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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 9, 2018**

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**WAVE LIFE SCIENCES LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Singapore**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-37627**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**Not Applicable**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**7 Straits View #12-00 Marina One East Tower**  
**Singapore**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**018936**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +65 6236 3388**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 9, 2018, Wave Life Sciences Ltd. (the “Company”) announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

From time to time, the Company presents and/or distributes slides and presentations to the investment community to provide updates and summaries of its business. On November 9, 2018, the Company updated its corporate presentation, which is available on the “For Investors & Media” section of the Company’s website at <http://ir.wavelifesciences.com/>. This presentation is also furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

*The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, if such subsequent filing specifically references the information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits relating to Items 2.02 and 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished and not filed:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Document</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release issued by Wave Life Sciences Ltd. dated November 9, 2018</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Corporate Presentation of Wave Life Sciences Ltd. dated November 9, 2018</a>

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 9, 2018

**WAVE LIFE SCIENCES LTD.**

/s/ Keith C. Regnante

Keith C. Regnante

Chief Financial Officer



### Wave Life Sciences Reports Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results and Provides Business Update

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., November 9, 2018 – Wave Life Sciences Ltd. (NASDAQ: WVE), a biotechnology company focused on delivering transformational therapies for patients with serious, genetically-defined diseases, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2018 and provided a business update.

“During the third quarter we maintained strong momentum in advancing our three clinical programs and expect to announce our company’s first clinical readout later this year when we share topline safety results from the Phase 1 trial for WVE-210201, our investigational exon 51 skipping candidate for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy,” said Paul Bolno, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of Wave Life Sciences. “Beyond our ongoing clinical programs, we spent much of the last quarter focused on expanding our discovery efforts into inherited retinal diseases and urgently driving additional Duchenne muscular dystrophy programs, including WVE-N531, our investigational exon 53 skipping candidate.”

#### Third Quarter Highlights and Business Updates

- **WVE-210201 DMD exon 51 skipping program**

Wave expects to announce topline safety data from its Phase 1 clinical trial evaluating WVE-210201 in Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) patients amenable to exon 51 skipping by the end of the fourth quarter of 2018. As patients complete the Phase 1 trial, they have the option to enroll in an ongoing open-label extension study in which they continue to receive WVE-210201.

In addition, the company remains on track to deliver an interim analysis of dystrophin expression in muscle biopsies from its ongoing open-label extension study in the second half of 2019.

Wave has designed a global, pivotal, placebo-controlled Phase 2/3 efficacy and safety clinical trial of WVE-210201 in DMD patients amenable to exon 51 skipping, informed by ongoing discussions with regulatory authorities and the DMD patient community. The study will be powered to assess clinical efficacy and will include dystrophin expression readouts as part of interim and final analyses.

- **WVE-N531 DMD exon 53 skipping program and additional DMD exon skipping programs**

Wave is leveraging learnings from its ongoing DMD development and discovery efforts to advance WVE-N531, its preclinical program to target DMD in boys amenable to exon 53 skipping. Recent data presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Annual Congress of the World Muscle Society demonstrated that WVE-N531 induced up to 71% dystrophin protein restoration *in vitro* in DMD patient-derived myoblasts compared with healthy human myoblasts as measured by Western Blot. Subject to submission of clinical trial applications and approval to proceed, Wave expects to deliver topline clinical data for WVE-N531 in the second half of 2020.



The company is also expanding its DMD discovery programs to explore additional exon targets beyond its current exon 51 and exon 53 skipping programs, specifically including exons 44, 45, 52, 54 and 55.

- **Pipeline expansion to rare, genetic eye diseases**

Last month, Wave announced plans to design and advance stereopure oligonucleotide therapeutics for the potential treatment of inherited retinal diseases. Wave's research in ophthalmology is assessing four inherited retinal diseases, which typically begin in childhood or adolescence and commonly lead to progressive vision loss: retinitis pigmentosa due to a P23H mutation in the RHO gene, Stargardt disease, Usher syndrome type 2A and Leber congenital amaurosis 10.

Wave's decision to expand its therapeutic pipeline into ophthalmology is supported by its data presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Society in October 2018. The data demonstrate that a single intravitreal injection of stereopure oligonucleotide in the eye of non-human primates resulted in greater than 95% knockdown of a target RNA in the retina for at least four months. Based on these data, the company is working to design development candidates that could achieve a therapeutic effect with only two doses per year.

Wave expects to announce its first ophthalmology development candidate in the second half of 2019.

- **PRECISION-HD Phase 1b/2a clinical trials**

The PRECISION-HD program, which consists of two global Phase 1b/2a clinical trials evaluating investigational therapies WVE-120101 and WVE-120102 for patients with Huntington's disease, remains on track to deliver topline data in the first half of 2019. An open-label extension study to assess safety, tolerability and efficacy using validated clinical outcome measures is planned for patients as they complete the ongoing Phase 1b/2a trials.

- **Continued validation of Wave's stereochemistry platform**

Wave shared advancements related to its novel stereochemistry platform at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Society in October 2018. The company's latest findings provide further validation of Wave's platform to precisely design, optimize and manufacture stereopure oligonucleotides. Presentations included preclinical data demonstrating that Wave's stereochemical control of antisense oligonucleotides enhances target efficacy and enables broad tissue distribution and exposure.

### **Third Quarter 2018 Financial Results and Financial Guidance**

Wave reported a net loss of \$37.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 as compared to \$25.5 million in the same period in 2017. The increase in net loss in the third quarter of 2018 was largely driven by increased research and development efforts to support achievement of Wave's corporate goals.

Research and development expenses were \$32.9 million in the third quarter of 2018 as compared to \$20.1 million in the same period in 2017. The increase in research and development expenses in the third quarter of 2018 was primarily due to increases in research, preclinical and clinical activities, further expansion of our manufacturing capabilities and facility-related expenses, and related organizational growth to support Wave's advancing and expanding pipeline.

General and administrative expenses were \$9.8 million in the third quarter of 2018 as compared to \$7.6 million in the same period in 2017. The increase in general and administrative expenses in the third quarter of 2018 was mainly driven by the increase in employee headcount, as well as increases in professional services and other general operating expenses.

Wave ended the third quarter of 2018 with \$210.5 million in cash and cash equivalents as compared to \$142.5 million as of December 31, 2017. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was primarily the result of the \$170.0 million of cash received from Takeda, which was partially offset by Wave's year-to-date net loss of \$108.8 million.

Wave expects that its existing cash and cash equivalents, together with expected and committed cash from existing collaborations, will enable it to fund its operating and capital expenditure requirements to the end of 2020.

#### **About Wave Life Sciences**

Wave Life Sciences is a biotechnology company focused on delivering transformational therapies for patients with serious, genetically-defined diseases. Its chemistry platform enables the creation of highly specific, well-characterized oligonucleotides designed to deliver superior efficacy and safety across multiple therapeutic modalities. The company's pipeline is initially focused on neurological disorders and extends across several other therapeutic areas. For more information, please visit [www.wavelifesciences.com](http://www.wavelifesciences.com).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements concerning our goals, beliefs, expectations, strategies, objectives and plans, and other statements that are not necessarily based on historical facts, including statements regarding the following, among others: the anticipated commencement, patient enrollment, data readouts and completion of our clinical trials, and the announcement of such events; the protocol, design and endpoints of our ongoing and planned clinical trials; the future performance and results of our programs in clinical trials; future preclinical activities and programs; the progress and potential benefits of our collaborations with partners; the potential of our in vitro and in vivo preclinical data to predict the behavior of our compounds in humans in clinical trials; our identification of future candidates and their therapeutic potential; the anticipated therapeutic benefits of our potential therapies compared to others; our advancing of therapies across multiple modalities and the anticipated benefits of that model; the anticipated benefits of our manufacturing process and our internal manufacturing facility; our future growth; the potential benefits of our stereopure compounds compared with stereorandom compounds, our drug discovery platform and nucleic acid therapeutics generally; the strength of our intellectual property; and the anticipated duration of our cash runway. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by these forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including the following: our ability to finance our drug discovery and development efforts and to raise additional capital when needed; the ability of our preclinical programs to produce data sufficient to support our clinical trial applications and the timing thereof; our ability to continue to build and maintain the company infrastructure and personnel needed to achieve our goals; the clinical results of our programs, which may not support further development of product candidates; actions of regulatory agencies, which may affect the initiation, timing and progress of clinical trials; our effectiveness in managing future clinical trials and regulatory processes; the success of our platform in identifying viable candidates; the continued development and acceptance of nucleic acid therapeutics as a class of drugs; our ability to demonstrate the therapeutic benefits of our candidates in clinical trials, including our ability to develop candidates across multiple therapeutic modalities; our dependence on third parties, including our collaborators and partners; our ability to manufacture drug material to support our programs and growth; our ability to obtain, maintain and protect intellectual property; our ability to enforce our patents against infringers and defend our patent portfolio against challenges from third parties; and competition from others developing therapies for similar uses, as well as the information under the caption "Risk Factors" contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) and in other filings we make with the SEC from time to time. We undertake no obligation to update the information contained in this press release to reflect subsequently occurring events or circumstances.

