

# Sage FutureCast

An R&D and Portfolio Review



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#### Agenda

#### Introduction

**R&D Strategy**: Sage's Differentiated Approach to Drug Development

**SAGE-217**: Expanding opportunities for impact in mental health

**SAGE-324**: Novel potential treatment for chronic neurological conditions

**SAGE-718**: Novel positive allosteric modulator of NMDA receptors for treatment of cognitive dysfunction

#### Conclusion

#### Q&A

Presenters + Kimi Iguchi, Chief Financial Officer, available for Q&A





Seeing the brain differently makes a world of difference

Sage's Differentiated Approach to Drug Development

Improving the probability of success

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# Rethinking Neuroscience Bridging translational science & experimental medicine

#### Translational Neuroscience

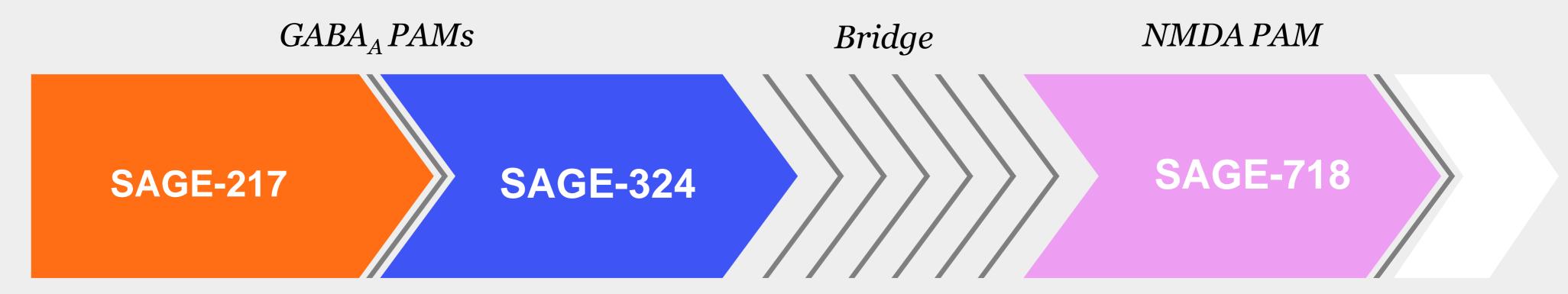
- Identify functional biomarkers in animals
- Establish genetic and biochemical criteria to select patient populations
- Translate insights between compounds and indications for better odds of success across pipeline

#### Experimental Medicine

- Conduct human studies
- Leverage opportunities to inform development strategy for Sage programs and compounds
- Deliver new biomarkers (physiological / biochemical / genetic)



#### Rethinking Neuroscience Sage's distinct integrated approach



- By following the science and designing efficient trials, Sage pursues serial de-risking
  - Data from completed studies on dosing, tolerability, biomarkers inform design of new trials
  - Studies are designed to bridge the gap from targets in context to therapeutic utility
- De-risking strategy can be used for either the same molecule or a related molecule from the Sage pipeline
  - Target small, focused indication studies with opportunities to expand into larger therapeutic indications



SAGE-217
Expanding opportunities
for impact in mental
health

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#### SAGE-217

#### Encouraging signals in three additional distinct indications



**Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) Treatment Resistant Depression (TRD) 3M** MDD-201B & ROBIN Studies MOUNTAIN, SHORELINE & MDD-302 Studies Insomnia in MDD (RAINFOREST Study) **Pediatrics 2M** Planned Global Study Suicide attempts 1.4M Geriatrics SHORELINE Study Postpartum Depression (PPD) 0.4M ROBIN Study

**Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) 7 M** *MDD-201B & ROBIN Studies\** 

Bipolar Depression (BPD)

3M

ARCHWAY Study\*

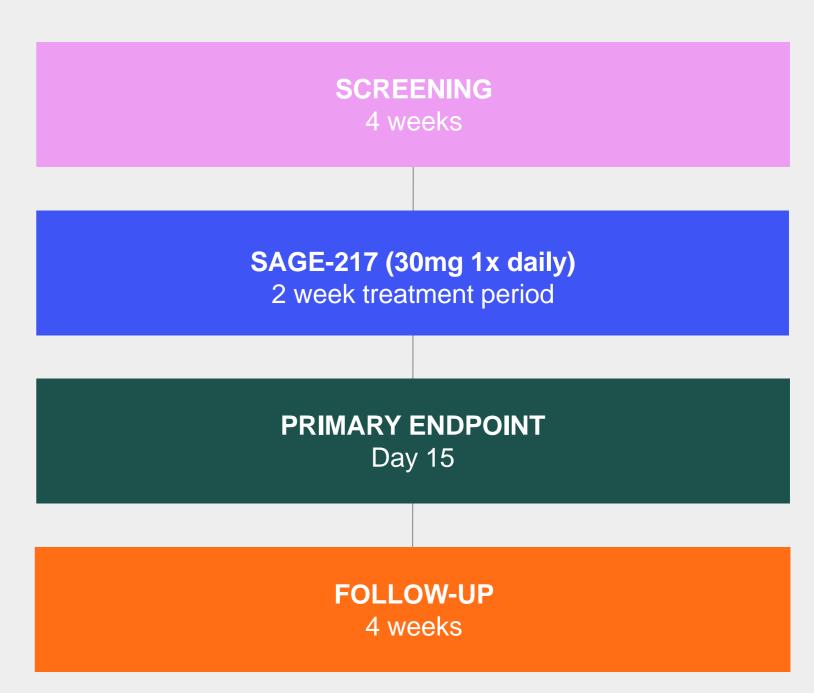
Source: Sage epidemiology estimates, approximate values; \*Subpopulation extrapolation



# SAGE-217 ARCHWAY Study in Bipolar Depression (BPD) *Phase 2 open-label, signal-finding study*



- Bipolar disorder (including Types I and II) directly affects about 3 to 6 million adults in the U.S., with an age of onset in lateteens to 20s
- BPD may have a distinct biology, presenting differently compared to unipolar MDD, and may respond differently versus MDD to medications
  - Polypharmacy, notably mood stabilizers and atypical antipsychotics are standard of care
- Given risk of switch to mania with antidepressants, an episodic approach with a novel MOA might mitigate manic switching
- Sage has completed an open-label study of SAGE-217 in bipolar depression, using the same dosing approach as with unipolar depression





# SAGE-217 ARCHWAY Study in BPD Population, Safety



- Open-label trial of SAGE-217 taken 30mg each evening for 14 days
- n=35: 89% bipolar disorder Type I; mean age of 47.6;
   66% female
  - 40% taking anti-depressants and/or mood stabilizers at baseline
  - Employment, marriage and educational characteristics suggest a sample with low functional status, consistent with population profile
- Discontinuation rate of 29%, similar to other recent trials in bipolar depression; no discontinuations from adverse events

