

# A Novel Intranasal Pharmaceutical for Treatment of mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Field

#### **About Concussion**



A milder type of traumatic brain injury, caused by a blow to the head or upper body causing the brain to stretch and twist inside of the skull. Yearly occurrence of approximately 70M worldwide

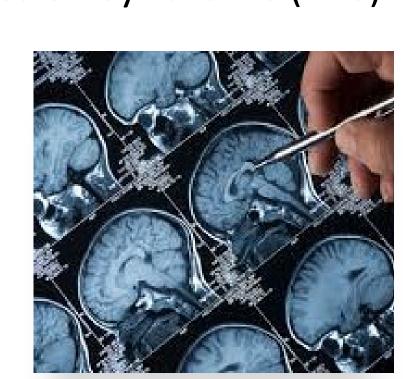
#### Symptoms and Outcome

A change in mental status such as amnesia, disorientation, mental fogginess and confusion. Can include nausea or vomiting, blurred vision, headache or loss of consciousness

- at least 21 distinct symptoms
- due to variability of severity, long-term effects and recovery time are difficult to determine. Continued symptoms beyond 90-days leads to a diagnosis of Post-Concussion Syndrome (PCS)

## About ONP-002

New chemical entity: Proprietary neurosteroid enantiomer and spray-dried formulation

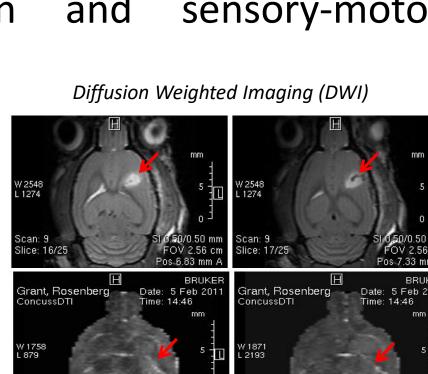


Administration using a proprietary intranasal device allows for fast and efficient drug delivery to the brain with less systemic organ exposure

In-vivo efficacy in animal concussion models through molecular induction of anti-inflammatories, anti-oxidants, efflux fluid channels and cell debris transporters as well as behavioral improvements in memory, emotion and sensory-motor performance

A large safety margin seen in toxicology testing (rat, dog, monkey)

Phase I Single and Multiple Ascending Dose safety trials complete and well tolerated in healthy human volunteers



Diffusion Tensor Imaging (dTI)

# ONP-002 Mechanism of Action

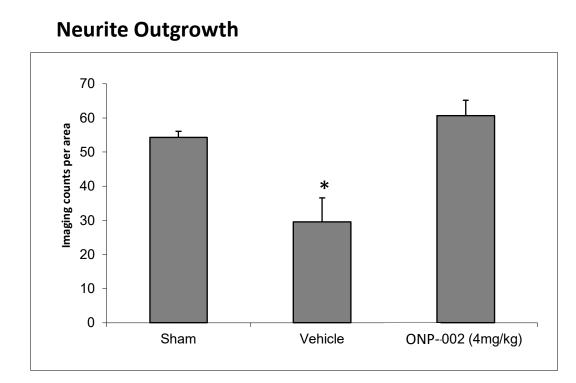
ONP-002 induces the Pregnane X Receptor (PXR). The PXR is an intracellular receptor found in brain cells and endothelial cells of the Blood Brain-Barrier (BBB)

Engagement of ONP-002 with the PXR activates multiple gene response elements resulting in cell debris clean-up, concomitant with reduced inflammation, oxidative stress and cerebral edema

ONP-002 is not a GABAergic compound, avoiding drug-induced sedation and learning deficits

