



**Memtin™ – a patented hormone replacement
therapy for slowing cognitive decline in
Alzheimer's disease**

“Our flagship”

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2017 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACTS AND FIGURES



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE
6TH LEADING CAUSE
OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES

MORE
THAN

15 MILLION AMERICANS
provide unpaid care for people with
Alzheimer's or other dementias

IN
2016

these caregivers provided
an estimated
18.2 BILLION HOURS
of care valued at over
\$230 BILLION

MORE THAN
5 MILLION
AMERICANS ARE
LIVING WITH
ALZHEIMER'S
BY 2050, THIS
NUMBER COULD
RISE AS HIGH AS
16 MILLION

In 2017, Alzheimer's and other
dementias will cost the nation
\$259 billion
By 2050, these costs could
rise as high as

\$1.1 TRILLION



1 IN 3
seniors dies
with Alzheimer's or
another dementia



Since 2000, deaths
from heart disease have
decreased by 14%

while deaths from
Alzheimer's disease have
increased by 89%

**IT KILLS
MORE THAN**
breast cancer
and prostate cancer
COMBINED



EVERY



SECONDS

someone in the
United States
develops the disease

alzheimer's  association

THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS.®

The Alzheimer's Disease challenge requires a combination of Dx and Rx

	Pre-clinical stage	Mild Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer's	Dementia due to Alzheimer's
Diagnostics	<p>No clinical symptoms</p> <p>Can begin 20 years in advance of clinical symptoms</p> <p>Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics</p>	<p>Cognitive decline greater than expected.</p> <p>Affects 15 percent to 20 percent; age 65 or</p> <p>Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics</p>	<p>Significant impairment of a daily function.</p> <p>30% of MCI Pts progress to dementia w/in 5 yrs.</p> <p>Emerging imaging and molecular diagnostics</p>
Therapeutics	<p>Very few drugs in the pipeline.</p> <p>Need for screening diagnostics.</p> <p>Requires long-term trials</p>	<p>Current approved drugs only treat and slow symptoms.</p> <p>No approved treatments to stop or reverse progression.</p> <p>Current aim of next gen therapies</p>	

A VERY PROMISING SOLUTION

MEMTIN™ (Leptin) for Cognitive Decline

- ❑ Ten years of *in vitro* and *in vivo* pre-clinical studies (Neurotez)
- ❑ Retrospective (including one by Neurotez) and prospective human studies and a few anecdotal interventional human studies

Support a role of Leptin in

- ❑ Neuroprotection, Cognitive enhancement, Decreasing levels of phospho-tau/tau, Decreasing beta amyloid (A β)
- ❑ **and** is associated with lower risk for dementia in elderly

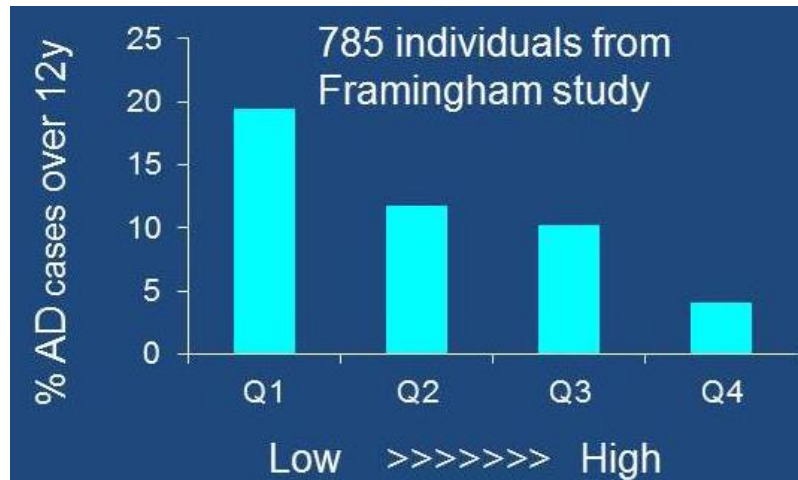
Leptin as Replacement Therapy

A relatively de-risked multi-functional preventative and therapeutic approach for cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's and optimally for early stage (prodromal AD) hypoleptinimics.

