



BETTERING THE LIVES  
OF PEOPLE IMPACTED  
BY KIDNEY DISEASE

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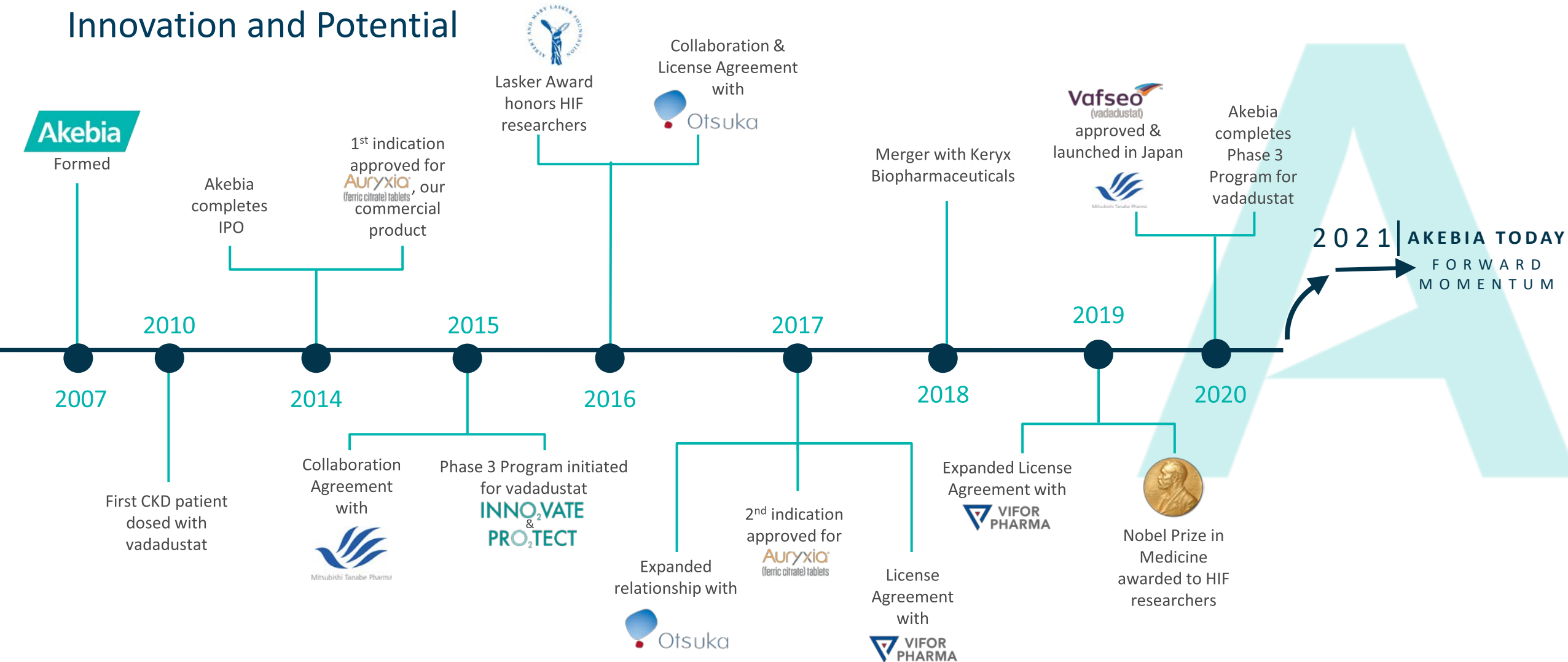
Statements in this presentation regarding Akebia's strategy, plans, prospects, expectations, beliefs, intentions and goals are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, including but not limited to submitting a New Drug Application (NDA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the timing thereof; Akebia's cash runway funding Akebia's current operating plan beyond the expected U.S. launch of vadadustat, assuming regulatory approval; establishing vadadustat as a new oral standard of care for treatment of adult patients with anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD) on dialysis; establishing vadadustat as a potential oral alternative to injectable erythropoiesis-stimulating agents; the U.S. market opportunity for vadadustat to treat patients on dialysis and opportunity for growth of such market; vadadustat supporting and enabling growth in the U.S. home dialysis market; the potential for vadadustat upon approval and commercial launch; the potential for rapid adoption of vadadustat in U.S. dialysis patients; sharing vadadustat clinical data, including in peer reviewed journals, as well as the timing thereof; submitting the E.U. Marketing Authorization Application (MAA) to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the timing thereof; the potential launch and commercialization of vadadustat if approved by regulatory authorities; the potential for Akebia to receive regulatory and commercial milestone payments upon approval of vadadustat by regulatory authorities; the growth opportunities for Auryxia® (ferric citrate) in 2021 and Akebia's ability to execute thereon; the potential for vadadustat to be used as a therapy to prevent and lessen the severity of ARDS and in other indications; the expansion of Akebia's pipeline and portfolio of novel therapeutics, including by leveraging new partnership relationships; and market opportunity, clinical opportunity, commercial potential, prevalence, and the growth in, and potential demand for, vadadustat. The terms "believe," "expect," "goal," "look forward," "opportunity," "planned," "potential," "will", derivatives of these words, and similar references are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Each forward-looking statement is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statement, including, among others, the potential therapeutic benefits, safety profile, and effectiveness of our product candidates, including vadadustat; the potential indications, demand and market potential and acceptance of our product and product candidates, including our estimates regarding the potential market opportunity for our product, vadadustat or any other product candidates and the size of eligible patient

