



# DEVELOPING RNA-EDITING MEDICINES

*for patients in need*

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# ProQR development pipeline

	TARGET	DISCOVERY	NON-CLINICAL	CLINICAL	NEXT MILESTONE	ESTIMATED POPULATION
<b>DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE</b>						
<b>AX-0810</b> for Cholestatic diseases	NTCP				CTA filing in Q2 2025	~100K patients
<b>AX-2402</b> for Rett syndrome	MECP2 R270X				Candidate selection in 2025	~5K patients
<b>AX-1412</b> for Cardiovascular disease	B4GALT1				Scientific update in mid 2025	~200M patients
<b>AX-2911</b> for MASH	PNPLA3				Candidate selection in 2025	~8M patients
<b>DISCOVERY PIPELINE</b>						
<b>AX-1005</b> for CVD	Undisclosed					~200M patients
<b>AX-0601</b> for obesity and T2D	Undisclosed					~650M patients
<b>AX-9115</b> for rare metabolic condition	Undisclosed					
<b>AX-2403</b> for Rett syndrome	MECP2 R168X					~6K patients
<b>AX-2404</b> for Rett syndrome	MECP2 R255X					~5K patients
<b>AX-2405</b> for Rett syndrome	MECP2 R294X					~6K patients
<b>AX-2406</b> for Rett syndrome	MECP2 R133H					
<b>AX-3875</b> for rare metabolic & CNS disorder	Undisclosed					
<b>AX-4070</b> for rare CNS disorder	Undisclosed					
<b>PARTNERED PIPELINE</b>						
10 targets (option to expand to 15)	Undisclosed	<i>Progress undisclosed</i>				

<sup>1</sup>Approximately 100K people affected with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Biliary Atresia in US and EU5. <sup>2</sup>Approximately 200 million people suffer from too high a level of cholesterol in US and EU5. SLC10A1 is the gene that encodes for NTCP protein. CVD: Cardiovascular Diseases, NASH: Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, T2D: Type 2 Diabetes. | References: Trivedi PJ, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2022 Aug;20(8):1687-1700.e4; Schreiber RA, et al. J Clin Med. 2022 Feb 14;11(4):999; Tsao CW, et al. Circulation. 2022;145(8):e153–e639. World Health Organization, World Gastroenterology Organization



# Catalyst overview

*4 trial readouts expected in 2025-2026, cash runway into mid-2027*

## **AX-0810 for Cholestatic disease**

- CTA submission Q2 2025
- Top-line data Q4 2025

## **AX-2402 for Rett Syndrome**

- Clinical candidate selection in 2025
- Anticipated trial start and top-line data in 2026

## **AX-1412 for Cardiovascular disease**

- Non-clinical data update in mid 2025

## **AX-2911 for MASH**

- Clinical candidate selection in 2025
- Anticipated trial start and top-line data in 2026

## **Partnerships**

- Opportunity to earn up to \$3.75B in milestones in the Lilly partnership
- Opportunity to receive a \$50 M opt-in fee from Lilly for expansion to 15 targets
- Opportunity for other strategic partnerships

# Axiomer™ advancing *to value inflection*



## **INNOVATIVE ADAR-ENABLED RNA EDITING SCIENCE DRIVING ADVANCEMENT OF AXIOMER™**

*supported by robust IP estate*



## **HIGH IMPACT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

*Eli Lilly, Rett Syndrome Research Trust*



## **PIPELINE WITH TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL FOR DISEASES WITH HIGH UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS**

*Across rare and common liver and CNS disease*



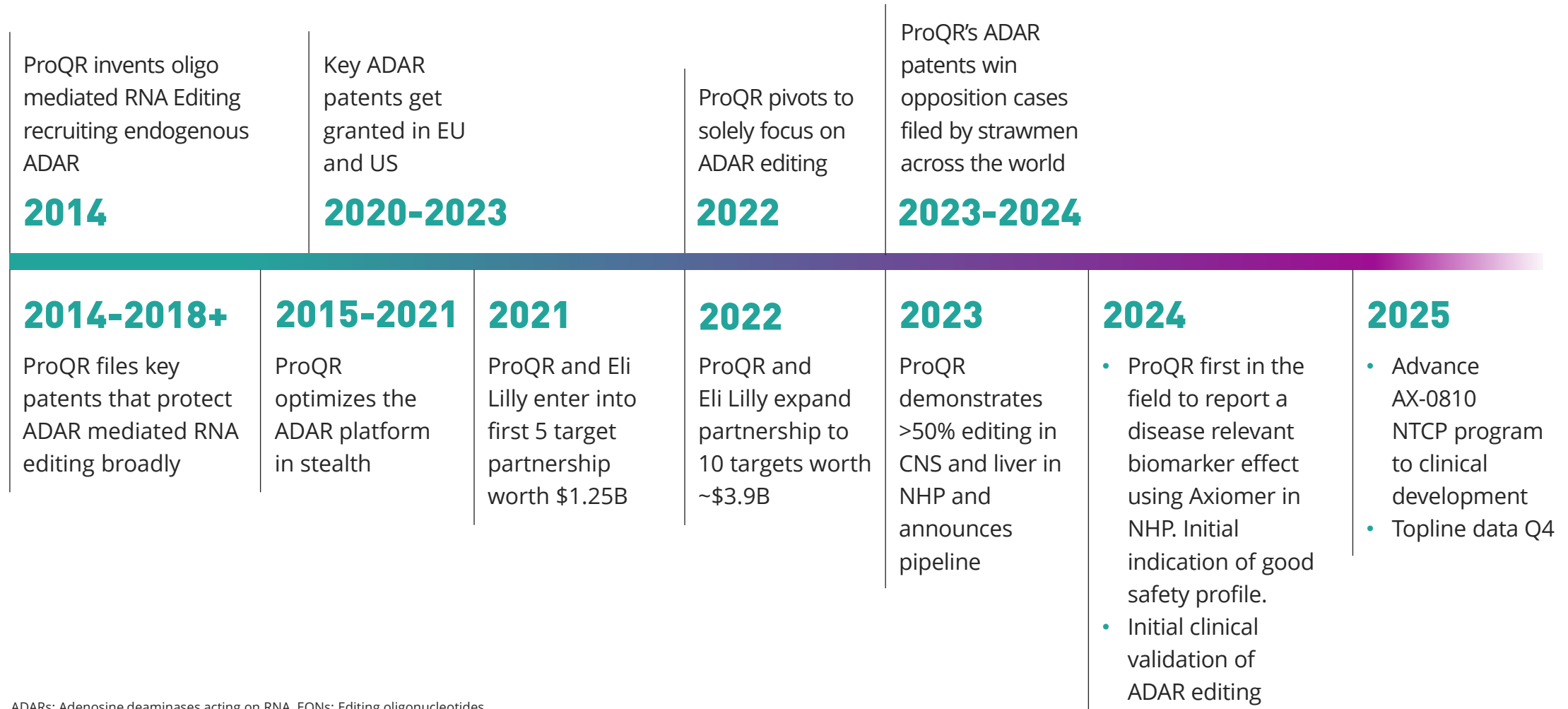
## **EXPERIENCED TEAM DRIVING EXECUTION**



## **RUNWAY INTO MID 2027**

*€ 149.4 million cash and cash equivalents as of end of 2024, providing runway into mid-2027*

# ProQR's Axiomer™ ADAR journey since 2014

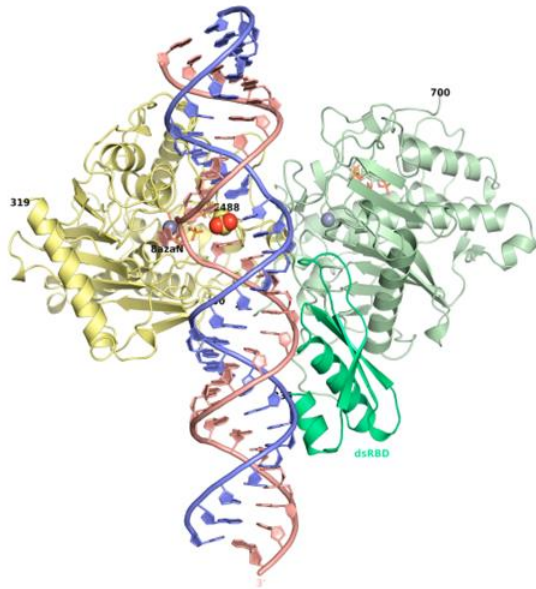


ADARs: Adenosine deaminases acting on RNA, EONs: Editing oligonucleotides

# Axiomer™ EONs unlock cellular machinery potential to treat diseases

*By attracting ADARs and allowing highly specific editing*

## ADAR (Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA)

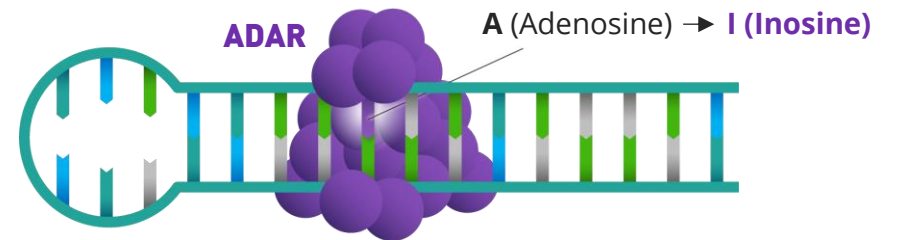


Enzyme that performs specific form of natural RNA editing, called **A-to-I editing**. During A-to-I editing an **A nucleotide (adenosine)** is changed into an **I nucleotide (inosine)**

## ADAR editing (A-to-I)

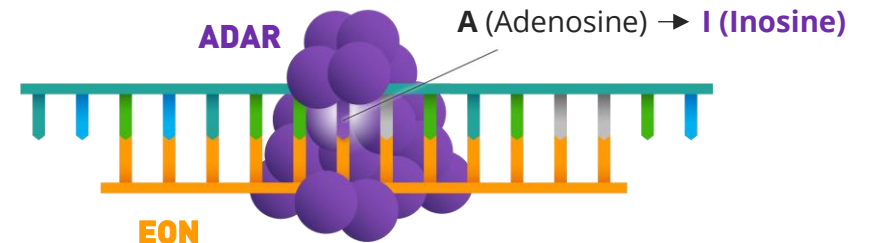
### Natural ADAR editing (A-to-I)

RNA  
Double  
stranded


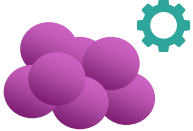

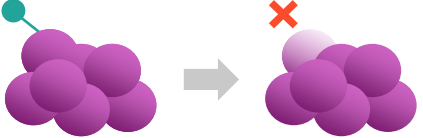






### Editing Oligonucleotide (EON)-directed therapeutic editing (A-to-I)

RNA+EON  
Double  
stranded



# Creating a new class of medicines with broad therapeutic potential

Correction	Protein modulation		
 <p><b>Mutations correction</b> Thousands of G-to-A mutations, many of them described in literature</p>	 <p><b>Alter protein function or include protective variants</b> Modified proteins achieving loss- or gain-of-functions that help addressing or preventing diseases</p>	 <p><b>Disrupt &gt;400 different types of PTMs</b> Regulate protein activity, change localization, folding, preventing immune escape or slowing down degradation</p>	 <p><b>Change protein interactions</b> Changes localization, folding, protein function or prevents immune escape of glycosylated tumor antigens</p>
Mutation correction leading to protein recovery 	Variant resulting in a dominant negative effect 	Reduction of protein phosphorylation altering protein function 	Variant impacting protein interaction with sugar 





# AX-0810 Program

*Targeting NTCP to address cholestatic diseases unmet medical need at the root cause*

# AX-0810 RNA editing therapy targeting NTCP for cholestatic diseases



Cholestatic diseases have high unmet medical need. Patients accumulate bile acids in liver leading to fibrosis and ultimately liver failure.



Initial indications are **Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis** affecting adults and Congenital **Biliary Atresia** affecting pediatrics early in life. Both conditions have no approved therapies and may require liver transplantation.<sup>1,2</sup>



- **Biliary Atresia** is projected to affect ~20,000 pediatric individuals in US and EU.
- **Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis** is projected to affect more than 80,000 individuals in US and EU.

