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### **Overview**

**SERENITY Program Pivotal Readouts Expected in Mid-2020** 



#### AI-Powered Drug Development

- Identifies novel opportunities for clinical stage compounds
- Improves R&D economics
- Potentially reduces development timelines



#### Neuro Program

**BXCL501**—Sublingual Thin Film for Acute Treatment of Agitation

- Phase 3 schizophrenia and bipolar trials (SERENITY I & II) initiated; readouts expected mid-2020
- Phase 1b/2 dementia trial (TRANQUILITY) initiated; readout expected mid-2020
- Phase 1b/2 opioid withdrawal trial (RELEASE); preparing to initiate



BXCL701—Targeting Rare Cancers

- Phase 1b/2 double combo trial in Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer (tNEPC) ongoing; Phase 2 efficacy portion initiated
- MD Anderson led Phase 2 basket trial in advanced solid tumors
- Phase 1b/2 triple combo trial in pancreatic cancer initiation expected 2020

#### Strengthened balance sheet in Feb. 2020 through follow-on offering raising \$60 million in net proceeds



### AI Platform May Reduce Development Timelines and Cost

4–5 Year Development Cycle



## Pipeline

#### Neuropsychiatry

#### **BXCL501**

Acute agitation in schizophrenia/bipolar	SERENITY I & II Trials (Phase 3)			
Acute agitation in dementia	TRANQUILITY Trial (Phase 1b/2)			
Opioid withdrawal	RELEASE Trial (IND Clearance)			
Delirium	Clinical Planning			
KalmPen <sup>™</sup> (Single-use IM)				
Severe agitation	Formulation Development			
Wearable Device (+BXCL501)*				
Pre & post-agitation in dementia	Clinical Feasibility Study			
BXCL501 + combination				
Chronic agitation in dementia	Formulation Development			
Immuno-oncology				
BXCL701				
Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer (tNEPC) Double Combination	Phase 2			
Advanced Solid Tumor Types (MD Anderson Led)	Phase 2			
Pancreatic Cancer Triple Combo	Phase 1b/2			
*Regulatory path to be determined; device + drug combination to be ex	aluated after validation of predictive algorithm			





#### BXCL501:

Potential First in Class Sublingual Thin Film Dexmedetomidine (Dex) for Acute Treatment of Agitation

# Agitation: A Common Phenomenon Associated with Psychiatric Conditions

#### High Unmet Medial Need in the U.S.

- 9.7 million suffer each year<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Schizophrenia/bipolar: 3.1M
  - Dementia: 4M
  - Opioid withdrawal: 1.6M
  - Delirium: 1M<sup>(2)</sup>
- Patients experience multiple episodes per year
- \$40 billion per year health care burden
- Agitation episodes can put both the patient and caregiver at risk



<sup>2.</sup> Agitated Delirium in ICU, does not include hyperactive delirium in medical and surgical wards



With Agitation

### **Broad Market Potential Across Centers**

Where Neuropsychiatric Patients are Treated



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### **Current Treatment Options Fail to Address the Underlying Condition**

#### **Current Therapies Are Suboptimal**

- Verbal de-escalation is used as first line treatment
- Injectables are invasive with severe side effects
- Antipsychotic drugs have black-box warning for elderly
- Restraining can damage the caregiver/patient relationship
  - Requires 1:1 observation
- Over-sedation is a major issue patients cannot be properly evaluated

BXCL501's product profile offers significant advantages over the standard of care



Fast Track Designation

BXCL501 for treatment of acute agitation associated with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or dementia



#### BXCL501: Proprietary Sublingual Thin Film of Dex\* Designed to Block Driver of Agitation



#### Novel Mechanism May Directly Target Causal Agitation

 Dex activates at the alpha-2a receptor preventing the release of norepinephrine

#### Highly Differentiated from Current Treatments

- Easy to administer, sublingual formulation
- ✓ Non-traumatic
- Rapid onset of action, without excessive sedation (observed in clinical studies)

✓ Non-invasive

Self-administered by patients



### Proprietary, Easy-to-Administer Formulation



#### Proprietary, Immediate Delivery, Sublingual Thin Film Product

- Muco-adhesion properties designed for optimizing compliance
- Adaptable technology enables broad dose range
- Flexible for potential combination of multiple drugs on a single film
- Expected patent term until 2039 -2041

#### Transitioned to Registrational Drug Product Process

- Manufacturing Phase 3/registrational batches
- Commercial scale-up planned for product launch



### Successful Phase 1b Clinical Trial in Agitated Schizophrenia Patients

Assessing Agitation Episodes in Schizophrenia



#### Primary Endpoint: Change from Baseline in PEC Score (PANSS-Excitatory Component) at 2 Hours

\* Patients Dosed



### Primary Endpoint: Statistically Significant Change in PEC Score

**Clinically Meaningful, Rapid and Durable Responses** 



**Time Post Dose (Minutes)** 

	Drug/Dose		% Responders (Reduction in PEC of $\ge$ 40%)	Mean Change in PEC Score	P-Value
Time = 120 Min (Primary Endpoint)	Placebo	N=36	28%	-4.5	
	BXCL501 (180 mcg)	N=18	89%	-10.8	< 0.0001
	BXCL501 (120 mcg)	N=18	67%	-9.2	0.0003
	BXCL501 (80 mcg)	N=18	56%	-7.1	0.0152
	BXCL501 (60 mcg)	N=18	39%	-6.0	0.1227