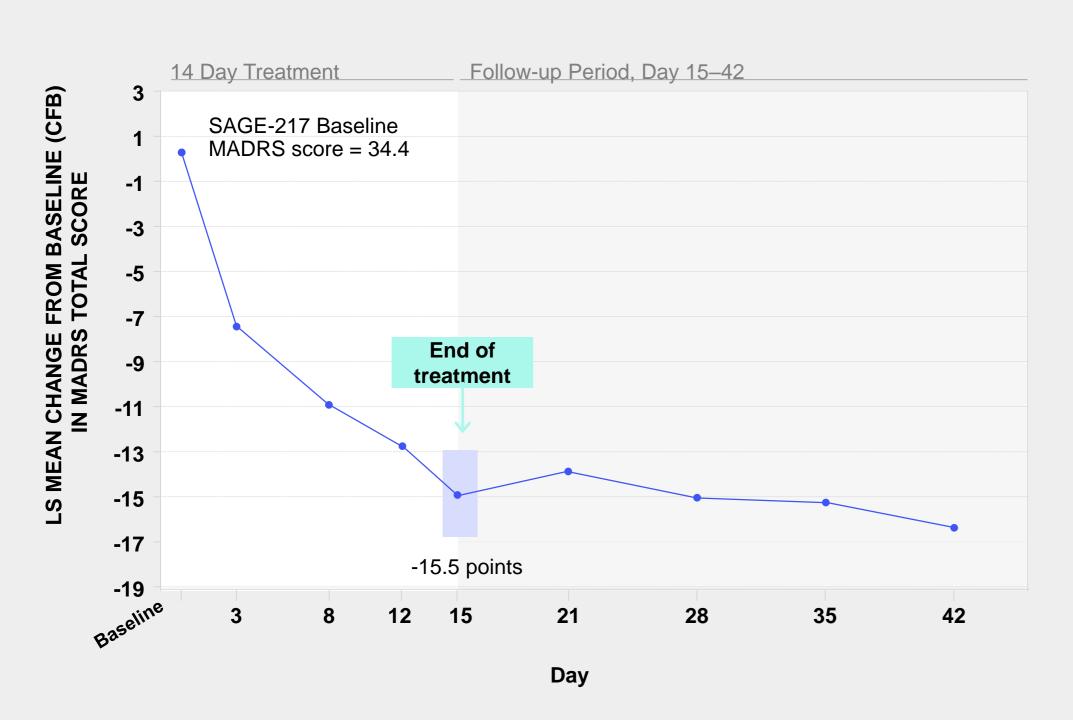
Adverse events	SAGE-217 (%)
Somnolence	4 (11.4)
Headache	3 (8.6)
Diarrhea	2 (5.7)
Sedation	2 (5.7)
Hypomania	2 (5.7)

- AEs reported in 46%; 66% mild, no severe or serious events
- No dose reductions, loss of consciousness or syncope, no signal for increased suicidal ideation or behavior compared to baseline (as measured by C-SSRS), no clinically significant changes in vital signs or clinical laboratory parameters or ECGs
- No mania; 2 cases of transient hypomania off-treatment

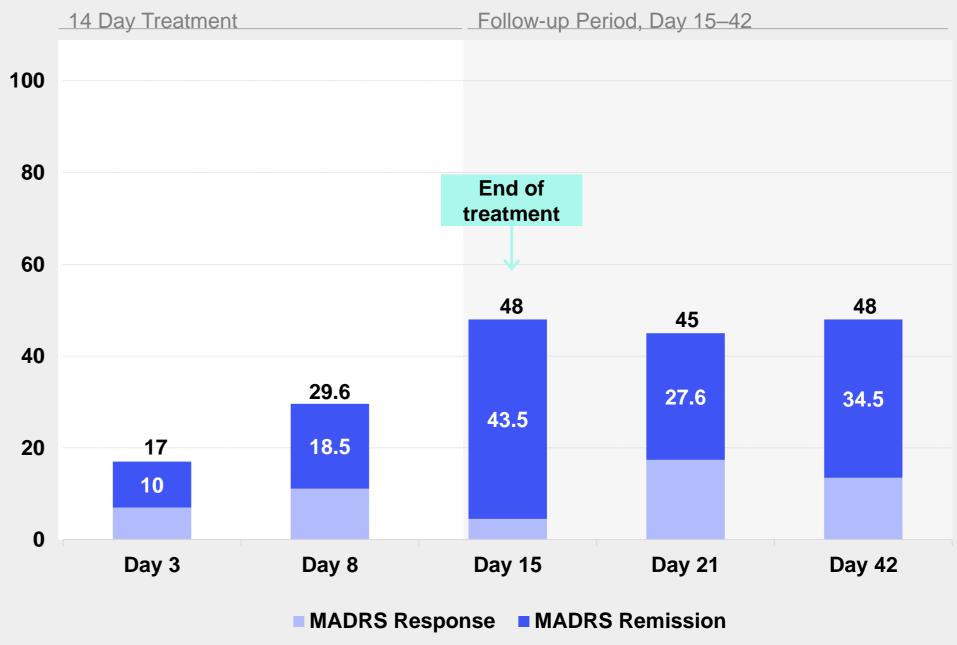


#### SAGE-217 ARCHWAY Study in BPD Improvement in depression symptoms (MADRS)



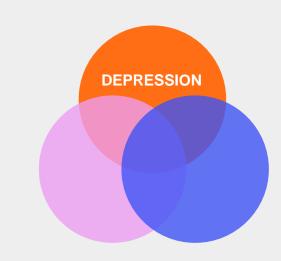


#### % RESPONSE (≥ 50% IMPROVEMENT IN MADRS TOTAL SCORE) AND REMISSION (MADRS < 12)





# Treatment-resistant depression (TRD) Post hoc analysis of anti-depressant unresponsive subjects in Phase 3 SAGE-217 program



Significant opportunity for innovation in TRD treatments

TRD accounts for ~15% to 20% MDD samples and is associated with greater costs and disability than responsive depression<sup>1</sup>

- TRD indication could provide strong support for firstline use of SAGE-217 across all MDD, assuming strong signal, efficient development pathway
- May also provide data-driven approach to certain cost-focused markets
- For analysis, trial participants in pivotal SAGE-217 MDD and PPD studies who were unresponsive to either average or high-dose anti-depressants at baseline were examined to assess signal for SAGE-217 potential utility in TRD

<sup>1</sup>Amos TB, et al. J Clin Psych 2018; 79(2)



