

**Corporate Presentation** 

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# NervGen Highlights

Multiple preclinical studies using NVG-291-R reported improvement in axonal repair, plasticity, and motor, sensory and cognitive function

Q1 2025 – NVG-300

preclinical data readout

in models of ischemic

stroke, ALS and SCI

Q2 2025 – Phase 1b/2a
proof-of-concept
readout in people living
with chronic SCI



# History of NervGen Technology



Jerry Silver, PhD





Dr. Silver discovered glial scars contain chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans (CSPG), a group of molecules known to inhibit cellular events central to neural tissue repair



Dr. Silver and Harvard collaborators co-discovered that CSPGs bind to protein tyrosine phosphatase sigma (PTPo), a receptor present in the brain and spinal cord, involved in CSPG-dependent inhibition of neuroplasticity



Dr. Silver's team designed a peptide (NVG-291-R) derived from PTPo shown to relieve CSPG-mediated inhibition of nervous system repair; **NVG-291** is the humanized version of NVG-291-R



NervGen licensed NVG-291 global rights for development and commercialization in all indications from Case Western Reserve University with intellectual property protection until 2037

#### Phase 1b/2a Trial





NervGen initiated a **Phase 1b/2a** placebo-controlled proof-of-concept trial (NCT05965700) to evaluate the efficacy of NVG-291



# NVG-291-R Improves CNS/PNS Repair in Preclinical Efficacy Models

Enhanced Plasticity, Repair (Axonal, Myelination), and Recovery of Function

Conditions Modeled

Functional Endpoints **ACUTE SPINAL CORD INJURY** 

> **MOTOR SENSORY BLADDER**

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**CHRONIC SPINAL CORD INJURY** 



**MOTOR** 

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MULTIPLE **SCLEROSIS (EAE)** 

STATE OF THE STATE



**STROKE** 

(Ischemic,

Hemorrhagic)

**MOTOR MOTOR SENSORY OBJECT RECOGNITION** 

Luo, F. et al., Nature Communications, 9, 1-16. (2018). **PERIPHERAL NERVE INJURY** 



MOTOR **SENSORY** 

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**OPTIC NERVE DEMYELINATION** 



**VISUAL FUNCTIONAL** 

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# **Product Pipeline**

Multiple development opportunities

CANDIDATE	PROGRAM	DISCOVERY	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 1b/2a
NVG-291	Spinal Cord Injury				
1470-231	Ischemic Stroke				
	Ischemic Stroke				
NVG-300*	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis				
NVG-500	Alzheimer's Disease				
	Multiple Sclerosis				



# Markets and Opportunity in Nervous System Injury & Disease

Significant medical costs and morbidity

	Spinal Cord Injury	Ischemic Stroke	ALS	Multiple Sclerosis	Alzheimer's Disease
Incidence*	18,000	~690,000	~7,000	10,000	500,000
Prevalence*	291,000	9.4M	~25K-30K	~1M	6.7M
Lifetime Cost*	\$1M-\$4M+	\$140,000+	\$1.4M	\$4M+	\$400,000
System Cost*	\$50B+	\$57B	\$250M-\$1.0B	\$85B	\$320B-\$345B
Current Treatment <sup>*</sup>	Decompressive surgery and rehabilitation	TPA must be given within hours of stroke; rehabilitation	Disease modifying agents (e.g. riluzole, edaravone) to slow progression – none stop progression	Immunomodulatory/ immunosuppressive therapies to reduce relapses and/or slow progression	Symptomatic therapies (e.g. cholinesterase inhibitors) to temporarily improve cognition; anti-beta mAbs to slow progression
Unmet Needs*	Effective treatments to enhance recovery	Effective treatments to enhance recovery	Treatment that improve function	Treatments to remyelinate axons and improve function	Treatments to effect enduring improvements







# SCI Demographics & Characteristics

- Average age: ~43
- Male (78%), female (22%)
- Cause: vehicle (38%); fall (33%); violence (15%); sports (8%)
- Annual hospitalization (30%): UTI, pneumonia, decubitus ulcers
- Duration of hospitalization and rehabilitation: 2 to 3 months
- Chance of depression: 25%
- Significant urinary and sexual dysfunction

