

Annexon's C1q Series: Neurodegeneration Franchise

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Welcome



**2nd C1q Series:
Neurodegeneration**

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Agenda

TIME (A.M.)	TOPIC	PRESENTER
10:00-10:10	Welcome—2 nd C1q Series on Neurodegeneration	Doug Love, Esq. President & Chief Executive Officer, Annexon Biosciences
10:10-10:30	C1q and Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration (CMND)	Ted Yednock, PhD Chief Scientific Officer, Annexon Biosciences
10:30-10:40	Neurofilament Light (NfL), an Established Measurement of Neurodegeneration	Prof Henrik Zetterberg, MD, PhD Department of Psychiatry and Neurochemistry, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Institute of Neurology, University College London, UK
10:40-10:55	CMND and Huntington's Disease (HD): Anti-C1q as Neuroprotective Approach in HD	Prof Beth Stevens, PhD Assistant Professor of Neurology, Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
10:55-11:05	Huntington's Disease (HD): Clinical Perspective on HD, Including use of NfL	Prof Ed Wild FRCP, PhD Consultant Neurologist, NHNN Queen Square Associate Director, UCL Huntington's Disease Centre
11:05-11:15	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): Clinical Perspective on ALS, Including use of NfL	Angela Genge, MD, FRCP (C) Director, Clinical Research Institute Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital
11:15-11:30	Overview of Annexon's CMND Clinical Programs	Sanjay Keswani, MBBS, FRCP Chief Medical Officer, Annexon Biosciences
11:30-12 noon	Closing Remarks and Q&A	Doug Love, Esq. President & Chief Executive Officer, Annexon Biosciences

Unlocking a New Generation of Complement Medicines



1 mission:

Bring game-changing therapies
to patients suffering from serious
complement-mediated diseases

2 Disease processes

3 Therapeutic franchises:
Autoimmune, Neurodegeneration, Ophthalmology

3 Clinical-stage candidates

5 Phase 2+ clinical trials underway

7 Clinical data readouts by 2023

\$302M in cash and cash equivalents (runway through 2023)

Diverse Wholly-Owned Classical Complement Pipeline

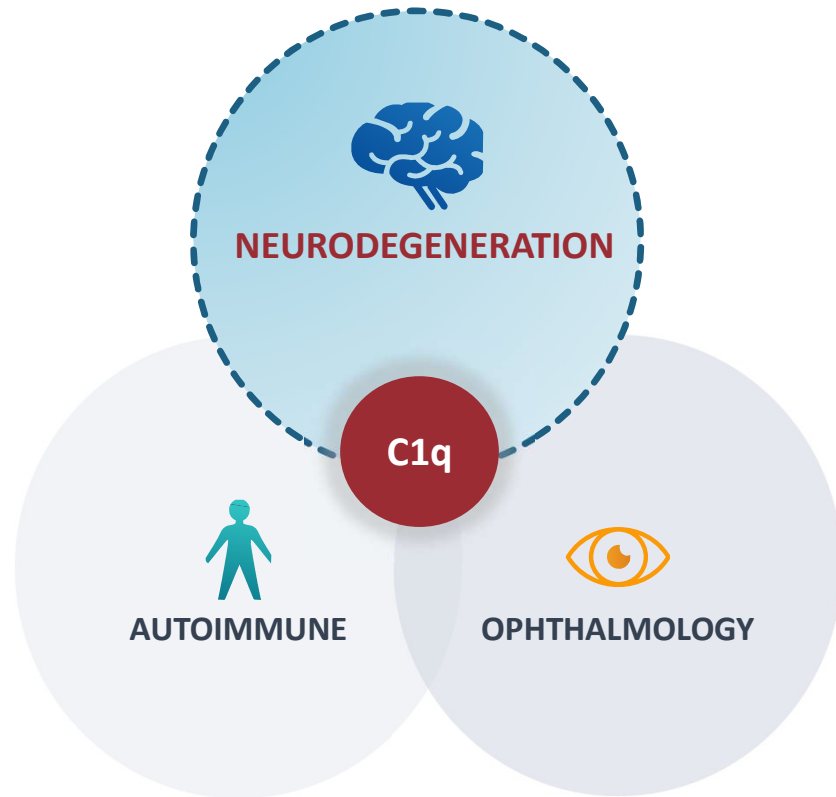
Neurodegeneration TA poised to answer early questions and drive immense value

FRANCHISE	CANDIDATE	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 2/3	STATUS
Autoimmune	ANX005 (IV)	Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)				PH 2/3 DATA 2023
	ANX005 (IV)	Warm Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (wAIHA)				PH 2 DATA 2022
	ANX005 (IV)	Multifocal-Motor Neuropathy (MMN)*				INITIATE PH 2 1H-2022
	ANX009 (SC)	Lupus Nephritis (LN) *				INITIATE P1b 1H-2022
	ANX1502 (oral)	Autoimmune				SUBMIT IND/CTA YE 2021
Neurodegeneration	ANX005 (IV)	Huntington's Disease (HD)				INITIAL PH 2 DATA Q4 2021
	ANX005 (IV)	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)				INITIAL PH 2 DATA 1H 2022
	ANX105 (IV)	Neuro				SUBMIT IND/CTA YE 2021
Ophthalmology	ANX007 (IVT)	Geographic Atrophy (GA)				PH 2 DATA 2023

IV, intravenous; IVT, intravitreal; SC, subcutaneous.

* Newly announced indications

Groundbreaking Approach Targeting Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration (CMND)



Unique Potential of Anti-C1q Platform

- **Pioneering approach to treat CMND:** Preserve functioning synapses, neuronal health & function
- **Broad therapeutic potential:** CMND major driver of neurodegeneration in a host of brain & eye diseases
- **Established biomarker in early trials (NfL):** Correlates with patient disability; reduction shown to correlate with clinical benefit in multiple diseases
- **Early platform promise:** NfL reduction shown in three therapeutic areas (GBS Ph1 POC, HD & ALS preclinical)

C1q and Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration



Ted Yednock, PhD

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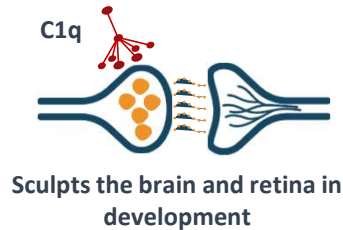


Ben Barres

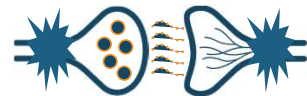
*CMND discovered by Annexon co-founder,
the late Dr. Ben Barres and Dr. Beth Stevens*

CMND Involves Aberrant Activation of the Classical Pathway to Cause the Loss of Functioning Synapses and Neuronal Decline

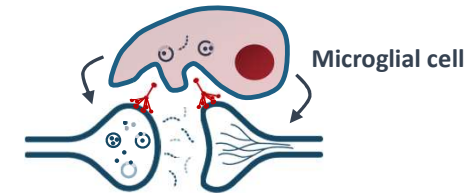
Normal C1q Function



Aberrant Triggers



Disease C1q Dysfunction



C1q blockade results in functional benefits in multiple disease models, including:*

Huntington's Disease¹

Alzheimer's Disease²

Spinal Muscular Atrophy³

Glaucoma⁴

Geographic Atrophy (AMD)⁵

Frontotemporal Dementia⁶

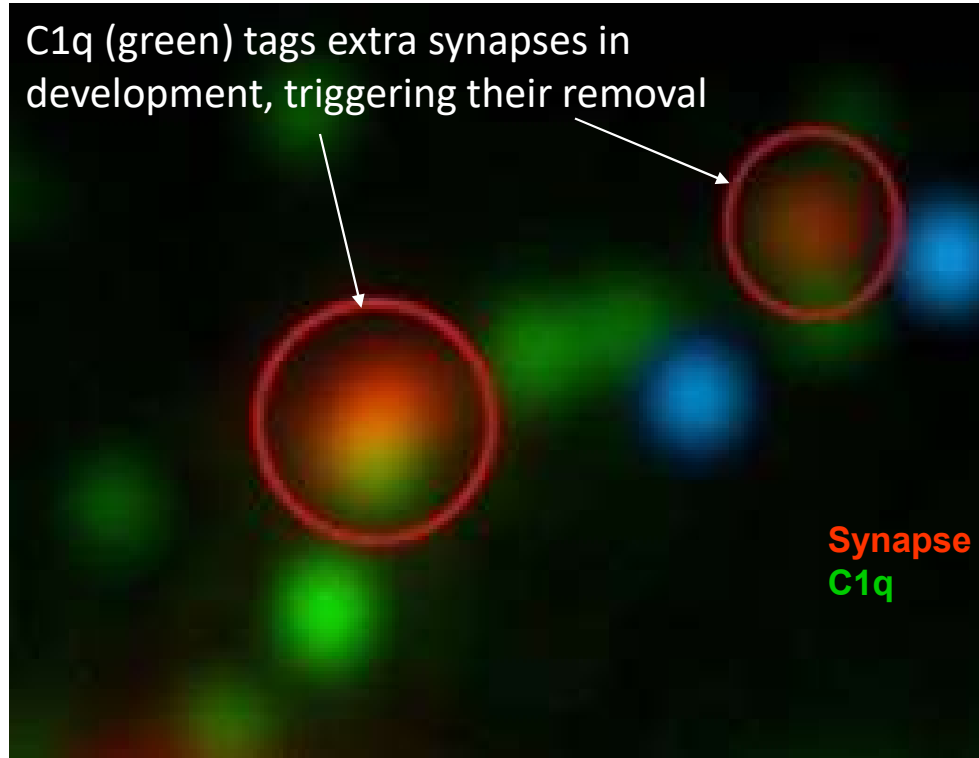
Traumatic Brain Injury⁷

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis⁸

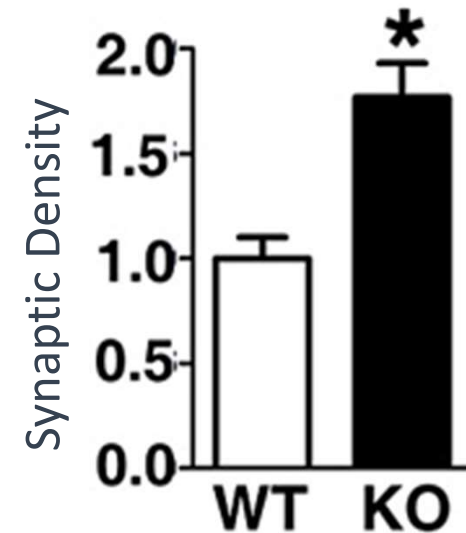
Progressive Multiple Sclerosis⁹

*¹Wilton and Stevens, Harvard, unpublished. ²Fonseca, 2004, *J Neurosci*; Hong, 2016, *Science*; Dejanovic, 2018, *Neuron*; ³Vukojicic, 2019, *Cell Reports*; ⁴Howell, 2011, *J Clin Invest*; Williams, 2016, *Mol Neurodegen*; ⁵Jiao, 2018, *Mol Neurodegen*; ⁶Lui, 2016, *Cell*; ⁷Krukowski, 2018, *Int J Mol Sci*; Holden, 2021, *Science*; Annexon NFL reduction in SOD1 model, unpublished; ⁹Absinta, *Nature*, 2021

C1q Normal Function For Synapse Elimination During Early Development



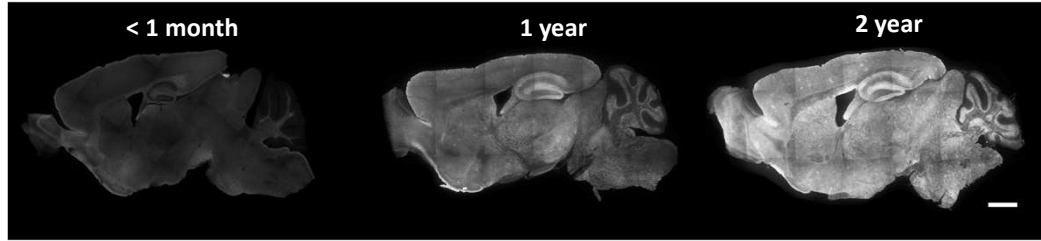
Mice with genetic deletion of C1q retain more functional synapses throughout development



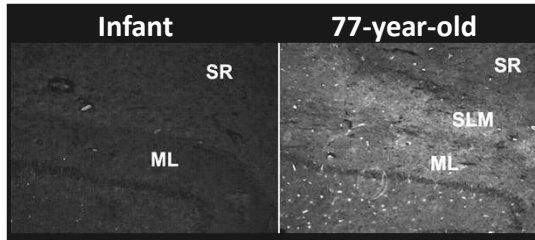
Nearly 2X more synapses survive in the C1q KO mouse

C1q Accumulates on Synapses During Normal Aging, But Remains Silent

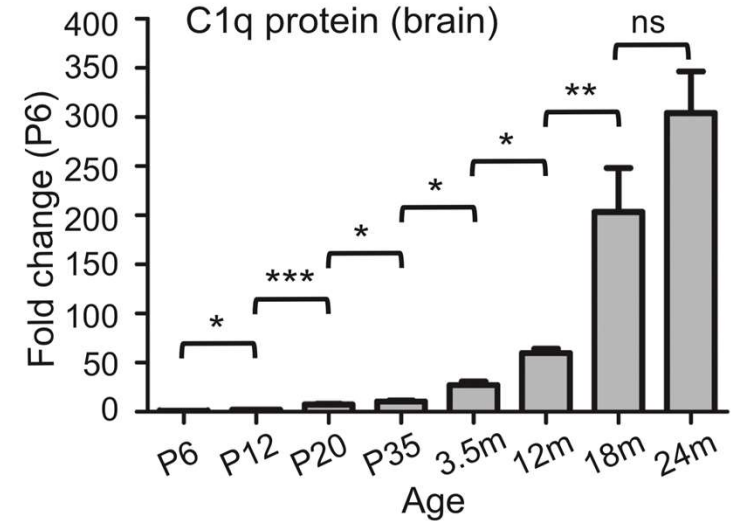
Mouse brain



Human brain



Accumulation of C1q in CNS of mice with age



- *Aging is the biggest risk factor for neurodegenerative disease*
- *C1q accumulation / CMND important components of this risk*

The Role of C1q as a Major Driver of Synaptic Loss and Neurodegeneration is Well-Researched

Original discoveries of Annexon co-founder, the late Dr. Ben Barres and Dr. Beth Stevens, on the **role of C1q in neurodegenerative diseases**

- Spawned entire field that has been validated in laboratories across the world
- Synapse loss is a major driver of neurological disability and blindness
- Precedes loss of neurons
- Correlates with functional loss/cognitive decline

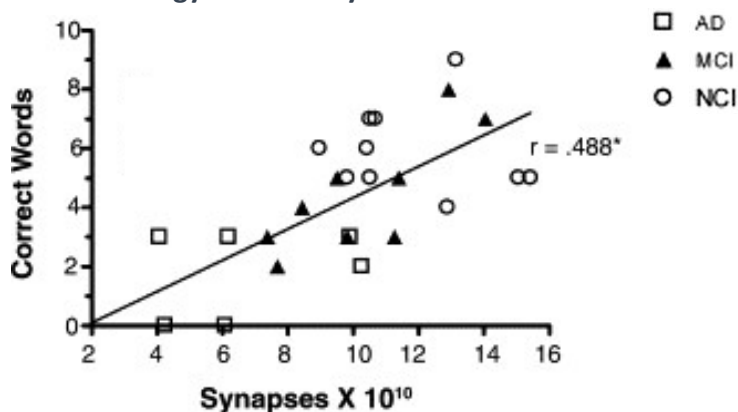


Why Synapse Loss Matters in Neurodegeneration:

- Precedes loss of neurons
- Correlates with disease progression, decline in cognitive and motor function*

Early Synapse Loss in Alzheimer's Disease

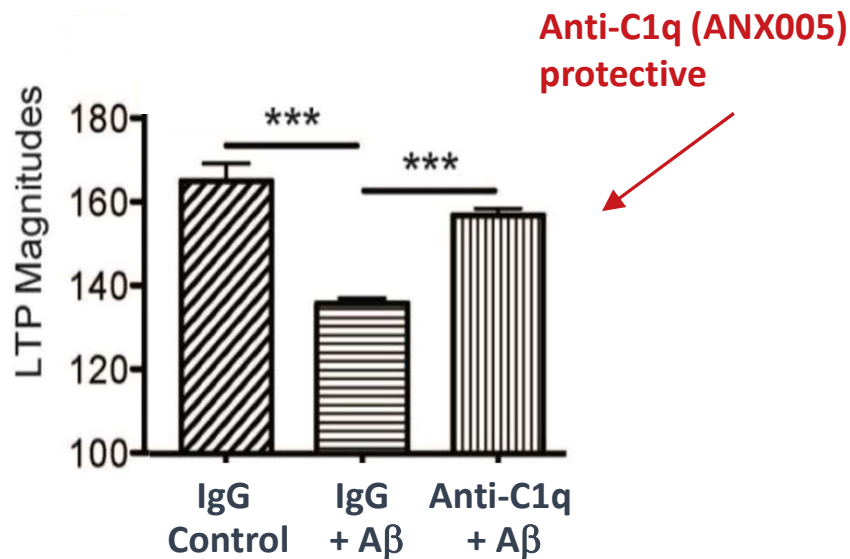
Synapse number in outer molecular layer of the dentate gyrus vs. delayed word list recall



*Similar result obtained in patients with Huntington's disease**

C1q Inhibition Prevents Synapse Loss and Preserves Function

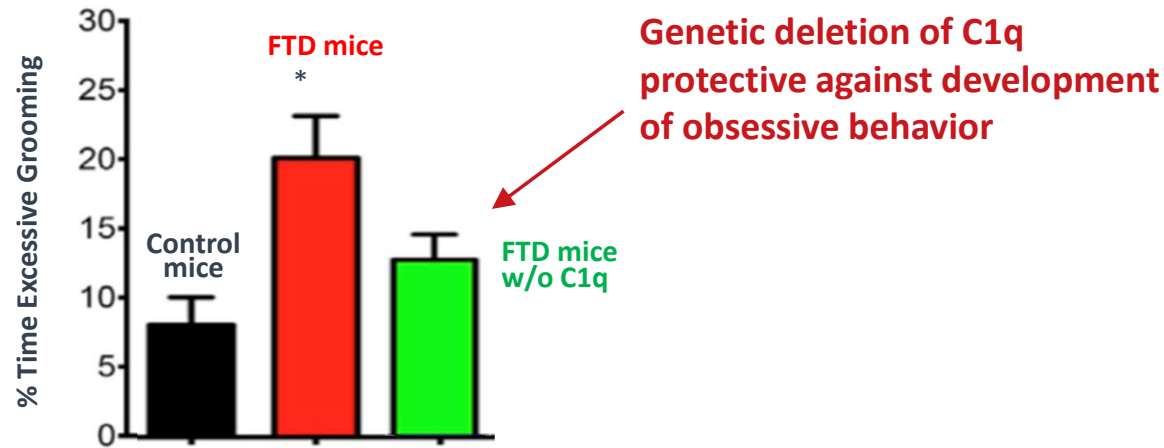
Anti-C1q prevents A β –induced loss of neuronal function in an acute *ex vivo* model of Alzheimer's disease (AD)



Ex vivo brain slides: % baseline long term potentiation (electrophysiology)

... C1q Genetic Deletion Protects Behavioral Function

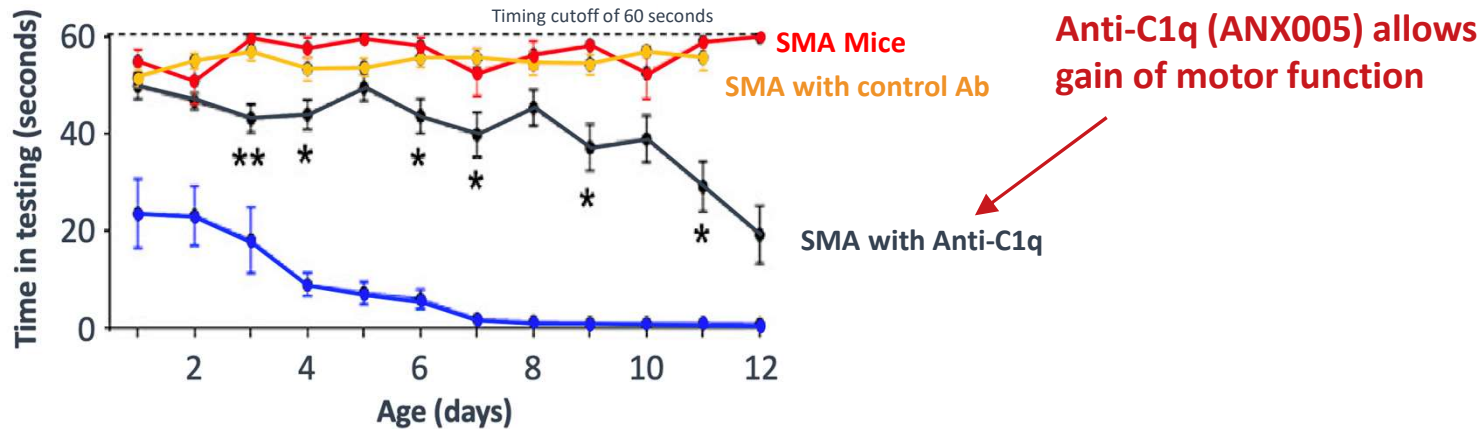
Mouse Model of Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) (progranulin deletion)



