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Innovators in the treatment of  
**diuretic-resistant fluid overload**  
liver disease – malignant ascites – heart failure

BTIG Conference

Ian Crosbie, CEO – 18 February 2021

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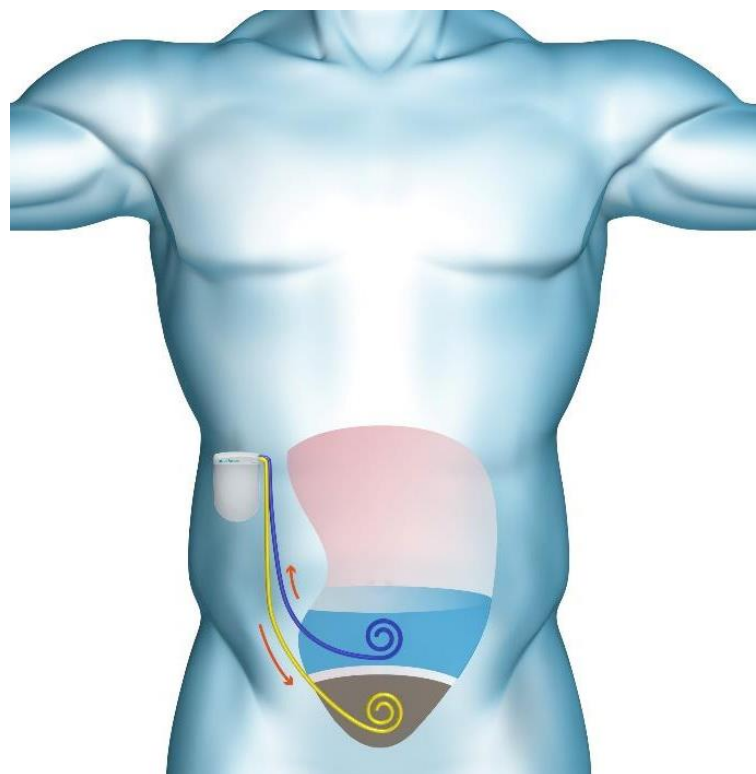
- Founded in 2006
- Gent, Belgium (HQ): corporate, clinical, commercial
- Zurich, Switzerland: manufacturing, engineering, QA/RA
- ~50 employees
- Euronext Brussels: SEQUA



# alfapump<sup>®</sup> platform

Using the bladder to treat fluid overload

- ✓ Fully implanted
- ✓ Automatic operation
- ✓ Wireless battery charging
- ✓ Settings wirelessly adjusted
- ✓ Remote data monitoring



- ✓ Easy implantation
- ✓ Long-term implantation & catheter patency
- ✓ Moves up to 4 litres / day
- ✓ Virtually non-clogging
- ✓ No significant heating during charging and operation

***Strong IP barriers through extensive patent portfolio & know-how***

# One platform – two products



**alfapump<sup>®</sup>**

## Liver Disease (NASH)

Proven step change in liver refractory ascites and malignant ascites

Over 800 devices implanted

> €3 Bn / year market opportunity<sup>(1)</sup>



**POSEIDON pivotal study ongoing**

**Self-commercialisation**



**alfapump DSR<sup>®</sup>**

## Heart Failure

Breakthrough approach to fluid overload in heart failure

Clinical proof-of-concept of Direct Sodium Removal (DSR<sup>®</sup>)

> €5 Bn / year market opportunity<sup>(2)</sup>



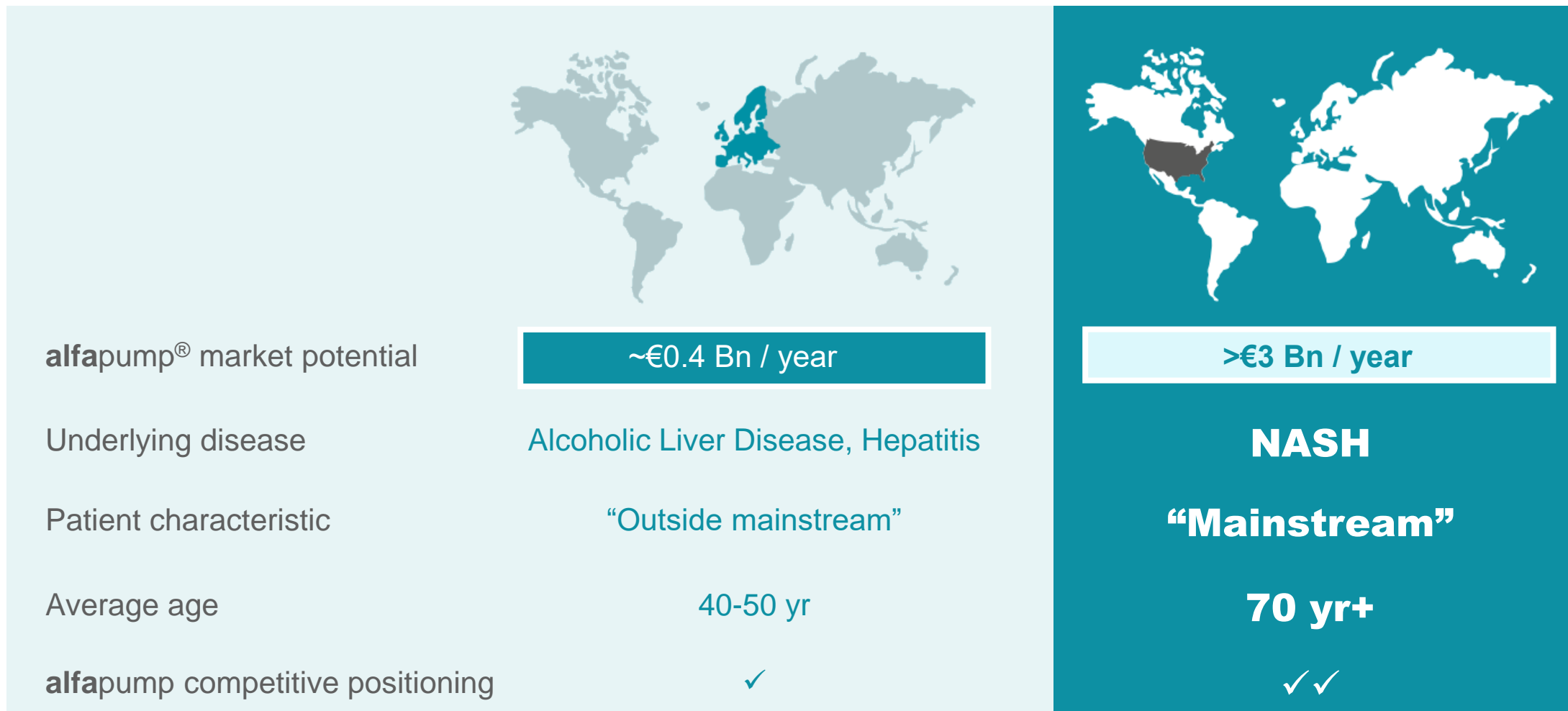
**RED DESERT repeated dose study ongoing**

**Partnering after US efficacy study**

**Built upon proven European clinical & commercial experience**

# NASH drives US market attractiveness

Stronger competitive position in a much larger and dynamic market



Notes: current estimated EU Liver market: Data from 1980-2010, death rates between 9-12.4 per 100,000; Mokdad et al., 2014, Management estimates of 7.5% cirrhosis patients that die per year based on experts feedback. forecast US Liver market: Management estimate that is inclusive of estimated growth in prevalence of NASH for the US based on GlobalData Epidemiology Forecast to 2026.

