

Biosergen AB targets the global need for new drugs against life-threatening fungal infection. The aspiration is to provide doctors with better treatment options, potentially saving thousands of lives every year

# Biosergen addresses one of the worst unmet medical needs

With more than 1.5 million deaths per year fungal infection is the overlooked health crisis



### **Opportunistic fungal infections**

Are increasing because the number of people with weakened immune systems continues to increase



Majority of systemic fungal infection-related deaths are caused by four fungal pathogens: Candida, Aspergillus, Cryptococcus and Pneumocystis



Emerging multidrug resistant (MDR) fungal pathogens



Big-pharma has been pulling out of infectious diseases



This situation is now recognized by the WHO, CDC and others as a global health threat





### Hospital acquired infections

Has multiple causes, including inadequate sanitation protocols and the routine use of antifungal drugs in hospital settings that creates a selection pressure for the emergence of resistant strains

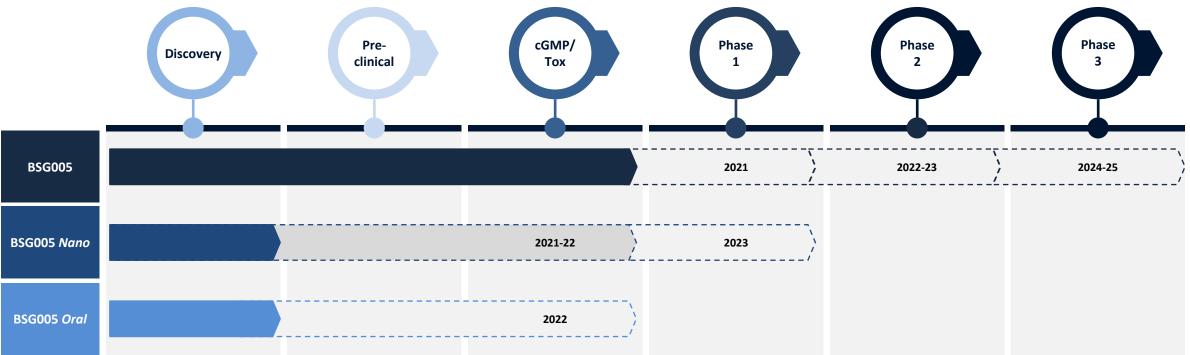


#### **Community acquired infections**

These outbreaks are almost certainly linked to demographic changes and climate change

# **Pipeline leading to first product approval by 2026**

Biosergen's lead compound BSG005 is about to enter clinical phase trials. Additional formulations to further increase the utility of the drug are close behind



- Phase I in Australia followed by ambitious multi-trial Phase II program leading to broad labeling against invasive fungal infection
- Applied for Orphan drug status with the FDA and EMA to obtain expedited clinical development and post approval market exclusivity
- New formulations in the pipeline
  - BSG005 Nano to specifically target the lung
  - BSG005 Nano Oral which allows for oral delivery



# BSG005 is a unique new antifungal

BSG005 belongs to the Polyene macrolide class of drugs but has been genetically improved

Based on two decades of scientific work at Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology and Nanomedicine at SINTEF, originally funded by the Research Council of Norway

Using state-of-art gene editing techniques to develop an improved version of Nystatin, a naturally occurring fungicidal chemical in the bacterial strain Streptomyces noursei

The researchers modified several gene clusters in an attempt to retain or even improve the efficacy of Amphotericin B while removing wellknown dose limiting toxicity

They eventually expressed and evaluated in various in vitro and in vivo models more than 20 drug candidates



Original discovery from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Technology platform developed in partnership with Karolinska Development and SINTEF Research.