Mouse model of FTD with genetic deletion of progranulin

... and C1q Inhibition Protects Motor Function

Allows Gain of Motor Function in Mouse Model of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

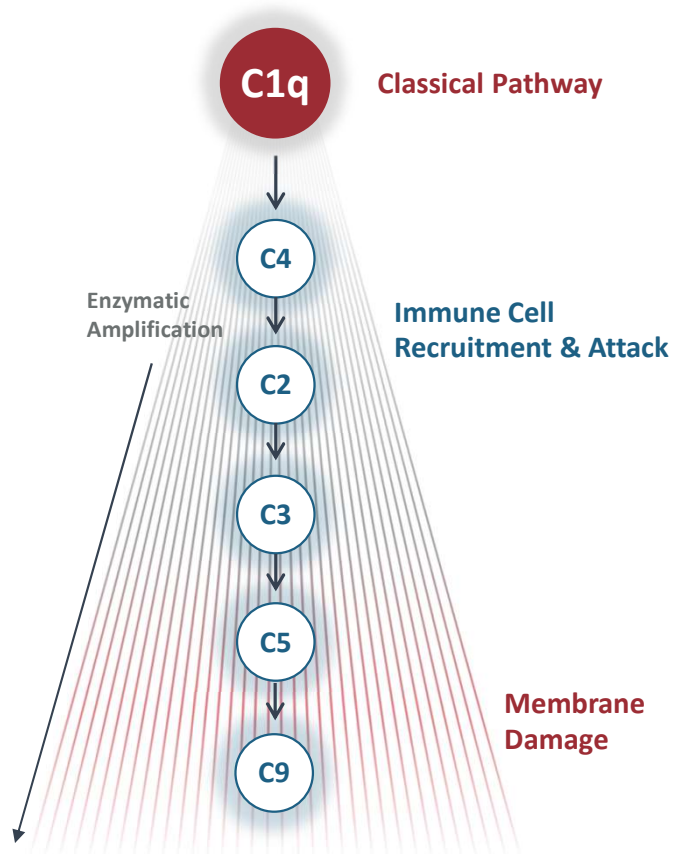


Transgenic SMN-Δ7 mouse model of SMA

Blocking C1q / Classical Complement in CMND

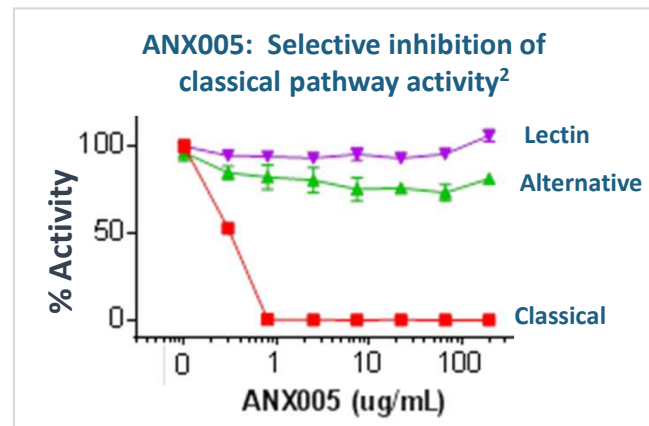
C1q Inhibition Stops Classical Complement Activity at the Start

Prevents downstream activation of all tissue-damaging components

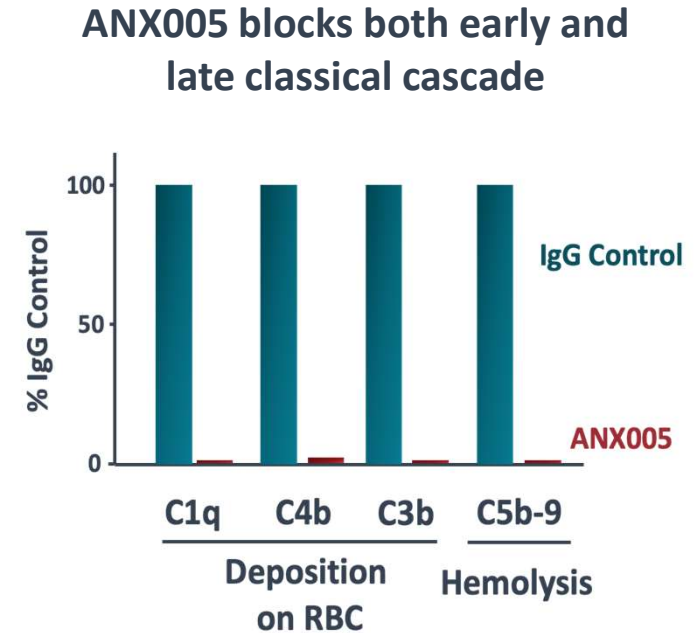
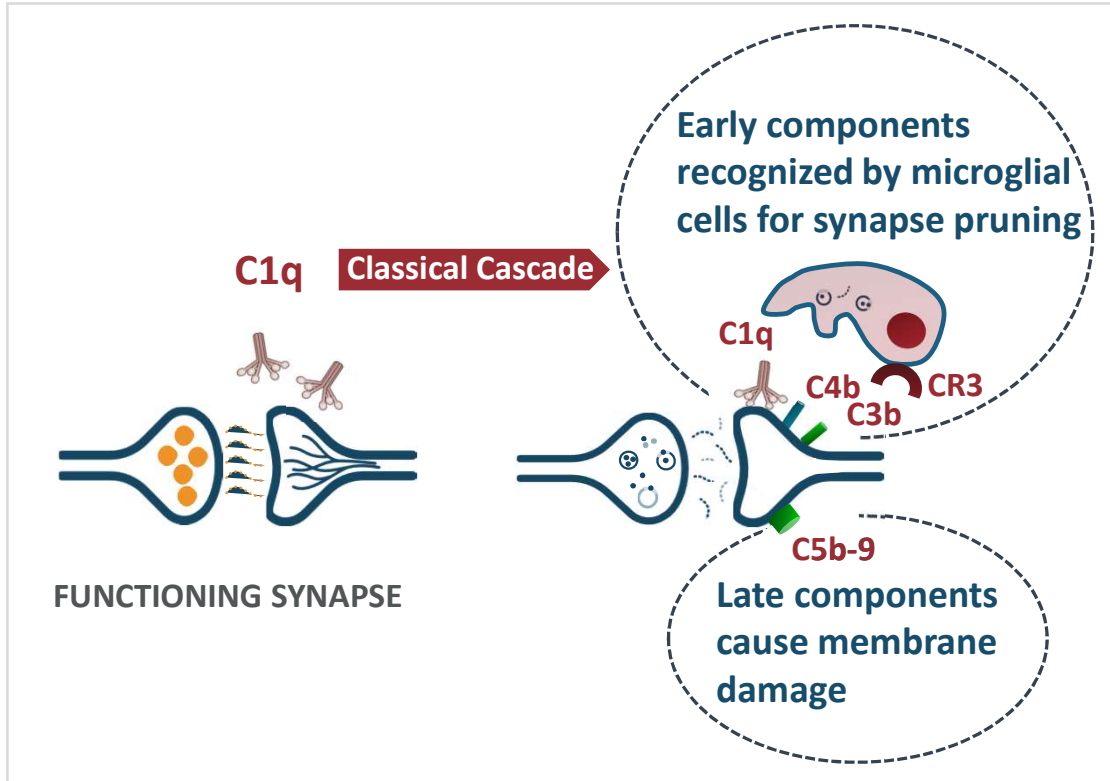


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- **Targeting Enhanced Efficacy:** Shuts down all tissue-damaging components of classical pathway (C1q, C4, C3, C5, C9)¹
- **Targeting Enhanced Safety:** Allows normal immune functions of lectin and alternative complement pathways¹

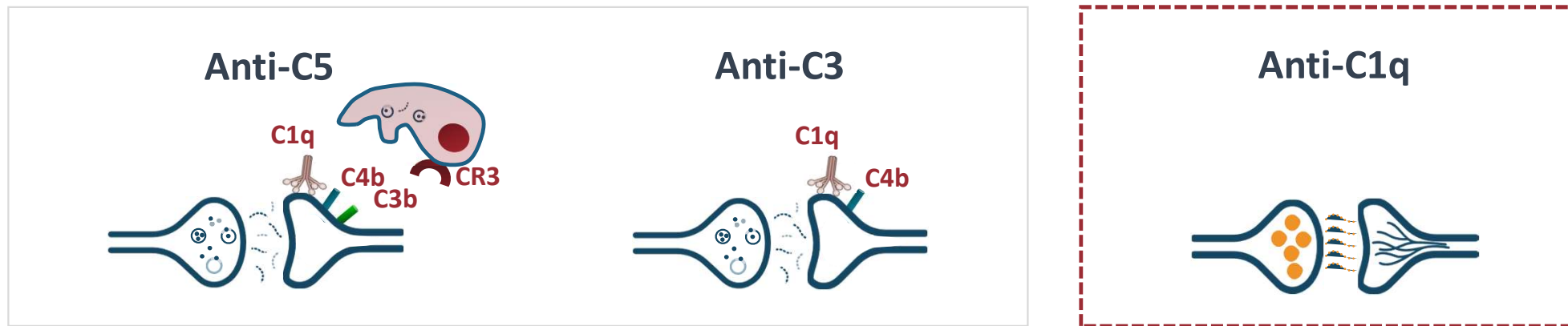


Important to Inhibit Early Components of the Classical Complement Cascade to Block All Aspects of CMND



Anti-C1q Differentiated from Other Approaches

Only Way to Block All Early Classical Complement Components involved in CMND



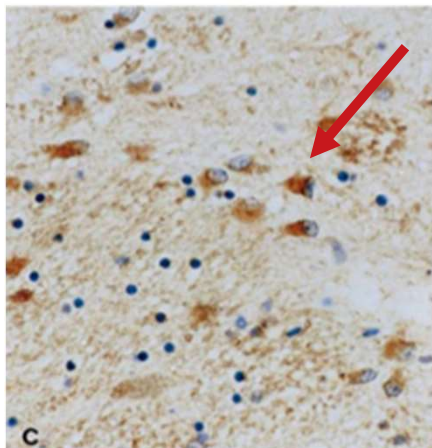
- C1q, C4b and C3b are the major opsonins of the classical pathway for microglial cell attack
- With high or chronic activation, C1q and C4b can drive C3/C5 bypass activity*
- Important to obtain CNS target engagement to protect against central neurodegeneration

C1q Inhibition in Lead

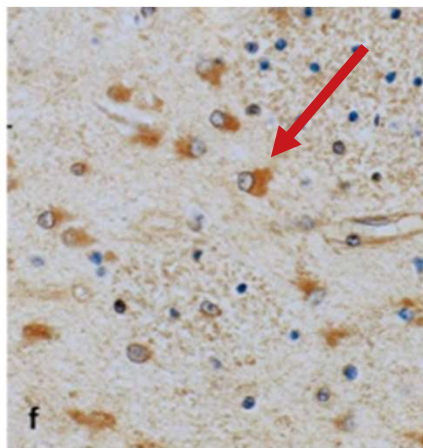
Indications: HD and ALS

Evidence of Classical Complement Activation in Disease-Specific Regions of the CNS in Huntington's Disease

Classical Complement Pathway Activation in the Striatum of HD Brain

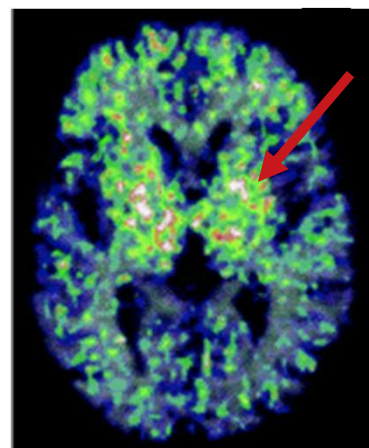


C1q

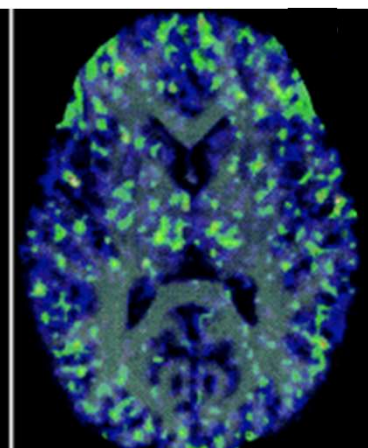


C3b

Microglial Cell Activation in the Striatum of HD Brain – Cellular source of C1q

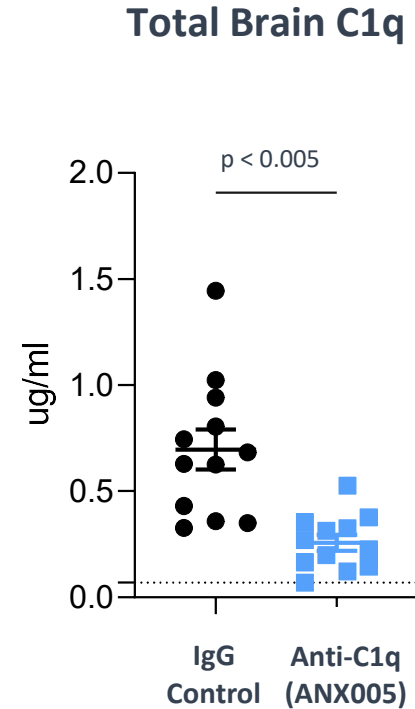
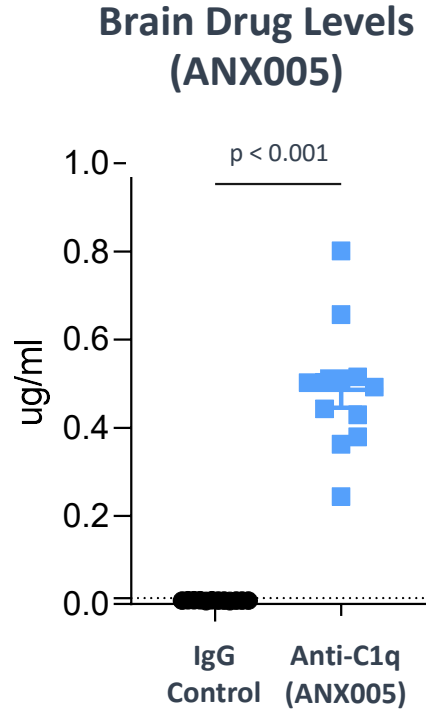


HD patient

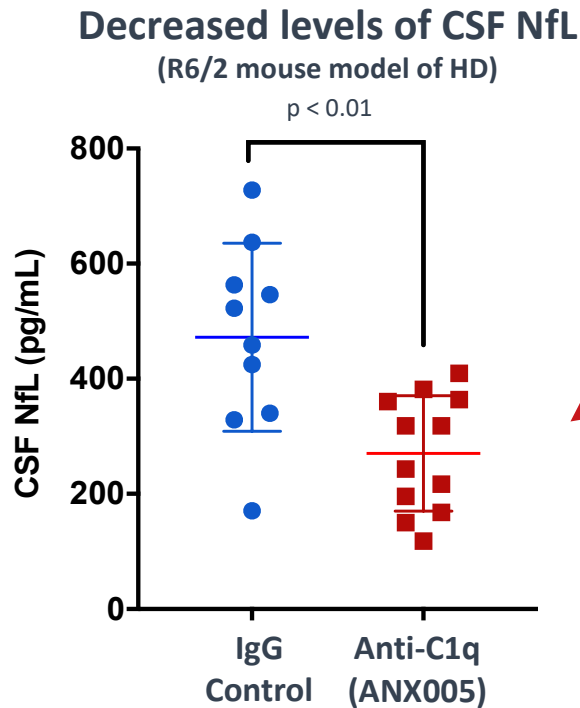


Healthy adult

Systemic Treatment with Anti-C1q Blocks C1q in the CNS in HD Mouse Model (R6/2)



C1q Inhibition Protected Against Neurodegeneration in HD Mouse Model as Measured by NfL



Reduction with anti-C1q
(ANX005) over 7 weeks of
treatment (4-11 wks of age)

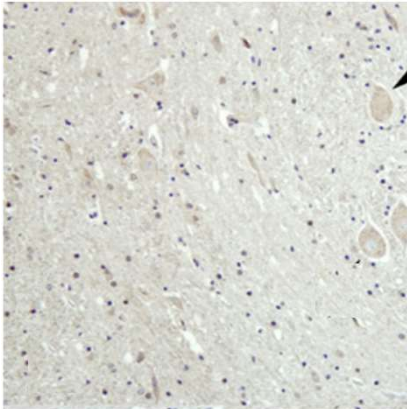
Neurofilament Light Chain (NfL) is released by injured neurons and is used as a marker of neuronal damage

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS): CNS and PNS Disorder with Evidence of Classical Complement Activation

Enhanced C1q expressed / deposited within the CNS (spinal cord)

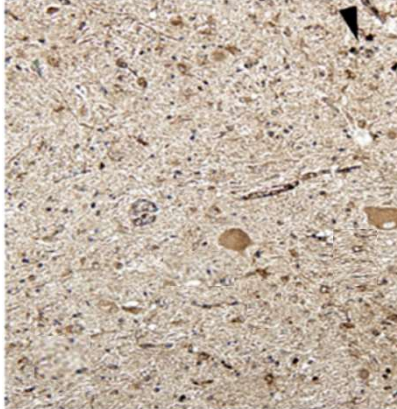
Control

No staining with anti-C1q



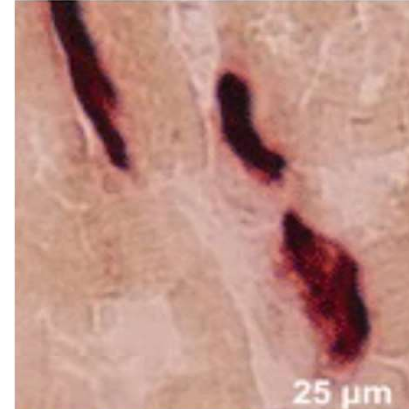
ALS Patient

Broad staining with anti-C1q

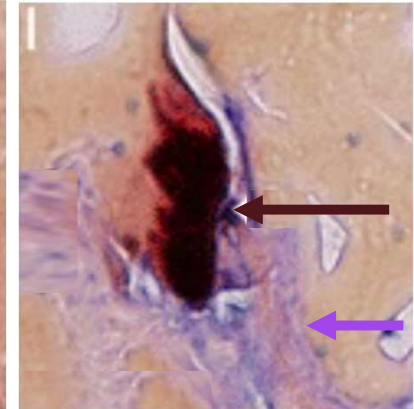


C1q deposition on the neuromuscular junction (NMJ) prior to denervation in the PNS

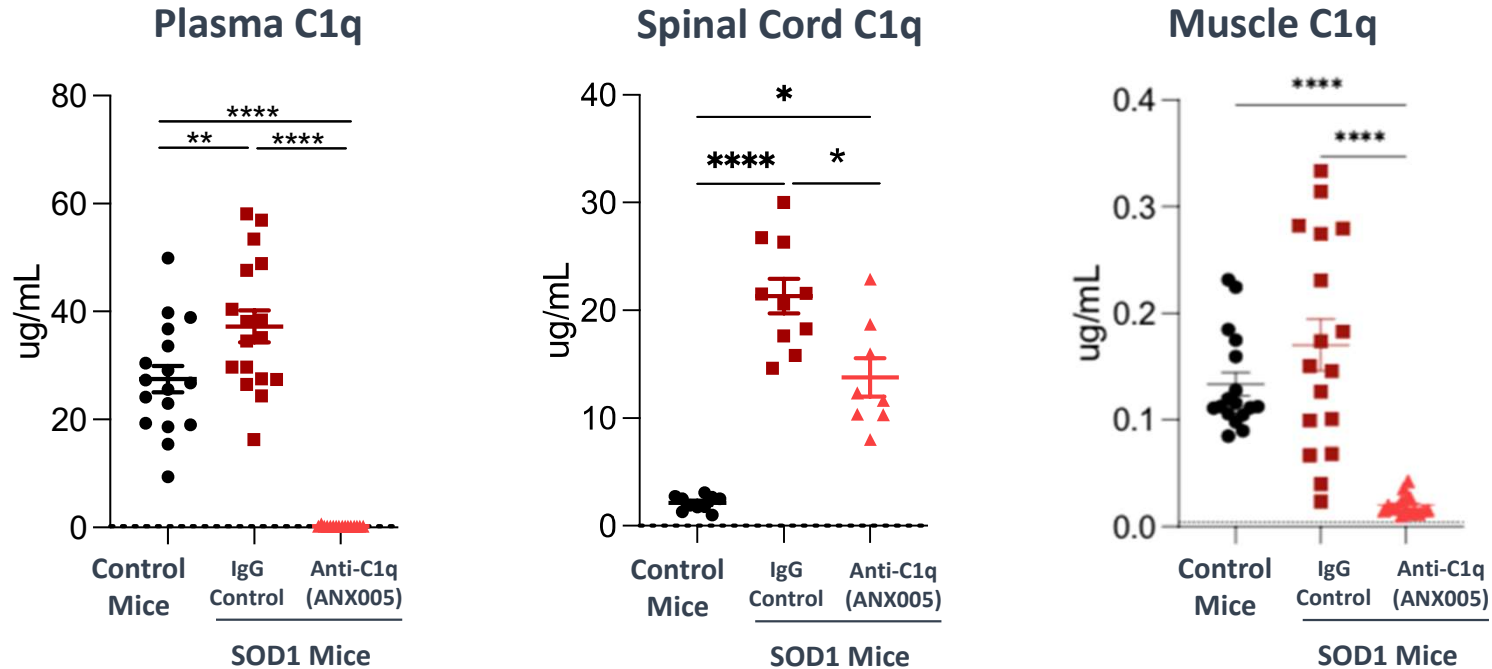
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ALS Patient

