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Developing New Classes of Treatments INSPIRED BY THE GENETICS OF EPILEPSY



Praxis is built on four key pillars



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We aim to address unmet need in the \$3B+ US common epilepsy market



Delivering first and best-in-class precision medicines for 25,000+ rare epilepsy patients



LGS: Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome; TSC: Tuberous Sclerosis Complex

Source: Ambit Genetic Testing and Claims Data Analysis; EvaluatePharma; Sanders S. J. et al. Trends Neurosci. (2018); Wolff M. et al Brain (2017);





Our portfolio includes the largest targeted epilepsy pipeline in development

*PRAX-222 in collaboration with Ionis. SCN2A-LOF, SYNGAP1 & PCDH19 ASOs are a collaboration with The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health.

Introductions



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Today's Agenda



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DANIEL FRIEDMAN, M.D., MSc.

- Unmet Needs in Epilepsy Management: Challenges with clinical management of epilepsy today and possibility for precision-based therapies tomorrow
- **Praxis Epilepsy Innovation Strategy:** Using genetics to elucidate new epilepsy targets with high probability of success
- Our Science in Action: A deep-dive into our disease modifying epilepsy programs
- **Perspectives from Clinical Practice:** Shortcomings of existing treatment landscape provide opportunities for differentiation



• Accelerating towards Registration: Our clinical development strategy for most advanced epilepsy programs

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O&A SESSION

Q&A Panel with Speakers

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Unmet Needs in Epilepsy Management

Jacqueline French, M.D. NYU School of Medicine

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Incidence of epilepsy

- By a conservative estimate, 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy¹
- The annual incidence ranges from 20-70 cases per 100,000
- Overall, 5% of persons report a seizure at some time in their lives (excluding febrile seizures)
- Incidence rates are highest in childhood, plateau from 15-65 years of age, and rise again among the elderly
- About 30% of patients with seizures have an identifiable neurologic or systemic disorder, and the remainder have either idiopathic or cryptogenic epilepsy
- The diagnosis is based on the description of the seizures and the clinical context in which they occur, often supplemented by the results of electroencephalography

Antiseizure medicine: 2022

1st Generation

- Phenytoin
- Carbamazepine
- Sodium Valproate
- Phenobarbital
- Primidone

2nd Generation

- Felbamate
- Gabapentin
- Lamotrigine
- Topiramate/
- Tiagabine
- Oxcarbazepine
- Levetiracetam

3rd Generation

- Zonisamide
- Pregabalin
- Lacosamide
- Rufinamide
- Vigabatrin
- Clobazam
- Perampanel
- Eslicarbazepine
- Cannabidiol (Epidiolex)
- Brivaracetam
- Cenobamate
- Fenfluramine
- Ganaxolone

Outcome with initial drug therapy-all comers as of 2000

	Seizure Free
First drug monotherapy	47%
Second drug monotherapy	13%
Third drug monotherapy	1%
Duotherapy	3%
Total seizure free	64%

How far have we advanced?

- Studies in the 1980's established the critical ratio of treatment response in both adults and children:
 - 60-70% respond to ASM
 - 30-40% are "treatment resistant"
- With 20 new ASMs in the last few decades, we would anticipate a change in the ratio
- Unfortunately, there has not been a substantial change in this ratio in recent times

Outcome with initial drug therapy

	Seizure Free 2000 ¹	Seizure free 2012 ²
First drug monotherapy	47%	49.5
Second drug monotherapy	13%	
Third drug monotherapy	1%	
Duotherapy	3%	6%
Total seizure free	64%	68%

2. Brodie et al, <u>Neurology.</u> 2012 ;78(20):1548-54

^{1.} Kwan P and Brodie MJ. *N Engl J Med.* 2000;342(5):314-319.

AED Therapy: Current status and unmet needs

We Have Treatment for two thirds of patients

We Need

- Treatment for the one third of adult patients who are refractory
- Treatment for difficult pediatric syndromes
 - Many now identified as monogenetic
- Ability to predict efficacy/tolerability
- Improved options for newly-diagnosed patients
 - Finding treatments that do not impact quality of life
- Attention to comorbidities: depression, cognitive slowing, memory impairment
- Antiepileptogenic/disease modifying therapy

Adherence burden

- About 2/3 of patients can have seizures controlled with a new ASM
- But these people are burdened by a daily requirement to take ASM, with dire consequences if even a single day is missed
- This can be a lifetime obligation!



