**Corporate Presentation** 

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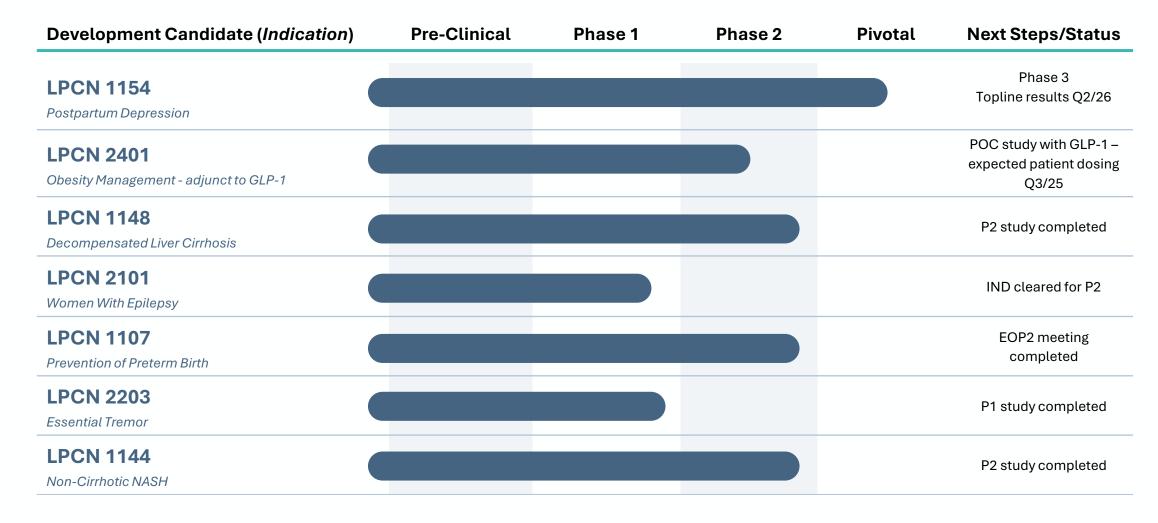


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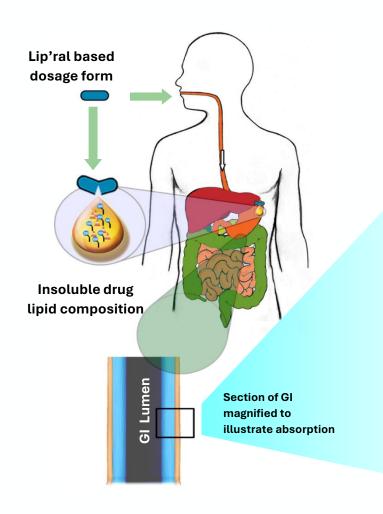


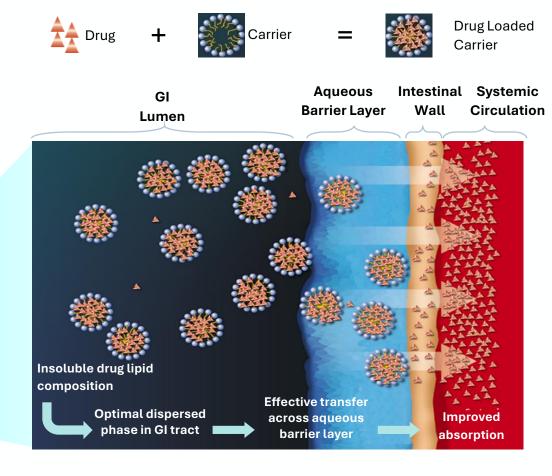
## **Lipocine Pipeline**





## Validated Proprietary Lip'ral Technology Platform





#### **Superior Oral Bioavailability**

e.g., TLANDO®

#### **Enable Effective Oral Delivery**

e.g., neuroactive steroids, 17hydroxyprogesterone caproate

Giliyar et al. Drug Delivery Technology, Jan 2006, Vol 6 No.1



## TLANDO® - FDA-Approved Oral Testosterone Replacement Therapy

**Established commercialization partnerships in multiple territories** 

First and only oral testosterone replacement therapy (TRT) option that does not require dose titration



- TLANDO® licensed to Verity Pharma in January 2024 for commercialization in the U.S.
  - \$11 million upfront payment to Lipocine
  - Entitled to receive tiered royalty payments ranging from 12% up to 18% on net sales of TLANDO franchise
- TLANDO® licensed to 5 territories including US and Canada
- FDA labeling changes for testosterone products
  - Removal of Boxed Warning related to an increased risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes
  - Include results from required post market ambulatory blood pressure (ABPM) studies
- Approved product utilizing Lip'ral technology

TRT is a large and growing market with ~8M annual prescriptions in the U.S. and ~650,000 in Canada.

# **LPCN 1154**(**BRLIZIO**<sup>™</sup>)

Oral Brexanolone for Postpartum Depression (PPD)

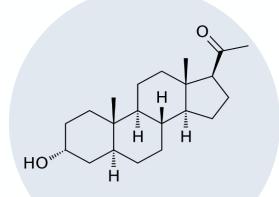


## LPCN 1154 - Oral Bioidentical Neuroactive Steroid (NAS) for PPD

#### Potential as "first line" therapy

#### **Brexanolone**

 Brexanolone is a positive allosteric modulator (PAM) of the GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor



Brexanolone (allopregnanolone)

Molecular Weight: 318.5 g/mol

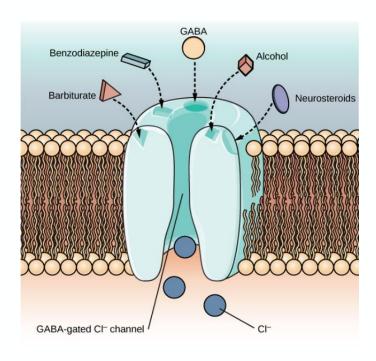
Lipophilic: Log P ≈ 5.0

Poor aqueous solubility: Saq <1.0 μg/mL

#### **Target Attributes**

- Oral solid dosage form
- No titration or taper required
- 48-hour outpatient dosing
- No Monitoring requirement

#### **Mechanism of Action**



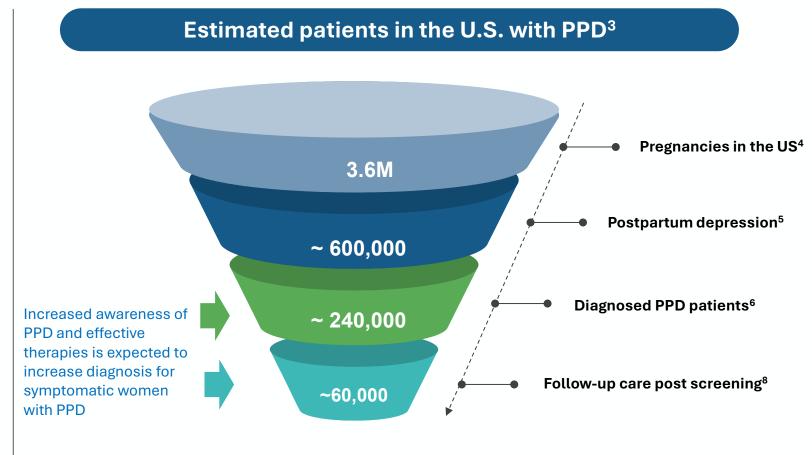
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## **Postpartum Depression (PPD) Market Opportunity**

## Compelling pharmacoeconomic rationale

- High economic burden
- Goal of medical intervention is to prevent harm to mother and infant
- Negative impact on family/society
- Among women reporting PPD symptoms, 64% reported comorbid anxiety symptoms<sup>7</sup>
- Suicide is a leading cause of maternal death in the first year following childbirth<sup>1</sup>
  - Up to 30% of women with PPD experience suicidal ideations<sup>2</sup>



ZURZUVAE® Rx price: \$15,900

Projected peak ZURZUVAE® sales of \$1.2B in 20339

**ZURZUVAE®** is an FDA-approved oral treatment for adults with PPD



- Chin et al. Curr Psychiatry Rep, 2022; 24(4):239-275
- 2. Mauri et al. Arch Womens Ment Health. 2012; 15(1): 39-47
- 3. Foster Rosenblatt market research 2023 (Lipocine internal data)
- 4. National Vital Statistics Report vol 72, num 1, 2023; Vital Statistics Rapid Release, report 26, 2023
- 5. Van Niel et al. Cleveland Clinic J of Medicine, 2020;87(5):273-277

- Cox et al. J Clin Psychiatry. 2016;77:9, Beck. AJN. 2006;106:5
- 7. Farr et al. J Womens Health (Larchmt). 2013 Oct 26;23(2):120-128
- 8. Goodman et al J Womens Health (Larchmt). 2010 Mar;19(3):477-90
- 9. Goldman Sachs on Sage Therapeutics estimate on February 2024

## **LPCN 1154 - Oral Bioidentical NAS for PPD**

## Potential for compelling advantages over current therapies

	LPCN 1154 (BRLIZIO™)	<b>Zuranolone</b> (Zurzuvae®)	SSRIs / SNRIs Off-Label Use
Description	Bioidentical NAS	Synthetic NAS Derivative	Synthetic SSRI/SNRI
Administration	Oral	Oral	Oral
Onset of Action	Hours*	Days	Weeks
Treatment Duration	48 hours	14 days	Months
Remission Rate at Day 3	Up to 61%*	Up to 19%	N/A

5. Kristina M. Deligiannidis et al., JAMA Psychiatry. 2021 Sep; 78(9): 1-9

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<sup>1.</sup> Zulresso label

