

Alkermes Orexin Portfolio Strategy Review

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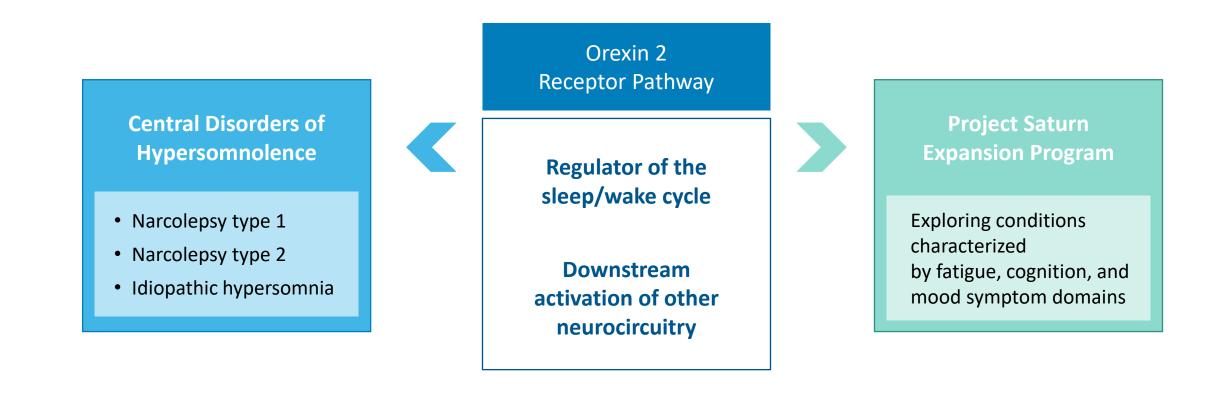


Alkermes Orexin Portfolio Strategy Session

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Alkermes Orexin Portfolio Strategy: Data-driven Progression





Today's Agenda

Advanced Molecular Design Principles to Harness Orexin Mechanism

Brian Raymer, Ph.D. Exec. Director, Project Leadership & Strategy

ALKS 2680: Differentiated Orexin 2 Receptor
Agonist Advancing in Phase 2

Julie Himes, M.D. *SVP, Clinical Development*

- Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia: Insights into Prevalence & Unmet Patient Need Charlie Pak VP, New Product Planning
- Thought Leader Roundtable Discussion Kiran Maski, M.D., Boston Children's Hospital David Plante, M.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison Monica Gow, Wake Up Narcolepsy

 ALKS 2680 Dose Selection and Orexin Portfolio Expansion Strategy
 Bhaskar Rege, Ph.D.
 SVP, Pharmaceutical and Early Stage Development

- Preclinical Research to Identify New Clinical Opportunities for Orexin 2 Receptor Agonists Julie Brooks, Ph.D. Director, CNS Biology
- Closing Remarks Richard Pops CEO

> Q&A



Advanced Molecular Design Principles to Harness the Potential of the Orexin Mechanism

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Utilizing Advanced Molecular Design Principles to Harness the Broad Potential of the Orexin Mechanism

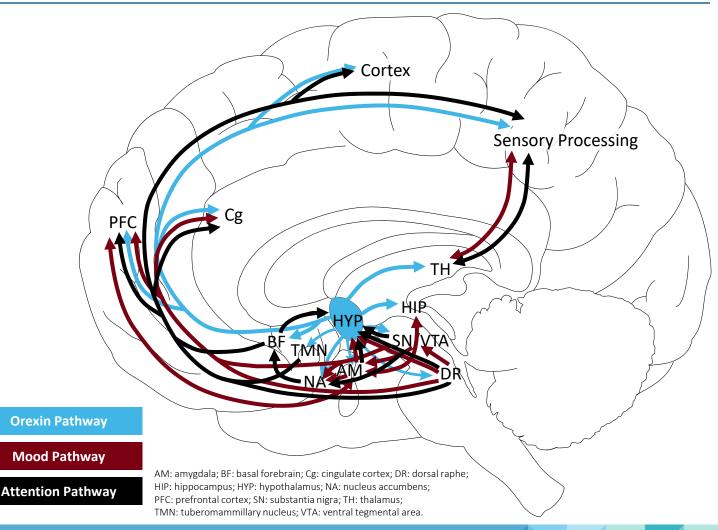
- Orexins, also known as hypocretins, are neuropeptides produced in the hypothalamus
- Based on orexin's role in regulating the sleep-wake cycle, initial drug development for the orexin 2 receptor mechanism has been focused on sleep disorders
- Orexin neurons are "multi-tasking" neurons that regulate a set of vital functions, including sleep/wake states, feeding behavior, energy homeostasis, reward systems, cognition and mood¹
- Understanding interactions between molecular properties is key to designing differentiated small molecule orexin 2 receptor agonists



Orexin 2 Receptor Pathways and Neurotransmission

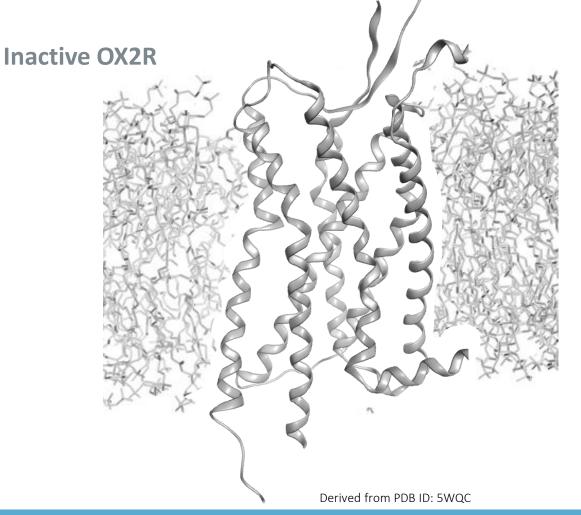
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- These neurons exert central control of **wakefulness**
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Marcus, et al. *J. Comp. Neurology* 2001. Alexandre, et al. *Curr. Op. Neurobiology* 2013. Sarter, et al. *Brain Res. Rev.* 2006. Katzman & Katzman, *Brain Sci.* 2022.

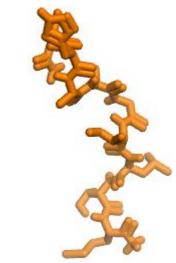




Orexin 2 Receptor (OX2R) is a Transmembrane G-Protein Coupled Receptor Stimulated by Orexin Peptides



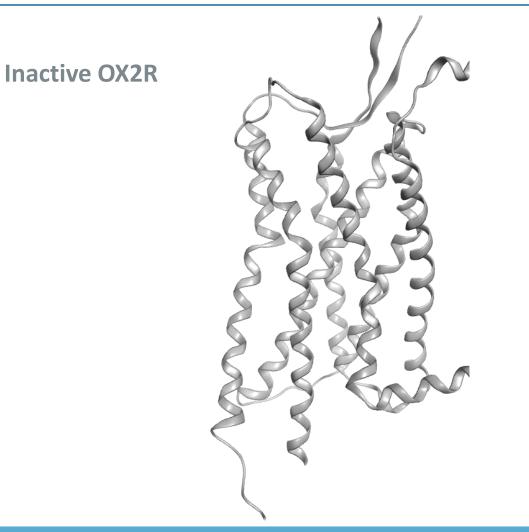
Orexin-B (Fragment)



Crystal structure of 9aa orexin B fragment bound to OX2R



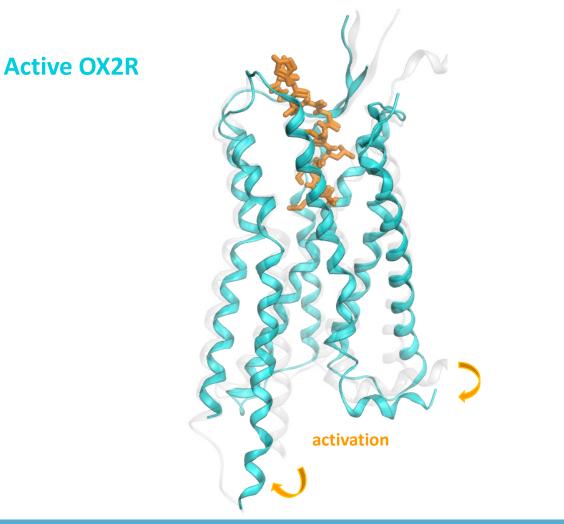
Orexin 2 Receptor Does Not Signal Downstream in the Inactive State



Derived from PDB ID: 5WQC



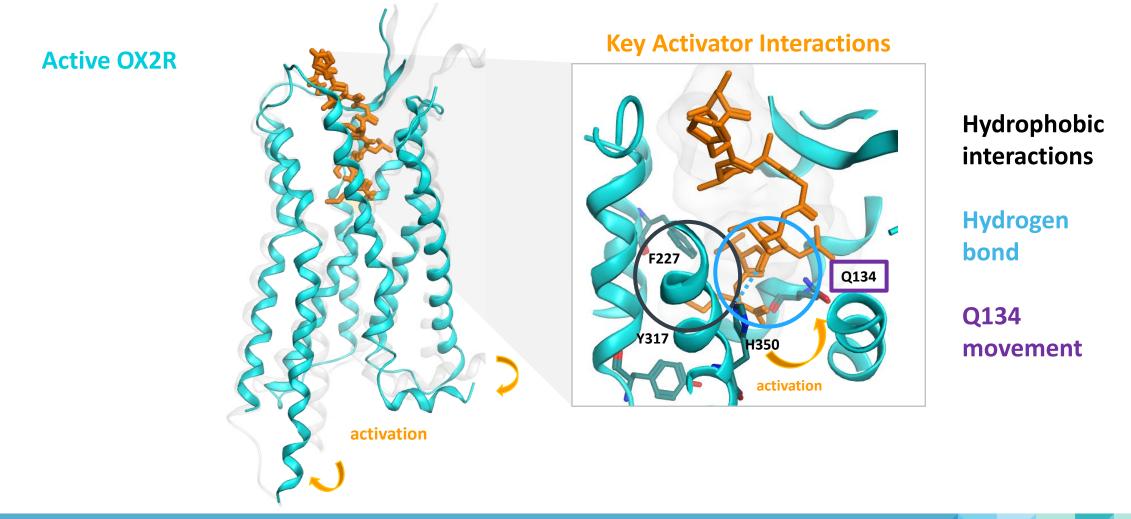
Orexin Peptides Activate the Receptor and Initiate a Broad Signaling Cascade



- In the active state, receptor signaling is "on"
 - Downstream cellular (neuron) signaling and neurotransmitter release facilitated by movement of transmembrane regions and release of G proteins

Crystal structure of 9aa orexin B fragment bound to OX2R

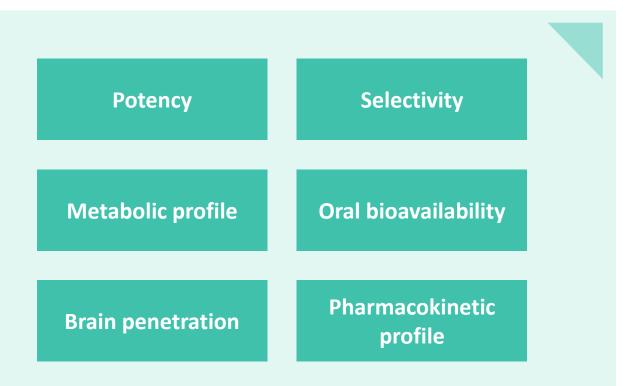
Understanding the Peptide Interaction is Key to Replicating Activation With a Small Molecule



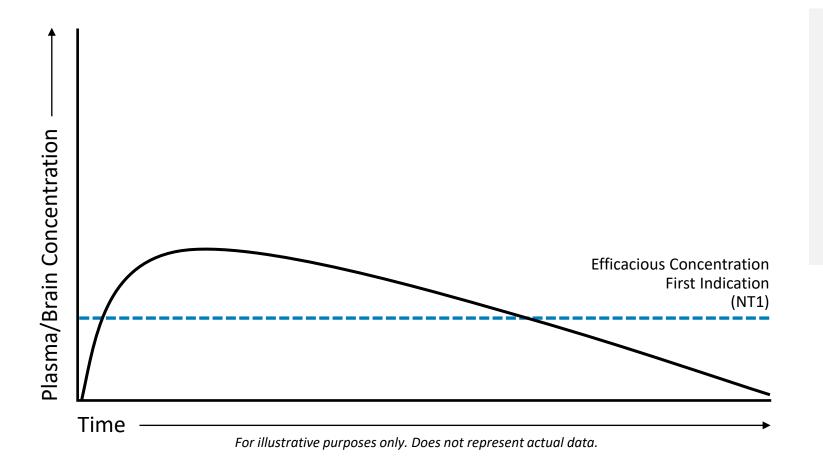
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Numerous Challenges in Replicating the Orexin Peptide in a Small Molecule

