

#### 19 February 2021

## Botanix attends 2<sup>nd</sup> Dermatology Drug Development Summit Europe

**Philadelphia PA and Sydney Australia, 19 February 2021:** Clinical stage cannabinoid company Botanix Pharmaceuticals Limited (ASX:BOT, "Botanix" or "the Company") is pleased to announce Matt Callahan, Executive Director, will be presenting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dermatology Drug Development Conference Europe, held virtually this year.

The Company will provide an update on the progress of the key clinical programs, including the BTX 1801 Phase 2a results and the implications of this data on the broader dermatology platform. The conference attracts industry experts focused on therapeutic innovation in the dermatology space and features company presentations, thematic panel discussions, workshops and one-on-one discussions. The conference presentation is attached to this release.

Release authorised by

#### **Vince Ippolito**

President and Executive Chairman

#### **About Botanix Pharmaceuticals**

Botanix Pharmaceuticals Limited (ASX:BOT) is a clinical stage synthetic cannabinoid company based in Perth (Australia) and Philadelphia (USA) committed to the development of pharmaceutical products that are underpinned by science and supported by well-controlled randomised clinical trials. The Company has two separate cannabinoid development platforms, dermatology and antimicrobial products, both of which leverage the unique anti-inflammatory, immune modulating and antimicrobial properties of cannabinoids, particularly synthetic cannabidiol. Botanix has an exclusive license to use a proprietary drug delivery system (Permetrex<sup>TM</sup>) for direct skin delivery of active pharmaceuticals in all skin diseases.

The Company is developing a pipeline of product candidates that leverages the antimicrobial properties of cannabinoids with the BTX 1801 Phase 2a study nasal decolonization study announcing positive data in early February CY 2021. For the dermatology platform, the Company has confirmed a drug development plan for the BTX 1503 acne program to support registration and plans to initiate Phase 1b rosacea study in 1H CY2021. To learn more please visit: https://www.botanixpharma.com/



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Unlocking the potential of synthetic cannabinoids

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Dermatology Drug Development Summit Europe

February 2021



### **Overview of Botanix**

#### **Pharma focused**

Leading pharmaceutical company leveraging unique properties of synthetic cannabinoids, including cannabidiol (CBD)



#### **Antimicrobial opportunities**

Novel antimicrobial platform with positive Phase 2a results that underpin potential to combat antimicrobial resistance







#### **Dermatology opportunities**

Targeting key dermatology indications with topical treatments that are safe, well tolerated and validated by clinical efficacy

#### **World-class team**

World-class and experienced team with significant cannabinoid, dermatology and antimicrobial drug development expertise



