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Targeting the powerhouse of cells to improve the lives of primary mitochondrial disease patients

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# Abliva is focused on becoming a global leader in mitochondrial medicine



**Experienced team with 30+ years in mitochondrial research and drug development.** Offices in Lund (Sweden) and Boston (US)



Full **R&D capabilities** with a plan to **build to commercialize lead asset** 



Publicly traded on NASDAQ Stockholm (ABLI)



# A portfolio of first-in-class therapies target underlying pathology in Primary Mitochondrial Disease



(1) KL1333 has Orphan drug designation in the US and Europe. Fast track designation in the US.; NV354 has Orphan drug designation in the US and EU

(2) mtDNA-related mitochondrial disease caused by mutation(s) in mitochondrial DNA (as opposed to nuclear DNA).

(3) Given that mitochondrial disease is an orphan indication, a Phase 2 study in these patients, if successful, can have the potential for market approval.

## The portfolio is protected and expedited with a strong regulatory and IP package

#### KL1333 (orally available NAD<sup>+</sup> /NADH modulation)

- Orphan Drug Designation in US, EU
- Fast Track designation in US
- Composition of matter patent until at least 2034
- Expansion of protection ongoing

#### NV354 (orally available, brain-penetrant succinate prodrug)

- Orphan Drug Designation in US, EU
- Three patent families protect the asset until at least 2035
- Expansion ongoing; US patent received in Feb 2023 protecting isolated forms of NV354



#### KL1333 structure



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#### **KOL Event: May**

KOL R&D event was a highlight of recent investor events.

**ABLIVA** Virtual KOL Event on **KL1333 in Primary Mitochondrial Disease** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 10:00 AM ET / 4:00 PM CET Featuring Amel Karaa, MD (Massachusetts General Hospital) **Replay: https://lifescievents.com/event/abliva/** 



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## **Opportunity in Primary Mitochondrial Disease**

## First-in-Class Rare Disease Therapy with Blockbuster Peak Sales Potential



## **Even with Conservative Assumptions, KL1333 has Blockbuster Potential**





# Analogs and Public Equity Research Support the Large Commercial Opportunity, Especially with Key Competitors out of the Way



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 Source:
 Broker research, Company Information

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 66K patients in the US, 83K patients in EU, 288K patients in China, 25K in Japan and 43K patients in Brazil

# The Potential Benchmark Price Corridor for KL1333 in the EU5 is ~\$90-225,000 and in the US it is between \$140-350,000 Per Year





"In terms of system features, I would say something like Fabry or Gaucher disease is very similar in terms of some of the things that you have here..." UK Plaver "Italy is a budget impact archetype. [...] AIFA is likely to establish the price of product X based on an analogue in another indication, with the same epidemiology. Roughly, not specific or not exactly the same number of patients. but in the same range ... " IT Player " .. so if we're willing to treat for excess daytime sleepiness (Hetlioz), which is not the same as fatigue but similar in that it is something experienced and not due to an organ dysfunction ... " US Player



Source: Company information

# Thin competitive landscape with clear path to first-to-market opportunity

	Asset	Туре	МоА	Stage <i>RoA</i>	Patient Group Focus		Commentary
	KL1333	Small Organic Molecule	NAD*/NADH modulation	Pivotal <i>Oral</i>	mtDNA mutations (mtDNA deletion, m.8344A>G, MELAS-MIDD)	•	Ongoing potentially registrational Ph. 2 trial evaluating alternative independent primary endpoints of fatigue and myopathy Reported 24w interim analysis and validated both endpoints (reduction in fatigue and improvement in muscle function), evaluating 40 patients across 6 countries (18 sites) and informing size of Wave 2 Favourable recommendation by the DMC to continue the FALCON study with a total of 180 patients, validating the overall study design and confirming the strong safety profile of KL1333
	<b>Elamipretide</b>	Tetrapeptide	Mitochondrial cardiolipin- binding peptide	Pivotal Subcutaneous	Subgroup of mitochondrial myopathy patients (nDNA mutations)	•	After several trials, focus of ongoing phase 3 trial is on a subgroup of mitochondrial myopathy patients (nuclear DNA mutations), which represents a smaller subset vs. mitochondrial DNA mutations; Phase 3 expected to readout in 2024 Currently in discussions with FDA re: open-label data for ultra rare Barth syndrome (150 patients globally)
	Zagociguat	Small Molecule	Guanylate cyclase (sGC) stimulator (amplifies NO signaling)	Phase IIb ready <i>Oral</i>	MELAS	•	Open-label MELAS phase 2a completed. Phase 2b trial planned with focus on fatigue, myopathy and cognition
KHONDRION		ROS-redox modulator	Oxidative stress modulator	Phase IIb completed <i>Oral</i>	MELAS (pediatric)	•	Focus on m.3243A>G patients (primarily MELAS). Smaller Phase 2a and 2b placebo-controlled studies have been completed (missed primary endpoint) with some promising data seen in post-hoc analyses. Phase 3 program in planning process

