#### **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): November 9, 2021

#### FREQUENCY THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware te or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-39062 (Commission File Number)

47-2324450 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

75 Hayden Avenue, Suite 300 Lexington, MA 02421 ess of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 315-4600 (Registrant's teleph mber, include area code)

N/A (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 Instructions A.2 below):

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	FREQ	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (The 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 🗵

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 9, 2021, Frequency Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its unaudited cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$160.5 million as of September 30, 2021, which does not include Restricted Cash.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 9, 2021, the Company posted an updated corporate slide presentation and a slide presentation from its R&D Event to be held today, Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time (R&D Event) in the "Investors & Media" portion of its website at <u>www.frequencytx.com</u>. Copies of the slide presentations are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Current Report").

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly provided by specific reference in such filing. The Company undertakes no obligation to update, supplement or amend the materials attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 9, 2021, the Company announced the following highlights to be disclosed during its R&D Event:

<u>FX-322</u>

- Clinical data review from four completed FX-322 clinical studies, including 169 subjects with a range of hearing loss severities and sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) etiologies (sudden, noise-induced, age-related).
- Analysis of statistically significant and clinically meaningful patient responses following a single FX-322 administration, establishing the
  range of severity and etiologies that will be explored in the upcoming FX-322-208 study.
- Review of design of ongoing FX-322-208 study, including use of multiple lead-in hearing measures implemented to reduce study bias and baseline variability.
- Alignment with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration around speech perception measures as a primary efficacy endpoint and the importance of speech perception as the key unmet need for individuals with SNHL.

#### <u>FX-345</u>

- Introduction of new SNHL investigational therapeutic program, including a more potent GSK3 inhibitor designed to achieve broader exposure of the cochlea.
- Preclinical pharmacokinetic measures and human modeling data have indicated that therapeutically active FX-345 drug levels could be
  reached in areas of the cochlea corresponding to a wider range of hearing frequencies.
- Potential to benefit an expanded SNHL patient population
- Investigational New Drug application submission anticipated in Q2 2022.

#### Remyelination in Multiple Sclerosis

- · Identified novel therapeutic target that drives oligodendrocyte progenitor cell differentiation and myelination.
- FREQ-162, preclinical stage lead compound, showed substantial remyelination in preclinical studies.
- FREQ-162 being advanced in preclinical safety studies toward the initiation of clinical development.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

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These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties 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, including, but not limited to, the following: the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's ongoing and planned clinical trials, research and development and manufacturing activities; the Company has incurred and will continue to incur significant losses and is not and may never be profitable; the Company's need for additional funding to complete development and commercialization of any product candidate; the Company's dependence on the development of FX-322; the unproven approach of the PCA platform; the lengthy, expensive and uncertain process of clinical drug development and regulatory approval; the Company limited experience successfully obtaining marketing approval for and commercializing product candidates; the results of earlier clinical trials not being indicative of the results from later clinical trials; differences between preliminary or interim data and final data; adverse events or undesirable side effects; disruptions at the FDA and other regulatory agencies; failure to identify additional product candidates; new or changed legislation; failure to maintain Fast Track designation for FX-322 and such designation failing to result in faster development or regulatory review or approval; ability to seek and receive Breakthrough Therapy designation for FX-322; the Company's ability to enroll and retain patients in clinical trials; costly and damaging litigation, including related to product liability or intellectual property or brought by stockholders; dependence on Astellas Pharma Inc. for the development and commercialization of FX-322 outside of the United States; misconduct by employees or independent contractors; reliance on third parties, including to conduct clinical trials and manufacture product candidates; compliance with changing laws and regulations, including healthcare and environmental, health, data privacy and safety laws and regulations; failure to obtain, maintain and enforce protection of patents and other intellectual property rights covering product candidates; security breaches or failure to protect private personal information; attracting and retaining key personnel; and the Company's ability to manage growth.

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

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits relate to Items 7.01, and shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Frequency Therapeutics, Inc. Corporate Slide Presentation as of November 9, 2021
99.2	Frequency Therapeutics, Inc. R&D Event Slide Presentation

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.

FREQUENCY THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: November 9, 2021

 By:
 /s/ David L. Lucchino

 Name:
 David L. Lucchino

 Title:
 President and Chief Executive Officer

# Pioneering a New Category in Regenerative Medicine

**Frequency Therapeutics Corporate Presentation** 



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### A Vision Built on Regeneration

Since 2014, Frequency has focused on developing therapeutics by activating a person's innate regenerative potential, within the body, to repair tissue and restore human function.



