

Therapeutic platforms for rare monogenic diseases

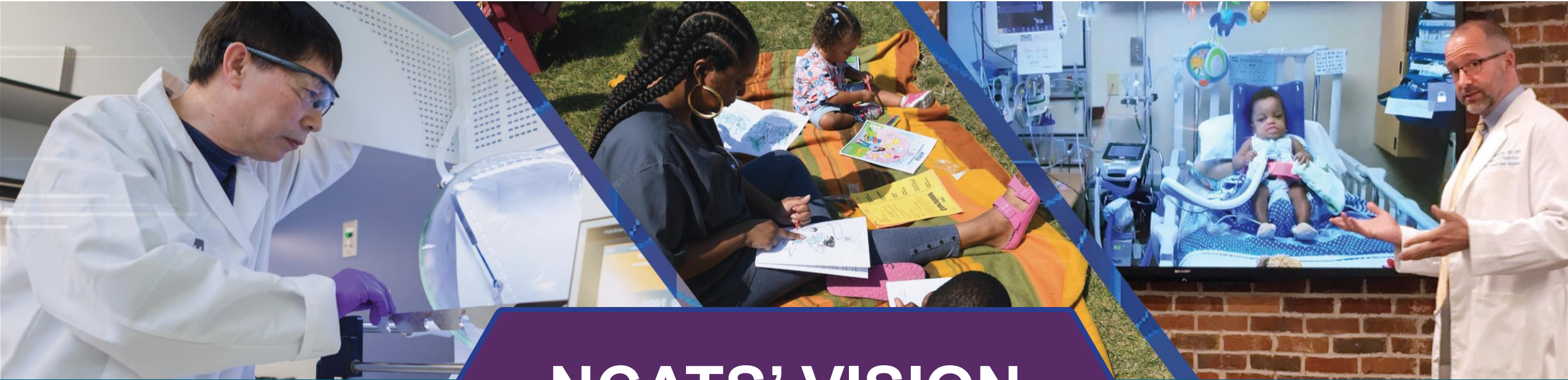
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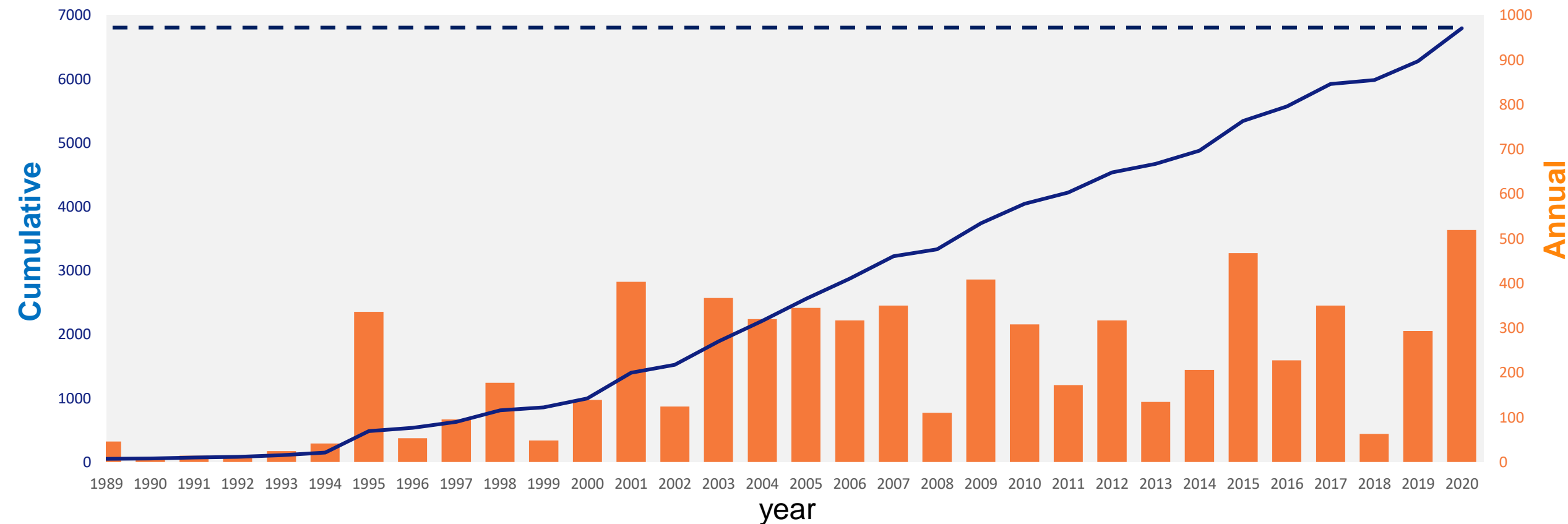


