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#### **CURRENT REPORT**

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): May 1, 2017

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 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.01 Corporate Presentation by the Company for May 2017\*

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

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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: May 1, 2017 By: /s/ SETH LEDERMAN

Seth Lederman Chief Executive Officer

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# Phase 3 Breakthrough Therapy Program in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

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## Phase 3 HONOR study of TNX-102 SL1 in military-related PTSD enrolling

· Encouraging evidence of safety and efficacy was demonstrated in Phase 2

## Breakthrough Therapy designation from FDA<sup>2</sup>

- · Expedited development and accelerated review are expected
- Potential to file NDA<sup>3</sup> based on one Phase 3 study if data are statistically persuasive

## Proposed registration plan agreed by the FDA

· Additional nonclinical safety and clinical abuse potential studies are not required

## Patent protection through 2034 in U.S.4

· Composition of matter patent for eutectic, which is required for transmucosal delivery

## Novel mechanism targets sleep quality

· Memory processing during sleep is important to recovery

<sup>1</sup>TNX-102 SL (cyclobenzaprine HCl sublingual tablets) is an investigational new drug and has not been approved for any indication <sup>2</sup>U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) <sup>3</sup>New Drug Application

4Notice of Allowance for Eutectic Proprietary Protectic™ Formulation Patent issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



## Phase 3 HONOR Study in PTSD Enrolling

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## To confirm Phase 2 AtEase findings in military-related PTSD:

- Larger adaptive design study
- Enrollment started in 1Q 2017

TNX-102 SL once-daily at bedtime 5.6 mg  $N \sim 275 (140)$ 

Placebo once-daily at bedtime

N ~ 275 (140°

#### General study characteristics:

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, entrance CAPS-5
   ≥ 33
- One unblinded interim analysis (IA) by an independent data monitoring committee at 50% recruitment
- IA (N ~275) for efficacy stop, continuation as planned or sample size adjustment
- · Potential to enroll 550 patients
- · Approximately 35 U.S. clinical sites

#### Primary efficacy endpoint:

 Mean change from baseline in total CAPS-5<sup>1</sup> at Week 12 compared between TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg and placebo

12 weeks

open-label extension

\* Interim analysis

1H 2018 - IA outcome anticipated 2H 2018 - topline data anticipated, if 550 patients are studied

<sup>1</sup>CAPS-5, Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5



## **Breakthrough Therapy Designation**

#### FDA granted TNX-102 SL Breakthrough Therapy designation – reported December 19, 2016

- · PTSD is a serious condition
- TNX-102 SL has potential advantages over existing therapies in military-related PTSD

## Benefits of Breakthrough Therapy designation

- · Eligibility for priority review of the NDA within 6 months instead of 10 months
- · Option to submit completed portions of the NDA for rolling review
- An organizational commitment involving FDA's senior managers to accelerate the development and approval process, an opportunity to compress development time

## NDA filing based on HONOR study is possible if results are statistically persuasive

· Discussed at March 9, 2017 Initial Cross-disciplinary Breakthrough Meeting with the FDA



## No Recognized Abuse Potential in Clinical Studies

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- Active ingredient is cyclobenzaprine, which is structurally related to tricyclic antidepressants
  - Cyclobenzaprine interacts with receptors that regulate sleep quality: 5-HT<sub>2a</sub>; a<sub>1</sub>-adrenergic and histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptors
  - TNX-102 SL does <u>NOT</u> interact with the same receptors as traditional hypnotic sleep drugs, benzodiazepines or non-benzodiazepines that are associated with retrograde amnesia
  - Cyclobenzaprine-containing product was approved 40 years ago and current labeling (May 2016) indicates no abuse and dependence concern
- · TNX-102 SL NDA can be filed without abuse assessment studies
  - · Discussed at March 9, 2017 Initial Cross-disciplinary Breakthrough Meeting



# TNX-102 SL Intellectual Property – U.S. protection until 2034

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## Composition of matter (Eutectic)

- · Notice of Allowance issued by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
  - · Protection expected to 2034
- · Additional claims and jurisdictions pending

