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## Overview

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- Pipeline of gut-targeted GI therapies address significant unmet medical needs in billion-dollar markets

# First Wave BioPharma Management Team

Combined Experience in Developing and Launching more than 25 Drugs



**James Sapirstein**  
Chief Executive Officer



**James Pennington, MD**  
Chief Medical Officer



**Daniel Schneiderman**  
Chief Financial Officer



- Led Gilead's launch of Tenofovir/Viread
- Director of BMS International Infectious Disease Group
- Founder of Tobira, sold to Allergan for \$1.7B

- Led successful registration efforts for 12 BLA/NDA submissions in the U.S. and 10 in Europe and Asia.
- 10 years on Harvard Medical School faculty

# First Wave BioPharma Pipeline: Four Clinical Stage Programs in 2022

PROGRAM	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	NEXT MILESTONE
NICLOSAMIDE					
FW-COV	COVID-19 GI Infections Phase 2 Initiation: Q1'21				Phase 2 Topline Data: 1H'22
FW-UP	IBD: Ulcerative Colitis-Proctitis Phase 2 Initiation: Q3'21				Phase 2 Topline Data: 2H'22
FW-ICI-AC	Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Colitis Phase 2 IND Clearance: Q4'21				Phase 2a Initiation*
ADRULIPASE					
MONOTHERAPY (FW-EPI)	Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in Cystic Fibrosis Phase 2b Topline Data: Q1'21				Phase 2b Enteric Formulation Trial Initiation: 2H'22*
COMBINATION (FW-EPI + PERT)	Severe Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in Cystic Fibrosis Phase 2 Topline Data: Q3 '21				

\* Anticipated

## Expanding the GI Portfolio into IBD

### Multi-Billion Dollar Opportunities with Mild-to-Moderate Patients

	Prevalence	Market Size
<b>COVID-19 GI Infections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~20% Acute COVID</li> <li>• ~ 50% all patients have virus in GI tract</li> <li>• ~50% Long COVID</li> </ul>	~\$20 Billion COVID anti-virals
<b>Ulcerative Colitis (Mild-Moderate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 830,000 UC patients (U.S.)</li> <li>• 700,000 (84%) mild-moderate</li> </ul>	\$5 Billion UC \$4.6 B Mild-to-Moderate
<b>Immune Inhibitor Checkpoint – Associated Colitis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~300,000 patients eligible for ICIs (U.S.)</li> <li>• ~30% of ICI patients develop diarrhea</li> <li>• ~7500-15,000 patients develop ICI-AC</li> </ul>	Potential Orphan Designation
<b>Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30,000 CF (U.S.); 100K (WW)</li> <li>• 90,000 CP (U.S.); 4x+ (WW)</li> </ul>	>\$2.2 Billion Global PERT >\$1.6 Billion U.S. PERT

#### Sources:

**COVID:** Acute COVID: (35) Gut Journal: Vol 69, Issue 6: 2020; (36) Gut Journal: Vol 69, Issue 6: 2020; (37) JAMA Network: Vol 3, Issue 6: 2020; (38) Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol: Vol 5, Issue 5: 2020; (40) Cheung Gastroenterology: Vol 159, Issue 1: 2020. Long COVID: Davis, Hannah E, Assaf, Gina S, et al. "Characterizing Long COVID in an International Cohort: 7 Months of Symptoms and Their Impact". medRxiv. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.12.24.20248802v3> Dec. 27, 2020.; New York Times. (9/5/21) <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/world/covid-cases.html> ; <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210210005504/en/Global-Anti-Viral-Drug-Therapy-Market-2020-to-2030---Opportunities-and-Strategies-with-COVID-19-Implications-and-Growth---ResearchAndMarkets.com>

**ICI-AC:** Wang DY, Ye F, Zhao S, et al. Incidence of immune checkpoint inhibitor-related colitis in solid tumor patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Oncoimmunology* 2017; 10: e1344805; Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Market, ResearchAndMarkets.com, 2020.