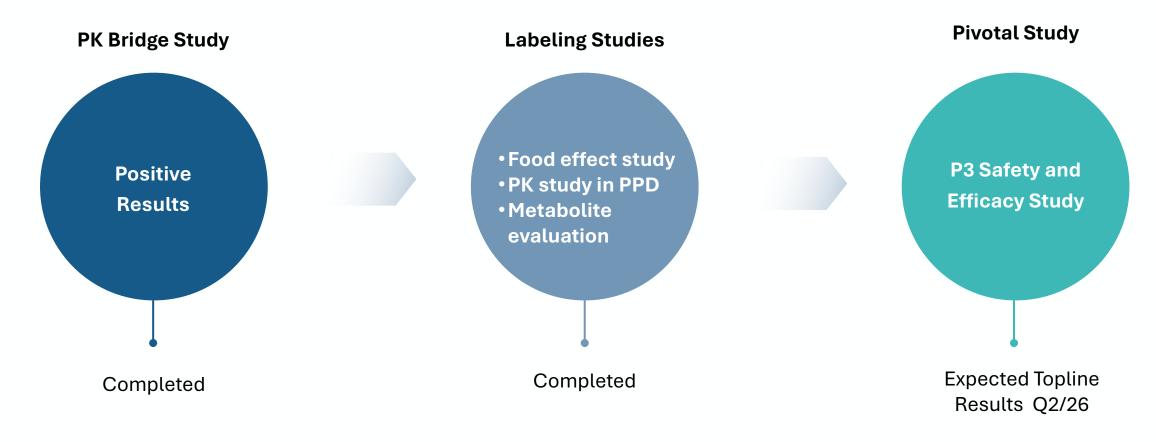
4. Zurzuvae label

<sup>2.</sup> Brexanolone Briefing Book, November 2, 2018

<sup>3.</sup> In adolescent patients per sNDA 211371 S-007 Multi-disciplinary Review and Evaluation ZULRESSO) \*Projected based on Zulresso published reports (Brexanolone Briefing Book, November 2, 2018 and Meltzer-

## LPCN 1154 (Oral Brexanolone) Development

Streamlined 505(b)(2) pathway to NDA submission





## **LPCN 1154 PK Bridge Study Results**

#### LPCN 1154 met standard bioequivalence criteria to IV Brexanolone

#### **Comparative Exposure**

PK Parameter	GMR (%) Test vs. Reference	90% CI LB Test vs. Reference	90% CI UB Test vs. Reference	
C <sub>max</sub>	105	92	118	
AUC <sub>0-∞</sub>	97	89	107	
AUC <sub>0-t</sub>	89	81	98	

- LPCN 1154 was well tolerated
  - No sedation or somnolence events observed
  - All events were mild to moderate
  - No severe or serious AEs
  - Reported study related events were venipuncture site related, arthralgia, fatigue, dizziness, back pain, hematoma, and pelvic pain
  - No event was reported by >2 participants

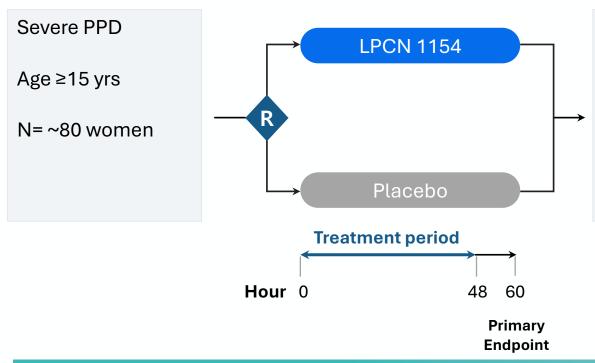
## **LPCN 1154 Phase 3 Safety and Efficacy Study**

#### Based on FDA feedback – outpatient setting with no medical monitoring requirement

#### Study design

Two arm, outpatient, randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled in women with postpartum depression

#### Inclusion criteria



#### **Endpoints**

#### **Primary endpoint:**

HAM-D change from baseline at hour 60

#### **Additional endpoints:**

MADRS, HAM-A (anxiety), safety and tolerability, etc.

#### **Prospective advantages**

- Brexanolone has established efficacy (IV infusion)
- LPCN 1154 has demonstrated comparable exposure to IV infusion
- Study size, duration, and population similar to IV infusion P3 study
- Generate safety and efficacy data in women with PPD
- Investigate potential for treatment of anxiety disorders
- May qualify for pediatric study waiver
- Support global registration package
- Eligible for clinical investigation exclusivity



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## LPCN 1154 "Best in Class" Oral Treatment for Depression

#### **Key takeaways**

- Significant market opportunity
- Differentiated product attributes addressing unmet needs
- Streamlined pathway to NDA submission
  - PK bridge study: completed with positive results
  - Phase 3 safety & efficacy study: ongoing
  - Topline data expected Q2/2026
- Issued and pending patents
- Potential to expand for other depression indications



# **LPCN 2401**

**Obesity Management** 



## Unprecedented Demand and Usage of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists<sup>1-3</sup>

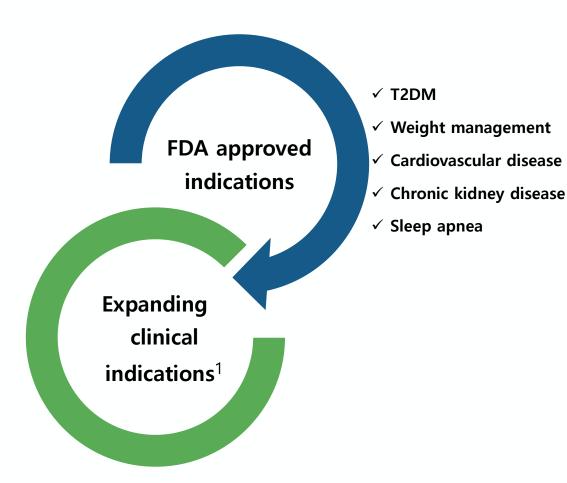
**GLP-1** market trending toward oral once daily dosing

Semaglutide: \$30 billion sales in the US in 2024<sup>4</sup>

Tirzepatide: \$14 billion sales in the US in 2024<sup>5</sup>

As of 2024, <u>around 12 percent of U.S. adults</u> reported having used a GLP-1 medication at some point<sup>6</sup>

Over <u>150 GLP-1 drug candidates</u> in development for multiple indications<sup>7</sup>





https://www.biospace.com/drug-development/7-indications-for-glp-1s-beyond-weight-loss

<sup>2. &</sup>lt;a href="https://www.pwc.com/us/en/services/consulting/business-model-reinvention/glp-1-trends-and-impact-on-business-models.html">https://www.pwc.com/us/en/services/consulting/business-model-reinvention/glp-1-trends-and-impact-on-business-models.html</a>

<sup>3. &</sup>lt;a href="https://www.nature.com/articles/s41574-024-01066-9">https://www.nature.com/articles/s41574-024-01066-9</a>

Novo Nordisk SEC filing 2025

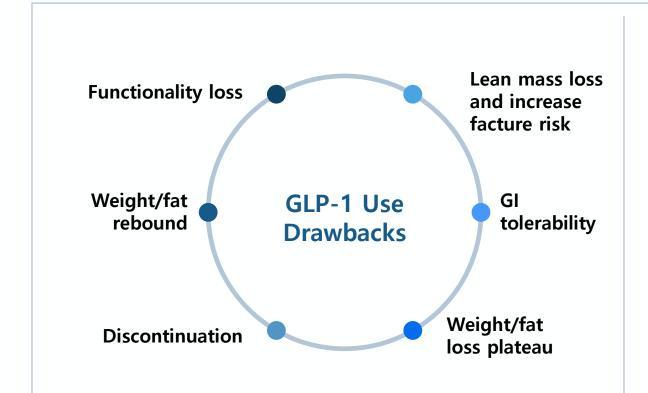
<sup>5.</sup> Eli Lilly SEC filing 2025

<sup>6. &</sup>lt;a href="https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2819949">https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2819949</a>

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## **Limitations of GLP-1 Use and Unmet Medical Needs**

2 out of 3 patients on drugs like Wegovy stop within a year<sup>1</sup>



#### **Unmet Medical Needs**

- Improve (quality/extent) weight/fat loss
- Preserve lean mass/functionality
- Improve tolerability & compliance
- Amplify weight/fat loss
- Prevent weight/fat rebound

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## **Drawbacks of Approved GLP-1 Receptor Agonists**

## Rapid loss of lean mass and functionality in elderly GLP-1 users

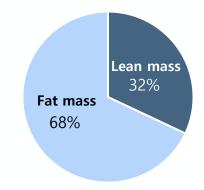
**Low Quality Weight Loss<sup>1</sup>** 

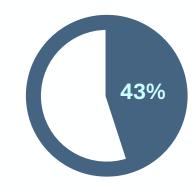
Lean Mass Loss<sup>1</sup>

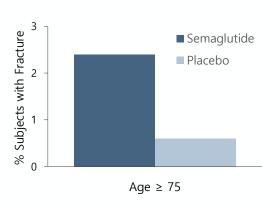
Functionality Loss<sup>1</sup>

Fracture Risk<sup>2,3</sup>









Significant weight loss is from lean mass loss in **16 weeks**<sup>1</sup>

The median percentage of total body weight loss that is due to lean mass:

32% in **16 weeks**<sup>1</sup> (elderly 60+) 35% in 24 weeks<sup>3</sup> (adults 18-80)

43% of elderly (60+)
lost ≥10% Stair Climb Power from
baseline in **16 weeks** of GLP-1
use<sup>1</sup>

Patients on semaglutide had significantly more fractures of the hip and pelvis<sup>2</sup>



The data were adapted from Veru Corporate Presentation Jones Healthcare and Technology Innovation Conference, April 8-9, 2025

