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We identify, develop and commercialize novel drugs that address unmet needs of people with rare cancer conditions

# ASCELIA PHARMA - HIGHLIGHTS

### Pipeline

### ORVIGLANCE<sup>®</sup> – 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)

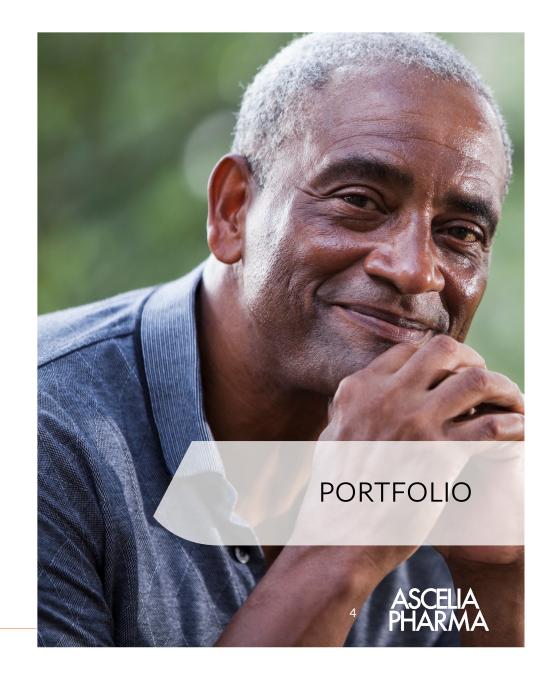


### **ORVIGLANCE**®

Liver diagnostic imaging drug

### ONCORAL

Daily, oral chemotherapy



### ATTRACTIVE ORVIGLANCE OPPORTUNITY



A **well-defined unmet need** for liver imaging in cancer patients with impaired kidney function

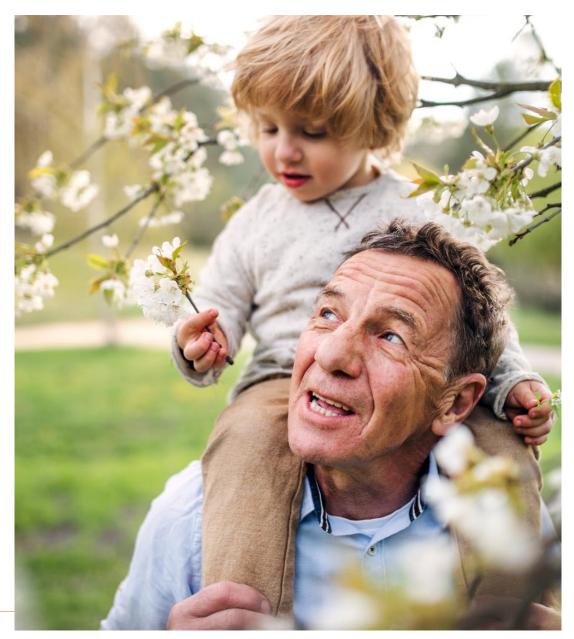
A global addressable market opportunity of USD 800 million

Clinical development completed with 9 studies and strong phase 3 results



Orviglance advances to **regulatory filing and approval** phase

Commercialization with **partner** 



# 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 gadoliniumbased contrast agent (GBCA)

#### Patients with severe kidney impairment

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

#### ORVIGLANCE

Aims to be the imaging option without gadoliniumrelated safety risks in patients with severe kidney impairment

- Manganese based
- Liver specific

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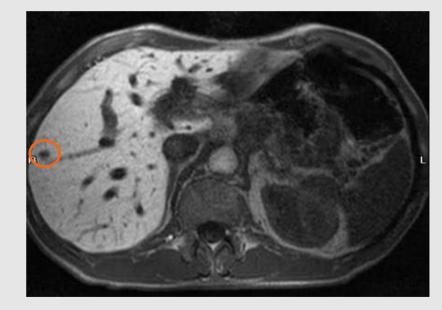
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# STRONG LIVER ENHANCEMENT WITH ORVIGLANCE

PATIENT EXAMPLE FROM PHASE 2 STUDY

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



**ORVIGLANCE** contrast enhanced liver MRI Liver metastasis appears with ORVIGLANCE



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Source: Patient with colorectal cancer. (Study CMC-P002)

