

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

**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 17, 2023**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trade Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	PRAX	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

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

Emerging growth company

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

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 17, 2023, Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc. (the "Company") updated its corporate presentation for use in meetings with investors, analysts and others. The presentation is available in the "Investors + Media" portion of the Company's website at [investors.praxismedicines.com](https://investors.praxismedicines.com) and a copy is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall any of it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Praxis Precision Medicines April 2023 Corporate Presentation</a>
104	Cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL

**SIGNATURE**

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

PRAXIS PRECISION MEDICINES, INC.

Date: April 17, 2023

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



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**CORPORATE  
OVERVIEW**

April 2023

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## Forward-looking statements

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

For further information regarding the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause differences between our expectations and actual results, you should review the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

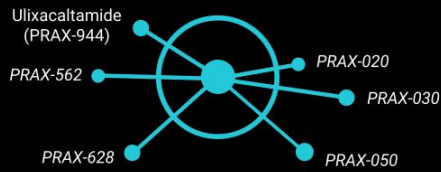
Certain information contained in this presentation relates to or is based on studies, publications, surveys and other data obtained from third-party sources and our own internal estimates and research. While we believe these third-party sources to be reliable as of the date of this presentation, we have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

# Developing Treatments Inspired By The Genetics of Epilepsy

## ENABLED BY TWO PLATFORMS

### CEREBRUM™

SMALL MOLECULE PLATFORM



Cerebrum™ utilizes deep understanding of neuronal excitability and neuronal networks and applies a series of computational and experimental tools to develop orally available precision therapies

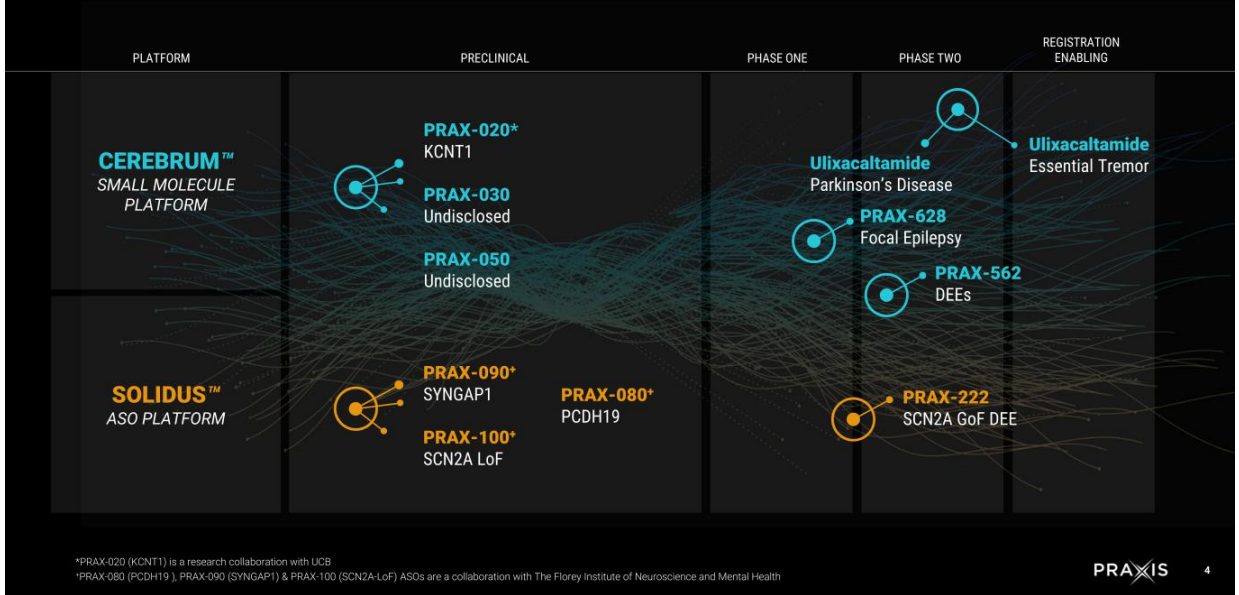
### SOLIDUS™

ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE (ASO) PLATFORM



Solidus™ is an efficient, targeted precision medicine discovery and development engine for ASOs anchored on proprietary, computational methodology

# Targeting movement disorders & epilepsies connected by neuronal imbalance



# Leveraging genetics to efficiently translate insights into therapies



## GENETICS

Focus on therapeutic targets identified through human genetics



## TRANSLATIONAL TOOLS

Translational tools validate potential of target and product candidate and can provide early proof of biology



