



## Neurology Webcast

July 14, 2020



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# Today's Agenda

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Wade Walke

**Ionis – The Leader in RNA-targeted Drug Discovery and Development**

Brett Monia

**Ionis – The Leader in Targeting Neurological Diseases**

Frank Bennett

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**

Frank Bennett & Frank Rigo

**Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia**

Holly Kordasiewicz

**Parkinson's Disease and Multiple System Atrophy**

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**Spinocerebellar Ataxias**

Holly Kordasiewicz

**Ionis-owned Medicines – Prion, Lafora and Alexander's Diseases**

Holly Kordasiewicz

**Conclusion**

Brett Monia

**Q&A**

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# **Ionis – The Leader in RNA-targeted Drug Discovery and Development**



Brett Monia





# Where We Are Today



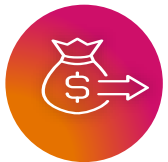
**Our leadership position** in RNA-targeted therapeutics **continues to grow** as our technology advances



We have a **large, diverse, expanding, and mature pipeline** that continues to perform exceptionally well



**The Ionis-owned pipeline** is a key priority, will expand substantially, and investments are underway to enhance our commercial capabilities



We have the **financial strength** to continue advancing our technology and deliver on our pipeline

## Vision

**To become the innovation leader in biotech providing hope and transformational benefit to millions of patients living with severe diseases**

# Ionis Delivering Medicines for Most Major Severe Diseases

NEUROLOGICAL .....

NEUROMUSCULAR .....

CARDIOVASCULAR .....

Ultra-rare to Common Diseases

CANCER .....

HEMATOLOGICAL .....

KIDNEY .....

OPHTHALMOLOGY .....

INFECTIOUS DISEASE .....



# The Ionis Neurological Disease Pipeline

## CRACKING THE CODE



### Validated platform

- Proof of mechanism
- Proof of safety
- Proof of efficacy
- Commercial success



### A rapidly expanding premier pipeline tackling the most severe diseases



### Continued technology advancement

- Greater efficacy
- Less frequent dosing
- Systemic applications (e.g. neuromuscular)





# Ionis is Cracking the Code in Neurological Diseases

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*Spinal muscular atrophy*

## **ATTR amyloidosis**

*TEGSEDI for hATTR polyneuropathy  
AKCEA-TTR-L<sub>Rx</sub> for all major forms*

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## **Spinal and Bulbar muscle atrophy**

## **Charcot-Marie-Tooth**

## **Multiple sclerosis**

## **Severe pain**

*And many more in  
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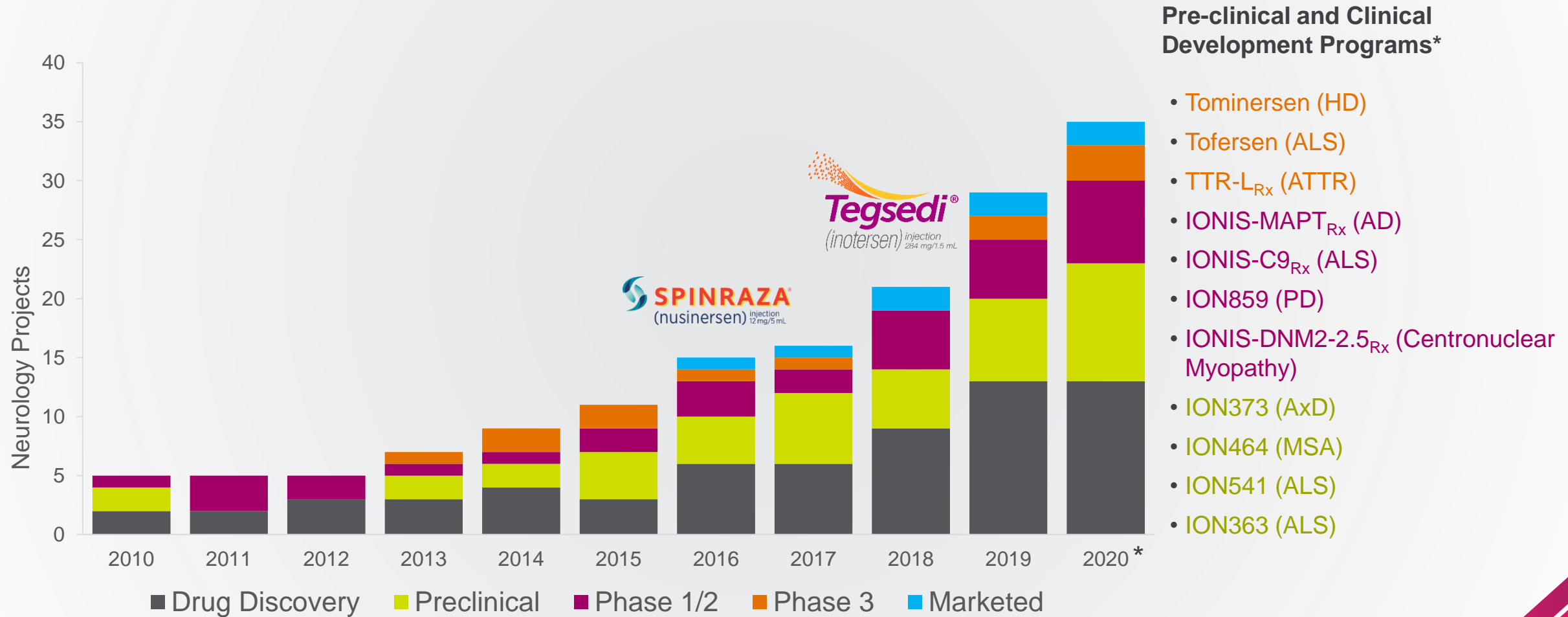
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# Ionis – The Leader in Targeting Neurological Diseases



Frank Bennett

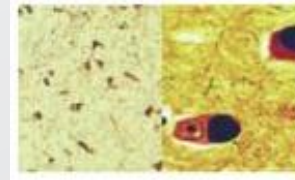
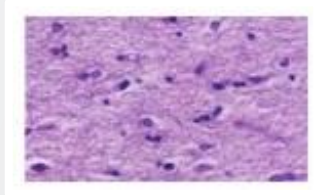
# Advancing and Expanding Ionis' Neurology Pipeline



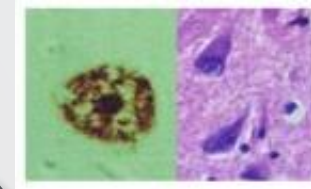


# Many Neurodegenerative Diseases are Caused by Toxic Proteins Expressed in Different Brain Regions

**Huntington's disease**  
Whole brain atrophy  
**HTT protein aggregates**

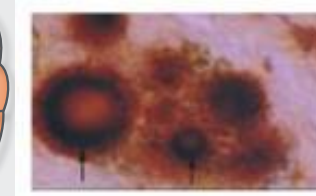
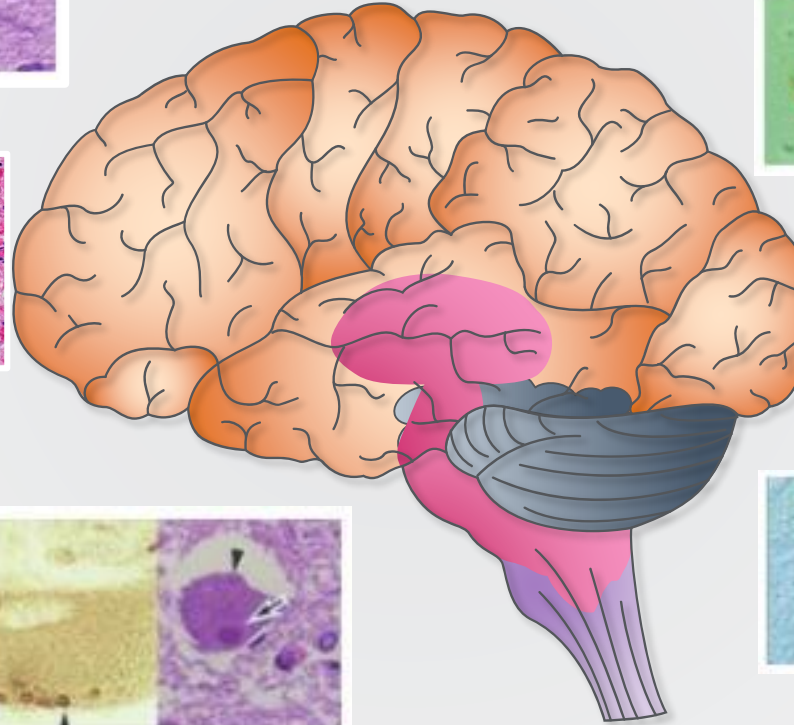
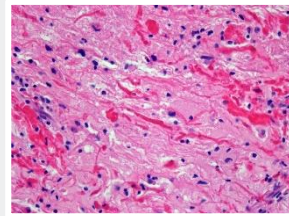


**Frontotemporal dementia**  
Cerebral atrophy  
**Misfolded TAU**

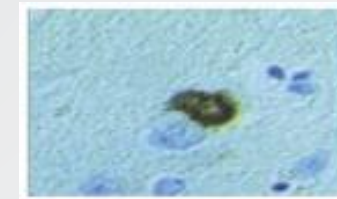


**Alzheimer's disease**  
Cerebral and hippocampal atrophy  
**Aβ plaques, TAU tangles**

**Alexander's disease**  
Loss of myelin predominantly in frontal lobe  
**Rosenthal fibers-GFAP deposits**

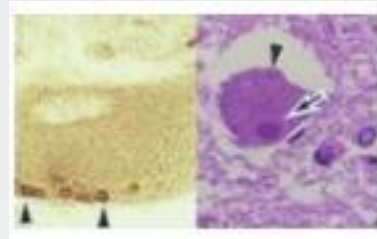


**Parkinson's disease**  
Loss of dopamine neurons in substantia nigra and cortical atrophy  
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**Lewy body disease**  
Cerebral atrophy  
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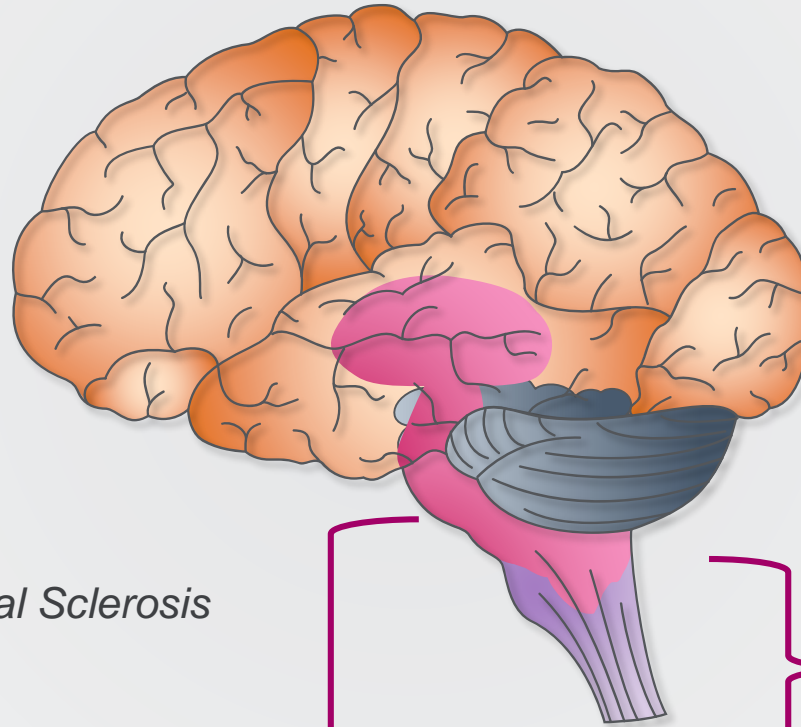
**Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis**  
Atrophy of motor neurons and muscles  
Sporadic: **TDP43 inclusions**  
SOD1 Patients: **Misfolded SOD1**  
C9 Patients: **Dipeptide repeats and RNA foci**



