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### A Vertically Integrated, Clinical Stage Gene Therapy Company

Developing a new pharmaceutical modality designed for the cost effective treatment of a broad range of serious disorders

Diversified
Pipeline of Gene
Therapy
Candidates

# 6 ongoing clinical programs:

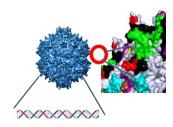
- Inherited retinal diseases
- Salivary gland
- · Parkinson's Disease

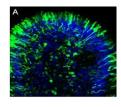




Platform of Core Viral Vector Engineering Capabilities

Viral vector design,
promoters, capsid,
transgene optimization,
process development
expertise





Manufacturing Capacity & Know-How

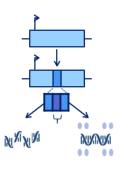
Flexible and scalable cGMP manufacturing facility with capacity for commercial supply for our programs





Next Generation
Gene Therapy
Riboswitch-Based
Gene Regulation

Proprietary technology that may allow for innovative gene therapy treatments whose expression can be turned on and off with an easily administered small molecule



# cGMP Certified Manufacturing Facility: Flexible and Scalable

### **Central London facility**

- cGMP certified 29,000 sq. ft multi-product, multi-viral vector manufacturing facility
- Designed to meet MHRA, EMA and FDA regulatory requirements
- Single use philosophy / fully enclosed technologies
- 2 cell suites; 3 viral vector suites
- Independent air handling
- Designed for minimal downtime and maximum flexibility
- Adherent / non-adherent cell lines HEK293
- Support laboratories: Quality Control
- Adjacent MSAT (Manufacturing Science and Technology) area/pilot plant

### **Expanding manufacturing footprint**

 Construction on 2<sup>nd</sup> cGMP viral vector manufacturing facility & cGMP plasmid production facility expected to begin in 2020





# **Gene Therapy Pipeline**

Ocular, Neurodegenerative, Salivary Gland Programs



### **Multiple Therapeutic Targets**



#### **Clinical Development**

 IRD franchise: XLRP, achromatopsia, RPE65associated retinal dystrophy, LCA4

#### Research

Wet AMD, Dry AMD

### **Gene Regulation**

• VEGFR2 Ab – eye drops



#### **NEURODEGENERATIVE**

### **Clinical Development**

Parkinson's disease

#### Research

 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

### **Gene Regulation**

 CNS expression with BBB penetrant small molecules



#### SALIVARY GLAND

### **Clinical Development**

Radiation-induced xerostomia (Grade 2/3)

#### Research

Sjogren's Syndrome

#### **Gene Regulation**

 Peptide and hormone salivary gland delivery

Human proof of concept demonstrated across ocular, neurodegenerative and salivary gland pipelines

Vector development & optimization technology create opportunities to treat broader indications beyond rare, inherited genetic disorders

