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## **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

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## **Company Snapshot**

#### ORIGINS

- Formed in 2001
- IP rights acquired from the University of Auckland
- Listed on the ASX in February 2005
- Partnership established with the US Army in 2009

### KEY STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

- US Army Medical Research & Materiel Command
- International Rett Syndrome Foundation
- Fragile X Research Alliance
- Fragile X Drug Validation Initiative
- OPERATIONS
  - New Zealand domiciled
  - Finance and shareholder relations relocated to Melbourne
  - Clinical development consolidated in the US



## Leadership

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Richard Treagus (Executive Chairman)
  - Former CEO Acrux Limited
- Trevor Scott
  - Head of Audit Committee
- Bruce Hancox
  - Former Group CEO Brierley Investments Limited
- Larry Glass

#### MANAGEMENT

- Larry Glass (CSO)
  - 9 years with Neuren
- Jon Pilcher (CFO)
  - Former CFO Acrux Limited
- James Shaw (COO)
  - Former Quintiles Asia-Pac
- Joe Horrigan (CDMA)
  - Neuropsychiatrist
  - Former Head of Medical Research at Autism Speaks



## Scientific Foundation

- □ **IGF-1** is a naturally occurring growth factor in the brain
  - Produced following brain injury and stress
  - One of the brain's self-repair mechanisms
- Glypromate (GPE) is considered the active part of the molecule
- □ NNZ-2566 is a synthetic analogue of Glypromate
- NNZ-2566 influences the processes underlying acute and chronic CNS disorders
  - Inflammation
  - Microglial function
  - Synaptic plasticity (inter-neuronal communication)
  - Abnormal electrical activity (e.g., seizures)
- NNZ-2566 potentially treats a wide range of neurological conditions
- □ NNZ-2591 is in the same class of peptides







## NNZ-2566

- Pre-clinical efficacy has been demonstrated in animal models of TBI, stroke, cognition, Fragile X and Rett Syndromes
- Administered intravenously or orally
- 40-50% orally bioavailable, with or without food
- Crosses the blood brain barrier
- Well tolerated at high doses
- Validated manufacturing process in the USA
- Patent protected





## NNZ-2591

Synthetic analog - cyclic dipeptide

- **100%** orally bioavailable
- Testing in Fragile X model completed; results comparable to NNZ-2566 at 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the dose
- US Army working on mechanism of action under Cooperative R&D Agreement





## Intellectual Property

Broad patent estate with no royalties payable

#### NNZ-2566 and other GPE analogues

- 7 issued patents covering composition, oral formulation and methods of use
- 7 pending applications
- Remaining patent life between 9 and 15 years
- Additional market exclusivity may be available via Orphan and Pediatric Drug designations

#### **NNZ-2591** and other bicyclic analogues

- 3 issued patents covering composition, formulation and methods of use
- 3 pending applications
- Remaining patent life between 11 and 15 years



## **Pre-Clinical Studies**





### **Dendritic Spines** - NNZ-2566 in Fragile X (*fmr1*) model



Wild-type

fmr1 knockout



fmr1 knockout + Vehicle

fmr1 knockout + NNZ-2566 (50 nM)

Dendritic spine morphology



### Behaviour - NNZ-2566 in Fragile X (fmr1) model



- *fmr1* KO mice show a significant difference to Wild Type controls
- NNZ-2566 treated *fmr1* KO mice are not significantly different from vehicle treated Wild Type mice
- **NNZ-2566 significantly normalizes behaviour of** *fmr1* **KO mice**



### Enlarged testes - NNZ-2566 in Fragile X (*fmr1*) model



- *fmr1* KO mice show an increase in testis weight, as do human Fragile X Syndrome patients
- After NNZ-2566 administration to *fmr1* KO mice, testis weight is not significantly different from controls
- NNZ-2566 has no significant effect in Wild Type mice





# Key Clinical Programmes





## NNZ -2566 Clinical Strategy



## **TBI and Concussion**

- NNZ-2566 improves functional recovery, preserves cognitive function, inhibits post-injury seizures
- > 1.5 million head injuries annually in the US alone; >75% are mild or concussion
- Leading cause of death and disability, especially in young people and the elderly
- Partnership funding of ~US\$23 million by US Army
- Only late-stage competition is progesterone
- \$4+ billion estimated global market potential



## Traumatic Brain Injury (INTREPID)

- Phase II randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose escalation, safety and efficacy study
- 260 subjects, ages 16-75 with moderate to severe TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale 4-12)
- NNZ-2566 IV solution or placebo administered within 8 hours of injury as a 20 mg/kg bolus followed by 72 hours of infusion at 1, 3 or 6 mg/kg/hr (30, 30 and 200 subjects, respectively)
- Endpoints: safety, functional status at 1 and 3 months, cognitive and neuropsychological function at 1 and 3 months, non-convulsive seizures and biomarkers in the first 5 days
- 2 protocols: LAR and EFIC
- Goal: 18 Level I and II US trauma centers with 10 under EFIC



