

# **Ascletis Pharma Inc.**

From First-in-China to First Globally November 2020



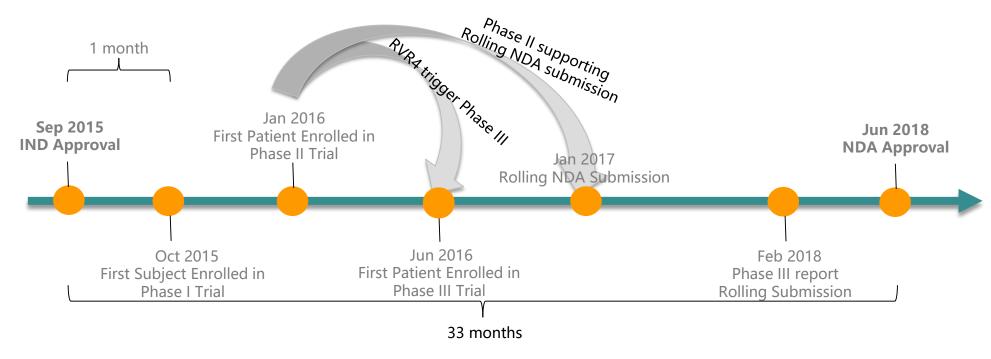
#### **Multi-Disease Platform**



Since Hong Kong IPO in 2018, Ascletis has developed into multidisease platform from a single disease – HCV platform. Ascletis has three marketed products and eleven R&D pipeline drug candidates (7 of them developed in house).



## **R&D Efficiency: Ganovo® from IND to NDA Approval: 33 months**

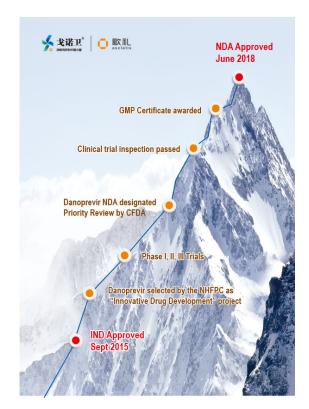


Company (Target)	IND Approval	NDA Approval	IND approval to NDA approval (months)
Ascletis (HCV NS3/4A)	Sept 2015	June 2018	33
BMS (HCV NS3/4A and 5A)	June 2013	June 2017	48



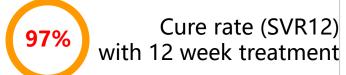
#### Ganovo® is the First Approved Innovative HCV DAA Developed by a China Biotech

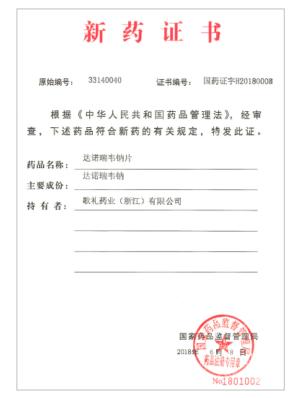
The first category 1 targeted hepatitis C innovative drug developed by Chinese local enterprises.







