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## “Addressing an Unmet Medical Need in Adult Focal Epilepsy with XEN1101, a Novel $K_v7$ Modulator”

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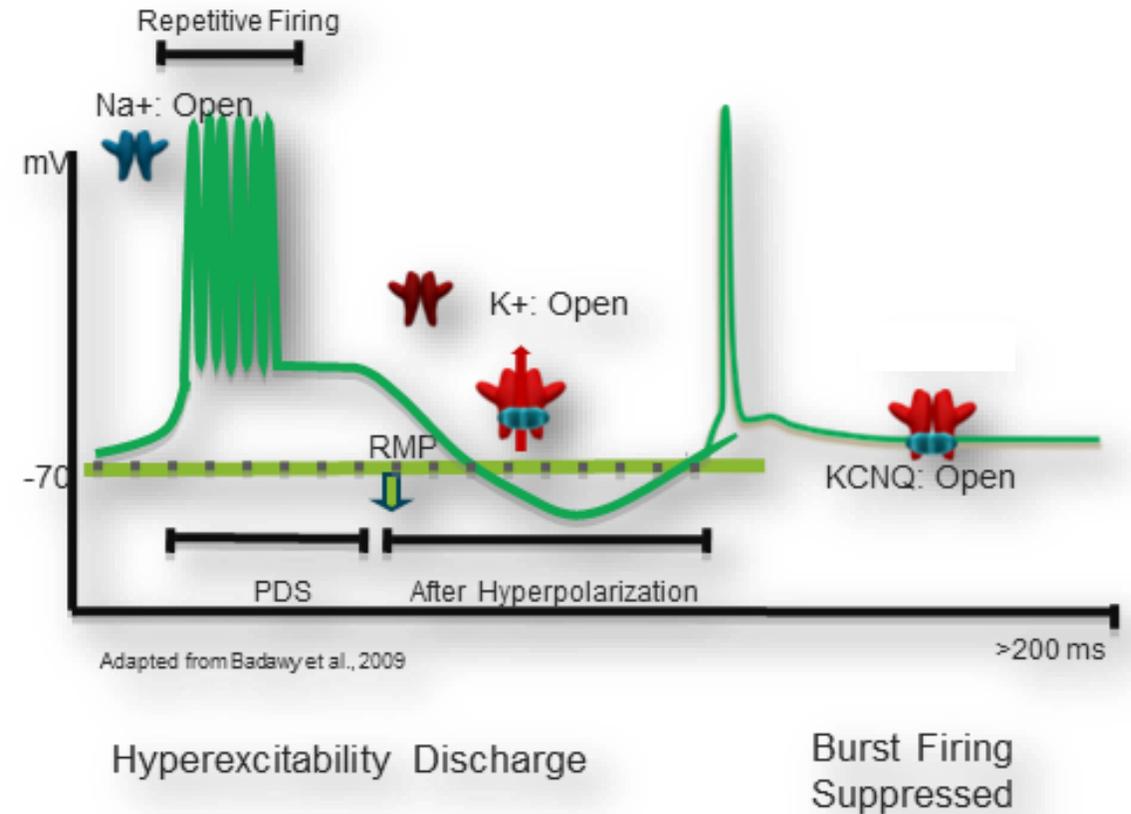
# Xenon's Ion Channel, Neurology-Focused Pipeline

Therapeutic Program <i>Indication</i>	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>XEN496 (Potassium Channel Modulator)</b> <i>Orphan Pediatric Epilepsy</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical, Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3]			
<b>XEN1101 (Potassium Channel Modulator)</b> <i>Adult Focal Epilepsy</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical, Phase 1, and Phase 2]			
<b>XEN007* (Calcium Channel Inhibitor)</b> <i>Childhood Absence Epilepsy</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical, Phase 1, and Phase 2]			
<b>Ion Channel Modulators</b> <i>Orphan Channelopathies</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical and Phase 1]			
<b>NBI-921352 (XEN901) and Na<sub>v</sub>1.6/1.2 Sodium Channel Inhibitors</b> <i>Epilepsy (Orphan Pediatric and Adult Focal)</i>			[Progress bar spanning Phase 2 and Phase 3] 	
<b>FX301</b> <i>Post-operative Pain</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical and Phase 1] 			
<b>Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 Inhibitors</b> <i>Pain</i>	[Progress bar spanning Pre-clinical and Phase 1] 			

\*A physician-led, Phase 2 proof-of-concept study is ongoing to examine XEN007 as an adjunctive treatment in pediatric patients diagnosed with treatment-resistant childhood absence epilepsy (CAE).