# Ionis' Neurological Pipeline Targets All Major Brain Regions

## **Tofersen**

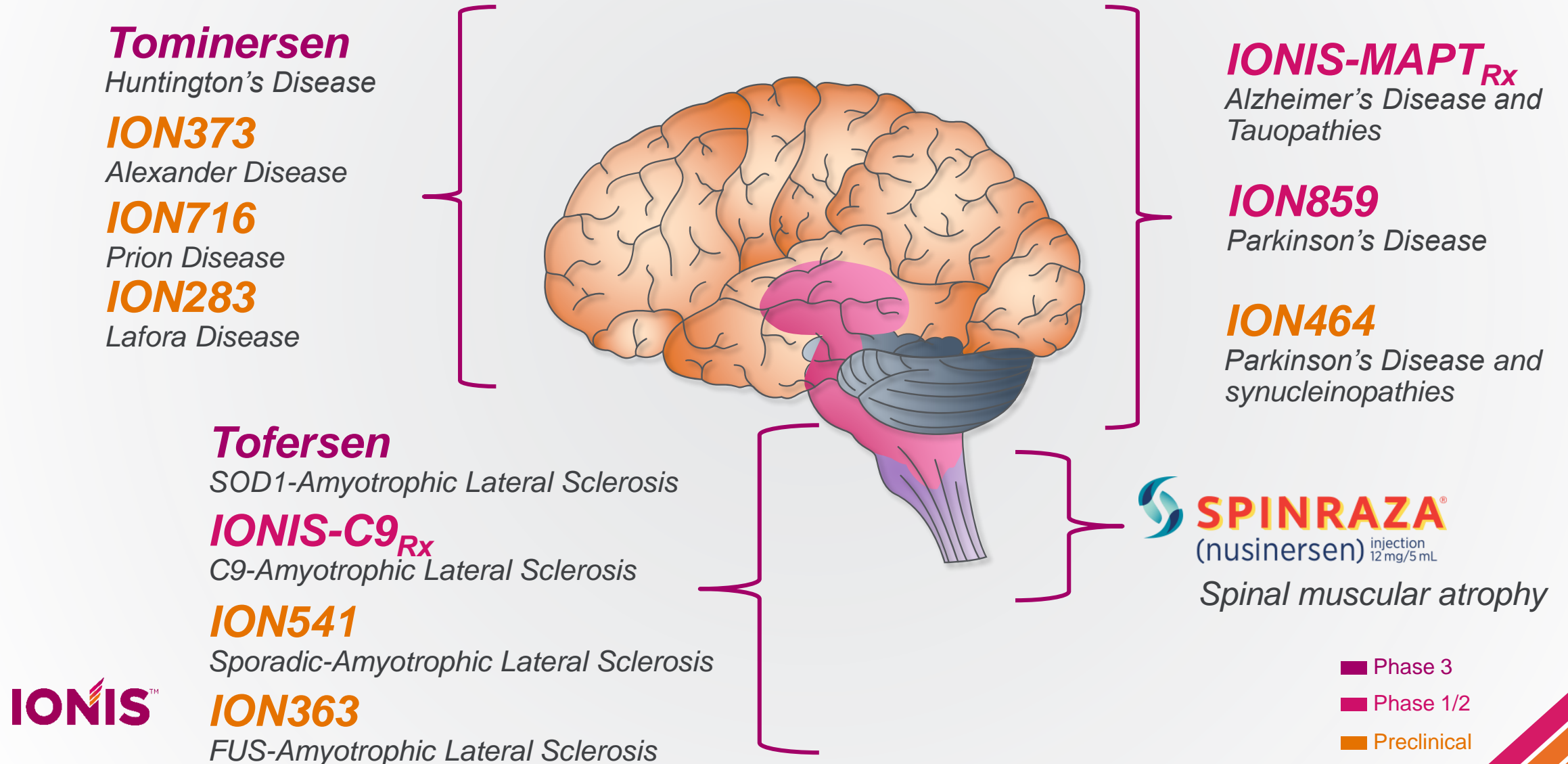
*SOD1-Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*



**SPINRAZA**<sup>®</sup>  
(nusinersen) injection  
12 mg/5 mL

*Spinal muscular atrophy*

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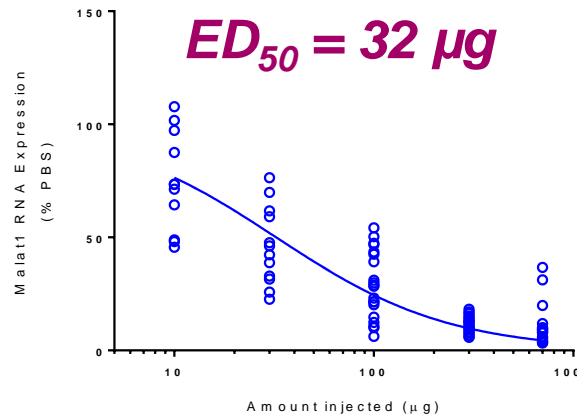


# Antisense Targets All CNS Cell Types

- Wild type (normal) mice
- Intracerebroventricular (ICV) bolus injection of Malat1 antisense drug at a single dose
- Analyzed at 2 weeks after the dose by cell sorting with antibody and qPCR

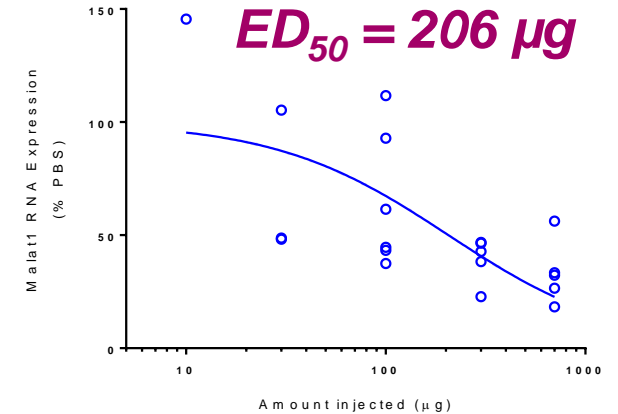
Total cortex RNA

$ED_{50} = 32 \mu g$



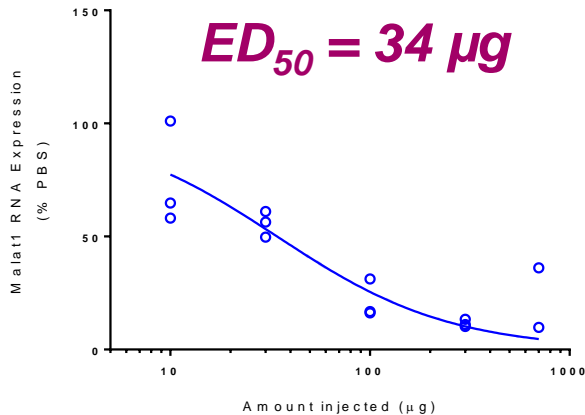
Neurons

$ED_{50} = 206 \mu g$



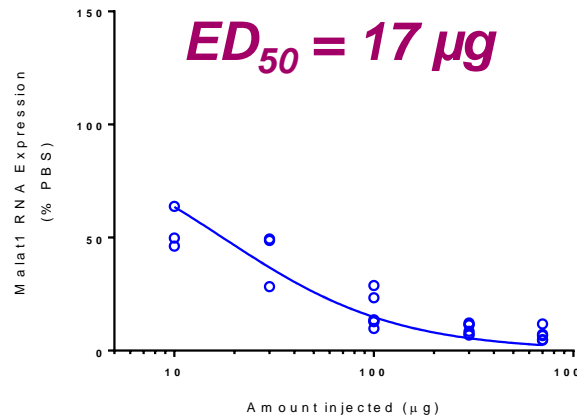
Oligodendrocytes

$ED_{50} = 34 \mu g$



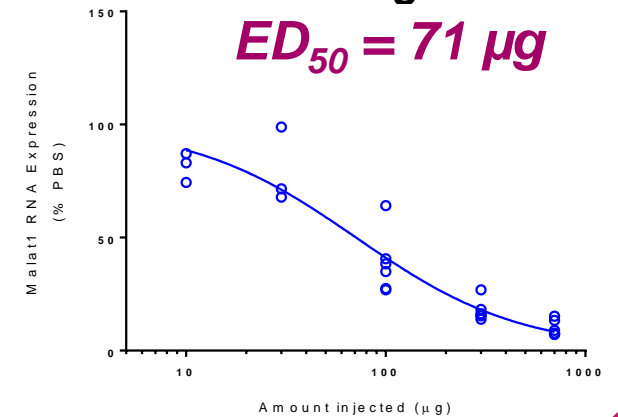
Astrocytes

$ED_{50} = 17 \mu g$



Microglia

$ED_{50} = 71 \mu g$

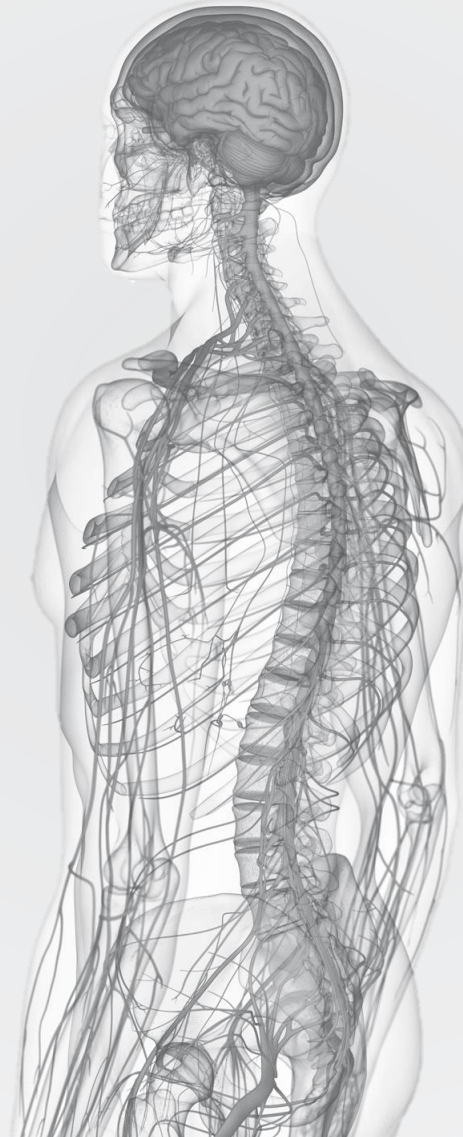




# Ionis' Neurological Pipeline Also Targets the Peripheral Nervous System and Muscle



*Polyneuropathy caused by hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis*



**AKCEA-TTR-L<sub>Rx</sub>**  
*All major forms of TTR amyloidosis*

**IONIS-DNM2-2.5<sub>Rx</sub>**  
*Centronuclear myopathy*

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# SPINRAZA

Creating new futures for SMA patients and their families



- Transformational therapy with over 10,000 patients on SPINRAZA therapy worldwide and 2019 revenue of \$2.1B\*
- Continued opportunities for growth in 2020 and beyond
- Committed to expanding our SMA franchise with new innovative technologies for SMA patients

\* Commercialized by Biogen



# NURTURE Study

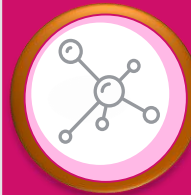
Infants treated presymptomatically enables survival and gains in motor function consistent with normal development

## Nusinersen continued to impact disease course in children who initiated treatment in the presymptomatic stage of SMA

- All children were alive, and 84% have never required any ventilation support
- Children continued to make gains in motor function
- Children are developing in a manner more consistent with normal development than that expected for children with 2 and 3 *SMN2* gene copies<sup>1,2</sup>



Many motor milestones were achieved within normal limits, and there was no loss of major motor milestones



Lower pNF-H levels on treatment significantly correlated with future HINE-2 total motor milestone score and earlier achievement of walking alone



No new safety concerns were identified



These data demonstrate the durability of effect over a median of 3.8 years of follow-up, with children aged 2.8–4.8 years at last visit

# SPINRAZA Treatment Demonstrated Improved Motor Function and Disease Stabilization in Adult SMA Patients

## THE LANCET Neurology

Volume 19, Issue 4, April 2020, Pages 317-325



### Articles

## Nusinersen in adults with 5q spinal muscular atrophy: a non-interventional, multicentre, observational cohort study

Tim Hagenacker MD <sup>a,\*</sup>, Claudia D Wurster MD <sup>a,\*</sup>, René Günther MD <sup>f,\*</sup>, Olivia Schreiber-Katz MD <sup>g</sup>, Alma Osmanovic MD <sup>g</sup>, Prof Susanne Petri MD <sup>g</sup>, Markus Weiler MD <sup>h</sup>, Andreas Ziegler MD <sup>i</sup>, Josua Kuttler MD <sup>j</sup>, Jan C Koch MD <sup>j</sup>, Ilka Schneider MD <sup>k</sup>, Gilbert Wunderlich MD <sup>l,m</sup>, Natalie Schloss MD <sup>l</sup>, Prof Helmar C Lehmann MD <sup>l</sup>, Isabell Cordts MD <sup>n</sup>, Prof Marcus Deschauer MD <sup>n</sup>, Prof Paul Lingor MD <sup>n</sup>, Christoph Kamm MD <sup>o</sup> ... Prof Christoph Kleinschnitz MD <sup>a</sup>

**Demonstrated meaningful improvements in motor function in a real-world cohort**

> J Neurol. 2020 May 2. doi: 10.1007/s00415-020-09847-8. Online ahead of print.

## Treatment Expectations and Patient-Reported Outcomes of Nusinersen Therapy in Adult Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Alma Osmanovic <sup>1</sup>, Gresa Ranxha <sup>2</sup>, Mareike Kumpke <sup>2</sup>, Lars Müschen <sup>2</sup>, Camilla Binz <sup>2</sup>, Flavia Wiehler <sup>2</sup>, Lejla Paracka <sup>2</sup>, Sonja Körner <sup>2</sup>, Katja Kollewe <sup>2</sup>, Susanne Petri <sup>2</sup>, Olivia Schreiber-Katz <sup>2</sup>

**Spinraza demonstrated treatment effect, which had never occurred in this patient population**



## Journal of the Neurological Sciences

Volume 415, 15 August 2020, 116901



### Letter to the Editor

## Elderly patient with 5q spinal muscular atrophy type 4 markedly improved by Nusinersen

Teruya Morizumi <sup>a,1</sup>, Akihiro Ueno <sup>a,b,1</sup>, Ken Takasone <sup>a</sup>, Kazuki Ozawa <sup>a</sup>, Tsuneaki Yoshinaga <sup>a</sup>, Katsuya Nakamura <sup>a,c</sup>, Yoshiki Sekijima <sup>a</sup>

**The oldest patient (71) treated with Spinraza demonstrated marked improvement in motor functions**

> J Neuromuscul Dis. 2020;7(3):257-268. doi: 10.3233/JND-190453.

