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**Novel Medicines for
Life-Altering CNS
Disorders**

**Q1 2016 Financial Results
May 5, 2016**



Agenda

Introduction

- Paul Cox, Director, Investor Relations

Pipeline Update and Upcoming Milestones

- Jeff Jonas, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

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- Kimi Iguchi, Chief Financial Officer

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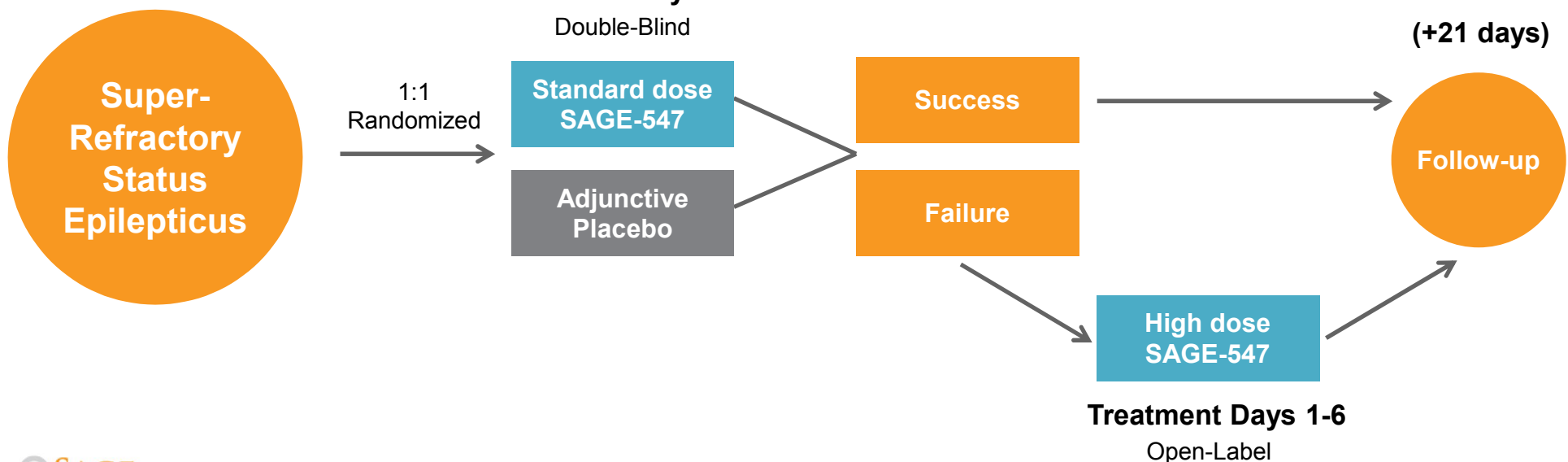
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Global Phase 3 STATUS Trial of SAGE-547 in SRSE

STATUS TRIAL

**Top-line results expected
2H 2016**

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled
- Expect up to 140 patients enrolled to get 126 evaluable patients
- Anticipate ~150 sites in U.S., Canada and Europe
- Non-responders eligible for open-label, SAGE-547 retreatment
- SPA agreement with FDA
- Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Continued resolution of SE for 24 hours following wean of all 3rd-line agents and SAGE-547/placebo