We have no problem finding new drugs with novel mechanisms*

- Brivaracetam binds SV2A & blocks voltage-gated Na+ channels
- 2-deoxy-glucose inhibits glycolysis
- Ganaxolone GABAA-PAM tonic inhibition
- Huperzine A NMDA antagonist
- Cenobamate inhibits voltage gated sodium channels and positive GABAA modulator
- CVL-865 α2/3/5 preferring GABA-PAM
- JNJ-40411813 mGluR2 PAM
- XEN901 Selective Nav1.6 sodium channel blocker
- XEN1101 K⁺ Channel opener

Novel mechanisms

• To date, *novel* mechanisms have not translated into better efficacy or tolerability

Antiepileptic drug?

- ILAE is considering an "official" name change for the venerable Antiepileptic Drug, dividing drugs into:
 - Anti-seizure medication (ASM)
 - Disease modifying Epilepsy Medication (DMEM)
- This is to highlight that most medications do not alter the course of epilepsy and are essentially "symptomatic therapy".
 - What does this mean?



Can we predict a better drug?

- A drug could differentiate in a number of important ways:
 - Disease modifying
 - Targeted at a specific population
 - Clear and indisputable advance in treating resistant epilepsy
 - Seizure freedom
 - Better tolerability
 - Less issues for women of childbearing potential
 - Specific efficacy in difficult syndromes (eg Dravet, Lennox-Gastaut)
 - Longer acting

Seizure freedom is important

- In add-on studies, less than 5% of subjects are able to obtain seizure freedom, even for the 3 months of randomization
- There is a great opportunity to develop a new therapy that increases rate of seizure freedom, or even 75-90% seizure reduction

But it all comes down to risk vs benefit

 Don't forget that the balance of adverse effects/risk of harm to benefit is important, even to individuals with treatment resistant epilepsy





Can better side effect profile lead to better efficacy?



Precision therapy?

- Recent studies of emerging anti-seizure drugs in orphan diseases
 - Dravet syndrome
 - Fenfluramine
 - Cannabidiol
 - Lennox-Gastaut syndrome
 - Clobazam (US)
 - Rufinamide
 - Cannabidiol
 - Fenfluramine
- Is this "precision medicine"?
 - To date, these studies have only determined the drug under study is more effective than placebo in a specific syndrome.
 - The studies have not proven **either** that the drug is more effective than other potential therapies, **or** that the drug will be more effective for this syndrome than for any other syndrome tested.

Precision therapy with Disease Modifying Epilepsy Medications (DMEM)

- Targeted drugs (The hope for the future)
 - Correct pathology caused by a specific mutation or mutations
 - Everolimus and Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC)
 - A mutation in *TSC1* or *TSC2* causes hyperactivity of the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathway.
 - Everolimus "normalizes" mTOR pathway, and is truly a "targeted" treatment for TSC
 - Targeted genetic therapies
 - Gene replacement therapies
 - Anti-sense oligonucleotides (ASO's)-In genetic diseases with "haploinsufficiency" (one bad gene copy) can eliminate nonsense protein from "bad" MRNA, allow good copy to take over production



Do epilepsy patients represent a satisfied market?

- In one word, No!
- Many issues with existing ASMs
- 1/3 continue to have seizures
- 1/3 (by estimation) have dose-related side effects
- No disease modifying treatments

Do neurologists treating epilepsy patients represent a satisfied market?

- In a word, No!
- All but 3 of the new ASMs either:
 - require long titration with complex instructions or
 - Have complicated pharmacokinetic interactions
- Many patients continue to have seizures
- Many ASMs have potential for life-threatening interaction
- Co-morbidities such as depression, cognitive dysfunction not addressed

Praxis Epilepsy Innovation Strategy

Steve Petrou, Co-founder and CSO

WHY EPILEPSY? WHY NOW?



Our understanding of the genetics of epilepsy has come a long way in the eighty years since Lennox

Carolyn

- 16 yrs early morning tonic clonic seizures, myoclonus
- 23 yrs-psychosis



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Eleanor

- 17 yrs early morning tonic clonic seizures, myoclonus
- 22 yrs-psychosis

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Essentially <u>all</u> neurological disorders have complex genetic inheritance

Very commonMigraine, DepressionCommonEpilepsy, Autism, Schizophrenia, Alzheimer's DiseaseNot commonMultiple Sclerosis, Motor Neuron Disease etc.