Balancing complex and often competing critical variables is key to designing small molecule orexin 2 receptor agonists



Pharmacokinetic (PK) Profile Impacts Key Safety and Efficacy Features

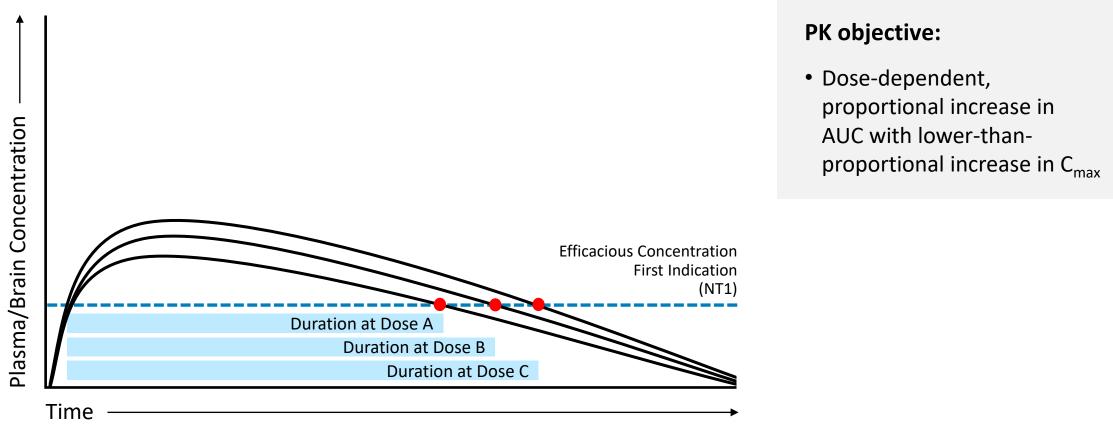


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- Mimic natural sleep/wake cycle with once-daily, oral dosing
- High potency to allow for low overall doses and exposures

NT1: Narcolepsy type 1

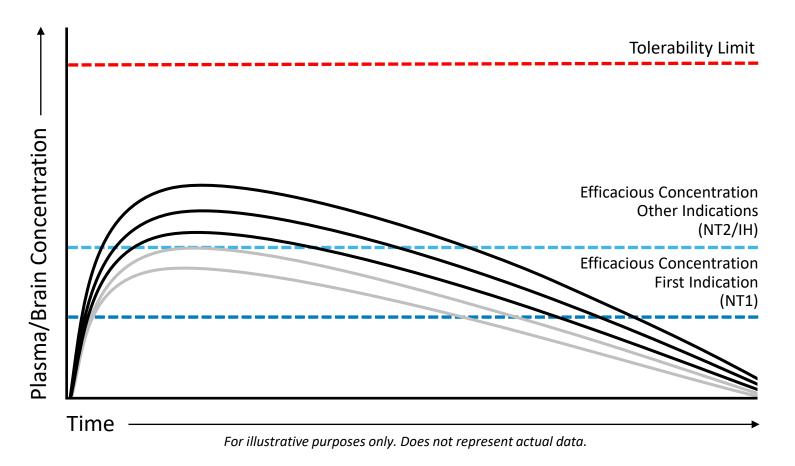
Magnitude and Duration of Pharmacodynamic Effect Determined by Pharmacokinetic Profile



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NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; AUC: Area under the curve; C_{max}: Maximum concentration

Efficacious Concentrations and Required Doses May Differ by Indication

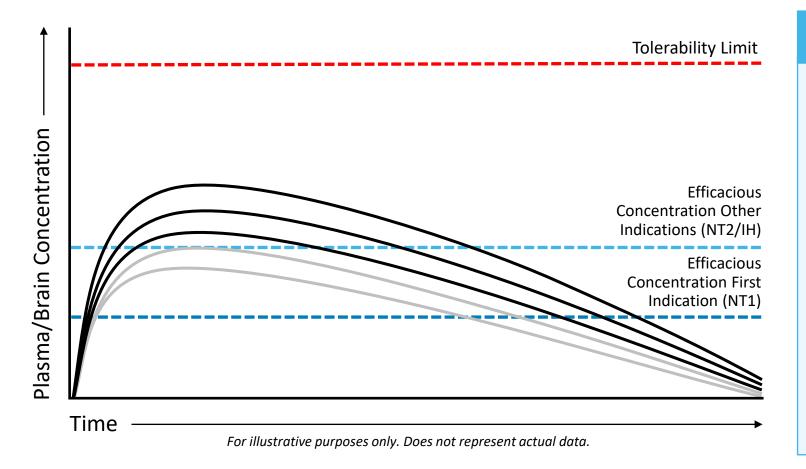


PK objective:

- Dosing flexibility to accommodate NT1, NT2 and IH as well as variability in patient profiles
- Wide therapeutic window well below tolerability limit

NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia

ALKS 2680 Design Reflects Key Pharmacokinetic Features



ALKS 2680 design objective

- Mimic natural sleep/wake cycle with once-daily, oral dosing
- High potency to allow for low overall doses and exposures
- Non-proportional increase in C_{max} to increase tolerability
- Dosing flexibility to accommodate NT1, NT2 and IH as well as variability in patient profiles

NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia; C_{max}: Maximum concentration

Utilizing Advanced Molecular Design Principles to Harness the Broad Potential of the Orexin Mechanism

- Orexin neuropeptides are key regulators of wakefulness and work in a diurnal manner
- In addition to wakefulness, the orexin pathway may benefit additional symptomatic domains such as fatigue, mood, cognition and attention
- Understanding how the orexin peptide activates the receptor and cascades signaling across the brain is key to designing targeted small molecules that harness this potential
- Alkermes' chemistry design approach is focused on key parameters such as potency and targeted PK profile to address the needs of patients across a range of potential indications



ALKS 2680: Differentiated Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Advancing in Phase 2 in NT1, NT2 and IH

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NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia



Symptom Commonality Across Sleep Disorders Results in Diagnostic Challenges

Common Symptoms in Narcolepsy Type 1, Narcolepsy Type 2 and Idiopathic Hypersomnia

Symptoms	NT1	NT2	ін	
Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS)				
Sleep-onset REM periods (SOREMP)				
Cataplexy				
Disrupted nighttime sleep				
Needed naps: short, refreshing				
Sleep-related hallucinations				
Sleep paralysis				
Brain fog				
Long sleep				
Severe sleep inertia				
Needed naps: long, unrefreshing				
 Almost always (90 to 100% of people with this disorder have this symptom) Less common (11 to 40% of people with this disorder have this symptom) Rare (0 to 10% of people with this disorder have this symptom) 				

www.hypersomniafoundation.org/classification/; Sateia MJ. International classification of sleep disorders-third edition: highlights and modifications. *Chest*. 2014;146:1387–94.; Rassu, Evangelista, Barateau, et al. *J Clin Sleep Medicine*. 2022, 617-629. NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia; REM: rapid eye movement



ALKS 2680: Investigational Oral Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist for the Treatment of Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia

ALKS 2680 is a highly potent, selective OX2R agonist

- \geq 10-fold more potent than orexin A^a
- >5,000-fold selectivity relative to OX1R^a

ALKS 2680 phase 1 data demonstrated desired pharmaceutical properties:

- Orally bioavailable
- PK profile supportive of once-daily dosing
- Mimics natural sleep/wake cycle

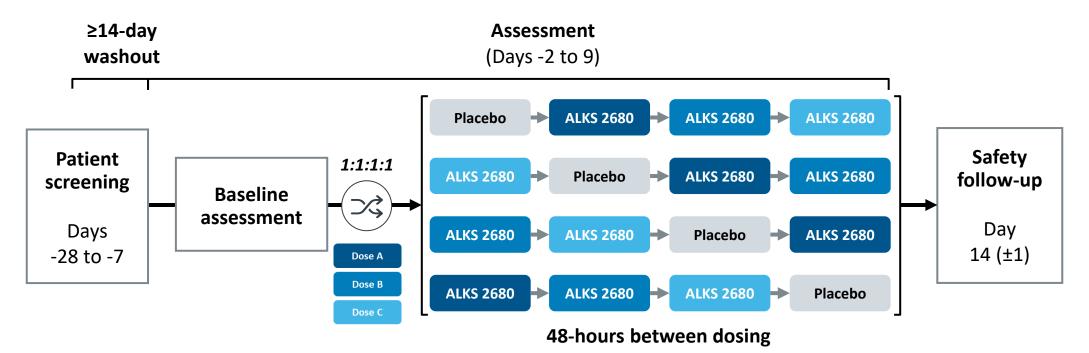
2024 Clinical Program Status

- Phase 1 single ascending dose and multiple ascending dose study complete
- Phase 1b proof-of-concept study complete
- Vibrance-1 phase 2 NT1 study enrolling
- Vibrance-2 phase 2 NT2 study enrolling
- Vibrance-3 phase 2 IH study planning underway
- Open-label, long-term safety study expected to initiate in Q4 2024

^aData from preclinical studies using CHO (Chinese hamster ovary) cells.; OX1R: orexin 1 receptor; OX2R: orexin 2 receptor; PK: pharmacokinetic; NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia



Phase 1b: Randomized, Double-Blind, PBO-Controlled Study of ALKS 2680 in Patients With NT1, NT2 and IH Provides Proof-of-Concept



- Patients had a confirmed diagnosis with no baseline criteria for MWT
- Key objectives:

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- Safety and tolerability
- Mean sleep latency on Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT) at baseline and each day of dosing

PBO: Placebo; NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia

Patient Population	n	ALKS 2680 Doses
NT1	10	1, 3 & 8 mg
NT2	9	5, 12 & 25 mg
IH	8	5, 12 & 25 mg

Phase 1b: ALKS 2680 Generally Well-Tolerated at all Doses Tested in NT1, NT2 and IH

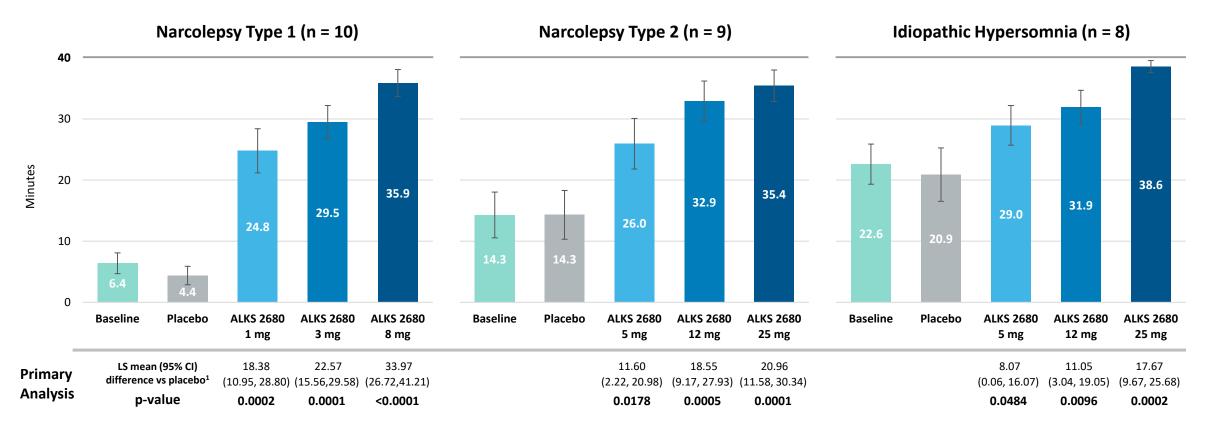
- Most TEAEs were mild in severity and transient
- No deaths, serious TEAEs, severe TEAEs, or TEAEs leading to discontinuation
- Treatment-related TEAEs* reported in >1 subject in each population listed below:
 - NT1: insomnia, pollakiuria, salivary hypersecretion, decreased appetite, dizziness, and nausea
 - NT2: pollakiuria, insomnia, and dizziness
 - IH: pollakiuria, insomnia, and dizziness
- No clinically meaningful changes in laboratory parameters
- No cardiovascular safety signals in vital signs or ECGs

*Relationship per investigator determination.

