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Topics for today

- ❖ **Commercial update**
- ❖ **US market positioning post FDA clearance**
- ❖ **Outlook and priorities**
- ❖ **Financial update**
- ❖ **Respond to your questions**

Key messages for today



- 1 **Five ASTar instruments** were shipped and installed during Q2 with continued expansion of commercial pipeline
- 2 **Expanded US menu was launched** following FDA clearance in April with very positive customer reception
- 3 **US existing customers upgraded** to the expanded menu, wider pipeline moving forward after the clearance
- 4 **Global expansion underway** with four new markets opened and concrete opportunities in half-dozen more
- 5 **Operating income improved 25 MSEK YTD** versus H1 2025 reflecting impact of cost reduction programs

Q-linea revolutionising AST | Flagship ASTar platform designed to save lives



- Comprehensive menu
- High reproducibility
- High throughput with 12 samples in parallel

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Fully-automated, random access platform

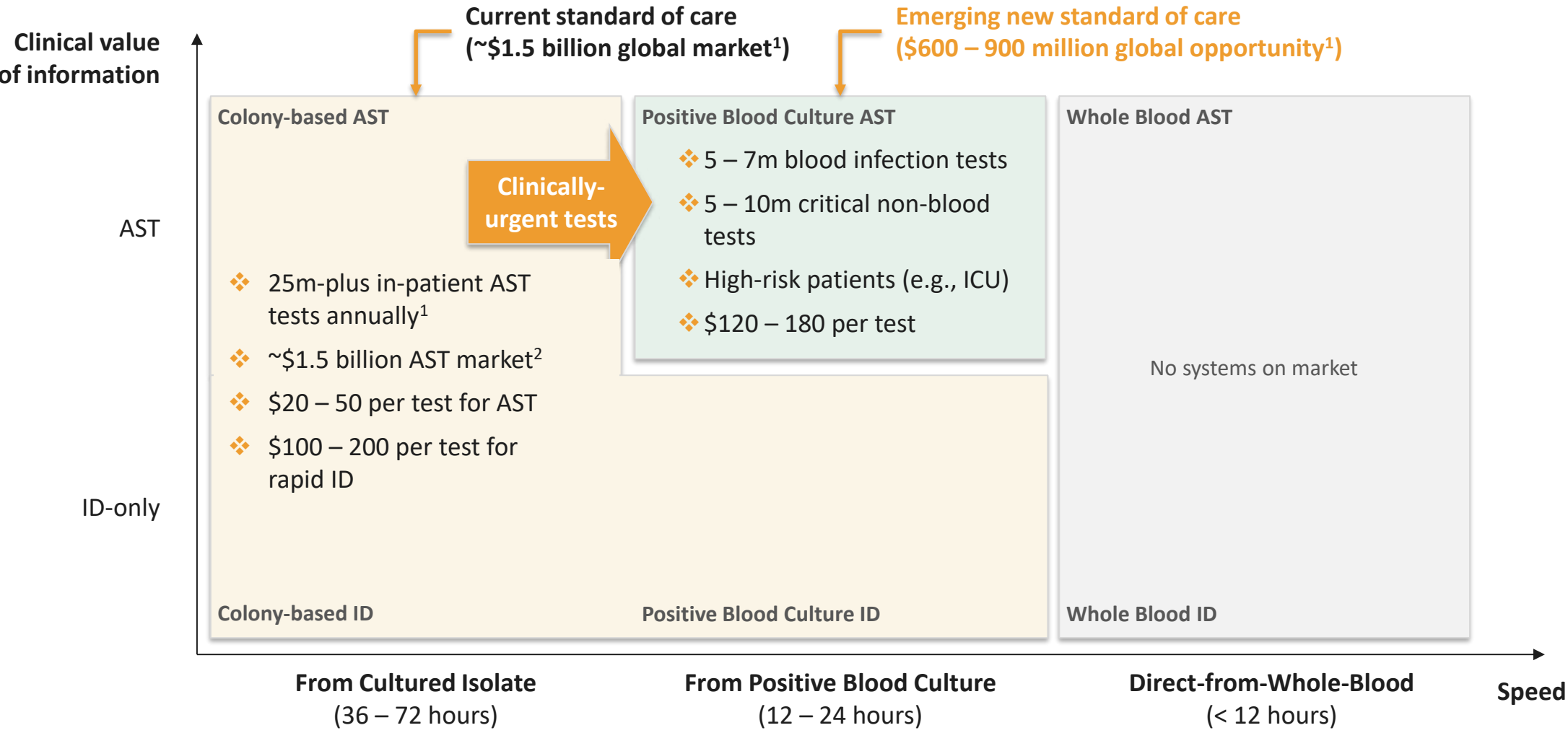
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Minutes hands-on time
simple interface, load-and-go system

