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## Corporate Presentation

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# Building a leading genetic medicines company



## INNOVATIVE PLATFORM

- Stereopure oligonucleotides
- Backbone modifications
- Allele-selectivity
- Novel modalities (ADAR)
- Foundational stereochemistry IP



## FOUNDATION OF NEUROLOGY PROGRAMS

- Huntington's disease
- ALS / FTD
- Ataxias
- Parkinson's disease
- Alzheimer's disease



## CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE

- Multiple global clinical trials ongoing across eight countries
- Innovative trial designs



## MANUFACTURING

- Established internal manufacturing capabilities to produce oligonucleotides at scale

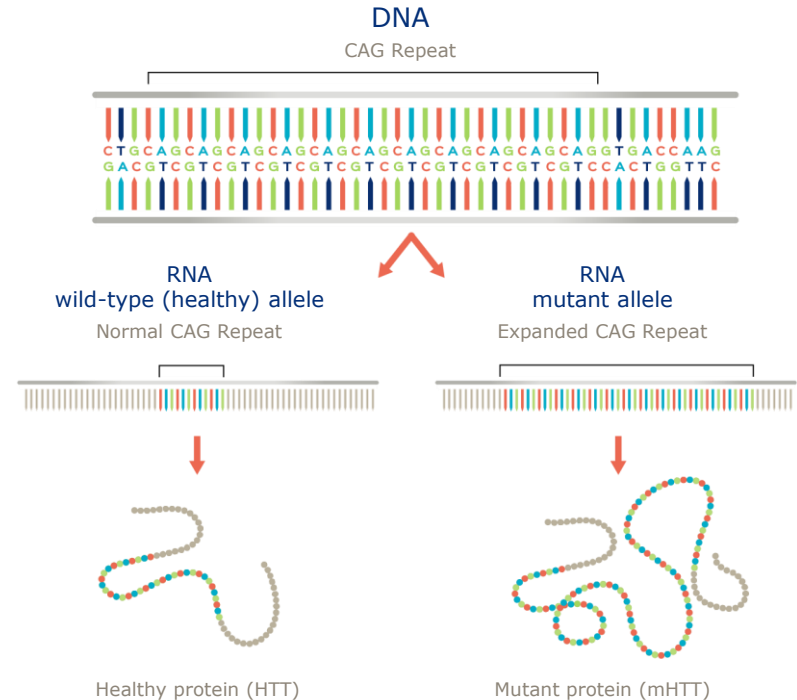
# Innovative pipeline led by neurology programs

THERAPEUTIC AREA	TARGET	DISCOVERY	PRECLINICAL	CLINICAL	ESTIMATED U.S. PREVALENCE*	PARTNER
<b>NEUROLOGY</b>						
<b>Huntington's disease</b>	<b>WVE-120101</b> mHTT SNP1	Phase 1b/2a and OLE			~10,000 / ~35,000	Takeda 50:50 option
	<b>WVE-120102</b> mHTT SNP2	Phase 1b/2a and OLE			~10,000 / ~35,000	Takeda 50:50 option
	mHTT SNP3				~8,000 / ~30,000	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>ALS and FTD</b>	C9orf72				~1,800 (ALS) ~7,000 (FTD)	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>SCA3</b>	ATXN3				~4,500	Takeda 50:50 option
<b>CNS diseases</b>	Multiple†					Takeda milestones & royalties
<b>ADAR editing</b>	Multiple					100% global
<b>HEPATIC</b>						
<b>ADAR editing</b>	Undisclosed					100% global
<b>OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>						
<b>Retinal diseases</b>	USH2A and RhoP23H					100% global

HD portfolio  
Huntington's Disease

# Huntington's disease: a hereditary, fatal disorder

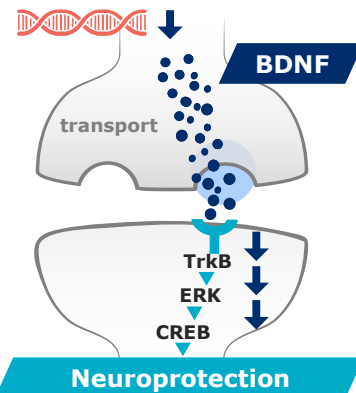
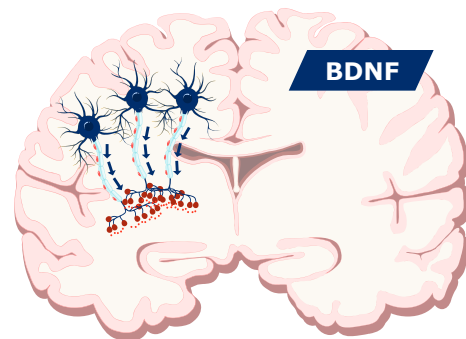
- Autosomal dominant disease, characterized by cognitive decline, psychiatric illness and chorea; fatal
- No approved disease-modifying therapies
- Expanded CAG triplet repeat in HTT gene results in production of mutant huntingtin protein (mHTT); accumulation of mHTT causes progressive loss of neurons in the brain
- Wild-type (healthy) HTT protein critical for neuronal function; evidence suggests wild-type HTT loss of function plays a role in Huntington's disease
- 30,000 people with Huntington's disease in the US; another 200,000 at risk of developing the condition



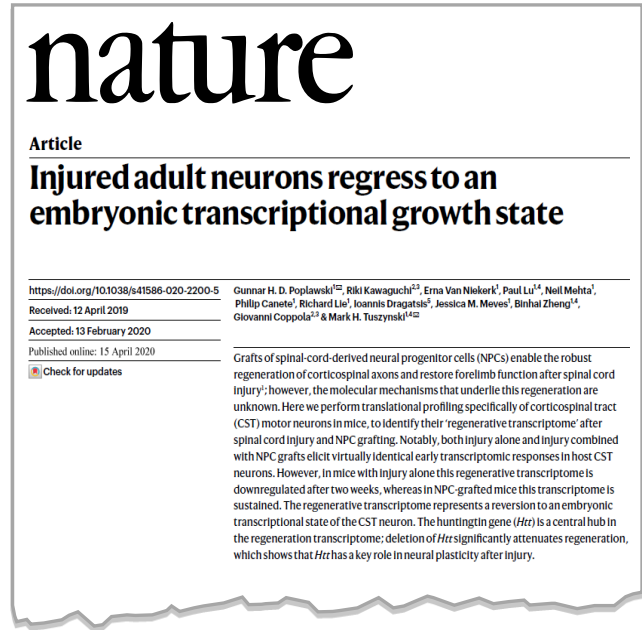
# Importance of wild-type huntingtin (wtHTT) in HD

Huntington's disease (HD) may be caused by a dominant gain of function in mutant HTT *and* a loss of function of wtHTT protein

- Evidence suggests wild-type or healthy HTT is neuroprotective in an adult brain
  - Transport of key neurotrophic factors such as brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) are regulated by wtHTT levels
- Relative proportion of wild-type to mutant protein is critical
  - Increased amount of wild-type protein relative to mutant HTT may result in slower disease progression (measured by age-at-onset)
  - Patients with lack of wild-type have significantly more severe disease (measured by disease progression after symptom onset)



# Nature publication contributes to weight of evidence on importance of wild-type huntingtin



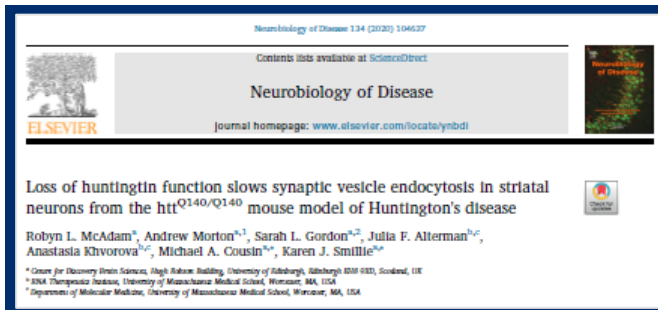
- Conditional knock-out of Htt in 4-month old mice (post-neuronal development)
- Results suggest that:
  - 1) Htt plays a central role in the regenerating transcriptome (potentially influencing genes such as NFkB, STAT3, BDNF)
  - 2) Htt is essential for regeneration

“Indeed, conditional gene deletion showed that Htt is required for neuronal repair. Throughout life, neuronal maintenance and repair are essential to support adequate cellular functioning”

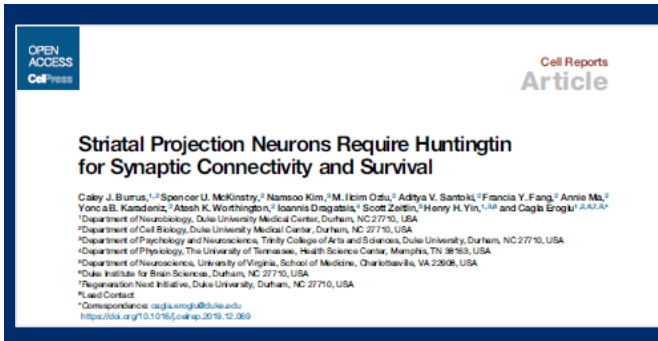


# Increasing evidence on the importance of wtHTT in HD pathogenesis, CNS and systemic health

## Recent publications on wtHTT LoF as a likely driver of HD pathogenesis



- Striatum-specific defect in synaptic vesicle endocytosis that was not corrected by total lowering of HTT
- Corrected by overexpression of wild-type protein



- Striatal projection neurons require HTT for motor regulation, synaptic development, cell health, and survival during aging
- Loss of HTT function could play a critical role in HD pathogenesis