Polyenes are fungicidal, causing fungus death. Most of the other antifungal products are fungistatic and therefore only inhibit fungal growth



Polyenes are known for their low resistance development



Polyenes have been the "last line of defense" for antifungal therapy for more than 50 years



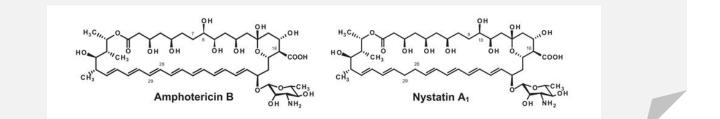
Contrary to other Polyenes BSG005 has no nephrotoxicity

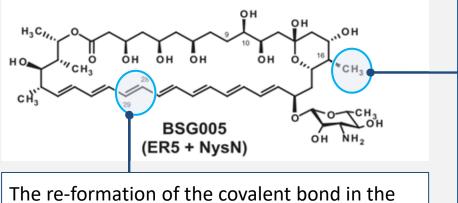


## **Excellent scientific validation**

The decades long research effort behind BSG005 has been published in 23 peer reviewed publications

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The genetic modification to the carboxyl group characteristic to both Amphotericin B and Nystatin has been shown to significantly reduce BSG005's toxicity

The re-formation of the covalent bond in the third position re-establishes AmB level of fungicidal efficacy



# **BSG005** has strong patent protection

Additional market exclusivity may be afforded by orphan and GAIN status

Region	IP protection (incl. extensions)	Exclusivity protection after launch
USA	<ul><li>Composition of matter patent: 2033</li><li>New formulation patent: 2041</li></ul>	<ul><li>Orphan drug protection: 7 years</li><li>GAIN protection: plus 5 years</li></ul>
EU	<ul><li>Composition of matter patent: 2028</li><li>New formulation patent: 2041</li></ul>	<ul><li>Orphan drug data exclusivity: 10 years</li><li>Market exclusivity: plus 2 years</li></ul>
Japan	<ul><li>Composition of matter patent: 2033</li><li>New Formulation patent: 2041</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Market exclusivity: 8 years</li> </ul>
China	<ul><li>Composition of matter patent: 2028</li><li>New Formulation patent: 2041</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Market exclusivity: 6 years</li> </ul>



# **Efficacy against resistant strains**

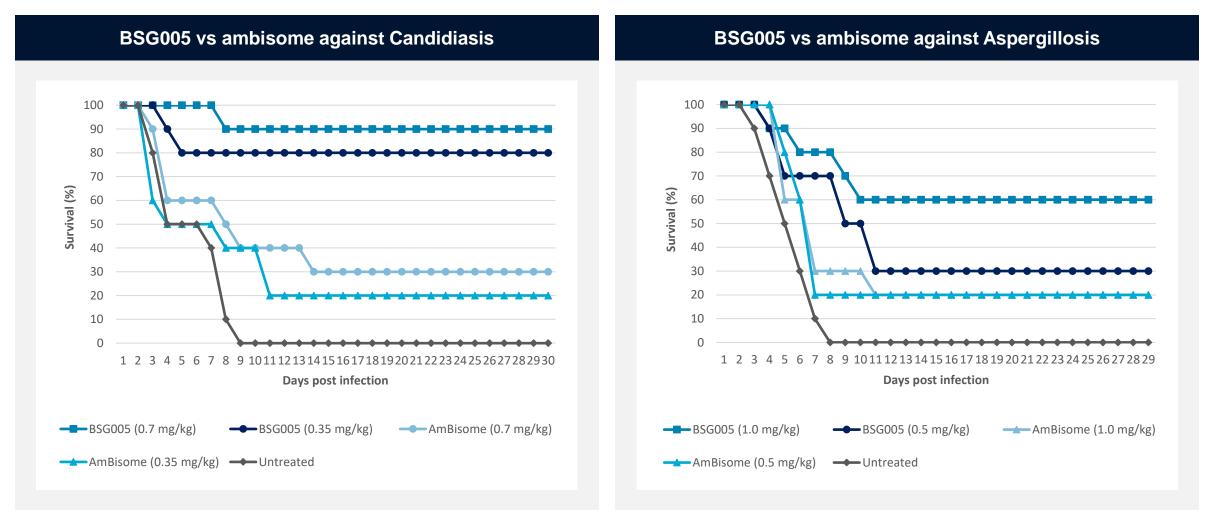
BSG005 shows broad activity even against difficult-to-treat strains