# Liver cirrhosis and refractory ascites

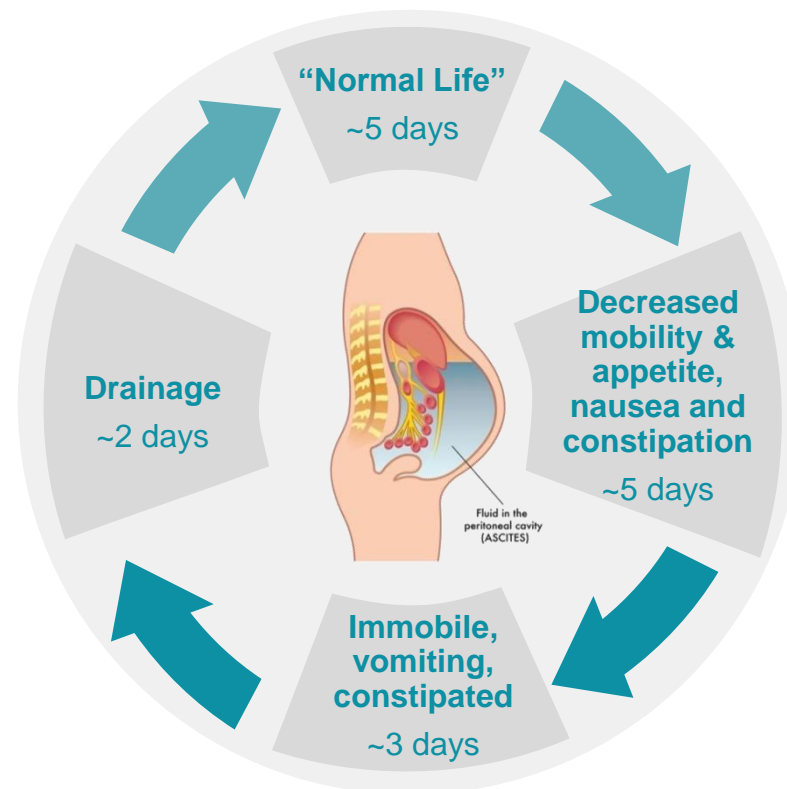
A key complication of liver cirrhosis, with a dramatic impact on quality of life

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Viral infections  
(Hepatitis B & C)
- 


Alcoholic Liver Disease
- 


Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)




Typical patient life<sup>(4)</sup>

## US forecast

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Liver cirrhosis  
~3-4M<sup>(1)</sup>
- 

Ascites  
~1.5M<sup>(2)</sup>
- 

Refractory Ascites  
~150K<sup>(3)</sup>

Note : Prevalence of NASH in US is expected to increase by 63% between 2015-2030; Estes et al., 2018

Source 1 Management estimate in US based on Estes et al; GlobalData Nash Epidemiology Forecast to 2026; Noureddin et al., 2013

Source 2: Runyon 2009: approximately 50% of cirrhotic patients develop ascites within 10 years of diagnosis of cirrhosis

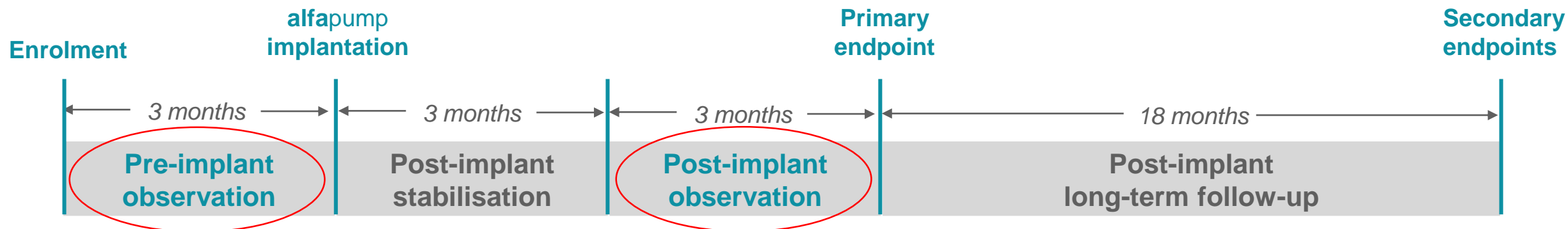
Source 3: Ginès et al., NEJM 2004: refractory ascites occurs in 5-10% patients with ascites

Source 4: Presentation of Dr. Rajiv Jalan at EASL in 2018, Large Volume Paracentesis (LVP) treatment cycle for refractory ascites



# North American Pivotal Study (POSEIDON) underway

Pivotal Cohort of up to 50 patients implanted; Roll-In (“training”) cohort of up to 30 patients



## POSEIDON Study Endpoints

**Primary efficacy:** 1) 50% reduction in average monthly frequency of Therapeutic Paracentesis (“TP”) post-implant vs. pre-implant  
2) 50% of patients achieve a 50% reduction in the requirement for TP post-implant vs. pre-implant

**Primary safety:** Rate of **alfapump** related re-interventions adjudicated by the Clinical Events Committee (CEC)

**Secondary:** QoL (SF36, Ascites-Q), nutritional status, health economics, safety (device and/or procedure-related AEs), survival

