

# Announces Topline Results from Phase 2b FASCINATE-2 Clinical Trial

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# Denifanstat: Differentiated Mechanism Believed to Target Key Drivers of NASH

Denifanstat has independent mechanisms designed to:

- Block steatosis via inhibiting de novo lipogenesis in hepatocytes
- 2 Reduce **inflammation** via preventing immune cell activation
- **3** Blunt **fibrosis** via inhibiting stellate cell activation





## FASCINATE-2 Phase 2b Biopsy Trial Design Measuring Histological Improvement

#### **FASCINATE-2** Phase 2b trial design **Denifanstat 50mg** Screening Placebo Study weeks 26 52 0 **Baseline** Final Interim MRI-PDFF **MRI-PDFF MRI-PDFF Biomarkers Biomarkers Biomarkers Biopsy** Biopsy

Biopsy confirmed F2-F3 NASH patients

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• 52 weeks, 2:1 50mg or placebo, double-blind

#### Primary endpoints

- NAS ≥2 points improvement w/o worsening of fibrosis OR
- NASH resolution + NAS ≥2 improvement w/o worsening of fibrosis

#### **Other selected endpoints**

- Improvement in liver fibrosis ≥1 stage without worsening of NASH (Bx)
- Digital AI pathology
- MRI-PDFF: absolute decrease, % change from baseline, % pts ≥30% reduction from baseline (responders)

### FASCINATE-2: Patient Disposition





### FASCINATE-2 Baseline Characteristics Typical F2/F3 NASH Population

Parameter	Placebo, n=45	Denifanstat, n=81
Age, years	59.6 (+/- 10.9)	56.1 (+/- 10.8)
Sex, female	27 (60%)	48 (59%)
Race, White	41 (91%)	73 (90%)
Ethnicity, Hispanic or Latino	15 (33%)	27 (33%)
<b>BMI</b> , kg/m <sup>2</sup>	36.5 (+/- 6.7)	34.6 (+/- 6.1)
Type 2 diabetes	27 (60%)	55 (68%)
ALT (alanine aminotransferase) U/L	67 (+/- 33)	57 (+/- 29)
AST (aspartate aminotransferase) U/L	52 (+/- 27)	48 (+/- 29)
Liver Fat Content (MRI-PDFF), %	19.0 (+/- 7.0)	16.6 (+/- 7.1)
Baseline liver biopsy NAS ≥ 5	34 (76%)	63 (78%)
Baseline liver biopsy F2/F3	22 (49%) / 23 (51%)	34 (42%) / 47 (58%)
Statin (at baseline)	21 (47%)	38 (47%)
GLP1-RA (at baseline)	4 (9%)	12 (15%)
LDL, mg/dL	103 (+/- 39)	96 (+/- 34)
Triglycerides, mg/dL	153 (+/- 67)	173 (+/- 79)
ELF (Enhanced Liver Fibrosis) Score	9.8 (+/- 0.8)	9.6 (+/- 0.8)
FAST (Fibroscan AST) Score	0.6 (0.19)	0.6 (0.20)

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7 Modified intent-to-treat population (mITT) includes all patients with paired biopsies. Data are mean (SD) or n (%)

Primary Endpoints: Liver Biopsy Denifanstat Achieved Statistical Significance

> NAS ≥ 2 points improvement\* w/o worsening of fibrosis

NASH resolution + NAS ≥ 2 improvement w/o worsening of fibrosis



8 Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Test – One sided at the 0.05 significance level. mITT population. \* ≥1-point improvement in ballooning or inflammation.



Secondary Endpoints: Liver Biopsy Denifanstat Achieved Statistical Significance





Independent Fibrosis Analysis by AI-based Digital Pathology Supporting Evidence that Denifanstat Significantly Reduced Fibrosis

> qFibrosis Continuous Value Change from Baseline





Patient Subset on Stable GLP1-RA at Baseline: Liver Biopsy Denifanstat Improves NASH Resolution and Fibrosis







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Secondary Endpoint: Liver Fat by MRI-PDFF Denifanstat Achieved Statistical Significance





Secondary Endpoints: Liver Enzymes Denifanstat Decreased ALT and AST Levels





Cardiometabolic health Denifanstat Decreased LDL-c Levels



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Parameter	Placebo n=56	Denifanstat N=112
Any TEAE (treatment emergent adverse event)	45 (80.4%)	96 (85.7%)
TEAE related to study drug	20 (35.7%)	51 (45.5%)
Most common TEAE related to study drug in ≥5% of patients by system organ class		
eye disorders	9 (16.1%)	17 (15.2%)
gastrointestinal disorders	5 (8.9%)	13 (11.6%)
skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	4 (7.1%)	25 (22.3%)
TEAE leading to study drug discontinuation	3 (5.4%)	22 (19.6%)
TEAE with CTCAE Grade 3 (Severe) or higher*	3 (5.4%)	13 (11.6%)
SAE (none related to treatment)	3 (5.4%)	13 (11.6%)
Fatal TEAE	0	0

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\* No treatment-related AE was Grade 3 or higher



# Development Pipeline: Indications and Clinical Milestones



17 \* Trials conducted in China by Ascletis, who has licensed development and commercialization rights to all indications in Greater China



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