

# **Targeting Pathogenic Oligomers:**

A Disruptive Approach to the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Diseases

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# **Executive Summary**

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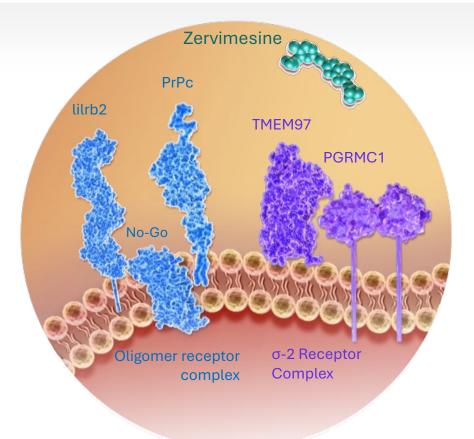
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### Zervimesine (CT1812) – Lead Product Candidate

Extensive comp of matter IP on zervimesine and other candidates developed from foundational platform

- BBB-penetrant small molecule oligomer antagonist
- Distinct MoA: ligand of TMEM97 (sigma-2) receptor
- Oral, once-daily dosing, favorable safety data
- Fast Track granted for Alzheimer's disease
- Phase 2 PoC efficacy across cognitive measures in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease
- Phase 2 PoC efficacy across four key symptom
   categories in mild-to-moderate DLB





### Ongoing programs

Program	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Alzheimer's disease Early-to-mild Alzheimer's disease	Phase 2 COG0203 • START			
Dry age-related macular degeneration GA secondary to dry AMD	Phase 2 COG2201 • MAGNIFY *			
Completed Studies				
Mild-to-moderate DLB	Phase 2 COG1201 • SHIMMER			
Mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease	Phase 2 COG0201 • SHINE			

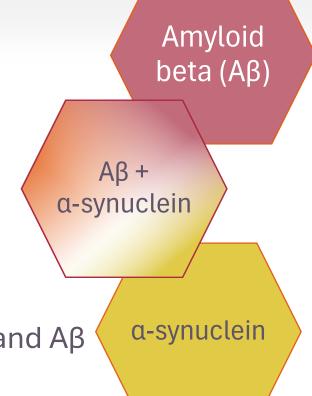
\* We made the strategic decision to voluntarily discontinue the MAGNIFY study to prioritize our resources on our ongoing programs in Alzheimer's and dementia with Lewy bodies. The discontinuation was not the result of any safety concerns.



# AD and DLB: 2 Diseases with Overlapping Pathology

Primary treatment goal – slow the progression of cognitive decline

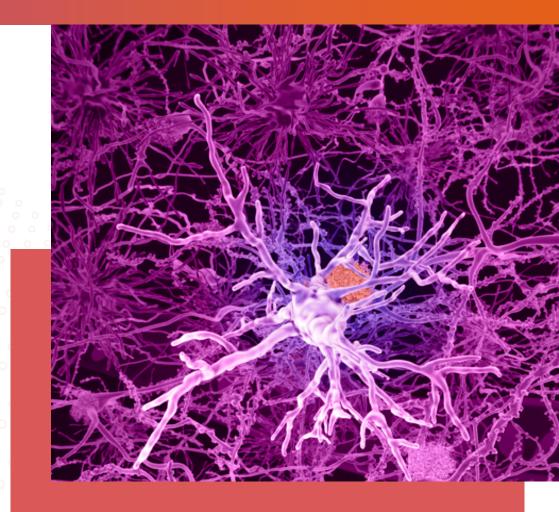
- Aβ: closely associated with Alzheimer's pathogenesis
- α-synuclein: closely associated with Lewy body dementias
- Co-pathology is common
  - Up to 80% of DLB patients have BOTH  $\alpha\text{-synuclein}$  and Amyloid beta  $(A\beta)^1$
  - Appx 50% of Alzheimer's patients have BOTH A  $\beta$  and  $\alpha\mbox{-synuclein}^2$
- Zervimesine has shown protective function against α-synuclein and Aβ





# Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB)

Strong clinical signals across four major symptom domains in Phase 2 SHIMMER Study





# Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB)



2nd most common cause of dementia after Alzheimer's disease



Patients may have faster decline than Alzheimer's



Characterized by cognitive impairment that precedes development of motor symptoms



Patients often require several physician visits over 18 months before being correctly diagnosed

#### Core Symptoms of DLB

Fluctuating cognition and alertness

Neuropsychiatric symptoms such as visual hallucinations, anxiety, depression and delusions

