

# Corporate overview

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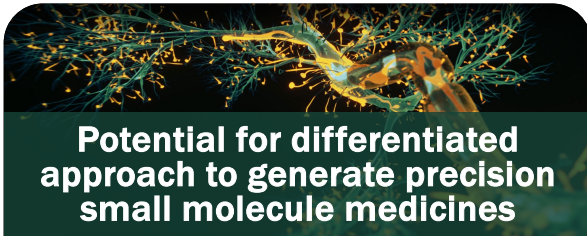


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# Ushering in a new era of precision neuroscience

**Vision: To become a leader in precision neuroscience through the discovery and development of transformational small molecule medicines for patients suffering from central nervous system (CNS) disorders**

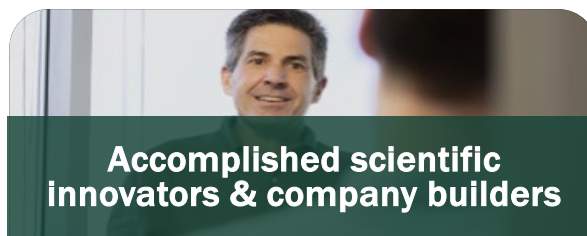


**Potential for differentiated approach to generate precision small molecule medicines**

Road-tested capability of identifying **key mediators of receptor function**

Differentiated pharmacology we believe promotes **high selectivity and specificity**

Potential to transform the treatment of neurological disorders with **differentiated profile**



**Accomplished scientific innovators & company builders**

Pioneering discovery team

**Company builders** with industry-proven leadership



**Robust clinical & discovery pipeline**

Potential for first-in-class programs leveraging receptor associated protein (RAP) science

**RAP-219 clinical program**  
Non-sedative forebrain restricted TARP $\gamma$ 8 AMPAR<sup>1</sup> modulator – significant opportunity in initial indication in focal epilepsy

**Discovery programs**  
Medicinal chemistry-enabled portfolio with potential in additional indications



**Historically well financed**

**\$100M Series A**  
**\$150M Series B**



Financing to-date funds **RAP-219 through Phase 2 proof-of-concept (PoC)** in focal epilepsy, early clinical work for indication expansion, and discovery efforts

# We believe the current state and limitations of neuromedicine compels the creation of Rapport

RAPs are components of the broader neuronal receptor complexes and play critical roles in regulating receptor assembly and function

## Conventional CNS drug discovery

- ✗ Drugs interact with receptors that are ubiquitous in the brain and body
- ✗ Drugs not designed with precision for disease-specific neuroanatomic sites / receptors
- ✗ Drug interactions and adverse events lead to noncompliance and discontinuation
- ✗ Drug discovery with conventional approaches (lacking RAPs) can miss high potential, previously unexplored targets

## The potential of RAPs

- ✓ RAPs serve as unique binding sites targetable by novel pharmacophores designed for increased selectivity
- ✓ RAP targeting can provide tissue / neuroanatomical specificity
- ✓ RAPs enable differentiated pharmacology and potentially provide optimal efficacy, safety, and administration profiles
- ✓ RAPs can “unlock” drug targets previously inaccessible to study in vitro, allowing for potentially first-in-class drug discovery programs

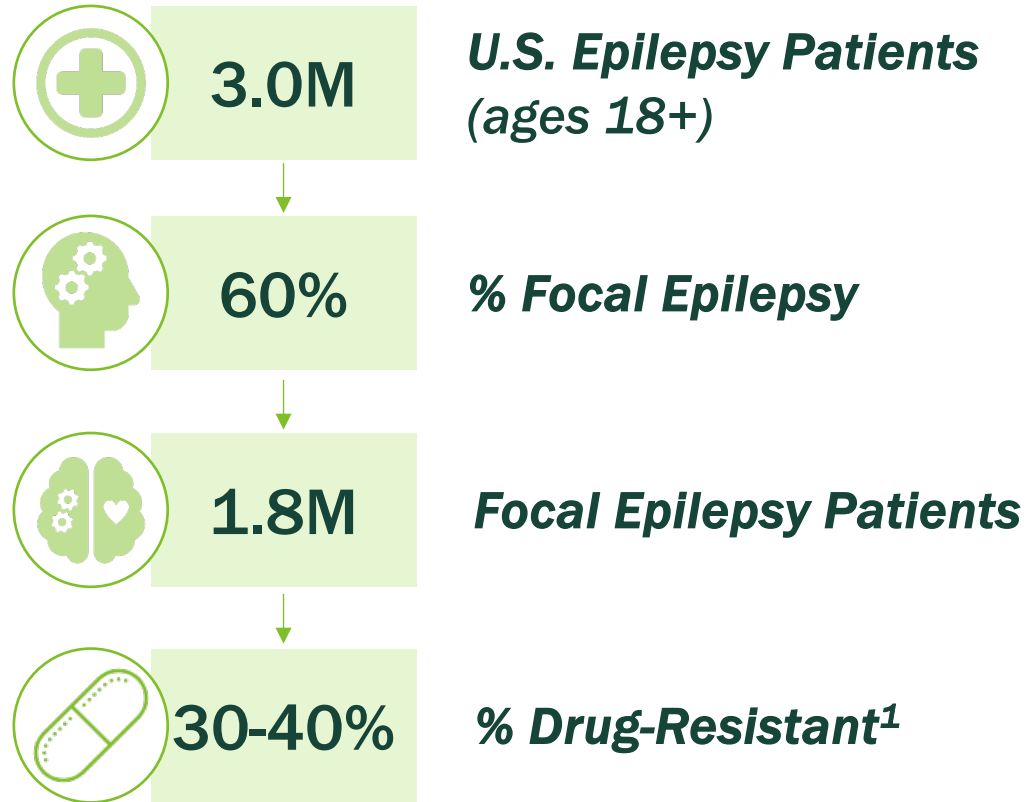
# Advancing our precision neuroscience pipeline to potentially address large market opportunities

Category	Program	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Next Expected Milestone
<b>TARPy8 AMPAR Programs</b>	<b>RAP-219</b> <i>Focal Epilepsy*</i>						Ph1 MAD results 2Q 2024 Ph2a: Trial initiation Mid-2024 Topline results Mid-2025
	<b>RAP-219</b> <i>Peripheral Neuropathic Pain*</i>						Ph2a trial initiation 2H 2024
	<b>RAP-219</b> <i>Bipolar Disorder*</i>						Ph2a trial initiation 2025
	<b>RAP-199</b> <i>Indications to be announced</i>						Ph1 trial initiation 1H 2025
<b>nAChR Discovery Programs</b>	<b>α6</b> <i>Chronic Pain</i>						Nominate Development Candidate
	<b>α9α10</b> <i>Hearing Disorders</i>						Nominate Development Candidate

Strong intellectual property with worldwide rights to all programs

# Focal epilepsy is a large market with high unmet need

## Key highlights of U.S. focal epilepsy market



## Limitations of current therapies

- ✗ **Limited Efficacy:** Despite over >20 FDA approved anti-seizure medications (ASMs), 30-40% of patients are drug-resistant<sup>1</sup>
- ✗ **Tolerability Issues:** Especially CNS side-effects, such as sedation, ataxia, and cognitive problems
- ✗ **Potential for Serious Adverse Events:** Such as severe cutaneous reactions, serious hematological disorders, and hepatic failure
- ✗ **Complicated Administration:** Long titration, drug-drug interactions, and lab monitoring

# RAP-219 is a “pipeline in a product” opportunity

## Expanding the potential of RAP-219

### Focal epilepsy

*U.S. patients: 1.8 million<sup>1</sup>*

### Peripheral neuropathic pain

*U.S. patients: ~5.6 million<sup>2</sup>*

### Bipolar disorder

*U.S. patients: ~7 million<sup>3</sup>*

TARPy8 is a preclinically and clinically validated target for epilepsy, which RAP-219 is designed to selectively target

Strong mechanistic data in both peripheral neuropathic pain and bipolar disorder,  
and compelling preclinical data in peripheral neuropathic pain

Once daily (QD) dosing | No evidence of sedation or motoric impairment | No observed drug-drug interactions (DDI)

