## SNK01 for Neurodegenerative Disease

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## Natural Killer Cells



Innate Lymphoid Cells:

5-20% of circulating lymphocytes (CD3- CD56+)



Can Distinguish Healthy Cells (self) From Dangerous Cells (non-self):

Ability to identify and eliminate "dangerous" cells

Mediate antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC)

Immune regulatory capabilities, mediated by secreted cytokines

Natural Killers cells can get weaker with aging or stress.

#### Weak and/or deficient NK cells have been shown to be correlated with various disease conditions.

Liu, S., Galat, V., Galat4, Y. et al. NK cell-based cancer immunotherapy: from basic biology to clinical development. J Hematol Oncol 14, 7 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1186/s13045-020-01014-w

#### State-Of-The-Art GMP Manufacturing Facility

## Licensed cell therapy manufacturing facility

- 25,000 sq ft facility (12,000 sq ft for GMP) completed in 2019
- CAP/CLIA Laboratory
- Facility owned and operated by NKGen Biotech







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NKGen's Manufacturing (CMC) Process results in Super NK cells Superior Cell Expansion, Increased Cytotoxicity, and Increased Activating Receptor Expression



#### NKGen increases NK cell killing potential!

Cytotoxicity



#### NKGen increases receptor expression!





#### Autologous Next Gen Manufacturing

#### NKGen "Off-the-Shelf Autologous" SNK Cell Therapy



- Cryopreserved autologous manufacturing process takes ~ 30 days from NK cell isolation to cryopreserved product release
- One-time production for all the doses; SNK cells are frozen and stored on site, ready for release
- Ability to produce multiple doses (6 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells each) from single leukapheresis to fulfill 4–6 months of weekly treatments
- Multiple doses are produced at once; approx. 20 doses=1 batch release and cryopreserved
- Cryopreserved autologous process fully developed

## SNK01 – Mechanism of Action in Neurodegenerative Disease



#### Market Opportunity in Neurodegenerative Disease

NKGen's SNK01, not yet FDA approved, will seek to address a multi-billion/year market

Alzheimer's We are aware of no therapies **Over 55 million** people worldwide had **dementia in** and Parkinson's currently 2023, with a new case patients are estimated to on the market that account for ~46 million diagnosed every 3 seconds; halt or reverse nearly 10 million new cases of the 55 million people with progression dementia worldwide<sup>2</sup> of AD or PD every year<sup>1</sup> The annual global cost Global Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Evidence of actual cognitive of dementia is >\$1.3 disease therapeutics markets forecast improvement in early trials and trillion USD<sup>1</sup> to be ~\$16.8 billion by 2029<sup>2</sup> compassionate use AD and PD patients treated with SNK01<sup>3</sup>

1. Dementia Statistics published by World Health Organization, Newsroom, Dementia Fact Sheet, on March 15, 2023.



2. "Global Alzheimer's Disease Market \$6.3 Billion by 2029" and "Global Parkinson's Disease Therapeutics Market \$10.5 Billion by 2029", February 22, 2023 by iHealthcareAnalyst, Inc. 3. Reports of patient experiences from the compassionate use case studies have not been verified or validated. Only controlled clinical trials can support benefit for patients. These compassionate case study results and early trials may not be predictive of clinical trial results and cannot be used to establish safety or efficacy for regulatory approval.

#### Autoreactive T cells Cause Neuroinflammation And Damage

Chronic protein deposition leads to an autoinflammatory cascade and damage

Removing proteins only addresses one aspect of the underlying pathology

Activation of Autoreactive CD4+ and CD8+ T cells<sup>1-5</sup> which migrate to the brain via CXCR3<sup>6</sup>

Lindestam Arlehamn - NATURE Communications (2020) 11:1875 1-11.
 Stojić-Vukanić Z - Front Immunol (2020) 11: 566225.
 Monsonego - J. Clin. Invest. (2003) 112:415–422.
 Machhi - Journal of Neuroinflammation (2021) 18:272.
 Heneka - Lancet Neurol. (2015) 14(4): 388–405.
 Zhou - Current Neuropharmacology, (2019) 17:142-150



