

#### 16 March 2021

#### **Botanix presenting at ASX Small and Mid-Cap Conference**

Philadelphia PA and Sydney Australia, 16 March 2021: Clinical stage cannabinoid company Botanix Pharmaceuticals Limited (ASX:BOT, "Botanix" or "the Company") is pleased to announce Vince Ippolito, President and Executive Chairman, will be presenting at the ASX Small and Mid-Cap Conference, held on 16 to 17 March 2021.

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 event is free to attend, and investors are invited to register <a href="here">here</a>. 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 CY2021. 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 its Phase 1b rosacea study in 1H CY2021. To learn more please visit: <a href="https://www.botanixpharma.com/">https://www.botanixpharma.com/</a>



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Unlocking the potential of synthetic cannabinoids

# ASX Small and Mid-Cap Conference

March 2021



# **Investment Highlights**

#### **Pharmaceutically focused**

Leading pharmaceutical company leveraging unique delivery technology (Permetrex<sup>™</sup>) and the properties of synthetic cannabinoids, including cannabidiol (CBD)



#### **Antimicrobial opportunities**

Novel antimicrobial platform with positive Phase 2a results that underpin potential of CBD 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 dermatology and antimicrobial drug development expertise





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

Multiple upcoming key catalysts including launch of Phase 1b rosacea study, progression of 1801 antimicrobial platform and Phase 3 acne study



## **World-Class Team**

#### **Board of Directors**



**Vince Ippolito** President and Executive Chairman

- COO of Anacor and Medicis with 17 years at Novartis
- More than 30 years experience in pharma with 20+ years within dermatology



**Matt Callahan Executive Director** 

- Serial founder and ex-investment director of two venture capital firms in life sciences
- Developed 4 products through FDA approval and launch



**Dr Bill Bosch Executive Director** 

- ❖ 20+ years experience in pharma industry
- Former CSO of iCeutica Inc. and
- ❖ Co-inventor of SoluMatrix™, a drug delivery technology and NanoCrystal® Technology



**Dr Stewart Washer** 

Director

- Currently a board member of Orthocell, Cynata Therapeutics and Emyria
- ❖ 20+ years of experience in medical tech, biotech and agrifood

#### Executive Management & Advisers

#### **Dr Clarence Young**

Chief Medical Officer

- ❖ Recently Chief Medical Officer at ❖ Recently Vice President at Velicept Therapeutics
- Senior leadership roles at Iroko Pharmaceuticals. Novartis and GlaxoSmitheKline

#### **Anthony Robinson**

Vice President of Development

- Advicenne
- Senior leadership roles at Aquestive Therapeutics, Intrommune and Shire Pharmaceuticals

#### Lynda Berne

Head of Commercial

- \* Founder of BAL Pharma Consulting
- ❖ 13 years senior leadership roles in pharmaceuticals industry

#### **Dr Joyce Rico**

MD, MBA, FAAD

- Recently CMO for Novan Pharmaceuticals.
- Experience as Board Member for the Society of Investigative Dermatology, VP Medical Affairs at Astellas

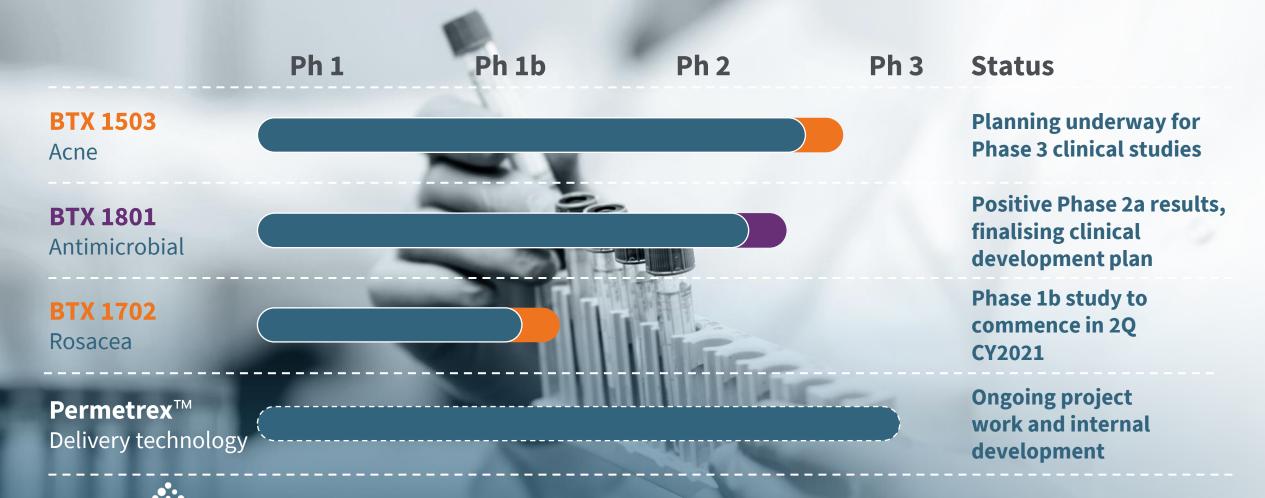
#### **Dr Ira Lawrence**

MD, FACP

❖ 30+ years of senior level leadership experience within the global pharmaceutical and medical device industries