**UC:** GlobalData Ulcerative Colitis Global Drug Forecast and Market Analysis to 2026: US Adults. 2018

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## **NICLOSAMIDE:**

- **COVID-19 GI Infections**
- **IBD: Ulcerative Colitis-Proctitis**
- **Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor - Associated Colitis**

## History and Safety Profile of Niclosamide

- **FDA approved (1982) small molecule anthelmintic drug used for intestinal tapeworm infections**
- **Clean safety history**
- **Ideal profile for GI-targeted agent**
  - Low oral bio-availability with minimal systemic exposure
  - Niclosamide inhibits pro-inflammatory pathways
  - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory option
  - Opportunities for combinations with standard of care for multiple indications without systemic immunosuppression





## Proprietary Micronized Formulations: Potentially Transformative Efficacy

- **Micronized niclosamide – a transformative treatment for multiple GI indications:**
  - Reduced particle size ( $\sim 7 \mu m$ ) compared to regular non-micronized ( $\sim 60 \mu m$ ) niclosamide
  - Smaller particles have greater surface to solvent (GI fluids) ratio
  - Improved dissolution: broader distribution and higher local GI concentrations
  - Not systemically absorbed
  - Preclinical studies confirm higher GI concentrations ( $\sim 200x$ ) with micronized niclosamide
- **Micronized formulation, similar to non-micronized niclosamide, is not systemically absorbed (animal studies)**
  - **Historically clean safety profile**
    - Avoids steroid-related complications; non-immunosuppressant



# **FW-COV: Treating COVID-19 GI Infections**

# COVID-19: The Medical Problem of our time

## Urgent Need for Treatment of Acute and Long COVID-19 GI Infections

### Acute COVID

**18%**  
of patients  
experienced  
GI symptoms

**43%**  
of patients' stool  
samples were  
virus RNA positive

### Long COVID

**~10%**  
of COVID  
patients after  
6 months

**~60%**  
of these patients  
report GI  
symptoms - diarrhea

- Gastrointestinal Infections with COVID-19:
  - Symptoms include severe diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain
  - Possible reservoir for recurrence and/or fecal spread
  - ACE2, entry receptor for COVID-19, is highly expressed on GI cells
- No treatment for COVID diarrhea currently available
- Urgent need to reduce hospital burden of patients and potential hospital spread

**The Potential Solution: A targeted drug to destroy COVID-19 in the gut that is fast-acting and can be administered in an out-patient setting**

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# Micronized Niclosamide: The Potential Key to Killing COVID-19 in the GI Tract

## Advantages of Micronized Niclosamide for Treatment of COVID-19 Diarrhea:

- Niclosamide: Best activity against COVID-19 in Institut Pasteur Korea screen
- Mechanism of Action: Induces 'autophagy' in COVID-infected cells, reduces COVID propagation
- Local GI niclosamide concentration now reaches levels needed to kill COVID-19 (confirmed in animal study)
- Animal study shows micronization does not lead to systemic absorption
- Low COGS and scalable manufacturing are attractive

## COVID GI Infection: Reservoir Trial

- Phase 2 Reservoir trial initiated in April 2021
- Fully Enrolled January 2022
  - No Safety issues related to niclosamide
- Topline data anticipated in 1H 2022
- Potential Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