#### ONP-002 effects on Brain Cell Damage and Death – Cell Culture

# Hypoxia-Ischemia: Cell Death

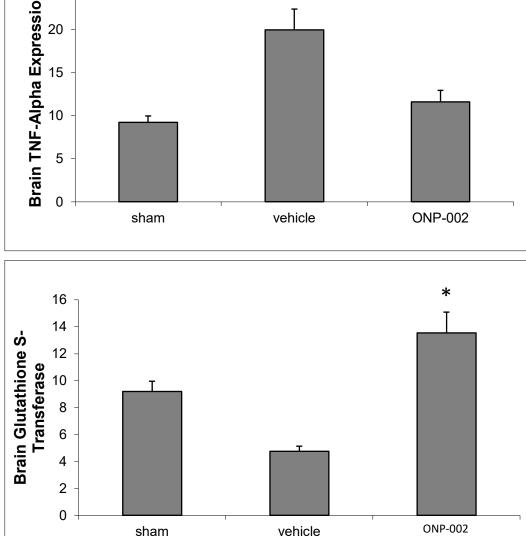


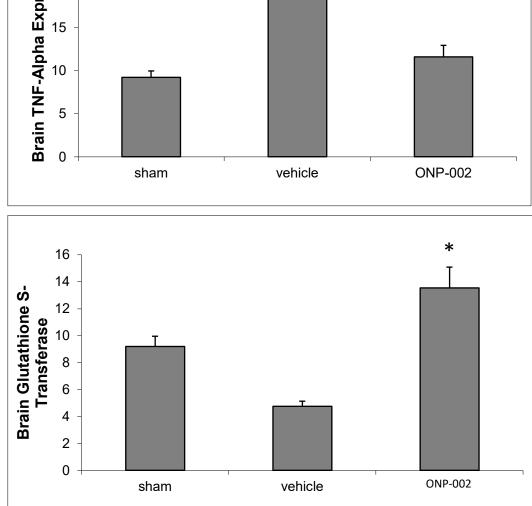
Hypoxia-ischemia induced lactate dehydrogenase release indicates neuronal cell membrane damage and cell death. ONP-002 reduces hypoxia-ischemia induced neuronal cell damage and death

Neurite outgrowth indicates cellular health and connectivity. ONP-002 enhances neurite outgrowth in an SH-SY5Y hypoxia-ischemia model representing neuronal cell recovery and reduced cell death

#### ONP-002 effects on Brain Inflammation and Oxidative Stress - Animal

- Neuroinflammation begins in the acute phase of trauma • TNF- $\alpha$  is a neuroinflammatory cytokine that leads to neuronal damage
- Activation of the PXR can reduce inflammation by preventing NFκβ mediated pathology mediated by TNF-α
- Intranasal ONP-002 given acutely reduces protein expression of TNF-  $\alpha$
- Oxidative stress can damage and destroy brain cells. It occurs acutely following trama due to altered blood flow and energy metabolism
- Acute intranasal ONP-002 increases the protein expression of Glutathione s-transferase an anti-oxidant that protects against oxidative damage.
- \* denotes p< 0.05 at 24-hrs post-injury



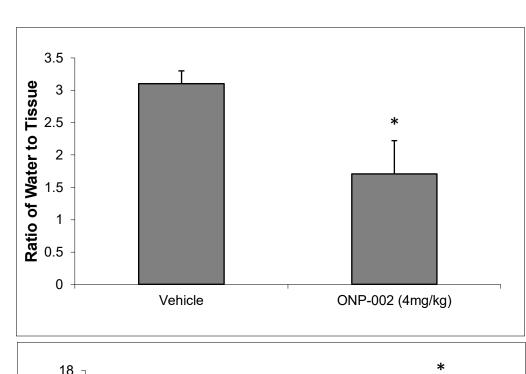


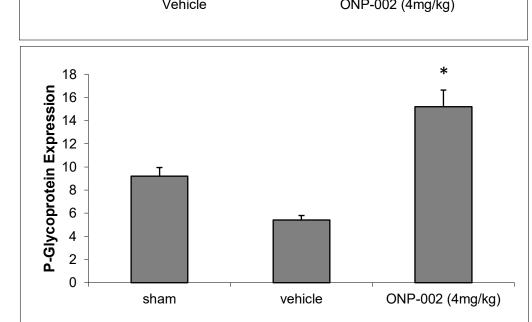
#### ONP-002 effects on Brain Edema aka Swelling and Autophagy - Animal