## Evaluating long acting injectable (LAI)

Potency and metabolic profile positions RAP-219 as the first potential ASM in a depot formulation,  
which enables appealing administration alternative

Opportunity for improving patient adherence



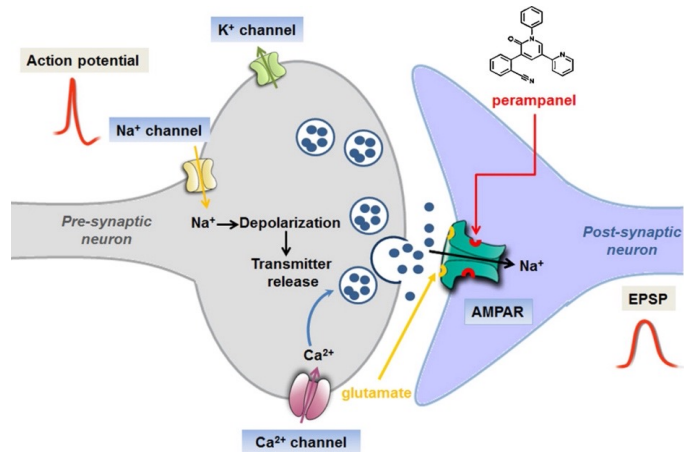
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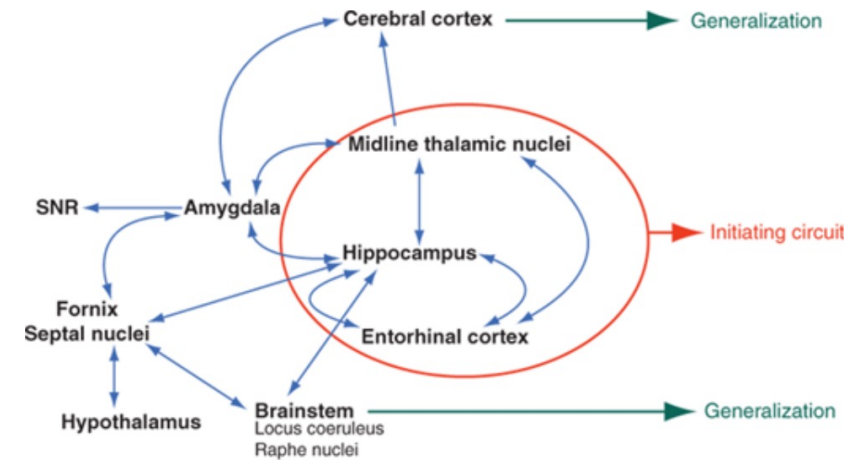
# AMPA inhibition is a clinically validated approach for epilepsy

## AMPA receptors (AMPA) in epilepsy



- AMPA type glutamate receptors at excitatory synapses can mediate seizure initiation and spread
- AMPAR target is clinically validated - perampanel (FYCOMPA<sup>®</sup>) is an FDA/EMA approved pan-AMPA antagonist for the treatment of focal onset and generalized seizures

## Hippocampus and cortex are important sites of focal onset seizure origination



- Hippocampus is a common seizure initiation site, with approximately 50% of all seizures originating in or around this area
- Cerebral cortex, which expresses abundant TARP $\gamma$ 8, is another common site of FOS initiation, originating up to 50% of all seizures
- Seizures originating in the cerebral cortex often spread into and are propagated by the hippocampus

# Molecular science of transmembrane AMPA regulatory proteins (TARPs)

TARPs: Auxiliary subunits that associate with AMPA receptors in the brain  
Crucial for regulating the trafficking, subcellular localization and gating of AMPA receptors

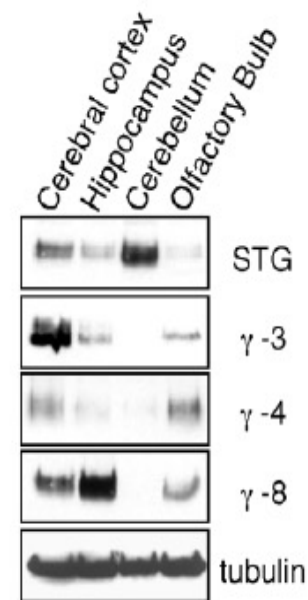
- TARPs display distinct regional expression profiles, offering opportunity for precision neuromedicine targets
- TARP $\gamma$ 8 is most enriched in the hippocampus and present in other forebrain structures

Cryogenic electron microscopy of  
GluA1/2 + TARP $\gamma$ 8 complex

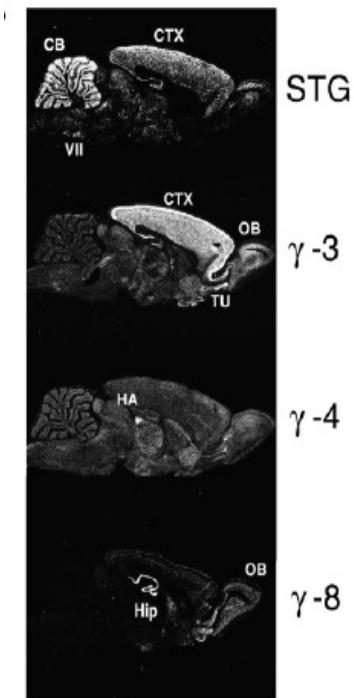


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TARPs in rat brain



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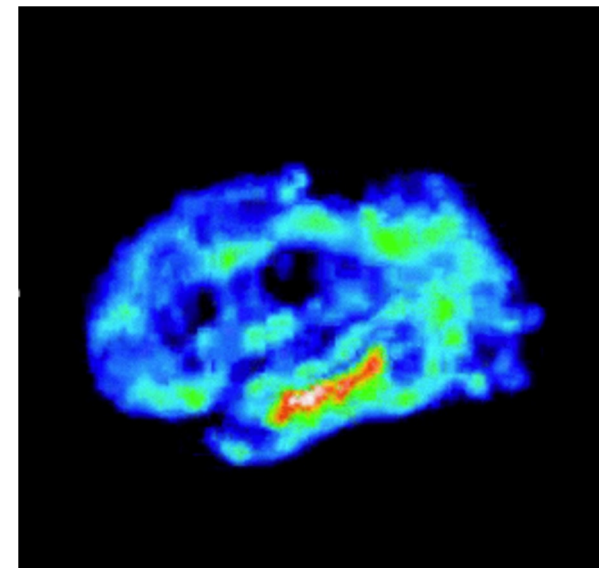


# Observed to be highly potent and selective TARP $\gamma$ 8 AMPAR NAM

## RAP-219 potency and selectivity

TARP $\gamma$ 8-containing AMPA receptors (IC <sub>50</sub> )	~100 pM
vs. AMPA receptors (GluA1) lacking TARPs	>100,000x
vs. AMPA receptors containing other TARPs ( $\gamma$ 2, $\gamma$ 3, $\gamma$ 4, $\gamma$ 7)	>4,000x
vs. NMDA receptors (2A, 2B, 2D)	>500,000x
vs. GPCRs/ion channels/enzymes (panel of 52)	>10,000x
vs. kinases (panel of 373)	>100,000x

## TARP $\gamma$ 8 clinical PET in human



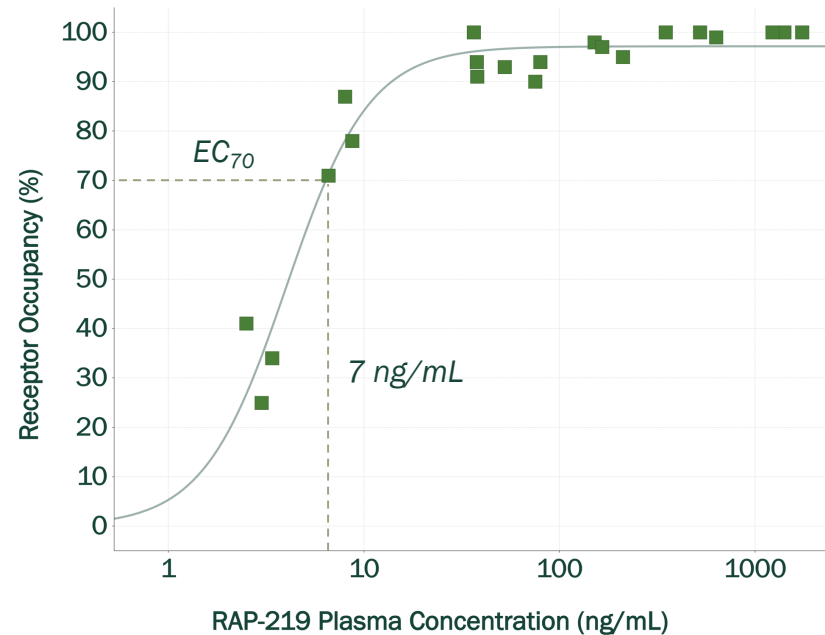
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Selective for hippocampus and other forebrain structures

