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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): October 29, 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 October 29, 2016, Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (the “Company”) presented a poster entitled “*A Retrospective Analysis of the Efficacy of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related PTSD: Determining the Appropriate Severity Threshold for Trial Entry Using the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5*” (the “Poster”), at the CNS Summit 2016 held in Boca Raton, Florida (the “EULAR Annual Meeting”). The Poster was presented by Dr. Gregory Sullivan, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of the Company.

The foregoing description of the Poster is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Poster, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.01 to, and is 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 *A Retrospective Analysis of the Efficacy of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related PTSD: Determining the Appropriate Severity Threshold for Trial Entry Using the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5* Poster*

* 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.

Date: October 31, 2016

By: /s/ BRADLEY SAENGER

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Chief Executive Officer



A Retrospective Analysis of the Efficacy of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related PTSD: Determining the Appropriate Severity Threshold for Trial Entry Using the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5

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Objective

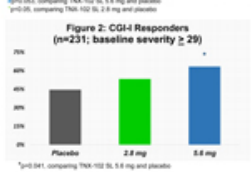
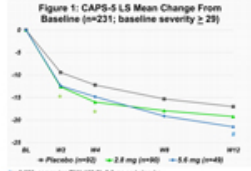
The AEEase[®] study was conducted to evaluate the safety and efficacy of TNX-102 SL, a sublingual formulation of cyclobenzaprine HCl, in the treatment of patients with military-related posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Cyclobenzaprine is a tricyclic molecule with potent binding and antagonistic activity at three neurotransmitter receptors known to be involved in sleep regulation: 5-HT_{2A}, α₁-adrenergic, and H₁-adrenergic receptors. TNX-102 SL is hypothesized to treat PTSD by targeting sleep disturbance, which in turn is permissive to critical sleep-dependent processing of emotional memories necessary for recovery from trauma. Efficacy in AEEase was assessed using the current version of the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS-5), which is based on the PTSD criteria in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders, 5th edition (DSM-5), known as the CAPS-5. Considering major changes to the scoring system compared to prior versions of CAPS, a retrospective analysis was conducted to determine if the selected CAPS-5 severity threshold of ≥29 at baseline for study entry in AEEase was of comparable severity to the threshold of ≥30 in prior CAPS versions, which was the threshold in the registration studies of previously approved PTSD pharmacotherapies. Finding a higher entry score was more conservative, an efficacy analysis was re-assessed on the AEEase subgroup with the higher CAPS-5 severity threshold for entry.

Study Design and Analysis

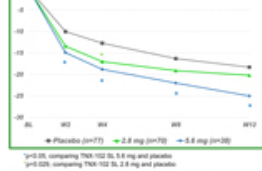
The AEEase study was a Phase 2, multicenter, 12-week, randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in adults with military-related PTSD. Patients were randomized to TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg, 5.6 mg or placebo in a 2:1:2 ratio. The primary efficacy endpoint was the mean change from baseline (MCR) in total CAPS-5 severity score at Week 12, analyzed using a mixed model repeated measures (MMRM) approach. To be eligible, participants must have experienced a PTSD DSM-5 Criterion “K”-qualifying trauma incurred during military service since 2001. The CAPS-5 severity score is calculated by summing scores of the first 20 items of the scale, which are each rated 0-4 based on both intensity and frequency of the symptom evaluated (maximum possible score of 80). A baseline CAPS-5 severity score ≥29 was also required for inclusion for the purpose of only enrolling patients with at least as severe PTSD symptoms as required in prior registration studies of approved PTSD pharmacotherapies. Those studies employed a prior version of the CAPS which had 17 items based on DSM-IV or DSM-IV diagnostic criteria, and was scored by summing both the 0-4 intensity and 0-4 frequency scores for each item (maximum possible score = 136); the threshold for entry was ≥50. After completion of the present trial, an imputed CAPS for DSM-IV score (iCAPS-IV) was calculated for every patient using the 0-4 severity scores of the 17 items. CAPS-5 has in common with CAPS-IV and multiplying by 2 to account for the 0-4 intensity and frequency ratings for each CAPS-IV item (rather than the 0-4 score for intensity and frequency on CAPS-5). A retrospective measurement of the efficacy analysis of AEEase was subsequently performed using the subgroup with the determined higher comparable threshold.

