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## Ultra-precision genetic medicines

R&D DAY 2021

Drugging the genome to increase, decrease, or edit protein function to address base causality in disease

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# AGENDA

12:30	Welcome and Overview
12:45	Peptide Nucleic Acids
1:00	Myotonic Dystrophy, Type 1 (DM1)
1:15	Huntington's Disease (HD)
1:30	Oncology (KRAS G12D and G12V)
1:45	Summary and Q&A

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# A DIFFERENTIATED PLATFORM FOR THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL GENOME-TARGETED DRUGS

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## Proprietary genome-targeting platform

Target genes to increase proteins, decrease proteins or edit protein function with selectivity and tolerability

## Address root causality

Our compounds are designed to address the underlying cause of rare and common diseases, including cancers

## Broad therapeutic potential

Up to ~7,000 rare diseases affecting ~10% of global population<sup>1</sup>;  
An estimated 1.9 million new cancer cases diagnosed and ~600,000 cancer deaths in the US alone in 2021<sup>2</sup>

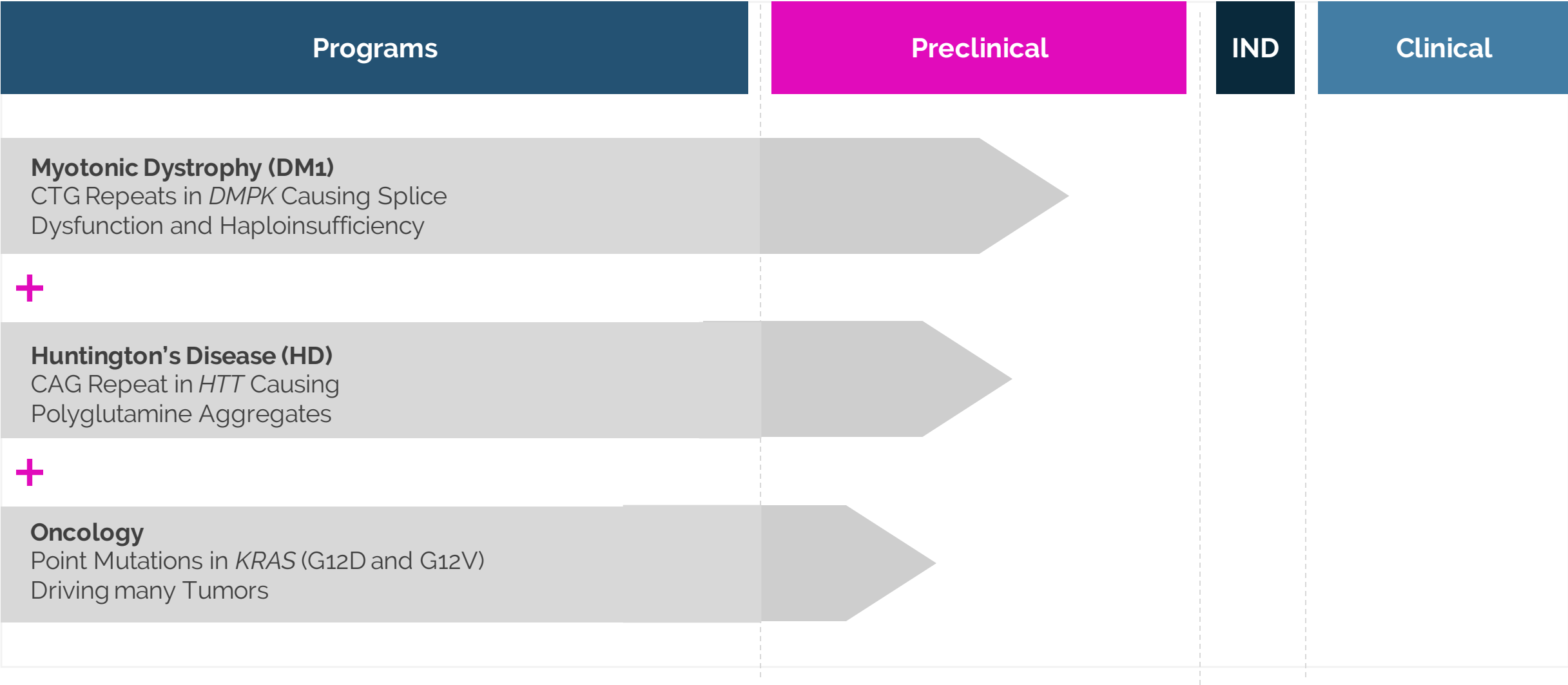
## Approaching clinical stage with an emerging pipeline

DM1 program expected to enter Phase 1/2 in 2022<sup>1</sup>, with HD and KRAS programs in pre-clinical development

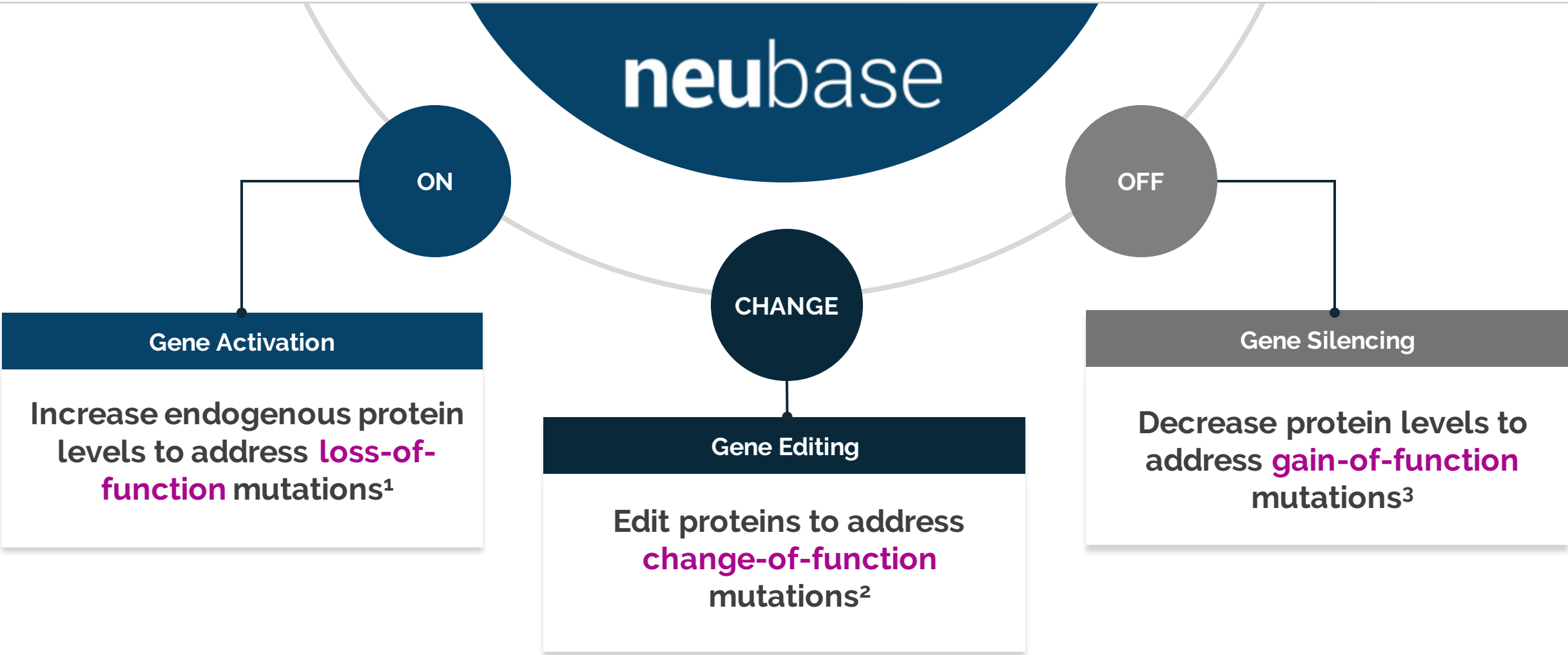
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<sup>1</sup>Calendar year

# PIPELINE



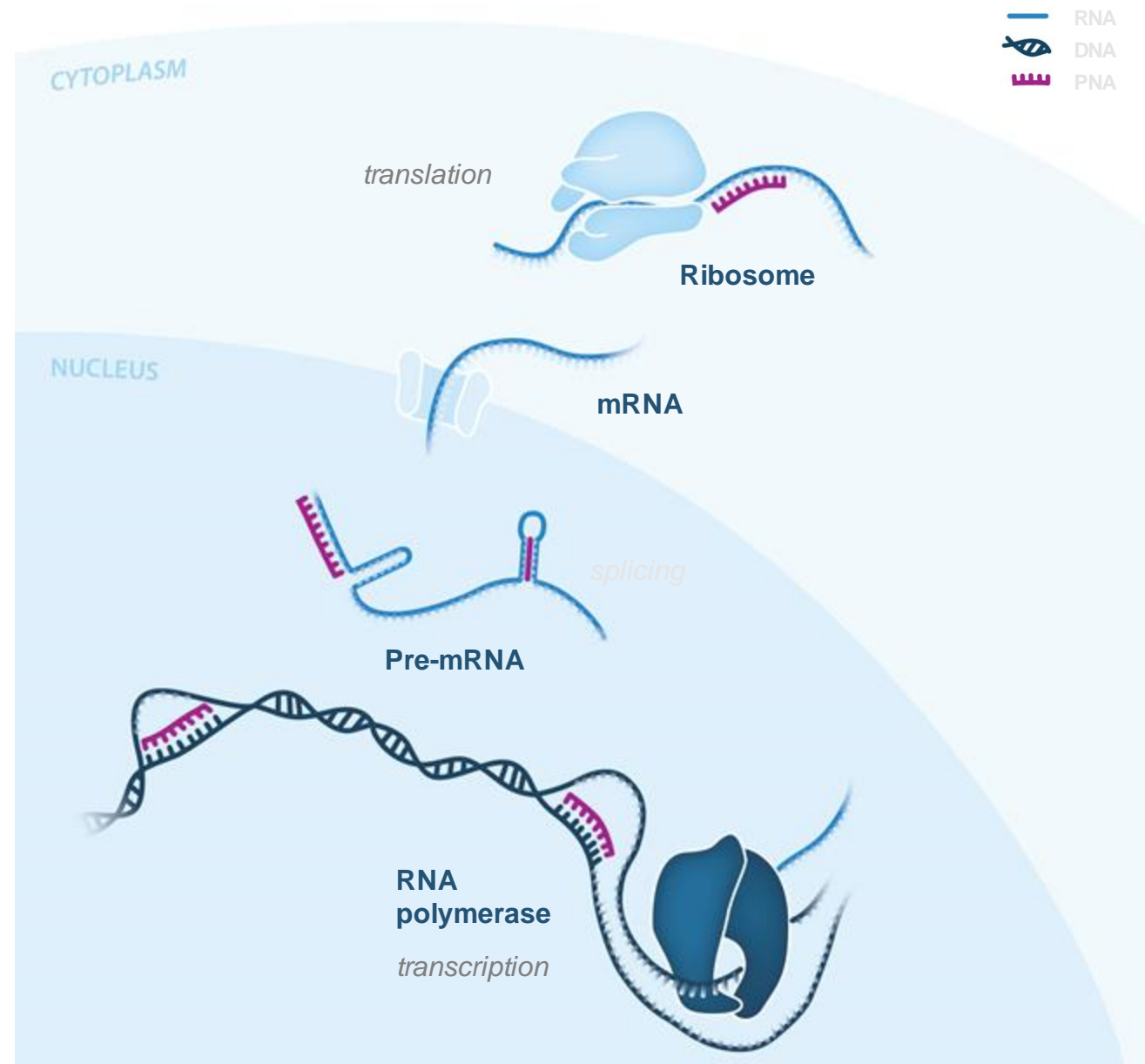
# PATROL™ PLATFORM



<sup>1</sup>Wang G et al. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 1999;27(13):2806-2813; <sup>2</sup>Ricciardi AS et al. *Nat Commun.* 2018;9(1):2481; <sup>3</sup>Thomas SM et al. *ACS Chem Biol.* 2013;8(2):345-352

# HOW WE DO IT

Ultra-high binding affinity compounds precisely target genes to address disease causing mechanisms



Adapted from Muangkaew and Vilaivan, *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 2020; 30:127064

# DRUG GENES TO ADDRESS BASE CAUSALITY IN SEVERE DISEASES

A platform to address most causal mechanisms of disease

Drug the genome (DNA or RNA) with allele selectivity

Stable against degradation with enhanced biodistribution

Modular synthesis with established peptide manufacturing



# KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM TODAY

## Peptide nucleic acids have the potential to be best-in-class

### Myotonic dystrophy, type 1 (DM1)

Functional rescue of myotonia after subcutaneous dosing positions us for 2022<sup>1</sup> IND

- Designed to maintain DMPK protein
- Patient-friendly route of administration

### Huntington's disease (HD)

Selective reduction of mutant huntingtin protein in the brain after subcutaneous dosing

- Potential for uniform brain distribution & whole-body solution
- Preferable route over intrathecal administration

### Oncology (KRAS)

Allele-selective engagement of G12D and G12V *in vitro*, and tumor growth inhibition *in vivo*

- High-value oncology targets previously considered “undruggable”
- Four months from inception to proof-of-principle

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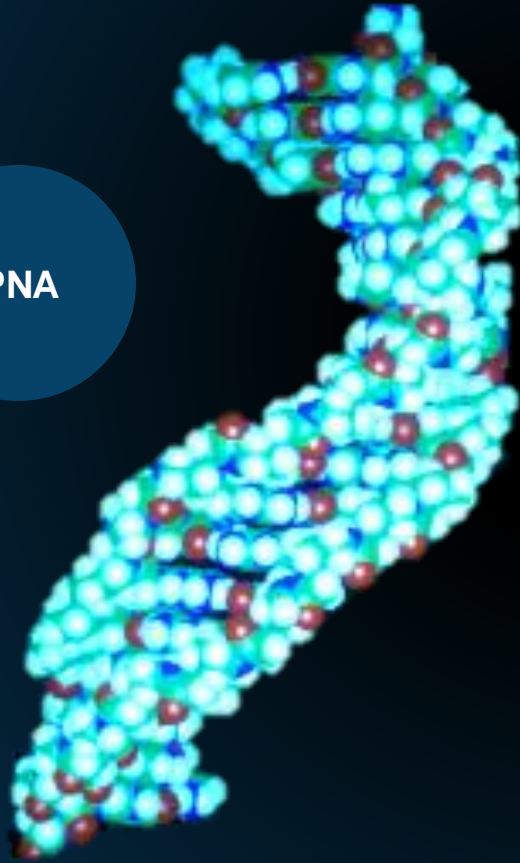
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- Full Professor, University of Copenhagen
- One of the inventors of peptide nucleic acid (PNA) (1991)
- Studied and developed this DNA mimic during the last 30 years in relation to chemistry, origin of life, molecular biology, and drug discovery
- Co-author of more than 400 scientific papers
- Co-inventor of more than 20 patents and patent applications
- Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Artificial DNA"
- Several national and international scientific prizes including the NovoNordic Foundation (1997), the Lundbeck Foundation (1997) and the Institute Curie Jeanne Loubaresse prize (2003)

