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Our Mission:

Deliver impactful therapies to patients suffering from neurologic diseases



Diverse portfolio including first-inclass and best-in-class assets utilizing novel approaches to overcome limitations of existing CNS treatments



Multiple near-term catalysts for all three assets, with AJ201 as a potential "pipeline in a product" in PolyQ diseases



Compelling clinical and preclinical profiles demonstrate promising safety and efficacy signals

Diverse portfolio including first-in-class and best-in-class programs in high-value neurologic landscape with significant unmet patient need

Pipeline Asset	AJ201	BAER-101	IV Tramadol	
Indication	Spinal and Bulbar Muscular Atrophy (SBMA/Kennedy's Disease)	Epilepsy	Post-operative pain	
Mechanism	Activation of Nrf1 & Nrf2 and promotion of AR degradation	Selective GABA _A α2 and α3 receptor positive allosteric modulator	Opioid agonist & inhibitor of norepinephrine & serotonin re-uptake	
Key therapeutic value proposition	No FDA approved therapies exist for SBMA patients	A safer and more tolerable benzodiazepine	Schedule IV drug for acute care post-operative pain	
Addressable population	Estimates vary widely, ranging from ~4,060 ¹ to 23,580 ² men in U.S.	~65M patients with epilepsy worldwide ³	~100M acute pain cases in U.S. ⁴	

Source: 1. National Organization of Rare Disease, "Kennedy's Disease," 2022.

Source 2: M. Zanovello et al., Oxford University Press on behalf of the Guarantors of Brain. 2023. Based on U.S. male population of ~162M.

Source: 3. Bott et al., Hum Mol Genet. 2016.

Source 4. Acute Pain Market to Observe Growth at a CAGR of 8.3% During the Study Period (2019-2032), Assesses DelveInsight, 2023.

Multiple potential near-term catalysts in CNS-focused pipeline

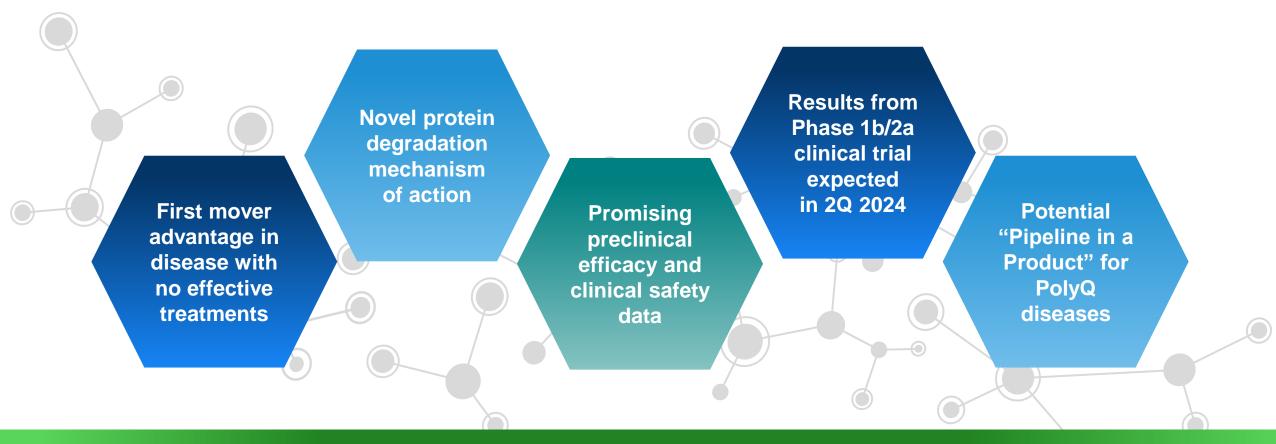
Completed / ongoing study

Planned study

	Indication	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Next Milestone	Rights
AJ201	Spinal and Bulbar Muscular Atrophy (SBMA) / Kennedy's Disease	Phase 1b/2a			Phase 1b/2a Results Expected 2Q 2024	U.S., EU, Great Britain, Canada, and Israel
BAER-101	Epilepsy		Phase 2a		Initiate Phase 2a Trial 2024	Worldwide
IV Tramadol	Post-operative Pain			Phase 3 Pain Model Studies Confirmatory Safety Study	Initiate Final Phase 3 Safety Study	U.S.