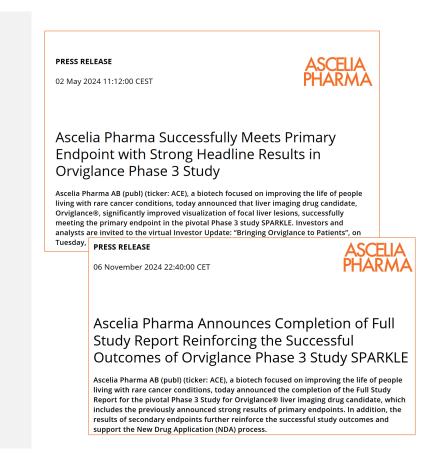
# STRONG SUPERIORITY OF ORVIGLANCE IN PHASE 3

#### Successful Phase 3 Study

- Phase 3 study demonstrated strong superiority in visualization of focal liver lesions with Orviglance (CMRI) compared to unenhanced MRI
- Visualization scored **significantly higher** with Orviglance than without for all three readers with
  - statistical significance (p<0.001)
  - strong and conclusive reliability of the data



- Secondary efficacy endpoints support primary analysis and confirm the robustness of the positive results
- Common adverse events were consistent with previous studies, such as mild to moderate nausea; **no serious adverse drug reactions** were observed





# POSITIVE FDA MEETING CONFIRMS NDA FILING ON TRACK

#### Meeting with the FDA

Ascelia presented the plan for the submission including:

- How to analyze and present the clinical data
- Finalization of Statistical Analysis Plan
- Manufacturing documentation
- Structure of the NDA
- The FDA provided clear and concrete feedback which will allow Ascelia to finalize the NDA documentation package
- The NDA submission continues to be planned for mid-2025



Ascelia Pharma AB (publ) (ticker: ACE), a biotech focused on improving the life of people living with rare cancer conditions, today announced that the Company has received final minutes from the meeting with the FDA, providing positive guidance for the Orviglance NDA to progress with the submission mid-2025 as planned.



# ADVANCING ORVIGLANCE TOWARDS APPROVAL



US FDA

**Timely submission and approval** by the US FDA as an orphan drug with an optimal label for use in the target population

- ✓ Full Clinical Study Report early Q4 2024
- ✓ Conclusions from FDA meeting by Q1 2025
- □ NDA submission mid-2025



### ATTRACTIVE GLOBAL ADDRESSABLE MARKET

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





### UNMET NEED RECOGNIZED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE



\*nephrogenic systemic fibrosis

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

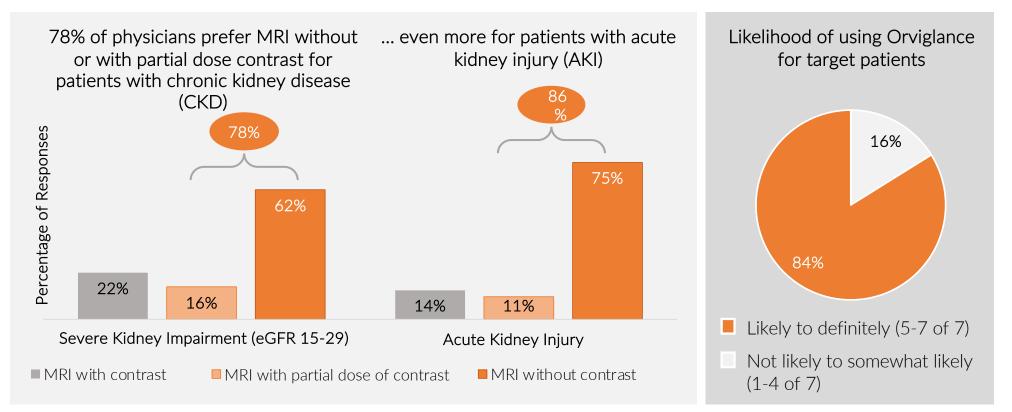
""The college [American Colleague of Radiology]...have a growing

Source: Independent research by Two Labs Pharma Services for Ascelia Pharma in the USA conducted in Q4 2021/Q1 2022 included 16 in depth interviews and a survey of 254 healthcare professionals (HCPs), including 154 radiologists, 50 nephrologists and 50 oncologists. Participants in the study were asked about their choices of imaging and contrast agents in patients with cancer