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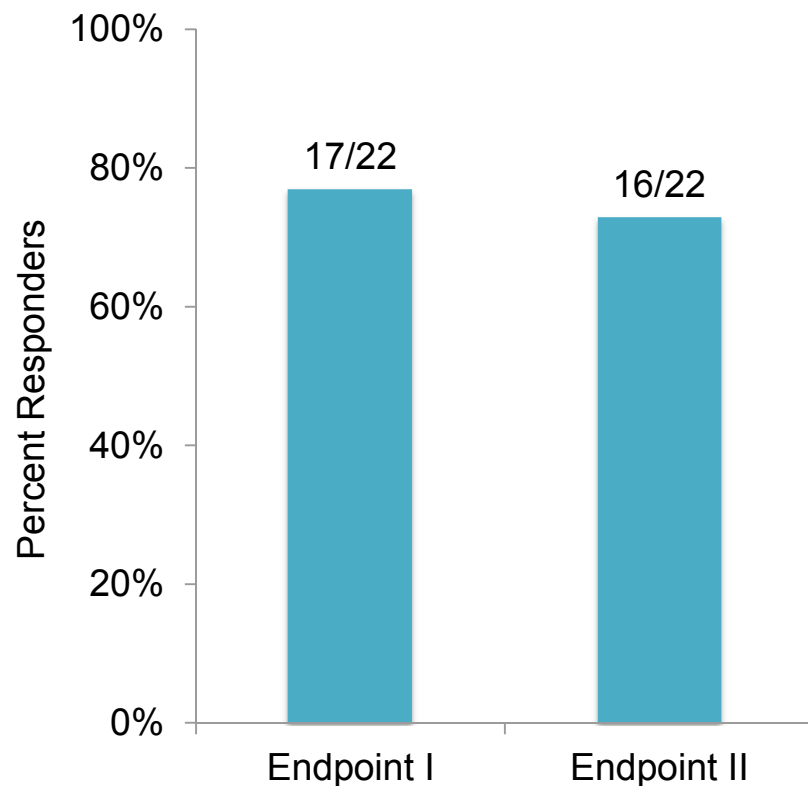
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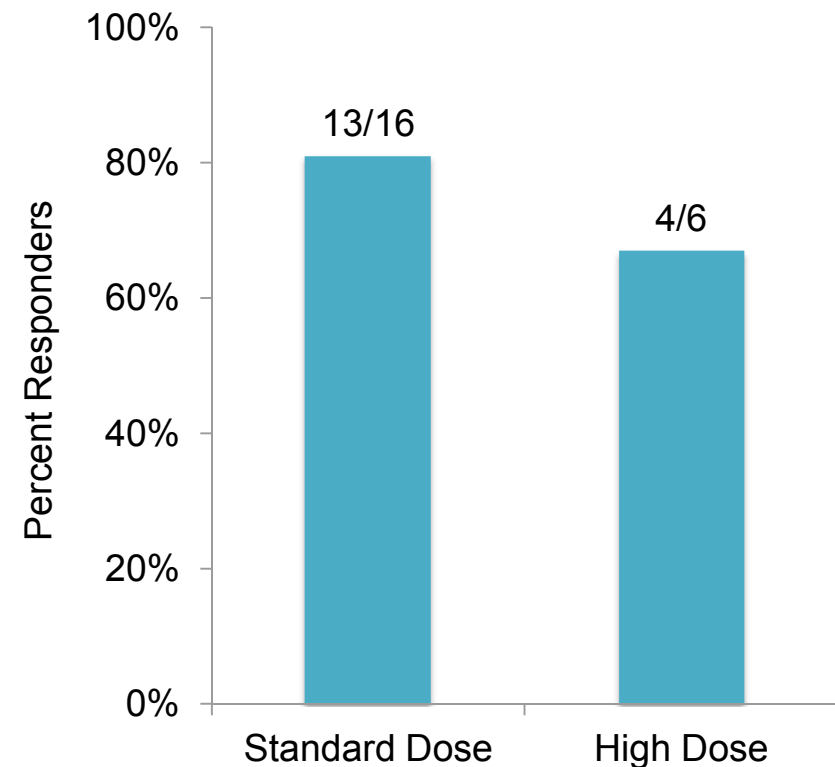
- **Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus**
 - S14.003 - 547-SSE-201 for Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus: Response and Relationship to Underlying Patient Characteristics
 - P4.210 - Phase 2 Data Suggest Heterogeneity of Presentation and Comorbidity Burden Do Not Impact Activity of SAGE-547 in Patients with Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus
 - P4.197 - Quantitative Burst Suppression as a Biomarker in the Phase 2 Trial of SAGE-547: Lessons Learned for the First International Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trial for Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus (The STATUS Trial)
 - P4.214 - Defining the Health Economic Burden of Treatment for Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus Patients
- **Essential Tremor**
 - P4.297 - Exploratory Trial Results for SAGE-547 in Essential Tremor

