

BMB-101

Novel 5-HT_{2C} Selective
Agonist

Breaking through
Drug resistant epilepsies

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BMB-101
IP Protection

\$2Bn

DEE
Market opportunity

\$2Bn

Absence epilepsies
Market opportunity

2027

Cash Runway

5-HT_{2c}

Best-in-class mechanism
in DEE epilepsies

Relevant M&A deals



\$7.2Bn (2021)



ZOGENIX

\$1.9Bn (2022)

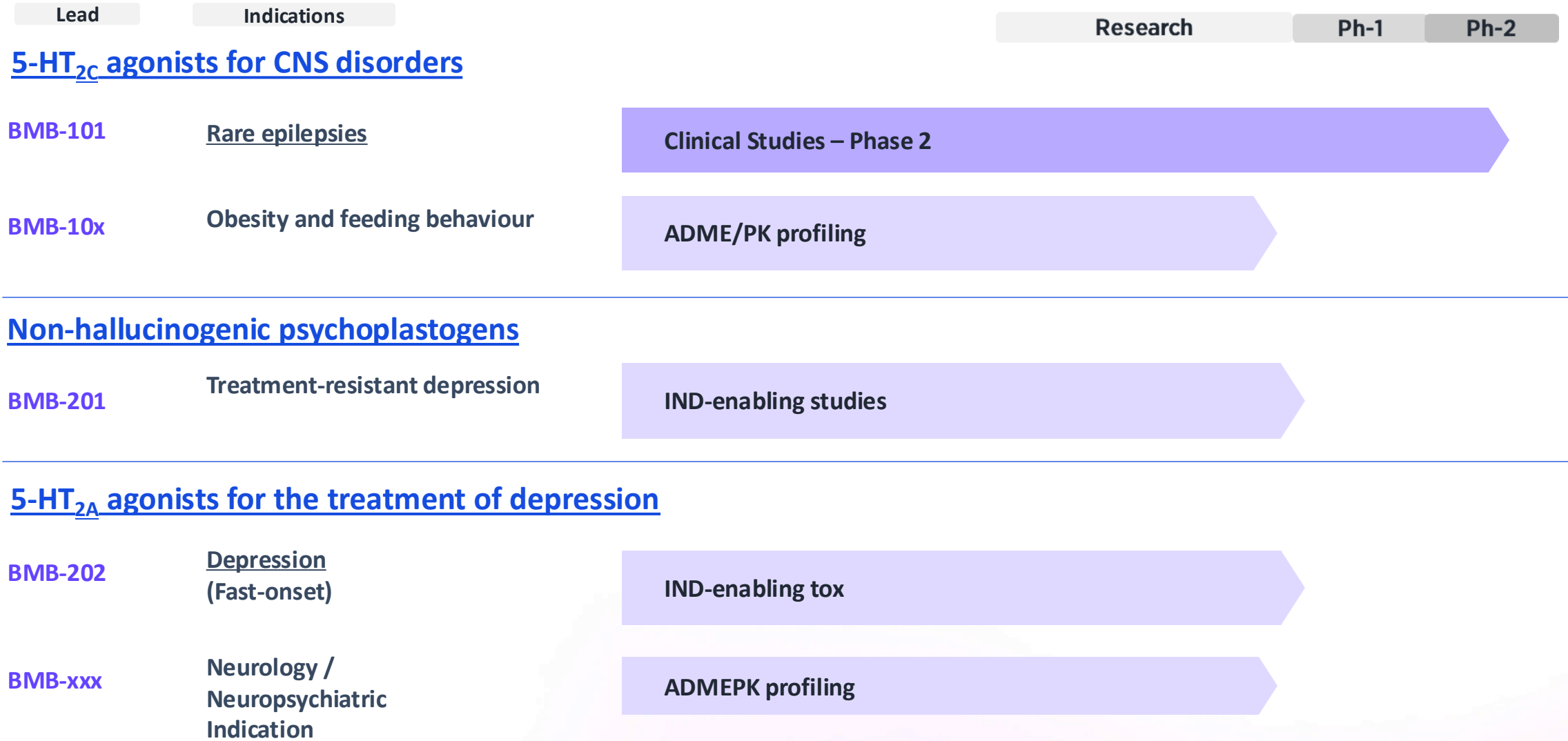


\$2.6Bn (2024)



