



# Deep Insights Advancing Impactful Medicines

Company Overview | March 2024

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We are a global leader in harnessing the life-changing potential of TGF $\beta$  biology



## OUR MISSION

To discover, develop, and deliver life-changing therapies by harnessing cutting-edge science to create new possibilities for people living with serious diseases



# Building a Fully Integrated Therapeutics Company



## Revolutionary Scientific Platform

- **Pioneers in unparalleled selective targeting of the latent forms of growth factors**
- Robust pipeline of **novel** assets including **two clinical programs** and a **growing portfolio of preclinical programs**



## Transformative Therapeutics in Development

### Apitegromab in SMA

Potential therapy in Ph 3 designed to **improve motor function to help address remaining unmet need** after receipt of existing SMA therapies

### SRK- 439 in Obesity

**Novel antimyostatin antibody** with the potential to support **healthier weight management by preserving lean muscle**

### SRK-181 in Immuno-Oncology

In Ph 1 development to **overcome resistance to checkpoint inhibitors** in multiple tumor types



## Experienced and Focused

- Seasoned team with **track record of clinical and commercial success**
- **Deep** rare disease, R&D, FDA/EMA approval & launch **experience**
- **Focused, efficient approach** to scaling the organization



# Our Approach

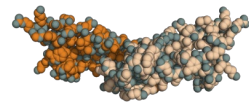
Selectivity Drives Success

**RIGHT  
TARGET** →

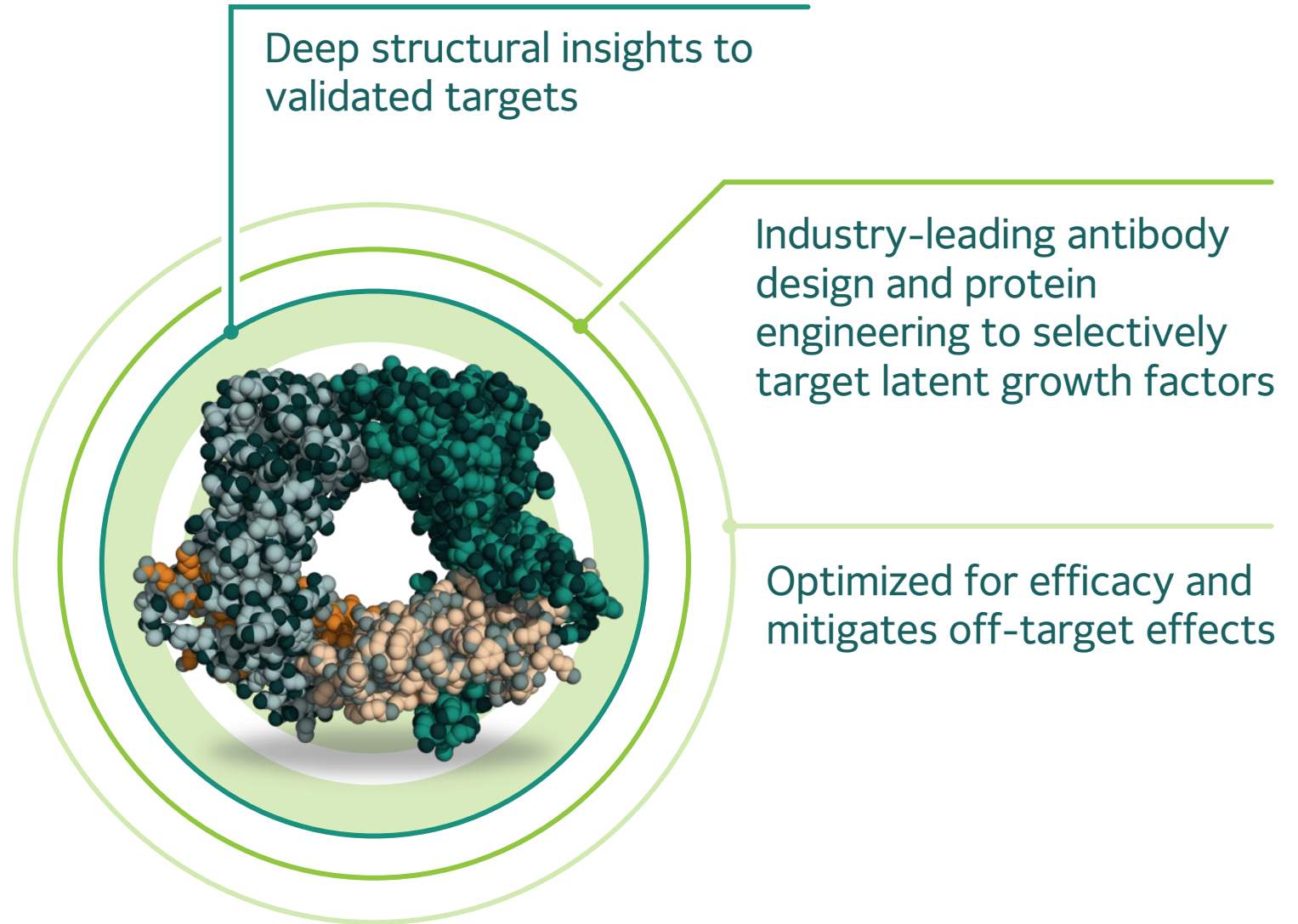
**Validated  
Biology**

**RIGHT  
TIME** →

**Latent  
Form**













Traditional Target  
“mature” active growth factor



**Scholar Rock's Target**  
Latent Growth Factor

# Advancing a Robust Pipeline with Our Differentiated Platform

TARGET		DISCOVERY/ PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
Latent Myostatin	SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY Apitegromab				
	CARDIOMETABOLIC DISORDERS Apitegromab in Obesity*				
	SRK-439 (novel antimyostatin antibody)				
Latent TGFβ-1	IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY SRK-181 (selective context-independent, anti-latent TGFβ-1)				
	FIBROSIS Selective context-dependent (LTBP1 & LTBP3) anti-latent TGFβ-1				
RGMc	ANEMIA Selective anti-RGMc				

Potential to transform the lives of people living with a wide range of serious diseases, including neuromuscular disorders, cardiometabolic disorders, oncology, and fibrosis

\* Subject to receipt of regulatory authority approval. We plan to utilize data from a previously completed Ph 1 study in healthy volunteers and initiate a Ph 2 POC trial in 2024.  
LTBP1=Latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 1; LTBP3=Latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 3; POC=Proof of concept; RGMc=Repulsive guidance molecule C;  
TGFβ-1=Transforming growth factor beta-1.



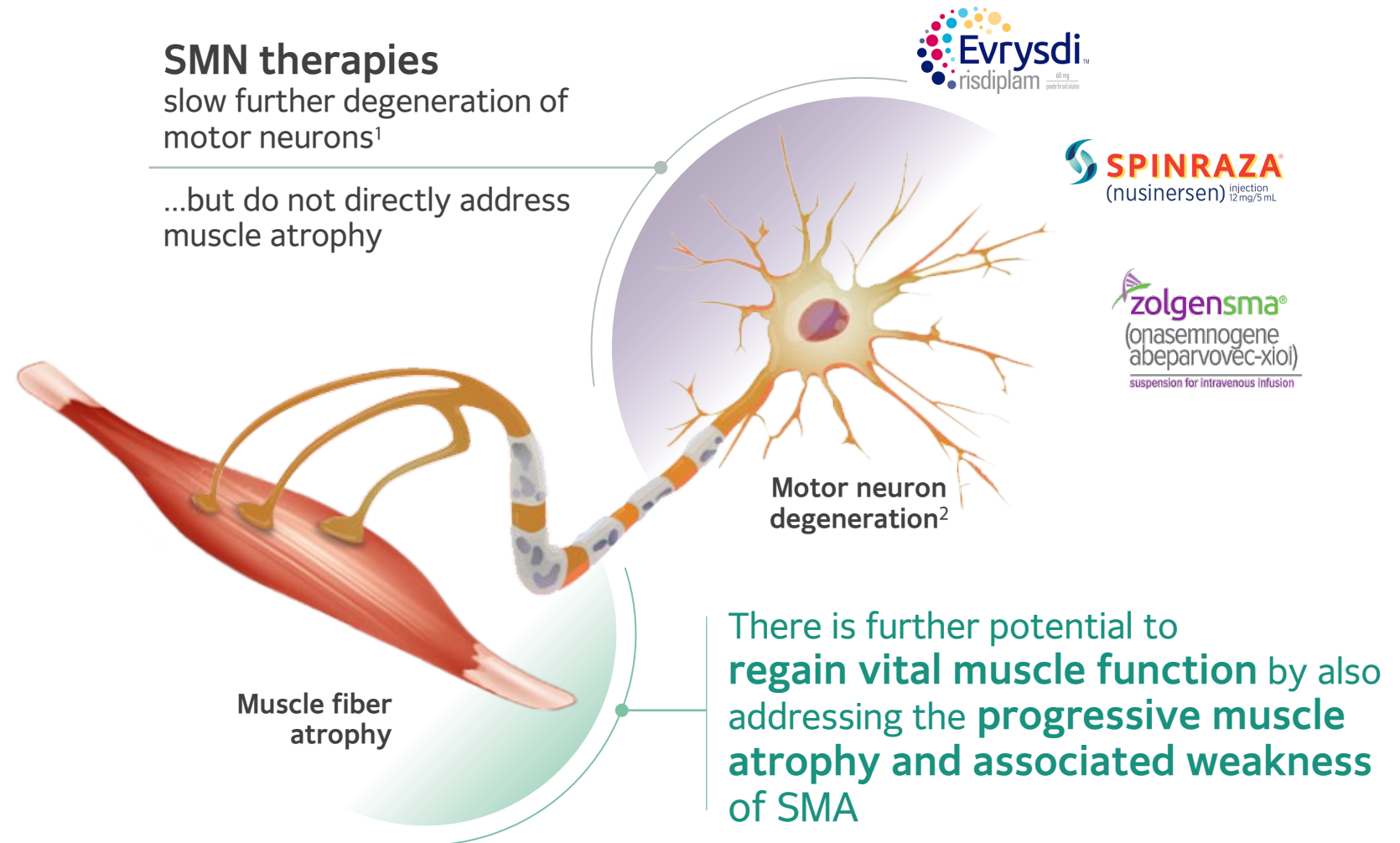
## Antimyostatin Program: Apitegromab in Spinal Muscular Atrophy

# Hallmarks of SMA

## Motor Neuron Loss and Muscle Atrophy Leads to Progressive Muscle Weakness

### Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Motor neuron impairment and loss due to SMN genetic deficiency leads to muscle atrophy and weakness



SMA=Spinal muscular atrophy; SMN=Survival motor neuron.

1. Hua Y, et al. Nature. 2011;478(7367):123-6.

2. Figure adapted from: SMA Foundation Overview. <http://www.smafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SMA-Overview.pdf>; Accessed April 18, 2021.



# SMA Leads to Deterioration in Essential Muscle Function



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What may seem like minimal gains in strength actually translate to **exponential gains in functional abilities.**

I often have to choose between taking a shower and doing homework because **I don't have the energy to do both.**

Small tasks are huge success in my life. If I could lift that 1L bottle of water at work instead of having to find a graduate student to move it for me...**things don't take a ton more muscle, but they are all muscle I still don't have.**

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Despite significant advancements, **progressive muscle weakness** remains an unmet need in SMA

Muscle weakness can lead to deterioration in **mobility, swallowing, breathing** and cause **debilitating fatigue**

# SMA Today: More Patients Screened and Treated

GLOBAL DISEASE:  
**>20,000 affected**  
 in US and Europe<sup>1, 2</sup>

## Three treatments to address SMN loss



**>13,000 patients**  
treated WW

**\$1.8 billion**  
annual revenue (LTM)<sup>3</sup>



**> 11,000 patients**  
treated WW

**~CHF1.4 billion**  
annual revenue (LTM)<sup>4</sup>



**> 3,500 patients**  
treated WW

**~\$1.2 billion**  
in revenues (LTM)<sup>5</sup>

**Established market dynamics support Scholar Rock's first potential commercial launch**

CHF=Swiss franc; LTM=last twelve months; SMA=Spinal muscular atrophy; SMN=Survival motor neuron; WW=worldwide.

1. Cure SMA 2022 Report: [9042022\\_State-of-SMA\\_vweb.pdf \(curesma.org\)](https://www.curesma.org/9042022_State-of-SMA_vweb.pdf)

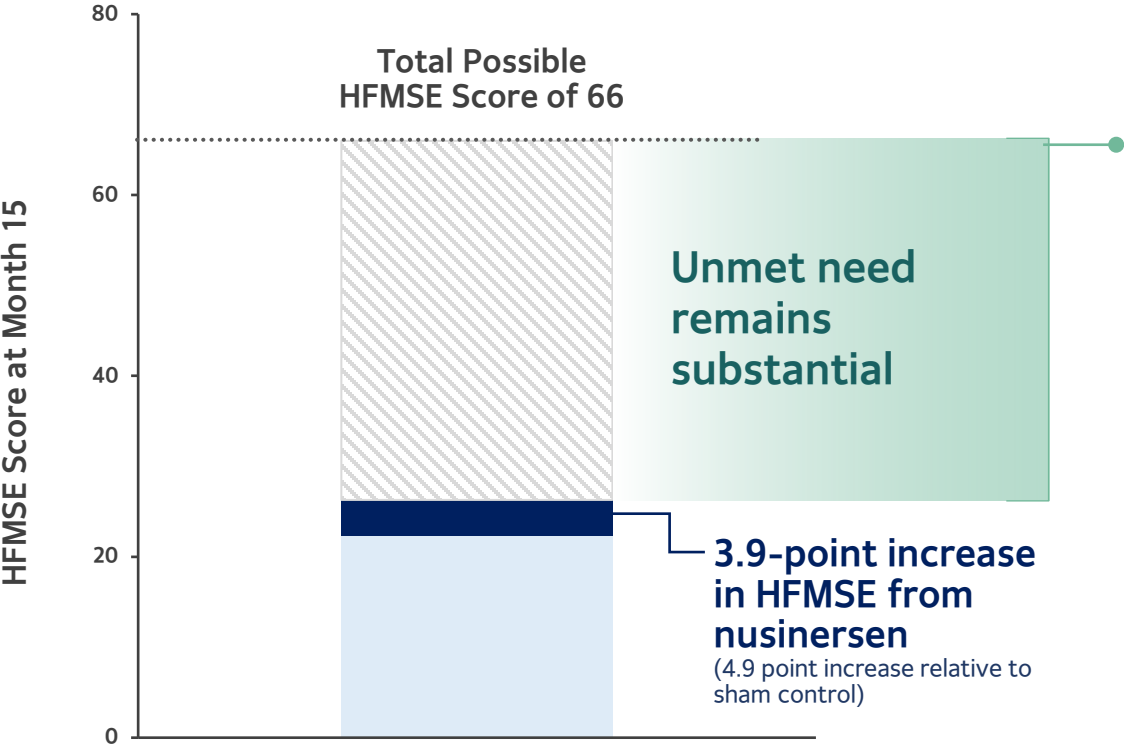
2. Lally et al. Indirect estimation of the prevalence of spinal muscular atrophy Type I, II, and III in the United States. Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2017 Nov 28;12(1):175. doi: 10.1186/s13023-017-0724-z.

3. Revenue as of Biogen 3Q23 financial update; includes patients treated worldwide in post-marketing setting, expanded access program, and clinical trials as of May 2022.

4. Revenue as of Roche 3Q23 financial update; includes patients treated worldwide as of July 2023.

5. Revenue as of Novartis 3Q23 financial update; includes patients treated worldwide including clinical trials, commercially, and managed access programs as of August 2023.

# Muscle-Targeted Therapy: A New Treatment Frontier



Patients and caregivers want new therapies to address the following unmet needs<sup>2</sup>:



**INCREASE**  
muscle strength



**IMPROVE**  
daily activities



**STABILIZE or GAIN**  
new motor function



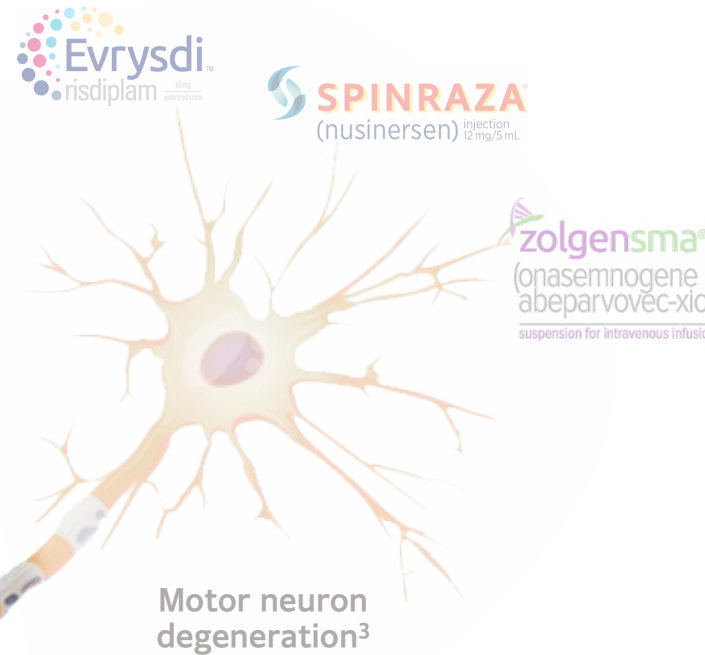
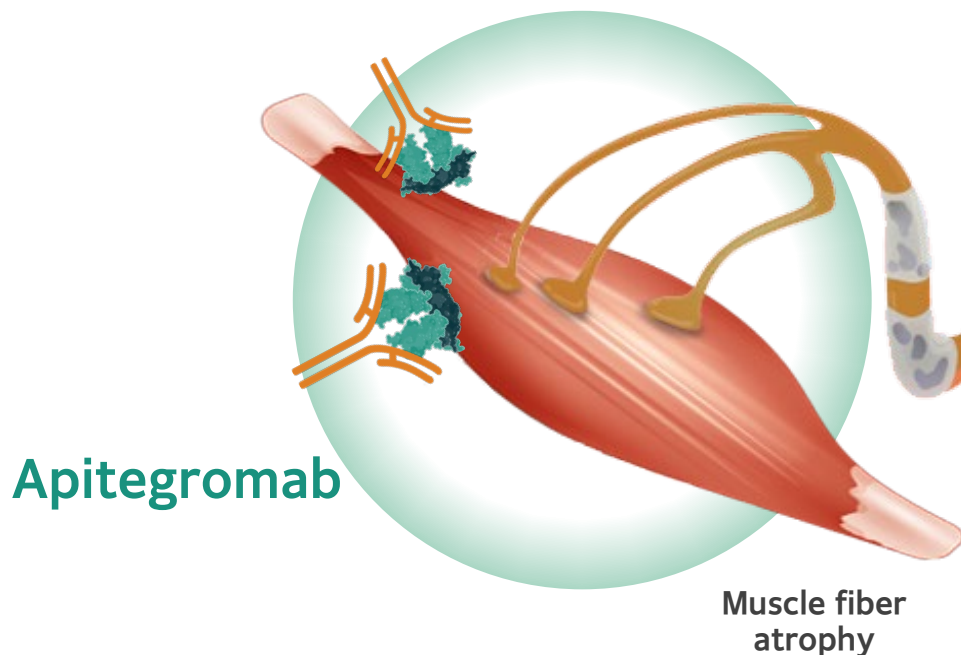
**REDUCE**  
fatigue

Mean improvement in HFMSE experienced by patients in nusinersen Phase 3 CHERISH trial<sup>1</sup>

\*Percentages represent percent of patients who named these unmet needs when asked, “What are your most significant current unmet needs that you hope new therapies would address?”  
HFMSSE=Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale-Expanded.  
1. Mercuri E et al.; N Engl J Med 2018; 378:625-635; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1710504; cherish trial results; 2. 2022 Community Update Survey, Cure SMA.  
This third-party information is provided for background only and is not intended to convey or imply a comparison to the TOPAZ clinical trial results.

# Apitegromab Offers Significant Potential to Address Unmet Needs

**Apitegromab is a selective  
MUSCLE-TARGETED APPROACH**  
designed to improve motor function\*<sup>1,2</sup>



Myostatin is a negative modulator of muscle growth

**Strong clinical and preclinical evidence indicates upstream targeting of structurally differentiated pro- and latent myostatin avoids undesirable off-target effects**



**Apitegromab specifically and only inhibits myostatin and has the potential to build muscle and strength to improve patient outcomes**

\* Based on Animal Model Data; 1. Long KK, et al. Hum Mol Genet. 2019;28(7):1077-1088; 2. Pirruccello-Straub M, et al. Sci Reports. 2018;8(1):2292. doi:10.1038/s41598-018-20524-9 3. Figure adapted from: SMA Foundation Overview. <http://www.smafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SMA-Overview.pdf>; Accessed April 18, 2021. For illustrative purposes only.

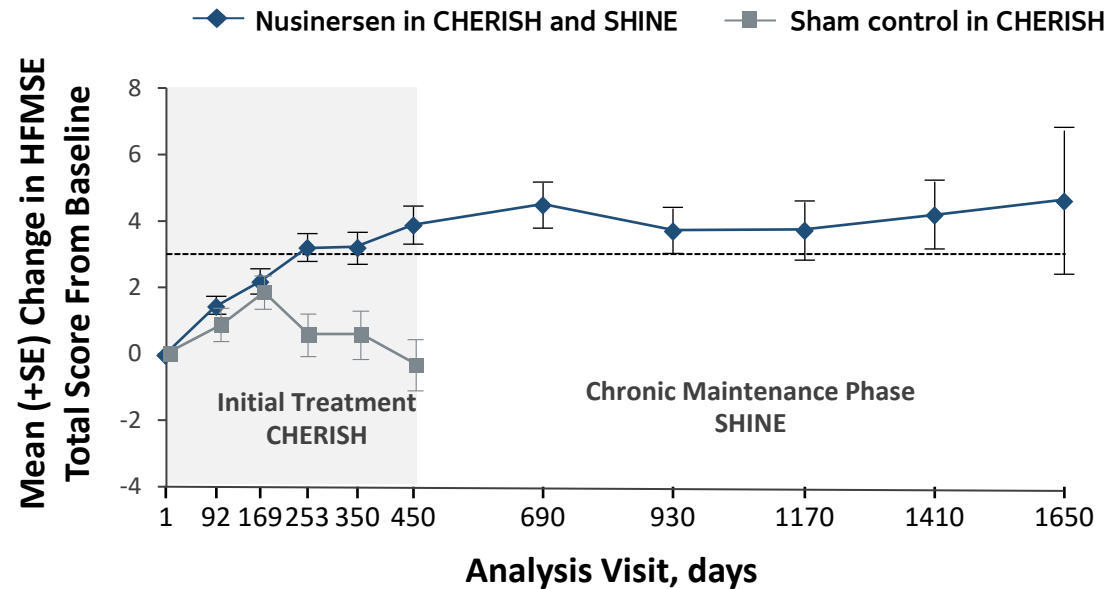


# Motor Function With SMN Therapies as Assessed by HFMSE

## HFMSE appears to Plateau After Initial Gains

### Change in HFMSE Over Four Years with Nusinersen<sup>1</sup>

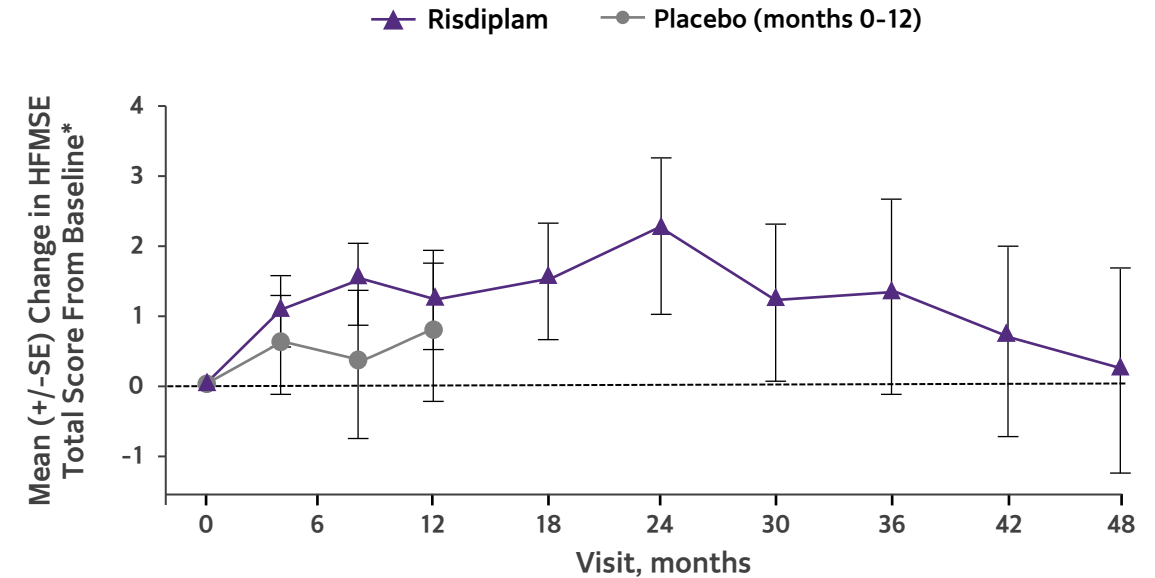
Overall population age 2-12



Nusinersen	n=	84	82	84	84	83	76	83	83	79	61	20
Placebo	n=	42	41	41	42	42	39					

### Change in HFMSE\* Over Four Years with Risdiplam<sup>2</sup>

Overall population age 2-25



Risdiplam	n=	120	120	119	117	109	106	89	99	101	97
Placebo	n=	60	60	58	58						

1. Mercuri E, et al. Presented at: World Muscle Society Congress 2020, P. 257

2. Oskoui M, et al. Presented at: 2021 Muscular Dystrophy Association Clinical & Scientific Conference; March 15-18, 2021. Poster 80.

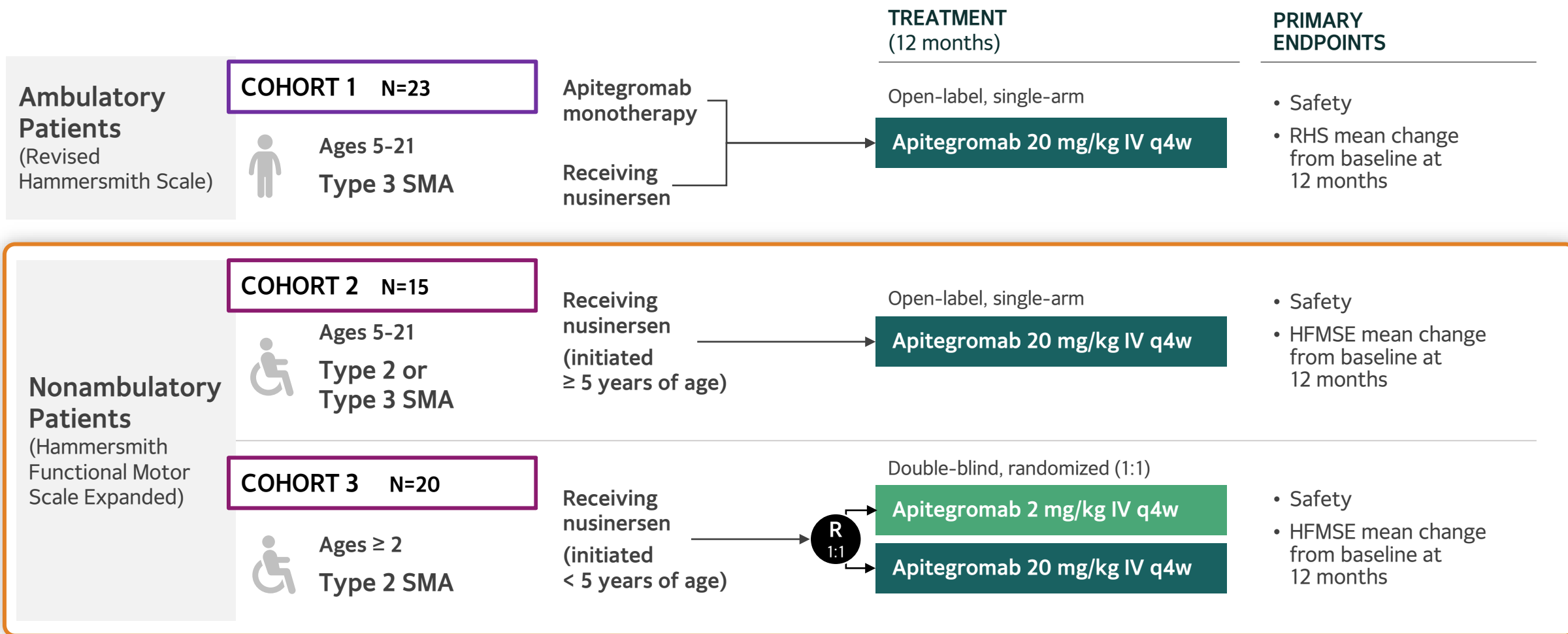
HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale-Expanded; SE, standard error.

\*MFM was primary efficacy endpoint of SUNFISH. HFMSE was a secondary endpoint. This third-party information is provided for background only and is not intended to convey or imply a comparison to the TOPAZ clinical trial results.



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## Phase 2 TOPAZ Trial: Safety and Efficacy Data from Muscle-Targeted Treatment Candidate in SMA



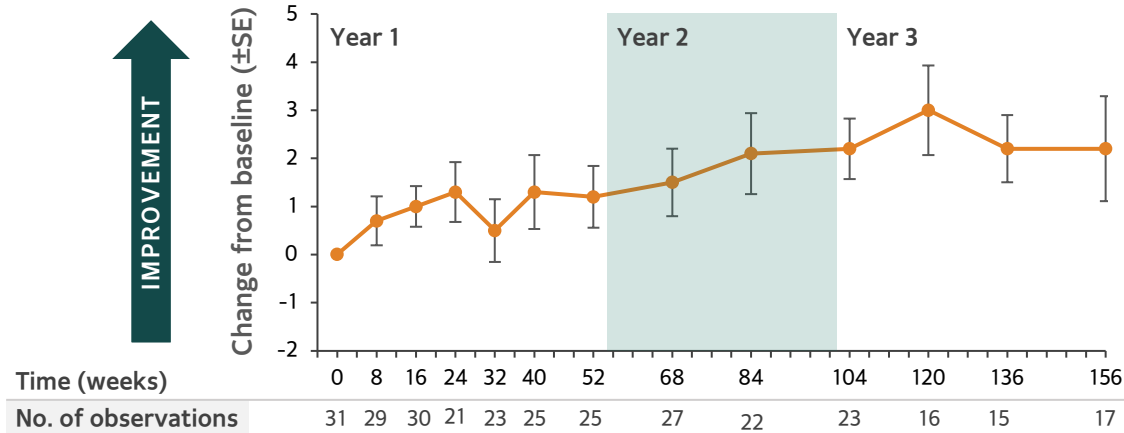
All SMA Types 2/3, cohorts defined by age and present ambulatory status at time of enrollment. HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded; IV, intravenous; q4w, every 4 weeks; SMA, spinal muscular atrophy; SMN, survival motor neuron.