NCATS' VISION

**More treatments for all people
more quickly**

The Number of Disorders with Known Molecular Basis Is Rapidly Rising

>10000

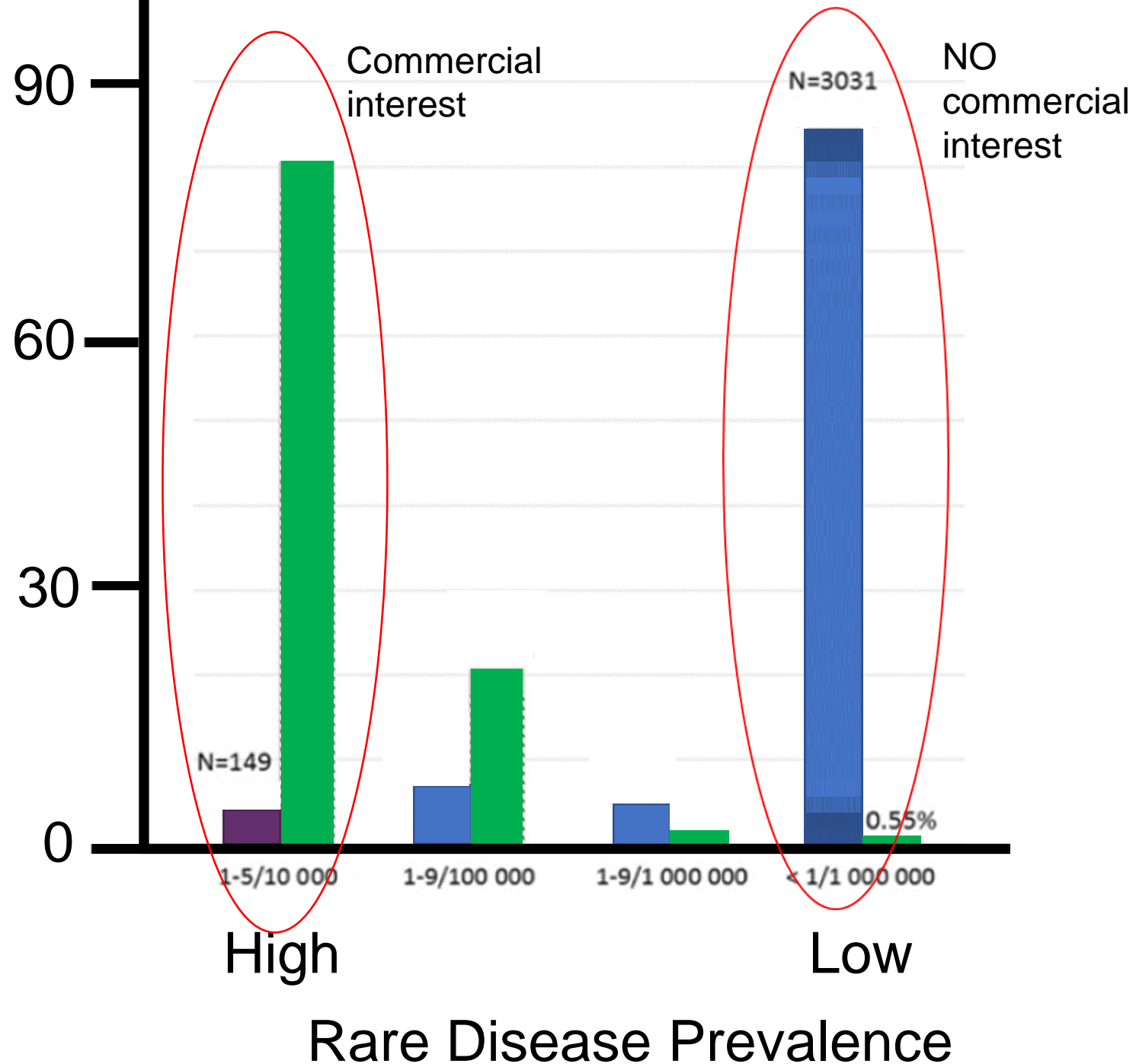


But the number of diseases with approved therapies is lagging far behind (≈ 600)

Adapted from Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM),
<https://www.omim.org/statistics/geneMap>



Percentage



% of rare disease patients

% of rare diseases

Adapted from : Wakap et al
Estimating cumulative point
prevalence of rare diseases: analysis
of the Orphanet database
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Genetics* 28, 165–173 (2020)