Insomnia includes TEAE terms of insomnia, middle insomnia, and initial insomnia. Dizziness includes TEAE terms of dizziness and dizziness postural. NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia; TEAE: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event; ECG: Electrocardiogram

Phase 1b: Results Demonstrated Meaningful, Consistent and Dose-Dependent Effect on Wakefulness in NT1, NT2 & IH Patients

Absolute Mean Sleep Latency on Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT) - Mean \pm SE



1: Primary analysis based on a mixed effect model of repeated measurement with the dose level and the period as fixed factors, and the average sleep latency on Day -1 is included as the baseline covariate SE: standard error; LS: least squares

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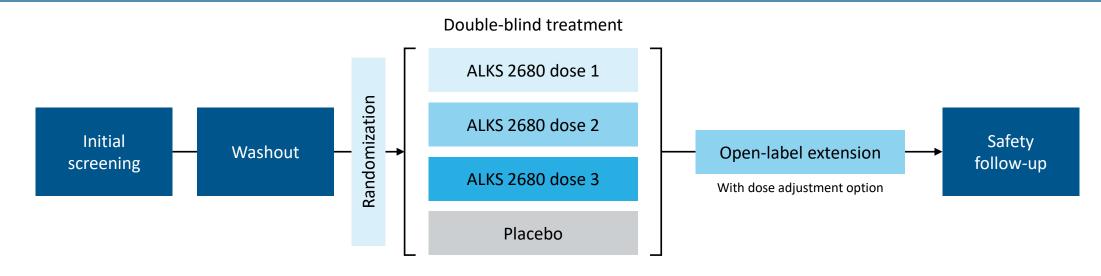
Phase 1b: ALKS 2680 Patient Data Support Advancement and Dose Selection in Phase 2 in NT1, NT2 and IH

- Tested a range of doses to explore dose response for each patient population
- Generally safe and well tolerated with no treatment related discontinuations
- Statistically significant and clinically meaningful increases in mean sleep latency observed at all doses
- Patients achieved MWT results within the normal sleep range for healthy individuals¹
- PK profile mimicked natural sleep/wake cycle in patients with NT1, NT2 and IH, with once-daily dosing
- Phase 1b design and results enabled data-driven phase 2 dose selection

1. Krahn LE, et al. *J Clin Sleep Med*. 2021;17(12):2489-2498; Mean sleep latencies for healthy individuals (30.4 ± 11.2 minutes) NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia; MWT: Maintenance of Wakefulness Test; PK: Pharmacokinetic

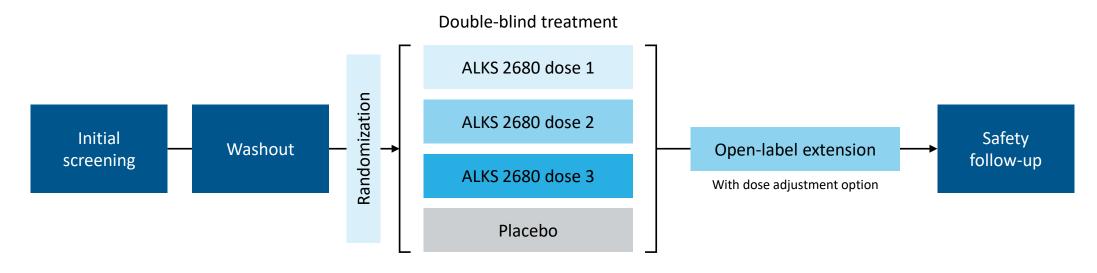
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Phase 2 Clinical Program Evaluating Once-Daily Administration of ALKS 2680 Across a Range of Patient Populations





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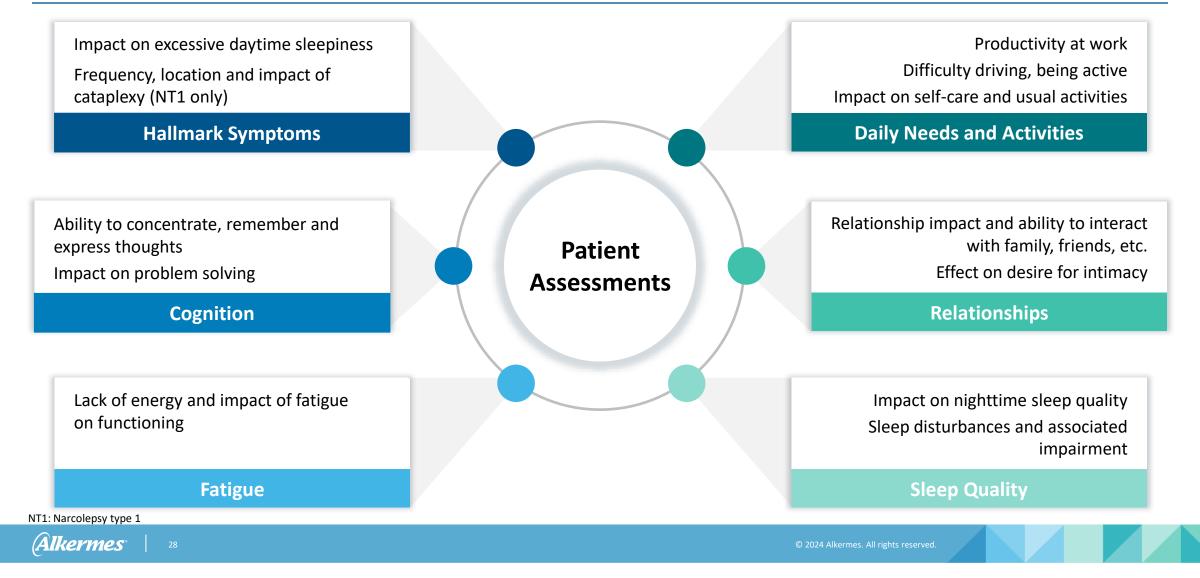


Ctudu	n	ALKS 2680 Doses	Screening Period		Double-blind	Open-label	Follow-up	Primary
Study			Initial	Washout	Treatment Period	Extension Period	Period	Endpoint
Narcolepsy Type 1 VIBRANCE-1	80	4, 6 & 8 mg	\leq 4-weeks	2-weeks	6-weeks	7-weeks	2-weeks	Δ MWT at week 6
Narcolepsy Type 2 VIBRANCE-2	80	10, 14 & 18 mg	\leq 4-weeks	2-weeks	8-weeks	5-weeks	2-weeks	Δ MWT at week 8
Idiopathic Hypersomnia VIBRANCE-3	Study design in progress							

MWT: Maintenance of Wakefulness Test; Δ : change from baseline



Evaluating the Impact of ALKS 2680 on Symptoms and Outcomes Important to Patients in Phase 2



Phase 1 Data Support Rapid Advancement of ALKS 2680 Into Phase 2 in Multiple Indications

Patient data underscore unique profile of ALKS 2680

- Clinically meaningful, statistically significant and dosedependent effect on wakefulness observed across all indications and doses evaluated
- Generally well tolerated across all doses evaluated
- Patients achieved maintenance of wakefulness results within the normal sleep range for healthy individuals¹
- Profile supports once-daily dosing

Executing comprehensive clinical program

- Advancing phase 2 program:
 - Vibrance-1 (NT1): 4, 6 and 8 mg
 - Vibrance-2 (NT2): 10, 14 and 18 mg
 - Vibrance-3 (IH): Study design underway
- Phase 2 designed to evaluate efficacy, safety and outcomes important to patients
- Planned initiation of long-term safety study by year-end
- Phase 2 topline results in NT1 and NT2 expected H2 2025

1: Krahn LE, et al. *J ClinSleepMed*. 2021;17(12):2489-2498. NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia



Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia: Insights into Prevalence and Patient Experiences

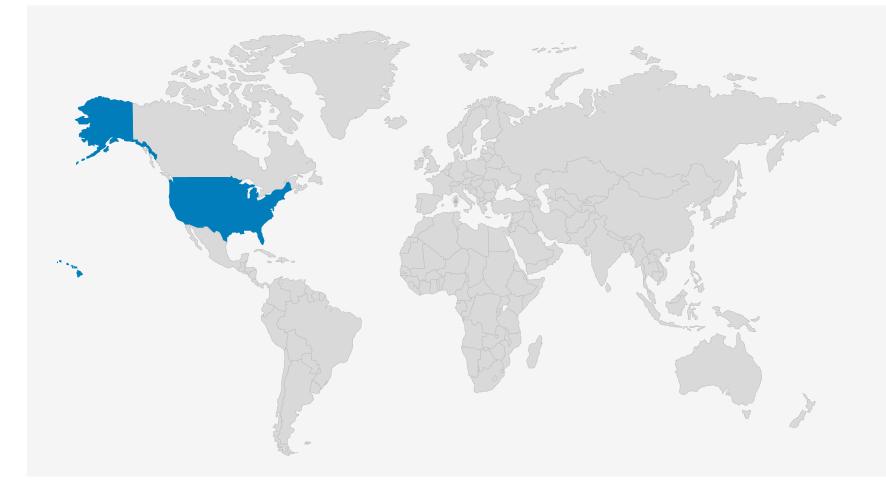
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Narcolepsy and IH Prevalence

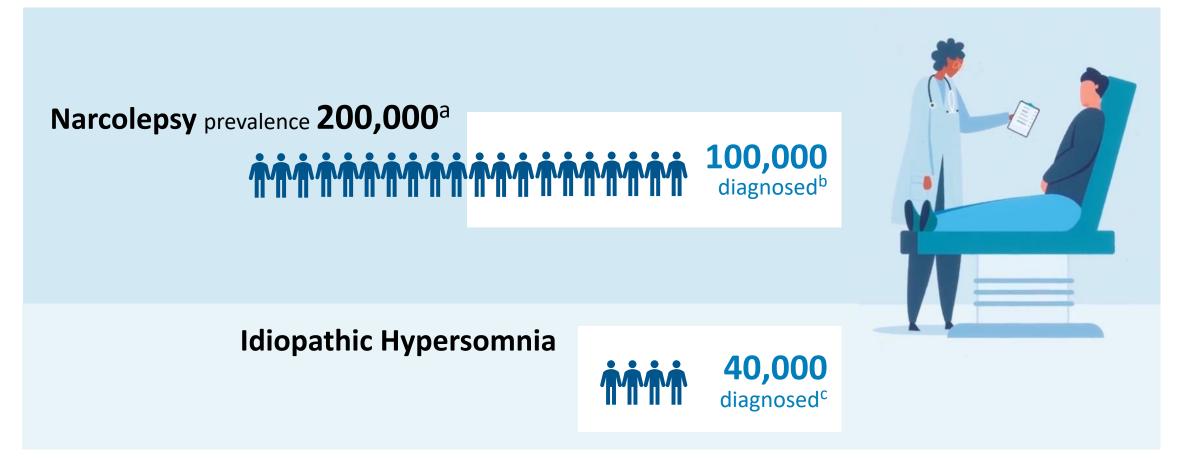
Narcolepsy and IH Affect People Around the World

Narcolepsy (Types 1 & 2) and Idiopathic Hypersomnia (IH) affect people around the world





Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia in the U.S.

