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Earnings  
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Paul Bolno, MD, MBA  
President and CEO

# Agenda

## **Introduction and company update**

Paul Bolno, MD, MBA, President and CEO

## **Clinical development update**

Michael Panzara, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Head of Therapeutics Discovery and Development

## **ADAR editing capability: Restoration of AAT protein *in vivo***

Paloma Giangrande, PhD, VP, Platform Discovery Sciences and Biology

## **2Q 2021 financial results**

Kyle Moran, Chief Financial Officer

## **Continuous flow of data through 2022 to enable program decisions**

Dr. Paul Bolno, MD, MBA, President and CEO

## **Q&A**

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# Second quarter and recent highlights

## NEXT GENERATION CLINICAL PIPELINE ADVANCING

- Intrathecal dosing underway in FOCUS-C9 clinical trial of WVE-004 in ALS and FTD
- First clinical dosing of an oligonucleotide containing PN chemistry
- Recruitment ongoing for clinical trials in HD (WVE-003) and DMD (WVE-N531)

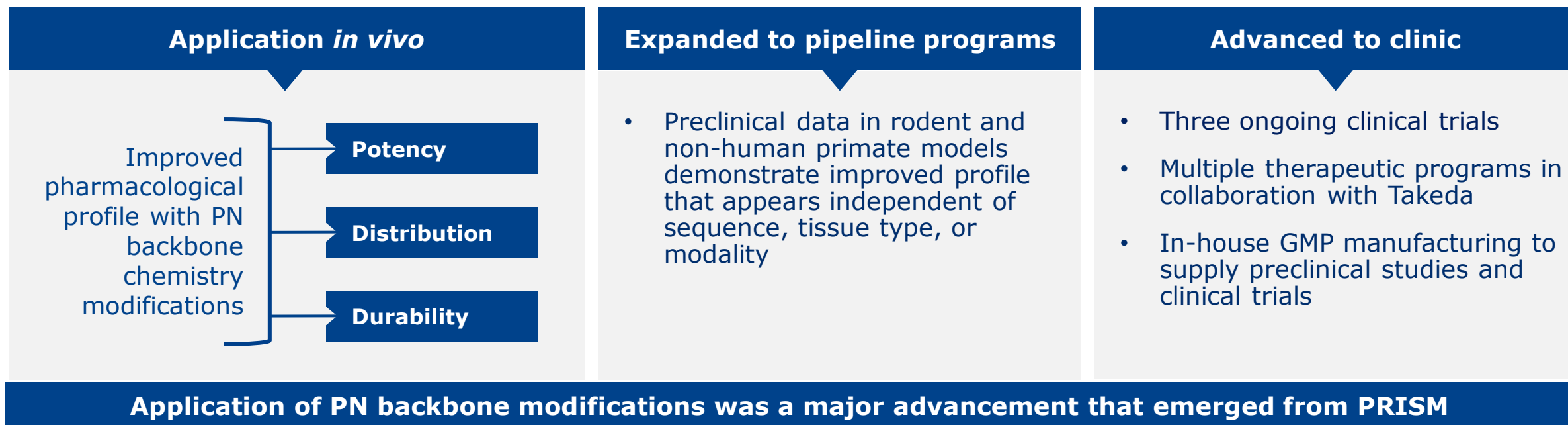
## CLINICAL DATA TO DRIVE VALUE

- Innovative, adaptive clinical trials designed to provide rapid path to establish dose level, frequency, and ultimately clinical effects
- Data generation through 2022 provides the opportunity to confirm promising *in vivo* pre-clinical results utilizing Wave's novel PN chemistry backbone modifications, both intrathecally and systemically

## LEADING ENDOGENOUS ADAR EDITING CAPABILITY

- ADAR editing demonstrates restoration of functional AAT protein *in vivo* in AATD program
- Progress illustrates ability to build upon foundational chemistry innovations of PRISM platform and enable novel therapeutic approaches

# Successfully advanced novel PN chemistry to clinic



**Control over stereochemistry enabled application of PN and other drug design principles to oligonucleotides, advancing drug discovery and development**

# Robust portfolio of stereopure, PN-modified oligonucleotides

THERAPEUTIC AREA / TARGET	DISCOVERY	PRECLINICAL	CLINICAL	PARTNER
<b>NEUROLOGY</b>				
<b>ALS and FTD</b> C9orf72	WVE-004 (FOCUS-C9)			Takeda 50:50 option
<b>Huntington's disease</b> mHTT SNP3	WVE-003 (SELECT-HD)			
<b>SCA3</b> ATXN3				
<b>CNS diseases</b> Multiplet				Takeda milestones & royalties
<b>DMD</b> Exon 53	WVE-N531			100% global
<b>ADAR editing</b> Multiple				
<b>HEPATIC</b>				
<b>AATD (ADAR editing)</b> SERPINA1				100% global
<b>OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>				
<b>Retinal diseases</b> USH2A and RhoP23H				100% global

# Leading ADAR RNA editing capability

## Oligonucleotide chemistry experience

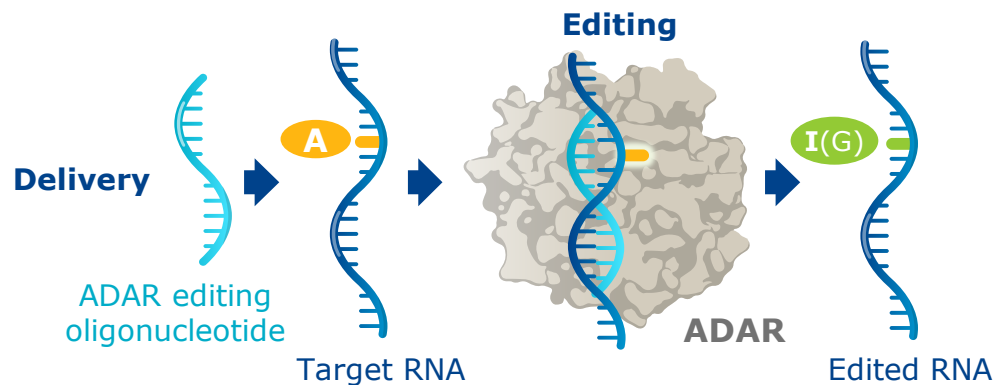
- Fully chemically modified to enhance stability
- Stereopure PN chemistry modifications

## Simplified delivery

- Short, single-stranded
- No requirement for AAV / nanoparticles

## Leverages endogenous ADAR

- No immunogenicity from exogenous proteins
- Avoids permanent off-target DNA edits



Opens many new  
therapeutic  
applications

Restore protein function

Modify protein function

Upregulate protein expression

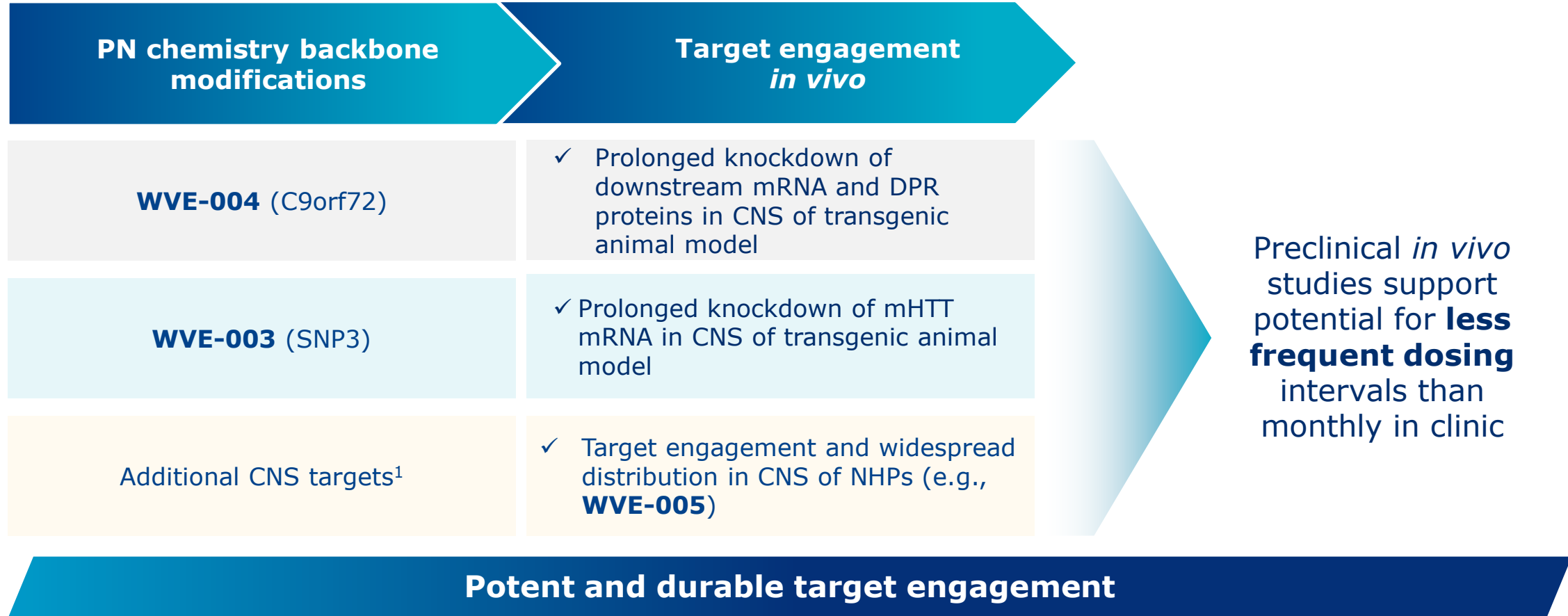
ADAR editing capability to be  
highlighted at Research Day  
September 28