# **Advanced Pipeline**



# Permetrex<sup>™</sup>: Proprietary skin delivery technology

Makes new types of topical products<sup>1</sup> that deliver very high doses of drug into the layer of the skin without using permeation enhancers, preservatives, or irritating levels of alcohol / petrol derivatives

#### **Initial application**

Target drug is incorporated in Permetrex™ formulation which spreads easily over skin surface



**Epidermis** 

Dermis

#### **Evaporation of solvent**

Volatile majority of the formulation evaporates

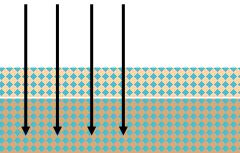
– leaving a minority of highly concentrated

- leaving a minority of highly concentrate drug solution on the skin surface



#### **Delivery into the skin**

Rapid change in concentration of the drug as a result of evaporation, drives drug into the skin and is designed not to leave excess excipients on the surface



Permetrex<sup>™</sup> is utilised in Botanix synthetic CBD pipeline products and to improve delivery or other drugs in development with partners



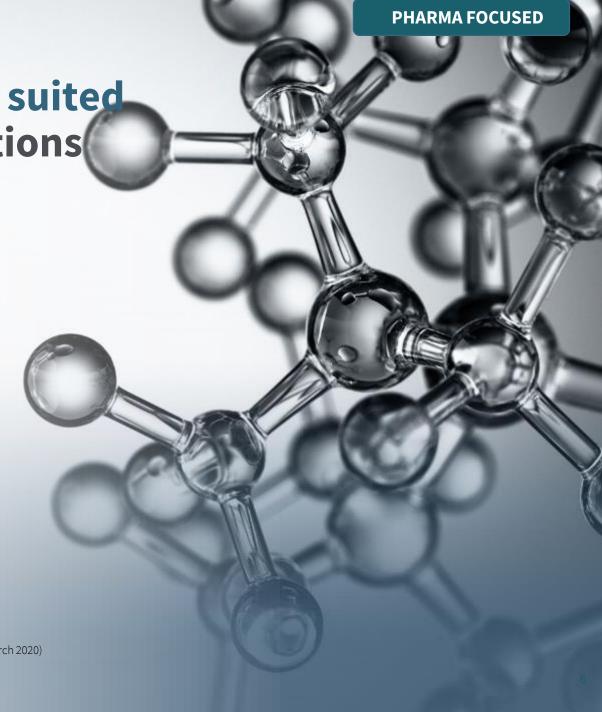
Synthetic Cannabinoids are well suited to Treat Skin Diseases and Infections

Botanix's studies show synthetic cannabidiol to be:

- ✓ 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 (MRSA "Superbugs")
- ✓ MRSA bacteria do not develop resistance¹
- ✓ Potential for widespread use across human and animal health



1. See ASX announcement "Antimicrobial Platform Update and Launch of BTX 1801 Study" (13 March 2020)



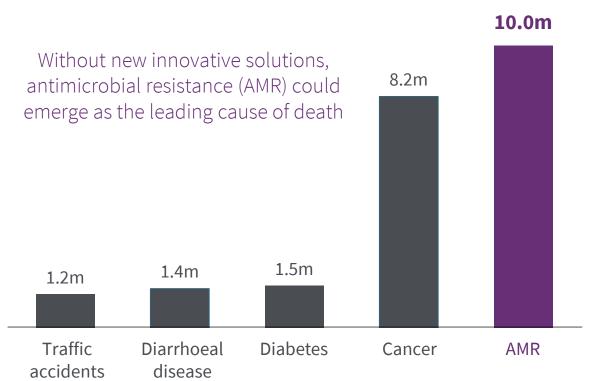


# **Antimicrobial Resistance** is a Fast-Growing Problem...

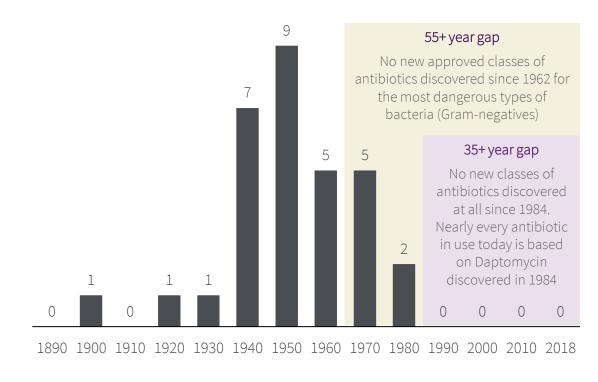
# ...with No Innovation in **Over Three Decades**

