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Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2016

### TONIX PHARMACEUTICALS HOLDING CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-36019 (Commission File Number) 26-1434750 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

509 Madison Avenue, Suite 306, New York, New York 10022 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective February 24, 2016, the Board of Directors of Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (the "Company") appointed Mr. Bradley Saenger, CPA, as the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Saenger, age 42, has worked for the Company since May 2014, as the Director of Accounting (May 2014 – December 2015) and VP of Accounting (January 2016 – February 2016). Between June 2013 and March 2014, Mr. Saenger worked for Shire Pharmaceuticals as a consultant in the financial analyst research and development group. Between February 2013 and May 2013, Mr. Saenger worked for Stewart Health Care System as a financial consultant. Between October 2011 and December 2012, Mr. Saenger was an Associate Director of Accounting at Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Between January 2005 and September 2011, Mr. Saenger worked for Alere Inc., as a Manager of Corporate Accounting and Consolidations (2007 – 2011) and Manager of Financial Reporting (2005 – 2006). Mr. Saenger also worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Shifren Hirsowitz, public accountants and auditors in Johannesburg, South Africa, Investec Bank in Johannesburg, South Africa and Norman Sifris and Company, public accountants and auditors in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr. Saenger received his Bachelor's and Honors' degrees in Accounting Science from the University of South Africa. Mr. Saenger is a Chartered Accountant in South Africa and a Certified Public Accountant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Saenger will replace Ms. Jessica Morris, the Company's Acting Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Morris will move into the role of Executive Vice President of Administration, with the appointment of Mr. Saenger as Chief Financial Officer.

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company intends to utilize an updated investor presentation to conduct meetings with investors, stockholders and analysts and at investor conferences, and which the Company intends to place on its website, which may contain non-public information. A copy of the presentation is filed as Exhibit 99.01.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.01, is furnished pursuant to, and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of, Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or any other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing. By filing this Current Report on Form 8-K and furnishing the information contained in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.01, the Company makes no admission as to the materiality of any such information that it is furnishing.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 25, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Saenger as Chief Financial Officer and the assumption by Ms. Morris of the role of Executive Vice President of Administration, as discussed in Item 1.01 above. A copy of the press release that discusses these matters is filed as Exhibit 99.02 to, and incorporated by reference in, this report.

The information contained in Item 8.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.02, is furnished pursuant to, and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of, Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained in Item 8.01 of this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or any other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 99.01 Corporate Presentation by the Company for February 2016\*
  - 99.02 Press release, dated February 25, 2016, issued by Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Furnished herewith.

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

### TONIX PHARMACEUTICALS HOLDING CORP.

By: <u>/s/ BRADLEY SAENGER</u> Bradley Saenger Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 25, 2016



NASDAQ: TNXP

Investor Presentation February 2016

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## Cautionary note on forward-looking statements

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Certain statements in this presentation regarding strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations or results are "forward-looking statements" as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "anticipate," "believe," "forecast," "estimate," and "intend," among others. These forward-looking statements are based on Tonix's current expectations and actual results could differ materially. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, substantial competition; our possible need for additional financing; uncertainties of patent protection and litigation; uncertainties of government or third party payor reimbursement; limited research and development efforts and dependence upon third parties; and risks related to failure to obtain U.S Food and Drug Administration clearances or approvals and noncompliance with its regulations. As with any pharmaceutical under development, there are significant risks in the development, regulatory approval and commercialization of new products. The forward-looking statements in this presentation are made as of the date of this presentation, even if subsequently made available by the Company on its website or otherwise. Tonix does not undertake an obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, except as required by law. Investors should read the risk factors set forth in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 27, 2015 and November 6, 2015, respectively, and future periodic reports filed with the SEC on or after the date hereof. All of the Company's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by all such risk factors and other cautionary statements.