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Hours turn-around time
saves lives, money and clinical effort

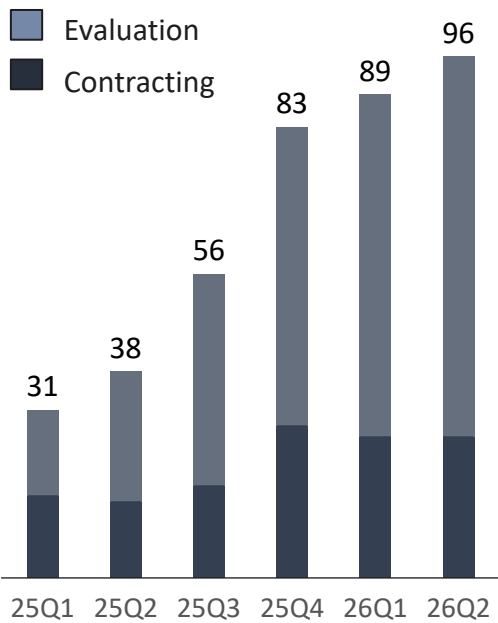
A new standard of care | Critical patient testing moving to rapid AST



1. Global market in prioritized countries; excludes e.g., China, India, Russia and S. America
2. Source: January 2023 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing A Global Strategic Business Report MCP10315, Global Industry Analysts, Inc.
Source: Clinical Values Project Quant

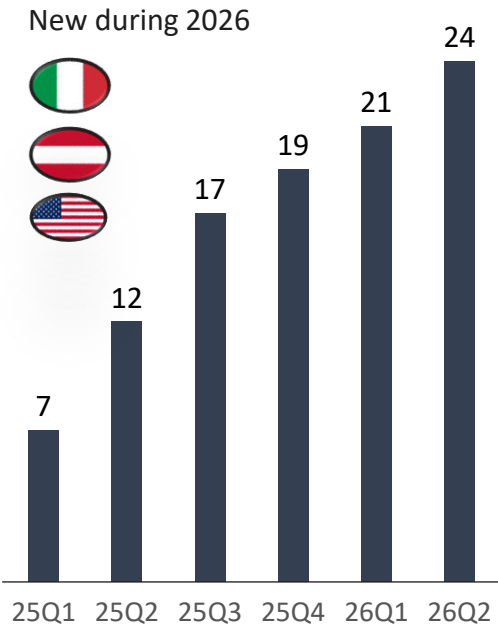
Commercial development | Pipeline expanding at each stage

In Evaluation and/or Contracting process¹



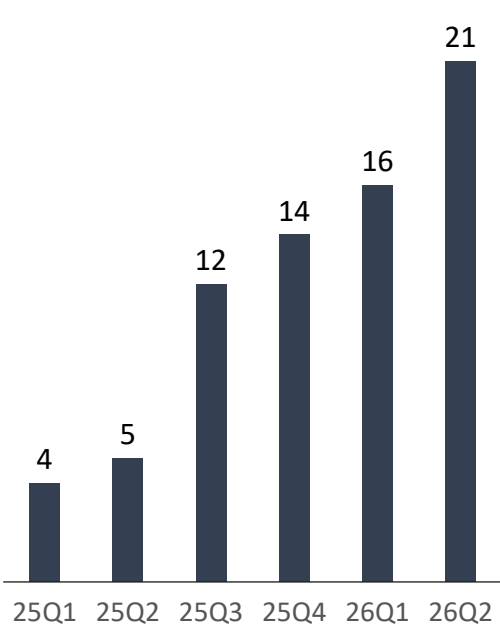
>80 decisions expected during 2026

Contracted ASTars



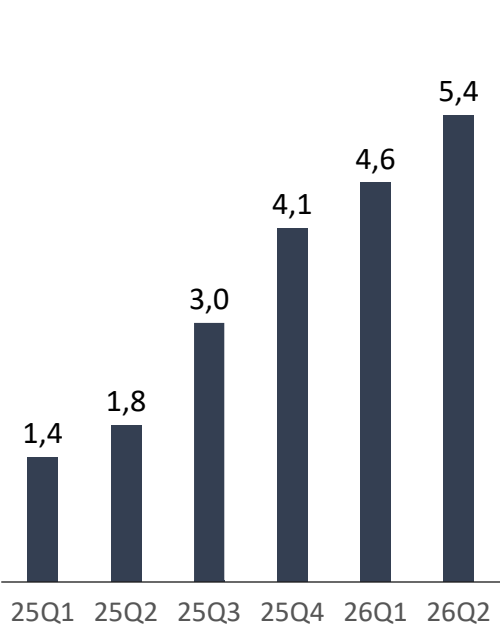
PO received and instrument shipped

ASTars in Clinical Use



Installed and running clinical patient tests

ASTar tests (MSEK)