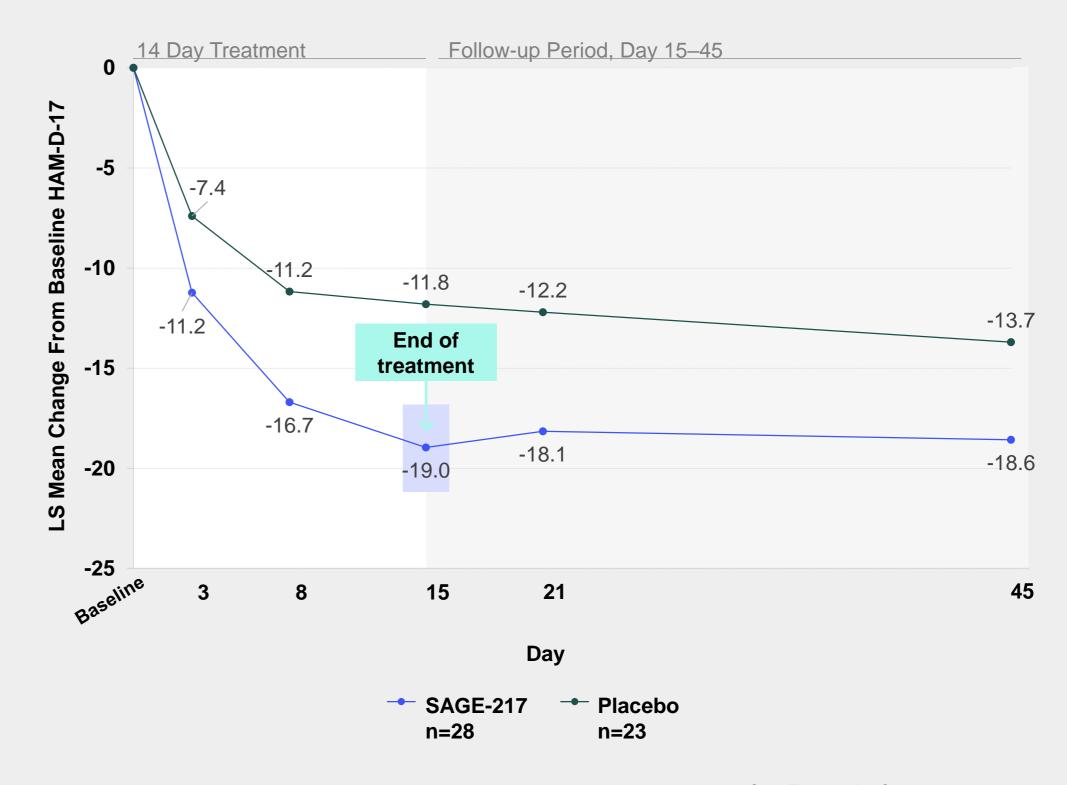
#### **SAGE-217**

#### Treatment response in people unresponsive to standard of care



- Sage conducted a post hoc analysis of 51 patients from the MDD-201B and ROBIN Studies with ongoing symptoms of depression despite receiving standard anti-depressant pharmacotherapy
  - 25% of subjects from MDD-201B and ROBIN Studies met criteria
- Treatment response is similar in subjects on anti-depressants who had a major depressive episode despite being on these medications

#### SAGE-217 ADD-ON IN ANTI-DEPRESSANT UNRESPONSIVE SUBJECTS

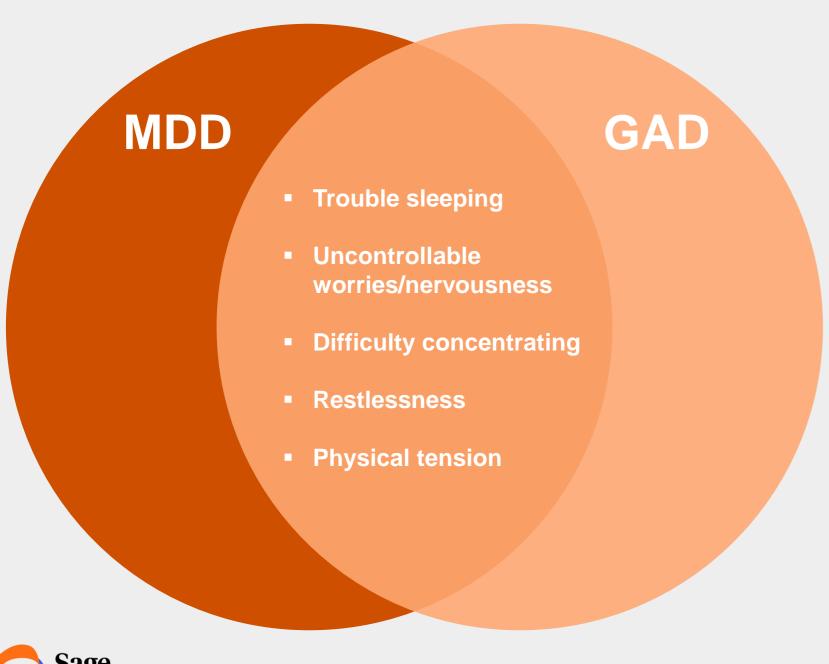




# Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) Adjacent area of depression with unmet need



#### Substantial symptom overlap of GAD with MDD

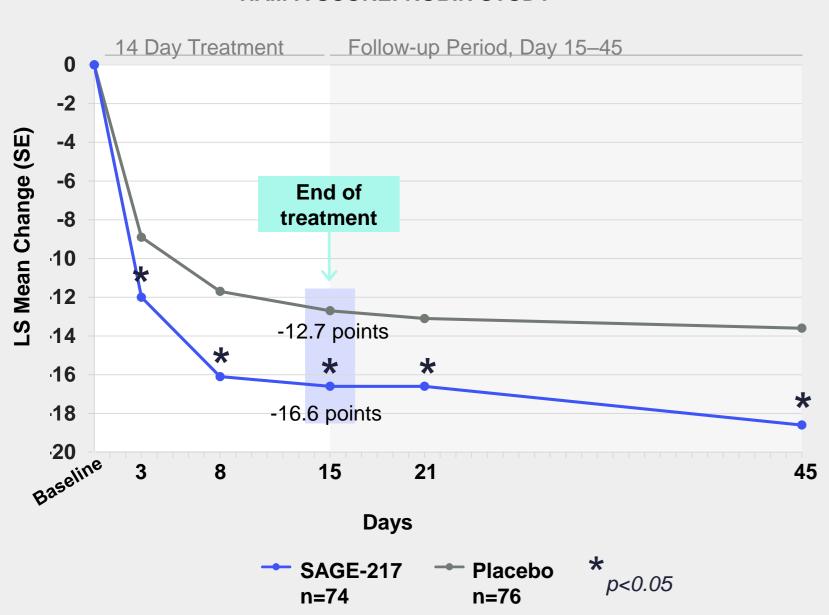


- An estimated 6 million individuals suffer from GAD in the US
- Standard treatment is with anti-depressants
- Significant benefit in co-morbid anxiety symptoms in depression suggests that similar, durable improvements in anxiety associated with GAD may be possible
- GAD as a "chronic" illness may be amenable to "episodic" reframing
- Substantial clinical and societal value for a therapy to replace chronic benzodiazepine use