Mike Panzara, MD, MPH  
Chief Medical Officer,  
Head of Therapeutics  
Discovery and Development

# Development of next generation candidates for intrathecal delivery to CNS targets



# C9orf72 repeat expansions: One of the most common genetic causes of ALS and FTD

Hexanucleotide (G<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>)- repeat expansions in C9orf72 gene are common autosomal dominant cause for ALS and FTD



*Different manifestations across a clinical spectrum*

## Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

- Fatal neurodegenerative disease
- Progressive degeneration of motor neurons in brain and spinal cord
- C9-specific ALS: ~2,000 patients in US

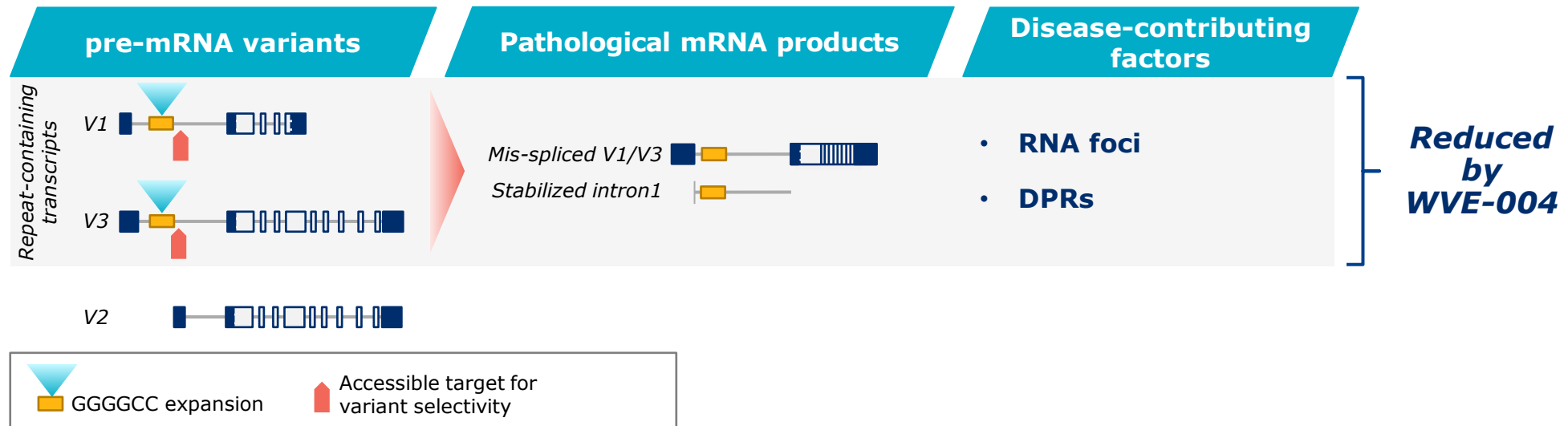
## Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)

- Progressive neuronal degeneration in frontal / temporal cortices
- Personality and behavioral changes, gradual impairment of language skills
- C9-specific FTD: ~10,000 patients in US

**Establishing leadership through inclusion of patients with C9-associated disease across phenotypes**

# WVE-004 selectively targets repeat-containing transcripts to address multiple drivers of toxicity

- C9orf72 protein is important for normal regulation of neuronal function and the immune system
- WVE-004 targets hexanucleotide repeat containing transcript variants that lead to loss of normal C9orf72 function and production of pathological mRNA products and toxic dipeptide repeat (DPR) proteins
- Poly-GP is an important DPR transcribed from sense and antisense toxic mRNA transcripts
- Poly-GP is a sensitive biomarker of target engagement and reductions of mRNA transcripts and other toxic proteins by WVE-004
- Neurofilament Light-Chain (NfL) measurements will provide important insight into potential for neuroprotection



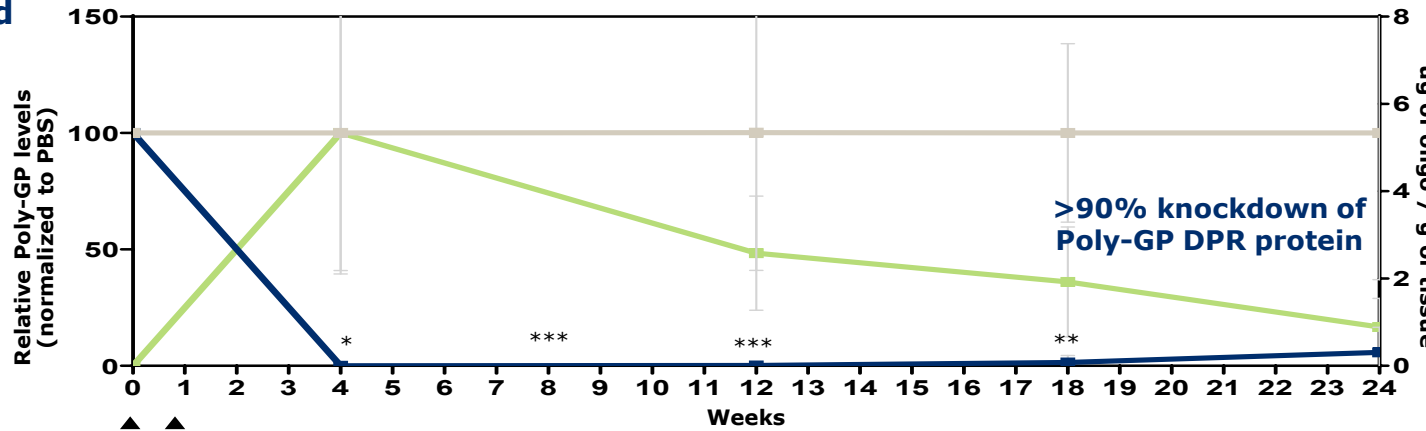
# Durable reduction *in vivo* of Poly-GP in spinal cord and cortex; Preservation of C9orf72 protein

WVE-004  
(C9orf72)

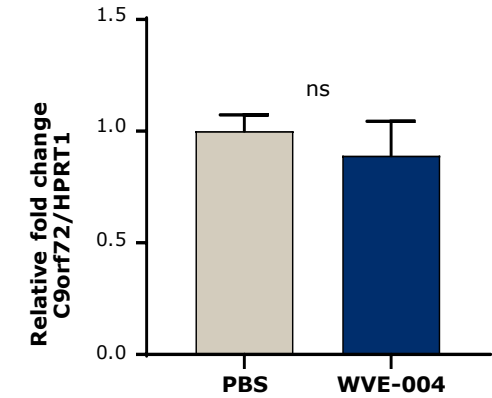
Preclinical *in vivo* results:



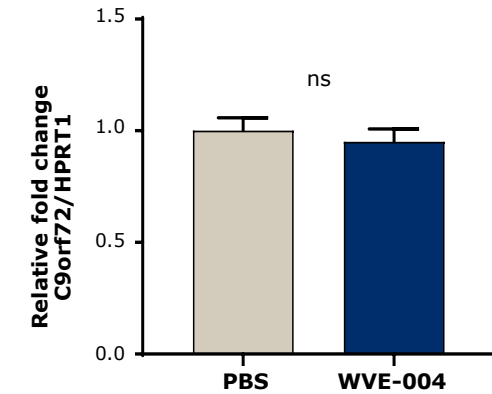
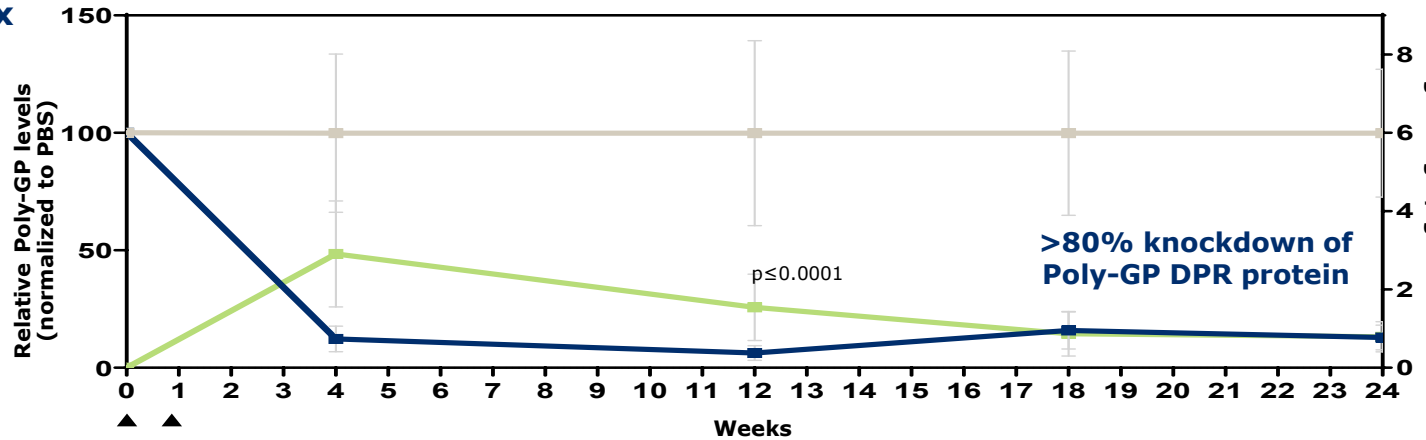
Spinal cord



C9orf72 protein unchanged at 6 months



Cortex



Two doses of WVE-004

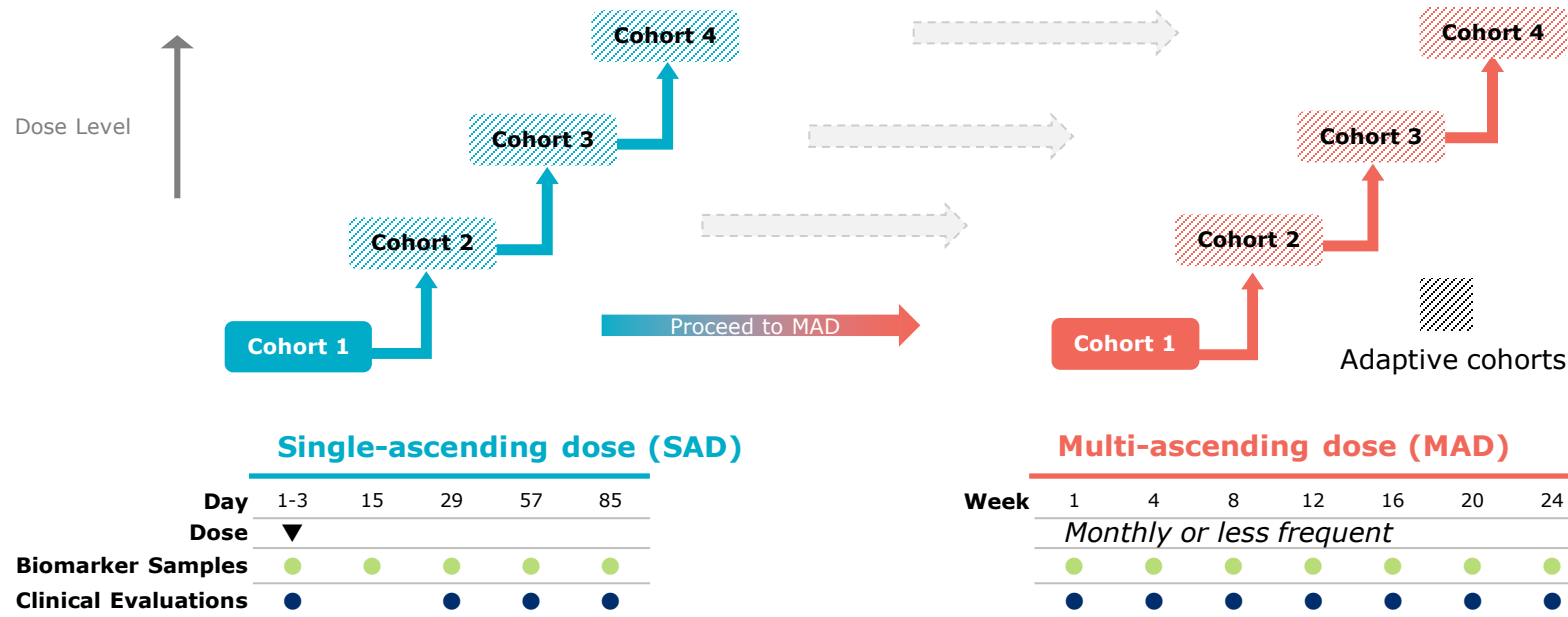


■ PBS    
 ■ WVE-004: Poly-GP DPR    
 ■ WVE-004: Oligonucleotide concentration

Full results presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on ALS/ MND (December 2020); 2 x 50 ug (day 0, day 7) dosed ICV; DPRs measured by Poly-GP MSD assay. \*: p ≤ 0.05 \*\*: P ≤ 0.01, \*\*\*: P ≤ 0.001. DPR: Dipeptide repeat protein

# FOCUS-C9: Adaptive trial designed to assess target engagement and adjust dosing throughout the study

Phase 1b/2a global, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



## Primary objectives

- Safety and tolerability

## Secondary objectives

- Plasma and CSF PK profile
- PolyGP in CSF

## Exploratory objectives

Biomarkers:

- p75NTR<sup>ECD</sup> in urine
- NfL in CSF

Clinical endpoints:

- ALSFRS-R
- CDR-FTDL
- FVC
- HHD

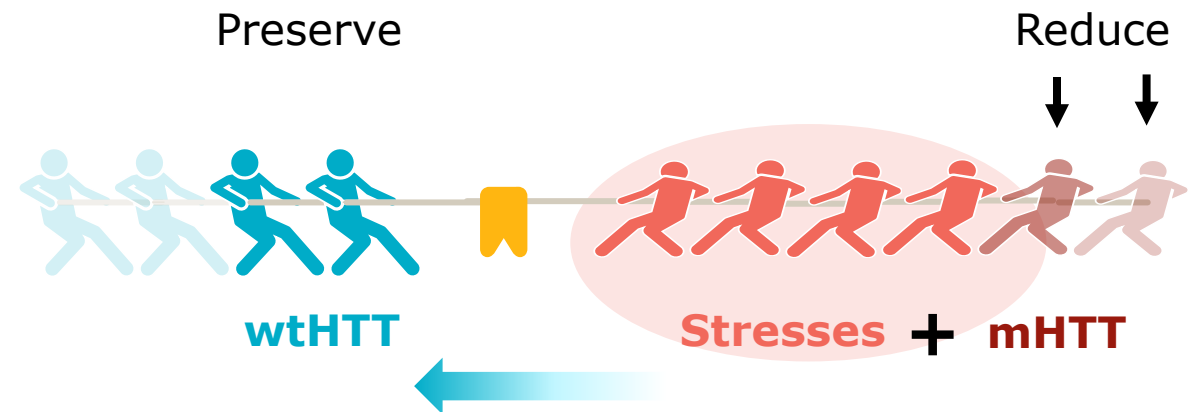
**Dose escalation and MAD dosing frequency guided by independent committee**