#### **TREATMENT**

**Surgery** (decompression)

**Rehabilitation** (regain function)

No FDA approved drugs to enable sustained functional recovery



# **SCI** Facts and Figures

#### **Incidence and Prevalence**

~18,000

**Spinal cord injuries** every year in the US<sup>1</sup>

~300,000

**People living in the US** who have suffered a spinal cord injury in 2019<sup>1</sup>

up to 500,000

Worldwide, the estimated annual incidence of spinal cord injury<sup>2</sup>

#### **Economic Impact**

Individuals with SCI face a difficult and expensive journey through the healthcare system; that journey begins with **2-3 months in rehabilitation** and **costs \$200,000 or more per patient**<sup>3</sup>

Individuals with SCI face an expected **lifetime cost of care between \$1M and \$4M**, depending on severity and age at injury<sup>4</sup>

In addition to the enormous economic costs, individuals with SCI face a shorter expected lifespan, higher unemployment, higher chance of bankruptcy<sup>5</sup>



# NVG-291-R Promotes Recovery in Acute SCI

## **Overview**

T8 compression injury

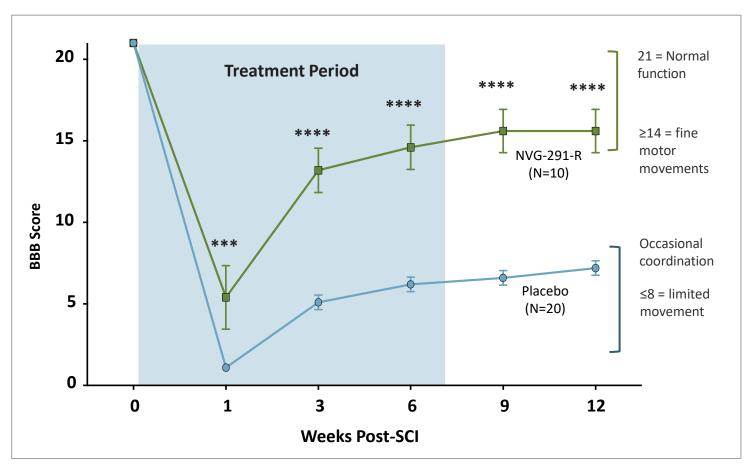
Treatment start: 1 day post-injury

• Dose: 500 μg/day x 7 weeks

## Results

- Significant recovery of locomotor and bladder function
- Functional improvements persist after treatment
- Enhanced neuroplasticity (i.e. axonal sprouting) near and far from injury

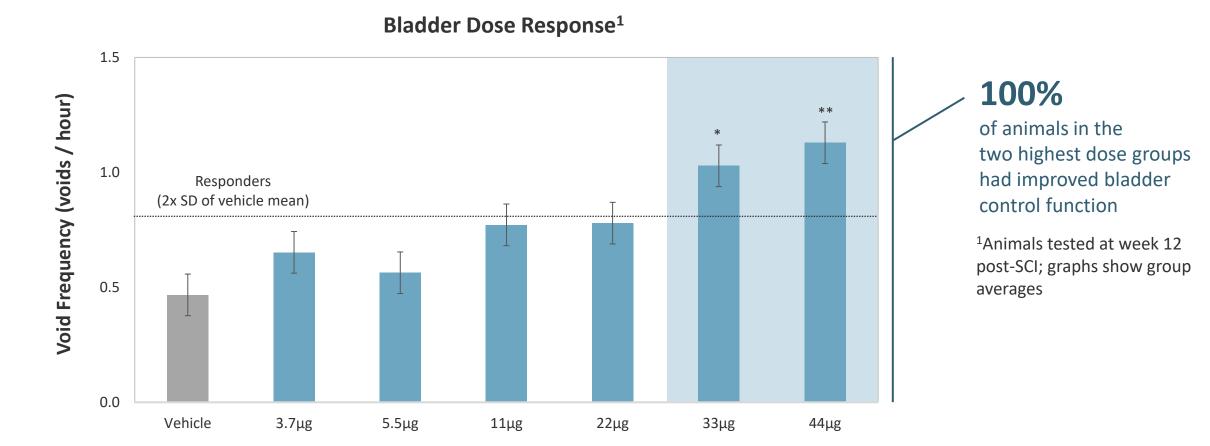
#### **Hindlimb Function**



\*\*\* P<0.001, \*\*\*\* P<0.0001



# Improved Bladder Function After NVG-291-R in Preclinical Models



Bladder function is a key quality of life measure in the paralyzed population

\*p <0.05, \*\* p <0.01, n=5 per dosing group



# NVG-291-R Improves Function in Severe Spinal Cord Injury Model

## Representative of Placebo Group

(Back Legs and Tail Dragging)

