



Corporate Overview

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Leadership Team with Broad Range of Experience and Success



Dr. Lawrence Steinman - *Executive Chairman & Co-Founder*

- Endowed Chair in the Neurology Dept. at Stanford University. Member of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Founded and served on board of successful biotech companies, including Neurocrine Biosciences Inc. (Founder and Board Member) and Centocor (Board Member and head of SAB) until sold to J&J.
- Drug development pioneer in MS, with research that led to the development of the drug Tysabri.



Dr. Tiago Reis Marques - *Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder*

- Fellow at Imperial College and lecturer at King's College London.
- Renowned psychiatric researcher and lecturer with decades of experience in the biological mechanisms of mental health and brain disorders.



Dr. Graeme Currie - *Chief Development Officer*

- 30 years of drug development experience in both pharmaceutical and biotech companies.
- Senior leadership roles at Dynavax Technologies, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., PDL BioPharma, Inc. and Gilead Sciences, Inc.
- Dr. Currie has successfully led drug development programs and has held key roles in the development of 7 approved drugs.



Daniel Schneiderman - *Chief Financial Officer*

- 20 years of experience in the capital markets and operations.
- Senior financial roles at translational biotech companies, including, MetaStat, Inc., Biophytis SA and First Wave BioPharma, Inc.

Diversified Product Pipeline

Program	Drug modality	Indication	Target	Target ID / Validation	Lead Selection	IND Enabling	Phase I	Milestones
PAS-004	Macrocyclic Small molecule	Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1) and solid tumors	MEK 1/2	FIH Phase 1 trial initiated Q1 2024				Interim data 2H 2024
PAS-003	Monoclonal antibody	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	$\alpha 5\beta 1$ Integrin					Partnership opportunity
PAS-001	Small molecule	Schizophrenia	C4A					Partnership opportunity

PAS-004

Next Generation MEK Inhibitor for
The Treatment of Neurofibromatosis
Type 1 (NF1) and Solid Tumors

The MAPK Pathway is Highly Implicated in Cancer and Other Diseases

The mitogen-activated protein kinase (**MAPK**) pathway is a chain of proteins that are essential for cell function by regulating cellular transcription, proliferation, survival and other functions.

The intracellular signaling mediators are:

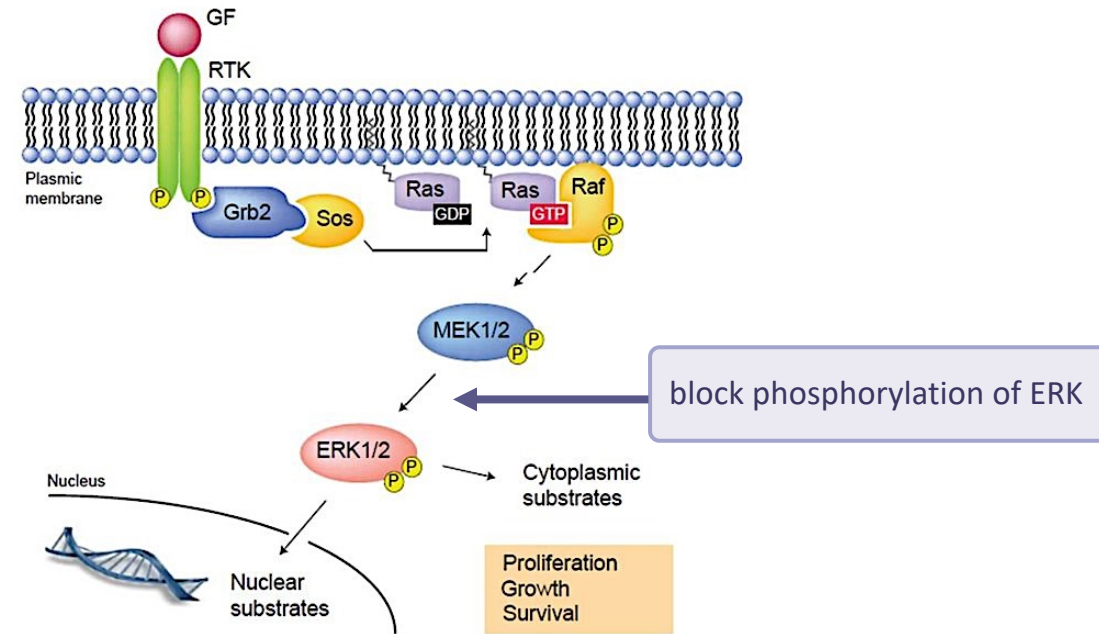
- **RAS** (KRAS, NRAS, and HRAS),
- **RAF** (ARAF, BRAF, and CRAF),
- **MEK** (MEK1 and MEK2), and
- **ERK** (ERK1 and ERK2).

When abnormally activated, the MAPK pathway is critical for the formation and progression of tumors, fibrosis and other diseases.

Alterations in RAS or RAF have been described in many cancers, including advanced solid tumors.

NF1 arises from mutations in the NF1 gene, which encodes for neurofibromin, a key negative regulator of RAS (MAPK Pathway).

PAS-004 is a small molecule allosteric inhibitor of MEK 1/2



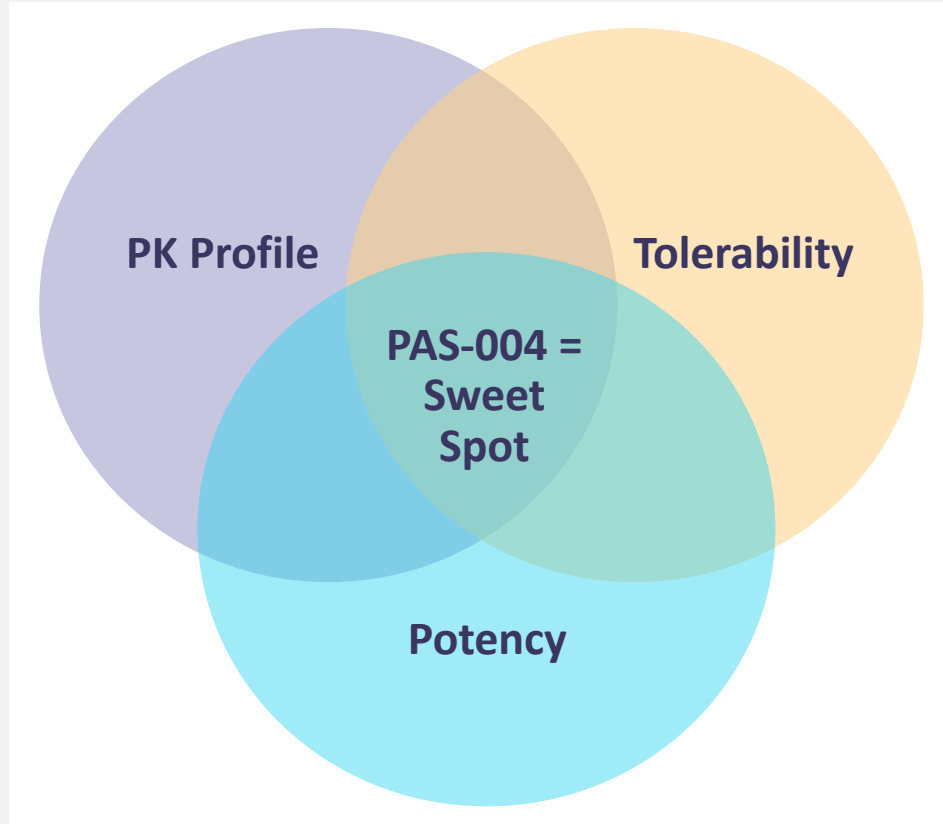
Approved MEK Inhibitors

Typical liabilities associated with approved MEK Inhibitors:

- High toxicity limits therapeutic window & efficacy
- Toxicity and PK profile limits use in combination therapies

Drug	Company	Development Approach	Tumor Type	Key Properties	Liabilities
Selumetinib (Koselugo)	AstraZeneca	Monotherapy (pediatric)	Neurofibroma (NF-1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Half-Life • BID dosing • High Cmax/trough Ratio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dose limiting side effects • Lack of efficacy at MTD in failed oncology trials • Requires fasting before and after dosing
Trametinib (Mekinist)	Novartis	+ B-Raf inhibitors	Melanoma, NSCLC, Thyroid cancer, BRAF V600E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Half-life • High Potency • MEKi + ERK activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dose limiting side effects • Discontinued in NF1
Cobimetinib (Cotellic)	Genentech	+ B-Raf inhibitors	Melanoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Half-Life • MEKi + ERK activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dose limiting side effects • Discontinued in NF1
Binimetinib (Mektovi)	Pfizer	+ B-Raf inhibitors	Melanoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Half-life • BID dosing • High Cmax/trough Ratio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dose limiting side effects

Target Product Profile: Unique Macrocycle Structure is the “Sweet Spot” for MEK Inhibitors



Sustained suppression of phospho-ERK

- Long Half Life (approved drugs in NF1 have short half life in human, less than 7.5 hours)
- may lead to better efficacy in NF1 disease

Improved risk-benefit profile

- Macrocyclic molecules are more rigid with possible less “off target” side-effects vs MEK inhibitors with additional interactions
- Expected 90% pERK reduction at NOAEL dose
- Improved patient compliance due to 1x a day or less dosing

Improved PK/PD

- Possible to avoid fasting via 1x a day dosing
- 96% oral bioavailability seen in preclinical models
- High Solubility seen in ADME studies

Better combinability

- Superior properties may support better combination

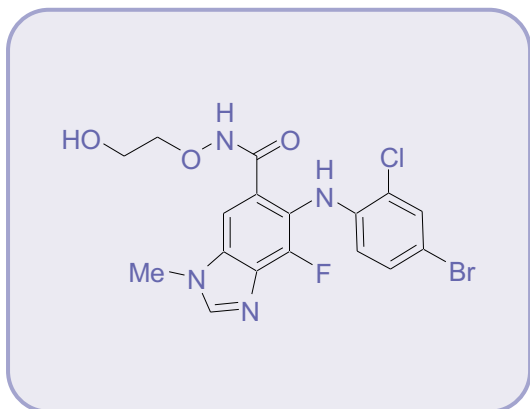
MEK inhibitors in Clinical Development

- Majority of MEK inhibitors being developed for Oncology indications

	Pasithea (KTTA)	Day One (DAWN)	Recursion (RXRX)	Spring Works (SWTX)	Fosun Pharma (656 HK)	Verastem (VSTM)	Immuneering (IMRX)
MEK Inhibitor	PAS-004	Pimasertib	REC-4881	Mirdametnib	FCN-159	Avutometinib (MEKi + RAF clamp)	IMM-1-104 (Universal RAS)
NF 1 Intention	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Development Phase	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2b	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 1
Clinical Trials Indications	- Advanced Solid tumors - Bridge to NF1 pediatrics and adults	- Recurrent or progressive solid tumors	- Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP)	- NF1 pediatrics and adults - Advanced solid tumors	- Phase 2 data in NF1 patients	- Low Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer	- Advanced Solid tumors
~Market Cap (01/31/24)	\$7 million	\$1.3 billion	\$1.9 billion	\$3.2 billion	N/A	\$297 million	\$172 million