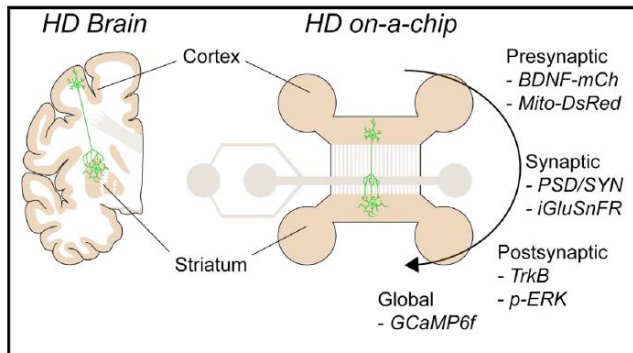
## wtHTT in HD highlighted at CHDI 15<sup>th</sup> Annual HD Therapeutics Conference:

*HTT LOWERING: EXPLORING DISTRIBUTION, TIMING, AND SAFETY (LOSS OF FUNCTION)*

### Key points discussed at meeting:

- wtHTT has numerous critical functions throughout life (e.g., intracellular trafficking, cell-cell adhesion, BDNF transport)
- Near elimination of mouse wtHtt detrimental regardless of when suppression begins
- Specific brain regions, e.g., STN, may be particularly vulnerable to wtHTT lowering
- Mouse Htt lowering can lead to thalamic, hepatic, pancreatic toxicity
- HTT LoF mutations highly constrained in human population, suggesting selection against LoF mutations

# Wild-type HTT in the cortex appears critical for striatal health



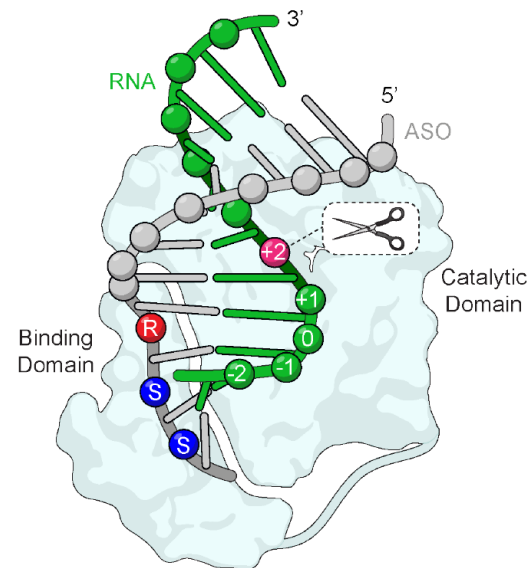
Neuron Type	Genetic Status				Compartment
Cortical	WT	WT	HD	HD	<div><div></div>Presynaptic</div> <div><div></div>Synaptic</div> <div><div></div>Post-synaptic</div>
Striatal	WT	HD	HD	WT	
Network Status	Functional		Dysfunctional		

**Status of the presynaptic compartment determines the integrity of the network**

# Wave approach: novel, allele-selective silencing

Aims to lower mHTT transcript while leaving healthy wild-type HTT relatively intact

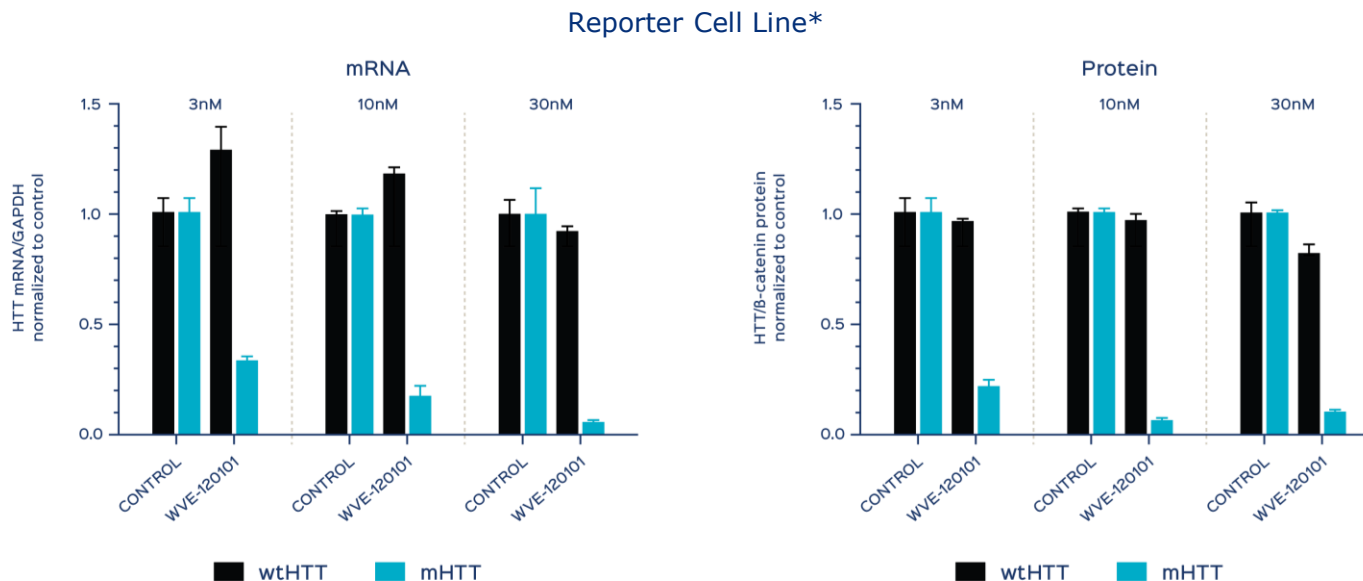
- Utilize association between single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and genetic mutations to specifically target errors in genetic disorders, including Huntington's disease (HD)
- Potential to provide treatment for up to 80% of HD population



RNase H and ASO:RNA

**Allele-selectivity possible by targeting SNPs associated with expanded long CAG repeat in HTT gene**

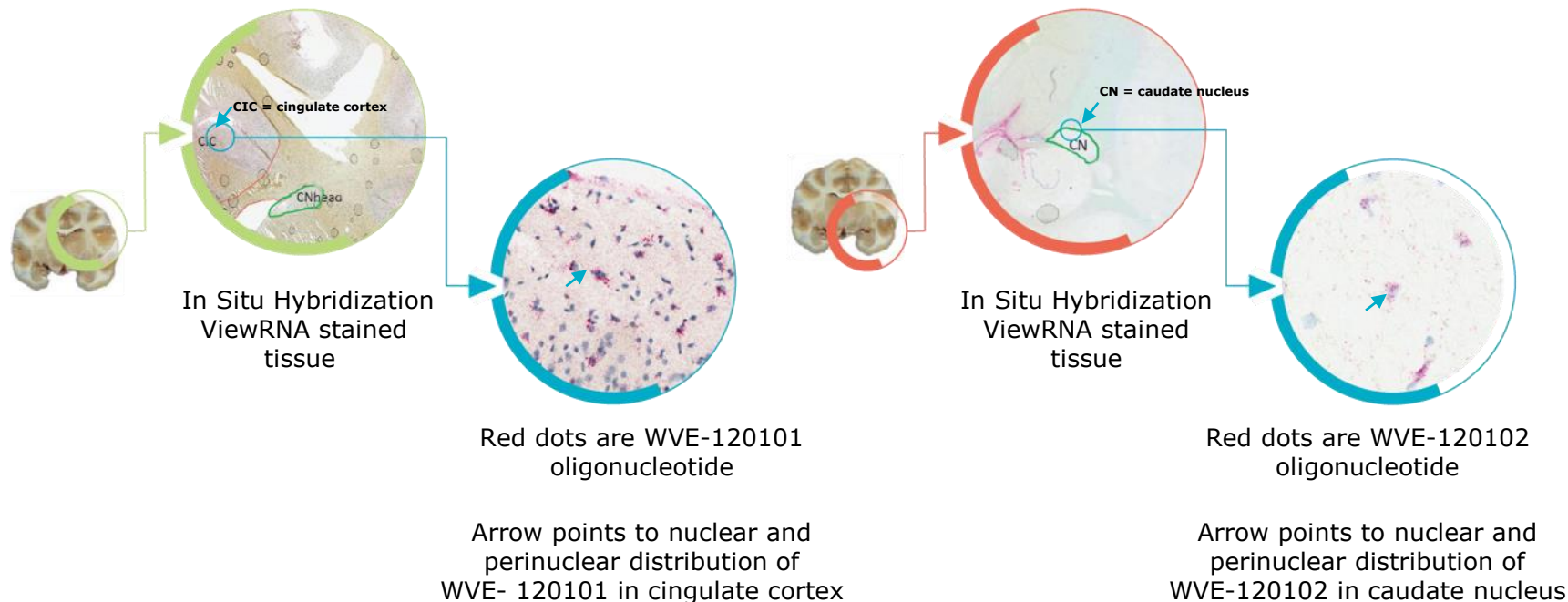
# Selective reduction of mHTT mRNA & protein



