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#### **CURRENT REPORT**

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Date of report (date of earliest event reported): May 31, 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.)

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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 31, 2016, Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (the "Company") will present data from its Phase 2 dose-finding clinical study (the "AtEase Study") of TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) for the treatment of military-related post-traumatic stress disorder in an oral scientific presentation entitled "*A Randomized Placebo-controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD*" (the "Presentation"), at the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology 2016 Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona (the "ASCP Annual Meeting").

The Company intends to place the Presentation on its website, which may contain non-public information. A copy of the Presentation is filed as Exhibit 99.01. The foregoing description of the Presentation is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Presentation, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.01 to, and is incorporated by reference in, this report.

On June 1, 2016, the Company will present data from the AtEase Study of TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) for the treatment of military-related post-traumatic stress disorder in a poster entitled "A Randomized Placebo-controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD" (the "Poster"), at the ASCP Annual Meeting.

The Company intends to place the Poster on its website, which may contain non-public information. A copy of the Poster is filed as Exhibit 99.02. The foregoing description of the Poster is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Poster, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.02 to, and is incorporated by reference in, this report.

On May 31, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the Presentation and the Poster. A copy of the press release that discusses these matters is filed as Exhibit 99.03 to, and incorporated by reference in, this report.

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
  - 99.01 Presentation by the Company at the ASCP Annual Meeting\*
  - 99.02 A Randomized Placebo-controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD Poster\*
  - 99.03 Press Release, dated May 31, 2016, issued by Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.\*

\* 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.

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Date: May 31, 2016

By: <u>/s/ SETH LEDERMAN</u> Seth Lederman Chief Executive Officer



### A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-Dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD

## **Results from the "AtEase" Study**

Presented by Gregory Sullivan MD at American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology Annual Meeting, Scottsdale AZ May 31, 2016

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### The AtEase Study Why We Studied Military PTSD

### Characteristics of military-related PTSD population

- Combat traumas but could include non-combat traumas during service (e.g. sexual assault)
- Male-predominant (85:15) vs. civilian female-predominant (67:33)<sup>1</sup>
- More commonly repeated traumas during deployments vs. discrete traumas
- Both military and civilian PTSD diagnosed using DSM-5/CAPS-5<sup>2</sup>

#### • Unmet need treating military-related PTSD

- No treatment response observed in US military population with the two FDA-approved therapies for PTSD
  - Sertraline negative large multicenter trial in US military veterans<sup>3</sup>
    - Placebo numerically superior on CAPS-2
  - Paroxetine not studied in military population
  - Inconsistent treatment response observed in males
    - Sertraline FDA-conducted post-hoc analysis concluded no effect for male civilian subgroup4
    - Paroxetine no sex-related difference in treatment outcomes in civilian population<sup>5</sup>
- Important tolerability issues with SSRIs in this population
  - Sexual dysfunction
  - Insomnia

<sup>1</sup> Tolin & Foa. Psychol Bull 2006;132:959-92. <sup>2</sup> Weathers FW et al. The Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAP-5), National Center for PTSD at ptsd.va.gov. <sup>3</sup> Friedman MJ et al. J Clin Psychiatry 2007;68:711-20.
 <sup>4</sup> Zoloft® Package Insert, Pfizer, NY, NY; August 2014. <sup>5</sup> Paxil® Package Insert, Glaxo, June 2014
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## The AtEase Study Rational for TNX-102 SL for PTSD