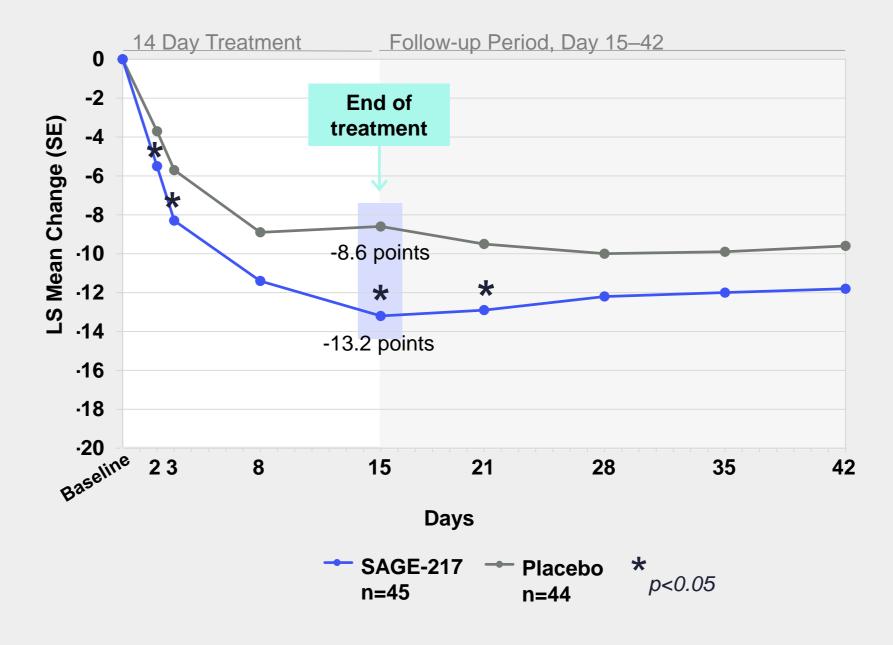
# Generalized Anxiety Disorder Robust impact on anxiety symptoms



#### **HAM-A SCORE: ROBIN STUDY**



#### HAM-A SCORE: 217-MDD-201B

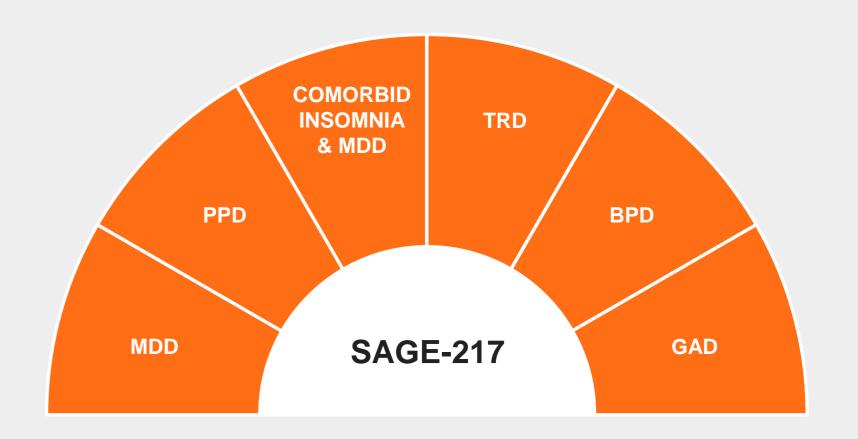




### SAGE-217 Planned program expansion to TRD

DEPRESSION

- Emerging SAGE-217 evidence suggests multiple areas of expansion possible
  - Data in bipolar depression indicate potential benefit, prudent to conduct a blinded trial when best aligned with value creation
  - Data from individuals with at least one anti-depressant failure at baseline (TRD proxy; ad hoc) suggest strong response
  - Data reflecting the anti-anxiety effect are compelling, may require pilots to examine durability in GAD
- MDD-301 (MOUNTAIN study) continues on-track with expected read-out 4Q19/1Q20
- Decision to move into TRD as the next expansion of the Landscape Program
  - Potentially requires fewer development resources; offers another potential near-term value creation opportunity; and remains of high interest to the clinical community





# SAGE-324 Novel potential treatment for chronic neurological conditions

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# Essential Tremor Common movement disorder where SOC may be inadequate for many

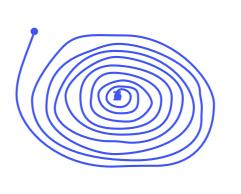
# NEUROLOGY

#### **Disease Overview**

- Most prevalent movement disorder, estimated to affect more than 6M people in the U.S.; 1M seek treatment
- High unmet need; 50% of treated patients do not respond or have sub-optimal response to standard of care (SOC)<sup>1</sup>

#### **Pathophysiology**

- Associated with reduction in GABAergic tone in cerebellum and thalamus<sup>2</sup>
  - Reduced GABA levels and diminished receptor volume have been found in CSF and in postmortem analyses<sup>3</sup>



#### Mild

Difficulty with fine motor tasks that require precision



#### Moderate

Difficulty with everyday tasks



#### Severe

Significant impairment in activities of daily living and independence

#### **Decreasing ability to:**

Work

Do chores/yardwork

Use a phone

Write

Cook

Use transportation

Walk

Take medication

Get dressed

Self-care

Drink

Eat

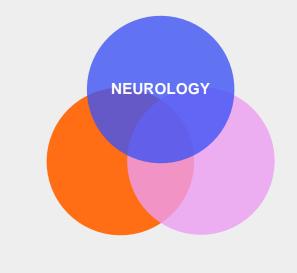
Source: <sup>1</sup>Louis et al., Eur J Neurol 2010 <sup>2</sup>Paris-Robidas S et al., Brain 2011 <sup>3</sup>Mally et al., J Neural Transm 1996

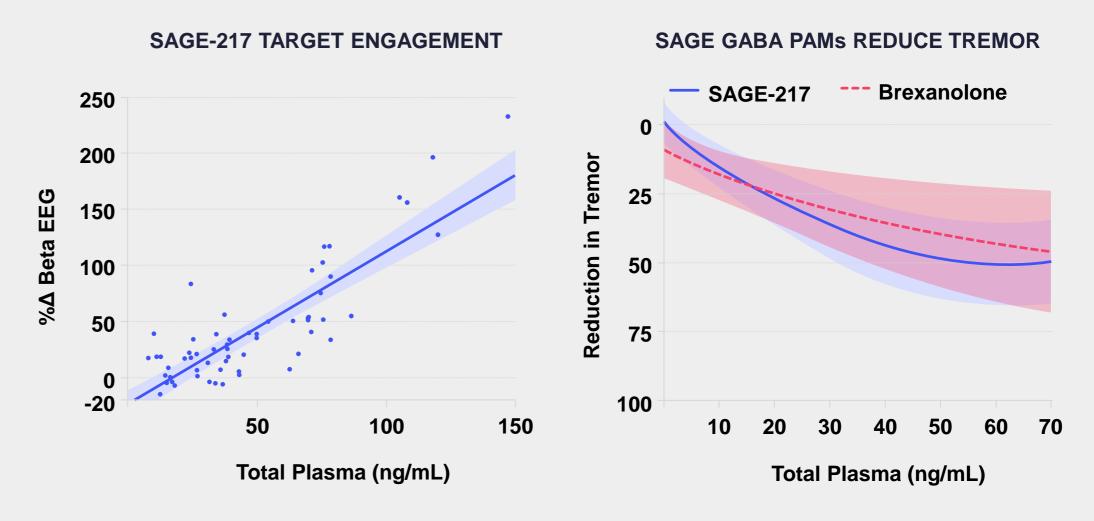


#### SAGE GABA PAMS

# Predictable pharmacodynamic effects and activity in Essential Tremor

	BREXANOLONE	SAGE-217
Drug Exposure		
Target Engagement (Change in β-EEG)		
Activity in Essential Tremor		