#### Autoreactive T cells And SNK01 Cross BBB (Blood Brain Barrier) Via CXCR3 SNK01 Has High CXCR3 Expression And Strong Migration Potential to cross the BBB



CXCR3+ T cells migrate to CXCL10 positive astrocytes that frequently are associated with amyloid deposits.<sup>1</sup>

CXCR3 was highly expressed on a subpopulation of neurons and neuronal processes in the **neocortex**, **hippocampus**, **striatum**, **cerebellum**, and spinal cord.<sup>1</sup>

**NKGEN** 1. Xia - Neuroimmunol., 2000, 108(1-2), 227-235.

### NK Cells Regulate Autoreactive T cells<sup>1-4</sup> SNK01 Has Enhanced NKG2D and DNAM-1 Expression that helps identify and eliminate autoreactive T cells to reduce auto-immune inflammation.







Rabinovich - J Immunol (2003) 170 (7): 3572-3576.
 Lu - Immunity. 2007 May ; 26(5): 593-604.

3. Nielsen – PLoS ONE 7(2): e31959.

4. Ardolino - Blood (2011) 117 (18): 4778-4786.

#### Level of immunosuppressive cytokines in conditioned media of SNK01 cells



Level of interleukin 10 (IL-10) and TGF- $\beta$ 1 in conditioned media (CM) of SNK01 cells. The production of IL-10 (A) and TGF- $\beta$ 1 (B) by SNK01 cells for 2 days cultivation after stimulation with or without K562 target cells for 3 hours before harvest at a 1:1 E:T ratio was investigated by ELISA. CM and Activated CM indicate culture supernatant of SNK01 cells treated without (CM) or with target cells (Activated CM).

## Cytotoxic and degranulation activity and IFN- $\gamma$ expression level of SNK01 cells when incubated with activated T cells



(A) Human T lymphocytes were cultured with (P/I) or without (Media) stimulation by PMA (5 ng/mL)/ionomycin (250 ng) (P/I) for 48 h. The cells were stained with PE-CD3, PerCP/Cy5.5-CD69, and APC-CD25 antibodies and then analyzed by flow cytometry. Contour plots represent percentages of the CD25<sup>+</sup> CD69<sup>+</sup> cells on CD3<sup>+</sup> gated T cells. (B) Cytotoxic activity of SNK01 against T cells was assessed by flow cytometry. T cells labeled with CTV were activated either with (P/I) or without (Media) PMA and ionomycin, and then co-incubated with SNK01 cells at an E:T ratio of 1:1 for 4 hours. (C) Degranulation activity and cytokine expression of SNK01 cells against T cells. T cells were activated either with (P/I) or without (Media) PMA and ionomycin and then mixed with SNK01 cells at an E:T ratio of 1:1. The expression of CD107a or IFN- $\gamma$  in CD56<sup>+</sup> population was assessed by flow cytometry after 5- or 3- hour incubation, respectively.



#### Weak or Deficient NK cells common in Active Autoimmune Disease

#### Table 1

Evidences of NK cell involvement in immune-mediated diseases as emerging from experimental models and human diseases.

visease Murine models (NK depletion)		Human diseases			
		Peripheral blood	Tissue site		
Rheumatoid Arthritis Spondyloarthritis Psoriasis Inflammatory bowel diseases Diabetes Systemic lupus erythematosus Anti-phospholipid syndrome Multiple sclerosis	Protective/promoting Nd <sup>a</sup> Nd Protective Protective Protective Nd Protective/promoting	Reduced levels, impaired activity Impaired activity Reduced levels, impaired activity Normal levels, impaired activity Reduced levels Reduced levels, impaired activity Increased levels Reduced levels, impaired activity	Synovial membrane Nd Psoriatic skin lesion Colonic lamina propria Nd Nd Nd Nd		

<sup>a</sup> Nd: not determined.

