## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 8, 2024

## Zevra Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1180 Celebration Boulevard, Suite 103, Celebration, FL (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 001-36913 (Commission File Number) 20-5894398 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 34747 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (321) 939-3416

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	ZVRA	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
		(Nasdaq Global Select Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 8, 2024, Zevra Therapeutics, Inc., or the Company, issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, has acknowledged receipt of the Company's resubmission of the New Drug Application, or NDA, for arimoclomol as an orally-delivered, first-in-class treatment for Niemann-Pick disease type C. In addition, the Company updated its corporate presentation.

A copy of the press release and presentation are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information contained in this Item 7.01, the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and the presentation furnished as Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are not incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 8, 2024, under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act ("PDUFA"), the FDA has deemed the arimoclomol NDA resubmission to be a Class I complete response which has a six-month review period from the date of resubmission. As a result, the FDA has assigned a PDUFA action date of June 21 2024, and currently intends to present the resubmission for discussion in an advisory committee.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

The following exhibits relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

(d)

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 8, 2024.
99.2	Corporate Presentation dated January 2024.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### Zevra Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: January 8, 2024

By: /s/ R. LaDuane Clifton

R. LaDuane Clifton, CPA Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer



#### Zevra Therapeutics Receives FDA Acceptance of Resubmission of NDA for Arimoclomol as a Treatment for Niemann-Pick Disease Type C

Arimoclomol NDA has been assigned a PDUFA action date of June 21, 2024

CELEBRATION, Fla., January 8, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Zevra Therapeutics, Inc. (NasdaqGS: ZVRA) (Zevra or the Company), a rare disease therapeutics company, today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has acknowledged receipt of the resubmission of the New Drug Application (NDA) for arimoclomol as an orally-delivered, first-in-class treatment for Niemann-Pick disease type C. Under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act ("PDUFA"), the FDA has deemed the arimoclomol NDA resubmission to be a Class II complete response which has a six-month review period from the date of resubmission. As a result, the FDA has assigned a PDUFA action date of June 21, 2024, and currently intends to present the resubmission for discussion in an advisory committee.

"We are very pleased that the FDA has accepted the resubmission of the arimoclomol NDA following multiple collaborative and constructive meetings," said Neil F. McFarlane, President and Chief Executive Officer of Zevra. "This significant milestone brings us one step closer to the potential approval of arimoclomol for a community of patients with debilitating unmet medical needs. We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the NPC community for their continued support throughout the development of arimoclomol."

Zevra believes that its resubmission of the arimoclomol NDA addresses the concerns previously raised in the June 2021 complete response letter ("CRL") issued by the FDA in response to the prior arimoclomol NDA filing. The resubmission includes additiona evidence supporting trial metrics, FDA-preferred analyses, and data from multiple additional studies that provide supporting evidence of arimoclomol's efficacy in clinical and non-clinical settings.

#### About Niemann-Pick Disease Type C (NPC):

Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) is an ultra-rare, progressive, neurodegenerative lysosomal storage disorder characterized by an inability of the body to transport cholesterol and other lipids within the cell, leading to an accumulation of these substances in various tissue areas, including brain tissue. The disease is caused by mutations in the NPC1 or NPC2 genes, which are responsible for making lysosomal proteins. Both children and adults can be affected by NPC with varying clinical presentations. Those living with NPC lose independence due to physical and cognitive limitations, with key neurological impairments presenting in speech, cognition, swallowing, ambulation, and fine motor skills. Disease progression is irreversible and can be fatal within months or take years to be diagnosed and advance in severity.