# KCNQ2 is a Highly Validated Target

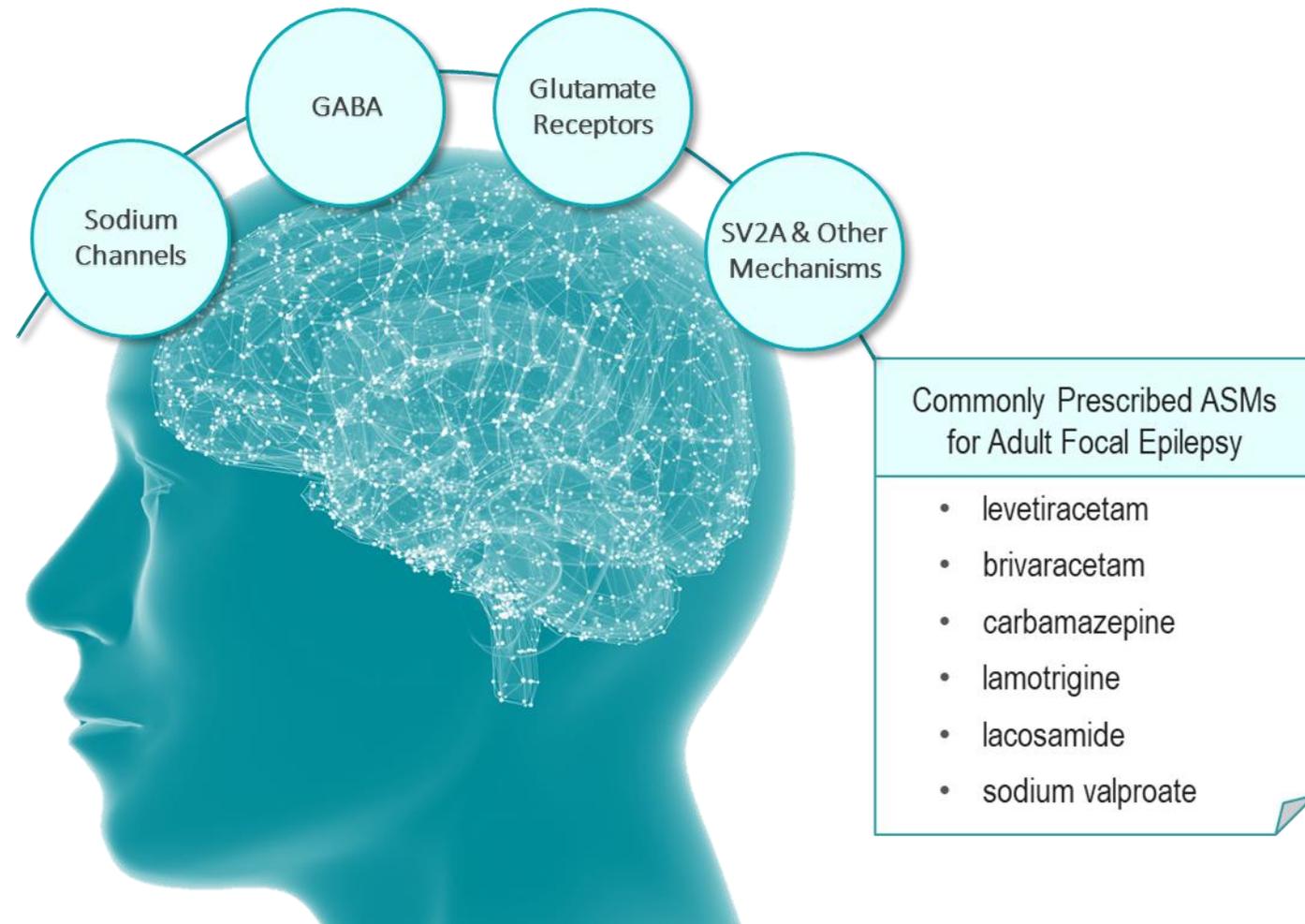
- KCNQ2 dampens neuronal hyper-excitability
- $K^+$  channels have important inhibitory control over neuronal firing in the CNS
- Repolarize membranes to end the action potential
- $K^+$  channel opener (potentiator) decreases hyper-excitability in the brain
- Mechanism validated clinically with first-generation  $K_v$  potentiator, ezogabine



# XEN1101 is a Novel, “Next-Gen” $K_v7$ Channel Modulator

- Potential “only-in-class”  $K_v7$  potassium channel modulator to treat adult focal seizures
- Addresses limitations of first-gen  $K_v7$  modulator, ezogabine
  - No pigmentation or urinary symptoms observed
  - PK addressed (TID → QD)
- Novel MOAs needed for rational polypharmacy approach
- Potential efficacy for common comorbidities, such as depression

## Common Pharmacological Actions of Approved Anti-Seizure Medications (ASMs)



# XEN1101's Differentiated Profile in Adult Focal Epilepsy

- Potential for a **highly differentiated profile** within the **adult focal epilepsy space**:

## Ease of Use

- ✓ Once daily (QD) dosing
- ✓ No titration; at efficacious doses immediately
- ✓ No significant DDI predicted
- ✓ Low daily dose
- ✓ No drug allergic reactions observed
- ✓ Slow elimination could provide coverage for missed doses

## Efficacy

- ✓ Proven anti-seizure mechanism of action
- ✓ Broad efficacy in multiple pre-clinical seizure models as monotherapy or in combination with other ASMs
- ✓ Greater effect on TMS target engagement
- ☐ Phase 2b trial modeled for median monthly seizure reduction in the range of currently used ASMs

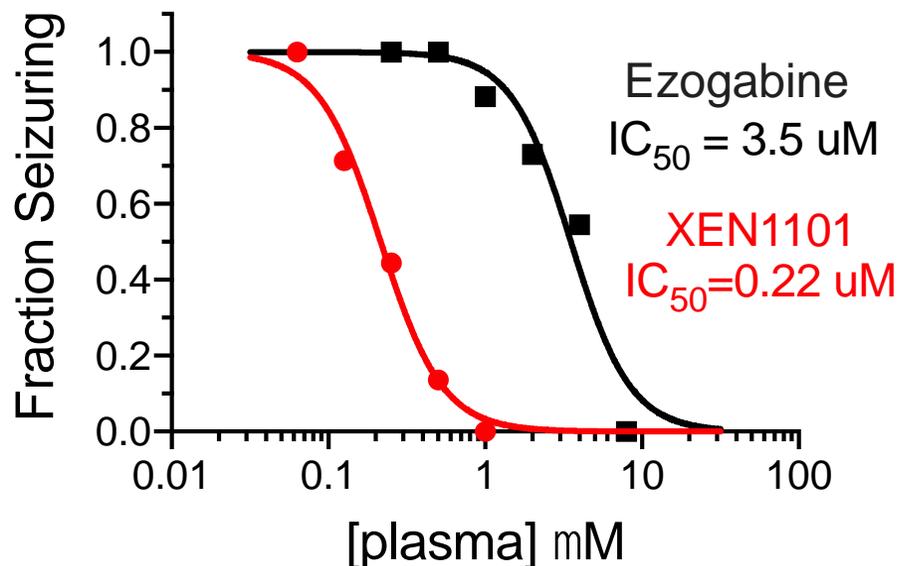
## Safety / Tolerability

- ✓ Favorable safety profile and well-tolerated in Phase 1
- ✓ Evening QD dosing with  $C_{max}$  (and related CNS AEs) during sleeping hours
- ✓ Low  $C_{max}$  to  $C_{min}$  provides better tolerability
- ✓ To date, low drop out rates and high conversion rates to OLE in ongoing blinded Phase 2b trial

