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CURRENT REPORT

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Date of report (date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2023

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.)

26 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey 07928
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 21, 2023, Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (the "Company") announced a poster presentation showing research results for the Company's mTNX-1700 (murine trefoil factor family member 2- murine serum albumin, or mTFF2-MSA) product candidate (the "Poster") at the Seventh International Cancer Immunotherapy Conference 2023 ("CICON23"): Translating Science into Survival, being held September 20-23, 2023. A copy of the press release which discusses this matter is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.01, and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Poster is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.02 and incorporated herein by reference.

The Company updated its TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablet) product candidate presentation, which the Company intends to place on its website, which may contain nonpublic information. A copy of the presentation is filed as Exhibit 99.03 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits [99.01](#), [99.02](#) and [99.03](#) attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the United States Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 21, 2023, the Company announced the presentation of the Poster CICON23. The Poster, entitled, "mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) Suppresses Tumor Growth and Increases Survival in Anti-PD-1 Treated CT26.WT Subcutaneous and CT26-Luciferase Orthotopic Syngeneic Colorectal Cancer Models by Targeting MDSCs in BALB/C Mice," includes data demonstrating that mTNX-1700, a novel fusion protein, has single agent activity and can improve on the therapeutic effects of anti-PD-1 in

treating syngeneic mouse models of advanced colorectal cancer. In two models, mTNX-1700 increased survival rates and suppresses tumor growth. Additive tumor growth suppression effects were observed when mTNX-1700 and anti-PD-1 were used in combination. The Company believes that the data demonstrate the potential of TNX-1700 in treating cancer both as a single agent and in combination with other immuno-oncology drugs, particularly anti-PD-1, and highlight how mTNX-1700 targets myeloid-derived suppressor cells as a novel mechanism to treat cancer.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, as amended, including those relating to the Company's product development, clinical trials, clinical and regulatory timelines, market opportunity, competitive position, possible or assumed future results of operations, business strategies, potential growth opportunities and other statement that are predictive in nature. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate and management's current beliefs and assumptions.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)	Exhibit No.	Description.
	99.01	Press Release of the Company, dated September 21, 2023
	99.02	mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) Suppresses Tumor Growth and Increases Survival in Anti-PD-1 Treated CT26.WT Subcutaneous and CT26-Luciferase Orthotopic Syngeneic Colorectal Cancer Models by Targeting MDSCs in BALB/C Mice
	99.03	Corporate Presentation by the Company for September 2023
	104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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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: September 21, 2023

By: /s/ Bradley Saenger

Bradley Saenger

Chief Financial Officer

Tonix Pharmaceuticals Presents New Preclinical Data at Seventh International Cancer Immunotherapy Conference 2023*mTNX-1700 (mTFF2-MSA) suppresses tumor growth and increases survival rates in preclinical colorectal cancer models**mTNX-1700 shows single agent activity and additive effects in combination with anti-PD-1**mTNX-1700 targets myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) in a novel mechanism to treat cancer*

CHATHAM, N.J., September 21, 2023 – Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (Nasdaq: TNXP), a biopharmaceutical company with marketed products and a pipeline of development candidates, today announced a poster presentation showing research results for mTNX-1700 (murine trefoil factor family member 2- murine serum albumin, or mTFF2-MSA) at the Seventh International Cancer Immunotherapy Conference 2023 (CICON23): Translating Science into Survival, being held September 20-23, 2023, in Milan, Italy. The poster is available under the Scientific Presentations tab of the Tonix website at www.tonixpharma.com.

The poster presentation, titled, “*mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) Suppresses Tumor Growth and Increases Survival in Anti-PD-1 Treated CT26.WT Subcutaneous and CT26-Luciferase Orthotopic Syngeneic Colorectal Cancer Models by Targeting MDSCs in BALB/C Mice*,” includes data demonstrating that the novel fusion protein, mTNX-1700 has single agent activity and can improve on the therapeutic effects of anti-PD-1 in treating syngeneic mouse models of advanced colorectal cancer. In two models, mTNX-1700 increases survival rates and suppresses tumor growth. Additive tumor growth suppression effects were observed when mTNX-1700 and anti-PD-1 were used in combination.

“mTNX-1700 is a novel fusion protein that has single agent activity and augments PD-1 blockade therapy in combination therapy in advanced and metastatic syngeneic mouse models of colorectal and gastric cancer,” said Seth Lederman, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Tonix Pharmaceuticals. “Certain cancers are unresponsive to anti-PD-1 therapy. Despite the significance of PD-1 checkpoint blockade in treating many types of cancer, there’s a need to better understand why some cancers don’t respond and how to make them responsive. We believe these data show the potential of TNX-1700 in treating cancer both as a single agent and in combination with other immuno-oncology drugs, particularly anti-PD-1, and highlight how mTNX-1700 targets MDSCs as a novel mechanism to treat cancer.”

About Trefoil Factor Family Member 2 (TFF2)

Human TFF2 is a secreted protein, encoded by the TFF2 gene in humans, that is expressed in gastrointestinal mucosa where it functions to protect and repair mucosa. TFF2 is also expressed at low levels in splenic immune cells and is now appreciated to have intravascular roles in the spleen and in the tumor microenvironment. In gastric cancer, TFF2 is epigenetically silenced, and TFF2 is suggested to be protective against cancer development through several mechanisms. Tonix is developing TNX-1700 (rTFF2-HSA) for the treatment of gastric and colon cancers under a license from Columbia University. The inventor of the core technology at Columbia is Dr. Timothy Wang, who is an expert in the molecular mechanisms of carcinogenesis whose research has focused on the carcinogenic role of inflammation in modulating stem cell functions. Dr. Wang demonstrated that knocking out the mTFF2 gene in mice leads to faster tumor growth and that overexpression of TFF2 markedly suppresses tumor growth by curtailing the homing, differentiation, and expansion of MDSCs to allow activation of cancer-killing CD8⁺ T cells.¹ He went on to show that a novel engineered form of recombinant murine TFF2 (mTFF2-CTP) had an extended half-life *in vivo* and was able to suppress MDSCs and tumor growth in an animal model of colorectal cancer. Later, he showed in gastric cancer models that suppressing MDSCs using chemotherapy enhances the effectiveness of anti-PD1 therapy and significantly reduces tumor growth.² Dr. Wang proposed the concept of employing rTFF2 in combination with other therapies in cancer prevention and early treatment. Dr. Wang presented data at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) conference as a collaboration between Tonix and Columbia University in 2020 that includes data from a preclinical study which investigated the role of PD-L1 in colorectal tumorigenesis and evaluated the utility of targeting myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) in combination with PD-1 blockade in mouse models of colorectal cancer. The data show that anti-PD-1 monotherapy was unable to evoke anti-tumor immunity in this model of colorectal cancer, but mTFF2-CTP augmented the efficacy of anti-PD-1 therapy. Anti-PD-1 in combination with TFF2-CTP showed greater anti-tumor activity in PD-L1-overexpressing mice.

