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): March 11, 2022

Clene Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-39834 (Commission File Number) 85-2828339 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6550 South Millrock Drive, Suite G50 Salt Lake City, Utah (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

84121 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (801) 676-9695

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:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

Derecommencement 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 Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
CLNN	The Nasdaq Capital Market
CLNNW	The Nasdaq Capital Market
	CLNN

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 \boxtimes

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 March 11, 2022, Clene Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its full year operating and financial results for its year ended December 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Current Report") and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filings, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In connection with the March 11, 2022 press release announcing the Company's full year operating and financial results for its year ended December 31, 2021, the Company released an updated corporate presentation (the "Corporate Presentation") on its website, www.clene.com. A copy of the Corporate Presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company plans to use its website to disseminate future updates to the Corporate Presentation and may not file or furnish a Current Report on Form 8-K alerting investors if the Corporate Presentation is updated.

The information furnished in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filings, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release, dated March 11, 2022, announcing the Company's operating and financial results for its year ended December 31, 2021.
99.2	<u>Corporate Presentation</u>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL).

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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.

CLENE INC.

By: <u>/s/ Robert Etherington</u>

Robert Etherington President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 11, 2022

Clene Reports Full Year 2021 Financial Results and Recent Operating Highlights

- Cash and restricted cash of \$50.3 million as of December 31, 2021
- Visionary-MS Phase 2 Trial unblinded results expected 2H 2022
- Healey ALS Platform Trial top-line data expected 2H 2022
- COVID-19 Phase 2 Trial top-line results expected mid-year 2022

SALT LAKE CITY, March 11, 2022 -- Clene Inc. (Nasdaq: CLNN) along with its subsidiaries "Clene" and its wholly owned subsidiary Clene Nanomedicine Inc., a clinicalstage biopharmaceutical company focused on revolutionizing the treatment of neurodegenerative disease, today reported its full year 2021 operating and financial results, as well as an overview of fourth quarter 2021 and recent operating highlights.

"We exited 2021 with significant momentum, having made substantial clinical advancement across our portfolio of first-in-class nanotherapeutics," said Rob Etherington, President and CEO of Clene. "This progress now has Clene positioned to achieve multiple clinical milestones in 2022, highlighted by the upcoming results from the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial. Positive results for CNM-Au8[®] in this study would be transformative for Clene, and more importantly, for people living with ALS."

Fourth Quarter 2021 and Recent Operating Highlights

CNM-Au8[®], a gold nanocrystal suspension, for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

- Enrollment in the HEALEY ALS Platform Trial, led by the Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Massachusetts General Hospital, was completed in November 2021, and top-line data are expected in the second half of this year.
- Top-line results from the RESCUE-ALS Phase 2 clinical trial were reported in November 2021. Results demonstrated clinically meaningful benefits in people with early ALS, including:
 - Results showed the slowing of disease progression and improvements to patients' quality of life. In addition, RESCUE-ALS demonstrated evidence for a potential long-term survival benefit from CNM-Au8[®].
 - o Data from RESCUE-ALS were presented in the fourth quarter of 2021 at the 4th Annual ALS ONE Research Symposium and at a late-breaking session at the 32nd International Symposium on ALS/MND.
- Additional data including the significant survival benefit from the RESCUE-ALS open label extension will be presented at the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Association Clinical & Scientific Conference this month and at a late breaker session at the upcoming American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting in April.
- Clene continues to support expanded access programs, providing CNM-Au8[®] treatment at four clinical sites to more than 50 participants with ALS.

CNM-Au8[®] for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS)

- Clene has initiated a second cohort of the more severe non-active, progressive MS population in the REPAIR-MS Phase 2 clinical trial to confirm the robust target engagement demonstrated in the first cohort of relapsing MS patients in this trial.
- The VISIONARY-MS Phase 2 clinical trial will conclude early due to pandemic-related enrollment challenges. Clene will utilize the available data collected from up to 48 weeks of clinical visits to better understand the efficacy and safety profile of CNM-Au8[®] and to inform further clinical development in MS. o Unblinded VISIONARY-MS data are targeted for the second half of 2022.
 - Updated blinded interim data from VISIONARY-MS and results from REPAIR-MS Phase 2 trials were presented at the Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis Forum 2022 in February 2022.

CNM-ZnAg[™] for the treatment of COVID-19

 The CNM-ZnAg COVID Phase 2 clinical trial achieved full enrollment in acutely symptomatic, non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Brazil. Top-line results are expected mid-year 2022.