Minimal or no expression in the cerebellum and brainstem

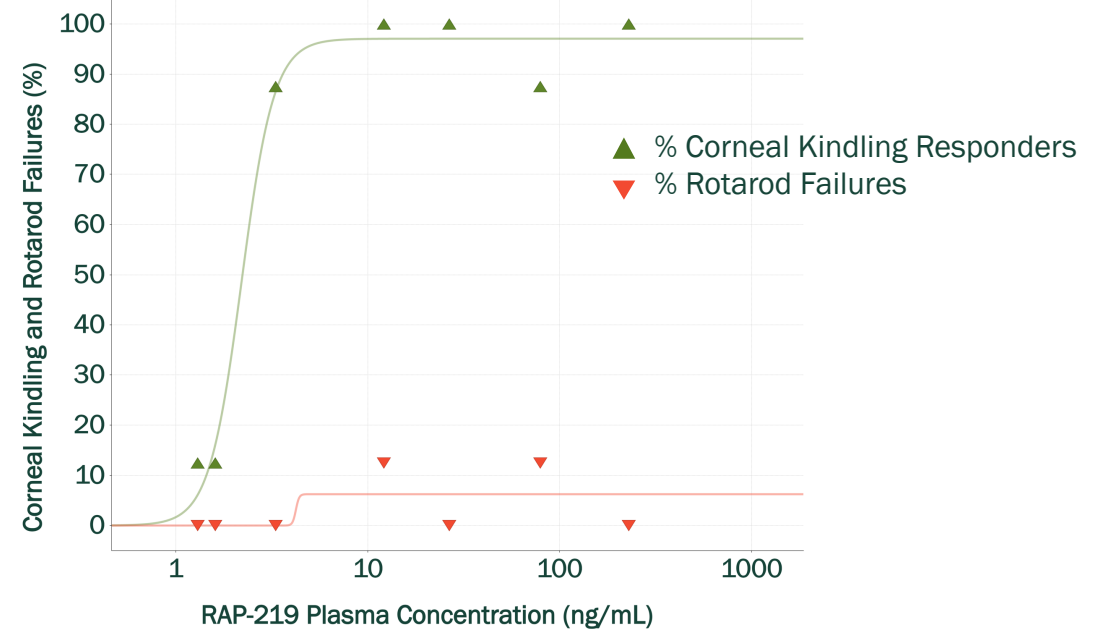
# Differentiated precision preclinical profile of RAP-219

## Receptor occupancy (%) in rats



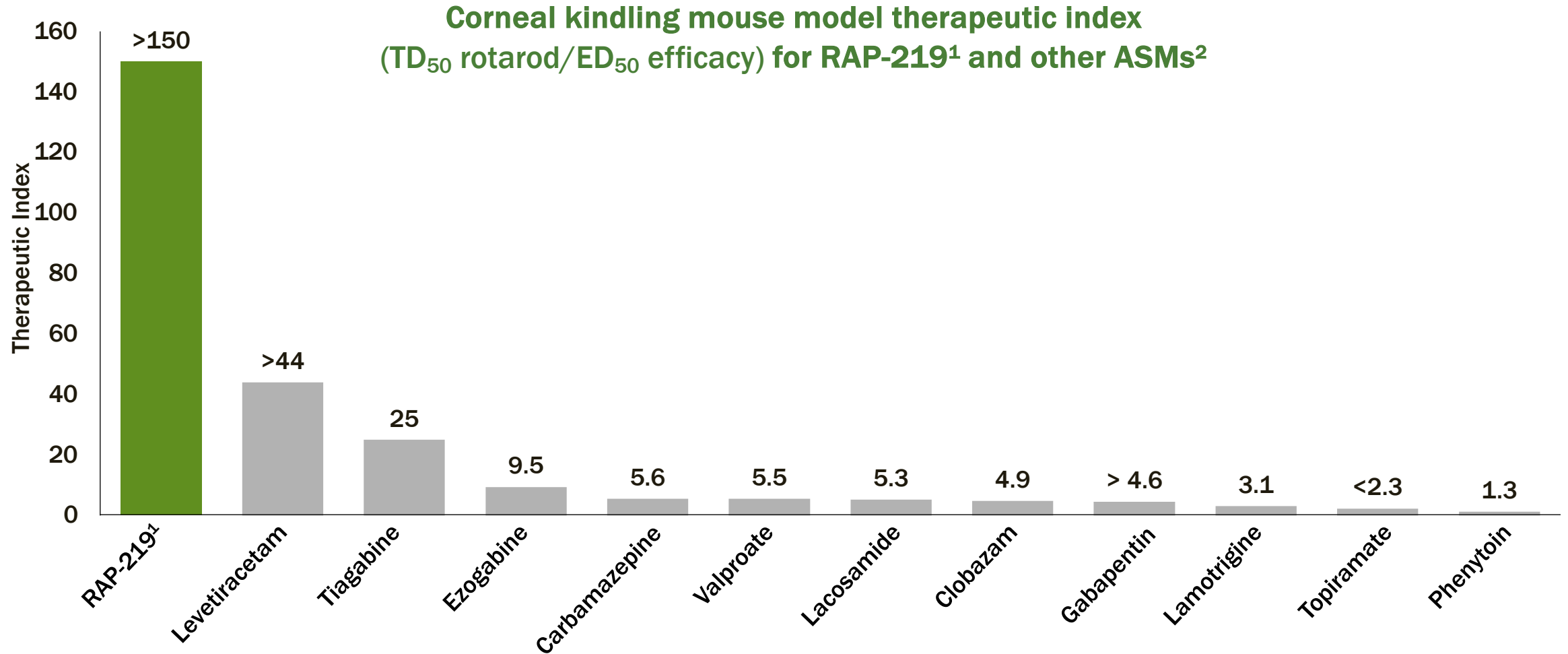
- Oral administration of RAP-219 (0.001-10 mg/kg)
- Plasma  $EC_{70}$ 's of 7 ng/mL in rats (shown above) and plasma  $EC_{70}$ 's of 3 ng/mL in mice