¹Dubeykovskaya ZA et al, *Nat Commun* 2016

²Kim W et al, *Gastroenterology* 2021

Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.*

Tonix is a biopharmaceutical company focused on commercializing, developing, discovering and licensing therapeutics to treat and prevent human disease and alleviate suffering. Tonix Medicines, our commercial subsidiary, markets Zembrace® SymTouch® (sumatriptan injection) 3 mg and Tosymra® (sumatriptan nasal spray) 10 mg under a transition services agreement with Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC from whom the products were acquired on June 30, 2023. Zembrace SymTouch and Tosymra are each indicated for the treatment of acute migraine with or without aura in adults. Tonix’s development portfolio is composed of central nervous system (CNS), rare disease, immunology and infectious disease product candidates. Tonix’s CNS development portfolio includes both small molecules and biologics to treat pain, neurologic, psychiatric and addiction conditions. Tonix’s lead development CNS candidate, TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablet), is in mid-Phase 3 development for the management of fibromyalgia, having completed enrollment of a potentially confirmatory Phase 3 study in the third quarter of 2023, with topline data expected in the fourth quarter of 2023. TNX-102 SL is also being developed to treat fibromyalgia-type Long COVID, a chronic post-acute COVID-19 condition. Enrollment in a Phase 2 proof-of-concept study has been completed, and topline results were reported in the third quarter of 2023. TNX-601 ER (tianeptine hemioxalate extended-release tablets) is a once-daily oral formulation being developed as a treatment for major depressive disorder (MDD), that completed enrollment in a Phase 2 proof-of-concept study in the third quarter of 2023, with topline results expected in the fourth quarter of 2023. TNX-4300 (estianeptine) is a single isomer version of TNX-601, small molecule oral therapeutic in preclinical development to treat MDD, Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease. Relative to tianeptine, estianeptine lacks activity on the μ -opioid receptor while maintaining activity in the rat Novel Object Recognition test *in vivo* and the ability to activate PPAR- β/δ and neuroplasticity in tissue culture. TNX-1900 (intranasal potentiated oxytocin), is in development for preventing headaches in chronic migraine, and has completed enrollment in a Phase 2 proof-of-concept study with topline data expected in the fourth quarter of 2023. TNX-1900 is also being studied in binge eating disorder, pediatric obesity and social anxiety disorder by academic collaborators under investigator-initiated INDs. TNX-1300 (cocaine esterase) is a biologic designed to treat cocaine intoxication and has been granted Breakthrough Therapy designation by the FDA. A Phase 2 study of TNX-1300 is expected to be initiated in the fourth quarter of 2023. Tonix’s rare disease development portfolio includes TNX-2900 (intranasal potentiated oxytocin) for the treatment of Prader-Willi syndrome. TNX-2900 has been granted Orphan Drug designation by the FDA. Tonix’s immunology development portfolio includes biologics to address organ transplant rejection, autoimmunity and cancer, including TNX-1500, which is a humanized monoclonal antibody targeting CD40-ligand (CD40L or CD154) being developed for the prevention of allograft rejection and for the treatment of autoimmune diseases. A Phase 1 study of TNX-1500 was initiated in the third quarter of 2023. Tonix’s infectious disease pipeline includes TNX-801, a vaccine in development to prevent smallpox and mpox. TNX-801 also serves as the live virus vaccine platform or recombinant pox vaccine platform for other infectious diseases. The infectious disease development portfolio also includes TNX-3900 and TNX-4000, which are classes of broad-spectrum small molecule oral antivirals.

*Tonix’s product development candidates are investigational new drugs or biologics and have not been approved for any indication.

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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 the failure to obtain FDA clearances or approvals and noncompliance with FDA regulations; risks related to the failure to successfully market any of our products; 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, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 13, 2023, 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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mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) Suppresses Tumor Growth and Increases Survival in Anti-PD-1 Treated CT26.WT Subcutaneous and CT26-Luciferase Orthotopic Syngeneic Colorectal Cancer Models by Targeting MDSCs in BALB/c Mice

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Abstract
Introduction: Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) in the tumor microenvironment are potent immunosuppressive cells. We have identified a novel immunosuppressive target, mTFF2, in the tumor microenvironment. mTFF2 is a secreted protein that binds to and inhibits the function of MDSCs. We have developed a novel immunosuppressive target, mTFF2-MSA, which blocks mTFF2 binding to its receptor, mTFF2R, and inhibits MDSC function. We have developed a novel immunosuppressive target, mTFF2-MSA, which blocks mTFF2 binding to its receptor, mTFF2R, and inhibits MDSC function. We have developed a novel immunosuppressive target, mTFF2-MSA, which blocks mTFF2 binding to its receptor, mTFF2R, and inhibits MDSC function.

Results
Fig 1: mTFF2-MSA is a Novel Fusion Protein
Murine TFF2 (106 AA) and Murine Serum Albumin (600 AA) are fused by a linker.

Fig 2: Schematic of Subcutaneous Tumor Model
CT26.WT cells are injected into the flank of BALB/c mice. mTFF2-MSA is administered intraperitoneally.

Fig 3: PK Analysis of mTFF2-MSA in Mice
mTFF2-MSA is administered intraperitoneally to BALB/c mice. Blood samples are collected at various time points post-injection.

Fig 4: Inhibition of Tumor Growth in the CT26.WT Subcutaneous Model
Tumor volume is measured over time. mTFF2-MSA treatment significantly reduces tumor growth compared to control.

Fig 5: Probability of Survival in the CT26.WT Subcutaneous Model
Survival curves show that mTFF2-MSA treatment significantly increases survival in the CT26.WT subcutaneous model.

Fig 6: Immunohistochemistry of the TME in the CT26.WT Subcutaneous Model
Immunohistochemistry analysis shows reduced levels of MDSCs (CD11b⁺Gr1⁺) in the tumor microenvironment of mTFF2-MSA treated mice.

Fig 7: Schematic of Orthotopic Tumor Model
CT26.Luciferase cells are injected into the colon of BALB/c mice. mTFF2-MSA is administered intraperitoneally.

Fig 8: Inhibition of Tumor Growth in the CT26-Luc Orthotopic Model
Tumor weight is measured at Day 22. mTFF2-MSA treatment significantly reduces tumor weight compared to control.

Fig 9: Tumor Weight on Day 22
Bar graph showing tumor weight on Day 22. mTFF2-MSA treatment significantly reduces tumor weight.

Fig 10: Immunohistochemistry of Various Tissues in the CT26-Luc Orthotopic Model
Immunohistochemistry analysis shows reduced levels of MDSCs in various tissues (Spleen, Liver, Lung, Kidney, Heart, Pancreas, Intestine, Muscle, Bone Marrow) of mTFF2-MSA treated mice.

Conclusions
mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) is a novel fusion protein and inhibitor of mTFF2. In the CT26.WT subcutaneous model, mTFF2-MSA significantly reduced tumor growth by 50% and increased survival by 50%. In the CT26.Luc orthotopic model, mTFF2-MSA significantly reduced tumor weight by 40% and increased survival by 50%. mTFF2-MSA also reduced the number of MDSCs in the tumor microenvironment.

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1. Daugherty BL, Boothaker RJ, Johnstone R, Stinson K, Zhao G, Zang M, Qin J, Wang TC, Laderman S. mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) suppresses tumor growth and increases survival in anti-PD-1 treated CT26.WT subcutaneous and CT26-Luciferase orthotopic syngeneic colorectal cancer models by targeting MDSCs in BALB/c mice. *Journal of Experimental Medicine*. 2021;217(12):e20210123.