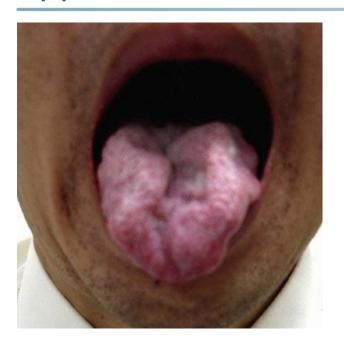
AVENUE THERAPEUTICS

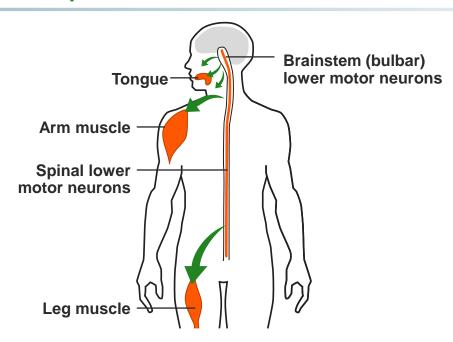
AJ201 in development as novel, first-in-class treatment for SBMA

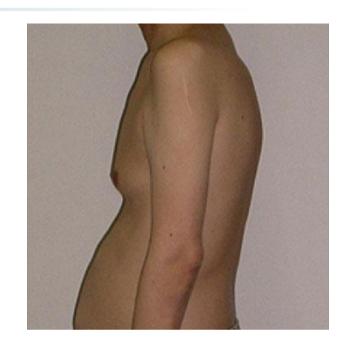


Most advanced investigational treatment for SBMA in U.S.
Awarded ODD* from U.S. FDA in multiple rare neuro indications and from EMA in SBMA

SBMA: Devastating, rare neurodegenerative disease with no FDA approved treatments for patients

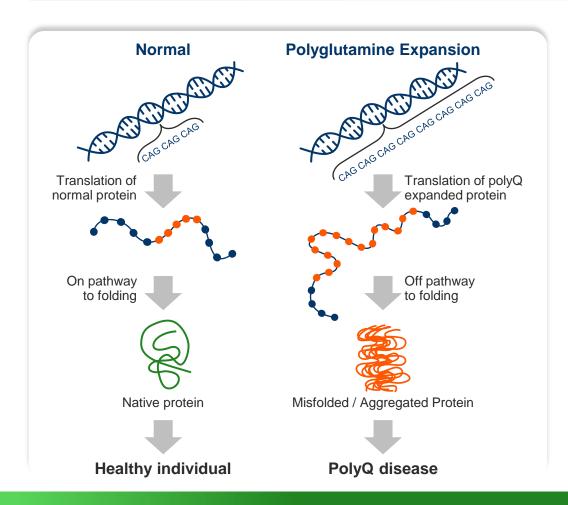






- Rare, X-linked PolyQ disease primarily affecting men
- Weakening of bulbar muscles affects chewing, speech and swallowing; SBMA also affects muscles in the limbs, leading to difficulty walking and often resulting in wheelchair usage
- Recent study used genetic analysis to estimate disease prevalence of 1:6,887 males¹
- Age of onset ranges from 18-64
- Patients are currently and often poorly managed with physical therapy, steroids, and pain management

Polyglutamine (PolyQ) diseases are characterized by mutant protein aggregation and progressive neurodegeneration



- 9+ neurodegenerative diseases (NDD) caused by expansion of CAG repeats encoding polyQ tracts in affected genes, resulting in aggregation of mutant proteins in brain and other tissues
- Misfolded / aggregated protein causes toxicity as well as nerve and muscle death
- AJ201's innovative mechanism of action has potential therapeutic affect across multiple polyQ diseases driven by similar pathway:
 - Huntington's Disease
 - Six types of Spinocerebellar Ataxias
 - Spinal and Bulbar Muscular Atrophy
 - Dentatorubral Pallidoluysian Atrophy