## Corneal kindling responders and rotarod failures in mice



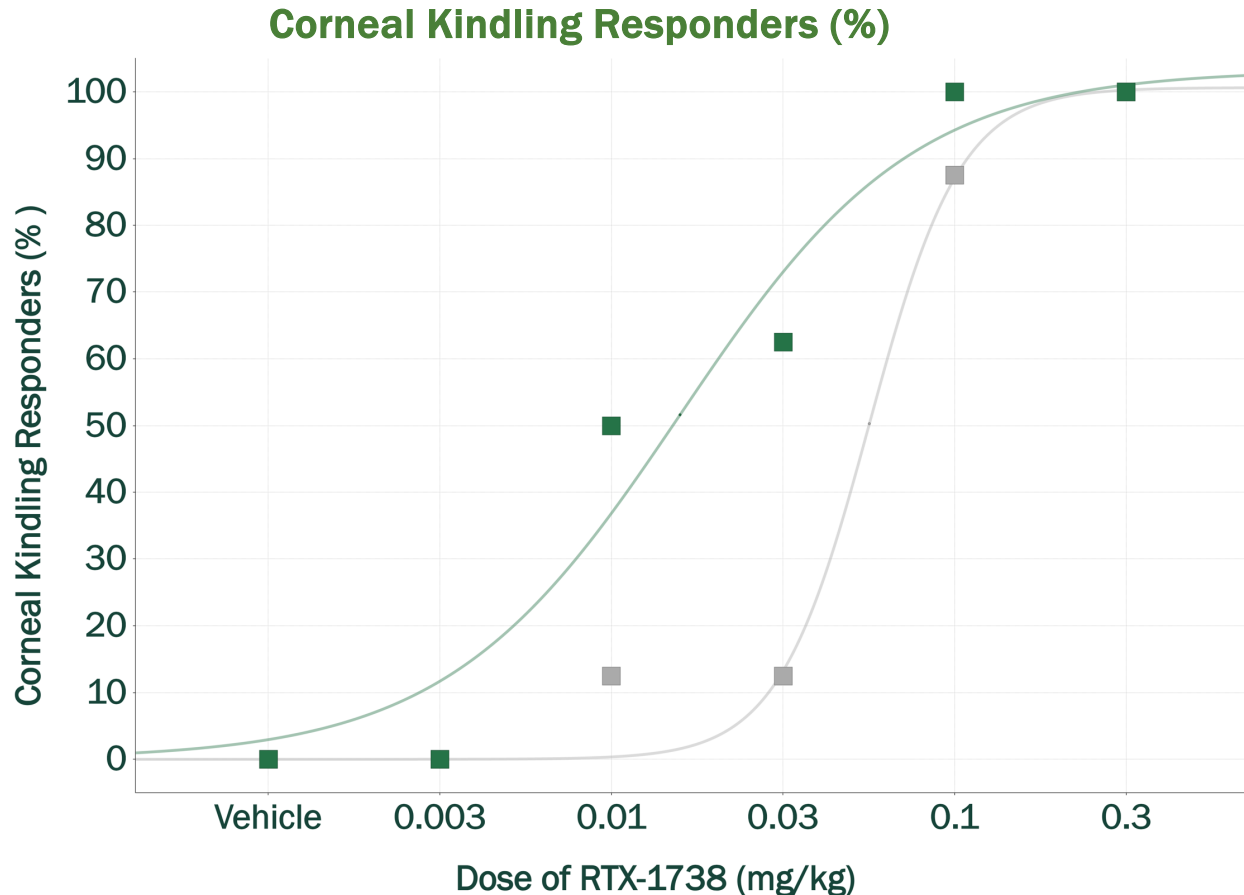
- Valid model in focal epilepsy
- Oral administration of RAP-219 resulted in significant seizure reduction in kindled mice at low plasma levels (<7 ng/mL) corresponding to a projected 50-70% receptor occupancy
- No motoric impairments observed at highest doses tested

# RAP-219 precision has the potential to significantly improve the therapeutic index



# TARP $\gamma$ 8 NAM effectiveness persists with repeat dosing

## Antiseizure activity maintained after prolonged exposure



- Efficacy in corneal kindling used to evaluate RTX-1738 (an analog of RAP-219)
- RTX-1738 (3 mg/kg) tested following either single day or seven consecutive days of oral administration
- Antiseizure activity was maintained or became more potent after 7-day dosing

- Single oral administration, tested 2 hours post dose
- Seven-day oral administration, tested 2 hours after last dose

# TARPy8 AMPAR NAMs active in preclinical epilepsy models

Preclinical epilepsy models are highly translatable, with probabilities of clinical success up to 70%, according to epileptologist Jackie French

Model	
Corneal Kindling – mouse*	✓
PTZ – mouse*	✓
Rotarod*	✓
Amygdala kindling – mouse	✓
Hippocampal kindling – mouse	✓
6Hz stimulation – mouse	✓
Frings audiogenic seizure – mouse	✓
GAERS absence epilepsy – rat	✓

- Robust efficacy across a broad array of preclinical focal and generalized seizure models
- Potent activity in kindling model has been observed to predict efficacy in focal epilepsy
- Activity not seen in maximal electroshock (MES) model, consistent with performance of levetiracetam and some other effective ASMs

"Chronic seizure models [like corneal kindling] offer the most etiologically relevant platform on which to accurately replicate clinical epilepsy and are thus deserving of more use earlier in ASD identification." –  
Barker-Haliski, Expert Opinion on Drug Discovery

\* Used RAP-219; where not noted, used other TARPy8 NAM



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# RAP-219 Phase 1 SAD/MAD trials

- In Phase 1, RAP-219 was generally well tolerated
  - No serious adverse events were reported
  - No clinically meaningful abnormal changes in labs, ECGs, or vital signs
- In SAD trial, treatment related TEAEs were generally consistent with the effects seen in non-clinical toxicology studies
  - All treatment related TEAEs were Grade 1 or Grade 2
  - At the highest doses of 2 mg and 3 mg, CNS pharmacology was observed to be generally consistent with non-clinical studies
- In MAD trial, no treatment related TEAEs above Grade 1 were reported
  - Highest dose evaluated (Cohort 5: 0.75 mg x 5 days → 1.25 mg x 23 days) had no treatment related TEAEs
  - The MAD trial indicated exposures up to 3-fold higher than those achieved in the SAD trial, exceeding projected target RO

**Phase 2a trial in focal epilepsy expected to be initiated in mid-2024; topline results expected in mid-2025**

# RAP-219 first-in-human Phase 1 trials

## Single ascending dose (SAD) trial: RAP-219-101

### Part 1

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled single ascending dose trial
- 5 cohorts, N=8 per cohort (6 active & 2 placebo)
- 0.25 mg to 3 mg doses

### Part 2

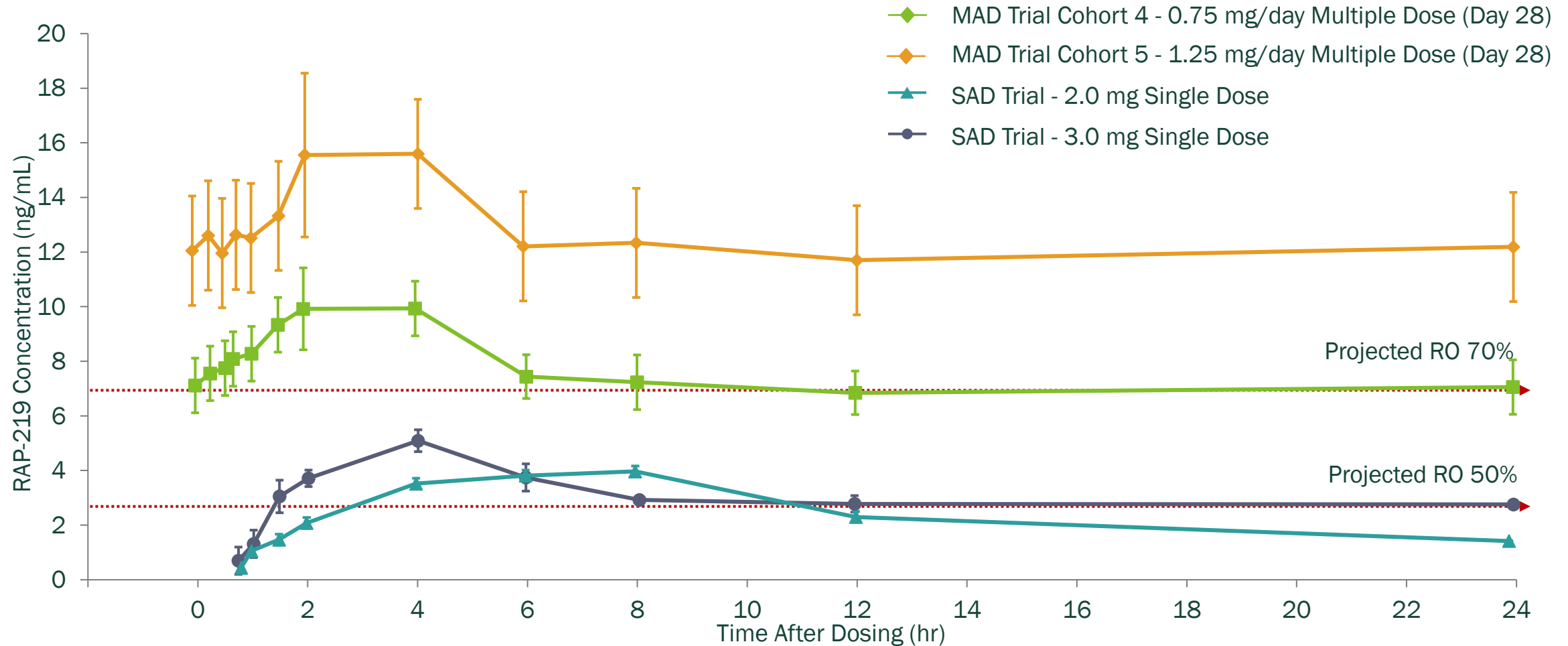
- Open label food effect study, 1 mg with food, N=6

