

# Investor Update – HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Selection

15 July 2024

ASX: PAA







#### Disclaimer



This disclaimer applies to this presentation and the information contained in it (This presentation has been prepared by PharmAust Limited (ASX: PAA) (the "Company"). It does not purport to contain all the information that a prospective investor may require in connection with any potential investment in the Company. You should not treat the contents of this presentation, or any information provided in connection with it, as financial advice, financial product advice or advice relating to legal, taxation or investment matters.

No representation or warranty (whether express or implied) is made by the Company or any of its officers, advisers, agents or employees as to the accuracy, completeness or reasonableness of the information, statements, opinions or matters (express or implied) arising out of, contained in or derived from this presentation or provided in connection with it, or any omission from this presentation, nor as to the attainability of any estimates, forecasts or projections set out in this presentation.

This presentation is provided expressly on the basis that you will carry out your own independent inquiries into the matters contained in the presentation and make your own independent decisions about the affairs, financial position or prospects of the Company. The Company reserves the right to update, amend or supplement the information at any time in its absolute discretion (without incurring any obligation to do so).

Neither the Company, nor its related bodies corporate, officers, their advisers, agents and employees accept any responsibility or liability to you or to any other person or entity arising out of this presentation including pursuant to the general law (whether for negligence, under statute or otherwise), or under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001, Corporations Act 2001, Competition and Consumer Act 2010 or any corresponding provision of any Australian state or territory legislation (or the law of any similar legislation in any other jurisdiction), or similar provision under any applicable law. Any such responsibility or liability is, to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly disclaimed and excluded.

Nothing in this material should be construed as either an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell securities. It does not include all available information and should not be used in isolation as a basis to invest in the Company.

#### **FUTURE MATTERS**

This presentation contains reference to certain intentions, expectations, future plans, strategy and prospects of the Company. Those intentions, expectations, future plans, strategy and prospects may or may not be achieved. They are based on certain assumptions, which may not be met or on which views may differ and may be affected by known and unknown risks. The performance and operations of the Company may be influenced by a number of factors, many of which are outside the control of the Company. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made by the Company, or any of its directors, officers, employees, advisers or agents that any intentions, expectations or plans will be achieved either totally or partially or that any particular rate of return will be achieved.

Given the risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual future results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expected, planned or intended, recipients should not place undue reliance on these intentions, expectations, future plans, strategy and prospects. The Company does not warrant or represent that the actual results, performance or achievements will be as expected, planned or intended.

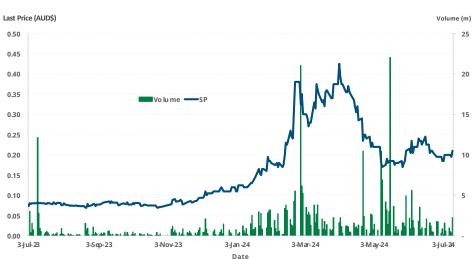
#### US DISCLOSURE

This document does not constitute any part of any offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of any "US person" as defined in Regulation S under the US Securities Act of 1993 ("Securities Act"). The Company's shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to any US person without being so registered or pursuant to an exemption from registration including an exemption for qualified institutional buyers.



# Corporate Overview

Mid-stage biotechnology company targeting human neurodegenerative diseases



## Share Price Performance

#### **Board & Management**

Mr Sergio Duchini	Chairman & Non-Executive Director			
Dr Michael Thurn	Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director			
Mr Marcus Hughes	Non-Executive Director			
Dr Katie MacFarlane	Non-Executive Director			
Mr Stefan Ross	Company Secretary			

Capital Structure (AUD\$)	11 July 2024
Current Share Price (PAA/PAAOA)	\$0.21 / \$0.105
52 Week Low / High (PAA)	\$0.067/ \$0.535
No. of Shares (PAA)	445,024,049
Listed Options (PAAOA)	116,415,955
Market Capitalisation	\$93.5m
Cash (as at 31-Mar-24)	\$3.94 m
Debt (as at 31-Mar-24)	Nil
Net Cash	\$3.94m
Enterprise Value	\$97.94m
Unlisted Options (10c/15c/17.5c)	12.44 m
Enterprise Value (fully diluted)	\$99.99m