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**TNX-102 SL FOR LONG COVID
RESULTS OF THE TNX-CY-PA201
'PREVAIL' TRIAL**

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Pipeline: Key Clinical Development Programs

Candidates*	Indication	Status/Next Milestone
TNX-102 SL ¹	Fibromyalgia (FM) Long COVID (PASC²)	Mid-Phase 3 – enrollment complete Phase 2 – Topline Data Announced 5 Sept 2023
TNX-1300 ³	Cocaine Intoxication - <i>FDA Breakthrough Designation</i>	Mid-Phase 2, Targeted 3Q 2023 Start
TNX-1900 ⁴	Prevention of Chronic Migraine	Phase 2 – enrollment complete ⁵
TNX-601 ER	Major Depressive Disorder	Phase 2 – enrollment complete ⁶
TNX-2900 ⁷	Prader-Willi Syndrome - <i>FDA Orphan Drug Designation</i>	Phase 2 ready
TNX-1500 ⁸	Organ Transplant Rejection/ Autoimmune Conditions	Phase 1 – currently enrolling

*All of Tonix's product candidates are investigational new drugs or biologics and none has been approved for any indication.

¹TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) also has active INDs for Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease (AAD), Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD), and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These 3 indications are Phase 2 ready

²Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19. Completed Phase 2 Proof of Concept Study

³TNX-1300 (double-mutant cocaine esterase) is licensed from Columbia University

⁴Acquired from Trigemina; license agreement with Stanford University; Planned investigator-initiated Binge Eating Disorder (BED) study initiated 3Q 2023

⁵A Phase 2 trial under an investigator-initiated IND has been completed in the U.S. using TNX-1900

⁶Phase 2 trial for formulation development of TNX-601 ER (tianeptine hemioxalate extended-release tablets) has completed enrollment – topline data in Q4 2023; Other potential indications include PTSD and neurocognitive dysfunction from steroids

⁷Co-exclusive license agreement with French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm)

⁸anti-CD40L humanized monoclonal antibody – IND cleared and Phase 1 PK/PD trial in healthy volunteers is currently ongoing

INVESTIGATIONAL PRODUCT TNX-102 SL*



Cyclobenzaprine HCl (Protectic®)

A unique, sublingual formulation of cyclobenzaprine designed to optimize delivery and absorption, bypassing 1st pass metabolism

Potent binding and antagonist activities at the serotonergic-5-HT_{2A}, adrenergic- α_1 , histaminergic-H₁, and muscarinic-M₁ cholinergic receptors to facilitate restorative sleep

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Relative to Oral Cyclobenzaprine

- Lower daytime exposure
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- Reduces risk of pharmacological interference from major metabolite

Relative to Standard of Care

- Potential for better tolerability while maintaining efficacy
- Not scheduled, without recognized abuse potential

Patents Issued

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Indications Most Recently Pursued

Fibromyalgia-Type Long COVID

Status: Phase 2

- Phase 2 study (PREVAIL) enrollment complete

Next Steps: Topline results reported 3Q 2023

Fibromyalgia

Status: Mid-Phase 3

- One positive Phase 3 study (RELIEF) completed
- Second Phase 3 study (RALLY) missed primary endpoint
- Confirmatory Phase 3 study (RESILIENT) enrollment complete

Next Steps: Topline results expected 4Q 2023

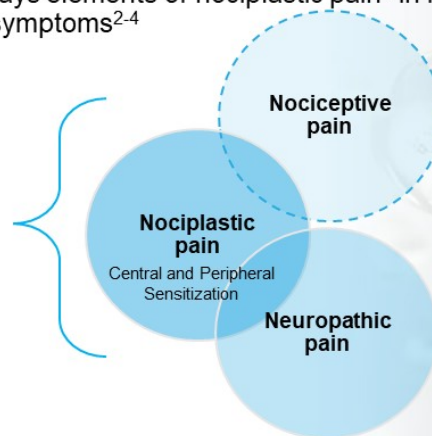
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Fibromyalgia-Type Long COVID

- Long COVID is a heterogeneous condition that displays elements of nociplastic pain¹ in many individuals, who experience otherwise unexplained symptoms²⁻⁴



Symptoms (multi-site pain, fatigue, sleep disorders and cognitive dysfunction) overlap with the key symptoms of fibromyalgia



Nociplastic pain⁴: (*new term for "Central and Peripheral Sensitization"*) Pain that arises from altered nociception despite no clear evidence of tissue damage, or for disease or discrete lesion of the somatosensory system causing the pain

¹Trouvin et al., 2019. *Best Pract Res Clin Rheumatol*. 33(3):1014-15

²Bierle et al., 2021. *J Prim Care Community Health*. 12:21501327211030826

³Moghimi et al., 2021. *Curr Neurol Neurosci Rep*. 21(9):44

⁴Thaweethai T, et al. 2023. *JAMA*. 2023 329(22):1934-1946

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CNS PORTFOLIO

TNX-102 SL*: Fibromyalgia-Type Long COVID (PASC) Cyclobenzaprine Protectic® Sublingual Tablets



PROFILE

- Occurs in approximately 19% of recovered COVID-19 patients¹
- As many as 40% of Long COVID patients experience multi-site pain, a hallmark of fibromyalgia^{2,3}
- Symptoms of Long COVID, like multi-site pain, fatigue, brain fog, and insomnia, are the hallmarks of chronic pain syndromes like fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS)
- In August 2022, the HHS released the National Research Action Plan on Long COVID⁴ which endorses the connection between Long COVID and ME/CFS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Market Entry: Fibromyalgia-Type Long COVID (PASC)

Status: Phase 2 study PREVAIL completed

Results: Topline data reported 5 Sept 2023

Next Steps: End of Phase 2 Meeting with FDA expected 1st Quarter 2024

Patents Issued

*TNX-102 SL has not been approved for any indication.

¹June 22, 2022- CDC - https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/nchs_press_releases/2022/20220622.htm

²Harris, H, et al. Tonix data on file. 2022

³TriNetX Analytics

⁴Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. 2022. National Research Action Plan on Long COVID.