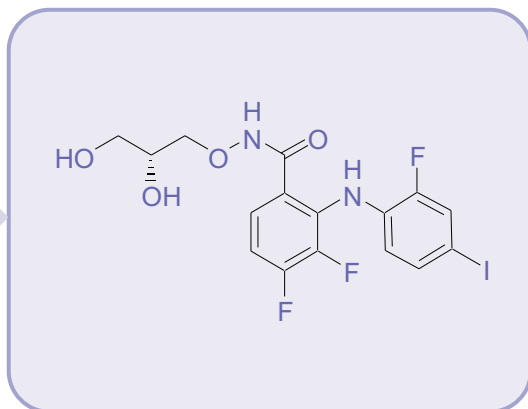
PAS-004 was designed to Address the Liabilities of Previous MEK Inhibitors

Selumetinib



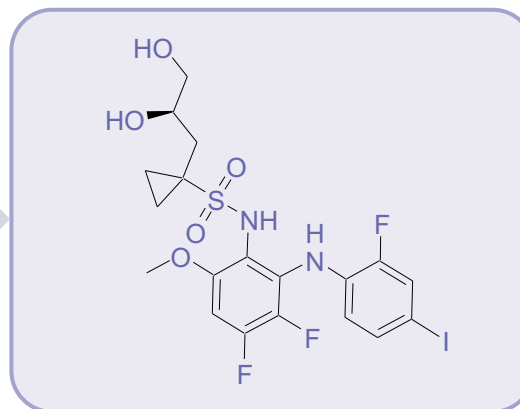
First Generation

Mirdametinib



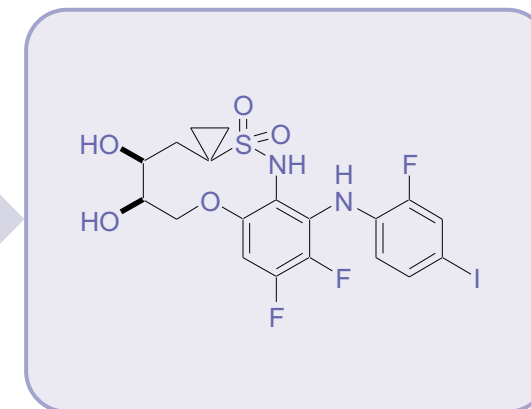
Introduction of diol in the side chain. Improved solubility, potency

Refametinib



Hydroxamide to sulfonamide. improved half-life and potency

PAS-004



Next Generation Macrocyclic

Modification in Chemical Structures Can Have Big Impact on Drug Properties

- Primary alcohol removed potential for metabolites

PAS-004 is the first MEK inhibitor with a Macrocyclic structure

Improved oral bioavailability, PK properties and Potency

Biochemical (MEK1/2 enzyme)

Assay $IC_{50} = 40 \text{ nM}$

Mechanism-based Cellular

Assay (p-ERK) $IC_{50} = 2 \text{ nM}$

Rat PK $T_{1/2} = 11.5 \text{ h}$; %F = 39%

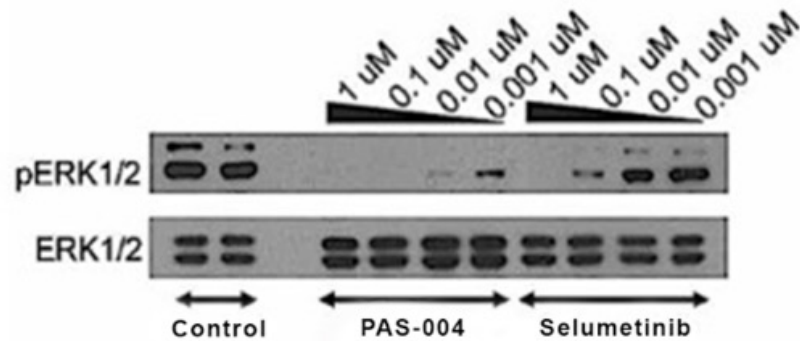
Dog PK $T_{1/2} = 52 \text{ h}$; %F = 96%

Chemistry 9-step synthesis

Comparative Preclinical Efficacy of PAS-004

- Better potency than Selumetinib in inhibiting p-ERK
- Superior efficacy than Refametinib in a preclinical cancer model

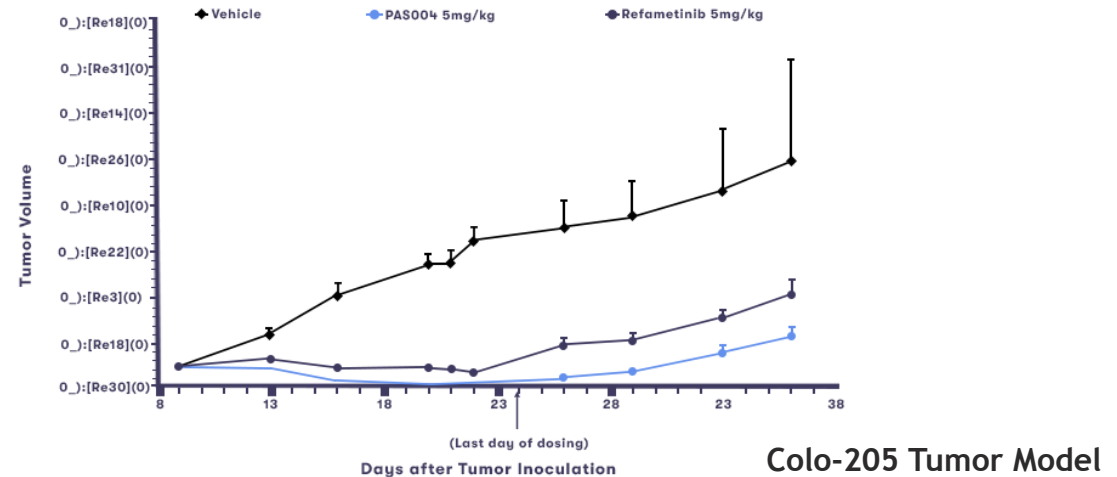
PAS-004 vs. Selumetinib *In Vitro* Potency



HEK-293 cell line

Study conducted at Dr. Worman's Lab, Columbia University

PAS-004 vs. Refametinib *In Vivo* Efficacy

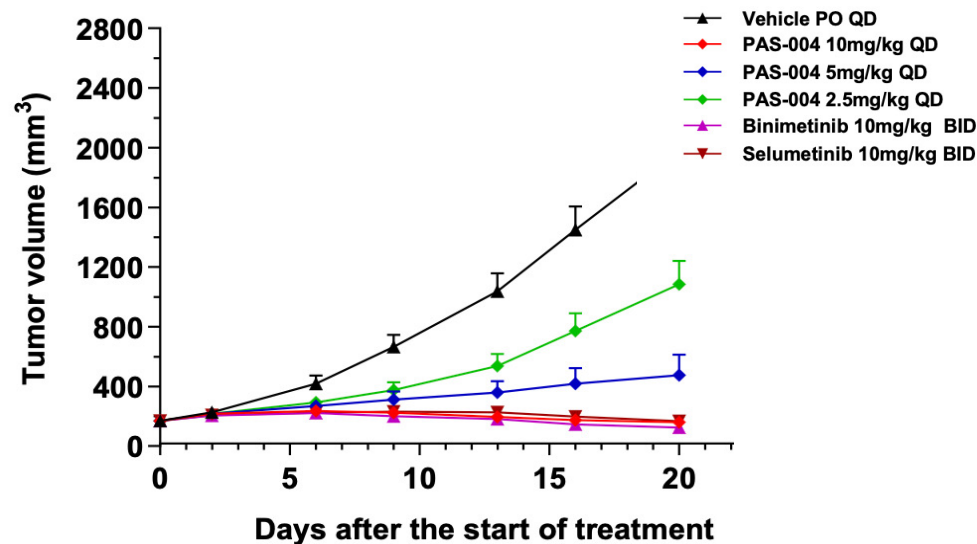


Study conducted at Crown Biocience

Comparative Preclinical Efficacy of PAS-004 in Preclinical Cancer Models

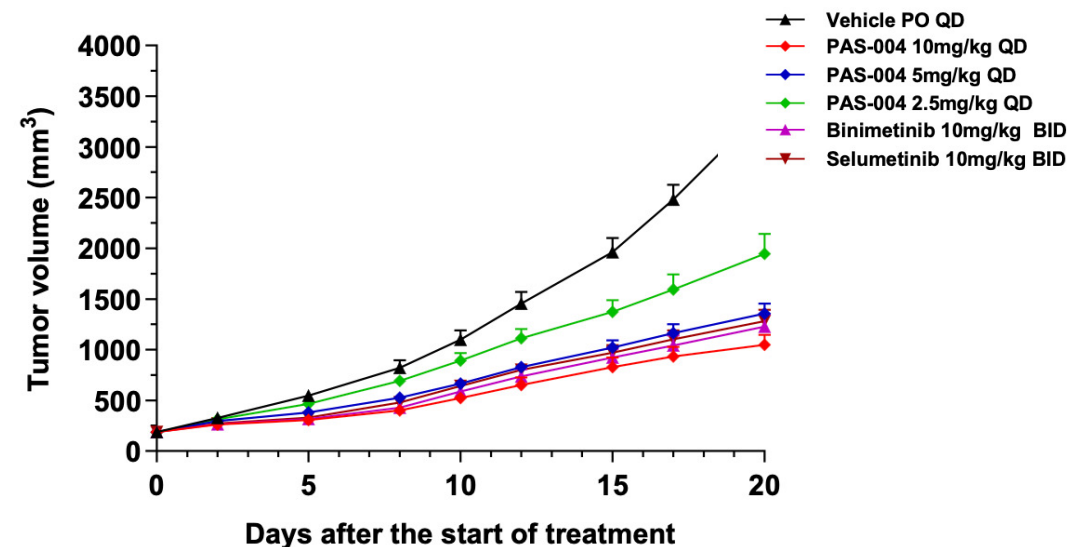
- Higher efficacy compared to Binimetinib and Selumetinib on the NCI cell line
- Superior to Selumetinib and similar to Binimetinib on the HepG2 cell line

PAS-004 vs. Approved MEKs *In Vivo* Efficacy (HepG2 cell line)



Study conducted at Wuxi AppTec

PAS-004 vs. Approved MEKs *In Vivo* Efficacy (NCI-H1299 cell line)

