Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 02/17/2016

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)

ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

550 S. RESEARCH PLACE
CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
631-851-0550

2d Business code (see instructions)
325410

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2018	SUDHAKAR VIDIYALA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

550 S. RESEARCH PLACE
CENTRAL ISLIP, NY 11722

3b Administrator's EIN: 45-3542806

3c Administrator's telephone number: 631-851-0550

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	146
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	141
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	193
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	12
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	205
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	205
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	69
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

(1)	X	Insurance
(2)		Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	X	Trust
(4)		General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1)	X	**R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2)		**MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3)		**SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1)	X		**H** (Financial Information)
(2)			**I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3)	X	1	**A** (Insurance Information)
(4)	X		**C** (Service Provider Information)
(5)	X		**D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6)			**G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....…… ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-3646501	86375	801169	72	01/01/2017	12/31/2017

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
8985	1568

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
8985			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
ASSOCIATED PENSION CONSULTANTS, INC
111 EXPRESS STREET
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	1568	OTHER ALLOWANCES (645) TPA COMPENSATION (923)	5

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	2309961

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	0
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	0		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	0		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	0		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0		
	▶ N/A				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	0
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			7d	0
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	0		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	0		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0		
	▶ N/A				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	0
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	0
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2017** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK
PO BOX 600
BUFFALO, NY 14201

13-3646501

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	122

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	32941

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	1141839

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	10750

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	2915

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RUSSELL EQUITY GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RUSSELL GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-3646501-000	P	235696

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RUSSELL BALANCED			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	486719
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RUSSELL MODERATE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	117613
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: RUSSELL CONSERVATIVE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	124824
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US TARGETED VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	3586
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP STOCK FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4505
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NATURAL RESOURCES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1363
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4238
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	18530

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP STOCK FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	3632
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4460
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4536
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	72458
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	11773
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALL CAP CORE FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL INVESTORS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	12008
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON WORLD			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT COMPANY OF AMERICA			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK			
c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 909

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7020

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN BALANCED FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3144

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT QUAL BOND FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK NEW YORK

c EIN-PN 13-3646501-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4380

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

2017

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	5694
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	10427
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	48719	47227
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1152348	2309961
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	1201067	2373309
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**	0	0
h	Operating payables	**1h**	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**	0	0
j	Other liabilities	**1j**	128	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**	128	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	1200939	2373309

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	**2a(1)(A)**	193672	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	278984	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	498518	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		971174
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	**2b(1)(A)**	0	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	**2b(1)(B)**	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	**2b(1)(C)**	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	**2b(1)(D)**	0	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	2200	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		2200
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	**2b(2)(A)**	0	
	(B) Common stock	**2b(2)(B)**	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	**2b(2)(C)**	0	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		0
	(3) Rents	**2b(3)**		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	**2b(4)(A)**	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	**2b(4)(B)**	0	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	**2b(4)(C)**		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	**2b(5)(A)**	0	
	(B) Other	**2b(5)(B)**	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	**2b(5)(C)**		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		205034
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		0
c Other income	2c		2844
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1181252
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8586	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		8586
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	126	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	170	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		296
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8882
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1172370
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: PASCALE, RAZZINO, ALEXANDERSON & CO **(2)** EIN: 11-3516387

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a	X		12214
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e		X	
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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2017

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-3542806

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 13-3646501

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2017 (AUDITED) AND 2016 (UNAUDITED)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustee
Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 401(K) Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

We have compiled the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of the Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 401(K) Plan as of December 31, 2016.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by John Hancock Life Insurance Company of New York, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

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Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) for the year ended December 31, 2017, is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Financial Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Pascale, Razzino, Alexanderson & Co., PLLC

North Bellmore, NY
October 9, 2018

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2017 (AUDITED) AND 2016 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS	2017	2016
Investments at fair value	$ 2,309,961	$ 1,152,348
Receivables:		
Participants' contributions	10,427	0
Employer contributions	5,694	0
Notes receivable from participants	47,227	48,719
	63,348	48,719
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,373,309	$ 1,201,067
LIABILITIES		
Other liabilities	0	128
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	128
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 2,373,309	$ 1,200,939