What distinguishes epilepsy, if anything?

Today, the field has an outsized understanding of epilepsy genetics relative to other CNS (and non-CNS) diseases



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Classes of genes identified in genetic epilepsy are critical to other neurological disorders


Framework for evaluating each epilepsy gene and new opportunities for therapy development

EFFECT SIZE (ODDS RATIO)

Rare Large effect size Common Large effect size

Rare Small effect size Common Small effect size

ALLELE FREQUENCY

The majority of epilepsy-causing variants fall within these two quadrants

EFFECT SIZE (ODDS RATIO)

1 Rare Large effect size Rare monogenic epilepsies

Common Large effect size

Rare Small effect size 2 Common Small effect size

Common polygenic epilepsies

ALLELE FREQUENCY

Current understanding of the landscape of genetic and acquired epilepsies









Prevalence relative; not plotted to scale



Praxis targeting the largest and untapped segment



These three imperatives guide our epilepsy portfolio build

Focus directly on underlying genetic defects in rare epilepsy



Focus on implicated genes in common diseases



Focus on nodes of pathophysiological convergence informed by genetics

> PRAX-562 SMALL MOLECULE PRAX-628 SMALL MOLECULE



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Our Science in Action Steve Petrou, Co-founder and CSO

Leveraging our understanding of genetics to discover and develop therapies enabled by a translational toolkit and strategic collaborations



Focus on nodes of pathological convergence informed by genetics

Voltage-gated sodium channels (NaV) are the key arbiters of neuronal excitability in the CNS



Persistent sodium current (I_{Na}) is a critical driver of pathological hyperexcitability in the CNS disorders



SCN8A GoF DEE patients have elevated persistent ${\sf I}_{\sf Na}$



Variant-specific changes in persistent or resurgent sodium current in SCN8A-related epilepsy patient-derived neurons

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SCN2A GoF DEE patients have elevated persistent I_{Na}

Dynamic action potential clamp predicts functional separation in mild familial and severe de novo forms of *SCN2A* epilepsy

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"Next generation" sodium channel blocker program at Praxis

- Praxis sodium channel "functional" selectivity drug discovery program
- Design molecules with *in vitro* profile including
 - preference for persistent current
 - rapid binding and unbinding kinetics
- Goal is to selectively dampen hyperexcitable neuronal activity sparing physiological activity to enhance tolerability and allow higher dosing for better efficacy







Standard Na_V blockers do not preferentially target disease-state hyperexcitability, driving limiting side effect profile



"Na_V Fingerprint" Persistent I_{Na} Inhibition Peak I_{Na}, UDV-10Hz (Disease-State Dependence) Inhibition Peak I_{Na}, Tonic Block Inhibition



We discovered PRAX-562 as a more potent and selective persistent I_{Na} blocker, more disease-state selective, with a wider therapeutic window



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Broader in vitro panel indicates PRAX-562 has best-in-class preferences

% INHIBITION OF hNa_v1.6 PERSISTENT I_{Na} (SAME DATA AS ON PRIOR SLIDE)



COMPARISON OF POTENCY AND SELECTIVITY

	Persistent I _{Na} IC50 (nM)	Ratio of persistent to peak inhibition	
PRAX-562	141	60 🔶	MOST SELECTIVE
Carbamazepine	77,520	30	
Cenobamate	73,263	23	
Lidocaine	68,230	19	
Lamotrigine	78,530	16	
Vixotrigene (BIIB074)	3,676	14	
Lacosamide	833,100	n/a*	
Valproic Acid	<10% @ 1 mM	No inhibition	

Our mechanistic hypothesis translates to a wide therapeutic index in vivo



	Plasma	
Molecule	Therapeutic Index	
PRAX-562	17.2x	



PRAX-562 completely blocks seizures in SCN2A and SCN8A GoF mutation mouse models



Modulating persistent current increases survival in the same genetic models



Data indicates PRAX-562 mechanism is disease modifying

*p<0.005; n=18-20 per group; Cox proportional hazards model **p<0.001; n=29-32; Mantel-Cox log-rank test 1)Q54 GoF mice. 2)N1768D D/+ mice.