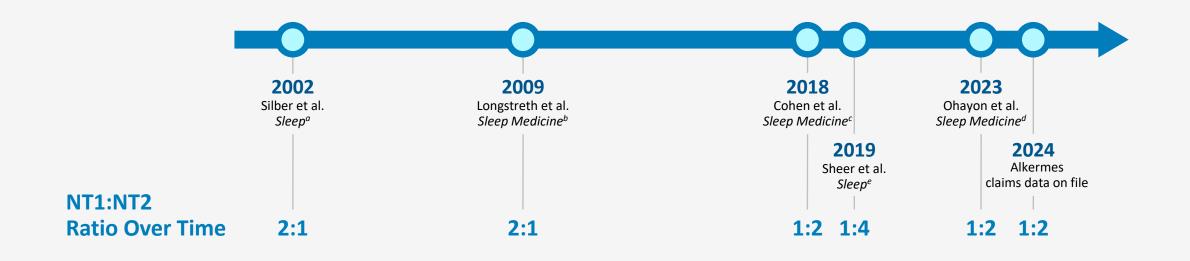


^aNarcolepsy Network Fast Facts

^bCohen et al., *Sleep Med* 43:14 (2018) and Longstreth et al., *Sleep Med* 10:422 (2009) prevalence rates applied to U.S. population ^cAcquavella et al., *J Clin Sleep Med* 16:1255 (2020)



Recent Literature and Data Demonstrate Shift Toward Higher Prevalence of Narcolepsy Type 2 vs. Type 1



Recent data suggest higher prevalence of NT2

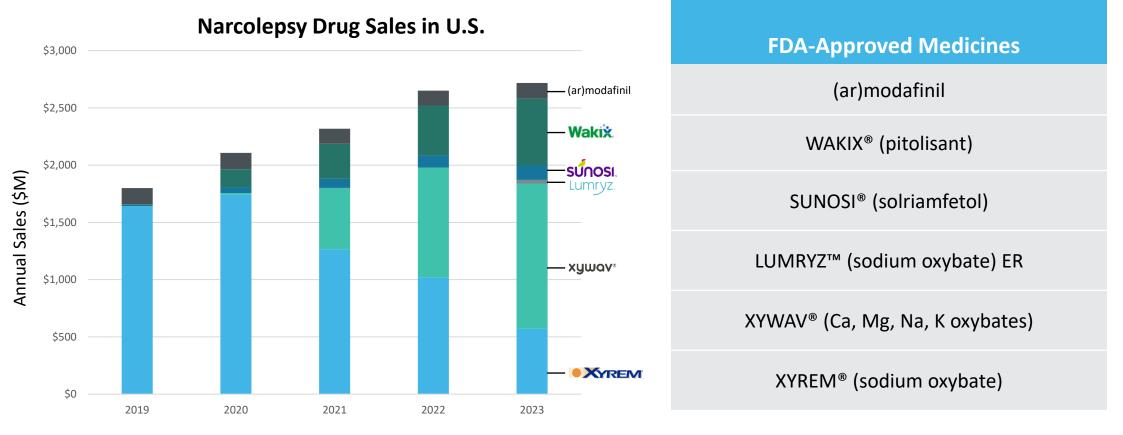
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Approved Narcolepsy Treatments Generate Net Sales > \$2.5B in the U.S.



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Source: IQVIA, company 10-K reports



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High Unmet Patient Need Remains Despite Available Treatments

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REVIEW

Unmet needs of patients with narcolepsy: perspectives on emerging treatment options

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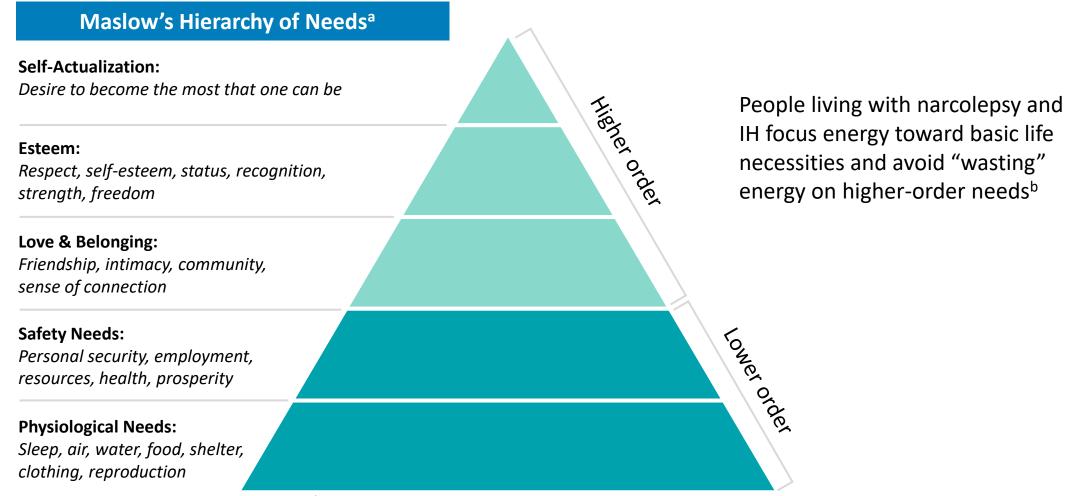
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Respiratory Support and Sleep Centre, Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK Abstract: The treatment options currently available for narcolepsy are often unsatisfactory due to suboptimal efficacy, troublesome side effects, development of drug tolerance, and inconvenience. Our understanding of the neurobiology of narcolepsy has greatly improved over the last decade. This knowledge has not yet translated into additional therapeutic options for patients, but progress is being made. Some compounds, such as histaminergic H3 receptor antagonists, may prove useful in symptom control of narcolepsy. The prospect of finding a cure still seems distant, but hypocretin replacement therapy offers some promise. In this narrative review, we describe these developments and others which may yield more effective narcolepsy treatments in the future.

Keywords: cataplexy, hypocretin, H3 antagonist, GABA-B agonists, immunotherapy

A recent survey was conducted in the United States with the aim of sharing patients' perspectives on the treatment of narcolepsy with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It included over 1,000 people with narcolepsy...95% of responders reported having been prescribed at least one of the FDA-approved medications. Nonetheless, 74% complained of daily narcolepsy symptoms. Eighty-four percent described impaired work or school performance and judged their condition as moderate or severe.

Patients Adapt Lifestyle By Prioritizing Where and When Energy is Exerted



^aMaslow, AH (1954). Motivation and personality. Harper & Row. ^bQualitative primary market research study with narcolepsy and IH patients (n=30 [Feb 2024])



Narcolepsy and IH Symptoms May Impact Many Facets of Life



Source: Qualitative primary market research studies with narcolepsy and idiopathic hypersomnia patients (n=24 [Aug 2022], n=30 [Feb 2024])



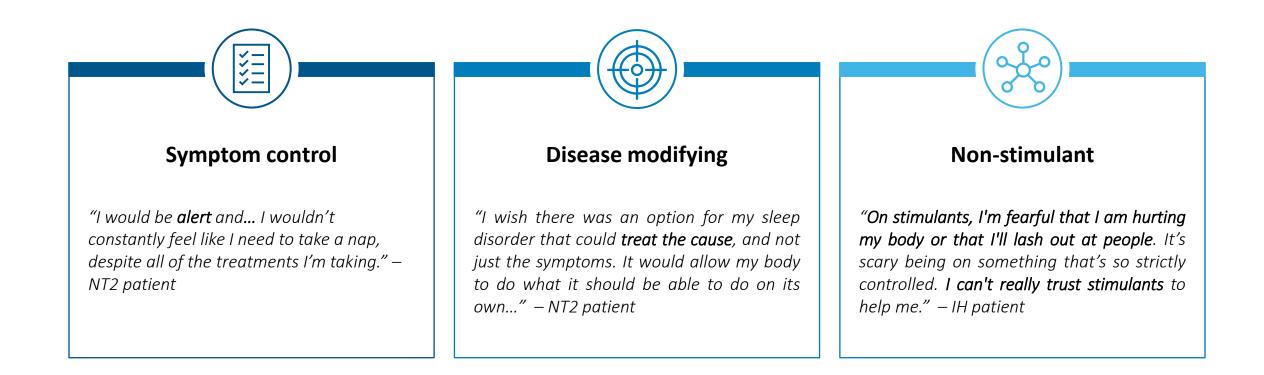
Narcolepsy and IH Symptoms Can Severely Impact Daily Activities

Safety	 Car accident Mishandling / dropping heavy items Losing focus while watching children 	"I was at work one day, and I fell asleep holding a piece of industrial glass and I dropped it and it almost cut my artery in my neck." – NT1 patient
Productivity	 Falling asleep during an important test Falling asleep at desk Loss of job or place in school 	"I used to fall asleep in class all the time and everyone would get upset. I would end up in detention for sleeping in classI would try so hard to stay awakeeveryone just thought I didn't care enough to stay awake." – NT1 patient
Mental Health	 Question sanity Severe episode of depression Suicidal thoughts 	<i>"I felt inadequate, had low self esteem due to not having the energy to do basic things my peers did, and lonely</i> because I would spend <i>so much time on my own sleeping</i> ." – NT2 patient
Relationships	 Lashing out or snapping at loved ones Forgetting or missing a milestone Not being reliable to watch children 	<i>"We're at the beach right now on vacation. I don't feel comfortable taking my son or my foster son on vacation alone because sometimes I have to sleep.</i> I can't not sleep. So we're at the beach and I have to bring somebody with me so that I can make sure the children are safe." – NT1 patient

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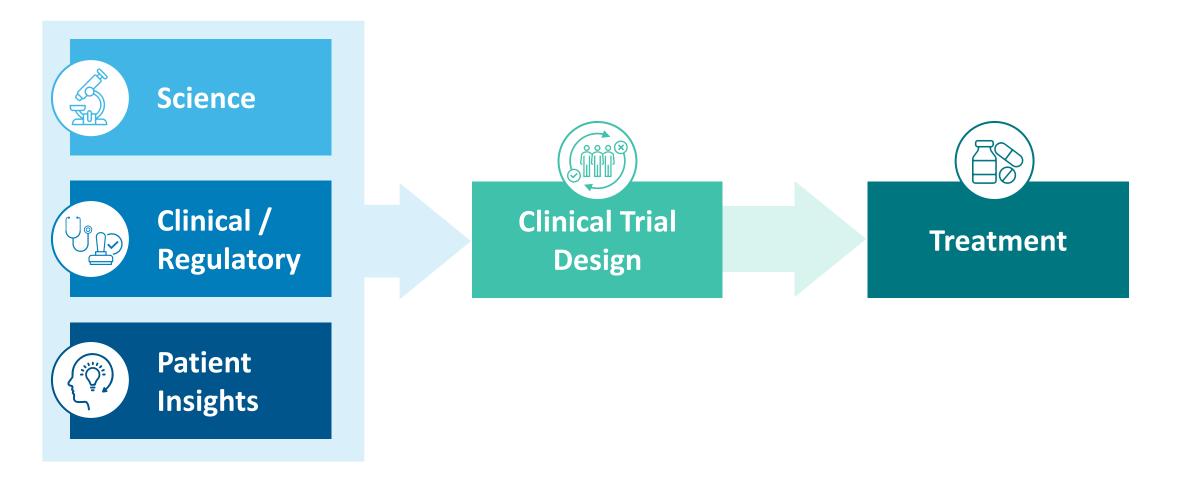
Patients Identify Multiple Areas of Unmet Needs Despite Current Therapies



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Patient Needs Integrated into Development Strategy





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Data-Driven Decision Making: ALKS 2680 Dose Selection and Orexin Portfolio Expansion Strategy

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Alkermes' Data-Driven Approach to Decision Making Across Our Orexin Portfolio



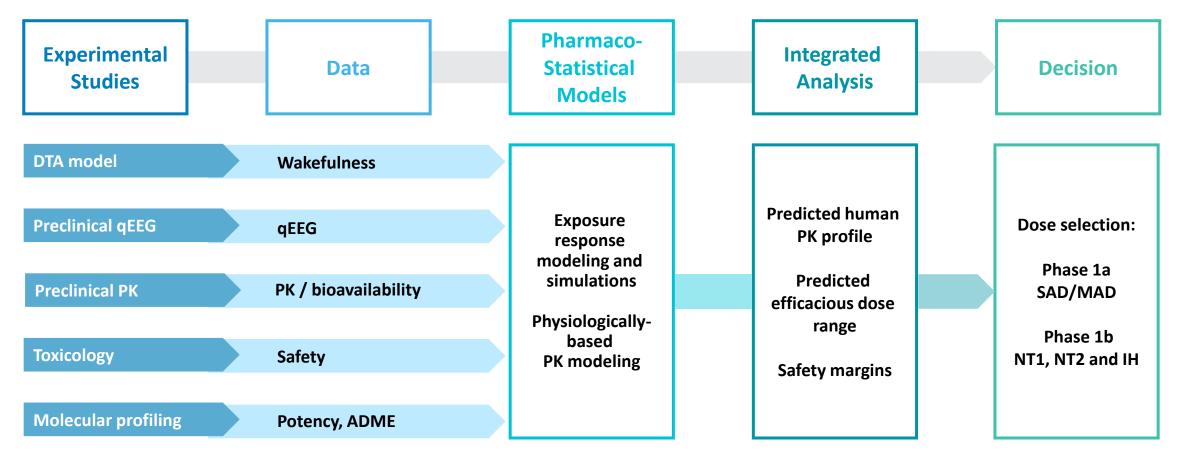


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Synthesis of Multiple Data Inputs Improves Clinical Decision Making