STUDIES: SERUM LEPTIN LEVELS IN ELDERLY AND PROGNOSIS

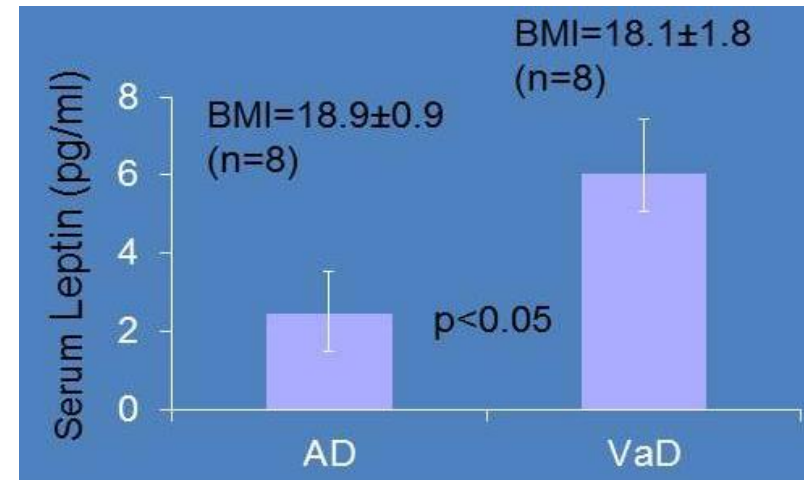
In elderly, higher serum Leptin is associated with a lower risk for Alzheimer's disease and dementia

Lieb et al, JAMA, 2009



For BMI<25, patients with AD have lower serum Leptin levels compared to patients with Vascular Dementia (VaD)