# Developing innovative medicines for large and growing markets

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- Targeting a common pain condition and a serious psychiatric disorder
  - One clinical-stage proprietary candidate targeting two indications
  - Differentiated products with potential for sustainable competitive advantages
- 2016 to reveal results from two clinical trials
  - Fibromyalgia Phase 3 to report in 3Q
  - Post-traumatic stress disorder Phase 2 to report in 2Q
- · All intellectual property owned by Tonix



## Pipeline led by TNX-102 SL for fibromyalgia

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Candidate	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	NDA	Market	Near-term Catalyst
TNX-102 SL (Tonmya™*)	Fibromyalgia							Top line data 3Q 2016
TNX-102 SL	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder							Top line data 2Q 2016

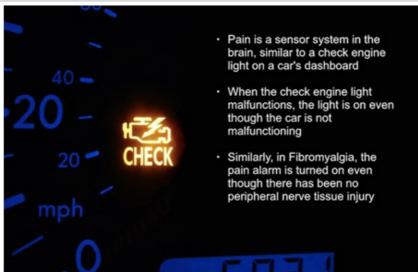
<sup>\*</sup> Tonmya™ has been conditionally accepted by the FDA as the proposed tradename of TNX-102 SL for fibromyalgia.

NDA = New Drug Application; FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration. TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.



# Concept: Fibromyalgia is inappropriate central pain signaling in the absence of peripheral injury

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VW Check Engine [Photograph]. (2011, October 14). Wikipedia



## Fibromyalgia is a chronic, debilitating disorder that imposes a significant societal and economic burden

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Fibromyalgia is considered neurobiological disorder characterized by<sup>1</sup>:

Chronic widespread pain

- Fatigue

Nonrestorative sleep

- Diminished cognition

- Believed to result from amplified sensory and pain signaling in central nervous system<sup>1</sup>
- Causes significant impairment in all areas of life<sup>2</sup>
  - Lower levels of health-related quality of life reduced daily functioning
  - Interference with work (loss of productivity, disability)
- · Inflicts substantial strain on the healthcare system
  - Average patient has 20 physician office visits per year<sup>3</sup>
  - Annual direct medical costs are twice those for non-fibromyalgia individuals<sup>4</sup>

1Phillips K & Clauw DJ, Best Pract Res Clin Rheumatol 2011;25:141.

<sup>2</sup>Schaefer et al., Pain Pract, 2015, May 16.

3Robinson et al, Pain Medicine 2013;14:1400.

<sup>4</sup>White et al, J Occupational Environ Med 2008;50:13.



### Fibromyalgia is a prevalent disorder but remains underdiagnosed



Estimated that >22 million prescriptions are issued for the treatment of fibromyalgia (on- and offlabel usage) each year2,4

Affects 2-6% of U.S. adults

- Approximately 2.3 million U.S. adults receive treatment2
- Approved drugs achieved 2014 U.S. sales of \$1.2 billion<sup>3</sup>
  - Represent about 5.6 million prescriptions<sup>4</sup>

Lawrence et al, Arthritis Rheum 2008;58:26; Vincent et al, Arthritis Care Res 2013;65:786; Jones et al, Arthritis Rheum 2015;67:568.

- <sup>2</sup>Robinson RL et al, Pain Med 2012;13:1366.
- <sup>3</sup>Product sales derived from IMS MIDAS; IMS NDTI used to factor usage for fibromyalgia; data accessed April 2015.
- <sup>4</sup>Independent study conducted by IMS Consulting Group, April 2015 using IMS MIDAS (exmanufacturing price), factored for fibromyalgia based on IMS National Disease and Therapeutic Index (NDTI).

# Fewer than half of those treated for fibromyalgia receive sustained benefit from the three FDA-approved drugs

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- The treatment objective is to restore functionality and quality of life by broadly improving symptoms while avoiding significant side effects
- The majority fail therapy due to lack of a response or poor tolerability<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Market research by Frost & Sullivan, commissioned by Tonix (2011).