## Pharmacokinetics (PK)

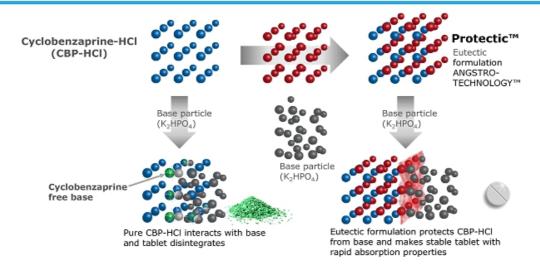
- · Patents filed
  - · Protection expected to 2033

## Method of use

· Patents filed



## Proprietary Cyclobenzaprine Hydrochloride Eutectic Mixture Stabilizes Tablet Formulation





## TNX-102 SL: Sublingual Formulation is Designed for Bedtime Administration

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# TNX-102 SL: Proprietary sublingual formulation of CBP with transmucosal absorption

- · Innovation by design with patent protected CBP and mannitol eutectic formulation
- Rapid systemic exposure
- Increased bioavailability during sleep
- · Avoids first-pass metabolism
- · Lowers exposure to long-lived active major metabolite, norcyclobenzaprine (norCBP)

# CBP undergoes extensive first-pass hepatic metabolism when ingested orally

- Active major metabolite, norCBP¹
  - Long half-life (~72 hours)
  - Less selective for target receptors (5-HT<sub>2A</sub>, α<sub>1</sub>-adrenergic, histamine H<sub>1</sub>)
  - · More selective for norepinephrine transporter

Daugherty et al., Abstract 728, Society of Biological Psychiatry 70th Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015, Toronto Ontario, Canada





## TNX-102 SL: Novel mechanism Targets Sleep Quality for Recovery from PTSD

## PTSD is a disorder of recovery

- · Most people exposed to extreme trauma recover over a few weeks
- In PTSD, recovery process impeded due to insufficient sleep-dependent memory processing

## Memory processing is essential to recovery

 Vulnerability to memory intrusions and trauma triggers remains if no consolidation of new learning (extinction)

## TNX-102 SL targets sleep quality<sup>1</sup>

 Cyclobenzaprine interacts with receptors that regulate sleep quality: strongly binds and potently blocks 5-HT<sub>2A</sub>, a<sub>1</sub>-adrenergic and histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptors, permissive to sleep-dependent recovery processes

Daugherty et al., Abstract 728, Society of Biological Psychiatry 70th Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015, Toronto Ontario, Canada



## TNX-102 SL: Novel Mechanism Targets Sleep Quality for Recovery from PTSD

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#### PTSD is a disorder of recovery

- · Most people exposed to extreme trauma recover over a few weeks
- · In PTSD, recovery process impeded due to insufficient sleep-dependent memory processing, allowing:
  - · Memories of traumatic events to intrude on consciousness and sleep
  - Environmental triggers (e.g., odors, sounds) to stimulate memory re-experiencing and inappropriate responses, including dissociative flashbacks

#### Memory processing is essential to recovery

- Vulnerability to memory intrusions and trauma triggers remains if no consolidation of new learning (extinction)
  - Daytime new learning must undergo sleep-dependent consolidation (to become long term memory) or recovery processes fail and vulnerability continues<sup>1</sup>
  - · Recovery processes depend on sleep quality as manifested by appropriate and sufficient deep non-REM and REM sleep stages

#### TNX-102 SL targets sleep quality<sup>2</sup>

Cyclobenzaprine interacts with receptors that regulate sleep quality: strongly binds and potently blocks 5-HT<sub>2A</sub>,
α<sub>1</sub>-adrenergic and histamine H<sub>1</sub> receptors, permissive to sleep-dependent recovery processes

Pace-Schott et al. Biology of Mood & Anxiety Disorders (2015) 5:3
 Paugherty et al., Abstract 728, Society of Biological Psychiatry 70th Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015, Toronto Ontario, Canada



## What Are the Symptoms of PTSD?

## Symptoms of PTSD fall into four clusters:

- 1. Intrusion (aversive memories, nightmares, flashbacks)
- 2. Avoidance (avoiding persons, places or situations)
- 3. Mood/cognitions (memory block, emotional numbing, detachment from others)
- 4. Hyperarousal (anxiety, agitation & sleep disturbance)

# Clinician Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS-5) used to assess symptom severity and treatment effect

- · Recognized as the standard for rating PTSD severity in clinical trials
- Takes into account all four symptom clusters



## What Are the Consequences of PTSD?

## Consequences:

- Impaired daily function and substantial interference with work and social interactions
- · Reckless or destructive behavior
- · Increased health care utilization and greater medical morbidity