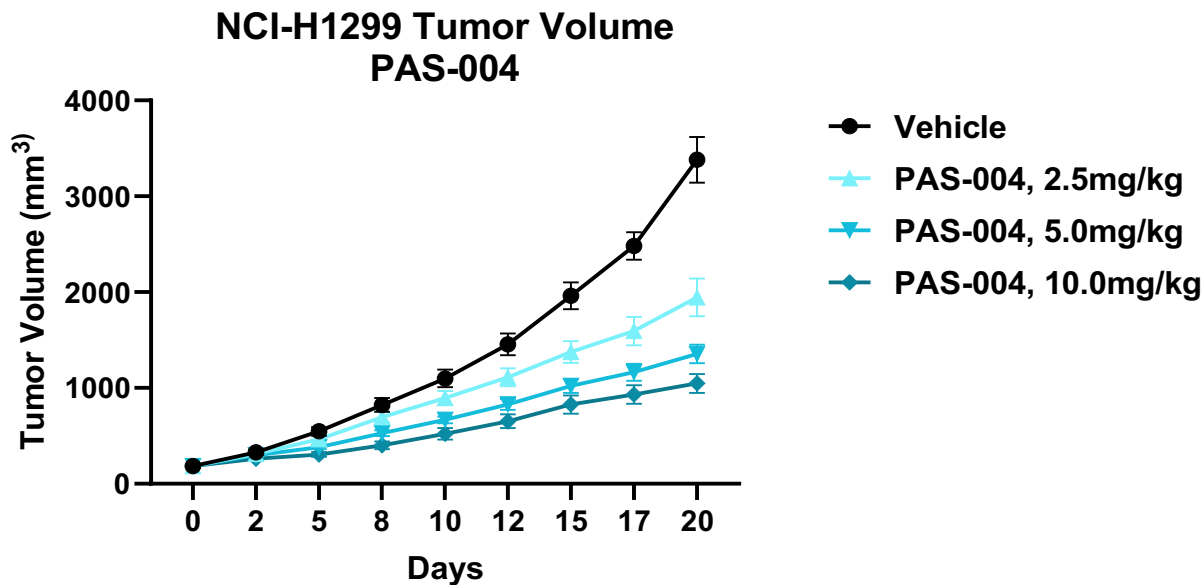


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PAS-004 Preclinical Profile – Dose Dependent Biomarker reduction

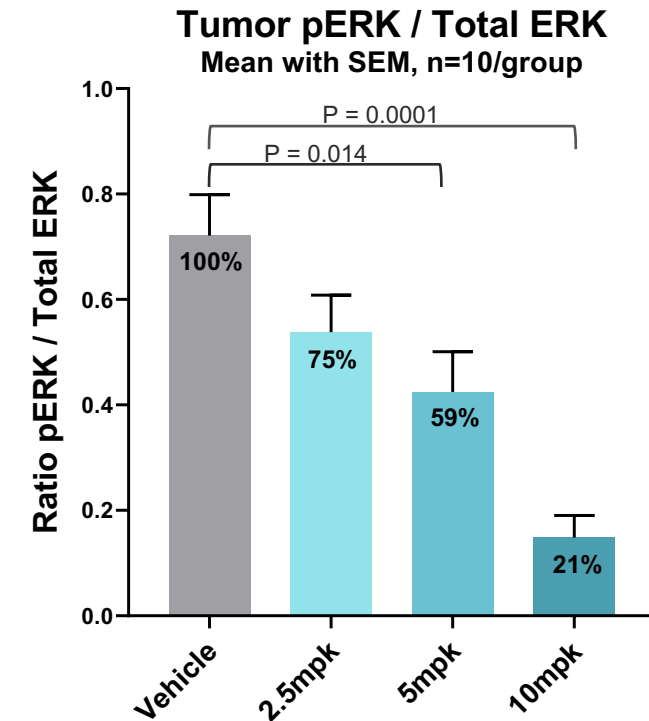
- Dose-dependent inhibition of pERK

In Vivo Dose dependent efficacy (NCI-H1299 cell line)



Study conducted at Wuxi AppTec

In Vivo Dose dependent pERK reduction (NCI-H1299 cell line)



Differentiation of PAS-004 with Approved MEK inhibitors

- Higher C_{max}, less potent at hERG inhibition and long half life

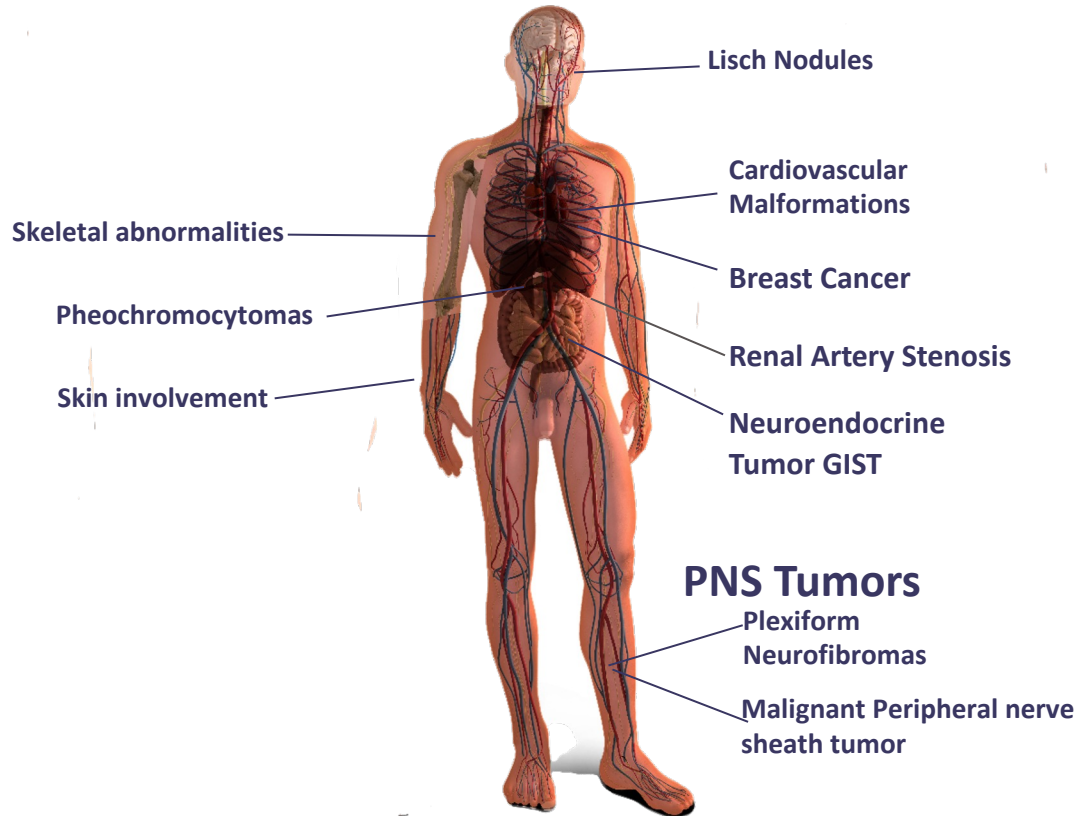
	Trametinib (21 day-GLP) ¹	Cobimetinib ²	PAS-004 (28-day GLP)
Studies performed on Rats			
pERK (EC ₅₀)	2 nM	2 nM	2 nM
(M) NOAEL Dose, 28-day GLP	(HNSTD) 0.125 mg/m ² /day (0.02 mg/kg)	3 mg/kg (HNSTD)	5 mg/kg
28 th day, C _{max} at NOAEL Dose	2.89 nM	54 nM	2404 nM
C _{max} / pERK IC ₅₀	<2	27	1202
Studies performed on Dogs			
NOAEL Dose	0.5 mg/m ² /day HNSTD (0.025 mg/kg)	13-week study, <<1 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg
28 th day, C _{max} at NOAEL Dose	5.41 nM	67 nM (day 30), 0.3 mg/kg	820 nM
C _{max} / pERK IC ₅₀	<5	33.5	>>200
Additional Information			
hERG Inhibition (IC ₅₀)	1 μM	0.5 μM	13 μM
Pharmacokinetic, Rat Half-life	5.5h	5.56h	11.5h
Pharmacokinetic, Dog Half-life	13h	6.21h	52h

HNSTD = Highest non-severely toxic dose

1. Center for drug evaluation and research, Pharmacology review, Application Number 204114Orig1s000

2. Center for drug evaluation and research, Pharmacology review, Application Number 206192Orig1s000

What is Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)



An autosomal dominant genetic disorder

Affects approximately one in 3,000 newborns worldwide with ~100,000 patients living in U.S. with NF1

30-50% of NF1 patients develop plexiform neurofibromas (NF1-PN).

PNs are benign peripheral nerve sheath tumors that can cause severe complications, including disfigurement, pain, motor dysfunction, and neurological impairment and have malignant transformation potential

Surgical resection is challenging

Selumetinib is the only FDA approved agent for NF1-PN treatment in pediatric population

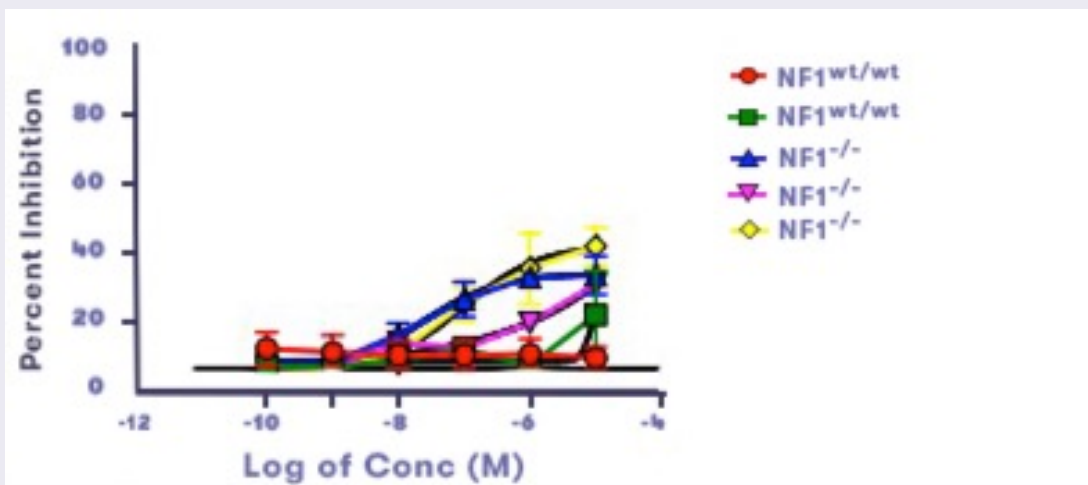
Symptoms

1. Café-au-lait spots, Freckles in the axilla or groin
2. Eye involvement: Lisch nodules on the iris, Optic glioma
3. Seizures, headaches, brain tumors, learning difficulties
4. Scoliosis, Pseudoarthritis, Bone Deformities
5. Digestive issues: diarrhea, constipation, vomiting