#### Global forecast deaths by 2050<sup>1</sup> (p.a.)





#### Number of antibiotic classes discovered or patented<sup>2</sup>





Tackling Drug Resistant Infections Globally Final Report and Recommendations (2016), The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance

Pew Charitable Trusts; Deak et al. Progress in the Fight Against Multidrug Resistant Bacteria?; A Review of FDA Approved Antibiotics 2010-2015. 31 May 2016. DOI: 10.7326/M16-0291

# BTX 1801: nasal decolonisation staph aureus Phase 2a study



- ❖ 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



- ✓ Safe and well tolerated at doses up to 20% drug active
- ✓ All 66 participants successfully completed the BTX 1801 study
- ✓ No severe adverse events reported¹



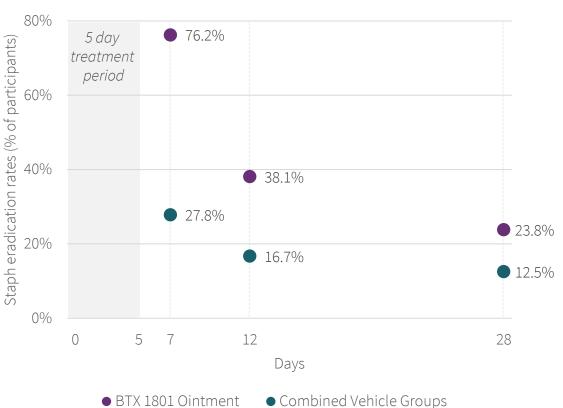
- ✓ Efficacy of ointment and gel formulations demonstrated at primary endpoint of Day 12
- Eradication rates as high as 76.2% at Day 7, with eradication effects extending through to Day 28, despite no treatment after Day 5



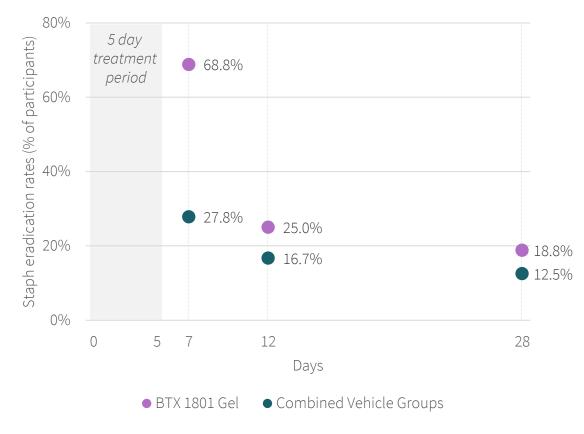
## Phase 2a study data: staph eradication

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>



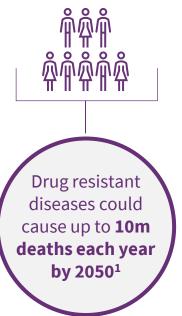
#### BTX 1801 Gel: *Staph* eradication rates (% of participants)<sup>1</sup>





# Significant Upside Potential-Multiple AMR Opportunities

- Dialysis related infectionsfrom catheter usage
- Skin structure infections diabetic ulcers and wounds
- Skin infections impetigo and bacterial folliculitis
- N. Gonorrhoeae
- Meningitis
- **\*** Legionnaires disease



Top-line data and additional information from the BTX 1801 study will further inform development strategies for the antimicrobial platform