547-SSE-201: Overall Efficacy Results

Response by Endpoint, Evaluable Patients



Endpoint I Response by Dose, Evaluable Patients



Endpoint I: wean of TLA prior to end of SAGE-547 maintenance

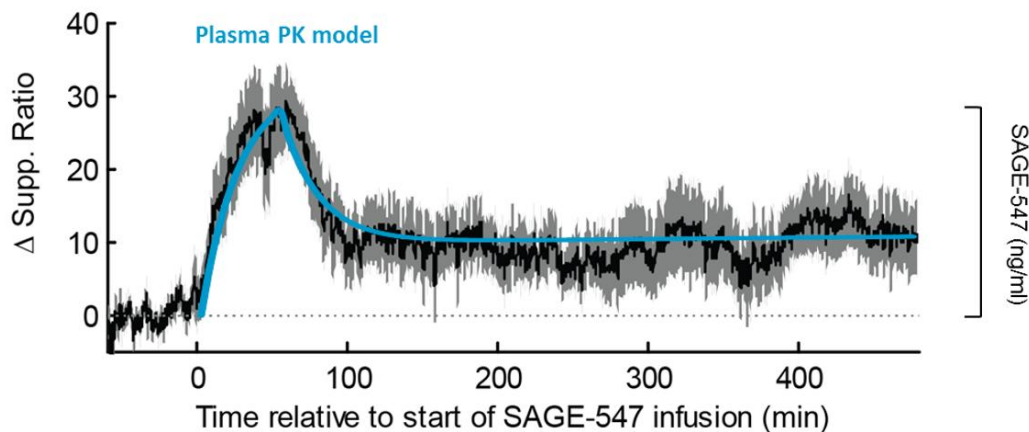
N=22 total evaluable patients

Endpoint II: wean of TLA prior to end of SAGE-547 taper

EEG Suppression Ratio as an Exploratory Pharmacodynamic Biomarker

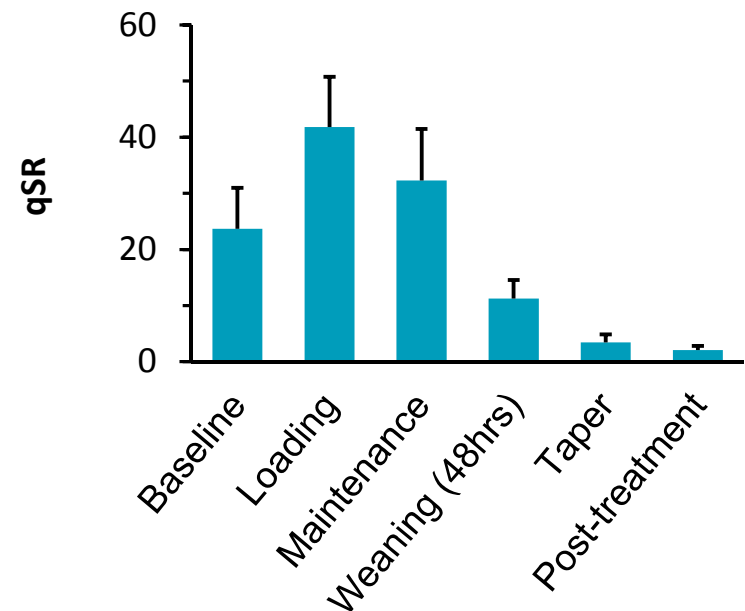
- Increase in EEG suppression ratio (qSR) during loading infusion ($p < 0.001$; $n = 14$), followed by sustained maintenance elevation ($p < 0.005$)
- Increase in qSR significantly correlated with SAGE-547 administration and steady-state plasma concentration of SAGE-547 despite high baseline variability and presence of background medications