**Reservoir**



# **IBD Opportunity: Ulcerative Colitis-Proctitis**

# Ulcerative Colitis

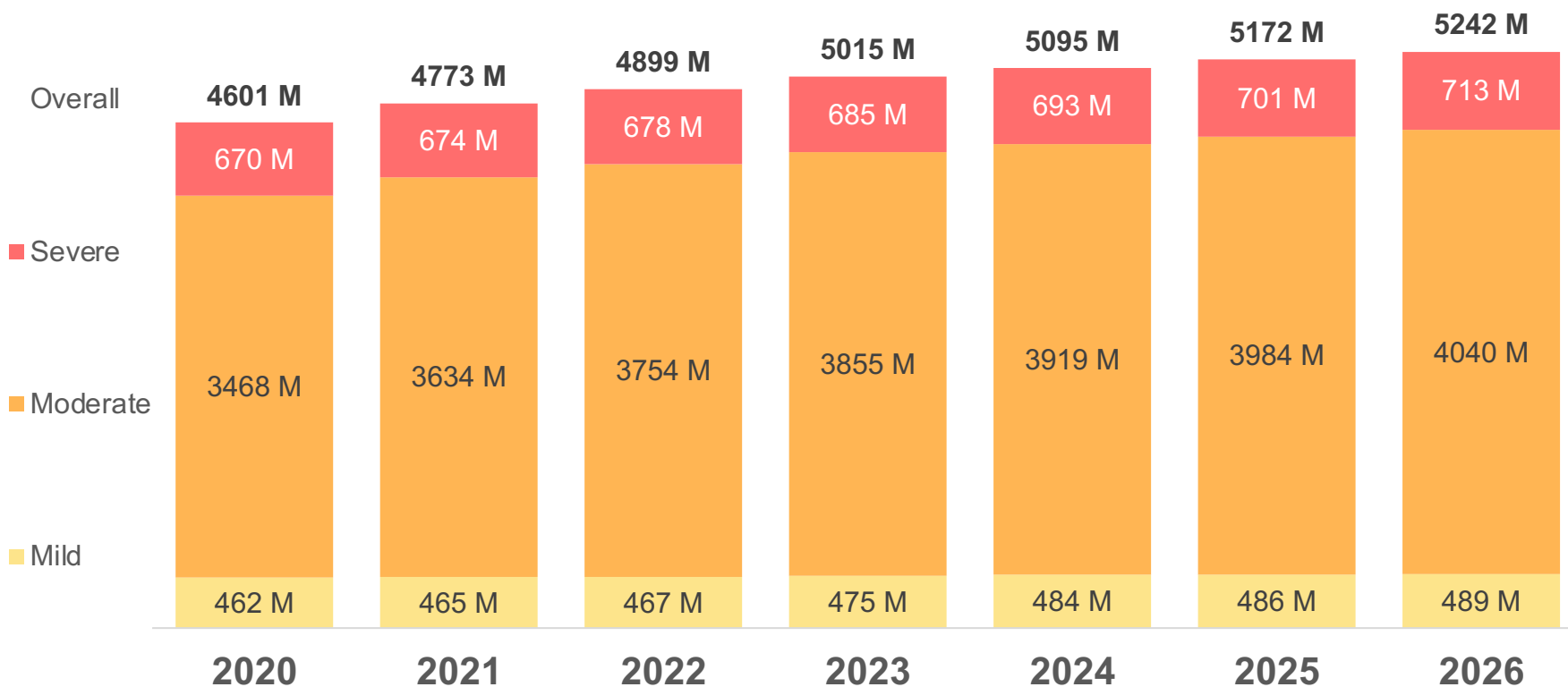
- Affects ~830K people in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- Five major types of Ulcerative colitis (UC)
  - **Ulcerative Proctitis**
  - **Proctosigmoiditis**
  - Left-sided Colitis
  - Pancolitis
  - Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis
- Therapies
  - Mild disease: sulfasalazines; 5-ASAs (mesalamine)
  - Moderate: steroids (budesonide; prednisone); azathioprine; 6-mercaptopurine; methotrexate
  - Severe: Anti-TNF; Entyvio; Xeljanz; Stelara

Source: (23) GlobalData Ulcerative Colitis Global Drug Forecast and Market Analysis to 2026: US Adults. 2018.