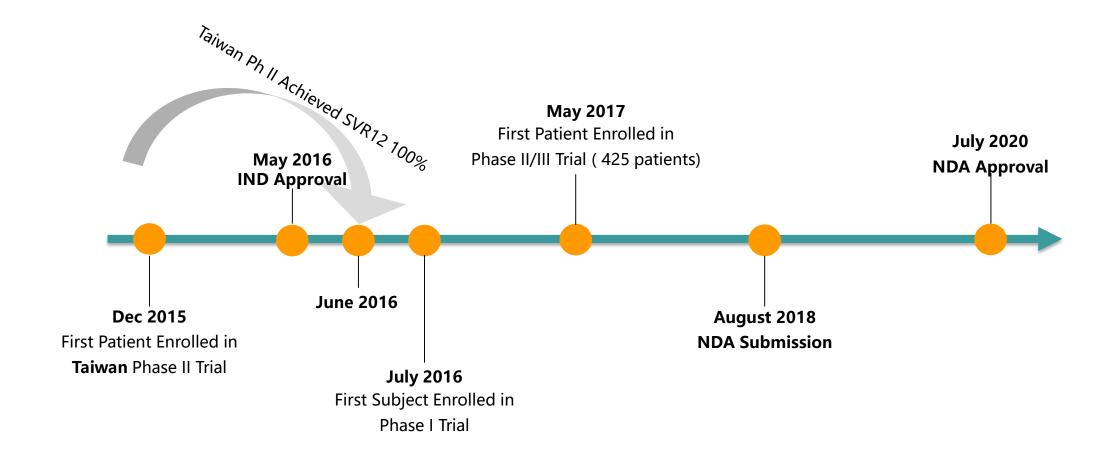








## **R&D Efficiency: Asclevir ® from IND to NDA Approval: 50 months**





### First All-oral, Interferon-free, HCV Regimen Developed by a Domestic **Company in China**

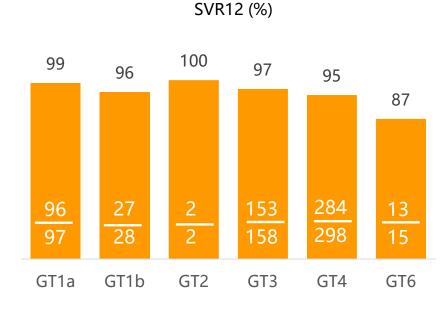
Asclevir® is a pan-genotypic best-in-class HCV NS5A inhibitor, has been approved for marketing by China's NMPA in July, 2020. Phase II/III clinical trial has shown that RDV/DNV Regimen demonstrated a cure rate of 99 % (SVR12) with a short treatment duration of 12 weeks in genotype 1 patients.



Data from (1) DNV/RDV China Phase II/III clinical trial;







DNV: Ganovo ® (Danoprevir) RDV: Asclevir ® (Ravidasvir) SOF: Sofosbuvir



# Viral hepatitis

#### **HBV**

Target	Products/Drug Candidate	Pre-IND	IND Approval	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	NDA Filed	Marketed	Licensed From/ In-house	Commercial Rights
Interferon receptor	Pegasys® (Peginterferon alfa-2a)								Roche	Mainland China
PD-L1	ASC22								康宁杰瑞	Greater China
Undisclosed	Candidate identified								In-house	Global
FXR	ASC42								In-house	Global

#### **HCV**

Target	Products/Drug Candidate	Pre-IND	IND Approval	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	NDA Filed	Marketed	Licensed From/ In-house	Commercial Rights
NS3/4A	Ganovo® (Danoprevir)								Roche	Greater China
NS5A	Asclevir® (Ravidasvir)								PRESIDIO*	Greater China
Dual Targeted FDC	ASC18								In-house	Greater China



## **Building HBV Franchise Leading to Clinical Cure**

- Cornerstones: Marketed Pegasys® and subcutaneously injected PD-L1 antibody ASC22
- Pegasys® in combination with in-house developed drug candidates against novel targets
- PD-L1 antibody ASC22 in combination with in-house developed drug candidates against novel targets
- Pegasys® or PD-L1 antibody ASC22 Partner with drug candidates of industrial leaders
  - siRNA
  - HBV Entry inhibitors
  - Therapeutic Vaccine

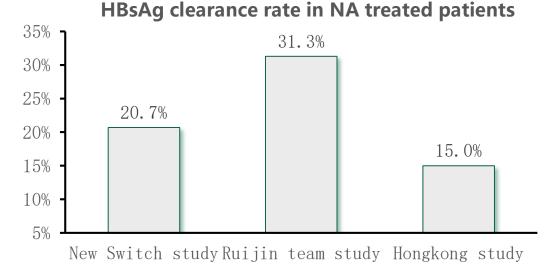


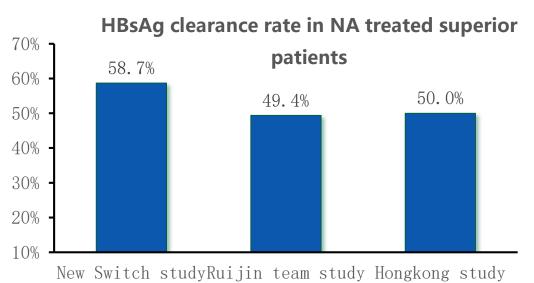
# Pegasys ®: An Important Treatment For Chronic Hepatitis B Patients Seeking Clinical Cure