\*These results were replicated in a patient-derived cell line

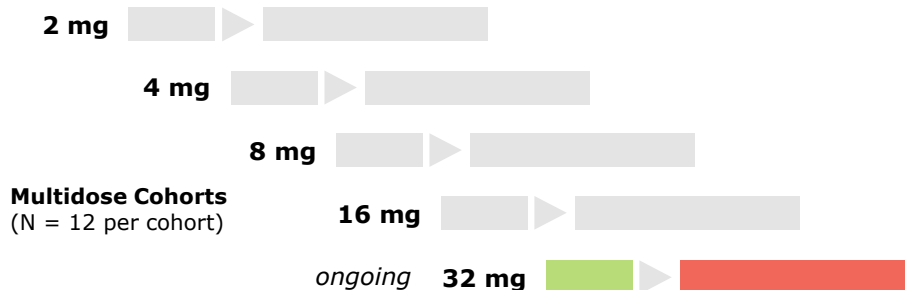
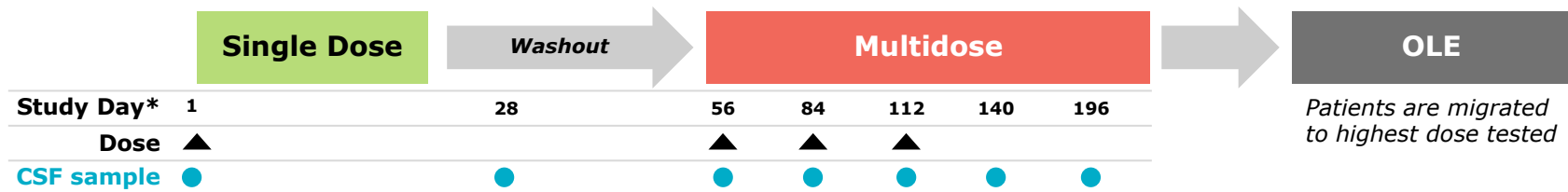
# Demonstrated delivery to brain tissue

- WVE-120101 and WVE-120102 distribution in cynomolgus non-human primate brain following intrathecal bolus injection



# PRECISION-HD clinical trials

Two Phase 1b/2a clinical trials for WVE-120101 and WVE-120102



## PRECISION-HD2 interim data (2-16 mg cohorts pooled)

- **Safety profile** supported addition of higher dose cohorts

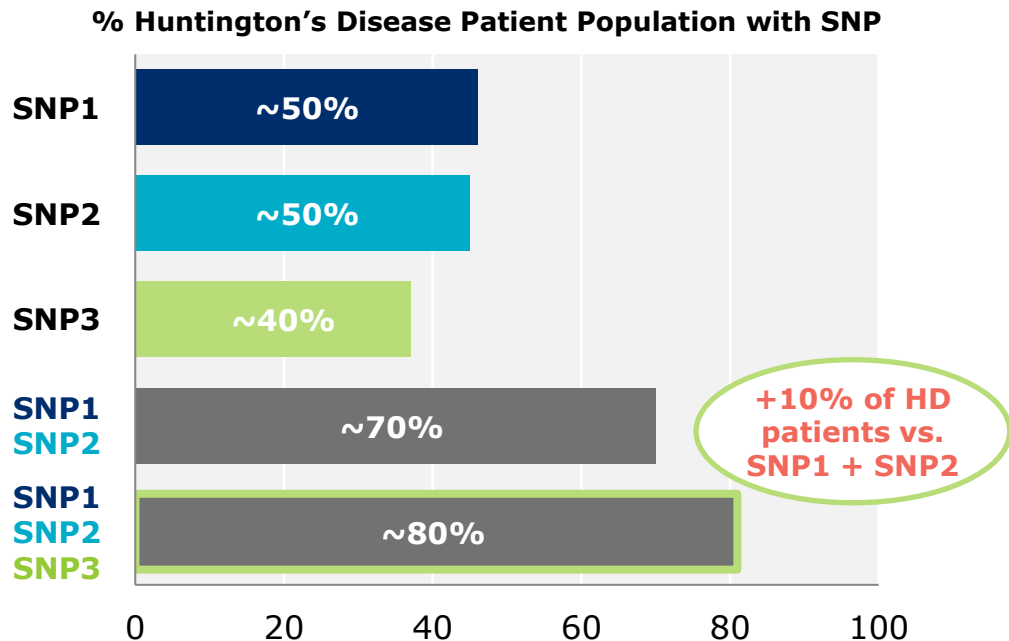
## Biomarker Effects

- **Reduction in mHTT** (-12.4%<sup>1</sup>); Analysis across groups suggests dose response at highest doses<sup>3</sup>
- **No change in total HTT**
- Not all patients had reached Day 140 at interim analysis

## PRECISION-HD2 and PRECISION-HD1 data, including 32 mg cohorts and OLE data, expected in 1Q 2021

# Three allele-selective HD programs

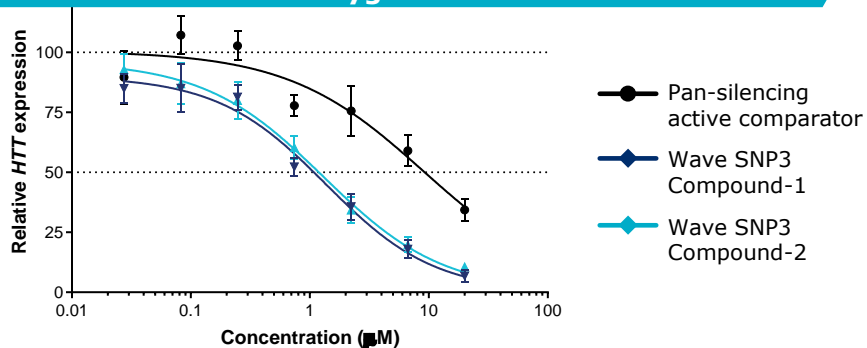
Potential to address ~80% of HD patient population



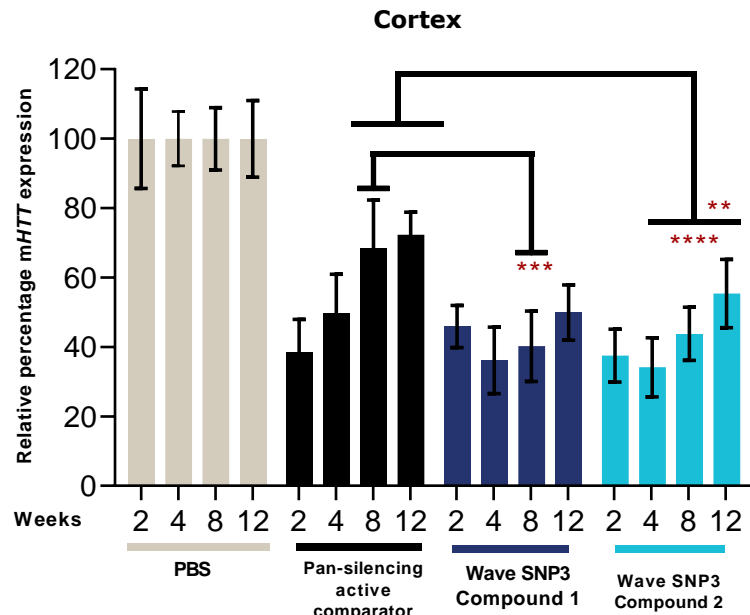
Intend to explore efficacy in early manifest and pre-manifest HD patient populations

# SNP3 program approaching clinical development

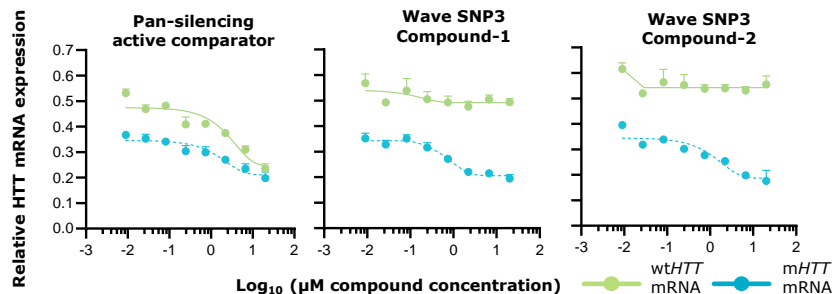
## Potent mutant *HTT* knockdown activity in homozygous iCell neurons



## Knockdown persists for 12 weeks in BACHD mouse model



## No loss of selectivity with increasing concentrations



## Similar knockdown achieved in striatum



## C9orf72 program

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)

# C9orf72: a critical genetic risk factor

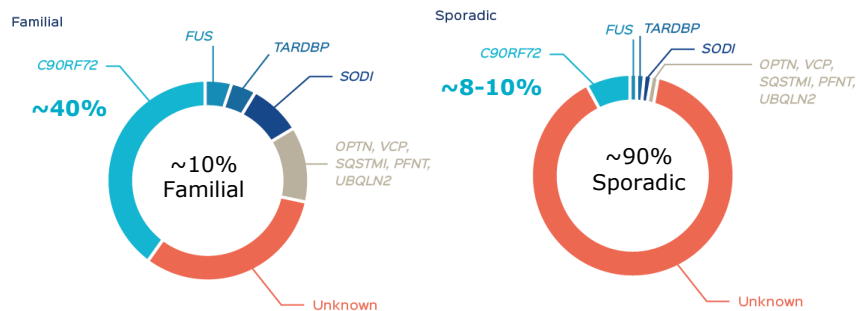
- C9orf72 gene provides instructions for making protein found in various tissues, with abundance in nerve cells in the cerebral cortex and motor neurons
- C9orf72 genetic mutations are the strongest genetic risk factor found to date for the more common, non-inherited (sporadic) forms of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD); GGGGCC repeat drives the formation and accumulation of toxic RNA and dipeptide repeat proteins that accumulate in CNS tissue
- First pathogenic mechanism identified to be a genetic link between familial (inherited) ALS and FTD
- Most common mutation identified associated with familial ALS and FTD
- Measurement of dipeptide biomarker in CSF has potential to accelerate drug development