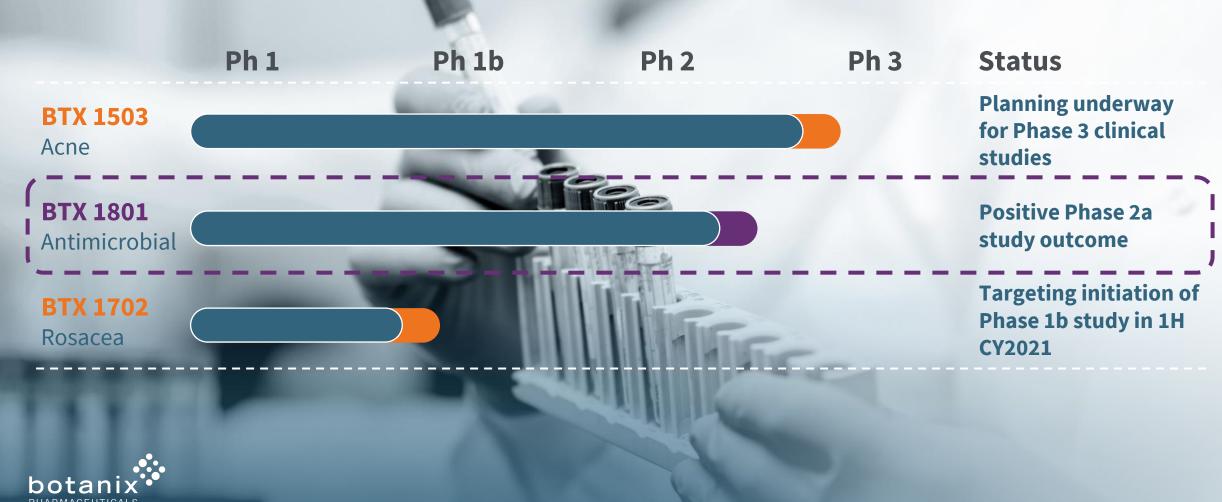


#### **Near-term catalysts**

Multiple upcoming key catalysts including progression of antimicrobial platform, launch of Phase 1b rosacea study and planning for Phase 3 acne study



## **Synthetic Cannabinoids Advanced Clinical Pipeline**



Synthetic Cannabinoids are well suited to treat Skin Diseases and Infections

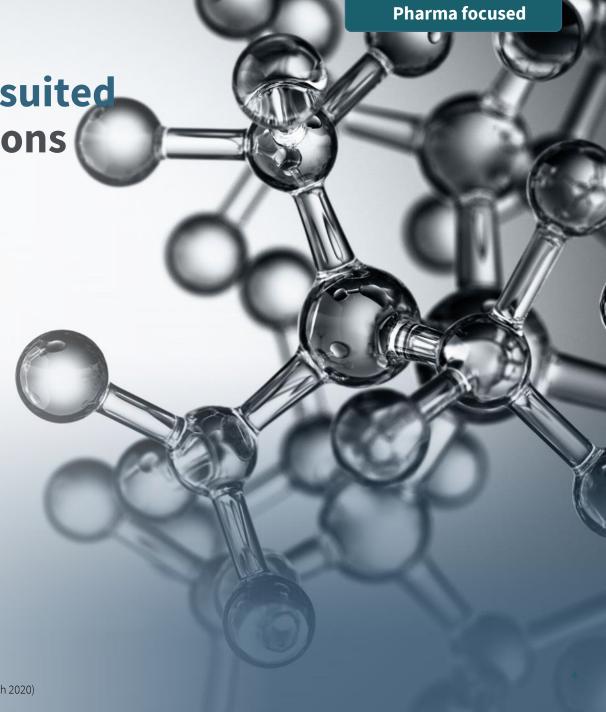
**Botanix's studies show synthetic cannabinoids:** 

✓ Safe and well tolerated

✓ Broad anti-inflammatory properties relevant to infections

- ✓ Strong and consistent impact on inflammatory lesions
- ✓ Kill S. aureus and resistant S. aureus (MSRA "Superbugs")
- ✓ MRSA bacteria are not prone to develop resistance¹
- ✓ Potential for widespread use across human and animal health



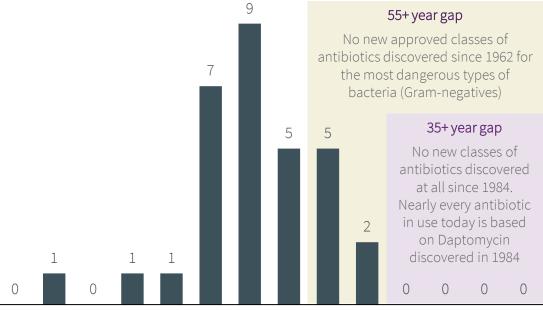




### No new antibiotics have been discovered in over three decades

No new approved class of antibiotics has been discovered since 1984 and no new class of antibiotics has been discovered to treat Gram-negative bacteria since 1962

## Number of antibiotic classes discovered or patented<sup>1</sup>



#### 890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2018

#### **Cannabinoids**

#### New class of antibiotics

Structural activity characterized by Botanix (IP Position secured)