Pipeline

Rich and diverse portfolio in neurology and psychiatry with multiple programs



Drug-resistant epilepsy is still a significant issue

~30%
of Epilepsy patients develop
drug resistance

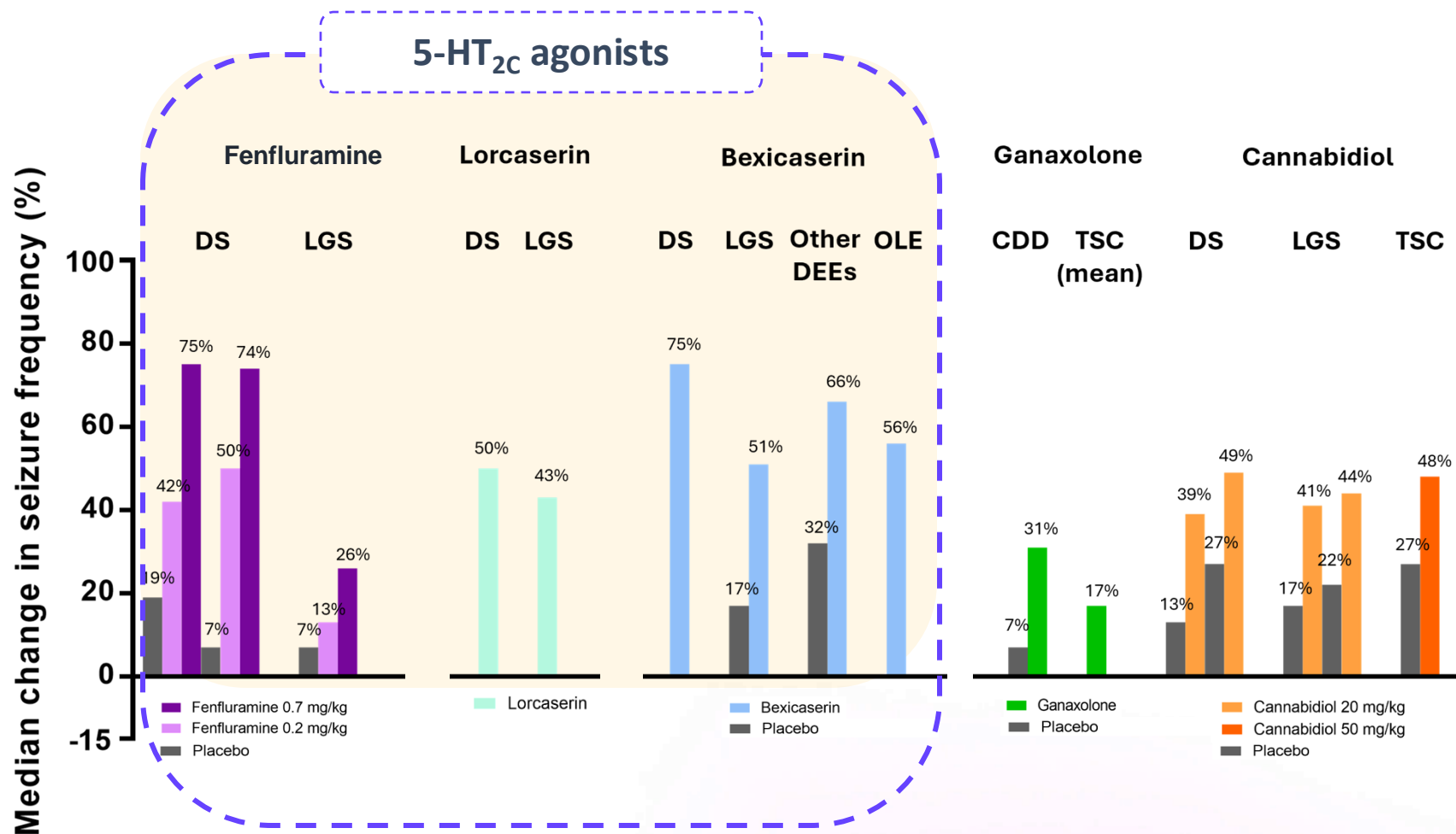


Definition:

Drug-resistant epilepsy is characterized by the persistence of seizures despite the use of at least two appropriate antiseizure medications (ASMs) at effective doses

Despite the availability of over 20 ASMs, achieving seizure control in DRE patients remains difficult.

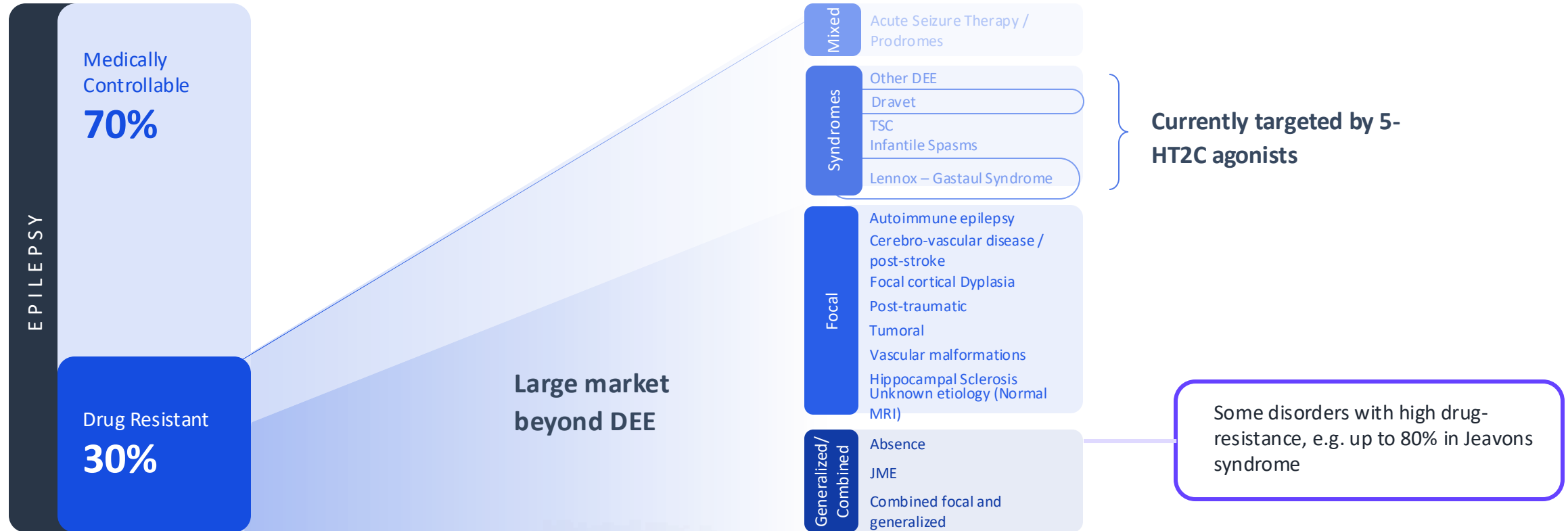
5-HT_{2C} agonism provides superior efficacy in DEE epilepsies