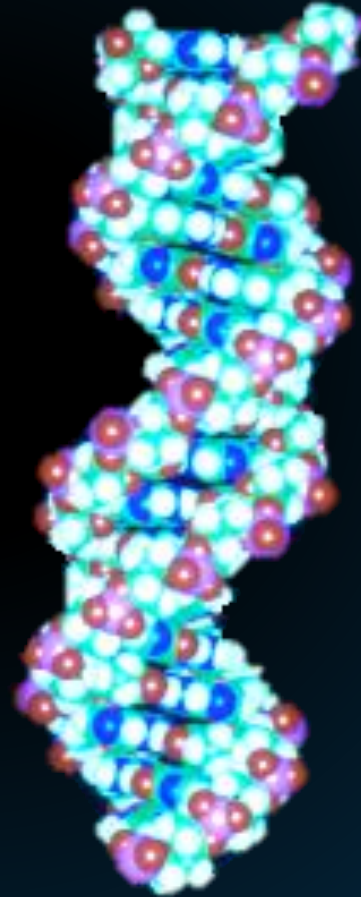
# 30 YEARS OF PNA

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PNA

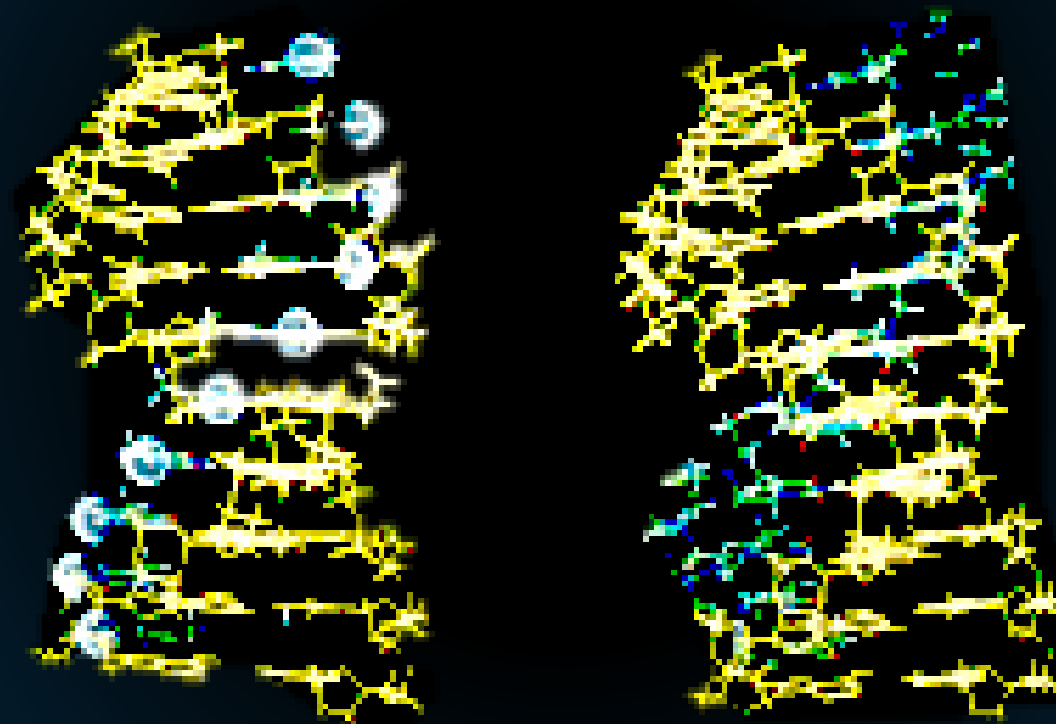


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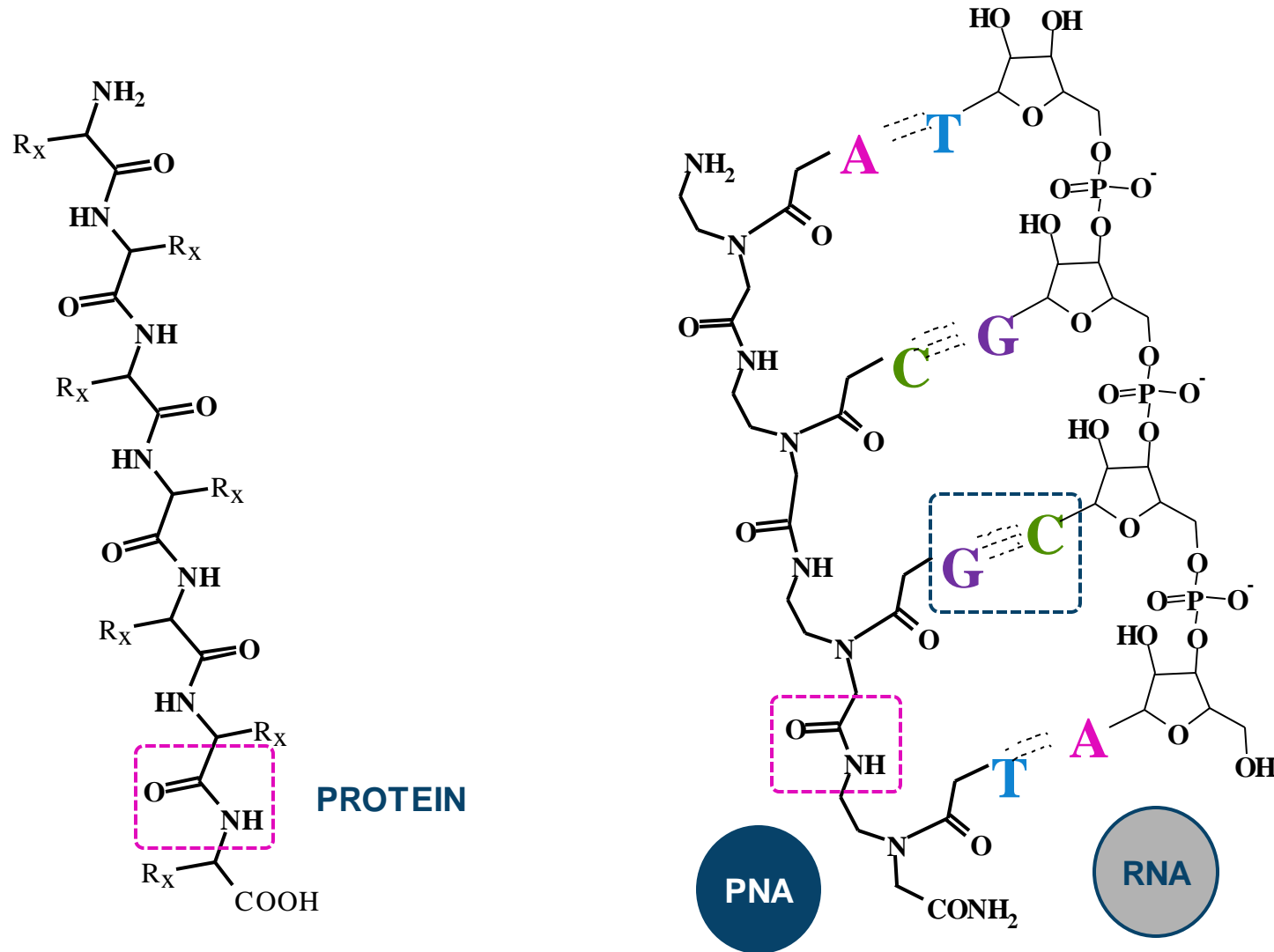


# PNA DESIGN

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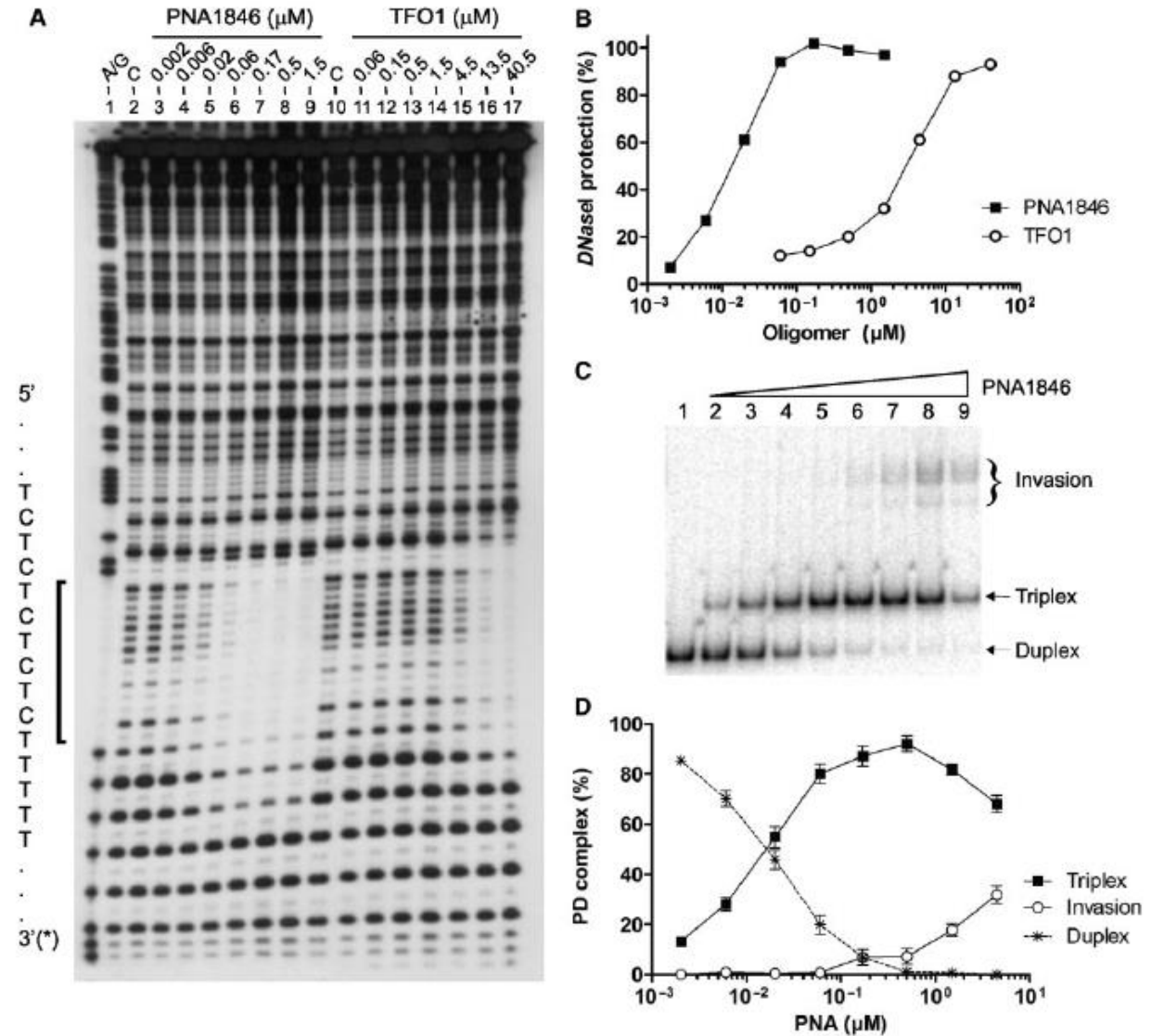
# PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACIDS (PNA)





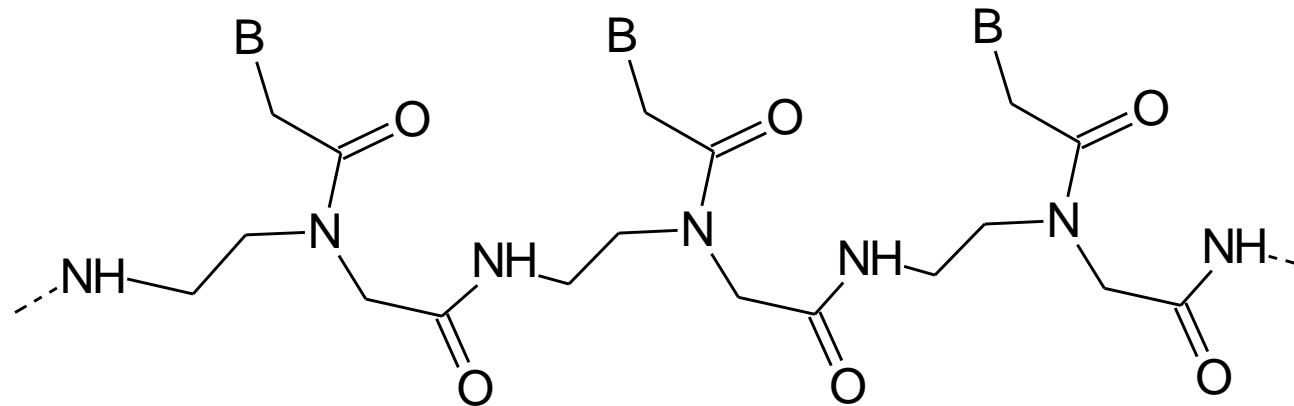
# PNA DSDNA BINDING

- Nanomolar triplex affinity
- >100x higher than DNA
- Triplex >100x faster than invasion



# PNA PROPERTIES: CHEMISTRY

- Oligomers are synthesized by conventional solid phase peptide chemistry
- Charge neutral, generally hydrophilic and water soluble
- Chemically and biologically stable

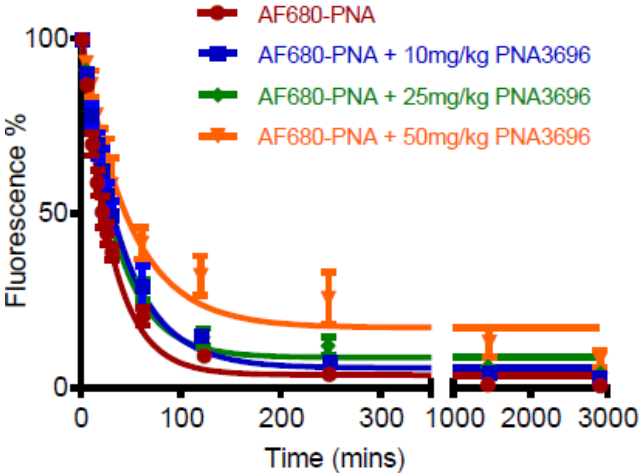


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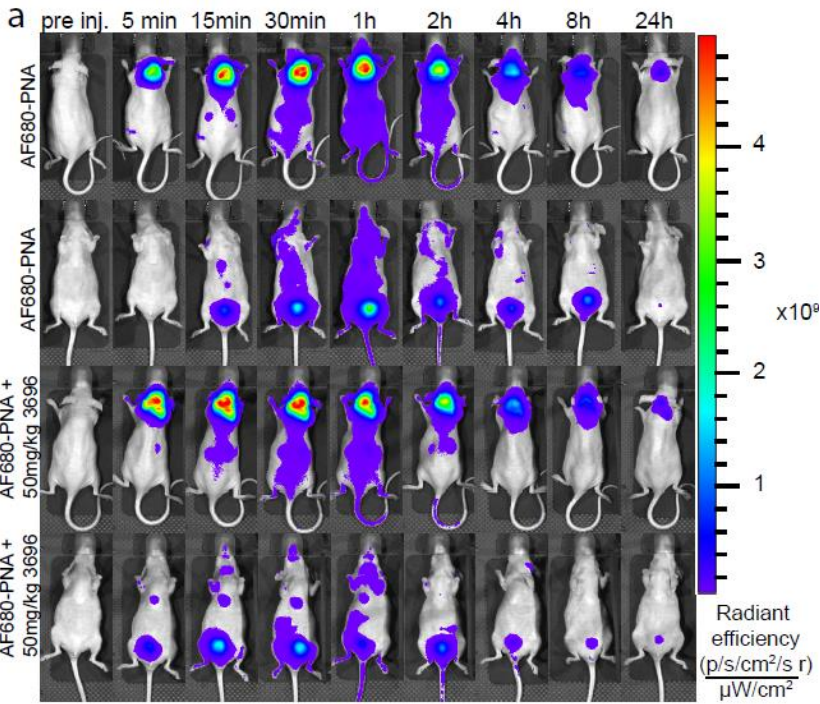
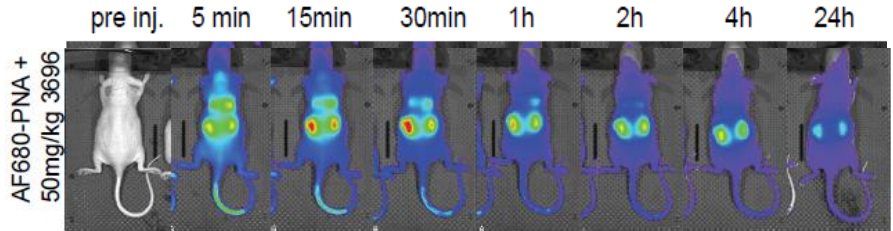
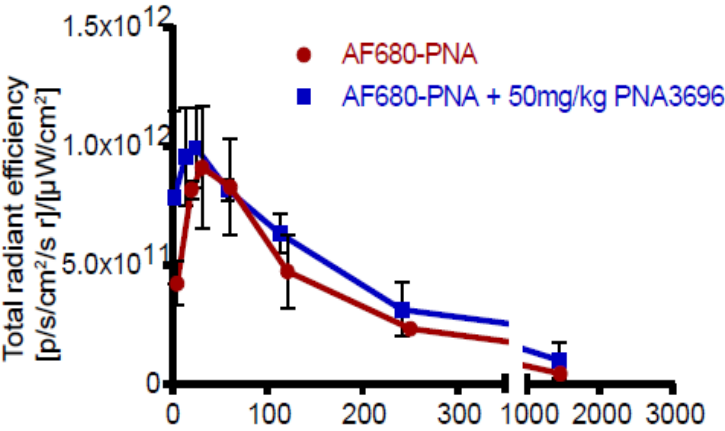