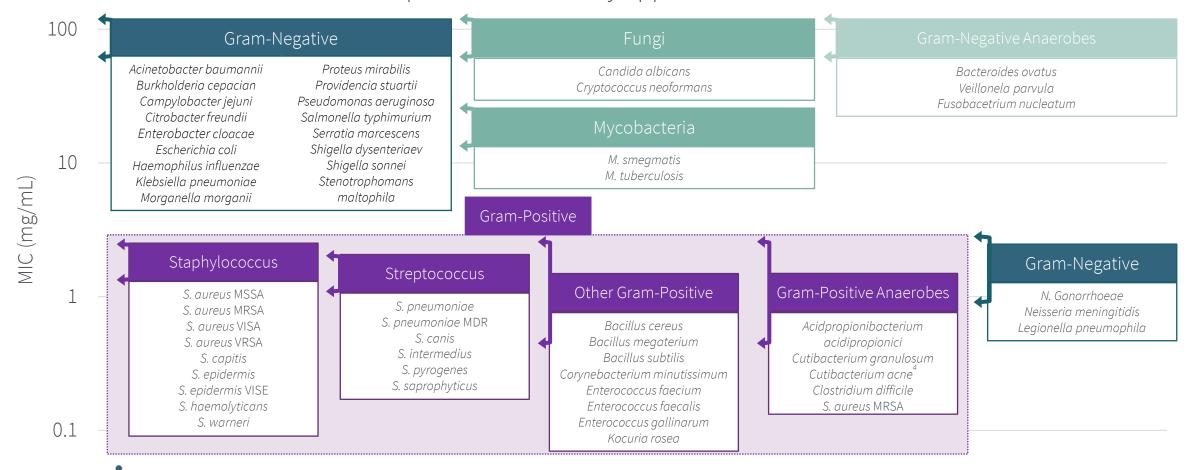
#### **Examples**

Cannabidiol (CBD), Cannabigerol (CBG), CBD analogs



## CBD is a broad-spectrum Gram-positive antibiotic

CBD is a powerful new antibiotic that is effective against a range of problematic Gram-positive bacteria at MICs comparable to currently approved antibiotics<sup>1,2,3</sup>



- .. Based on testing conducted by the University of Queensland BOT data on file
- 2. Based on testing conducted by the Micromyx BOT data on file
- . Based on testing conducted by Monash University BOT data on file
- 4. Formerly known as *Propionbacteria acnes*

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## Remarkable activity against MRSA without inducing resistance

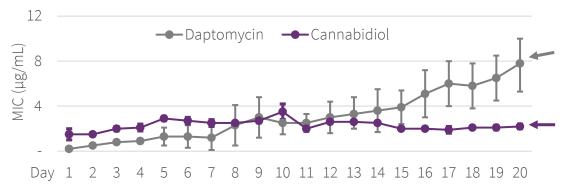
CBD shows remarkable activity against 132 isolates of S. aureus and MRSA<sup>1</sup>

#### Antibiotic Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) comparison<sup>1</sup>

Antibiotic	<i>S. aureus</i> all isolates (mg/mL)			MRSA (mg/mL)		MSSA (mg/mL)	
	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	Range	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>
CBD	2	4	0.25 - 8	2	2	2	4
Mupirocin	0.5	0.5	0.125 - 64	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Vancomycin	1	2	0.5 – 64	1	1	1	2
Daptomycin	2	4	0.5 – 16	2	2	2	4
Clindamycin	0.125	64	0.03 – 64	0.125	0.1875	0.125	64

MIC<sub>50</sub> = min conc to inhibit growth of 50% of isolates. MIC<sub>90</sub> = min conc to inhibit growth of 90% of isolates. MRSA = methicillin resistant S. aureus.

#### MIC daily variability<sup>2</sup>



#### 26x fold increase

An increase in MIC over time shows MRSA can develop resistance to the drug

1.5x fold increase

Repeat challenge experiments demonstrate that MRSA bacteria form resistance to commonly-used antibiotics such as daptomycin, but not easily to synthetic CBD



- Based on testing conducted by the University of Queensland BOT data on file
- Based on an average of 8 replicates (University of Queensland BOT data on file)

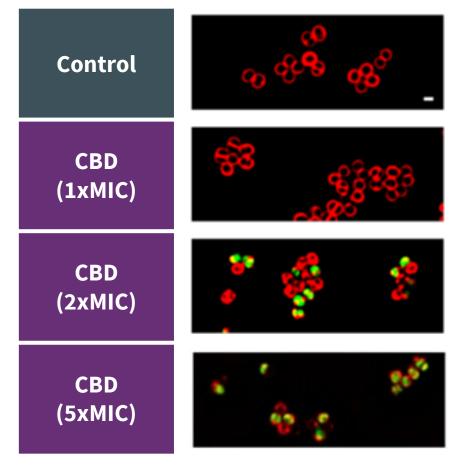
## Unique mechanism of action - bactericidal