# Large need for new fibromyalgia therapies that provide broad symptom improvement with better tolerability

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- Currently-approved medications may have side effects that limit long-term use<sup>1</sup>
  - Many patients skip doses or discontinue altogether within months of treatment initiation
- Medication-related side effects may be similar to fibromyalgia symptoms
- High rates of discontinuation, switching and augmentation
  - Attempt to treat multiple symptoms and/or avoid intolerable side effects
  - Average of 2-3 medications used simultaneously<sup>2</sup>
  - The typical patient has tried six different medications<sup>3</sup>
- Substantial off-label use of narcotic painkillers and prescription sleep aids<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Nuesch et al, Ann Rheum Dis 2013;72:955-62.

<sup>2</sup>Robinson RL et al, Pain Medicine 2012;13:1366.

<sup>3</sup>"Patient Trends: Fibromyalgia", Decision Resources, 2011.



## Tonix is developing TNX-102 SL for fibromyalgia

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- Advanced sublingual tablet containing low-dose cyclobenzaprine (CBP)
  - Designed for daily bedtime administration with no titration
  - Efficient transmucosal absorption
  - Avoidance of first-pass metabolism reduces formation of long-lived metabolite
- TNX-102 SL's pharmacologic action is believed to improve sleep quality
  - Non-restorative sleep is a common clinical and diagnostic feature of fibromyalgia<sup>1</sup>
  - Evolving understanding of the role of sleep in pain control and fibromyalgia development<sup>2</sup>
  - TNX-102 SL targets receptors believed to play key roles in sleep physiology
- Phase 2b "BESTFIT" study was successfully completed in 3Q14
- Top line data from ongoing Phase 3 "AFFIRM" study expected to report in 3Q16

<sup>1</sup>Swick T3, Ther Adv Musculoskel Dis 2011;3:167-178. <sup>2</sup>Choy EH, Nat Rev Rheumatol; 2015: 11:513-520. TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.



# Phase 2b "BESTFIT" study of TNX-102 SL in fibromyalgia

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## BESTFIT = <u>BE</u>dtime <u>Sublingual INX-102 SL as <u>Fibromyalgia Intervention</u> <u>Therapy</u> </u>

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
- 2010 American College of Rheumatology diagnostic criteria for fibromyalgia
- 205 participants randomized 1:1 at 17 U.S. sites
- Sublingual tablet of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg or placebo daily at bedtime for 12 weeks
- Evaluated measures of pain, sleep quality, and other assessments of fibromyalgia

TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.



## **BESTFIT** results on key clinical endpoints

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Category	Endpoint – week 12¹	p value
Pain Relief	30% responder analysis²	0.033
Sleep Quality	PROMIS Sleep Disturbance	0.005
Overall response to therapy	PGIC	0.025
Assessment of disease impact	FIQ-R Total score	0.014

p < 0.05 → statistically significant

BESTFIT pre-specified primary endpoint: change in week 12 mean pain score (p=0.172)

- PROMIS = Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System
- · PGIC = Patient Global Impression of Change
- FIQ-R = Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire Revised

Source: Phase 2b BESTFIT study data.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Intent-to-treat analysis, N=205 (TNX-102 SL N=103, placebo N=102).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>FDA-accepted primary endpoint in current Phase 3 AFFIRM study.

### TNX-102 SL safety and tolerability profile in the **BESTFIT study**

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- No serious adverse events (SAE) reported with TNX-102 SL
- Systemic adverse events reported by at least 3% of the total BESTFIT

population		TNX 102 SL (N=103)	Placebo (N=101)
	Somnolence	1.9	6.9
	Dry Mouth	3.9	4.0
	Back Pain	4.9	3.0

- Most frequent local adverse events were administration site reactions
  - Previously reported in Phase 1 studies; no detectable bias on efficacy results
  - Transient tongue numbness (44% TNX=102 SL vs. 2% placebo)
  - Abnormal taste (8% TNX-102 SL vs. 0% placebo)
- Trial completion rates of 86% with TNX-102 SL vs. 83% with placebo

Source: Phase 2b BESTFIT study data. TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.