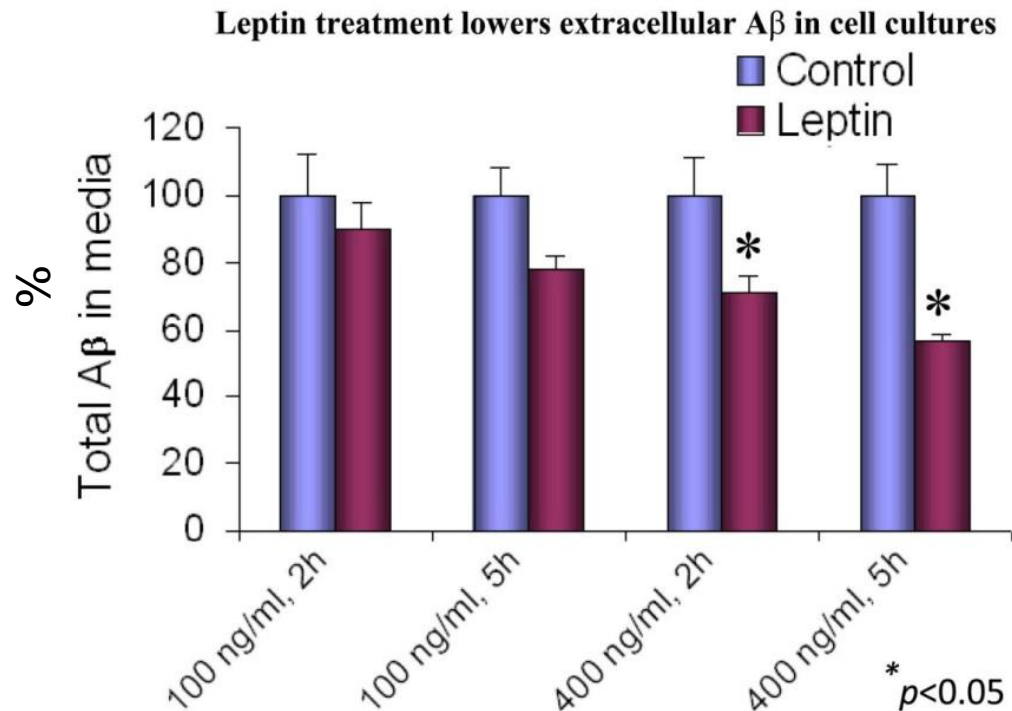
Power et al, Dementia, 2001



STUDIES: LEPTIN TARGETS AMYLOID BETA AND TAU PROTEIN

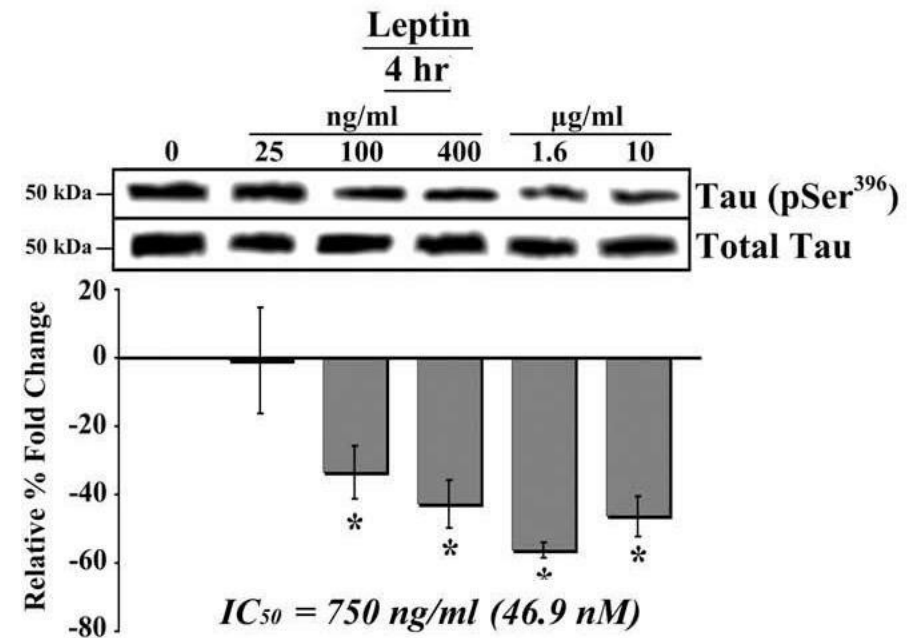
Amyloid Plaques

- Inhibition of amyloid beta ($A\beta$)
- Up-regulation of $A\beta$ uptake
- Reduction of brain levels of $A\beta$
- Reduction of plaque density