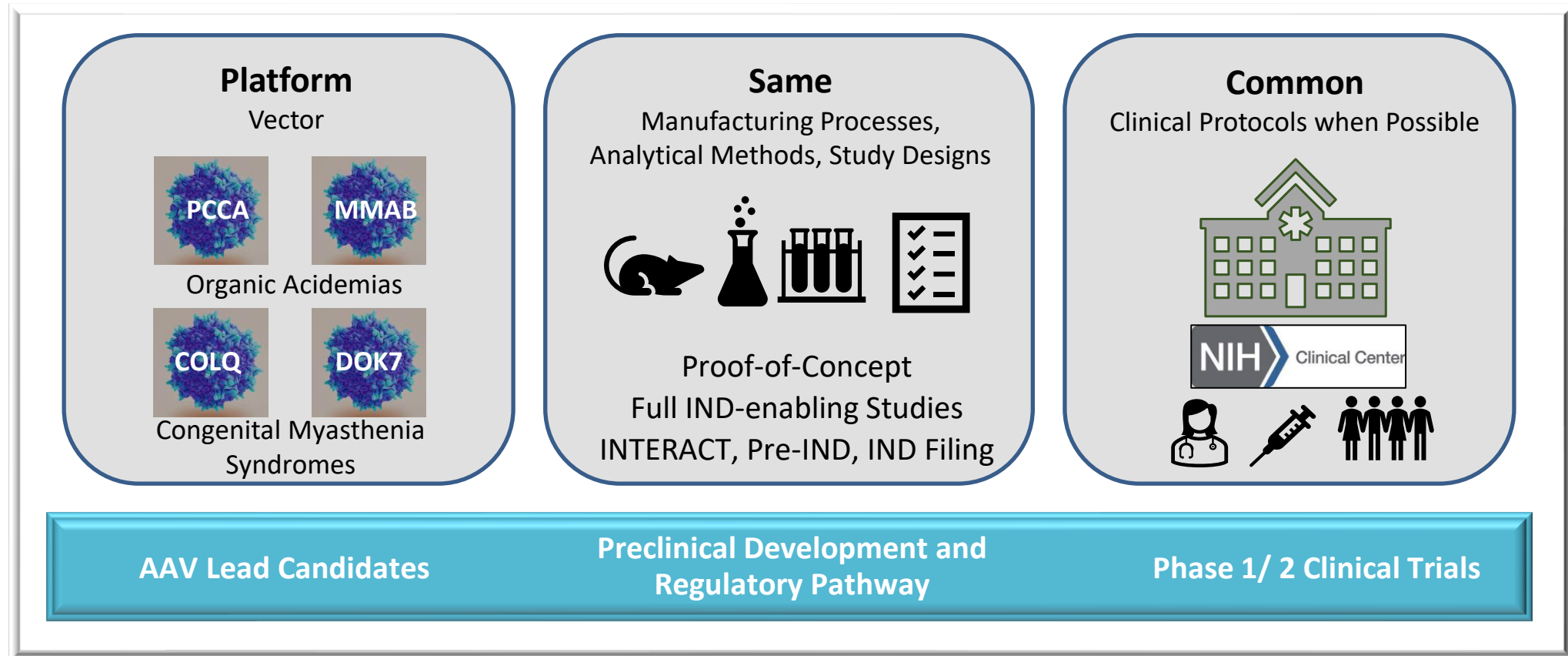
New Strategies

- Shared molecular etiologies
 - Fewer diseases
- Platform Approaches
 - Many diseases at a time