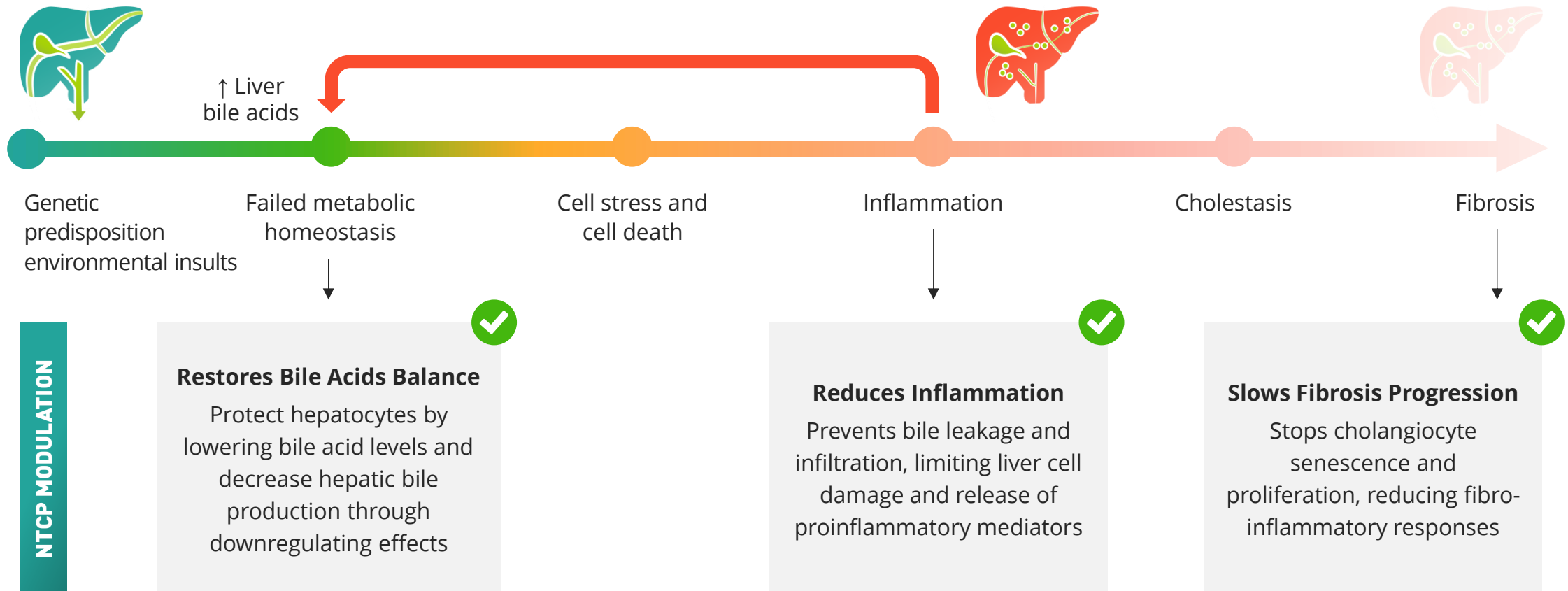


AX-0810 is a unique therapeutic approach leading to a potentially disease modifying therapy by targeting the NTCP channel which is responsible for majority of bile acid re-uptake in liver cells.



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# NTCP modulation leads to positive effect on different mechanism involved in cholestasis



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# NTCP variants reduced bile acids uptake into liver in health population research

Healthy population discovered with NTCP variants that reduces bile acids uptake into liver<sup>1-4</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Ho RH, et al. J Biol Chem. 2004 Feb 20;279(8):7213-22; <sup>2</sup>Vaz FM, et al. Hepatology. 2015 Jan;61(1):260-7; <sup>3</sup>Schneider AL, et al. Clin Res Hepatol Gastroenterol. 2022 Mar;46(3):101824; <sup>4</sup>Sljijepcic D, et al. Hepatology. 2018 Sep;68(3):1057-1069.

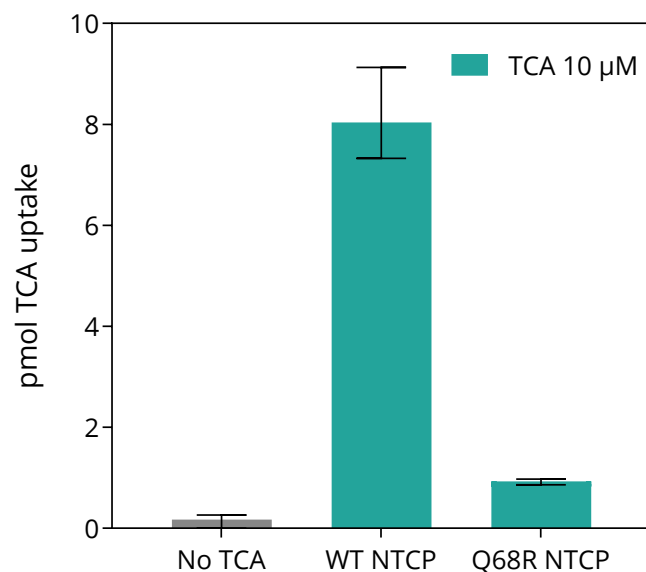


# NTCP modulation validated *in vitro*, *vivo* and clinic

Reducing liver bile acids toxic overload via NTCP modulation is a key driver for hepatoprotective effects

**BAs uptake (TCA) in vitro**

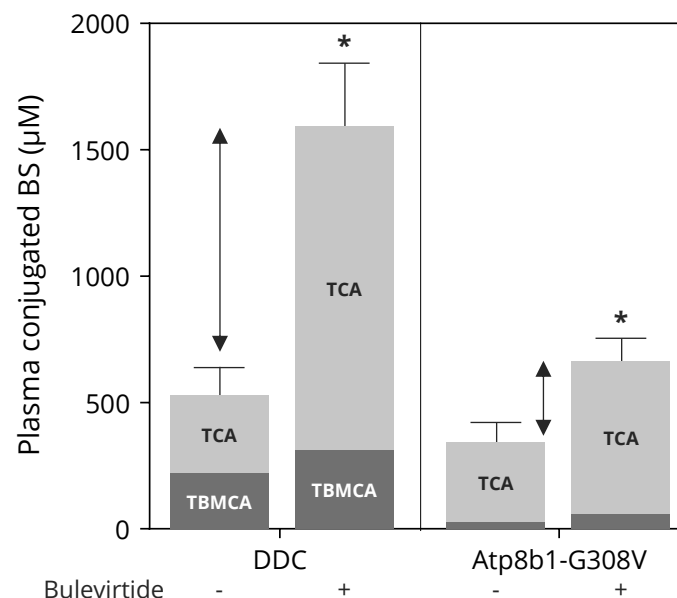
*n*=3, mean±SEM



Q68R NTCP variant leads to modulation of bile acids re-uptake

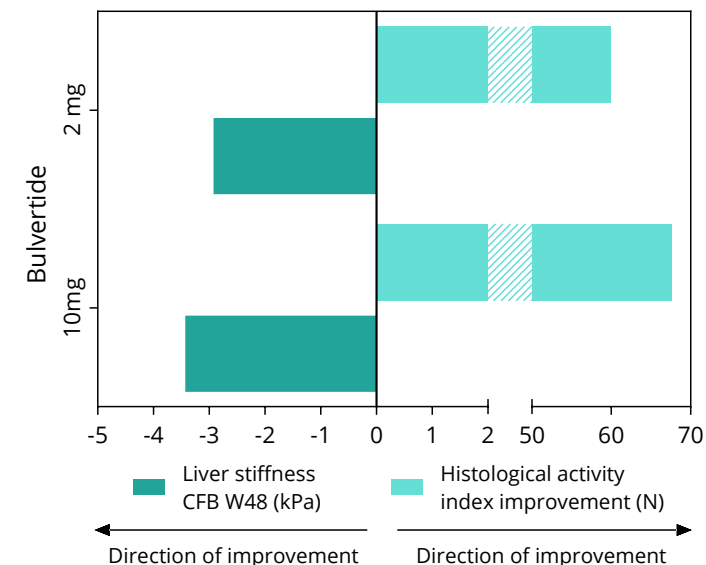
**3-fold increase 2-fold increase**

*in conjugated BA in conjugated BA*



NTCP modulation demonstrated effectivity in cholestatic disease model<sup>1</sup>

**Bulevirtide 2 and 10 mg**



Clinical PoC with bulevirtide in Ph3 Hepatitis D trial. **Improvement** occur in patients, **even without virologic response**<sup>2-4</sup>

Bulevirtide (Hepcludex) is a daily SC injected NTCP inhibitor approved for Hepatitis D. NTCP channel is a known transporter for bile acids and hepatitis virus from bloodstream to the liver.

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# NTCP modulation approach broadly validated

Reducing liver bile acids toxic overload via NTCP modulation is a key driver for hepatoprotective effects



## HUMAN GENETICS

Healthy population discovered with NTCP variants that reduces bile acids uptake into liver<sup>1-3</sup>



## IN VITRO

NTCP variant leads to an 8-fold decrease of bile acids re-uptake *in vitro*



## IN VIVO

NTCP modulation demonstrated effectivity in mouse cholestatic disease model, with 2- to 3-fold change in conjugated bile acids<sup>4-5</sup>



## IN CLINIC

Clinical PoC with bulevirtide in Ph3 Hepatitis D trial, for which liver improvement occur in patients, even without virologic response<sup>6-8</sup>



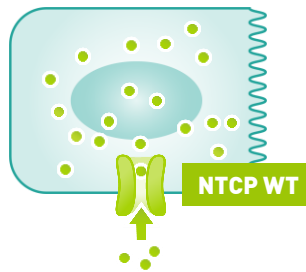
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# Human genetics validates NTCP modulation as strategy for cholestatic disease

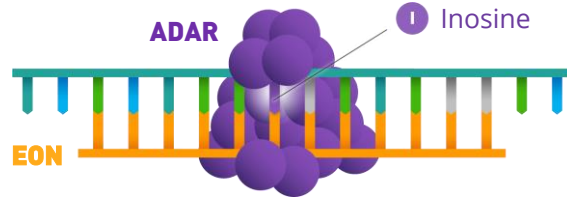
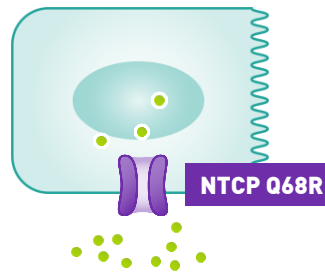
## LIVER WITH CHOLESTATIC DISEASE

High concentration of bile acids in hepatocytes



## AX-0810 STRATEGY FOR DISEASED LIVER

AX-0810 modifies the NTCP channel to limit bile acids uptake while preserving all other functions of the channel



- The AX-0810 program introduces a variant in individuals with cholestatic disease to lower bile acids concentration in hepatocytes by a single A-to-I change
- The AX-0810 program is designed to be a disease modifying treatment
  - To alleviate symptoms in PSC and BA
  - To limit inflammation and fibrosis linked to bile acid toxicity
  - To prevent or delay the development of cirrhosis, organ failure and need for transplant

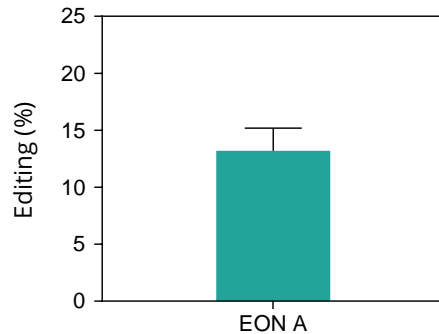
BA, Biliary atresia; PSC, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

# EON mediated editing demonstrates consistent editing of NTCP and impact on biomarker *in vivo*

MICE *in vivo*

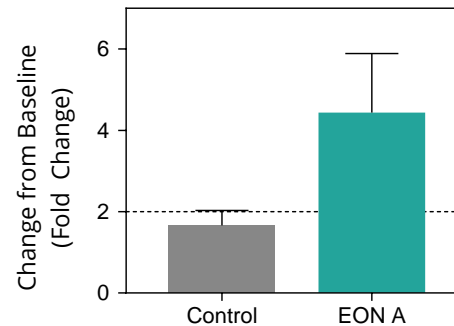
## EDITING EFFICIENCY

**NTCP RNA Editing in Humanized Mice**  
(N=4, 20mg/kg, 6 doses, GalNAc conjugation, SC, D25, ddPCR)



## PLASMA TOTAL BILE ACIDS

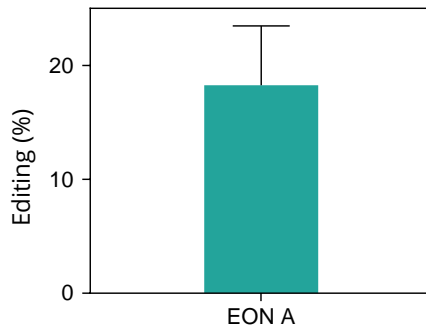
**Plasma TBA in Humanized Mice**  
(N=4, 20mg/kg, 6 doses, GalNAc conjugation, SC, D25)



