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**Memtin™ – a patented hormone replacement therapy for slowing cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease**  
**“Our flagship”**

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# 2017 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACTS AND FIGURES



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE  
**6TH LEADING CAUSE**  
OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES

MORE  
THAN  
IN  
2016

**15 MILLION AMERICANS**  
provide unpaid care for people with  
Alzheimer's or other dementias  
  
these caregivers provided  
an estimated  
**18.2 BILLION HOURS**  
of care valued at over  
**\$230 BILLION**

In 2017, Alzheimer's and other  
dementias will cost the nation  
\$259 billion  
By 2050, these costs could  
rise as high as  
**\$1.1 TRILLION**



**1 IN 3**  
seniors dies  
with Alzheimer's or  
another dementia

**IT KILLS  
MORE THAN**  
breast cancer  
and prostate cancer  
**COMBINED**

Since 2000, deaths  
from heart disease have  
decreased by 14%  
  
while deaths from  
Alzheimer's disease have  
increased by 89%



MORE THAN  
5 MILLION  
AMERICANS ARE  
LIVING WITH  
ALZHEIMER'S  
BY 2050, THIS  
NUMBER COULD  
RISE AS HIGH AS  
**16 MILLION**

**EVERY  
66  
SECONDS**

someone in the  
United States  
develops the disease

alzheimer's association

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## The Alzheimer's Disease challenge requires a combination of Dx and Rx

	Pre-clinical stage	Mild Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer's	Dementia due to Alzheimer's
Diagnostics	No clinical symptoms  Can begin 20 years in advance of clinical symptoms  Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics	Cognitive decline greater than expected.  Affects 15 percent to 20 percent; age 65 or  Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics	Significant impairment of a daily function.  30% of MCI Pts progress to dementia w/in 5 yrs.  Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics
Therapeutics	Very few drugs in the pipeline.  Need for screening diagnostics.  Requires long-term trials	Current approved drugs only treat and slow symptoms.  No approved treatments to stop or reverse progression.	Current aim of next gen therapies

# A VERY PROMISING SOLUTION

## MEMTIN™ (Leptin) for Cognitive Decline

- Ten years of *in vitro* and *in vivo* pre-clinical studies (Neurotez)
- Retrospective (including one by Neurotez) and prospective human studies and a few anecdotal interventional human studies

### Support a role of Leptin in

- Neuroprotection, Cognitive enhancement, Decreasing levels of phospho-tau/tau, Decreasing beta amyloid (A $\beta$ )
- and is associated with lower risk for dementia in elderly



### Leptin as Replacement Therapy

A relatively de-risked multi-functional preventative and therapeutic approach for cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's and optimally for early stage (prodromal AD) hypoleptinimics.

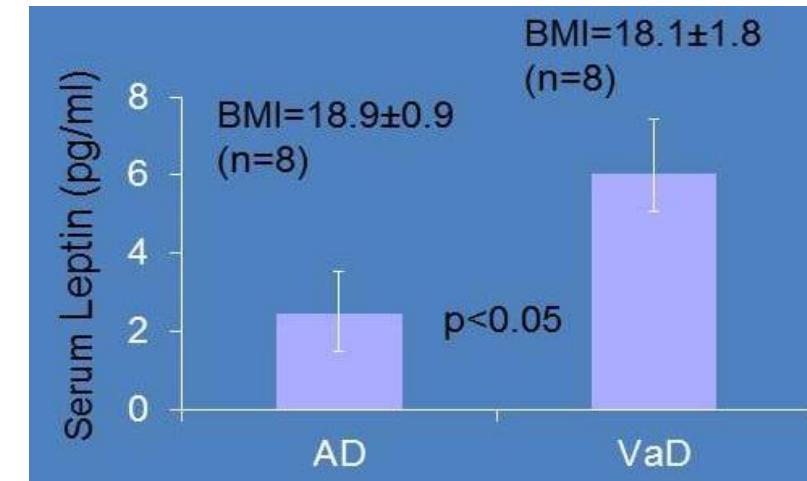
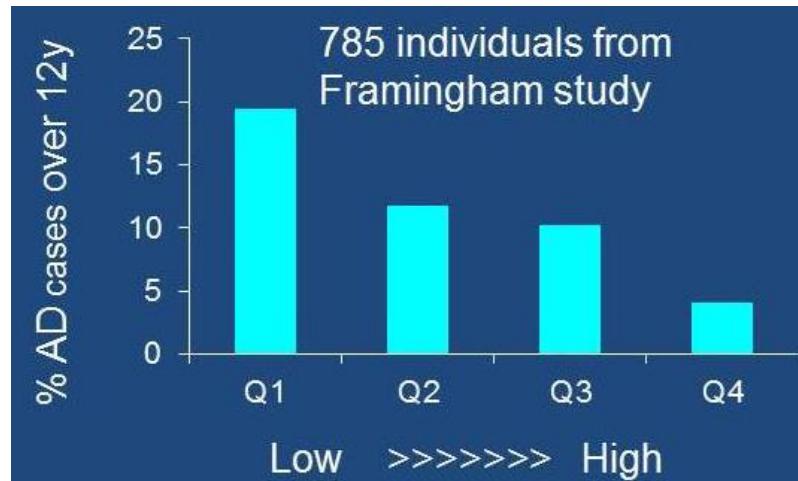
# STUDIES: SERUM LEPTIN LEVELS IN ELDERLY AND PROGNOSIS