#### About Arimoclomol:

Arimoclomol, Zevra's orally delivered, first-in-class investigational product candidate for the treatment of NPC, has been granted Orphan Drug designation, Fast Track designation, Breakthrough Therapy designation, and Rare Pediatric Disease designation by the FDA, and Orphan Medicinal Product designation for the treatment of NPC by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

#### About Zevra Therapeutics:

Zevra Therapeutics is a rare disease company melding science, data, and patient needs to create transformational therapies for diseases with limited or no treatment options. With unique, data-driven clinical, regulatory, and commercialization strategies, the Company is overcoming complex drug development challenges to bring much-needed therapies to patients. With regulatory, clinical-stage and commercial assets, the Company is building its capabilities to make new therapies available to the rare disease community.

Expanded access programs are made available by Zevra Therapeutics and its affiliates and are subject to the Company's Expanded Access Program (EAP) policy as published on its website at www.zevra.com. Participation in these programs is subject to the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction under which each respective program is operated. Eligibility for participation in any such program is at the treating physician's discretion.

#### **Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements:**

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts, and which can be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "project," "estimate," "anticipate," "plan," "believe," "potential," "should," "continue," "could," "intend," "target," "predict," or the negative versions of those words or other comparable words or expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words or expressions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future actions or performance. These forward-looking statements include without limitation statements regarding Zevra's strategic and product development objectives, including with respect to becoming a leading rare disease company, the content, timing or results of any NDA submissions or resubmissions for arimoclomol or any other product candidates for any specific disease indication or at any dosage, the potential therapeutic benefits and effectiveness of arimoclomol and any other products and product candidates, and Zevra's plans, goals and expectations concerning market position, future operations and other financial and operating information. Forward-looking statements are based on information currently available to Zevra and its current plans or expectations, and are subject to several known and unknown uncertainties, risks, and other important factors that may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These and other important factors are described in detail in the "Risk Factors" section of Zevra's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, as updated in Zevra's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, and Zevra's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. While Zevra may elect to update such forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it disclaims any obligation to do so, except as required by law, even if subsequent events cause their respective views to change. Although Zevra believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot assure that such expectations will prove correct. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Zevra's views as of any date after the date of this press release.

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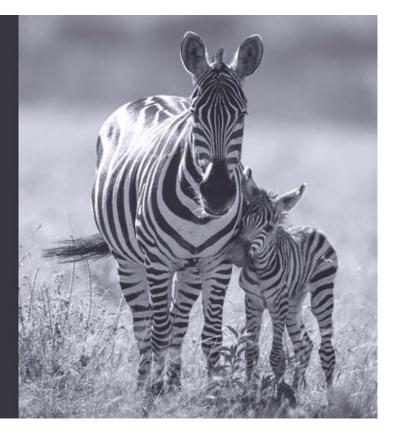


## **Corporate Presentation**

January 2024

A Rare Approach to Therapeutics

NASDAQ: ZVRA



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While we may elect to update such forward-looking statements at some point in the future, except as required by law, we disclaim any obligation to do so, even if subsequent events cause our views to change. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to this presentation.

This presentation also may contain estimates and other statistical data made by independent parties and by us relating to market size and other data about our industry. This data involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such estimates. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the markets in which we operate are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk.

## Becoming a Leading Rare Disease Company



Focused on Key Pillars for Strategic Growth



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## Experienced Team with Rare Disease Expertise



Our Mission: Bringing life-changing therapeutics to people living with rare diseases



# Commercial Excellence to Ensure Patient Access to Rare Disease Therapies



Overlap in Prescribers and Centers of Excellence between UCD and NPC indications allow for efficient team approach



Rare Disease Sales Specialists calling on prescribing physicians and Centers of Excellence



Patient Services and Resources support to assist patients navigate reimbursement and treatment journey

Marketing team to define appropriate patient identification and product positioning in treatment landscape



Medical Affairs and Patient Advocacy team to work with Key Opinion Leaders and Advocacy Groups to advance scientific knowledge and patient care