NHP *in vivo*

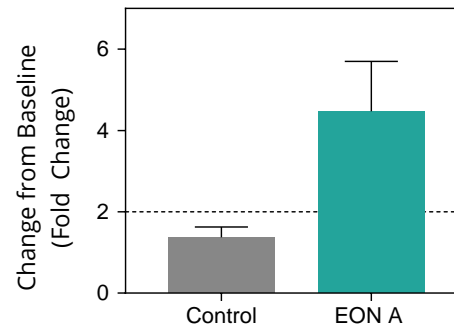
## EDITING EFFICIENCY

**NTCP RNA Editing in NHP**  
(N=1, 1-4mg/kg, 4 doses, LNP formulation, IV, up to D46, ddPCR)



## PLASMA TOTAL BILE ACIDS

**Plasma TBA in NHP**  
(N=1, 1-4mg/kg, 4 doses, LNP formulation IV, up to D39)

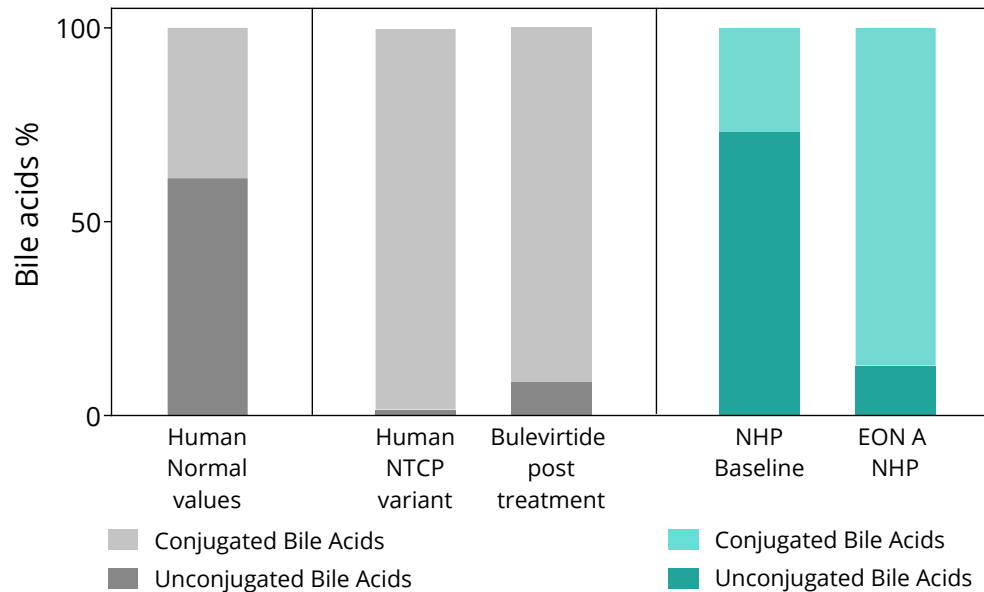


- EON A results in consistent editing data in humanized mouse model and NHP *in vivo* with approx. 15% editing reaching expected NTCP modulation
- Reaching >2-fold changes in biomarkers - expected impact on plasma bile acids levels following NTCP EON treatment



# PoC in NHP on bile acid profile and TUDCA elimination

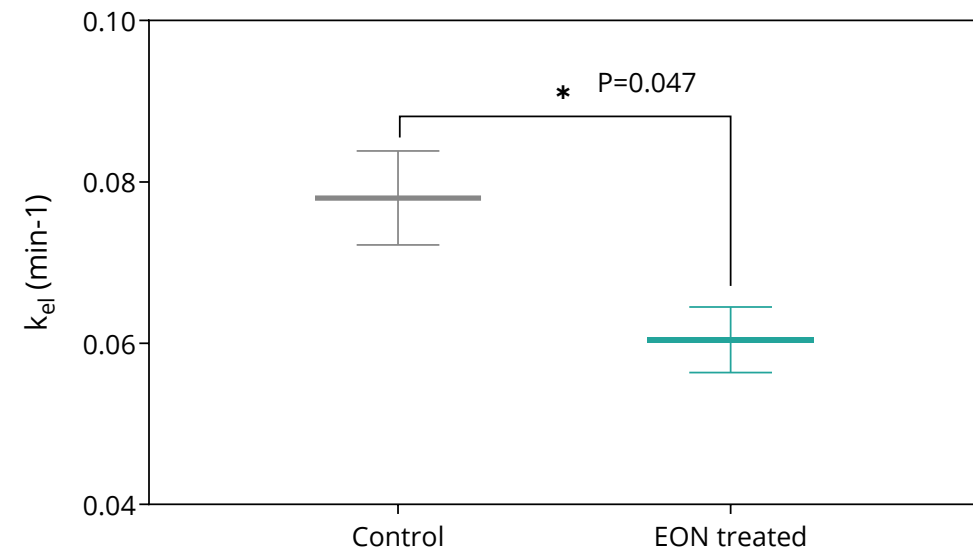
Change in Plasma BA Profile



- Conjugated bile acids are transported by NTCP back to the liver, change in plasma BA profile confirms NTCP specific modulation
- High confidence on NTCP EON treatment to positively impact BA toxic load in the liver

TUDCA elimination rate from plasma in NHP

Exploratory study, early generation EON, n=5-7, 10mg/kg, 4 doses, SC, D51



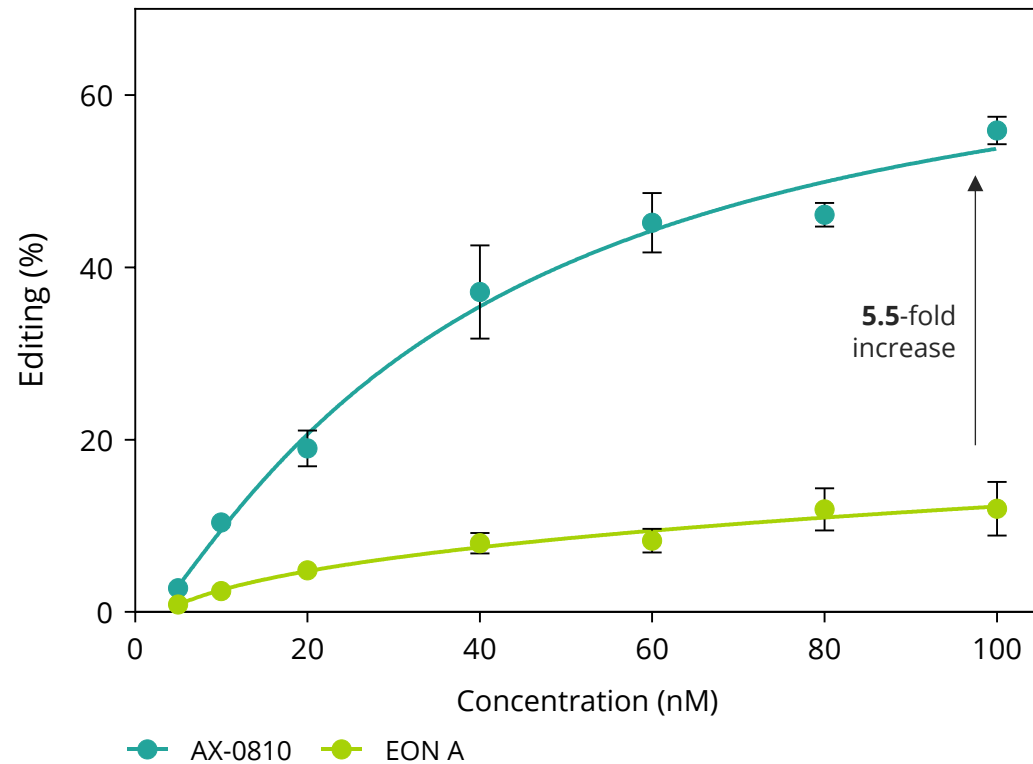
- TUDCA is a Tauro-conjugated bile acid specifically transported by NTCP from the plasma to the liver
- Decrease in TUDCA plasma clearance kinetics further confirm NTCP target engagement for EON treated NHP

Conditions in the NHP experiment on the left: N=1, 1-4mg/kg, 4 doses, LNP formulation, IV, up to D42, LC-MS/MS. Mao F, et al. J Biol Chem. 2019 Aug 2;294(31):11853-11862; Haag M, et al. Anal Bioanal Chem. 2015 Sep;407(22):6815-25.; Wedemeyer H, et al. N Engl J Med. 2023 Jul 6;389(1):22-32.

# AX-0810 clinical candidate selected with enhanced potency and stability profile

**AX-0810 clinical candidate has an enhanced potency profile over EON A in PHH**

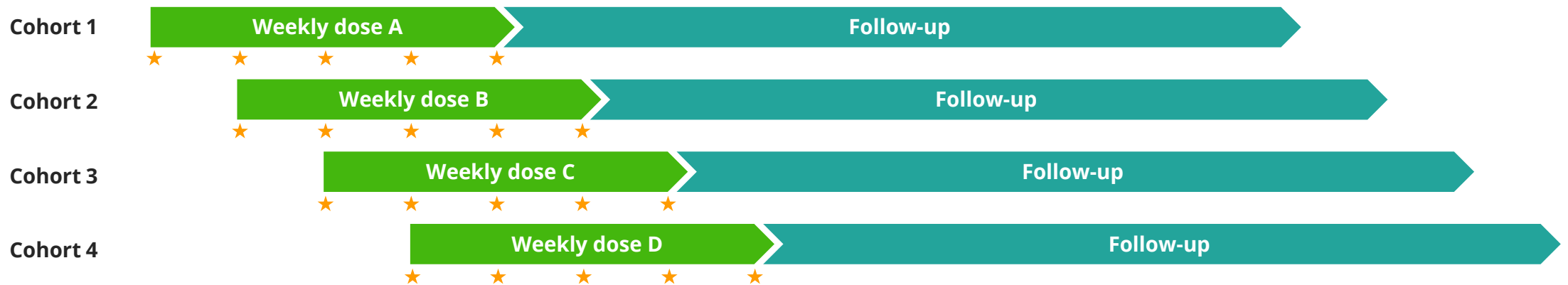
*Transfection, n=3, 72 hours, dPCR, mean±SEM*



- AX-0810 clinical candidate is a GalNAc conjugated EON
- 5.5-fold increase in potency over early generation NTCP editing oligonucleotide
- Improved stability profile *in vitro*
- Confirmed class safety, with no hepatotoxicity or immunostimulatory score

# First in human trial of AX-0810 to establish target engagement

## Integrated single/multiple ascending dose study design



### Treatment

AX-0810 GalNAc conjugated editing oligo-nucleotide

### Objectives

- Confirm target engagement as measured by biomarkers
- Assess safety, tolerability, and PK of AX-0810

### Trial design

- Combined single and multiple ascending dose
- ≥60 healthy volunteers, 4 weeks dosing phase followed by 12 safety weeks follow-up
- 5 weekly subcutaneous injections
- Baseline and placebo-controlled design
- Standardized conditions for assessment of bile acids at multiple timepoints
- DMC safety reviews before proceeding to next dose and dose escalation

### Key endpoints

- Change in bile acids levels and profile in plasma and urine, liver biomarkers
- Circulating RNA as exploratory endpoint

CTA submission in Q2 2025

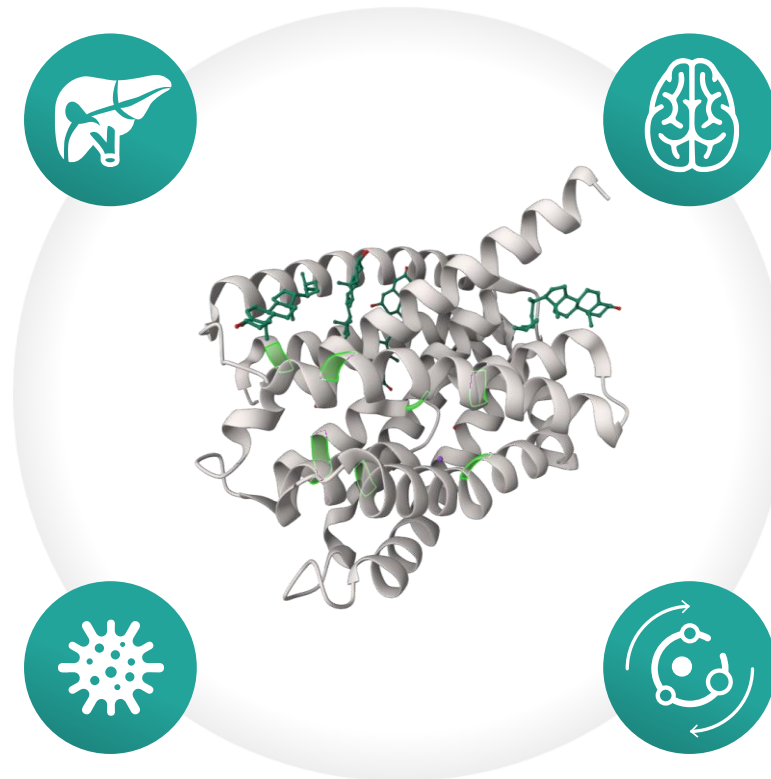
**Top-line data in Q4 2025**

# NTCP and bile acids are involved in a variety of therapeutic areas

*Providing opportunity across multiple indications*

## Cholestatic diseases

- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)
- Biliary Atresia
- Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)
- Alagille syndrome
- Dubin-Johnson Syndrome
- Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC)
- Drug-Induced Cholestasis
- Alcoholic Liver Disease
- Secondary Biliary Cirrhosis
- Rotor syndrome
- Neonatal cholestasis



## Neurological diseases

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Neurological diseases
- Epilepsy
- Parkinson's Disease

## Infectious disease

- Parasitic Infections
- Sepsis-Associated Cholestasis
- Viral Hepatitis: Hepatitis A, B, C, D, E

## Metabolic diseases

- Hyperlipidemia
- Hypertension
- MASH
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Lysosomal storage diseases
- Hypercholesterolemia
- ASCVD





# AX-2402 Program

*Targeting MECP2 to restore protein functionality in Rett Syndrome, a severe neurodevelopmental disorder*

# AX-2402 RNA editing therapy targeting MECP2 for Rett Syndrome



Rett Syndrome is a **devastating and progressive neurodevelopmental disorder** caused by variants in the transcription factor Methyl CpG binding protein 2 (*MECP2*). There is a **high unmet need for a disease modifying therapy**.



