



Update Report

## Addex Therapeutics

2021: The Start of Three Clinical Trials



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Name:	<b>Addex Therapeutics</b>
Country:	Switzerland
Price:	CHF 1.97
ISIN Code:	CH0029850754
Reuters Code:	ADXN.SW, ADXN
Market Cap (CHF m):	64.6
EV (CHF m):	46.8
Cash & cash eq. (CHF m):	17.8
Shares outstanding (m):	32.8
Volume:	45,680
Free float:	57%
52-week Range:	0.95-2.95

	2018A	2019A	2020E
Total Revenues	6.70	2.83	2.50
Net (Loss)/Profit	(1.65)	(14.78)	(14.00)
Net loss per share (cents)	(0.07)	(0.56)	(0.43)
R&D costs	4.90	12.45	10.00
Cash increase/(decrease)	39.08	(9.99)	(16.54)
Cash and marketable sec.	41.67	31.54	15.00



## Executive Summary

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- Addex Therapeutics is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company focused on the development of an innovative class of oral therapies for neurological disorders. Addex' lead program is ready to start a Phase IIb/III pivotal registration study for levodopa-induced dyskinesia associated with Parkinson's disease (PD-LID) and was scheduled to start in 2020Q1 until initiation was suspended due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Addex expects to start in 2021H1 with topline data expected in 2022Q4. The commercial opportunity for PD-LID drugs is substantial with recently approved drug like Nuplazid and Gocovri priced at USD 30,000 and USD 28,500 per year, respectively. This pricing level values the US PD-LID market at USD 4.2 billion. Should dipraglurant achieve regulatory approval in the US, it is estimated to reach US peak sales of USD 1-1.5 billion.
- In the past year, Addex Therapeutics like many pharmaceutical companies was faced with delays in several clinical programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the roll out of vaccination programs and the expected approval of several more vaccines in the coming months, Addex is expected to start two clinical studies, dipraglurant Phase IIb/III PD-LID study and a Phase II for blepharospasm in 2021H1. Furthermore, Addex partner, Janssen is expected to start a Phase II for epilepsy in 2021H1. The results of the blepharospasm study are expected in 2021Q4 and results from the epilepsy study in 2022H1 followed by results of the PD-LID study in 2022Q4. The start of these 3 clinical trials are significant news events and therefore should have a positive impact on the share price.
- On October 30, 2020, the research agreement with Indivior was extended until June 30, 2021. Under the amendment to the agreement, Indivior has committed research funding of USD 2.8 million. Under the terms of the original agreement signed with Indivior in January 2018, Addex received a USD 5 million upfront payment and has since received USD 5.6 million research funding. Addex is eligible to receive up to USD 330 million of development, regulatory and commercialization milestones as well as tiered royalties up to double-digit. This program has entered clinical candidate selection phase and is expected to start IND enabling studies by end of 2021.
- The Company's current cash remains solid and amounts to CHF 17.8 million. This provides a runway through 2021 and should be sufficient to fund the ongoing development of its pipeline and most importantly, a substantial part of the Phase IIb/III pivotal registration trial with dipraglurant in PD-LID. We do believe that additional funding will be necessary in 2021 to complete the trial and have noted the company has engagement US investment bank, HC Wainwright, and filed a registration statement on form F1 on December 14, 2020. The company has been listed on the SIX Swiss exchange since May 2007 and in January 2020, completed the listing of an American Depository Share (ADS) on the NASDAQ under the ticker symbol, ADXN. We believe the recent filing of the F1 indicates that future fund raising will also help to improve liquidity of



the ADS program and should be positive for the share price.

- Based on our NPV based valuation, we believe that Addex remains substantially undervalued at the current share price of CHF 1.97. We believe the share price decrease of the last few years is unjustified and provides a substantial buying opportunity as we expect significant news flow in the first half of 2021 as the COVID-19 pandemic diminishes. Addex is about to have three active clinical programs with a number of significant value creating milestones ahead, has two major collaborations with pharma and a pipeline of earlier-stage programs that are moving rapidly towards the clinic. Using our valuation model and taking into account the future revenues from its late-stage clinical pipeline and its current partnerships with Indivior and Janssen, we maintain our valuation of CHF 425-460 million, or CHF 13.00-14.00 per share.

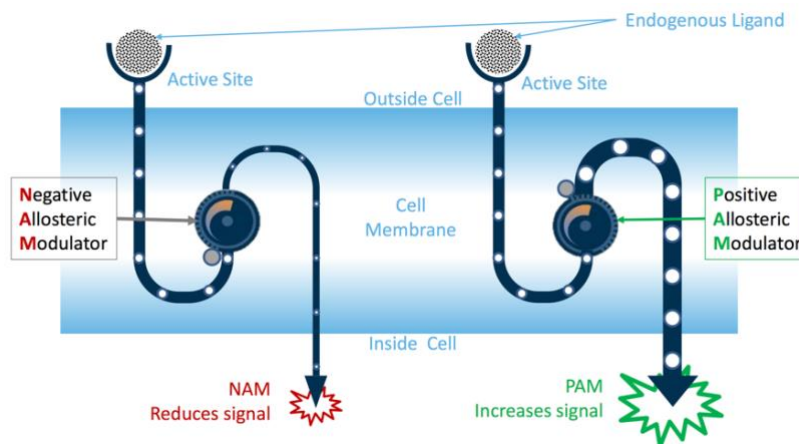


## Company Profile

Addex Therapeutics is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company that is developing an emerging class of oral small molecule drugs known as allosteric modulators. Allosteric modulators target a specific receptor or protein and alter the effect of the body's own signaling molecules on their target through a novel mechanism of action. The company enjoyed first-mover advantage in the process of discovering and developing allosteric modulators. Addex has developed an allostery-biased library of more than 70,000 compounds and biological assays which enable detection, optimization and confirmation of the mechanism of action of allosteric compounds. Currently, Addex has a diverse pipeline of proprietary compounds that cater to a number of major diseases. The platform is broadly applicable and has generated several molecules for indications with significant commercial potential with a focus on central nervous system (CNS) disorders with orphan drug potential.

