

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 28, 2022**

**PRAXIS PRECISION MEDICINES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-39620**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**47-5195942**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc.**  
**99 High Street, 30th Floor**  
**Boston, Massachusetts 02110**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(617) 300-8460**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class**  
**Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share**

**Trade  
Symbol(s)**  
**PRAX**

**Name of each exchange  
on which registered**  
**The Nasdaq Global Select Market**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 28, 2022, Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 28, 2022, the Company updated its corporate presentation for use in meetings with investors, analysts and others. The presentation is available in the "Investors + Media" portion of the Company's website at investors.praxismedicines.com and a copy is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K under Items 2.02 and 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 attached hereto, is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release, dated February 28, 2022</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc. February 2022 Corporate Presentation</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)



**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRAXIS PRECISION MEDICINES, INC.

Date: February 28, 2022

By:           /s/ Marcio Souza            
Marcio Souza  
Chief Executive Officer



## Praxis Precision Medicines Provides Corporate Update and Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021 Financial Results

*PRAX-114 Phase 2/3 monotherapy MDD Aria Study topline results expected in June 2022*

*PRAX-944 Phase 2a ET topline results expected in May 2022; to include open-label and placebo-controlled withdrawal data*

*PRAX-222 seamless study in SCN2A-DEE expected to initiate in 2Q22*

*Cash and investments of \$275.9 million as of December 31, 2021 supports runway into 2Q23*

**BOSTON, Mass., February 28, 2022** — Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc. (NASDAQ: PRAX), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company translating genetic insights into the development of therapies for central nervous system (CNS) disorders characterized by neuronal excitation-inhibition imbalance, today provided a corporate update, including a video highlighting recent business and pipeline progress, and reported financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2021.

"With screening now closed in all sites in the PRAX-114 Aria Study, we are emboldened by the progress in our psychiatry franchise, and broadly across our pipeline," said Marcio Souza, president and chief executive officer of Praxis. "There is a clear unmet need for a fast-acting, durable depression treatment with a differentiated tolerability profile relative to both existing treatment options and other drugs in development, which allows patients to remain on drug throughout an episode of depression. We look forward to reporting topline results from the Aria Study in June, followed shortly thereafter by results from the Acapella Study, and intend to initiate a Phase 3 trial in MDD later this year. With additional topline data expected from PRAX-114 studies for PTSD and ET, as well as from PRAX-944 for ET, 2022 is shaping up to be a transformative year for Praxis and we are eager to share our continued progress and growth."

### Recent Business Highlights and Upcoming Milestones:

#### *Psychiatry*

- Praxis expects topline results from the PRAX-114 Phase 2/3, placebo-controlled Aria Study for monotherapy treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) in the second quarter of 2022, in June. The Aria Study is intended to serve as one of two trials required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to demonstrate clinical efficacy to support registration of PRAX-114 for monotherapy treatment of MDD.
- The Company expects topline results from the PRAX-114 Phase 2, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging Acapella Study for treatment of MDD in mid-2022. The Acapella Study is intended to provide additional understanding of the dose range and to evaluate the safety and efficacy of PRAX-114 at doses of 10, 20, 40 and 60 mg.
- Praxis initiated a PRAX-114 Phase 2, placebo-controlled study for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the fourth quarter of 2021 and has started dosing participants. Topline results are expected in the second half of 2022. The trial is designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of a nightly dose of 40 mg of PRAX-114 for 4 weeks in approximately 80 participants with PTSD, using the CAPS-5 total score as the primary endpoint.

#### *Movement Disorders*

- In December 2021, Praxis reported preliminary open-label data from the second of two cohorts of its PRAX-944 Phase 2a trial for daytime treatment of essential tremor (ET), evaluating safety and efficacy in participants titrated up to 120 mg per day. Enrollment of study participants was subsequently completed. Topline open-label and placebo-controlled, randomized withdrawal results are expected in the second quarter of 2022, in May.

- The Company expects topline results from the PRAX-944 Phase 2b Essential1 Study for daytime treatment of ET in the second half of 2022. Essential1 is a placebo-controlled, dose-ranging clinical trial designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of PRAX-944 at 20, 60 or 100 mg per day.
- Praxis expects to initiate a PRAX-114 Phase 2, placebo-controlled, crossover study for daytime treatment of ET to evaluate safety, pharmacokinetics (PK) and efficacy of 10 and 20 mg of PRAX-114 in the first quarter of 2022. Topline results are expected in the second half of 2022.
- Praxis intends to initiate a Phase 2, placebo-controlled trial to evaluate the safety, PK and efficacy of PRAX-944 as a non-dopaminergic treatment for the motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease in the second quarter of 2022.

#### *Epilepsy*

- Praxis plans to initiate a PRAX-562 Phase 2, placebo-controlled trial for treatment of developmental epileptic encephalopathies (DEEs) in the second quarter of 2022.
- Praxis intends to initiate a seamless study of PRAX-222, its lead antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) candidate, for the treatment of SCN2A-DEE in the second quarter of 2022.
- In January 2022, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products (COMP) granted Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) to PRAX-222 for the treatment of SCN2A-DEE. Previously, in January 2021, the FDA granted both ODD and Rare Pediatric Disease (RPD) designation to PRAX-222 for the treatment of SCN2A-DEE.
- In December 2021, the EMA COMP granted ODD to PRAX-562 for the treatment of SCN8A-DEE and SCN2A-DEE. Previously, in January 2021, the FDA granted both ODD and RPD designation to PRAX-562 for the treatment of SCN8A-DEE and SCN2A-DEE.
- In December 2021, Praxis presented data from two of its rare epilepsy programs, PRAX-562 and its KCNT1 inhibitor, at the American Epilepsy Society 2021 Annual Meeting. Presentations on PRAX-562 focused on its potent anticonvulsant activity in SCN2A-DEE and SCN8A-DEE mouse models and its mechanistic distinction relative to standard-of-care sodium channel inhibitors, with greater potency and selectivity for persistent sodium current. The presentation on KCNT1 focused on the compound's in vitro and in vivo profiling, including its efficacy in a KCNT1 gain-of-function mouse model.
- In December 2021, Praxis entered into a research collaboration with Cerebral Therapeutics, Inc., with an exclusive option to in-license delivery technology for intracerebroventricular administration of its ASOs.
- Praxis intends to develop PRAX-628, a small molecule with unique NaV channel binding kinetics that favor inhibition of pathological neuronal activity underlying aberrant brain function, such as that seen in the initial indication of focal onset seizures. The Company anticipates use in other common forms of epilepsy and CNS excitability disorders more generally. PRAX-628 is currently in IND-enabling toxicology studies.

#### *Other Exploratory CNS Indications*

- Praxis plans to initiate a PRAX-562 Phase 2, placebo-controlled trial for treatment of rare adult cephalgias in the first quarter of 2022, including a cohort of participants with Short-lasting Unilateral Neuralgiform headache attacks with Conjunctival injection and Tearing (SUNCT) and Short-lasting Unilateral Neuralgiform headache with Autonomic symptoms (SUNA), and a cohort of participants with Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN).

#### *General Corporate Updates*

- In December 2021, Praxis announced the appointment of Megan Sniecinski as chief business officer, the promotions of Alyssa Wyant to chief regulatory and quality officer and Karl Hansen, Ph.D., to chief technical operations officer, and the decision by chief scientific officer and co-founder, Steven Petrou, Ph.D., to fully dedicate his time to Praxis upon stepping down from his role as Director of the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health and Head of the Florey Department at The University of Melbourne.

**Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021 Financial Results:**

As of December 31, 2021, Praxis had \$275.9 million in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, compared to \$296.6 million in cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2020. This decrease of \$20.7 million primarily reflects cash used in operations of \$124.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, partially offset by \$105.7 million in net proceeds from the follow-on public offering of shares of the Company's common stock in May 2021 and at-the-market offerings during the fourth quarter of 2021. The company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of December 31, 2021 are expected to fund operations into the second quarter of 2023.

Research and development expenses were \$43.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2021, compared to \$16.3 million for the fourth quarter of 2020. Research and development expenses were \$120.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$45.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. The increase in research and development expenses for full year 2021 of \$75.3 million was primarily attributable to \$43.6 million in increased expenses related to the Company's franchises, \$17.6 million in increased personnel-related costs due to increased headcount and \$8.8 million in increased expenses for other exploratory CNS indications.

General and administrative expenses were \$15.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2021, compared to \$9.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2020. General and administrative expenses were \$47.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$17.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. The increase in general and administrative expenses for full year 2021 of \$30.1 million was primarily attributable to \$14.6 million in increased personnel-related costs due to increased headcount, \$9.9 million in increased professional fees and a \$5.6 million increase in other general and administrative expenses.