PRAX-562 is highly efficacious in KCNQ2 and KCNC1 DEE models







Our internal discovery effort focused on developing a Na_V blocker with high disease state dependence and wide therapeutic index



PRAX-628 has unique pharmacological properties that enable acute dosing in a broader patient population



PRAX-628 protects mice from seizures with a wide therapeutic window



	Plasma	
Molecule	Therapeutic Index	
PRAX-628	16.7x	



Focus directly on underlying genetic defects in rare epilepsy





PRAX-222 is an ASO designed to down-regulate SCN2A expression in patients with gain-of-function mutation



In vitro, PRAX-222 down-regulates both mRNA and protein



A single dose of PRAX-222 increases survival well beyond standard of care in SCN2A GoF mice



A second dose of PRAX-222 significantly extends survival of SCN2A GoF mice



p<0.001 *p<0.0001 All experiments conducted with SCN2A R1882Q mouse model

PRAX-222 also extends survival of SCN2A GoF mice if first administered later in life, well after disease onset



p<0.001 *p<0.0001 All experiments conducted with SCN2A R1882Q mouse model




PRAX-020 is a small molecule designed to selectively inhibit KCNT1 GoF variants



PRAX-020 eliminates seizures in KCNT1 transgenic mice and suppresses interictal spikes



PRAX-020 KCNT1 inhibition may translate to rescue of behavioral and cognitive phenotype





No nesting

Nesting





In PCDH19, hemizygous null patients and hemizygous non-mosaic male carriers are asymptomatic and preserve ability to form normal neuron networks



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We aim to knock down PCDH19 to restore cell-cell adhesion and rescue phenotype



Hits identified achieve >90% in vitro knockdown PCDH19 mRNA



On track to deliver lead candidate in 2023







SYNGAP1 is a synaptic RAS GTPase activating protein



Re-expression of SYNGAP1 in adult mice improves measures of seizure and memory



Re-expression of SynGAP protein in adulthood improves translatable measures of brain function and behavior

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SYNGAP1 haploinsufficiency is the cause of disease, so ASO-mediated up-regulation could rescue disease phenotype



Hits identified achieve approx. 3-fold improvement in SYNGAP1 expression



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Focus on implicated genes in common diseases





In development for MDD, PTSD, and ET, but inspired by the role of the $GABA_A$ receptor in epilepsy

TARGET ID BY POLYGENIC RISK VARIANTS SMALL MOLECULE



GABA_A receptors with delta (δ) subunit dysfunction give rise to epilepsy

Human Molecular Genetics

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GABRD encoding a protein for extra- or perisynaptic GABA_A receptors is a susceptibility locus for generalized epilepsies

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PRAX-114 preferentially potentiates the delta (δ) subunit of the GABA_A receptor, which sits in the extrasynaptic space



GABA: Gamma-aminobutyric acid; GABA_A PAMs: GABA_A receptor positive allosteric modulators

PRAX-114 shows 10.5-fold greater potentiation of extrasynaptic than synaptic GABA_A receptors



PRAX-114 has demonstrated anti-seizure effect in preclinical epilepsy models



PRAX-114 protects 100% of animals from PTZ-induced tonic and clonic seizures

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PRAX-114 SMALL MOLECULE	
PRAX-944 SMALL MOLECULE	
TARGET ID BY POLYGENIC RISK VARIANTS	Direct - Future
SMALL MOLECULE	



GWAS studies have elucidated common polygenic risk variants among genetic generalized epilepsy patients





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Disruption potential comparable to bi- and tri-specific antibodies in immuno-oncology space



Dozens of bispecific antibodies in clinical development

Emerging clinical data show polyspecific antibodies produce greater efficacy by targeting multiple tumor antigens at once

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Case presentation

- 28 year old woman with a history of depression presents to the office after an ER visit for a witnessed convulsive seizure.
- Evaluation in the emergency room was unremarkable.
- Upon careful history taking, for several years she has had rare episodes where she hears a "buzzing" in her ears and then feels confused for a few seconds that she attributed to panic attacks.
- An MRI and EEG are ordered....

Case presentation



Focal cortical dysplasia



Navigating therapeutic choices

- Patient is diagnosed with epilepsy
- Next step is symptomatic treatment prevention of recurrent seizures
 - To reduce risks of mortality from seizures- accidents, drownings, SUDEP
 - To reduce risks of morbidity from seizures- fractures, burns, long term cognitive and psychiatric changes
 - To improve quality of life, allow for safe driving
- How do we pick an anti-seizure medication?