### *What are allosteric modulators?*

In contrast to competitive compounds, allosteric modulators of GPCRs interact with binding sites that are topographically distinct from the binding site of the endogenous activator, and therefore do not compete with the endogenous activator. This means that allosteric modulators do not activate or inhibit receptors on their own, but only in the presence of an endogenous activator do they enhance (positively modulate) or inhibit (negatively modulate) the natural physiological activity of the receptor. Consequently, allosteric modulators offer the possibility to preserve normal physiological receptor function while controlling pathologic activity caused by over- or under-activation of an endogenous receptor. The below figure shows graphically how an allosteric modulator or a G-protein coupled receptor exercises its activity:





### *Allosteric modulators potential to unlock undruggable targets*

There is an opportunity for an allosteric modulator approach to identify novel orally active compounds for well-validated targets which have no approved drugs because traditional orthosteric approaches have failed to deliver. Developing allosteric modulators for previously undruggable targets is an increasingly exciting space with the vast majority of well understood drug targets currently being undruggable. Allosteric sites are largely unexplored for drug discovery although it is an increasingly hot area. There are a number of proprietary technologies that Addex has developed to identify new allosteric approaches in addition to many years of “know-how” held by the company. Allosteric approaches are also interesting as the IP landscape is less crowded so there may be greater freedom to operate.

Addex' lead product is dipraglurant that successfully completed a Phase IIa POC trial in Parkinson's disease levodopa induced dyskinesia (PD-LID). The drug is scheduled to start a Phase IIb/III pivotal registration study in PD-LID in 2021H1 with topline data expected in 2022Q4. The commercial opportunity for PD-LID drugs is substantial with recently approved drugs such as Nuplazid and Gocovri, priced at USD 30,000 and USD 28,500 per year, respectively. Based on these prices, the US PD-LID market is estimated at USD 4.2 billion. Should dipraglurant achieve regulatory approval in the US, it is estimated to potentially reach US peak sales of USD 1-1.5 billion. 2020 sales of Nuplazid are estimated at USD 430-450 million while Gocovri 2020 sales are expected to be around USD 70 million. Gocovri is a modified release formulation of amantadine and we believe its poor commercial performance is primary due to its lack of differentiation from generic amantadine, and therefore believe Nuplazid commercial success is a much more relevant surrogate for how dipraglurant would perform if launched in the PD-LID market.

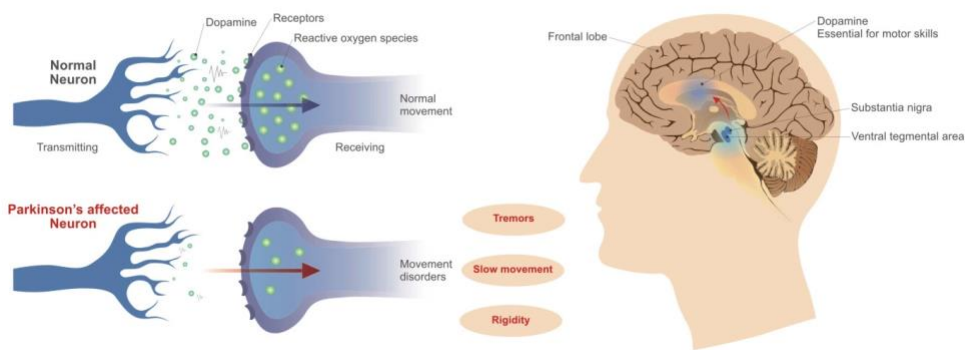


## Dipraglurant: Potentially First-in-Class for Levodopa Induced Dyskinesia associated with Parkinson’s Disease

Addex is developing its lead compound, dipraglurant as a novel, orally available negative allosteric modulator (NAM) of the metabotropic glutamate receptor subtype 5 (“mGlu5) for the treatment of PD-LID. Addex expects to start a placebo-controlled Phase IIb/III pivotal registration clinical trial of dipraglurant for PD-LID in 2021H1, subject to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in the United States. Topline results are expected in 2022Q4. The study will be conducted in the United States and will target enrollment of approximately 140 patients. Addex has received orphan drug designation from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for dipraglurant in PD-LID.

### *Parkinson’s disease and levodopa induced dyskinesia*

Parkinson’s disease (PD) is a neurodegenerative brain disorder that results from the death of dopamine-generating cells in the substantia nigra region of the midbrain. PD is also characterized by the accumulation of a protein called alpha-synuclein into inclusions called Lewy bodies in neurons. The cause of PD is generally idiopathic, although some atypical cases have a genetic origin and certain environmental factors are known to play a role. There are approximately 1,000,000 patients with Parkinson disease in the US, with 50,000 to 60,000 more diagnosed each year. Worldwide, there are approximately 4 million individuals afflicted (2.7 million in the US, Japan, and the 5 major European markets). Since the incidence of PD increases with age (the average age of onset is 60), the number of patients is likely to climb as the population of older patients grows.



