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PRECISION & VERSATILITY

ARCUS has the potential to address a broader spectrum of genetic diseases

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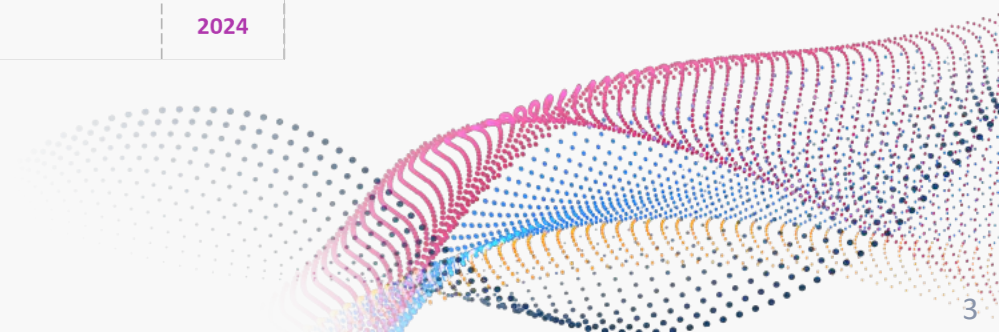
3 INDs/CTAs in 3 YEARS

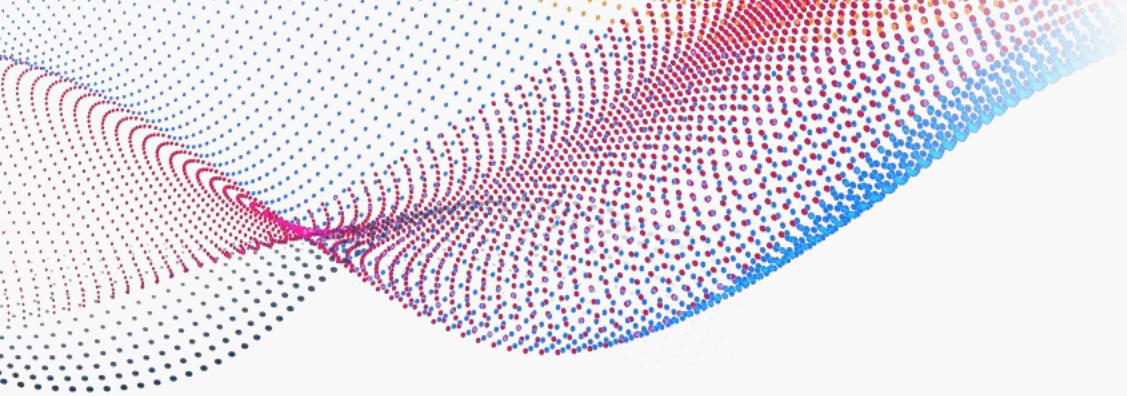
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NEW Collaboration focused on gene insertion & accelerating clinical validation of ARCUS

Program	Indication	Delivery	Research	Candidate Selection	IND-Enabling	Expected IND/CTA
PBGENE-PCSK9	Familial Hypercholesterolemia	AAV				2022
PBGENE-PH1	Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1	LNP				2023
PBGENE-HBV	Chronic Hepatitis B	LNP				2024





Intro to ARCUS for *in vivo* Gene Editing

AGENDA:

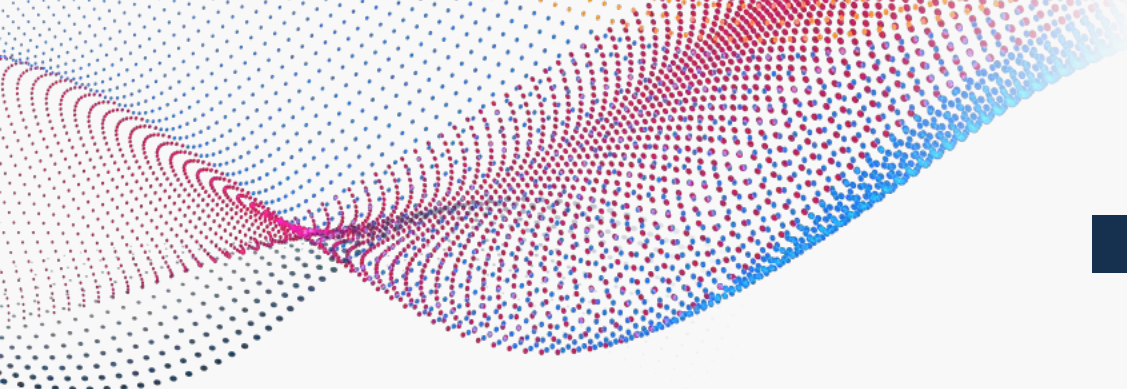
Gene Editing Pipeline
& Strategy

The Next Frontier

INTRO TO ARCUS FOR *in vivo* GENE EDITING

Chlamydomonas reinhardtii

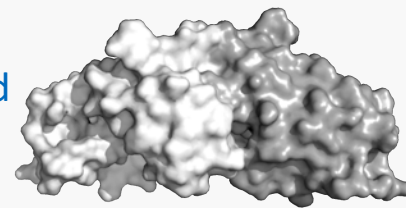




ARCUS is derived from **I-Crel**, a homing endonuclease from algae evolved for precise genome editing.

23S rRNA gene

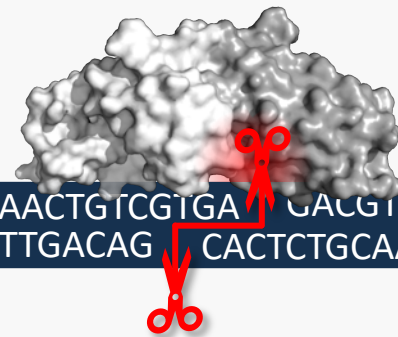
1 I-Crel is expressed



5'-CAAAC**T**GTCGTGAGACGTTTTG-3'
3'-GTTTGACAGCACTCTGCAA**A**C-5'

2 I-Crel recognizes its target in the 23S rRNA gene

3 I-Crel cuts and produces 3' overhangs



5'-CAAAC**T**GTCGTGA **G**ACGTTTTG-3'
3'-GTTTGACAG **C**ACTCTGCAA**A**C-5'

4 A new gene (encoding I-Crel) is inserted into the break site

5'-CAAAC**T**GTCGTGA **I-Crel** GACGTTTTG-3'
3'-GTTTGACAG **CACTCTGCAA**A**C**-5'

23S **I-Crel** rRNA **New!**

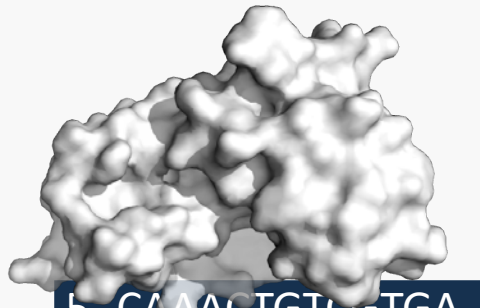
I-Crel evolved to insert DNA into a defined location in a large genome

ARCUS: Custom Engineered from I-Crel

I-Crel can be redesigned to edit new DNA sequences

I-Crel
(Homodimer)

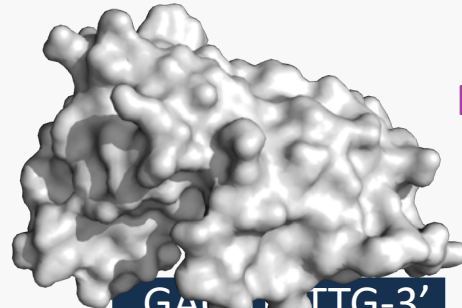
monomer 1



5'-CAAAGTGTGGA
3'-GTTTGACAG

“Left” half of natural target

monomer 2



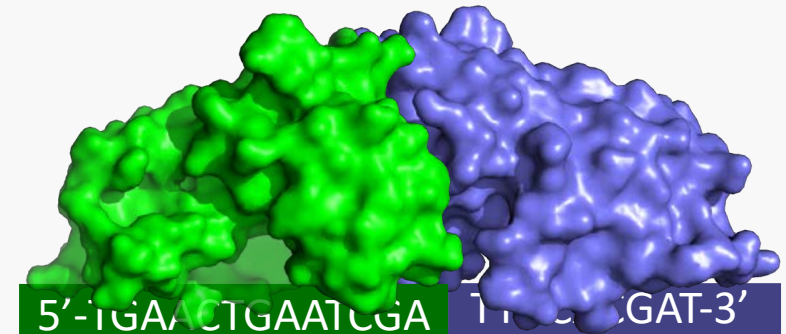
GACCTTTG-3'
CACTCTGCAAAC-5'

“Right” half of natural target

Protein Engineering

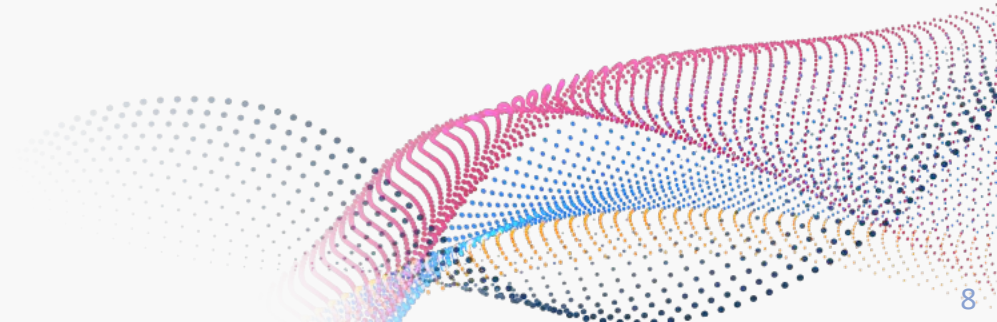


ARCUS
(Single Chain)



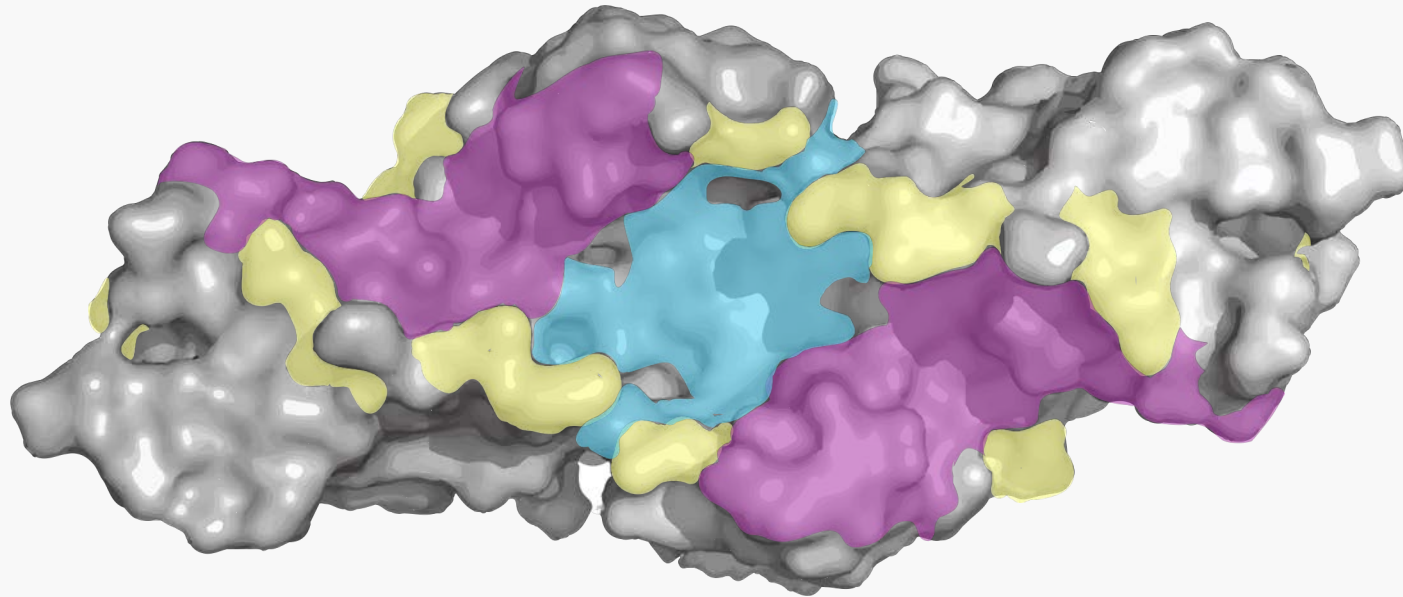
5'-TGAAGTGAATCGA TTTTGGAT-3'
3'-ACTTGACTTA AGCTAACGTGCTA-5'

“Left” half of new target “Right” half of new target



Creating and Optimizing ARCUS Nucleases

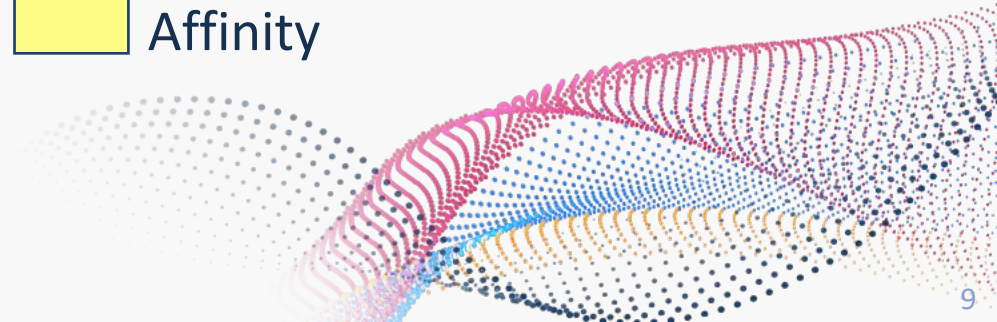
The DNA-binding surface of I-CreI can be extensively re-engineered to produce each new ARCUS nuclease

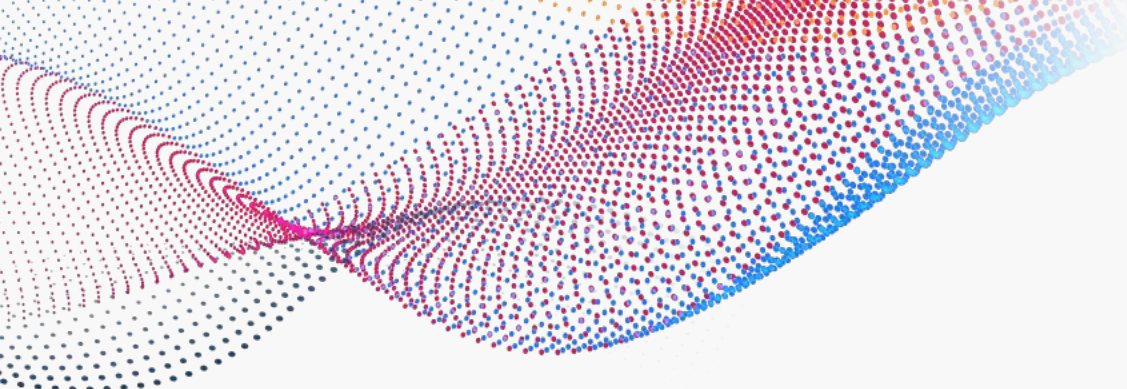


 Controls Efficiency

 Controls Specificity

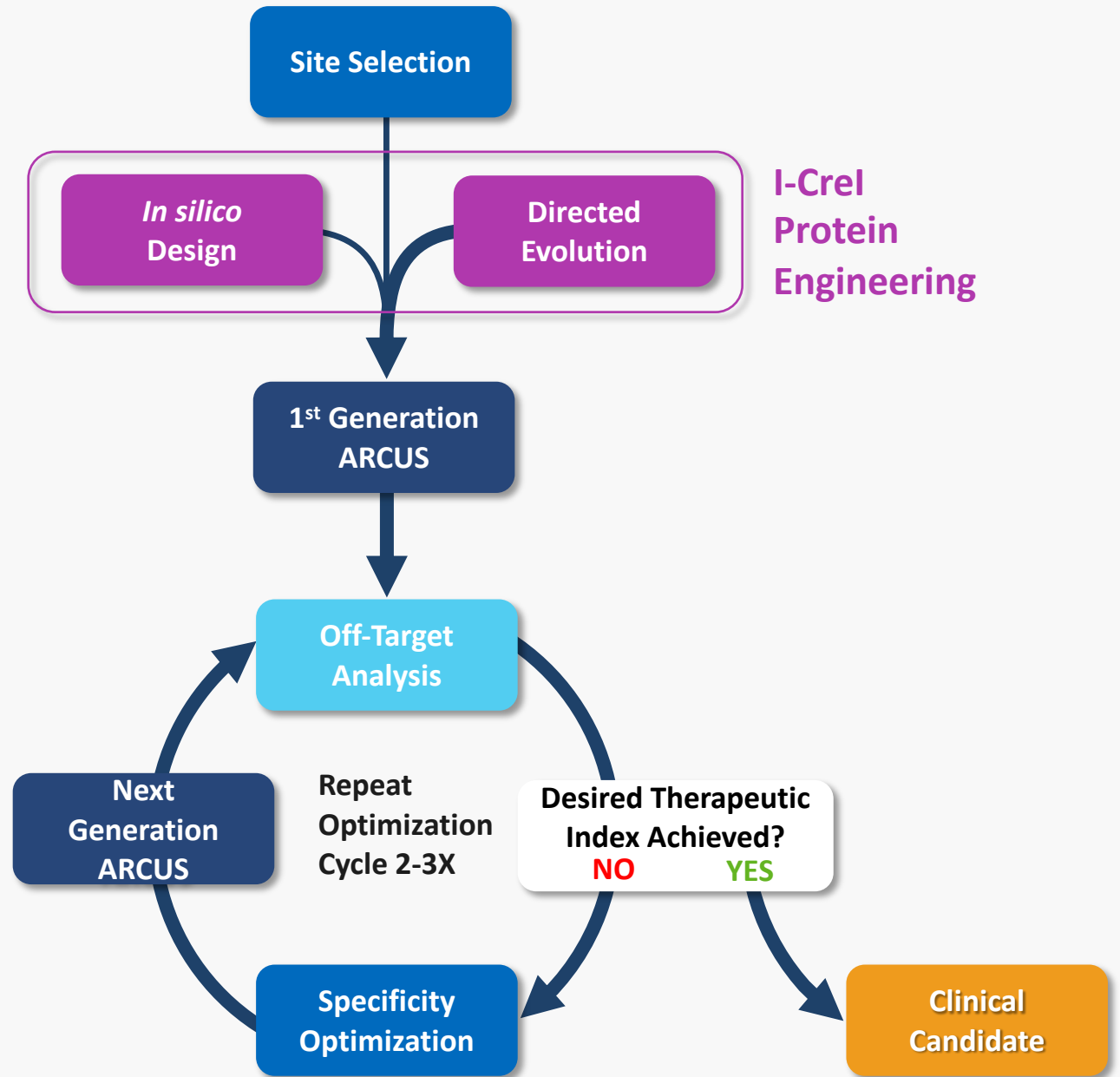
 Controls Affinity





Creating and Optimizing ARCUS Nucleases

Lead Generation
Lead Optimization



PRECISION

- Safety
- Specificity

VERSATILITY

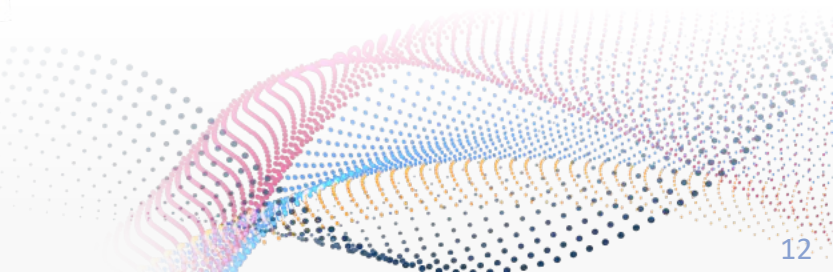
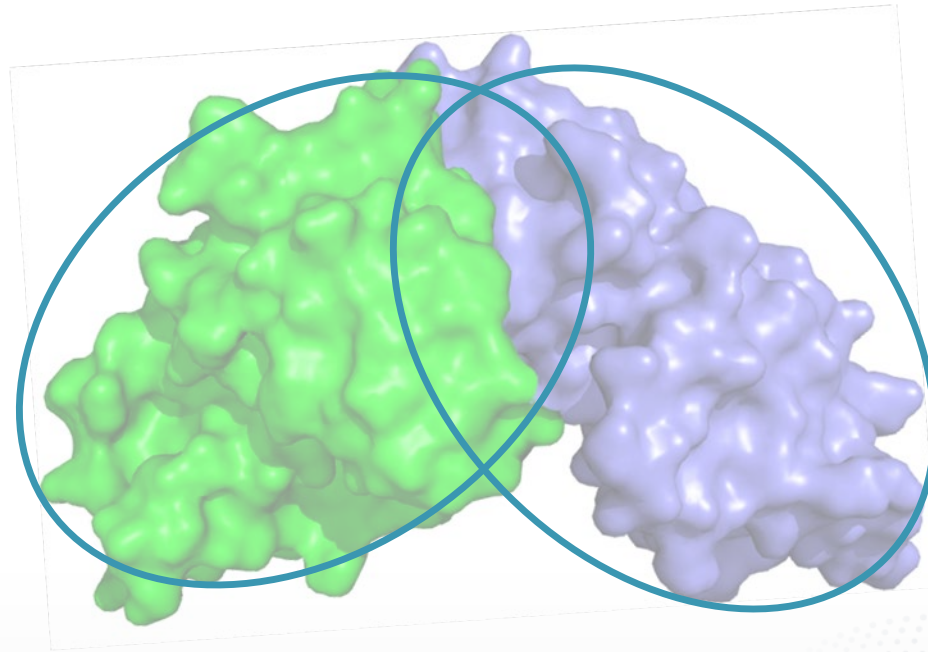
- ARCUS is Easy to Deliver
- ARCUS Performs Complex Edits
(Gene Insertion & Gene Repair)

Safety and Specificity

ARCUS is inactive until it binds to its target DNA site

This allows ARCUS to be expressed for extended periods of time without accumulating off-target gene edits.

Inactive Form of ARCUS
closed configuration buries the active site inside the protein

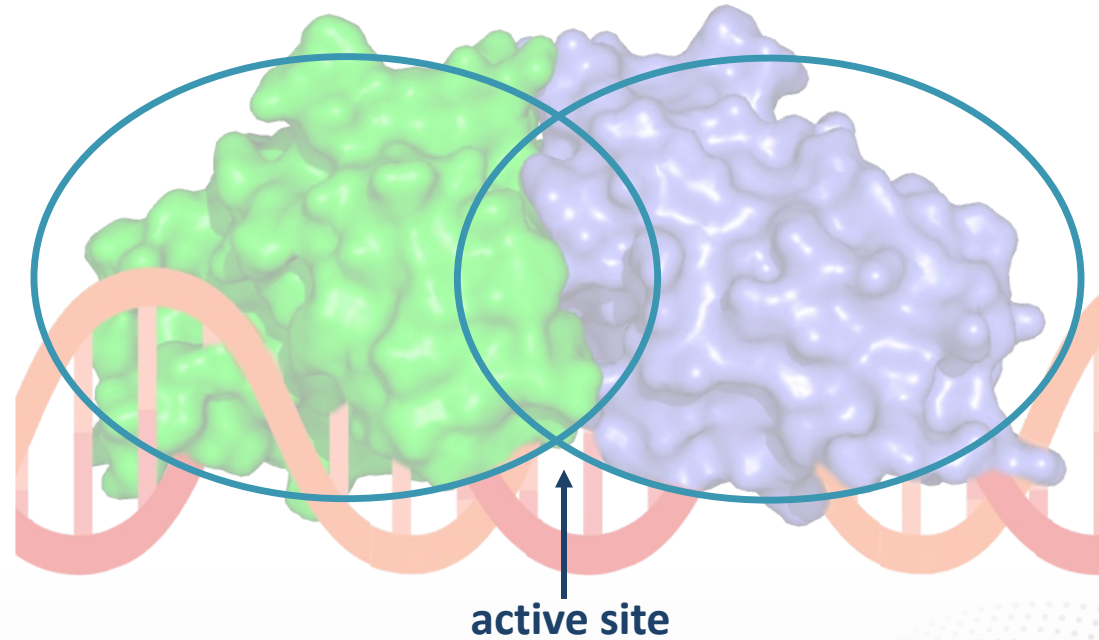


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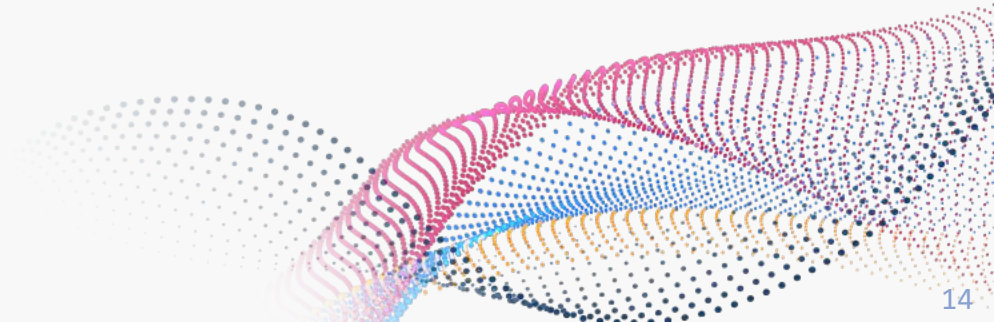
Active Form of ARCUS
open configuration allows the active site to access DNA



Safety and Specificity

Off-target editing: Detection is the challenge

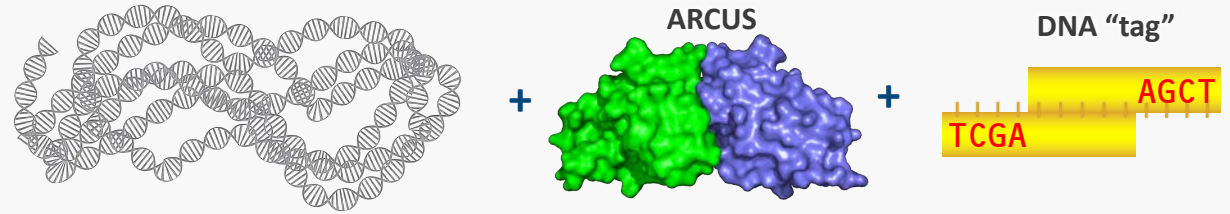
- The number of off-target sites identified is a function of how well they can be detected.
- Off-target sites are very difficult to detect for most editing platforms.
- If you can detect better, you can engineer a better editing enzyme.



