

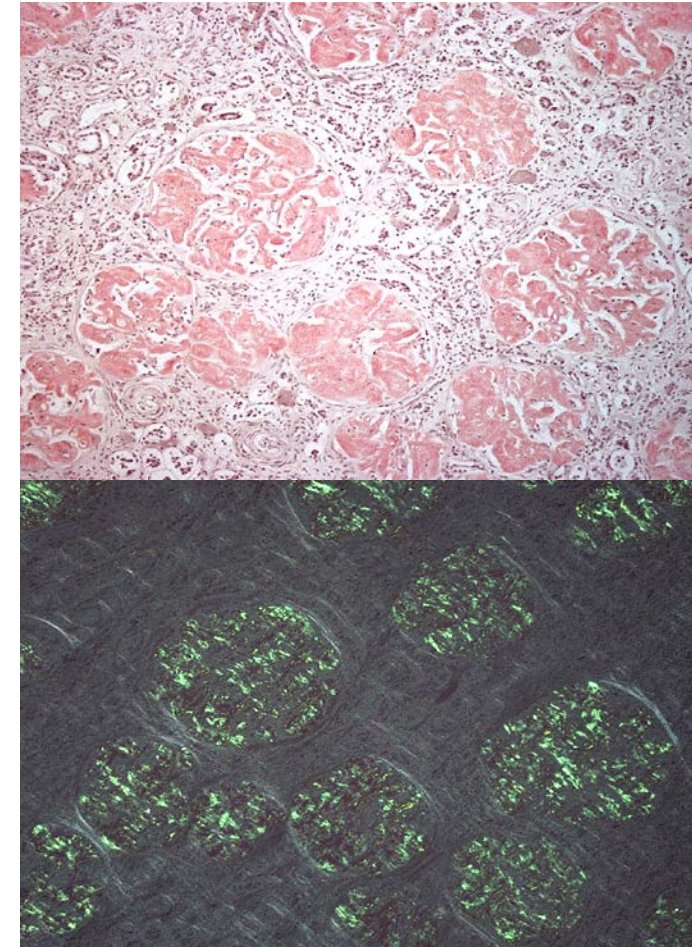
Breaking evolution in amyloidosis

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Amyloid & Amyloidosis

- Abnormal extracellular fibrillar protein deposit in tissues
- Pathognomonic green birefringence after Congo red staining
- >30 different amyloid proteins

Protein	Amyloid type	Clinical disease
Light chain	AL amyloidosis	Any organ
Amyloid A protein	AA amyloidosis	Kidneys
TTR	ATTR amyloidosis	Heart & nerves



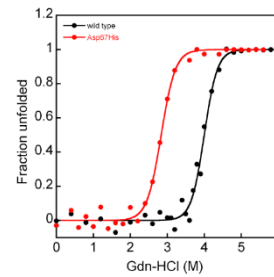
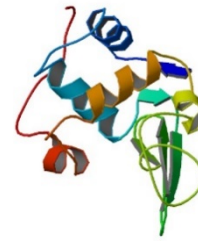
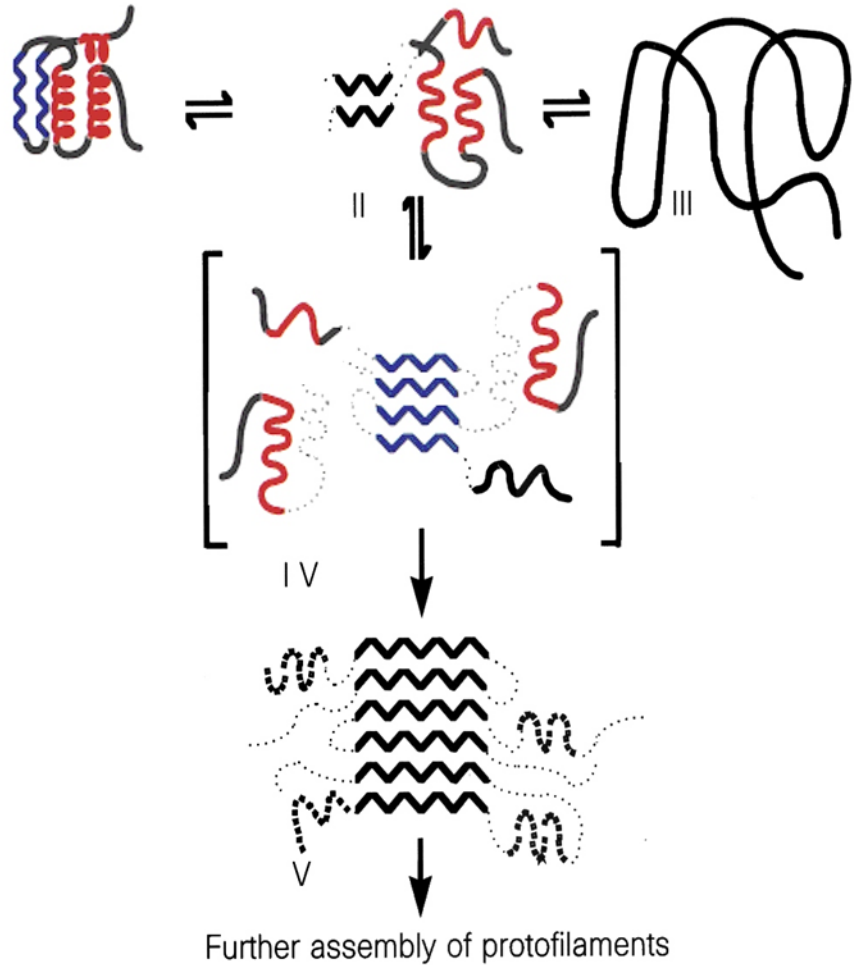
Amyloid fibrillogenesis *in vivo*

