



ADVANCING BREAKTHROUGH THERAPEUTICS FOR CNS DISORDERS

Public Information Overview

WHAT WE DO

Advancing breakthrough therapeutics for central nervous system disorders

"Our vision at EQUULUS Therapeutics is to turn the promise of psychedelics into real-world therapeutics that transform patients' lives and set a new standard in neuroscience healthcare."

— **Bob Discordia**, Co-founder & CEO



48.5M

Annual **addiction** cases in the US

13M

Annual cases of **PTSD** in the US

2.9M

Adults in the US with **active epilepsy**

21M

Adults in the US with **depression**

Source: [HHS](#), [NIMH NDA](#), [CDC](#), [USVA](#)

OPPORTUNITY

Effective treatments for CNS disorders remain a critical, unmet need

CNS disorders contribute to **more disability-adjusted life years (DALYs)** than any other disease category.

\$800B+

Annual healthcare cost
of CNS disorders

\$1.5T

Annual cost to the US economy
of CNS diseases

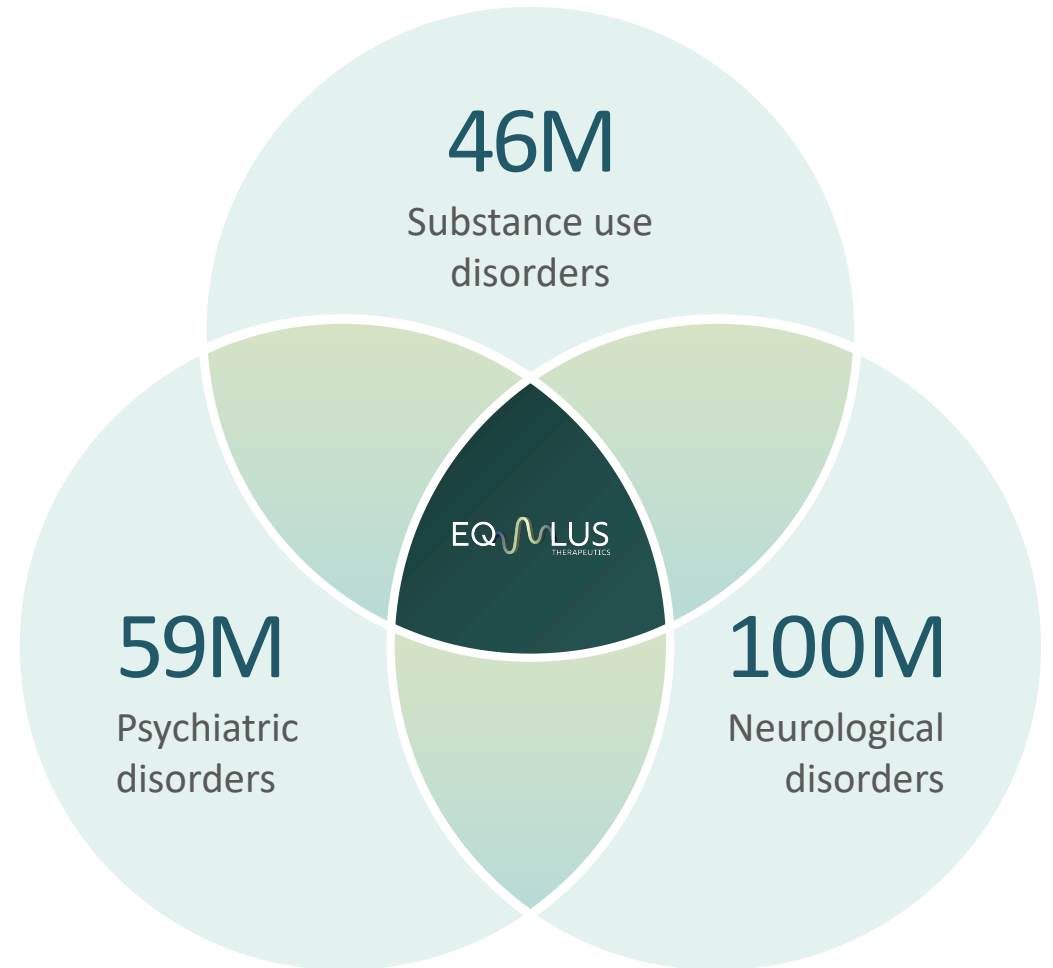
443M

Annual DALYs contributed by
CNS disorders

1 in 3

Of people are affected by
neurological conditions

Sources: [NeuroToday](#), [ITIF](#), [Lancet](#), [NIH NIDA](#), [JAMA](#), [NIMH](#)



MARKET

CNS therapeutics are a \$117B market, projected to double by 2034

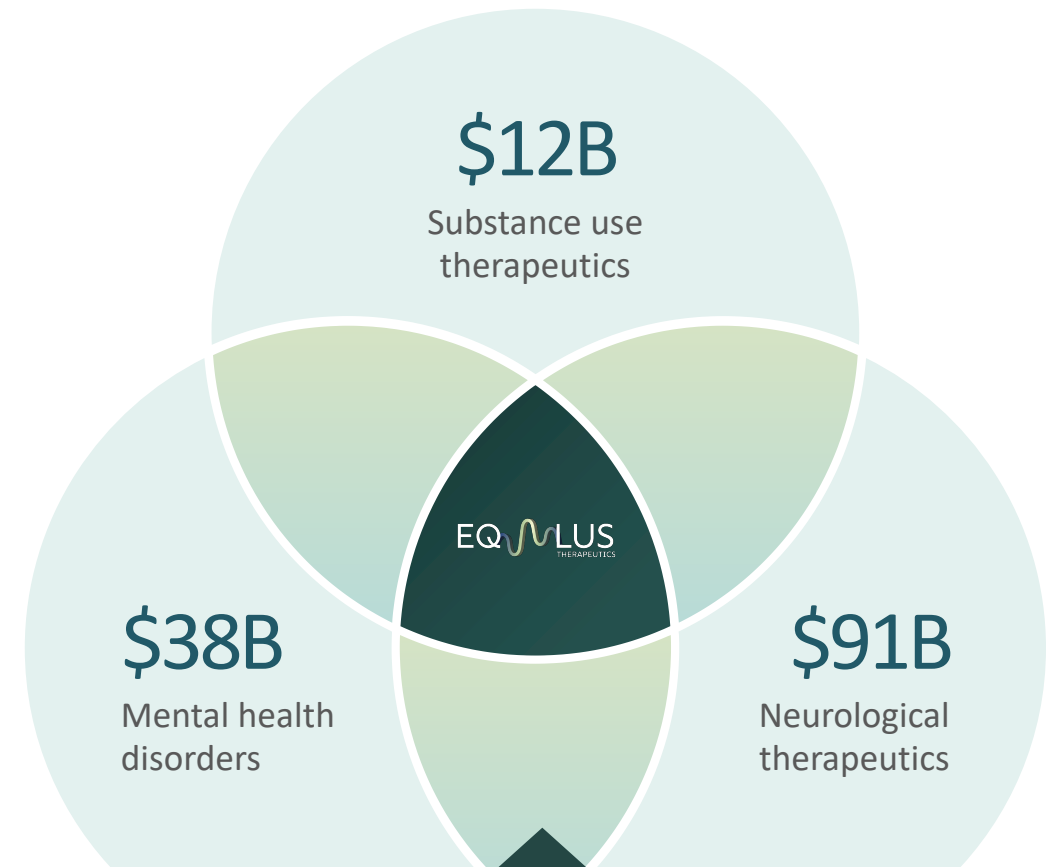
Neurological disorders are the leading cause of disability worldwide, affecting **over 3 billion people**

