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An Overview of XEN1101 and XEN496

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Xenon Pharmaceuticals: Ion Channel, Neurology-Focused Pipeline

Therapeutic Program Indication	Pre- clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
XEN496 (Potassium Channel Opener) Orphan Pediatric Epilepsy: EPIK Clinical Trial				
XEN1101 (Potassium Channel Opener) Adult Focal Epilepsy: X-TOLE Clinical Trial				
XEN1101 (Potassium Channel Opener) Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): X-NOVA Clinical Trial				
XEN1101* (Potassium Channel Opener) MDD: Mount Sinai Collaboration				
Ion Channel Modulators Orphan Channelopathies				
NBI-921352 (XEN901) Rare Pediatric Epilepsy: SCN8A-DEE: Neurocrine Biosciences		BIOS	IROCRINE CIENCES	
NBI-921352 (XEN901) Focal-Onset Seizures in Adults: Neurocrine Biosciences		BIOSI	IROCRINE CIENCES	
PCRX301 (Topical Na_v1.7 Inhibitor) Post-operative Pain: Pacira BioSciences		PACIRA		

*Investigator Sponsored Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept Study

The KCNQ2 Potassium Channel

- KCNQ2 dampens neuronal hyper-excitability
- K+ channels have important inhibitory control over neuronal firing in the CNS
- Repolarize membranes to end the action potential
- K+ channel opener (enhancer) would decrease hyper-excitability in the brain





XEN1101

A NEXT-GEN KV7 CHANNEL OPENER



XEN1101 Next-Gen K_v7 Channel Opener

- Only-in-class K_v7 potassium channel modulator to treat adult focal seizures
- Novel MOA for rational polypharmacy
- Designed to address limitations of first-gen K_v7 modulator, ezogabine
 - Higher in vitro and in vivo potency
 - PK TID \rightarrow QD
 - Lacks the chemical properties that could form pigmented dimers
- Potential to treat common comorbidities, such as depression



Addressing previous limitations, enhancing the K_V7 opportunity

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"X-TOLE" Study Schema

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Demographics and Baseline Characteristics (Safety Population)

- Subjects had an average age of 40.8 ± 13.3 years
- 8.9%, 40.3%, or 50.8% of the subjects were on and continued taking 1, 2, or 3 stable background ASMs, respectively, throughout the study
- Subjects failed a median of 6 previous ASMs prior to study entry
- Median baseline seizure frequency across the study groups was approximately 13.5 per month

	Placebo (N=114)	XEN1101 10mg (N=46)	XEN1101 20mg (N=51)	XEN1101 25mg (N=114)	TOTAL (N=325)
Age in years, Mean (SD)	42.9 (13.7)	40.0 (12.1)	41.7 (13.6)	38.7 (13.1)	40.8 (13.3)
Age at study entry category					
≥ 65, n (%)	5 (4.4)	2 (4.3)	4 (7.8)	1 (0.9)	12 (3.7)
< 65, n (%)	109 (95.6)	44 (95.7)	47 (92.2)	113 (99.1)	313 (96.3)
Gender					
Female, n (%)	61 (53.5)	27 (58.7)	26 (51.0)	54 (47.4)	168 (51.7)
Male, n (%)	53 (46.5)	19 (41.3)	25 (49.0)	60 (52.6)	157 (48.3)
Region					
Europe, n (%)	67 (58.8)	31 (67.4)	32 (62.7)	68 (59.6)	198 (60.9)
North America, n (%)	47 (41.2)	15 (32.6)	19 (37.3)	46 (40.4)	127 (39.1)
Background ASM Use					
1, n (%)	12 (10.5)	4 (8.7)	2 (3.9)	11 (9.6)	29 (8.9)
2, n (%)	46 (40.4)	18 (39.1)	20 (39.2)	47 (41.2)	131 (40.3)
3, n (%)	56 (49.1)	24 (52.2)	29 (56.9)	56 (49.1)	165 (50.8)
Number of Pre-study ASMs failed					
Median [Q1, Q3]	6.0 [3.0, 8.0]	5.0 [4.0, 9.0]	6.0 [4.0, 9.0]	5.5 [3.0, 9.0]	6.0 [4.0, 9.0]

Subjects were randomized for an 8- week double-blind phase to placebo or one of three active treatment groups in a 2:1:1:2 ratio