Decline in cognition, attention, executive function

Spontaneous parkinsonism

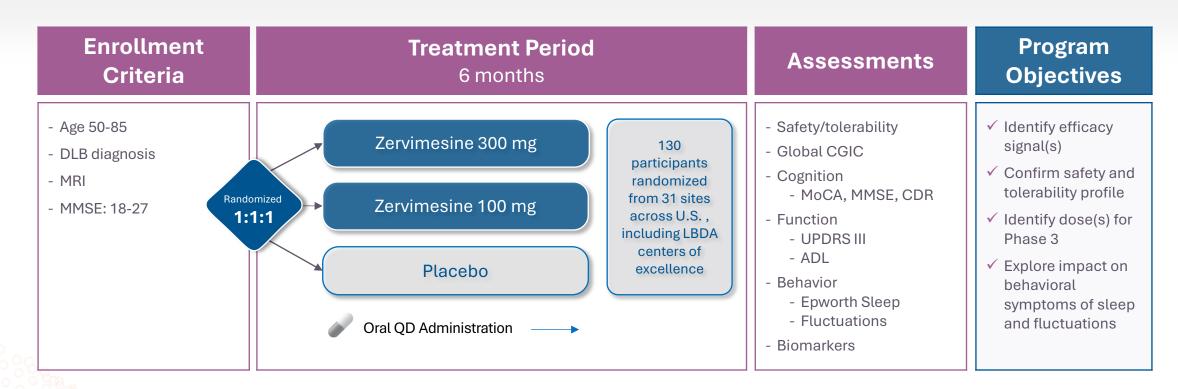
REM sleep behavior disorder



More common in men

#### SHIMMER Study in Dementia with Lewy Bodies

#### Conducted in collaboration with experts at LBDA and University of Miami



SHIMMER COG1201 study (NCT05225415) partially funded by \$30M NIA grant R01AG071643





#### **Adverse Events** Zervimesine 94.3% Total AE frequency was similar in Study Discontinuations due to AEs not 88.1% Placebo zervimesine and placebo related to LFTs: • Placebo – 4.8% 100mg zervimesine – 4.5% **Serious AEs** • 300 mg zervimesine – 9.3% Zervimesine 10.3% $(\mathcal{S})$ Participants with LFT elevations ≥ 3x ULN Placebo 19.0% • 100mg zervimesine – 3 300mg zervimesine – 6 ٠ **Deaths<sup>†</sup>** Placebo – 0 • Most common AEs\* (other than increased Zervimesine $(\mathcal{S})$ 2 (2.2%) LFTs) in the zervimesine group were Placebo diarrhea and abdominal discomfort

#### Summary of SHIMMER Safety and Tolerability findings

Favorable safety profile vs placebo, AEs well balanced between arms

#### Most AEs were mild or moderate ()

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Fewer Serious AE occurred in the ()zervimesine treated group compared to placebo treated

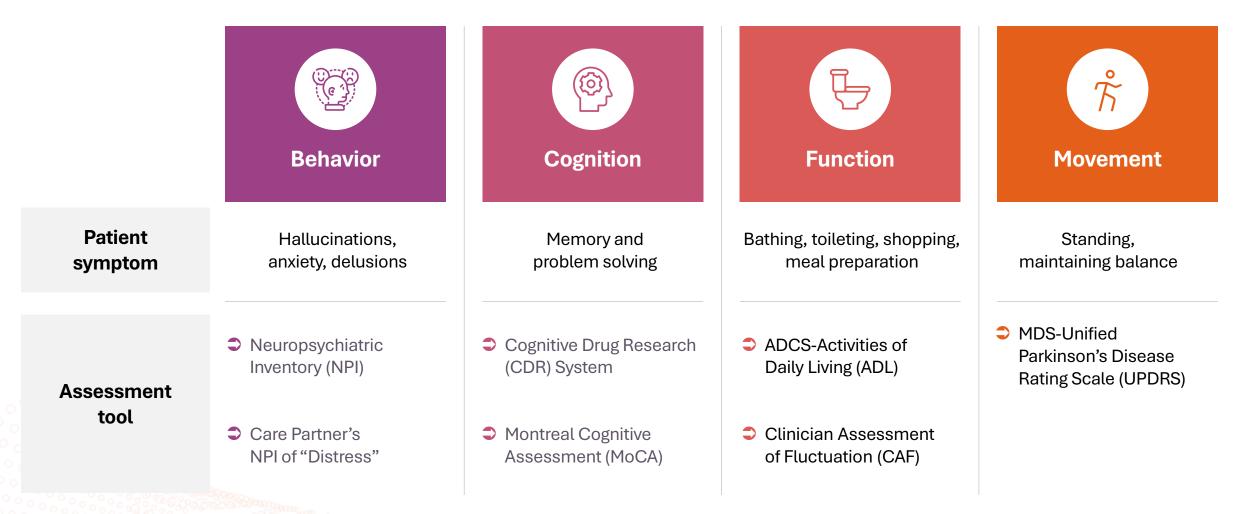
There were no deaths related to study drug

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#### Four Symptom Domains Drive Lewy Body Disease Burden