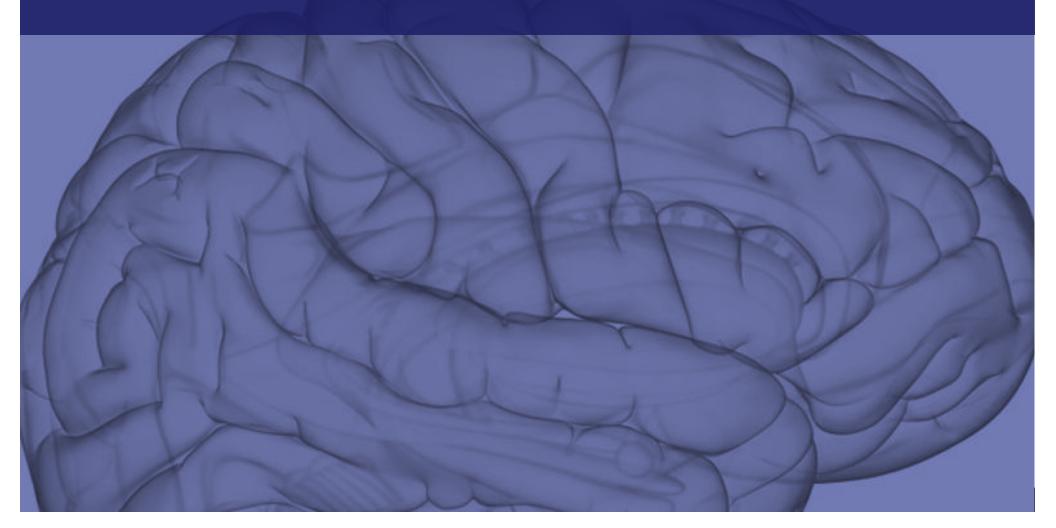
## **Broad Clinical Pipeline**

Product	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1/2	Details		
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AAV-RPE65	RPE65-Deficiency	RPDD, Orphan Drug				
AAV- CNGB3*	Achromatopsia (CNGB3)	RPDD, PRIME, Fast Track, C	Orphan Drug	Janssen <b>T</b>		
AAV- RPGR*	X-linked RP (RPGR)	PRIME, Fast Track, Orphan	Drug	janssen <b>j</b>		
AAV- CNGA3*	Achromatopsia (CNGA3)	RPDD, Orphan Drug		Janssen <b>T</b>		
AAV-AIPL1	LCA4 (AIPL1)	Orphan U.S. & EU		Compassionate use under MHRA Specials License		
A006	Wet AMD (anti- VEGFR2)					
Neurodegenerative Disease						
AAV-GAD	Parkinson's Disease (GAD)					
Salivary Gland						
AAV-AQP1	Xerostomia (hAQP1)	Orphan Drug		Phase 1 study at NIH ongoing; multi-site Phase 1/2 trial ongoing		
AAV-AQP1	Sjögren's Syndrome (hAQP1)					

<sup>\*</sup>Co-development program with Janssen Pharmaceuticals pursuant to a collaboration agreement.



# **AAV-GAD** for Parkinson's Disease



# Rationale to Go Beyond a Dopamine Strategy When Levodopa and Equivalents Fail

Oral therapies which facilitate dopamine neurotransmission highly effective for several years

Levodopa, dopamine agonists

## Fluctuations in motor function emerge

- More rapid wearing off
- Levodopa induced dyskinesias

# Therapeutic strategies to smooth out dopamine levels

 Controlled release formulations, enzyme inhibition, enteral infusion In more advanced patients, DBS highly effective for many cardinal motor features

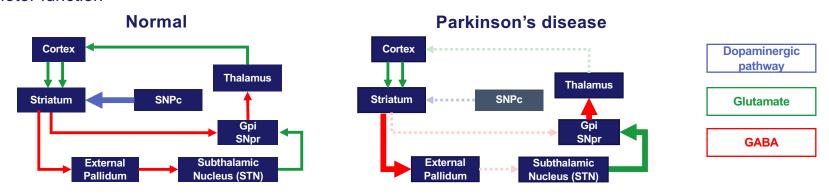
### Physiological dopamine release in the putamen is synaptic and regulated

- Dopamine neurons show tonic and burst firing
- Dopamine from cell transplants or dopamine synthetic enzyme gene transfer leads to nonphysiological release
- Biological strategies to directly deliver dopamine into the putamen/caudate have been unsuccessful in past blinded controlled studies
  - Severe, disabling and difficult to treat dyskinesias have resulted from such approaches
- Pharmacological treatment with levodopa and DA agonists leads to changes in receptor function which make a dopamine strategy as the disease advances challenging

### **AAV-GAD** for Parkinson's Disease

### Persistent activation of STN in Parkinson's disease

- Dysregulation of basal ganglia signaling in PD with substantia nigra pars compacta (SNPc) degeneration
- Reduced GABA inhibitory input results in persistent activation of the STN
- The STN acts through the major basal ganglia output nuclei to put a brake on the thalamus
- AAV-GAD to the STN relieves this brake, enabling restoration of thalamic and cortical activity to improve motor function



### AAV-GAD gene therapy to rebalance excitation and inhibition in key nuclei

<u>Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase converts glutamate (excitatory neurotransmitter) into GABA (inhibitory neurotransmitter)</u>

- Delivered directly into the STN, bypassing circuitry disrupted by dopamine loss
- AAV-GAD converts some STN neurons to inhibitory phenotype
  - Reduce STN activity
  - Normalize neuronal firing
  - Normalize basal ganglia outflow to the motor cortex