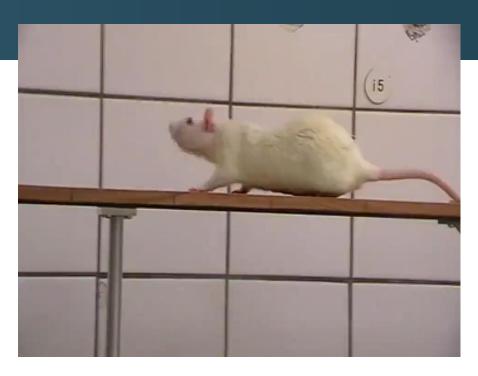
# Representative of NVG-291-R Group

(Back Legs and Tail Active)





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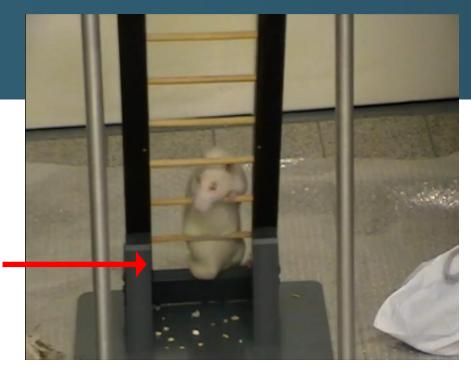


Remarkable and robust repair across multiple models



# NVG-291-R Enables Significant Motor Recovery in Severe SCI Model

## **Representative of Placebo Group**



Hind legs are immobile in placebo-treated animals

## **Representative of NVG-291 Group**



Significant motor recovery with NVG-291-R: consistent coordination, toe clearance, tail held high consistently



# Chronic SCI Preclinical Study

## **Overview**

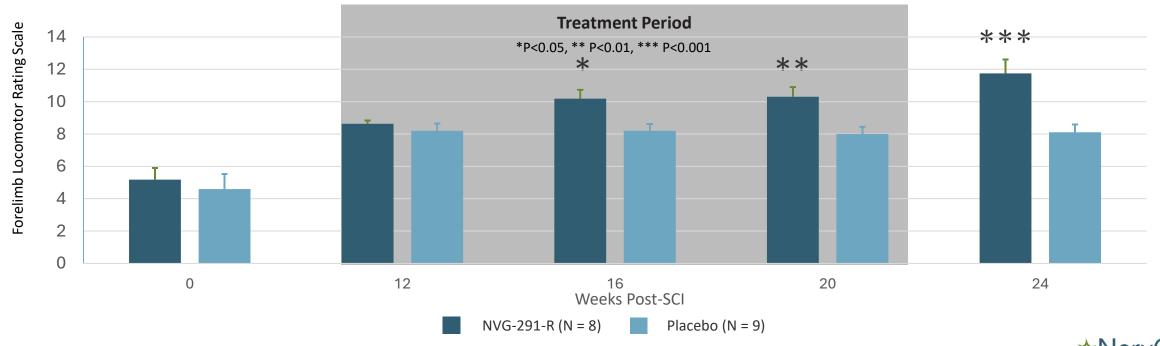
C2 lateral hemisection model of SCI

- Treatment start: 12 weeks post-injury
- Dose: 500 μg/day x 8.5 weeks

## Results

NVG-291-R promoted recovery in chronic SCI

- Significant recovery of forelimb locomotor function
- Functional improvements persist after treatment





## NVG-291 Phase 1 Clinical Trial in Healthy Volunteers

## **Study Design**

#### **Single Dose**

- 37 subjects
- 6 dose levels
- Assessed through Day 8

#### **Multiple Dose**

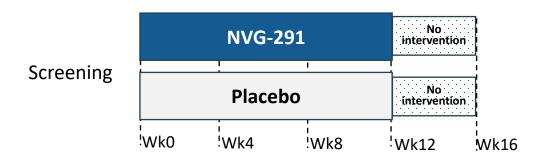
- 33 subjects
- 4 dose levels
- Subjects dosed subcutaneously once/day for 14 days
- Assessed through Day 21

## **Safety Results**

- Well tolerated across all doses
  - Maximum tolerated dose (MTD) not reached
- No treatment discontinuations
- No serious/severe adverse events (AE) in NVG-291 group
- Most common AE was Grade 1/2 injection site reactions (ISR)
- No clinically significant effects related to NVG-291 treatment across all study parameters