# Targeting patients with C9orf72 genetic mutations

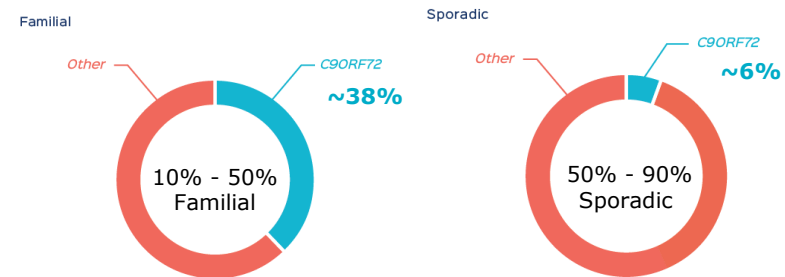
## Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

- Fatal neurodegenerative disease; progressive degeneration of motor neurons in brain and spinal cord
- Affects ~15,000-20,000 people in US; Median survival of 3Y
- C9orf72 is present in ~40% of familial ALS and 8-10% of sporadic ALS; most common demonstrated mutation related to ALS



## Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)

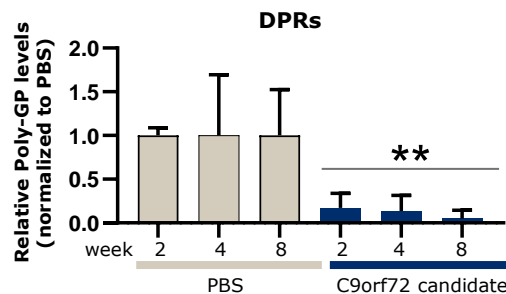
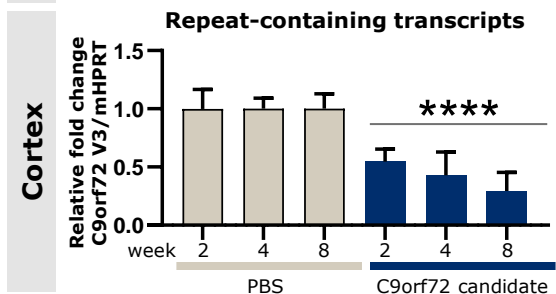
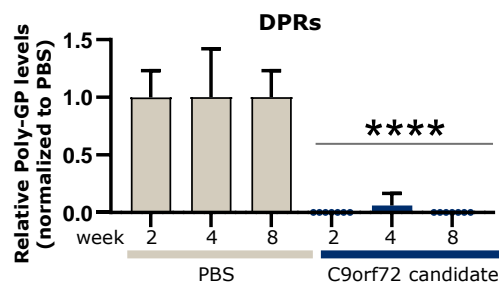
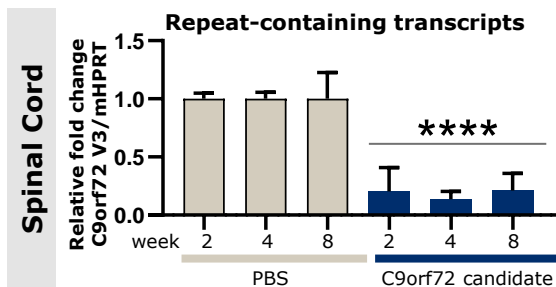
- Progressive neuronal atrophy with loss in frontal and temporal cortices; personality / behavioral changes, gradual impairment of language skills
- Affects ~55,000 people in the US; 2nd most common form of early-onset dementia in people <65 years
- Up to 50% of FTD patients have a family history of dementia



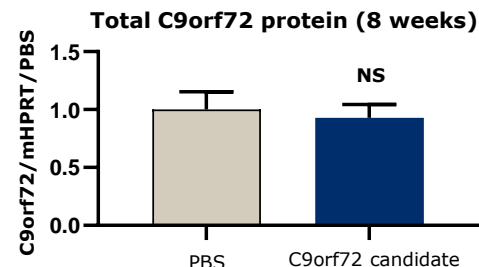
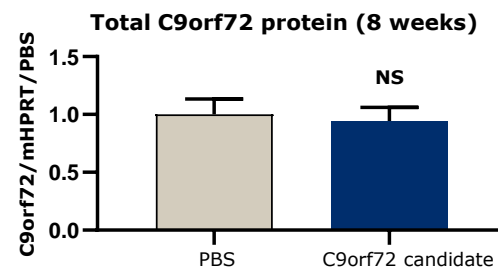
# C9orf72 program: Selective silencing *in vivo* of expanded C9orf72 repeat transcripts and DPRs

- Hexanucleotide repeat drives the formation and accumulation of toxic RNA and dipeptide repeat proteins (DPRs) that accumulate in CNS tissue
- Wave's approach:** Selectively silence the repeat containing transcript while minimizing the impact on C9orf72 protein

## Potent *in vivo* knockdown of repeat containing transcripts and DPRs



## Protein preservation



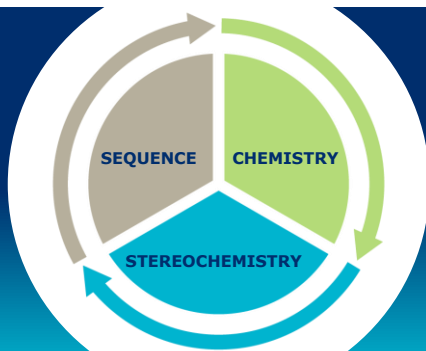
## PRISM Platform



**Enables Wave to target genetically defined diseases with stereopure oligonucleotides across multiple therapeutic modalities**

## **DESIGN**

Unique ability to construct stereopure oligonucleotides with one defined and consistent profile



## **OPTIMIZE**

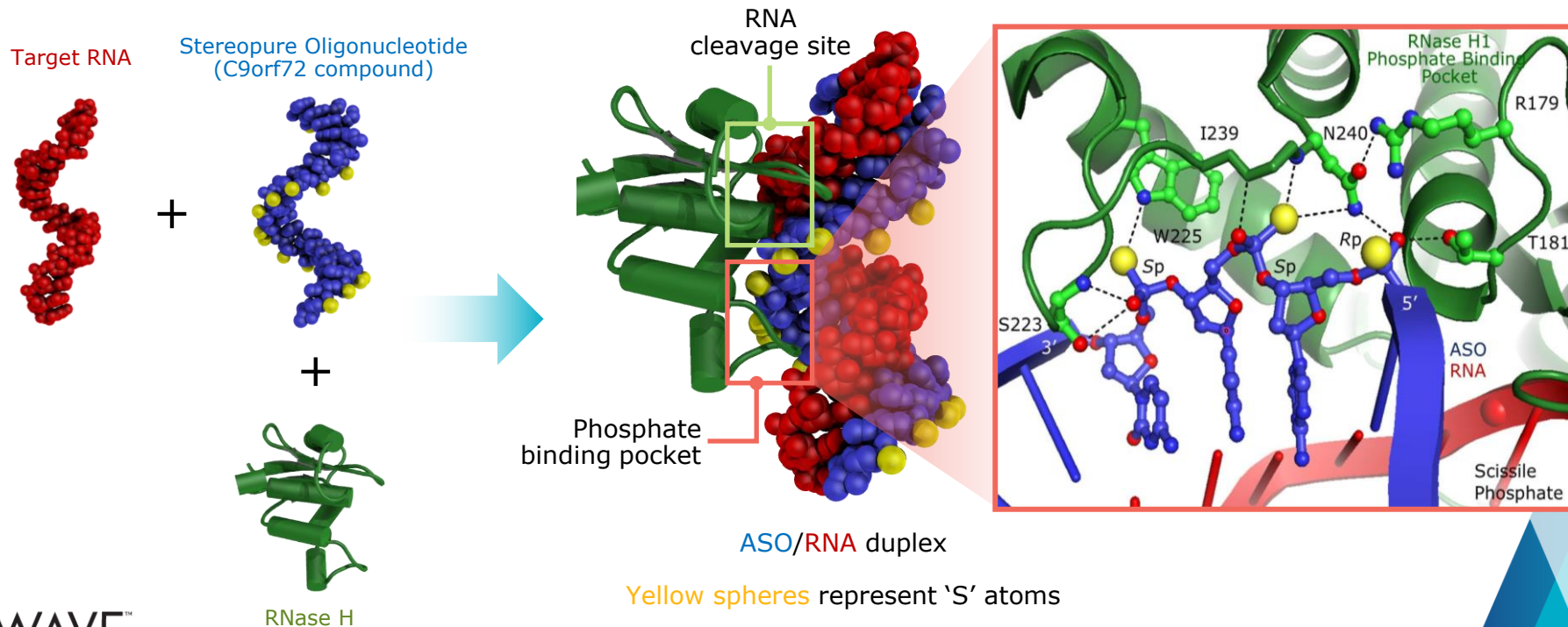
A deep understanding of how the interplay among oligonucleotide sequence, chemistry, and backbone stereochemistry impacts key pharmacological properties

**Through iterative analysis of *in vitro* and *in vivo* outcomes and artificial intelligence-driven predictive modeling, Wave continues to define design principles that are deployed across programs to rapidly develop and manufacture clinical candidates that meet pre-defined product profiles**