### **Top Shareholders\***

Hybrid Holdings Pty Ltd <darcy a="" c="" family="" fund="" super=""></darcy>		
Mr GJ Van & Mrs GV Blommestein <van a="" blommestein="" c="" f="" s=""></van>		
Dr Roger Aston	3.38%	
Mr Marcus Paul Hughes	2.09%	
Board & Management	3.27%	
* As at 11 July 2024		

\$10 million Placement completed in June 2024, Share Purchase Plan for \$2 million closes 19 July 2024



## **Investment Highlights**

Derisked lead program in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) with multiple near-term catalysts and potential for use in other neurodegenerative diseases



# Positive Phase 1 Data in ALS

- Repurposed drug with excellent long-term safety and tolerability profile
- Monepantel (MPL) and its active metabolite, MPL Sulphone, detectable in cerebrospinal fluid
- Promising early efficacy results showing potential to slow disease progression and increase life expectancy
- Granted Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) by the US FDA
- Accepted into the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial



Strong Global IP Position

- Method of use patents issued
- ODD granted
- New manufacturing patent application



- Experienced Board and management team
- World class Scientific Advisory Board
- Industry leading collaborators and service providers



• >200,000 people living with ALS worldwide

Recent approvals list price >US\$160,000

diagnosis

• Limited treatment options

• Average life expectancy just over 2 years from

**Global Opportunity for ALS** 

- MPL has the potential to treat other neurodegenerative diseases
- Accumulation of intracellular misfolded proteins is a hallmark of most neurodegenerative diseases
- Testing underway in a range of preclinical models





#### **Meet Our Board of Directors**



Sergio Duchini Chairman & Non-Executive Director

Sergio serves as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee at Enlitic Inc. Additionally, he holds the position of Chair at Lymphoma Australia, a leading notfor-profit organization. Sergio previously sat on the AusBiotech Board of Directors for nine years. He also served as a Board Director at Deloitte Australia, overseeing the governance, strategy development, and stewardship of the partnership.



Dr Michael Thurn Managing Director & Chief Executive

Michael has over 25 years experience in technical, regulatory, commercial and management roles in research organisations and industry, including early stage, fast growing, private and publicly listed biotechnology companies. Michael has led a variety of US IND applications across a range of therapeutic areas and evaluated drugs and vaccines for registration during his engagement at the TGA.



#### Dr Katie MacFarlane Non-Executive Director

Katie has over 30 years of experience in the development and commercialisation of pharmaceutical products and devices. She has held senior executive positions at Arkayli Biopharma, Agile Therapeutics, Warner Chilcott, Parke-Davis (now Pfizer). Katie currently serves on the Board of Mayne Pharmaceuticals, an affiliate faculty member of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and a Founding Member and Advisor to IPhO.

PURDUE



🕼 PharmAu

#### Marcus Hughes Non-Executive Director

Marcus brings more than 20 years' experience with listed companies. He possesses extensive corporate finance experience, having led project financing and capital raisings in the industrial sector. He has held senior managerial, tax and finance roles with multi-national companies including Lend Lease, Fortescue Metals and Rio Tinto





HEALEY ALS Platform Trial - Investor Update



#### Meet Our Management Team



John Clark Chief Operating Officer John has over 20 years of pharmaceutical industry experience in phase I – IV clinical trials across numerous therapeutic areas and multiple geographical regions. John has a thorough knowledge of ICH-GCP and regulatory requirements and held clinical operations leadership roles responsible for implementing global clinical programs.



Dr Nicky Wallis Chief Scientific Officer

Nicky is a neuroscientist and brings over 12 years of global expertise in clinical development, spanning pre-clinical through to Phase 3 drug and device development. Her extensive experience includes roles such as Clinical Trials Program Specialist at the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance, Vice President of Clinical Operations at Lateral Pharma Biotech, and Clinical Project Manager at Orygen Youth Mental Health Research.



#### Dr Herbert Brinkman Head of Manufacturing

Herb has over 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He has prepared over 25 Chemistry Manufacturing and Control sections and updates for multiple filings for FDA and EU regulatory agencies. Herb has filed and commercially launched 9 products and contributed to filing 21 ANDAs for various semi-solid and parenteral products. He is also an inventor on 14 patents.