Arms well balanced and representative of a difficult to treat adult FOS patient population

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Efficacy Results: MPC from Baseline

Highly significant and dose-dependent reduction in seizures

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Response Rates and CGI-C/PGI-C (Secondary Endpoints)

Responder Rate (RR50)

Dose-dependent increase in the number of responders with >50% reduction in FOS

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Subgroup Analyses of Seizure Reduction

Increased seizure reduction in patients with less disease severity

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Summary of All TEAEs* in the DBP (Safety Population)

Subjects with n(%)	Placebo (N=114)	XEN1101 10mg (N=46)	XEN1101 20mg (N=51)	XEN1101 25mg (N=114)	XEN1101 Any dose (N=211)
At least one TEAE	71 (62.3)	31 (67.4)	35 (68.6)	97 (85.1)	163 (77.3)
At least one serious TEAE	3 (2.6)	2 (4.3)	2 (3.9)	3 (2.6)	7 (3.3)
At least one TEAE leading to permanent treatment discontinuation	4 (3.5)	1 (2.2)	7 (13.7)	18 (15.8)	26 (12.3)
At least one serious TEAE leading to death	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

*TEAE: Treatment Emergent Adverse Event i.e. AEs started or worsened in Double Blind Phase including 6 weeks of follow-up

 The most common TEAEs leading to discontinuation across XEN1101 groups were dizziness (4.7%), balance disorder (2.4%), dysarthria (1.9%), gait disturbance (1.9%)

TEAE profile consistent with other ASMs, with majority of TEAEs within the CNS

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Most Common TEAEs ≥5% in All Treatment Arms

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo (N=114) n (%)	XEN1101 10mg (N=46) n (%)	XEN1101 20mg (N=51) n (%)	XEN1101 25mg (N=114) n (%)	XEN1101 Any dose (N=211) n (%)
Overall	71 (62.3)	31 (67.4)	35 (68.6)	97 (85.1)	163 (77.3)
Nervous System Disorders	35 (30.7)	20 (43.5)	28 (54.9)	83 (72.8)	131 (62.1)
Dizziness	8 (7.0)	3 (6.5)	13 (25.5)	36 (31.6)	52 (24.6)
Somnolence	8 (7.0)	5 (10.9)	11 (21.6)	17 (14.9)	33 (15.6)
Headache	9 (7.9)	6 (13.0)	6 (11.8)	9 (7.9)	21 (10.0)
Balance disorder	2 (1.8)	2 (4.3)	4 (7.8)	13 (11.4)	19 (9.0)
Tremor	2 (1.8)	3 (6.5)	3 (5.9)	12 (10.5)	18 (8.5)
Aphasia	1 (0.9)	1 (2.2)	1 (2.0)	8 (7.0)	10 (4.7)
Ataxia	1 (0.9)	3 (6.5)	1 (2.0)	5 (4.4)	9 (4.3)
Dysarthria	0 (0.0)	1 (2.2)	0 (0.0)	8 (7.0)	9 (4.3)
Memory impairment	1 (0.9)	1 (2.2)	2 (3.9)	6 (5.3)	9 (4.3)
Disturbance in attention	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	3 (5.9)	5 (4.4)	8 (3.8)
Psychiatric Disorders	18 (15.8)	7 (15.2)	13 (25.5)	31 (27.2)	51 (24.2)
Confusional state	1 (0.9)	1 (2.2)	3 (5.9)	6 (5.3)	10 (4.7)
Anxiety	6 (5.3)	0 (0.0)	5 (9.8)	2 (1.8)	7 (3.3)
Hallucination	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (5.9)	0 (0.0)	3 (1.4)
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	12 (10.5)	10 (21.7)	9 (17.6)	30 (26.3)	49 (23.2)
Fatigue	6 (5.3)	5 (10.9)	4 (7.8)	14 (12.3)	23 (10.9)
Gait disturbance	1 (0.9)	2 (4.3)	2 (3.9)	8 (7.0)	12 (5.7)
Gastrointestinal Disorders	10 (8.8)	10 (21.7)	5 (9.8)	19 (16.7)	34 (16.1)
Nausea	3 (2.6)	1 (2.2)	1 (2.0)	7 (6.1)	9 (4.3)
Constipation	1 (0.9)	2 (4.3)	3 (5.9)	3 (2.6)	8 (3.8)
Eye Disorders	6 (5.3)	3 (6.5)	5 (9.8)	18 (15.8)	26 (12.3)
Vision blurred	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.0)	7 (6.1)	8 (3.8)
Infections and Infestations	13 (11.4)	6 (13.0)	6 (11.8)	6 (5.3)	18 (8.5)
Urinary tract infection	4 (3.5)	4 (8.7)	3 (5.9)	2 (1.8)	9 (4.3)

