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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 20, 2017

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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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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.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 20, 2017, Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (the "Company") presented a poster entitled "*Phase 2 Multisite Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Mediators and Moderators of Treatment Response*" (the "Poster"), at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Convention of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, in San Diego, California (the "SOBP Meeting").

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.

On May 22, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the Poster presentation at the SOBP Meeting. A copy of the press release that discusses this matter is filed as Exhibit 99.02 to, and incorporated by reference in, this report.

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

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.01 *Phase 2 Multisite Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Mediators and Moderators of Treatment Response* Poster\*

99.02 Press Release, dated May 22, 2017, issued by Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.\*

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\* 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: May 22, 2017

By: /s/ SETH LEDERMAN

Seth Lederman

Chief Executive Officer

Phase 2 Multisite Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of TNX-102 SL\* in Military-Related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): Mediators and Moderators of Treatment Response

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\*TNX-102 SL is an investigational new drug and has not been approved for any indication.



INTRODUCTION

- Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a seriously impairing psychiatric condition with particularly high prevalence in United States (US) military personnel deployed to zones of conflict
• There is an urgent need for evidence-based pharmacotherapies for military-related PTSD
• TNX-102 SL is a patented low dose sublingual formulation of cytosertaprine (CBP), a tricyclic molecule with high affinity & functional antagonism for 5-HT<sub>2A</sub>, 5-HT<sub>2C</sub>, alpha-adrenergic, and histamine<sub>1</sub> receptors, all involved in sleep regulation
• Targets sleep disturbance & hyperarousal, core PTSD symptoms
• Potentially plays a critical role in overall recovery from PTSD by allowing sleep-dependent memory processing (e.g. extinction consolidation)
• TNX-102 SL differs from orally ingested CBP, the sublingual tablet was designed to enable transmucosal absorption at bedtime, resulting in peak CBP plasma levels during sleep hours and reduced daytime exposure
• Produces circadian pattern of rapid rise and fall of plasma CBP during normal sleep phase
• Avoids first pass hepatic metabolism, substantially reducing formation and plasma levels of long-lived undesirable active metabolite, norycyosertaprine
• The "AtEase Study" was our first clinical study demonstrating the therapeutic benefits of TNX-102 SL in military-related PTSD. Based on the results of the AtEase study, the FDA has designated TNX-102 SL for PTSD a Breakthrough Therapy.

METHODS

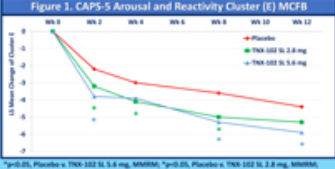
- Phase 2 multicenter, 12-week, double-blind placebo-controlled study conducted at 24 trial sites in the US
• Inclusive: men and women, ages 18-65, PTSD DSM-5 Criterion A (trauma) incurred during military service since 9/11/2001, current PTSD by Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5) and Baseline CAPS-5 score ≥20; free of antidepressants ≥2 months from baseline; free of or washed off of other psychotropic; not participating in trauma-focused psychotherapy ≥1 month from baseline
• Exclusion: serious suicide risk; substance/alcohol use disorders within 6 months; lifetime bipolar I or II, psychotic, obsessive-compulsive, or antisocial personality disorder.
• Randomized in 2:1 ratio to Placebo, TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg dynamic randomization (by sex, current MDD)
• Primary efficacy analysis: comparison of mean change from baseline (MCB) at Week 12 in CAPS-5 score between TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and Placebo; mixed model repeated measures (MMRM) analysis without imputation
• Key secondary endpoints: Clinical Global Impression-Improvement (CGI-I) scale, Sheehan Disability Scale (SDS), PROMIS Sleep Disturbance Instrument, Abou-CapS-5 clusters, Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC), Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS)
• CAPS-5 raters with a Master's degree level in mental health; rigorously trained/certified; reliability monitoring over study