Nonsense variants lead to **severe phenotypes**. They represent more than one third **of Rett Syndrome** cases and are projected to affect **20,000 individuals** in US and EU.<sup>1,2</sup>



Rett Syndrome is **not a neurodegenerative disorder** and restoring levels of the MECP2 protein has shown to **reverse symptoms** in mice.<sup>3</sup>



Axiomer has the potential to **restore the precise level of MECP2 protein regulatory function**, which is lacking in Rett Syndrome, and become a disease modifying therapy.



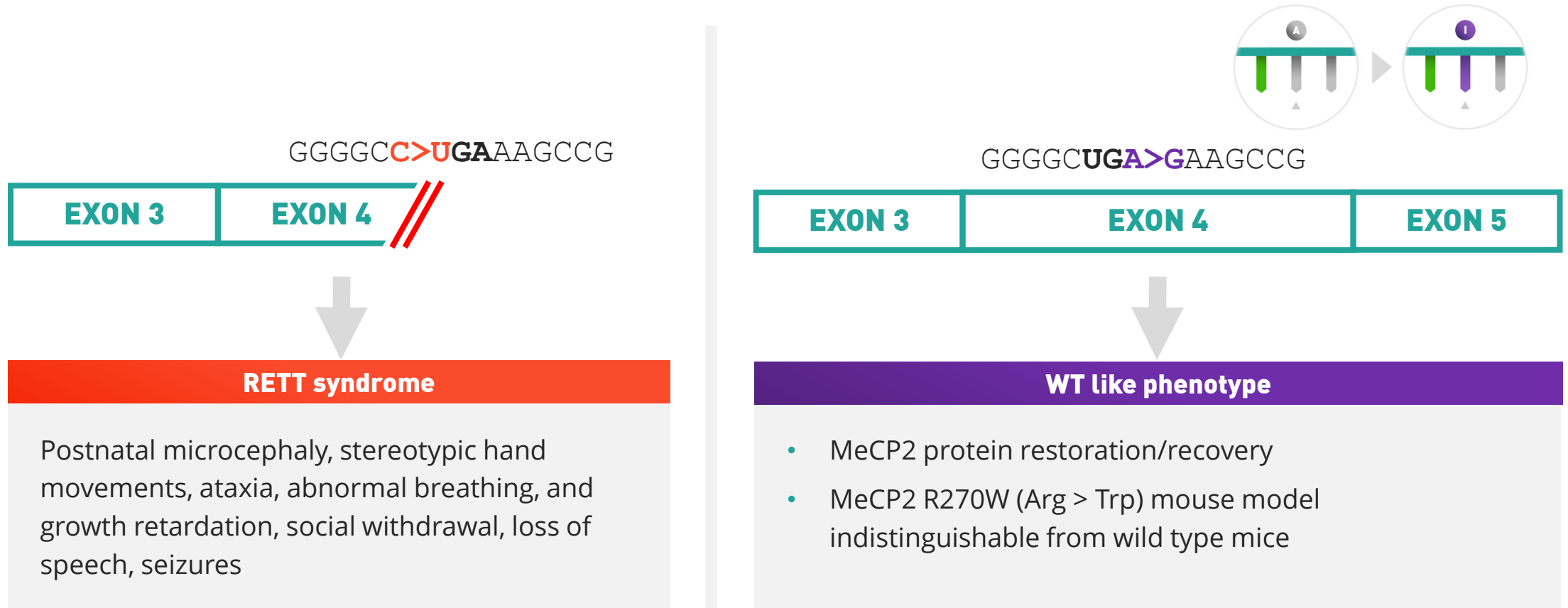
Rett Syndrome Research Trust partnership includes \$9.2 M in funding; collaboration established in January 2024, expanded in December 2024



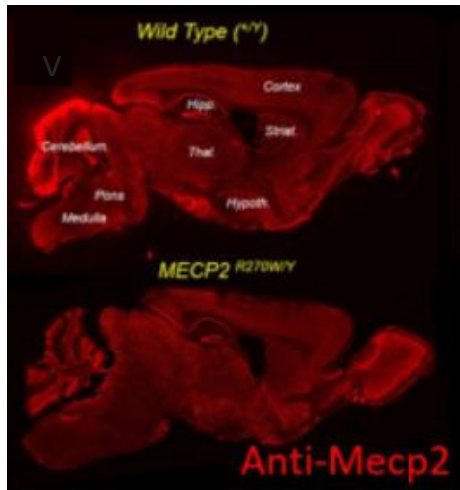
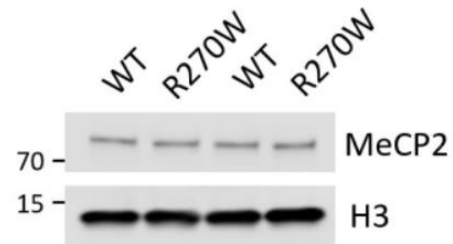
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# Axiomer™ has the potential to restore physiological levels of functional MECP2

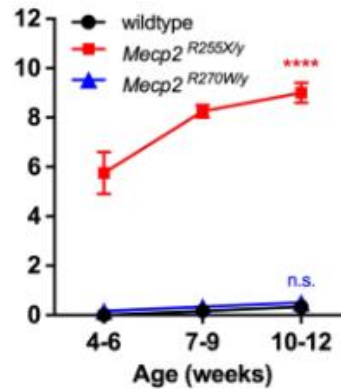
*AX-2402 correcting MECP2 R270X into WT-like R270W*



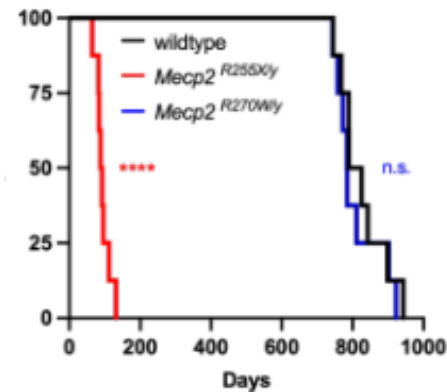
# R270W variant demonstrates wild-type like profile



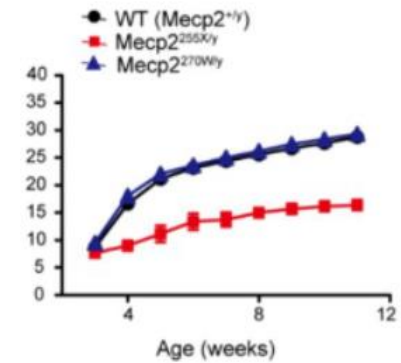
Severity score (0-12)



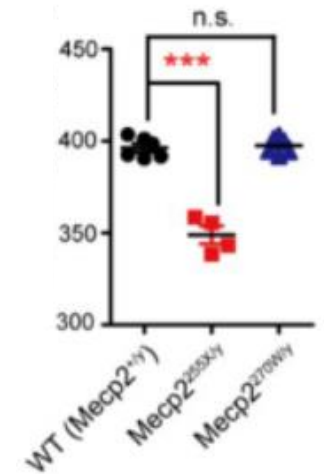
Probability of survival



Body weight (g)



Brain weight (mg)

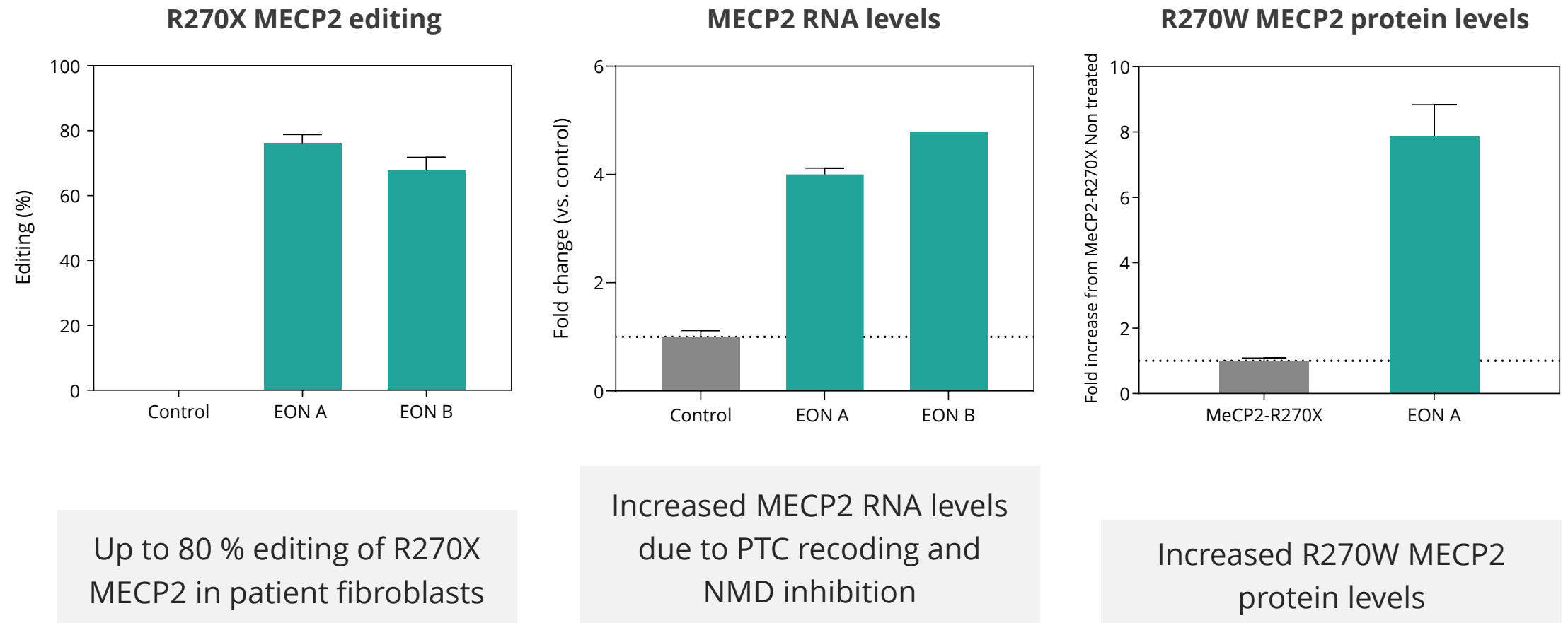


AX-2402 can restore physiological levels of functional MECP2 potentially reverting Rett syndrome into a WT like phenotype<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Colvin, S. (2023) thesis. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Figures adapted from: Colvin, S. (2023) thesis. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

# EON mediated editing in patient's cells increases mRNA levels and restores protein expression

*PTC recoding leading to absent NMD mediated RNA degradation*



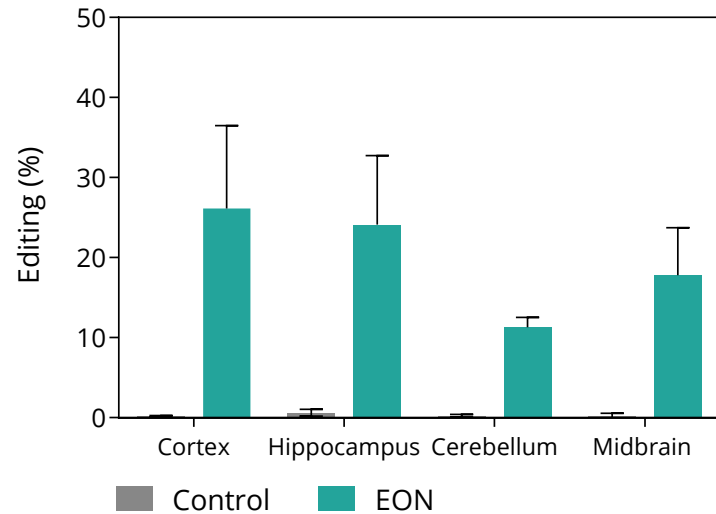
EON, Editing oligonucleotide; NT, Non-treated; TF, transfection, Conditions panel on the left and middle: 100 nM EON, transfection, 48h, N=2, mean±SEM. Conditions panel on the right: MeCP2-R270X-NanoLuc activity; 100 nM EON, transfection, 48h, N=8, mean±SEM.