There is no cure for PD. Instead, physicians attempt to manage the symptoms of the disease through a multidisciplinary approach that may include pharmacological, social, and surgical options. The most common pharmaceutical treatment options are those which look to increase the level of dopamine in the



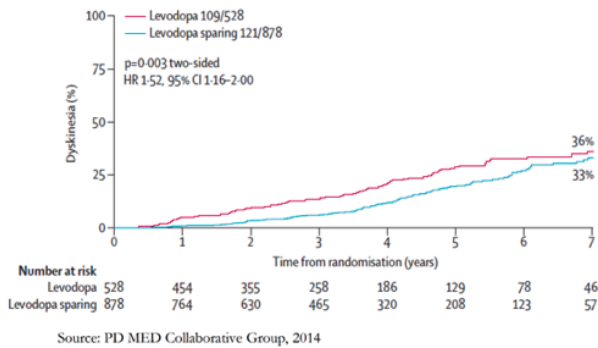
brain. These include dopamine replacement therapies (DRT) combined with dopa decarboxylase inhibitors, dopamine agonists, and MAO-B inhibitors. The most commonly used DRT therapy is Levodopa which has been available for over 30 years and is the mainstay of therapy. Levodopa is converted into dopamine in the dopaminergic neurons by dopa decarboxylase. The administration of levodopa temporarily diminishes the motor symptoms associated with the lack of dopamine in the substantia nigra. Unfortunately, only about 5-10% of Levodopa crosses the blood-brain barrier with the remainder being metabolized to dopamine elsewhere. PD patients experience a variety of side effects including nausea, dyskinesias and joint stiffness. As a result, despite its effectiveness in reducing motor symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, physicians often attempt to delay Levodopa therapy until the disease progresses to a more moderate-to-severe stage. Most early stage PD patients start out on MAO-B inhibitors and/or dopamine agonists, or low-dose Levodopa. However, PD is a progressive and degenerative disease, and patients typically progress to the point where starting Levodopa or increasing the Levodopa dose is necessary within five years of the initial diagnosis. After a decade on therapy, almost all PD patients require high doses of Levodopa, as well as surgical options including deep brain stimulation (DBS). As the dose and use of Levodopa increases, the incidence of dyskinesia also increases. Levodopa also has a relatively short half-life, requiring dosing between three to four times a day and as high as 8 times a day for late stage patients. Peak plasma concentrations of Levodopa occur 60 to 90 minutes after dosing. Unfortunately, this is also when peak side effects such as dyskinesia occur. The hefty dosing requirement of Levodopa creates compliance issues, especially at night when patients may sleep through their dose schedule – dosing every six hours. The peaks and troughs associated with Levodopa create significant “on” and “off” treatment times for PD patients. On times are when the drug is in their system and they may be experiencing dyskinesia, and off times are when the Levodopa has left their system and the patient may awake in a frozen or rigid state.

Despite the occurrence of Levodopa Induced Dyskinesia, Levodopa remains the mainstay in PD treatment. In a large clinical study that was done in 2000-2009 in the UK, 1620 patients were randomized to receive Levodopa, dopamine agonists and MAO-B inhibitors. The patients were followed for 7 years to get their responses to the drugs. It showed that patients who were treated with levodopa sparing approaches, had similar rates of dyskinesia over time to those treated with levodopa. However, the study showed that the rate of discontinuations were considerably lower in the patient group using Levodopa (7% discontinuations) compared to 72% for MAO-B inhibitors and 50% for dopamine agonists. This validated Levodopa as the gold standard in PD treatment (see graphs below)