• Edema or swelling can occur after brain injury and result in increased intracranial pressure (ICP)

• Elevated ICP is associated with poor outcomes including

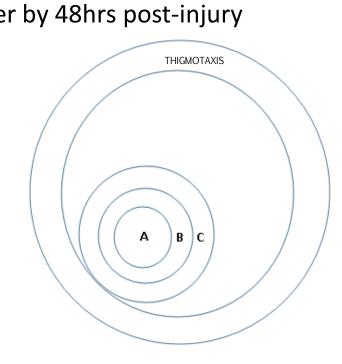
- increased mortality after brain injury Acute intranasal ONP-002 treatment reduces brain-injury
- related edema aka swelling. Sham was set to zero
- Brain injury causes cell damage leading to intra and extracellular compartments filling with debris that impairs
- P-glycoprotein (PGP) is a intracellular and blood brain-barrier
- transporter of debris through the process of autophagy • PGP expression is controlled by the PXR and increased following acute intranasal brain injury treatment with ONP
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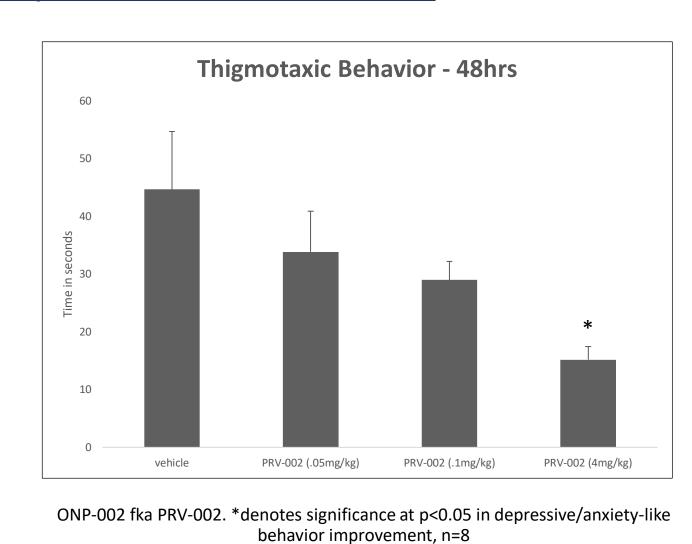




#### ONP-002 effects on Depressive/Anxiety-Like Behavior- Animal

- Morris Water Maze (MWM)-Thigmotaxia a.k.a. wallhugging represents fear-like anxiety in animals with brain injury
- Acute intranasal ONP-002 (4mg/kg) reduces braininjury induced thigmotaxic behavior in a dosedependent manner by 48hrs post-injury



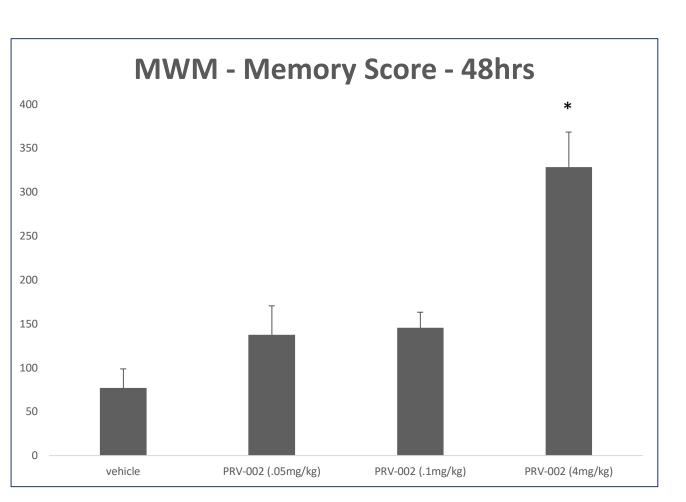


ONP-002 improves Short-Term Memory - Animal

Brain injury can lead to neurocognitive impairment which includes memory loss, and impaired processing speed

