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We Focus on Alzheimer's disease

September 13, 2022

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Eight FDA drug approvals prior to Cassava Sciences.



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Cassava Sciences Highlights

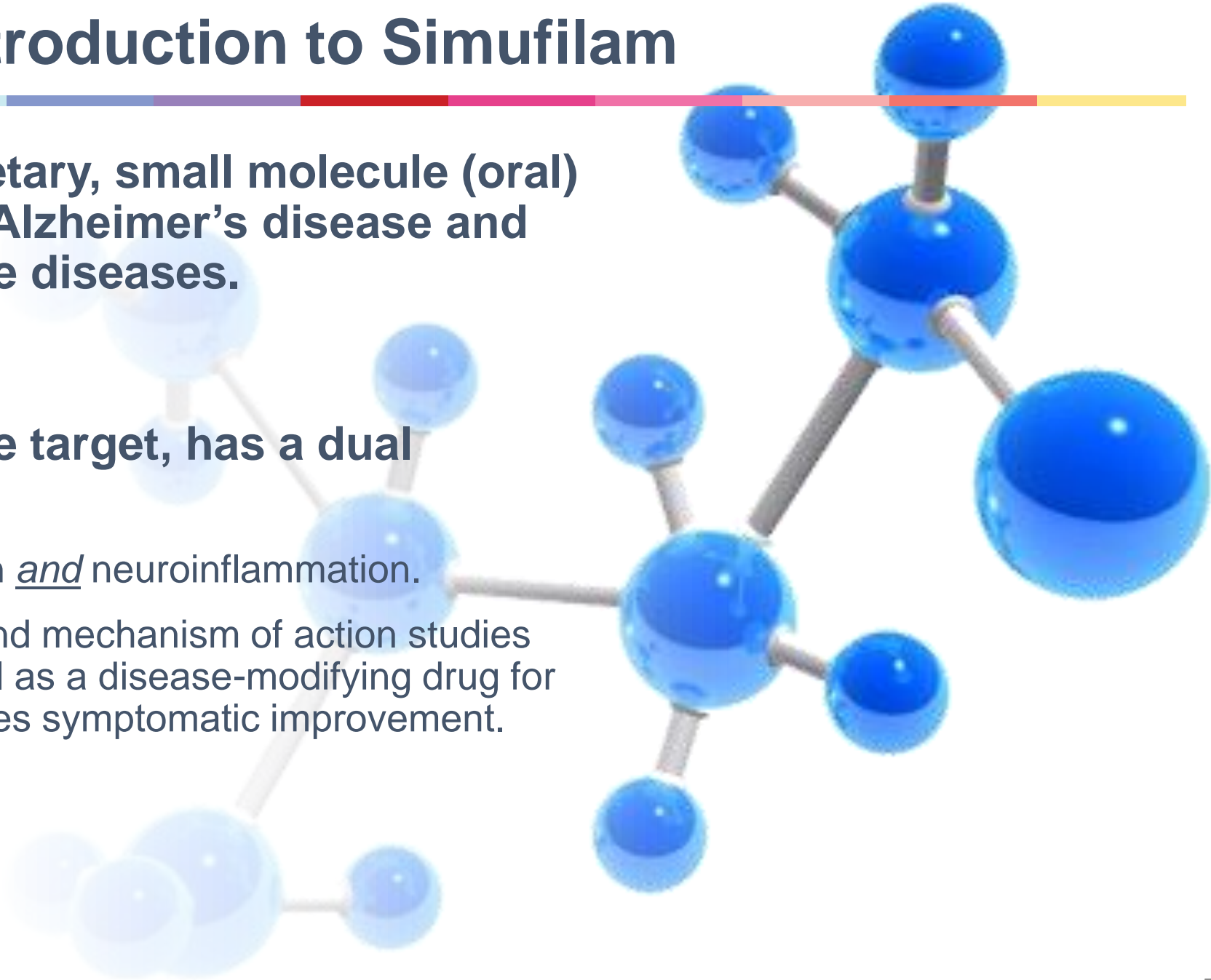
Our goal is to defeat Alzheimer's disease.

- We are developing **simufilam**, a drug candidate for the proposed treatment of Alzheimer's disease.
- Simufilam is a proprietary, oral drug, developed in-house with academic collaborators.
- We are now conducting Phase 3 studies with simufilam in patients with Alzheimer's disease dementia.
- More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and this number may rise to nearly 13 million by 2050, according to the Alzheimer's Association.
- Our scientific approach is unique, our clinical data is highly differentiated.
- Science programs were developed with support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Introduction to Simufilam

- Simufilam is our proprietary, small molecule (oral) drug candidate to treat Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.

- Simufilam binds a single target, has a dual mechanism of action:
 - Reduces neurodegeneration *and* neuroinflammation.
 - Published preclinical data and mechanism of action studies support simufilam's potential as a disease-modifying drug for Alzheimer's that also provides symptomatic improvement.



