



# GNI Group Ltd.

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President and Chief Executive Officer

**We Bring New  
Hope to Life.**



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# 1. Company Profile

# GNI Group Company Profile

## Head Office Address

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2-2-2 Nihonbashi-Honcho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo  
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## Establishment

November 2001

## Capital Stock

10,896 Million yen (as of June 30, 2023)

## Listing

TSE Growth Market  
(Listed in August 2007 / Security Code: 2160)

## Main Business

Global pharmaceutical R&D, manufacturing and distribution, and biomaterials business

## President and CEO

Ying Luo, Ph.D.

## Number of employees (group-wide)

758 (as of June 30, 2023)

## Main Locations

Japan, the US, China

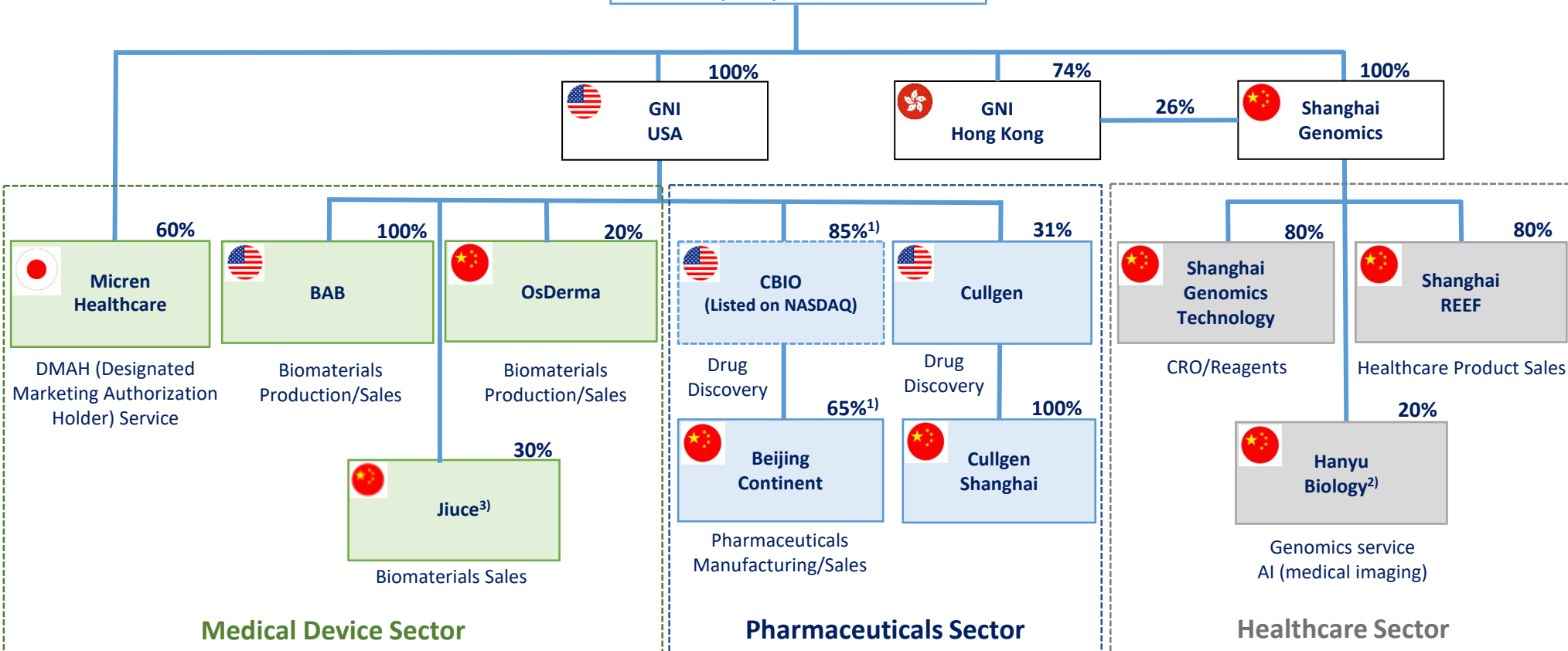


**Director, Representative Executive Officer,  
President and CEO**

**Ying Luo**

- As a Chinese-American, he pioneered the new profitable business model that leverages the unique strengths of the pharmaceutical industry in China, the US and Japan in developing new therapeutic products for unmet medical needs.
- He obtained Ph.D. in Molecular Biology/Biomedical Sciences from the University of Connecticut Health Center in 1991 and has co-authored over 35 research studies and publications and is an inventor on over 16 patents during his 30+ years of biotech career.

