# TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS **CNS DISORDERS**

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Diversified, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel, allosteric ion channel modulators designed to transform the lives of patients suffering from serious Central Nervous System (CNS) disorders

BNC210 in ongoing Phase 2 for acute treatment in Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) – Established clinical PoC in GAD<sup>1</sup> and Fast Track designation from FDA for SAD

BNC210 in ongoing Phase 2b ATTUNE trial with Fast Track designation from FDA for PTSD

Large underserved markets with over 22 million patients in the United States alone suffering from SAD and PTSD and no new FDA approved therapies in nearly two decades

Strategic partnership with Merck & Co. for cognitive impairment in Alzheimer's disease and other CNS conditions

Pipeline of partnering candidates targeting potassium (Kv) and sodium (Nav) ion channels

Well-capitalized balance sheet with multiple potential near term value-driving milestones



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PoC = Proof of Concept GAD = Generalized Anxiety Disorder PTSD = Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder 1. Wise et al 2020, Biological Psychiatry; Perkins et al 2021, Molecular Psychiatry Q

PROGRAM	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	EXPECTED TIMING	
	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) 200 patients across ~25 centers in US				Study underway Topline Data: 1H'23	
<b>BNC210</b> α7 receptor NAM	<b>Social Anxiety Disord</b> 150 patients across ~15		PREVAIL Study		<i>Study underway</i> <i>Topline Data: YE'22</i>	
EmpathBio		Memorandum of Understand combination treatment regin	<u> </u>		Ongoing	
<b>ΜΕRCK</b> <i>collaboration</i> α7 receptor PAM	2 candidates for cognitiv in Alzheimer's disease	ve deficits			Phase 1 safety & biomarker studies ongoing	
<b>PAIN</b> Nav1.7/1.8 Inhibitors	Candidate				Ongoing	
<b>COGNITION</b> Kv3.1/3.2 Activators	Series Lead				Ongoing	

**Bionomics** NAM = Negative Allosteric Modulator PAM = Positive Allosteric Modulator





### Targeting *Distinct CNS Conditions* with *Neurotransmitter Imbalance*

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Ca<sup>2+</sup> = Calcium ions ACh = Acetylcholine NAM = Negative Allosteric Modulator PAM = Positive Allosteric Modulator Cholinergic = System associated with memory, selective attention, and emotional processing cognitive functions PTSD = Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder CIAS = Cognitive Impairment Associated with Schizophrenia ADHD = Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder



### Harnessing the Power of a Novel Neuromodulatory Mechanism



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nAChR = Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor NAM = Negative Allosteric Modulator Ca<sup>2+</sup> = Calcium ions ACh = Acetylcholine

# BNC210 in Social Anxiety Disorder







### Acute Anxiety in SAD Represents a Significant Unmet Need



Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD), or Social Phobia, is a significant and persistent fear of social and performance-related situations



Includes anxiety from everyday social situations as well as "Fear of Public Speaking"



A disorder that substantially impacts many people's daily lives

- Amongst the largest mental health conditions with lifetime prevalence affecting >31M Americans
- No FDA-approved fast-acting medications for as-needed treatment
- Medications with the right pharmacokinetic profile and a novel mechanism are needed



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### BNC210 Phase 2 in GAD Observed to Have Acute Anxiolytic Activity



- Amygdala activation is an imaging surrogate for anxiety
- Connectivity between the amygdala and Anterior Cingulate Cortex (ACC) is very strong in high anxiety

= BNC210
 Wise T. et al., Biological Psychiatry 2020 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsych.2019.12.013); Perkins A. et al., Translational Psychiatry 2021 (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-020-01141-5)
 GAD = Generalized Anxiety Disorder
 JORT = Joystick Operated Runway Task
 fMRI = Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging





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\* Potential benefits based on analysis of data from separate studies and not on results that might have been obtained from head-to-head studies. Such data may not be directly comparable due to differences in study protocols, conditions and patient populations. Accordingly, cross-trial comparisons may not be reliable predictors of the relative efficacy or other benefits of BNC210 compared to existing therapies or other product candidates that may be approved or are in development for the treatment of PTSD or SAD.