# PRISM enables optimal placement of backbone stereochemistry

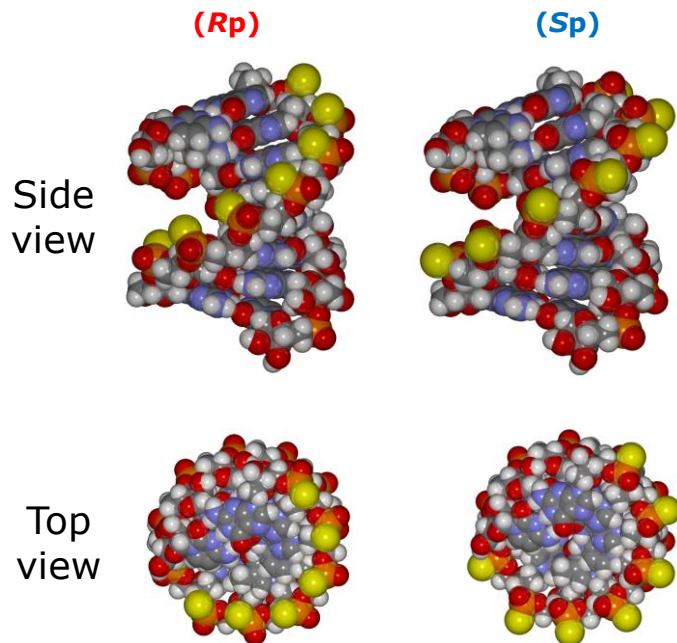


*Crystal structure confirms phosphate-binding pocket of RNase H binds 3'-SSR-5' motif in stereopure oligonucleotide – supports design strategy for Wave oligonucleotides*

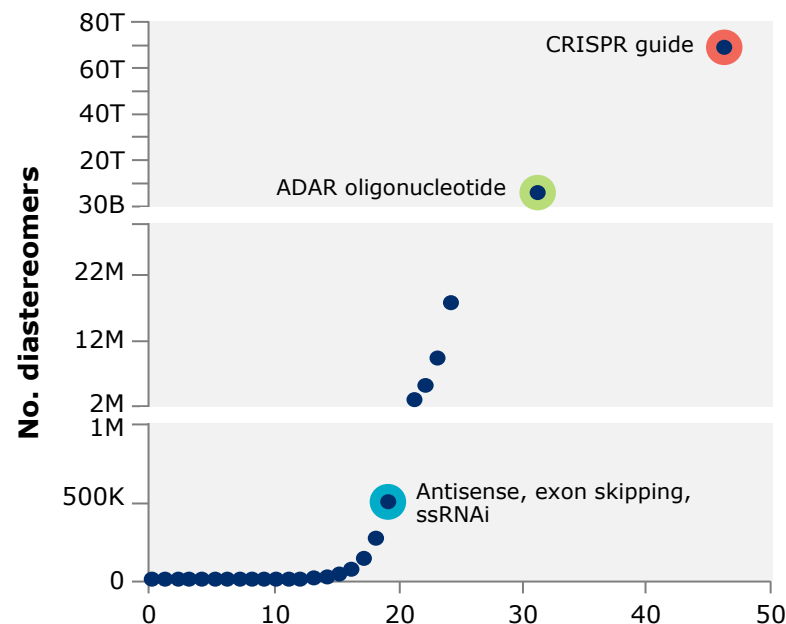


# Importance of controlling stereochemistry

## Stereochemical diversity

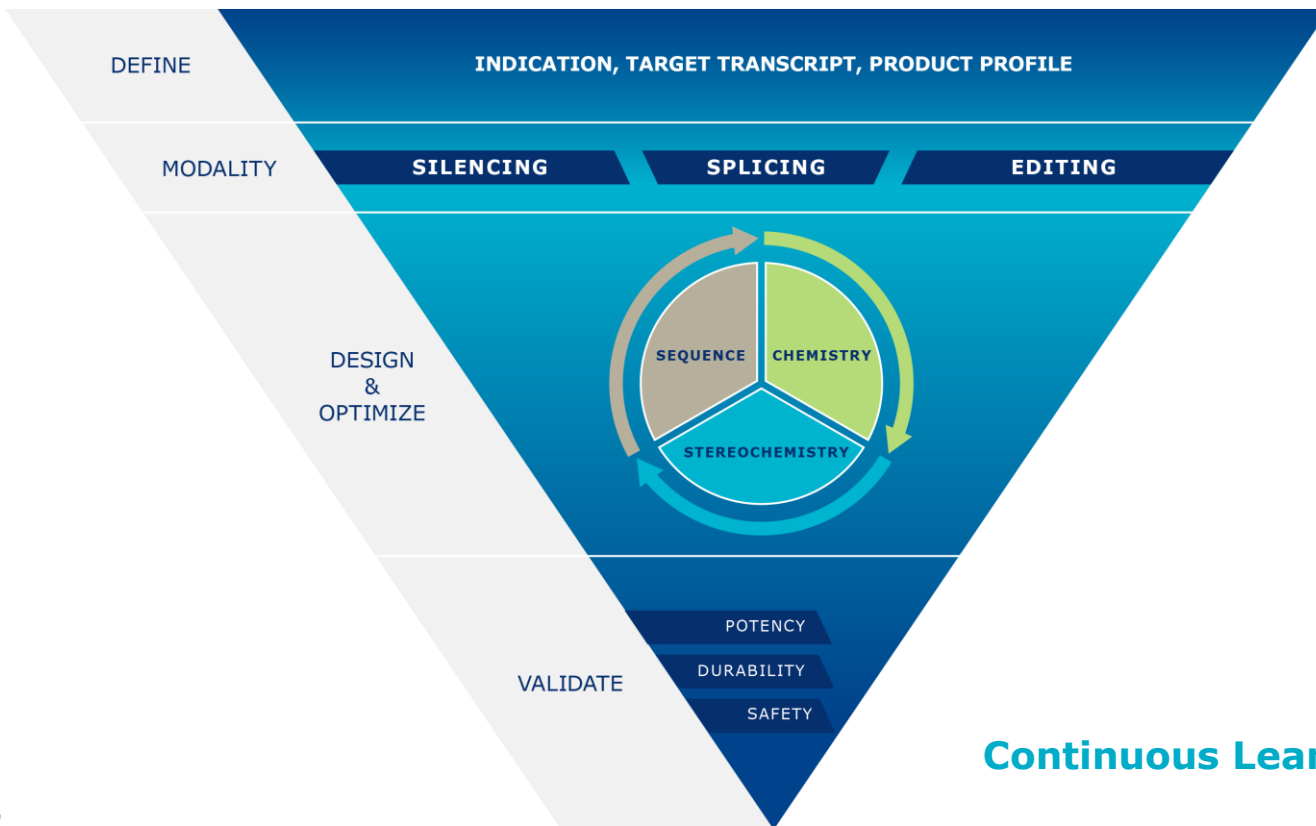


## Exponential diversity arises from uncontrolled stereochemistry





# PRISM platform enables rational drug design

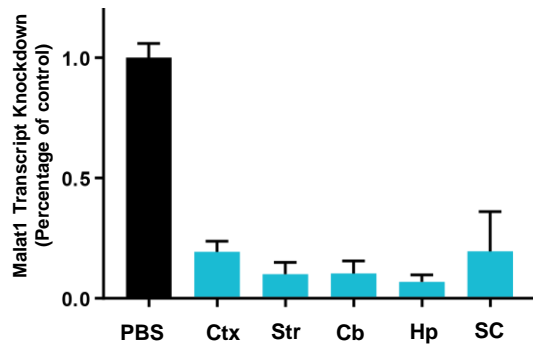


**Continuous Learning**

# Optimizing potency and durability across multiple tissues

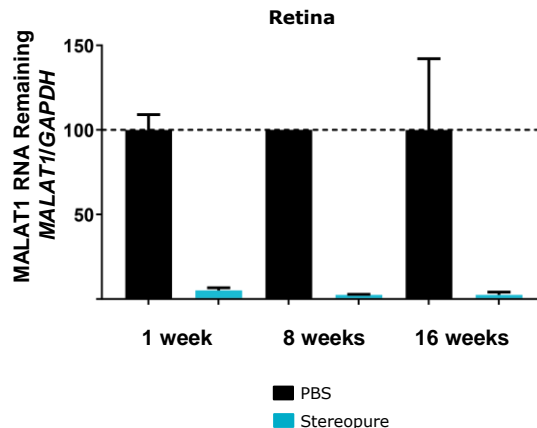
## CNS

*Malat1* Transcript Knockdown in Mice  
10 Weeks after single 100 µg ICV injection



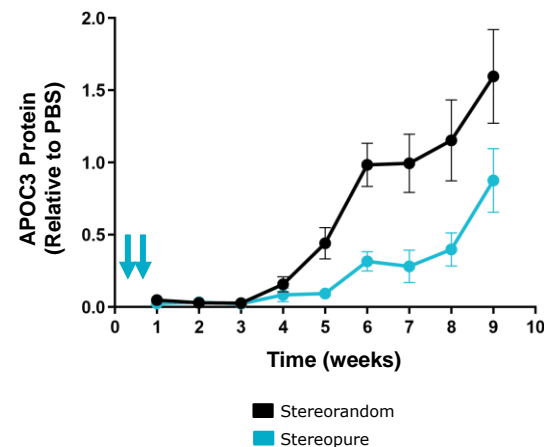
## Eye

*MALAT1* Knockdown in Non-Human Primates  
Single 450 µg IVT injection



## Liver

Knockdown of Serum APOC3 Protein Levels in Mice  
Two 5 mg/kg SC injections on Days 1&3