# WVE-003: Designed to address both toxic gain of function and loss of function drivers of HD progression

Selective lowering of mHTT transcript through SNP targeting; direct measurement of effects through CSF biomarkers

## Goals:

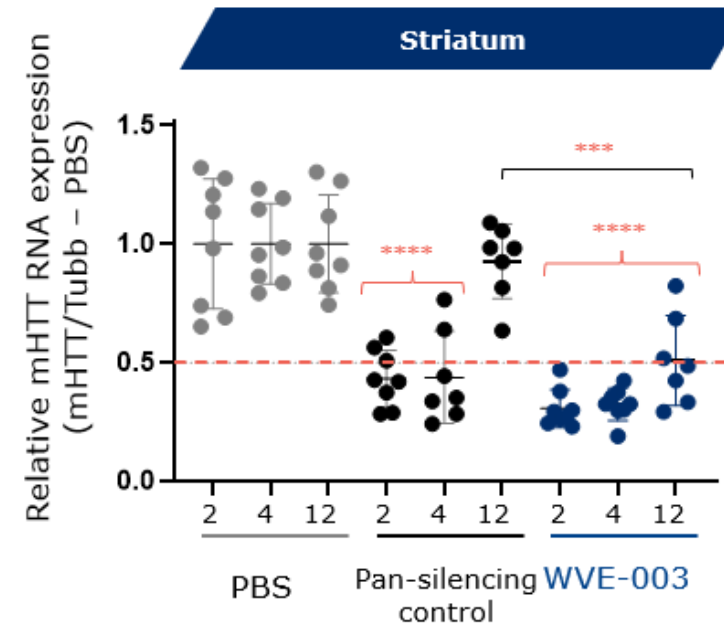
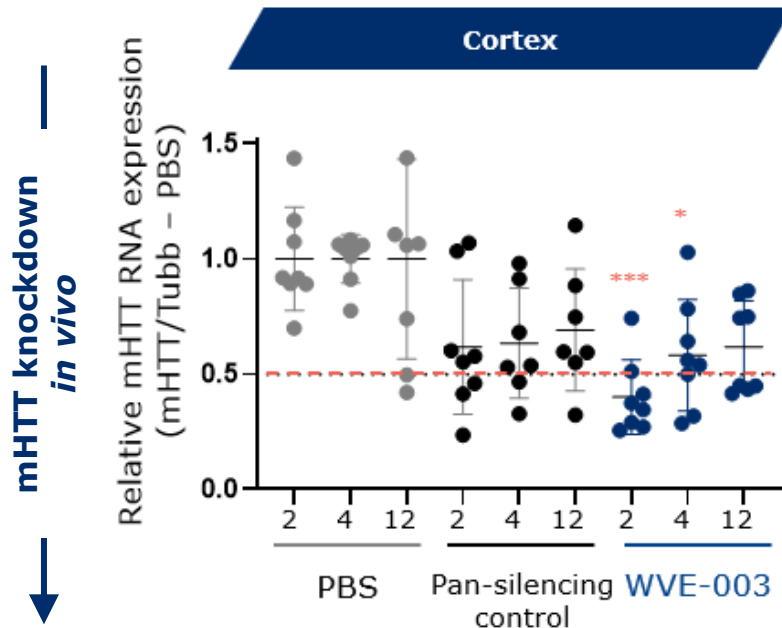
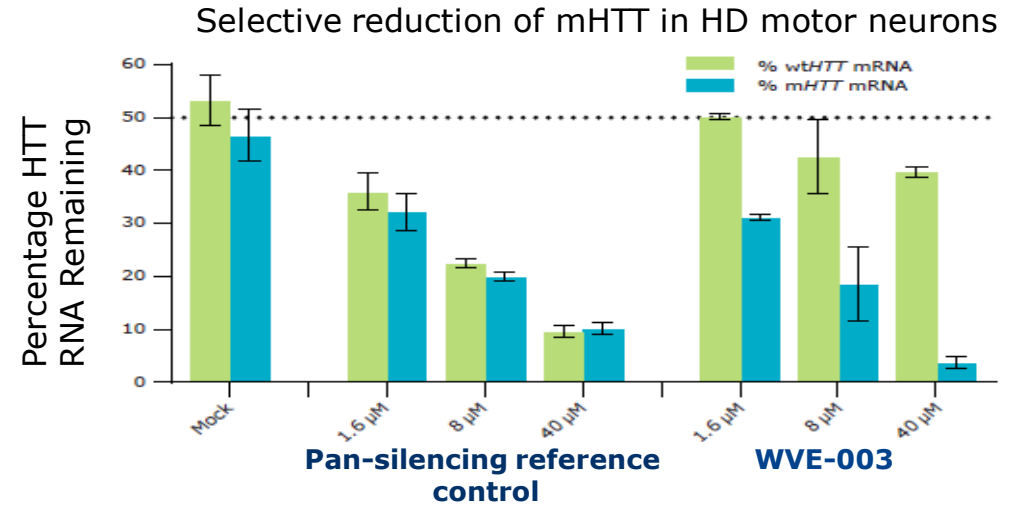
- ✓ Reduce toxic mHTT protein
- ✓ Preserve neuroprotective effects of wtHTT protein
- ✓ Slow / halt neurodegeneration and disease progression



**Allele-selective approaches seek to maintain beneficial effects of wtHTT to maximize effect of mHTT reduction**

# Selective, potent, durable mHTT knockdown achieved with WVE-003 in preclinical studies

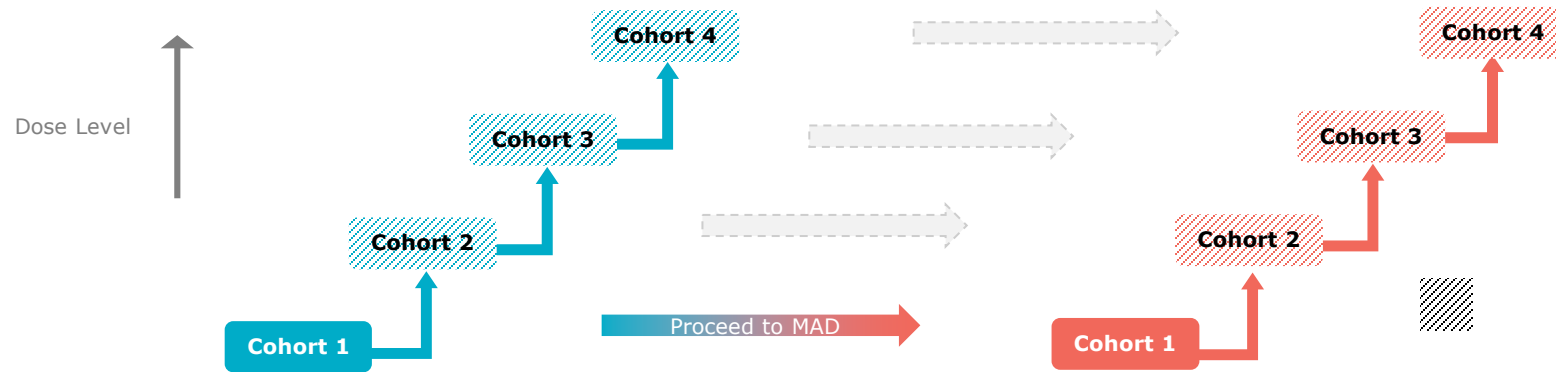
- ✓ **Selectivity:** Wild-type HTT is preserved even at high concentrations *in vitro*
- ✓ **Potency:** Maximum knockdown of 70-75% *in vivo*
- ✓ **Durability:** ~50% knockdown persisting for at least 3 months *in vivo*





# SELECT-HD: Adaptive trial designed to assess target engagement and adjust dosing throughout the study

Phase 1b/2a global, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



### Single-ascending dose (SAD)

Day	1-3	15	29	57	85
Dose	▼				
Biomarker Samples	●	●	●	●	●
Clinical Evaluations	●				●

### Multi-ascending dose (MAD)

Week	1	2	4	8	12	16	20	24
Dose	Monthly or less frequent							
Biomarker Samples	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Clinical Evaluations	●				●		●	

### Primary objectives

- Safety and tolerability

### Secondary objectives

- Plasma PK profile
- CSF exposure

### Exploratory objectives

Biomarkers:

- mHTT
- wtHTT
- NfL

Clinical endpoints:

- UHDRS

**Dose escalation and MAD dosing frequency guided by independent committee**

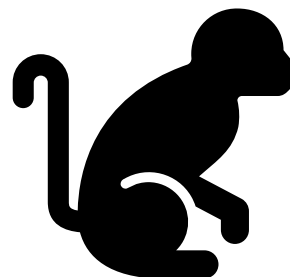
# Collaborative programs with Takeda allow assessment of CNS distribution and pharmacology across species

- Evaluate drug distribution and target engagement in a large animal species, using the clinical route of administration

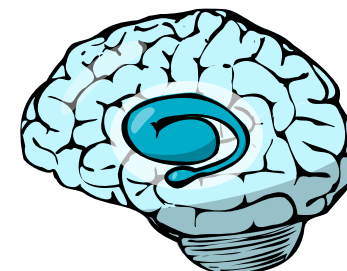
## Transgenic mouse model



## NHP

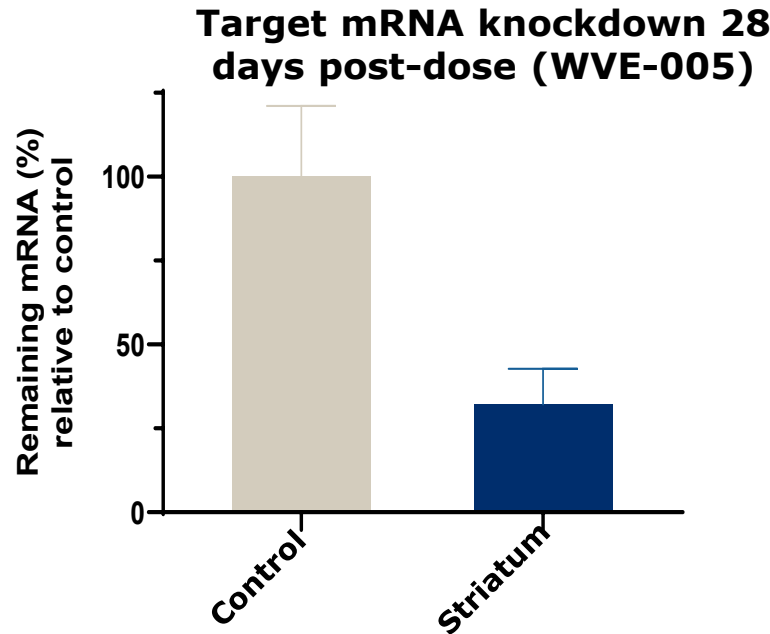
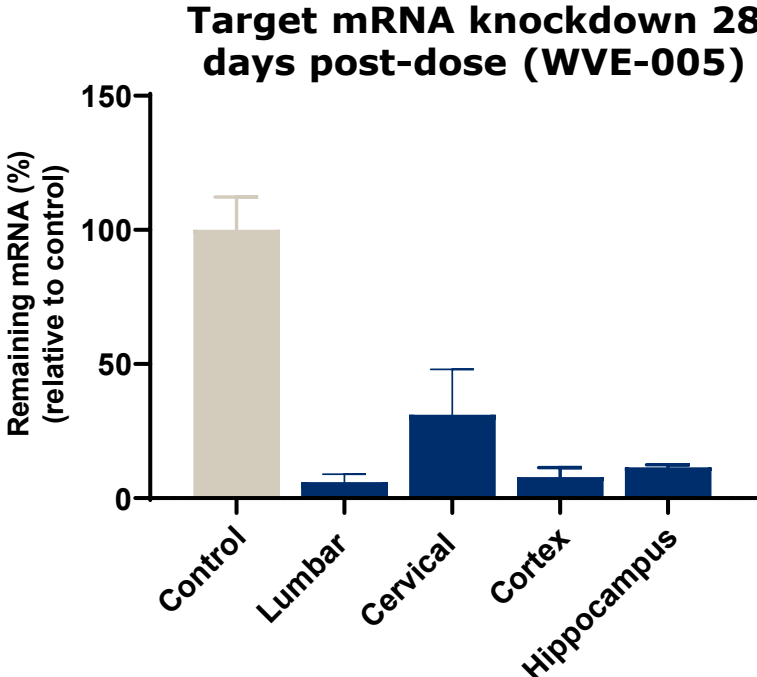


## Human



- Application of stereochemistry and PN chemistry backbone modifications enhances distribution throughout CNS

# WVE-005: Single intrathecal dose in NHP leads to substantial and widespread target mRNA reduction throughout the CNS



**Potential for infrequent IT administration, widespread CNS distribution of PN modified oligonucleotides, and availability of disease biomarkers facilitates development of differentiated CNS portfolio**

# Advancing next generation chemistry to enhance splicing in muscle with systemic administration

PN chemistry backbone modifications

*in vivo* studies

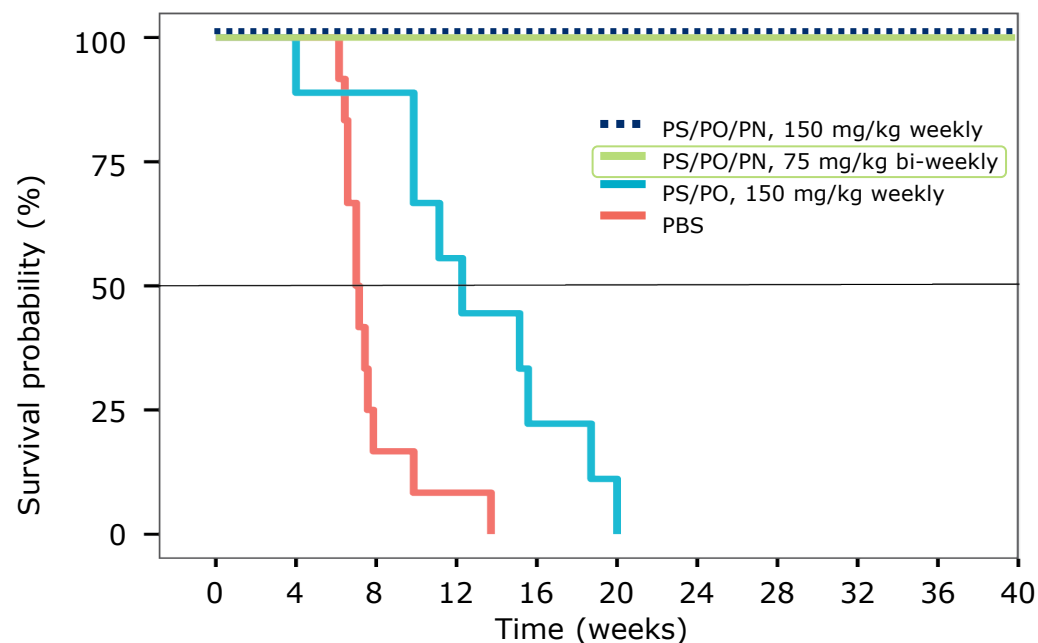
**WVE-N531 (exon 53 skipping)**

- ✓ Survival benefit / dystrophin expression in dKO model with PN-modified exon-23 skipping surrogate oligonucleotide

PN-modified oligonucleotide substantially more effective than PS-modified compound with identical sequence

# Dramatic increase in effect in dKO mouse model with stereopure ASO with PN-modified backbone versus stereopure compound with PS/PO modifications

**Treatment with PN-modified molecules led to 100% survival of dKO mice at time of study termination**



Note: Untreated, age-matched mdx mice had 100% survival at study termination [not shown]