Novel mechanism of action with unique ability to rapidly kill bacteria without allowing resistance to develop

#### Mupirocin - targets only protein synthesis<sup>1</sup> 150 DNA RNA % Control **Protein Phospholipid Peptidogly can** 50 0.01 0.1 10 CBD - affects all macromolecular pathways<sup>1</sup> 150 DNA RNA % Control Protein Phospholipid Peptidoglycan 50 0.1 10 100

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#### **CBD - MRSA bacteria dead within 10 minutes<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>1.</sup> Based on testing conducted by HD Biosciences – BOT data on file

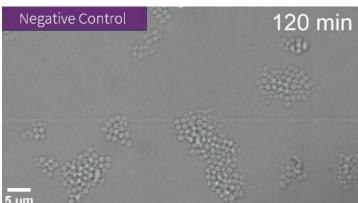
<sup>2.</sup> Based on testing conducted by Linnaeus Bioscience – BOT data on file

### **Novel Mechanism of Action Confirmed**

The time-lapse shows CBD causes rapid permeabilization of the bacterial membrane and cell death

#### S.aureus treated with 2.5% methanol (negative control)<sup>1</sup>





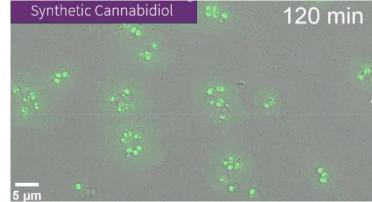
Staph bacteria treated with <u>negative control</u>



Bacteria are not affected over 120 mins

#### S.aureus treated with synthetic cannabidiol1





Staph bacteria treated with <u>synthetic CBD</u>



Green staining indicates uptake of dye and disintegration of bacteria







## BTX 1801 – First CBD-based program to receive QIDP

#### FDA QIDP creates multiple commercial benefits

# Exclusivity Priority Fast track 5 additional years of Eligible for an expedited regulatory exclusivity on top of the standard 5 years Priority Enables more frequent communication with the following development

Up to 10 years of sales where generics cannot enter the market

Accelerating the FDA review process reduces time to market

FDA guidance throughout development de-risks clinical trials



## BTX 1801: Phase 2a Clinical Study Successfully Completed



- ✓ Phase 2a study completed in 4Q CY20
- ✓ Positive top-line data announced 1Q CY21
- Study evaluated safety and local tolerability of 2 formulations to decolonise Staph from the nose of healthy adults
- Phase 2a study supports rapid progression into pivotal studies for FDA registration
- ❖ FDA 'fast-track' status application for BTX 1801 to be pursued post IND filing



- ❖ Double-blind, vehicle-controlled Phase 2a clinical study
- ❖ 4 dose groups: 66 healthy volunteers:
  - BTX 1801 Formulation A
  - BTX 1801 Formulation B
  - Vehicle A
  - Vehicle B
- ❖ Sites: single Australian site
- Patients: adults: 18 years and older with positive nasal SA
- Treatment: twice daily treatment for a 5-day period
- Primary endpoints: safety and local tolerability, proportion of volunteers carrying Staph / MRSA at Day 12



## Phase 2a study: Successful at eradicating Staph<sup>1</sup>

#### BTX 1801 met study end points



- ✓ Safe and well tolerated at doses up to 20% drug active
- ✓ All 66 participants successfully completed the BTX 1801 study
- ✓ No severe adverse events reported²



- ✓ Efficacy of ointment and gel formulations demonstrated at primary endpoint of Day 12
- ✓ Eradication rates as high as 76.2% at Day 7, with eradication effects extending through to Day 28, despite no treatment after Day 5