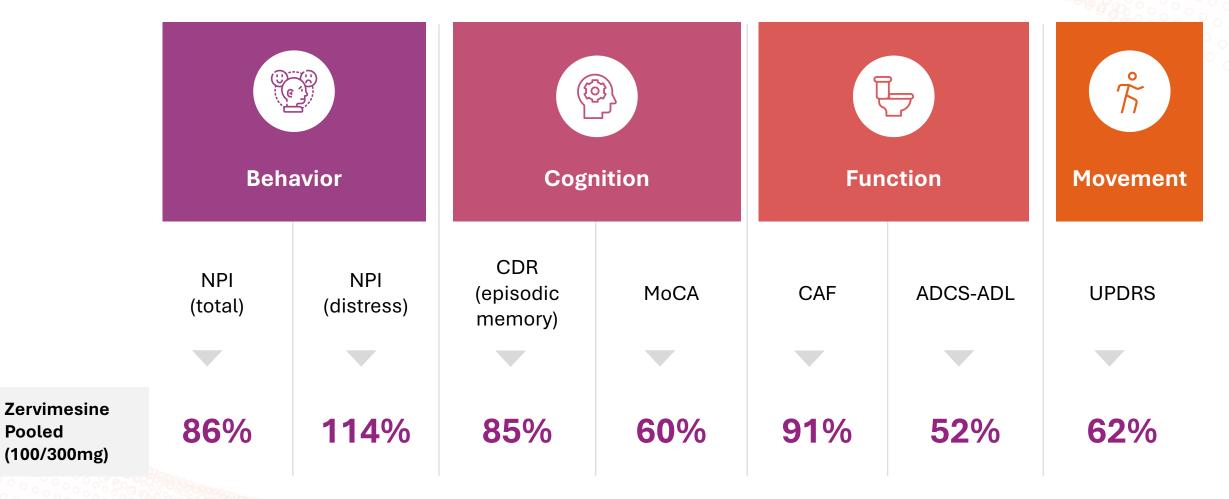
"A multifactorial disease with a buffet of symptoms"





#### **Up to 91% Percent Slowing on Assessments**

Strong clinical signals across major DLB symptoms relative to placebo

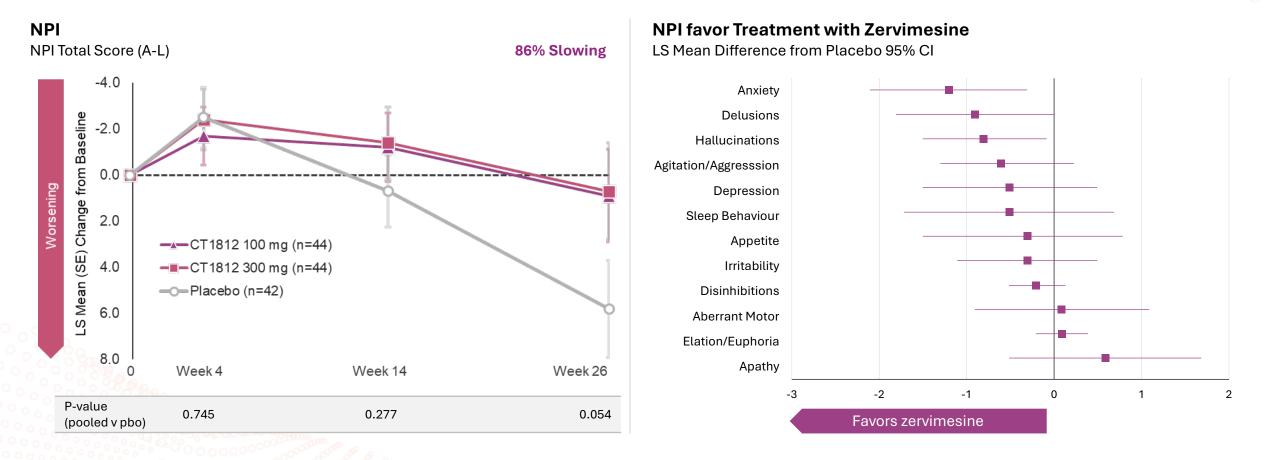




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#### Zervimesine Showed Dramatic 86% Impact on Neuropsychiatric Measures

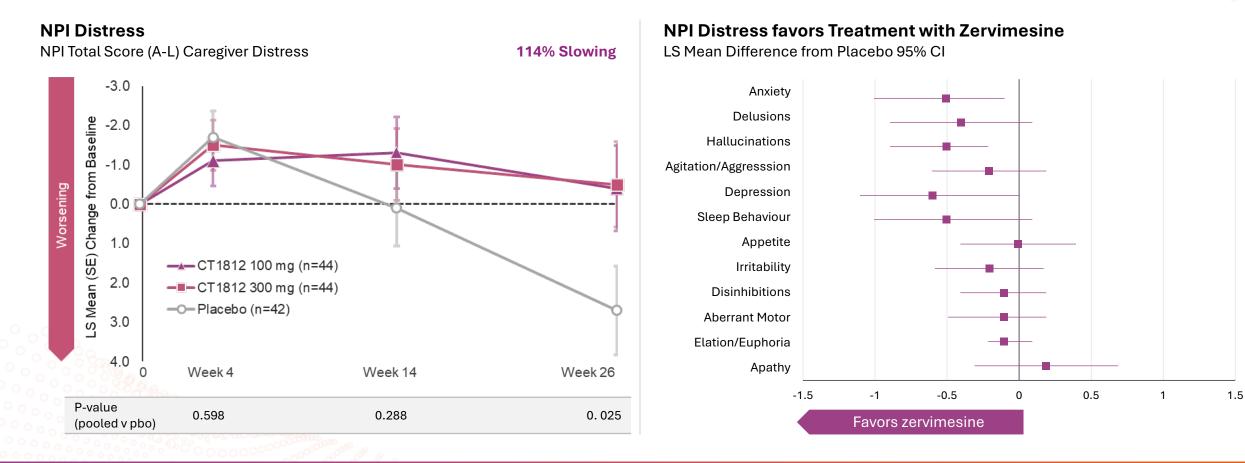
NPI captures a variety of patient disturbances, including hallucinations, anxiety, and delusions