Neurofibrillary Tangles

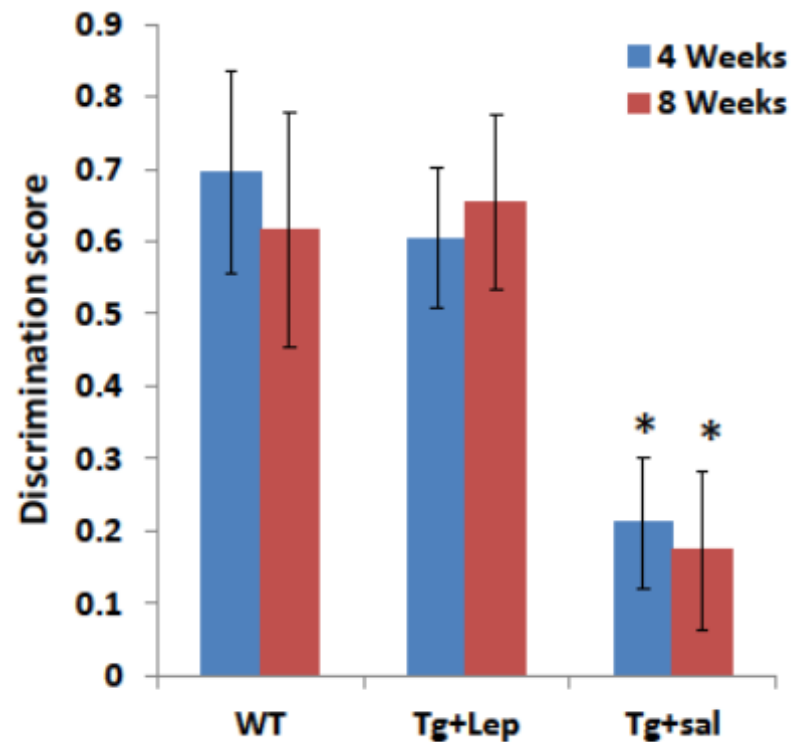
- Reduction of phosphorylation of tau protein in vitro and in vivo
- Phosphorylation of tau protein precedes the formation of neurofibrillary tangles



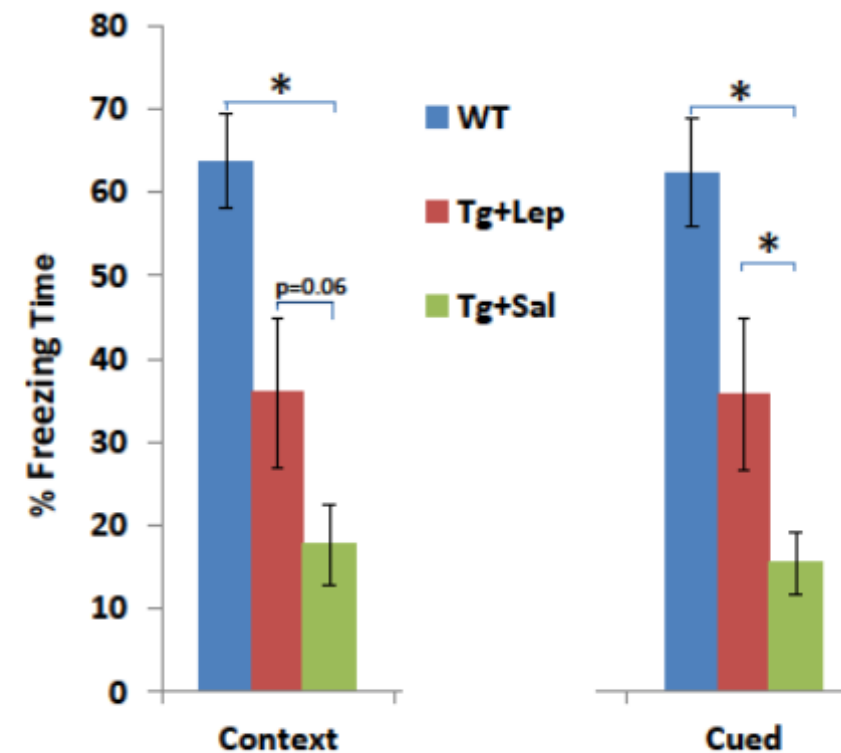
STUDIES: LEPTIN IMPROVES MEMORY IN AD ANIMAL MODELS

