

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 6, 2019**

**CARDAX, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**333-181719**

(Commission  
File Number)

**45-4484428**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2800 Woodlawn Drive, Suite 129, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(808) 457-1400**

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	CDXI	OTCQB

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 6, 2019, Cardax, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), made available a corporation presentation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of this presentation has been made available on the Company’s corporate website at [www.cardaxpharma.com](http://www.cardaxpharma.com) on the date of this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth herein and in the presentation is deemed to be “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of the Exchange Act. The information set forth in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report on Form 8-K that is required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

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## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#"><u>Corporate Presentation</u></a>

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 6, 2019

**CARDAX, INC.**

By: */s/ David G. Watumull*

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David G. Watumull  
Chief Executive Officer and President

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## CORPORATE PRESENTATION

December 2019

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## CARDAX OVERVIEW



- Cardax is a development stage biopharmaceutical company founded in 2006 (OTCQB:CDXI)
- Focused on development of pharmaceuticals to safely address one of the major underlying causes of many chronic diseases – inflammation
- Innovative product platform based on xanthophyll carotenoids (astaxanthin and zeaxanthin) – powerful anti-inflammatory agents with pleiotropic effects and excellent safety profiles
- Lead pharmaceutical candidate (CDX-101) in pre-clinical development for treatment of cardiovascular inflammation and dyslipidemia, with initial indication of severe hypertriglyceridemia (similar to Amarin's clinical pathway for Vascepa)
- Commercial business unit markets ZanthoSyn<sup>®</sup>, a physician recommended dietary supplement for inflammatory health

## MANAGEMENT TEAM



- **David G Watumull** – *Chief Executive Officer*  
Co-founder of Cardax and co-inventor of technology. Experienced biotech executive, former biotech analyst and investment banker.
- **David M Watumull** – *Chief Operating Officer*  
Two decades of experience in astaxanthin product development, commercialization, and business management.
- **John Russell, CPA** – *Chief Financial Officer*  
Accounting, finance, operations, and SEC reporting professional with over 20 years experience. Formerly with Grant Thornton and PwC.
- **Paresh Soni, MD, PhD** – *Chief Clinical and Regulatory Strategist*  
Former Senior Vice President and Head of Development at Amarin. Led development and regulatory approval for Vascepa.
- **Gilbert Rishton, PhD** – *Chief Science Officer*  
Built Amgen's Small Molecule Drug Discovery Group and served as chemistry manager for Sensipar development program.
- **Jon Ruckle, MD** – *Chief Medical Officer*  
PI of more than 350 clinical trials. Former Medical Director at Covance.
- **Timothy King, PhD** – *Vice President, Research*  
Expert on MOA and biological applications of astaxanthin. Former staff scientist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.
- **Randall Mau** – *Vice President, Medical & Business Relations*  
Former Account Manager at Pfizer; grew market share and revenues.
- **Gilbert Shin** – *Vice President, Retail Sales & Marketing*  
Former Regional Sales Director of top performing GNC region in US.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



- **George W Bickerstaff** – *Chairman*  
Former Chief Financial Officer of Novartis Pharma.
- **David G Watumull** – *Director*  
Chief Executive Officer of Cardax.
- **Terence A Kelly, PhD** – *Director*  
Former research executive with Boehringer Ingelheim.
- **Michele Galen** – *Director*  
Former communications executive with Shire and Novartis.
- **Makarand Jawadekar, PhD** – *Director*  
Former research executive with Pfizer.
- **Elona Kogan** – *Director*  
Biotech business executive. Formerly with Ariad and Avanir.

## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

- **Deepak Bhatt, MD, MPH** – *SAB Chairman*  
Executive Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Programs at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Chair of REDUCE-IT clinical trial.
- **Paresh Soni, MD, PhD** – *SAB Member*  
Cardax Chief Clinical and Regulatory Strategist. Former Senior Vice President and Head of Development at Amarin. Led development and regulatory approval for Vascepa.
- **R Preston Mason, PhD** – *SAB Member*  
Harvard Medical School / Brigham and Women's Hospital. Expert on MOA of astaxanthin and fish oils, including Vascepa.



