

# FIGHTING NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

15 June 2021



# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

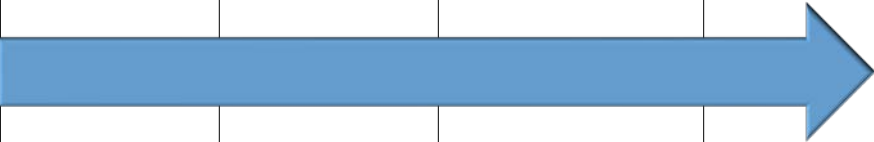



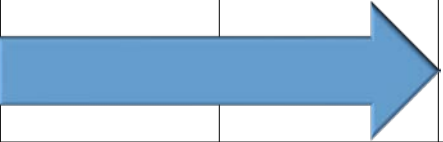
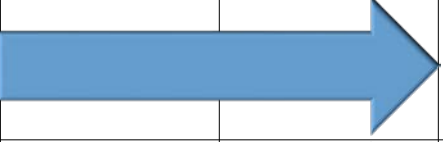
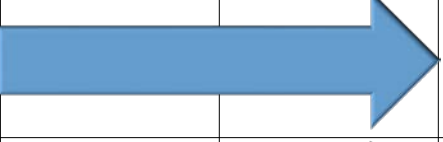
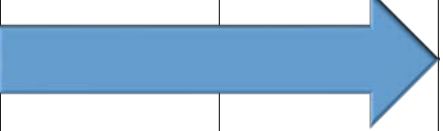
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# 2021 IS A PIVOTAL YEAR FOR NEUREN

- 2 drugs in clinical development for **6 Orphan Drug indications**:
  - All serious neurological disorders in children, no approved therapies
  - Orphan drugs have higher probability of approval and significant commercial advantages
- **Results in Q4 2021 for trofinetide Phase 3 trial in Rett syndrome**
- **Phase 2 trials commencing in H2 2021 for NNZ-2591 in 3 disorders**
- Trofinetide partnered with ACADIA (NASDAQ:ACAD) for North America
  - Up to US\$455m milestone payments
  - Double digit % royalties
  - One third of RPD Priority Review Voucher value
  - ACADIA funds all development
  - **Neuren has free access to US data for ex-North America registration**
- **NNZ-2591 provides large potential upside** - multiple indications and global rights retained

# PRODUCT PIPELINE

Compound	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Commercial Partner	
Trofinetide	Rett syndrome <sup>1</sup>					<b>Results Q4 2021</b>	 <i>(North America)</i>
	Fragile X syndrome <sup>1</sup>						 <i>(North America)</i>
NNZ-2591	Phelan-McDermid syndrome <sup>2</sup>			<b>Commence H2 2021</b>			
	Angelman syndrome <sup>2</sup>			<b>Commence H2 2021</b>			
	Pitt Hopkins syndrome <sup>2</sup>			<b>Commence H2 2021</b>			
	Prader-Willi syndrome			<b>TBA</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Orphan Drug designation in US and EU, Fast Track designation in US

<sup>2</sup> Orphan Drug designation in US and EU

# COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES OF ORPHAN DRUGS

Compared with existing markets that have apparently attractive large \$ sales in which established products have to be displaced, Orphan Drugs have many commercial advantages:

- Ability to target a leadership position with little competition
- Higher pricing
- Serious and urgent unmet need results in more supportive regulatory environment
- Strong support from patient community and leading physicians
- Immediate access to known patients means large sales organisation less important
- Smaller and fewer Phase 3 trials
- Statistics show higher probability of regulatory approval
- Regulatory exclusivity periods eliminate patent risk

# ESTIMATES OF TARGET PATIENT POPULATIONS

Disorder	Gene mutation	Published prevalence estimates	Potential patients		
			US <sup>1</sup>	Europe <sup>1</sup>	Asia <sup>1, 2</sup>
<b>Trofinetide:</b>					
Rett	<i>MECP2</i>	1/10,000 to 1/15,000 females	10,000	13,000	37,000
Fragile X	<i>FMR1</i>	1/4,000 to 1/7,000 males 1/12,000 to 1/22,000 females	30,000	38,000	112,000
<b>NNZ-2591:</b>					
Phelan-McDermid	<i>SHANK3</i>	1/8,000 to 1/15,000 males and females	22,000	28,000	81,000
Angelman	<i>UBE3A</i>	1/12,000 to 1/24,000 males and females	14,000	18,000	52,000
Pitt Hopkins	<i>TCF4</i>	1/34,000 to 1/41,000 males and females	7,000	9,000	25,000
Prader-Willi	<i>15q11-q13</i>	1/10,000 to 1/30,000 males and females	13,000	16,000	47,000

<sup>1</sup> Estimates derived by applying the mid-point of the prevalence estimate range to the populations under 60 years

<sup>2</sup> Asia comprises Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Israel and urban populations of China and Russia

# THREE KEY DRIVERS OF FUTURE VALUE

Realise Neuren's share of trofinetide value in the US through ACADIA's Phase 3 results and New Drug Application

Implement commercial strategy for trofinetide ex-North America, using US data for registration

Confirm efficacy of NNZ-2591 in Phase 2 trials for 3 valuable indications



- Phase 3 results Q4 2021
- Potential US approval 2022

- Execute commercial strategy in Europe and Asia 2021/22

- Start Phase 2 H2 2021
- Phase 2 results H2 2022

## TEN CATALYSTS IN 2021 DRIVING LONG TERM VALUE

- ✓ EU Orphan designations for Phelan-McDermid, Angelman, and Pitt Hopkins
- ✓ Successful Phase 1 trial results for NNZ-2591
- ✓ Prader-Willi syndrome added to NNZ-2591 pipeline
- ✓ Complete drug substance manufacturing for NNZ-2591 Phase 2
- ✓ Pre-IND meetings with FDA to agree NNZ-2591 Phase 2 plans