**WAVE LIFE SCIENCES LTD.**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 210,489	\$ 142,503
Current portion of accounts receivable	10,000	1,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,672	6,985
Total current assets	233,161	150,488
Long-term assets:		
Accounts receivable, net of current portion	50,000	—
Property and equipment, net	37,722	27,334
Restricted cash	3,620	3,610
Other assets	74	411
Total long-term assets	91,416	31,355
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 324,577</b>	<b>\$ 181,843</b>
<b>Liabilities, Series A preferred shares and shareholders' equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,961	\$ 7,598
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	9,518	8,898
Current portion of capital lease obligation	—	16
Current portion of deferred rent	90	60
Current portion of deferred revenue	103,229	1,275
Current portion of lease incentive obligation	997	344
Total current liabilities	125,795	18,191
Long-term liabilities:		
Deferred rent, net of current portion	5,084	4,214
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	69,494	7,241
Lease incentive obligation, net of current portion	8,229	3,094
Other liabilities	1,495	1,619
Total long-term liabilities	84,302	16,168
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 210,097</b>	<b>\$ 34,359</b>
Series A preferred shares, no par value; 3,901,348 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017	\$ 7,874	\$ 7,874
Shareholders' equity:		
Ordinary shares, no par value; 29,426,176 and 27,829,079 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	\$ 374,502	\$ 310,038
Additional paid-in capital	33,757	22,172
Accumulated other comprehensive income	181	116
Accumulated deficit	(301,834)	(192,716)
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 106,606	\$ 139,610
<b>Total liabilities, Series A preferred shares and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 324,577</b>	<b>\$ 181,843</b>

**WAVE LIFE SCIENCES LTD.**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

*(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)*

	<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenue	\$ 4,493	\$ 1,315	\$ 10,794	\$ 2,795
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	32,876	20,097	94,619	53,940
General and administrative	9,849	7,571	26,755	20,088
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>42,725</b>	<b>27,668</b>	<b>121,374</b>	<b>74,028</b>
Loss from operations	(38,232)	(26,353)	(110,580)	(71,233)
Other income (expense), net:				
Dividend income	1,064	515	2,354	1,287
Interest income (expense), net	5	1	16	5
Other income (expense), net	(468)	(75)	(384)	(211)
<b>Total other income (expense), net</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>1,081</b>
Loss before income taxes	(37,631)	(25,912)	(108,594)	(70,152)
Income tax benefit (provision)	—	418	(172)	(1,035)
Net loss	\$ (37,631)	\$ (25,494)	\$ (108,766)	\$ (71,187)
Net loss per share attributable to ordinary shareholders—basic and diluted	\$ (1.28)	\$ (0.92)	\$ (3.78)	\$ (2.73)
Weighted-average ordinary shares used in computing net loss per share attributable to ordinary shareholders—basic and diluted	29,333,994	27,758,792	28,804,357	26,078,696
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Net loss	\$ (37,631)	\$ (25,494)	\$ (108,766)	\$ (71,187)
Foreign currency translation	(20)	1	65	19
Comprehensive loss	\$ (37,651)	\$ (25,493)	\$ (108,701)	\$ (71,168)

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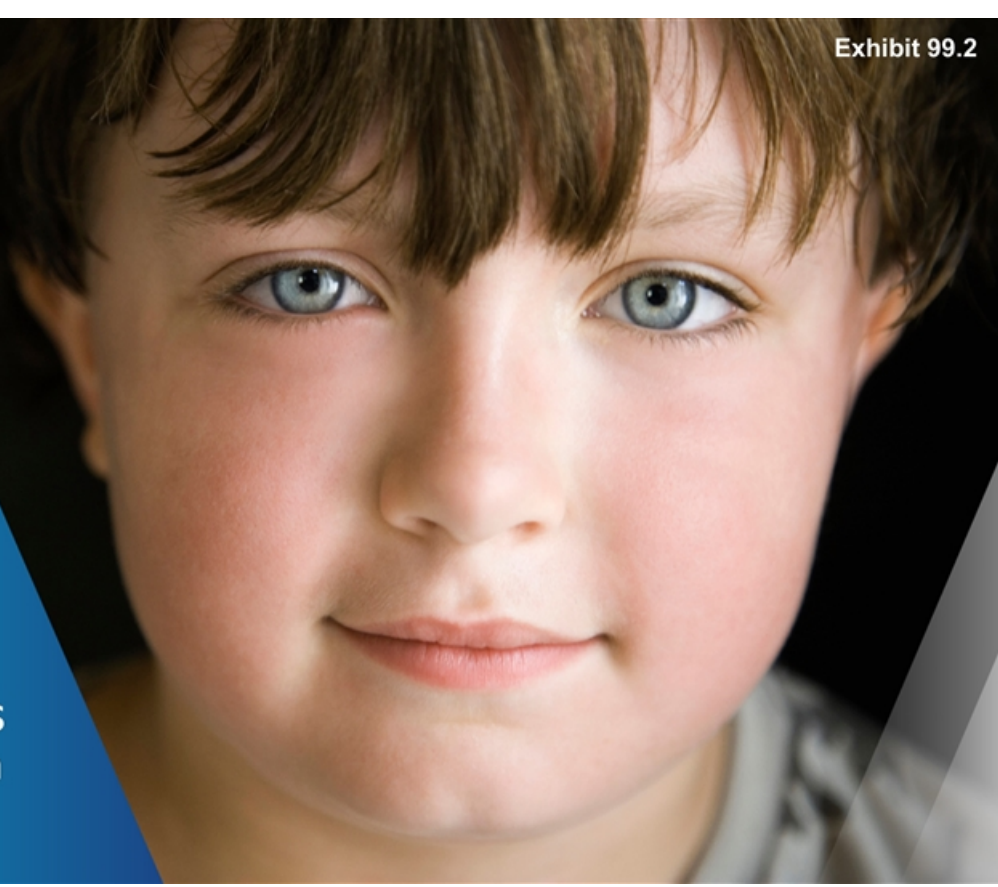
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Wave Life Sciences  
Corporate Presentation  
November 9, 2018



# Forward-looking statements

This document contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this document, including statements regarding possible or assumed future results of operations, preclinical and clinical studies, business strategies, research and development plans, collaborations and partnerships, regulatory activities and timing thereof, competitive position, potential growth opportunities, use of proceeds and the effects of competition are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Wave Life Sciences Ltd. (the "Company") to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "aim," "anticipate," "could," "intend," "target," "project," "contemplate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this presentation are only predictions. The Company has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that it believes may affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this presentation and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those listed under Risk Factors in the Company's Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified and some of which are beyond the Company's control. The events and circumstances reflected in the Company's forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur, and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Moreover, the Company operates in a dynamic industry and economy. New risk factors and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors and uncertainties that the Company may face. Except as required by applicable law, the Company does not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise.

# WAVE™

LIFE SCIENCES

Wave Life Sciences is a clinical-stage, genetic medicines company unlocking the potential of a proprietary chemistry platform that enables the precise design, optimization and production of stereopure nucleic acid therapies.

We are leading a new era of precision medicine in which rationally designed nucleic acid therapies are the key to delivering safer, more effective treatments for serious, genetically defined diseases.





