## 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): July 10, 2017

### SOLENO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36593

(Commission File No.)

77-0523891

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1235 Radio Rd #110 Redwood City, CA 94065 (Address of principal executive offices)

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(650) 213-8444 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being filed as part of this Report.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Presentation materials to be provided at investor meetings

### 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.

SOLENO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: July 10, 2017

By: /s/ David O'Toole David O'Toole Chief Financial Officer

# Corporate Presentation

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# Leadership Team

Anish Bhatnagar, M.D.
 Chief Executive Officer





David O'Toole
 Senior VP, Chief Financial Officer





 Neil Cowen, Ph.D. Senior VP, Drug Development





Kristen Yen, M.S.
 VP of Clinical Operations











# Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS)

- Complex genetic neurobehavioral/metabolic disorder due to the loss or lack of expression of a set of genes on chromosome 15
- Afflicts about 1:15,000-1:25,000 individuals
- Elevated mortality rates
- Highest unmet needs
  - Hyperphagia
  - Aggressive behaviors
  - Body composition
- PWS families have low QOL
  - Normal siblings show high rates of PTSD

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### Diazoxide – Long History of Safe Use DCCR – Extensive Pre-Clinical and Clinical Data

- Diazoxide I.V., Oral suspension and Capsule
  - K<sub>ATP</sub> channel agonist approved in 1976
  - Previously used as IV treatment for malignant hypertension
  - BID/TID oral suspension for the treatment of hypoglycemia due to hyperinsulinism in infants, children and adults - remains global standard of care
- Diazoxide Choline Controlled-Release (DCCR)
   Tablet
  - QD tablet formulation of choline salt of diazoxide
  - Characterized in 5 Phase I and 3 Phase II studies in obese, dyslipidemic and PWS subjects
  - More than 210 treated subjects
  - Protected by multiple issued patents, including composition of matter





## Mechanism of Action

- Appetite controlled by 2 sets of neurons in the hypothalamus
  - NPY/AgRP secrete NPY and AgRP, appetite stimulatory neuropeptides
  - POMC secretes POMC, an appetite suppressive neuropeptide
  - Express K<sub>ATP</sub> channels
- NPY expression is markedly elevated in PWS
  - Loss of SNORD116 in the PWS critical region on chromosome 15
  - Results in hyperphagia
- Treatment with DCCR
  - Agonizes K<sub>ATP</sub> channels in NPY/AgRP neurons
  - Reduces secretion of NPY
  - Reduces hyperphagia



# PC025 Pilot Study in PWS

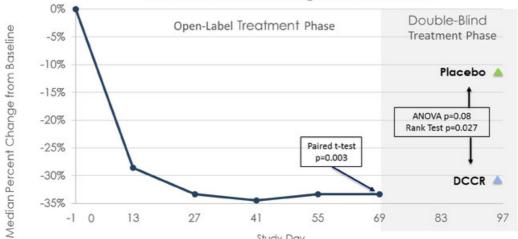
 Randomized, Withdrawal, Single-Center Study of DCCR in overweight or obese, genetically-confirmed PWS patients between 10 and 22 years



The safety and efficacy results from the study were reviewed with a panel of PWS experts

# DCCR: Significant Hyperphagia Response

### Median Percent Change from Baseline

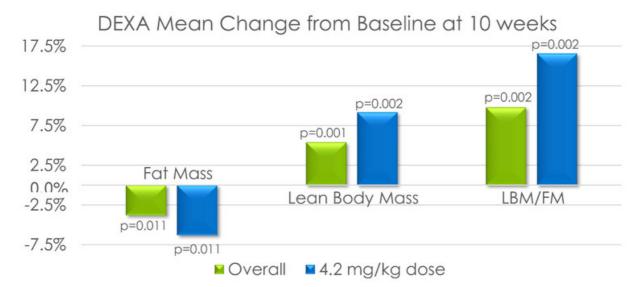


Study Day
Hyperphagia was measured using a standard (Modified Dykens) questionnaire which assessed a range of PWS specific food-related behaviors

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Presented by Essentialis at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research on October 29, 2016

# DCCR Impacts Fat/Lean Body Mass



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## DCCR Reduces Aggressive Behaviors

- Based on the Behavioral Assessment Questionnaire from the Prader-Willi Syndrome Natural History Study
- Aggressive and destructive behaviors
  - 70% of subjects at Baseline
  - 30% of subjects at 10 weeks (p=0.006)

"From a family standpoint, the behavioral changes are huge. Aggression takes kids out of the home."

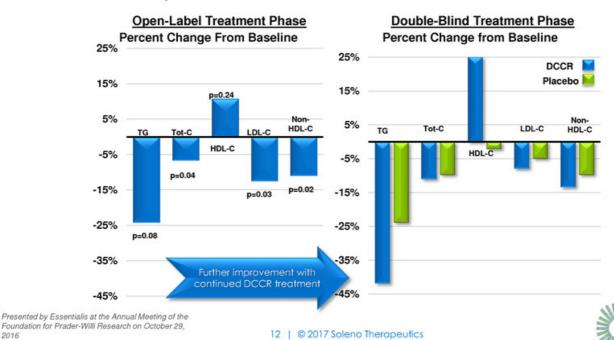
- Dr. Theresa Strong, FPWR

"These behavioral changes can be life-changing for the family"

