# NeuroSense Therapeutics Reports Positive Preliminary Results from Novel Alzheimer's Biomarker Study

- Biomarkers show the potential of NeuroSense's combination drug CogniC to treat Alzheimer's disease
- CogniC is expected to advance into clinical trials in 2023

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 30, 2022 / PRNewswire / -- NeuroSense Therapeutics Ltd. (NASDAQ: NRSN) ("NeuroSense"), a company developing treatments for severe neurodegenerative diseases, today announced results from a biomarker study conducted to evaluate the potential of CogniC, NeuroSense's combination drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD).

NeuroSense's biomarker study identified several biomarkers associated with AD, which indicate CogniC's mechanism of action may be effective in targeting the pathways involved in the disease, such as miRNA dysregulation, lysosomal dysfunction, and impaired autophagy. Additionally, hallmarks of AD were detected, such as increased levels of amyloid- $\beta$  (A $\beta$ ) and intracellular aggregates of tau protein among the panel of biomarkers evaluated.

Preliminary results revealed high levels of TDP-43 in people who suffer from AD, when compared to the healthy control group. These findings provide additional support for TDP-43 pathology as an integral part of AD, reinforcing the growing body of evidence in AD research regarding the role of TDP-43 in neurodegenerative pathologies. TDP-43 has been found in up to 57% of AD cases and aggregates of TDP-43 have been shown to be cytotoxic both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. <sup>[1]</sup> NeuroSense's platform combination therapy technology, the basis of CogniC, has already shown to impact TDP-43 in a Phase IIa clinical trial biomarker study in another neurodegenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

"Having identified these promising biomarkers, which have the potential to be modulated by CogniC, we are now preparing to carry out a clinical proof-of-concept study in conjunction with a leading AD clinic. The study is expected to commence in 2023," stated NeuroSense CEO, Alon Ben-Noon.

NeuroSense is conducting its AD biomarker study via utilization of Neuron-Derived Exosomes (NDE), a cuttingedge technology which allows one to observe key alterations in biomarkers found in the central nervous system in a non-invasive manner via collection of blood samples. Following further analysis, NeuroSense expects to share more detailed results on additional novel biomarkers that were evaluated in this study through scientific conferences and peer-reviewed publications.

### **About TDP-43**

Transactive response DNA binding protein of 43 kDa (TDP-43) is involved in regulation of gene expression. AD patients with TDP-43 pathology have increased severity of cognitive impairment compared to those without TDP-43 pathology. Additionally, the strongest genetic risk factor for AD, apolipoprotein E4 (*APOE4*), is associated with increased frequency of TDP-43 pathology.<sup>[1]</sup>

## **About Alzheimer's Disease**

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills. AD is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. The global AD treatment market is expected to grow to \$5 billion in 2022.

# **About CogniC**

CogniC is a combination drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and is based on NeuroSense's combination platform technology. The lead drug candidate in that platform is PrimeC, which is currently being evaluated in a Phase IIb study for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

### **About NeuroSense**

NeuroSense Therapeutics, Ltd. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing treatments for patients suffering from debilitating neurodegenerative diseases. NeuroSense believes that these diseases, which include amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, among others, represent one of the most significant unmet medical needs of our time, with limited effective therapeutic options available for patients to date. Due to the complexity of neurodegenerative diseases and based on strong

scientific research on a large panel of related biomarkers, NeuroSense's strategy is to develop combined therapies targeting multiple pathways associated with these diseases.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Meneses, A., Koga, S., O'Leary, J. *et al.* TDP-43 Pathology in Alzheimer's Disease. *Mol Neurodegeneration* **16,** 84 (2021). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1186/s13024-021-00503-x">https://doi.org/10.1186/s13024-021-00503-x</a>

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