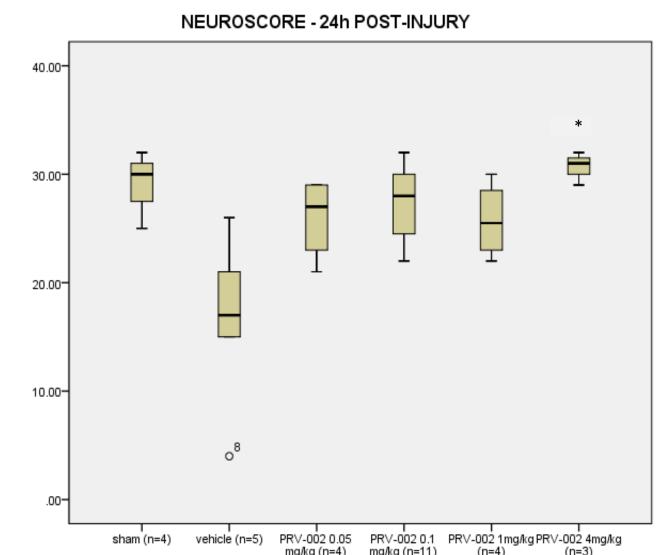
Morris Water Maze – Memory Score

- Animals were trained in a Morris Water Maze then subjected to brain trauma
- Post injury, animals were treated with either vehicle or ONP-002 (fka PRV-002) intranasally at 3 increasing concentrations
- Treatments were given at 1, 6 and 24hr post-injury
- Acute intranasal treatment with ONP-002 improves memory deficits associated with brain injury in a dose dependent manner



\*denotes significance (4mg/kg) at p<0.05, in shorter-term memory performance, n=8

#### ONP-002 Improves Sensory-Motor Function - Animal



Sensory-motor impairment is representative of vestibular damage that can lead to anxiety, brain fog and imbalance following brain

Sensory-motor function was scored using the Neuroscore behavioral battery

- 4 separate movement behaviors were
- Movements were scored from -1 (nonfunctional) to +4 (highly functional) and a composite was created

intranasal performance by 24hrs in a dose dependent manner following brain injury

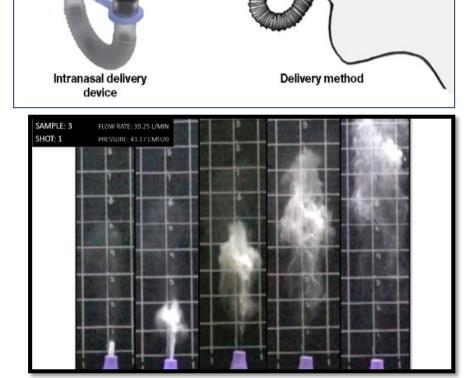
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### Patient Administration – Mouth to Nose

Intranasal (IN) administration allows rapid and direct accessibility to the brain

The Device – Intranasal Dispenser

- Allows patients to blow into device which closes the soft palate eliminating the flow of drug to the lungs or esophagus
- Minimizes systemic exposure and side effects
- Enhances dispersion to the superior nasal roof for direct olfactory nerve brain delivery via a novel double tube airflow system
- Compact, 1X use lightweight-field deliverable
- Exclusive US license to Odyssey NeuroPharma
- IP covering device and method of delivery for treatment of brain injury
- Spray-dried formulation is stable at high temperature and not inhaled



The powder begins to expand at 1" from the end of the nozzle and becomes fully aerated at 5'

#### Toxicology and Phase I Study Findings

- ONP-002 was shown to have a 90+ safety margin in rat and dog toxicology studies
- ONP-002 was well-tolerated with no SAEs reported throughout the Phase I human SAD /MAD (5-day) trial
- Pharmacokinetic (PK) drug levels were dose responsive
- No drug accumulation was seen through 10-day follow-up
- Odyssey Health is in thE process of identifying clinical trial sites for a Phase II study