# Architects of transformation

Wave's chemistry platform is built on a foundation of two core capabilities:



## PRECISION

Ability to design nucleic acid compounds that have **one defined and consistent profile**



## SCALE

Platform potential across **multiple modalities and tissues**  
Internal expertise and capacity for **large-scale GMP manufacturing**

**Wave has reinvented the design, synthesis and manufacture of nucleic acid therapies to potentially optimize potency, durability and safety**



# Building the optimal, stereopure medicine



STANDARD OLIGONUCLEOTIDE APPROACHES

Pharmacologic properties include  
>500,000 permutations in every dose



Impact:  
Unreliable therapeutic effects  
Unintended off-target effects



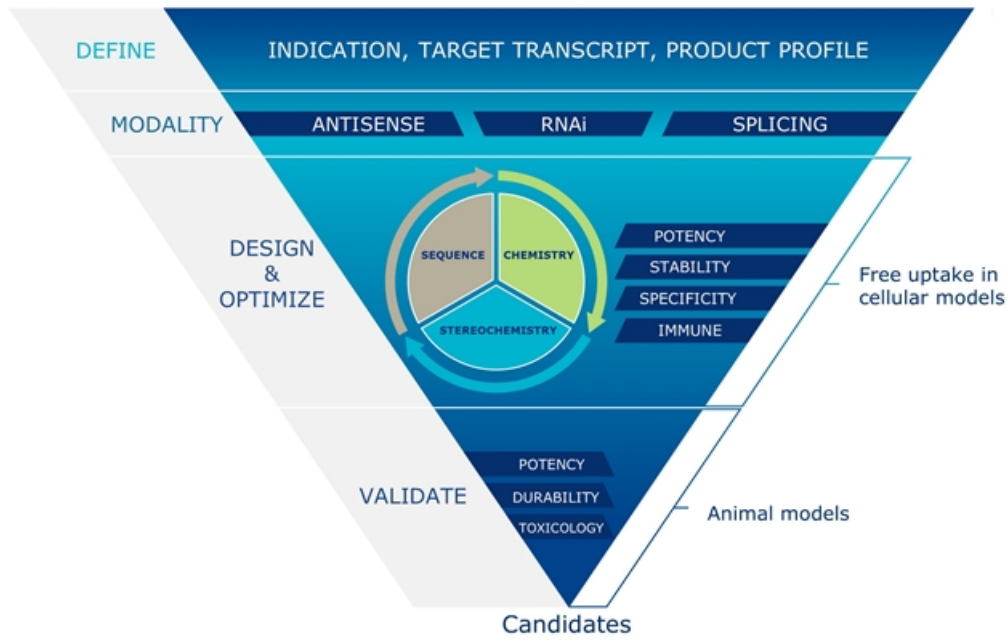
WAVE RATIONAL DESIGN

Stereochemistry enables precise control,  
ability to optimize critical constructs  
into one defined and consistent profile

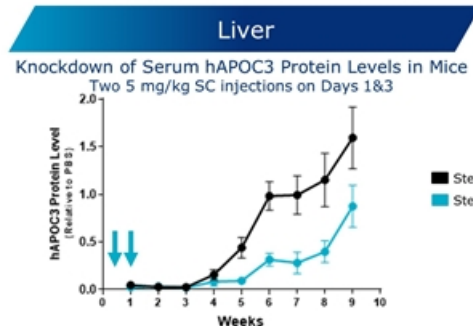
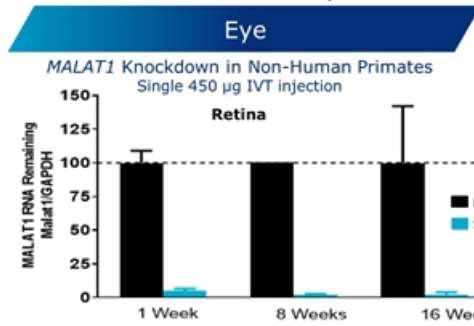
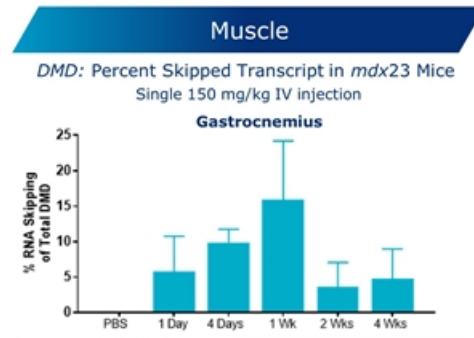
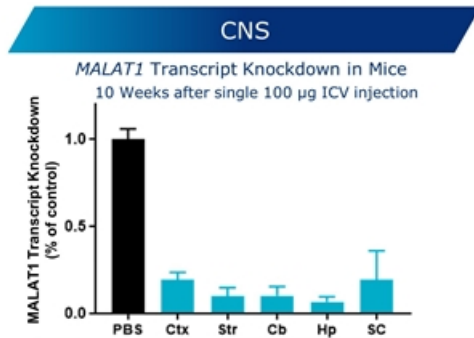


Impact:  
Potential for safer, more effective,  
targeted medicines that can  
address difficult-to-treat diseases

# Creating a new class of oligonucleotides



# Optimizing potency and durability across multiple tissues



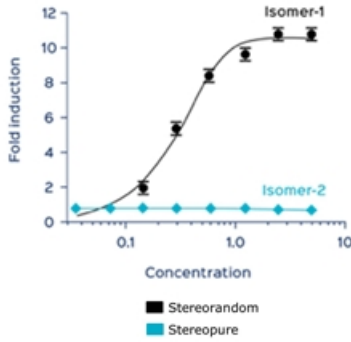
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# Stereochemistry affects immune activation

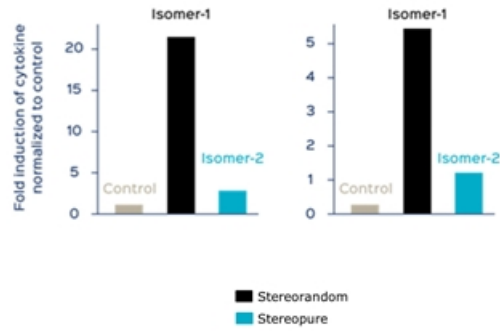
## Human TLR9 Activation

Human TLR9 activation assay with 5mC modified CpG containing MOE gapmer



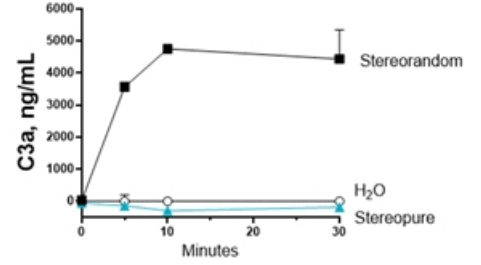
## Cytokine Induction

Cytokine induction in human PBMC assay



## Complement Activation

Complement activation in non-human primate serum assay



# Pipeline spanning multiple modalities, novel targets

	TARGET	ESTIMATED U.S. PREVALENCE*	MECHANISM	DISCOVERY	CANDIDATE	CLINICAL	WAVE'S COMMERCIAL RIGHTS	PARTNER
<b>CNS</b>								
Huntington's disease	mHTT SNP1	~10k / ~35k	(A)	●	●	Phase 1b/2a	50% Global	Takeda
Huntington's disease	mHTT SNP2	~10k / ~35k	(A)	●	●	Phase 1b/2a	50% Global	Takeda
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	C9orf72	~1,800	(A)	●	●		50% Global	Takeda
Frontotemporal dementia	C9orf72	~7,000	(A)	●	●		50% Global	Takeda
Spinocerebellar ataxia 3	ATXN3	~4,500	(S)	●	○		50% Global	Takeda
CNS diseases	Multiple†		○	●	○		Milestones & Royalties	Takeda
<b>MUSCLE</b>								
Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Exon 51	~2,000	(E)	●	●	Phase 1/OLE	100% Global	—
Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Exon 53	~1,250	(E)	●	●		100% Global	—
Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Exons 44, 45, 52, 54, 55	~1,500	(E)	●	○		100% Global	—
Neuromuscular diseases	Multiple		○	●	○		100% Global	—
<b>OPHTHALMOLOGY</b>								
Retinal diseases	RHO, USH2A, ABCA4, CEP290	~10,000	○	●	○		100% Global	—
<b>HEPATIC</b>								
Metabolic liver diseases	APOC3 and Multiple (4)‡		(S)	●	○		Milestones & Royalties	Pfizer

(S) = silencing. (A) = allele-specific silencing. (E) = exon skipping. OLE = Open-label extension.

\*Estimates of U.S. prevalence and addressable population by target based on publicly available data and are approximate; for Huntington's disease, numbers approximate manifest and pre-manifest populations, respectively.

† During a four-year term, Wave and Takeda may collaborate on up to six preclinical targets at any one time.

‡ Pfizer has nominated four undisclosed targets in addition to APOC3.