DEE - Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy
 DS – Dravet Syndrome
 LGS – Lennox Gastaut Syndrome
 TSC - Tuberos sclerosis
 CDD - CDKL5 deficiency disorder
 OLE – Open-Label Extension

High unmet need

Recent drug development focused on Dravet Syndrome, LGS and other DEEs



Semah F, et al. Is the underlying cause of epilepsy a major prognostic factor for recurrence? *Neurology*. 1998;(51):1256-1262
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Best-in-class

5-HT_{2C} Selective Agonist

First-in-class

G-protein biased agonist

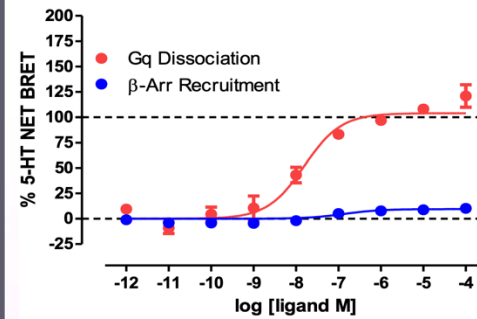
BMB-101 is uniquely positioned to address major unmet needs

Highly selective
5-HT_{2C} agonist

Compound	5-HT _{2A}	5-HT _{2B}	5-HT _{2C}
BMB-101	2280	>10000	16.2
Nor-Fenfluramine	82.8	11.6	2.5
Lorcaserin	50.1	67.4	2.4
Bexicaserin	>10000	>10000	120

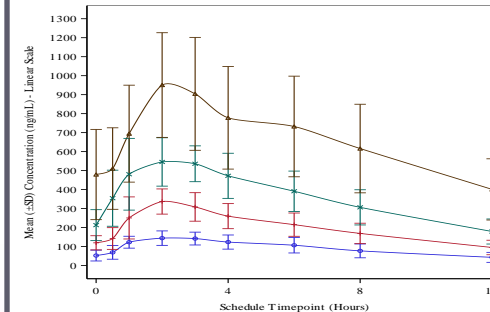
- Validated mechanism of action in DEEs
- Improved safety profile

G-protein biased
agonist



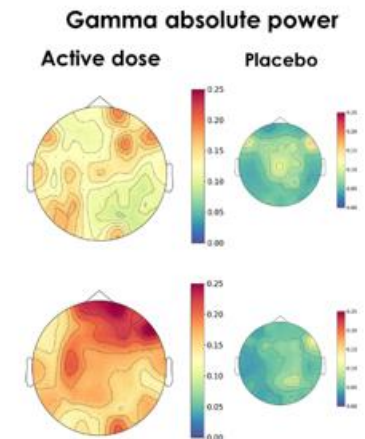
- Sustained chronic effect
- Reduced tolerance

Safety and PK/PD
properties validated in
Phase 1



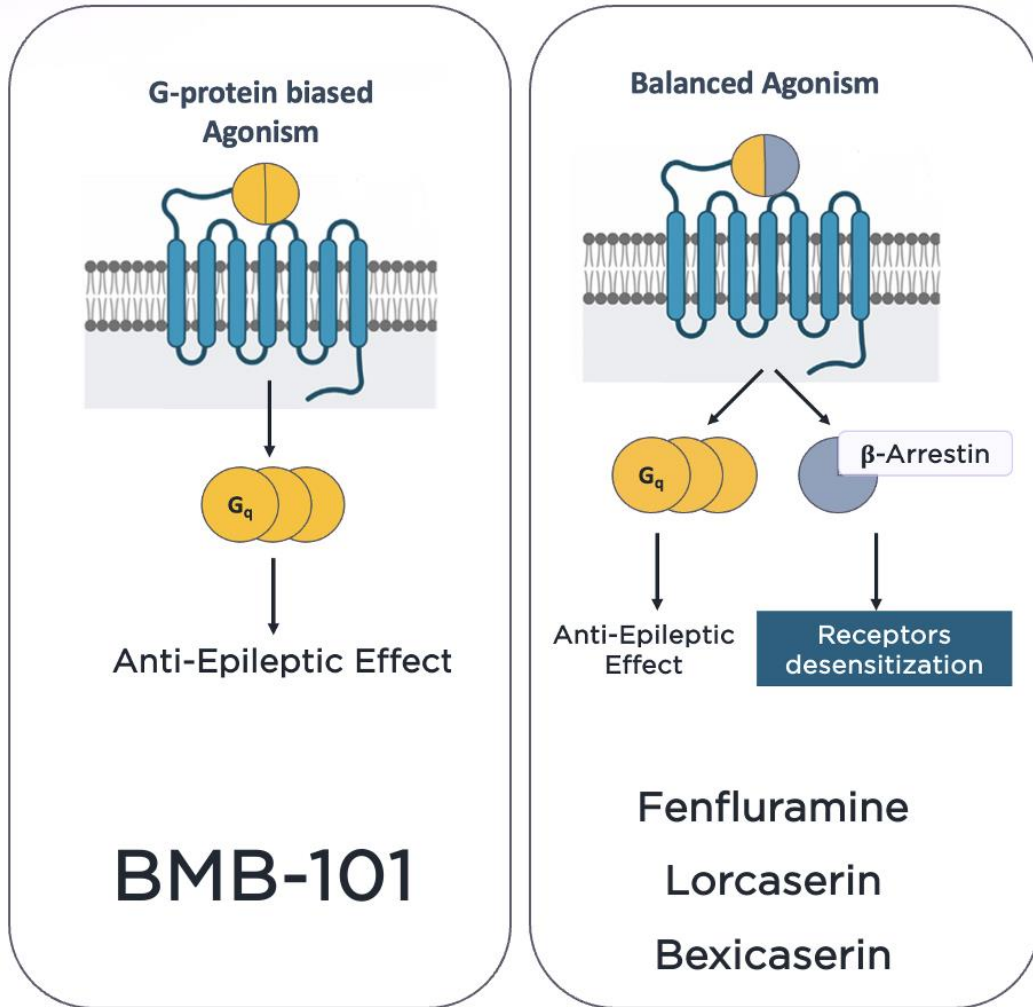
- Potential for a more convenient once daily formulation