## KEY OPINION LEADERS AGREE

***Inflammation* = Major Unmet Medical  
Need in Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)**

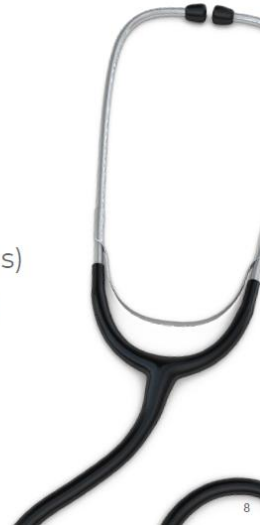




## IMPORTANT EXAMPLE

10,061 Patient **CANTOS** Trial (Novartis)

↓ Inflammation = ↓ CV Events



## VALIDATING THE INFLAMMATORY HYPOTHESIS

TARGETING INFLAMMATION  
TO REDUCE CVD RISK

*Ridker et al, New Engl J Med, 377:1119-1131, 2017*

## CANTOS Trial

Canakinumab ANti-inflammatory Thrombosis Outcome Study

- **Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled**
- **Subjects:**
  - 10,061 cardiovascular patients, 39 countries
  - Standard of care (including statins)
  - Elevated inflammation (CRP > 2 mg/L)
- **Agent:** Canakinumab (anti-inflammatory drug, Novartis)
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **Results:**
  - No change in lipids
  - **REDUCTION OF INFLAMMATION (CRP < 2 mg/L) =**
    - Heart attacks & strokes ↓ 25%
    - Cardiovascular death ↓ 31%
    - All-cause mortality ↓ 31%

Response to **The CANTOS Trial:**

**“It (this study) opens up an entirely new vista for the treatment of heart disease, because now everybody on the planet—in the pharmaceutical industry and in research institutions like ours and at the National Institutes of Health—are going to be looking to find anti-inflammatory therapies.”**

- Steve Nissen, MD  
Chairman of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Cleveland Clinic

*Washington Post, August 27, 2017*

Why not manage chronic inflammation with  
other leading anti-inflammatories?



Because of the risk of dangerous

# SIDE EFFECTS

associated with chronic use

HEART  
ATTACKS

GI BLEEDS

STROKES

LIVER  
DAMAGE

IMMUNE  
COMPROMISE

and more...





KEY OPINION LEADERS AGREE

*Pleiotropic Effects on CVD Markers*  
= Major CVD Benefit

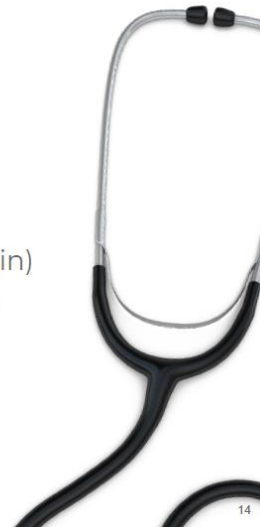




## IMPORTANT EXAMPLE

8,179 Patient **REDUCE-IT Trial** (Amarin)

↓ CVD Markers = ↓ CV Events



## PLEIOTROPIC BENEFITS REDUCE CVD RISK

Bhatt et al. New Engl J Med, 380:11-22, 2019

## REDUCE-IT Trial

Reduction of Cardiovascular Events—Intervention Trial

- **Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled**
- **Subjects:**
  - 8,179 statin treated patients with elevated CV risk
  - Elevated triglycerides (median baseline 216 mg/dL)
- **Agent:** Vascepa (fish oil derived drug, Amarin), 4 g/day
- **Pleiotropic Mechanism of Action:**
  - Cellular functions related to atherosclerosis & CV events
  - Lipids, lipoproteins
  - Inflammation
- **Duration:** 5 years
- **Results:**
  - **Major adverse cardiovascular events ↓ 25%**
  - Robust efficacy across multiple secondary endpoints
  - Well tolerated

## Why not manage chronic inflammation and dyslipidemia with prescription fish oils?



# DISADVANTAGES OF FISH OIL DRUGS

## DOSING CHALLENGES

Oral dosing of large fish oil capsules is problematic

## SCALABILITY LIMITATIONS

Fish oil manufacturing is limited by the declining global fish supply

## SAFETY RISKS

Fish oils have certain safety risks\*

\*Safety risks of prescription fish oils: Lovaza and other DHA, EPA combination fish oil drugs have risks of side effects including back pain, eructation, dysgeusia, and increases in LDL cholesterol; Vascepa has risks of side effects including arthralgia, atrial fibrillation, and increased bleeding.