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

Additions:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (See Note 3)	$ 207,878
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	2,200
Contributions:	
Participants	278,984
Employer	193,672
Rollovers	498,518
	971,174
TOTAL ADDITIONS	$ 1,181,252
Deductions:	
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	8,586
Administrative expenses	296
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	8,882
NET INCREASE	1,172,370
Net Assets Available for Benefits:	
Beginning of year	$ 1,200,939
END OF YEAR	$ 2,373,309

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2017 (AUDITED) AND 2016 (UNAUDITED)

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is referred to in the notes as the Company or the Sponsor.

On July 1, 2012, the Company entered into a joinder agreement with InvaGen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Invagen) which permitted them to adopt the Invagen Plan becoming the adopting employer and agree to be bound by the terms of the Plan. The Company and InvaGen were under the same ownership at that time. On February 17, 2016, the Company adopted the Plan as InvaGen was sold and acquired by CIPLA, a global pharmaceutical company.

a. General - The Plan (which is a 401(k) profit sharing plan) is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time eligible employees of the Company who have one year of service and are age 21 or older. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The trustee oversees governance of the Plan.

b. Contributions - Each year, participants may contribute up to the maximum percentage allowable under the federal statutory limit of Code Section 401(k), as defined in the Plan. The limit for 2017 and 2016 is $18,000. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 the catch-up contribution amounted to $6,000.

The Company contributes an amount equal to the sum of 100 percent of the amount of the participant's elective deferral that does not exceed 5 percent of the participant's compensation. All employer contributions are invested in the same proportion to that of the participants. The Company may also make a profit sharing contribution to eligible employees on a pro rata basis in the ratio that each participant's compensation bears to the compensation of all eligible participants at the end of the year. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined-benefit or defined-contribution plans.

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

c. Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings or losses. Reasonable expenses to administer and maintain the plan are paid by the Company.

d. Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after six years of credited service earned at 20 percent after the first two years and each year thereafter. A participant would become 100 percent vested upon death or disability.

e. Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested interest in the Plan. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at any time. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the respective investment funds from (to) the Notes Receivable from Participants' Fund. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Unless otherwise determined by the Trustee, the interest rate will be the prime rate published by the Wall Street Journal as of the date of the loan plus 1.5 percent. The rate of interest will be constant throughout the term of the loan. All loans are required to be repaid within 5 years of the date of the loan, unless for the purchase of a principal residence which allows for extended loan amortization. During 2017 and 2016 interest rates ranged from 4.75 to 5.75 percent. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

f. Payment of Benefits - On termination of service due to disability or retirement, a participant may only elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Distributions on account of death of the participant allows for extended payments for all beneficiaries. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may only receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution within one year.

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

g. Forfeited Accounts - Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested amounts may be used to pay for administrative expenses of the plan and reduce future employer contributions. There were no forfeited non-vested accounts during 2017 and 2016.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 9, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would normally receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the plan administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan Document.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The trustee determines the Plan's valuation policies. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as excess contributions payable. There were no excess contributions payable as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Expenses

Reasonable expenses for the administration, investments, and processing transactions relating to the on-going maintenance and operation of the plan (including expenses or fees charged on a one-time or on-going basis for legal, accounting, or recordkeeping services) may be charged against the assets of the plan and trust, paid by the Employer, or allocated among terminated and active participants (or beneficiaries) in the plan. In some instances, these expenses are deducted directly from the investment returns of the investment funds offered under the plan as an investment related fee.

Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would only be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no plan assets requiring the use of Level 2 or 3 inputs for the periods presented.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares as reported by the fund. The mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The funds must publish their daily net asset value and transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are considered to be actively traded. The fair values of common stocks are based on the closing price reported on the active market where the individual securities are traded.