### Phase 1 Study of AAV-GAD STN Gene Therapy

- ✓ Unilateral STN AAV-GAD was safe and well tolerated
- ✓ No evidence of induction immune response or effect on outcome of pre-immunity in two patients
- ✓ Significant improvement in both "off" and "on" UPDRS largely limited to hemibody opposite treated hemisphere
- ✓ Effects seen starting at 3 months (trend at 1 month) and stable to one year.
- ✓ No decline in neuropsych scores or other non-motor parameters

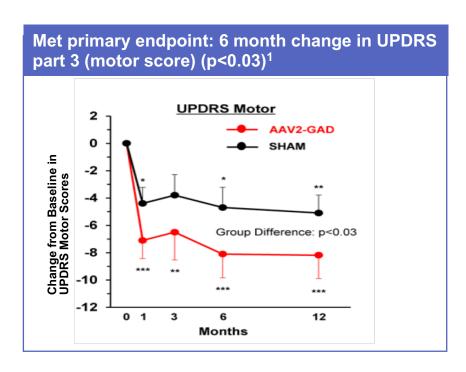




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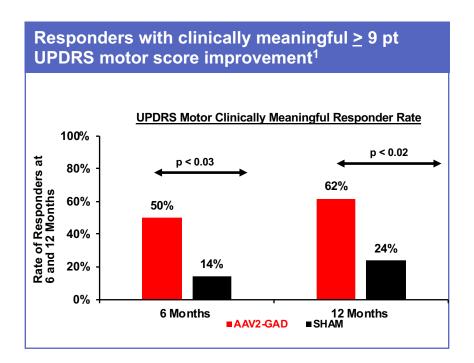
### Randomized, Double Blind, Sham-Controlled Phase 2 Trial of **AAV-GAD**

### 45 patients randomized 1:1 to bilateral AAV-GAD or sham surgery



- At 6 months, 8.1 point improvement for AAV-GAD vs. 4.7 point improvement for sham
  - Greater improvements observed in the AAV-GAD treatment group over all follow-up time points

Group effect: p < 0.03; 2 × 5 RMANOVA; \*p < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*p <0.001, post-hoc Bonferroni tests relative to baseline



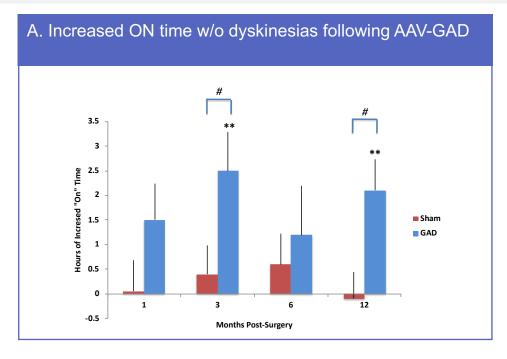
- 6 months: 50% responder rate for AAV-GAD vs. 14% responder rate for sham
- 12 months: 62% responder rate for AAV-GAD vs. 24% responder rate for sham
- >9 point reduction in UPDRS Part 3 "off" scores
  - Approximately 25% improvement in UPDRS Part 3 "off" scores
  - Well above moderate clinically important difference (4.5-6.7 points) and close to large clinically important difference (10.7-10.8 points)<sup>2</sup>

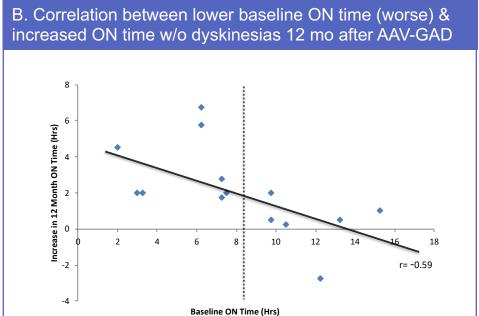
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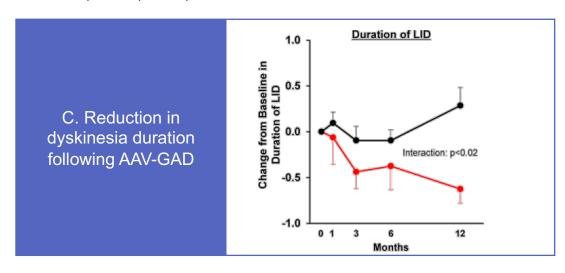
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### **Increased ON Time Without Dyskinesia**