## **THE SOLUTION** REQUIRES A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF BENEFITS

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## CARDAX PRODUCT PLATFORM

### COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

#### UNIQUE COMBINATION OF BENEFITS:

- ✓ **Excellent safety profile** that supports chronic use
- ✓ **Broad anti-inflammatory** activity & pleiotropic effects
- ✓ **Oral dosing** convenience & ease of administration
- ✓ **Scalable** manufacturing
- ✓ **Economical** pricing

## PHARMACEUTICAL CANDIDATES

DISCOVERY

PRECLINICAL

CLINICAL

**CDX-101** (ASTAXANTHIN RX CANDIDATE)  
for SEVERE HYPERTRIGLYCERIDEMIA



**CDX-301** (ZEAXANTHIN RX CANDIDATE)  
for STARGARDT DISEASE



## DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

DEVELOPMENT

LAUNCH

MARKETING

**ZANTHOSYN®** (ASTAXANTHIN SUPPLEMENT)  
for INFLAMMATORY HEALTH\*





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## CDX-101

### ASTAXANTHIN PHARMACEUTICAL CANDIDATE

**Potential applications include:**

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Metabolic Disease
- Liver Disease
- Arthritis
- Aging

\*Including earlier generations of CDX-101 (same active ingredient) and interim results from Cardax CHASE clinical trial

- **CDX-101:** Proprietary prodrug of astaxanthin with broad anti-inflammatory activity, pleiotropic effects, excellent safety
- **Primary Therapeutic Area:** Cardiovascular disease (cardiovascular inflammation and mixed dyslipidemia)
- **Proof of Concept:** Human & animal studies with astaxanthin,\* which we believe provide mechanistic support (reduced inflammation & lipids) and support excellent safety profile
- **Initial Indication:** Severe hypertriglyceridemia (SHTG)
  - Efficient clinical pathway to drug approval for CDX-101; similar to Amarin's clinical pathway for Vascepa
  - 3.4 million Americans with SHTG; prescription fish oils approved for SHTG have global market near \$2 billion
- **Competitive Advantages:** Excellent safety profile, ease of dose administration, and manufacturing scalability
- **Intellectual Property**
  - Patents issued (legacy): composition of matter and pharmaceutical use through mid-2020s
  - Patents pending (new): composition of matter and pharmaceutical use through 2039-2040
- **Development Stage:** Pre-clinical (target: IND Q4 2020 / Q1 2021)

## WHAT IS ASTAXANTHIN?

**Astaxanthin** is a **naturally occurring marine carotenoid** found in salmon, microalgae, krill, lobster, and crab.

Carotenoids are natural pigments that impart coloration and support animal health and vitality.

**Astaxanthin is responsible for turning salmon and shellfish pink.**



A photograph of several salmon swimming upstream in a fast-moving, turbulent river. The water is white with foam and rapids. The salmon are silvery with some darker spots, and they are positioned at various points in the frame, mostly in the upper half. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text and a bulleted list.

## WITHOUT ASTAXANTHIN, SALMON ARE:

- Grey
- Small
- Have reproductive problems
- Prone to infections
- Too weak to swim upstream

## ASTAXANTHIN SAFETY

**No significant side effects**  
reported in published human  
studies (over 1,800 subjects)

- Long history of use in humans and animals
- Extensive safety testing (see table on next slide)

Source: [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)



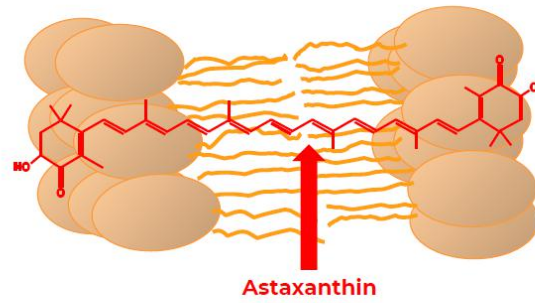
No clinically meaningful safety issues found even at extremely high doses:

TYPE OF STUDY	MAXIMUM DOSING (mg/kg)
Acute Toxicity	>8,000 (mouse, rat), 2,000 (non-human primates)
Sub-Chronic Toxicity	1,240 (rat), 160 (dog)
1 Year Chronic Toxicity/Carcinogenicity	1,000 (rat), 1,400 (mouse), 200 (dog)
2 Year Carcinogenicity	1,000 (rat)
Genotoxicity/Mutagenicity	2,000 (mouse)
Teratogenicity	1,000 (rat), 400 (rabbit)

