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Mission



Pioneering neuroscience to deliver groundbreaking therapies for individuals affected by psychiatric and neurological disorders



Investment Highlights



Broad, diverse, and differentiated neuroscience pipeline



Targeting large markets with inadequate standards of care



Positive clinical studies reported across multiple neuroscience indications:

- ✓ Phase 3 Study in Social Anxiety Disorder
- ✓ Phase 2 Study in Major Depressive Disorder
- $\checkmark\,$ Phase 2 Study in Hot Flashes due to Menopause
- ✓ Phase 2 Study in Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder
- $\checkmark\,$ Phase 2 Study in Psychomotor Impairment due to Mental Fatigue



Registration-directed Phase 3 program in Social Anxiety Disorder underway

- Multiple potential partnership opportunities
- R Experienced neuroscience drug development team



Clinical-stage Neuroscience Pipeline

Product Candidate	Lead Indication(s)	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Fasedienol (PH94B)	Social Anxiety Disorder	Registration-directed Phase First positive Phase 3 study i	3 program underwa eported in 2H 2023;	y FDA Fast Track design	ation
Itruvone (PH10)	Major Depressive Disorder (Monotherapy)	FDA Fast Track designation			
PH80	Vasomotor Symptoms (Hot Flashes) due to Menopause ¹				
PH15	Cognitive/Psychomotor Impairment due to Mental Fatigue ¹				
PH284	Wasting Syndrome (e.g. Cachexia) ¹				
AV- 10 1	Disorders involving NMDAR	FDA Fast Track designation i	n major depressive c	lisorder and neuropath	ic pain

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1. Indicates U.S. IND-enabling work necessary to facilitate further Phase 2 clinical development in the U.S.



Pherines

A new class of therapies for neuroscience disorders

Pherines

Novel neurocircuitry-focused candidates for psychiatric and neurological disorders



- Fundamentally differentiated mechanisms of action (MOAs) from all approved drugs
- Delivered intranasally, rapidly active, odorless, and tasteless
- Effect on the CNS is via nose-to-brain neural connections
- Activate neural circuitry to specific brain regions that impact multiple CNS disorders
- Neither systemic absorption nor CNS uptake required
- Novel MOAs drive favorable safety profiles observed in all clinical trials completed to date





Fasedienol Nasal Spray for the Acute Treatment of Social Anxiety Disorder

Setting a new standard of care

Social Anxiety Disorder Is a Serious Mental Health Condition

SAD is a serious and potentially life-threatening chronic mental health disorder characterized by ...

Debilitating emotional and physical symptoms In everyday social or performance situations

- **Emotional Symptoms**
 - Overwhelming fear
 - Surges of anxiety
 - Extreme self-consciousness
 - Isolation leading to depression

Meeting new people



Presenting at work or school



Public speaking



Making a phone call

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- Blushing / Sweating
- Trembling
- Nausea •
- Fast heartbeat / Chest discomfort
- Shortness of breath / Dizziness



Interviewing for a job

Eating/drinking

in front of others



SAD Affects ~10% of the U.S. Population

Current treatment options fall short of patient needs

Treatable Patients •

Patients suffering but unaware they may have SAD or not yet motivated to seek professional help

Underserved Patients •

Patients unsatisfied with or unwilling to use current treatment options due to efficacy, side effects, or addiction potential

Existing Patients •

Patients cycling through treatments, often unsatisfied with their current treatment options but without alternatives

Sources: Kantar Health. Nov 2021. National Health and Wellness Survey (NHWS), 2021. [U.S.]. Malvern, PA.