Duchenne  
Muscular Dystrophy  
(DMD)

# DMD: a progressive, fatal childhood disorder

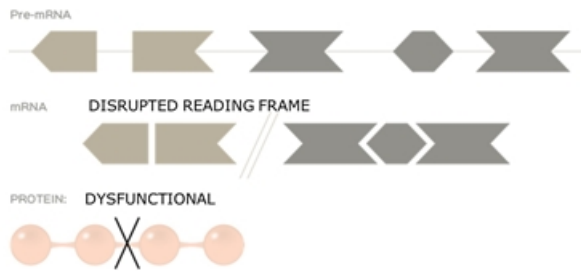
- Fatal, X-linked genetic neuromuscular disorder characterized by progressive, irreversible loss of muscle function, including heart and lung
- Genetic mutation in dystrophin gene prevents the production of dystrophin protein, a critical component of healthy muscle function
- Symptom onset in early childhood; one of the most serious genetic diseases in children worldwide
- 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



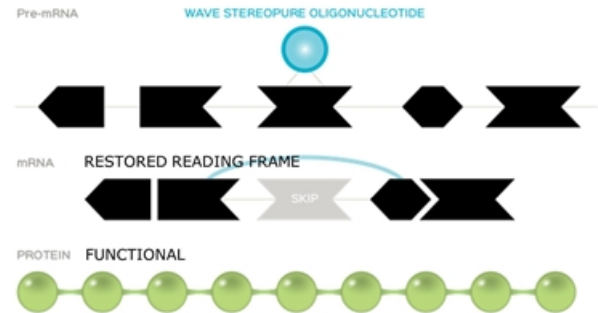
# Wave approach: stereopure exon skipping oligonucleotide

- Exon skipping with stereopure oligonucleotides has the potential to enable production of meaningful levels of functional dystrophin
- Enabling production of meaningful levels of dystrophin is expected to result in therapeutic benefit
- Initial patient populations are those amenable to Exon 51 and Exon 53 skipping

## Dysfunctional splicing (Disease)



## Exon skipping (Potential Remedy)





## Exon 51: WVE-210201 clinical program

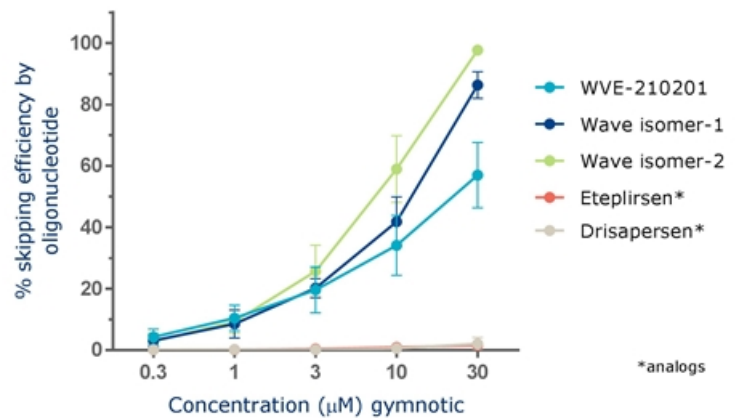
- WVE-210201 Phase 1 clinical trial
  - Global, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, single ascending dose study with intravenous administration
  - Primary endpoint: Safety and tolerability
  - Inclusion criteria: ages 5 to 18, amenable to Exon 51 skipping
    - Ambulatory and non-ambulatory boys eligible, including those previously treated with eteplirsen and ataluren (following appropriate washout period)
  - Readout expected Q4 2018
- Open-label extension (OLE) study underway
  - To include up to 40 patients previously in the Phase 1 clinical trial
  - Quarterly clinical assessments using validated clinical outcome measures
  - Muscle biopsies and interim analysis with measurement of dystrophin expression via standardized Western Blot
- WVE-210201 planned efficacy and safety clinical trial
  - Double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-dose study assessing dystrophin expression and clinical outcomes
  - Clinical assessments using validated clinical outcome measures over 48 weeks followed by enrollment into OLE
  - Muscle biopsies and interim analysis with measurement of dystrophin expression via standardized Western Blot

Dystrophin readout expected H2 2019

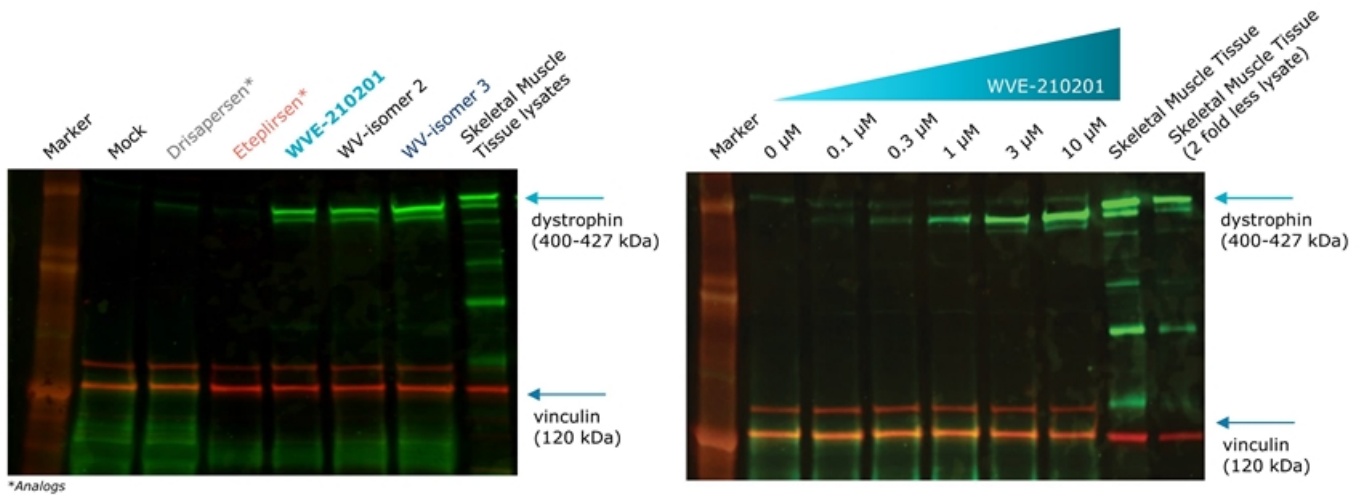
## Exon 51: improved skipping efficiency

- RNA skipping determined by quantitative RT-PCR
- Wave isomers demonstrated a dose-dependent increase in skipping efficiency in vitro
- Free uptake at 10uM concentration of each compound with no transfection agent
- Same foundational stereopure chemistry for Wave isomers; individually optimized to select candidate

Dose Response on Skipping Efficiency (mRNA, in vitro) (4 days)

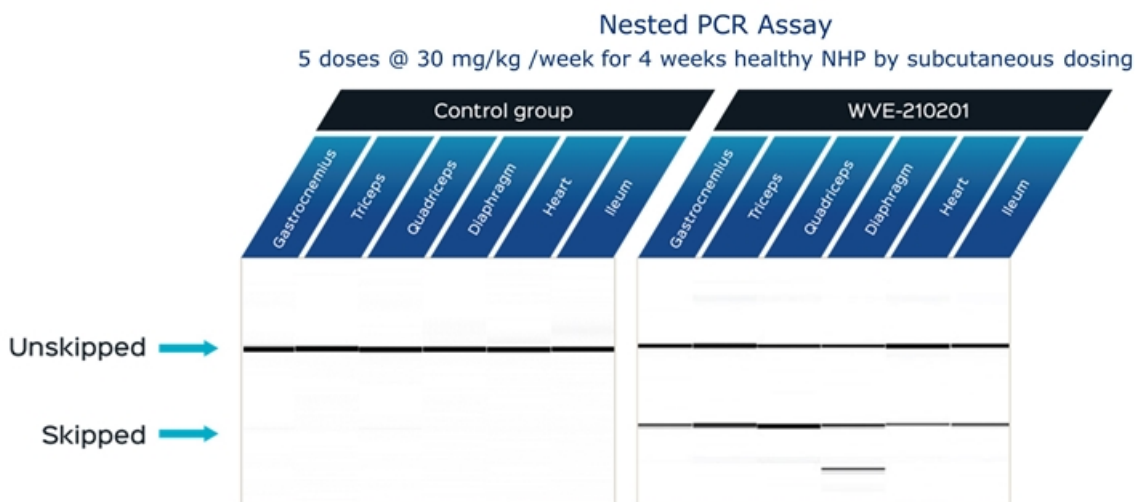


# Exon 51: increased dystrophin restoration



Dystrophin protein restoration in vitro was quantified to be between **50-100% of normal** skeletal muscle tissue lysates, as compared to about 1% by drisapersen and eteplirsen analogs