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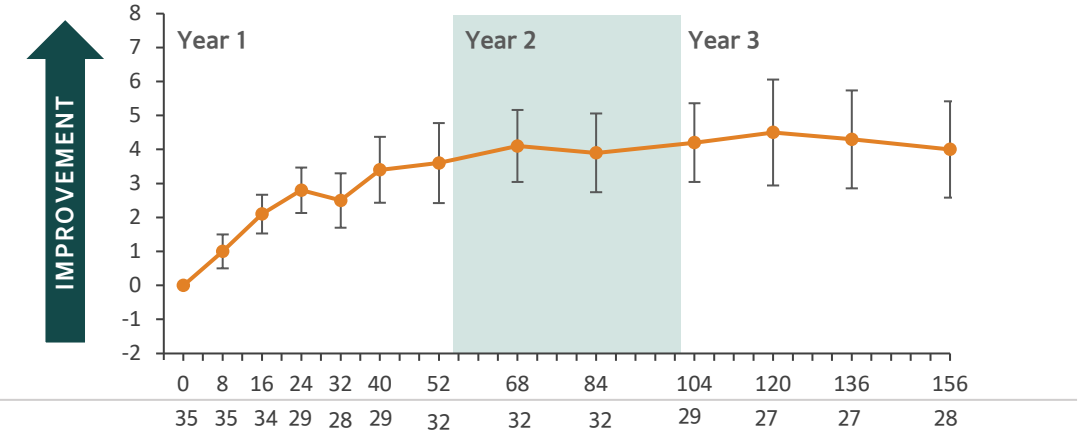
TOPAZ Over 36 Months | Pooled Nonambulatory Patients | Age 2 – 21 | All Doses

# Sustained Functional and PRO Improvements Beyond SMN Treatment

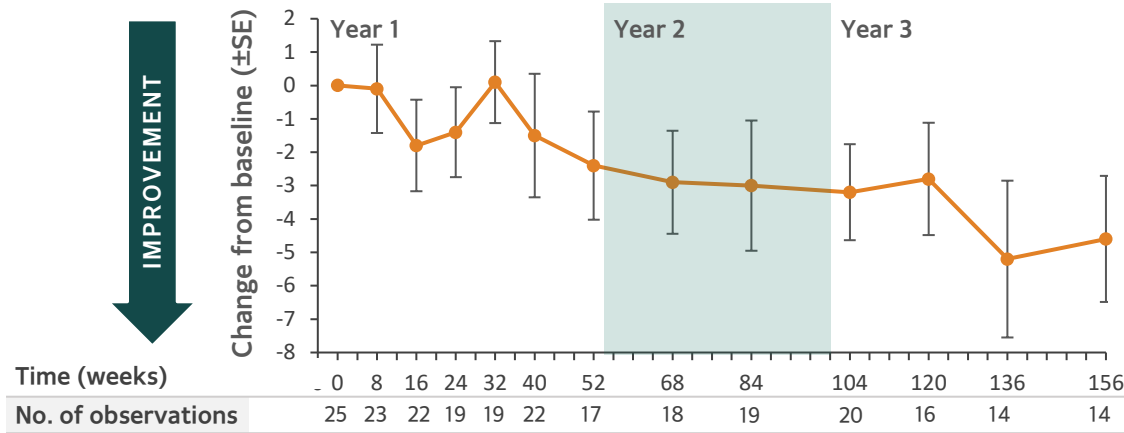
PEDI-CAT Daily Activities



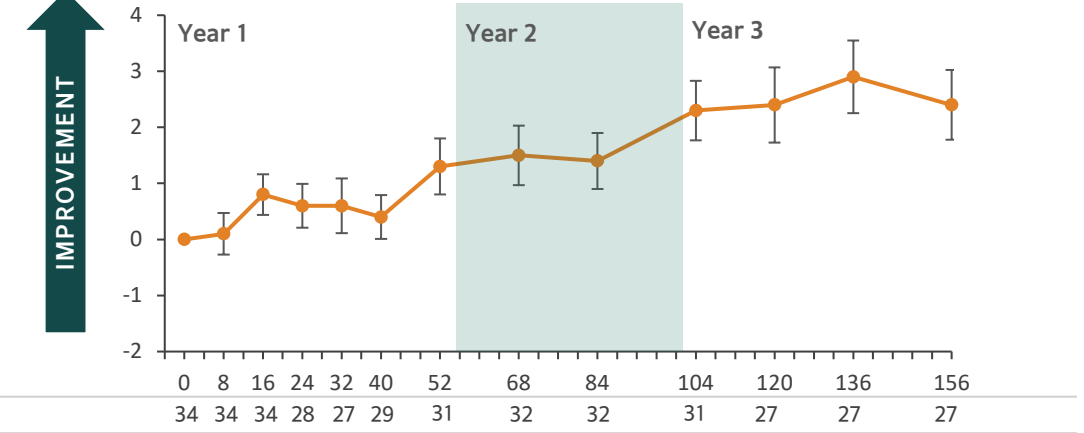
HFMSE



PROMIS Fatigue (Proxy)



RULM



N = 35; Baseline mean age=7.3 | **Prior Time on SMN Rx=24.1m**

HFMSE=Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded; OC=observed case; PEDI-CAT=Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory Computer Adaptive Test; PROMIS=Patient Reported Outcome Measurement Information System; RULM=Revised upper limb module; SE=standard error of the mean. SMN Rx=SMN therapy. Data on File. Scholar Rock, Inc. Cambridge, MA. Data cutoff date as of March 13, 2023. This analysis excludes data post scoliosis surgery (a known confounding factor interfering with motor function assessment) from seven patients for HFMSE and RULM. The updated PEDI-CAT analysis included additional records (2 at 12 months and 1 at 24 months) that were not available at the time of previous analysis. Apitegromab is an investigational drug candidate being evaluated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab has not been approved for any use by any health authorities and its safety and efficacy have not been established.



TOPAZ Over 36 Months

# Well Tolerated Safety Profile & Low Discontinuation Rate

**RIGHT  
TARGET** →

**Myostatin**

**RIGHT  
TIME** →

**Latent Form**

- >90% of patients on combination therapy remained in extension study\*
- Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were consistent with previous reports with no new findings after 198 patient-years of exposure
  - Most frequently reported TEAEs included headache, pyrexia, COVID-19, nasopharyngitis, & upper respiratory tract infection
  - TEAEs were mostly mild to moderate and generally consistent with the underlying patient population and nusinersen therapy
- No treatment-related serious AEs or hypersensitivity reactions
- No report of positive apitegromab antibodies (ADA)

# Summary of TOPAZ Data

**Substantial and  
Sustained  
Improvement Over  
36 MONTHS**

# TOPAZ

Data to date has shown substantial  
clinical benefit that is dose-dependent

Benefit continued  
to improve or was  
sustained over 36  
months



Consistency  
across functional  
scales and  
patient-reported  
outcomes



Well tolerated profile  
and low  
discontinuation rate  
supports durability  
of treatment

TOPAZ data suggest that apitegromab has the potential to transform care in  
SMA by directly addressing progressive muscle weakness



**SAPPHIRE**

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# Sapphire Phase 3 Pivotal Trial

# SAPPHIRE Phase 3 Design is Optimized by Insights from TOPAZ



## TOPAZ Learnings

### STUDY POPULATION

Substantial HFMSE gains observed in the nonambulatory Type 2/3 SMA cohorts

### AGE

Exploratory age 2-12 analysis in nonambulatory Type 2/3 showed transformative potential

### DURATION

HFMSE gains substantial by 12 months of treatment

### DOSE

Dose response seen (greater effect observed with 20 mg/kg over 2 mg/kg)



SAPPHIRE

## Phase 3 SAPPHIRE Trial

Registrational trial with topline 12-month data readout expected in Q4 2024

## SAPPHIRE Design Elements

### STUDY POPULATION

- Nonambulatory Type 2/3 SMA
- Primary efficacy endpoint: HFMSE

### AGE

Age 2-12 main efficacy population  
Age 13-21 exploratory population

### DURATION

12-month treatment duration

### DOSE

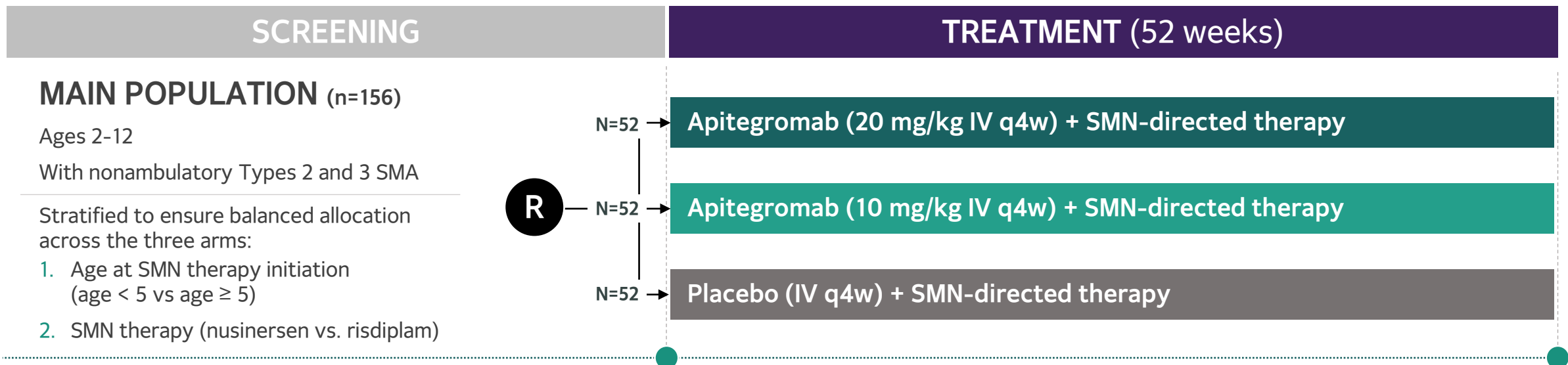
- 20 mg/kg apitegromab dose
- 10 mg/kg apitegromab dose



# Ongoing SAPPHIRE Phase 3 Trial Overview



Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel arm design (n=204)  
 Enrolling patients who are on SMN-directed therapy (nusinersen or risdiplam)  
 Anticipate completing enrollment in 3Q 2023



## ENDPOINTS

### Primary Efficacy:

Mean HFMSE change from baseline at 12 months

### Additional Efficacy Measures:

RULM, WHO, other outcome measures

### Safety, PK/PD, ADA

## Additional Data Opportunities

### Exploratory population (age 13-21), in patients using SMN therapy

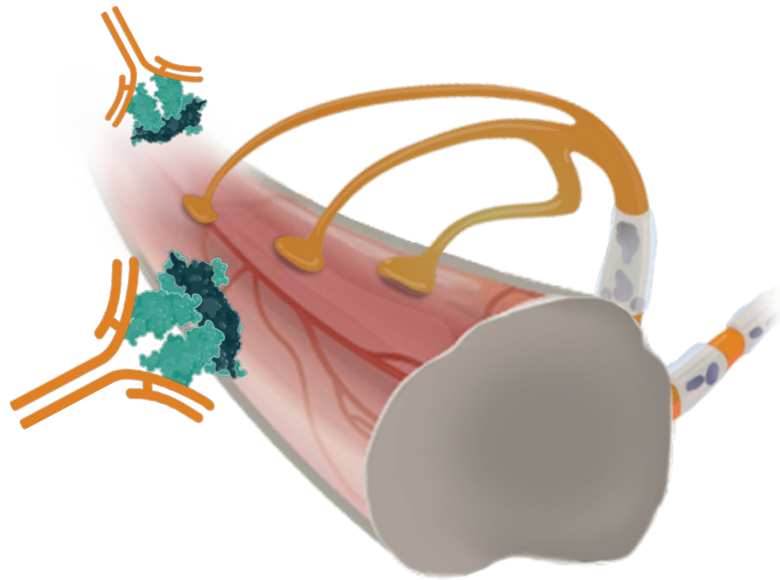
Focused upon safety & exploratory efficacy (n=48; 2:1 randomization between apitegromab 20 mg/kg vs placebo)

### Separate open-label extension study (after patients complete 12-month treatment period)

Focused upon safety & exploratory long-term efficacy

# Apitegromab: Potential to Maximize Outcomes for People Living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

Transformative  
Potential to Change  
the Standard of Care



First and only muscle-targeted investigational treatment to demonstrate clinical proof-of-concept in SMA



**Phase 3 SAPPHIRE Trial**  
Registrational trial with topline 12-month data expected in Q4 2024

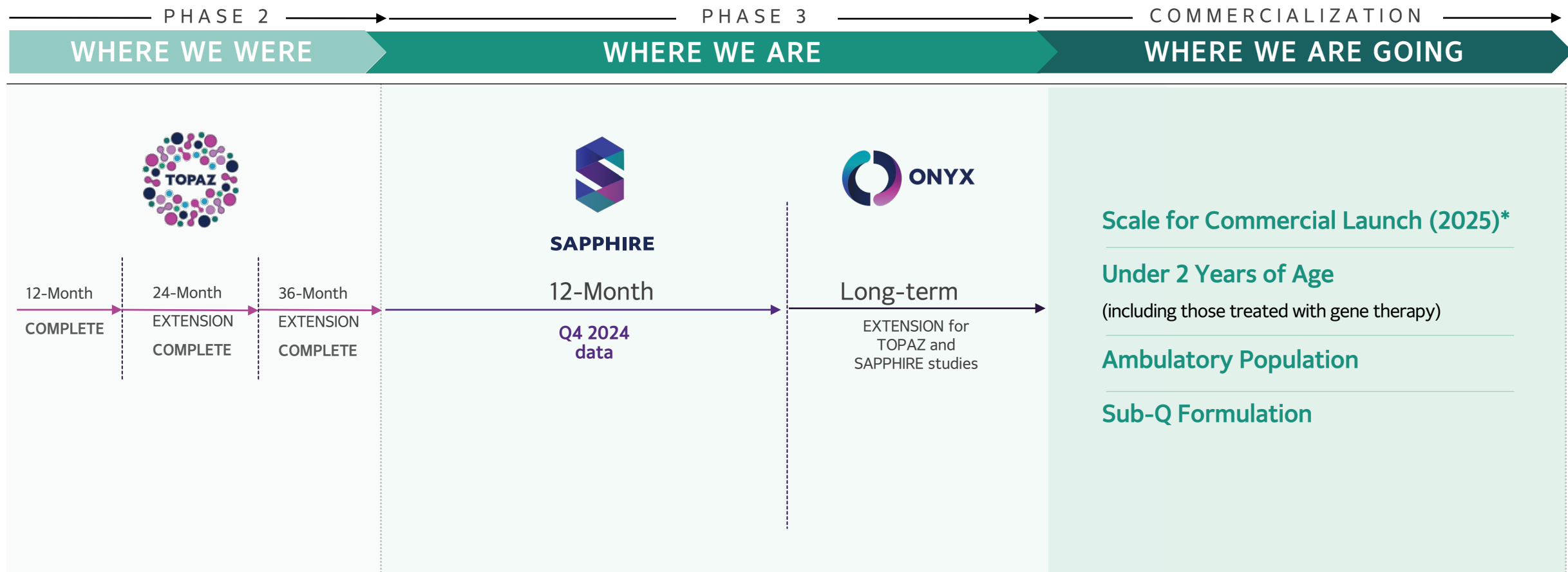


**Phase 2 TOPAZ Trial**  
Demonstrated **substantial and sustained functional improvements** in Type 2 and nonambulatory Type 3 SMA patients



**ONYX Open-Label Extension Study**  
Evaluating the **long-term safety and efficacy** of apitegromab in patients who have completed TOPAZ or SAPPHIRE

# Expanding to Benefit More People Living with SMA

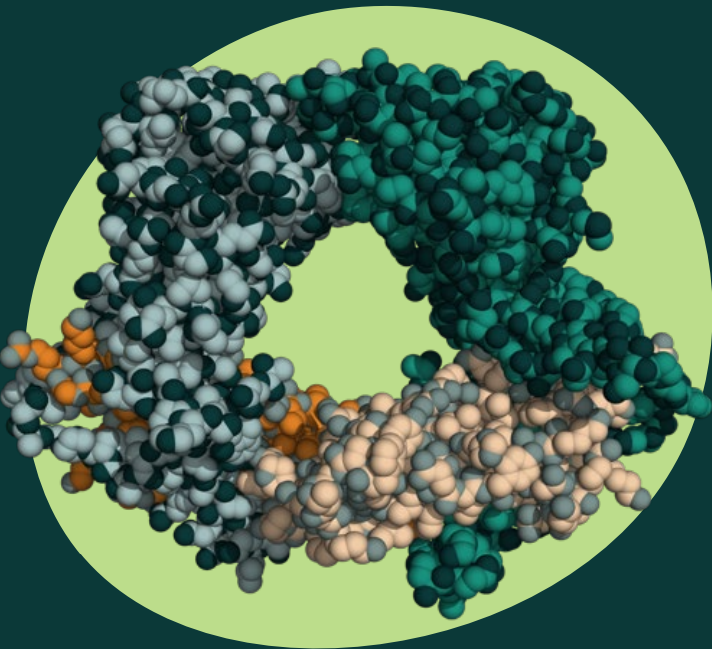


\*Subject to regulatory approval.  
SMA=Spinal muscular atrophy; Sub-Q=Subcutaneous



# Next Horizon: Cardiometabolic Disorders

# Differentiated Expertise Developing Muscle-Targeted Therapies



Myostatin is a member of the TGF $\beta$  superfamily known to be a negative regulator of muscle mass and promotes muscle catabolism

## Next Frontier in Antimyostatin

### Leveraging Our R&D Platform to Expand into Cardiometabolic Disorders



- Pioneered unique approach to develop antibodies that bind to pro- and latent forms of myostatin with exquisite selectivity and inhibit its activation



- Apitegromab is being developed as a highly selective inhibitor of latent myostatin activation, to enhance muscle growth and function in neuromuscular disorders

- To date apitegromab has been evaluated in approximately 250 patients ages 2 to 21 living with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), showing sustained benefit over 36 months, a well tolerated profile and low discontinuation rate



- Discovered multiple additional anti-pro/latent myostatin inhibitory antibodies including:

- SRK-439: Being developed as a novel, highly potent and selective antibody tailored for cardiometabolic disorders



# Obesity is Recognized as a Top Global Public Health Issue

BY 2030, OBESITY WILL AFFECT:

**>1 BILLION**  
adults

**>250 MILLION**  
children and  
adolescents<sup>1</sup>



Obesity is a common, serious, and costly chronic disease affecting adults and children worldwide

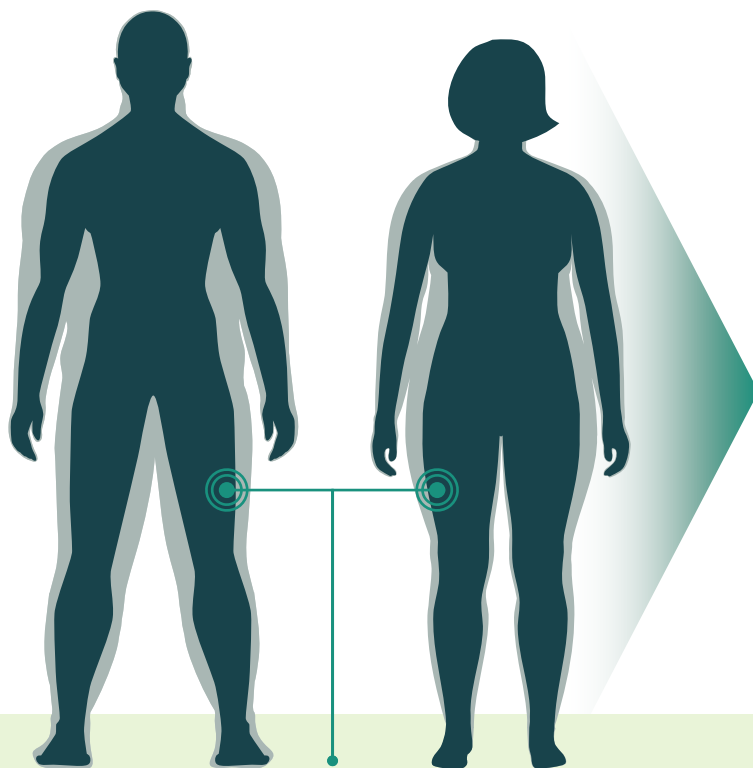
Adult obesity associated with more than **\$170 billion in excess costs** annually in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

In the US,  
**1 in 5** children and more than **1 in 3** adults are obese

Obesity can increase the risk of comorbidities, such as some cancers, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes

# Loss of Lean Muscle Significant with GLP-1 RA Therapy

Lean muscle is essential to healthy metabolic function



**Significant proportion of weight loss due to loss of lean muscle mass**

## Current Weight Loss Strategies *Challenged by:*

- ⚠ Tolerability
- ⚠ Lack of durability
- ⚠ Significant muscle loss<sup>1-3</sup>

Recently approved **GLP-1 RAs** are **highly effective** in weight loss & experiencing rapid uptake

**But 25%-40% of total body weight loss** mediated by GLP-1 RA therapy may be attributed to **loss of lean muscle mass**<sup>2,3</sup>

**Preserving lean muscle mass is important** to promote long-term metabolic benefits, sustainable weight management and health outcomes<sup>4-7</sup>

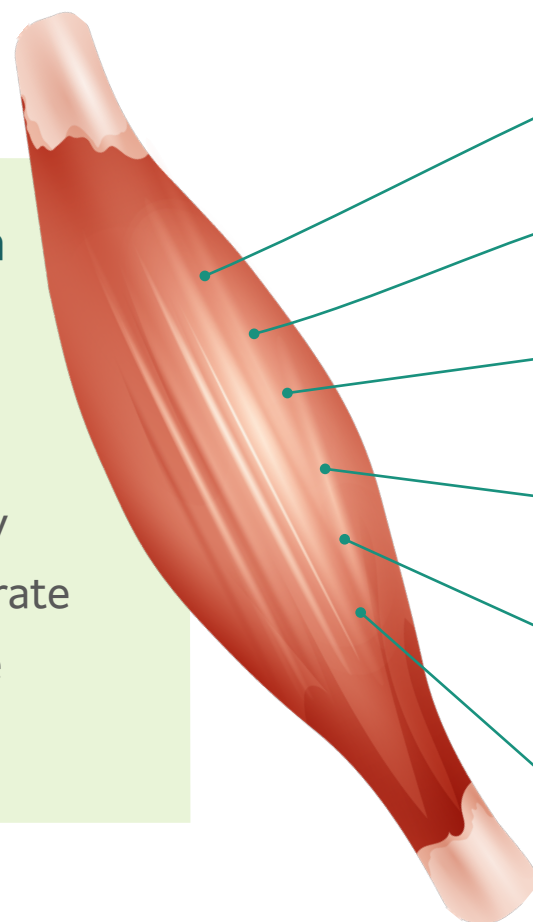
GLP-1 RA=Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists.

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# Maintaining Muscle is Important for Healthy Weight Loss

## The preservation of lean mass has many benefits for overall health:

- Improved strength
- Improved insulin sensitivity
- Increased basal metabolic rate
- Improved metabolic profile
- Reduced total body fat



Increased basal metabolic rate (BMR)<sup>1</sup>



Enhanced glucose homeostasis<sup>2</sup>



Better insulin sensitivity and lower risk of prediabetes<sup>3</sup>



Reduced visceral fat<sup>4</sup>



Increased caloric expenditure post-exercise<sup>5</sup>



Increased bone density, strength, function, and longevity and decreased risk of injury, and disability<sup>6-8</sup>

GLP-1 RA=Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist.

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# Our Antibodies Selectively Inhibit Activation of Myostatin

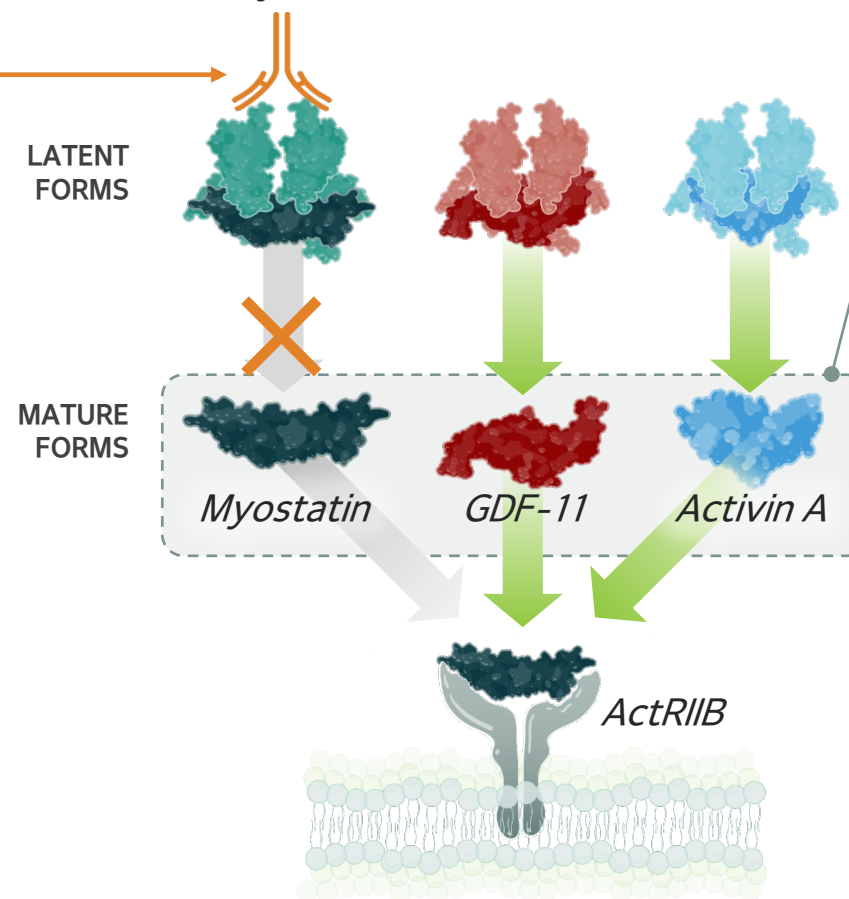
## Selective Targeting of Proforms of Myostatin

*Promyostatin*   *Pro-GDF-11*   *Proactivin*

**Apitegromab  
and  
SRK-439**

SRRK antibodies do not bind to mature myostatin or any form of GDF11, Activin A, or other TGF- $\beta$  family members

Selectivity is critical to avoid safety concerns



**Broad inhibition of ActRIIB signaling may be problematic:**

ActRIIB knockout animals die shortly after birth with developmental defects in respiratory and cardiac organs<sup>1</sup>

Activins are critical in reproductive biology, and inhibition was shown to reduce FSH levels in women<sup>2</sup>

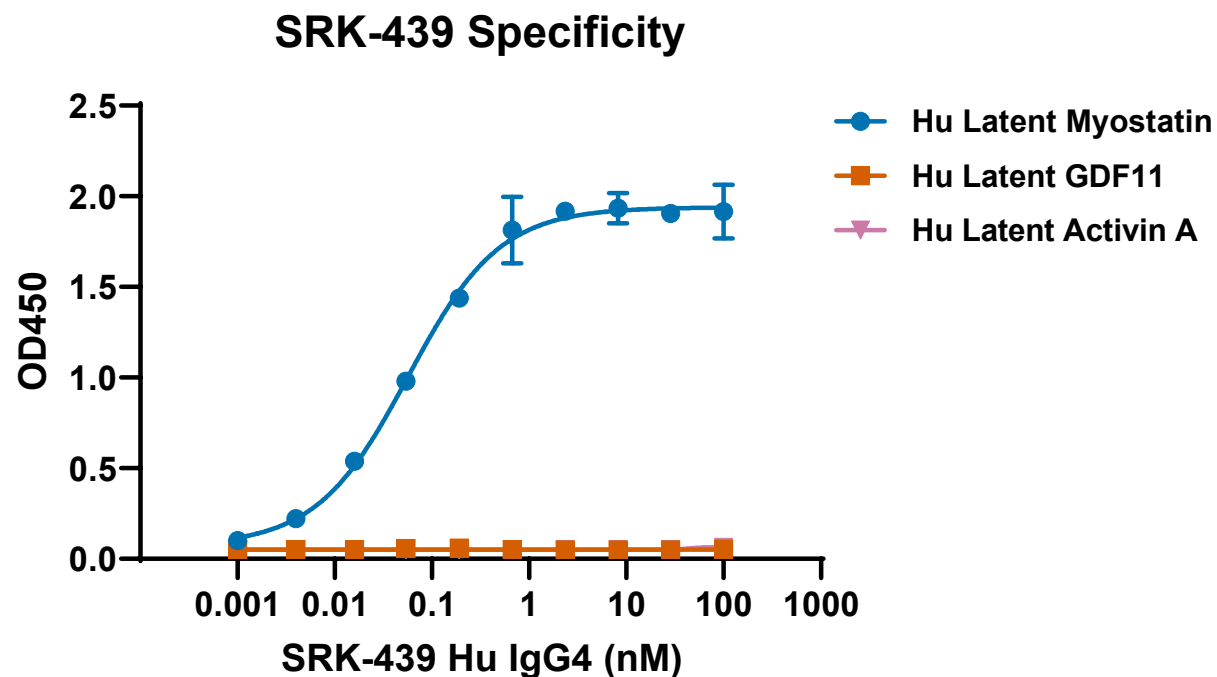
GDF11 loss leads to embryonic lethality, skeletal and kidney formation defects<sup>3</sup>

GDF11 signaling inhibition may have negative impacts on bone<sup>4, 5</sup>

ActRIIB=Activin Receptor IIB; FSH=Follicle stimulating hormone; GDF-11=Growth and differentiation factor 11; TGF- $\beta$ =Transforming growth factor-beta.