In elderly, higher serum Leptin is associated with a lower risk for Alzheimer's disease and dementia

Lieb *et al*, *JAMA*, 2009

For  $\text{BMI} < 25$ , patients with AD have lower serum Leptin levels compared to patients with Vascular Dementia (VaD)

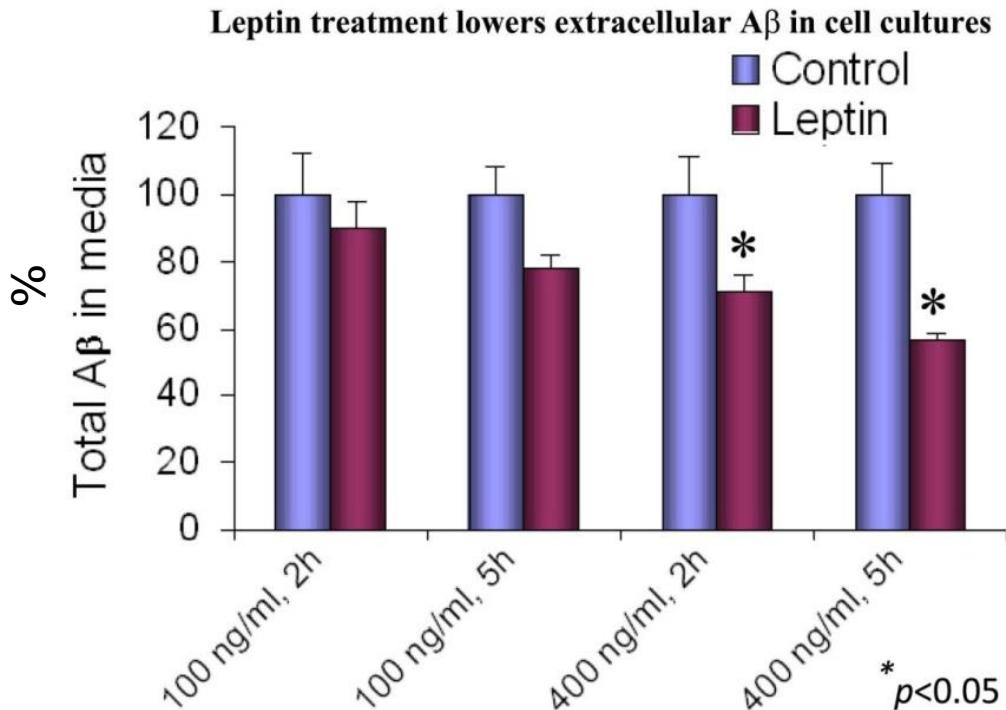
Power *et al*, *Dementia*, 2001



# STUDIES: LEPTIN TARGETS AMYLOID BETA AND TAU PROTEIN

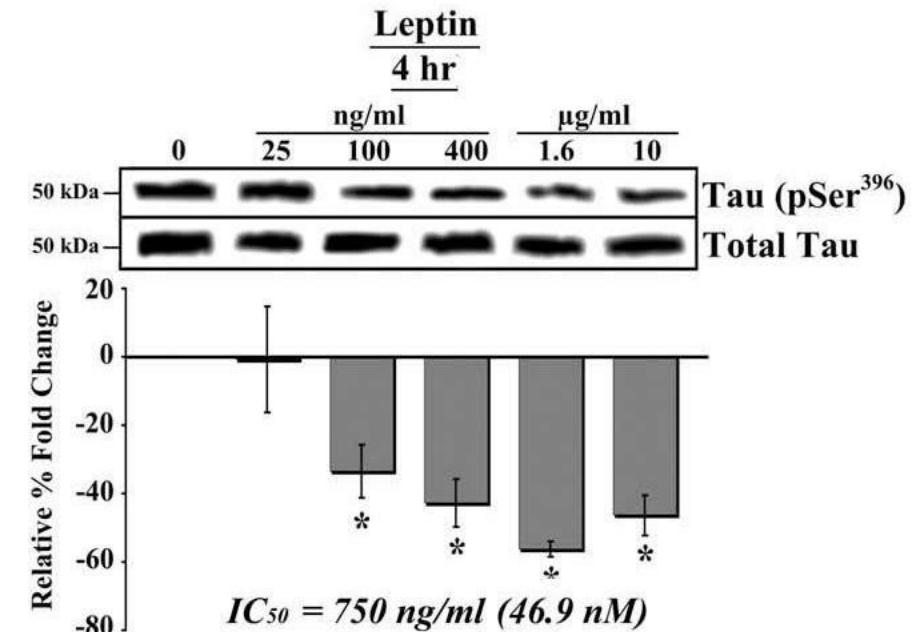
## Amyloid Plaques

- Inhibition of amyloid beta (A $\beta$ )