Mean qSR (n=14) with Plasma PK Model and Third-Line Agents



Black line is mean qSR; gray area is measured standard deviation

Suppression ratio from baseline through post-treatment time points



Poster P4.197 (Tuesday, April 19): "Quantitative burst suppression as a biomarker in the phase 2 trial of SAGE-547: lessons learned in preparation for the first international phase 3, randomized, controlled trial for super-refractory status epilepticus (the STATUS trial)"

547-SSE-201 Safety Data

Adverse Events (over 10%)	n (%)
Pyrexia	5 (20%)
Anaemia	4 (16%)
Blood urea increased	4 (16%)
Diarrhoea	4 (16%)
Hypotension	4 (16%)
Oedema peripheral	4 (16%)
Convulsion	3 (12%)
Decubitus ulcer	3 (12%)
Deep vein thrombosis	3 (12%)
Haematuria	3 (12%)
Hypertension	3 (12%)
Metabolic acidosis	3 (12%)
Pneumonia	3 (12%)
Respiratory failure	3 (12%)
Sepsis	3 (12%)
Sinus tachycardia	3 (12%)
Urinary tract infection	3 (12%)

Serious Adverse Events* (over 8%)	n (%)
Respiratory failure	3 (12%)
Convulsion	2 (8%)
Pulmonary embolism	2 (8%)
Renal failure acute	2 (8%)
Sepsis	2 (8%)

Cause of Deaths*	n
Respiratory failure or arrest	2
Cardiopulmonary arrest	1
Organophosphate toxicity	1
Metastatic breast cancer	1
Multi-organ failure	1

* None assessed as drug related by Sponsor

Hospital Claims Data Support U.S. SRSE Incidence Estimated from the Literature

Literature Analysis Estimates

Status Epilepticus (SE)

~150,000 patients/year

DeLorenzo et al, 1995

2nd-Line SE

~50,000 patients/year

Silbergleit et al, 2012
Claassen et al, 2002

Refractory SE

~35,000 patients/year

Novy et al, 2010

Estimated SRSE

~25,000 patients/year

Rossetti et al, 2011
Sage Analysis

Hospital Claims Data Analysis¹

- Database included ~6M discharges in 2012 (~20% of U.S. inpatient discharges)
- SRSE does not have specific ICD-9 code
- Study algorithm included:
 - Seizure-related ICD-9 code;
 - ICU stay of at least 2 days;
 - Treatment with benzos or AEDs;
 - Continuous treatment with both IV AEDs and a ventilator;
 - Treatment with AEDs and benzos together or a definite SE ICD-9 diagnosis code