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# SRK-439 binds selectively to Myostatin and not to related family members GDF11 or Activin A



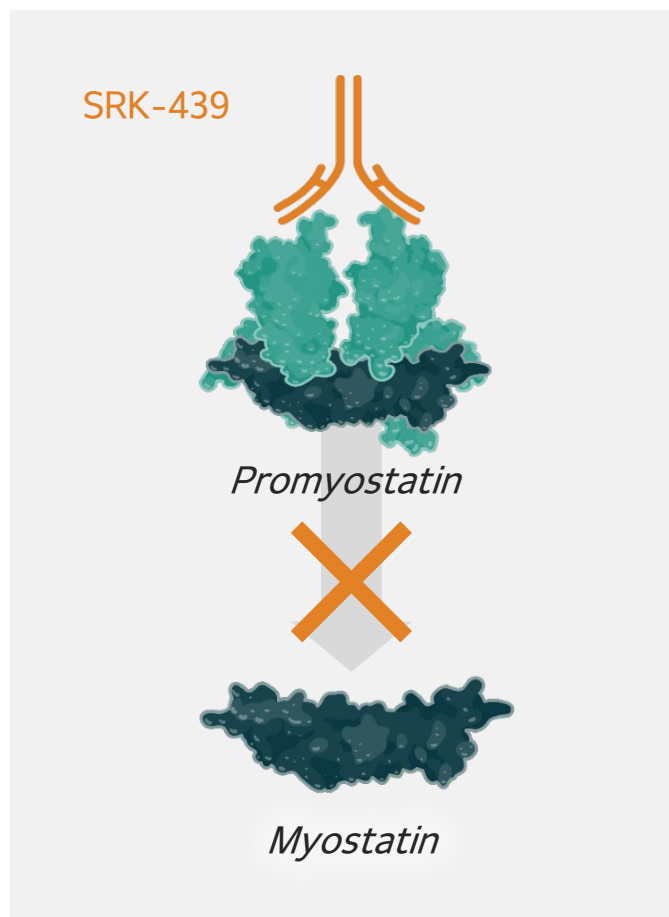
Exquisite selectivity avoids undesirable off-target effects <sup>1-3</sup>

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# SRK-439: Novel Myostatin Inhibitor

Preclinical candidate in development with potential to address muscle loss associated with weight loss



## Attractive Properties



High *in vitro* affinity  
for pro- and  
latent myostatin



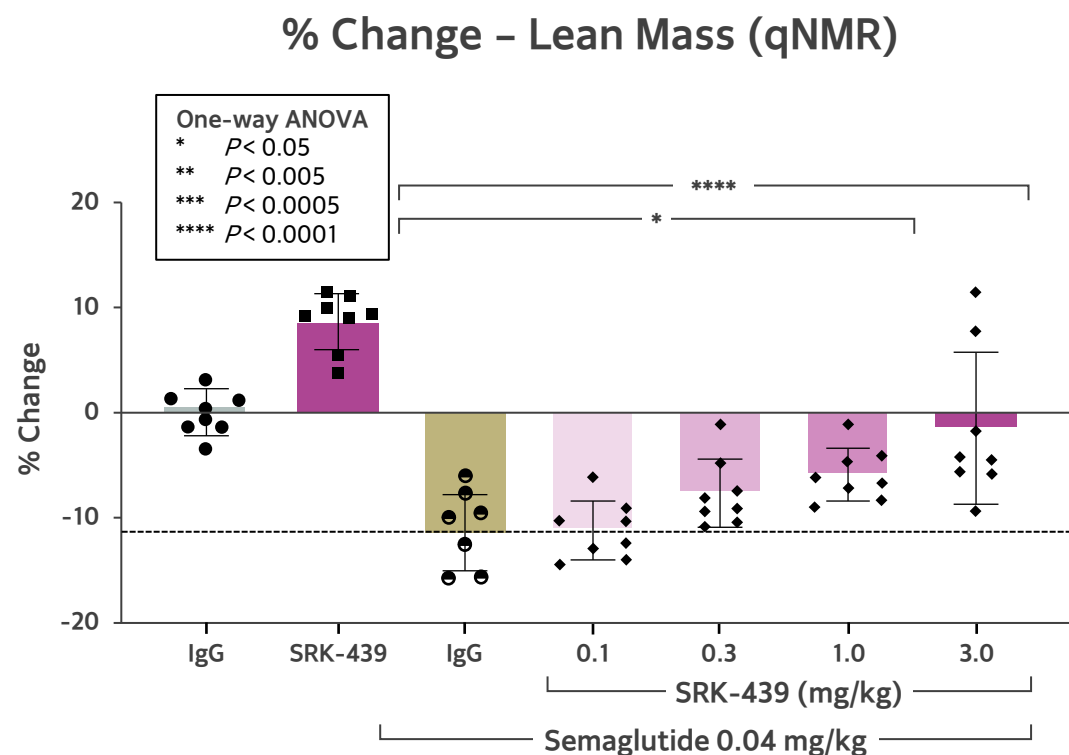
Maintained  
myostatin specificity  
(No GDF-11 or  
Activin-A binding)



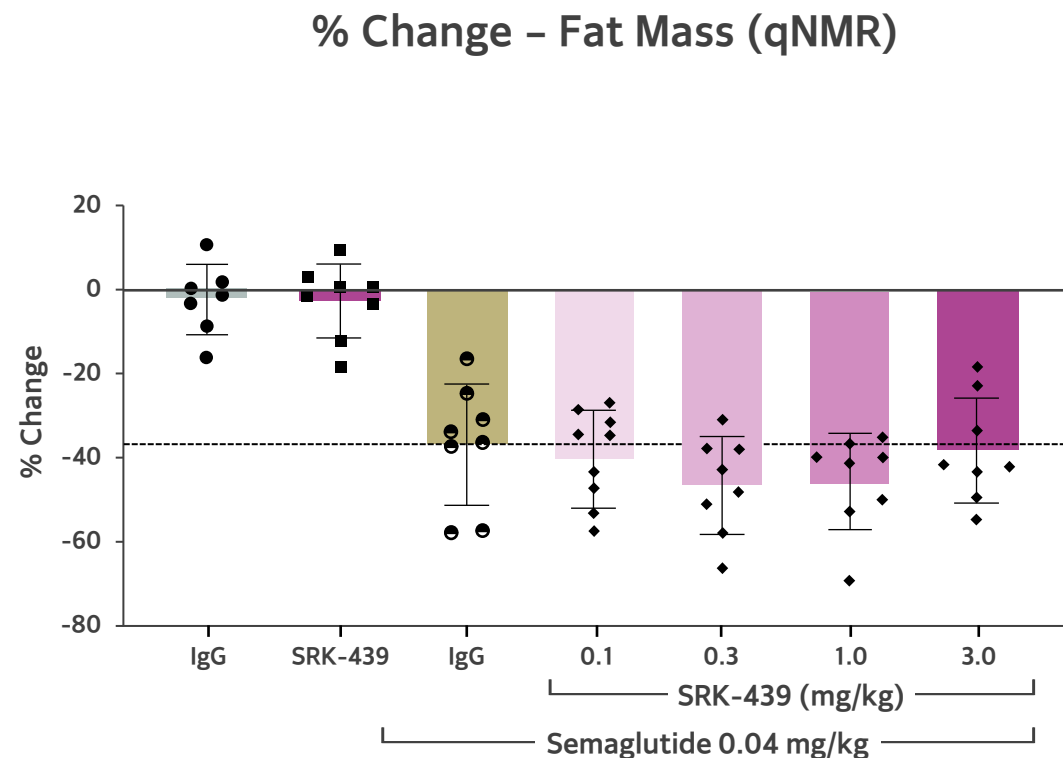
Maintained  
good developability  
profile

Optimized for subcutaneous formulation and dosing

# SRK-439 Reversed Lean Mass Loss and Enhanced Fat Mass Loss Induced by Semaglutide Treatment<sup>†</sup>



**Dose-dependent Preservation of Lean Mass**  
with effects seen as low as 0.3mg/kg



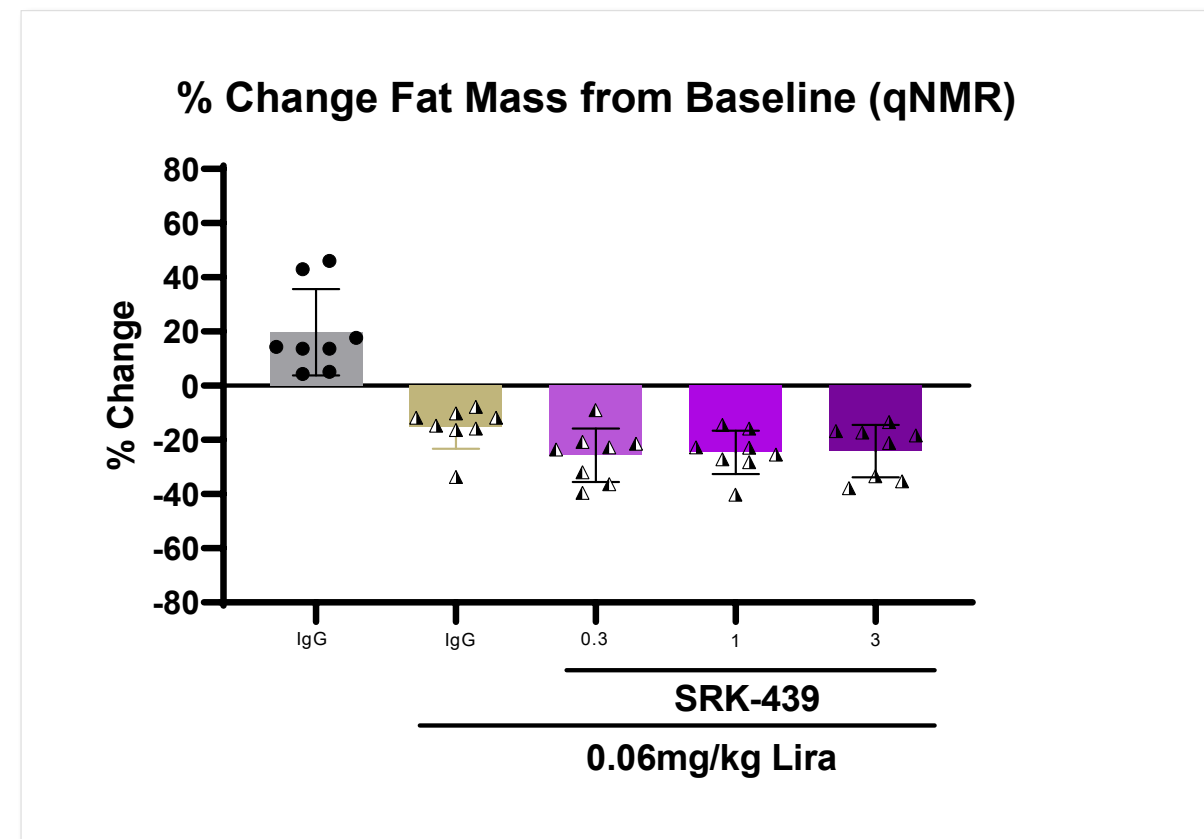
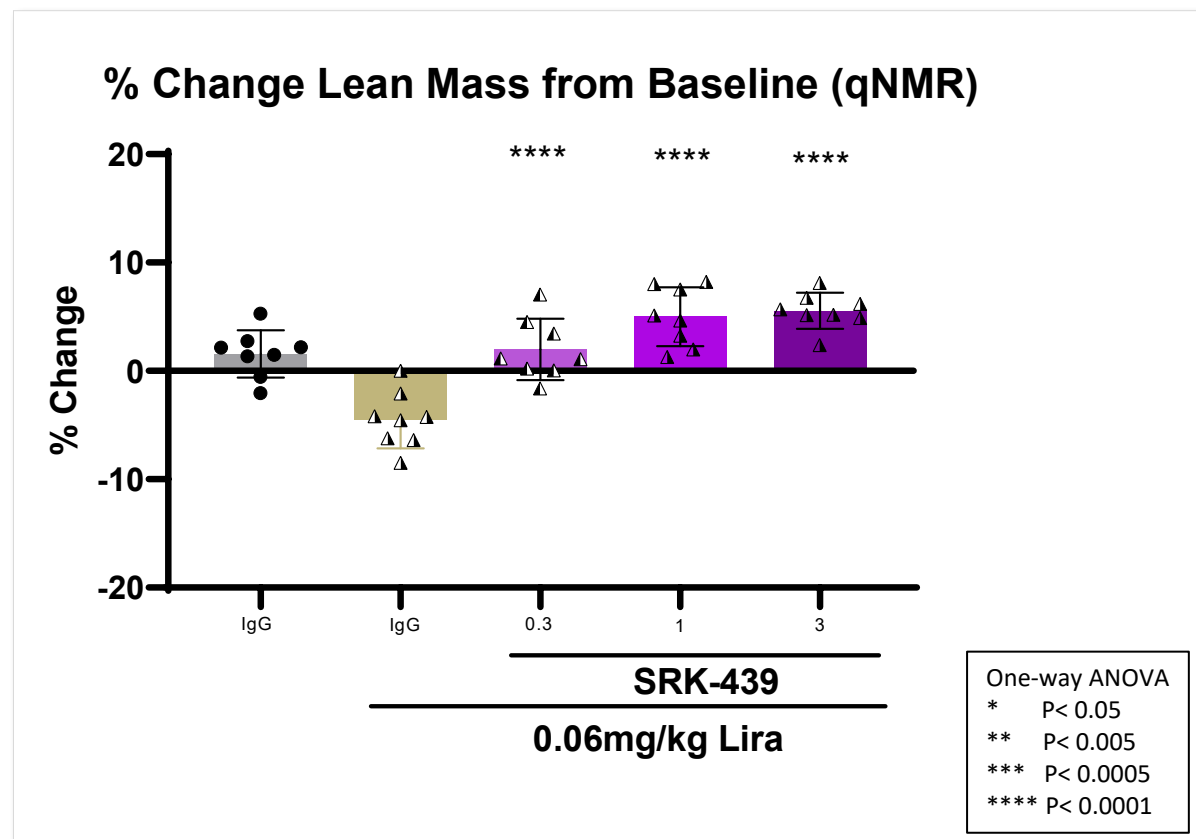
**Additional Fat Mass Loss vs Semaglutide Alone**

<sup>†</sup> In Mouse Diet Induced Obesity (DIO) Model.

Figure showed the effects of increasing doses of SRK-439 in combination with semaglutide on lean mass (left panel) and fat mass (right panel) in DIO mouse model as measured by qNMR; statistical analysis was done using one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's multiple comparison test).

ANOVA=Analysis of variance; IgG=Immunoglobulin G; qNMR=Quantitative nuclear magnetic resonance.

# SRK-439 Maintained Lean Mass in Mouse Diet Induced Obesity (DIO) Model When Combined with GLP-1 RA Therapy

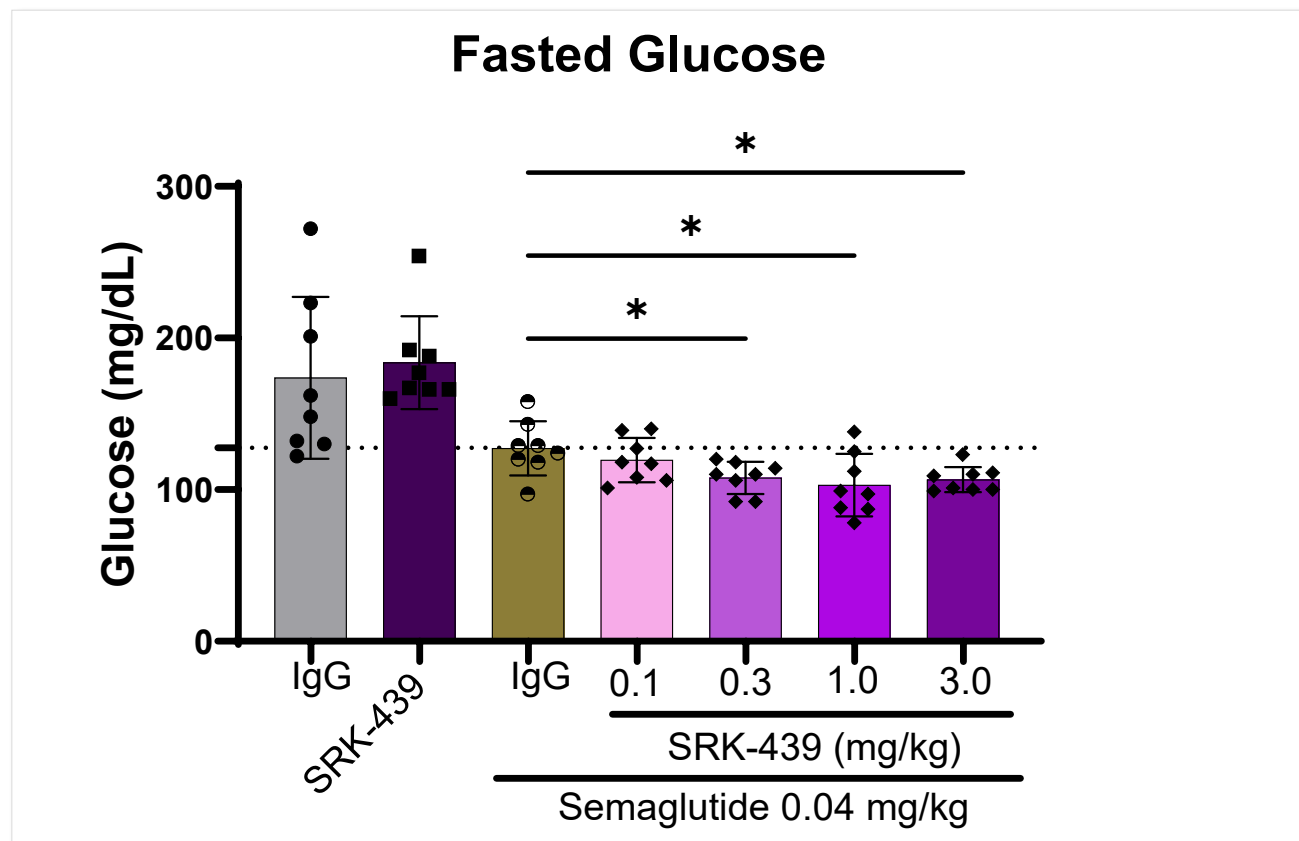


- Increased lean mass gain vs GLP-1 RA alone

- Improved fat mass loss vs GLP-1 RA alone

Figure shows the effects of increasing doses of SRK-439 in combination with liraglutide on lean mass (left panel) and fat mass (right panel) in a 28-day DIO mouse model as measured by qNMR; statistical analysis was done using one-way ANOVA (Dunnett's multiple comparison test).

# SRK-439 Further Improves Fasting Blood Glucose in Combination with Semaglutide



\*\*\*\* P< 0.0001  
 \*\*\* P< 0.005  
 \*\* P< 0.01  
 \* P< 0.05

Statistical analysis: One way ANOVA (Dunnett's multiple comparisons test)

- Semaglutide alone reduces fasting glucose levels as expected
- Combination with SRK-439 further improves fasting glucose levels in a dose-dependent manner highlighting additional improvement in metabolic profile

# Opportunity for Safe, Durable Weight Loss: Add Highly Selective Antimyostatin to GLP-1 RA to Preserve Lean Muscle



## Exquisite Selectivity

- Only inhibits myostatin
- Avoids undesirable off-target effects<sup>1-3</sup>



## Myostatin Inhibition

Preclinical models demonstrated: increased muscle mass

- Beneficial metabolic effects (insulin sensitivity, basal metabolic rate, reduction in fat mass)<sup>4</sup>



## Lean Muscle Retention

Inhibition of myostatin in combination with GLP-1 RA-driven weight loss may lead to retention of lean muscle mass and combat the counter-regulatory metabolic effects of weight loss

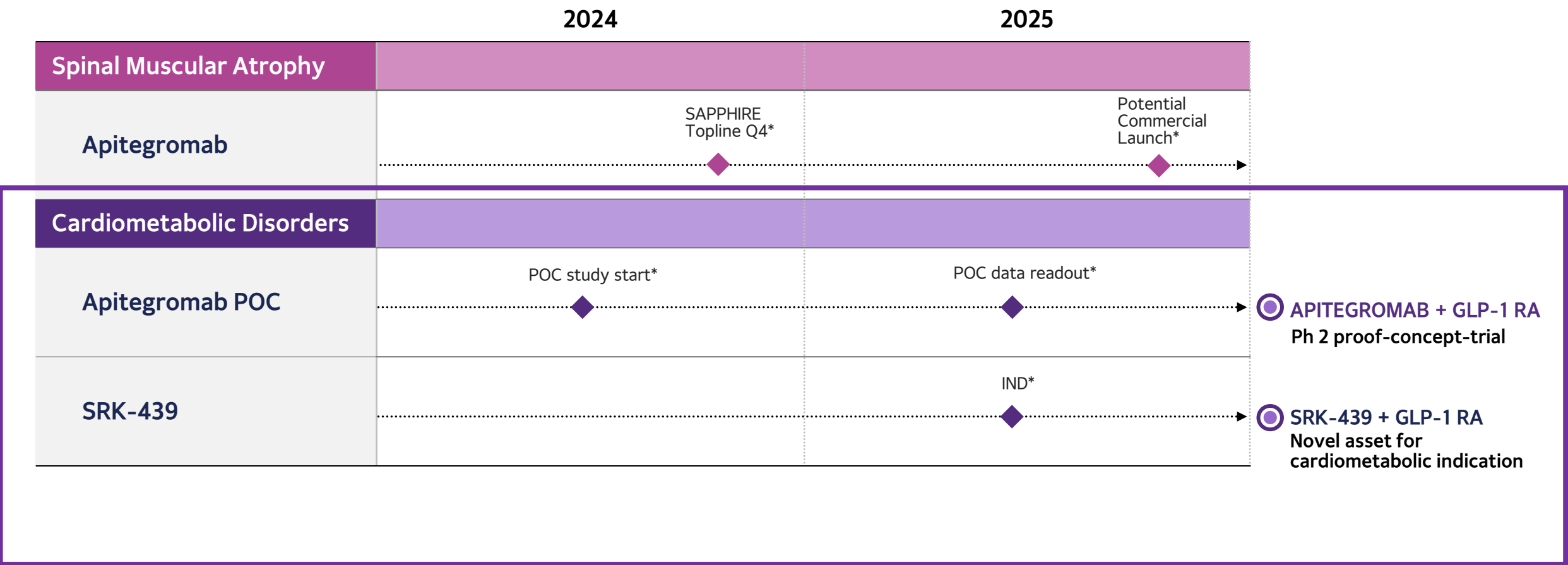
GLP-1 RA=Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist.

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# Expedite Cardiometabolic Program with Ph2 Proof-of-Concept Study of Apitegromab in Obesity

Creates additional anticipated milestones in next 18-24 months



\* Anticipated milestones.  
GLP-1 RA=Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; IND=Investigational new drug; POC=Proof of concept.

# Cardiometabolic Program Summary



## Differentiation

- Preclinical data suggests selective mechanism of action that can maintain muscle mass while enhancing fat mass loss, thereby improving metabolic function
- SRK-439: Preclinical data supports the overall target candidate profile to address the cardiometabolic patient population
- Represents a potential new class of treatment



## Strong Scientific Rationale

- Strong pre-clinical evidence indicates maintenance or increase in lean muscle mass & enhancement of fat loss when a myostatin selective inhibitor is combined with GLP-1 receptor agonist (GLP-1 RA)
- Scholar Rock has the potential to lead the next frontier in anti-myostatin therapies with pioneered unique approach and differentiated expertise



## High Unmet Medical Need & Significant Commercial Opportunity

- Obesity is a growing global epidemic leading to chronic health problems and 4.7M premature deaths annually<sup>1</sup>
- Clinical and commercial landscape evolving quickly amid high unmet need
- Muscle-targeted approach represents a new potential class of treatments



## Opportunity

- Expanded investments in pipeline, including to accelerate and advance cardiometabolic program
- Filed composition of matter patent for SRK-439 with projected expiry of 2043

<sup>1</sup>[www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/obesity-and-overweight](http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/obesity-and-overweight)



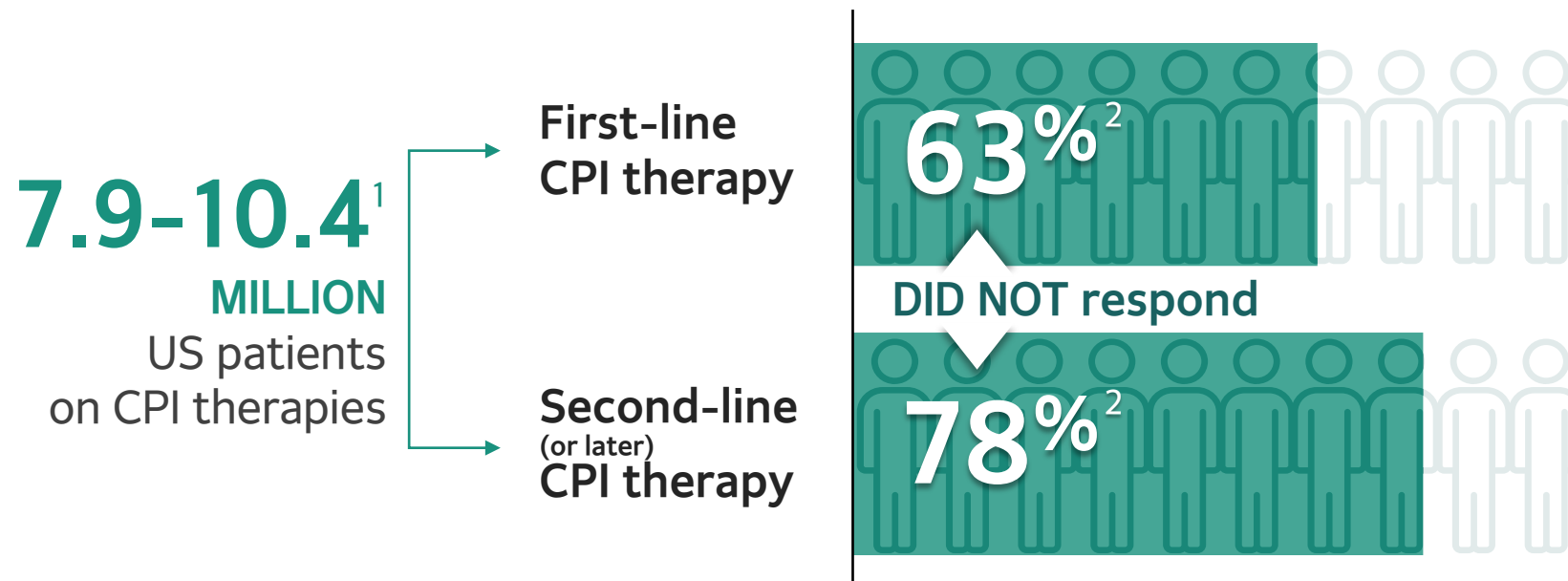
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## SRK-181: Potential Transformative Backbone for a New Era of Cancer Immunotherapy



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# Resistance to Checkpoint Inhibitor (CPI) Therapies Remains a Significant Clinical Challenge



Clinically derived rationale points to significant opportunity to  
**increase checkpoint therapy responses by targeting TGFβ-1**

1. Source: Gores, M. (2022). *In the eye of the storm: PD-(L)1 inhibitors weathering turbulence* [White paper]. IQVIA. <https://www.iqvia.com/library/white-papers/in-the-eye-of-the-storm-pd-l-1-inhibitors-weathering-turbulence>

2. Source: Carretero-Gonzalez et al. (2018) *Oncotarget* 9:8706-8715

Meta-analysis of twelve randomized trials with control arm or adequate safety profile (includes nivolumab, pembrolizumab, and atezolizumab)

# Strong Scientific Rationale for the Role of TGF $\beta$ Inhibition in Immuno-Oncology

*Nature* (online), February 14, 2018.

## TGF $\beta$ attenuates tumour response to PD-L1 blockade by contributing to exclusion of T cells

Sanjeev Mariathasan<sup>1\*</sup>, Shannon J. Turley<sup>1\*</sup>, Dorothee Nickles<sup>1\*</sup>, Alessandra Castiglioni<sup>1</sup>, Kobe Yuen<sup>1</sup>, Yulei Wang<sup>1</sup>, Edward E. Kadel III<sup>1</sup>, Hartmut Koeppen<sup>1</sup>, Jillian L. Astarita<sup>1</sup>, Rafael Cubas<sup>1</sup>, Suchit Jhunjhunwala<sup>1</sup>, Romain Banchereau<sup>1</sup>, Yagai Yang<sup>1</sup>, Yinghui Guan<sup>1</sup>, Cecile Chalouni<sup>1</sup>, James Ziai<sup>1</sup>, Yasin Şenbabaoğlu<sup>1</sup>, Stephen Santoro<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Sheinson<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey Hung<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer M. Giltman<sup>1</sup>, Andrew A. Pierce<sup>1</sup>, Kathryn Mesh<sup>1</sup>, Steve Lianoglou<sup>1</sup>, Johannes Riegler<sup>1</sup>, Richard A. D. Carano<sup>1</sup>, Pontus Eriksson<sup>2</sup>, Mattias Höglund<sup>2</sup>, Loan Somarriba<sup>3</sup>, Daniel L. Halligan<sup>3</sup>, Michiel S. van der Heijden<sup>4</sup>, Yohann Loriot<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan E. Rosenberg<sup>6</sup>, Lawrence Fong<sup>7</sup>, Ira Mellman<sup>1</sup>, Daniel S. Chen<sup>1</sup>, Marjorie Green<sup>1</sup>, Christina Derleth<sup>1</sup>, Gregg D. Fine<sup>1</sup>, Priti S. Hegde<sup>1</sup>, Richard Bourgon<sup>1</sup> & Thomas Powles<sup>8</sup>

*Science Translational Medicine*, March 25, 2020.

## Selective inhibition of TGF $\beta$ -1 activation overcomes primary resistance to checkpoint blockade therapy by altering tumor immune landscape

Constance J. Martin, et al.

Vol 12, Issue 536. DOI: [10.1126/scitranslmed.aay8456](https://doi.org/10.1126/scitranslmed.aay8456)

June 2019.