Power of the Progenitor Cell Activation (PCA) Platform

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# No Change to Genome

Activating native programs, reducing safety concerns

#### Harnessing Innate Biology

Progenitors already located within the target tissue

### Ease of Manufacturing

Use of small molecules: no need to remove or grow cells *ex vivo* 

### A Series of Firsts in Hearing Restoration

First PK/PD shown for a hearing therapeutic candidate First clinical studies to show hearing improvements First speech perception improvements measured

First to show sustained improvements and continued improvements over time

**FX-322:** A Small Molecule Candidate to Address the Underlying Pathology

Synergy between pathways aims to activate progenitor cells and regenerate sensory cells in the cochlea



### FX-322:

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### Directly Targeting the Regeneration of Sensory Hair Cells in the Cochlea



### Four FX-322 Completed Studies: 169 Subjects



Favorable Safety Profile with No Treatment-Related SAEs



### FX-322-201 and FX-322-111

Single-Dose Safety Studies with Hearing Improvement Signal



### Two Independent Studies (FX-322-201, FX-322-111)



Show Hearing Improvements with Single Dose

#### Phase 1/2 Study FX-322-201 Overview

- Placebo-controlled, multi-center, randomized study
- Mild to moderately severe subjects, age 18-65 (n=23)
- NIHL/SSNHL

#### Study Results

- 33% of subjects achieved 10% or greater absolute improvement in word recognition in treated ear
- Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in WR
- No meaningful changes in placebo group
- Favorable safety profile

#### Day-90 Word Recognition Scores Across Studies



#### Phase 1b Study FX-322-111 Overview

- Compared different FX-322
- administration conditions • Open-label, multi-center,
- Mild to severe subjects, age 18-65 (n=33)

#### Study Results

- 34% of subjects achieved 10% or greater absolute improvement in word recognition (WR) in treated ear
- Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in WR
- Favorable safety profile

\*Total of 33 patients enrolled in study, 32 subjects completed 90-day clinical assessment period

### FX-322 Phase 1/2 Durability Data:



Patients Show Sustained Hearing Improvements 13-21 Months After Initial Dosing



\* 25W = 25 Word test performed outside an official study site at 13-18 months after dosing; results scaled to 50 words 50W = 50 Word test performed under a formal protocol at original study site at 18-21 months after dosing \*\*Since FX-322 dosing Key Findings

Preliminary evidence indicating a durable benefit of hearing clarity

Baseline - Correct words out of 50

Day 90 - Correct words out of 50

1-2 Years - Correct words out of 50

Three patients who had durable improvements in intelligibility also had pure tone audiometry improvements of 10 - 15 dB at the highest frequency tested (8k Hz)

#### Follow up of FX-322-111 Subjects Show Additional Hearing Improvements at Later Time Points

Conducted longer-term follow-up of FX-322-111 study subjects

25 of 33 study subjects evaluated at 8-12 months following FX-322 dosing

#### Results show some FX-322 dosed subjects accumulated hearing benefits over time

• 4 subjects that had shown improvement trends in word recognition scores at day 90, achieved statistically significant scores when tested at the later time points

# To date, 9 of 32 evaluated study subjects have shown statistically significant improvements in speech perception scores in treated ears between 90 days and 1 year

• No change observed in untreated ears

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#### **Pooled FX-322 Data Shows Patterns of Response**

Single-dose Studies (201, 111, 112) Exceeding 95% Confidence Interval, Suggesting Inconsistent Baseline Value Measures





95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007)

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### Comparing Pooled Data to Multiple-Injection Study FX-322-202 FREQUENCY

Placebo-Treated and Untreated Ears are Outside 95% Confidence Interval





95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007)

Clinical Study Data Informs New FX-322 Phase 2b Study



#### New Clinical Study FX-322-208 Designed to Advance Drug Candidate to Pivotal Trials

Built upon insights from trials with hearing restoration signal

Etiology, severity, baseline speech perception Sufficient sample size to demonstrate efficacy

Approach based on pooled data

Primary endpoint of speech perception

Reduce potential for bias

Multiple baseline measures

Multiple speech perception tests

### Pooled Single-Dose Studies (201, 111, 112)





**71 Treated** with single-dose of FX-322

The size of each circle represents the number of people tested per group The color of the circle represents the percentage of responders

208 Trial: Target Population 7-10 Million U.S. patients

FX-322: Extended Population

15+ Million U.S. patients

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### Multiple Design Features Have Been Added to Mitigate Bias



And Demonstrate Greater Separation Between Signal and Placebo

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Lead-in phase with multiple baseline measures