Patients with mental health or substance use disorder accounted for **over 30% of total US health care** spending

Current CNS therapeutics are **often ineffective**, focus on symptoms, and/or have serious side effects

Failure rates for new CNS disorder drugs are very high relative to most other areas of drug discovery

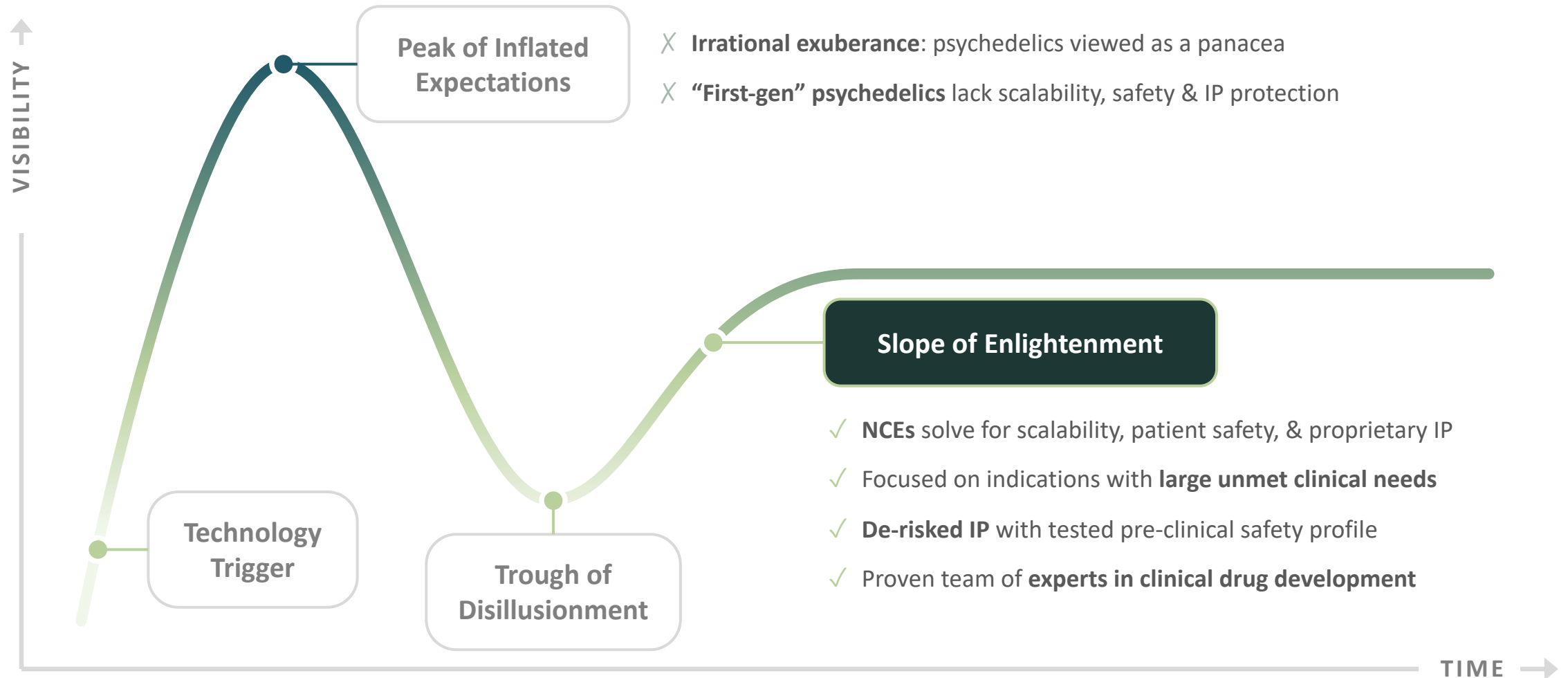
Sources: [Precedence](#), [Biospace](#), [Grandview](#), [Statista](#), [WHO](#), [Neuropharm](#), [NIH](#)