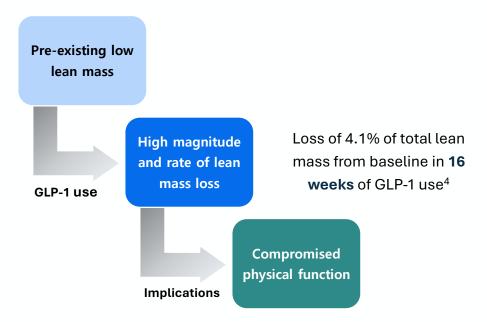
<sup>.</sup> Wegovy label (Revised 03/2024)

<sup>3.</sup> https://investor.regeneron.com/news-releases/news-release-details/interim-results-ongoing-phase-2-courage-trial-confirm-potential

## Target Population - Elderly GLP-1 Users, Most Vulnerable Population

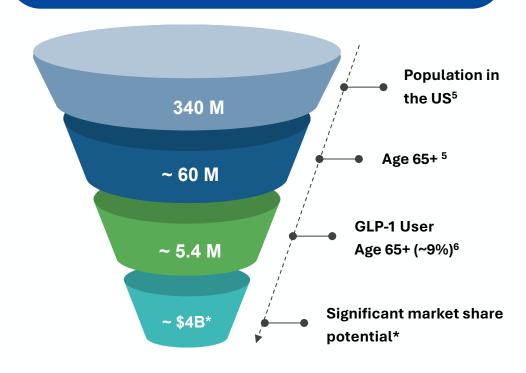
8 years of expected age-related stair climb power loss in 4 months of GLP-1 use

#### **GLP-1 Use Related Decline in Elderly**



- Muscle mass decreases at an annual rate of 1% after about age 60<sup>1</sup>
- Muscle strength declines by 1.5% annually between ages 50 and 60 and by 3% thereafter<sup>2</sup>
- Older patients lose 1.38% stair climb power each year with aging<sup>3</sup>

## **Estimated Elderly GLP-1 Users**



\*10% market share with price assumption \$7,500 per year

<sup>1.</sup> Mitchell et al., Front Physiol 2012 Jul 11; 3(260

<sup>2.</sup> Haehling et al., J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle, 2010 Dec 17:1(2):129-133

<sup>3</sup> Van Roie F PLOS ONF 14:e0210653, 2019

https://ir.verupharma.com/news-events/press-releases/detail/225/veru-announces-positive-toplinedata-from-phase-2b-quality/

<sup>5</sup> https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US#

https://www.kff.org/health-costs/poll-finding/kff-health-tracking-poll-may-2024-the-publics-use-andviews-of-glp-1-drugs/

## LPCN 2401 Once Daily Oral Treatment for Obesity and Weight Management

Proven potential to improve body composition - quality weight loss with quality fat loss

#### **Product Candidate Attributes**

- Proprietary androgen receptor agonist, testosterone ester(s), targeted for once-a-day treatment "LPCN 2401"
  - Androgen receptor agonist with α-tocopherol for once-a-day treatment "LPCN 2401+E"
  - A bioidentical to physiological regulator of myostatin that indirectly inhibits its expression and signaling

#### **Targeted Mechanism of Actions**

#### Fat

## Androgen Receptor Agonist

- Induces lipolysis<sup>1</sup>
- Lowers lipogenesis<sup>1</sup>
- Inhibits expression of adipocytokines (e.g., leptin, TNF-α, IL-6, IL-1)<sup>2</sup>

#### Muscle

- Stimulates muscle satellite activator, FGF2<sup>3</sup>
- Modulates muscle growth suppressors MRF4 and myostatin (GDF8) expression in skeletal muscle<sup>3</sup>

#### **Bone**

- Acts directly on osteoblasts and consequently promotes bone formation<sup>4</sup>
- Increases AR expression level in osteoblasts<sup>4,5</sup>

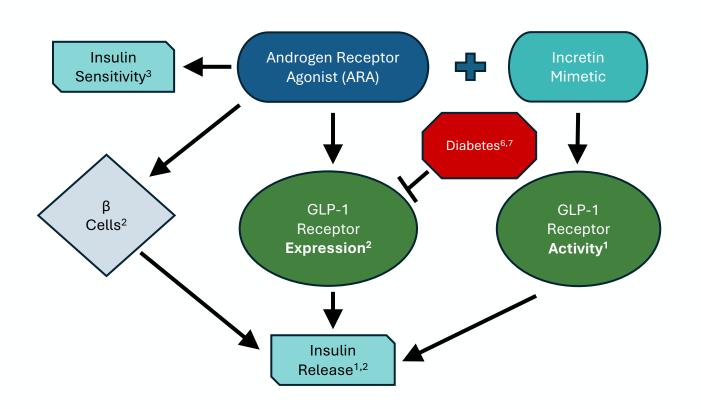


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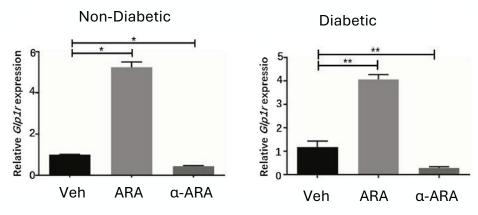
<sup>3.</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab, 104(6): 2094–2102, 2019

## **LPCN 2401 - Potential to Amplify Effects of Incretin Mimetics**

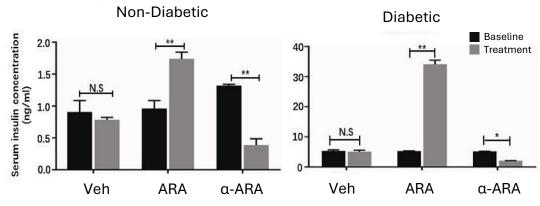
#### ARA may increase weight loss through increased expression and activity of GLP1R 4,5



#### **GLP-1** expression increase with ARA<sup>2</sup>



#### Insulin activity increase with ARA<sup>2</sup>

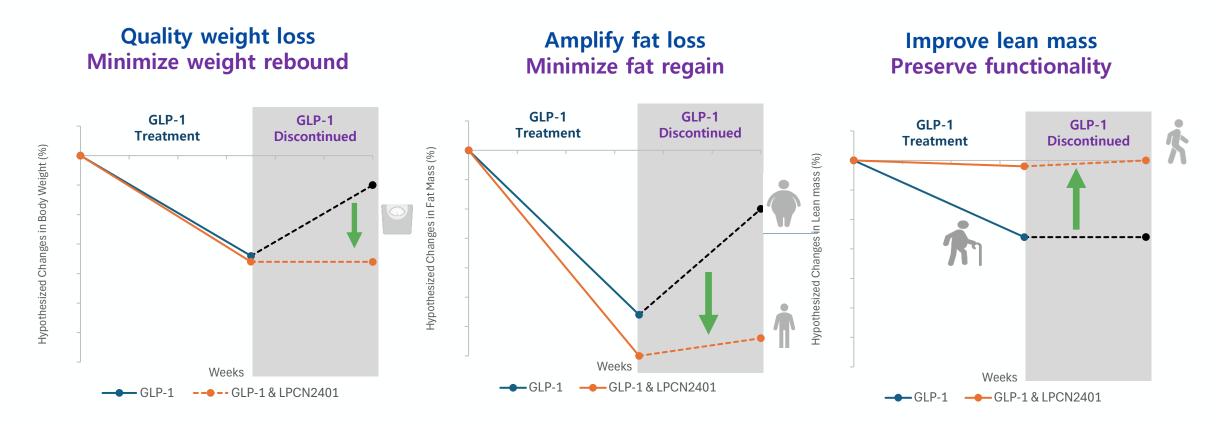


ARA: Androgen receptor agonist; α-ARA: Androgen receptor antagonist



## LPCN 2401 Novel Oral Treatment for Obesity Management

Hypothesized benefits - improve body composition and functionality in weight management

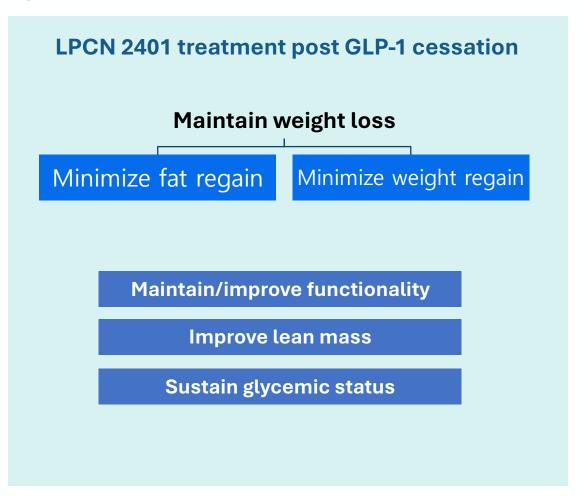


Rapid loss of LM has multiple negative health implications<sup>1</sup>

## LPCN 2401 Novel Oral Treatment for Obesity Management

Target benefits to improve weight loss and functionality

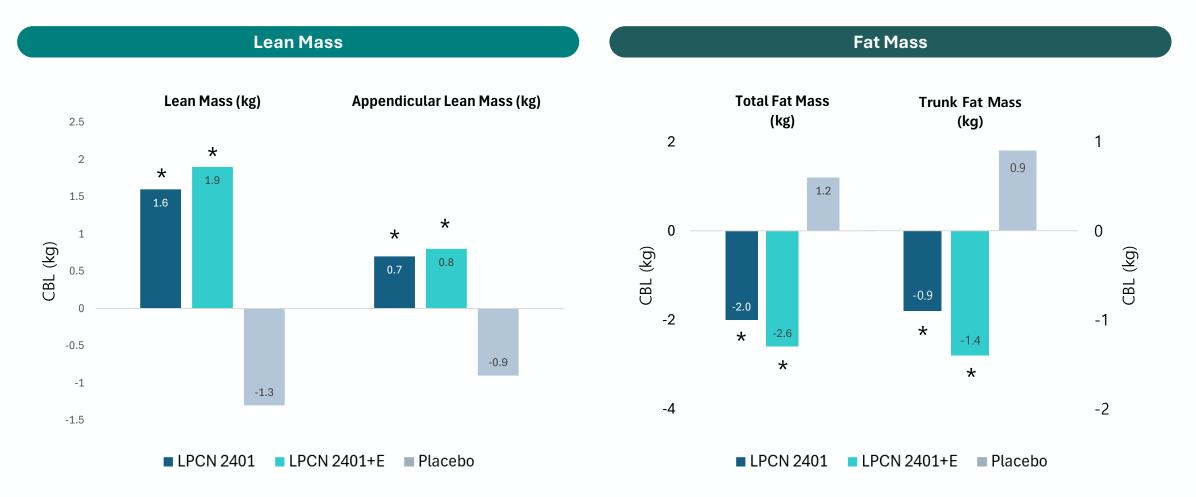
LPCN 2401 + GLP-1 agonist treatment **Quality weight loss** Primarily fat loss Preserve lean mass **Attenuate functionality loss Amplify fat loss** More abdominal fat loss Improve bone health