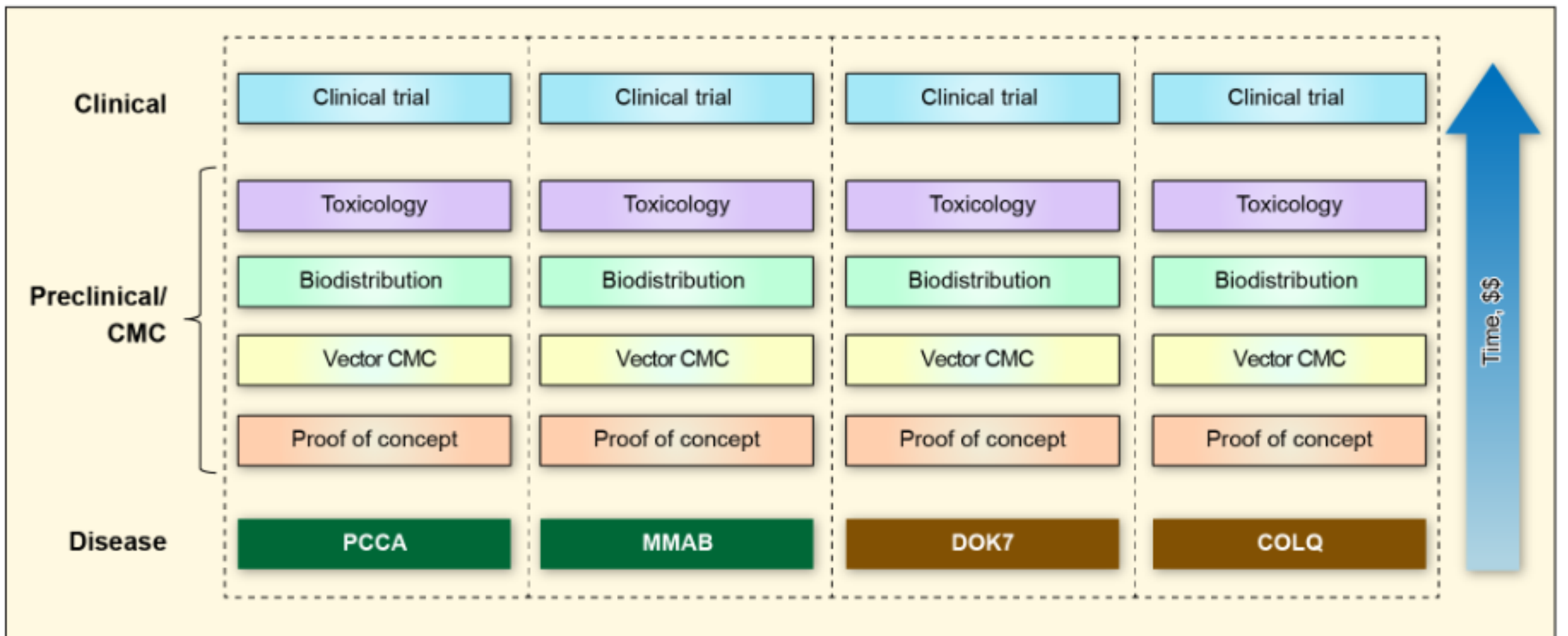


Platform Vector Gene Therapy (PaVe-GT)

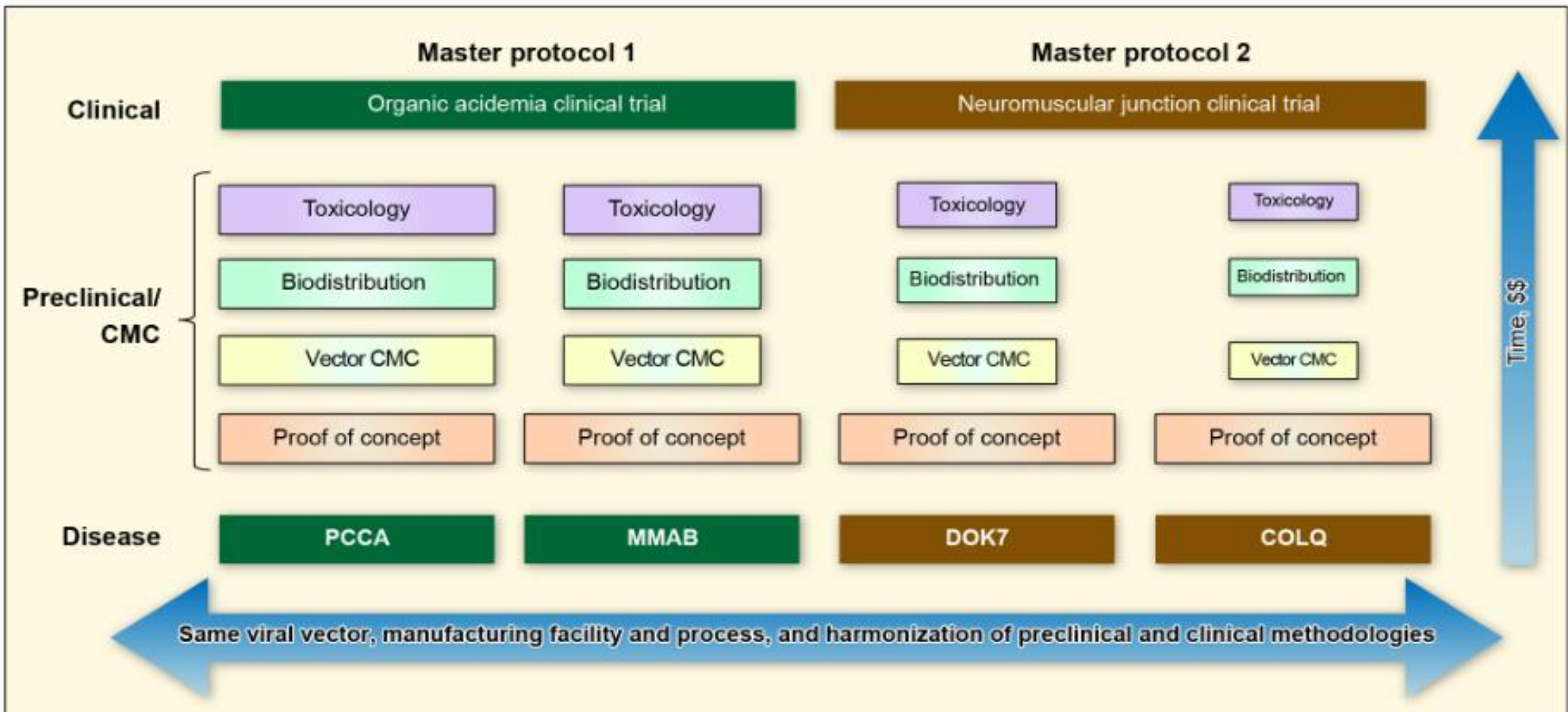
Hypothesis: A Platform Vector Approach Will Increase Efficiency in Preclinical Testing and Clinical Trial Start-up