**Submit NNZ-2591 INDs to FDA**

**Acadia completes enrolment in trofinetide Rett syndrome Phase 3**

**Commence NNZ-2591 Phase 2 trials**

**Orphan designation in US and EU for Prader-Willi syndrome**

**Trofinetide Rett syndrome Phase 3 top-line results**



# TROFINETIDE FOR RETT SYNDROME

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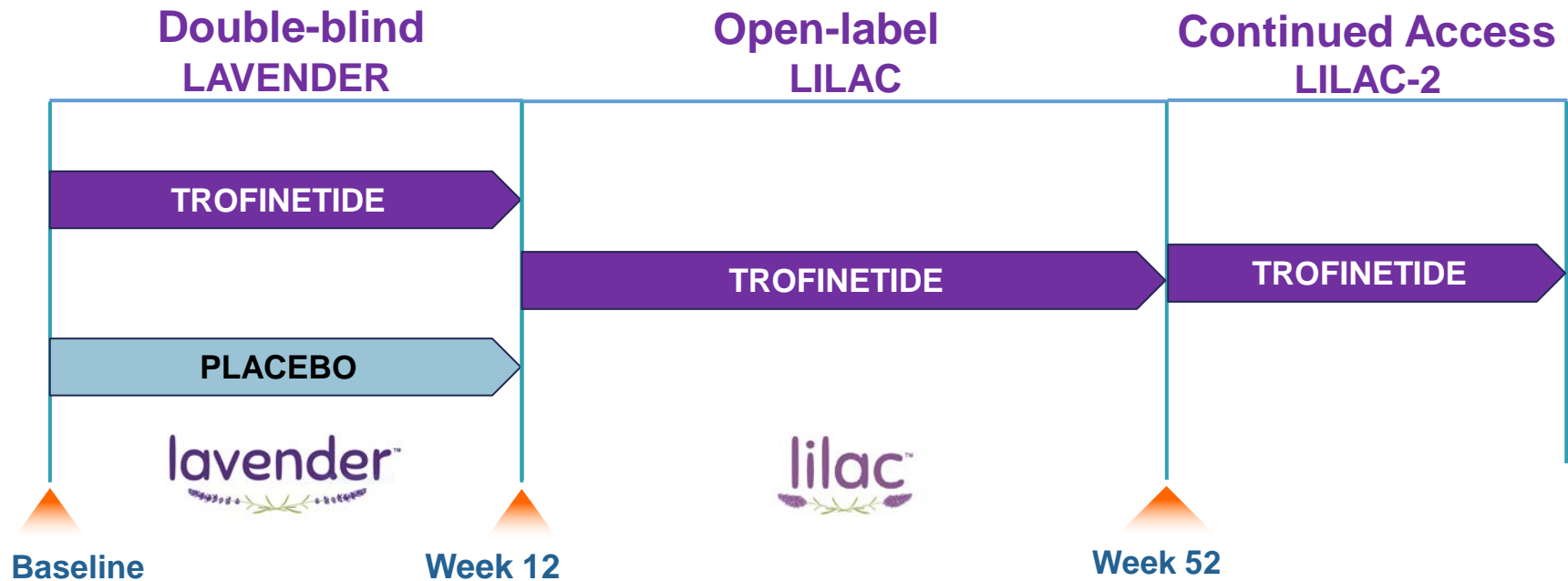
# TROFINETIDE LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH ACADIA

- Partnership commenced in August 2018, providing the necessary funding and capabilities to execute Phase 3 and commercialise trofinetide in the US
- Redacted agreement is available in ACADIA's 2018 10K filing



Territory	North America (Neuren retains all rights ex-North America)
Indications	All, including Rett syndrome and Fragile X syndrome
Future development costs	Funded by ACADIA
Use of data	Each party has free and full access to all data for use in its territory
Development Milestones	US\$105m on achievement of 5 milestones across Rett and Fragile X
Commercial Milestones	US\$350m on achievement of 4 thresholds for total annual net sales
Royalties	Double-digit % royalties with % escalating in 4 tiers of total annual net sales
Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher	Neuren receives 1/3 of voucher market value (2019 sale average US\$100m)
Non-compete	Neuren may not develop a competing product in indications for which ACADIA develops and commercialises trofinetide

# RETT SYNDROME PHASE 3 PROGRAM



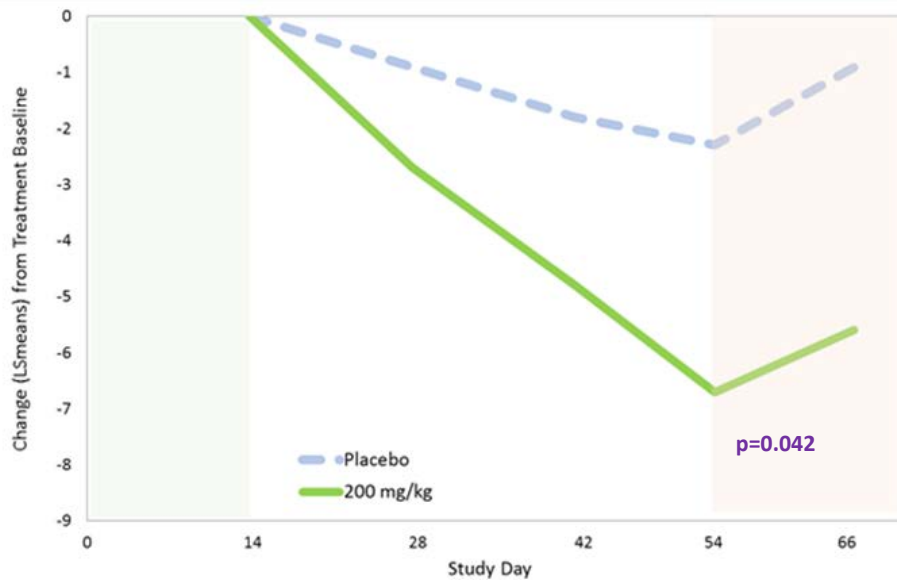
- 180 females aged 5 to 20 years
- RSBQ (caregiver) and CGI-I (physician) at 12 weeks are co-primary efficacy endpoints - both were positive in the Phase 2 trial
- Continuing strong support from leading physicians and Rettsyndrome.org
- Lavender results expected in Q4 2021, potential marketing approval in 2022

# MAXIMISING PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS

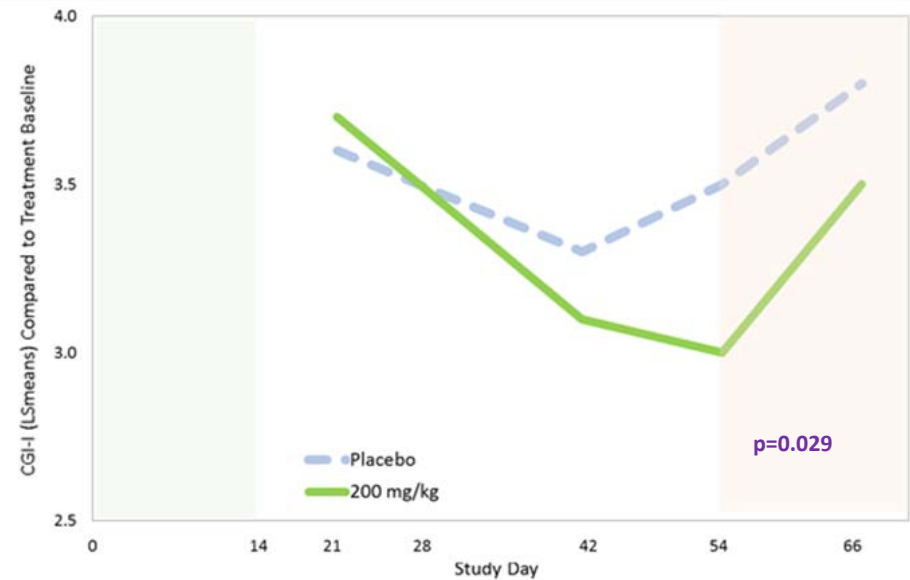
- The Phase 3 co-primary endpoints were both positive in the Phase 2 trial
- In the Phase 2 trial clinical improvement continued increasing through to end of treatment - the Phase 3 trial at 12 weeks is twice the duration of the Phase 2 trial
- The Phase 3 sample size at approx. 90 per group is more than 3 times the Phase 2 sample size – much greater statistical power to detect a difference between active and placebo
- The dosing regimen in the active group for the Phase 3 trial is optimised, informed by the PK-PD analyses of the Phase 2 subjects
- The age range for the Phase 3 trial is 5 to 20 years, compared with 5 to 15 years in the Phase 2 trial
- Both trials are US sites only, with most Phase 2 sites participating in Phase 3