EQUULUS' **transdiagnostic approach** increases success rates, accelerates approvals, and amplifies value:
a single therapeutic can address multiple conditions by targeting shared biologic pathways

WHY NOW

Psychedelics are at a critical juncture



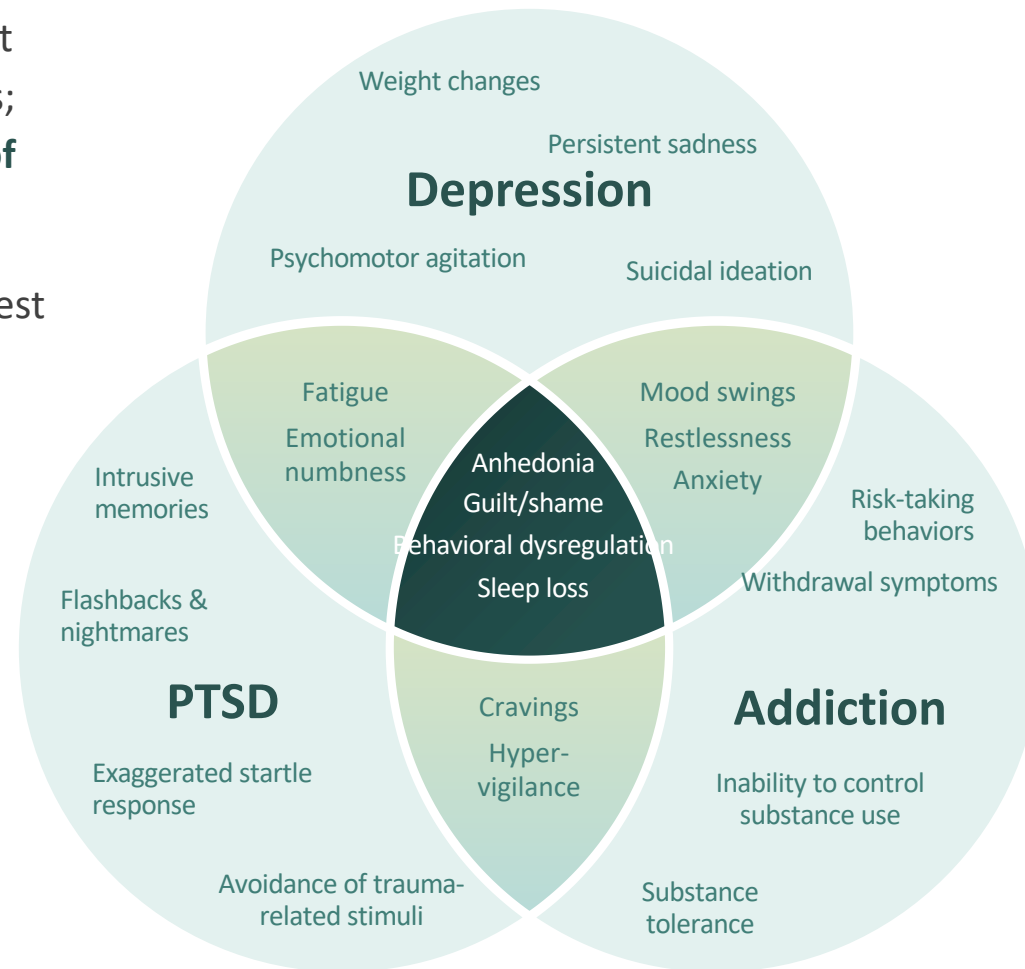
OUR DIFFERENCE

Transdiagnostic development

Transdiagnostic development recognizes shared symptoms; **challenges the boundaries of traditional diagnostic silos.**

Overlapping symptoms suggest overlapping neurobiological circuits, such as...