Proof of mechanism
demonstrated in Ph.1
Increased gamma-power on
qEEG



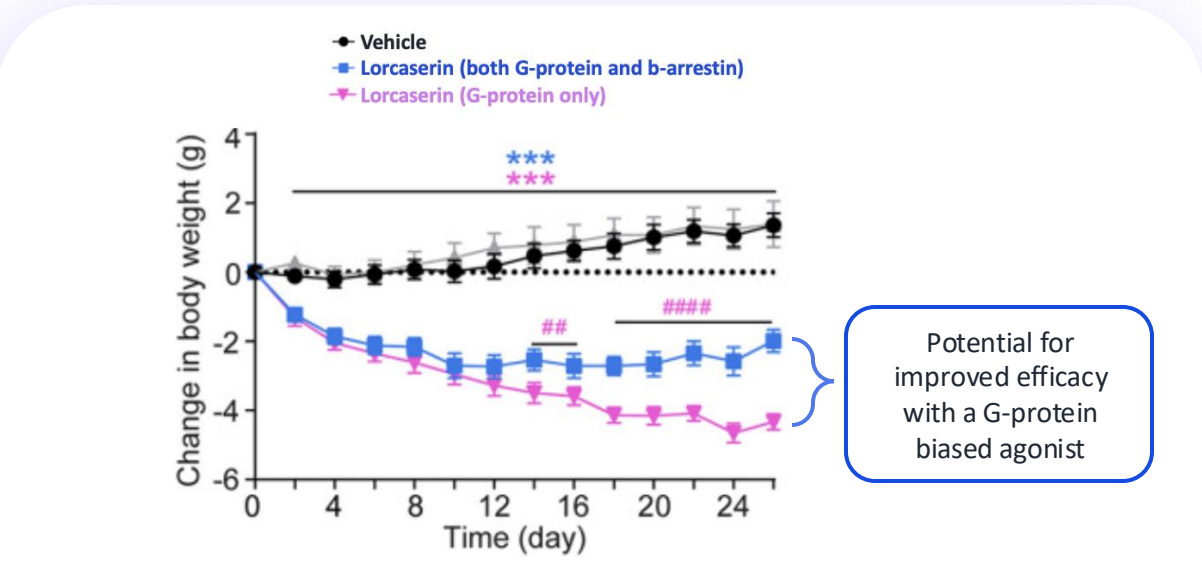
- Additional behavioral/cognitive benefits

Novel 5-HT_{2C} mechanism to avoid tolerance pathways



Beta-arrestin activation is associated with receptor desensitization and the development of tolerance.

BMB-101 is designed to avoid b-arrestin activation and produce sustained effect.



Deactivation of β -arrestin produced a superior and sustained effect in long-term Lorcaserin use (in vivo DIO study)

BMB-101 – Novel scaffold 5-HT_{2C} agonist

	BMB-101	Fenfluramine/ Norfenfluramine	LP352/ Bexicaserin
Lack of 5-HT _{2B} liability <i>(related to cardiac toxicity)</i>	✓	x	✓
5-HT _{2C} Biased Agonism <i>(Sustained efficacy)</i>	✓	x	x
Can be Dose-optimized	✓	x	x
Increased Frontal Gamma power on qEEG	✓	Not reported	Not reported
Dosing	Once/ Twice daily	Twice daily	Three times daily
Development Stage	Phase 2	Approved	Phase 3
Indications	Broad DEE Absence Epilepsy	Dravet Syndrome LGS	Dravet Syndrome/LGS → Broad DEE

BMB-101 Phase 1 study

Favorable Safety & Tolerability Results Observed



Single Ascending Dose

4 cohorts (6 drug and 2 placebo)

Food Effects

12 subjects

Multiple Ascending Dose

4 cohorts (6 drug and 2 placebo)

Quantitative electroencephalogram (qEEG) recording in Cohort 4

Safety and tolerability

- No SAEs observed, all AEs were transient
- Most common adverse effect - oral paresthesias (related to the sweet taste of the drug product)
- Most common on target AE – Headache, Nausea and photophobia
 - Common AEs for serotonergic drugs
 - Only seen at the top dose (2-3x of predicted therapeutic dose)
- Lower incidence of somnolence and GI side effects than with other 5-HT_{2C} agonists