# RETT SYNDROME PHASE 2 - RSBQ AND CGI-I

Clinical improvement measured by RSBQ



Clinical improvement measured by CGI-I



RSBQ is a caregiver rating, reflecting the severity of the syndrome. Mean improvements for trofinetide and placebo were, respectively, 16% and 6%

CGI-I is a clinician rating of how much the subject's overall illness has improved or worsened. 22% of subjects on trofinetide received a score of 2 ("much improved") compared with 4% of subjects on placebo

RSBQ and CGI-I measure overall syndrome rather than a particular symptom, reflecting heterogeneity of symptoms and disease-modifying action of trofinetide

**Publication:** <https://n.neurology.org/content/early/2019/03/27/WNL.0000000000007316>

# **NNZ-2591 FOR MULTIPLE NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS**

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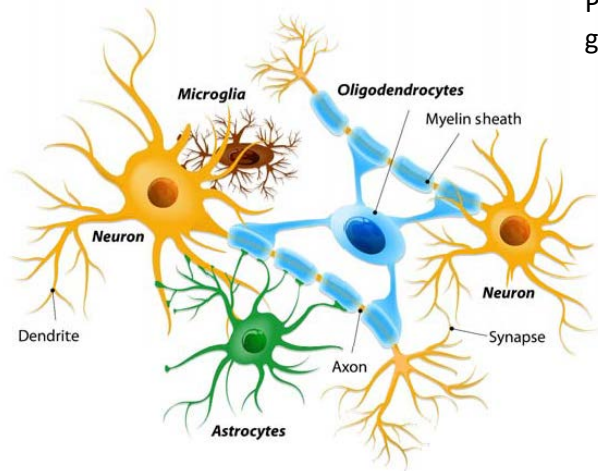
# NNZ-2591 MECHANISM OF ACTION

**NNZ-2591** is a synthetic analog of a peptide that occurs naturally in the brain, designed to be more stable, orally bioavailable and readily cross the blood-brain barrier

**NNZ-2591** can regulate the amount of IGF-1 that is available to activate IGF-1 receptors

The effects of **NNZ-2591** are “state-dependent” – correcting impairment, but not impacting normal cells

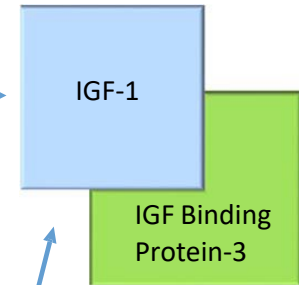
## NEURONS AND NEUROGLIAL CELLS



Produce essential growth factor



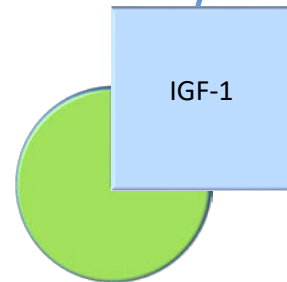
Reversible binding  
regulates bioavailability



Competitively binds to binding protein, regulating IGF-1 binding



Activates PI3K–Akt–mTOR and Ras–MAPK–ERK signalling pathways in neurons, regulating formation of new synapses

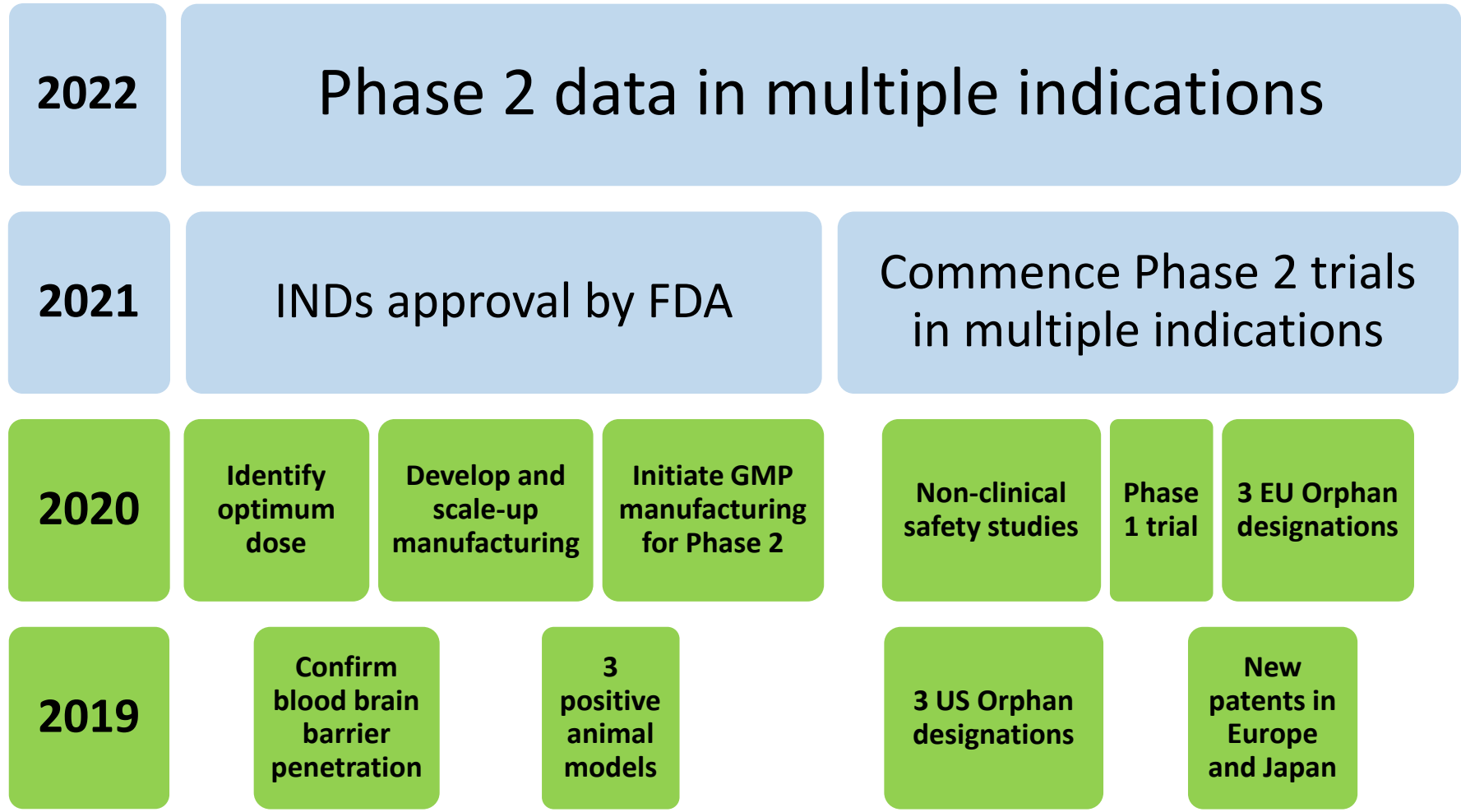


IGF-1 receptor on cell surface

doi: 10.1038/srep04388: Guan et al, 2017: Cyclic glycine-proline regulates IGF-1 homeostasis by altering the binding of IGFBP-3 to IGF-1

# FOUNDATIONS IN PLACE FOR MULTIPLE INDICATIONS

Neuren is leveraging experience from Rett syndrome program across all areas to execute much faster development for NNZ-2591