## ASTAXANTHIN MECHANISM OF ACTION

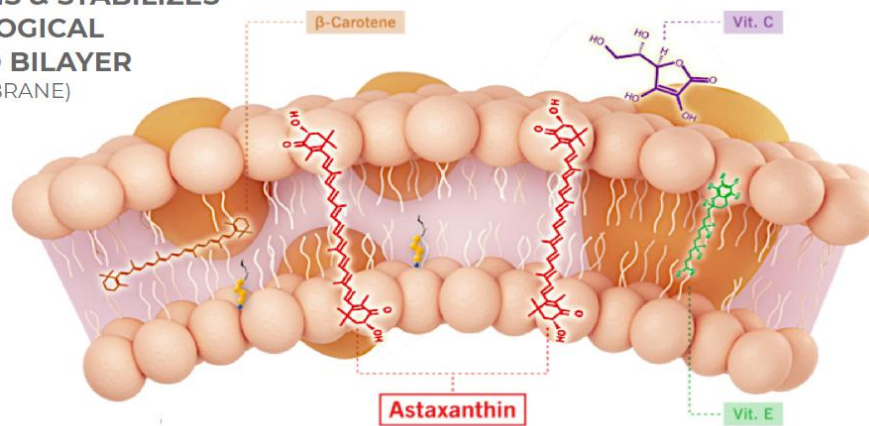
- Astaxanthin spans and stabilizes cellular and mitochondrial membrane (see figures on this slide and next slide)
- Reduces pathological activation of inflammatory pathways by modulating oxidative stress in cells and mitochondria
- Does not inhibit normal function (supports excellent safety profile)

## CELLULAR AND MITOCHONDRIAL LOCALIZATION AND FUNCTIONALITY



# ASTAXANTHIN MECHANISM OF ACTION

**SPANS & STABILIZES  
BIOLOGICAL  
LIPID BILAYER  
(MEMBRANE)**





## ASTAXANTHIN MECHANISM OF ACTION

Astaxanthin demonstrates positive and quantifiable pleiotropic effects on many inflammatory cytokines and drug targets:

- IL-1 $\beta$  (canakinumab)
- COX-2 (Celebrex)
- PGE-2 (aspirin)
- TNF- $\alpha$  (Humira, Remicade, Enbrel)
- NF-k $\beta$  (steroids)

In human proof-of-concept "pilot" studies and animal studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased inflammation and oxidative stress.

### REDUCTION OF INFLAMMATION

#### HUMAN STUDIES

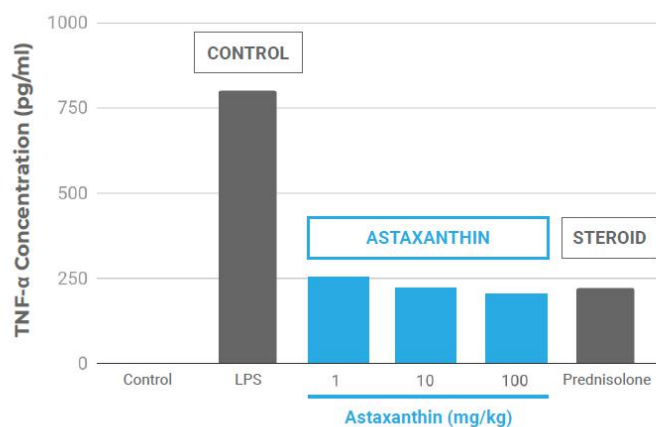
- **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased** (-30%, p=0.0022)
- **CRP decreased** (-20%, p<0.05, two studies)
- **Oxidative stress decreased** (MDA, IsoP, SOD, TAC increased)

#### ANIMAL STUDIES

- **Inflammatory markers decreased** in various model systems:
  - **TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, CRP, NF-k $\beta$ , PGE-2, iNOS, MCP-1, MPO, ERK, JNK, COX-2**
  - **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased** equivalent to equal dose of prednisolone
- **Oxidative stress decreased** in mitochondria

## ASTAXANTHIN REDUCED TNF- $\alpha$ IN INFLAMMATORY ANIMAL MODEL = PREDNISOLONE

Effect of astaxanthin on TNF- $\alpha$  concentrations in aqueous humor. The aqueous humor was collected 24 hours after lipopolysaccharide (LPS) treatment. Each value represents mean  $\pm$  SD (n=8). The dose of prednisolone was 10 mg/kg,  $p < 0.01$ , compared with the LPS group.