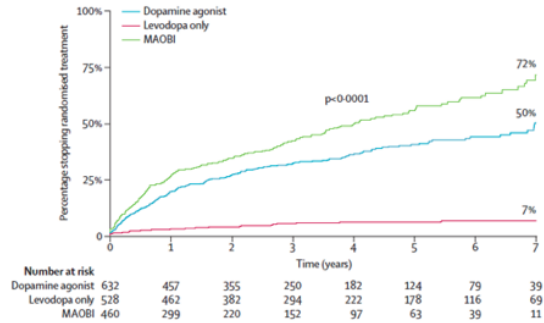




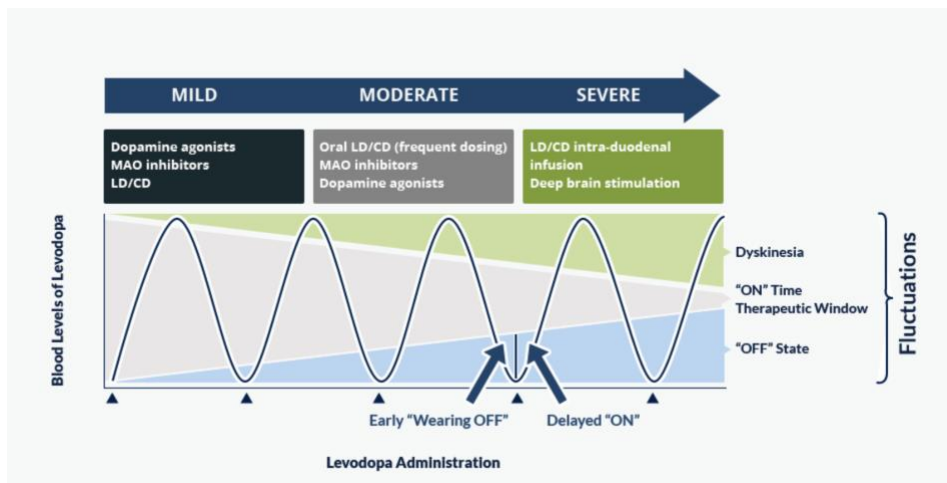
### Comparison of Dyskinesia Rates



### Comparison of Discontinuations



Long-term Levodopa use is invariably associated with the development of dyskinesias that becomes as disabling as the PD symptoms themselves. Dyskinesia results from the neurodegenerative process that underlies PD. The dopamine replacement does not lead to dyskinesia per se but is thought to lower the triggering threshold for symptoms, as the neurodegeneration progresses. Dyskinesia is characterized by hyperkinetic movements, including chorea (abnormal involuntary movement), dystonia (sustained muscle contraction, abnormal posture), and athetosis (involuntary convoluted movements). It is most common at times of peak Levodopa plasma concentrations (peak-dose dyskinesia), although it may also occur when plasma concentrations of Levodopa rise and fall (diphasic dyskinesia) or during off-time (off-period dystonia). The following figure shows the evolution of Parkinson's disease, treatment options and the development of dyskinesia as the disease progresses.





Approximately 50% of PD patients will experience dyskinesia after 3 years on Levodopa therapy. The number rises to 90% after 9 to 15 years on Levodopa therapy. It is a significant problem for patients and physicians seeking treatment for PD. In fact, a survey of key opinion leaders (KOLs) in the Parkinson’s treatment space showed that dyskinesia is the most important unmet medical need in the treatment of PD after a disease modifying agent (Datamonitor 2011). Although the first treatment for Dyskinesia associated with PD was approved by the FDA in 2017 (Gocovri from Adamas Pharmaceuticals), the most common treatment for Dyskinesia is to reduce the dose of Levodopa. However, reducing the dose of Levodopa causes increased parkinsonism and worsening motor performance. Therefore, once established, Dyskinesia becomes difficult to treat.



## Pipeline: Turning into late stage CNS play

Using its allosteric modulator discovery capabilities, Addex has developed an extensive pipeline of proprietary clinical and preclinical stage drug candidates. Addex allosteric modulator discovery platform is broadly applicable and can be applied to the discovery of small molecule allosteric modulators for any protein target. However, Addex has focused its efforts on metabotropic glutamate receptors and gamma aminobutyric acid subtype B receptor (GABA<sub>B</sub>) for CNS disorders which are a lower risk approach due to the extensive clinical validation of the receptor classes. Also, mGlu5NAM proved to be a strongly validated target for PD-LID following new insight on Novartis' mavoglurant data, which showed the potential important benefit of treating PD-LID with a short acting compound such as Addex Dipraglurant. Glutamate is the main excitatory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, which includes the brain and the spinal cord, participating in a wide range of neural functions such as learning and memory. With Janssen progressing the Epilepsy program into Phase II, the company has another molecule in mid stage clinical development.

Addex' extensive clinical and late preclinical portfolio is as follows:

Molecule / MoA	Indication	Partner	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Milestone
Dipraglurant-IR (mGlu5 NAM)	PD-LID		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 2]				Expect topline results in Q4 2022
Dipraglurant-ER (mGlu5 NAM)	Dystonia (Blepharospasm)		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				Expect topline results in Q4 2021
ADX71149 (mGlu2 PAM)	Epilepsy		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				Expect topline results in H1 2022
GABA <sub>B</sub> PAM	Addiction – alcohol use disorder		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				
	CMT1A		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				
mGlu7 NAM	Post-traumatic stress disorder		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				
mGlu2 NAM	Mild neurocognitive disorders		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				
mGlu4 PAM	Parkinson's disease		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				
mGlu3 PAM	Neurodegenerative disorders		[Progress bar from Pre-clinical to Phase 1]				

Source: Addex Therapeutics

### *Dipraglurant IR for PD-LID*

Addex lead program, dipraglurant for Dyskinesia associated with Parkinson's disease (PD-LID) has seen a dramatic increase in its market potential due to increased pricing, a clearer view on the number of patients and receipt of orphan drug designation from the FDA. The program has patent protection through 2034 without extensions. In addition, orphan drug status provides 7 years market exclusivity in the US from the date of



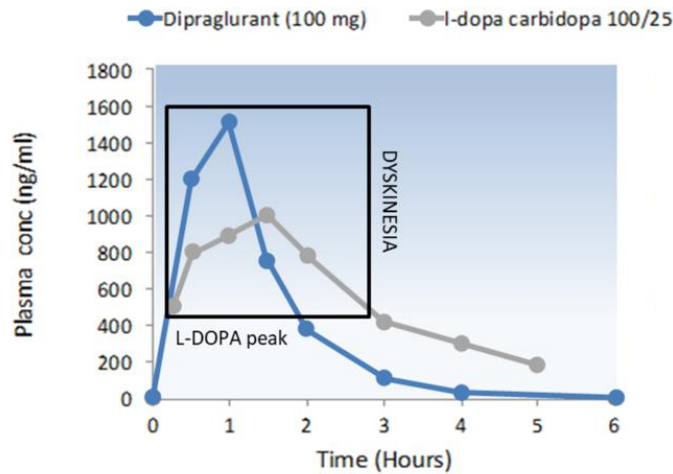
launch. Dipraglurant is a highly selective orally available small molecule, which inhibits the metabotropic glutamate receptor 5 (mGlu5) and has potential to be used in combination with levodopa or dopamine agonists for treatment of PD-LID. The commercial opportunity for PD-LID drugs is substantial with recently approved drugs such as Nuplazid and Gocovri, priced at USD 30,000 and USD 28,500 per year, respectively. Based on these prices, the US PD-LID market is estimated at USD 4.2 billion. Should dipraglurant achieve regulatory approval in the US, it is estimated to potentially reach US peak sales of USD 1-1.5 billion. 2020 sales of Nuplazid are estimated at USD 430-450 million while Gocovri 2020 sales are expected to be around USD 70 million. Gocovri is a modified release formulation of amantadine and we believe its poor commercial performance is primary due to its lack of differentiation from generic amantadine, and therefore believe Nuplazid commercial success is a much more relevant surrogate for how dipraglurant would perform if launched in the PD-LID market.