- Up-regulation of A $\beta$  uptake
- Reduction of brain levels of A $\beta$
- Reduction of plaque density



## Neurofibrillary Tangles

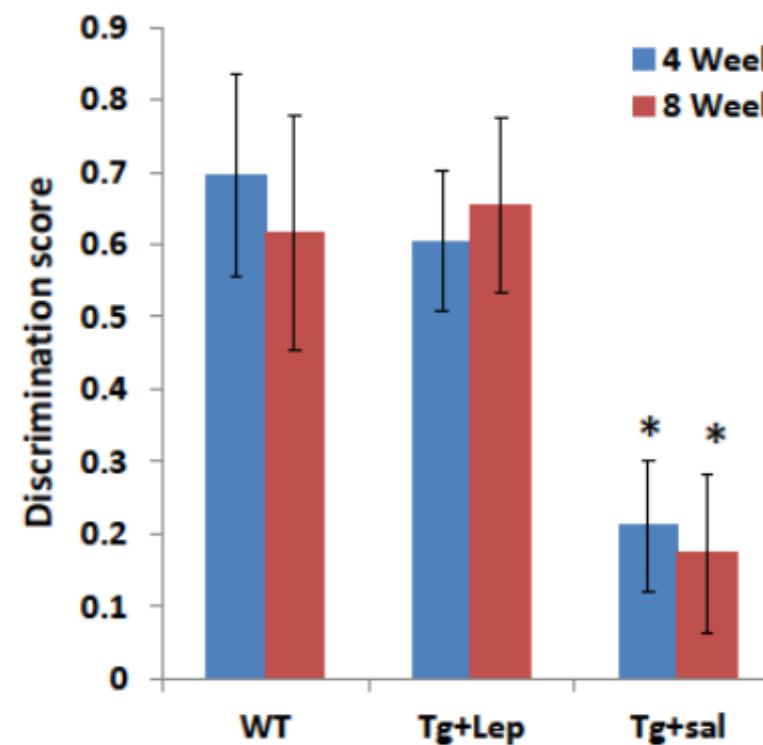
- Reduction of phosphorylation of tau protein in vitro and in vivo
- Phosphorylation of tau protein precedes the formation of neurofibrillary tangles



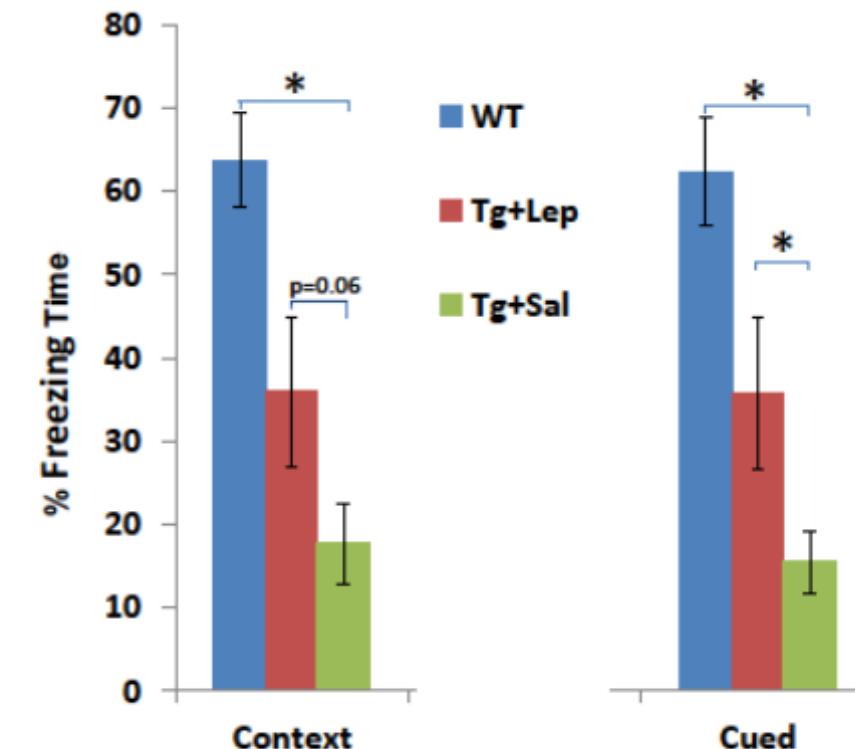
# STUDIES: LEPTIN IMPROVES MEMORY IN AD ANIMAL MODELS