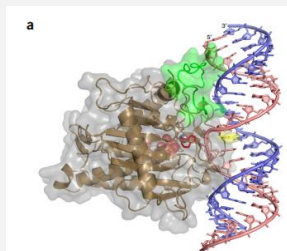
## ADAR-mediated RNA editing

# ADAR editing: A promising new therapeutic modality for treatment of genetic diseases

## Potential benefits versus gene editing

- Ability to use endogenous proteins (e.g. ADAR)
- Ease of delivery
- Titratable, repeatable dosing
- Reversible effects, avoids potential long-term risks associated with permanent off-target DNA editing

### ADAR (adenosine deaminases acting on RNA)

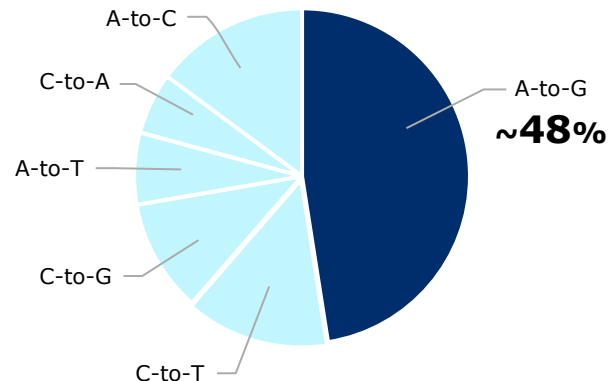


- Endogenous proteins that catalyze A-to-I RNA editing
- Upon translation, I recognized as G, leading to A-to-G editing

## A-to-I(G) RNA editing opportunity is significant

- Nearly half of known human genetic pathogenic SNPs are G-to-A mutations<sup>1</sup>
- Tens of thousands of potential disease variants A-to-I(G) editing could target<sup>2</sup>

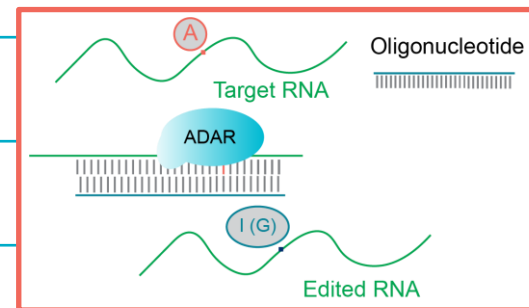
### Pathogenic human SNPs by base pair corrections



>32,000 pathogenic human SNPs<sup>1</sup>

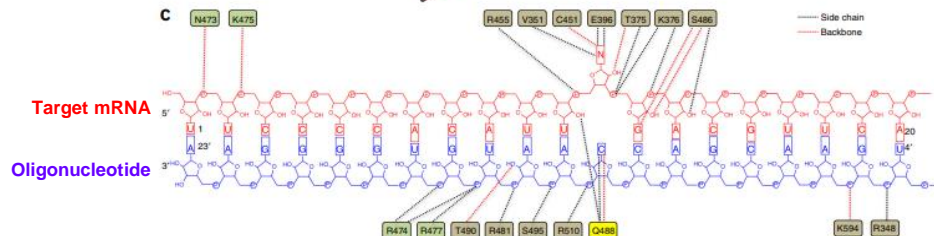
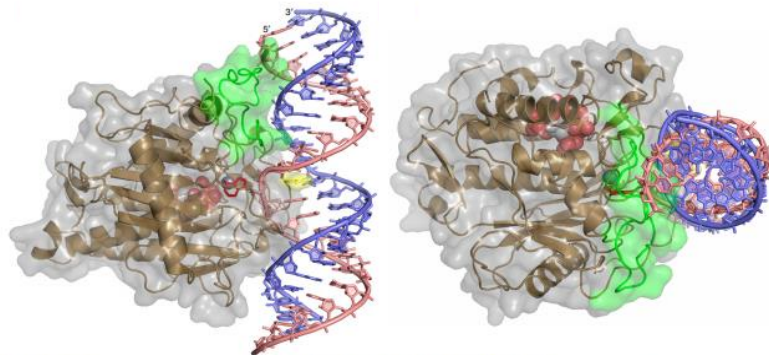
# ADAR editing can be used for several therapeutic applications and supplement Wave's existing modalities

Strategy	Therapeutic Application	Treatment Modality		
		Silencing	Splicing	ADAR Editing
Silence protein expression	Reduce levels of toxic mRNA/protein	✓		✓
Alter mRNA splicing	Exon skipping/inclusion/restore frame		✓	✓
Fix nonsense mutations that cannot be splice-corrected	Restore protein expression			✓
Fix missense mutations that cannot be splice-corrected	Restore protein function			✓
Modify amino acid codons	Alter protein function			✓
Remove upstream ORF	Increase protein expression			✓



# Using PRISM to unlock ADAR-mediated RNA editing

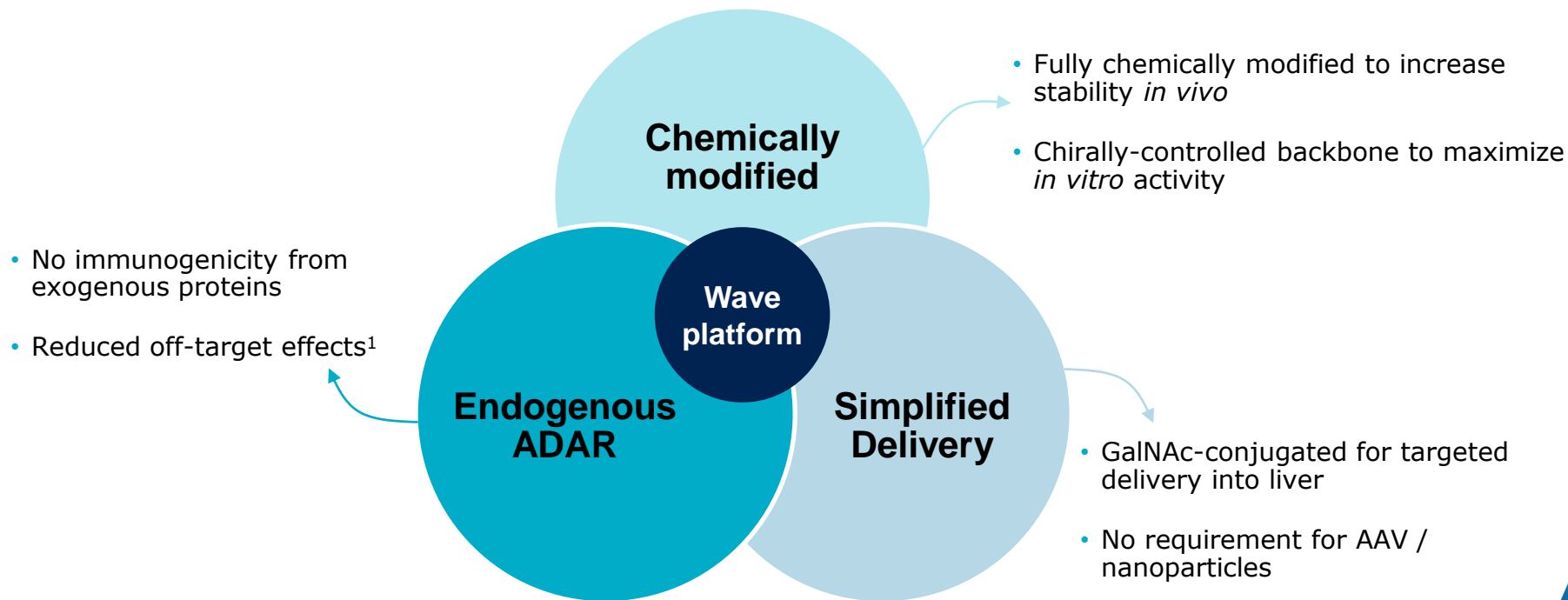
## Structure of ADAR deaminase domain bound to dsRNA substrate



- ADAR makes multiple contacts with oligonucleotide backbone, sugar and bases
- Using PRISM platform, rationally designed and screened oligonucleotides to optimize:
  - 2' sugar chemistry
  - Backbone chemistry and stereochemistry
  - Size and structure
  - Modified nucleobases

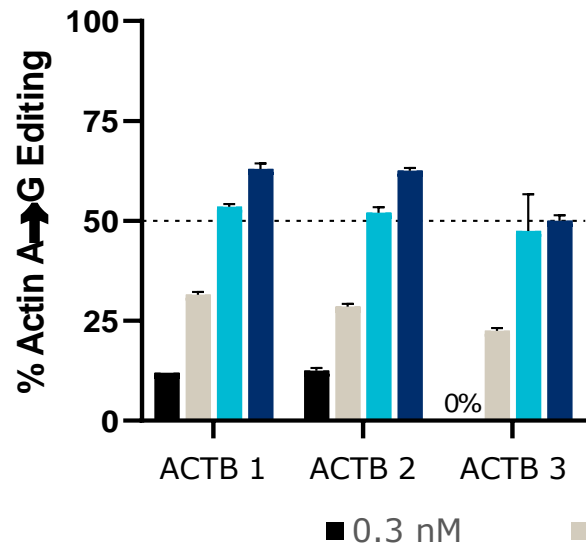
**~1,000** RNA editing oligonucleotides tested over the last year to develop SAR for editing format