## LPCN 2401 - Clinical Data Show Significant Improvement in Body Composition

Phase 2 results demonstrate increased lean mass and decreased fat mass at Week 20

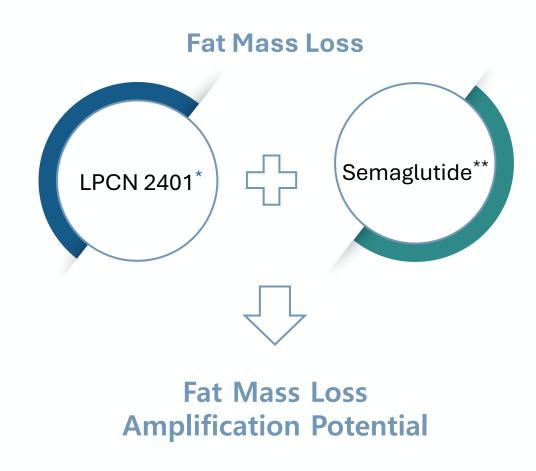




## LPCN 2401 - Amplify/Accelerate Fat Loss in Obesity Management

Per FDA, weight reduction is a longterm reduction in excess adiposity (body fat) with a goal of reduced morbidity and mortality<sup>1</sup>

Excess total body fat increases the risk of death and major comorbidities such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, osteoarthritis of the knee, sleep apnea, and some cancers<sup>1,2,3</sup>



<sup>\*</sup>Placebo adjusted value at Week 20 - NCT04134091



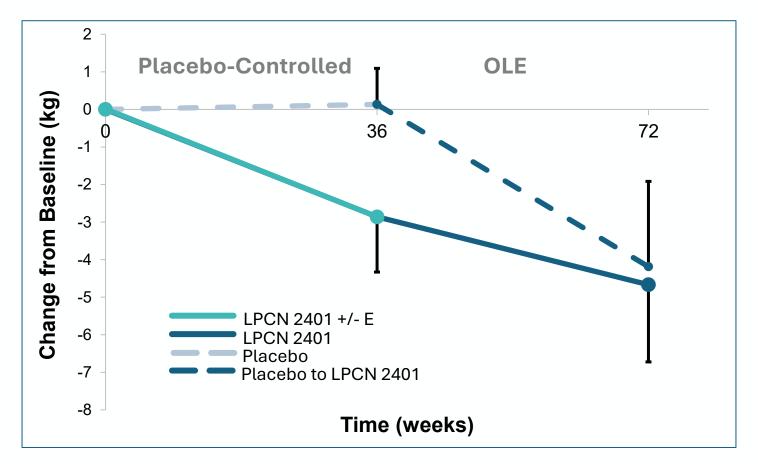
<sup>\*\*</sup>Absolute value at Week 16 from https://ir.verupharma.com/news-events/press-releases/detail/225/veru-announces-positive-topline-data-from-phase-2b-quality/

<sup>1.</sup> FDA Guidance to Industry (2025), https://www.fda.gov/media/71252/download

<sup>2.</sup> New England Journal of Medicine, 341:10971105, 1999.

<sup>3.</sup> Circulation.,110:e476-e483, 2004.

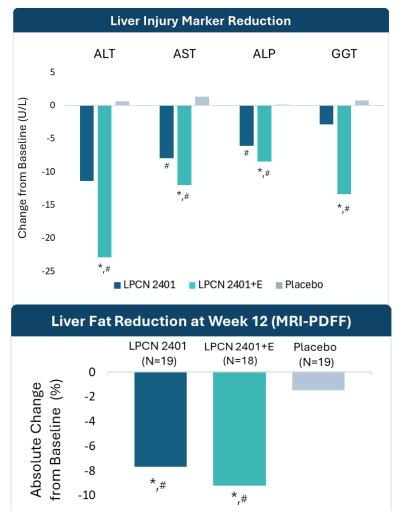
## LPCN 2401 - Body Weight Changes During 72 Weeks of Treatment



 Participants who took placebo for 36 weeks then switched to LPCN 2401 during the 36-week OLE experienced similar weight loss

## LPCN 2401 Safety Data Support Differentiated Product Profile

Well-tolerated with liver benefits and no safety signals upon 72-week exposure



- POC study in relevant obese and overweight population
- Frequency and severity of TEAEs with LPCN 2401 were comparable to placebo
- Frequency of SAEs with LPCN 2401 were comparable to placebo
- No reported cases of hepatocellular carcinoma or Drug Induced Liver Injury ("DILI")

## **LPCN 2401 POC Phase 2 Study Objectives**

## Quality weight loss phase (Stage 1, GLP-1 treatment)

#### Objective 1

 Assess the co-administration of LPCN 2401 and incretin mimetic for weight loss and prevention of functional loss associated with incretin mimetic monotherapy

## Weight maintenance phase (Stage 2, GLP-1 discontinued)

#### Objective 2

 Evaluate the use of LPCN 2401 upon stopping incretin mimetic to prevent fat/weight rebound (LPCN 2401 naive)

#### Objective 3

 Assess the continued use of LPCN 2401 after discontinuing incretin mimetic to prevent fat/weight rebound



#### LPCN 2401 - Potential for Differentiated Benefit to Risk Profile for Chronic Use

## A liver beneficial approach<sup>6</sup> with no increased risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes<sup>7</sup>

#### **LPCN 2401 Target Attributes**

- Oral, QD, prodrug of bioidentical hormone
- Fat loss amplification
  - Lower fat mass (preferentially VAT and android fat)
- Improve/preserve lean mass
  - Muscle mass, quality, and functionality
  - Bone health
- GLP amplification: through genomic and non-genomic pathways
- GI side effects: minimal
- Muscle spasm AE: none observed
- Liver Health: beneficial effects (MASH resolution, injury markers improvement)
- Impact on sex hormone (FSH, LH, and Estradiol): minimal

#### **Competitive Landscape\***

- **Myostatin /activin receptor modulators** (e.g. bimagrumab, taldefgrobep, KER-065, garetosmab, and trevogrumab)<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Invasive IV/SC
  - Moderate to high GI side effects <sup>2,3</sup>
  - Reports of muscle spasms <sup>2,3</sup>
  - Increased serum alkaline phosphatase <sup>3</sup>
  - Sex hormone changes (FSH/LH) <sup>4</sup>
  - Unclear muscle functionality improvement
  - High discontinuation & long-term exposure risks unknown
- **SARM** (e.g. Enobosarm) <sup>5</sup>
  - Oral
  - Bone health concerns (estradiol suppression?)
  - Liver toxicity concerns

\*select list with reported body composition improvement P2 results



<sup>1.</sup> J Bone Metab. 2020 Aug; 27(3): 151–165

<sup>2.</sup> J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle. 2020 Dec; 11(6): 1525-1534

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<sup>4.</sup> Clin Endocrinol (Oxf) 2018 Jun;88(6):908-919

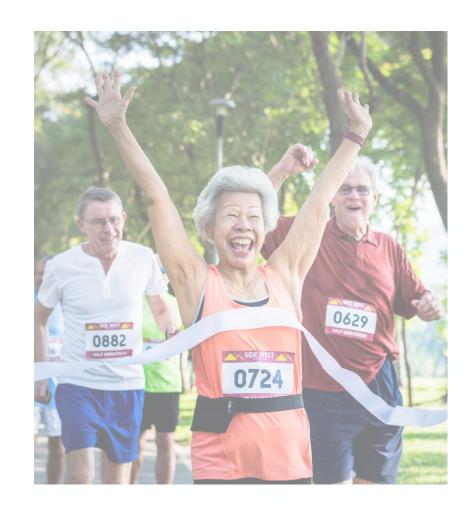
Sex Med Rev. 2019 Jan;7(1):84-94

<sup>6.</sup> Hepatol Commun. 2020 Aug 2;4(10):1430-1440

## **LPCN 2401 – Key Takeaways**

#### Compelling opportunity with favorable benefit to risk profile

- Addressing huge GLP-1 user market with unmet needs
- Differentiated oral product for use in combination with GLP-1 or post-cessation of GLP-1
- Positive Phase 2 results in relevant subjects
- Planned clinical study with GLP-1 agonist in appropriate population and endpoints
- Issued and pending patents
- Potential for line extensions



