

# Innovative Therapies for Disorders of the Brain and Nervous System

Discovering and Developing Novel Small-Molecule NMDAr Modulators

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# **Clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing transformative NMDA receptor-modulating therapies**



VALIDATED TECHNOLOGY with differentiated science & mechanism



TARGETING RELEVANT DISEASE AREAS with significant unmet need & commercial opportunity



POSITIVE HUMAN DATA

in Phase 1 & Phase 2 clinical studies



CLINICAL MILESTONES IN NEXT 12-18 MONTHS

across multiple compounds & indications



ROBUST IP through internal innovation & proprietary platform



PRODUCTIVE COLLABORATION with Allergan



WELL-FUNDED & BACKED by highly regarded healthcare investors



PROVEN TEAM WITH EXPERTISE & SUCCESS across pharma value chain





#### **Chronic Pain**

- Affects up to 100mm people in the U.S.
- Current therapies have limited efficacy and substantial side effects
- Market leading therapies have significant drawbacks, yet have garnered >\$5bn in annual revenues each
- Significant abuse liability



#### PTSD

- **~8.5mm** people suffering from PTSD in the U.S.
- Caused by numerous trauma types and underdiagnosed
- Elevated suicide risk
- Often with simultaneous addiction or drug abuse
- Only 2 approved therapies, both approved 10+ years ago



#### Parkinson's Cognitive Impairment

- Affects up to 500k people in the U.S.
- 50% of those with
   Parkinson's have some cognitive impairment
- Significant disease burden on patients and caregivers
- Only 1 approved therapy with limited efficacy in PD

Aptinyx is developing innovative therapies in large therapeutic areas with significant unmet need



# Multiple clinical-stage development programs across various CNS indications

		Indication	Phase 1 Phase 2	Phase 3 Est. U.S. Prevalence	Next Milestone
	NYX-2925	Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy		~5.5mm	Phase 2b in advanced DPN patients
		Fibromyalgia		~5mm	Phase 2b in fibromyalgia patients
	NYX-783	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder		~8.5mm	Phase 2 data expected 1H 2020
	NYX-458	Parkinson's Disease Cognitive Impairment		~500k	Phase 2 in PD cognitive impairment

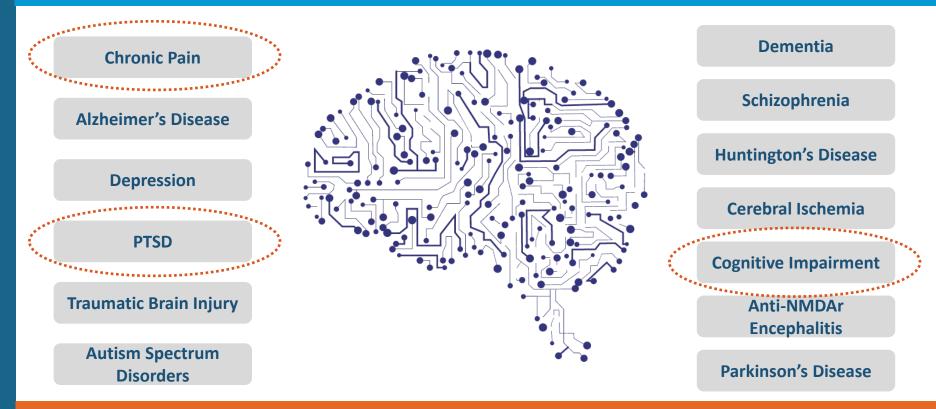
Additional Program from Our Discovery Platform					
	Indication	Partner	Details		
AGN- 241751	Major Depressive Disorder	🍋 Allergan	Acquired by Allergan via exercise of option under ongoing research collaboration. No further economic consideration to Aptinyx associated with future development.		

# Three product candidates in clinical development by Aptinyx for various CNS disorders – with INDs in all three CNS divisions of FDA



# NMDA receptor has been a target of interest to drug developers for decades

NMDA receptors are vital to normal brain physiology and abnormal NMDAr function underpins numerous CNS diseases



But, NMDAr-targeted drugs discovered to date (largely inhibitors, e.g., PCP, ketamine) have significant limitations



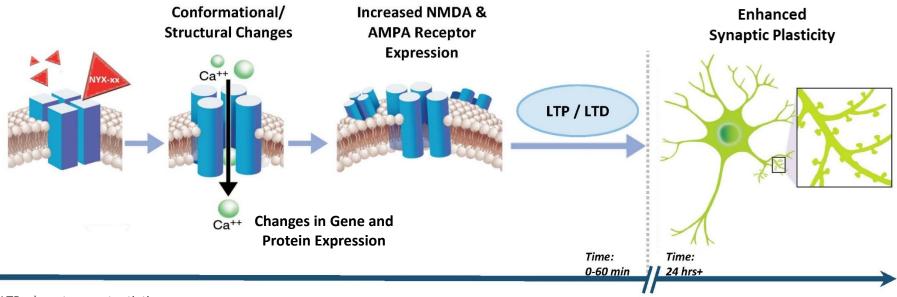
# Modulation: a differentiated approach to targeting the NMDA receptor





