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# **R&D Portfolio Overview**

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### Overview



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**Q&A AND CONCLUSION** 

# **Developing Treatments Inspired by the Genetics of Epilepsy** ENABLED BY TWO PLATFORMS

**CEREBRUM**<sup>™</sup> SMALL MOLECULE PLATFORM



Cerebrum<sup>™</sup> utilizes deep understanding of neuronal excitability and neuronal networks and applies a series of computational and experimental tools to develop orally available precision therapies



(ASO) PLATFORM



Solidus<sup>™</sup> is an efficient, targeted precision medicine discovery and development engine for ASOs, anchored on proprietary, computational methodology

## Targeting movement disorders & epilepsies connected by neuronal imbalance



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Our Four Pillars Leveraging genetics to efficiently translate insights into therapies





#### **PATIENT-GUIDED**

Patient-guided development strategies to deliver on what patients actually need



Essential tremor market is significantly underserved and ready for disruption



Essential tremor has large market potential and limited competition compared with other diseases

#### INDICATION / NUMBER OF BRANDED COMPETITORS



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



Delivering first and best-in-class precision medicines for 14,000+ rare epilepsy patients







# PRAX-222 (elsunersen) Update Revolution in ASO for Epilepsy

# Patients with SCN2A-DEE have a debilitating and ultimately fatal trajectory

Significant seizure burden at or around birth

Refractory epilepsy and developmental arrest

Significant risk of SUDEP

Early mortality



# We have a mission to disrupt the trajectory of SCN2A-DEE...



We have a mission to disrupt the trajectory of SCN2A-DEE... Very first patient to receive PRAX-222

A preterm newborn presenting with Status Epilepticus at birth

- Pre-natal exome sequencing SCN2A c.3986C>A p.(Ala1329Asp)
- Medical team requested emergency access to PRAX-222 after exhausting standard options



We have a mission to disrupt the trajectory of SCN2A-DEE...

# Very first patient to receive PRAX-222

PRAX-222 initiated when patient was 13 weeks old; poor prognosis due to continuous Status Epilepticus

#### After 1 dose

- PRAX-222 was well-tolerated
- Status epilepticus interrupted intermittently

#### After 7 doses

- PRAX-222 was well-tolerated
- No severe or serious adverse events
- Status epilepticus ceased
- Reduction in seizure frequency
- Breastfeeding
- Clinically stable



### PRAX-222 EMBRAVE Part 1 design





Unprecedented efficacy after 1 dose of PRAX-222 Preliminary results of 3 monthly doses





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Unprecedented increase in seizure-free days Improvements observed after one dose



#### % SEIZURE-FREE DAYS PER DOSING PERIOD



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PRAX-222 Safety profile supports program advancing



- As of cutoff, 4 patients evaluable through three doses each, 1 received 7 doses
- Safety inclusive of 4 patients receiving 3 doses, 2 patients receiving 4 doses
  - No TEAEs or SAEs considered related to study drug
  - All TEAEs recovered/resolved
  - DMC provided opinion to continue dosing without modifications



## PRAX-222 – Delivering on early safety and efficacy

# Next Steps

Complete data collection for all patients

Compile package and meet with FDA

Initiate global pivotal phase in 2024



## What to expect from Praxis through 1H 2024

PLATFORM	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1H 24
CEREBRUM™ SMALL MOLECULE PLATFORM	Ulixacaltamide Ph 2b Essential1 Study Topline Results Essential Tremor	Ulixacaltamide End-of-Ph 2 FDA Meeting Essential Tremor PRAX-628 Ph 1 Topline Results		Uixacaltamide Dh 3 InitiationEssential TremorPRAX-628 Phase 2 PPR study Topline Results Bocal Epilepsy	<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text></text></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>
<b>SOLIDUS™</b> ASO PLATFORM				PRAX-222 EMBRAVE Study First Dose Cohort (Part 1) Topline Safety Results SCN2A GOF DEE	PRAX-222 Cohort Extension SCN2A GoF DEE

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# Ulixacaltamide (PRAX-944) Essential Tremor