### *Unique Pharmacokinetic profile of Dipraglurant*

Addex has specifically developed an immediate release (IR) formulation of dipraglurant that mimics the uptake of levodopa in patients, since peak-dose dyskinesia is the most frequent levodopa-induced dyskinesia. Levodopa has to be given 3-4 times a day and in severe cases up to 8 times a day, due to its relatively short half-life. Peak plasma concentrations are reached 60 to 90 minutes after dosing, when peak-dose dyskinesia occurs. Dipraglurant IR, which is taken together with levodopa, has a rapid onset of action similar to levodopa, and rapid clearance that reduces unnecessary drug exposure and unwanted side effects. This profile is ideal to offset unwanted peak-dose dyskinesia. In addition to the dipraglurant Phase 2 data, recent insight from Novartis' mavoglurant data show the importance of matching the pharmacokinetic profile of an mGlu5 NAM with the pharmacokinetic profile of levodopa in treating PD-LID, and therefore supports the use of a short acting compound such as Addex Dipraglurant IR.

The immediate release (IR) formulation is ideally suited for acute treatment of PD-LID because:

- Its pharmacokinetic profile is similar to levodopa so drug is delivered when needed.
- Its rapid onset of action is ideal for dyskinesia which can occur within 30 minutes of dosing.
- The rapid clearance reduces unnecessary drug exposure, between levodopa doses and should reduce side effects as a result.
- The PK characteristics of dipraglurant IR have potential to give flexibility of use, which is common practice and desirable in PD treatment

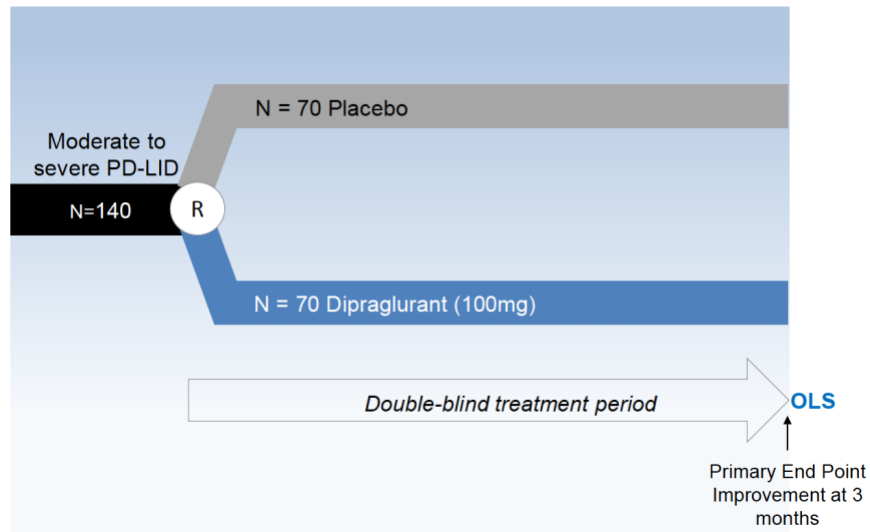


### *Upcoming Phase IIb/III study Dipraglurant*

The company has launched a pivotal development program to support regulatory filing of dipraglurant in PD-LID with the first pivotal clinical trial starting in 2021H1. This randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled Phase IIb/III pivotal registration study will assess the safety and efficacy of dipraglurant for the treatment of 140 patients with moderate to severe levodopa induced dyskinesia. Patients will be randomized 1:1 to receive dipraglurant or placebo three times daily, with three of their levodopa doses over a 3 month period. Patients' levodopa treatment regimens will remain consistent over the study. The primary endpoint is change over time in Unified Dyskinesia Rating Scale (UDysRS) at 3 months. This is important as the expectation is that UDysRS is both a more sensitive scale and less prone to placebo effect compared to the mAIMS, and consequently we expect the change in the scale to be in favor of demonstrating efficacy. In addition, UDysRS is the recommended scale of the Movement Disorder Society and with the approval of Gocovri by the FDA in 2017, there is precedent for the use of UDysRS. Furthermore, it contains anchored objective clinician evaluated measures of dyskinesia as well as patient-based perceptions of disability. UDysRS was developed in 2009 specifically for dyskinesia in PD patients, whereas mAIMS was developed in 1970 to assess tardive dyskinesia in psychiatric patients. The secondary endpoints include change in clinician-scored Unified Parkinson's disease rating scale (UPDRS) Part III, and patient diaries for on and off time.