RESULTS

- Of 245 participants randomized, 231 were included in the modified intent-to-treat (mITT) efficacy population (Figure 4)
• The mITT comprised 92 participants on Placebo, 90 on TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg, and 49 on TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (Figure 4)
• The completion rates for the mITT were 73% for Placebo, 79% for TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg, and 84% for TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg (Figure 4)
• Table 1 shows demographic and clinical characteristics
• The TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg treatment group showed a strong trend for improvement versus Placebo in MCB in CAPS-5 (p=0.053), with a Cohen's f effect size of 0.36
• Sensitivity analyses that correct for missing data were statistically significant for the comparison of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg dose and Placebo on CAPS-5 MCB, as was ANCOVA (Table 2)
• The CAPS-5 Arousal & Reactivity cluster (E) was significantly more improved for the 2.8 mg group than Placebo at Weeks 2, 4 and 8, and the 5.6 mg arm at Weeks 2, 8, and 12 (Figure 2)
• The sleep disturbance item (E6) of CAPS-5 improved early in treatment for the 5.6 mg group, significantly more improved than Placebo by Week 2 and all other assessments; sleep in 2.8 mg group was significantly more improved at Week 4 (Figure 2)
• The exaggerated startle item (E4) of CAPS-5 was significantly more improved for the 5.6 mg arm over Placebo at Week 12
• CGI-I responder analysis showed a significantly greater response rate in the 5.6 mg group over Placebo at Week 12 (Table 3)
• Subgroup analysis of combat only type traumas (n=187) showed significant effects of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg on CAPS-5 total score, clusters A and E, and functional impairment by SDS (Table 4)
• Reported systemic adverse events (AE) were consistent with those reported with orally ingested CBP-containing products; AE of tongue numbness, related to the oral site of administration, was most common in TNX-102 SL groups, generally transient, and never rated as severe; overall good tolerability with high completion rate (84%) and no withdrawals due to AE in 5.6 mg group (Table 6)

Table 1. Participant Demographics and Clinical Characteristics. Variables include Female, Age, Weight, BMI, Education, Current employment, Military status, Active Duty/Reservist/Veterans, Law Enforcement Officers, Time since trauma, Deployments, Baseline CAPS-5 Scores, and Baseline MADRS Scores.

Table 2. Results of Primary and Sensitivity Analyses. CAPS-5 LS MCB at Week 12 and CAPS-5 LS MCB Difference from Baseline. Includes MMRM (Primary Analysis), MMRM with MI, MMRM with MI and ANCOVA.



Moderators of Treatment Response: Greater Baseline Severity [as Threshold for Entry] & Combat PTSD

Using Baseline CAPS-5 ≥ 33 as Threshold for Study Entry. A retrospective analysis of baseline severity was conducted to assess the relationship between CAPS-5 baseline score and final outcome.

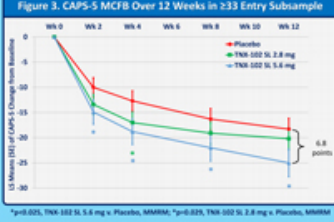
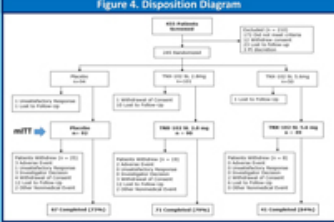


Table 3. Week 12 Outcome Measures for TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg vs. Placebo in Military-Related PTSD for Both Entry Thresholds. Includes CAPS-5 Total Score, Cluster B, C, D, E, E6, and E2, CGI-I, and SDS.

Sub-Group Analysis of Combat PTSD. We defined military-related PTSD as resulting from any DSM-5 Criterion A qualifying trauma that occurred during military service.

Table 4. Week 12 Outcome Measures for TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg vs. Placebo in Combat-Only PTSD for Both Entry Thresholds. Includes CAPS-5 Total Score, Cluster B, C, D, E, E6, and E2, CGI-I, and SDS.



Safety and Tolerability. TNX-102 SL up to 5.6 mg (2 x 2.8 mg tablets) was well-tolerated as evidenced by the high (84%) completion rate (Figure 4) and no AE-related discontinuations in the 5.6 mg group.

Table 5. Changes in Heart Rate, Blood Pressure, and Body Weight Over 12 Weeks of Study by Treatment Group. Includes HR (bpm), SBP (mmHg), and SBW (kg).

Table 6. Adverse Events (AE) (% of 231 in either drug treatment group). Includes Systemic Adverse Events and Local Administration Site Reactions.

CONCLUSIONS. TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg reduced total CAPS-5 symptoms and provided overall improvement and reduction in disability in military-related PTSD.



**Tonix Pharmaceuticals Presented Analyses of Potential Moderators of Treatment Response to U.S. FDA-Designated Breakthrough Therapy for PTSD, TNX-102 SL, in Phase 2 AtEase Study in Military-Related PTSD**

*Additional Important Findings Presented in Poster Session at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Convention of the Society of Biological Psychiatry*

NEW YORK, May 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (Nasdaq:TNXP) (Tonix), a company that is developing innovative pharmaceutical products to address public health challenges, presented a poster on May 20, 2017, entitled “Phase 2 Multisite Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of TNX-102 SL in Military-Related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Mediators and Moderators of Treatment Response” (Poster No. 3001130) at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Convention of the Society of Biological Psychiatry in San Diego. The poster can be found on the Scientific Presentations page on Tonix’s website. A moderator is a characteristic of study participants that is associated with a treatment response.