Use Common Processes and Make the Data Publicly Available



Traditional clinical development paradigm



PaVe-GT clinical
development paradigm:
Questions



PaVe-GT Status

- Lead candidate AAV9-hPCCA
- Orphan Drug designation template
- INTERACT Meeting publication in progress
 - Making documents public
- Pre-IND meeting anticipated mid-July
- Repeat for other diseases..



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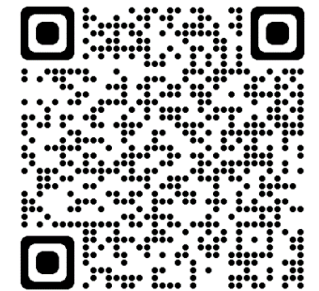
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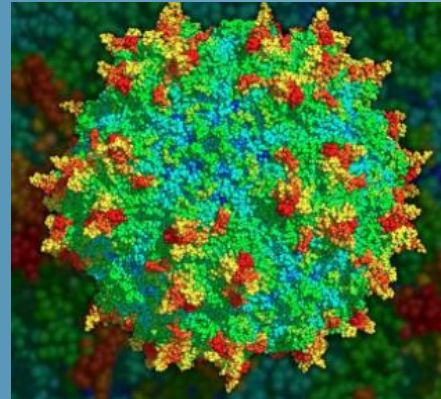
PAVE-GT RESOURCES

Rare Pediatric Disease (RPD) Designation Request for AAV9-hPCCA

This pdf file contains the RPD designation request for AAV9-hPCCA (NCATSBL-0746) and associated communications between NCATS and FDA OOPD.



Accelerating Medicines Partnership® Bespoke Gene Therapy Consortium (BGTC)



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\$39.5M
Public commitments

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\$26.2M+
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ASCT American Society of Gene + Cell Therapy

CIRM CALIFORNIA'S STEM CELL AGENCY

Cure Duchenne

FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

GENETHON CURE THROUGH INNOVATION

NIHMBL The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

NORD National Organization for Rare Disorders

rett syndrome research trust Making Rett History

RTW Charitable Foundation

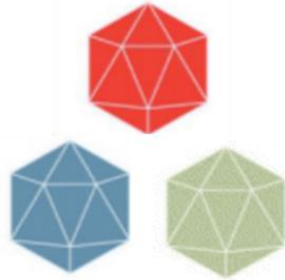
Accelerating Medicines Partnership® Bespoke Gene Therapy Consortium (AMP® BGTC)

- Make adeno-associated virus technology more accessible to a broader range of diseases
- Streamline preclinical and product testing
- Facilitate scientific and regulatory advances that will ultimately benefit the entire field
 - Standardized regulatory submission package templates
- Bring gene therapies to all affected populations sooner
 - Clinical development manual to help advance all future AAV gene therapies for rare diseases

AMP[®] Bespoke Gene Therapy Consortium Components

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AAV BASIC BIOLOGY TRANSLATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

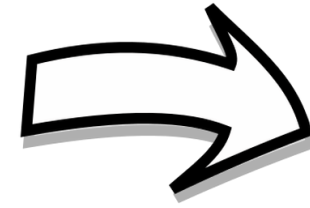


ENHANCING VECTOR GENERATION

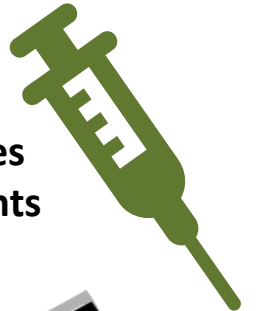
ENHANCING THERAPEUTIC GENE EXPRESSION

Eight research proposals selected for funding

Goal: Increase efficiency
by orders of magnitude.