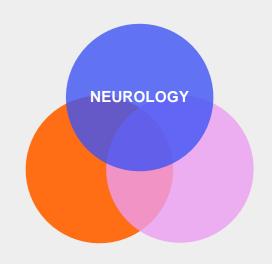




- After a single dose, both brexanolone and SAGE-217 demonstrated reduction in tremor in ET patients
- Profile mirrored drug exposure and degree of target engagement as measured by change from baseline β-EEG



# SAGE-324 Pharmacokinetics are well-suited to Essential Tremor



#### **SAGE-324**

Drug Exposure

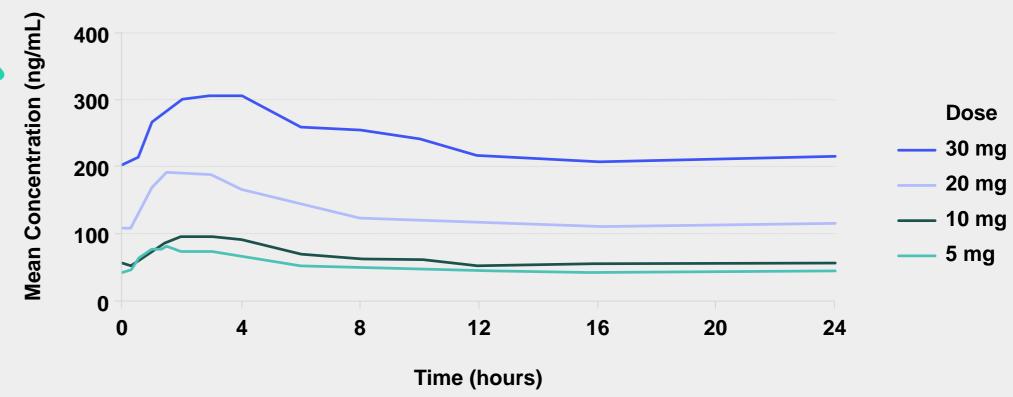




Target Engagement (Change in β-EEG)

Activity in Essential Tremor

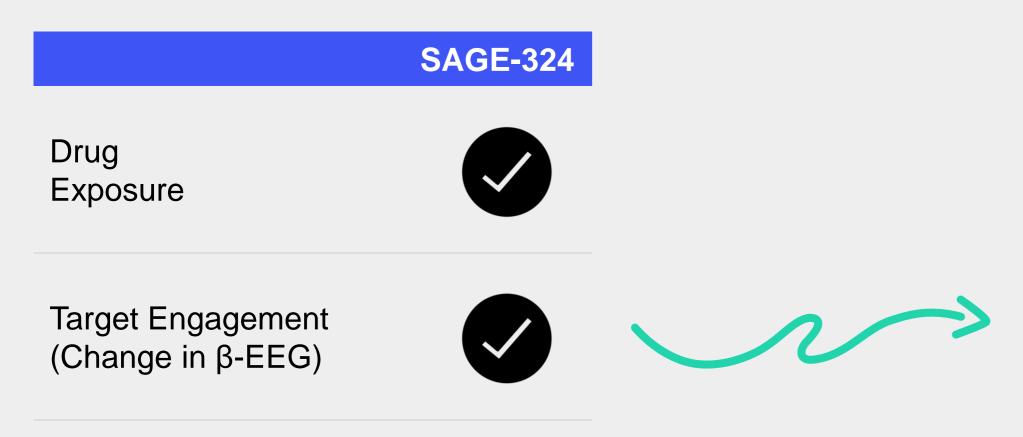


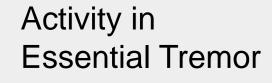


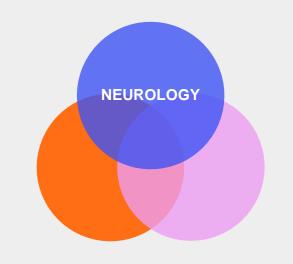
- Good oral bioavailability
- Long half-life (90-120 hours)
- Profile provides flexibility in dosing paradigms



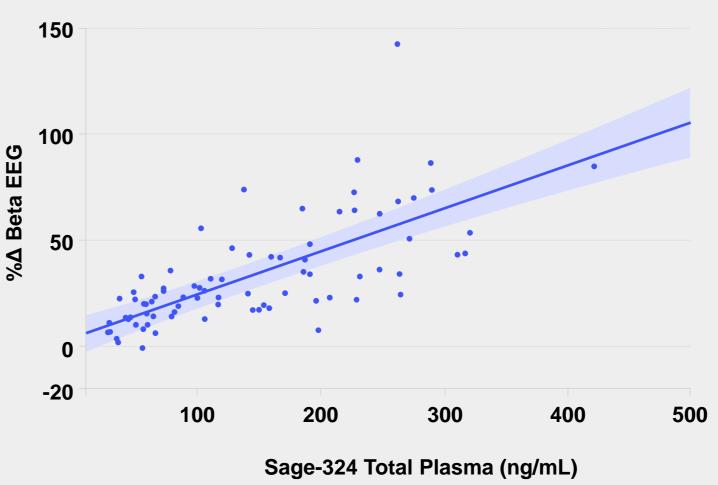
### SAGE-324 Target engagement demonstrated with $\beta$ -EEG biomarker







#### **SAGE-324 TARGET ENGAGEMENT**

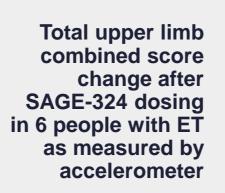


- Brexanolone and SAGE-217 clinical data established bridge between drug exposure, EEG, and tremor reducing activity
- Same methodology was applied to SAGE-324 β-EEG data, demonstrated target engagement at doses significantly lower than maximum tolerated dose



#### **SAGE-324** Tremor reduction in ET patients observed after a single dose

**SAGE-324** Drug Exposure Target Engagement (Change in  $\beta$ -EEG) Activity in



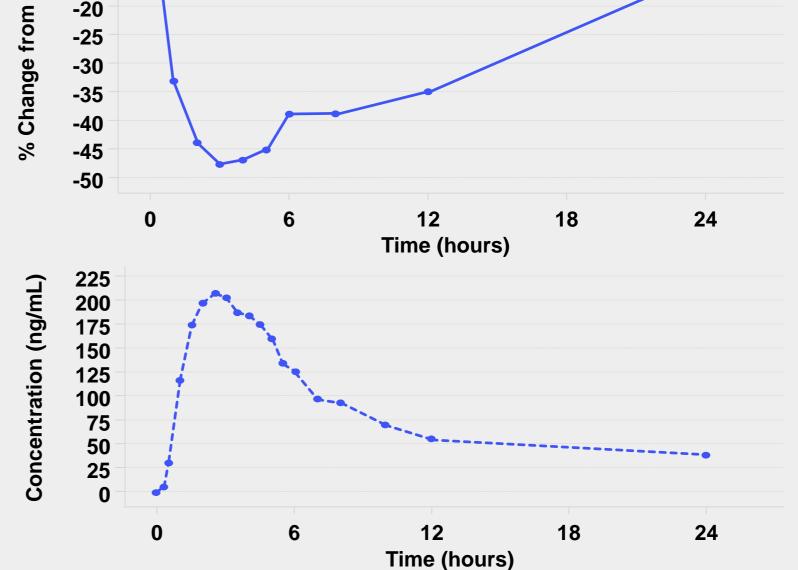
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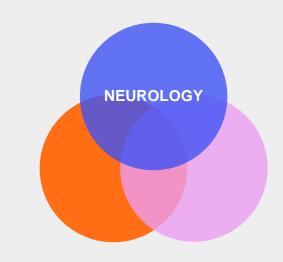
- Clear PK/PD relationship
- Promising signals of tremor reduction, consistent with those observed previously for brexanolone and SAGE-217
- SAGE-324 was well-tolerated in ET patients