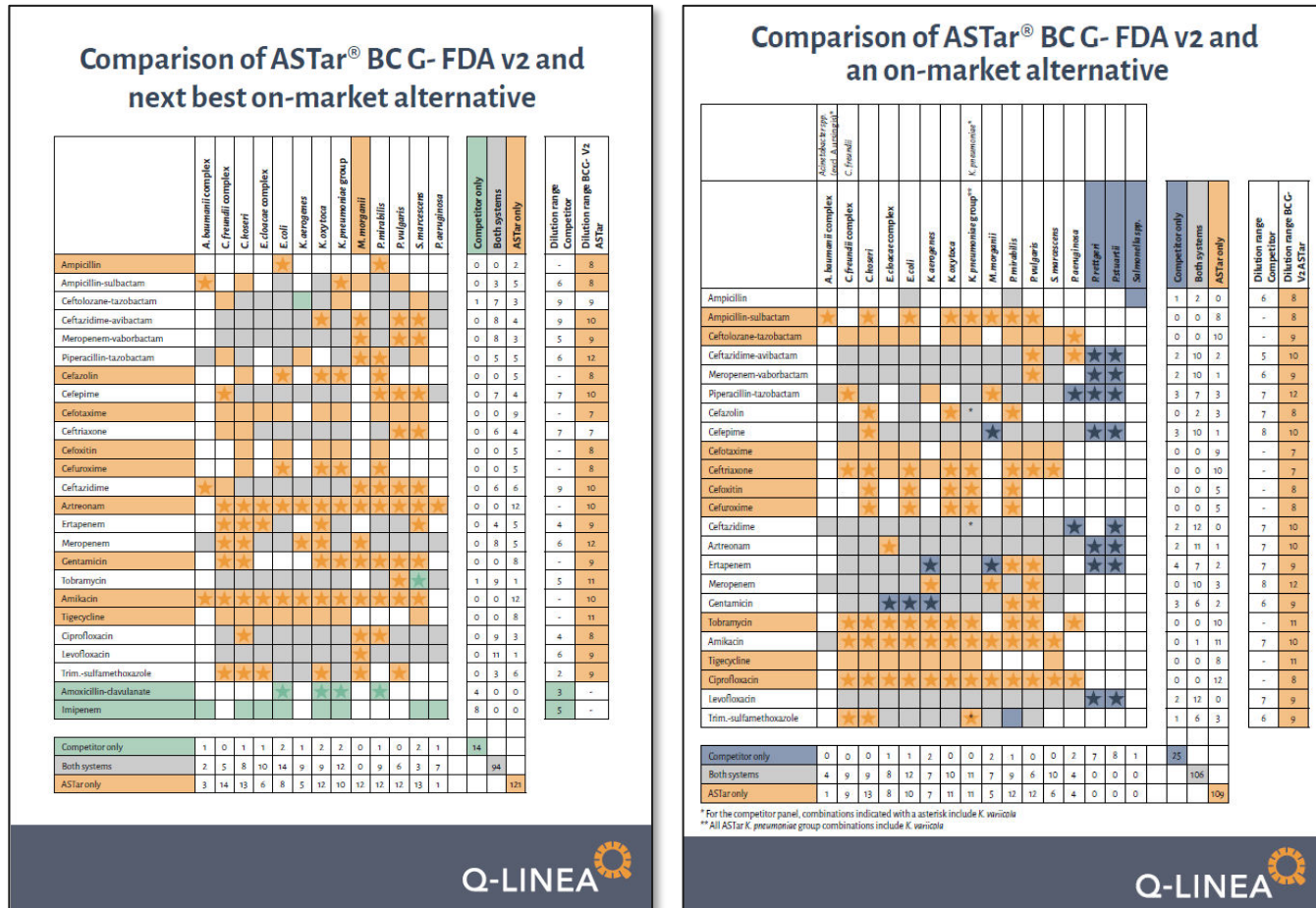


Rolling 12-month consumables revenue

¹) Does not include all opportunities in Distribution markets where pipeline visibility is lower
Latest data as of June 30, 2026

US push | Expanded FDA-cleared panel positions ASTar at the forefront

ASTar BC G- FDA v2 menu versus alternative on-market solutions



- ❖ ASTar now with by far **the most drug-bug combinations**
- ❖ **Strong messaging towards clinicians** who are critical decision-makers
- ❖ Complements clear **ASTar workflow advantages**
- ❖ REVEAL (BioMérieux): competes on price, bundling, 'sepsis workflow solution'
- ❖ Lifescale (Affinity): competes on price, future fungal claims
- ❖ WAVE (Bruker) : not yet FDA cleared