## Ulcerative Colitis: The launch of new novel medications for the treatment UC is the primary driver in the expected increase in sales

### Market Projections: Ulcerative Colitis Sales by Severity (in dollars)<sup>23</sup>

(Estimated sales of ulcerative colitis medications for American adults by severity year over year)



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**Mild to Moderate Prevalence is 84% of all UC Patients;  
86% of UC Market Size**



# Many Patients with Mild-to-Moderate UC Have Inadequate Response to First Line Therapy

## Mild-to-Moderate UC

## TREAT 2nd LINE

## Moderate-to-Severe UC

### DIAGNOSIS

Doctors diagnose patient with mild-to-moderate UC

### TREAT

Treat patient with 5-ASA (oral, rectal, or both together) in the hope of inducing and maintaining remission

### FAIL

Remission fails to occur in patients all too often

*~58% fail remission with oral 5-ASA\**

*~50% fail remission with rectal 5-ASA\**

An early, effective 2<sup>nd</sup> line treatment may prevent damage and in some cases stop disease progression

### NEXT STEPS

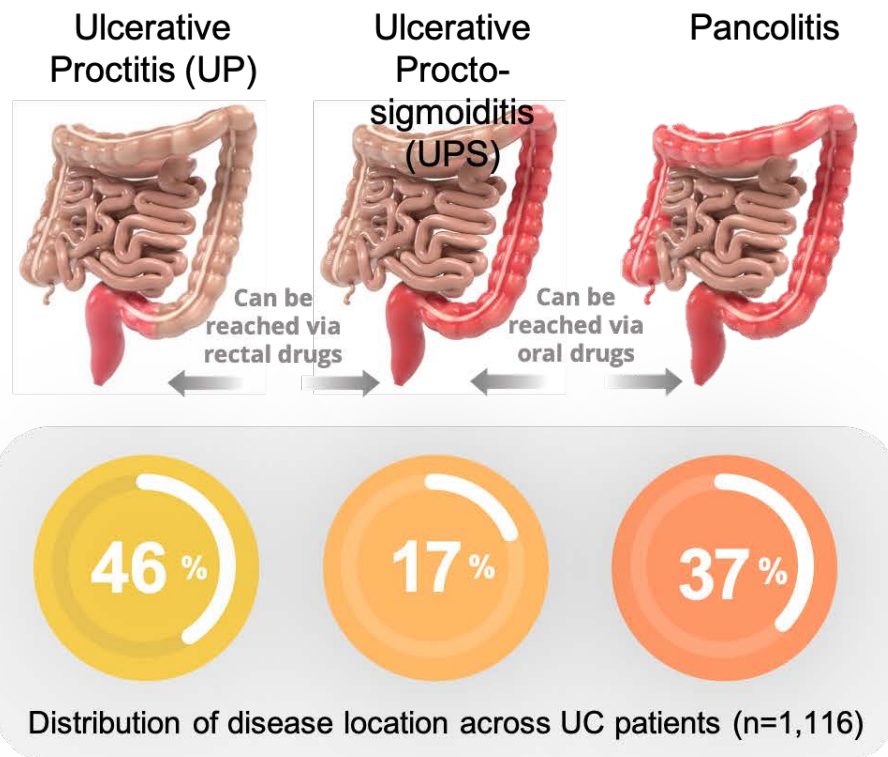
- Treated with corticosteroids, anti-TNF therapy, or other agents
- All have significant systemic side effects

### SURGERY

Colectomy (a major surgical procedure) to treat the disease

# Rationale for Conducting Initial Proof-of-Concept in UC

- Lower placebo response rate vs. Crohn's disease
- UC is easily monitored by serial endoscopy, which provides objective endpoints
- Significant unmet medical need, particularly in patients that fail 5-ASA
- >60% of patients have disease that can be treated rectally, which provides rapid path to evaluate POC with rectal delivery
- **Data will inform rectal and oral development program in UC**



## Role for Niclosamide in IBD

- Pharmacology ideal for local bowel disease; not absorbed from GI tract
- Mechanism of action is to impair oxidative phosphorylation; i.e. how cells make energy.
- Pathogenic Th17 cells have overly active oxidative phosphorylation; niclosamide down regulates this overactive cell.
- Data from Phase 1b study of niclosamide in ulcerative proctitis show promising results