## PTSD as a risk factor for:

- Depression
- · Alcohol or substance abuse
- · Absenteeism/unemployment
- Homelessness
- · Violent acts
- · Suicidal thoughts and suicide



## PTSD: Not Well-served by Approved Treatments

FDA approved selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) (paroxetine and sertraline) have not shown efficacy in military-related PTSD

## Majority of patients unresponsive or intolerant to current treatments

 Side effects relating to sexual dysfunction (particularly in males) and sleep are commonly reported

# Drug therapy compatible and complementary with behavioral therapy

- Lack of retrograde amnesia (e.g., off-label use benzodiazepines and nonbenzodiazepines)
- · Lack of interference on sleep (e.g., approved SSRI's)



## Military-related PTSD not well-served by existing FDA-approved therapies

No clear treatment response observed in U.S. military population

Sertraline: failed to show efficacy in a large multicenter trial in U.S. military (placebo numerically better)1 Paroxetine: no large trials conducted with predominantly military trauma

Inconsistent treatment response observed in males

Sertraline: FDA-conducted post-hoc analysis concluded no effect for male civilian subgroup  $^2$  Paroxetine: no sex-related difference in treatment outcomes  $^3$ 

· Important tolerability issues with SSRIs in this population

Sexual dysfunction<sup>2,3</sup> Insomnia<sup>2,3</sup> SSRI withdrawal syndrome<sup>4</sup>

Friedman et al., J Clin Psychiatry 2007; 68:711
 Zoloft Package Insert, August, 2014
 Paxil Package Insert, June, 2014
 Fava et al., Psychother Psychosom 84:72-81, 2015



## **High Prevalence of PTSD Among Combat Veterans**



3-9% General population1



19-31% Vietnam veterans<sup>2</sup>



>19%

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF; Afghanistan) / Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans / Operation New Dawn (OND)3



8.6 million American adults affected1



Women more likely to develop than men1



Susceptibility may run in families1

<sup>1</sup>Kessler et al., *Arch Gen Psych* 2005; Prevalence rate of 3.5% applied to U.S. Census estimate of 247M U.S. adult (≥18) population in 2015 (www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/00); <sup>2</sup>Norris, *PTSD Res Quar*. 2013; <sup>3</sup>Analysis of VA Health Care Utilization among Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn Veterans, from 1st Qtr FY 2002 through 2nd Qtr FY 2015, Washington, DC; Among 1.9M separated OEF/OIF/OND veterans, 1.2M have obtained VA healthcare; 685k evaluated by VA with possible mental disorder, and 379k diagnosed with PTSD.



# Growing Economic and Social Burden to Care for Veterans with PTSD

## Health care costs associated with PTSD for OEF/OIF/OND veterans:

## **Direct costs**

## \$3,000-5,000

per patient per year for OFF/OIF Veterans<sup>1</sup>

## ~ 1.9M Veterans out of 2.7M

servicemembers deployed between 10/1/2001 and 3/31/2015<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>CBO Report 2012; <sup>2</sup>Tanielan, *Invisible Wounds of War*. 2005; <sup>3</sup>Analysis of VA Health Care Utilization among Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn Veterans, from 1st Qtr FY 2002 through 2nd Qtr FY 2015, Washington, DC; OEF/OIF/OND, Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

## Indirect costs

## \$2-3 billion

estimated yearly cost to society<sup>2</sup>

Families, social care agencies, schools, mployers, welfare system





## Phase 2 AtEase Study in Military-Related PTSD

 Randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled trial in military-related PTSD

TNX-102 SL at bedtime once-daily 2.8 mg N=90TNX-102 SL at bedtime once-daily  $5.6 \text{ mg} (2 \times 2.8 \text{ mg})$  N=49Placebo at bedtime once-daily N=92

- Enrolled patients with baseline CAPS-5 ≥ 29
- Analysis from 231 patients;
   24 U.S. clinical sites
- TNX-102 SL was active at 5.6 mg dose

## · Primary efficacy analysis:

 Difference in CAPS-5 score between TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and placebo at week 12



## Results of Phase 2 AtEase Study in Military-Related PTSD

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## TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg showed clinical benefit in military-related PTSD