## **LPCN 1148**

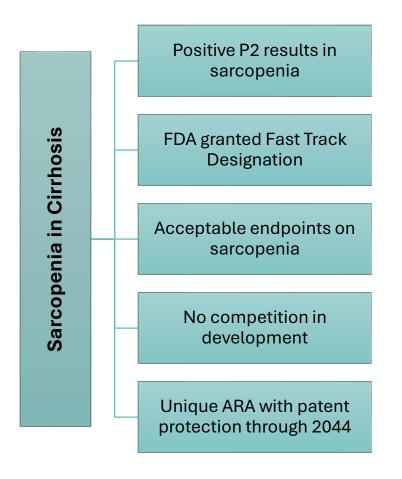
## Management of Liver Cirrhosis

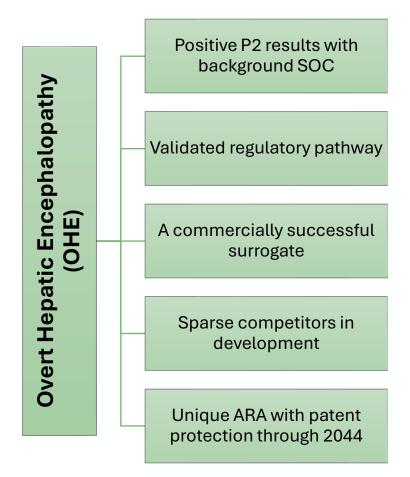
- Overt Hepatic Encephalopathy (OHE)
- Sarcopenia in Decompensated Cirrhosis (Fast Track Designation)

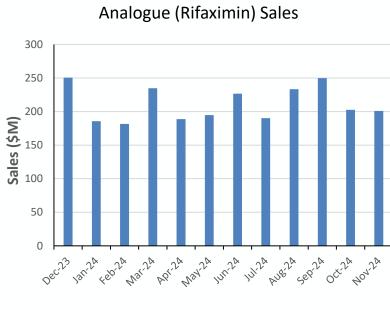


## LPCN 1148 - Unique Opportunity Addressing Two Distinct Liver Disease Markets

#### Positive POC Phase 2 results in treatment of sarcopenia and OHE in cirrhosis



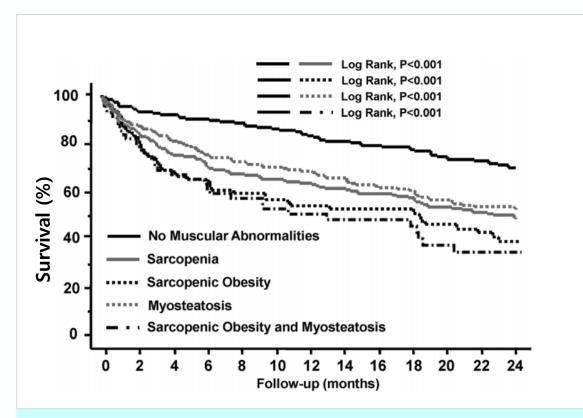




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## Sarcopenia in Cirrhosis

#### A serious comorbidity



Low muscle mass (sarcopenia) and quality (myosteatosis) are associated with worse overall survival <sup>1</sup>

Sarcopenia is a predictor for increased morbidity and mortality in cirrhosis<sup>2</sup>

 3-fold higher mortality rate compared to no sarcopenia<sup>2</sup>

Sarcopenia in cirrhosis correlates with decompensation events, particularly hepatic encephalopathy (HE)<sup>3</sup>

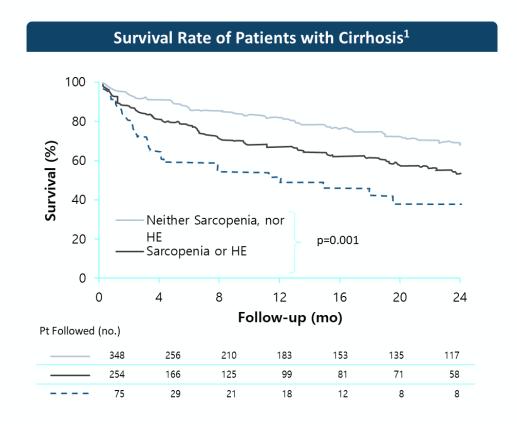
- Presence of sarcopenia increases the risk of overt HE
   ~2 fold <sup>3</sup>
- Primary pathophysiology associated with sarcopenia and decompensated cirrhosis include a catabolic state, progressive immobility, imbalance between muscle breakdown and formation, and hormonal changes<sup>3</sup>

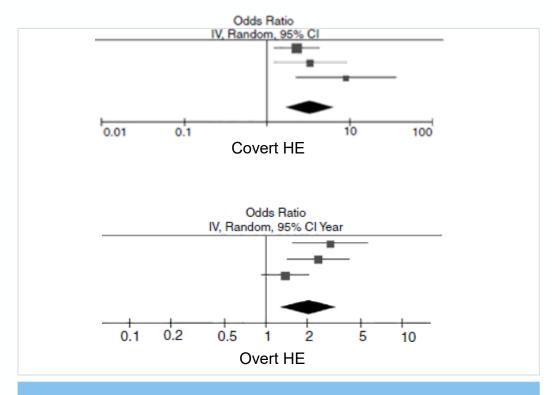


<sup>3.</sup> Tandon. J Hepatol. 2021

## Overt Hepatic Encephalopathy (OHE) in Cirrhosis

## Presence of both sarcopenia and HE further increases risk of mortality<sup>5</sup>





Sarcopenia and myosteatosis are associated with increased risk of hepatic encephalopathy<sup>1,2</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Bhanji et al. Hepatology International (2018) 12:377–386

## LPCN 1148 for the Management of Cirrhosis

#### **Product Candidate Attributes**

Oral androgen receptor agonist; dosage form comprising testosterone dodecanoate, a unique prodrug of an endogenous hormone

**Targeted Mechanism of Action** 

#### Anabolic<sup>1</sup>

Stimulates muscle satellite activator, FGF2<sup>2</sup>, inhibit myostatin<sup>3</sup>, increase muscle mass and strength<sup>4</sup>, and reduce fat mass<sup>5</sup>

#### **Androgenic**

Induce hematopoiesis9; improve endocrine/sexual dysfunction<sup>10</sup>

#### **Ammonia Lowering**

Via improved liver health<sup>6</sup> and improved muscle health<sup>7</sup>; antibacterial<sup>8</sup>



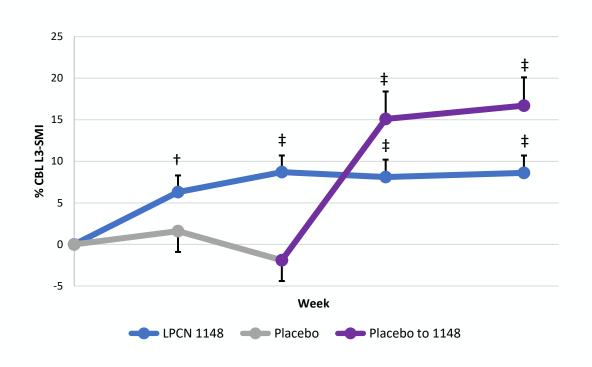
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- Sinclair et al., J Gastroenterol Hepatol 2016

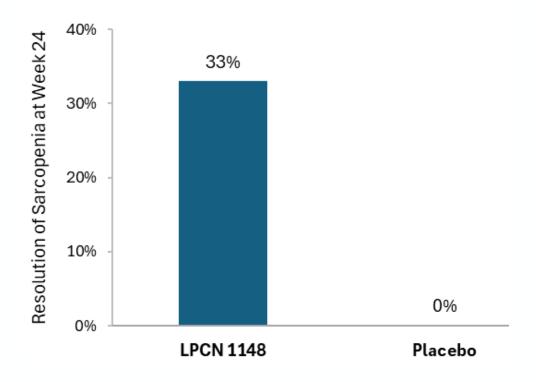
- Kenston et al., J Gastro Hep 2018
- Di Cola et al., J Clin Med 2022

Jin et al., J Microbiol Biotechnol 2021

## LPCN 1148 Phase 2 Results – Sarcopenia Primary Endpoint Met

Resolution for sarcopenia and significantly increased skeletal muscle mass index (SMI)





~9% increase in L3-SMI at week 24

• 33% of patients had resolution of sarcopenia\* at week 24

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## **LPCN 1148 Phase 2 Results – HE Endpoint Met**

## Fewer overt hepatic encephalopathy events

	Through Week 24		Week 24 to EOS	
Parameter	Placebo N=14	LPCN 1148 N=15	LPCN 1148 N=11	LPCN 1148 switch from placebo N=8
History of HE prior to randomization (n)	11 (79%)	11 (73%)	7 (64%)	6 (75%)
Recurrent Overt HE (events)	6	1*	1	1
Time to first recurrent event (days)	35	114	294	140



# **LPCN 1148 Phase 2 Results Safety Data**

### Overall LPCN 1148 was well tolerated

- Rates and severities of AEs similar to those in Stage 1 with placebo
- Fewer participants experienced severe AEs when switched from placebo to LPCN 1148

Parameter	Placebo (Through Week 24) N=14	LPCN 1148 (Through Week 24) N=15	LPCN 1148 (Week 24 to EOS) N=11	LPCN 1148 switch from placebo (Week 24 to EOS) N=8
Total AEs	9 (64%)	9 (60%)	7 (64%)	7 (88%)
Serious AEs	5 (36%)	5 (33%)	5 (45%)	1 (13%)
Severe AEs	4 (29%)	4 (27%)	3 (27%)	1 (13%)
Deaths	2 (14%)	0	1 (9%)	0

Safety set; includes all participants who received study drug in a given stage. Post-transplant AEs excluded. Severe AEs: CTCAE severity  $\geq$  Grade 3



# Value Through Partnering

## **LPCN 1107 for Prevention of Preterm Birth**

## **Product candidate highlights**

Oral dosage form comprising 17-hydroxyprogesterone caproate

Oral, a Major Contribution to Patient Care (MC to PC), including no injection site reaction