Safety and Specificity

Oligo Capture: a genome-wide assay for ARCUS off-target editing

Step 1: Transfect cells with ARCUS and a DNA “tag”



Step 2: The “tag” is captured at DNA breaks resulting from ARCUS cleavage



Step 3: Genomic DNA is isolated from cells and evaluated on a next-gen sequencer to identify all sites where the “tag” was captured



Step 4: Sites of on- and off-target capture of the DNA “tag” are identified and deep sequenced to confirm editing

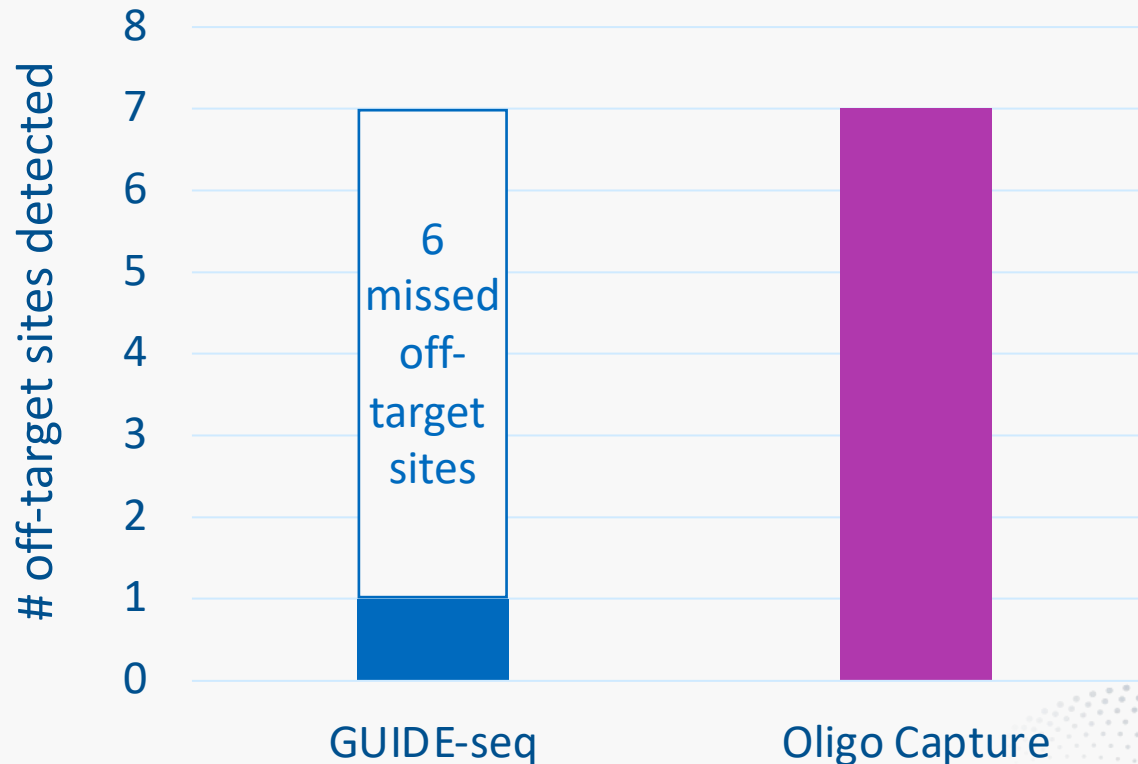
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Safety and Specificity

Oligo Capture has been shown to be far more sensitive than assays developed for CRISPR

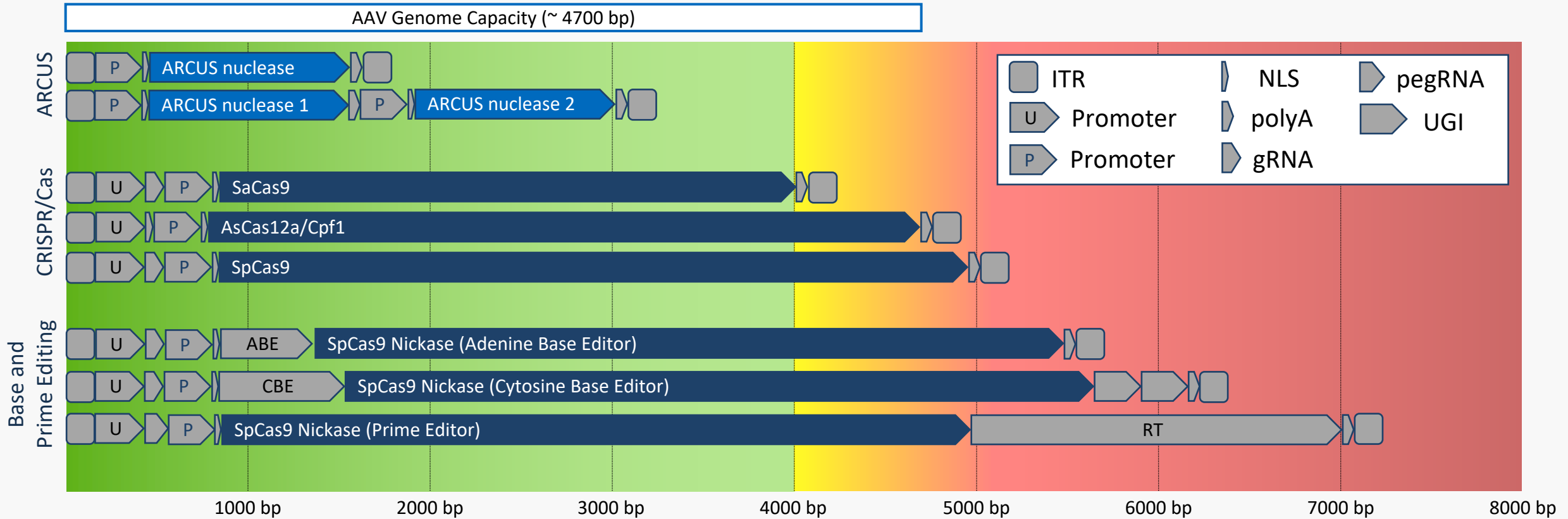
Wang, *et al.* (2018 *Nat. Biotechnol.* **36**(8):717-725) used both Oligo Capture and GUIDE-seq (the “gold standard” method for CRISPR) to locate sites of off-target editing in non-human primates treated with a PCSK9-targeting ARCUS.

GUIDE-seq correctly identified one off-target site. Oligo Capture correctly identified seven off-target sites.



ARCUS Is Easy to Deliver

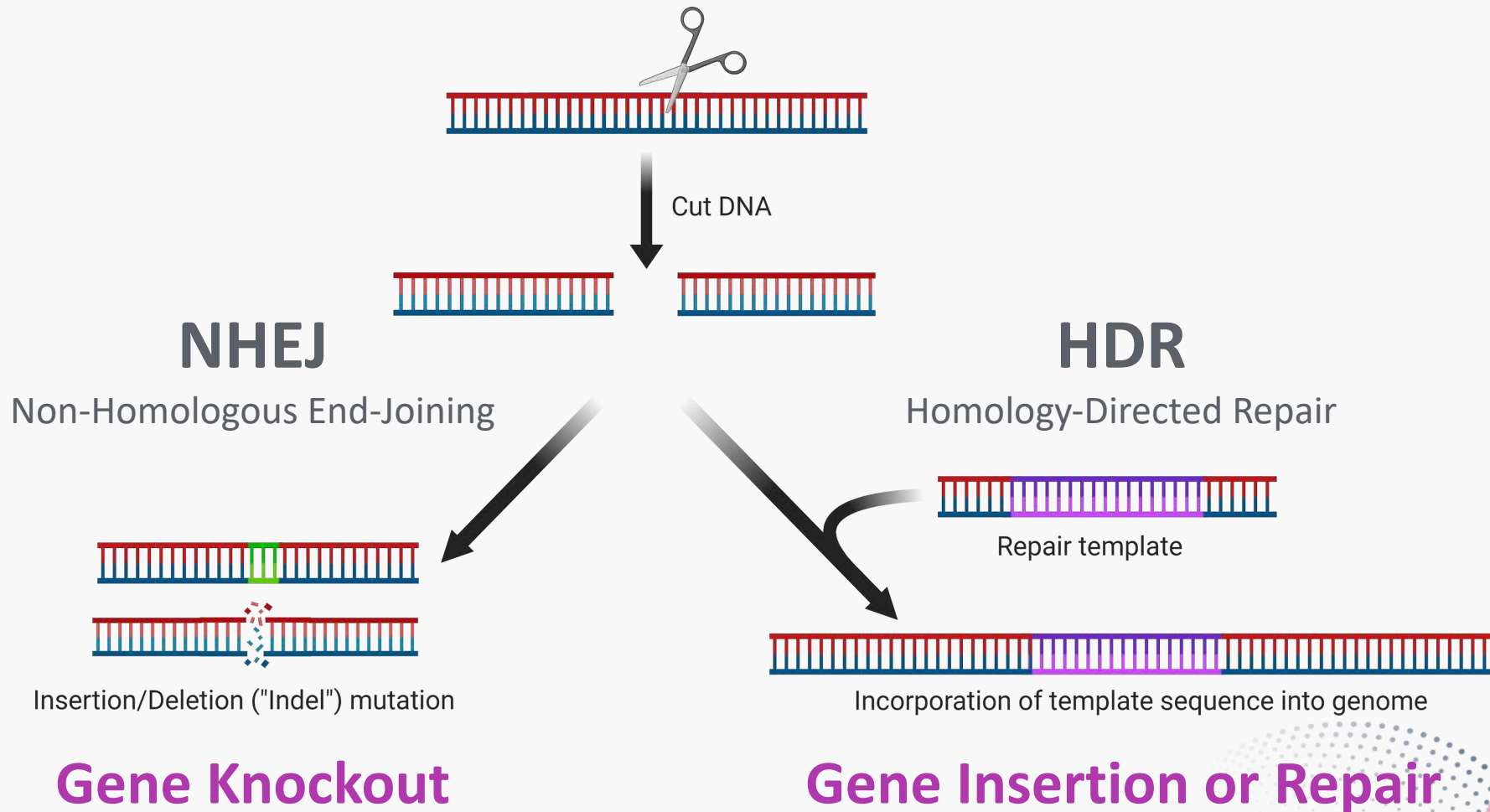
The small size of ARCUS makes it compatible with single AAV delivery



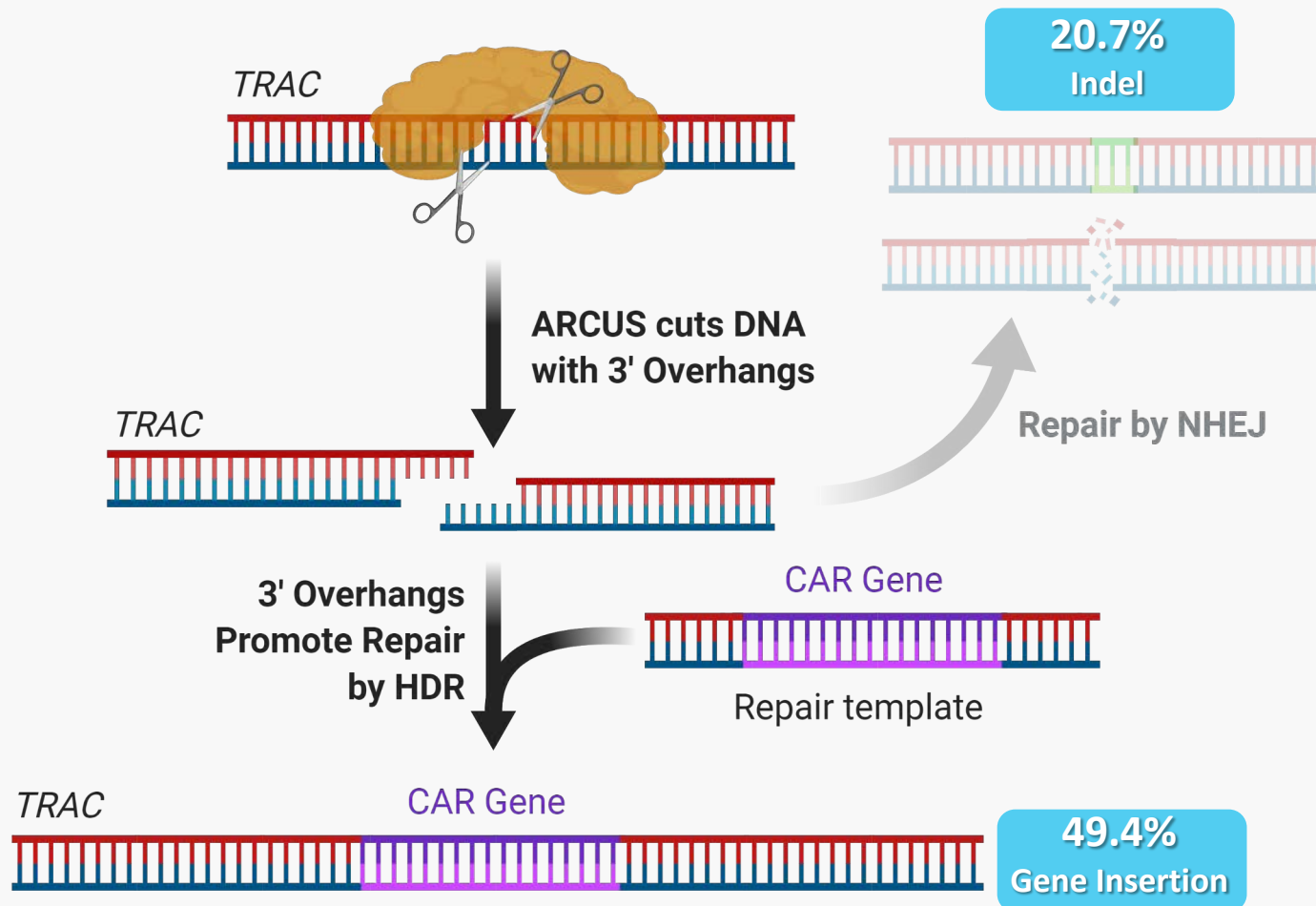
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DNA Cuts Can Be Repaired by Either NHEJ or HDR.

Complex gene insertion or gene repair edits require HDR.



ARCUS Performs Complex Edits



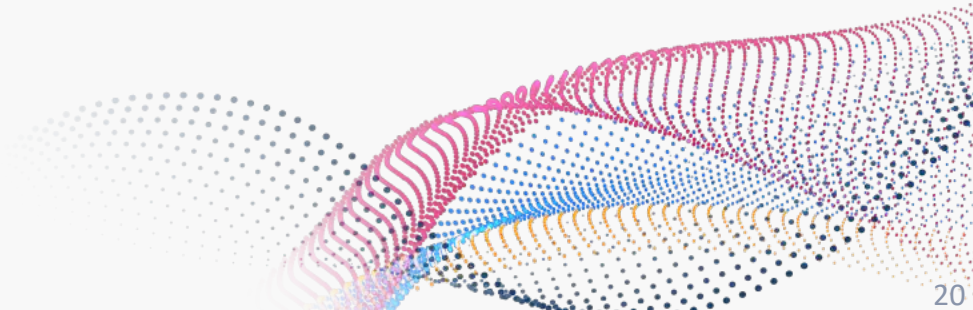
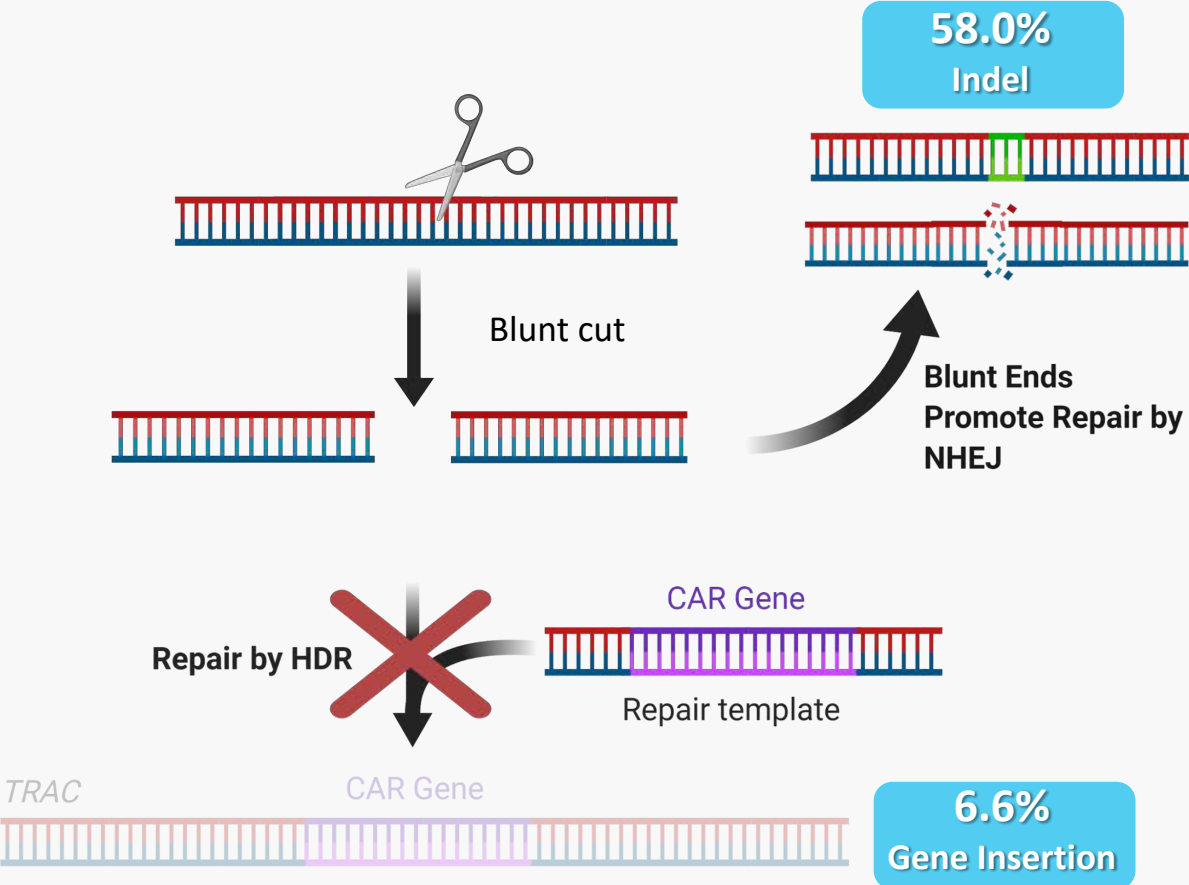
ARCUS Promotes HDR

Cuts made by ARCUS have 3' overhangs and are repaired primarily via HDR

This enables complex edits like gene insertion

Blunt Cuts are Repaired Primarily via NHEJ

3' overhangs are necessary for efficient HDR

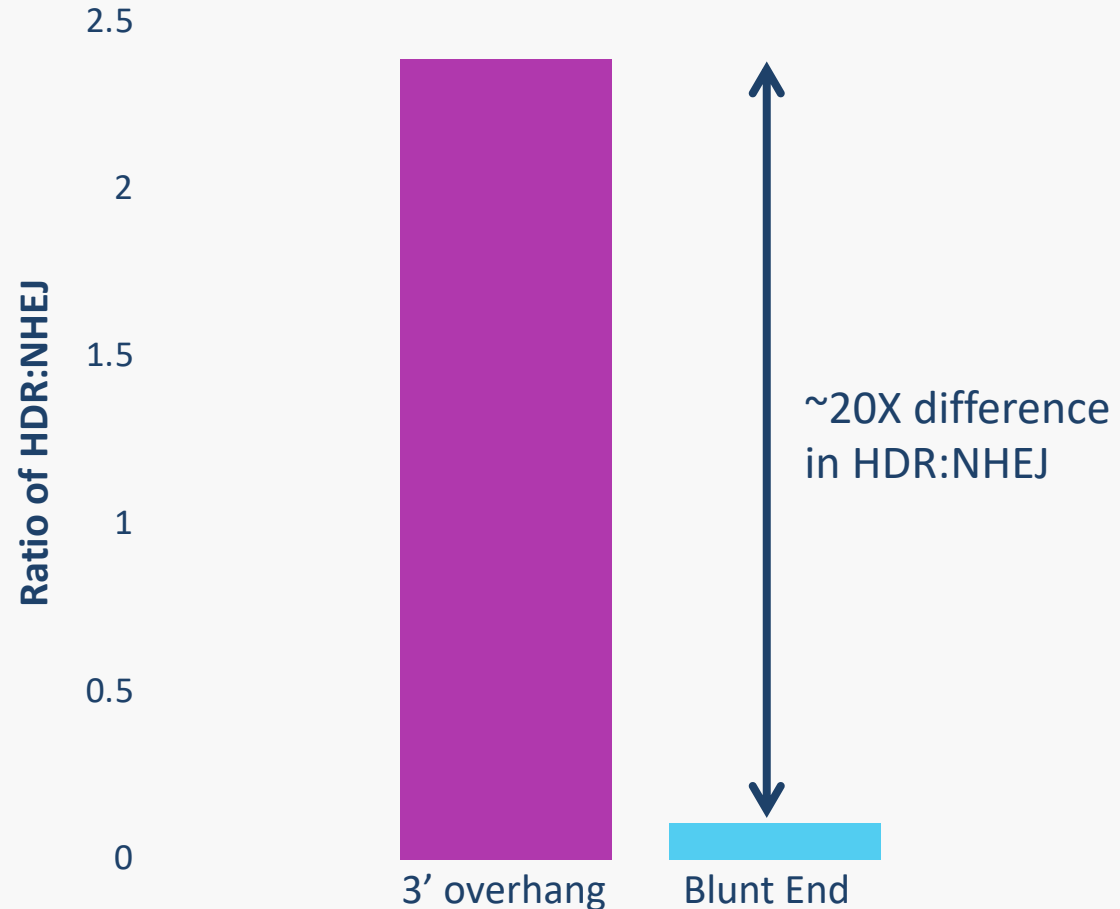


ARCUS Performs Complex Edits

HDR:NHEJ Ratio

The 3' overhangs created by ARCUS very significantly shift the ratio of HDR:NHEJ to favor HDR

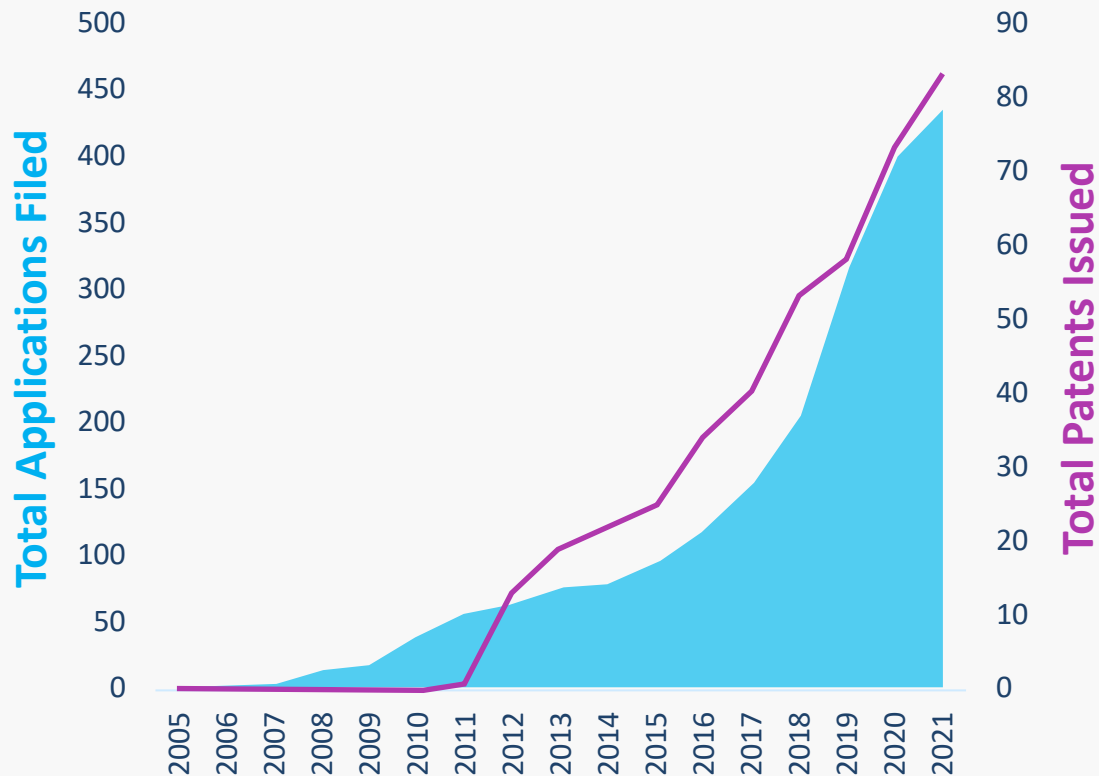
We believe ARCUS is the ideal tool for gene insertion and repair.