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¢	<ul> <li>TNX-102 SL is a sublingual formulation of cyclobenzaprine (CBP)</li> <li>Transmucosal absorption</li> <li>Tricyclic molecule - not antidepressant</li> <li>Targets receptors believed to play key roles in sleep physiology</li> <li>functional studies show antagonism at each of<sup>1</sup></li> <li>5-HT<sub>2A</sub></li> <li>α<sub>1</sub>-adrenergic</li> <li>Histamine-H.</li> </ul>
ტ	TNX-102 SL is designed for bedtime administration and nighttime pharmacokinetic
	and pharmacodynamics effects
	and pharmacturymanness energies (reduced by time)
	- Rapid sublingual transmucosal absorption (reduced lag-time)
	- Avoidance of first-pass metabolism
	<ul> <li>reduces exposure to active metabolite, norcyclobenzaprine (nCBP)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Long-lived active metabolite (t<sub>1/2</sub>~72 hours)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Distinct receptor binding profile less selective for target receptors</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Potentially undesirable off-target functional activities</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Exposure (AUC<sub>0-48</sub>) for CBP/nCBP of 1.9 for TNX-102 SL vs. 1.2 for oral IR form<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
1 E 2 L 7N	Paugherty et al. Sodety of Biological Psychiatry 70 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015 Toronto, Ontario, Canada. ederman et al. European Congress of Rheumatology, Rome, June 2015 DC-102 SL (cycloberzapine HCI sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.

<sup>1</sup> Daugherty et al. Society of Biological Psychiatry 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
<sup>2</sup> Lederman et al. European Congress of Rheumatology, Rome, June 2015 *TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCI sublingual tablets, 2.8 mg) is an Investigational New Drug and is not approved for any indication.* 

### The AtEase Study Rational for Targeting of Sleep for Treatment of PTSD



<sup>1</sup> Moldofsky et al, J Rheumatol 2011, 38:2653-63; Lederman et al. European Congress of Rheumatology, Rome, June 2015.
 <sup>2</sup> Pace-Schott et al. Biology of Mood & Anxiety Disorders 2015;5(3):1-19.
 <sup>3</sup> Germain, Am J Psychiary 2013;170:372-382; McHugh et al, J Traumatic Stress 2014;27:82-89; Betts et al, Journal of Anxiety Disorders 2013;27:735-41.
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### The AtEase Study Consort Diagram of TNX-CY-P201



### AtEase Study Selected Demographics and Characteristics

93% of the sample was male

- 98% had trauma during military service
   Deployed an average of 2.3 times
- Mean time since index trauma was 7 years
- Race and ethnicity generally consistent with US military distribution
- Fibromyalgia 7% by ACR 2010 criteria
- o Current Major Depression Disorder 14% by MINI 7.0
- Similar baseline CAPS-5 scores and MADRS scores across treatment arms
  - Entry criteria included a CAPS-5 score ≥ 29

Variable	Placebo N=92	TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg N=90	TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg N=49	Overall N=231
Baseline CAPS-5 Scores (SD)	39.5 (7.7)	39.5 (8.0)	39.3 (8.1)	39.5 (7.85)
Baseline MADRS Scores (SD)	17.3 (6.5)	17.6 (5.2)	16.1 (5.5)	17.1 (5.83)

CAPS-5, Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 MADRS, Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale MINI, Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview 6

# AtEase Study Severity of Baseline CAPS-5 Scores

CAPS-5 PTSD Severity*	Score	
Asymptomatic/few symptoms	0 - 10	Moon CARS 5
Mild PTSD/subthreshold	11 - 22	Score at
Moderate PTSD/threshold	23 - 34	Baseline (SD)
Severe PTSD symptomatology	35 - 46	(7.85)
Extreme PTSD symptomatology	≥ 47	
CAPS-5: 20 severity items 0-4 rating for <i>combined</i> intensity maximum score = 80	and frequency	

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\*personal communication - Frank Weathers PhD, National Center for PTSD

# AtEase Study Index Traumas During Military Service

Index Traumas During Military Service Related to Dx of PTSD (Categories with >5 Patients)	Patient Count
Being involved in an IED explosion or suicide bombing	35
Being attacked or ambushed	33
Witnessing death or injury of fellow soldiers	30
Witnessing IED explosion	29
Receiving incoming artillery, rocket, or mortar fire	10
Being wounded or injured	9
Being responsible for the death of a noncombatant	9
Witness suicide-related deaths or injury	9
Seeing ill or injured women or children you were unable to help	8
Witnessing death or injury of civilians	7
Handling or uncovering human remains	6
Sexual assault	6
Involved in serious vehicular accident (Humvee, helicopter, plane)	6