# WVE-N531: First splicing candidate to use PN chemistry

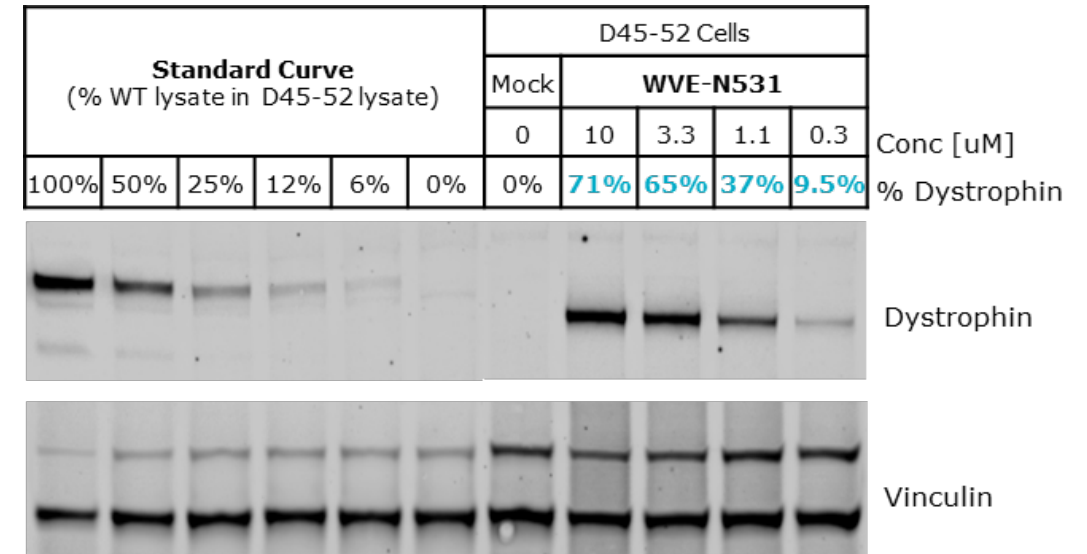
WVE-N531  
(Exon 53)

## Duchenne muscular dystrophy

- Genetic mutation in dystrophin gene prevents the production of dystrophin protein, a critical component of healthy muscle function.
- Current disease modifying treatments have demonstrated minimal dystrophin expression and clinical benefit has not been established.
- Impacts 1 in every 5,000 newborn boys each year; 20,000 new cases annually worldwide.

## Dystrophin protein restoration of up to 71% *in vitro*

Western Blot normalized to  
primary healthy human myoblast lysate



# Clinical trial of WVE-N531 underway

- Unmet need in DMD remains high
- Open-label clinical trial of up to 15 boys with DMD amenable to exon 53 skipping
  - Powered to evaluate change in dystrophin production
  - Includes assessment of drug concentration in muscle and initial safety
  - Study planned for every-other-week administration
- Potential to apply PN chemistry to other exons if successful

**Dose escalation and frequency guided by independent committee**

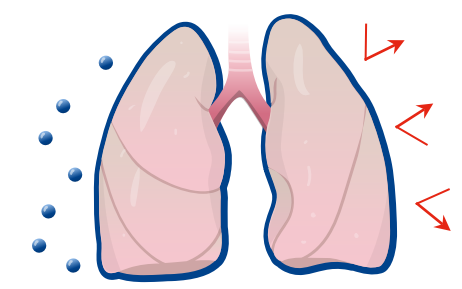


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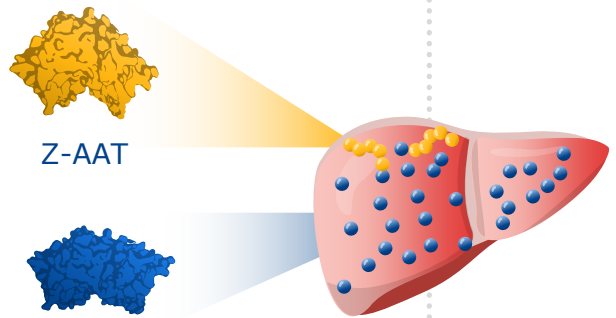


# Leading RNA editing program provides optimal approach for treatment of AATD

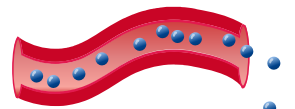
- 1) **Restore** circulating, functional wild-type M-AAT
- 2) **Reduce** Z-AAT protein aggregation in liver
- 3) **Retain** M-AAT physiological regulation



M-AAT reaches lungs to protect from proteases



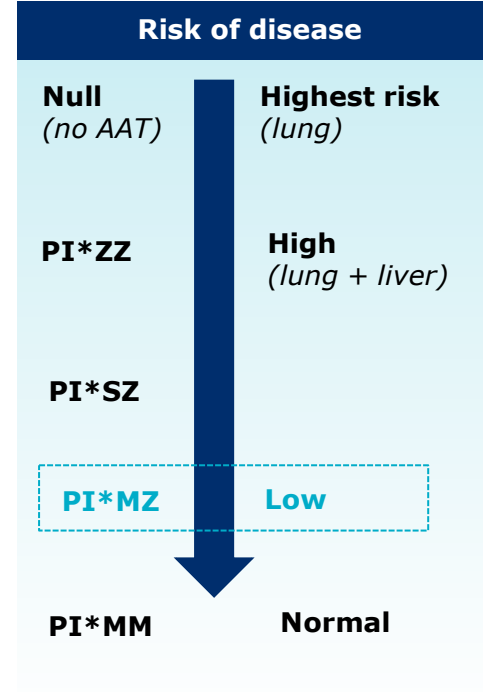
Wild-type M-AAT protein replaces Z-AAT with RNA correction



M-AAT secretion into bloodstream

**Wave ADAR editing approach addresses all goals of treatment**

GalNAc-conjugated for subcutaneous delivery

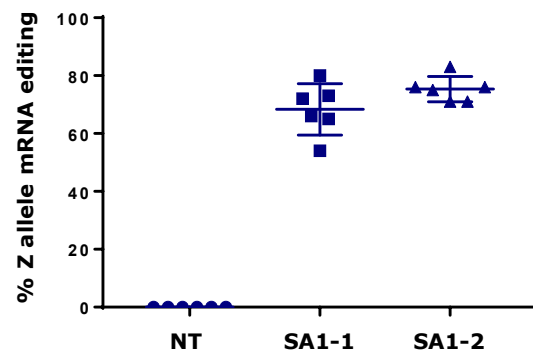


**~200K people in US and EU with mutation in *SERPINA1* Z allele (PI\*ZZ)**

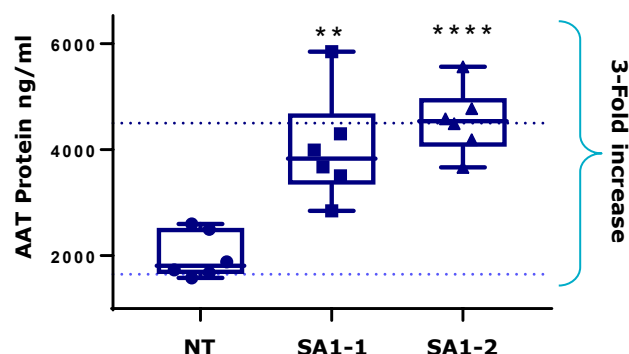
# Focused on restoring wild-type M-AAT *in vivo*

## *In vitro* proof of concept

### SERPINA1 Z allele mRNA editing



### AAT protein concentration in media



## *In vivo* proof of concept



**AATD mouse**

#### Genotype

- ✓ huSERPINA1-Pi\*Z
- Human Z-AAT protein expressed in liver



**huADAR/AATD mouse**

#### Genotype

- ✓ huADAR
- ✓ huSERPINA1-Pi\*Z

#### Pathology

Liver pathology, Z-AAT protein in serum and liver



**huADAR mouse**

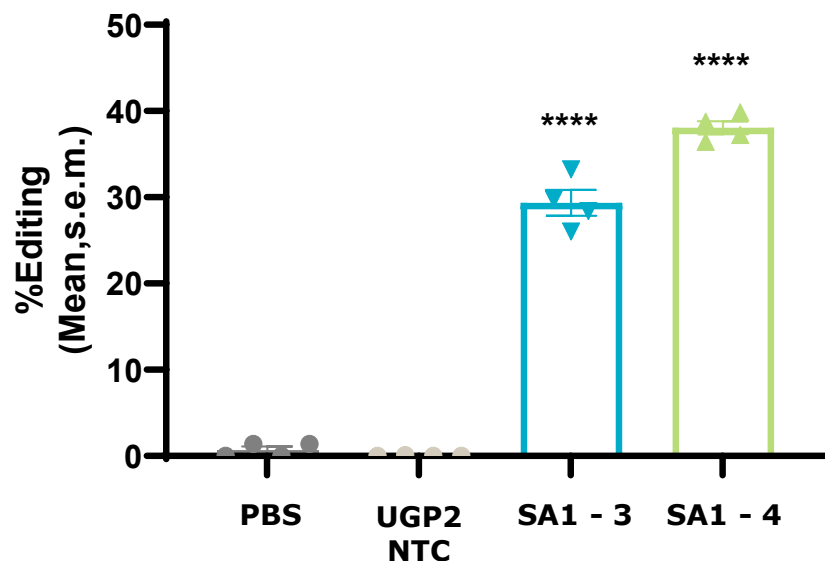
#### Genotype

- ✓ huADAR
- Human ADAR expressed in all tissues

# Achieving 40% editing of Z allele mRNA at initial timepoint

*SERPINA1* Z allele mRNA editing levels nearing correction to heterozygote (MZ)