## Ulcerative Colitis – Proctitis: Clinical remission efficacy with topical rectal niclosamide formulation superior to budesonide in Low Dose Phase 1b Trial

- Clinical remission efficacy of **59%** compares favorably to steroids as 2nd line therapy in mild-to-moderate Ulcerative Colitis (UC)
- Remission rate for budesonide in Ulcerative Proctitis (UP)/Ulcerative Proctosigmoiditis (UPS) is **38-44%**
- Steroid use lowers patients' ability to fight infections and leads to complications including bleeding, nausea, heartburn, and headaches
- Treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE) reported in 35% (6/17 subjects)
  - All but 1 TEAE was mild
- No serious or drug-related TEAEs

**First Ever Proof of Principle for Treatment of IBD with Niclosamide**

# First Wave BioPhase Phase 2a Trial of Ulcerative Colitis - Ulcerative Proctitis/Sigmoiditis

## ▪ Stage 1: Lower Dose Completed

- 17 patients
- Relapsed on 5-ASA first line therapy
- Modified Mayo Score (MMS) 4 to 7
- Treat for 6 weeks with niclosamide enema, **150 mg**, twice daily
- Key endpoints: Safety, Clinical remission (MMS = or < 2)

## ▪ Stage 1: Results

- 10/17 achieved clinical remission (59%)
- Well-tolerated
- Biomarkers consistent with clinical response

## ▪ Stage 2: Higher Dose Initiated

- 32 patients (28 patients placebo controlled)
- Relapsed on 5-ASA first line therapy
- MMS 4 to 7
- Treat for 6 weeks with niclosamide enema, **450 mg**, twice daily vs Placebo enema twice daily
- Key endpoints same as for Stage 1
- **Niclosamide shown to be well-tolerated in the first four patients in the higher-dose cohort**

## Ulcerative Colitis - UP/UPS: Next Steps

- End of Phase 2 Meeting with FDA
- U.S. FDA IND submission
- Phase 2b trial
  - Placebo Controlled, three arms
  - Placebo vs 150 mg vs 450 mg
  - Induction treatment phase, 6 weeks
  - Maintenance treatment phase for responders, 6 months



# **ADRULIPASE: FW-EPI**

## **Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in Cystic Fibrosis & Chronic Pancreatitis**

## **ADRULIPASE: FW-EPI Clinical Program**

### **Recombinant lipase for treatment of Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)**

- Targeting patients with **Cystic Fibrosis (CF)** and **Chronic Pancreatitis (CP)**
- ~ 30,000 CF patients and ~ 90,000 CP patients in the U.S.
- Addressing established global market (>\$2 billion) <sup>(1)</sup>

### **Recombinant alternative to porcine pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)**

- Clear unmet medical need
- Demonstrated safety and efficacy profile in two Phase 2 clinical trials in two indications

### **Pursuing parallel monotherapy and combination therapy clinical pathways**

- Topline Phase 2b CF monotherapy data announced in Q1 2021
- Topline Interim Phase 2 CF combination (MS1819 + PERT) therapy data announced in Q3 2021; final Clinical Study Reports in Q4 2021

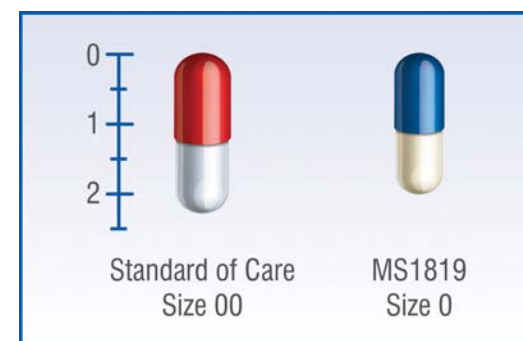
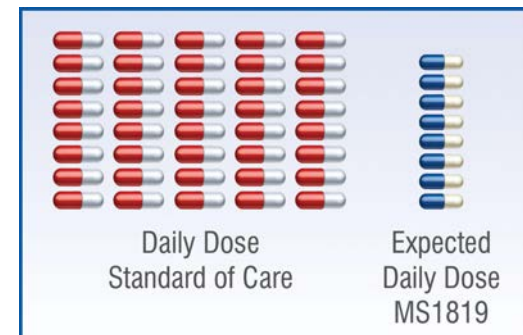
### **New enteric granule formulation being developed, Phase 2b trial anticipated in 2H 2022**

Sources: The CorStar Group 2019. Symphony Health 2019. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 2020. National Pancreas Foundation 2020.