BMB-101 Phase 1 study



Favorable Safety & Tolerability Results Observed

40-80 mg BID

Expected Therapeutic dose

- Drug slightly better tolerated in fed state at 120 mg
- No SAEs observed, all AEs were transient

	Placebo (n=9)	20 mg (n=6)	60 mg (n=6)	120 mg (n=7)	180 mg (n=6)
Oral paresthesias	1 (11.1%)	1 (16.7%)	-	2 (28.6%)	5 (83.3%)
Nausea	-	-	2 (33.3%)	-	3 (50%)
Sedation	-	-	-	-	3 (50%)
Headache	1 (11.1%)	-	-	-	2 (33.3%)
Balance Disorder	-	-	-	-	2 (33.3%)
Photophobia	-	-	-	-	2 (33.3%)
Dizziness	-	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)
Decreased Appetite	-	-	-	1 (14.3%)	-
Euphoria	-	-	-	1 (14.3%)	-

Single Ascending Dose

	Placebo (n=8)	40 mg BID (n=6)	80 mg BID (n=6)	120 mg BID (n=6)	150 mg BID (n=6)
Headache	2 (25%)	-	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	3 (50%)
Balance Disorder	-	-	-	-	3 (50%)
Photophobia	-	-	-	-	3 (50%)
Visual Impairment	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)	-
Oscillopsia	-	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)
Oral Paresthesias	-	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	-
Nausea	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)
Somnolence	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)
Cognitive Disorder	-	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)
Dizziness	-	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)
Decreased Appetite	-	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)
Dysphoria	-	-	-	1 (16.7%)	-

Multiple Ascending Dose

BMB-101 – Clinical Data from Phase 1

Target engagement:

- ✓ Transient dose-dependent prolactin release
- ✓ Central target engagement by qEEG and Potential for improved cognitive performance (increase in gamma power)*

Favorable PK:

- ✓ Dose proportionality observed in SAD and MAD study. No significant food effects observed

Changes in absolute power pre/post-dose

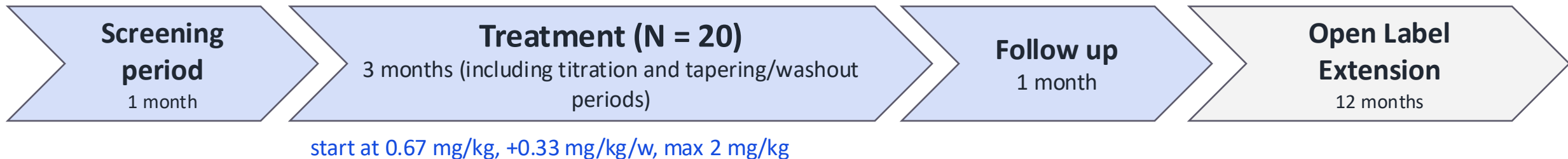
	Delta	Alpha	Beta	Gamma
Broad spectrum ASMs				
Valproate	↓	↓	↓	↓
Leviracetam	↓	↓	↓	NA
Carbamazepine	↑	↓	↓	NA
Lacosamide	↑	↓	↓	NA
5-HT_{2C} agonists				
Bexicaserin	↑	↓	↓	Not reported
BMB-101	↑	↓	↓	↑

*Increases in gamma power can be related to increased cognitive demands, higher attention, better processing of attended stimuli, and response inhibition

An Open-Label Phase 2 Study

To Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability of BMB-101 in Adults with:

- Absence Epilepsy (with or without Eyelid Myoclonia (Jeavons syndrome))
- Developmental Epileptic Encephalopathy (DEE)



KEY ENDPOINTS:

- **Safety and tolerability of BMB-101**
- **Efficacy**

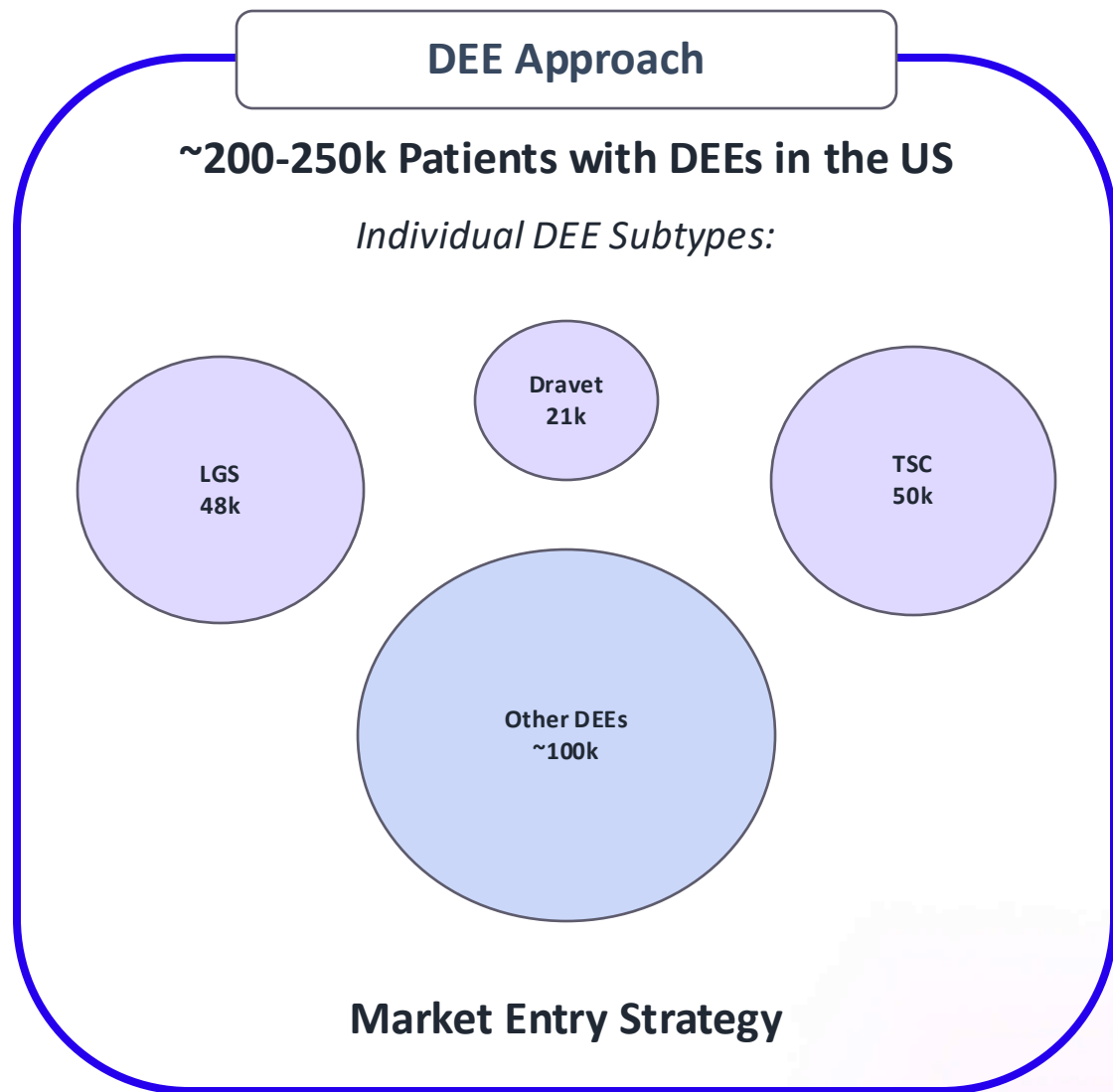
- **Absence Epilepsy:**

- Number of generalized spike-wave discharges seen on EEG
- Seizure frequency based on seizure diary
- Quality of Life (QOLIE-31)

- **DEEs:**

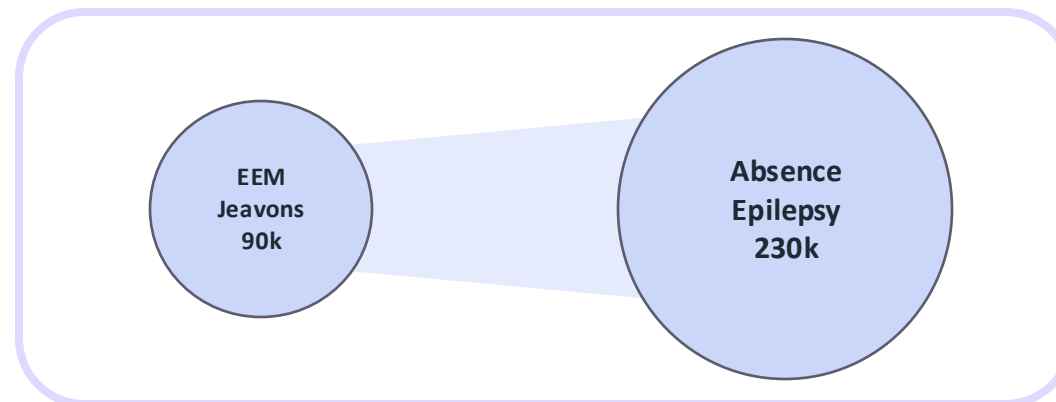
- Seizure frequency based on seizure diary
- Number of electrographic seizures seen on EEG
- Quality of Life (QOLIE-31)