Clinical/Regulatory Development of Simufilam

Completed

- ✓ *2017: Phase 1 dose-escalating safety study in human volunteers.*
- ✓ *2019: Phase 2a open-label safety study in Alzheimer's patients.*
- ✓ *2020: Phase 2b randomized, placebo-controlled study in Alzheimer's patients.*
- ✓ *2021: Interim analysis of open-label study in first 50 patients to complete 6, 9 & 12 months of treatment.*
- ✓ *2021: End-of-Phase 2 meeting with FDA.*
- ✓ *2021: Two FDA Special Protocol Assessments for on-going Phase 3 studies.*

On-going

- Two Phase 3 studies in Alzheimer's patients.*
- Open-label study in Alzheimer's patients.*
- Randomized, placebo-controlled Cognition Maintenance Study (CMS) in Alzheimer's patients.*

Clinical Snapshot

Over 500 Patients Are Now Enrolled in Our Phase 3 Program

Phase 3 Program

- ❑ **Two on-going Phase 3 studies in patients with Alzheimer's disease dementia.**
- ✓ Patients are being screened in clinical trial sites in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, S. Korea and Australia.
- ✓ Our Phase 3 studies have a relatively long & rigorous screening process to ensure only qualified patients who meet all inclusion & exclusion criteria are successfully enrolled.

Other Clinical Studies

- ❑ **Open-label study in Alzheimer's patients.**
 - ✓ The open-label study is fully-enrolled (over 200 subjects).
 - ✓ We expect all subjects will have completed drug treatment in Q4 2022.

Our goal is to announce top-line clinical results for this study approximately year-end 2022.
- ❑ **Randomized, placebo-controlled Cognition Maintenance Study (CMS) in Alzheimer's patients.**
 - ✓ Target enrollment: over 100 subjects.
 - ✓ Over 50% have completed this study.
 - ✓ All clinical data remains blinded.

Our goal is to complete enrollment for the CMS study in Q4 2022 and to announce data approximately third-quarter 2023.

Science & Technology

A person wearing a white lab coat is holding a transparent, futuristic tablet. The tablet displays various scientific and medical data, including a 3D brain scan, a DNA double helix, and several smaller brain scan images with color-coded overlays. The background is a soft, out-of-focus laboratory setting.

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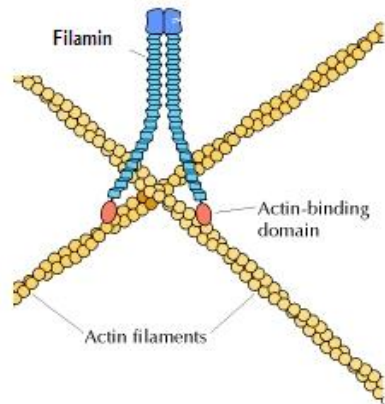
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Proposed Mechanism of Action

The Target of Simufilam is Altered Filamin A (FLNA)

Filamin A (FLNA) is a scaffolding protein highly expressed in the brain.



FLNA cross-links actin to provide structure and motility, but also interacts with >90 proteins, influencing many signaling pathways.

The Alzheimer's brain carries an *altered* form of FLNA.
Altered FLNA is critical to amyloid beta toxicity.

Mechanism of Action

The altered form of FLNA is a proteopathy in the AD brain.

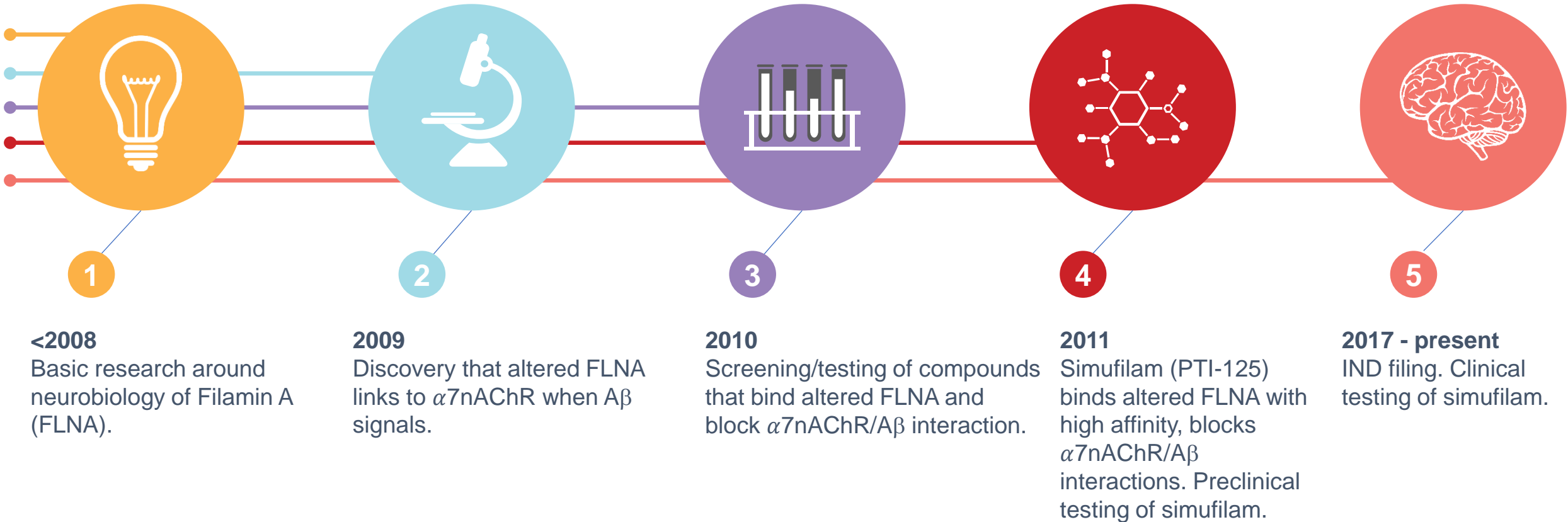
Altered FLNA enables $A\beta_{42}$ signaling via:

- i. $\alpha 7$ -nicotinic acetylcholine receptor ($\alpha 7nAChR$)
→ hyperphosphorylates tau
- ii. Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4)
→ releases inflammatory cytokines

Simufilam binds altered FLNA, restores its proper shape/function, disables $A\beta_{42}$ signaling via $\alpha 7nAChR$ and TLR4.

***Through a single target,
simufilam reduces neurodegeneration and neuroinflammation.***

In-house Discovery/Development Program



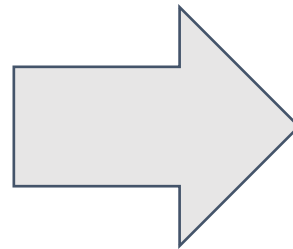
Summary of Preclinical Effects

Simufilam	Intracerebro-ventricular (ICV) Aβ₄₂ infusion mouse model	Triple transgenic AD mouse model	Post-mortem human AD brain tissue	Post-mortem human age-matched control brain tissue treated with Aβ₄₂ in vitro
Reduced FLNA linkage to α 7nAChR/TLR4	√	√	√	√
Reduced A β ₄₂ bound to α 7nAChR	√	√	√	√
Reduced amyloid deposits and NFTs	√	√		
Reduced tau hyperphosphorylation	√	√		√
Improved function of α 7nAChR, NMDAR and insulin receptors	√	√	√	√
Improved synaptic plasticity (activity-dependent Arc expression)		√		√
Reduced inflammatory cytokine levels	√	√		
Improved cognition/behavior		√		

Clinical Hypothesis

Hypothesis

Simufilam is a disease-modifying drug for Alzheimer's disease dementia that also provides symptomatic improvement.

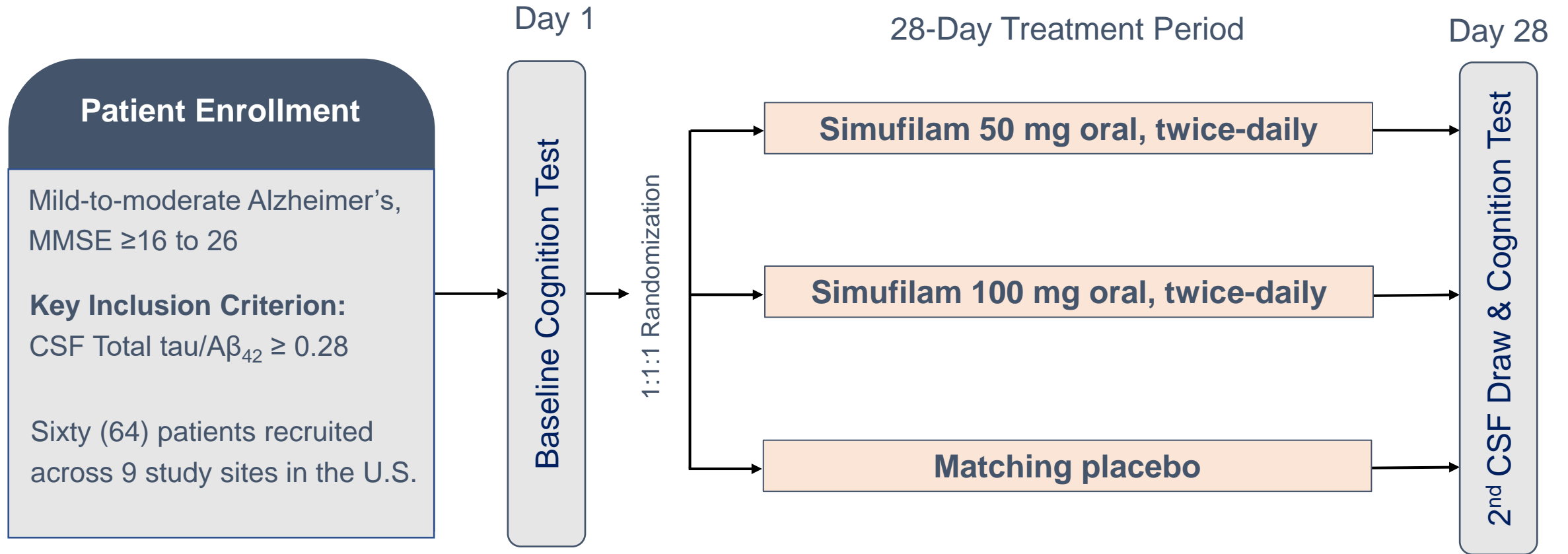


Phase 2b Study Objective

Evaluate safety, biomarkers and cognition in a randomized, placebo-controlled study of simufilam.