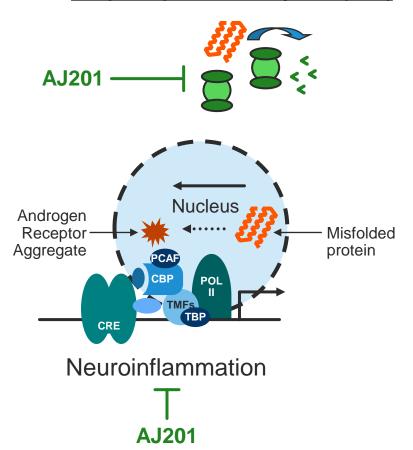
AJ201 awarded ODD* from U.S. FDA in SBMA, HD and select SCA indications



AJ201 enhances mutant AR protein degradation and decreases neuroinflammation through unique, three-fold mechanism of action

SBMA disease pathway

Dysfunctions of <u>Ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS)</u>



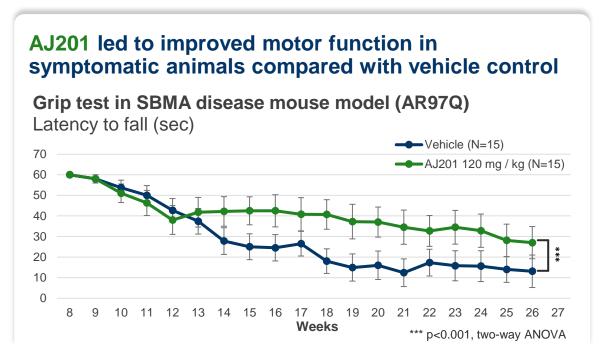
AJ201 potential therapeutic activity

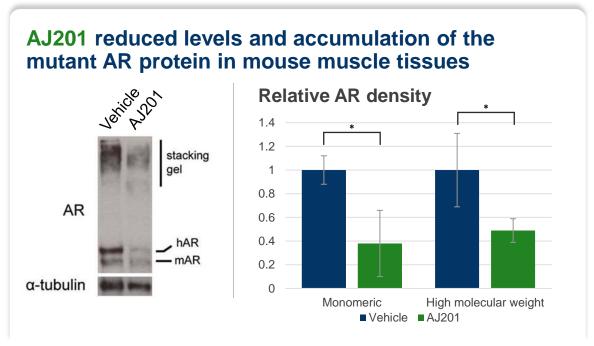
Mutant Androgen Receptor (AR) Degradation

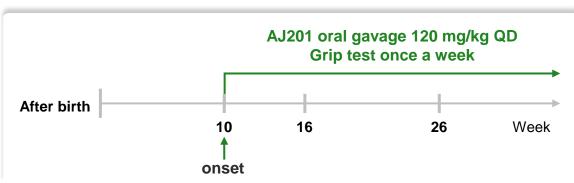
Nrf1 Pathway Activation

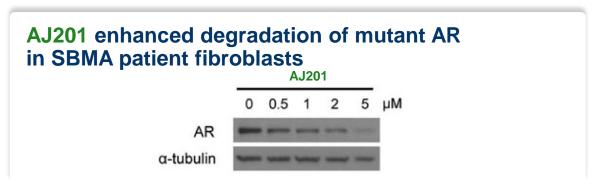
Nrf2 Pathway Activation

Preclinical data demonstrate promising efficacy signals in grip test and dose-dependent mutant AR degradation in SBMA models











Ongoing Phase 1b/2a study of AJ201 in SBMA patients expected to deliver final results in 2Q 2024