## Prospective Cohort Study of Nusinersen Treatment in Adults With Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Crystal Jing Jing Yeo <sup>1,2,3</sup>, Sarah D Simeone <sup>1</sup>, Elise L Townsend <sup>1,4</sup>, Ren Zhe Zhang <sup>1</sup>, Kathryn J Swoboda <sup>1</sup>

**Disease stabilization or improvements in motor function demonstrated in SMA adult patients**

# SPINRAZA

The SMA foundation of care for SMA patients of all ages



*Logan, living with SMA*



- Transformational therapy with over 10,000 patients on SPINRAZA therapy\*
- Unprecedented efficacy demonstrated across all forms of SMA
- Favorable safety and tolerability profile
- Potential to achieve even greater efficacy with a higher dose in the DEVOTE Phase 2/3 study
- SPINRAZA next generation product – potential improvement in convenience and efficacy

\* Patients on therapy across the pos-marketing setting the EAP and clinical trials

# Huntington's Disease



A rare, genetic, fatal neurological disease

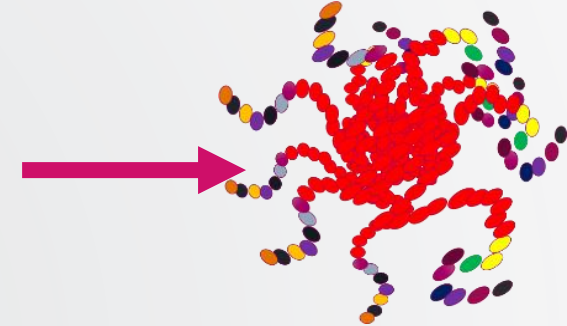


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HD Gene ....CCTTC <sup>>35 repeats</sup> **CAGCAGCAGCAG** .....CCGCC...

Toxic mutant huntingtin



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Caused by a toxic gain-of-function triplet repeat (CAG) expansion in the huntingtin gene, 100% of individuals who inherit mutation will develop the disease

**DEVASTATING**

Progressive loss of mental faculties and physical control. Families endure the catastrophic impact of the disease over generations

**FATAL**

No effective treatments or cure; symptom onset occurs between ages of 30-50, characterized by progressive brain & muscle tissue atrophy, leading to death 15-20 years post symptom onset

**WIDESPREAD**

Approximately 40,000 symptomatic patients in the U.S.\*

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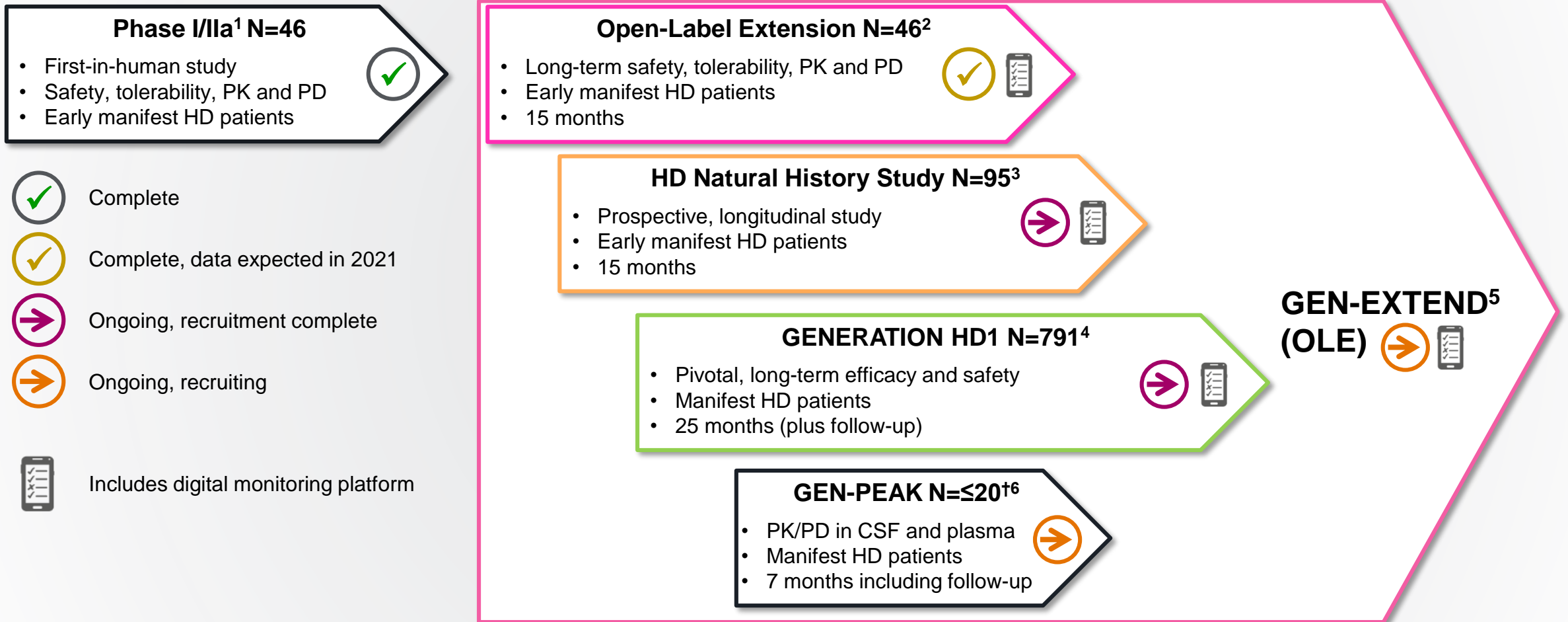
For patients with Huntington's disease



- Phase 3 study for Huntington's disease
- First and only late-stage medicine targeting the cause of Huntington's disease
- Fully enrolled, data expected in 2022
- Granted Orphan designation by FDA and EMA, and PRIME designation by EMA

# Tominersen

## A comprehensive program targeting the cause of Huntington's disease



# Tominersen

## Potential breakthrough medicine for Huntington's disease

- First **disease-modifying medicine** targeting the **cause** of HD
- **Robust** and **sustained reductions** in mutant huntingtin protein (mHTT)\* in patients
- **Favorable safety** and **tolerability** profile\*
- Granted **Orphan** designation by **FDA** and **EMA**, and **PRIME** designation by **EMA**
- **Long durability** of action (bi-monthly and tri-annual dosing)
- GENERATION HD1 **Phase 3** study **enrollment complete**, data expected in 2022

# Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis



Frank Bennett and Frank Rigo



# Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

A fatal disease with a tremendous unmet medical need

- **Severe disease** characterized by motor neuron degeneration resulting in **paralysis** and **respiratory failure**
- **Rapidly progressive, with average survival of 3-5 years** from diagnosis
- **~55,000 patients diagnosed** in the G7 countries<sup>1</sup>
  - Sporadic ALS: ~90%
  - Familial ALS (e.g. SOD1, C9, FUS): ~10%
- **Familial** and **sporadic ALS** programs underway with Ionis and Biogen

# Tofersen (IONIS-SOD1<sub>Rx</sub>)

Targeting SOD1 for patients with SOD1-ALS



- VALOR Phase 3 study for SOD1-ALS ongoing
- Results from the Phase 1/2 study of tofersen\* demonstrated a slowing of decline of clinical function
- Data from the VALOR Phase 3 study expected in 2021
- Granted Orphan Drug Designation by the FDA and EMA

\* Licensed to Biogen

# The New England Journal of Medicine Publishes Positive Final Results from Phase 1/2 Study of Tofersen

## *The* NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL *of* MEDICINE

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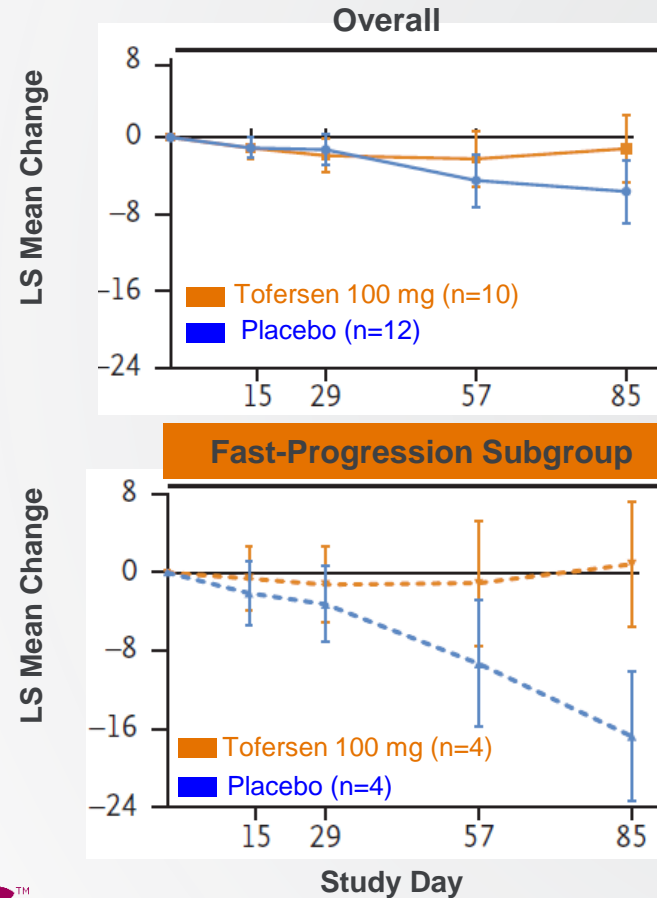
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### Phase 1–2 Trial of Antisense Oligonucleotide Tofersen for *SOD1* ALS

T. Miller, M. Cudkowicz, P.J. Shaw, P.M. Andersen, N. Atassi, R.C. Bucelli, A. Genge, J. Glass, S. Ladha, A.L. Ludolph, N.J. Maragakis, C.J. McDermott, A. Pestronk, J. Ravits, F. Salachas, R. Trudell, P. Van Damme, L. Zinman, C.F. Bennett, R. Lane, A. Sandroock, H. Runz, D. Graham, H. Houshyar, A. McCampbell, I. Nestorov, I. Chang, M. McNeill, L. Fanning, S. Fradette, and T.A. Ferguson

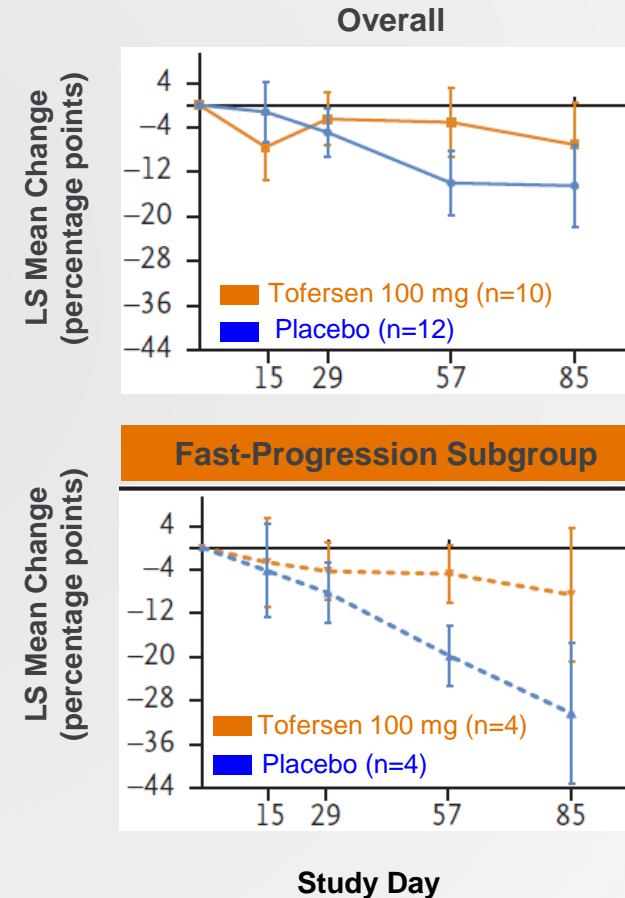
# Phase 1/2 Results: Treatment with Tofersen 100 mg Demonstrated a Slowing of Decline of Clinical Function

## Clinical Outcome ALSFRS-R



Fast Disease Progressors

## Lung Function % Predicted SVC



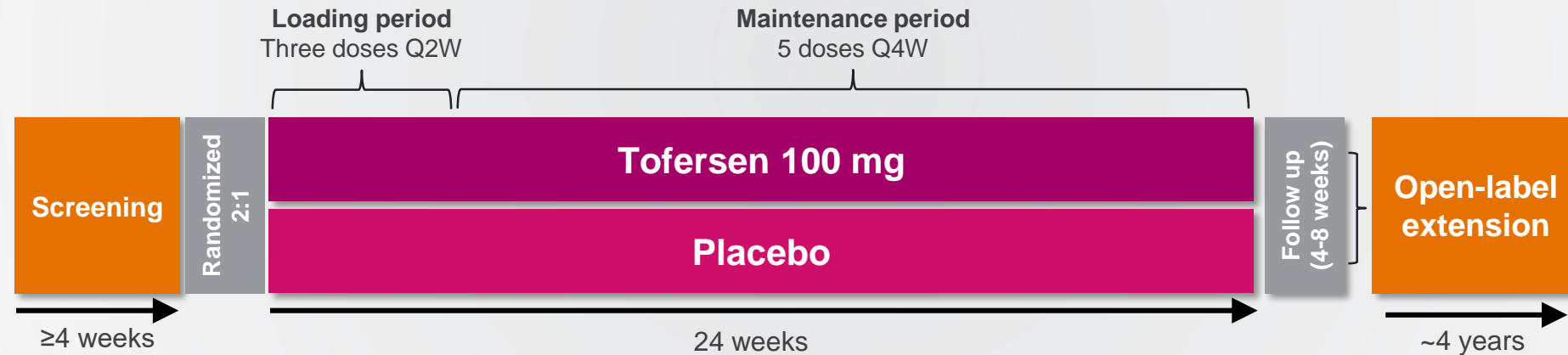
Fast Disease Progressors



# Phase 3 VALOR Study of Tofersen

## Innovative study design with potential to support registration

- A global, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in ~ 99 patients with ALS and a confirmed SOD1 mutation, randomized 2:1 to tofersen 100 mg by intrathecal injection or placebo
- Outcome measures:
  - Primary: Change from baseline in ALSFRS-R total score
  - Secondary: Clinical measures, change in SOD1 CSF levels, safety and tolerability