Animal studies: Behavioral (CRND8)

Novel Object Recognition, 4 & 8 wks



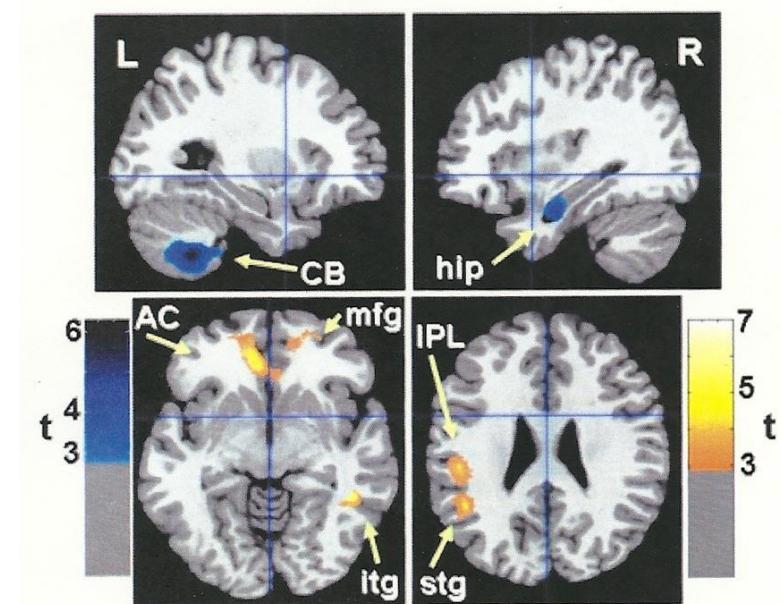
Fear Conditioning, 8 wks



# STUDIES: DIRECT EVIDENCE FOR A CAUSATION

## Cognitive benefits in humans: treating leptin deficiency in adults and young”

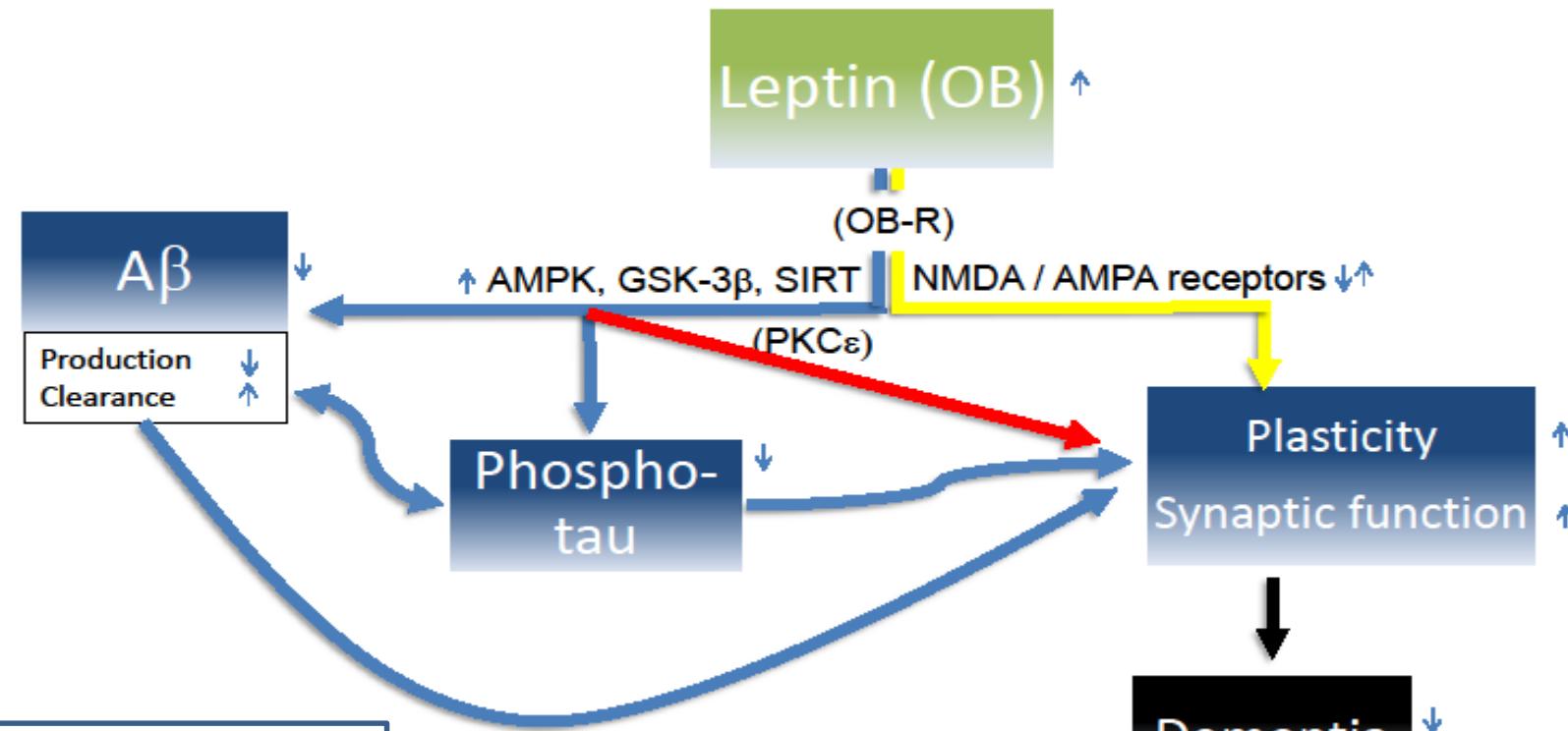
- Behavioral changes after 2 wks Licinio et al (2004)
- Leptin Replacement increases Gray matter concentration in Leptin (-) adults Matochik et al (2005)
- Plasticity of Gray Matter changes following Leptin discontinuation / reinitiation in Leptin (-) adults London et al (2011)
- Leptin Replacement improves Cognitive Development in Leptin (-) young Paz-Filho et al (2008)  
**(Licinio's interventional clinical studies)**



# MECHANISM OF ACTION



## Leptin's pleiotropic mechanism of action



- Potential disease modifier ( $\text{A}\beta$ , tau)
- And symptomatic relief (NMDA/AMPA)

