

## NEURALSTEM INC.

Neural Stem Cell Technology Platform

Cell Therapy and Pharmaceuticals

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#### Investment Highlights

- Proprietary Patented Neural Stem Cell Platform Serves as Foundation for Cell Therapy and Small Molecule Programs
  - NIH-discovered platform; Fully characterized, regionally specific neural stem cells
- Positive Human Data for Neural Stem Cell Therapy in ALS Patients; Cervical Phase
  - □ Reported data from 12 ALS patients showing the procedure and therapy were safe and well-tolerated with promising early indications of a treatment effect; cervical transplantation phase commenced Nov. 2011
- ☐ First-in-class Neurogenic Small Molecule Drug Program NSI-189 Advances to Phase Ib
  - Patented oral neuroregenerative compound completed Phase Ia trial and approved by FDA in Dec. 2011 to move into Phase Ib in major depressive disorder in 1Q12
- World-class Team
  - Leaders in their fields working with the company include Karl Johe, Ph.D., discoverer and developer of neural stem cell technology; independent ALS researchers Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., Jonathan D. Glass, M.D., and Nicolas M. Boulis, M.D., and small molecule trial expert Maurizio Fava, M.D.
- Capital Efficient Business Model



The Promise of Stem Cell Therapeutics 15 Years in the Making

- ☐ Founded 1996
  - ☐ Committed Partnership: Karl Johe, PhD and Richard Garr, JD
    - ☐ Scientific breakthroughs begun while at NIH
    - ☐ Private sector research opportunities
    - ☐ U.S. DOD funding
    - ☐ New discoveries
    - ☐ Neuralstem's patented and proprietary:
      - Platform Technology
      - Nature of Cells
      - Delivery of Cells
- □ IPO 2006
  - □ CUR chosen as ticker symbol to reflect corporate commitment to research and development of treatments that could lead to cures for neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric disorders



#### Executive Management

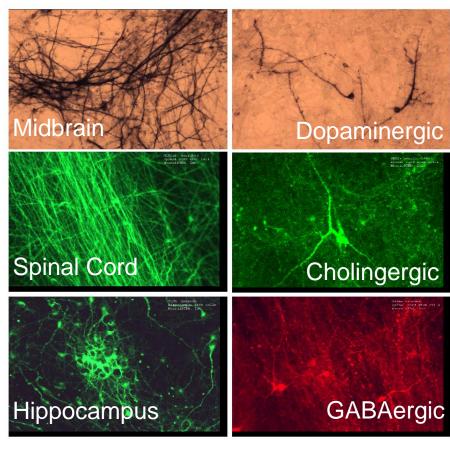
- ☐ Karl Johe, PhD Co-founder, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Scientific Officer, 1997-present
  - Discoverer and developer of Human Neural Stem Cell Technology
  - Staff Scientist at the NIH Laboratory of Molecular Biology of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, 1993-1997
  - Post Doctoral, Molecular Genetics, University of California San Francisco; PhD, Biochemistry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- Richard Garr, JD Co-founder, Director, President and CEO, 1996-present
  - ☐ Focused on the business of science for 15 years; corporate legal, regulatory and patent experience
  - Previous corporate and commercial law practice: Beli, Weil & Jacobs, the B&G Companies, and Circle Management Companies
  - JD, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America; BA, Psychology, Drew University; Cofounder and Director, First Star Foundation; Mid-Atlantic Chapter Co-founder, The Starlight Foundation; Former Honorary Chairman, Brain Tumor Society
- ☐ Thomas G. Hazel, PhD Vice President, Research, 2008-present
  - Previously served as Neuralstem's Stem Cell Discovery Program Director, 2000-2004; Sr. Scientist, 1998-2000
  - Staff Scientist at the NIH Laboratory of Molecular Biology of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, 1996-1998; IRTA fellow, 1993-1996
  - PhD, Genetics, University of Illinois College of Medicine
- ☐ John Conron CFO, 2007-present
  - ☐ More than 30 years of experience in corporate finance; previous CFO positions included Loral's Cyberstar, Inc., Transworld Telecommunications, and Mercury Communications, the European subsidiary of Cable & Wireless
  - ☐ Certified Public Accountant; BSBA, Accounting, Georgetown University