Pegasys®(pegylated interferon  $\alpha$  - 2A injection) was approved in 2002 for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C in adults. Over 115 countries and regions have been approved to use it for 18 years, benefiting 2.5 million patients with viral hepatitis, and 3986 related literatures have been published.



- 1、New switch study: Hu P, et al. J Clin Transl Hepatol. 2018;6:25-34.
- 2 Ruijin team study: Ren PP, et al. Hepatology, 2019, AASLD2019(Abstracts (poster 466)).
- 3、Hongkong study: Chan HLY, et al. J Viral Hepat, 2019, 26(1): 126-135.







## **MOA of PD-L1 Antibody Against Chronic Hepatitis B**

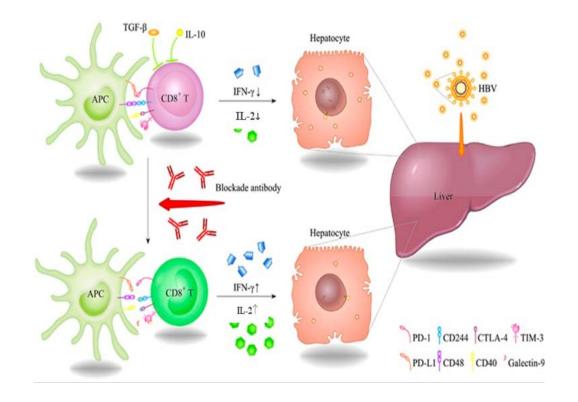
ASC22 (KN035) can block the PD-1/PD-L1 pathway to restore T Cell immune function and eliminate HBV.

PD-1/PD-L1 interaction leads to T cell exhaustion

——Persistent HBV infection

Blockade of PD-1/PD-L1 pathway restores T cell function

——Elimination of HBV



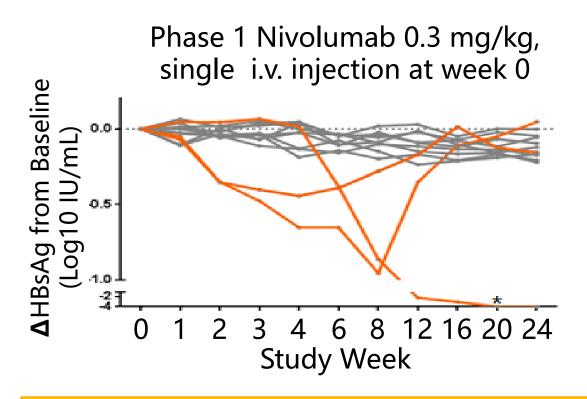


<sup>1.</sup> Peng G, et al. PD-1 upregulation is associated with HBV-specific T cell dysfunction in chronic hepatitis B patients. Mol Immunol. 2008;45(4):963-70.

<sup>2.</sup> B Ye, et al. T-cell exhaustion in chronic hepatitis B infection: current knowledge and clinical significance. Cell Death Dis. 2015 Mar 19;6:e1694.

## **HBV Clinical Cure: PD-1 Antibody - Opdivo (Nivolumab)**

Nivolumab: Monoclonal antibody against PD-1 Approved for solid organ tumors and lymphomas



- 1/10 patient Achieved HBsAg loss at week 16 and maintained negative during follow-up
- 1/10 patient experienced 1 log HBsAg decline at week 8 but rebounded afterwards
- 1/10 patient had moderate HBsAg decline

Human Proof of Concept study demonstrated HBsAg loss and its sustainability by single i.v. injection of PD-1 antibody.