🕻 PharmA

#### Dr Carol Worth CMC Operations Manager

Carol brings over 30 years of industry experience and a passion for focusing on quality control and quality assurance. She recently served as Quality Manager at Epichem Pty Ltd as Chief Technical Officer at Suda Pharmaceuticals and Solbec Pharmaceuticals. Carol has also led product development programs at Thermalife International Pty Ltd/ Pharmasolv Laboratories Pty Ltd







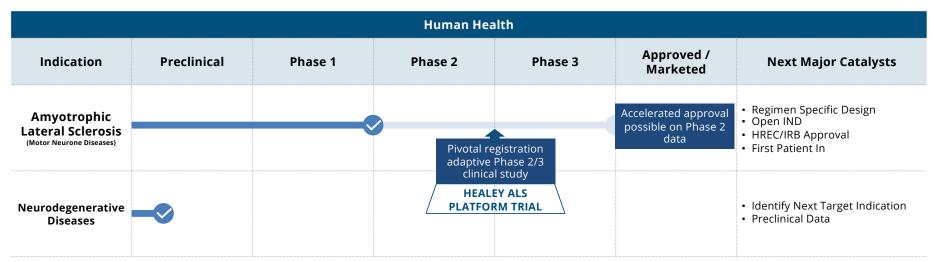






Multiple synergistic product opportunities in neurodegenerative disease by repurposing monepantel

- Single pivotal registration clinical study or ALS
- Targeting accelerated approval from Phase 2 data
- Access to HEALY ALS Platform Trial reduces study cost and time, and increases patient participation rate
- FDA approval in 2026 possible



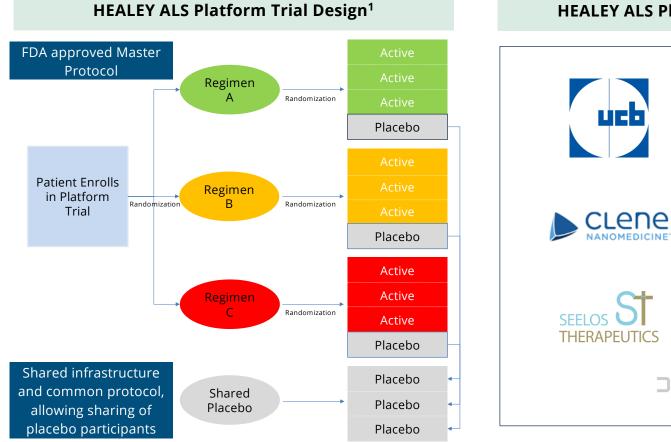
HREC - Human Research Ethics Committee; IND - Investigational New Drug; IRB - Institutional Review Board



### Monepantel selected for entry into the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial



The HEALEY ALS Platform Trial is a competitive process led by a group of expert ALS scientists and members of the Healey & AMG Center Science Advisory Committee



# HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Particpants<sup>1</sup>

EUVL

biohaven

prilenia

alico

<sup>1</sup>HEALEY ALS Platform Trial (https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/als/research/platform-trial)



#### Monepantel selected for entry into the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial



The HEALEY ALS Platform Trial is a competitive process led by a group of expert ALS scientists and members of the Healey & AMG Center Science Advisory Committee

#### HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Advantages<sup>1</sup>

## 30% reduction in research cost

• The platform trial tests multiple treatments at once reducing the cost of research

#### 50% faster

• Trial times are cut in half due to the established infrastructure and rapid recruitment

## 67% more participants

• The platform's broad reach recruits more people and brings them faster access to innovative therapies



# Healey & AMG Center

Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Massachusetts General Hospital



Director of the Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at MGH, Chair of the Department of Neurology, and Principal Investigator of the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial

**Prof Merit Cudkowicz** 



Co-Director, MGH Neurological Clinical Research Institute (NCRI) and Principal Investigator of the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial

Assoc. Prof Sabrina Paganoni





## Strategic Importance of the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial

Independent validation of monepantel's potential as a treatment of ALS placing PharmAust in full view of potential pharmaceutical partners

## **Pivotal Opportunity**

- Independent validation of monepantel's potential as an ALS treatment
- Leverages a network of leading ALS Neurologists across the US
- Recognised by industry and the US FDA
- Fastest path to commercialization

## Collaboration

• The trial is a large-scale collaboration across multiple clinical trial sites, industry partners, and researchers

#### Exposure

 Increases reach within the ALS research community, building on an existing partnership with Berry Consultants to create global and US awareness

## Funding

Additional opportunities for non-dilutive and strategic investments

## **Innovative Trial Structure**

## Design

- Shared master protocol
- >70 clinical sites across the US
- 3:1 active drug to placebo ratio
- 160-240 participants per regimen
- 5 regimens completed
- 2 regimens enrolment closed