Therapies
for patients



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ADVANCING ACCESS TO AAV TECHNOLOGIES AND VECTORS FOR BESPOKE CLINICAL APPLICATIONS



Gene therapy target
for rare disease
(62 initial submissions)



CREATE & BUILD CAPACITY

Manufacture
of therapeutic

HARMONIZE BEST PRACTICES

Pre-clinical
testing

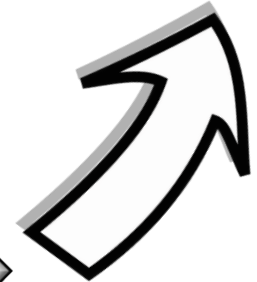
STREAMLINE REGULATORY PATHS

Clinical ability to treat
patients

CQAs (FDA MEETING
HELD 9/29/22)

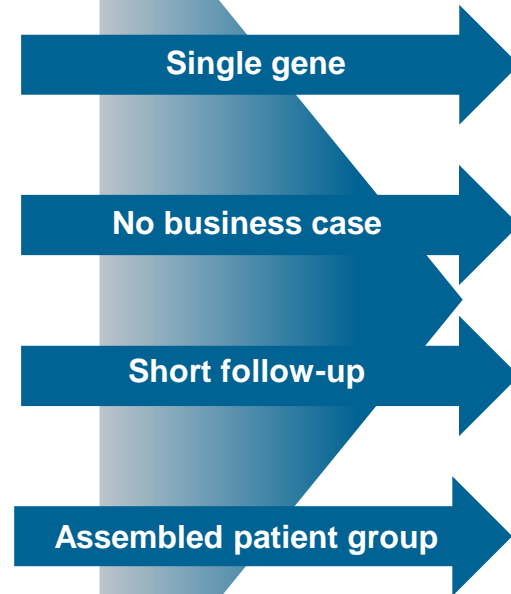
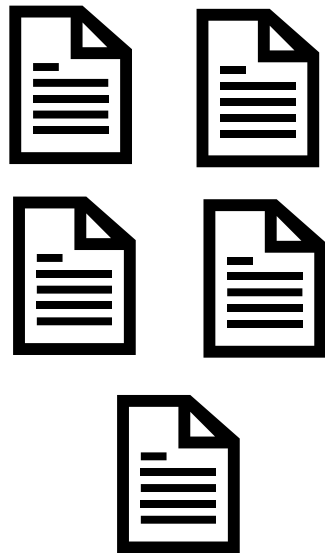
GLP/Tox (FDA MEETING
JUNE 2023)

Goal: Standardized,
faster, reduced \$



Developing repeatable, optimized processes that can be used broadly

Submission of
potential diseases to
BGTC



Single gene

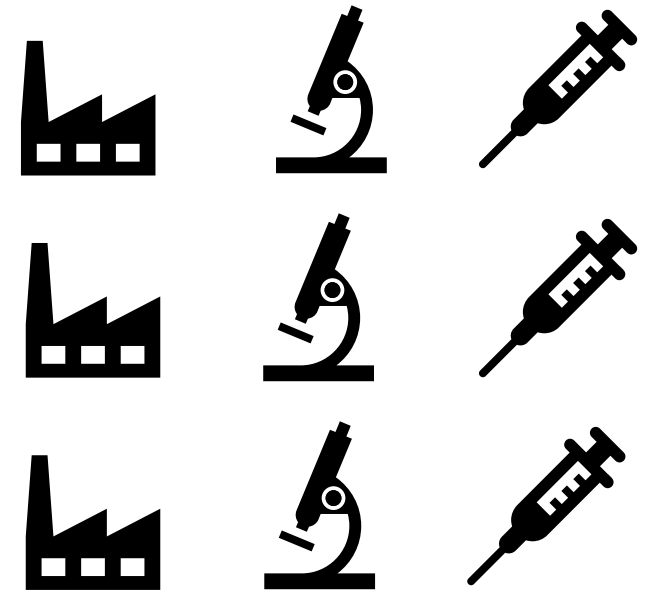
No business case

Short follow-up

Assembled patient group

Conduct trials of 5-6
diseases with high
likelihood of clinical
success selected by
Steering Committee

Standardize manufacturing,
pre-clinical characterization
and clinical trials conducted
using the same processes



BGTC clinical program aimed at creating repeatable, optimized processes that can be used broadly for Phase 1 clinical trials in rare diseases

**62 disease
nominations received**

[Disease Nomination Form](#)

Open submission
process for clinical,
research, patient
communities to
nominate potential
diseases