Phase 2b - Study Design

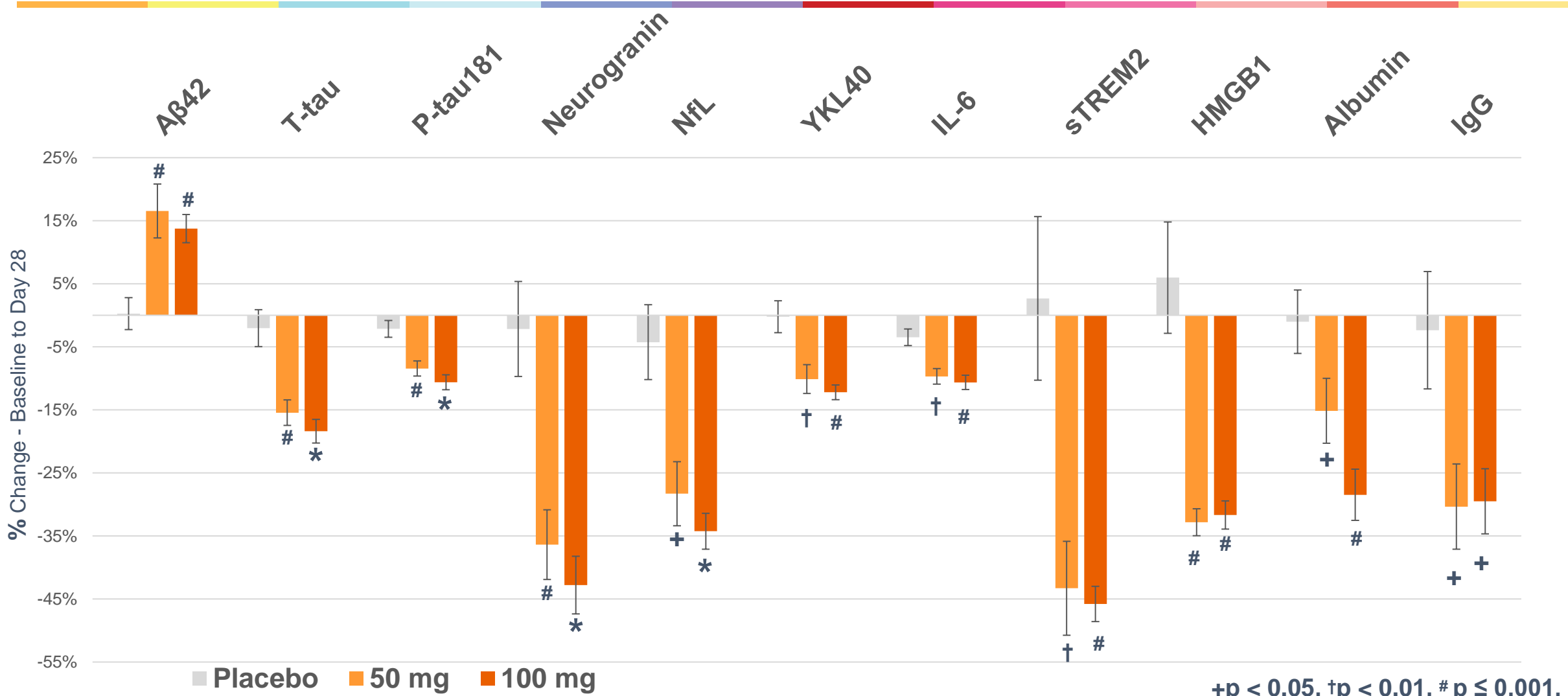
Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Multi-center, Safety Study



Phase 2b Results – Safety & Baseline

- **Simufilam was safe and well-tolerated**
- **No serious adverse events**
- **No drug-related patient discontinuation**
- **No drug-related adverse events**
 - Common, non-persistent side-effects observed in placebo & drug groups
- Baseline characteristics were well-balanced between treatment groups, assigned through (1:1:1) randomization.