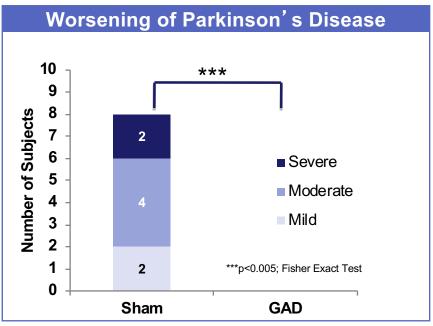


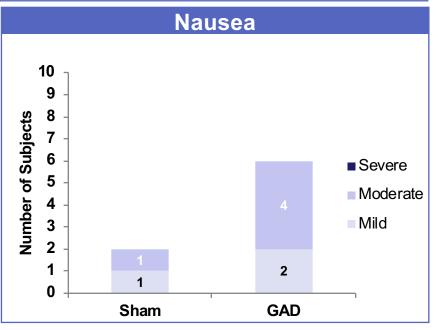


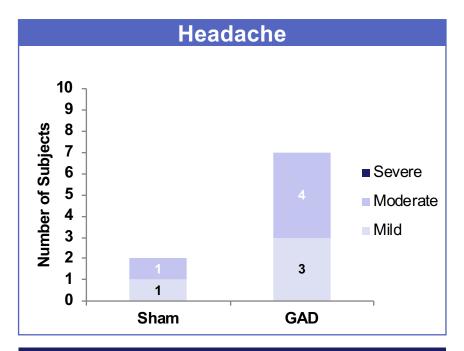
Overall change in ON time GAD vs. sham p=0.044 (ANOVA)



# Adverse Events Over 12 Months (20% or Greater Frequency)





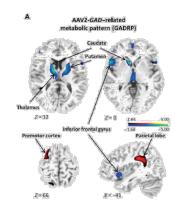


Serious Adverse Events* (Number of Subjects)					
	Sham	GAD			
Intestinal obstruction		1			
Accidental drug overdose		1			
Prostatitis		1			
Delusion, Hallucination Parkinson's Disease worse	1				

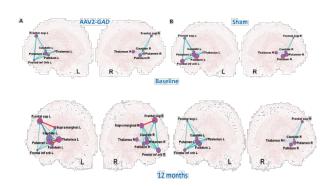
<sup>\*</sup>All SAEs occurred 4-12 months post-surgery and all resolved

### Functional Imaging – GAD Related Pattern (GADRP)

- AAV-GAD recipients developed unique treatment-dependent polysynaptic brain circuit (GAD related pattern, GADRP)
- Statistically significant correlation between improvement in UPDRS motor ratings and GADRP expression (p< 0.009)</li>
- This treatment-induced brain circuit is a novel endpoint to isolate true treatment-driven responses from placebo responses
- AAV-GAD is the first gene or cell therapy for PD to have an objective imaging biomarker of treatment effect that was significant relative to sham surgery patients and correlated with clinical improvement



- Decreased metabolic activity in striatum and thalamus
- Increased metabolic activity in premotor cortex



 New polysynaptic pathways connecting STN to motor cortex

### **Summary of Key AAV-GAD Features**

- AAV-GAD is the only gene or cell therapy:
  - To meet primary clinical efficacy endpoint in a randomized, blinded multi-center PD trial
  - With an imaging biomarker supporting efficacy which correlates with clinical outcome
  - With a routine and brief surgical procedure that requires minimal OR time, virtually no special training, no general anesthesia
- Improvement in off-medication clinical ratings, ON time without dyskinesia and complications of medical therapy without declines in neuropsychological function or speech
- Consistency in clinical outcomes and imaging from phase 1 to phase 2
- AAV-GAD could be accessible to more patients than current standard of care
  - Absence of retained hardware
  - No need for specialized post-op care
- Non-dopaminergic strategy
  - AAV-GAD potentially applicable to large patient population not adequately treated with currently available therapies