# Modulation of NMDAr enhances synaptic plasticity, the foundation of neural cell communication

## NMDAr modulation triggers neurobiological cascade



LTP = long-term potentiation LTD = long-term depression

Rapid acting

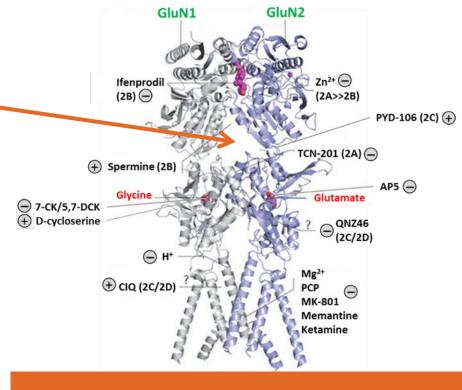
## Long lasting



# Prolific output from Aptinyx small-molecule NMDAr modulator discovery platform

# Molecules from the Aptinyx chemistry platform...

- stem from dozens of novel chemical scaffolds
- bind at a novel, distinct, newly characterized binding domain
- demonstrate high oral bioavailability and stability
- are protected through 2034 and beyond by Aptinyx composition of matter patents and patent applications
- have diverse potency, activity, subtype selectivity, and pharmacology/biology profiles



**NMDA Receptor** 

# Over 1,000 unique, small-molecule NMDAr modulators designed and synthesized



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# Chronic pain represents a major healthcare and societal challenge

## **Current therapies have limited efficacy and significant drawbacks**

Large market: 100 million people with chronic pain in the U.S.



Substantially underserved: 40-60% do not achieve even partial pain relief with current NP therapies

**Cymbalta** and **Lyrica** each have achieved **\$5B+** in peak annual sales despite major limitations:

- Significant side effects
- Variable and marginal efficacy
- Compliance challenges due to burdensome dosing regimens

# Significant abuse liability





# NYX-2925 in Phase 2 clinical development for treatment of chronic pain

# Synaptic plasticity mechanism targeting centralized chronic pain

Objective imaging demonstrates CNS activity on central pain processing

Clinical evidence of effects on patientreported symptoms of chronic pain



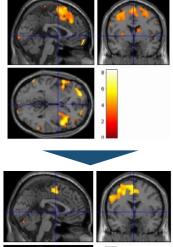


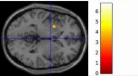
- Physiological
- Protective
- Externally caused
- Tissue damage
- Normal response
- Resolves with tissue healing

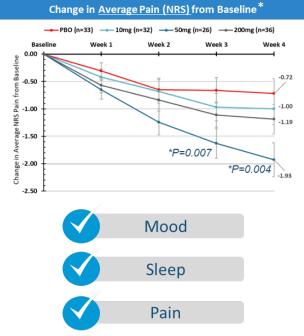




- Pathological
- Non-protective
- Internally caused/less-clear insult
- CNS changes
- Abnormal response
- Broad range of enduring symptoms







NYX-2925 acts centrally to enhance synaptic plasticity...

**Centralization** 

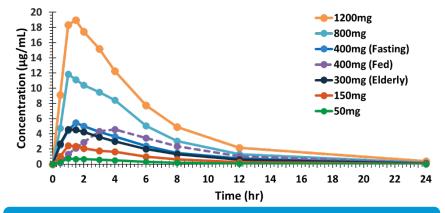
...has confirmed activity on pain processing biomarkers...

...and addresses numerous symptoms of chronic pain disorders

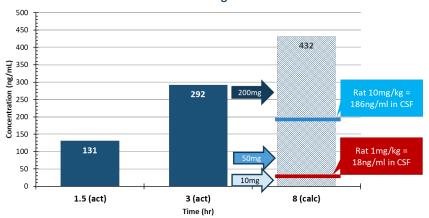


# Favorable tolerability and dose-proportional PK of NYX-2925 observed in 84-subject Phase 1 study

# Single Ascending Dose Plasma PK

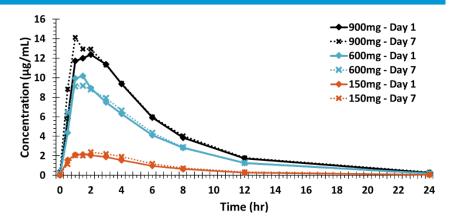


## **CSF Exposure**



#### NYX-2925 300mg

#### Multiple Ascending Dose Plasma PK



## With single and repeat dosing...

- o drug is cleared within 24 hours
- o no significant accumulation after 7 daily doses
- AUC and Cmax are directly proportional to unit dose
- no impact on AUC in fed vs. fasted state
- brain exposure is ample and predictable
- o no drug-related SAEs, even at very high doses
  - no dissociative side effects
  - no clinically significant changes in safety ECGs
  - no clinically significant changes in laboratory values