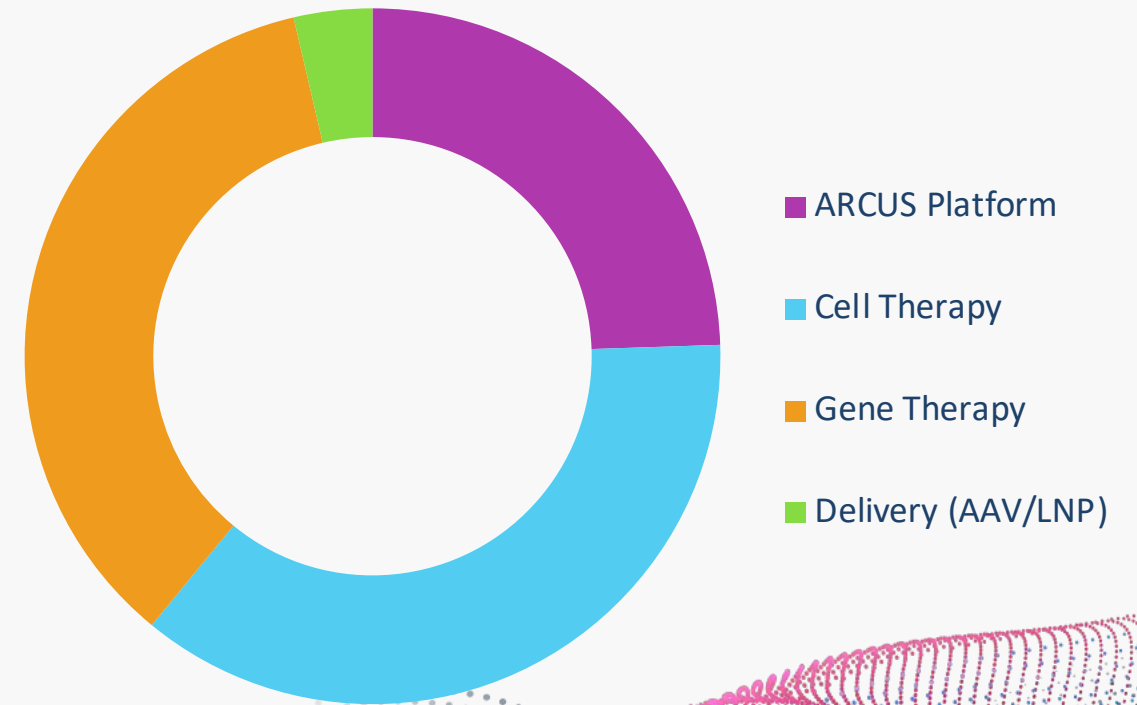
Intellectual Property

- Precision BioSciences controls over 80 issued patents related to ARCUS and its applications
- ARCUS platform and nucleases are unencumbered by third-party IP

Applications and Issued Patents by Year

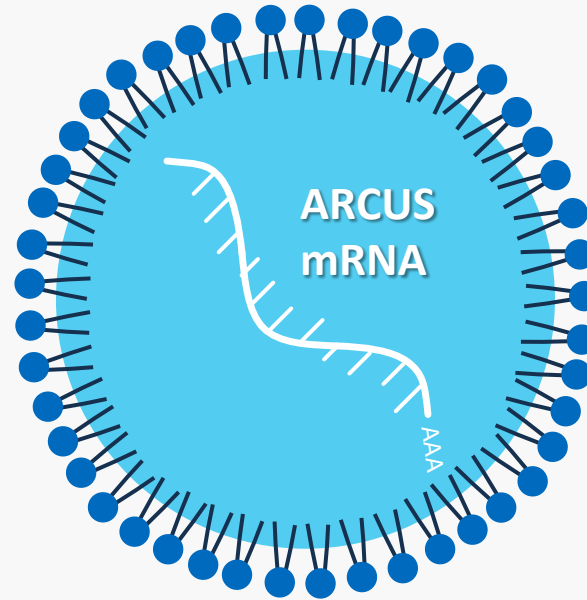


Intellectual Property Distribution



Two In-House Delivery Platforms: **LNP & AAV**

LNP Lipid Nanoparticle:



Efficient delivery to liver

Short half-life

No neutralizing antibodies

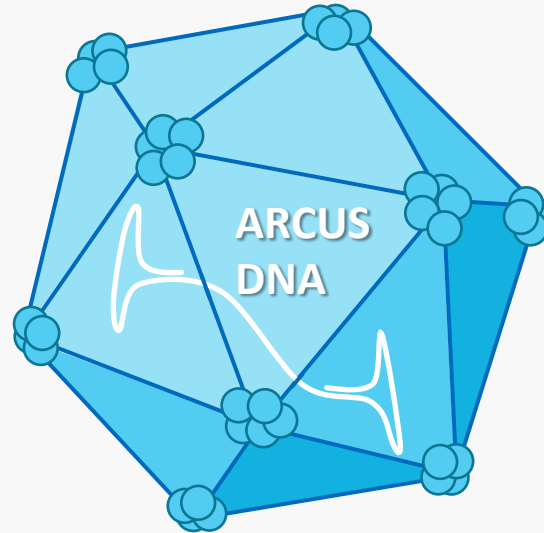
Potential to repeat-dose

Good translation from NHP



Two In-House Delivery Platforms: **LNP & AAV**

AAV Adeno-Associated Virus:



Delivery to other tissues

Deliver HDR donor for knock-in

Established manufacturing

Established regulatory pathway

Promoters localize expression

LNP Biodistribution and Pharmacokinetics

LNP Delivers ARCUS Efficiently to NHP Liver and Dissipates in Days

Lipid Nanoparticle (LNP)
2 mg/kg IV

1 hour

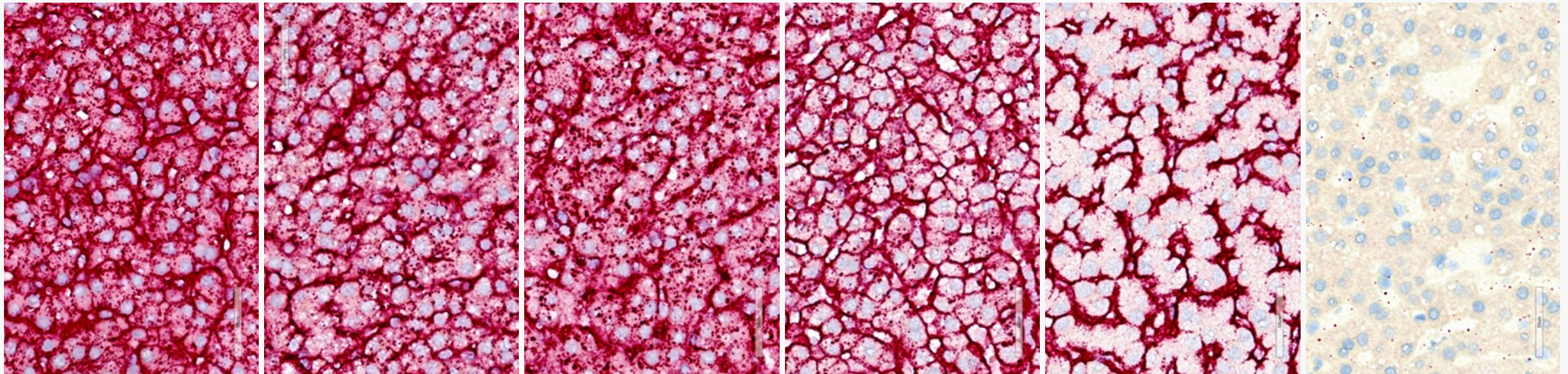
3 hour

6 hour

24 hour

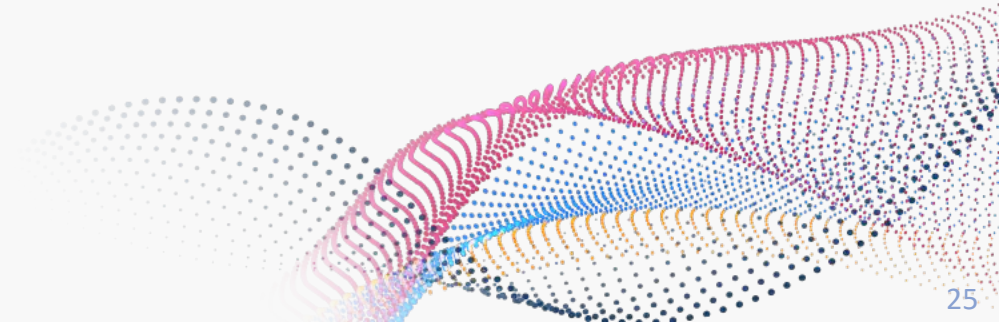
48 hour

7 day



ARCUS mRNA

DAPI

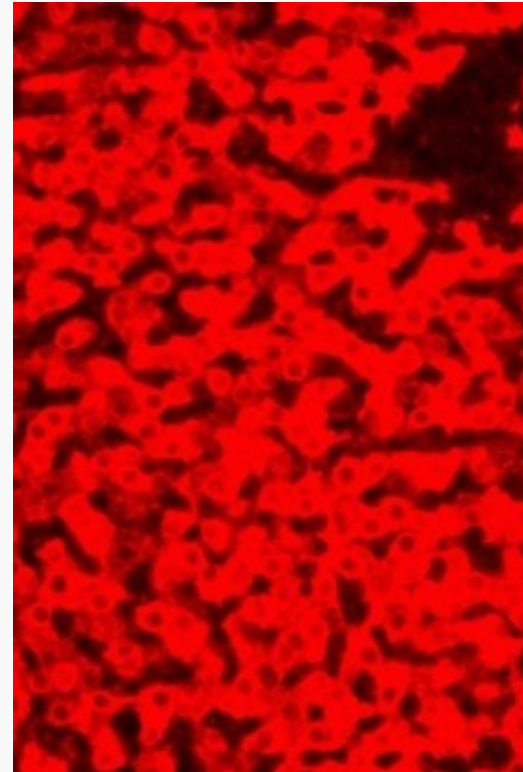


AAV Biodistribution and Pharmacokinetics

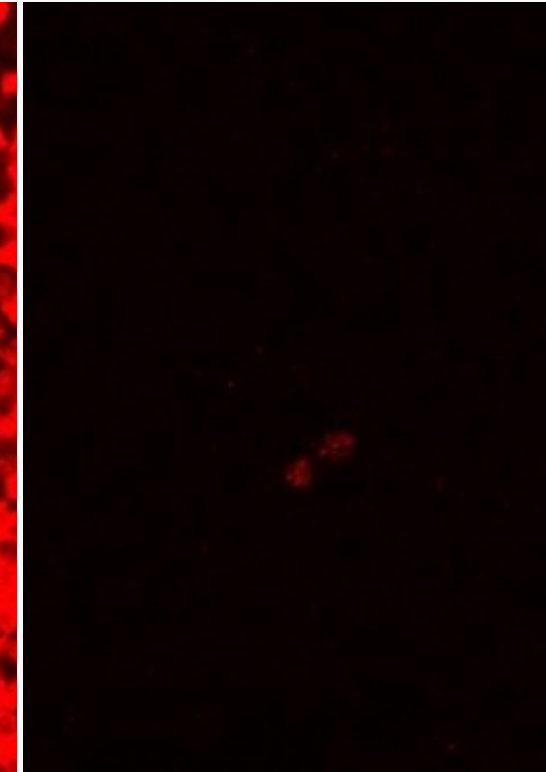
AAV Delivers ARCUS Efficiently to NHP Liver
and Persists Longer than LNP

Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV)
3e13 vg/kg AAV8 IV


17 day

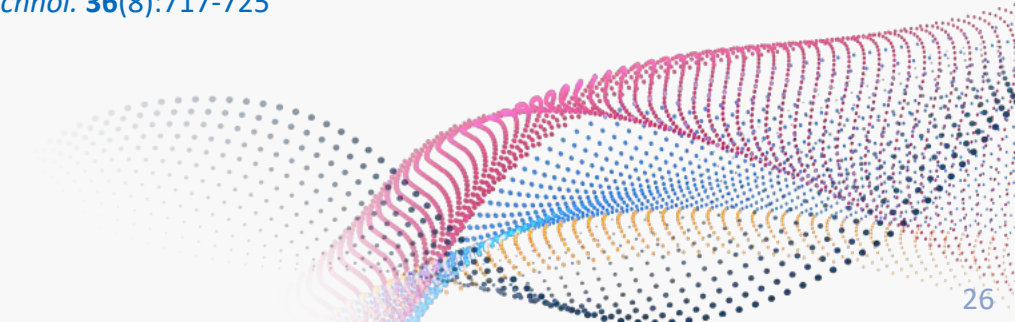


129 day



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 ARCUS mRNA



MCAT: Manufacturing Center for Advanced Therapeutics

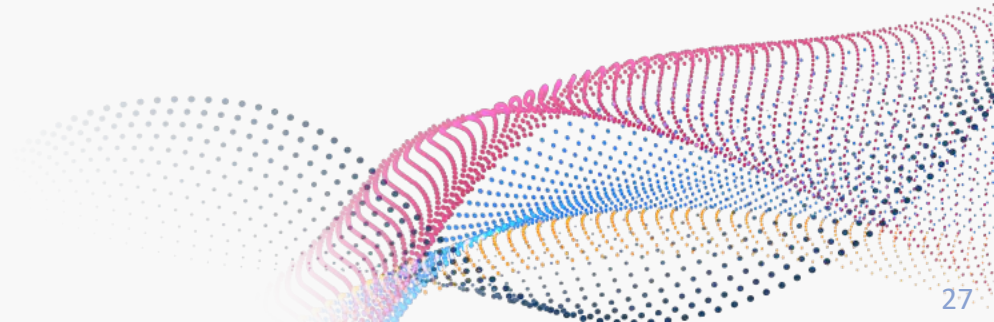


17,300 sq. ft. facility
in Durham, NC

Fully **cGMP** compliant

CAR T, mRNA, and AAV platforms

Currently producing clinical trial
material for **CAR T programs**





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- **(866) 970-2058** DOMESTIC
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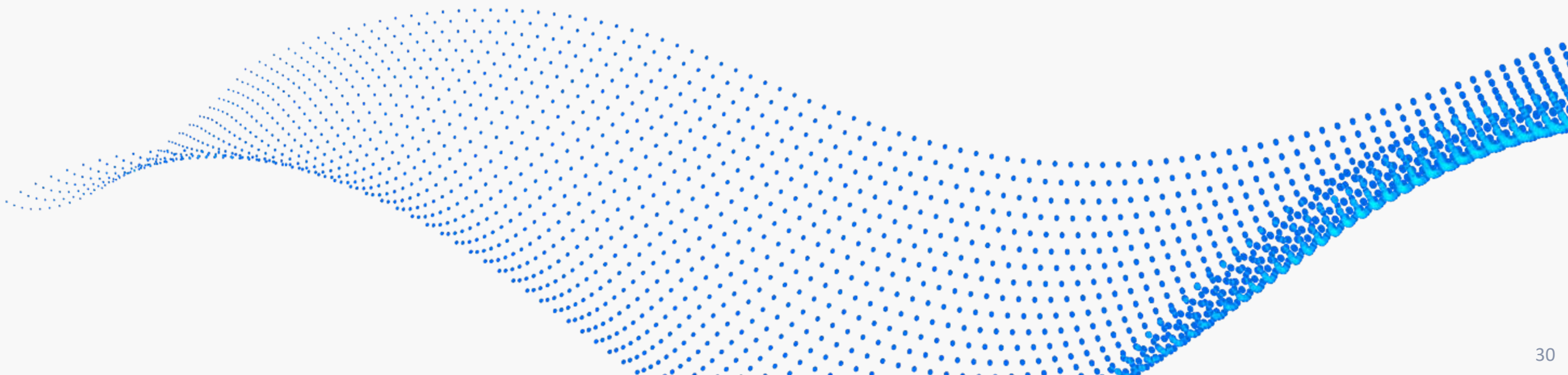
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ARCUS Q&A

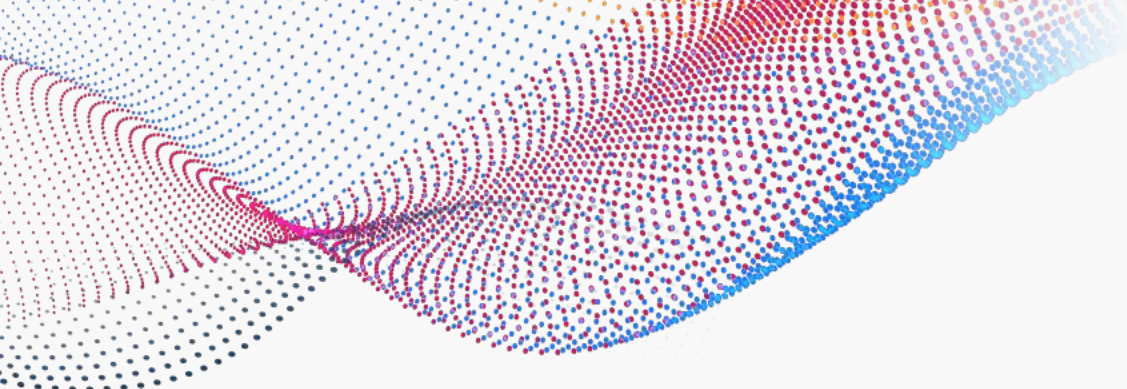
GENE EDITING PIPELINE & STRATEGY



Gene Editing Pipeline

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PBGENE-PH1	Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1	Liver	<i>HAO1</i>	LNP				2023	
PBGENE-HBV	Chronic Hepatitis B	Liver	<i>HBV</i>	LNP				2024	
PBGENE-DMD	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	Muscle	<i>DMD</i>	AAV				--	<i>Lilly</i>
PBGENE-LLY2	Undisclosed – Liver	Liver	Undisclosed	Undisclosed				--	<i>Lilly</i>
PBGENE-LLY3	Undisclosed - CNS	CNS	Undisclosed	Undisclosed				--	<i>Lilly</i>

*iECURE plans to develop PBGENE-PCSK9 through Phase 1 clinical trial. Precision retains rights to future development and commercialization of PBGENE-PCSK9



Gene Editing Pipeline Validation & Expansion Creates Value

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Clinical Validation

Knock-out Genes in Liver

AAV
LNP

PBGENE-PCSK9

PBGENE-PH1

PBGENE-HBV

IND/CTA
Submission

2022

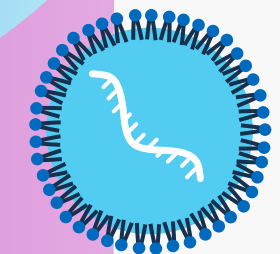
2023

2024

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Pipeline Expansion

Complex Edits &
Multiple Tissues



PBGENE-DMD
PBGENE-LLY2*
PBGENE-LLY3*

*Precision has not disclosed the method of delivery or target for PBGENE-LLY2 & PBGENE-LLY3.

In Vivo Gene Editing Partnering Strategy

Precision Biosciences Programs

Leverage extensive NHP data to achieve clinical validation of liver knock-out programs

Where Precision Biosciences can be 1st gene editing program into clinic

Pursue novel gene insertion targets requiring complex edits as we build scale

Partnering Strategy to Build Precision Scale

Speed

Economics

Capabilities

Capacity

Market

Transformative Gene Editing Partnership for Precision



Research collaboration and license agreement aimed at treating challenging genetic diseases

3 Initial collaboration for 3 programs, including DMD
+
3 Lilly retains right to select up to 3 additional gene targets

Precision - Pre-IND R&D; **Lilly** - IND to commercial
Upfront payment of **\$135 million including \$35 million equity stake**
Up to \$420M per target in development and commercialization milestones
Mid-single digit to low-teens tiered royalties


iECURE Collaboration Provides Potential Rapid Path to Clinical Validation

Collaboration leverages extensive ARCUS knock-out data in NHPs, rapidly advances first ARCUS nuclease into the clinic, and validates ARCUS for gene insertion



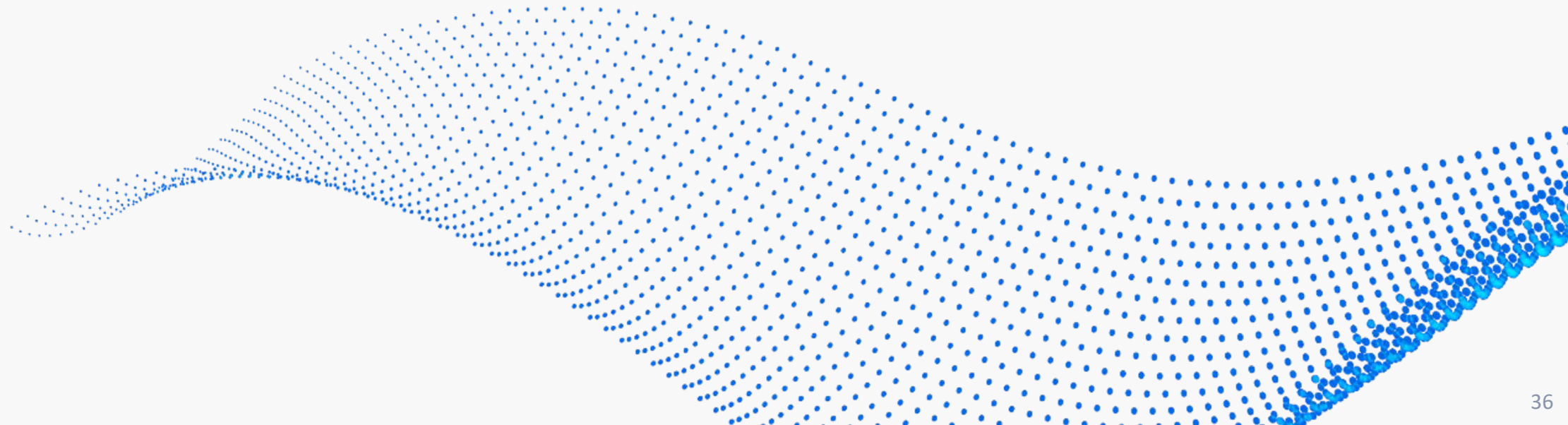
- Rapid path for PBGENE-PCSK9 through clinical POC; no cost to Precision
- Maintains commercial rights to PBGENE-PCSK9 for CV disease¹
- Equity stake in iECURE, milestones & royalties on four gene insertion programs



- Partnered with the  Penn Gene Therapy Program
- Plan to advance PBGENE-PCSK9 to Phase 1 clinical study and submit CTA in 2022 for FH on Precision's behalf
- Rights to develop PCSK9 nuclease for gene insertion in 4 rare indications, including PKU and OTC

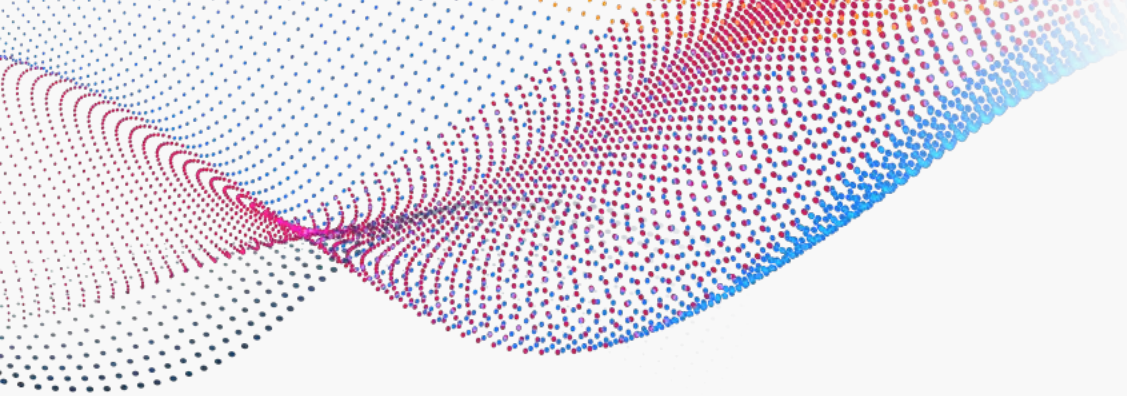
¹ Precision retains rights to PBGENE-PCSK9 except for the gene insertion applications for treatment of the 4 rare indications licensed to iECURE

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
PCSK9 FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA (FH)



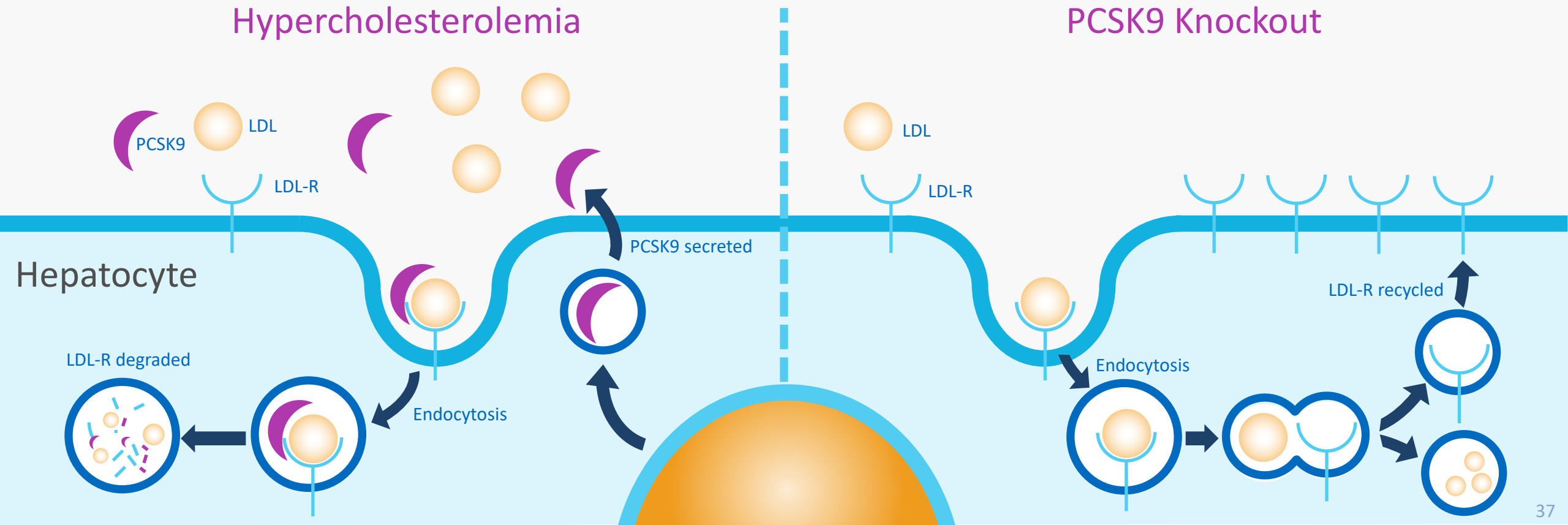
Familial Hypercholesterolemia

PCSK9



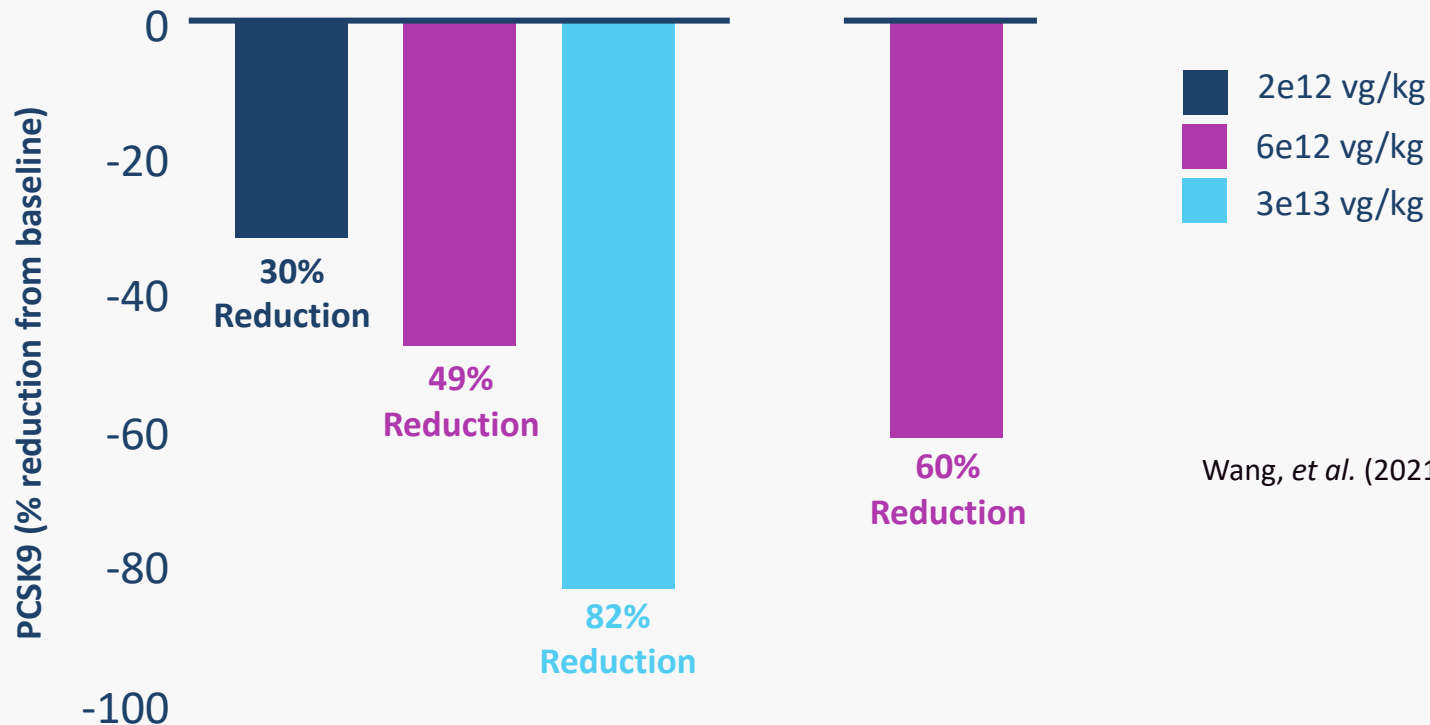
Hypercholesterolemia

PCSK9 Knockout



PBGENE-PCSK9: Stable Knockout of PCSK9 Observed in NHPs

A single dose of AAV8-ARCUS reduced serum PCSK9 levels by up to 82% in non-human primates



