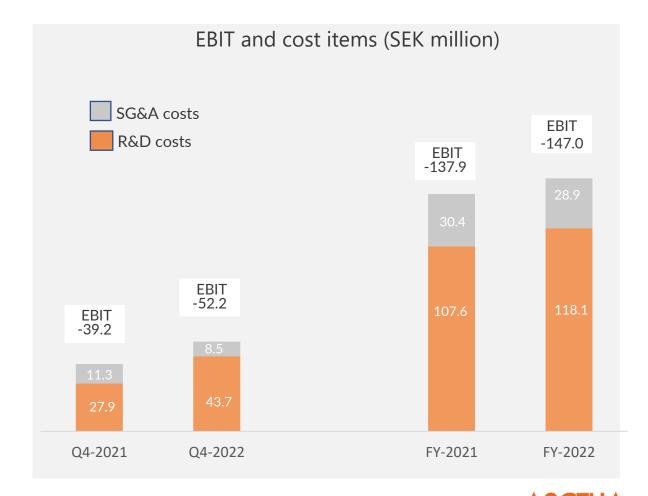
- Liquid assets of 150 MSEK (\$14.3 million) by 31 Dec 2022
- Current cash position provides financing into Q4 2023
- Quarterly burn rate in FY 2022 of 36-37 MSEK (\$3.5 million)





### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q4 2022 - OPERATING RESULTS

- Increased operating loss in Q4 2022 compared to loss in Q4 2021 demonstrate an overall higher activity level in Ascelia Pharma in the current period vis-à-vis corresponding period last year. This was driven by costs related to Orviglance Phase 3 clinical study.
- Increased operating loss y/y mainly driven by higher R&D activity for Orviglance Phase 3 study.







### **PRIORITIES 2023**

Complete Orviglance Phase 3 patient enrollment

Generate SPARKLE headline results

Prepare Orviglance launch



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