Account Management team to ensure market access and contracting with payors

# Growing Pipeline with Potential to Bring New Products and Deliver Value for Patients



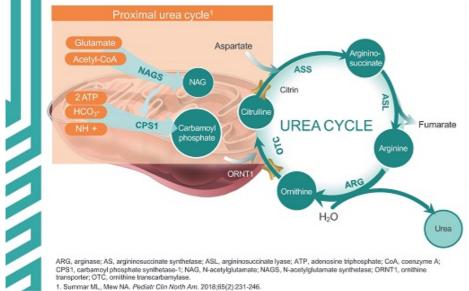


Data generated from this trial will be analyzed alongside the Phase 2 IH data to support clinical development of both narcolepsy and IH programs.
 Zevra partnered asset

## Urea Cycle Disorders Cause Hyperammonemia, Leading to Brain Damage or Death



OLPRUVA® is a nitrogen scavenger that removes excess ammonia



ARG, arginase; AS, argininosuccinate synthetase; ASL, argininosuccinate lyase; ATP, adenosine triphosphate; CoA, coenzyme A; CPS1, carbamoyl phosphate synthetase-1; NAG, N-acetylglutamate; NAGS, N-acetylglutamate synthetase; ORNT1, ornithine transporter; OTC, ornithine transcarbamylase. 1. Summar ML, Mew NA. Pediatr Clin North Am. 2018;65(2):231-246.

- · Defect in one of the 6 enzymes or 2 transporters in the urea cycle leads to accumulation of ammonia
- · A clinical hallmark of UCDs is hyperammonemic (HAC) crises
- · Elevated ammonia levels can be neurotoxic, leading to neurocognitive damage, potentially coma and even death, if untreated
- Duration and severity of HAC correlates with brain damage, often requiring emergency visits and hospitalization

## **Unmet Need in Urea Cycle Disorders**



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Poor treatment adherence can lead to neurocognitive damage, coma and even death

## **Orphan Designation**

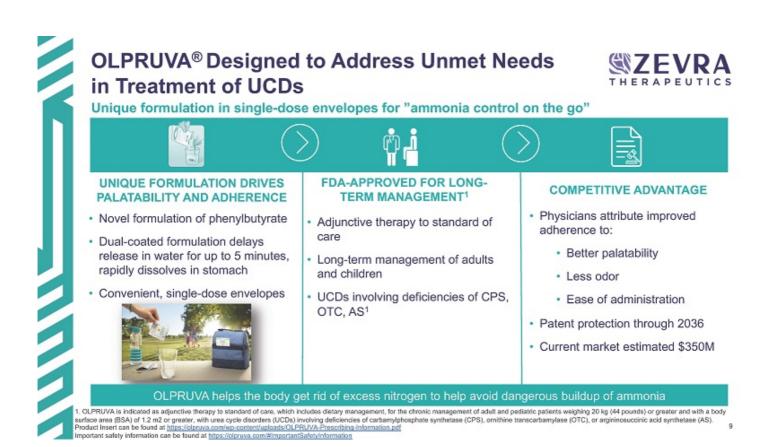
- Incidence: 1 in 35,000 births<sup>1</sup>
- Prevalence:
  - ~2,100 patients undiagnosed<sup>1</sup>
  - ~1,100 patients diagnosed<sup>2</sup>
  - >800 treated<sup>2</sup>
- About 80% of patients have mutation in either CPS, OTC or AS enzymes3

#### United States (U.S.) Market

- https://www.orugs.com/sideshow/top-10-most-expensive-drugs-1274
   HealthVerify Payer Claims data analysis 2021
   carbamylyhosphate synthetase (CPS), omithine transcarbamylase (OTC), or argininosuocinic acid synthetase (AS)
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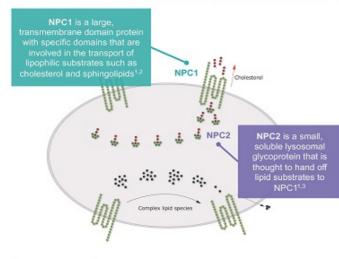
#### **Unmet Need**

