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New Treatments for Dystonia?

- Doctor's perspective
 - Why do we need new treatments?*
 - Botulinum toxins are very effective*
 - DBS surgery is also effective*
- The patient's perspective
 - Are you trying to find something better?*
 - Numerous studies show satisfaction varies*
 - Approximately 1 in 3 patients discontinue BoNT*
- The clueless cynic's perspective
 - Nothing new is being developed*

Experimental Therapeutics

EXPERT OPINION ON DRUG DISCOVERY
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REVIEW



New approaches to discovering drugs that treat dystonia

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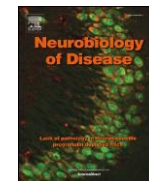
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Review

The neurobiological basis for novel experimental therapeutics in dystonia

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Glutamate Receptors

- Widely distributed in brain
basal ganglia
cerebellum
- Numerous animal studies implicate GluR in dystonia
- *GRIN2B* (NMDA receptor) linked with human dystonia
- Pilot study of riluzole in cervical dysotnia

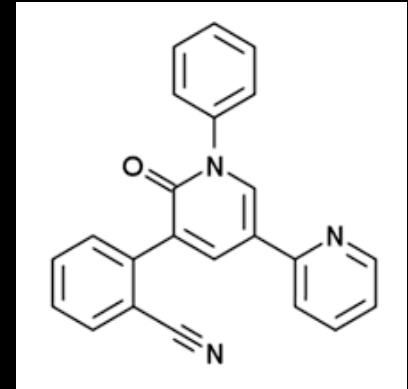
Perampanel: AMPA Receptor

- Non-competitive antagonist

- Pre-clinical studies

*animal studies implicate AMPA receptors
several dystonia models showed benefit*

- Perampanel is already available as anti-convulsant



SAFE-per-CD Trial

**Movement
Disorders**

DRUG TRIALS

CLINICAL PRACTICE

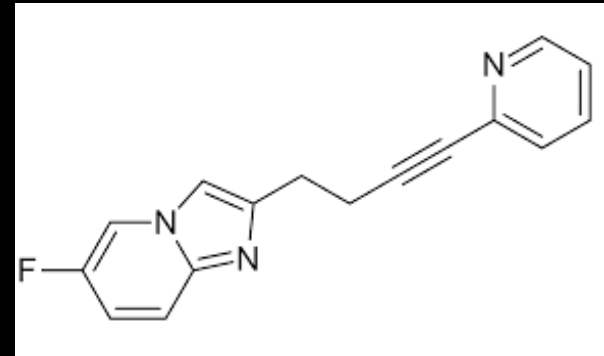
An Open-Label Phase 2a Study to Evaluate the Safety and Tolerability of Perampanel in Cervical Dystonia

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- Phase 2a, open label, multicenter
- 25 subjects with CD
 - studied at end of BoNT cycle*
 - titrated 2-12 mg/day*
 - tolerability, TWSTRS, CDIP-58, CGI*

Dipraglurant: mGluR5

- Negative allosteric modulator (mGLUR5)
- Pre-clinical studies
 - animal models implicate mGLUR5*
 - several dystonia models implied benefit*
- Reduces levodopa-induced dyskinesias
 - rodent and primate models*
 - patients with Parkinson disease*



Addex & Dystonia



Addex's Dipraglurant Restores Synaptic Plasticity in Models of Dystonia

May 17, 2021 01:00 ET | Source: [Addex Therapeutics](#)

Data published in Neuropharmacology supports therapeutic role of dipraglurant in this important movement disorder

Geneva, Switzerland, May 17, 2021 – [Addex Therapeutics](#) (SIX: ADXN and Nasdaq: ADXN), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company pioneering allosteric modulation-based drug discovery and development, today announced that dipraglurant was able to rescue long-term impairment of synaptic plasticity in two well validated models of dystonia. The data were published in the journal, [Neuropharmacology](#), under the title "Rescue of striatal long-term depression by chronic mGlu5 receptor negative allosteric modulation in distinct dystonia models", by a team led by Antonio Pisani, MD, PhD, from the Department of Brain and Behavioral Sciences, University of Pavia, and Mondino Foundation, Pavia, Italy.