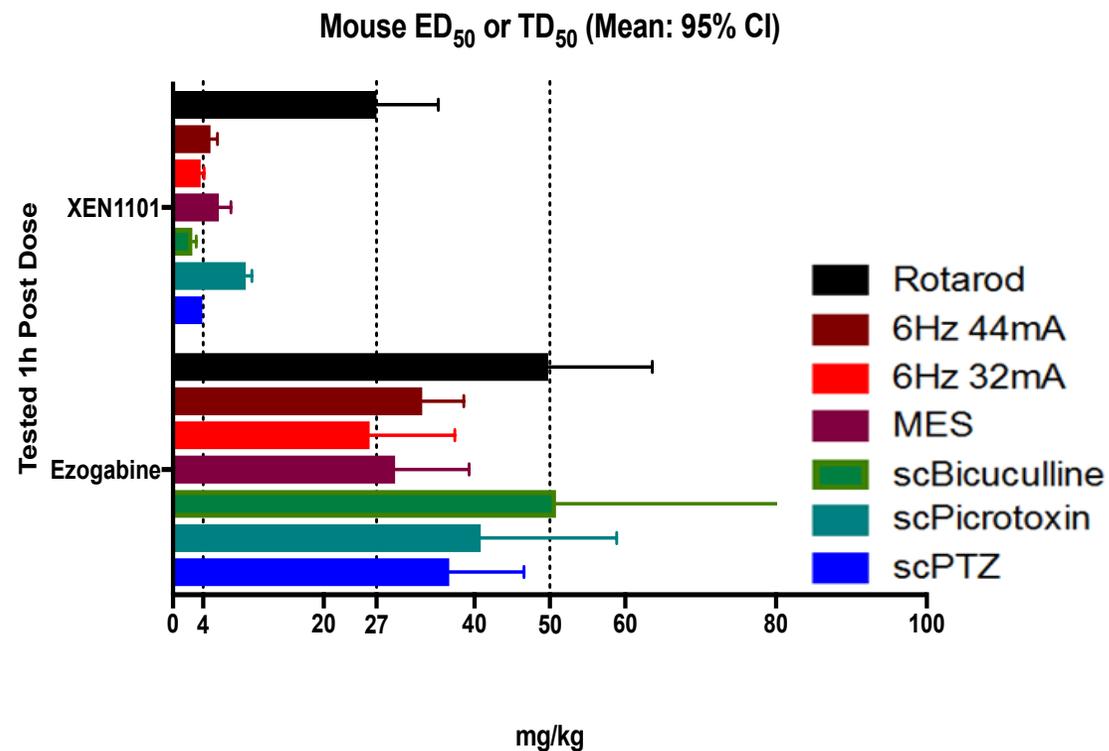
# XEN1101: Anti-Seizure Activity (vs Ezogabine)

- Maximal Electroshock Stimulus (MES) using 60 Hz bipolar stimulus with CF-1 mice

**XEN1101 is 16-fold more potent than ezogabine**

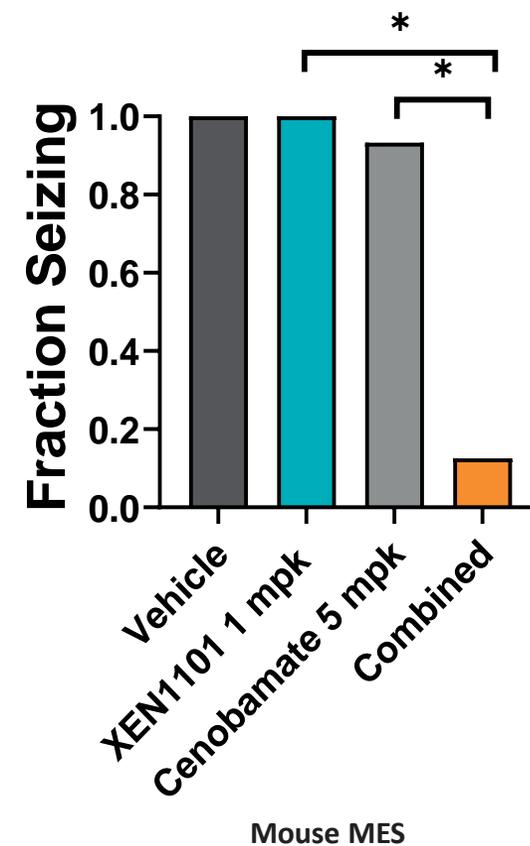
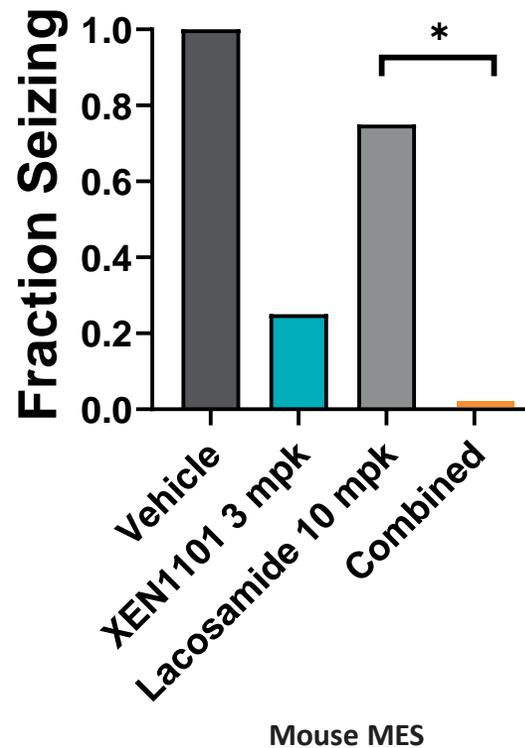
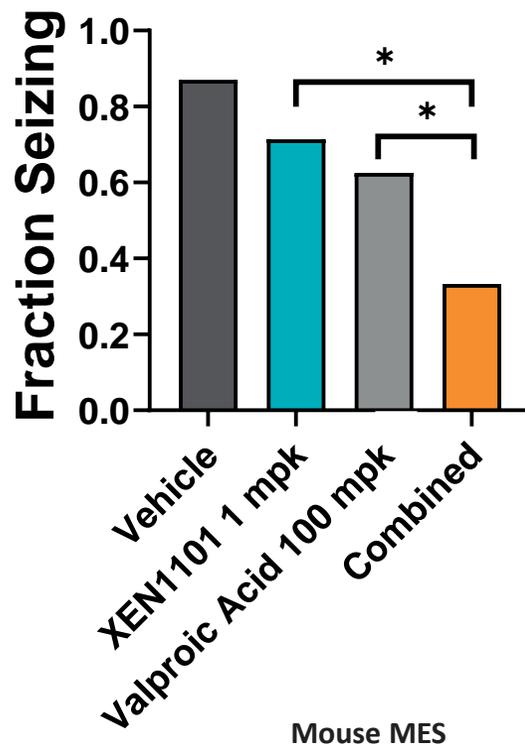
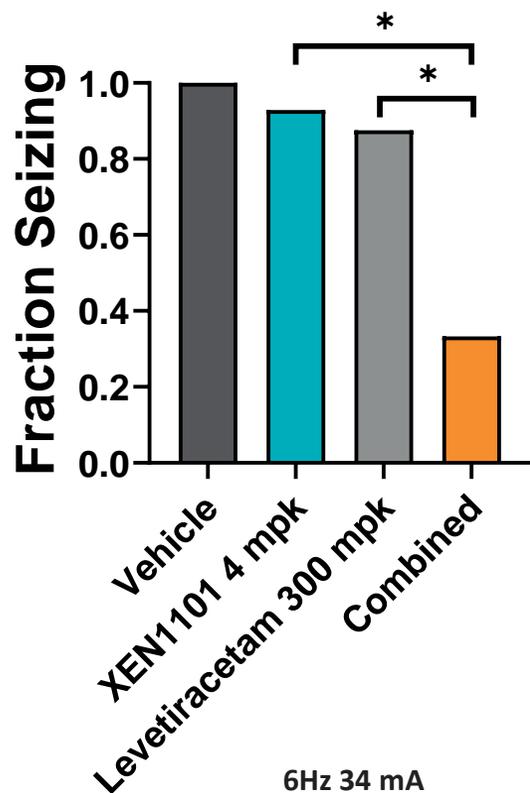