# Group Structure



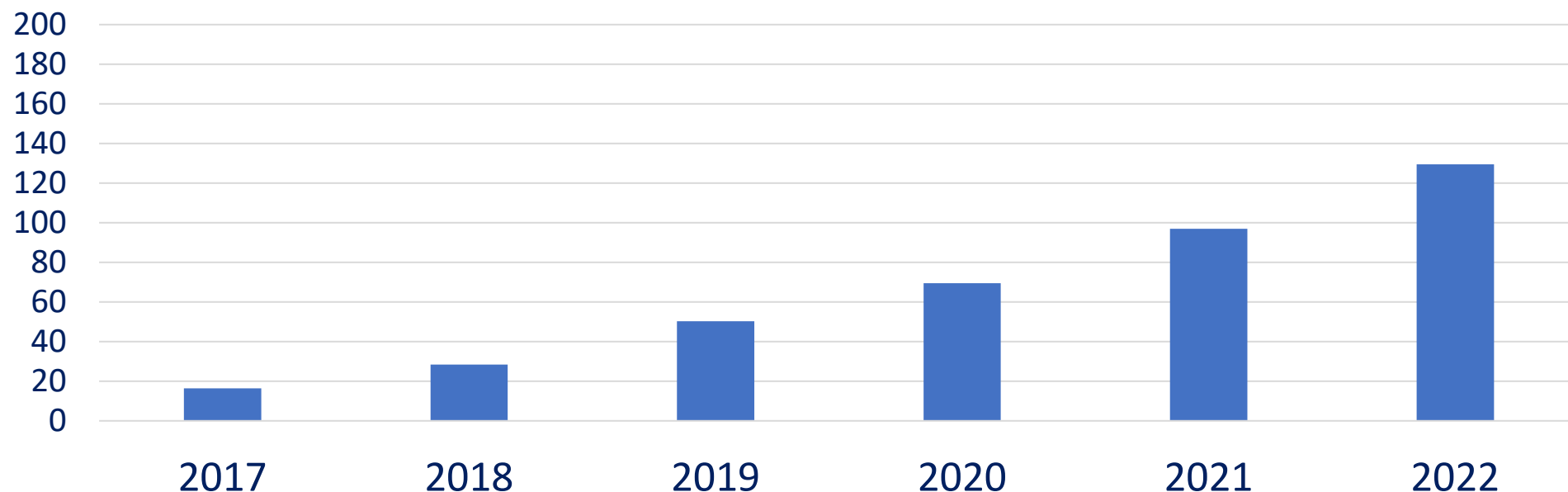
- 1) After approval of CBIO's (Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.) shareholders' meeting (scheduled on August 29). Currently 17%, 56%, respectively.
- 2) Not equity method (pure investment)
- 3) Planning to apply equity method from 2023Q2

## What is GNI Group (1)

# From Drug Discovery Success to Pharmaceuticals

(100 Million JPY)