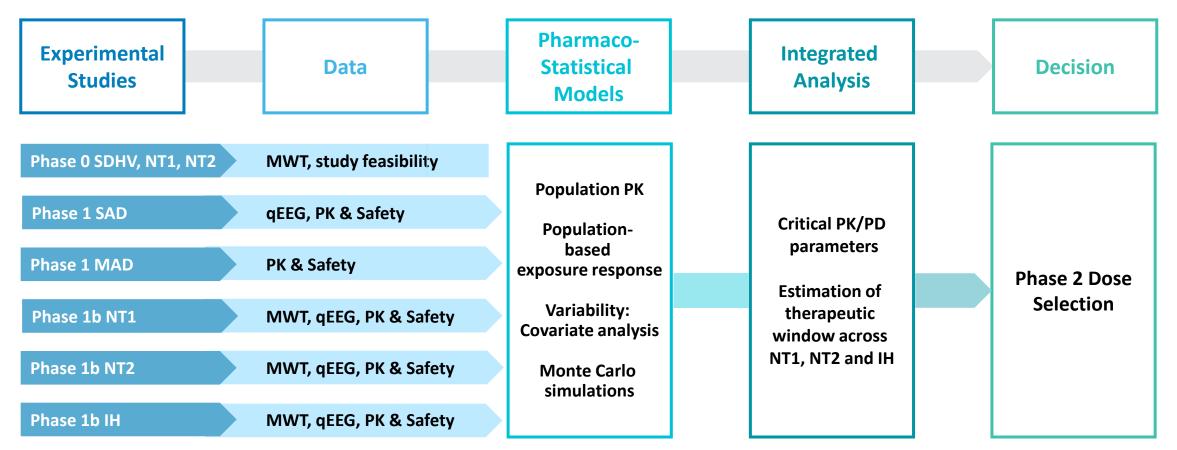
Preclinical: Integrated Analysis Designed to Deliver Highly Translatable Data and Enable Efficient Phase 1 Dose Selection



qEEG: quantitative electroencephalography; PK: Pharmacokinetic; ADME: Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion; SAD: Single ascending dose; MAD: Multiple ascending dose; PD: Pharmacodynamic; NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia

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Clinical: Data Intensive Phase 1 Program Designed to Efficiently Deliver Early POC in Patients and Inform Phase 2 Dose Selection

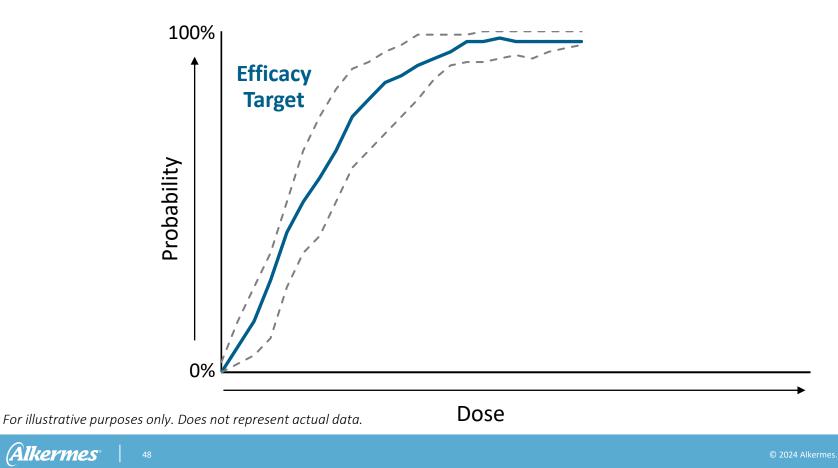


POC: Proof-of-concept; SDHV: Sleep-deprived healthy volunteers; NT1: Narcolepsy type 1; NT2: Narcolepsy type 2; SAD: Single ascending dose; MAD: Multiple ascending dose; qEEG: quantitative electroencephalography; MWT: Maintenance of Wakefulness Test; PK: Pharmacokinetic; PD: Pharmacodynamic; IH: Idiopathic hypersomnia

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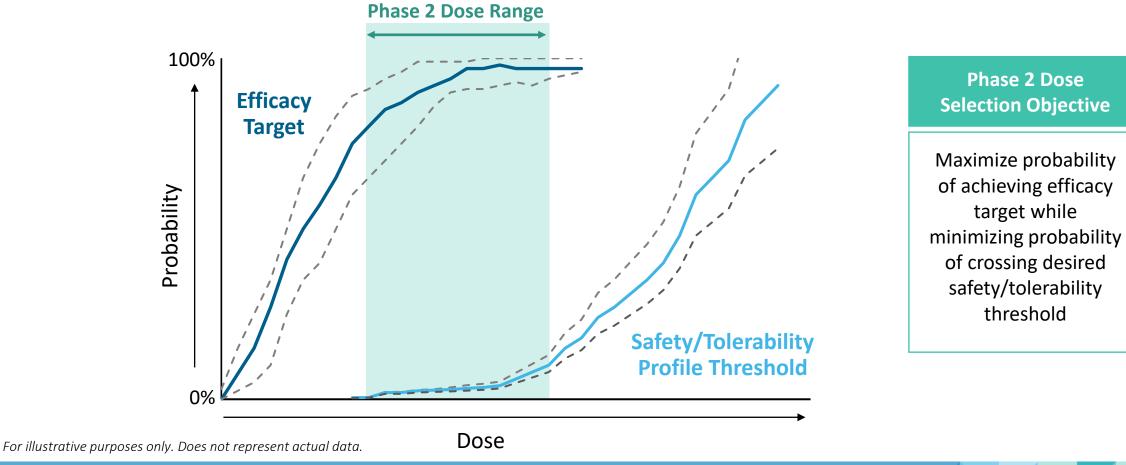
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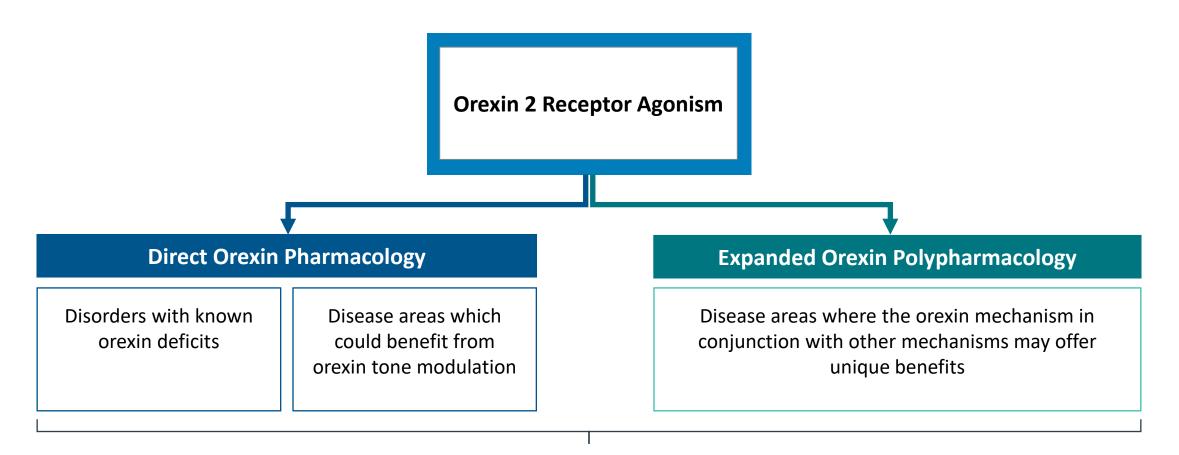
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Project Saturn: Opportunity to Apply Orexin Mechanism Across a Range of Indications in Neurology and Psychiatry



Opportunity across both high prevalence and rare diseases

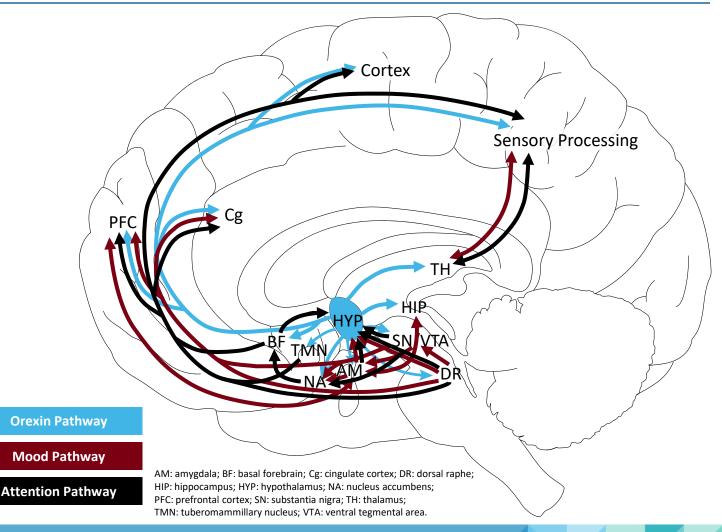


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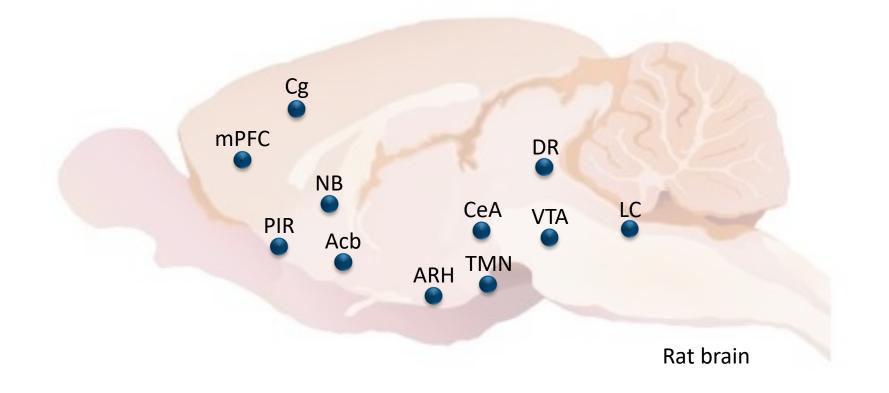
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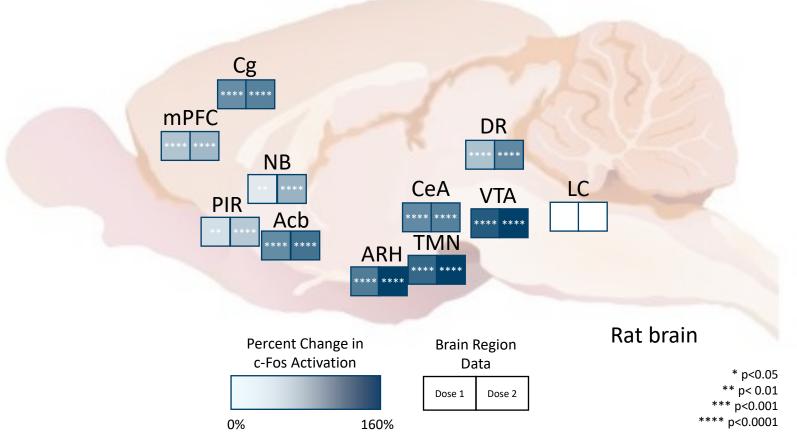
Basic Anatomy and Neurocircuitry in Preclinical Models Similar to Humans



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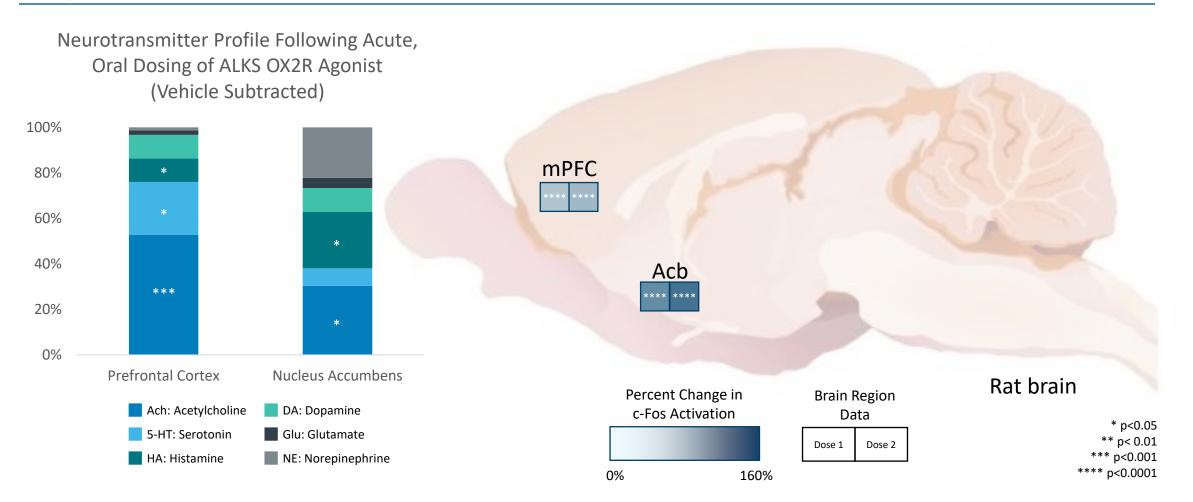
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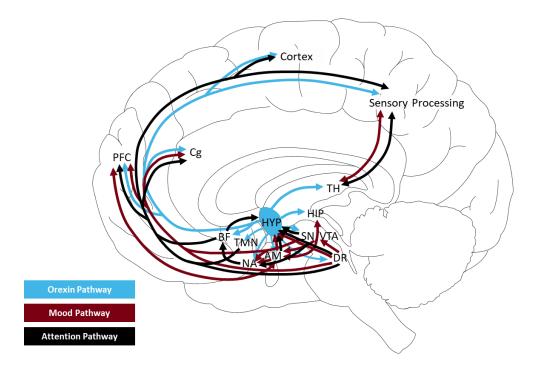
Neurocircuitry Activated by Alkermes OX2R Agonist Increased Key Neurotransmitters



mPFC: medial prefrontal cortex; Acb: nucleus accumbens; 100% defined as total area under the curve for all neurotransmitters measured within experiment



Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Pathway May Have Potential Applicability in Broad Range of Indications



AM: amygdala; BF: basal forebrain; Cg: cingulate cortex; DR: dorsal raphe; HIP: hippocampus; HYP: hypothalamus; NA: nucleus accumbens; PFC: prefrontal cortex; SN: substantia nigra; TH: thalamus; TMN: tuberomammillary nucleus; VTA: ventral tegmental area. Select disease states which intersect across aspects of wakefulness, fatigue, mood and cognition

Neurology

- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder
- Multiple sclerosis fatigue
- Parkinson's disease

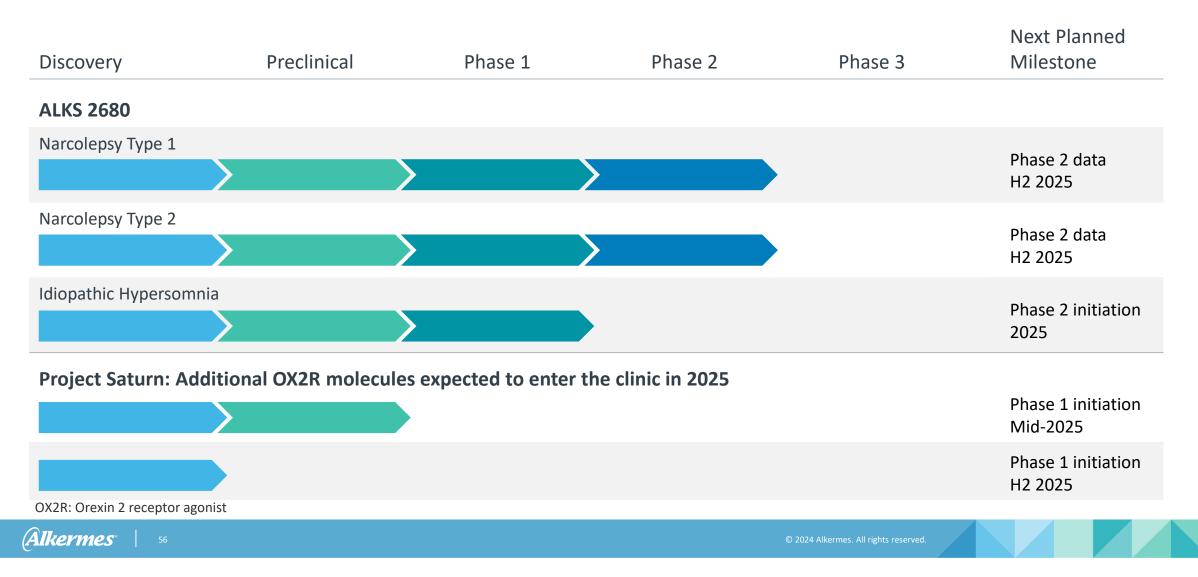
Psychiatry

- Bipolar disorder
- Cognitive impairment in schizophrenia
- Negative symptoms of schizophrenia
- Major depressive disorder
- Seasonal affective disorder

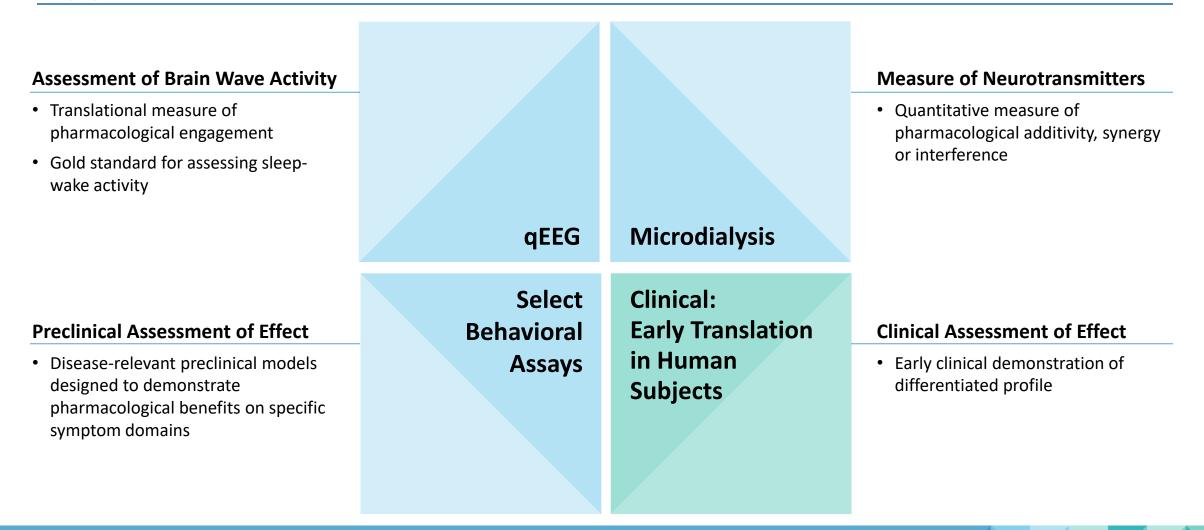
Orphan/ultra-orphan disorders



Advancing Multiple Orexin Development Candidates With Unique Opportunities for Treatment of Neurology & Psychiatry Disorders



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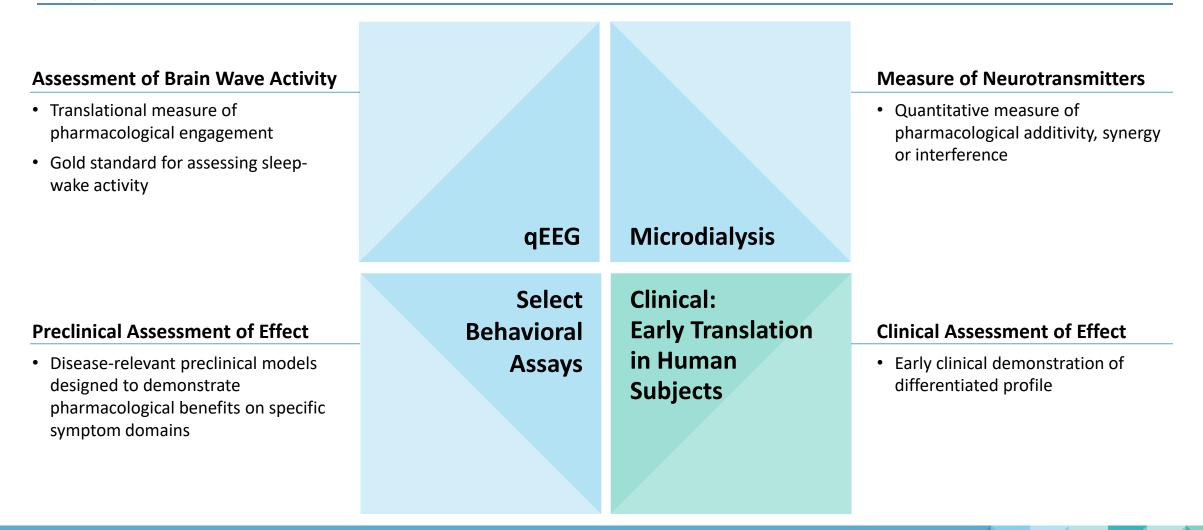


Utilizing Multidimensional, Translational Preclinical Research to Identify New Clinical Opportunities for Orexin 2 Receptor Agonists

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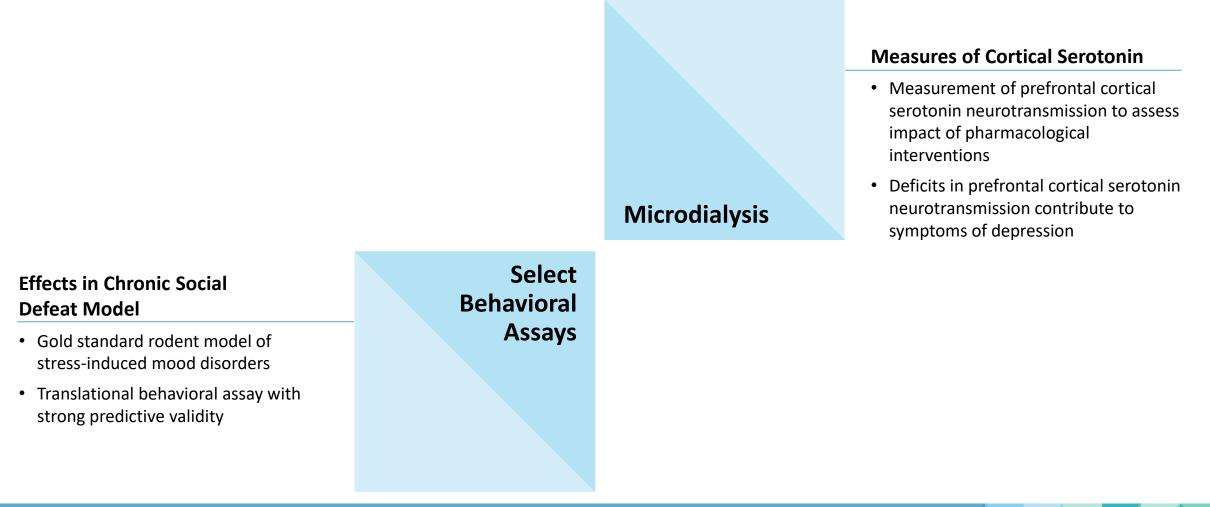


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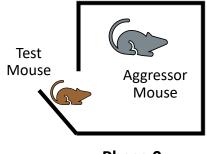
Preclinical Pharmacology Strategy in Mood and Stress Disorders

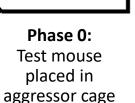


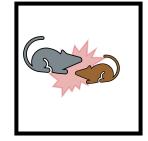
Chronic Social Defeat Model Induces Robust Depressive-like Phenotype

Chronic Social Defeat Stress (repeated across 10 days)

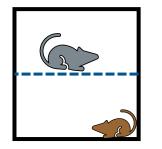
Consistently induces enduring physiological and behavioral phenotypes similar to depression







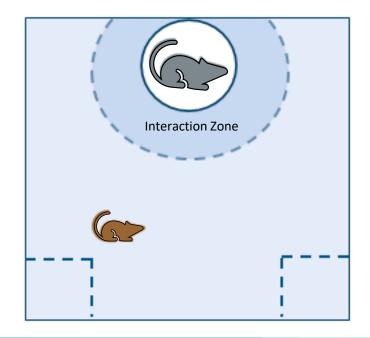
Phase 1: Physical Stress (10 minutes)



Phase 2: Sensory Stress (24 hours)

Social Preference (SP) Test

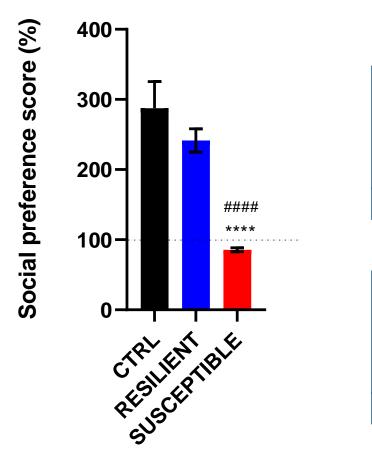
Reliably measures social interaction by calculating time in interaction zone with and without an aggressor mouse present



Kim H-D. Testing Depression in Mice: a Chronic Social Defeat Stress Model. Bio Protoc. 2017;7(7).