>\$2B market potential with no approved drug

Compelling efficacy rationale

Strong pharmaco-economic justification

Accelerated approval pathway and ODD (Orphan Drug Designation)

Potential to be SOC in prevention of preterm birth



## **LPCN 1144**

### Novel MOA in non-cirrhotic NASH

### **Product Candidate Highlights**

Oral dosage form comprising testosterone ester

Fast Track Designation

Compelling P2 biopsy results in the FDA approvable endpoint

✓ Safety support with 72 weeks exposure

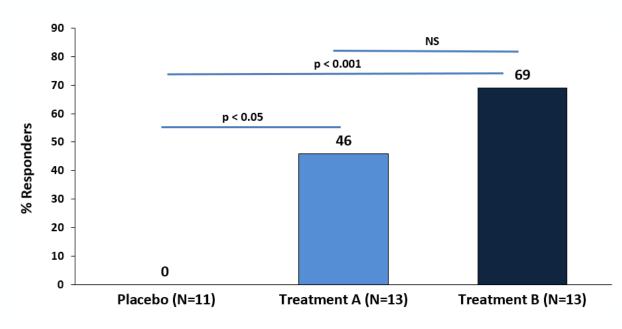
Mono or adjunct therapy

Differentiated profile

- ✓ Oral with unique benefit to risk profile
- ✓ Potential for additional benefits including sexual/mental and musculoskeletal domain

Accelerated approval pathway

# NASH Resolution with No Worsening of Fibrosis<sup>1</sup>



Treatment A: 142 mg eq T twice daily

Treatment B: 142 mg eq T + d-alpha tocopherol twice daily

1 NASH resolution is defined per FDA guidance as lobular inflammation score = 0 or 1 and hepatocyte ballooning score = 0. NASH Resolution Set includes those subjects with baseline and EOS biopsy and with NASH at baseline (NAS ≥ 4 with lobular inflammation score ≥ 1 and hepatocyte ballooning score ≥ 1) per FDA Phase 3 guidance



# Appendix

## LPCN 1154 Opportunities in Additional Depression Disorders

### **Prevalence**

**MDD**: Per NIMH, in 2020, an estimated 21.0 million adults (8.4%) in the US had at least one major depressive episode<sup>1</sup>

The prevalence of comorbid anxiety disorder and MDD is as high as 60%<sup>2</sup>

**TRD**: Prevalence ~2.8 million in US<sup>3</sup>

**PPD**: An estimated 1 in 6 mothers suffer from PPD 4

### **Significant Unmet Needs in Depression Disorders**



**Robust Efficacy** 

Adequate and durable remission/response; treat anxiety comorbidity



**Rapid Relief** 

Days vs weeks

3. J Clin Psychiatry. 2021 Mar 16;82(2):20m13699.

4. Van Niel et al. Cleveland Clinic J of Medicine. 2020;87(5):273-277

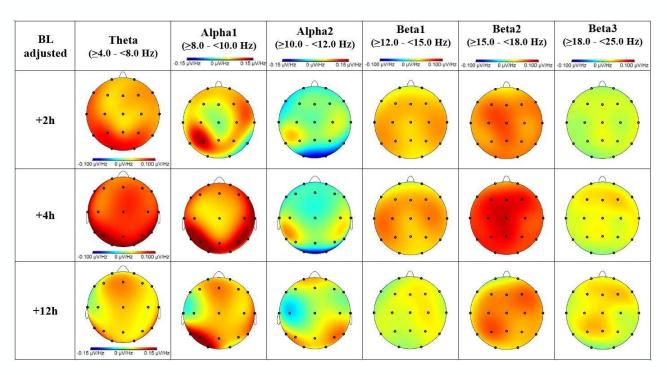


No excessive sedation, no sexual dysfunction or weight gain side effects, no withdrawal side effects upon discontinuation



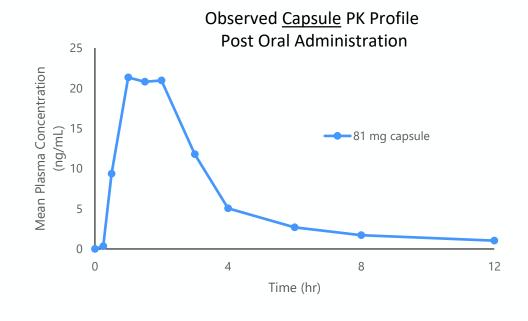
# **Oral Brexanolone - Potential Additional Neuropsychiatric Indications**

qEEG in healthy subjects administered single doses of oral brexanolone



Rapid and durable CNS target engagement confirms effective oral delivery of bioidentical brexanolone and supports development of oral brexanolone for the treatment of other neuropsychiatric disorders<sup>1-5</sup> Indications Requiring Rapid Onset (e.g. anxiety)

 Capsule formulations allow for rapid delivery of neuroactive steroids (Tmax 1.5 hours)





Meltzer-Brody et al. Lancet 2018; 392(10152): 1058-1070

Buchsbaum et al. Biol Psychiatry 1985; 20(8): 832-842.

Ibanez et al. Plos One 2014; 9(3): e93159

# **Obesity and Overweight: A Growing Epidemic in US**

Increases the risks of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer<sup>1,2</sup>

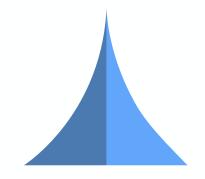


of adults age 20 and older are obese or overweight (2017-2018)<sup>3</sup>

~24M obese elderly, group most vulnerable to losing muscle mass <sup>3,4</sup>

~110M adults<sup>4</sup>
Diabesity population

GLP-1 users in the US projected to reach **30 million** by 2030<sup>5</sup>



38% of men and 51% of women. would be interested in taking a prescription drug for weight loss<sup>6</sup> 38% of men 51% of women





Circulation. 2004; 110:e476-e483.

<sup>3.</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/obesity-overweight.htm

<sup>4.</sup> Flynn et al. Morgan Stanley Research, February 27, 2024

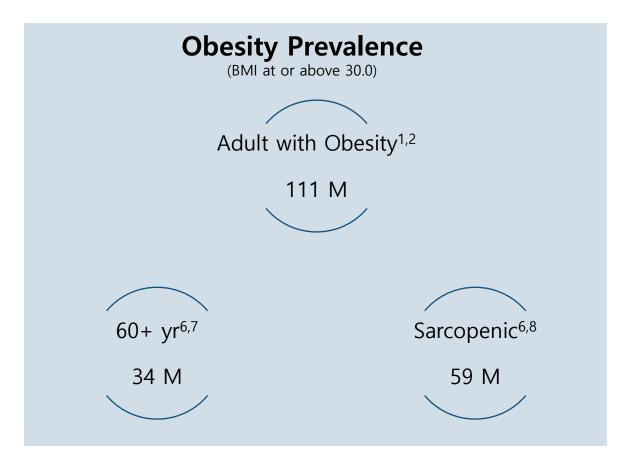
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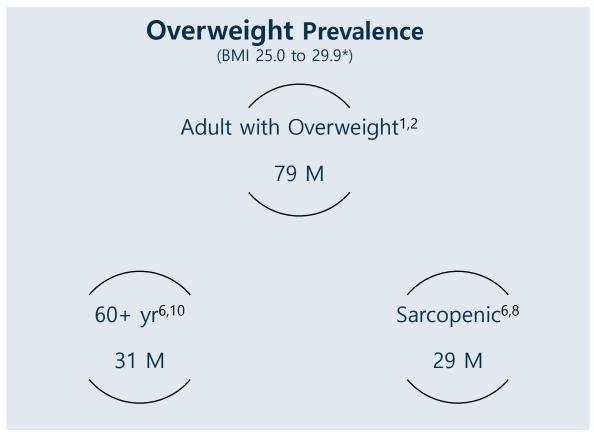
<sup>7.</sup> Br Med J (Clin Res Ed) 1984;289:1257–1261

<sup>8.</sup> Physiol Rev1994;74:761-811

# Eligible GLP-1 Agonist Users in U.S. for Chronic Weight Management

Total GLP-1 users in the U.S. may reach around 9% (30M) of the overall population by 2030<sup>9</sup>





Overweight with related comorbidity: 30% Type 2 diabetes<sup>3</sup>, 50% Dyslipidemia<sup>4</sup>, 67% Hypertension<sup>5</sup>

\*Currently, CWM agent indicated for BMI 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater in the presence of at least one weight-related comorbid condition (e.g., hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, or dyslipidemia)



<sup>.</sup> https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/08/united-states-adult-population-grew-faster-thannations-total-nonulation-from-2010-to-2020 html

<sup>2</sup> https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/health-statistics/overweight-ohesity

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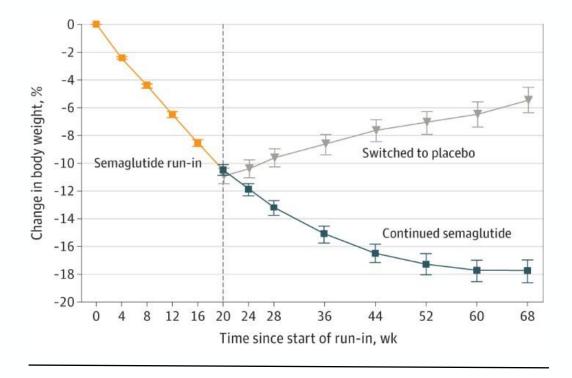
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<sup>8</sup> https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2020/20.0167.htm

<sup>9.</sup> https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/global-research/current-events/obesity-drugs

# **Drawbacks of Approved GLP-1 Receptor Agonists**

## Rebound weight/fat gain drawback post GLP-1 cessation



Greatest amount of weight loss is by week 20, and plateaus at ~1 year<sup>1</sup>