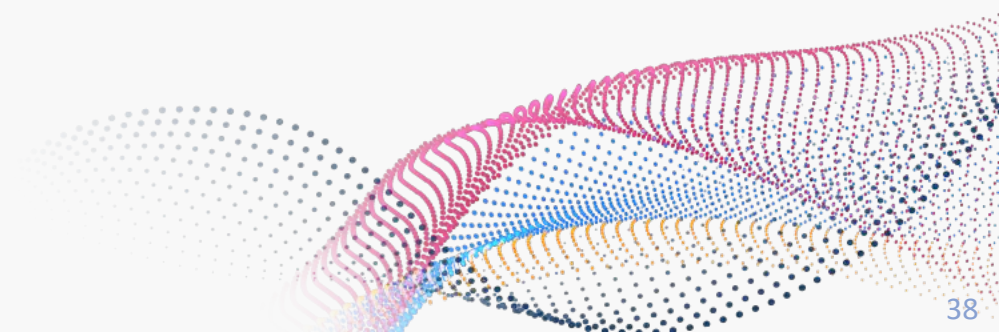
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M1PCSK9

Generation 1 ARCUS
Average Reduction Over
728 Days Post-Treatment

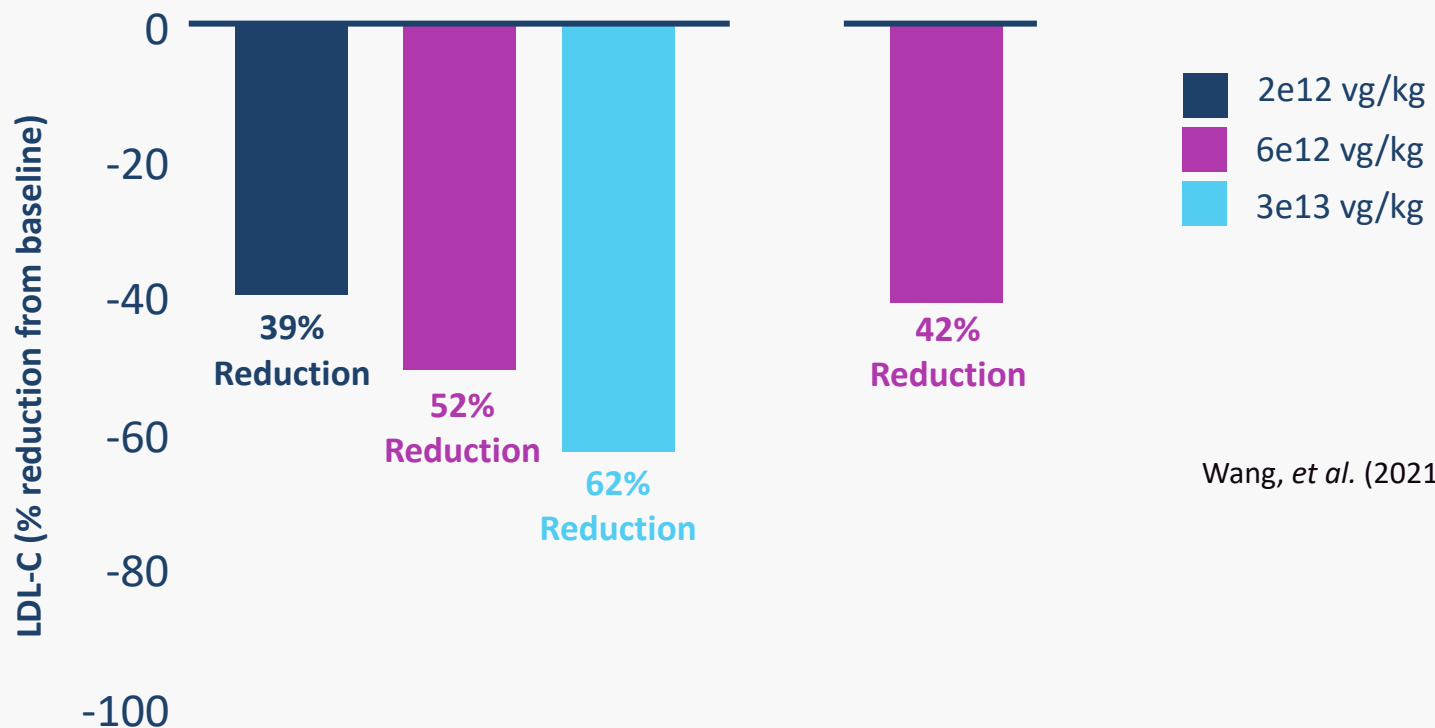
M2PCSK9

Generation 2 ARCUS
Average Reduction Over
771 Days Post-Treatment



PBGENE-PCSK9: Stable Reduction in LDL-c Observed in NHPs

A single dose of AAV8-ARCUS reduced LDL-c levels by up to 62% in non-human primates



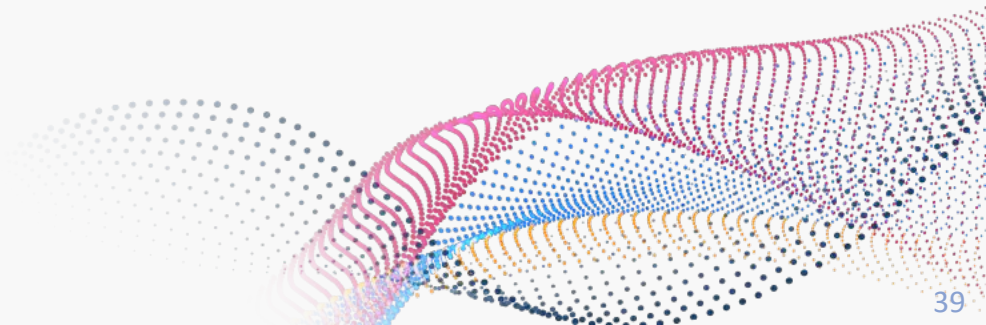
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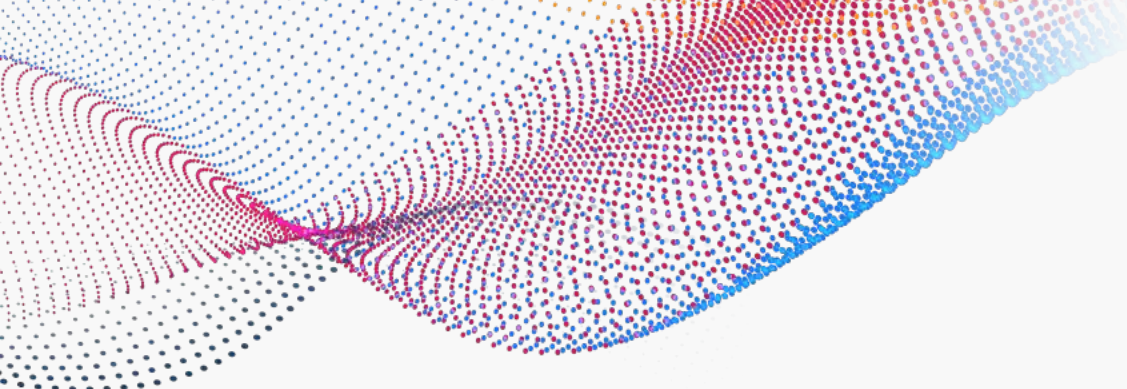
M1PCSK9

Generation 1 ARCUS
Average Reduction Over
728 Days Post-Treatment

M2PCSK9

Generation 2 ARCUS
Average Reduction Over
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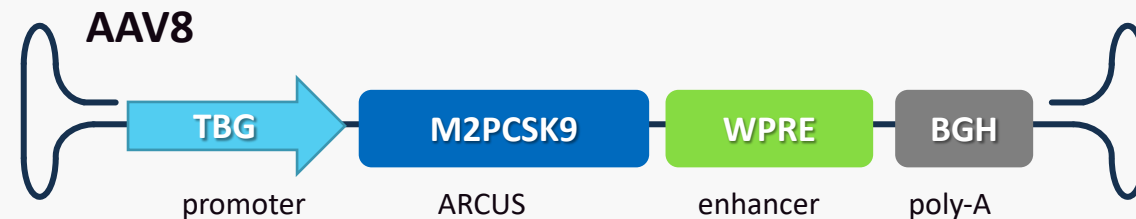
PBGENE-PCSK9 Vector

AAV was selected as the delivery technology for PBGENE-PCSK9

- The underlying genetic causes of FH result in reduced lipid uptake by liver.
- FH is expected to impair LNP uptake by hepatocytes.

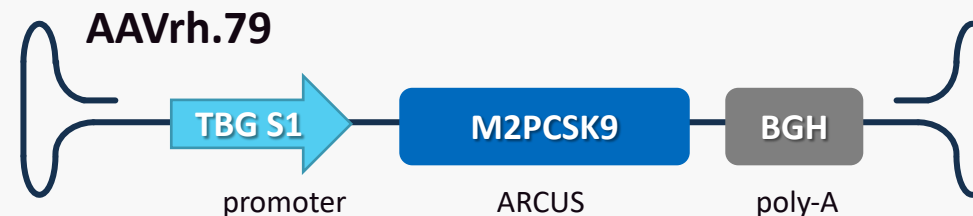
Research Vector

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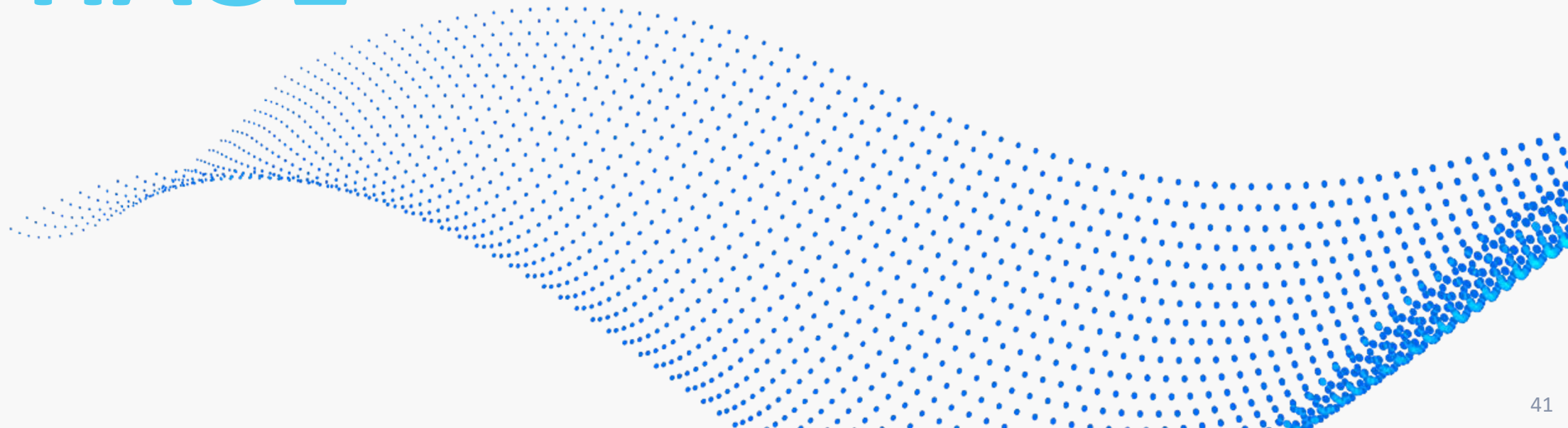
Anticipated Clinical Vector

- Promoter reduced and enhancer removed to reduce off-target editing
- Capsid changed to rh.79 to reduce frequency of NAbs



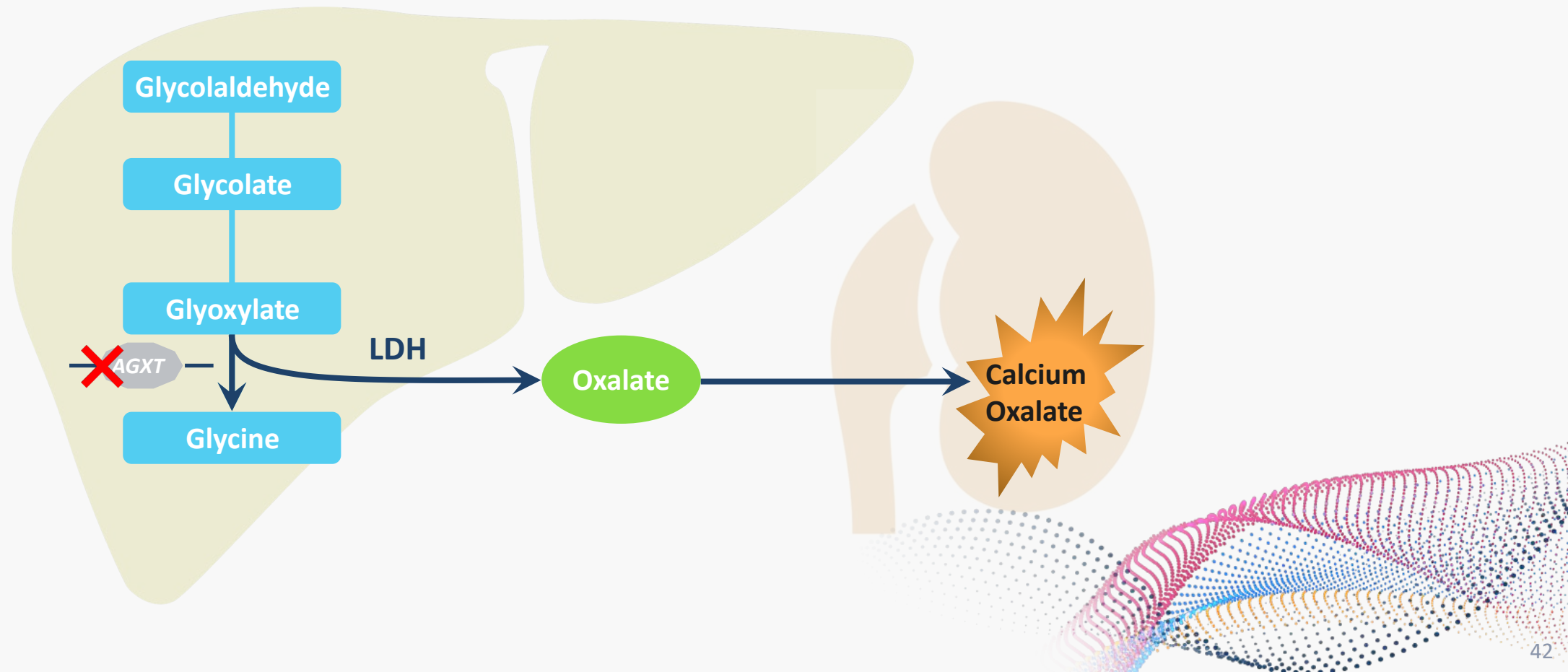
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

HAO1 PRIMARY HYPEROXALURIA TYPE 1



PBGENE-PH1

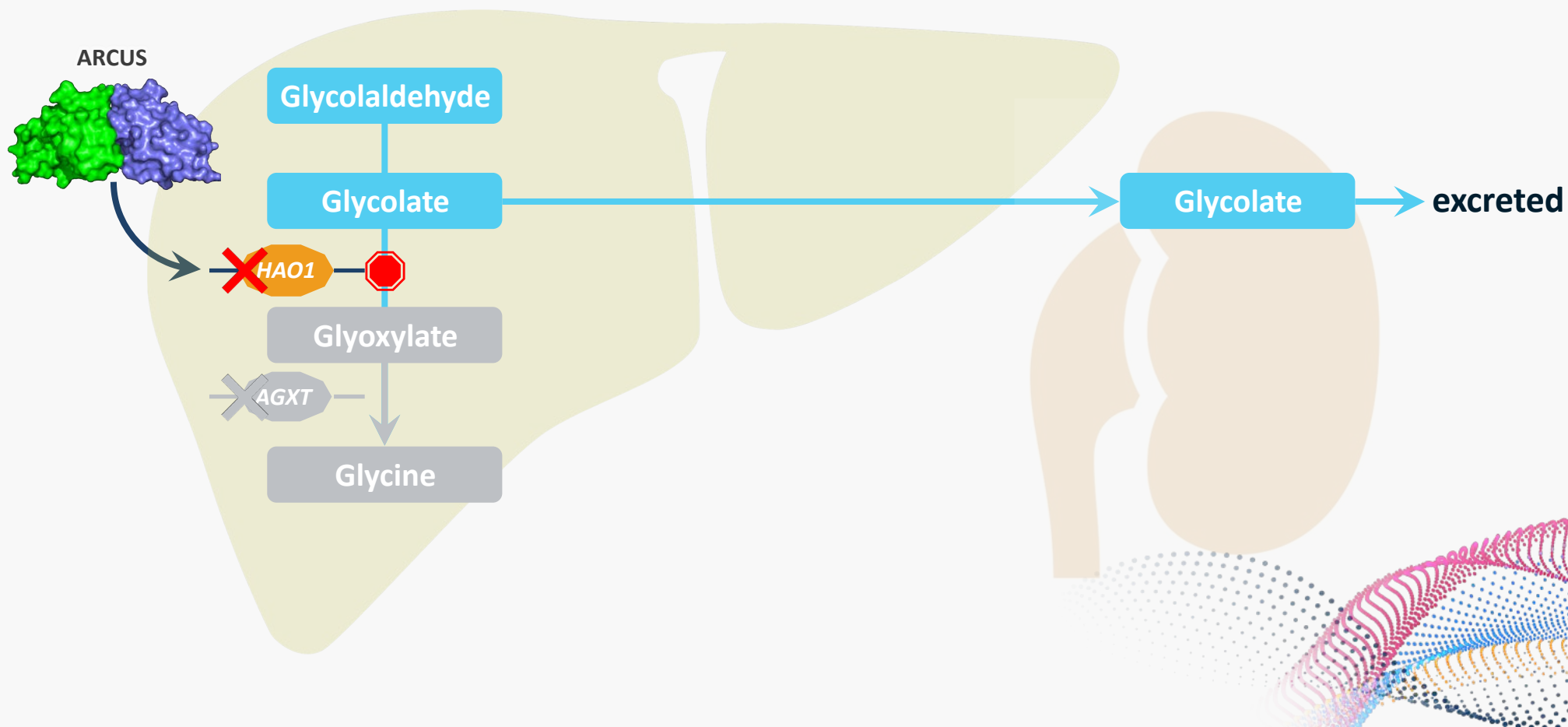
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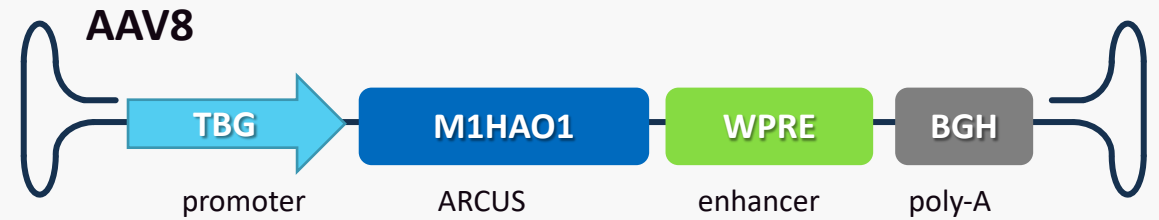
Suppressing expression of the ***HAO1*** gene is a proven method for treating the disease by reducing the formation of calcium oxalate.



PBGENE-PH1 Formulation

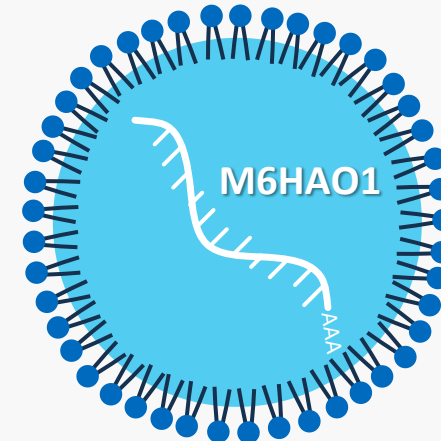
LNP was selected as the delivery technology for PBGENE-PH1

Research Vector



Anticipated Clinical Formulation

- Generation 6 ARCUS nuclease for *HAO1*
- Lipid nanoparticle formulation with optimized mRNA sequence

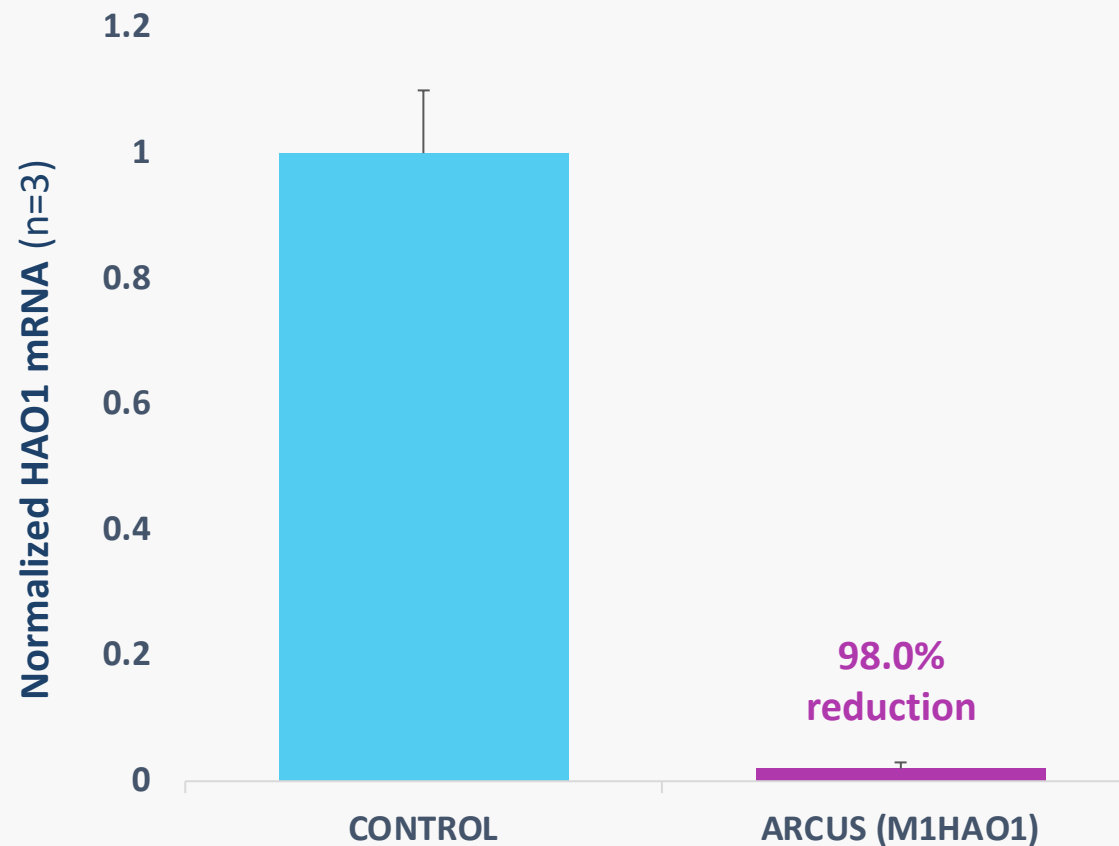


PBGENE-PH1 Proof of Concept in Non-Human Primates

ARCUS treatment decreased
HAO1 mRNA by 98% in NHPs

AAV Dose 3e13 vg/kg (n=3)

ARCUS Reduced **HAO1** mRNA levels



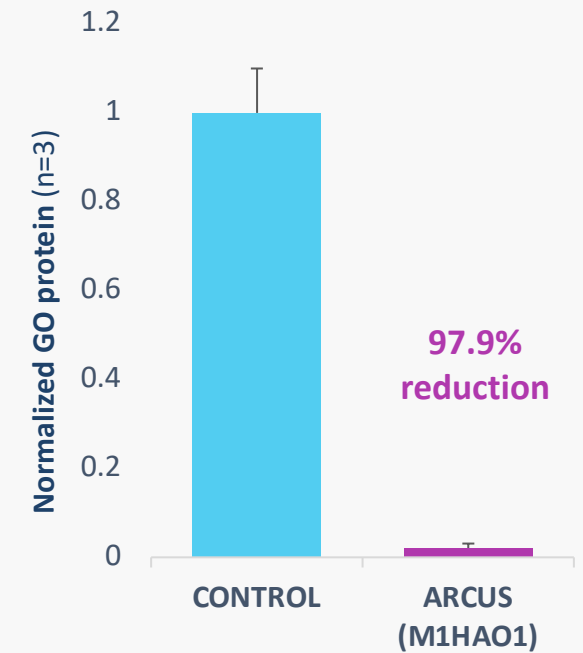
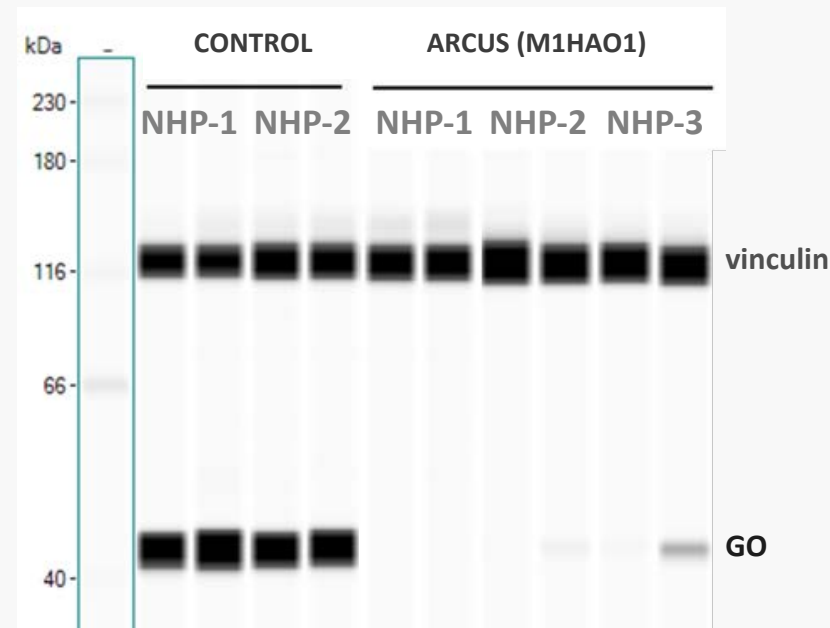
ARCUS Reduced GO Protein Levels