# NYX-2925 has rapid, persistent, NMDArmediated pharmacodynamic effects in humans

## Two exploratory studies in healthy volunteers:

- Using EEG readings to measure NMDAr-mediated brain activity in response to auditory/sensory stimuli
- Using polysomnography to measure sleep parameters following sleep disruption

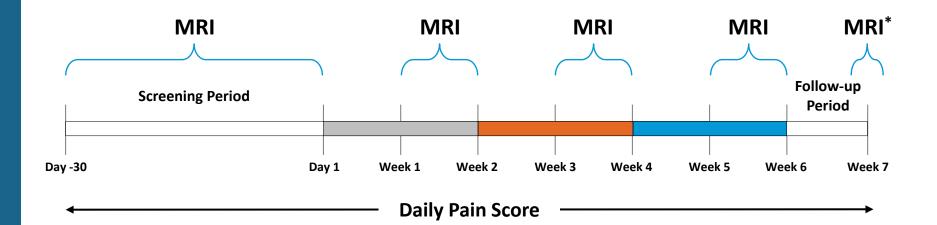
## Studies demonstrated that, relative to placebo, a single dose of NYX-2925:

- Enhanced synaptic plasticity within 2 hours and enhanced stimulus processing for at least 7 days
- Enhanced overall sleep duration and non-REM sleep duration, without adversely affecting REM sleep

Human studies reinforced preclinical observations, demonstrating NYX-2925 target engagement and activity at doses consistent with those under evaluation in Phase 2

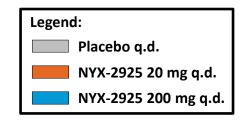


# Phase 2 neuroimaging biomarker study of NYX-2925 in fibromyalgia patients



## Functional MRI conducted:

- During screening period
- During 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each phase of treatment
- Optionally at follow-up visit



Neuroimaging biomarker changes directly and objectively measure drug activity



# NYX-2925 significantly reduced connectivity and Glx levels in key pain-processing brain regions

## **Top-line fMRI Findings**

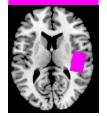
 NYX-2925 at 20mg and 200mg clearly reduced level of connectivity in the dorsal anterior cingulate cortex (dACC) and the posterior insular cortex (pINS)

#### Significantly reduced connectivity to:



- Right superior temporal gyrus (P<sub>FWE</sub> < 0.05)</p>
- Left premotor/ Primary somatosensory cortex (P<sub>FWE</sub> < 0.05)</li>
- **•** Right precuneus part of the DMN ( $P_{FWE} < 0.05$ )
- Left precentral gyrus/premotor cortex (P<sub>FWE</sub> < 0.05)</p>
- Right insula and left insula (Uncorr. p < 0.001)</p>

#### pINS:

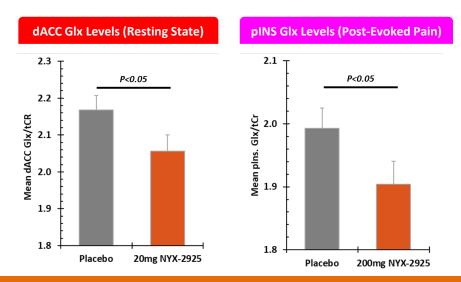


#### Significantly reduced connectivity to:

- Left dorsal acc (svc P<sub>FWE</sub> < 0.05)</p>
- Right dorsal acc (svc P<sub>FWE</sub> < 0.05)</p>

## **Top-line Glx/<sup>1</sup>H-MRS\* Findings**

- Increased Glx levels are associated with higher pain perception
- NYX-2925 reduced Glx levels, leading to pain alleviation