TNX-102 SL: Phase 2 Study Design



PREVAIL Study



Study characteristics:

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of TNX-102 SL in fibromyalgia-type Long COVID
- U.S. sites only, completed enrollment of 63 patients

Primary Endpoint:

- Daily diary pain severity score change from baseline to Week 14 (TNX-102 SL vs. placebo)
 - Weekly averages of the daily numerical rating scale scores

Secondary Endpoints:

- Change from Baseline in the weekly average of the daily diary NRS assessment of sleep quality at the Week 14 endpoint
- Change from Baseline in the PROMIS Fatigue score at the Week 14 endpoint
- Change from Baseline in the PROMIS Cognitive Function – Abilities score at the Week 14 endpoint
- Change from Baseline in the PROMIS Sleep Disturbance score at the Week 14 endpoint
- Proportion of patients with a Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC) rating of "much improved" or "very much improved" at the Week 14 endpoint
- Change from Baseline to Week 14 in the Sheehan Disability Scale (SDS) total score

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT05472090

TNX-102 SL once-daily at bedtime
5.6 mg (2 x 2.8 mg tablets)*

Placebo once-daily at bedtime
(2 x placebo tablets)*

14 weeks →

Study Characteristics and Select Inclusion Criteria:

- Approximately 30 clinical trial sites across the US
- Visits: Screening, Baseline, Week 2, Week 6, Week 10, Week 14, Safety F/U Weeks 16 & 18
- Inclusion: age 18-65, female or male, confirmed hx SARS-CoV-2 ≥ 3 months prior to enrollment (documented PCR, nucleic acid tests, or rapid antigen tests)
- New onset or worsening of pain that coincides with index COVID-19 illness
- Multi-site pain as defined by modified Michigan Body Map following COVID-19 illness
- On-site 7-day recall NRS average daily Long COVID-related pain intensity score ≥ 4 and ≤ 9
- Post-COVID-19 Functional Status (PCFS) scale score of ≥ at Screening & Baseline
- Willing and able to withdraw from: approved FM drugs, opioids, tramadol, tapentadol, tricyclics, trazodone, orexin receptor antagonists, benzodiazepines

*Two-week run-in at 2.8 mg dose at bedtime, followed by 12 weeks at 5.6 mg dose



Variable	Placebo N=31	TNX-102 SL N=32	Total N=63
Age, mean years (SD)	51.4 (10.01)	48.6 (8.80)	50.0 (9.45)
Female, number (%)	25 (80.6%)	21 (65.6%)	46 (73.0%)
Male, number (%)	6 (19.4%)	11 (34.4%)	17 (27.0%)
Ethnicity			
Hispanic or Latino	3 (9.7%)	2 (6.3%)	5 (7.9%)
Not Hispanic or Latino	28 (80.6%)	30 (93.8%)	58 (92.1%)
Race			
American Indian or AN, number (%)	1 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.6%)
Asian, number (%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.1%)	1 (1.6%)
Black or African American, number (%)	5 (16.1%)	7 (21.9%)	12 (19.0%)
Native Hawaiian or PI, number (%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
White or Caucasian, number (%)	24 (77.4%)	21 (65.6%)	45 (71.4%)
Multiple Races, number (%)	1 (3.2%)	3 (9.4%)	4 (6.3%)
BMI, mean kg/m ² (SD)	29.5 (4.44)	29.8 (4.07)	29.6 (4.22)
Employed, number (%)	26 (83.9%)	25 (78.1%)	51 (81.0%)

Abbreviations: AN, Alaskan Native; BMI, body mass index; PI, Pacific Islander; SD, standard deviation

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Topline Results¹



TNX-102 SL showed a robust effect size of 0.5 in improving fatigue and showed consistent activity across secondary measures of sleep quality, cognitive function, disability and Patient Global Impression of Change, but did not meet the primary endpoint of multi-site pain reduction at Week 14

- There is currently no drug approved to treat Long COVID

TNX-102 SL was generally well tolerated with an adverse event (AE) profile comparable to prior studies with TNX-102 SL.

- AE-related discontinuations were similar in drug and placebo arms.
- No new safety signals were observed

Findings fulfill the objectives of this proof-of-concept study, supporting the decision to advance the program based on a proposed primary endpoint using the PROMIS Fatigue scale

- Fatigue is the signature symptom of Long COVID and it has been identified as the dominant symptom contributing to disability²
- In both of our prior Phase 3 studies of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg in fibromyalgia, we observed numerical improvement in the PROMIS fatigue score (in RELIEF $p=0.007$ MMRM and in RALLY $p=0.007$ MMRM)
- Although the validity of PROMIS Fatigue is not yet established in Long COVID, we believe the results of PREVAIL, together with extensive data from studies in other chronic conditions³⁻⁵ – including Tonix's studies in fibromyalgia – make PROMIS Fatigue a solid candidate for the primary endpoint of future Long COVID registrational studies.

¹Tonix Press Release, September 5, 2023 - <https://bit.ly/3Z6FQHQ>

²Walker S, et al. *BMJ Open* 2023;13:e069217. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2022-069217

³Cook, K.F., et al. 2016. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*, 73, 89-102

⁴Cella, D., et al. 2016. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*, 73, 128-134

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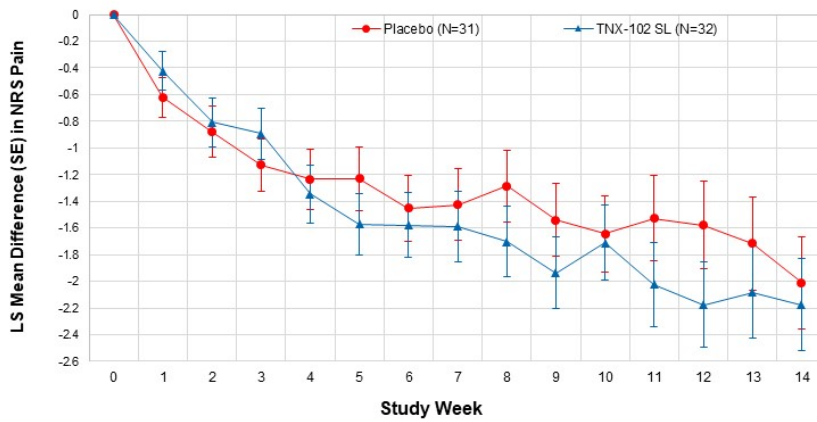
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Primary Endpoint: Weekly Summary of Daily Pain Scores¹⁻³



Daily Diary Widespread Pain Ratings Change from Baseline for TNX-102 SL versus Placebo



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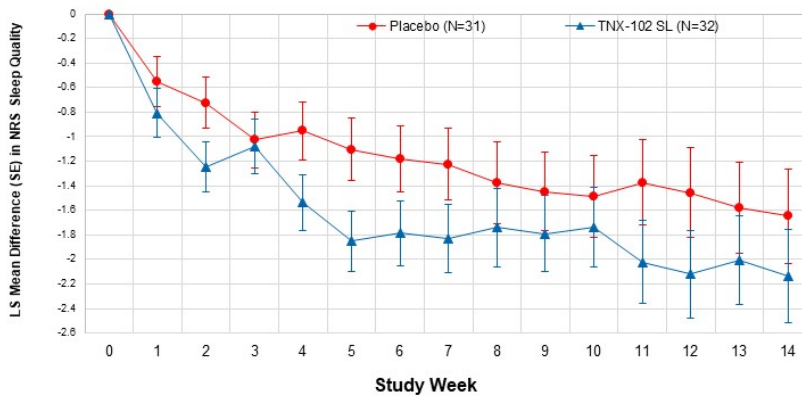
²Change from baseline in the diary numerical rating scale (NRS) weekly average of daily self-reported worst Long COVID pain intensity scores for TNX-102 SL versus placebo; Mixed Model for Repeated Measures (MMRM). Abbreviations: LS, least squares; SE, standard error.