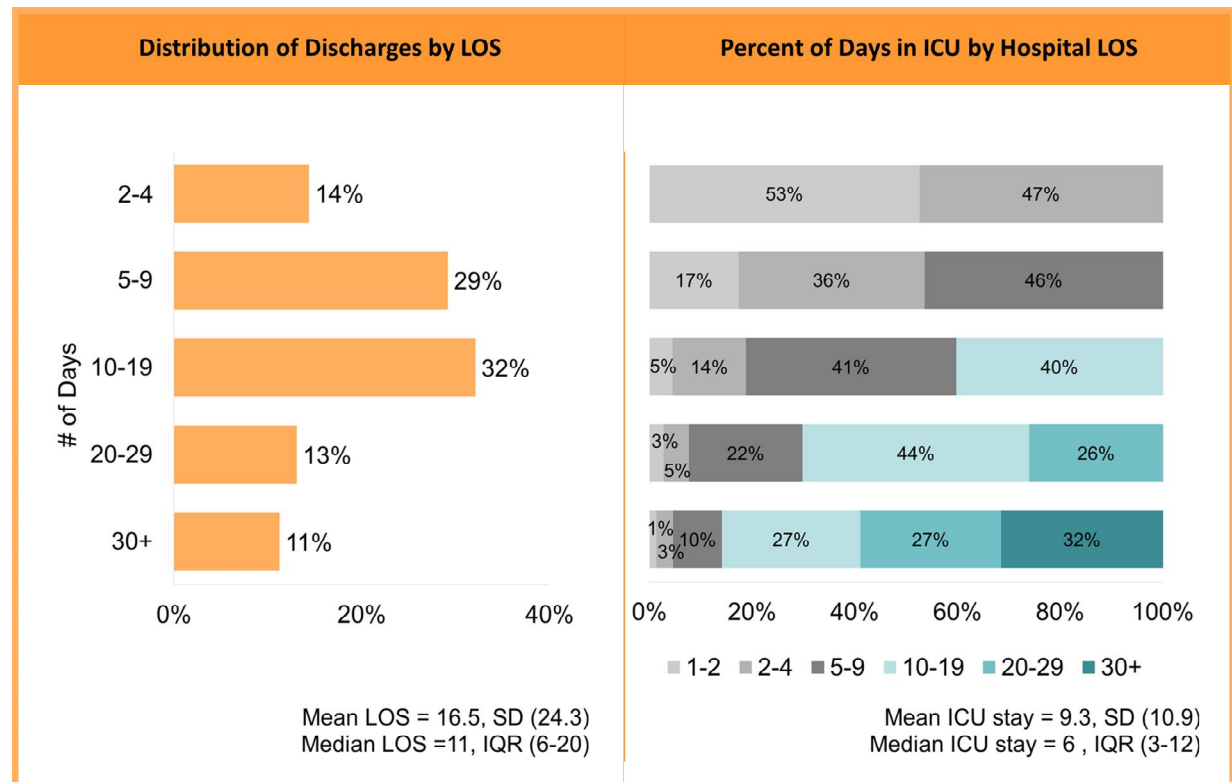
Estimated SRSE

+25,000 patients/year
in the U.S.²

SRSE Has a Significant Burden of Illness

Hospital Length of Stay (LOS) and ICU Percept of Stay for SRSE Patients

- SRSE has significant resource utilization due to lengthy hospitalizations, intense ICU resource utilization and overall hospital resource use
- Mean LOS was 16.5 days with significant ICU LOS (mean 9.3 days) in the SRSE cases classified using the primary algorithm
- LOS in the analysis ranged from 2 to over 800 days