#### Because Participants Improved in Hallucinations, Delusions & Anxiety, Caregivers were Notably Better

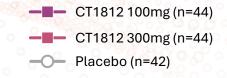
New tool created to measure caregiver burden in DLB

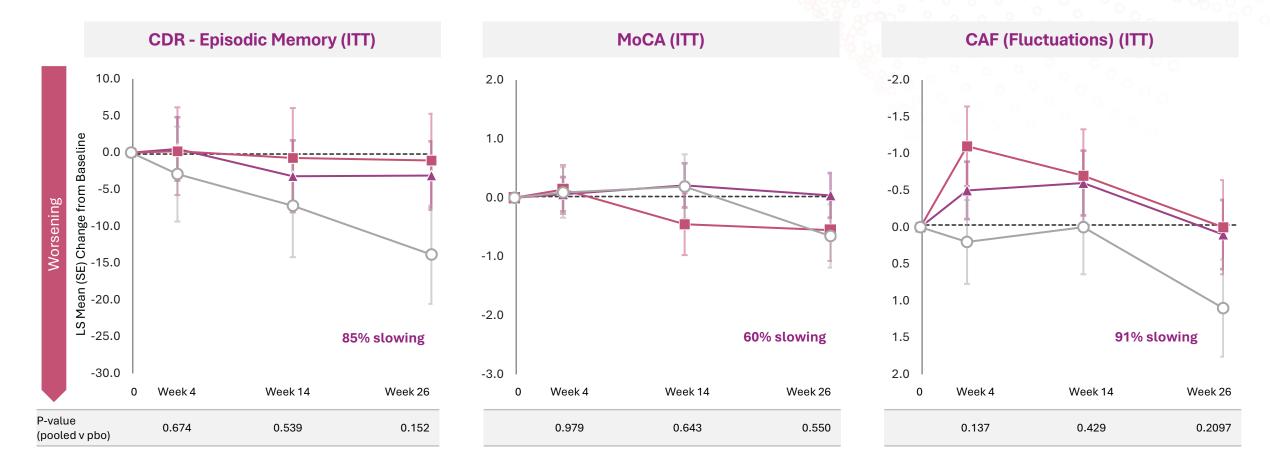




#### Up to 91% Slowing of Cognitive Decline Across Assessments

Zervimesine improved patients' attentiveness and problem solving

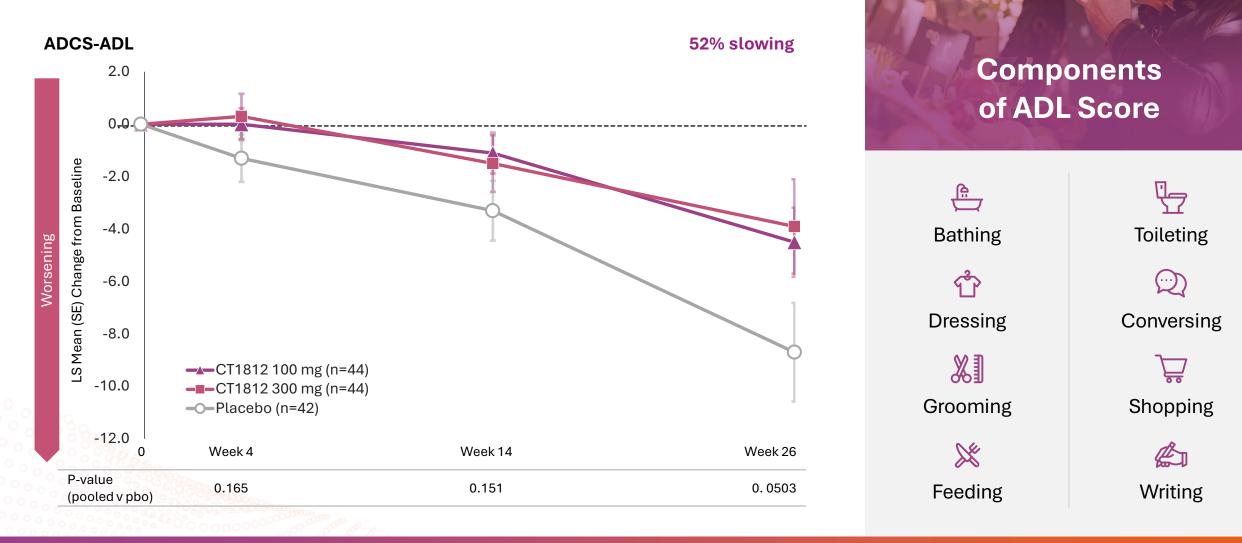






#### **People on Zervimesine Maintained Self-care**

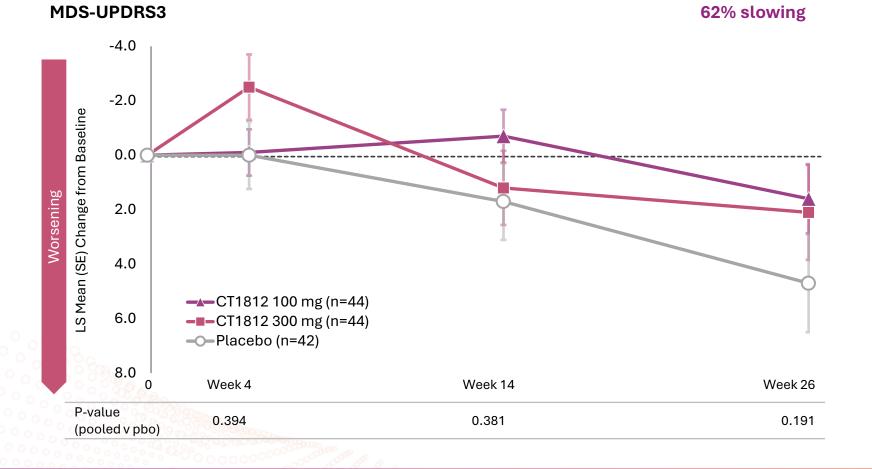
52% preservation in activities of daily living (ADL) measures



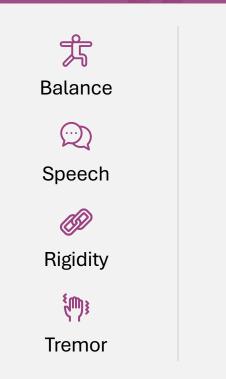


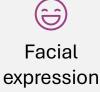
#### **People Treated with Zervimesine Maintained Motor Function**

62% preservation in measures of movement



Components of UPDRS:





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Gait



#### SHIMMER Met and Exceeded Objectives and Expectations

Identified consistent signals of efficacy with a favorable tolerability profile