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Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of corporate bonds and U.S. government securities are valued using a market approach on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

			Fair Value Measurements at the End of the Report Period Using:
December 31, 2017		Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)
Total Mutual Funds and Bonds		$2,309,961	$2,309,961
Total Assets at Fair Value		$2,309,961	$2,309,961

Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

			Fair Value Measurements at the End of the Report Period Using:
December 31, 2016		Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)
Total Mutual Funds and Bonds		$1,152,348	$1,152,348
Total Assets at Fair Value		$1,152,348	$1,152,348

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, are reported in net appreciation in fair value of investments. During 2017, the Plan's investments in underlying mutual funds (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value by $207,878.

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers between Level 1 and 2 and into and out of Level 3 as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. For the year ended December 31, 2017, there were no transfers between Level 1 and 2 or into or out of Level 3.

Note 4 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 5 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated February 17, 2016, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6 – Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASCENT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2017

EIN: 45-3542806
Plan No: 001

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost (1)	Current Value
John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Balanced		$ 1,141,839
John Hancock New York	Russell Balanced		486,719
John Hancock New York	Russell Growth		235,696
John Hancock New York	Russell Conservative		124,824
John Hancock New York	Russell Moderate		117,613
John Hancock New York	500 Index Fund		72,458
John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Growth		32,941
John Hancock New York	Science and Technology Fund		18,530
John Hancock New York	T. Rowe Price Health Science		12,008
John Hancock New York	Blue Chip Growth Fund		11,773
John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Moderate		10,750
John Hancock New York	Washington Mutual Investors		7,020
John Hancock New York	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index		4,536
John Hancock New York	Mid Cap Stock Fund		4,505
John Hancock New York	Small Cap Value Fund		4,460
John Hancock New York	Investment Quality Bond Fund		4,380
John Hancock New York	Real Estate Securities Fund		4,238
John Hancock New York	Small Cap Stock Fund		3,632
John Hancock New York	Financial Industries Fund		3,586
John Hancock New York	American Balanced Fund		3,144
John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Conservative		2,915
John Hancock New York	Natural Resources Fund		1,363
John Hancock New York	Total Stock Market Index Fund		909
John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Aggressive		122
Notes receivable from participants	Interest Rate 4.75 - 5.75% Maturity Dates 2019-2034		47,227
			$ 2,357,188

(1) Cost information has been omitted for participant directed assets.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Name of Plan:

► Ascent Pharmaceuticals Inc. 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification Number:► 45-3542806

For plan year (beginning/ending):► 01/01/2017 / 12/31/2017 Plan number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS		122
	John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Growth LS		32941
	John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Balanced LS		1141839
	John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Moderate LS		10750
	John Hancock New York	JH Multimanager Conserv LS		2915
	John Hancock New York	Russell Growth		235696
	John Hancock New York	Russell Balanced		486719
	John Hancock New York	Russell Moderate		117613
	John Hancock New York	Russell Conservative		124824
	John Hancock New York	Financial Industries Fund		3586
	John Hancock New York	Mid Cap Stock Fund		4505
	John Hancock New York	Natural Resources Fund		1363
	John Hancock New York	Real Est. Securities Fund		4238
	John Hancock New York	Science & Technology Fund		18530
	John Hancock New York	Small Cap Stock Fund		3632
	John Hancock New York	Small Cap Value Fund		4460
	John Hancock New York	Vanguard Small Cap Grow Index		4536
	John Hancock New York	500 Index Fund		72458
	John Hancock New York	Blue Chip Growth Fund		11773
	John Hancock New York	T. Rowe Price Health Sci		12008
	John Hancock New York	Total Stock Market Index Fund		909
	John Hancock New York	Washington Mutual Investors		7020
	John Hancock New York	American Balanced Fund		3144
	John Hancock New York	Investment Qual Bond Fund		4380
	Participant Loans	4.75% - 5.75%		47227