### *Dipraglurant 1<sup>st</sup> Pivotal LID Study (301)*

### Study Design



#### *Upcoming Phase II study in Dystonia (Blepharospasm)*

Addex is developing an extended release version of dipraglurant as a novel orally available mGlu5 NAM for the treatment of blepharospasm (BSP), a focal dystonia. There are approximately 23 types of dystonia affecting up to 300,000 people in the US. Dozens of diseases and conditions include dystonia as a major symptom. Dystonias are distinguished as either primary, with idiopathic or genetic causes, or secondary, induced by drugs or toxins. A number of dystonias are classified as rare, including BSP, cervical dystonia, DYT1 familial generalized dystonia or X-linked dystonia parkinsonism. It is estimated that over 30% of PD patients experience dystonia as a symptom or a complication of treatment. BSP is one of the three most common forms of dystonia and is characterized by involuntary muscle contractions and spasms of the eyelid muscles, resulting in sustained eyelid closure causing substantial visual disturbance or functional blindness. In over half of the patients, symptoms of dystonia spread to other face muscles as well as muscles in other areas of the body. This leads to a progressive decline in quality of life and increased functional impairment. Treatment is limited to injections of botulinum toxin. In the US, it is estimated that around 50,000 patients suffer from BSP, with up to 2,000 new patients diagnosed annually. Current therapies for dystonia including BSP, include oral drugs such as anticholinergic agents, dopamine receptor agonists/antagonists and baclofen. The efficacy of these drugs is marginal and side effects further limit compliance and usage. The only available indicated treatment is botulinum toxin injections, which are only suitable for focal or segmental dystonia treatment. In addition, deep



brain stimulation (DBS) surgery is sometimes used. However, for both of these approaches, patients are left with inadequate response, and therefore a need exists for an oral, safe and effective treatment for dystonia. Addex has initiated a development program in dystonia and is currently developing an extended release formulation of dipraglurant. In parallel, a Phase II study with the currently available immediate release formulation of dipraglurant is planned to start in 2021H1, and will explore the use of a novel objective rating scale, Computational Motor Objective Rater (CMOR), along with established BSP rating scales. Data is anticipated to be available in 2021Q4. An additional Phase IIa Proof of Concept study with the extended release formulation is planned for 2022. The program has received support from the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and is being conducted in collaboration with investigators from the Dystonia Coalition, a collaboration of medical researchers and patient advocacy groups supported by the Office of Rare Diseases Research (ORDR) in the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) and The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the United States National Institute of Health.

#### *ADX71149: Epilepsy (partnership with Janssen Pharmaceuticals)*

ADX71149 (JNJ-40411813) is a novel, first-in-class, potent, orally available small molecule positive allosteric modulator (PAM) of metabotropic glutamate receptor 2 (mGlu2), a Family C class of G Protein Coupled Receptor (GPCR). The development of ADX71149 is part of a worldwide license agreement between Addex and Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Janssen), part of Johnson & Johnson, to discover, develop and commercialize a novel mGlu2 PAM medication. Under the terms of the agreement, Addex is eligible for up to a total of EUR 112 million in milestone payments based on potential development and regulatory achievements. Remaining milestones amount to EUR 109 million. In addition, Addex is eligible for low double-digit royalties on sales of any mGlu2 PAM medication developed under the agreement. The Company announced earlier this year that ADX71149, will advance into a Phase IIa proof of concept study in patients with epilepsy. The multi-center study is scheduled to begin dosing patients in the United States in 2021H1. Janssen is responsible for the clinical development and commercialization of ADX71149 under the terms of a licensing agreement with Addex.

Glutamate is the primary excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain and plays a key role in the initiation and spread of seizures. When activated, the mGlu2 receptor decreases the release of glutamate and consequently helps to maintain neurotransmitter balance. In the presence of agonist-induced activation, positive allosteric modulation of mGlu2 receptors could result in the normalization of the excessive glutamate release seen during a seizure.



Epilepsy is one of the most common serious neurological disorders, affecting about 65 million people globally (Thurman et al. 2011). It affects 1% of the population by age 20 and 3% of the population by age 75. Epilepsy describes a condition in which a person has recurrent seizures due to a chronic, underlying process. It also refers to a clinical phenomenon rather than a single disease entity, since there are many forms and causes of epilepsy. Epilepsy is a disease of the brain defined by any of the following conditions:

- at least two unprovoked (or reflex) seizures occurring more than 24 hours apart;
- one unprovoked (or reflex) seizure and a probability of further seizures similar to the general recurrence risk (at least 60%) after two unprovoked seizures, occurring over the next 10 years;
- diagnosis of an epilepsy syndrome.

The synaptic vesicle protein 2A (SV2A) has been identified as a broad spectrum anticonvulsant target in models of partial and generalized epilepsy, and studies in animal models and human tissue suggest that changes in the expression of SV2A are implicated in epilepsy (Mendoza-Torreblanca et al. 2013; Kaminski et al. 2012). SV2A ligands include levetiracetam (Lynch et al. 2004), which is an anti-epileptic drug commercialized under trademark Keppra®, approved in Europe and USA as a monotherapy or add-on therapy in patients diagnosed with epilepsy. In the 6Hz psychomotor seizure test, a preclinical model of epilepsy considered to be the most relevant model of pharmacoresistant limbic seizures, ADX71149 demonstrated efficacy both stand alone and in combination with SV2a ligands including levetiracetam (Metcalf et al. 2017). In particular, the data show that while seizures are reduced when mGlu2-acting compounds are administered alone, their combination with levetiracetam results in a truly synergistic effect and therefore could reduce the dose required to produce full efficacy, which is important because higher doses of levetiracetam are associated with dose-limiting side effects, such as aggression, nervousness/anxiety, somnolence and fatigue. In this study, a fixed dose of ADX71149 was seen to increase the potency of levetiracetam, leading to an approximate 35-fold increase in its potency. Conversely, using a fixed dose of levetiracetam with varying doses of ADX71149 resulted in an approximate 14-fold increase in ADX71149 potency. If this effect can be translated in the clinic, it will strongly support a rational polypharmacy concept in the treatment of epilepsy patients.

The potential market for ADX71149 could be more than a billion USD. Keppra, which is now off patent, and its longer acting formulation, Briviact are marketed by UCB who reported 2019 sales of EUR 770 million and EUR 220 million for Keppra and Briviact, respectively.