Corporate Updates

- Morgan Brown was appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective February 1, 2022. Mr. Brown's extensive experience in executive finance roles includes four publicly traded life science companies, three as CFO, and experience as the CFO of a privately held clinical research organization.
- Two key patents were granted and validated in Europe that protect Clene's breakthrough processes, devices and methods for treating certain disease indications for its nanotherapeutic drugs. Clene was also granted a patent from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for CNM-Au8 for the treatment of MS.
- Clene announced a \$1 million grant award from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in support of the redevelopment of a 72,000 ft² manufacturing facility in Elkton, Maryland, in anticipation of product commercialization.

Full Year 2021 Financial Results

Clene's cash and restricted cash totaled \$50.3 million as of December 31, 2021, compared to \$59.3 million as of December 31, 2020. Clene expects that its resources as of December 31, 2021, will be sufficient to fund its operations into the second quarter of 2023.

Research and development expenses were \$28.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$15.2 million for the same period in 2020. The year-over-year increase was primarily related to the development of CNM-Au8, rent expense for the newly-leased facility in Elkton, Maryland, and personnel and stock-based compensation due to increased headcount, partially offset by decreased manufacturing and materials expense.

General and administrative expenses were \$22.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$5.2 million for the same period in 2020. The year-over-year increase was primarily attributable to costs related to being a public company and fees for professional services, technology services, and pre-commercialization activities for CNM-Au8, and personnel and stock-based compensation due to increased headcount.

Clene reported a net loss of \$9.7 million, or \$0.16 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to a net loss of \$19.3 million, or \$1.10 per share, for the same period in 2020. Included in net loss for the year ended December 31, 2021, was an unrealized gain from the change in fair value of contingent earn-out liabilities of \$37.5 million, compared to \$14.1 million in the prior year period.

About Clene

Clene is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on revolutionizing the treatment of neurodegenerative disease by targeting energetic failure, an underlying cause of many neurological diseases. The company is based in Salt Lake City, Utah, with R&D and manufacturing operations in Maryland. For more information, please visit www.clene.com or follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

About CNM-Au8®

CNM-Au8 is an oral suspension of gold nanocrystals developed to restore neuronal health and function by increasing energy production and utilization. The catalytically active nanocrystals of CNM-Au8 drive critical cellular energy producing reactions that enable neuroprotection and remyelination by increasing neuronal and glial resilience to disease-relevant stressors. CNM-Au8[®] is a federally registered trademark of Clene Nanomedicine, Inc.

About CNM-ZnAg

CNM-ZnAg, a proprietary zinc-silver ionic solution, has demonstrated broad antiviral and antimicrobial activity.

Forward-Looking Statements

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CLENE INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Audited)

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Income tax benefit (expense)	428	3	(406)
Net loss	(9,740))	(19,277)
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(92	2)	284
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(92	2)	284
Comprehensive loss	(9,832	2) \$	(18,993)
Net loss per share basic and diluted	6 (0.16	5) \$	(1.10)
Weighted average common shares used to compute basic and diluted net loss per share		_^ <u></u> 5	17,503,992

CLENE INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Audited)

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	December 31,		
	 2021		2020
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 50,288	\$	59,275
Accounts receivable	49		21
Inventory	41		191
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	 4,205		3,502
Total current assets	54,583		62,989
Restricted cash	58		—
Right-of-use assets	3,250		1,029
Property and equipment, net	 5,172		4,225
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 63,063	\$	68,243

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,923	\$ 1,124
Accrued liabilities	3,610	3,960
Income tax payable	—	164
Deferred revenue from related parties	—	112
Operating lease obligations, current portion	347	194
Finance lease obligations, current portion	146	190
Clene Nanomedicine contingent earn-out, current portion	 _	 5,924
Total current liabilities	6,026	11,668
Operating lease obligations, net of current portion	4,370	1,785
Finance lease obligations, net of current portion	97	205
Notes payable	14,484	1,949
Convertible notes payable	4,598	—
Deferred income tax	—	260
Common stock warrant liability	474	—
Clene Nanomedicine contingent earn-out, net of current portion	18,100	46,129
Initial Stockholders contingent earn-out	 2,317	 5,906
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50,466	67,902
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value: 150,000,000 and 100,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2021 and		

