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GLMD: Brain-Penetrating Aramchol News Drives 88% Premarket Surge

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SUMMARY

GLMD explodes 88% higher premarket after announcing breakthrough brain-penetrating formulation of Aramchol, potentially expanding from NASH treatment into massive CNS disease markets.

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DATA BOX

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Float	~3.5M
Mkt cap	\$4.11M

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- Float: ~3.5M shares

- Market Cap: \$4.11M

This morning at 9:24 AM ET, GLMD is exploding 88% higher in pre-market trading after announcing a breakthrough that could fundamentally expand Aramchol's addressable market. The Israeli biotech revealed it has cracked the blood-brain barrier problem — 98% of drugs do not reach the brain, as the blood-brain barrier (BBB) separates peripheral blood circulation from the central nervous system — with a new lipid nanoparticle formulation of its lead compound.

Here's why this matters beyond the headline: Stearoyl-CoA desaturase (SCD1) has been identified as an important therapeutic target for CNS diseases (Parkinson disease and dementia) which are characterized by the aggregation of the protein α -synuclein. Galmed's in-house studies show Aramchol effectively down-regulated α Syn-aggregation in a dose dependent manner — the mechanism behind Parkinson's and related diseases.

Think about the mechanics here. GLMD just transformed from a NASH-focused micro-cap into a potential CNS play overnight. The new Aramchol formulation is characterized by sequestration of the Aramchol in lipid nanoparticles which will be administered by subcutaneous injection for delivery across the BBB. This isn't just better bioavailability — it's a completely new delivery system targeting a massive unmet need.

The recent data supports this expansion. In 30 healthy volunteers, the study found that Aramchol meglumine granules delivered approximately 5-fold (400 mg) and 3-fold (200 mg) greater bioavailability versus Aramchol free acid 300 mg tablets. The unexpected PK profile supports a once-daily 400 mg regimen for upcoming oncology Phase 2 studies planned for H1 2026, showing GLMD is already pushing into multiple new indications.

But here's where you need to think like a trader, not just read the press release. GLMD is a \$4.11M market cap company with \$19.2 million cash at the end of Q3 2025 and a reported burn of ~\$1.5M per quarter. That gives them roughly three years of runway without dilution. Galmed's breakthrough medicinal chemistry work converting Aramchol into a brain-penetrant SCD1 inhibitor position Aramchol as an attractive therapeutic asset for synucleinopathies such as Parkinson disease, multiple systems atrophy (MSA), dementia and other CNS indications.

The risk framework is clear: micro-cap biotech with big promises and bigger volatility. GLMD stock is 3.70% volatile and has beta coefficient of 1.57. This isn't your stable dividend play — it's a binary bet on whether this brain formulation data translates into partnering deals or licensing opportunities.

What to watch: Any mention of Big Pharma interest, given that CNS drug delivery is a massive industry pain point. Galmed has collaboration with Barcode Nanotech, advancing our lead compound Aramchol as a first in class brain penetrating SCD1 inhibitor, suggesting they've got the technical expertise locked down. Also watch for Volume — 39K shares is light for an 88% move, suggesting either tight supply or limited awareness.

The setup reminds me of classic biotech momentum patterns: small float, big news, questionable follow-through. But the CNS angle is legitimate — if you can solve blood-brain barrier delivery for an established compound, that's worth real money in partnering discussions.

Trading data as of 9:24 AM ET on April 9, 2026. Biotech investments carry substantial risk of total loss.

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