

# **Topline Results**

Phase 2b PORTICO study

Efficacy of vafidemstat in

Borderline Personality Disorder

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# Topline Results of VAFIDEMSTAT's Phase 2b PORTICO trial in

Borderline Personality
Disorder (BPD)

- \* The primary endpoints improvement in *Borderline Personality*Disorder Checklist (BPDCL) and in aggression by CGI-S A/A did not reach statistical significance.
- Nominal statistically significant, and clinically meaningful, reduction was achieved in the secondary endpoint *Borderline* Evaluation of Severity (BEST), an overall measure of BPD disease severity, across weeks 8-12 (p = 0.042).
- Nominal statistically significant, and clinically meaningful, reduction was also achieved in the secondary endpoint State-Trait Anger Expression Inventory 2 (STAXI-2) Trait Anger, a measure of agitation and aggression, across weeks 8-12 (p=0.026).
- \* Results across all efficacy endpoints consistently favored vafidemstat over placebo.
- Global Statistical Test (GST) confirms consistent trend across efficacy endpoints.
- \* Vafidemstat was safe and well tolerated, consistent with the overall safety profile to date.

# Borderline personality disorder: A serious and prevalent disease with no approved drugs

Two main types of symptoms

# Unstable-extreme interpersonal relationships Agitation and Aggression\*



\*Including self-directed aggression

+ 9 million affected in US+EU

- Frantic efforts to avoid real or imagined abandonment
- Pattern of unstable and intense interpersonal relationships alternating between extremes of idealization and devaluation
- Identity disturbance: markedly and persistently unstable
   self-image or sense of self
- Affective instability due to a marked reactivity of mood
- Chronic feelings of emptiness
- Impulsivity with self-damage (spending, sex, substance abuse, reckless driving, binge eating)
- Recurrent threats, or suicidal / self-harming behavior
- Inappropriate, intense anger or difficulty controlling anger (e.g., frequent displays of temper, recurrent fights)
- Transient, stress-related paranoid ideation or severe dissociative symptoms



# Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). Multifactorial etiology

BPD etiology is multifactorial, but LSD1i effects are coherent with a potential therapeutic benefit.

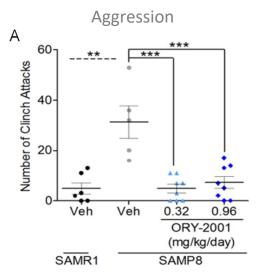
- A growing body of data indicates that the glutamatergic system, particularly the N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) subtype receptor, plays a major role in neuronal plasticity and other functions and may underlie the pathophysiology of multiple psychiatric disorders<sup>1</sup>
- Prefrontal glutamatergic emotion regulation is disturbed in cluster B (BPD) and C personality disorders<sup>2</sup>
- LSD1 inhibition rescues/restores NMDA deficiencies in different preclinical models

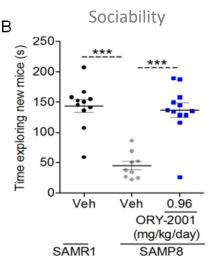




Grosjean B, Tsai GE. NMDA neurotransmission as a critical mediator of borderline personality disorder. J Psychiatry Neurosci. 2007 Mar;32(2):103-15. PMID: 17353939; PMCID: PMC1810584.

# Vafidemstat's unique MoA and pharmacology supports use in different mental diseases





Vafidemstat (aka ORY-2001) and other LSD1i induce expression of genes involved in neuronal plasticity, restoring neuronal morphology, branching and axonal navigation

Vafidemstat restores the response to stress by regulating genes involved in control of stress cues in the PFC-amygdala axis, as IEG, SRF, and others

LSD1i is able to rescue glutamatergic NMDA-R hypofunction in prefrontal cortex in different ASD and SCZ models