# POSEIDON Interim Data: Positive for primary endpoints

Data from first 13 Roll-In patients

## EFFICACY

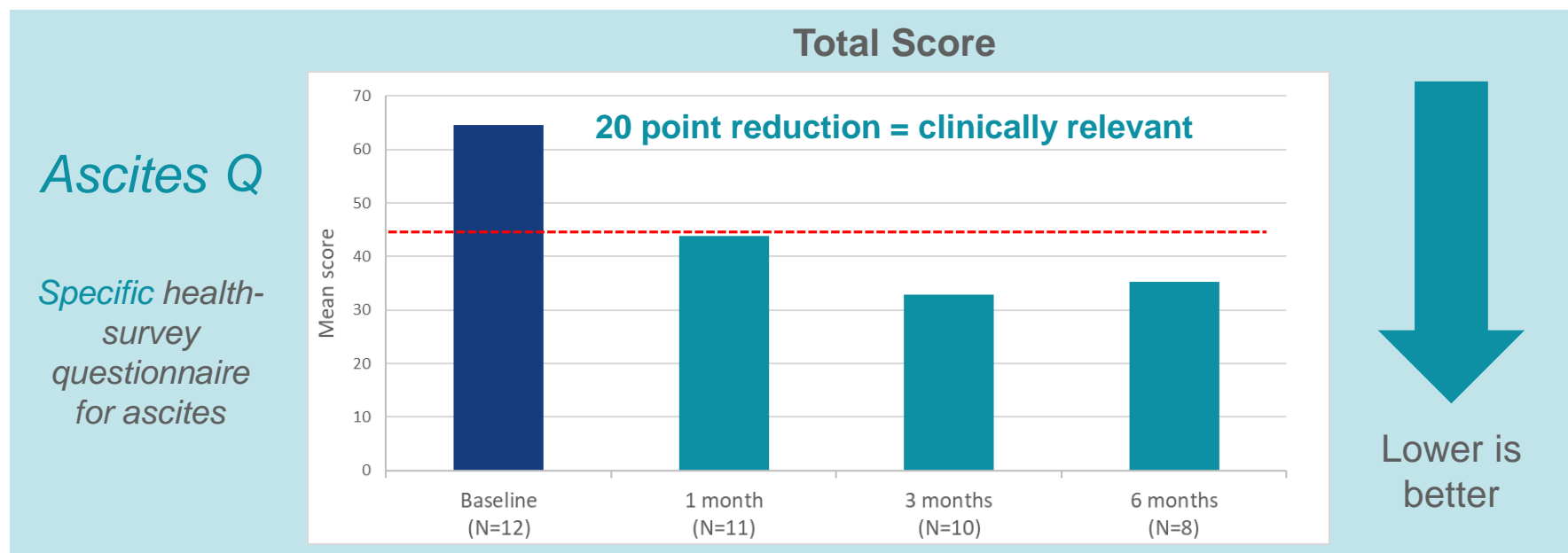
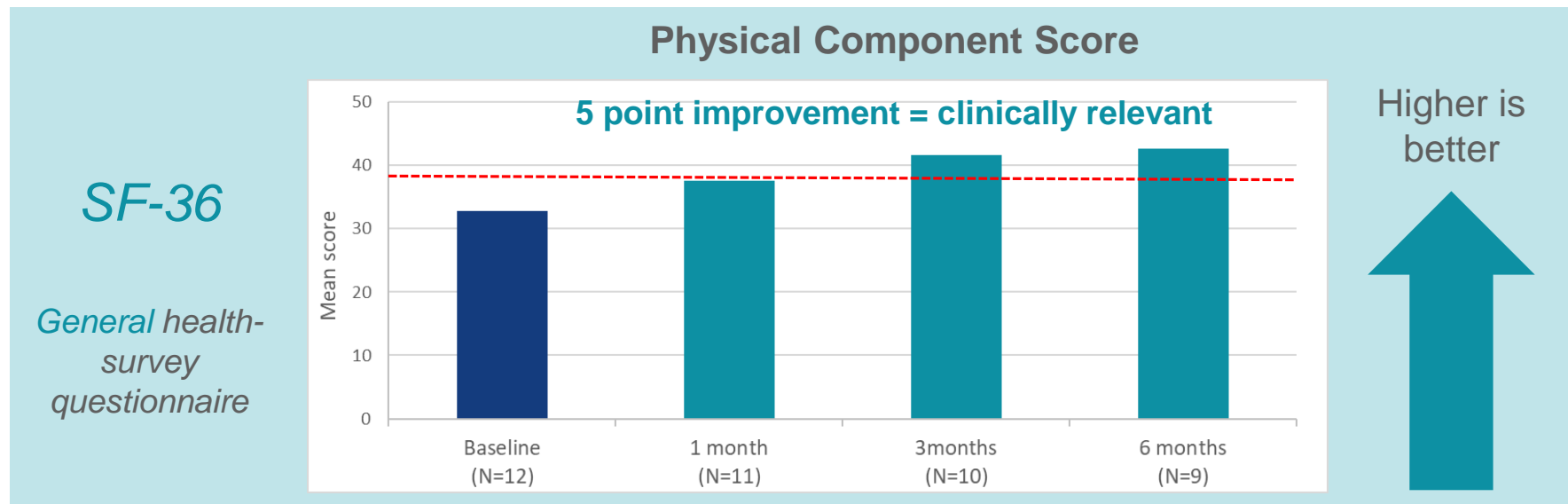
Mean values post-implant vs. pre-implant	N = 13
Reduction in frequency of TP	> 90%
Patients with >50% reduction in TP	100%

## SAFETY

- Safety profile of the **alfapump** consistent with previously reported data
- Adjudication process by the Clinical Events Committee for two **alfapump**<sup>®</sup> explants ongoing

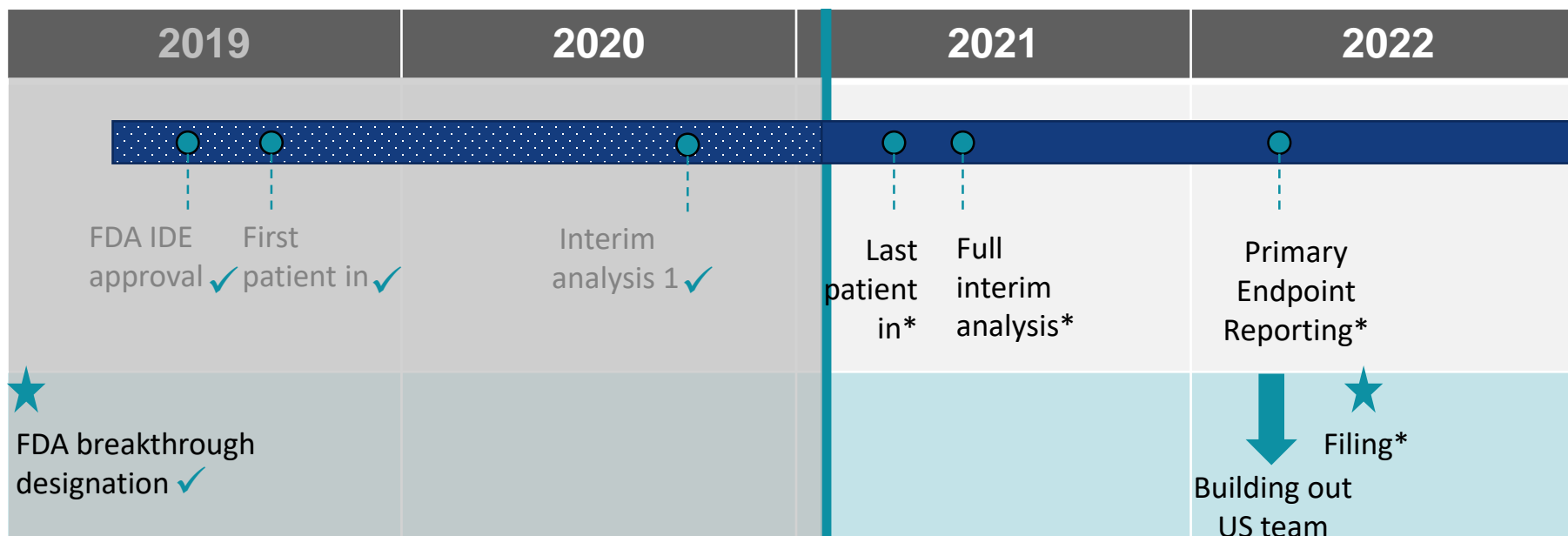
*Note: Pre- and post-implant periods for this analysis of the Roll-In Cohort differ from those that will be used for the Pivotal Cohort analysis*