³Primary endpoint, at week 14 (effect size (ES) = 0.08)

Weekly Summary of Daily Sleep Scores¹⁻³



Daily Diary Sleep Quality Ratings Change from Baseline for TNX-102 SL versus Placebo

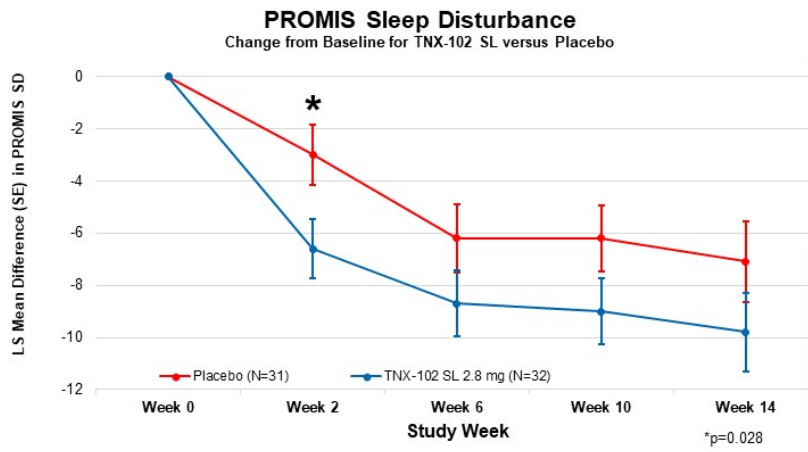


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³Pre-specified secondary endpoint, at week 14 (effect size (ES) = 0.23)

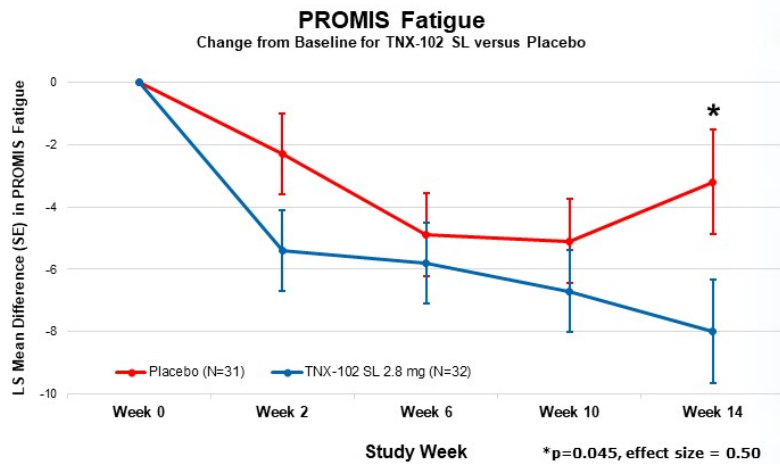
PROMIS Sleep Disturbance^{1,2}



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²Mixed Model for Repeated Measures (MMRM), Abbreviations: LS, least squares; SE, standard error; SD, sleep disturbance

PROMIS Fatigue Score¹⁻⁵



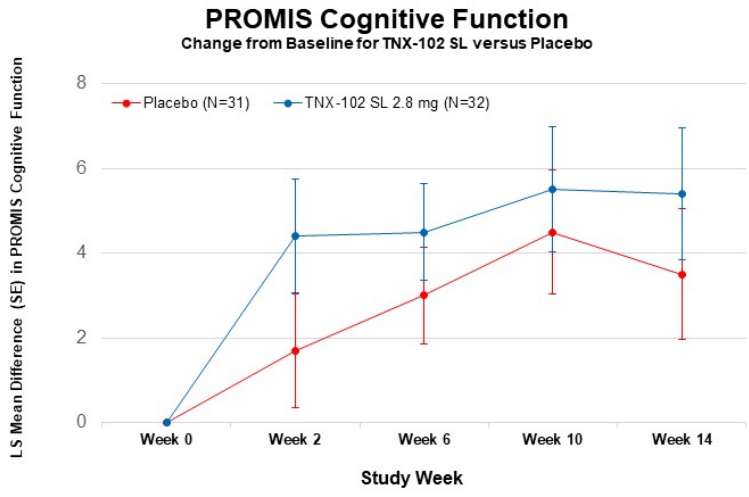
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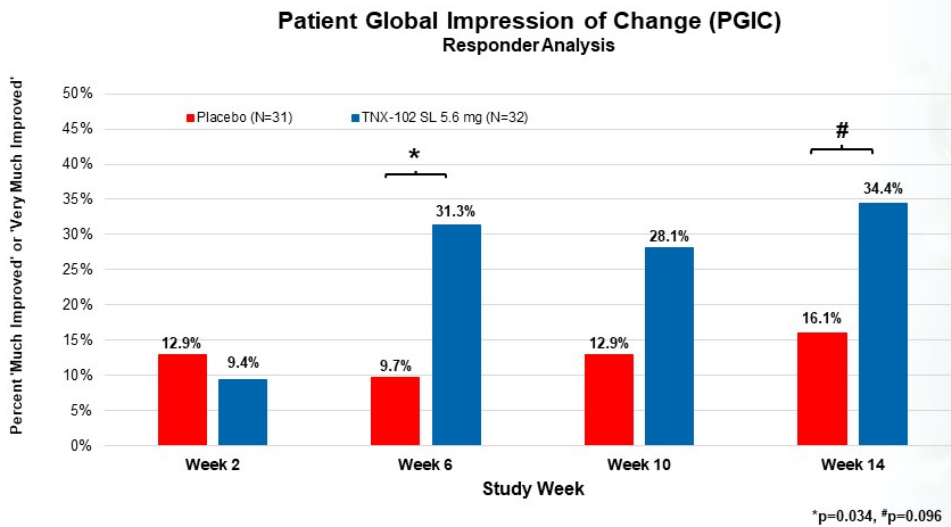


Effect Sizes: 0.34 0.23 0.13 0.21

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Patient Global Impression of Change Responder Analysis (Much or Very Much Improved)¹



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Safety and Most Common Adverse Events¹



- Completion rate of 81.3% in TNX-102 SL arm and 80.6% in Placebo arm
- Patients with ≥1 treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE): TNX-102 SL 56.3%; Placebo 38.7%
- Discontinued due to AE: TNX-102 SL 6.3% (2 subjects); Placebo 9.7% (3 subjects)
 - TNX-102 SL: 1. dizziness, 2. elevated ALT; Placebo: 1. lethargy, 2. abdominal distension, dyspnea, 3. abnormal dreams, nausea, & pruritis
- Patients with ≥1 oral TEAE: TNX-102 SL 43.8%; Placebo 6.5%
- Only one TEAE rated severe: gastritis in a patient in the TNX-102 SL group
- Patients with ≥1 TEAE leading to study drug withdrawal: TNX-102 SL 6.3%; Placebo 9.7%
- No SAEs in PREVAIL
- No new safety signals in PREVAIL; similar safety profile to prior FM and PTSD trials with TNX-102 SL

Table. Adverse Events Occurring in ≥ 2 Participants in Either Treatment Group

	Placebo N=31	TNX-102 SL N=32	Total N=63
Administration Site Reactions			
Hypoaesthesia oral	0	6	6
Product taste abnormal	0	3	3
Glossodynia	0	2	2
Oral pain	0	2	2
Paraesthesia oral	0	2	2
Systemic Adverse Events			
Influenza like illness	2	0	2