\* The lowest dose tested, 20 mcg (not shown) was repeated in subjects who did not achieve response criterion



Safety Results in Phase 1b Study

#### Well-tolerated with no serious or severe adverse events



Most common adverse events: mild somnolence and dry mouth

Maximum tolerated dose was not reached

All subjects (100%) were able to self-administer the film



### **SERENITY Phase 3 Pivotal Trials Initiated: Adaptive Design**



**Primary Endpoint: Change from Baseline in PEC Score (PANSS-Excitatory Component) at 2 Hours** 

\* Patients Dosed



### TRANQUILITY Phase 1b/2 Trial Initiated – Dementia

**Assessing Agitation Episodes in Dementia** 



Clinically significant agitation

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PEC: PANSS Excitatory Component

CMAI: Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory (modified)

### **RELEASE** Phase 1b/2 Trial – Opioid Withdrawal



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- Street/prescription opiate abusers with signs and symptoms of opiate withdrawal before entry
- Double-blinded, placebo-controlled dose escalation design

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- Pharmacokinetics, Safety and Tolerability
- COWS: Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale
- SOWS: Short Opiate Withdrawal Scale of Gossop

### **Neuroscience Program Strategy**





#### **BXCL501 Product Development Milestones**









#### **BXCL701**

**Potential First-in-Class Oral IO Therapy** 

#### Orally Administered Investigational Activator of Systemic Innate Immunity Pathway

Dual MoA designed to inhibit DPP 8/9 & FAP



- Current approved immunotherapies struggle to address tumors that appear "cold" or uninflamed
- BXCL701 is designed to stimulate the innate immune system, facilitating a strong adaptive anti cancer immune response – turning "cold" tumors "hot"



### **BXCL701 Clinical Development Strategy**

**Multiple Opportunities to Evaluate Patient Outcomes** 



**Treatment Emergent Prostate Cancer (tNEPC):** Phase 1b/2 trial of BXCL701 and KEYTRUDA



**Pancreatic Cancer:** Triple combination (BXCL701, bempegaldesleukin and BAVENCIO®) Phase 1b/2 trial

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**Solid Tumors Responsive to CPIs\*:** Open-label Phase 2 basket trial led by MD Anderson



\* CPI: Check Point Inhibitors



### Phase 1b/2: In Combination with KEYTRUDA to Treat tNEPC

(pembrolizumab)

#### **Completed Safety Run-in\*** Safety/PD/Immune-phenotyping



- Identified recommended Phase 2 dose of BXCL701 when used in combination with KEYTRUDA<sup>®</sup>
  - 0.3 mg of BXCL701 twice daily (BID)
- This dose has shown on-target side effects consistent with cytokine activation



- Simon 2-stage: 15 + 15
- Primary Endpoint: Composite response rate: Target > 15%
- Secondary Endpoint: DoR, PFS, OS
- Exploratory Endpoint: Effect on immune cells (MDSC, T-cells, neutrophils)
- Initial interim data readout expected in Q4 2020





### Pancreatic Cancer: Triple Combination Trial





\*BXCL701 phase expected to be initiated following Nektar and Pfizer's safety run-in trial of a double combination of NKTR-214 and avelumab and the outcome of that trial.



### Expanding Study of BXCL701: Open-label Basket Trial with Keytruda

KEYTRUDA

(pembrolizumab)



- <u>Cohort A</u>: evaluating patients who are naïve to checkpoint therapy
- <u>Cohort B</u>: evaluating patients who have failed or are refractory to checkpoint therapy
- Outcome measures: ORR, progression-freesurvival, overall survival, duration of response, and the safety of combined treatment

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#### **BXCL701 Program Milestones**







#### **Thank You!**

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Appendix

### Predictable and Dose Proportional PK Observed in Phase I Study

Phase I Clinical Studies in 42 Healthy Volunteers



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### Secondary Evaluation: Change in ACES from Baseline

**Consistent with Primary Endpoint** 



Drug/Dose	#	Mean Change in ACES Score from Baseline	P-Value
Placebo	N=36	1.20	
BXCL501 (180 mcg)	N=18	3.94	< 0.0001
BXCL501 (120 mcg)	N=18	3.11	0.0005
BXCL501 (80 mcg)	N=18	2.33	0.0156
BXCL501 (60 mcg)	N=18	2.11	0.0750

\* The lowest dose tested, 20 mcg (not shown) was repeated in subjects who did not achieve response criterion

The ACES consists of a single item that rates overall agitation and sedation at the time of evaluation, where 1 indicates marked agitation; 2, moderate agitation; 3, mild agitation; 4, normal behavior; 5, mild calmness; 6, moderate calmness; 7, marked calmness; 8, deep sleep; and 9, unarousable.