**Achieved Orphan Drug Designation**  
**Data expected in 2021**

# Tofersen

First investigational medicine to demonstrate clinical benefit in SOD1-ALS patients

- Treatment with tofersen in Phase 1/2 study demonstrated **robust SOD1 reductions** in the CSF
- Trends in slowing of **disease progression** demonstrated in Phase 1/2 study
  - In rapidly progressing patients, tofersen (100 mg) demonstrated **benefit in functional and respiratory** measures **after** only **3 months** of treatment
- Generally **well tolerated**
- **VALOR Phase 3 study** in adult ALS patients with SOD1 mutations underway, data expected in 2021

# IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub>

Frank Rigo

Targeting mutant C9orf72 for patients with C9-ALS



- Ongoing Phase 1/2 for C9orf72-ALS, data expected in 2021
- The first medicine to specifically target mutant C9orf72 mRNA
- Granted Fast Track Designation by the FDA

IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub> (BIIB078): In collaboration with Biogen

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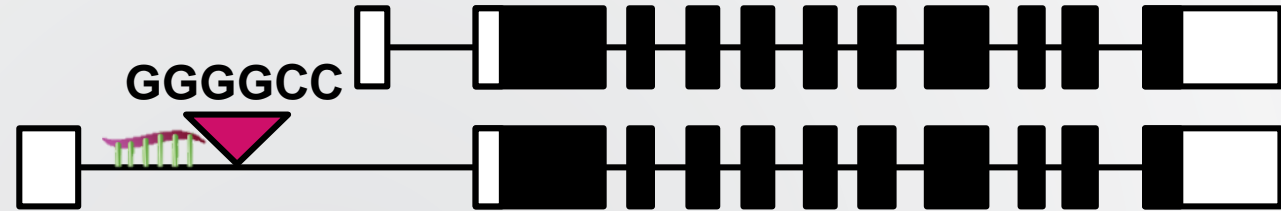
For the treatment of familial Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

- A **novel approach** for the treatment of patients with **ALS** who have a mutation in the **chromosome 9 open reading frame 72** (C9orf72) gene, for whom there is **no effective treatment**
  - Highly potent and selective inhibitor of human mutant C9orf72 transcripts
  - Proof of concept obtained in an animal model of C9-ALS
- **Intrathecal** administration allows for direct **access** to **key** affected **regions** of the **central nervous system**
- **Safety, tolerability** and **pharmacokinetic** profile of **IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub>** in adults with C9orf72-ALS is being **evaluated** in a **Phase 1/2** clinical study conducted by our partner Biogen
- **Data** from the **Phase 1/2** clinical study expected in **2021**

# C9orf72 Molecular Pathology

## Mutant C9orf72 toxic gain of function

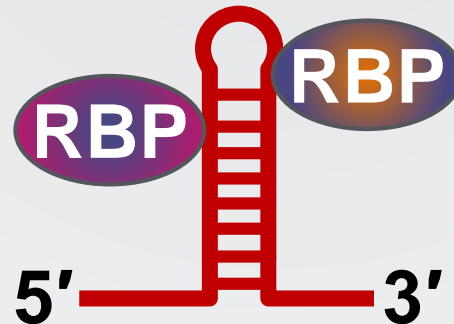
C9orf72 repeat expansion causes a toxic gain of function leading to rapid progressive loss of motor neurons



### Decrease Transcription

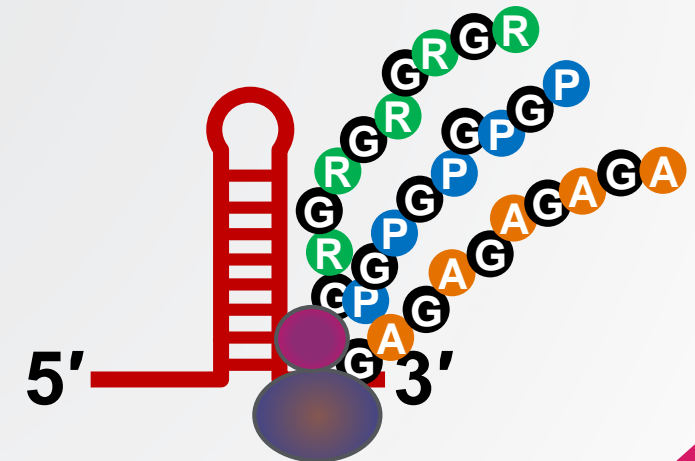


### Repeat RNA-mediated toxicity



RBP = RNA Binding Protein

### Dipeptide protein toxicity

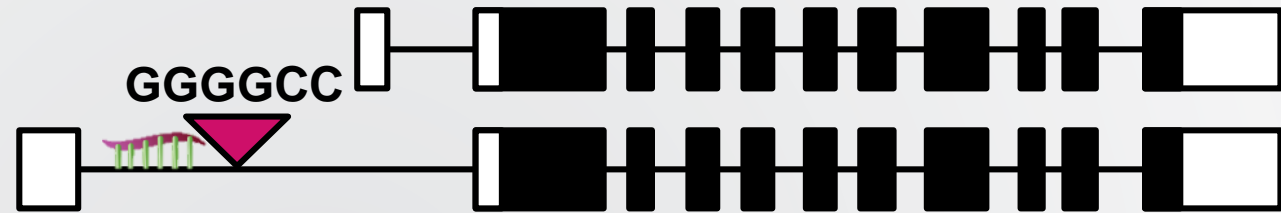




# C9orf72 Molecular Pathology

## Mutant C9orf72 toxic gain of function

In preclinical studies, we showed that we can selectively reduce the toxic C9orf72 RNA with a C9 antisense oligonucleotide and demonstrated reduced behavioral deficits were sustained



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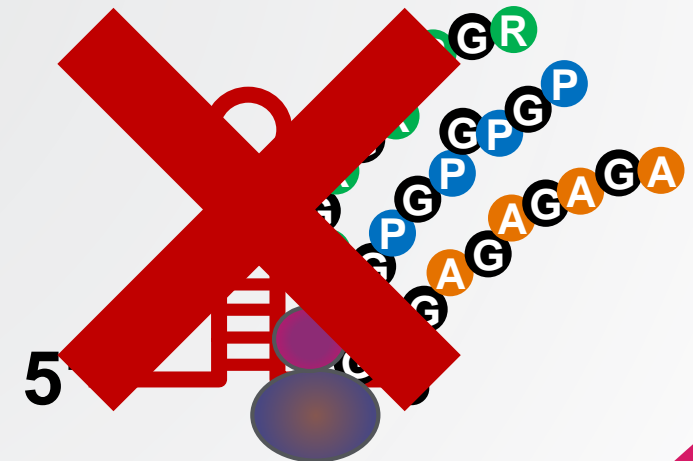


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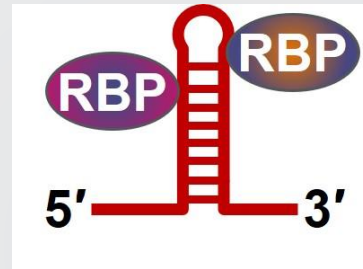
# Antisense Suppression of Mutant C9orf72 Transcripts

Reduces repeat RNA & dipeptide protein toxicity in a mouse model of C9orf72-ALS

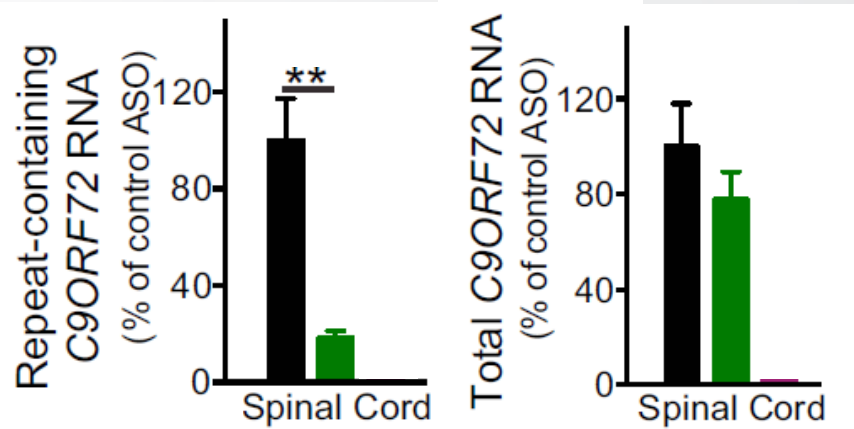
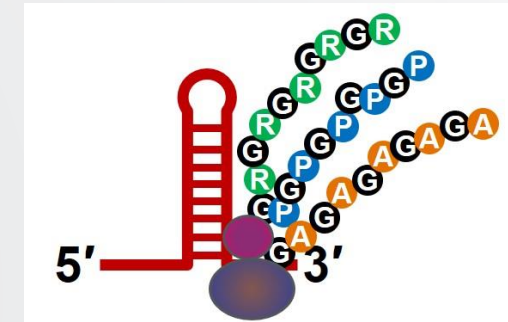
Decreases mutant C9orf72 transcripts w/out affecting total C9orf72 RNA/protein



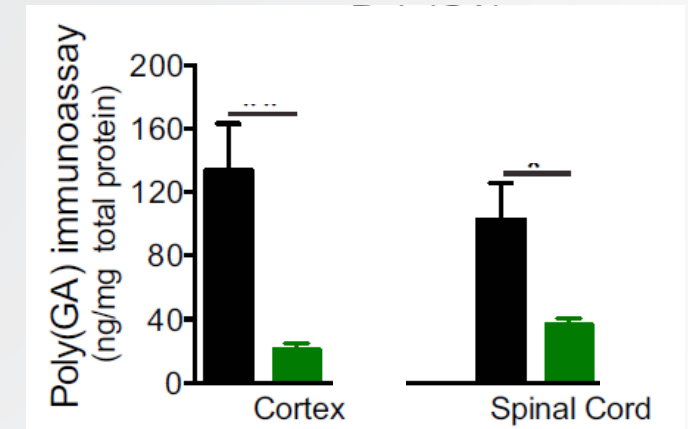
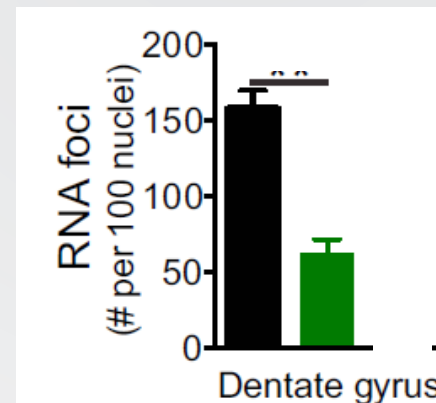
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Decreases dipeptide protein toxicity



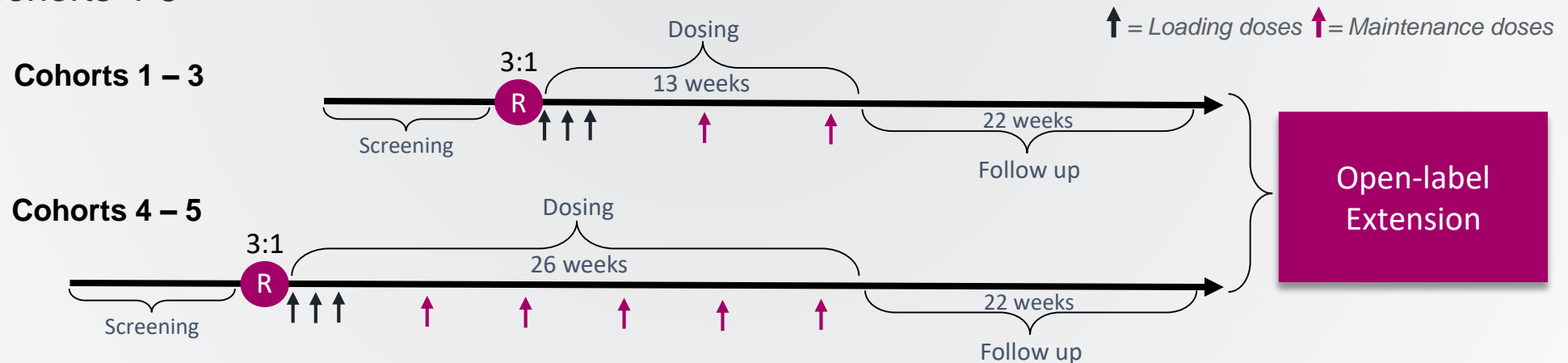
Control ASO ASO1



# IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub> Phase 1/2 Study

Study in patients with C9ORF72-ALS (ongoing)

- **Design:** A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multiple-ascending dose study in up to 90 patients with C9ORF72-ALS
- **Primary Endpoint:** Safety and tolerability of intrathecally administered IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub> compared to placebo
- **Key Secondary Endpoints:**
  - Change from baseline in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Functional Rating Scale – Revised (ALSFRS-R) scores
  - Percent change from baseline in Predicted Slow Vital Capacity (SVC)
  - Change in muscle strength from baseline as measured using hand-held dynamometry (HHD)
- **Dosing Regimen:** 3 loading doses followed by two maintenance doses for cohorts 1-3 and five maintenance doses for cohorts 4-5



# ION363

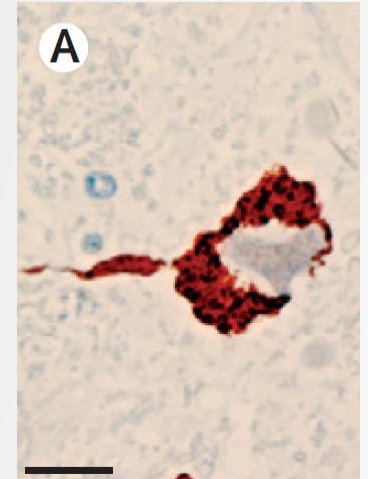
Targeting FUS for patients with FUS-ALS

- The first medicine to target FUS-ALS
- Initiation of Phase 1/2 clinical study on track for the end of 2020/early 2021

# FUS-ALS

Caused by mutations in the Fused in Sarcoma (FUS) gene – no effective treatment

- 3<sup>rd</sup> most common inherited form of ALS
  - ~25% incidence of SOD1-ALS
- Caused by mutations in the Fused in Sarcoma (FUS) gene
- FUS-ALS is generally a predictably fast progressing disease
  - Good genotype-phenotype correlation
- FUS mutations cause motor neuron degeneration through a toxic gain of function mechanism
  - FUS is an RNA binding protein
  - Mutant FUS protein aggregates in the cytoplasm



MacKenzie et al., Lancet Neurology 2010.