## Neuralstem Technology

### Stem Cells of the Brain and the Spinal Cord

- Platform technology
- Numerous cell therapy products
  - ☐ Regionally specific CNS stem cells
  - cGMP manufacturing
- Patented
  - ☐ Issued and re-affirmed worldwide
- Fully characterized
  - Expanded under defined conditions: no animal-derived reagents, serum or feeder cells
  - Reproducible differentiation: constitutive behavior of cells
  - ☐ Physiologically relevant neurons: 50%



NEURONAL Differentiation

Subtypes



## **Neuralstem Technology**

#### Published Papers

- ☐ Human neural stem cell grafts in the spinal cord of SOD1 transgenic rats: differentiation and structural integration into the segmental motor circuitry.
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  - Yan J, Xu L, Welsh AM, Hatfield G, Hazel T, Johe K, Koliatsos VE, Department of Pathology, Division of Neuropathology, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore
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  - □ Stem cells (Dayton, Ohio), 2006 Aug;24(8):1976-85. Epub 2006 Apr 27.
- Functional recovery in rats with ischemic paraplegia after spinal grafting of human spinal stem cells.
  - □ Cizkova D, Kakinohana O, Kucharova K, Marsala S, Johe K, Hazel T, Hefferan MP, Marsala M, Institute of Neurobiology, Centrum of Excellence, Slovak Academy of Science, Kosice, Soltesovej 4, Slovakia.
  - □ *Neuroscience*, 2007 Jun 29;147(2):546-60. Epub 2007 May 23.



## Neuralstem Technology

#### U.S. Patents Issued and Re-affirmed Worldwide

- U.S. Pat. No. 8,030,492 (October 2011)
   Compositions to effect neuronal growth
   U.S. Application No. 12/939,897 (Allowed July 2011; patent number pending)
   Compositions to effect neuronal growth
   U.S. Pat. No. 7,601,620 (April 2010)
- U.S. Pat. No. 7,691,629 (April 2010)
  - ☐ Transplantation of human neural cells for treatment of neurodegenerative conditions
- U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,560,553 and 7,858,628 (July 2009, December 2010)
  - ☐ Use of fused nicotinamides to promote neurogenesis (div)
- U.S. Pat. No. 7,544,511 (June 2009)
  - □ Stable neural stem cell line methods
- U.S. Pat. No. 6,284,539 (September 2001)
  - ☐ Method for generating dopaminergic cells derived from neural precursors
- U.S. Pat. No. 6,040,180 (March 2000)
  - ☐ In vitro generation of differentiated neurons from cultures of mammalian multipotential CNS stem cells
- U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,753,506 and 6,040,180 (May 1998)
  - Isolation propagation and directed differentiation of stem cells from embryonic and adult central nervous system of mammals (div)



## Neuralstem Cell Therapy Surgical Device

#### Exclusive Worldwide License

- Spinal Platform and Floating Cannula
  - Proprietary breakthrough medical device
  - ☐ Designed specifically by ALS trial neurosurgeon, Nicholas M. Boulis, MD, for the world's first intraspinal delivery of neural stem cells
  - ☐ To be utilized to deliver Neuralstem cells in the spinal cord safely and effectively for myriad diseases and injuries
  - Neuralstem holds exclusive worldwide license:
    - ☐ Allowed U.S. Patent Application No. 12/418,170 (October 2011)
      - ☐ Spinal Platform and Method for Delivering a Therapeutic Agent to a Spinal Cord Target
    - ☐ Issued & Pending Patents: U.S. Pat. No. 7,833,217 (November 2010); U.S. Application No. 12/913,527
      - ☐ Floating Spinal Cannula and Method of Use