PBGENE-PH1 Proof of Concept in Non-Human Primates

ARCUS treatment decreased
GO protein¹ by 97.9% in NHPs

AAV Dose 3e13 vg/kg (n=3)

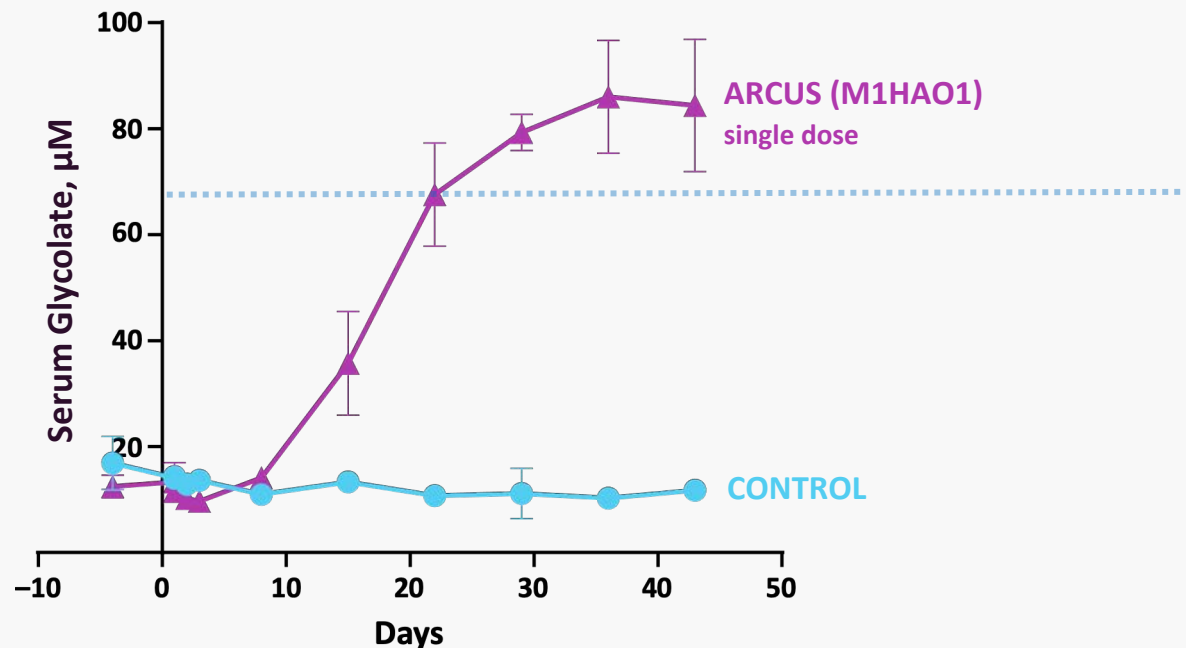
¹GO (Glycolate Oxidase) is the protein encoded by *HAO1*



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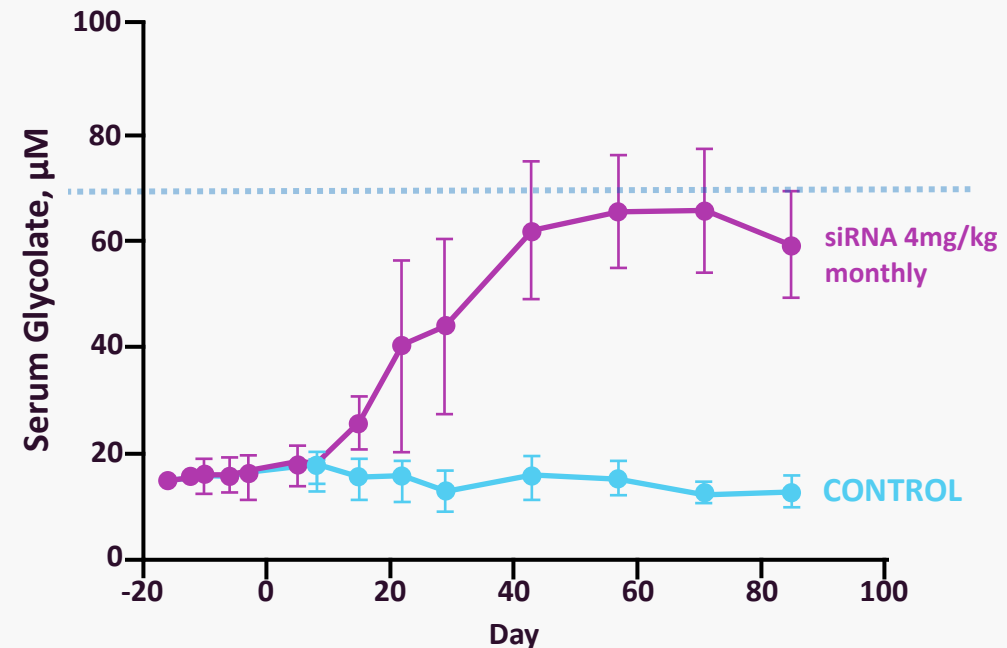
Serum glycolate

ARCUS treatment significantly increased serum glycolate levels in non-human primates



siRNA

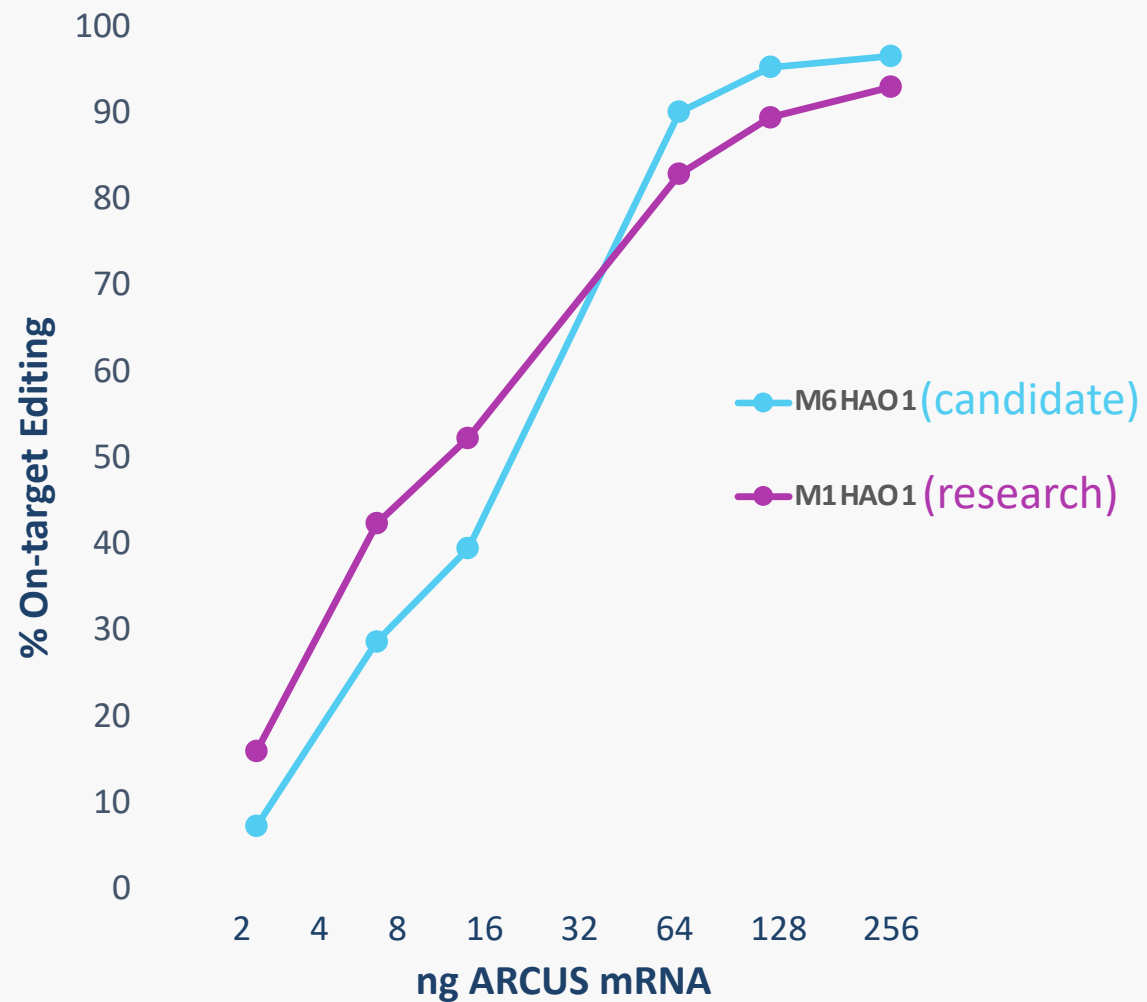
Published serum glycolate levels in NHPs treated with an siRNA against *HAO1* (Alnylam, PCT/US2015/054881)



PBGENE-PH1: Development Candidate

On-Target Editing: The optimized ARCUS candidate (**M6HAO1**) had comparable on-target editing efficiency to the research nuclease in transfected cells in vitro.

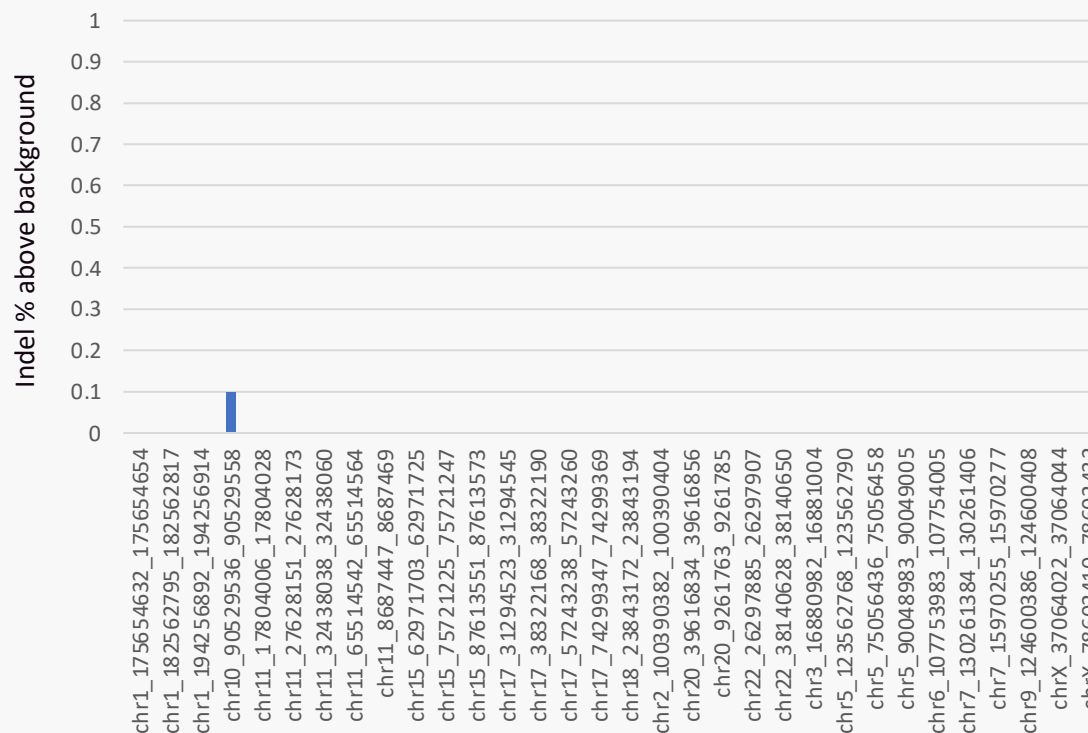
Efficiency of *HAO1* gene editing



PBGENE-PH1: Development Candidate

Off-Target Editing: One potential off-target site was identified in human cells transfected with 100ng of M6HAO1 mRNA.

Frequency of off-target editing by Oligo Capture

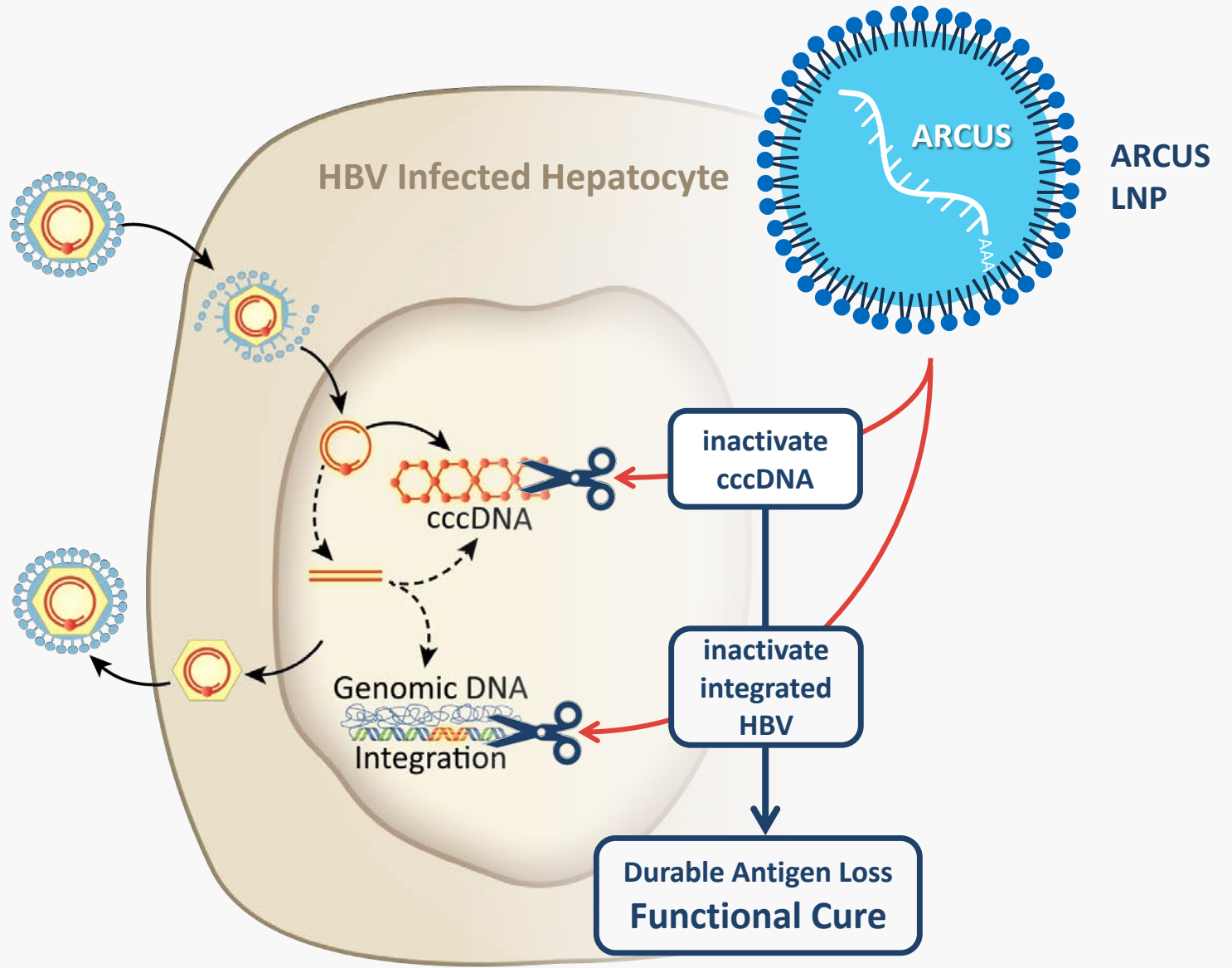


The top 32 sites identified by the Oligo Capture assay were deep sequenced in gDNA isolated from primary human hepatocytes transfected with 100ng of mRNA encoding the M6HAO1 nuclease. One site in a non-coding region of the genome was found to have a very low frequency of editing (0.1%) at levels above a mock transfected control.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:
HBV CHRONIC HEPATITIS B

PBGENE-HBV Therapeutic Strategy

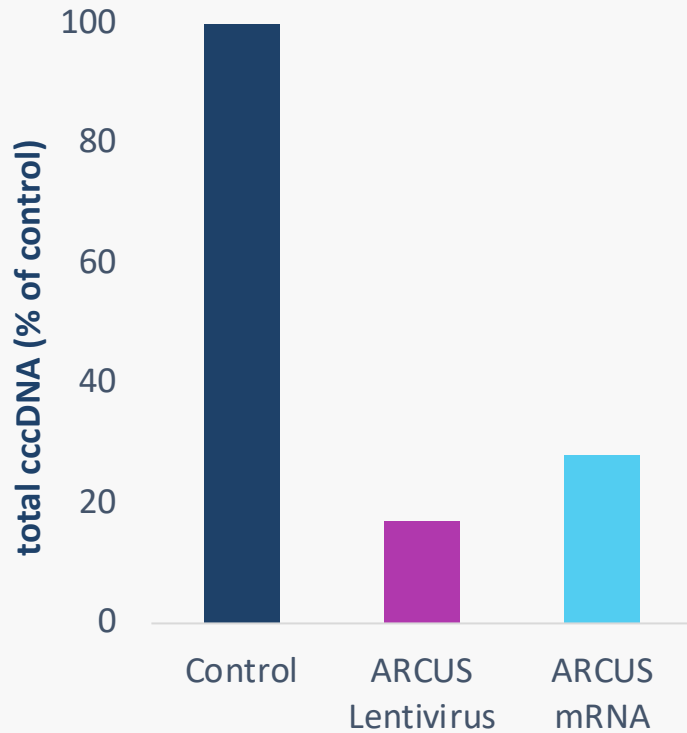
ARCUS-mediated inactivation of cccDNA and integrated HBV could result in a functional cure



Antiviral Activity in HBV-Infected Human Hepatocytes

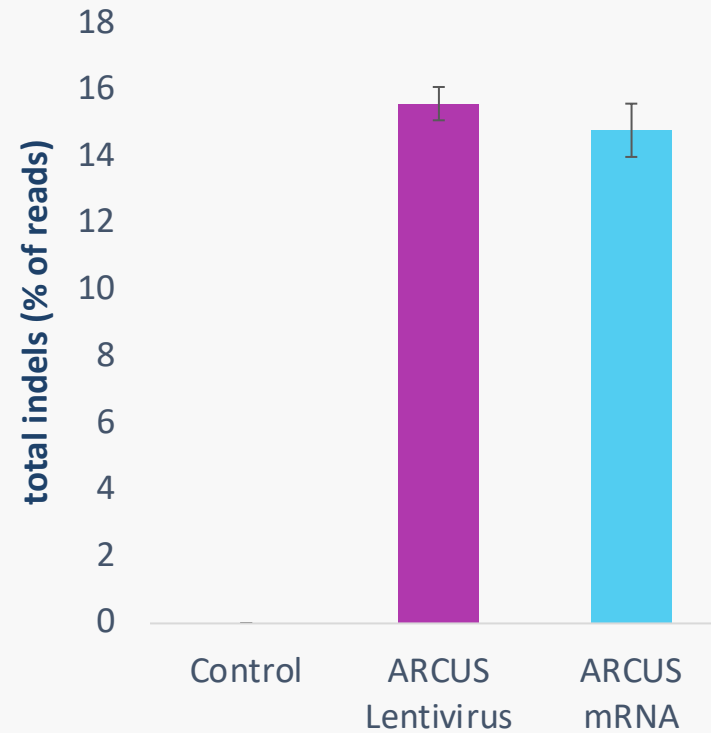
cccDNA

ARCUS treatment resulted in significant reductions in total HBV cccDNA



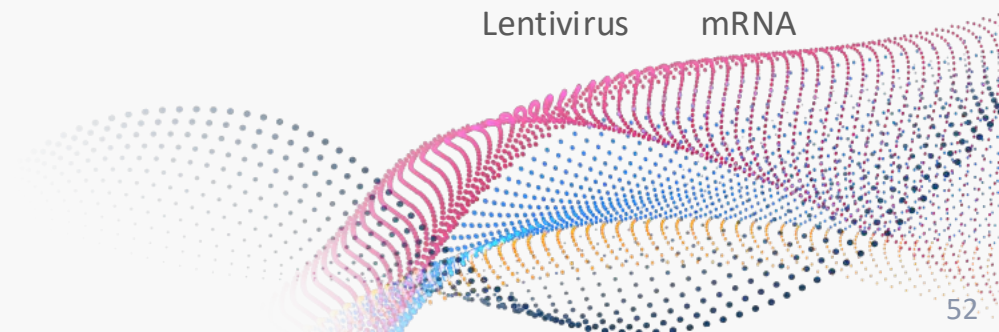
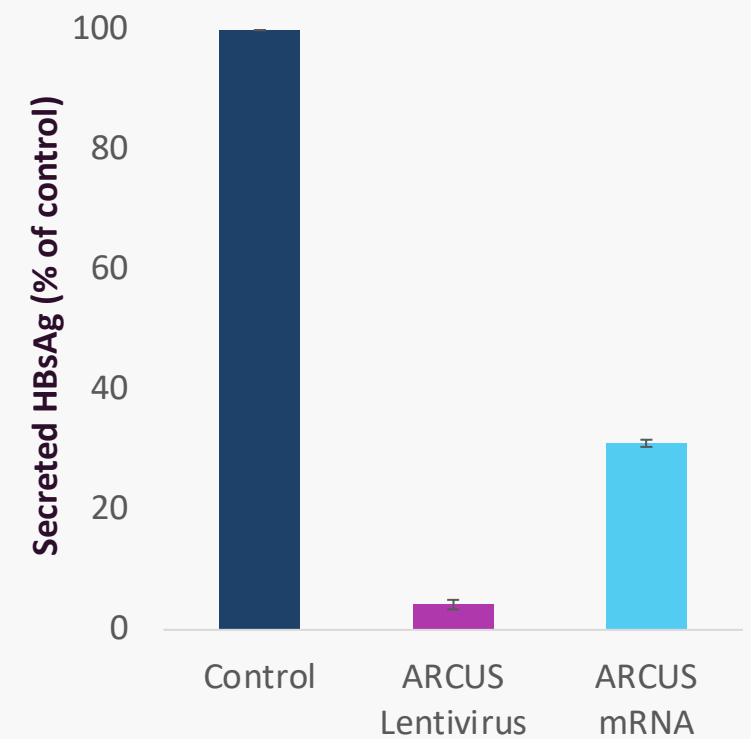
Indels

Indel mutations were detected in the remaining HBV genomes following ARCUS treatment

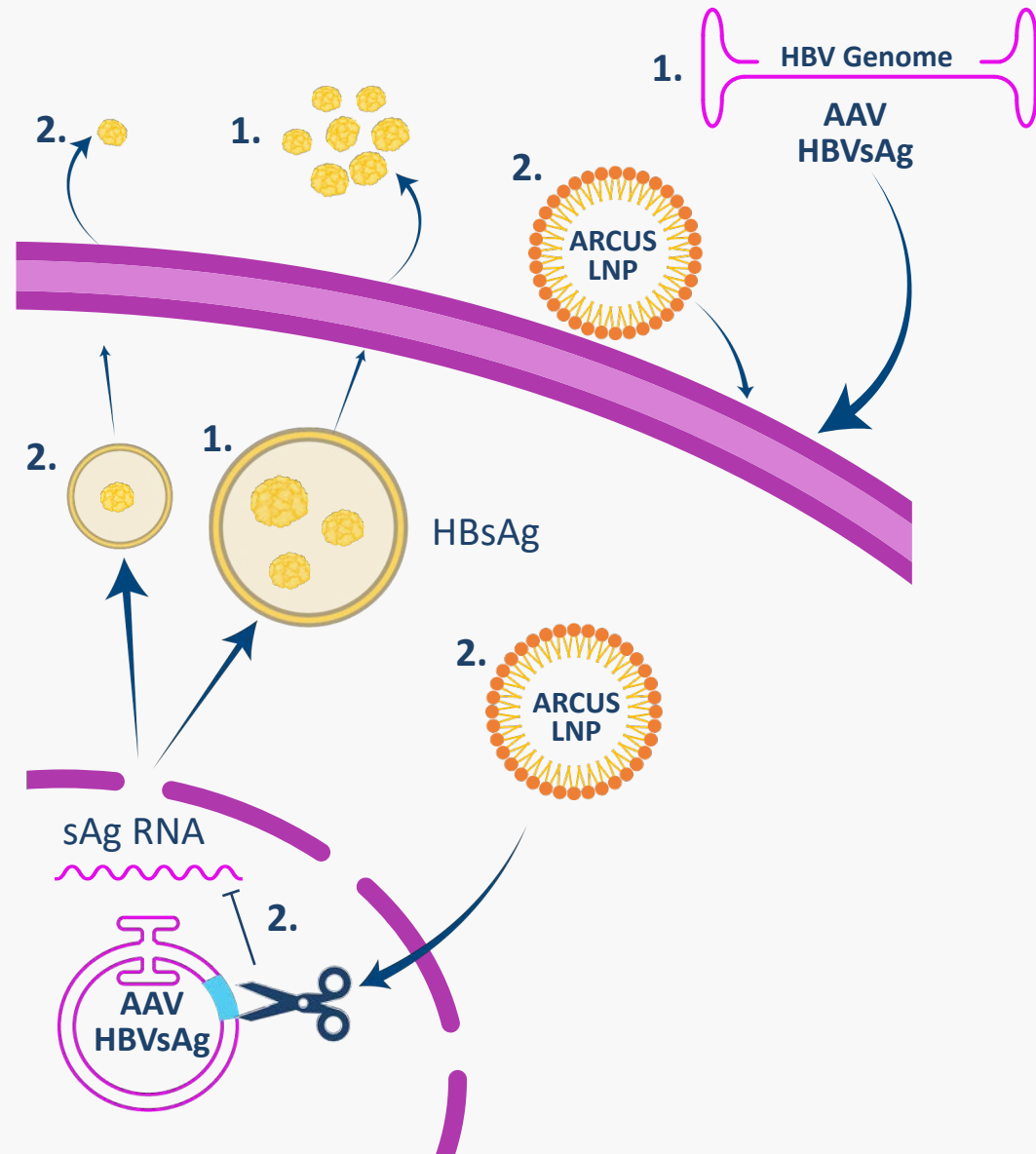


HBsAg

ARCUS treatment resulted in significant reductions in secreted S-antigen



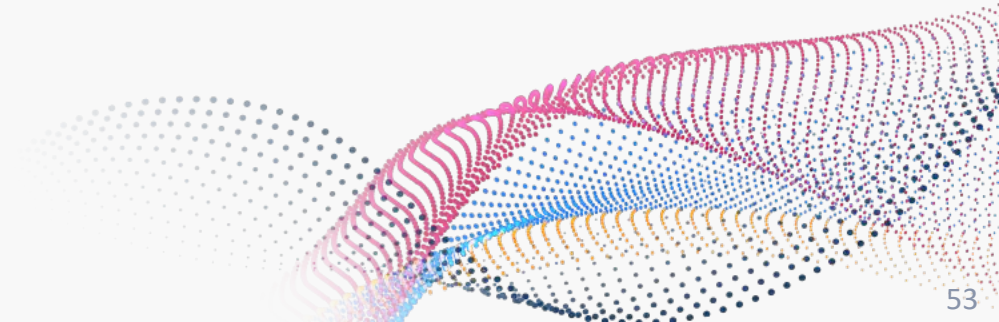
Challenge: There is No *in vivo* Model of Human HBV Infection



We developed a novel *in vivo* model for HBV editing

HBV genome sequences are delivered on an AAV vector.