- Improved Therapeutic Index of XEN1101 versus Ezogabine

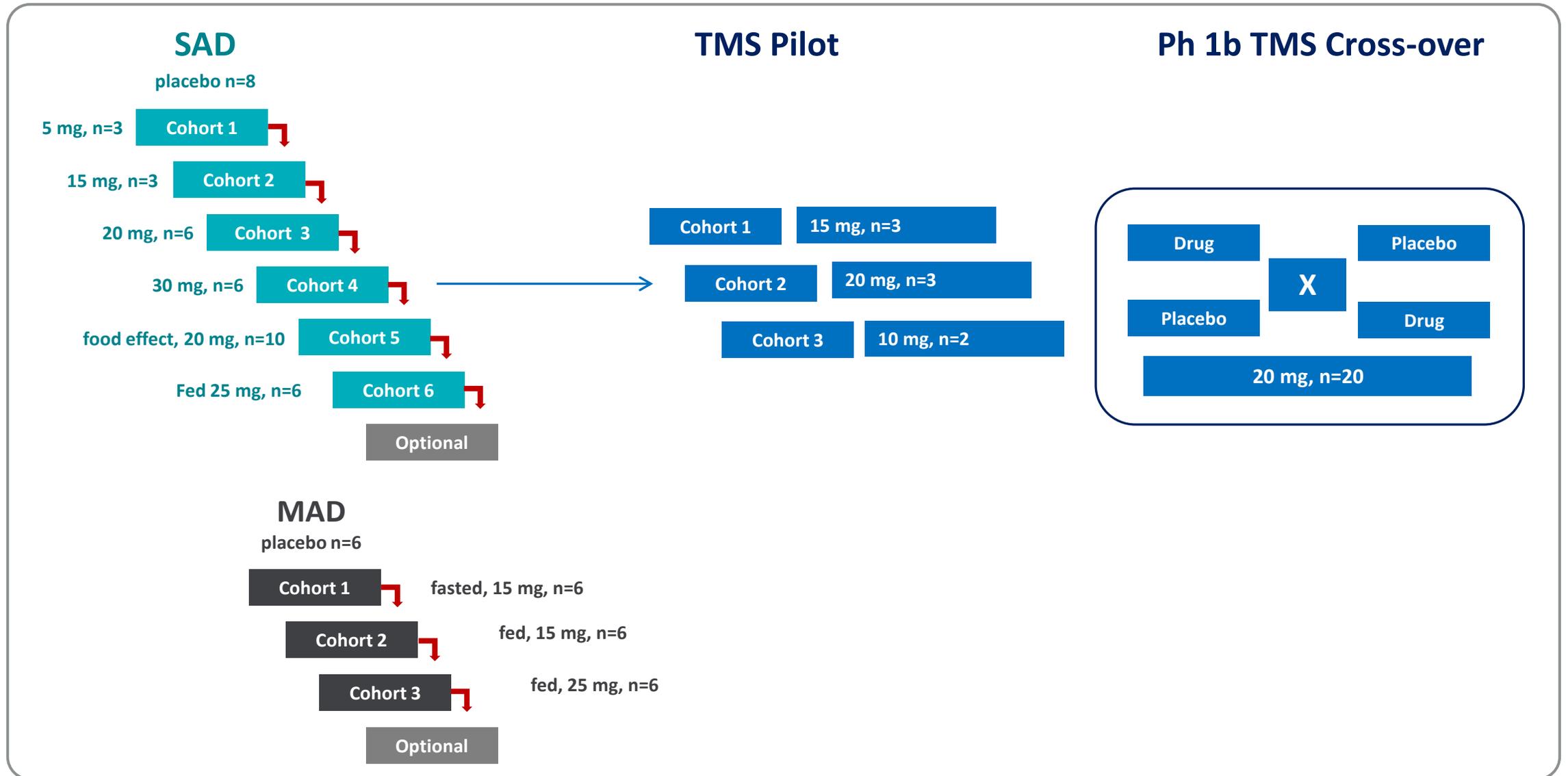


# Combining XEN1101 with Common ASMs Provides Robust Seizure Protection

- Combining ineffective or weakly active doses of XEN1101 and common ASMs enhances robust seizure protection
- Enhanced efficacy is not a drug-drug interaction phenomenon; not explained by changes in plasma levels
- Combination doses were well tolerated