## EFFICIENT & RIGOROUS

Efficient, rigorous clinical development paths to proof-of-concept in humans

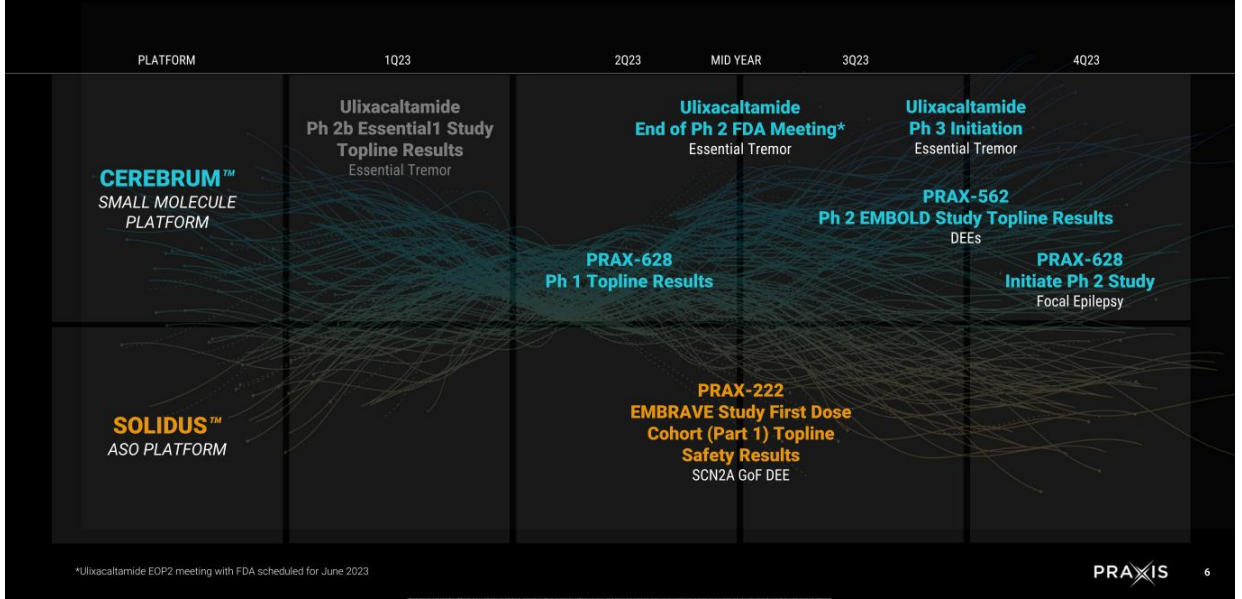


## PATIENT-GUIDED

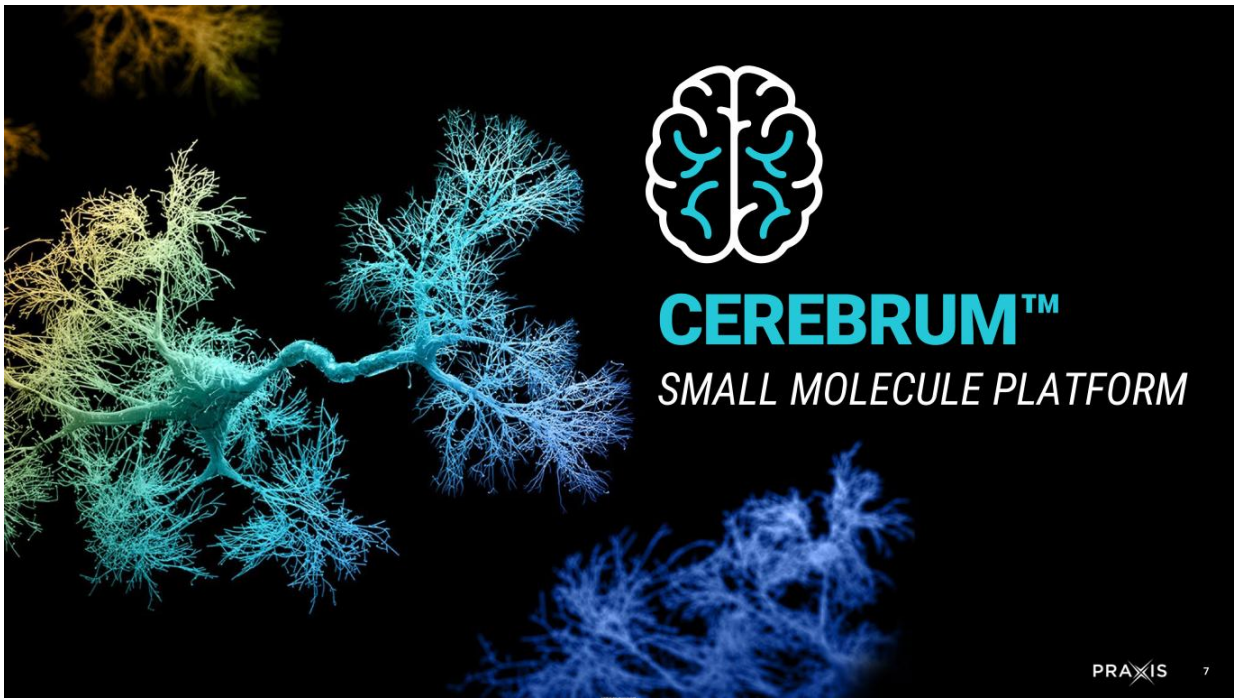
Patient-guided development strategies to deliver on what patients actually need



# What to expect from Praxis in 2023







# Ulixacaltamide (PRAX-944)

*Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease*

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**Mid-2023**

ET End-of-Phase 2 FDA Meeting

**2H 2023**

ET Phase 3 Initiation



## Essential Tremor (ET) is the most common movement disorder...



Up to 7 million people in the United States may have ET<sup>1</sup>



Action tremors significantly disrupt daily living for people with ET



Hallmark feature is action tremor that primarily affects the hands<sup>2,3</sup>



Almost all ET patients suffer from at least one comorbid condition (e.g. depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, cognitive dysfunction)<sup>4</sup>

SOURCE: 1. GHOSH (2016) (P-231, C-1, PH-1, L-1,2), 2. Eble R.J. Curr Neurol Neurosci Rep. 2013 Jun;13(6):353. 3. Putzke JD, et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2006 Nov;77(11):1235-7. 4. Vetterick, C., Lyons, K.E., Matthews, L.G. et al. The Hidden Burden of Disease and Treatment Experiences of Patients with Essential Tremor: A Retrospective Claims Data Analysis. Adv Ther (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12325-022-02319-8>

...but ET often remains undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, undertreated and untreated



Approximately 1 million people are diagnosed with ET and on treatment, while another 1 million patients are estimated to remain untreated



Of patients who seek treatment, ~40% discontinue within 2 years, or 200,000 patients annually




0 medications have been developed specifically for ET & only 1 medication was approved for ET >50 years ago



Many ET patients are frequently misdiagnosed, leading to ET diagnosis about 1.5 years after an initial movement disorder diagnosis

SOURCE: Vetterick, C., Lyons, K.E., Matthews, L.G. et al. The Hidden Burden of Disease and Treatment Experiences of Patients with Essential Tremor: A Retrospective Claims Data Analysis. *Adv Ther* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12325-022-02318-8>

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Ulixacaltamide is a differentiated, selective T-type calcium channel blocker in development for ET and Parkinson's disease

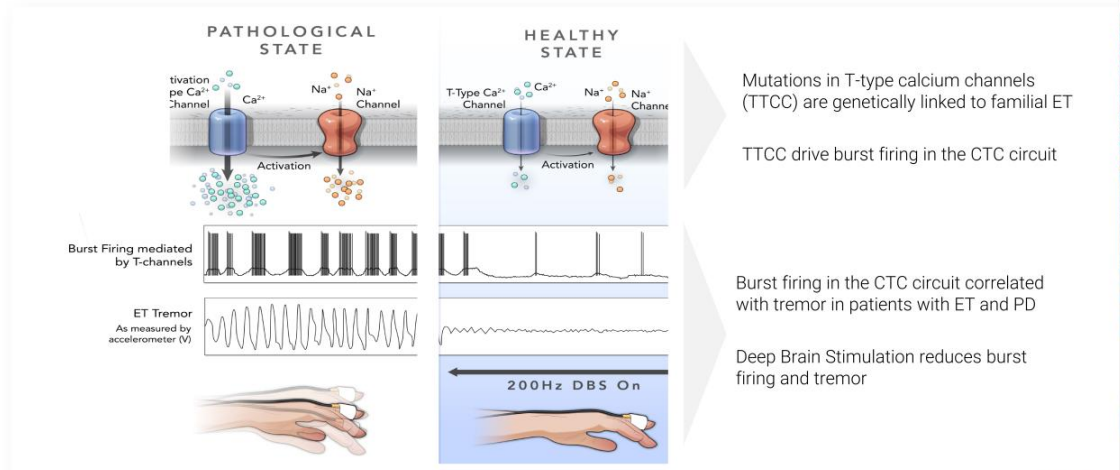
**Highly  
selective for  
T-type calcium  
channels**