PAS-004 is More Potent than Selumetinib in *In Vitro* NF1 Model

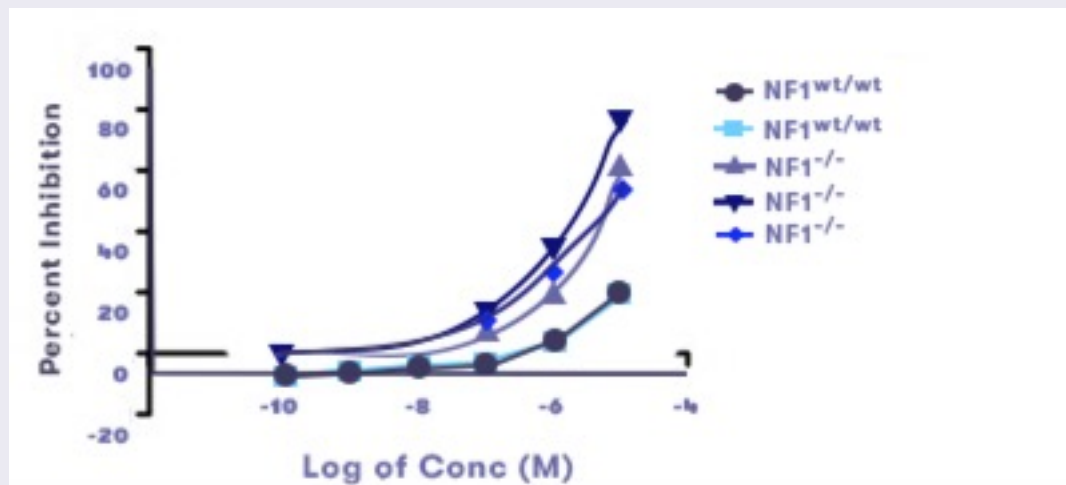
- Dose-dependent inhibitory activity against the proliferation of Plexiform Neurofibroma (PN) cells
- Limited activity against the control cells (that have wild-type neurofibromas expression)
- PAS-004 is more potent in all 3 cell lines than Selumetinib
- No Plateau Effect was observed

Selumetinib



Study conducted at Ray Mattingly lab, Indiana University

PAS-004



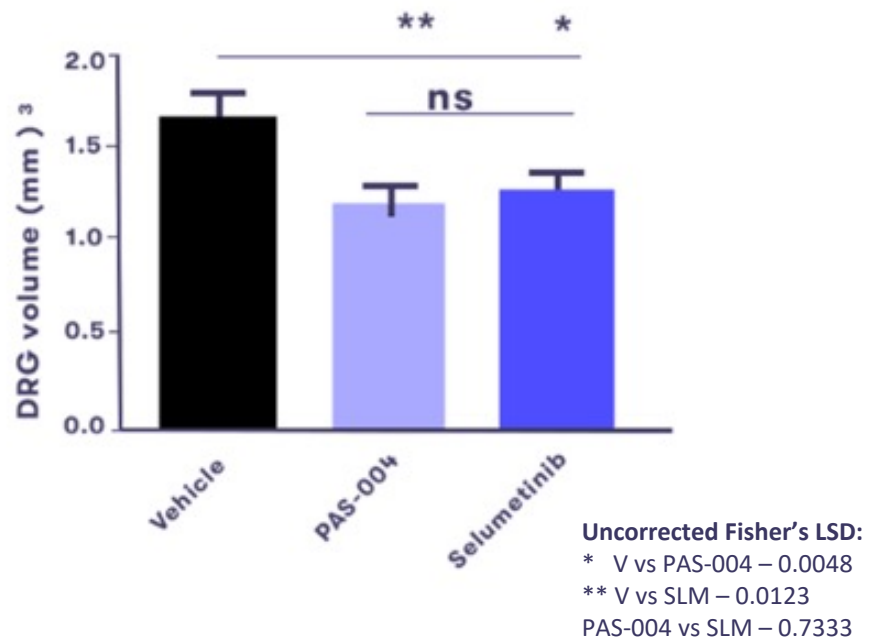
Study conducted at Ray Mattingly lab, Indiana University

Reference for the 3D culture assay: Ray Mattingly et al, Wayne State Exp. Neurology 2018, 289

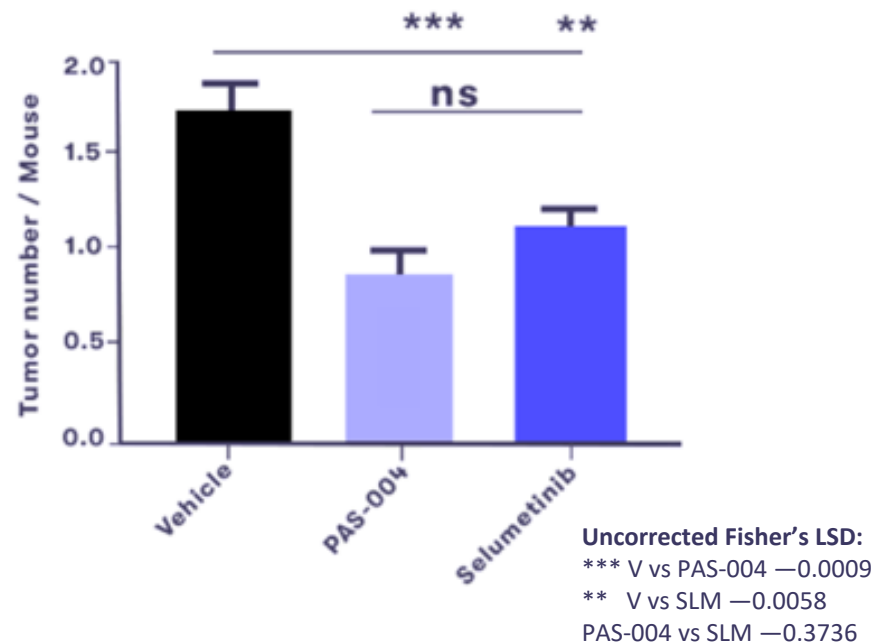
PAS-004: Genetic Engineered Mouse Model (GEMM) of NF1

- Preclinical Gold-Standard model
- Equivalent efficacy to Selumetinib in reducing tumor volume and tumor number
- PAS-004 dosed 1x day vs Selumetinib dosed 2x day

PAS-004 shows equivalent efficacy to Selumetinib



PAS-004: 10 mg/kg PO QD for 12 weeks / Selumetinib: 10 mg/kg PO BID for 12 weeks



Study conducted at Dr. Wade Clapp Lab, Indiana University, School of Medicine

Phase I Clinical Trial and Clinical Program Timelines to Registration

Patient Population (n=36)

Patients with MAPK pathway driven solid tumors with a documented RAS, NF1, or RAF mutations or patients who have failed BRAF/MEK inhibition



4 sites in the U.S.



3 sites in Eastern Europe

TRIAL OBJECTIVES

Primary	To evaluate the safety and tolerability of PAS-004 in patients with MAPK pathway driven advanced solid tumors.
Secondary	Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile Pharmacodynamic (PD) effects ERK phosphorylation Define the recommended Phase 2 dose To evaluate the preliminary anticancer activity

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

FIH Solid Tumors

Solid Tumor expansion

NF-1 Ph1b

NF-1 Phase 1b/2 (registrational)

Intellectual Property

- **New IP filed in Jan 2024**
 - Based on identification of a stable crystalline form – composition of matter
 - Anticipated patent protection at least until 2045
- **Orphan Exclusivity**
 - For rare diseases: 7 years in U.S. and 10 years in European Union
- **US Patent (composition of matter)**
 - 9034861 Issued, Exclusivity Protection until 9/4/32 with extension estimated to be 3/4/37
 - Additional 6-month exclusivity for pediatric application
- **Patent issued in multiple geographies**
- **Potential new IP filings**
 - Process Patent, follow-up compounds

Near-Term Clinical Milestones

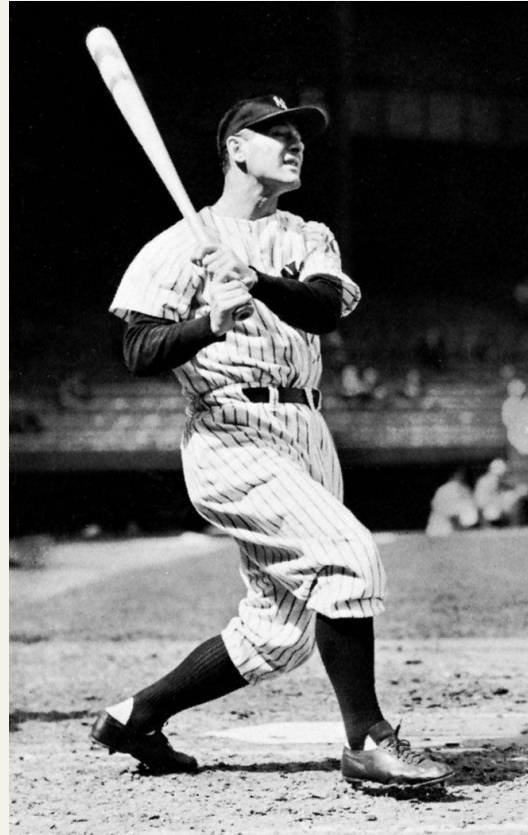
1Q 2024	Initiate Phase 1 Clinical Trial
2H 2024	Interim Clinical Trial Readout
1H 2025	Initiate NF1 Patient Cohort

PAS-003

Monoclonal Antibody Targeting
 $\alpha 5 \beta 1$ Integrin for Amyotrophic
Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

ALS is a Devastating Disease with Few Treatment Options and Limited Impact

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a degenerative neurological disorder that causes muscle atrophy and paralysis
- ALS is frequently called Lou Gehrig disease in memory of the famous baseball player Lou Gehrig, who died from the disease in 1941
- Current treatment options have limited effects on symptoms and slowing of disease progression
 - Rilutek (riluzole, now generic)
 - Radicava™ (edaravone)
 - Relyvrio (AMX0035; sodium phenylbutyrate and taurursodiol)
 - Qalsody (tofersen; for mutant SOD1 gene carriers)
- Tremendous need for better treatments



Average age of onset is mid-50s

Sporadic: 90%-95% of all cases

SOD1: 3%
C9orf72: 8-10%
TDP43: ~90%

Familial: 5%-10% of all cases

Male-Female ratio: 3:2
Incidence: 1.0-2.5/100,000
Prevalence: 5/100,000

Clinical Manifestations:

Early stage

Dysphagia, Dysarthria,
Emotional lability,
Spasticity, Fasciculations,
Cramps, Muscle weakness, Atrophy

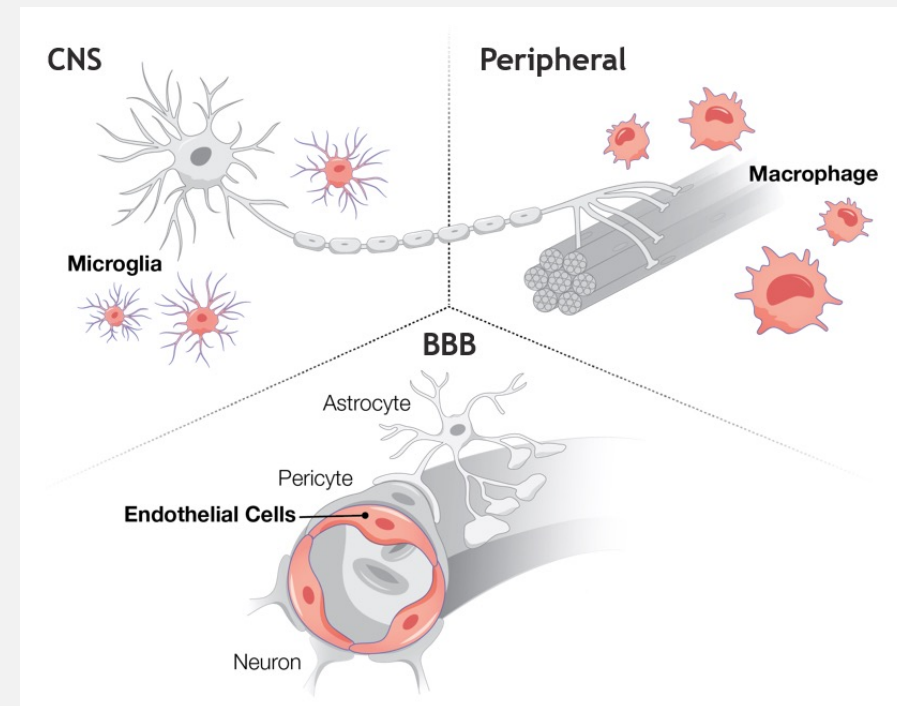
Late Stage

Dementia
Respiratory failure
Aspiration pneumonia
Oculomotor nerve affected
May resemble locked-in syndrome

$\alpha 5 \beta 1$ Integrin is a Druggable Target for ALS

- $\alpha 5 \beta 1$ is overexpressed in human and mouse ALS
- $\alpha 5 \beta 1$ integrin is a well characterized target
 - Anti- $\alpha 5 \beta 1$ mAbs developed for cancer by PDL/Biogen, Pfizer & Genentech
 - Volociximab advanced to Phase II with acceptable safety profile
- Blocking integrins relieves inflammation
 - Three FDA-approved mAbs targeting integrins – Tysabri, Entyvio & ReoPro
- The primary ligand of $\alpha 5 \beta 1$, fibronectin, is implicated in several inflammatory conditions of the CNS & PNS

$\alpha 5 \beta 1$ is expressed in 3 cell types central to neuroinflammation



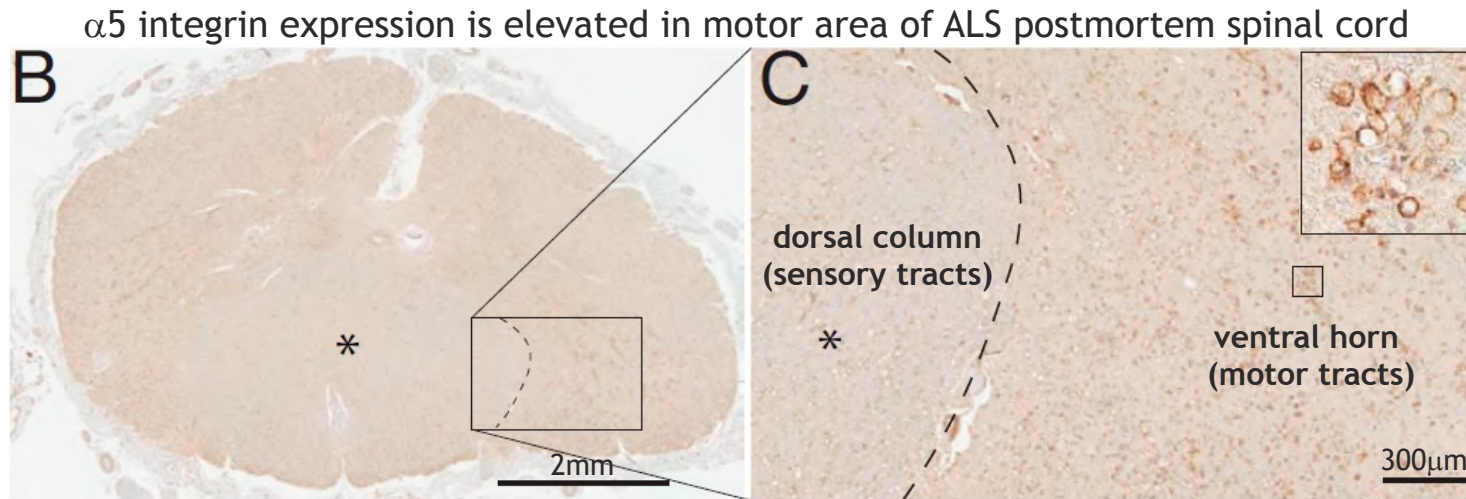
$\alpha 5\beta 1$ Integrin is Elevated in Motor Areas of ALS Postmortem Tissue

Data collection and analysis conducted at Mayo Clinic (in collaboration with Pasithea scientists)

132 autopsy samples with various clinical ALS phenotypes (familial and sporadic form) and disease duration

Elevation of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ expression in all samples, irrespective of disease duration and subtype

Striking spatial zonation of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin expression, confined to the primary motor cortex and spinal cord



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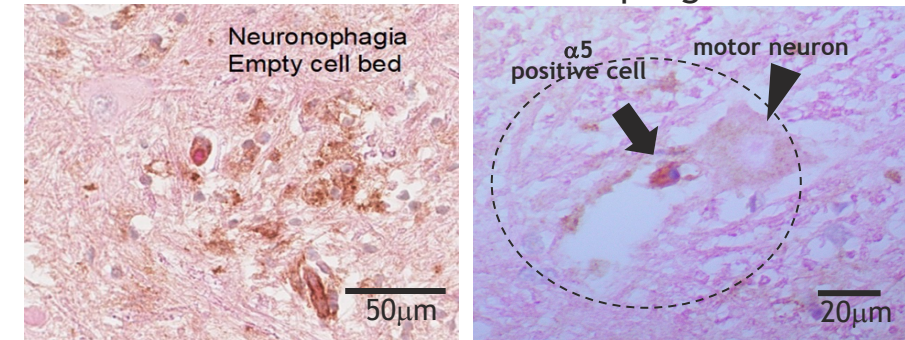
RESEARCH ARTICLE

MEDICAL SCIENCES

Elevated $\alpha 5$ integrin expression on myeloid cells in motor areas in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a therapeutic target

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$\alpha 5$ at sites of neuronophagia



$\alpha 5\beta 1$ Integrin is Elevated in Motor Areas of ALS Postmortem Tissue

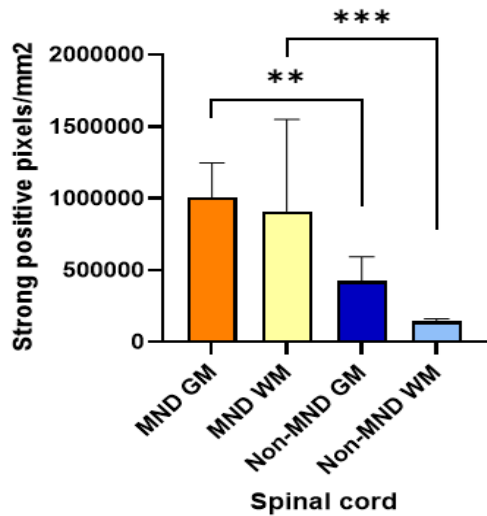
Elevation of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ expression was not observed in human healthy controls

Specificity of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ to ALS Pathology (no increase in other integrins expression)

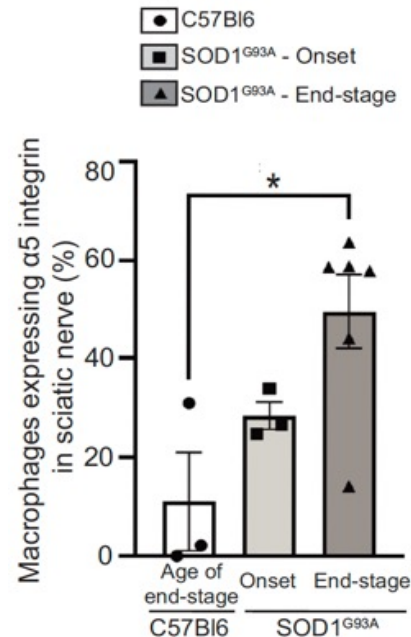
Expression of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ increases with disease progression (preclinical SOD mouse model)

$\alpha 5\beta 1$ gene expression increases with disease progression (ALS human data)