# Quality of Life: Indication of fast and persistent improvement



# Strong progress towards alfapump® US approval

Targeting announcement of primary endpoint in Q1 2022

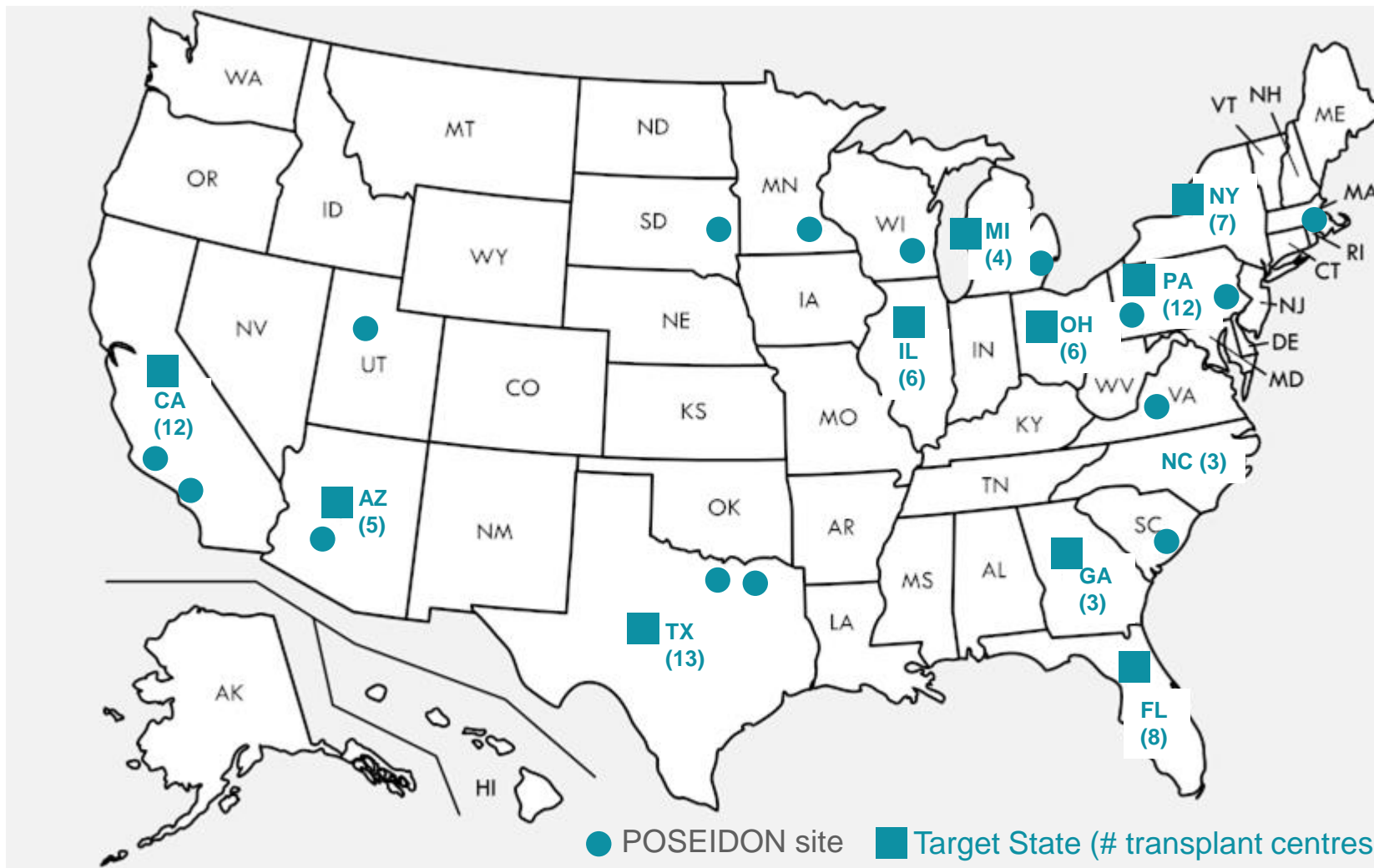


**Final CMS rule for automatic Medicare coverage of breakthrough devices for four years post-approval**

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FDA: Food and Drug Administration (US); IDE: Investigational Device Exemption

# US commercialisation through our specialty salesforce

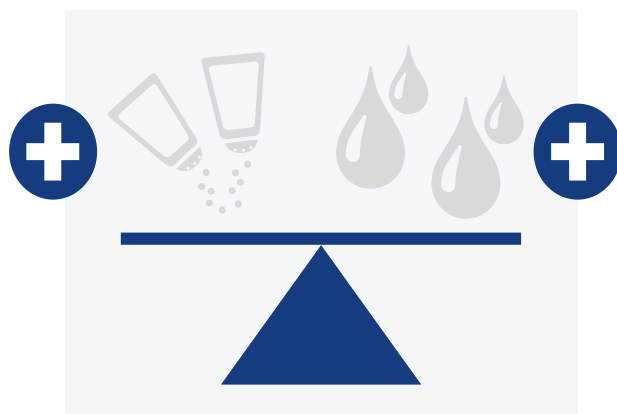


**Initial focus on key transplant centres**

~50-person team:  
35 sales reps, 10 clinical,  
5 corporate

# Diuretic-resistant fluid overload in heart failure

Key clinical challenge and driver of costs



Excess sodium drives  
fluid overload

US hospitalisations  
annually due to  
HF<sup>(3)</sup>

~1m

90%

HF –  
hospitalisations  
due to fluid  
overload<sup>(3)</sup>



c.5d

Typical  
hospital stay<sup>(4)</sup>

Annual costs of US  
HF-related  
hospitalisations<sup>(4)</sup>

\$13bn

- *40% of heart failure patients on IV loop diuretics have a poor response<sup>(1)</sup>*
- *24% re-admission rate at 30 days<sup>(2)</sup>*

# Direct Sodium Removal (DSR®)

Proprietary approach to fluid overload – supported by interim RED DESERT clinical data

We remove the sodium and then the body “does the math” to maintain serum sodium balance



“DSR represents a new potential therapy for non-renal sodium and fluid removal in edematous disorders such as heart failure”