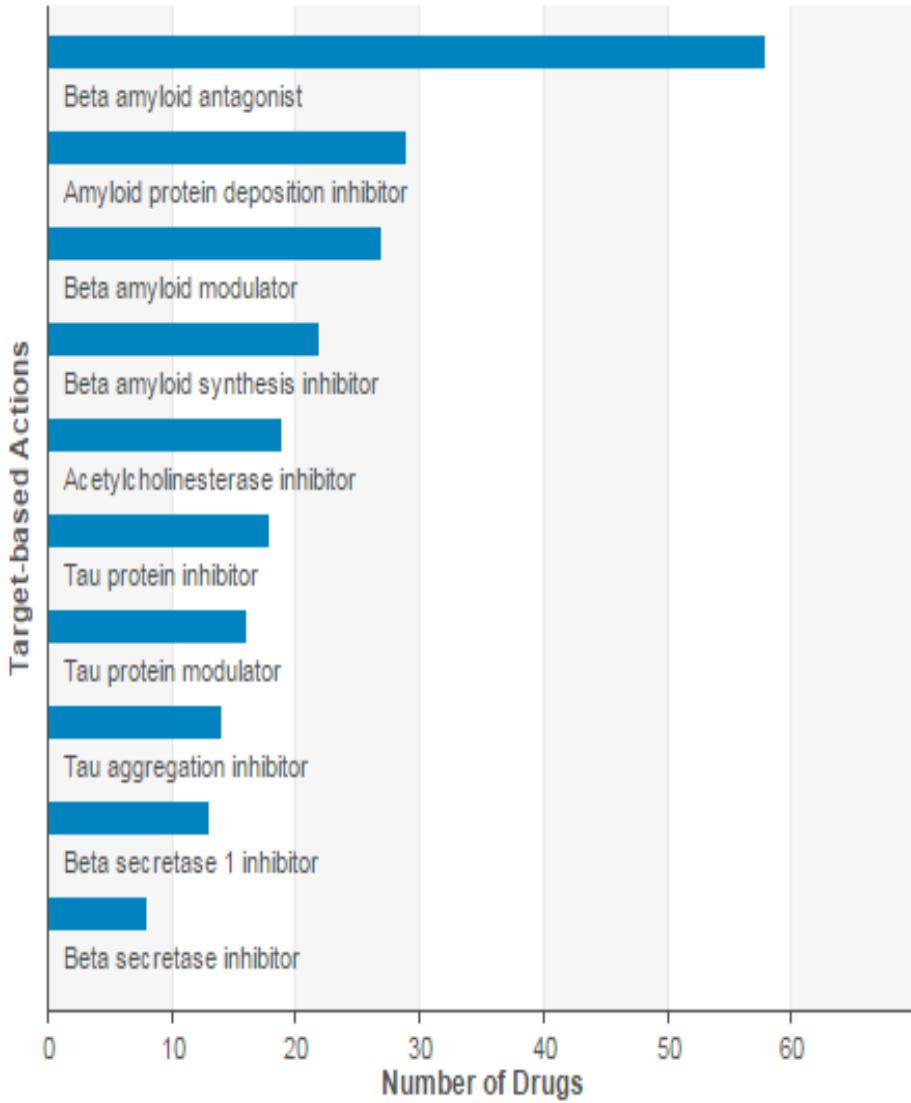
# NOVEL, DIFFERENTIATING

## MEMTIN™ –

- Alzheimer's disease as diabetes of the brain or Type III diabetes
- A natural protein with procognitive properties at Low levels in Alzheimer's (AD) with known Safety Profile (Effectively Phase II ready)
- Ameliorates both Abeta and tau pathologies, upstream molecular target related to metabolism
- Clinical Strategy involving enrichment of patients, targeting patient group most likely to respond

## PREVIOUS FAILURES-

- Antibodies directed against Abeta or tau are difficult to penetrate into the brain and are toxic at the high doses needed for efficacy