# TNX-102 SL in Phase 3 clinical development for fibromyalgia

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Phase 3 AFFIRM Study is underway

TNX-102 SL once-daily at bedtime  $2.8 \text{ mg} \qquad N = 250$ 

Placebo once-daily at bedtime N = 250

- Randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled study in fibromyalgia
- N=500; approximately 35 U.S. clinical sites
- Primary efficacy endpoint:
  - Difference in 30% pain responder analysis at Week 12 between TNX-102 SL and placebo



Top line data expected 3Q 2016

- Second Phase 3 Study ("REAFFIRM") expected to begin in 2Q 2016
  - Expected to be similar to AFFIRM in design and size

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## TNX-102 SL in Phase 2 development for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

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TNX-102 SL	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder							Top line data 2Q 2016

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### PTSD is a chronic stress disorder triggered by a traumatic event

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- PTSD is characterized by:
  - re-experiencing the triggering event
- situation/stimulus avoidance
- negative alterations in mood/cognition
   hypervigilance (anxiety, difficulty sleeping)
- Considered a stress response, but prolonged and does not resolve with time
  - 20% of women and 8% of men who experience significant trauma develop PTSD1
- Associated with significant life disruption
  - Social isolation, inability to maintain employment, loss of independent living
  - Unpredictable acts of violence, suicidal thoughts



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kessler et al, Arch Gen Psychiatry 1995;52:1048.

# PTSD is a prevalent problem for both civilians and the military

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- ~70% are considered to have moderate to severe symptoms
- Of those diagnosed, ~50% utilize professional healthcare (psycho/pharmacotherapy)<sup>2</sup>

- Higher prevalence in military population
  - 20% of veterans from recent conflicts will have potential/provisional PTSD<sup>3</sup>
  - ~638,000 veterans with PTSD in the VA health system (2012)<sup>4</sup>
  - Majority are male
  - Alcohol and substance abuse are common

<sup>1</sup>Kessler RC at al, Arch Gen Psychiatry 2013;62:617; U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 Projection. <sup>2</sup>Wang et al, Arch Gen Psychiatry 2005;62:629.

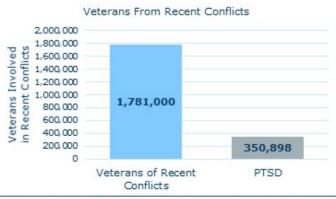
<sup>3</sup>Report on VA Facility Specific Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) Veterans Diagnosed with Potential or Provisional PTSD.

<sup>4</sup>Bowe et al, J Dual Diagnosis 2015; 11:22.



## PTSD veteran population: recent conflicts only

### Veteran Administration (VA) records indicate that 20% of veterans from recent conflicts will have potential or provisional PTSD



Source: Report on VA Facility Specific Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND) Veterans Diagnosed with Potential or Provisional PTSD. Cumulative from 1st Otr FY 2002 through Qtr FY 2014 (October 1, 2001 - March 31, 2014)





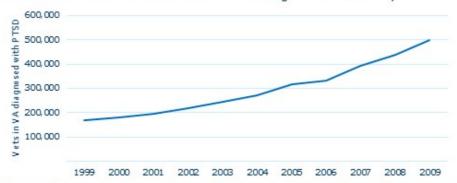


## PTSD veteran population: all conflicts

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## The number of veterans in the VA system and diagnosed with PTSD has been rising<sup>1</sup>

Does not include veterans with PTSD not treated or diagnosed in the VA system



As of 2012, the number of veterans within VA diagnosed with PTSD reach 638,4512

<sup>1</sup>Bernardy et al., J Clin Psychiatry, 2012, 73:297-303



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Bowe et al, J Dual Diagnosis, 2014, 11:22-32

## Significant gap in current therapeutic landscape for PTSD

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### Medicines approved for PTSD often provide inadequate and/or inconsistent benefit

- Limited to two SSRI antidepressants, both of which carry suicidality warnings
- U.S. Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluded that evidence of treatment effect is low<sup>1</sup>
- Lack of efficacy evidence in those with a history of combat-related trauma<sup>2</sup>