US Market Entry Strategy and Revenue Potential



Absence Epilepsy Opportunities

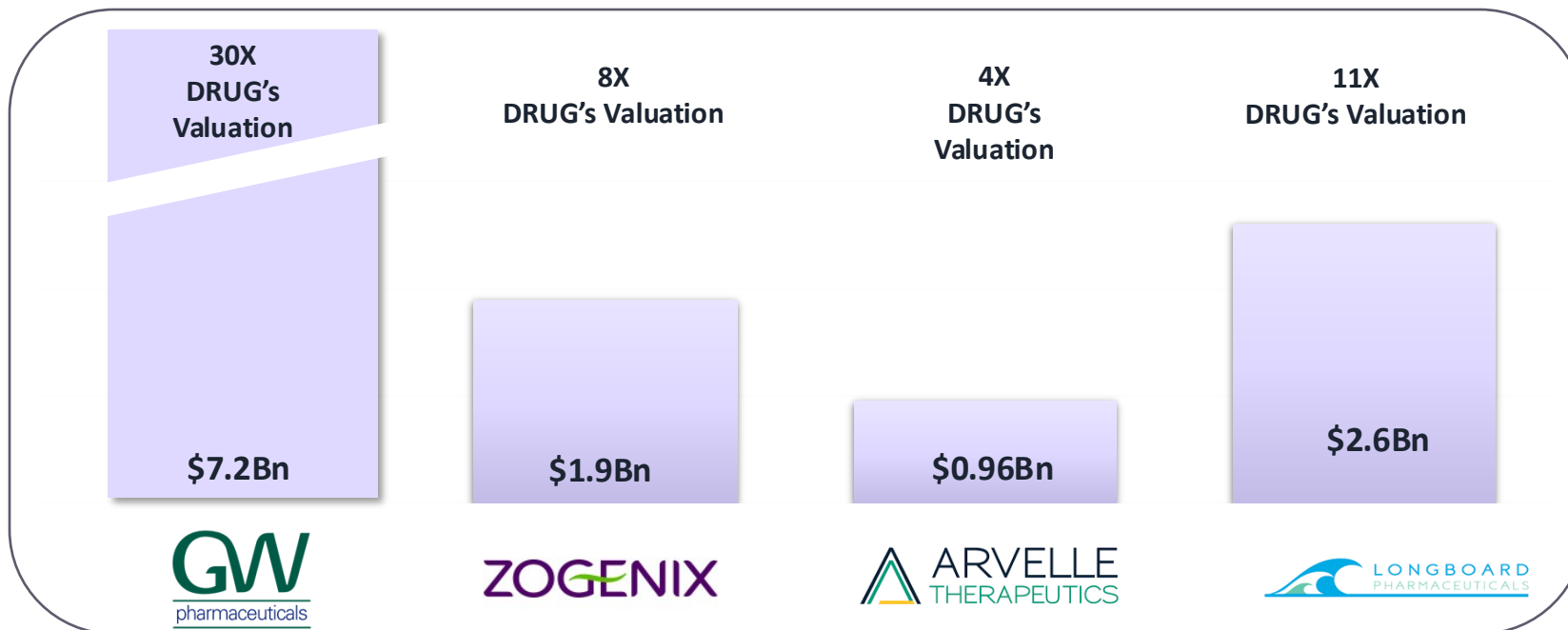
*Rare Absence Epilepsy + Absence Seizures Across Epilepsy
(High unmet need)*



Revenue potential

DEE ~2Bn
Absence epilepsies ~2Bn

Undervalued relative to rare epilepsy peers



Transaction Value	\$7.2Bn	\$1.9Bn	\$0.96Bn	\$2.6Bn
% Premium (30-day volume)	50%	72%	N/A (Private)	77%
Indication	Epidiolex (Dravet, LGS, TSC)	Fintepla (Dravet syndrome)	Cenobamate (Focal seizures) - EU Rights	Bexicaserin Dravet Syndrome and DEE basket
Date of Transaction	May, 2021	March, 2022	January, 2021	October 2024
Stage of Development	Marketed	Marketed	Marketed	Phase 3
Acquirer Name	JAZZ Pharmaceuticals	UCB	Angelini Pharma	Lundbeck

\$240M M CAP
N/A
BMB-101 Absence/DEE basket
Public - NASDAQ:DRUG
Phase 2

BMB-101 – Opportunity for Best-In-Class 5-HT_{2C} agonist



Well-Tolerated Safety & Flexible Dosing

- BID dosing; potential for QD
- Well-tolerated in Ph1 SAD/MAD (most AE only seen at the high dose)
- No daily dose limitations allowing for flexible dosing in both adult and pediatric patients

Favorable PK Profile

- Reduced on-target adverse events attributed to lower C_{max} compared to bexicaserin
- No significant food effects observed in Ph1 SAD/MAD
- PK linear and dose-proportional over the therapeutic range

Optimal 5-HT_{2C} Pharmacology

- Biased G-protein agonism of 5-HT_{2C} with sustained receptor activation
- Lack of β -arrestin pathway recruitment ensuring lack of receptor desensitization
- Decades-long safety profile of parent molecule

Ideal Properties for Commercial Supply

- API stable at room temperature and 40°C; no cold chain is required for commercial supply
- API stability: no degradation for at least 3 years in the ongoing studies
- Liquid formulation: at least 2 years