**Highly  
potent across all  
three T-type  
isoforms**

**Potential for  
effectiveness  
across range of  
neuronal activity  
levels**

Source: Praxis Data on file, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9310641/>

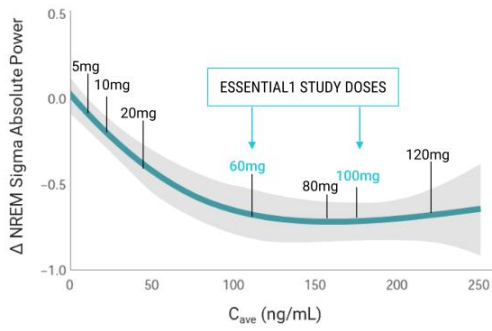
# T-Type calcium channels are gatekeepers of neuronal firing patterns in the Cerebello-Thalamo-Cortical (CTC) circuit



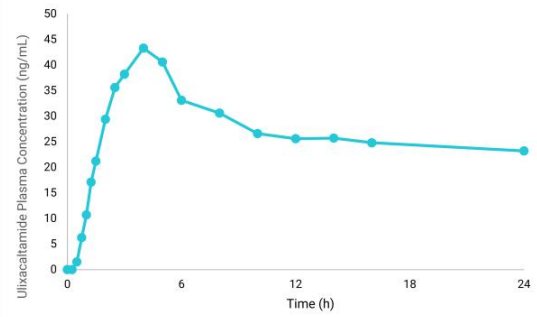
Source: Based on Milosevic 2018 figured on actual ET patient intraoperative real-time single-unit recordings of action potentials of individual neurons

# Ulixacaltamide's wide dosing range and modified release formulation may support tolerability & efficacy profile

PREDICTABLE PK, FLEXIBILITY IN TITRATION & WIDE DOSING RANGE UP TO ~100 MG CONFIRMED IN ESSENTIAL1



SUSTAINED EXPOSURE WITH BLUNTED  $C_{MAX}$



Source: Praxis Data on file



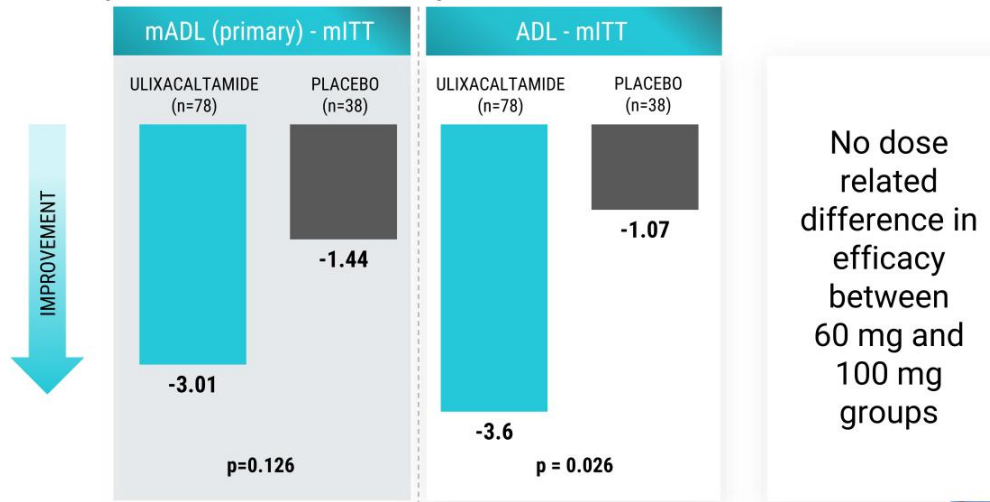
## Breaking ground with Essential1 - path forward toward registration

### ESSENTIAL1 ENABLES PROGRESS

- Clinically meaningful effect observed in functional outcomes
- Improvement or stabilization in all TETRAS ADL measurements
- Therapeutic drug levels achieved, suggesting individualized exposure response curve consistent with translational data
- Well tolerated safety profile, no new safety signals identified
- TETRAS performance subscale not a reliable measure for clinical studies
- Opportunity to further control for potential confounding factors in subsequent clinical trials, including ET patients with intention tremor

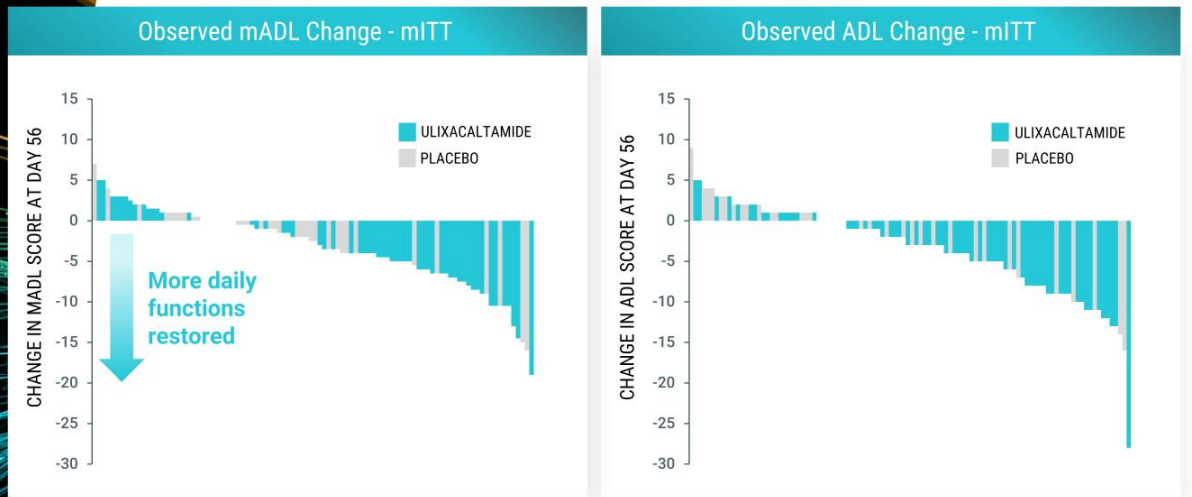


Essential1 topline results show mADL\* and ADL improvement over placebo at Day 56 in Phase 2b ET study

