



# FENM

## a Cure for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

*a Disease Modifying therapy for Alzheimer's Disease (AD)*

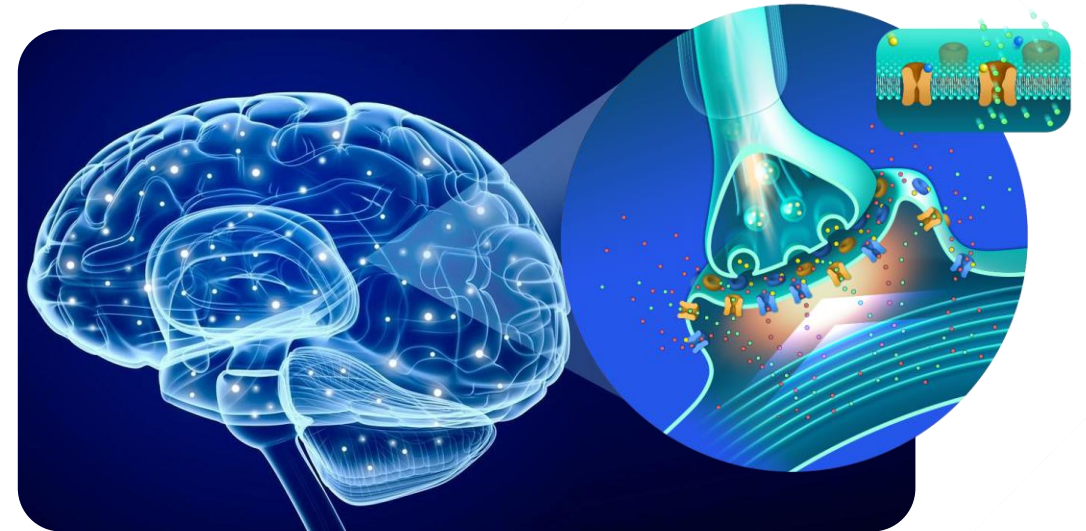
*A platform addressing Neurological Diseases through **targeted NMDA GluN2D Receptor inhibition***

# ReST, a unique therapeutic approach to AD & PTSD

*Following FIH, we are now raising \$20M to advance FENM until phase IIa*

- **FENM**, a novel **targeted GluN2D** sub-type specific **NMDA antagonist**
- **Outstanding *in vitro* and *in vivo* published results** demonstrating **efficacy & specificity**
- Successful **seed round of \$5.5M** covering the project up to FIH
- **Validation of FIH design by EMA Scientific Advice**
- **Experienced team, first class SAB and Renowned academic network**
- **Strong proprietary IP giving exclusive rights until 2042 (PTSD) and 2045 (AD)**
- **Discovery platform** including **[<sup>18</sup>F]FENM** and several **proprietary derivatives** with multiple indications in NMDA related disorders

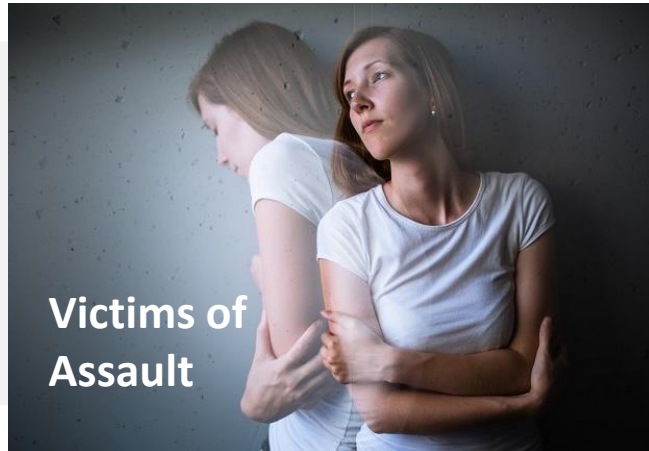
***FENM responds to 2 major and related unmet needs:  
a quicker market access in line with US IRA***



***FENM specific MOA can unlocks untapped PTSD  
market: \$15Bn+***

# 2 major cerebral disorders with no relevant solutions : AD & PTSD

## PTSD: *a civilian issue first!*



**15.7 million people in US + EU**

*+ 1.1 million / y (US)  
85/15 civilian vs veteran  
6% prevalence in American Women*

## AD

**35 million patients Worldwide**

*1/20 over 65 years  
1/4 over 85 years  
113 million anticipated in 2050*

per patient: **\$6,000/y direct cost + \$20,000/y indirect cost\***

total US: **\$76Bn/y direct cost + \$232Bn/y indirect cost\***

*\*Otsuka Pharmacoeconomics 2021*

**Established market  
for low impact drugs**

**US MARKET - \$9.9Bn**  
(forecast 2026)

# NMDA Receptor family is at the cross-road of several serious cerebral disorders

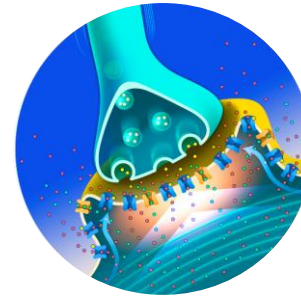
## PTSD



2017: Consensus statement of the PTSD psychopharmacology working group (US Experts & KOL)

- NMDA-R is a key component of the synaptic plasticity underlying working & long-term memories
- Dysregulation of NMDA-R is critical in the physiopathology of PTSD
- **NMDA-R antagonist class ranks #1 as warranted drug developments**

