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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): May 21, 2020

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 1608, New York, New York 10022
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 980-9155

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Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	TNXP	The NASDAQ Global Market

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 21, 2020, Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp., a Nevada corporation, posted two posters (together, the “Posters”) for the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) 2020 Annual Meeting to be held May 29-30, 2020. Copies of the Posters and the press release which discusses this matter are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.01, 99.02 and 99.03, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)	<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description.</u>
	<u>99.01</u>	Poster Presentation
	<u>99.02</u>	Poster Presentation
	<u>99.03</u>	Press Release of the Company, dated May 21, 2020

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.

Date: May 21, 2020

By: /s/ Bradley Saenger
Bradley Saenger
Chief Financial Officer

Pharmacokinetic Results of a Dose Proportionality and Food Effect Study of a Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (CBP) HCl (TNX-102 SL)

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OBJECTIVE
 TNX-102 SL is a sublingual (SL) formulation of cyclobenzaprine (CBP), administered as 2 x 2.8 mg tablets, designed for bedtime dosing that is being developed by Tonix Pharmaceuticals for fibromyalgia (FM), posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), agitation in Alzheimer's Disease (AAD), and alcohol use disorder (AUD). Previous Phase 1 pharmacokinetic (PK) studies comparing TNX-102 SL with immediate release (IR) and extended release (ER) formulations of oral CBP (AMRIX® 30 mg ER capsules) show that TNX-102 SL provides transmucosal absorption, rapid systemic exposure, avoidance of first pass metabolism, and lower exposure to long-lived major metabolites, norcyclobenzaprine (norCBP) (unpublished). Approved oral CBP products have significant increases in absorption with food, a source of greater variability in plasma drug levels. Food effects therefore may add unpredictability for patients in terms of therapeutic benefits or side effects experienced by patients. This Phase 1 PK study evaluated the dose proportionality of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg to 5.6 mg, and the potential for food effect with TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg.

DESIGN
 Study TNX-CV-F110 (F110) was a single-center, single-dose, randomized, open-label, 3-period, crossover, dose proportionality and food effect study to support the registration of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg. This study was designed to:

1. Evaluate the dose proportionality of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg vs. TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (administered as 2 x 2.8 mg tablets) under fasting conditions
2. Evaluate the effect of food on TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg under fasting and fed conditions
3. Assess the safety and tolerability of TNX-102 SL in healthy subjects.

The study enrolled 16 healthy adult subjects and consisted of 3 randomized treatment periods. Subjects were confined on site from at least 10 hours before dosing until 24-hour post-dose. In each period, subjects received a single dose of one of the following treatments, with a washout period of at least 28 days between each period:

Treatment A: 1 x TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg under fasting conditions
Treatment B: 2 x TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg under fasting conditions
Treatment C: 2 x TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg under fed conditions

Thirty-four (34) serial plasma samples were taken from pre-dose, up to 360 hours post dose in each period to compare pharmacokinetic (PK) parameters of CBP and norCBP between treatments.

Safety was assessed by adverse events (AEs), Columbia Suicidality Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS), physical exam, vital signs, electrocardiograms (ECG), and laboratory parameters.

METHODS
 The following PK parameters were calculated by standard non-compartmental methods for CBP and norCBP:
 $AUC_{0-\infty}$, AUC_{0-t} , C_{max} , Residual area, T_{max} , $T_{1/2}$
 Dose-proportionality and no food effect will be concluded if the 90% confidence intervals for the ratio of geometric means based on least squares means from the ANOVA of the ln-transformed dose-normalized $AUC_{0-\infty}$, AUC_{0-t} , and C_{max} are within 80.0% to 125.0%.

RESULTS
Pharmacokinetic Results:
 PK results for CBP are presented in Figure 1 and Table 1. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg under fasting conditions (Treatment A), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 64.4 h*ng/mL and 2.5 ng/mL, respectively. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg under fasting conditions (Treatment B), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 128.1 h*ng/mL and 5.1 ng/mL, respectively. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg under fed conditions (Treatment C), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 133.1 h*ng/mL and 4.5 ng/mL, respectively. The mean T_{max} for TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg fasted, 5.6 mg fasted and 5.6 mg fed were 4.2 h, 4.2 h and 5.1 h.