Praxis reported a net loss of \$58.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2021, including \$6.1 million of stock-based compensation expense, compared to \$25.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2020, including \$3.8 million of stock-based compensation expense. Praxis reported a net loss of \$167.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, including \$22.7 million of stock-based compensation expense, compared to a net loss of \$61.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, including \$5.2 million of stock-based compensation expense.

As of December 31, 2021, Praxis had 45.3 million shares of common stock outstanding.

**Conference Call and Webcast**

Praxis will host a Q&A session focused on today's corporate update and financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2021 via a conference call and webcast today, February 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. ET. To access the conference call, please dial (833) 398-1037 (local) or (914) 987-7735 (international) at least 10 minutes prior to the start time and refer to conference ID 8993704. A live audio webcast of the event may also be accessed through the Events & Presentations page of the Investors + Media section of the company's website at <https://investors.praxismedicines.com/events-and-presentations>. A replay of the webcast will be available on Praxis' website approximately two hours after the completion of the event and will be archived for 30 days following the event.

**About Praxis**

Praxis Precision Medicines is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company translating genetic insights into the development of therapies for CNS disorders characterized by neuronal excitation-inhibition imbalance. Praxis is applying insights from genetic epilepsies to both rare and more prevalent neurological and psychiatric disorders, using our understanding of shared biological targets and circuits in the brain. Praxis has established a broad portfolio with multiple programs, including product candidates across psychiatric disorders, movement disorders, epilepsy and other exploratory CNS indications, with three clinical-stage product candidates. For more information, please visit [www.praxismedicines.com](http://www.praxismedicines.com) and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other federal securities laws, including express or implied statements regarding Praxis' future expectations, plans and prospects, including, without limitation, statements regarding expectations, plans and timing for our clinical data, the anticipated timing of our clinical trials and regulatory filings, the development of our product candidates, including the design of our clinical trials and the treatment potential of our product candidates, and the sufficiency of our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, and as well as other statements containing the

words “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “endeavor,” “estimate,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” “target,” “will” or “would” and similar expressions that constitute forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The express or implied forward-looking statements included in this press release are only predictions and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, without limitation: uncertainties inherent in clinical trials; the expected timing of submissions for regulatory approval or review by governmental authorities; regulatory approvals to conduct trials; risks, uncertainties and assumptions regarding the impact of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic on Praxis’ business, operations, strategy, goals and anticipated timelines, Praxis’ ongoing and planned preclinical activities, Praxis’ ability to initiate, enroll, conduct or complete ongoing and planned clinical trials and Praxis’ timelines for regulatory submissions; and other risks concerning Praxis’ programs and operations are described in additional detail in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 to be filed and other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although Praxis’ forward-looking statements reflect the good faith judgment of its management, these statements are based only on information and factors currently known by Praxis. As a result, you are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement made in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Praxis undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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PRAXIS PRECISION MEDICINES, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Amounts in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 138,704	\$ 296,608
Marketable securities	137,207	—
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,498	5,718
Property and equipment, net	1,213	82
Operating lease right-of-use assets	3,653	754
Other non-current assets	472	15
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 292,747</b>	<b>\$ 303,177</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,780	\$ 4,088
Accrued expenses	26,844	10,869
Operating lease liabilities	4,311	763
Common stock	5	4
Additional paid-in capital	567,598	437,007
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(176)	—
Accumulated deficit	(316,615)	(149,554)
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 292,747</b>	<b>\$ 303,177</b>



**PRAXIS PRECISION MEDICINES, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	\$ 43,511	\$ 16,272	\$ 120,257	\$ 44,976
General and administrative	15,146	9,440	47,075	16,992
Total operating expenses	58,657	25,712	167,332	61,968
Loss from operations	(58,657)	(25,712)	(167,332)	(61,968)
Other income:				
Other income, net	70	6	271	140
Total other income	70	6	271	140
Loss before benefit from income taxes	(58,587)	(25,706)	(167,061)	(61,828)
Benefit from income taxes	5	—	—	8
Net loss	\$ (58,582)	\$ (25,706)	\$ (167,061)	\$ (61,820)
Accretion and cumulative dividends on redeemable convertible preferred stock	—	(950)	—	(8,996)
Gain on repurchase of redeemable convertible preferred stock	—	—	—	493
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (58,582)	\$ (26,656)	\$ (167,061)	\$ (70,323)
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	\$ (1.30)	\$ (0.87)	\$ (3.94)	\$ (7.86)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	44,964,580	30,703,886	42,454,055	8,950,152

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## Forward-looking statements

This presentation may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 relating to our business, operations, and financial conditions, including but not limited to express or implied statements regarding the current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, our development plans, our preclinical and clinical results and other future conditions. Any forward-looking statements in this presentation are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation, including, without limitation, risks relating to: (i) the success and timing of our ongoing clinical trials, (ii) the success and timing of our product development activities and initiating clinical trials, (iii) the success and timing of our collaboration partners' product development activities, (iv) our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of any of our product candidates, (v) our plans to research, discover and develop additional product candidates, (vi) our ability to enter into collaborations for the development of new product candidates, (vii) our ability to establish manufacturing capabilities, and our and our collaboration partners' abilities to manufacture our product candidates and scale production, (viii) our ability to meet any specific milestones set forth herein, and (ix) uncertainties and assumptions regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, operations, clinical trials, supply chain, strategy, goals and anticipated timelines. New risks and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible to predict all risks and uncertainties. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

For further information regarding the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause differences between our expectations and actual results, you should review the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2021 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Certain information contained in this presentation relates to or is based on studies, publications, surveys and other data obtained from third-party sources and our own internal estimates and research. While we believe these third-party sources to be reliable as of the date of this presentation, we have not independently verified, and make no representation as to the adequacy, fairness, accuracy or completeness of, any information obtained from third-party sources. In addition, all of the market data included in this presentation involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and there can be no guarantee as to the accuracy or reliability of such assumptions. Finally, while we believe our own internal research is reliable, such research has not been verified by any independent source.



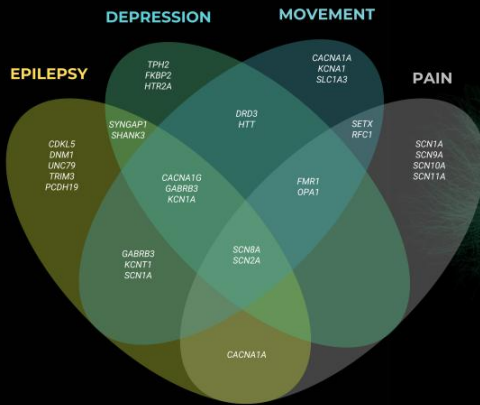
# A PATIENT-GUIDED CNS COMPANY

DEVELOPING NEW CLASSES OF TREATMENTS

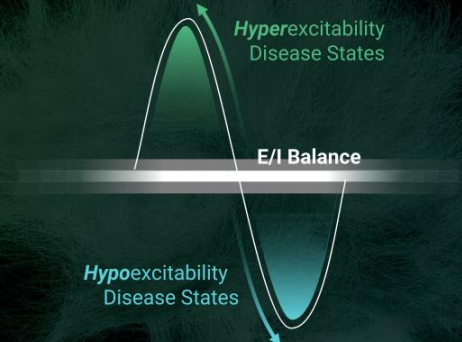
**Inspired By Human Genetics & The Biology Of Epilepsy**