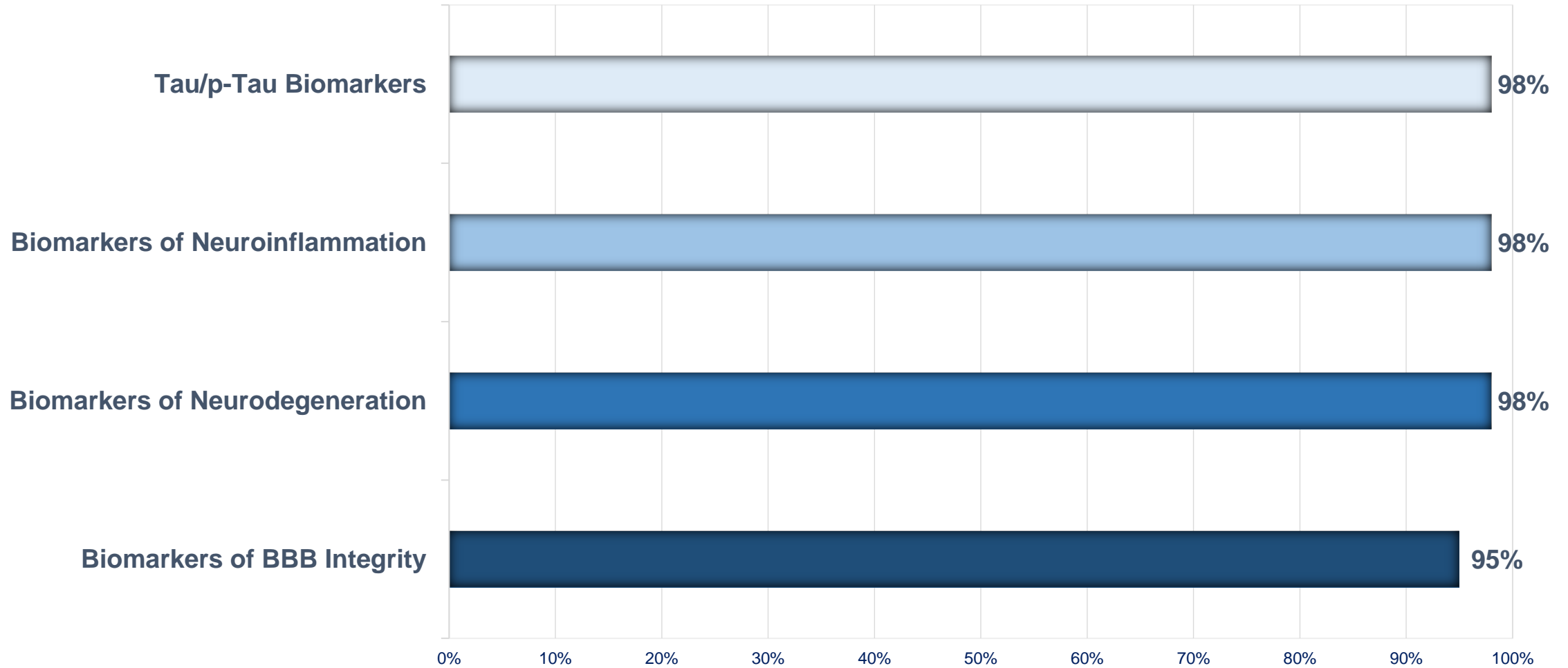
Phase 2b Summary of Results - CSF Biomarkers



+p < 0.05, tp < 0.01, # p ≤ 0.001, *p < 0.0001 vs. placebo

Phase 2b Results – Patient Responder Analysis

% of Patients Who Responded to Simufilam on CSF Biomarkers



Phase 2b Study Conclusions

- **Simufilam showed promising treatment effects in a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study in patients with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease.**
- **Simufilam improved a panel of validated biomarkers of disease pathology, neuroinflammation and integrity of the blood-brain barrier.**
- **Evidence of simufilam's safety and efficacy in Alzheimer's disease dementia still needs to be established by FDA statutory requirements.**
 - **Phase 3 studies are on-going with simufilam in patients with Alzheimer's disease.**

Ongoing Open-label Study

- **We are conducting a one-year, open-label safety study of simufilam.**
- **Study subjects have mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease (MMSE 16 to 26) and are evaluated for safety, cognition and behavior.**
 - Study is fully enrolled: \approx 200+ study subjects from 16 investigator sites in the U.S. and Canada.
 - Simufilam appears safe and well-tolerated to date.
- **In August 2022, we announced top-line safety & cognitive results of the first 100 evaluable patients who completed 12 months of open-label treatment with simufilam 100 mg twice-daily.**
 - Treatment effects observed in an open-label study are not proof of drug safety or efficacy, nor can open-label data predict clinical success in a Phase 3 program.