## Multiple ascending dose (MAD) trial: RAP-219-102

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled multiple ascending dose trial
- 5 cohorts, N=8 per cohort (6 active & 2 placebo)
- 0.25 mg QD to 1.25 mg QD
- 2 weeks (Cohorts 1 & 2) or 4 weeks (Cohorts 3-5) of QD dosing

# RAP-219 SAD vs. MAD exposures

*MAD trial achieved 3-fold higher C<sub>max</sub> than SAD trial<sup>1</sup>*



# RAP-219 MAD blinded trial results

*At highest dose, no TEAEs above Grade 1 and no treatment-related TEAEs*

Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) in Phase 1 RAP-219-102 (MAD) Trial by Cohort	Cohort 1 0.25 mg × 2 weeks or placebo (N=8)		Cohort 2 0.25 mg × 1 week; 0.5 mg × 1 week or placebo (N=8)		Cohort 3 0.5 mg × 4 weeks or placebo (N=8)		Cohort 4 0.75 mg × 4 weeks or placebo (N=8)		Cohort 5 0.75 mg for 5 days, 1.25 mg for 23 days or placebo (N=8)	
	n (%)	M	n (%)	M	n (%)	M	n (%)	M	n (%)	M
Grade 1 (Mild) Related <sup>1</sup>	3 (37.5%)	3	4 (50.0%)	7	3 (37.5%)	3	1 (12.5%)	1	0	0
Grade 2 (Moderate) Related <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 1 (Mild) Unrelated	3 (37.5%)	4	4 (50.0%)	6	2 (25.0%)	2	5 (62.5%)	17	2 (25.0%)	2
Grade 2 (Moderate) Unrelated	3 (37.5%)	3	3 (37.5%)	4	0	0	2 (25.0%)	4	0	0
Grade 3 (Severe)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 4 (Potentially Life Threatening)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 5 (Death Related to AE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dose for Phase 2a focal epilepsy trial

# Potentially optimal target profile emerging for RAP-219 in focal epilepsy

Ideal Product Profile	RAP-219 Emerging Profile
Reduces seizures potently without evidence of sedation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At low dose, reduced seizures in validated preclinical epilepsy models</li></ul>
Displays no dose limiting toxicities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highest dose evaluated in IND-enabling studies were considered to be generally well tolerated</li></ul>
Potential for reduced drug-drug interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low DDI potential as RAP-219 not observed to interact with CYP enzymes</li><li>• Well suited for polypharmacy as no dose adjustments anticipated when combined with other ASMs</li></ul>
Generally well tolerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Achieved exposures exceeding projected target RO</li><li>• No SAEs and no abnormal laboratory or ECGs reported</li><li>• No treatment related TEAEs above Grade 1 reported in the MAD trial</li></ul>
Potential for greater therapeutic index	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RAP-219 exposure achieved with planned Phase 2a dose exceeded targeted therapeutic levels with no apparent treatment related AEs</li></ul>
Convenient administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QD dosing</li><li>• Single step up dosing</li></ul>

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# Phase 2a proof-of-concept trial in focal epilepsy

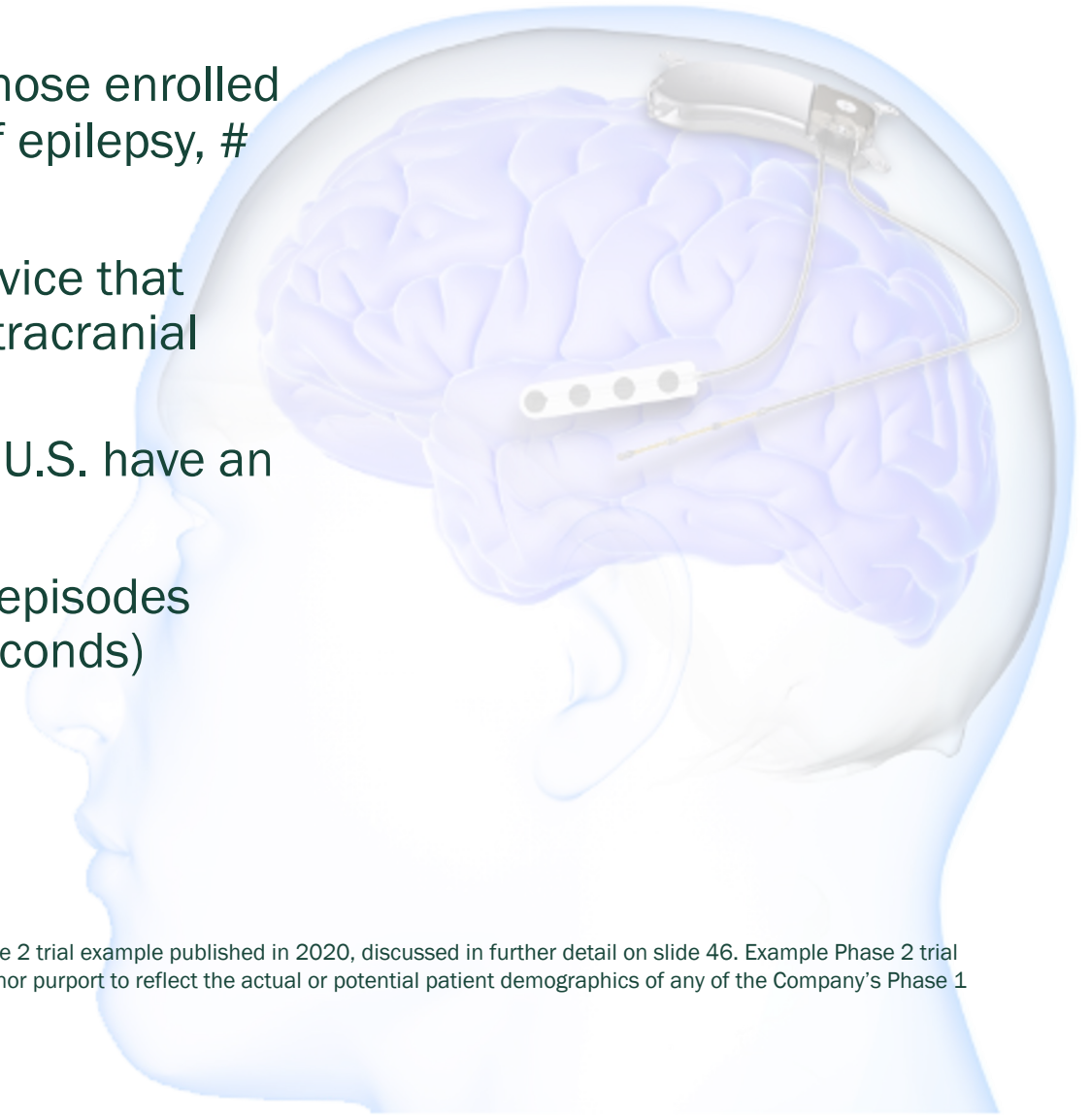
## Key design considerations for an ideal trial

- Same population to be used in registrational trials – refractory FOS patients
- Informs dose selection and effect size
- Utilizes a recognized seizure biomarker
- Enables rapid progression into registrational trials