### Sleep dysfunction in PTSD is resistant to currently-approved options

- 95%+ report insomnia, 83% report recurrent dreams of the trauma<sup>3</sup>
- Correlated with disease severity, depression, substance abuse and suicide<sup>4</sup>
- Drugs approved for insomnia have been shown to not improve PTSD sleep dysfunction

### Off-label use of anxiolytics, sedative-hypnotics, and antipsychotics is common<sup>5</sup>

- Limited evidence of effectiveness; may be harmful
- May interfere with other treatments such as cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)

SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

- <sup>1</sup> Marshall et al, Am J Psychiatry 2001;158:1982.
- <sup>2</sup> Jonathan Davidson, personal communications, 2014.
- <sup>3</sup> Green B. Post-traumatic stress disorder: Symptom profiles in men and women. Curr Med Res Opin 2003;19:200-4.
- Germain et al, J Anxiety Disord 2005;19:233; Krakow et al, J Nerv Ment Dis 2002;190:442.
- <sup>5</sup> Bernardy et al., J Clin Psychiatry, 2012, 73:297-303.



# Targeting sleep quality is a novel mechanism of action in PTSD therapy

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- PTSD patients complain of sleep disturbance as a core symptom<sup>1</sup>
  - Distressing dreams (nightmares) are part of "re-experiencing"
  - Avoidance can be of bed/sleep due to fear of nightmares
  - Restless sleep is part of the "hyper-arousal" cluster of PTSD diagnostic criteria
- Sleep disturbance after trauma is linked to onset of PTSD<sup>2</sup>
- Sleep disturbance also correlates with depression, substance abuse and suicidal behaviors in PTSD<sup>3</sup>
- TNX-102 SL is a tricyclic molecule that potently targets three molecular mechanisms<sup>4</sup>, each of which is associated with treating aspects of disturbed sleep, enhancing sleep quality
  - Blocks the 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor (like trazodone)
  - Blocks the a<sub>1</sub> adrenergic receptor (like prazosin)
  - Blocks the H<sub>1</sub> receptor (like low-dose doxepin)
- <sup>1</sup> American Psychiatric Association: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, 2013.
- <sup>2</sup> Koren et al, AJP 159:855-857, 2002; Mellman et al, AJP 159:1969-1701, 2002.
- <sup>3</sup> Germain, AJP 170:372-382, 2013; McHugh et al, J Traumatic Stress 27:82-89, 2014 Betts et al, Journal of Anxiety Disorders 27:735-41, 2013.
- Anxiety Disorders 27:735-41, 2013.

  <sup>4</sup> Daugherty et al, Society of Biological Psychiatry 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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## Tonix's AtEase study in military-related PTSD: primary endpoint and power considerations

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- Primary endpoint is the change from baseline of the Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5)
  - Raters are trained, certified, and monitored for reliability throughout the study
- Powered at ≥80% to detect an effect size of 0.5 (Cohen's d)
  - Translates to detection of difference of approximately 10 points (8.5-11.5) at group level between TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and placebo for the reduction in total CAPS-5 score
    - Approximately 66 completers needed in each of the TNX-102 SL and placebo groups
  - A 10-point difference between treatment groups is approximately equivalent to a 17-point difference on CAPS-4 for DSM-IV

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## Limitations of current FDA-approved pharmacotherapies for PTSD

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- Britain's National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) National Clinical Practice Guideline for management of PTSD reported an effect size in paroxetine trials of 0.42 and for sertraline trials, the effect size was 0.261
  - A priori, NICE had set a threshold of 0.5 as an effect size that would indicate a clinically meaningful effect on PTSD
  - NICE stated that neither of these two FDA-approved therapies had conclusive evidence to determine if there was a clinically important difference from placebo
- Limited treatment response to SSRIs in Males and US Military
  - In a review of sertraline registration trials, no effect on PTSD demonstrated for male subgroups in an FDA-conducted post-hoc analysis
  - None of the four double-blind placebo-controlled trials of SSRIs in US military veterans demonstrated any evidence that SSRIs were superior to placebo<sup>2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Clinical Practice Guideline No. 26, National Institute for Clinical Excellence, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Davidson J, Journal of Psychopharmacology, 2015.