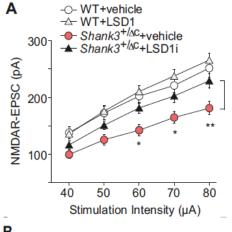
Vafidemstat improves sociability

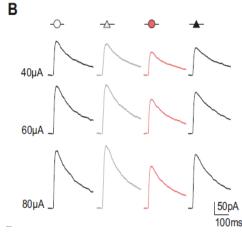
Vafidemstat reduces aggression

Vafidemstat improves memory



#### NMDAR rescue





Maes et al, 2020 PLoS ONE Rapanelli et al. 2022 Mol Psychiatry, Shank3-deficient mice

# A very robust safety package. +430 treated subjects

# **Brain Penetrant**



An optimal CSF: plasma ratio of 0.9

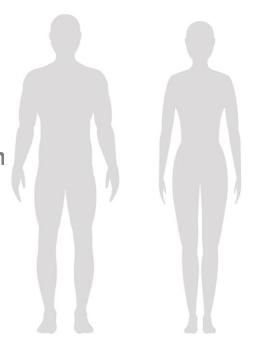
# Safe, No DDIs



Comparable SARs between placebo and vafidemstat arms in 6 Phase II trials: 1.0% vafidemstat vs 1.0% placebo

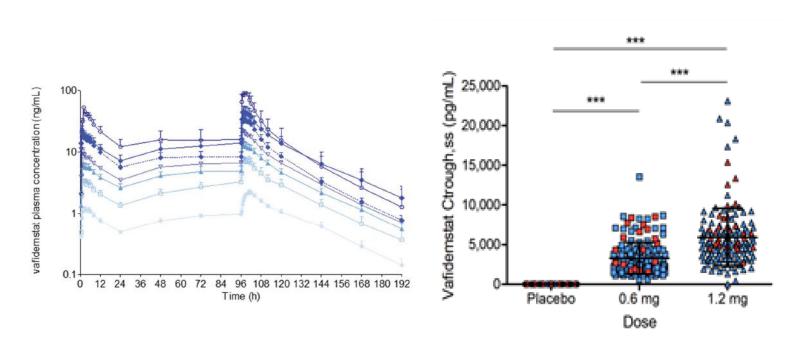
# No side effects

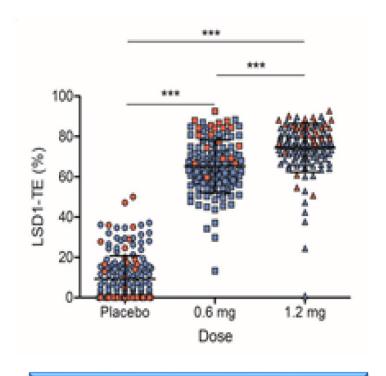
- No weight gain
- No sedation / somnolence
- **❖** No sexual dysfunction
- No extrapyramidal signs