# IN VIVO ADMINISTRATION AND PK

IV administration:  $t_{1/2}$  30min



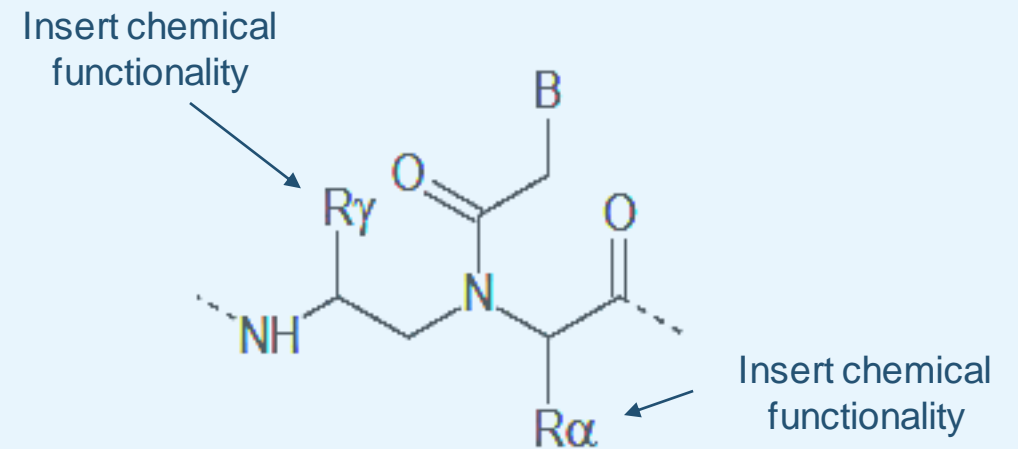
SC administration:  $t_{1/2}$  120min



# WHY PNA: ADVANTAGES

- Exquisite biological and chemical stability
- Robust and versatile chemistry
- Multiple modes of action for a specific indication
- Low inherent toxicity
- Unique technology allowing profound medicinal chemistry modification without jeopardizing receptor affinity/specificity

## Functional backbone decoration

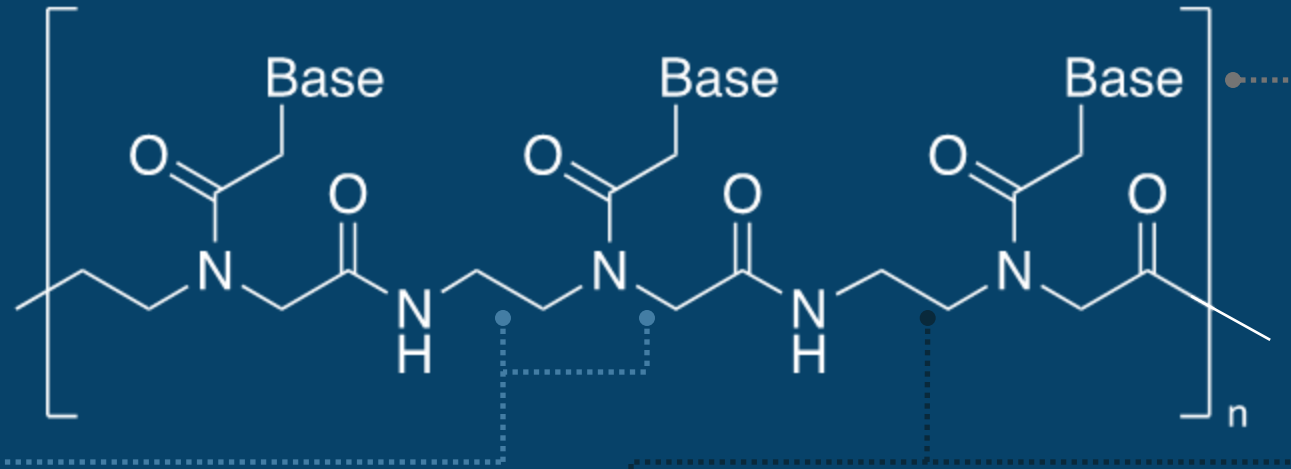


# PREVIOUS CHALLENGES

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- Cellular uptake/delivery
- Pharmacokinetics
- Formulation
- Therapeutic window

## PATROL™ IMPROVES 1<sup>ST</sup> GEN PNA TO IMPART DRUG-LIKE PROPERTIES



## Scaffold Modifications

- ✓ Tunable for RNA or DNA targets
- ✓ Tunable binding affinity
- ✓ ADME/Tox optimization

## Delivery Domains

- ✓ Efficient intracellular delivery
- ✓ Tissue targeting
- ✓ ADME/Tox optimization

## Base Modifications

- ✓ Tunable specificity and affinity
- ✓ Tunable for RNA or DNA targets
- ✓ Optimize biophysical properties

WHY

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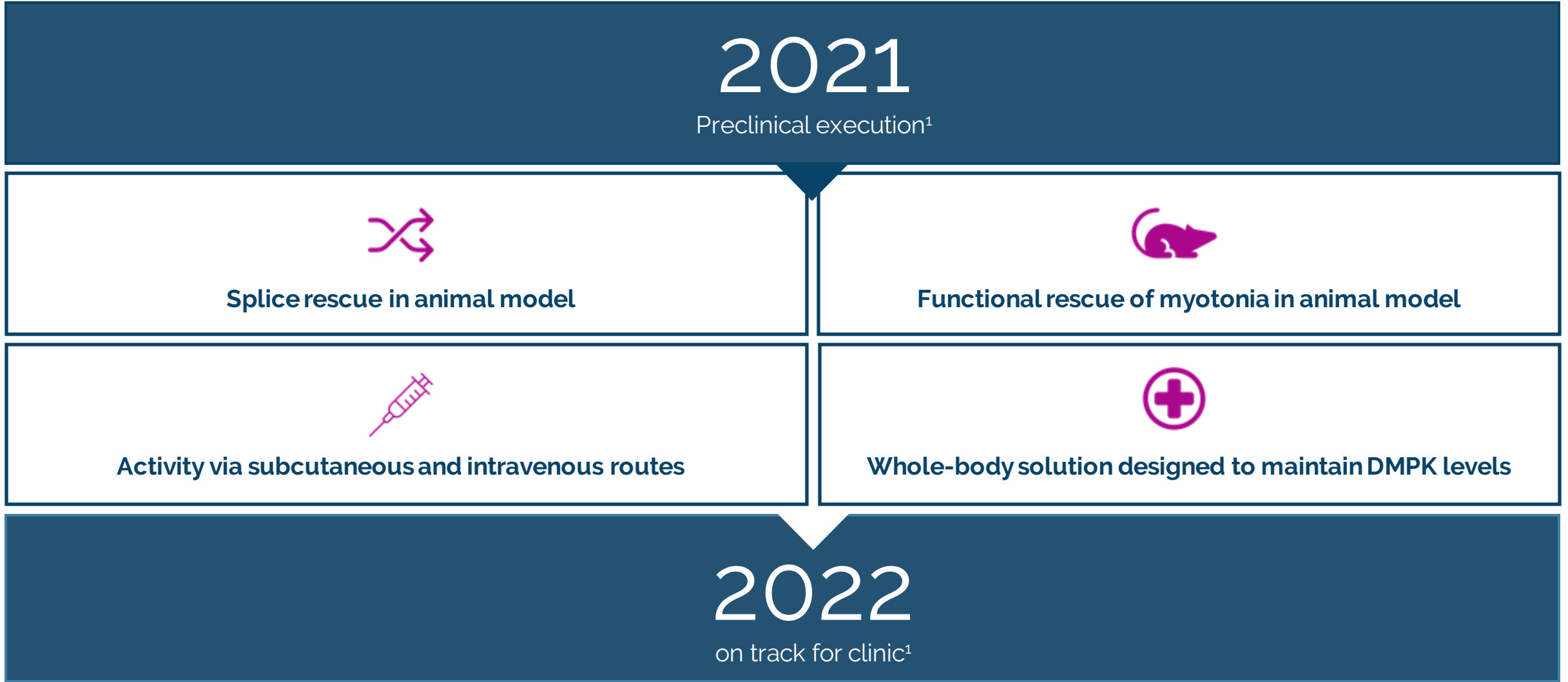
- Newest improved chemistry
  - New delivery technology
  - Carefully selected indications & targets
- Focused and scientific approach
  - Globally recognized experts
  - IP generation

# MYOTONIC DYSTROPHY TYPE 1 (DM1)

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# POTENTIAL TO BE BEST-IN-CLASS IN DM1



<sup>1</sup>Calendar year



# DM1 IS DEVASTATING WITH HIGH UNMET NEED

Most patients have myotonia (impaired muscle relaxation), muscle weakness and wasting, cardiac conduction defects, cognitive deficits and decreased lifespan<sup>1</sup>

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**70-80%**

of congenital onset patients require mechanical ventilation, with mortality rates between 15-20%<sup>2</sup>

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DM1 is a dominantly inherited disease defined by a repeat expansion in the *DMPK* gene with severity defined by expansion size<sup>3</sup>

**1 out of 20,000**

are affected by DM1 globally<sup>4</sup>

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currently approved therapies that alter the natural history of DM1

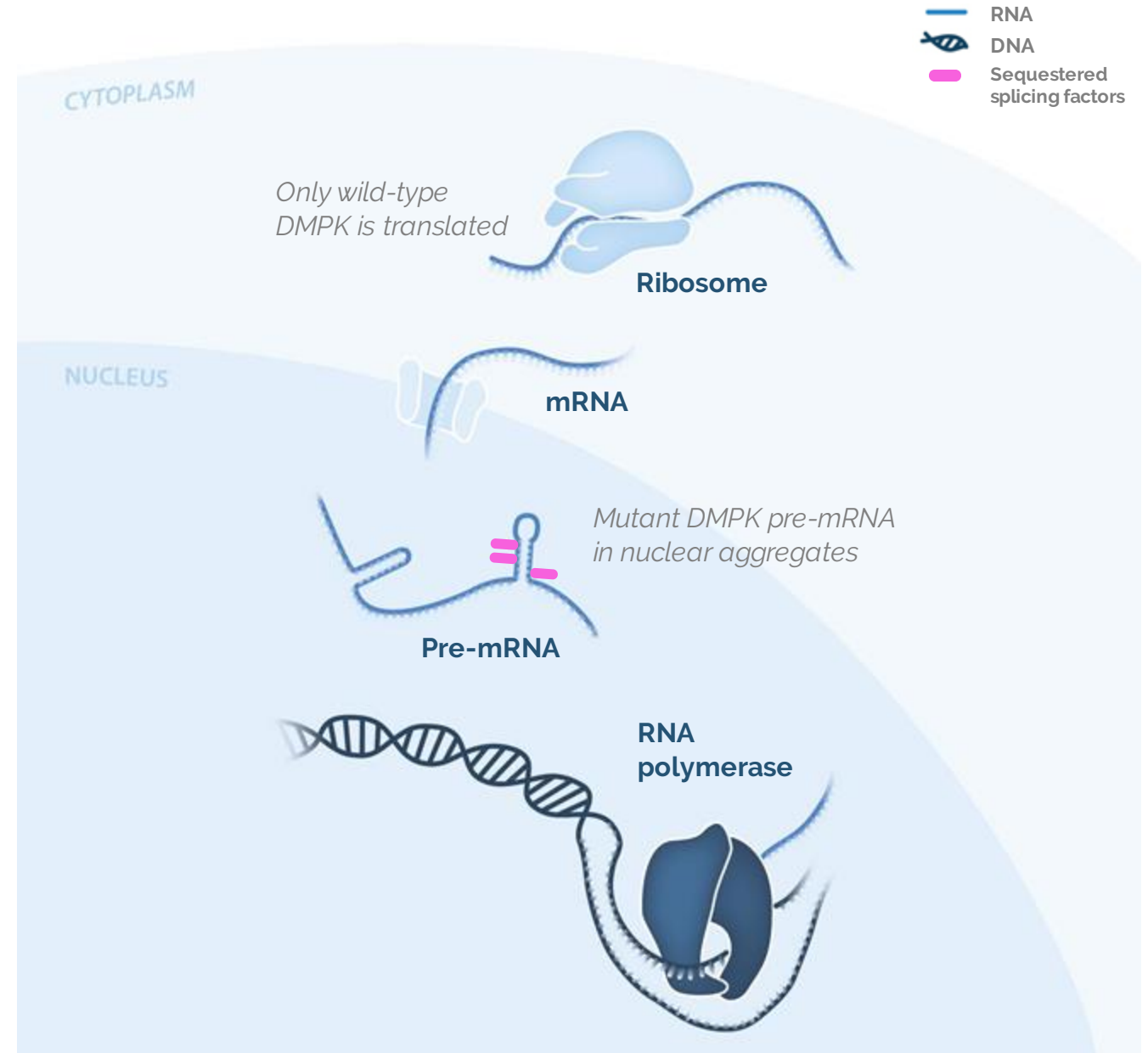
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# DISEASE PATHOGENESIS

Expanded CUG repeats in *DMPK* mRNA 3' UTR form toxic hairpins in the nucleus

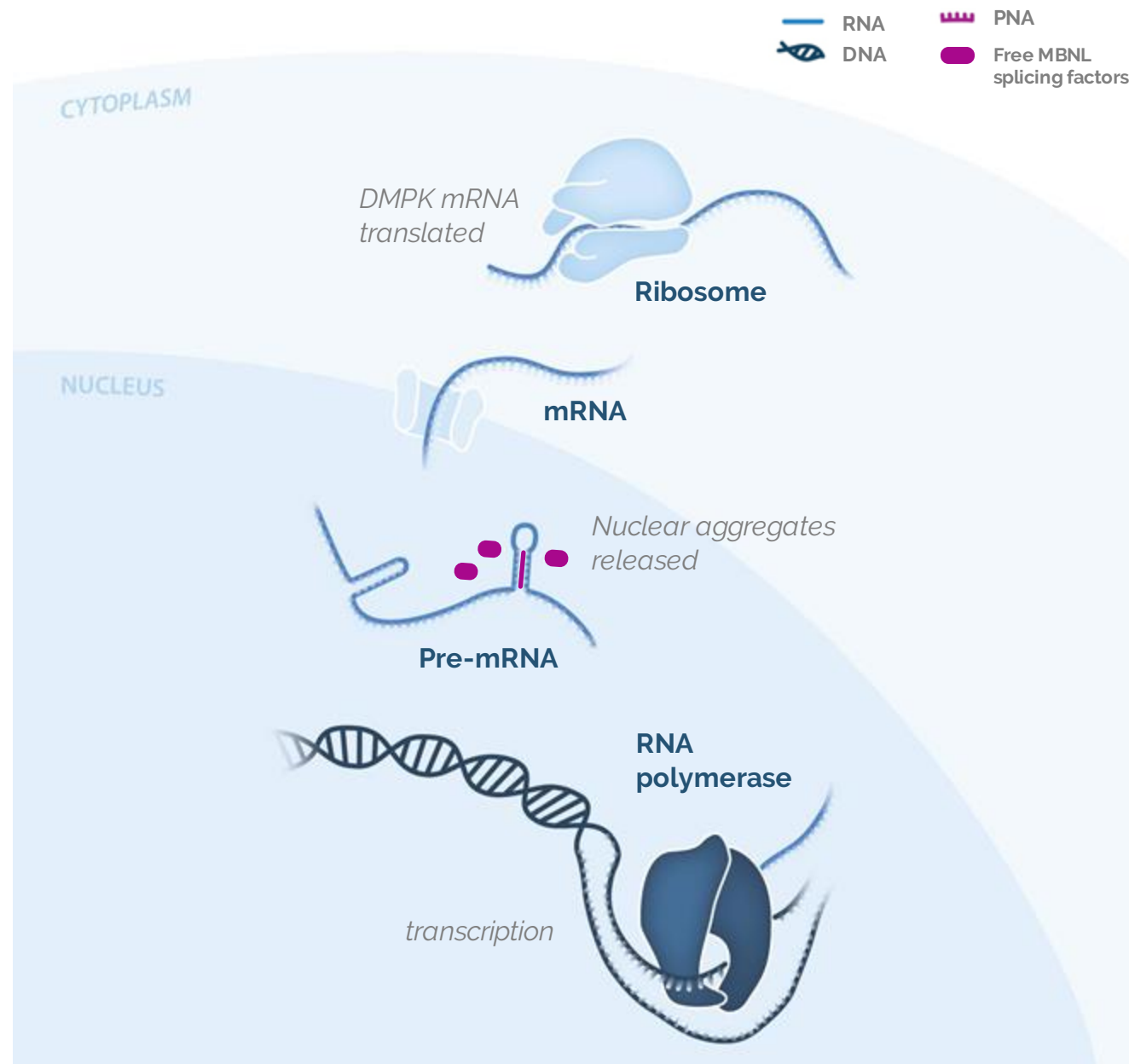
- Hairpins form nuclear aggregates together with MBNL splice proteins
- Results in widespread mis-splicing of pre-mRNAs
- Produce altered proteins which are dysfunctional in adults