TEAE profile consistent with other ASMs, with majority of TEAEs attributed to CNS

Vital Signs and Other Safety Outcomes

- There was no cardiovascular signal of concern based on vital signs from resting or orthostatic tests
- There were no safety signals of concern from physical or neurologic exams
- No signals of concern from ECGs, safety labs or urinalysis
- There was no evidence of urinary retention based upon mean differences across treatment groups in the total or individual items of the American Urological Associations Symptoms Index

 Weight changes were different from placebo only at the highest dose:

Dose arm	Mean changes from baseline ± SD (in kg)	Number (%) of subjects with >7% change in body weight
Placebo	0.2 ± 2.4	3 (2.6%)
10 mg/day	0.6 ± 2.3	2 (4.3%)
20 mg/day	1.6 ± 2.2	2 (3.9%)
25 mg/day	1.9 ±2.9	15 (13.2%)*

*Based on change from mean of Screening (V1), Baseline (V2) and Randomization (V3) compared to end of DBP (V8/ET). If last record prior to treatment is used for Baseline, 7 (6.1%) subjects met threshold for increase. One subject had a decrease of >7%.

Summary of Safety and AE Profile

- XEN1101 was generally well-tolerated in this study with AEs consistent with other commonly prescribed ASMs
 - SAE incidence was low and balanced across groups; similar low SAE incidence (3.3%) as seen in placebo (2.6%) and no deaths in the study
 - The most common (>10%) TEAEs across all XEN1101 dose groups were dizziness (24.6%), somnolence (15.6%), and fatigue (10.9%)
 - The most common TEAEs leading to discontinuation across XEN1101 groups were dizziness (4.7%), balance disorder (2.4%), dysarthria (1.9%), gait disturbance (1.9%)
 - Two AEs of urinary retention were reported in the active treatment groups, one of which required a dose reduction, and both subjects remained on drug with no other changes or intervention
 - TEAEs of weight increase were reported in 1 (0.9%) subject on placebo, 1 (2.2%) subject at 10 mg, 2 (3.9%) subjects at 20 mg and in 3 (2.6%) subjects at 25 mg
 - More subjects experienced >7% change in body weight in the 25 mg treatment group compared to placebo
 - There were no cardiovascular signals of concern in ECG or vitals signs
 - There have been no TEAEs of pigmentary abnormalities reported during the double-blind phase of the study, or in preliminary analysis during the ongoing OLE to date

X-TOLE Study Conclusions

- XEN1101 showed dose-dependent, consistent, highly statistically significant and clinically meaningful seizure reduction in "difficult-to-treat" patient population
 - Heavily pre-treated patient population failed a median of 6 ASMs; 50.8% were on 3 background ASMs
- In addition, XEN1101 demonstrated increased efficacy in patients with less severe disease at baseline
- XEN1101 was generally well-tolerated in this study with AEs consistent with other commonly prescribed ASMs
- Based on the strong Phase 2b topline results from the X-TOLE study, Xenon has sought input from the U.S. FDA and other regulatory agencies prior to initiation of Phase 3 studies of XEN1101 this year

XEN496

A PHASE 3 PRECISION MEDICINE FOR KCNQ2-DEE

KCNQ2-Related Disorders

- The KCNQ2 gene codes for a potassium (K⁺) channel subunit (K_v7.2)
- Pathogenic variants in *KCNQ2* result in a spectrum of epileptic syndromes, which include:
 - Benign Familial Neonatal Epilepsy (BFNE) / Self-limited Familial Neonatal Epilepsy
 - Autosomal dominant and self-limiting: normal intellect, ready response to ASMs as neonate, and resolves with no sequelae including low incidence of seizures later in life
 - KCNQ2 developmental and epileptic encephalopathy (KCNQ2-DEE) due to loss-of-function variants
 - Target disease for XEN496
 - Characterized by neonatal seizures, usually focal tonic, burst suppression on EEG initially and persistently abnormal, multidomain developmental arrest which may be severe
 - KCNQ2-DEE due to gain-of-function variants (rare)
 - Onset of seizures after neonatal period, non-epileptic myoclonus as neonate, infantile spasms, developmental delay