### Next Steps

- Approximately 3-month study design phase to create a regimen-specific protocol amendment
- File protocol amendment under MGH's IND
- Open US IND for monepantel
- PharmAust to supply monepantel
- Targeting enrolment Q4 CY 2024



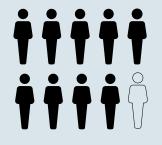




There is no cure and MND/ALS is always fatal



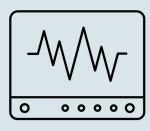
Every **90 minutes** someone is **diagnosed and dies** with MND/ALS



90% of cases occur without a family history



Onset is usually between the ages of 40 & 70 years



Life expectancy on average is just over 2 years



By **2040 the incidence** of MND/ALS is expected to **increase by 70%** 

Current Treatments





Qalsody (tofersen) Developed to treat ALS associated with a mutation in the superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) gene. The FDA approved Qalsody to treat SOD1-ALS in 2023. Rilutek (riluzole) This was the first FDA-approved drug available to treat ALS — in 1995. It inhibits glutamate release and prolongs life ~3 months.



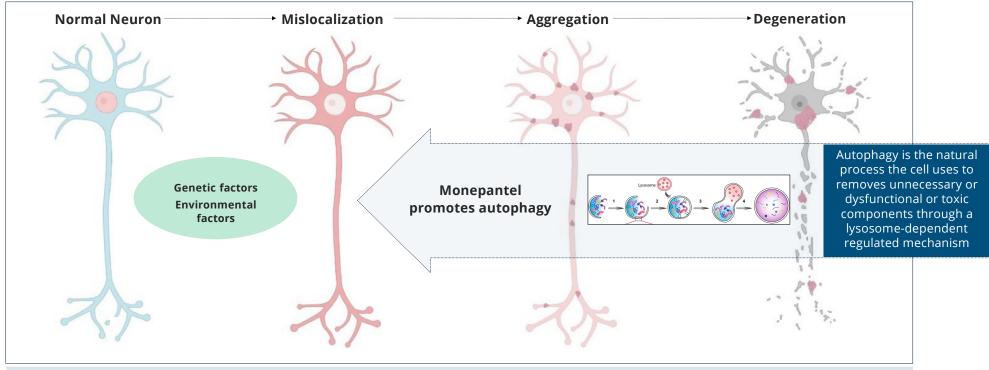
Radicava<sup>™</sup> (edaravone) The FDA approved Radicava<sup>™</sup> in 2017, making it the first new treatment specifically for ALS in 22 years. Prolongs life ~6 months.

These drugs provide limited relief are controversial and slow disease progression by only months



## MND /ALS Pathology & Disease Progression

Characterised by progressive degeneration of nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, MND/ALS affects the voluntary control of the arms and legs, eventually leading to trouble with breathing and death



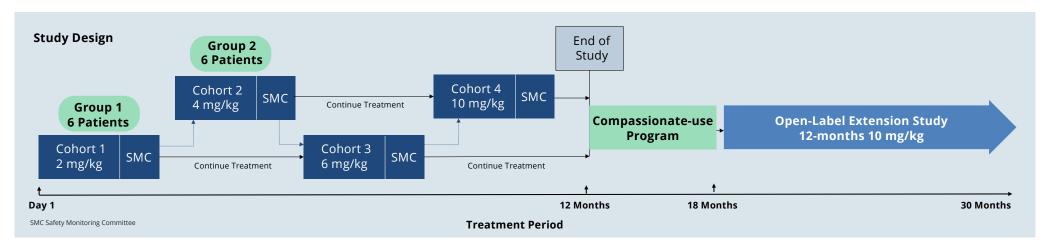
**Protein aggregation**<sup>1</sup> is an important feature of MND/ALS pathology. Amyloid deposits from different proteins such as TDP-43, C9ORF72 dipeptide repeats, phosphorylated high molecular weight neurofilament protein, rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor, and FUS have been detected in MND/ALS motor neurons. These aberrant protein deposits become toxic to the cells, leading to neurodegeneration and are targets for therapeutic interventions.