- CAPS-5 scale, was statistically significant by Mixed effect Model Repeated Measures, or MMRM, with Multiple Imputation, or MI, analysis (p-value = 0.031)
- · Dose-effect on multiple efficacy and safety measurements in the AtEase study

## Well tolerated

- · No serious adverse events (AE) related to treatment
- The most common AEs were local site-administration reactions, including mild and transient tongue numbness

Daugherty et al., Abstract 728, Society of Biological Psychiatry 70th Annual Scientific Convention, May 14-16, 2015, Toronto Ontario, Canada



# **AtEase Study Demographics and Characteristics**

93% of the randomized patients were male

98% had trauma during military service

Deployed an average of 2.3 times

Mean time since index trauma was 7 years

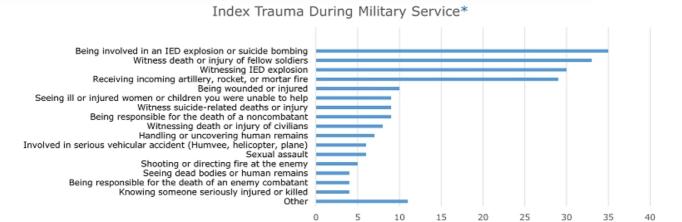
Race and ethnicity generally consistent with U.S. military distribution

Similar baseline CAPS-5 scores and MADRS¹ scores across treatment arms

Current Major Depressive Disorder 14% by MINI 7.02

¹MADRS, Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale ²MINI 7.0, Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview, Version 7 © 2017 Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.

## **AtEase Study: Traumas Associated with PTSD**



\*Some patients experienced more than one trauma

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■ Patient Count

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# AtEase Study – Summary of Primary and Secondary Analyses (week 12)

Assessment	Domain	Analysis	p-Values	
			2.8 mg (N=90)	5.6 mg (N=49)
CAPS-5	Total	MMRM	0.259^	0.053
	Total	MMRM with Multiple Imputation	0.211	0.031*
	Total	MMRM w/ Hybrid LOCF/BOCF	0.172	0.037*
	Total	ANCOVA	0.090	0.038*
CAPS-5 clusters/items	Arousal & Reactivity cluster (E)	MMRM	0.141	0.048*
	Sleep item (E6)	MMRM	0.185	0.010**
	Exaggerated Startle item (E4)	MMRM	0.336	0.015*
CGI-I	Responders	Logistic Regression	0.240	0.041*
PGIC	Mean score	MMRM	0.075	0.035*
Sheehan Disability Scale	Work/school item	MMRM	0.123	0.050*
	Social/leisure item	MMRM	0.198	0.031*

BOCF, baseline observation carried forward; CGI-I, Clinical Global Impression - Improvement scale; LOCF, last observation carried forward; MMRM, mixed model repeated measures; PGIC, Patient Global Impression of Change

<sup>^</sup>Primary analysis p-value not significant comparing TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg versus placebo

<sup>\*</sup>p<0.05



# **AtEase Study: Safety and Tolerability Profile**

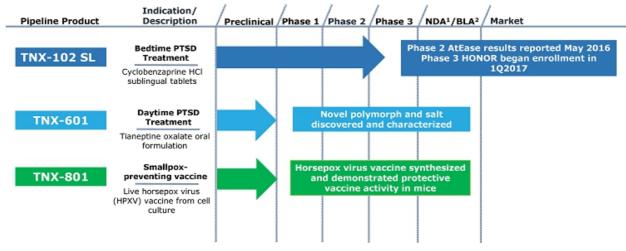
#### No serious adverse events reported with TNX-102 SL deemed related to treatment

Systemic Adverse Events*	Placebo (N=94)	TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg (N=93)	TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (N=50)	
Somnolence	6.4%	11.8%	16.0%	
Dry Mouth	10.6%	4.3%	16.0%	
Headache	4.3%	5.4%	12.0%	
Insomnia	8.5%	7.5%	6.0%	
Sedation	1.1%	2.2%	12.0%	
Administration Site Reactio	ns*			
Hypoaesthesia oral	2.1%	38.7%	36.0%	
Paraesthesia	3.2%	16.1%	4.0%	
Glossodynia	1.1%	3.2%	6.0%	

Trial completion rates: 73% placebo; 79% TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg; 84% TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg \*at rates of >5% in either drug-treated arm, Safety population N=237
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# **Products in Development**