# Adrulipase: Fulfilling an Unmet Medical Need

	PERT	MS1819
<b>Drug Substance</b>	<b>Porcine-derived</b> pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)	<b>Recombinant yeast</b> ( <i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i> ) lipase-derived replacement therapy
<b>Stability in Acidic GI Environment</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>More stable</b>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse event: fibrosing colonopathy at high doses</b></li> <li>• FDA black box warning</li> <li>• ~30% of CF patients are not well controlled on PERT and cannot dose up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Safe and well tolerated to date</b></li> <li>• No fibrosing colonopathy</li> </ul>
<b>Pill Burden</b>	<b>25-40 pills per day (CF)</b>	<b>8-16 pills per day (CF)</b>
<b>Sourcing &amp; Supply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to pig herd management</li> <li>• <b>Risk of transmission of animal pathogens</b></li> <li>• Manufacturing + supply chain inconsistency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAS (Generally Regarded as Safe)</li> <li>• <b>No risk of animal pathogens</b></li> <li>• Manufacturing + supply chain consistency</li> </ul>



- Differentiated mechanism of action
- No dose-limiting safety issues to date on ~100 patients

Sources: Results from the Company's clinical trials, internal studies and management estimates.

## Lessons Learned From the MS1819 Program and Next Steps

- Four Phase 2 Studies to Date:
  - Phase 2 CP
  - Phase 2a CF Monotherapy (OPTION)
  - Phase 2b CF Monotherapy (OPTION 2)
  - Phase 2 CF Combination Therapy (MS1819 + PERT)
- Product has evidence of lipase activity
- Product shows dose-response in chronic pancreatitis
- Combination therapy with commercial PERT shows clinically meaningful improvement for less controlled patients with Severe EPI in cystic fibrosis
- Safety is excellent at all doses studied
- Despite lack of protease, CNAs are consistently >80%
- Current powder formulation in immediate release or enteric capsules is not sufficient to obtain consistent CFAs >80%
- Formulation with good gastric dispersion plus gastric acid protection logical next step