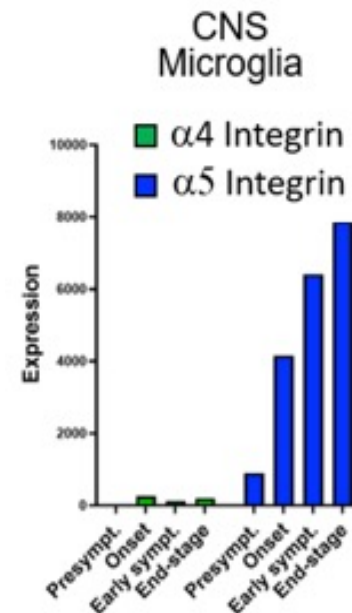
$\alpha 5\beta 1$ in ALS vs HC



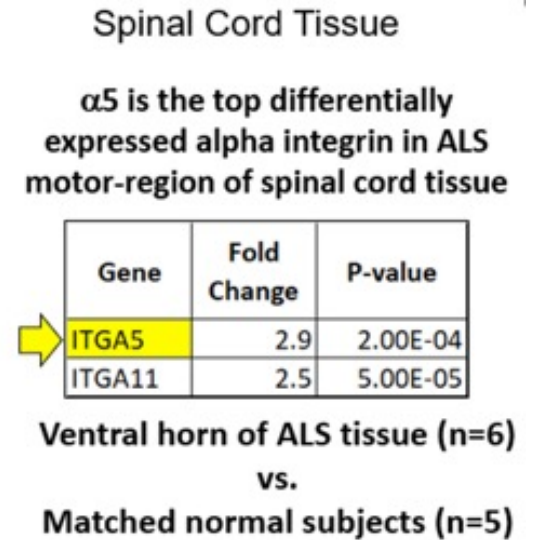
$\alpha 5\beta 1$ disease progression



$\alpha 5\beta 1$ vs other integrins



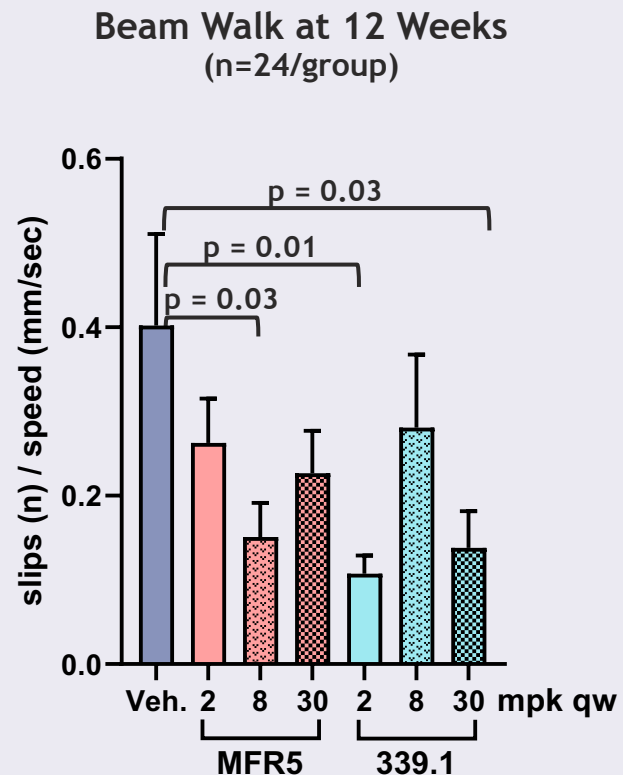
ALS gene expression



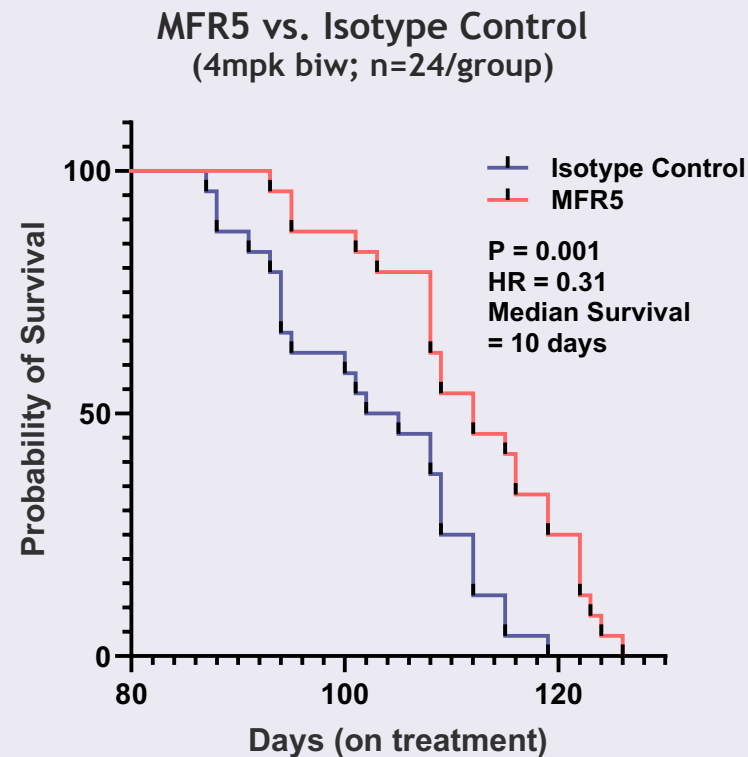
Mouse SOD1^{G93A} Model: Anti- α 5 Treatment Improves Behavior, Survival & Reduces T Cell Infiltration into the CNS

- Preclinical Gold-Standard model
- Data replicated in 3 different studies

Beam Walk

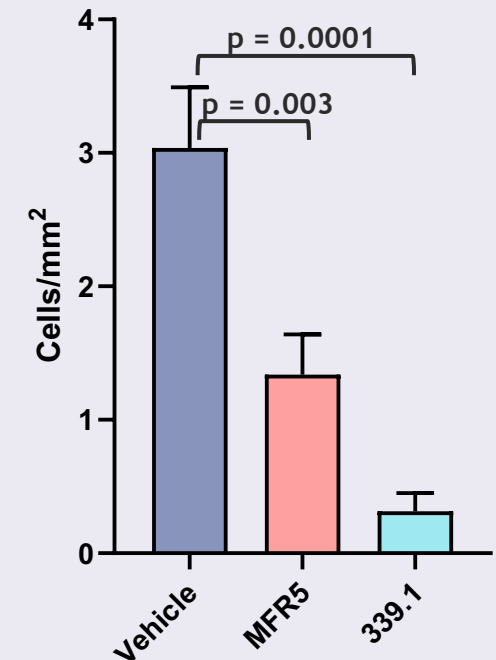


Survival



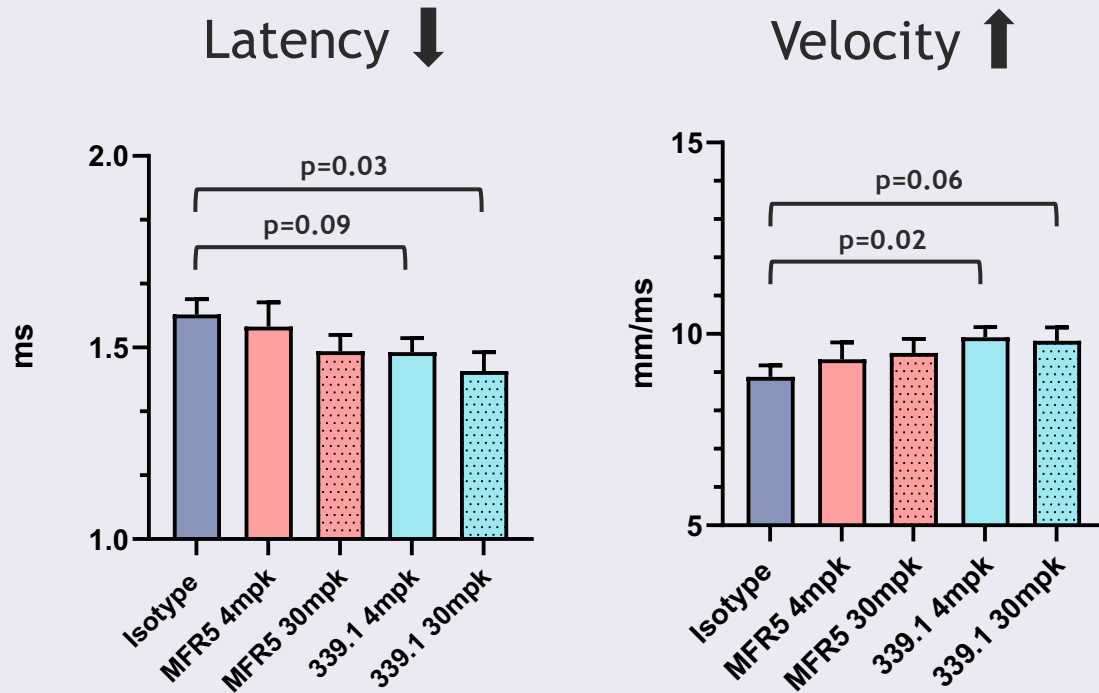
CD4+ T Cells in Spinal Cord

Immunohistochemistry T Cells
(6 mice/group; n=18 sections/mouse)

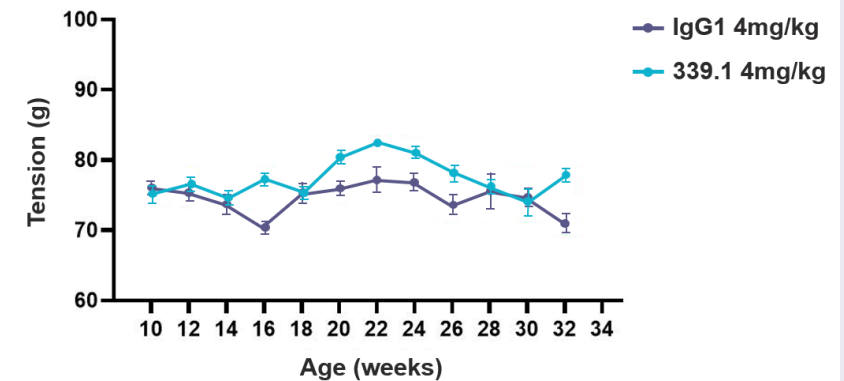
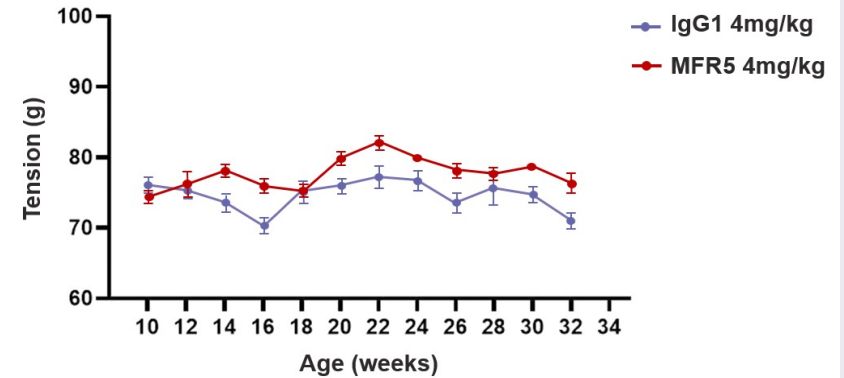


TDP-43 ALS Mouse Models: Anti- α 5 Treatment Improves Muscle Function

Muscle Electrophysiology CMAP in TDP-43^{rNLS8} (Short Model)



Grip Strength in Males TDP-43^{Q331K} (Long Model)