# SWOT Analysis

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## Strengths

**Strong management with extensive relevant technical, commercial and financial expertise**

**Vast expertise in CNS related diseases**

**Relevant partnerships with credible partners**

**Professional Shareholders Base**

## Weaknesses

**Operating losses cumulating year-on-year**

**Delay pipeline development due to COVID-19**

**CNS is a high risk area of drug development**

## Opportunities

**Profitable partnerships and license agreements with large pharmaceuticals**

**High unmet medical need**

**Large potential markets**

## Threats

**Uncertainty about the outcome of clinical trials**

**Higher level of expenditure than budgeted**



## Financials

In the first nine months of 2020, Addex generated income of CHF 1.8 million compared to CHF 1.7 million in the same period last year, primarily due to increased revenue recognition under its funded research collaboration with Indivior. Research and development expenses decreased by CHF 0.9 million to CHF 7.9 million in the first three quarters of 2020 compared to CHF 8.8 million in the same period in 2019, primarily due to the postponement of the start of the dipraglurant phase IIb/III PD-L1 clinical trial. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020 G&A expenses increased by CHF 0.3 million compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, primarily due to increased costs associated with being dual listed on the US Nasdaq stock market. The net loss for the first nine months of 2020 was CHF 10.7 million compared to CHF 11.1 million for 2019. Cash and cash equivalents amounted to CHF 17.8 million at September 30, 2020 compared to CHF 31.9 million at September 30, 2019 and CHF 31.5 million at December 31, 2019.

### *Profit & Loss Statement*

CHF million	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020Q3	2020-9M
Revenues	0.500	6.701	2.832	0.002	1.792
R&D Costs	(2.629)	(4.920)	(12.453)	(1.979)	(7.850)
SG&A	(1.106)	(3.209)	(4.894)	(1.237)	(4.496)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	(3.235)	(1.425)	(14.604)	(3.113)	(10.360)
Finance result	(0.045)	(0.220)	(0.176)	(0.200)	(0.374)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(3.280)	(1.645)	(14.783)	(3.313)	(10.734)

### *Consolidated statement of cash flows*

CHF million	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020-9M
Cashflow from operating activities	(2.135)	1.752	(9.482)	(12.884)
Cash flow from investing activities	(0.02)	(0.062)	(0.043)	(0.011)
Cash flow from financing activities	3.355	37.390	(0.464)	(0.443)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1.416	2.579	41.670	31.537
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1.214	39.080	(9.989)	(13.340)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2.579	41.670	31.537	17.813



## Near Term Milestones

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In the coming 12 months, we expect a number of important milestones that can drive the stock price upwards. It goes without saying that for the time being the timetable is very much dependent on the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and start of vaccination in 2021. These are:

### *Dipraglurant - LID*

- Phase IIb/III study in LID – start dosing: 2021H1
- Phase IIb/III – results: 2022Q4

### *Dipraglurant - Dystonia*

- Phase IIa in Blepharospasm – start dosing: 2021H1
- Phase IIa in Blepharospasm – results: 2021Q4

### *ADX71149 - Epilepsy*

- Phase IIa POC study in Epilepsy – start dosing: 2021H1
- Phase IIa POC study in Epilepsy – results: 2022H1

### *GABAB PAM*

- Start IND enabling studies: 2022H1



## Valuation and Share Price Performance

### 2021H1: Three programs to be initiated

Addex now has three active clinical programs with a number of significant value creating milestones ahead, two major collaborations with pharma and a pipeline of earlier-stage programs that are moving rapidly towards the clinic. These factors all justify a considerably higher value than the current share price is showing. We value Addex Therapeutics at **CHF 425-460 million or CHF 13.00-14.00** per share. This valuation is calculated based on three programs: unpartnered lead program Dipraglurant for PD-LID in Parkinson's disease, GabaB PAM for addiction with Indivior and ADX71149 for epilepsy with Janssen.

See summary of valuation in the table below.

Program	Indication	Partner	Stage	Valuation
Dipraglurant-IR	PD-LID	-	Ready to start Phase III	CHF 345 million
GABA-PAM	Addiction	Indivior	Clinical candidate selection	CHF 50-85 million
ADX71149	Epilepsy	Janssen Pharma	Ready to start Phase IIa	CHF 28 million

Another measurement for the potential value of Addex Therapeutics, is making a comparison with companies that have programs in development in PD-LID (dipraglurant), Parkinson's and Addiction since we believe these programs to be the most promising. We should note that in the past few years there has been considerable M&A activity in the Parkinson's field. In 2014 Acorda Therapeutics acquired Civitas for USD 525 million in cash in order to get the rights to its PD drug Inbrija. The drug received approval by the FDA in December 2018. Sunovion acquired Cynapsus in 2016 for USD 624 million to get the rights to Cynapsus' Phase III PD candidate APL-130277 (KYNMOBI) and received approval from the FDA in May 2020. In July 2017, Israeli company Neuroderm was bought by Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma for USD 1.1 billion. Neuroderm has three clinical stage product candidates in development for PD. And last but not least, in 2018, Lundbeck acquired Prexton Therapeutics in a deal worth EUR 905 million and obtained rights to Foliglurax.

Company	Acquired by	Deal size	Comments
Civitas	Acorda Therapeutics	USD 525m	FDA granted approval for Inbrija in December 2018
Cynapsus	Sunovion	USD 624m	Acquired Cynapsus and got the rights to PD drug APL130277(Kynmobi) approved in May 2020
Neuroderm	Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma	USD 1.1bn	Lead product is ND0612 for the treatment of PD. Currently in a Phase III study.
Prexton Therap.	Lundbeck	EUR 905m	Rights to PD drug Foliglurax, currently terminated following the failure of its Phase II PD study as an add on to levodopa.