### TNX-102 SL's potential as a treatment for PTSD is supported by clinical evidence and pharmacology

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- TNX-102 SL is active on receptor sites believed to have treatment potential for sleep problems in PTSD
  - Targeted receptors include 5-HT2a, alpha-1 adrenergic, and histamine-1 receptors
- Efficacy of "tricyclic" drug class in PTSD is supported by clinical data<sup>1</sup>
  - Oral tricyclics have side effects that limited their use
- Improvements observed in BESTFIT study relate to PTSD core symptoms<sup>2</sup>

Outcome Measure at Week 12 in BESTFIT	p value
PROMIS Sleep Disturbance	0.005
FIQ-R Anxiety Item	0.015
FIQ-R Sensitivity Item	0.017

 $p < 0.05 \rightarrow$  statistically significant

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<sup>1</sup> Davidson J, J Psychopharm 2015;29;264.

<sup>2</sup> Phase 2b BESTFIT study data.

# Phase 2 "AtEase" trial of TNX-102 SL in PTSD is fully enrolled

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TNX-102 SL at bedtime once-daily  $2.8 \, \text{mg}$   $N \sim 90$ TNX-102 SL at bedtime once-daily  $5.6 \, \text{mg}$   $N \sim 90$ Placebo at bedtime once-daily  $N \sim 45$ 

- Randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled trial in military-related PTSD
- Randomized>240; approximately 25 U.S. clinical sites

### · Primary efficacy endpoint:

 Difference in Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS) score between TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and placebo at 12 weeks

Top line data
expected 2Q 2016

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### **TNX-102 SL**

Fibromyalgia, PTSD

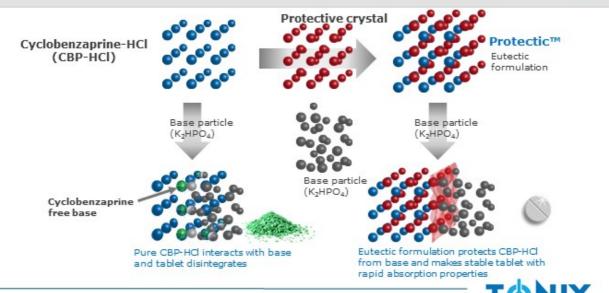
- Composition-of-matter (eutectic)
  - Patents filed
  - Protection expected to 2034
- · Pharmacokinetics (PK)
  - Patents filed
  - Protection expected to 2033
- Method-of-use
  - Fibromyalgia: patents issued, 2020 expiry
  - PTSD: patents filed

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# Proprietary cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride eutectic mixture stabilizes tablet formulation<sup>1</sup>

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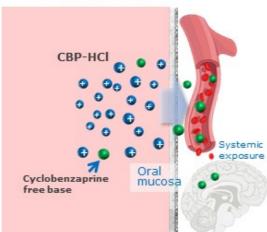


US Patent applications 14/214,433 and 14/776,624 - Eutectic Formulations

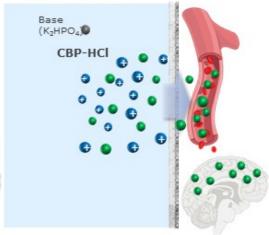
## Formulation with base increases systemic absorption of sublingual cyclobenzaprine1

Concentration gradient increases diffusion of free base across oral mucosa (Le Chatelier's Principle) 28

### Low pH (acidic)



### High pH (basic)

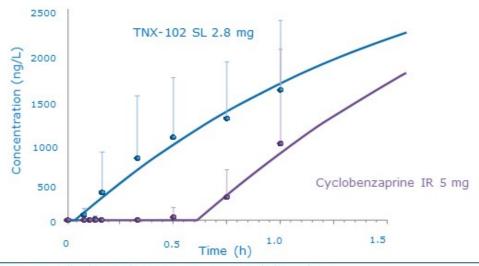


US Patent applications 13/918,692. 14/214,433 and 14/776,624 - Eutectic Formulations

# Cyclobenzaprine is detected in plasma within minutes following sublingual TNX-102 SL

Plasma Concentration Versus Time of TNX-102 SL Compared to Cyclobenzaprine IR

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Source: US Patent applications 13/918,692 – Transmucosal absorption TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.