KCNQ2-DEE Disease Characteristics

- First described by Weckhuysen et al. in 2012
 - Differentiated the "developmental epileptic encephalopathy" from the self-limiting form of KCNQ2-associated familial neonatal seizures
 - Both forms have variants in *KCNQ2*; however, DEE variants confer a more severe dysfunction
- KCNQ2-DEE is characterized by:
 - Multiple, daily, refractory seizures presenting within the first week of life with a prominent tonic component and autonomic signs
 - The electroencephalogram (EEG) at onset of the disease shows a burst-suppression pattern later evolving into multifocal epileptiform activity
 - Mild to profound permanent intellectual disability

EEG in two neonates with KCNQ2-DEE

Understanding KCNQ2-DEE*

Onset

 Seizure onset was reported within the first 2 days of life for 90% of patients, and within the first 5 days of life for the remaining 10% of patients

Seizure type-described in recent publication

- Focal tonic seizures are characteristic
- Comprise 80% of all seizures in case series
- Are observable can be counted by caregiver observation

Course

- Patients may have an initial response to sodium-channel inhibitor antiseizure medications
- Seizures decrease by approximately age 1-4 years
- Several patients continue to have some seizures

*Informed by Xenon's survey of affected families through KCNQ2 Cure Alliance

Seizure Occurrence in KCNQ2-DEE Survey

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Capturing seizures in clinical trials of antiseizure medications for *KCNQ2*-DEE

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KCNQ2-DEE Patients' Seizure Response to Ezogabine

- Case study use of ezogabine in the most refractory patients after multiple ASM failures
- Bias from overlapping subjects and gain-of-function variants removed from published data
- Physicians treated patients both for seizure control and/or for developmental outcomes
- 11/11 patients with reported seizures had a further response to ezogabine

Study Subject	Seizures Before Ezogabine		Seizure Response with Ezogabine
OL #8	Daily	\rightarrow	Seizure free, then onset of spasms (controlled)
OL #6	Daily	\rightarrow	Seizure free for 3 months then recurrence
MI #12	50-60/day	\rightarrow	Less than 1 per week, with seizure free periods
OL #1	Daily	\rightarrow	Weekly
OL #5	Daily	\rightarrow	Less than monthly
OL #7	Daily	\rightarrow	Seizure free
OL #4	Several per week	\rightarrow	Less than monthly
MI #16	2-3 daily clusters	\rightarrow	Less than 1 per day
WE #M	Multiple daily	\rightarrow	"Strong" reduction in frequency to weekly
MI #15	Not described	\rightarrow	Seizure free on high doses
MI #22	Not described	\rightarrow	Improvement in seizures and EEG background
OL #3	Seizure free	\rightarrow	Seizure free (unchanged)
MI #11	Not described	\rightarrow	Not described
MI #18	Seizure free	\rightarrow	Seizure free (unchanged)
MI #14	Not described	\rightarrow	No change (discontinued)
MI #3	Not described	\rightarrow	No change
MI #9	Not described	\rightarrow	No change

MI = Millichap et al. 2016; OL = Olson et al. 2017 AES; WE = Weckhuysen et al. 2013

KCNQ2-DEE Patients' Development Response to Ezogabine

- Bias from overlapping subjects and gain-of-function variants removed from published data
- Improvement in psychomotor development and alertness reported in 12/17 patients by the authors

Study Subject	Changes in Development with Ezogabine
OL #8	Improved head control, visual tracking and vocalizations
OL #6	Improved grasp, motor skills (head control, rolling, sitting)
MI #12	Started to cry, hold head up, reach for objects, play with toys
OL #1	Improved head control, tone, vision, vocalizations, feeding
OL #5	Improved alertness
OL #7	Improved alertness
OL #4	Improved language, alertness/interaction and motor skills
MI #16	Increased alertness and tone
WE #M	Not described
MI #15	Improved responsiveness
MI #22	Improvement in development
OL #3	Rapid improvement in skills
MI #11	Improved development: alertness and interactions
MI #18	No change
MI #14	No change (discontinued)
MI #3	No change
MI #9	No change

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XEN496: Potential Precision Medicine Approach for KCNQ2-DEE