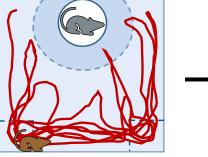


Chronic Social Defeat Model Approximates Individual Variability in Stress Response Observed in Humans





Susceptible Behavior



Exposure to chronic social defeat leads to two types of behavioral responses in the social preference test:

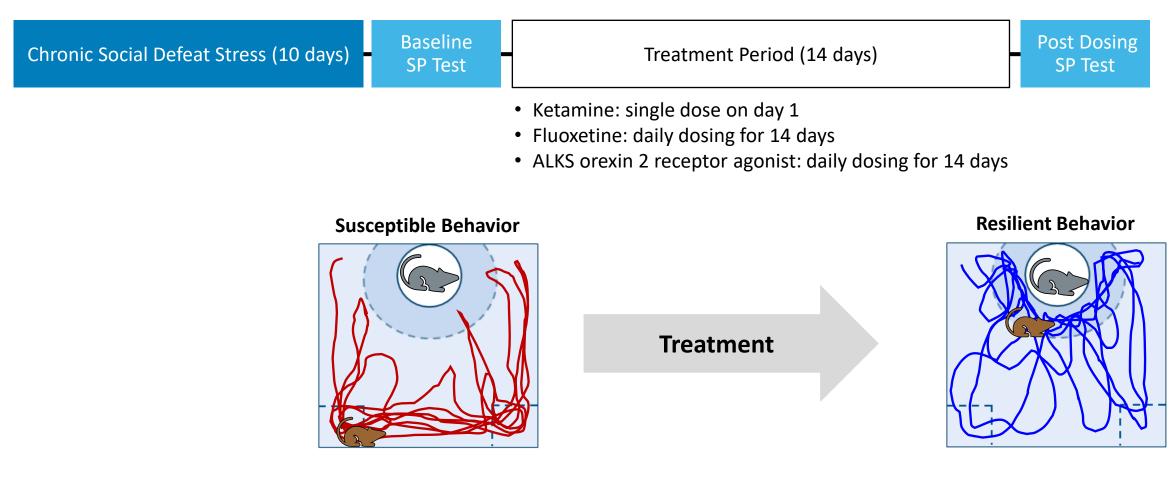
Resilient mice maintain social interaction and do not demonstrate a depressive-like phenotype

Susceptible mice develop social avoidance mimicking a depressive-like phenotype; only susceptible mice were used for additional testing

Mean <u>+</u> SEM ****p<0.0001 vs control (CTRL), ####p<0.0001 vs resilient; Social preference score below 100% associated with susceptible behavior.



Susceptible Mice Received Therapeutic Intervention and Were Assessed for Restoration of Resilient Behavior



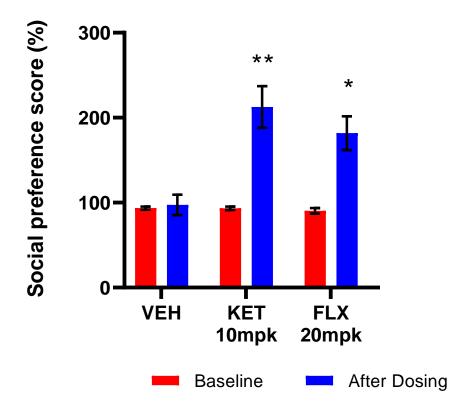
SP: Social preference





Clinically Efficacious Antidepressants Demonstrated Effect in Susceptible Mice

Social Preference Performance in Susceptible Mice



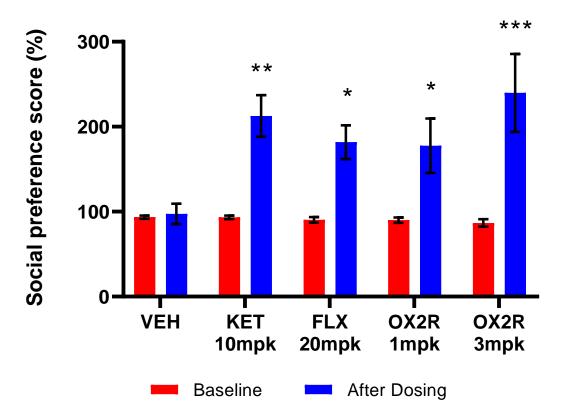
Social Preference Assay demonstrated sensitivity to FDA-approved agents with different mechanisms:

- Fluoxetine: FDA-approved standard SSRI with delayed onset of therapeutic effect
- Ketamine: FDA-approved non-SSRI with rapid onset of therapeutic effect

Mean ± SEM, *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 after treatment vs baseline VEH: vehicle; KET: Ketamine; FLX: Fluoxetine; SSRI: Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Exhibited Antidepressant-like Effects in Chronic Social Defeat Model

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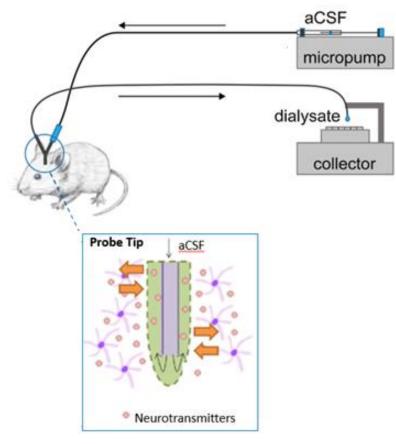
Alkermes potent orexin 2 receptor agonist demonstrated an antidepressant-like effect similar to fluoxetine and ketamine

Mean ± SEM, *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 after treatment vs baseline

VEH: vehicle; KET: Ketamine; FLX: Fluoxetine; OX2R: Alkermes Orexin 2 receptor agonist; SSRI: Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

Microdialysis Enables Quantitative Measurement of Prefrontal Cortical Serotonin

Illustration of Cortical Microdialysis



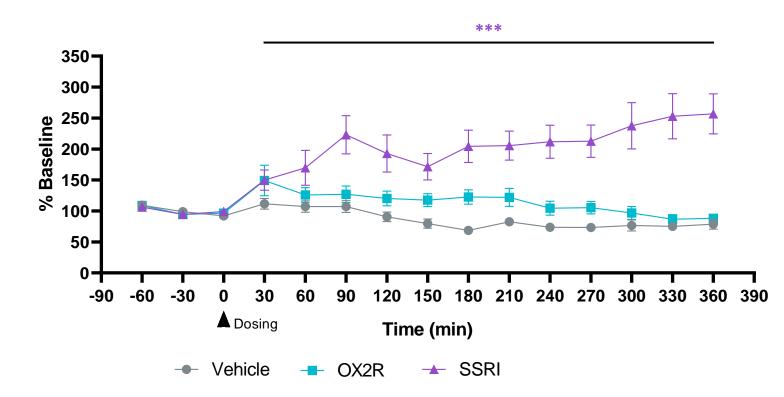
- Deficits in serotonin neurotransmission contribute to symptoms of depression
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- Symptom domains of interest converge on the prefrontal cortex

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SSRI Significantly Elevated Prefrontal Cortical Serotonin

Prefrontal Cortical Serotonin



 Acute administration of SSRI significantly elevated prefrontal cortical serotonin

Mean <u>+</u> SEM, n=9-10/group. ***p< 0.001

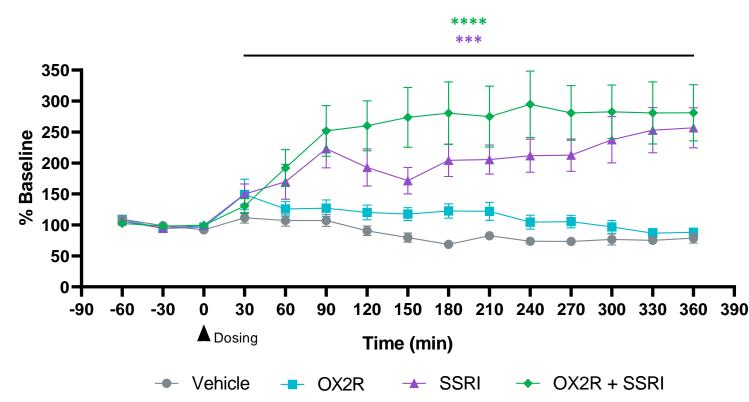
OX2R: Alkermes Orexin 2 receptor agonist; SSRI: Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor

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Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Enhanced SSRI-induced Increase in Prefrontal Cortical Serotonin

Prefrontal Cortical Serotonin



- Acute administration of SSRI significantly elevated prefrontal cortical serotonin
- Co-administration of Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist further enhanced the SSRI-induced increase in prefrontal cortical serotonin

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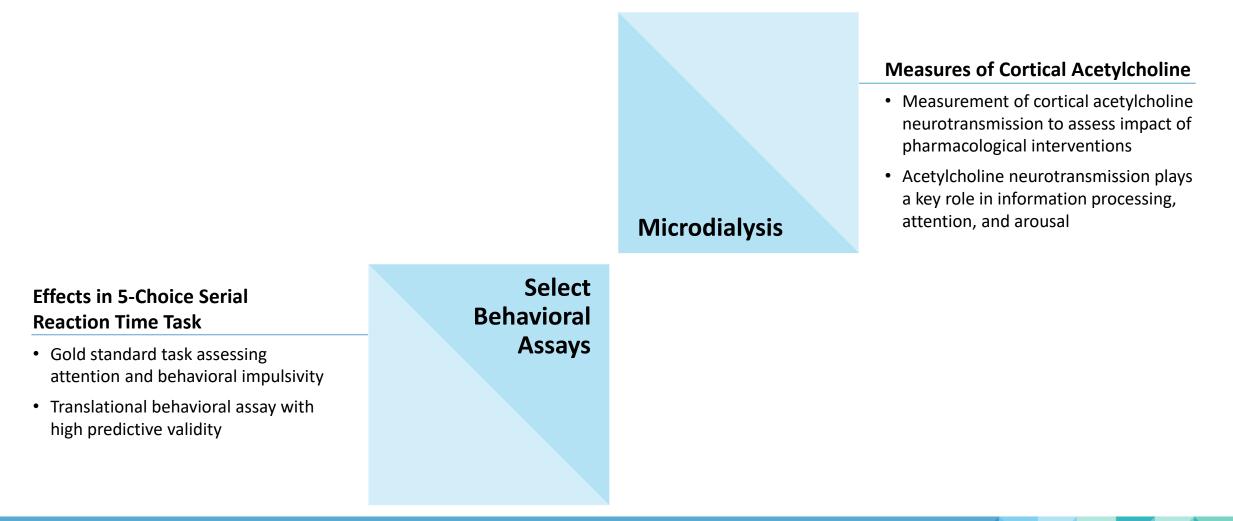
Polypharmacology:

- Early evidence that co-administration of orexin 2 receptor agonist activity enhanced SSRI-induced serotonin neurotransmission suggesting opportunity for additive benefit
- Therapeutic profile varies with choice of mechanistic partner

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Preclinical Pharmacology Strategy in Attention and Impulsivity Disorders

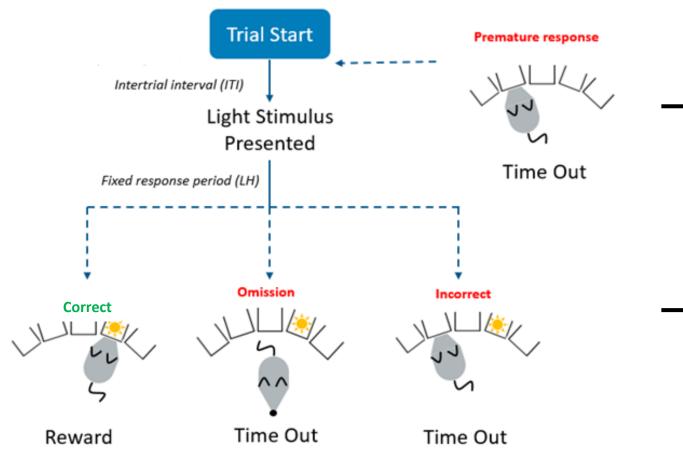




5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task Measures Impulsivity and Attention in Translational Model

Task Trial Phases and Potential Outcomes

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Measure of Impulse Control

Premature nose-poke responses: Based on number of instances subject fails to withhold response until after light stimulus is presented