“Merck to Acquire Tilos Therapeutics: Merck Gains Portfolio of Investigational Antibodies Modulating TGF $\beta$ ”

- \$773 million total potential deal value

**Cell**

## Genomic and Transcriptomic Features of Response to Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Metastatic Melanoma

Willy Hugo, Jesse M. Zaretsky, Lu Sun, Douglas B. Johnson, Antoni Ribas, Roger S. Lo

Volume 165, Issue 1, 24 March 2016, Pages 35-44

*Nature Reviews*, July 24, 2020 NATURE REVIEWS | CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

## TGF $\beta$ : biology in cancer progression and immunotherapy

Rik Derynck<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Shannon J. Turley<sup>4</sup> and Rosemary J. Akhurst<sup>2,3</sup>

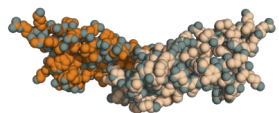
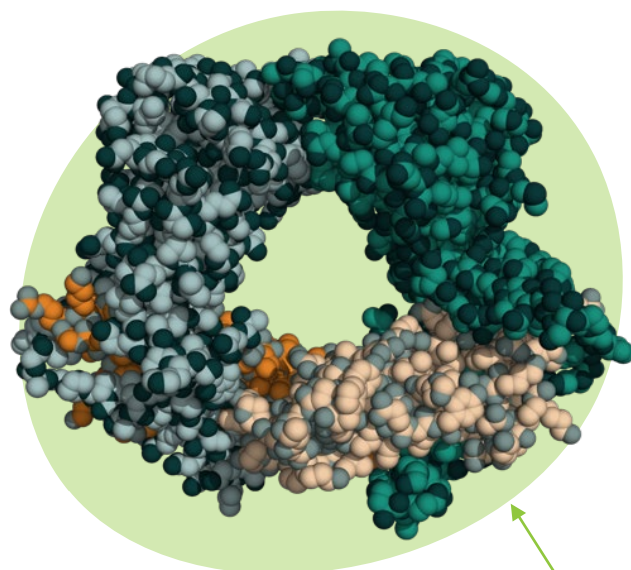
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August 2022.

“Bristol Myers Squibb Enters Agreement to Acquire Forbuis TGF-beta Program”



# SRK-181: Unique Latent TGFβ-1 Selective Approach Designed to Overcome Checkpoint Inhibitor Resistance



Traditional Target  
“Mature” growth factor

## SRK-181: Latent TGFβ-1 Inhibitor

<b>Targets TGFβ-1</b>	Potential to overcome CPI resistance	SRK-181 inhibits the TGFβ-1 implicated in check point inhibitor resistance	
<b>Selective to β-1 isoform</b>	Highly selective to β-1 isoform vs. 2 and 3	Increases therapeutic window and potentially avoids toxicities associated with non-selective TGFβ inhibition	Other programs target multiple isoforms of TGFβ
<b>Targets the latent form of TGFβ-1</b>	Increases opportunity to inhibit TGFβ-1	Selectively targeting the latent form shuts off the growth factor before activation	Most other programs target the mature form of TGFβ-1
<b>Context-independent</b>	Inhibits all sources of TGFβ-1	SRK-181 targets all TGFβ-1 sources (LRRC33, GARP and LTBP1 and 3)	Some programs only target one source

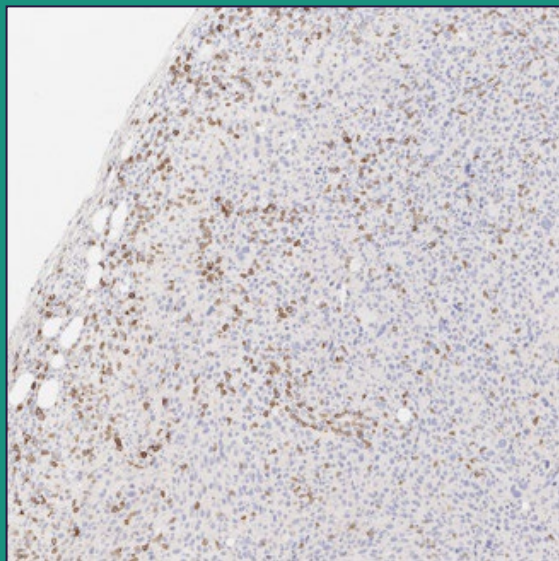
1. Wakefield LM, Winokur TS, Hollands RS, Christopherson K, Levinson AD, Sporn MB. Recombinant latent transforming growth factor beta 1 has a longer plasma half-life in rats than active transforming growth factor beta 1, and a different tissue distribution. *J Clin Invest.* 1990 Dec;86(6):1976-84. doi: 10.1172/JCI114932. PMID: 2254455; PMCID: PMC329834.

# SRK-181-mIgG1 + Anti-PD1 Overcomes Immune Exclusion

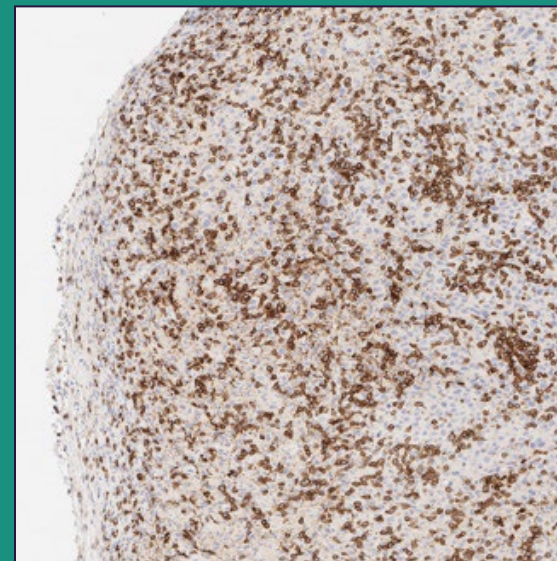
## Overcoming immune exclusion Tumor micro-environment

Anti-PD1

Immune Exclusion



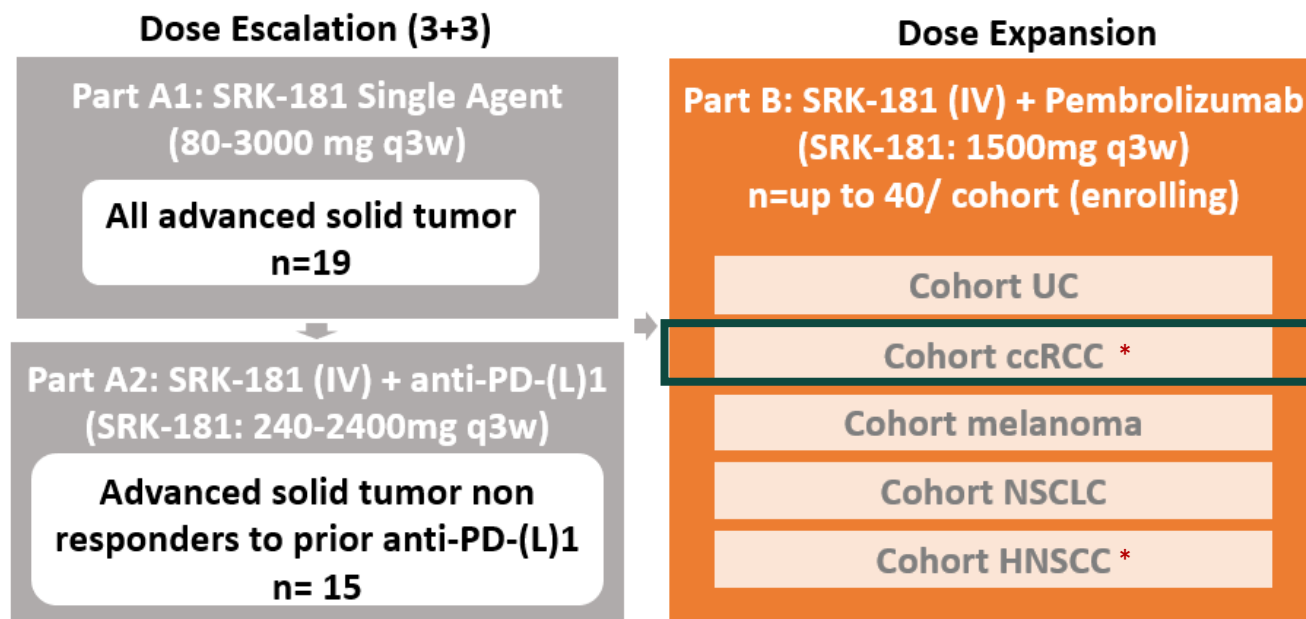
Anti-PD1/ SRK-181-mIgG1



Overcome Exclusion

SRK-181-mIgG1 combination therapy led to influx and amplification of cytotoxic CD8+ cells in preclinical bladder tumor model

# SRK-181 | Immuno-Oncology



## Eligibility for ccRCC Patients

- >18 years old and ECOG 0-1
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- At least 1 prior line of anti-PD-1 antibody\*\*
- Part A2:
  - Non-responsive to prior anti-PD-1 with a best response of PD or SD
- Part B:
  - Must have had PD on the most recent prior anti-PD-1 treatment
  - Up to 3 lines of treatment are allowed between the last dose of prior anti-PD-1 treatment

## Data from Phase 1 DRAGON Proof-of- Concept Trial

- Supports **proof-of-concept** for SRK-181 in **heavily pre-treated patients with ccRCC** resistant to anti-PD-1
- Biomarker data from all cohorts in Part B supports **proof-of-mechanism** in patients with multiple tumor types

Data as of August 29, 2023

\*The clear cell RCC and HNSCC cohorts will also explore the effects of SRK-181 in patients with relapsed response after anti-PD-1 treatment.

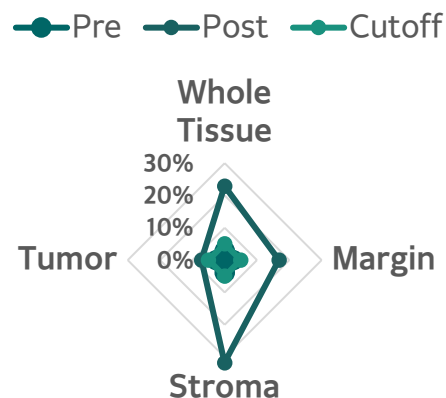
1. NCT04291079 on [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov). \*\*ccRCC cohort (n=30): 5 patients received 1 prior line of therapy, 10 patients received 2 prior lines of therapy, and 15 received ≥ 3 lines of therapy. 100% had disease progression from last line of prior therapy.



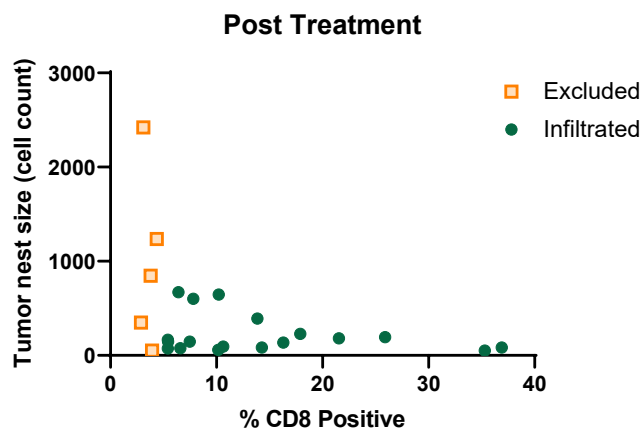
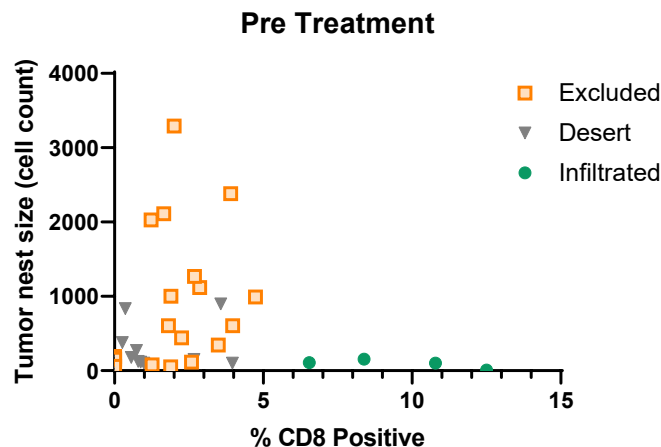
# SRK-181 in Combination with Anti-PD1 Increases Infiltration of CD8+ T Cells in Melanoma

- Paired biopsies from 2 melanoma patients were analyzed for CD8 content.
- An increase in CD8+ T cell infiltration was observed in both biopsy pairs, overcoming an initially excluded or desert phenotype and resulting in more infiltrated tumor nests.
- Shown here is the representative quantification and images from one melanoma patient.

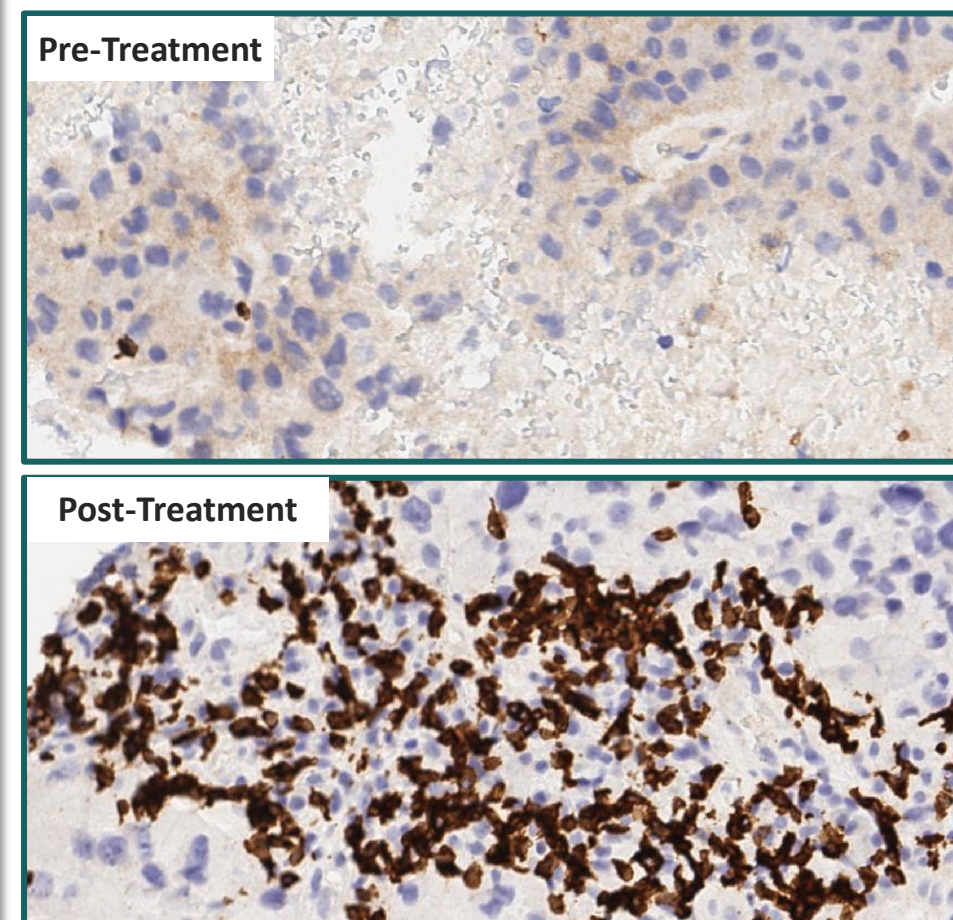
## Primary Compartmental Analysis % CD8+ T cells per compartment



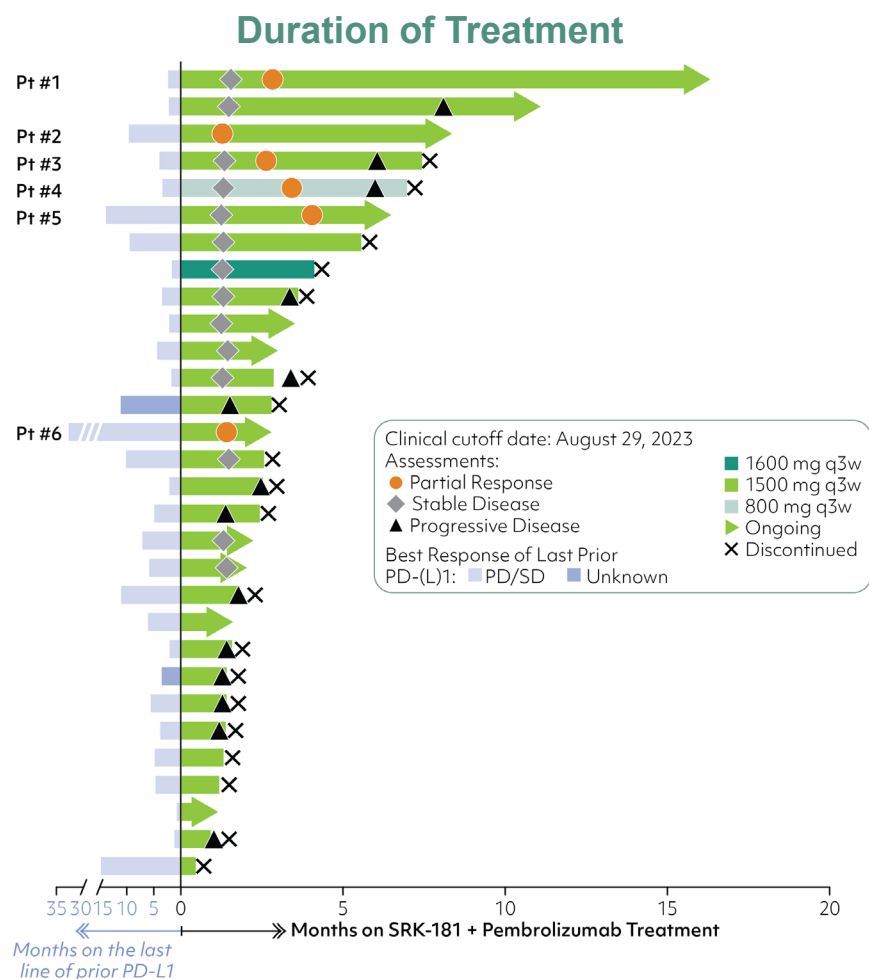
## Tumor Nest Analysis



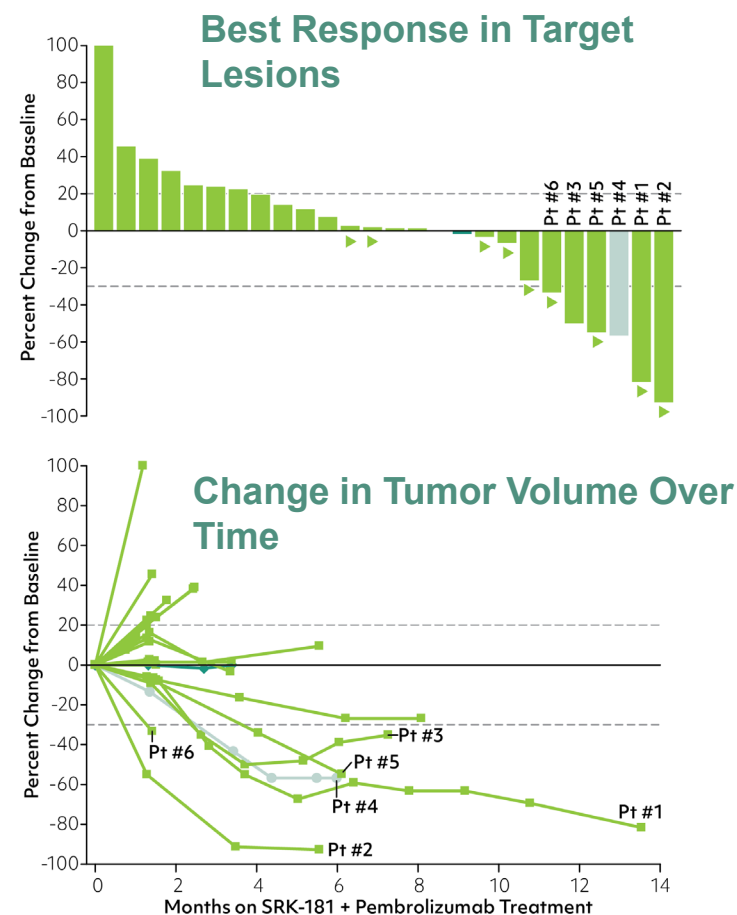
## CD8 Stain – Melanoma, Pre and Post Treatment



# Continued Tolerability & Promising Anti-Tumor Activity ccRCC Patients



PR=Partial response  
SD=Stable disease



## SRK-181 + pembrolizumab in ccRCC Patients\*

- ORR = 21.4%
- Disease control rate = 57%
- 6 PRs (4 remain on study)
- 33% to 93% best tumor reduction observed
- 10 SD patients, 5 of which remain on study
- Combination therapy of SRK-181 + pembrolizumab was generally well tolerated

\*28 patients; data as of 8/29/23

# SRK-181 Summary

## Differentiation

- Monoclonal antibody selectively targeting latent and context-independent binding to TGFβ1
- Novel and highly selective inhibition of TGFβ-1 targeting latent form
- Offers potential to avoid toxicity and dose-limiting challenges of non-selective TGFβ inhibition approaches



## Ph1 DRAGON Demonstrated Proof-of-Concept in ccRCC patients

- **Showed objective, durable clinical responses above what is expected from continuing PD-1 alone<sup>1</sup>**
- **Biomarker data supports proof-of-mechanism in multiple tumor types**

## NEXT STEPS

**Enrollment  
completed  
December 2023**

**Present ongoing  
emerging data at future  
medical meetings**

**Conduct an end of Phase 1  
meeting with regulatory  
authorities to inform next steps**

PD-1=Programmed cell death ligand 1; TGFβ=Transforming growth factor-beta; ccRCC=Clear cell renal cell carcinoma.

1.Sumanta Kumar Pal et al. Atezolizumab plus cabozantinib versus cabozantinib monotherapy for patients with renal cell carcinoma after progression with previous immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment (CONTACT-03): a multicentre, randomised, open-label, phase 3 trial. The Lancet, Volume 402, Issue 10397, 2023, Pages 185-195, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)00922-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)00922-4)  
PD-1/PD-L1)





## Fibrosis

# TGF $\beta$ is Established as Key Driver of Fibrosis Across Multiple Diseases

*Nature Reviews*, April 25, 2016

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## TGF- $\beta$ : the master regulator of fibrosis

Xiao-ming Meng<sup>1</sup>, David J. Nikolic-Paterson<sup>2</sup> and Hui Yao Lan<sup>3</sup>

*Int. J. Mol. Sci.* August 27, 2018

## Targeting TGF- $\beta$ Signaling in Kidney Fibrosis

Yoshitaka Isaka

*Nature Reviews*. August 19, 2014

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## Transforming growth factor $\beta$ —at the centre of systemic sclerosis

Robert Lafyatis

*J. Am. Soc. Nephrol.* December 3, 2017

## Targeting Anti-TGF- $\beta$ Therapy to Fibrotic Kidneys with a Dual Specificity Antibody Approach

Steve McGaraghty,\* Rachel A. Davis-Taber,<sup>†</sup> Chang Z. Zhu,\* Todd B. Cole,\* Arthur L. Nikkel,\* Meha Chhaya,<sup>†</sup> Kelly J. Doyle,\* Lauren M. Olson,\* Gregory M. Preston,<sup>†</sup> Christine M. Grinnell,<sup>†</sup> Katherine M. Salte,\* Anthony M. Giamis,\* Yanping Luo,\* Victor Sun,<sup>†</sup> Andrew D. Goodearl,<sup>†</sup> Murali Gopalakrishnan,\* and Susan E. Lacy<sup>†</sup>

*J Pathol*, July 25, 2021

## TGF- $\beta$ as a driver of fibrosis: physiological roles and therapeutic opportunities

Erine H Budi<sup>1</sup>, Johanna R Schaub<sup>1</sup>, Martin Decaris<sup>1</sup>, Scott Turner<sup>1</sup>, Rik Derynck<sup>2</sup>

*J Receptors Sign Trans*, Feb 13, 2020

## Inevitable role of TGF- $\beta$ in progression of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

Bhagyalakshmi Nair and Lekshmi R. Nath

*Proc Am Thorac Soc*, July 3, 2006

## Transforming Growth Factor $\beta$ A Central Modulator of Pulmonary and Airway Inflammation and Fibrosis

Dean Sheppard

*PNAS*, February 24, 1986

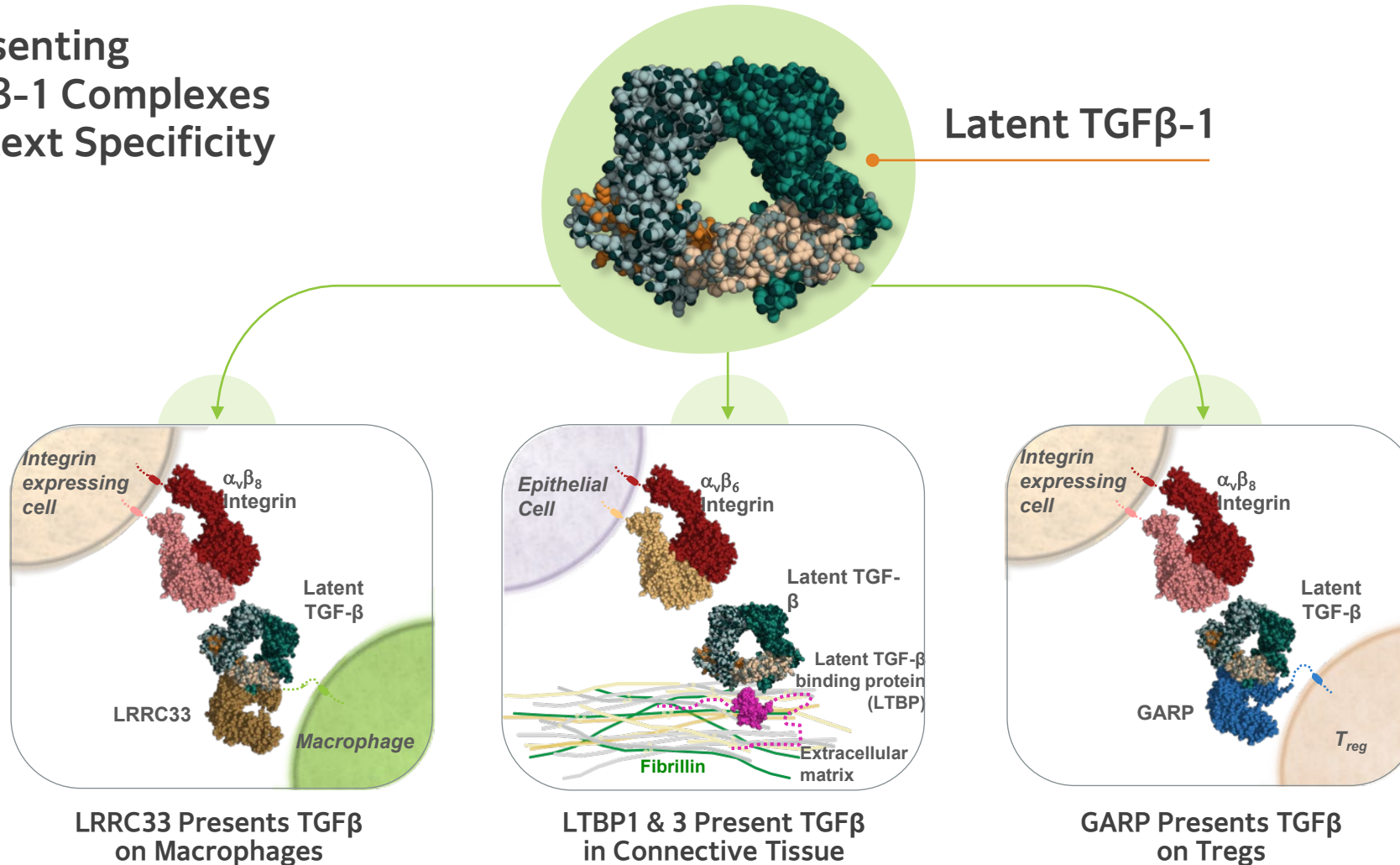
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## Transforming growth factor type $\beta$ : Rapid induction of fibrosis and angiogenesis in vivo and stimulation of collagen formation in vitro

ANITA B. ROBERTS\*, MICHAEL B. SPORN\*, RICHARD K. ASSOIAN\*, JOSEPH M. SMITH\*, NANETTE S. ROCHE\*, LALAGE M. WAKEFIELD\*, URSULA I. HEINE\*, LANCE A. LIOTTA\*, VINCENT FALANGA<sup>†</sup>, JOHN H. KEHRL<sup>‡</sup>, AND ANTHONY S. FAUCI<sup>‡</sup>

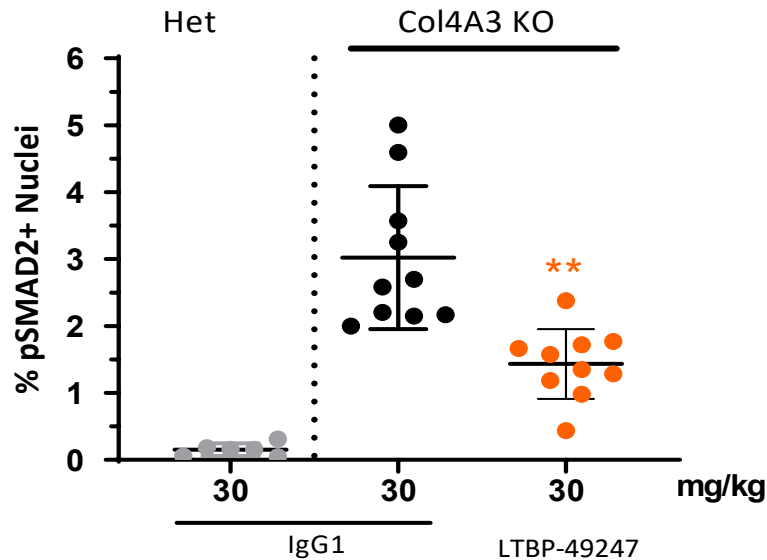
# Targeting Latent TGF $\beta$ -1 Complexes Creates Multiple “Handles” For Selectivity

Targeting Presenting Molecule/TGF $\beta$ -1 Complexes Provides Context Specificity