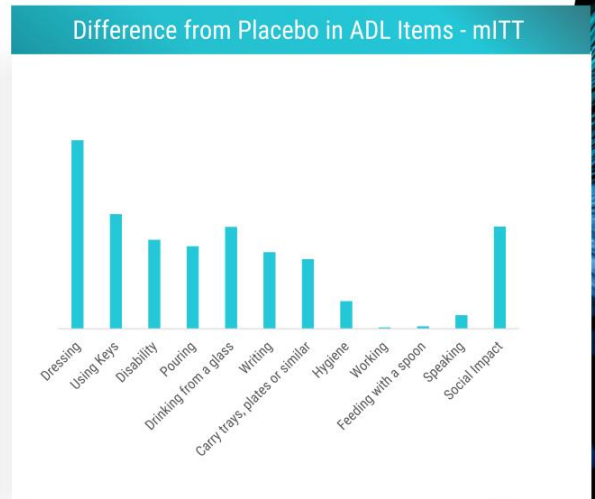
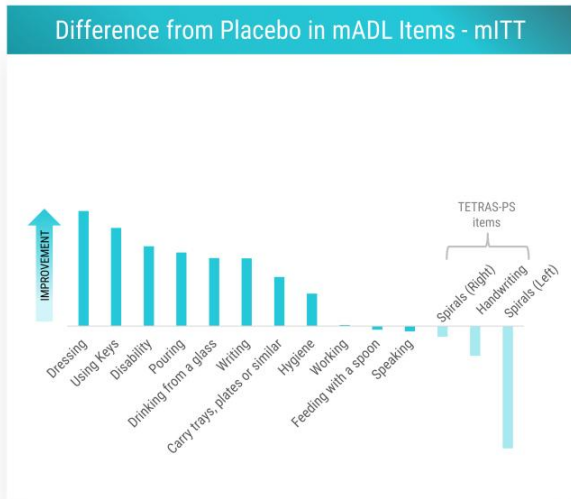


\*Composite sum of items 1 to 11 of TETRAS ADL subscale and items 6 (bilateral) and 7 of TETRAS PS; modified ADL score is calculated as the sum of all 13 items and ranges from 0 to 42  
MMRM Adjusted by baseline value, propranolol use and familial history of ET; all p values are nominal  
mITT ANALYSIS: Defined as all patients enrolled under Version 4 of Protocol (or enrolled in prior version and eligible for V4), who were randomized to treatment, and received 1 dose of study drug [n=116], excluded from mITT analysis are 16 patients enrolled under earlier protocol version that did not meet Version 4 inclusion/exclusion criteria and dose levels

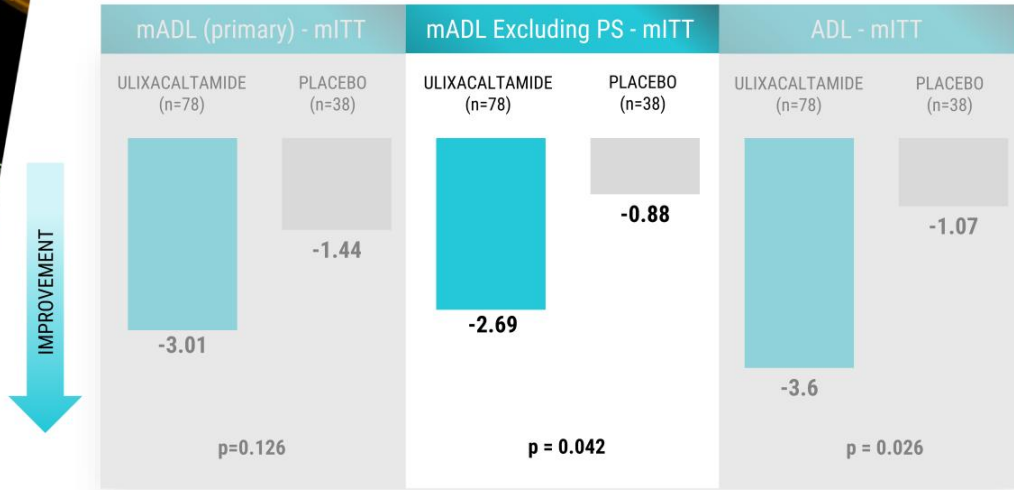
More patients taking ulixacaltamide showed improvements in ADL scores compared to patients on placebo in Essential1 study



Ulixacaltamide demonstrated consistent effect relative to placebo across ADL scored items in Essential1 study

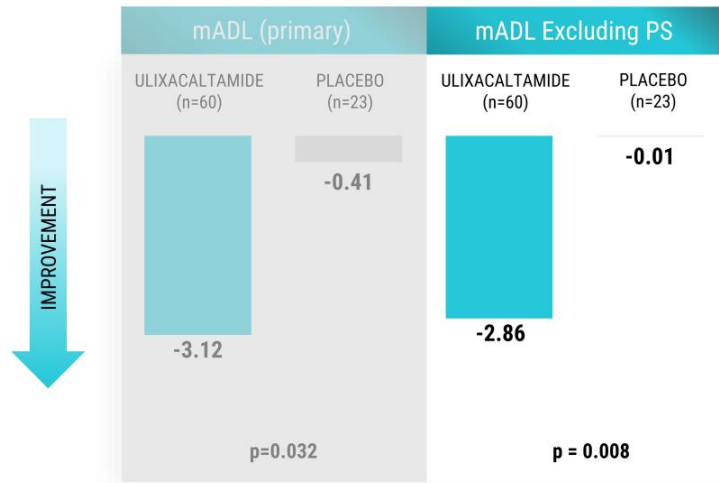


Ulixacaltamide demonstrated improvement over placebo in the mADL excluding PS at Day 56 in Essential1 study




MMRM, Adjusted by baseline value, propranolol use and familial history of ET, all p values are nominal

mADL and mADL excluding PS improvement over placebo at Day 56  
mITT Excluding ET Patients with Intention Tremor



We intend to control for the presence of ET participants with intention tremor in future trials

MMRM, Adjusted by baseline value, propranolol use and familial history of ET, all p values are nominal



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### NEXT STEPS

- End of Phase 2 meeting with the FDA scheduled for June 2023
- Preliminary elements of Phase 3 program planned to start in 2H23:
  - Parallel design with 60 mg and placebo treatment arms
  - Primary endpoint of mADL excluding PS
  - 6-week treatment duration