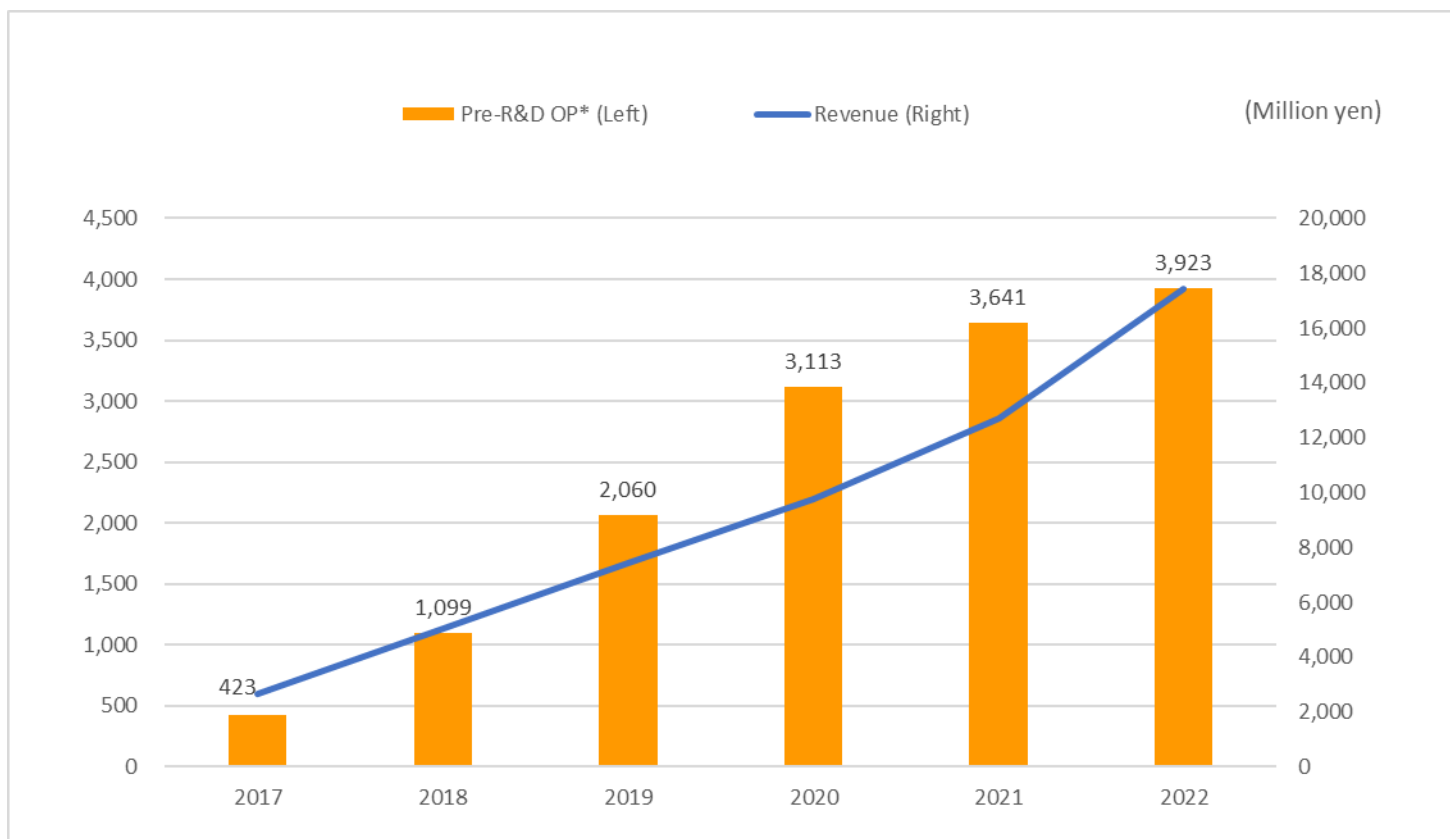
ETUARY<sup>®</sup> Sales





## What is GNI Group (2)

# Unique Profitable Drug Discovery Company



\*: Pre-R&D OP = Operating Profit + R&D Expense

## What is GNI Group (3)

# High Development Capabilities Recognized by Global Pharmas

**Concluded a major contract with Astellas  
totaling approximately 300 billion yen.**  
(Cullgen, a subsidiary)

**Received investment from AstraZeneca fund**  
(Cullgen, a subsidiary)

**GNI Group is, in the end, is a Japanese corporate group that**

- ✓ **Operates globally in the US and China as well as Japan**
- ✓ **Demonstrates world-class development capabilities while succeeding in drug discovery and making profits as a pharmaceutical manufacturer**
- ✓ **Under the vision of “We Bring New Hope for Life”**
- ✓ **Further enhances new drug development efforts and realizes unlimited growth potential**

## 2. Financial Highlights

# P/L Summary

Significant year-on-year increase in sales and profit  
Record sales and profit

(Million yen)