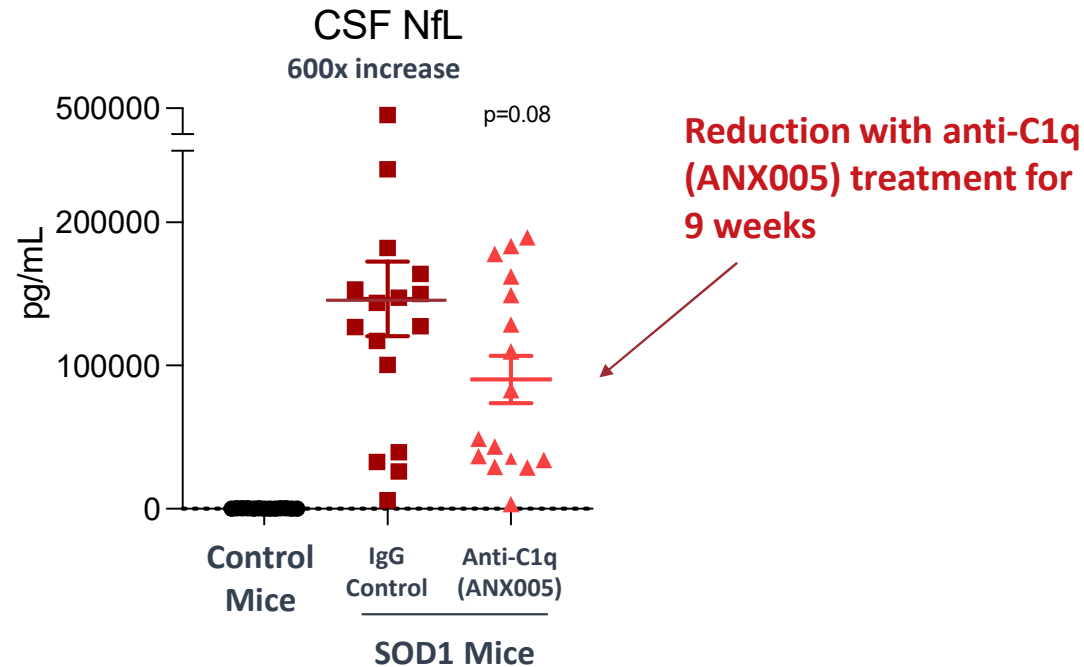


Systemic Administration of Anti-C1q (ANX005) Blocks Peripheral and Central C1q in ALS Mouse Model (SOD1)



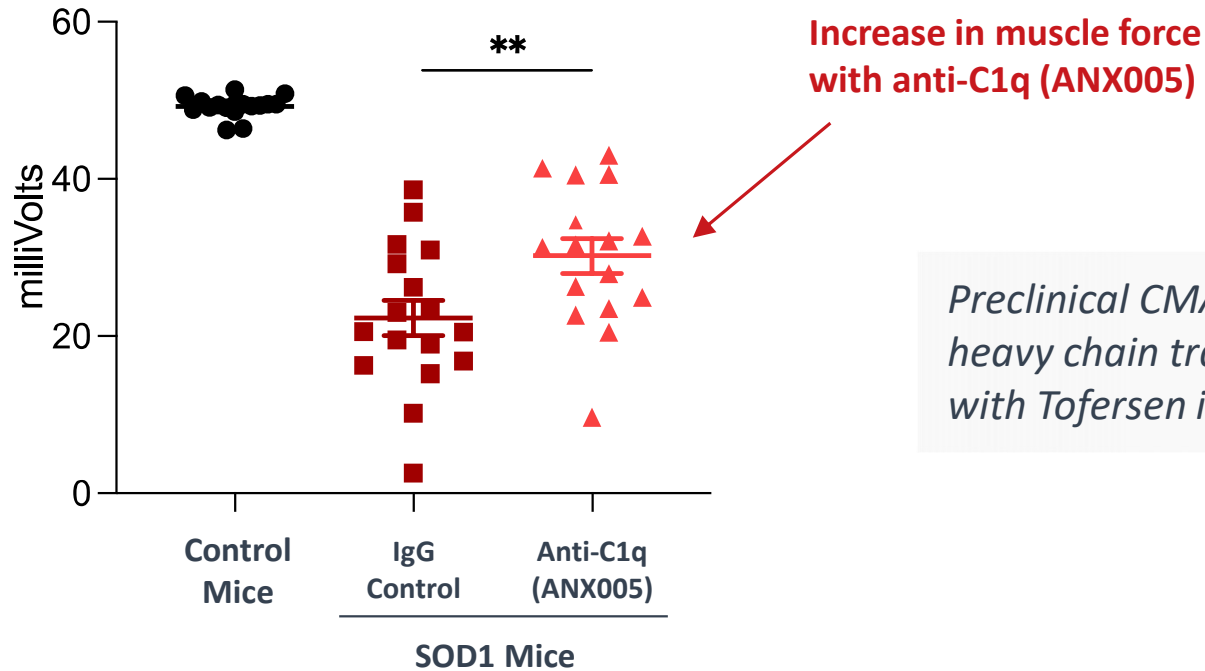
Anti-C1q (mANX005) Protected Against Neurodegeneration as Measured by NfL in ALS Mouse Model (SOD1)

- NfL increases in CSF by 600x with disease
- Anti-C1q reduces NfL in CSF – similar reduction in plasma



Anti-C1q Protects Neuronal Function / Muscle Force at the Neuromuscular Junction

Compound Muscle Action Potential (Base to Peak Amplitude)



Preclinical CMAP and neurofilament heavy chain translated to efficacy with Tofersen in ALS patients

Executive Summary:

Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration (CMND)

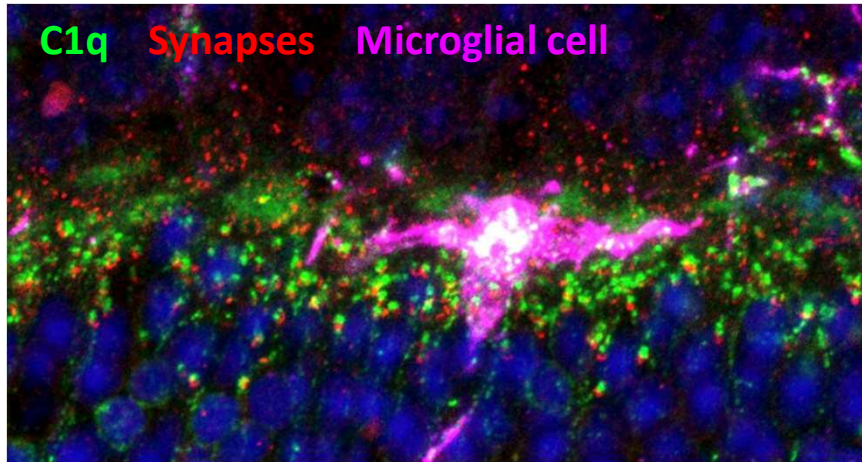
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Next Time: CMND in Ophthalmic Diseases / Geographic Atrophy

- C1q rapidly tags synapses on photoreceptor neurons with recruitment of microglial cells post light damage
- C1q tagging correlates with synapse decline and precedes loss of photoreceptor neurons

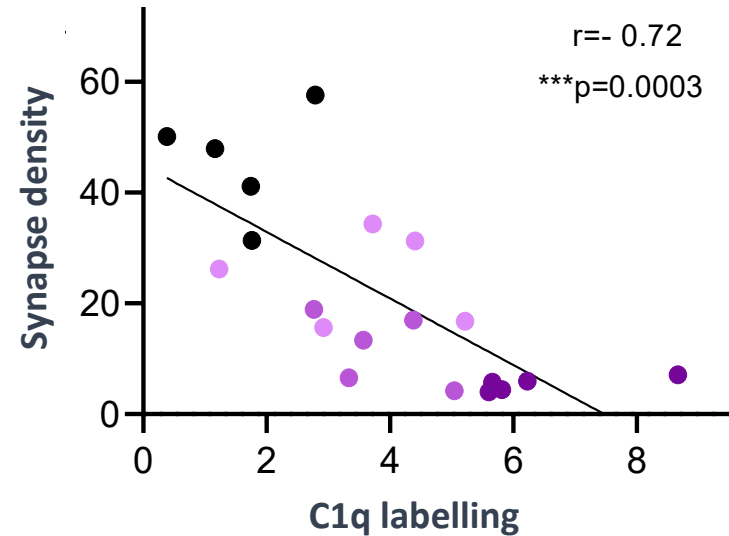
Confocal Image of Mouse Retina

(Three days post damaging light exposure)



Photoreceptor neurons

C1q Labelling vs. Synapse Density



Neurofilament Light (NfL)

An Established Measurement
of Neurodegeneration



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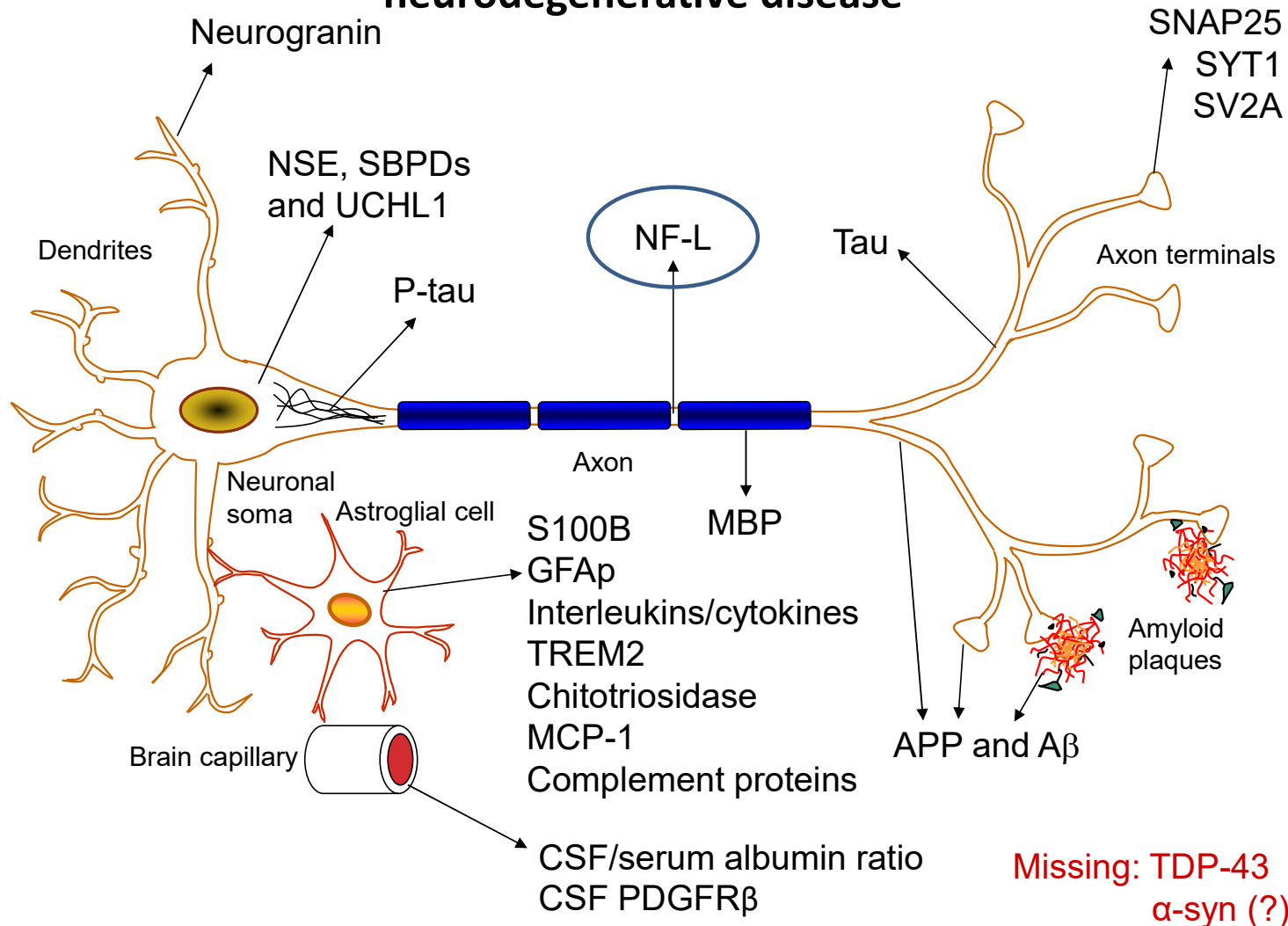


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Perspective on neurofilament light

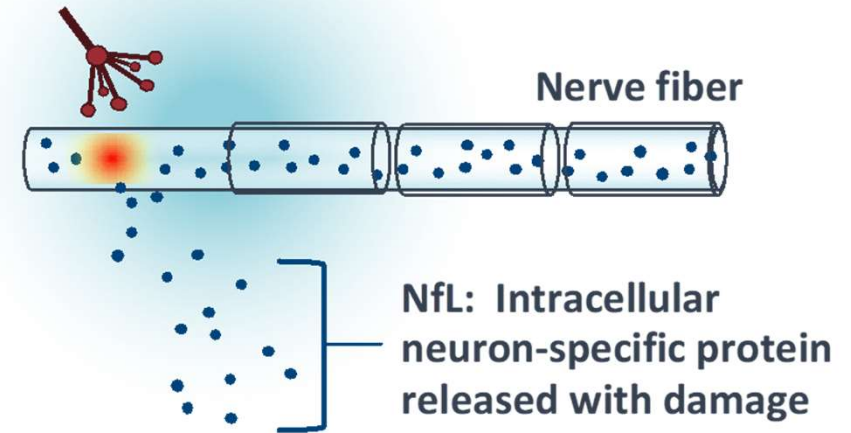
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Fluid biomarker candidates of potential relevance to neurodegenerative disease

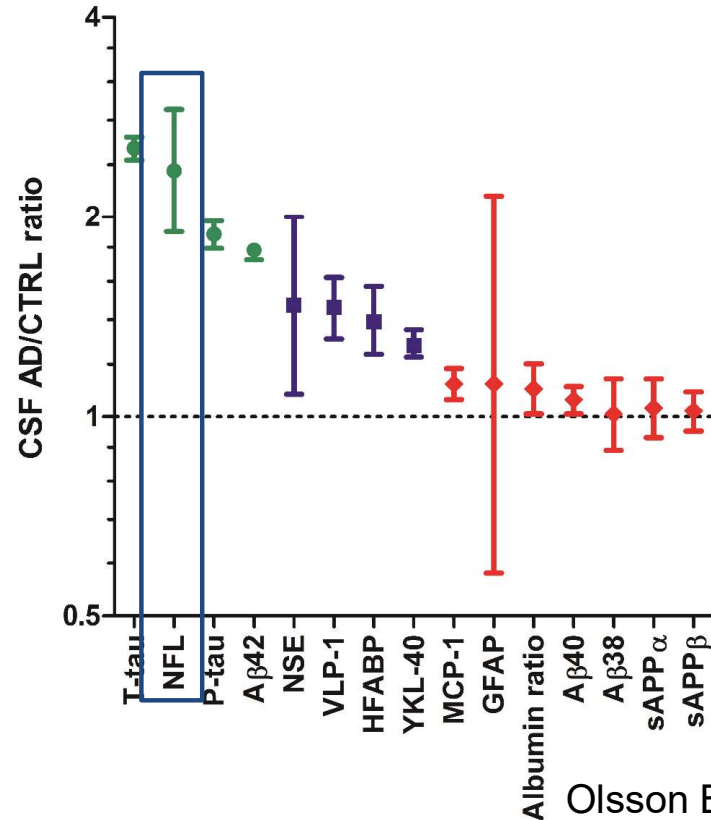


Neurofilament Light Chain (NfL) as a Biomarker for Clinical Development

- Sensitive measure of neuronal damage / degeneration
- Correlates w/ patient disability and predicts outcomes in several diseases (e.g., SMA¹, MS², GBS³, HD⁴, ALS⁵)
- Reduced by effective therapies for MS and SMA within 3 months of treatment



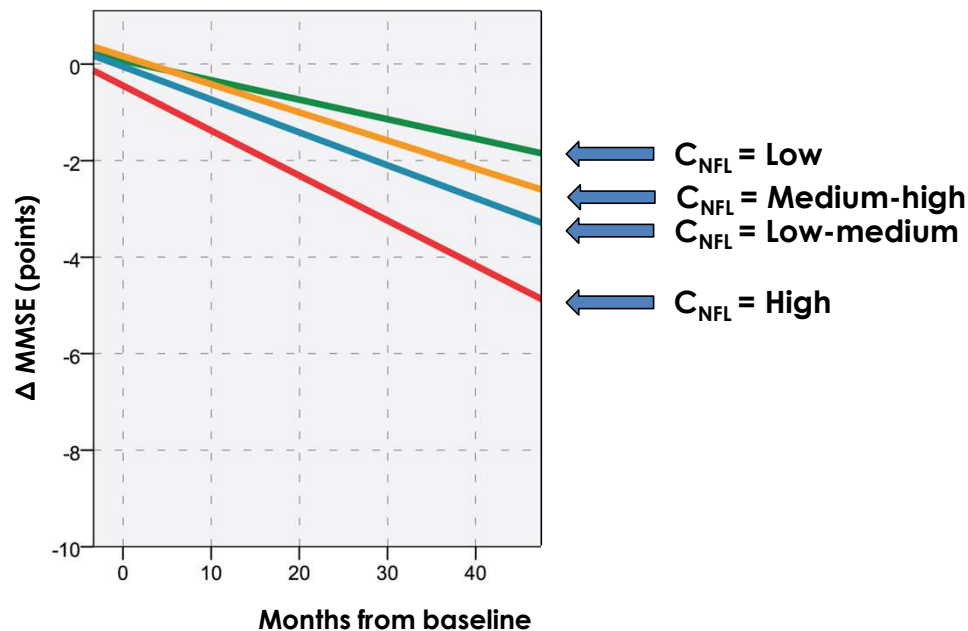
CSF neurofilament light – an N marker in the A/T/N criteria for Alzheimer's disease?