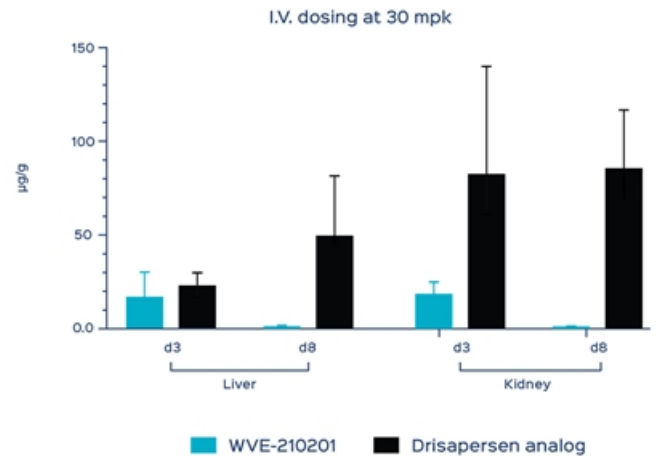
# Exon 51: in vivo target engagement of WVE-210201 in healthy non-human primate



# Exon 51: no apparent tissue accumulation observed

- Standard oligonucleotides tend to accumulate in liver and kidney
- Wave rationally designed oligonucleotides optimized to allow compound to clear more effectively
- WVE-210201 demonstrated wide tissue distribution in dose dependent fashion
- No apparent accumulation observed after multiple doses

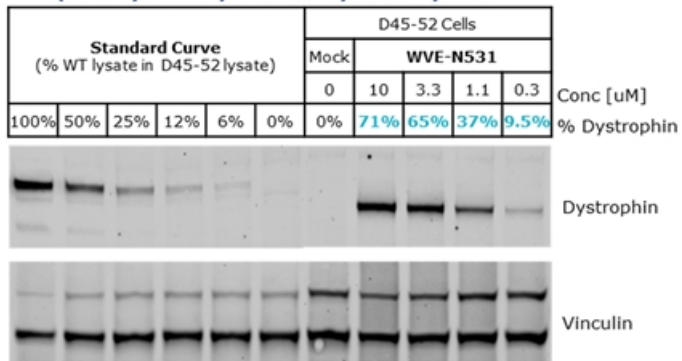
## Single in vivo I.V. dose at 30 mpk in MDX 23 mice



# Exon 53: WVE-N531 in vitro dose-dependent dystrophin restoration

Dystrophin protein restoration of up to 71%

Western Blot normalized to primary healthy human myoblast lysate



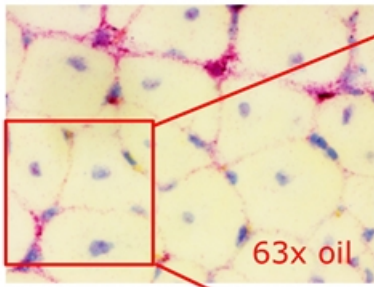
- Free uptake for 6 days in differentiation media with no transfection agent and no peptide conjugated to the oligonucleotide
- Wave stereopure Exon 53 candidate demonstrated a dose-dependent increase in dystrophin restoration in DMD patient-derived myoblasts

Interim dystrophin data readout expected in H2 2020

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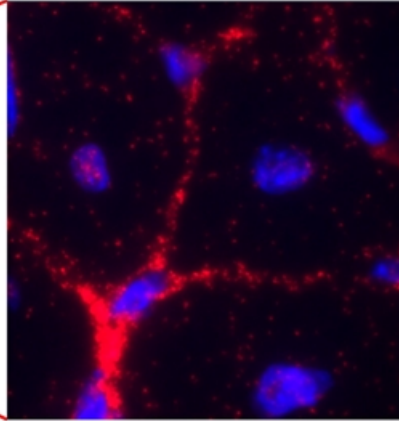
Experimental conditions: D45-52 patient myoblasts were treated with oligonucleotide for 6d under free-uptake conditions in differentiation media. Protein harvested in RIPA buffer and dystrophin restoration analyzed by Western Blot. Signal normalized to vinculin loading control and to primary healthy human myotube lysate (pooled from four donors) forming a standard curve in d45-52 cell lysate.

# Exon 53: targeting oligonucleotide rapidly distributes to muscle within 24 hours after injection



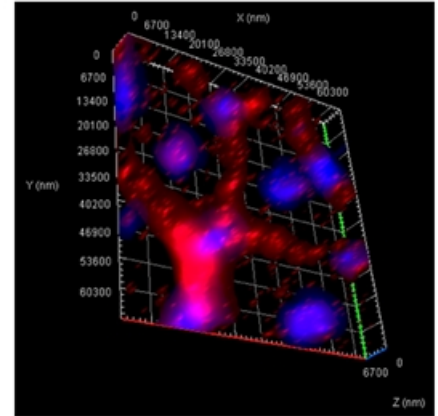
Bright field view

**Nucleus:** Hematoxylin; Light Blue  
**Wave oligo:** ViewRNA, Fast Red



Fluorescence channel view

**Nucleus:** Hoechst33342; Blue  
**Wave oligo:** Fast Red/Cy3; Pink Red

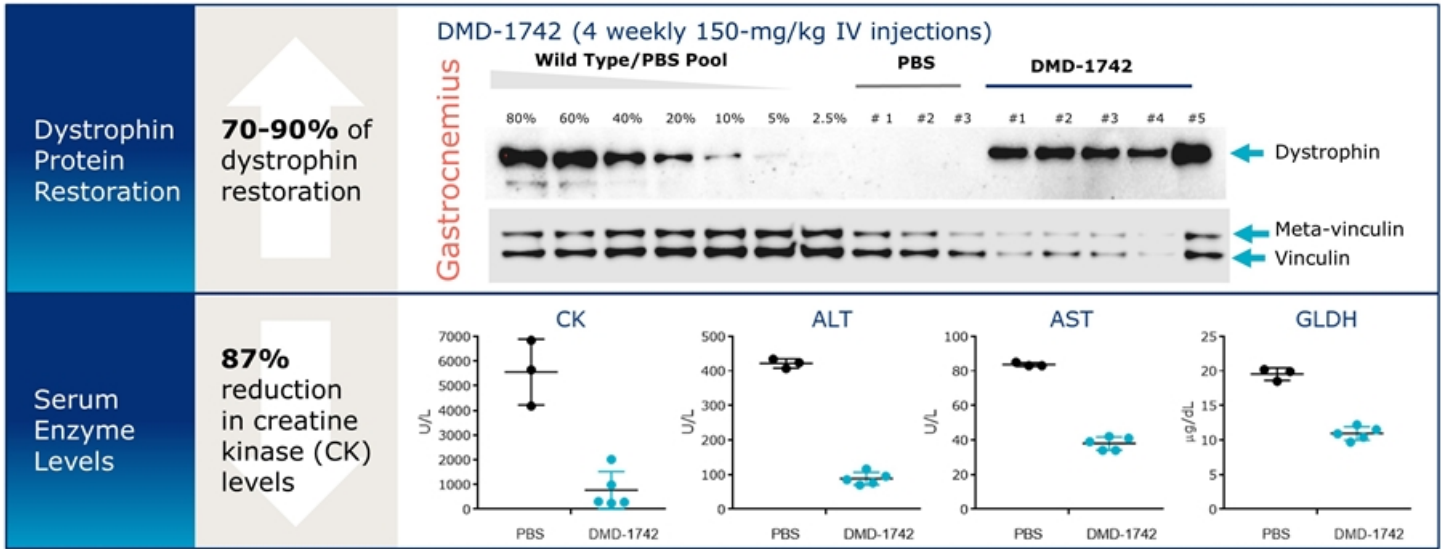


Z Stack view



# Stereopure surrogate yields substantial dystrophin protein restoration and CK reduction

Multiple Doses (in vivo *mdx23* mice)



\*Numbers indicate individual animals

Note: DMD-1742 is a stereopure oligonucleotide designed to induce exon 23 skipping in the *mdx23* mouse model and is a surrogate of WVE-210201, which is designed to induce exon 51 skipping in the human dystrophin transcript

Experimental conditions: Tissues collected 96 hours post final dose. Protein expression determined by Western Blot.