**Essential Tremor** 

**NEUROLOGY** 

# SAGE-324 Well-positioned for development in ET and other chronic neurologic conditions



	SAGE-324
Drug Exposure	
Target Engagement (Change in β-EEG)	
Activity in Essential Tremor	

- PK/PD relationships for brexanolone and SAGE-217 in Essential Tremor reproduced with SAGE-324
- Pharmacodynamic markers (β-EEG) will support dose ranging in Phase 2 to explore efficacy and tolerability of SAGE-324 in Essential Tremor
- SAGE-324's long half-life will provide consistent plasma concentrations with minimal daily fluctuations after multiple doses
- SAGE-324 was well-tolerated in Phase 1 studies; most common adverse events were somnolence, dizziness, and feeling of relaxation



SAGE-718
Novel NMDA receptor PAM
for potential treatment
of cognitive dysfunction

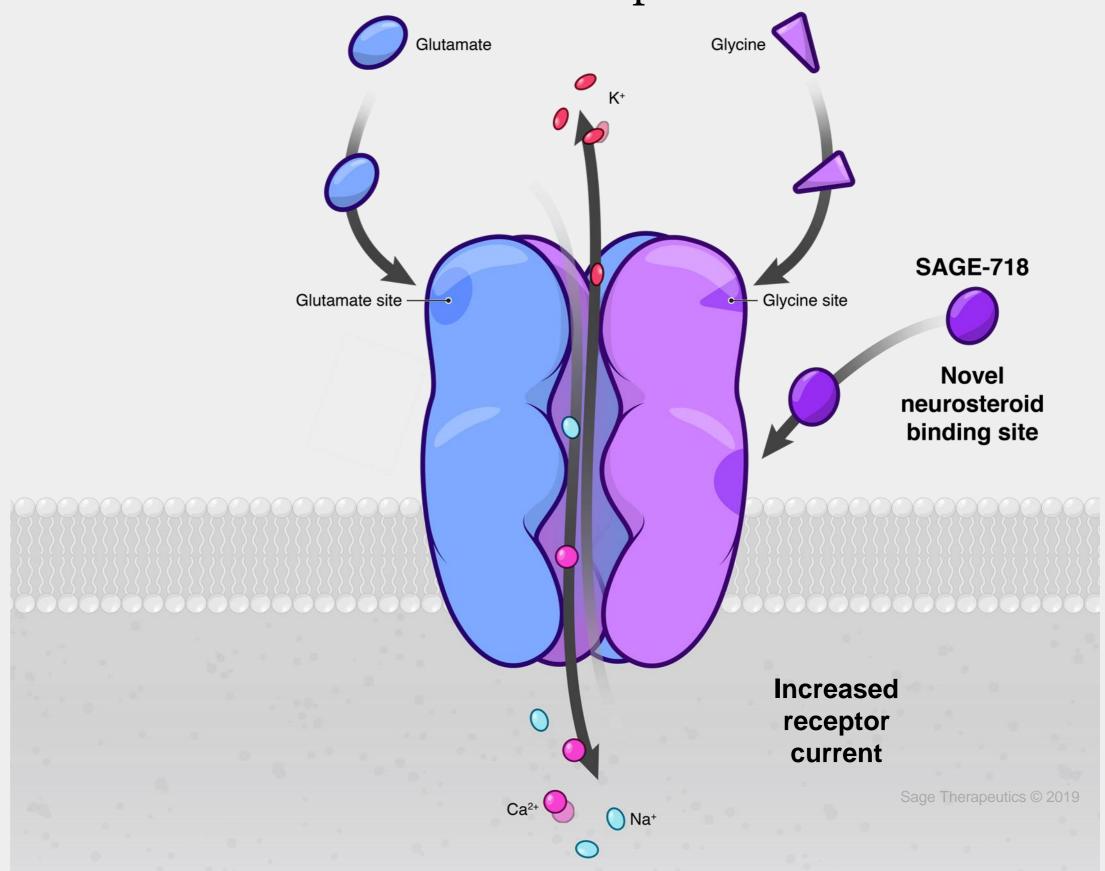
Aaron Koenig, M.D. Medical Director, Medical Science



### Sage's First-in-Class NMDA Positive Allosteric Modulators

- NMDA receptors are ionotropic glutamate receptors that play a key role in a host of cognitive and behavioral processes
- Sage identified an endogenous modulator of the NMDAR (24S-hydroxycholesterol) and initiated a research effort to discover novel NMDAR modulators
- Sage has built a library of novel oxysterolbased NMDA modulators, with unique profiles, that are in various stages of development, the first of these being SAGE-718