# Consistent CNS editing demonstrated across species

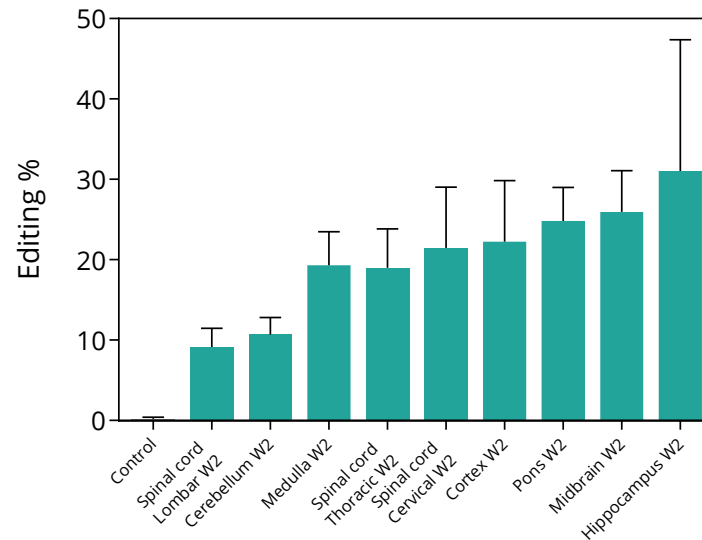
## Mice *in vivo*

ICV, 250µg, undisclosed target, single dose, n=6, 4 weeks, ddPCR, mean, SD



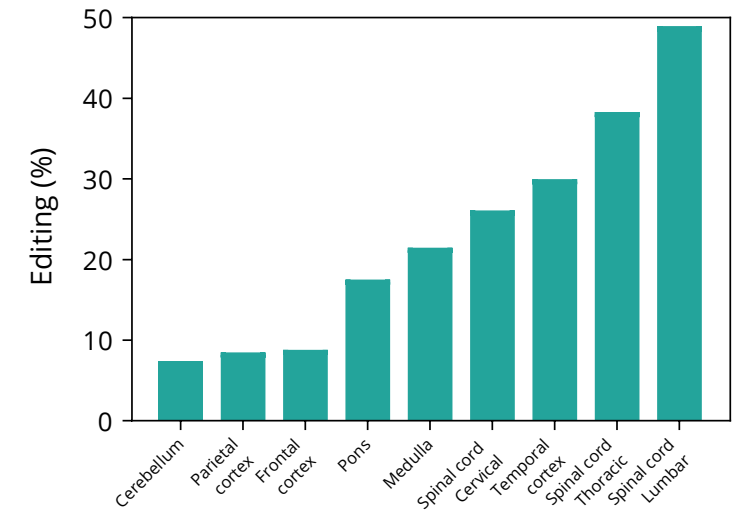
## Rat *in vivo*

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## NHP *in vivo*

IT administration, undisclosed target 12mg, single dose, n=3\*, 7 days, ddPCR



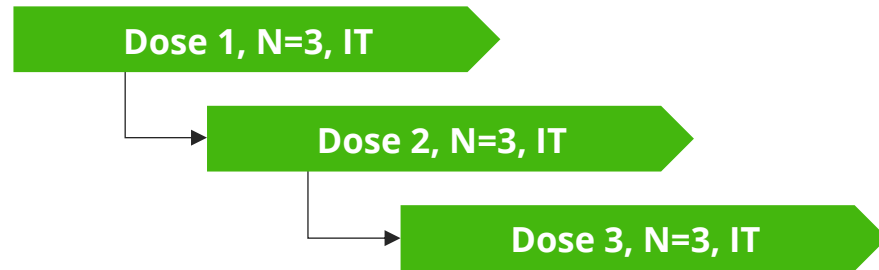
- Up to 40% editing *in vivo* leading to 26-fold change in protein function recovery in brain tissues of interest at 4 weeks with a single dose in mice model

- In rat, Axiomer EONs demonstrated up to 50% editing *in vivo* with sustained editing between W2 and W4 after single dose
- Up to 30% RNA editing reported in brain and approx. 50% in spinal cord in NHP *in vivo*

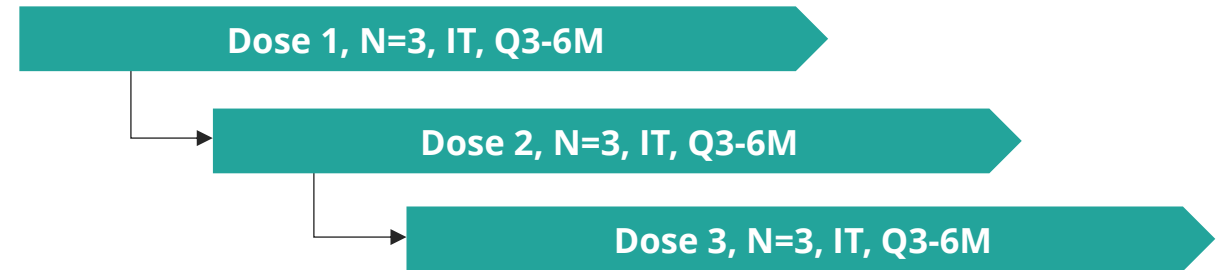
\* Data of 2 NHPs not analyzable due to human error during injection procedure.

# Preliminary clinical trial design

## Single dose



## Repeated dose



- Preliminary Phase 1/2 SAD & MAD design
- Up to 18 subjects with the R270X mutation
- Primary objective: safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics
- Secondary objectives: target engagement and biomarkers

- Financially supported by \$8.2 M funding provided by Rett syndrome Research Trust
- **Clinical candidate selection in 2025**
- **Top-line data expected in 2026**



# AX-1412 Program

*Targeting B4GALT1 to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases*

# AX-1412 RNA editing therapy targeting B4GALT1 for cardiovascular diseases



## Leading causes of death in the world

~18 million people die from CVDs every year (**32% of all global deaths**) Despite therapies, the unmet medical need remains.



AX-1412 is designed to provide people with a protective genetic variant of B4GALT1 that is associated with **36%<sup>1</sup> reduction in the risk of cardiovascular disease.**



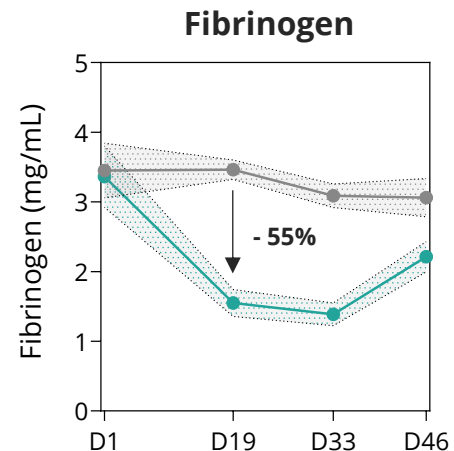
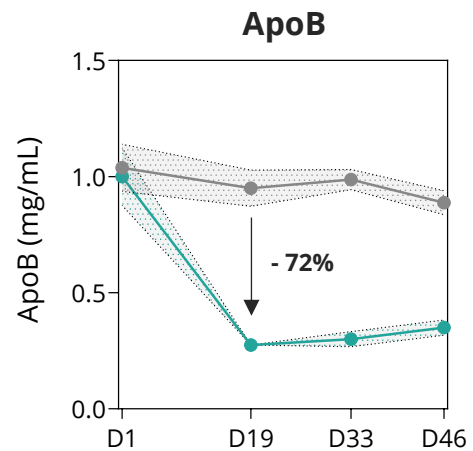
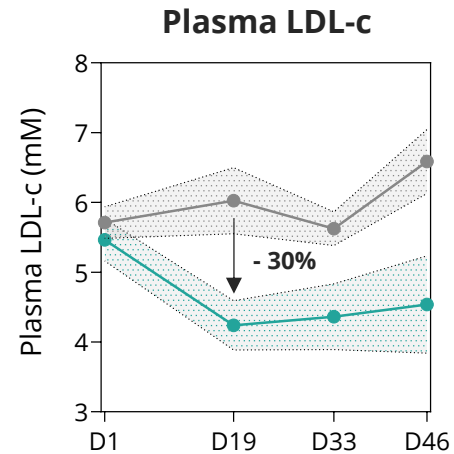
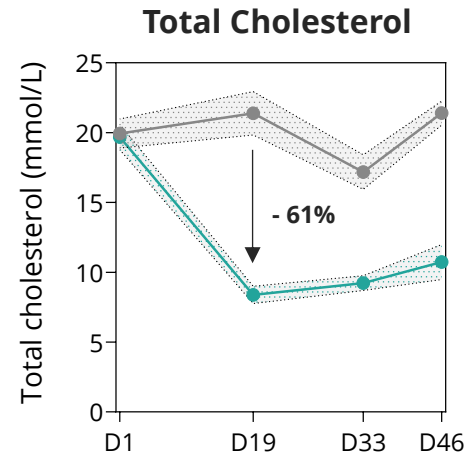
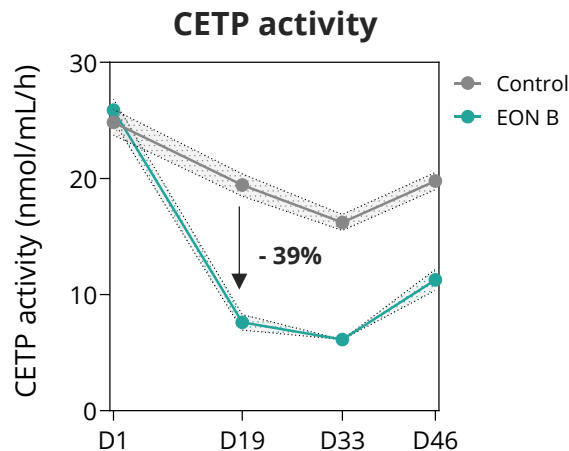
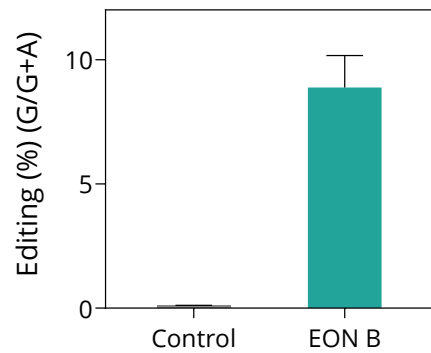
AX-1412 may become a **stand-alone cardiovascular therapy** that may also work **synergistically with standard of care** to further reduce risk of CVDs.



<sup>1</sup>Montasser ME, et al. Science. 2021 Dec 3;374(6572):1221-1227

# EON-mediated editing of B4GALT1 leads to meaningful effect on key biomarkers in E3L.CETP Mice

**B4GALT1 editing and biomarkers in E3L.CETP mice (N=10, 2mg/kg, LNP formulation, IV Q1W, D46, ddPCR)**



Following treatment with EON B, a marked reduction in total cholesterol, ApoB, and LDL-c by observed already at Day 19 confirms our approach to address cardiovascular diseases

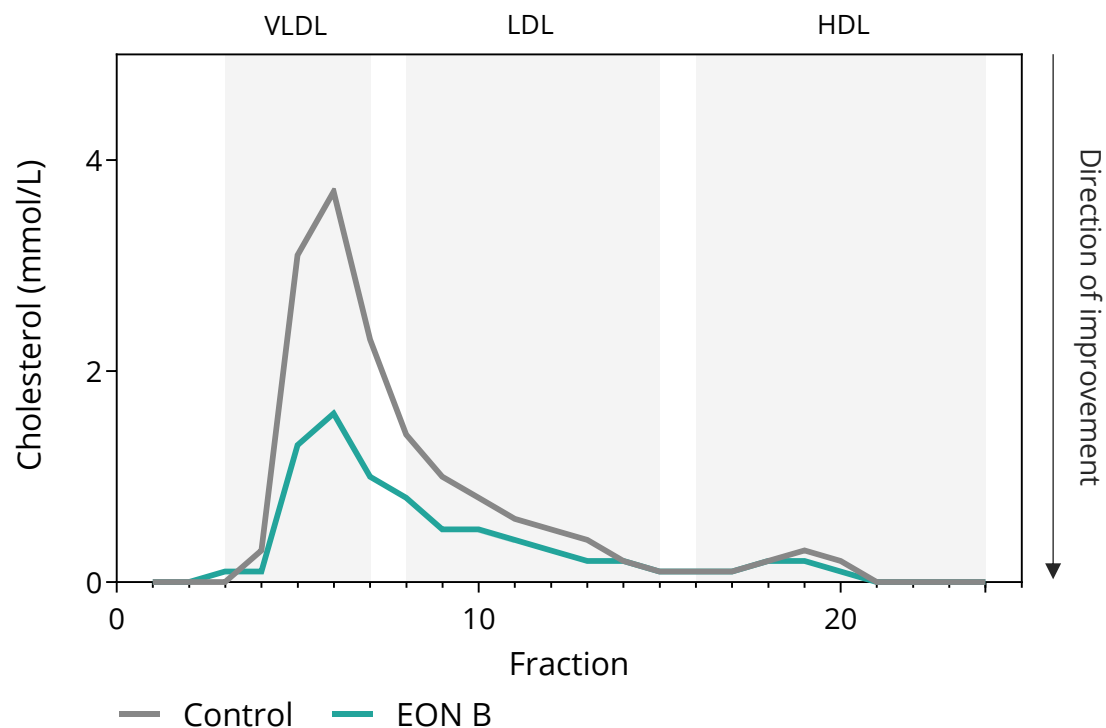


# B4GALT1 EON leads to a positive shift in lipoprotein profiles

*Specifically targeting atherogenic lipoproteins*

## Impact on lipoprotein profile following editing of B4GALT1 in E3L.CETP mice

(N=10, 2mg/kg, LNP formulation, IV Q1W, D46)