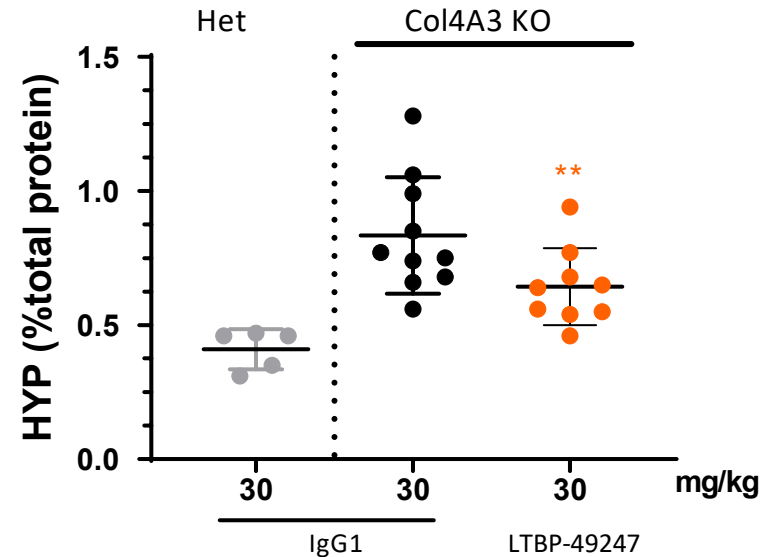
# LTBP-49247 Reduced TGF $\beta$ Signaling and Fibrosis in Preclinical Models of Kidney Fibrosis

LTBP-49247 reduced a TGF $\beta$  PD biomarker in kidneys of *Col4a3*KO mice (Alport Syndrome model)



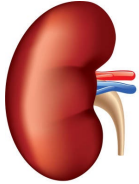
\*\* p < 0.01  
One way ANOVA vs. IgG  
HYP=hydroxyproline

LTBP-49247 reduced fibrosis in kidneys of Alport model

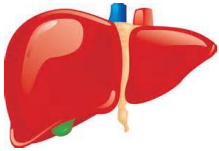


- Efficacy also seen in rat model of kidney fibrosis
- No observed toxicity in mouse 13-week non-GLP repeat dose study
- Favorable PK in cynomolgus monkeys (t<sub>1/2</sub> ~28 days) suggests LTBP-49247 is amenable to clinical subcutaneous dosing with promising developability profile

# Significant Opportunities to Address High Unmet Need Across Multiple Fibrotic Indications



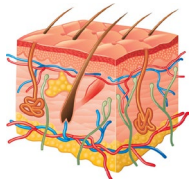
Alport Syndrome (AS)  
Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)  
IgA Nephropathy (IgAN)



Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)



Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)



Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis (dcSSc)

Collectively, significant commercial potential given large patient population with clear high unmet need given poor outcomes and lack of effective therapeutics

- Significant impact to delay or stop progression to end-stage disease and organ transplant
- Expansion opportunities via other indications given shared etiologies

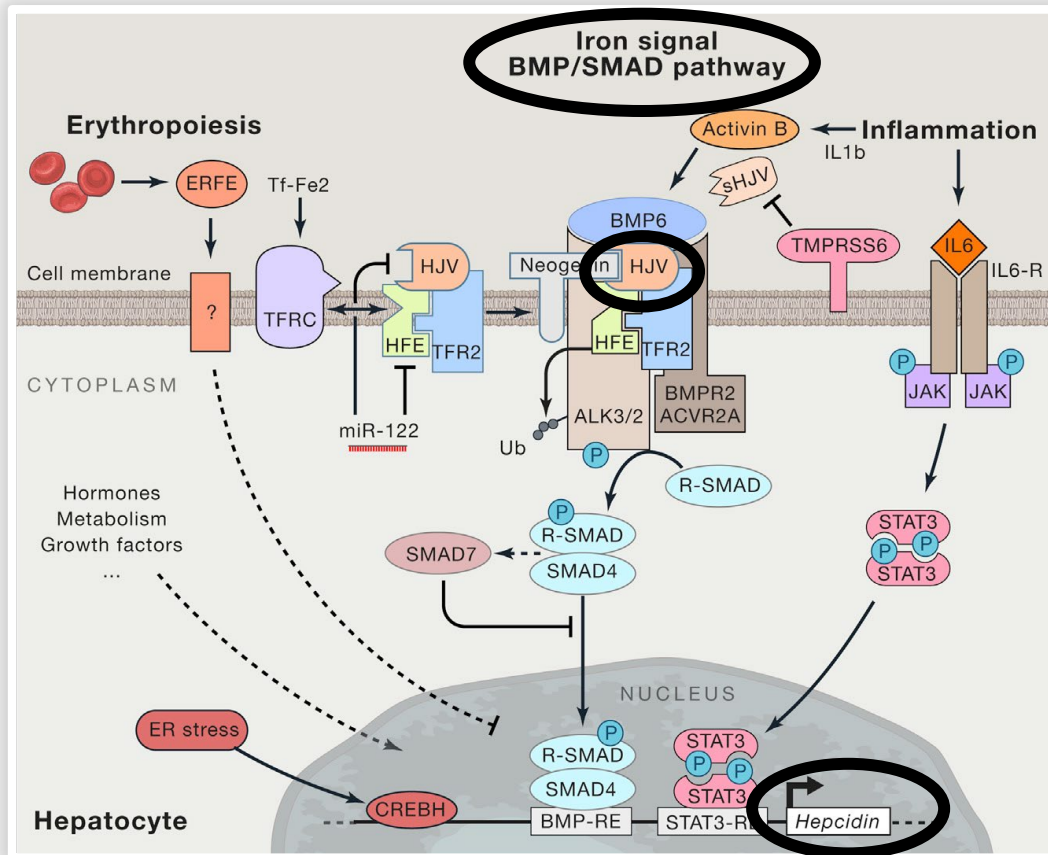




## Iron-Restricted Anemia



# BMP6/RGMc Pathway is a Well Validated Regulator of Systemic Iron Homeostasis



## HJV/RGMc is a key player in the regulation of hepcidin expression

- Human mutations in HJV/RGMc establish it as a central player in hepcidin regulation<sup>1</sup>
- Knockout phenotypes and tissue-specific expression pattern demonstrate that its predominant role is in iron homeostasis<sup>2</sup>
- Member of repulsive guidance molecule (RGM) family (RGMa, RGMb, RGMc/HJV) that act as BMP co-receptors to modulate BMP signaling<sup>3</sup>

## Anemia of Inflammation/ Chronic Disease

- Elevation of proinflammatory cytokines drives increased hepcidin expression and results in anemia due to functional iron deficiency<sup>4</sup>

### Untreated

↑ Hepcidin  
↓ Serum iron

### Ab treated

↓ Hepcidin  
↑ Serum iron

Fig: Muckenthaler, M.U., Rivella, S., Hentze, M.W. and Galy, B. (2017) A Red Carpet for Iron Metabolism. *Cell*, 168(3): 344-361

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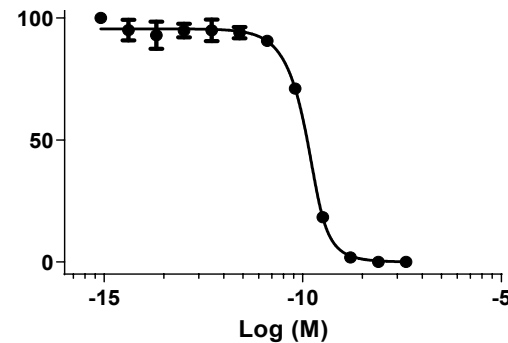
# HJV-35202: An Investigational High-Affinity Antibody

## Demonstrating Selective Inhibition of HJV/RGMC and Robust PK/PD in Cynos

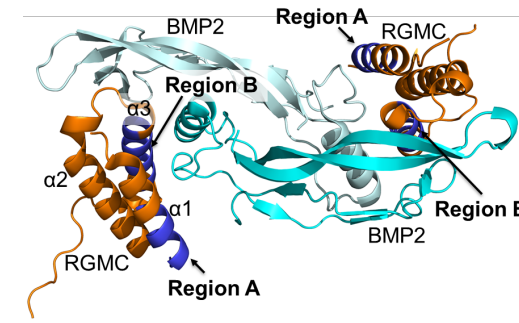
### Key Attributes of HJV-35202:<sup>1,2</sup>

- High-affinity antibody
- Specific to RGMc, with mechanism of specificity understood
- Cross-reactive to human, mouse, rat and cyno
- Sustained PD observed in healthy rats and cynos, with clear PK/PD relationship
- Highly manufacturable framework with no sequence liabilities
- Formulatable into a subcutaneous format (150 mg/mL)

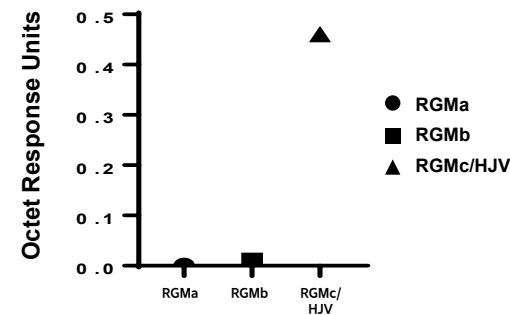
Potent in vitro binding affinity  
( $K_D=3.9E-11$ )



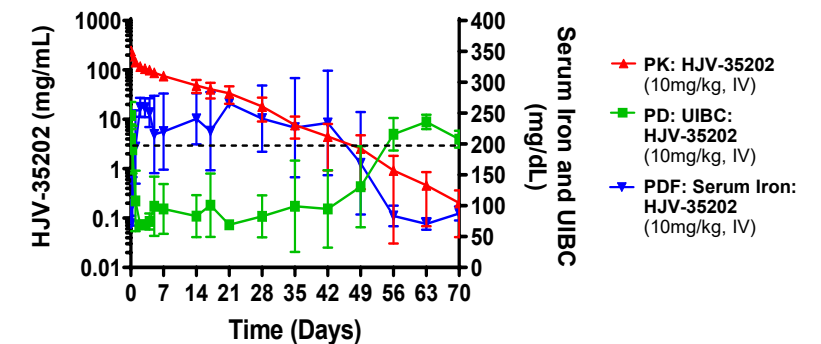
Highly specific to RGMc/HJV with well understood mechanism



Specific to RGMc over other RGM family members

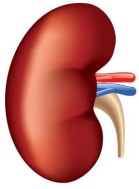


Sustained PD effect in single dose Cyno study



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# Significant Opportunities to Target Iron-Restricted Anemias Across Multiple Indications



## Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)



## Anemia of Chronic Inflammation (AI)



## Myelofibrosis (MF)

Targeting RGMc/HJV for anemia is well validated and relatively de-risked

- High levels of hepcidin, the main regulator of systemic iron metabolism, are associated with anemia across various diseases

Safe and convenient RGMc inhibitor has promise of improving patient outcomes across multiple indications as stand alone or in combination with SoC

- Significant and clear unmet need given lack of approved treatments or severe limitations of current treatments
- Well defined patient population

Collectively, sizeable commercial opportunity given relatively large population

- Potential for rapid POC with clear regulatory path
- Opportunity to build an anemia franchise with initial POC and indication expansion in the future

# Key Accomplishments and 2024 Strategic Priorities

## 2023

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ COMPLETED  
SAPPHIRE enrollment
- ✓ EXPANDED  
antimycostatin program  
into cardiometabolic  
disorders
- ✓ SUCCESSFUL  
\$98M public offering,  
extending projected  
runway into second half  
of 2025

Building on  
this success,  
**in 2024**   
**we are**  
**focused on**



SAPPHIRE  
Readout in Q4



Prepare for  
commercialization



Initiate Ph 2 POC  
trial with  
apitegromab in  
obesity



Advance  
IND-enabling studies  
for SRK-439

# Appendix

# Leadership Team: Experienced in Drug Development and Commercialization



**Jay Backstrom, MD, MPH**  
President & CEO

30 years of clinical R&D experience, leading multiple successful regulatory approvals



**Ted Myles, MBA**  
Chief Operating Officer & CFO

25 years of progressive experience in clinical and commercial-stage companies



**Jing Marantz, MD, PhD**  
Chief Medical Officer

20 years of development and medical leadership experience across neurology, hematology/oncology, and rare diseases



**Tracey Sacco**  
Chief Commercial Officer

20 years of commercial leadership experience, including product launch and global commercial strategy



**Mo Qatanani, PhD**  
SVP, Research

15 years of industry experience on the strategic and operational sides of research & development



**Caryn Parlavecchio**  
Chief Human Resources Officer

25 years of experience leading HR, culture transformation, leadership development, DEI, and talent management



**Junlin Ho, JD**  
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

15 years of experience leading and advising life sciences companies in areas of legal and compliance





# Apitegromab Summary



## Differentiation

- Potential muscle-targeted therapy in SMA
- Robust body of data supports therapeutic potential



## Strong Scientific Rationale

- Strong pre-clinical evidence indicates upstream targeting of structurally differentiated latent myostatin avoids undesirable off-target effects
- Phase 2 TOPAZ trial demonstrated the therapeutic potential of inhibiting the latent forms of growth factors



## Clear Clinical Pathway

- TOPAZ has demonstrated sustained motor function gains to date in patients with nonambulatory Types 2 and 3 SMA
- Pivotal Phase 3 SAPPHIRE trial: enrollment completed in Q3 2023; data readout expected in Q4 2024
- FDA has granted Fast Track, Orphan Drug, and Rare Pediatric Disease designations
- European Medicines Agency (EMA) has granted Priority Medicines (PRIME) and Orphan designations



## High Unmet Medical Need & Significant Commercial Opportunity

- SMN therapies prevent further degeneration of motor neurons but do not directly address muscle atrophy
- Apitegromab is a muscle-targeted approach and has the potential to address this unmet medical need
- Global SMA treatment market expected to grow in the next five years

# TOPAZ Baseline Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

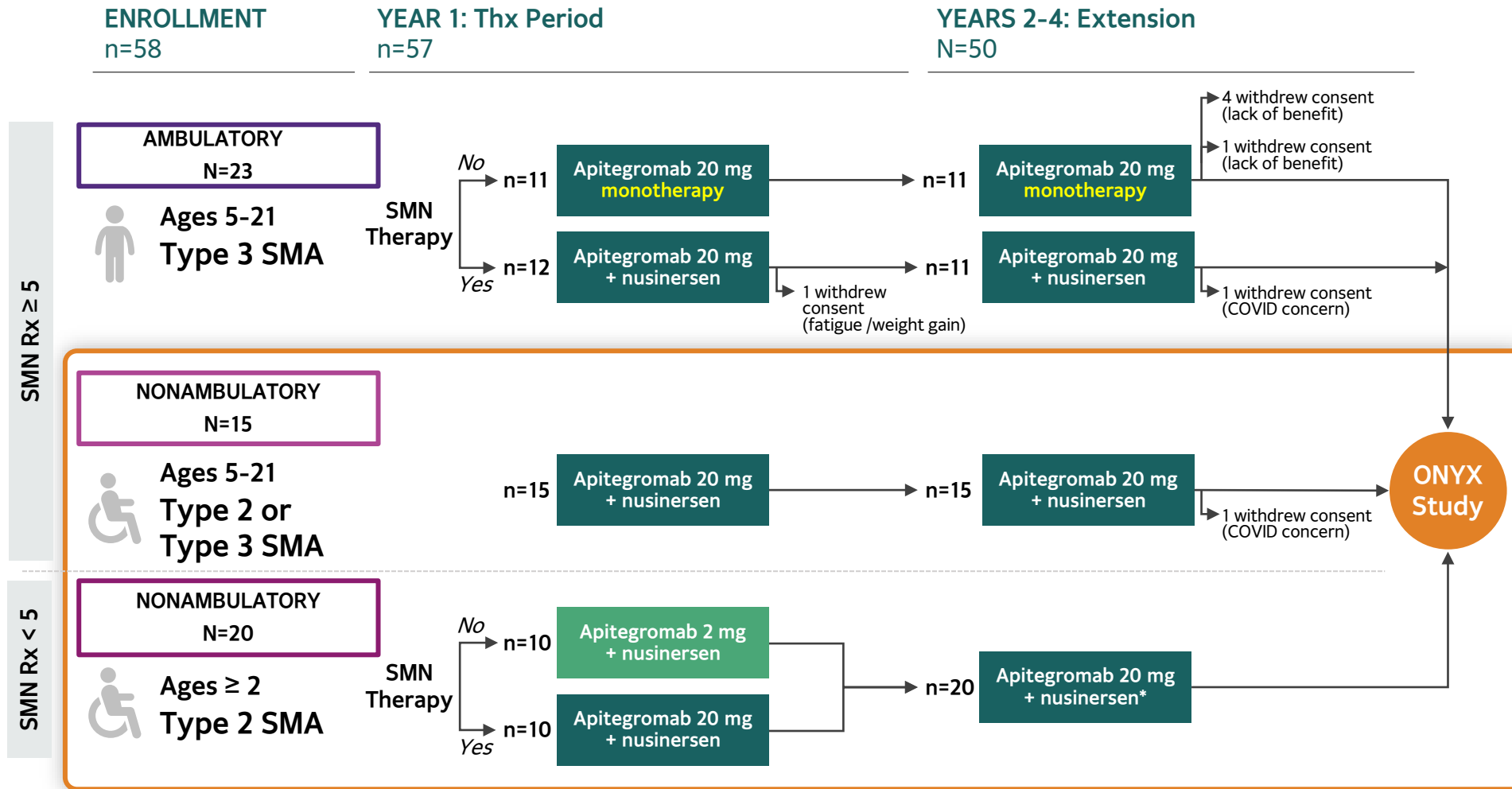
			N (dosed)	Mean age (min, max)	Mean RHS (min, max)	Mean HFMSE (min, max)	Prior Nusinersen, Months Mean (min, max)*	No. of patients with 2,3, or 4 SMN2 copies	Discontinuation(s)
Ambulatory	COHORT 1: Age 5-21	20 mg/kg monotherapy	11	12 (7, 19)	48 (26, 63)		N/A	1, 4, 4	0
		20 mg/kg + nusinersen	12	13 (7, 21)	51 (43, 62)		20 (12, 28)	0, 9, 1	1 <sup>†</sup>
		Pooled	23	13 (7, 21)	50 (26, 63)		N/A	1, 13, 5	1 <sup>†</sup>
Nonambulatory	COHORT 2: Age 5-21	20 mg/kg + nusinersen	15	12 (8, 19)		23 (13, 39)	25 (12, 39)	0, 11, 2	0
	COHORT 3: Age 2+	20 mg/kg + nusinersen	10	4 (2, 6)		24 (14, 42)	24 (10, 34)	1, 8, 0	0
		2 mg/kg + nusinersen	10	4 (2, 6)		26 (12, 44)		1, 8, 1	0
		Pooled	20	4 (2, 6)		25 (12, 44)		2, 16, 1	0

\*Patients on average received ~2 years of nusinersen treatment at baseline and ~3 years of nusinersen treatment by the end of the TOPAZ study (12-months). SMN2 copy numbers were not available for all patients. †12-month baseline characteristics recorded in the table, 1-cohort 1 patient and 1-cohort 2 patient discontinued during 24M Extension Period A. All discontinuations were for reasons unrelated to study drug.

HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale-Expanded; max, maximum; min, minimum; RHS, Revised Hammersmith Scale; SMN, survival motor neuron.

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# TOPAZ Patient Disposition Over 36 Months



## TOPAZ patient retention

### PRIMARY TREATMENT:

**58 ENROLLED**

**57 completed primary treatment period and enrolled in the extension study**

- 1 withdrew consent due to fatigue & weight gain

### EXTENSION:

**57 ENROLLED**

**7 discontinued**

- 2 due to concerns with COVID-19
- 5 on monotherapy due to lack of benefit
- >90% of patients on combination therapy remained in study\*\*

a. Patients stratified based on previous treatment with approved SMN therapy.

b. Patients randomized to receive 2 or 20 mg/kg apitegromab.

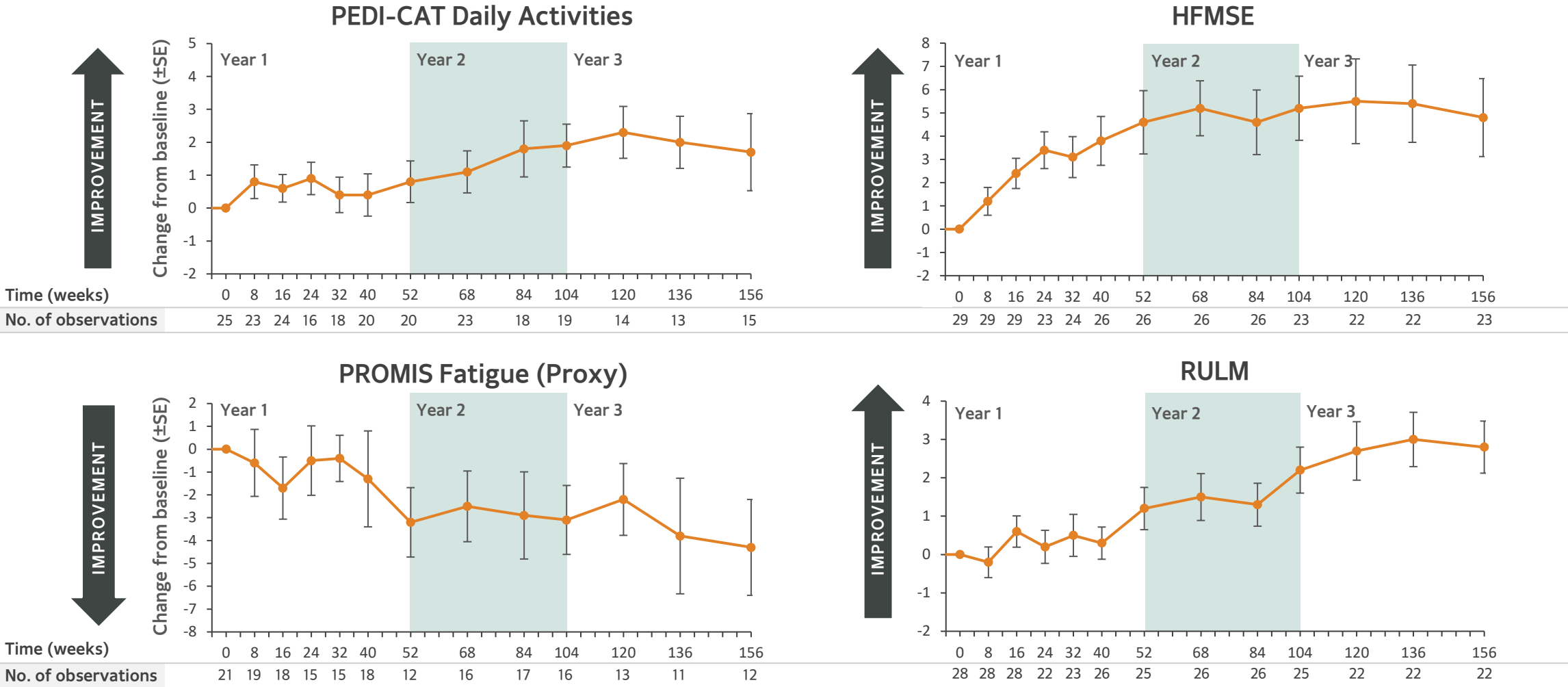
\*Includes patients who crossed over from 2 mg/kg to 20mg/kg starting week 68 through week 104

\*\* Excludes patients on monotherapy

SMN Rx=SMN therapy.

# Pooled Nonambulatory Patients | Age 2 – 12 | All Doses | Over 36 Months

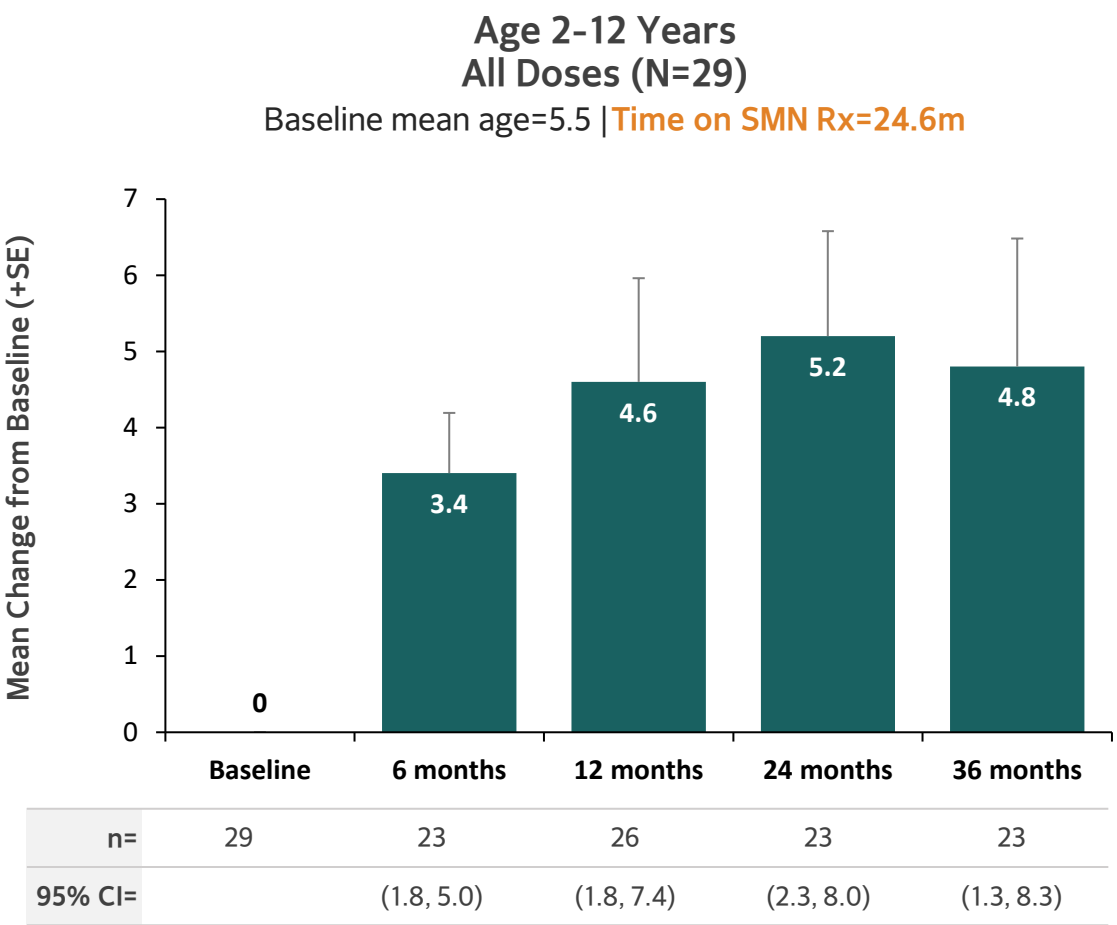
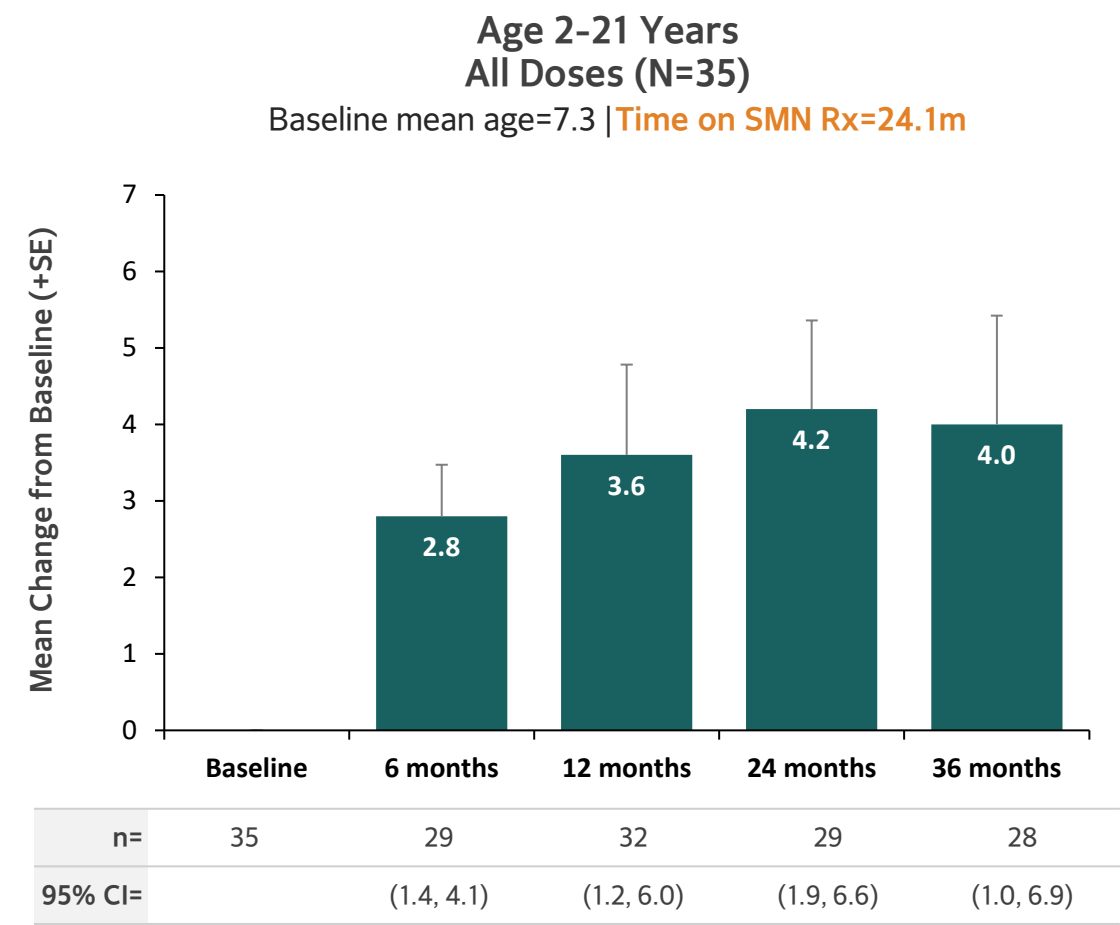
## Improvements in PRO Measures Consistent With Motor Function




# Motor Function Outcomes by HFMSE Over 36 Months

## Improvements Were Substantial and Sustained

### Pooled Nonambulatory Patients



For the 36-month evaluation, an observed case analysis was conducted, which pooled all the nonambulatory patients (Cohorts 2 and 3) and was based upon the available data for given timepoints. This analysis population included patients receiving either low dose (2 mg/kg) or high dose (20 mg/kg) apitegromab (inclusive of patients in Cohort 3 who switched from 2 mg/kg to 20 mg/kg in Year 2). This analysis excludes data post scoliosis surgery from seven patients. One patient did not conduct HFMSE at time of database lock for 24 months, however, this patient had an unscheduled HFMSE score one month prior to their scheduled visit. In the most recent analysis, this result was included in the 24-month analysis. Error bars represent SE. CI represents confidence interval. SMN Rx=SMN therapy. In the age 2-21 group, 18/28 patients achieved ≥ 1-pt gains, and 11/28 patients ≥ 3-pt gains at 36 months. Data cutoff date as of March 13, 2023. Apitegromab is an investigational drug candidate being evaluated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab has not been approved for any use by the US FDA or any other health authority, and its safety and efficacy have not been established.