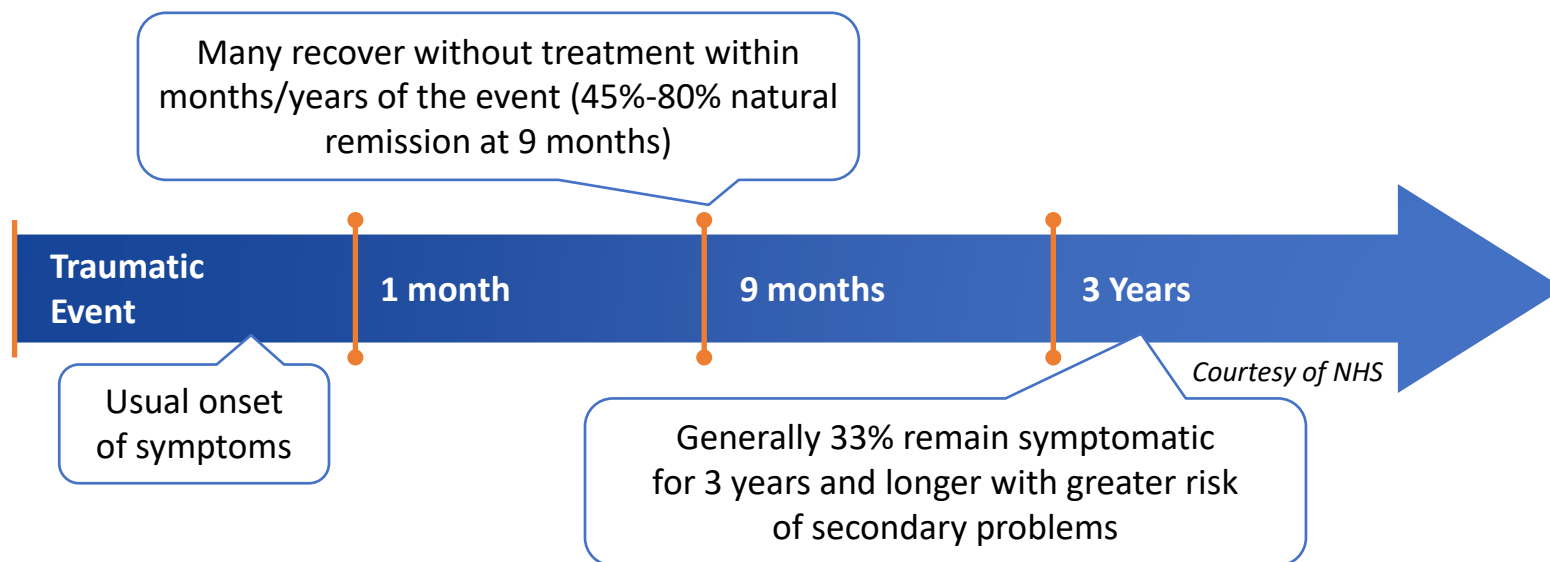
## AD



First Market Authorization for Memantine in AD granted in 2002

- NMDA-R plays a central role in the synaptic excitotoxicity underlying AD's cognitive impairment
- NMDA-R hyperactivation is also linked to the tau neurofibrillary degeneration in AD
- **NMDA-R antagonists with larger therapeutic index than Memantine are needed**

# PTSD is a highly debilitating syndrome, primarily a civilian issue ... and with an unexpected link to AD



“ Meta-analyses showed that the risk of being diagnosed with dementia for individuals with a diagnosis of PTSD is 1.61–1.99 times the risk for those without a PTSD diagnosis.

**Günak et al.**

*British Journal of Psychiatry, 2020*

*PTSD as a risk factor for dementia : systematic review and meta-analysis*

# An experienced multidisciplinary team...



**Gilles Rubinstenn**

**CEO & Co-founder**

Life science entrepreneur,  
former co-founder and  
Pharma BU director of M2i,  
Inventor of FENM

**Chemistry / BD**



**Aude Michaud**

**Development Director**

+14y experience  
in the pharma industry,  
expert in scientific and clinical  
affairs

**Project Development**



**Florent Perin-Dureau**

**CMO & Co-founder**

+20y experience in clinical  
settings, expert in NMDA  
pharmacology, clinical trial  
design and RA

**NMDA / Psychiatry**



**Aline Freysson**

**Research Manager**

Expert in neuroscience  
pharma development, PhD  
focused on AD and  
neurodegeneration

**Translational AD**



# ... supported by outstanding collaborations & advisors



**John Krystal**  
**MD**

Worldwide reference  
and KOL in clinical  
research on PTSD



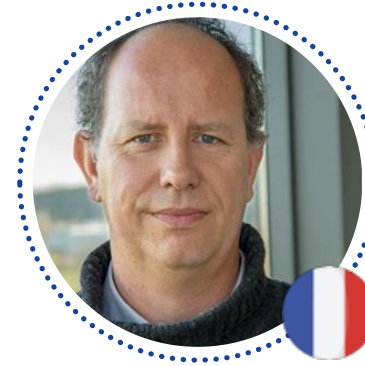
**Christine Ann Denny**  
**PhD**

Reference in  
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Specialist of fear/stress  
induced depression  
and anxiety



**Pierre Paoletti**  
**PhD**

Reference in molecular  
neurobiology  
specialist of NMDA



**Emmanuel Gras**  
**PhD**

Specialist in fluorine  
and radio-chemistry  
Supports CMC  
development of FENM



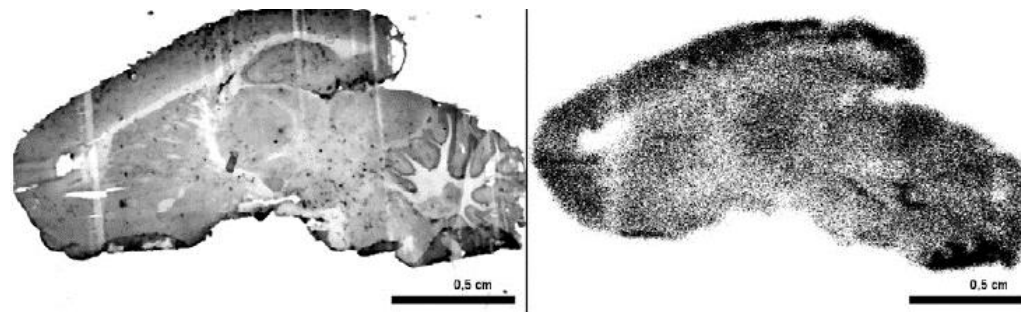
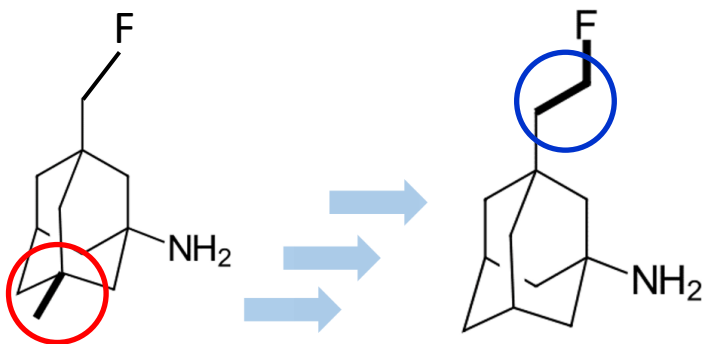
**Tangui Maurice**  
**PhD**