- Sustained high concentration of structurally normal protein: SAA, B₂M
- Production of structurally abnormal protein: mutated TTR, fibrinogen, apoA1, lysozyme, gelsolin, B₂M
- Normal concentration and structurally normal protein but at old age: wild-type ATTR amyloidosis

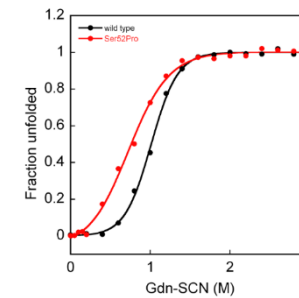
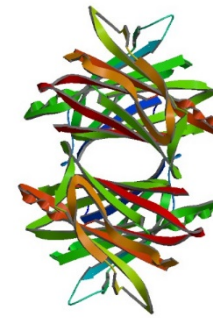
Misfolding & aggregation with typical cross- β polypeptide core structure

Instability of the folded state

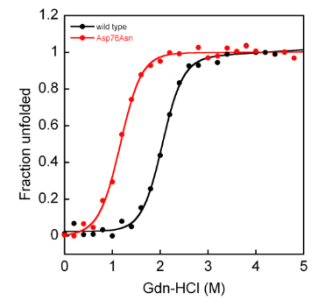
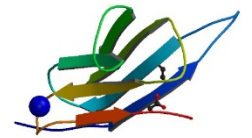
Lessons from hereditary amyloidoses



Lysozyme



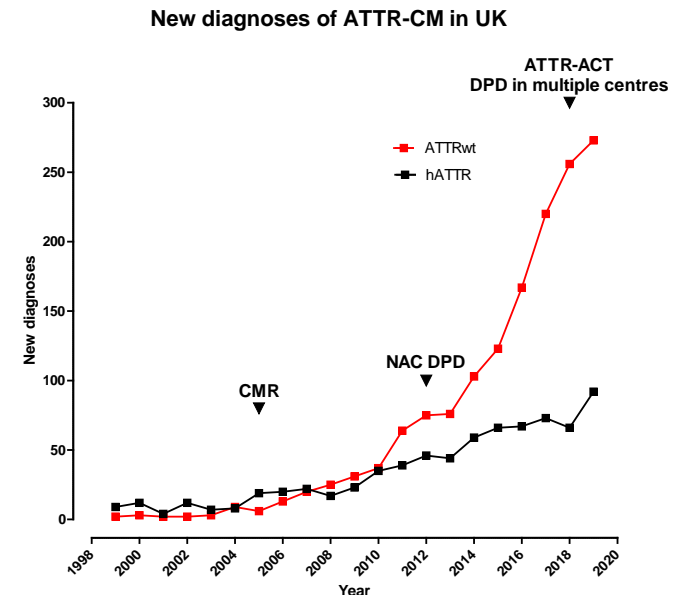
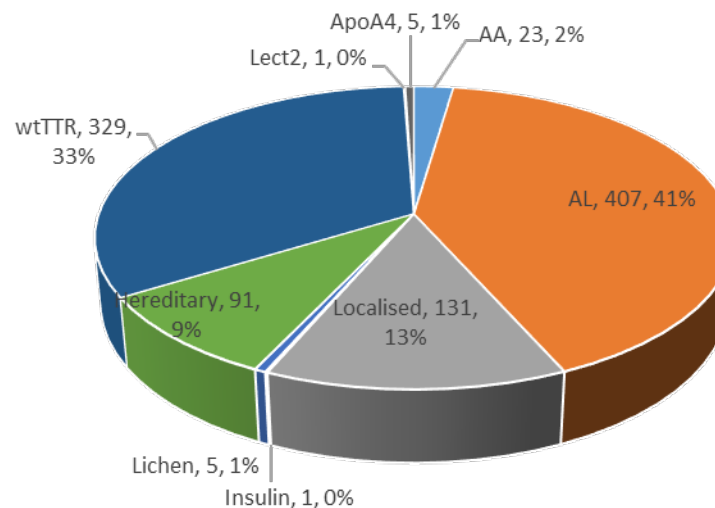
TTR