COG1201 SHIMMER was a phase 2a safety and tolerability study seeking signals of efficacy in people with dementia with Lewy bodies



The safety and tolerability profile was similar to past experience with CT182



Clear signals of efficacy were observed

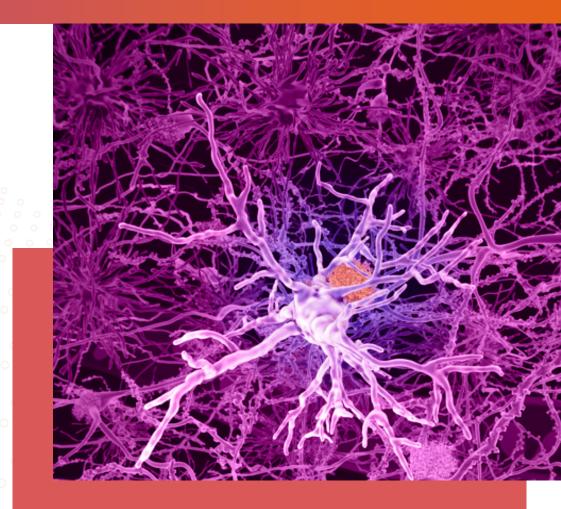
- Across Behavioral, Cognitive, Functional and Motor domains
- Treatment differences increased over 6 months

These data provide support for advancement of zervimesine as a treatment for dementia with Lewy bodies



#### **Alzheimer's Disease**

Extensive preclinical and clinical testing culminating in positive results in Phase 2 PoC 'SHINE' trial



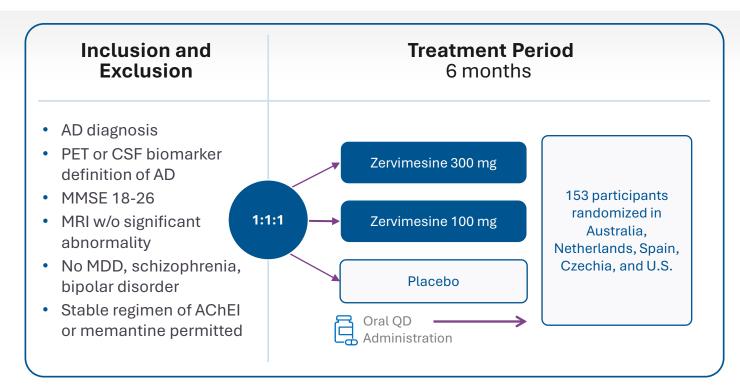


#### SHINE: Phase 2 PoC in Mild-to-Moderate Alzheimer's Disease

#### Well-executed, over-enrolled study, supports advancing clinical development

#### **Enrolled Population:**

- PET- or biomarker-confirmed AD
- Majority of participants were female (60%), Caucasian (96%), ~ 72 yo
- Mean MMSE score upon entry: 21.37
- ~60% of patients carry the ApoE4 gene
- Characteristics well-balanced
   between all 3 arms