## IDEAL ATTRIBUTES LEADING INTO PHASE 2

- ✓ Unique mechanism of action
- ✓ Clear and consistent efficacy in mouse models of each syndrome
- ✓ Biochemical effects in the brain and optimum dose confirmed
- ✓ Demonstrated high oral bioavailability and blood-brain barrier penetration
- ✓ Orphan designation from FDA and EMA
- ✓ IND-enabling program of non-clinical toxicology and CMC studies completed
- ✓ Proprietary drug substance manufacturing process with exceptional purity and high yield, administered as patient-friendly liquid dose
- ✓ 7 days dosing safe and well tolerated in Phase 1 trial
- ✓ Phase 2 plans confirmed at pre-IND meetings with FDA

# KEY FEATURES OF PHASE 2 TRIALS COMMENCING H2 2021

- ▣ Prioritising speed to data – results in H2 2022:
  - ▣ Angelman syndrome trial in Australia
  - ▣ Phelan-McDermid and Pitt Hopkins trials in US
  - ▣ 10-20 patients in each trial
- ▣ Maximising opportunity to demonstrate effects:
  - ▣ Pediatric patients
  - ▣ 13 weeks' treatment
- ▣ Confirm safety and PK in pediatric patients
- ▣ Assess treatment impact across multiple efficacy measures

**Overall aim – expedite data that enables subsequent trials to be designed as registration trials**

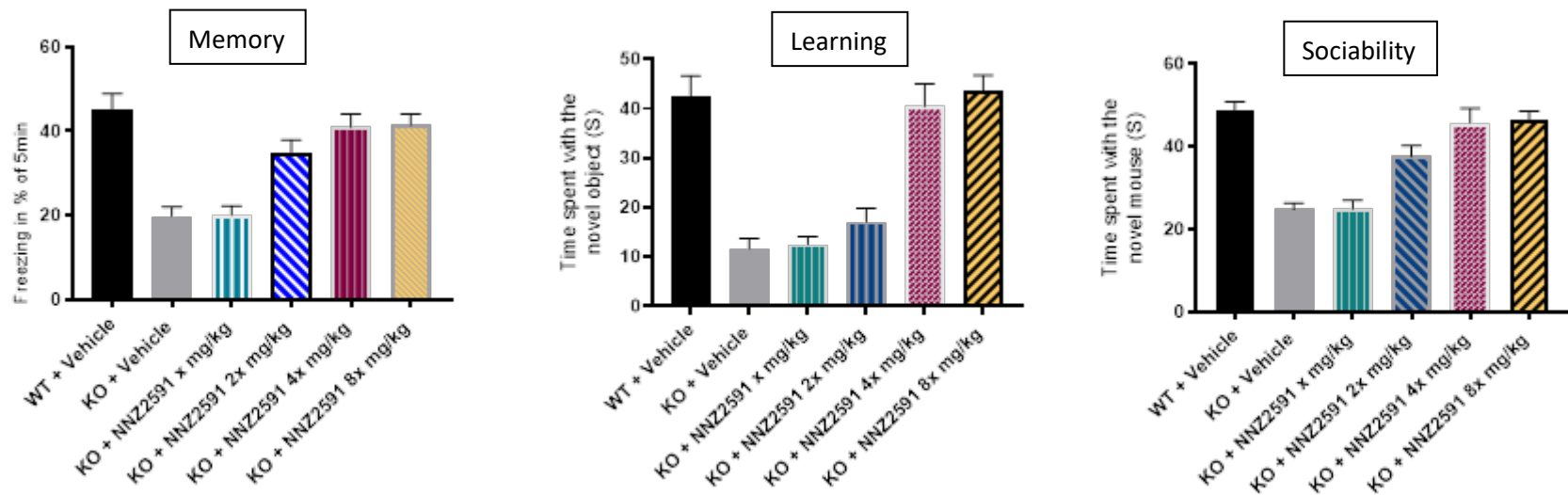
# PHASE 1 CLINICAL TRIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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- ▣ Twice daily dosing for 7 days was safe and well tolerated at all dose levels tested in healthy volunteers
  - ▣ No SAEs, no clinically significant findings in lab or cardiac tests
  - ▣ All AEs mild or moderate and resolved during the trial
  - ▣ At highest dose all AEs were mild apart from one moderate
  - ▣ Most common AE was drowsiness
- = Good safety and tolerability profile for dosing patients in Phase 2**

# CONSISTENT EFFICACY AND DOSE RESPONSE IN PHELAN-MCDERMID MODEL

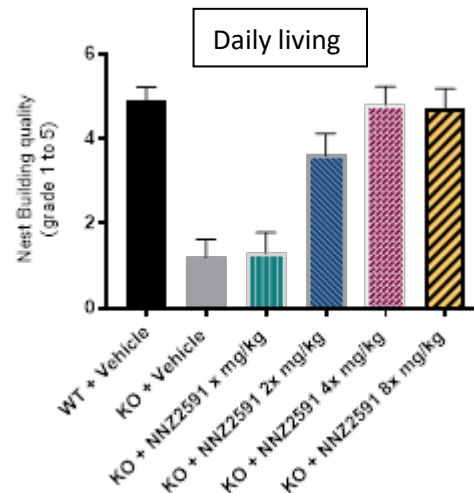
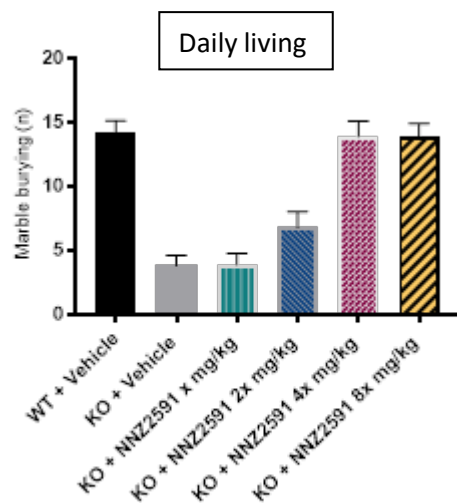
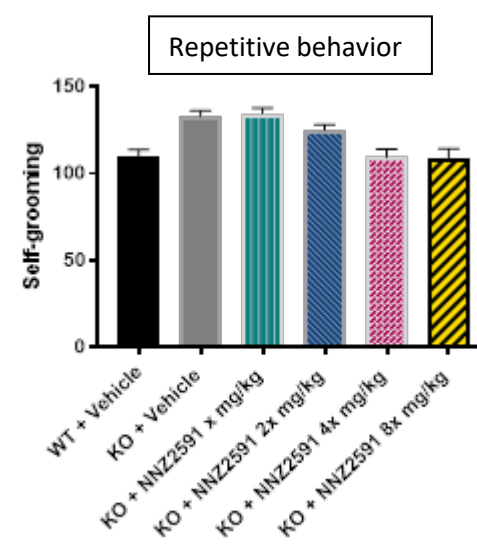
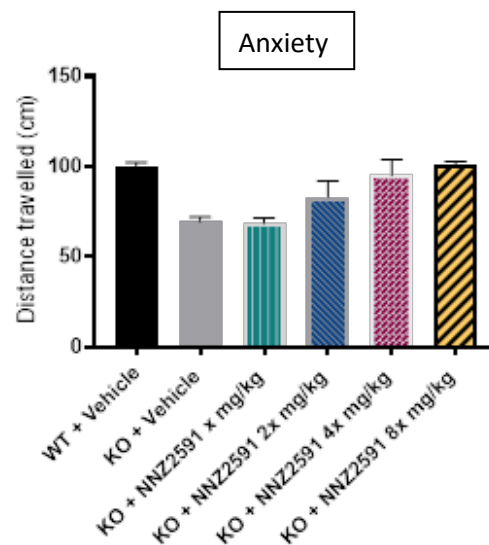
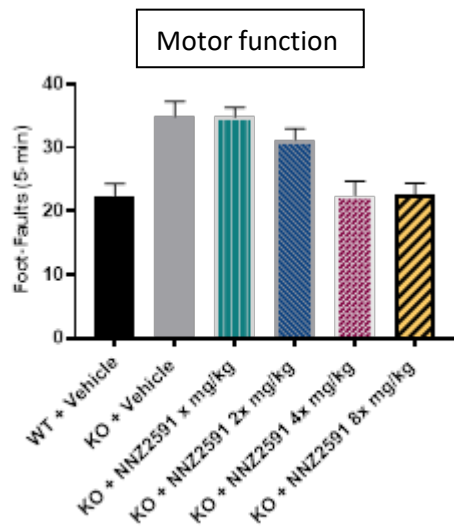
PMS is caused by a deletion or other change in the 22q13 region of chromosome 22, which includes the *SHANK3* gene, or a mutation of the gene. In the *shank3* knockout mouse model, wild type mice and knockout mice were treated with placebo or 4 escalating dose levels of NNZ-2591 for 6 weeks. Results clearly indicate 2<sup>nd</sup> highest dose as optimum dose, informing dose selection for clinical trials in patients.