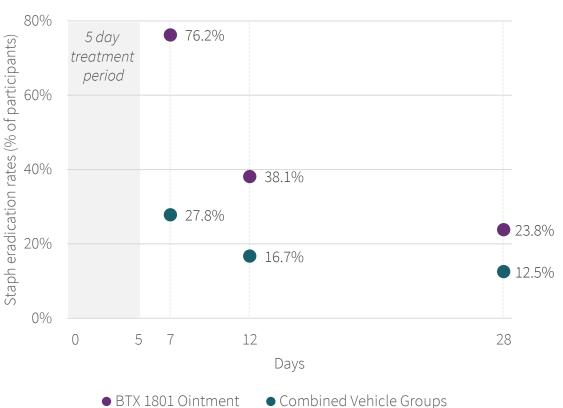


Data announced 3 February 2021

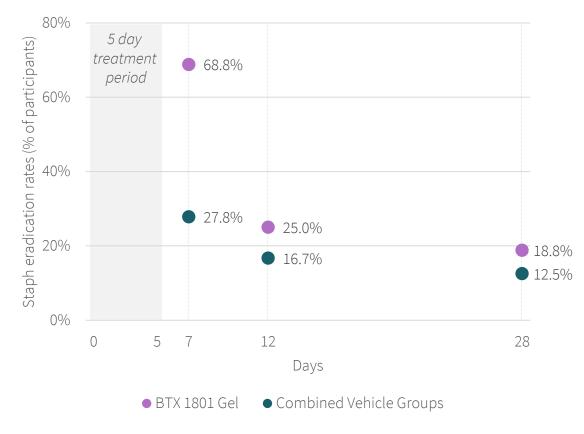
### Phase 2a study data: staph eradication

World first human data demonstrating synthetic CBD has clinical utility as an antimicrobial agent

#### BTX 1801 Ointment: Staph eradication rates (% of participants)<sup>1</sup>

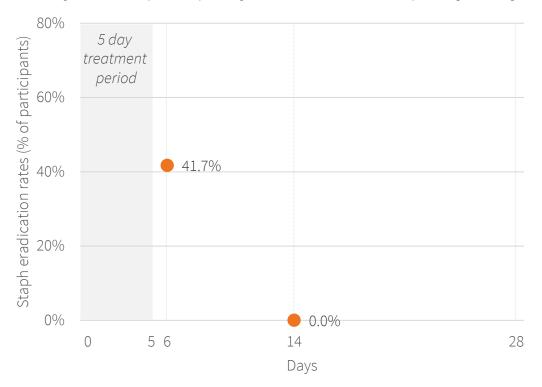


#### BTX 1801 Gel: Staph eradication rates (% of participants)<sup>1</sup>



## Phase 2a study data: context

#### Destiny Pharma (XF-73): Staph eradication rates (% of participants)<sup>1</sup>



• Destiny Pharma (XF-73 in 4% gel)

- Destiny XF-73 study examined eradication at day 6 (i.e 1 day after treatment period) and Day 14 (9 days after treatment period)
- Like most comparative studies, Destiny XF-73 study included full body chlorhexidine wash during the 5-day treatment period to remove reservoirs of bacteria (helps prevents recolonisation)
- BTX 1801 Phase 2a study did not include this wash protocol



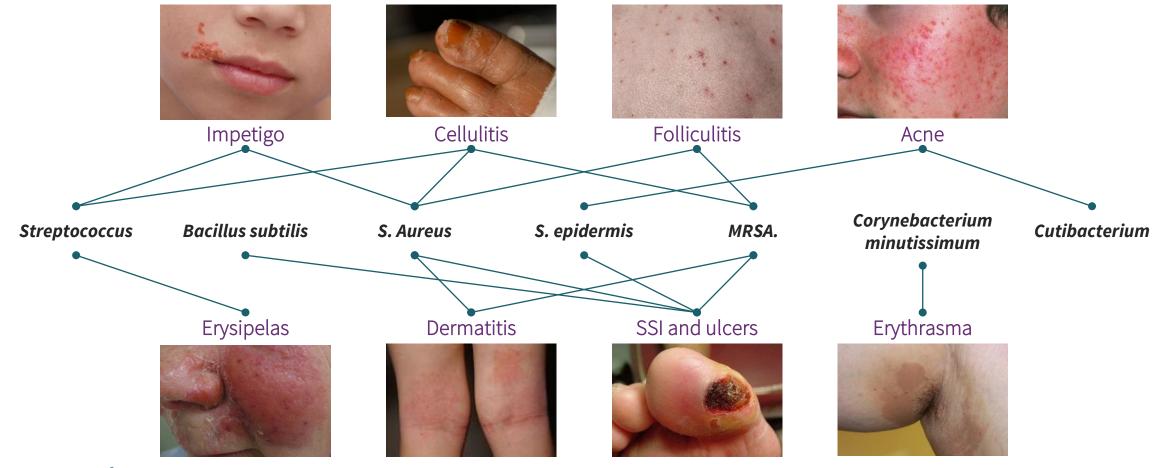
## Significant upside potential-Multiple AMR Opportunities