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Next Steps

Tonix plans to meet with FDA to discuss a path to registration

- Expected date of End of Phase 2 meeting is 1st Quarter 2024

Fatigue is the principal symptom overlapping with chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis (CFS/ME) and fibromyalgia syndromes

- Expected date of fibromyalgia topline is 4th Quarter 2023



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APPENDIX:

**ABOUT LONG COVID
AND COMMONALITIES
WITH FIBROMYALGIA,
CFS/ME, AND POST-
VIRAL SYNDROMES**

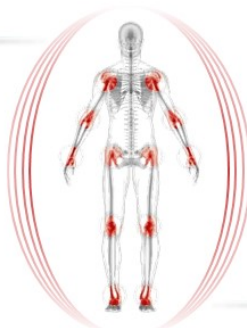
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CHRONIC OVERLAPPING PAIN CONDITIONS (COPC) BELIEVED TO RESULT FROM SHARED BRAIN PROCESSES



- COPC is a set of disorders that coaggregate; these disorders can include but are not limited to^{1,2}:

- Temporomandibular disorder
- Fibromyalgia
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Vulvodynia
- CFS/ME³
- Interstitial cystitis/painful bladder syndrome



- Endometriosis
- Chronic tension-type headache
- Migraine headache
- Chronic lower back pain

- Similar central mechanisms play significant roles in all pain conditions, even those with known peripheral contributions^{1,2}

¹Maixner W, et al. *J Pain*. 2016;17(9 Suppl):T93-T107.

²Yeasley C, et al. http://www.chronicpainresearch.org/public/CPRA_WhitePaper_2015-FINAL-Digital.pdf. Published May 2015. Accessed July 26, 2021.

³CFS/ME – chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis

Role of Infections in Triggering Fibromyalgia or Chronic fatigue (CFS)-Like Illnesses



- Symptoms of Long COVID, like multi-site pain, fatigue and insomnia, are the hallmarks of chronic pain syndromes like fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).
- In August 2022, the HHS released the *National Research Action Plan on Long COVID*¹ which endorses the connection between Long COVID and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Infection initiates an autoreactive process, which affects several functions, including brain and energy metabolism²⁻⁷

- Infections can trigger any of these conditions in approximately 10% of exposed individuals
- The initial location of the infection determines the subsequent pain syndrome
- Any type of infectious diarrhea will trigger irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) in 10% to 20% of those exposed



¹Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. 2022. *National Research Action Plan on Long COVID*. 200 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20201.

²Blomberg J, et al. *Front Immunol*. 2018;9:229. Published 2018 Feb 15.

³Warren JW, et al. *Urology*. 2008;71(6):1085-1090.

⁴Buskila D, et al. *Autoimmun Rev*. 2008;8(1):41-43.

⁵Hickie I, et al. *BMJ*. 2006;333(7568):575.

⁶Parry SD, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2003;98(9):1970-1975.

⁷Halvorson HA, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2006;101(8):1894-1942.

POTENTIAL INCREASE IN MYALGIA FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Chronic pain increase due to COVID-19 could be nociplastic, neuropathic, or nociceptive

The specific causes may be due to:



Chronic pain as part of a post viral syndrome or the result of viral-associated organ damage



Worsening of chronic pain due to exacerbation of preexisting pain physical or mental complaints

Chronic pain newly triggered in individuals without SARS-CoV-2 infection by exacerbation of risk factors (poor sleep, inactivity, fear, anxiety, and depression)

Clauw DJ et al. Pain. 2020;161(8):1694-1697.

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New Classification for Central Pain: Nociplastic Pain¹



Pain due to the activation of nociceptors that arises from actual or threatened damage to non-neural tissue

Nociceptive pain

Neuropathic pain

Pain caused by a lesion or disease of the somatosensory nervous system

Pain that arises from altered nociception despite no clear evidence of tissue damage, or for disease or lesion of the somatosensory system causing the pain

Nociplastic pain
Central and Peripheral Sensitization

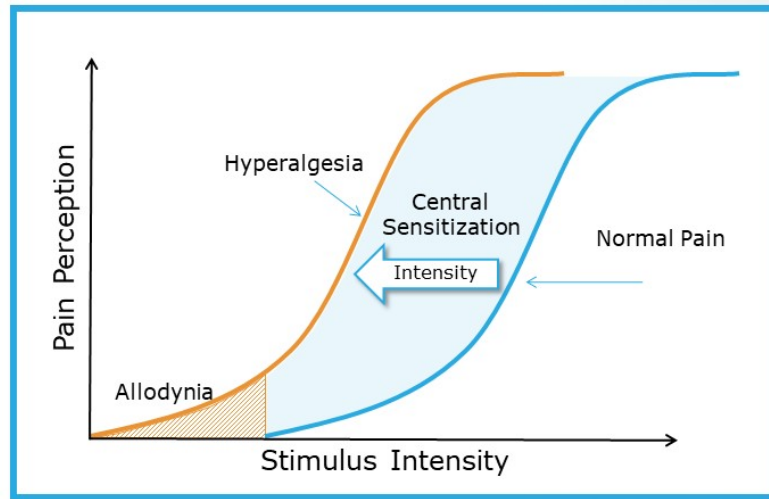
¹Trouvin AP, et al. Best Pract Res Clin Rheumatol. 2019;33(3):101415.

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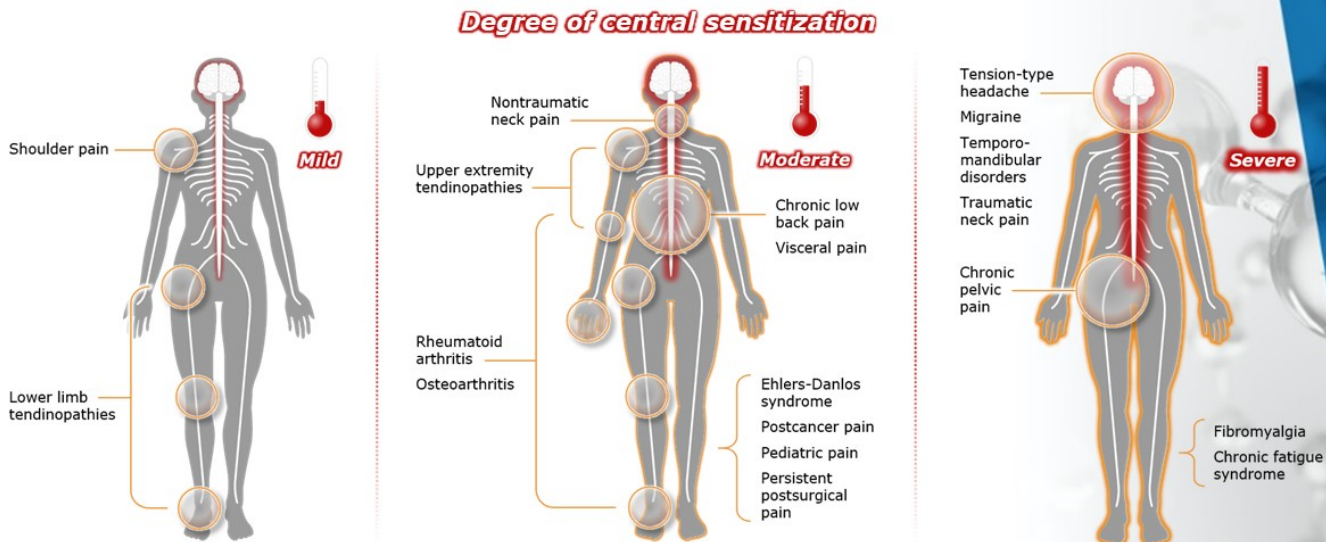
CENTRAL SENSITIZATION (CS) A FEATURE OF MANY NOCIPLASTIC PAIN SYNDROMES

- CS is caused by amplified neural signaling in CNS pain circuits¹⁻³
- Patients with CS perceive higher pain to a slightly noxious stimuli than in non-CS individuals (hyperalgesia)¹
- Severe CS can lead to hypersensitivity to stimuli that are not typically painful (allodynia)²
- CS varies in severity and is observed in syndromes including FM and ME/CFS^{1,3}



¹CFS/ME – chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis
²FM - fibromyalgia
³Nijs J, et al. *Lancet*. 2021;3(5):e383-e392.