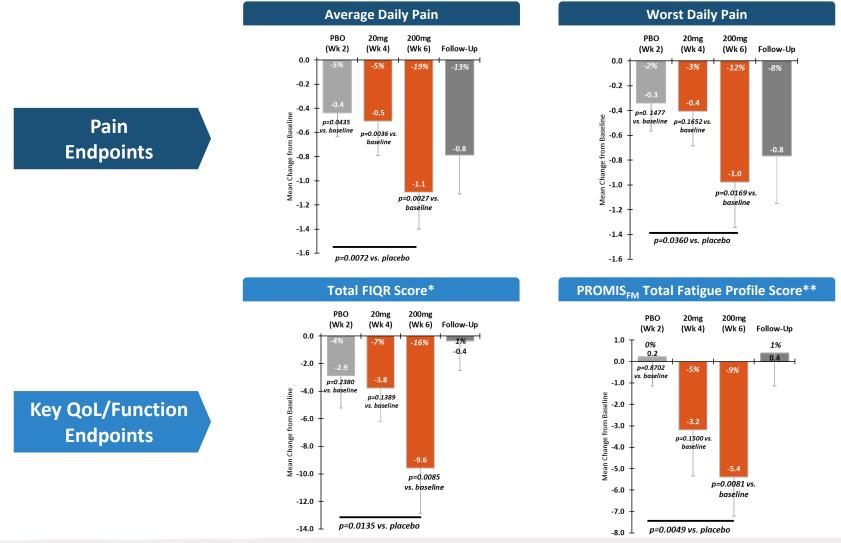
# Effects on objective biomarkers demonstrated clear activity on central pain processing in patients with chronic pain and were strongly correlated with effects on patient-reported measures

\*1H-MRS = Proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy

Notes: p-values calculated using paired-t test based on individual changes from placebo (week 2) to 20mg (week 4) or 200mg (week 6) Error bars reflect standard error of mean Glx/tCR = qlutamate + qlutamine normalized over total creatine



# NYX-2925 had significant effects on patient-reported outcomes across broad spectrum of fibromyalgia symptoms

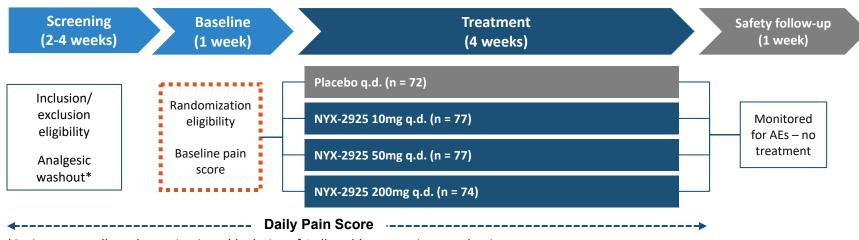


\*Total FIQR reflects composite of Function, Overall Impact, and Symptom domain Scores

\*\*Total Fatigue Profile Score reflects composite of Experience, Social Impact, Motivational Impact, and Cognitive Impact domain Scores

Notes: p-values calculated using paired-t test based on individual changes from baseline to each week or from placebo (week 2) to 200 mg (week 6) Error bars reflect standard error of mean

# Phase 2 study of NYX-2925 in patients with painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN)



\*Patients were allowed to maintain stable dosing of 1 allowable concomitant analgesic

## Key objectives of the study:

- Evaluate safety and tolerability of NYX-2925 in a DPN patient population
- Assess the most active dose level across a 20-fold dose range
- Assess activity of NYX-2925 across multiple endpoints relevant to chronic pain
- Identify key patient characteristics to inform inclusion/exclusion criteria for future studies