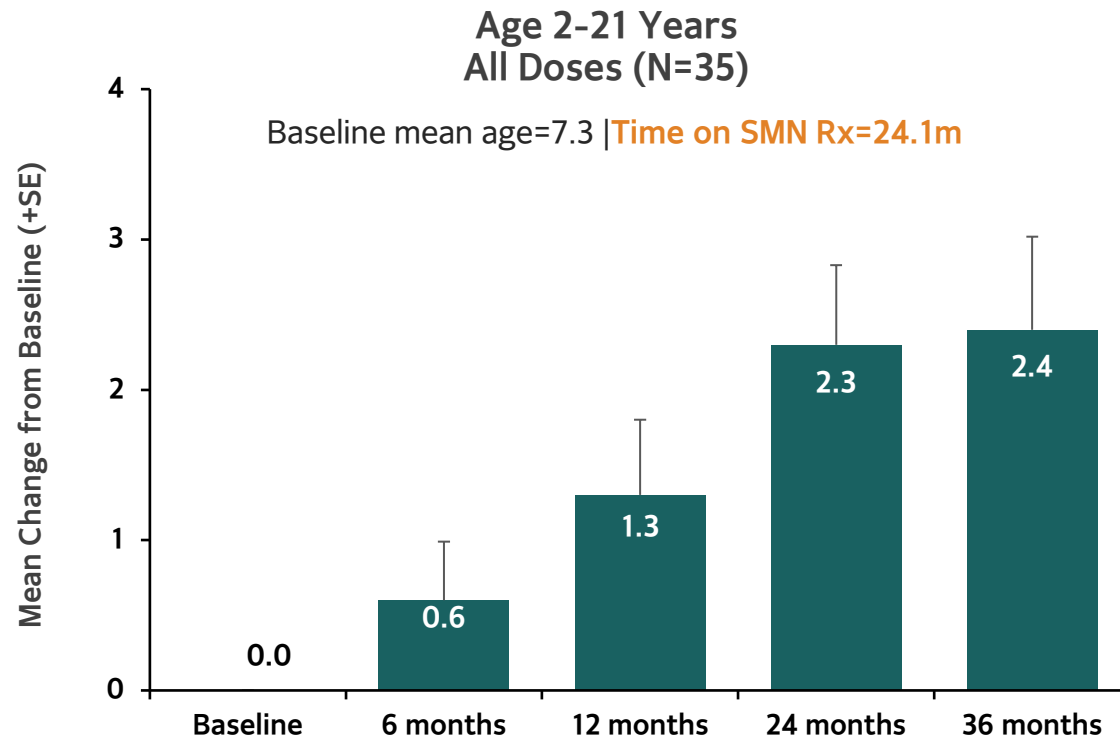
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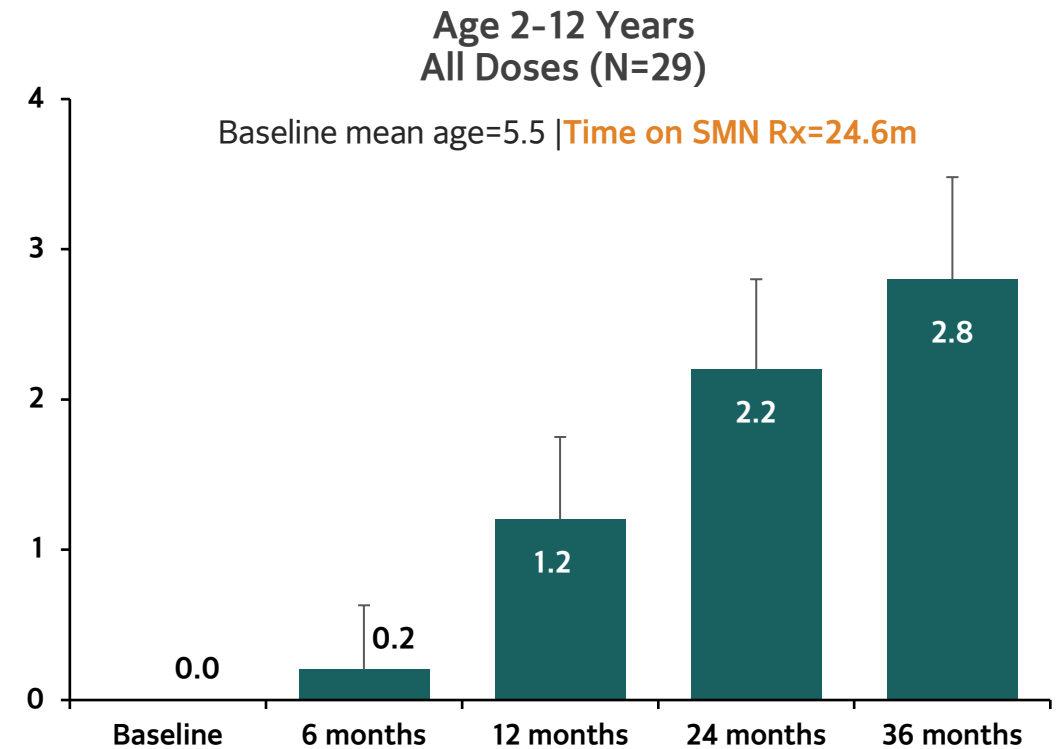
# Motor Function Outcomes by RULM Over 36 Months

## Improvements Were Substantial and Sustained

### Pooled Nonambulatory Patients



n=	35	28	31	31	27
95% CI=		(-0.2, 1.4)	(0.2, 2.3)	(1.2, 3.3)	(1.1, 3.7)



n=	29	22	25	25	22
95% CI=		(-0.7, 1.1)	(0.1, 2.4)	(1.0, 3.5)	(1.4, 4.2)

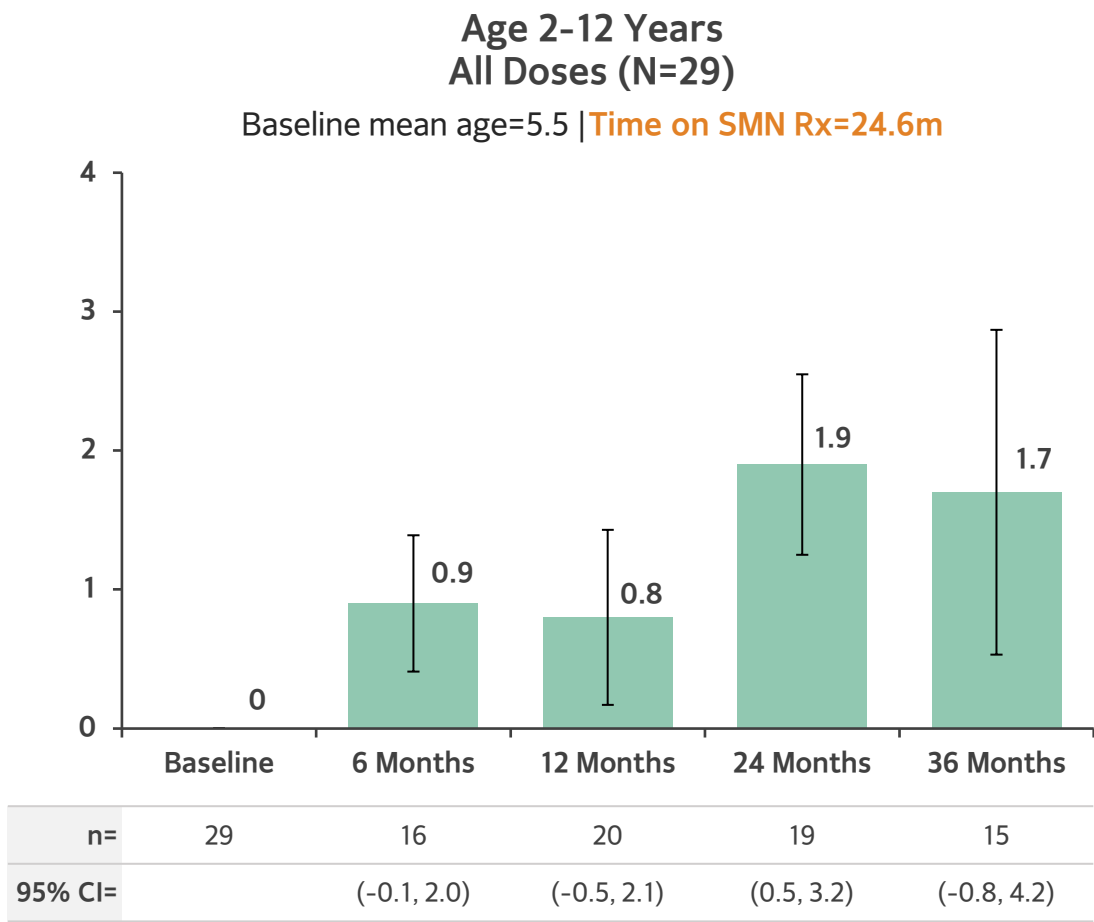
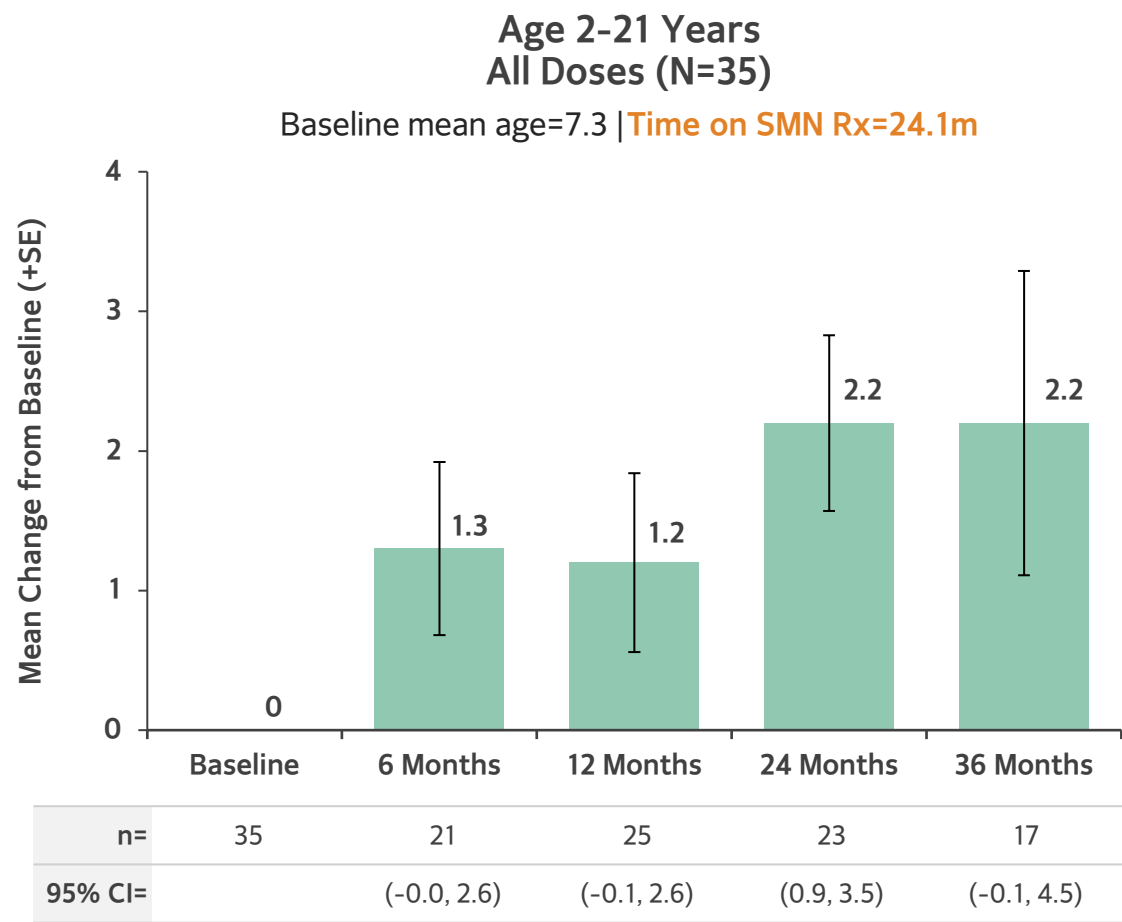
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# PEDI-CAT Daily Activities Over 36 Months

## Improvements Were Substantial and Sustained

### Pooled Nonambulatory Patients

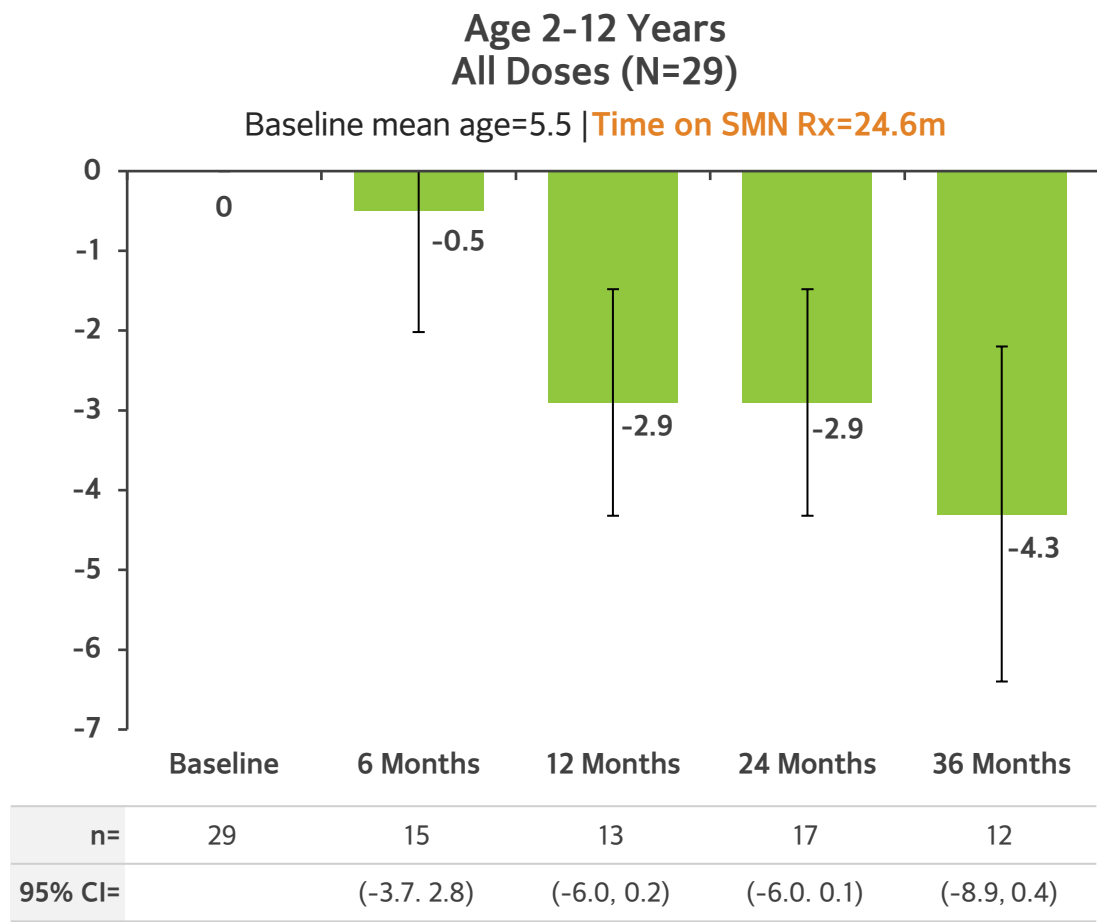
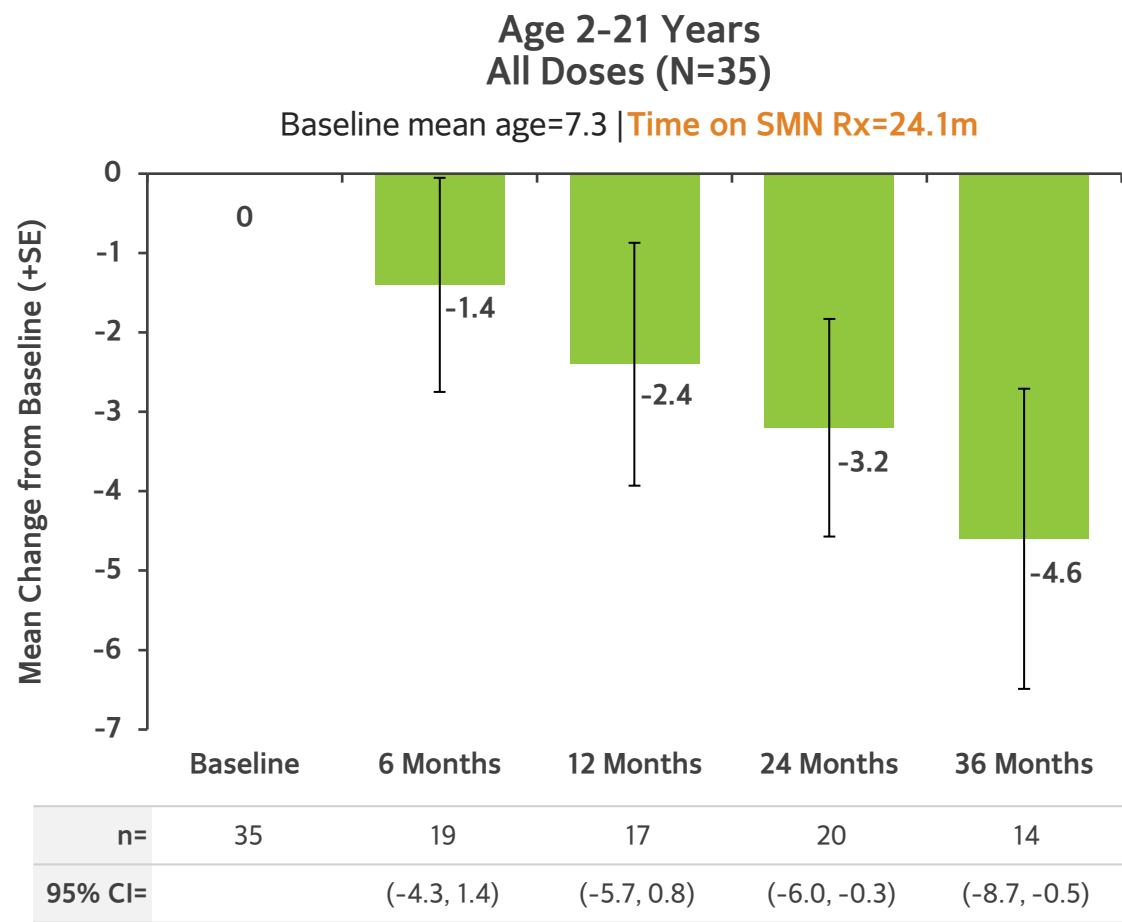


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# PROMIS Fatigue (Proxy) Over 36 Months

## Improvements Were Substantial and Sustained

### Pooled Nonambulatory Patients



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## Pooled Nonambulatory Patients

## New WHO Development Milestones Achieved Over 36 Months

	Age (years)	WHO MILESTONE				
		Hands & knees crawling	Standing with assistance	Walking with assistance	Standing alone	Walking alone
SMN Rx (≥ age 5)	8		   			
	9	   	   			
	19			   		
SMN Rx (< age 5)	2*				   	   
	4*	   				
	5*	   				
	2	   	   	   	   	
	2	   				
	4	   				
	5					   

Proportion of patients gaining new milestones in TOPAZ

Cohort 2: BL (0%), 12m (20%), 24m (7%), 36m (0%)

Cohort 3 (all doses): BL (0%), 12m (24%), 24m (26%), 36m (30%)

Cohort 3: Randomized to 20mg/kg dose: 12m (25%), 24m (33%), 36m (40%)

\*Includes patients who crossed over from 2 mg/kg to 20mg/kg starting week 68 through week 104.


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BL

12M

24M

36M

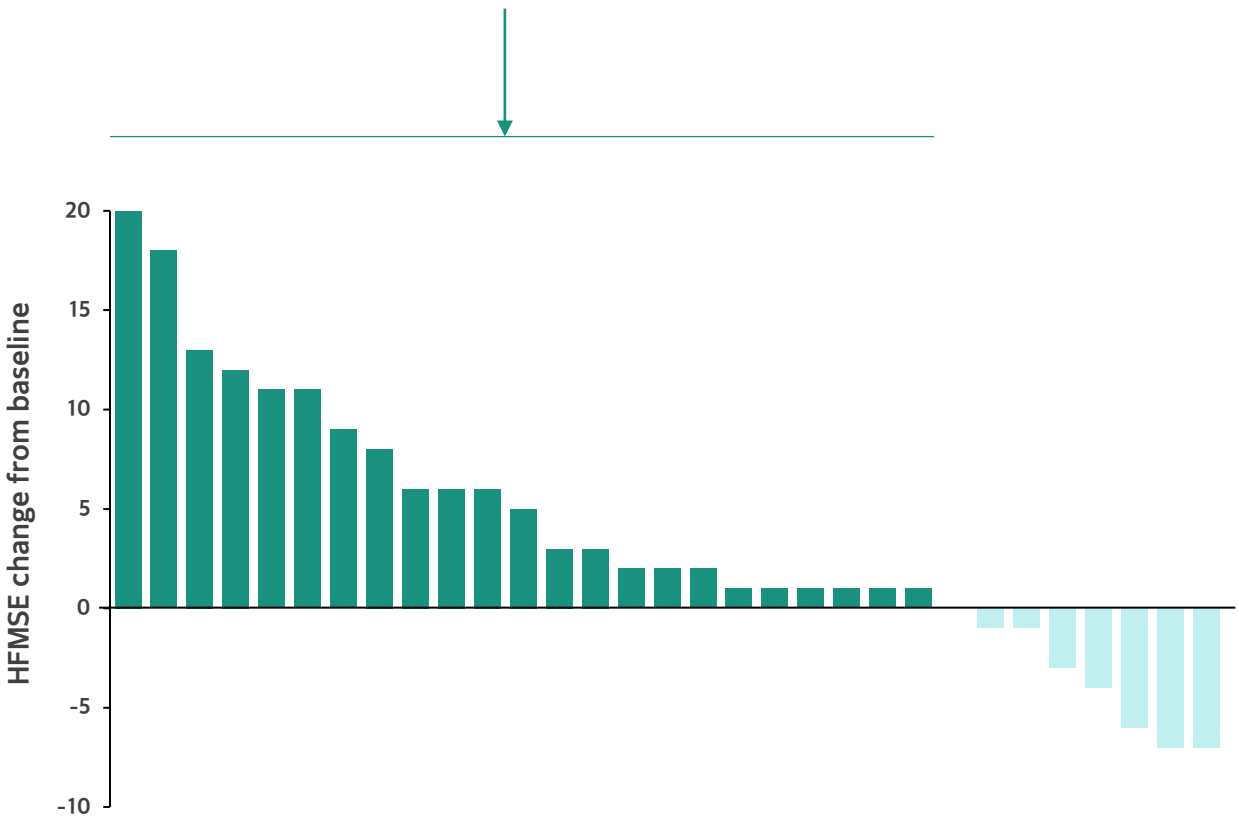
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## Key Takeaways

- Patients receiving nusinersen ≥ age 5 mostly maintained WHO milestones
- Patients receiving nusinersen < age 5 improved overall: 6 out of 20 gained new milestones over 36 months

# TOPAZ Topline 12-Month Data Showed Apitegromab's Transformative Potential in Patients with Type 2/3 SMA

Majority of nonambulatory patients\* experienced HFMSE increases from apitegromab during chronic maintenance phase of SMN therapy



Apitegromab led to HFMSE improvements in both nonambulatory cohorts including patients started on nusinersen at age  $\geq 5$

	Initiated background nusinersen	
	Age < 5**	Age $\geq 5$
Mean HFMSE Increase	+7.1 points	+0.6 points
$\geq 1$ -point Increase % (n/N)	88% (7/8)	64% (9/14)
$\geq 3$ -point Increase % (n/N)	63% (5/8)	29% (4/14)

Crawford T et al. TOPAZ topline results; Presented at CureSMA, 2021 Virtual SMA Research & Clinical Care Meeting; June 9-11, 2021

\* Pooled cohorts of nonambulatory patients treated with apitegromab 20 mg/kg and 2 mg/kg

\*\*Nonambulatory patients who initiated background nusinersen at a young age of <5 years and treated with apitegromab 20 mg/kg dose. Apitegromab is an investigational drug candidate being evaluated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab has not been approved for any use by the US FDA or any other health authority, and its safety and efficacy have not been established.

# TOPAZ Age 2-12 Analysis\* in Pooled Nonambulatory Cohorts (20mg/kg) at 12 Months

## Mean Increase of Motor Function Outcomes by HFMSE was Significant



### Mean HFMSE Increase OF 4.4 POINTS

with majority experiencing  $\geq 3$ -point increases on top of background SMN therapy

### HFMSE Gains Also Notable in subset of individuals in this analysis who had started background nusinersen at age $\geq 5$ :

- 75% (6/8) with  $\geq 1$ -point increase
- 50% (4/8) with  $\geq 3$ -point increase

### Nonambulatory Types 2/3 SMA (Apitegromab 20 mg/kg; Intent-to-Treat Population)

Age 2-12 years  
(n=16<sup>†</sup>)

Mean HFMSE change from baseline, (95% CI) **+4.4 (1.3, 7.4)**

Patients with  $\geq 1$ -pt increase in HFMSE, n (%) **13 (81%)**

Patients with  $\geq 3$ -pt increase in HFMSE, n (%) **9 (56%)**

TOPAZ results showed HFMSE improvement from baseline or RHS stabilization across all three pre-specified cohorts.<sup>1</sup>

No safety signals for apitegromab were identified through month 12 of TOPAZ; the five most frequently reported treatment-emergent adverse events were headache, pyrexia, upper respiratory tract infection, cough, and nasopharyngitis

\*Exploratory, post hoc analysis. †For 12-month endpoint, if participants skipped three consecutive doses due to site restrictions caused by COVID-19, records after dose skipping were excluded from analysis. The last observation carried forward was used for other missing data.

1. Crawford T et al. TOPAZ topline results. Presented at Muscular Dystrophy Association, 2023 Clinical & Scientific Conference, March 22, 2023. CI, confidence interval; HFMSE, Hammersmith functional motor scale expanded; SMA, spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab is an investigational drug candidate being evaluated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab has not been approved for any use by the US FDA or any other health authority, and its safety and efficacy have not been established.

# TOPAZ 12-Month Data | Nonambulatory Type 2 High Dose Cohort

## Initiated nusinersen age <5<sup>1,2</sup>



Increases in HFMSE observed in patients already treated with chronic maintenance nusinersen

- Improved: **88% (7/8)**
- ≥ 5-point increase: **63% (5/8)**
- > 10-point increase: **38% (3/8)**

Continuous and durable improvements observed through 12-months of treatment

Apitegromab (20 mg/kg) + nusinersen

n=8\*

Mean change from baseline in HFMSE (95% CI)

+7.1  
(1.8, 12.5)

# (%) patients achieving:

≥ 1-pt increase in HFMSE

7/8 (88%)

≥ 3-pt increase in HFMSE

5/8 (63%)

≥ 5-pt increase in HFMSE

5/8 (63%)

Baseline characteristics: mean (min, max)

n=10

Age

3.8 (2, 6)

HFMSE score

23.5 (14, 42)

# of nusinersen maintenance doses

5.4 (3, 8)

\*This was a primary intent-to-treat (ITT) analysis that, as prespecified, excluded 2 patients who missed 3 doses due to COVID-19 related site access restrictions. An all-patients sensitivity analysis that included those 2 patients had similar results as this primary ITT analysis.

1. Crawford T et al. TOPAZ topline results; Presented at CureSMA, 2021 Virtual SMA Research & Clinical Care Meeting; June 9-11, 2021. 2. Data on file; Scholar Rock. 2022.