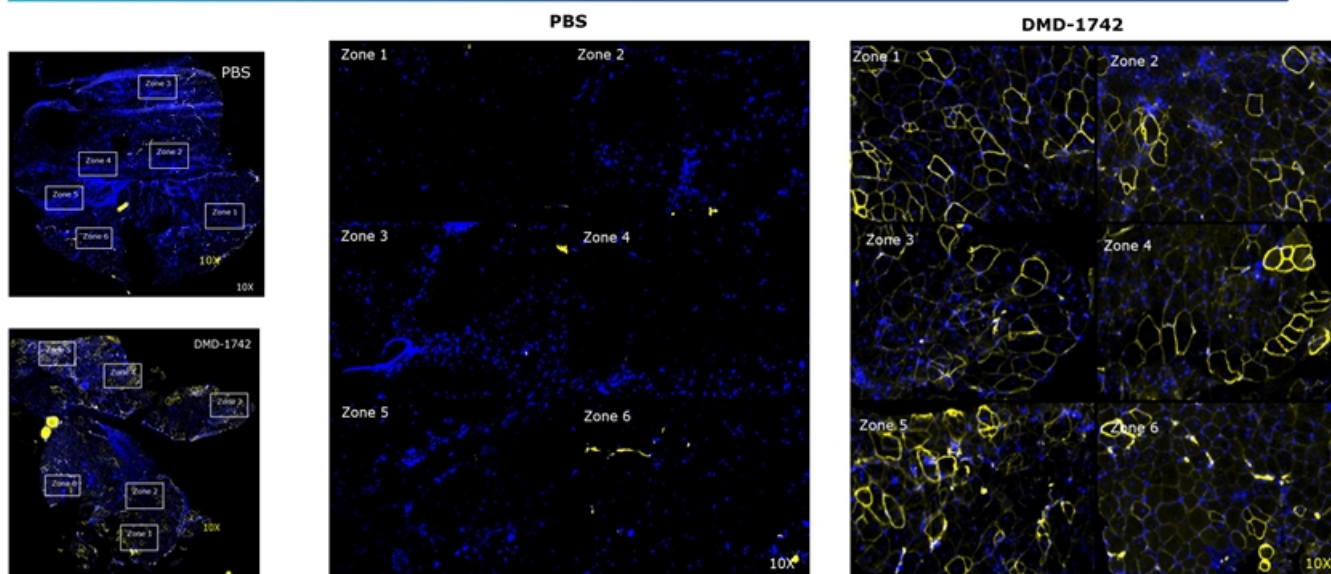
ALT=alanine aminotransferase; AST=aspartate aminotransferase; CK=creatine kinase; GLDH=glutamate dehydrogenase.

Serum and plasma clinical chemistry were measured with an Olympus AU640 (Olympus America) and the manufacturer's reagents and procedures.



# Single dose of surrogate results in restoration of dystrophin in muscle fibers

Immunohistochemistry of dystrophin in gastrocnemius in *mdx23* mice at 4 weeks

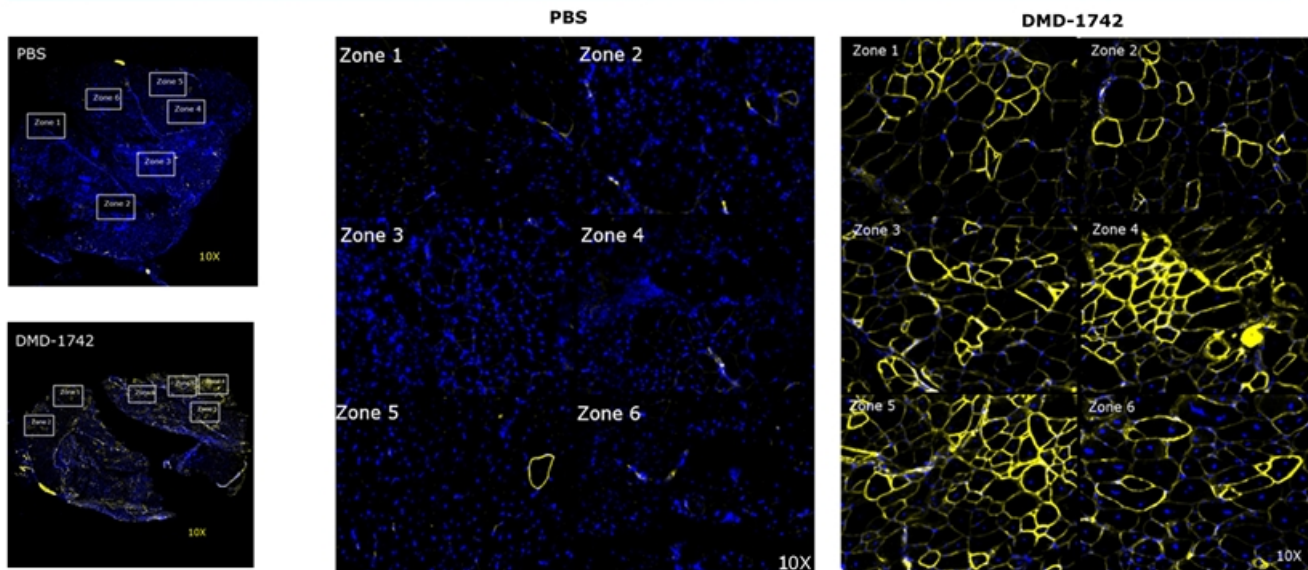


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Experimental conditions: *mdx23* mice received a single IV injection of PBS or DMD-1742 (150 mg/kg).  
Immunohistochemistry: Blue: Nuclei, Hoechst; Yellow: Rabbit anti-Dystrophin(#ab15277) 1:400 diluent, 555/Cy3, Cy3 staining is represented by the yellow color.  
10X magnification.

# Multiple doses of surrogate result in further restoration of dystrophin in muscle fibers

Immunohistochemistry of dystrophin in gastrocnemius in *mdx23* mice at 4 weeks



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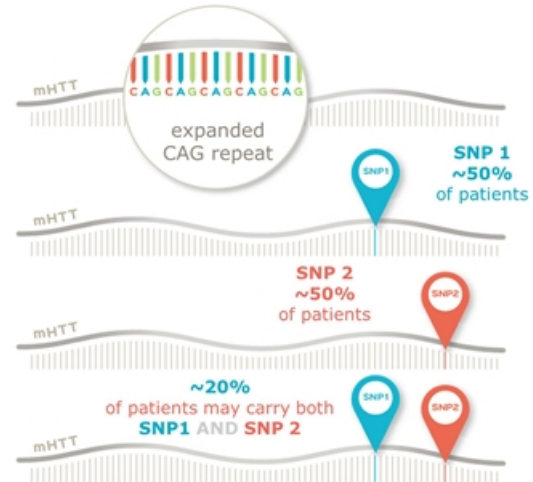
Experimental conditions: *mdx23* mice received 4 weekly IV injections of PBS or DMD-1742 (150 mg/kg).  
Immunohistochemistry: Blue: Nuclei, Hoechst; Yellow: Rabbit anti-Dystrophin(#ab15277) 1:400 diluent, 555/Cy3, Cy3 staining is represented by the yellow color.  
10X magnification.

## Huntington's Disease



## Wave approach: novel, allele-specific silencing

- Utilize association between single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and genetic mutations to specifically target errors in genetic disorders, including HD
- Allele-specificity possible by targeting SNPs associated with expanded long CAG repeat in mHTT gene
- Approach aims to lower mHTT transcript while leaving healthy HTT relatively intact
- Potential to provide treatment for up to 70% of HD population (either oligo alone could address approximately 50% of HD population)



Total: Due to overlap, an estimated ~70% of the total HD patient population carry SNP 1 and/or SNP 2

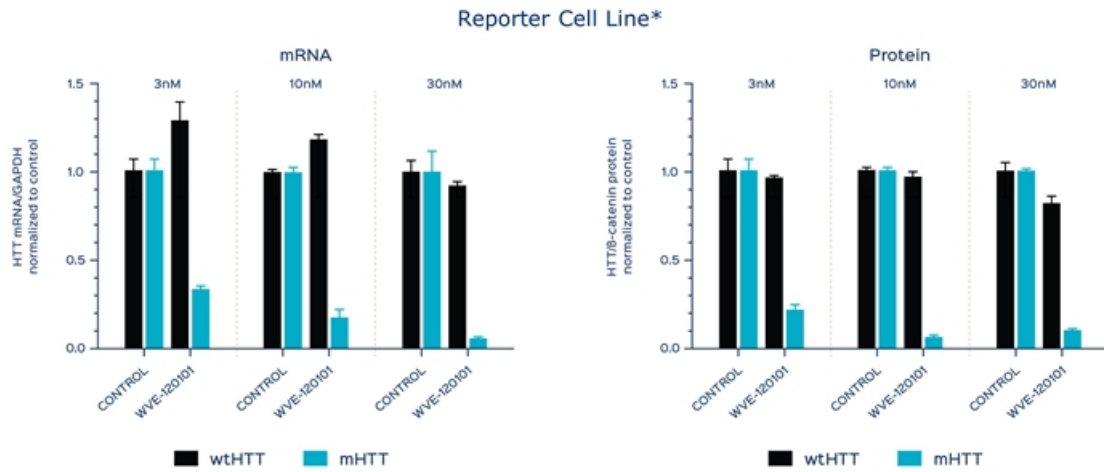
## Two simultaneous Phase 1b/2a clinical trials