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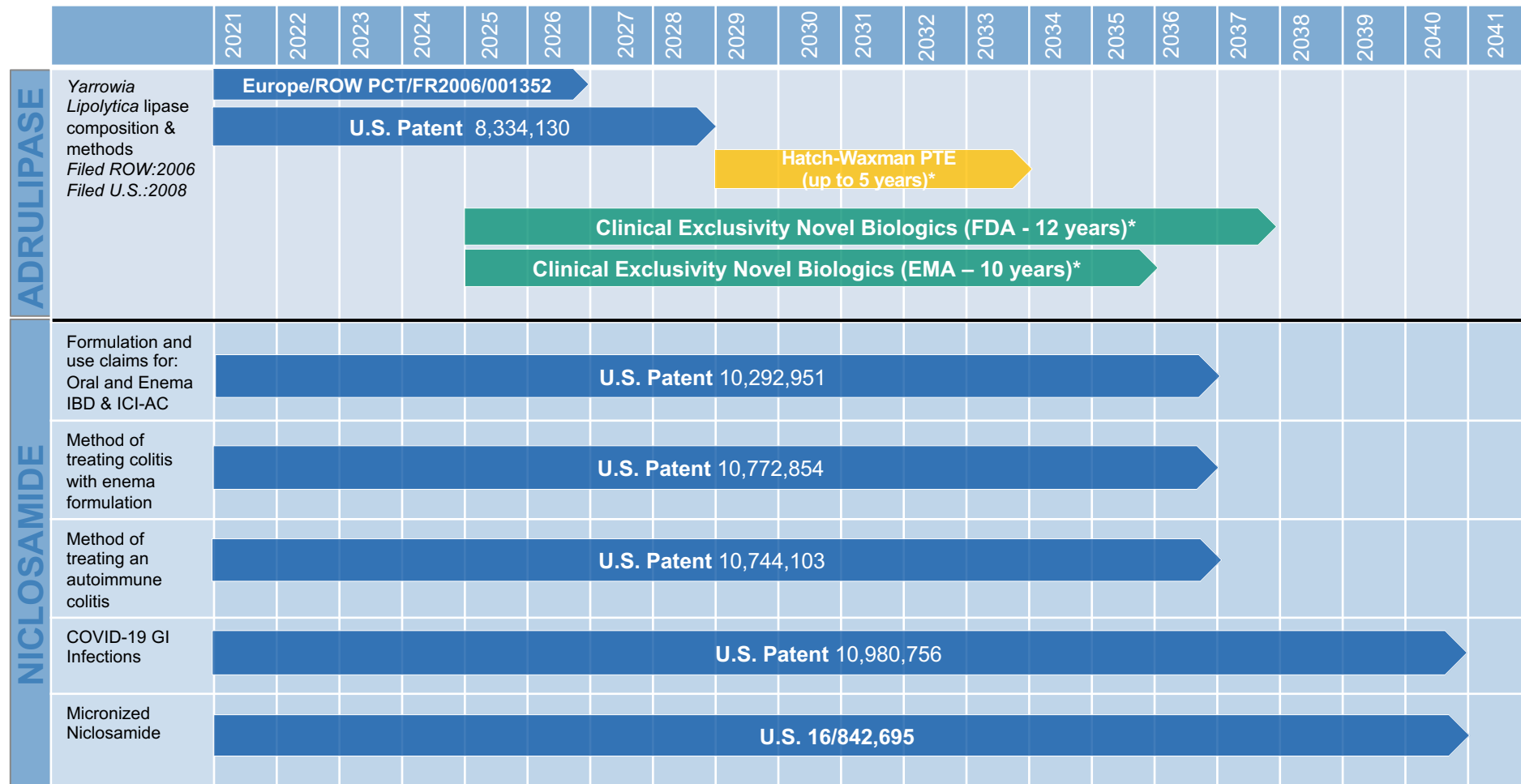
- **Enteric Microgranule Formulation Development**
- **Phase 2b FW-EPI Monotherapy Trial 2H 2022**



- **Intellectual Property**
- **Financial Overview**
- **Investment Highlights**

# Robust IP Portfolio (2021-2041)

Key Patents Secure for the next 15-20 years



\* Anticipated

## Financial Overview

<b>Nasdaq</b>	<b>FWBI</b>	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equiv.</b>	<b>\$7.1 MM<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Stock Price</b>	<b>\$1.66<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Enterprise Value</b>	<b>\$23.1 MM<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Common Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>14.9 MM</b>	<b>Shares Out/Fully Diluted</b>	<b>21.8 MM<sup>(3)</sup></b>
<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>\$24.7 MM<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Avg. Daily Volume (3 months)</b>	<b>1.61 MM</b>
<b>Preferred Stock (SV) (CP: \$7.70)</b>	<b>\$5.6 MM<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Avg. Daily Volume (10 days)</b>	<b>1.65 MM</b>
<b>Debt</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Full-Time Employees</b>	<b>16</b>

(1) As of market close 1/3/2022

(2) As of 9/30/2021 (Form 10-Q filled 11/15/2021). Does not include \$10.0 MM of net proceeds raised subsequent to 9/30/2021.

(3) Includes 721 K shares issuable upon conversion of Series B Preferred Stock at \$7.70/share; 5.4 MM shares issuable upon exercise of warrants (WAEP: \$9.73); 770 K shares issuable upon exercise of options (WAEP: \$7.33).

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