

Development of QRL-101 for ALS

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QurAlis' expertise and technologies enable two distinct franchises

Pursuing treatment for CNS disorders with innovative biology and proven modalities

Ion Channel Recovery

(small molecule)

- Neurological disorders often result from ion channel dysfunction
- Kv7.2/7.3 potassium channel is a drug target for >10 high unmet need indications, multiple indications with clinical validation, including:
 - ALS
 - Epilepsy
 - Pain
 - Mood disorders
- Highly selective Kv7.2/7.3 opener well positioned as potential best-in-class therapeutic:
 - High selectivity, lack of off-target engagement controls AE rates
 - Formulations optimized for different indications

RNA Restoration

(antisense oligonucleotide, "ASO")

- Potential to develop first-in-class and best-in-class medicines through FlexASO[®] platform
 - Active antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) candidates in Phase 1 (1x) and FIH-enabling studies (2x)
- Specifically addresses mis-splicing targets which underly biology of neurodegenerative diseases including:
 - TDP-43-opathies
 - Tau-opathies
 - Fragile X syndrome
- Multiple candidates generated to date with reproduceable path to IND and Proof of Concept (PoC)
 - Includes QRL-204 (UNC13A) program licensed to Eli Lilly



Ion channel dysfunction is implicated across wide range of CNS disorders

Kv7.2/3 channel openers have validation across variety of diseases

- GSK's ezogabine was studied in multiple indications including pain, seizure, and mood disorders and marketed for partialonset seizures before being withdrawn (2017) for undesirable side effect profile, limiting commercial potential
- Ezogabine also demonstrated signal of disease modification in PoM trial in ALS1, where hyperexcitability is a key characteristic in up to 40-70% of ALS patients



- QurAlis is developing QRL-101, a highly selective Kv7.2/3 channel opener for ALS and epilepsy
 - High potency vs Kv7.2/3
 - Lack of activity vs GABA-A receptors and other Kv7 subtypes
 - Human target engagement observed in Phase 1 studies

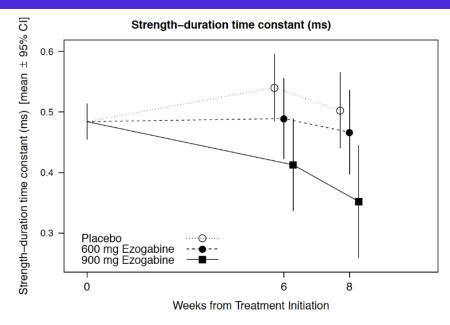
¹Wainger BJ, Macklin EA, Vucic S, et al. *JAMA Neurol.* 2021;78(2):186–196. doi:10.1001/jamaneurol.2020.4300



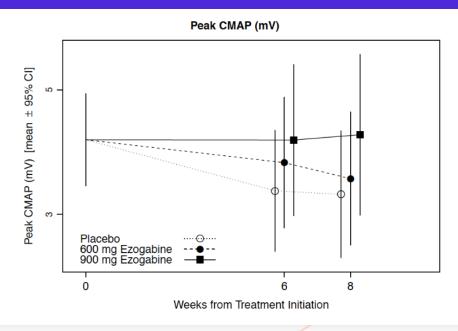
Kv7 is a clinically validated target in ALS

Ezogabine published trial results¹ validated the importance of reducing hyperexcitability through Kv7 (n= 65 patients)

Statistically significant² dose-dependent effects on biomarkers that predict patient survival



Statistically significant² impact on critical disease progression & efficacy biomarker (CMAP)