# ION363

## First medicine targeting FUS-ALS

- Antisense-mediated reduction of mutant FUS protein in a FUS-ALS mouse model prevents motor neuron loss
- We have identified a clinical candidate, ION363, which is designed to selectively reduce the expression of human FUS
- Our FUS medicine has been used by a clinical investigator to treat several ALS patients with FUS mutations under a compassionate use IND
- Initiation of Phase 1/2 study in FUS-ALS patients on track for the end of 2020/early 2021
- Potential for a rapid path to the market

# ION541

Targeting ATXN2 for patients with sporadic ALS

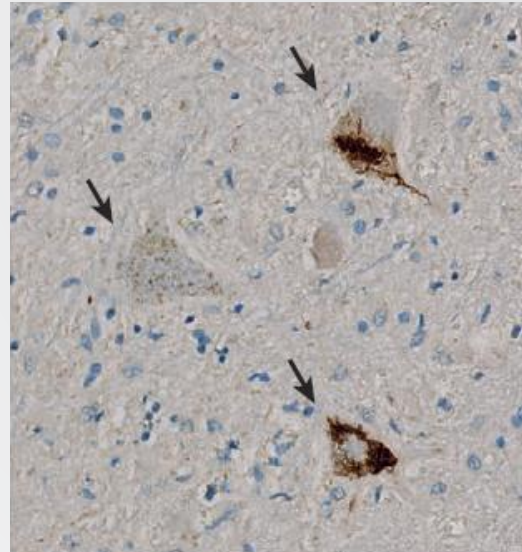


- Initiation of Phase 1/2 clinical study on track for 2H20
- The first medicine to specifically diminish TDP-43 aggregation, the pathological hallmark of ALS

ION541 (BIIB105): In collaboration with Biogen

# Sporadic ALS: TDP-43 Aggregation

- ~90% of ALS is sporadic, with no apparent familial history
- A prominent pathological hallmark found in the neurons of people with sporadic ALS is the aggregation of the RNA binding protein called TDP-43
  - TDP-43 aggregation induces toxicity to motor neurons

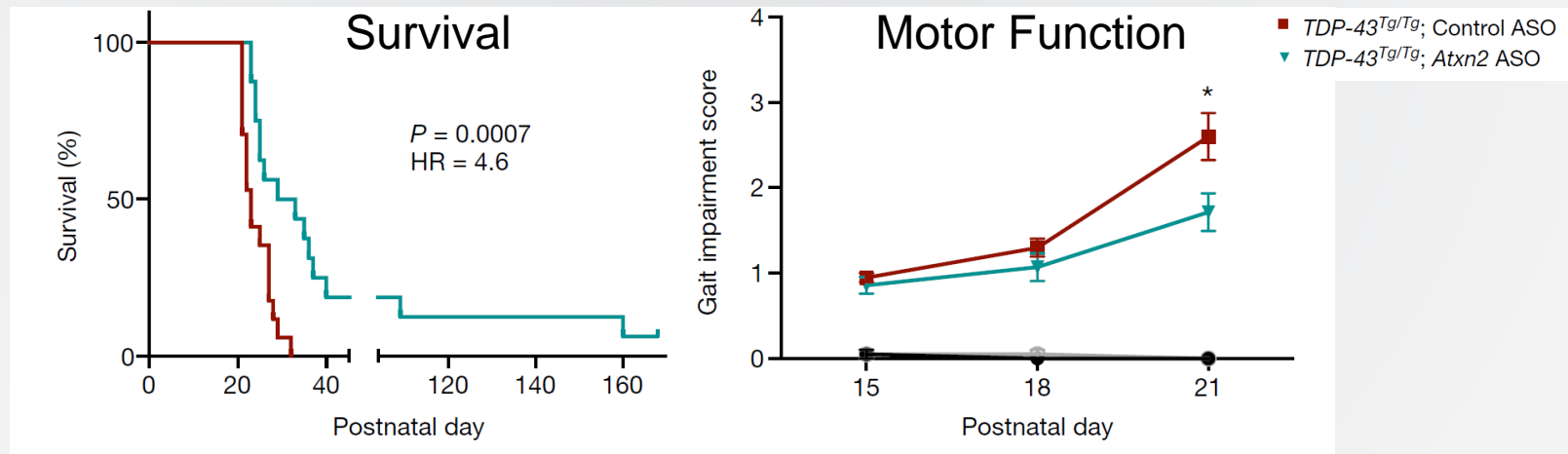


Arrows show  
cytoplasmic TDP-43 inclusions in  
spinal cord motor neurons

Taylor et al., Nature 2016.

# ION541 Targeting Sporadic ALS

- ATXN2 has been shown to play a role in modulating TDP-43 toxicity, and human genetic data validates it as a target for sporadic ALS
- ION541, a highly potent inhibitor of ATXN2 mRNA, is the first gene-targeted medicine designed to diminish the toxicity of TDP-43
  - ASO-mediated reduction of ATXN2 increases survival and motor function in mouse models of TDP-43 toxicity



Becker et al., Nature 2017.

# We Are Committed to Treating All Forms of ALS

- Tofersen: **Phase 3 VALOR** study underway (data expected 2021)
- IONIS-C9<sub>Rx</sub>: **Phase 1/2 study ongoing in C9-familial ALS** (data expected 2021)
- ION363, **Ionis-owned** targeting **FUS** on track to initiate a Phase 1/2 study in FUS-ALS in late 2020/early 2021
- ION541 targeting **ATXN2** in **sporadic ALS** on track to initiate a Phase 1/2 study in 2H20
- Additional programs advancing focused on **treating all forms of ALS**




## Multiple ALS Medicines in Development

MEDICINE	INDICATION	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
Tofersen (IONIS-SOD1 <sub>Rx</sub> )	SOD1-ALS				
IONIS-C9 <sub>Rx</sub>	C9-ALS				
ION363 (FUS)	FUS-ALS				
ION541 (ATXN2)	Sporadic ALS				
Numerous medicines advancing into development					



# Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

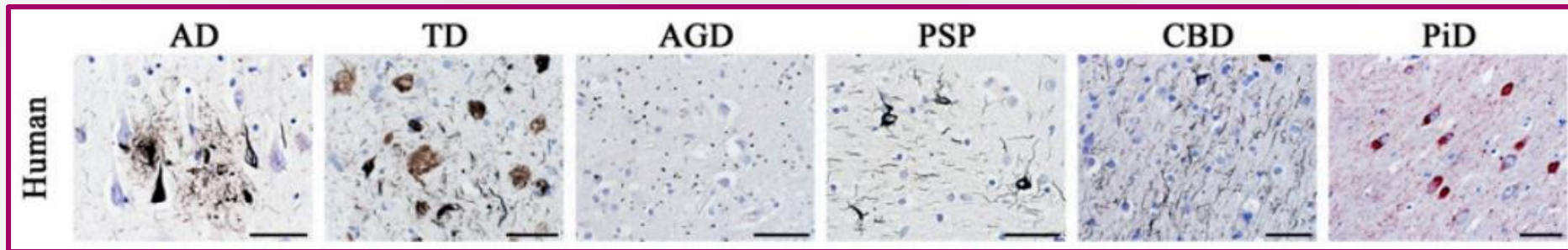


Holly Kordasiewicz

# Tauopathies:

A spectrum of fatal, progressive and devastating diseases

- **Tauopathies** are a group of neurodegenerative diseases characterized by **accumulating** intracellular fibrillar tau inclusions, or **tangles**<sup>1</sup>
  - Tangles begin as soluble and monomeric tau protein and develop into hyper-phosphorylated, insoluble and filamentous tau in various disease states
  - Tangled tau proteins result in a toxic-gain-of-function associated with synaptic and neuronal loss<sup>2</sup>
- **Tangles** are the **hallmark** feature of **tauopathies**, including, but not limited to, **Alzheimer's** disease, **frontotemporal degeneration**
- An unmet need exists for a therapy with the ability to delay disease onset and progression in all types of tauopathies



# Alzheimer's Disease and Frontotemporal Degeneration

Severe and progressive neurodegenerative diseases

**Alzheimer's disease** (AD) and **frontotemporal degeneration** (FTD) are forms of **dementia** characterized by predominant memory impairment and behavioral changes, resulting in progressive loss of independence and eventually death

Mutations in MAPT directly cause some forms of FTD

Approximately  
**50,000 – 60,000**  
people are affected  
by **FTD** in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>

Accumulation of pathologic tau is an AD pathology and correlates with cognitive decline in AD<sup>1</sup>

Approximately  
**5.5 million**  
people are living  
with **AD** in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

# IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub>

For patients with Alzheimer's disease and other tauopathies



- We designed IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub>\* to selectively reduce production of the tau protein in the brain
- A Phase 1/2 study in patients with Alzheimer's disease is ongoing with data expected in 2021

\* IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub> (BIIB080) Licensed to Biogen

# IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub>

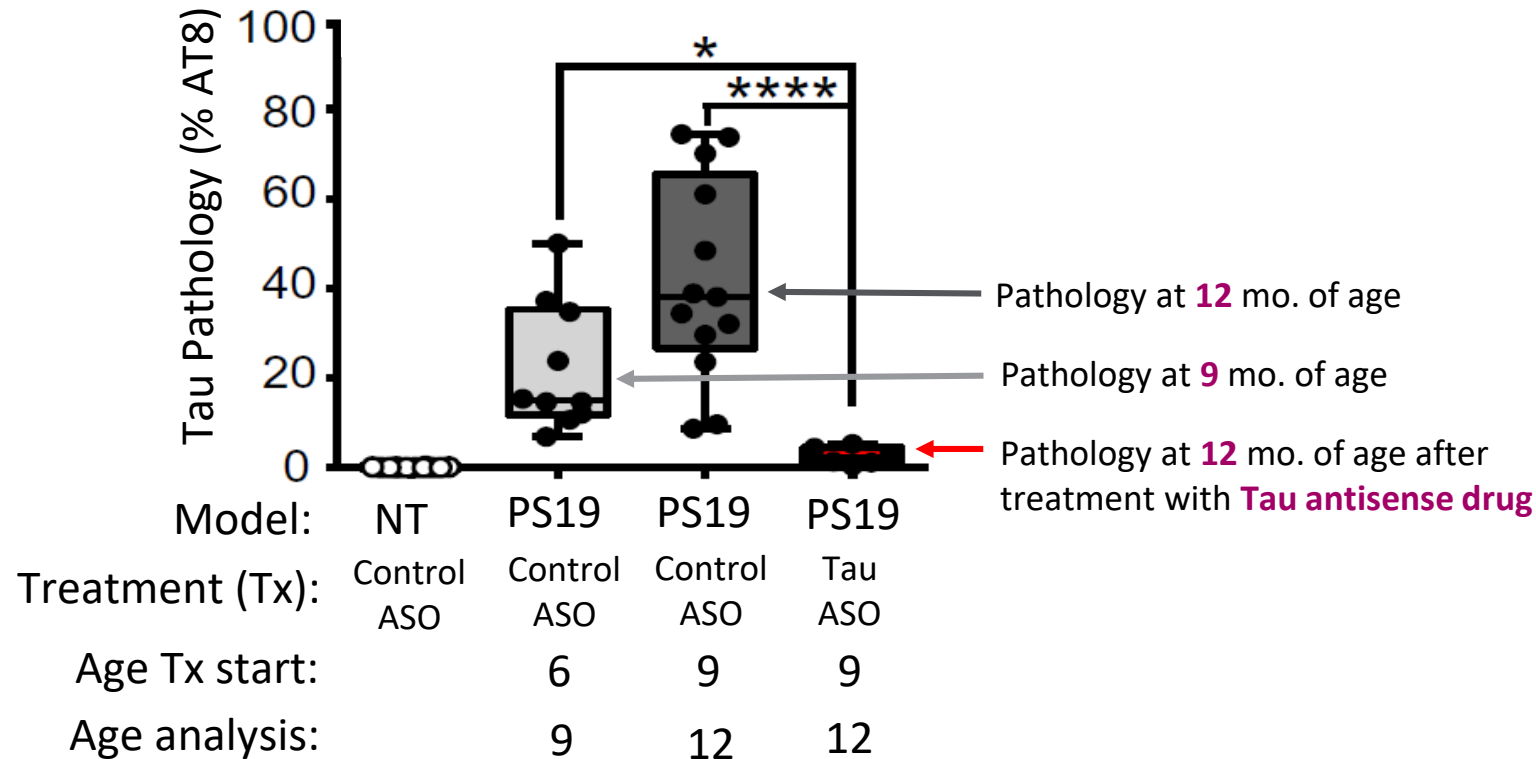
Designed to selectively reduce the microtubule-associated protein tau (MAPT)