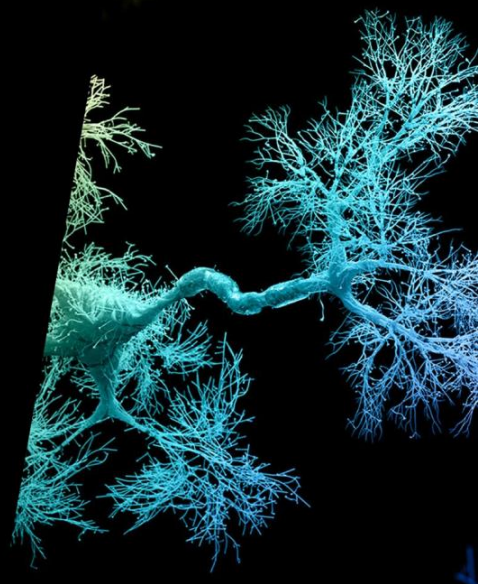
# PRAX-562

SCN2A, SCN8A & OTHER DEEs

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**2H 2023**

Ph 2 EMBOLD Study Topline Results





Preclinical and emerging clinical data demonstrate PRAX-562 has the potential to be a first- and best- in-class  $Na_v$  blocker for DEEs

## PRAX-562

SCN2A, SCN8A  
+ OTHER DEEs

PAN- $Na_v$  BLOCKER

SMALL MOLECULE

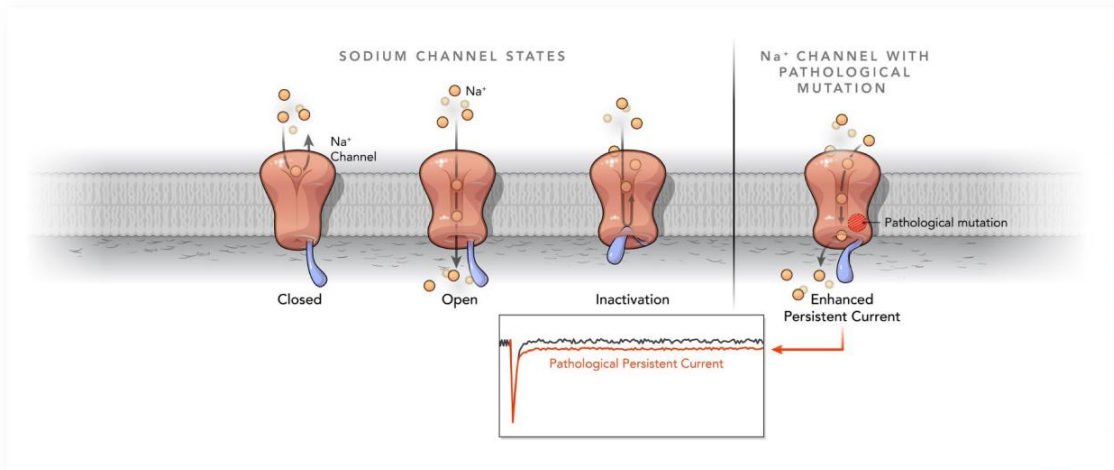
Superior selectivity for disease-state  $Na_v$  channel hyperexcitability

Unprecedented therapeutic window with potential for superior safety and efficacy

Convenient auto-titration regimen with stable PK

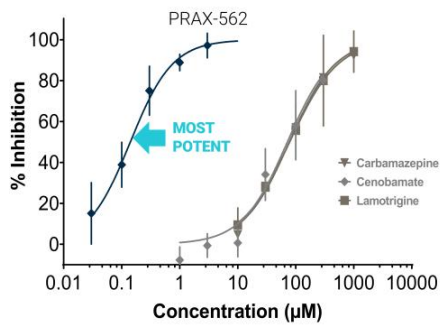


Persistent sodium current ( $I_{Na}$ ) is a critical driver of pathological hyperexcitability in CNS disorders



Broader in vitro panel indicates PRAX-562 has best-in-class preferences

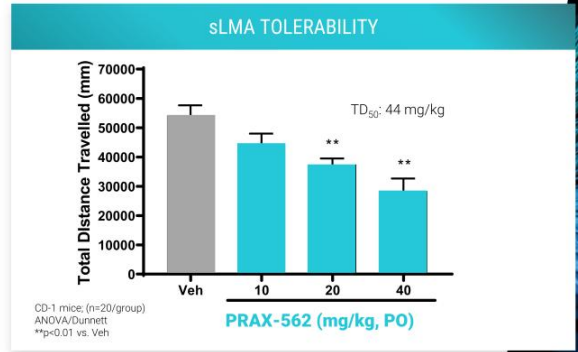
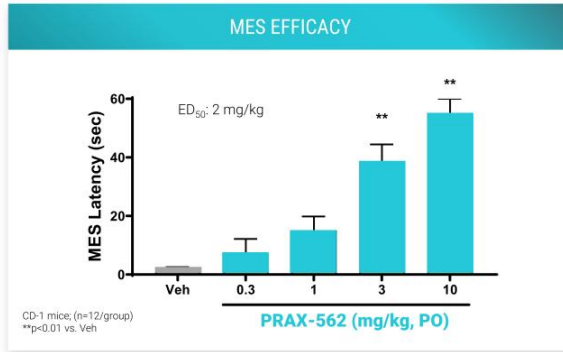
% INHIBITION OF  $hNa_v1.6$  PERSISTENT  $I_{Na}$



COMPARISON OF POTENCY AND SELECTIVITY

	Persistent $I_{Na}$ IC50 (nM)	Ratio of persistent to peak inhibition	
<b>PRAX-562</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>60</b>	← <b>MOST SELECTIVE</b>
Carbamazepine	77,520	30	
Cenobamate	73,263	23	
Lidocaine	68,230	19	
Lamotrigine	78,530	16	
Vixotrigene (BIB074)	3,676	14	
Lacosamide	833,100	n/a*	
Valproic Acid	<10% @ 1 mM	No inhibition	

Our mechanistic hypothesis translates to a wide therapeutic index in vivo for PRAX-562



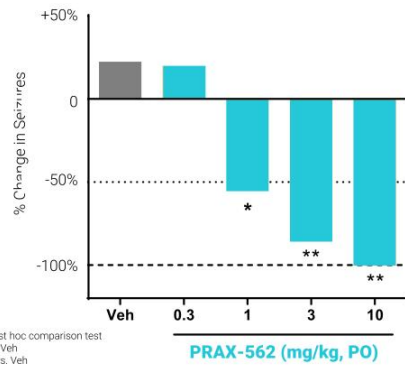
Molecule	Plasma Therapeutic Index
<b>PRAX-562</b>	<b>17.2x</b>

Therapeutic Index (TI) = TC50 / EC50

PRA<sub>X</sub>IS

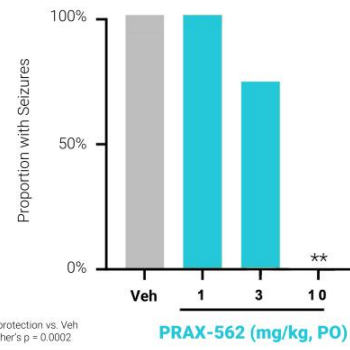
# PRAX-562 completely inhibits seizures in SCN2A and SCN8A GoF mutation mouse models