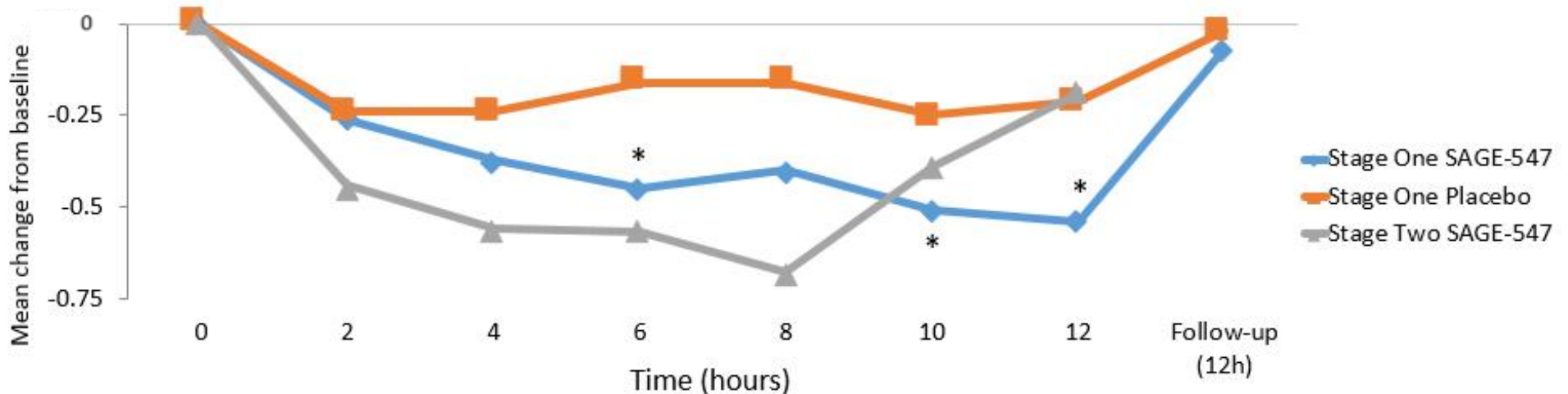


SAGE-547 Response: Kinesia Kinetic Tremor

Mean change from baseline in Kinesia kinetic tremor (combined) score over time

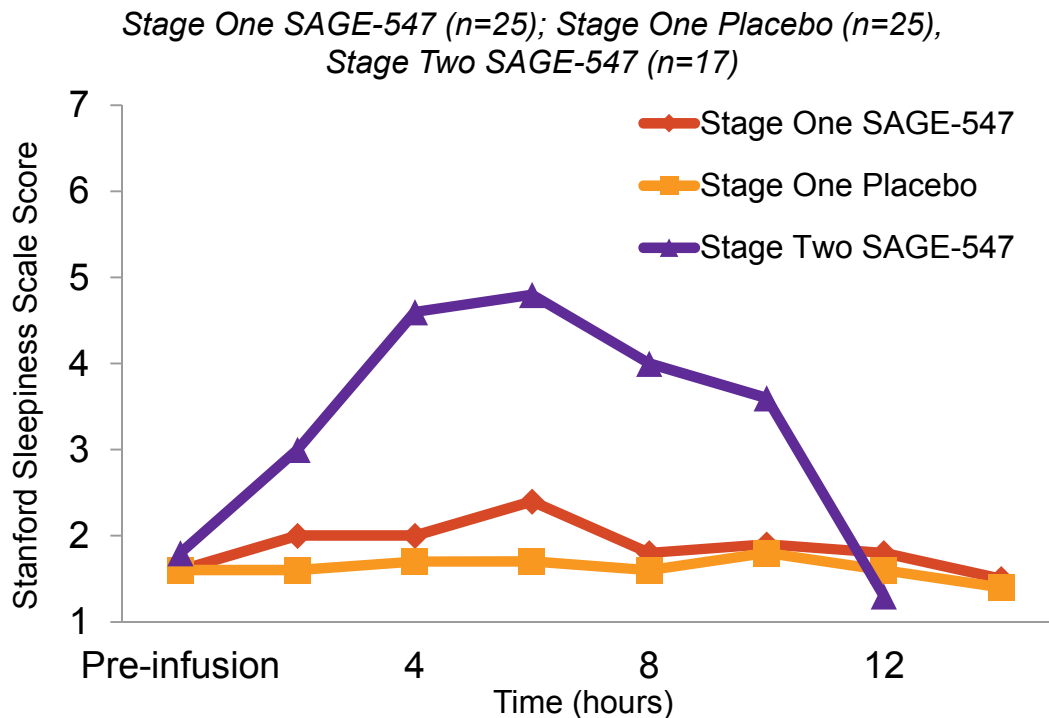
Stage One SAGE-547 (n=24); Stage One Placebo (n=25), Stage Two SAGE-547 (n=16)

*Stage One comparisons of SAGE-547 vs. placebo significant at 6 hours (p=0.02), at 10 hours (p=0.04), and at 12 hours (p=0.03)



SAGE-547 Safety Summary

Mean Stanford Sleepiness Scale score over time.



Stanford Sleepiness Scale

- 1 = feeling active, vital, alert, or wide awake
- 2 = functioning at high levels, but not at peak, able to concentrate
- 3 = awake, but relaxed; responsive but not fully alert
- 4 = somewhat foggy, let down
- 5 = foggy; losing interest in remaining awake, slowed down
- 6 = sleepy, woozy, fighting sleep; prefer to lie down
- 7 = no longer fighting sleep, sleep onset soon; having dream-like thoughts

Summary of Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs)

	Stage One SAGE-547 (n = 25)	Stage One Placebo (n = 25)	Stage Two SAGE-547 (n = 17)
Any TEAE, n (%)	3 (12%)	5 (20%)	8 (47.1%)
Any TEAE Considered Related to Treatment, n (%)	3 (12%)	1 (4%)	8 (47.1%)
Any TEAE Leading to Discontinuation, n (%)	0	0	1 (8.3%)