HBV sequences are then deleted by ARCUS delivered by LNP.

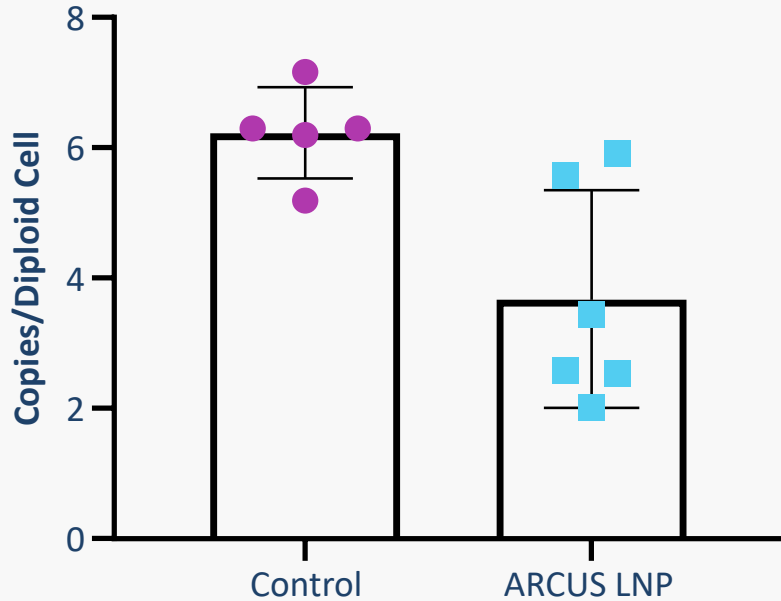


Mouse Episomal Model Results

LNP-ARCUS efficiently edited HBV sequences in an immunodeficient mouse model

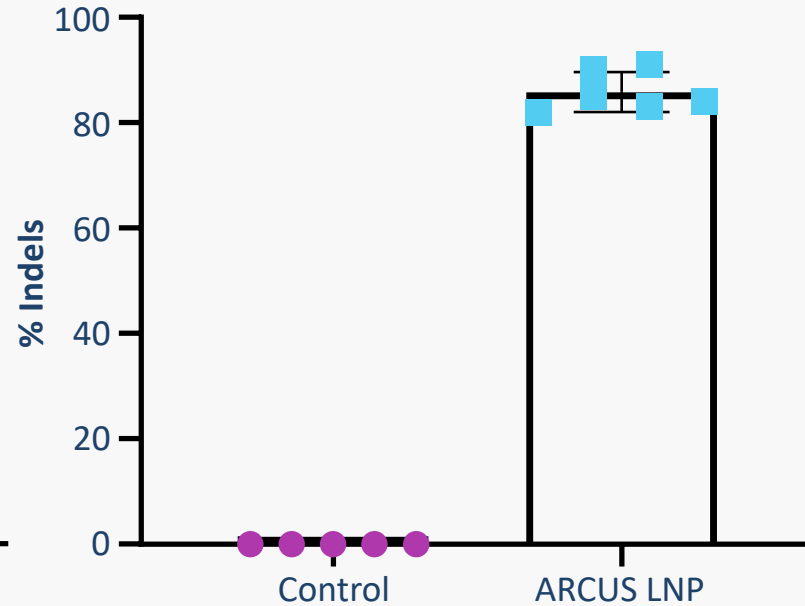
AAV Copy Number

ARCUS treatment resulted in significant reductions in total AAV genome copies



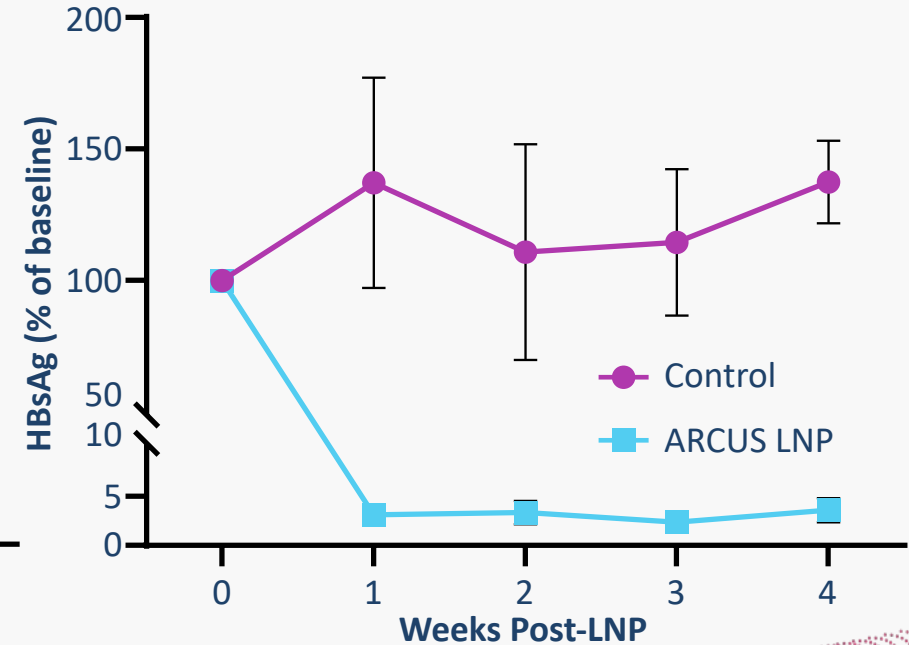
Indels

ARCUS treatment introduced a high frequency of indel mutations into the remaining AAV genomes



HBsAg

ARCUS treatment resulted in a significant reduction in serum S-antigen

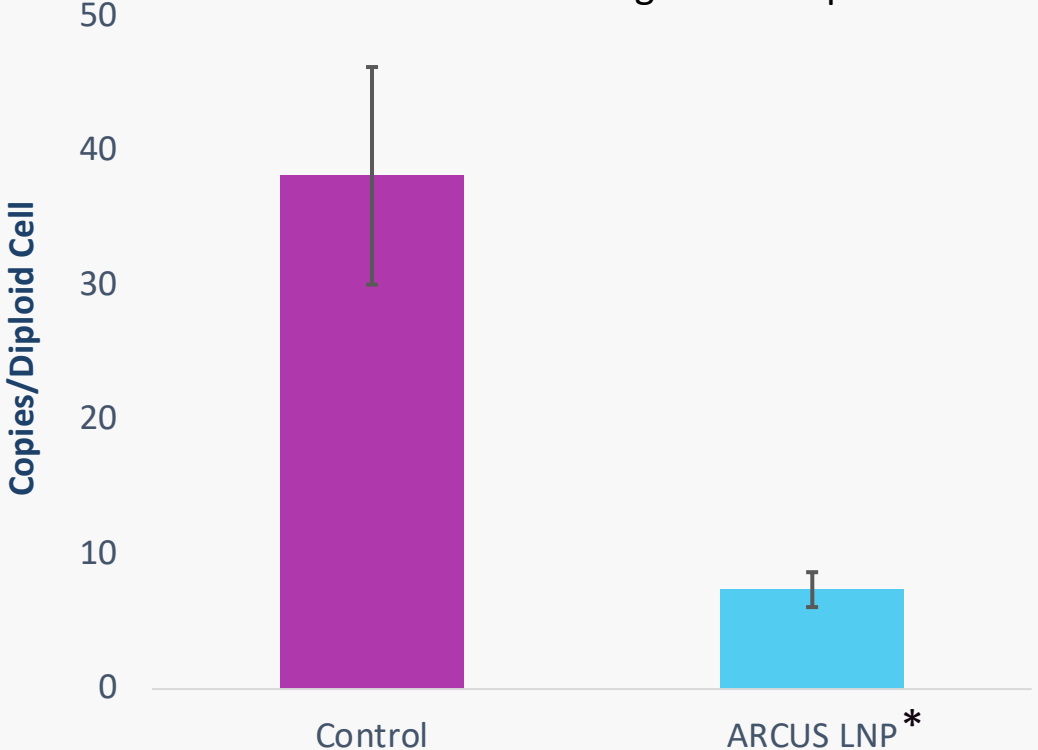


NHP Episomal Model Results

LNP-ARCUS efficiently edited HBV sequences in a NHP model

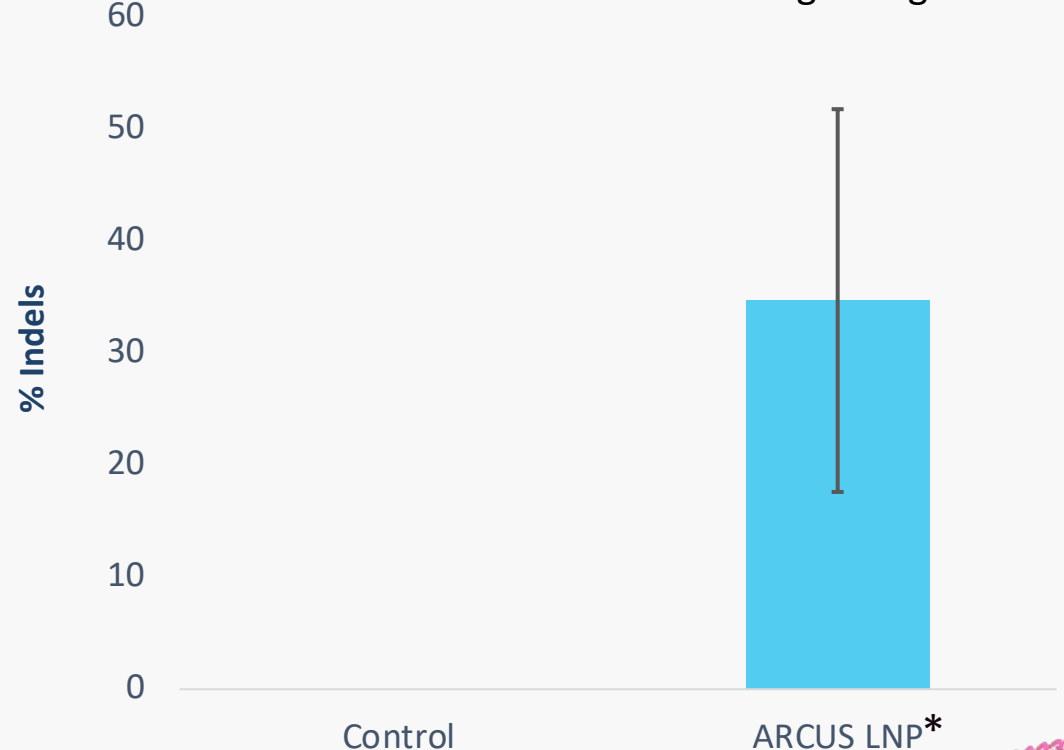
AAV Copy Number

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Note: HBsAg is quickly neutralized in immunocompetent NHPs and is not useful as a biomarker in these animals
*LNP provided by Acuitas Therapeutics

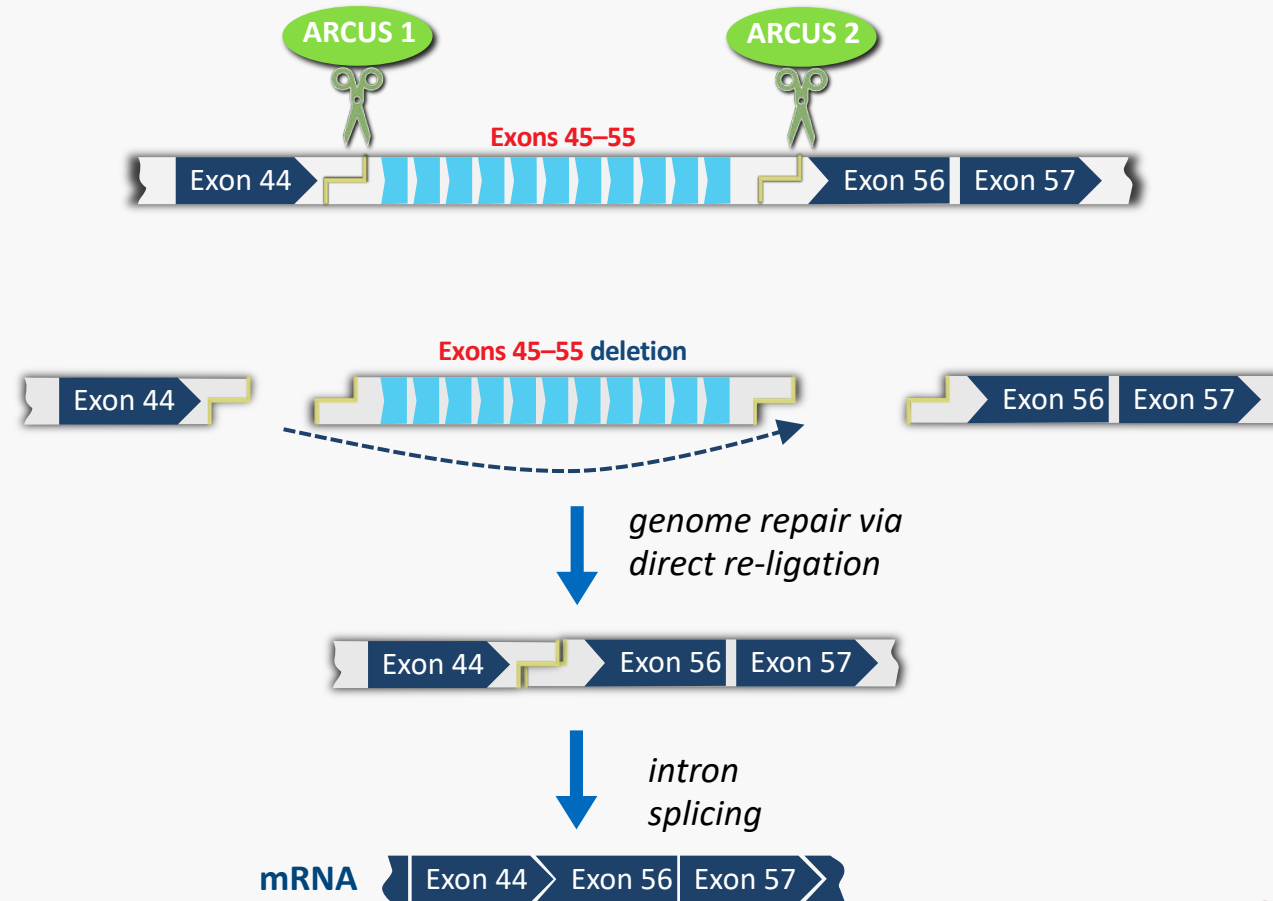


DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

DMD Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

ARCUS for Therapeutic Treatment of DMD

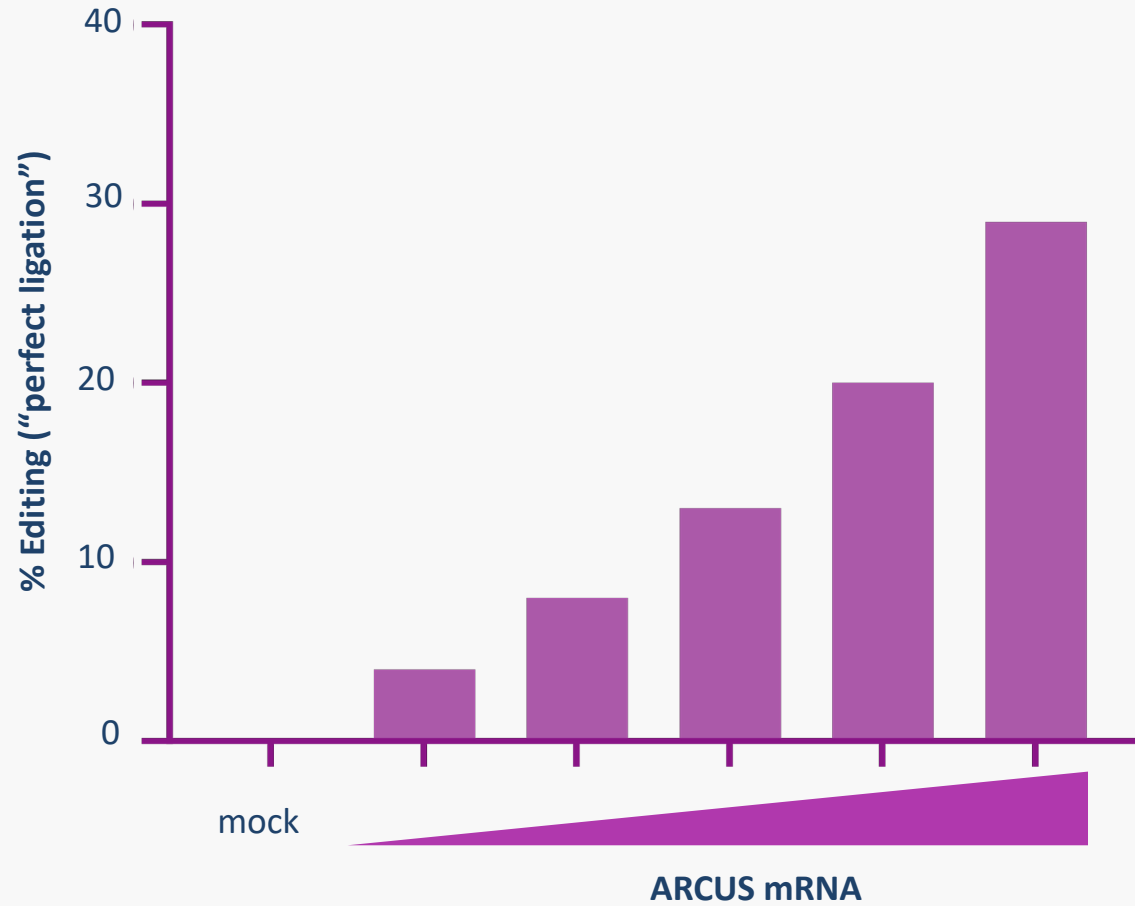
Goal: Restore dystrophin expression by deleting exons 45-55 using a pair of ARCUS nucleases intended to remove a mutation hotspot responsible for >50% of DMD



Dystrophin Gene Correction Observed in DMD Patient Myoblasts

Corrected DNA

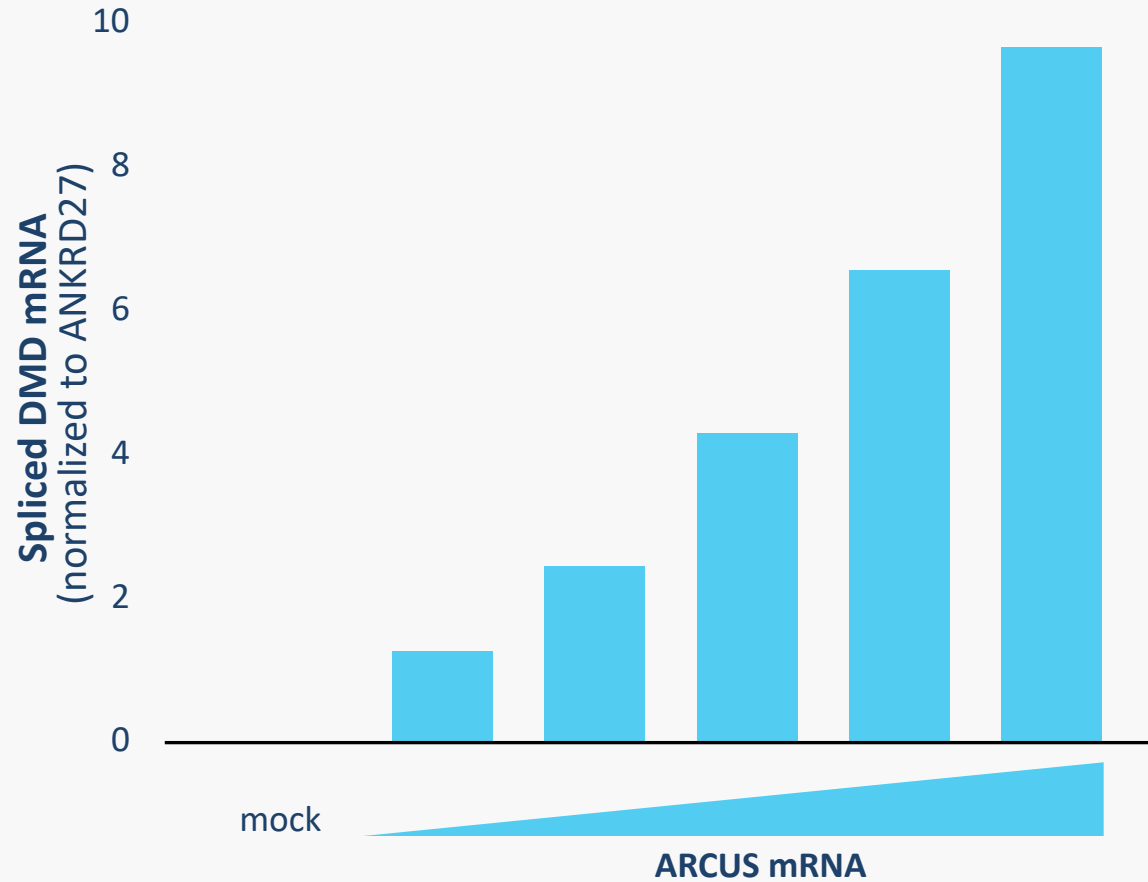
Exons 45-55 deleted



Dystrophin Gene Correction Observed in DMD Patient Myoblasts

Corrected mRNA

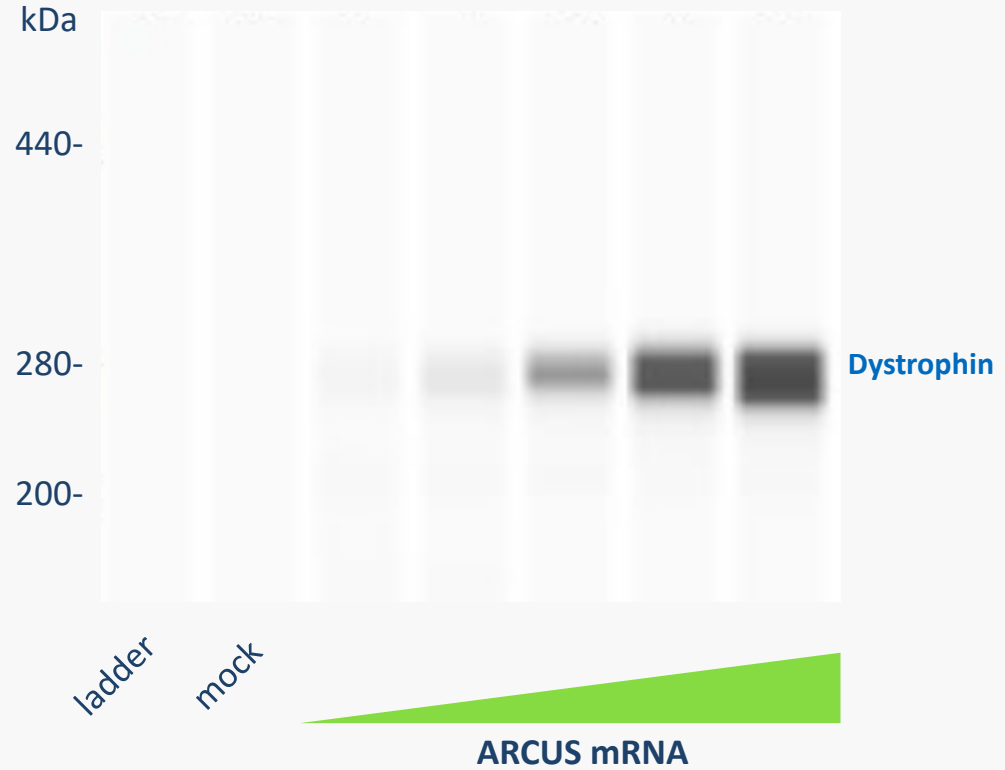
Exon 44 spliced to Exon 56



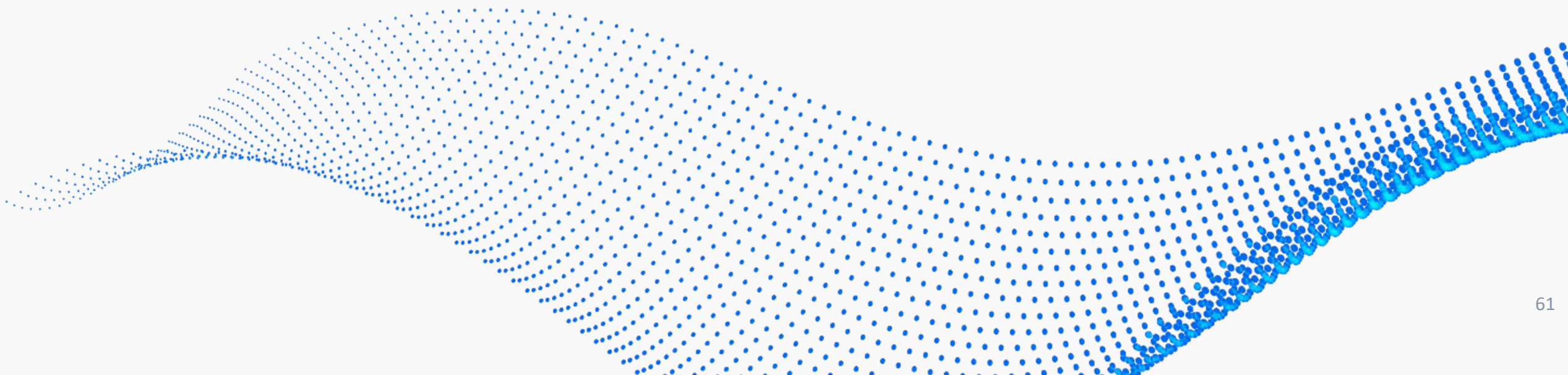
Dystrophin Gene Correction Observed in DMD Patient Myoblasts

Corrected Protein

Dystrophin protein expressed



The Next Frontier



Mitochondrial Diseases

- Mitochondria are the powerhouse of the cell
- Pathogenic mutations in mitochondrial genome reduce the ability to generate energy resulting in cell injury or death
- Affects 1 in 5,000 individuals
- Often affects multiple organ systems, especially the brain, heart and muscles