## Neuralstem Platform

Cell Therapeutics' Commercialization and Platform Roll-out

**Neuralstem Technology Platform** Cell Therapy **Pharmaceuticals Small Molecule** Direct Injection / Transplantation Into Discovery / **Development Enabled** the Spinal Cord or by Proprietary Stem Brain **Cell-based Screening Amyotrophic Chronic Spinal Major Depressive Bipolar Disorder Lateral Sclerosis Cord Injury** Disorder **Huntington's** Alzheimer's **Chronic Stroke Anxiety Disease Disease Ischemic Spastic Brain Cancer PTSD Schizophrenia Paraplegia** 



## **Neuralstem ALS Trial**

#### ALS Phase I Trial Design

- Primary Endpoint
  - Safety
- Secondary Endpoints
  - Attenuation of motor function loss
  - Maintenance of respiratory capacity
  - Stabilization of ALS functional rating scale
  - Reduction of spasticity/rigidity if present
  - ☐ Graft survival at autopsy upon mortality
- World-Class Clinical Investigators
  - □ Principal Investigator: Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Neurology & Director A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute of the University of Michigan Medical School; President of American Neurological Association
  - ☐ Site Principal Investigator: Jonathan D. Glass, M.D., Professor of Neurology & Director Emory ALS Center Emory University
  - ☐ Co-Investigator & Neurosurgeon: Nicholas M. Boulis M.D., Assistant Professor Neurosurgery Emory University

#### **Group A: Non-ambulatory**

Patients #1 – 3: Five injections at Lumbar Cord (Unilateral)

Patients #4 – 6: Ten Injections at Lumbar Cord (Bilateral)

**January 2010 - August 2010** 

#### **Group B/C: Ambulatory - Lumbar**

Patients #7 – 9 (Group B): Five injections at Lumbar Cord (Unilateral)

Patients #10 – 12 (Group C): Ten Injections at Lumbar Cord (Bilateral)

October 2010 - April 2011

#### **Group D/E: Ambulatory - Cervical**

Patients #13 – 15 (Group D): Five injections at Cervical Cord

Patients #16 – 18 (Group E): Five Injections at Cervical Cord

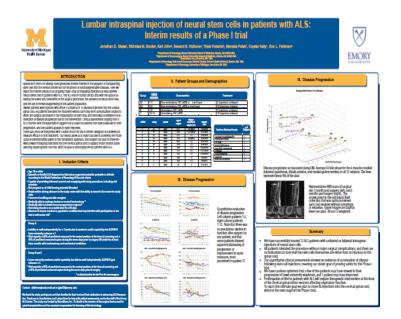
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## **Neuralstem ALS Trial**

#### ALS Phase I Patient Summary

- Poster titled "Lumbar intraspinal injection of neural stem cells in patients with ALS: Interim results of a Phase I trial"
- ☐ Presented at American Neurological Association Annual Meeting, September 2011



PATIENT	GROUP	GENDER	AGE AT SURGERY	DISEASE DURATION AT SURGERY (Yrs)	IMPLANT DATE
1	A1	Male	61.7	5.2 (trach)	1/20/2010
2	A1	Male	43.4	12.7 (trach)	3/12/2010
3	A1	Male	51.1	2.1	4/14/2010
4	A2	Male	37.5	2.0 (trach)	5/26/2010
5	A2	Male	66.2	2.2	6/23/2010
6	A2	Male	55.0	2.2	8/18/2010
7	В	Male	59.0	1.6	10/20/2010
8	В	Male	41.1	5.5	11/17/2010
9	В	Male	54.5	3.5	12/29/2010
10	С	Male	48.9	11	2/9/2011
11	С	Male	39.4	1.5	3/9/2011
12	С	Male	65	3	4/13/2011