<sup>1</sup>New Drug Application <sup>2</sup>BLA –Biologic Licensing Application



# TNX-601 (tianeptine oxalate): A Potential Clinical Candidate for PTSD

Pre-IND Candidate

- · Targeted as a 1st line monotherapy for PTSD: oral formulation for daytime dosing
  - ✓ Leverages expertise in PTSD (clinical and regulatory experience, market analysis,
  - ✓ Mechanism of Action (MOA) is different from TNX-102 SL
- · Tianeptine sodium (amorphous) has been approved in EU, Russia, Asia and Latin America for depression since 1987 with established post-marketing experience
- Identified new oxalate salt polymorph with improved pharmaceutical properties ideal for reformulation
- Filed patent application on novel salt polymorph
- · Issued patent on steroid-induced cognitive impairment and memory loss issues

Targeting a **Public Health** Challenge

- Clinical evidence for PTSD
- Several studies have shown tianeptine to be active in the treatment of PTSD<sup>1-4</sup>
- Frančišković T, et al. Psychiatr Danub. 2011 Sep;23(3):257-63. PMID: 21963693
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   Onder E, et al. Eur Psychiatry. 2006 (3):174-9. PMID: 15964747
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Cyclobenzaprine and tianeptine share structural similarities with classic tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) and to each other, but each has unique pharmacological properties

• Tianeptine has a 3-chlorodibenzothiazepine nucleus with an aminoheptanoic side chain

Tianeptine leverages Tonix's expertise in the pharmacology and development of tricyclics  $\hfill \cap$ 



## TNX-601: A Potential Clinical Candidate for PTSD

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#### The active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) is a novel oxalate salt of tianeptine

- Shares structural features with tricyclic antidepressants, but has unique pharmacological and neurochemical properties1
- GMP synthesis developed

#### Tianeptine modulates the glutamatergic system indirectly

Does not have significant affinity (K<sub>i</sub>>10µM) for NMDA or AMPA receptors

#### Tianeptine is a weak µ-opioid receptor (MOR) agonist

- Controlled substance in France, Bahrain and Singapore
- Tianeptine has been shown to oppose deleterious effects of chronic stress on brain structure and plasticity
- TNX-601: Novel oxalate salt and polymorph of tianeptine
  - Improved stability, consistency and manufacturability
  - Benefited from human experience established in ex-U.S. approved countries
  - Potential safety and efficacy evidence in published PTSD studies4-7
- 5 year Hatch-Waxman exclusivity for first time approval in the U.S.
- Patent filed on novel oxalate salt and polymorph
- L. McEwen, Bruce S., et al. The neurobiological properties of tianeptine (Stablon): from monoamine hypothesis to glutamatergic modulation. Molecular psychiatry 2010; 15.3: 237-249

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  NMDA; N-methyl-D-aspartate, AMPA; o-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid

# TNX-801 (Synthetic Live Horsepox Virus) A Potential Smallpox-Preventing Vaccine

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#### Pre-IND Candidate

#### Potential improvement over current methods for biodefense against smallpox

- ✓ Leverages government affairs effort
- ✓ Collaboration with Professor David Evans and Dr. Ryan Noyce at University of Alberta
- ✓ Protective vaccine activity in mice has been demonstrated
- ✓ Patent application on novel vaccine submitted

#### Regulatory strategy

- FDA's "Animal Rule" can be applied to establish human efficacy
- · Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) virus in development for human safety study

Targeting a Public Health Issue Material threat medical countermeasure under 21st Century Cures Act

- · Qualifies for receiving Priority Review Voucher on approval
  - √ Priority Review Vouchers have no expiration date, are transferrable and have sold for ~\$125 M
- ACAM2000 vaccine developed by Acambis was acquired by Sanofi in 2008 for \$513 M
  - ✓ ACAM2000 was sold to U.S. Strategic National Stockpile¹

1- Nalca, A et al. Drug design, development and Therapy: 4:71-79 (2010)



## TNX-801: Synthetic Live Horsepox Virus A Potential Smallpox-Preventing Vaccine

Synthesis from sequence of a 1976 Mongolian isolate<sup>1</sup> In mice, TNX-801 behaved like attenuated vaccinia virus (vaccinia virus is foundation of current smallpox vaccines)

## How is horsepox related to modern vaccines?

- Multiple sources<sup>2-4</sup> indicate that the smallpox vaccine discovered by Dr. Edward Jenner in the early 19th century was likely a horsepox virus
- Evidence indicates that modern smallpox vaccines descend from a HPXV-like ancestral strain
- Horsepox is now believed to be extinct<sup>4</sup>
- Tulman et al., Journal of Virology, 2006; 80(18): 9244-9258.
   Qin et al., Journal of Virology, 2011; 85(24):13049-13060.
   Medaglia et al., Journal of Virology, 2015; 89(23):11909-11925.
   Esparza J. Veterinary Record. 2013; 173: 272-273.