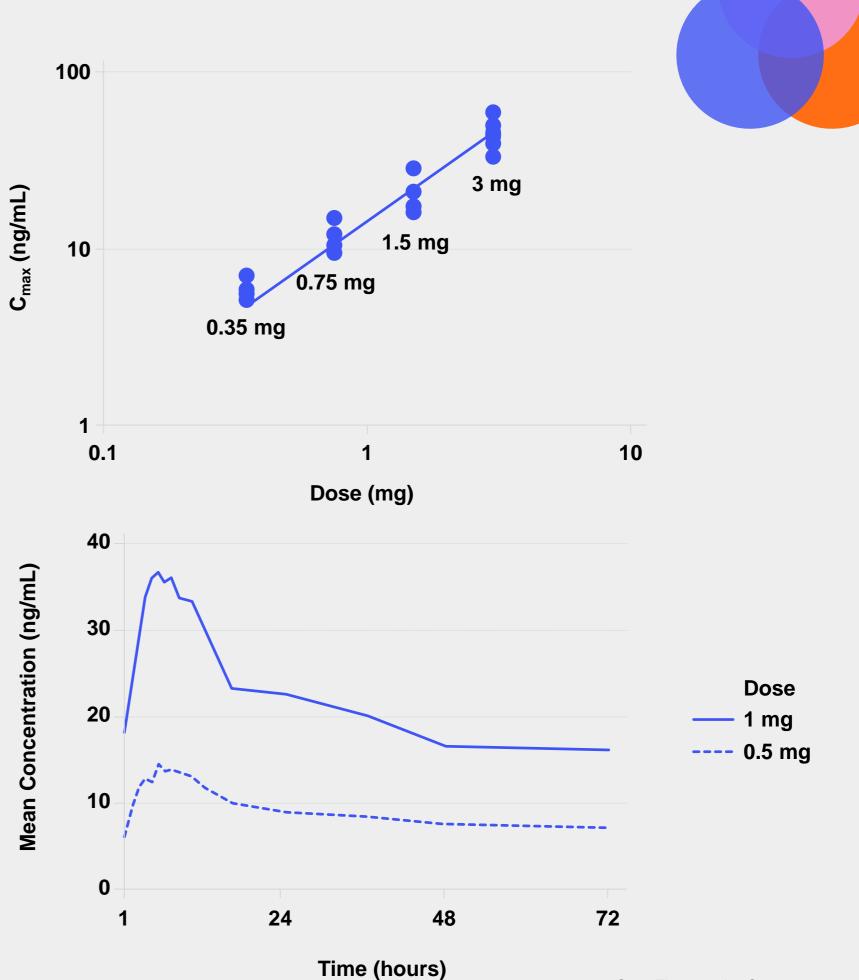


**NEUROPSYCH** 

# SAGE-718 Clinical profile supports development

- Five Phase 1 clinical studies (100+ subjects dosed) completed
- SAGE-718's pharmacokinetic profile supports once-a-day oral dosing
  - Plasma C<sub>max</sub> and AUC exposure is dose-proportional
  - Long half-life is consistent with once daily dosing
- To date, SAGE-718 has an acceptable safety and tolerability profile
  - No serious adverse events or deaths
  - Most treatment-emergent adverse events were mild in severity
    - No treatment-emergent adverse events resulted in study drug discontinuation or dose reduction
    - No significant changes in clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, or ECGs were observed

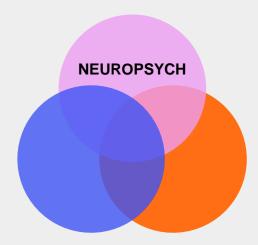




**NEUROPSYCH** 

#### SAGE-718

#### Data suggest potentially transformational activity in the brain

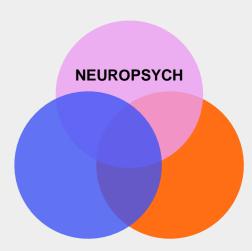


- A suite of three experimental medicine studies was designed to investigate CNS-target engagement using a low-dose ketamine challenge paradigm
- Results from an integrated data analysis from all three studies demonstrate that SAGE-718:
  - Had effects on electrophysiological, functional imaging and cognitive endpoints in healthy volunteers consistent with CNS activity
  - Modulated the effects of ketamine on regional and global measures of resting brain activity indicating functional interaction with NMDA receptors

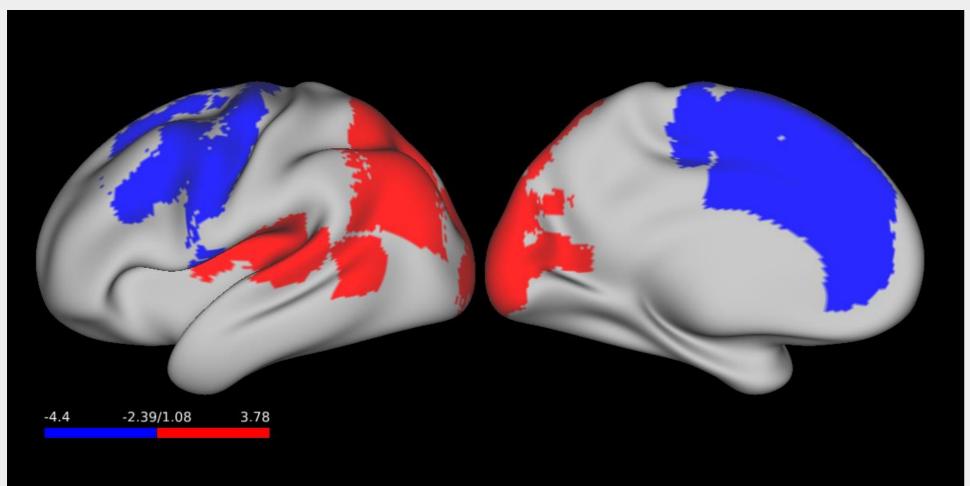


#### **SAGE-718**

#### Attenuated effects of ketamine on brain circuits, in Phase 1 study

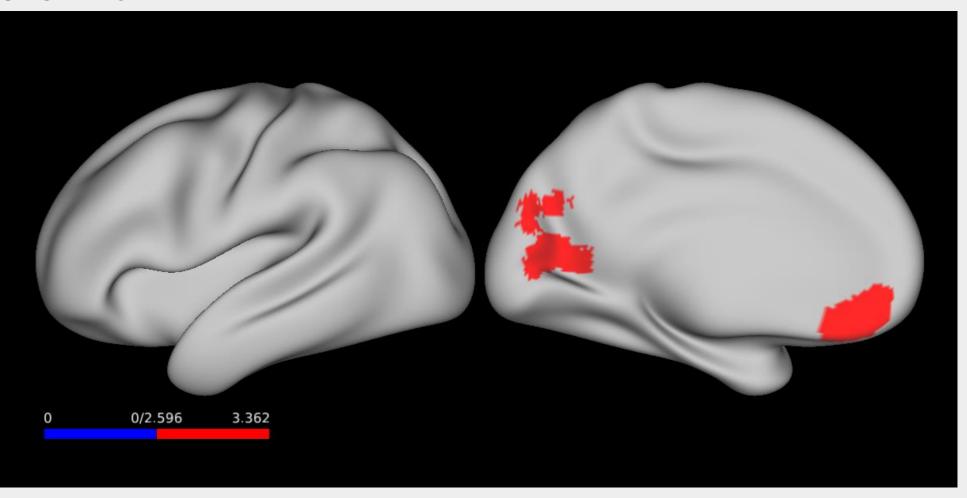


#### **KETAMINE**



Ketamine caused regionally localized increases (RED) and decreases (BLUE) in cerebral blood flow (BOLD-MRI)