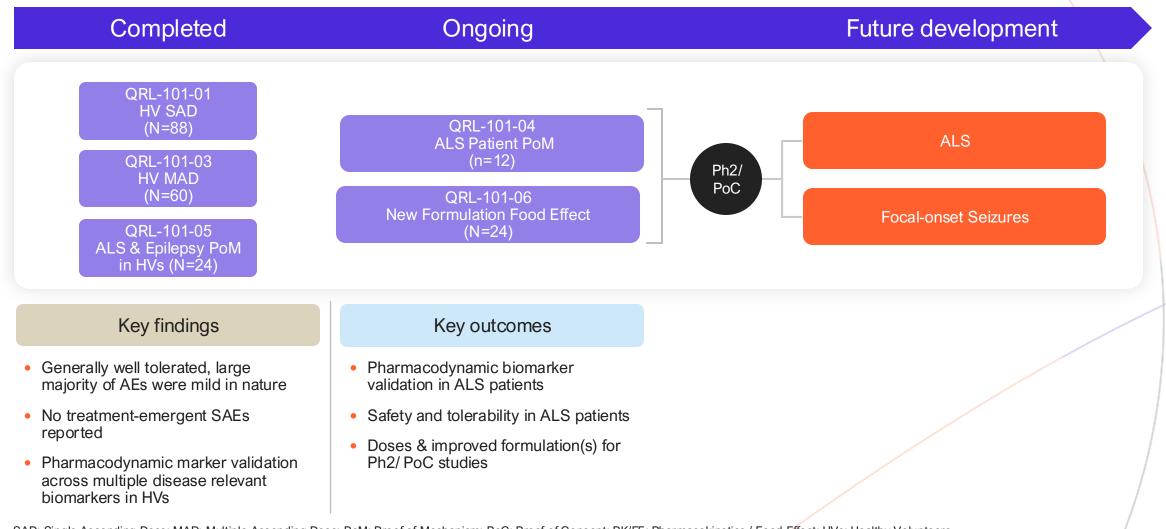
Up to 30% of subjects in ezogabine arms discontinued/ withdrew due to drug tolerability. Most frequent adverse events among participants in the ezogabine arms were fatigue and dizziness

² Standard deviation, results are statistically significant



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PoM studies for ALS and epilepsy to support dose selection for PoC trials

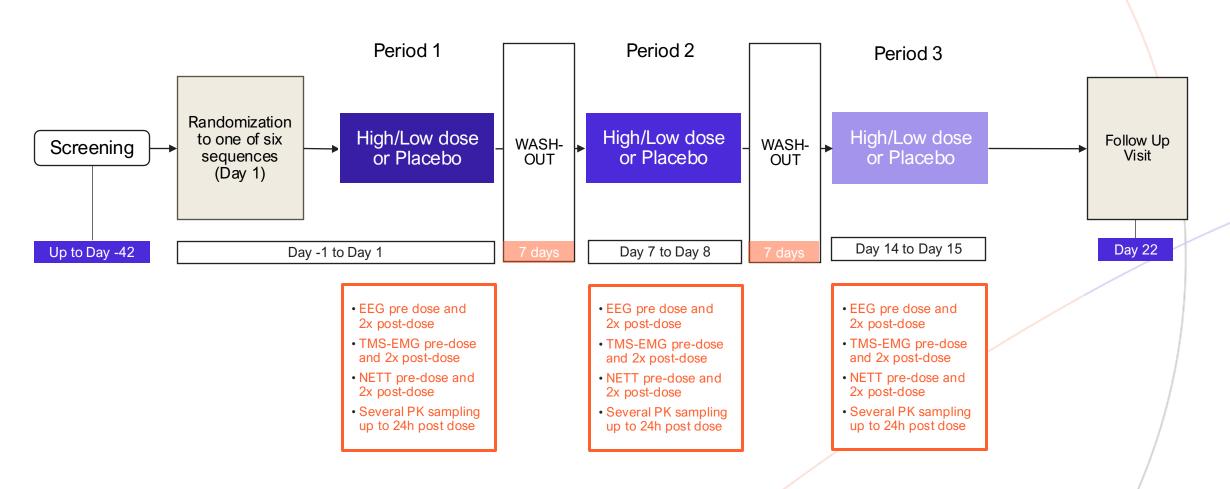


SAD: Single Ascending Dose; MAD: Multiple Ascending Dose; PoM: Proof of Mechanism; PoC: Proof of Concept; PK/FE: Pharmacokinetics / Food Effect; HVs: Healthy Volunteers



QRL-101-05: Study design (PoM) Ph1 study

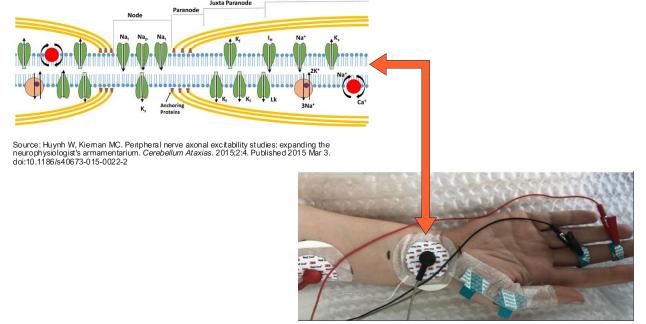
Study Schematic single dose study in healthy volunteers with liquid formulation



mNETT measures for hyperexcitability

mNETT = motor nerve excitability threshold tracking

- Technique that uses threshold tracking as a way to examine the underlying properties of the axonal membrane and ion channels.
- •Includes 4 different tests:
 - Strength-duration (SD), Threshold electrotonus (TE), Current/voltage (I/V), Recovery cycle (RC)