Figure 1. Mean (SD) Cyclobenzaprine Plasma Concentrations

Table 1. Summary of Pharmacokinetic Parameters by Treatment Group for Cyclobenzaprine

Parameter (Mean)	Treatment A TNX 2.8 mg (Fasted) N=15	Treatment B TNX 5.6 mg (Fasted) N=16	Treatment C TNX 5.6 mg (Fed) N=16
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ (h*ng/mL)	64.4	128.1	133.1
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	300.2 (94.5, 106.2)	104.1 (99.0, 109.3)	
AUC_{0-t} (h*ng/mL)	67.7	132.3	136.9
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	102.3 (96.8, 108.0)	103.7 (98.6, 109.0)	
C_{max} (ng/mL)	2.5	5.1	4.5
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	97.9 (92.1, 104.1)	89.0 (82.1, 96.6)	
Residual Area (%)	5.2	3.2	2.8
T_{max} (h)	4.4	4.2	5.1
$T_{1/2}$ (h)	35.4	36.4	37.9

PK results for norCBP are presented in Figure 2 and Table 2. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg under fasting conditions (Treatment A), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 79.5 h*ng/mL and 0.6 ng/mL, respectively. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg under fasting conditions (Treatment B), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 156.1 h*ng/mL and 1.2 ng/mL, respectively. Following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg under fed conditions (Treatment C), the mean $AUC_{0-\infty}$ and C_{max} was 156.2 h*ng/mL and 1.1 ng/mL, respectively. The mean T_{max} for TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg fasted, 5.6 mg fasted and 5.6 mg fed were 24.2 h, 31.8 h and 32.9 h.

Figure 2. Mean (SD) Norcyclobenzaprine Plasma Concentrations

Table 2. Summary of Pharmacokinetic Parameters by Treatment Group for Norcyclobenzaprine

Parameter	Treatment A TNX 2.8 mg (Fasted) N=15	Treatment B TNX 5.6 mg (Fasted) N=16	Treatment C TNX 5.6 mg (Fed) N=16
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ (h*ng/mL)	79.5	158.1	156.2
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	99.1 (92.2, 106.6)	96.1 (89.5, 103.2)	
AUC_{0-t} (h*ng/mL)	82.1	164.1	161.8
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	99.0 (91.8, 106.8)	95.9 (89.2, 103.2)	
C_{max} (ng/mL)	0.6	1.2	1.1
Ratio (90% CI) (%)	97.5 (91.3, 104.0)	94.9 (87.7, 102.7)	
Residual Area (%)	2.9	3.0	2.9
T_{max} (h)	24.2	31.8	32.9
$T_{1/2}$ (h)	61.3	63.0	62.0

Safety Results:
 In F110, 16 subjects were randomized and 1 subject was withdrawn from the study due to an adverse event unrelated to the study drug. There were no unexpected treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) observed. The most commonly reported TEAEs by subjects were related to local administration site reactions following a single dose of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg fasted, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg fasted and TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg fed were hypoaesthesia oral (37.5%) and product taste abnormal (31.3%). The most commonly reported systemic TEAEs were somnolence (43.8%) and headache (18.8%). The TEAEs reported by ≥ 3 subjects are presented in Table 3. No deaths or serious adverse events were reported. All TEAEs were mild or moderate in severity and are consistent with prior clinical studies of TNX-102 SL at the 2.8 mg and 5.6 mg doses.

Table 3. Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Reported by ≥ 3 Subjects

Preferred Term, n (%)	TNX-102 SL N=16
Somnolence	7 (43.8%)
Hypoaesthesia Oral	6 (37.5%)
Product Taste Abnormal	5 (31.3%)
Nasopharyngitis	5 (31.3%)
Headache	3 (18.8%)

CONCLUSION
 TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and 5.6 mg were well tolerated in healthy subjects. Based on the PK results, the rate and extent of absorption of CBP and norCBP increased in a dose-proportional manner from 2.8 mg to 5.6 mg of TNX-102 SL. No food effect was observed for CBP or norCBP for TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg. The absence of a food effect is consistent with transmucosal absorption after sublingual administration, and this is expected to provide more predictable plasma levels compared to oral formulations of CBP.

Tonix Pharmaceuticals Posted Results from Pharmacokinetic Analyses of TNX-102 SL and TNX-601 CR in Advance of Virtual Poster Presentations at the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology

NEW YORK, May 21, 2020 - Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (Nasdaq: TNXP) (Tonix or the Company), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, posted two posters for the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) 2020 Annual Meeting to be held online virtually on May 29-30, 2020. The posters can be found on the [Scientific Presentations](#) page of Tonix's website.

A poster, titled "Pharmacokinetic Results of Dose Proportionality and Food Effect Study of a Sublingual Formulation of Cyclobenzaprine (CBP) HCl (TNX-102 SL)" includes pharmacokinetic (PK) analyses of TNX-102 SL that is being developed as a bedtime treatment for fibromyalgia, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), agitation in Alzheimer's disease (ADD) and alcohol use disorder (AUD). Sixteen healthy subjects, ages 18-65, were randomized in a 3-way crossover to receive a single dose of TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg fasted, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg fasted, and TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg fed using a standardized high-fat meal.

A poster, titled "Phase 1 Pharmacokinetic Study of a Once-Daily Formulation of TNX-601 CR (Tianeptine Oxalate Controlled-Release) Tablets," includes PK analyses of TNX-601 CR which is being developed as a once-daily treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD), PTSD and corticosteroid-induced cognitive dysfunction. In this single-center, open-label, multiple sequential period study, a single cohort of 12 male and female healthy volunteers were administered in successive periods: tianeptine sodium 12.5 mg (Stablon¹), tianeptine oxalate 13.1 mg (TNX-601), tianeptine oxalate CR (TNX-601 CR) 39.4 mg in a fasted state; and TNX-601 CR in a fed state using a standardized high-fat meal.