# Vafidemstat: Excellent pharmacology & established RP2D in previous trials

# Oral, once a day

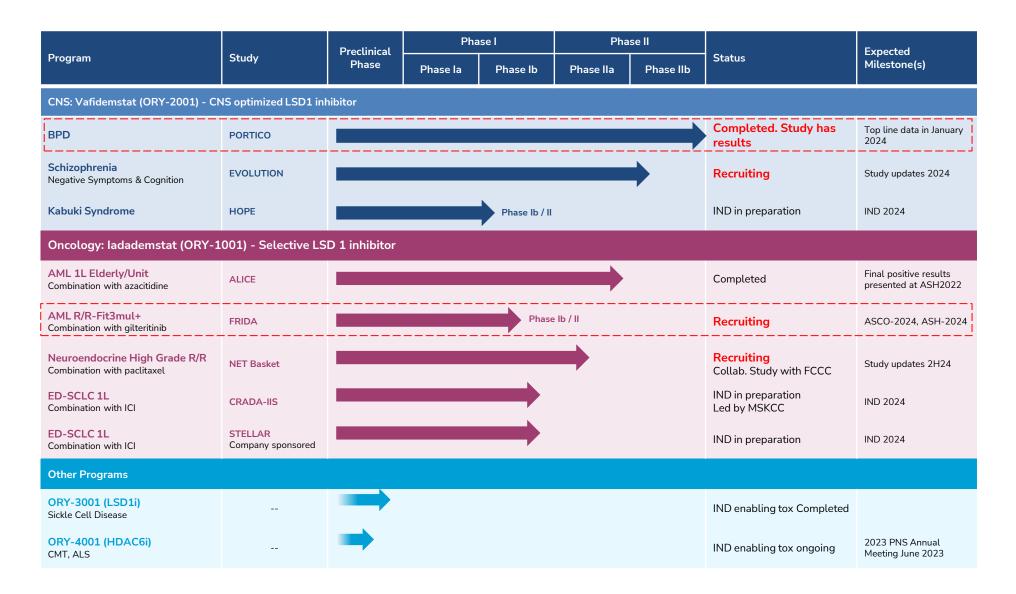




PK data supports once daily dosing in both adult and elder subjects

Full LSD1 occupancy at 1.2 mg/day

# Multiple Shots on goal & main investment thesis in the short-mid term



# **EVOLUTION**, an ongoing PoC schizophrenia study with vafidemstat

# EVOLUTION: An adaptative randomized double blind, placebo-controlled Phase IIb trial with vafidemstat in schizophrenia patients

- Strong rationale: LSD1i restores phenotypes in various SCZ mice models
- High Unmet Need: No drugs approved yet for cognitive impairment or negative symptoms of SCZ
- Vafidemstat as add-on to SoC.
- N=100
- Cognition. Treatment span to assess changes in CIAS: 6 months of treatment
- Primary endpoints: efficacy to address
   SCZ Negative and cognitive symptoms
- Actively recruiting patients in EU

A Prevalent & impairing disease 20 millio ww. ~5 million in US & EU



Market Value in 2021

US\$ ~8 billion



Three main types of symptoms
Positive or Negative
Cognitive Impairment



Highest Revenue Drug Category: long-acting injectable (LAI) antipsychotics

Single Best seller: + \$ 3.5 Billion



No approved drugs yet for Negative symptoms (60%) Cognitive Impairment (70%)





Moderate competition



### PORTICO: Phase IIb randomized, placebo-controlled, double blinded trial in BPD

#### **Key Inclusion criteria**

Men and women 18-65 years of age

**DSM-5 BPD diagnostic criteria**, at least 3 months before the Screening visit.

Agitation-Aggression Psychiatric Inventory-Clinician Report (AAPI-CR) Agitation & Aggression (A/A) subscale score of ≥ 16 (severity x frequency) summed across the 4items comprising the A/A subscale, and the sum of the A/A subscale severity scores ≥ 6

**Stable regimen of background pharmacotherapy** at Screening, Baseline and throughout the trial

Maintenance of pre-screening psychotherapy schedule throughout the trial

Willing and able to adhere to the protocol prohibitions, restrictions and requirements

N = 210 Randomized 1:1

Vafidemstat, 1.2mg Once daily (5 ON, 2 PBO), N = 106

> Placebo Once daily, N = 104

14-week trial

#### **Primary Endpoints**

Improvement in Clinical Global Impression-Severity by Agitation/Aggression (CGI-S A/A) <u>from baseline to weeks 8-12</u> Improvement in Borderline Personality Disorder Checklist (BPDCL) <u>from baseline to weeks 8-12</u>

#### **Secondary Endpoints (efficacy)**

To evaluate the change over time on the CGI-S A/A

To evaluate the change over time on the BPDCL

To evaluate the difference on the following measures, from baseline to weeks 8-12, as well as change over time, between the active treatment arm and the placebo arm:

- Borderline Evaluation of Severity over Time (BEST)
- Beck Depression Inventory II (BDI-II)
- State-Trait Anger Expression Inventory 2 (STAXI-2)
- State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI)