December 31, 2020, respectively; 62,312,097 and 59,526,171 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021

and December 31, 2020, respectively	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	175,659	153,571
Accumulated deficit	(163,301)	(153,561)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	233	325
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	12,597	341
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 63,063	\$ 68,243



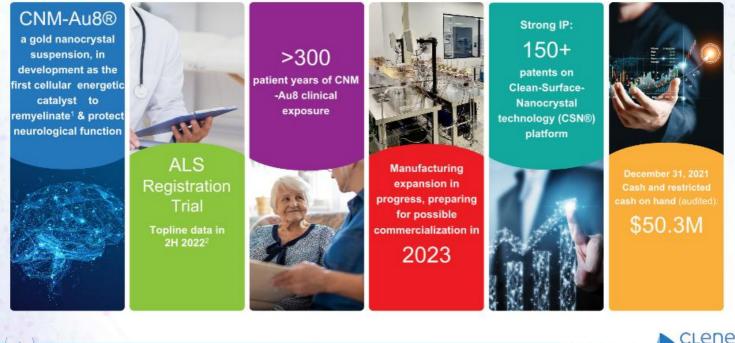
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CLENE | Leadership



CLENE | Overview



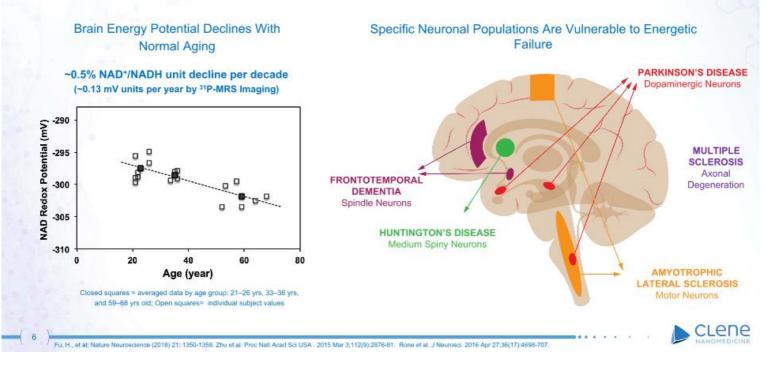
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CLENE | Pipeline



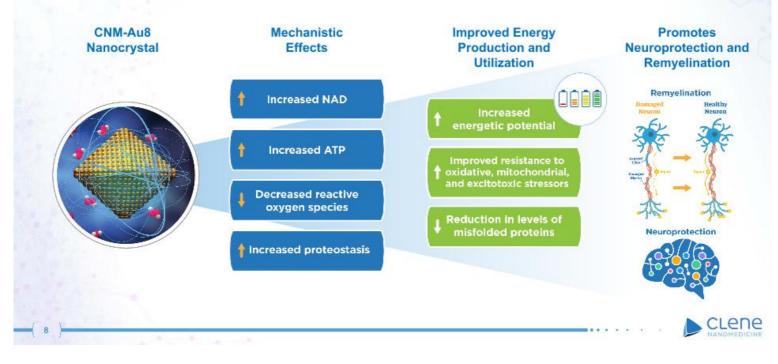
Neurons With High Energetic Demand Are At Increased Risk For Neurodegenerative Disease



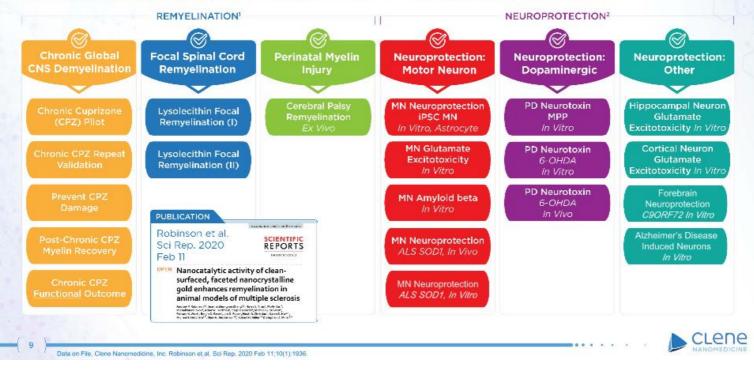
CNM-Au8® | Catalytically-Active Nanocrystals Intersection of Physics and Biology