Antifungals (MIC <sub>90</sub> )	Candida					Aspergillus			
	C. Albicans (fluconazole- susceptible)	C. Albicans (fluconazole- resistant)	C. Glabrata (sensitive)	C. Glabrata (increased MIC capsofungin)	Antifungals (MFC <sub>90</sub> )	A. flavus	A. fumigatus	A. niger	A. terreus
(μG/ML)	n=13	n=7	n=14	n=6	(µG/ML)	n=20	n=20	n=20	n=10
Amphotericin B	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	Amphotericin B	>32	>8	>8	>32
Caspofungin	0.25	1	0.5	2	Caspofungin	>32	>32	>32	>32
Fluconazole	0.25	>32	64	64	Fluconazole	>64	64	>64	>64
Voriconazole	0.06	0.5	4	4	Voriconazole	>16	>8	>8	>4
BSG005	0.5	1	2	1	BSG005	>4	>4	4	>4
Higher activity against azole resistant Aspergillus than liposomal Amphotericin B									



## **Superior performance at equal dose**

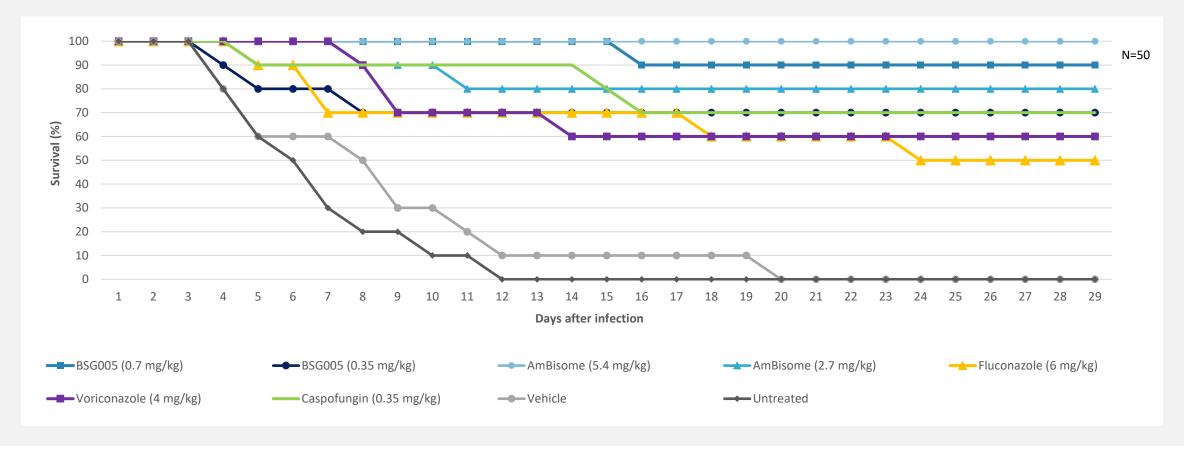
**Outperforms liposomal Amphotericin B in Aspergillosis and Candidiasis** 





# **Higher Potency in candidiasis in Immunocompromised Mice (clinical dose)**

BSG005 in Candidiasis vs. Ambisome, Fluconazole, Voriconazole and Caspofungin



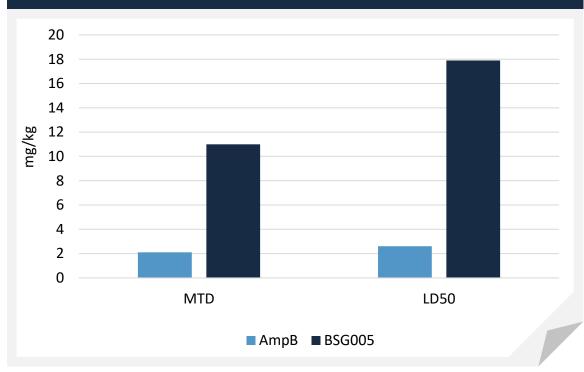


AmBisome dose as amphotericin B

# **Comparison of Toxicology in Mice**

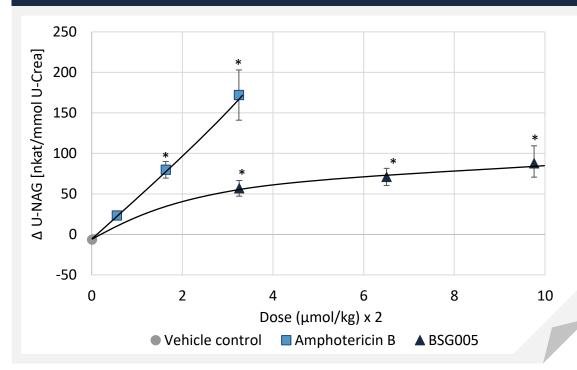
BSG005 shows more than 5 times lower toxicity than Amphotericin B