Remaining high unmet need for differentiated therapeutic options: clinical stage landscape behind Abliva, with complementary approaches to KL1333 (nDNA subset, pediatric, etc.)



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## **Market Development: Key Initiatives**





## What is primary mitochondrial disease?

#### What are mitochondria?

'Powerhouse' of the cell, they generate the chemical energy needed to power the cells of your body

- Energy is produced in the form of ATP via cellular metabolism which relies on numerous NAD<sup>+</sup>-dependent reactions and the electron transport chain (ETC)
- NADH is oxidized to NAD<sup>+</sup>. A high NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH ratio indicates a high potential for ATP production; the ratio is vital for mitochondrial function and overall cellular health
- Maintaining an optimal NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH ratio is therefore essential for proper functioning and survival of cells

The number of mitochondria in the cell is dependent upon the amount of energy needed: muscle, liver, brain

Mitochondrial DNA is maternally derived and is prone to mutations





# Dysfunctional mitochondria have a disrupted ratio of NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH



**Result?** Lack of energy followed by organ dysfunction and disease deterioration

NAD= Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, NADH= Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide + hydrogen, ETC=Electron Transport Chain

The ratio is a key indicator of the cell's redox state:

 A disrupted redox balance can lead to reductive stress, which disrupts cellular energy metabolism and contributes to organ dysfunction and disease deterioration

## KL1333 corrects underlying pathophysiology of mitochondrial disease



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- 1. Restored energy regulation and improved ETC function
- 2. Mito biogenesis stimulated

#### **Overall results:**

Symptom reduction, disease modification

# Experimental model validation of NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH correction in mito disease



<sup>1</sup> McElroy et al. Cell Metab. 2020;32(2):301-308 <sup>2</sup> Titov et al. Science 2016;352(6282):231-5 <sup>3</sup> Goodman et al. Nature 2020;583:122–126 Artificial NADH oxidases raises NAD<sup>+</sup> levels and increases lifespan in mitochondrial disease model (Ndufs4)<sup>1</sup> Other studies show cell metabolism rescue<sup>2</sup> and normalization of mito disease biomarkers<sup>3</sup>

KL1333 Clinical Program Overview **ABLIVA** 

## Incorporating stakeholder input into clinical design

years

Patients	Regulators	→ Payers
Fatigue is the most common complaint of mitochondrial disease patients	Recognize the importance of patient input into clinical designs	All KOLs and Payers stated that the use of a PRO as a primary endpoint is considered acceptable and appropriate
Myopathy (or muscle weakness) is the second most frequent complaint of patients	Support the use of patient reported outcome (PRO) measurement, which have been used increasingly over the last 20	Payers stated that the choice of the primary endpoint would likely not pose reimbursement challenges for KL1333

Payers suggested the use of a second, functional endpoint

Research led to the incorporation of two alternative primary endpoints evaluating the most critical aspects of the disease

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PROM as primary endpoints are supported by several precedents

across a spectrum of diseases

#### **KL1333: Clinical development plan overview**

#### **Completed Phase 1a/b**

Randomized, Double-blind, Parallel-group, Placebocontrolled, Multiple-site Study

#### **Ongoing Phase 2 FALCON study**

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Study contained 4 parts, with 56 healthy volunteers and 8 mitochondrial disease patients:

A. Single ascending dose study 25mg, with food QD, healthy volunteers.

B. Multiple ascending dose, 5 cohorts (25, 50, 75, 150 and 250 mg) QD, healthy volunteers

C. 10 days dosing, 50 mg QD, 1 cohort, PMD patients

D. Split dosing (75 mg BID or 50 mg TID), 2 cohorts, healthy volunteers

Fatigue endpoint validation study in PMD patients

**Regulatory Advice Meetings (FDA, MHRA, EMA)** 

# Wave 1 fully recruited Wave 2 expansion 40 patients across 180 patients dosed for 48 weeks 6 countries (US, UK, France, Spain, Belgium, Denmark) 180 patients dosed for 48 weeks 18 sites activated 150 patients dosed for 48 weeks Unterim analysis (IA) Unterim analysis (IA) Wave 1 patients dosed 6 months Positive outcome achieved

Wave 2 to commence in 2H24

# Efficacy endpoints in Phase 1b are relevant to patients and supported by the FDA

#### **Fatigue Measures**

Quality of Life in Neurological Disorders (Neuro-QoL) Short Form (SF) Fatigue

Daily Fatigue Impact Scale (D-FIS)

#### ePRO Endpoint

In the past 7 days	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I felt exhausted		2	3	4	5
I felt that I had no energy	1	2			5
I felt fatigued					5
I was too tired to do my household chores.					5
I was too tired to leave the house			3		5
I was frustrated by being too tired to do the things I wanted to do			3		5
I felt tired			3		5
I had to limit my social activity because I was tired					5

Neuro-QoL Short Form Fatigue

Score: T-scores are calculated based on points; Maximum 40 points possible

Minimally important differences for fatigue scales ranges from 2.5-5 in T-score\*

#### **Myopathy Measure**

30 second Sit-to-Stand (30s STS)

#### **Quantitative Endpoint**



Score = number of repetitions (higher score = better muscle strength/endurance)

≥2 repetitions has been defined as the minimum clinically important difference in osteoarthritis and COPD\*\*



# Fatigue patient study created the first mitochondrial disease-specific primary endpoint

Reached regulatory alignment on fatigue endpoint based on validation study in PMD patients







# Phase 1b: KL1333 showed signals of efficacy after 10 days, 50 mg/day in mitochondrial disease patients



Clinically meaningful effect on fatigue and muscle weakness

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Fatigue: Minimally important differences for fatigue scales ranges from 2.5-5 in T-score (Yost et al 2011); DFIS ranges from 3-4 as extrapolated from Nordin et al. 2016. Myopathy: One subject in the KL1333 group did not perform test (excluded from analysis); Minimally important differences for 30sSTS from Wright et al 2011 (Osteoarthritis), Zanini et al. 2019 (COPD)

# Phase 1b: Correlation between exposure and efficacy exists for all three endpoints

**Reduction of fatigue in relation to exposure of KL1333** 





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# Phase 1b: Target engagement was confirmed with lactate/pyruvate biomarker





# What is the impact of the Phase 1b data on the KL1333 program?

The placebo-controlled nature of the cohort, the strong signal over a small number of patients and the association between exposure and effect give us confidence moving into the Phase 2 study

- Provides the **first signal of efficacy of KL1333** in mito disease patients
  - Clinically-relevant endpoints that are used in the global, potentially pivotal Phase 2 study
  - Further strengthens the use of fatigue as an endpoint
- Supports the **inclusion of 30 sec Sit to Stand** (measure of muscle weakness and endurance)
- Confirmed target engagement using lactate/pyruvate
- This study, in addition to the drug-drug interaction study, confirm a **good safety profile** for KL1333 with no SAEs in completed studies; gastrointestinal tolerability at high doses