Sites and patients masked to qualifying test results



All sessions recorded and monitored

Ability to disqualify subjects based on symptom stability

Start of 1-Month Lead-in
Duy oo
Lead-in
Day -15
Baseline
Day 1

#### New FX-322 Placebo-Controlled Phase 2b Study Commenced



First patient dosed in FX-322-208 Study in October 2021



### FDA Type C Meeting Held to Gain Alignment



#### ALIGNMENT

#### **Primary Endpoint**

Gained alignment with FDA on speech perception as the primary endpoint

#### 208 Study Design

FDA reviewed and commented on 208 study, comments were incorporated into study protocol

# Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO)

FDA feedback provided on novel PRO development called **RADIAL**; special meeting granted for further discussion



### Today's Hearing Loss Market Has No Restorative Treatments



\*Source: World Health Organization

### Hearing Loss Can Have a Significant Impact on Overall Health

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"Hearing loss is the largest potentially modifiable risk factor for developing dementia"



## **Pipeline Expansion**



### Two New Regenerative Programs

What if we were able to get drug deeper into the cochlea?

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### FX-345

#### Working to Achieve Broad Exposure Through the Cochlea

- Second clinical program focused on regrowth of sensory cells
- Enables coverage of large portion of cochlea
- Potential to address additional SNHL patient types
- Formulation enabling evaluation of a range of dose levels
- Developing in addition to FX-322, and clinical data will drive commercial positioning



### FX-345 – A New Development Candidate

Creating Effective Drug Levels Through Large Portion of Cochlea



### FX-345 Path to Clinic



IND planned for H1:2022 for a Phase 1b study in patients with SNHL

Enables us to clinically evaluate increased cochlear coverage across range of doses in multiple patient populations



### Two New Regenerative Programs





What if we could extend our approach to other degenerative diseases?

### Novel Frequency Small Molecule Inhibitors Drive Oligodendrocyte Differentiation



Developed novel chemical entities that are highly potent inducers of oligodendrocyte differentiation Lead Optimization generated FREQ-162



Highly potent Highly efficacious Orally bioavailable Brain penetrant Novel chemical entity Patent application filed

### FREQ-162 Outperforms Literature Compounds In Vivo

Adult mice received 3 doses of comparator compounds or a single dose of FREQ-162 Brains were stained for a marker of newly generated oligodendrocytes Single dose FREQ-162 induces more OPCs to differentiate than comparator compounds



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## FREQ-162 Outperforms Published Compounds In Vivo

Adult mice received up to 10 daily doses of comparators or a single dose of FREQ-162 Brains were stained for Myelin Basic Protein (green) Single dose FREQ-162 induces more remyelination than comparator compounds



#### Frequency NCEs Outperform Competitors: High Magnification



# FREQ-162: Highly Reproducible Increases in Myelination

All 8 out of 8 mice treated with FREQ-162 showed robust increases in myelination in both white and gray matter tracts



# Freq-162 Induces Robust Increases in Myelination

- Forebrain myelin basic protein levels quantitated
- A single dose of a Frequency compound induces robust remyelination

Compound	Dose (mg/kg)	# of doses	Fold change	P=
α-Lingo antibody	5	3	0.9 x	0.99
Clemastine	75	10	1.7 x	0.70
Thyroid Hormone (T3)	10	10	1.4 x	0.95
FREQ-162	5	1	7.7 x	< 0.0001



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# **Remyelination: Path Forward**





Discovered novel target

Generated multiple compounds

Induced high levels of oligodendrocyte differentiation and remyelination *in vivo* 

Initiating IND enabling studies

## **Our Path Forward**





/ We know characteristics of FX-322 responders.

Learnings from previous trials informed new trial design with strong controls and FDA approved clinical endpoints.

We have a compelling new hearing program that will allow us to explore the impact of going deeper into the cochlea.

We also have an exciting remyelination program in multiple sclerosis with a novel target and a strong response *in vivo*.

We are a well capitalized company with resources to deliver innovation for patients and value for investors.