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# TOPAZ 12-Month Data | Nonambulatory Type 2/3 Cohort

## Initiated nusinersen age $\geq 5$ <sup>1,2</sup>



Majority of patients improved in HFMSE (despite initiating background nusinersen age  $\geq 5$ )

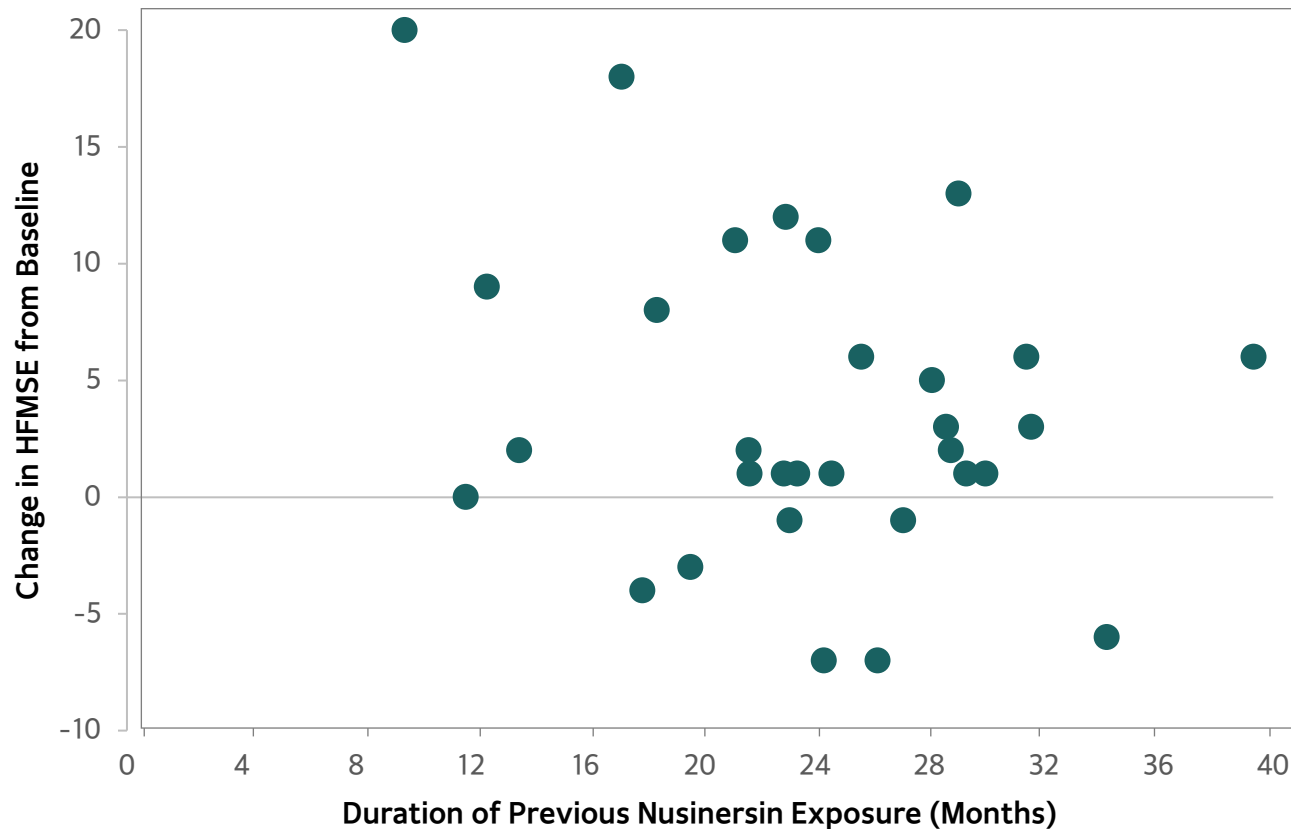
- $\geq 1$ -point increase: ~67%
- $\geq 3$ -point increase: ~30%

Durability of effect observed through 12-months of treatment

Apitegromab (20 mg/kg) + nusinersen	Per Protocol Population* (n=13)	Intent-to-Treat Population (n=14)
Mean change from baseline in HFMSE (95% CI)	+1.2 (-0.5, 2.9)	+0.6 (-1.4, 2.7)
# (%) patients achieving:		
$\geq 1$ -pt increase in HFMSE	9/13 (69%)	9/14 (64%)
$\geq 3$ -pt increase in HFMSE	4/13 (31%)	4/14 (29%)
$\geq 5$ -pt increase in HFMSE	2/13 (15%)	2/14 (14%)
Baseline characteristics: mean (min, max)		
Age	n=15	
	11.7 (8, 19)	
HFMSE score	22.7 (13, 39)	
# of nusinersen maintenance doses	5.1 (2, 9)	

\*Intent-to-treat analysis excluded 1 patient (per prespecified approach) who missed 3 doses due to COVID-19 related site access restrictions; 1 patient who had inadvertently been enrolled who was receiving (and continued to receive) an acetylcholinesterase inhibitor was removed, which is not permitted per the trial protocol; 1. Crawford T et al. TOPAZ topline results; Presented at CureSMA, 2021 Virtual SMA Research & Clinical Care Meeting; June 9-11, 2021. 2. Data on file. Scholar Rock, Inc. Apitegromab is an investigational drug candidate being evaluated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Apitegromab has not been approved for any use by the US FDA or any other health authority, and its safety and efficacy have not been established.

# TOPAZ 12-Month HFMSE Changes and Duration of Prior Nusinersen

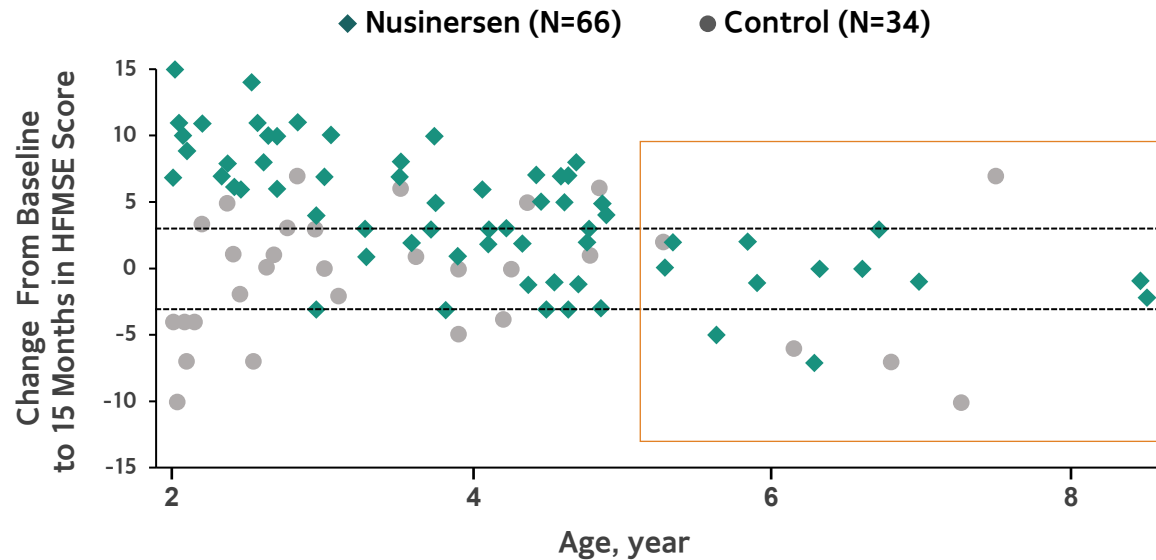


- Patients enrolled were already in the chronic maintenance phase of nusinersen
- Lack of clear correlation between 12-month HFMSE & duration of prior nusinersen exposure in patients aged 2 – 21 suggests motor function improvement mainly attributable to apitegromab

## Nonambulatory Type 2/3 SMA

# Majority of Patients Started on SMN Therapy After Age 5 Do Not Experience Motor Function Increases

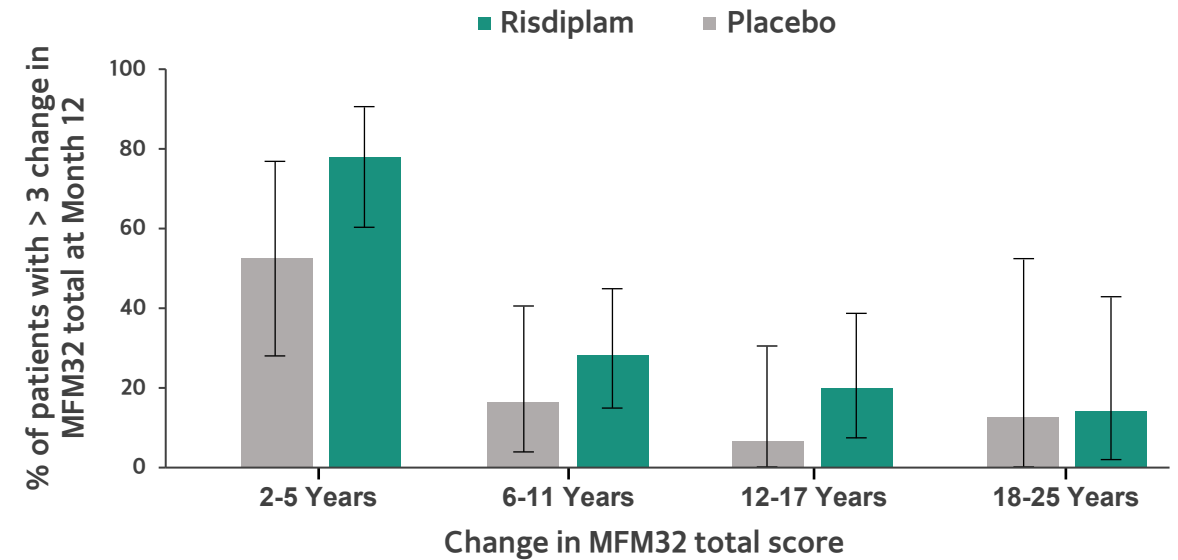
Nusinersen CHERISH Trial in Later-Onset SMA<sup>1</sup>



In patients with later-onset SMA who were age  $\geq 5$  at screening:

- Primary benefit of nusinersen: stabilization of motor function
- Majority of patients do not experience HFMSE increases

Risdiplam SUNFISH Trial in Later-Onset SMA<sup>2</sup>



- Low percentage of patients over the age of 5 achieved  $\geq 3$ -point increase on MFM32 scale, even with risdiplam treatment
- HFMSE secondary endpoint showed a mean 0.58-point improvement over placebo (not statistically significant)

1. Mercuri E, et.al. Nusinersen versus sham control in later-onset spinal muscular atrophy. *N Engl J Med*. 2018;378:625-635.

2. Efficacy and safety of risdiplam (RG7916) in patients with Type 2 or non-ambulant Type 3 spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) Roche/PTC Therapeutics  
This third-party information is provided for background only and is not intended to convey or imply a comparison to the TOPAZ clinical trial results

# Significance of Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded (HFMSE) and Revised Upper Limb Module (RULM)

## HFMSE

Assesses the physical abilities of patients with Types 2/3 SMA

ABLE TO:

**Touch Head Above Ear Level**  
whilst maintaining stable trunk and head



**Roll From Supine to Prone**  
over the right side without pulling/ pushing on hands



## 33 Items

Graded on scale 0 to 2

0 = unable

1 = performed with modification or adaptation

2 = without modification or adaptation

Item scores are summed to give a total score

The higher the total score, the greater the patient's motor function

Maximum score: 66

## Examples of items:

- One hand to head in sitting
- Rolls supine to prone
- Lying to sitting
- Four-point kneeling
- Supported standing
- Stepping
- Ascends 4 stairs with railing

## RULM

Evaluates Motor Performance in Upper Limbs

ABLE TO:

**Bring Token to Cup**  
placed vertically at shoulder height



**Bring Weight at Eye Level**  
using two hands



## 19 Items

Graded on scale 0 to 2

(Except for 1 activity with a binary score)

0 = unable

1 = able with modification

2 = able with no difficulty

Evaluated upper limb tasks correspond to ability to perform everyday activities

Maximum score: 37

## Examples of items:

- Putting a coin into a cup
- Elevating a cup to mouth
- Picking up a coin
- Bringing hand to shoulder
- Lifting up weighted objects
- Opening a zip lock bag
- Drawing a line on paper

# Activities of Daily Living and Fatigue: Assessed by Three Measures

## PEDI-CAT, PROMIS, and ESBBT

Used to assess:

- ADL
- Fatigue
- Muscle Endurance

**1 PEDI-CAT:**  
Measure of activities of daily living  
Measures pediatric abilities through  
3 functional domains, daily activities,  
mobility, and social cognitive<sup>1</sup>

- 4-point scale (1=unable to 4=easy) assessment of various activities, **higher scores reflect improved abilities**<sup>1,2</sup>
- PEDI-CAT has been validated in SMA, but alone cannot identify small changes in function across all types of SMA<sup>3</sup>

**2 PROMIS (Fatigue):**  
Measure of Patient Fatigue  
PRO measurement tool<sup>4</sup>

- Measures mild subjective feelings of tiredness to debilitating and sustained feelings of exhaustion, **with lower scores reflecting less fatigue**<sup>4,5</sup>
- Has been utilized to assess fatigue and fatigability in the Cure SMA database, but has not been fully validated in SMA<sup>5</sup>

**3 ESBBT (Fatigability):**  
Measure of how fast a  
patient fatigues  
Muscle endurance  
measurement tool<sup>6</sup>

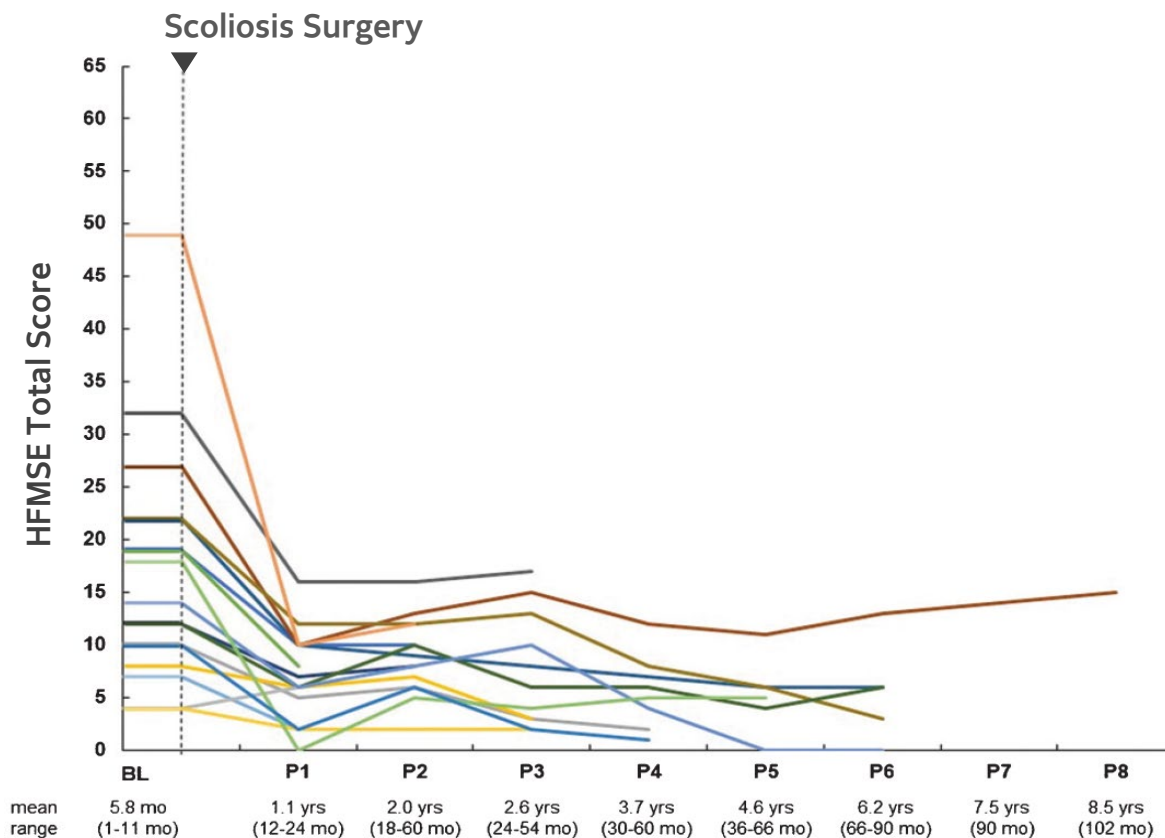
- Part of a series of endurance shuttle tests that include: nine-hole peg test, box and block test, and walk test (ESNHPT, ESBBT, and ESWT)<sup>6</sup>
- Patients are asked to move blocks individually from one box to another in one minute, with **higher numbers of blocks suggesting higher muscle endurance**<sup>6</sup>
- The endurance shuttle tests have been validated for use in patients with SMA<sup>7</sup>

ADL, activities of daily living; ESBBT, endurance shuttle box and block test; ESNHPT, endurance shuttle nine-hole peg test; ESWT, endurance shuttle walk test; PEDI-CAT, pediatric evaluation of disability inventory computer adaptive test; PROMIS, patient-reported outcomes measurement information system; PRO(s), patient-reported outcome(s); SMA, spinal muscular atrophy. 1. Cre Care. PEDI-CAT. Accessed April 26, 2022. <https://www.pedicat.com/>. 2. Data on file; Scholar Rock. 2022. 3. Pasternak A, et al. *Muscle Nerve*. 2016;54(6):1097-1107. 4. NIH. PROMIS. Accessed April 26, 2022. <https://commonfund.nih.gov/promis/index>. 5. Belter L, et al. *Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases*. 2020;15:217. 6. Cure SMA. Best Practices for Physical Therapists and Clinical Evaluators in Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). 2021. Available at: <https://www.curesma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Clinical-Evaluators-Best-Practices-13-August-2021.pdf>. 7. Bartels B, et al. *Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases*. 2020;15:75.

# Reported Impact of Scoliosis Surgery on Motor Abilities in SMA

## Post-Surgery HFMSE scores Type 2/3 SMA

peer-reviewed study

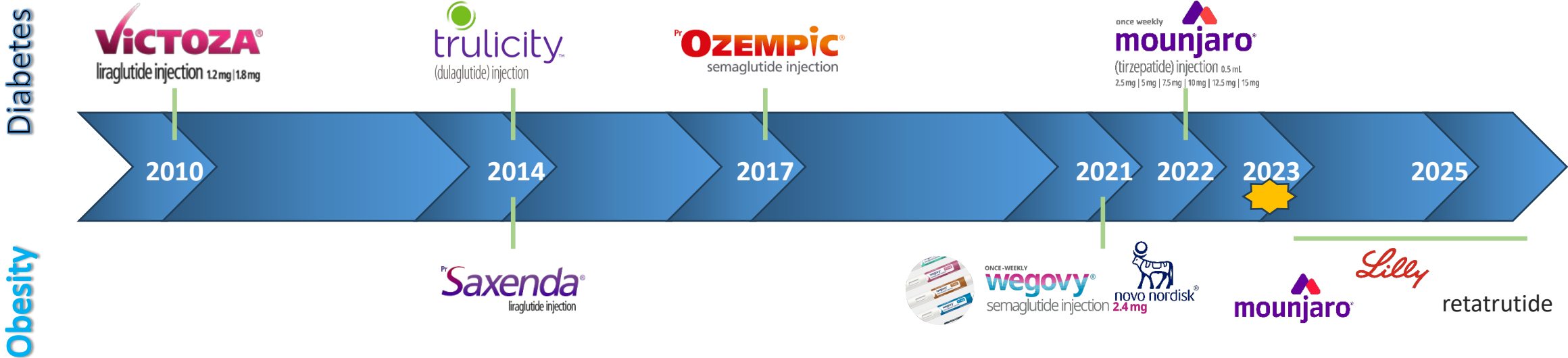


### 3-month post-surgery assessment

14/17	Lost >3 points on the HFMSE (mean change = - 12.1, SD = 8.9)	Functionally meaningful change
13/17	Minimal HFMSE changes within $\pm 2$ points (mean change = - 0.7)	No change or stability
0/17	Improvement > 2 points post-surgery	



# Obesity Landscape is Evolving & Growing: Estimated \$70-\$100B Annual Revenues by 2035<sup>1</sup>



**TODAY**

**Watch out, Ozempic? Another diabetes drug is 'superior' for weight loss in studies**

A. Pawlowski  
Mon, September 25, 2023 at 6:46 PM EDT · 7 min read

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**Insurers and drug-industry middlemen are cashing in on the weight-loss drug frenzy**

**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

**Prescriptions for Ozempic and similar drugs have skyrocketed, data shows**

**Weight-loss drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy may be risky for older people because they melt away all-important muscles, experts say**

BY MADISON MULLER AND BLOOMBERG  
September 27, 2023 at 4:57 PM EDT

1. Seigerman, ED, et al. "Obesity Exceptionalism: It's different this time." BMO Capital Markets: September 2023

# Recent KOL Interviews: Select Physicians See Value and Benefit in Muscle Maintenance During Weight Loss

## Key Opportunities

- **Some key opinion leaders (KOLs) see a lack of standard of care (SOC) in obesity** which leads to significant unmet need in large patient population
- **KOLs see the potential for additional benefit to patients** as sustained results stem from exercise, proper diet and treatment
- **Combination therapy with other weight loss drugs (GLP-1 RA)** may have a synergistic effect on weight loss and benefit overall patient health
- **Patients may experience prolonged weight-loss** and sustained results through the addition of muscle-targeted therapy

“There isn’t a set SOC right now for obesity and there clearly needs to be something out there that is standard and addresses the entire scope of the disease. If a company could address both weight loss and muscle maintenance, I think this could improve SOC significantly.”

- KOL, PCP

“I do see the importance of muscle mass, and this is something that if I could add to my patient’s program, I would in a heartbeat and really think it would make an impact. I have a lot of patients that would benefit from something like this.”

- KOL, Endocrinologist



# DRAGON Phase 1 POC Trial to Evaluate SRK-181's Ability to Overcome Primary Resistance to Checkpoint Inhibitors

## PART A

### A1

SRK-181  
all-comers

SRK-181 80 mg (n=1)

SRK-181 240 mg (n=1)

SRK-181 800 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 1600 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 2400 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 3000 mg (n=3)\*

### A2

SRK-181+anti-PD-(L)1;  
non-responders to prior anti-PD-(L)1

SRK-181 240 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 800 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 1600 mg (n=3)

SRK-181 2400 mg (n=3)

## PART B

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab;  
non-responders to prior anti-PD-1

### COHORT

### TREATMENT

Non-small cell lung cancer

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab

Urothelial carcinoma

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab

Cutaneous melanoma

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab

Clear cell renal cell carcinoma\*\*

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab

Head and neck squamous cell\*\*  
carcinoma

SRK-181 + pembrolizumab

\* A cohort of 2000 mg Q2W (n=3) was also evaluated.

\*\*The clear cell RCC and HNSCC cohorts will also explore the effects of SRK-181 in patients with relapsed response after anti-PD-1 treatment.

1. NCT04291079 on [www.clinicaltrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

# DRAGON Part A: Safety

## PART A1 Monotherapy

Treatment-Emergent AEs Related to SRK-181, All Grades >10%

Dose (MG)	80 N=1	240 N=1	800 N=3	1600 N=4	2400 N=3	3000 N=3	2000 N=4	All N=19
Fatigue	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3 (15.8%)
Decreased Appetite	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 (10.5%)
Nausea	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2 (10.5%)

No DLTs  
were observed up to  
3000 mg q3w and  
2000 mg q2w

No Grade 4 or 5  
treatment-related  
AEs occurred

### Treatment-related Grade 3 AEs:

- Alanine aminotransferase increased (1 patient)

### Treatment-related SAEs:

- None

## PART A2 Combination Treatment

Treatment-Emergent AEs Related to SRK-181 or Anti-PD(L)1, All Grades >10%

Dose (MG)	240 N=3	800 N=3	1600 N=6	2400 N=3	All N=15
Rash maculo-papular	1	1	1	2	5 (33.3%)
Pruritus	1	1	1	1	4 (26.7%)
Rash	0	1	0	2	3 (20.0%)
Diarrhea	0	0	2	0	2 (13.3%)
Pemphigoid	0	0	0	2	2 (13.3%)

No DLTs  
were observed up to  
2400 mg q3w

No Grade 4 or 5  
treatment-related  
AEs occurred

### Treatment-related Grade 3 AEs:

- Pruritus (2 patients), blister, immune-mediated lung disease, pemphigoid, rash, rash maculo-popular and rash vesicular (1 patient each)

### Treatment-related SAEs:

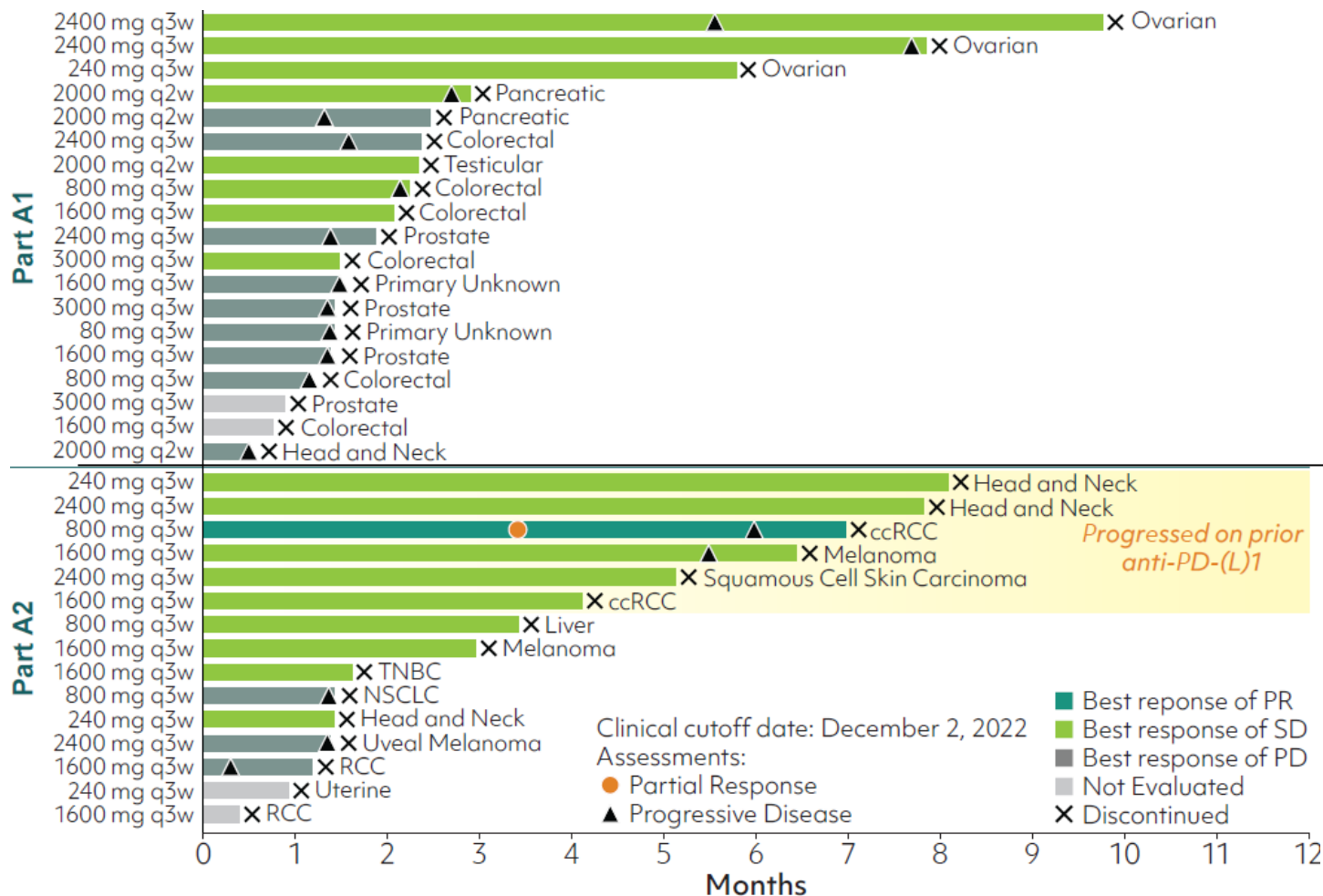
- Blister, pruritus, and rash (all in 1 patient) and immune-mediated lung disease (1 patient)

All dose levels were administered q3w except 2000 mg, which was administered q2w.

Yap T et al. Safety and Efficacy Results of SRK-181, a latent TGFβ1 inhibitor, from a Phase 1 trial (DRAGON Trial); Presented at ESMO-TAT; March 7, 2023. \*Clinical cutoff date: December 2, 2022. Response is assessed using RECIST v1.1 by PI; the scan is performed during screening, 6 weeks after first dose, every 9 weeks for the next 6 months of treatment, and every 12 weeks thereafter. SRK-181 is an investigational drug candidate that is being evaluated for the treatment of cancer. SRK-181 has not been approved by the US FDA or any other health authority, and its safety and efficacy have not been established.