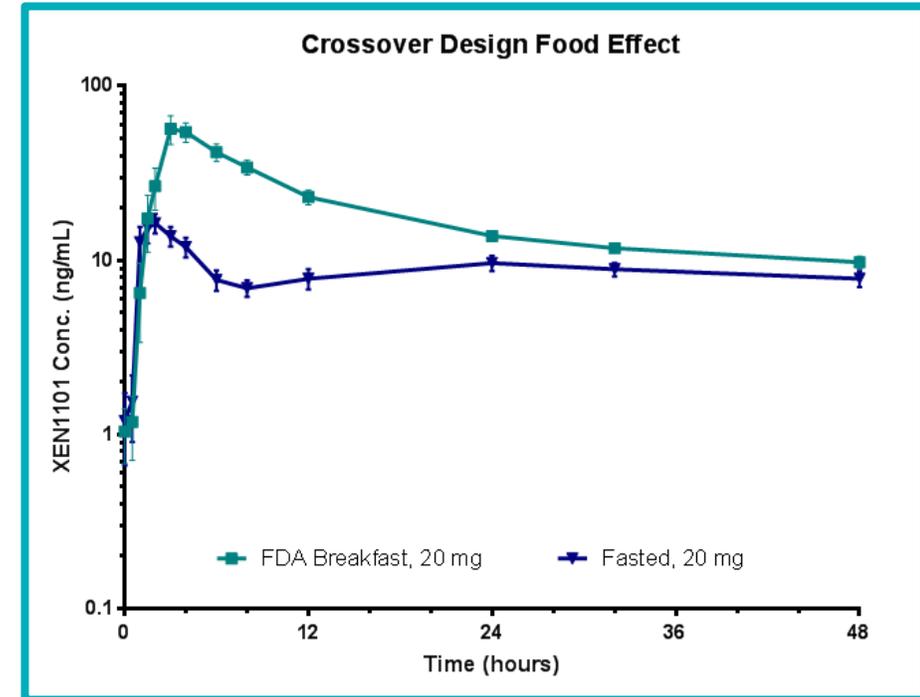


# XEN1101 Phase 1 Adaptive Integrated Design



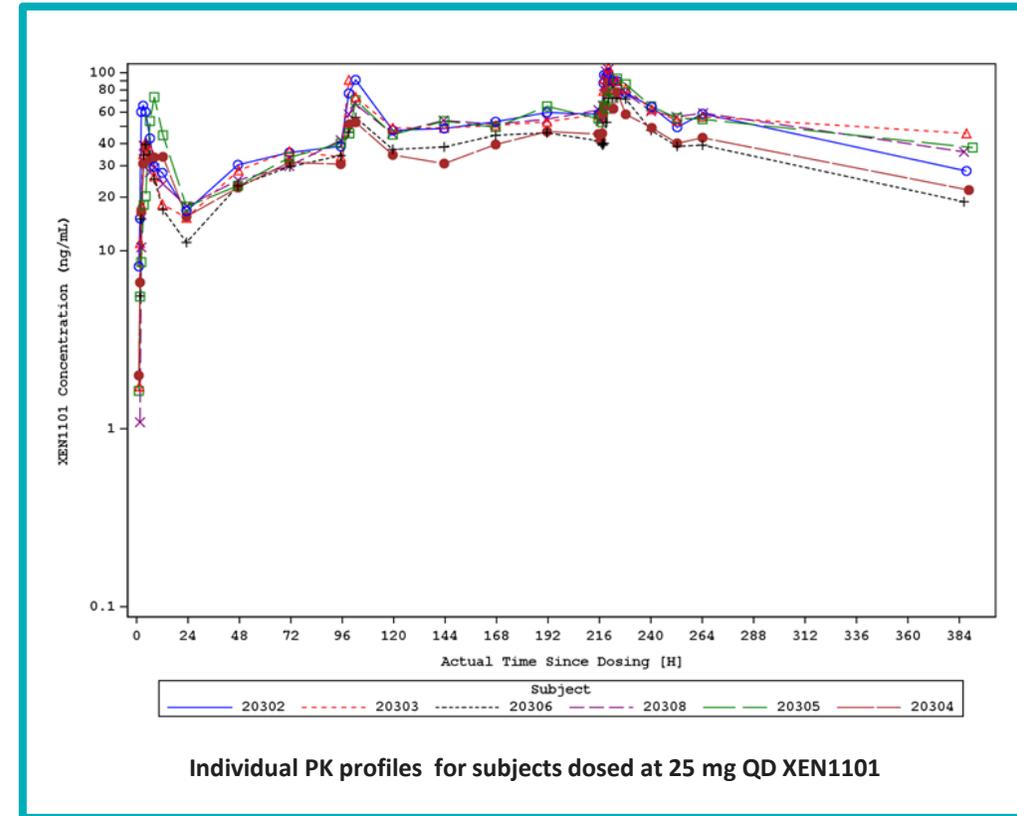
# Phase 1: Summary of Single Dose Findings

- Food enhanced absorption and delayed time to  $C_{max}$
- Long terminal elimination half-life
- Minimal renal excretion of unchanged drug
- Generally well tolerated at up to 30 mg
  - Majority of AEs were mild and CNS related
  - Dizziness, headache, somnolence, myalgia, presyncope and blurred vision were the most common related AEs in SAD cohorts
  - No QT prolongation or safety lab signals
  - No SAEs



# Phase 1: Summary of Multiple Dose Findings

- XEN1101 has a PK profile consistent with QD
- Near steady-state within 1 week, full steady-state within 3 weeks
- Absorption is enhanced by food
- Exposure increased dose proportionally (15 - 25 mg QD) in fed state
- Low inter-individual PK variability with repeat dose
- AE profile consistent with MOA (e.g., dizziness, sedation, blurred vision)
- No signal of urinary retention
  - Post-void residual volume normal (bladder ultrasound)
- No safety signals in ECG or safety labs; no SAEs

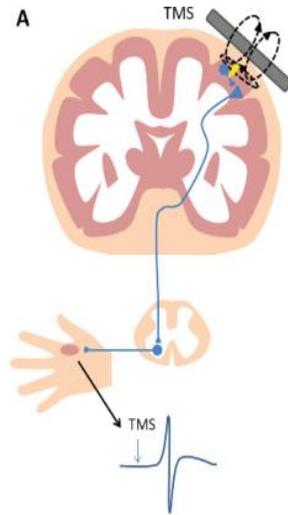
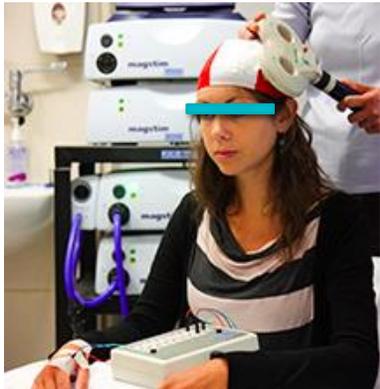


# Phase 1b: Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) PD Study

- TMS is a non-invasive tool to study human cortical excitability and target engagement of CNS acting drugs
- Multiple ASMs show effects on TMS at efficacious plasma levels, including ezogabine

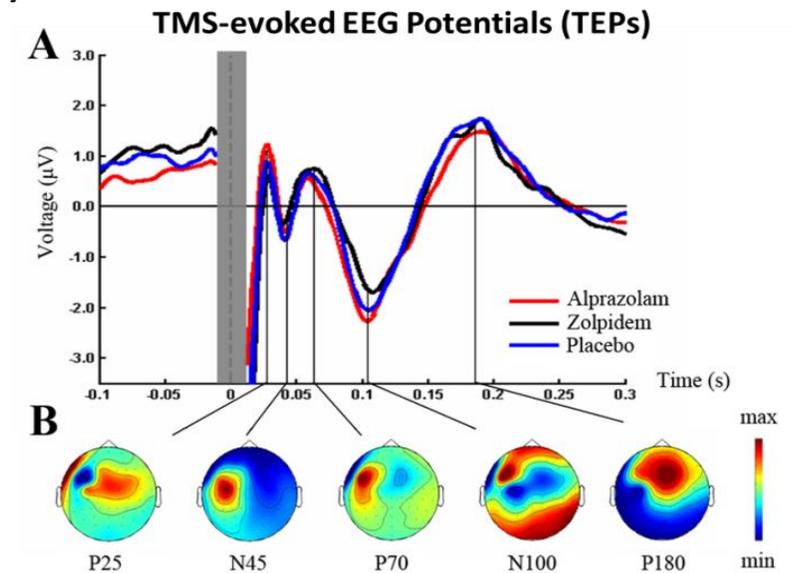
## EMG:

Resting Motor Threshold (RMT%) reflects cortico-spinal excitability



## EEG:

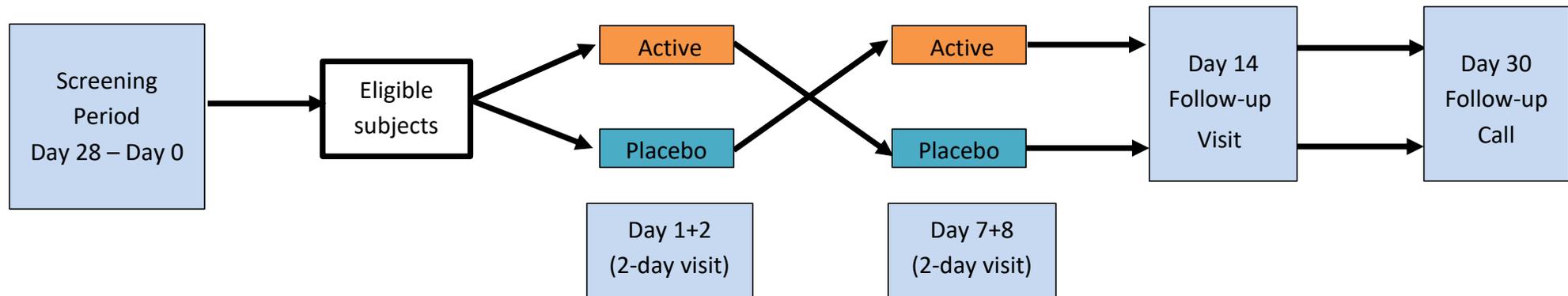
TMS-evoked EEG potentials (TEPs) allow direct evaluation of cortical excitability in a time-resolved fashion manner



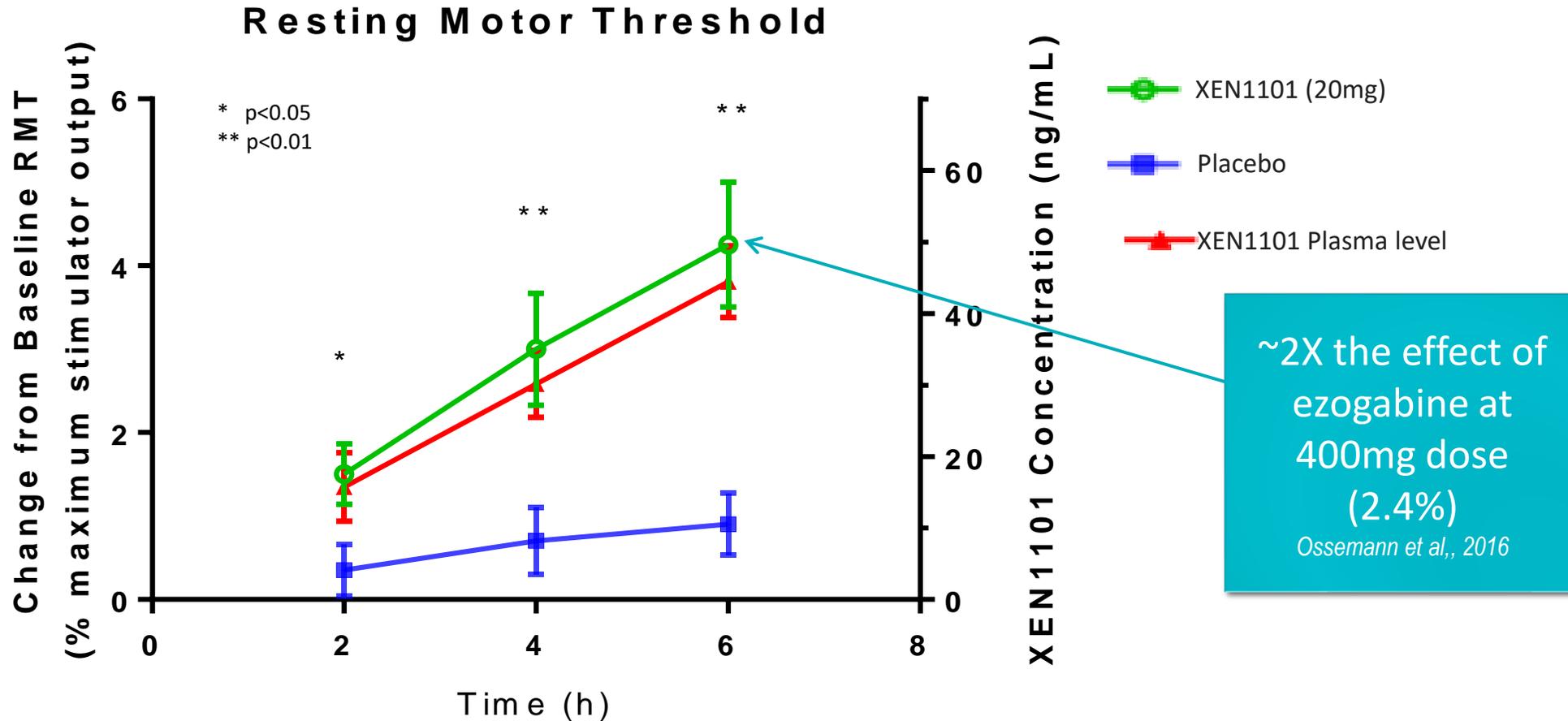
Premoli et al., 2014 *Journal of Neuroscience*

# Phase 1b XEN1101 Cross-Over Study

- To evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and TMS effects of XEN1101 in a double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over study
  - London, UK (King's College Hospital)
  - Male healthy volunteers (18-55 years)
  - Single dose, 20 mg
  - N = 20
  - Placebo-controlled, double-blind
  - Cross-over