Animal studies: Behavioral (CRND8)

Novel Object Recognition, 4 & 8 wks



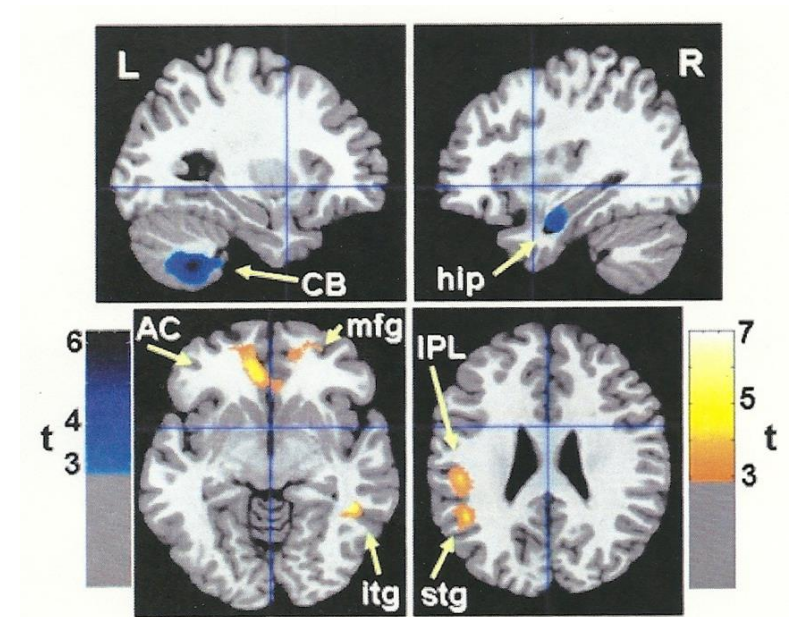
Fear Conditioning, 8 wks



STUDIES: DIRECT EVIDENCE FOR A CAUSATION

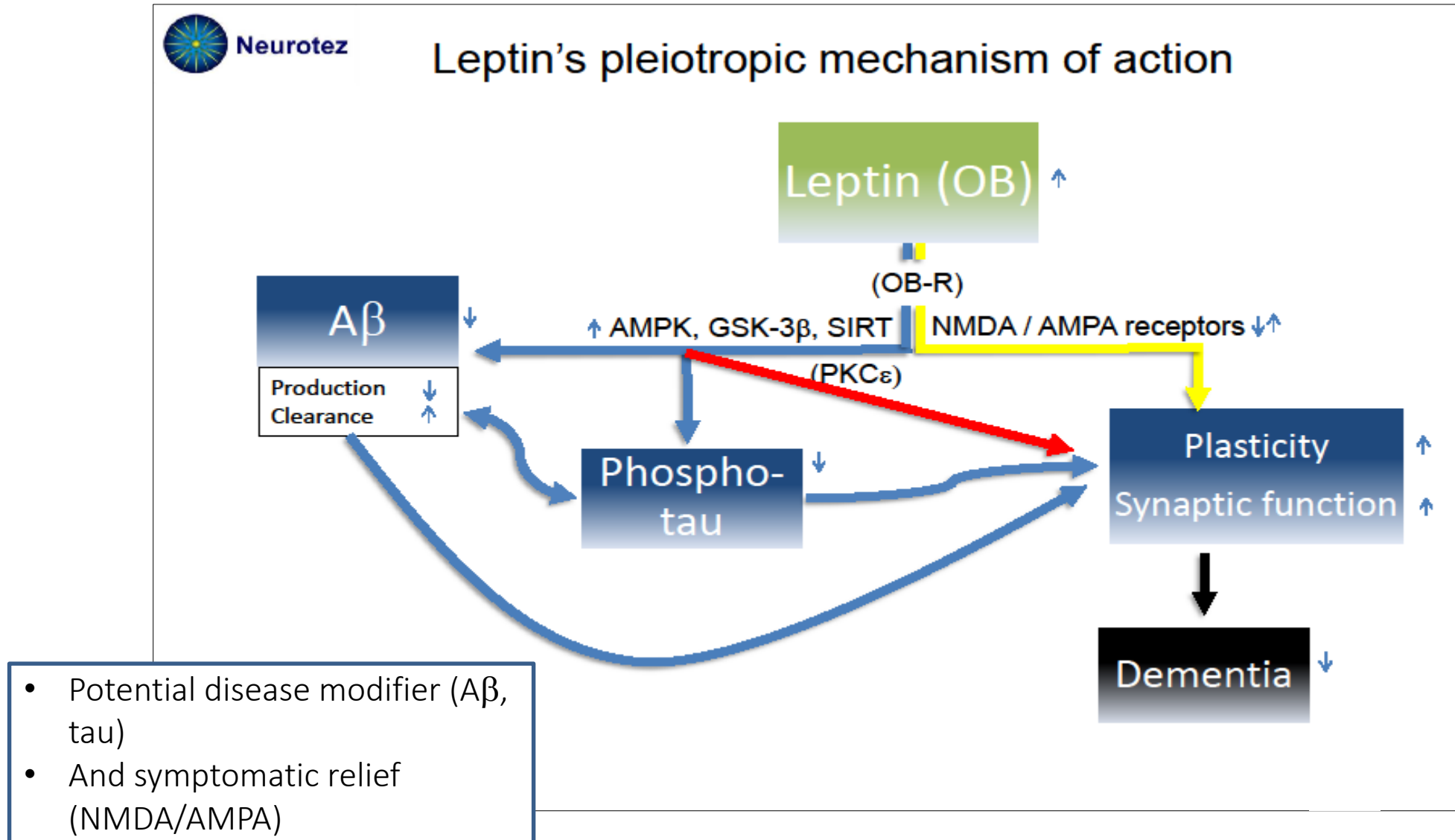
Cognitive benefits in humans: treating leptin deficiency in adults and young”