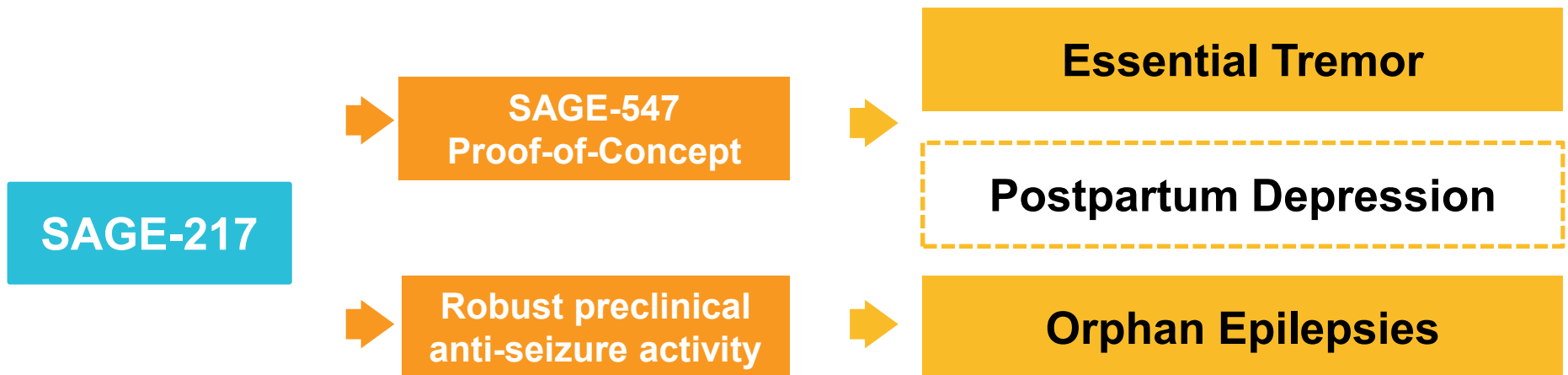
SAGE-217: A Chronic Oral GABA_A Modulator

Phase 1 clinical program results expected in 1H 2016

Highly potent and selective activity at GABA_A receptors in animal models

Designed with optimized PK/PD profile intended for once-daily dosing

Robust Phase 2 Development Programs Planned



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2016 Expected Milestones

Program	1H 2016	2H 2016
SAGE-547	Severe postpartum depression <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 2 top-line results	SRSE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 3 top-line results• NDA planning and pre-commercial activities
SAGE-217	Phase 1 clinical program results	Essential tremor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 2 initiation Orphan epilepsies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 2 initiation
SAGE-689		Phase 1 clinical program initiation

Strong Financial Position to Advance Programs

Q1 2016 Financial Results (as of 3/31/2016)

	Q1 '16	Q4 '15
Cash and Cash Equivalents ¹	\$299.7M	\$186.8M
	Q1 '16	Q1 '15
Research & Development	\$23.6M	\$12.9M
General & Administrative	\$7.1M	\$4.0M
Net Loss	\$30.5M	\$16.9M

¹Q1 2016 includes approximately \$140.4M in net proceeds from January 2016 follow-on offering

Guidance:

- Based on current operating plans, expect existing cash balance will be sufficient to fund operations into beginning of 2018

Upcoming Events and Conferences

- **Society of Biological Psychiatry 71st Annual Scientific Meeting (SOBP)**
 - May 12 - 14, 2016
 - Atlanta, GA
- **2nd Congress of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN)**
 - May 28 - 31, 2016
 - Copenhagen, Denmark
- **American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology 2016 Annual Meeting (ASCP)**
 - May 30 – June 3, 2016
 - Scottsdale, AZ
- **Goldman Sachs Global Healthcare Conference**
 - June 7 - 9, 2016
 - Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- **Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs (Eilat XIII)**
 - June 26 - 29, 2016
 - Madrid, Spain



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