### IN VIVO POC IN SCN2A SPONTANEOUS SEIZURES<sup>1</sup>



Sidak's post hoc comparison test  
\*p<0.05 vs. Veh  
\*\*p<0.001 vs. Veh

### IN VIVO POC IN SCN8A AUDIOGENIC EVOKED SEIZURES<sup>2</sup>



\*\*Significant protection vs. Veh  
 $\chi^2 = 16.0$ , Fisher's p = 0.0002

<sup>1</sup>PRAX-562 inhibition of spontaneous seizures in Q54 GoF mice.  
<sup>2</sup>PRAX-562 inhibition of audiogenic seizures in N1768D/+ mice

## PRAX-562 Phase 1 summary



PRAX-562 has been generally well tolerated in over 130 healthy volunteers



No MTD at exposures multiple fold above therapeutic range indicates potential for superior therapeutic index



All TEAEs mild to moderate as stand-alone therapy\*, with headache & dizziness most common TEAEs

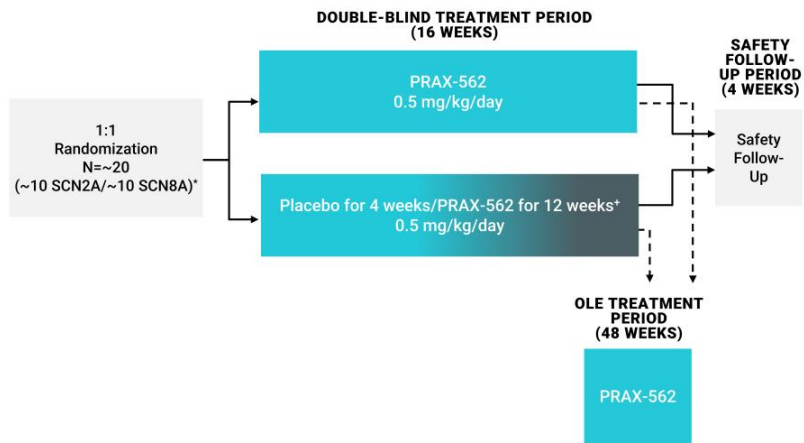


Significant changes observed between placebo and 90 mg of PRAX-562 on qEEG and on ASSR biomarkers

Source: Praxis data on file: <https://investor.praxismedicines.com/news-releases/news-release-details/praxis-precision-medicines-provides-corporate-update-and-5>  
\* Co-administration of supra-therapeutic doses of PRAX-562 and oxcarbazepine led to additive sodium blocking effects, including resulting in SAEs

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## PRAX-562 Phase 2 EMBOLD Study topline data expected 2H23



### PRIMARY ENDPOINT:

Incidence and severity of treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)

### KEY SECONDARY:

Change from baseline in monthly (28 day) motor seizure frequency

\* Two distinct cohorts in early onset SCN2A-DEE and SCN8A-DEE patients

\* Participants receive either 0.5 mg/kg/day PRAX-562 QD for 16 weeks or 0.5 mg/kg/day PRAX-562 QD for 12 weeks & matching placebo QD for 4 weeks. Participants in the PRAX-562/placebo arm will receive placebo for 4 consecutive weeks during the 16-week treatment period, with timing of placebo administration blinded for both participants and investigator. Dose adjustment is permitted to a max of 1.0 mg/kg/day and a min of 0.25 mg/kg/day.

# PRAX-628

*Focal Epilepsy*

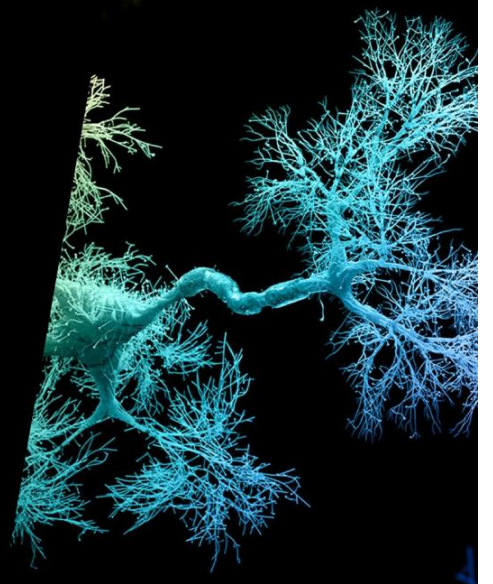
## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**2Q 2023**

Ph 1 Topline Results

**4Q 2023**

Initiate Focal Epilepsy Study



Preclinical data demonstrates PRAX-628 may be a best-in-class Na<sub>v</sub> blocker for focal epilepsy

## PRAX-628

FOCAL EPILEPSY

PAN-NA<sub>v</sub>  
ACTIVITY DEPENDENT  
BLOCKER

SMALL MOLECULE

Superior selectivity for disease-state Na<sub>v</sub> channel hyperexcitability

Unprecedented therapeutic window translating to superior safety and efficacy

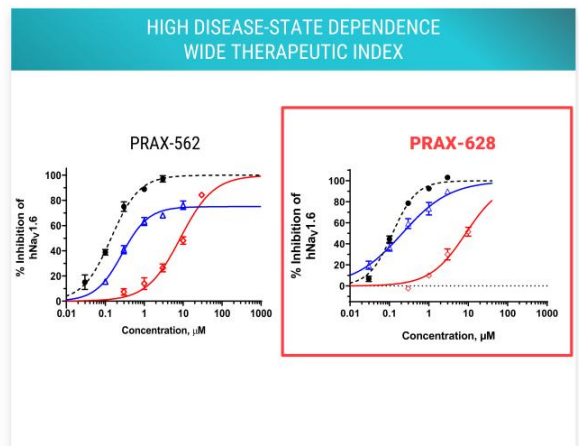
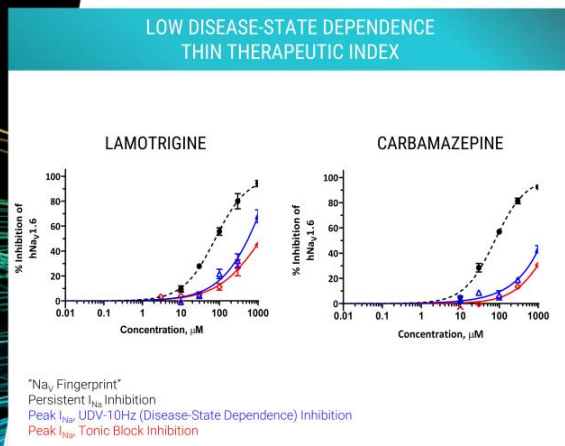
PK differentiated for broad epilepsy population