- Behavioral changes after 2 wks Licinio et al (2004)
- Leptin Replacement increases Gray matter concentration in Leptin (-) adults Matochik et al (2005)
- Plasticity of Gray Matter changes following Leptin discontinuation / reinitiation in Leptin (-) adults London et al (2011)
- Leptin Replacement improves Cognitive Development in Leptin (-) young Paz-Filho et al (2008)



(Licinio's interventional clinical studies)

MECHANISM OF ACTION



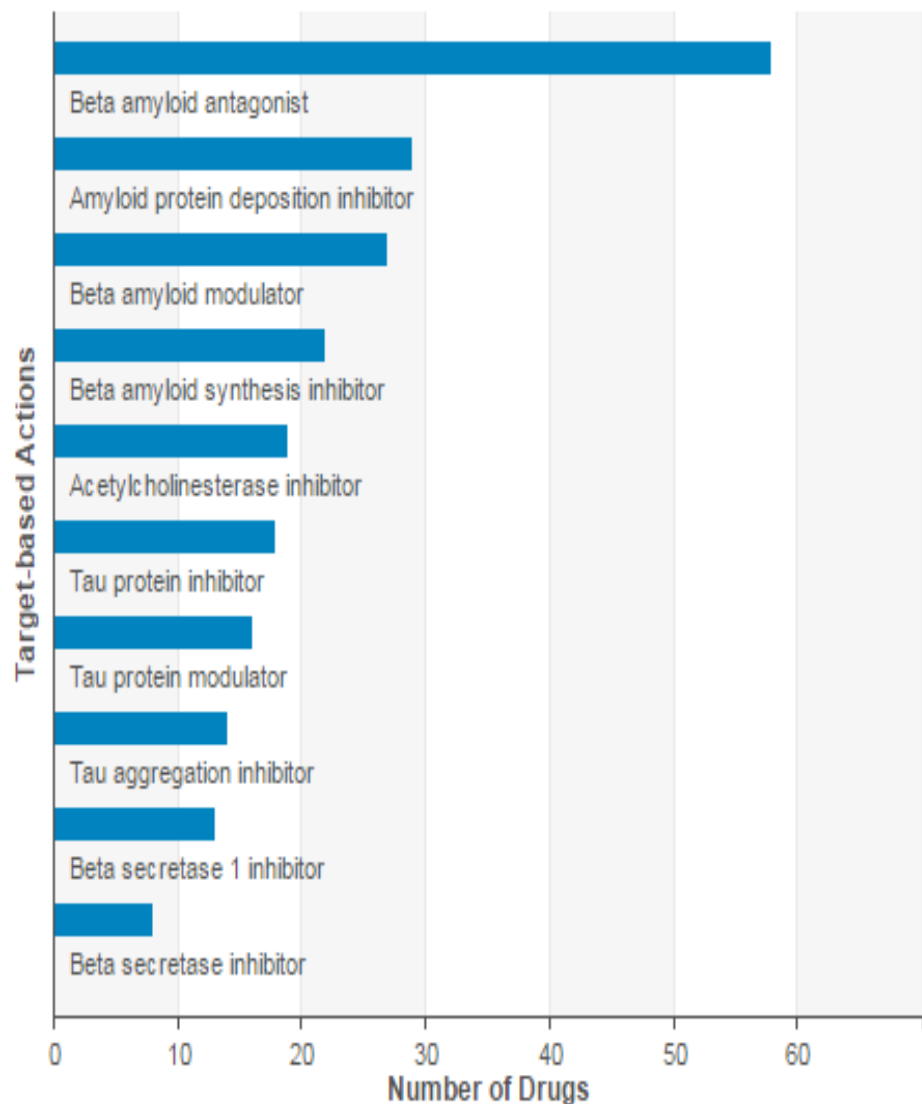
NOVEL, DIFFERENTIATING

MEMTIN™ –

- Alzheimer's disease as diabetes of the brain or Type III diabetes
- A natural protein with procognitive properties at Low levels in Alzheimer's (AD) with known Safety Profile (Effectively Phase II ready)
- Ameliorates both Abeta and tau pathologies, upstream molecular target related to metabolism
- Clinical Strategy involving enrichment of patients, targeting patient group most likely to respond

PREVIOUS FAILURES-

- Antibodies directed against Abeta or tau are difficult to penetrate into the brain and are toxic at the high doses needed for efficacy
- Heterogeneity in patient groups and targeting late stage AD patients
- Wrong targets (Abeta and/or tau may be biomarkers, not culprits)



Source: Clarivate Analytics Cortellis

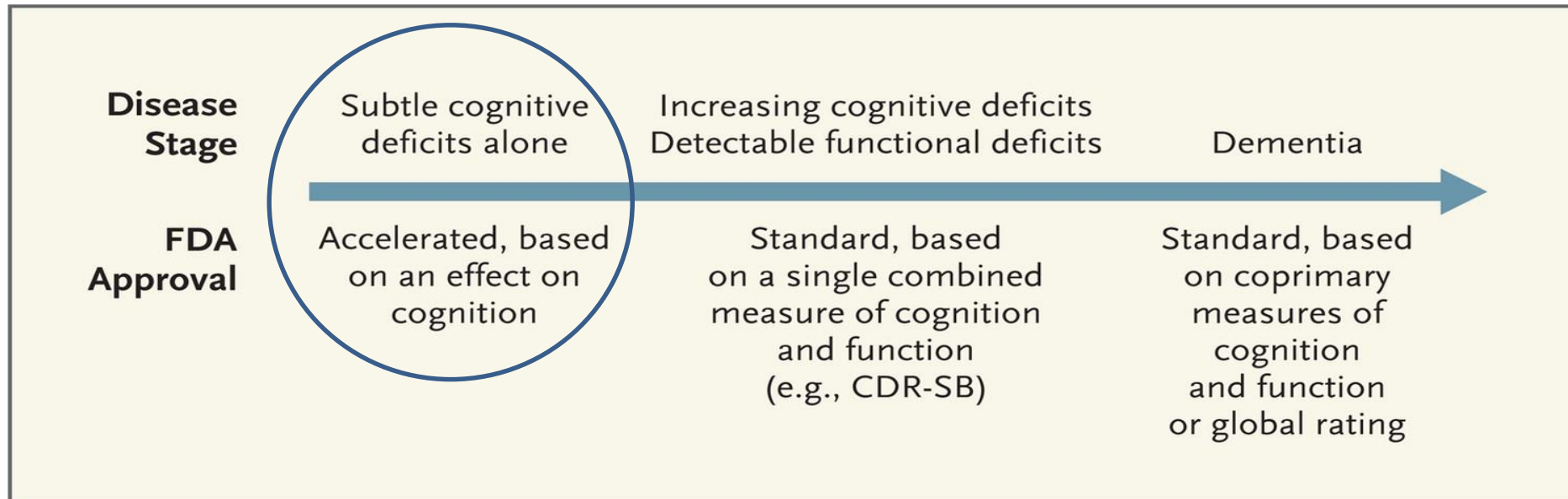
A β on the fast-track

- **Lanabecestat** (AstraZeneca/Lilly): BACE1 inhibitor; Phase III
- **AMG-520** (Amgen/Novartis): BACE1 inhibitor; Phase II
- **Aducanumab** (Biogen): anti-A β ; Phase III
- **Elenbecestat** (Eisai/Biogen): BACE1 inhib; Phase III
- **ELND-005** (Transition): A β aggregation inhib; Phase II/III

A β Disappointments

- **Verubecestat** (Merck): Phase II/III terminated in Feb 2017
- **Solanizumab** (Lilly): Failed Phase III in mild AD in 2016.
- **Bapinezumab** (Pfizer): Discontinued in Phase III
- **LY-2599666** (Lilly): Discontinued in Phase I
- **AN-1792** (Elan/Wyeth): Discontinued in 2002.
- **Affitope** (Affiris/GSK): A β vaccine ; Phase I terminated in 2013.