Reference in  
neuropharmacology  
of Alzheimer

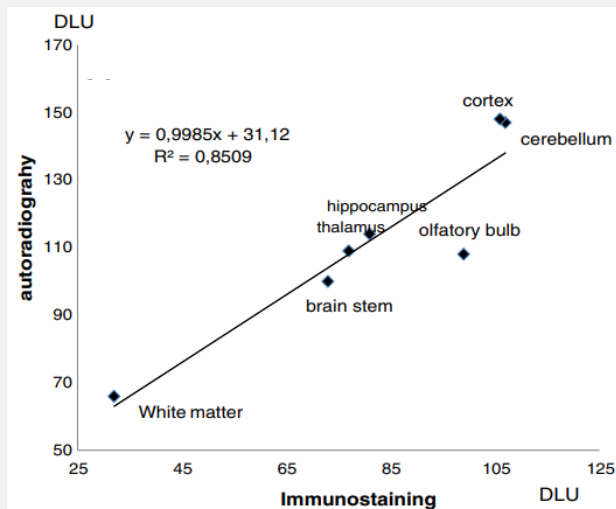


# FluoroEthylNorMemantine (FENM) was primarily designed as an NMDA radiotracer, after the failure of FluoroMemantine

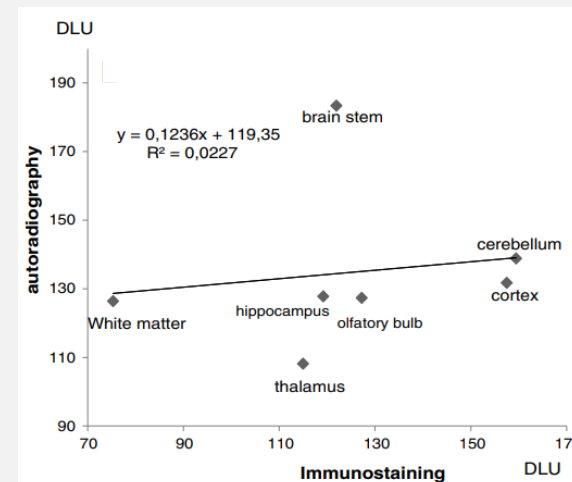
*It turned out to be not only Specific but also Functional*



$[^{18}\text{F}]$ FENM accurately colocalizes with NMDA-R



$[^{18}\text{F}]$ FENM competes with Ketamine a NMDA-R antagonist used as an anaesthetics





# We know that in AD patients, Memantine's efficacy is lost over time

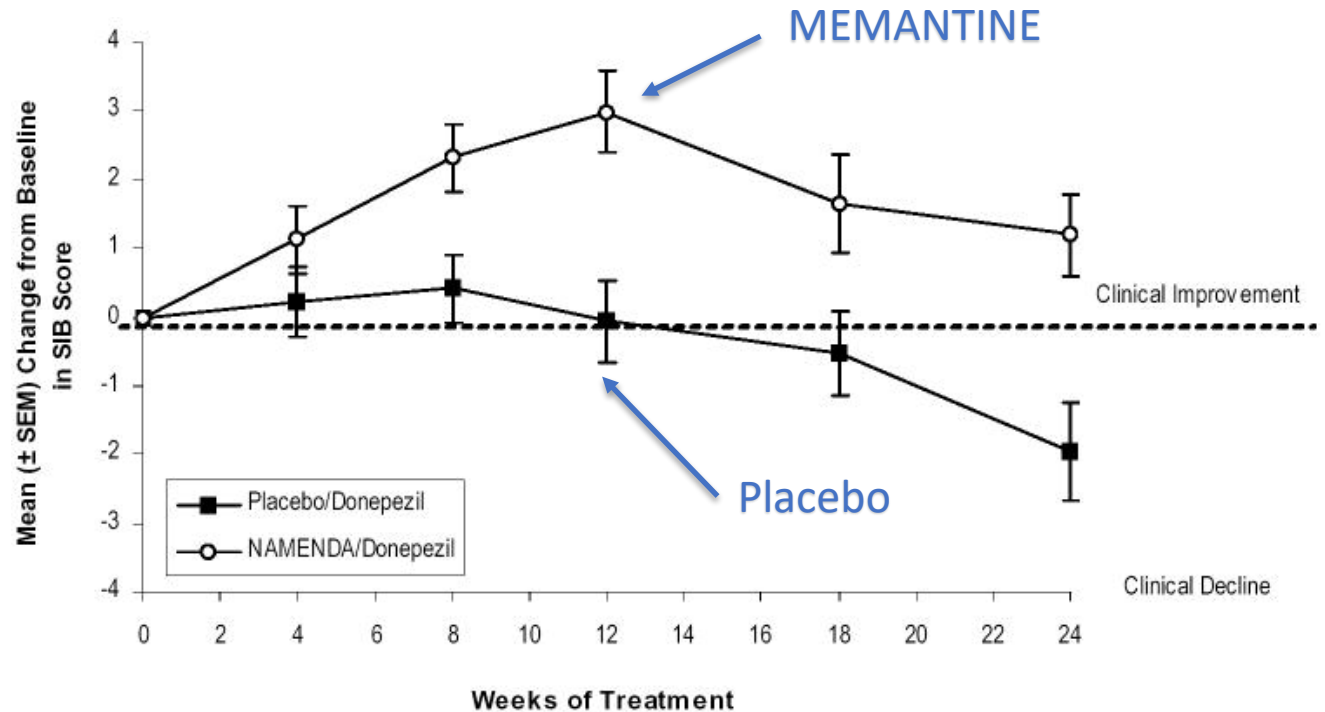
*Results of the clinical trial in Namenda (FDA Summary of Product Characteristics)*

## Methodology

- 24 weeks duration, 404 patients with moderate to severe probable Alzheimer's disease who had been treated with donepezil [...] were randomized to memantine hydrochloride or placebo while still receiving donepezil.
- For patients randomized to memantine hydrochloride, treatment was initiated at 5 mg once daily and increased weekly by 5 mg/day in divided doses to a dose of 20 mg/day (10 mg twice a day).