- No drug has been specifically studied in and approved for KCNQ2-DEE
- Na⁺ channel blockers reported to decrease seizure frequency in patients with KCNQ2-DEE with varying degrees of success, but several patients remain refractory, or have seizures return after a course of existing ASMs
- All have continued cognitive, developmental and motor impairments¹
- There remains a high unmet medical need

Development of Proprietary XEN496

- XEN496 is pediatric-specific, granule formulation of ezogabine to be presented as sprinkle capsules
- Ezogabine previously approved by FDA with proven mechanism in adult focal seizures
- MOA that potentiates K_v7-mediated potassium current
- Potential for precision medicine approach to treat rare KCNQ2-DEE pediatric epilepsy
- Fast Track designation and Orphan Drug Designation in U.S. and Orphan Medicinal Product Designation (Europe)

¹Kuersten M, Tacke M, Gerstl L, Hoelz H, Stülpnagel CV, Borggraefe I. Antiepileptic therapy approaches in KCNQ2 related epilepsy: A systematic review. Eur J Med Genet. 2020 Jan;63(1):103628. doi: 10.1016/j.ejmg.2019.02.001. Epub 2019 Feb 14. PMID: 30771507.

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Primary Objective: evaluate the efficacy of XEN496 as adjunctive therapy in reducing seizure frequency from baseline, compared to placebo in pediatric subjects with KCNQ2-DEE

Indication:	Seizures in pediatric subjects with KCNQ2-DEE
Study population:	~40 patients, aged between 1 month and <6 years of age
Randomization:	Parallel group, 1:1, XEN496:Placebo
Screening/Baseline:	2-6 weeks, depending on current seizure frequency
Treatment period:	Minimum of 15 weeks on active treatment (24 days titration + 12 weeks maintenance)
Seizure frequency:	Caregiver-reported electronic seizure diary informed by video-EEG
Efficacy Outcomes:	Change in seizure frequency in subjects who received placebo in the primary study, after 15 weeks of OLE treatment

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Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- Aged from 1 month to <6 years, with a body weight of \geq 3.0 kg.
- Prior genetic test result consistent with a diagnosis of KCNQ2-DEE.
- Seizure onset within 2 weeks after birth and EEG and documented clinical history consistent with KCNQ2-DEE.
- Magnetic resonance imaging has been performed and is without evidence of structural abnormalities, including but not limited to, hypoxia, hypoxia-ischemia, ischemia (arterial or venous), stroke, sinovenous thrombosis, intracranial hemorrhage, or focal or global brain malformation.
- Have ≥4 focal tonic or other countable motor seizures per 28 days.
- Taking 1 to ≤4 concomitant antiseizure medications (ASMs). All doses must be stable for at least 1 week prior to screening.
- Vagal nerve stimulation (VNS) is allowed and not counted as a concomitant ASM if implanted for ≥6 months, and settings are stable for ≥6 weeks prior to screening.
- Ketogenic diet is allowed and not counted as a concomitant ASM if ketosis is stable for at least 6 weeks prior to screening, and it is expected to be maintained throughout the study.

Exclusion Criteria

- Presence of a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant in an additional gene associated with other epilepsy
- Presence of a known gain-of-function variant in the KCNQ2 gene, or clinical characteristics consistent with previously reported pathogenic gain-of-function variants in the KCNQ2 gene.
- Seizures secondary to infection, neoplasia, demyelinating disease, degenerative neurological disease, or central nervous system (CNS) disease deemed progressive, metabolic illness, or progressive degenerative disease.
- Confirmed diagnosis of infantile spasms within the past month prior to screening.
- QT interval corrected for heart rate by Fridericia's formula (QTcF) of >440 msec. In addition, subjects with a history of arrhythmia, prolonged QT, heart disease or subjects taking medications known to increase the QT interval.
- Current disturbance of micturition or known urinary obstructions or history of bladder or urinary dysfunction.

Conclusions

- Xenon Pharmaceuticals has two potassium channel modulators for the treatment of epilepsy in late clinical development
- XEN496
 - Phase 3 EPIK Study in pediatric KCNQ2-DEE is ongoing
- XEN1101
 - Phase 2b X-TOLE Study in adult FOS completed
 - Phase 3 initiation anticipated H2 2022
 - Major Depressive Disorder Proof of Concept study ongoing
 - Indication expansion in epilepsy anticipated