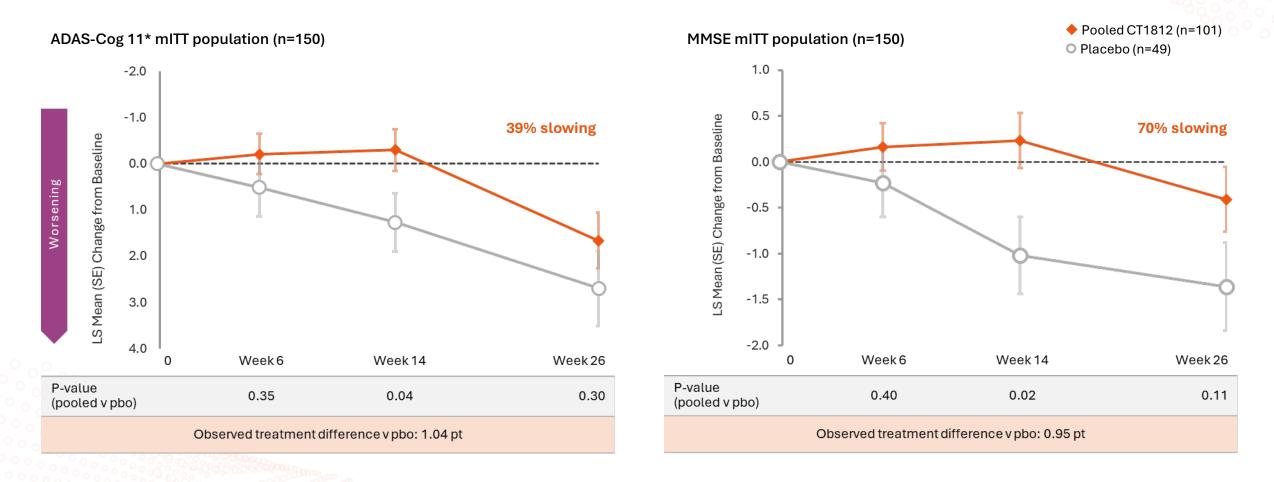
SHINE COG0201 study (NCT03507790) partially funded by \$31M NIA grant R01AG058660





### SHINE Cognitive Endpoints: ADAS-Cog 11 and MMSE

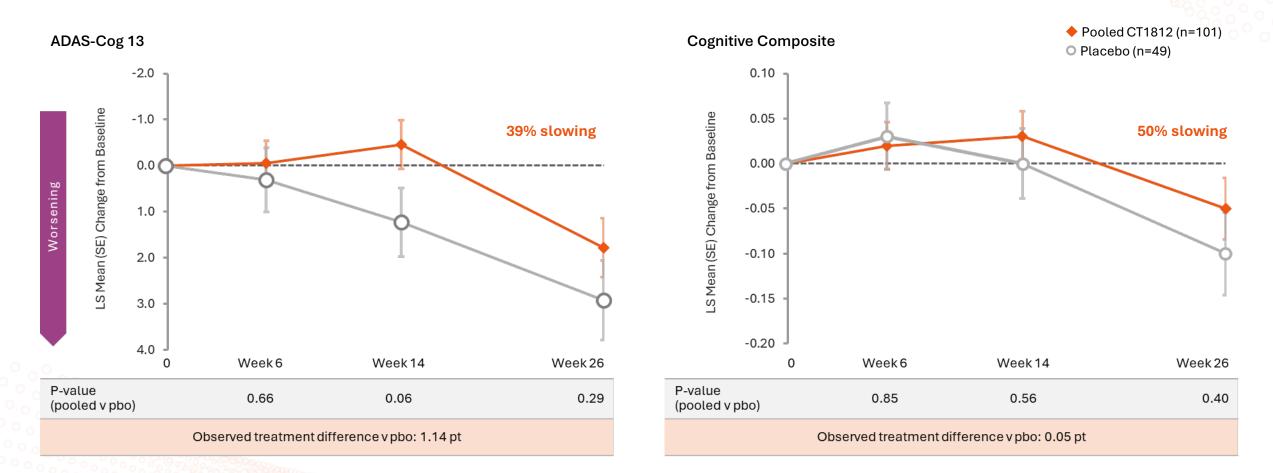
#### Magnitude of ADAS-Cog 11 decline at 6 months similar to approved MAbs