- Disease/disorder info
- Patient demographics
- Clinical presentation
- Pre-clinical and clinical research history

**14 candidates
announced July 2022**

[Clinical Trial RFP](#)

Down-selection
based on required
and preferred
criteria, request full
clinical trial
proposals

- Monogenetic disorder
- No commercial business case
- Sufficient information to run a successful clinical trial
- Currently assembled patient group

**Final selection
announced May 16th**

[Press Release](#)

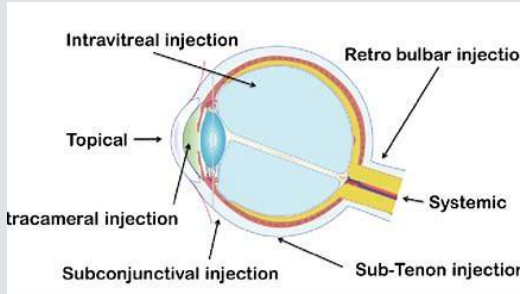
8 diseases
selected

- Cost
- Ability to secure AAV manufacturing
- Modest requirements for testing and follow up
- Patient/program diversity

Paired with vector
manufacturing for
first-in-human
clinical trial

- BGTC partners and/or RFI respondents
- Leverage prior work where possible

Clinical portfolio announced May 16, 2023



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Ocular

Congenital Hereditary *
Endothelial Dystrophy (CHED)

Retinal Degeneration (NPHP5)

Retinitis pigmentosa 45
(CNGB1)

Neurological

Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency

Charcot Marie Tooth disease
type 4J *

Spastic Paraplegia type 50 *

Systemic

Propionic Acidemia

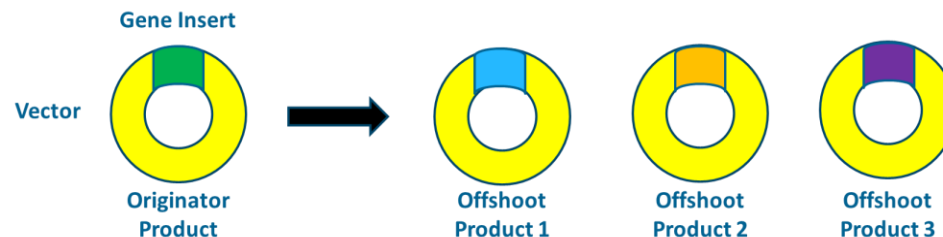
Morquio A syndrome
(Mucopolysaccharidosis IVA)

BGTC will develop and disseminate public resources for AAV gene therapy clinical development



Insights and learnings that will facilitate the success of future gene therapies for rare diseases:

- Improvements in AAV target gene expression
- Harmonized and validated sets of Critical Quality Attributes
- Guidance for pre-clinical testing requirements based on route of administration
- Standardized regulatory submission package templates
- “Vector Master Files”?



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Programmable editing of a target base in genomic DNA without double-stranded DNA cleavage

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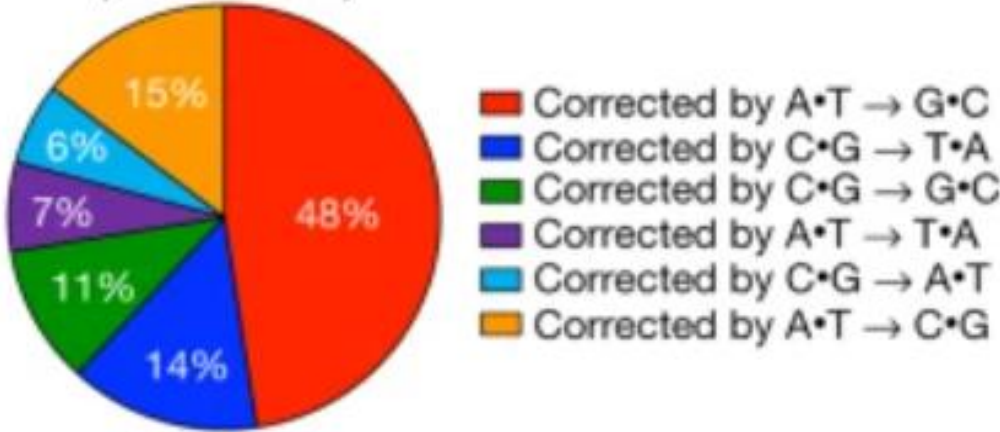
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Pathogenic human SNPs
(32,044 total)



“ Prime editing substantially expands the scope and capabilities of genome editing, and in principle could correct up to 89% of known genetic variants associated with human diseases.”