- ✓ Stress response systems
- ✓ Behavioral regulation
- ✓ Negative emotions
- ✓ Reward pathways



EXAMPLES

Cognitive enhancers

Agents enhancing prefrontal cortex function may improve behavioral regulation & goal-directed behavior.

Emotional regulation therapies

Drugs modulating glutamate or serotonergic systems could address irritability and emotional numbness.

Sleep-focused interventions

Pharmacological agents targeting GABAergic or melatonin pathways might alleviate sleep disturbances across all three disorders.

TRACTION

Uniquely positioned with proprietary data and validated lead candidates



Early proof of concept and expedited paths to large pharma partnerships position our assets as
“acquisition-ready” from day one



Filed **six provisional patent** applications
and **two PCT** applications

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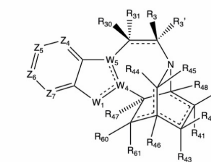
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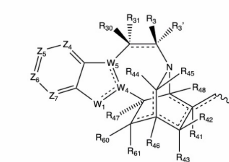
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TEAM

Experts in drug discovery, development & commercialization



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ASSETS

Programs at EQUULUS

Asset		Stage	Primary Indication(s)	Milestone [†]
*	MDMA Analog	Discovery	PTSD	Candidate Selection 2027
	Fenfluramine / Fen-Phen Analog	Discovery	Seizure Disorders/ Obesity	Candidate Selection 2027
	EQL-101	Candidate Selection	Substance Use Disorders; PTSD	Phase-1/2a start Q4 2026 / Q1 2027
	Confidential In-License	IND-Enabling (Pre-Phase I)	Acute Suicidality (ER, Inpatient); Adjunctive MDD	Phase-1 2026

* 5HT Releaser Technology || NCE Platform

[†] Assumes successful funding Q4/25

5HT Releaser Technology NCE Platform

MDMA & Fenfluramine/FenPhen Analogs



5HT Releaser Technology NCE Platform

Library* of over 1400 small molecule neurotransmitter releasers representing 12 chemotypes

COMPOUNDS



- Serotonin selective releasers
- Serotonin/Norepinephrine releaser
- Dopamine/Serotonin/Norepinephrine

Differing profiles of 5HT_{2A} / 5HT_{2C} agonist activity

TARGET INDICATIONS



PTSD/Anxiety	MDMA analog
Epilepsy	Fenfluramine analog
Obesity	Fen-Phen analog
Addiction	Proof-of-concept analog

Multiple Drug Candidates

Derisked compounds with advanced safety data and druggable properties.

Accelerated Path

Targeting indications and advanced lead candidates with faster path to approval.

High Barrier to Entry

Existing platform represents a decade of work and >\$10M of investment.

Cardio-safe

Many compounds with no 5-HT_{2b} receptor activity exist in all 12 chemotypes.

Proprietary Data

Difficult to obtain dopamine, serotonin, and norepinephrine transporter data.

Cost-efficient IP

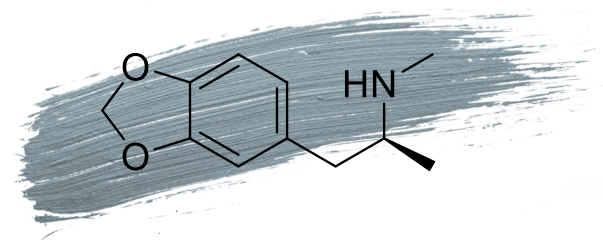
Co-founder's proprietary knowledge and SAR expertise accelerate NCE discovery.