# The biology of epilepsy offers insights into brain function for CNS disorders

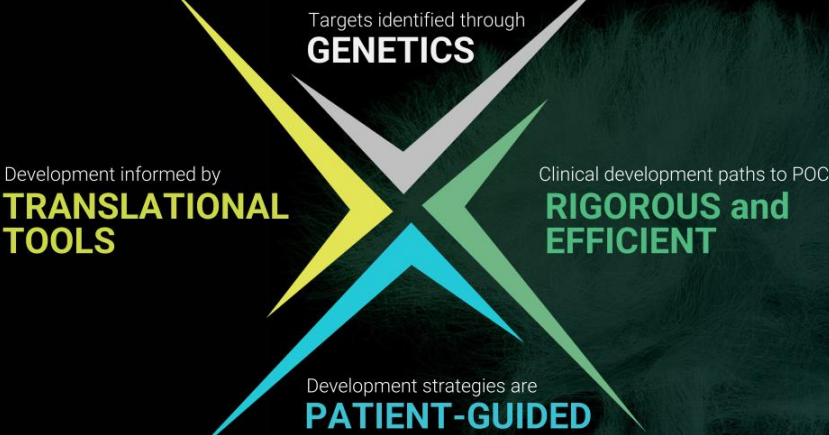
## Targets Elucidated By Genetics



## Targeting Common & Rare Diseases Connected By Neuronal Imbalance



Praxis is built on four key pillars



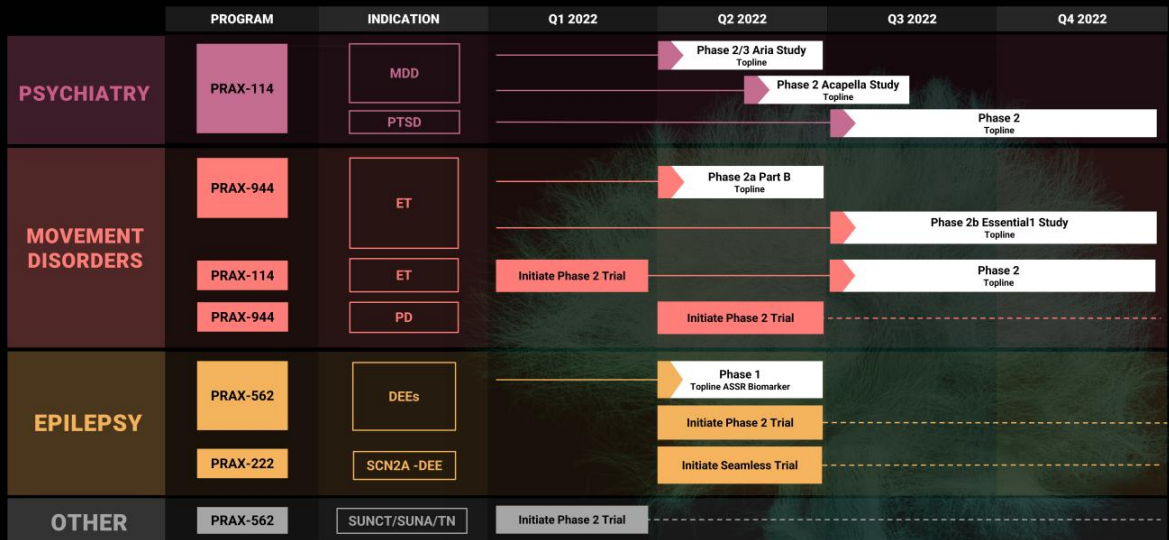
## Broad portfolio of highly differentiated programs across multiple CNS disorders

FRANCHISE	MECHANISM OF ACTION	PROGRAM	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	REGISTRATIONAL ENABLING
PSYCHIATRY	GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor PAM	PRAX-114 <i>Small molecule</i>			PRAX-114 PTSD	PRAX-114 MDD
	Undisclosed	PRAXIS-040 <i>Small molecule</i>	PRAXIS-040 UNDISCLOSED PSYCHIATRY TARGET			
MOVEMENT DISORDERS	GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor PAM	PRAX-114 <i>Small molecule</i>			PRAX-114 Essential Tremor	
	T-type calcium channel blocker	PRAX-944 <i>Small molecule</i>			PRAX-944 PD	PRAX-944 Essential Tremor
	Undisclosed	PRAXIS-050 <i>Small molecule</i>	PRAXIS-050 UNDISCLOSED MOVEMENT TARGET			
EPILEPSY	Persistent sodium current blocker	PRAX-562 <i>Small molecule</i>			PRAX-562 DEEs	
	Nav1.2 downregulation	PRAX-222 ASO	PRAX-222 SCN2A-LOF			
	Potassium channel T1 blocker	PRAX-020 <i>Small molecule</i>	PRAX-020 KCNQ1			
	Activity dependent sodium current blocker	PRAX-628 <i>Small molecule</i>	PRAX-628 Focal Epilepsy			
	Nav1.2 upregulation	SCN2A-LOF* ASO	SCN2A LoF ASO SCN2A-LOF			
	RAS GTPase activating protein (SynGAP) upregulation	SYNGAP1* ASO	SYNGAP1 ASO SYNGAP1			
	Protocadherin-19 downregulation	PCDH19* ASO	PCDH19 ASO PCDH19			
	Undisclosed	PRAXIS-030 <i>Small molecule</i>	PRAXIS-030 UNDISCLOSED EPILEPSY TARGET			
OTHER CNS	Persistent sodium current blocker SCN8A	PRAX-562 <i>Small molecule</i>			PRAX-562 SUNCT/SUNA/TN	



\* SCN2A-LOF, SYNGAP1 & PCDH19 ASOs are a collaboration with The Florey Institute  
 PRAX-114 Phase 2 trial for ET, PRAX-944 Phase 2 trial for PD and PRAX-562 trials for SUNCT/SUNA/TN and for DEEs have not initiated

# Upcoming catalysts throughout portfolio in 2022







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PRAX-114  
GABA<sub>A</sub> Receptor PAM  
Depression  
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

### 2Q 2022

Ph 2/3 Monotherapy MDD Aria Study Topline

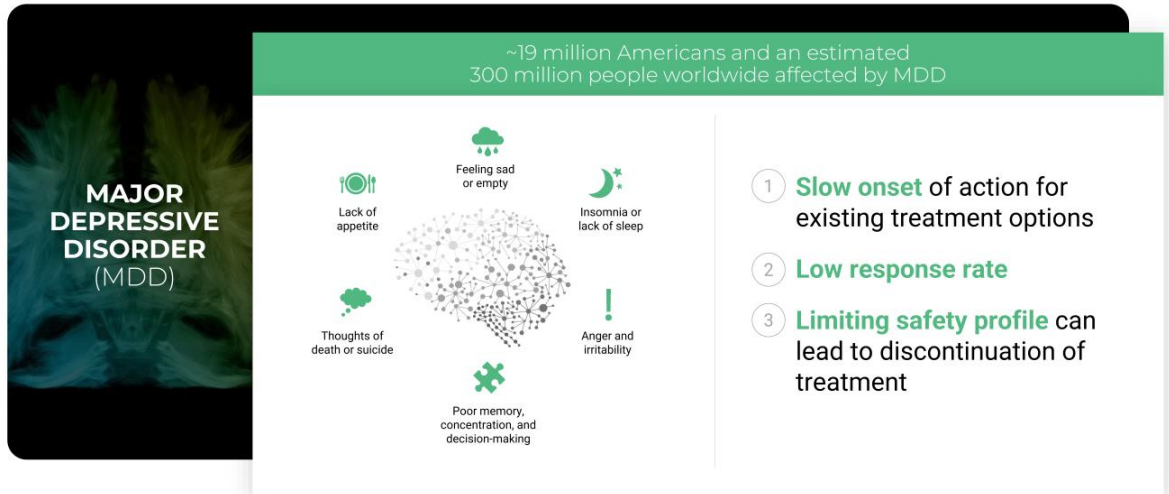
### MID-2022

Ph 2 MDD Dose-Ranging Acapella Study Topline

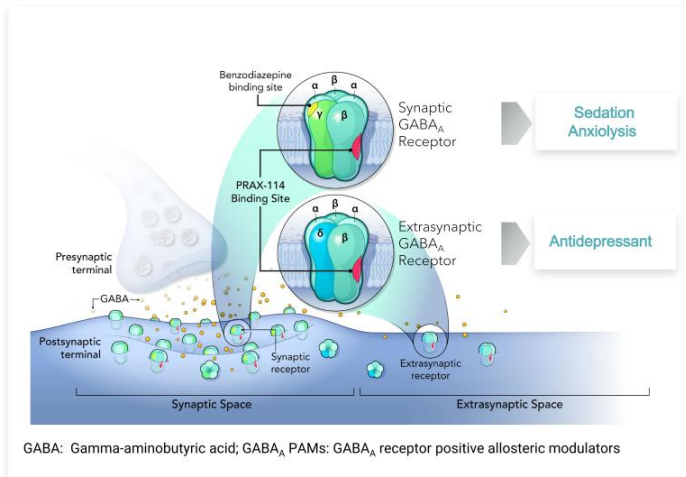
### 2H 2022

Ph 2 PTSD Topline

Major depressive disorder is a growing and debilitating disorder with substantial unmet need despite numerous treatment options



Preference for extrasynaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors has the potential of marked antidepressant effect with an improved tolerability profile



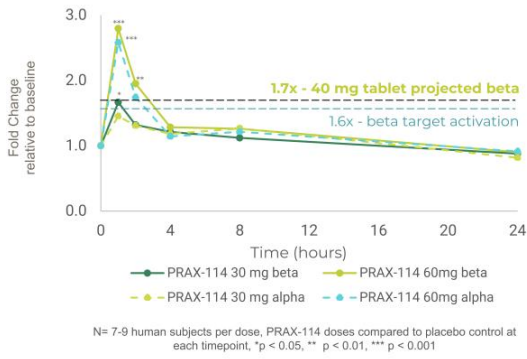
PRAX-114 shows 10.5-Fold greater potentiation of extrasynaptic than synaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors

Dosing	Potentiation		Fold Potentiation	
	α <sub>4</sub> β <sub>3</sub> δ %*	α <sub>1</sub> β <sub>2</sub> γ <sub>2</sub> %	α <sub>4</sub> β <sub>3</sub> δ / α <sub>1</sub> β <sub>2</sub> γ <sub>2</sub>	
<b>PRAX-114</b>	<b>Oral</b>	<b>300%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Zuranolone	Oral	300%	117%	2.6
Ganaxolone	IV, Oral	300%	794%	0.4
Zulresso	IV	300%	306%	1.0

α<sub>4</sub>β<sub>3</sub>δ: extrasynaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor    α<sub>1</sub>β<sub>2</sub>γ<sub>2</sub>: synaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor  
 \* Equivalent of full activation by GABA    Source: PRAXIS data

Extrasynaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> preference allows PRAX-114 the potential to achieve high-levels of GABAergic activation with improved tolerability

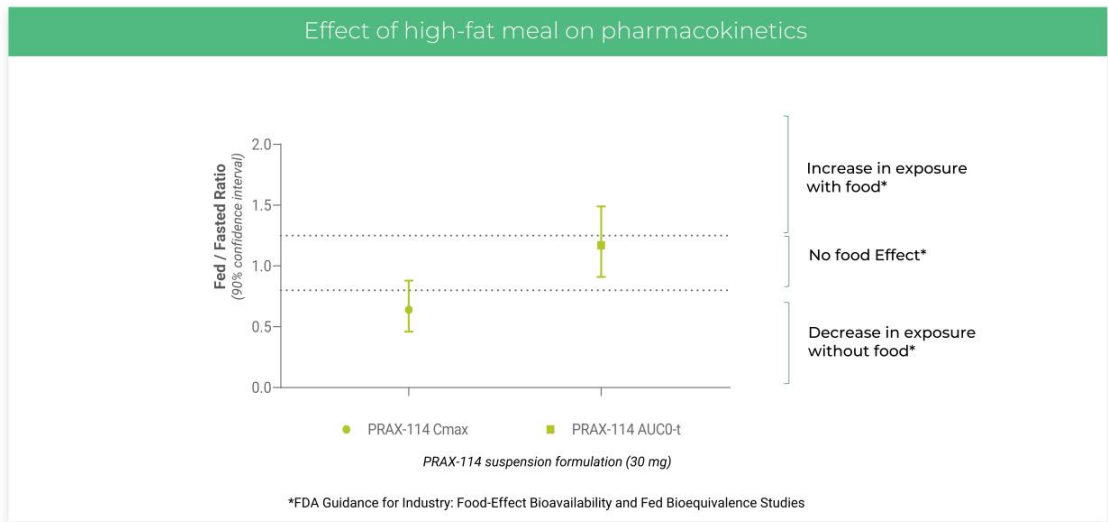
PRAX-114 shows robust qEEG signal and target activation



**No MTD identified** up to 80mg

**Tolerability profile** maintained throughout dose escalation

**Exposure-dependent rates of somnolence** resolved 1 to 3 hours post-dosing, consistent with peak concentrations

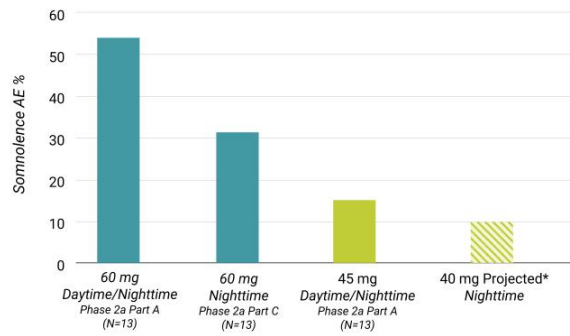


PRAX-114 Phase 2a: rapid and marked improvement in depression scores

Phase 2a combined* HAM-D monotherapy & adjunctive results		
Visit	HAM-D Monotherapy	HAM-D Adjunctive
	Mean (SD) N=14	Mean (SD) N=38
Day 1 (BL)	25.2 (1.82)	24.7 (2.90)
Day 8 (CFB)	-17.6 (4.77)	-13.4 (7.94)
Day 15 (CFB)	-16.6 (5.23)	-12.2 (7.02)

Phase 2a combined* HAM-A anxiety and HAM-D insomnia item results		
Visit	HAM-A Anxiety Rating Scale	HAM-D Insomnia Item Total (max score of 6)
	Mean (SD) N=52	Mean (SD) N=52
Day 1 (BL)	22.4 (4.16)	4.2 (1.3)
Day 8 (CFB)	-12.4 (7.55)	-2.8 (1.9)
Day 15 (CFB)	-11.6 (6.67)	-3.1 (1.7)




Estimated somnolence rate of approximately 10% for 40 mg tablet (1.7x beta power) administered at nighttime

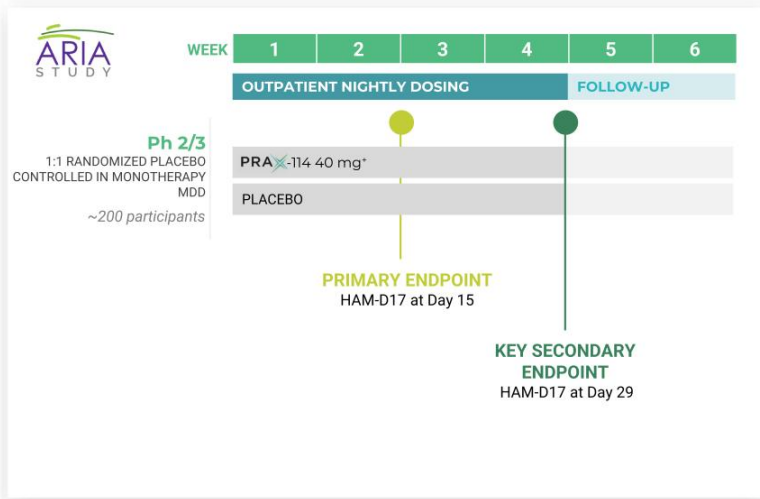


**No evidence of decreased alertness in the morning after administration of PRAX-114 in Phase 2a trial in MDD patients\*\***

β-EEG Multiple      **2.1**      **2.1**      **1.7**      **1.7**



Key Operational Controls	
 <p><b>RIGOROUS PATIENT SELECTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment of patients with at least one prior episode of MDD (associated with a lower placebo response rate) <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Two-level subject &amp; data quality procedure using the SAFER independent clinical interview to confirm eligibility <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
 <p><b>HIGH QUALITY SITE SELECTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment of sites with a known track-record of high-quality data generation</li> <li>• Experienced raters, adequate resources, low frequency of operational issues and proven performance in running studies successfully during the pandemic</li> </ul>
 <p><b>OPTIMIZED TRIAL DESIGN &amp; EXECUTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of a placebo control reminder script for patients at every visit</li> <li>• Inclusion of the AiCure smartphone-based adherence monitoring system with structured site intervention <sup>3</sup></li> </ul>



**PHASE 2/3**

First of two registrational trials for monotherapy MDD

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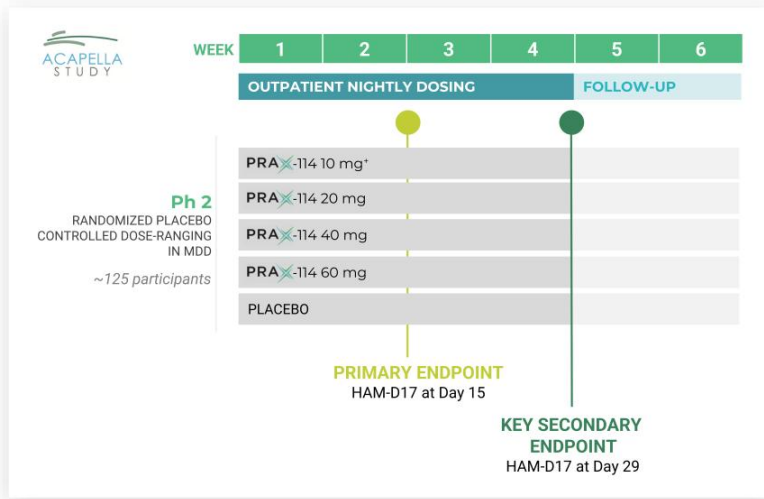
**KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Ages 18-65
- HAM-D17  $\geq$  23
- At least one prior episode of MDD

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**KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Treatment-resistant depression
- Current antidepressant treatment



**PHASE 2**

Dose-ranging study to evaluate safety and efficacy of PRAX-114 at doses of 10, 20, 40 and 60 mg