Schleinitz - Immunology, 131, 451–458



#### SNK01 Can Reduce Amyloid, p-Tau, Alpha-Synuclein, and Neuroinflammation



## NK cells have been found to **reduce protein accumulation**<sup>1,2</sup>

NK cells have also been found to identify and degenerate intact sensory axons after nerve injury<sup>3</sup>



1. Earls - PNAS - January 2020 117 (3) 1762-1771. 2. Marsh et al. PNAS February 2016 -E1317.

3. Davies et al., 2019, Cell 176, 716-728.

#### NK Cells Play a Protective Role in Protein Deposition



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#### Significance

Parkinson's disease, Lewy body dementia, and other synucleinopathies are characterized by the accumulation of abnormally aggregated  $\alpha$ -synuclein ( $\alpha$ -syn) protein, which is the principal component of Lewy bodies. Immunotherapeutic approaches aimed at halting the propagation of both central and peripheral extracellular  $\alpha$ -syn aggregates may be a promising therapeutic avenue for synucleinopathies. Our study demonstrates that natural killer (NK) cells act as efficient scavengers of abnormal  $\alpha$ -syn aggregates without becoming aberrantly activated. We demonstrate that systemic depletion of NK cells significantly exacerbates synuclein pathology. Overall, our results provide strong evidence for a protective role of NK cells in synuclein-related neurodegenerative diseases.

#### The adaptive immune system restrains Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis by modulating microglial function

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#### Significance

Neuroinflammation and activation of innate immunity are pathological hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease (AD). In contrast, very few studies have examined the impact of the adaptive immune system in AD pathogenesis. Here, we find that genetic ablation of peripheral immune cell populations significantly accelerates amyloid pathogenesis, worsens neuroinflammation, and alters microglial activation state. Critically, it appears that loss of IgGproducing B cells impairs microglial phagocytosis, thereby exacerbating amyloid deposition. Conversely, replacement of IgGs via direct injection or bone marrow transplantation reverses these effects and reduces A $\beta$  pathology. Together, these results highlight the importance of the adaptive immune system and its interactions with microglia in the pathogenesis of AD.

#### Knockout/Depletion of NK cells in both models caused rapid acceleration of protein deposition



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- 2. Marsh SE, Abud EM, Lakatos A, et al. The adaptive immune system restrains Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis by modulating microglial function. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2016;113(9):E1316-E1325. doi:10.1073/pnas.1525466113

#### Functional Characteristics of SNK01 Cells for Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

#### Uptake and degradation of aggregated amyloid- $\beta$ (A $\beta$ ) proteins





(A-E) Intracellular levels of A $\beta$  aggregates in SNK01 and HMC3 cells were analyzed by Western blot analysis. (A) SNK01 cells were treated with varying concentrations of A $\beta$  aggregates for 1 hour and harvested. (B) SNK01 cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M of A $\beta$  aggregates and harvested at 1, 3, 6, 9, and 24 hours after treatment. (C) SNK01 cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M A $\beta$  aggregates for 1 hour and washed 3 times with PBS. Then SNK01 cells were incubated in fresh medium for up to 48 hours and harvested at 1, 3, 6, 24, and 48 hours after wash. (D) HMC3 cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M of A $\beta$  aggregates for 1, 3, and 6 hours. N.C: negative control without treatment with A $\beta$  aggregates. (E) HMC3 cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M of A $\beta$  aggregates for 1 hour and washed 3 times with PBS. Then cells were incubated further in fresh medium for up to 48 hours after wash. (F-J) SNK01 cells were incubated with 5  $\mu$ M of A $\beta$  aggregates for 24, 48, and 72 hours and analyzed for viability (F), cytotoxicity at 72-hour after treatment (G), degranulation (H), intracellular expression of IFN- $\gamma$  and TNF- $\alpha$  (I), and surface expression of various activating NK receptors at 72-hour after treatment (J).





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## Case Studies



#### Alzheimer's Compassionate Case Study # 1 38 Y.O. With *PSEN1* Mutation And Advanced Alzheimer's Treated With SNK01



Patient was independently seen and evaluated by Dr. Ming Guo (at UCLA Medical Center) before initiating SNK01 treatment.