- Clinical insights from Essential1 (PRAX-944-222)
- Phase 3 Development Plan

Alex La Croix Movement Disorders Program Lead



# There is a clear need for a safe, tolerable and effective treatment in Essential Tremor

Essential Tremor (ET) is the most common movement disorder

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Up to 7 million people in the United States may have ET<sup>1</sup>



Action tremors significantly disrupt daily living for people with ET

Hallmark feature is action tremor that primarily affects the hands<sup>2,3</sup>



Almost all ET patients suffer from at least one comorbid condition (e.g., depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, cognitive dysfunction)<sup>4</sup>

SOURCE: 1. GHOSH (2016) (P.231, C.1, PH.1, L.1-2), 2. Elble RJ. Curr Neurol Neurosci Rep. 2013 Jun;13(6):353. 3. Putzke JD, et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2006 Nov;77(11):1235-7. 4. Vetterick, C., Lyons, K.E., Matthews, L.G. et al. The Hidden Burden of Disease and Treatment Experiences of Patients with Essential Tremor: A Retrospective Claims Data Analysis. Adv Ther (2022). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12325-022-02318-8 The only approved medication is not widely used by patients



<30% of patients are eligible to receive propranolol due to other medications/health conditions

Of those who start propranolol >50% discontinue after only 1 month





# Of those who start propranolol <20% still receive propranolol after 2 years

SOURCE: Vetterick, C., Lyons, K.E., Matthews, L.G. et al. The Hidden Burden of Disease and Treatment Experiences of Patients with Essential Tremor: A Retrospective Claims Data Analysis. Adv Ther (2022). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12325-022-02318-8





# Ulixacaltamide: Revolutionizing the treatment of essential tremor

First-in-Class mechanism	<ul> <li>First drug specifically designed for ET patients</li> </ul>
	Easy titration and simple once-daily dosing
Differentiated profile	Continued improvement observed with longer duration     on treatment
Differentiated profile	• Improvement in functioning without the common side effects associated with current treatments
	<ul> <li>Low discontinuation</li> </ul>
Broad Use	<ul> <li>18+ years of age and all types of patients, including those with intention tremor</li> <li>Benefit with or without propranolol</li> </ul>

# Using Essential1 to drive innovation in our Phase 3 strategy



# Essential1 as the foundation for our Phase 3 program

#### **TESTING A CLINICAL HYPOTHESIS**

- Strong efficacy signal with robust endpoint (mADL11)
  - Early clinical benefit in Week 8 results
  - Long-term, durable benefit
- Well-tolerated with a differentiated safety profile
- Tested Phase 3 design concepts

#### INNOVATION IN REGISTRATION STUDY DESIGN

- Agreement with FDA on dose and primary endpoint
- Study design structured around the patient
- Robust recruitment strategy



# Essential1 Phase 2b study evaluating the efficacy and safety of ulixacaltamide for essential tremor

#### ESSENTIAL1 DESIGN



Compelling data demonstrates clinical effect of ulixacaltamide on functional improvement in mADL11

#### Modified ADL11 items

- Speaking
- 8. Using keys
- 2. Feeding with a spoon 9. Writing
- З. Drinking from a glass 10. Working
- 4. Hygiene
- 5. Dressing
- 6. Pouring
- Carrying food trays, 7. plates or similar items

#### Each measure is individually scored from 0-3

- 0 = Slightly abnormal. Tremor is present but does not interfere with 1 = Mildly abnormal. Spills a little.
- 2 = Moderately abnormal. Spills a lot or changes strategy to complete task.

most affected task

3 = Severely abnormal. Cannot drink from a glass or uses straw or sippy cup.