- Heterogeneity in patient groups and targeting late stage AD patients
- Wrong targets (Abeta and/or tau may be biomarkers, not culprits)



Source: Clarivate Analytics Cortellis

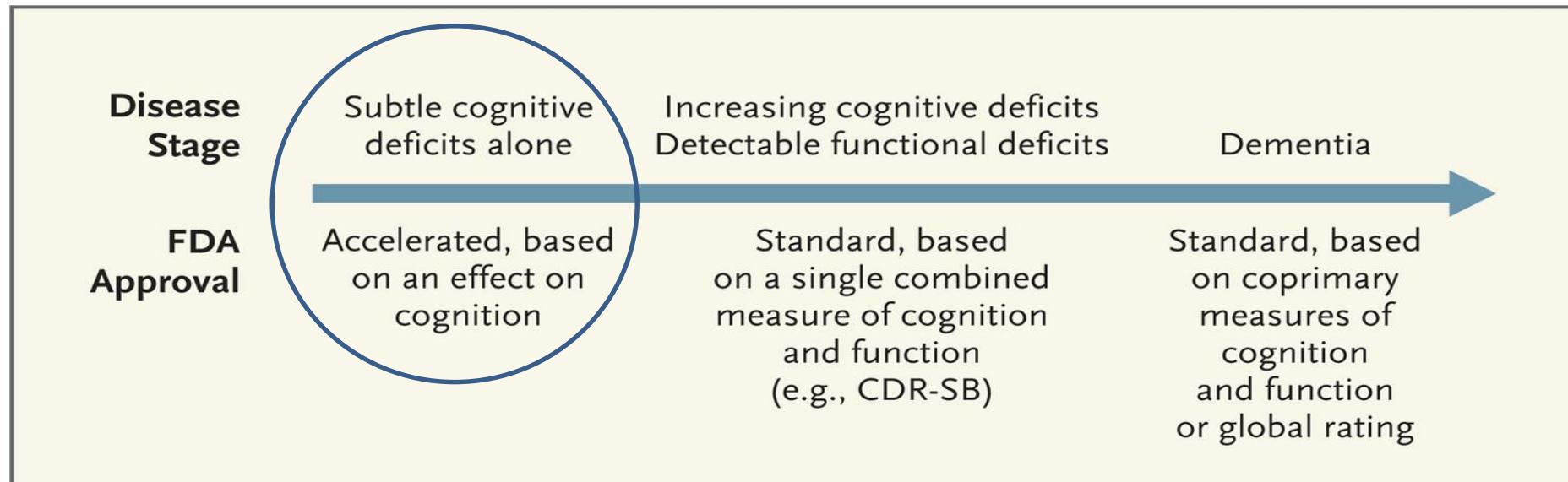
## A $\beta$ on the fast-track

- **Lanabecestat** (AstraZeneca/Lilly): BACE1 inhibitor; Phase III
- **AMG-520** (Amgen/Novartis): BACE1 inhibitor; Phase II
- **Aducanumab** (Biogen): anti-Abeta; Phase III
- **Elenbecestat** (Eisai/Biogen): BACE1 inhib; Phase III
- **ELND-005** (Transition): A $\beta$  aggregation inhib; Phase II/III