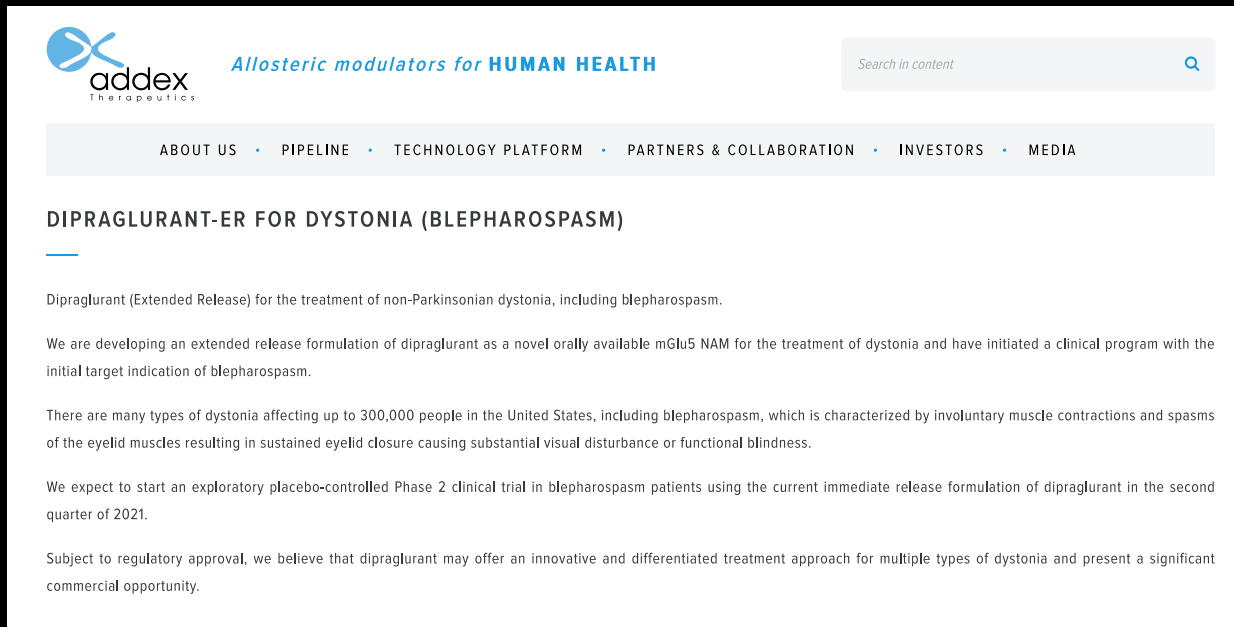
PRESS RELEASE



Addex Dipraglurant Reduces Motor Abnormalities in a Preclinical Model Relevant for Several Rare types of Dystonia

Dipraglurant, a novel oral small molecule negative allosteric modulator of mGlu5 receptor, on track for Phase 2 clinical testing in the second half of 2013

Addex Trial: Blepharospasm



The screenshot shows the Addex Therapeutics website. The header includes the Addex Therapeutics logo, the tagline "Allosteric modulators for HUMAN HEALTH", and a search bar. A navigation menu lists: ABOUT US, PIPELINE, TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM, PARTNERS & COLLABORATION, INVESTORS, and MEDIA. The main content area is titled "DIPRAGLURANT-ER FOR DYSTONIA (BLEPHAROSPASM)".

DIPRAGLURANT-ER FOR DYSTONIA (BLEPHAROSPASM)

Dipraglurant (Extended Release) for the treatment of non-Parkinsonian dystonia, including blepharospasm.

We are developing an extended release formulation of dipraglurant as a novel orally available mGlu5 NAM for the treatment of dystonia and have initiated a clinical program with the initial target indication of blepharospasm.

There are many types of dystonia affecting up to 300,000 people in the United States, including blepharospasm, which is characterized by involuntary muscle contractions and spasms of the eyelid muscles resulting in sustained eyelid closure causing substantial visual disturbance or functional blindness.

We expect to start an exploratory placebo-controlled Phase 2 clinical trial in blepharospasm patients using the current immediate release formulation of dipraglurant in the second quarter of 2021.

Subject to regulatory approval, we believe that dipraglurant may offer an innovative and differentiated treatment approach for multiple types of dystonia and present a significant commercial opportunity.

- Phase 2
- Double blind
- Subjects with BSP
- Expected start: 2021

Anti-Cholinergics

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Striatal cholinergic dysfunction as a unifying theme
in the pathophysiology of dystonia

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- Anticholinergics effective for many types of dystonia
- Side effects are terrible, so they are hard to use
- Available anticholinergics are non-selective
- Can we make better ones that are more selective?

Anti-Cholinergics: M4 Receptor



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bioRxiv posts many COVID19-related papers. A reminder: they have not been formally peer-reviewed and should not guide health-related behavior or be reported in the press as conclusive.

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New Results

Discovery of the first selective M₄ muscarinic acetylcholine receptor antagonists with *in vivo* anti-parkinsonian and anti-dystonic efficacy

Mark S. Moehle, Aaron M. Bender, Jonathan W. Dickerson, Daniel J. Foster, Yuping Donsante, Weimin Peng, Zoey Bryant, Thomas M. Bridges, Sichen Chang, Katherine J. Watson, Jordan C. O'Neill, Julie L. Engers, Li Peng, Alice L. Rodriguez, Colleen M. Niswender, Craig W. Lindsley, Ellen J. Hess, P. Jeffrey Conn, Jerri M. Rook

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- Several
- M1-3
- Several

receptors
effects
developed

Only 3 Examples in 15 Minutes



The Dystonia Coalition: A Multicenter Network for Clinical and Translational Studies

REVIEW

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- Existing treatments & limitations
- Some new treatments being developed
- ClinTrials.Gov: 16 recent or active trials
- Importance of being ready for trials