#### **TOTAL SCORE OF UP TO 33**







Patients and investigators reported higher overall improvement with ulixacaltamide compared to placebo



Results from Essential1 study;; CGI-S= clinical global impression improvement scale; PGI-C = patient global impression of change , all p-values are nominal \*RANK ANALYSIS \*\*RANK ANCOVA

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### Using Essential1 to define clinical meaningfulness in essential tremor



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MSD=Meaningful Score Difference

Clear response achieved in ulixacaltamide treated patients at Week 8

#### >3-point change in mADL11 - Week 8



 Statistically-significant difference between ulixacaltamide and placebo groups



## Robust response to ulixacaltamide treatment through Week 14

#### >3-point change in mADL11 - Week 14



- Durable response in patients who continued on ulixacaltamide after Week 8
- Strong response from placebo patients who transitioned to ulixacaltamide after Week 8

Benefit of ulixacaltamide is independent of propranolol use

#### % PROPANOLOL ACHIEVING A <u>></u>3 POINT MADL11 REDUCTION BY PLACEBO AND ULIXACALTAMIDE ARMS



Results from Essential1 study

# Ulixacaltamide treated subjects continue to benefit after 14 weeks on treatment



<sup>1</sup>Results from Essential1 study; Improvement in the mADL11 of 1.7 points from 3.09 at Week 8 (95% CI: 0.98, 5.2) to 4.81 (95% CI: 2.38, 7.23) after 14 weeks of treatment

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# Transition of subjects from placebo to ulixacaltamide confirms treatment benefit



Placebo patients switched to ulixacaltamide after Week 8 experience similar benefit through Week 14 as compared to benefit seen in the drug arm during the first 8 weeks of Essential1

<sup>1</sup>Improvement in the mADL11 of 1.7 points from 3.09 at Week 8 (95% CI: 0.98, 5.2) to 4.81 (95% CI: 2.38, 7.23) after 14 weeks of treatment <sup>2</sup>Improvement in mADL11 of 3.2 points, from 1.21 at Week 8 (95% CI: -1.04, 3.46) to 4.36 (95% CI: 1.68, 7.05)

# Essential1 randomized withdrawal approach confirms effect of ulixacaltamide





Sub-study design summary: Patients were re-randomized in a blinded-fashion to either receive placebo or continue to receive ulixacaltamide. Twenty-one patients who completed assessments at Week 14 of the OLE were eligible to participate in the blinded sub-study. Patients were evaluated weekly over a total of 6 weeks, with 11 patients assigned to ulixacaltamide and 10 to placebo for the initial 3-week period, crossing over to either placebo or ulixacaltamide for an additional 3-week period. Blinded rescue was triggered for patients on placebo if loss in the mADL11 exceeded 2 points at any timepoint. \*Mean change in effect of the mADL11

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Design and execution of our Phase 3 strategy



## Essential1 as the foundation for our Phase 3 program

- Established reliable endpoint in mADL11
- Observed clinical meaningful results over time
- De-risked key elements of registration strategy

## Moving towards Essential3 initiation



# Essential3: An innovative Phase 3 program that optimizes all aspects of study conduct



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Powering the parallel design and randomized withdrawal studies

STUDY 1 – PARALLEL DESIGN	STUDY 2 – RANDOMIZED WITHDRAWAL
400	200
mADL11 Change from Baseline to Week 12 between ulixacaltamide and placebo 90% power to detect difference	Difference in maintenance of response rate during the 4-week RW period between ulixacaltamide and placebo 90% power to detect difference
Intention tremor status, fan	nily history, and propranolol use
<ul> <li>TETRAS-ADL</li> <li>CGI-S</li> <li>PGI-S/C</li> <li>Other endpoints</li> </ul>	S
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## Decentralized design maximizes quality and control

Structured video neurologic exam to confirm ET diagnosis and review by consistent eligibility review committee

Assessment done in the patient's home Real-time data capture and quality check

Dedicated nationwide investigators → consistency in assessments and outcomes

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### Streamlining recruitment and enrollment de-risks execution



At home, it's easier to manage essential tremor. We designed this study to meet you there.

Consider an essential tremor research study where you can participate from the comfort of your home.