Dr. Gregory Sullivan, Chief Medical Officer of Tonix said, "Based on the PK results of the study with TNX-102 SL, the rate and extent of absorption of CBP increased in a dose-proportional manner from 2.8 mg to 5.6 mg of CBP. No food effect was observed for CBP for TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg. The absence of a food effect is consistent with transmucosal absorption after sublingual administration, and this is expected to provide more predictable plasma levels compared to oral swallowed forms of CBP."

Dr. Sullivan continued, "Based on the PK results of the TNX-601 CR study, TNX-601 CR 39.4 mg demonstrated PK appropriate for once-daily dosing with minimal food effect. TNX-601 CR was well-tolerated, without unexpected side effects, and with profiles consistent with the ex-U.S.-marketed sodium salt form of tianeptine dosed three times a day. We believe these findings support further development of TNX-601 CR, the once-daily formulation of tianeptine, in MDD, PTSD and corticosteroid-induced cognitive dysfunction."

¹Stablon is a registered trademark of Les Laboratoires SERVIER (France).

About Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.

Tonix is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, licensing, acquiring and developing drugs and biologics to treat and prevent human disease and alleviate suffering. Tonix's current portfolio includes biologics to prevent infectious diseases, and small molecules and biologics to treat pain, psychiatric and addiction conditions. Tonix is developing four potential vaccines, based on the horsepox viral vector platform to protect against the novel coronavirus disease emerging in 2019, or COVID-19: TNX-1800, TNX-1810, TNX-1820 and TNX-1830*. TNX-1800 is designed to express the Spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 and to a predominant T cell response. TNX-1810, TNX-1820 and TNX-1830 are designed to express different proteins from SARS-CoV-2 and to elicit almost pure T cell responses. TNX-801* (live horsepox virus vaccine for percutaneous administration) is in development to protect against smallpox and monkeypox. Tonix's most advanced drug development programs are focused on delivering safe and effective long-term treatments for fibromyalgia, or FM, and posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. Tonix's most advanced product candidate, TNX-102 SL**, is in Phase 3 development as a bedtime treatment for fibromyalgia and PTSD. The Company is enrolling participants in the Phase 3 RELIEF trial in fibromyalgia and expects results from an unblinded interim analysis in September of 2020 and topline data in the first quarter of 2021. The Phase 3 RECOVERY trial (P302) for TNX-102 SL (trade name Tonmya***) in PTSD has stopped enrollment based on the Independent Data Monitoring Committee's recommendation to stop the study for futility following an interim analysis of the first 50% of enrolled participants. Topline data for RECOVERY are expected in the second quarter of 2020. TNX-102 SL is also in development for agitation in Alzheimer's disease and alcohol use disorder (AUD). The agitation in Alzheimer's disease program is Phase 2 ready with FDA Fast Track designation, and the development program for AUD is in the pre-Investigational New Drug (IND) application stage. Tonix's programs for treating addiction conditions also include TNX-1300* (T172R/G173Q double-mutant cocaine esterase 200 mg, i.v. solution), which is in Phase 2 development for the treatment of cocaine intoxication and has FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation. TNX-601 CR (tianeptine oxalate controlled-release tablets) is in development as a daytime treatment for depression as well as PTSD and corticosteroid-induced cognitive dysfunction. The first efficacy study will be in the treatment of major depressive disorder. TNX-1600 (a triple reuptake inhibitor) is a pre-clinical new molecular entity (NCE) being developed as a treatment for PTSD. Tonix's preclinical pipeline includes TNX-1500 (anti-CD154), a monoclonal antibody being developed to prevent and treat organ transplant rejection and autoimmune conditions, and TNX-1700 (rTFF2), a biologic being developed to treat gastric and pancreatic cancers. TNX-1200* (live vaccinia virus vaccine for percutaneous administration) is in development to protect against smallpox and monkeypox. Finally, TNX-701 (undisclosed small molecule) to prevent radiation effects is being advanced as a medical countermeasure to improve biodefense.

*TNX-1800, TNX-1810, TNX-1820, TNX-1830, TNX-801, TNX-1200 and TNX-1300 are investigational new biologics and have not been approved for any indication.

**TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) is an investigational new drug and has not been approved for any indication.

***Tonmya has been conditionally accepted by the FDA as the proposed trade name for TNX-102 SL for the treatment of PTSD.

This press release and further information about Tonix can be found at www.tonixpharma.com.

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, risks related to failure to obtain FDA clearances or approvals and noncompliance with FDA regulations; delays and uncertainties caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic; risks related to the timing and progress of clinical development of our product candidates; our 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 substantial competition. 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, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 24, 2020, and periodic reports filed with the SEC on or after the date thereof. 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 thereof.

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