- **IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub>** is an antisense medicine we designed to bind to *MAPT* pre-mRNA, thereby promoting specific degradation of **MAPT RNA**
  - Degradation of *MAPT* RNA prevents the translation of tau protein
  - Decreasing production of all isoforms, post-translation modifications and conformations of the tau protein is expected to target the primary mechanism in tauopathies
- In preclinical studies in transgenic rodents, treatment with *MAPT*-targeting antisense medicines **suppressed human tau** and provided evidence for **prevention** of, and **reversal** of existing, **tau pathology**



# Suppression of Human Tau with *MAPT*-targeting Antisense Medicine Reversed Disease-state Pathology in Mice

## Total AT8 Tau Staining in Hippocampus and Brain of Transgenic Mice

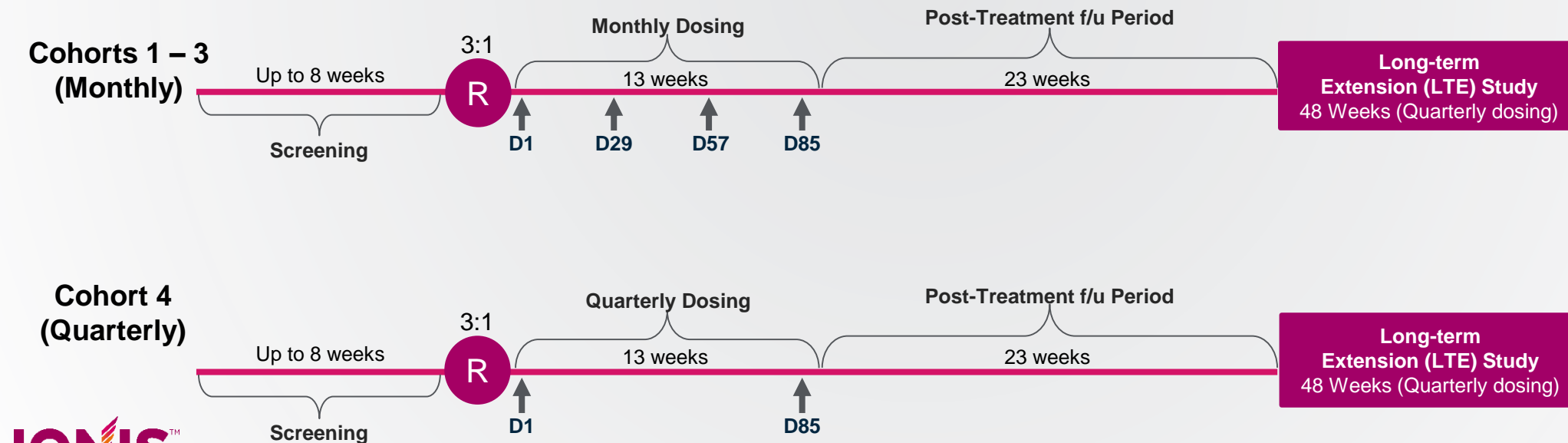


- *MAPT*-targeted antisense treatment reversed pathology in mice with a progressed disease-state
- PS19 mice treated at 9 months with *MAPT*-targeting antisense medicine had less severe pathology at 12 months of age (red) than control PS19 mice at 9 months of age (light gray)

# IONIS-MAPT<sub>Rx</sub> Phase 1/2 Study (ongoing)

Enrollment completed January 2020, data expected 2021

- A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multiple-ascending dose study in up to 46 patients with mild Alzheimer's disease (AD) delivered by intrathecal bolus administration
- Objectives:
  - Evaluate the safety and tolerability
  - Evaluate CSF pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamic effects (effects on CSF levels of total tau protein)



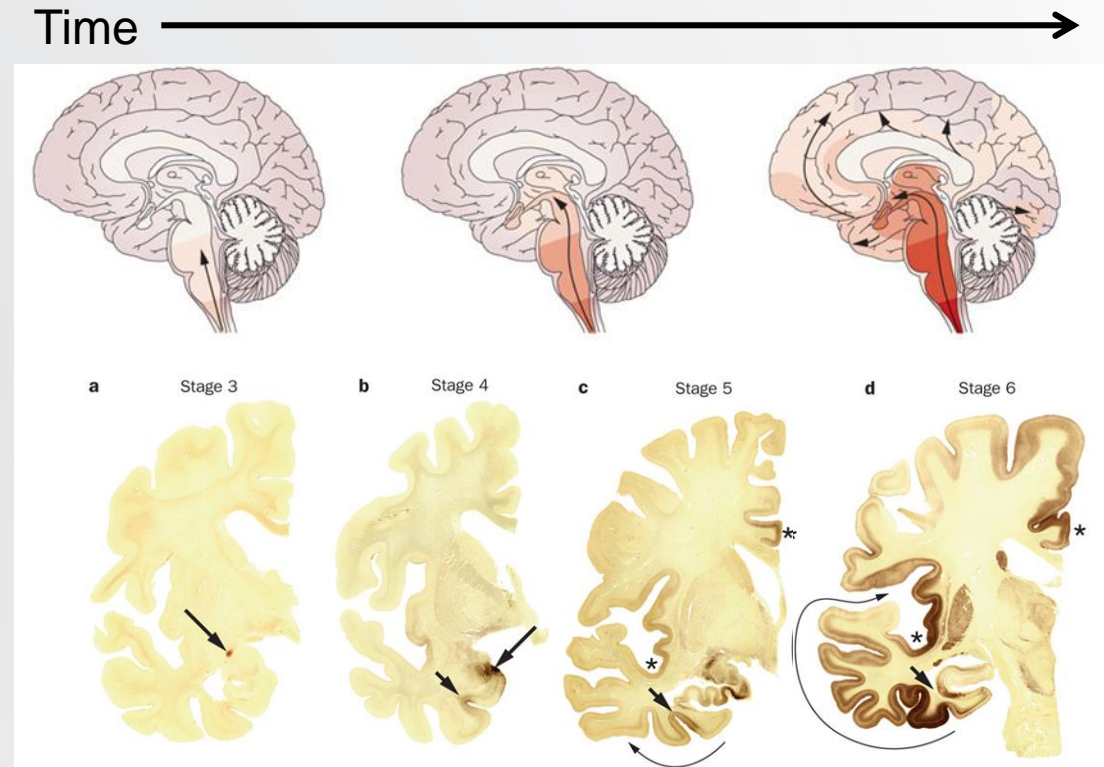
# Parkinson's Disease and Multiple System Atrophy

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# Synucleinopathies:

A Spectrum of terminal, progressive and devastating diseases

- Synucleinopathies are a class of diseases directly linked to accumulation of  $\alpha\text{syn}^1$
- Synucleinopathies include:
  - Parkinson's disease (PD)
  - Multiple system atrophy (MSA)
  - Diffuse Lewy body disease (DLBD)
  - Dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB)
  - Gaucher disease
- No therapy exists to target the underlying disease pathology in synucleinopathies



$\alpha\text{Syn}$  accumulations increase in density (darker red) and spread throughout the PD brain<sup>2</sup>

# Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Systems Atrophy

- **Parkinson's disease** (PD) is a progressive **neurodegenerative** disease characterized by **loss** of **neurons** in the **motor system**
  - Patients can experience tremors, loss of balance and coordination, stiffness, slowing of movement, changes in speech and in some cases cognitive decline
  - Parkinson's disease is ultimately fatal, and affects 1% of the population over 60 (~10M WW)
- **Multiple system atrophy** (MSA) is a rare, **fatal**, rapidly progressing neurodegenerative disease
  - Patients with MSA typically experience progressive motor dysfunction, with death often occurring within 5-10 years after symptom onset
  - MSA affects ~15,000 people in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- There are currently **no disease modifying** therapies
  - The exact cause is unknown, but it is believed to be a combination of genetics and environmental factors



# ION464

For patients with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) and Parkinson's disease (PD)



- ION464 targets SNCA mRNA, and prevents the production of alpha-synuclein
- Phase 1/2 study in patients with Multiple System Atrophy initiated

ION464 (BIIB101): In collaboration with Biogen

# ION464 Phase 1/2 Study

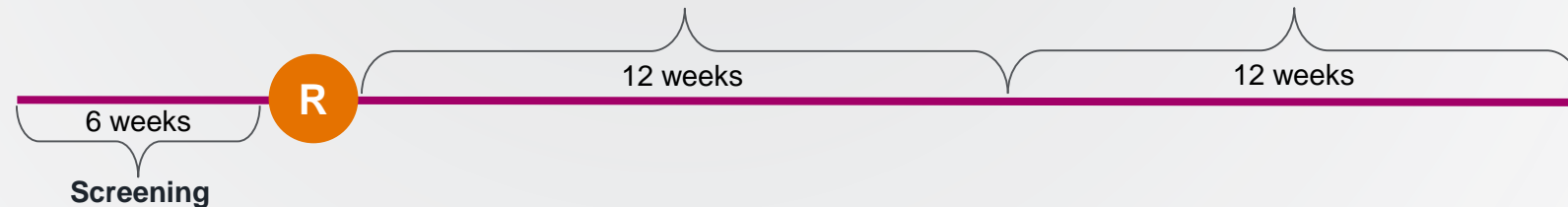
## Study in patients with Multiple Systems Atrophy

- Randomized, triple-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-escalation (MAD) study in up to 34 patients with multiple systems atrophy
  - 3 multiple-ascending dose cohorts
- Objectives:
  - Safety and tolerability
  - Evaluate pharmacokinetic profile

**Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD)**

**Multiple Intrathecal  
Doses**

**Post-Treatment  
Evaluation Period**



# ION859

For patients with Parkinson's disease (PD)

- ION859\* targeting LRRK2
- Phase 1/2 study in patients with Parkinson's disease ongoing

# ION859 Targets LRRK2

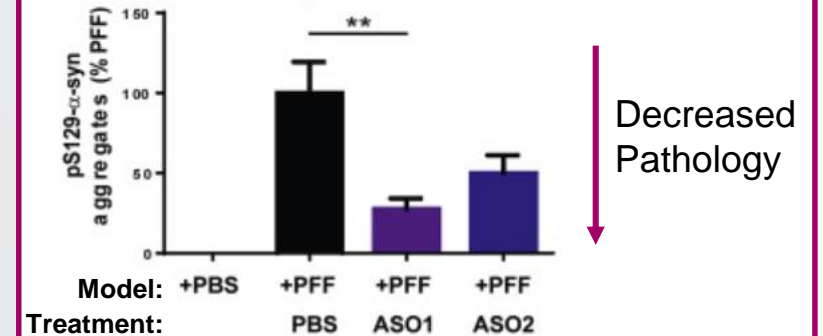
The most common genetic cause of Parkinson's disease

- ION859 is an antisense medicine we designed to inhibit the production of LRRK2 protein and is being developed as a potential therapy for Parkinson's disease
- The most common dominantly inherited mutations in PD cases are found in the LRRK2 gene
  - Increased LRRK2 protein activity may be one of the key drivers of PD pathogenesis
- Reduction of LRRK2 mRNA and, subsequently, reduced synthesis of LRRK2 protein, may ameliorate the toxic effects of gain-of-function mutations as well as the primary pathology in PD patients without the LRRK2 mutation

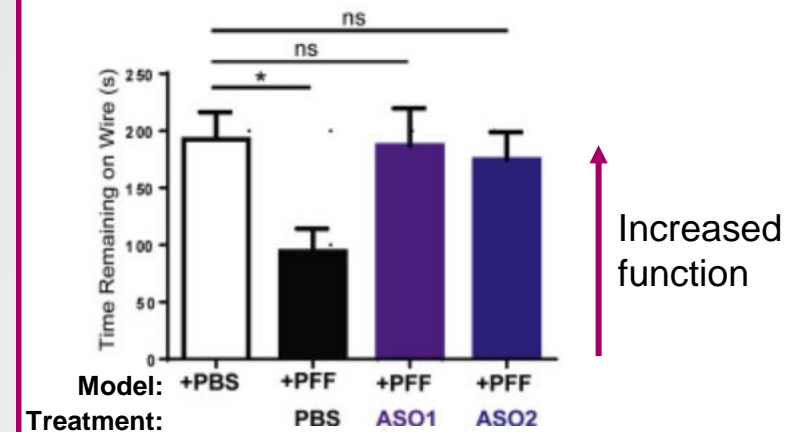
# ION859 Targeting Leucine Rich Repeat Kinase 2 (LRRK2) for Patients with Parkinson's Disease (PD)

- LRRK2 is a member of a family of LRRKs composed of functional GTPase and kinase domains flanked by multiple protein-protein interaction domains<sup>1</sup>
  - Dominantly inherited gain-of-function mutations in the LRRK2 gene cause Parkinson's disease<sup>3</sup>
- LRRK2 protein is increased in sporadic PD and in LRRK2 mutation carriers<sup>4</sup>
- Suppression of LRRK2 in models of sporadic PD is beneficial<sup>5</sup>
- There are advantages to centrally delivered LRRK2 ASOs over small molecule kinase inhibitors, as ASOs do not suppress lung LRRK2<sup>5</sup>