#### Alzheimer's Case Study #1 - Patient Baseline



Prior to SNK01 treatment, patient was unable to talk, feed himself, hold a pen, or get out of a wheelchair by himself

• Daniel is still declining and no longer able to (1) feed himself independently (caregiver helps him eat since he can't hold his spoon), (2) recognize when he has to urinate (constantly goes to the bathroom with little success), (3) speak more than a few words, (4) use his phone to call family or friends, (5) etc.

Baseline	Report	
Treatment #	Date	Observations
1	9/15/20	<ul> <li>Daniel is still declining and no longer able to (1) feed himself independently (caregiver helps him eat since he can't hold his spoon), (2) recognize when he has to urinate (constantly goes to the bathroom with little success), (3) speak more than a few words, (4) use his phone to call family or friends, (5) etc.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Week 2 of the first treatment I noticed that Daniel's facial expressions were brighter when he smiled.</li> </ul>



#### After 3 Doses of SNK01 – Patient Able To Walk, Talk And Feed Himself

#### Post-treatment Report

- Daniel is still unable to sleep at night, continues to wander, moderately agitated and seems depressed / anxious now. Daniel now communicates that he wants to go home but is willing to stay at the adult care facility to continue receiving his treatments. He seems very aware of his surroundings which could be a possible explanation on why he is sad about his situation and living arrangement.
  - The caregivers noticed that Daniel is more independent now with eating and going to the bathroom. They also mentioned that he was engaged while watching the NBA finals, offered to buy them pizza and looked up "pizza" on his phone. They even saw him text "Hello" to his brother.
  - Daniel wasn't apprehensive during his third treatment. It looked like he knew this was a treatment to help him as opposed to the last treatment where he wasn't sure if this was good.
  - Daniel initiated a handshake with Dr. Bayer for the first time when we were saying
    goodbye after the treatment. He also saw a blue Porsche on the highway and said "nice
    car" on the drive back.
  - Daniel was able to eat noodles with chopsticks for the first time in many months.
     However, he used the chopsticks like a fork, but he was able to hold it firmly and go through the motions as if using chopsticks.
  - Daniel was able to shoot a basketball at the park, but he was still off balance. He wasn't
    able to make a shot in the basket but still managed to hit the backboard (in the general
    area of the basket).





#### After 5 Doses of SNK01 – Patient Was Able To Regain Ability To Walk And Run





"Hi Dr. Song, it was really nice catching up. Here are some messages I have of Daniel's Board and Care reporting falls due to balance issues, videos of Daniel having difficulty walking and wearing a helmet as the Board and Care required this after many falls, and then videos of Daniel running after 2 months of additional treatments. At this point, the Board and Care no longer required Daniel to wear a helmet. Hope these help!"

- Daniel's brother





#### Alzheimer's Compassionate Use Case Study # 2 70 Y.O With Advanced Alzheimer's Treated With SNK01



ANICE ISSUES FOR POST TREATMENT MONITORING: MEMORY Has difficulty in naming members of immediate family, children/grandchildren -Cannot name he siblings, brothers Victor and John and sisters Lorraine and Kathleen -Cannot name her father or mothers first name -Cannot remember my name -Cannot name the town we live in - Go T iT - Sould My - Go T iT	20 /s
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Clinical response **after six treatments** (July 2020 – December 2020).

Patient had noticeable improvement in her overall cognitive function.

But treatment was stopped for 2 years due to Covid.



#### After A Two-Year Hiatus, Treatment Resumed and Patient Showed Immediate Response

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This morning I said each day of the week and she repeated each day after I said it. Sounds small but big from where we were for sure."

- Janice's husband



"For your listening pleasure. Sunday 2-19-23. Not sure if this is meaningful, but thought you would appreciate it.

No way does she even attempt this before 1-27-23 first treatment."

- Janice's husband



Patient was granted single Compassionate Use IND approval by USFDA



#### Patient Showed Continued Improvement After 16 Weeks – Patient Now Able To Walk, Talk, And Feed Herself

## Q

"This evening, I went from our family room to kitchen to clean things up before heading upstairs. To my surprise Janice got up and walked thru two rooms and arrived to my surprise in the kitchen.

The video I just sent you was her taking a bread flat and **feeding herself** with it.