## A $\beta$ Disappointments

- **Verubecestat** (Merck): Phase II/III terminated in Feb 2017
- **Solanizumab** (Lilly): Failed Phase III in mild AD in 2016.
- **Bapinezumab** (Pfizer): Discontinued in Phase III
- **LY-2599666** (Lilly): Discontinued in Phase I
- **AN-1792** (Elan/Wyeth): Discontinued in 2002.
- **Affitope** (Affiris/GSK): A $\beta$ vaccine ; Phase I terminated in 2013.

# POTENTIAL REGULATORY PATHWAYS



Kozauer N, Katz R. N Engl J Med 2013;368:1169-1171.



The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

- Surrogate biomarkers, cond. approval
- 12y Market Exclusivity from BLA approval

(R Katz, previous FDA Director of Neurology Products, was enthusiastic about our approach)

# EXPERIENCED MGT TEAM

- **Nikolaos Tezapsidis, Ph.D., Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President** 18+ years experience in biomedical research; Two awards from the Alzheimer's Association Fellow of the Science and Engineering Council and the Wellcome Trust
- **Hamish McArthur, PhD, Manufacturing Chief Officer**, Executive with 33 years biologics experience within Pfizer, directly involved in numerous approved products .
- **J. Wesson Ashford, MD, Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer** Clinical Professor (affiliated), Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Scientific Advisory Board Member and Chair of the Memory Screening Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America
- **George Perry, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer** Holder of the Semmes Foundation Endowed Chair in Neurobiology at the Univ of Texas at San Antonio Distinguished as one of the top Alzheimer's disease researchers with over 1,000 publications
- **Jukka Karjalainen, MD, PhD, Chief Operating Officer.** Experience in pharmaceuticals and medical devices and clinical drug development from Phase I to Phase IV
- **James Harris, MBA, Chief Financial Officer** 20+ years experience in startups, licensing and biosimilars.
- **Michael J. Hoy, MS, VP of Regulatory Affairs** 15+ years in the pharmaceutical industry; Served as a consultant with pharmaceutical companies of all sizes
- **Jane Johnston, PhD, VP of Operations** 18+ years of research in cellular neuroscience