# Focal epilepsy patients with a responsive neurostimulation (RNS) system

- RNS system patients had similar demographics to those enrolled in a third-party registrational FOS study<sup>1</sup> (duration of epilepsy, # of seizures, # of ASMs)
- The RNS system is an FDA-approved implantable device that continually monitors and records seizure activity (intracranial EEG, or iEEG data) in patients with FOS
  - >5,000 refractory focal epilepsy patients in the U.S. have an implanted RNS device<sup>2</sup>
- RNS detects<sup>3</sup> a biomarker of clinical seizures - long episodes (LEs) exceeding a specified duration (typically 30 seconds)



# Long episodes – a biomarker-based endpoint demonstrated to predict clinical response

## Change in seizure activity recorded through intracranial EEG (iEEG) predicted ASM clinical response

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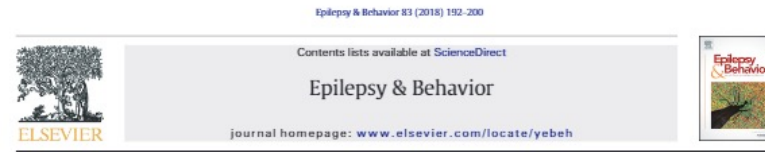
### Early detection rate changes from a brain-responsive neurostimulation system predict efficacy of newly added antiseizure drugs

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*“In addition to providing a shorter lag time than diaries or other patient reports, it could be argued that long episodes are an even better therapeutic target than reported clinical seizures.”*

**Abstract:** In the single-center cohort, long episodes, but not episode starts, had a significantly greater reduction in the first week for clinically efficacious compared to ineffective medications. In this cohort, having no long episodes in the first week was highly predictive of ASD efficacy. In the multicenter cohort, both long episodes and episode starts had a significantly greater reduction for effective medications starting in the first 1-2 weeks. In this larger dataset, a  $\geq 50\%$  decrease in episode starts was 90% specific for efficacy with a positive predictive value (PPV) of 67%, and a  $\geq 84\%$  decrease in long episodes was 80% specific with a PPV of 48%. Conversely, a  $< 25\%$  decrease in long episodes (including any increase) or a  $< 20\%$  decrease in episode starts had a predictive value for inefficacy of  $> 80\%$ .

**Significance:** In RNS System patients with stable detection settings, when new ASDs are started, detection rates within the first 1-2 weeks may provide an early, objective indication of efficacy. These data could be used to identify responses to medication



Clinical and electrocorticographic response to antiepileptic drugs in patients treated with responsive stimulation

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*“Long episode rates had the strongest correlation with changes in clinical seizure rates. These data suggest that these measures may provide an objective assessment of cortical excitability and response to AEDs.”*

#### 1. Introduction

Establishing whether an antiepileptic drug (AED) is effective for an individual patient with epilepsy generally relies on patient self-reported seizures over time. However, patient and caregiver seizure reports may be inaccurate [1-5]. Also, depending on a patient's seizure frequency, it may take months to detect a response, and this process must be repeated with each dose adjustment. A physiological biomarker that provides a rapid assessment of a medication's effect on cortical excitability could quickly and objectively establish whether a given medication and dose are likely to be clinically effective. Chronic

electrocorticographic (ECoG) sensing and recording devices could provide such information.

Pathologically increased cortical excitability is a hallmark of epilepsy [6,7], and AEDs measurably decrease cortical excitability. For instance, Badawy et al. [8] demonstrated that AED induced changes in transcranial magnetic stimulation-evoked measures of cortical excitability could predict seizure-freedom. This was observed regardless of the AED used. Further, Meisel et al. [9] demonstrated that the effect of AEDs could be quantified in a graded manner using intrinsic measures of cortical excitability recorded during intracranial monitoring. However, neither evoked nor intrinsic measures of cortical excitability have been available outside of the clinic or hospital.

The aim of this retrospective study was to explore whether chronic ambulatory ECoG data recorded by a closed-loop neurostimulation system (the RNS<sup>®</sup> System, NeuroPace Inc.) could reveal potential biomarkers

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- 30-40% reduction in LEs within 1-4 weeks of new ASM was associated with a  $\geq 50\%$  seizure reduction<sup>1</sup>
- No decrease in LEs predicts ASM will not be clinically efficacious

# RAP-219 Phase 2a PoC trial in focal epilepsy

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## Trial Goal:

Evaluate efficacy of RAP-219 using LE  
biomarker

## Design Overview:

- Signal detection trial in adult drug-resistant focal epilepsy patients with implanted RNS systems
- Multi-center open-label trial to enroll approximately 20 patients
- MAD Cohort 5 dose: 0.75 mg/day for 5 days followed by 1.25 mg/day

### Primary endpoint:

- Change in LE frequency during the final 4-week interval of the treatment (weeks 5-8) compared to baseline frequency (determined across 8-week retrospective and 4-week prospective baseline)

### Secondary endpoints:

- Change in clinical seizure frequency (measured using the RNS system and patient-recorded paper diaries)
- Change in electrographic biomarkers, including episode duration, saturation frequency, spike frequency, spectral power)

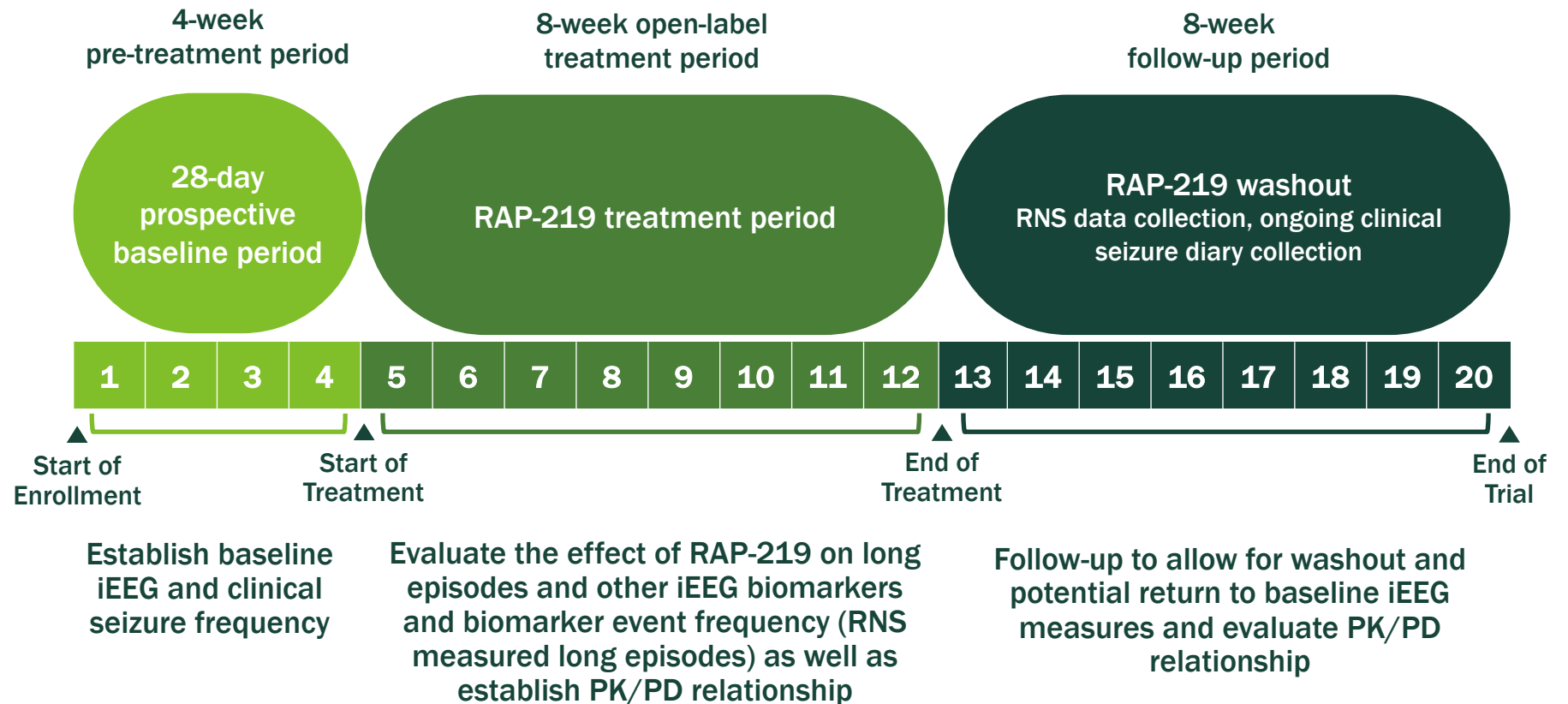
# RAP-219 Phase 2a PoC trial schema in focal epilepsy