There Is no FDA-approved Acute Treatment of SAD

Current treatment options fall short of physicians' preferred product profile

Preferred Product Profile of Acute Treatment for Social Anxiety Disorder							
Drug	Fast-acting	Non-systemic	No Long-term Side Effects	Non- sedating*	No Cognitive/ Motor Impairment	No Withdrawal Syndrome	No Abuse Potential
FDA-approved (sertraline, paroxetine, venlafaxine)	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	$\overline{}$	\bigcirc
Off-label (benzodiazepines)	\bigcirc	$\overline{}$	\bigcirc	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	\bigcirc
Physicians' Preferred SAD Therapy	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

* Non-sedative hypnotic agents



Fasedienol brings New Optimism for SAD Patients

Potential to be the first FDA-approved Acute Treatment of Social Anxiety Disorder

- Registration-directed PALISADE Phase 3 program underway; positive PALISADE-2 reported 2H 2023; PALISADE-3 initiated 1H 2024; PALISADE-4 expected 2H 2024
- Mechanism of action (MOA) is differentiated from all FDA-approved products
- Patient-tailored administration, as-needed
- No observed systemic absorption or direct activity on neurons in the brain
- >> No benzodiazepine-like GABA-A activity; does not bind to abuse liability receptors
 - Favorable tolerability profile
- Potential to build confidence and reduce fear, anxiety, and avoidance of stressors
 FDA Fast Track Designation granted



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Blinded Fasedienol Target Product Profile for Acute Treatment of SAD Rated Highly by Psychiatrists and Primary Care Physicians



Sources: Vistagen Proprietary Market Research, Online Survey, Jan 2022 (n=251)

Fasedienol's Novel Proposed Mechanism of Action

Differentiated from all current therapies for anxiety disorders



A microgram-level dose of fasedienol is administered

Fasedienol engages peripheral receptors in nasal chemosensory neurons (NCNs)

NCNs trigger olfactory bulb neurons (OBs)

OBNs stimulate inhibitory GABAergic "Fear Off" neurons in the limbic amygdala, the main fear and anxiety center of the

Stimulation of the limbic amygdala **DECREASES** activity of the sympathetic nervous system, which facilitates fear extinction activity of the limbic-hypothalamic system, as well as in other parts of the brain

Sources: Monti L, and Liebowitz MR (2020). Neural circuits of anxiolytic and antidepressant pherine molecules. CNS Spectrums https://doi.org/10.1017/S109285292000190X



PALISADE-2 Phase 3 Trial for Acute Treatment of SAD



Public speaking challenge in a clinical setting



Study Design

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-dose administration Phase 3 trial to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of fasedienol for the acute treatment of anxiety in adult subjects with SAD induced by a public speaking challenge in a clinical setting



Screening

Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- + SAD diagnosis; LSAS > 70
- + HAMD < 18 at screening
- Normal olfactory function, Quick Olfactory Test if suspected necessary
- + No recent history of COVID-19



Outcome Measures

- Primary Endpoint
- Change in mean Subjective Units of Distress (SUDS) scores from baseline compared to placebo

Exclusion Criteria

- Significant psychiatric illness, use of psychotropic medication
- Suicidal behavior
- Alcohol or substance use disorder
- Significant nasal pathology

Secondary Endpoint

 Responder Rates based on Clinical Global Impression – Improvement (CGI-I)



PALISADE-2 Phase 3 Top-Line Efficacy Results – August 2023

Positive results across primary, secondary, and exploratory endpoints

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PALISADE-2 Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Change in Least-squares Mean SUDS Scores from V2 to V3 vs. Placebo

Met primary efficacy endpoint with a change from Baseline of 5.8 points better than placebo







PALISADE-2 Secondary Efficacy Endpoint: CGI-I Responders vs. Placebo

Fasedienol responders 1.8 times greater than placebo

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CGI-I % Responders* (Rating of 1 or 2)



* In accordance with FDA-aligned, pre-specified statistical analysis plan, missing CGI-I values for one subject on placebo and one subject on fasedienol were not imputed for the ITT CGI-I responder analysis. The missing values resulted from site error and are considered missing at random.



PALISADE-2 Exploratory Endpoint: PGI-C Responders vs. Placebo

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Fasedienol responders 2.2 times greater than placebo

PGI-C % Responders* (Rating of 1 or 2)



* In accordance with FDA aligned, pre-specified statistical analysis plan, missing PGI-C values for one subject on placebo and one subject on fasedienol were not imputed for the ITT PGI-C responder analysis. The missing values resulted from site error and are considered missing at random.



