



# Neuroscience R&D Day

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# Presentation Focus on Advancing Innovation and Expanding Our Neuroscience Pipeline

Driven by company's unique AI-based approach



## Advancing Innovative Pipeline in Alzheimer's-Related Symptoms

### BXCL502

- Novel agent in development for treatment of neuropsychiatric symptoms and chronic agitation in dementia

### BXCL503

- Potential to treat dementia-related symptoms outside of agitation
- Candidates targeting apathy in dementia



## Seeking to Address Opioid Crisis

### BXCL501

- Demonstrated positive results in treating patients diagnosed with opioid use disorder
- Over 110,000 deaths annually due to opioid use disorder (June 2023 - CDC)
- NIH/NIDA-sponsored (gov't funded) investigator-led program managed by Columbia University clinical operations team under CRADA

# Agenda and Speakers

- Our Corporate Strategy: **Vimal Mehta**
- Our R&D Strategy: **Frank Yocca**
- BXCL502: A Novel Agent for Treatment of Chronic Agitation in Dementia: **Mike De Vivo**
- The Neuropsychiatric Inventory: Measuring Agitation Relief in Alzheimer's Disease: **Jeffrey Cummings**
- BXCL503 for Dementia-Related Apathy: **Friso Postma**
- BXCL501 (Sublingual Dexmedetomidine) for the Potential Treatment of Acute Opioid Withdrawal: **Sandra Comer**
- Q&A
- Closing Remarks: **Frank Yocca**



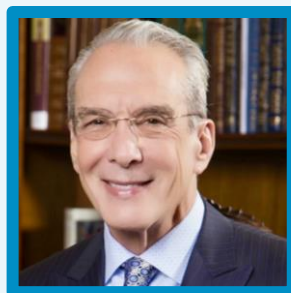
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# Our Corporate Strategy

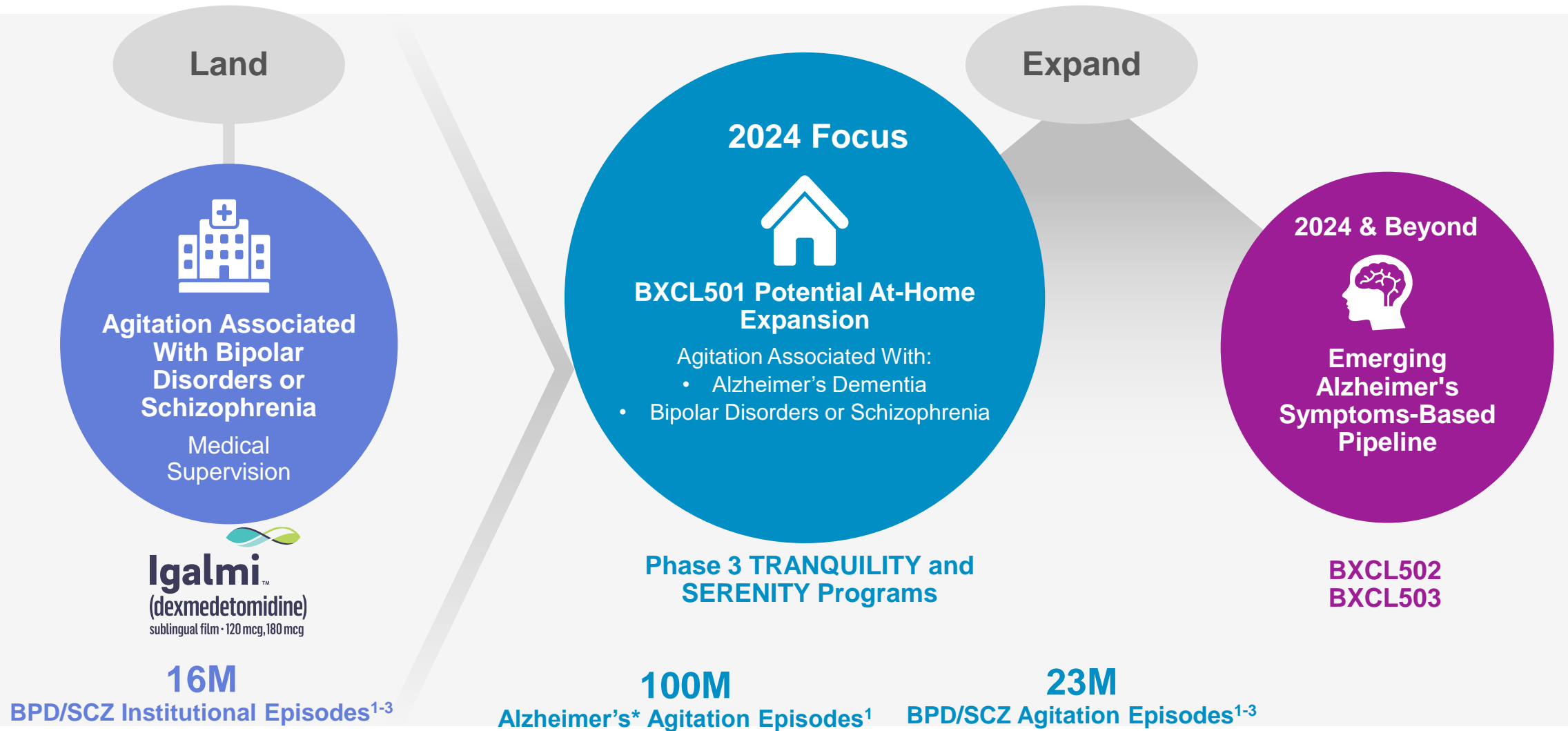
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Vimal Mehta  
Founder and CEO



# Corporate Growth Drivers

Transformative drug re-innovation approach resulted in rapid approval of IGALMI™



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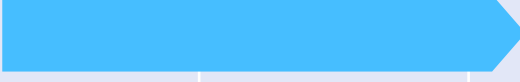
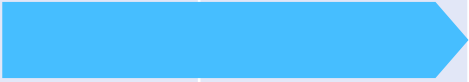
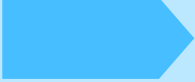


# Our R&D Strategy

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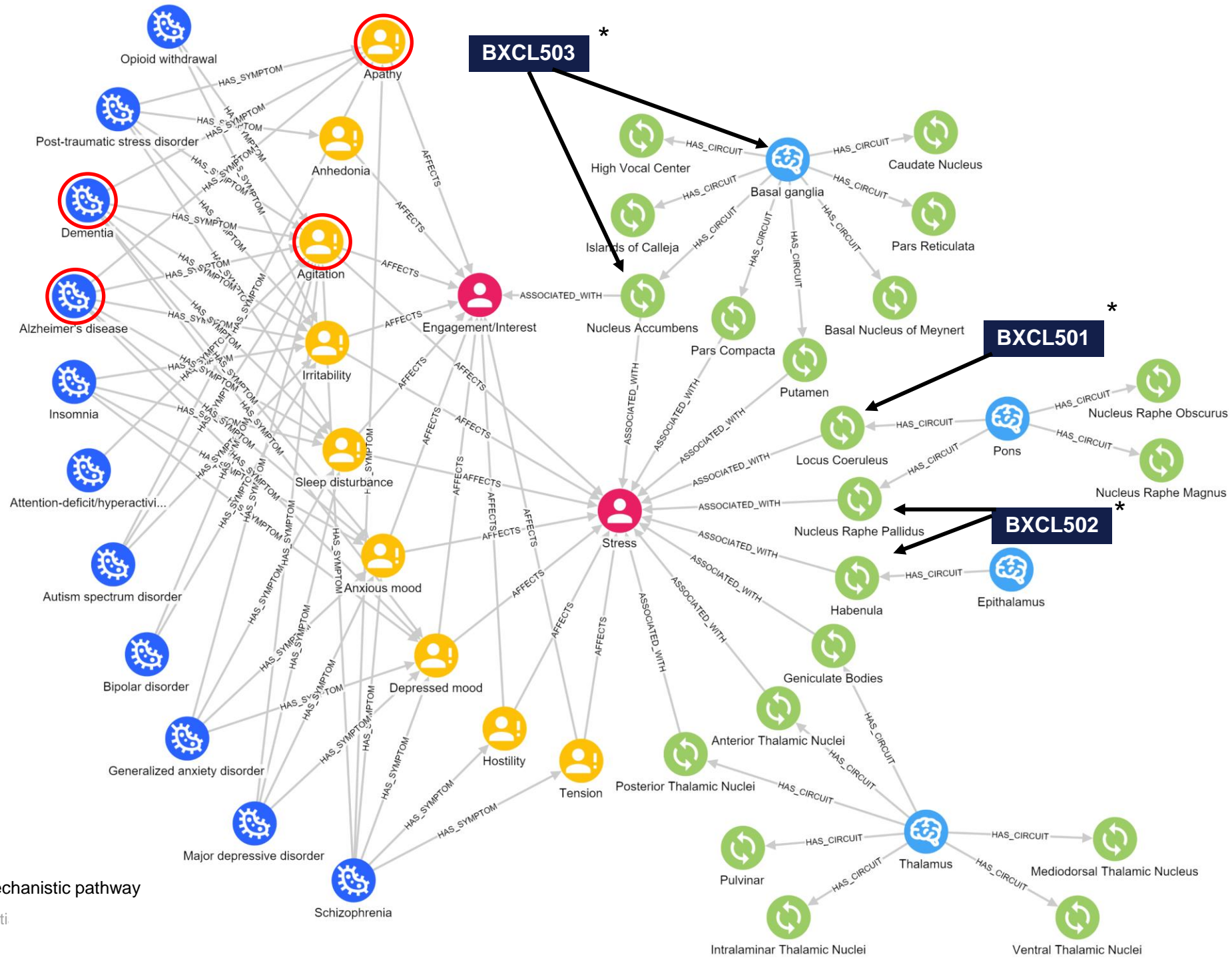
Frank Yocca  
Chief Scientific Officer

# R&D Strategy: Build Pipeline Depth with Innovation and Expansion

Pipeline as of December 12, 2023

Compound	Indication/Proposed Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Registration	Marketed
 <b>Igalmi™</b> (dexmedetomidine) <small>sublingual film • 120 mcg, 180 mcg</small>	<u>APPROVED APRIL 5, 2022</u> Acute treatment of agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I or II disorder in adults under provider supervision						
<b>BXCL501</b>	<u>TRANQUILITY PROGRAM</u> Acute treatment of agitation in Alzheimer's dementia						
	<u>SERENITY III PROGRAM</u> Acute treatment of agitation in bipolar disorders/schizophrenia						
	Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)						
	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)						
<b>BXCL502</b>	Neuropsychiatric symptoms Chronic agitation in Alzheimer's dementia						
<b>Candidate BXCL503</b>	Apathy in dementia						
<b>Candidate BXCL504</b>	Aggression in dementia						