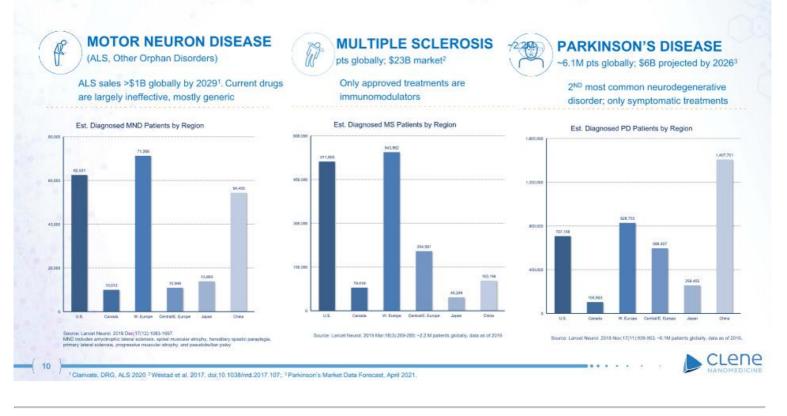
CNM-Au8® | Improves Energy Production to Promote Neuroprotection and Remyelination



CNM-Au8® | Preclinical Evidence for Energetic Improvement Therapeutic Activity Across Remyelination + Neuroprotection Models



CNM-Au8® | Significant Global Opportunity



CNM-Au8® | Neuroprotection & Remyelination

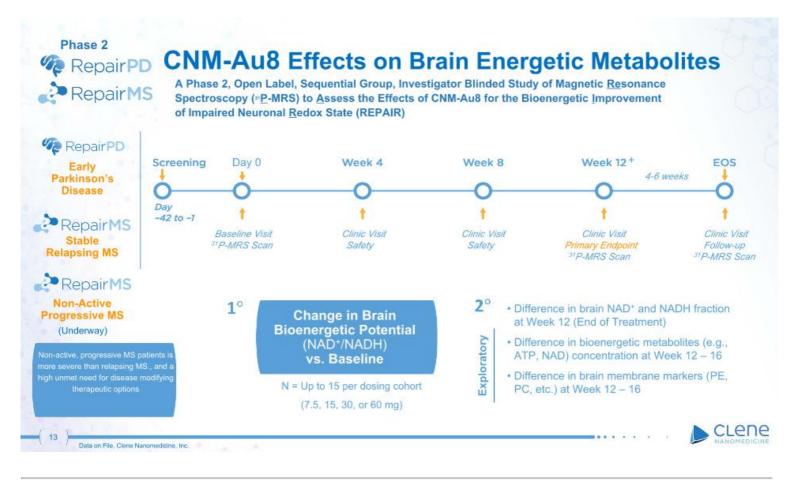
Phase 2 and Phase 3 Clinical Trials



CNM-Au8® | Safety Summary



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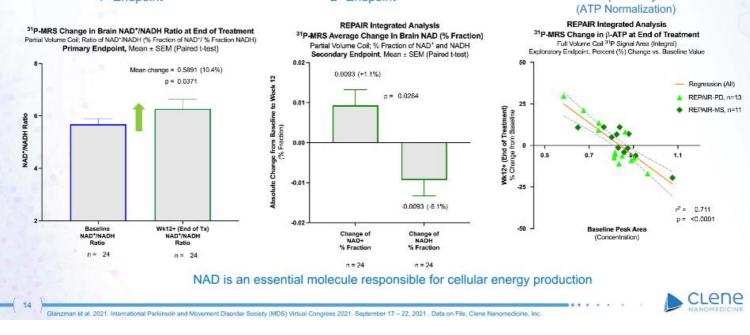