# Salivary Gland



### **AAV-AQP1** for Radiation-Induced Xerostomia (RIX)

### Significant unmet medical need: xerostomia persisting >2 years after radiation therapy for oral cancer

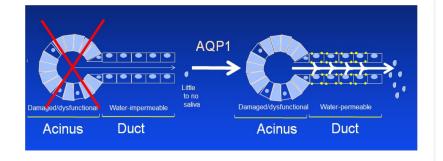
- 170,000 existing patients in the U.S.
- 50,000 new cases of head and neck cancer/yr treated in US
- 85% of radiation-treated patients experience reduced saliva production, of whom 40% have persistent Grade 2/3 RIX
- Serious, debilitating complications: dental caries, enamel erosion, oral infections, sleep disturbances, difficulty talking, chewing, swallowing, weight loss and malnutrition

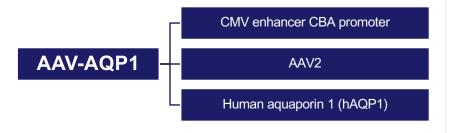
### Strategy for the repair

- Water-impermeable duct cells generate an osmotic gradient (lumen > interstitium)
- Introduction of human aquaporin 1 gene (hAQP1) into duct cells via viral vector, making duct cells permeable to water
- Allows water to flow into the salivary duct and out to moisten the mouth

### Salivary gland as target for gene therapy

- Non-invasive: allows local administration and avoids systemic exposure
- Isolated and encapsulated
- Small volume of vector





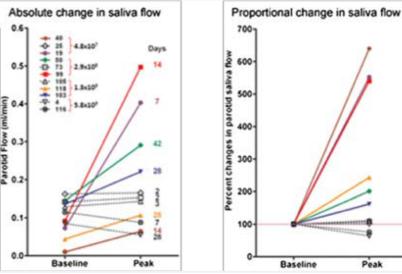
# Human Proof-of-Concept Established: Phase 1 trial of AdhAQP1

### Adenoviral-mediated aquaporin-1 cDNA transfer for radiation-induced salivary hypofunction

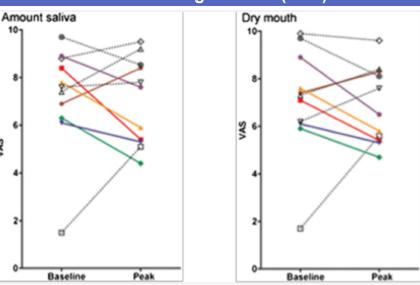
- AdhAQP1 treatment was well tolerated: no SAEs
- Responses seen in 2 of 3 patients in each of the first 3 cohorts
- 60% to 540% increase in parotid flow in responding patients
- 5 of 6 patients also reported subjective improvement in symptoms







### Visual analogue scale (VAS)



Baum BJ et al. PNAS, 2012.

# Ongoing Clinical Trials of AAV-AQP1 for the Treatment of Radiation-Induced Xerostomia



## Multi-center Phase 1/2 Trial – AQUAx (NCT04043104)

Dose escalation ongoing



# Phase 1 trial at NIH (NCT02446249)

Dose escalation ongoing

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Clinical	trial	overview
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Grade 2/3 Xerostomia History of radiation therapy for head and neck cancer

Disease-free of head and neck cancer for at least 5 years (at least 2 years if HPV+)

Aged 18+

- **Design:** 3+3 dose escalation
- Administration: AAV-AQP1 is slowly injected into a single parotid salivary gland
- Study period: Patients will complete assessments at the clinical trial site over the course of one year
- Primary endpoint: safety
- Secondary endpoint: parotid gland salivary output



### **MeiraGTx Ocular Programs**

### Ophthalmology Partners and Centers of Excellence







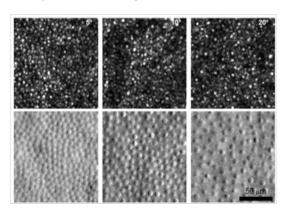




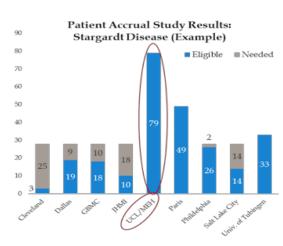


- UCL Institute of Ophthalmology
   One of the world's leading research institutes pioneering ophthalmology gene therapy
- Moorfields Eye Hospital
   Provides access to the world's largest catchment of patients with inherited retinal diseases,
   well characterized patients, prospective Natural History studies
- US footprint through links with University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center, Massachusetts
  Eye and Ear (MEEI), Casey Eye Institute and other leading centers
- Partnership with Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB)
- Global expertise in imaging and validated endpoints in each of our target diseases