populations; the timing of or likelihood of regulatory filings and approvals, including labeling or other restrictions, such as the anticipated timing of filing a NDA to the FDA and MAA to the EMA for vadadustat, the potential approval of vadadustat and our outlook related thereto, and potential indications for vadadustat; the potential direct or indirect impact of the coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic on Akebia's business, operations, and the markets and communities in which Akebia and its partners, collaborators, vendors and customers operate; manufacturing and quality risks; risks associated with management and key personnel; the actual funding required to continue to commercialize our commercial product, to develop and commercialize vadadustat, and to operate Akebia; market acceptance and coverage and reimbursement of our commercial product and vadadustat, if approved; the risks associated with potential generic entrants for our commercial product and vadadustat, if approved; early termination of any of Akebia's collaborations; Akebia's and its collaborators' ability to satisfy their obligations under Akebia's collaboration agreements; the competitive landscape for our commercial product and vadadustat; the scope, timing, and outcome of any legal, regulatory and administrative proceedings; changes in the economic and financial conditions of the businesses of Akebia and its collaborations partners and vendors; expected reliance on third parties, including with respect to the development, manufacturing, supply and commercialization of our product and product candidates; and Akebia's intellectual property position, including its ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for our commercial product, vadadustat and any other product candidates. Other risks and uncertainties include those identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in Akebia's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 and other filings that Akebia may make with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the future. These forward-looking statements (except as otherwise noted) speak only as of the date of this presentation, and except as required by law, Akebia does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation.

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# OUR HISTORY

## Innovation and Potential



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# 2021 | AKEBIA TODAY

## FORWARD MOMENTUM

### VADADUSTAT

AN ORAL HIF-PH INHIBITOR FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF ANEMIA DUE TO CHRONIC  
KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)

- ✓ PHASE 3 PROGRAM COMPLETED
- ✓ U.S. NDA SUBMISSION ON TRACK;  
EXPECTED AS EARLY AS  
POSSIBLE IN 2021



ADOPTION OF VADADUSTAT IN JAPAN  
FOR BOTH DIALYSIS AND NON-DIALYSIS  
ADULT PATIENTS **Vafseo**  
(vadadustat)



NEPHROLOGY FOCUSED COMMERCIAL  
TEAM IN THE U.S. WITH **Auryxia**  
(ferric citrate) tablets