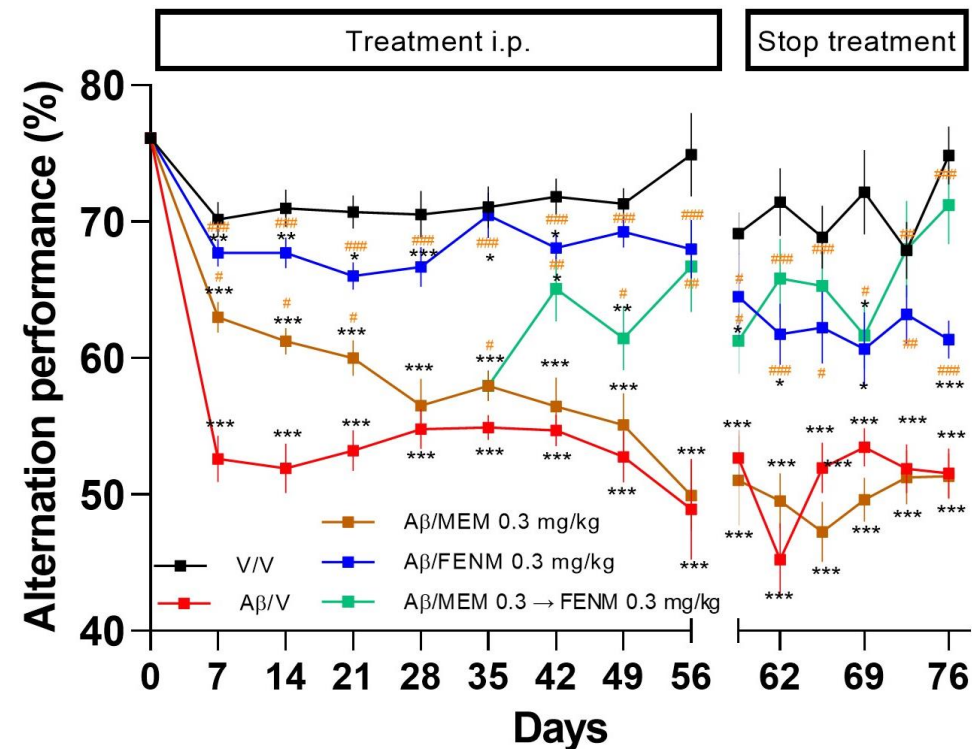


## Results

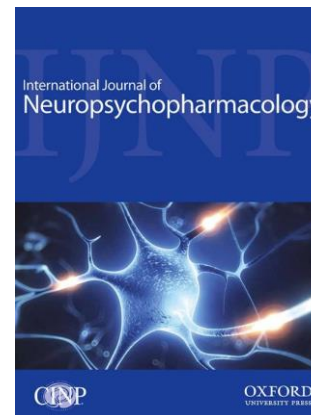


## Neuroprotection by FENM is persistent and takes over when Memantine effects vanish in AD translational model

## Persistent Neuroprotection by FENM



## Consistent Neuroprotection by FENM



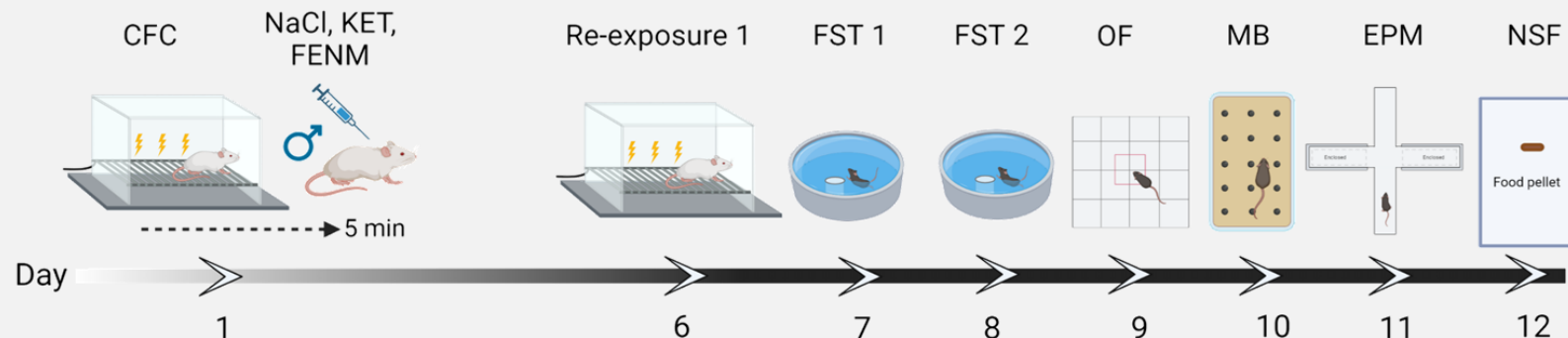
# 2020

Parameter	FENM	Memantine
Biochemical analyses <sup>b</sup>		
Cyt C release	+	+
Lipid peroxidation	++	+
IL-6 ELISA	++	+
TNF $\alpha$ ELISA	+	+
Bax/Bcl2 ELISA	++	+
Morphological analyses <sup>b</sup>		
Pyramidal cell loss (CV)	++	++
GFAP IHC—Rad	++	+
GFAP IHC—Mol	++	—
GFAP IHC—PoDG	++	+
GFAP IHC—Ctx	++	—
Iba1 IHC—Rad	++	+
Iba1 IHC—Ctx	++	—

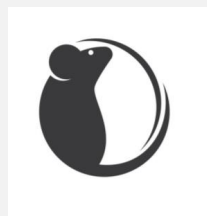
# FENM: far more efficient than benchmark in PTSD animal models

*Ketamine\*, a drug used to treat MDD associated with PTSD, but failing to cure PTSD was used as a benchmark*

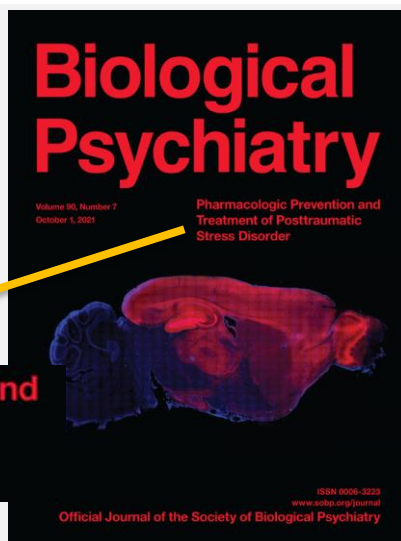
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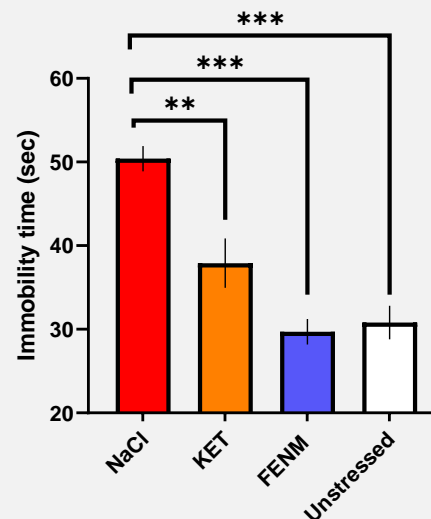
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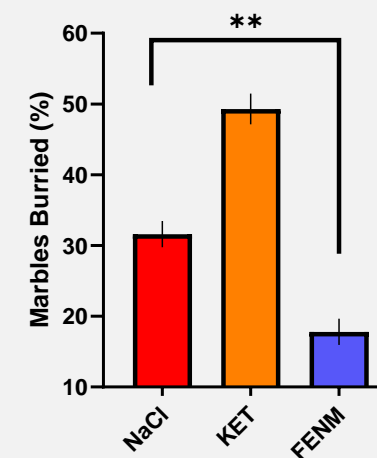
**Pharmacologic Prevention and Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder**