## Cure for HBV: First-in-class subcutaneously injected PD-L1 Ab

ASC22, Global First-in-class PD-L1 antibody immunotherapy, which may lead to a significant breakthrough towards a clinical cure for chronic Hepatitis B

#### **Global First-in-class**

Blockade of PD-1/PD-L1 pathway to restore specific T-cell function



#### **Demonstrated good safety profile**

1000+ cancer patients exposed in multiple clinical trials in US, China and Japan, Including Two pivotal trials in China

#### **Differentiated Profile**

- Subcutaneous route of administration
- Good stability at room temperature

#### **Best immunotherapy for HBV**

Only subcutaneously administered PD-1/PD-L1 antibody entered into late-stage clinical development



#### HBV Clinical Cure: s.c. PD-L1 Ab ASC22 vs i.v. PD-L1 Abs

Company	Roche	MSD	AstraZeneca	Ascletis	
Product	Atezolizumab	Avelumab	Durvalumab	ASC22 (KN035)	
Target	PD-L1	PD-L1	PD-L1	PD-L1	
Dose	<b>Dose</b> 1200 mg/3 weeks		10mg/kg/2 weeks	1-2.5mg/kg/1 week	
Administration	dministration I.V		I.V	S.C	
Indication	Late stage or metastasized Urothelial Carcinoma; Unresectable late stage NSCLC		Late stage or metastasized Urothelial Carcinoma; Unresectable late stage NSCLC	Hepatitis B	

- 1. ASC22 (KN035) has lower dose, with advantage in administration route and storage condition.
- 2. ASC22 is the first PD-1/PD-L1 antibody with subcutaneous injection entering into late phase clinical trial.
- 3. ASC22 has been investigated in several studies conducted in China, USA, and Japan involving greater than 1000 subjects in oncology with proven safety.

## **ASC22 Phase II Chronic HBV Cure Study Design**

Phase IIa Study in CHB Patients(N=9) **ASC22** three Single Doses **Treatment duration:** PK/PD (n=9)12w or 24w **Safety Evaluation** Phase IIb Study in CHB Patients(N=150) ASC22 dose 2+NAs ASC22 dose 1 + NAs NAs (n=60)(n=30)



(n=60)

#### Sustainable HCV Franchise to Cure 10 million Patients in China

- All oral regimen (RDV/DNV Regimen): NDA has been approved for marketing in July, 2020 by China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA)
- ASC18: one-pill once-a-day oral regimen
  - First fixed-dose combination (FDC) as a complete HCV therapy developed by a Chinese biotech
  - Phase III data, with 2 separate pills, indicated pan-genotypic and >95% cure rate (SVR12)



#### **NASH**

Target	Products/Drug Candidate	Pre-IND	IND Approval	Phase I	Phase II	Phase 🎞	NDA Filed	Marketed	Licensed From/ In-house	Commercial Rights
FASN	ASC40								SAGIMET	Greater China
THR-β	ASC41								In-house	Global
FXR	ASC42								In-house	Global
FASN + FXR	ASC40/ASC42 Combo Therapy								In-house	Global
THR-β + FXR	ASC41/ASC42 Combo Therapy								In-house	Global
FASN + THR-β	ASC40/ASC41 Combo Therapy								In-house	Global