### UNENHANCED MRI PREFERRED TODAY; 84% OF US PHYSICIANS LIKELY TO USE ORVIGLANCE



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### MOMENTUM FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO GADOLINIUM

### Deposition in Brain & Organs

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

FDA required study on GBCA effect on movement and mental skills (ODYSSEY)

**Gadolinium Deposition in Brain:** 

**Current Scientific Evidence and** 

### Water Contamination

scrutiny of environmental impact

Gadolinium is excreted in urine and discharged into environment and water



### Future with Less Gadolinium

focus of leading gadolinium manufactures

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Lower dose full-body gadolinium contrast agents

- FDA approved in priority review (2022) and EMA (2023) approved (gadopiclenol, Guerbet/Bracco)
- Completion of Phase 3 (gadoquatrane, Bayer 2024)

Completion of Phase 1 for IV manganese-based contrast agent (GE HealthCare 2023)

Sources include:

frontiers

in Molecular Neuroscience

**Future Perspectives** 

Bang J. Guo<sup>1</sup>, Zhen L. Yang<sup>2</sup> and Long J. Zhang<sup>1,2\*</sup>

Kumasaka et al. Anthropogenic gadolinium in the Tone River (Japan): an update showing a 7.7-fold increase from 1996 to 2020, European Radiology Experimental 8, Article number 64 (2024) 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

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# RECOGNITION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

# SPARKLE data accepted at major conferences so far with 4 oral presentations and 3 abstract presentations

#### American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Kidney Week, October 2024

SPARKLE: A Multicenter, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Safety and Diagnostic Efficacy of ACE-MBCA in Patients with Known or Suspected Focal Liver Lesions and Severe Renal Impairment

#### Session Information

#### » Late-Breaking Science Posters October 24, 2024 | Location: Exhibit Hall, Convention Center Abstract Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Category: Diversity and Equity in Kidney Health
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Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), Annual Meeting, December 2024

#### Science Session (Value Based, Equitable and Sustainable Radiology) | M6-STCE2

Session Type: Learning Center Theater Presentations

Monday, Dec 2 | 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM CST | • LEARNING CENTER THEATER 2

#### SPARKLE: A MULTICENTER, OPEN-LABEL STUDY TO EVALUATE THE SAFETY AND DIAGNOSTIC EFFICACY OF ACE-MBCA IN PATIENTS WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED FOCAL LIVER LESIONS AND SEVERE RENAL IMPAIRMENT | M6-STCE2-3

Alvin C. Silva, MD, Presenter

#### Ascelia Pharma Announces Acceptance of SPARKLE Phase 3 Data for Presentation at the Society of Abdominal Radiology Congress 2025