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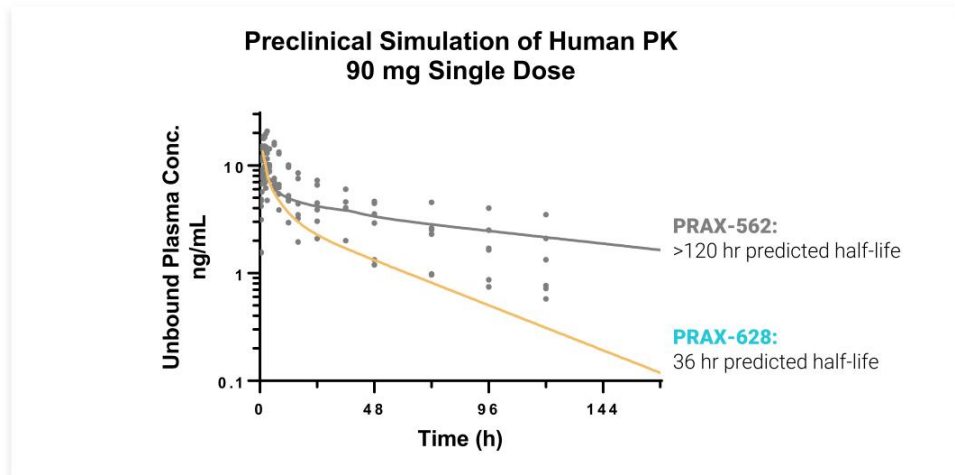


Our internal discovery effort focused on developing a  $\text{Na}_v$  blocker with high disease-state dependence and consequent wide therapeutic index



Source: Praxis data on file

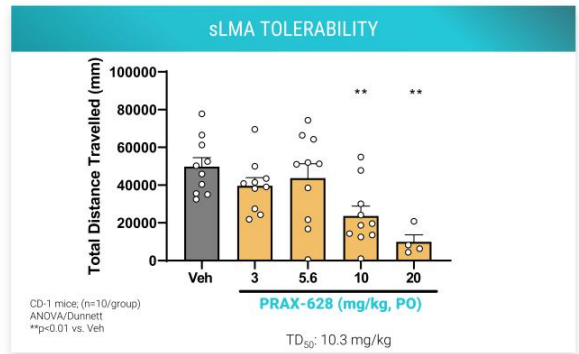
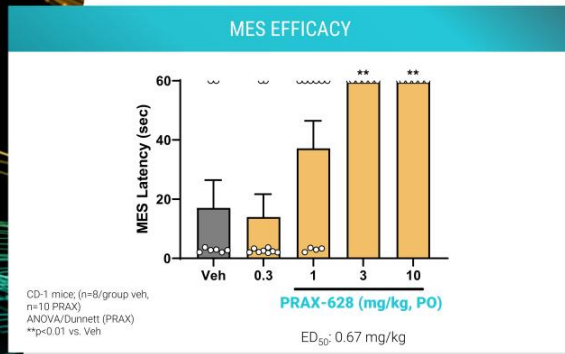
PRAX-628 has unique pharmacological properties that enable acute dosing in a broader patient population



Modeling 90mg, single dose of PRAX-628 or PRAX-562. Preclinical simulation recapitulates PRAX-562 clinical data.

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# PRAX-628 protects mice from seizures with a wide therapeutic window



Molecule	Plasma Therapeutic Index
<b>PRAX-628</b>	<b>16.7x</b>

Therapeutic Index (TI) = TC50 / EC50

## Focal epilepsy affects ~2 million people in the US alone



Defined as epilepsy that originates in one side or area of the brain and affects one side of the body



Most common type of epilepsy in adults and children - occurs in 60% of epilepsy cases



~ 50% have family history but genetics is not well understood



Most common age of onset is in the first year of life and in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> decade



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ASO PLATFORM



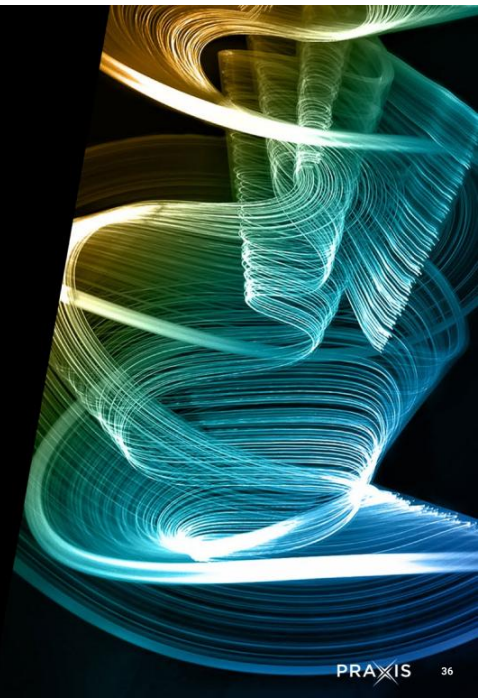
# PRAX-222

SCN2A-GoF ASO

## KEY UPCOMING MILESTONES

**Mid-2023**

EMBRAVE Study First Dose Cohort (Part 1)  
Topline Safety Results





Preclinical data suggest PRAX-222 has potential to be disease-modifying for early onset SCN2A gain-of-function DEE

## **PRAX-222**

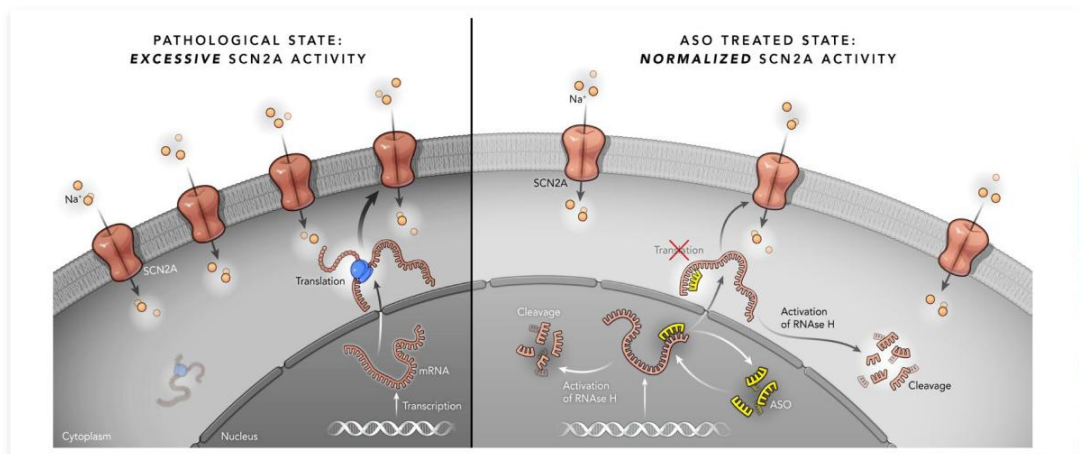
INTRATHECALLY-ADMINISTERED  
ASO for SCN2A GoF DEE