- \$160.5m in cash and cash equivalents\*, runway into 2023
- · Ex-US partnership with Astellas, significant milestones and royalties

\*Number reflects unaudited Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Marketable Securities as of 9/30/21, and does not include Restricted Cash



# Broad Potential of Progenitor Cell Activation Approach



## **Origin of Frequency Therapeutics**

Tissue-Specific, Pre-programmed Stem Cells



## Decoding Intestinal Regeneration

Langer and Karp publish small molecules activate intestinal progenitors



Niche-independent high-purity cultures of Lgr5+ intestinal stem cells and their progeny

### Enabling Cochlear Regeneration

Same cues reactivate normally inactive progenitors in the cochlea



Clonal Expansion of Lgr5-Positive Cells from Mammalian Cochlea and High-Purity Generation of Sensory Hair Cells

### Frequency Therapeutics

Small molecule therapeutics show clinical proof of concept





# Uniqueness of Our PCA approach





# Our Approach:

# Activation of Progenitors to Replace Hair Cell Loss







47 Year Old Male with Occupational Noise Deafness

## **Profound Synergy Between Pathways to Regenerate Cells**

## Cochlear Progenitor Proliferation (Lgr5+ – GFP)

HDAC = Histone deacetylase NCE = new chemical entity In vitro mouse model testing



## Culture Media Wnt Activation (glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK3) Inhibitor; NCE) HDAC Inhibition (sodium valproate) Wnt Activation + HDAC inhibition PROFOUND SYNERGY

# FX-322 Agents Induce Protein Expression Consistent with Fully Functional Sensory Hair Cells

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Sensing Sound Generating intricate hair bundles

McLean et al., 2017, Cell Reports 18, 1917–1929 February 21 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2017.01.066



Creating Signal Producing functional ion channels



Transmitting Signal Synaptic proteins to communicate with nerve are present

# Images Showing Cellular Regeneration

In Vivo Hearing Loss Model



# Strong FX-322 Pre-Clinical Validation



Test	Outcome	
In vitro		
Adult human inner ear tissue		Created new hair cells
In vivo		
Adult deafened mice		Restored hair cells and hearing across all frequencies
Therapeutic drug levels		Achieved active levels in the cochlea in multiple species





## Externally-Led (HLAA) Patient Focused Drug Development Program on Sensorineural Hearing Loss



### Top two needs for new drug or device



Credit: Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

## Astellas Collaboration:

## Ex-US Development and Commercialization of FX-322

- Development and commercialization collaboration for FX-322, including lifecycle improvements
- Astellas has ex-US rights; Frequency retains US rights to FX-322
- Payments of up to \$625mm which included \$80mm upfront
  - Development milestone payments to Frequency of \$65.0 million and \$25.0 million upon the first dosing of a patient in a Phase 2b clinical trial for SNHL in Europe and Asia, respectively
  - \$100.0 million and \$40.0 million upon the first dosing of a patient in a Phase 3 clinical trial for SNHL in Europe and Asia, respectively

#### • Development & commercialization:

Astellas responsible for execution and costs of ex-US clinical development and commercialization



**X**astellas

Strategic commitment to invest in ENT as a therapeutic area

Research focus in regenerative medicine

Global footprint in major markets and distributorship model in Africa/ME and LATAM

# **Proven Leadership Team**



#### David Lucchino President, CEO & Co-Founder

Former CEO of Entrega Bio (PureTech). Co-founder / CEO of Semprus BioSciences (acquired), Polaris Partners. MIT Sloan Fellow.



#### Dana Hilt, M.D. Chief Medical Officer

Neurologist and neuroscientist with two decades in biopharma and CNS drug development. Amgen, Lysosomal, Forum Pharma.



#### Wendy Arnold Chief People Officer

HR leader with extensive life science experience including senior leadership roles at Kaleido Biosciences, Moderna, Celgene Avilomics Research, and Inotek Pharmaceuticals



Chris Loose, Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer & Co-Founder

Co-founder/CTO of Semprus BioSciences through FDA / CE clearance and acquisition. Princeton, MIT, Hertz Fellow and Yale Faculty.



#### Carl Lebel, Ph.D. Chief Development Officer

Chief Scientific Officer of Otonomy (2009 to 2016). Executive Director, Amgen. Scientific fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology.



#### Quentin McCubbin, Ph.D. Chief Manufacturing Officer

Led pharmaceutical sciences and process chemistry at Takeda / Millennium and headed technical operations Cerevel Therapeutics.



#### Peter Pfreundschuh Chief Financial Officer

CFO of numerous public life sciences companies including UroGen and Sucampo, as well as business development and finance leadership positions at Astra Zeneca and J&J.



#### Sue Stewart, J.D., LLM Chief Regulatory Officer

CRO at numerous biopharma companies including Kaleido Biosciences, Candel Therapeutics, and regulatory leadership roles at Tokai Pharma, Transmolar and Genzyme Corp.



### **Scientific Advisory Board**

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SC.D.