2016

NAFLD: 85m

NASH: 17.3m

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NAFLD: 244m

NASH: 32.81m

2030

NAFLD: 101m

NASH: 27m



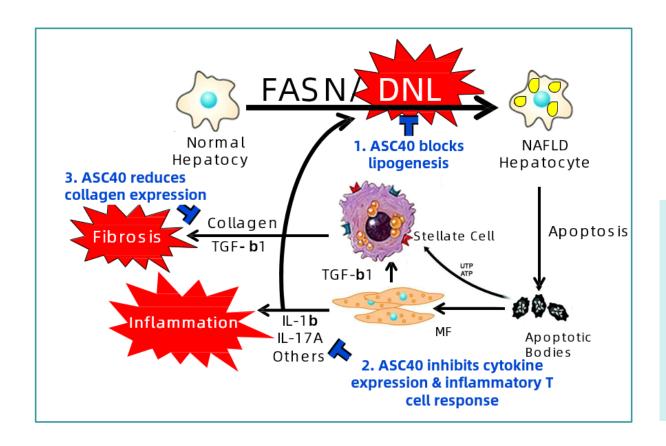
NAFLD: 314m

NASH: 48.26m



#### ASC40, a Global First-in-class, Oral FASN Inhibitor for NASH

NASH: multi-billion dollar market potential with no treatments approved



- Inhibition of liver fat synthesis
- Anti-fibrosis
- Anti-inflammatory

#### **Clinical proof-of-mechanism**

reduction in fat synthesis and overall liver fat



Dose-dependent reduction of 24%-73% in liver fat synthesis



Positive impact on metabolic biomarkers



#### Unlike ACC Inhibition, FASN Inhibition Does not Increase Plasma Triglycerides

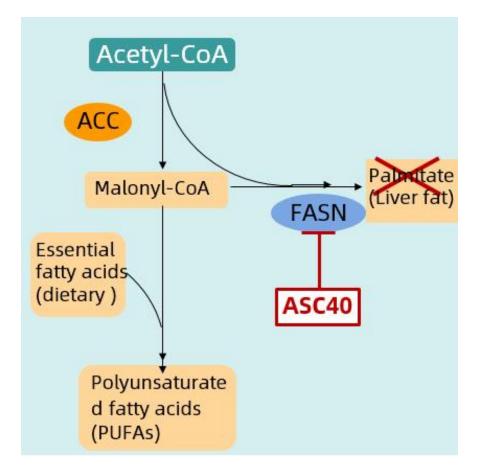
**ACC Inhibition** 

Acetyl-CoA GS-0976 MK-4074 PF-1304 Palmitate (Liver fat **FASN** Essential fatty acids (dietary) Low PUFA levels activate pathways that increase VLDL transport from the liver - thereby increasing Polyunsaturate plasma triglycerides d fatty acids

ACC inhibition leads to a reduction of malonyl-CoA and PUFAs, **BUT** PUFAs reduction leads to <u>increased plasma TG</u>

(PUFAs)

**FASN Inhibition** 



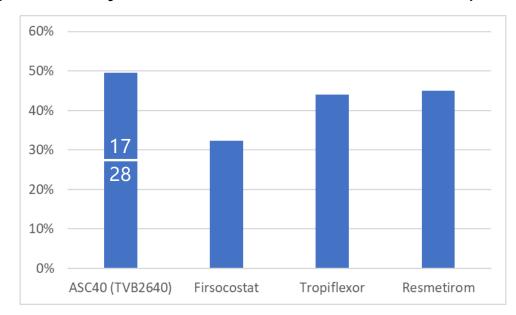
FASN inhibition only blocks Palmitate synthesis. Therefore it does not results in increased plasma TGs



#### Phase II ASC40 (TVB2640) Compares Favorably With Other Phase II/III NASH Drugs

Drug Candidate	Company	Target	Dose	Weeks	responder rate, %		≥ 30% liver fat reduction responder rate, %		Placebo adjusted ≥ 30% liver fat reduction	Safety
					drug	Placebo	responder rate, %			
ASC40 (TVB2640)	Sagimet/Ascletis	FASN	50 mg	12	60.7	11.1	49.6	minimal side effects		
Firsocostat	Gilead	ACC	20 mg	12	47.8	15.4	32.4	TG♠		
Tropiflexor	Novartis	FXR	200 ug	12	64	20	44	LDL-C <b>↑</b> , pruritus		
Resmetirom	Madrigal	THRβ	80 mg	36	74.4	29.4	45	diarrhea,nausea		

#### Phase II placebo adjusted ≥ 30% liver fat reduction responder rate



The Phase II (FASCINATE-1) clinical trial enrolled 99 patients in USA, the preliminary data showed that ASC40 (TVB-2640) significantly reduced liver fat, the primary efficacy endpoint of this trial, with a 61% (17/28) responder rate in the 50 mg group.