- PRECISION-HD is a global clinical program consisting of the PRECISION-HD1 trial evaluating WVE-120101 targeting SNP1 and the PRECISION-HD2 trial evaluating WVE-120102 targeting SNP2
  - Two parallel, multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 1b/2a clinical trials for WVE-120101 and WVE-120102, administered intrathecally, with single-ascending dose and multiple-ascending dose portions
  - Primary objective: Assess safety and tolerability of intrathecal doses in early manifest HD patients
  - Key additional objectives: Measurement of total HTT and mHTT; exploratory pharmacokinetic (PK), pharmacodynamic (PD), clinical and MRI endpoints
  - Key inclusion criteria: age  $\geq 25$  to  $\leq 65$ , stage I or II HD who have screened positively for the presence of SNP1 or SNP2
  - Expected to enroll approximately 50 patients per trial
- Open-label extension (OLE) study planned to allow for continued dosing and clinical assessments
  - To include patients previously in the Phase 1b/2a clinical trials
  - Assessments of safety, tolerability, PK, PD, MRI and efficacy using validated clinical outcome measures
- Intend to explore efficacy in early manifest and pre-manifest HD patient populations

Phase 1b/2a readout expected H1 2019



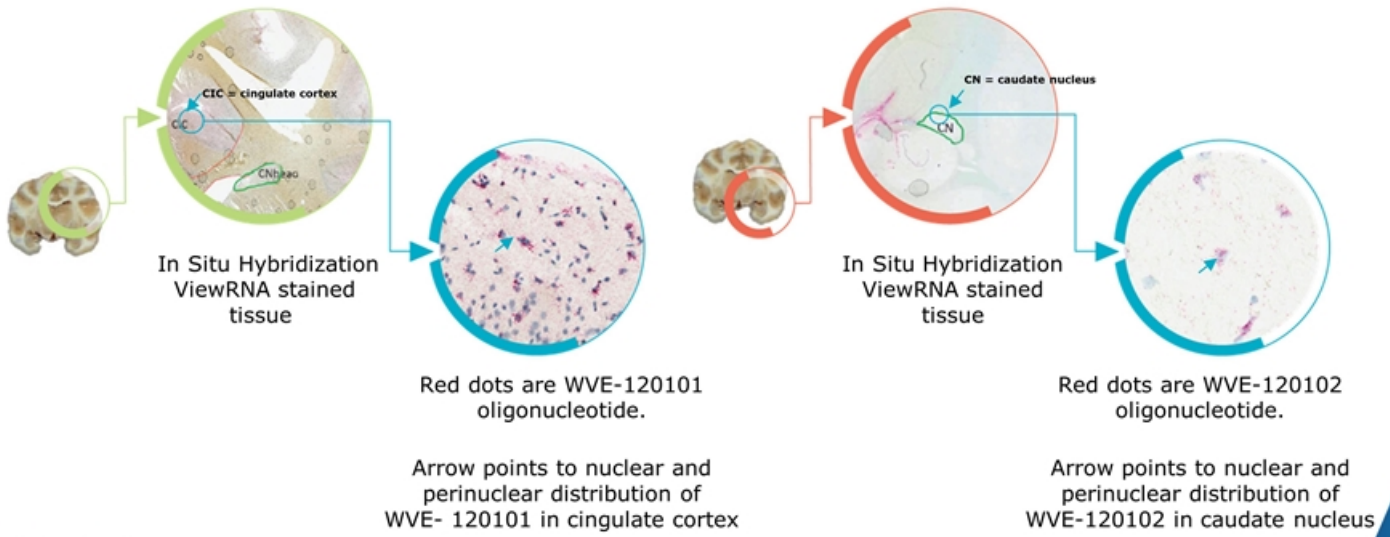
# Selective reduction of mHTT mRNA & protein



\*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





## C9orf72

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)  
Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)

## C9orf72: a critical genetic risk factor

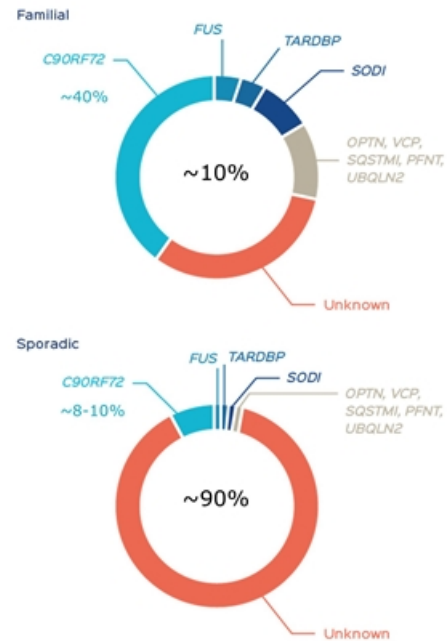
- C9orf72 gene provides instructions for making protein found in various tissues, with abundance in nerve cells in the cerebral cortex and motor neurons
- C9orf72 genetic mutations are the strongest genetic risk factor found to date for the more common, non-inherited (sporadic) forms of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD); GGGGCC repeat drives the formation and accumulation of dipeptide repeat proteins that accumulate in brain 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
- Availability of dipeptide biomarker in CSF has potential to accelerate drug development



# Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

- Neurodegenerative disease characterized by the progressive degeneration of motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord
- Affects approximately 15,000-20,000 people in the US with a median survival of three years
- C9orf72 is present in approximately 40% of familial ALS and 8-10% of sporadic ALS; currently the most common demonstrated mutation related to ALS, far more so than SOD1 or TDP-43
- Pathogenic transcripts of the C9orf72 gene contain hundreds to thousands of hexanucleotide repeats compared to 2-23 in wild-type transcripts; dominant trait with high penetrance

Topline data expected in H2 2020



# Frontotemporal dementia

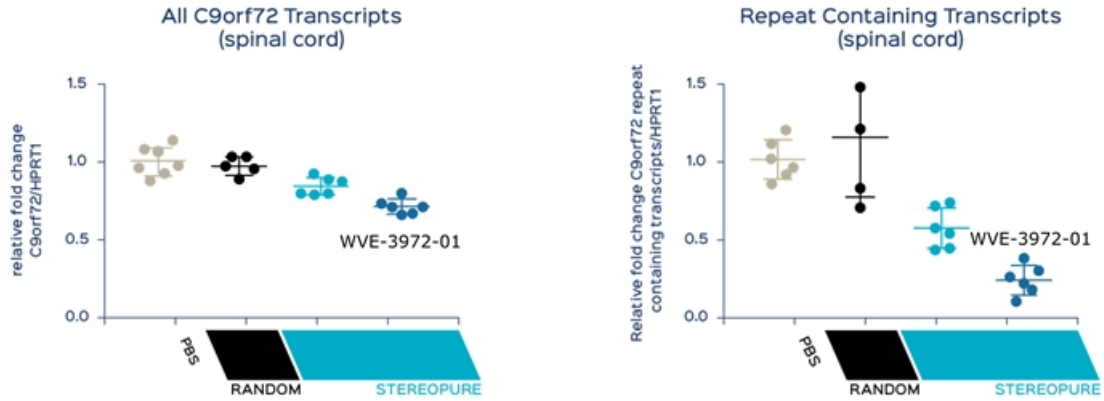
- Progressive neuronal atrophy with loss in the frontal and temporal cortices characterized by personality and behavioral changes, as well as gradual impairment of language skills
- Affects approximately 55,000 people in the US
- Second most common form of early-onset dementia after Alzheimer's disease in people under the age of 65
- Up to 50% of FTD patients have a family history of dementia, many inheriting FTD as an autosomal dominant trait with high penetrance
- Pathogenic transcripts of the C9orf72 gene contain hundreds to thousands of hexanucleotide repeats compared to 2-23 in wild-type transcripts