- Phenylbutyrates are approved to treat UCDs
- · Palatability, odor, route of administration and packaging affect adherence
- · More than 25% of hyperammonemic crises stem from poor treatment adherence





## Cholesterol buildup leads to cell death; arimoclomol may enhance cholesterol metabolism through improved lysosomal function



- NPC gene mutations produce abnormal, absent or non-functional NPC proteins<sup>4</sup>
- Progressive lipid accumulation and cellular impairment leads to cell death and ultimately organ dysfunction in the spleen, liver and brain
- Disease results in impairment and loss of cognition, speech, swallow ability, fine motor skills and ambulation
- Heterogenous onset and rate of progression, always fatal

NPC, Nemann-Pick disease type C. 1. Carstoa ED et al. Science. 1997;277:228-231. 2. Platt FM et al. Annu Rev Genomics Hum Gener, 2014;15:173-194. 3. Ingemann L, Kirkegaard T J Lijkid Res. 2014;55:2198-2210. 4. Geberhived T, et al. Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2018 Apr 6;13(1):50.

## No Approved NPC Treatments in the U.S.



Ultra-rare, relentlessly progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease

## **Orphan Designation**

- Incidence: 1 in 100,000-120,000 live births<sup>1</sup>
- Prevalence:
  - · 1,800 patients diagnosed worldwide
  - 900 patients estimated in U.S.<sup>2</sup>
  - · 300-350 patients diagnosed in U.S.

#### Significant Unmet Need

- Neurocognitive decline adversely impacts daily living
- Irreversible and potentially fatal disease
- Mean age of death is 13 years<sup>2</sup>
- No approved treatments exist in the U.S.

<u>https://ranecisees.org/</u>
 <u>Molecular Genetics and Metabolism Volume 134, Issues 1–2</u>, September–October 2021, Pages 182-187 (Bianconi, 2019)

## Arimoclomol is Positioned to Become First-Line Treatment for NPC Patients



Evidence indicates that arimoclomol acts on multiple fronts to help reduce lipid build-up in cells with improved lysosomal function

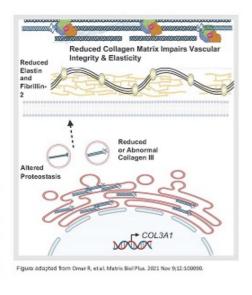




# **Growing Pipeline in Rare Diseases**

## Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Impairs Connective Tissue and Leads to Vascular Ruptures

Celiprolol designed to reduce the mechanical stress on collagen fibers within the arterial wall



1 Pepin M, et al. Genet Med. 2014 Dec;16(12):881-8.

- vEDS (EDS type IV) is the severe subtype:
  - · Characterized by aneurysms, dissections and/or ruptures
  - Vascular
  - · Hollow Organs (e.g., gastrointestinal, uterine)
- Autosomal dominant (50%); spontaneous mutations (50%)
- Diagnosed by clinical symptoms and confirmed by presence of mutations in the COL3A1 gene
- Events occur in 25% of patients before the age of 20, and 90% by the age of 40
- The median survival age is 51 years, with arterial rupture being the most common cause of sudden death<sup>1</sup>