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

real-world BPD population allowing common comorbidities and concomitant medications that are typically exclusionary in other BPD trials, as well as allowed subjects to receive psychotherapy during the trial

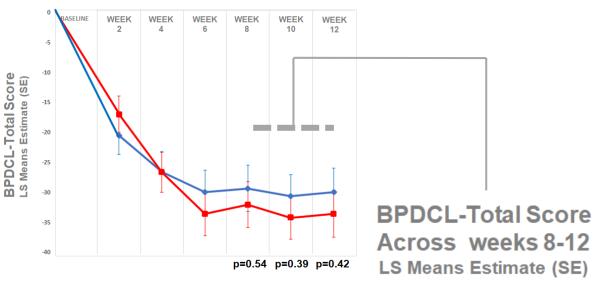
	Vafidemstat (n = 106)	Placebo (n = 104)
Psychotherapy at Baseline: No (n) / Yes (n)	84/22	82/22
Age (years, Mean (SD))	32.4 (10.68)	31.8 (10.89)
Female n (%)	78 (73.6)	79 (76.0%)
Male n (%)	28 (26.4%)	25 (24.0%)
Race, n (%) White	87 (82.1%)	86 (82.7%)
Black/African American	9 (8.5%)	7 (6.7%)
Other	10 (9.4%)	11 (10.6%)
Height Mean (SD)	167.4 (9.09)	168.4 (10.36)
Weight Mean (SD)	73.0 (15.91)	75.8 (16.05)
BMI Mean (SD)	26.0 (4.89)	26.6 (4.48)

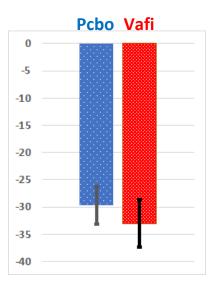
# **BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS**

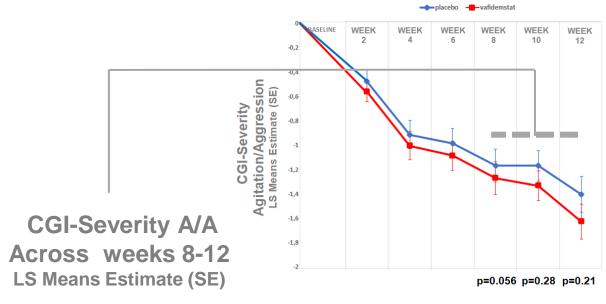
There were no statistically significant group differences across endpoints at Baseline

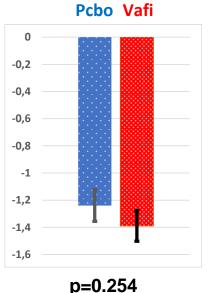
	Vafidemstat (n = 106)	Placebo (n = 104)
AAPI-CR Total	74.1 (22.51)	78.0 (22.30)
BPDCL Total	141.7 (36.96)	144.6 (34.08)
CGI-Severity A/A	4.8 (0.82)	4.7 (0.82)
BEST Total	39.9 (10.06)	39.6 (10.02)
STAXI-2 Trait Anger	27.5 (6.73)	27.0 (6.47)
STAXI-2 State Anger	23.5 (8.98)	23.3 (9.36)
Beck Depression Inventory-II	24.7 (14.58)	26.3 (13.67)
STAI State Anxiety	50.6 (11.69)	50.4 (11.32)
STAI Trait Anxiety	59.0 (11.23)	59.3 (10.51)