<sup>1</sup>Suk, T.R., Rousseaux, M.W.C. The role of TDP-43 mislocalization in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Mol Neurodegeneration 15, 45 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13024-020-00397-1





The Phase 1 MEND Study was an open label, multicentre study involving 12 patients with ALS with the goal of determining the recommended Phase 2/3 dose based on safety and preliminary efficacy



Study Update

- Positive top-line data released in Q1 CY24
- 12 patients continued treatment with monepantel under a compassionate-use program
- 10 patients have rolled-over into 12-month Open-Label Extension Study. Treatment continues to be very well-tolerated
- Updated ALSFRS-R and Survival Analysis to be generated by Berry Consultants.
- First group of 6 patients are entering their 20<sup>th</sup> month of continuous treatment with monepantel
- Phase 1 and baseline OLE data used to design pivotal registration adaptive Phase 2/3 Study, to commence in H2 CY24



#### Phase 1 Safety and Tolerability Summary



No deaths, no Serious Adverse Events related to treatment and a very low incidence of Adverse Events

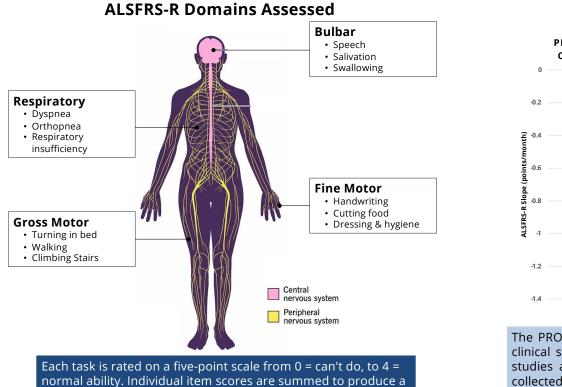
		Incidence of Adverse Event (n)						
	Dose 1 (2 mg/kg)	Dose 2 (4 mg/kg)	Dose 3 (6 mg/kg)	Dose 4 (10 mg/kg)	Total			
Adverse Events	29	6	12	9	56			
<b>Related to Treatment</b>	2	1	-	-	3			

- Only 3 Adverse Events (mild in severity) possibly related to treatment
  - Raised liver enzymes
  - Increased hair growth
  - Constipation
- No deaths
- No patients withdrew or were discontinued from the study
- One Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) reported that was unrelated to treatment
  - 1 patient (Dose Level 3 6 mg/kg) hospitalised for Intestinal dilatation and Pneumonia

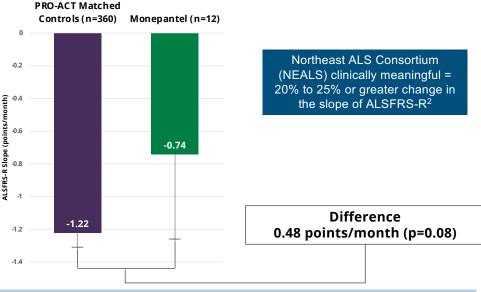


#### Phase 1 Preliminary Efficacy Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Function Rating Scale – Revised (ALSFRS-R)

Treatment with monepantel for up to 12 months slowed the progression of ALS in all 12 patients by 39% when compared to matched controls from the PRO-ACT database<sup>1</sup>



#### MPL – 39% Slower Decline in ALSFRS-R



The PRO-ACT database is the largest publicly available repository of merged ALS clinical study data. Data were pooled from 16 completed Phase 2/3 ALS clinical studies and one observational study. Over 8 million de-identified longitudinally collected data points from more than 8,600 persons with ALS, including demographics, family histories, and longitudinal clinical and laboratory data.

<sup>1</sup>Atassi N, Berry J, Shui A, Zach N, Sherman A, Sinani E, Walker J, Katsovskiy I, Schoenfeld D, Cudkowicz M, Leitner M. The PRO-ACT database: design, initial analyses, and predictive features. Neurology. 2014 Nov

4;83(19):1719-25. doi: 10.1212/WNL.000000000000951.Epub 2014 Oct 8. PMID: 25298304; PMCID: PMC4239834.

reported score of between 0=worst and 48=best.

15

2Castrillo-Viguera C, Grasso DL, Simpson E, et al. Clinical significance in the change of decline in ALSFRS-R. Amyotroph Lateral Scler. 2010;11(1-2):178-180.