2021



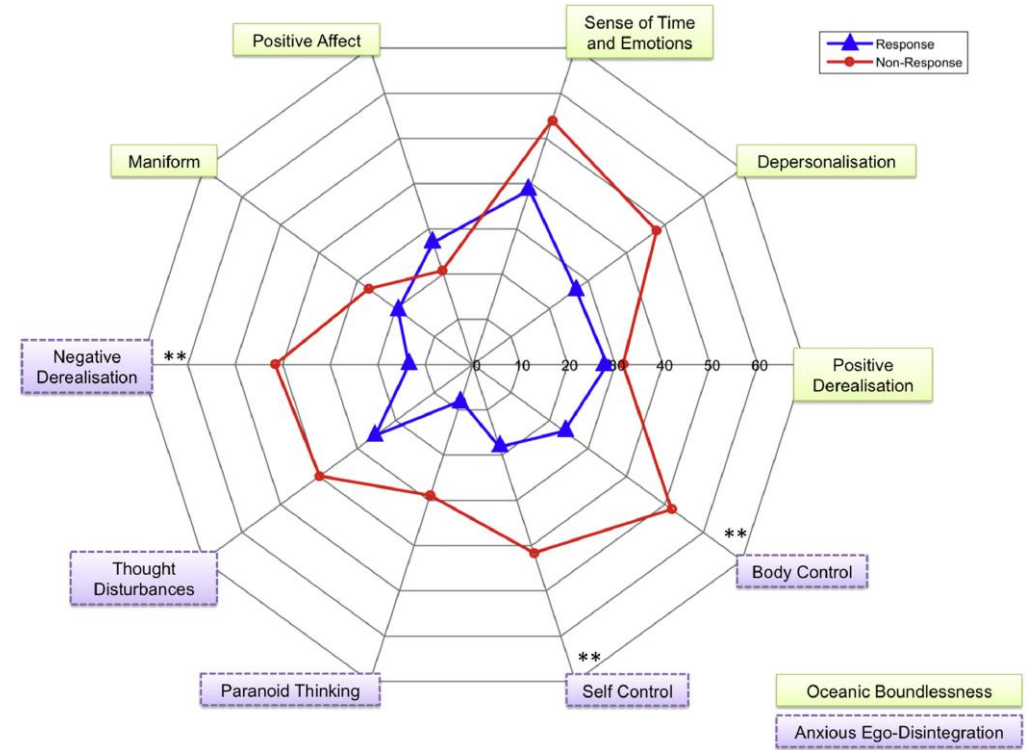
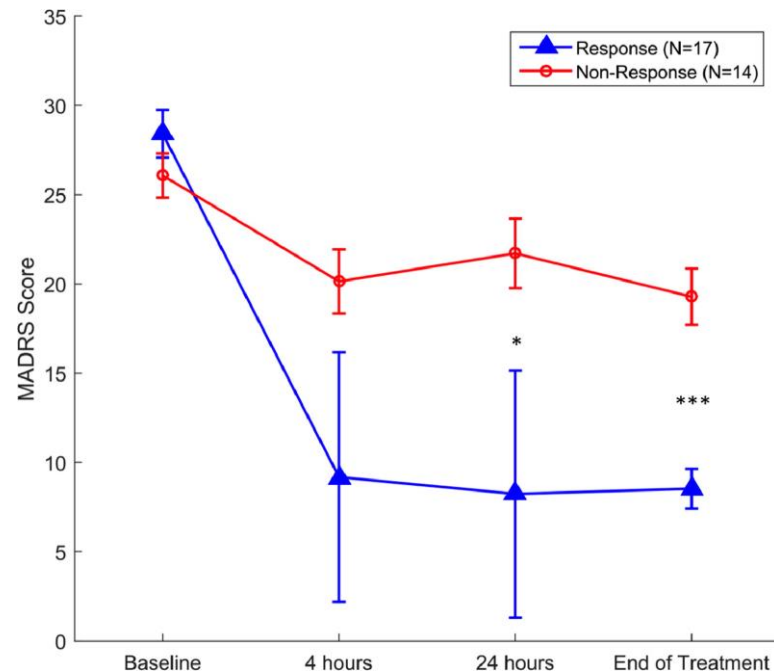
FENM alleviates stress-induced despair better than Ketamine



FENM decreases anxiety Ketamine doesn't

# As a fact, anxiety induced by Ketamine likely hampers its clinical potential in PTSD

*Aust et al. Eur Neuropsychopharmacology (2019) 29, 529-538*



## Methodology

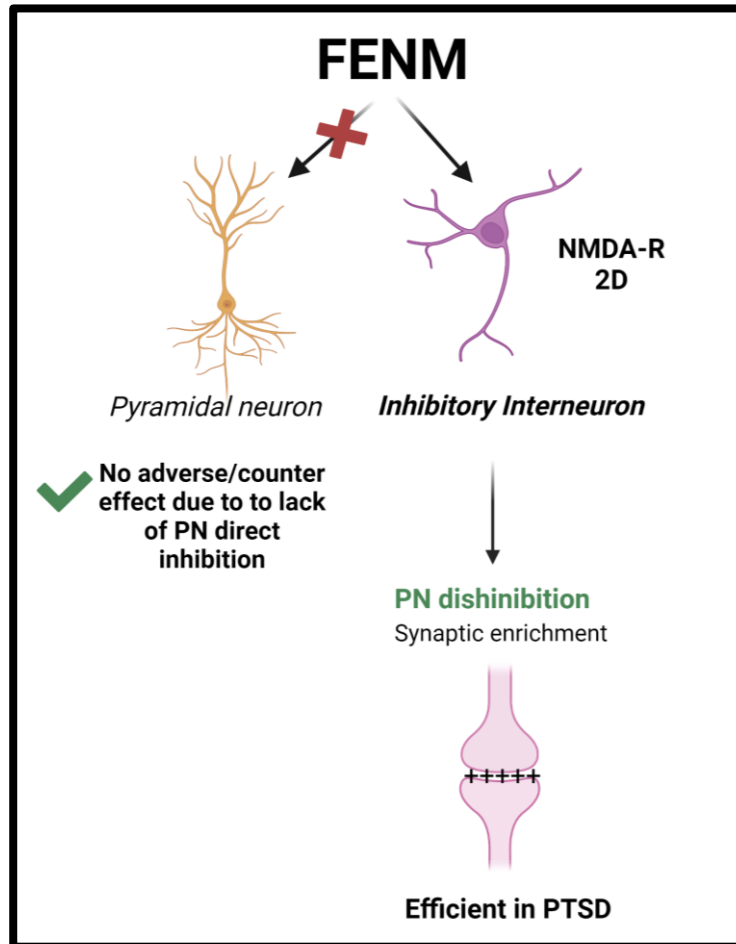
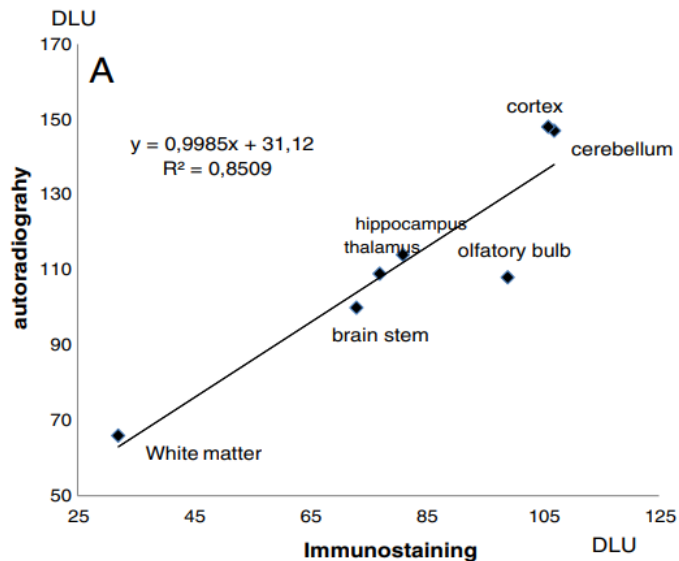
- 31 patients (16 women) with MDD primary diagnostic
- 3 ketamine infusions per weeks (0.5mg/kg) over 2 weeks.