Phase 1b/2a multicenter, double blind, randomized clinical trial overview

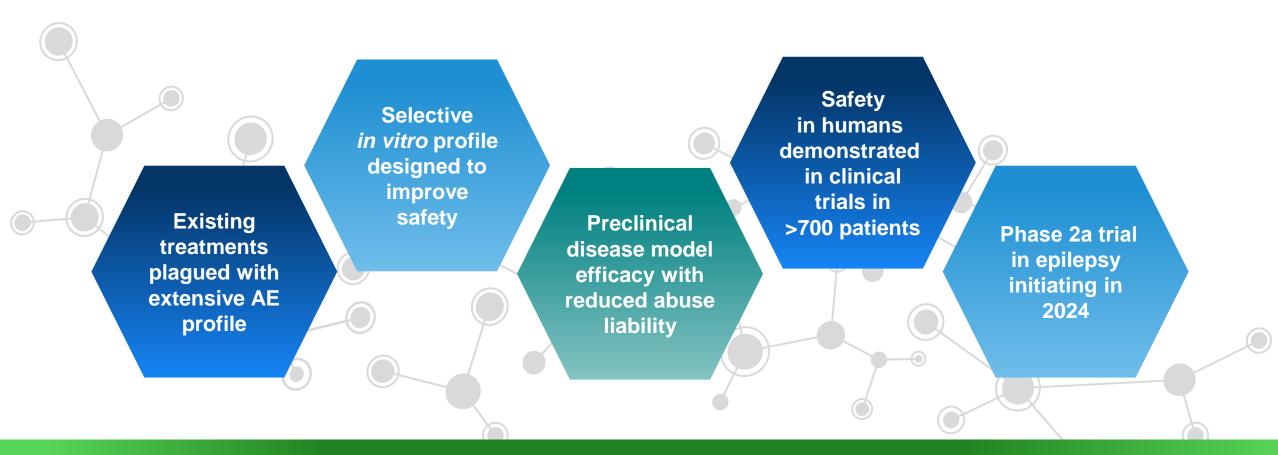
Primary Objective	Assessing safety, tolerability of AJ201 in subjects with clinically and genetically defined SBMA			
Secondary Objective	Assessing pharmacokinetics (PK), and pharmacodynamics (PD) biomarkers of AJ201 in skeletal muscles			
Exploratory Objective	Evaluate the proposed clinical assessments in subjects with SBMA as potential clinical outcome measures for future efficacy studies			
Six Sites	Stanford University of California, Irvine National Institutes of Health National Institutes			

Phase 1b/2a study design

4 weeks	AJ201, 600mg, QD, 12 weeks Treatment (n=15)	4 weeks	
Screening	Placebo, QD, 12 weeks Treatment (n=5)	Follow-up	

Hypothesis: AJ201 degrades mutant AR proteins and activates antioxidant response in muscles, therefore a future efficacy study may show clinical benefit in SBMA patients

BAER-101 in development as potential best-in-class targeted therapy for treatment of epilepsy



Advanced development candidate with alpha 2/3 subtype-preferring selectivity, an important differentiating factor in improving tolerance and safety

BAER-101 may address large unmet need in the epilepsy market

Epilepsy

U.S. Prevalence

3–4M patients (~65M patients worldwide)

- ~1M US patients are resistant to available drugs (known as drug resistant epilepsy)
- Above categories include some orphan (including pediatric) populations

Disease

Chronic disease that manifests as recurrent seizures from abnormal electrical discharge in brain

Treatment

Use of one or more anti-seizure medications, such as benzodiazepines

Unmet Need

Benzodiazepines are effective, but **not well-tolerated due to significant side effects** including sedation, cognitive impairment, ataxia and addiction

BAER-101 targets GABA_A α 2 and α 3 subtypes more than α 1 and α 5, potentially improving side effect profile compared to nonselective BZDs

Predicted effect of targeting GABA_A subtypes

Therapeutic Effect		GABA _A subtypes			
		α1	α2	α3	α5
	Anti-convulsant	++	++	++	
tive	Anxiolysis		++	++	
Positive	Analgesia		++	+	++
_	Muscle Relaxation		++	++	
Negative	Sedation	××			
	Cognitive Impairment	××			××
	Tolerance	××			*
	Addiction	××	×		

BAER-101

- Most advanced therapy in development designed to solely inhibit $\alpha 2$ and $\alpha 3$ subunits
- Goal of BAER-101 is to provide anticonvulsant and anxiolytic activity by minimizing adverse events and risk of tolerance and abuse