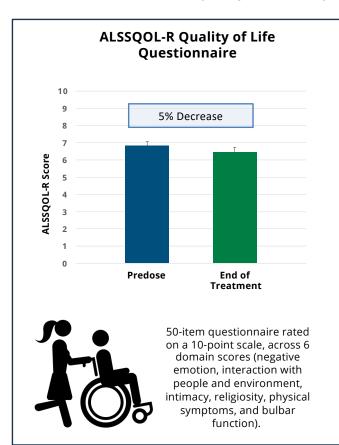
HEALEY ALS Platform Trial - Investor Update

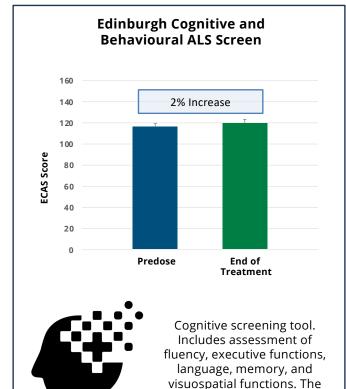
🕻 Pharn



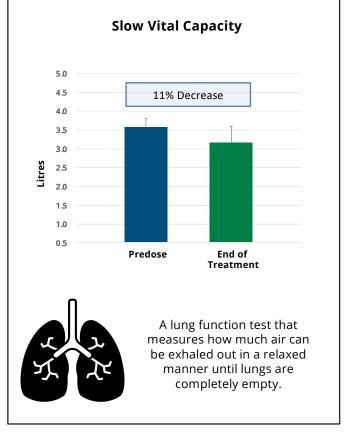
#### Phase 1 Exploratory Endpoints

No significant difference in ALS Quality of Life Questionnaire, Edinburgh Cognitive and Behavioural ALS Screen, and Slow Vital Capacity between predose and end of treatment





total score is 136 points.



• Decline of 6.9% (14.0 %, 0.9%) per month in CSF NfL levels

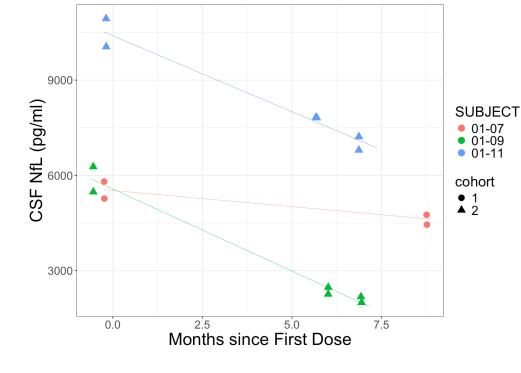
associated with faster/greater decline of ALSFRS-R over time<sup>1</sup>

Although limited data, the CSF NfL • data is encouraging

Biomarker data important for receiving accelerated approval

1Brodovitch A, Boucraut J, Delmont E, Parlanti A, Grapperon A-M, Attarian S, et al. Combination of serum and CSF neurofilament-light and neuroinflammatory biomarkers to evaluate ALS. Sci Rep. 2021;11(1):703. doi: 10.1038/s41598-020-80370-6.

Neurofilament levels correlate with disease progression rate in ALS and higher levels of neurofilament are



#### **Change in CSF NfL Levels**

🕻 Pharm

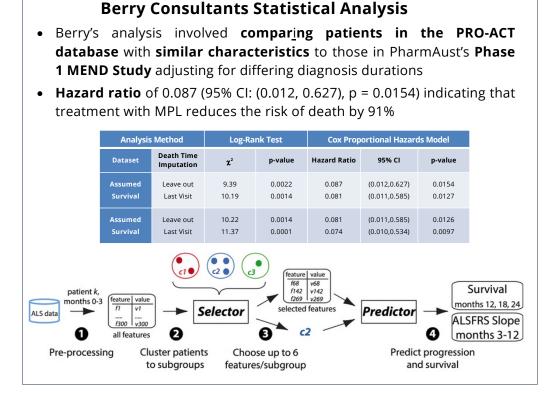


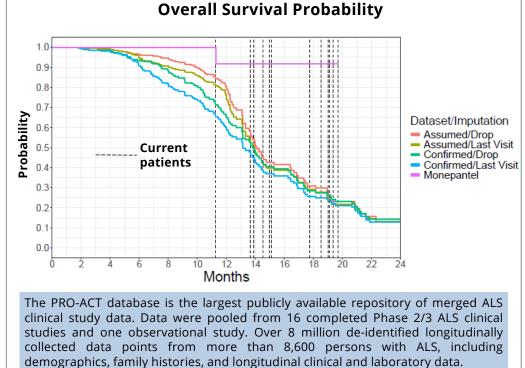
# **Biomarker Assessment**



Phase 1 ALS Open Label Extension Study

Compared to matched controls from the PRO-ACT Historical Database, treatment with monepantel results in a significantly (X<sup>2</sup>=9.39, p=0.0022) longer survival of patients with ALS