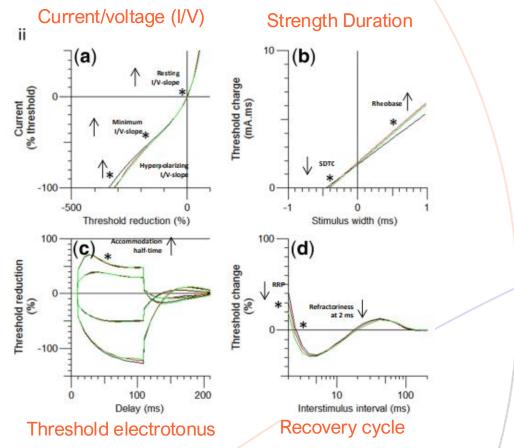


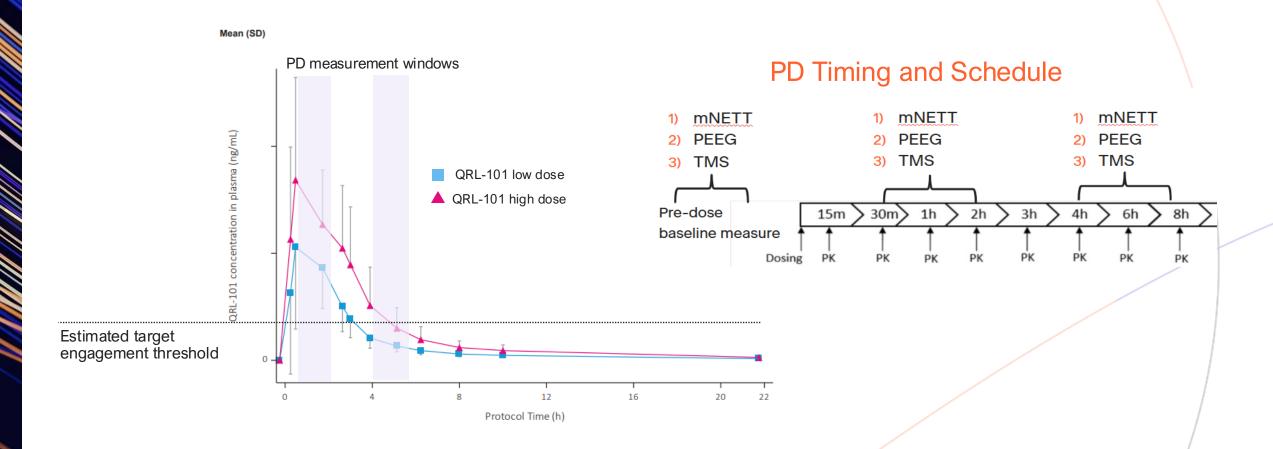
Figure: Mean excitability recordings predose (black), and 1.5 hours (red) and 6 hours (green) after a single dose of 100 mg riluzole (i) and 300 mg retigabine (ii). Asterisks indicate significant treatment effects on thresholds.

Source: Kovalchuk MO, Heuberger JAAC, Sleutjes BTHM, et al. Acute Effects of Riluzole and Retigabine on Axonal Excitability in Patients With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Crossover Trial. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2018;104(6):1136-1145. doi:10.1002/cpt.1096

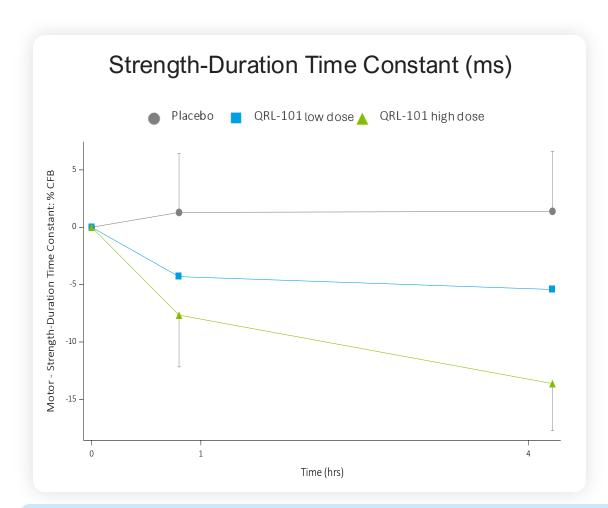


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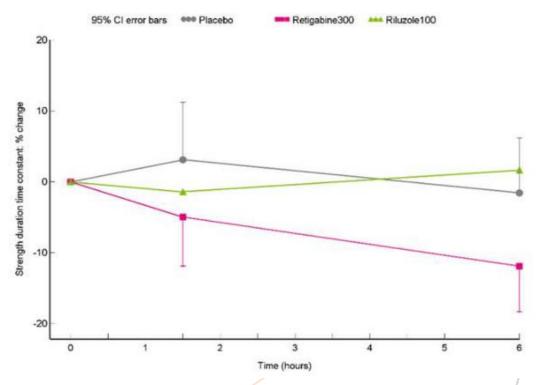
Mean (SD) of QRL-101 Concentration in Plasma (Linear Scale)