Adapted from Muangkaew and Vilaivan, *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 2020; 30:127064

# THERAPY DESIGNED TO RESTORE CORRECT SPLICING

- Therapy releases nuclear aggregates
- Designed to maintain *DMPK* mRNA and allow translation of mutant transcript



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# KEY ADVANCEMENTS TOWARD THE CLINIC

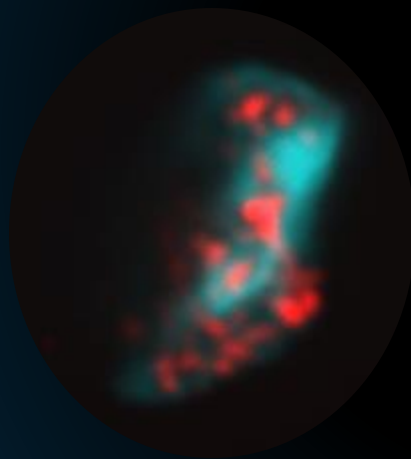
**December 2020:** splice rescue in patient cells, while maintaining DMPK protein levels, and *in vivo*

**June 2021:** functional rescue *in vivo* after systemic dosing

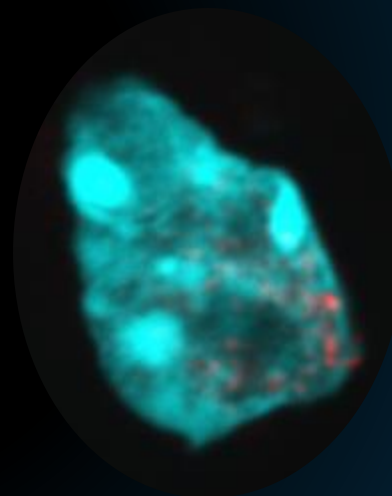
- Reduce nuclear aggregates in muscle
- Well tolerated at pharmacologically active doses
- Rescue:
  - Splicing defects across many transcripts, including muscle chloride channel
  - Muscle chloride channel protein expression
  - Myotonia (3 mg/kg subcutaneous dose)

# NUCLEAR INCLUSIONS ARE REDUCED IN HSA<sup>LR</sup> MUSCLE AFTER DOSING

Vehicle



Single Dose\*, Day 21



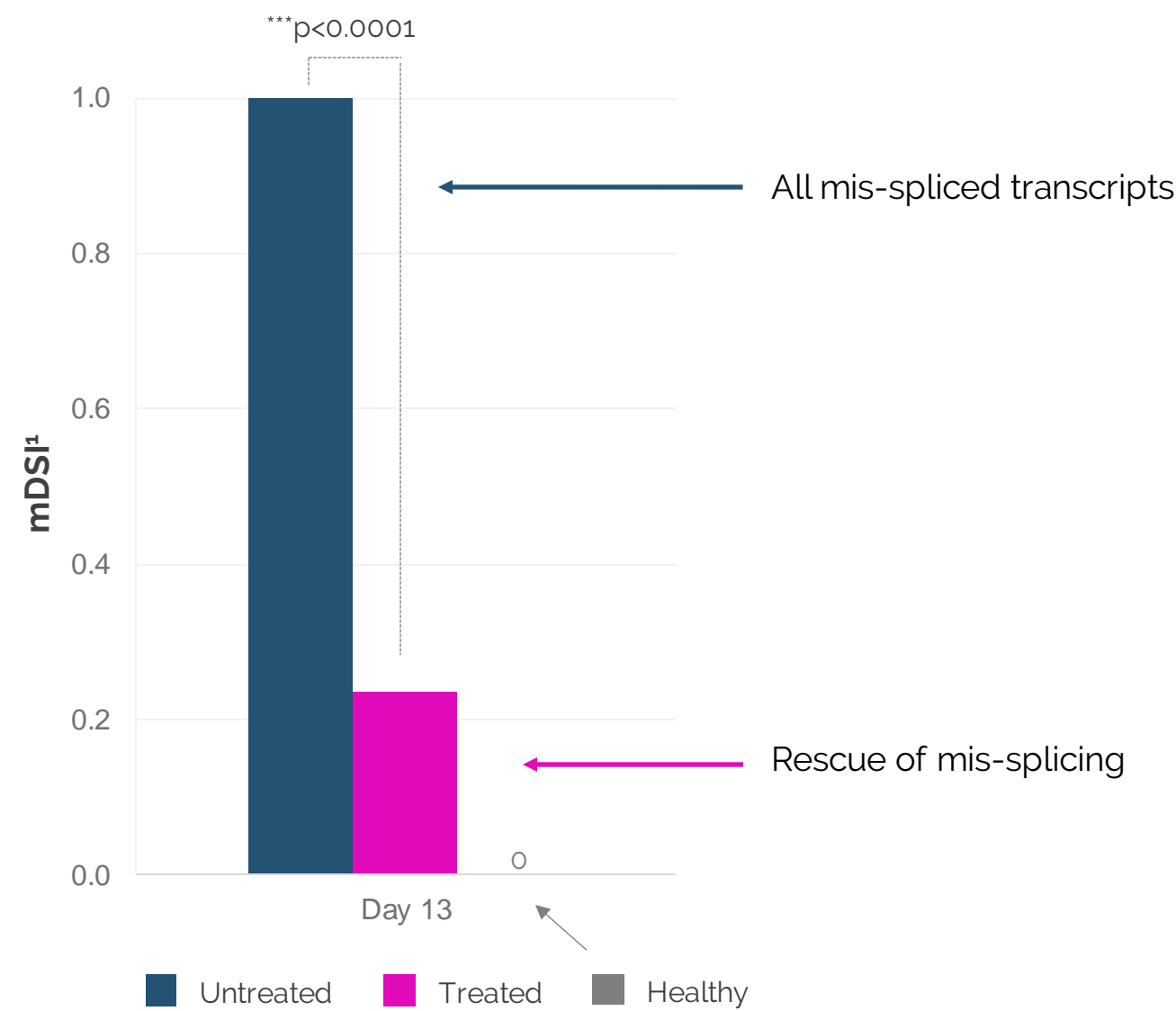
\*29 mg/kg iv

# MIS-SPLICING CORRECTED *IN VIVO*

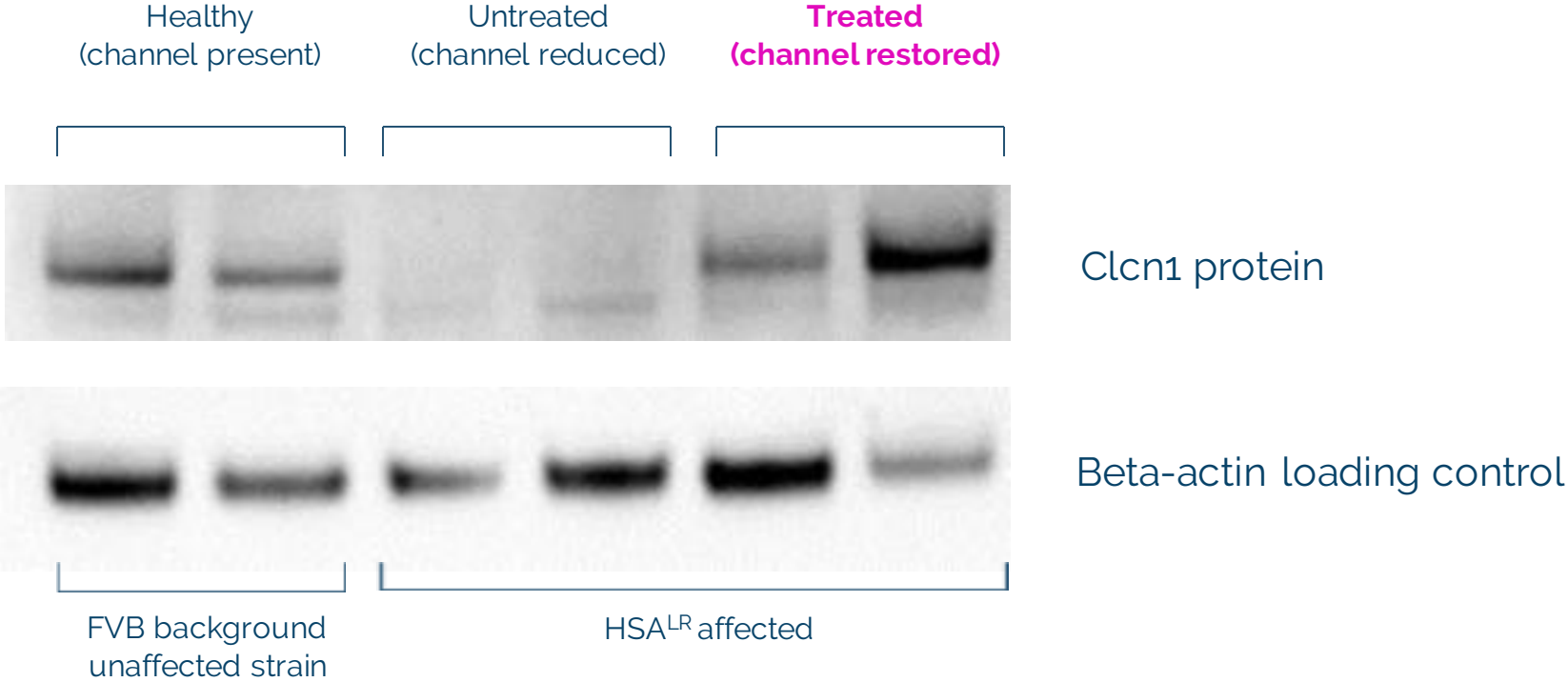
**Single Dose**  
administered IV at 29 mg/kg in the  
HSA<sup>LR</sup> mouse

**~75%**  
splice correction observed in *tibialis anterior* at ~ 2 weeks after single dose

***Clcn1***  
splice correction of myotonia-causing  
transcript



# SKELETAL MUSCLE CHLORIDE CHANNEL (CLCN<sub>1</sub>) IS RESTORED *IN VIVO*



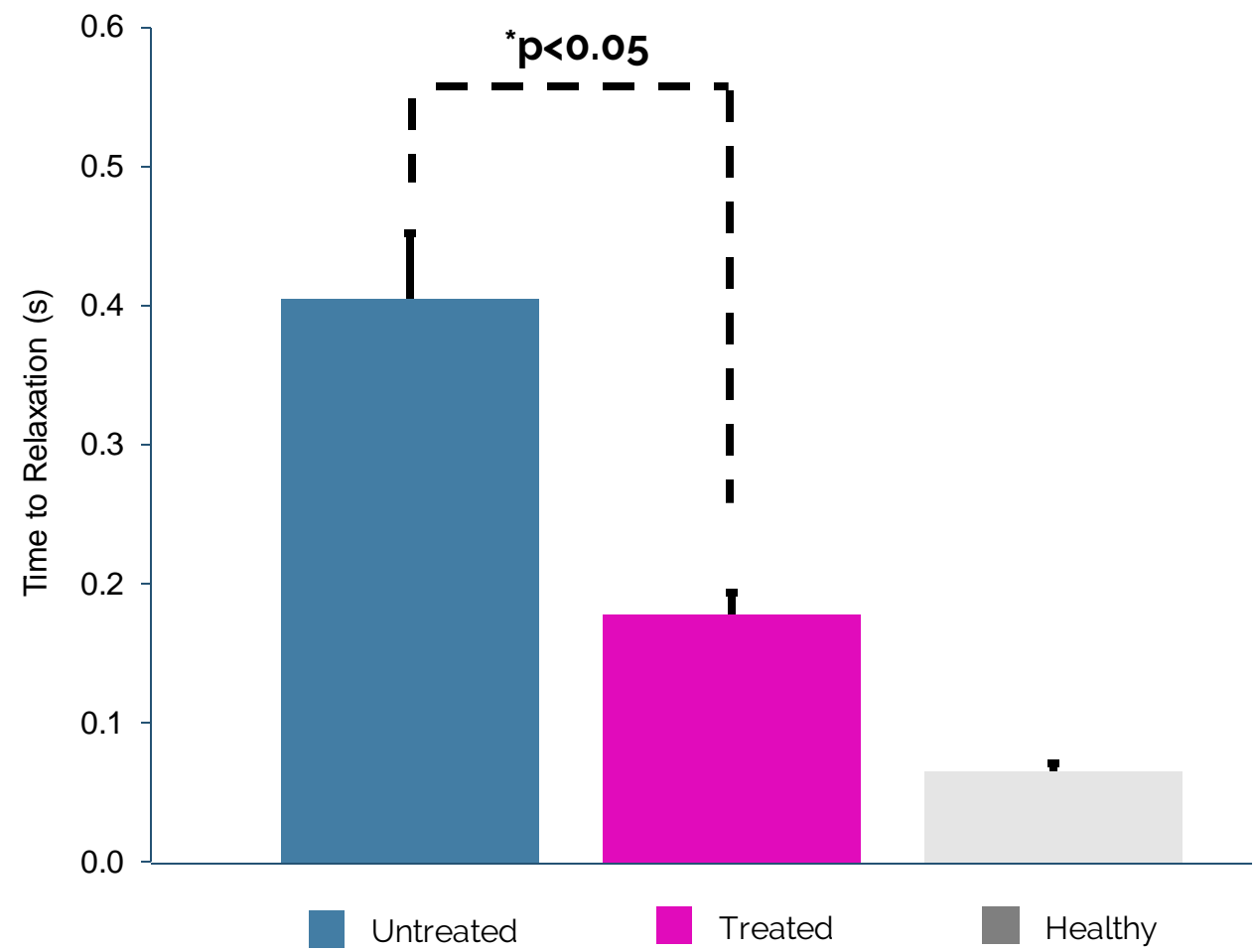
Single dose = 29mg/kg IV, western blotting from soleus muscle on day 20 after dosing

# FUNCTIONAL RESCUE OF MYOTONIA *IN VIVO*

**3mg/kg**  
dosed weekly x4 in the HSA<sup>LR</sup> mouse

**Subcutaneous**  
route of administration

**~70%**  
reduction of myotonia at 35 days post first-dose  
via plantar flexor torque assay



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# ON TRACK TO FIRST CLINICAL STUDY IN 2022<sup>1</sup>