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# Pioneering a New Category in Regenerative Medicine

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Frequency Therapeutics Virtual R&D Event November 9, 2021



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# **Strategic Overview**

David L. Lucchino Chief Executive Officer



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# Pioneering a New Category of Regenerative Medicine

Developing the First Therapeutic for Acquired Sensorineural Hearing Loss

# Two New Regenerative Programs

What if we were able to get drug deeper into the cochlea?



What if we could extend our approach to other degenerative diseases?

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### Agenda

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#### Pioneering a new category in regenerative medicine

#### Advancing the first hearing restoration drug candidate

- Pooled FX-322 data show clear improvement in speech perception
- Well-designed and powered FX-322 Phase 2b study
- Clear understanding of hearing loss types that may benefit
- FDA alignment on primary endpoints

#### **KOL** perspectives

- Why FX-322 data align with how the inner ear is expected to respond
- Strength of new FX-322 study design

#### Expanding regenerative pipeline with two new programs

- FX-345 in hearing restoration
- FREQ-162 for remyelination in MS

Execution and Pipeline Expansion

Team and resources to advance these programs to the millions in need of new treatment options.

# Pioneering a New Category in Regenerative Medicine

#### **Dr. Robert Langer**

Frequency Therapeutics Co-founder and MIT Institute Professor



# Key Learnings from FX-322 Hearing Restoration Program

Carl LeBel, PhD Chief Development Officer



# A Series of Firsts in Hearing Restoration

First PK/PD shown for a hearing therapeutic candidate First clinical studies to show hearing improvements First speech perception improvements measured

First to show sustained improvements and continued improvements over time

# FX-322 Agents Induce Protein Expression Consistent with Fully Functional Sensory Hair Cells



Sensing Sound Generating intricate hair bundles

McLean et al., 2017, Cell Reports 18, 1917–1929 February 21 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2017.01.066



Creating Signal Producing functional ion channels



Transmitting Signal Synaptic proteins to communicate with nerve are present

# Images Showing Cellular Regeneration

In Vivo Hearing Loss Model



# First to Prove FX-322 Delivery to the Human Cochlea



## FX-322

Clinical signal achieved with drug localized in the high frequency region
#### Four FX-322 Completed Studies: 169 Subjects



Favorable Safety Profile with No Treatment-Related SAEs











#### FX-322-111

Second Single-Dose Safety Study with Hearing Improvement Signal



#### **FX-322-112** Single-Dose Safety Study in Older Patients without NIHL or SSNHL



#### Pooling Data From Three Single-Dose FX-322 Trials

**Evaluate Characteristics of Responders** 



#### Pooled FX-322 Data Shows Patterns of Response



Single-dose Studies (201, 111, 112) Using a Responder Definition



#### **Pooled FX-322 Data Shows Patterns of Response**



Single-dose Studies (201, 111, 112) Exceeding 95% Confidence Interval



\*95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007)

#### Comparing Pooled Data to Multiple-Injection Study FX-322-202 FREQUENCY

Placebo-Treated and Untreated Ears are Outside 95% Confidence Interval





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#### **Clear Speech Perception Improvements** from FX-322 in High Frequency Range of Cochlea







#### Externally-Led (HLAA) Patient Focused Drug Development Program on Sensorineural Hearing Loss



#### Top two needs for new drug or device



Credit: Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

#### FDA Type C Meeting Held to Gain Alignment



#### ALIGNMENT

#### **Primary Endpoint**

Gained alignment with FDA on speech perception as the primary endpoint

#### 208 Study Design

FDA reviewed and commented on 208 study, comments were incorporated into study protocol

# Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO)

FDA feedback provided on novel PRO development called **RADIAL**; special meeting granted for further discussion



#### Summary





Developed a novel, locally delivered, drug-drug combination that regenerates cochlear function preclinically

First hearing restoration signal observed in humans

Second independent trial shows hearing restoration signal

Favorable safety profile

Alignment with FDA on primary endpoint for 208 and future FX-322 studies

#### FX-322 Clinical Data and Real-World Impact of Speech Perception Improvements

Kevin Franck, PhD SVP, Strategic Marketing and New Product Planning



### Clinically Meaningful:

	Words	
100% 1	50	
90%	45	
80%	40	
70%	35	
60%	30	
<b>50</b> %	25	
40%	20	
<b>30</b> %	15	
20%	10	
10%	5	
0%	0	





#### 10% Absolute Change is Clinically Meaningful





Baseline WR (words)

95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007)

#### 10% Absolute Change is Clinically Meaningful



Hearing meaningfully better 50 Speech 45 Perception 40 35 90-Day WR (words) 10% absolute change is 30 considered clinically +/-10% (5 words) meaningful 25 20 15 10 5 0 40 10 20 30 50 0