- Dr. Jennifer Miller, University of Florida



# DCCR Impacts CV Risk Factors



### Diazoxide – Long History of Safe Use DCCR – Extensive Pre-Clinical and Clinical Data

- The safety profile of Proglycem in chronic use is wellknown
- In the development of DCCR, there have been no new safety findings
- The doses of DCCR that will continue in development are at the low end or below the labeled range for Proglycem
- More than 120,000 patient years of chronic use



# FDA Guidance Meeting (May 2017)

- The FDA supported change in hyperphagia score (without a change in weight) compared to placebo as the primary endpoint for the planned Phase III study.
- The dosing paradigm proposed for the Phase III study was acceptable.
- The FDA proposed and Soleno agreed that the duration of the randomized double-blind placebo controlled study should be shorter (3-4 months).
- Safety information about DCCR could be obtained in a long-term, safety extension study.
- There was agreement on several other aspects of the study and the overall development program, and additional regulatory input is being sought on others.

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## Phase III Proposed Study Design

- C601: Multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel arm study in patients with PWS (Phase III).
- C602: Open label safety extension study

### C601 C602

~100 patients at 10-12 sites in the US

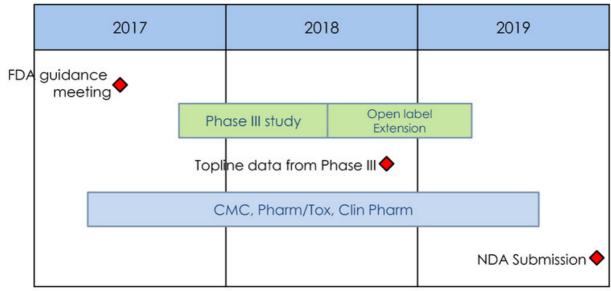
3-4 months placebocontrolled treatment

9-month open-label safety study

- Patients will be randomized in a 2:1 ratio to DCCR or placebo
- Study start Q4 2017, 9 12 months duration
- Primary endpoint change in hyperphagia compared to placebo
- All patients completing C601 are eligible to enroll in C602

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# DCCR Estimated Development Timeline





### **Extensive IP Protection**

- Issued/Granted Patents
  - US: 3; EU: 3; JP: 1;
  - Also in China, India, Canada and Australia
  - Several pending applications
  - Expire in 2026 to 2029
  - Covers composition of matter, formulations, combinations, method of use and method of manufacture

- Protection in PWS
  - In addition to the protection of the product, our filings cover method of use of any K<sub>ATP</sub> channel activator, diazoxide and DCCR in PWS
  - New filing based on data from PC025 could extend protection to 2035



# Pipeline – Orphan Opportunities

Product	Indication	US Population Estimate	Estimated Timing to NDA			
DCCR	Prader-Willi syndrome	2019				
Upside Opportunities for DCCR						
DCCR	Hypothalamic Obesity	3,750 – 9,700 <sup>b</sup>	2021			
DCCR Smith-Magenis Syndrome		12,500 – 21,000°	2021			

Orphan drug designation was granted for PWS in the US in May 2014



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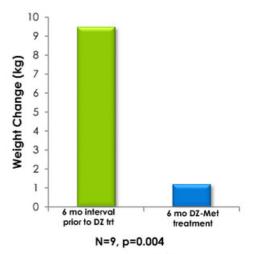
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Front Endocrin 2011 2:1-8 & Orphanet J Rare Dis 2007 2:18

c Am J Hum Genet 1991 49(6):1207-1218

## Hypothalamic Obesity

- Intractable weight gain and endocrine complications following damage to the hypothalamus
- Most frequently follows excision of a cranial tumor, particularly craniopharyngioma
- Often evident within 1-2 months of surgery
- Dramatically reduced resting and voluntary energy expenditure
- No currently approved treatments
- Prevalence 1:50,000, with more than 50% being children and adolescents

Weight change in adolescent hypothalamic obesity patients treated for 6 months with diazoxide and metformin



Inter J Pediatric Endocrin 2011:417949

# Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS)

- Complex genetic neurobehavioral / metabolic disorder due to haploinsufficiency of the retinoic acid-induced 1 (RAI1) gene on chromosome 17p11.2
- Key aspects of the natural history parallels PWS
- Behavioral complications more prominent
- Highest unmet needs: aggressive behaviors, hyperphagia, body composition and sleep disturbances
- SMS families have low QOL
- There are no approved treatments
- Prevalence is 1:15,000 1:25,000



## 2017 Priorities / Milestones

- 1Q17 Closed merger transaction with Essentialis; completed concurrent \$10M financing ✓
- May 2017 Name change to Soleno Therapeutics ✓
- May 2017 Complete FDA guidance meeting for DCCR ✓
- 2H17 Initiate Phase III clinical study evaluating DCCR for the treatment of PWS
- 2017 Explore strategic alternatives for legacy marketed products and product candidates
- 2017 Secure orphan drug designation for DCCR in additional indications beyond PWS



# Financial Highlights

Cash runway to value creating milestones

ions)	3/31/17
Cash	\$10.5
Debt	\$0
Shares outstanding:	
Common	47.5 <sup>1</sup>
Fully Diluted	65.4 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Does not include holdback shares of 900 thousand to be issued after 1 year and milestone shares of 4.6 million to be issued upon start of Phase II/III clinical trial



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