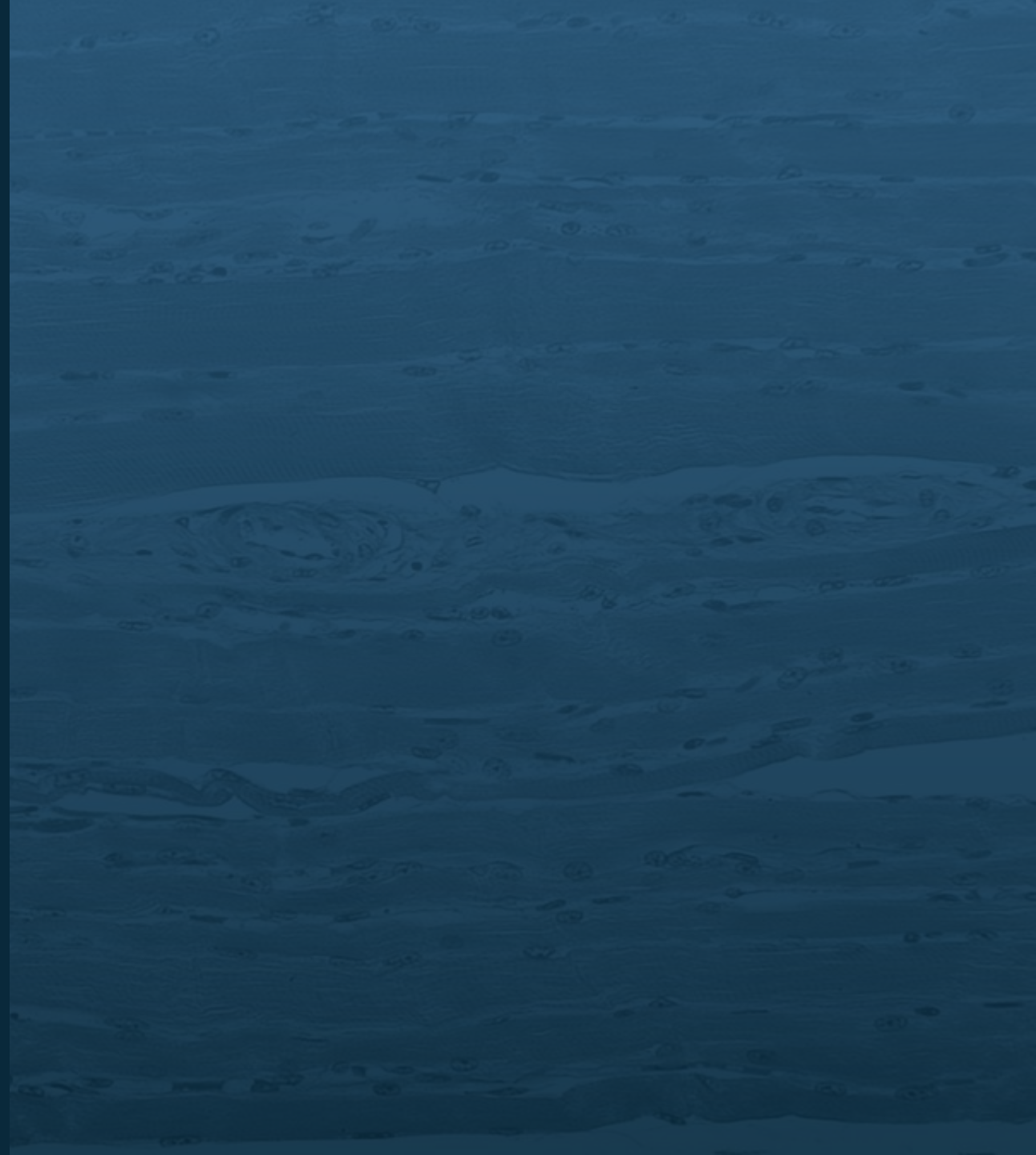


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# ROBERT FRIEDLANDER, M.D., M.A.

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## Currently

- Chairman, Walter E. Dandy Distinguished Professor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Neurological Surgery
- Co-Director, UPMC Neurological Institute
- Head, Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery
- Director, Complex Brain Surgery Program

## Previously

- Professor, Harvard Medical School
- Vice-Chairman of Neurosurgery, Associate Director of Cerebrovascular Surgery, and Co-Director of the Neuroscience Research Center at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston

## Honors & Awards

- National Academy of Medicine
- International Charcot Prize for Motor Neuron Diseases
- Award from the Academy of Neurological Surgeons
- H. Richard Winn Prize from the Society of Neurological Surgeons

## Associations

- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- Association of American Physicians
- National Advisory Council of the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

# HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

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# HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE (HD) IS SEVERE & INCURABLE

100%

of patients carry a repeat expansion in the huntingtin (*HTT*) gene<sup>1</sup>



Long poly-glutamine tract in the protein cause cell death



Progressive neurodegeneration  
movement disorder, mood disturbances, cognitive impairment and a whole-body disorder

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approved disease modifying therapies

15-20 years

is life expectancy after diagnosis<sup>2</sup>

41,000

HD cases in the US alone<sup>3</sup>

>200,000

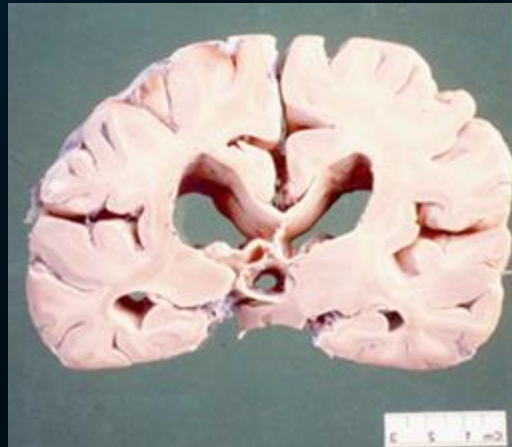
at risk from the disease in the US alone<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Pringsheim T *et al. Mov Disord.* 2012 Aug;27(9):1083-91; <sup>2</sup>Solberg OK *et al. J Huntington's Disease* 2018; 7(1): 77-86. <sup>3</sup>Yohrling G *et al. Neurology.* April 14, 2020; 94. <sup>4</sup><https://rarediseases.org>. Metrics are approximate.



# PRIMARILY KNOWN AS A PROGRESSIVE CNS DISEASE

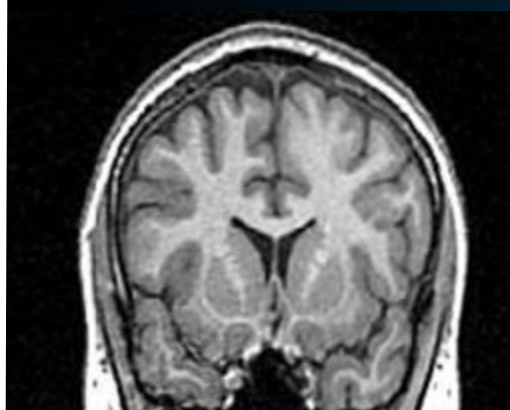
- Neuronal loss starts in the striatum and progresses to the cortex



HD Patient

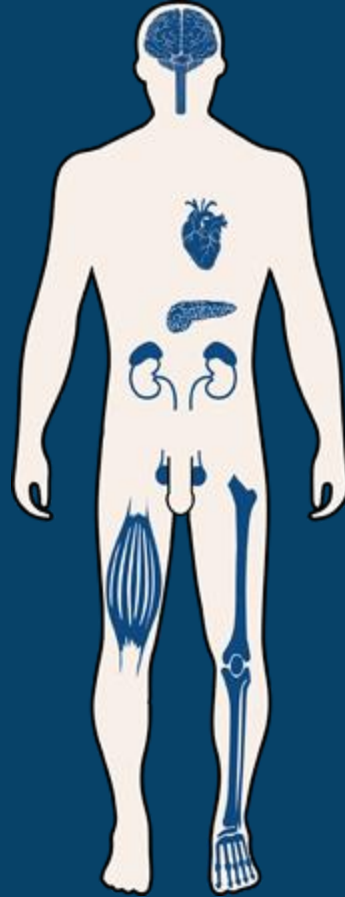


Unaffected



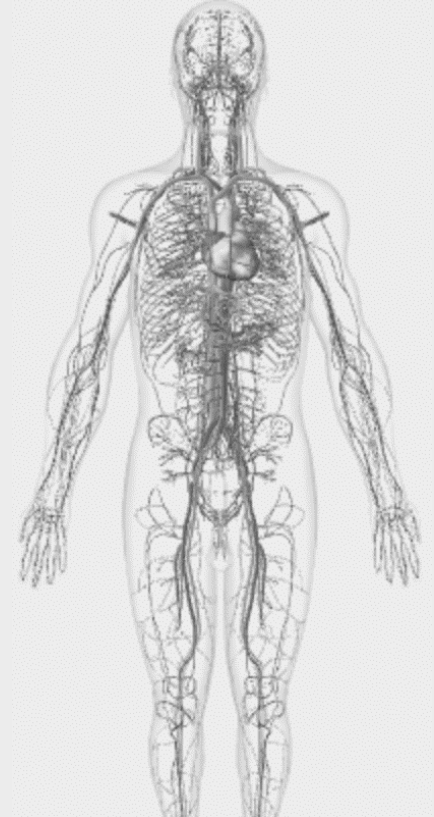
# HD IS ALSO A WHOLE-BODY DISEASE

- Weight loss
- Muscle atrophy
- Glucose intolerance
- Osteoporosis
- Testicular atrophy
- Heart failure
- Cardiac abnormalities



**Systemic administration of PATrOL™ has the potential to be a whole-body solution**

**Pros:** Reaches all organs, easy to administer, low risk, low training requirement





## NORMAL HUNTINGTIN IS WIDELY EXPRESSED AND IMPORTANT FOR:

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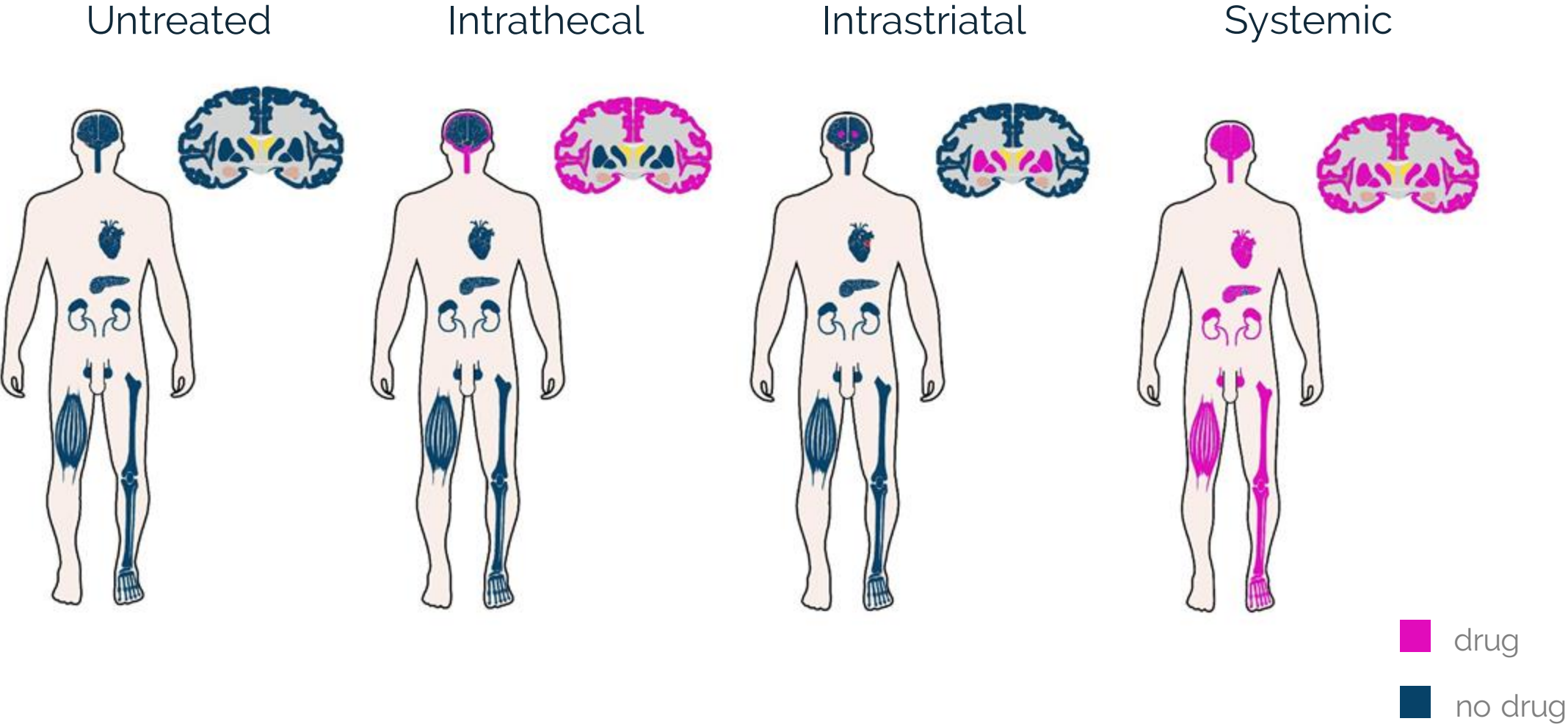
- Cell signaling, transcriptional regulation, molecular trafficking, axonal transport
- Modulating brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) production
- Mitochondrial function
- Caspase inhibition

## LOSS OF NORMAL HUNTINGTIN IN ANIMAL MODELS IS DETRIMENTAL

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- Homozygous gene knock-out is embryonic lethal in mice
- Hemizygous mice demonstrate neurodegeneration in subthalamic nucleus and globus pallidus
- Postnatal protein reduction is detrimental

# SYSTEMIC DOSING ENABLES A WHOLE-BODY SOLUTION



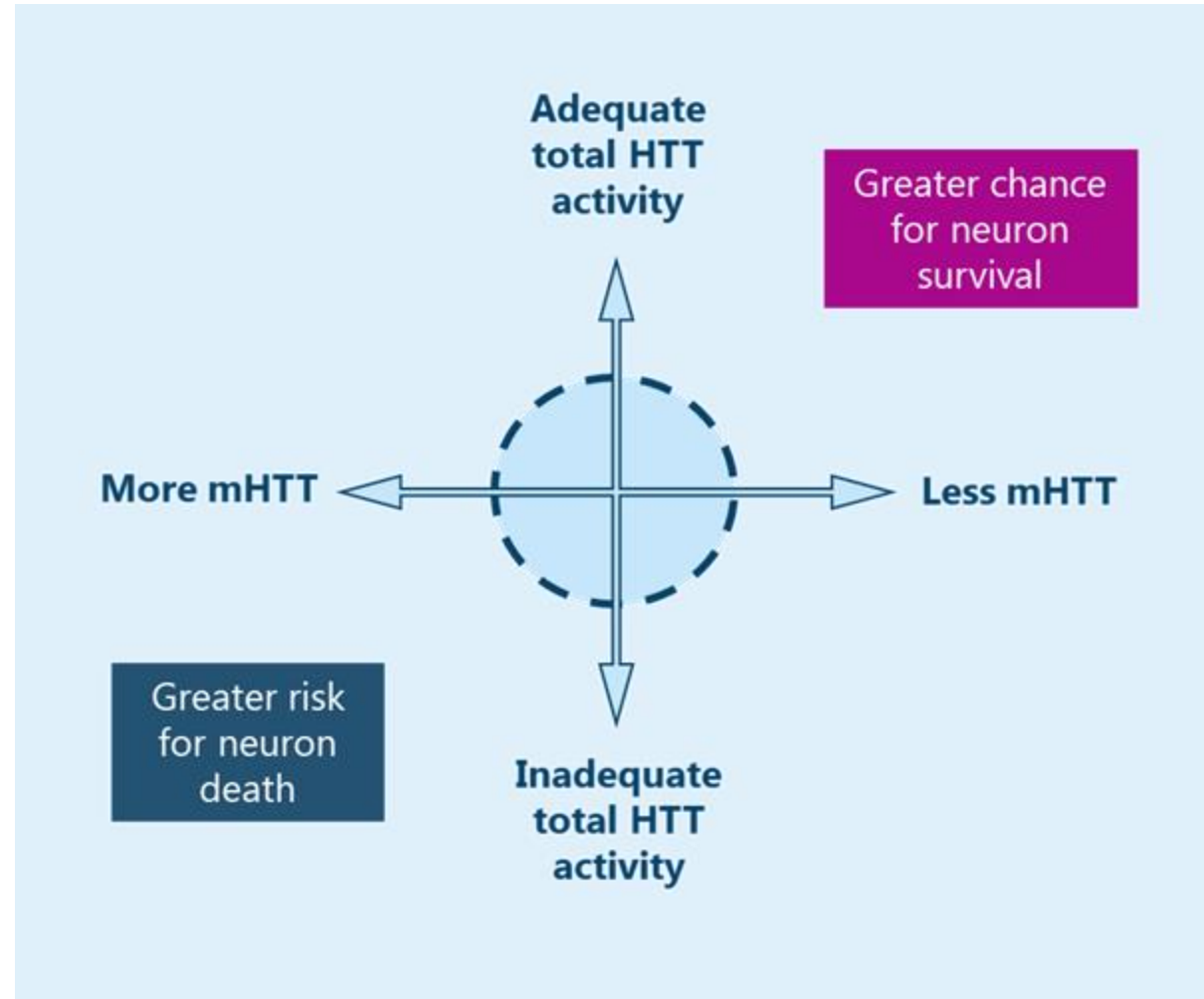
## SIZE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOUSE AND HUMAN BRAIN