	2022Q2 YTD	Ratio (vs Revenue)	2023Q2 YTD	Ratio (vs Revenue)	YoY
<b>Revenue</b>	8,154	100.0%	14,096	100.0%	72.9%
<b>Gross profit</b>	7,020	86.1%	12,755	90.5%	81.7%
SG&A	4,765	58.4%	6,179	43.8%	29.7%
R&D	1,089	13.4%	1,253	8.9%	15.1%
<b>Operating profit</b>	1,004	12.3%	<b>5,476</b>	38.8%	445.1%
<b>Pretax profit</b>	790	9.7%	5,117	36.3%	547.5%
<b>Net profit</b>	197	2.4%	<b>4,014</b>	28.5%	1928.1%
<b>Net profit to the parent</b>	676	8.3%	1,658	11.8%	145.2%

# B/S Summary

Significant increase in liquidity on hand

(Million yen)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	20 vs 21	21 vs 22	22 vs 23
Non-current assets	10,194	12,109	16,759	20,232	18.8%	38.4%	20.7%
Current assets	13,024	18,187	17,147	24,818	39.6%	-5.7%	44.7%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>23,219</b>	<b>30,296</b>	<b>33,906</b>	<b>45,050</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>
Non-current liabilities	3,846	8,487	10,592	15,694	120.6%	24.8%	48.2%
Current liabilities	6,603	2,543	3,503	4,557	-61.5%	37.8%	30.1%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,450</b>	<b>11,030</b>	<b>14,096</b>	<b>20,252</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>
Capital Stock etc.	11,859	17,108	17,125	16,341	44.3%	0.1%	(4.6%)
Retained earnings	(608)	307	696	2,355	-	126.4%	238.2%
Other components of equity	(251)	1,444	3,147	4,279	-	118.0%	36.0%
Attributable to the parent	11,000	18,860	20,969	22,976	71.5%	11.2%	9.6%
Non-controlling interests	1,769	405	(1,158)	1,821	-77.1%	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>12,769</b>	<b>19,266</b>	<b>19,810</b>	<b>24,798</b>	<b>50.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>

## Major Subsidiaries

Name / Acronym	Official Name/Description	% of GNI consolidated revenue (FY 2022)	% of GNI consolidated revenue (FY 2022 H1)
BAB	<b>Berkeley Advanced Biomaterials LLC</b> Biomaterials business in the US (Medical Device Segment)	14%	9% (Black)
BC	<b>Beijing Continent Pharmaceuticals Co.</b> Drug discovery and pharmaceutical business in China Sales channel with over 500 MRs	77%	52% (Black)
Cullgen	<b>Cullgen Inc. and Cullgen (Shanghai), Inc.</b> Drug discovery business in the US and China Partnering with Astellas	0%	34% (Black)

## 3. First Half Year Topics



## Topic 1

# Signed a major contract with Astellas

**(1) Proof of Cullgen's high-caliber R&D capabilities**

**(2) Cullgen turning profitable**

**= All three major subsidiaries in the black**

**(3) Increase in revenue in the US**

**= The US share increased to 42.5%**

**(4) Rights to receive milestone payments depending on the R&D progress in the future**

**= Another source of stable income**

## Topic 2

# Investment from AstraZeneca Fund

- (1) Proof of high drug development capability**  
**= Possibility of partnering with new global pharmaceutical companies in the future**
  
- (2) Securing development funds**  
**= Faster pace of TPD<sup>#</sup> drug development**

#: Targeted Protein Degradation

**The above 2 points lay  
the groundwork for  
the potential future listing of  
Cullgen**

## Topic 3

# Strong ETUARY<sup>®</sup> Sales

## ① Sales

**2022Q2 YTD**

**JPY 6.3 Billion**

**2023Q2 YTD**

**JPY 7.3 Billion**



## ② Further Expansion

= Actively progressing clinical trials to expand the indications in order to meet various needs