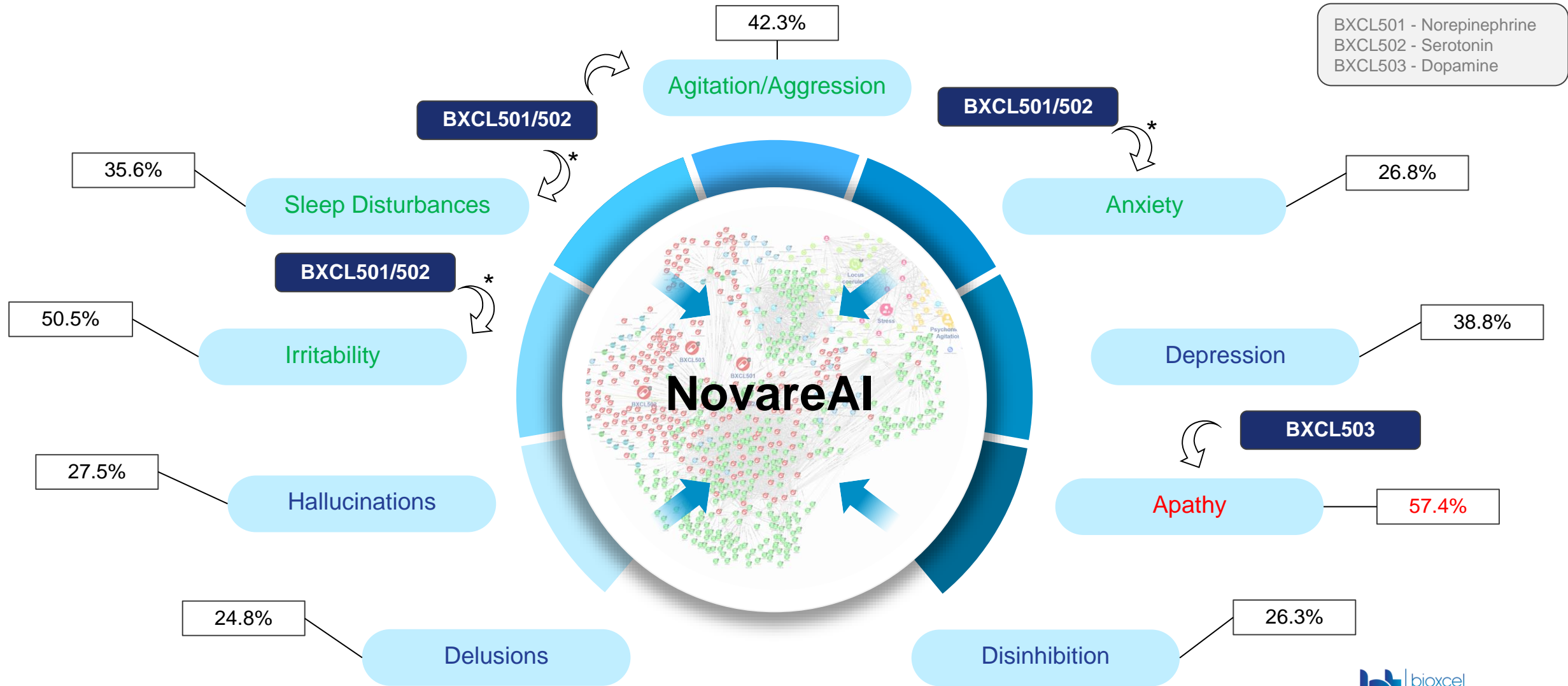


\* Denotes potential mechanistic pathway

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# Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms in Alzheimer's Disease

Identifying targets and compounds designed to address unmet medical needs in dementia



\* Denotes a potential role for BXCL502 and BXCL503 in addressing these symptoms

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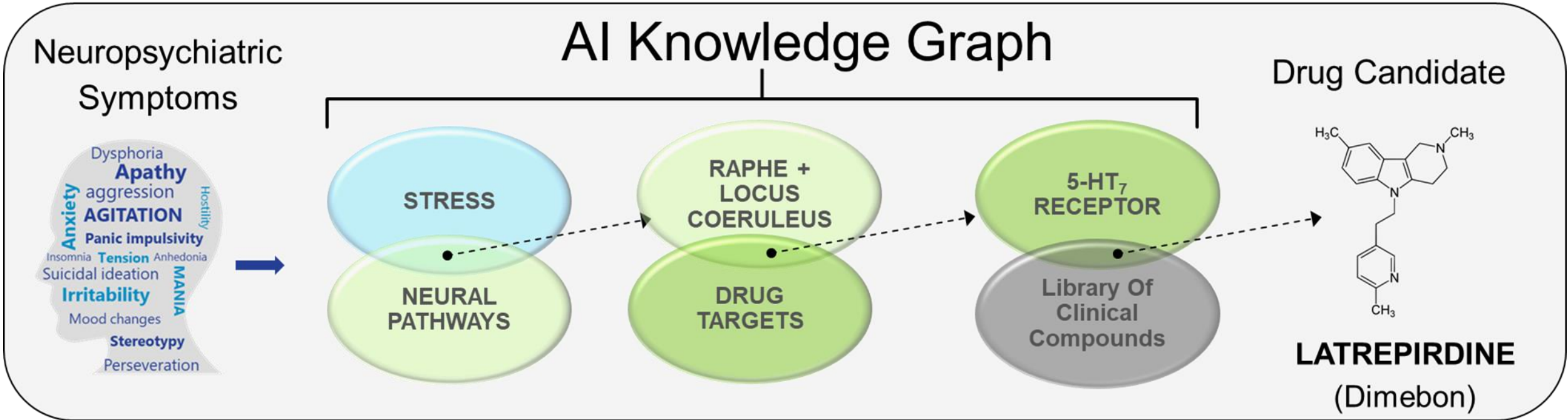
# **BXCL502: A Novel Agent for Treatment of Chronic Agitation in Dementia**

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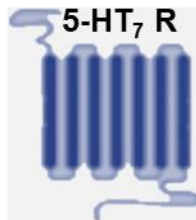
# Drug-Sensitive Neural Pathways for Treatment of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms



*Novel Pathway:*

**Raphe (5-HT) and Locus Coeruleus (NE)**

*Drug Target:*



*Compound:*

**Latrepidine: Clinical Candidate With Extensively Characterized Safety**

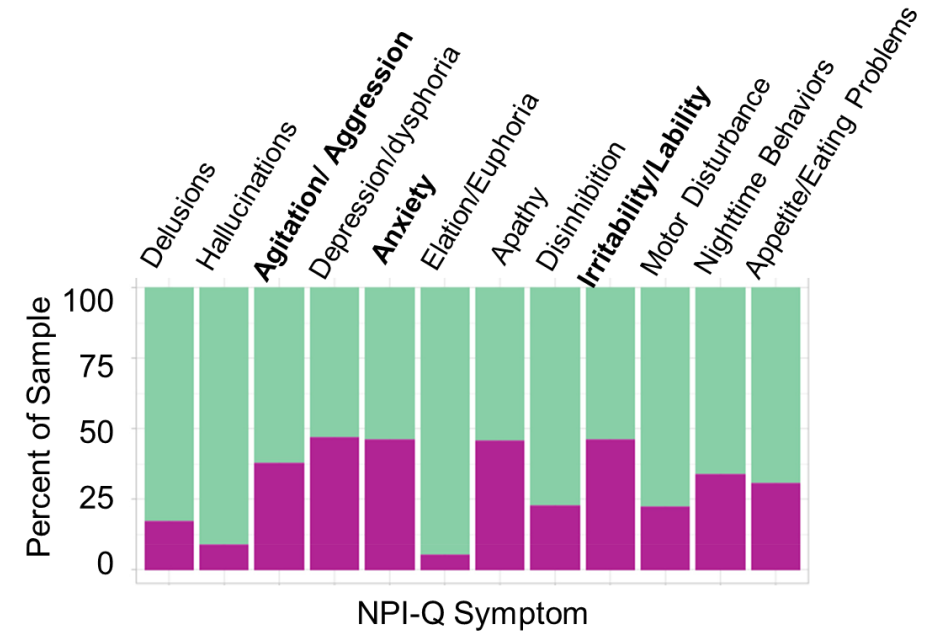


# Neuropsychiatric Symptoms are a Serious Unmet Medical Need

Latrepirdine is a promising candidate that potentially could address this need

- Neuropsychiatric symptoms occur early in patients with dementia
- These symptoms have serious adverse consequences for patients and caregivers, such as:
  - greater impairment in activities of daily living
  - more rapid cognitive decline
  - worse quality of life
  - earlier institutionalization
  - greater caregiver depression

## Prevalence of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

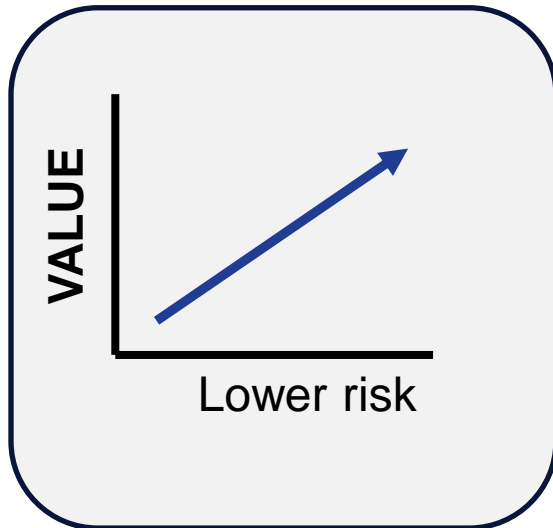


National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center (NACC)  
Uniform Data Set (UDS) 12494 sample size

Goodwin GJ, Moeller S, Nguyen A, Cummings JL, John SE. Network analysis of neuropsychiatric symptoms in Alzheimer’s disease. *Alzheimers Res Ther.* 2023 Aug 11;15(1):135.



# Latrepirdine: Clinical Safety Results, Preclinical Confidence in Rationale, and Early Sign of Potential Efficacy all Support Further Development



SAFETY RESULTS IN PATIENTS



- Over 1000 AD patients exposed for 26 weeks and 500 up to 52 weeks  
(Studies conducted by Pfizer and Medivation)

PRECLINICAL Confidence in Rationale



- Showed activity in 5 preclinical models of neuropsychiatric symptoms  
(Studies conducted by BioXcel Therapeutics)

CLINICAL Early Sign of Potential Efficacy

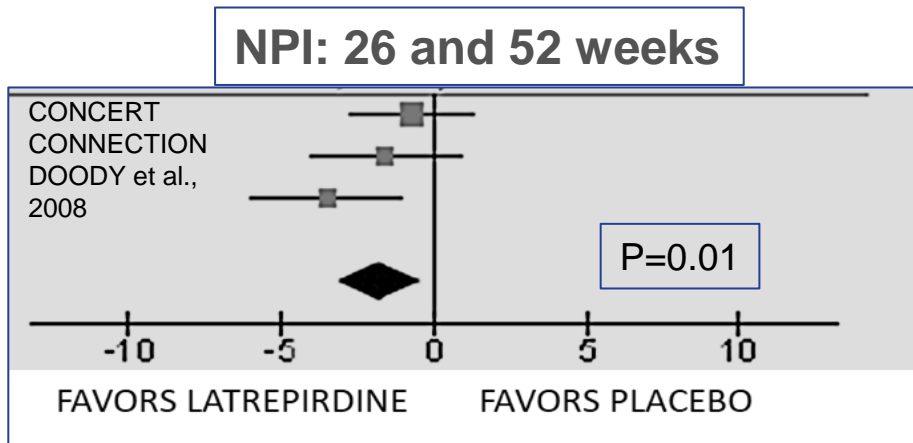


- Secondary efficacy endpoint, changes in NPI, showed statistical superiority over placebo in 3 studies  
(Studies conducted by Pfizer and Medivation)

**DATA SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT FOR TREATMENT OF NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEMENTIA**

# Clinical Safety Results and Early Sign of Potential Efficacy from Published Studies

Data support clinical development for chronic treatment of agitation in patients with Alzheimer's disease



	LATREPIRDINE (n = 518)	PLACEBO (n=516)
Adverse Events	313	301
Serious Adverse Events	33	38
Dropouts	57	63

- NPI is a measure of neuropsychiatric symptom frequency and severity in patients with dementia
- In 3 clinical studies latrepirdine dosed at 3 x 20 mg per day numerically reduced the NPI
- In 3 clinical studies in over 1000 Alzheimer's patients, latrepirdine was generally well tolerated when dosed in studies of duration of up to one year
- Favorable safety and tolerability results after 1 year of dosing in patients with Alzheimer's disease

References: Chau S, Herrmann N, Ruthirakuhan MT, Chen JJ, Lanctôt KL. Latrepirdine for Alzheimer's disease. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2015 Apr 21;2015(4)

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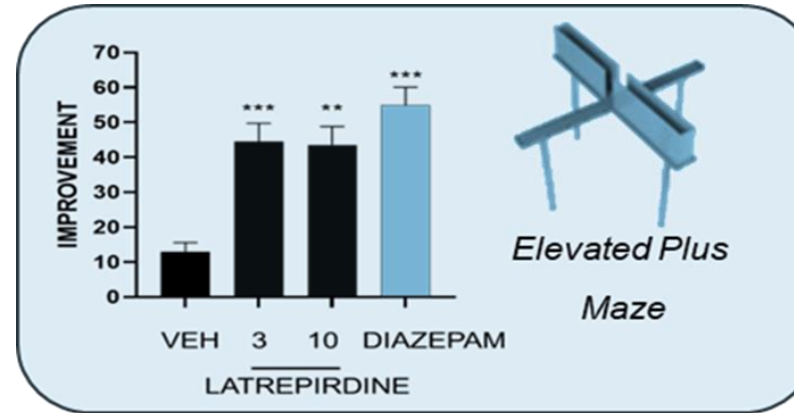
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## LC-mediated behaviors