# Phase 1b/2a Trial of NVG-291-201 in SCI



#### Over 16 weeks

- Daily SQ injections (12 weeks)
- Electrophysiological assessments
- Clinical assessments
- Exercise/training: ~5 days per week

#### Single-center study – Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (Chicago, IL, USA)

- Uniform assessments and training regimen reduces variability of results
- Electrophysiological measurements easily standardized same assessors, equipment, technique

#### **Two cohorts**

- Approximately 20 patients per cohort
- Randomized 1:1 to NVG-291 (fixed dose) or placebo
- Weeks 1-12: blinded treatment







# Phase 1b/2a Study Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria

#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

Age 18-75

Traumatic SCI

Neurological level of injury C7 or higher

Motor incomplete with minimal/maximal level of motor function in upper and lower extremities

Intact motor evoked potential (MEP)<sup>1</sup> in two qualifying muscle groups:

- (1) At least 1 tibialis anterior (TA)
- (2) At least 1 first dorsal interosseus (FDI)

## Key Exclusion Criteria

Non-traumatic SCI

SCI from gunshot or penetrating/stab injury

Two or more (non-contiguous) spinal cord lesions

Ventilator dependence

**Cohorts of motor incomplete cervical SCI** 

1. Chronic: 1-10 years post-injury

2. Subacute: 20-90 days post-injury



# Phase 1b/2a Trial Primary Objective and Co-Primary Endpoints

#### **Primary Objective**

To evaluate the effect of NVG-291 compared to placebo on relative percentage change in corticospinal connectivity to *qualifying* muscle groups

#### **Co-Primary Endpoints**

Relative percentage change from baseline to Week 12 in the normalized MEP amplitudes (corticospinal contribution) in the *qualifying* **FDI** and **TA** muscle groups

Ten Muscle Groups Assessed				
Upper extremity	Lower extremity			
Biceps brachii	Quadriceps			
Triceps brachii	Hamstrings			
First dorsal interosseous (FDI) <sup>Q</sup>	Tibialis anterior (TA) Q			
Flexor carpi radialis	Soleus			
Extensor carpi radialis	Abductor hallucis			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>Q</sup> Qualifying muscle group

Assuming a <u>treatment effect</u> on and <u>variability</u> of MEPs similar to that observed with electrical stimulation studies<sup>1</sup>, with **8 subjects per arm** this study will have **280% power** to detect a difference ( $\alpha = 0.025$ , Student t-test 2-sided)



# Phase 1b/2a Trial Secondary Endpoints (Clinical)

Change from baseline to Week 12 in **10mWT** time

Change from baseline to Week 12 in **GRASSP** version 2 scores

Change from baseline to Week 12 in **9-HPT** time

Change from baseline to Week 12 in lower extremity motor scores

Change from baseline to Week 12 in **pinch** dynamometry force

Change from baseline to Week 12 in upper extremity motor scores

#### **Other secondary objectives:**

Changes in other electrophysiological parameters

- Change in MEP amplitudes (corticospinal) of non-qualifying muscle groups
- Change in reticulospinal MEP amplitudes
- Change in MEP latencies
- Change in maximal voluntary contractions

Safety/tolerability of NVG-291; pharmacokinetics of NVG-291

#### **Exploratory objectives:**

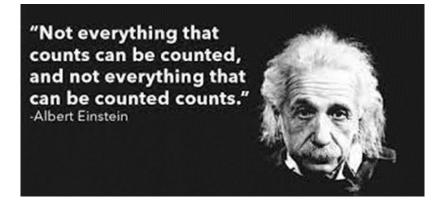
Changes in spasticity (modified Ashworth, pendulum test), SCAR, ISNCSCI sensory scores, autonomic function (ISAFSCI), mobility/ADLs (SCIM III), quality of life (SCI-QOL), advanced MRI imaging, blood biomarkers



# Additional Patient-Reported Data: Qualitative Review of Subject Experience







Incorporating qualitative semi-structured subject interviews

Exploring subjects' experiences of potential beneficial treatment

Aligns with FDA Patient-Focused Drug Development Guidance



# NVG-300, A Proprietary Molecule Diversifying Pipeline and Opportunity for Partnering

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A new proprietary molecule discovered at NervGen in 2022



Eligible for the BLA development path



Demonstrated favorable pharmaceutical properties (solubility, metabolic stability)

 Severe injury model characterized by heightened spinal cord damage and impaired spontaneous recovery



Composition of matter IP protection expected to extend beyond 2040

**Next steps** 

Formulation development

Initiating evaluation in preclinical models of ischemic stroke and ALS, confirmatory SCI study



## **Experienced Leadership Team**



#### MIKE KELLY, MBA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Over 30 years of pharmaceutical experience. Formerly President of US Ops for Adapt Pharma, Inc., which developed and commercialized NARCAN Nasal Spray in the US and Canada and was sold to Emergent BioSolutions for US\$735 million.