#### ASC41

- Liver-targeted prodrug (ASC41) and active moiety (ASC41-A) is selective for THR-β
- In two NASH animal models, at 1/10 dose of MGL-3196, ASC41 demonstrated the same improvement in liver steatosis, inflammation and fibrosis
- A highly potent and selective THR-β agonist with anticipated human efficacious dose
   <10 mg QD</li>
- Proprietary oral tablet formulation stable at room temperature and whose exposure is same as solution formulation in dogs
- Topline data of Phase I safety, PK and preliminary efficacy (LDL-C) in healthy volunteers with LDL-C > 110 mg/dL is expected to be available by the end of 2020
- Combination opportunities with ASC42 (FXR) and ASC40 (FASN)



#### ASC42

- A novel non-steroidal, selective, potent FXR agonist
- U.S. IND approved in October 2020
- In two NASH animal models, ASC42 demonstrated the significant improvement in liver steatosis, inflammation, and fibrosis
- An oral tablet formulation developed with proprietary therapy, stable at room temperature
- Combination opportunities with ASC41 (THR-β) and ASC40 (FASN)



## **HIV/AIDS**

#### Expand our portfolio

- Functional cure with immunotherapies
- Treatment
- Prevention



### **Experienced and Extensive Sales Network**



#### **Experienced Team**



3 months

Ganovo® was enrolled in Basic Medical Insurance of Tianjin after 3 months from Ganovo® approval. To date, Ganovo® has been enrolled in the Basic Medical Insurance of Chengdu and Zhejiang.

## **GMP Manufacturing Facilities**















#### **GMP** Certified

- Quality-by-design approach implemented
- Complied with cGMP

#### **Quality Assurance**

 State-of-art equipment with cutting-edge technology capabilities

#### **International Standards**

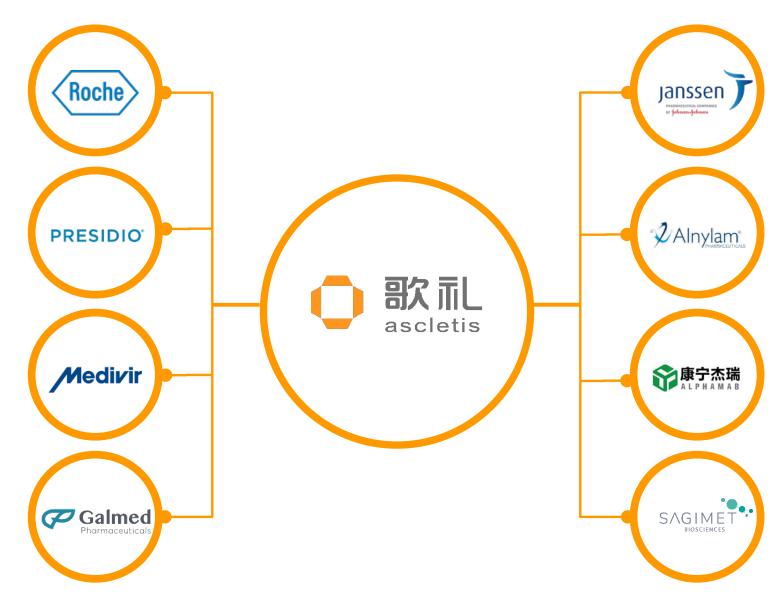
 Experienced manufacturing employees from MNCs

#### Supply ensured

Production capacity of 130 million tablets



## **Global Cooperation**





## **Summary**

- Over the last two years, Ascletis has developed from a single disease HCV platform into a multi-disease platform
  - Viral hepatitis: 1) commercializing all oral HCV regimen; 2) commercializing Pegasys® for HBV clinical cure; 3) developing breakthrough therapies for HBV clinical cure
  - NASH: global development of novel drug candidates against three different targets FASN,
     THR-β and FXR, and three combination therapies.
  - HIV/AIDS: expanding current portfolio for treatment, prevention and functional cure
- Over the next two years, Ascletis will accelerate investments in viral hepatitis, NASH and HIV/ADIS and look for opportunities to expand into new disease areas
  - Current cash reserve of approximately US\$420M and upcoming product sales revenue support such aggressive goals



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