### LATREPIRDINE

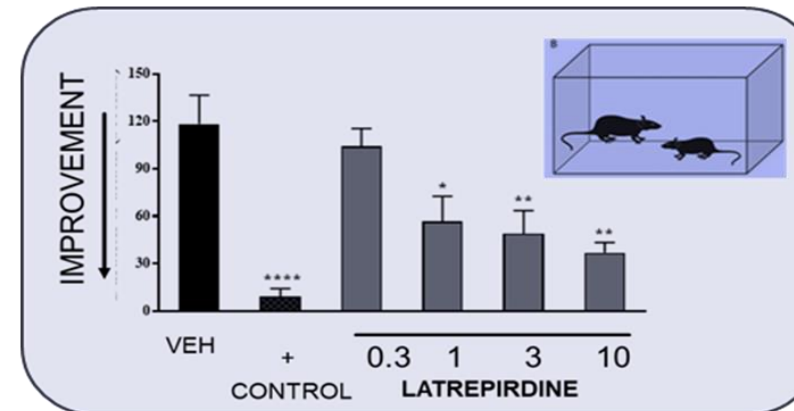
- Showed activity in 5 preclinical models of neuropsychiatric symptoms
- All models were chosen because they engage the LC and done at different CROs under blinded conditions
- Plasma levels matched  $IC_{50}$  for affinity for 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor and clinical exposures
- Results suggest that the clinical NPI signal may have been mediated, at least in part, by a reduction in agitation-related symptoms

## BioXcel Therapeutics Data



### ANXIETY/ AGITATION MODEL

- Mice are agitated by administering yohimbine
- Latrepirdine increases exploration of open arms (reduced agitated behaviors)



### AGGRESSION/ AGITATION MODEL

- Resident mouse acclimated to a cage
- Intruder mouse introduced
- Latrepirdine reduced aggressive behaviors (shown in graph) at doses that do not reduce motor activity (not shown)

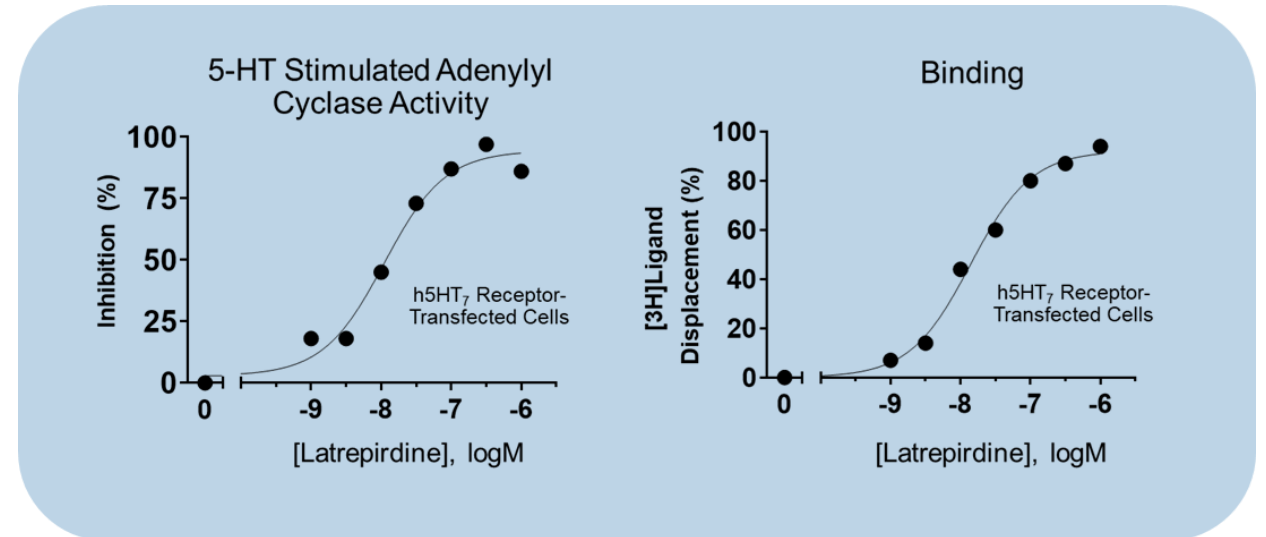


# Latrepirdine: Potential Mechanism of Action

## 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor antagonist with high potency

- Potential mechanism of action of latrepirdine previously not clear, many mechanisms were proposed (including 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor antagonism)
- BioXcel results suggest that latrepirdine may be potent 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor antagonist
- Observed potency was close to 10 nM, corresponding to approximately 4 ng/ml
  - Clinical studies (Pfizer) show that plasma exposure (C<sub>max</sub> at 20 mg dose) was 3.2 ng/ml
  - Preclinical studies indicate that free brain concentrations at 1 hour post dosing (10 mg/kg in rats) was approx. 4 ng/ml
- 5-HT<sub>7</sub> antagonism important but BioXcel predicts also **need the LC component to potentially produce therapeutic activity**

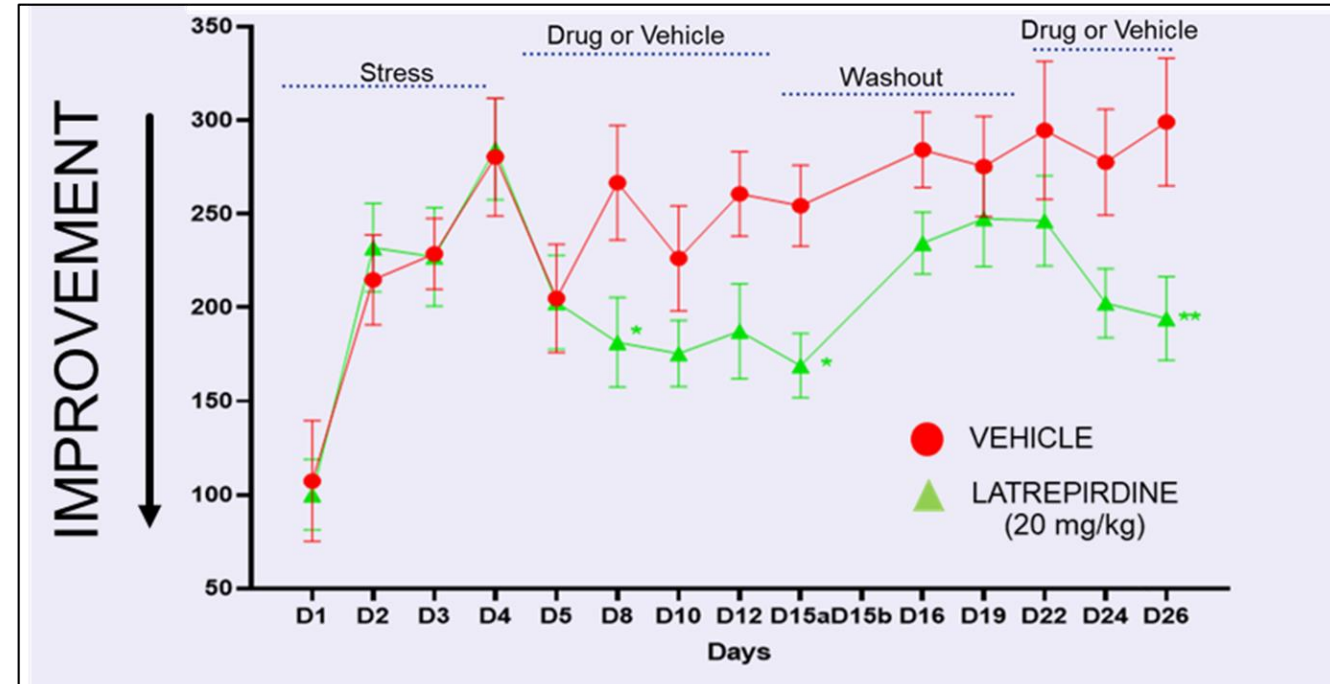
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# Preclinical Results Suggest Potential for Chronic Dosing

## Repeat-dose studies in mice

- Chronic treatment requires:
  - Demonstration of persistent effect after repeat dosing
  - Able to washout quickly if needed (not irreversible)
- Mice treated for 5 days using stress paradigm no longer attempted to escape but remained immobile
- Performance improved by daily dosing from day 5 to 15
- Washout resulted in a return towards vehicle performance
- Reinstating latrepirdine on day 22 again improved performance



Stress paradigm is a swimming test



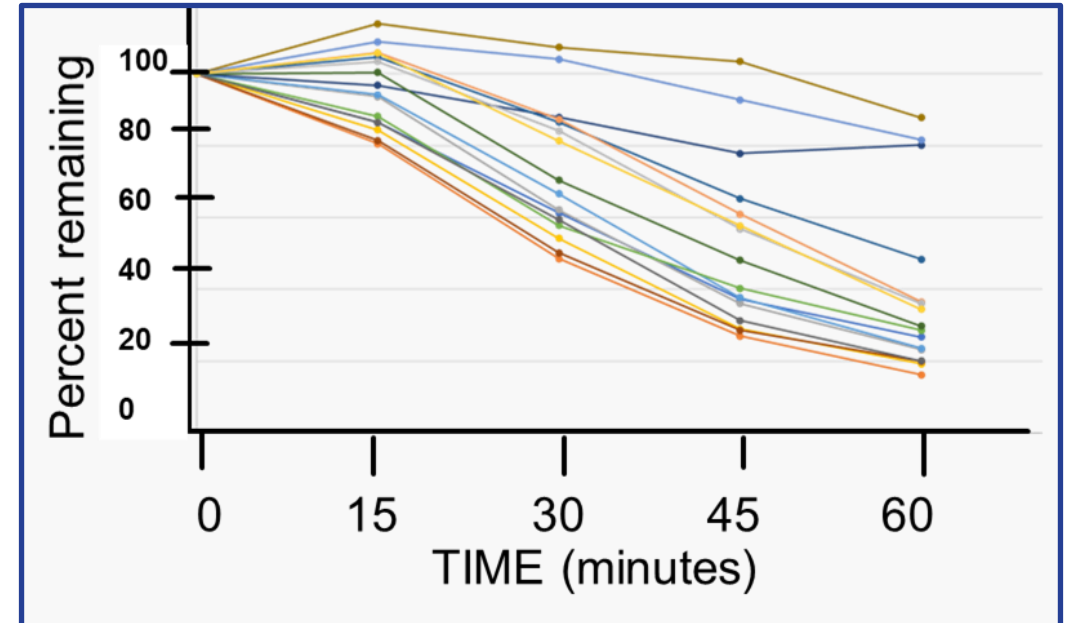
# Recent Examples of Successful CNS Drug Re-Innovation

DRUG	CHALLENGE	SOLUTION	STATUS
Dextromethorphan (Axsome)	Metabolites cause unwanted side effects	Block metabolism with CYP2D6 inhibitor, bupropion	Successful clinical study/ depression
Xanomeline (Karuna)	Peripheral side effects	Block peripheral effects with trospium	Successful clinical study/ schizophrenia
Dexmedetomidine IGALMI (BioXcel Therapeutics)	Poor oral bioavailability ( $<20\%$ )	Use sublingual film to administer directly to blood (oral bioavailability $>80\%$ )	Approved to treat agitation associated with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder
<b><i>Latrepidine (Dimebon)</i></b>  <b><i>(BioXcel Therapeutics)</i></b>	<b>Variable plasma [3 times daily dosing]</b>	<b>Novel Formulation for PK stabilization [potential for once-a-day dosing]</b>	<b>Enabling POC study in humans</b>

***Latrepidine + “Metabolic Stabilizer” = BXCL502***

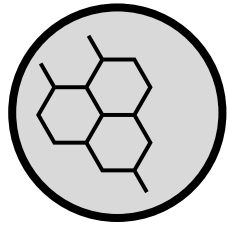
# BXCL502: Potential Chronic Once a Day Dosing for Agitation

- Metabolic instability limited clinical development of latrepirdine
- BioXcel screened metabolic enzyme inhibitors to identify potential compounds that could enable latrepirdine to be used as a chronic drug
- 3 inhibitors were chosen as especially promising to be co-formulated with latrepirdine
- BioXcel has initiated a formulation strategy to combine latrepirdine with the metabolic stabilizer