## Alpha-synuclein Pathology



## Motor function

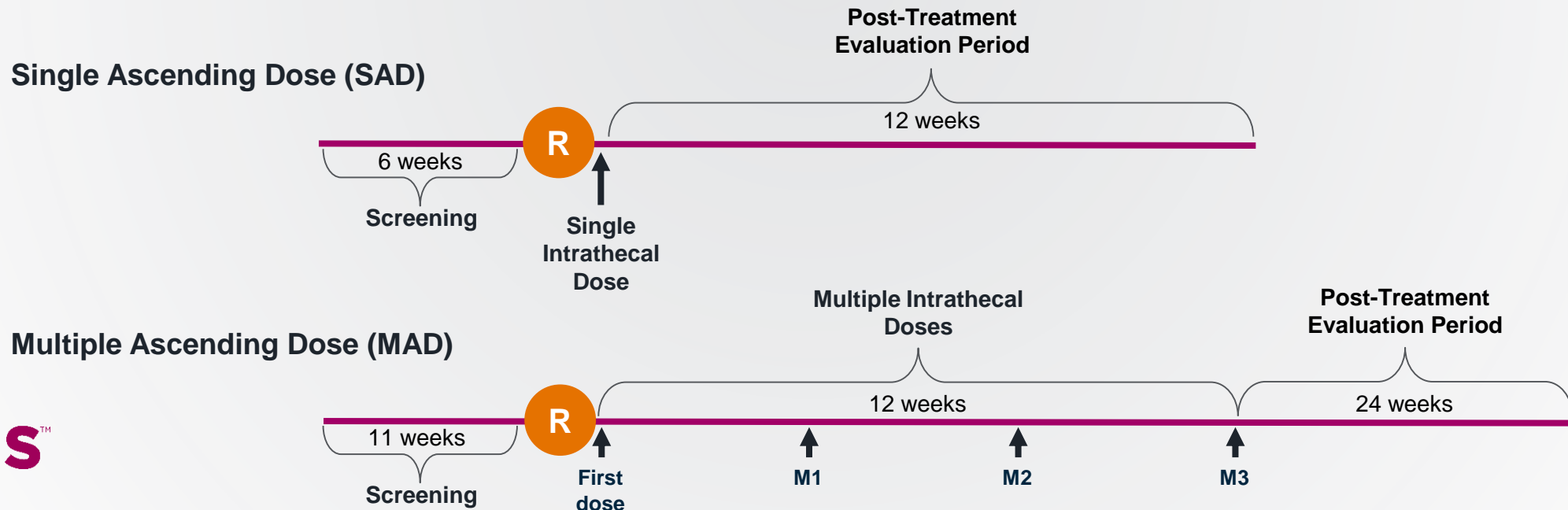




# ION859 Phase 1/2 REASON Study

## Ongoing study in patients with Parkinson's disease

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-escalation (SAD/MAD) study in up to 62 patients with Parkinson's disease (PD) caused by a LRRK2 mutation as well as patients with sporadic PD and no verified PD-related genetic mutation
  - 4 single-ascending dose cohorts (SAD) and 3 multiple-ascending dose cohorts (MAD)
  - MAD dose cohorts include PD patients with verified LRRK2 mutation and sporadic PD patients
- Objectives: Evaluate the safety and tolerability and pharmacokinetic profile of multiple doses of ION859



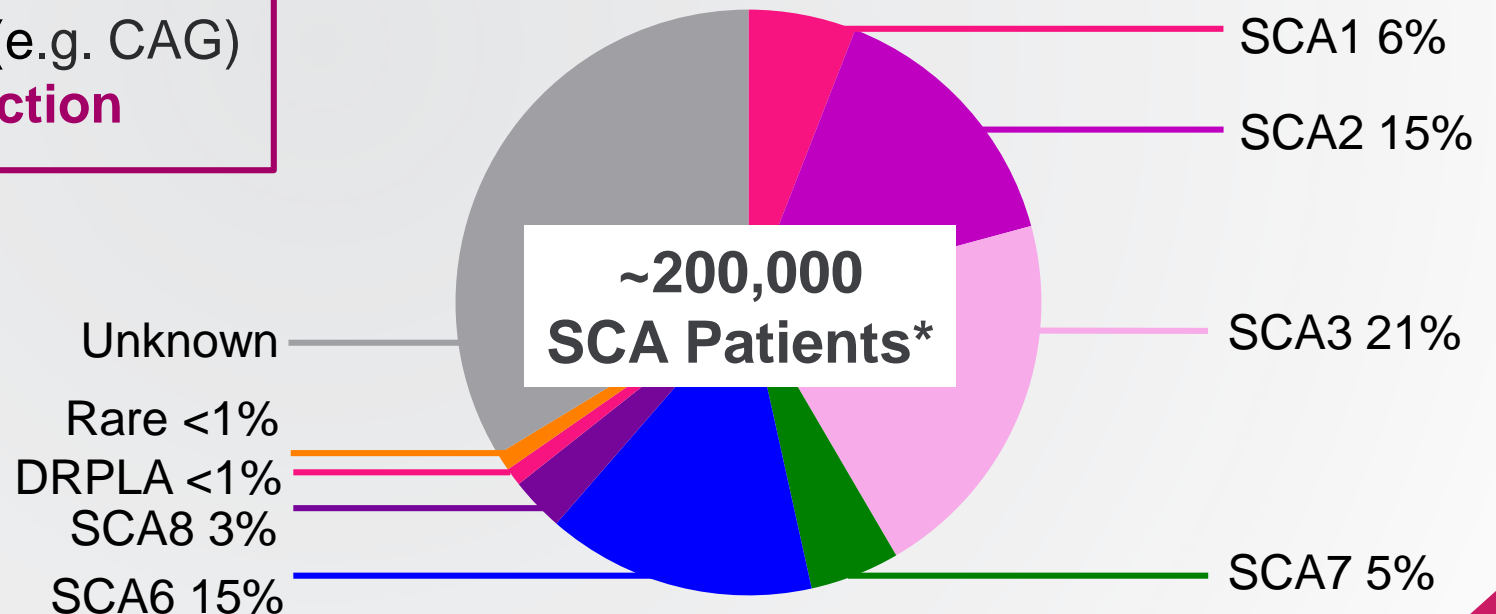
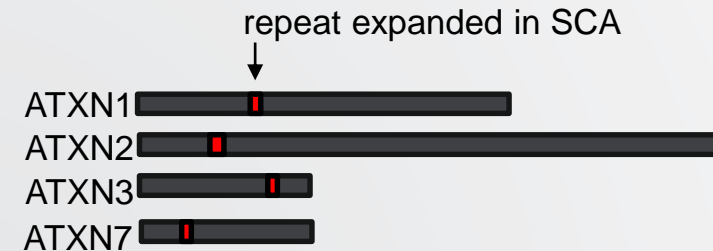
# Spinocerebellar Ataxias

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- Class of rare diseases
- Patients often experience loss of balance and motor dysfunction
- No cure for spinocerebellar ataxias

# Spinocerebellar Ataxias are a Growing Class of More Than 30 Diseases Affecting ~200,000\* SCA Patients

- Progressive neurodegenerative diseases with **predominant cerebellar dysfunction**, but often accompanied by broader CNS involvement
- Most prevalent diseases in the class are **dominantly inherited expansion** (e.g. CAG) mutations, with a **toxic gain of function**



# Our Medicines Target the Primary Mechanism of Disease Pathogenesis in Dominantly Inherited SCAs

## ATXN2 SCA2 therapy

> [Nature](#). 2017 Apr 20;544(7650):362-366. doi: 10.1038/nature22044. Epub 2017 Apr 12.

### Antisense Oligonucleotide Therapy for Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 2

Daniel R Scoles<sup>1</sup>, Pratap Meera<sup>2</sup>, Matthew D Schneider<sup>1</sup>, Sharan Paul<sup>1</sup>, Warunee Dansithong<sup>1</sup>, Karla P Figueroa<sup>1</sup>, Gene Hung<sup>3</sup>, Frank Rigo<sup>3</sup>, C Frank Bennett<sup>3</sup>, Thomas S Otis<sup>2</sup>, Stefan M Pulst<sup>1</sup>

## ATXN3 SCA3 therapy

> [Ann Neurol](#). 2018 Jul;84(1):64-77. doi: 10.1002/ana.25264. Epub 2018 Aug 6.

### Oligonucleotide Therapy Mitigates Disease in Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 3 Mice

Hayley S McLoughlin<sup>1</sup>, Lauren R Moore<sup>1</sup>, Ravi Chopra<sup>1</sup>, Robert Komlo<sup>1</sup>, Megan McKenzie<sup>1</sup>, Kate G Blumenstein<sup>1</sup>, Hien Zhao<sup>2</sup>, Holly B Kordasiewicz<sup>2</sup>, Vikram G Shakkottai<sup>1</sup>, Henry L Paulson<sup>1</sup>

## ATXN1 SCA1 therapy

> [JCI Insight](#). 2018 Nov 2;3(21):e123193. doi: 10.1172/jci.insight.123193.

### Antisense Oligonucleotide-Mediated ataxin-1 Reduction Prolongs Survival in SCA1 Mice and Reveals Disease-Associated Transcriptome Profiles

Jillian Friedrich<sup>1 2</sup>, Holly B Kordasiewicz<sup>3</sup>, Brennon O'Callaghan<sup>1 2</sup>, Hillary P Handler<sup>1 4</sup>, Carmen Wagener<sup>1 2</sup>, Lisa Duvick<sup>1 2</sup>, Eric E Swayze<sup>3</sup>, Orion Rainwater<sup>1 2</sup>, Bente Hofstra<sup>1 2</sup>, Michael Benneyworth<sup>5</sup>, Tessa Nichols-Meade<sup>5</sup>, Praseuth Yang<sup>1 2</sup>, Zhao Chen<sup>1 2</sup>, Judit Perez Ortiz<sup>1 4</sup>, H Brent Clark<sup>2</sup>, Gülin Öz<sup>6</sup>, Sarah Larson<sup>6</sup>, Huda Y Zoghbi<sup>7</sup>, Christine Henzler<sup>8</sup>, Harry T Orr<sup>1 2</sup>

## ATXN7 SCA7 therapy

> [Sci Transl Med](#). 2018 Oct 31;10(465):eaap8677. doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aap8677.

### Antisense Oligonucleotides Targeting Mutant Ataxin-7 Restore Visual Function in a Mouse Model of Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 7

Chenchen Niu<sup>1</sup>, Thazah P Prakash<sup>2</sup>, Aneesa Kim<sup>2</sup>, John L Quach<sup>3</sup>, Laryssa A Huryn<sup>4</sup>, Yuechen Yang<sup>5</sup>, Edith Lopez<sup>5</sup>, Ali Jazayeri<sup>2</sup>, Gene Hung<sup>2</sup>, Bryce L Sopher<sup>6</sup>, Brian P Brooks<sup>4</sup>, Eric E Swayze<sup>2</sup>, C Frank Bennett<sup>2</sup>, Albert R La Spada<sup>7 5 8 9 10</sup>

# **Advancing the Ionis-owned Neurological Disease Pipeline**

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# Ionis' Neurological Disease Pipeline

MEDICINES	INDICATION	PARTNER	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
Tominersen (IONIS-HTT <sub>Rx</sub> )	Huntington's disease	Roche				
Tofersen (IONIS-SOD1 <sub>Rx</sub> )	ALS	Biogen				
TTR-L <sub>Rx</sub>	TTR Amyloidosis	Ionis				
IONIS-MAPT <sub>Rx</sub>	Alzheimer's disease	Biogen				
IONIS-C9 <sub>Rx</sub>	ALS	Biogen				
ION859	Parkinson's disease	Biogen				
IONIS-DNM2-2.5 <sub>Rx</sub>	Centronuclear myopathy	Dynacure				
ION464	Multiple System Atrophy	Biogen				
ION541	ALS	Biogen				
ION363	ALS	Ionis				
ION581	Angelman syndrome	Biogen				
ION260	Undisclosed	Biogen				
ION716	Prion diseases	Ionis				
ION373	Alexander disease	Ionis				
ION283	Lafora disease	Ionis				
Numerous development candidates						

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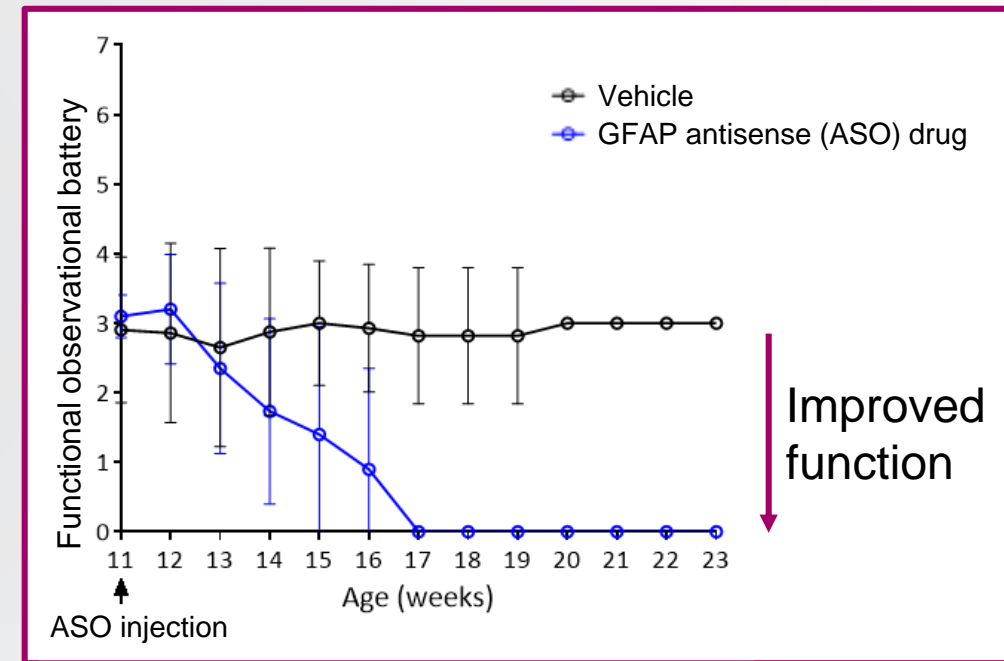
# ION373