### Our Partners Possess World Leading Imaging, Endpoint Development and Validation



### **Patient Access**



# Inherited Retinal Disease Worldwide Strategic Collaboration



Clinical development



Janssen and MeiraGTx collaborating to advance AAV-CNGB3, AAV-CNGA3, AAV-RPGR through clinical development Janssen commercial infrastructure



- Janssen has worldwide exclusive commercial rights to AAV-CNGB3, AAV-CNGA3, AAV-RPGR and future IRD programs
- IRD portfolio to benefit from worldwide reach of Janssen commercial infrastructure

Pre-clinical IRD research



- Collaboration leverages
   MeiraGTx vector design
   and optimization
   technology to develop
   potential gene therapy
   treatments for multiple
   IRDs
- Janssen to receive exclusive rights to develop & commercialize programs from IRD research collaboration

Manufacturing and process development



- Janssen accesses
   MeiraGTx advanced
   manufacturing capabilities
   with clinical and
   commercial supply
   agreements
- Joint development of novel AAV manufacturing technologies to expedite and optimize development

# AAV-RPE65 for the Treatment of *RPE65*-Associated Retinal Dystrophy

### RPE65-Associated Retinal Dystrophy

### Rod-cone dystrophy

- Ultra-rare, severe IRD caused by mutations in the RPE65 gene
- RPE65 expressed in retinal pigment epithelium (RPE), supporting cells of photoreceptors
- RPE65 required for recycling of the visual pigments allowing photoreceptors to sense light

### Disease progression

- · Complete lack of rod function and night blindness from birth
- Reduced cone function early in life
- In addition to diminished photoreceptor function, both rods and cones degenerate progressively
- · Complete retinal degeneration and blindness in early adulthood

### Natural history study ongoing

>30 patients well characterized

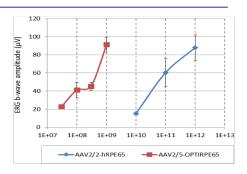
### AAV-RPE65: optimized and highly potent cell-specific vector

### Increased efficiency of transduction, transcription and translation

- RPE strong cell-specific promoter
- Optimized transgene sequence
- AAV5 capsid selected over AAV2 capsid



Georgiadis et al 2016 Gene Therapy



In RPE65-deficient mice, AAV2/5-OPTIRPE65 restores retinal function at 300-1,000-fold lower doses than unoptimized AAV2/2-RPE65 vector

### **Topline Data from Phase 1/2 Trial of AAV-RPE65**

### AAV-RPE65 Study

#### 15 patients treated

- 9 young adults (16-24) across three dose escalation cohorts
- 6 children (5-12) in a pediatric expansion cohort

# Primary Endpoint: safety

### AAV-RPE65 was generally well-tolerated after six months of follow up

- AAV-RPE65 safety profile consistent with other approved and investigational ocular gene therapies
- Subretinal injection targeting the central retina, including the fovea, was demonstrated to be well tolerated

### Secondary Endpoints

### **Mobility testing\***

 Statistically significant improvement in the time taken to navigate a visually-guided mobility maze was demonstrated across the full spectrum of light levels tested

### Retinal Sensitivity\*\*

### Statistically significant improvement in retinal sensitivity at six months compared to baseline (Octopus 900 full-field static perimetry)

#### Visual Acuity\*\*

 Statistically significant improvement in the ETDRS letter score from baseline to six months

### **Contrast Sensitivity\*\***

• Statistically significant improvement in contrast sensitivity from baseline to six months (Pelli-Robson assessment)

<sup>\*</sup>Statistical significance demonstrated across entire study (cohort 1, cohort 2, cohort 3, pediatric expansion cohort)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Statistical significance demonstrated in subset of adults and children treated at 1x10<sup>11</sup> (cohort 1, pediatric expansion cohort)