Incidence of seizures

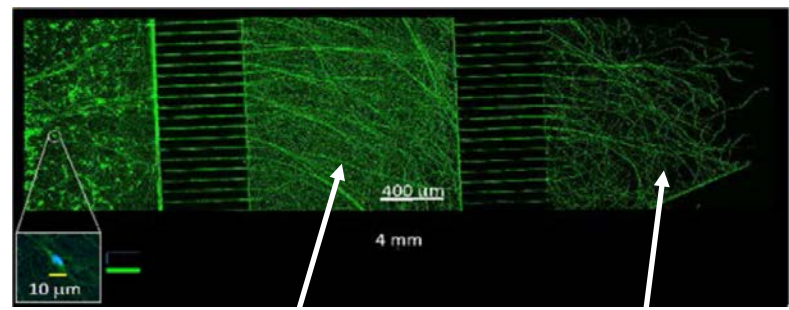
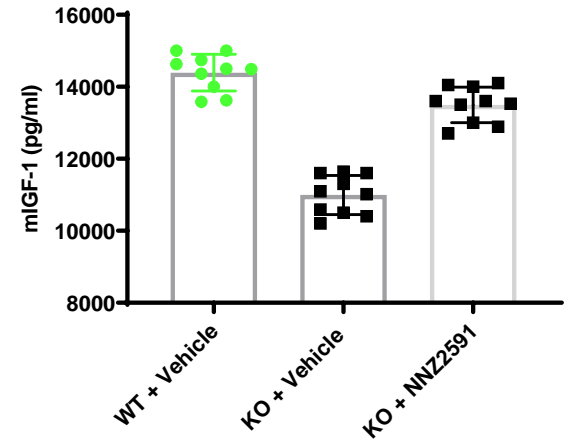
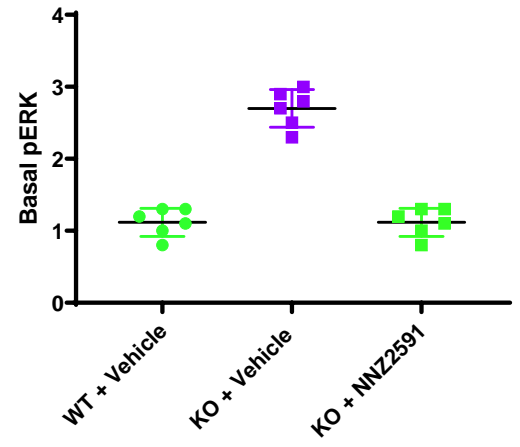
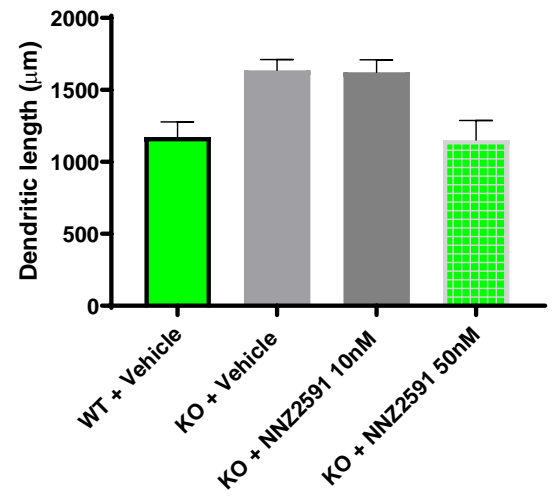
WT + vehicle	KO + vehicle	KO + x mg/kg	KO + 2x mg/kg	KO + 4x mg/kg	KO + 8x mg/kg
0%	60%	50%	30%	10%	10%

# CONSISTENT EFFICACY AND DOSE RESPONSE IN PHELAN-MCDERMID MODEL



# BIOCHEMICAL EFFECTS CONFIRMED IN *SHANK3* MODEL

In biochemical testing, NNZ-2591 was shown to normalise the abnormal length of dendrite spines between brain cells, the excess activated ERK protein (pERK) and the depressed level of IGF-1 in *shank3* knockout mice.