## Results

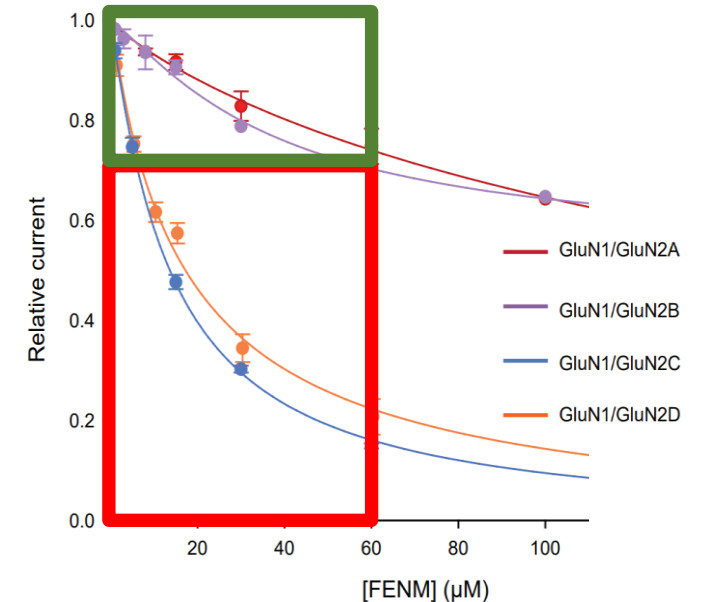
- Response to treatment measured by MADRS shows two different groups of responders and non-responders
- Which correlates with anxiety related experience during treatment session assessed by 5D-ASC

# FENM targeted selective inhibition of NMDA-R GluN2D in inhibitory interneurons explains its efficacy

FENM accurately colocalizes with NMDA-R



FENM selectively inhibits GluN2C & GluN2D

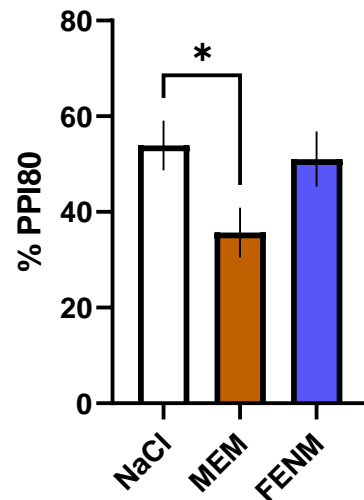


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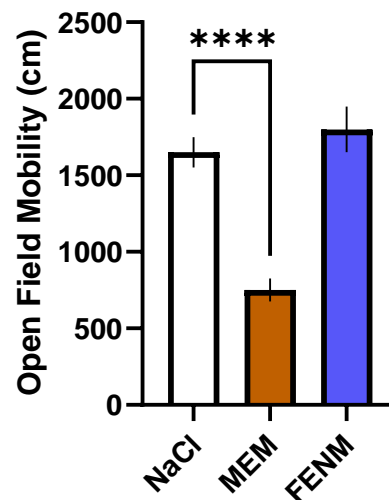


# FENM's MoA will trigger fewer side effects compared with less selective NMDA-R targeting drugs

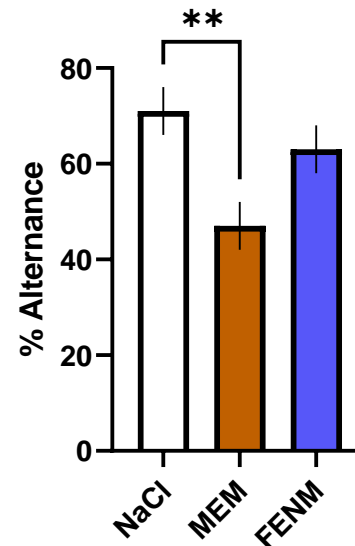
No sensory gating disruption



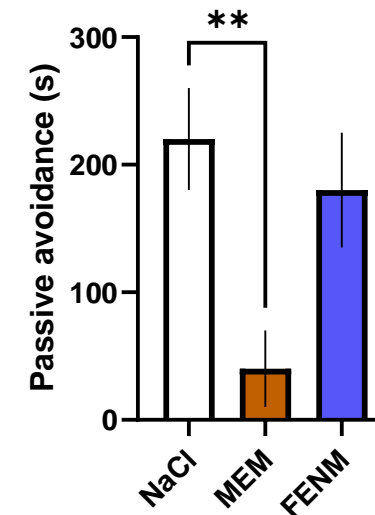
No sleepiness



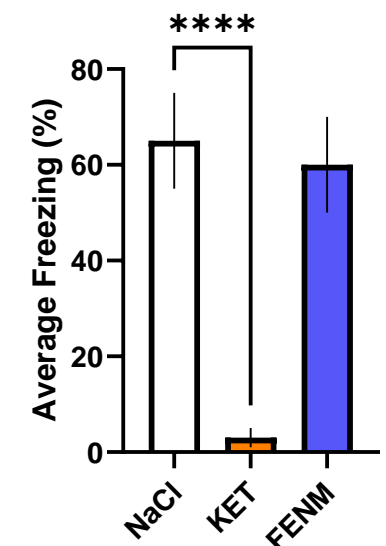
No working memory disruption



No long-term memory disruption



No memory encoding disruption



Which was checked in pre-clinical models and associates with the highly favorable regulatory (FDA/EMA) toxicology/safety profile