Results

Efficacy
 The efficacy population was comprised of 231 patients randomized to the three treatment arms. The pre-specified primary efficacy analysis of the TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg arm compared to placebo (n=72) did not achieve statistical significance (p=0.209). In contrast, the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg treatment arm (n=49) demonstrated a strong trend towards greater improvement in CAPS-5 at Week 12 (p=0.053; see Figure 1). These sensitivity analyses of this comparison were found to be significant and included patients with multiple imputation (p=0.031) MMRM with hybrid last-observation-carried-forward/baseline-observation-carried-forward imputation (p=0.037), and analysis of covariance (p=0.036). Additionally, the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg treatment group was superior to placebo on the Clinical Global Impression – Improvement (CGI-I) scale responder analysis (p=0.041, logistic regression) as seen in Figure 2 (responder defined as having a score of “much improved” or “very much improved” at Week 12).



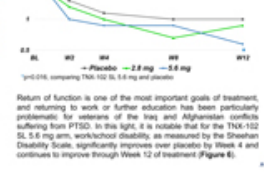
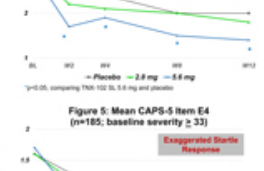
Upon calculating the iCAPS-IV score for each patient, it was found that four patients had an iCAPS-IV score < 50 (range 44 – 49). By using a minimum CAPS-5 entry score of 33, all imputed CAPS-IV baseline scores were above 50, and only 20% of the sample not meeting the threshold was excluded. Figure 3 shows the mean change from baseline in total CAPS-5 severity scores over the 12 weeks of the study among the subgroup with the baseline threshold ≥ 33. The TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg group significantly separated from placebo at all assessment points, and the effect size for the Week 12 comparison of CAPS-5 MCRB was 0.53. Table 1 shows the p-values and effect sizes of the CAPS-5 total score and four clusters in the retrospective analysis subset with a minimum CAPS-5 entry score of 33.



Outcome Measure	CAPS-5 ≥ 33 ^a	CAPS-5 ≥ 39 ^b
CAPS-5 Total Score	0.53 ^c	0.56 ^c
CAPS-5 Cluster B (Intrusion)	0.46 ^c	0.50 ^c
CAPS-5 Cluster C (Avoidance)	0.17	0.32
CAPS-5 Cluster D (Arousal/Reactivity)	0.39	0.60
CAPS-5 Cluster E (Negative Cognitions)	0.52 ^c	0.61 ^c

^aplacebo n = 71; 5.6 mg n = 38
^bplacebo n = 52; 5.6 mg n = 49
^cp-value < 0.05, statistically significant
 ES = effect size

The treatment response pattern of two items within the Arousal and Reactivity cluster are illustrative of the hypothesized mechanism of action of TNX-102 SL in PTSD. Consistent with direct receptor effects, sleep disturbance is a biological symptom that responds to TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg early and robustly from Week 2 onward as seen in Figure 4. In contrast, recovery from exaggerated startle is considered to involve new learning (indicated), and thus is a more behavioral process for which sleep-dependent memory processing is critical. Supportive of this mechanistic hypothesis, it can be seen in Figure 5 that exaggerated startle only responds after a substantial period of treatment with TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg at Week 12.



Safety
 Overall TNX-102 SL was well tolerated. Adverse events occurring at ≥ 5% rate in either TNX-102 SL group are summarized in Table 2.

Adverse Event	Placebo (n=72)	TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg (n=74)	TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (n=48)
Headache	1.4%	11.7%	16.7%
Dry Mouth	10.0%	4.1%	18.8%
Nausea	4.2%	3.4%	12.5%
Insomnia	6.9%	7.0%	4.2%
Somnolence	1.1%	2.0%	12.5%

Adverse Event Incidence

Adverse Event	Placebo (n=72)	TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg (n=74)	TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (n=48)
Headache	2.1%	16.7%	16.7%
Nausea	3.2%	16.7%	4.2%
Insomnia	1.1%	3.2%	4.2%

^aOral hypoglossal was the most common AE, was generally transient (90% resolved), and rated as mild or moderate in 91% on TNX-102 SL.

Summary
 The AEEase study is one of the first pharmacotherapy trials to employ the latest version of the CAPS, which is based on the definition of PTSD in the DSM-5. The analyses described herein demonstrated that a CAPS-5 severity score of ≥33 for study inclusion is more comparable to the severity threshold used in past registration trials of the approved PTSD pharmacotherapies. Retrospective analysis of the AEEase sample using this ≥33 threshold for entry demonstrated substantially larger effect sizes compared with ≥29, of the TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg on total CAPS-5 (0.53 v. 0.26) and Arousal & Reactivity (0.52 v. 0.35) clusters. The CAPS-5 severity score of ≥33 was determined to be appropriate for inclusion in planned Phase 3 testing of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg in PTSD. Overall TNX-102 SL was well tolerated. Oral hypoglossal (or tongue numbness) was most common, generally transient, and never rated as severe. TNX-102 SL is an investigational New Drug and has not been approved for any indication.