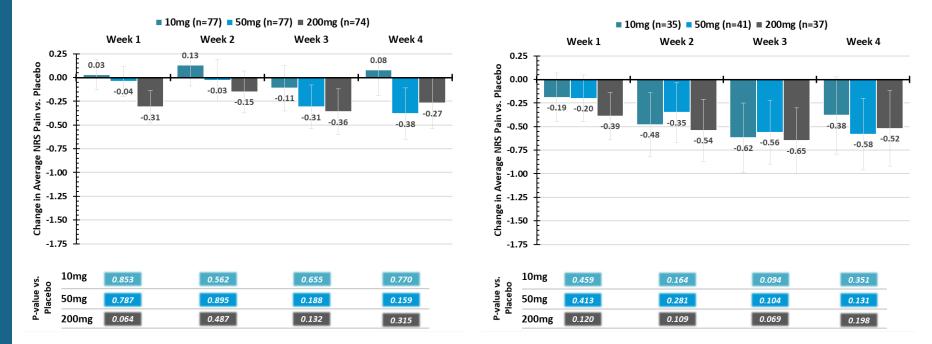


# NYX-2925 showed numeric, but not statistically significant, separation from placebo on primary endpoint

## Change in average daily pain vs. placebo (primary efficacy endpoint)

#### Total efficacy population (N=300)

#### Patients not using a concomitant analgesic med. (N=148)

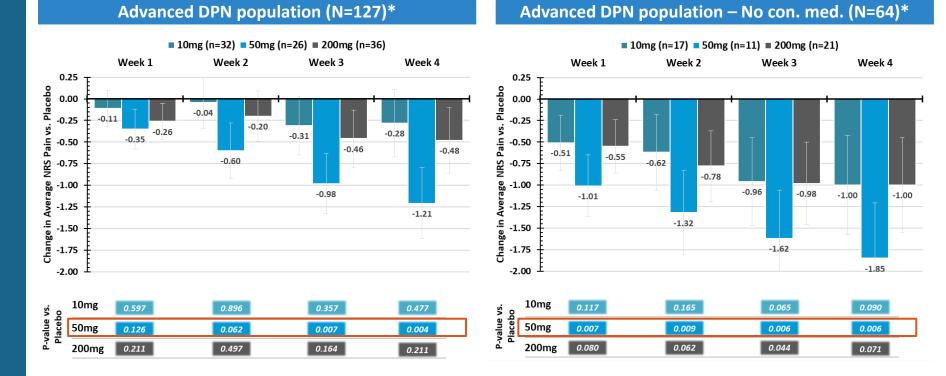


Did not achieve statistically significant separation on primary endpoint in total study population; patients not using a concomitant analgesic showed much greater separation from placebo



# NYX-2925 showed significant effects in patients with advanced DPN, a large and mechanistically relevant patient sub-population

## Change in average daily pain vs. placebo (primary efficacy endpoint)



# NYX-2925 exhibited robust and consistent effects across primary and secondary endpoints in patients with advanced DPN

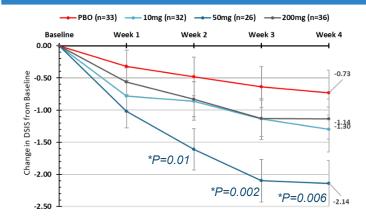


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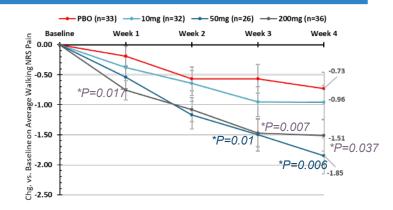
# NYX-2925 showed consistent significant improvements, without plateau, across endpoints in advanced DPN population

#### Advanced DPN population (N=127)+

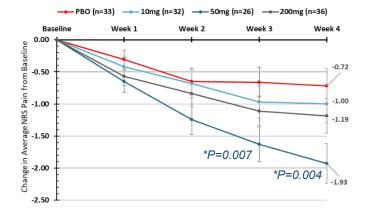
#### Change in **Daily Sleep Interference Scale** Score from Baseline



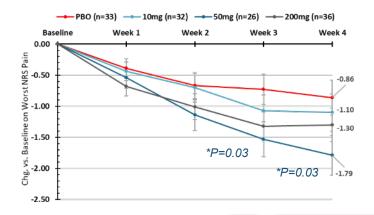
Change in Pain on Walking (NRS) Score from Baseline



#### Change in <u>Average Pain (NRS)</u> from Baseline



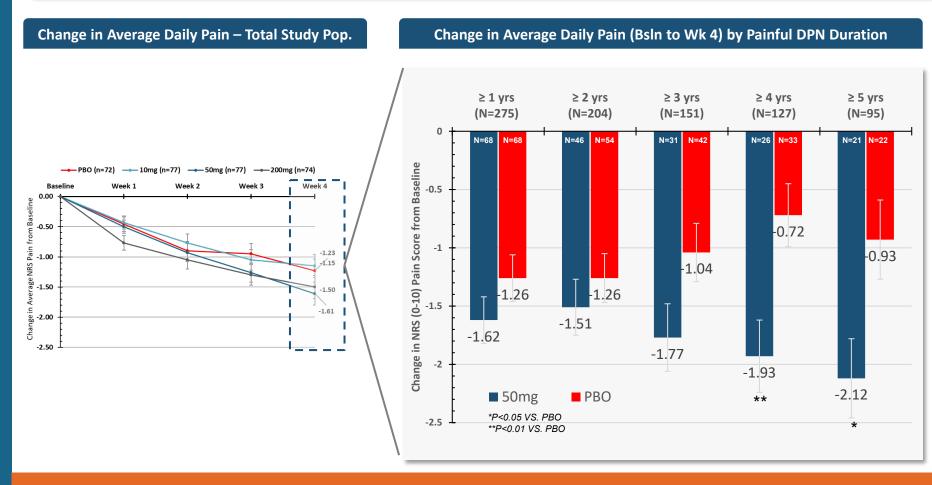
#### Change in <u>Worst Pain (NRS)</u> from Baseline



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# Large and highly relevant sub-population identified based on mechanistic understanding and time-course of "chronification"



In increasingly chronic patients, pain shifts from primarily peripheral sensory processing to more pronounced central manifestation – and NYX-2925 had increasingly greater effects