- Makes clinical translation of intrathecal administration results difficult

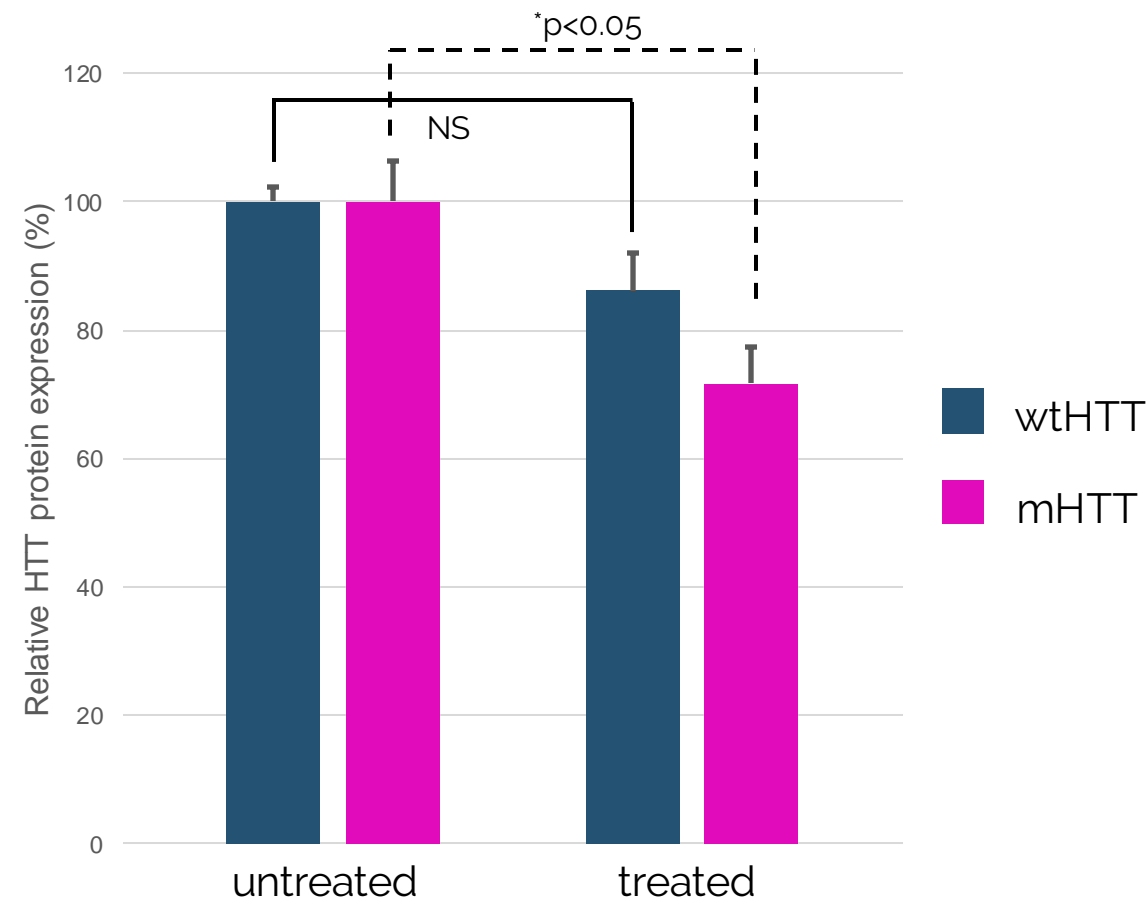


# ALLELE-SELECTIVE KNOCK-DOWN IS IMPORTANT

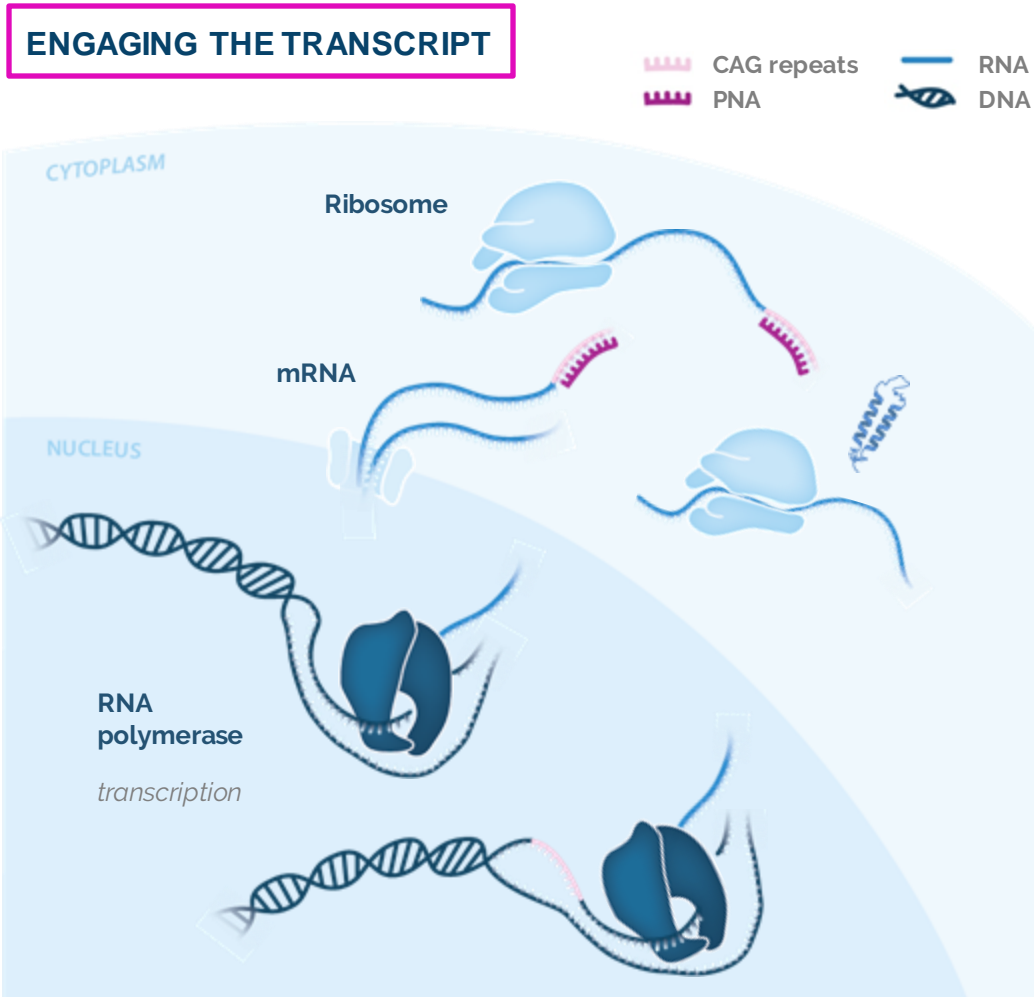
- Maintenance of normal huntingtin function while eliminating toxic protein is ideal



# SUBCUTANEOUS DOSING CROSSES BBB AND KNOCKS DOWN MUTANT HUNTINGTIN PROTEIN IN THE MOUSE BRAIN<sup>1</sup>

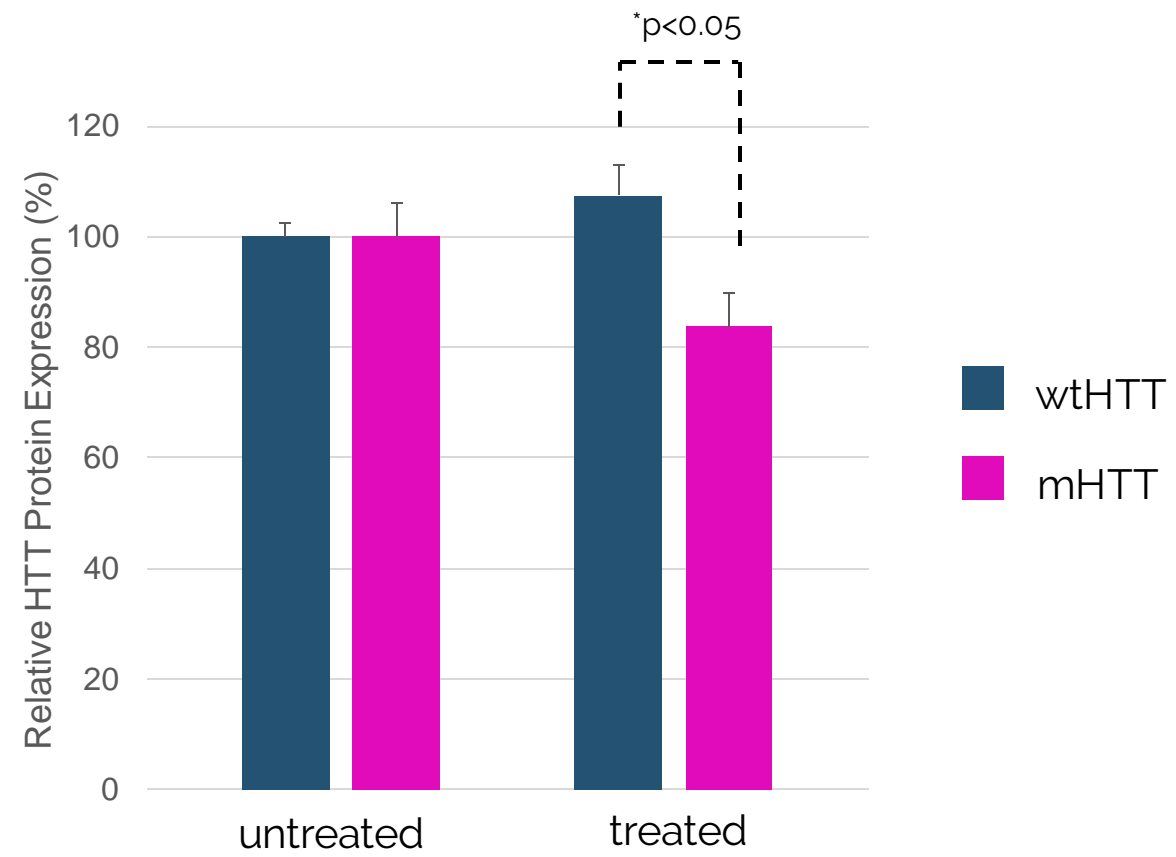


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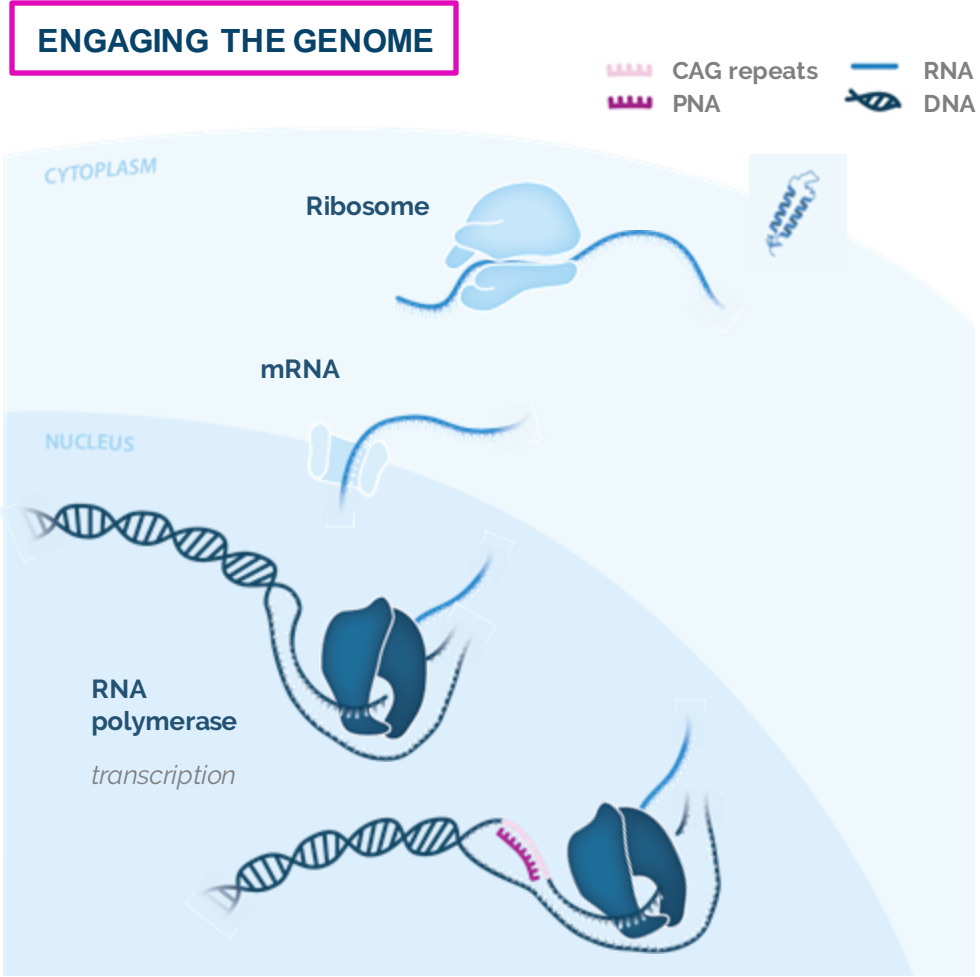


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# HD PROGRAM: THE PATH FORWARD