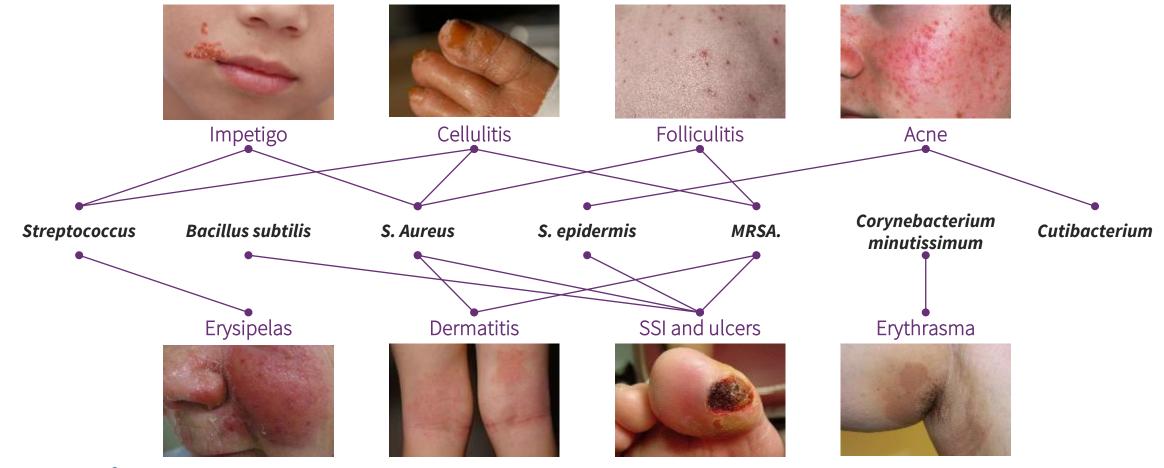


No Time to Wait: Securing the future from drug-resistant infections. Report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (2019) available at <a href="https://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/IACG">https://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/IACG</a> final report EN.pdf?ua=1

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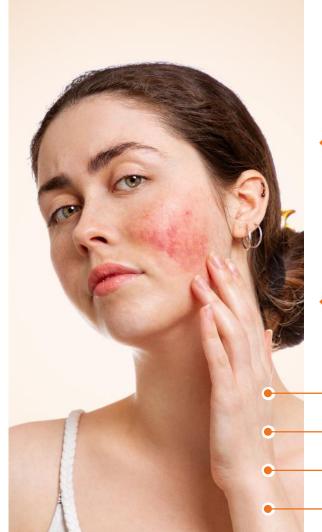
See ASX announcement 'Botanix receives grant for synthetic cannabidiol analog program', October 2019

# Implications for Dermatology – Safe and Effective Antimicrobial <u>and</u> Anti-Inflammatory





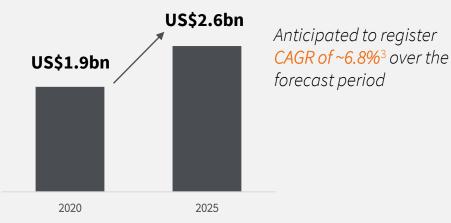




# BTX 1702: Impact of Rosacea and Significant Market Opportunity

- Papulopustular rosacea is a chronic skin disease characterised by redness (inflammation) and acnelike-break-outs¹
- Patients diagnosed with Rosacea tend to have higher incidences<sup>2</sup> of:
  - Depression
  - Social anxiety
  - Embarrassment
  - Decreased quality of life





- ❖ Affects ~5.5% of the global population⁴, ~430m individuals
- ❖ 85% of patients are over 30 years old<sup>5</sup>
- ❖ There are currently over 16m Americans affected<sup>6</sup> by the illness, with ~5m medical treatment prescriptions<sup>7</sup> in the US alone



# BTX 1702: Phase 1b Rosacea Study Commencing 2Q CY2021



#### **❖** 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



- ✓ 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





**22m** total prescriptions in 2019 growing ~5% year-on-year<sup>2</sup>



**US\$5.1bn** in sales in 2019<sup>2</sup>



>2m p.a. active, diagnosed acne patients under HCP care<sup>3</sup>



~40m to ~50m acne sufferers4 (~10m mod-to-severe)



**60%** of acne patients are managed by 5K HCPs<sup>5</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
- . Symphony Health Solutions, METYS, data ending December 2019 weighted
- . Symphony Health Solutions, MAT, ending April 2019
- . AAD. Acne Stats and Facts. <a href="https://www.aad.org/media/stats-numbers">https://www.aad.org/media/stats-numbers</a>
- 5. Symphony Health Solutions, IDV Vantage, February 2019

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

**❖** Antimicrobial: BTX 1801 Phase 2a study successful completion

Positive results announced and finalising clinical progression plans

**❖ Rosacea:** BTX 1702 Phase 1b study start

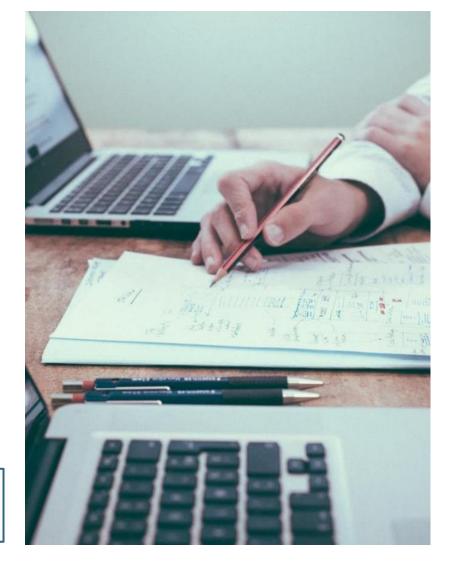
Targeting study commencement in 2Q CY2021

**Acne:** BTX 1503 planning for Phase 3 clinical studies

Pending the completion of BTX 1702 Phase 1b clinical study

**Strong cash position** - ~A\$26m

As at 31 December 2020 (including R&D tax return)





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