See if you qualify

Two studies under single protocol with uniform inclusion/ exclusion criteria

Blinded study randomization

Stratification within studies to maintain balance of key variables

### Unprecedented engagement and interest in Essential3

# ~600

patients already engaged since September in anticipation of E3 Engagement campaign expanding in October to achieve full enrollment in 1H 2024

### Path to success with ulixacaltamide

#### AGILE WAY OF WORKING

Focused execution

#### SINGLE PROTOCOL

Optimized screening, enrollment, analysis

#### STREAMLINED DESIGN

Decentralized study to expand reach and reduce study burden

#### PATIENT-DRIVEN APPROACH

mADL11 as a clinically meaningful primary endpoint

#### NDA READINESS

Clear path to filing in 2025

# **Epilepsy Portfolio**

# **Developing Precision Therapies in Epilepsy**

Steve Petrou, PhD.

**Chief Scientific Officer** 



Utilizing our pillars to develop precision therapies in Epilepsy

	Development Pillar	Manifestation in Epilepsy	Clinical Program
A CONT	GENETICS	Impacting rare and common disorders	Reversing genetic etiology => 222 (ASO)
-///-	TRANSLATIONAL TOOLS	Clinical and preclinical data guiding development	
	EFFICIENT & RIGOROUS	Innovation and efficiency in trial design and execution	Genetically validated targets
	PATIENT-GUIDED	Understand disease mechanisms and patient clinical needs to urgently deliver precision therapies	pharmacology => 628 (Small Molecule)



# SOLDUS<sup>TM</sup> ASO PLATFORM



## Tackling Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies

#### DISEASE OVERVIEW

- Epilepsy and developmental impairment before the age of 16 years occurs in 1 in 340 children
- The majority of these cases result from sporadic de novo genetic variation
- In both de novo and familial form of epilepsy some 900 genes have been identified
- Many of these genes also represent opportunities for intervention in other neurological disorders
- The patient, carer and societal burden is immense, with urgent needs that can be met by Praxis's precision medicine approach

#### **RESEARCH APPROACH**

 Modifying gene expression to address both gain and loss of function disorders is achieved through various ASO modalities to either silence harmful genes or enhance expression of reduced function or missing genes

\*Epidemiology of Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy and of Intellectual Disability and Epilepsy in Children. PMID: <u>36581463</u> \*\*Genes4Epilepsy: An epilepsy gene resource. <u>Epilepsia Volume 64, Issue 5</u> p. 1368-1375 <u>github.com/bahlolab/genes4epilepsy</u>

# PRAXIS preclinical evidence for efficacy in SCN2A-DEE GoF and PCDH19-GCE mosaicism



- Gapmer ASO that binds SCN2A mRNA and tags it for degradation by RNAaseH
- Rescue of phenotype seen across multiple domains 2-4 weeks after single ICV dose in mouse model
  - Neuronal excitability restored to WT control
  - Complete abolition of seizures
  - Treated mice behavior across motor, psychosocial and cognitive domains identical to WT control



- PCDH19-Girls Clustering Epilepsy is a severe DEE affecting females and mosaic males
- PRAX-080 is a PCDH19 gapmer ASO program designed to completely ablate expression of WT and MT forms to remove mosaic expression
- Potent, selective, well tolerated gapmer ASOs have been identified and program is poised to advance in the future.



# **CEREBRUM**<sup>TM</sup> SMALL MOLECULE PLATFORM



# PRAX-628 is poised to address the Focal Epilepsy Market

# Limitation of the current treatments

- Complex dosing
- Long time to wait for efficacy
- On-target and off target side effects
- Efficacy capped by tolerability

#### CURRENT ASMs PRE-DATE EPILEPSY PRECISION MEDICINE

	Drug	First reported
Lamictal®	Lamotrigine	1981
Keppra®	Levetiracetam	1985
Lyrica®	Pregabalin	1993
Vimpat®	Lacosamide	1996
Fycompa®	Perampanel	2001
Aptiom®	Eslicarazepine	1986
Briviact®	Brivaracetam	2001
Xcopri®	Cenobamate	2006
	XEN1101	2010
	PRAX-628	12/2019

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Can a better side effect profile lead to better efficacy?



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### Can a better side effect profile lead to better efficacy?