## **Neuralstem ALS Trial**

#### ALS Phase I Safety Data: First 12 Patients

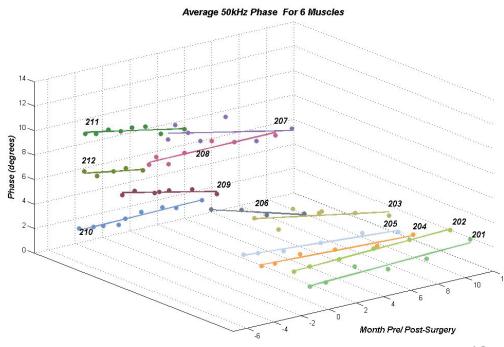
- Phase I Data Key Findings:
  - □ Successfully treated 12 ALS patients with unilateral or bilateral intraspinal injections
  - ☐ All patients tolerated the procedure without major surgical complications
  - □ No indications to date that the stem cells themselves are either toxic or injurious to the spinal cord
  - □ No evidence of acceleration of disease following stem cell injections
  - □ Several of the patients may have slowed in their progression of lower extremity weakness, and one patient may have improved

#### Disease Progression Data

# Patients 1 - 6 ALSFRS-R ALSFRS-R ALSFRS-R ALSFRS-R HHD - LowerExtremityMegascores HHD - LowerExtremityMegascores 150 200 100 500 100 100 500 1

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## Disease Progression EIM<sup>(1)</sup> Measurements of Lower Extremity Muscles





Note: EIM = Electrical Impedance Myography

-6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

## Neuralstem Cell Therapy Program (U.S.)

ALS Phase I Continuation (Cervical)

- Continuation of Phase I Clinical Trial
  - Six patients scheduled to demonstrate the safety of cervical injections
- Timing
  - ☐ Single center (Emory)
  - Patients transplanted one per month
    - ☐ First patient transplantation: November 2011
    - ☐ Trial's Safety Monitoring Board review between Patient Groups D and E
  - Entire 18-patient trial concludes six months after final surgery

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## Neuralstem Cell Therapy Program (U.S.)

#### Additional Indications

- ☐ Chronic Spinal Cord Injury (cSCI)
  - □ IND filed August 2010, pending review of safety results from ALS patients
  - ☐ Same cells and injection procedure as ALS trial
- Chronic Motor Disorders from Stroke
  - ☐ Advanced preclinical program at University of Pittsburgh
  - ☐ Intracerebral injections at peri-infarct sites through method previously shown to be safe
  - □ Study planned in patients with chronic paralysis for at least four months
- Brain Cancer
  - ☐ Engineer Neuralstem's cells to express various anti-cancer agents
  - DOD funded program to develop and engineer neural stem cell technology through
     \$1.6 M award
  - Goal is to submit therapeutic product for cancerous brain cells to the FDA by 2015



## Neuralstem Cell Therapy Program (International)

#### Cell Therapy Product Status

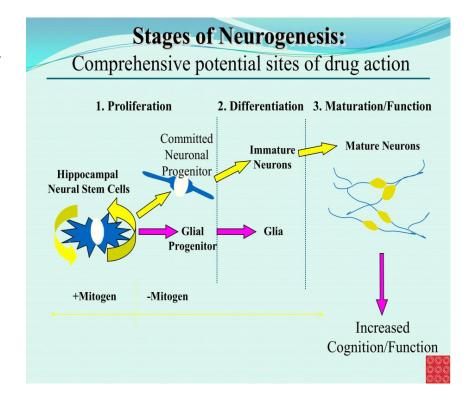
- □ Neuralstem China: Stroke
  - ☐ Trial expected to commence in second half of 2012
  - Wholly owned subsidiary: Neuralstem China 神脑生物医药公司 (Suzhou Neuralstem Biopharmaceutical Company, Ltd.)
  - BaYi Brain Hospital in Beijing, collaborator
- ☐ India: Spinal Cord Injury (chronic and acute)
  - ☐ IND filing expected in 2012
  - Company evaluating potential trial centers and collaborators
- South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam
  - Exclusive option agreement with partner CJ Cheil Jedang Corporation for cell therapy products in South Asian countries