Topline data expected in H2 2020



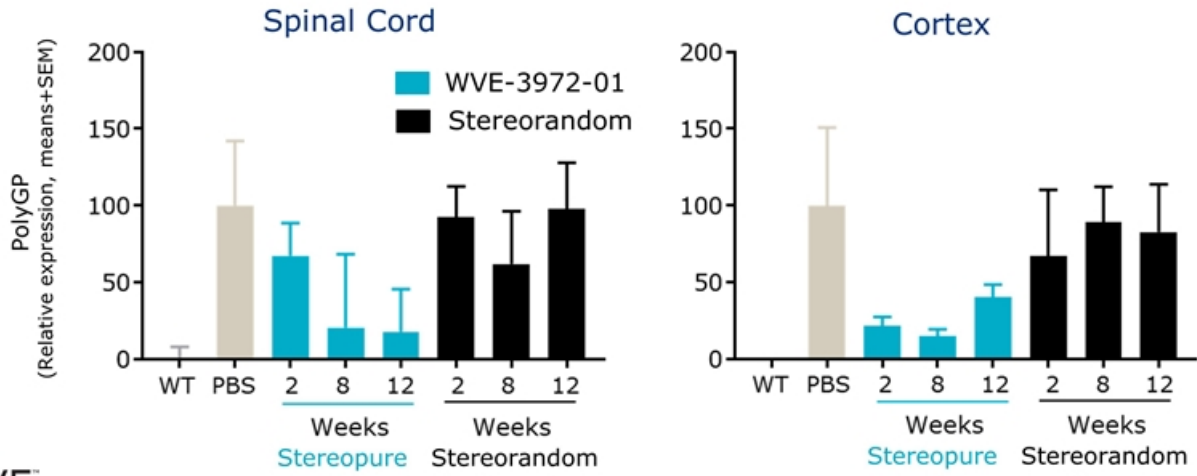
# Selective silencing in vivo of expanded C9orf72 repeat transcripts

- Wave has developed a series of highly optimized antisense compounds which selectively silence the repeat containing transcript in C9orf72 transgenic mice
- These compounds show target engagement across cell types and regions of the nervous system critically implicated in ALS and FTD



# WVE-3972-01 produces durable reduction in dipeptides in vivo

Durable reduction of dipeptide in spinal cord and cortex in C9-BAC mice for at least 12 weeks

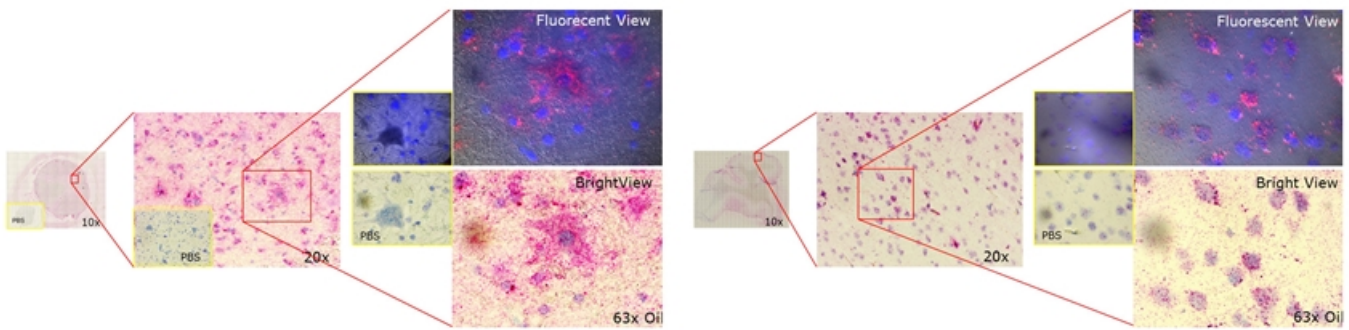


Experimental design: C9-BAC mice received a single ICV injection of PBS or oligonucleotide (100 µg).

# WVE-3972-01 in nuclei of neurons in NHP CNS

**Spinal cord:** Oligonucleotide visualization (ViewRNA) after intrathecal delivery in NHPs

**Frontal Cortex:** Oligonucleotide visualization (ViewRNA) after intrathecal delivery in NHPs



Blue: Nuclear, Hematoxylin; Pink Red: ASO/ViewRNA, Fast Red/Cy3

Widespread and sustained distribution in nuclei of neurons in spinal cord and frontal cortex

## Ophthalmology



# Building a portfolio for inherited retinal diseases

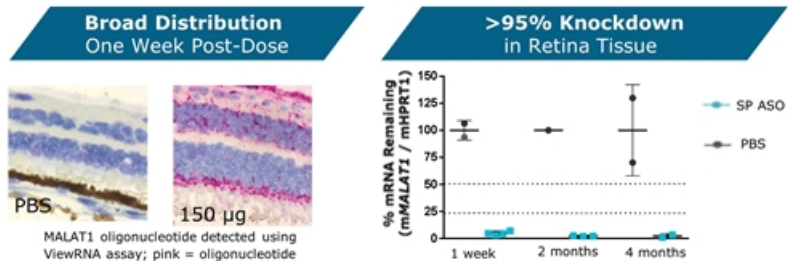
## Inherited retinal diseases (IRDs)

- Rare eye disorders caused by genetic mutations leading to progressive vision loss
- No approved therapies for almost all IRDs
- Approximately 200,000 affected in the U.S. and millions world-wide

## Wave opportunity

- Oligonucleotides allow for intravitreal (IVT) injection; targeting twice a year dosing
- Stereopure oligonucleotides open up novel strategies in both dominant and recessive IRDs; potential for potent and durable effect with low immune response
- Established imaging markers, easily identifiable patient population and historical ophthalmology trial success rates suggest clear path to market

Single IVT injection of stereopure oligonucleotide to NHP results in distribution throughout all layers of the retina and potent, extended duration of effect



Genetic target	Inherited retinal disease	US Population Addressable by Wave Approach
RHO P23H	Retinitis pigmentosa	~1,800
USH2A	Usher syndrome 2A	~5,000
ABCA4	Stargardt disease	~2,000
CEP290	Leber congenital amaurosis 10	~1,000

Initial candidate expected in H2 2019

## Partnerships

# Collaborating to maximize portfolio and platform



**\$230+ million** in committed cash; eligible for milestones and royalties in excess of \$2 billion\*

Takeda option on **global 50:50 share** of CNS programs in HD, ALS, FTD and SCA3

**Fully funded CNS R&D** with Takeda right to license additional preclinical CNS targets over four years



**\$40 million** upfront payment; **\$871 million** in potential milestone payments and royalties

**Advancing 5 targets**, including APOC3, for the treatment of metabolic liver diseases

Leveraging **Wave proprietary chemistry platform** across modalities with GalNac and Pfizer's hepatic targeting technology

Platform technologies



Applying **artificial intelligence** to discover novel therapies for genetic neuromuscular disorders

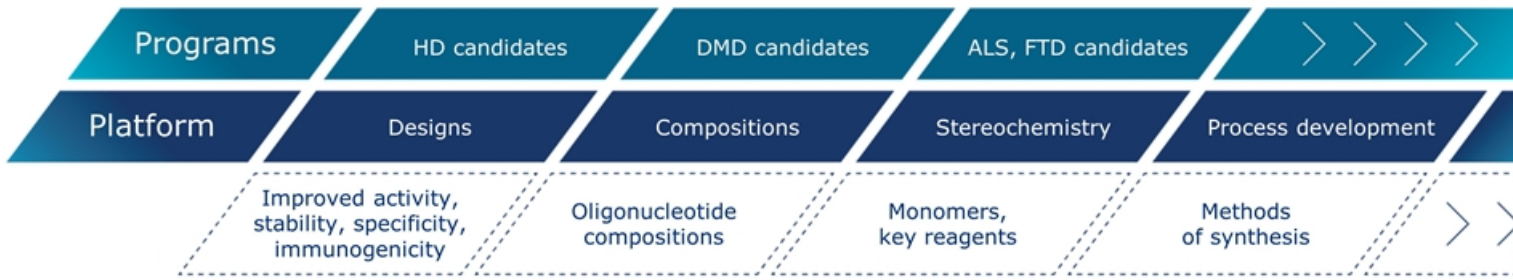


Utilizing **3D imaging** to assess target engagement in specific regions, cell types and subcellular compartments of the brain



\*Assuming Takeda advances six programs that achieve regulatory approval and commercial sales, Wave will be eligible to receive up to \$2 billion in cash milestone payments, of which more than \$1 billion would be in precommercial milestone payments.

# Intellectual property strength: breadth and depth of patent portfolio



# Upcoming Wave catalysts

- **Q4 2018: Safety data expected in DMD from Phase 1 trial for WVE-210201**
  - WVE-210201 is the first stereopure oligonucleotide targeting Exon 51
- **H1 2019: Data expected in HD from Phase 1b/2a trials for WVE-120101 and WVE-120102**
  - Potential to be first two allele-specific disease-modifying therapies selectively lowering mHTT
- **H2 2019: Interim dystrophin data readout expected in DMD for WVE-210201**
- **H2 2019: Initial development candidate for inherited retinal disease**
- **H2 2020:**
  - Anticipate filing an NDA and pursuing accelerated approval for WVE-210201 in Exon 51 amenable DMD
  - Interim dystrophin data readout expected in DMD for WVE-N531 targeting Exon 53
  - Topline data expected from WVE-3972-01 C9orf72 programs

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