## Horsepox - Better Tolerability as a Vaccine?

Horsepox is caused by HPXV and is characterized by mouth and skin eruptions

HXPV isolate from the 1976 outbreak later sequenced

Modern vaccinia virus smallpox vaccines are associated with cardiotoxicity; may have acquired undesirable properties not present in an ancestral virus (likely HPXV)

Horsepox has potential for slower proliferation or decreased toxicity



## A Better Smallpox-Preventing Vaccine is Important and Necessary Today

Smallpox was eradicated as a result of global public health campaigns

No cases of naturally-occurring smallpox have been reported since 1977

Accidental or intentional transmission of smallpox does not require a natural reservoir

Stockpiles of smallpox-preventing vaccines are currently maintained and refreshed in case of need



## TNX-801: A Potential Medical Countermeasure

## 21st Century Cures Act (2016), Section 3086

· Encouraging treatments for agents that present a national security threat

# Medical countermeasures are drugs or vaccines intended to treat:

- Biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that present a national security threat
- Harm from a condition that may be caused by administering a drug or biological product against such an agent

# New Priority Review Voucher program for "material threat medical countermeasures"

· Priority Review Voucher may be transferred or sold

## TNX-801: A Potential Smallpox-Preventing Vaccine

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#### Synthetic live virus HPXV TNX-801

- · Shares structural characteristics with vaccinia-based vaccines
- · Unique properties that suggest lower toxicity
- · Smallpox has a ~30% mortality rate in vaccine-naïve populations

Mechanism of

#### Live virus vaccines stimulate cross-reactive immunity

- · Protects from consequences of infection with smallpox agent
- · Renders recipient "immune"
- · Provides additional protection of non-immunized population

Important Characteristics of TNX-801

## Potential safety advantage over existing vaccines

· Cardiotoxicity limits use of existing vaccines

#### **Exclusivity**

- · Patent filed on novel virus composition
- · Anticipate 12 years exclusivity

## Financial overview

NASDAQ: TNXP	
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities reported at December 31, 2016	\$26.1 million
Approximate net proceeds from at-the-market offering since January 1, 2017	\$9.1 million
Approximate net proceeds from underwritten offering closed in April 2017	\$8.3 million
Shares outstanding as of May 1, 2017	7.5 million



## **Management Team**



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# Milestones – Recently Completed and Upcoming

## TNX-102 SL - Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

<b>M</b>	May 2016	Reported results from Phase 2 AtEase study
M	August 2016	End-of-Phase 2 meeting with FDA - Proposed Phase 3 clinical and NDA plan accepted
<b>a</b>	December 2016	Breakthrough Therapy designation granted by FDA
Ø	January 2017	FDA concurrence with Phase 3 HONOR study design in military- related PTSD
$ \mathbf{v}$	1Q 2017	Initial Cross-disciplinary Breakthrough Meeting with FDA
Ø	1Q 2017	Notice of Allowance for Eutectic Proprietary Protectic™ Formulation Patent
$\checkmark$	1Q 2017	Commenced enrollment of Phase 3 HONOR study
	1H 2018	Anticipated interim analysis of Phase 3 HONOR study in ~275 participants
	2H 2018	Anticipated topline results of Phase 3 HONOR study in 550 participants (if needed)



## Strong position for value growth with Phase 3 development in a major medical indication: PTSD including military-related PTSD

· PTSD is an important public health issue

## TNX-102 SL for PTSD is designated as a Breakthrough Therapy by FDA

· Accelerated development and approval process is expected

## Phase 3 HONOR study in military-related PTSD began enrollment in 1Q 2017

- Outcome of the interim analysis on ~275 participants (50% efficacy evaluable) expected to be available 1H 2018
- Fully funded through the 100% completion of the 550-participant trial, if needed, and announcement of topline results expected in 2H 2018





## Thank you!