## Neuralstem Small Molecule Drug Program

First-in-class Neurogenic Small Molecule Drugs

- U.S. DOD-funded screening platform, viability demonstration, and the discovery of the class of drugs
- Patents issued for these new neuroregenerative small molecule drugs (first issued 2008)
- Neuralstem owns 100% of the commercialization rights for the drugs covered by the patents
- Molecules demonstrate neurogenic activity: the ability to stimulate neurogenesis of normal adult brain cells in the hippocampus





## Neuralstem Small Molecule Drug Program

#### Overview

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	First in this new class of compounds			
	Characteristics: molecular wt. <400, orally active, excellent brain penetration, key biological activity: enhanced neurogenesis and increased hippocampal volume			
	Major Depressive Disorder – leading indicat			
		Product Status: Phase Ia human safety trial initiated in Feb. 2011		
		Mechanism of Action: Neurogenesis		
		Route of Administration: Oral		
		Clinical lot: 12 kg cGMP completed		
		Timeline: Phase Ia completed in Oct. 2011, and Ib expected to be completed in 3Q12		
	Other potential indications include:			
		Alzheimer's Disease		
		Anxiety		
		Bipolar Disorder		
		PTSD-Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder		
		Schizophrenia		
		Stroke		

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#### Product Discovery & Development

#### Neuralstem's new branch

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psychiatric disorders."

Karl Johe, Neuralstem

#### By Tim Fulmer Senior Writer

After 14 years spent working on neural stem cell therapies for neurological disorders, **Neuralstem Inc.** thinks it has found a second way to monetize its research investment. This quarter, the company plans to begin a Phase I trial of its first small molecule therapeutic discovered using the company's CNS stem cell lines.

Neuralstem was founded in 1996 to develop human CNS reel lines to treat neurological disorders such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and spinal cord injury (SCI). The company's lead product, NSI-566RSC, is a human spinal cord-derived stem cell line in Phase I testing to treat ALS.

In 2000, the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) awarded Neuralstem a contractto use the company's human neural stem cell lines to screen for an orally available small molecule with activity in the hippocampus. The objective was to identify compounds that could trigger growth of hippocampal neurons to counteract the stress-induced hippocampal atrophy that is believed to cause impaired cognition and memory in soldiers.

While those screens did turn up a few small molecules that triggered neurogenesis in cultured human hippocampal neural stem cells, DARPA discontinued funding of the research following a change in priorities in the wake of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Neuralstem set the small molecules aside and returned to moving its stem cell therapy pipeline forward.

Over time, multiple lines of evidence from animal models and patients have suggested a link between impaired growth of hippocampal neural stem cells and neuropsychiatric diseases. In particular, chronic depression has been associated with atrophy and shrinkage of the hippocampus.

Those findings, combined with the receipt of a U.S. patent covering the composition of matter and use of the small molecules to promote neurogenesis to treat CNS diseases, led Neuralstem to revisit the small molecule strategy in 2009.

Neuralstem scientists hypothesized that their small molecules might be able to stimulate growth of new neurons in the hippocampus to treat depression. To test that idea, the company chose NSI-189, the best of four small molecule nicotinamide derivatives at stimulating neurogenesis in cell culture and mice.

NSI-189 is now set to begin a two-part Phase I trial. If the safety endpoints are met in healthy volunteers, the second part will enroll depressed patients for a dose-escalation study. The entire trial is expected to last about one year, CSO and cofounder Karl Johe told Bio-Century.

Meanwhile, the company will work on identifying the molecular target of NSI-189.

"Our screens are set up to identify compounds that enhance

the complex cellular process of neurogenesis, which involves a variety of different neural pathways that include many different potential targets. Thus, based solely on those screens, we cannot say what the molecular target of NSI-189 is," Johe said.