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#### **Statistical Significance Sets a Higher Bar**



#### Speech Perception

10% absolute change is considered clinically meaningful

A 95% confidence interval can show patients with statistical improvement from their starting point



95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007)

Study 201 Responders Shown within 95% Confidence Interval



95% confidence intervals established by Thornton & Raffin (1978) and modified by Carney & Schlauch (2007). Test used Maryland CNC word lists. McLean et al O&N 2021

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#### Study 201 Responders Shown within 95% Confidence Interval





# **Study 201** Responders Shown within 95% Confidence Interval

Single-dose Studies



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+10% (5 words)

-10% (5 words)

Treated

n = 56

**Change in Words** 10





# Pooled Single-Dose Studies (201, 111, 112) Highlights 202 Anomalies







#### Pooled Single-Dose Studies (201, 111, 112)





**71 Treated** with single-dose of FX-322

The size of each circle represents the number of people tested per group The color of the circle represents the percentage of responders

208 Trial: Target Population 7-10 Million U.S. patients

FX-322: Extended Population

15+ Million U.S. patients

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## **Cochlear Pathology and the Impact of High Frequencies on Speech Perception**

Sumit Dhar, PhD

Hugh Knowles Professor of Hearing Science and Associate Provost for Faculty at Northwestern University

#### **Disclosures**

Honorarium from Frequency TX to review all clinical data from past studies and assess planned clinical trial. Participated on external panel of KOL's on auditory science.

Primary employment at Northwestern University.

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I receive royalty and consulting fees from Plural Publishing.

I receive licensing fees from Etymotic Research.

I serve on the Board of Directors of the American Auditory Society.

I serve on the Board of Directors of LeAP (Language Empowers All People).

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# Why Treat the High-Frequency Region of the Cochlea?



## How Does High Frequency Cochlear Function Influence Speech Perception?

#### Speech Perception Influenced by Cochlear Function in High-Frequency Regions

N = 921

DPOAE levels between 12.5 - 16 kHz drive speech perception in noise scores (p = 0.047,  $R^2 = 0.017$ ) more than audibility.

Speech perception is the complaint that leads patients to seek treatment.

Speech perception is the the long-standing gold standard in determining functional outcomes of *any* treatment for hearing loss.



# Should We Expect Heterogeneity in Treatment Outcomes?

# Response Variability Predicted by Cochlear Heterogeneity

Heterogeneity of response magnitude and response timeline is the reality of all hearing loss treatments

- Decades of data from cochlear implants and hearing aids definitively demonstrate heterogeneity in response
- Likely driven by varying damage and rates of plasticity in the auditory system.
# Impact of Heterogeniety on Clinical Study Planning

Etiology and duration of pathology is heterogenous across individuals.

Frequency TX's approach of exploring various etiologies and pathologies in early studies was the necessary approach to identify target responder populations.

The design and controls put in place for the next study represent the best path forward.

# Takeaways

Treating the HF region of the cochlea is critical.

Function of the HF region can influence speech perception.

Heterogeneity of response is a reality of all treatments for hearing loss.

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# **Clinical Development Path for Hearing Restoration Program**

Carl LeBel, PhD Chief Development Officer



#### New Clinical Study FX-322-208 Designed to Advance Drug Candidate to Pivotal Trials

Built upon insights from trials with hearing restoration signal

Etiology, severity, baseline speech perception Sufficient sample size to demonstrate efficacy

Approach based on pooled data

Primary endpoint of speech perception

Reduce potential for bias

Multiple baseline measures

Multiple speech perception tests

# Pooled Single-Dose Studies (201, 111, 112)





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# Pooled Single-Dose Studies (201, 111, 112)

Data Show Clear Subset of Patients Responding to FX-322

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# ✓ Observed consistent response in two major etiologies

- Noise-induced Hearing Loss
- Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss

# Observed consistent response in specific range of SNHL severity

- Moderate to lower end of severe

Study powered at 80% Effect size 20% over placebo Significance level is 0.05 Sample size is 124 subjects (assumes 10% attrition)

# Multiple Design Features Have Been Added to Mitigate Bias



And Demonstrate Greater Separation Between Signal and Placebo

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Lead-in phase with multiple baseline measures