# No Statistical Significance in the two Primary Endpoints: BPDCL and CGI-S A/A

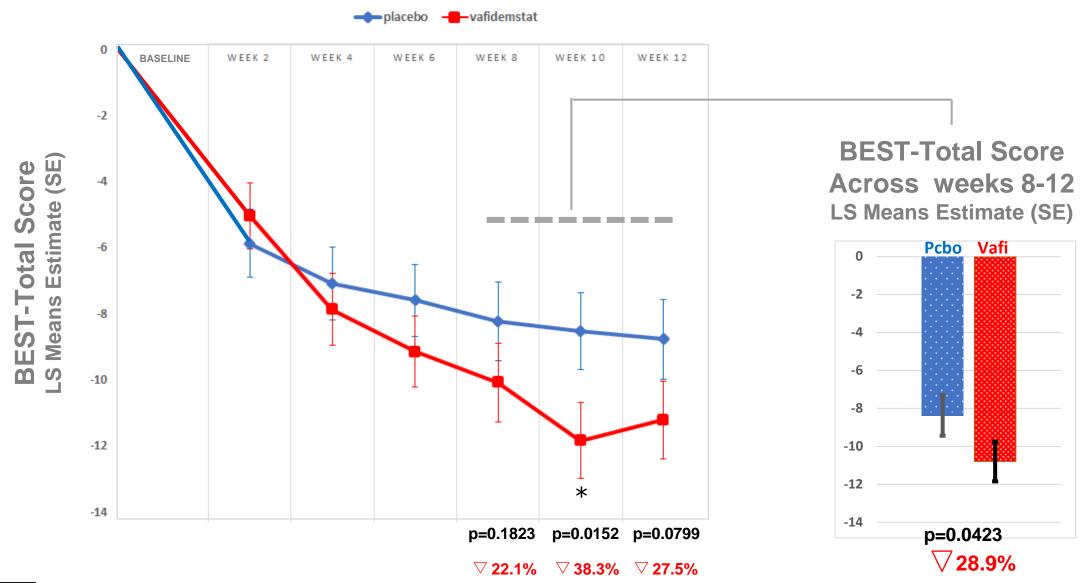




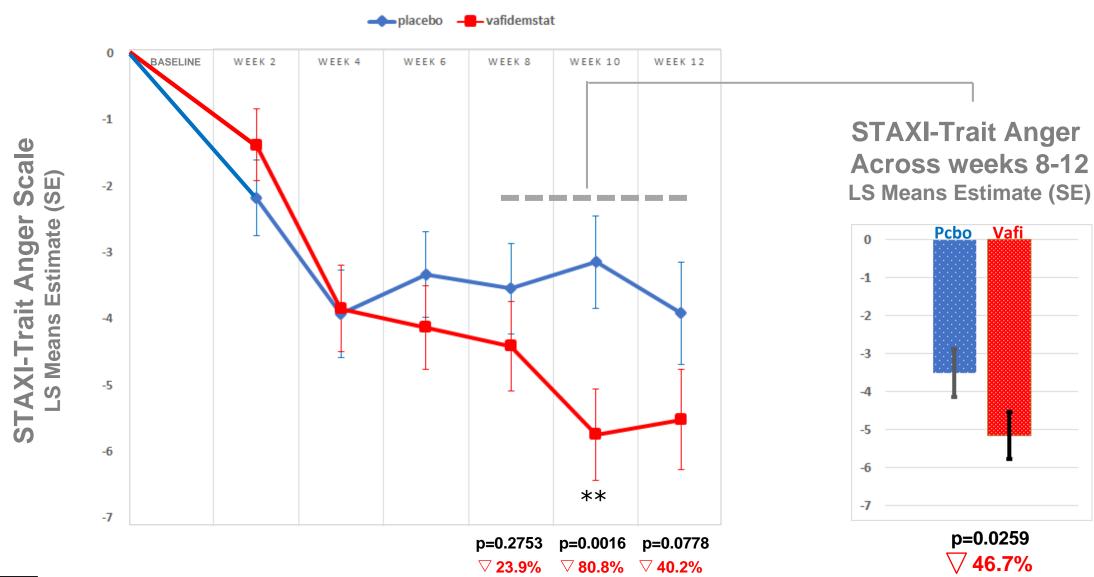




# Nominal Statistical Significance in Secondary endpoint: Improvement in BEST across weeks 8-12



### Nominal Statistical Significance in Secondary endpoint: Improvement in STAXI Trait Anger across weeks 8-12



# PORTICO: All efficacy endpoints consistently favored vafidemstat over placebo

#### **Full Analysis Set**

Parameter	Analysis Type	P-value	Difference	CI	T-Score	
CGI02-Severity	Average Mean	0.2541	-0.16	(-0.42,0.11)	-1.14	-
	Week 12 Mean	0.2103	-0.22	(-0.56,0.12)	-1.26	-
BPDCL1-Total Score	Average Mean	0.4107	-3.24	(-11.01,4.52)	-0.82	
	Week 12 Mean	0.4253	-3.61	(-12.53,5.31)	-0.80	-
BEST01-Total Score	Average Mean	0.0423	-2.43	(-4.77,-0.09)	-2.05	
	Week 12 Mean	0.0799	-2.35	(-4.98,0.28)	-1.76	-
BD201-Total Score	Average Mean	0.1699	-2.11	(-5.14,0.91)	-1.38	-
	Week 12 Mean	0.3054	-1.71	(-5.00,1.58)	-1.03	-