* Library built by co-founder Dr. Bruce Blough

5HT Releaser Technology Platform

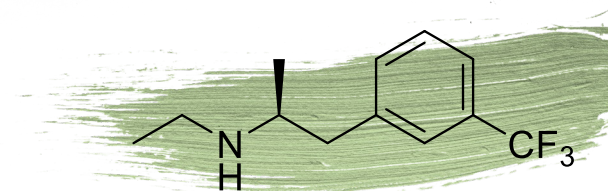
MDMA Analog:

- Our MDMA-inspired, discovery stage, small molecule is being designed to preserve pro-extinction and pro-social neuroplasticity benefits for the treatment of PTSD while minimizing stimulant load, hyperthermia risk, and abuse liability.
- Through structure–activity optimization, we aim to decouple therapeutic signaling from unwanted effects for a cardio-safer, non-hallucinogenic profile.
- **Next Milestone:** *Candidate Selection*



Fenfluramine Analog:

- Our next-generation fenfluramine-class agent is being designed to retain seizure-modifying and appetite-regulating efficacy while reducing historical cardiovascular liabilities associated with legacy fenfluramine.
- Through structure–activity optimization, the medicinal chemistry is focused on selective serotonergic modulation and improved developability to support use in seizure disorders such as epilepsy and obesity.
- **Next Milestone:** *Candidate Selection*



Ibogaine Analog Program

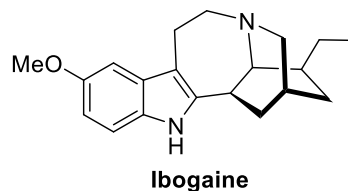
EQL-101

Ibogaine analog program: EQL-101

EQUULUS is developing a safe, non-hallucinogenic, non-addictive therapy that will rapidly and dramatically reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms in substance use disorders and PTSD.

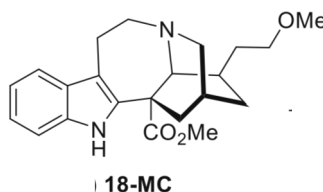
Ibogaine

- ✓ Potent and effective substance for addiction
- ✗ Highly hallucinogenic
- ✗ Cardiotoxic with reported fatalities
- ✗ Cannot be patented as COM



18-MC: a synthetic ibogaine analog

- ✓ Potent and effective substance for addiction (pre-clinical)
- ✓ Non-hallucinogenic (clinical)
- ✓ Non-cardiotoxic (clinical)
- ✗ Highly complex metabolism
- ✗ Primary patents expired



EQL-101

Equulus is the only company developing an ibogaine analog aimed at being:

- ✓ Effective substance for addiction
- ✓ Non-hallucinogenic (clinical evidence)
- ✓ Non-cardiotoxic (clinical evidence)
- ✓ Scalable
- ✓ Commercializable through FDA
- ✓ 6 provisional patents and 2 PCT patents filed

VALUATION

Equulus as the Next Gilgamesh

Success Factor	Gilgamesh Pharma	Equulus Therapeutics
Scientific Innovation	Novel psychoplastogens & ibogaine analogs	Non-hallucinogenic ibogaine analog (EQL-101)
Clinical Progress	Phase 2a (94% remission); milestone-linked deal	Stealth-emerged preclinical pipeline
Leadership & Expertise	Established, proven drug development team	Distinguished team, strong CNS biotech backbone
External Validation	Fierce 15, AbbVie deal talks (~\$1B+ milestone)	Early attention in psychedelic and neuroscience biotech community
Exit Potential	Acquisition in progress	Positioned for high-value partnership trajectory

“Like Gilgamesh before us, Equulus is harnessing the next generation of psychoplastogens to deliver breakthrough CNS therapies—with the potential for transformative clinical results and strategic exits.”

HIGHLIGHTS

Join Equulus in developing effective, modern therapeutics for CNS disorders



Portfolio of Novel Assets

Highly competitive ibogaine analog with robust COM patents & 5HT Releaser NCE Platform.



Large Indications

Addressing unmet clinical needs for chronic indications with multi-billion-dollar market demand.



Transdiagnostic Approach

Increases development success rates with high-value therapeutics for several indications.



World-Class Team

Industry & academic experts: led 200+ combined CNS clinical trials, multiple INDs and NDAs.



Robust IP Strategy

Filed six provisional patent applications and two PCT applications.

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