PALISADE-2 Exploratory Endpoint: SUDS Responders vs. Placebo

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Fasedienol responders 1.9 times greater than placebo

SUDS % Responders*



SUDS Responders ≥ 20-point improvement from Visit 2 baseline to Visit 3

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* In accordance with FDA-aligned, pre-specified statistical analysis plan, missing V3 SUDS values for one subject on placebo were not imputed for the ITT SUDS responder analysis. The missing values resulted from site error and are considered missing at random.

PALISADE-2 Tolerability Profile



Fasedienol's tolerability profile was favorable and consistent with results from all trials completed to date

- No severe or serious adverse events were reported
- No discontinuations due to adverse events following the single dose of fasedienol
- Adverse events were infrequent and mild or moderate in severity
- There were no treatment-emergent adverse events reported above a 2% occurrence, except pyrexia in the placebo group (2.49%)

PALISADE Open Label Safety Study



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Over 30,000 doses self-administered in daily life by 481 SAD patients

Design

Long-term self-administration of 3.2 µg of fasedienol as-needed, up to 4x/day prior to anxiety-provoking social and performance stressors in daily life, with a mean study duration of 4 months, and a maximum study duration of over 10 months

Results

- Long-term self-administration of 3.2 μg of fasedienol as-needed, up to 4x/day, was well-tolerated in adult SAD patients (n=481)
- Of the 481 SAD participants in the study who received at least one dose of fasedienol, at least one treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE) was reported by 56.8% of subjects, with 54.9% of the 481 participants reporting mild or moderate TEAEs and only 1.9% of participants reporting severe TEAEs
- Headache was the most common TEAE (17.0%; 8.7% drug-related); COVID-19 infection was reported by 11.4% (0% drug-related) of participants
- No other TEAE occurred in more than 5.0% of participants

Fasedienol Registration-directed Phase 3 Clinical Program

To complement PALISADE-2, Vistagen will conduct two additional PALISADE Phase 3 studies as part of its registration-directed PALISADE Phase 3 program for the acute treatment of SAD

PALISADE-3 and PALISADE-4 Phase 3 Trials with Open-label Extension (OLE)

Design: Phase 3 Acute Treatment Public Speaking Challenge similar to PALISADE-2

Potential OLE: Up to 12 months

Timing: PALISADE-3 initiated in 1H 2024 and PALISADE-4 to initiate in 2H 2024

Target enrollment: Approximately 236 in each Phase 3 study

Estimated top-line data readouts: PALISADE-3 and PALISADE-4 in 2025

Vistagen believes either PALISADE-3 or PALISADE-4, if successful, together with PALISADE-2, may establish substantial evidence of the effectiveness of fasedienol in support of a potential U.S. NDA submission to the FDA for the acute treatment of anxiety in adults with SAD



PALISADE-3 and PALISADE-4 Phase 3 SAD Trials with OLE* PALISADE



Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-dose administration Phase 3 trial to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of fasedienol for the acute treatment of anxiety induced by a public speaking challenge in adult subjects with SAD in a clinical setting

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Criteria	

Inclusion Criteria

- + Female and male subjects; age 18-65
- + SAD diagnosis; LSAS \geq 70; HAMD<18
- Normal olfactory function determined by Quick Olfactory Test
- + Medical and psychiatric health

Exclusion Criteria

- Nasal swab within the past four weeks
- COVID-19 diagnosis + any residual symptoms within past 4 weeks
- Drug use (incl. cannabis), heavy use of alcohol, smoking, vaping
- Other primary psychiatric disorders; receiving CNS active medications



PrimaryEndpointChange in mean SUDS scores from V2 to V3 compared to placebo

Secondary Endpoints Responder rates at V3 vs placebo:

- Patient Global Impression of Change
- Clinical Global Impression Improvement





Itruvone Nasal Spray for Major Depressive Disorder

Setting a new standard of care for depression disorders

Itruvone brings New Optimism for MDD Patients

Potential to be the first non-systemic, neurocircuitry-focused treatment of MDD



Positive Phase 2A study (n=30) with efficacy vs. placebo as early as one week, unlike SSRIs/SNRIs which can take weeks to show efficacy



Mechanism of action (MOA) is differentiated from all FDA-approved products



No observed systemic absorption or binding to neurons in the brain





Well-tolerated in studies completed to date



No expected sexual side effects or weight gain based on MOA and completed studies