# BXCL502 Presents a Compelling Value Proposition

Formulation studies are ongoing



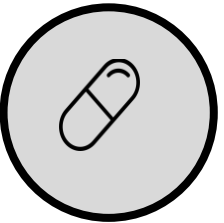
**New Chemical Entity**

**BXCL502 is a novel formulation of latrepirdine and a metabolic stabilizer**



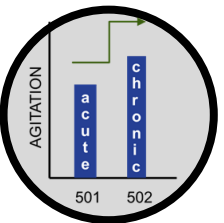
**Improved Understanding of Proposed Mechanism**

**Potentially blocks excessive signaling mediated by 2 neurotransmitters: serotonin and norepinephrine (noradrenaline)**



**Re-Innovation of Latrepirdine**

**Improved PK results suggest potential for once daily dosing which could be suitable for chronic agitation**



**Synergistic with Portfolio**

**Expanding agitation development programs from episodic to chronic**

# The Neuropsychiatric Inventory: Measuring Agitation Relief in Alzheimer's Disease

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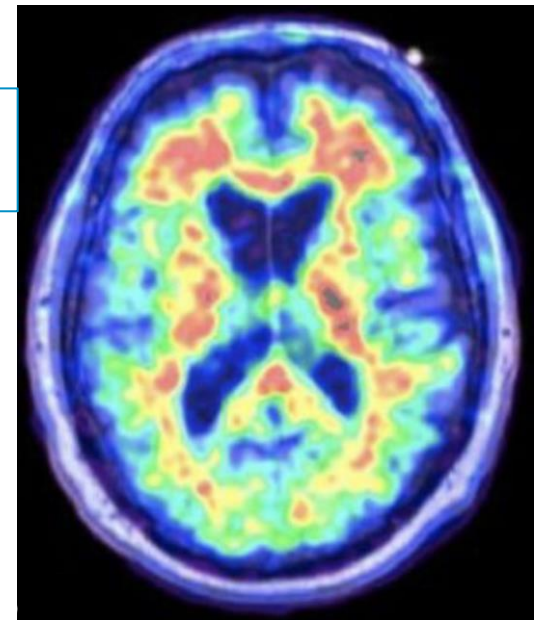
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# Prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease is Increasing

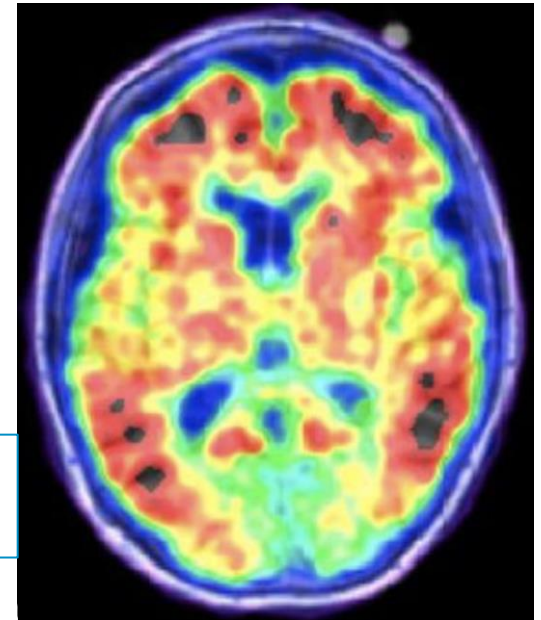
	2020/2023	2050
U.S.	6.5 million	19.5 million
Global	57.4 million	152 million

- Well-defined pathological entity (amyloid, tau, neurodegeneration [ATN])
- Advances in diagnosis: amyloid and tau PET, blood-based biomarkers
- Advances in treatment
  - Aducanumab, lecanemab – first disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer's disease
  - Brexpiprazole – first approval for any neuropsychiatric syndrome in Alzheimer's disease (agitation)
- Heightened public awareness

Negative  
Amyloid PET



Positive  
Amyloid PET



# Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease

## Demography<sup>1,2</sup>

- 70% of Alzheimer dementia patients are agitated sometime in disease course
- 40% in cross-sectional studies
- 60% of agitated patients will receive pharmacotherapy
  - Antipsychotics 13-24.2%; antidepressants 24.2-44.2%; benzodiazepines 11.1-13%

## Etiology<sup>3</sup>

- Biological subtype
- Environmental influences

## Consequences<sup>2,3</sup>

- Reduced patient and caregiver quality of life
- More rapid progression of cognitive decline
- Earlier nursing home placement



# Defining Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease

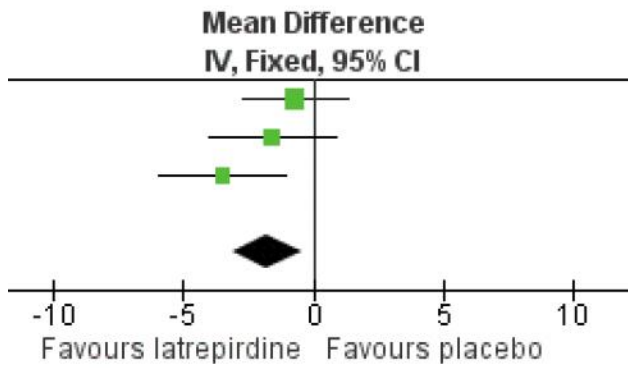
- International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) criteria for agitation in neurocognitive disorders:
  - Neurocognitive disorder present (e.g., Alzheimer's disease)
  - One of 3 agitated behaviors present for past 2 weeks
    - Verbal aggression
    - Physical aggression
    - Motor hyperactivity (pacing, etc.)
  - Not due exclusively to pain, delirium, environmental provocation
- Rating scales establish agitation severity at baseline



# Neuropsychiatric Inventory (NPI)<sup>1,2</sup>

- Most commonly used instrument to measure behavior in clinical trials of Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders
- 12 neuropsychiatric syndromes .....▶
- Caregiver interview
- Past 1 month
- Frequency and severity
- Caregiver distress

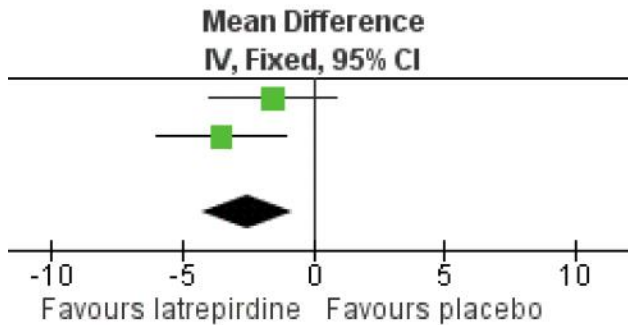
Agitation/aggression	Apathy
Hallucinations	Depression
Delusions	Anxiety
Irritability	Appetite changes
Disinhibition	Aberrant motor behavior
Elation/euphoria	Sleep Changes



### NCT00829374

- 611 patients on latrepirdine
- NPI d/p change from BL = 1.8 points
- Overall effect:  $p = 0.009$

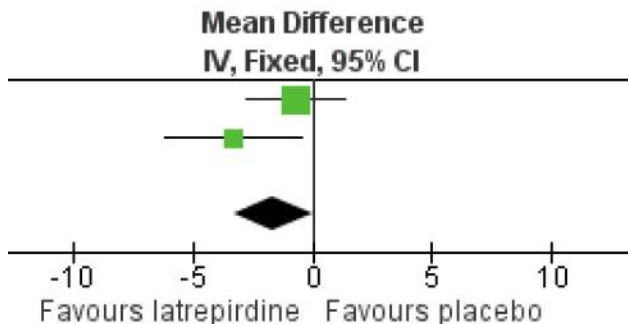
from baseline at 26 weeks).



### NCT00675623

- 289 patients of latrepirdine
- NPI d/ change from BL at week 26 = 2.5 points
- Overall effect:  $p = 0.004$

from baseline at 52 weeks).



### NCT00377715

- 411 patients of latrepirdine
- NPI d/ change from BL at week 52 = 1.6 points
- Overall effect:  $p = 0.06$

## Latrepirdine Produced Generally Consistent Results on the NPI

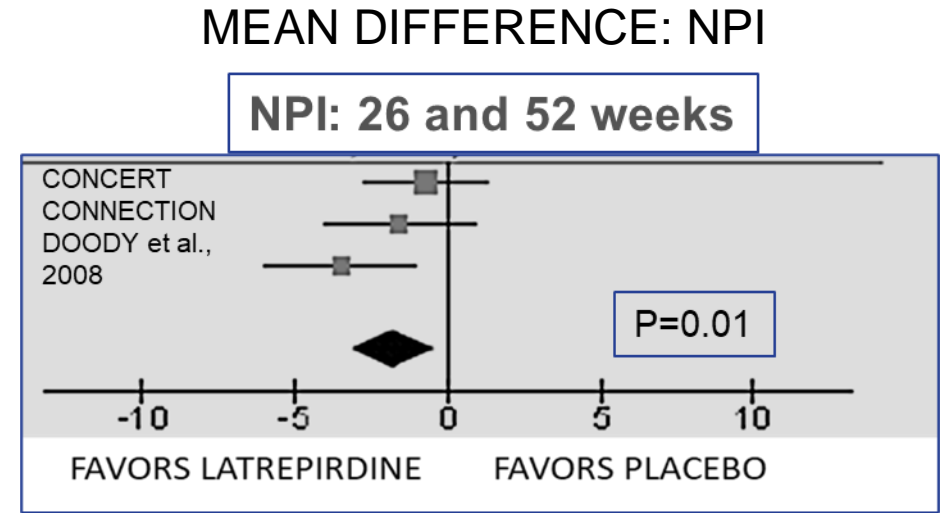
### Cochrane Reviews are very rigorous

- No meaningful effect observed on cognition or function
- Reproducible effect on total NPI score
- Similar effect observed across published studies
- Low baseline scores limit ability to show d/p difference

# Meta-Analysis Supports Potential NPI Effect Across Latrepirdine Alzheimer's Disease Trials

## Statistical approach differed from that of Cochrane Analysis

- 127 articles screened
- 5 with trials
- 3 with Alzheimer's disease
- No cognitive or functional benefit
- NPI showed significant benefit
  - $P = 0.03$



# Measurement of Agitation in Clinical Trials of Alzheimer's Disease

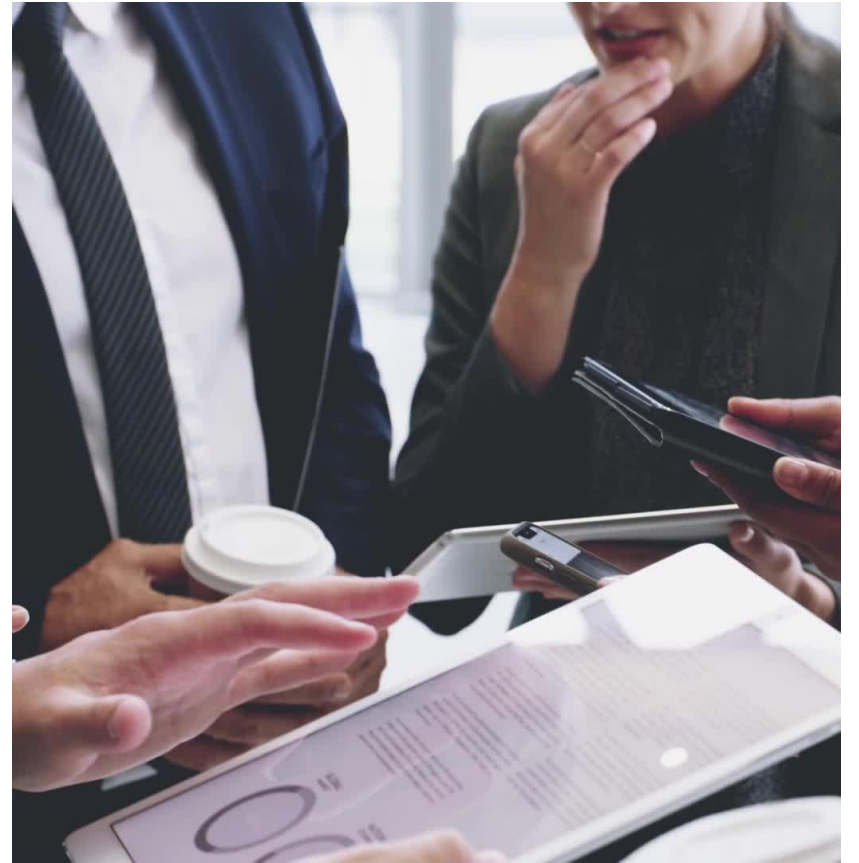
- Two primary tools to measure agitation in Alzheimer's clinical trials
  - **Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory (CMAI)**<sup>1</sup>
    - 29 agitated behaviors (kicking, shouting, hitting, etc)
  - **Neuropsychiatric Inventory (NPI)**<sup>2</sup>
    - 12 neuropsychiatric syndromes
- Clinical trials
  - CMAI – typically used as an outcome to assess treatment response
  - NPI – typically used to characterize syndromes and determine severity at baseline; primary outcome in some trials (NPI-C)
  - Global score for agitation (CGI-S) may be included