Open-label Study – Interim Analysis @ 1 Year

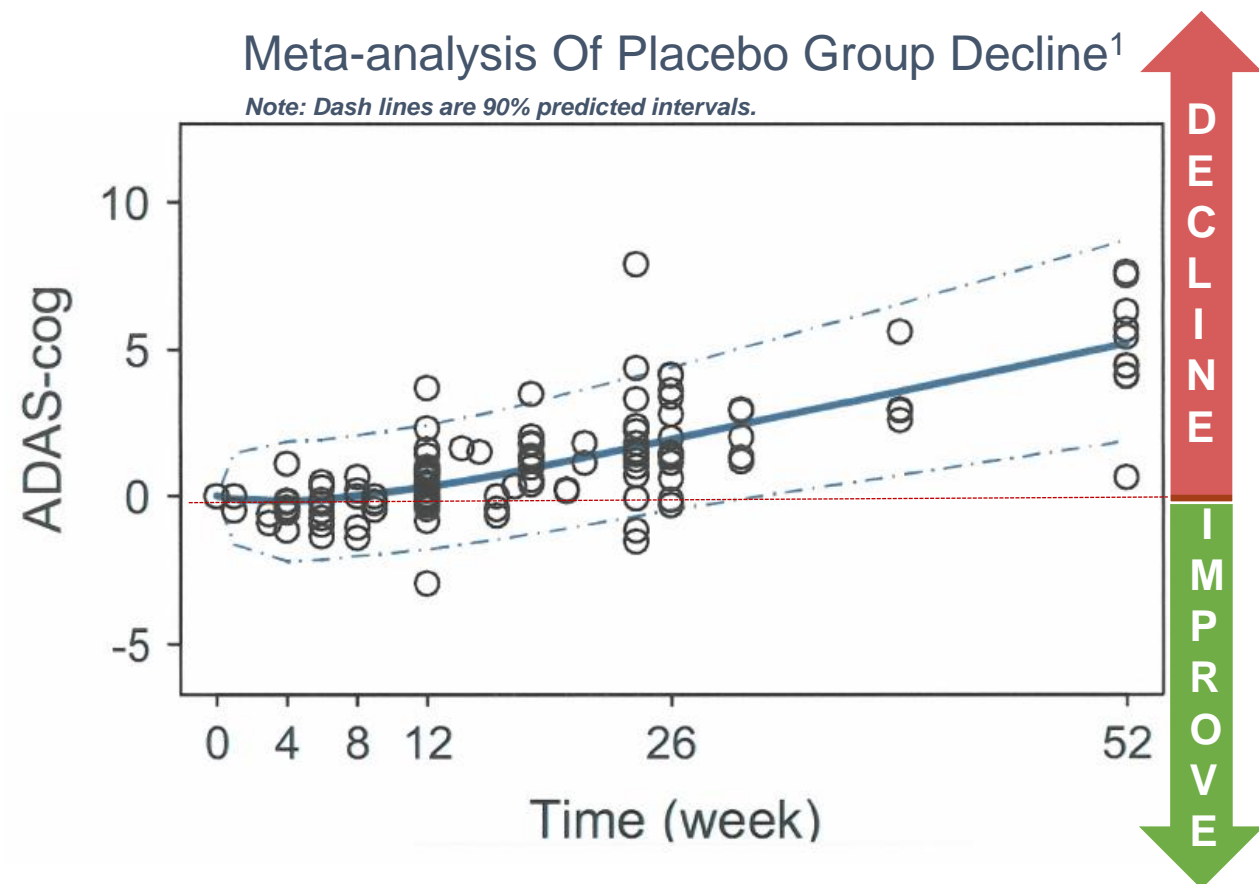
An interim analysis was conducted on the first 100 evaluable patients who completed at least 12 months of open-label treatment with simufilam 100 mg twice daily.

Top-line results of this interim analysis show that from baseline to month-12:

- Drug appears safe and well tolerated.
- Overall ADAS-Cog11 scores improved an average of 1.5 points (S.D. \pm 6.6; $P < 0.05$)
- 63% of the 100 patients showed an improvement in ADAS-Cog11 scores, and this group of patients improved an average of 5.6 points (S.D. \pm 3.8).
- An additional 21% of the 100 patients declined less than 5 points on ADAS-Cog11, and this group of patients declined an average of 2.7 points (S.D. \pm 1.4).

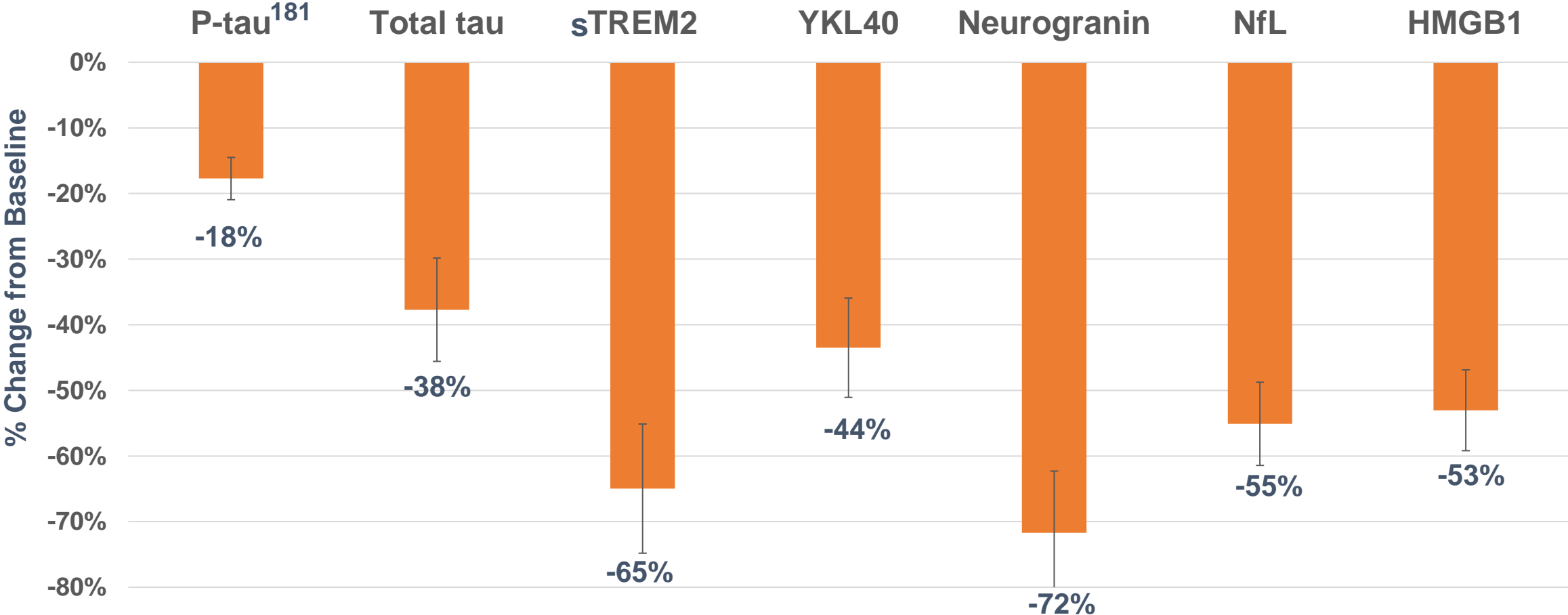
All clinical data from our open-label study are inherently exploratory in nature and, as with all open-label data, should be interpreted with caution. Data results from our open-label study does not constitute, and should not be interpreted as, evidence of therapeutic benefit for simufilam.