FUNDING BEYOND THE EXPECTED  
U.S. LAUNCH OF VADADUSTAT <sup>1</sup>



## ANEMIA DUE TO CKD: UNMET NEEDS

### BURDEN OF DISEASE

Quality of life: fatigue, weakness, dizziness, shortness of breath

### CLINICAL IMPACT

Anemia due to CKD can contribute to risk of ESKD, cardiovascular (CV) disease, stroke, cognitive impairment, CV-related complications and death

## 5.7M

PEOPLE IN THE U.S.  
DIAGNOSED WITH  
ANEMIA DUE TO CKD<sup>1</sup>

## >500K

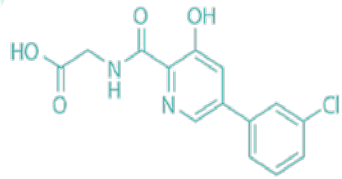
PEOPLE IN THE U.S.  
ON DIALYSIS WITH  
ANEMIA DUE TO CKD<sup>2</sup>

### CURRENT STANDARD OF CARE

Consists of injectable ESAs, which have been associated with significant CV risk

**Akebia**  
THERAPEUTICS

# VADADUSTAT | LEAD INVESTIGATIONAL PRODUCT CANDIDATE



## INNOVATIVE MoA

An oral hypoxia-inducible factor prolyl hydroxylase inhibitor (HIF-PHI) designed to stimulate endogenous EPO production. Based on Nobel Prize winning science

MoA is mechanism of action. EPO is erythropoietin.



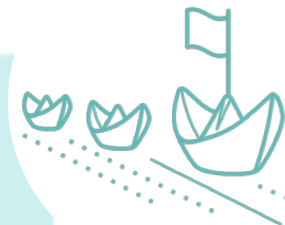
## CONVENIENT ORAL DOSING

Potential oral alternative to injectable ESAs



## ROBUST CLINICAL RESULTS

Positive Phase 3 clinical results in adult patients with anemia due to CKD on dialysis



## COMMERCIAL BREADTH

Strong commercial partnerships with industry leaders

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# VADADUSTAT | ROBUST CLINICAL DATA

An oral HIF-PH inhibitor designed to stimulate endogenous EPO production

POTENTIAL NEW ORAL  
STANDARD OF CARE  
FOR ANEMIA DUE TO  
CKD IN ADULT PATIENTS  
ON DIALYSIS

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## INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE: Phase 3 Program

- ✓ Demonstrated efficacy and cardiovascular safety of vadadustat for the treatment of anemia due to CKD in adult patients on dialysis

Clinical data also demonstrated that vadadustat:

- ✓ Maintained EPO within physiologic range
- ✓ Minimized hemoglobin excursions
- ✓ Increased hemoglobin in predictable and controlled manner

Sources: Data from: Akebia's global INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE program which included two separate Phase 3 studies (*Correction/Conversion* and *Conversion*), and collectively enrolled 3,923 adult patients on dialysis with anemia due to CKD. Both INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE studies were global, multicenter, open label (sponsor blind), active-controlled (darbepoetin alfa - an injectable erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA)), non-inferiority studies; Akebia's Phase 1 Study in Normal Healthy Volunteers (CI-0002); and, Akebia's Phase 2b Study in Dialysis-Dependent CKD Patients (CI-0011).

# VADADUSTAT GLOBAL PHASE 3 PROGRAM

## INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE



Two Phase 3 Studies  
3,923 Adult Patients  
on Dialysis

(Prevalent and Incident  
Populations)