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### **Ideal** profile by precision sodium channel modulation



## Actual profile of precision sodium channel modulation (PRAX-628)

#### **BIOPHYSICAL "LEVERS" TO ACHIEVE PREFERENTIAL ACTION:**

#### ACTION AGAINST HUMAN BRAIN SODIUM CHANNEL



Praxis data on file

## Actual profile of precision sodium channel modulation (PRAX-628)

#### **BIOPHYSICAL "LEVERS" TO ACHIEVE PREFERENTIAL ACTION:**

- A. Reduce pro-excitatory channel function
  - Inhibit pathological persistent current
- B. Dynamic modulation of channels during high activity
  - Inhibit voltage dependent current
  - Inhibit use dependent current
- C. Maintain channel availability during low activity
  - <u>Minimize</u> block against steady state peak current
- D. Kinetics of drug binding and unbinding
  - Bind fast, unbind slow



DIFFERENTIATED BINDING PROFILE FAVOURING

MES is a rapidly deployed and efficient pre-clinical assay that predicts clinical exposure and efficacy in Focal Onset Seizures (FOS)



"Maximal electroshock seizure (MES) is an experimental paradigm that induces synchronous neural discharges in the brain through artificial current input (Kamei et al., 1978), and is used to induce acute epileptic behaviors (Fischer & Muller, 1988)" \*

- Drugs that work in MES work in FOS
- Efficacious exposures in MES models correspond to efficacious exposures in human FOS



## Combining MES and human safety studies for predictive translation



# **PRAX-628 Clinical Update**

Karl Hansen, PhD.

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## What would the profile of a precision ASM be?

#### Limitation of the current treatments:

- On-target and off-target side effects
- Efficacy capped by tolerability
- Complex dosing
- Long time to wait for efficacy

#### **Ideal Treatment**

- □ Tolerable safety profile
- Reaches the brain
- Rapidly achieves therapeutic concentrations without titration
- Continuous coverage at higher therapeutic levels
- □ Ability to provide maximum efficacy

PRAX-628 has completed a Phase 1 SAD / MAD study which shows it is on track to be the first Precision ASM for Focal Epilepsy PRAX-628 has unprecedented margins over best-in-class ASMs based on MES efficacy and clinical tolerability in humans



Source: Praxis data on file (Ph1 study), Cenobamate  $C_{max}$ : >46,100 ng/mL, 400 mg  $C_{max}$  (Vernillet et al 2020), XEN1101  $C_{max}$ : >107 ng/mL (Phase 1 data) x MES EC<sub>50</sub> = multiple of predicted human EC<sub>50</sub> based on the rodent MES model

# Composite qEEG shows clear brain activity across all doses within hours of administration



- Composite endpoint from qEEG showed separation of drug versus placebo in the SAD and MAD cohorts
- Difference between PRAX-628 and PBO significant for all doses at first point measured
- Effect consistent with known
   PK profile

### PRAX-628 achieves nearly complete coverage on Day 1





## PRAX-628 maintains higher active MES EC50 multiples at steady state

#### MES EC50 Coverage Ranges (Peak to Trough) at Steady State





## PRAX-628 has presented an ideal precision ASM profile through Phase 1

### **Ideal Treatment**

Tolerable safety profile

Continuous coverage at higher therapeutic levels

Treaches the brain

Y Rapidly achieves therapeutic concentrations

Ability to provide maximum efficacy

The Phase 2 PRAX-628 PPR study will provide insight into efficacy and inform dose selection for pivotal studies



#### Ranges Which Trigger PPR Response

- The PPR Photosensitivity Model has been used to assess many AEDs<sup>1</sup>
- Reduction of PPR photosensitivity range by drug versus PBO correlates to drug efficacy in a small sample size

<sup>1</sup> Source: First Pub: C.D. Binnie Electroencephalography and clinical neurophysiology A, 1986, 63, 35-41; LEV paper: DGA Kasteleijn-Nolst Trenité Epilepsy Research 25(1996) 225-230; DGA Kasteleijn-Nolst Trenité Neurology 93(6) 2019 e559-e567 cenobamate paper