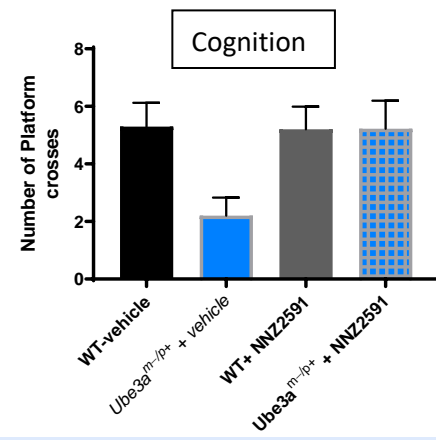
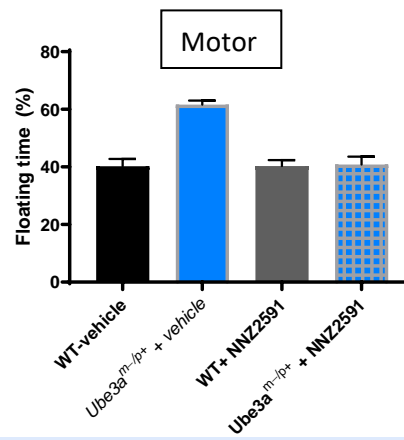
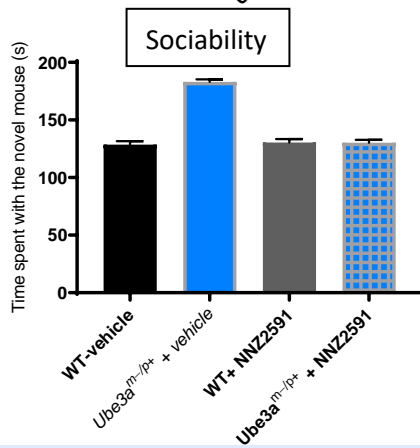
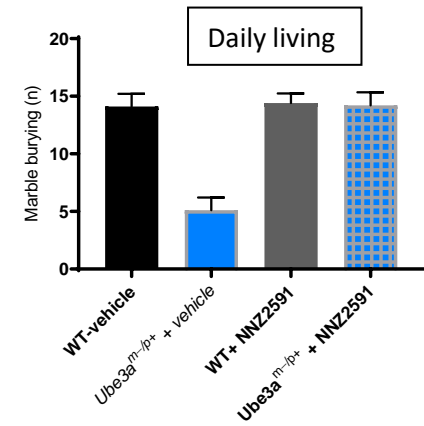
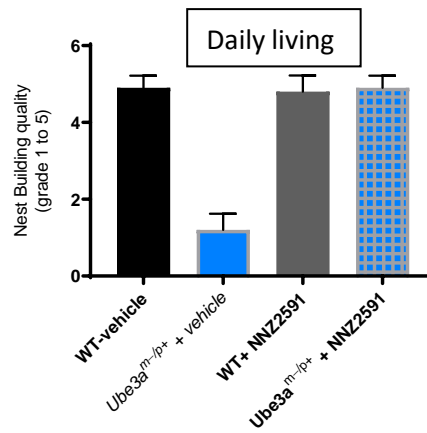
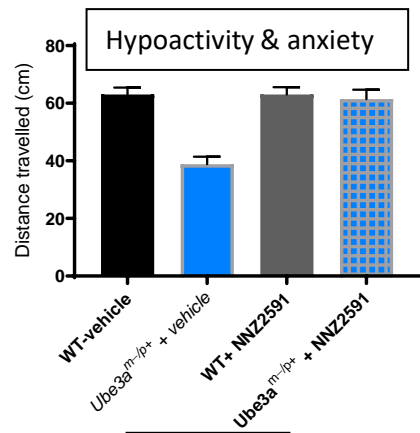


Abnormal dendrites in *shank3* knockout mice

Normalisation after treatment with NNZ-2591

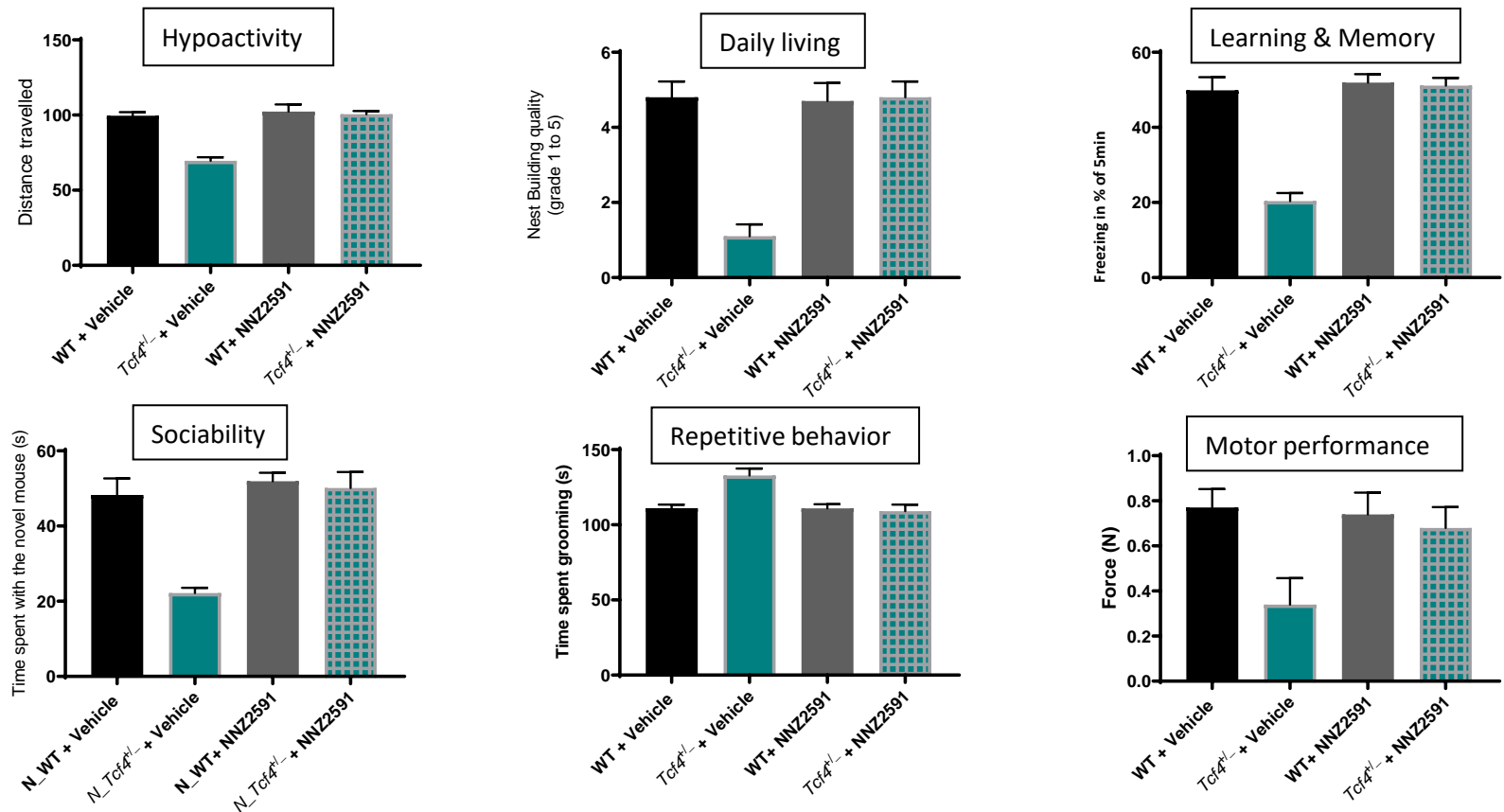
# CONSISTENT EFFICACY IN ANGELMAN MODEL

AS is caused by a deletion or mutation in the ubiquitin protein ligase E3A (*UBE3A*) gene on chromosome 15. In the *ube3a* knockout mouse model, which resembles features of AS in humans, wild type and knockout mice were each treated with placebo or NNZ-2591 for 6 weeks. Treatment with NNZ-2591 normalized all the deficits in the knockout mice, **including eliminating seizures**, and had no effect on the wild type mice.