- Treatment with EON B significantly decreases VLDL and LDL cholesterol compared to control
- These lipoproteins are associated with increased cardiovascular risk due to their role in atherosclerotic plaque formation
- HDL cholesterol which supports reverse cholesterol transport and is associated with reduced cardiovascular risk, remains unchanged

# Summary & next steps

## AX-1412 for CVD



### EON-MEDIATED RNA EDITING OF B4GALT1

*leads to the required reduction in galactosylation, reflecting the human genetics observed effect*



### LNP-DELIVERED EON EDITING OF B4GALT1

*leads to editing and meaningful changes in biomarker effect on LDLC, CEPT, cholesterol and fibrinogen in an industry-standard in vivo disease model*



### FURTHER OPTIMIZATION OF A GALNAC DELIVERED EON ONGOING

*to achieve a TPP desirable for CVD*



### UPDATE ON THE GALNAC OPTIMIZATION EFFORTS

*expected in mid 2025*



# AX-2911 Program

*Targeting PNPLA3 to address unmet medical needs  
in MASH*

# AX-2911 RNA-editing therapy to address Metabolic dysfunction associated steatohepatitis (MASH)



MASH and subsequent stages of liver disease **are very prevalent and still on the rise worldwide**. MASH individuals have a high unmet medical needs due to the **progressive** nature of the disease (cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma) and **limited therapeutic options** available<sup>1</sup>



PNPLA3 (patatin-like phospholipase domain-containing 3) I148M is a variant **commonly reported** in the MASH population worldwide (20-60% of the patients) and is known as **associated risk factor**.<sup>2,3</sup> Approximately 8 million individuals in US and EU are homozygous for the 148M variant.



Axiomer EONs have the potential to change the Methionine into a Valine bringing the **PNPLA3 protein back to a WT-like functional conformation**.

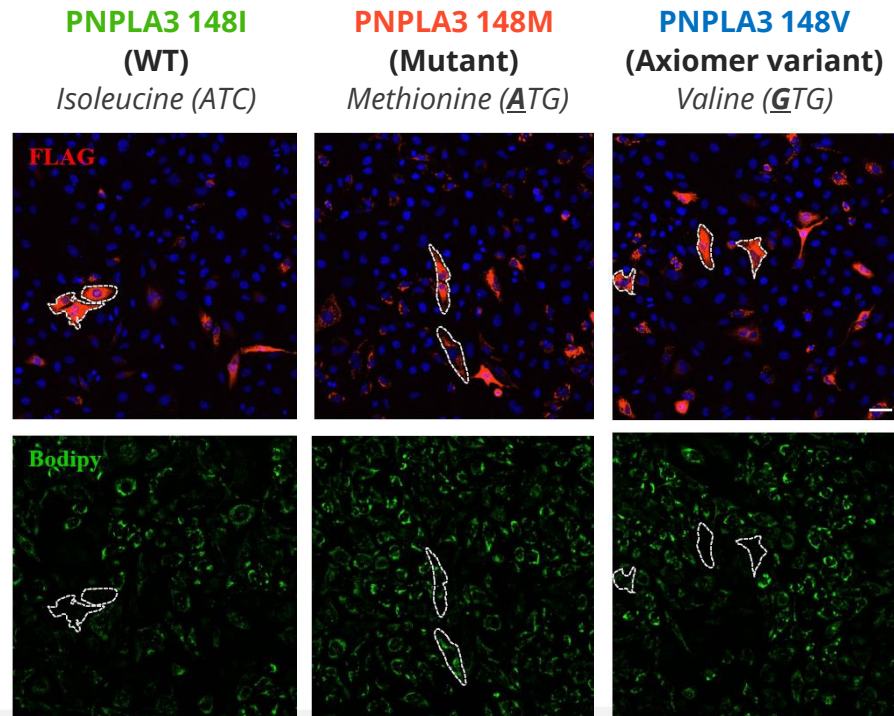


<sup>1</sup>Sandireddy R, et al. Front Cell Dev Biol. 2024 Jul 16;12:1433857; <sup>2</sup>Romeo S, et al. Nat Genet. 2008 Dec;40(12):1461-5; <sup>3</sup>Salari N, et al. BMC Endocr Disord. 2021 Jun 19;21(1):125.

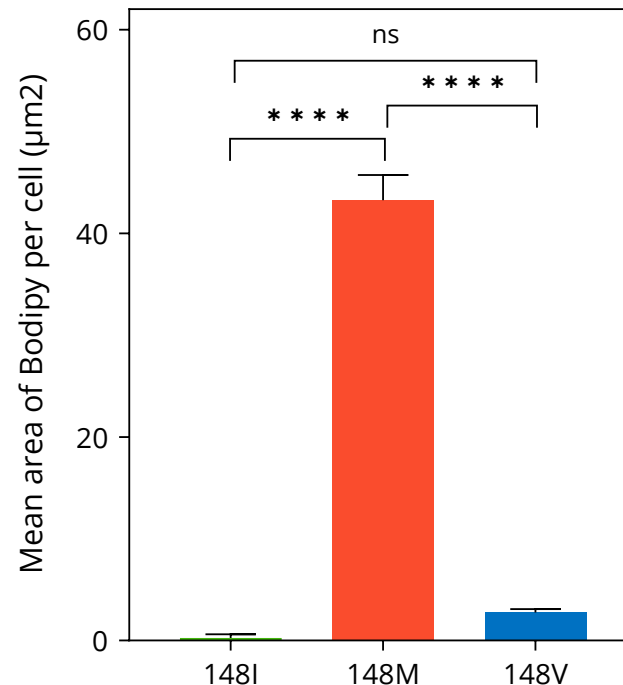


# Axiomer™ creates a PNPLA3 protein with WT-like functionality

*148I and 148V reports equivalence in lipid droplet sizes*



Hoechst (nuclei), Bodipy (Lipids) and M2 anti-flag (PNPLA3)



- The wild-type 148I shows smaller lipid droplets, reflecting normal lipid metabolism
- The 148M variant induces significantly larger lipid droplets, consistent with its pathogenic role in lipid metabolism disorders
- The corrected variant 148V results in wild-type like droplet sizes, suggesting a corrective effect on lipid accumulation, similar to 148I

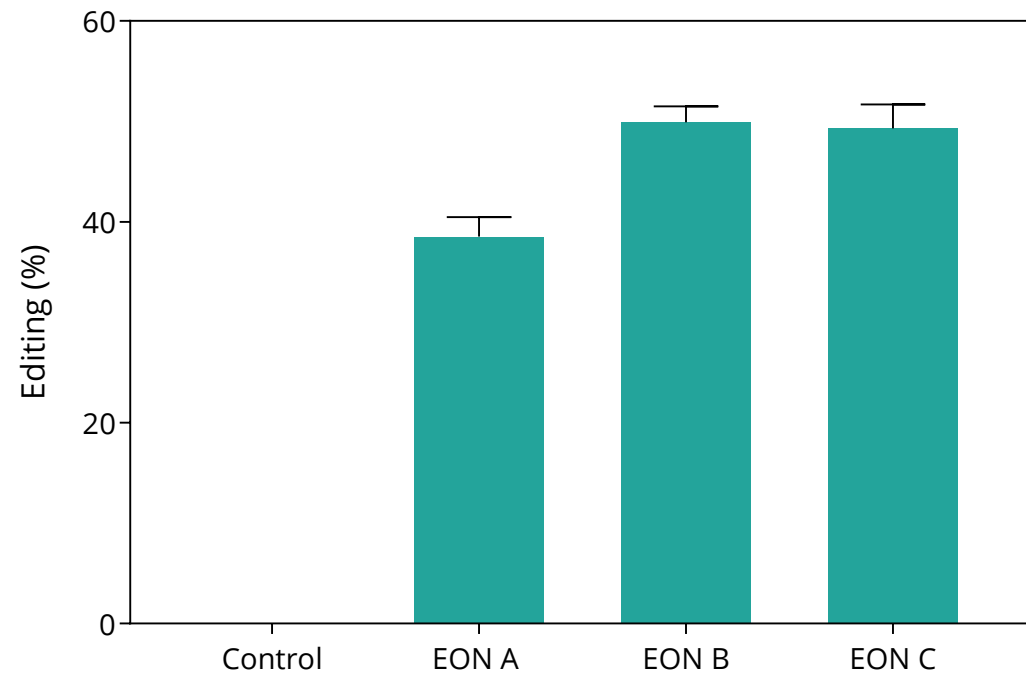
Treatment conditions: HeLa cells, plasmid, transfection, 250µM linoleic acids, 24h, cell lipase activity by IF One-way ANOVA, \*\*\*\*\*, P<0.0001; Mean, SEM.



# EON mediated PNPLA3 editing leads to over 50% RNA editing and change in lipid droplet

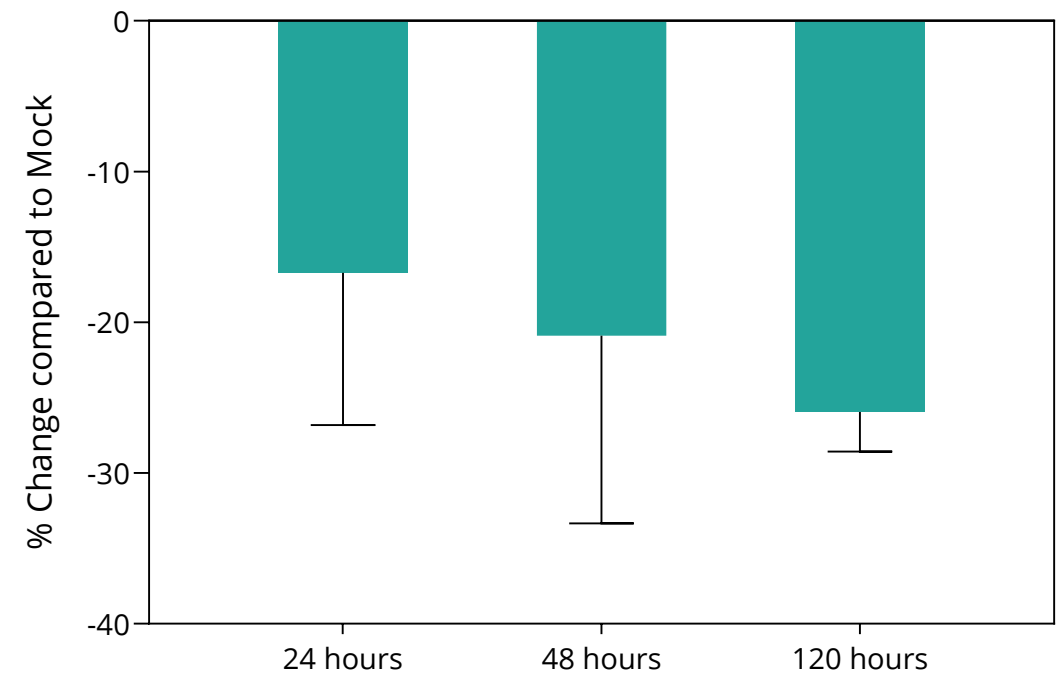
## Editing of PNPLA3 in PHH

100nM EON, transfection, 72h, dPCR, mean, SEM, n=3



## Change in intracellular lipid droplets post PNPLA3 148V EON treatment

Bodipy/DAPI stainings, 5 $\mu$ M EON, transfection, exposure to linoleic acid, mean, SEM, n=2



# Summary & next steps

## *AX-2911 for MASH*



### **CLINICAL CANDIDATE SELECTION**

*Final optimization of AX-2911 EONs ongoing for clinical candidate selection in 2025*



### **SUBCUTANEOUS GALNAC-DELIVERY**

*expected with 3-6 monthly dosing interval*



### **DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

*to start in 2025*



### **CLINICAL TRIAL**

*to start in 2026*

# Well positioned

*to advance Axiomer™*



## CLINICAL TRIAL RESULTS EXPECTED

*across 4 trials in 2025 and 2026*

- Clinical PoC data of NTCP trial in 2025
- Up to 4 clinical trials with data readouts in 2025/2026



## RICH DISCOVERY PIPELINE

*with potential for broad pipeline expansion*

- Large number of potential therapeutic applications in discovery pipeline
- Broad applicability beyond current discovery pipeline



## LEADING IP POSITION

- Axiomer™ is protected by >20 published patent families
- Continuously investing in expanding IP estate



## VALIDATING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Eli Lilly collaboration valued up to \$3.9B, with opportunity for near-term milestones
- Rett Syndrome Research Trust cofinancing of AX-2402 program
- Selectively form additional partnerships



## STRONG BALANCE SHEET

- € 149.4 million cash and cash equivalents as of end of 2024
- Cash runway to mid-2027, excluding potential for additional BD-related upside