### Valuation dipraglurant IR in PD-L1D

In estimating a value for dipraglurant in PD-L1D, we took into account potential markets in the US and Europe with a total number of potential patients with PD-L1D of 180,000 in the US and 225,000 in Europe, with a market launch in the US in 2025 and 2026 in Europe. We calculate a Risk adjusted Discount Rate of 15%. Annual pricing is conservatively set at USD 24,000 for the US and USD 15,000 for Europe which is actually lower than initial pricing of competitive drugs (Gocovri for PD-L1D was first priced at USD 28,500, Pimavanserin for PDP was priced initially at USD 30,000 and whereas Igrezza is even priced at USD 60,000). We notice that pricing of Gocovri is decreasing following the disappointing commercial roll out of the drug. Although we believe that Addex will potentially partner its program in PD-L1D with a large pharmaceutical, in our model we have calculated its value by marketing the drug independently. We estimate that a peak market share of 25-30% is possible. We used a higher than average for neurological disorders LOA of 25% as we believe that the vast amount of data justifies that.

**This leads to a total valuation for dipraglurant of CHF 345 million or CHF 10.50 per share.**

In our view, the delay of the start of the pivotal trial with 12 months due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic does not have an impact on our valuation model for the PD-L1D program.

### Valuation in PD-L1D US Market

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
No of patients US (yoy growth 2.5% as of 2015)	241244	247275	253457	259793	266288	272945	279769	286763	293932	301280
Penetration	0.5%	1.5%	4.0%	7.0%	11.0%	15.0%	18.0%	21.0%	22.0%	23.0%
Total Revenues (USD m)	<b>28.9</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>703.0</b>	<b>982.6</b>	<b>1208.6</b>	<b>1445.3</b>	<b>1552.0</b>	<b>1663.1</b>
Margin 50%	14.5	44.5	121.7	218.2	351.5	491.3	604.3	722.6	776.0	831.5
WACC 15%	0.50	0.43	0.38	0.33	0.28	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.16	0.14
NPV (million)	7.2	19.2	45.7	71.3	99.9	121.4	129.9	135.1	126.1	117.5
<b>Total NPV (million)</b>										<b>873.5</b>
<b>LOA 25%</b>										<b>218.4</b>

### Valuation in PD-L1D European Market

Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
No of patients Europe (yoy growth 2.5% as of 2015)	296730	304148	311752	319546	327534	335723	344116	352719	361536	370575
Penetration	0.5%	1.5%	4.0%	7.0%	11.0%	15.0%	18.0%	21.0%	22.0%	23.0%
Total Revenues (USD m)	<b>22.3</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>187.1</b>	<b>335.5</b>	<b>540.4</b>	<b>755.4</b>	<b>929.1</b>	<b>1111.1</b>	<b>1193.1</b>	<b>1278.5</b>
Margin 50%	11.1	34.2	93.5	167.8	270.2	377.7	464.6	555.5	596.5	639.2
WACC 15%	0.43	0.38	0.33	0.28	0.25	0.21	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.12
NPV (million)	4.8	12.9	30.6	47.7	66.8	81.2	86.8	90.3	84.3	78.6
<b>Total NPV (million)</b>										<b>505.3</b>
<b>LOA 25%</b>										<b>126.3</b>



### Valuation ADX71149 in Epilepsy

With the announcement that Janssen Pharmaceuticals is advancing ADX71149 into a Phase IIa proof of concept study in patients with epilepsy, we decided to include this program into our valuation model. The multi-center study is scheduled to begin dosing patients in the United States early 2021. We expect that a potential drug can be marketed as of 2025 priced annually at USD 5,000 and a peak market share of 12-15%, which would make this drug a potential block buster for Janssen Pharmaceuticals.

**This leads to a total current valuation for ADX71149 of CHF 28 million or CHF 0.85 per share.**

### Valuation ADX71149 in Epilepsy

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
No of patients US (yoy growth 2.5% as of 2015)	1408656	1429786	1451233	1473002	1495097	1517523	1540286	1563390	1586841	1610644
Penetration	0.5%	1.5%	4.0%	7.0%	11.0%	15.0%	18.0%	21.0%	22.0%	23.0%
Total Revenues (USD m)	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%	4.0%	8.0%	10.0%	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	15.0%
Royalty 12%	<b>\$35.2</b>	<b>\$71.5</b>	<b>\$145.1</b>	<b>\$294.6</b>	<b>\$598.0</b>	<b>\$758.8</b>	<b>\$924.2</b>	<b>1,016.2</b>	<b>1,110.8</b>	<b>1,208.0</b>
WACC 15%	4.2	8.6	17.4	35.4	71.8	91.1	110.9	121.9	133.3	145.0
NPV (million)	0.62	0.56	0.51	0.47	0.42	0.39	0.35	0.32	0.29	0.26
<b>Total NPV (million)</b>										<b>137.3</b>
<b>LOA 20%</b>										<b>27.5</b>

### Valuation GabaB PAM in Addiction

Based on the partnership with Indivior, the program in addiction has potential milestones of USD 330 million and tiered royalties up to low double digit. When taking into account likelihood of approval (LOA) for this program of 15% and peak sales of USD 600-700 million, the risk adjusted net present value (NPV) of the program would be CHF 50-85 million or CHF 1.75-3.00 per share.



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