*In vivo* translational profiling



Systemic dosing for CNS and whole-body solution



Optimization of delivery and target engagement

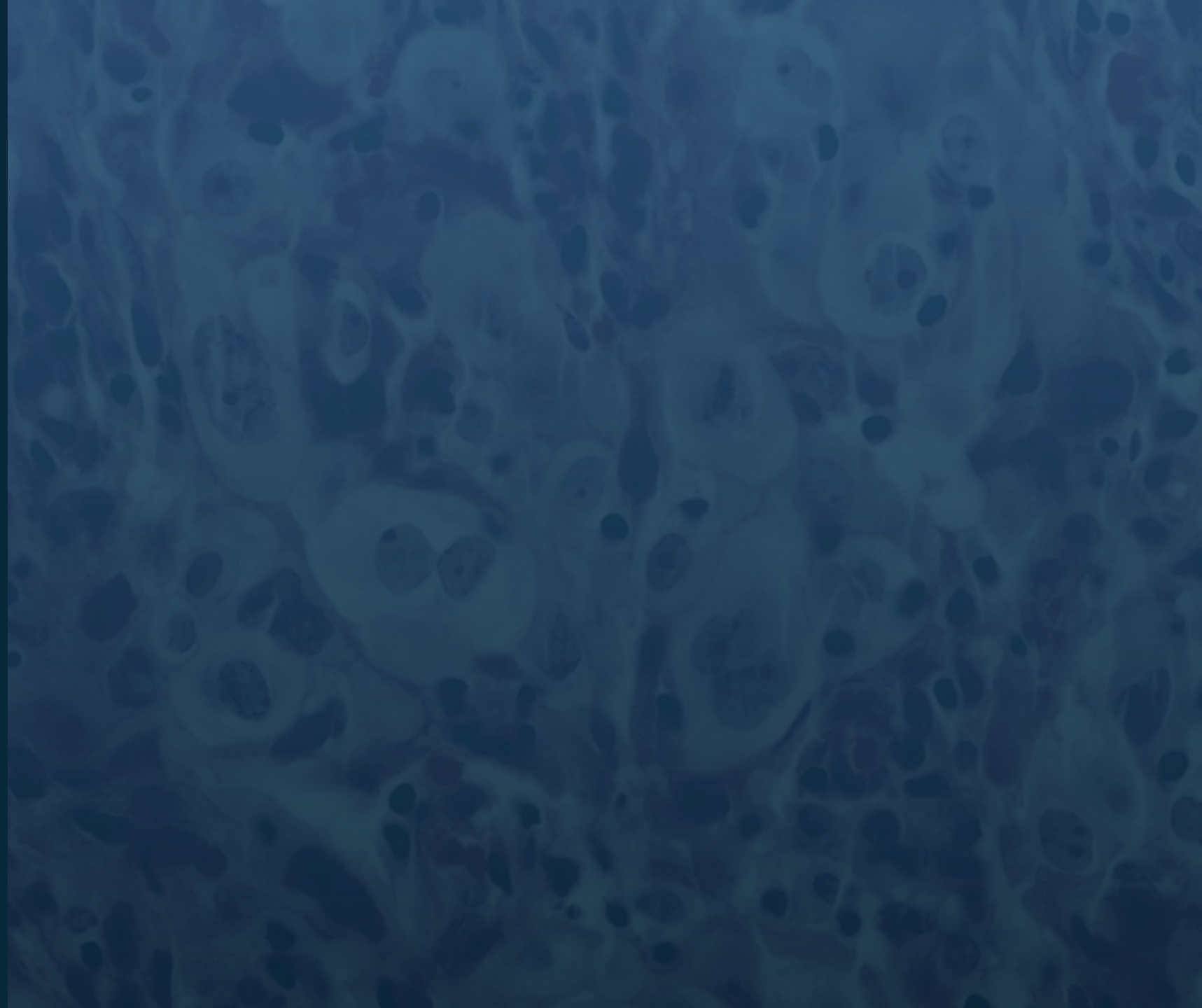


Patient-friendly subcutaneous route



# ***KRAS G12D & G12V MUTATIONS IN ONCOLOGY***

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# MUTATIONS IN THE *RAS* GENE FAMILY CAUSE 30% OF ALL CANCERS

***RAS*-driven cancers are common, severe and largely untreatable**

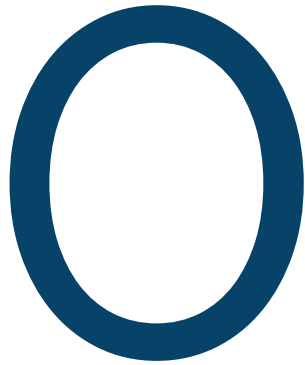
*KRAS* mutations are the most common *RAS* mutations<sup>1</sup>

G12D and G12V account for ~55% of all *KRAS* mutations

Our compounds targeting *KRAS* codon 12 mutations have potential to work against *NRAS* and *HRAS*

**Normal *KRAS* protein is essential for normal function**

<sup>1</sup>Papke B et al. *ACS Pharmacology & Translational Science*. 2021. Metrics are approximate.



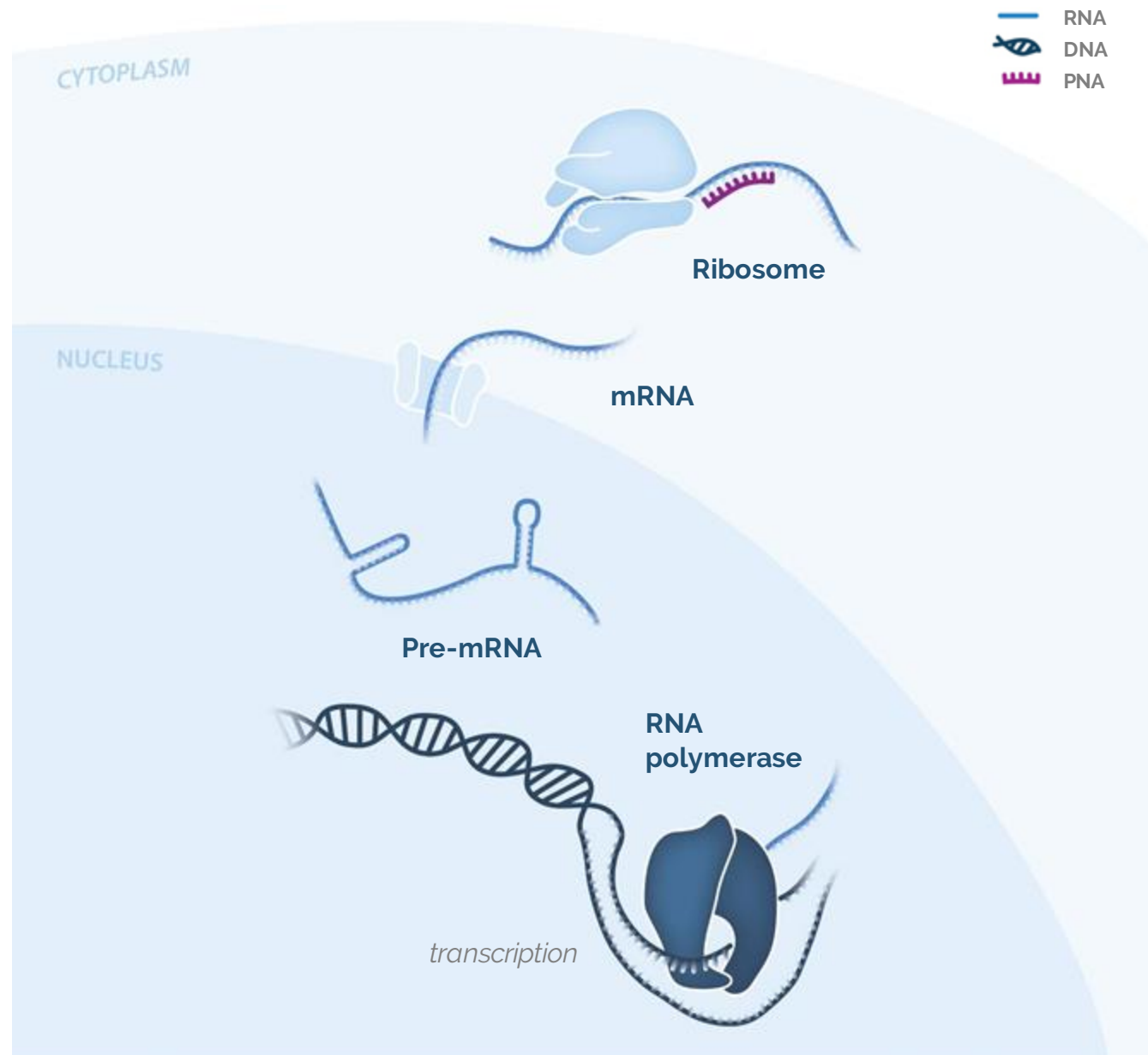
approved therapies for the 2  
most prevalent *RAS* mutations

# KEY ADVANCEMENTS

- New program initiated in 2021
- Allele-selective target engagement of *KRAS* G12D and G12V
- Target engagement of the genome and the transcriptome
- Tumor growth inhibition after intra-tumoral administration
- Reduction of downstream signaling validates target engagement

# RNA TARGETING OF *KRAS*

- Engaging RNA to inhibit translation



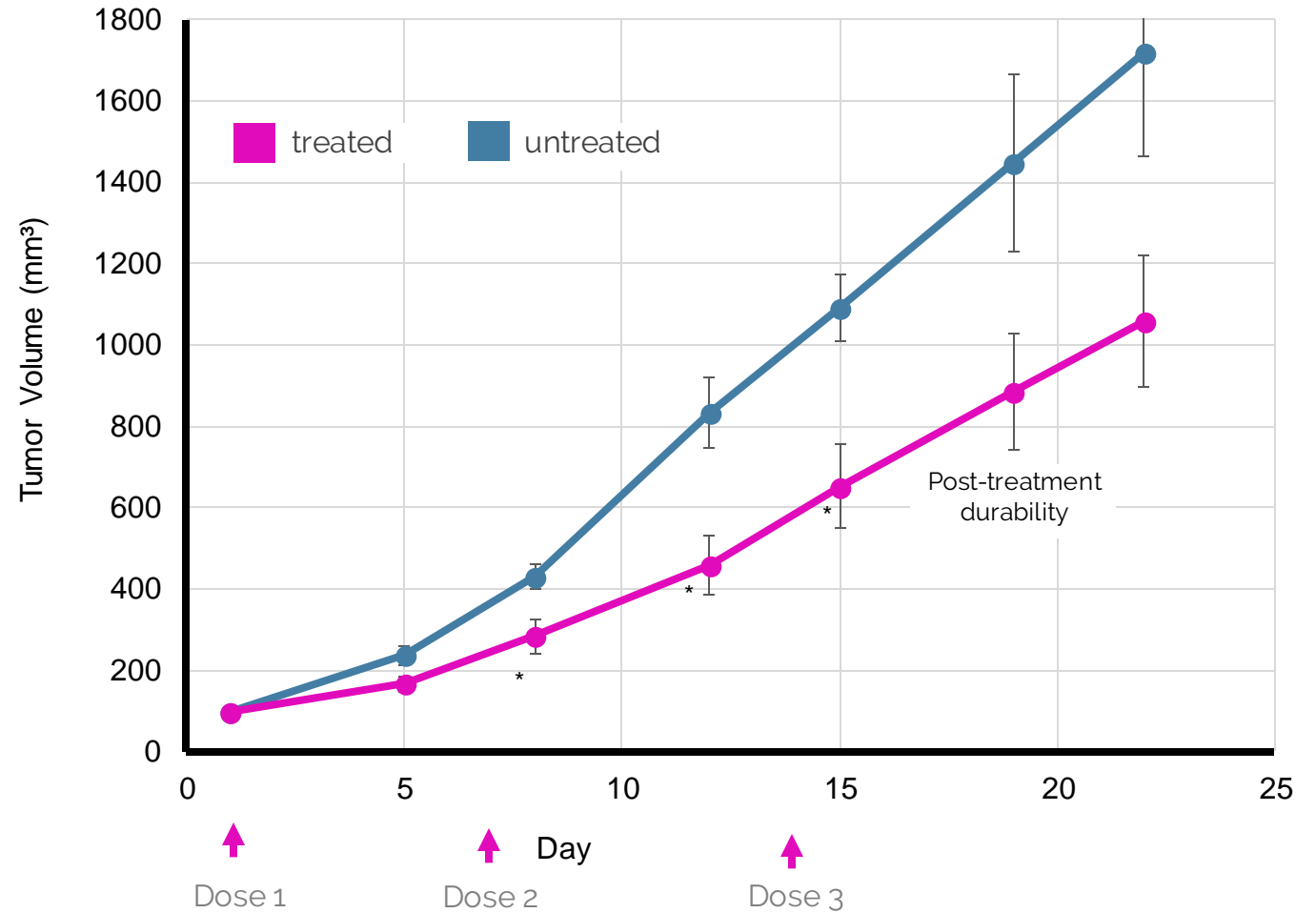
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# IN VIVO TUMOR GROWTH INHIBITION VIA RNA TARGETING OF G12D MUTATION

**G12D is the most prevalent mutation<sup>1</sup>**  
accounting for 33% of KRAS mutations in patients

**Inhibition of tumor growth**  
after 0.3 mg/kg intra-tumoral injections into HPAFII  
heterozygous pancreatic cancer xenografts

**8 days**  
after first dose until statistically significant  
growth inhibition achieved

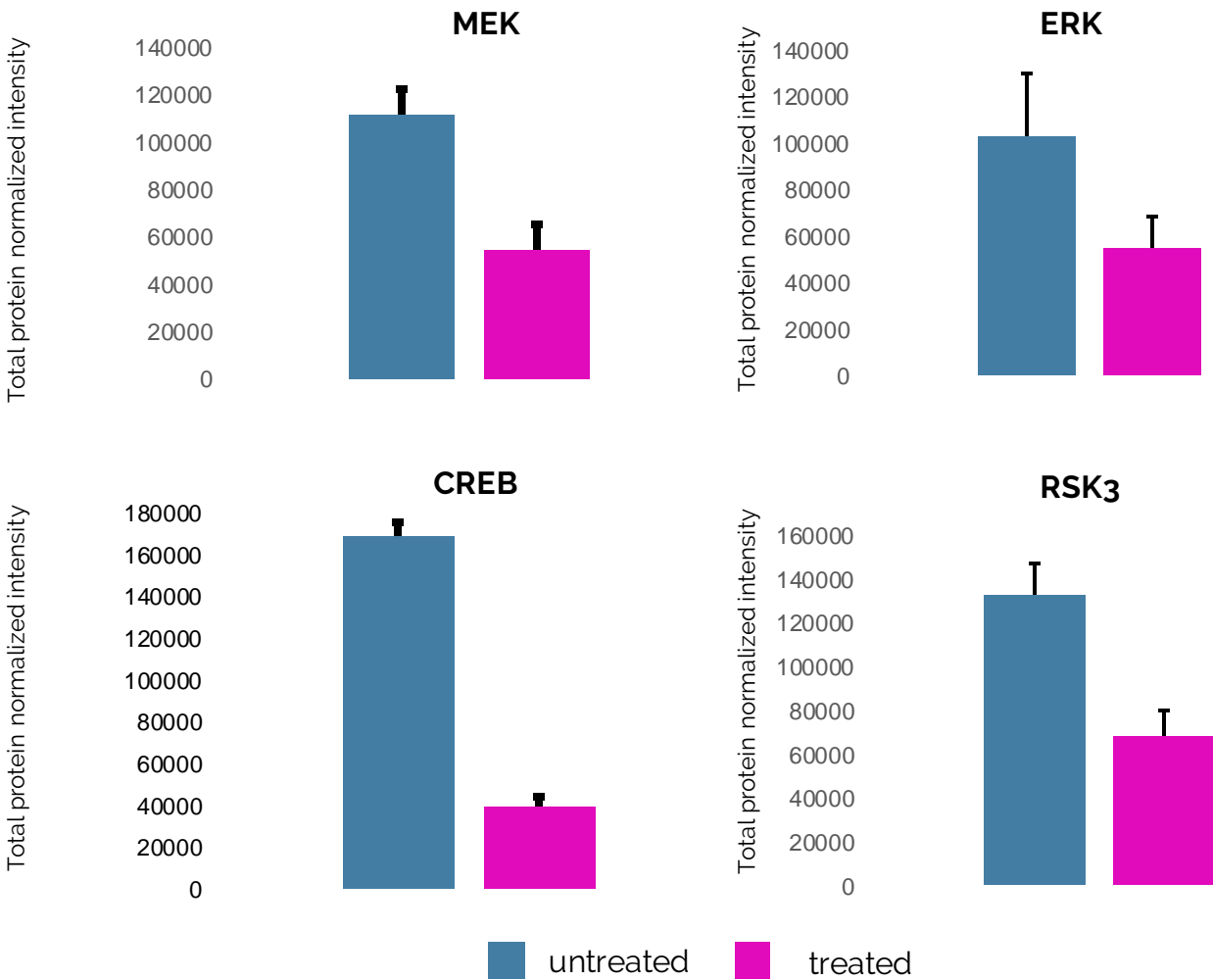
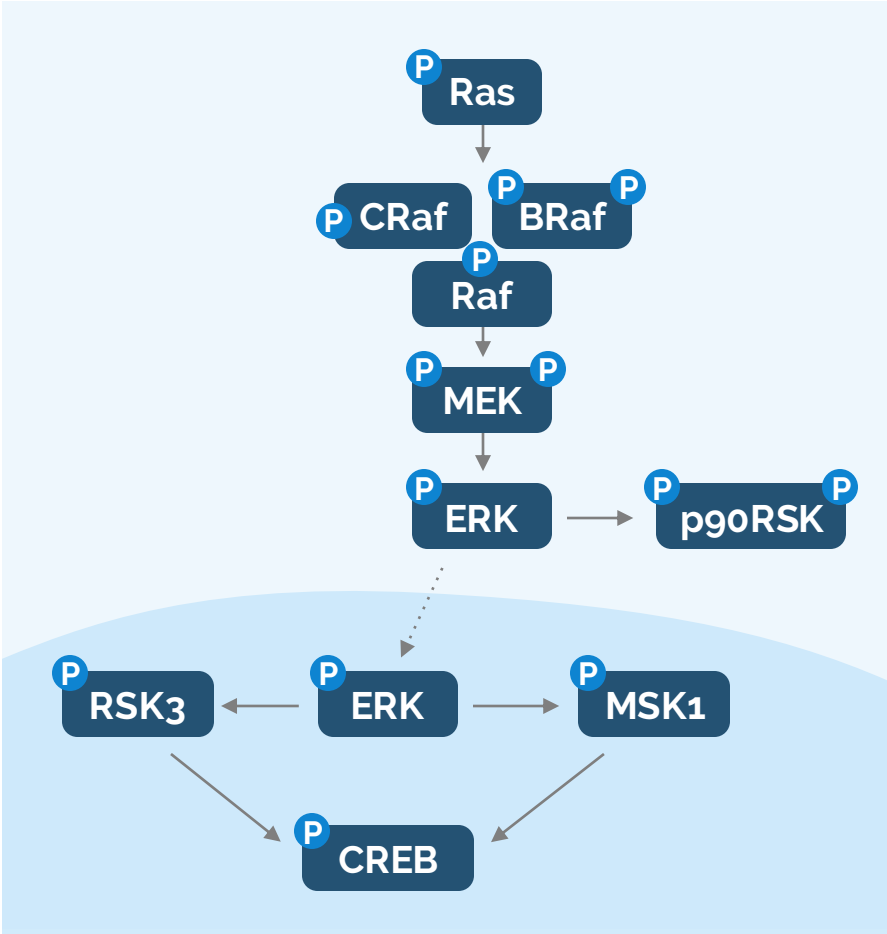