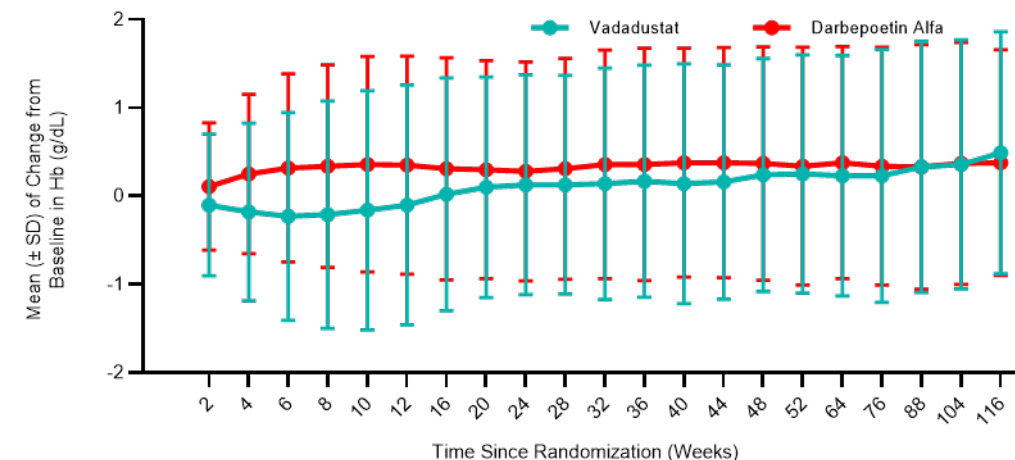
### Vadadustat efficacy demonstrated in two Phase 3 studies:

- ✓ Achieved primary and key secondary efficacy endpoints (mean change in hemoglobin (HGB) levels)
  - Weeks 24 to 36 (primary)
  - Weeks 40 to 52 (secondary)

Source: 1. K.-U. Eckardt, et al. Global Phase 3 Clinical Trials of Vadadustat for Treatment of Anemia in Patients With Dialysis-Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease (DD-CKD). Presented at: American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week; October 22, 2020. (Akebia's Phase 3 randomized, open-label, active-controlled non-inferiority study assessed the efficacy and safety of vadadustat compared to darbepoetin alfa in 3,923 dialysis-dependent subjects with anemia due to CKD, with a treatment duration of 52 weeks.)

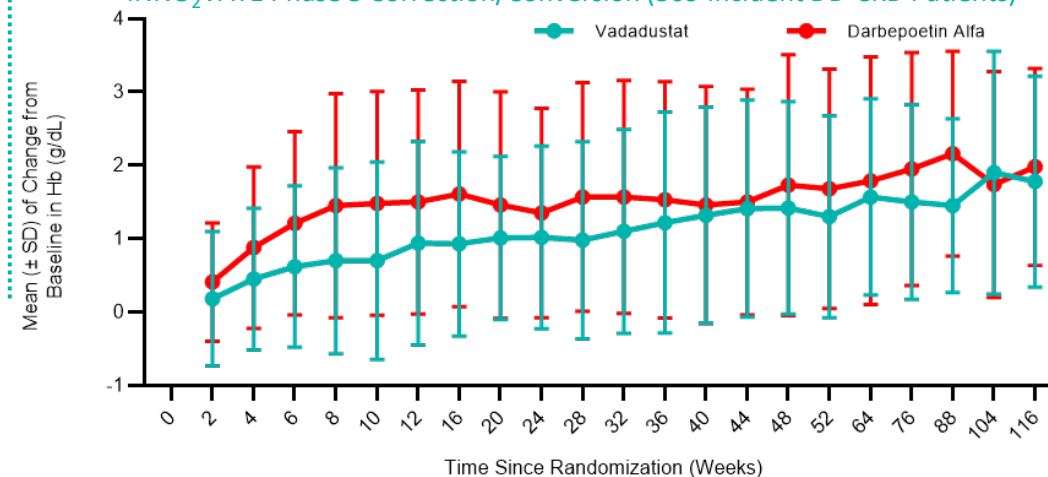
### Mean Change from Baseline in HGB Levels: Dialysis Dependent CKD Patients

INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE Phase 3 Conversion (3,554 Prevalent DD-CKD Patients)<sup>1</sup>



### Mean Change from Baseline in HGB Levels: Dialysis Dependent CKD Patients

INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE Phase 3 Correction/Conversion (369 Incident DD-CKD Patients)<sup>1</sup>