## **Unmet Need in VEDS**



Mutation in COL3A1 gene impairs connective tissue and leads to vascular ruptures

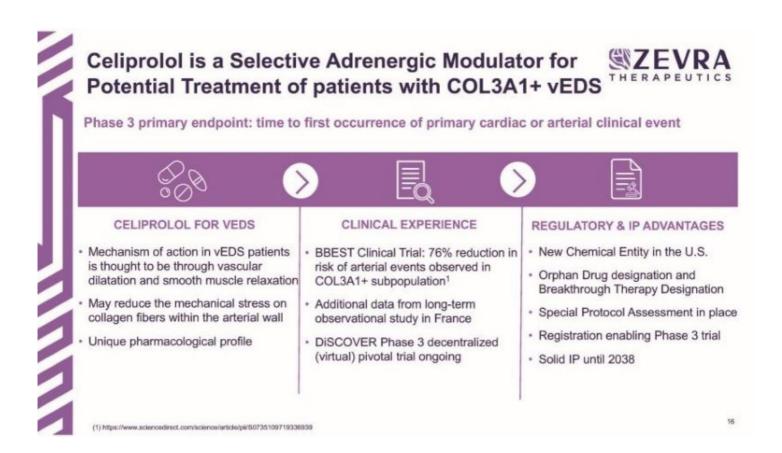
#### **Orphan Designation**

Incidence: 1 in 50,00 to 200,000 people<sup>1</sup>
 Prevalence 7,500 diagnosed patients in U.S.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Significant Unmet Need**

- . No approved options in the U.S.
- Current treatment is focused on surgical intervention
- Celiprolol has become the primary treatment for vEDS patients in several European countries<sup>3</sup>

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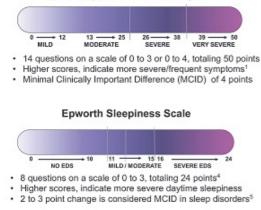
## **Idiopathic Hypersomnia Causes Excessive** Daytime Sleepiness, Sleep Inertia and Brain Fog



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KP1077 may provide optimal exposure of methylphenidate to better address these unmet needs

#### Idiopathic Hypersomnia Severity Scale



- IH is a rare, debilitating, chronic neurologic disorder with an unknown pathophysiology
- Characterized by excessive daytime sleepiness
- Excessively long sleep times
- Sleep inertia or difficulty waking
- Long and unrefreshing nap<sup>3</sup>
- · Brain fog, memory problems, errors in habitual activities, mind blank and attention problems

\*Idiopathic Hypersonnia Severity Scale is a self-report instrument designed to measure the severity of key symptoms of hypersonnia Severity Scale. Neurology. 2019;92(15):e1754-e1762.
2.Rassu AL et al. Idiopathic hypersonnia severity scale to better quantify symptoms severity and their consequences in idiopathic hypersonnia. J Clin Sieep Med. 2022;18(2):617-629.
3. ~25% of patients "long sleepters," >10hrs.
4.Johrs MW. A new method for measuring daytime sleepiness: the Epworth Sleepiness Scale. Sleep. 1991;14(6):540-545
5. Patel S, et al. The Epworth Sleepiness Scale: Minimum Clinically Important Difference in Obstructive Sleep Aprea. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2018 Apr 1;197(7):961-963. doi: 10.1164/rccm.201704-0672LE.

## **Unmet Need in Idiopathic Hypersomnia**



IH is a rare, debilitating, chronic neurologic disorder with an unknown pathophysiology

## **Orphan Designation**

- Incidence: 10.3 per 100,000 people in the US<sup>1</sup>
- Prevalence: ~37,000 patients diagnosed<sup>2</sup>
- Total population may be much larger

### Current Treatments Don't Address Needs

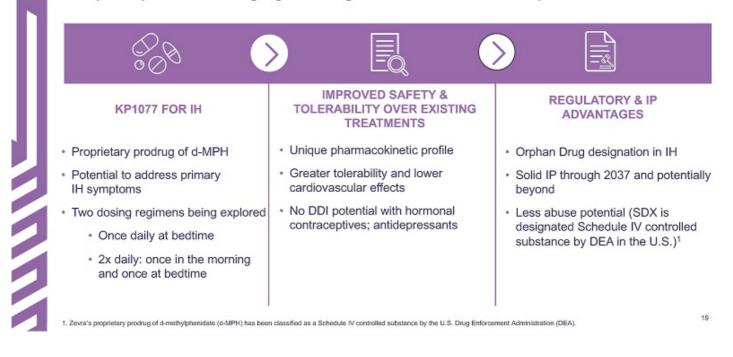
- Patients rated current medication effectiveness as poor (5.4 on a 10-point scale)<sup>3</sup>
- Tolerable stimulant treatment doses currently available are inadequate to treat brain fog
- Comorbidities complicate treatment (cardiovascular and patient demographics)
- Potential DDI with contraceptives, antidepressants, antihistamines

https://doi.org/10.1093/sieep/zev061.624
 https://www.sieepcountshcp.com/what.is-idiopathic-hypersonnia
 https://www.sieepcountshcp.com/idiopathic-hypersonnia-treatment-options