- High 28D NOAEL in rodent and canine (around 10x the anticipated MTD)
- High NOAEL in safety studies (FOB, Respiratory, Cardio)
- No genotoxicity

# ReST has already achieved significant milestones

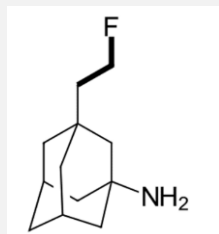


M2i, Lead the Change



RECOVERY  
FROM STRESS  
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Design and first  
synthesis of FENM



Preclinical POC  
and MOD for AD  
and PTSD



GMP clinical  
batches of both  
API and FD  
produced for FIH



2013

2015

2021

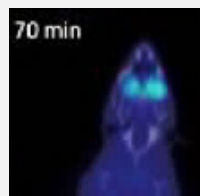
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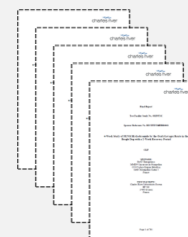
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CTA  
Appl.  
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FENM is a functional  
radiotracer







FENM passes all  
regulatory tests to  
enter Clinical Phase



Positive EMA  
Scientific Advice  
on FIH

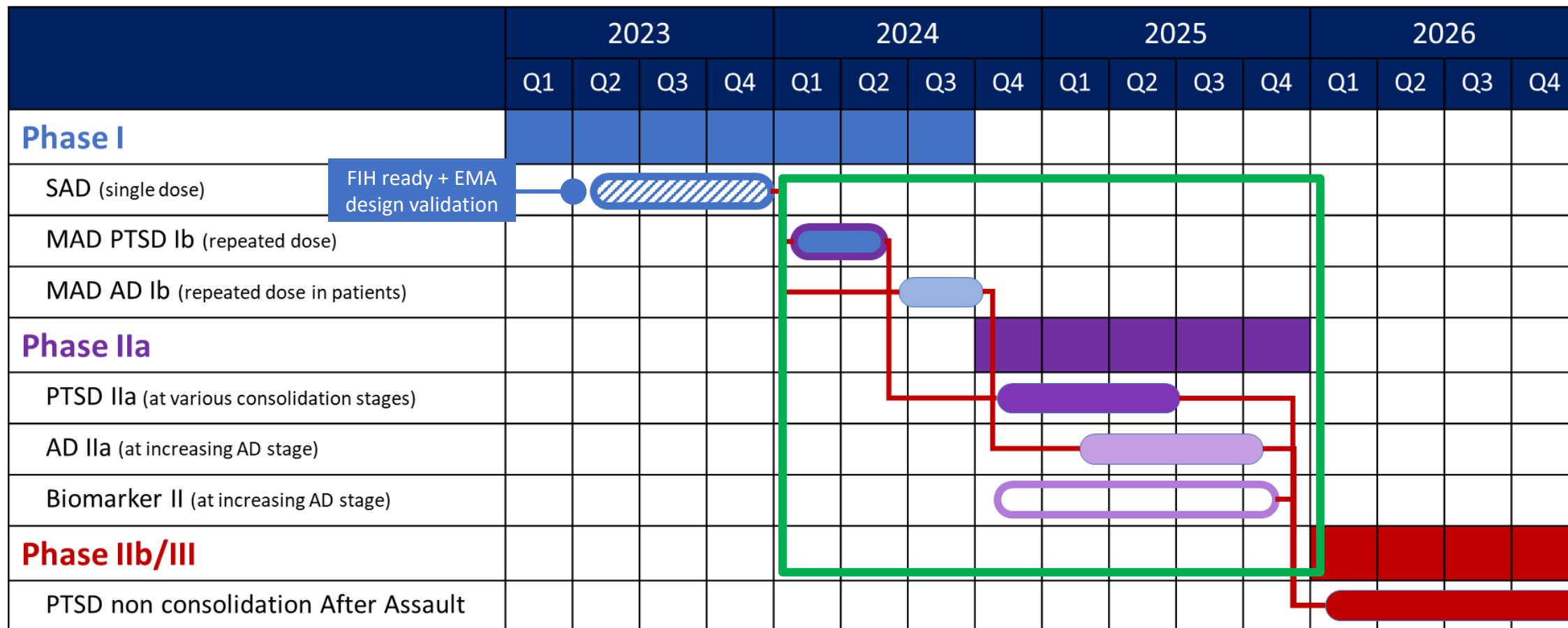


# ReST is now raising \$20M to advance FENM, up to strong IIa milestone by YE 2025

Key projects (including affected HR, SAB, ...)		KPIs created
 <p><b>Clinical</b> - up to and including:</p> <p>Phase Ib+IIa PTSD.....\$4.0M</p> <p>Phase Ib+IIa AD .....\$3.8M</p> <p>Phase Ib/IIa/b [<sup>18</sup>F]FENM .....\$1.8M</p>		<p>Tolerance at various PTSD stage + preliminary efficacy</p> <p>Tolerance at various AD stage</p> <p>Diagnostic/prognostic radiotracer</p>
 <p><b>Platform and IP scale-up</b>.....\$2.2M</p>		<p>8 patents and 7 new leads for development and FENM IP protection</p>
 <p><b>Regulatory</b>.....\$3.7M</p>		<p>Repro-toxicology + 6/9 months chronic for IIb/III studies</p>
 <p><b>CMC (API/FDF)</b>.....\$4.5M</p>		<p>\$0.3/day COGS GMP commercial level + DMF</p>

Depending on the clinical results, ReST can take the best decision on Phase IIb/III

# ReST's clinical strategy



## Phase I

~80 Healthy volunteers, primary to demonstrate:

- The safety of the drug and notably (Lack of off-target effects and psychotropic activity)
- Proper pharmacokinetic properties of the drug

## Phase IIa

150-200 Patients, primary to demonstrate:

- PTSD Phase IIa: patients at various stages of PTSD consolidation (3 months, 6 months, 12 months, 24 months + 30 days administration)
- AD Phase IIa: patients at increasing AD 4 stages (30 days administration)
- Biomarker Phase II: [18F]FENM PET scan at the inclusion, after 30 days treatments, and at 6 months on the patients from AD Phase IIa

# MA strategy for FENM in PTSD

## SAM \$4Bn to unlock by initial POC

- 375,000 Assaults per year in EU and US
- 60% develop long lasting PTSD (present at 12 months and lasting 24 months +)
- 0.2 QALY loss per year with PTSD
- QALY point value \$50,000

## Phase IIb/III PTSD

### US multicentric 400 Patients :

- Women victims of sexual assault 3 months before or less
- High risk of developing an established PTSD at 12 months (“acute stress”, same symptoms and clinical items than PTSD)
- Randomized Controlled Trial : Placebo vs FENM
- Optimal dose regimens of FENM : based on the results of Phase Ia
- Duration of treatment : 6 to 9 months
- Primary endpoint : efficacy at 12 months after the trauma, clinical canonical scales for PTSD (CAPS-5 & PCL-5)
- Extended follow-up to 18 months : absence of apparition of a “delayed PTSD”