<sup>1</sup>Koss E, et al. Alz Dis Assoc Dis 1997; 11 (S2); S45-50; <sup>2</sup>Cummings j, et al. Neurol 1994; 44: 2308-2314

# Agitation Trials: Risk Mitigation

- Planning can limit impact of challenges
  - Slow recruitment
  - Placebo response
- Latrepirdine
  - Which items responded on NPI
  - Explore if response in population with variable agitation predicts response in population constructed around agitation



# Summary



- Alzheimer's disease is common
- Alzheimer's disease with agitation is common
- Treatment of agitation is a large unmet need (market)
- Trial foundations are established
  - Definition of agitation
  - Clinical outcome assessments
  - Regulatory pathway
- Preliminary latripirdine NPI observations are encouraging

# BXCL503 for Dementia-Related Apathy

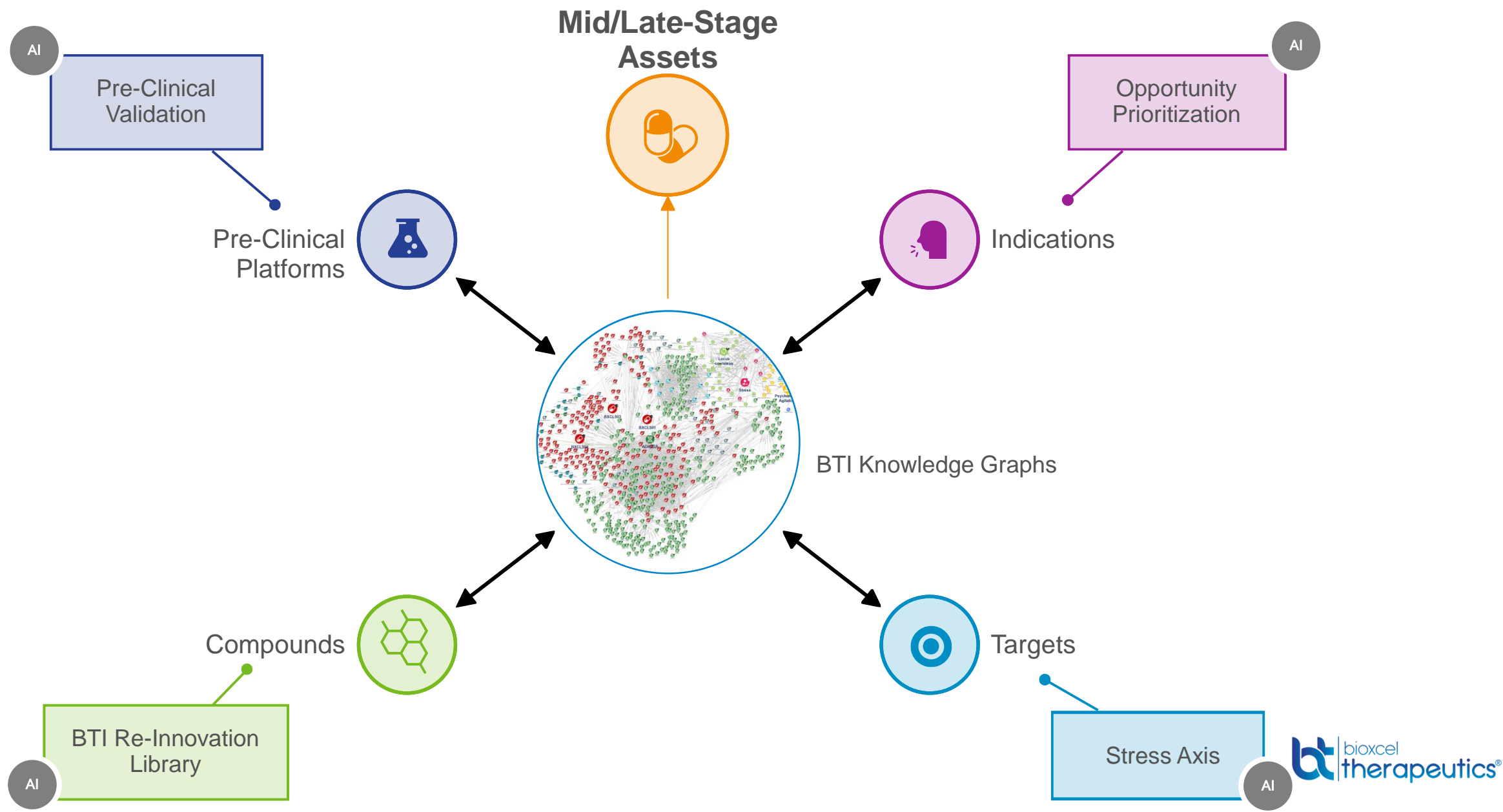
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# NovareAI: Ecosystem for Drug Discovery and Development



# Targeting Selectivity Through Heteromeric Receptor Complexes

Selected compounds are believed to *modulate* dopamine signaling

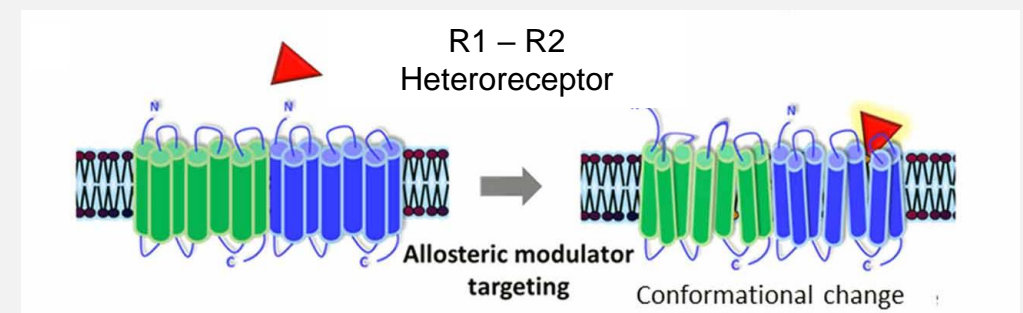
- Heteroreceptors through allosteric interactions may modify ligand affinity or stabilization of the receptor
- This may confer advantages over global receptor activation through re-uptake inhibitors or direct agonists
- Heteroreceptors can modify endogenous signaling in an anatomically restricted manner

## Strategy:

- Find heteroreceptors that are expressed selectively in circuitry critical for goal directed behavior
- Select late-stage clinical compounds and run predictions with NovareAI on the potential for reducing Apathy
- Select and test compound-candidates pre-clinically

## Heteromeric receptor examples include (but are not limited to):

- Dopamine D1R and NMDA receptors
- Serotonin 5HT2a and Glutamate mGluR2
- Adrenergic  $\alpha$ 1bAR-and Dopamine D4
- Dopamine D2R and Serotonin 5-HT2A
- Dopamine D2R and Neurotensin NTS1R
- Dopamine D2R and Sigma1R



# Apathy in Alzheimer's Disease is an Unmet Medical Need

Concept BXCL503 holds potential to address this need

- Defined as a loss of initiative, interest and emotional expression/responsiveness.
- Apathy is a deficit in voluntary, goal-directed behavior
- Prevalence is high with ~ 5 million patients within Alzheimer's Disease. No FDA approved drugs.
- Apathy has adverse consequences for patients and caregivers, such as:
  - Increased reliance on caregivers
  - High disease burden
  - Decreased quality of life
  - Cognitive and functional impairment
  - Increased mortality

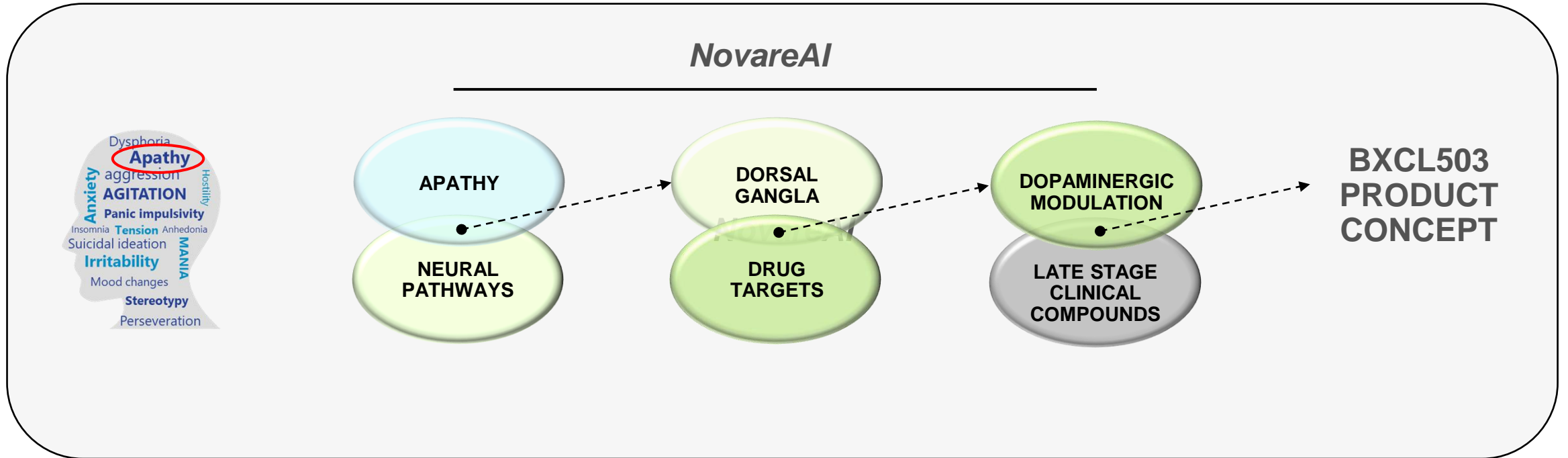


## BXCL503 Candidate:

- **Previously tested in two Phase2 studies but deprioritized for commercial reasons**
- **Safety results supporting development to treat Apathy symptoms**
- **May modify dopaminergic signaling in circuitry regulating goal directed behavior**