## 4. Upward Revision of Full-Year Forecasts

# Upward revision of full-year forecast

**(1) Strong ETUARY® Sales**

**(2) A strategic partnership between Cullgen and Astellas**

	Previous Forecast (A)	Revised Forecast (B)	Difference (B-A)	Difference in Ratio (%)	(Ref) 2022 Actual
Revenue (JPY Million)	17,100~20,900	25,273	4,373~8,173	20.9%~47.8%	17,418
Operating Profit (JPY Million)	700~1,400	5,991	4,591~5,291	327.9%~755.9%	1,377
Profit Before Tax(JPY Million)	(100)~200	4,143	3,943~4,243	~1971.5%	767
Profit for the Year(JPY Million)	(500)~0	2,174	2,174~2,674	-	(868)
Profit Attributable to Parent (JPY Million)	1,100~1,400	1,703	303~603	21.6%~54.8%	388
EPS (JPY)	22.30~33.41	35.86	-	-	8.19

FX rate used in the revised forecast: 1 USD = 130.77 JPY / 1 RMB = 19.38 JPY

# 5. Second Half Year Topics

## Topic 1

# To become majority shareholder of Catalyst Biosciences\* (NASDAQ: CBIO)

- (1) Nasdaq-listed company** under GNI's consolidation
  - > Establish a foothold in the US to become a global biopharma
  - > Obtain global valuation
  
- (2) CBIO will acquire an indirect controlling interest in BC\*#**
  - > Expand operation in the US in the future
  
- (3) Accelerate liver fibrosis clinical development in the US**

\*subject to CBIO shareholder approval

# subject to regulatory approvals in the US and China



## Topic 2

# Completing F351 Phase III Clinical Trial Enrollment

- (1) Added 63 subjects in 2023 Q2  
-> 91 more subjects to reach the target of 248**
- (2) Target to disclose the results in late 2024**
- (3) Plan commercial launch in 2025 after Chinese authority's approval**

F351 is a promising drug candidate for the treatment of liver fibrosis, for which there are no approved drugs yet, and a potential blockbuster compound if clinical trials are successful.

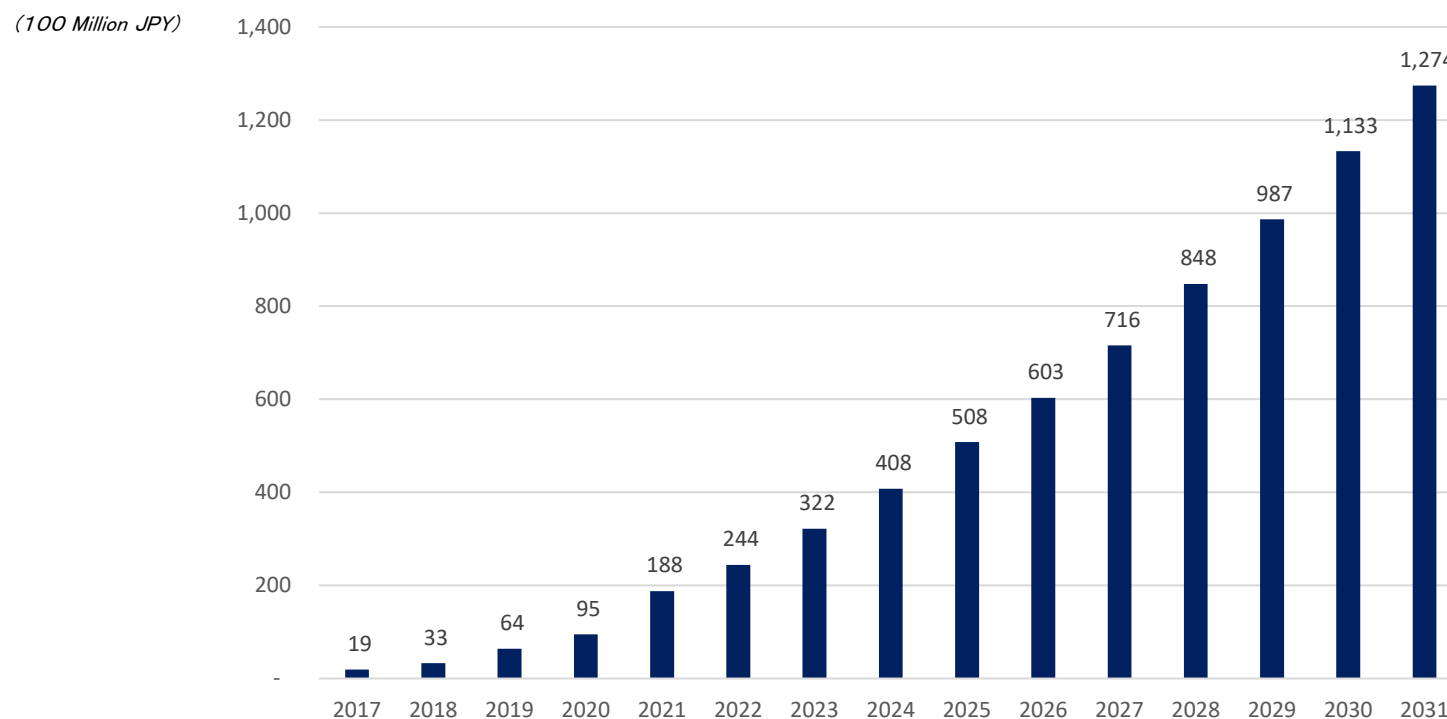
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# Cullgen's Development Pipeline