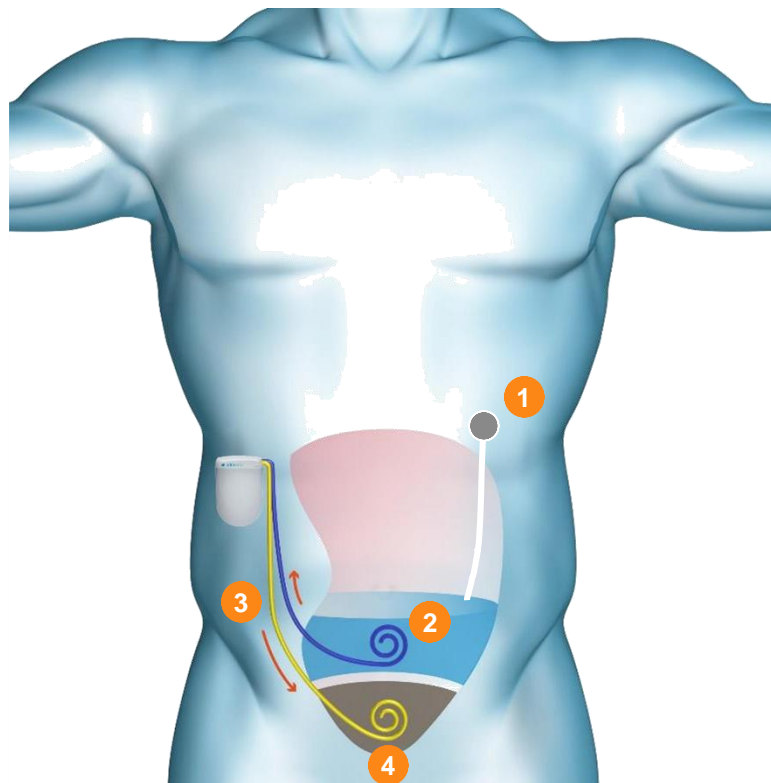
**Circulation** First in Human Experience with Peritoneal Direct Sodium Removal Using a Zero Sodium Solution: A New Candidate Therapy for Volume Overload

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# alfapump DSR®

Potential chronic therapy for diuretic-resistant heart failure patients with fluid overload



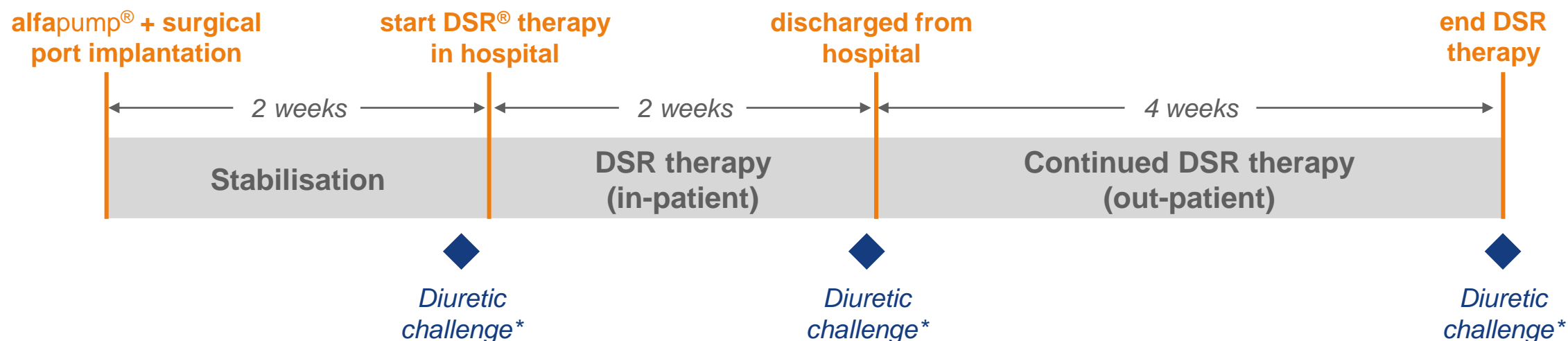
- 1 Sodium-free DSR® infusate administered to peritoneal cavity via implanted port
- 2 Sodium diffuses into DSR infusate
- 3 **alfapump** pumps sodium-rich DSR infusate into the bladder
- 4 Body eliminates excess fluid through osmotic ultrafiltration and urination

*Fundamental patents to reduce fluid overload in heart failure patients granted in US and Europe*



# RED DESERT: Study design

Repeated dose proof-of-concept study of alfapump DSR® in diuretic-resistant heart failure patients



✓ **Positive interim results (5 patients) reported**

**Top-line results (up to 10 patients) expected in H1 2021**

\* intravenous dose of 40mg dose furosemide

# Interim RED DESERT: Strong safety & efficacy results

Results from first five patients

## SAFETY

- Implant procedure of **alfapump DSR<sup>®</sup>** and repeated dosing of DSR<sup>®</sup> therapy were **well-tolerated**
- No clinically significant changes in serum sodium levels / **no progressive hyponatremia**
- Reported **adverse events were manageable**

## EFFICACY

- **No diuretics required** in any of the patients during 6-week **alfapump DSR** treatment
- Reduced doses of DSR therapy and / or less frequent DSR dosing in majority of patients  
⇒ maintaining stable to lower weight and NT-proBNP compared to baseline

# Interim RED DESERT: Restored normal kidney response

Results from first five patients

- **Diuretic response restored to near normal levels**
  - Sodium excretion more than doubled after DSR study period (to near normal levels)
- **Long-lasting improvement in diuretic responsiveness**
  - Dramatic reduction in oral loop diuretic dosage in majority of patients at end of DSR study period
  - Major reduction in oral diuretic dosage vs baseline even months after end of DSR study period

- *Indicates DSR therapy is more than just a means to remove sodium and water*
- *Supports intermittent dosing to restore natural kidney response*
- *Potential expansion into other fluid overload indications*