# Identifying Drug-Sensitive Neural Pathways for Treatment of Apathy

Dementia Related Neuropsychiatric Symptoms



**NovareAI Predicted Efficacy:**

**Target engagement predicted to mitigate Apathy**

**Target:**

**Modulation of Dopaminergic Signaling**

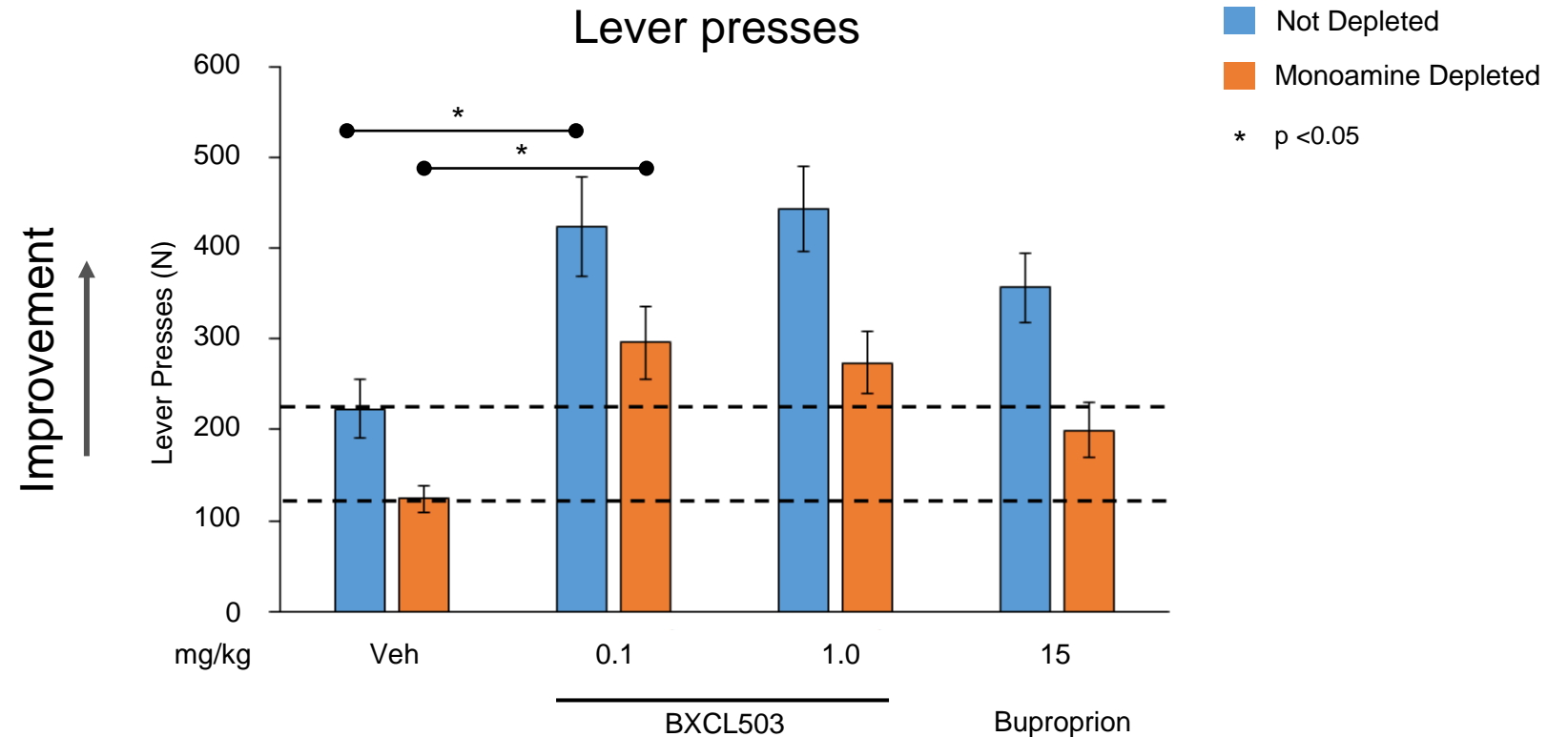
**Compound:**

**NovareAI discontinued Phase 2 compound identification: BXCL503**

# Concept BXCL503 May Increase Goal Directed Behavior

## Pre-clinical model of apathy: progressive ratio test

- Progressive Ratio Test measures goal directed behavior
- Animals repeatedly press a lever for a reward, the number of presses after which the animal gives up is recorded
- Potential BXCL503 candidate increased the effort animals are willing to make to receive the reward
- Monoamine depletion reduced the effort animals make, which is a model for Apathy
- Potential BXCL503 candidate improves the effort monoamine depleted animals make to obtain the reward

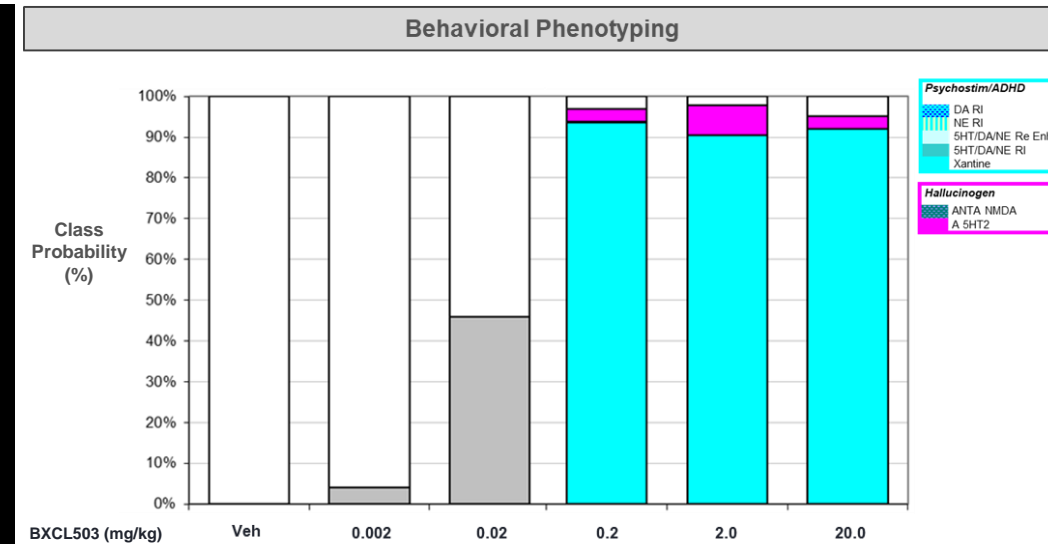


# Pre-Clinical Confidence in Rationale

## BioXcel Therapeutics Data

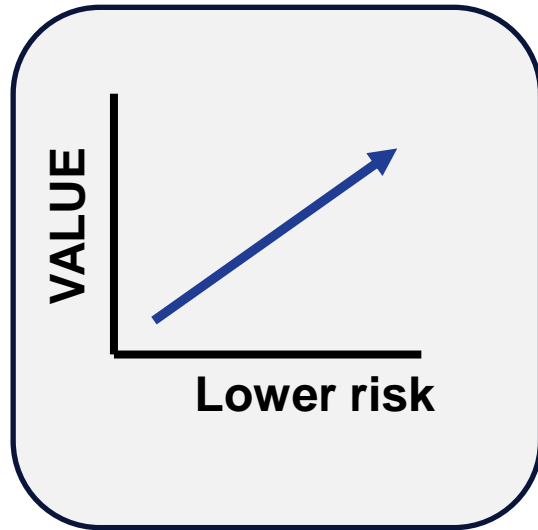
### BXCL503

- Demonstrated in vivo activity in behavioral phenotyping (SmartCube\*)
- Potential BXCL503 candidate is classified as a stimulant with activity in a dose-dependent manner



# BXCL503 Product Concept

Clinical safety results and preclinical confidence in rationale are favorable



SAFETY RESULTS IN PATIENTS



- Shelved asset. Well tolerated in over 500 subjects exposed up to 26 weeks in two phase 2 trials

PRECLINICAL CONFIDENCE IN RATIONALE



- Showed activity in 2 preclinical models

*(Studies conducted by BioXcel Therapeutics)*

NOVEL PROPOSED MECHANISM



- Dopaminergic modulation through heteromeric receptor complexes may confer an advantage in receptor specificity and circuit selectivity

**DATA SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT FOR TREATMENT OF APATHY ASSOCIATED WITH DEMENTIA**

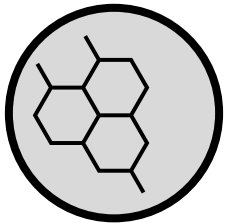
# BXCL503 Product Concept Presents a Compelling Value Proposition

Confidence in the approach and further studies ongoing



Potential novel mechanism of action

BXCL503 may modulate dopaminergic signaling in an anatomically restricted manner to circuitry governing goal directed behavior



Prior safety data

Previously Tested in Phase 2 clinical trials



Clinical Path Forward

Trial foundations in Apathy have been established previously



Synergistic with Portfolio

Aligns with company's BXCL501 and BXCL502 development programs of Alzheimer's Disease related symptoms



# BXCL501 (Sublingual Dexmedetomidine) for the Potential Treatment of Acute Opioid Withdrawal

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# Overview

## **Public Health Emergency**

"Opioid Crisis" declared a Public Health Emergency in 2017

## **Emergent Threat**

Fentanyl adulterated or associated with xylazine (FAAX) declared an "Emergent Threat" in 2023

## **Treatment Gap**

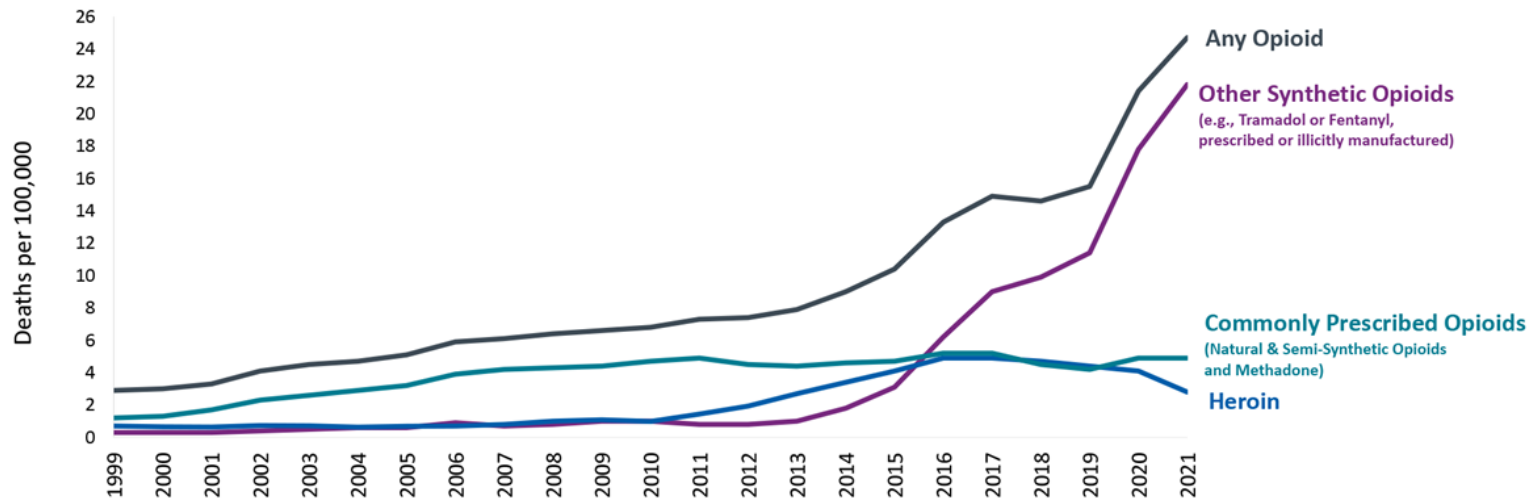
No treatments for opioid withdrawal have been tested against fentanyl or xylazine

## **Urgent Need**

An estimated 1.22 million opioid-related deaths in the U.S. between 2020 to 2029 (*Rao et al., 2021*)

# Majority of Opioid-related Overdose Deaths are due to Fentanyl

## Three Waves of Opioid Overdose Deaths



Wave 1: Rise in Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in the 1990s

Wave 2: Rise in Heroin Overdose Deaths Started in 2010

Wave 3: Rise in Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 2013

SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

**As of Jun 2023, 106,842 drug-related overdose deaths in the previous 12 months (NCHS).**

*Deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone (primarily fentanyl) continued to rise with 70,601 overdose deaths reported in 2021 (NCHS)*

# Introduction of Xylazine to Fentanyl Makes Opioids Even More Dangerous and has now Been Identified as an “Emerging Threat”

## Why are cartels producing fentanyl associated or adulterated with xylazine (FAAX)?

- Cartels are adding xylazine to fentanyl to prolong the effects of other opioids
- Sometimes called a “booster,” cartels have been adding CNS depressant drugs to fentanyl to “boost” the high users feel



“Opioid deaths could dramatically increase to about 165,000 by 2025” stated Dr. Rahul Gupta White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

## In addition to making fentanyl more lethal, xylazine is also damaging users’ bodies

- Repeated xylazine use can be associated with skin ulcers, abscesses, and other related complications