1. Includes Valium and certain other benzodiazepines

2. Includes Prozac and certain other SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) / SNRIs (Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors)



### Emerging Regulatory Landscape & Unmet Need

- No fast-acting FDA-approved medications for as-needed treatment of SAD
- Benzodiazepines prescribed off-label have significant side effects of sedation, cognitive impairment and potential for addiction
- Growing unmet need based on improving awareness and evolving social dynamics
- FDA precedent on simplified public speaking challenge endpoint for acute anxiety reduction *vs.* placebo\*

### Rapid Onset of Action with BNC210 Formulation

- Clinically demonstrated potential for reducing anxiety in acute treatment of GAD patients and following panic induction
- Observed acute anxiolytic efficacy of BNC210 similar to lorazepam without sedative properties and addiction liability
- Formulation well-suited for acute dosing Rapidly absorbed to high concentrations within a short period of time







**PREVAIL Study** 13

### Acute Social Anxiety Disorder Study Highlights

- Potential to conduct a cost-effective trial with an efficacy endpoint conducive to rapid data generation
- Ability to leverage development strategies of other Social Anxiety Disorder public CNS trial designs
- Received FDA clearance for IND filing and
   FDA Fast Track designation
- Phase 2 trial underway and will read out topline data by end of 2022



Star FDA Fast Track designation

**Topline data expected YE'22** 



# BNC210 in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder



### PTSD Represents a Significant Unmet Need

- 70% of people will experience a traumatic event in their lifetime, but most people recover normally
- PTSD results from exposure to actual or threatened death, serious injury or sexual violence
- PTSD affects up to 8% of adults during their lifetime<sup>1</sup>
- PTSD is a global mental health problem that is associated with significant morbidity and mortality and shows up in all facets of peoples' lives
- No newly approved pharmacotherapy in almost two decades
- Medications with a novel mechanism of action that can address the pathophysiology of PTSD are needed



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Kilpatrick, D., Resnick, H., Milanak, M., Miller, M., Keyes, K. and Friedman, M., 2013. National Estimates of Exposure to Traumatic Events and PTSD Prevalence Using DSM-IV and DSM-5 Criteria.



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\*Time in minutes after CCK-4 injection CCK-4 = Cholecystokinin Tetrapeptide (a peptide that induces anxiety and panic symptoms) eVAS = Emotional Visual Analog Scale



- Anti-depressant and anti-anxiety trends seen at earlier time points
- ✓ Safety profile generally well tolerated
  - Did not meet primary endpoint\*; lower than expected exposure of liquid suspension formulation

- Pharmacometric analysis of Phase 2 PTSD data
- Predicted significant efficacy potential with adequate drug exposure achieved
- New tablet formulation overcomes food effect of suspension formulation
- Achieved exposure target predicted from pharmacometric analysis
- ✓ Extended IP coverage

- ✓ Type C meeting with FDA
- ✓ FDA granted Fast Track designation in PTSD
- ✓ Phase 2b ATTUNE trial started in July 2021

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✓ Topline data expected
 1H 2023

\*Primary endpoint of CAPS-5 total symptom severity score at 12 weeks





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*PMX* = Population pharmacometric modelling *b.i.d* = Administered twice daily 18







### PHASE 2b

Single potential registrationalsupporting trial for monotherapy treatment in PTSD

### **KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA**

Female and male (18 – 75 years) Current PTSD diagnosis CAPS-5  $\ge$  30 (Screening & Baseline)  $(\& \le 25\%$  decrease Screening to Baseline)





depression symptoms, and global and social functioning; Safety & tolerability endpoints

Scores in change from Baseline to Week 12 compared to placebo

Start Track designation from FDA

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Topline data expected 1H'23

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BID = Twice daily dosing CAPS-5 = Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5)