Do not want to overstate this happening but thought you both would like to see it

#### Small step forward."

- Janice's husband

Week 9 Patient feeding herself which she has not done in years

Walking without assistance

Week 15





12/22/23 Improved MMSE, more verbal with increased overall energy



#### Patient Continues to Show Improvement...





Actively engaged in conversation







Can effectively navigate surroundings

#### March and April 2024



Parkinson's Compassionate Use Case Study #1: Qualitative Evaluation Of 47 Y.O. After Treatment with SNK01

Patient was independently seen and evaluated by Dr. Ming Guo (at UCLA Medical Center)





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## Phase | Data MX04

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Brief Summary: The purpose of th Alzheimer's disea	is study is to evalua se.	te the safety, tolerability, ar	nd preliminary effic	cacy of SNK01 (autologo	us natural killer cell), as a	a single agent, for t	he treatment of sub	ojects with	
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	Alzheimer Disease Neuro-Degenerativ	e Disease		Biological: SNK01		Phas	se 1		



#### Data From MX04 Phase I Trial



#### No observed SAEs or dose limiting toxicity

Dose Response Observed for Several Biomarkers in CSF

Improvements seen in AB42/40, p-Tau, and alpha-synuclein protein levels

Reductions seen in neuroinflammation

YKL-40, NF-L were reduced or stable in 50-60% of patients but not in a dose dependent manner

#### Changes In Cognitive Function Post SNK01 Treatment Data From MX04 Phase I Trial



Despite 2/3 of patients being treated with low sub-optimal dosing, majority of patients showed improved or stable cognitive function at 6 months.



#### Results



\*MCIDs used to determine stable or improved cognition: ADCOMS -0.1 Change from baseline

Dotted lines are subjects in Cohort 1 (1x10<sup>9</sup> cells), Dashed lines are subjects in Cohort 2 (2x10<sup>9</sup> cells) Solid lines are subjects in Cohort 3 (4x10<sup>9</sup> cells)



ADCOMS

Analysis visit, week



**90%** had either stable or improved ADCOMS scores, at one-week post-treatment (week 11).

78% had either stable or improved ADCOMS scores, at 3 months post-treatment (week 22).





#### Phase I Clinical Trial Patient #15 85 Y.O. With Alzheimer's Disease Treated With SNK01

Patient MMSE Score Increased From 14 to 22



Subject 015. His walk was unsteady, and he couldn't dance prior to treatment. He was much more coordinated, could now dance, and was mentally sharper after treatment. See attached.

•Email message from June 12, 2023 Blanca Acosta, MD, Study Coordinator for MX04, Mexico

SNK01-MX04 Clinical trial, NCT04678453



#### ClinicalTrials.gov

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#### Clinical Study of SNK01 in Participants With Moderate Alzheimer's Disease

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#### **Study Overview**

Brief Summary	Study Start (Actual)
The goal of this clinical trial is to test SNK01 in participants with moderate Alzheimer's Disease. The main questions it aims to answer are:	2023-11-21
	Primary Completion (Estimated) 🚯
<ol> <li>Is SNK01 safe and tolerable when administered every 3 weeks for up to 1 year as an intravenous infusion</li> </ol>	2024-12
2. Can SNK01 administration improve cognitive assessment scores and biomarkers	Study Completion (Estimated)
	2025-06
A Phase I/IIa, Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability and Exploratory Efficacy of SNK01 in Participants	Enrollment (Estimated)
With Moderate Alzheimer's Disease	36
Conditions 🖲	Study Type 🕕
Moderate Alzheimer Disease	Interventional





#### Phase 1/2a SNK01 in Moderate Alzheimer's Clinical Trial Patient



" She has been doing great. No side effects... She is improving a little bit at a time..." *Patient's husband* 