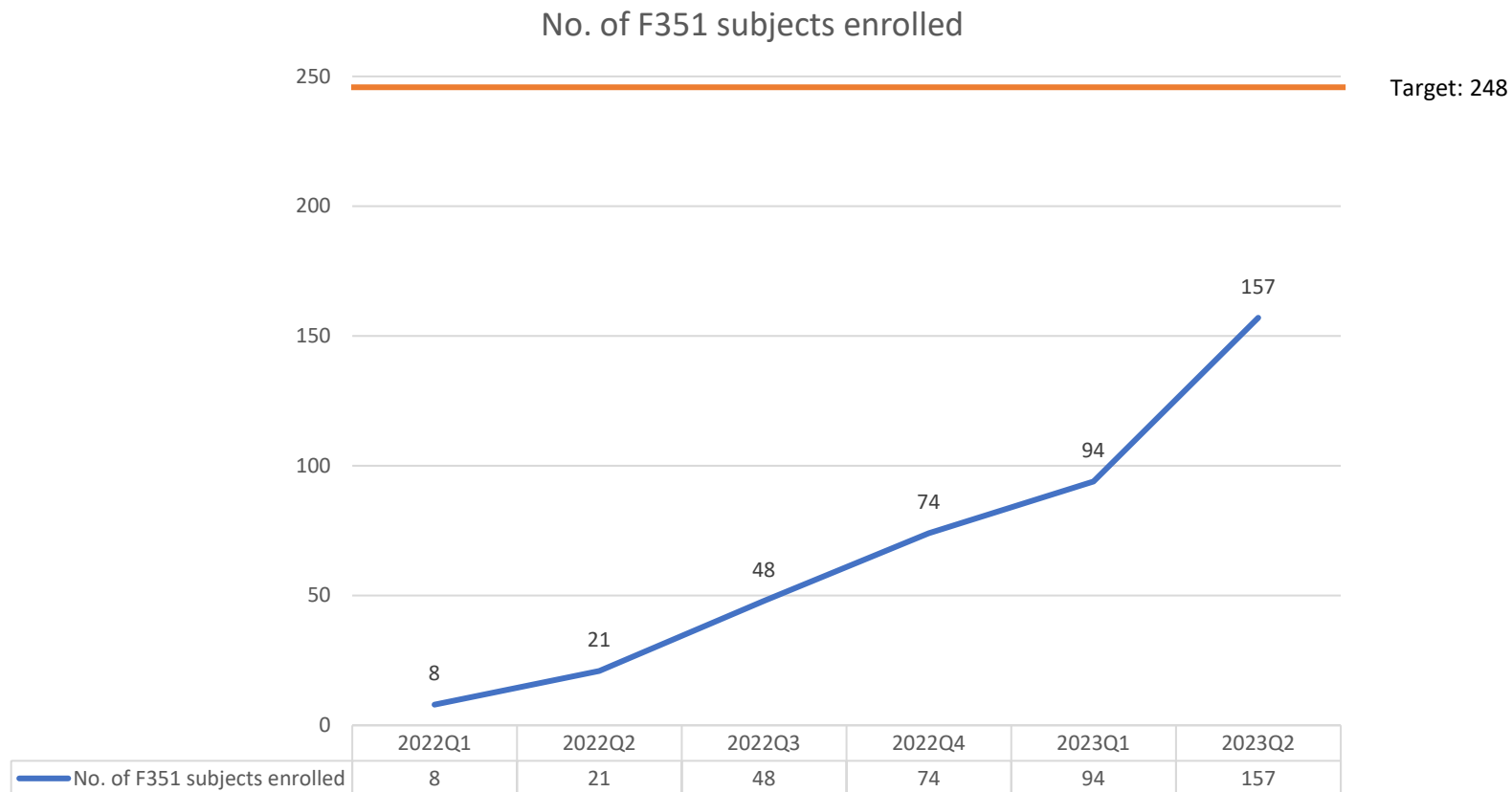
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Target Area	Indication	preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	NDA
Cell cycle (a)	Breast, pancreatic, lung cancer, malignant melanoma, novel immunotherapeutics					
Cell cycle (b)	Breast and ovarian cancer					
Epigenetics	Prostate and bladder cancer					
Metabolism	Novel Immunotherapeutics					
Tropomyosin Receptor Kinase (TRK)	Solid cancer and pain					
DNA repair	Colon ovarian cancer and gastrointestinal cancer					
Translation	Colon Ovarian Gastrointestinal Cancer					
Transcription	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, Triple negative breast cancer					