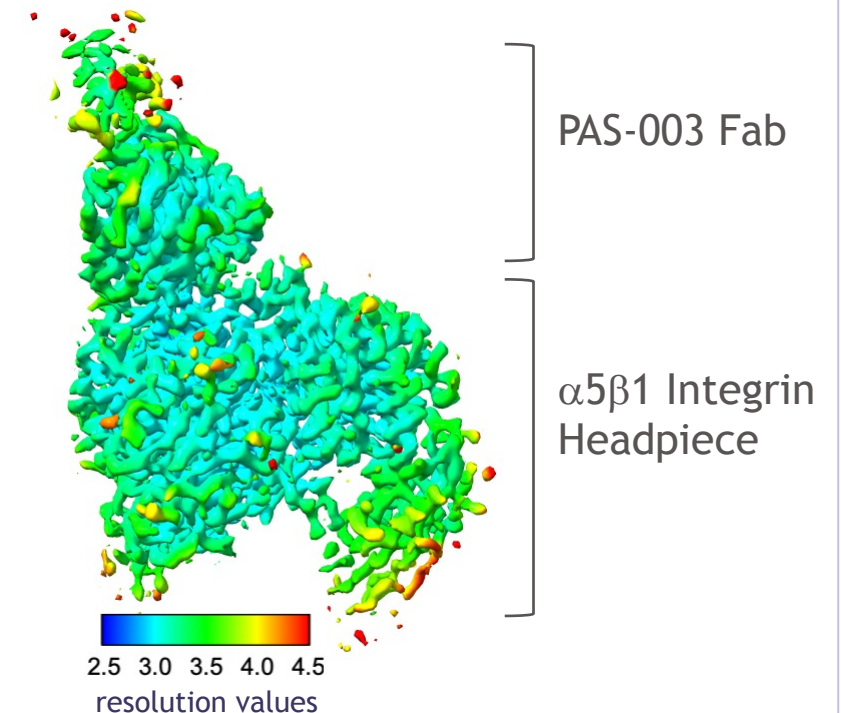
PAS-003 Monoclonal Antibody Antagonist of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ for ALS

Roadmap

- Humanized lead candidate selected
 - ✓ Blocks binding of primary ligand fibronectin
 - ✓ Inhibits adhesion & migration of $\alpha 5$ expressing cells
 - ✓ Exhibits favorable developability profile
 - ✓ Composition of matter and use patents filed
- Identify partner to support IND-enabling studies
- Discuss orphan drug designation with FDA

PAS-003 Interaction with $\alpha 5$ Integrin

Cryo-EM 3.2 Å Density Map



PAS-001

Small molecule targeting the
Complement Component 4A (C4A)
for the treatment of Schizophrenia

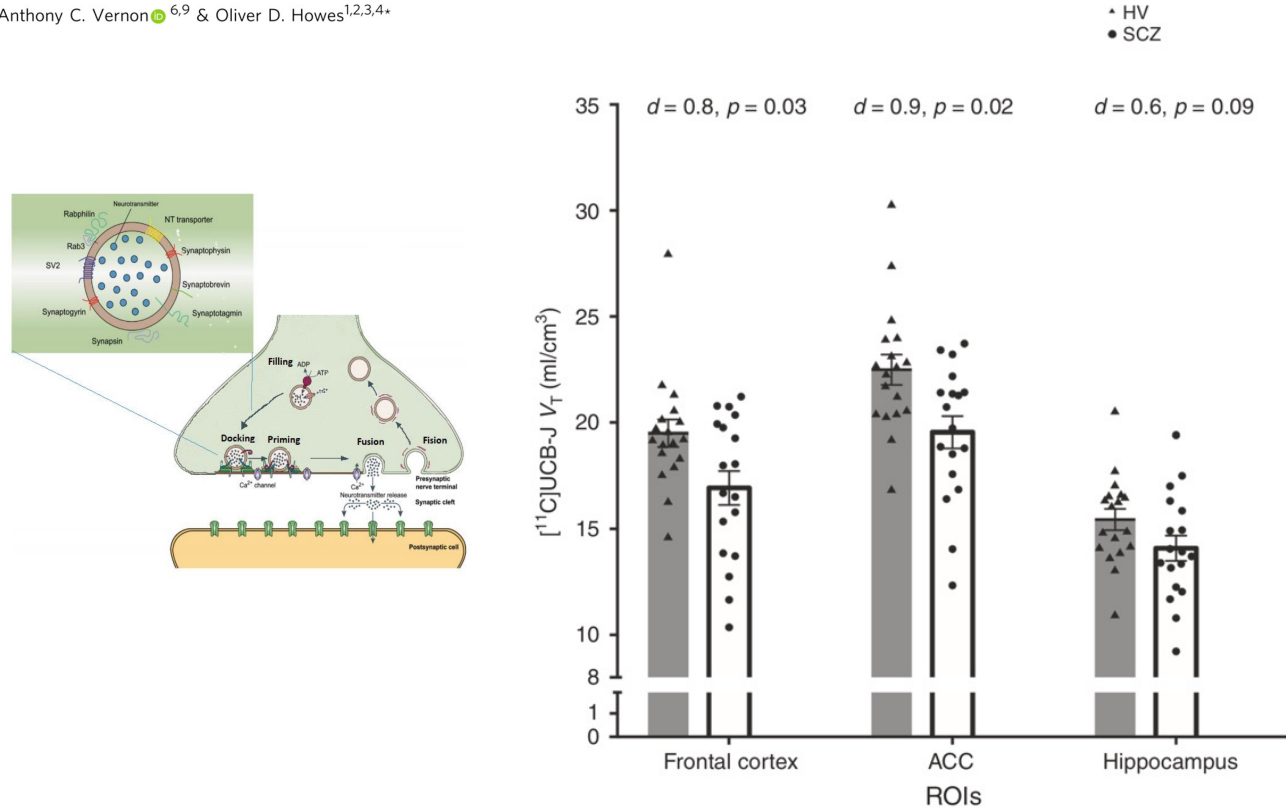
Synaptic loss is present in schizophrenia both in-vivo and human post-mortem

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Synaptic density marker SV2A is reduced in schizophrenia patients and unaffected by antipsychotics in rats

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Synaptic loss in schizophrenia: a meta-analysis and systematic review of synaptic protein and mRNA measures

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Synaptic density in schizophrenia

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Meta-Analysis of Studies of Synaptophysin in Hippocampus

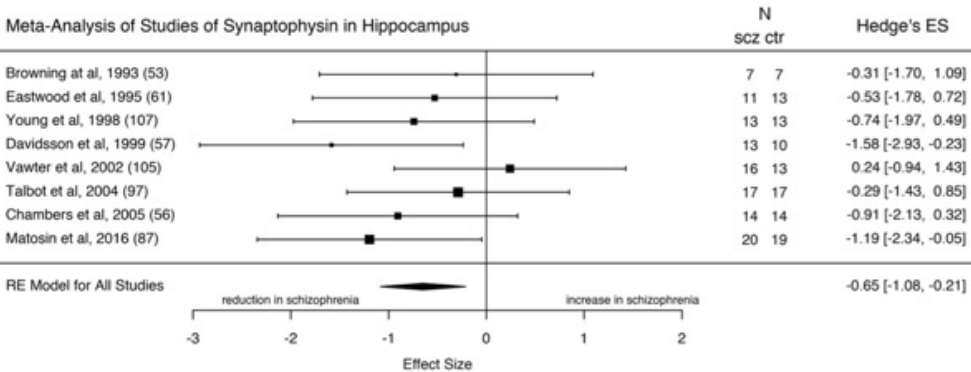
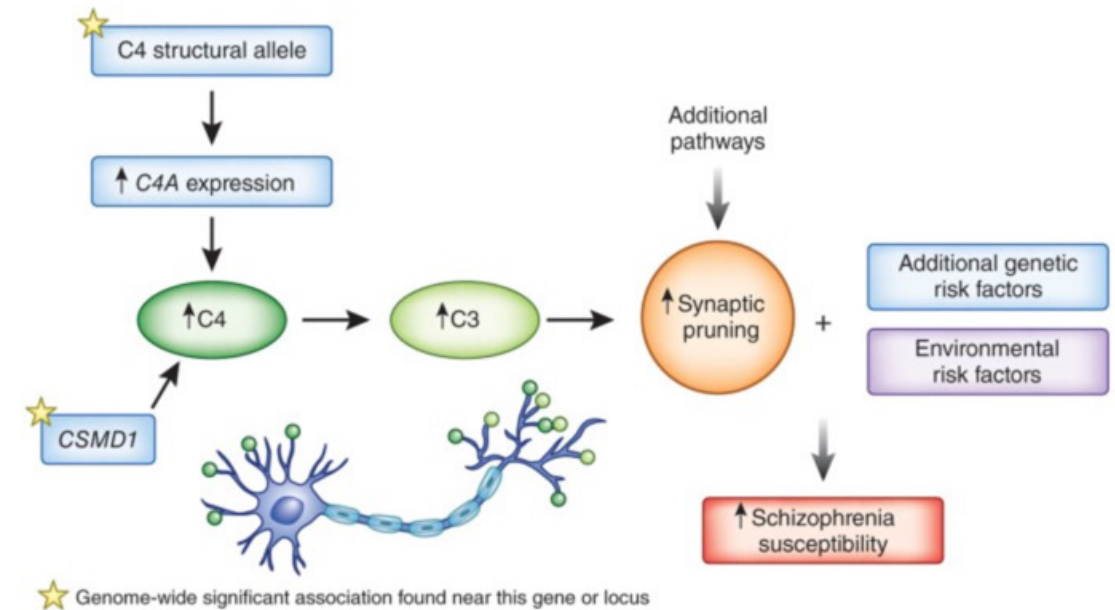
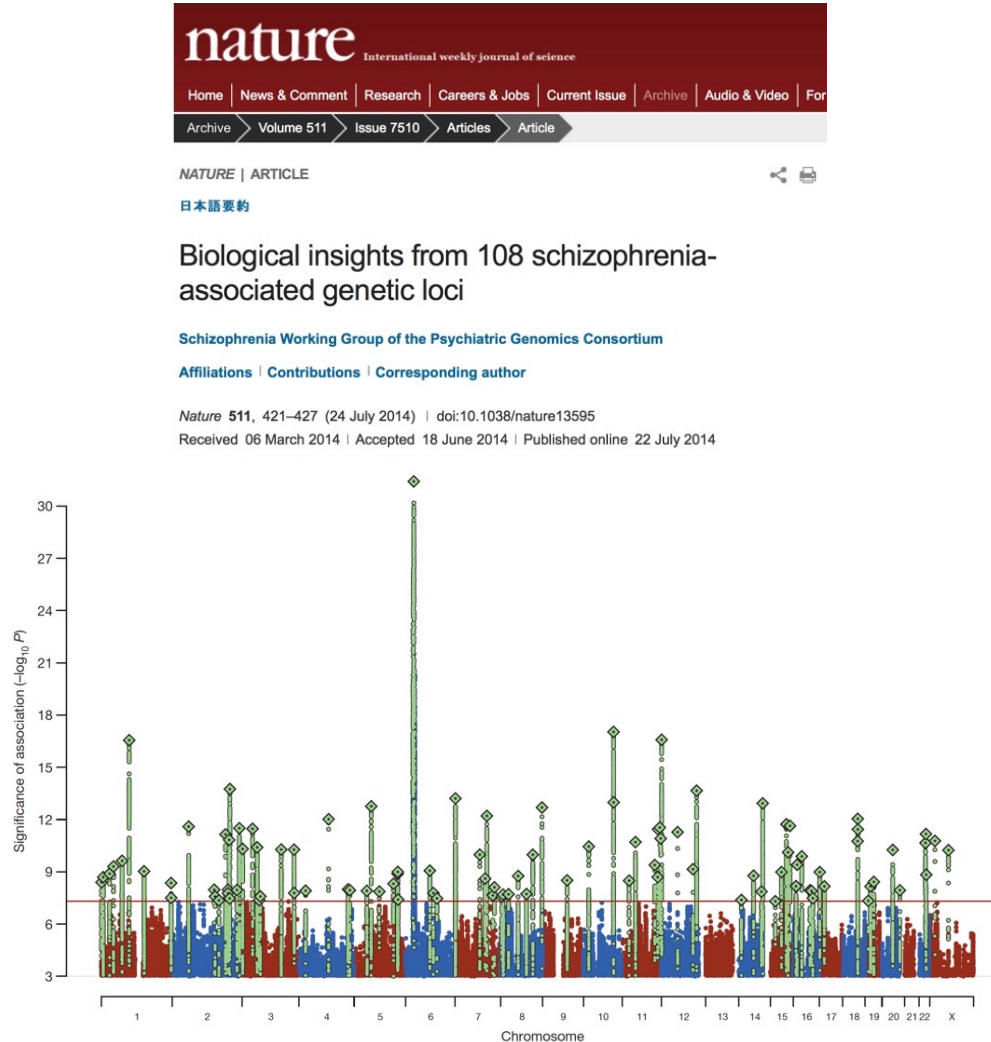