# AAV-RPGR for the Treatment of X-Linked Retinitis Pigmentosa due to RPGR-Deficiency

### X-Linked Retinitis Pigmentosa (XLRP)

- Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP)
  - Group of IRDs which represents the most common genetic cause of blindness
  - X-linked RP is the most severe form of RP and accounts for 10-15% of RP
- Disease progression
  - Loss of night vision → progression to tunnel vision → blindness in 4th decade
- Prevalence
  - ~1/40,000
  - Total patients in US, EU5, Japan: ~20,000
- Natural history study ongoing
  - >100 patients well characterized

### Phase 1/2 trial of AAV-RPGR

- Dose escalation complete
  - 10 young adults (aged 18-30)
  - 3 children in pediatric expansion cohort
- Randomized, controlled extension study ongoing
  - Evaluating 2 doses of AAV-RPGR + deferred treatment arm



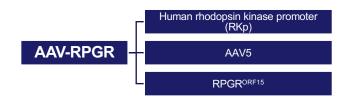
Patient Experience











### **AAV-CNGB3 & AAV-CNGA3 for the Treatment of Achromatopsia**

### **Achromatopsia (ACHM)**

- Retinal defect
  - Complete absence of cone photoreceptor function from birth
- Disease characterization
  - Very poor visual acuity from birth (typically 20/200)
  - Photophobia (disabling aversion to light)
- Prevalence and genes
  - Overall ACHM prevalence is around 1/30,000 in US
  - Total patients in US, EU5 and Japan:~24,000
  - CNGB3 (~50% of cases), CNGA3 (~40% of cases)
- Natural history study ongoing
  - >90 patients well characterized

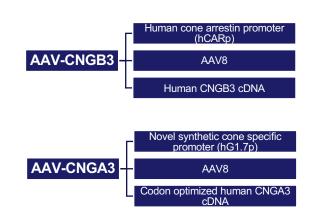
# Patient Experience

# Normal



### **Ongoing clinical trials**

- Phase 1/2 trial of AAV-CNGB3
  - 23 patients treated (11 adults, 12 children)
  - · Dosing complete, follow up ongoing
- Phase 1/2 trial of AAV-CNGA3
  - Dose escalation began in pediatric patients
  - Enrolling children aged 3-15



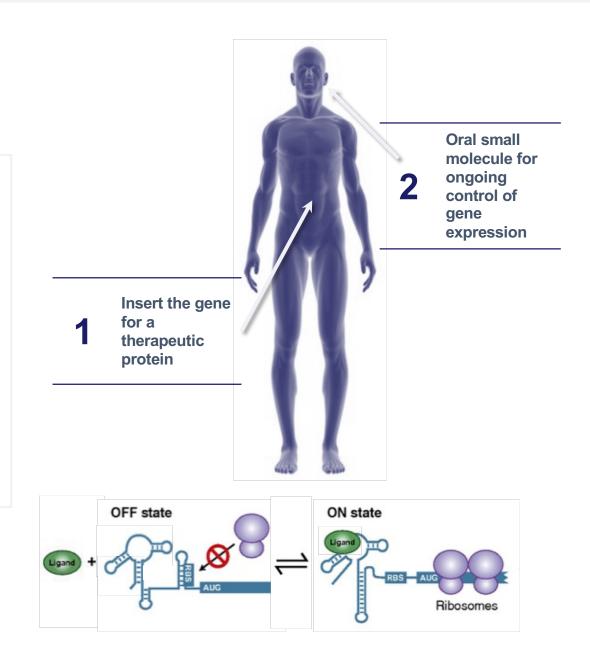


# **Gene Regulation**



# Next Generation Gene Therapy: Gene Regulation Platform

- Modular switch cassette based on RNA shape
- Regulate a chosen transgene in vivo using a different small molecule for each transgene
- Platform can regulate multiple genes: antibodies, hormones, cytokines
- Demonstrated regulation in vivo in the liver of AAV delivered genome



# Regulation of Transgenes using Proprietary Riboswitch Technology

Regulation driven by specific small molecule / RNA binding driving functional changes in RNA configuration, splicing and translation mobile regulatory element + small - small **Aptamer Sequence for** molecule **Specific Small Molecule** molecule Of Choice unstable mRNA stable **mRNA** no protein expression +++ theraputic protein expression

### **Regulation of Transgene Expression**