## Market Size of ETUARY<sup>(R)</sup>: Pulmonary Fibrosis Drugs Market in China



Source: Frost & Sullivan (converted to yen by GNI)

# F351 subject enrollment since Phase III launch in 2022 Jan



# F351 Phase II Top-line Data Overview (1/3)

## Efficacy Results

Efficacy Analyses	Placebo	F351 : 60mg/dose 3 doses/day	F351 : 90mg/dose 3 doses/day	F351 : 120mg/dose 3 doses/day
Ishak score down by 1+ As of 52nd week (FAS)	11 (11/43, 25.58%)	17 (17/42,40.48%)	23 (23/41,56.10%)	18 (18/41,43.90%)
Ishak score down by 1+ As of 52nd week (PPS)	11 (11/42,26.19%)	17 (17/36,47.22%)	23 (23/35,65.71%)	18 (18/34,52.94%)
p value	FAS:0.0245、PPS:0.0058			
Ratio Difference (Placebo - F351)% & 95% CI	FAS:		FAS:	
	-14.89 (-33.32,4.99)		-30.52 (-48.12,-9.50)	
	PPS:		PPS:	
	-21.03 (-40.20,0.26)		-26.75 (-45.78,-4.75)	

Source: GNI disclosure on Oct. 23, 2023

## F351 Phase II Top-line Data Overview (2/3)

**Efficacy Results:  
additional analysts for patients with Ishak score = 6 (cirrhosis stage)**

Efficacy Analyses	Placebo	F351 (all groups)
Ishak score down by 1+ As of 52nd week (FAS)	1 (1/4, 25%)	12 (12/15,80%)
Ishak score down by 1+ As of 52nd week (PPS)	1 (1/4, 25%)	12 (12/14,85.71%)
p value	FAS:0.0407, PPS:0.0201	
Ratio Difference (Placebo - F351)% & 95% CI	FAS:	
	-55.00 (-79.20,-3.49)	
	PPS:	
	-60.71 (-83.59,-8.97)	

Source: GNI disclosure on Oct. 23, 2023



## F351 Phase II Top-line Data Overview (3/3)

### Safety and Tolerability Results

- ✓ **Adverse Events severity: mild to moderate**
- ✓ **Serious Adverse Events incident rate: same among the groups**
  - **Placebo: 4.65%**
  - **F351 : 60mg/day 3 doses/day group: 2.38%**
  - **F351 : 90mg/day 3 doses/day group: 2.38%**
  - **F351 : 120mg /day 3 doses/day group: 7.32%**
- ✓ **No fatalities in the trial**

Source: GNI disclosure on Oct. 23, 2023

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