122 subjects enrolled to date

## Concussion (mTBI)

- Phase II randomized (1:1:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose safety and efficacy study
- 132 subjects, 18-55 with mild TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale 13-15) and a pre-injury computerized neurocognitive assessment
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered within 24 hours of injury at 35 or 70 mg/kg twice daily for 7 days
- Endpoints: safety, change from baseline cognitive function and time to return to pre-injury baseline cognitive function assessed at 1, 2, 4 and 8 weeks
- Sites: 1-2 US military training facilities
- Start date to be determined



## Rett Syndrome

Mutation in a gene on the X chromosome

1 / 10,000 females (20,000 USA)

Most physically disabling of the autism spectrum disorders

Many girls live into adulthood, requiring total 24-hr-day care

Profound disability and financial burden for >50,000 patients and families globally

Symptoms include:

- Loss of speech and motor control
- Compulsive hand movements
- Disorders of breathing and cardiovascular function
- Extreme anxiety
- Seizures



## Rett Syndrome Phase II (RTT-001)

- Phase II randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled, dose escalation, safety and efficacy study
- Up to 60 (48 complete) female subjects ages 16-40 years
- Subjects stratified 1:1 based on mutation (correlates with severity)
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered for 28 days following 3 days of dose titration up to 35 or 70 mg/kg b.i.d.
- Endpoints: safety, seizure activity, cardiac and respiratory irregularities, caregiver and clinician assessments of symptom severity and behaviour
- Sites: Rett Syndrome Centers at Baylor College of Medicine and University of Alabama
- 17 subjects enrolled to date; 10 have completed the entire study

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## Fragile X Syndrome

- Mutation on the X chromosome affecting both males and females
- The most common inherited cause of intellectual disabilities and the most common known cause of autism
- 1 / 4,000 males and 1 / 6,000 females (58,000 USA)

Symptoms include:

- Intellectual disabilities
- Attention deficit, hyperactivity and autistic behaviour
- Anxiety and unstable mood
- Seizures (approximately 1 in 4)



## Fragile X Syndrome Phase II (FXS-001)

- Phase II randomized (1:1:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose, safety and efficacy study
- Up to 72 (60 complete) male subjects ages 16-40 years
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered for 28 days at 35 or 70 mg/kg b.i.d
- Endpoints: safety, seizure activity, caregiver and clinician assessments of symptom severity and behavior, biomarkers
- Sites: Rush University Medical Center and up to 4 other Fragile X Syndrome centers
- To be initiated before the end of 2013



## Strategy

- Demonstrate the therapeutic benefit of NNZ-2566 in human subjects
- Expand treatments to include both <u>acute</u> and <u>chronic</u> conditions
- Potential to establish a "gateway" to autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders
- Criteria for selecting therapeutic targets
  - Significant unmet need and commercial opportunity with no approved drugs
  - Regulatory advantages eligible for *Fast Track*, *Orphan Disease*, *Breakthrough Therapy*
  - Strong support from advocacy groups and other stakeholders
- Realising value
  - Elicit a "clinical signal" with NNZ-2566 in human subjects
  - Advance the pre-clinical work with NNZ-2591
  - Maintain dialogue with potential partners



## Shareholdings and Financial Position

Shares outstanding: 1.25 billion **Options outstanding:** 255 million Closing price 4 Oct 2013 10.5 cents 52 week range: 2.2 cents - 12.5 cents Market capitalization 4 Oct 2013 \$131 million Cash at 30 June 2013 NZ\$4.1 million Top 20 shareholders: 5%-58% (approximate) 8% 🛛 Retail Substantial 19% 68% ■ Directors Institution



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### **Investment Summary**

- **Patented drug analogues** of naturally occurring brain growth factors
- Potentially applicable to both acute and chronic neurological conditions with large unserved markets.
- **Compelling pre-clinical efficacy data** in TBI, Fragile X and Rett Syndrome models
- Abbreviated regulatory pathways with possible **Orphan drug** designation
- Experienced clinical and commercial management team
- Phase II clinical trials will report results from mid-2014
- Clinical data will provide the basis for partnering discussions



# **Expected News Flow**

Initiate Fragile X Phase 2	2H-2013
Complete enrollment in Rett Phase 2	1H-2014
Top-line results for Rett Phase 2	2H-2014
Complete enrollment in Fragile X Phase 2	2H-2014
Complete enrollment in INTREPID	2H-2014
Top-line results for Fragile X Phase 2	1H-2015
Top-line results for INTREPID	1H-2015