# Phase 1b: XEN1101 Reduced Corticospinal Excitability (TMS-EMG)

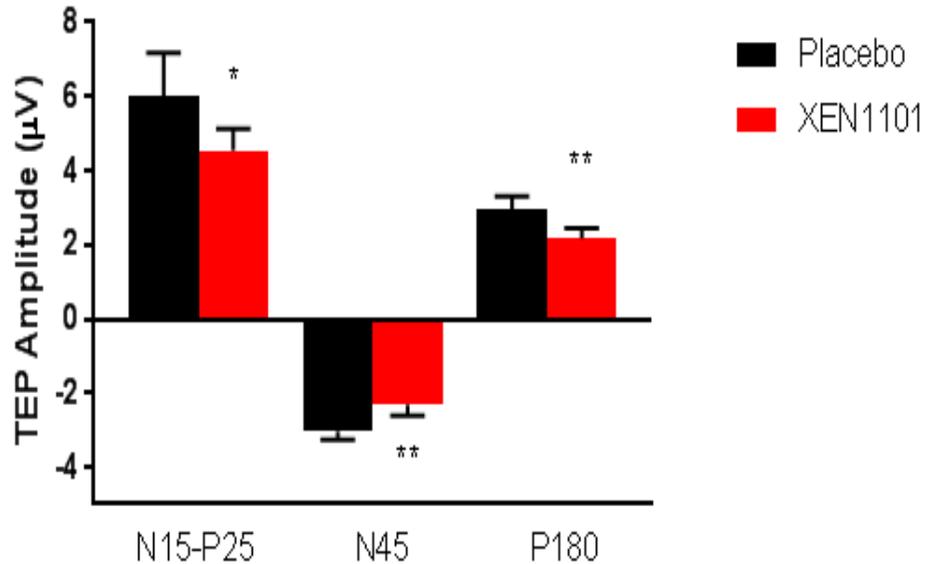


Significant increase in RMT indicates reduced corticospinal excitability; strong PK-PD relationship

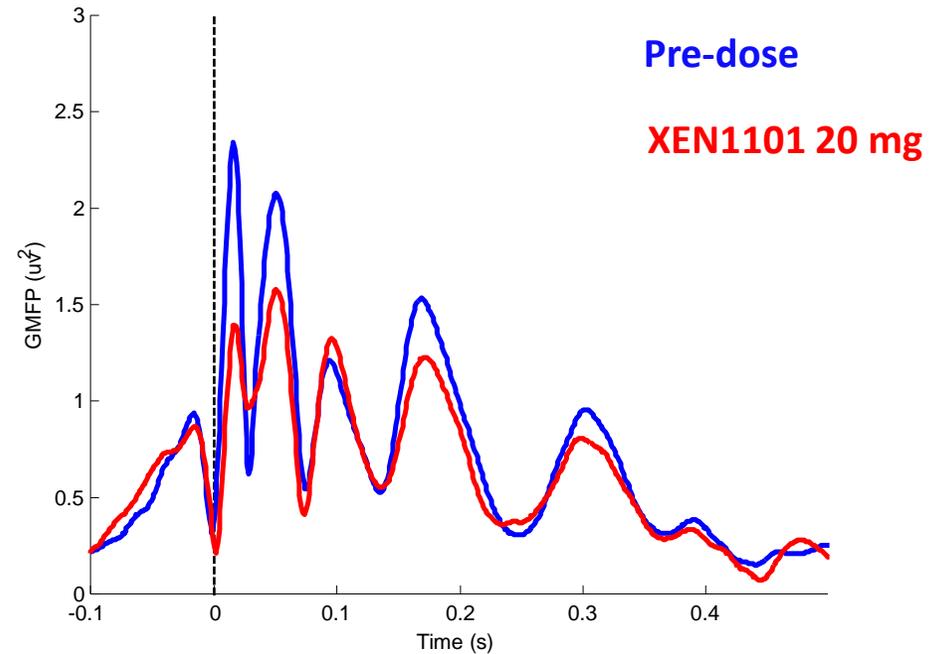
# Phase 1b: XEN1101 Reduced Corticospinal Excitability (TMS-EEG)

- XEN1101 reduced the overall amount of electrical activity induced by TMS

## TMS evoked potentials (TEPs)



## Global Mean Field Power (GMFP)



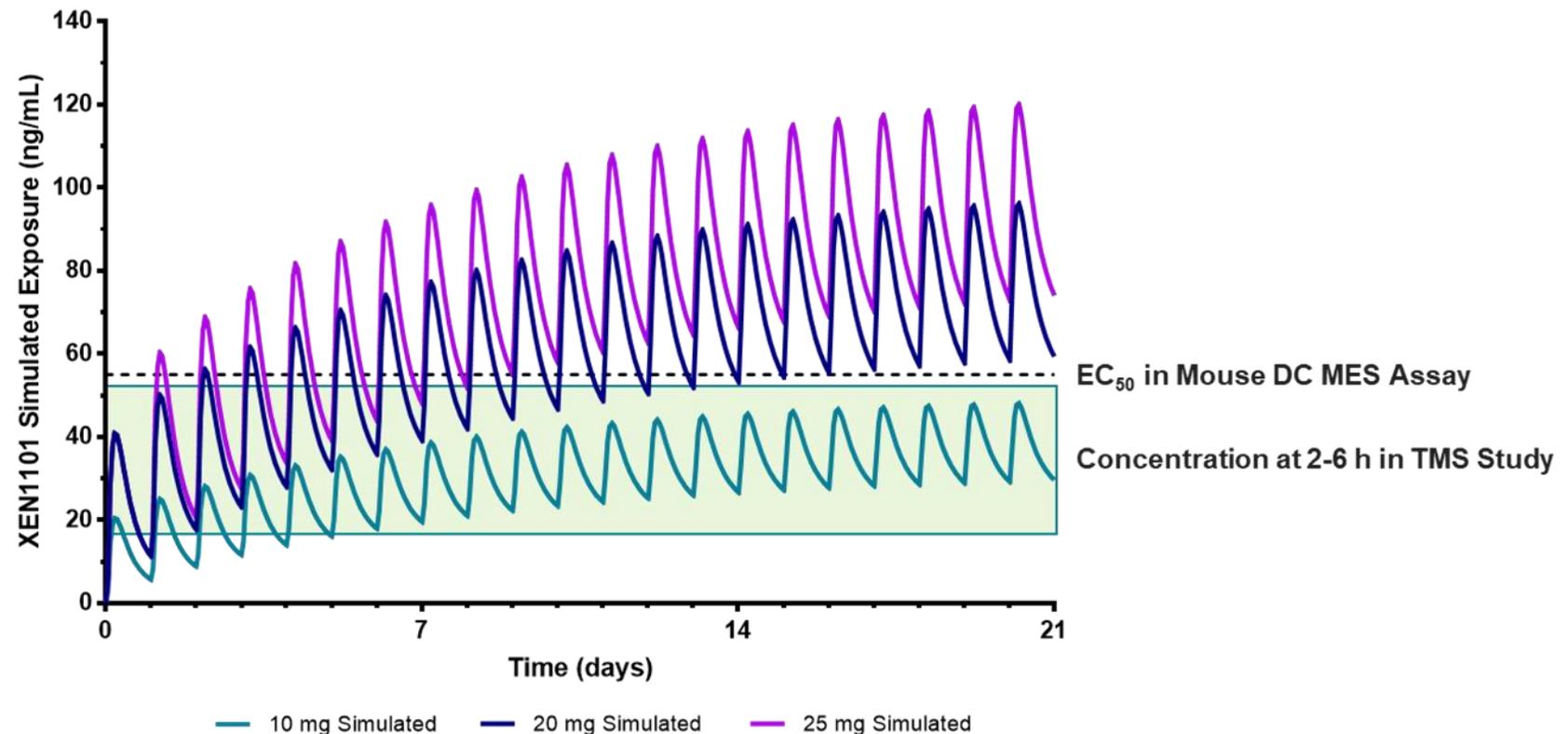
Effects shown at time of maximum XEN1101 plasma level (~45 ng/mL) during assessments compared to time matched placebo.