**IT'S IN  
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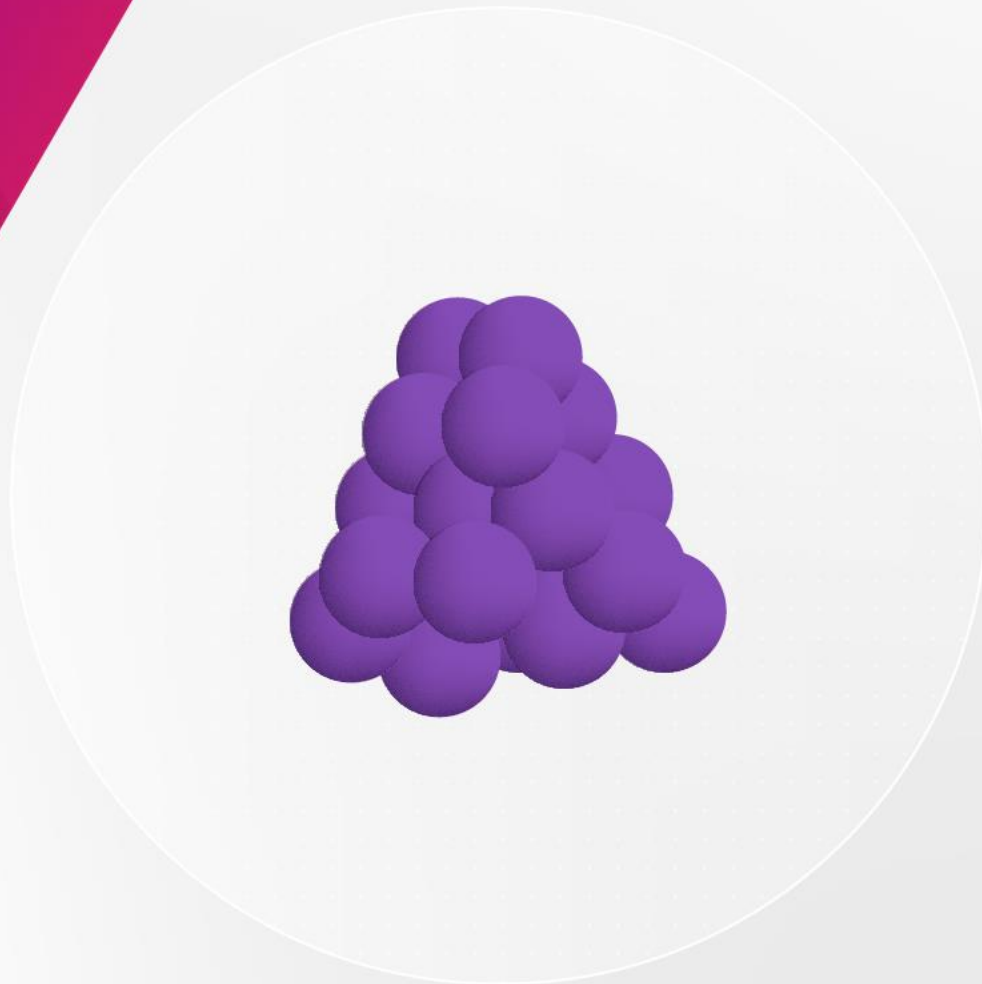
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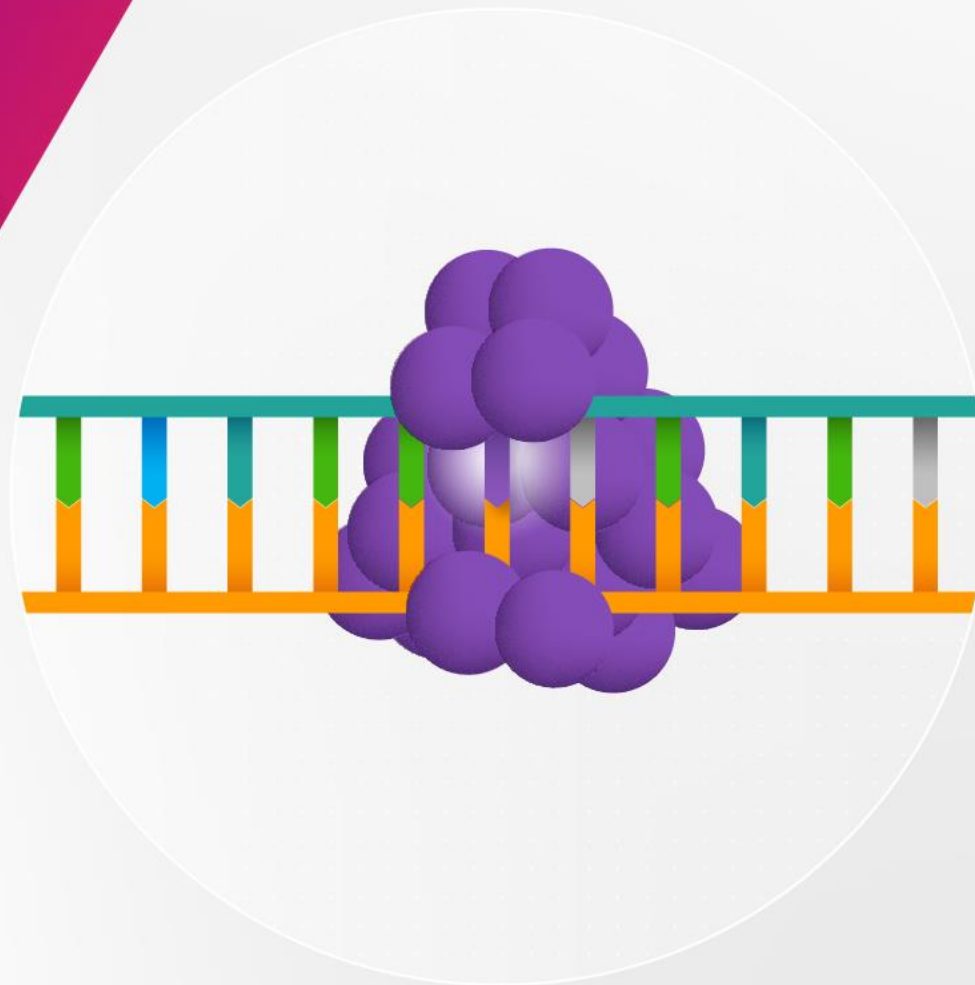
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# WHAT IS AXIOMER™ ?

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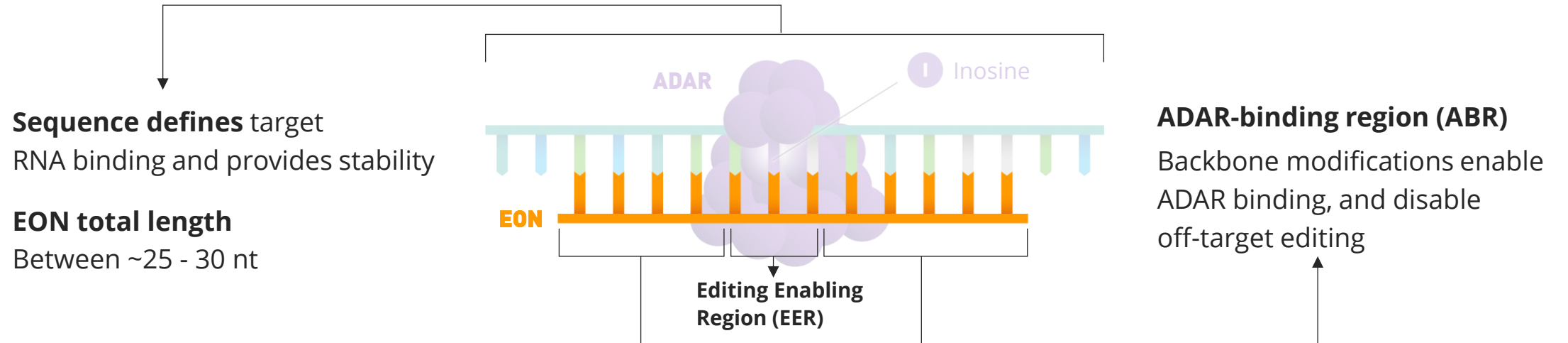


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# Driving the development of optimized EONs for therapeutic use



## Optimized sequence and chemistry define functionality



Increase editing efficacy



Bring metabolic stability



Prevent off-target ('bystander') editing



Ensure bioavailability (cell and tissue uptake)



Offer safety and tolerability at therapeutic doses

ADAR: Adenosine deaminase acting on RNA, EON: Editing oligonucleotide, Nt: nucleotides

# Leading IP supporting ADAR-mediated RNA editing platform technology

- Axiomer™ IP strategy commenced in 2014 with first patent application filings
- Currently 25 published patent families, comprising 33 national/regional patents
- Axiomer™ IP portfolio is constantly expanding
- Oppositions/appeals and several Third-Party Observations have been filed against a variety of applications and patents in the Axiomer™ IP portfolio, all by strawmen



# ProQR Axiomer™ leading IP estate for ADAR-mediated RNA editing

- ProQR's Axiomer™ IP contains 3 early RNA editing platform patent families covering single-stranded oligonucleotides that recruit **endogenous** ADAR
- Oppositions/appeals and Third-Party Observations have been filed throughout these three patent families
- First (2014): oligonucleotides with a complementary (**targeting**) and a stem-loop (**recruiting**) portion
- Second (2016): oligonucleotides **without a stem-loop structure** but with **one or more mismatches** and chemical modifications
- Third (2016): oligonucleotides **without a stem-loop structure** but with specific chemical modifications in the '**Central Triplet**'

# Overview of Axiomer™ related patents

Docket	Priority	Feature	Status	Remarks
1 (0004)	17DEC2014	Targeted RNA Editing using endogenous ADARs	Granted AU BR <a href="#">CA</a> <a href="#">CN</a> <a href="#">EP</a> IL IN <a href="#">JP</a> NZ <a href="#">US</a> <a href="#">US</a> ZA	Platform IP
2 (0013)	22JUN2016	Short EONs with wobble and/or mismatch base pairs	Granted <a href="#">AU</a> IL <a href="#">JP</a> <a href="#">KR</a> <a href="#">US</a> <a href="#">US</a> <a href="#">US</a>	Platform IP
3 (0014)	01SEP2016	Chemically modified short EONs	Granted AU <a href="#">CN</a> <a href="#">EP</a> IL <a href="#">JP</a> <a href="#">KR</a> NZ <a href="#">US</a> <a href="#">US</a> <a href="#">US</a> ZA	Platform IP
4 (0016)	19JAN2017	EONs + protecting SONs (heteroduplex formation)	Granted <a href="#">US</a>	Platform IP
5 (0023)	18MAY2018	PS linkages / chiral linkages (e.g., PS, PN)	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
6 (0025)	28JAN2019	Editing of PTC in exon 61 USH2A	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
7 (0026)	11FEB2019	Phosphonacetate linkages / UNA modifications	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
8 (0029)	03APR2019	MP linkages	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
9 (0031)	24APR2019	Editing inhibition	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
10 (0032)	13JUN2019	Benner's base (dZ)	<a href="#">Published</a> Granted CN ZA	Platform IP – with UC Davis (P Beal)
11(0035)	23DEC2019	Editing in exon 35 of ABCA4 for Stargardt disease	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
12 (0039)	23JUL2020	Split EONs	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
13 (0045)	14FEB2022	PCSK9	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
14 (0046)	15JUL2022	5'-GA-3' editing	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP – with UC Davis (P Beal)
15 (0048)	15JUL2022	diF modification	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
16 (0051)	21OCT2022	Heteroduplex Editing Oligonucleotide (HEON) complexes	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
17 (0052)	24NOV2022	HFE	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
18 (0053)	09DEC2022	B4GALT1	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
19 (0054)	01DEC2022	ALDH2	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
20 (0055)	20JAN2023	AG1856 + (H)EONs	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP – with FU Berlin (A Weng)
21 (0057)	20FEB2023	ANGPTL3	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
22 (0058)	24MAR2023	KCC2	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
23 (0059)	24MAR2023	PNms linkages	<a href="#">Published</a>	Platform IP
24 (0060)	27MAR2023	NTCP	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target
25 (0061)	16JUN2023	RELN	<a href="#">Published</a>	Target