# CONSISTENT EFFICACY IN PITT HOPKINS MODEL

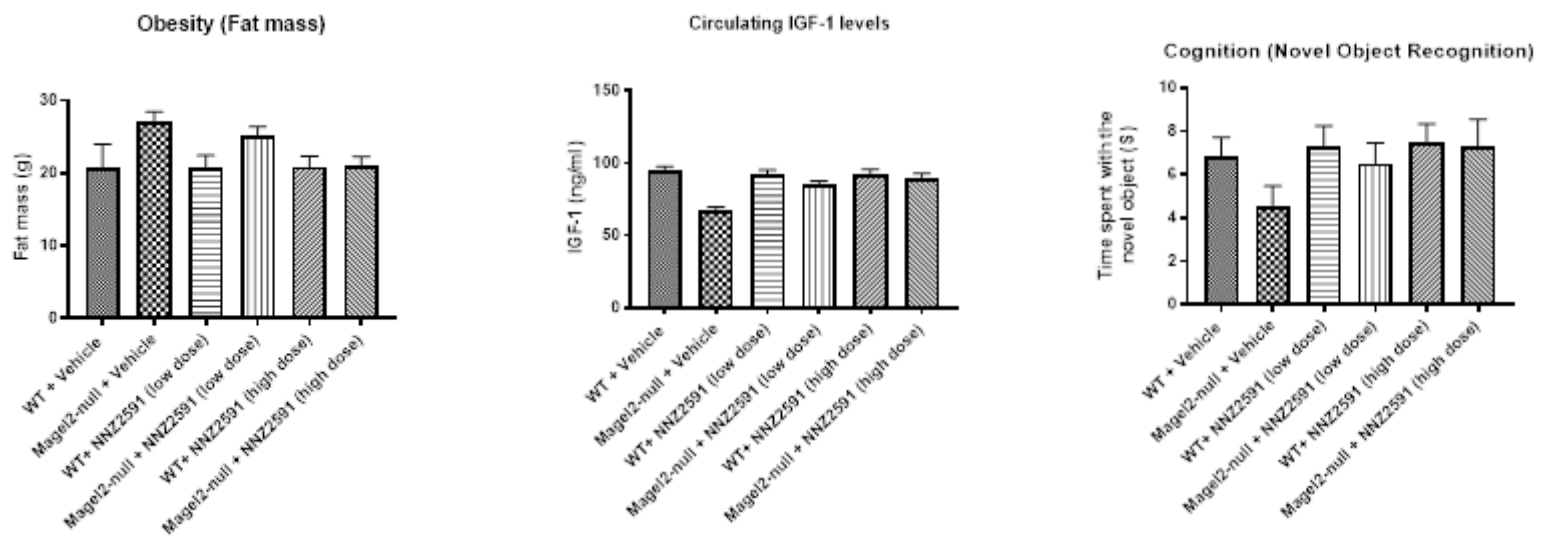
PTHS is caused by the loss of one copy or a mutation of the *TCF4* gene on chromosome 18. In the *tcf4* mutation mouse model, which exhibits features of PTHS in humans, wild type mice and knockout mice were treated with placebo or NNZ-2591 for 6 weeks. Treatment with NNZ-2591 normalized all the deficits in the knockout mice and had no effect on the wild type mice.





# CONSISTENT EFFICACY IN PRADER-WILLI MODEL

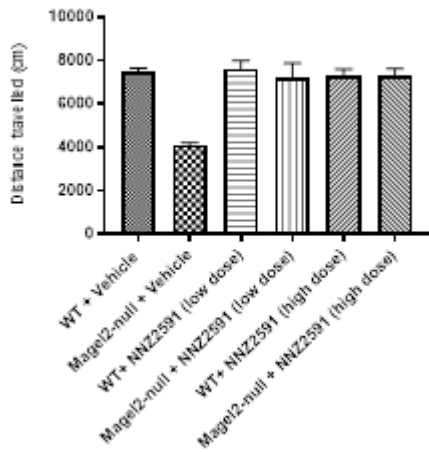
PWS is caused by mutations in the *15q11-q13* region of chromosome 15. In the *Magel2*-null mouse model, which exhibits features of PWS in humans, wild type mice and knockout mice were treated with placebo or NNZ-2591 for 6 weeks. Treatment with NNZ-2591 normalized fat mass, insulin levels, IGF-1 levels and all the behavioral deficits in the knockout mice and had no effect on the wild type mice.



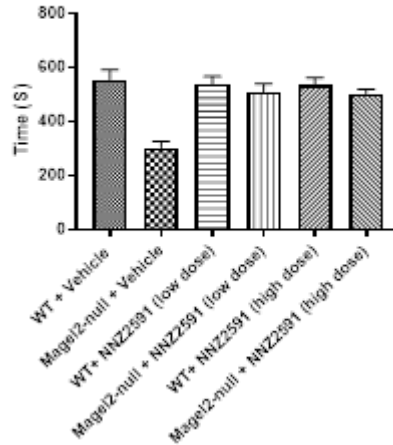
Insulin levels (pM)					
WT plus vehicle	<i>Magel2</i> -null plus vehicle	WT plus NNZ-2591 low dose	<i>Magel2</i> -null plus NNZ-2591 low dose	WT plus NNZ-2591 high dose	<i>Magel2</i> -null plus NNZ-2591 high dose
110	173	112	143	115	119

# CONSISTENT EFFICACY IN PRADER-WILLI MODEL

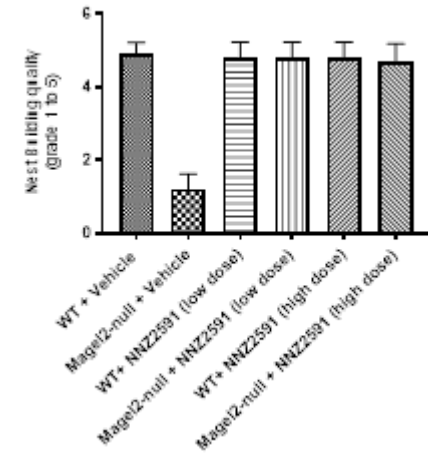
Hypoactivity (Open Field distance travelled)



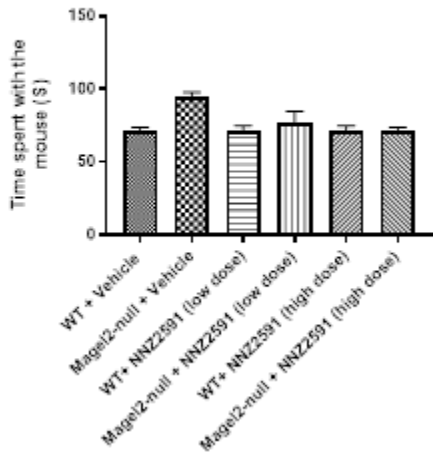
Hypoactivity (Open Field time spent active)



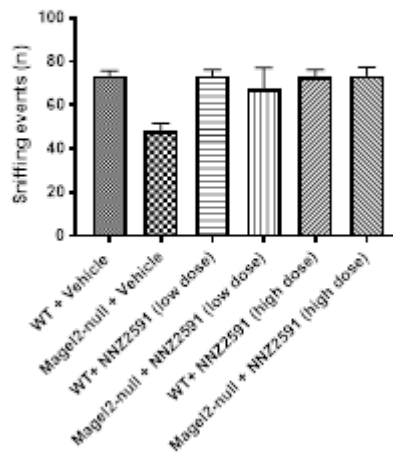
Daily living (Nest building)



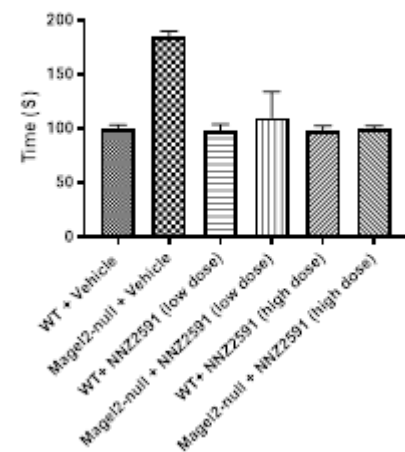
Social preference (novel mouse)