CSF NFL as a predictor of disease progression in MCI

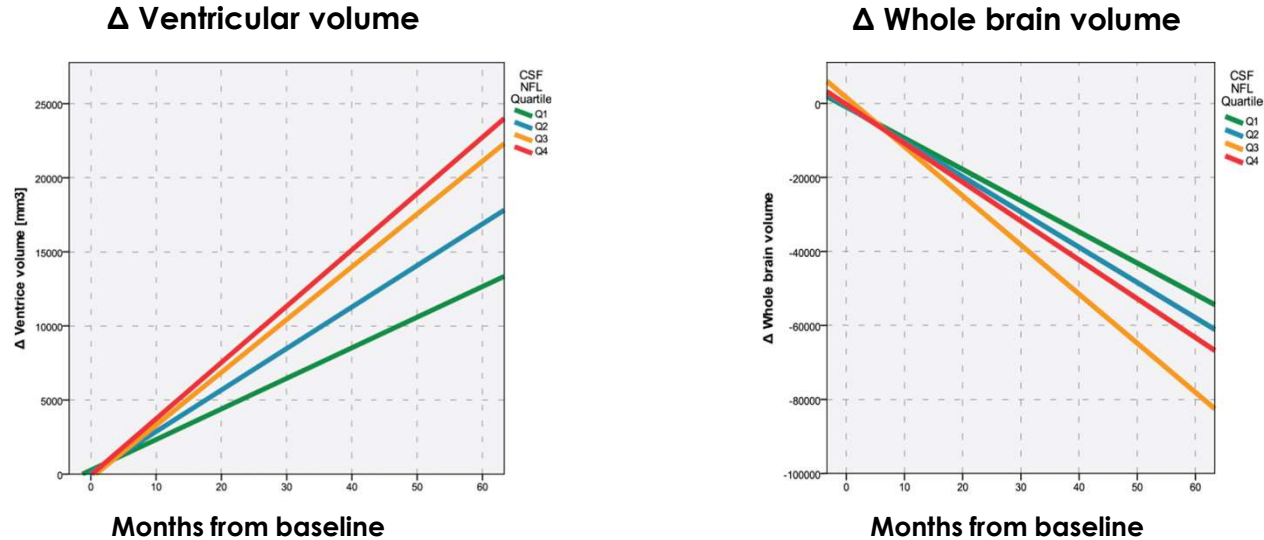
Association with longitudinal change in MMSE

Based on the baseline CSF NFL levels, all subjects with an MCI diagnosis at baseline were classified into quartiles (low, low-medium, medium-high and high)



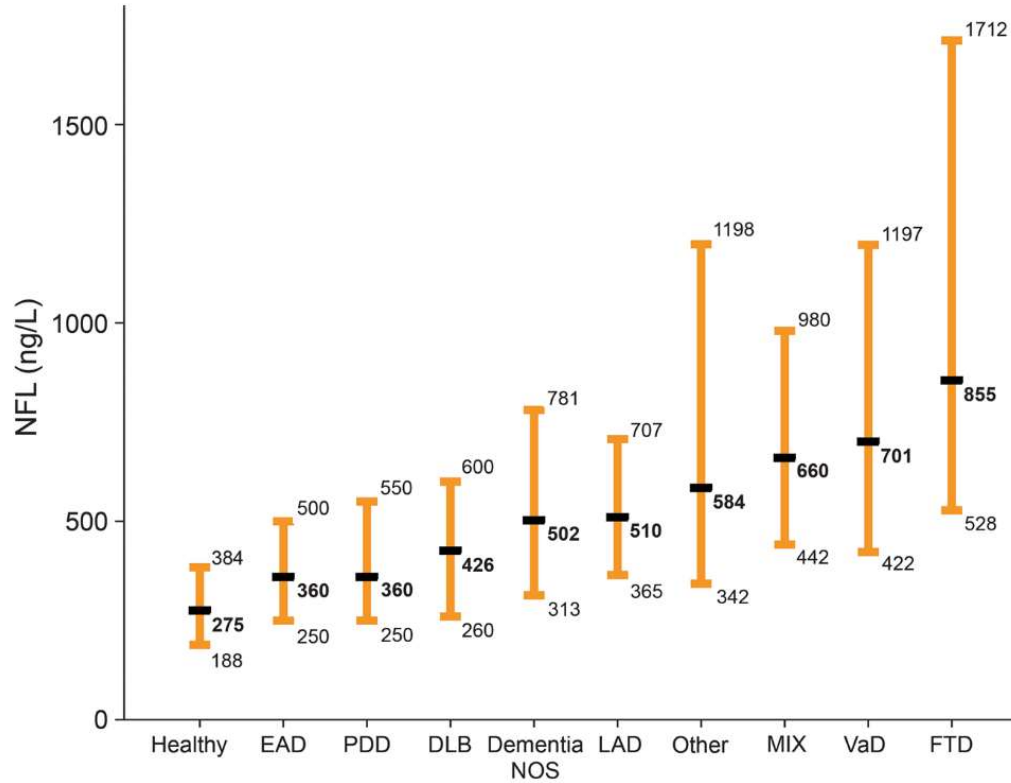
- Higher CSF NFL levels predict a more pronounced decrease in MMSE scores

CSF NFL in relation to brain structure

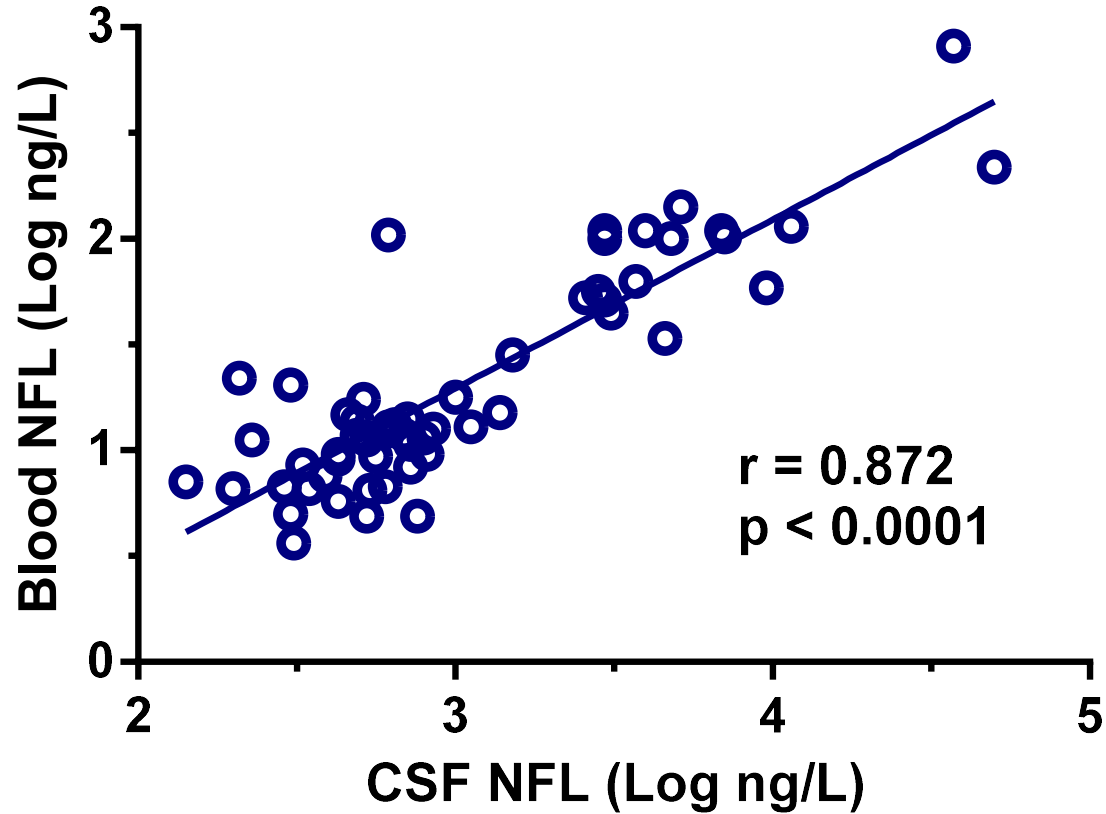


- Higher CSF NFL levels are associated with faster brain atrophy over time as measured by total brain volume and ventricular volume

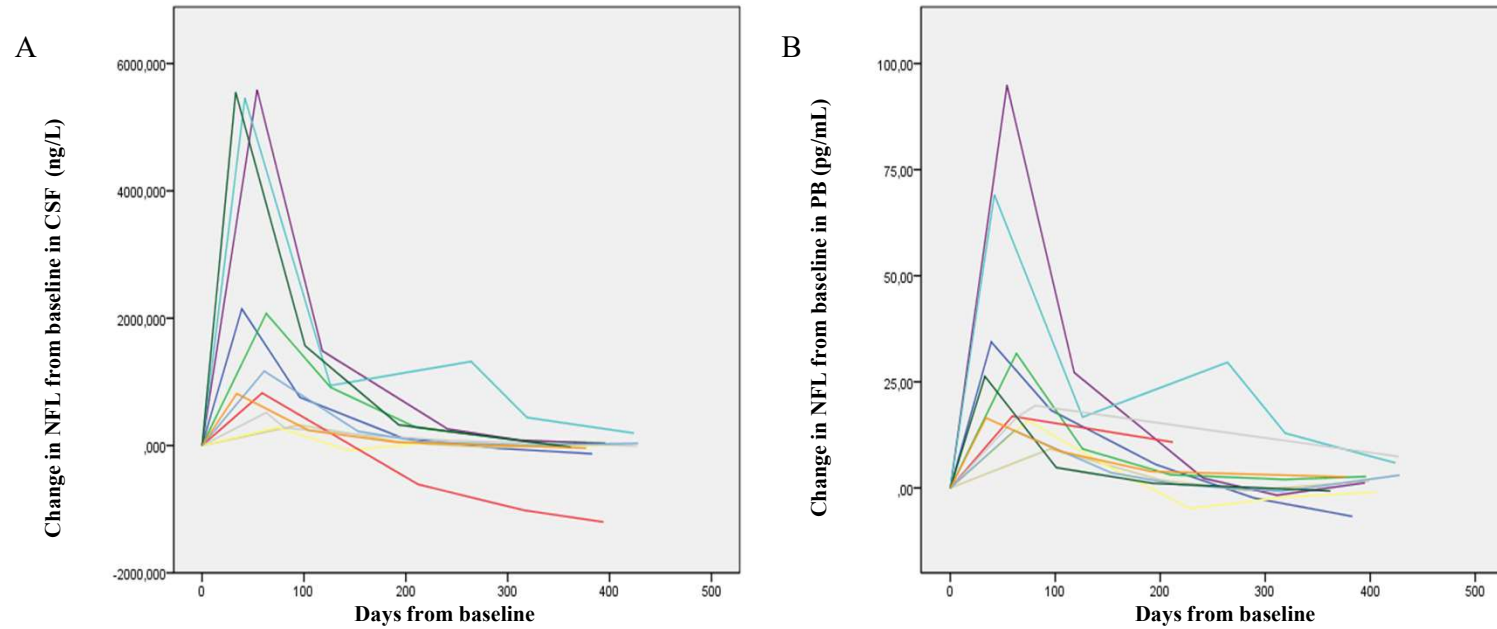
Neurofilament light – positive across neurodegenerative diseases



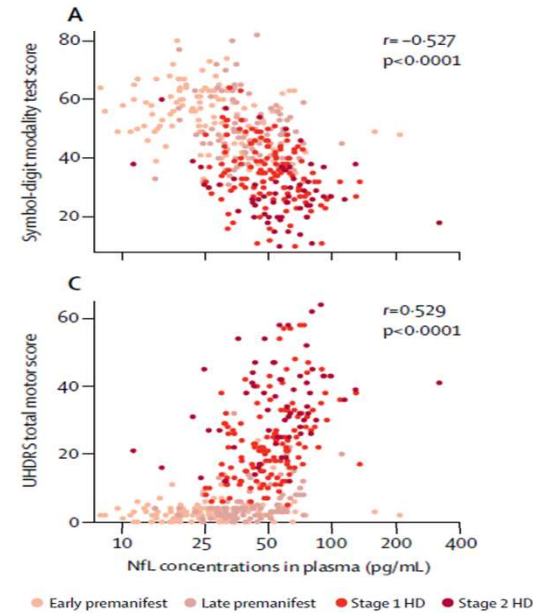
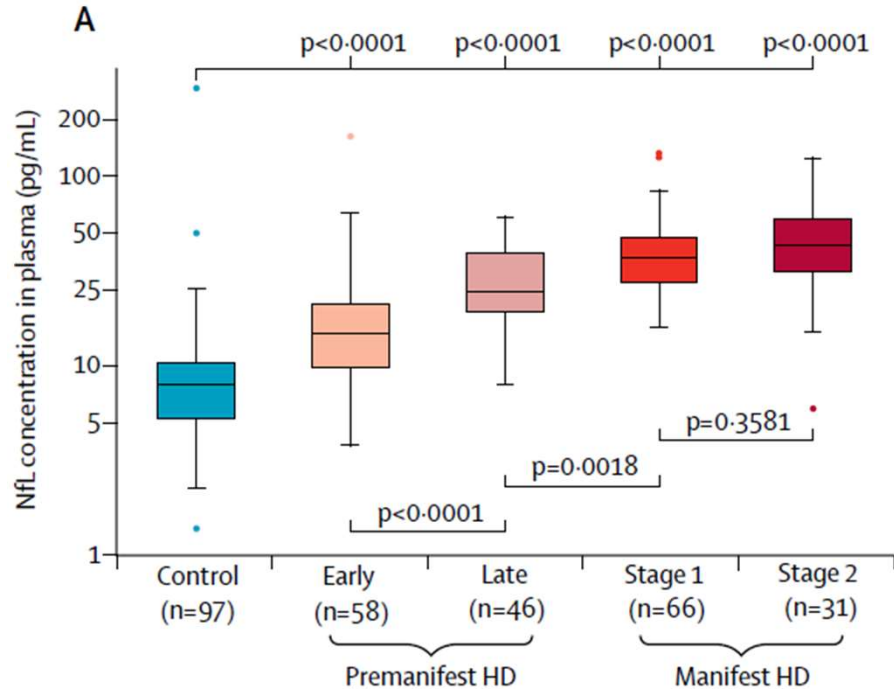
Plasma NfL correlates with CSF NfL...



...and shows similar dynamics



NfL Concentrations Increase with HD Progression and with Cognitive and Motor Impairment



- **Fig A : Higher plasma NfL levels correlates with lower symbol digit modalities score (worsening)**
- **Fig C : higher plasma NfL levels correlates with higher UHDRS total motor score (worsening)**

NfL is a Prognostic Indicator in ALS

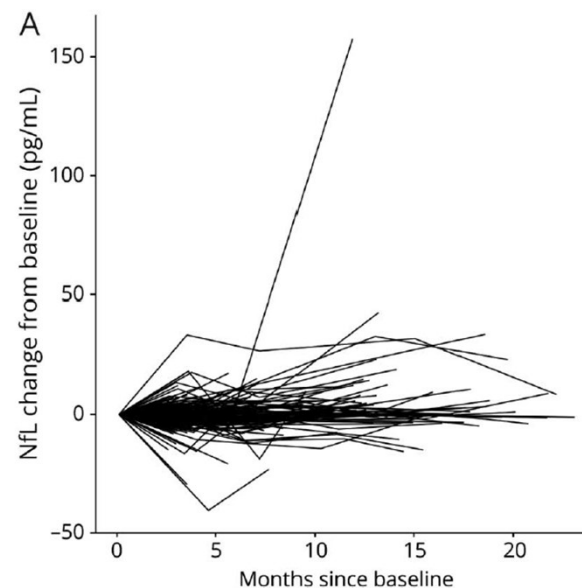
Covariates	Impact on ALSFRS-R slope ^a		Impact on survival ^b	
	Estimate (95% CI)	p Value	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p Value
Baseline age, y	0.001 (-0.008 to 0.010)	0.89	1.02 (1.00–1.05)	0.049
Male	-0.09 (-0.33 to 0.15)	0.47	1.37 (0.84–2.23)	0.21
C9ORF72 HREM	-0.16 (-0.57 to 0.25)	0.45	1.70 (0.91–3.18)	0.10
Site of onset: bulbar	-0.04 (-0.45 to 0.37)	0.84	1.10 (0.53–2.29)	0.80
Site of onset: limb	-0.01 (-0.46 to 0.45)	0.97	1.04 (0.48–2.27)	0.91
Baseline ALSFRS-R	NA	NA	0.96 (0.93–0.99)	0.02
Baseline Δ FRS, points/month	-0.43 (-0.73 to -0.13)	0.006	1.67 (1.09–2.57)	0.02
Baseline log(NfL), log(pg/mL)	-0.42 (-0.62 to -0.21)	<0.001	2.12 (1.39–3.23)	<0.001
Baseline log(pNfH), log(pg/mL)	0.07 (-0.03 to 0.17)	0.17	1.01 (0.84–1.22)	0.88

Abbreviations: HREM = hexanucleotide repeat expansion mutation; NA = not applicable; NfL = neurofilament light; pNfH = phosphorylated neurofilament heavy.

^a Based on multivariate regression analysis, with the ALSFRS-R slope (i.e., ALSFRS-R rate of decline) as outcome.

^b Based on Cox proportional hazards model, with tracheostomy- and permanent assisted ventilation-free survival as outcome.

Effect of clinical and NfL characteristics on functional decline and survival
N=229 ALS patients

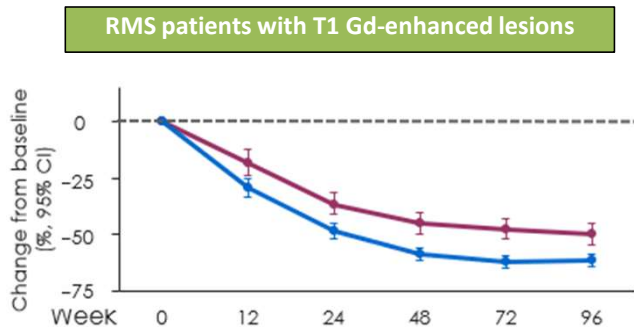
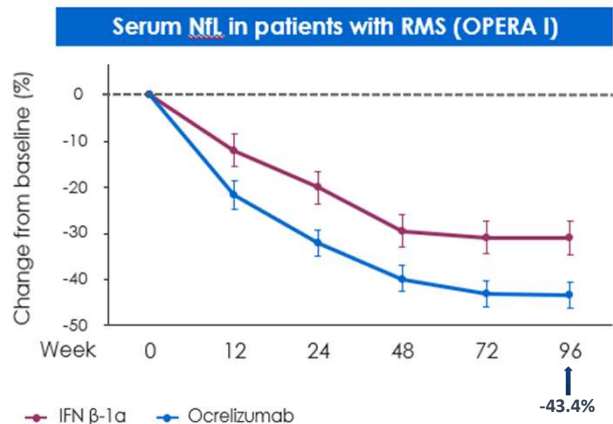


Change in NfL compared to baseline

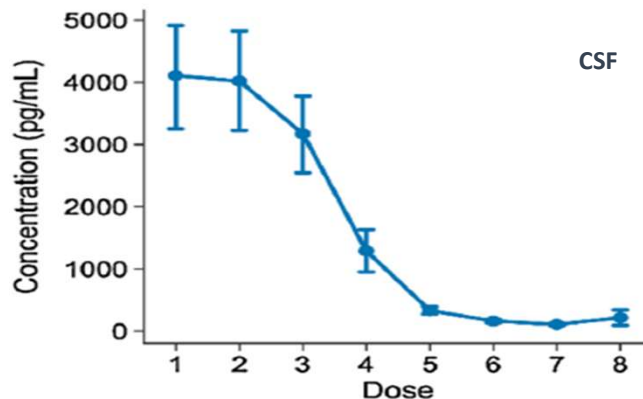
Blood & Cerebrospinal Fluid NfL Reduction with Treatment

Reductions within 3 months in RMS, SMA and ALS

Ocrelizumab in RMS (ECTRIMS 2019)

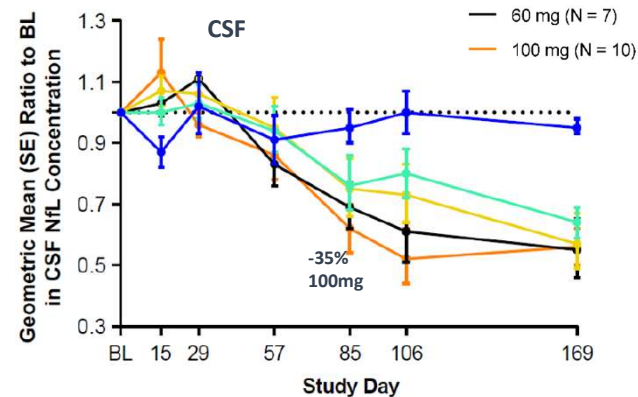
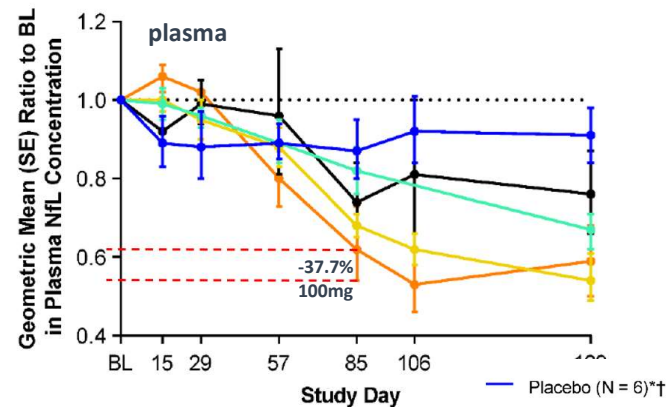


Nusinersen in SMA Type 1 (Olsson 2019)

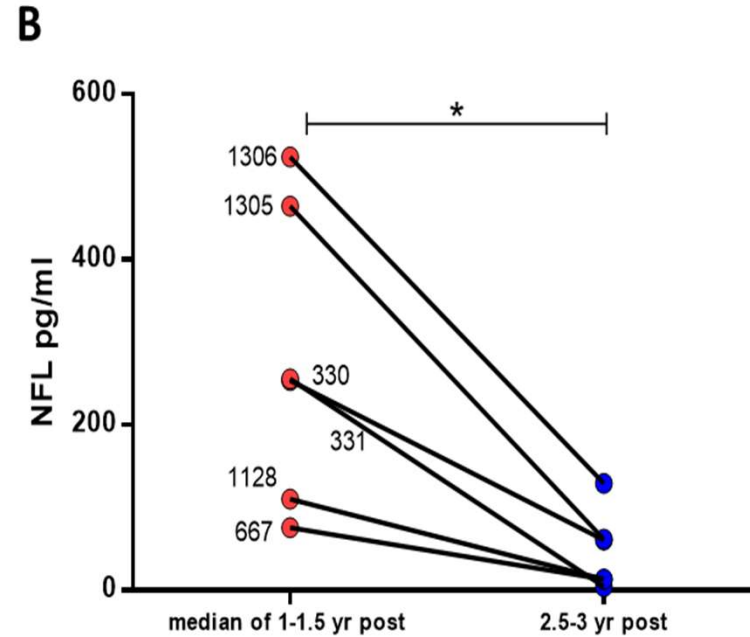
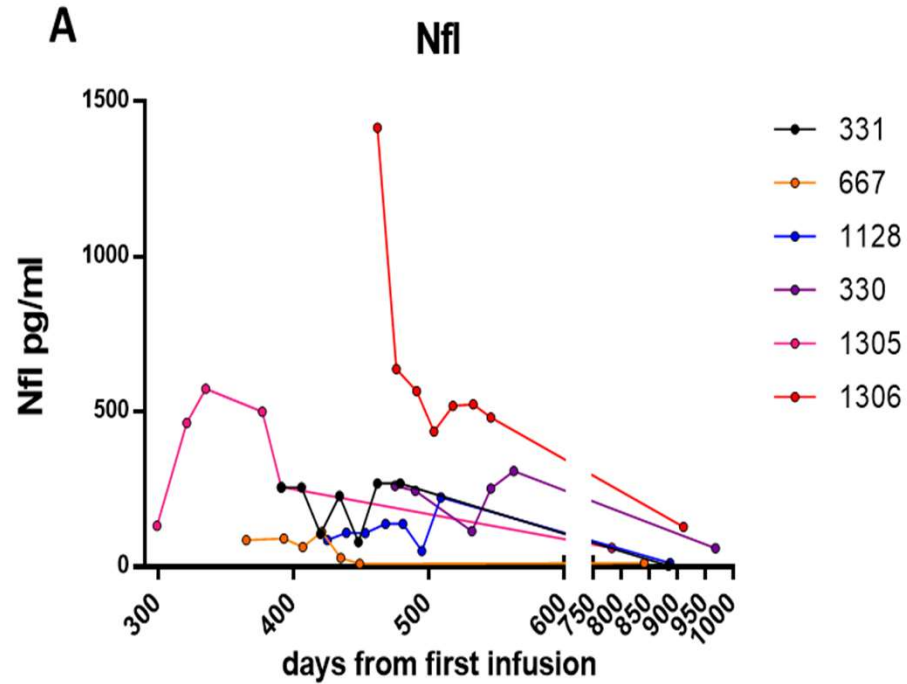


Dose	Weeks post first dose	n	%-Reduction from Dose 1
1	0	12	NA
2	2	10	12.6%
3	4	9	31.0%
4	8	10	72.0%
5	24	10	92.8%
6	40	8	96.5%
7	56	3	97.7%
8	72	2	95.3%

Tofersen in SOD1 ALS (Miller 2020)



CSF NfL dynamics in response to enzyme replacement therapy in neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis



Conclusions fluid biomarkers for neurodegeneration

- CSF and plasma/serum NfL are biomarkers for neurodegeneration/neuroaxonal injury
- They are dynamic
- High levels suggest active neurodegeneration/ongoing injury
- Drugs slowing down neurodegeneration should reduce or stabilize NfL levels
- ...but it's a slow marker

Thanks!