# ProQR Axiomer™ IP

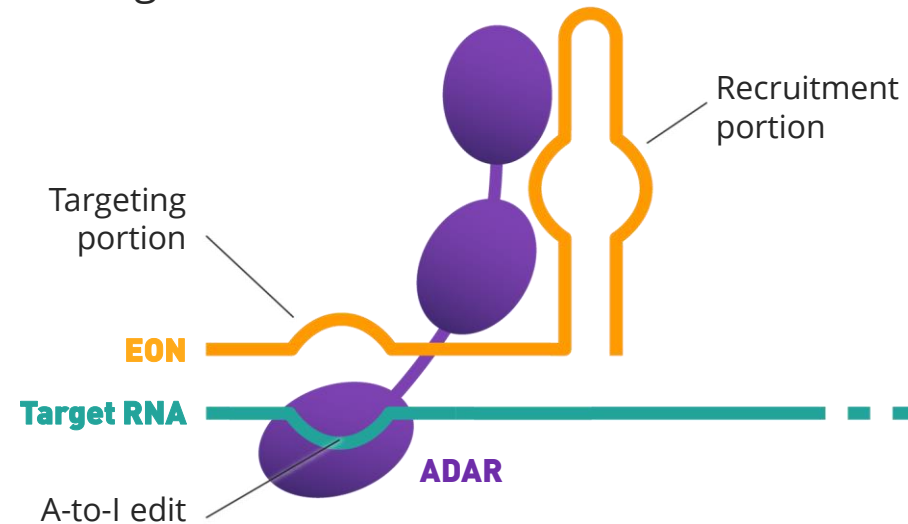
## *Broad coverage*

- Axiomer™ patent claims are broad and cover:
  - **Any type of chemically modified oligonucleotide** aimed at RNA editing of **any possible target** and **any possible disease** using **endogenous** ADAR
  - Specific targets, including SERPINA1 (A1AT deficiency), IDUA (Hurler syndrome), LRRK2 (Parkinson's disease)
  - Oligonucleotides with chirally-controlled linkages
  - Oligonucleotides with all sorts of chemistries (also in the 'Central Triplet'), including **DNA**
- To note: claims directed to chemically modified oligonucleotides **do not cover viral delivery** of the oligonucleotide

# Overview of key claims – 1

Granted claims in the 1<sup>st</sup> Axiomer™ patent family relate to (chemically modified) oligonucleotides that comprise:

- **A targeting portion** for binding to a target RNA incl. target adenosine
- **A recruitment portion** (hairpin structure) for recruiting **endogenous** ADAR to edit the target adenosine



<a href="#">EP 3 234 134 B1</a>	Granted; appeal pending
<a href="#">US 10,676,737</a>	Granted
<a href="#">US 11,781,134</a>	Granted

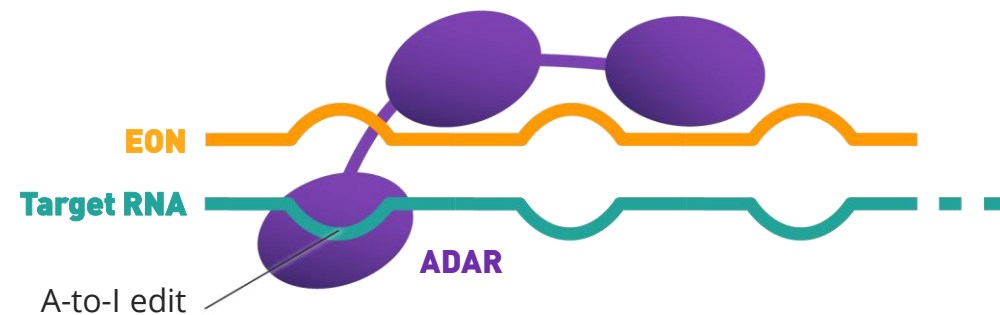
Claim 17 (US 11,781,134):

A method for making a change in a target RNA sequence in a human cell, comprising the steps of:

- introducing into the cell an oligonucleotide construct that is **sufficiently complementary** to bind by nucleobase pairing to the target RNA sequence, wherein the target RNA sequence comprises a target adenosine;
- allowing the formation of a double-stranded structure of the oligonucleotide construct with the target RNA sequence upon base pairing;
- allowing the hADAR1 or hADAR2 enzyme to perform deamination of the target adenosine to an inosine in the target RNA sequence;
- allowing the double-stranded structure of the oligonucleotide and the target RNA sequence to recruit **an hADAR1 or hADAR2 enzyme naturally present in the cell;**

# Overview of key claims – 2

Granted claims in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Axiomer™ patent family relate to oligonucleotides that do **not** have a hairpin structure, but instead have one or more wobbles and/or mismatches, and chemical modifications in the base, ribose sugar and/or linkage to increase stability and are still able to recruit **endogenous** ADAR to edit the target adenosine.



<a href="#">US 10,988,763</a>	Granted
<a href="#">US 11,649,454</a>	Granted
<a href="#">US 12,018,257</a>	Granted

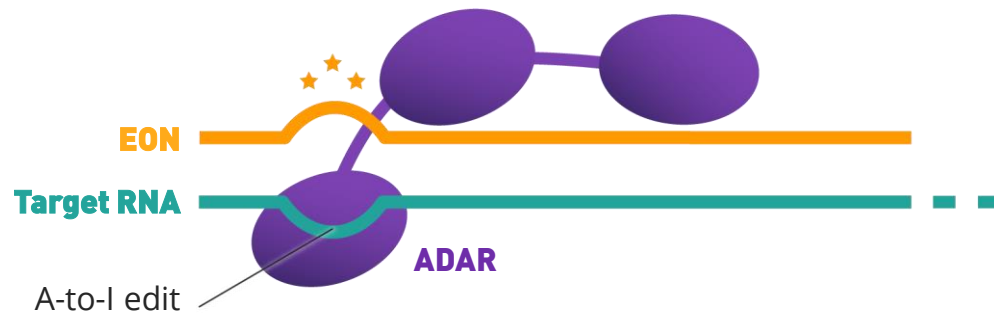
Target-specific claims are directed to:

- An AON capable of forming a double stranded complex with a target RNA in a cell, wherein: the target RNA encodes **alpha1- antitrypsin (A1AT)**, LRRK2, or the target RNA is encoded by the IDUA gene
- The AON is complementary to a target RNA region comprising a target adenosine
- The AON comprises one or more nucleotides with **one or more sugar modifications**
- The AON does not comprise a portion that is capable of forming an intramolecular stem-loop structure that is capable of binding an ADAR enzyme
- The AON is shorter than 100 nucleotides
- The AON **optionally comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10** mismatches, wobbles and/or bulges with the complementary target RNA region, and, wherein formation of the double stranded complex between the AON and the target RNA results in the deamination of the target adenosine by an ADAR enzyme **present in the cell**



# Overview of key claims – 3

Granted claims in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Axiomer™ patent family relate to oligonucleotides that do **not** have a hairpin structure, but have **chemical modifications** in the base, ribose sugar and/or linkage to increase stability and are still able to recruit **endogenous** ADAR to edit the target adenosine.



<a href="#">EP 3 507 366 B1</a>	Granted; appeal pending
<a href="#">US 10,941,402</a>	Granted
<a href="#">US 11,851,656</a>	Granted
<a href="#">US 12,203,072</a>	Granted

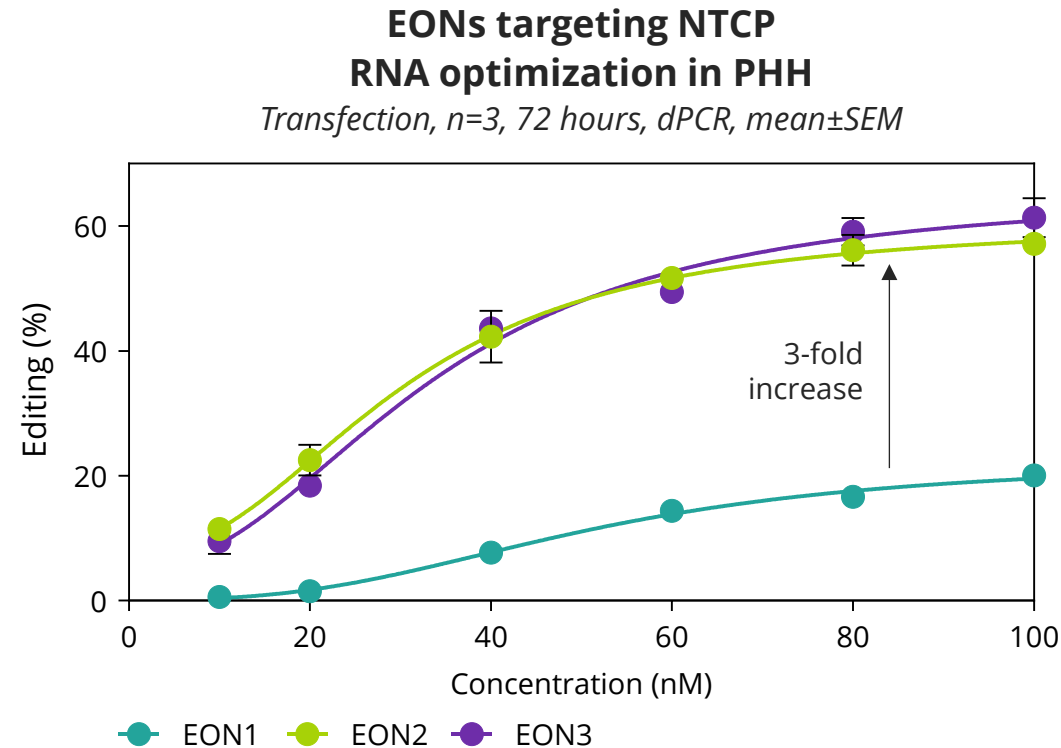
Claim 1 (US 11,851,656):

An antisense oligonucleotide (AON) comprising a Central Triplet of 3 sequential nucleotides, wherein

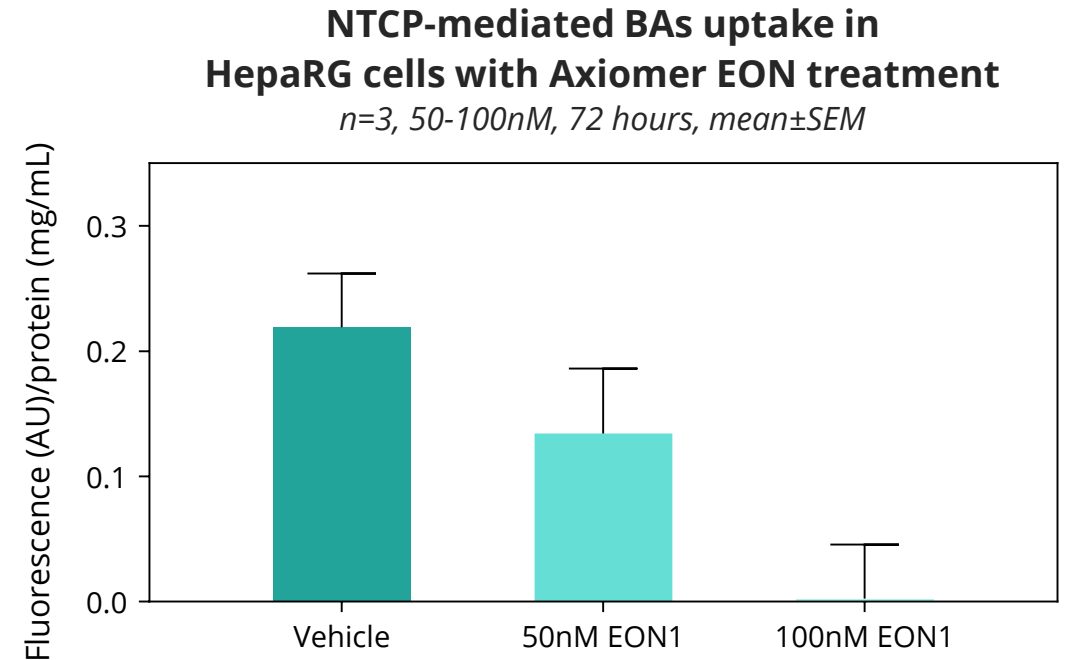
- the AON is capable of forming a double stranded complex with a target RNA molecule in a cell comprising a target adenosine;
- the nucleotide directly opposite the target adenosine is the middle nucleotide of the Central Triplet;
- 1, 2 or 3 nucleotides in the Central Triplet comprise a **sugar modification and/or a base modification** to render the AON more stable and/or more effective in inducing deamination of the target adenosine; with the proviso that the middle nucleotide does not have a 2'-O-methyl modification;
- the AON does not comprise a 5'-terminal O6-benzylguanosine;
- the AON does not comprise a portion that is capable of forming an intramolecular stem-loop structure that is capable of binding a mammalian ADAR enzyme present in the cell; and
- the AON can mediate the deamination of the target adenosine by the ADAR enzyme.

# Axiomer™ EON treatment led to NTCP Q68R variant in WT hepatocytes

*Editing of NTCP RNA modulates BAs reuptake in a dose dependent fashion*



Leveraging expertise in EONs optimization, including adjustment of sequence and chemistry, lead to increased potency of EONs targeting NTCP RNA.



Early generation of EONs (EON1) induces a dose-response inhibition of BAs in vitro confirming its mediation by NTCP

BAs: Bile acids, NTCP: Na-taurocholate cotransporting polypeptide, BAs mentioned in this experiment are specifically Tauro-nor-THCA-24-DBD. *SLC10A1* is the gene that encodes for NTCP protein. Reference: Cnubben, N. et al. (2024) ASGCT 27th Annual meeting abstracts, Molecular Therapy. Volume 32, Issue 4, 1 - 889 (Abstract 705, p. 355)



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