# Advantages of Wave ADAR-mediated RNA-editing platform

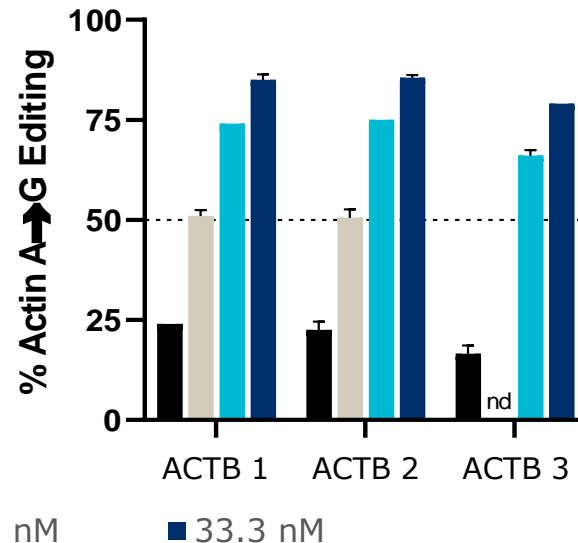


# *In vitro* RNA editing demonstrated in non-human primate and human hepatocytes

## NHP Hepatocytes



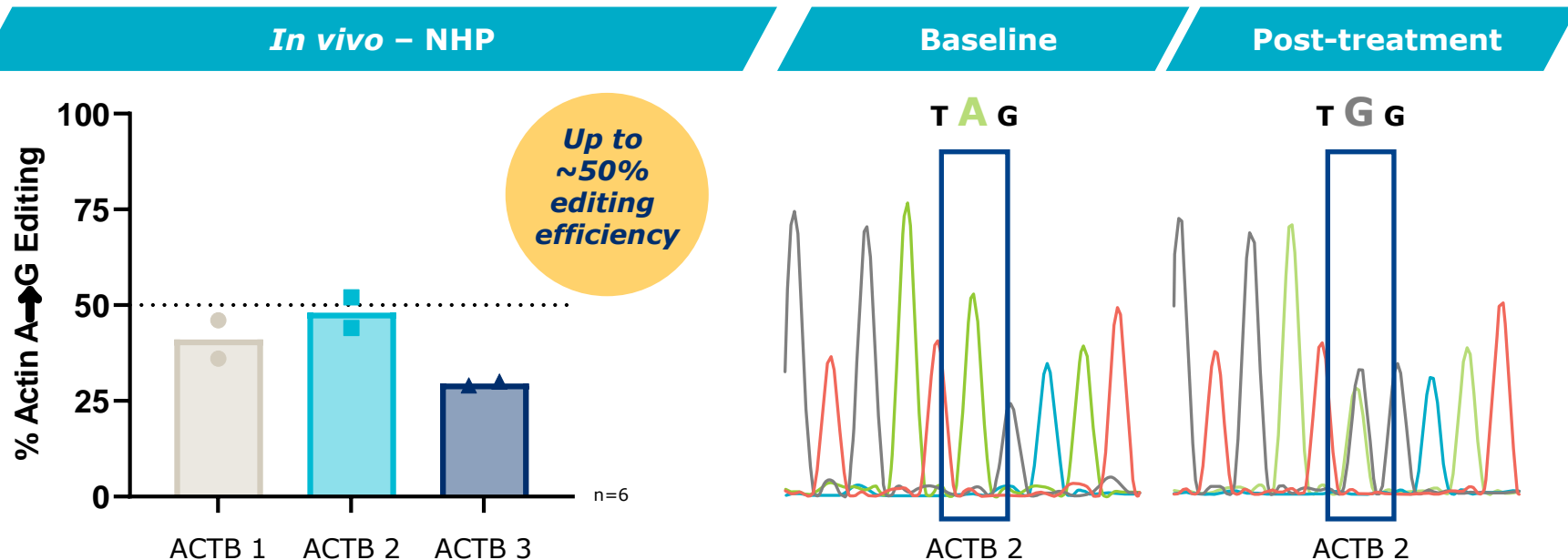
## Human Hepatocytes



**Potent, dose-dependent RNA editing demonstrated via free uptake with GalNAc-conjugated stereopure oligonucleotides**

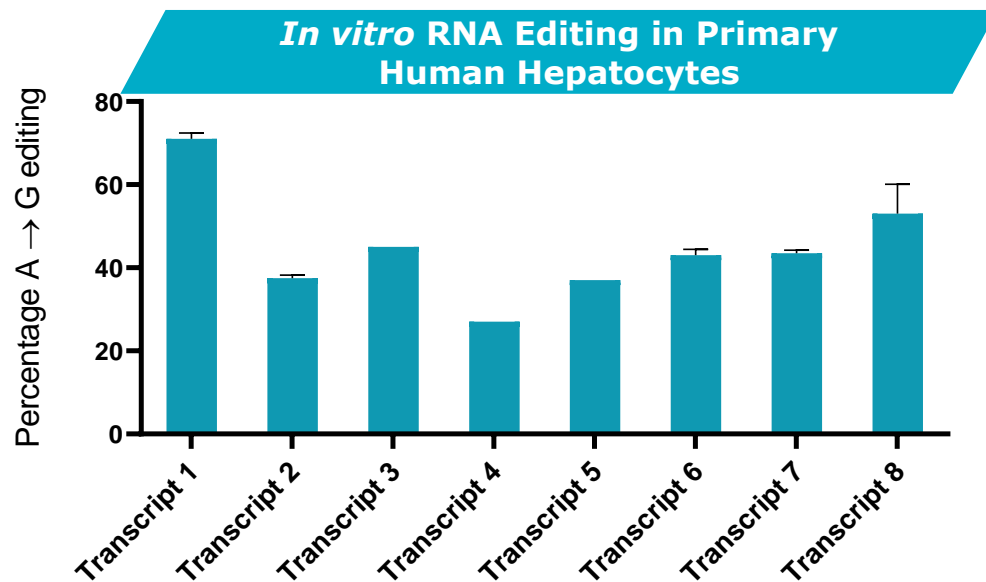


# First non-human primate RNA editing



**Liver biopsies conducted at baseline and 2 days post last dose**  
**RNA-editing efficiencies of up to 50% with GalNAc conjugate in liver of NHP**

# RNA-editing design applicable across targets



- Editing achieved across several distinct RNA transcripts
- Supports potential for technology to be applied across variety of disease targets

**Additional *in vivo* ADAR-mediated RNA-editing data  
and first ADAR editing program expected to be announced in 2020**

## Ophthalmology

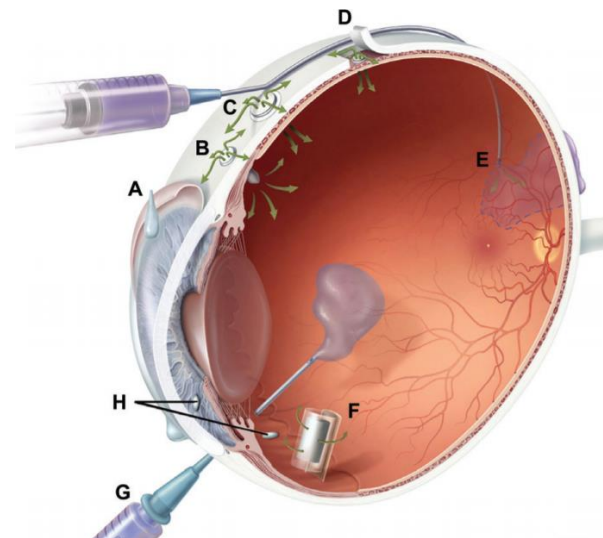
# Stereopure oligonucleotides for inherited retinal diseases (IRDs)

## Wave ophthalmology opportunity

- Oligonucleotides can be administered by intravitreal injection; targeting twice per year dosing
- Stereopure oligonucleotides open novel strategies in both dominant and recessive IRDs; potential for potent and durable effect with low immune response