## AtEase Study Results CAPS-5 Total Score Mean Change from Baseline



## AtEase Study Results Remission Rates (CAPS-5 Score <11)



### AtEase Study Results CAPS-5 Arousal and Reactivity Cluster Score Mean Change



### AtEase Study Results CAPS-5: Sleep Disturbance and Exaggerated Startle Items

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## AtEase Study Results Clinician Global Impression – Improvement Scale Responders

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### AtEase Study Results Sheehan Disability Scale – Work/School & Social/Leisure Domains

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#### The symptoms have disrupted The symptoms have disrupted your work/school work your social/leisure activities Wk 0 Wk 2 Wk 4 Wk 6 Wk 8 Wk 10 Wk 12 Wk 0 Wk 2 Wk 4 Wk 6 Wk 8 Wk 10Wk 12 5.5 7.5 7 5 6.5 Placebo - Placebo 4.5 6 4 5.5 -TNX-102 SL -TNX-102 SL 3.5 5 2.8 mg 2.8 mg 4.5 3 -TNX-102 SL -TNX-102 SL 4 5.6 mg 5.6 mg 2.5 3.5 2 3 \* 1.5 2.5 \*p<0.05, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg v. Placebo, MMRM \*p≤0.05, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg v. Placebo, MMRM, MMRM, mixed-effects model repeated measure Т Х © 2016 Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. All rights reserved.

# AtEase Study Results Adverse Events (≥5% rate in any group)

Preferred Term	Placebo N=94*	TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg N=93*	TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg N=50*	Overall N=237*
Local Administration Site Conditions				
Hypoaesthesia oral	2 ( 2.1%)	36 (38.7%)	18 (36.0%)	54 (37.8%)
Paraesthesia oral	3 ( 3.2%)	15 (16.1%)	2 ( 4.0%)	17 (11.9%)
Glossodynia	1 ( 1.1%)	3 ( 3.2%)	3 ( 6.0%)	6 ( 4.2%)
Systemic Adverse Events				
Somnolence	6 ( 6.4%)	11 (11.8%)	8 (16.0%)	19 (13.3%)
Dry mouth	10 (10.6%)	4 ( 4.3%)	8 (16.0%)	12 ( 8.4%)
Headache	4 ( 4.3%)	5 ( 5.4%)	6 (12.0%)	11 ( 7.7%)
Insomnia	8 ( 8.5%)	7 ( 7.5%)	3 ( 6.0%)	10 ( 7.0%)
Sedation	1 ( 1.1%)	2 ( 2.2%)	6 (12.0%)	8 ( 5.6%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	5 ( 5.3%)	3 ( 3.2%)	2 ( 4.0%)	5 ( 3.5%)
Abnormal dreams	5 ( 5.3%)	1 ( 1.1%)	1 ( 2.0%)	2 ( 1.4%)
Weight increased	5 ( 5.3%)	1 ( 1.1%)	1 (2.0%)	2(1.4%)

\* safety population

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- Recruited a population with severe military-related PTSD, almost exclusively combat traumas incurred during OIF/OEF/OND deployments:
  - Predominantly male

#### • TNX-102 SL at 5.6 mg daily at bedtime for 12 weeks:

- Reduced severity of PTSD (CAPS-5, p=0.031, Effect Size=0.39)
- Reduced key symptoms (hyperarousal, insomnia, startle)
- Improved global symptoms (CGI-I) and function (SDS work/school and social/leisure)
- Tolerability evidenced by retention rate (84%) and low systemic side effects with only one discontinuation for AE (increased nightmares)

#### • TNX-102 SL at 2.8 mg daily at bedtime for 12 weeks:

- Reduced PTSD symptoms (CAPS-5) at weeks 2 and 4
- Reduced hyperarousal at weeks 2, 4 and 8
- Non-significant intermediate effects at week 12 on PTSD symptoms, global and functional improvement (CAPS-5 total, sleep and startle items, CGI-I, SDS)