Ohgami et al. Ophth. Invest. Vis. Sci. 44(6):2694-2701, 2003

20+ randomized, double-blind,  
placebo-controlled human  
proof-of-concept studies

## ASTAXANTHIN THERAPEUTIC AREAS\*

### COMMONALITIES

- Inflammation
- Oxidative Stress



Cardiovascular  
Disease



Metabolic  
Disease



Liver  
Disease



Arthritis



Aging

\*Potential therapeutic areas for CDX-101 pharmaceutical development.

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## INITIAL FOCUS

# ASTAXANTHIN & CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

In human proof-of-concept “pilot” studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased inflammation, triglycerides, LDL cholesterol, and blood pressure.

In animal studies conducted by third parties and us, astaxanthin demonstrated statistically significant improvements in models of cardiovascular disease.

\*Does not include Cardax CHASE clinical trial interim results, which are described on later slides.

## Human Studies\*

- **CRP decreased** (~20%,  $p < 0.05$ , two studies)
- **Triglycerides decreased** (-25.8%,  $p < 0.05$ )
- **LDL-C decreased** (-10.4%,  $p < 0.05$ )
- **HDL-C increased** (+14.5%,  $p < 0.01$ )
- **Apolipoprotein B decreased** (-7.5%,  $p < 0.01$ )
- **Adiponectin increased**
  - Three studies: +26% ( $p < 0.01$ ), +14% ( $p = 0.0053$ ), +30% ( $p = 0.01$ )
- **Blood pressure decreased** (two studies)
  - SBP -4.6% ( $p = 0.021$ ), DBP -6.9% ( $p < 0.001$ )
- **Blood flow velocity increased**
  - Choroidal ( $p = 0.018$ ), blood transit time ( $p < 0.01$ )

## Animal Studies

- **CRP and IL-6 decreased**
- **Triglycerides decreased** (plasma, hepatic)
- **Re-thrombosis decreased**
- **Atherosclerosis decreased** (aortic arch plaque)
- **Cholesterol decreased**
- **Blood pressure decreased**
- **Nitric oxide production increased**

## ASTAXANTHIN & CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

### CARDAX STUDIES

provide mechanistic support  
for pharmaceutical development

Cardax studies presented herein utilized Cardax synthetic astaxanthin (ZanthoSyn®) or related prodrugs (i.e., earlier generations of CDX-101, same active ingredient).

Cardax CHASE clinical trial interim results displayed as median percentage changes from baseline to week 12.

\*p<0.05 \*\*p<0.01

#### • Cardax CHASE Clinical Trial Interim Results (9/23/19)

Interim Results (40 subjects, 12 weeks)	High Dose (96 mg/day)	Low Dose (24 mg/day)	Placebo (0 mg/day)
CRP	↓ 28%	↓ 32%	↓ 5%
LDL-C	↓ 12% **	↓ 7%	↑ 5%
Total cholesterol	↓ 8% *	↓ 5%	↑ 4%
Triglycerides	↓ 16%	↓ 13%	↑ 6%
Oxidized LDL	↓ 10% *	↑ 3%	↑ 4%
Blood pressure	↓ 5% *	↓ 4% *	↑ 6%

#### • Cardax Animal Studies

- **Reduced triglycerides** 72% in ApoE(-/-) mice
- **Reduced re-thrombosis** 84% in dogs
- **Reduced atherosclerosis** in LDLR(-/-) mice

## ASTAXANTHIN & CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

### KEY POINTS

- Reduces inflammation
- Improves lipid profiles
- Lowers blood pressure
- Decreases artery plaque formation in animals

## ASTAXANTHIN & METABOLIC DISEASE

In human proof-of-concept "pilot" studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly increased adiponectin and decreased TNF- $\alpha$  and oxidative stress.

In animal studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin demonstrated statistically significant improvements in models of metabolic disease.