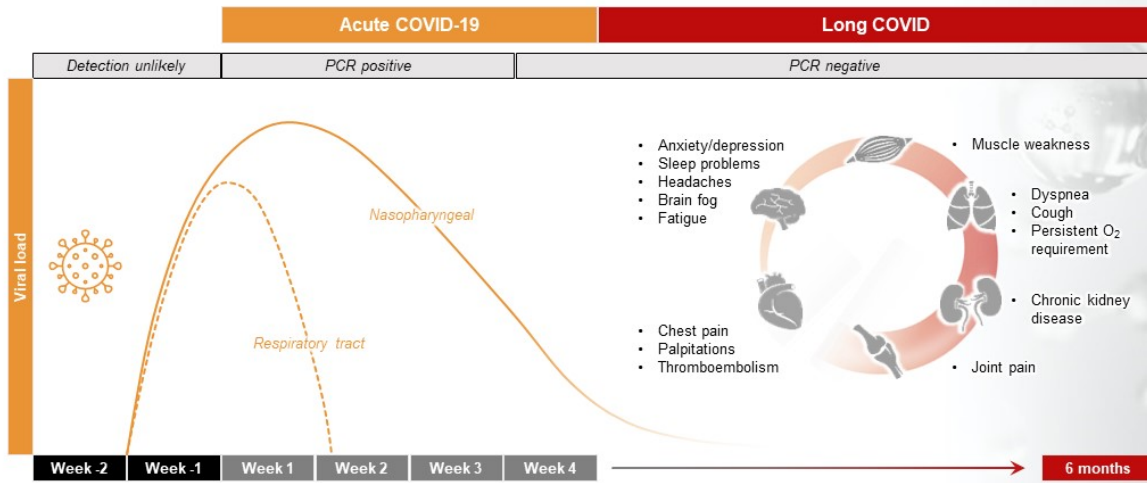
CENTRAL SENSITIZATION (CS) CAN OCCUR IN A RANGE OF DISEASES AND CONDITIONS



Nijs J, et al. *Lancet*. 2021;3(5):e383-e392.

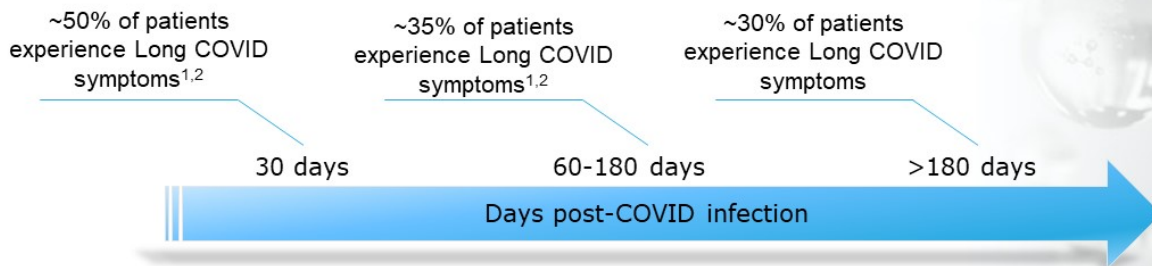


Timeline of Long COVID After Acute COVID-19 Post-Viral Syndrome¹⁻³



¹Hirschtick JL, et al. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2021;73(11):2055-2064.
²Taquet M, et al. *PLOS Medicine*. 2021;18(9):e1003773.
³Sørensen AL, et al. *medRxiv*. 2022:2022.2002.2027.22271328.

Prevalence of Long COVID ~30% of Recovered SARS-CoV-2 Patients after 6 Months



Long COVID (PASC) is more prevalent among patients^{1,2}:

- Requiring hospitalization (93% vs 23% for those not requiring hospitalization)
- With severe symptoms (2.25 times higher prevalence vs those with mild symptoms)

¹Hirschtick JL, et al. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2021;73(11):2055-2064.
²Taquet M, et al. *PLOS Medicine*. 2021;18(9):e1003773.

Rate of Central Sensitization (CS) in Long COVID survey

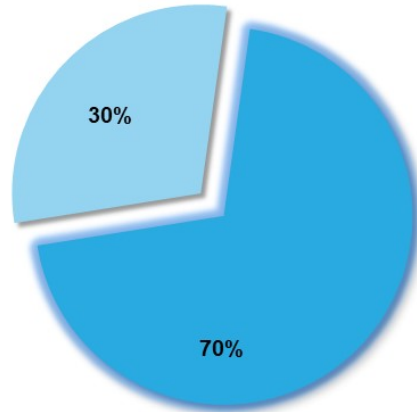
CS Symptoms reported in 70%¹



Prevalence of CS in Long COVID patients

70% of Long COVID participants had CS symptoms (CSI² ≥ 40/100)

65% of Long COVID participants had severe CS symptoms



491 total participants

- Long COVID with CSI ≥ 40/100
- Long COVID with CSI < 40/100

¹Goudman, L, et al. *J of Clin Med.* 2021;10(23):5594.
²CSI = Central Sensitization Inventory

Long COVID Patients in TriNetX Study¹

Retrospective Observational Database Study



TriNetX Dataworks USA Network^{2:}

- A federated network of inpatient and outpatient electronic medical records from 48 US healthcare organizations (HCOs)
- The platform returns aggregated patient counts and results from HCOs having patients meeting the study selection criteria
 - Claims data based on diagnostic codes used by practitioners
 - Case numbers may underestimate actual incidence due to underreporting or miscoding
- Over 50,000 Long COVID patients were identified for the study¹⁻³



Criteria	Patients	HCOs
Network	75,241,815	48
COVID diagnosis (PCR+) and Age 18-65	1,004,258	47
Cannot have other specified viral infection	931,837	47
At least 1 encounter ≤ 180 days post-index	260,082	47
Long COVID symptoms days 91-180	52,322	45

PCR = Polymerase Chain Reaction
 Encounter = Interaction with healthcare provider in network

¹Harris, H, et al. Tonix data on file. 2022.

²TriNetX Analytics

³Topaloglu, U, and Palchuk, MB. *JCO clinical cancer informatics.* 2018;2:1-10.