STAXI1-State Anger Scale Raw Score	Average Mean	0.6143	-0.49	(-2.38,1.41)	-0.50	-
	Week 12 Mean	0.6004	-0.57	(-2.69,1.56)	-0.52	-
STAXI1-Trait Anger Scale Raw Score	Average Mean	0.0259	-1.64	(-3.09,-0.20)	-2.25	
	Week 12 Mean	0.0778	-1.56	(-3.30,0.18)	-1.77	-
STAXI1-AX Index Raw Score	Average Mean	0.1495	-2.22	(-5.25,0.81)	-1.45	
	Week 12 Mean	0.1616	-2.41	(-5.78,0.97)	-1.41	-
STAI01-S-Anxiety Raw Score	Average Mean	0.5035	-0.96	(-3.77,1.86)	-0.67	-
	Week 12 Mean	0.8825	-0.25	(-3.65,3.14)	-0.15	-
STAI02-T-Anxiety Raw Score	Average Mean	0.5813	-0.67	(-3.05,1.72)	-0.55	-
	Week 12 Mean	0.5813	-0.67	(-3.05,1.72)	-0.55	-
*P-values are uncorrected for multiplicity						-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 T-Score



Favors Placebo

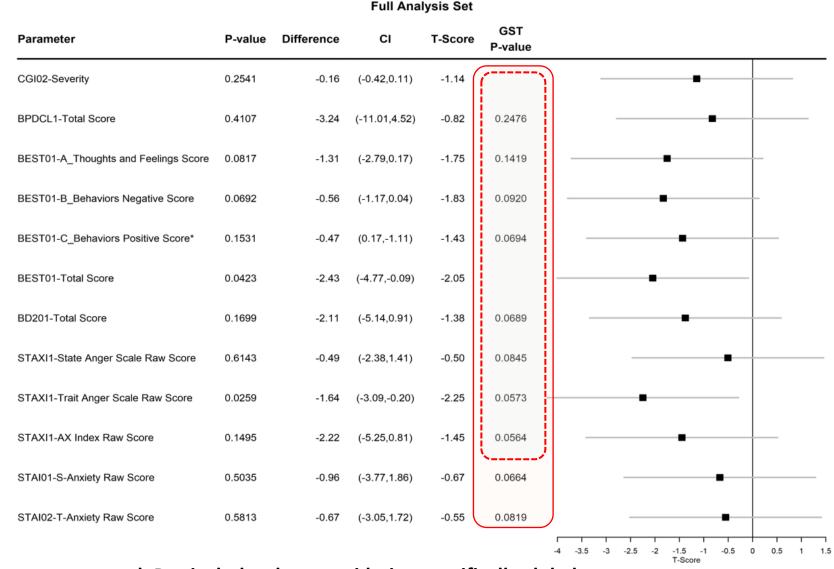
Favors Vafidemstat

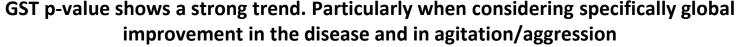
# Global statistical test (GST) consistent with a global treatment effect favoring vafidemstat

BPD is a multisymptomatic disease with psychiatric, behavioral, and functional outcomes.