Dose-dependent reduction in interictal spikes, seizures and increased survival

Improvement in behavioral and locomotor activity

Survival benefit extended with repeat dosing

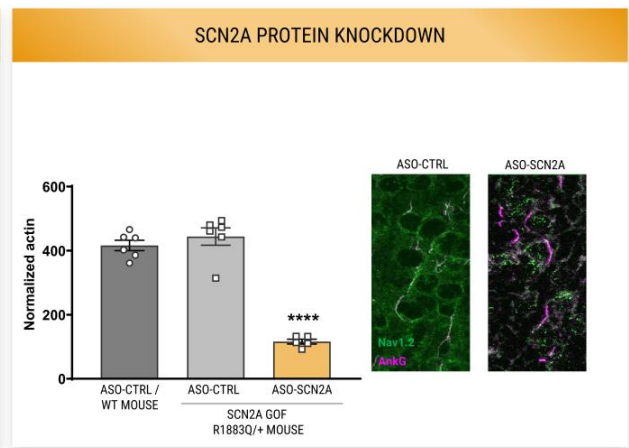
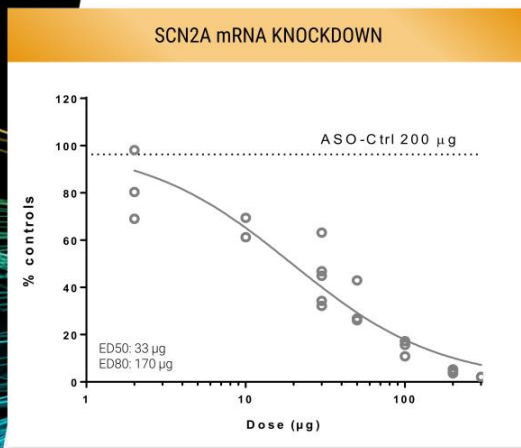
PRAX-222 is an ASO designed to down-regulate SCN2A expression in patients with gain-of-function mutation



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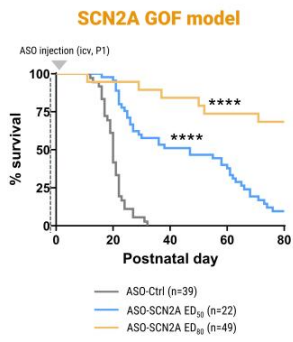
# In vitro, PRAX-222 down-regulates both mRNA and protein



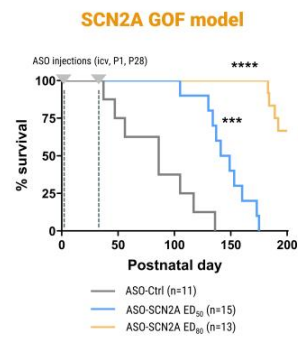
ASOs were administered at P30 and brains were collected 14 days post-ICV for qPCR analysis

# PRAX-222 increases survival in SCN2A GoF mice

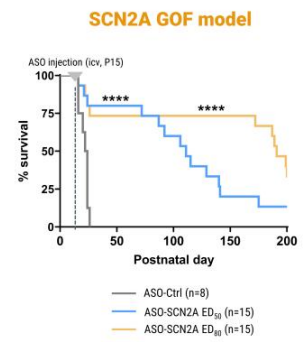
## SCN2A ASO INCREASES SURVIVAL WITH A SINGLE DOSE INJECTION



## RE-DOSING SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDS SURVIVAL

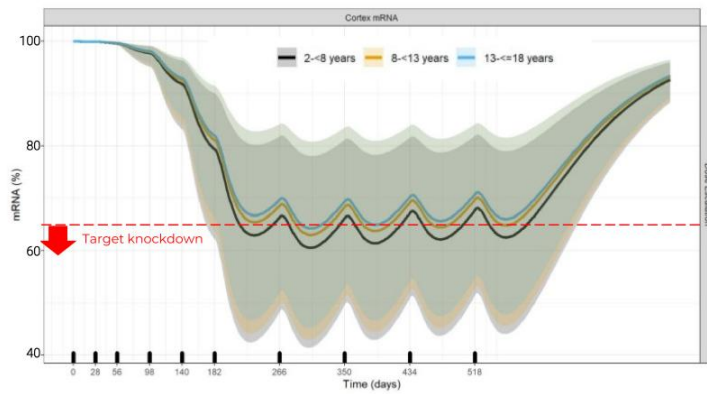


## ADMINISTRATION POST-DISEASE ONSET ALSO EXTENDS SURVIVAL



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All experiments conducted with SCN2A R1882Q mouse model

PRAX-222 PK/PD modeling informs starting dose and proposed escalation based on level of knockdown anticipated to achieve clinical benefit and tolerability

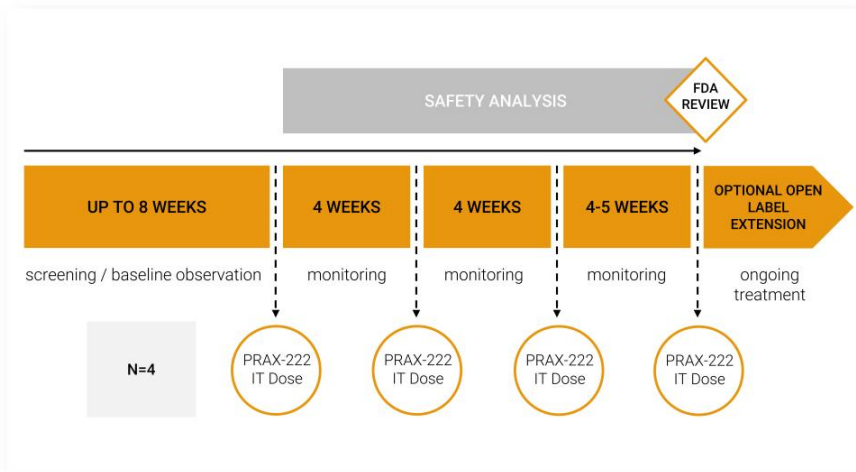


Simulated mRNA knockdown in human cortex in pediatric patients

Achieves distribution in key areas of brain based on NHP data

Source: Praxis data on file.

## PRAX-222 EMBRAVE study initial dose cohort (Part 1)



**GOAL:**  
Assess preliminary safety of PRAX-222

21-week study

Open label design



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