ASMs for common epilepsies – Where are we now?



Adapted from Loscher & Schmidt Epilepsia 2011

Despite the high number of marketed ASMs, more choices are needed

Phenobarbital Phenytoin Carbamazepine Valproate Gabapentin Felbamate Lamotrigine Vigabatrin Topiramate Oxcarbazepine

Leviteracetam Pregabalin Lacosamide Ezogabine/Retigabine Eslicarbazepine Brivaracetam Cenobamate

28 yr old woman with depression and new onset focal epilepsy

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Who is on oral contraceptives and is concerned about weight gain

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28 yr old woman with depression and new onset focal epilepsy

Who is on oral contraceptives and is concerned about weight gain

Who wants to have children in the near future

Where is there room for improvement?



Where is there room for improvement?





Seizure freedom is perhaps the largest single driver of QOL in patients with DRE focal epilepsy



Seizures and QOL in DRE

Where is there room for improvement?



Tolerability

- Medication side effects are significant burden for people with epilepsy
- Adverse events are a large contributor to negative QOL
- Multiple types of intolerability:

Туре	Examples
Acute, <u>predictable</u> (related to mechanisms of action), serum concentration dependent, common	Fatigue, vertigo, ataxia, CNS depression, cognitive changes, diplopia, tremor, mood changes
Acute, unpredictable (related to individual vulnerability), rare	Rash, immunological reactions, liver toxicity, bone marrow toxicity, aseptic meningitis
Chronic, related to cumulative exposure, common, predictable	Bone density loss, weight changes, neuropathy, visual field changes, gingival hyperplasia, connective tissue disorder
Pharmacodynamic and kinetic drug interactions, predictable	Added CNS toxicity, decreased OCP effectiveness, hepatotoxcity
Teratogenicity & neurodevelopmental outcomes



Where is there room for improvement?



Comorbidities

- Depression, anxiety, memory disturbance are common focal/IGE epilepsy comorbidities
- More common among drugresistant patients
- Causes include:
 - Seizures
 - Medication effects
 - Underlying biological abnormalities leading to epilepsy



Where is there room for improvement?



Disease modification

Current therapies are symptomatic – treat seizures & not underlying disorder

- Do not address the underlying mechanisms that lead to altered seizure thresholds, comorbid symptoms
- Need to be taken chronically

No treatments:

- Alter the underlying mechanism leading to increased seizure susceptibility
- Prevent epilepsy after a high-risk injury
- Turn drug-resistant epilepsy into drugsensitive epilepsy



Promise of identifying novel targets for therapy

- Improved efficacy
- Disease modification remittance of epilepsy, change DRE -> treatment responsive
- Modify comorbidities
- Improve tolerability
- Limit off target effects and neurodevelopmental outcomes

Conclusions

Despite 18+ marketed ASMs for focal and generalized seizures, options fall short for many patients with common epilepsies, too

- Lack of efficacy
- Intolerable side effects
- Limited choices for women who may become pregnant
- Burden of daily of medication taking

Shortcomings of available ASM present opportunities for differentiation of new therapies

Accelerating Path towards Registration Bernard Ravina, CMO



Advancing best-in-class therapies for epilepsies

PRAX-222 (SCN2A)

PRAX-562

(SCN2A, SCN8A, TSC, +other DEEs)

PRAX-628 (FOCAL EPILEPSY)



Preclinical data suggest PRAX-222 has potential to be diseasemodifying for early onset SCN2A gain-of-function DEE

PRAX-222

INTRATHECALLY-ADMINISTERED ASO for SCN2A GOF DEE Dose-dependent reduction in interictal spikes, seizures and increased survival

Improvement in behavioral and locomotor activity in animal models

Survival benefit extended with repeat dosing



Patients experience significant seizure burden from birth



Note: each horizontal line corresponds to a unique patient identifier.

Patient record demographics (N=15): 7 males, 8 females. Average age of seizure onset at 5.1 days (range: 1-44 days). Source: Praxis data on file.