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Exploratory



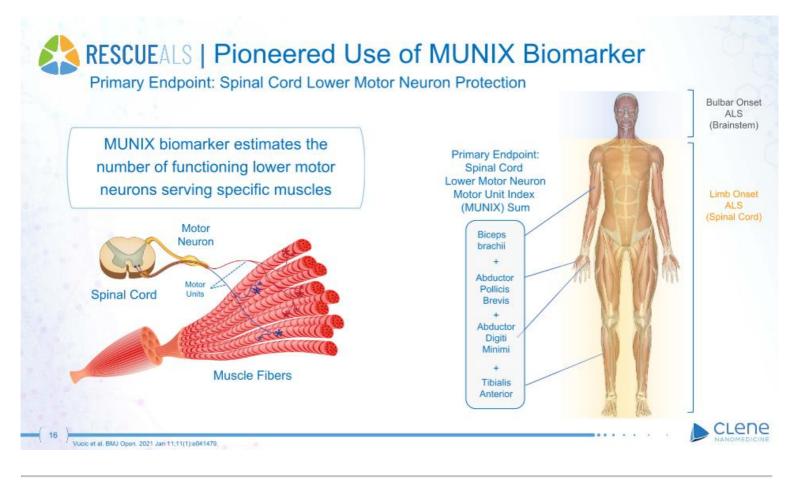
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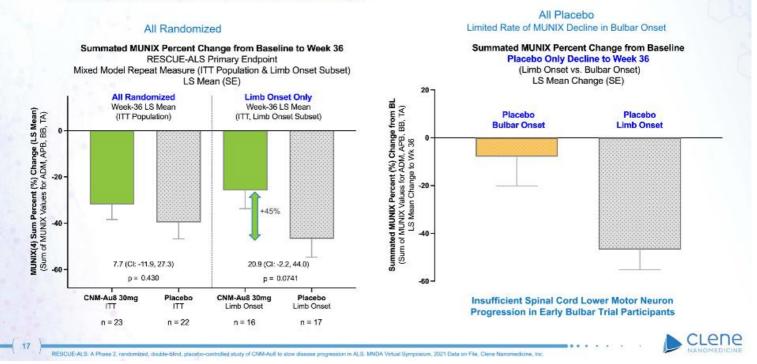
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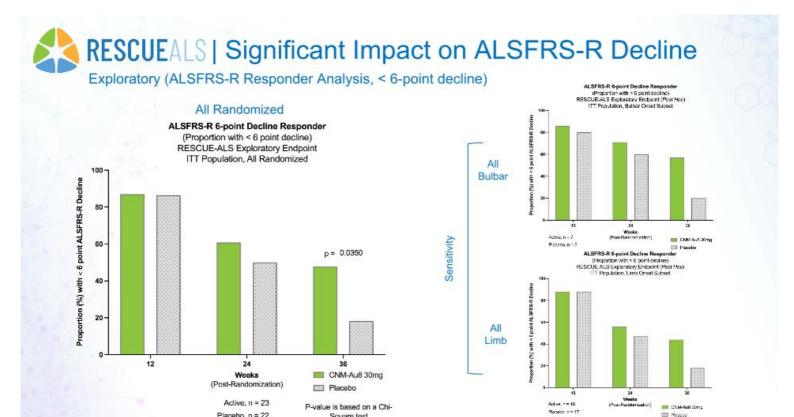




RESCUEALS | Evidence for Motor Neuron Protection

Primary Endpoint (MUNIX %, LS Mean Change)





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RESCUE-ALS: A Phase 2, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of CNM-Au8 to slow disease progression in ALS. MNDA Virtual Symposium, 2021 Data on File. Clene Nanomedicine, Inc.

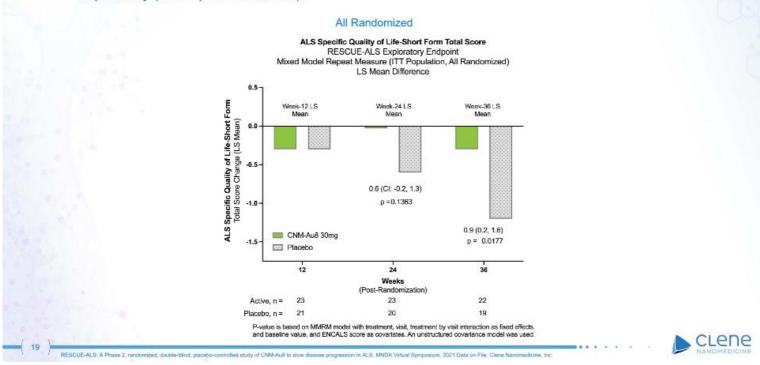
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Placebo, n = 22

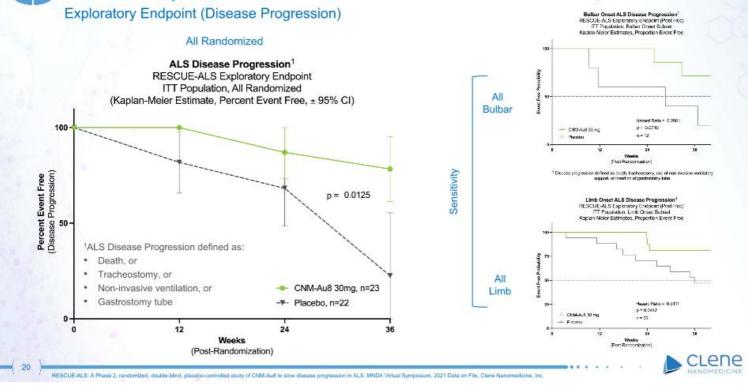
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RESCUEALS | Significant Quality of Life Improvement

