## Report by the board of directors on the evaluation of programs for variable remuneration and the application of the annual general meeting's guidelines for remuneration for CEO and senior executives

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The board of directors of Ascelia Pharma AB, Reg. No. 556571-8797 (the "**Company**"), has established a Remuneration Committee, which comprises Bo Jesper Hansen (chairman), Peter Benson and René Spogárd. The Remuneration Committee shall prepare matters regarding remuneration and other terms of employment for the CEO and other senior executives. Since the annual general meeting held on 14 November 2019, the Remuneration Committee has held 1 formal meeting and has had regular contacts as necessary.
- 1.2 The Remuneration Committee has monitored and evaluated the Company's programs for variable remuneration, both ongoing and ended during the year, the application of the guidelines for remuneration to the CEO and other senior executives adopted by the annual general meeting on 14 November 2019, as well as the present remuneration structures and levels in the Company.

## 2. Report

- 2.1 In accordance with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, the board of directors hereby gives the following report on the results of the evaluation performed by the Remuneration Committee. The report covers the period during which the guidelines for remuneration to the CEO and other senior executives adopted by the annual general meeting have been in force.
- 2.2 The Remuneration Committee has found that the remuneration guidelines have enabled the Company to attract, motivate and retain competent employees. Furthermore, the guidelines have contributed to keep the remuneration for the CEO and senior executives competitive and well-balanced. The guidelines have been applied in a correct manner and without any deviations. The Remuneration Committee is of the opinion that the guidelines effectively have fulfilled their objectives and that the current remuneration structures and levels for the CEO and senior executives are reasonable, well-functioning and in accordance with market conditions.
- 2.3 The Company has three outstanding share-related incentive programs in the form of two employee option programs and one performance-based share saving program for employees in the Company. The Remuneration Committee is of the opinion that these programs have contributed to an increased alignment of interests between the participating employees and the shareholders, and also promoted a long-term commitment to the development of the Company. In light thereof, the Remuneration Committee has recommended the board of directors

to propose that the annual general meeting of 2020 resolves to implement a new long-term incentive program based on a performance-based share saving program for employees in the Company.

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