Global expansion | Significant activity building eastwards

- ❖ **Strong interest in rapid AST** across E. Europe, Middle East and Asia
- ❖ **GCC progress** despite geopolitical events with Ministry of Health approvals in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
- ❖ **Multiple markets opened**: four new distributors signed, half-dozen more in active discussion
- ❖ **Several multi-site 'national deployments'**: e.g., Ukraine, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Sri Lanka
- ❖ **Expect shipments to several new geographies** during H2 2026
- ❖ **Will expand commercial team** conservatively to support global demand

GCC | Two Ministries of Health complete positive reviews of ASTar

National Guard Hospital (Saudi Arabia) and Al Amiri Hospital (Kuwait) publish ASTar evaluations



- ❖ Successful evaluation with Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs resulted in NUPCO¹ approval
 - ❖ Triggers purchasing process for MNGHA
 - ❖ Opens path for public hospital procurement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ❖ Two new evaluations started in Riyadh and Jeddah
- ❖ Al Amiri Hospital published report on ASTar performance after some delays due to geopolitical developments
 - ❖ Triggers purchasing process for Al Amiri Hospital
 - ❖ Opens pathway for Ministry of Health procurement across public hospitals in Kuwait
- ❖ Additional evaluations planned for United Arab Emirates following successful processes in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

1) NUPCO : National Unified Procurement Company

Short-term priorities | Pipeline conversion and runway extension

Commercial priorities

- ❖ **Conversion drive** for all customers: Q3 and Q4 ramp-up, “Verify & Adopt” program
- ❖ **Reduce cycle times**: validations vs. evaluations, GPO contracting, LIS preparation, stewardship
- ❖ Support existing customers to **increase testing rate** (% of PBCs)
- ❖ **Expand geographic footprint** capitalising on high interest for ASTar globally

Clinical and Development priorities

- ❖ Launch **dedicated non-blood testing kit** during Q3 2026 for RUO use
- ❖ **Partnerships with Pharma** players for ‘next generation therapeutics’ (i.e., new drugs)
- ❖ Execute next tranche of **cost-down activities to reduce CoGS** (consumables and instrument)

Financial priorities

- ❖ Continued **cost discipline** with OPEX below 11 MSEK per month trending down through 2026
- ❖ Maintain **strong capital recovery** on instrument placements (capital sales, rental fees, etc.)
- ❖ Track **gross margin expansion** anticipated with CoGS reductions and consumables volumes

Financial highlights | Q2 2026

- ❖ Contracted ASTar end of period 24 instruments (12)
- ❖ Net sales 1.5 MSEK (0.5)
 - ❖ No capital sales in the quarter
 - ❖ Of which; sales from consumables 1.3 MSEK (0.5 MSEK), and roughly same level as in Q1 2026
 - ❖ Annualised consumable sales per average contracted instruments past 12 months; 266 kSEK (278)
- ❖ Operating result (EBIT) -31.3 MSEK (-47.4)
 - ❖ Result of cost reduction program
- ❖ Cashflow from operating activities totalled -30.1 MSEK (-36.4)
 - ❖ Includes prepayment of 5.0 MSEK for planned instrument stock replenishment
- ❖ Net cash position end of period 186.8 MSEK

OPEX development | Run rate cost level under 11 MSEK per month

Personnel expenses + Other external costs
(SEK thousand)



- ❖ Reorganisation and office relocation programs completed during Q2 2026
- ❖ OPEX outlook below 11 MSEK per month during H2 2026
- ❖ Further operating efficiencies will offset planned investments into commercial team and activities through 2026
- ❖ No. of employees - end of quarter:
 - Q2 2023 149
 - Q2 2024 99
 - Q2 2025 86
 - Q2 2026 70

Key topics for Q-linea going forward financially

Cost discipline

- ❖ Operating expenses below 11 MSEK per month
- ❖ Target investments in sales and market development funded through operational efficiencies

Strong capital recovery

- ❖ Improve utilization of installed base → increase consumable revenue per instrument
- ❖ Increase share of new contracts in the US market → high(er) pull-through per instrument
- ❖ Increase share of instruments placed with capital purchase (i.e., US and distribution markets)

Gross margin expansion

- ❖ Scale benefits as production volumes increase
- ❖ CoGS initiatives
- ❖ Supplier negotiations and sourcing optimisation

Continue pursuing non-dilutive funding

- ❖ Ongoing discussions with partners for co-funding of expanded product portfolio
- ❖ Discussions ongoing related to trade financing to help offset capital deployed through e.g., reagent rental contracts

**Thank
you!**

Questions?