## Trial schema

Eligibility criteria review  
Including review of 8 weeks of retrospective RNS system data

[estimated time: 1-2 weeks]

1. Confirm localization of seizure onset zone and electrode placement
2. Confirm stability of RNS system settings and therapies
3. Provide historical iEEG data with at least an average of 8 LEs per 4-week interval
4. At least 1 clinical seizure during 8-week retrospective period



# RNS PoC comparability to Phase 2b/3 trial

## RNS system patients similar to those enrolled in third-party Phase 2b/3 trials

### NeuroPace long-term-treatment retrospective study

### Phase 2 trial example published in 2020 (Cenobamate)\*

Clinical characteristic	Value	Clinical characteristic	Study Drug	Placebo
Age at enrollment, mean ± SD (range)	33.9 ± 11.5 (18-58)	Age, mean (range)	36 (18-61)	38 (18-59)
Duration of epilepsy, years at enrollment, mean ± SD (range)	19.4 ± 11.5 (2-54)	Median time since diagnosis, years (range)	20 (2-53)	21 (2-61)
Number of clinical seizures at <i>Preimplant Baseline</i> , median (range)	11 (0-338)	Number of seizures at Baseline, median (range)	7.5 (0,187)	5.5 (2, 237)
Number of AEDs at enrollment, mean ± SD (range)	2.9 ± 1.2 (1-8)	Number of AEDs at enrollment, mean (range)	2.19 (1-3)	2.3 (1-3)
Female, % (n/N)	46% (61/132)	Female, % (n/N)	51% (58/113)	47% (51/109)

\* Patient demographic information for a Phase 2 trial of cenobamate in patients with uncontrolled focal (partial-onset) seizures is provided for informational purposes only and does not purport to reflect the actual or potential patient demographics of any of the Company's Phase 1 clinical trials or any planned Phase 2 clinical trials.

# Focal epilepsy PoC model comparison

Ideal Model	RNS	Photosensitivity (PPR)	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
Uses focal epilepsy patient population	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No
Recognized seizure biomarker	✓ Long episode reduction shown to predict clinical seizure reduction	✗ Generalized photoparoxysmal EEG responses	✗ TMS-evoked EEG potentials (TEPs)
Obtains data on effect size	✓ Measures drug effect on FOS biomarker of focal onset seizure	? Measures evoked generalized epileptiform discharges	? Measures provoked cortical hyperexcitability in normal healthy volunteers
Informs dose selection for registrational trials	✓ PK/PD data will allow direct measure of degree of efficacy at different exposure levels	? Indirect dose response readout for non-FOS seizure	? Indirect dose response readout of cortical hyperexcitability in HNV
Enables rapid progression into registrational trial	✓ Expect translatable data that can inform dose and effect size for future registrational trials	? Does not provide dosing or effect size for FOS registration trials	? Does not provide dosing or effect size for FOS registration trials

# RAP-219 overview

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- A. Mechanism of action and preclinical development
- B. Phase 1 SAD/MAD trials
- C. Phase 2a proof-of-concept trial in focal epilepsy
- D. RAP-219 in peripheral neuropathic pain and bipolar disorder**

# Chronic peripheral neuropathic pain

## *Strong mechanistic and compelling preclinical data for RAP-219*

### Peripheral neuropathic pain

- Diagnosed prevalence of ~5.6 million<sup>1</sup> in the U.S.
- Conditions include painful diabetic neuropathy, postherpetic neuralgia, trigeminal neuralgia, and idiopathic sensory polyneuropathy
- Caused by injury or dysfunction of peripheral nerves → CNS maladaptive changes
- Significant unmet need for new drugs with:
  - Novel MOA
  - Once per day dosing
  - Improved tolerability
  - Minimal or no drug-drug interactions
  - No abuse or cardiovascular liabilities

### Rationale for RAP-219

- TARPγ8 is expressed in areas of the CNS associated with pain
  - Spinal cord dorsal horn, where the sensation of pain (nociception) enters the CNS
  - The anterior cingulate cortex, where the affective or emotional aspects of pain resides
- Positive results observed in multiple animal models of pain, including neuropathic pain

**Phase 2a trial in peripheral neuropathic pain expected to be initiated in 2H 2024**

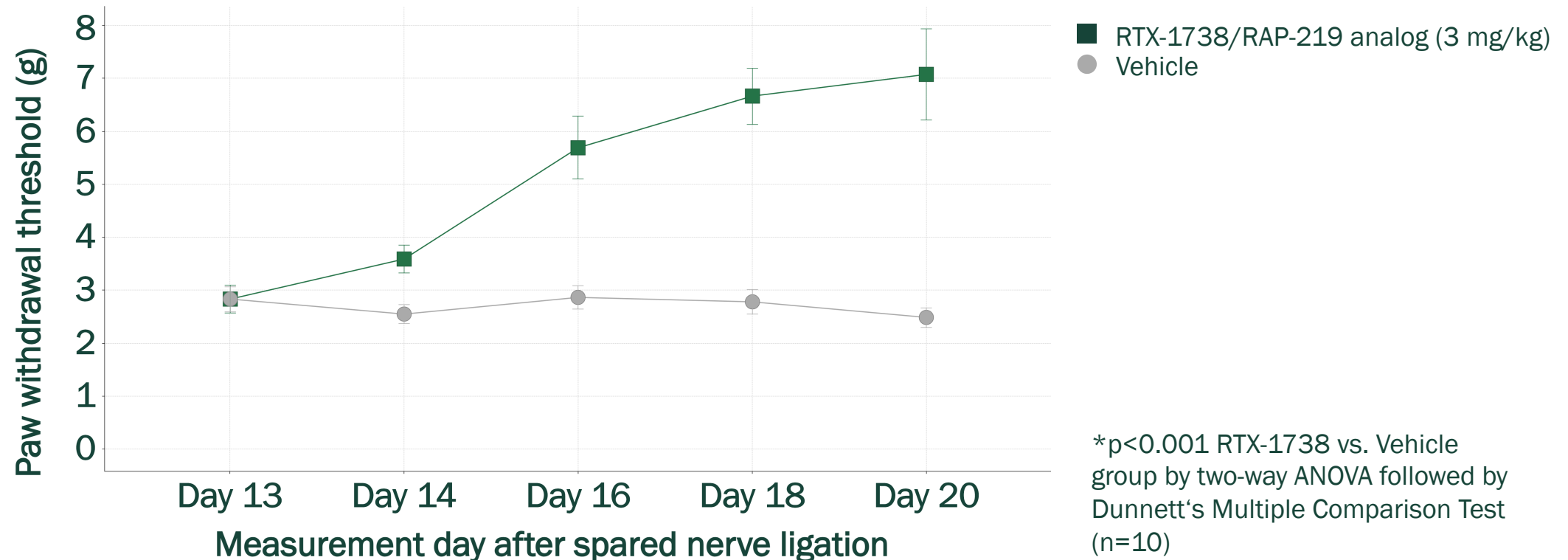


# Preclinical evidence supporting RAP-219 in chronic pain

## *Study of RTX-1738, TARP $\gamma$ 8 NAM (RAP-219 analog)*

### RTX-1738 attenuates tactile allodynia in spinal nerve ligation (SNL) rat model

Starting on Day 16 (third day of dosing) and continuing through Day 20, paw withdrawal thresholds were elevated, reflecting decreased pain behavior



# Bipolar disorder acute mania

## *Strong mechanistic data for RAP-219*

### Bipolar disorder

- Affects 2.8 percent of the adult population in the US (approximately 7 million adults)
- Extreme shifts in mood – “manic-depressive”
- Manic episodes characterized by feelings of over-excitement, irritability, impulsivity, grandiose beliefs and racing thoughts
- Typically treated with antipsychotic medications as either monotherapy or in combination therapy with mood stabilizers
- Drug treatments often poorly tolerated with safety risks