Expected Rate of Cognitive Decline in AD - Literature



- Cognitive decline was reported in a published, meta-analysis of 20,000 patients with mild-to-moderate AD in randomized, controlled trials¹. **5.5 point average decline over 12 months on ADAS-Cog among study subjects who were administered placebo in randomized, controlled trials.**
- Cognitive decline was reported in two P3 studies of Biogen's aducanumab in patients with early AD²: **5.2 point average decline over 18 months on ADAS-Cog among study subjects who were administered placebo in randomized, controlled trials.**

Open-label Study - CSF Biomarkers at 6 Months (N=25)

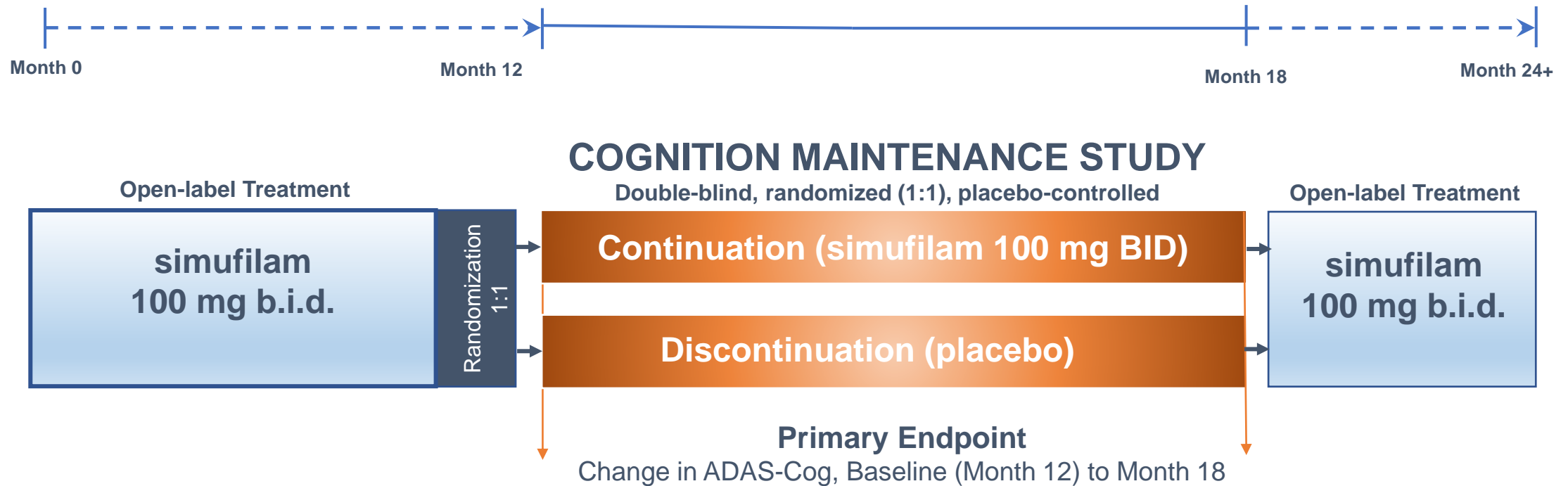


P < 0.00001 for all by paired *t* test.

Not shown: CSF A β ₄₂ increased significantly (+84%), as expected.

Cognition Maintenance Study (CMS)

Goal is to compare cognition in ≈ 100 AD patients who continue vs. discontinue simufilam treatment over 6 months, following 1-year open-label treatment.



CMS was initiated May 2021. As of August 2022, 50 subjects have completed this study.

Our goal is to announce study results approximately Q3 2023.

Regulatory Strategy

- **Successful End-of-phase 2 (EOP2) meeting was held with FDA January 2021.**
 - EOP2 meeting objectives were to gain general agreement around a Phase 3 clinical program and statutory requirements for a 505(b)(1) NDA submission and marketing approval of simufilam for the treatment of mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease.
 - FDA agrees that the completed Phase 2 program, together with well-defined Phase 3 clinical program, are sufficient to show evidence of clinical efficacy.
 - Agreement on use of co-primary efficacy endpoints to assess treatment benefits.
- **Agreement reached with FDA on two Special Protocol Assessments for Phase 3.**

Phase 3 Program Overview

Our Phase 3 program consists of two double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled studies in patients with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer’s disease (MMSE 16 to 27).