Appendix

Absence Epilepsy & Seizures

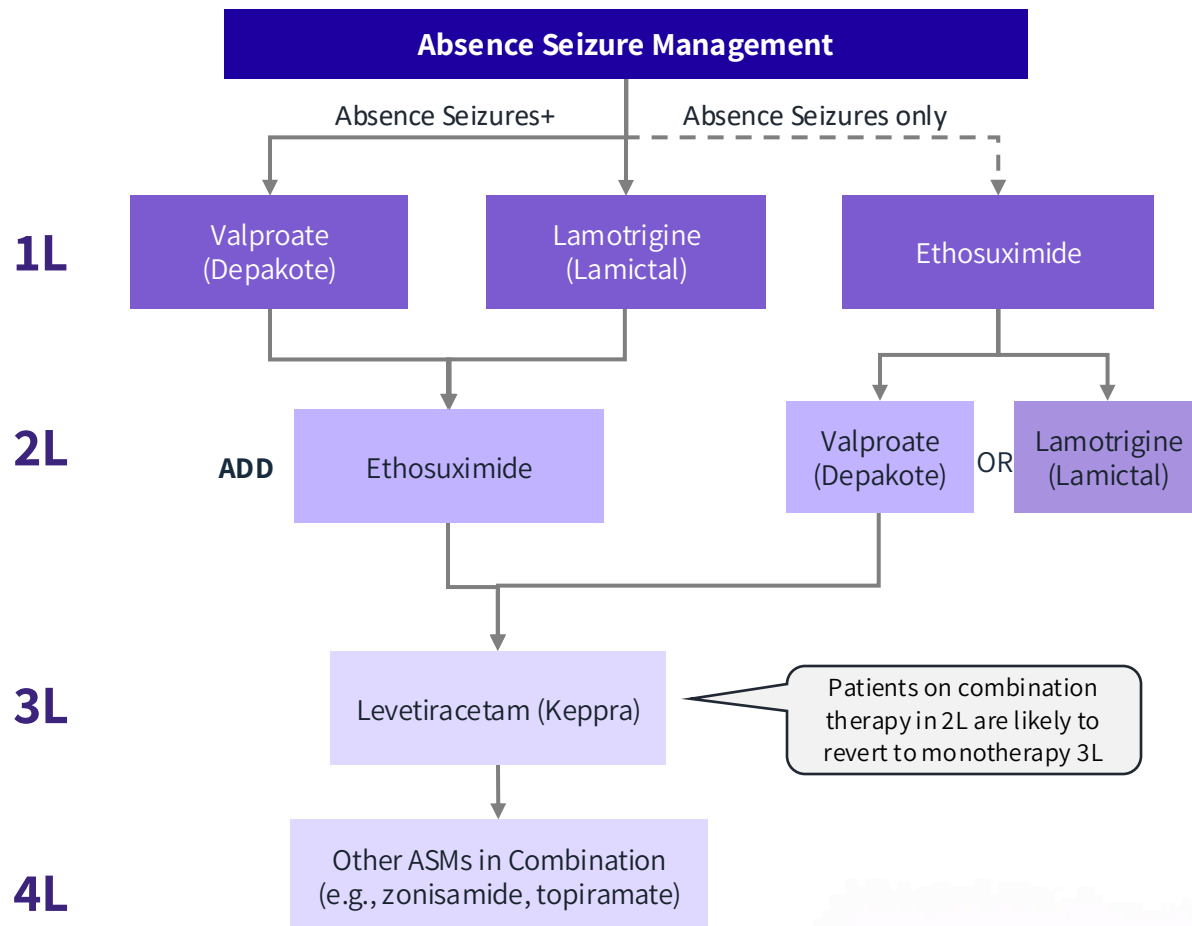
Absence Epilepsy & Seizures Overview

- **Absence seizures are defined as profound impairments of consciousness:**
 - Typical Absence Seizures last 10-30 seconds
 - Atypical Absence Seizures last up to 90 seconds
- **Absence seizures are common across the epilepsy continuum and represent significant morbidity but are often underrecognized**
 - Reduced QoL
 - Reduced Safety of Mobility (Falls, No Driving, No swimming etc)
 - Psychosocial factors

Illustrative epilepsies with absence seizures as a co-morbid feature of the disease

	Prevalent Patients	% with Absence Seizures	Prevalent w/ Absence
Focal-Onset Epilepsy	2,000,000	10%	200,000
JME	170,000	20%	34,000
LGS	48,000	60%	28,800
Dravet	21,000	51%	10,710
Total	2,239,000	12.21%	273,510

Absence Treatment Paradigm and Opportunity



- First-line treatment decisions for absence seizures are dependent on a variety of factors including age, age of onset, sex and seizure semiology
- **Ethosuximide** considered narrow-spectrum, standard-of-care drug effective in only managing absence seizures
 - Associated with GI disturbance
- **Valproate** not preferred for first-line in females due to association with birth defects
 - Also associated with hepatotoxicity, requires liver monitoring which adds additional burden for patients
- **Lamotrigine** considered more limited in effectiveness against absence seizures but often selected in 2L, particularly in females, due to clean safety profile and limited adverse effects
- **Levetiracetam** often used later-line and not preferred in patients with co-morbid behavioral issues
- 4L+ options are limited due few antiseizure medicines with proven efficacy against typical and atypical absence seizures

Limited treatment options represent significant opportunity for new branded agent in the absence treatment paradigm

Opportunities for other BMB

5-HT₂ agonists

Opportunities for 5-HT_{2C} agonists

In the treatment of feeding disorders and obesity

BMB-10X

Feeding behaviour and Obesity

BMB-10X

Genetic Obesity and Rare Metabolic Disorder

Description

- ✓ To be used in conjunction with GLP1 agonists
- ✓ Improved fat-mass weight-loss
- ✓ Designed improve feeding behaviour after GLP1 agonist treatment
- ✓ Proprietary NCE
- ✓ ADMEPK profiling ongoing
- ✓ Designed for chronic use

- ✓ PWS is debilitating neuropsychiatric disorder
- ✓ Will treat compulsive over-eating (hyperphagia)
- ✓ Will also treat neuropsychiatric symptoms of PWS: Compulsivity, Anxiety.
- ✓ Proprietary NCE
- ✓ ADMEPK profiling ongoing
- ✓ Designed for chronic use

BMB-201 and 202 – potential for best-in-class 5-HT_{2A} agonists



BMB-201

Potent inducer of neuroplasticity

BMB-202

The most selective 5-HT_{2A} agonist in development*

Description

- ✓ Designed to have minimal or absent psychoactive effects
- ✓ Efficacy in rodent models of depression, anxiety, pain, substance use disorder
- ✓ Proprietary NCE
- ✓ ADMEPK profiling completed

- ✓ Designed to have short psychoactive effects time
- ✓ Durable effects in rodent models of depression and anxiety
- ✓ Proprietary NCE
- ✓ ADMEPK profiling completed

Treatment paradigm

Designed for chronic use and use at home

Designed for fast relief of depression and
Infrequent use