Exploratory (ALS Specific QOL-SF)

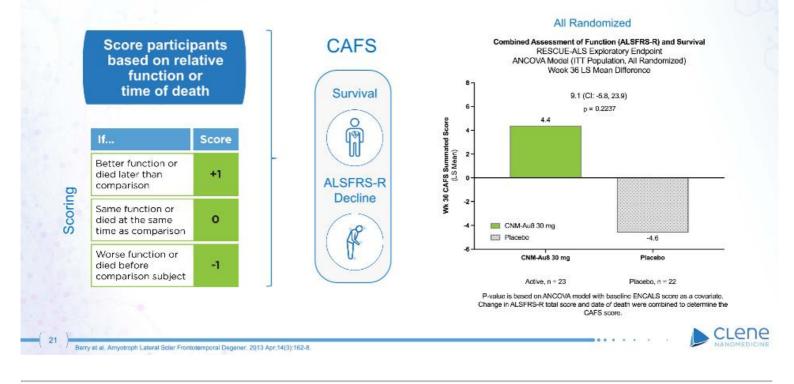


RESCUEALS | Significant Impact on ALS Disease Progression



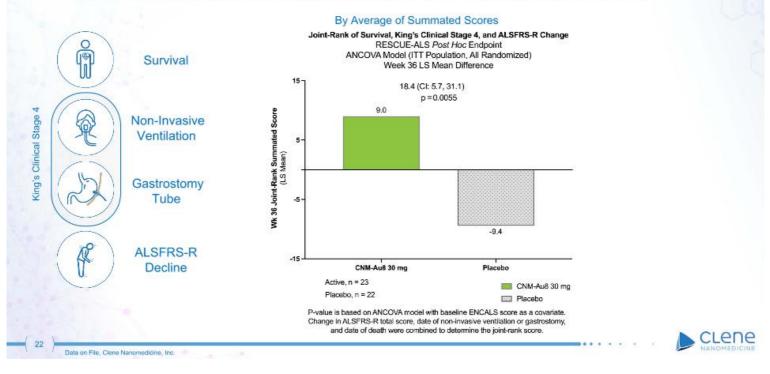
RESCUEALS | Joint Rank: Survival & ALSFRS-R

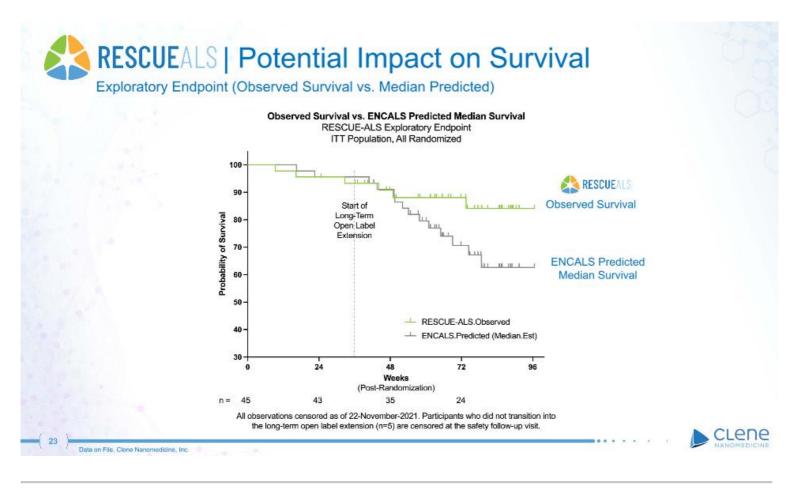
Exploratory Endpoint Pre-specified (Combined Assessment of Survival and Function [CAFS])



RESCUEALS | Impact on Joint Rank Score to Wk36

Post Hoc (Combined Assessment of (i) Survival, (ii) King's Clinical Stage 4, (iii) ALSFRS-R)