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Huntington's Disease (HD)

Anti-C1q as Neuroprotective Approach in HD



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Huntington's Disease (HD)

Clinical Perspective on HD,
including use of NfL



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Huntington's disease and neurofilament light

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Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

**Therapeutic interventions for symptomatic treatment in
Huntington's disease (Review)**

Tetrabenazine
Cognitive, behavioural, voluntary motor



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**Therapeutic interventions for disease progression in Huntington's
disease (Review)**

Nothing



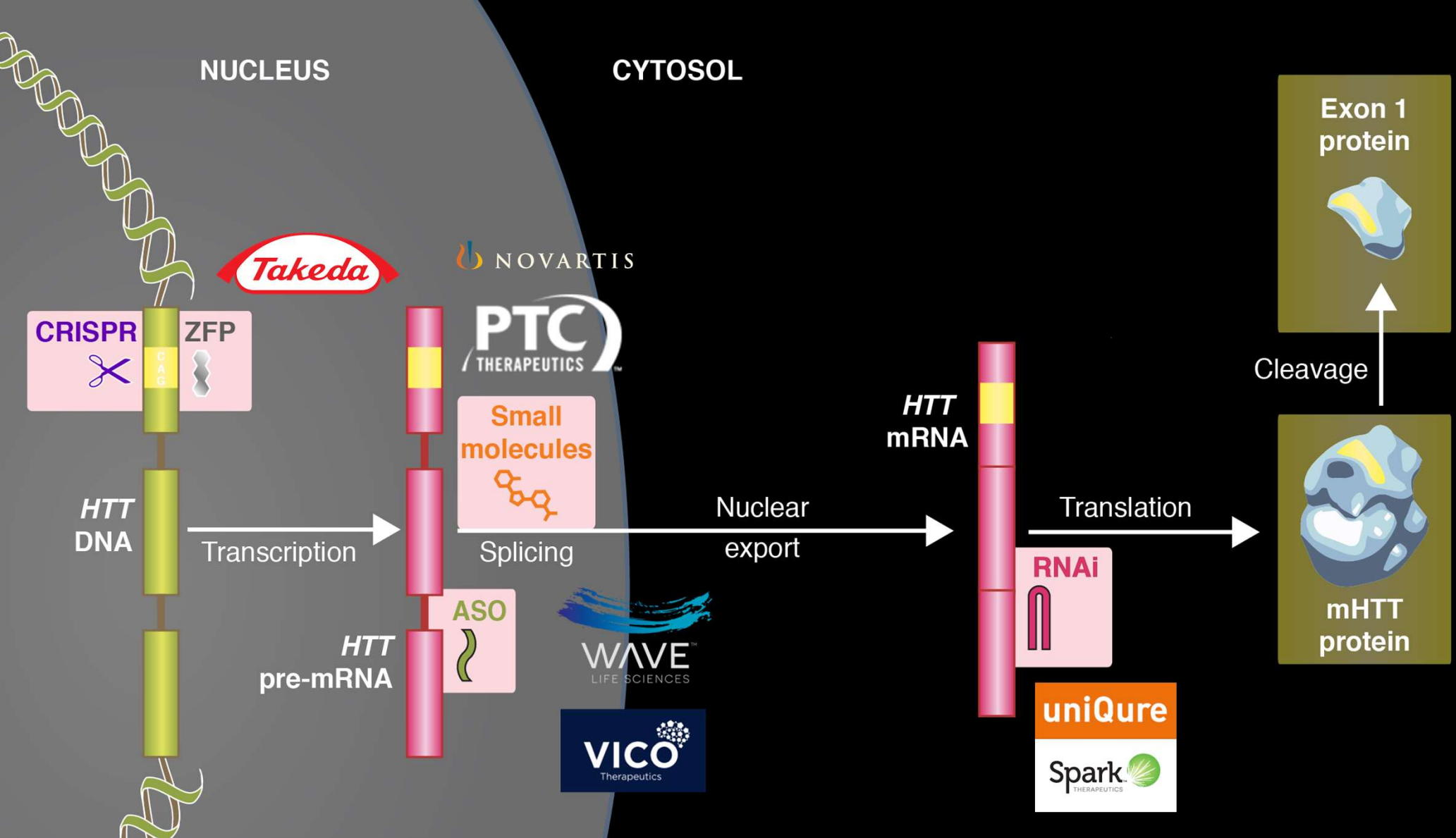
Neuronal
death

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Clinical
progression

Death







SEMA4D inhibiting mAb **pepenimab**



Sigma-1 antagonist **pridopidine**

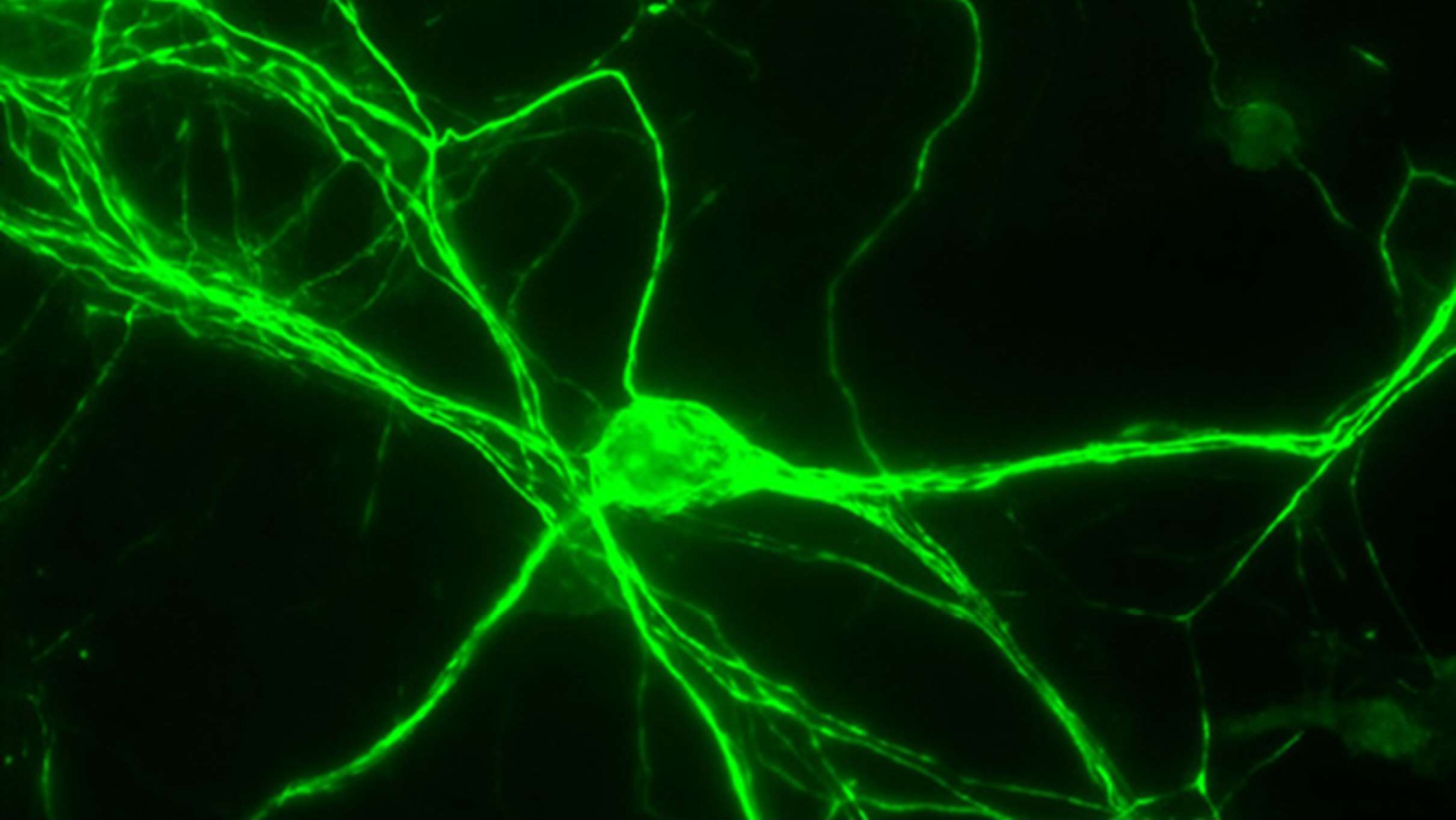


Allosteric modulator of NMDA-R **SAGE-718**

What's missing in 'downstream' pathway interventions for HD:

agents targeting **solid, well-described** derangements

with **biomarker support** to suggest translation will work safely in patients

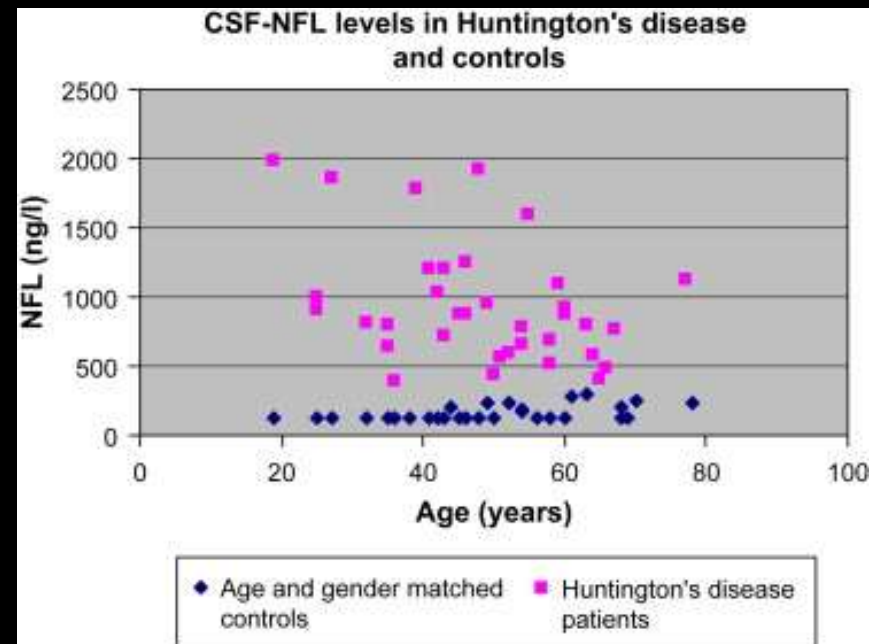




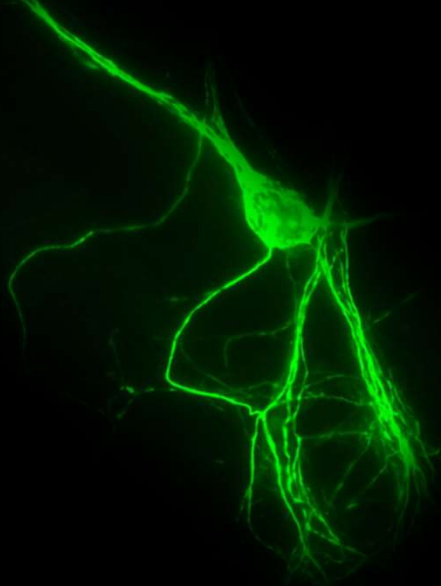
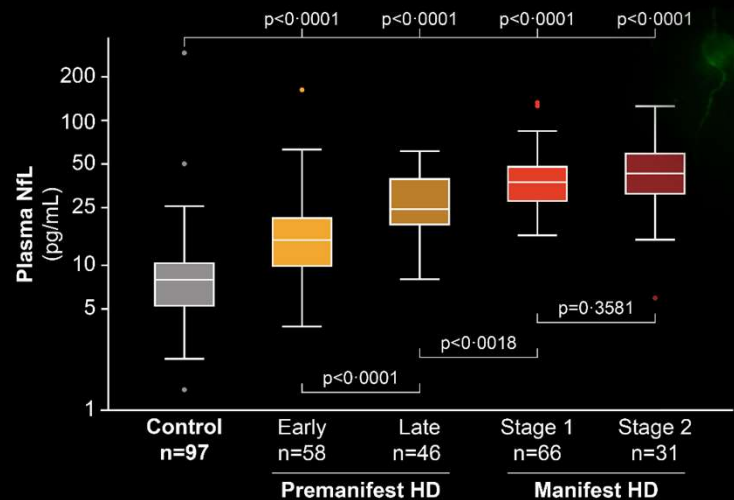
Short communication

Levels of the light subunit of neurofilament triplet protein in cerebrospinal fluid in Huntington's disease

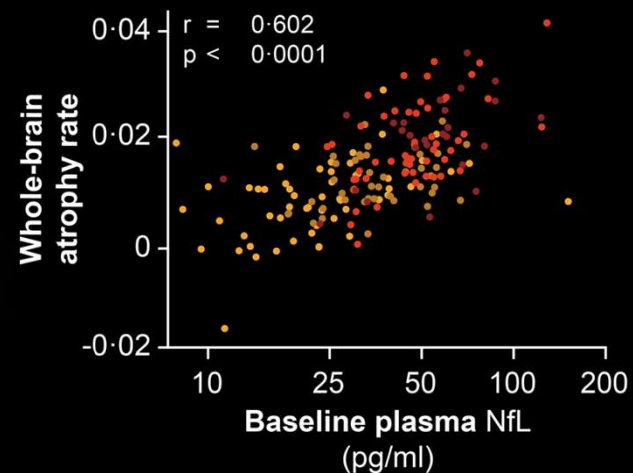
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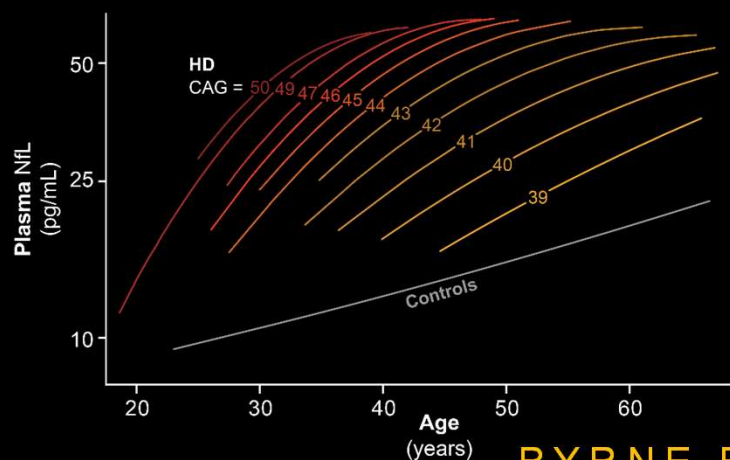
NfL is elevated with increasing disease stage



Baseline NfL predicts subsequent brain atrophy

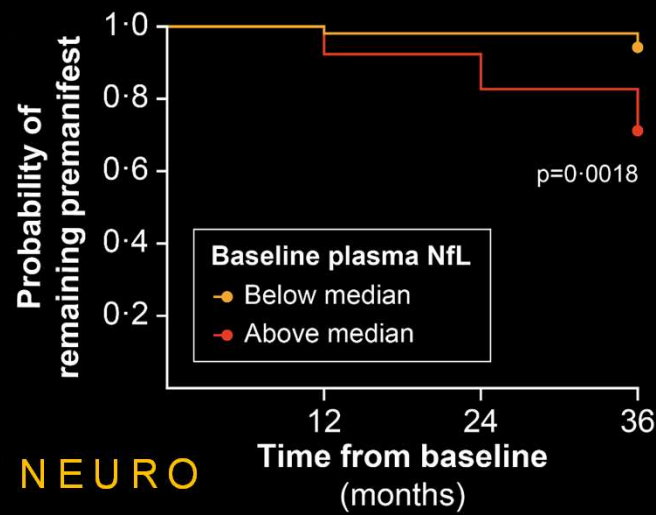


NfL is elevated in a CAG dependent manner



TRACKHD >>>

Baseline NfL predicts disease onset



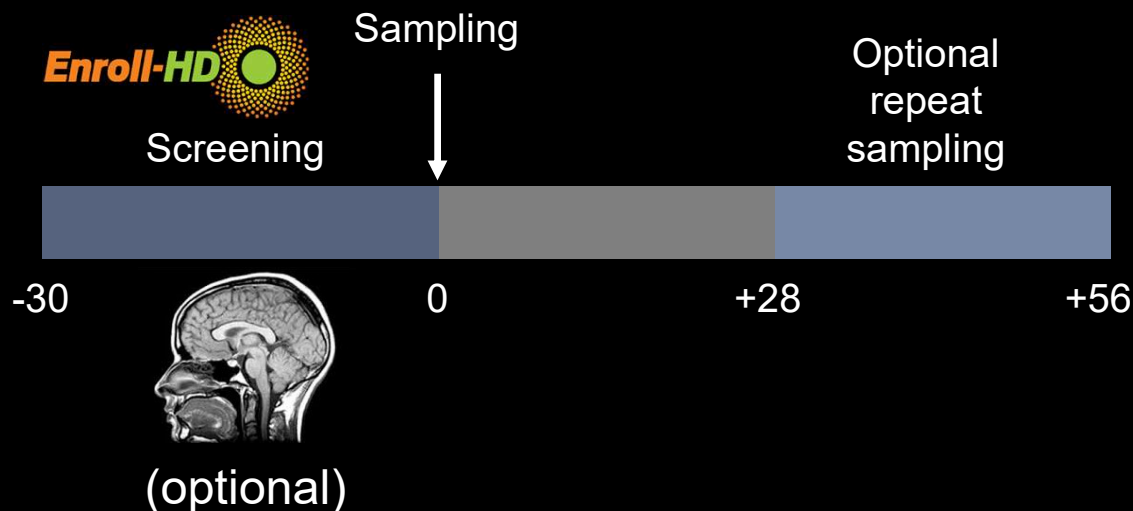
BYRNE ET AL (2017) LANCET NEURO

HD-CSF

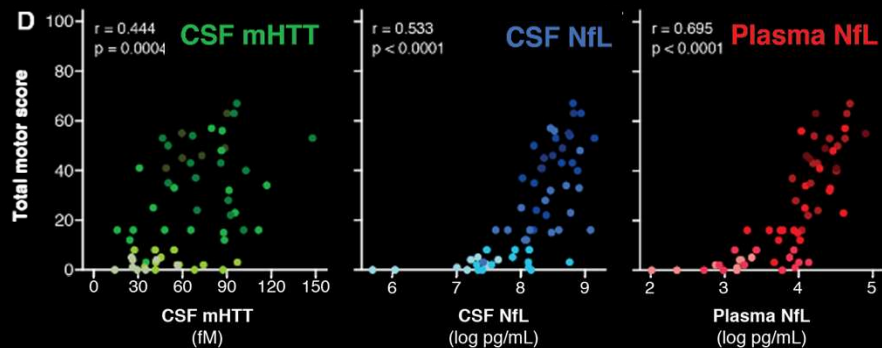


Studying cerebrospinal fluid to understand key CNS pathobiological targets in Huntington's disease