#### **CHUCK OLSON, DSC, SR. VP, TECHNICAL OPERATIONS**

Over 40 years of experience in process development, manufacturing and CMC associated quality and regulatory activities for many clinical and commercial products.



#### **BILL ADAMS, CPA, CA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Over 25 years of strategic financial management experience including mergers and acquisitions, operations and capital markets in Canada and the US.



#### LIZ EBERHARDT, BSC, SR. VP, PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Over 25 years of biotech experience in product leadership and program management and has taken multiple compounds through all stages of development including preclinical and commercialization.



#### DAN MIKOL, MD, PHD, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Over 25 years of experience in neurology clinical research. Former Head of clinical development at Amgen in neuroscience and nephrology and was instrumental in the approval of Aimovig, and development lead for Tysabri at Biogen.



#### MATVEY LUKASHEV, PHD, VP, RESEARCH & PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMEMT

Over 30 years of experience in academia, industry and biotech settings focused on translational research and drug discovery.













































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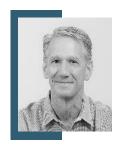
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# **Upcoming Milestones**

## Q1 2025

Initiate dosing in subacute
cohort in Phase 1b/2a proof-ofconcept in people living with SCI

**NVG-300 preclinical data readout** in models of ischemic stroke and ALS

## Q2 2025

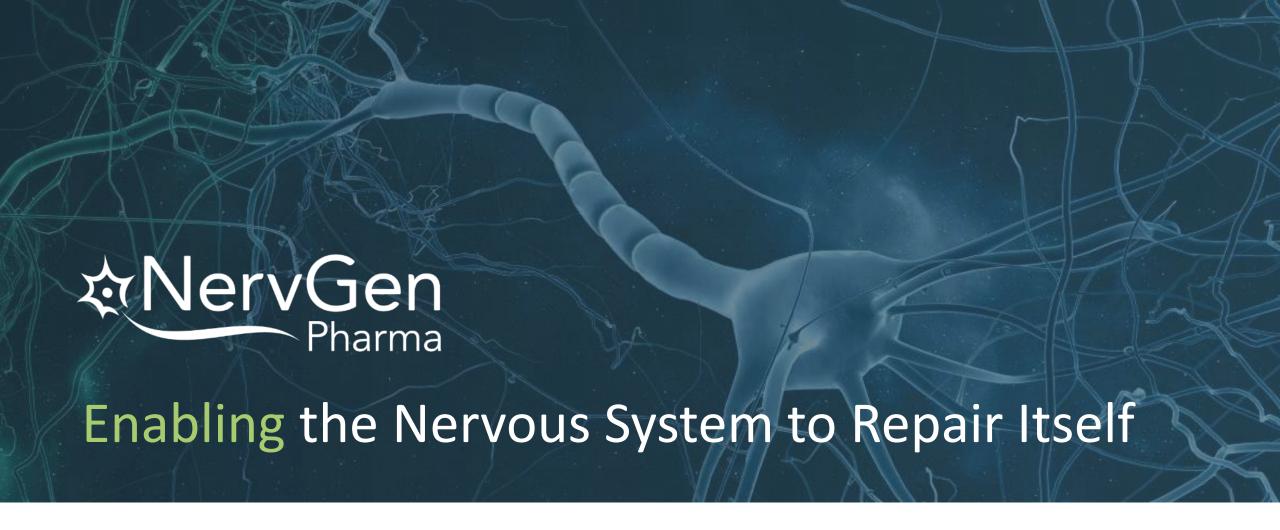
Phase 1b/2a proof-of-concept readout in people living with chronic SCI



# Share and Capital Structure

Exchange/Market: Ticker TSX: NGEN.V OTCQB: NGENF Recent Share Price (Feb 7, 2025) CA\$2.86 / US\$2.02 **Shares Outstanding** 70.6 million Fully Diluted 93.2 million (~12.5 million options & retention securities, ~10.1 million warrants\*) Insider Ownership 21.1% Cash & Cash Equivalents (Sep 30, 2024) CA\$21.0 million / US\$14.9 million





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