Social Interaction (Sniffing events)



Anxiety (Elevated Plus maze, time spent in open arm)

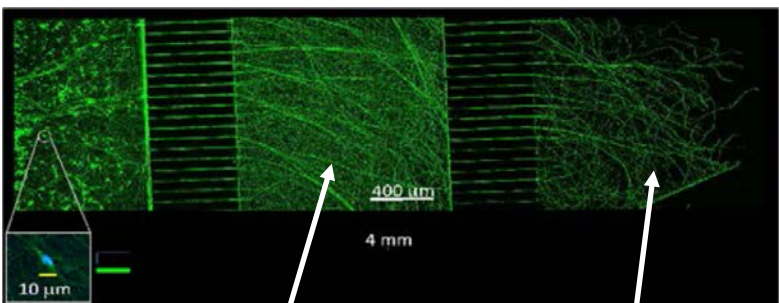


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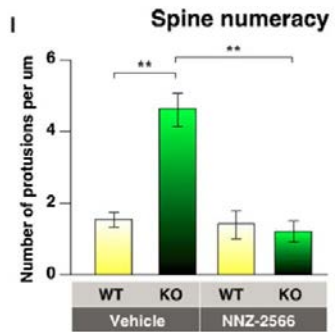
# CORRECTING IMPAIRED SIGNALING IN NEURONS

- ❑ Neurodevelopmental disorders result from different gene mutations, but all feature impaired signaling between neurons, with abnormal length and density of the dendritic spines that connect the neurons via synapses
- ❑ This impaired signaling causes behavioral, cognitive, motor and autonomic problems
- ❑ Trofinetide and NNZ-2591 can correct 3 characteristics common to these disorders:
  - Reduce inflammation associated with excessive inflammatory cytokines
  - Normalise abnormally low levels of IGF-1
  - Normalise the microglia phenotype for effective synaptic pruning and maintenance
- ❑ This restores the normal balance between protein synthesis forming new spines and maintenance of spines by microglia, correcting the length and density



Abnormal dendrites in *shank3* knockout mice      Normalisation after treatment with NNZ-2591

**Correction of abnormal dendritic spines in mouse models:**  
 Left - Phelan-McDermid syndrome (*shank3*)  
 Right - Fragile X syndrome (*fmr1*)



Correction in *fmr1* knockout mice after treatment with trofinetide (NNZ-2566)

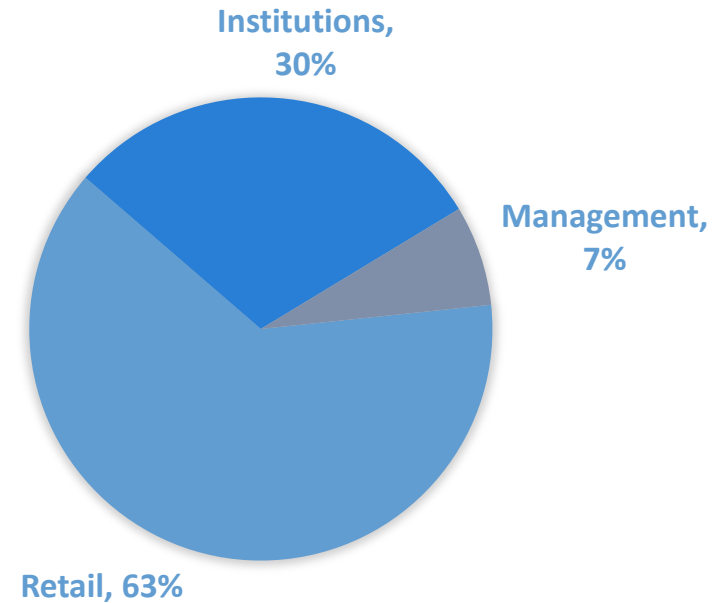
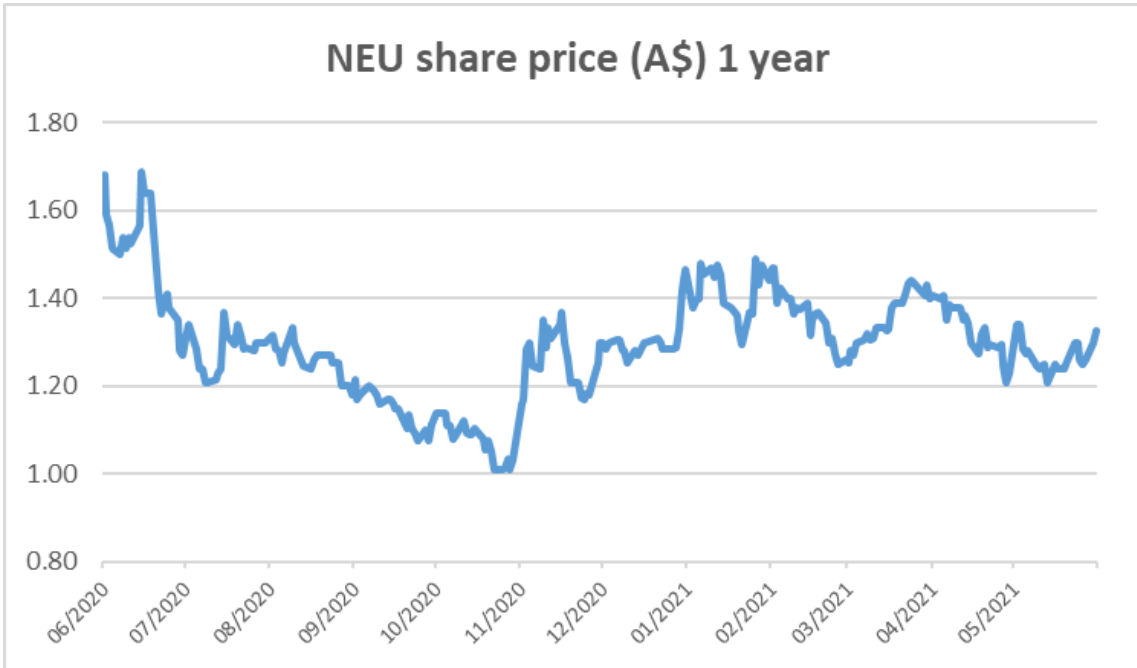
# STOCK INFORMATION (ASX: NEU)

Current risk-adjusted valuations:  
 MST Access - \$3.93, Bell Potter - \$3.10

52 week price range: A\$1.00 - A\$1.74

Share register composition  
 (114 million quoted shares –  
 top 20 hold 50%)

NEU share price (A\$) 1 year



A\$22.6 million cash at 31 March 2021

A\$20m placement at \$1.40 in June 2020 supported by institutions in Aus, NZ, UK, Hong Kong

# MANAGEMENT AND BOARD

- ▣ Management team has devised and executed Neuren’s Orphan Drug programs since 2013
- ▣ Extensive international pharmaceutical business experience
- ▣ Successfully developed drugs from pre-clinical through to FDA approval
- ▣ Executed multiple partnering transactions



Jon Pilcher  
Chief Executive Officer



Larry Glass  
Chief Science Officer



Dr Clive Blower  
VP Technical Affairs



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VP Clinical Operations



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