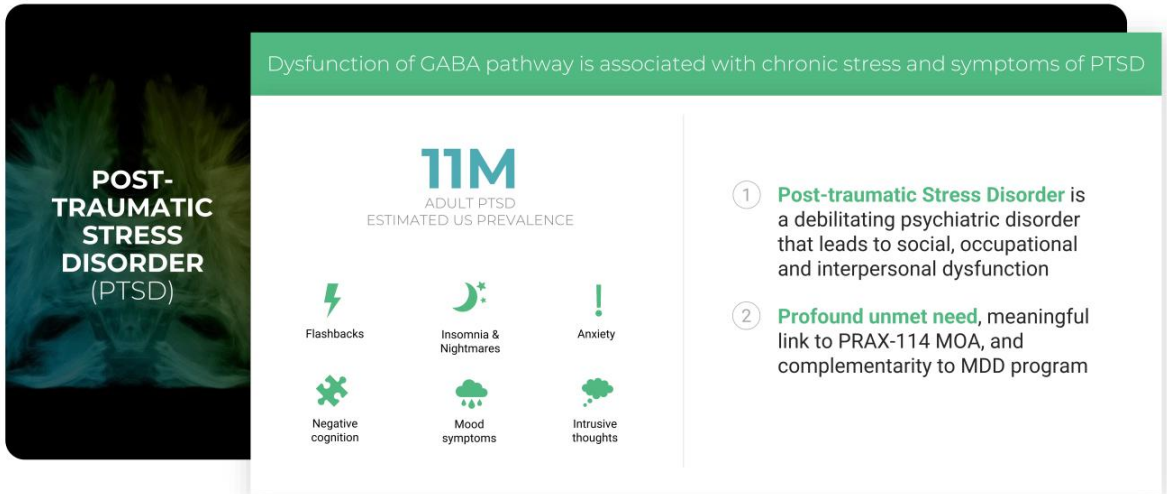
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- Ages 18-65
- HAM-D17  $\geq$  20
- At least one prior episode of MDD

**KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Treatment-resistant depression

Dysfunction of GABA pathway is associated with chronic stress and symptoms of PTSD



The infographic features a dark background on the left with the text 'POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)'. To the right, a white box contains the following information: '11M ADULT PTSD ESTIMATED US PREVALENCE' at the top. Below this, six icons represent symptoms: a lightning bolt for 'Flashbacks', a crescent moon with a star for 'Insomnia & Nightmares', an exclamation mark for 'Anxiety', a puzzle piece for 'Negative cognition', a cloud with rain for 'Mood symptoms', and a brain with a lightning bolt for 'Intrusive thoughts'. On the far right, two numbered points are listed: '1 Post-traumatic Stress Disorder is a debilitating psychiatric disorder that leads to social, occupational and interpersonal dysfunction' and '2 Profound unmet need, meaningful link to PRAX-114 MOA, and complementarity to MDD program'.

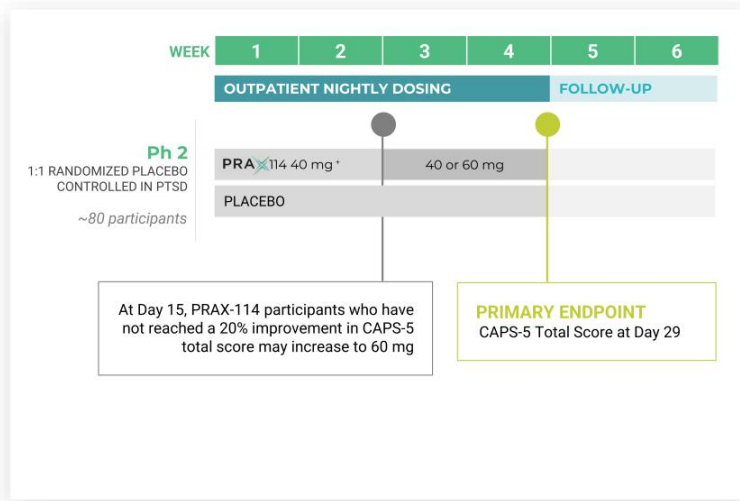
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- 1 **Post-traumatic Stress Disorder** is a debilitating psychiatric disorder that leads to social, occupational and interpersonal dysfunction
- 2 **Profound unmet need**, meaningful link to PRAX-114 MOA, and complementarity to MDD program

## Dosing has started in PRAX-114 PTSD Phase 2 study



### TOPLINE DATA EXPECTED 2H22

To evaluate safety, tolerability and efficacy of PRAX-114 for treatment of adults with PTSD

### KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

Ages 18-65  
CAPS-5  $\geq 30$   
PTSD diagnosis with duration of >6 months

# MOVEMENT DISORDERS

PRAX-944  
T-Type Calcium Channel Inhibitor  
**Essential Tremor**  
**Parkinson's disease**

PRAX-114  
GABA<sub>A</sub> Receptor PAM  
**Essential Tremor**

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**2Q 2022**

PRAX-944 Ph 2a ET Part B Randomized Withdrawal  
Topline

**2Q 2022**

Initiate PRAX-944 Ph 2 PD Trial

**2H 2022**

PRAX-944 Ph 2b ET Essential1 Study  
Topline

**2H 2022**

PRAX-114 Ph 2 ET  
Topline

**PRAX-944:**  
for Essential Tremor

Identify dose for  
registrational study

**Essential1 Study**  
Topline Data: 2H2022

**PRAX-114:**  
for Essential Tremor

Demonstrate well-  
tolerated GABA<sub>A</sub>-PAM  
with daytime dosing

**Ph2 Study**  
Topline Data: 2H2022

**PRAX-944:**  
for Parkinson's disease

Demonstrate motor  
improvement

**Initiate Ph2 Study**  
2Q2022

## Why Essential Tremor matters



Most common movement disorder ~7x the prevalence of Parkinson's disease<sup>1</sup>



~ 50% of patients have a family history<sup>2,3</sup>

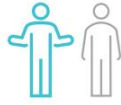


Daytime action tremor that primarily affects the hands<sup>3,4</sup>



Heterogeneous condition with progressive disability<sup>3</sup>





### Social

*embarrassed by their tremor<sup>1,2</sup>*



### Self

*feel negative about themselves<sup>1</sup>*



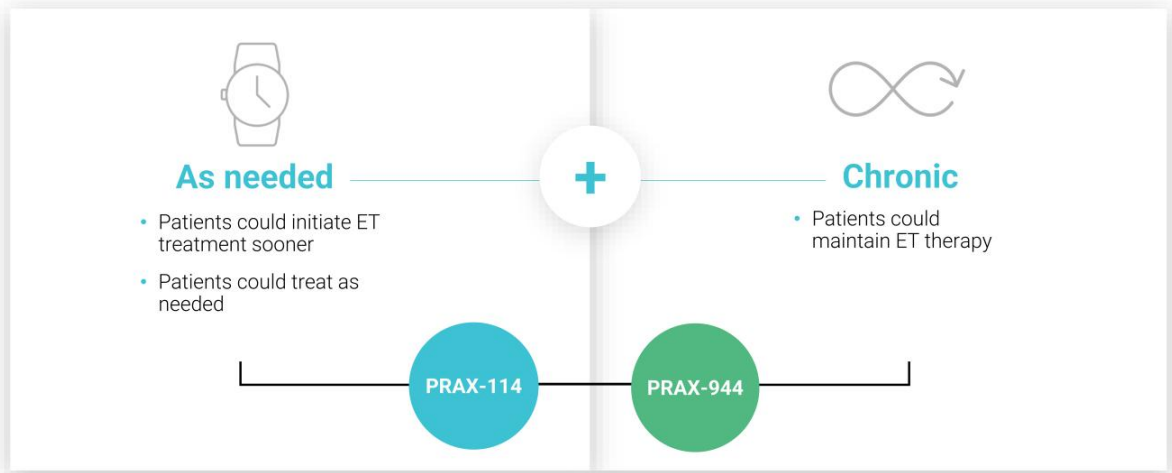
### Mood

*symptoms of social isolation, depression, and anxiety<sup>1-5</sup>*

Our focus is on elevating the standard of care to capture the \$4B+ US ET market

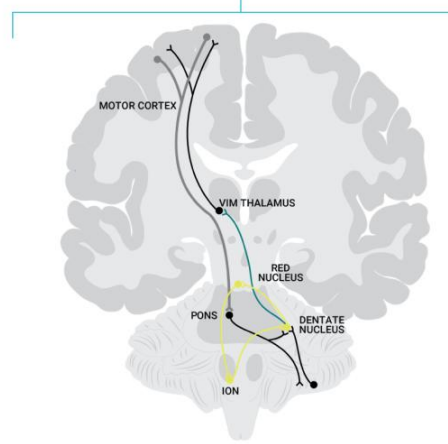


Praxis treatments could allow patients to fit the right therapy to their needs to realize improved outcomes