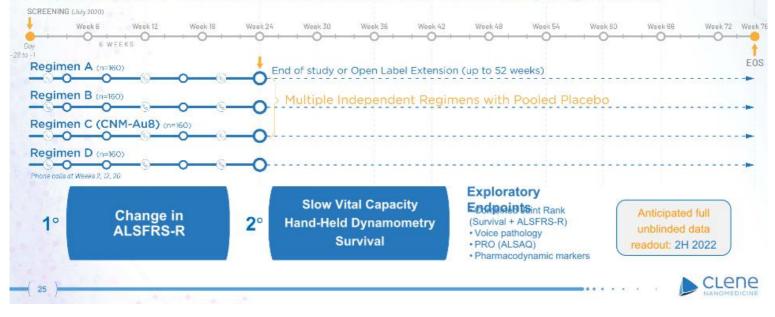


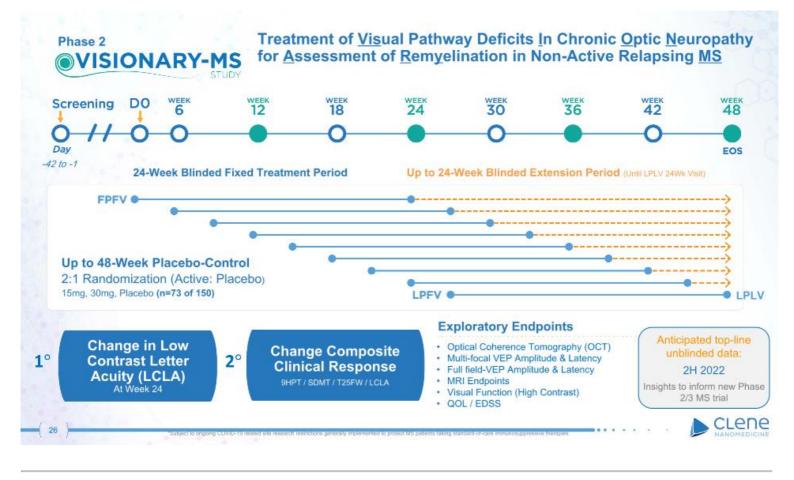




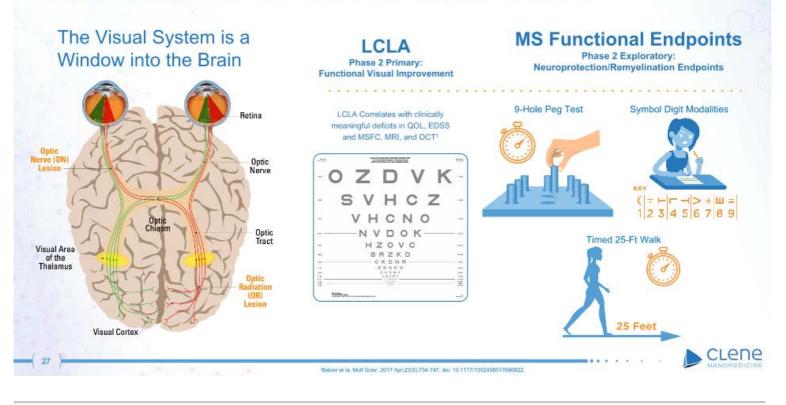
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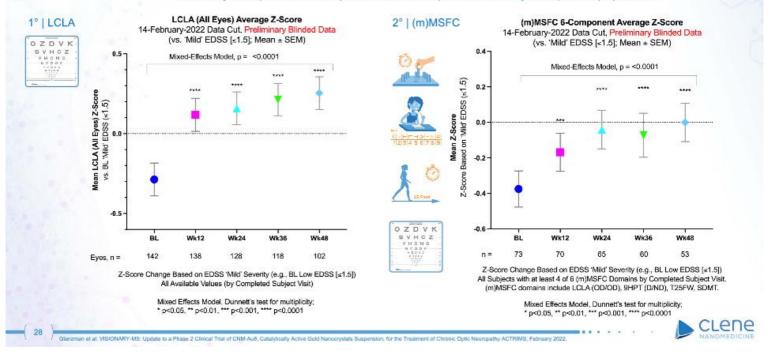
Measuring MS Functional Improvement