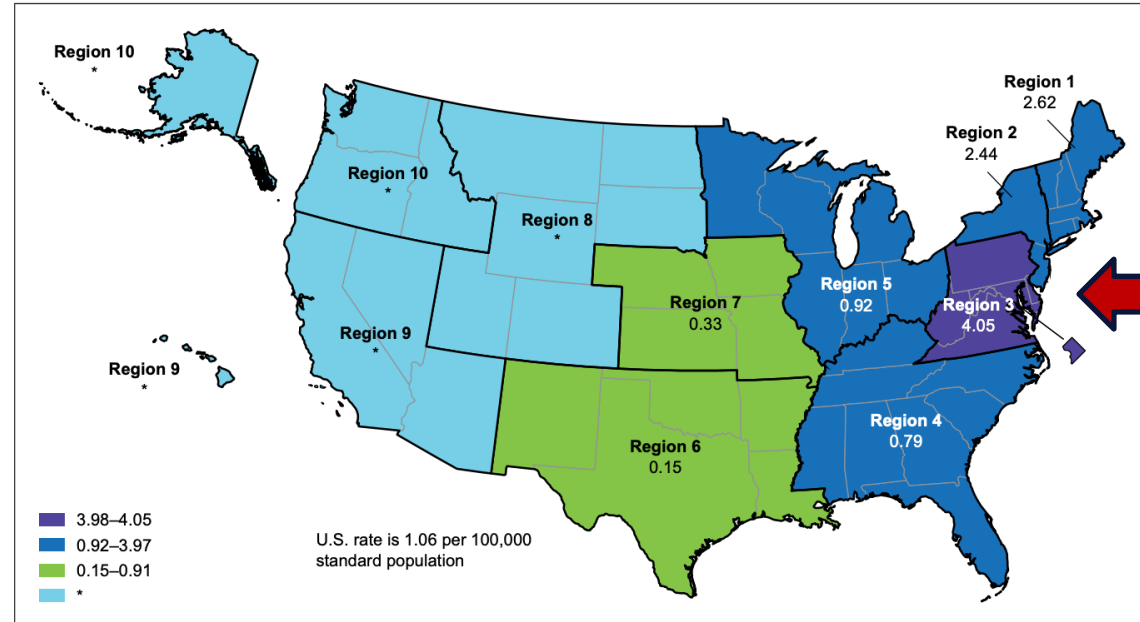
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## Biden-Harris Administration Designates Fentanyl Combined with Xylazine as an Emerging Threat to the United States

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# And now the use of Xylazine is Rapidly Growing Across the U.S.

Figure 4. Age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths involving xylazine, by region: United States, 2021



\* Rate does not meet the National Center for Health Statistics reliability criteria of 20 deaths or more and as a result is not reported.  
 NOTES: Drug overdose deaths are identified using *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision* underlying cause-of-death codes X40–X44, X60–X64, X85, and Y10–Y14. Deaths may involve other drugs in addition to the referent (listed) drug. Age-adjusted death rates were calculated using the direct method and adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population. Regions are the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services public health regions: Region 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT), Region 2 (NJ and NY), Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV), Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN), Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI), Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX), Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, and NE), Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY), Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, and NV), and Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA). Except for Regions 1 and 2, differences in rates between all regions were significant ( $p < 0.05$ ).  
 SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, death certificate literal text from the National Vital Statistics System as of May 24, 2023.

\*The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reports that between 2020 and 2021, forensic laboratory identifications of xylazine rose in all four U.S. census regions, most notably in the South (193%) and the West (112%).  
 - DEA Joint Intelligent Report

***Epicenter of xylazine use is located in Mid-Atlantic States but distribution is rapidly moving West\****

\*Xylazine was found in over 90% of drug samples tested in Philadelphia in 2021  
 - Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction (SUPHR)

\*Xylazine was involved in 19% of all drug overdoses in Maryland in 2021 and 10% of drug overdoses in Connecticut in 2020, the NIDA states.  
 - Friedman J et al., 2022

# BXCL501 Phase 1b/2 Study: Phase 1b Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Ascending-Dose Study



Jones et al., 2023

Am J Drug and Alcohol Abuse 49(1): 109-122

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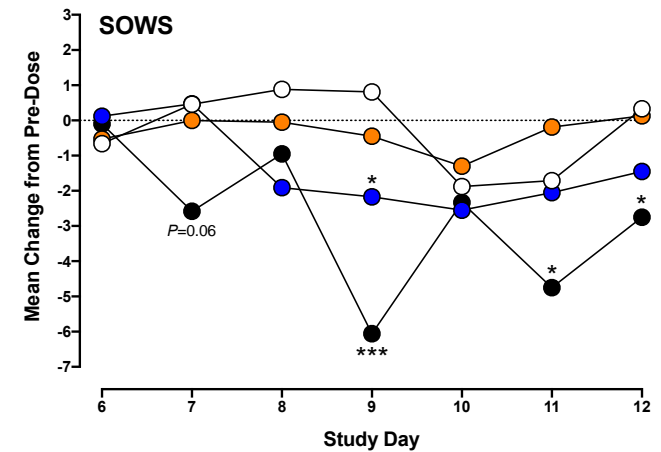
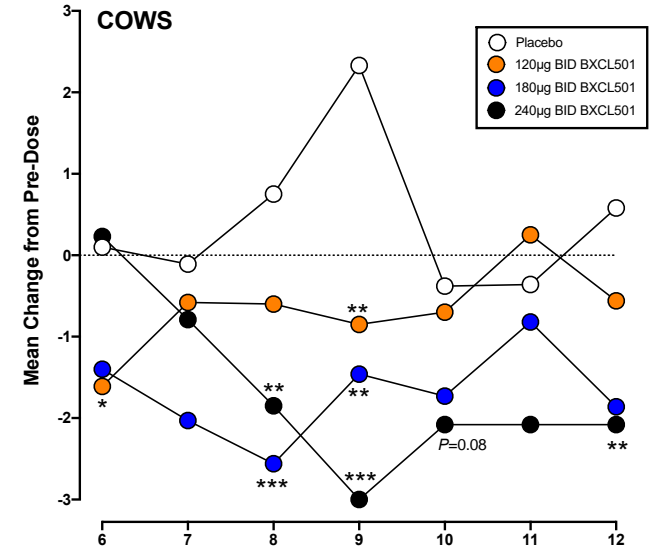
# BXCL501 Pilot Phase 1b/2 Study Design: Summary

(June 2020 – January 2021)

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled inpatient study
- Evaluate the safety and tolerability of ascending doses of BXCL501 relative to placebo in participants with opioid use disorder who are physically dependent on opioids and maintained on oral morphine
  - Days 1-5 (Stabilization Phase): Active morphine QID + Placebo BXCL501 BID
  - Days 6-12 (Treatment Phase): Placebo morphine QID + Placebo or active BXCL501 BID
- BXCL501 doses: Placebo, 30, 60, 90, 120, 180, and 240 $\mu$ g BID
- Randomization 4:1 active versus placebo in 6 different cohorts; N=15-25 per group
- Source: Jones et al., 2023

# Phase 1b/2 Efficacy Results

- 120, 180, and 240mg BID BXCL501 reduced acute opioid withdrawal symptoms compared to placebo as measured by the **COWS** with a **229% reduction in peak withdrawal** and **SOWS** with a **853% reduction in peak withdrawal**. (Jones et al., 2023)
- These effects occurred at doses that produced no serious or severe adverse effects (orthostatic hypotension, bradycardia, dizziness, somnolence that are major liability issues for lofexidine)



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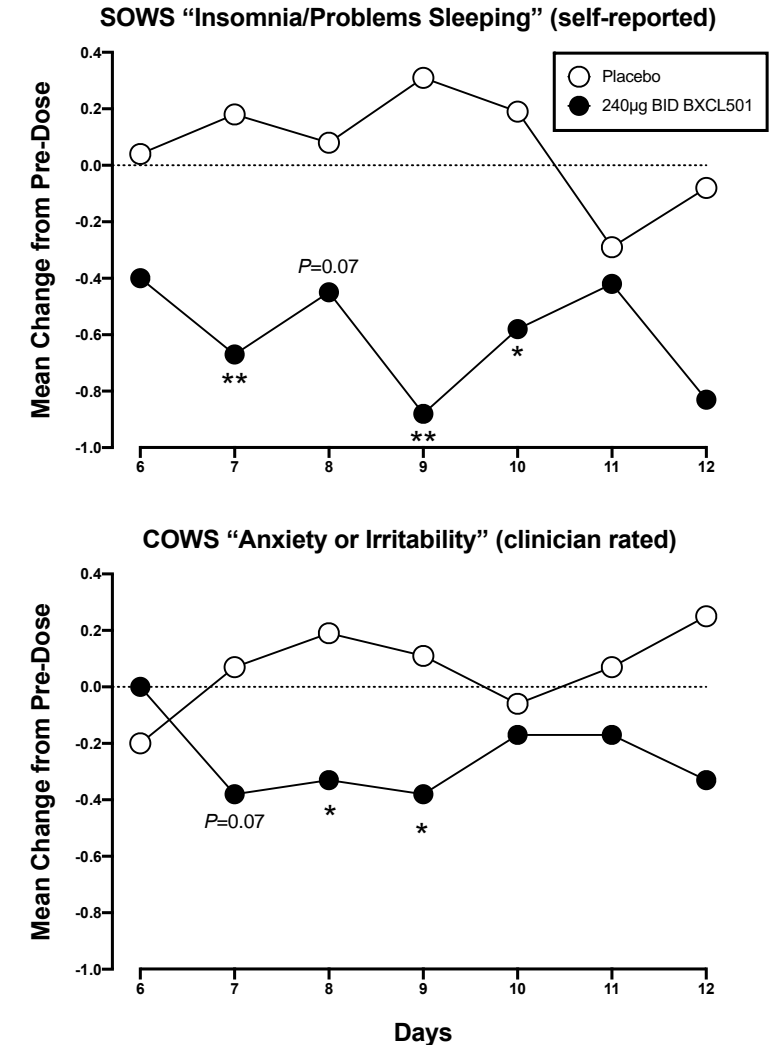
# BXCL501 Pilot Phase 1b/2 Study Design

**Note: Urine drug screens in 76-92% of patients in each dose cohort were fentanyl-positive at screening (Jones et al., 2023)**

- In BioXcel's 2020 Ph1b study, 40% of patients dropped out during the morphine stabilization phase, whereas in the 2001-2002 lofexidine study 0% of patients dropped out in the morphine stabilization phase (Yu et al 2008)
  - Difference in dropout during morphine stabilization is likely due to the presence versus absence of fentanyl (Jones et al., 2023)
- **We currently do not know how to optimally manage withdrawal symptoms in fentanyl-dependent patients – the current study represented a unique opportunity to address this problem**

# Phase 1b/2 Efficacy Results

- The 240mg BID BXCL501 dose significantly reduced both subjective ratings of insomnia and clinician ratings of anxiety or irritability (Jones et., 2023)
- These benefits were not reported in selected studies with lofexidine for opioid withdrawal *Gish et al 2010; Rehman et al 2019*; *sleep and anti-anxiety medications are commonly co-prescribed with lofexidine\**