# DRAGON Part A: Preliminary Efficacy Data\*

## Duration of Treatment



## Part A1 (n=19)

8 patients had a best response of stable disease (SD)

All 3 patients with ovarian cancer were stable for 6-10 months

## Part A2 (n=15)

At 800 mg q3w, 1 partial response (PR) was observed in patient with anti-PD-1-resistant clear cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC)

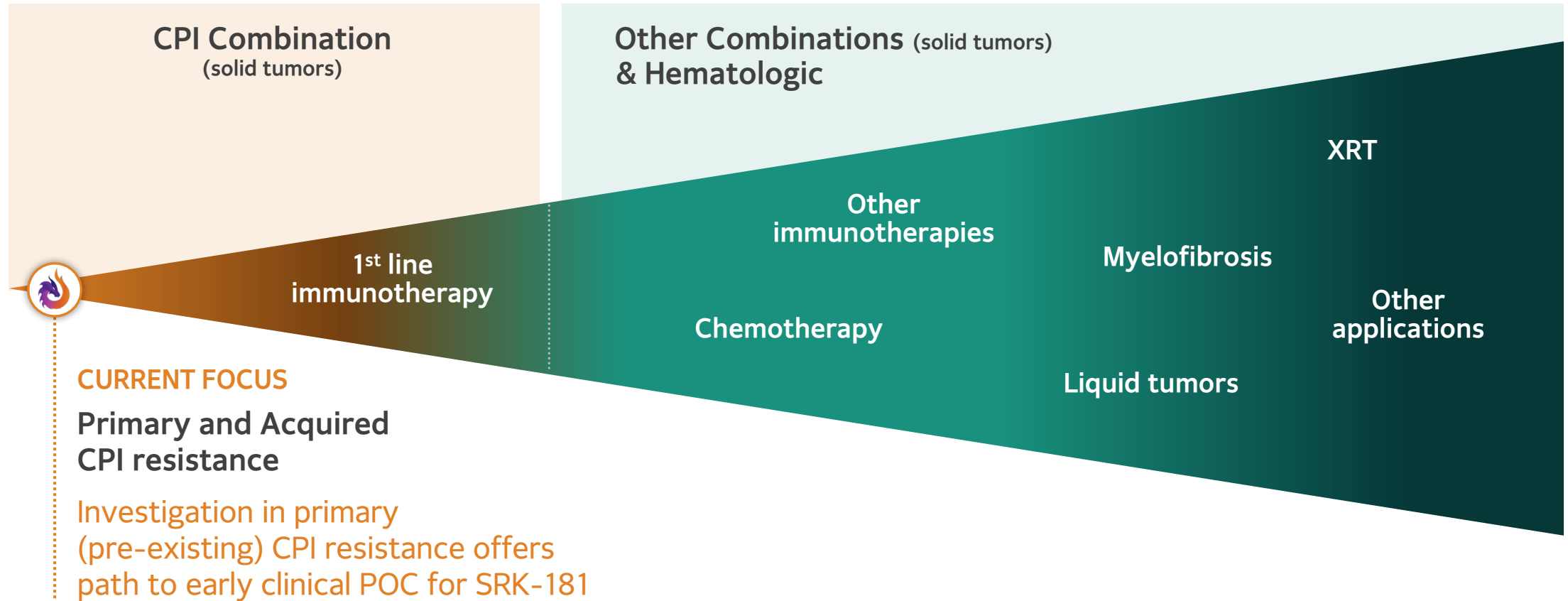
9 patients had best response of SD

6 patients (green highlight) were stable beyond the 16-week cutoff

- 1 ongoing patient with head and neck cancer had a 29.4% tumor reduction

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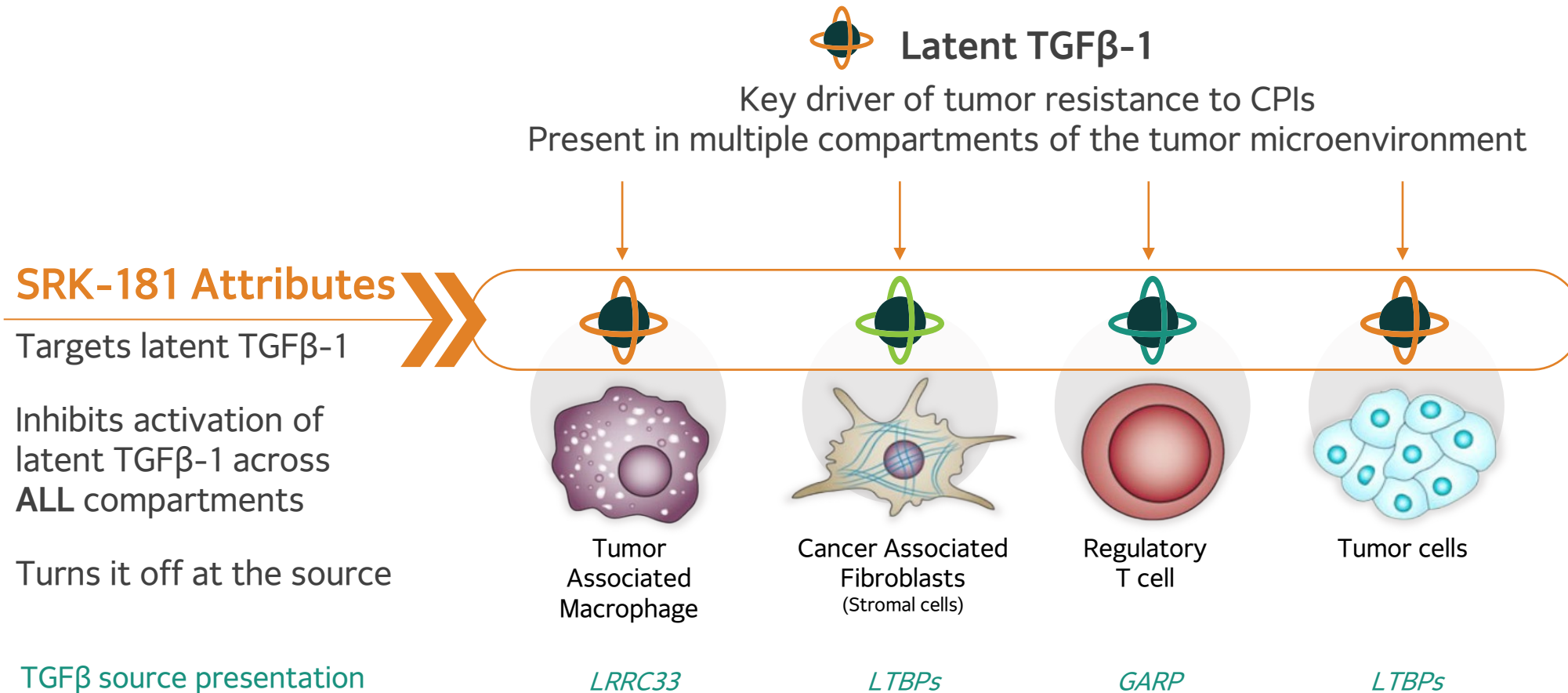
# SRK-181: Transformative Potential as the Backbone For Next Era of Cancer Therapy



First in class monoclonal antibody targeting latent and context-independent binding to TGFB-1



# Context-Independent: SRK-181 Designed to Inhibit Latent TGFβ-1 Across All Compartments of the Tumor Microenvironment



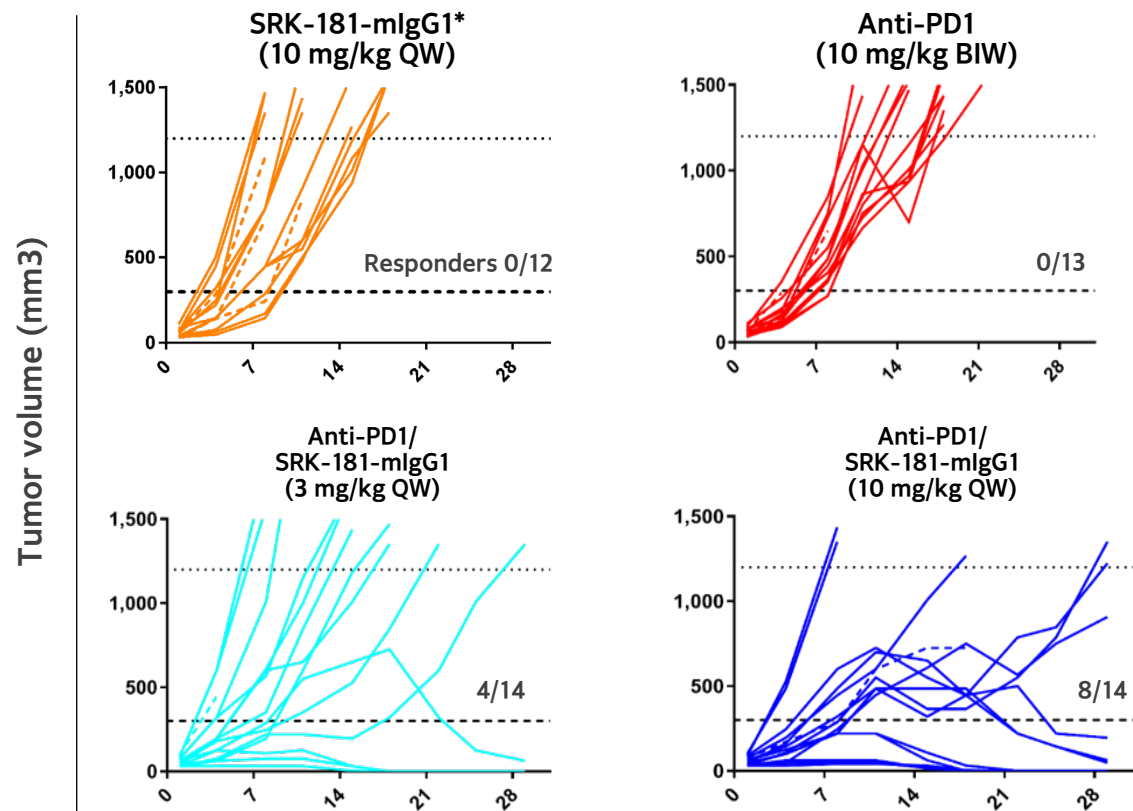
# SRK-181 Therapeutic Hypothesis: Potential Advantages of Latent TGFβ-1 Inhibitor

	SRK-181*	Bifunctional TGFβ/CPI	ALK5 Inhibitor	Nonselective TGFβ antibody
Selectivity for TGFβ-1: potential for wider therapeutic window and improved safety	✓	✗	✗	✗
Ability to combine with any anti-PD-(L)1	✓	✗	✓	✓
Ability to optimize dosing of each component of combination therapy	✓	✗	✓	✓
Activity spatially distinct from anti-PD-(L)1 in tissue	✓	✗	✓	✓
Inhibits all sources of TGFβ-1 contributing to CPI resistance (Context independent)	✓	✗	✓	✓
Target latent form (Blocks TGFβ-1 activation)	✓	✗	✗	✗

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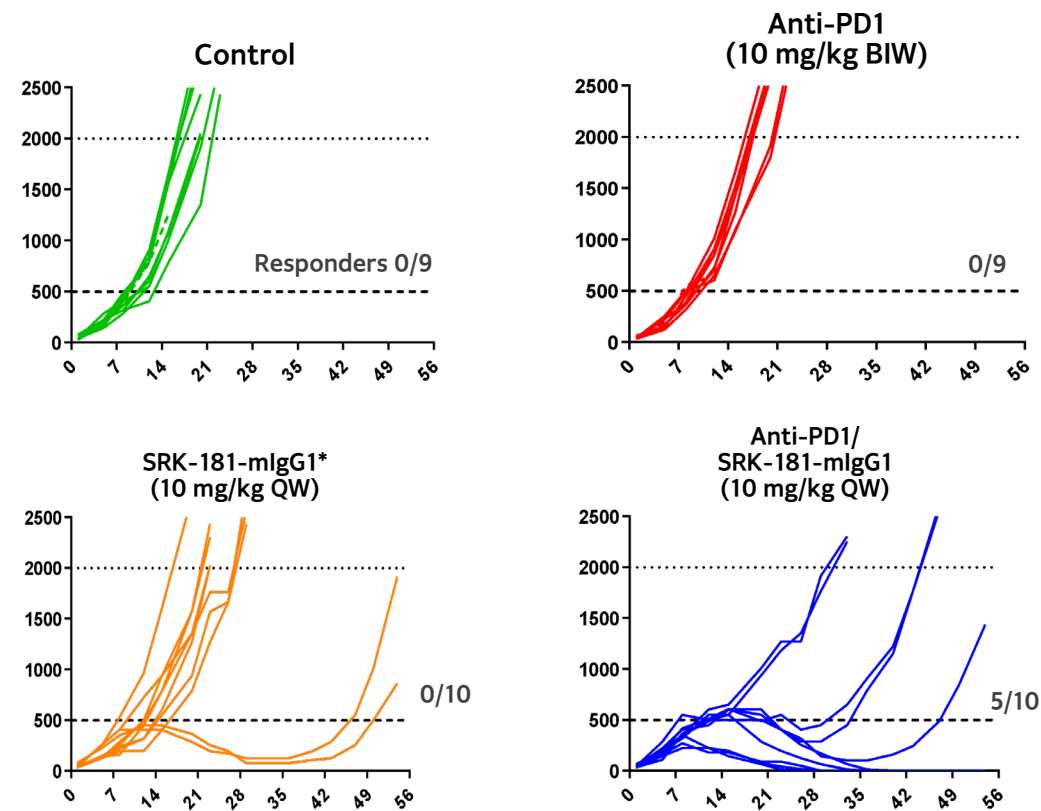
# TGF $\beta$ -1 Blockade with SRK-181-mIgG1 Rendered Preclinical Tumor Models Susceptible to Anti-PD1 Therapy

## Bladder Cancer



MBT-2 and EMT6 Models

## Breast Cancer (TGF $\beta$ -1/3 co-expressing)



Days after treatment initiation

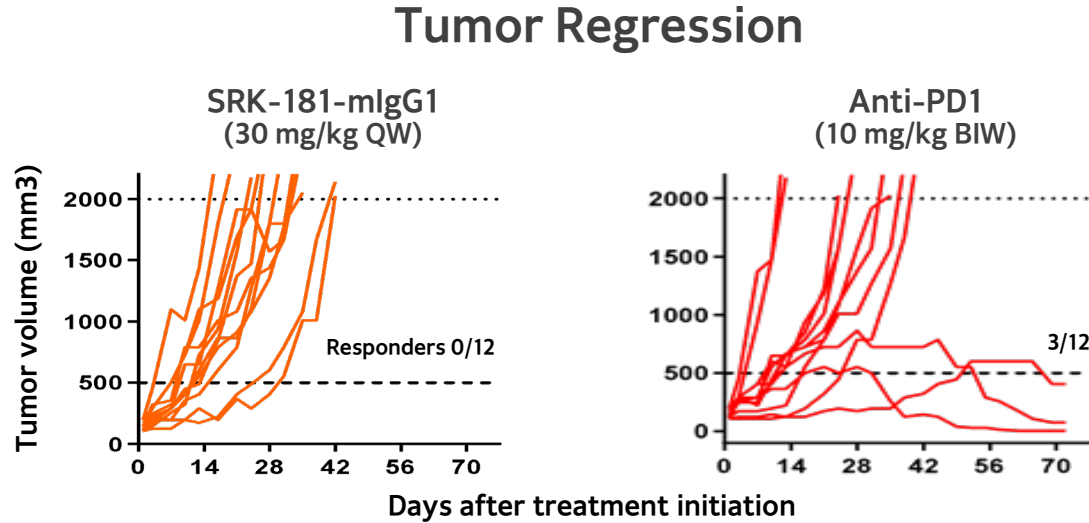
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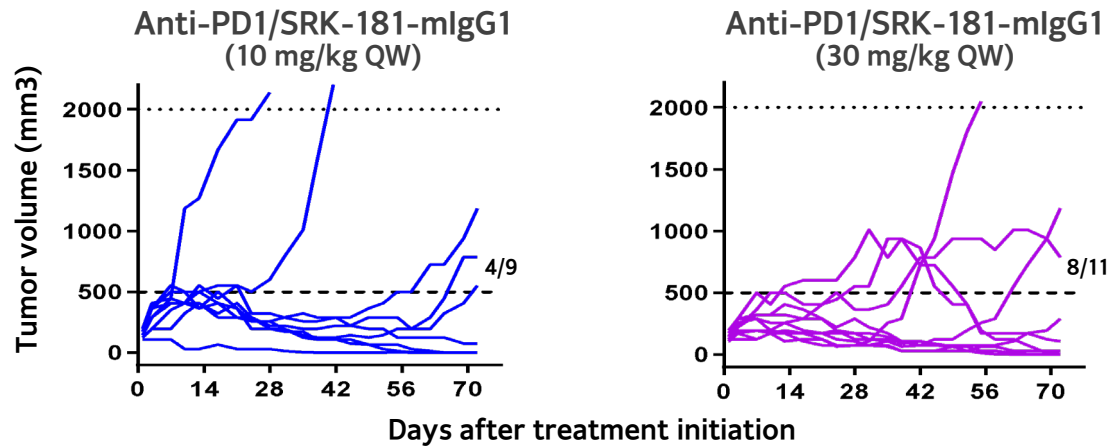
\*SRK-181-mIgG1 is the murine version of SRK-181; responder defined as tumor size <25% endpoint volume at study end.

# SRK-181-mIgG1 Combination Treatment Led to Melanoma Tumor Regression and Survival Benefit

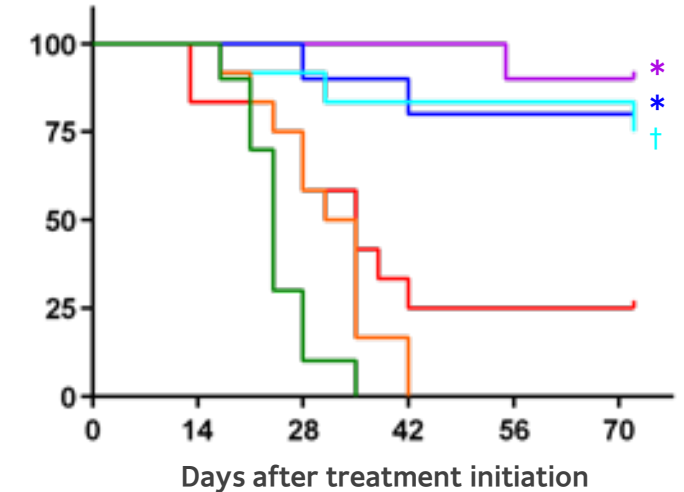
Monotherapy



Combination Therapy  
Led to tumor regression and survival benefit



### Survival Benefit



- Anti-PD1 + SRK-181-mIgG1 (30 mg/Kg/wk)
- Anti-PD1 + SRK-181-mIgG1 (3 mg/Kg/wk)
- Anti-PD1 + SRK-181-mIgG1 (10 mg/Kg/wk)
- Anti-PD1 (10 mg/Kg/2xwk)
- SRK-181-mIgG1 (30 mg/Kg/wk)
- Control

\* $P < 0.01$ .

† $P < 0.05$  Log-rank (Mantel-Cox test) vs anti-PD1.

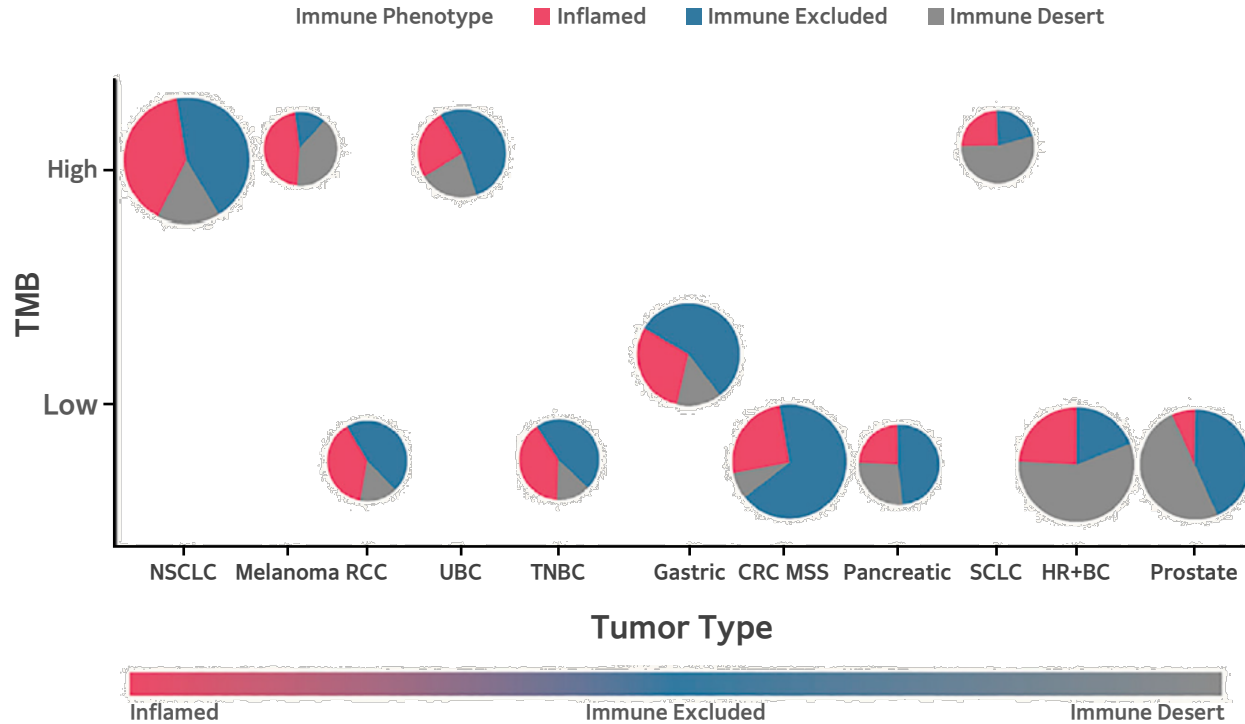
Melanoma (Cloudman S91) model

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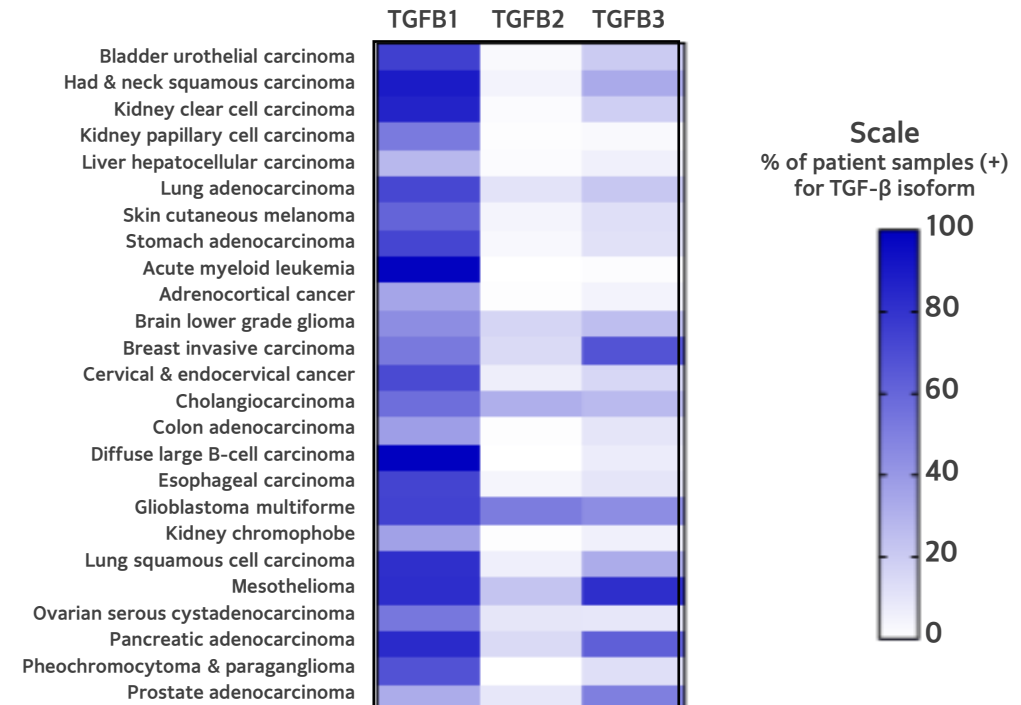


# Emerging Evidence Implicates TGF $\beta$ -1 as Driving Primary Resistance to Checkpoint Inhibitors

## Substantial % of Solid Tumors Exhibit Immune Exclusion



## Cancer Genome Atlas RNAseq Analysis of >10,000 Samples Spanning 33 Tumor Types\*



## Human Tumor Analyses Reveal TGF $\beta$ -1 as Most Likely Driver of TGF $\beta$ Signaling Pathway in Cancers

\*Priti H, et al. Top 10 challenges in cancer immunotherapy. *Immunity*. 2020 Jan 14;52(1):17-35. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.immuni.2019.12.011>.

\*Source: National Cancer Institute - Cancer Genome Atlas Program.



# Biomarker Strategies Employed in DRAGON Trial

## Multiple tissue-based and circulating biomarker analyses to be evaluated in DRAGON study



### Immunophenotyping Assessment of immune landscape

- Higher resolution histochemical characterization of tumor immune contexture (e.g. CD8+)
  - Classification of inflamed, excluded or immune desert tumors and tumor nests
  - Ability of SRK-181 to overcome tumor immune exclusion
- Analysis of immune response markers (e.g. PD-L1)
- Changes to intra-tumoral and/or circulating immune cell contexture (MDSC)



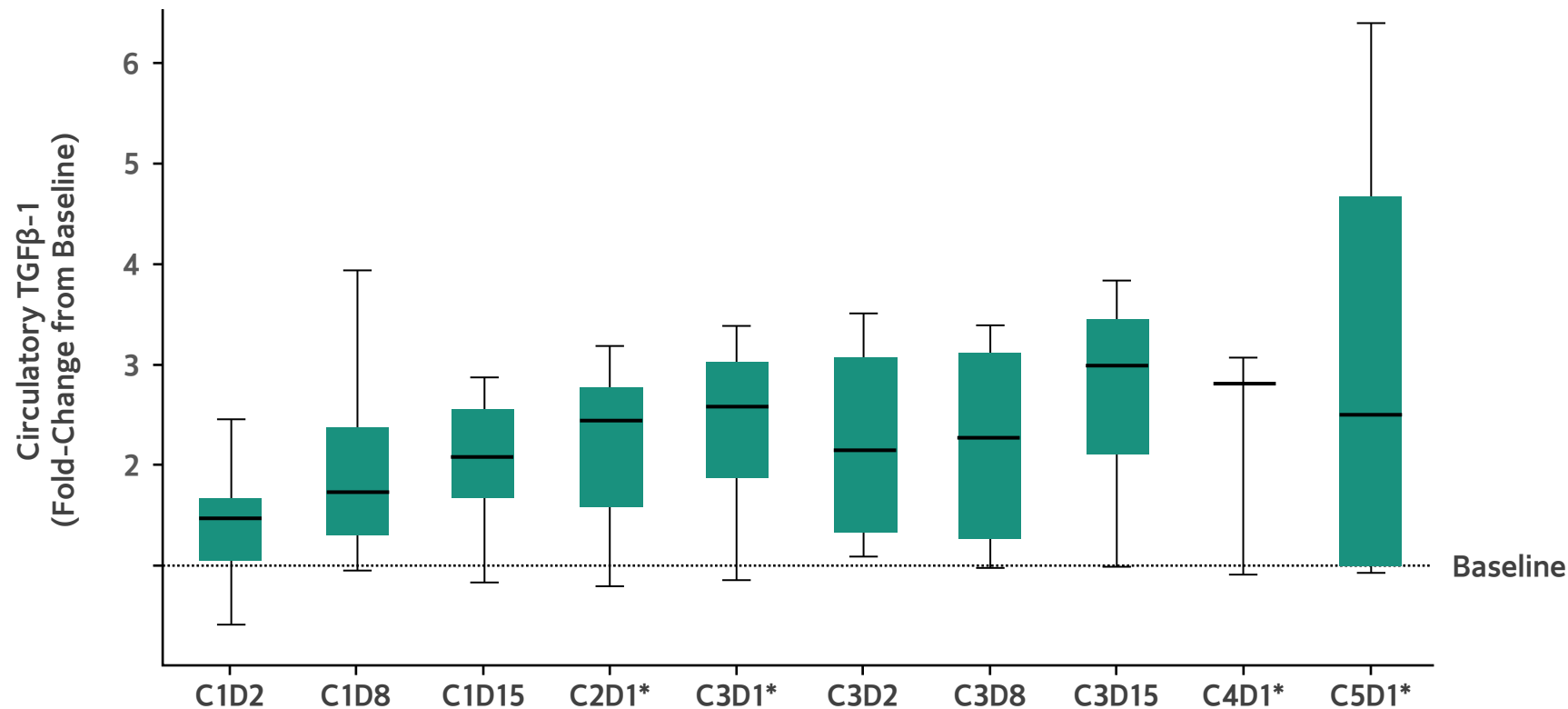
### TGFβ-1 pathway evaluation Assessment of signaling pathway

- Show evidence of the SRK-181 target engagement
  - e.g. circulating TGFβ-1 levels
- TGFβ pathway modulation:
  - e.g. Histochemical analysis of pSMAD
  - e.g. RNA-based TGFβ gene signatures and pathway analyses
- Paired biopsies from the head and neck cohort allow for a potential to accelerate the development path

# Clear Evidence of Target Engagement

## Pharmacodynamic Biomarker Results for Part A: Circulatory TGFβ-1

Median Circulatory TGFβ-1 Increased Post-treatment with SRK-181 (Q3W, All Patients)



Binding to latent TGFβ-1 delays maturity state allowing TGFβ-1 to accumulate in system

Combination treatment with pembrolizumab did not appear to impact circulatory TGFβ-1 levels

Yap T et al. SRK-181, a latent TGFβ1 inhibitor: safety, efficacy, and biomarker results from the dose escalation portion of a phase I trial (DRAGON trial) in patients with advanced solid tumors (Poster 780); Presented at SITC; Nov. 10-11, 2022. Circulatory TGFβ-1 and PF4 levels were quantitated by using validated ELISA kits from R&D System.<sup>12</sup> Because platelet activation during sample processing can lead to elevated TGFβ-1 levels, samples with elevated PF4, a platelet activation biomarker, were excluded from the analysis based on a preliminary cutoff value. Pre-infusion.

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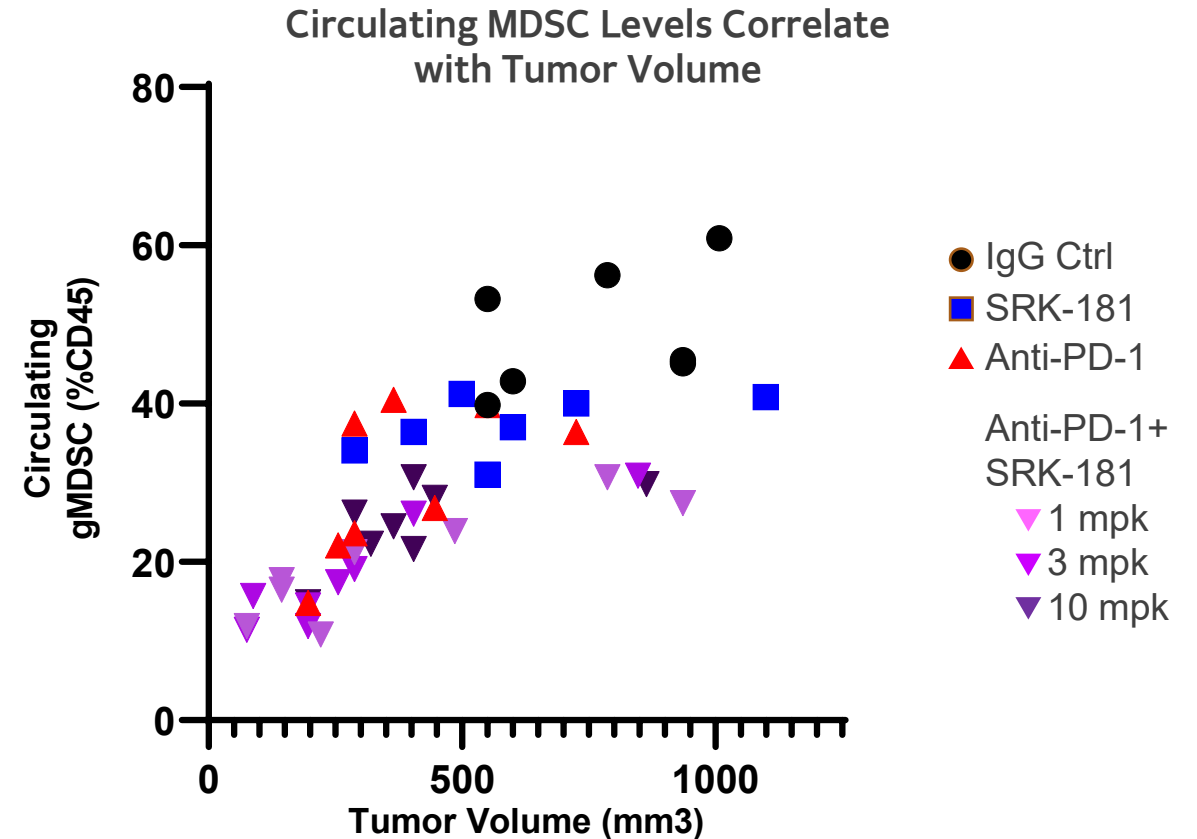
# Preclinical Data Provide Scientific Rationale to Evaluate Peripheral Samples for Evidence of SRK-181 Activity

## Immunophenotyping

Assessment of immune landscape

Measurement of MDSCs in circulation may provide indirect evidence of drug action on the tumor

- Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) have immune suppressive functions
- SRK-181 plus anti-PD1 combination drive MDSC levels down significantly in the tumor microenvironment
- Reductions in circulating MDSC levels correlate with reduced tumor volume following SRK-181 and anti-PD1 treatment in MBT-2 tumor model



Both tumoral and circulatory MDSC are being evaluated in the DRAGON study