n=6 animals per group,  
\*p<0.05

<sup>1</sup>Papke B et al. ACS Pharmacology & Translational Science. 2021

# IN VIVO MUTANT KRAS KNOCK-DOWN DECREASES DOWNSTREAM SIGNALING

Reduction in phosphorylation levels of multiple pathway members in oncogenic cascade



# IN VIVO TUMOR GROWTH INHIBITION VIA RNA TARGETING OF G12V MUTATION

**G12V is the second most prevalent mutation<sup>1</sup>**

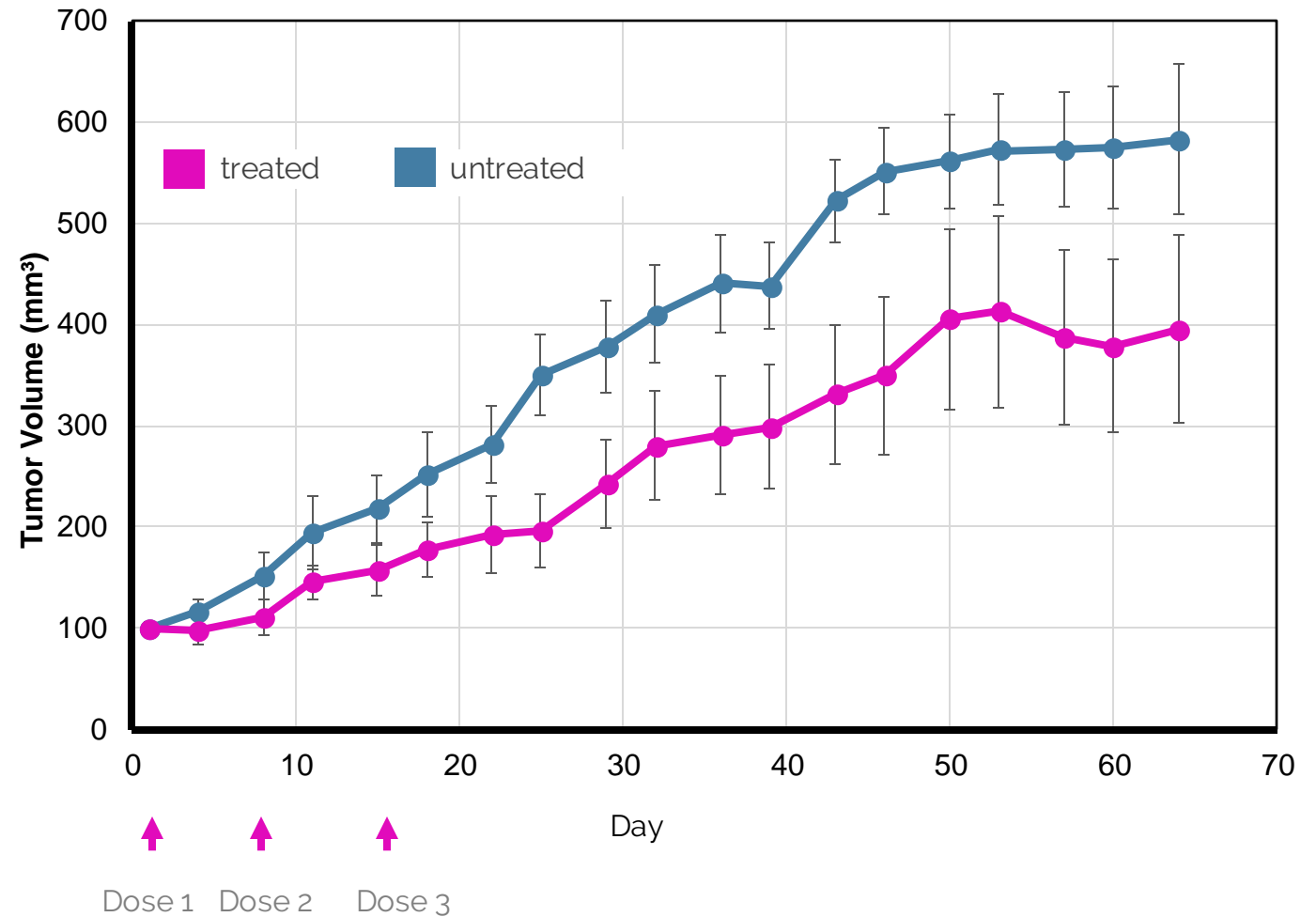
accounting for 23% of KRAS mutations in patients

**Inhibition of tumor growth**

after 0.3 mg/kg intra-tumoral injections into CAPAN-2 heterozygous pancreatic cancer xenografts

**3 doses**

leads to prolonged tumor growth inhibition



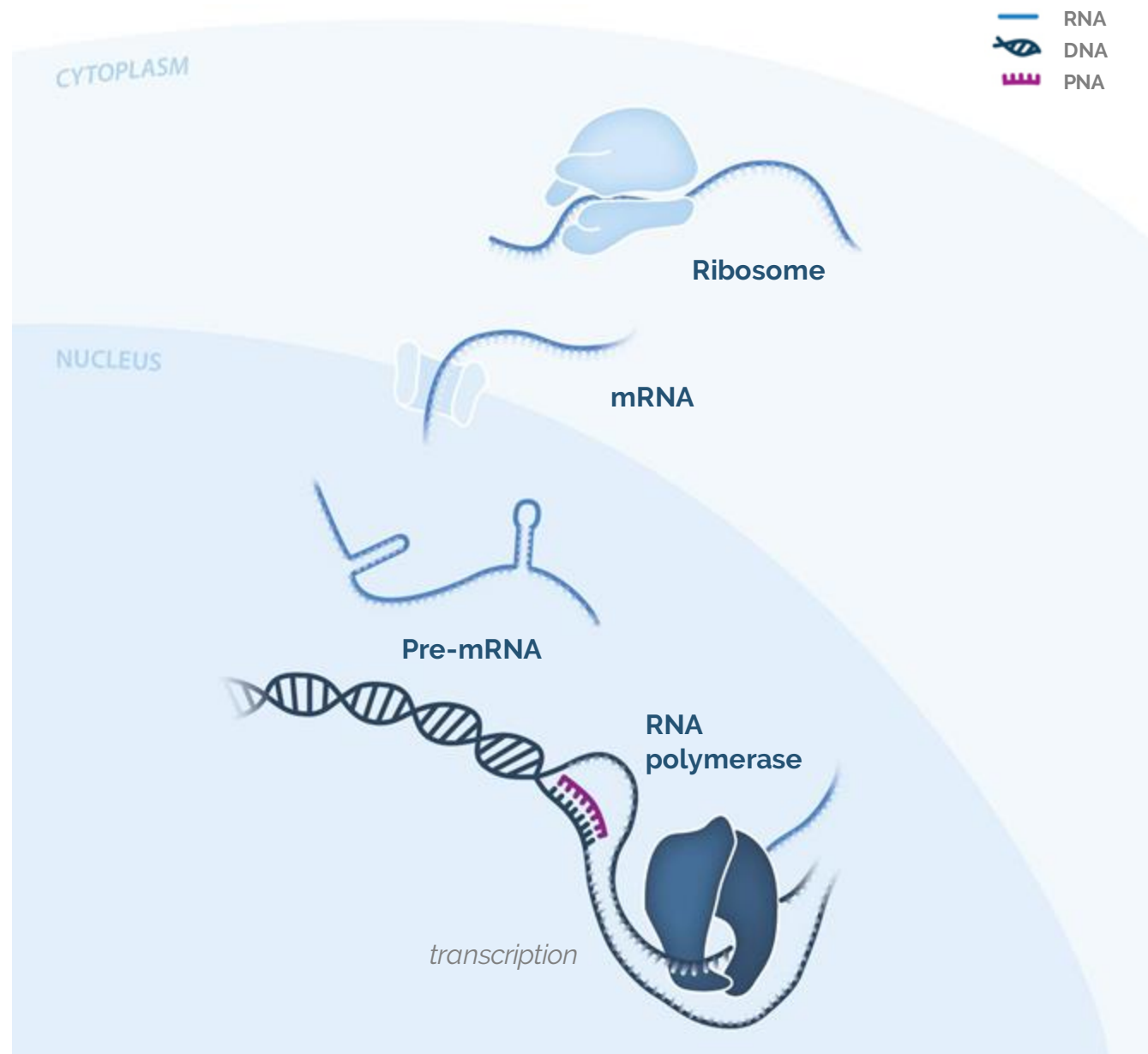
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# DNA TARGETING OF *KRAS*

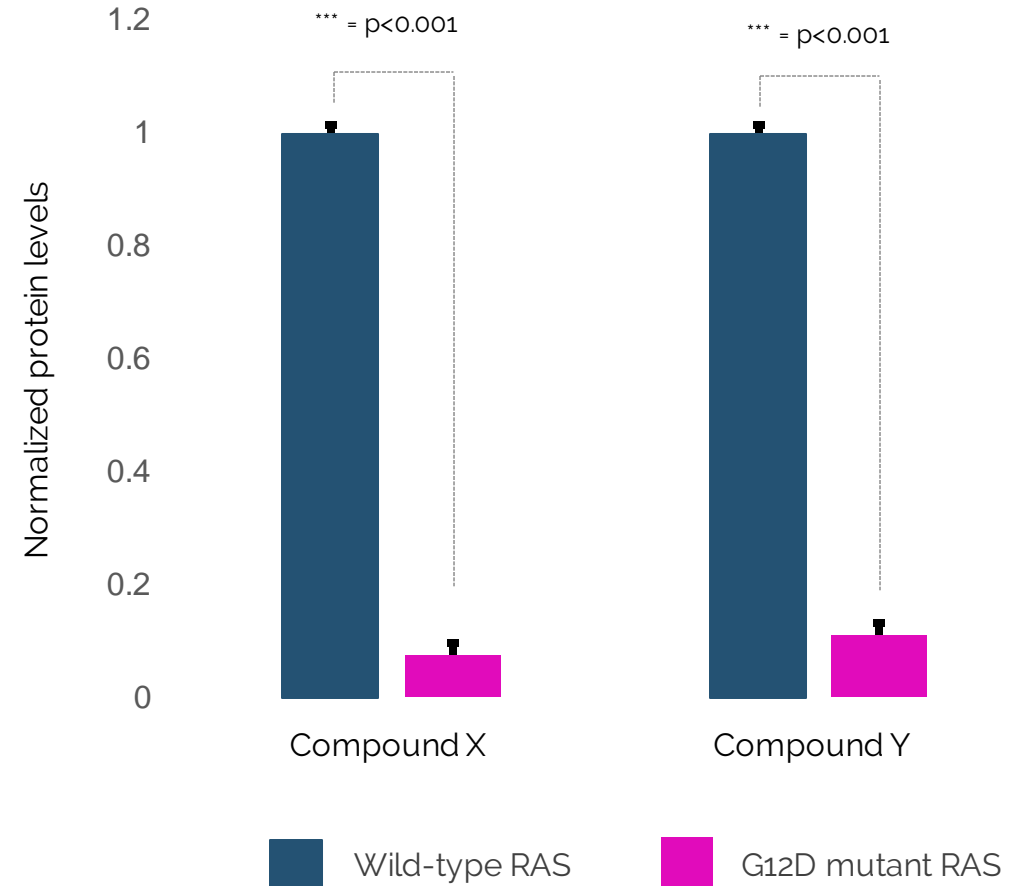
- Engaging DNA to inhibit transcription



Adapted from Muangkaew and Vilaivan, *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 2020; 30:127064

# SELECTIVITY FOR G12D RAS PROTEIN KNOCK-DOWN VIA DNA TARGETING

- Evidence for invasion of dsDNA *in vitro*
- Inhibition of transcription of mutant allele
- ~90% of mutant protein knockdown relative to wild-type



# KEY ADVANCEMENTS

- New program initiated in 2021
- Allele-selective target engagement of *KRAS* G12D and G12V
- Target engagement of the genome and the transcriptome
- Tumor growth inhibition after intra-tumoral administration
- Reduction of downstream signaling validates target engagement

# KRAS PROGRAM: THE PATH FORWARD



Optimization of tumor delivery & target engagement



Select target tumor types



*In vivo* translational profiling



Power towards the clinic

# KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM TODAY

## Peptide nucleic acids have the potential to be best-in-class

### Myotonic dystrophy, type 1 (DM1)

Functional rescue of myotonia after subcutaneous dosing positions us for 2022<sup>1</sup> IND

- Designed to maintain DMPK protein
- Patient-friendly route of administration

### Huntington's disease (HD)

Selective reduction of mutant huntingtin protein in the brain after subcutaneous dosing

- Potential for uniform brain distribution & whole-body solution
- Preferable route over intrathecal administration

### Oncology (KRAS)

Allele-selective engagement of G12D and G12V *in vitro*, and tumor growth inhibition *in vivo*

- High-value oncology targets previously considered “undruggable”
- Four months from inception to proof-of-principle

<sup>1</sup>Calendar year

# NEUBASE WELCOMES DRS. ROJAS-CARO AND MOTESHAREI



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# DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE

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## Rapid execution

Company operating for 24 months & plans to be in the clinic next year



## *In vivo* proof-of-principle

Functional and/or molecular rescue in 3 diseases & well tolerated at pharmacological doses



## Three high value indications

Selection of 3 high value indications in wholly unmet patient needs



## On track to the clinic in 2022

DM1 program expected to enter Phase 1/2 in 2022<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Calendar year

# neubase

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## A new class of ultra-precision genetic medicine

Drugging the genome to increase, decrease, or edit protein function to address base causality in disease