- Dialysis related infections from catheter usage
- C. Diff (Clostridium Difficile) causes diarrhea and colitis
- ❖ N. Gonorrhoeae (Gonorrhea) re-emerging STD with significant AMR challenges
- N. meningitidis (Meningitis) particular risk for infants
- Legionella pneumophila (Legionnaires disease) severe form of pneumonia





## Potential for synthetic CBD in dermatology – Safe and effective antimicrobial <u>and</u> anti-inflammatory







## BTX 1702: Phase 1b Rosacea Study: commencing 1H 2021



#### **❖** Four dose groups, ~120 patients:

- BTX 1702 high dose twice daily: 40 patients
- BTX 1702 low dose twice daily: 40 patients
- Vehicle twice daily: 40 patients
- ❖ Sites: ~12 dermatology sites across Australia and NZ
- Patients: adults (18+ years) with moderate to severe papulopustular rosacea
- **Treatment period:** 8 weeks
- **Screening:** facial photos with Canfield imaging

#### **Endpoints:**

- Safety and tolerability
- Change in inflammatory lesion counts from baseline at days 15, 29 and 57
- Proportion of patients with Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA) treatment success
- Change in Clinician's Erythema Assessment (CEA) scale
- Imaging and patient reported outcomes



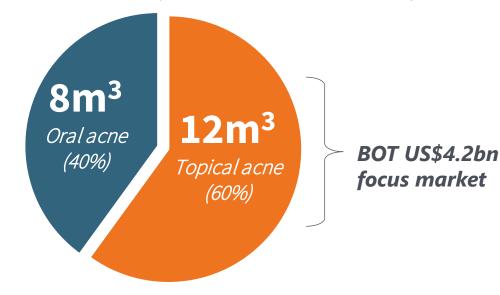
## BTX 1503: Successful End-of-Phase 2 FDA Meeting

## Study update

- ✓ End of Phase 2 meeting with FDA successfully completed
- ✓ FDA highlighted excellent safety profile of BTX 1503, and allowed several waivers for studies that are typically required for dermatology drug registration
- ✓ Co-primary efficacy endpoints¹ agreed for Phase 3 studies
- ✓ Confirmed drug development plan to support registration of BTX 1503 for treatment of moderate and severe acne
- ❖ Planning underway for Phase 3 clinical studies to be informed by completion of BTX 1702 Phase 1b study and lifting of COVID-19 restrictions

## Sizable ache prescription market

The global acne market expected to reach US\$7bn by 2024<sup>2</sup>





- Co-primary efficacy endpoints: (1) Absolute change from baseline in inflammatory and absolute change from baseline in non-inflammatory lesion at Week 12; (2) Proportion of patients with an Investigators Global Assessment (IGA) of "clear" or "almost clear" and at least a 2-grade improvement in IGA from baseline at Week 12
- Global Market Insights
- 3. Number of prescriptions

## **Executing on Key Near-Term Milestones**

- **❖ Antimicrobial: BTX 1801 Phase 2a study completion**Positive results announced
- Rosacea: BTX 1702 Phase 1b study start

  Targeting study start in 1H CY2021
- Acne: BTX 1503 planning for Phase 3 clinical studies

  Pending completion of BTX 1702 Phase 1b clinical study

**Strong cash position** - ~A\$26.0m

As at 31 December 2020 (including R&D tax return ~A\$6. 9m)





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