As of September 13, 2022, >500 patients were enrolled in our Phase 3 studies.

	Enrollment Target	Simufilam Treatment	Length of Treatment	Co-Primary Endpoints	Secondary Endpoints		
				Cognition Scale	Function Scale	Cognition + Function Scale	Dementia-related Behavior Scale
1st Phase 3	~ 750 Subjects	100 mg	52-weeks	ADAS-Cog12	ADCS-ADL	iADRS	NPI ₁₂
2nd Phase 3	~ 1,000 Subjects	100 mg or 50 mg	76-weeks	ADAS-Cog12	ADCS-ADL	iADRS	NPI ₁₂

ADAS-Cog = The Alzheimer’s Disease Assessment Scale – Cognitive Subscale, a measure of cognition
ADCS-ADL = Alzheimer’s Disease Cooperative Study – Activities of Daily Living, a measure of health function
iADRS = integrated Alzheimer’s Disease Rating Scale, a composite measure of cognition and health function
NPI = Neuropsychiatric Inventory

Phase 3 Studies in Alzheimer's disease



- 52-week Phase 3 study, initiated Fall 2021.
- ≈ 750 subjects to be randomized (1:1) to simufilam 100 mg or placebo twice daily.
- Co-primary efficacy endpoints are ADAS-Cog12, a cognitive scale, and ADCS-ADL, a functional scale.
- A secondary efficacy endpoint is iADRS, a clinical tool that combines cognitive functional scores from ADAS-Cog & ADCS-ADL.
- Other secondary endpoints include plasma biomarkers of disease and NPI to assess dementia-related behavior.



- 76-week Phase 3 study, initiated Fall 2021.
- ≈ 1,000 subjects to be randomized (1:1:1) to simufilam 100 mg, 50 mg or placebo twice daily.
- Co-primary efficacy endpoints are ADAS-Cog12, a cognitive scale, and ADCS-ADL, a functional scale.
- A secondary efficacy endpoint is iADRS, a clinical tool that combines cognitive functional scores from ADAS-Cog & ADCS-ADL.
- Other secondary endpoints include CSF, plasma and imaging biomarkers of disease and NPI to assess dementia-related behavior.

SavaDx: Our Investigational Diagnostic for Alzheimer's

- *The underlying science for simufilam supports the development of a diagnostic technology to detect Alzheimer's disease with a simple blood test, called SavaDx.*
- *SavaDx is an early-stage product candidate, benefiting from long-term scientific & financial support from NIH.*
- *Working with third parties, we continue to evaluate an innovative method to detect FLNA without the use of antibodies.*
- *SavaDx is our lower priority program as compared to simufilam.*



Intellectual Property

- **Simufilam is a novel molecule. We own exclusive, worldwide rights to simufilam and related technologies, without financial obligations to any third party.**
- **Composition of matter patent protection for simufilam and other novel filamin-binding molecules includes over six issued patents. These currently run beyond 2033.**
- **We do not have issued patents in the U.S. for SavaDx. In the U.S., we believe SavaDx may be protected by trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary rights technology.**

Financials

Eric Schoen - Chief Financial Officer

Financials

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Shares Outstanding

≈ 40.1 million

Financials at June 30, 2022

Cash Balance

≈ \$197.2 million

Debt

none

***Est. Cash Use for Operations in the 2nd Half of 2022 is Approximately \$45 to \$55 million,
Depending on Rate of Patient Enrollment and Other Expenses.***

Thank you!



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Appendix: Key Publications

Journal of Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease

2020; DOI: 10.14283

PTI-125 Reduces Biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease In Patients:

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.14283/jpad.2020.6>

Neuroimmunology and Neuroinflammation

2017;4:263-71:

Altered filamin A enables amyloid beta induced tau hyperphosphorylation and neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease:

<http://nnjournal.net/article/view/2313>

Neurobiology of Aging

(Volume 55) July 2017, Pages 99—114)

PTI-125 binds and reverses an altered conformation of filamin A to reduce Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis:

[http://www.neurobiologyofaging.org/article/S0197-4580\(17\)30087-8/](http://www.neurobiologyofaging.org/article/S0197-4580(17)30087-8/)

Erratum: Figure 12 contains an image showing 12 control bands; it should show 13. This visual error was not caught in proofing. The data analysis was based on all 13 control bands. This error does not impact data conclusions.

Alzheimer's & Dementia

Volume 8, Issue 4, Supplement, 1 July 2012, Pages p259-p260

PTI-125 reduces amyloid-related Alzheimer's pathogenesis by targeting filamin A:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1552526012008242>

Journal of Neuroscience

18 July 2012, 32 (29) 9773-9784

Reducing amyloid-related Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis by a small molecule targeting filamin A

<http://www.jneurosci.org/content/32/29/9773.short>

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