Alpers Disease: Progressive Infantile Poliodystrophy

Barth Syndrome: Lethal Infantile Cardiomyopathy

Complex (I-V) Deficiency

Co-Enzyme Q10 Deficiency

Kearns-Sayre Syndrome

LBSL: Leukodystrophy

LCAD: Long-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency

MELAS: Mitochondrial Encephalomyopathy Lactic Acidosis and Stroke-like Episodes

MERRF: Myoclonic Epilepsy & Ragged-Red Fiber Disease

NARP: Neuropathy, Ataxia and Retinitis Pigmentosa

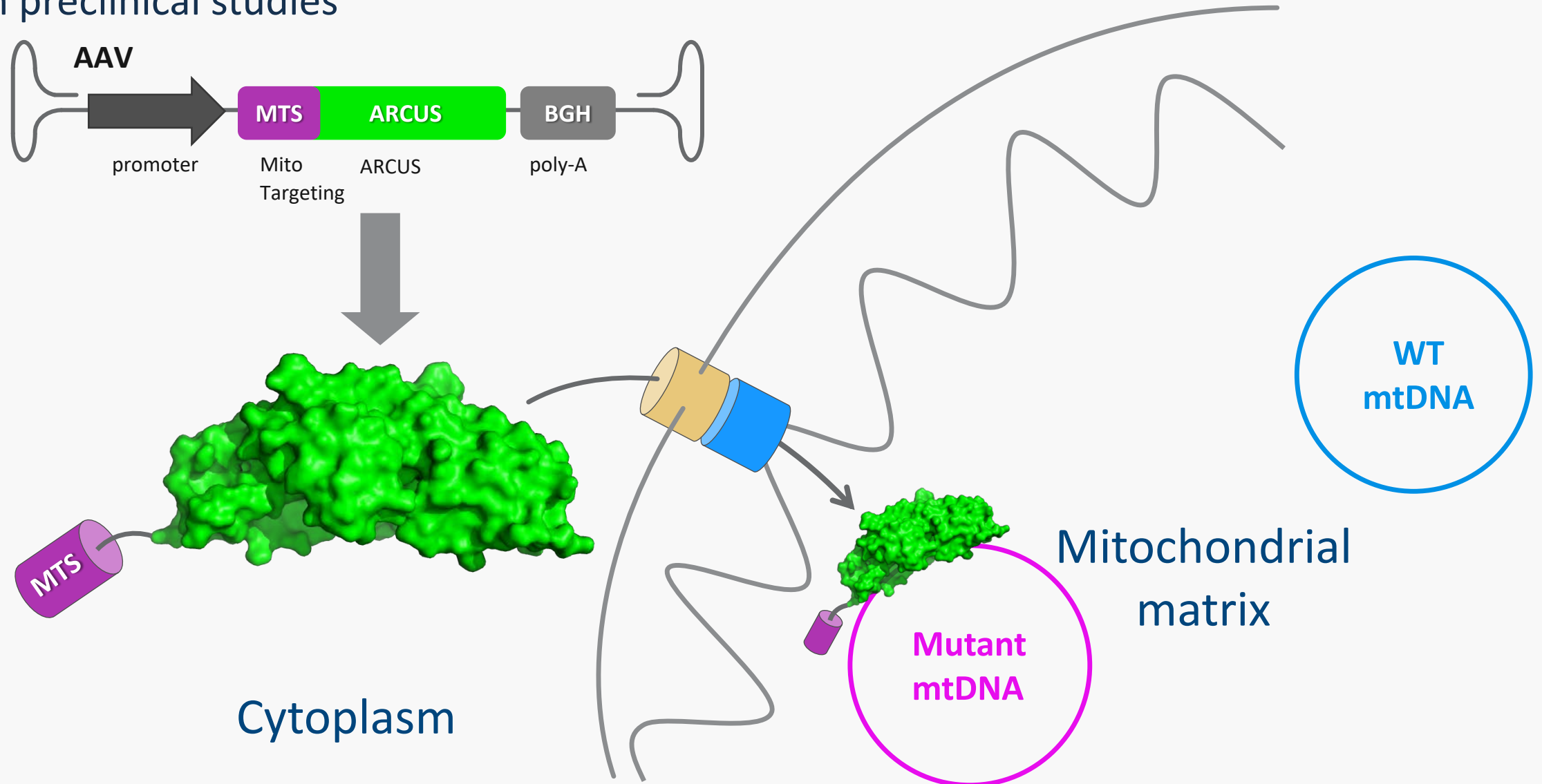
Pearson Syndrome

SCAD: Short-Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency



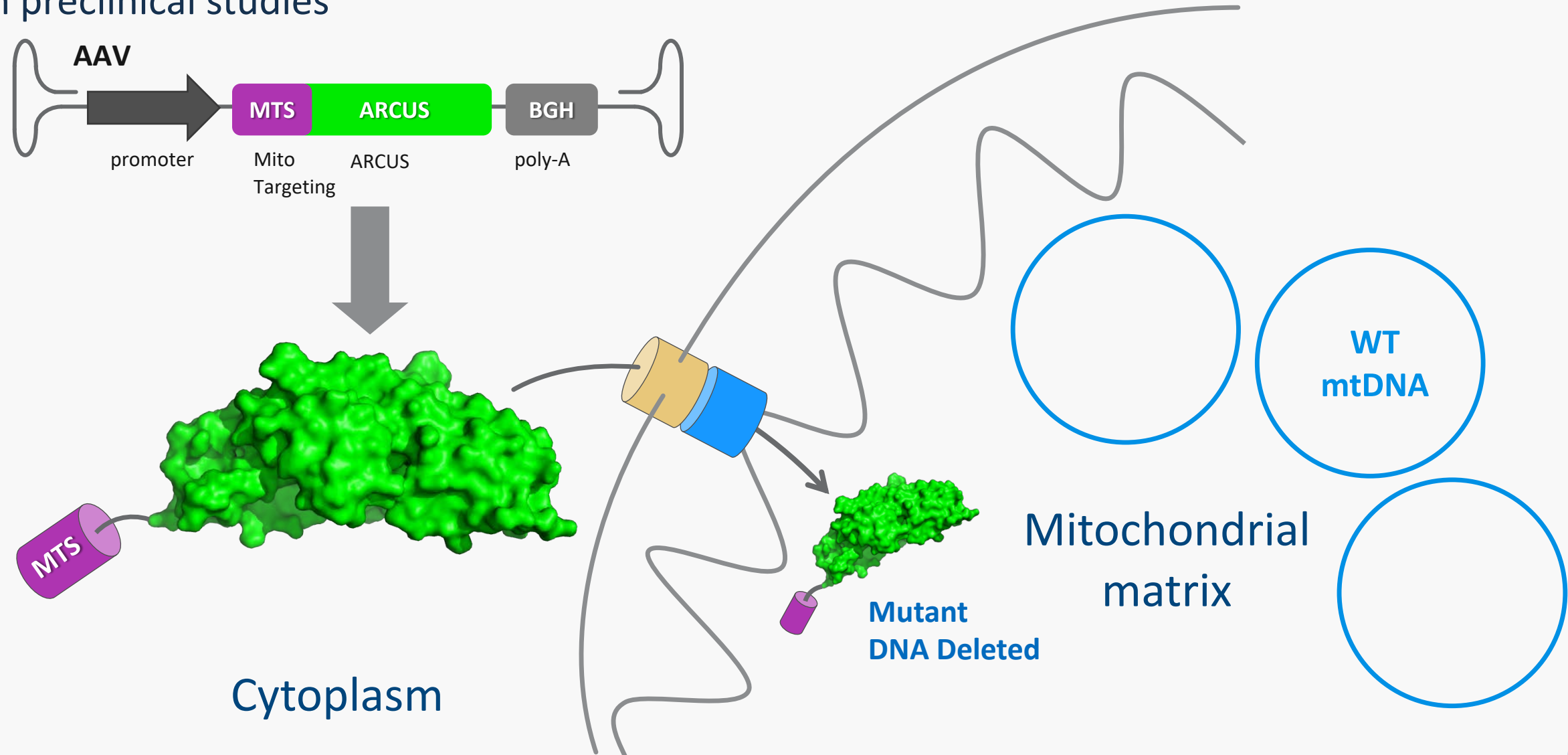
Mitochondrial Genome Editing

ARCUS has selectively eliminated mutant mitochondrial genomes that cause disease in preclinical studies



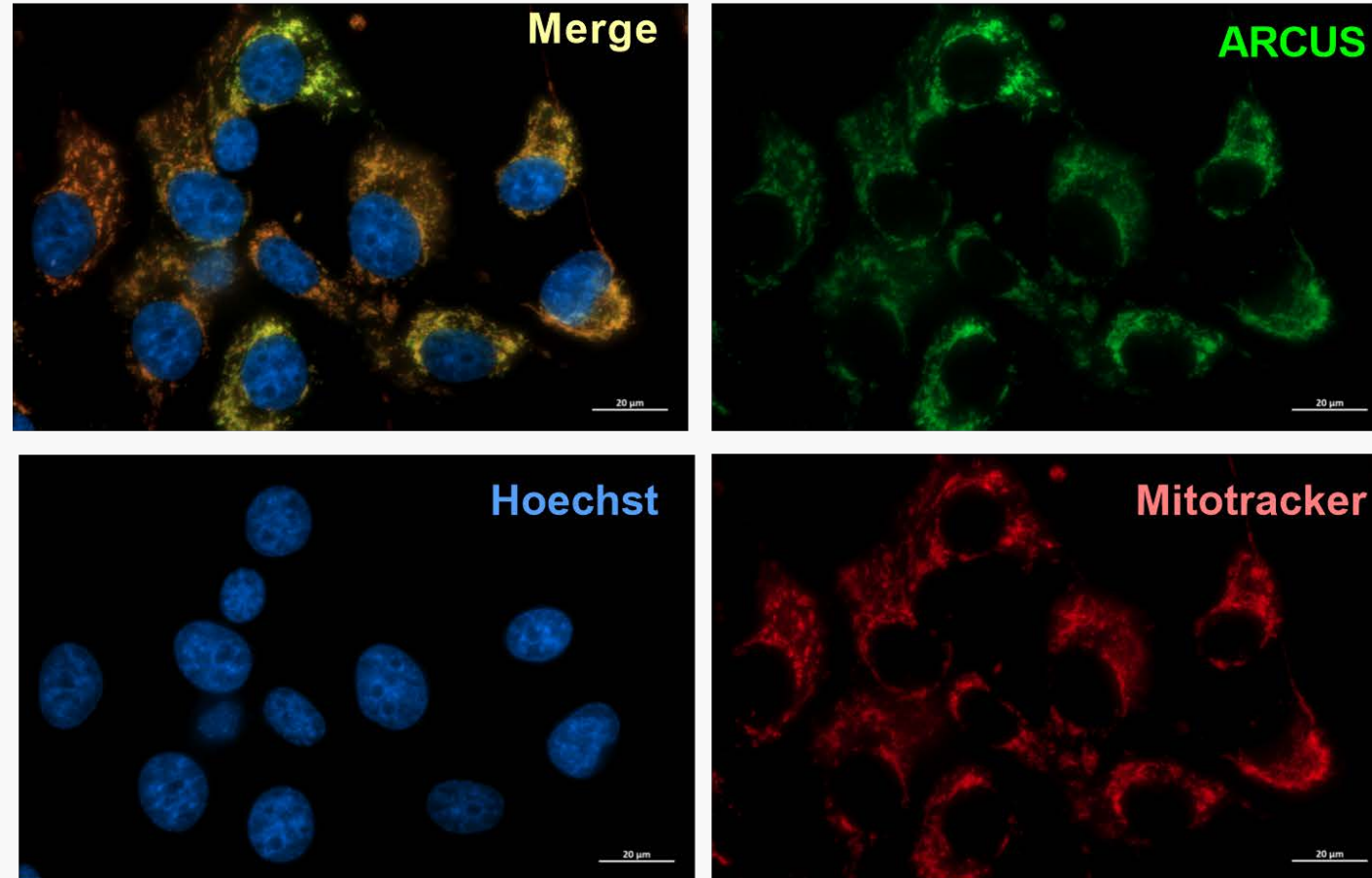
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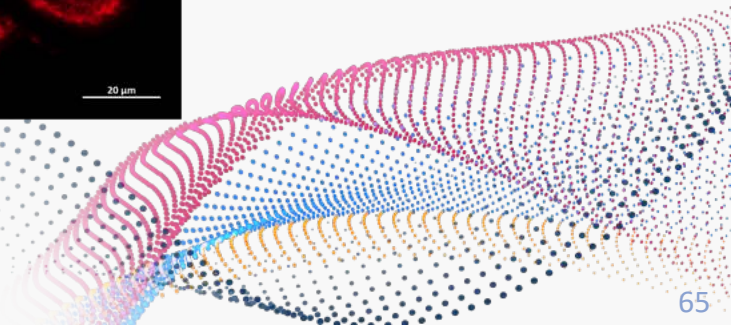


Mitochondrial Genome Editing

ARCUS fused to a Mitochondrial Targeting Sequence (MTS) localized to mitochondria in vitro



Zekonyte, *et al* (2021) *Nat Commun* 12(1):3210

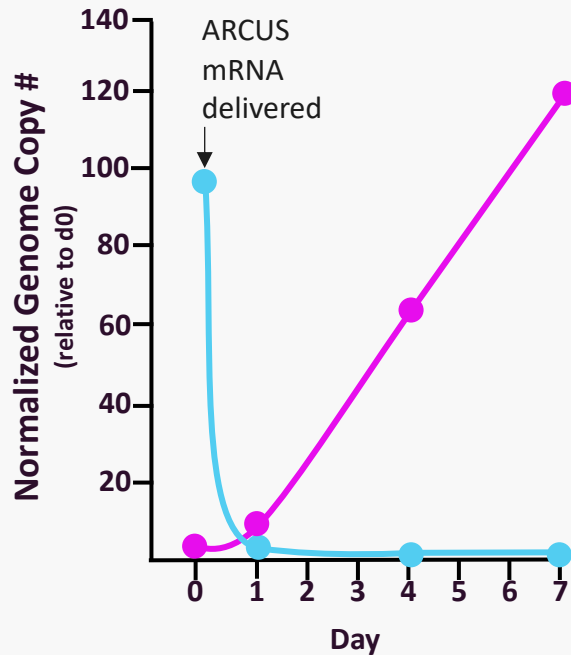


Mitochondrial Genome Editing

ARCUS restored markers of mitochondrial function in a cell model of mitochondrial disease

ARCUS Deleted Mutant Genomes

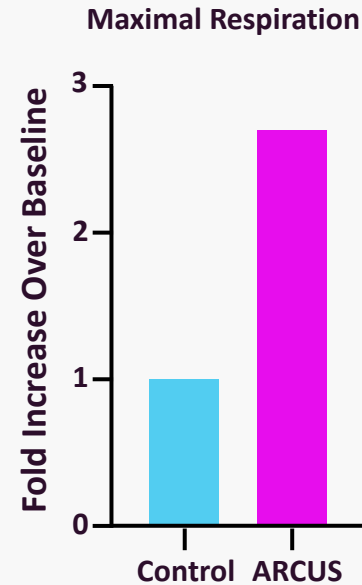
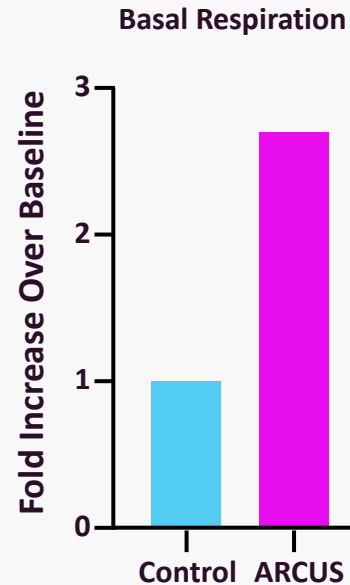
Hybrid cells were converted to >99% WT genomes in one week



- Mutant Genomes
- Wild-Type Genomes

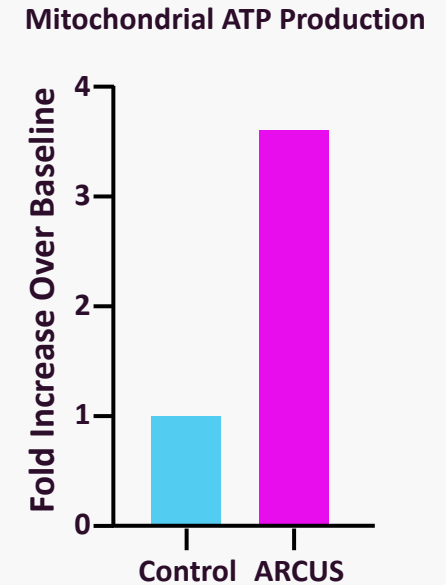
ARCUS Improved Respiration

Elimination of defective genomes improved basal and maximal respiration



ARCUS Increased ATP Production

Restoration of mitochondria function increased ATP production by oxidative phosphorylation

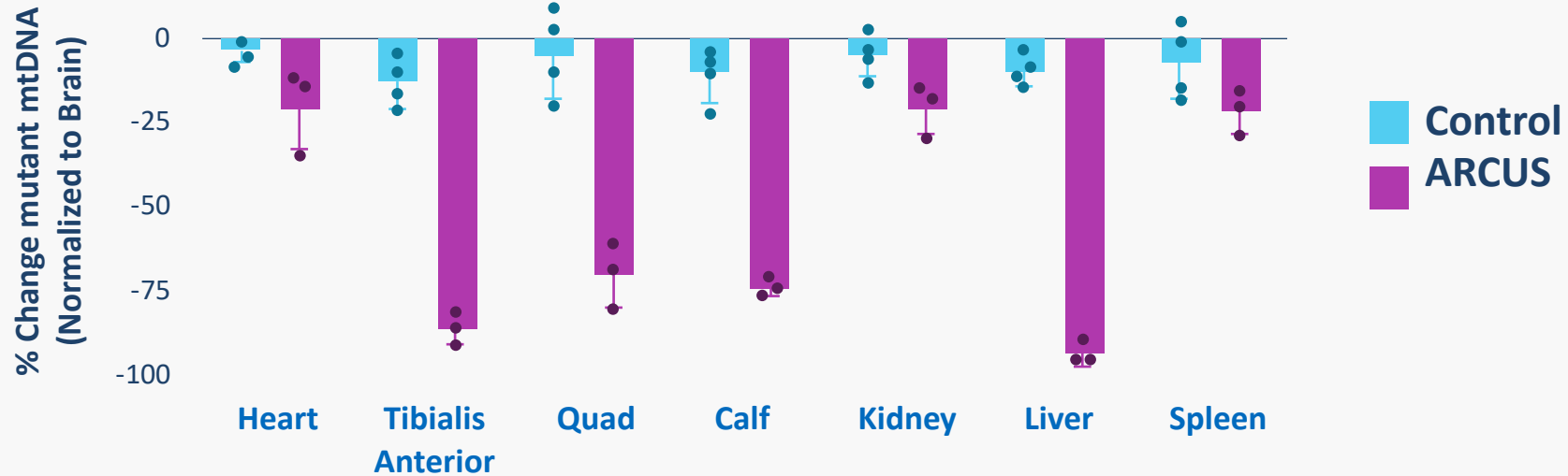




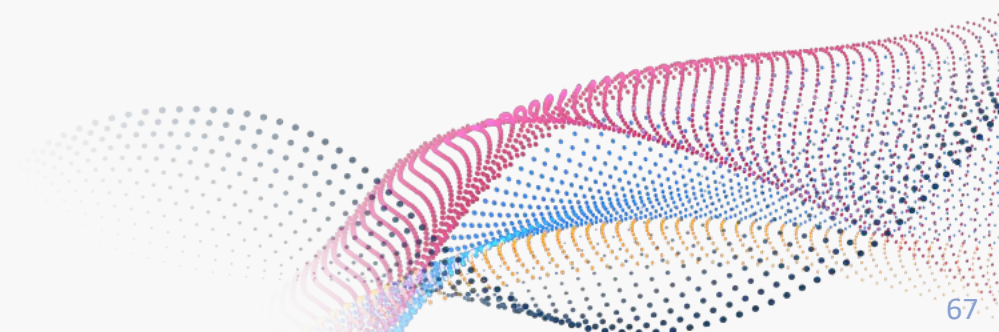
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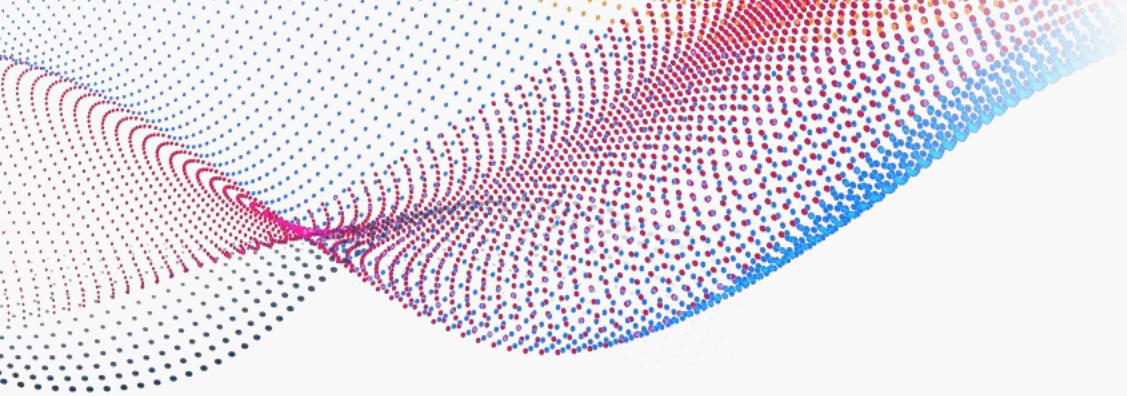
AAV-delivered ARCUS eliminated mutant mitochondrial genomes in a mouse model

Reduction in mutant genomes following systemic AAV9-ARCUS delivery (4e9 vg/kg)



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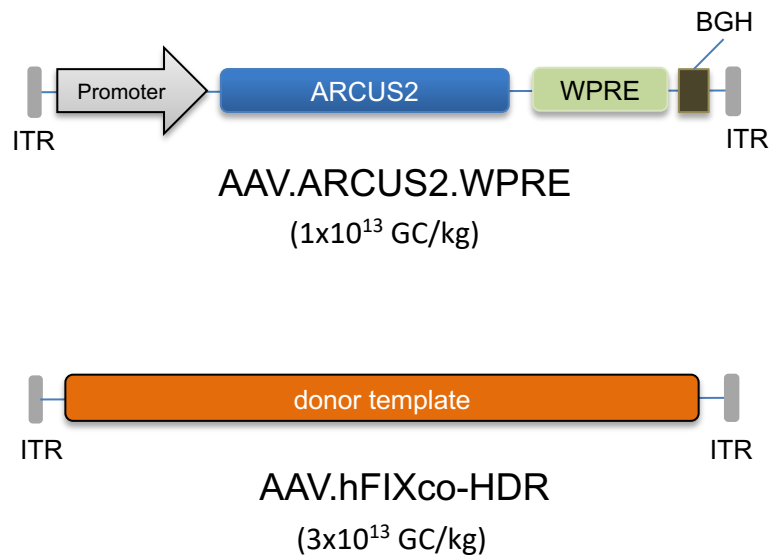
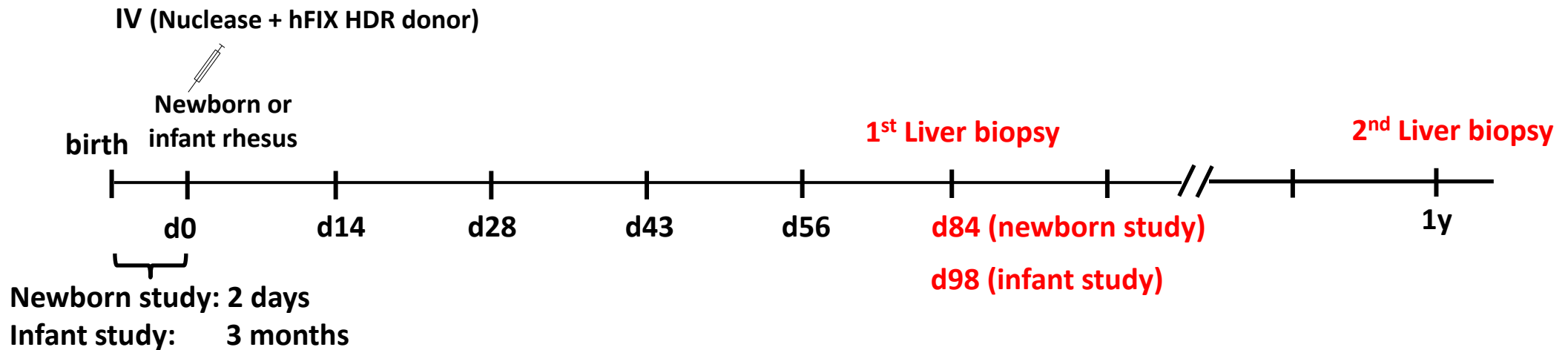




Gene Insertion into the *PCSK9* locus in Newborn and Infant NHPs

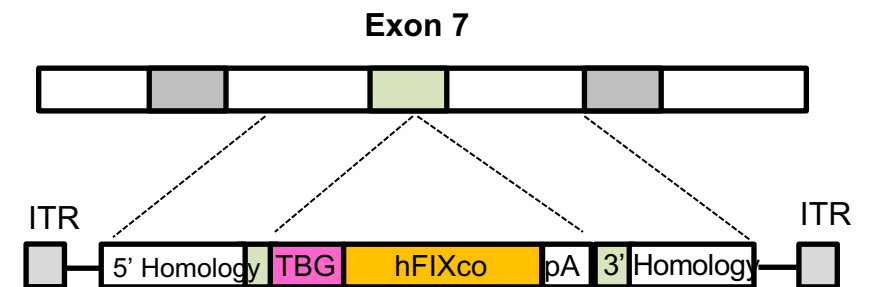
In collaboration with the
University of Pennsylvania
Gene Therapy Program