#### SHINE Cognitive Endpoints: ADAS-Cog 13, Cognitive Composite

#### Consistent results across multiple cognitive endpoints

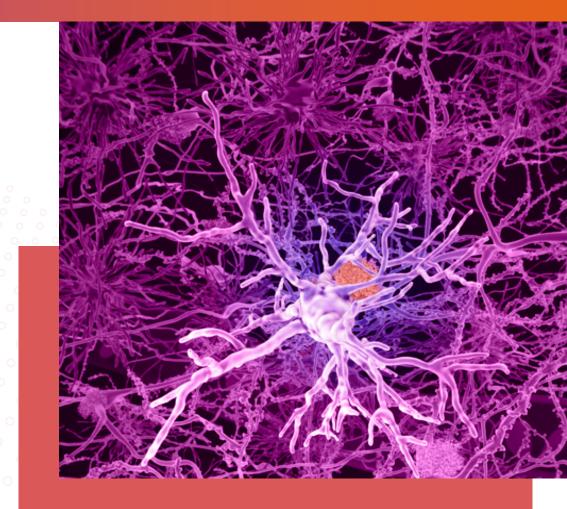




# Prespecified Subgroup Analysis from Phase 2

95% slowing of cognitive decline in lower-p-tau217 'SHINE' participants

Amyloid positivity confirmed for all participants by CSF or PET





#### Tau Burden in Amyloid-related AD Clinical Trials

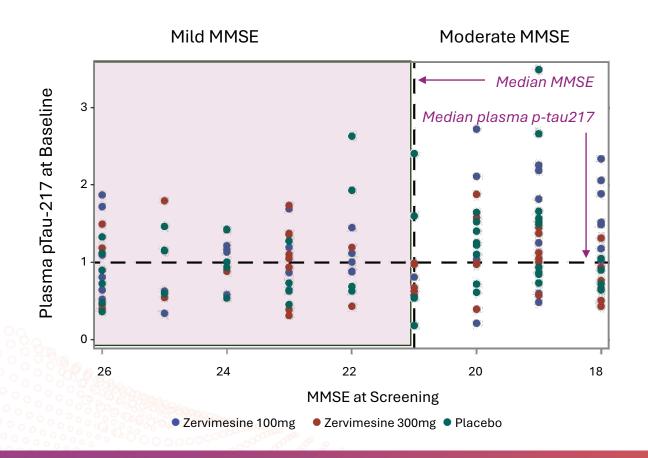
#### Baseline plasma p-tau217: a predictive biomarker of response to therapy

- Plasma p-tau217 reflects brain amyloid and tau burden
- Prior data indicate that individuals with lower AD pathology at baseline, as reflected by lower levels of plasma p-tau217, have greater response to amyloid-based therapies, eg:
  - Donanemab TRAILBLAZER 2\*
    - iADRS: 36% slowing in low tau tercile
    - iADRS: 21% slowing in high tau tercile
- Given zervimesine's MoA of displacing Aβ oligomers, we hypothesized that larger treatment effect may be observed in participants with lower plasma p-tau217
- Prespecified subgroup analysis defined by median baseline plasma p-tau217 within study population



# Participants Evenly Distributed by Median p-tau217 and MMSE Severity

MMSE at Screening vs p-tau217 at Baseline in SHINE



<b>Baseline</b> Pla	sma p-tau217
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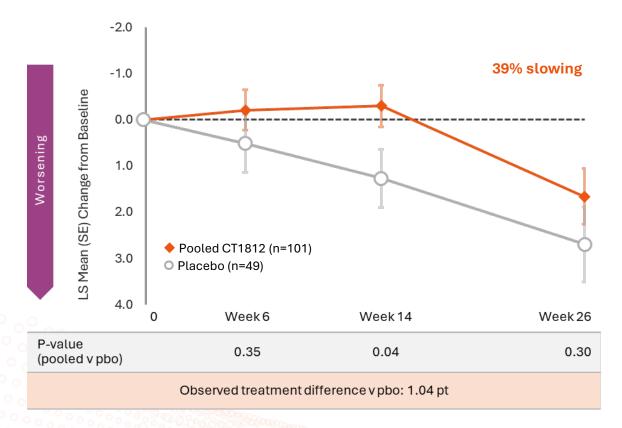
MMSE at Screening	Below Median	Above Median	Total
Mild (22-26)	35	32	67
Moderate (18-21)	34	37	71
Total	69	69	138



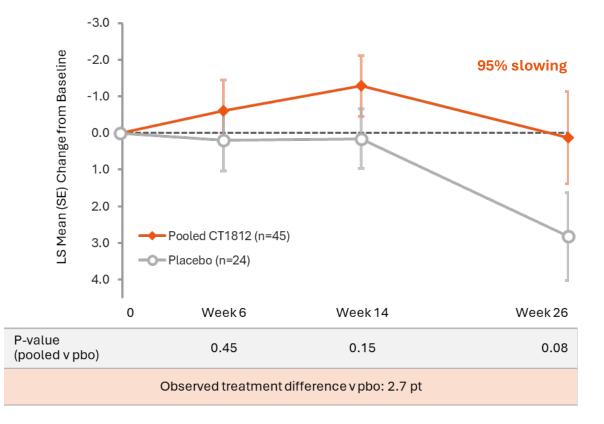
#### Below Median p-tau217, Treated Participants Experienced Profound Cognitive Effect