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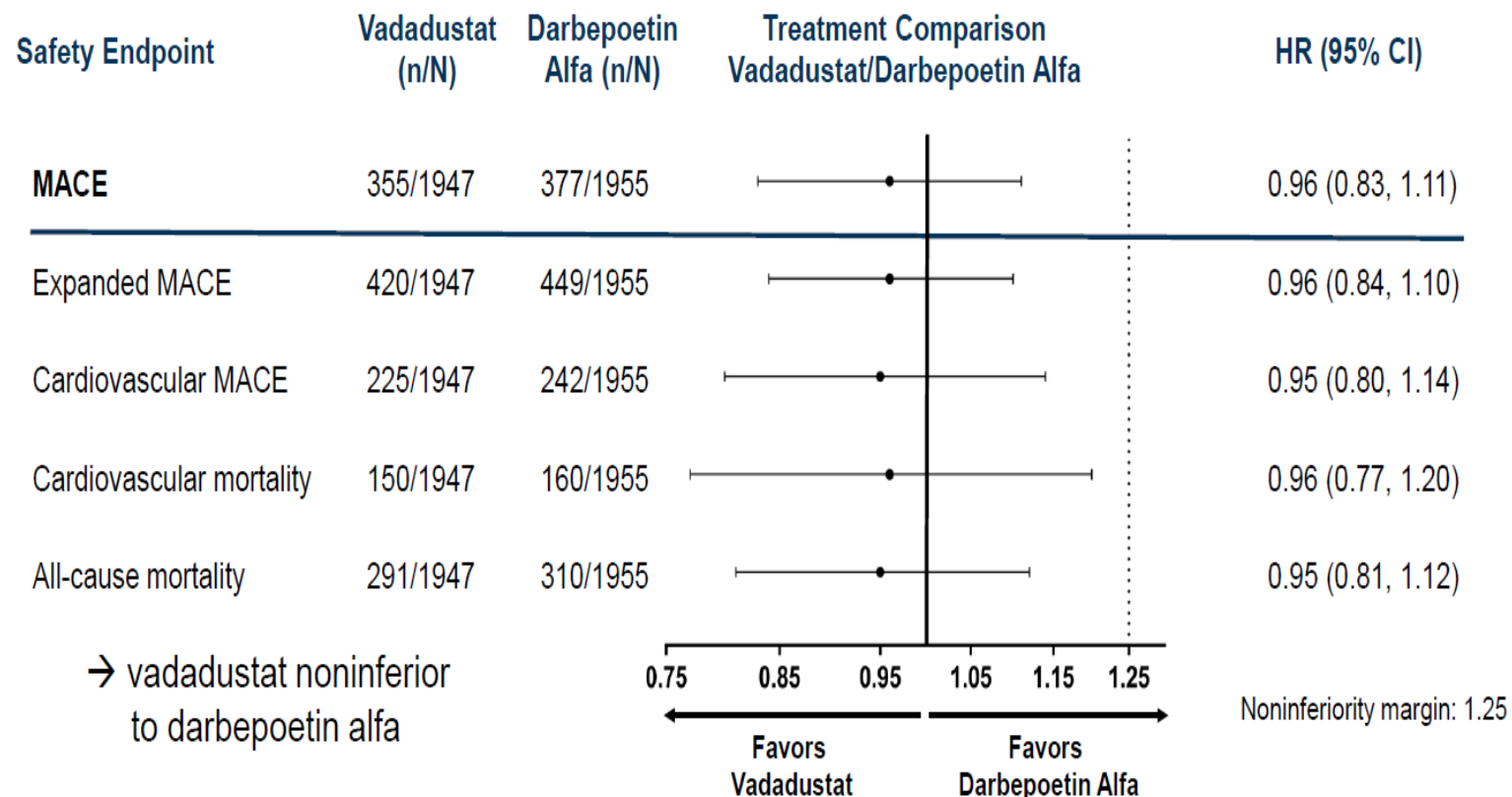
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Populations)

## Vadadustat cardiovascular safety demonstrated across two Phase 3 studies:

- ✓ Achieved primary and key secondary safety endpoints

### Primary and Key Secondary Safety Endpoints: Dialysis Dependent CKD Patients

INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE Phase 3 Studies (Prevalent and Incident DD-CKD Patients)<sup>1</sup>



All MACE safety endpoints were adjudicated by a committee blinded to treatment assignment.