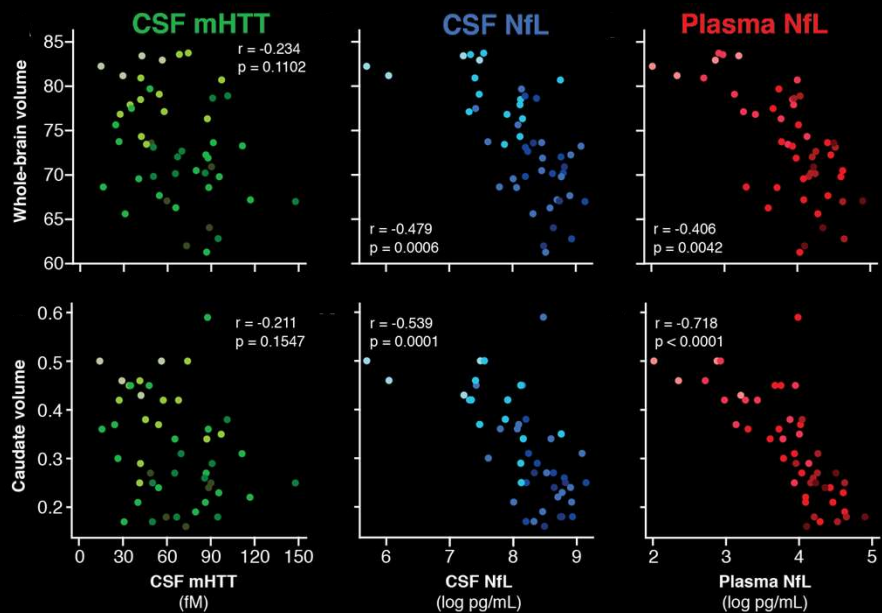
- 80 participants:
 - 20 control
 - 20 preHD
 - 40 early HD > mod HD
- 24-month Follow-up
 - Repeat of all assessments



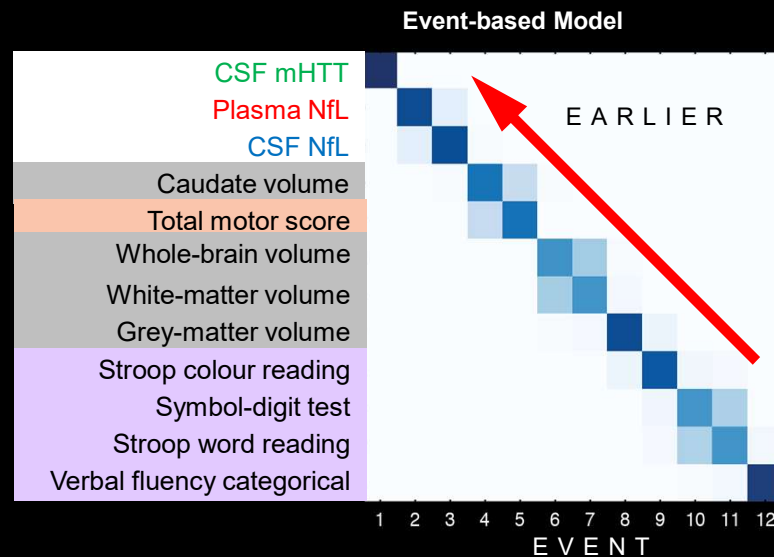
NfL has strong associations with clinical scores



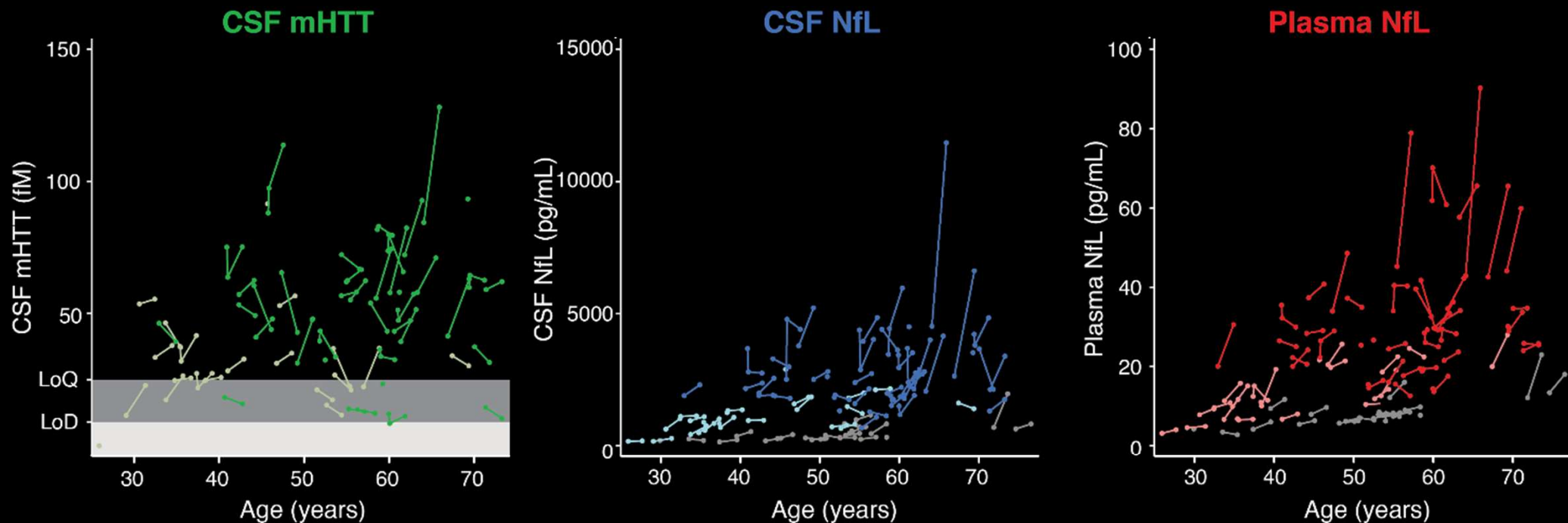
NfL has strong associations with brain volume



Among earliest detectable changes in HD

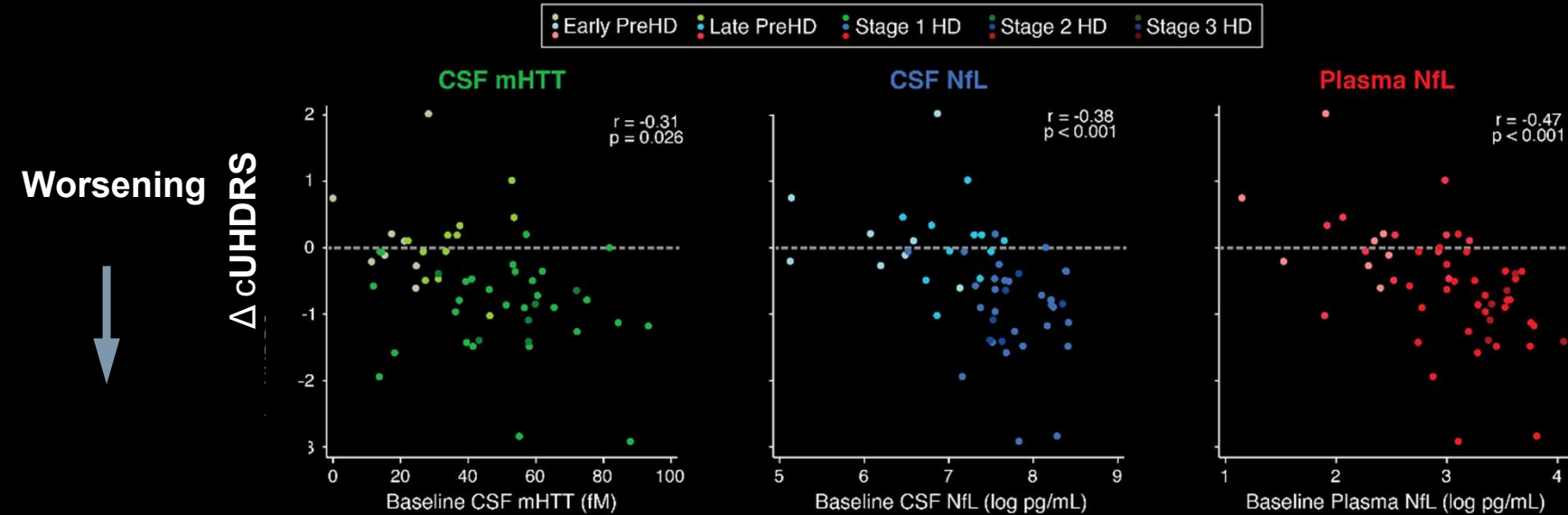


2-year longitudinal analysis

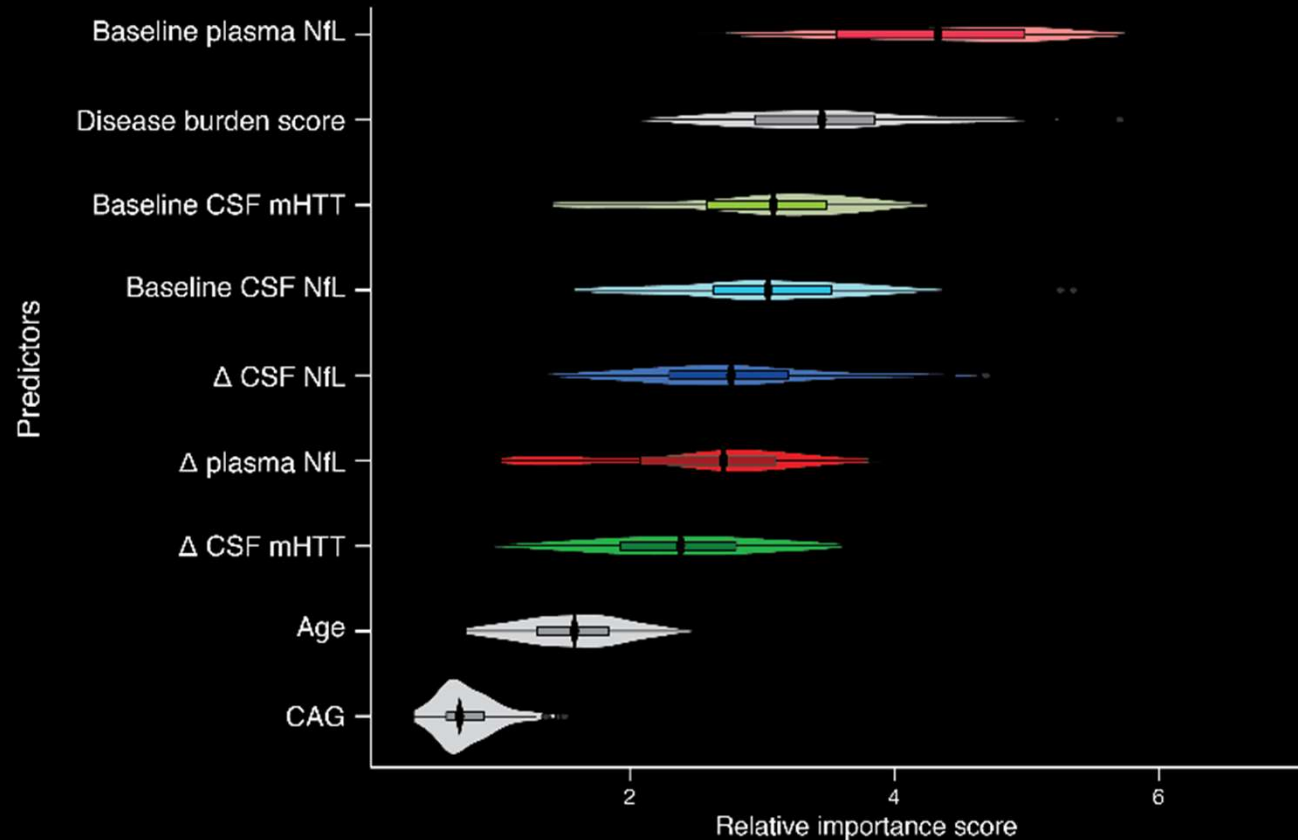


	fM/year [95% CI]	pg/mL/year [95% CI]	pg/mL/year [95% CI]
• Healthy Controls	N/A	20.05 [18.57 to 21.53]	0.28 [0.27 to 0.29]
••• PreHD	1.03 [0.95 to 1.11]	79.16 [74.92 to 83.40]	0.84 [0.80 to 0.87]
••• Manifest HD	1.00 [0.95 to 1.05]	98.85 [93.01 to 104.70]	1.04 [1.00 to 1.08]

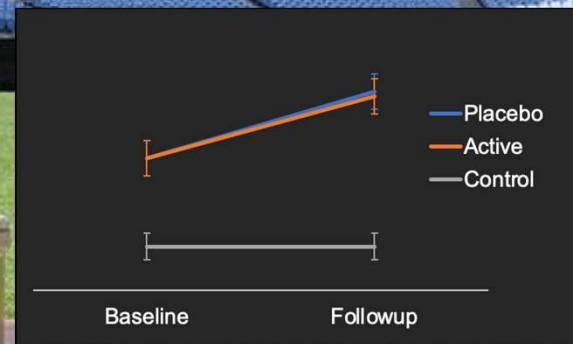
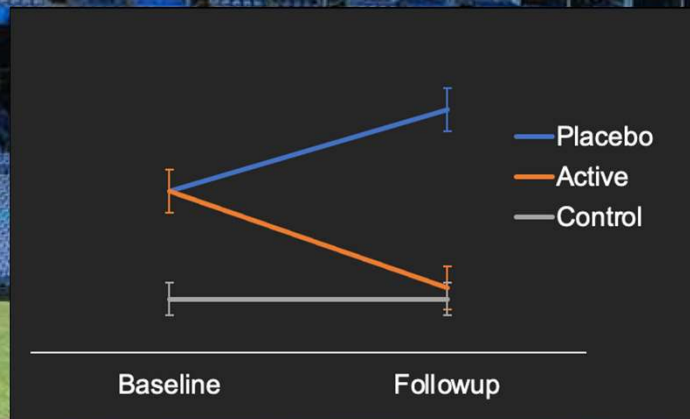
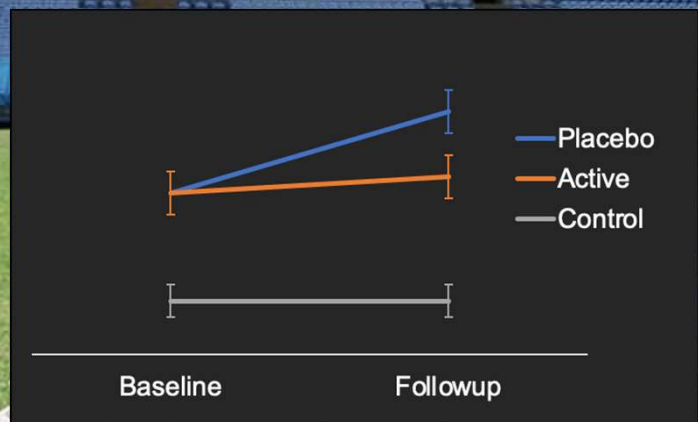
Association with overall clinical progression as measured by Δ cUHDRS

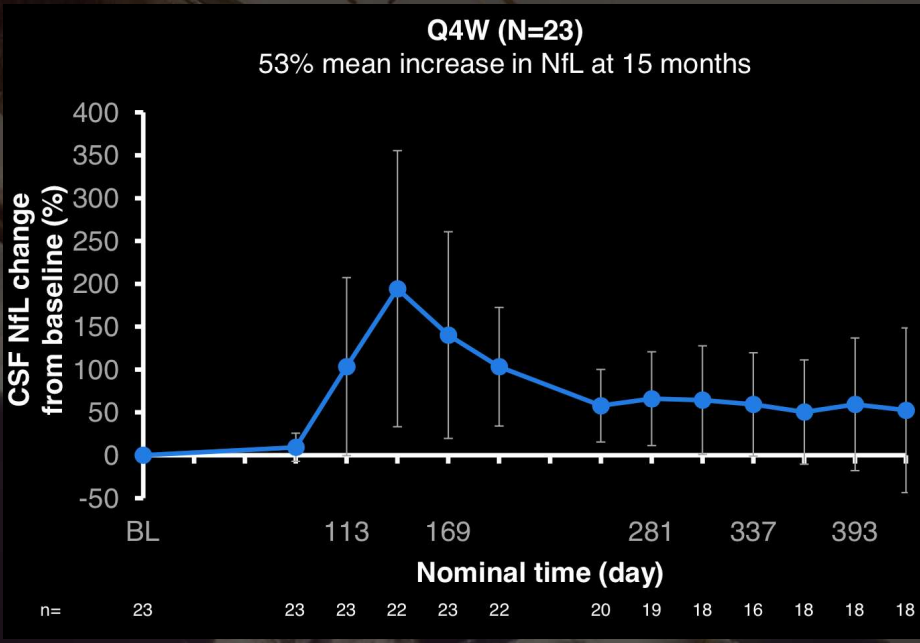


Random forest analysis: Baseline plasma NfL is the strongest predictor of clinical progression



Cross-sectional data	CSF mHTT	CSF NfL	Plasma NfL
Higher in HD v C	Yes ₆	Yes ₂₅	Yes ₁₅
Rises with disease stage	Yes ₆	Yes ₂₆	Yes ₁₅
Baseline level associated with clinical severity	Yes ₆	Yes ₁₄	Yes ₁₅
Baseline level associated with brain volume	Yes	Yes ₁₄	Yes ₁₅
Longitudinal data			
Baseline level predicts onset	?	?	Yes ₁₅
Baseline level predicts clinical progression	Yes	Yes	Yes ₁₅
Baseline level predicts brain atrophy	Yes	Yes	Yes ₁₅
Change predicts clinical progression	Yes _(TMS only)	Yes	Yes
Change predicts clinical atrophy	Yes	Yes	Yes







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CMND and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

- **Clinical Perspective on ALS, including use of NfL**



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Overview of ALS

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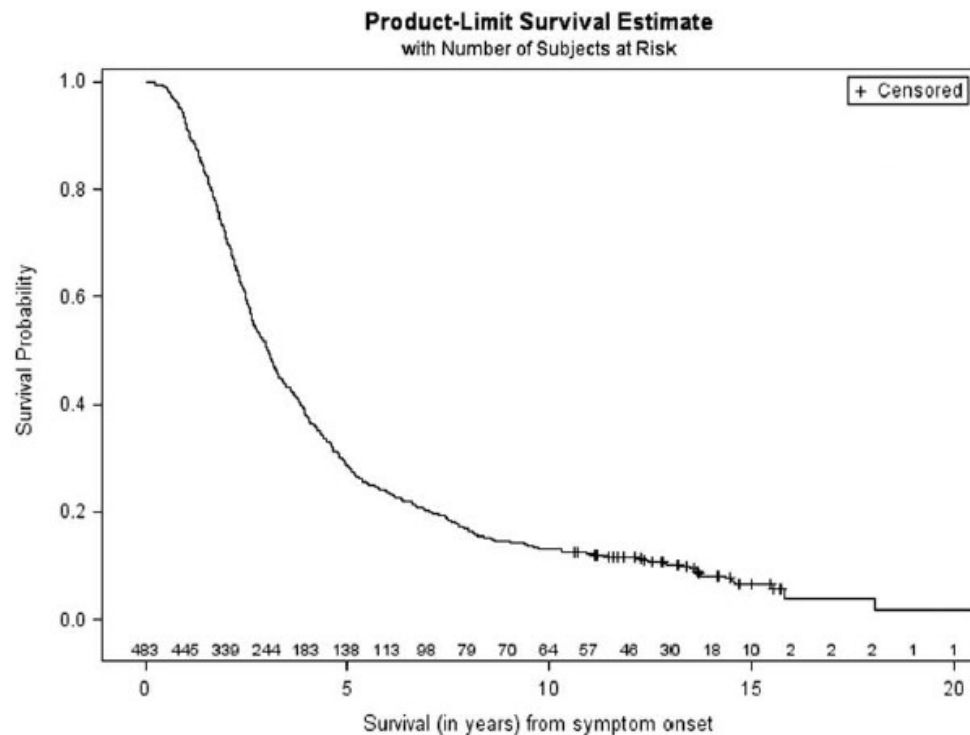
- **Executive Director**, Clinical Research Unit at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital
- **Director** of the ALS Center of Excellence
- **Consultant** for Health Canada, AL-S Pharma, Qoralis, Biogen, Alexion, Amylyx, WAVE Life Sciences, Cytokinetics, MT Pharma, Orphazyme,
- **DMSB board** for CLENE, TRICALS, and AZT Therapeutics

Significant Unmet Need for People Living with ALS

- ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder, characterized by progressive loss of upper and lower motor neurons
- 75% initially present with muscle weakness of the limbs²
- 25% initially present with difficulty with speech and swallowing²
- ALS affects 225,000 people globally. ~90% of cases are sporadic and death typically occurs 3-5 years from disease onset

Disease progression of ALS

- Progressive decline in motor function and activities of daily living
 - ALSFRS-R, a validated scale measuring the domains of gross motor, fine motor, bulbar and respiratory function declines on average 1 point per month in clinical trials
- Median survival from onset: 36 months (3 years)
- Survival probabilities from onset
 - 12 months: 92.1%
 - 5 years: 28.6%
 - 10 years: 13.3%
- Death due to respiratory failure typically occurs between 3-5 years