Significant burden of disease through lifetime of early onset SCN2A patients



Median 17 days in hospital per year



Patient-guided insights drive development, such as EEG measure of interictal epileptiform discharges (IEDs)

IEDS DETECTED IN 11-YEAR-OLD WITH EARLY ONSET SCN2A







Design principles for the PRAX-222 seamless trial submitted to FDA

Seamless	Multiple parts to identify and confirm a safe, efficacious dose and optimize dosing schedule
Placebo-controlled	Placebo controlled, with confirmatory phase design parameters informed by earlier phase
Patient Population	Pediatric patients with confirmed SCN2A variant and baseline threshold of countable seizures
Statistical considerations	Each patient contributes data to more than one stage of the study
Endpoints	Collect data on seizure frequency and neurodevelopment, cognition assessments
Dose	Dose, escalation, and dosing interval informed by clinical safety data and a priori rules



PK/PD modeling informs starting dose and proposed escalation based on level of knockdown anticipated to achieve clinical benefit and tolerability



Simulated mRNA knockdown in human cortex in pediatric patients

Safely achieves distribution in key areas of brain based on NHP data

Median and 95% prediction interval illustrated

Source: Praxis data on file.

Next steps for PRAX-222 Clinical Program

Enroll observational study Ongoing

- Further characterize the population
- Quantify EEG seizure burden, IED, variability in seizure frequency as potential biomarker

Initiate PRAX-222 Seamless Study Mid-2022

 Assess safety, tolerability, PK and efficacy of ascending doses in pediatric patients (aged 2-18 yrs) with early onset SNC2A DEE



Preclinical and emerging clinical data demonstrate PRAX-562 will be a first- and best-in-class NaV blocker for DEEs

Superior selectivity for disease-state Na_v channel hyperexcitability

PRAX-562

SCN2A, SCN8A, TSC, +other DEEs PAN-NA_V BLOCKER SMALL MOLECULE Unprecedented therapeutic window translating to superior safety and efficacy

Convenient auto-titration regimen with stable PK



PRAX-562 path to rapid clinical proof of concept in DEEs

PHASE 1 HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS

SAD/MAD, ASSR Biomarker w/ 14-day Treatment Duration

TOPLINE REPORTED 4Q21

- Well tolerated with no MTD at exposures above therapeutic range (EC₅₀)
- Approximately 4-5 day half life

• Dose dependent reduction in ASSR

PHASE 1 HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS

PK, ASSR Biomarker w/ 28-day Treatment Duration

 No MTD at exposures multiple fold above therapeutic range (EC₅₀)

• *PK* approaches steady state after

READOUT IN 2022

28 days

PHASE 2 DEEs (SCN2A, SCN8A, and TSC)

Seizure Reduction, Safety

TO BE INITIATED 2H22

Targeting efficient path to registration



PRAX-562 in healthy volunteers safely exceeds projected therapeutic exposure



*Preliminary data from 562-102 study from first 12 participants enrolled in the study; C_{Max} is representative of concentration at 2.5 hours post-dose. Source: Praxis data on file.

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SCN8A SEIZURE HISTORY PER PATIENT





SCN8A DEE patients experience significant disease burden



Median 6 days in hospital per year



PRAX-562 in DEEs: Path to clinical proof of concept

Rapid proof of concept

Open-label to identify a safe, efficacious dose and optimize dosing schedule in patients

Endpoints

Collect data on seizure frequency and neurodevelopment, cognition assessments

Initial patient population

Pediatric patients with confirmed SCN2A, SCN8A, or TSC and baseline threshold of countable seizures

Preclinical data demonstrates PRAX-628 will be a best-in-class NaV blocker for focal epilepsy



Superior selectivity for disease-state Na_V channel hyperexcitability

Unprecedented therapeutic window translating to superior safety and efficacy

PK differentiated for broad epilepsy population





IND-ENABLING TOX

28-day GLP Tox

ONGOING

PHASE 1 HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS

SAD/MAD, ASSR Biomarker w/14-day Treatment Duration

TO BE INITIATED 4Q22

PHASE 2 FOCAL EPILEPSY

Seizure Reduction, Safety

TO BE INITIATED 2023

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Three epilepsy drugs in clinic by end of 2022



PRAX-222 and PRAX-562 received Orphan Drug Designations for severe pediatric epilepsy indications from the FDA and EMA, and Rare Pediatric Disease designation from the FDA

Developing New Classes of Treatments INSPIRED BY THE GENETICS OF EPILEPSY