***in vivo* Z allele mRNA editing in *SERPINA1*-Pi\*Z/huADAR mouse**



- GalNAc-conjugated compounds
- Up to 40% editing of Z allele mRNA in liver of transgenic human ADAR mice at day 7
- Highly specific editing (no bystander edits)



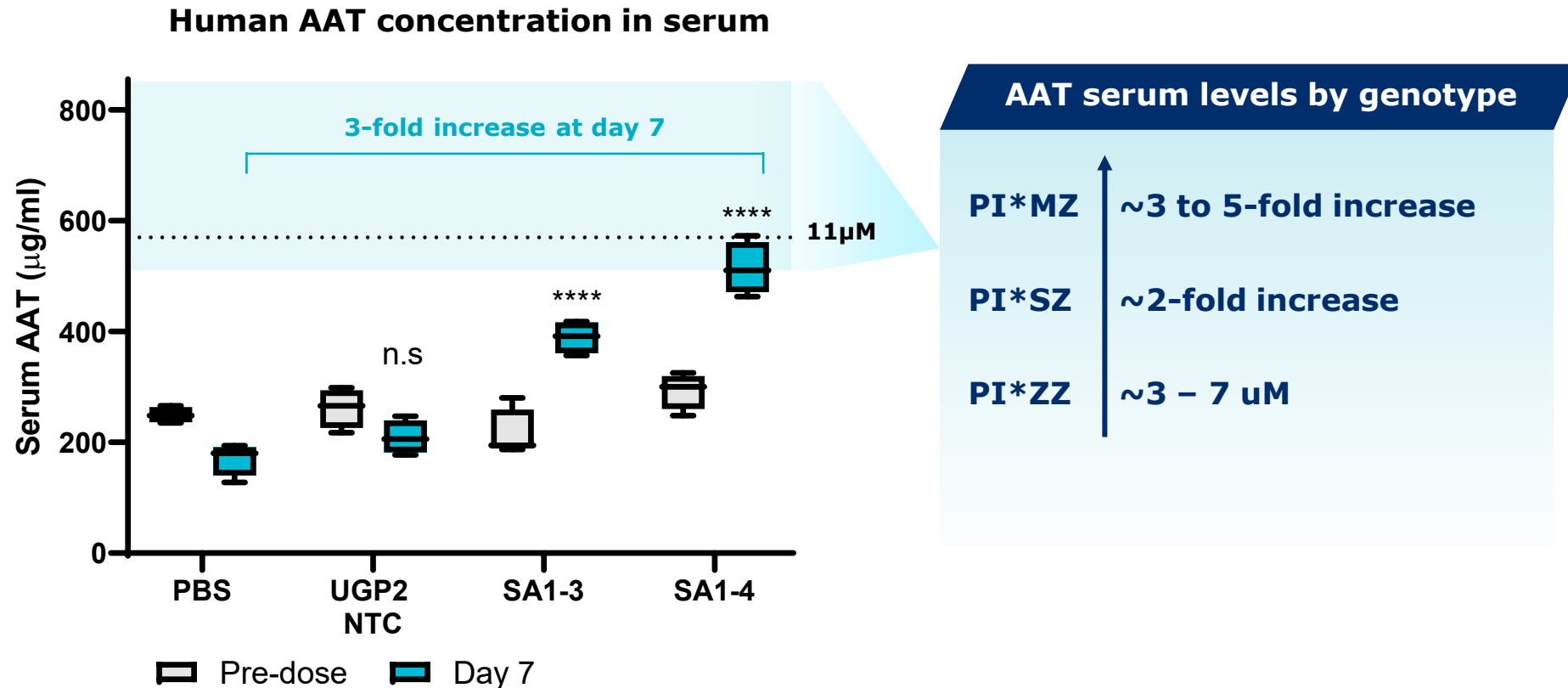
Z allele mRNA editing *in vivo*

AAT protein increase

Wild-type M-AAT functional

# Achieving therapeutically meaningful increases in circulating human AAT protein

3-fold increase in circulating human AAT as compared to PBS at initial timepoint



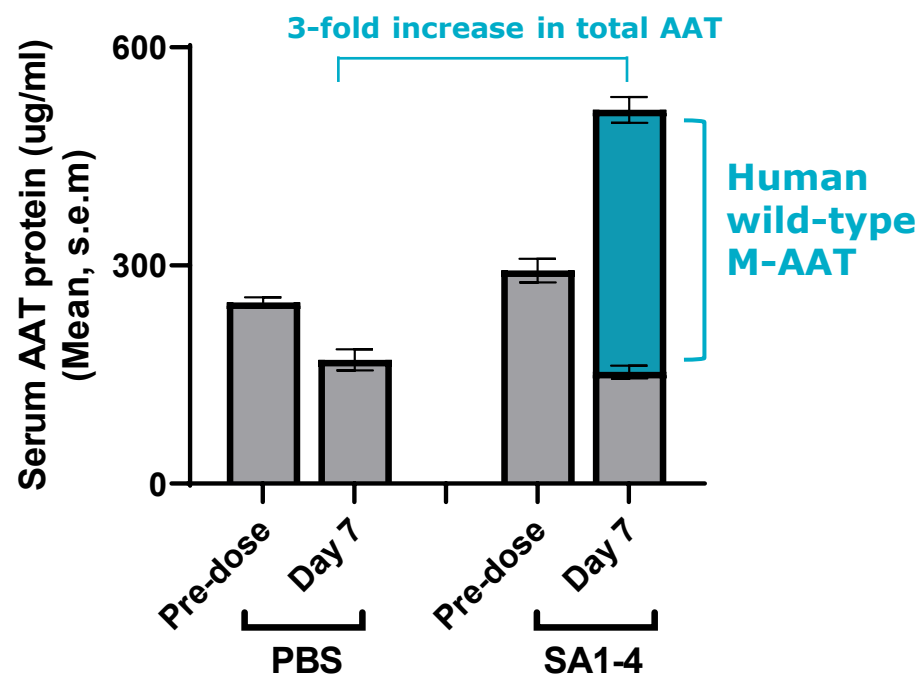
✓ Z allele mRNA editing *in vivo*

✓ AAT protein increase

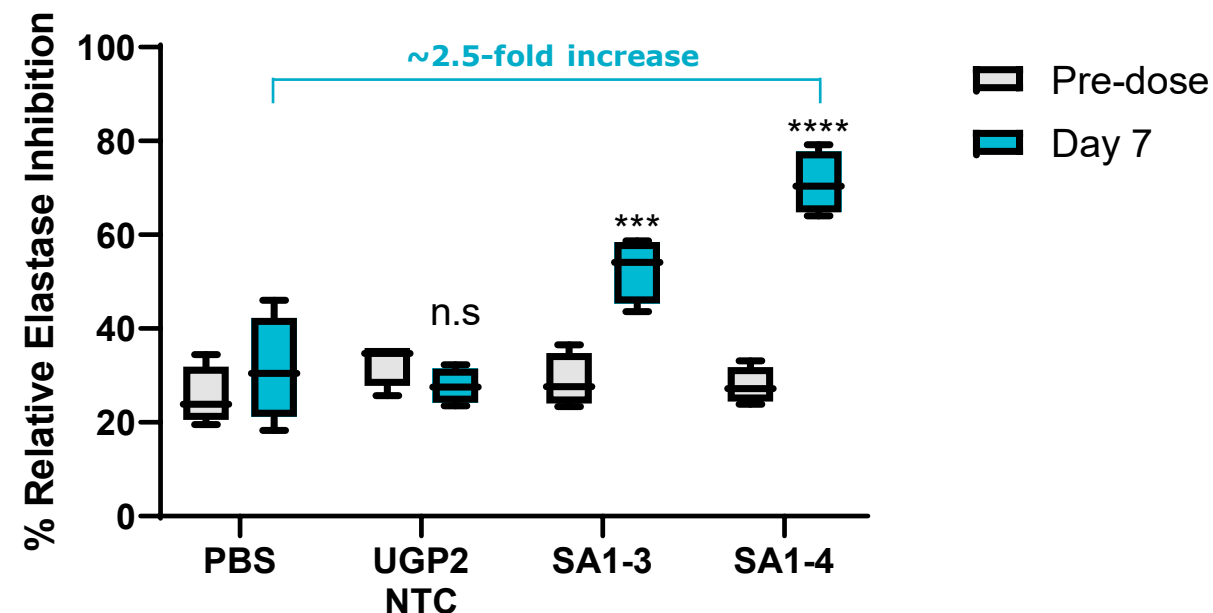
Wild-type M-AAT functional

# ADAR editing restores circulating, functional M-AAT

Wild-type M-AAT detected with ADAR editing



Significant increase in neutrophil elastase inhibition with ADAR editing



✓ Z allele mRNA editing *in vivo*

✓ AAT protein increase

✓ Wild-type M-AAT functional

# ADAR editing successfully corrects Z allele mRNA *in vivo* to restore functional M-AAT protein

## Initial *in vivo* results

- Up to 40% editing of *SERPINA1* Z allele mRNA in liver at initial timepoint, nearing correction to heterozygotes (MZ)
- Initial Z allele mRNA editing resulted in therapeutically meaningful increase in circulating functional wild-type M-AAT protein *in vivo*

## Ongoing studies

- Ongoing studies to assess duration of activity, dose response, PK / PD, reduction in Z-AAT protein aggregates, and changes in liver pathology