# BOD & ADVISORS

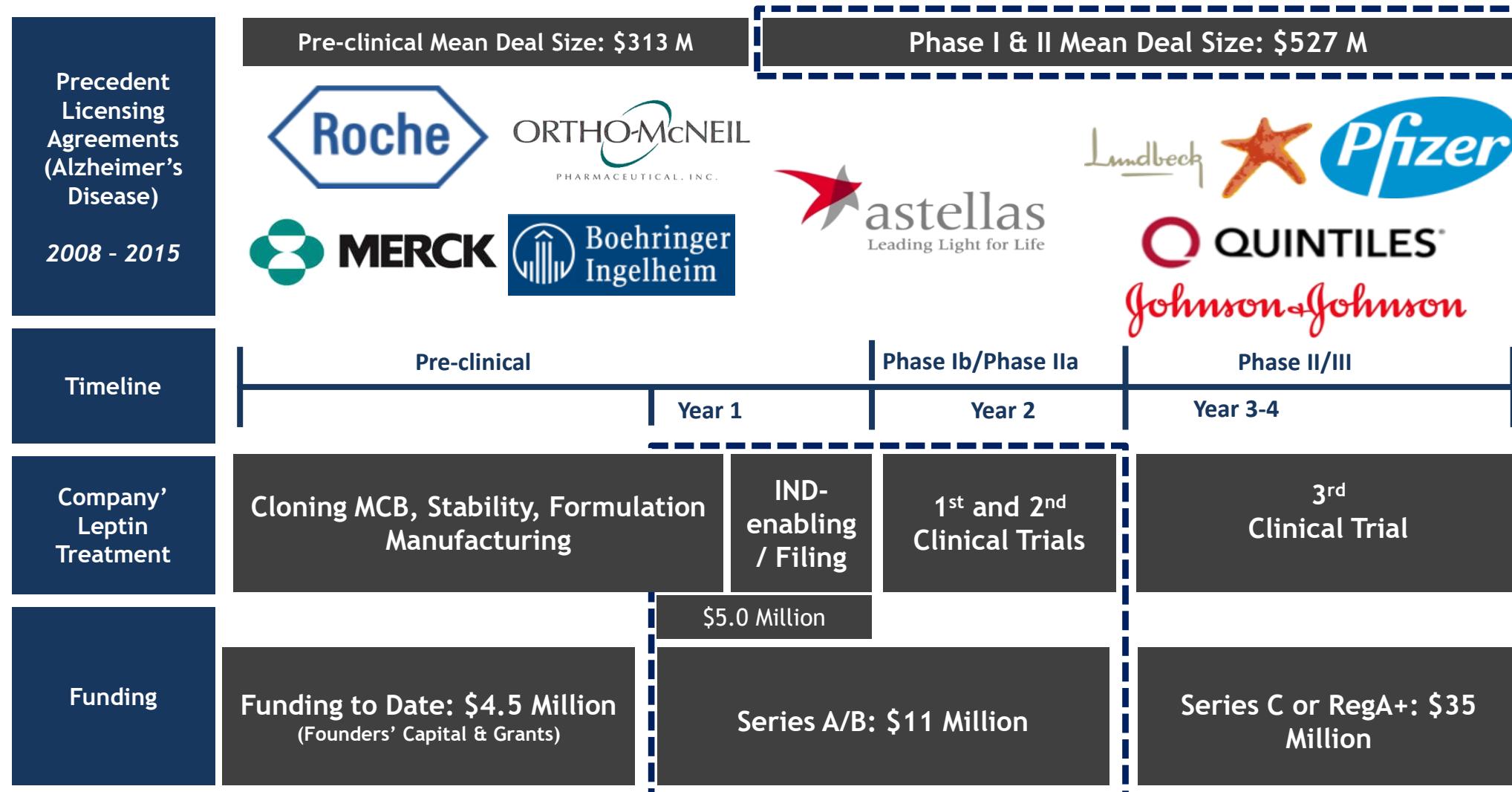
## Directors

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# DRUG DEVELOPMENT PATH: KEY MILESTONES



**Major pharma: notable deals since 2005 have focused on A $\beta$  and Tau**

	Total Size (\$M)	Buyer	Seller	Year	Drug	Stage @ Sign/Today
A-BETA	\$530/\$130 upfront	Lilly	AZ via Astex	2014	Lanabecestat	PI/PIII
	\$340/\$25 upfront	Genentech	AC Immune	2006	Crenezumab	Discovery/PIII
	Not-specified	JnJ	Shionogi	2012	BACE inhibitor	Discovery/PIII
	\$825	Otsuka	Lundbeck	2013	Lu-AF20513 vaccine plus others	Clinical
	Not-specified	JnJ	Cellzome	2008	Gamma-secretase mods.	Discovery
TAU	\$638	Roche	reMYND	2010	ReS3-T and others	Discovery
	Not-specified	Mitsubishi	Sanofi	2005	SAR-502250	Discovery
	\$509/\$26 upfront	JnJ	AC Immune	2014	ACI-35; Tau vaccine	Phase I
	Not specified	Abbvie	C2N	2015	Anti-Tau mAb	Discovery/PII
OTHER	\$31	JnJ	Orion	2013	A2C-adrenoreceptor	Phase II
	\$289	Merck	Alectos	2010	MK-8719; N-acetyl glucose amidase mod.	Discovery/ PI Orphan

Source: Clarivate Analytics Cortellis

# FINANCING

- RAISED: \$4.5million
  - NIH
  - NJEDA
  - IRS
  - Founders, Small private investors

- Series A, \$5 million
- MILESTONES (12-18months):
  - Drug Manufacturing
  - IND-enabling studies
  - IND application
- SERIES B, \$6 million
- MILESTONES (12-18months):
  - Phase I (SAD, MAD)
  - Phase II

# AD MARKET FORECAST.

- *Goldman Sachs projects Alzheimer's disease modification drugs could top \$30 billion, (\$12 billion at peak)*

# SUMMARY

- Repurposing MYALEPT, an approved drug, as **Memtin™**
- Drug is an endogenous protein naturally transported into the brain with receptors in the hippocampus (area affected by disease)
- Data from thousands of patients supporting an association of the drug to protection against Alzheimer's
- Data from preclinical studies demonstrating efficacy as a disease modification entity
- Perfectly positioned to allow early intervention and prevention therapy for those at risk (because of its safety profile)
- Novel use patents issued in US, Japan, China, Australia, S Africa and have pending in Europe, Canada and India, protection until 2029
- Drug as a biologic, will get 12 y of market exclusivity from approval in the US (similar provisions ex-US)
- Drug can be produced cost-effectively and in large batches in Ecoli
- Treatment will be combined with diagnostic tests (plasma leptin)/apoE4)
- Can be subject to accelerated approval, using protein as a surrogate marker as an endpoint, can cut clinical development costs by 10s of \$millions and time by 3-4 years.



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