CEREBELLO-THALAMO-CORTICAL (CTC) CIRCUIT

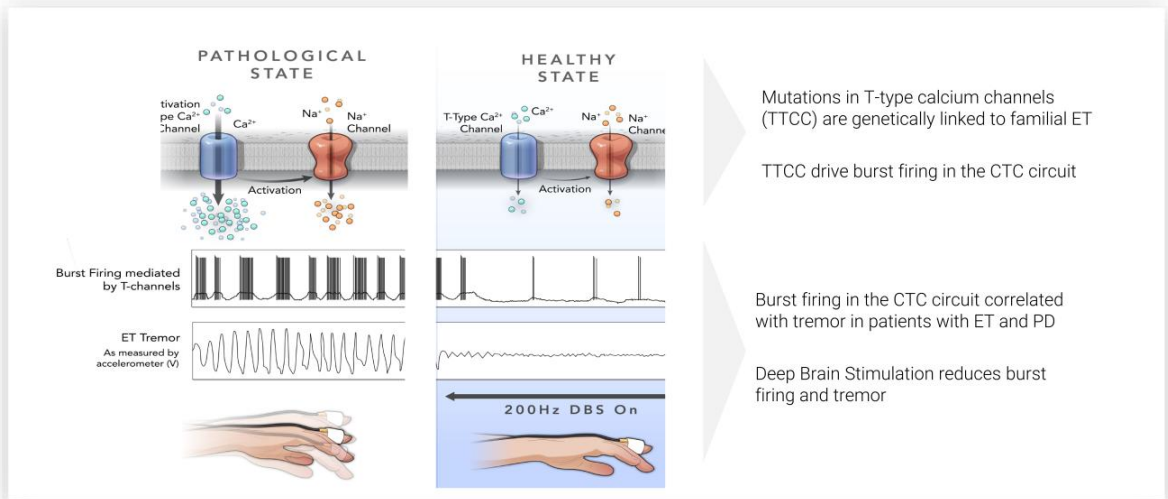
GABA<sub>A</sub> RECEPTORS



T-TYPE CALCIUM CHANNELS

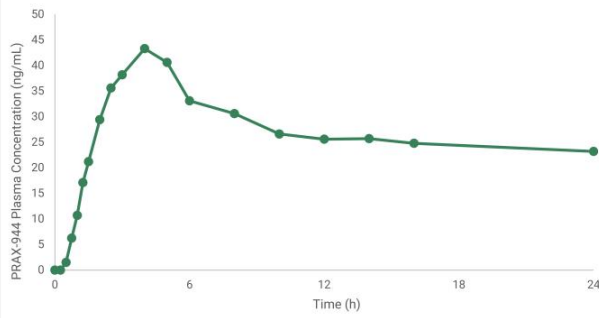


# T-Type calcium channels are gatekeepers of neuronal firing patterns in the CTC circuit



PRAX-944 is designed to enable once daily dosing and a well-tolerated safety profile

Sustained exposure with blunted MR Cmax allows for potential of sustained efficacy and improved tolerability



Mean PRAX-944 Concentration-Time Profiles after single 20 mg Modified Release (MR) oral dose

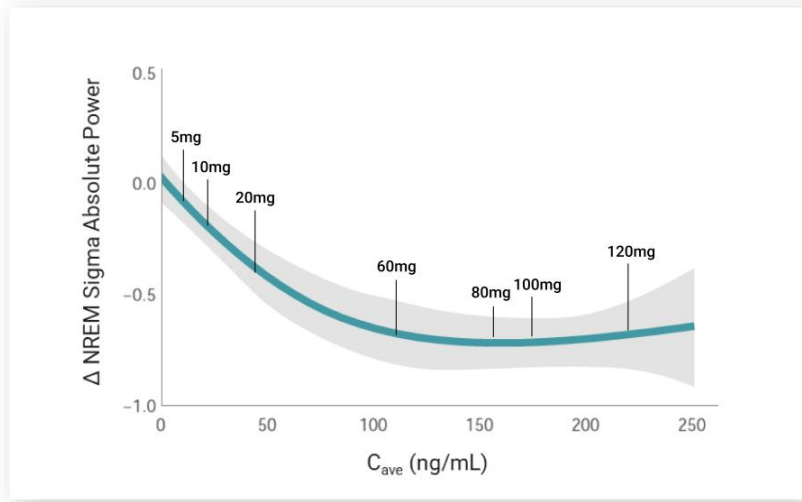
MR formulation is well-tolerated

**Titration and fit for purpose formulation are key to tolerability profile**

**No MTD identified up to 120 mg per day**

**Majority of AEs have been mild, transient and resolved without intervention**

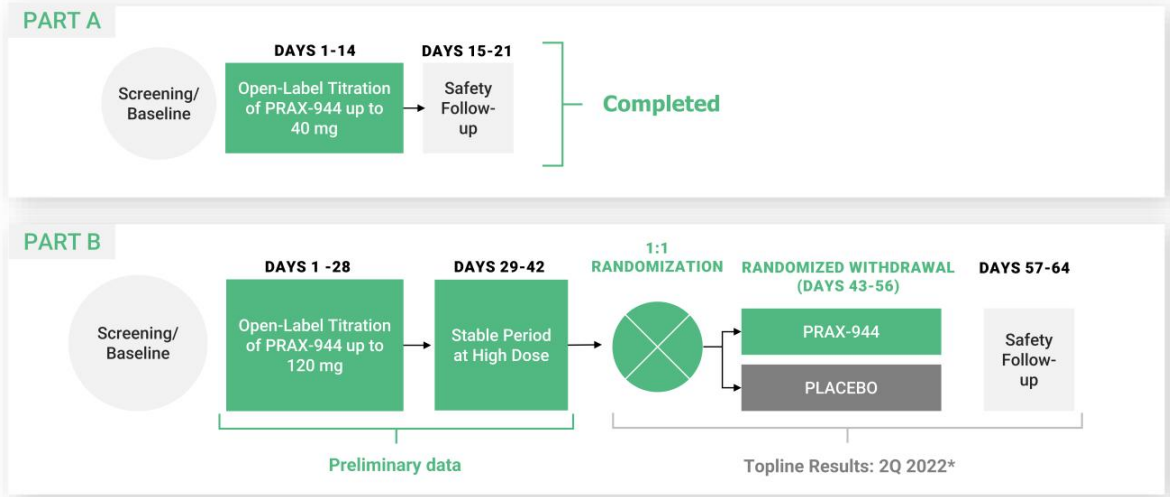
## PRAX-944 showed robust PK:PD relationship to guide dosing



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

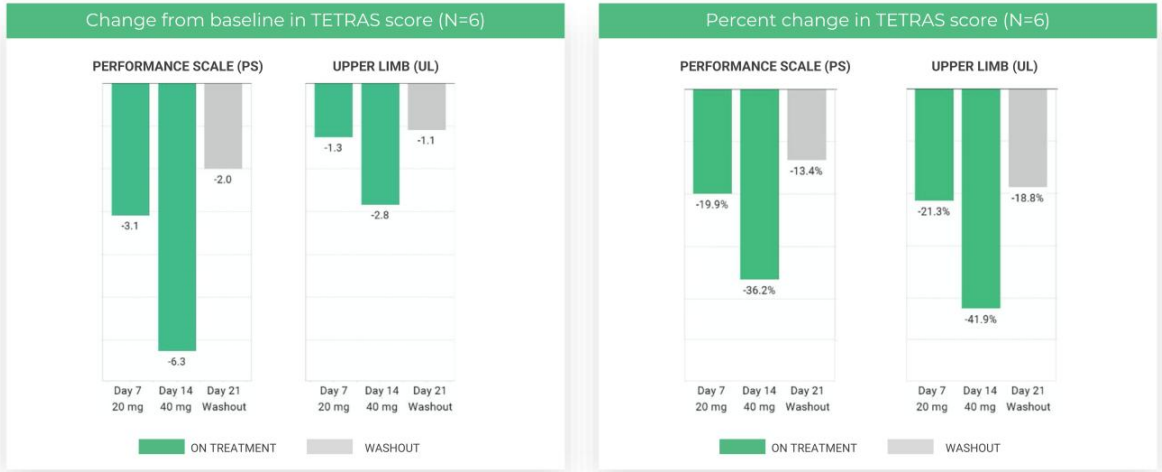
- Dose-dependent reduction in sigma-band power
- Effect observed over >20x dose range
- Provides confidence that PRAX-944 is reaching functionally relevant brain concentrations and targets