# Developing high value proprietary DSR<sup>®</sup> Infusate

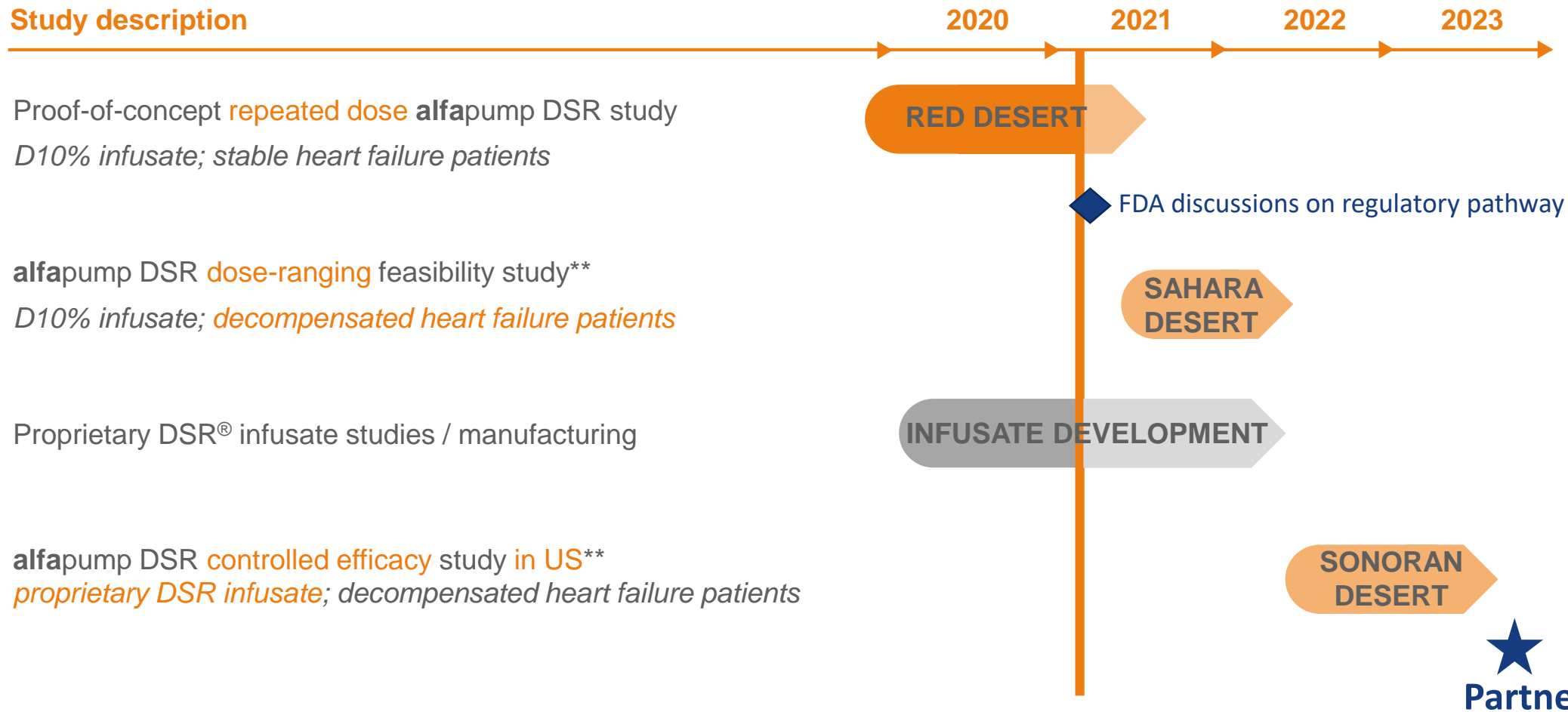
- D10% was chosen as the initial DSR infusate for fastest proof-of-concept
- We are developing our **proprietary next-generation DSR infusate**:



- ✓ Improved therapeutic profile compared to D10%
- ✓ IP protected
- ✓ Recurring revenue from high gross margin consumable

# alfapump DSR<sup>®</sup> development strategy\*

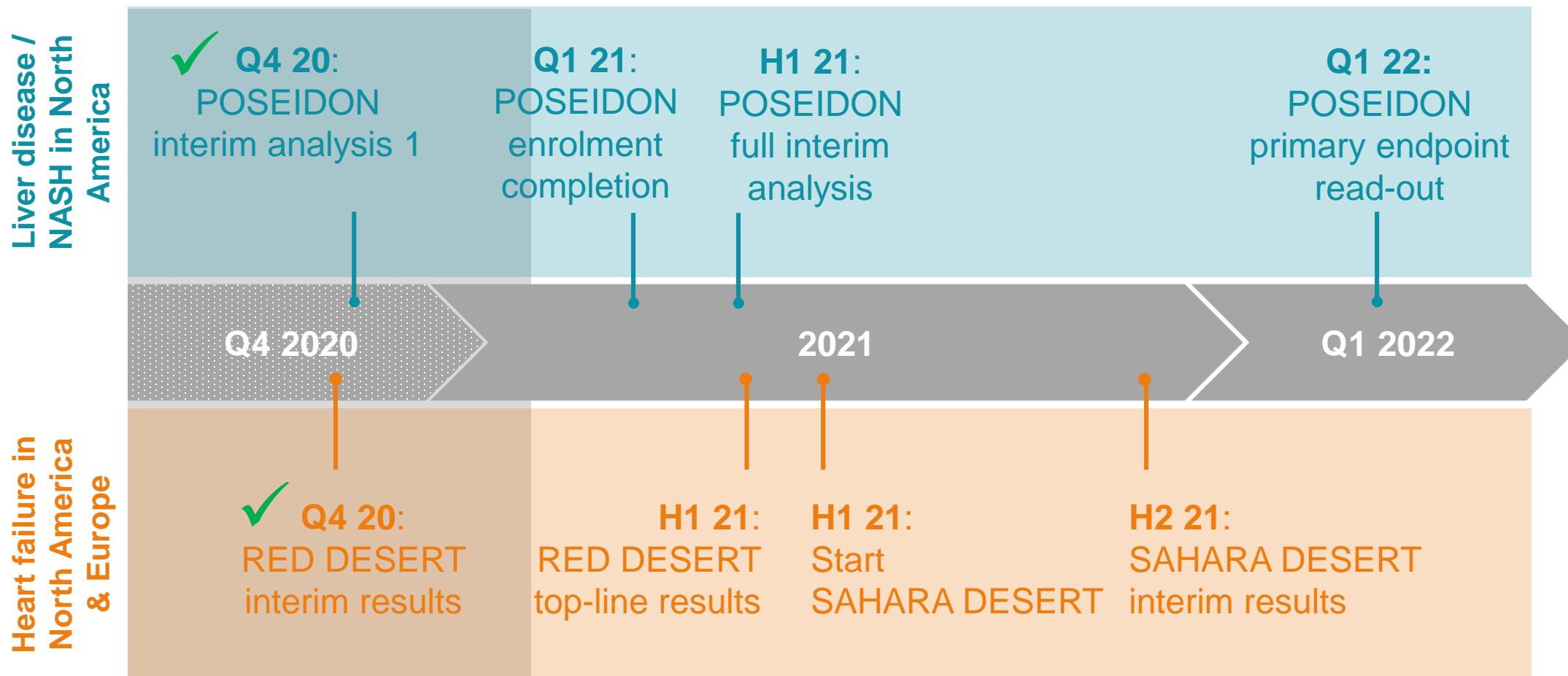
## Study description



\* Timelines subject to further developments related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

\*\* Subject to change and/or feedback from applicable regulatory authorities

# Expected core value drivers & outlook



Note: Presented timelines are subject to further developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic

A grid of white medical devices, possibly patient monitors or sensors, arranged on shelves. Each device has a small screen and a circular opening at the top. The devices are illuminated from below by a series of small, glowing lights in shades of blue and green, creating a futuristic and clinical atmosphere. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

# Thank you

# Back-up





# Strong organisation

Highly experienced leadership team supported by committed and well-reputed shareholders