## KL1333 has a very attractive safety profile with no safety signals seen in previous studies

Single ascending dose	Drug-Drug Interaction	Multiple dose study 25-		
study 25-800mg	study	250mg + Patient cohort		
No safety signals Mild dose-dependent GI AEs at high doses	KL1333 was a weak inhibitor of CYP1A2 but had negligible effects on other CYP substrates	No safety signals Tolerability at higher doses limited by mild-moderate GI-related side effects - improved by dividing dose Similar PK/safety profile in patients		

compared to healthy volunteers Signals of target engagement and

improvements of fatigue & myopathy



# **Clinical development strategy optimized for success**

#### Clinical development plan builds on:

- Deep understanding of the pathophysiology of mitochondrial disease
- Positive efficacy data in placebo-controlled Phase 1b study and no safety signals or SAEs across multiple studies (>100 subjects treated)
- Patient, physician and payor feedback
  - Fatigue is the most common complaint of PMD patients; Fatigue patient study created the first PMD-specific primary endpoint
  - Myopathy (or muscle weakness) is the second most frequent complaint of patients and the second primary endpoint

#### De-risked potentially pivotal FALCON study is expected to provide a clear path to market in a high value indication

# 1-year adaptive study design with 180 adult patients

Positive interim analysis at 6 months evaluated conditional power and safety

# Two alternate primary endpoints provide two 'shots on goal'

- PMD PROMIS Short form fatigue
- 30 second Sit-to-Stand test

3-month screening period ensures the 'target' patient enters the study

Screening period to confirm the right patients were included in the study, including genetically – and phenotypically-defined subgroups of PMD



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# **Pivotal FALCON study commencing final wave of study**

#### Study is powered for potential success with positive interim analysis outcome



#### PARTICIPANTS

Adult Primary Mitochondrial Disease (PMD) patients with:

Multisystemic mitochondrial DNA-related disease

Disease expressions involving at least chronic fatigue and mitochondrial myopathy/exercise intolerance

#### **INTERVENTION**

Oral twice daily dosing (50mg-100mg) for 48 weeks (including dose titration phase)

#### **PIVOTAL STUDY DESIGN**

Randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled (40% placebo, 60% active) Sample size: 180 patients (interim analysis following recruitment of 40 patients in Wave 1) Alternate Primary Endpoints: Fatigue (validated for PMD\*), 30 Second Sit-to-Stand Secondary: Neuro-QoL Lower Extremity Function; Clinician- and Patient- Global Impression of Disease Severity; NMDAS\*\*; patient-specific activity assessments

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\*Including MIDD-MELAS-m.3243A>G associated spectrum disease, single large scale mtDNA deletion associated KSS-CPEO spectrum disorders, MERRF, and other multisystemic mitochondrial DNA-related disease.; \*\* Newcastle Mitochondrial Disease Adult Scale (NMDAS) (Schaefer et al., 2006)



## Abliva is extremely pleased with the IA outcome.

- Both primary endpoints passed futility. The result confirms that both independent, alternative endpoints have the potential to be successful, but only one of which is required to file for approval.
- By performing the sample size re-estimation and increasing the sample size of the study based on the weakest endpoint, the power of both endpoints has been increased, making a positive study more likely.
- The strong safety profile of KL1333 has been confirmed following long-term dosing over 24 weeks, a major step forward from the previous phase 1b study with 10 days of dosing.
- The dosing strategy with evaluation of the maximally well tolerated dose in each patient has performed as expected, allowing us to test different doses without increasing the size of the study (and helping to keep the patients in the study).
- Study patients demographic profile confirms the assumptions from previous natural history studies and positions the project well for future label claims.
- Abliva is the first company in the mitochondrial disease space to readout a positive interim analysis, and thus this is an important de-risking event for investors and partners considering our strong development program.

Team is focused on ensuring KL1333 is ready for NDA submission at the end of FALCON



- Early Signs of Efficacy
- Facilitated Regulatory Path
- Strong IP Protection
- Manufacturing for Launch Initiated
- Ongoing Pivotal Recruiting to Plan
- Non-Clinical Package Discussions Planned
  - Launch Plan Kickoff after Interim Analysis

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NV354 Program Overview

# **Opportunity to address mito diseaseassociated neurological complications in pediatric patients**

Children diagnosed with mitochondrial disease are impacted by

- neurological symptoms (neurodevelopmental delays, neuromuscular weakness, ataxia, cognitive development, ophthalmologic problems) and often have a greatly reduced life span
- Second program in the portfolio is a brain-penetrable energy replacement therapy that modifies disease progression

