### **Clinical Stage Neurology Company Focused on Neuronal Excitability Disorders**

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Highly differentiated Kv7 program with broad potential to pursue across multiple neuronal excitability indications



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# Addressing multiple interrelated diseases by focusing on core mechanisms of neuronal excitability





# **Eliem Portfolio:** Focused on clinically validated Kv7.2/3 mechanism with potential to pursue across multiple neuronal excitability disorders

Product Candidate (Mechanism)	Potential Indications	Lead selection / optimization	IND- enabling studies	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>ETX-123</b> (Kv7.2/3 channel opener)	<ul> <li>Epilepsy</li> <li>Depressive disorders</li> <li>Chronic Pain</li> </ul>		Pł	nase 1 in healtl for 1H 20	hy subjects pla 24 initiation	nned
Backup Kv7.2/3 openers	<ul> <li>Other CNS hyperexcitability disorders</li> </ul>					
ETX-155* (GABAA PAM neurosteroid)	<ul><li>Depression / Anxiety</li><li>Epilepsy</li></ul>				(On hold as	s of Feb 2023)



# Kv7 Opener

#### Lead candidate ETX-123 selected Phase 1 planned 1H 2024



# Kv7.2/3 potassium channel: a clinically validated regulator of neuronal hyperexcitability with significant commercial potential

#### Core mechanism to regulate hyperexcitability

Highly compelling efficacy for Kv7.2/3 MOA in refractory epilepsy Commercial potential reflected in valuations for clinical stage Kv7 programs



Kv7.2/Kv7.3 heteromers mediate the neuronal M-current, widely regulating neuronal excitability by enabling the outflow of potassium ions, to dial down action potential firing



\*P<0.05, \*\*\*P<0.001

Broad potential for expansion into numerous CNS hyperexcitability indications

Company	Asset	Stage	Mkt Cap <sup>2</sup>
Xenon (XENE)	XEN1101	Ph 3	~\$2.6b
Biohaven (BHVN)	BHV-7000	Ph 1	~\$921m

BHVN acquired BHV-7000 program for \$1.24b (\$100M upfront) at preclinical stage in Feb 2022



<sup>1</sup> French et al, AES Annual Meeting 2022
 <sup>2</sup> Est. market cap as of May 4, 2023

# **Kv7.2/3 Program:** Developing a differentiated Kv7.2/3 opener for multiple neuronal excitability indications

#### Kv7 Opportunity

### **Strong clinical validation in pain and epilepsy** (retigabine, flupirtine, XEN1101)

#### Human genetic validation

Metabolic safety liabilities with existing molecules and opportunity to improve tolerability

Clear translational path to clinical efficacy

#### Eliem Kv7 Program Objectives

Identify novel Kv7 openers with:

- Potent activity at Kv7.2/3
- Better selectivity over other Kv7 subtypes (Kv7.4 / 7.1)
- Improved metabolic stability
- Reduced off-target activity (GABA, other ion channels)
- Improved safety and tolerability

#### **Program Status**

- Foundational IP filed in novel chemical space distinct from known Kv7 openers
  - Lead candidate ETX-123 selected, progressing into Phase 1 in 1H 2024



# Kv7 channels provide a convergent mechanism to control hyperexcitability in CNS, PNS, and other tissues

- The Kv7 family consists of 5 different subtypes with different electrophysiological properties and tissue expression:
  - Kv7.1: cardiac tissue
  - Kv7.2 and Kv7.3: CNS and PNS (all brain resident cells)
  - **Kv7.4:** smooth muscles, cardiac mitochondria, and inner ear
  - Kv7.5: CNS, smooth and skeletal muscles

Loss of function mutation of KCNQ2 and 3 (genes encoding for Kv7.2 and 7.3) have been associated with the onset of epilepsy syndromes and encephalopathies



**Mechanism:** Kv7.2/3 openers decrease neuronal excitability by hyperpolarizing the membrane potential and reducing of action potential firing in excitable cells

Decrease of action potential firing



### **Discovery and optimization:** leveraged existing target knowledge and deep ion channel expertise to identify novel class of Kv7 openers

**Compound design and synthesis** informed by published series, structural analysis, computational chemistry, IP

**Primary Electrophysiology Kv7.2/3 screen** Tau/Subthreshold/Charge pEC50 > retigabine

Secondary electrophysiology Kv selectivity screens Profile better than retigabine

In vitro DMPK / physiochemical profiling Including metabolic liabilities

**Cell Health / Broad Selectivity Panel** Cell Titer-Glo, GABAA, CEREP, HERG

Translational functional electrophysiology Rodent DRGs

In vivo PD screen rat anticonvulsant model (MES) with a side effect readout (Rotarod) ETX-123 selected as lead clinical candidate based on compelling potency, selectivity, and in vivo profile



### **Electrophysiology:** ETX-123 demonstrates best-in-class Kv7.2/3 potency and selectivity



	ЕТХ-123 (μМ)	Retigabine (µM)
Kv7.2/3	0.0007-0.002	2
Kv7.4	>10	12-14
Kv7.3/5	0.02	4-7
Kv7.1	>30	>30*

In vitro, ETX-123 is significantly more potent and selective than retigabine, and other published Kv7 openers



### **Translational pharmacology:** ETX-123 decreases rat DRGs excitability by hyperpolarization and significant inhibition of repeat firing of action potentials



In vivo efficacy: ETX-123 showed dose-dependent anticonvulsant activity in the rat MES model, with encouraging separation vs doses showing CNS side effects in the rotarod model



ETX-123 has demonstrated potent in vivo efficacy in a highly translatable model of epilepsy, along with a favorable tolerability profile



# Human bladder contractility assay: Free anticonvulsant concentration of ETX-123 are >700-fold lower than concentration relaxing human bladder, vs only ~4-fold for retigabine



Urinary retention adverse events, or related voiding dysfunctions were reported with retigabine/ezogabine in 2% of patients
Activity at Kv7.4 in the bladder smooth muscle is a key factor

ETX-123 performance vs retigabine/ezogabine in human bladder translational assay is encouraging ahead of clinical studies

### Broad Selectivity: multiple screens confirm no off-target activity



ETX-123 shows at least a >1000-fold separation vs. Kv7.2/3 EC<sub>50</sub> in multiple screen, including a 48-Target Cerep screening panel



### ETX-123 profile to date is significantly superior to retigabine

	ETX-123 (pre-formulation*)	Retigabine
In vitro profile		
Potency at Kv7.2/3	0.7- 2 nanoM	2-14 microM
Selectivity over Kv7.1		
Selectivity over Kv7.4	>14,000-fold selectivity	Poor selectivity
Metabolite profile	In vitro	Toxic azoquinones
In vivo profile		
Rat MES		
Separation in Rat MES vs rotarod		No separation
Chemistry		
Structural features	Novel scaffold, not disclosed	Substituted aniline
IP	COM IP Filed August 2022	n/a (off-market)



### Progressing ETX-123 through IND-enabling activities in 2023, with Phase 1 anticipated to begin in 1H 2024

Key activities	Status
Novel "non-retigabine" chemotype (COM IP filed August 22)	$\checkmark$
Potency and selectivity	$\checkmark$
No off-target activity (GABA, hERG, CEREP receptor panel)	$\checkmark$
No genotoxicity risk with Ames test	$\checkmark$
Confirmation of therapeutic window in preclinical pharmacology and safety studies	Ongoing
Initiate Phase 1 in healthy subjects, including TMS to confirm target engagement at target clinical dose	1H 2024

Opportunity to pursue multiple neuronal excitability indications in Phase 2 and beyond





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