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# VADADUSTAT GLOBAL PHASE 3 PROGRAM

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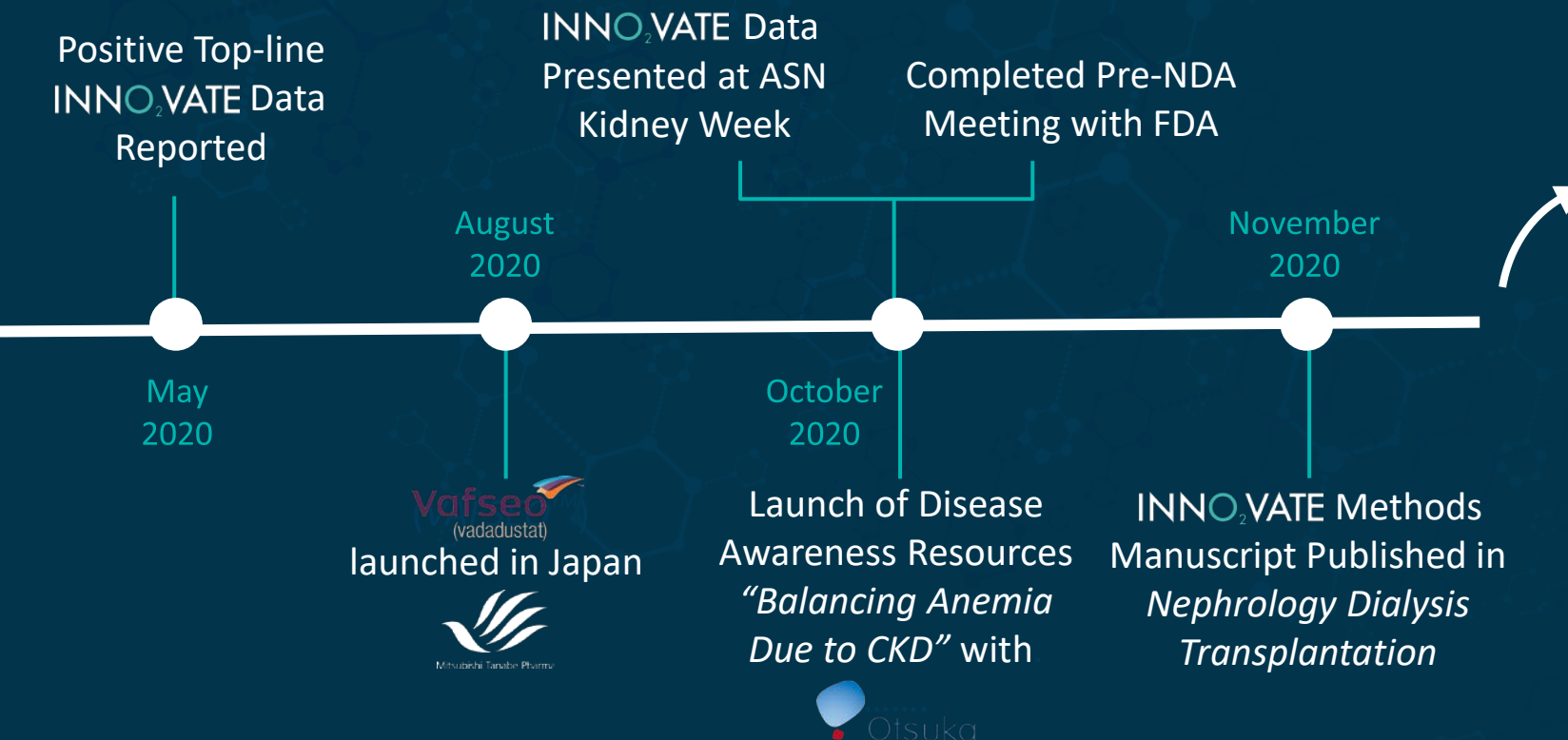
## Summary of Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) and TEAEs Occurring in >10% of Patients in Either Treatment Group