ALS affects both the CNS and PNS

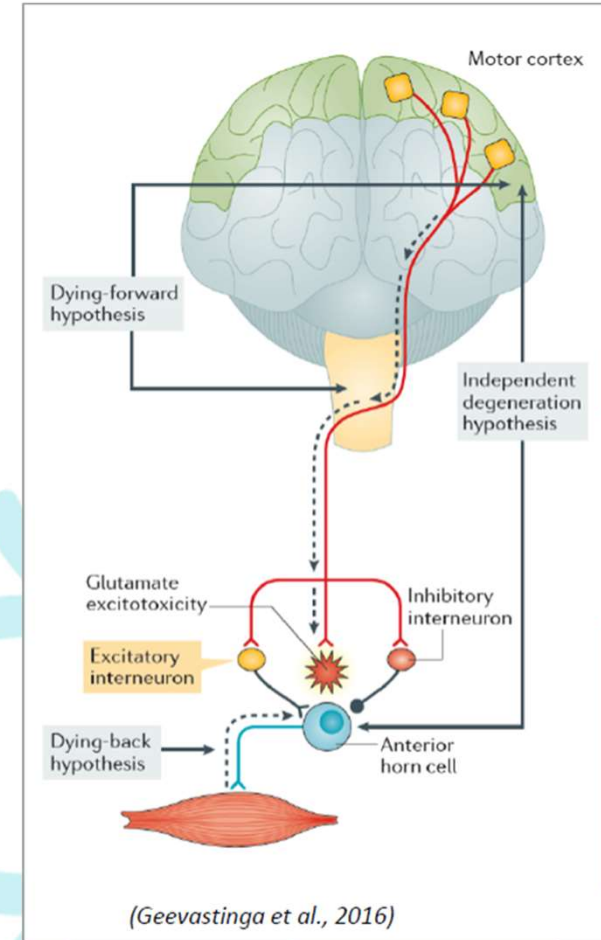
ALS is a mixed upper and lower motor neuron disease

Central Nervous System

- Upper motor neurons
 - Derived from corticospinal and corticobulbar fibers that originate in the brain's primary motor cortex
 - Responsible for carrying impulses for voluntary motor activity from the cerebral cortex to the spinal cord

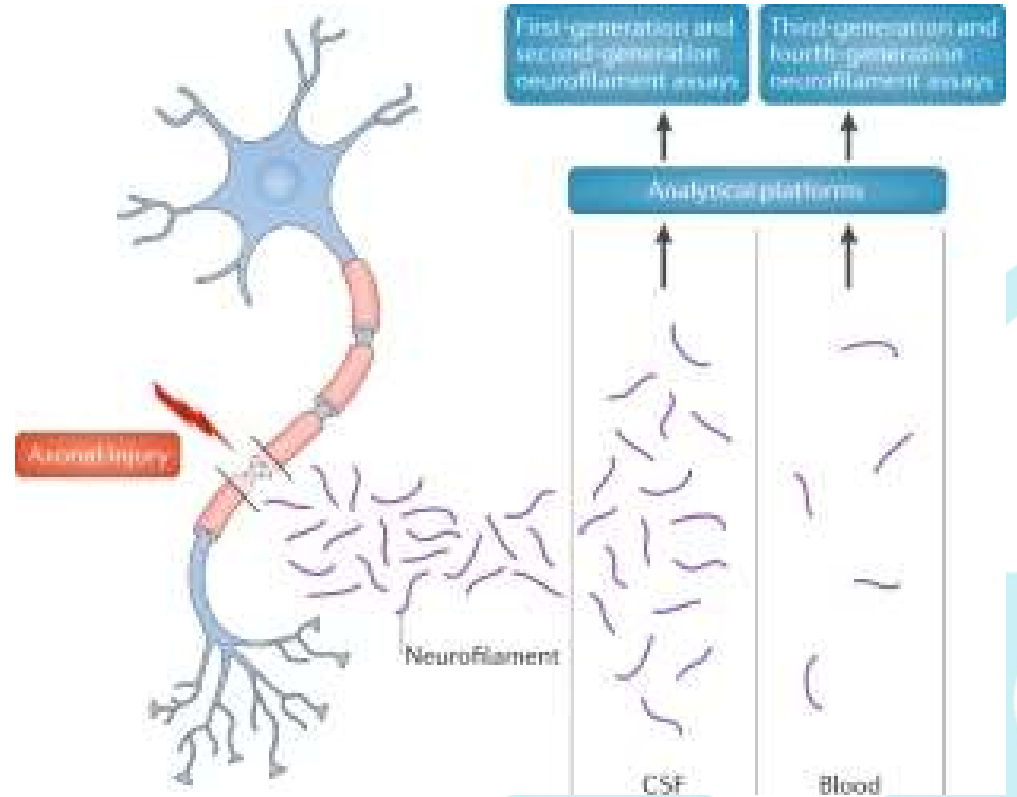
Peripheral Nervous System

- Lower motor neurons
 - Carry impulses from the spinal cord to peripheral structures

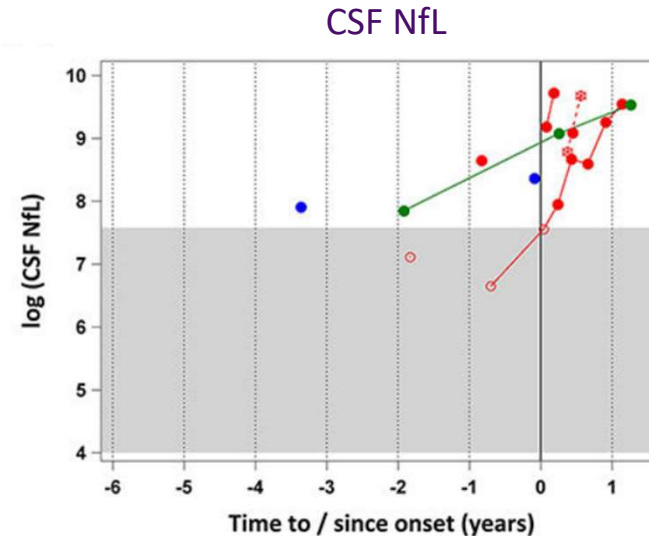
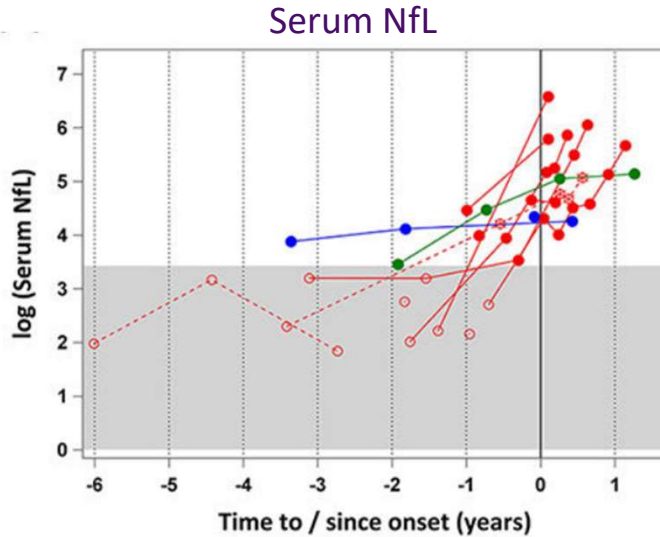


Natural History Studies of Neurofilaments in ALS

- Natural History studies suggest that:
 - NF elevation correlates with symptom onset in ALS patients
 - NF levels correlate with rate of clinical progression
- Fourth-generation single-molecule array (Simoa) assays have enabled reliable and sensitive measurements of neurofilaments, including NfL



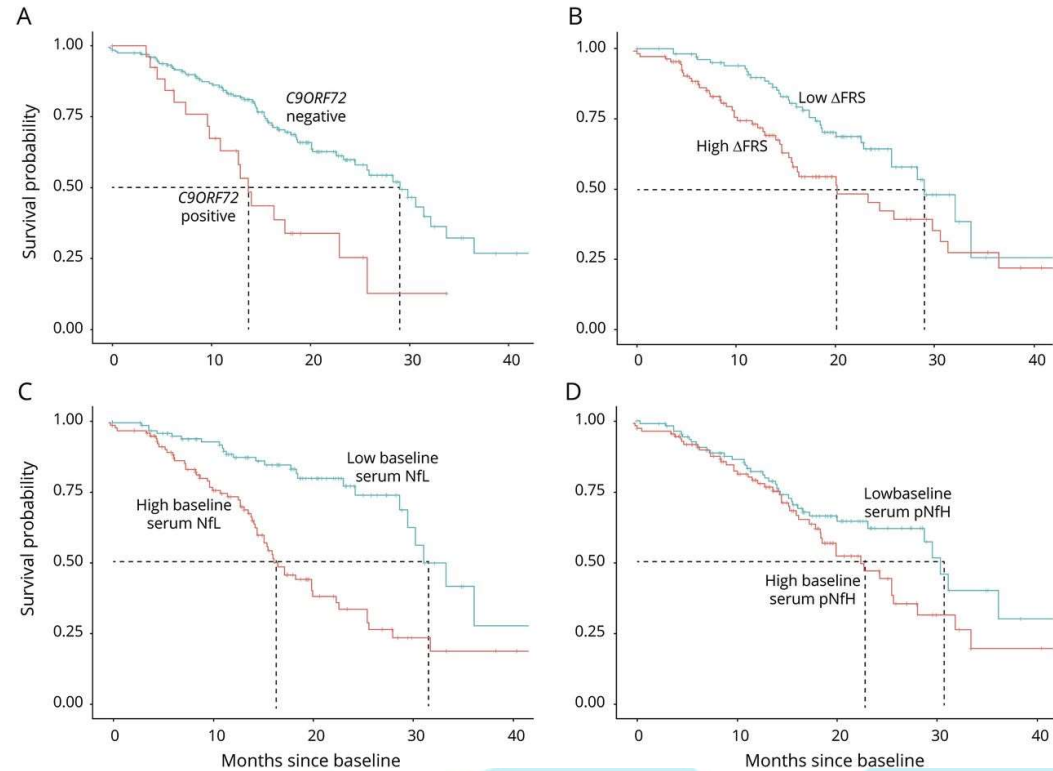
NfL levels (serum & CSF) rise 1 year prior to symptom onset in Familial ALS



Benatar et al. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Frontotemporal Degeneration. 2019

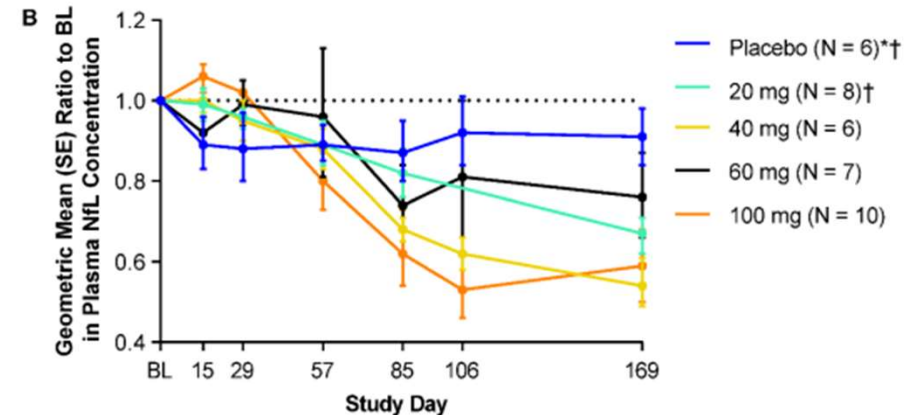
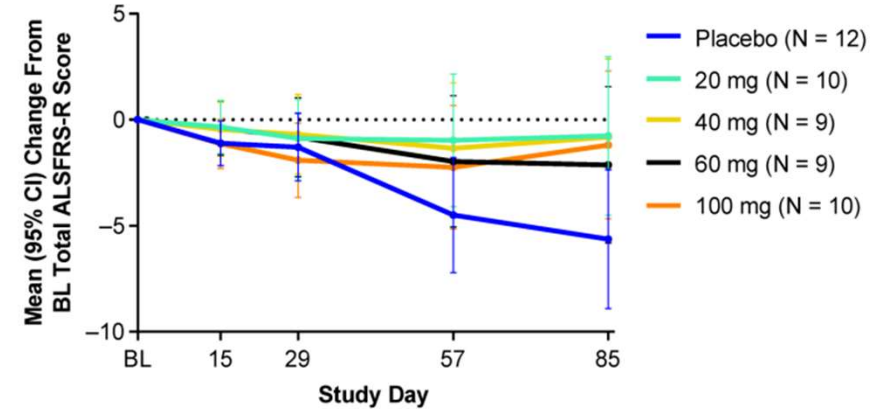
Serum NfL is a clinically validated prognostic biomarker for ALS¹

- Prospective, multicenter, longitudinal observational study of patients with sporadic & familial ALS (n = 229)
- Serum NfL stable over time in natural history study
- Stronger correlation between serum and CSF for NfL than for pNfH
- Serum NfL is prognostic of future ALSFRS-R decline (slope of decline) and survival



NfL reductions in SOD1 ALS patients associated with functional benefit – ALSFRS-R

- Tofersen is an ASO to mutant SOD1
- NfLs were higher in the fast-progressing subgroup
- Over the course of the blinded phase of the trial
 - SOD1 levels decreased from baseline
 - NfL and pNFH decreased from baseline
 - Evidence of slowing in decrease for ALSFRS-R



Summary

- ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder, with significant and urgent need for therapies
- ALSFRS and survival remain as key endpoints in registrational studies
- Potential for NfL as viable surrogate biomarker in ALS
 - A large increase in NfL occurs at symptom onset and then stabilizes at elevated levels
 - Reduction in NfL by a therapeutic agent is likely to be associated with clinical benefit

Thank you!



Overview of Annexon's CMND Clinical Program

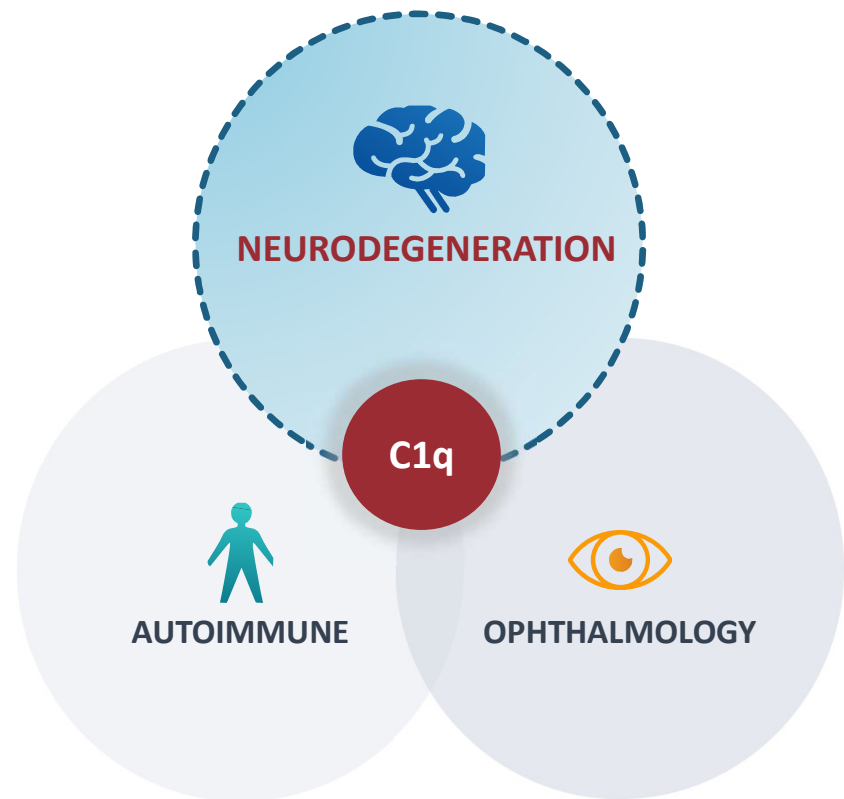


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Groundbreaking Approach Targeting Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration (CMND)

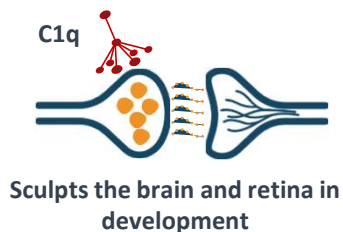


Unique Potential of Anti-C1q Platform

- **Pioneering Approach to Treat CMND:** Preserve functioning synapses, neuronal health & function
- **Broad Therapeutic Potential:** CMND major driver of neurodegeneration in a host of brain & eye diseases
- **Established Biomarker in Early Trials (NfL):** Correlates with patient disability; reduction shown to correlate with clinical benefit in multiple diseases
- **Early Platform Promise:** NfL reduction demonstrated in three diseases: GBS Ph1 POC, HD & ALS preclinical

C1q Inhibition Protects against Synapse Loss and Neurodegeneration in a Host of Diseases

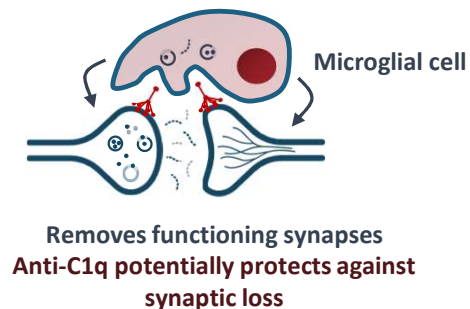
Normal C1q Function



Aberrant Triggers



Disease C1q Dysfunction



C1q blockade results in functional benefits in multiple disease models, including:*

Huntington's Disease¹

Alzheimer's Disease²

Spinal Muscular Atrophy³

Glaucoma⁴

Geographic Atrophy (AMD)⁵

Frontotemporal Dementia⁶

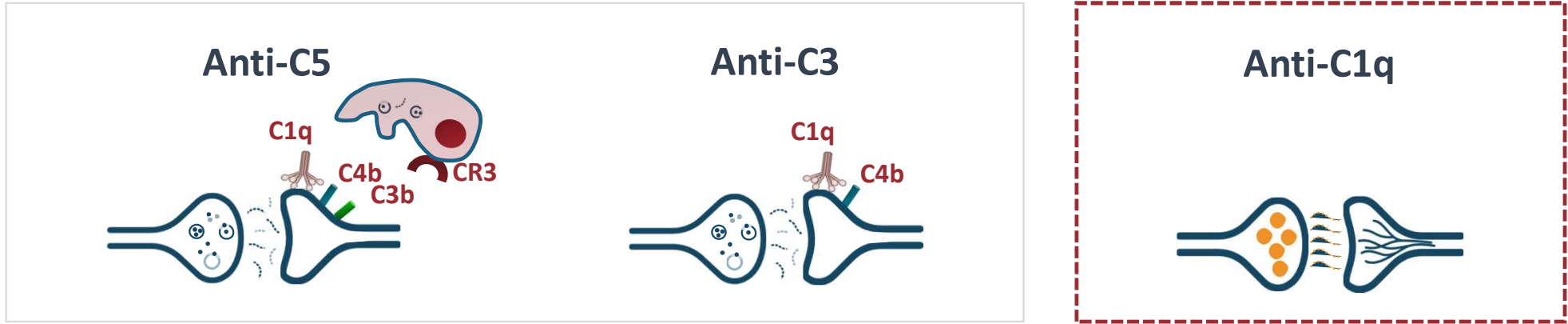
Traumatic Brain Injury⁷

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis⁸

Progressive Multiple Sclerosis⁹

¹Wilton and Stevens, Harvard, *unpublished*. ²Fonseca, 2004, *J Neurosci*; Hong, 2016, *Science*; Dejanovic, 2018, *Neuron*; ³Vukojicic, 2019, *Cell Reports*; ⁴Howell, 2011, *J Clin Invest*; Williams, 2016, *Mol Neurodegen*; ⁵Jiao, 2018, *Mol Neurodegen*; ⁶Lui, 2016, *Cell*; ⁷Krukowski, 2018, *Int.J Mol Sci*; Holden, 2021, *Science*; Annexon NFL reduction in SOD1 model, *unpublished*; ⁹Absinta, *Nature*, 2021

Anti-C1q is Differentiated from Other Complement Approaches

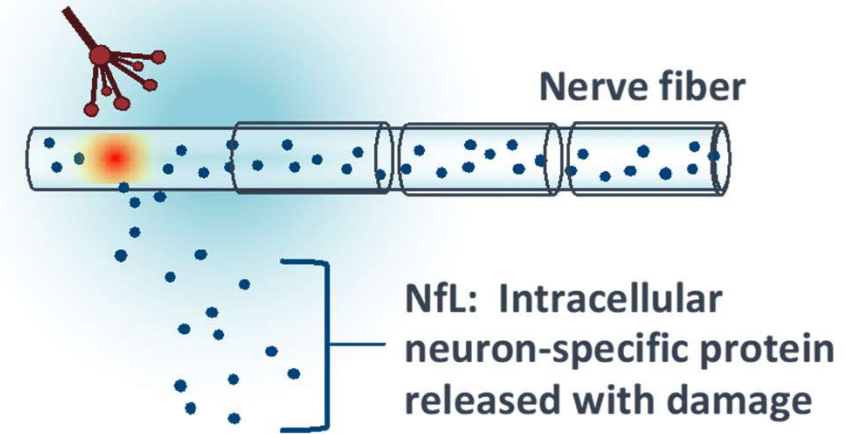


Only way to block all early classical complement components involved in CMND

Neurofilament Light Chain (NfL) Biomarker Underpins Our Neurological Approach

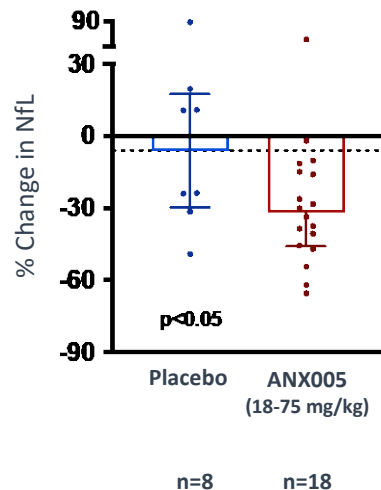
Significantly Informs Clinical Development