# Key study findings provide foundation for further development of NYX-2925 for painful DPN

- NYX-2925 was safe and well tolerated in the study no SAEs and an overall AE profile comparable to placebo
- Patients with advanced DPN showed the greatest treatment benefit
  - Mechanism of NYX-2925 addresses the increasing central manifestation of pain perception and processing associated with the prolonged chronic pain these patients experience
  - Patients with advanced DPN represented nearly half of the entire study population (N = 127)
- 50 mg identified as the most active dose level among the three doses tested
  - Evidence of inverted-U-shaped dose response, consistent with previous preclinical and clinical data with this mechanism
- In patients with advanced DPN, effect of 50 mg dose was robust and clinically meaningful
  - Week 4 change vs. baseline in average daily pain (on 10-point NRS) = 1.93 points (p<0.0001)</li>
  - Week 4 change vs. placebo in average daily pain (on 10-point NRS) = 1.21 points (p=0.004)
- Robust improvements were consistent across primary and secondary endpoints
- Use of concomitant analgesic appears to confound treatment benefit of NYX-2925
  - Effects were even more pronounced in patients not on a concomitant analgesic medication
  - ~50% of patients were not on a con. med.  $\rightarrow$  a study not allowing con. med use can likely be recruited

Based on study results, Aptinyx plans to initiate a Phase 2b study in advanced DPN patients in 2019



# PTSD affects millions, is likely underdiagnosed, and is commonly associated with self-medication and substance abuse

## Large market ~8.5 million people suffering from PTSD in the U.S.

with an estimated lifetime prevalence of 4.7%

# Limited effective therapy options Only 2 currently approved therapies

both SSRI antidepressants with limited utility that were approved 10+ years ago

# PTSD

## **Numerous causes of PTSD**

Car accidents Criminal assault War combat Natural disaster Sexual trauma Detrimental comorbidities compound the medical and societal costs

## Elevated suicide rates among PTSD suffers ~20 veterans or servicemembers die from suicide daily

**50-66 % also battle simultaneous addiction** to alcohol and other drugs



# NYX-783 in Phase 2 clinical development for the treatment of PTSD

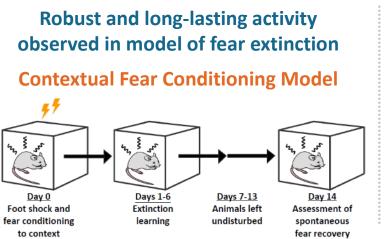
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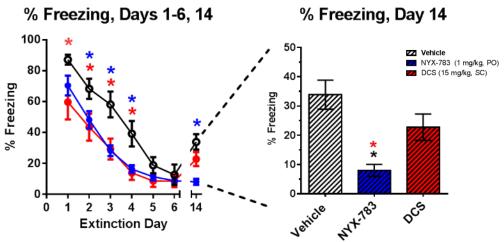
- Learning and memory dysfunction is at the root of PTSD symptomatology
- D-cycloserine (DCS), an NMDAr modulator, has demonstrated effect in PTSD

#### Significant Unmet Need

- Currently, only 2 FDA-approved therapies for PTSD: both SSRI antidepressants with limited efficacy
- Current therapies only target symptoms of PTSD
- Side effects limit utilization of some effective therapies

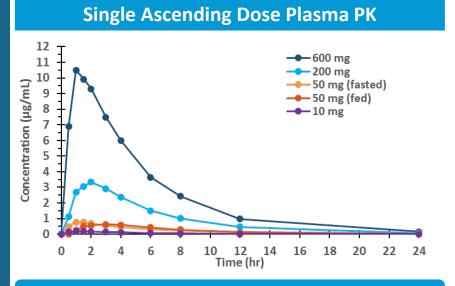
#### **Strong Preclinical Evidence**





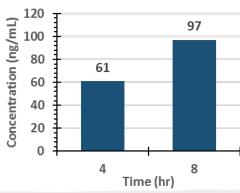
Preclinical evidence and clinical safety profile indicate the potential for NYX-783 to address significant unmet needs in the treatment of PTSD