Fig. 2 Forest plot showing the effect sizes for studies of synaptophysin in hippocampus in schizophrenia patients as compared to controls. There was a significant reduction in schizophrenia (effect size = $-0.65, p = 0.0036$)

C4 the first and only gene linked to a specific mechanism underlying the disease



- the most strongly associated GWAS locus, located in the extended Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) region on chromosome 6.
- This locus contains multiple copies of two closely related genes that codes for variants of C4: C4A and C4B.

Increase in C4A leads to synaptic loss and behavioral changes in preclinical models

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Overexpression of schizophrenia susceptibility factor human complement C4A promotes excessive synaptic loss and behavioral changes in mice

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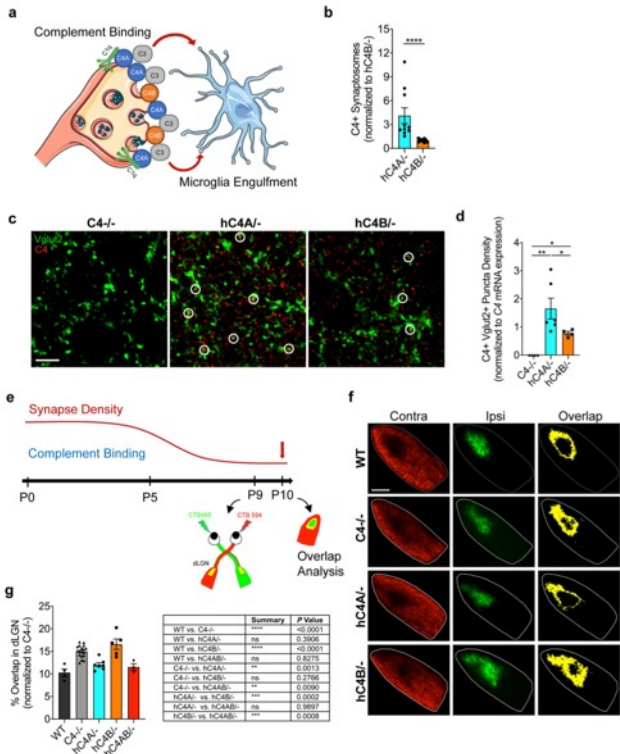


Fig. 2 | Human C4A is more efficient than C4B in synaptic pruning. **a**, At the synapse, complement-dependent pruning is carried out by the classical complement cascade. After C1q tagging, C4 binds the synapse and C3 is then activated for microglia recognition by the receptor CR3. Microglia engulf the complement-bound synapses for refinement. **b**, Synaptosomes from *C4A*^{-/-} mice were isolated and incubated with serum containing the same amount of C4 from *hC4A*^{-/-} (*n* = 10) or *hC4B*^{-/-} (*n* = 9) mice. C4 deposition on synaptosomes was detected and quantified by flow cytometry (serum from three independent experiments; Mann–Whitney test, two-tailed, *****P* < 0.0001). **c**, **d**, C4

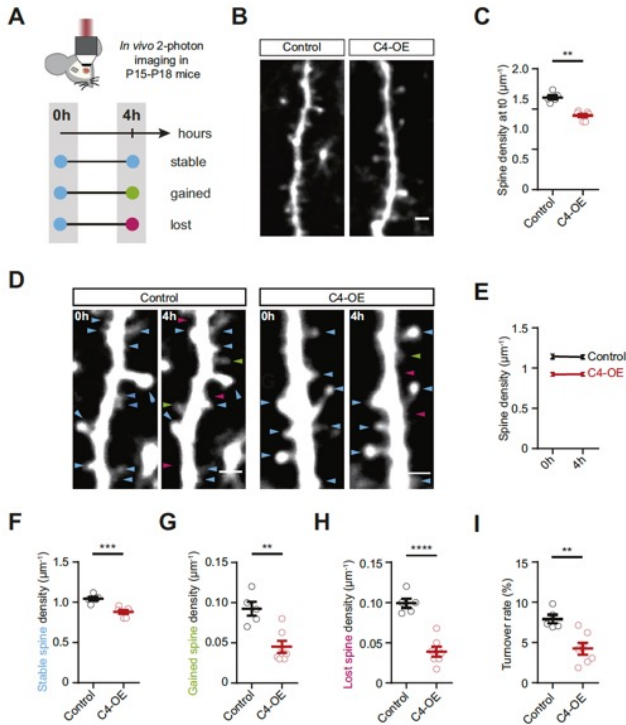
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Elevated expression of complement C4 in the mouse prefrontal cortex causes schizophrenia-associated phenotypes

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Discovery of Small Molecule Inhibitors of C4A Levels



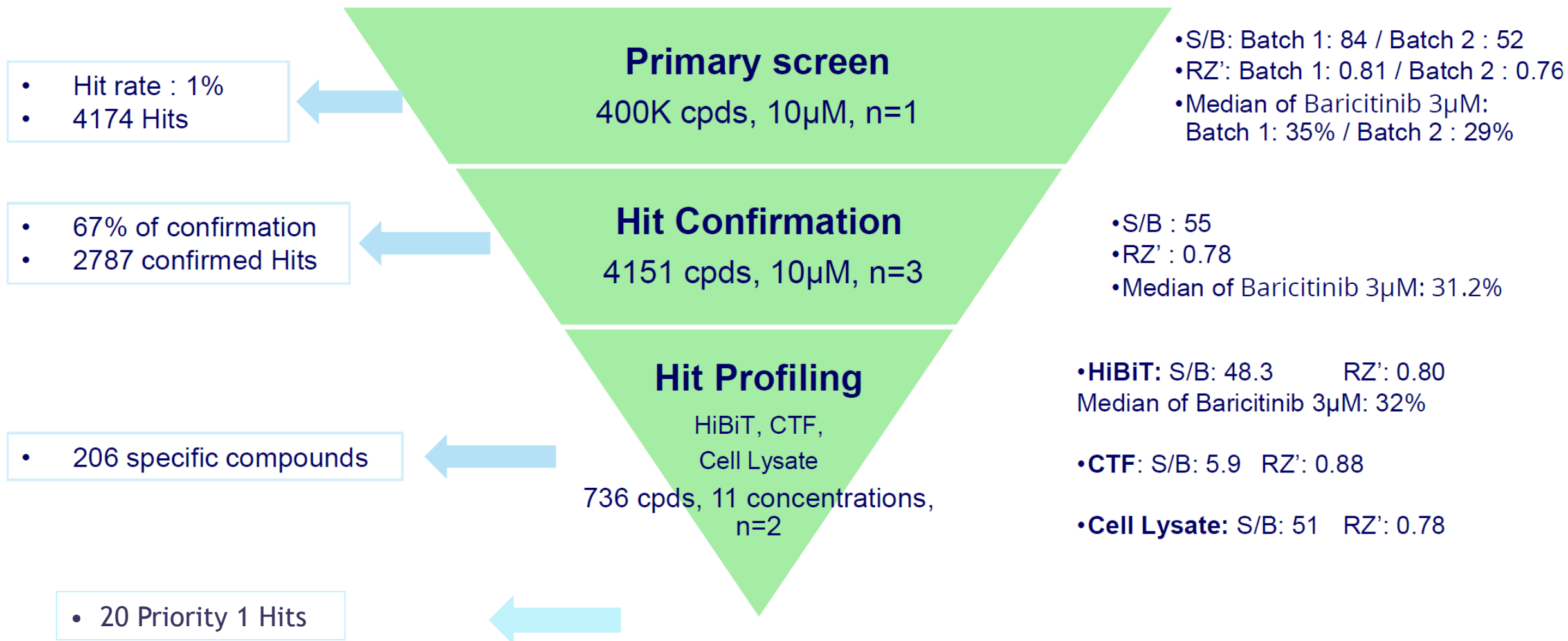
Pasithea Therapeutics Corp. and Evotec SE Enter into Drug Development Agreement

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-- Company contracts leading global drug development company to advance initial drug candidate --

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 11, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pasithea Therapeutics Corp. (Nasdaq: KTTA) ("Pasithea" or the "Company"), a biotechnology company focused on the research and discovery of new and effective treatments for psychiatric and neurological disorders, today announced the initiation of a new chemical entity ("NCE") development program and named [Evotec](#) as its NCE research partner.

Primary Screen for C4A Regulators



Summary

- **Novel target agnostic small molecule program targeting C4A regulation**
 - Transcription, translation, post-translation
- **Extensive Genetic and Preclinical and human data supporting the target**
 - C4A increases lead to excessive synaptic elimination
- **Patient research conducted by the CEO of Pasithea, Dr. Tiago Reis Marques**
 - Co-author in several landmark studies for the synaptic hypothesis of schizophrenia
- **20 priority 1 hits with high drug-likeness and brain penetrance scores**
- **Research plan in place to advance to a lead candidate**



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