## KP1077 is a Novel Approach to Treating IH



Unique PK profile and dosing regimen designed to address EDS and sleep inertia





## Appendix



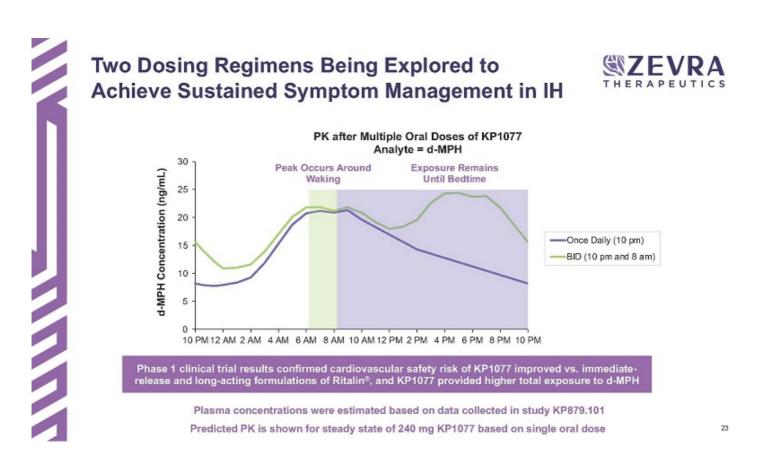


## Arimoclomol NDA Resubmitted to FDA



Complete Response Letter (CRL) and FDA feedback gathered through multiple interactions/meetings has provided added clarity on resubmission package.

1 Sufficiency of validation and reliability of the Niemann-Pick type C Clinical Severity Scale (NPCCSS) instrument	$\rangle\rangle\rangle$	Additional evidence being provided to support use of the NPCCSS as the primary instrument in measuring NPC disease progression
2 Appropriateness of how to handle data affecte by certain patient events and method of prima endpoint analysis	y >>>>	Using FDA preferred primary analysis and supportive additional analyses
3 Robustness of confirmatory evidence to support single efficacy trial	rt	Additional data from multiple new nonclinical studies being provided, data from the 4-year open label extension of the Phase 2/3 clinical trial
PDUFA:	June 21,	2024



## Phase 2 Clinical Trial of KP1077 in IH



Multi-center, dose-optimizing, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized-withdrawal study to evaluate safety of KP1077, as well as potential efficacy endpoints

#### PHASE 2 TRIAL (N=48)

#### Part 1:

Five-week open-label titration phase Patients optimized to one of the four doses of KP1077 (80, 160, 240, or 320 mg/day)

#### Part 2:

2/3 receive KP1077; 1/3 placebo 50% receive single daily dose; 50% receive half daily dose upon awakening and at bedtime

#### **INTERIM DATA:**

- To inform the design of the Potential key differentiators:
- 1. Alignment of peak efficacy
- with patient need through dose optimized timing 2.Expanded exposure range through unique PK

#### PRIMARY ENDPOINT

Safety and tolerability of KP1077

MAJOR SECONDARY ENDPOINT Change in Epworth Sleepiness Scale

(ESS) total score

#### ADDITIONAL EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

- Patient Global Impression of Severity (PGI-S) Clinical Global Impression of Severity (CGI-S) Change in total score on the Idiopathic Hypersomnia Severity Scale (IHSS)
- · Sleep Inertia at 1 hour after awakening
- · New scale to assess the symptoms and severity of "Brain Fog"