# Favorable safety and tolerability and dose-proportional PK of NYX-783 observed in 62-subject Phase 1 study

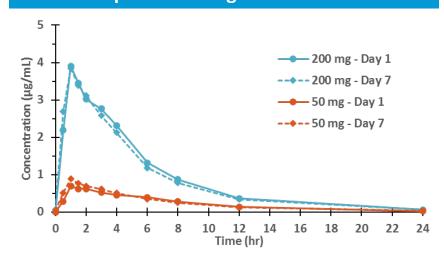


## **CSF** Concentration





**Multiple Ascending Dose Plasma PK** 

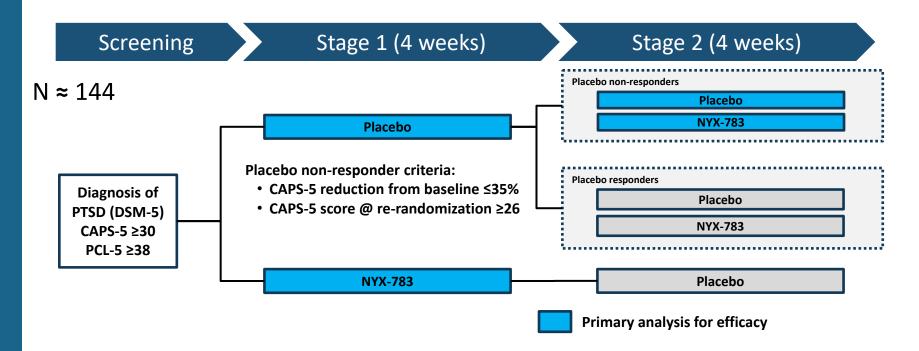


# NYX-783 exhibits favorable tolerability and PK properties:

- Predictable and dose-proportional PK
- Cleared from plasma in 24 hrs.
- No accumulation with repeat dosing
- No apparent impact on AUC in "fed" state
- Ample, predictable brain exposure
- No SAEs at any dose tested



# First-in-patient Phase 2 study of NYX-783 in patients with post-traumatic stress disorder



- Evaluating effects of NYX-783 on PTSD symptoms using multiple endpoints
- Outcome of study to inform most appropriate enrollment criteria and endpoints for future studies

## Data from this first-in-patient Phase 2 study expected 1H 2020

CAPS-5 (Clinician Administered PTSD Scale – DSM 5<sup>th</sup> Edition) PCL-5 (PTSD Checklist – DSM 5<sup>th</sup> Edition)



# Vast unmet need in Parkinson's disease cognitive impairment despite significant disease burden

# ~1 million

people suffering from Parkinson's disease in the U.S.



~250k with MCI ~250k with dementia



# 50%+

of those with Parkinson's Disease have some form of cognitive impairment therapy approved to date, Exelon<sup>®</sup>, which is minimally efficacious in PD patients



# NYX-458 in clinical development for the treatment of cognitive impairment associated with Parkinson's disease

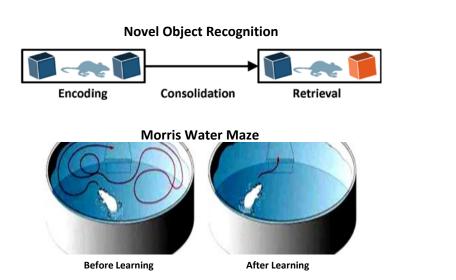
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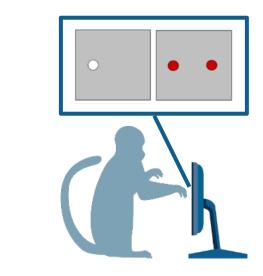
- Synaptic plasticity and LTP both enhanced by NYX-458 – play key roles in learning and memory
- NMDAr dysregulation and dysfunction caused by neuronal loss (dopamine neurons in Parkinson's)

## **Substantial Opportunity**

- Significant unmet need
- Concentrated patient and prescriber base
- Attractive potential follow-on indications in a number of cognitive disorders

#### **Strong Preclinical Evidence**



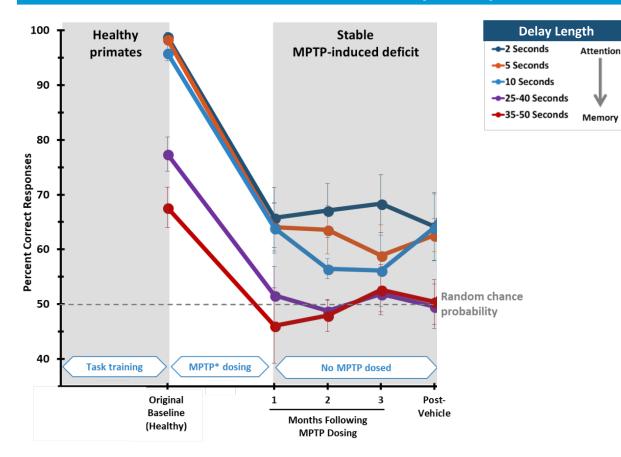


Robust effects on cognition in preclinical models support development in Parkinson's disease cognitive impairment



