A Revolution in Pain Pharmaceuticals





The Problem

Opioids are the most widely prescribed drugs for moderate to severe pain. They are the most powerful analgesics for treatment of acute as well as chronic pain.

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However, their use is plagued by significant side effects:

- Euphoria / Abuse & Addiction
- Withdrawal
- Constipation
- Death from Overdose





The Problem

From the CDC:

"Prescription opioid drug abuse is a major public health problem that is getting worse, and getting worse rapidly."

More than 2 million Americans are addicted to opioids, and approximately 80% of them initially became addicted after they had been given a prescription opioid for pain relief by a physician.



The Solution: Phoenix PPL-103

- ✓ **Robust analgesic potency** 10-20x stronger than morphine
- ✓ No euphoria / abuse & addiction
- ✓ No dysphoria
- ✓ No physical dependence or withdrawal
- ✓ No death from overdose (even at 350x dose)
- ✓ No significant constipation (even at 350x dose)
- ✓ Oral bioavailability
- ✓ Sustains addicted subjects without precipitating withdrawal



The Brain's Opioid Receptors

All leading opioids bind to the **mu** receptor in the brain and then **aggressively** agonize that receptor. But there are actually three primary opioid pain receptors: **mu, kappa and delta**



(diagram of G-protein receptor)





Characteristic	Mu Opioids	Kappa Opioids	PPL-103
Significant CPP / SA (Euphoria)	Yes	No	No
Significant CPA (Dysphoria)	No	Yes	No
Lethal Respiratory Depression at High Dose	Yes	No	No
Significant Constipation	Yes	No	No
Withdrawal Symptoms	Severe	No	No
Sustains Without Opiate Withdrawal	Yes	No	Yes

A potent opioid with a profile that is <u>neither mu nor kappa</u> – and is free of the serious side effects of <u>both</u>



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PPL-103 Rat Self-administration



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Predictive Validity of Rat SA Studies

The rat self-administration model has a very high correlation to abuse liability in humans

Source: "The predictive validity of the rat self-administration model for abuse liability" O'Connor et al. *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Rev.* 35:912-938, 2011



Markets by Pain Condition Market Values for Various Pain Conditions

Condition	2009	2014	2019
Arthritis	\$13.3 billion	\$19.6 billion	\$26.0 billion
Backache	\$3.1 billion	\$4.7 billion	\$7.0 billion
Cancer pain	\$16.7 billion	\$23.9 billion	\$33.0 billion
Migraine	\$4.6 billion	\$5.5 billion	\$7.5 billion
Neuropathic pain	\$3.9 billion	\$5.9 billion	\$8.9 billion
Postsurgical pain	\$2.9 billion	\$6.2 billion	\$8.0 billion
Fibromyalgia	\$0.5 billion	\$0.9 billion	\$2.1 billion
Rest of conditions	\$11.0 billion	\$13.3 billion	\$19.5 billion
Total	\$56.0 billion	\$80.0 billion	\$112.0 billion

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(from Jain's Report on Pain Therapeutics)





Strategic Objective:

To enter into license agreements with appropriate market leader(s) that have the resources and motivation to further develop, commercialize, and maximize the market potential of, PPL's family of drugs.

PPL is currently advancing its lead compound for pain through preclinical studies and then to proof of concept (POC) in humans. At or before that point is reached the company expects to license that compound to a pharma company that meets the above criteria.



Clinical Trial Plan (Through POC)

	Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			
	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>
Synthesis	GLP Synthesis				GMP Synt	thesis				
			Product Stabili	ty Testing						
Preclinical			DMPK	.,						
			Safety Pharma							
			Genetic Tox							
			28-Day Genera	I Тох			_			L
IND			Pre-IND			IND				Ι
NHP Studies	Additional Efficacy Studies								C F	
Phase I / II						Study 102	2 & 102			N
Clinical Trials*						Study 201	L - Pain & Stud	y 202 - Drug Al	ouse Liab	S F
POC									POC	-
Costs (\$000)	597	36	57 396	1,122	639	76	1 1,121	1,356	845	
Cumulative	597	96	54 1,360	2,482	3,121	4,42	6 5,547	6,903	7,748	

*Australia



Funding Strategy

Funding needed to reach POC =	\$7 – 8 M
Funding from grants	<u>- \$3 M</u>
Funding needed from investors	\$4 – 5 M

Proposed: \$1 M initial investment The balance to be invested in milestone-based traunches

(Grant(s) of approximately \$3 M are expected to be received from the US Army and/or the NIH / National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA) to advance PPL-103 into human clinical trials.)



Management & Board Members

John Lawson, Ph.D., Founder, Board Chairman and Chief Scientist - the primary developer of PPL's intellectual property; formerly headed the Neurochemistry R&D Group at SRI International

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PPL Offers...

- A Novel Design Technology
- Multiple Therapeutic Licensing Opportunities
- A Very Large Market in Pain Therapeutics
- Relatively Low Clinical Trial Costs and Risks
- PPL Drug Family Expansion
- Multiple government grant opportunities





Thank You

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