OIF/OEF/OND, Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation New Dawn CGI-I, Clinician Global Impression – Improvement scale; CAPS-5, Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5; SDS, Sheehan Disability Scale

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### AtEase Study Conclusions: TNX-102 SL in Military-Related PTSD

- This is the first multicenter randomized clinical trial of any medication that has demonstrated efficacy in a population with military-related PTSD
  - Male predominant (93%)
  - Low incidence of comorbid fibromyalgia (7%)
  - Low incidence of current major depression (14%)
- Early effects on sleep and hyperarousal are consistent with the mechanistic hypothesis that TNX-102 SL's primary actions on sleep architecture and autonomic balance underlie the observed PTSD treatment effect
  - Late effect of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg on exaggerated startle consistent with longer time of recovery of sleep-related memory processing (consolidation)
- Next steps
  - Phase 3 trial in military-related PTSD
  - Phase 3 trial in civilian PTSD

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

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## We wish to thank the military personnel, veterans, and law enforcement officers for their participation in AtEase

### • Tonix personnel responsible for AtEase include:

- Seth Lederman, Judy Gendreau, Heather Jividen, Bruce Daugherty, Ashild Peters, Perry Peters, Ron Notvest, Gregory Sullivan

### And key consultants to Tonix for AtEase include:

- Michael Gendreau, Amy Schaberg, Pauliana Hall
- Frank Weathers (Dept. National Center for PTSD) and Jonathan Davidson (Emeritus Professor, Duke University)

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# AtEase Study Acknowledgements

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A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-Dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL\*) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD

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# Tonix Pharmaceuticals Presents Positive Results from Phase 2 AtEase Study of TNX-102 SL in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) 2016 Annual Meeting

- · Study Successfully Identified Effective and Well-tolerated Dose for Registration Studies
- · Phase 3 Clinical Program Planned

New York, NY – May 31, 2016 – <u>Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.</u> (NASDAQ: TNXP) (Tonix), which is developing next-generation medicines for fibromyalgia and PTSD, today announced the presentation of positive results from its Phase 2 dose-finding clinical study (AtEase Study) of TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) for the treatment of military-related <u>PTSD</u>. Data are featured in oral and poster presentations on May 31 and June 1 at the <u>American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology Annual Meeting</u> (ASCP, formerly NCDEU) in Scottsdale, Arizona. Tonix's abstract, titled, "*A Randomized Placebo-controlled Multicenter Trial of a Low-dose Bedtime Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (TNX-102 SL) for the Treatment of Military-Related PTSD*," is being presented by Gregory Sullivan, M.D., Tonix's chief medical officer. The abstract and presentation materials are available on Tonix's website at <u>www.tonixpharma.com</u>.

"The data being presented by Dr. Sullivan confirm that the study was a success and that a 5.6 mg dose of TNX-102 SL was efficacious and well-tolerated in the treatment of military-related PTSD," commented Seth Lederman, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Tonix. "We are pleased to have successfully identified the 5.6 mg dose for our upcoming Phase 3 program for the treatment of PTSD."

The goal of the multicenter, 12-week, double-blind study was to evaluate the potential clinical benefit of TNX-102 SL in treating militaryrelated PTSD at a dose of 2.8 mg or 5.6 mg in a randomized, placebo-controlled study of 231 patients with PTSD at 24 U.S. clinical sites. Patients were provided with a bedtime sublingual dose of 2.8 mg TNX-102 SL (n=90) or 5.6 mg TNX-102 SL (n=49), and were compared to placebo (n=92).