GST is designed to address whether a treatment is efficacious across different aspects of a condition. GST efficiently summarizes a treatment's merit when the medical question is complex.

When a treatment improves all target outcomes, the GST often has a higher power than tests of single outcomes or other procedures. As such, GST multiple-test the impact of consistent incorporates directional change across multiple key target outcomes, even when individual outcomes may not show statistically significant improvement on their own.







# **Topline Safety: vafidemstat was safe and well tolerated**

- Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) were slightly lower for those receiving vafidemstat
- Treatment-Related TEAEs were similar between groups
- TEAEs leading to Study Discontinuation, Study Drug Withdrawal or Study Drug Interruption were low overall, 5 on vafidemstat and 3 on placebo
- TEAEs by Severity were consistent between groups, with slightly more Mild and Moderate TEAEs for those receiving placebo
- Severe TEAEs were low, 5 on vafidemstat and 4 on placebo
- The majority of TEAEs Recovered/Resolved by the end of the trial
- There were no deaths in PORTICO, and the only TEAE with sequelae was on placebo

	Placebo	Vafidemstat
	(N=104) n (%), e	(N=106) n (%), e
Treatment Emergent AEs (TEAEs)	68 ( 65.4%), 214	61 ( 57.5%), 192
Treatment Emergent ALS (TEALS)	00 ( 03.470), 214	01 (37.3%), 132
Treatment-Related TEAEs	33 ( 31.7%), 68	36 ( 34.0%), 91
TEAEs Leading to Study Discontinuation	1 ( 1.0%), 1	5 ( 4.7%), 8
TEAEs Leading to Study Drug Withdrawal	1 ( 1.0%), 1	5 ( 4.7%), 8
TEAEs Leading to Study Drug Interruption	3 ( 2.9%), 4	5 ( 4.7%), 7
TEAEs by Severity	68 ( 65.4%), 214	61 ( 57.5%), 192
Mild	60 ( 57.7%), 157	51 ( 48.1%), 128
Moderate	35 ( 33.7%), 52	29 ( 27.4%), 57
Severe	4 ( 3.8%), 5	5 ( 4.7%), 7
TEAEs by Outcome	68 ( 65.4%), 214	61 ( 57.5%), 192
Recovered/Resolved	66 ( 63.5%), 174	56 ( 52.8%), 165
Not Recovered/Not Resolved	17 ( 16.3%), 29	14 ( 13.2%), 18
Recovering/Resolving	9 ( 8.7%), 10	8 ( 7.5%), 9
Recovered/Resolved With Sequelae	1 ( 1.0%), 1	0 ( 0.0%), 0
Death	0 ( 0.0%), 0	0 ( 0.0%), 0
Unknown	0 ( 0.0%), 0	0 ( 0.0%), 0

# **PORTICO: Topline Safety – Treatment Emergent & Serious AEs**

#### Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by Preferred Term Occurring in $\geq$ 5% of Subjects

	Placebo (N=104) n (%), e	Vafidemstat (N=106) n (%), e
TEAEs by Preferred Term	68 ( 65.4%), 214	61 ( 57.5%), 192
Headache	17 ( 16.3%), 18	13 ( 12.3%), 16
Nasopharyngitis	18 ( 17.3%), 22	9 ( 8.5%), 11
Tension headache	6 ( 5.8%), 17	5 ( 4.7%), 11
Platelet count decreased	1 ( 1.0%), 1	8 ( 7.5%), 8
Nausea	2 ( 1.9%), 2	6 ( 5.7%), 6
Intentional self-injury	6 ( 5.8%), 10	1 ( 0.9%), 2

#### **Serious Adverse Events**

- ❖ There was 1 serious AE, a kidney infection, in a vafidemstat treated subject
  - •Case was independently judged by the PI as 'Unlikely Related' to treatment.
  - •Subject's dose was not changed, the condition 'Recovered/Resolved' within 7 days, and the subject completed the trial.