INNO<sub>2</sub>VATE Phase 3 Studies (Prevalent and Incident DD-CKD Patients)<sup>1</sup>

	Incident DD-CKD, No. (%)		Prevalent DD-CKD, No. (%)	
	Vadadustat (N=179)	Darbepoetin alfa (N=186)	Vadadustat (N=1768)	Darbepoetin alfa (N=1769)
<b>Any TEAEs</b>	150 (83.8)	159 (85.5)	1562 (88.3)	1580 (89.3)
<b>Any TEAEs, drug-related</b>	7 (3.9)	5 (2.7)	169 (9.6)	68 (3.8)
<b>Any serious TEAEs</b>	89 (49.7)	105 (56.5)	973 (55.0)	1032 (58.3)
<b>Any serious TEAEs, drug-related</b>	1 (0.6)	4 (2.2)	29 (1.6)	27 (1.5)
<b>Any TEAEs leading to study treatment discontinuation</b>	5 (2.8)	2 (1.1)	91 (5.1)	20 (1.1)
<b>Any drug-related TEAEs leading to study treatment discontinuation</b>	2 (1.1)	0	42 (2.4)	5 (0.3)
<b>Any TEAE leading to death</b>	15 (8.4)	18 (9.7)	266 (15.0)	276 (15.6)
<b>Deaths</b>	15 (8.4)	20 (10.8)	276 (15.6)	290 (16.4)
<b>Common AEs (&gt;10% )</b>				
<b>Hypertension</b>	29 (16.2)	24 (12.9)	187 (10.6)	244 (13.8)
<b>Diarrhea</b>	18 (10.1)	18 (9.7)	230 (13.0)	178 (10.1)
<b>Pneumonia</b>	13 (7.3)	15 (8.1)	195 (11.0)	172 (9.7)
<b>Hyperkalemia</b>	8 (4.5)	10 (5.4)	160 (9.0)	191 (10.8)

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# ADVANCING VADADUSTAT FOR PATIENTS ON DIALYSIS



## 2021 MILESTONES

- Publication of INN<sub>2</sub>VATE Data in Peer Reviewed Journal; Expected in 2021
- U.S. NDA Submission to FDA Expected as Early as Possible in 2021
- Working with Otsuka to Prepare EU MAA Submission to EMA; Expected in 2021

\$2 Billion  
Estimated U.S.  
Dialysis Market  
Opportunity<sup>2</sup>



# VADADUSTAT

HIGH GROWTH OPPORTUNITY  
IN U.S. DIALYSIS MARKET



Unmet clinical needs of CKD patients on dialysis



Approx. 556K U.S. patients on dialysis; 90% treated for anemia due to CKD<sup>1</sup>



Unique market dynamics with dialysis center clinical protocols



Emphasis on growing home dialysis market

# VADADUSTAT

WELL POSITIONED UPON  
APPROVAL AND LAUNCH

Go-to-market  
strategy positions  
vadadustat for  
potential rapid  
adoption in up to  
60% of U.S.  
dialysis patients\*



- ✓ Convenient oral dosing for all dialysis patients with unique opportunity to support and grow U.S. home dialysis market
- ✓ Favorable reimbursement model with TDAPA<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Experienced nephrology focused salesforce in the U.S. with **Auryxia**<sup>®</sup>  
(ferric citrate) tablets
- ✓ Exclusive U.S. distribution channel into Fresenius Medical Care with Vifor Pharma\*