XEN1101 suppressed cortical excitability as evidenced by decreased TEP amplitudes and reduction in GMFP

# Use of Phase 1 and TMS to Inform Dose Selection in Phase 2b

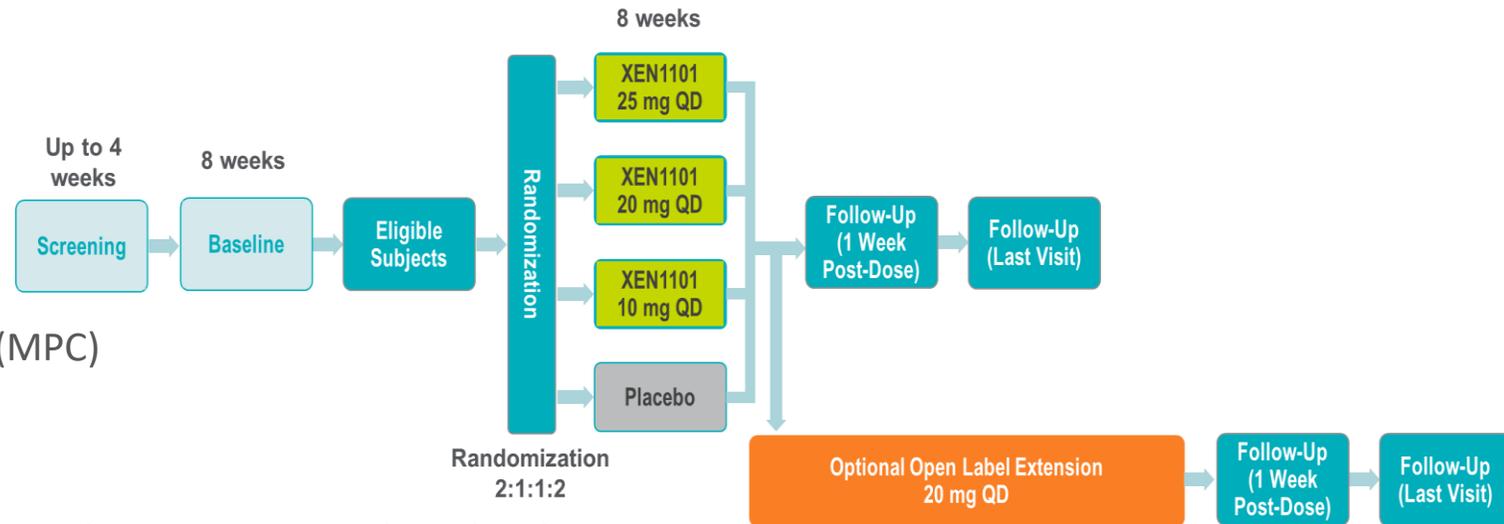
- Simulations based upon PK parameters in Phase 1
- Dose range chosen in Phase 2 will provide two doses with trough levels above effective level in TMS

Simulated Exposures (Fed State) at Doses Used in Phase 2b Study



# X-TOLE Phase 2b Clinical Trial Underway

- **X-TOLE Study:** Randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 2b clinical trial in 300 subjects with focal epilepsy
- **Endpoints:**
  - The primary endpoint is median percent change (MPC) from baseline in monthly (28 days) focal seizure frequency in the 8-week double-blind treatment period compared to placebo
  - Secondary endpoints include an evaluation of responder rate compared to placebo, as well as evaluation of changes in weekly seizure frequency and quality of life assessments
- **Eligibility criteria include:**
  - ≥4 countable focal seizures per month during an 8 week baseline period
  - Patients on stable treatment with 1-3 ASMs
- **The study is well powered (around 90% power)**
  - Designed to detect a monotonic dose response assuming a -20% MPC in placebo and -25%, -30% and -35% MPC at 10, 20 and 25 mg QD XEN1101, respectively
- **Electronic diary to capture seizures, allowing subjects to be closely monitored for events and compliance**



# Conclusions

- XEN1101 is a differentiated, next-generation  $K_v7$  potassium channel modulator
- Adult focal epilepsy is a common form of epilepsy with a high unmet medical need
- Safety, tolerability, and ease of use – in addition to efficacy – are important drug attributes for physicians, patients and caregivers
- With its with unique pharmaceutical properties, XEN1101 may represent a highly differentiated profile in focal epilepsy space:
  - Proven, “only-in-class” anti-seizure mechanism of action
  - Efficacious as monotherapy and in combination with other ASMs in pre-clinical models
  - Well-tolerated in Phase 1 studies and low drop out in blinded Phase 2b
  - Once daily (QD) evening dosing; no titration; low  $C_{max}$  to  $C_{min}$
  - No significant DDI predicted; low daily dose
- Topline results from X-TOLE Phase 2b clinical trial are expected in the third quarter of 2021

*Please refer to these additional presentations at ASENT 2021 to learn more:*

Dr. Robin Sherrington,  
*“ $K_v7$  Modulators in Epilepsy and Depression”*

Dr. Alison Cutts,  
*“Depression and Anhedonia: Acute Preclinical Efficacy for XEN1101, a Differentiated  $K_v7$  Potassium Channel Modulator”*

Dr. J.P. Johnson, Jr.,  
*“Anticonvulsant Effects of the Differentiated  $K_v7$  Channel Potentiator XEN1101 in Combination with Commonly Used Anti-Seizure Drugs”*

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