### Acute toxicity in mice



#### **BSG005** shows significantly less toxicity in mice kidneys

### Enzyme marker: Urinary N-Acetyl-β-(D)-Glucosaminidase (NAG)



NAG is a sensitive indicator of early renal tubular injury.

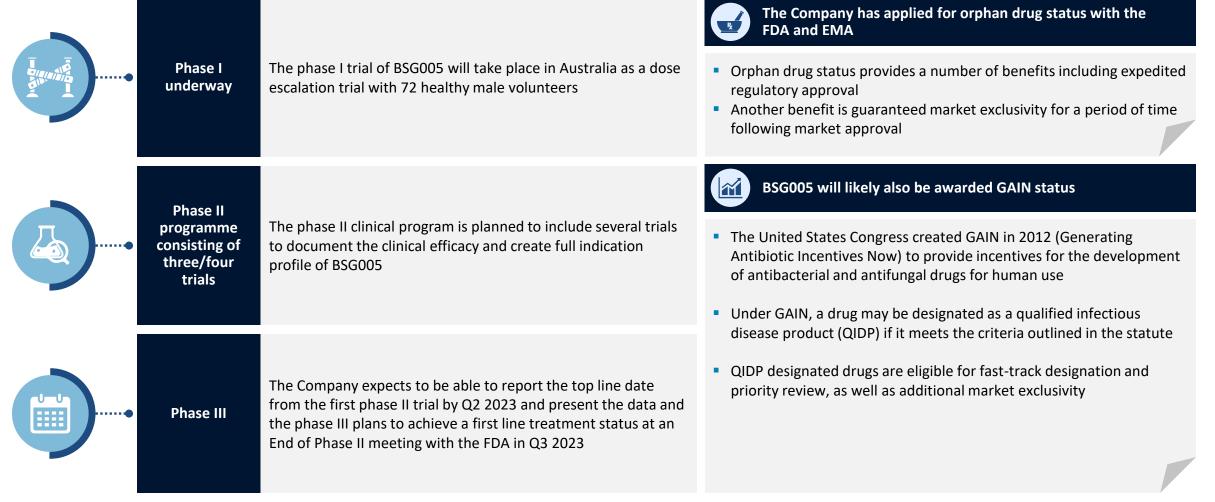


MTD – Maximum Tolerated Dose

LD50 – Lethal Dose, 50%. It is the amount of the substance required to kill 50% of the test population.

# **Clinical program designed to lead to NDA filing by end 2025**

The company has filed for orphan status for BSG005 to achieve expedited regulatory revue and prolonged market exclusivity





# The market global antifungal drug market is approx. USD 16 billion

The three main classes of drugs – the Polyenes, the Azoles and the Echinocandins which together comprise more than 80% of the market - all focus on the fungal cell wall

Antifungal class	Drugs in this class include	\$2019 sales(USD billion)	Share of market	Projected annual growth rate
Polyenes	Amphotericin B, Candidicin, Nystatin	1.6	10%	6.6%
Azoles	Fluconazole, Ketoconazole, Miconazole, Voriconazole	6.6	42%	6.3%
Echinocandins	Caspofungin, Micafungin, Anidulafungin	5.0	32%	6.8%
Allylamines, pyrimidines and others	Naftifine, Terbinafine, Bacimethrin, Flucytosin	2.6	16%	≈5%
Total		15.8	100%	6.4%
Sources: Market Research Future	. Global Antifungal Treatment Market forecast to 2027			





An investment in Biosergen is associated with risk. Any decision to participate in Biosergen's IPO should be based on the full prospectus which can be found on <u>www.biosergen.net</u>.