FDA Fast Track Designation granted



Itruvone's Novel Proposed Mechanism of Action

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Differentiated from all current therapies for depression disorders



Microgram-level intranasal dose of itruvone is administered intranasally

 Itruvone engages peripheral receptors in nasal chemosensory neurons (NCNs)

NCNs trigger subgroups of interneurons in the olfactory bulbs (OBs)

Neurons in the OBs then stimulate GABAergic and CRH neurons in the limbic amygdala

⁵ The stimulation of the limbic amygdala **INCREASES** the activity of the sympathetic autonomic nervous system and the release of catecholamines from the midbrain

Sources: Monti L, and Liebowitz MR (2020). Neural circuits of anxiolytic and antidepressant pherine molecules. CNS Spectrums https://doi.org/10.1017/S109285292000190X



MDD – A Highly Prevalent and Unsatisfied Market

In the U.S. 17.3 million

Adults had at least one major depressive episode¹

Globally
264 million

People of all ages suffer from depression²

Current standard of care for MDD is inadequate

Oral Antidepressants

- Often do not work; slow to work
 - Initial ADT effective in 1 of 3 patients³
 - May take up to 6 weeks or more for antidepressant effects
- Significant potential side effects
 - Anxiety, sexual dysfunction, insomnia, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache, sweating

Oral Atypical Antipsychotics

- Often do not work
- Significant potential side effects
 - Weight gain, stomach pain, tiredness, dizziness, tardive dyskinesia, headache, nervousness, restlessness



Itruvone Phase 2A Study in MDD



Design: Phase 2A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel design POC clinical study (n=30)

Dosing: 3.2 μ g or 6.4 μ g of itruvone or placebo i.n., 2 times per day for 8 weeks



Primary Endpoint: Change in HAMD-17 scores from baseline compared to placebo

Results:

- 6.4 μ g dose significantly reduced depressive symptoms as early as one week based on HAMD-17 scores compared to placebo (p=0.022)
- 3.2 µg dose showed a trend (p=0.101)
- Strong effect sizes for 3.2 μg and 6.4 μg vs. placebo at 1 week and at 8 weeks
- Well-tolerated, no serious adverse events observed, no dissociative side effects, no reports of weight gain or sexual side effects

Rapid-onset antidepressant effects with itruvone observed in MDD study participants with minimal side effects

Itruvone Phase 2A Study in MDD



6.4 μg dose produced
 rapid-onset and sustained
 antidepressant effects in
 MDD study participants with
 minimal side effects

Itruvone Dose	HAMD-17 Score	p (itruvone vs placebo)	Cohen's D (Effect Size)
🔶 3.2 μg (Low Dose)	-16.3	0.101	0.74
🔵 6.4 μg (High Dose)	-17.8	0.022	0.95
Placebo	-10.9		

Sources: Monti, L., Nicolini, H., Liebowitz, M., & Hanover, R. (2019). "A Placebo Controlled Trial of PH10: Test of a New Rapidly Acting Intranasally Administered Antidepressant." Br J Phar Med Res 4(6): 2157-2168.



Itruvone Phase 2B Clinical Plan*

Planning for potential Phase 2B development of itruvone as an innovative, non-systemic monotherapy for MDD is underway



Potential Design: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel study in male and female subjects (18 to 65 years old) with a confirmed diagnosis of moderate to severe MDD, who are not currently taking any antidepressants



Outpatient self-administration of 6.4 μ g (3.2 μ g twice daily) itruvone nasal spray over a 6-week period



Potential Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Change from Baseline to Day 42 in the HAMD-17 Rating Scale

*Potential initiation of this Phase 2B study is subject to FDA feedback





PH80 Nasal Spray for Women's Health Disorders

Setting a new standard of care



PH80 Nasal Spray

Potential non-hormonal treatment for vasomotor symptoms (hot flashes) due to menopause, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, and other women's health disorders

- Innovative, rapid-onset product candidate
- Novel and differentiated MOA from all approved products
- Potential to be taken as-needed for treatment of menopausal hot
 flashes to provide relief in the moment, as well as reduce the number and severity of hot flashes over time
- - No systemic absorption or direct action on CNS neurons
 - Potential safety and tolerability profile advantages over currently approved therapies
- Positive exploratory Phase 2A studies completed in menopausal hot flashes (n=36) and premenstrual dysphoric disorder (n=52)