## Successful targeting of ***MALAT1*** is a surrogate for an ASO mechanism of action

- Widely expressed in many different cell types
- Only expressed in the nucleus

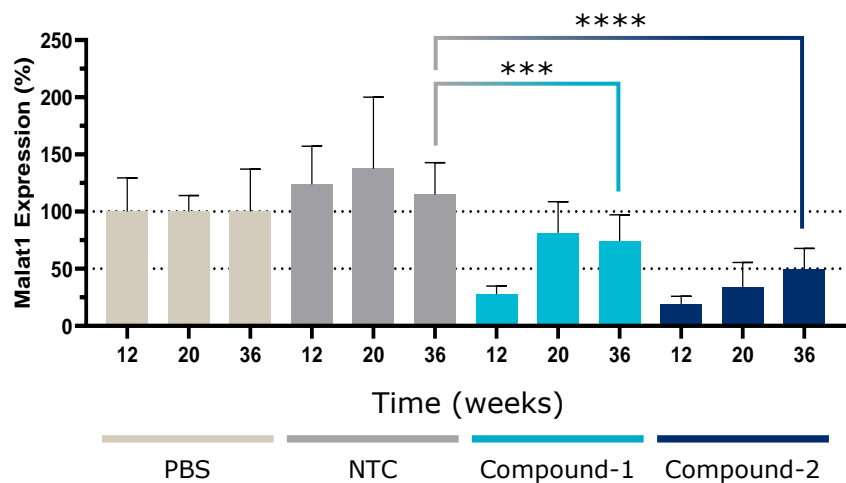


Intravitreal injection

# Stereopure compound induces potent and durable *MALAT1* knockdown in the eye

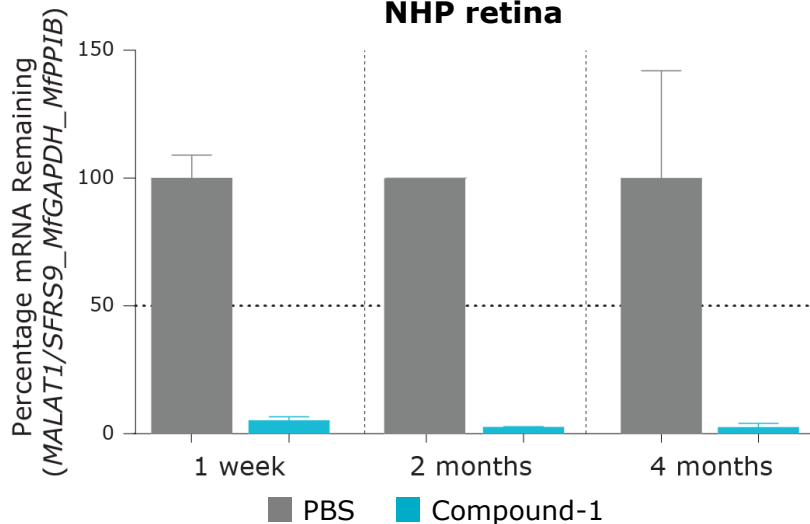
~50% *MALAT1* knockdown at 9 months

***In vivo* duration of effect in the mouse retina**



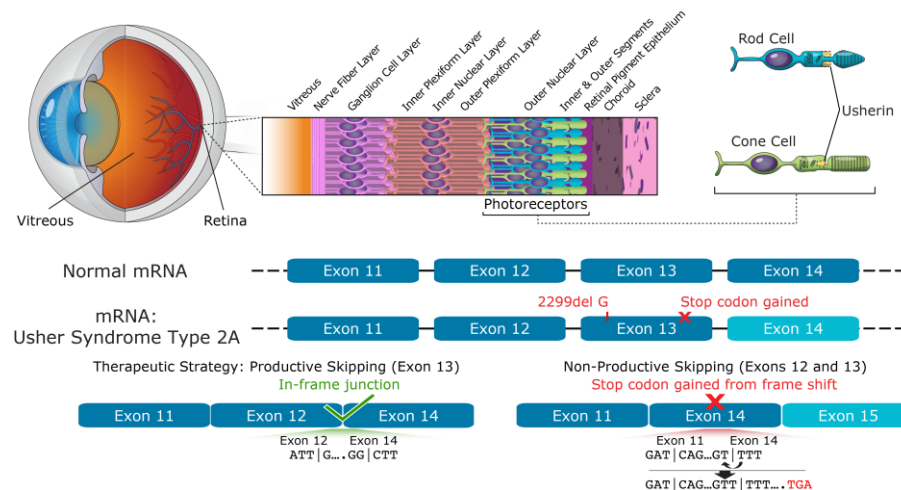
>90% knockdown of *MALAT1* maintained for 4 months

***In vivo* duration of effect in the NHP retina**



# Usher Syndrome Type 2A: a progressive vision loss disorder

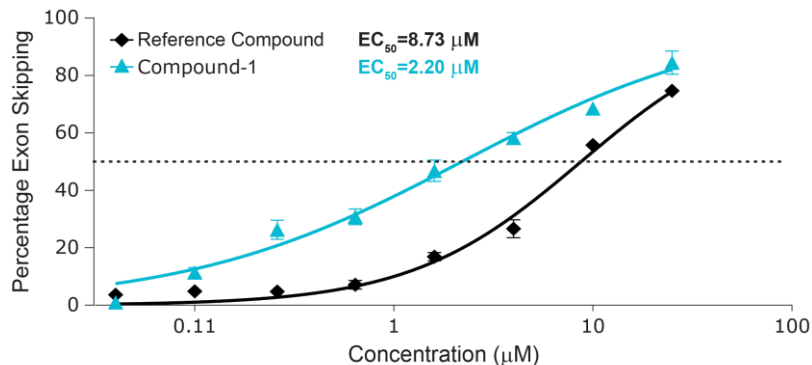
- Autosomal recessive disease characterized by hearing loss at birth and progressive vision loss beginning in adolescence or adulthood
- Caused by mutations in USH2A gene (72 exons) that disrupt production of usherin protein in retina, leading to degeneration of the photoreceptors
- No approved disease-modifying therapies
- ~5,000 addressable patients in US**



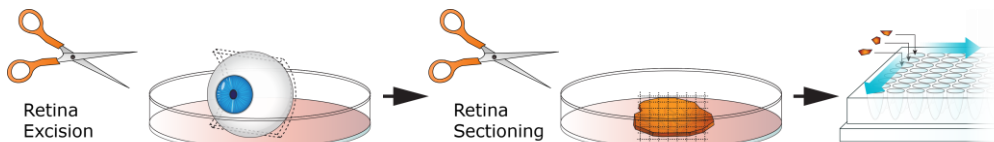
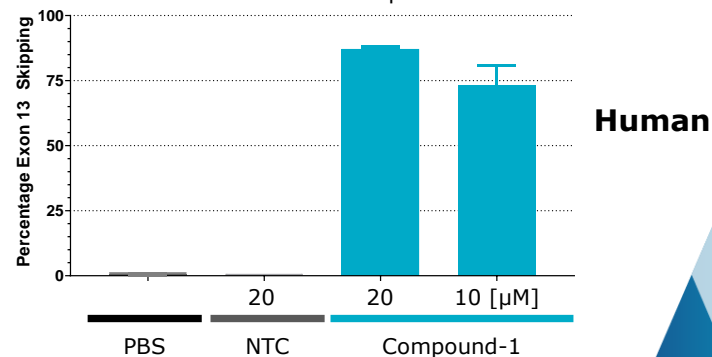
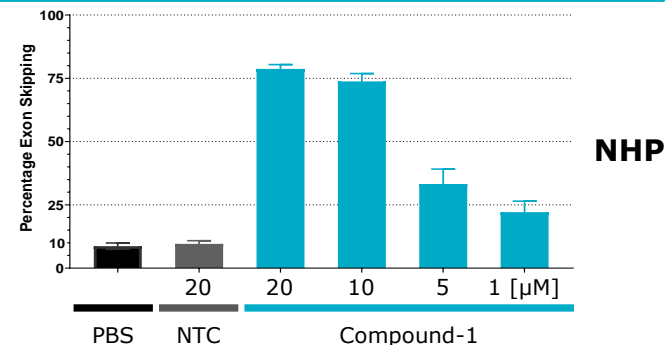
**Oligonucleotides that promote USH2A exon 13 skipping may restore production of functional usherin protein**

# Potent USH2A exon 13 skipping with stereopure compound in *vitro* and *ex vivo*

## Enhanced potency over a stereorandom reference compound (*in vitro*)



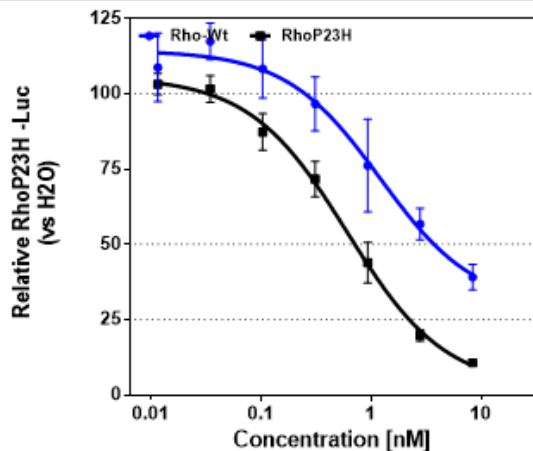
## Target engagement in NHP and human retinas (*ex vivo*)



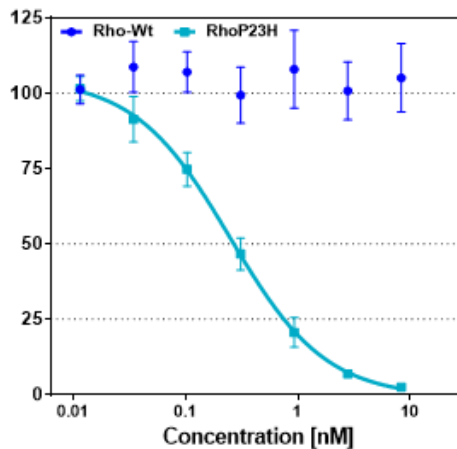
# Allele-selective reduction of SNP-containing allele for adRP associated with Rhodopsin P23H mutation

- **Retinitis pigmentosa (RP)**: group of rare, genetic eye disorders resulting in progressive photoreceptor cell death and gradual functional loss; currently no cure
- ~10% of US autosomal dominant RP cases are caused by the P23H mutation in the rhodopsin gene (RHO)
- Mutant P23H rhodopsin protein is thought to misfold and co-aggregate with wild-type rhodopsin, resulting in a gain-of-function or dominant negative effect in rod photoreceptor cells

## Stereorandom



## Stereopure



## In vivo

Collaborations in place for evaluation in transgenic human Rho P23H pig model



# Anticipated upcoming Wave milestones

## NEUROLOGY

### Huntington's disease

- **4Q 2020:** Initiate clinical development with CTA filing of SNP3 program
- **1Q 2021:** PRECISION-HD2 data from 32 mg cohort and data from OLE trial
- **1Q 2021:** PRECISION-HD1 data, including 32 mg cohort, and data from OLE trial

### ALS and FTD

- **4Q 2020:** Initiate clinical development with CTA filing of C9orf72 program in ALS and FTD



### ADAR editing

- ✓ *In vivo* ADAR-mediated RNA editing data
- **August 2020:** Additional *in vivo* ADAR editing data at Research webcast
- **2020:** Announce first ADAR editing program

### PRISM platform updates in 2020

- Research webcast to be held August 25



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