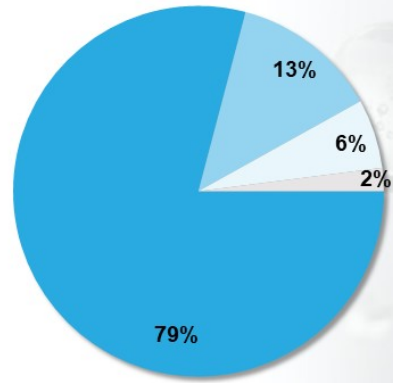
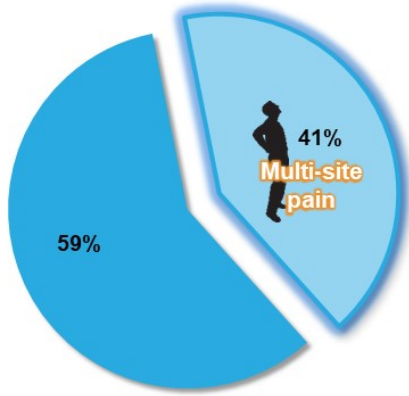




Long COVID Patients in TriNetX study¹ Fibromyalgia-like Symptoms (Multi-Site Pain) in Over 40% of Patients^{1,2}

52,322 total Long COVID patients

21,694 total FM-like Long COVID patients



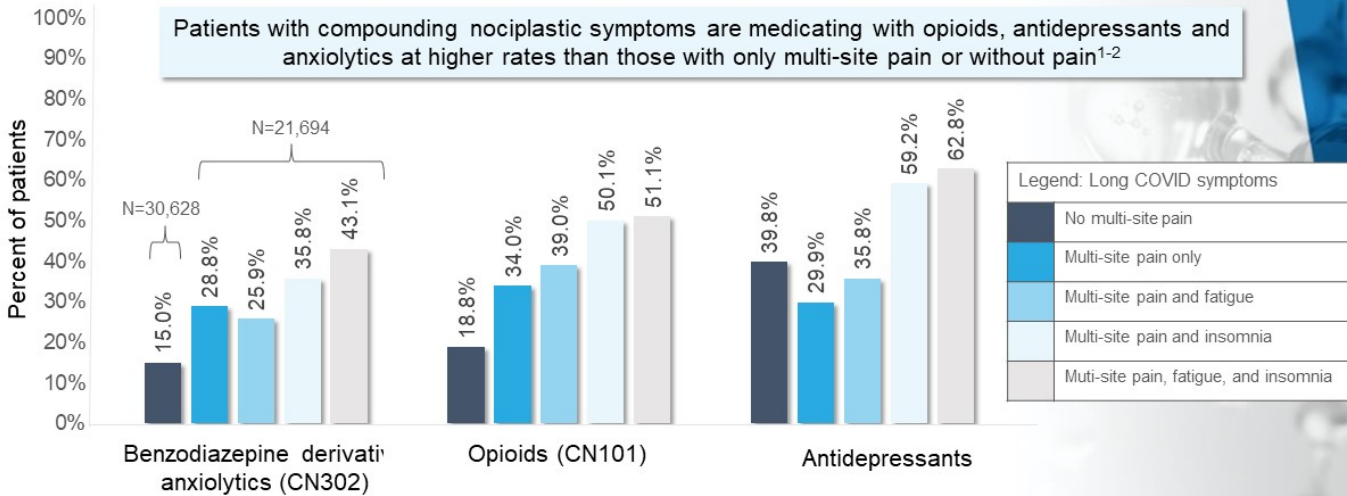
Multi-site pain
No multi-site pain

Multi-site pain only
Multi-site pain and fatigue
Multi-site pain and insomnia
Multi-site pain, fatigue, and insomnia

¹Harris, H, et al. Tonix data on file. 2022.
²TriNetX Analytics



Long COVID Patients in TriNetX Study¹ Recorded Medication Use, Days 91-180



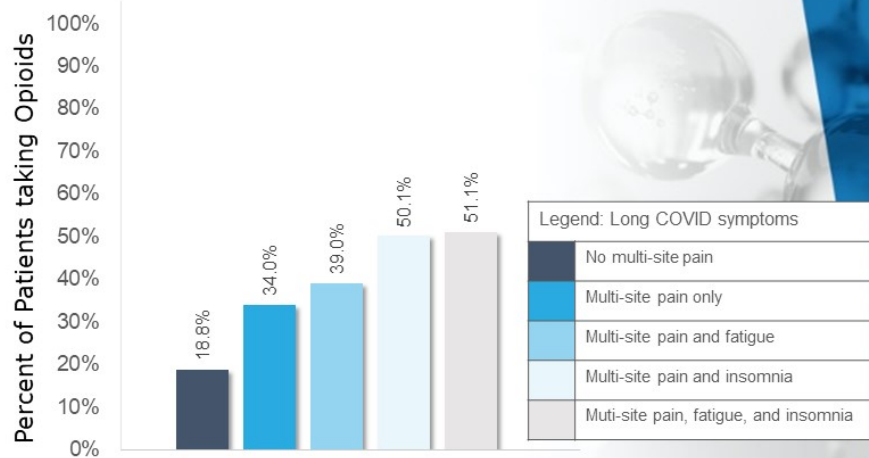
¹Harris, H, et al. Tonix data on file. 2022.
²TriNetX Analytics





Rate of Opioid Use in Long COVID Patients Potential Health Concern

- In only a few days some people can develop a physical dependence and addiction to opioids¹⁻²
- The USA Department of Labor estimates that **1 in 4 patients prescribed opioids long term will struggle with opioid addiction** adding to the already growing opioid crisis¹⁻²



Source: Harris, H, et al. Tonix data on file. 2022.; TriNetX Analytics

¹Shah, A, et al. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2017;66:265-269.
²U.S. Department of Labor

Significant Financial Impact of Long COVID for Households and Economies



25% of Long COVID patients are unable to return to work¹



Over 250,000 Quality Adjusted Life-Years (QUALYS) will be lost due to Long COVID in the UK²



\$23.3 billion is estimated to be paid by the UK government to avoid QUALY losses due to Long COVID²

¹Davis, HE, et al. *eClinicalMedicine.* 2021;38.
²Martin, C, et al. *PloS one.* 2021;16(12):e0260843-e0260843.

Long COVID Presidential Memorandum

President Biden – April 5, 2022¹



Policy

- Commits to redoubling efforts to address the long-term effects of COVID-19

Organizing Government Wide Response

- Harnesses the full potential of the Federal Government, in coordination with public- and private-sector partners, to mount a full and effective response

National Research Action Plan

- Coordinates efforts across the public and private sectors
- Orders establishment of the first-ever interagency national research agenda to, among other things, foster development of new treatments based on a better understanding of the pathophysiological mechanisms of the SARS-CoV-2 virus

Previously, Congress awarded NIH \$1.15 billion to study Long COVID.²

- Funded among other things the RECOVER Initiative implemented by the National Institutes of Health.

¹April 5, 2022 President Biden. "Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19 - www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/04/05/memorandum-on-addressing-the-long-term-effects-of-covid-19/

²The NIH provision of Title III Health and Human Services, Division M—Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, of H.R. 133, The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The bill was enacted into law on 27 December 2020, becoming Public Law 116-260.