He hypothesized NSI-189 might reverse the disease process in depression by "triggering structural changes in the hippocampus, including formation of new synapses and increased hippocampal volume."

If that proves true, Johe said, the improvements achieved with

NSI-189 would probably be longer-lasting than those achieved by marketed drugs such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), which transiently alter serotonin levels.

Johe said the small molecule approach is complementary to the company's cell therapies.

"The small molecules would be ideal for triggering growth of endogenous stem cells to treat neuropsychiatric disorders, whereas the stem cell therapies are probably more geared toward indications like spinal cord injury," he said. "Looking very far ahead, we might speculate that the two approaches could be used together to treat some disorders — stroke, for example.

"Because the marketed antidepressants are orally active compounds, the invasive

while those screens did turn up a few small molecules that gered neurogenesis in cultured human hippocampal neural may seem impractical to doctors and regulatory agencies for me cells. DARPA discontinued funding of the research follow-most forms of depression," noted CR Dichard Garr.

Garr also thinks NSI-189 could be useful in Alzheimer's disease, as enhancing neurogeneis could lead to improvements in cognition and memory. "Depending on how the depression trial goes, we hope to be able to begin a clinical trial in AD sometime in 2011." he said.

NSI-189 is exclusively licensed from an undisclosed chemistry company that supplied some of the compound libraries originally screened under the DARPA project.

Garr said Neuralstem hopes to partner out the other small molecule nicotinamide derivatives identified by its screen, as the company's resources are sufficient to move only NSI-189 into the clinic

"We are also interested in partnering out our stem cell discovery platform to identify whole new classes and families of compounds that could treat CNS disorders," he said.

According to Johe, "One area of interest might be multiple sclerosis (MS). Using our stem cell screen, it might be possible to identify compounds that promote differentiation of oligodendrocytes and myelination."

Neuralstem plans to continue to develop and commercialize its stem cell therapy pipeline on its own, Garr said.

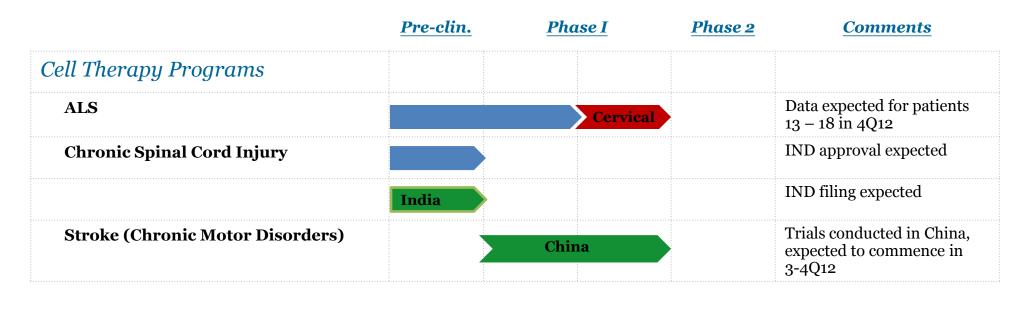
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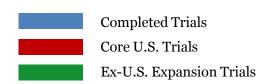
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# Neuralstem, Inc. Clinical Programs Plan for 2012









#### 2012 Catalysts

- Ongoing Clinical Trials
  - □ ALS
    - ☐ Phase I cervical-transplantations completion
    - ☐ Phase II trial application
  - □ NSI-189
    - ☐ Phase Ib trial completion
    - ☐ Phase IIa trial application in U.S.
- New Clinical Trials
  - □ NSI-189 Phase II approval
  - □ cSCI IND approval
  - ☐ Stroke Phase I / II / III trials in China
  - ☐ Chronic and acute SCI IND filing in India
- Business Milestones
  - ☐ License of NSI-189 with a Japanese pharmaceutical company for Japanese market