# Enrollment completed in PRAX-944 Phase 2a ET study





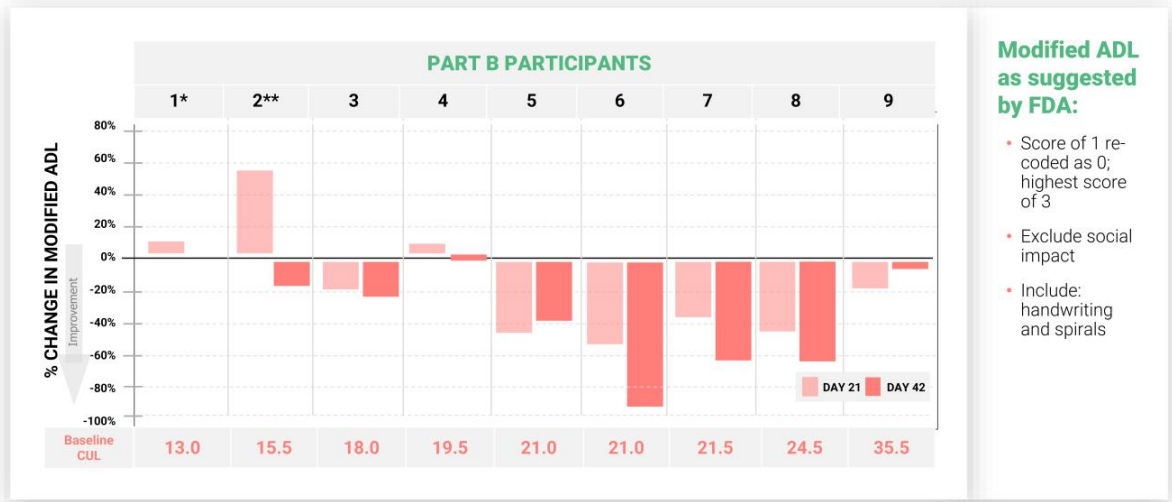
PRAX-944 Phase 2a ET Part A data shows dose dependent reduction in tremor amplitude



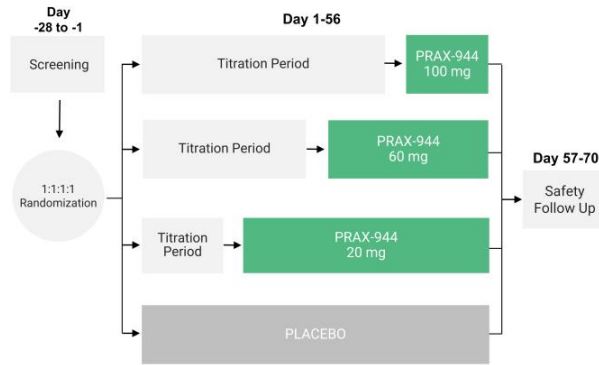
Preliminary Part B data: TETRAS Combined Upper Limb (CUL) and TETRAS Activities of Daily Living (ADL)



Preliminary Part B data: modified ADL by baseline CUL score



Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in ~112 participants



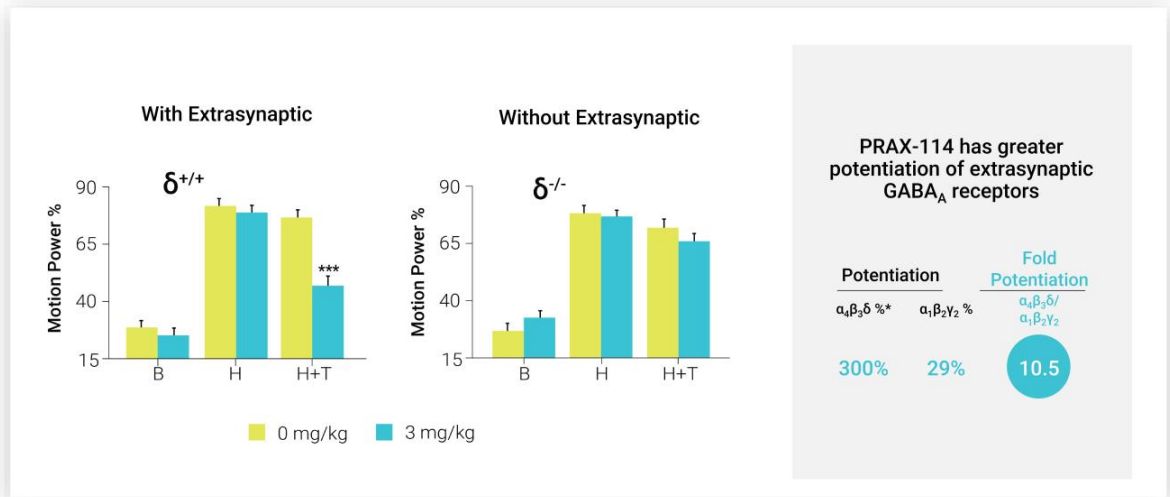
TOPLINE DATA EXPECTED 2H22

Dose-ranging study to evaluate safety, tolerability and efficacy of PRAX-944 for treatment of adults with ET

**KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA**

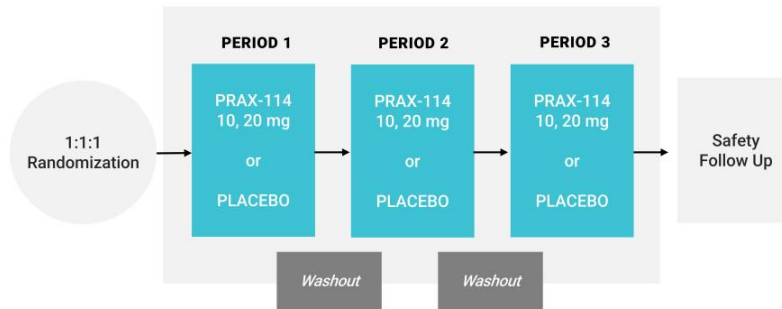
- Ages 18 or older
- Diagnosis of ET for at least 3 years
- TETRAS UL score  $\geq 10$

PRAX-114: Evidence suggests central role of extrasynaptic GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors targeting tremor pathophysiology



PRAX-114 ET Phase 2 study designed to evaluate safety, tolerability, PK and efficacy of daytime dosing

Study Design: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over study  
N = ~15 participants

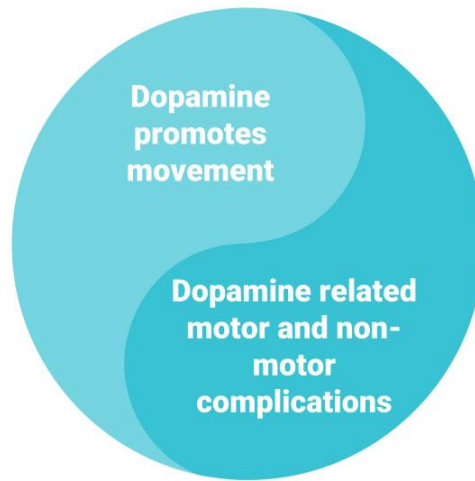


**KEY QUESTION:**

Is there a dose that enables reduction in tremor without somnolence or sedation?

**TOPLINE DATA:**

2H2022



## Why Parkinson's disease matters?



Affects ~1 million people in the US, with 85% of patients treated pharmacologically



Incidence is age related. Average age of onset is early 60s. High risk in men.

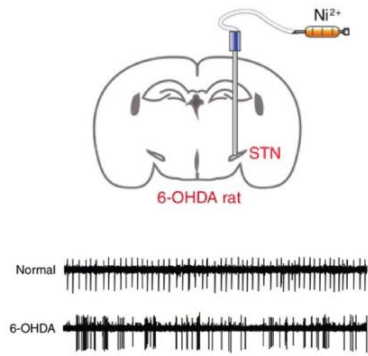


Progressive disability motor and non-motor symptoms

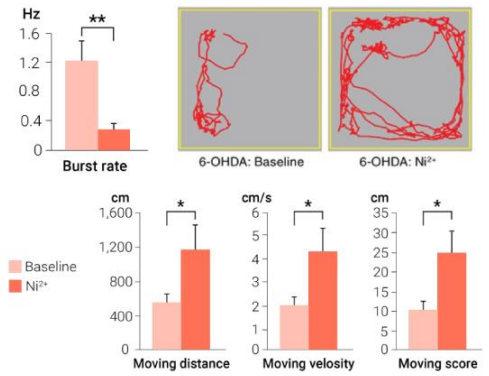


# Blocking T-type Calcium Channels improves motor activity in 6-OHDA model of Parkinson's disease

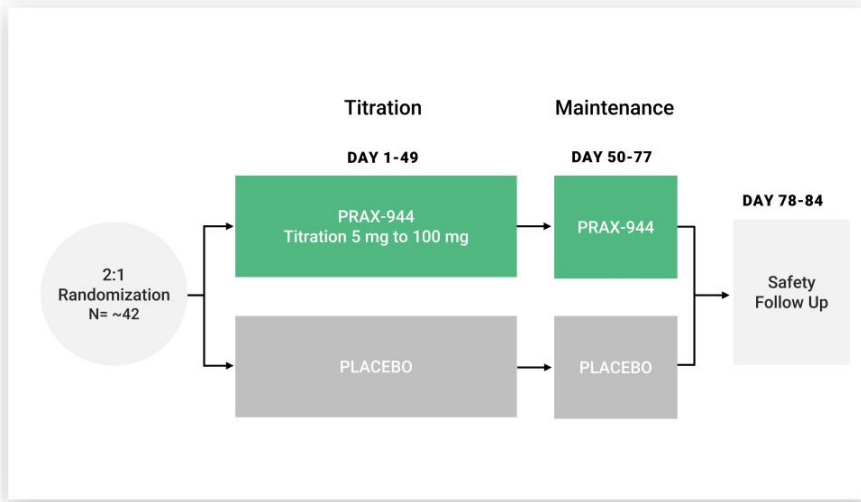
## BURST FIRING IN STN OF 6-OHDA PARKINSON'S MODEL