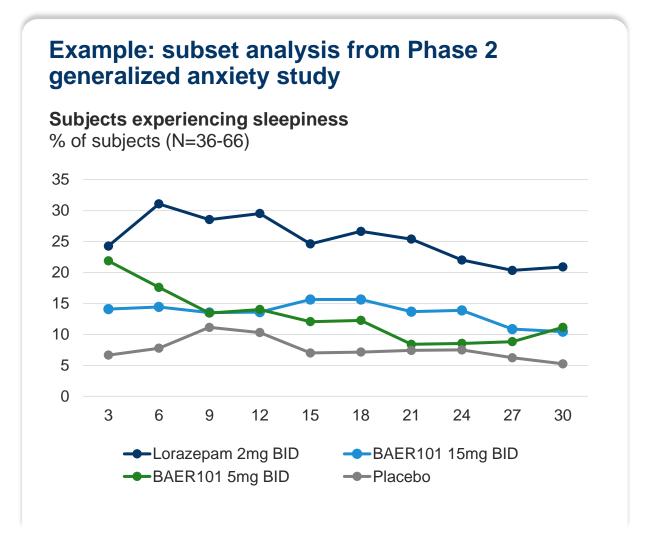
BAER-101 demonstrated a compelling safety profile at selected doses in 10 trials, as well as non-sedating tendencies

Safety profile

- BAER-101 tested in over 700 subjects (healthy volunteers and patients)
- Side effects were mild or moderate with most common side effects being dizziness and somnolence
- BAER-101 was also tested in human abuse liability study where risk abuse with BAER-101 appeared lower than lorazepam (a BZD)

Efficacy profile

 Clinical data sub-analysis with removal of dropouts and non-compliant patients (as measured by drug plasma levels), showed a dose-related anxiolytic signal and a correlation between average exposure and efficacy



BAER-101 shows full suppression of seizure activity with minimal effective dose in GAERS¹ model of absence epilepsy by Synapcell

Evaluation of BAER-101 in GAERS Model

Background:

- GAERS model mimics behavioral, electrophysiological and pharmacological features of human absence seizures
- Proven and informative indicator of safety and efficacy in anti-seizure drug development for 20+ years
- Collecting spike-and-wave discharges (SWDs) recorded using EEG

BAER-101 Reduces SWD Incidence and Duration Dose-Dependently

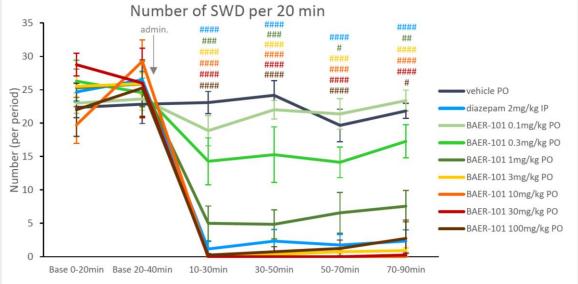


Figure 2: Number of SWD per 20 min, in the vehicle condition (dark blue), diazepam at 2 mg/kg IP (light blue), and BAER-101 at 0.1 to 100 mg/kg PO (other colours). The grey arrow indicates the administration. #, ##, ###, ####: p < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001 and 0.0001 as compared to vehicle (n = 4 to 12).

Promising preclinical results support further clinical development of BAER-101 in Phase 2a study in absence epilepsy

BAER-101 is Phase 2a study ready

- Opportunity to design a Phase 2a program for a strong POC signal in focal epilepsy and/or orphan indications (for example, Development and Epileptic Encephalopathies (DEEs), Lennox Gastaut Syndrome, Dravet)
- For focal epilepsy:

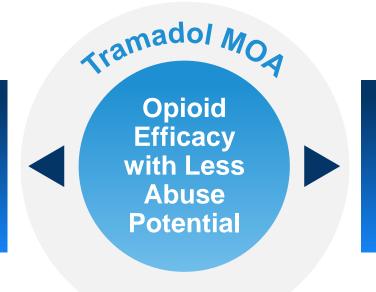


Patients able to join 57-week open-label extension trial after completion of 8-week maintenance trial

Tramadol has unique dual mechanism of action among IV analgesics designed to block patient's pain signal with reduced abuse potential