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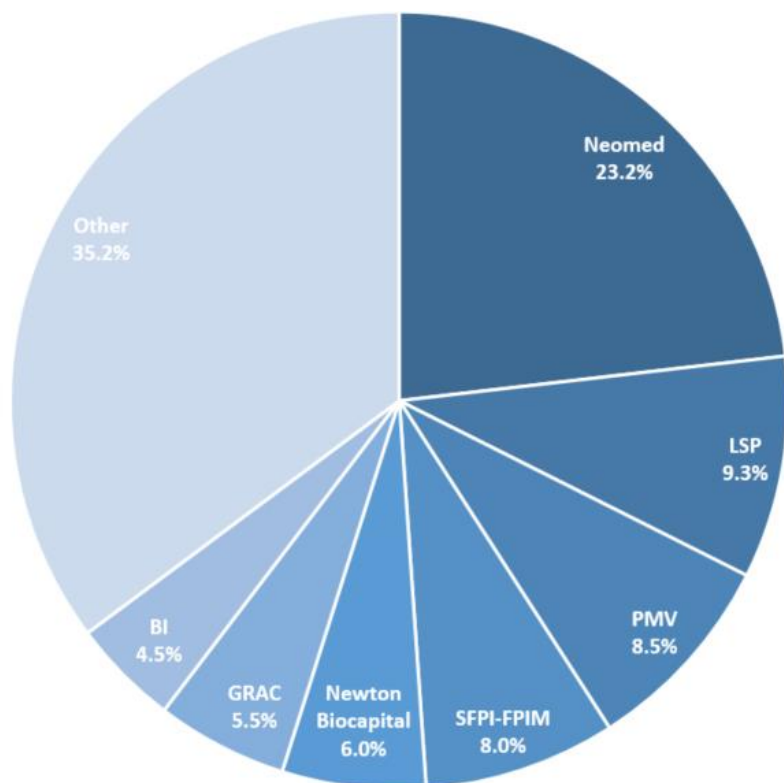


**Erik Amble**  
Director

# Shareholders base and financial overview

Ticker: SEQUA – Euronext Brussels

- Outstanding shares: 18.4M
- Outstanding share options & warrants: 1.8M



- Analysts:
  - KBC Securities – Lenny Van Steenhuyse
  - Kempen – Ingrid Gafanhão
  - Kepler Cheuvreux – Matthias Maenhaut
  - Mirabaud – Daniel Jelovcan
- Cash (30 June 2020): €14.9M
- Debt financing in July 2020: €7.3M
- Equity financing in February 2021: €22.5M
- Cash runway into Q2 2022



# POSEIDON – study cohorts

Patients with recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis in up to 20 centres across US and Canada

## Two study cohorts with the same inclusion / exclusion criteria

### 1 Pivotal Cohort

- Up to 50 patients implanted with the **alfapump**<sup>®</sup>
- For primary and secondary endpoint analysis

### 2 Roll-In Cohort ➡ enables us to report interim data

- Up to 30 patients implanted with the **alfapump**
- To teach clinicians and medical teams at new centres how to use the **alfapump**

# Cirrhotic patients with recurrent or refractory ascites

First 13 patients in Roll-In Cohort of the POSEIDON study

Age (mean)	65 y
MELD score (mean $\pm$ SD)	10.5 $\pm$ 4.6
Cirrhosis etiology	
- Alcohol	- 61.5%
- NASH	- 23.1%
- Hepatitis C	- 7.7%
- Alcohol, Hepatitis C, and Hepatitis B	- 7.7%
TP per month prior to study (mean $\pm$ SD)	3.4 $\pm$ 1.8

Willingness to treat earlier stage patients?

NASH is already an important driver of this market

N. American patients appear to have more TP / month compared to Europe

*MELD: Model for End-stage Liver Disease; SD: Standard Deviation; NASH: Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis; TP: Therapeutic Paracentesis*



# Leading experts as Heart Failure Scientific Advisors



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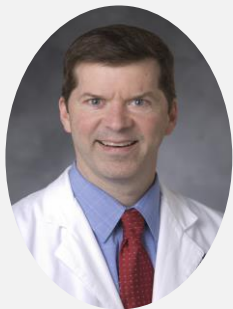
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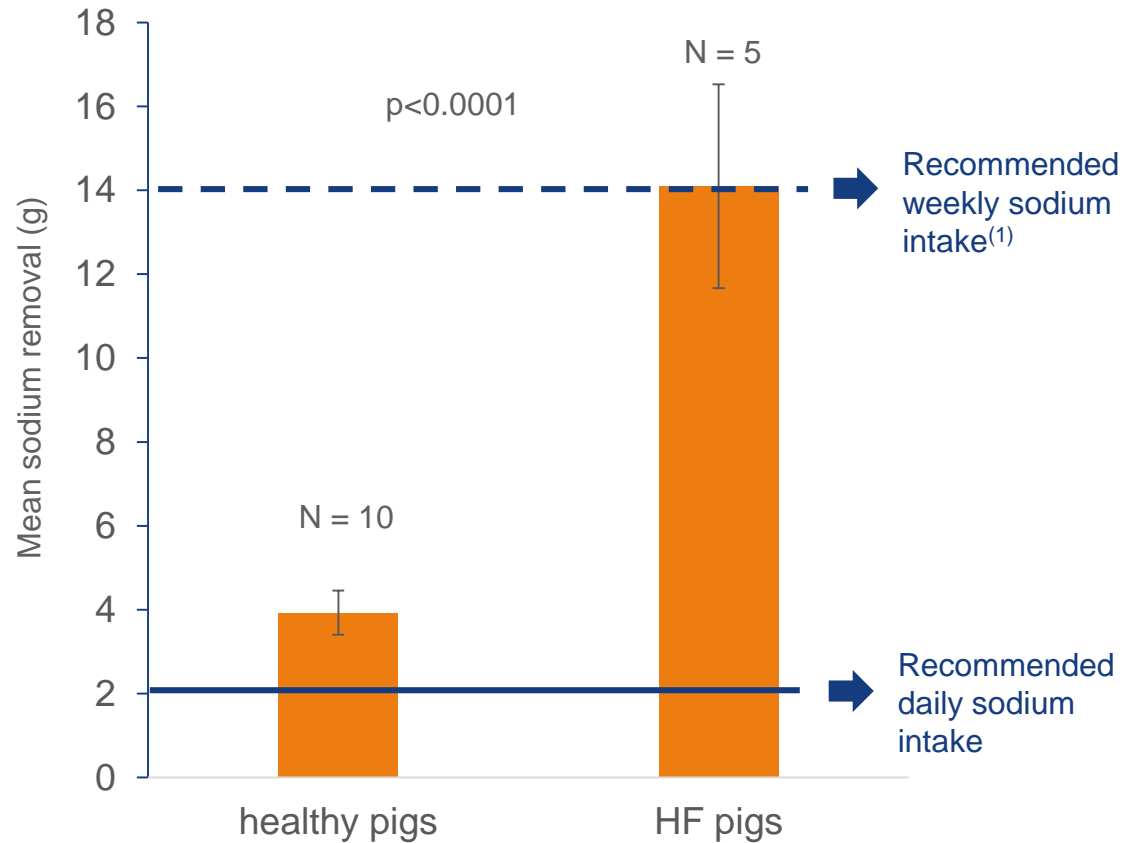
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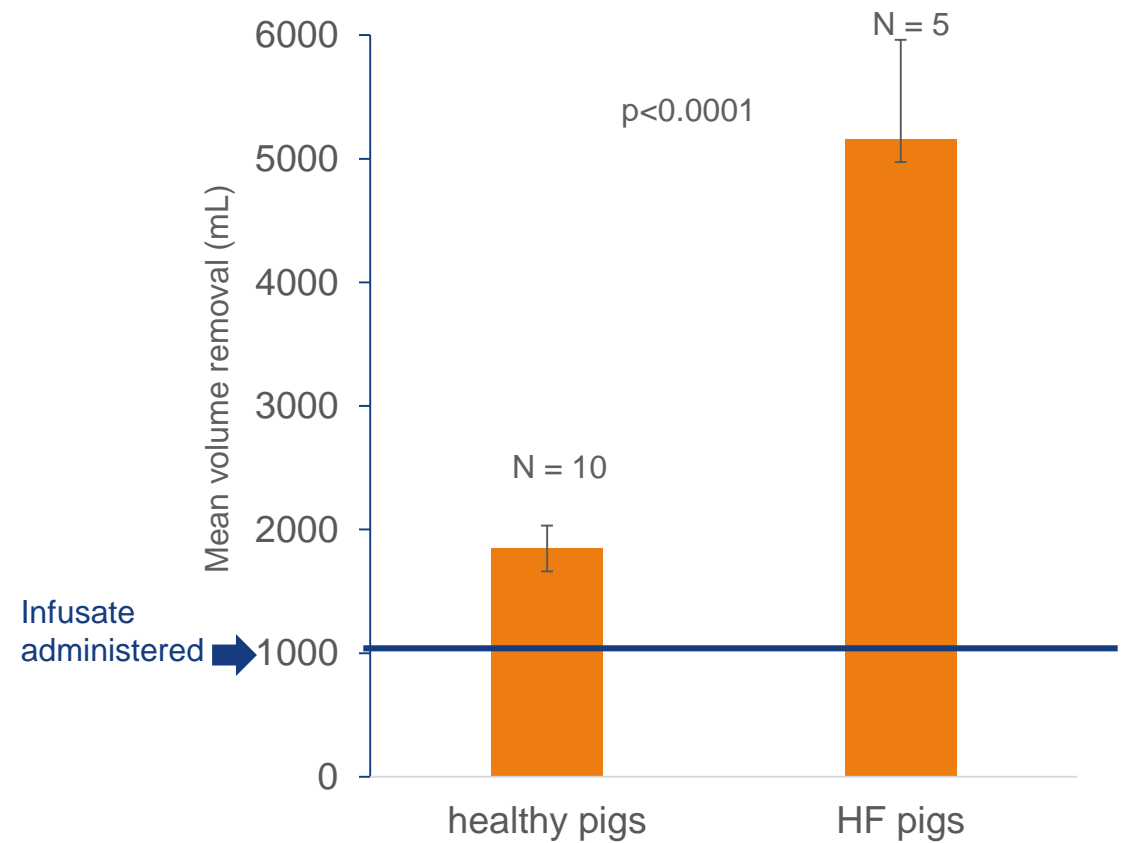
# DSR<sup>®</sup> pre-clinical Proof-of-Concept