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Department of Health and Human Services

Part 1. Overview Information

RFA-RM-22-016

Participating Organization(s)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

Platform Clinical Trials of Genome Editors in Multiple Diseases (UG3/UH3, Clinical Trial Required)

The purpose ... is to provide support for applications that propose a novel genome editing clinical trial that includes at least two different diseases, using the same genome editor, route of administration, and delivery system.



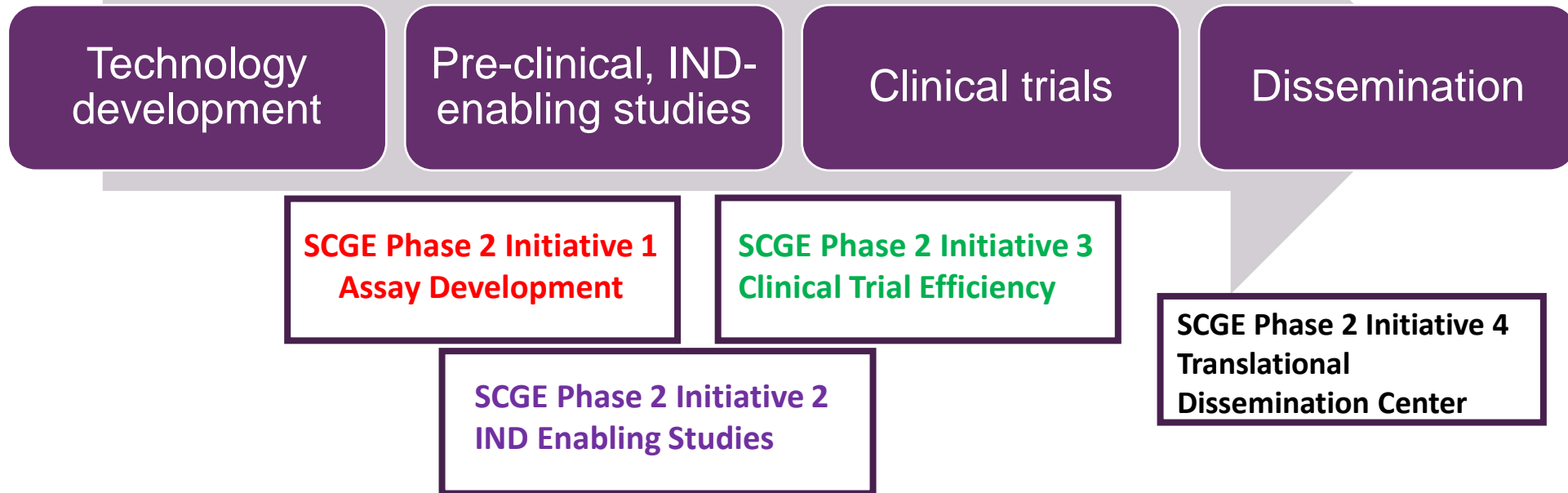
SCGE Phase 2 - Accelerate the translation of *in vivo* genome editing therapies into the clinic

Consensus needs:

Improved assays for assessment of quality, safety and efficacy of editing reagents

Support for development and optimization of technologies for candidate genome editing therapeutics

Tests of efficient regulatory pathways and *in vivo* genome editing clinical trials



SCGE Phase 2 Initiative 5: TARGETED (Targeted Genome Editor Delivery) Challenge

NIH will award up to \$6M USD in prize money and provide independent testing for the most promising delivery vehicles in two Target Areas:

Research Objectives:

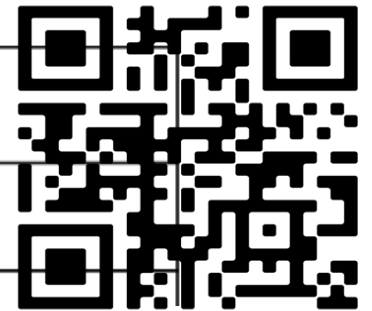
- **Goal:** Novel programmable delivery systems for gene editing and crossing the blood brain barrier (BBB).
 - **Programmable Target Area:** highly efficient programmable delivery system delivering genome editing machinery which targets at least 3 distinct cells, tissues or organs and be at least as efficient as the current state of the art
 - **Crossing BBB Target Area:** highly efficient nonviral delivery system capable of crossing the BBB to deliver genome editing machinery to a majority of target cell types in the central nervous system

Award: Top competitors could win up to \$1M in prize money and have their solution independently tested and validated



Submission Deadline

October 5, 2023



<https://qrco.de/bdveZP>

Many

~~One~~ diseases at a time

~~Ultra-rare diseases~~
~~Nano-rare diseases~~
~~N-of-1, N-of-few~~

Therapeutic Platforms to
treat monogenic disease



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