Opioid Agonist

Blocking pain signal transmission at both the spinal and brain levels



Inhibitor of Norepinephrine & Serotonin Re-uptake

Blocking pain signal transmission at the spinal level

Schedule IV versus Conventional Narcotics (Schedule II)

IV Tramadol safely used in Europe for 30 years – Approximately 370 million doses were administered in Europe from 2010 to 2019

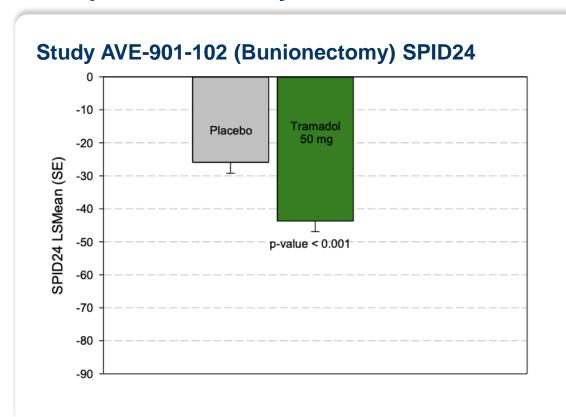
Note: Schedule IV substances are defined as drugs with a low potential for abuse and low risk of dependence. Schedule II substances are defined as drugs with a high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence.

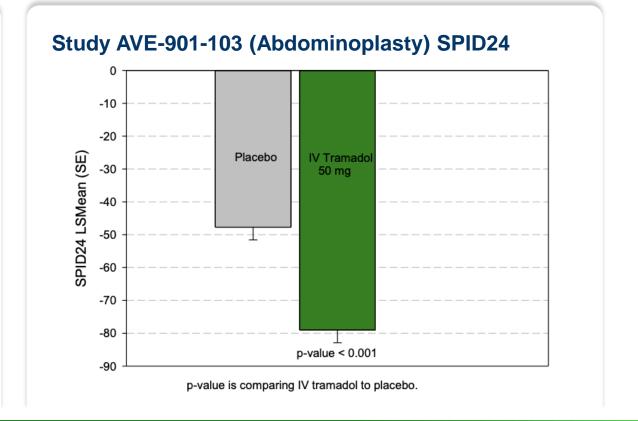
Source: https://www.dea.gov/drug-information/drug-scheduling



Proven safety and efficacy profile demonstrated in two Phase 3 trials in over 700 patients

Both pain relief study models show benefit of Tramadol over placebo





IV Tramadol 50 mg achieved primary endpoint and all key secondary endpoints

Reached Agreement with FDA on the Phase 3 Safety Study Design

- Met with FDA to discuss study design to address agency's concern regarding opioid stacking
- Reached agreement with the FDA on the noninferiority study design including primary endpoint and analysis approach
- IV Tramadol should prove to be safer than IV Morphine in this noninferiority study
 - EU experience with IV tramadol versus morphine highlights this
 - Published literature also is supportive
- Will enroll patients in this acute pain study using the bunionectomy model
- Study appears feasible

Goal to initiate Phase 3 Safety Study in 2024

Executing to plan with multiple value-driving milestones ahead

AJ201 in SBMA

- Compelling Phase 1 safety data in healthy volunteers
- Activated six clinical trial sites across the U.S. and actively screening patients for Phase 1b/2a study of AJ201 in SMBA
- Dosed first patient in lead Phase 1b/2a study of AJ201 in SBMA in 2Q23
- Final results for Phase 1b/2a study of AJ201 in SBMA expected in 2Q 2024

BAER-101 in Epilepsy

- Compelling Phase 1 safety data across 10 clinical trials
- Announced topline preclinical data demonstrating high-potency and full efficacy of BAER-101
- Initiate Phase 2a trial of BAER-101 in epilepsy in 2024

IV Tramadol for Pain

- Strong safety and efficacy profile across multiple late-stage clinical trials
- Met with FDA to discuss study design to address agency's concern regarding opioid stacking
- Finalized trial design with FDA for final Phase 3 safety study
- Initiate Phase 3 safety study; results to potentially form basis for resubmission of NDA to FDA

Led by experienced management team and board of directors

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