### Human Studies

- **Adiponectin increased**
  - Three studies: +26% (p<0.01), +14% (p=0.0053), +30% (p=0.01)
- **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased** (-30%, p=0.0022)
- **Oxidative stress decreased** (MDA, IsoP, SOD, TAC increased)

### Animal Studies

- **Fasting blood glucose levels decreased**
- **Insulin levels & sensitivity** (HOMA-IR, QUICK) **increased**
- **Insulin signaling** (PI3K-AKT, IRS-1p) **increased**
- **Adiponectin levels increased**
- **Insulin response and glucose tolerance** (ipGTT) **increased**
- **GLUT-4 translocation increased**
- **JNK, ERK-1 levels decreased**
- **Nitric oxide production increased**



## ASTAXANTHIN & METABOLIC DISEASE

### KEY POINTS

- Reduces inflammation
- Increases adiponectin levels
- Improves blood glucose & insulin levels in animals
- Increases insulin signalling/response in animals

## ASTAXANTHIN & LIVER DISEASE

In human proof-of-concept "pilot" studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased fat accumulation in biopsy-diagnosed NASH patients, decreased TNF- $\alpha$ , improved lipid profile parameters, and decreased oxidative stress.

In animal studies conducted by third parties and us, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased elevated liver enzymes, lipids, insulin resistance, steatosis, and fibrosis.

### Human Studies

- **NASH disease markers decreased in patients**
  - Steatosis:  $p < 0.05$
  - NAFLD Activity Score (NAS):  $p < 0.08$
  - Lobular inflammation decreased: trend
- **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased** (-30%,  $p = 0.0022$ )
- **Lipid profile parameters improved** (LDL, HDL, ApoB, TG)
- **Oxidative stress decreased** (MDA, IsoP, SOD, TAC increased)

### Animal Studies

- **Elevated liver enzyme levels decreased**
- **Steatosis decreased**
- **Fibrosis and induced acute hepatitis decreased**
- **Insulin levels & sensitivity** (HOMA-IR, QUICK) **increased**
- **Insulin signaling** (PI3K-AKT, IRS-1p) **increased**
- **Adiponectin levels increased**

## ASTAXANTHIN & LIVER DISEASE

### KEY POINTS

- Decreases liver fat (steatosis)
- Reduces inflammation and oxidative stress
- Decreases elevated liver enzyme levels in animals
- Improves fibrosis and insulin response in animals

## ASTAXANTHIN & ARTHRITIS

In human proof-of-concept "pilot" non-arthritis studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased markers of inflammation of relevance to arthritis, including TNF- $\alpha$  and CRP.

In animal studies conducted by third parties, astaxanthin statistically significantly decreased inflammation, oxidative stress, and joint degeneration.

### Human Studies

- **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased** (-30%, p=0.0022)
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### Animal Studies

- **Inflammatory markers decreased** in various model systems:
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  - **TNF- $\alpha$  decreased equivalent to equal dose of prednisolone**
- **Oxidative stress decreased** in mitochondria
- **Cartilage degradation decreased** (Mankin score)
  - Surgically-induced model of OA (ACLT, rabbit)

## ASTAXANTHIN & ARTHRITIS

### KEY POINTS

- Reduces inflammation
- Lowers oxidative stress
- Decreases joint degeneration in animal OA model
- Reduces major inflammatory markers in animals

## ASTAXANTHIN & AGING

In human studies conducted by third parties, activation of the FOXO3 gene has been linked to decreased inflammation and aging.

In animal studies conducted by third parties and us, astaxanthin statistically significantly activated the FOXO3 gene and extended lifespan.

### Background

- Activation of anti-inflammatory, anti-aging gene FOXO3 promotes longevity in humans
  - Replicated in >20 independent studies
  - Confers CVD protective benefit (p=0.001)
  - Decreases inflammation (CRP, trend; TNF- $\alpha$ , p=0.018)

### Animal Studies

- **FOXO3 mRNA levels increased** in mice by 90% (p=0.024)
- **Lifespan extended** by up to 30% via FOXO3 ortholog *DAF16* in roundworms

## CDX-101

### ASTAXANTHIN PHARMACEUTICAL CANDIDATE

In Summary

\*Including earlier generations of CDX-101 (same active ingredient)

- **CDX-101:** Proprietary prodrug of astaxanthin with broad anti-inflammatory activity, pleiotropic effects, excellent safety
- **Primary Therapeutic Area:** Cardiovascular disease (cardiovascular inflammation and mixed dyslipidemia)
- **Proof of Concept:** Human & animal studies with astaxanthin,\* which we believe provide mechanistic support (reduced inflammation & lipids) and support excellent safety profile
- **Initial Indication:** Severe hypertriglyceridemia (SHTG) provides efficient clinical pathway to drug approval for CDX-101, similar to Amarin's clinical pathway for Vascepa
- **Competitive Advantages:** Excellent safety profile, ease of dose administration, manufacturing scalability
- **Intellectual Property:** Patents pending for composition of matter and pharmaceutical use through 2039-2040
- **Development Stage:** Pre-clinical (target: IND Q4 2020 / Q1 2021)