Patients who discontinued treatment at week 20 had significant weight gain<sup>2</sup>
and HbA1c increase<sup>3</sup>



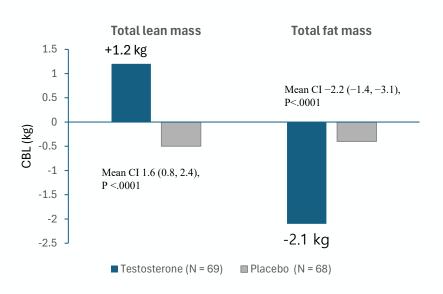
# **Androgen Treatment Improved Body Composition and Functionality**

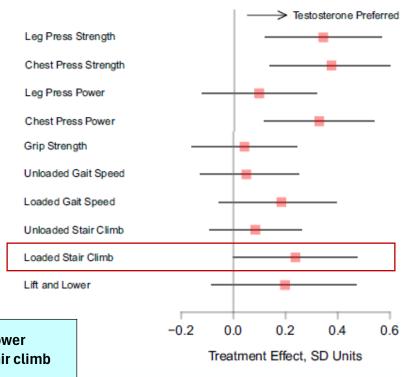
Six months intervention in older men

# **Body Composition Improvement**



# Improve in functionality





Spearman correlation between selected change and in outcome measures		Loaded Stair Climb Power 20% extra load with 12 stair climb	
	Change in Lean Body Mass	0.27 (P=0.009)	



# **LPCN 2401 – Regulatory Outlook on Efficacy**

### **Appropriate population and endpoints selection**

Per FDA Guidance (2025)<sup>1,2</sup>, for efficacy claim related to changes in body composition, trial design should include **appropriate choice of population** and **selection of endpoints** that measure how a **patient feels, functions, or survives**, to potentially support such a claim

## **Appropriate Population**

### **Obese and overweight GLP-1 eligible**

- Elderly
- Sarcopenic

## **Appropriate Functional Endpoint**

### **Stair climb performance measure**

Previously accepted by FDA<sup>3,4</sup>

- ✓ Pre-IND meeting completed
- ✓ Plan to meet with FDA to discuss appropriate population and endpoints for pivotal study



<sup>1.</sup> FDA Guidance to Industry (2025), https://www.fda.gov/media/71252/download

<sup>2.</sup> LPCN 2401 Pre-IND Meeting Minutes

<sup>3.</sup> Duvyzat Package Insert, https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\_docs/label/2024/217865Orig1s000lbl.pdf

<sup>4.</sup> ELEVIDYS Package Insert, https://www.fda.gov/media/169679/download

## Stair Climb Test: A Relevant Clinical Functional Measurement

### **Clinically relevant with patient-centric outcomes**

## Regulatory Perspectives

- High reliability and validity<sup>1</sup>
- Well-defined, standardized, supporting multicenter trials<sup>1,2</sup>
- Regulatory precedents: DUVYZAT®, ELEVIDYS®

### Patient & Physician Perspectives

- Key physical function reflecting lower extremity strength & power<sup>1</sup>
- Physical mobility & function measurements<sup>1-3</sup>
- Predictor of physical decline & fall risk<sup>1</sup>
- Important function to activities of daily living<sup>1,4</sup>

Stair Climb Power (W) =  $Body weight (kg) \times 9.81 (m/s^2) \times Vertical height (m)$ Time (s)



Sørensen et al. Musculoskelet Sci Pract. 2025 Apr 25:78:103339

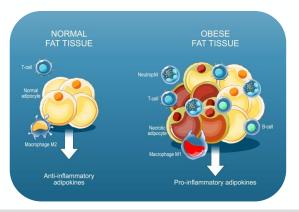
<sup>3.</sup> Gagliano-Jucá et al. J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci. 2019 Jul 6;75(6):1167–1175

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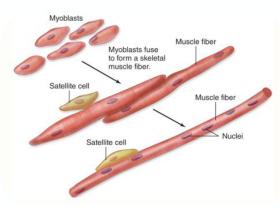
# LPCN 2401+E - Targeted Mechanisms of Action

### Obesity is associated with systemic chronic inflammation and oxidative stress

### Fat



#### Muscle



# Bone Cross section of femur Forms new bone tissue Breaks down old bone tissue

## Androgen Receptor **Agonist**

- Induces lipolysis<sup>1</sup>
- Lowers lipogenesis<sup>1</sup>
- Inhibits expression of adipocytokines (e.g., Modulates muscle growth suppressors leptin, TNF-α, IL-6, IL-12)
- Stimulates muscle satellite activator. FGF2<sup>3</sup>
  - MRF4 and myostatin (GDF8) expression in skeletal muscle<sup>3</sup>
- · Acts directly on osteoblasts and consequently promotes bone formation<sup>4</sup>
- Increases AR expression level in osteoblasts<sup>4,5</sup>

### α-Tocopherol

- Decreases the activation of cytokines and adhesion molecules<sup>6</sup>
- · Scavenging peroxyl radicals inhibit peroxidation of lipids<sup>7,89</sup>
- Important in maintaining membrane stability for cell signaling<sup>9</sup>
- Repairs the myoblasts membrane by protecting against oxidative stress and maintains membrane fluids 10-12
- Counters oxidative stress associated with osteoclasts differentiation and osteoblast apoptosis<sup>13</sup>



- J Endocr Soc. 2019 Jan 1: 3(1): 91-107

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- 9. Vitamin E in Human Health, P. Weber et al. (eds.). Nutrition and Health, Chapter 23, 2019

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# **Summary of Preclinical Results in Diet Induced Model**

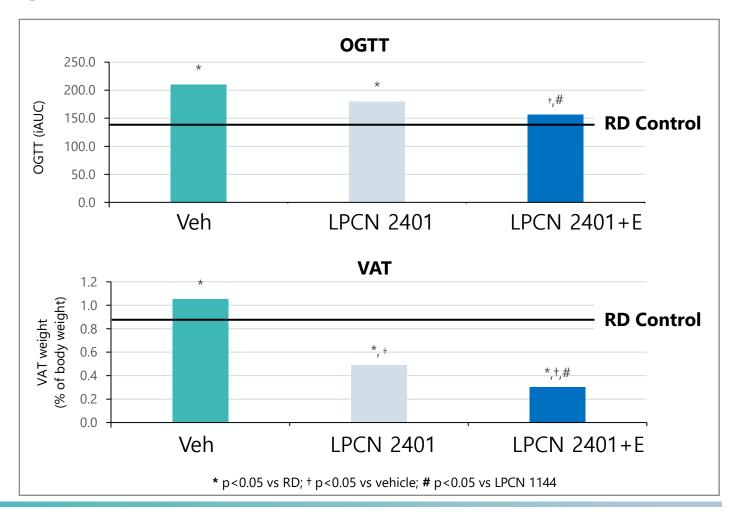
### LPCN 2401+E significantly improved oral glucose tolerance test and reduced VAT

12-week study in male rabbit model of metabolic syndrome

- Regular Diet (RD control), n=10
- High Fat Diet (HFD), n=10
- HFD + vehicle, n=7
- HFD + LPCN 2401 (TU monotherapy), n=8
- HFD + LPCN 2401+E (TU +  $\alpha$ -tocopherol), n=8

LPCN 2401+E resulted in a significantly improved OGTT and reduced VAT compared to vehicle and LPCN 2401

J Endocrinol Invest. 2021; 44(10): 2175-2193





## **Phase 2 Study in Patients with Obesity**

### NCT04134091 study design

Three-arm, blinded, placebo-controlled trial in male subjects with metabolic dysfunction associated steatohepatitis (n=56)

- High prevalence of obesity and weight related comorbid conditions such as dyslipidemia, T2DM, and hypertension
- 1:1:1 randomization across three oral treatment arms; Treatment duration of 36 weeks
  - Treatment A: T undecanoate monotherapy capsule (2401)
  - Treatment B: T undecanoate + α-tocopherol capsule (2401 + E)
  - Treatment C: Matching placebo
- Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry (DEXA, n=40) at baseline, 20 weeks, and 36 weeks
  - Prespecified endpoints: change in lean mass and fat mass
- Low testosterone was not a requirement for study eligibility



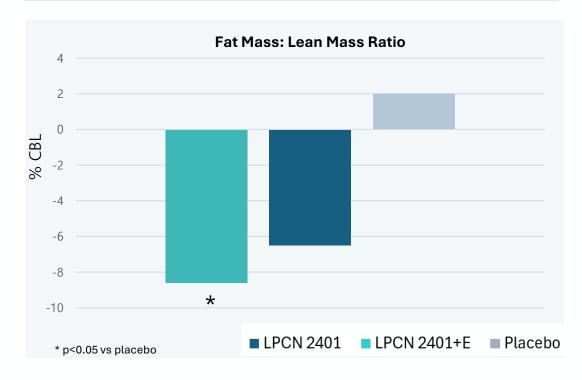
# LPCN 2401 Significant Improvement in Patients' Body Composition

### Increased lean mass and decreased fat mass

### **Body Composition Analysis Set<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter at Baseline	LPCN 2401 (N=13)	LPCN 2401 + E (N=13)	Placebo (N=14)
Mean Age (years)	53.2	53.8	51.1
Mean Weight (kg)	111.3	107.8	118.6
Mean BMI (kg/m²)	35.9	34.7	37.2
Fat Mass (DXA) % of total mass	39.5	37.2	39.3
Lean Mass (DXA) % of total mass	60.5	62.8	60.7
Fat Mass:Lean Mass Ratio	0.67	0.60	0.66
Android Fat Mass (DXA) % of FM	11.5	11.9	11.2
BMC (DXA), kg	3.1	3.1	3.0