For patients with Alexander disease

- Ultra rare disease that is severe, rapidly progressing and often fatal
- Patients often experience seizures, loss of body movements, development delays
- No cure for Alexander disease

# ION373 Targets GFAP for the Treatment of Alexander Disease

- **Alexander** disease (AxD) is an often **fatal** primary disorder of astrocytes, caused by autosomal dominant gain-of-function mutations in GFAP, an astrocytic intermediate filament<sup>1</sup>
- Mutations in **GFAP** cause spontaneous **overexpression** of GFAP that **accumulates** in intra-astrocytic **inclusions** called **Rosenthal** fibers, the pathological hallmark of the disease<sup>2</sup>
- GFAP **antisense** treatment in rodent models **reverses spontaneous GFAP overexpression**, **Rosenthal** fibers, astro- and micro-gliosis, and **restores** body **weight** and limb **strength**<sup>3</sup>



# ION716

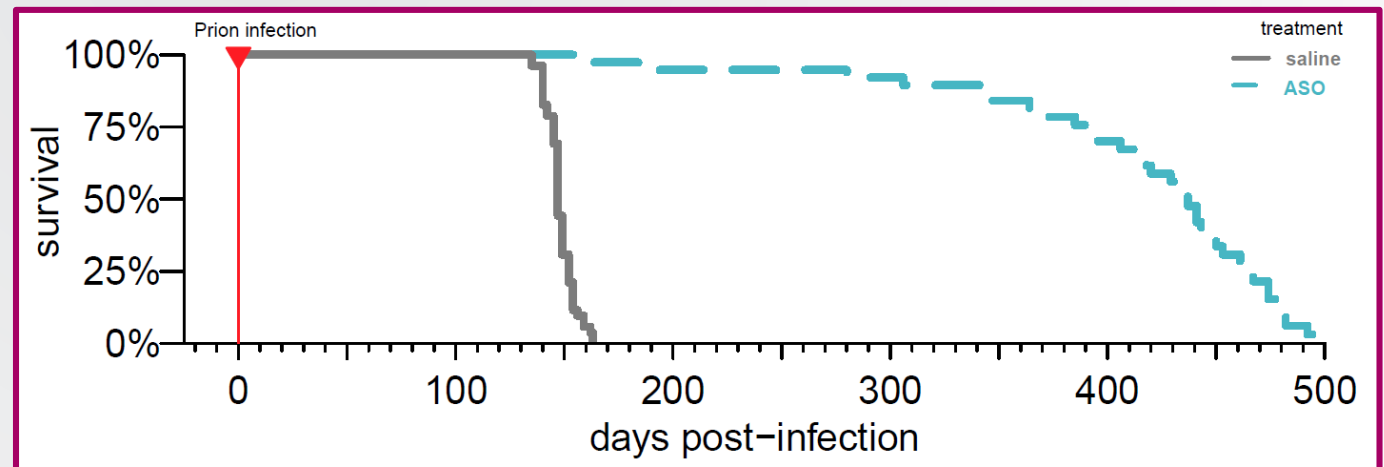
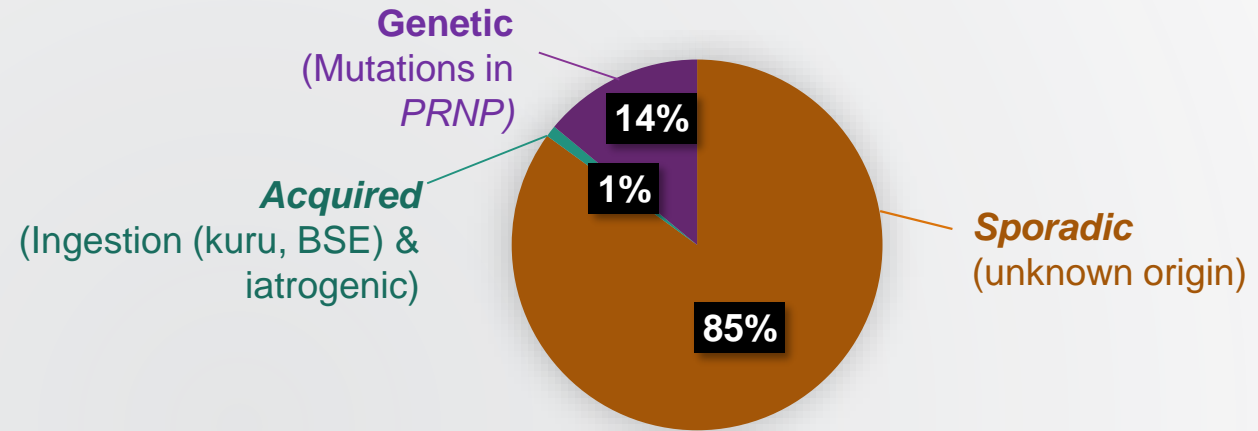
For patients with Prion diseases

- Rare, rapidly progressing and fatal neurological diseases
- Symptoms include difficulty walking, speaking and rapidly developing dementia
- Death occurs within months to years following symptom onset
- No cure or effective treatment



# Suppression of PRNP for the Treatment of Prion Diseases (ION716)

- **Prion** diseases are **fatal neurodegenerative** diseases caused by **misfolding** of the cellular **prion** protein (PrP<sup>C</sup>) into misfolded, proteinaceous scrapie PrP<sup>Sc</sup>
- **ION716** targets the PRNP RNA, and is predicted to **treat all forms** of prion disease<sup>1</sup>
- **ASO-mediated suppression of PRNP** can dramatically **delay disease** in rodent models of prion disease



# ION283

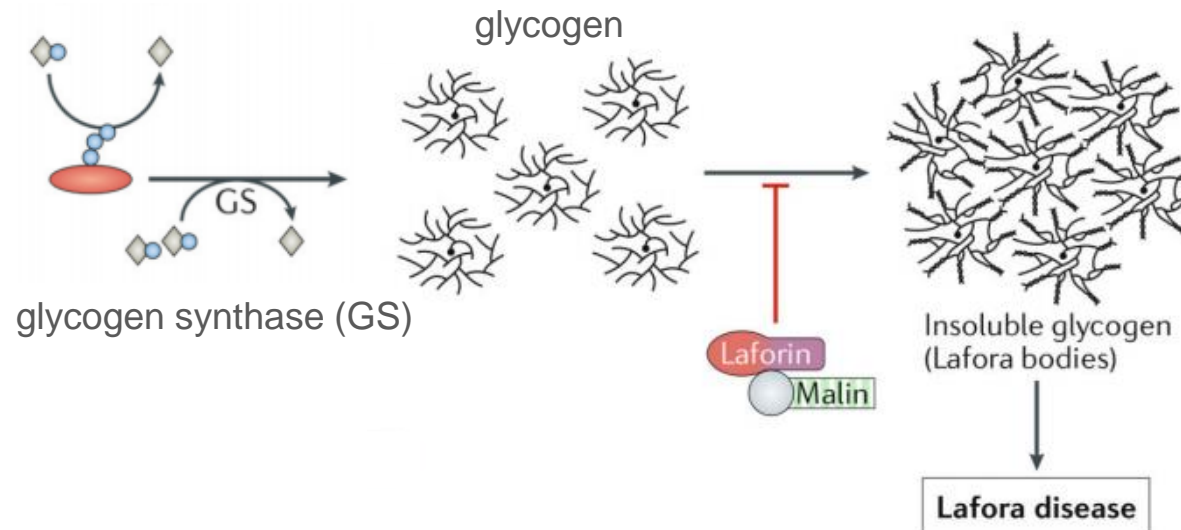
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For patients with Lafora disease

- Ultra rare, fatal genetic disorder resulting in severe epilepsy and dementia
- Onset typically in childhood
- No available treatments

# ION283 Targets Glycogen Synthase (GYS1) for the Treatment of Lafora Disease

- **Lafora** disease (LD) is a rare and **fatal** autosomal recessive **genetic** disorder which results in **severe** and progressive **epilepsy** and **dementia**
  - No cure or treatment available
  - Typical onset in childhood
- Caused by **loss of function** mutations in EPM2A (Laforin) and EPM2B (Malin), genes involved in glycogen processing, resulting in glycogen accumulation and **polyglucosan aggregates** (Lafora bodies)
- **Targeting glycogen** synthase, results in a decrease in glycogen and **prevention** of **Lafora** bodies



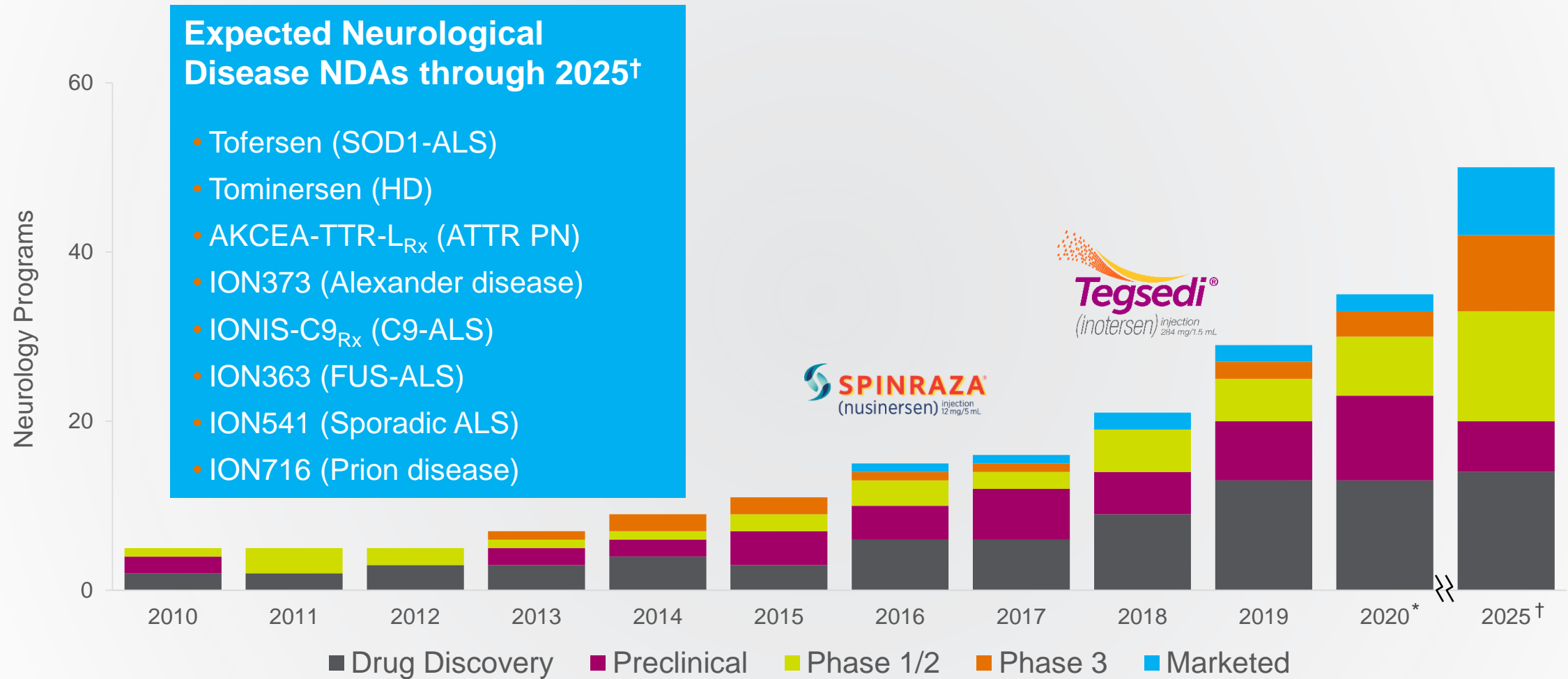
# **Ionis: The Leader in Targeting Neurological Diseases**



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# Projected Ionis Neurological Disease Pipeline





# Next Wave of Potential Commercial Products

Anticipated NDA filings for  
Neurological medicines through  
2025

		ION363 <i>FUS-ALS</i>	
		AKCEA-APOCIII-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>Severe hypertriglyceridemia</i>	ION541 <i>Sporadic ALS</i>
		ION373 <i>Alexander disease</i>	IONIS-TMPRSS6-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>β-thalassemia</i>
		IONIS-GHR-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>Acromegaly</i>	IONIS-HBV <sub>Rx</sub> <i>Hepatitis B virus infection</i>
	AKCEA-APOCIII-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>FCS</i>	IONIS-C9 <sub>Rx</sub> <i>C9-ALS</i>	Vupanorsen (AKCEA-ANGPTL3-L <sub>Rx</sub> ) <i>CV/metabolic disease</i>
	Tominersen (IONIS-HTT <sub>Rx</sub> ) <i>Huntington's disease</i>	IONIS-PKK-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>Hereditary angioedema</i>	ION716 <i>Prion diseases</i>
Tofersen (IONIS-SOD1 <sub>Rx</sub> ) <i>SOD1-ALS</i>	AKCEA-TTR-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>hATTR polyneuropathy</i>	AKCEA-TTR-L <sub>Rx</sub> <i>ATTR cardiomyopathy</i>	AKCEA-APO(a)-L <sub>Rx</sub> (TQJ230) <i>Cardiovascular disease</i>

2021

2025 and beyond

# Cardiometabolic Webcast



Ionis to host an investor webcast focused on  
our Cardiometabolic franchise in 2H20

# Q&A Session



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A commitment  
to **science**,  
to **medicine**  
and to **patients**