Baseline posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) severity threshold and combat trauma-related PTSD were two potential moderators of treatment response that were further examined. A retrospective analysis of the Phase 2 AtEase\* data indicated a study entry Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5) severity score of  $\geq 33$  is more aligned with the entry criteria of previous PTSD pharmacotherapy registration trials using prior CAPS versions. In the AtEase CAPS-5  $\geq 33$  subset, the effect size of TNX-102 SL\*\* 5.6 mg is approximately 0.5 on total CAPS-5 and also approximately 0.5 on cluster B (intrusion) and cluster E (arousal and reactivity) scores. Another potential moderator of treatment response was combat trauma, and the subgroup of AtEase with PTSD from combat-type traumas had statistically significant effects of TNX-102 SL 5.6 on CAPS-5 total severity and cluster B and cluster E, and on overall functional improvement by Sheehan Disability Scale total score, work and social items. TNX-102 SL was well-tolerated with a high completion rate in AtEase. There were no adverse event-related discontinuations; non-dose related tongue numbness was common, generally transient, and never rated as severe. No clinically significant changes in weight or vital signs over the 12 weeks of study were observed.

Seth Lederman, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Tonix, commented, “We continue to work with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to accelerate the development and registration of TNX-102 SL for PTSD. Our Phase 3 HONOR study is currently enrolling participants with military-related PTSD. A planned unblinded interim analysis on approximately 50% of the randomized participants (N=275) is on track for the first half of 2018.”

*\* AtEase is a Phase 2 multicenter, 12-week, double-blind placebo-controlled study conducted at 24 U.S. sites in men and women ages 18-65 years. Inclusions: PTSD DSM-5 Criterion A trauma(s) incurred during military service since 2001; screening and baseline CAPS-5 score  $\geq 29$ ; free of antidepressants  $\geq 2$  months from baseline; free of or washed off from other psychotropics; not participating in trauma-focused psychotherapy within a month from baseline. Exclusions: serious suicide risk; substance/alcohol use disorders within 6 months; lifetime bipolar I or II, psychotic, obsessive-compulsive, or antisocial personality disorders. Participants were randomized in 2:2:1 ratio to placebo, TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg or TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg. Primary analysis: comparison of mean change from baseline at Week 12 in CAPS-5 score between TNX-102 SL 2.8 mg and placebo.*

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

### **About TNX-102 SL and the Phase 3 HONOR Study**

TNX-102 SL is a patented sublingual transmucosal formulation of cyclobenzaprine that is in Phase 3 development. PTSD is a serious condition characterized by chronic disability, inadequate treatment options especially for military-related PTSD, and an overall high utilization of healthcare services that contributes to significant economic burdens. In a Phase 2 study, TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg was found to be effective in treating military-related PTSD, which formed the basis of the Breakthrough Therapy designation granted by the FDA. Tonix is currently conducting a Phase 3 trial of TNX-102 SL in military-related PTSD in the United States, the HONOR study, which is a 12-week randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of TNX-102 SL 5.6 mg in participants with military-related PTSD. This two-arm, adaptive-design trial is targeting enrollment of up to approximately 550 participants across approximately 35 clinical sites. An unblinded interim analysis will be conducted once the study has accumulated efficacy results from approximately 275 randomized participants. In a recent Cross-disciplinary Breakthrough meeting, the FDA confirmed that a single-study new drug application (NDA) approval could be possible if the topline data from the HONOR study are statistically very persuasive. Additional details of the HONOR study are available at [www.thehonorstudy.com](http://www.thehonorstudy.com) or <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03062540>. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued a patent (U.S. Patent No. 9,636,408) protecting the composition and manufacture of the unique TNX-102 SL formulation. The Protectic™ protective eutectic and Angstro-Technology™ formulation claimed in the patent are important elements of Tonix's proprietary TNX-102 SL composition. This patent is expected to provide TNX-102 SL with U.S. market exclusivity until 2034 upon NDA approval.

### **About Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp.**

Tonix is developing innovative pharmaceutical products to address major public health challenges. In addition to TNX-102 SL for PTSD, Tonix is developing TNX-601 (tianeptine oxalate), a clinical candidate at pre-IND (Investigational New Drug) application stage, designed as a daytime treatment for PTSD and TNX-801, a live synthetic version of horsepox virus, at the pre-IND application stage, to be developed as a potential smallpox-preventing vaccine.

This press release and further information about Tonix can be found at [www.tonixpharma.com](http://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, substantial competition; 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 risks related to failure to obtain FDA clearances or approvals and noncompliance with FDA regulations. As with any pharmaceutical under development, there are significant risks in the development, regulatory approval and commercialization of new products. Tonix does not undertake an obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement. Investors should read the risk factors set forth in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 13, 2017, and future periodic reports filed with the SEC on or after the date hereof. All of Tonix's forward-looking statements are expressly qualified by all such risk factors and other cautionary statements. The information set forth herein speaks only as of the date hereof.*

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