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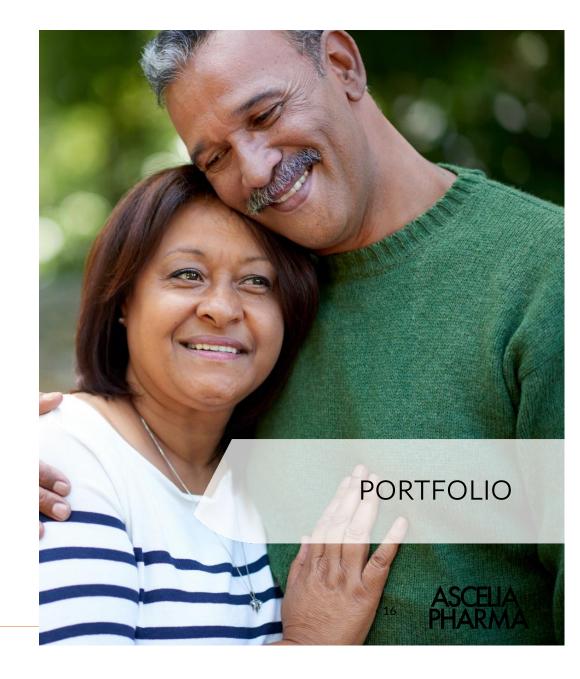
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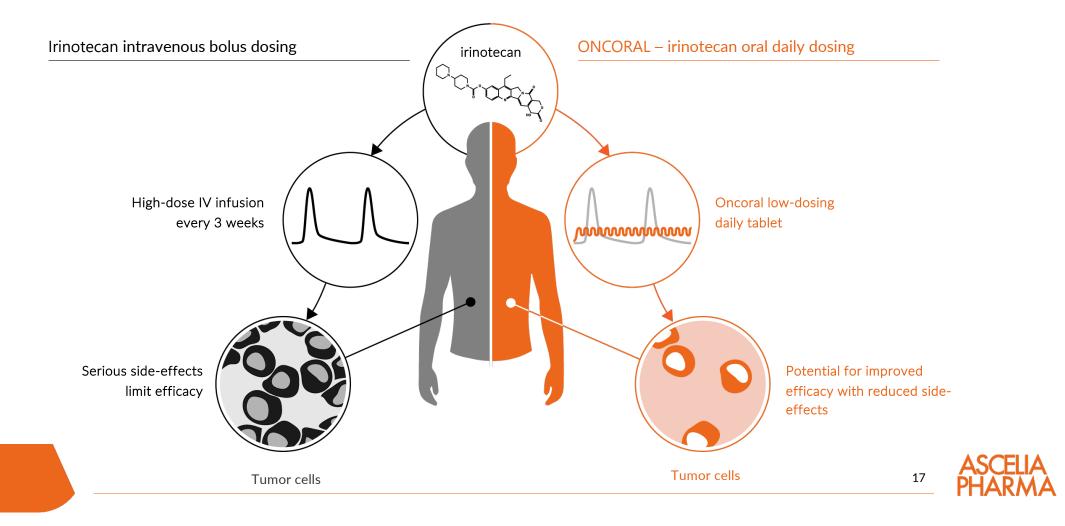
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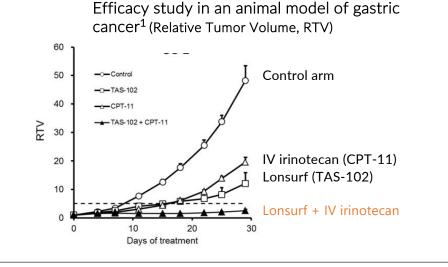
### IMPROVING IRINOTECAN EFFICACY and TOLERABILITY



# ONCORAL PHASE 2 IN GASTRIC CANCER

#### STRONG RATIONALE FOR GASTRIC CANCER

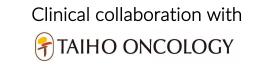
- High unmet need and clinically demonstrated
- Potential for synergistic effect between Lonsurf and irinotecan



#### 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



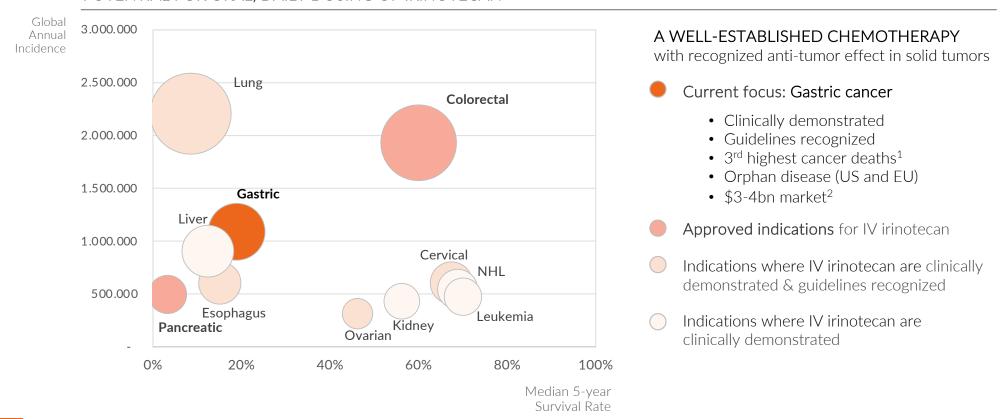
LONSURF is approved for treatment of metastatic gastric cancer and metastatic colorectal cancer

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### HIGH VALUE OPPORTUNITY IN GASTRIC CANCER AND EXPANSION



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

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 2021)
 GlobalData - Gastric and Gastroesophageal Junction Adenocarcinoma – Global Drug Forecast and Market Analysis to 2024
 Globocan 2020, WHO, Cancer Research UK

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### SUBSTANTIAL ORVIGLANCE VALUE CREATION OPPORTUNITIES



Mid-2025 refers to the three months from mid-May to mid-August



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