- ✓ Sensitive measure of neuronal damage / degeneration
- ✓ Correlates w/ patient disability and predicts outcomes in several diseases (e.g., SMA¹, MS², GBS³, HD⁴, ALS⁵)
- ✓ Reduced by effective therapies for MS, SMA and ALS within 3 months of treatment
- ✓ ANX005 NfL reduction in clinical (GBS) and preclinical (HD & ALS) studies
- ✓ Key measure in on-going HD and ALS Phase 2 trials

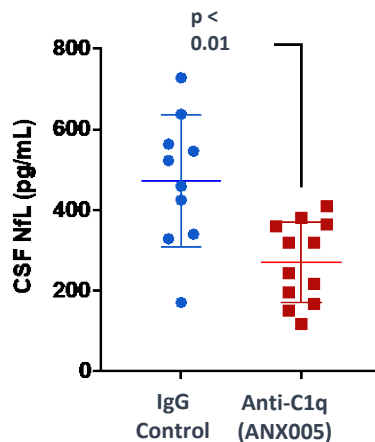


C1q Inhibition Has Reduced NfL in Patients and in Animal Models

Significant NfL Reduction GBS Patients (Ph 1b)

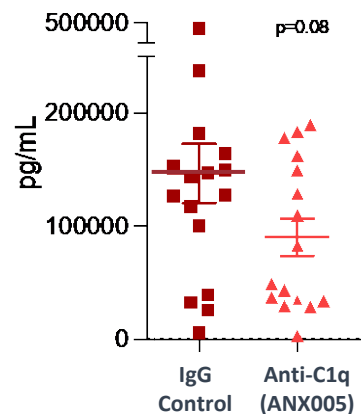


Significant NfL Reduction HD Preclinical Model



Study run in R6/2 model

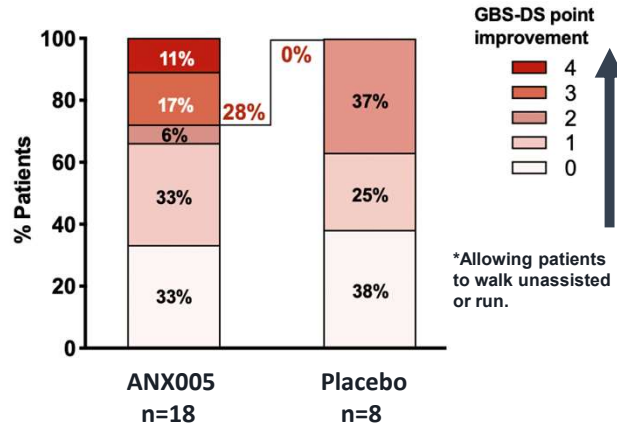
Significant NfL Reduction ALS Preclinical Model



Study run in SOD1 model

C1q Inhibition Has Also Provided Functional Benefit in Patients and in Animal Models

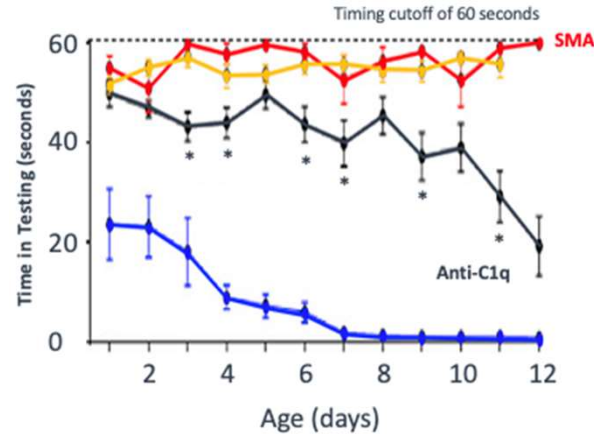
Significant NfL Reduction GBS Patients (Ph 1b)



High-Dose ANX005 (18-75 mg/kg)
vs Placebo

Annexon data on file

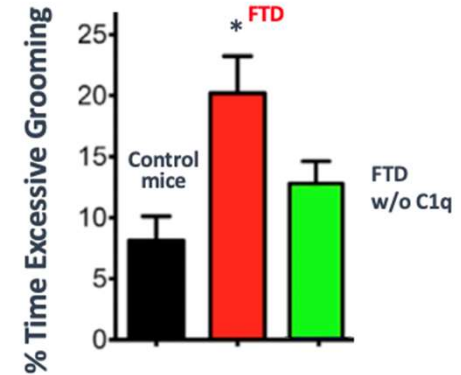
Allows Gain of Motor Function in Spinal Muscular Atrophy



Transgenic SMN-Δ7 mouse
model of SMA

Vukojicic et al., 2019 *Cell Rep* 29, 3087-3100

Prevents Obsessive Behavior in Frontotemporal Dementia



Mouse model of FTD with
progranulin genetic deletion

Liu et al., 2016 *Cell* 165:921

Annexon Pipeline in Neurodegenerative Diseases of the Brain

Diversified approach in CNS and CNS/PNS diseases

FRANCHISE	CANDIDATE	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	DISEASE
Neurodegeneration	ANX005 (IV)	Huntington's Disease (HD)				CNS
	ANX005 (IV)	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)				CNS & PNS
	ANX105 (IV)	Neuro				Undisclosed

Strong Rationale for Targeting CMND in HD



- ✓ **Robust biological rationale for targeting C1q in HD**
 - Aberrant C1q activation noted in synapses from HD patients
 - Anti-C1q is efficacious in preclinical models of HD
- ✓ **NfL is an objective measure of neurodegeneration in Phase 2**
 - Elevated NfL levels in HD correlate with disability
 - Published NfL longitudinal data in HD showing increasing levels over time
 - ✓ - ANX005 rapidly reduced NfL in acute GBS patients
- ✓ **Anticipate full CNS target engagement with ANX005**
 - Full CSF target engagement demonstrated for ANX005 in clinical (GBS) and preclinical studies

HD Phase 2 Trial Overview

Targeting 'early manifest' patients and leveraging natural history cohorts



Study Population

- Adults with, or at risk for, manifest HD
- **Total CAP score >400**
- **UHDRS independence score \geq 80%**

Primary Endpoints

- **Safety and tolerability of ANX005**
- **PK and PD of ANX005 in serum & cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)**
- **NfL reduction in plasma and CSF**

Exploratory Endpoints

- Quantitative EEG (qEEG)
- Composite UHDRS and its components

HD Phase 2 Status

Initial data readout anticipated Q4 2021



Key Trial Metrics

- Last Patients enrolled: May 2021
- 6-month treatment completion: Q4 2021
- Trial completion including 3-month follow-up: Q2 2022

Initial Data

- Data on subset of patients (N ~16) that **completed 6-month treatment period**
- **Safety and tolerability of ANX005 chronic dosing**
- **ANX005 CSF & serum C1q target engagement**
- **NfL reduction (CSF & plasma)**

Final Data

- Q2 2022
- On & Off treatment
- Primary & exploratory endpoints

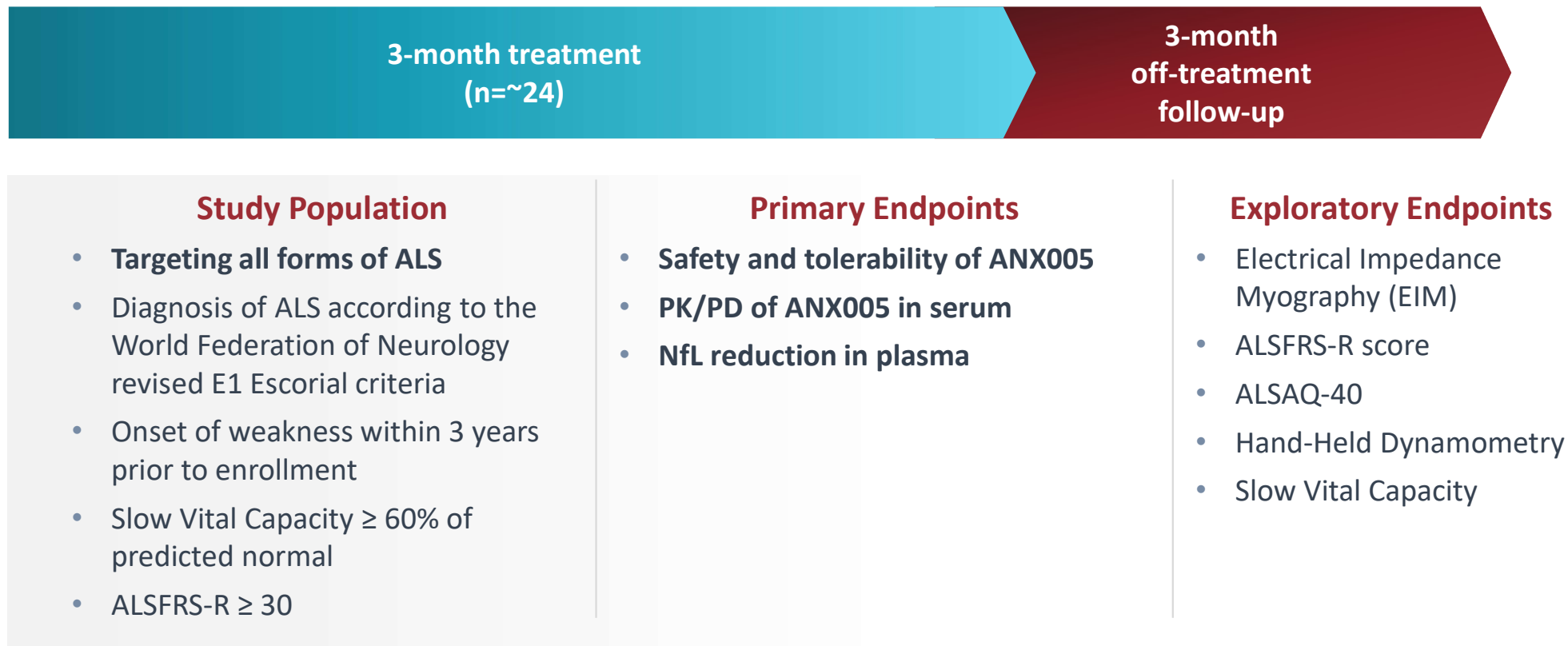
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Ongoing Phase 2 ALS Trial

Leveraging biomarkers to inform the next stage of development



ALS Phase 2 Status

Initial data readout anticipated 1H 2022



Key Trial Metrics

- Enrollment ongoing in North America
- Enrollment completion: 1H 2022
- Initial data readout anticipated: 1H 2022

Data Anticipated

- Safety and tolerability of ANX005 chronic dosing
- **ANX005 PK and C1q target engagement**
- **NfL reduction in plasma**
- Exploratory clinical data

Summary

- **C1q-mediated synapse loss is a common pathway of neurodegeneration** and disability in multiple diseases, regardless of inciting etiology
- **Anti-C1q is protective in several disease models** of neurodegeneration including HD and ALS
- Elevation of **neurofilament light chain (NfL) is a common biomarker of neuronal damage across a host of neurodegenerative diseases** and correlates with patient disability
- Our **objective in Phase 2 studies of HD and ALS is to show reduction in NfL** as a demonstration of impact of anti-C1q on the neurodegenerative disease process

Closing Remarks & Q&A

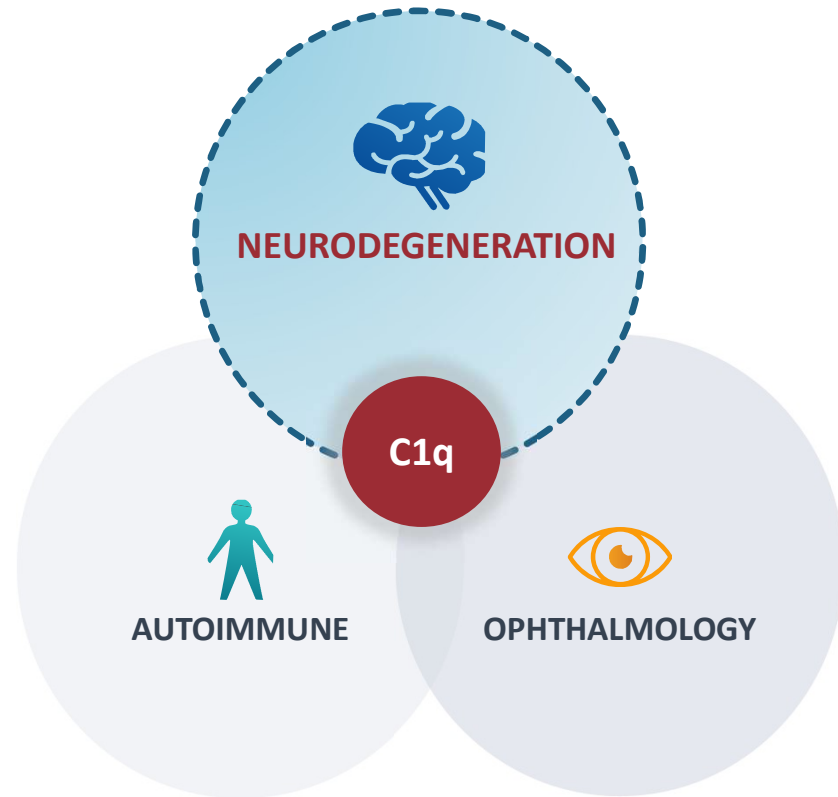


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Groundbreaking Approach Targeting Complement-Mediated Neurodegeneration (CMND)

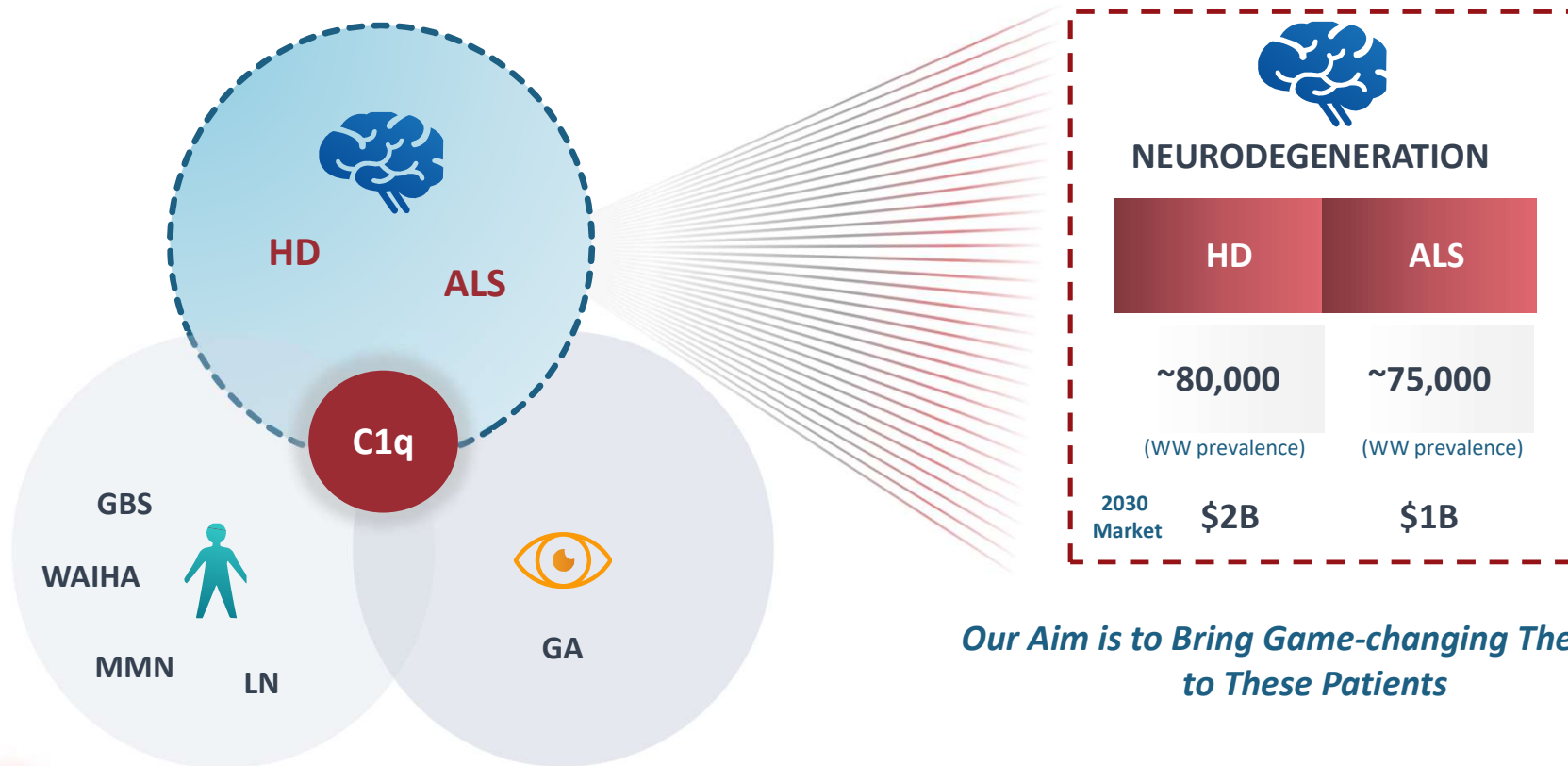


Unique Potential of Anti-C1q Platform

- **Pioneering Approach to Treat CMND:** Preserve functioning synapses, neuronal health & function
- **Broad Therapeutic Potential:** CMND major driver of neurodegeneration in a host of brain & eye diseases
- **Established Biomarker in Early Trials (NfL):** Correlates with patient disability; reduction shown to correlate with clinical benefit in multiple diseases
- **Early Platform Promise:** NfL reduction demonstrated in three diseases: GBS Ph1 POC, HD & ALS preclinical

Significant Patient Need Across Our Classical Pathway Platform

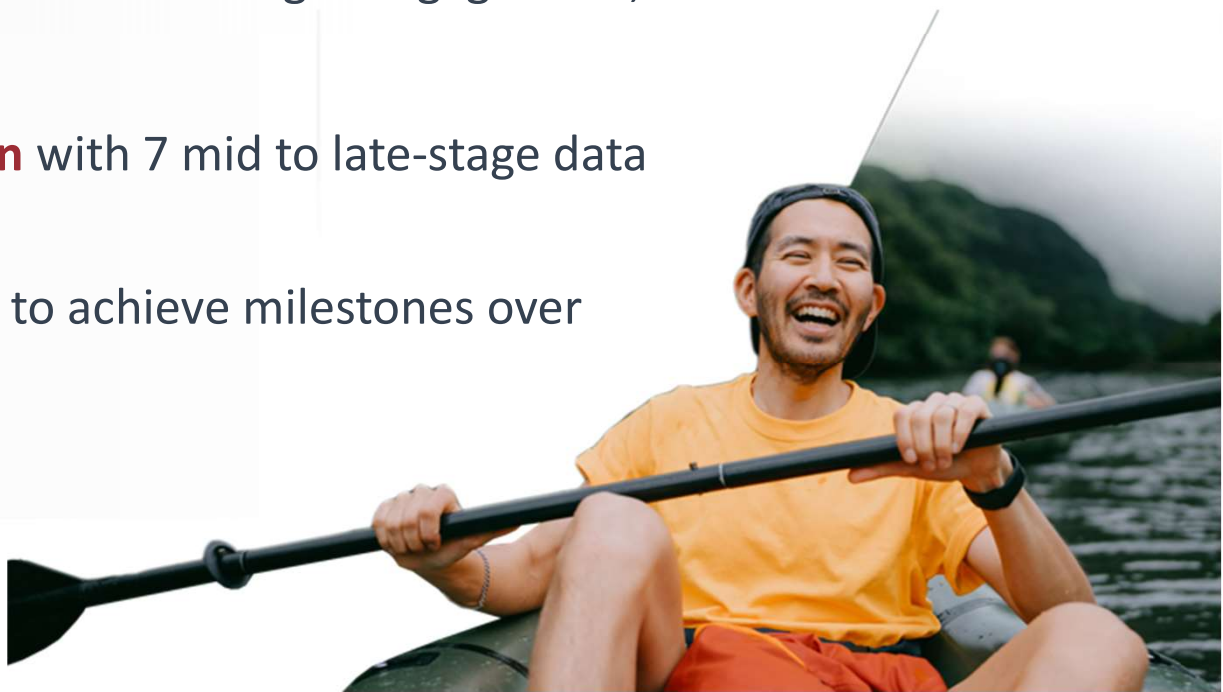
Neurodegeneration therapeutic area itself has immense need and value opportunity



Our Aim is to Bring Game-changing Therapies to These Patients

Annexon is Well-Positioned to Drive Significant Value Over the Next 2 Years

- **Anti-C1q platform with broad and deep applicability** across autoimmune, neurodegenerative & ophthalmic diseases
- **Platform foundation established** with robust target engagement, POC data and 5 diverse drug candidates
- **Poised for significant value creation** with 7 mid to late-stage data sets anticipated over next 2 years
- **Winning team and well capitalized** to achieve milestones over next 2 years



Thank You!