QRL-101 was better tolerated and more potent than retigabine/Ezogabine on ALS biomarker SDTC in humans



Strength-Duration Time Constant (%)*



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Lower overall exposure levels for QRL-101 delivered statistically significant dose responsive pharmacodynamic change with minimal tolerability issues

Summary of analysis results - Pharmacodynamic readouts

p-value treatment v. placebo

PD moasure	Measure	High Doos	Low Doos
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Refractoriness at 2.5 ms (%)	NETT	<0.0001	<0.0001
Refractory period (ms)	NETT	0.0002	<0.0001
Superexcitability (%)	NETT	0.001	<0.0001
Superexcitability at 7 msec (%)	NETT	0.0016	<0.0001
Superexcitability at 5 msec (%)	NETT	0.0024	<0.0001
Strength-Duration Time Constant (ms) SDTC	NETT	0.0039	<0.0001
Hyperpolarizing I/V-slope	NETT	0.0057	<0.0001
Stimulus-Response\Slope	NETT	0.0128	0.0001
Subexcitability (%)	NETT	0.0091	0.0002
Accommodation Half-Time (ms)	NETT	0.03	0.0011
Refractoriness at 2 ms (%)	NETT	0.0001	0.0019
Rheobase (mAmp)	NETT	0.3858	0.0068
TEd40-60 (%)	NETT	0.3991	0.0221
Resting I/V-Slope	NETT	0.3635	0.0237
Motor Stimulus for 50% max response or Threshold Current (mAmp)	NETT	0.6093	0.0285
TMS-EMG Intracortical Facilitation (ICF) at 15 ms (%)	TMS-EMG	0.0071	0.0486

QRL-101 delivered statistically significant dose responsive pharmacodynamic changes across multiple peripheral and central electrophysiology endpoints with minimal tolerability issues

QRL-101-05 Summary of Results

Several measures MNETT (threshold tracking measures) were significantly altered by QRL-101 demonstrating inhibitory effects on peripheral nerve excitability. • SDTC, Rheobase, and several other measures appeared to have a dose-dependent response. • QRL-101 appears to be more potent than retigabine/Ezogabine on the SDTC biomarker in humans which predicts patient survival in ALS*. **ALS Related** TMS-EMG ICF measurements show a significant change with QRL-101 treatment, indicating effective inhibition of excitability in the brain. Evidence of a positive trend in other TMS measures. Little to no activation of slow wave frequencies (delta & theta) associated with sedation and GABA-A activation. PD measures were normalized to the baseline measure taken at the start of each day in clinic; this was done **Experimental** for every PD measure. **Considerations** Timing of TMS measures in relation to Cmax had an impact on some measures. QRL-101 was generally well tolerated. All TEAEs reported were mild or moderate in severity; No TESAEs reported. **Safety & Formulation** Related Plasma PK with liquid formulation exceeds putative target efficacy levels for 3 hours to 5 hours after dosing at the high dose. **Next Steps** QurAlis is planning a PoC in both ALS and Epilepsy with the new formulation.

QRL-101 is generally safe and well tolerated as observed in both non-clinical and clinical studies

- In the QRL-101-01 SAD study, administration of a single dose QRL-101 up to the highest dose tested,
 was safe and generally well-tolerated in healthy male and female participants.
 - Most TEAEs were mild. There were no SAEs and no findings of clinical relevance with respect to clinical laboratory parameters, vital signs, 12-lead ECGs, physical examinations, or C-SSRS.
- Final clinical study reports have not yet been delivered for QRL-101-03 (MAD) and QRL-101-05 (HV PoM) studies; QRL-101-04 (ALS PoM) is ongoing.
 - QRL-101-03 MAD and QRL-101-05 HV PoM medical data review summaries state that there were no SAEs and no findings of clinical relevance with respect to clinical laboratory parameters, vital signs, 12-lead ECGs, physical examinations, or C-SSRS.
- Chronic NHP toxicology studies are supportive of chronic dosing in humans for QRL-101.