ARCUS-mediated hFIX Gene Targeting in Newborn or Infant NHPs

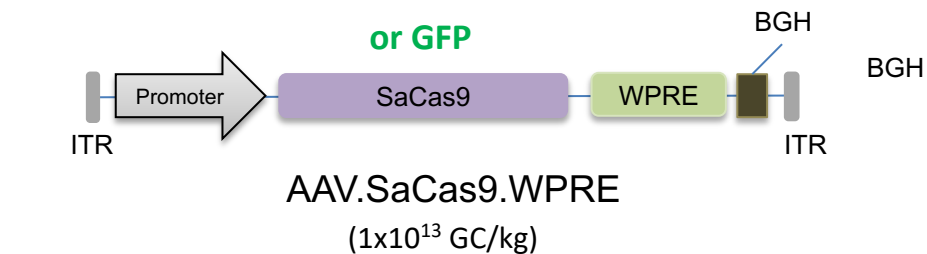
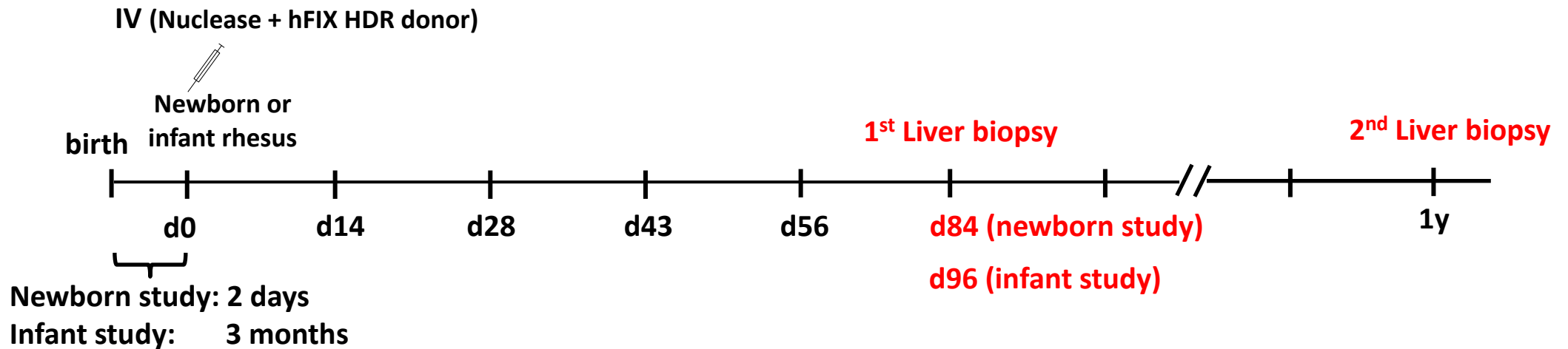


hPCSK9 locus

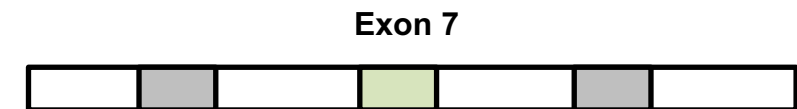
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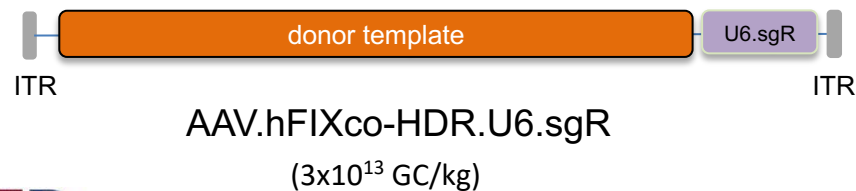
CRISPR/Cas9-mediated hFIX Gene Targeting in Newborn or Infant NHPs



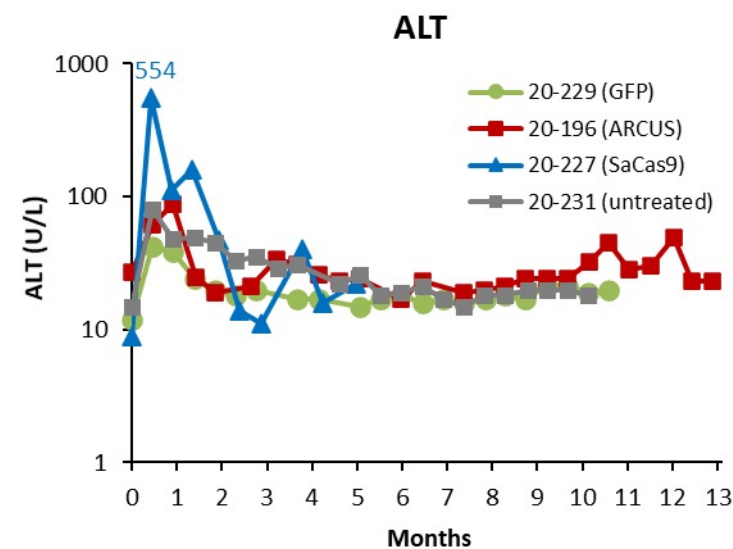
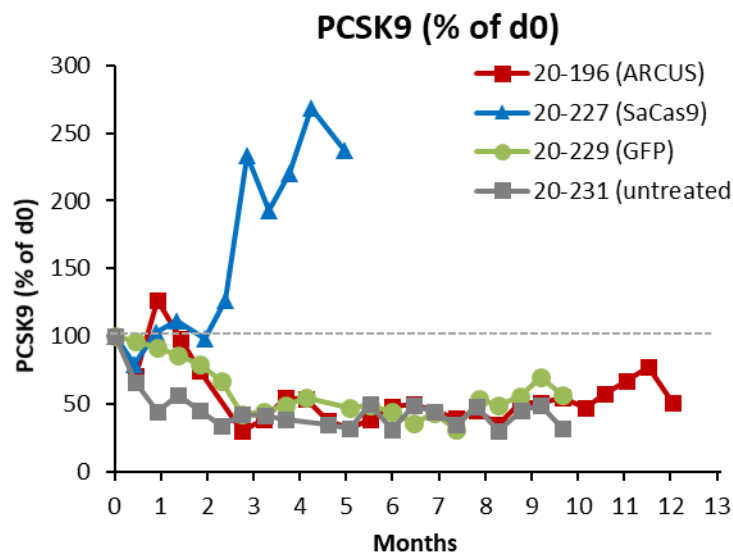
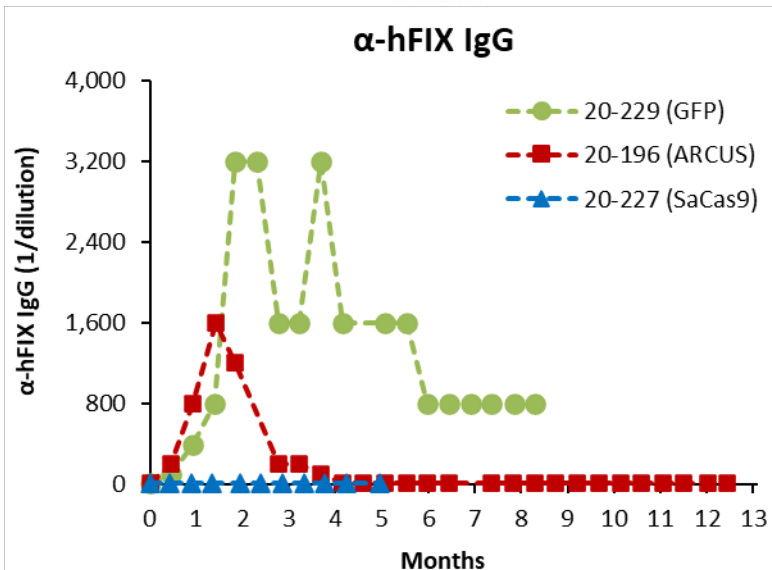
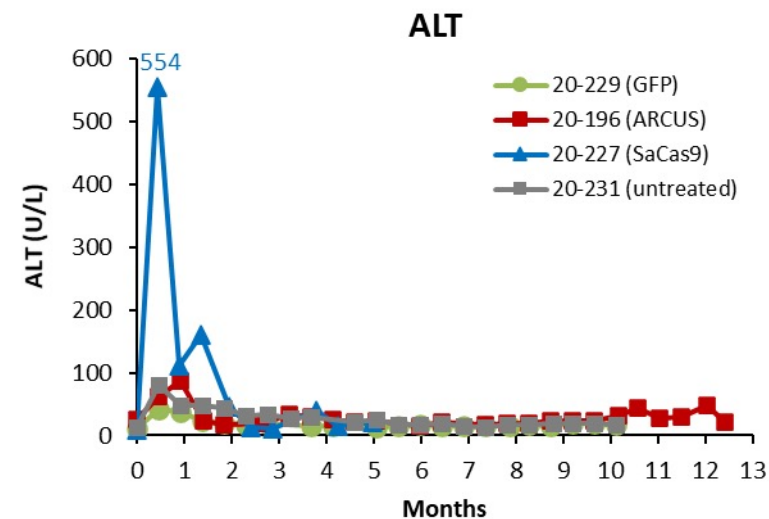
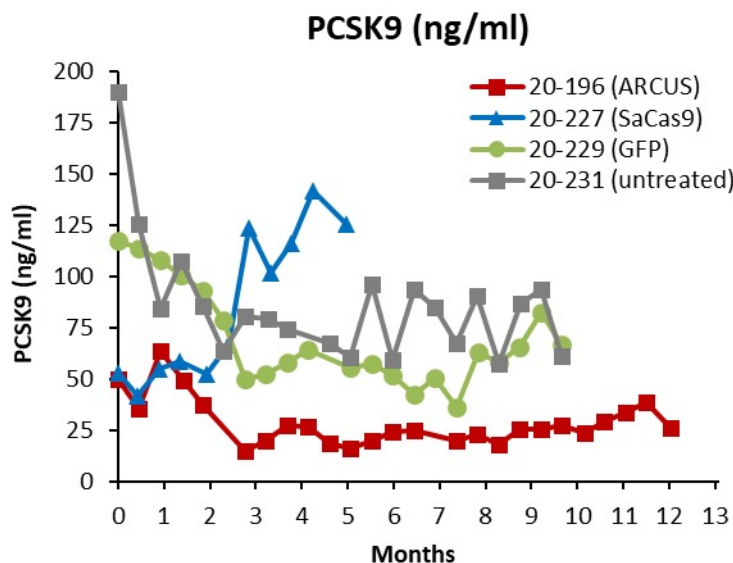
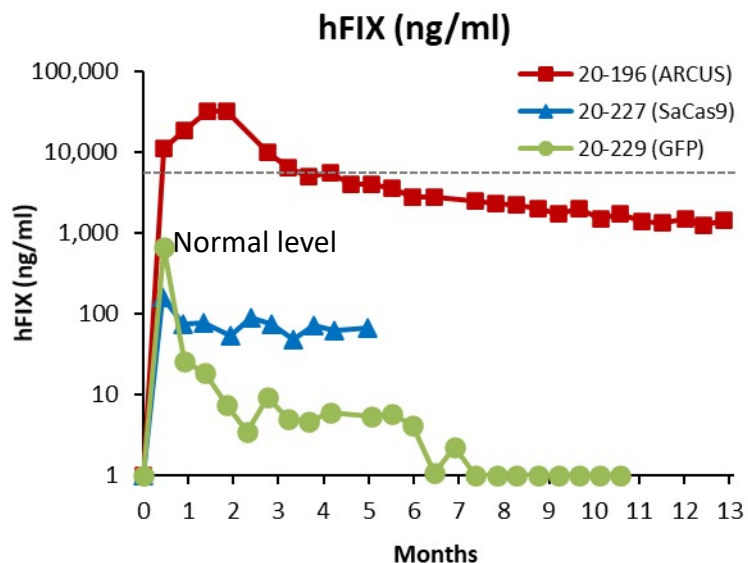
hPCSK9 locus



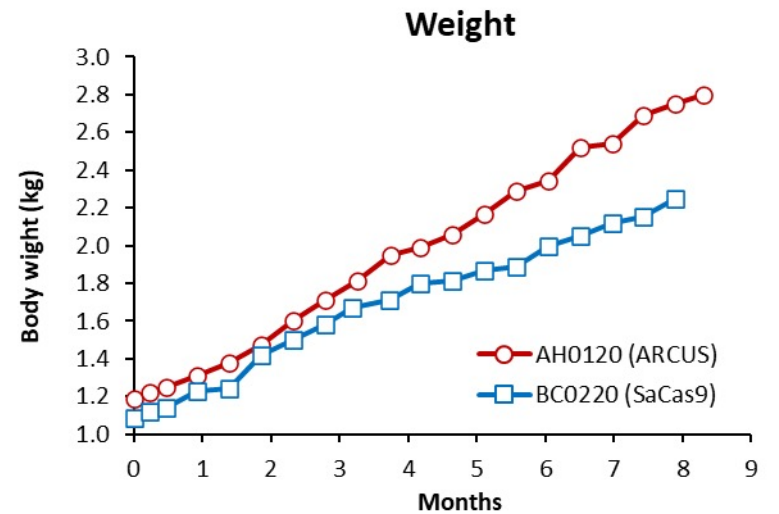
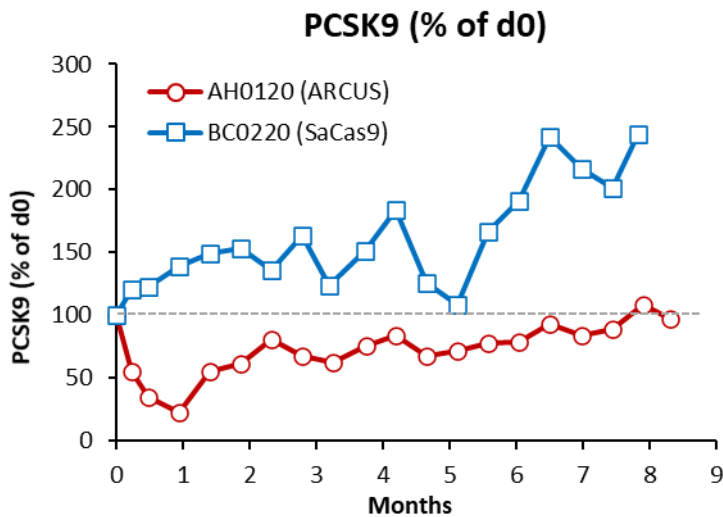
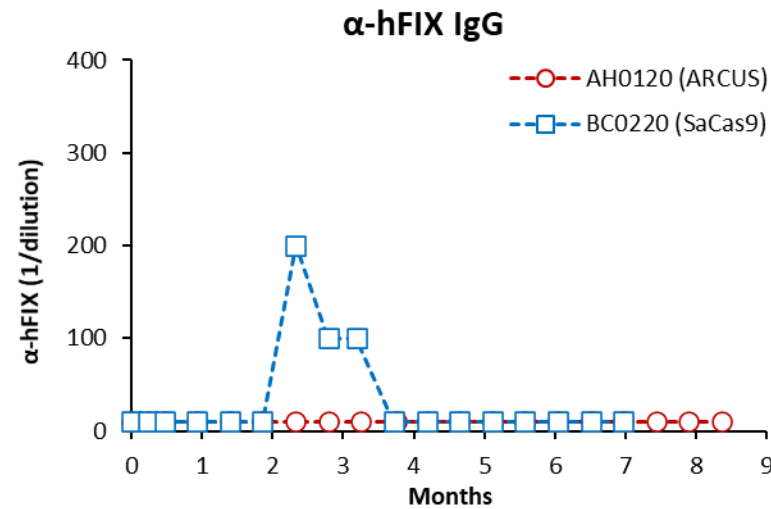
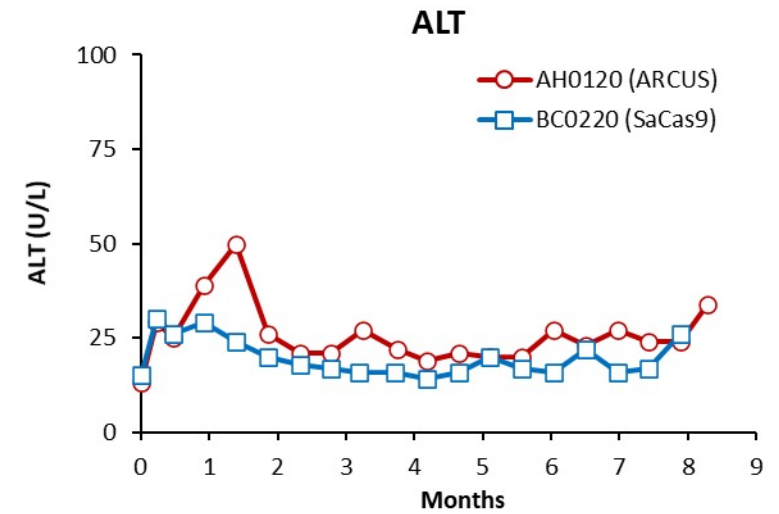
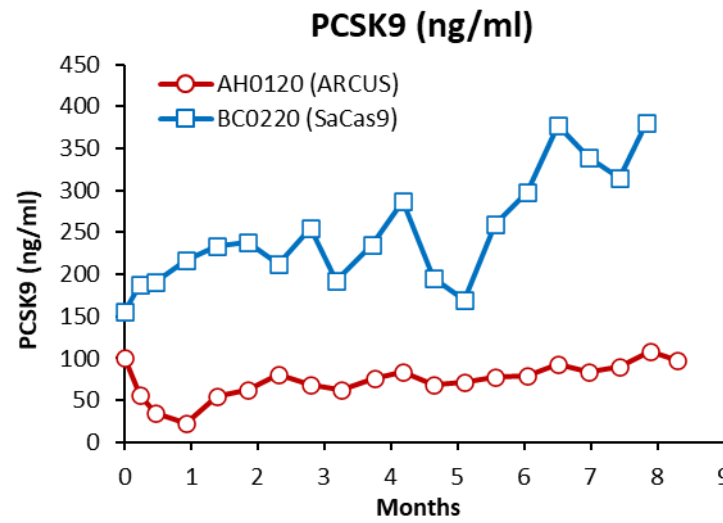
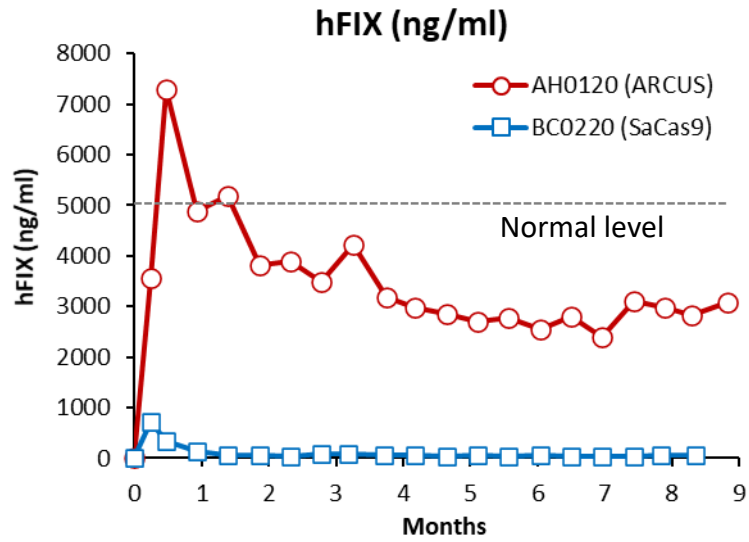
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Nuclease-mediated hFIX Gene Targeting in *Newborn NHPs*

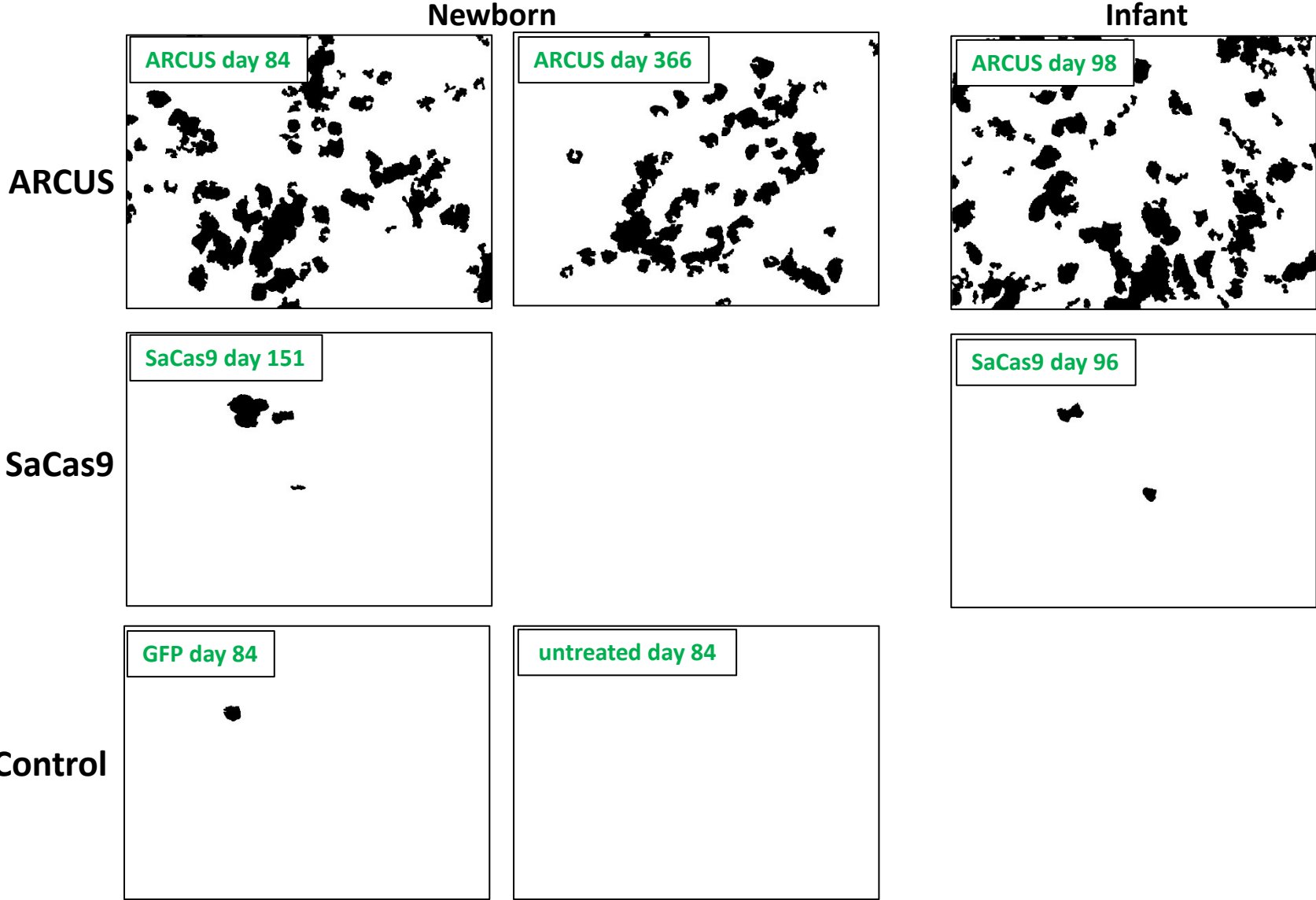


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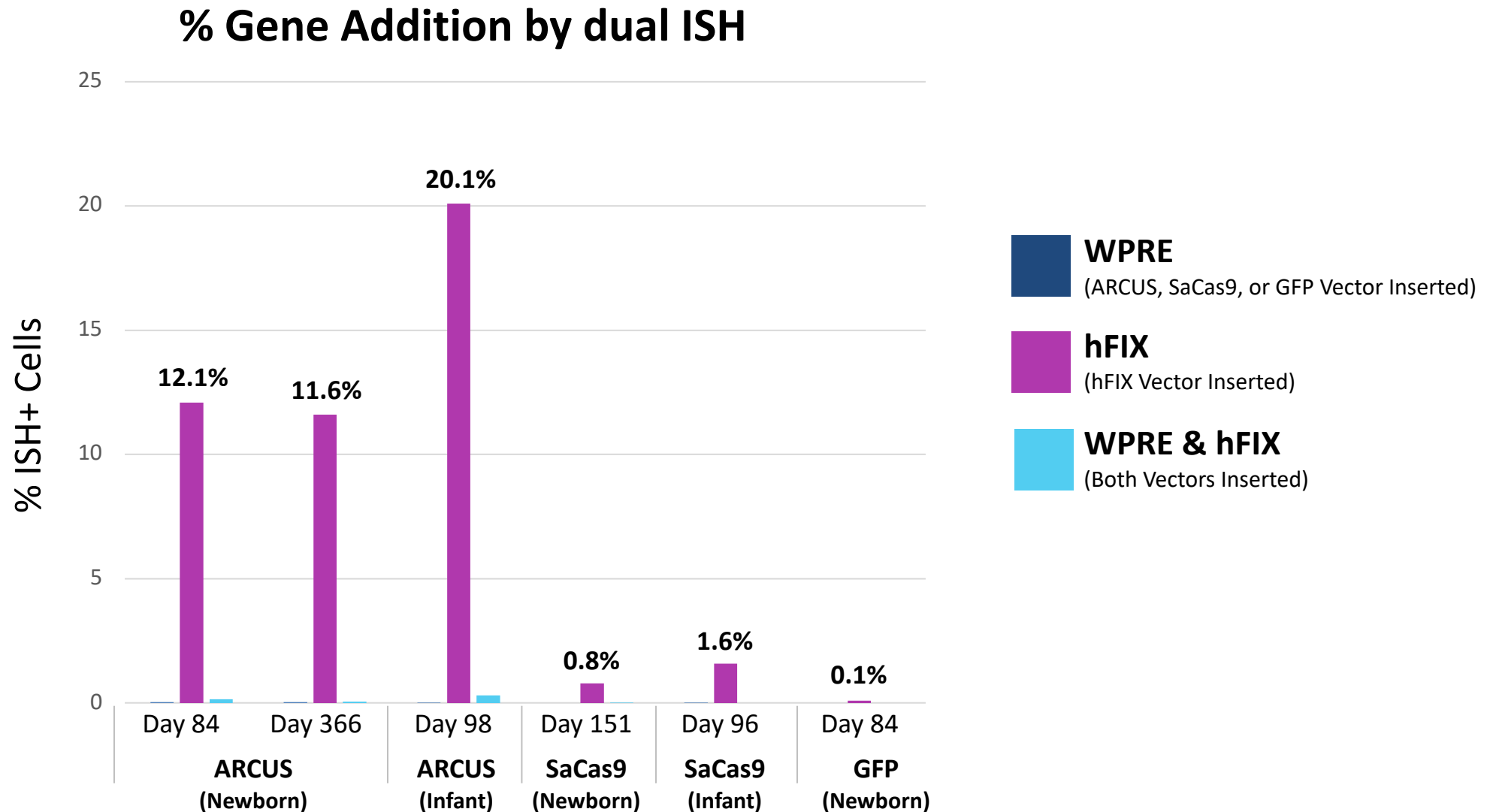


Nuclease-mediated Gene Targeting in *Newborn* and Infant NHPs

hFIXco ISH – Digitalized images for quantification of transduction %



Nuclease-mediated Gene Targeting in Newborn and Infant NHPs



Conclusions

- Transgenes were targeted efficiently to the *PCSK9* locus using ARCUS in newborn and infant NHPs
- Gene addition appeared to be stable over time
- This may represent a “universal” approach to treating rare genetic diseases caused by loss-of-function mutations in liver

1

PRECISION & VERSATILITY

ARCUS has the potential to address a broader spectrum of genetic diseases

2

3 INDs/CTAs in 3 YEARS

3



NEW Collaboration focused on gene insertion & accelerating clinical validation of ARCUS

Program	Indication	Delivery	Research	Candidate Selection	IND-Enabling	Expected IND/CTA
PBGENE-PCSK9	Familial Hypercholesterolemia	AAV				2022
PBGENE-PH1	Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1	LNP				2023
PBGENE-HBV	Chronic Hepatitis B	LNP				2024