Sites and patients masked to qualifying test results



All sessions recorded and monitored

Ability to disqualify subjects based on symptom stability

Start of 1-Month Lead-in
Day -50
Lead-in
Day -15
Deseller
Day 1

#### New FX-322 Placebo-Controlled Phase 2b Study Commenced



First patient dosed in FX-322-208 Study in October 2021





FX-322 shows hearing signal in speech perception; aligns with FDA endpoint

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FREQ has unparalleled dataset providing extensive insight into responder profiles



Learnings from trials have provided critical insight into mitigating bias through multiple trial design components



Phase 2b study optimized to confirm that FX-322 can restore hearing in targeted study population

# Addressing Placebo Response in Clinical Trials: Best Practices

Steven D. Targum MD Clinical Consultant Scientific Director, Signant Health

# Steven D. Targum MD Disclosures

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# The Inherent Challenge of Clinical Trials: Reliability

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- Challenges to study reliability include:
  - Misplaced enrollment incentives
  - Expectation bias
  - Pre-randomization symptom fluctuation
  - Lack of ratings precision and consistency

# The Frequency Experience in FX-322-202 Can Inform the Next Study

- Post-hoc review of the FX-322-202 trial found:
  - Inflation of hearing deficits at screen
    - Subjects under-reported the number of words they could understand from the word recognition test in order to achieve study eligibility.
  - Open communication about eligibility criteria
    - Some clinical trial site staff shared with subjects the reasons that they were excluded from the trial.
    - Frequency vocally communicated the requisite hearing deficits necessary to enter the trial *and* the intended primary endpoint.
  - Social media
    - Some subjects shared their information on social media platforms that are routinely used by subjects with hearing loss.

#### **Experience Informs the Next Study: FX-322-208** Best Practices to Optimize Trial Outcome and Mitigate the Placebo Response

- A protocol that blinds the key eligibility metric criteria from both staff and subjects (*masking*) and employs multiple hearing assessment measures
  - Blinding mitigates the risk of intentional inflation of hearing loss deficits
  - Multiple measures distract subjects from the "true" eligibility criteria
  - · Blinding mitigates the risk of site staff sharing specifics about the study
- Employ a protocol addendum for the masked criteria
  - FX-322-208 Unmasked Addendum is not seen by the trial site
- Add an interim visit to assess symptom stability
- Add **rater training** and **site-independent monitoring** as quality assurance layers to assure ratings precision

# **Regenerative Medicine:** The Path Forward

David L. Lucchino Chief Executive Officer





Delivering FX-322 as the First Therapeutic to Restore Hearing

# Regenerative Medicine: Expanding and Extending Our Pipeline

**Two New Regenerative Programs** 



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Two New Regenerative Programs



Restoring hearing across more and different types of patients

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New remyelination program aimed at repairing the underlying cause of MS

# New Regenerative Programs from Continued Progenitor Cell Activation (PCA) Research

Chris Loose, PhD Chief Scientific Officer



#### Power of the PCA Platform

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# No Change to Genome

Activating native programs, reducing safety concerns

#### Harnessing Innate Biology

Progenitors already located within the target tissue

#### Ease of Manufacturing

Use of small molecules: no need to remove or grow cells *ex vivo*  Two New Regenerative Programs



What if we were able to get drug deeper into the cochlea?



How do we extend this approach to other degenerative diseases?





# **FX-322** High Frequency Exposure in the Cochlea

Demonstrated hearing signal when FX-322 reaches the highest frequency region of the cochlea



# FX-345

#### Working to Achieve Broad Exposure Through the Cochlea

- Second clinical program focused on regrowth of sensory cells
- Enables coverage of large portion of cochlea
- Potential to address additional SNHL patient types
- Formulation enabling evaluation of a range of dose levels
- Developing in addition to FX-322, and clinical data will drive commercial positioning



# Profound Synergy Between Pathways to Regenerate Cells

Cochlear Progenitor Proliferation (Lgr5+ – GFP)

HDAC = Histone deacetylase NCE = new chemical entity In vitro mouse model testing



Wnt Activat	ion	
(glycogen s	ynthase kin	lase-3
(GSK3) Inhi	bitor; NCE)	
HDAC Inhib	ition	
(sodium val	proate)	
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# Pioneering Advanced Tools Unique in Hearing Restoration



Activating and Proliferating Lgr5+ Progenitor Cells



Clusters of Lgr5+ Progenitor Cells proliferating as organoids More potent compound found

# **Pioneering Advanced Tools Unique in Hearing Restoration**

Cochlear Drug Sampling and Modeling



Laryngoscope. 2007 Jul; 117(7): 1191–1198. doi: 10.1097/MLG.0b013e318058a06b (S.K. Plontke, et. al.)