POTENTIAL REGULATORY PATHWAYS



Kozauer N, Katz R. N Engl J Med 2013;368:1169-1171.



The NEW ENGLAND
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

- Surrogate biomarkers, cond. approval
 - 12y Market Exclusivity from BLA approval
- (R Katz, previous FDA Director of Neurology Products, was enthusiastic about our approach)

EXPERIENCED MGT TEAM

- **Nikolaos Tezapsidis, Ph.D.**, *Chairman, Chief Executive Officer & President* 18+ years experience in biomedical research; Two awards from the Alzheimer's Association Fellow of the Science and Engineering Council and the Wellcome Trust
- **Hamish McArthur, PhD**, *Manufacturing Chief Officer*, Executive with 33 years biologics experience within Pfizer, directly involved in numerous approved products .
- **J. Wesson Ashford, MD, Ph.D.**, *Chief Medical Officer* Clinical Professor (affiliated), Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Scientific Advisory Board Member and Chair of the Memory Screening Advisory Committee of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America
- **George Perry, Ph.D.**, *Chief Scientific Officer* Holder of the Semmes Foundation Endowed Chair in Neurobiology at the Univ of Texas at San Antonio Distinguished as one of the top Alzheimer's disease researchers with over 1,000 publications
- **Jukka Karjalainen, MD, PhD**, *Chief Operating Officer*. Experience in pharmaceuticals and medical devices and clinical drug development from Phase I to Phase IV
- **James Harris, MBA**, *Chief Financial Officer* 20+ years experience in startups, licensing and biosimilars.
- **Michael J. Hoy, MS**, *VP of Regulatory Affairs* 15+ years in the pharmaceutical industry; Served as a consultant with pharmaceutical companies of all sizes
- **Jane Johnston, PhD**, *VP of Operations* 18+ years of research in cellular neuroscience