\*Pursuant to the Vifor Amended Agreement, Akebia granted Vifor (International) Ltd. ("Vifor Pharma") an exclusive license to sell vadadustat to Fresenius Kidney Care and to certain other third party dialysis organizations in the U.S., upon approval of vadadustat by the FDA, the earlier of reimbursement under TDAPA (defined below) or inclusion in the ESRD bundle and a milestone payment from Vifor. Source: 1 TDAPA: Transitional drug add-on payment adjustment, CMS Ruling CMS-1691-F. Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System, Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals with Acute Kidney Injury, End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) and Fee Schedule Amounts, and Technical Amendments to Correct Existing Regulations Related to the CBP for Certain DMEPOS.

# VADADUSTAT | FUTURE REVENUE STRUCTURES

In addition to potential regulatory and commercial milestone payments, Akebia will receive the following on net sales of vadadustat, subject to approval:

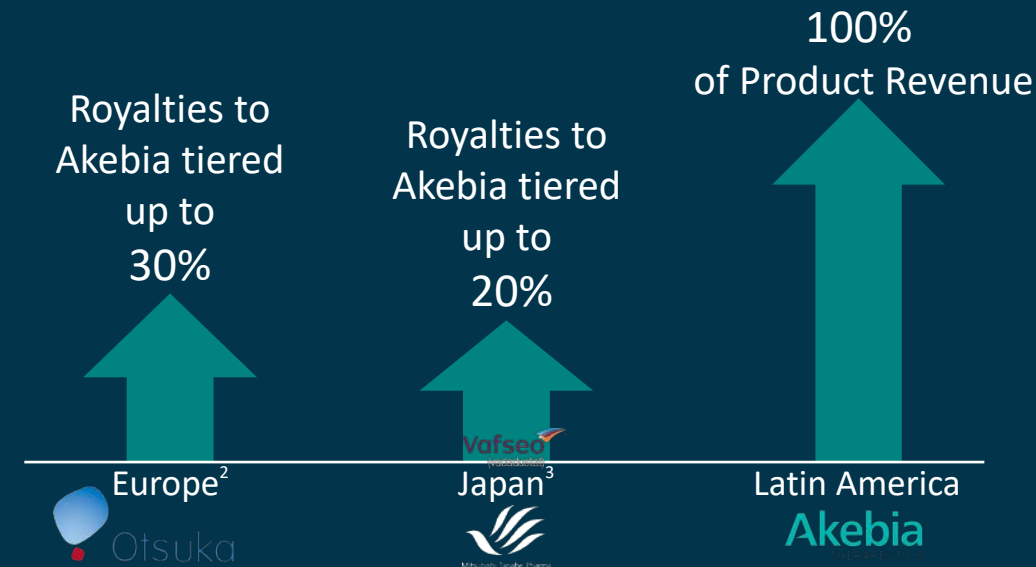
## United States

Akebia to share profit equally on all U.S. sales of vadadustat with Otsuka (50/50)

- Akebia and Otsuka to share (50/50) a majority of the profit from Vifor Pharma's sales of vadadustat to Fresenius Kidney Care and other third party dialysis organizations<sup>1</sup>



## International



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# 2021 Creating Future Value for Akebia

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1

PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL  
COMMERCIALIZATION OF  
VADADUSTAT FOR DIALYSIS  
PATIENTS

- U.S. NDA submission to FDA expected as early as possible in 2021
- EU MAA submission expected in 2021

2

EXECUTE ON AURYXIA  
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Leverage Auryxia as clinical catalyst and commercial beachhead for vadadustat in CKD

3

SELECTIVELY TARGET  
ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS  
FOR VADADUSTAT

- Ongoing investigator-sponsored clinical study by UTHealth evaluating vadadustat as potential therapy to prevent and lessen the severity of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)

4

EXPAND PIPELINE &  
PORTFOLIO OF NOVEL  
THERAPEUTICS

- Explore partnerships to expand our portfolio and leverage our expertise in R&D

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THERAPEUTICS

THANK YOU | QUESTIONS?