## PHARMACEUTICAL CANDIDATES

DISCOVERY

PRECLINICAL

CLINICAL

**CDX-101** (ASTAXANTHIN RX CANDIDATE)  
for SEVERE HYPERTRIGLYCERIDEMIA



**CDX-301** (ZEAXANTHIN RX CANDIDATE)  
for STARGARDT DISEASE

## DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

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**ZANTHOSYN®** (ASTAXANTHIN SUPPLEMENT)  
for INFLAMMATORY HEALTH\*



## CDX-301

### ZEAXANTHIN PHARMACEUTICAL CANDIDATE

**Potential applications include:**

- Stargardt Disease
- Age-Related Macular Degeneration

\*Including earlier generation of CDX-301 (same active ingredient)

- **CDX-301:** Zeaxanthin pharmaceutical candidate
- **Mechanism of Action:** Zeaxanthin accumulates in human eye via retinal receptor and provides protection against blue light, oxidative damage, and inflammation that occurs in macular degeneration
- **Therapeutic Area:** Macular degeneration
- **Proof of Concept:** Human and animal studies with zeaxanthin\* provide mechanistic support for treatment of macular disorders and support excellent safety profile
- **Initial Indication:** Stargardt disease (STGD), a juvenile form of macular degeneration
  - Efficient clinical pathway to drug approval for CDX-301
  - Potential orphan drug designation ( $\leq 42,000$  in US with STGD)
- **Second Indication:** Age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
  - Large market opportunity (>3 million in US with AMD) but with increased competition
- **Development Stage:** Pre-clinical

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## ZANTHOSYN® OVERVIEW

### Superior Absorption

- 2.85x better absorption vs. ordinary astaxanthin

### Superior Purity

- Precision & purity (cGMP)
- No aftertaste or smell

### Superior Safety

- Generally Recognized as Safe according to FDA regulations

### Health applications include:

- Cardiovascular Health\*
- Metabolic Health\*
- Liver Health\*
- Joint Health\*
- Longevity\*
- Fitness\*



**ZanthoSyn®** is a physician recommended astaxanthin dietary supplement for inflammatory health\*

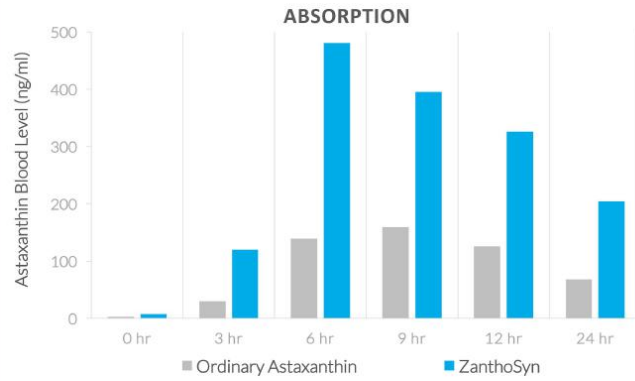


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## ZANTHOSYN® ASTAXANTHIN ABSORPTION

- AUC: 2.85-fold greater
  - $p=0.013$
- $C_{max}$  = 3.0-fold greater
  - $p=0.013$
- Coefficient of variation
  - ZanthoSyn = 27%
  - Ordinary asta = 62%
- $T_{max}$  = 6 hours
- No adverse events

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# ZANTHOSYN<sup>®</sup> CLINICAL TRIAL (ongoing)

## TARGETING CV HEALTH

### Interim results provide:

- Mechanistic support for Rx
- Basis for additional patent filings
- Support for ZanthoSyn<sup>®</sup> marketing

*Interim results announced 9/23/2019  
displayed as median percentage changes  
from baseline to week 12. \*p<0.05 \*\*p<0.01*

## CHASE Clinical Trial



### Cardiovascular Health Astaxanthin Supplement Evaluation

- **Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, IRB approved**
- **Subjects:** Up to 120 subjects with CV risk factors and CRP > 2 mg/L
- **Primary Endpoint:** Cardiovascular health as measured by CRP
- **Other Endpoints:** Pre-specified secondary cardiovascular and inflammatory health markers, safety parameters, exploratory endpoints
- **Duration:** 12 weeks with open-label extension through 48 weeks