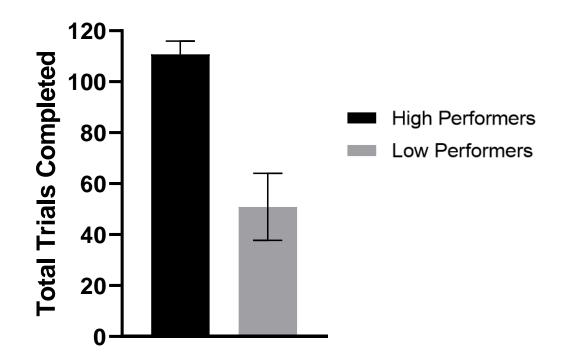
Measure of Attention and Task Engagement

Total trials: Based on number of trials completed (correct, incorrect or omitted) for the full duration of the experiment

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Shortened Intertrial Time Increases Task Cadence Leading to Impaired Attentional Task Performance in a Subgroup of Rats

Short Intertrial Time



- Shortening the 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task intertrial time decreases attentional performance and task engagement in a subgroup of rats (low performers)
- Out of 120 trials possible, low performer rats completed less than half of the total trials possible under the shortened intertrial time condition

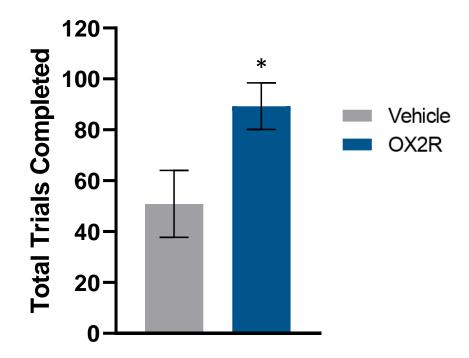
Mean ± SEM; n=10/group



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Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Improved Task Engagement in Low Performer Rats

Low Performer Rats in the 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task



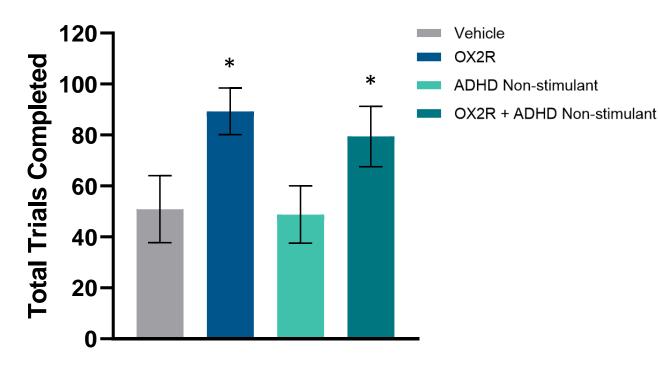
 Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist significantly increased the number of trials completed by low performer rats under the shortened intertrial time condition

Mean ± SEM, n=10 *p<0.05 vehicle vs treatment OX2R: Alkermes Orexin 2 receptor agonist



Improved Task Performance Following Orexin 2 Receptor Activation was Maintained When Combined With Non-stimulant Treatment

Low Performer Rats in the 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task



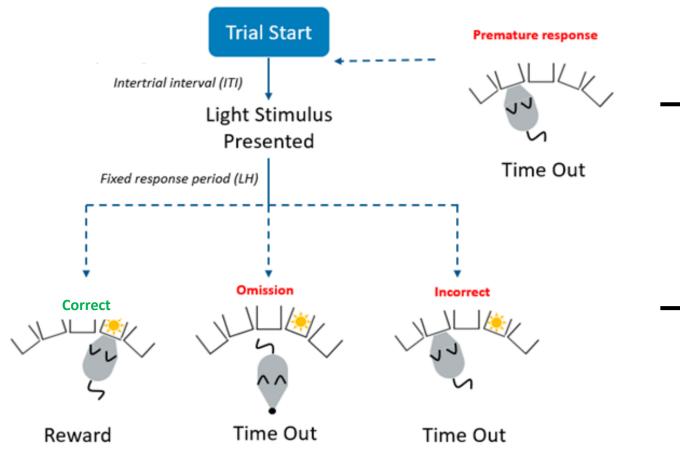
- Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist significantly increased the number of trials completed by low performer rats under the shortened intertrial time condition
- ADHD non-stimulant did not improve total trials completed by low performer rats
- Effect of Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist was maintained when coadministered with ADHD non-stimulant treatment

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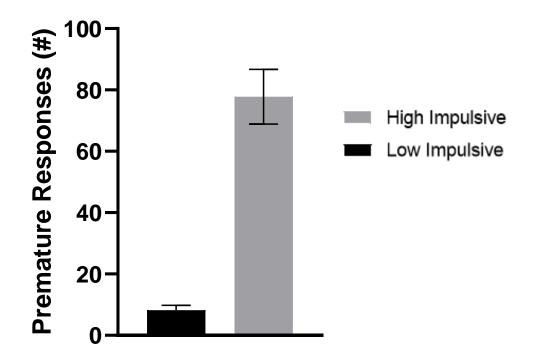
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Long Intertrial Time Slows Task Cadence Leading to Increased Impulsivity in a Subgroup of Rats

Long Intertrial Time



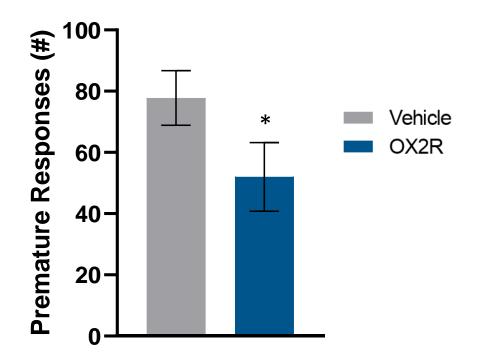
- Extending the 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task intertrial time leads to an increase in impulsivity in a subset of rats (High Impulsive)
- High impulsive rats made an exceptionally high number of premature responses under the long intertrial time condition

Mean ± SEM; n=10/group



Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Decreased Impulsivity in High Impulsive Rats

High Impulsive Rats in 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task



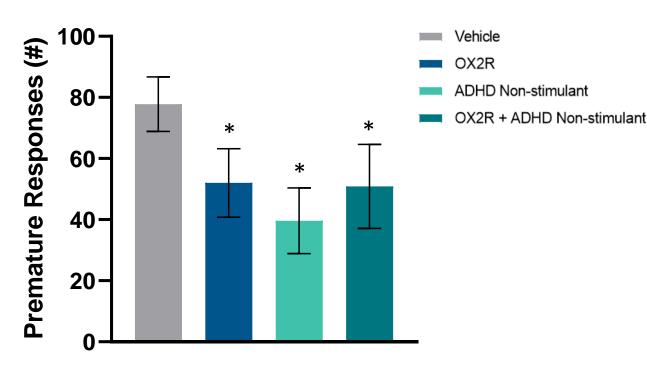
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Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Maintained Impulse Control Efficacy of Non-stimulant Treatment in High Impulsive Rats

High Impulsive Rats in 5-Choice Serial Reaction Time Task



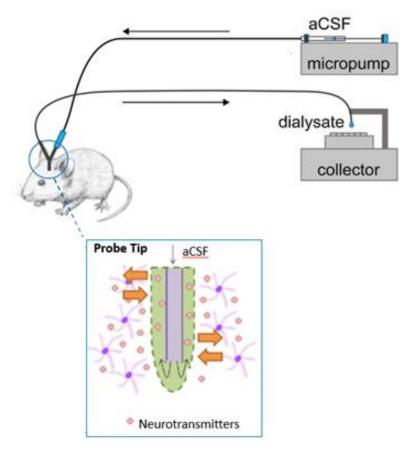
- ADHD non-stimulant treatment significantly lowered the number of impulsive premature responses made by high impulsive rats under the long intertrial time condition
- Co-administration of Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist did not interfere with the impulse control effects of ADHD non-stimulant treatment

Mean ± SEM, n=10 *p<0.05 vehicle vs treatment OX2R: Alkermes Orexin 2 receptor agonist



Microdialysis Enables Quantitative Measurement of Prefrontal Cortical Acetylcholine

Illustration of Cortical Microdialysis



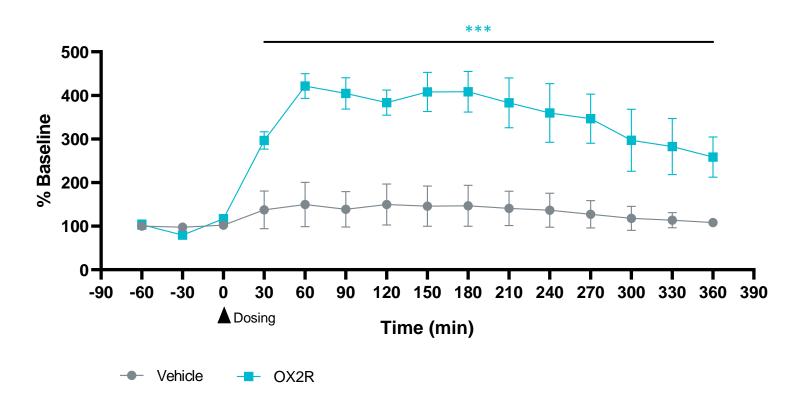
- Acetylcholine neurotransmission plays a key role in information processing, attention and arousal
- Enhancing acetylcholine neurotransmission contributes to effective attentional performance
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Orexin 2 Receptor Agonist Significantly Increased Prefrontal Cortical Acetylcholine Release

Prefrontal Cortical Acetylcholine



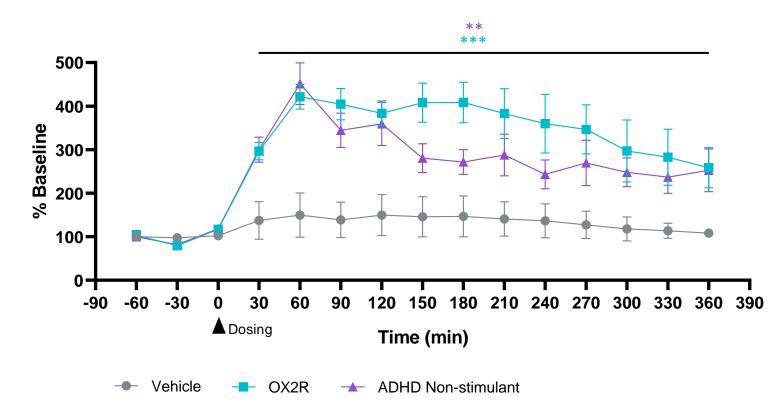
 Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist significantly increased prefrontal cortical acetylcholine

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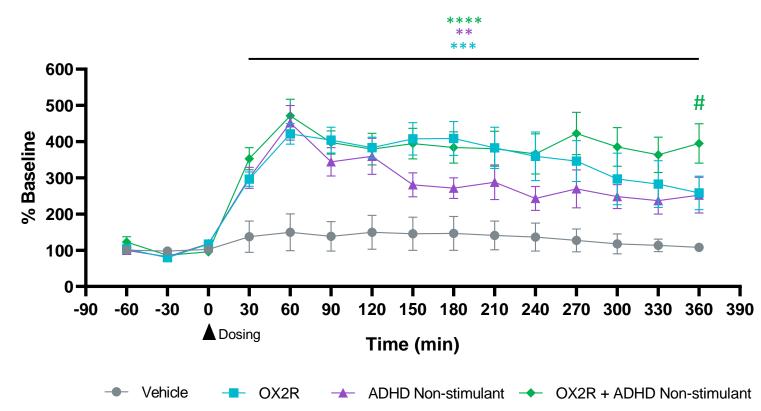
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Prolonged Elevation of Prefrontal Cortical Acetylcholine Observed Following Co-administration of OX2R Agonist and ADHD Non-stimulant Treatment

Prefrontal Cortical Acetylcholine



- Alkermes orexin 2 receptor agonist significantly increased prefrontal cortical acetylcholine
- ADHD non-stimulant treatment significantly increased prefrontal cortical acetylcholine
- Co-administration of orexin 2 receptor agonist and ADHD non-stimulant treatment maintained elevated prefrontal cortical acetylcholine for duration of study

Mean <u>+</u> SEM, n=9-10/group. **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p< 0.0001 OX2R, ADHD Non-stimulant, or Combination vs vehicle; # p<0.5 Combination vs OX2R at Time 360 min OX2R: Alkermes Orexin 2 receptor agonist

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Validated Preclinical Models Provide Translational Value and Enable Data-driven Decision Making

- Orexin 2 receptor agonist demonstrated significant effects across prefrontal cortical neurotransmission, cortical arousal, and symptom-relevant behavioral assays
- Orexin pharmacology coupled with credentialed existing pharmacology may open new opportunities to address unmet need in a broad range of neuropsychiatric disorders
- Choice of clinical candidates and indication selection derive from strength, consistency and reliability of preclinical assessments



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