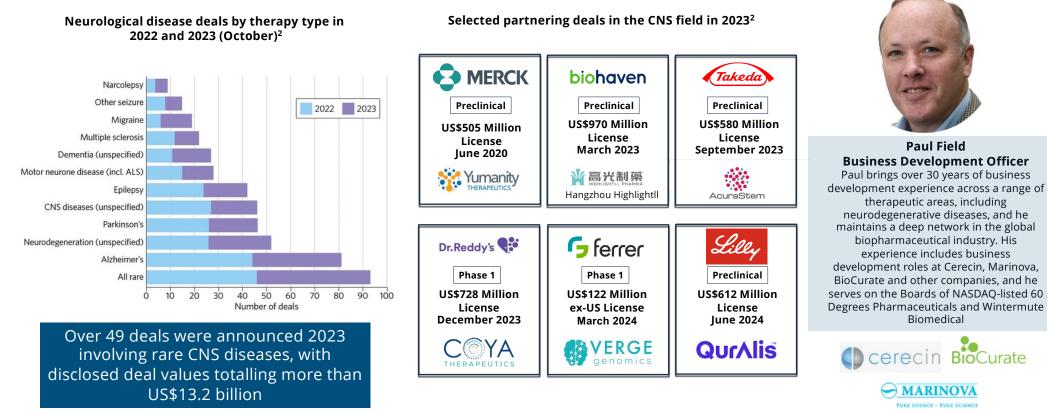
<sup>1</sup>Atassi N, Berry J, Shui A, Zach N, Sherman A, Sinani E, Walker J, Katsovskiy I, Schoenfeld D, Cudkowicz M, Leitner M. The PRO-ACT database: design, initial analyses, and predictive features. Neurology. 2014 Nov 4;83(19):1719-25. doi: 10.1212/WNL.000000000000951.Epub 2014 Oct 8. PMID: 25298304; PMCID: PMC4239834.



## **Rare Central Nervous System disease market**



FDA granted monepantel orphan drug designation (ODD) status for the treatment of ALS. The global CNS rare disease treatment market is expected to reach US\$13.8 billion by 2027 (CAGR > 8.5%)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>The Insight Partner March 2020

19

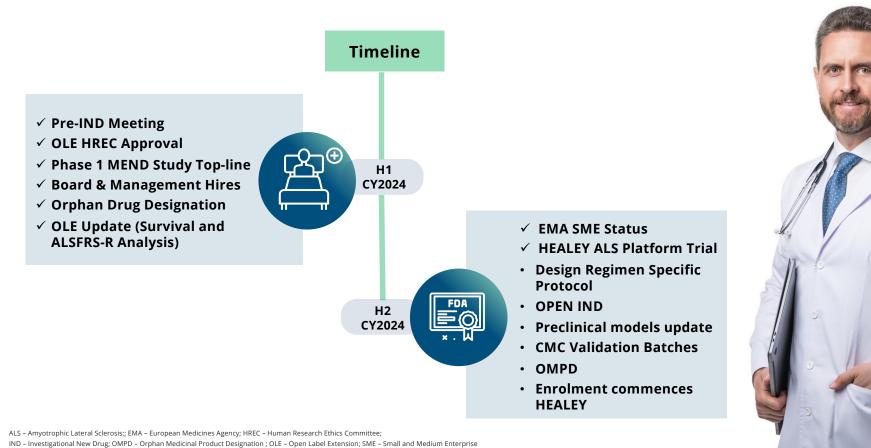
<sup>2</sup>Mark Zipkin, Neurodegeneration and rare diseases drive CNS therapy deals. Biopharma Dealmakers News Feature. 1 December 2023. doi: https://doi.org/10.1038/d43747-023-00128-7



#### **Research and Development Timeline**



Derisked lead program in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) with multiple near-term catalysts and potential for use in other neurodegenerative diseases







Registered Address: Level 4, 96-100 Albert Road, South Melbourne VIC 3205 Australia Phone: +61 (3) 9692 7222 Email: <u>investorenquiries@pharmaust.com</u>

ASX: PAA