Interim Results (40 subjects, 12 weeks)	High Dose (96 mg/day)	Low Dose (24 mg/day)	Placebo (0 mg/day)
CRP	↓ 28%	↓ 32%	↓ 5%
LDL-C	↓ 12% **	↓ 7%	↑ 5%
Total cholesterol	↓ 8% *	↓ 5%	↑ 4%
Triglycerides	↓ 16%	↓ 13%	↑ 6%
Oxidized LDL	↓ 10% *	↑ 3%	↑ 4%
Blood pressure	↓ 5% *	↓ 4% *	↑ 6%

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## ZANTHOSYN® MARKETING

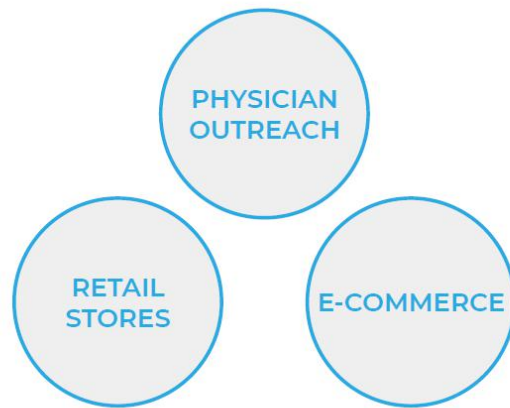
ZanthoSyn® provides a combination of safety, purity, manufacturing rigor, bioavailability, and scientific support not often present in other supplements.

ZanthoSyn® is well-accepted at medical conferences where crowds of physicians and other healthcare professionals receive samples after seminars.

ZanthoSyn® is the top selling product at GNC stores in Hawaii and the top selling product in the antioxidant category at GNC stores nationwide.

E-commerce offers convenient fulfillment with recurring shipment functionality and targeted marketing opportunities.

### MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH



## ZANTHOSYN®

### In Summary

- ✓ Clinically Studied
- ✓ Superior Absorption
- ✓ Superior Purity
- ✓ Superior Safety
- ✓ Many Health Applications
- ✓ Multi-Pronged Marketing

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# CDX-101 vs. ZANTHOSYN®

While both deliver astaxanthin to the bloodstream, we believe the unique molecular structure of CDX-101 and its pharmaceutical pathway will provide substantial differentiation.

	CDX-101	ZANTHOSYN®
COMPOSITION	Synthetic Astaxanthin Prodrug (NCE)	Synthetic Astaxanthin Formulation
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	Composition of Matter and Use (issued & pending)	Use (pending)
PRODUCT TYPE	Rx Candidate	Dietary Supplement
CHANNEL	Doctor Prescription	Retail & E-Commerce
ECONOMICS	Insurance Coverage	Out of Pocket
DOSAGE	High Dose	Low Dose



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



- **Cardax IP consists of 29 issued patents and 5 patent applications:**
  - 14 patents issued in the United States
  - 15 patents issued in Europe, Canada, China, India, Japan, Hong Kong, and Brazil
  - 4 patent applications pending in United States, Europe, and PCT countries
- **Cardax IP includes:**
  - **Patents issued for composition of matter** covering thousands of carotenoid derivatives
  - **Patents issued for pharmaceutical uses** covering hundreds of indications
  - **Patents pending for CDX-101** composition of matter (2040) and use (2039)

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

- **CDX-101** (astaxanthin Rx candidate)
  - IND filing: Q4 2020 / Q1 2021
- **CHASE Clinical Trial** (astaxanthin supplement study)
  - Final results: 2020

The milestones presented above are our best estimates and subject to adjustment.  
There is no assurance such milestones will be achieved upon the specified timelines or at all.

## IN SUMMARY

- Cardax is focused on development of pharmaceuticals to safely address one of the major underlying causes of many chronic diseases – inflammation
- Innovative product platform based on xanthophyll carotenoids (astaxanthin and zeaxanthin) – powerful anti-inflammatory agents with pleiotropic effects, excellent safety profiles, oral dosing convenience, scalable manufacturing, and economical pricing
- Clinical pathway for lead pharmaceutical candidate (CDX-101) similar to Amarin's pathway for Vascepa
- Strong team, intellectual property, clinical results, pre-clinical data, and efficient development pathways support transformative market opportunities
- Commercial business unit markets leading dietary supplement for inflammatory health



THANK YOU