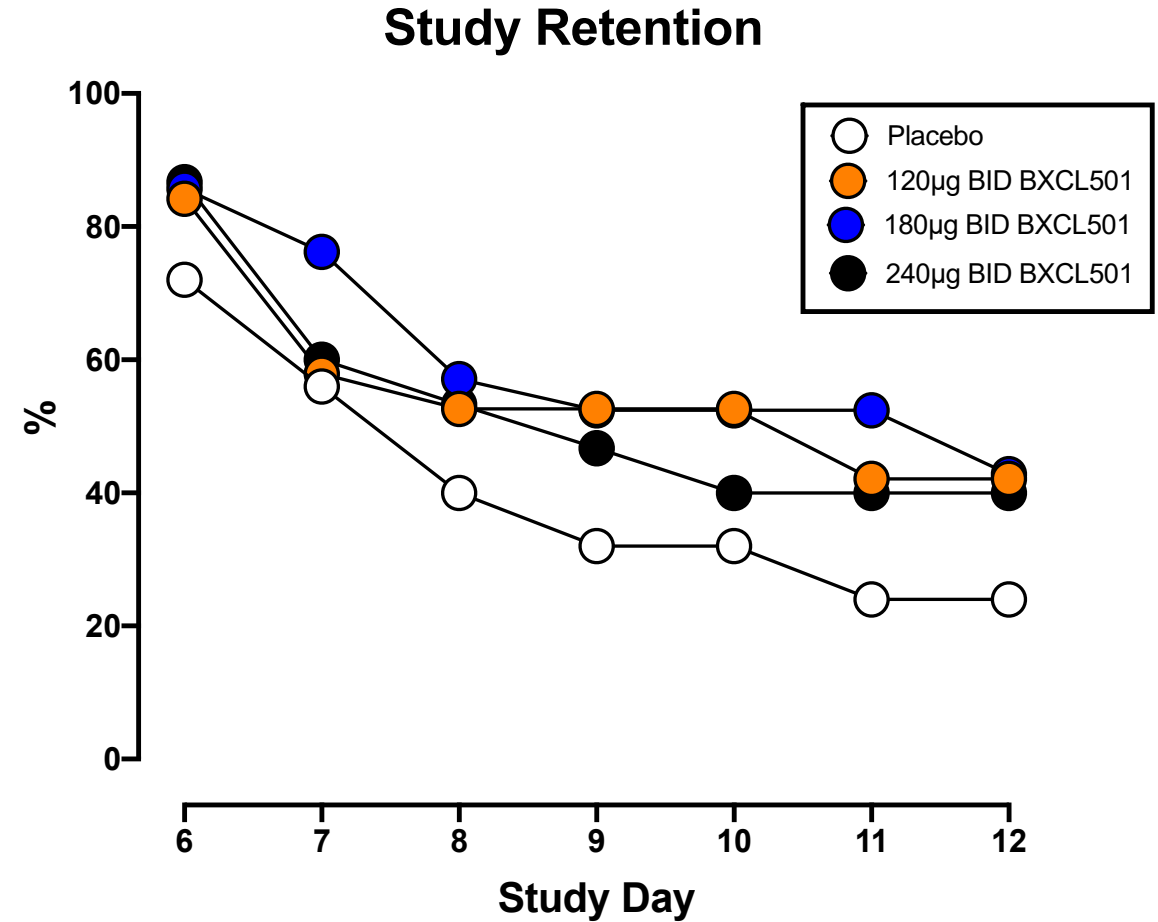
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# Phase 1b/2 Efficacy Results

- Higher study retention with all active doses of BXCL501 compared to placebo (*Jones et., 2023*)
- Results suggest potential to improve the successful transition of patients onto buprenorphine or SR naltrexone



# Potential Safety Review of BXCL501 (Jones et al., 2023) vs. Lofexidine (Fishman et al., 2019)

	Placebo	BXCL501 (Jones et al 2023)			Lofexidine (Fishman et al 2019)*		
Adverse Event	Placebo (N=25) n (%)	120µg BID BXCL501 (N=19) n (%)	180µg BID BXCL501 (N=21) n (%)	240µg BID BXCL501 (N=15) n (%)	Placebo (N=151) n (%)	2.16mg Lofexidine (N=229) n (%)	2.88mg Lofexidine (N=222) n (%)
Orthostatic hypotension	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (9.5)	4 (26.7)	7 (4.6)	67 (29.3)	94 (42.3)
Bradycardia	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (6.7)	8 (5.3)	54 (23.6)	70 (31.5)
Dizziness	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4.8)	0 (0)	4 (2.6)	44 (19.2)	51 (23.0)
Somnolence	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (9.5)	7 (46.7)	8 (5.3)	25 (10.9)	29 (13.1)

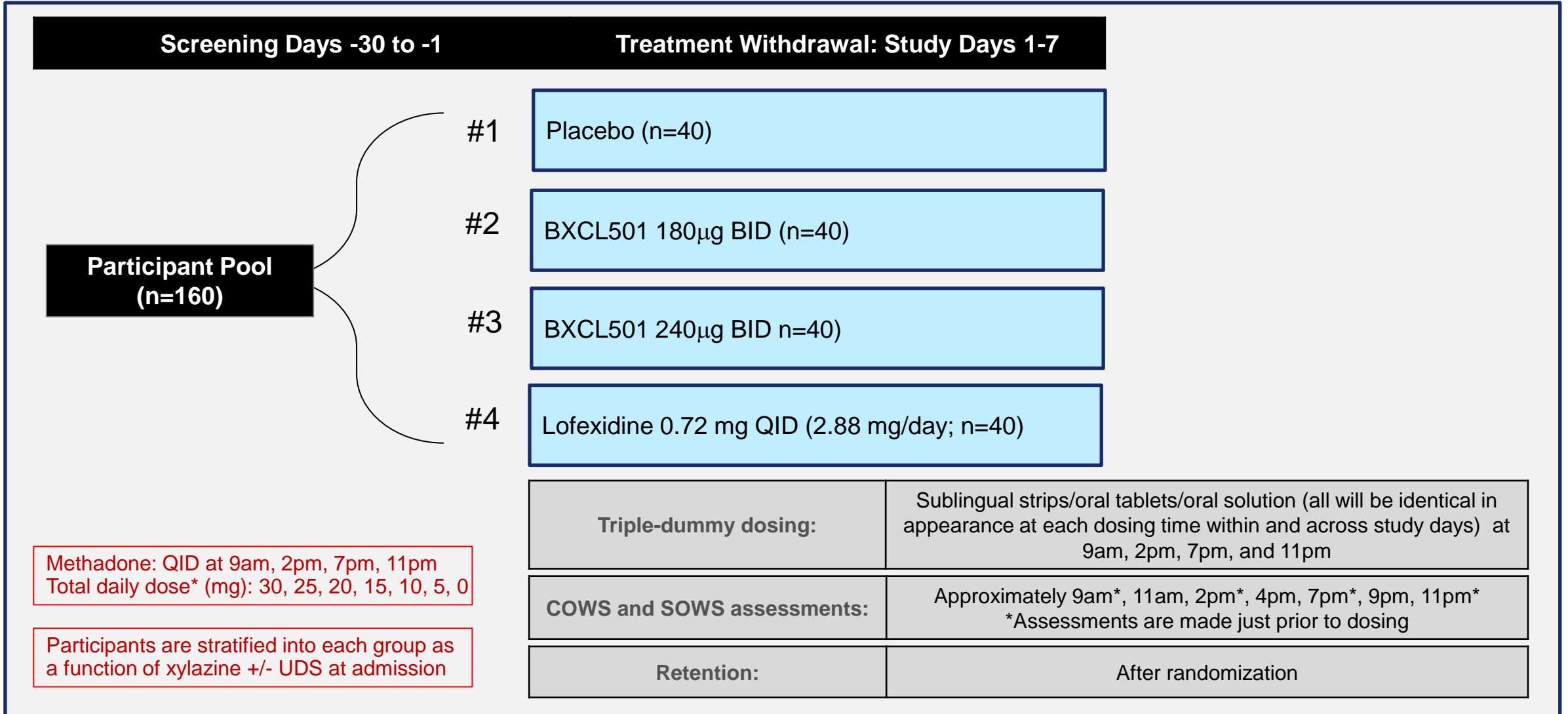
\*Data were collected in Jun 2013 – Dec 2014 prior to the introduction of fentanyl to the illicit opioid supply

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# Current Ongoing Study Design

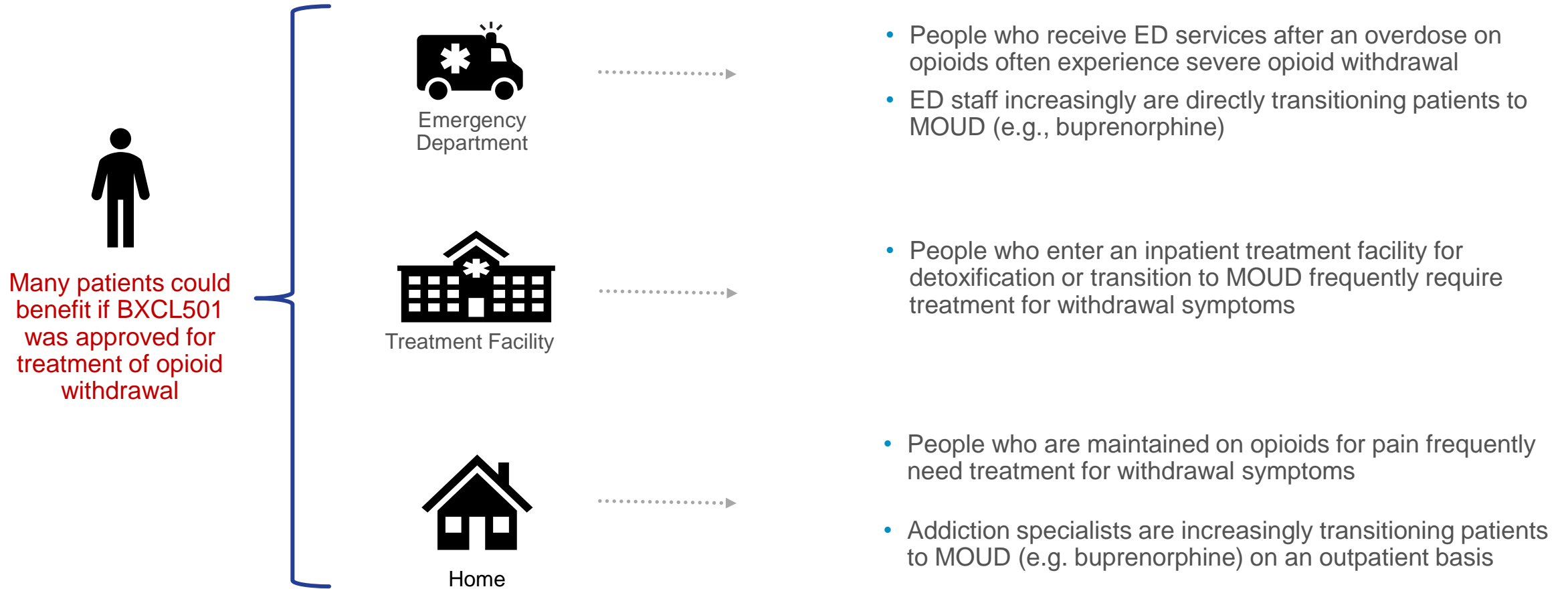
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# Ongoing Trial Offers Opportunity to Evaluate Possible Opioid Withdrawal Treatment

- **BXCL501 reduced COWS and SOWS scores relative to placebo** at doses that produced no serious or severe adverse events
- **BXCL501 improved patient-reported ratings of insomnia and clinician-reported ratings of anxiety and irritability**
- Phase 1b/2 study further demonstrated that **more subject were retained in the BXCL501 arm than the placebo arm**
- Fentanyl-related withdrawal differs from heroin-related withdrawal and is not well characterized – and even less is known about xylazine

# BXCL501, if Approved for Treatment of Opioid Withdrawal, Could Potentially Address Several Clinical Scenarios



Many patients could benefit if BXCL501 was approved for treatment of opioid withdrawal

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# Q&A and Closing Remarks



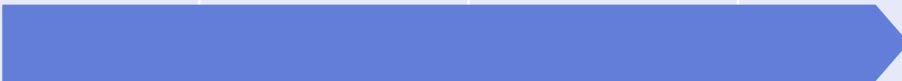
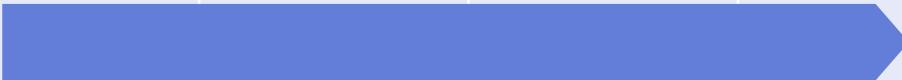
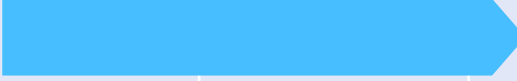
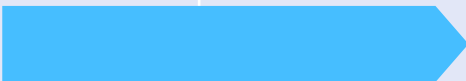
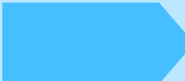


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# R&D Strategy: Build Pipeline Depth with Innovation and Expansion

Pipeline as of December 12, 2023

Compound	Indication/Proposed Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Registration	Marketed
 <b>Igalmi™</b> (dexmedetomidine) <small>sublingual film • 120 mcg, 180 mcg</small>	<u>APPROVED APRIL 5, 2022</u> Acute treatment of agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I or II disorder in adults under provider supervision						
<b>BXCL501</b>	<u>TRANQUILITY PROGRAM</u> Acute treatment of agitation in Alzheimer's dementia						
	<u>SERENITY III PROGRAM</u> Acute treatment of agitation in bipolar disorders/schizophrenia						
	Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)						
	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)						
<b>BXCL502</b>	Neuropsychiatric symptoms Chronic agitation in Alzheimer's dementia						
<b>Candidate BXCL503</b>	Apathy in dementia						
<b>Candidate BXCL504</b>	Aggression in dementia						

# Thank you!

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