#### 1-3. Product Testing of Cryopreserved SNK01 Products in Clinical Trial (from 3 patients in AD trial)

	Test	Method	Specifications		Batch 1	Batch 2	Batch 3	
A	ppearance	Macrographic Observation	Light-yellow cell suspension without cell aggregation or clumping		Pass	Pass	Pass	
Sterility		BacT/Alert	No microorga	nism detected	No microorganism detected			
		Gram Staining <sup>1)</sup>	No microorga	nism detected	No microorganism detected			
		USP <71> <sup>1)</sup>	No microorganism detected		No microorganism detected			
М	lycoplasma	MycoSEQ™ qPCR Assay Method	No mycoplasma	a contamination	No microorganism detected			
Identity		Flow Cytometry	CD3 <sup>-</sup> CD56 <sup>+</sup>	> 80%	99.8%	99.9%	99.4%	
Purity		Flow Cytometry	CD3	< 5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
			CD14	< 5.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	
			CD20	< 5.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	
Endotoxin		USP <85> Bacterial Endotoxin Test	≤ 0.5 EU/mL		<0.050 EU/mL	<0.050 EU/mL	<0.050 EU/mL	
	Cytotoxicity Assay	Calcein AM	Cytotoxicity against K562: ≥ 50% (E:T ratio of 10:1)		97%	93%	88%	
Detensy	Cell Surface Marker		NKG2D	Report Result	98.8%	99.4%	98.8%	
Potency		Flow Cytometry	CXCR3	Report Result	97.8%	95.0%	94.7%	
	Expression <sup>2)</sup>		DNAM-1	Report Result	100.0%	99.9%	98.6%	
			NKp46	Report Result	82.2%	73.7%	70.5%	
Cell Viability		Trypan Blue Staining Method (EP <2.7.29>)	≥ 70%		97.0%	98%	96%	
Total Cell Number		Trypan Blue Staining Method (EP <2.7.29>)	1.6 - 2.4 × 10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL		1.9x10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL, 2.9x10 <sup>9</sup> cell/bag	2.1x10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL, 3.2x10 <sup>9</sup> cell/bag	1.9x10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL, 2.9x10 <sup>9</sup> cell/bag	

<sup>1)</sup> Additional confirmatory tests to assess sterility of the cryopreserved SNK01 final drug product.

<sup>2)</sup> Results are reported for information only. Specification will be determined based on the accumulated data during Phase I and II clinical trials.





## Plasma proteomic profiles predict future dementia in healthy adults

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The advent of proteomics offers an unprecedented opportunity to predict dementia onset. We examined this in data from 52,645 adults without dementia in the UK Biobank, with 1,417 incident cases and a follow-up time of 14.1 years. Of 1,463 plasma proteins, GFAP, NEFL, GDF15 and LTBP2 consistently associated most with incident all-cause dementia (ACD), Alzheimer's disease (AD) and vascular dementia (VaD), and ranked high in protein importance ordering. Combining GFAP (or GDF15) with demographics produced desirable predictions for ACD (area under the curve (AUC) = 0.891) and AD (AUC = 0.872) (or VaD (AUC = 0.912)). This was also true when predicting over 10-year ACD, AD and VaD. Individuals with higher GFAP levels were 2.32 times more likely to develop dementia. Notably, GFAP and LTBP2 were highly specific for dementia prediction. GFAP and NEFL began to change at least 10 years before dementia diagnosis. Our findings strongly highlight GFAP as an optimal biomarker for dementia prediction, even more than 10 years before the diagnosis, with implications for screening people at high risk for dementia and for early intervention.

Fibrillary Acid Protein (GFAP)

Neurofilament-light (NfL)

Growth/Differentiation Factor-15 (GDF-15)

Latent Transforming Growth Factor beta binding protein 2 (ltbp2)



#### Dementia Risk Panel – MX04

SNK01 can reduce all biomarkers associated with increased risk of Dementia suggesting possibility to be used as a preventative treatment.

CSF Analys	sis	GFAP	- cfb	NFL	- cfb	GDF-15- cfb		LTBP2 - cfb	
Subject	AD Stage	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22
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Plasma Analysis		GFAP - cfb		NFL - cfb		GDF-15- cfb		LTBP2 - cfb	
Subject	AD Stage	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22	Week 11	Week 22
MX04-201-002	Moderate	1	1	1	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	¥	$\checkmark$
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MX04-201-015	Mild	¥	¥	¥	¥	1	1	1	1
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