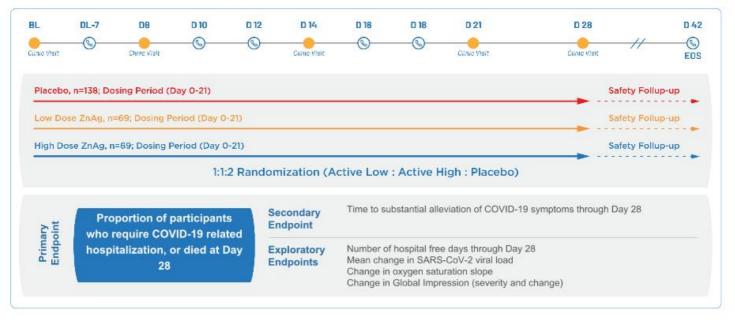
Significant Clinical Improvement Across Blinded **VISIONARY-MS Study Population**

Phase 2

Primary Endpoint: LCLA (Best-Corrected) & Secondary Endpoint: (m)MSFC

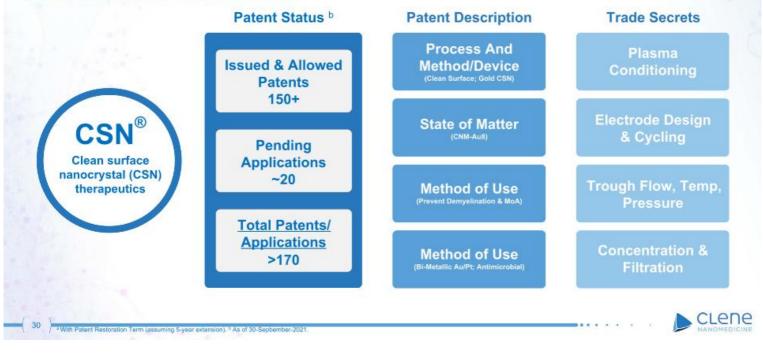






Strong Intellectual Property

Extensive Patent Portfolio With Protection Through 2035 ^a & Proprietary Trade Secrets; Plus 7-year Orphan Drug Designation



Clene | Proprietary Nanocrystal Manufacturing

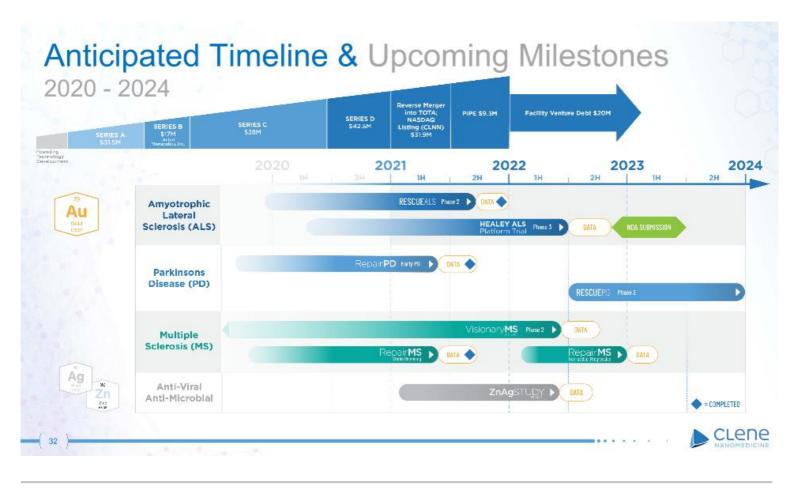
In-House ISO8 Clean Room Clinical Production in Maryland

Designed to be Scalable to Commercialization

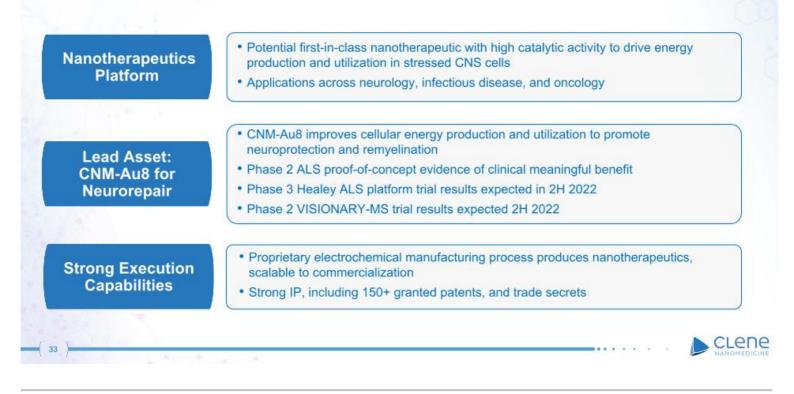








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