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**PRAX-628** 

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### Today's Agenda

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**PRAX-628** – Poised to revolutionize the epilepsy treatment paradigm



Perspectives from Clinical Practice

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#### **Q&A SESSION**

### Four clinical stage assets and multitude of early-stage programs



\*PRAX-020 (KCNT1) is a research collaboration with UCB

+PRAX-080 (PCDH19), PRAX-090 (SYNGAP1) & PRAX-100 (SCN2A-LoF) ASOs are a collaboration with The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

PRAXIS 4

The Praxis epilepsy portfolio targets significant unmet need in both the common and rare epilepsy markets







## **PRAX-628**

### PRAX-628 has presented an ideal precision ASM profile



Significantly more potent than competitive molecules in highly translatable pre-clinical models

Rapidly achieves therapeutic concentrations after once-daily dose

Ability to significantly exceed therapeutic concentrations while well tolerated

Proof of concept in epilepsy patients achieved

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Ideal Proof of concept in epilepsy patients achieved in PPR study Treatment 100% **3-13X** Evaluable patients **Multiples of MES** Response rate EC<sub>50</sub> Exposure



PRAX-628 is poised to revolutionize the epilepsy treatment paradigm



### **PRAX-628**

Photoparoxysmal response in photosensitive epilepsy topline results

#### PRAX-628 PPR study De-risks further development in epilepsy



- Patients must demonstrate PPR response during screening and baseline to be evaluable
- Response Assessment
  - **Partial:** Reduction, other than to zero, in the number of generalized PPR events at any assessment period vs baseline
  - **Complete:** Reduction to zero in the number of generalized PPR events at any assessment period vs baseline
- Safety monitored and PK samples collected during entire observation period

# Intermittent Photic Stimulation (IPS) to elicit Photo Paroxysmal Response (PPR)



Image Source: Pricillia, I. L. & Azhari, A. (2022). Electroencephalogram Detection for Insomnia Patients: A Preliminary Study. Biosaintifika: Journal of Biology & Biology Education, 14 (2), 191-199



### Study disposition



\* 1 participant did not meet the criteria for presence of PPR response at baseline

\*\* Due to sponsor decision on eligibility, 1 participant was withdrawn after placebo day, prior to PRAX-628 exposure

### Study demographics – evaluable patients per treatment group

|   |  | Placebo<br>N=7* | 15 mg<br>N=5  | 45 mg<br>N=3 |
|---|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Age (Years)                               | Mean (min, max)                              | 32 (18, 61)     | 37.4 (20, 61) | 34 (19, 61)  |
| Sex                                       | M, F   | 2,5             | 1,4           | 1,2          |
| Weight (Kg)                               | Mean   | 74.7            | 74.6          | 81.7         |
| BMI (Kg/m²)                               | Mean (SD)                                    | 24.5 (4.5)      | 25.0 (5.5)    | 27.4 (6.4)   |
| Concomitant<br>medication (N)             | Brivaracetam<br>Lamotrigine<br>Valproic Acid | 1<br>1<br>1     | 1<br>1<br>1   | 0<br>1<br>0  |
| Duration of epilepsy<br>diagnosis (Years) | Mean (min, max)                              | 19 (1,47)       | 23 (5,47)     | 18 (1,47)    |

### Safety population – All AEs were mild in severity

|                           | Placebo | PRAX-628 15 mg | PRAX-628 45 mg |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | N=7*    | N=6            | N=3            |
| Patients with any AEs     | 6 (86%) | 6 (100%)       | 3 (100%)       |
| Patients with severe AEs  | 0       | 0              | 0              |
| Patients with TEAEs       | 6 (86%) | 6 (100%)       | 3 (100%)       |
| Serious AEs               | 0       | 0              | 0              |
|                           |         |                |                |
| AEs by Preferred Term     |         |                |                |
| (Patients with AE)**      | 17 (6)  | 14 (6)         | 10 (3)         |
| Fatigue                   | 7 (5)   | 3 (3)          | 2 (2)          |
| Headache                  | 4 (2)   | 0              | 1              |
| Somnolence                | 1       | 0              | 2 (2)          |
| Feeling of relaxation     | 1       | 1              | 0              |
| Nausea                    | 1       | 0              | 1              |
| Dizziness                 | 1       | 0              | 1              |
| End-of-study follow up*** |         |                |                |
| Sleep paralysis           | 0       | 3 (1)          | 0              |

\* Patients receiving any placebo treatment (3 patients received placebo in both Parts A & B for a total of 7 unique patients)

\*\* AEs occurring only once in one patient not included

\*\*\* Occurred post-treatment during safety follow-up period (Day 4 through end of study)

100% of evaluable patients responded to PRAX-628

| Dose  | Categorical Response | Response Rate |  |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 15 mg | None                 | 0% (0/5)      |  |
|       | Partial              | 20% (1/5)     |  |
|       | Complete             | 80% (4/5)     |  |
| 45 mg | None                 | 0% (0/3)      |  |
|       | Complete             | 100% (3/3)    |  |
|       | Evaluable Response   | 100% (8/8)    |  |

### Example: PRAX-628 eliminating PPR response





NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center

# Therapeutic gaps in focal epilepsy

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# Why should we (still) care about focal epilepsy?

- Focal epilepsy accounts for the vast majority of epilepsy types worldwide
- 53-88% of adults with epilepsy have focal onset seizures: <u>1.6 2.6</u> <u>million</u> adults in US
- 42-60% of children with epilepsy have focal onset seizures: <u>196 282</u> <u>thousand</u> children in US
- Incidence of focal epilepsy increases with age
- About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> are not fully controlled with currently available therapy (up to 800k patients in US)
- 10-40% of patients reported side effects from medications spontaneously, and 60-95% in structured interviews

Behr et al, Revue neurologique. 2016 Jan 1;172(1):27-36. Perucca et al, Lancet Neurol 2012;11:792-802 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/epilepsy/data/index.html</u>





# Navigating the current treatment landscape for focal epilepsy



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

Phenobarbital Leviteracetam Phenytoin Zonisamide CarbamazepinePregabalin Lacosamide Valproate Gabapentin Clobazam Felbamate Ezogabine/Retigabine Lamotrigine Eslicarbazepine Vigabatrin Perampanel Topiramate Brivaracetam Oxcarbazepine Cenobamate

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Who is having frequent tonic-clonic seizures



### **Epilepsy Outcomes: Opportunities for improvement**



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









### Seizure-freedom in focal seizure add-on trials



NYU Langone Health

### **Epilepsy Outcomes: Opportunities 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>                                    | Fatigue, vertigo, ataxia, CNS depression, cognitive changes, diplopia, tremor, mood changes                           |
| Acute, unpredictable, 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, hepatotoxicity   |

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![](_page_33_Picture_7.jpeg)

### Impact of Tolerability on Efficacy

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• Do some drugs lack sufficient efficacy due to narrow therapeutic ranges?

![](_page_34_Figure_3.jpeg)

Chung et al. CNS Drugs. 2010;24(12):1041-1054.

![](_page_34_Picture_5.jpeg)

### **Epilepsy Outcomes: Opportunities for improvement**

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### **Comorbidities**

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

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### **Epilepsy Outcomes: Opportunities for improvement**

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### **Disease modification**

No treatments yet:

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

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### Other gaps..

- Treatments for generalized or unknown epilepsy
- Teratogenicity

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### Conclusions

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

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

Shortcomings of available ASMs present opportunities for the differentiation of new therapies

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#### What to expect from Praxis during 2024

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