Adults meeting a DSM-5 diagnosis of PTSD as assessed by the Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5) were recruited and randomized to TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg, 5.6 mg or placebo in a 2:1:2 ratio. Eligible participants were between 18 and 65 years old, had experienced DSM-5 PTSD Criterion A-qualifying trauma(s) during military service since 2001, had at least a moderate level of PTSD severity as indicated by a CAPS-5 score  $\geq$  29, and were free of antidepressants for at least two months and free of or washed off other psychotropic medications. Exclusion criteria for the study included serious suicide risk, unstable medical illness, substance use disorders within the prior six months, and lifetime history of bipolar 1 or 2, psychotic disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, or antisocial personality disorder. A dynamic randomization procedure was used to minimize trial-wide imbalances among the three treatment arms by site, sex and presence of current major depressive disorder. CAPS-5 raters were certified MA-level or above in mental health fields who underwent a rigorous training and certification process. The primary efficacy analysis was the 12-week mean change from baseline in the CAPS-5 severity score between the TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and placebo groups, and the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg group also was compared with placebo. Key secondary endpoints were the Clinical Global Impression–Improvement (CGI-I) scale, and the Sheehan Disability Scale (SDS). Other secondary measures included the CAPS-5 Cluster scores and Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale.

Tonix's AtEase study successfully identified a dose-response relationship on multiple efficacy and safety measurements. On the Arousal and Reactivity CAPS-5 cluster, both dosage groups had a significantly greater mean change from baseline at several time points: at weeks 2, 8 and 12 for the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg group, and at weeks 2, 4, and 8 for the TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg group. At week 12, the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg group had significantly more responders (much improved or very much improved) on the CGI-I. TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and 5.6 mg were well tolerated as evidenced by the high overall completion rate in the active treatment groups, which exceeded the completion rate in the placebo group.

There were four distinct serious adverse events (SAEs); three were in the placebo group, and one (proctitis/peri-rectal abscess), in the TNX-102 SL group, was reported to be unrelated to TNX-102 SL. The most common systemic adverse reactions included: (i) for the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg group, somnolence (16%), dry mouth (16%), headache (12%), insomnia (6%) and sedation (12%); and (ii) for the 2.8 mg group, somnolence (12%), dry mouth (4%), headache (5%), insomnia (8%) and sedation (2%).

Dr. Lederman concluded, "We are grateful to the participants in the AtEase study and to their families. This is an important step in developing a promising treatment for those who suffer from PTSD. We are now making plans to meet with the Food and Drug Administration to discuss a registration program for PTSD, with an interest in conducting trials in military-related and civilian PTSD."

TNX-102 SL is an Investigational New Drug and has not been approved for any indication.

#### About Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

<u>PTSD</u> can develop from witnessing or experiencing a traumatic event or ordeal in which there was the severe threat or actual occurrence of grave physical harm. PTSD affects approximately 8.4 million Americans in any year and is a chronic and severely debilitating condition in which patients re-experience the horrific traumas that resulted in the condition in the forms of intrusive memories, flashbacks, and nightmares. PTSD is characterized by disrupted sleep, anxiety, agitation, avoidance, emotional numbness and estrangement from family and friends, guilt or negative beliefs about self, and is sometimes associated with clinical depression, substance use disorders, and unpredictable violent or suicidal behaviors. Individuals who suffer from PTSD usually have significant impairment in social functioning, occupational disability, and an overall poor quality of life. It is estimated that 20 percent of the over 2.5 million US military personnel returning from tours of duty in the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from PTSD.

#### About TNX-102 SL

<u>TNX-102 SL</u> is designed to deliver cyclobenzaprine to the bloodstream rapidly via sublingual (under the tongue) absorption and to bypass first-pass hepatic metabolism. As a multifunctional agent with antagonist activities at the serotonin-2A, alpha-1 adrenergic, and histamine H1 receptors, TNX-102 SL is under clinical development for the treatment of PTSD and is intended to provide broad spectrum improvement by targeting sleep and hyperarousal. Tonix is developing TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg for daily bedtime administration for the treatment of PTSD.

#### About Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.

Tonix is developing next-generation medicines for common disorders of the central nervous system, including fibromyalgia and PTSD. 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 <u>www.tonixpharma.com</u>.

#### Safe Harbor / Forward-Looking Statements

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, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 3, 2016, 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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