# CNS-focused Collaborations







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MSD Collaboration Overview	<ul> <li>Entered into in 2014 to develop α7 receptor PAMs targeting cognitive dysfunction associated with Alzheimer's disease and other central nervous system conditions</li> <li>Merck funds all R&amp;D activities including clinical development and WW commercialization of any products from collaboration</li> <li>Milestone payments of <i>US\$20M upfront</i> and <i>US\$10M in 2017</i> when 1st compound entered Phase 1 clinical trials</li> <li>Eligible to receive <i>up to US\$465M in additional development and commercial milestone payments plus royalties</i></li> </ul>	
Development Updates	<ul> <li>Includes 2 candidates which are PAMs of the α7 receptor in early-stage Phase 1 safety and biomarker clinical trials for treating cognitive impairment</li> <li>The 1<sup>st</sup> compound has completed Phase 1 safety clinical trials in healthy subjects and there are ongoing plans for further biomarker studies</li> <li>In 2020, a second molecule that showed an improved potency profile in preclinical animal models was advanced by Merck into Phase 1 clinical trials</li> </ul>	



### **Snapshot of Early BNC375 Studies**



Wang et al. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 373:311–324, May 2020 <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32094294/</u> PAM = Positive allosteric modulator MSD = A tradename of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth NJ USA



### Joint Feasibility Assessment with:



<u>EMP-01</u> = 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) derivative



22 February 2021

### Illustrative

### Memorandum of Understanding with EmpathBio's MDMA Derivative

- Initial collaborative framework of preclinical studies to collectively explore a combination drug treatment regimen with BNC210 and EMP-01
- MDMA-assisted psychotherapy has demonstrated significant symptom improvement in PTSD patients
- FDA has granted a Breakthrough Therapy designation to MDMA-assisted psychotherapy
- EmpathBio is developing MDMA derivatives that may permit the entactogenic effects of MDMA to be separated from some of the known adverse effects
- To explore the possibility of a combination treatment regimen warranting clinical evaluation

Investment Highlights & Stock and Financial Information







- Cash: US\$40.4M / A\$53.9M
- Debt: \$0
- Shares Outstanding: ~1,310M (NASDAQ:BNOX | ASX:BNO)
- Warrants Outstanding: 142M (WAEP = US\$0.04 / A\$0.06)
- Significant Investors:
  - Biotechnology Value Fund
  - Apeiron Investment Group Ltd.
  - Merck & Co







PTSD = Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

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Wise T. et al., Biological Psychiatry 2020 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsych.2019.12.013); Perkins A. et al., Translational Psychiatry 2021 (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-020-01141-5)

# APPENDIX: Management Team & Board of Directors

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### Powered by a Seasoned and Experienced Management Team

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1



1. Logos reflect experience in current and/or past roles





# APPENDIX: BNC210 Prior Clinical Trial Information



# Summary of BNC210 Clinical Trials: Excellent Safety and Tolerability Profile in Healthy Subjects and Patients

Phase	Description	Participants / Setting	Subjects Enrolled / Administered BNC210*	BNC210 Formulation and Doses	Location
1	Single Ascending Dose Safety and PK	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	32/24	Suspension; single doses (5 to 2000 mg)	Australia
1	Single Ascending Dose Safety and PK; Food Effect	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	4/3	Suspension; single doses (300 to 2000 mg)	Australia
1	Single Ascending Dose Safety and PK; Food Effect	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	47/40	Capsule; single doses (300 to 3000 mg)	US
1b	Lorazepam Comparison	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	24/22	Suspension; single doses (300 and 2000 mg)	France
1b	CCK-4 Panic Attack Model	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	60/59	Suspension; single doses (2000 mg)	France
1b	Multiple Ascending Dose Safety and PK; Expanded Cohort for EEG Target Engagement	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	56/44	Suspension; multiple doses (150 to 1000 mg twice daily for 8 days)	France
1	Suspension and Tablet Formulation PK Comparison	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	6/6	Suspension and tablet; single doses (300 mg)	Australia
1	Single Ascending Dose Safety and PK	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	5/5	Tablet; single doses (600 to 1200 mg)	Australia
1	Multiple Dosing Safety and PK	Healthy volunteers / In-clinic	10/10	Tablet; multiple doses (900 mg twice daily for 7 days)	Australia
2a	Imaging and Behavioral Study In Generalized Anxiety Disorder	Generalized anxiety disorder patients / In-clinic	27/25	Suspension; single doses (300 and 2000 mg)	UK
2a	Agitation in the Elderly in Hospital Setting	Agitated elderly patients / Hospital	38/18	Suspension; multiple doses (300 mg twice daily for 5 days)	Australia
2	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Post-traumatic stress disorder patients / Out-patient	193/143	Suspension; multiple doses (150, 300 or 600 mg twice daily for 12 weeks)	Australia US
2b	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Post-traumatic stress disorder patients / Out-patient	Ongoing	Tablet; multiple doses (900 mg twice daily for 12 weeks)	US