Preservation of ADAS-Cog 11 in participants below median plasma p-tau217<sup>†</sup>

ADAS-Cog 11\* mITT population (n=150)



Below median p-tau217 (n=69)

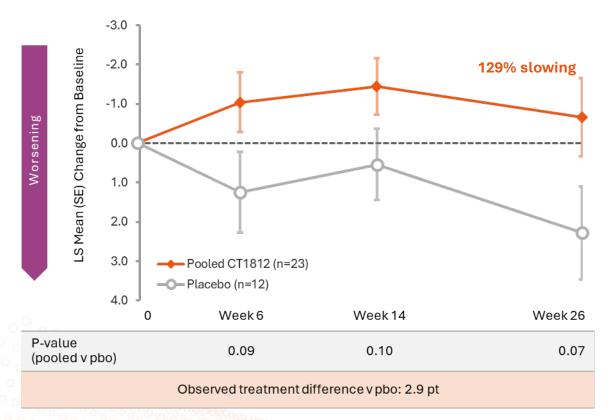




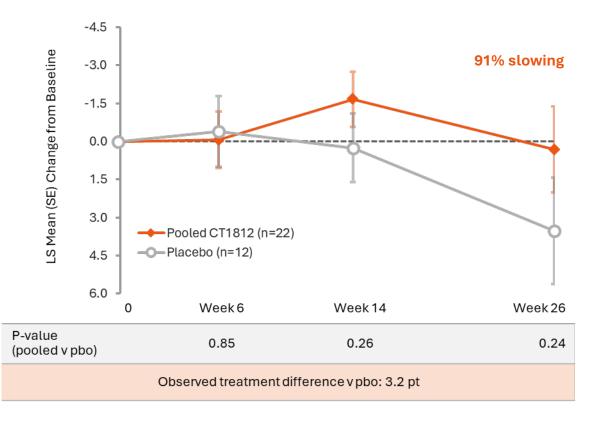
#### Treatment Impact in Below Median p-tau217 Consistent Across Baseline MMSE scores

Cognitive preservation (ADAS-Cog 11) observed across MMSE range

#### Zervimesine-Treated Mild (MMSE 22-26)



Zervimesine-Treated Moderate (MMSE 18-21) Participants





#### Summary of SHINE Safety and Tolerability findings

Favorable safety profile vs placebo, AEs well balanced between arms, no ARIA

- Zervimesine demonstrated a favorable safety and tolerability profile
- Most TEAEs were mild or moderate in severity
- Similar percentages of adverse events in treated (76.5%) and placebo (78%) groups
- No discontinuations due to AEs in the 100mg dose group
- Most discontinuations were in 300mg group and all the reportable liver enzyme elevations were in 300mg group

#### **Adverse Events**

Zervimesine	76.5%
Placebo	78.0%
Serious	AEs
Zervimesine	4.9%
Placebo	10.0%
Death	s <sup>†</sup>
Zervimesine	0
Placebo	1 (cancer)



### **Zervimesine SHINE Study: Summary and Conclusions**

Plasma p-tau217 biomarker identifies strong zervimesine-treatment responder group

- Zervimesine generally safe and well tolerated
  - Similar percentages of AEs in pooled treated and placebo groups
- All cognitive and functional measures trended in favor of zervimesine
- Large cognitive impact observed in below-median plasma p-tau217 subgroup
- Will assess optimal plasma p-tau217 cut-point for future studies

Next steps: End-of-Phase 2 meeting with FDA to establish protocol for Phase 3 in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease in population defined by plasma p-tau217





### START - A 540-Person Study in Amyloid-positive Early AD

First study to allow lecanemab as background therapy in combination with zervimesine

Enrollment	<b>Treatment Period</b>	Assessments	Program
Criteria	18 months		Objectives
	Zervimesine 200 mg   Demized   Zervimesine 100 mg   Placebo   Oral QD Administration	<ul> <li>Safety</li> <li>Cognitive and functional testing: <ul> <li>CDR-SB</li> <li>ADAS-Cog 13,</li> <li>ADCS-ADL-MCI</li> </ul> </li> <li>Biomarkers <ul> <li>Fluid</li> <li>imaging</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Identify efficacy signal(s)</li> <li>✓ Confirm safety and tolerability after longer exposure</li> <li>✓ Identify dose(s) for Phase 3</li> </ul>

START COG0203 study (NCT05531656) partially funded by \$81M NIA grant R01AG065248

31 MCI, mild cognitive impairment; CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating Scale Sum of Boxes; ADAS-Cog, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale– Cognitive; ADL, activities of daily living; QD, daily; NIA, National Institute on Aging; ACTC, Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium



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#### **Current Financial Position**

As of quarter ended September 30, 2024

Cash and cash equivalents	\$22.0 M		
Grant funding for zervimesine studies			
Preclinical through Phase 2	~\$171 M		
Approximate funding used	(\$117.4 M)		
Remaining grant funding	\$53.6M		





# **Thank You**