# NYX-458 demonstrated long-lasting activity in non-human primate model of Parkinson's cognitive impairment

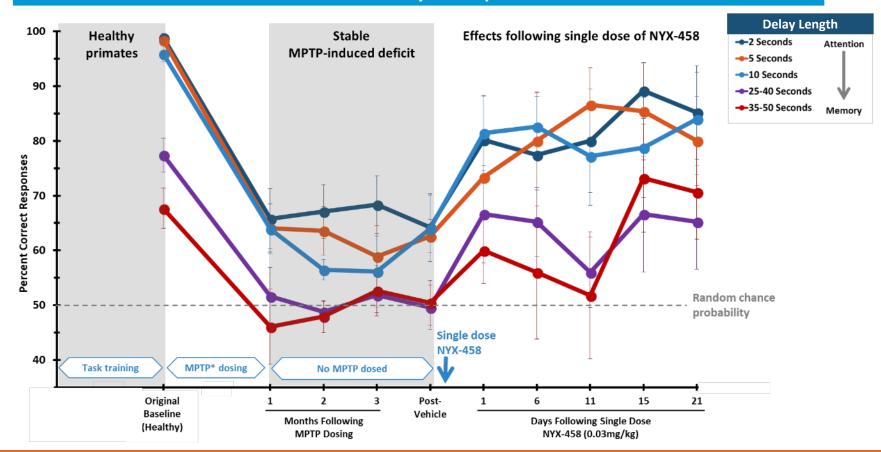
#### Variable Delayed Response





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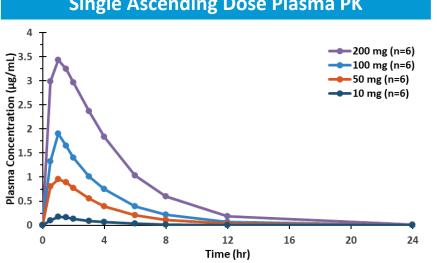


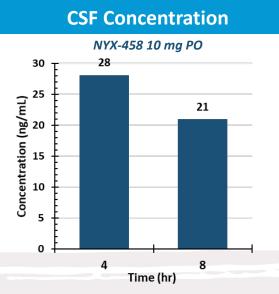
# Results demonstrated robust effects on cognitive function and support development in PD and a number of other cognitive disorders



30 \*MPTP is a neurotoxin employed to deplete dopamine-related neural cells -- similar to the way Parkinson's disease does in humans

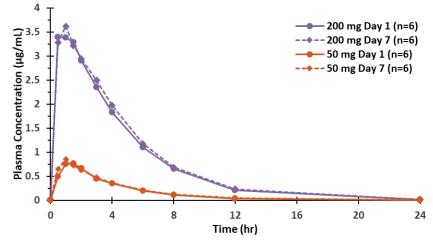
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#### **Single Ascending Dose Plasma PK**

**Multiple Ascending Dose Plasma PK** 



## NYX-458 exhibits favorable tolerability and PK properties:

- Predictable and dose-proportional PK 0
- Cleared from plasma in 24 hrs. 0
- No meaningful accumulation with repeat dosing 0
- Ample, predictable brain exposure 0
- No SAEs at any dose tested 0

# Mechanism of action and biological activity validated extensively through preclinical and clinical studies conducted to date

	Preclinical	Phase 1 (safety and mechanistic studies)	Phase 2
NYX-2925 Chronic Pain	Robust effects across numerous pain models	<ul> <li>Favorable safety &amp; PK with no SAEs</li> <li>Ample BBB penetration</li> <li>Enhances NMDAr mediated plasticity</li> <li>Increases non-REM sleep</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant effects on pain processing biomarkers and patient-reported symptoms in fibromyalgia neuroimaging study</li> <li>Significant pain reduction in patients with advanced DPN</li> <li>Advanced DPN – planned (2020)</li> <li>Fibromyalgia – planned (2020)</li> </ul>
NYX-783 PTSD	<ul> <li>Robust effects across numerous psychiatric models</li> <li>Significant reduction in fear behavior in conditioned fear model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Favorable safety &amp; PK with no SAEs</li> <li>✓ Ample BBB penetration</li> </ul>	PTSD – ongoing (1H 2020)
NYX-458 Cognitive Impairment	<ul> <li>Robust effects across numerous rodent cognition models</li> <li>Reversal of cognitive deficits in non-human primate Parkinson's model</li> </ul>	☑ Favorable safety & PK with no SAEs	PD-MCI – planned (2020)

Positive findings across preclinical and clinical studies to date inform development across pipeline programs



# Aptinyx is well-funded into 2021, enabling multiple clinical milestones

		20	2019		2020			
		3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
NYX-	Painful DPN					Phase 2b da	ita (planned)	
2925	Fibromyalgia						ta (planned)	
NYX- 783	PTSD			Ph2	! data			
NYX- 458	Parkinson's Cognitive Impairment					Ph2 data	(planned)	

## **Current cash supports four planned Phase 2 data readouts**



# **Experienced management team and a board of highly regarded healthcare investors**

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