- Advancing optimized ADAR editing compounds with increased potency in new *in vivo* studies

**Additional data on durability and dose response expected in 2H 2021**



Kyle Moran  
Chief Financial Officer

# Second quarter 2021 financial results

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2021	Three Months Ended June 30, 2020
<i>Figures are in thousands, except per share amounts</i>		
<b>Revenue</b>	\$2,776	\$3,027
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
<b>Research and Development</b>	31,635	31,478
<b>General and Administrative</b>	10,969	10,205
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	42,604	41,683
<b>Loss from Operations</b>	(39,828)	(38,656)
<b>Total Other Income (Expense), Net</b>	1,062	(1,872)
<b>Net Loss</b>	(\$38,766)	(\$40,528)
<b>Net Loss per Share</b>	<b>(\$0.78)</b>	<b>(\$1.15)</b>

**As of June 30, 2021**

**Shares Outstanding:** 50.6 million

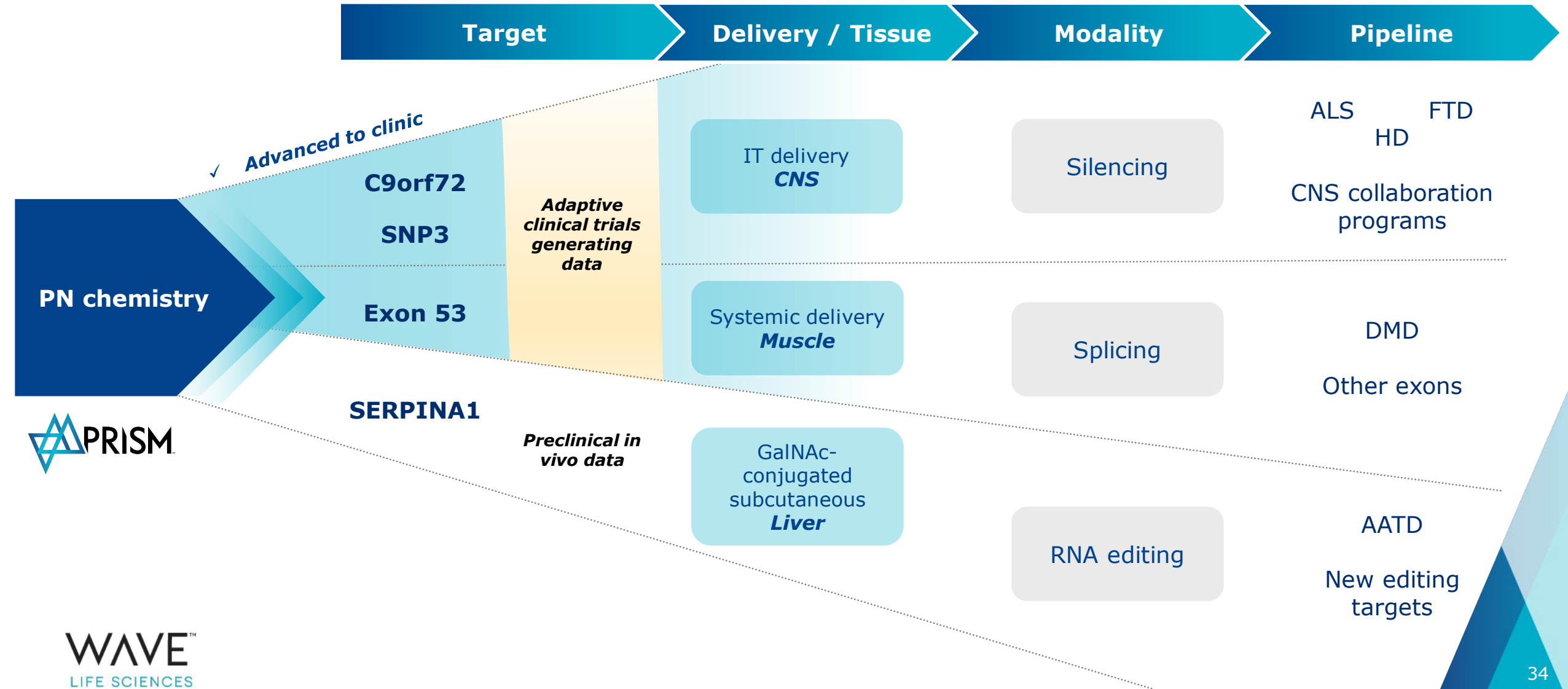
**Cash Balance:** \$143.8 million





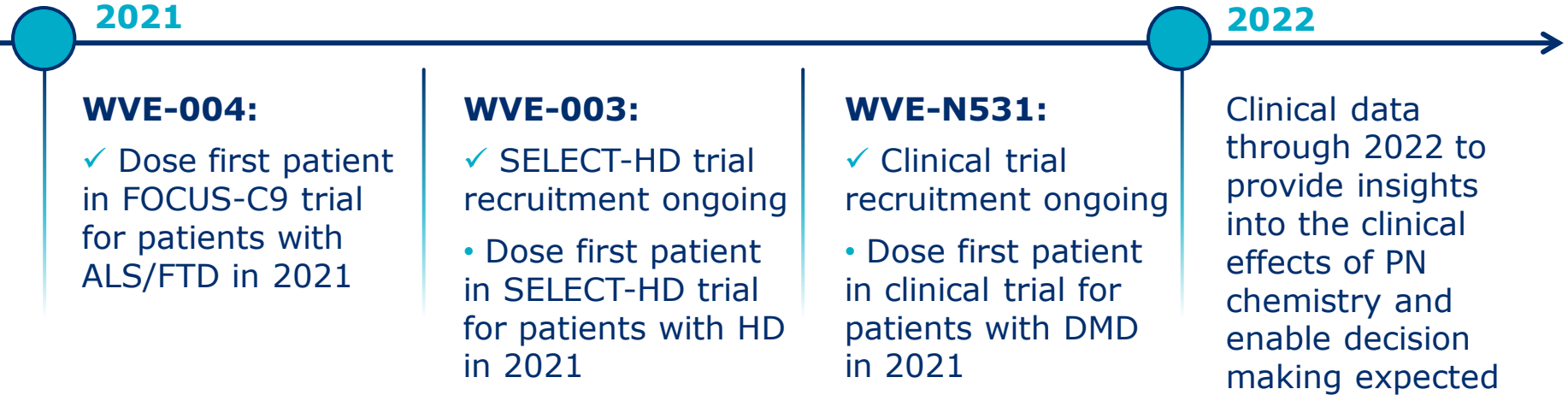
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# Clinical data to unlock the potential of PN chemistry across different modalities and tissues



# Continuous flow of data to enable program decisions through 2022

## Rapid path to clinical proof of concept



## Novel ADAR editing capability advancing



## Q&A



# Realizing a brighter future for people affected by genetic diseases

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