### **Body Composition Results (36 Weeks)**



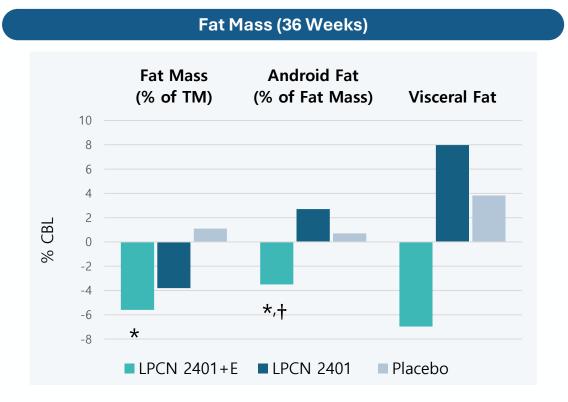
- Significant improvement in fat to lean ratio
- Weight-neutral at week 36
- Trend towards weight reduction in OLE (72 weeks of treatment)

### All participants met criteria for a weight management therapeutic\*



# LPCN 2401 Significant Improvement in Patients' Body Composition

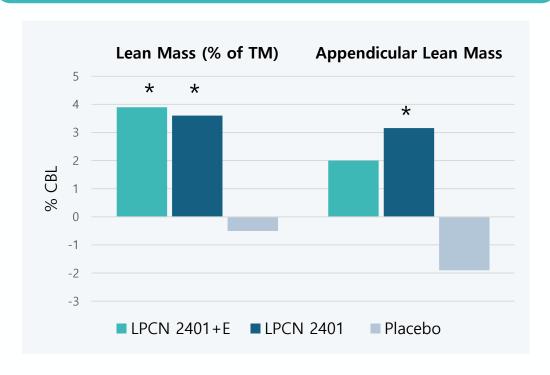
### Increased lean mass and decreased fat mass



#### Significant reductions in fat mass

- Reduction in android fat
- ~8% reduction in visceral fat with 2401 + E

### Lean Mass (36 Weeks)



#### Significant increases in lean mass

- ~1.8 kg increase in whole body lean mass
- ~1.2kg increase in appendicular lean mass



## LPCN 2401+E - Amplify Total Fat and Visceral Fat Loss in Obesity Management

Visceral fat is primarily responsible for the risks associated with abdominal fat such as cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, metabolic, liver, renal, and joint diseases<sup>2,3</sup>

### Combination of LPCN 2401+E and GLP-1 may amplify VAT loss

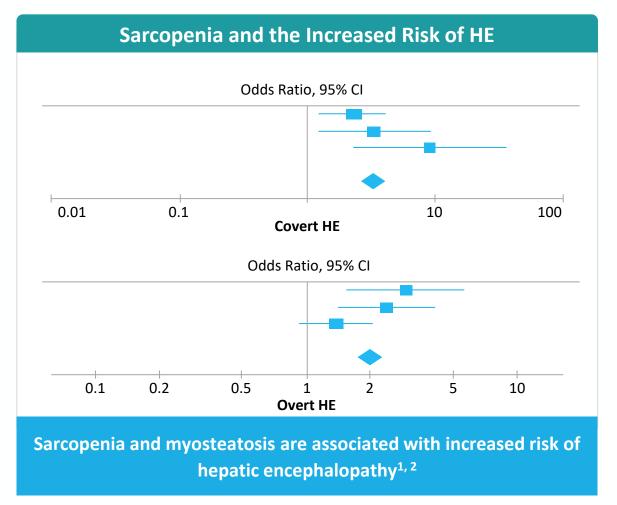
Placebo adjusted	LPCN 2401+E	Semaglutide*
Visceral fat mass loss (kg)	-0.29	-0.27
Total fat mass loss, TFM (kg)	-3.16	-6.99
% of TFM loss as Visceral Fat	9	4

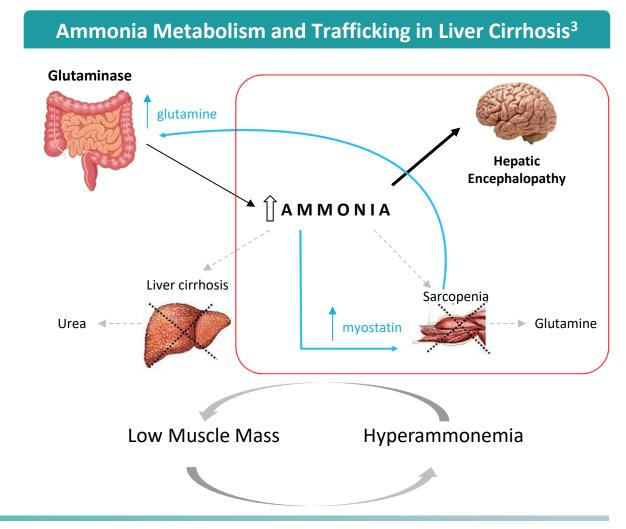
<sup>\*</sup>Data are derived from published reports of different clinical trials at different points in time, with differences in trial design, size, and patient populations. No head-to-head clinical trials have been conducted. Semaglutide/Wegovy® CDER Clinical Review. Study 4373; N=140; n=95 semaglutide, n=45 placebo. 68 weeks of intervention.



# Presence of Sarcopenia is Associated with Higher Risk of HE

Muscle key organ for ammonia detoxification in the setting of decompensated cirrhosis







<sup>1.</sup> Montano-Loza, J Cach, Sarco, and Musc. 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Wijarnnreecha Ann Hen 2020

<sup>3.</sup> Bhanji, Hep Int. 2018.

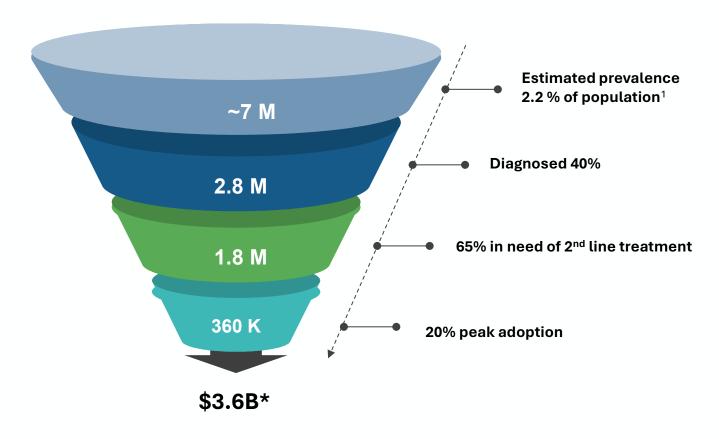
# **Rifaximin History and Current Status**

- Rifaximin was initially approved in 2004 for the treatment of Travelers Diarrhea
- It was repurposed and approved by the FDA in March 2010 for the reduction of risk of recurrence of overt hepatic encephalopathy in adult patients
- Approved in 2015 for IBS-D
- Rifaximin (Xifaxan<sup>™</sup>) is used to prevent episodes of HE by stopping the growth of bacteria that
  produce toxins that may worsen liver disease
- Approval based on reduction in breakthrough HE events: 22.1% of patients with breakthrough HE events in rifaximin group vs. 45.9% in placebo group (p<0.001).
- Xifaxan annual sales > \$2B in 2024<sup>1</sup>



## **Essential Tremor (ET)**

## Market potential - \$3B+ blockbuster opportunity as 2nd line with 20% peak adoption



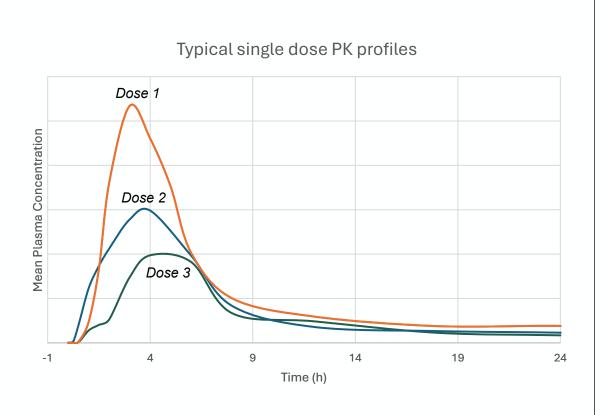
- Tremor is highly disabling and stigmatizing
- Stress can aggravate tremor in social setting
- Major impact on activities of daily living leading to unemployment, anxiety and depression<sup>2</sup>
  - Most common impacts on activities of daily living are pouring liquids and writing/typing (100%) and grooming/hygiene, drinking, dressing, eating, and reading (80-85%)
  - 90% of participants indicated the emotional impact of ET
  - 75% reported tremor-related worry or anxiety
- Majority of patients require caregiving<sup>2</sup>

- 1. Louis ED, Ottman R. Tremor Other Hyperkinet Mov (N Y). 2014;4:259
- 2. Gerbasi et al. Patient experiences in essential tremor: Mapping functional impacts to existing measures using qualitative research. MDS 2023. \*indicative pricing ~ \$10K/patient/year



## LPCN 2203 Oral GABA Positive Allosteric Modulator

## **Achieved relevant target levels with good tolerability in Phase 1 studies**



84 doses administered across 4 single dose studies to 37 participants

No sedation or dizziness AE reported



## LPCN 2101 – Novel Potential Alternative for Women With Epilepsy (WWE)

## **Endogenous neuroactive steroid**

### **Product Candidate Attribute**

Positive Allosteric Modulator (PAM) of the GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor

Oral dosage form comprising a neuroactive steroid

### **Product Candidate Differentiation**

Novel MOA specifically addressing unmet needs in WWE

Active is endogenous to women

Potential to address psychiatric comorbidities (depression, anxiety, sleep disorders)

Potential for minimal/no drug-drug interactions