## BLOCK OF BURST FIRING IMPROVES MOVEMENT IN 6-OHDA PARKINSON'S MODEL



PRAX-944 study to evaluate motor function in Parkinson's disease patients expected to initiate in 2Q22



**CLINICAL MEASUREMENTS:**

Motor function

**KEY QUESTION:**

Does PRAX-944 demonstrate motor improvement in patients?

# EPILEPSY

*PRAX-562*

*PRAX-222 ASO*

*PRAX-020*

*PRAX-628*

*SCN2A-LOF ASO*

*SYNGAP1 ASO*

*PCDH19 ASO*

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**2Q 2022**

PRAX-562 Ph 1 ASSR Biomarker  
Topline

**2Q 2022**

Initiate PRAX-562 Ph 2 DEE Trial

**2Q 2022**

Initiate PRAX-222 Seamless SCN2A-DEE Trial

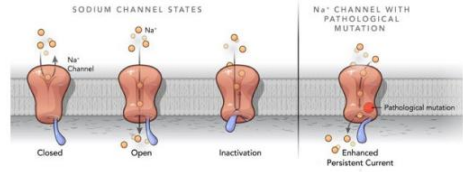
# PRAX-562: Block of persistent sodium current can reduce neuronal hyperexcitability and impact multiple disease states

## Standard sodium channel blockers target peak sodium current and disrupt AP, leading to side effects

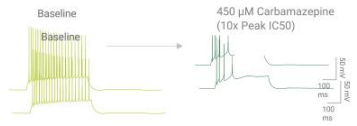
- Standard sodium channel blockers are an important class of medicines in neurology and psychiatry, broadly used in epilepsy, pain, migraine and bipolar disorder
- All standard NaV blockers target peak sodium current
- In general, efficacy is limited by side effects



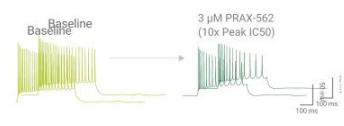
## Modulation of persistent sodium current reduces hyperexcitability without disrupting AP

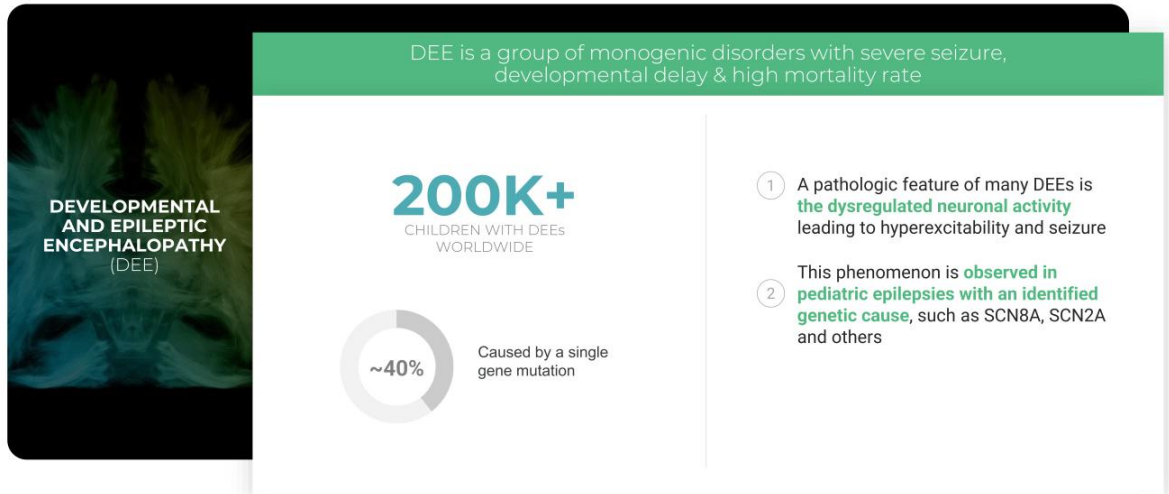


### Carbamazepine Representative AP Traces



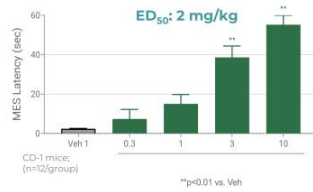
### PRAX-562 Representative AP Traces





# PRAX-562 mediated persistent current block protects mice from seizure with a wide therapeutic window *in-vivo*

## PRAX-562 shows robust anti-seizure activity without impairment of locomotor activity



## PRAX-562 showed significantly improved TI as compared to currently prescribed sodium channel blockers

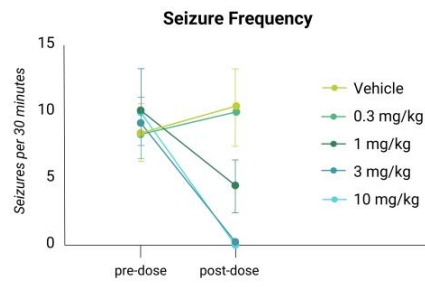
Molecule	Brain Therapeutic Index
<b>PRAX-562</b>	<b>16.4x</b>
Carbamazepine	5.9x
Lamotrigine	4.6x

PRAX-562 had an increased ratio between drug levels that demonstrated preclinical anti-seizure activity versus those that caused toxicity

Therapeutic Index (TI) = TC<sub>50</sub> / EC<sub>50</sub>

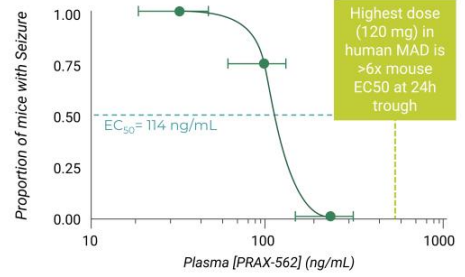
# Treatment with PRAX-562 has shown significant reduction of seizures in genetic pediatric epilepsy animal models

PRAX-562 elicited dose-dependent prevention of seizures in SCN2A\* mouse model



Baseline seizure frequency was measured for 30 minutes prior to treatment (Pre) and then again 30 minutes after treatment (Post). Symbols represent mean  $\pm$  SEM, n=6-10 per symbol.

PRAX-562 elicited dose-dependent prevention of seizures in SCN8A\* mouse model



PRAX-562 inhibition of audiogenic seizures in D/+ mice

PRAX-222: ASO to treat SCN2A GoF Epilepsy

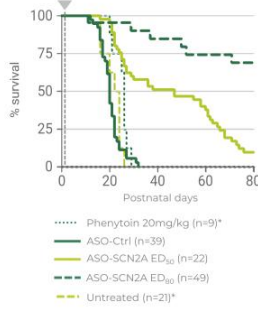


- Severe early onset epilepsy estimated to affect thousands of patients worldwide

- Antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) to down-regulate SCN2A expression

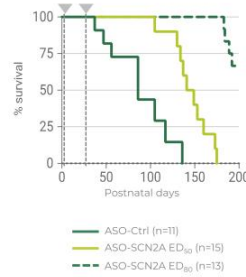
**Increased Survival with Single ASO Dose at PN Day 1**

ASO injection (icv)



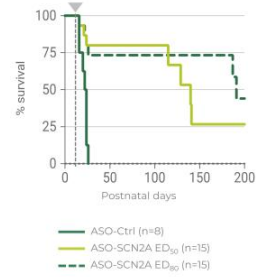
**Redosing Significantly Extends Survival**

ASO injections (icv)



**Administration Post-Disease Onset Also Extends Survival**

ASO injection (icv, P15)





# Upcoming catalysts throughout portfolio in 2022