BOD & ADVISORS

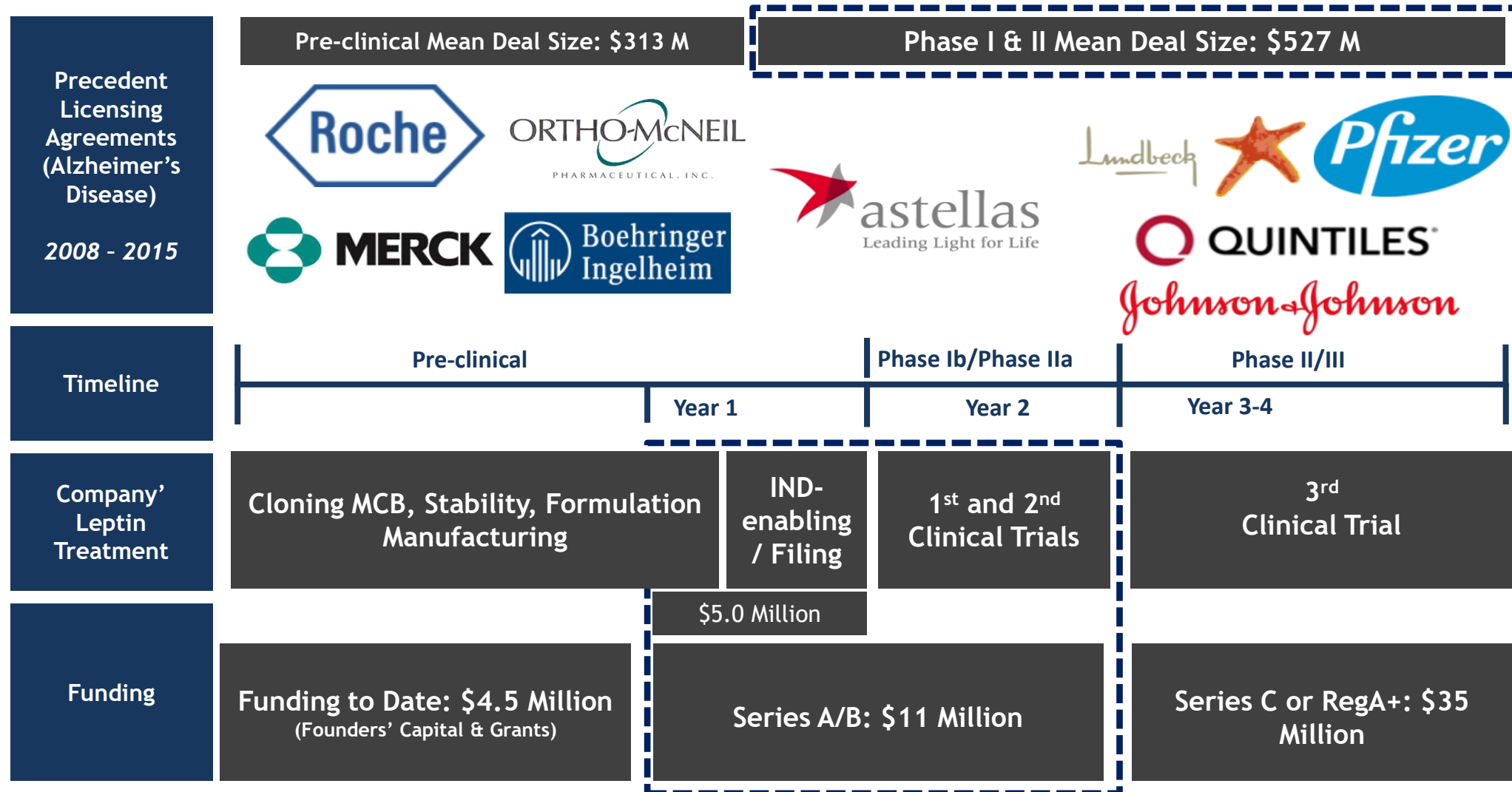
Directors

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DRUG DEVELOPMENT PATH: KEY MILESTONES



Major pharma: notable deals since 2005 have focused on A β and Tau

Source: Clarivate Analytics Cortellis

	Total Size (\$M)	Buyer	Seller	Year	Drug	Stage @ Sign/Today
A-BETA	\$530/\$130 upfront	Lilly	AZ via Astex	2014	Lanabecestat	PI/PIII
	\$340/\$25 upfront	Genentech	AC Immune	2006	Crenezumab	Discovery/PIII
	Not-specified	JnJ	Shionogi	2012	BACE inhibitor	Discovery/PIII
	\$825	Otsuka	Lundbeck	2013	Lu-AF20513 vaccine plus others	Clinical
	Not-specified	JnJ	Cellzome	2008	Gamma-secretase mods.	Discovery
TAU	\$638	Roche	reMYND	2010	ReS3-T and others	Discovery
	Not-specified	Mitsubishi	Sanofi	2005	SAR-502250	Discovery
	\$509/\$26 upfront	JnJ	AC Immune	2014	ACI-35; Tau vaccine	Phase I
	Not specified	Abbvie	C2N	2015	Anti-Tau mAb	Discovery/PII
OTHER	\$31	JnJ	Orion	2013	A2C-adrenoreceptor	Phase II
	\$289	Merck	Alectos	2010	MK-8719; N-acetyl glucose amidase mod.	Discovery/ PI Orphan

FINANCING

- RAISED: \$4.5million
 - NIH
 - NJEDA
 - IRS
 - Founders, Small private investors

- Series A, \$5 million
- MILESTONES (12-18months):
 - Drug Manufacturing
 - IND-enabling studies
 - IND application
- SERIES B, \$6 million
- MILESTONES (12-18months):
 - Phase I (SAD, MAD)
 - Phase II

AD MARKET FORECAST.

- *Goldman Sachs projects Alzheimer's disease modification drugs could top **\$30 billion**, (**\$12 billion** at peak)*

SUMMARY

- Repurposing MYALEPT, an approved drug, as **Memtin™**
- Drug is an endogenous protein naturally transported into the brain with receptors in the hippocampus (area affected by disease)
- Data from thousands of patients supporting an association of the drug to protection against Alzheimer's
- Data from preclinical studies demonstrating efficacy as a disease modification entity
- Perfectly positioned to allow early intervention and prevention therapy for those at risk (because of its safety profile)
- Novel use patents issued in US, Japan, China, Australia, S Africa and have pending in Europe, Canada and India, protection until 2029
- Drug as a biologic, will get 12 y of market exclusivity from approval in the US (similar provisions ex-US)
- Drug can be produced cost-effectively and in large batches in Ecoli
- Treatment will be combined with diagnostic tests (plasma leptin)/apoE4)
- Can be subject to accelerated approval, using protein as a surrogate marker as an endpoint, can cut clinical development costs by 10s of \$millions and time by 3-4 years.



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