PK = Pharmacokinetic



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**Bionomics**  *nAChR* = *Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor EEG* = *Electroencephalography* \* *p-value less than 0.05* \*\* *p-value less than 0.01* 













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### No overall effect on primary endpoint of CAPS-5 total severity score at 12 weeks Australian patients had a greater improvement over placebo than US patients

✓ CAPS-5 statistically significant at Week 4 in Australians (p<0.05)

### Evidence of antidepressant effect in high dose treatment group in total population

- ✓ CAPS-5 Criterion D overall (negative alterations in cognitions and mood) statistically significant at Week 1 (p<0.05)
- ✓ CAPS-5 Criterion D, Question 2 (persistent and exaggerated negative beliefs or expectations) statistically significant at Week 1 (p=0.001)
- ✓ CAPS-5 Criterion D, Question 4 (persistent negative emotional state) statistically significant at Weeks 4 and 8 (p<0.05)

### Trend for anxiolytic effect in high dose treatment group in the total population

- Trend towards improvement on CAPS-5 Criterion E (marked alterations in arousal and reactivity), Question 3 (hypervigilance)
- ✓Trend towards improvement on CAPS-5 Criterion E, Question 4 (exaggerated startle response)

### BNC210 was well tolerated in patients with PTSD

- $\checkmark$  No trend for increased adverse events with treatment
- $\checkmark$  No evidence of cognitive impairment
- $\checkmark$ No evidence of suicidal ideation or behavior worsening

Potential reasons why clinically significant effects and trends seen at early time points did not translate into significant primary endpoint on CAPS-5 at 12 Weeks

- Inadequate overall blood exposure of BNC210
- Lower compliance with liquid suspension formulation which needed to be taken with food

# Emerging CNS Pipeline for Partnering



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Kv3.1 / Kv3.2 Ion Channel Activators for Cognitive Dysfunction and Negative Symptoms

Promising therapeutic strategy for improving cognitive disfunction and social withdrawal symptoms

Potential in **schizophrenia, Autism Spectrum disorders** and conditions with **cognitive impairments** 

Bionomics' molecules target Kv3.1/3.2 ion channels on parvalbumin positive, gabaergic interneurons in the pre-frontal cortex

Lead Compound BL-76 Fully Reverses PCP-induced Cognitive Deficit in Mice in the T-maze





Pan Nav Inhibitors: Potential Non-Addictive, Reduced Side-Effect Chronic Pain Therapies



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## APPENDIX: Building Value Through Legacy Oncology Assets







Exclusive BNC101 Oncology License Agreement for the Development of CAR-T Therapeutics

# #Carino biotech

- Exclusive Agreement to license Bionomics' BNC101 oncology drug candidate to Carina Biotech for the development of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR-T) therapy, which harnesses the body's immune system to fight cancer.
- Bionomics is eligible to receive up to A\$118 million in clinical & development milestones plus royalty payments if Carina fully develops and markets the new therapy. In the event that Carina sub-licenses the CAR-T treatment, Bionomics is eligible to share in the sub-licensing revenues in early clinical development and receive a substantial double-digit portion of the revenues in later stages of clinical development.
- In September 2021, Carina announced that it plans to initiate a clinical trial of BNC101 CAR-T therapy for the treatment of advanced colorectal (bowel) cancer in late 2022
- Bionomics retains BNC101 for other types of therapies