#### **SAGE-718 + KETAMINE**

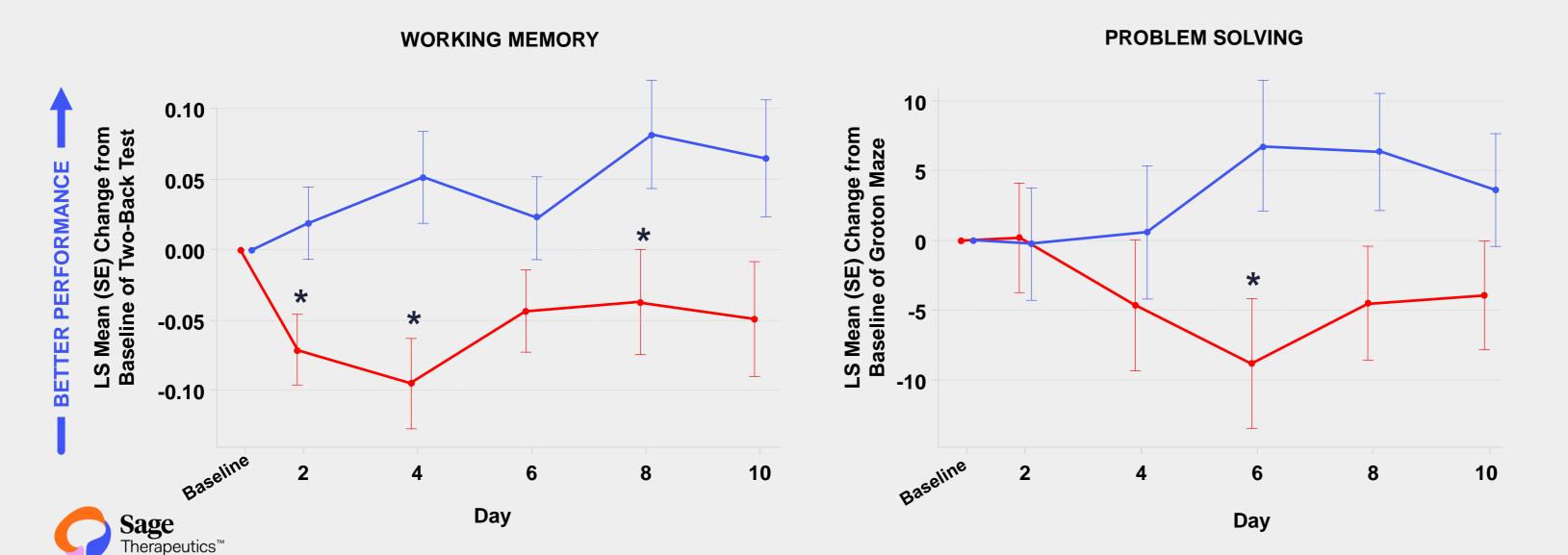


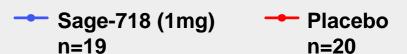
SAGE-718 blunted ketamine's induced increases and decreases in BOLD-MRI



# SAGE-718 Significantly improved executive functioning, in Phase 1 study

- Healthy volunteers dosed with SAGE-718 exhibited superior performance on tests of working memory and complex problem solving
- SAGE-718's profile is potentially distinct from that of other cognitive-enhancing compounds
  - SAGE-718's effects on cognition were not directly attributable to changes in reaction time or attention
  - SAGE-718 did not cause an increase in heart rate, blood pressure, cortisol release or psychiatric AEs

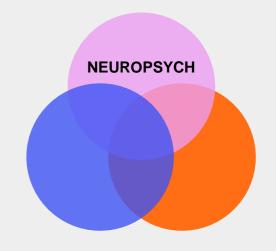




**NEUROPSYCH** 

\*p<0.05. A MMRM model was applied with change from baseline in each cognitive assessment test score as the response variable and treatment, visit, visit-by-treatment interaction as fixed effect, baseline as covariate, and measurements within the same subject as repeated measure. Unstructured covariance structure was applied for the repeated measure.

# SAGE-718 May provide unique cognitive benefits across therapeutic indications



Findings in normal suggest a potential application for cognition beyond illnesses with NMDA hypofunction; executive function is a key component of brain health across life-span

#### NEURODEVELOPMENT

Autism spectrum disordersSchizophreniaADHD

### COGNITIVE RECOVERY & REHABILITATION

Post-encephalitic

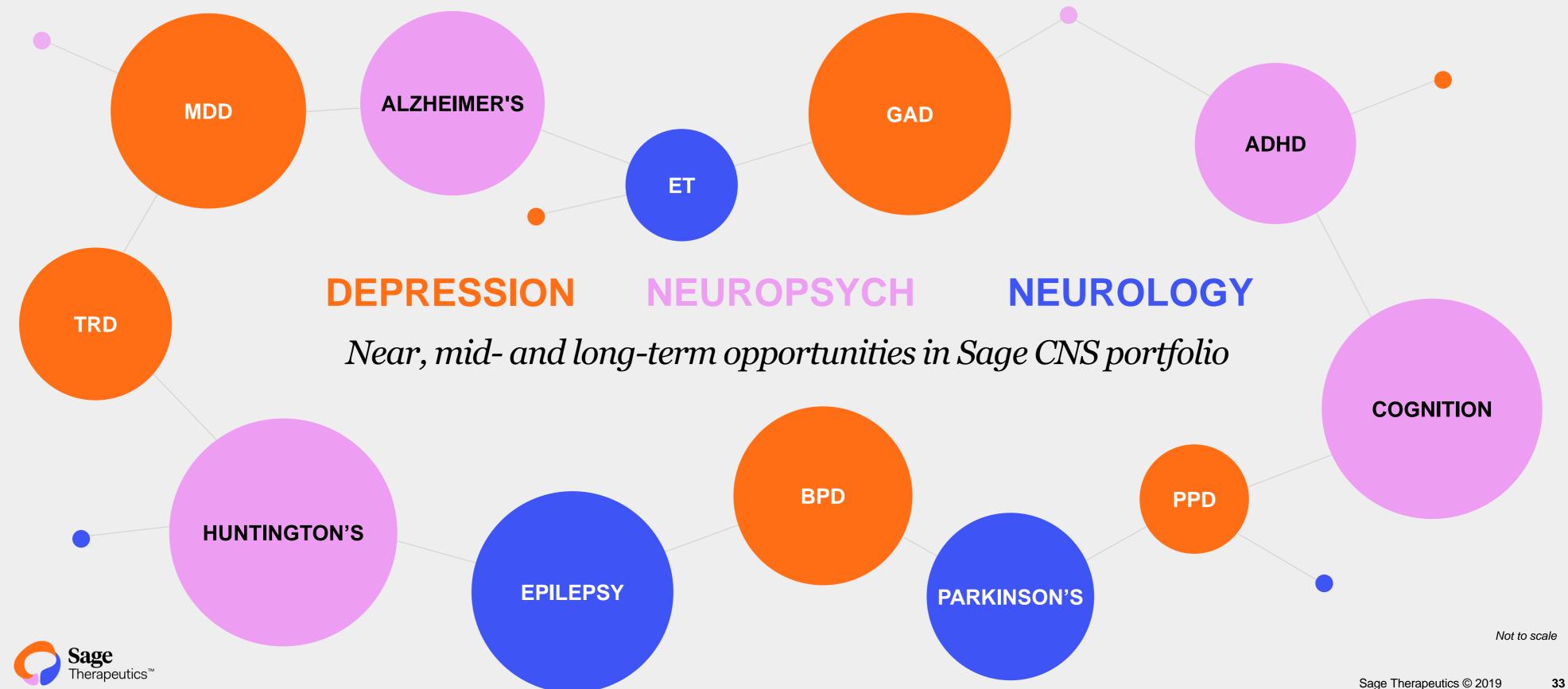
#### NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

- Alzheimer's
- Parkinson's
- Huntington's





Translational work between adjacent indications enables potential for rapid pipeline expansion...



... to establish a multi-franchise

brain health company