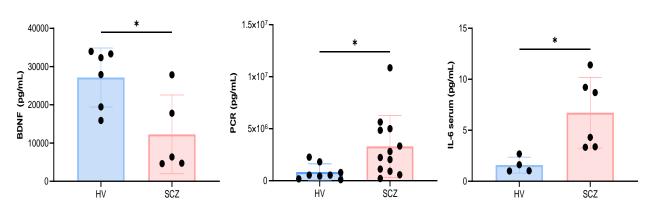


# PORTICO will explore biomarker correlatives (as will also do EVOLUTION trial in SCZ)

Increasing evidence suggests that inflammatory responses have an important role in the pathophysiology of neurological disorders

- In Schizophrenia, changes have been identified in cytokine levels, correlating with behavioral symptoms severity and their potential clinical implication
- In Borderline personality disorder, patients have a lower level of BDNF and a higher level of tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- $\alpha$  and interleukin (IL)-6 in peripheral blood
- PORTICO measured several blood biomarkers (analyses ongoing)
- Correlations with the different endpoints expected in 1Q 2024

#### Basal levels in Schizophrenia patients (Evolution) and Healthy volunteers



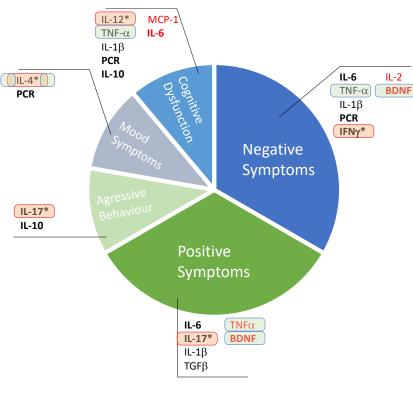
#### Cytokine alterations in Schizophrenia domains

(Positive correlation in black, negative in red)

Cytokines planned to be initially measured in PORTICO & EVOLUTION are in bold

\* Significant effect demonstrated by vafidemstat treatment in Clinical trials

\* Significant effect demonstrated by vafidemstat treatment in Preclinical models



Cakici et al., Eur Psychiatry 2021 Momtazmanesh et al., Front Psyc 2019 Dawidowski et al., J Clin Med 2021 Garcia-Alvarez et al., Rev Psiquiatr Salud Ment 2016



# **PORTICO:** Final Summary as of January 7th, 2023

- Primary endpoints not met.
- Two important pre-specified secondary endpoints reached statistical significance:
  - Overall improvement in BPD disease severity, measured by BEST across weeks 8-12 (p=0.042). Clinically meaningful reduction compared to placebo
  - Improvement in Agitation/Aggression measured by STAXI-2 across weeks 8-12 (p=0.026). Clinically meaningful reduction compared to placebo
- Reduction in overall BPD disease severity and agitation/aggression consistent with Phase IIa REIMAGINE trial results, albeit measured by different scales (BEST versus BPDCL; STAXI-2 versus CGI-S A/A).
- Results across ALL efficacy endpoints favored vafidemstat over placebo.
- Global Statistical Test (GST-p values) consistent with a global treatment effect favoring vafidemstat.
- Vafidemstat was safe and well tolerated.
- No deaths/suicides, and suicidal ideation was low (one case each in the PBO and vafi treated groups; 0.9% overall).
- This is the first time, to the best of our knowledge, that a large, randomized Phase II BPD trial had two statistically significant secondary endpoints reflecting improvements in agitation/aggression as well as in overall BPD disease severity.
- PORTICO's efficacy and safety results pave the way to define further clinical development and Oryzon intends to request an end-of-Phase II meeting with the FDA to discuss plans for a registrational BPD Phase III trial.