Clinically relevant sodium and fluid removal

## Clinically relevant removal of sodium



## Effective fluid removal

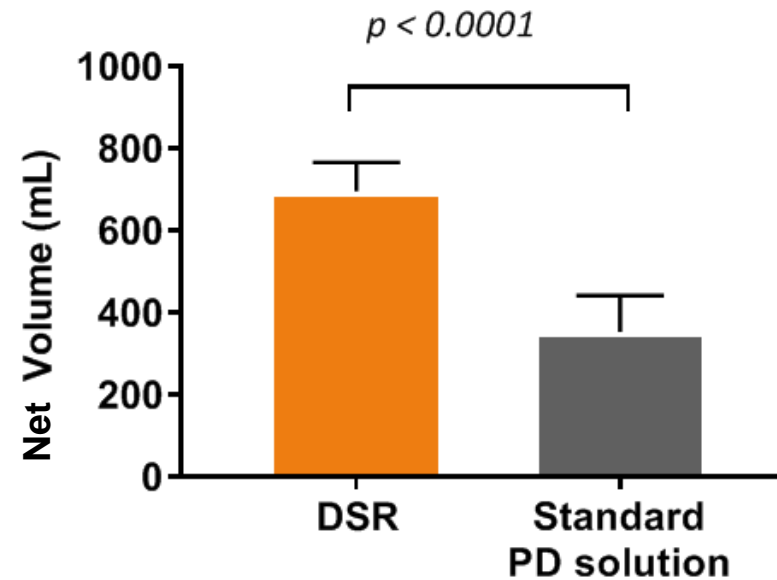
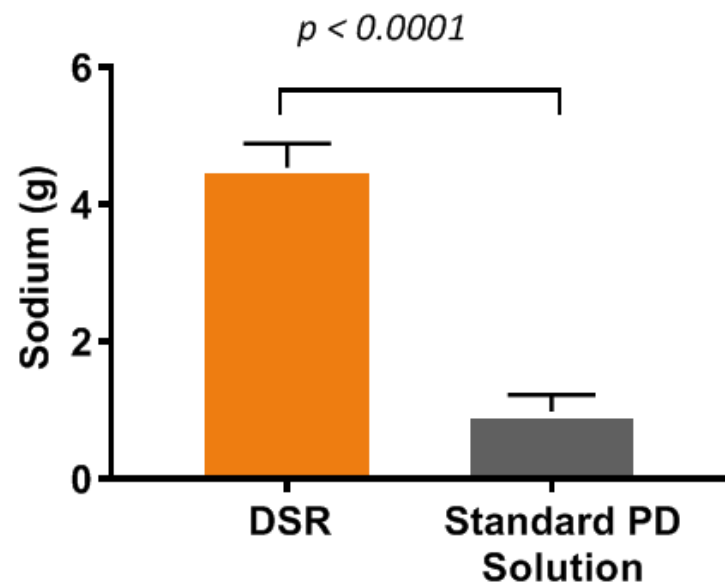


Source 1: Weekly recommended intake for humans equals 14 grams ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))



# DSR<sup>®</sup> first-in-human study met primary and secondary endpoints

- ✓ DSR therapy was safe & well-tolerated with no adverse events or significant discomfort
- ✓ Substantially higher sodium removal with DSR vs standard Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) solution
- ✓ Minimal inter-patient variability



*Results presented at  
key Cardiac  
Conferences and  
published in  
Circulation*



# Clinical development strategy

Exciting impact on diuretic response requires additional investigation to support value of DSR<sup>®</sup> therapy

## **RED DESERT – repeated dose study in stable heart failure patients**

- Enrol up to five additional patients, with top-line data expected in H1 2021

## **SAHARA DESERT – dose-ranging study in decompensated heart failure patients**

- Move into decompensated heart failure patients with residual congestion
- Dose ranging to learn more about improvement in diuretic response and durability of effect
- Key learnings to be taken into US controlled efficacy study
- D10% as DSR infusate

## **SONORAN DESERT - US study vs. stand of care with proprietary DSR infusate**

- Controlled versus standard of care, in decompensated patients with residual congestion
- Treatment algorithm built upon learnings from SAHARA DESERT
- Paves the way and de-risks FDA pivotal study
- Sequana Medical proprietary DSR infusate





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