Pediatric target populations include Leigh syndrome, MELAS or Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON)

Other potential indications include Parkinson's disease and indications which could benefit from mitochondrial energy booster



# NV354 is a brainpenetrable prodrug of succinate

- Designed by Abliva scientists
  - Strong patent protection (3 families)
  - Orphan drug designation (US, EU)
- Disease-modifying energy replacement therapy
- Targets neurological diseases with a defective Complex I in the electron transport chain (ETC)
- Phase 1 ready following UK regulatory (MHRA) scientific advice

## Succinate pro-drug bypasses defective Complex I



Ehinger et al. Nature Communications, 7:12317, August 2016

- Complex I dysfunction is one of the most common causes of mitochondrial disease
  - Key factor in Leigh Syndrome, MELAS, and LHON
- Disease modifying potential
  - Protects mitochondria and loss of organ function
  - Prevents complications caused by acute energy crisis
- Succinate enters Complex II of the electron transport chain, allowing production of ATP when Complex I is dysfunctional
- Succinate pro-drug is protected by a strong patent estate and Orphan Drug Designation (US, EU)



## NV354 corrects underlying biochemical dysfunction in Complex 1 deficient patient cells



• NV354 has optimized drug properties

High oral bioavailability

High brain distribution

Favorable tolerability in toxicology studies

- Bypasses Complex 1 (most common mutation in Leigh Syndrome)
- Normalizes function of mitochondria in cells from Leigh patients



# Disease model study suggests impact on brain inflammation, motor activity and weight





Unpublished data; Quintana lab, UAB (Barcelona)

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# First-in-class NV354 is ready for Phase 1

In summary, NV354:

- Aims to address neurologic issues in pediatric mitochondrial disease patients with diseases such as MELAS, Leigh, LHON
- Is a succinate prodrug that corrects underlying biochemical dysfunction in Complex I of the electron transport chain
- Orally bioavailable, penetrates the brain and shows good tolerability in preclinical animal models.
- Demonstrated efficient delivery of succinate to organs after i.p. or oral administration in mice.
- Efficacious in toxin-induced Complex I dysfunction in rat and genetic mitochondrial disease model in mice.
- Phase 1-ready as confirmed by MHRA scientific advice meeting; Novel development options being considered to shorten time and cost to patient data

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# Summary

# The Abliva portfolio summary: two rare disease, first-in-class programs

#### Lead program, KL1333, commenced pivotal Phase 2 study in late 2022

- 12-month adaptive design study; 180 adults with mtDNA mutations with systemic disease, fatigue and muscle weakness
- Positive Interim analysis in July 2024 de-risked pivotal study design with two alternative endpoints and confirmed strong safety profile
- Positive efficacy data in placebo-controlled Phase 1b study
- No safety signals or drug-related SAEs across multiple studies (>130 subjects treated)
- High unmet need with >\$1bn blockbuster peak sales potential
- First-in-class mechanism with strong patent protection, ODD in US, EU, Fast-track status in US

Pipeline asset NV354, ready for Phase 1, targets neurologic diseases



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## The team at Abliva brings wealth of experience in drug development and mitochondrial medicine







Formerly CEO of Modus Therapeutics (SCD focus)

Leadership positions at Pfizer

Corporate consulting, SVB Leerink

PhD, Yale School of Medicine

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Abliva CFO since 2013

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Interim CFO Cellavision

Magnus Hansson, MD/PhD

Abliva since 2008; CMO since 2016

CMO

Consultant physician at Skåne University Hospital and Associate Professor at Lund University with long experience in mitochondrial medicine development



Eskil Elmer, MD/PhD CSO

Co-Founder, Abliva

Professor, Lund University

30+ years of research in mitochondrial medicine



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Abliva since 2023

Previous Head of Clin Ops at Calliditas

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# PROMIS® Fatigue Mitochondrial Disease Short Form

	In the past 7 days…	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
FATEXP5	How often did you experience extreme exhaustion?					
FATEXP18	How often did you run out of energy?					
FATEXP20	How often did you feel tired?					
FATEXP26	How often were you too tired to enjoy life?					
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