Improved Speech Intelligibility in Subjects with Stable Sensorineural Hearing Loss Following Intratympanic Dosing of FX-322 in a Phase 1b Study (W.J. McLean, et. al. 2021)

# FX-345 – A New Development Candidate

Creating Effective Drug Levels Through Large Portion of Cochlea



# FX-345 Path to Clinic



IND planned for H1:2022 for a Phase 1b study in patients with SNHL

Enables us to clinically evaluate increased cochlear coverage across range of doses in multiple patient populations



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# **Two New Regenerative Programs**



What if we were able to get drug deeper into the cochlea?



How do we extend this approach to other degenerative diseases?



# **Progenitor Cell Activation: Remyelination**



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# Remyelination for Multiple Sclerosis: Discovery of a Novel Target with Exceptional *in vivo* Activity

Sanjay Magavi, PhD VP, Myelination Research



# Frequency Discovered a Novel Remyelination Target



# **Progenitor Cell Activation**

#### **Bioinformatics**





Target 1 Target 2 Target 3 Target 4

# Frequency Discovered a Novel Remyelination Target





Target 14 blocking antibodies increase myelin basic protein expressing cells in vitro. Discovery of target allowed rapid screening for novel small molecule drugs.





#### Small Molecule Target 14 Inhibitors Drive Oligodendrocyte Differentiation





Frequency developed novel chemical entities that are highly potent inducers of oligodendrocyte differentiation Lead Optimization generated FREQ-162



Highly potent Highly efficacious Orally bioavailable Brain penetrant Novel chemical entity Patent application filed

#### FREQ-162 Outperforms Literature Compounds In Vivo

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Adult mice received 3 doses of comparator compounds or a single dose of FREQ-162 Brains were stained for a marker of newly generated oligodendrocytes



Frequency NCEs Outperform Competitors: High Magnification FREQUENCY


#### FREQ-162 Drives More Oligodendrocyte Differentiation than Competitor Mechanisms

Adult mice received

- · Three Daily doses of anti-Lingo antibody,
- Clemastine, or Thyroid Hormone (T3)
- A single dose of FREQ-162

Newly Generated Oligodendrocytes were quantitated via automated Al image analysis

A single dose of a Frequency Compound induces more oligodendrocyte differentiation than multiple doses of comparators

Compound	Dose (mg/kg)	# of doses	Fold change	P=
α-Lingo antibody	5	3	1.1 x	0.99
Clemastine	75	3	1.5 x	0.60
Thyroid hormone (T3)	10	3	5.7 x	< 0.0001
FREQ-162	5	1	23.2 x	< 0.0001

(One Way ANOVA, n ≥ 7)



#### The Cuprizone Model of Chronic Demyelination







Adult mice were demyelinated via 17 months of cuprizone administration

• Elderly mice with long term demyelination

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#### FREQ-162 Outperforms Published Compounds In Vivo

Adult mice received up to 10 daily doses of comparators or a single dose of FREQ-162 Brains were stained for Myelin Basic Protein (green)



Frequency NCEs Outperform Competitors: High Magnification FREQUENCY



#### **FREQ-162 Robustly Induces Remyelination**



All 8 out of 8 mice treated with FREQ-162 showed robust increases in myelination in both white and gray matter tracts



### Freq-162 Induces Robust Increases in Myelination

- Forebrain myelin basic protein levels quantitated
- A single dose of a Frequency compound induces robust remyelination

Compound	Dose (mg/kg)	# of doses	Fold change	P=
<b>α-Lingo antibody</b> 5		3	0.9 x	0.99
Clemastine	75	10	1.7 x	0.70
Thyroid Hormone (T3)	10	10	1.4 x	0.95
FREQ-162	5	1	7.7 x	< 0.0001



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## **Remyelination: Path Forward**





Discovered novel target

Generated multiple compounds

Induced high levels of oligodendrocyte differentiation and remyelination *in vivo* 

Initiating IND enabling studies

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# **Our Path Forward**

#### David L. Lucchino Chief Executive Officer



#### **Our Path Forward**





We believe FX-322 restores hearing.

We know characteristics of FX-322 responders.

Learnings from previous trials informed new trial design with strong controls and FDA approved clinical endpoints.

We have a compelling new hearing program that will allow us to explore the impact of going deeper into the cochlea.

We also have an exciting remyelination program in multiple sclerosis with a novel target and a strong response *in vivo*.

We are a well capitalized company with resources to deliver innovation for patients and value for investors.

# Pioneering a New Category in Regenerative Medicine

Frequency Therapeutics Virtual R&D Event November 9, 2021