## Financial overview

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Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities reported at September 30, 2015	\$ 55.0 million
Cash used in operations in 2015 through September 30	\$ 30.6 million
Shares outstanding (February 25, 2016)	18.8 million



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### TNX-102 SL - Fibromyalgia

May 2015 Began Phase 3 AFFIRM study

■ November 2015 Presented additional data from Phase 2b BESTFIT study

at ACR Meeting

□ 3Q 2016 Report top-line results from AFFIRM study

### TNX-102 SL - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

■ December 2015 Entered into CRADA with USAMMDA

■ December 2015 Reported completion of enrollment in Phase 2 AtEase study

□ 2Q 2016 Report top-line results from AtEase study





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### **Tonix Pharmaceuticals Appoints Chief Financial Officer**

- Bradley J. Saenger Promoted Internally -

New York, NY – February 25, 2016 – <u>Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.</u> (NASDAQ: TNXP) (Tonix), which is developing next-generation medicines for fibromyalgia and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), has appointed Bradley Saenger, CPA, as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Tonix also has appointed Jessica Morris, who was serving as Acting CFO, to Executive Vice President of Administration. Both of these changes are effective immediately.

Mr. Saenger joined Tonix in 2014 as Director of Accounting and was promoted to Vice President of Accounting in 2016. He has been responsible for managing accounting details for Tonix and its subsidiaries, and has overseen its quarterly reviews and annual audit. Mr. Saenger brought to Tonix more than a decade of finance experience from large publicly-traded companies, including extensive expertise in managing foreign exchange and cash flow statements. Prior to joining Tonix, Mr. Saenger contributed to the financial departments of Shire Pharmaceuticals, Steward Health Care System, Vertex Pharmaceuticals and Alere, Inc. Additionally, he was a Senior Associate focused on biotechnology and technology at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Saenger holds bachelor's and honors' degrees in Accounting Science from the University of South Africa. Mr. Saenger is also a chartered accountant and a certified public accountant.

Seth Lederman, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Tonix said, "We are delighted to add Bradley to our executive management team. Bradley has been an integral asset to our finance department, and he is increasing his level of contribution to Tonix during a seminal time as we prepare for key data readouts in the coming two quarters, in PTSD and fibromyalgia."

Dr. Lederman added, "We are grateful to Jessica for serving as Acting CFO since January. In her new position of Executive Vice President of Administration, Jessica will report directly to me in a role that includes management of operations, strategic planning, human resources and investor relations."

### About Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.

Tonix is developing next-generation medicines for common disorders of the central nervous system, including fibromyalgia and post-traumatic stress disorder. These disorders are characterized by chronic disability, inadequate treatment options, high utilization of healthcare services, and significant economic burden. This press release and further information about Tonix can be found at www.tonixpharma.com.

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Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "anticipate," "believe," "forecast," "estimate," "expect," and "intend," among others. These forward-looking statements are based on Tonix's current expectations and actual results could differ materially. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, substantial competition; our possible need for additional financing; uncertainties of patent protection and litigation; uncertainties of government or third party payor reimbursement; limited research and development efforts and dependence upon third parties; and risks related to failure to obtain FDA clearances or approvals and noncompliance with FDA regulations. As with any pharmaceutical under development, there are significant risks in the development, regulatory approval and commercialization of new products. Tonix does not undertake an obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement. Investors should read the risk factors set forth in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 27, 2015 and November 6, 2015, respectively, and future periodic reports filed with the SEC on or after the date hereof. All of Tonix's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by all such risk factors and other cautionary statements. The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof.

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