PH80's Novel Proposed Mechanism of Action

Differentiated from currently approved women's health therapies



- Microgram-level intranasal dose of PH80 is administered
- PH80 engages peripheral receptors in nasal chemosensory neurons (NCNs)
- Once stimulated with PH80, NCNs then trigger subgroups of neurons in the olfactory bulbs (OBs)
- Neurons in the OBs then stimulate neurons in the limbic amygdala and the hypothalamus

The stimulation of neurons in the limbic amygdala and the hypothalamus decreases the activity of the autonomic nervous system and decreases activation of the trigeminal-vascular neural circuits

Downstream effects potentially include:

• Decreased irritability;

Activity

Decreases

- Decreased muscle tension;
- Reduced core body temperature; and
- Reduced feeling of internal heat

These changes potentially affect the neural circuits involved in vasomotor symptoms (hot flashes) due to menopause, premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), and migraine Vistagen

PH80 Phase 2A Study in Vasomotor Symptoms (Hot Flashes)



Objective: Evaluation of PH80 efficacy and tolerability for the management of vasomotor symptoms (hot flashes) associated with to menopause



Study Details: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase 2A study. Participants selfadministered PH80 (3.2 µg/dose) or placebo for 4 weeks up to 4 times daily with a dose at night if needed (up to 16 µg/day). Participants were followed up weekly during the treatment period



Participants: Menopausal women aged 45-60 (n=36) with \geq 8 hot flashes of moderate to severe intensity per day on average for 1 week (\approx 56/week)



Outcome Measures: Daily ratings of the Number, Severity, Disruption in function (Bother), and Sweating associated with daily hot flashes, PGI-C, CGI-I, Safety, and Tolerability



Results: PH80 showed statistically and clinically significant improvement vs. placebo in the number and severity of hot flashes while also significantly reducing participant-reported disruption in function and sweating associated with hot flashes

PH80 Phase 2A Study in Hot Flashes: Met Primary Efficacy Endpoint

Statistically and clinically significant improvement vs. placebo in the number of hot flashes at 1 week and maintained through 4 weeks of treatment (p<0.001)





PH80 Phase 2A Study in Hot Flashes: Met Secondary Efficacy Endpoints

PH80 also significantly reduced participant-reported severity, disruption in function (Bother), and sweating associated with hot flashes during the treatment period as compared with placebo





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PH80 Phase 2A Study in Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD)



Objective: Evaluation of PH80 efficacy and tolerability for the management of the symptoms of premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD)



Study Details: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, exploratory Phase 2A study. Subjects who did not respond to placebo at a screening visit returned after the onset of symptoms during the next menstrual cycle. At the second study visit, subjects were randomized to receive either 0.9 μg PH80 nasal spray or placebo, self-administered at home as-needed, up to 4 times per day for 6 consecutive days



Participants: Women aged 18-40 (n=52) with at least 1 year of experiencing PMDD symptoms and Premenstrual Tension Scale (PMTS) score ≥ 10. Individuals with relevant pre-existing conditions or use of SSRIs were excluded



Outcome Measures: Penn Daily Symptom Report (DSR), Premenstrual Tension Scale (PMTS), PGI-C, CGI-I, Safety, and Tolerability



Results: PH80 showed statistically and clinically significant improvement vs. placebo in symptoms of PMDD at study endpoint after 6 days of treatment (during the critical days of the menstrual period) based on DSR (p=0.008) and PMTS (p=0.006) and was well-tolerated with no serious adverse events

PH80 Phase 2A Study in PMDD: Met Primary Efficacy Endpoint

PH80 treatment resulted in significant separation in PMDD DSR scores vs placebo from Day 4 through Day 6 (p=0.008)



* Denotes Statistical Significance

PH80 Phase 2A Study in PMDD: Met Primary Efficacy Endpoint

PH80 resulted in clinically significant reduction in PMTS from baseline vs Placebo (p=0.006)