### Rationale for RAP-219

- Bipolar disorder is associated with hyperactivity in the hippocampus, where TARPy8 is enriched
- Bipolar risk alleles overrepresented in genes encoding synaptic signaling proteins with high specificity of expression in neurons of the prefrontal cortex and hippocampus
- Other ASMs (such as valproate, lamotrigine, and carbamazepine) are FDA approved to treat bipolar disorder
- The corneal kindling model of epilepsy is believed by some experts to be predictive of bipolar treatments

**Phase 2a trial in bipolar disorder patients with acute mania expected to be initiated in 2025**

# Ongoing research of RAP-219 to inform future development

## *MAD 2 & PET studies to evaluate escalation pace and receptor occupancy*

### RAP-219-104 (MAD Trial 2)

- Objective: Assess dosing regimens that may enable reaching therapeutic exposure more quickly
- Double-blind, placebo controlled
- Two cohorts with option to add up to three additional cohorts
- Results expected 2H 2024, which will help determine dosing for Phase 2a in bipolar disorder

### Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Trial

- Objective: Confirm human brain target receptor occupancy across a range of RAP-219 dosing and exposure levels
- Results expected 1H 2025

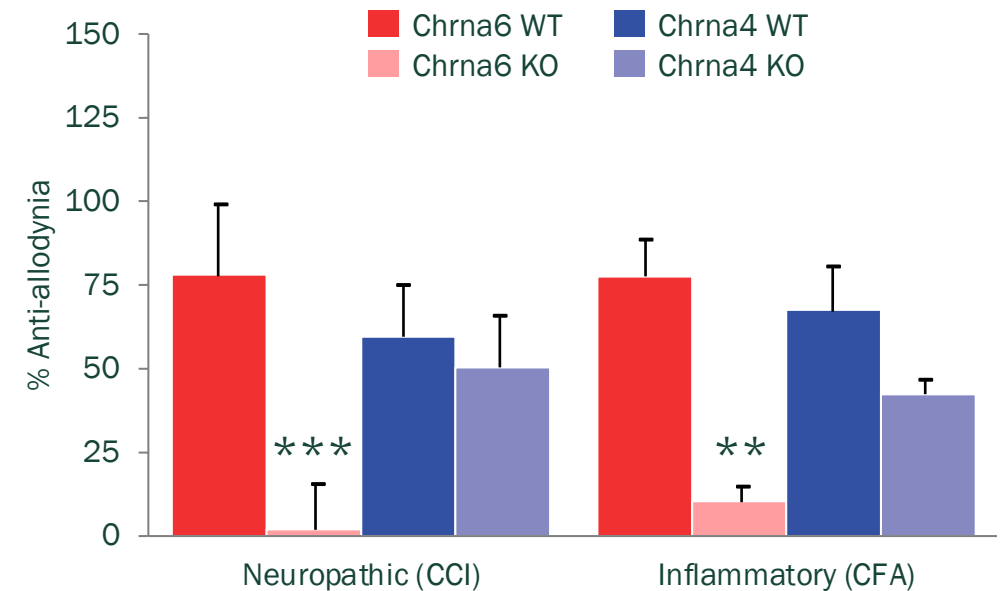
# nAChR discovery programs

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# $\alpha$ 6 nAChR program

## *Preclinically-validated approach to neuropathic pain*

- nAChR agonists have been observed to be efficacious in third-party preclinical and clinical neuropathic pain studies; preclinical evidence in acute, inflammatory, and neuropathic pain
- Abbott's pan-nAChR agonist demonstrated significant improvements in patients with diabetic neuropathic pain, but up to 66% of patients withdrew from the trial due to AEs such as nausea, dizziness, vomiting, abnormal dreams, and asthenia
- Evidence shows that  $\alpha$ 6 is a potential target for chronic pain

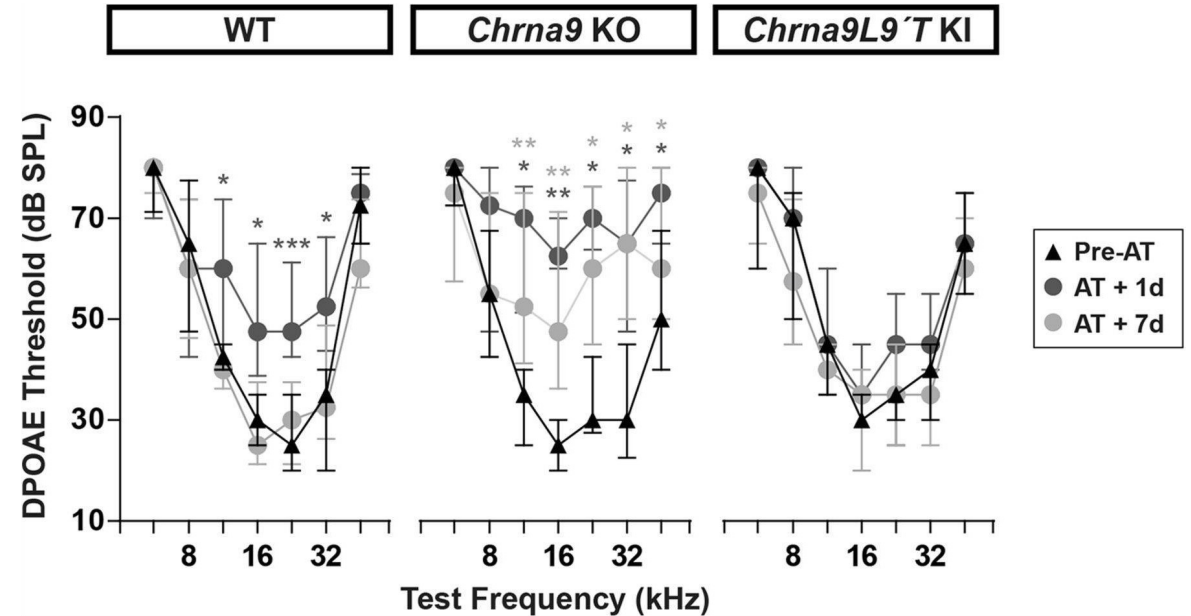


Genetic knockout (KO) mice demonstrate requirement of  $\alpha$ 6- but not  $\alpha$ 4-containing nicotinic receptors for anti-allodynia mediated by intrathecal nicotine administration

# $\alpha 9\alpha 10$ nAChR program

## Potential for first-in-class approach to hearing disorders

- Potential for  $\alpha 9\alpha 10$  nAChRs in hearing disorders demonstrated in preclinical studies
- Engagement of  $\alpha 9\alpha 10$  has been observed to mitigate hearing loss in preclinical models
- Our RAP platform technology enabled Rapport to identify potentially first-in-class orally-delivered agonists that are selective for  $\alpha 9\alpha 10$  nAChRs



- (Left) Auditory brainstem responses (ABRs) are elevated at 1 day but not at 7 days following acoustic trauma (AT).
- (Middle)  $\alpha 9$  KO elevates ABR thresholds at 1 and 7 days after acoustic trauma.
- (Right)  $\alpha 9$  gain of function knock-in (L9'T KI) completely prevents acoustic trauma hearing deficits.

# Rapport Therapeutics: Charting new paths in neuroscience with groundbreaking precision design

## Experienced leadership

Proven track record of building companies, novel therapies, and development platforms

## Proprietary program

Pioneered discoveries of receptor associated proteins (RAPs); IP expiration in 2036 + potential PTE

## Neuroanatomical specificity

Technology designed to create precisely targeted neuromedicines, potentially overcoming limitations of conventional treatments

Lead asset in clinical development for treatment of focal epilepsy

Data support initiating Phase 2a proof-of-concept trial for RAP-219

Therapeutic potential across multiple indications

Significant markets, including epilepsy, peripheral neuropathic pain, and bipolar disorder

Steady cadence of milestones anticipated

Robust clinical and discovery pipeline with multiple anticipated upcoming milestones

**Thank you**