## > FENM as a cure for PTSD with a value over \$17,000

medico economics shows direct cost of \$10-18,000 / patient

= \$6,000 \* 60% of patients \* 3 to 5 years

medico economics shows indirect cost of \$36-60,000 / patient

= \$20,000 \* 60% of patients \* 3 to 5 years



***Loss of Chance for untreated  
Assault Victims would grant  
FENM FastTrack to MA***



# FENM in PTSD's “paradoxically” *blue ocean*

## No current treatment

### Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRI)

- Only 2 FDA approved drugs for associated depression: Sertraline and Paroxetine
- Low-moderate efficacy
- 1st prescription remains the not recommended benzodiazepines

## Drugs in development

### NYX-783, NBTX-001, Brexpiprazole, **Psilocybine**, **MDMA**

- Most interesting proposal stimulates NMDA-2B
- Only treatment of consolidated PTSD, not prevention
- Complex & Costly to deliver and off-target effects (narcotic, abuse)

## ReST proposal

### FENM

- Targeted & Highly specific **NMDA GluN2D** inhibition
- Mechanism of action allows both treatment & prevention of PTSD
- No off-target effects, extremely safe profile



**FENM is the only candidate to treat and prevent PTSD with high efficacy, long-term effect and no off-target adverse effects**

## Current treatments

## Memantine Donepezil (and 2 other AChEIs) Aducanumab

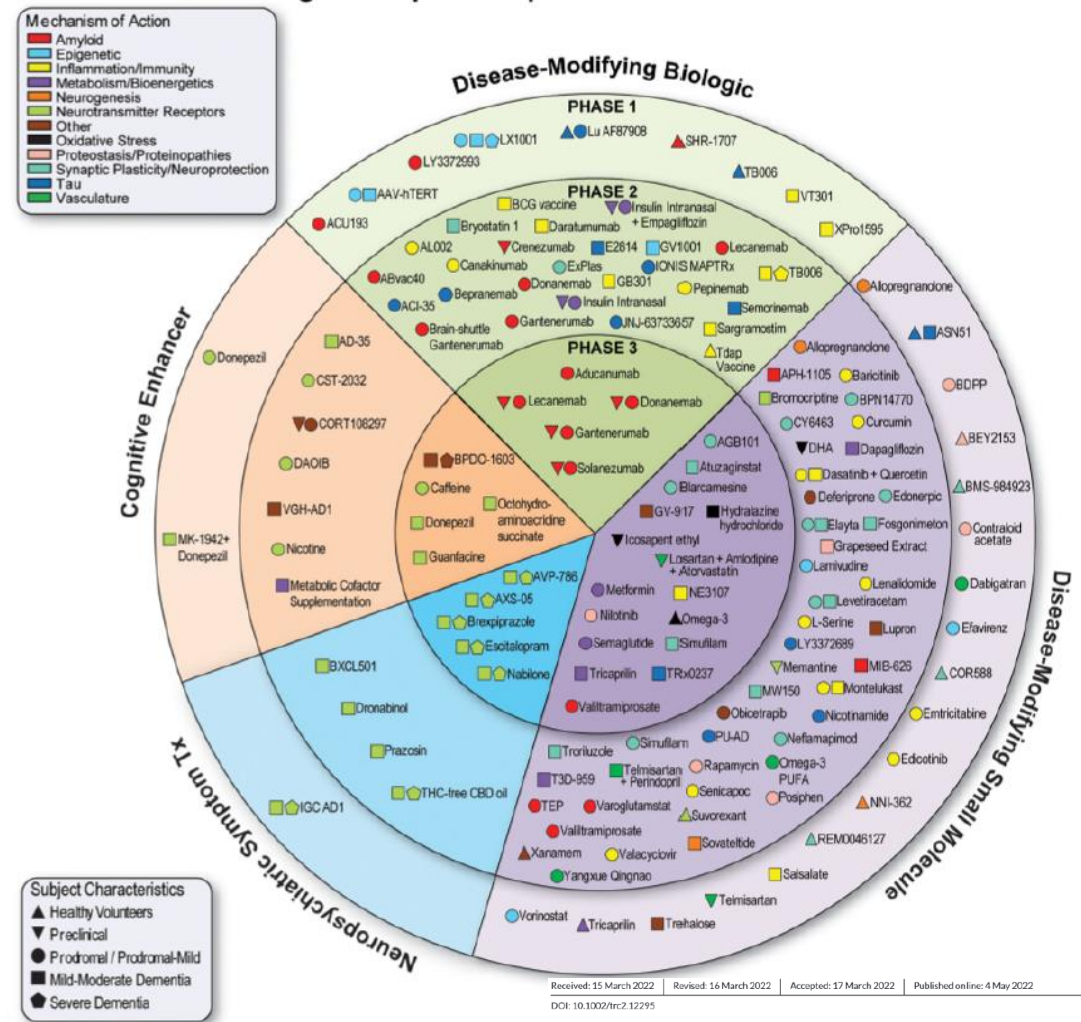
- FDA approved drugs with low and transitory efficacy
- Multiple albeit low off-target effects
- Biologics struggle and their prices are prohibitory

# ReST proposal

## FENM + [18F]FENM

- Efficient Neuroprotection
- Favorable PK/PD & Safety profile (better than Memantine)
- Synergy with AChEIs for easier Clinical Implementation
- [18F]FENM direct companion biomarker for development

## 2022 Alzheimer's Drug Development Pipeline



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REVIEW ARTICLE

Alzheimer's disease drug development pipeline: 2022


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**FENM is the “*Memantine that should have been*” !**

**It will modify the course of AD at an early stage, and that will be affordable for millions**

# Investors can expect valuable exit opportunities

*Cerebral disorders attract attention from large pharma*

Company	Deal Size	Date	Capital raised	Stage	Main focus	Acquirer
 <b>AVANIR</b> PHARMACEUTICALS	\$3.50Bn	2015	\$99.34M	Phase II	AD, Schizophrenia	<b>Otsuka</b>
 <b>naurex</b> <sup>INC</sup>	\$1.72Bn	2015	\$165.22M	Phase III	Major depression disorders	<b>Allergan</b>
 <b>NeuroDerm</b>	\$1.10Bn	2017	\$78.5M	Phase III	Parkinson	<b>Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma</b>
 <b>CHASE</b> PHARMACEUTICALS	\$1.00Bn	2016	\$38.2M	Phase II	AD	<b>Sunovion Pharmaceuticals</b>

## EXITS POTENTIAL





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# THANK YOU

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