* Denotes Statistical Significance



PH15 Nasal Spray for Acute Treatment of Cognitive/Psychomotor Impairment caused by Mental Fatigue

Setting a new standard of care



PH15 Nasal Spray

Potential for improvement of cognitive and psychomotor impairment caused by mental fatigue



- Innovative, rapid-onset PRN product candidate
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 - User-friendly intranasal administration, taken as-needed for acute improvement of cognition



Potential to provide rapid-onset and activation of brain areas



No systemic absorption or direct activity on CNS neurons



Novel and differentiated MOA provides potential new treatment to improve psychomotor impairment and potentially cognitive impairment due to mental fatigue from sleep deprivation (e.g., Shift Work Disorder, Sleep Apnea, and Narcolepsy)



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Positive Phase 2A pilot study (n=10) completed for improvement of psychomotor impairment caused by mental fatigue



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PH15 Novel Proposed Mechanism of Action

Activity Increases

Differentiated from all currently approved therapies



- Microgram-level intranasal dose of PH15 is administered intranasally
- 2 PH15 engages peripheral receptors in nasal chemosensory neurons (NCNs)
- 3 NCNs then trigger subgroups of neurons in the olfactory bulbs (OBs)
- A Neurons in the OBs then directly stimulate neurons in several areas of the basal forebrain including the hippocampus, amygdala, and piriform cortex

Increased activity in the hippocampus is responsible for improvement in cognitive function

Increased activity in the limbic amygdala in turn increases activity in the cerebral cortex, leading to improved psychomotor function

Sources: Monti L, and Liebowitz MR (2020). Neural circuits of anxiolytic and antidepressant pherine molecules. CNS Spectrums https://doi.org/10.1017/S109285292000190X





PH284 Nasal Spray for Acute Treatment of Wasting Syndrome (Cachexia)

Setting a new standard of care



PH284 Nasal Spray

Potential acute treatment for wasting syndrome (cachexia)





F Intranasal administration, taken before meals

Potential to increase subjective feelings of hunger and caloric intake in patients diagnosed with wasting syndrome, a severe consequence of many chronic diseases and advanced cancer

Potential for favorable tolerability and promising clinical activity

Novel and differentiated MOA targets a neuronal circuit associated with appetite stimulation instead of a single gene, protein, neuron, or synapse, which may have therapeutic potential in wasting syndrome (cachexia)



PH284 Novel Proposed Mechanism of Action

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Activity Increases

Differentiated from current treatment options



) Microgram-level intranasal dose of PH284 is administered intranasally

2 PH284 engages peripheral receptors in nasal chemosensory neurons (NCNs)

3 Once stimulated with PH284, NCNs then trigger subsets of neurons in the olfactory bulbs (OBs)

Neurons in the OBs then stimulate neurons in the amygdala and the arcuate nucleus of the hypothalamus

The stimulation of neurons in the arcuate nucleus of the hypothalamus increases activity of aguti-related peptide (AGRP) neurons and neuropeptide Y (NPY) neurons, which increase appetite and decrease energy expenditure

Both are key regulators of feeding, energy balance, and metabolic homeostasis

Sources: Monti L, and Liebowitz MR (2020). Neural circuits of anxiolytic and antidepressant pherine molecules. CNS Spectrums https://doi.org/10.1017/S109285292000190X



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AV-101 for Potential Phase 2A Development

Setting a new standard of care for disorders involving the NMDA receptor



AV-101 for Multiple Disorders

Designed to inhibit (but not block) NMDA receptor activity

- Oral prodrug of 7-Cl-KYNA, a potent and selective full antagonist at the glycine site of the NMDA receptor
- Inhibition of the NMDA receptor, without fully blocking the receptor like ketamine and other NMDAR antagonists, is thought to reduce the side effect burden
- Well-tolerated in all clinical studies to date
- FDA Fast Track designations granted for adjunctive treatment of MDD and treatment of neuropathic pain
- Assessing go forward opportunities for collaborative Phase 2 development



Levodopa-Induced Dyskinesia Associated with Parkinson's therapy



Neuropathic Pain



Major Depressive Disorder



Suicidal Ideation

AV-101

(oral)



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AV-101's Proposed Mechanism of Action







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