B₂M

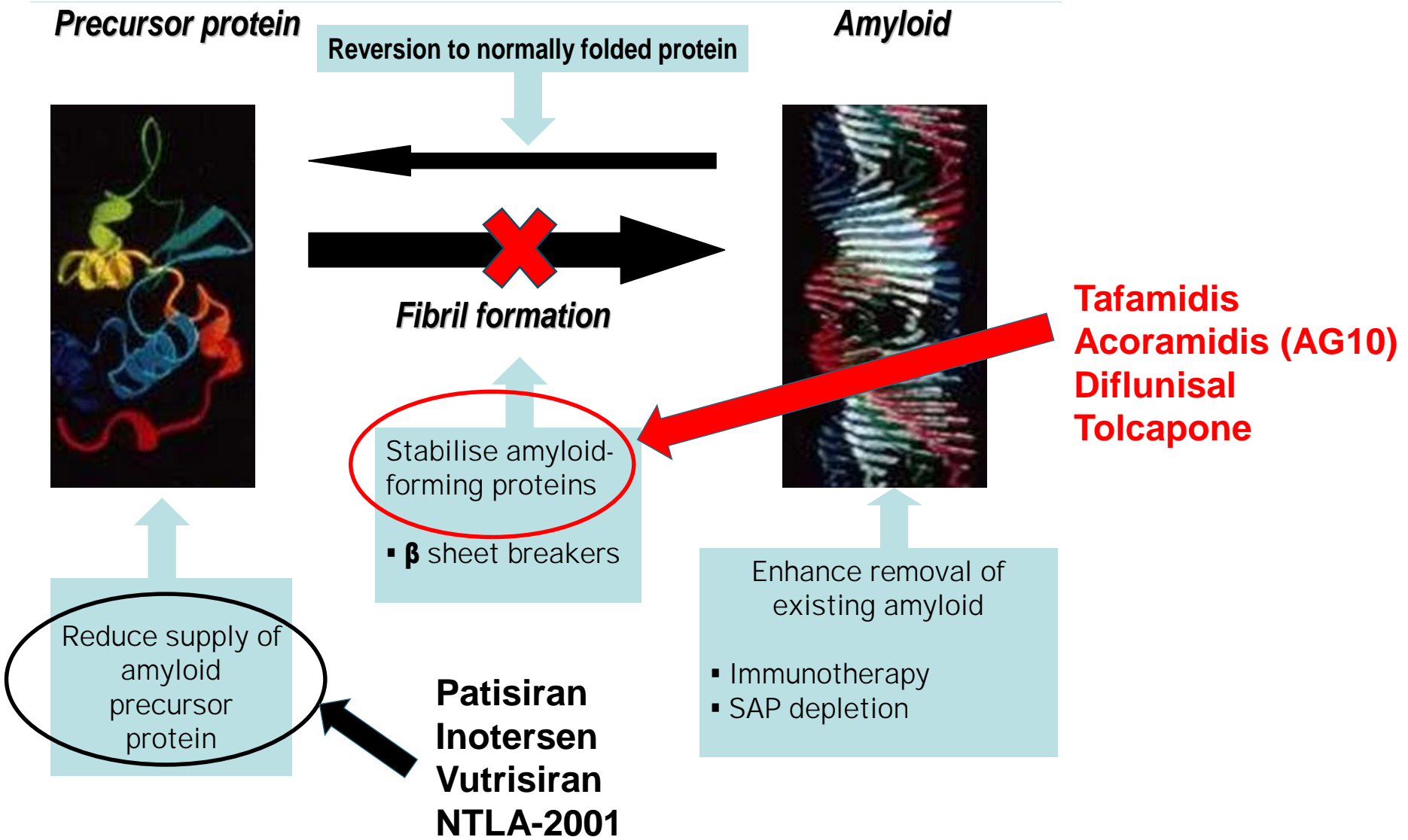
Transthyretin (ATTR) amyloidosis

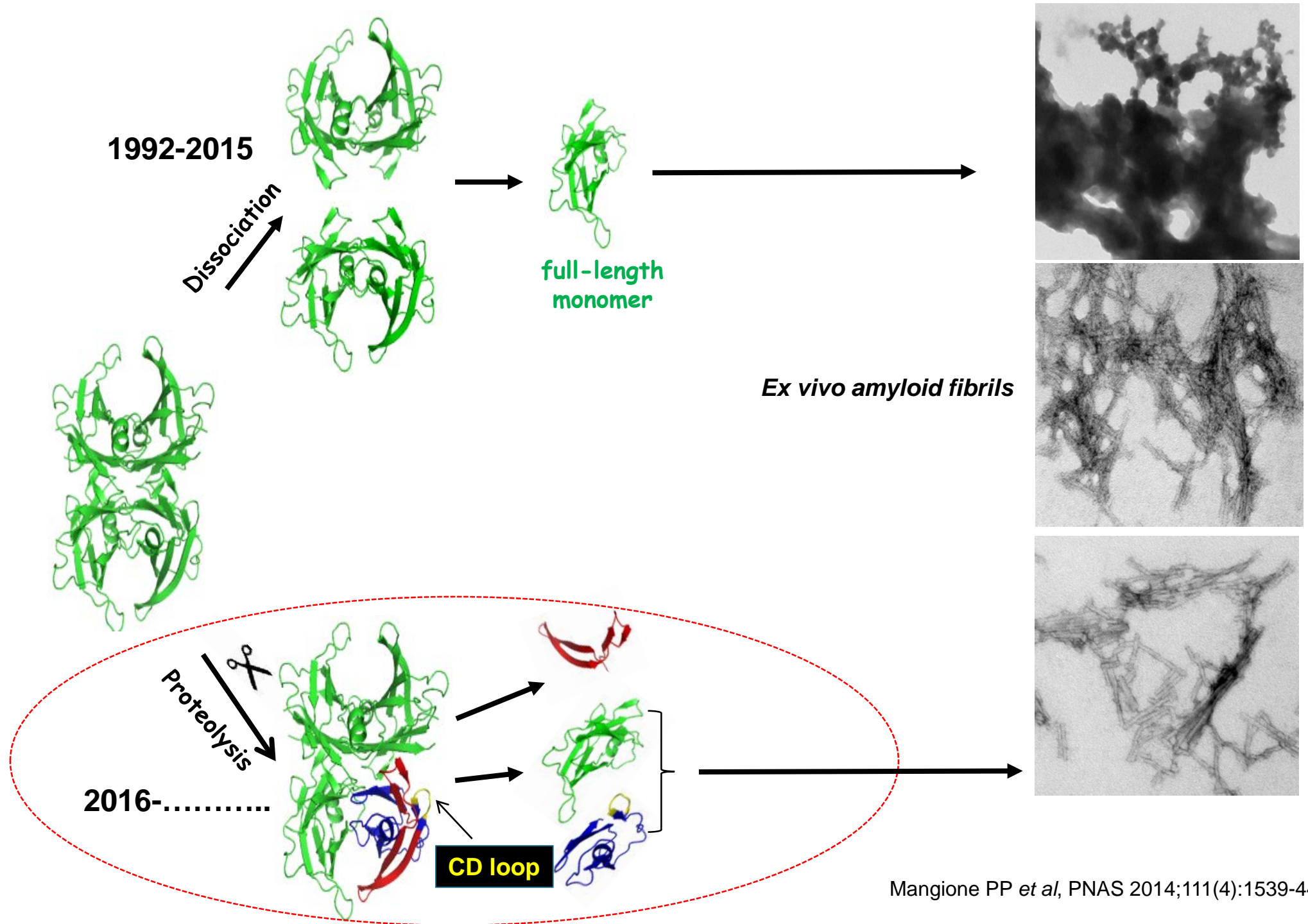
- Wild-type ATTR amyloidosis (ATTRwt) is a cardiomyopathy
 - Increasingly recognized cause of heart failure in over 50s
 - Almost certainly the commonest type of systemic amyloidosis
 - Progressive and fatal within 2-7 years
- Hereditary ATTR amyloidosis (ATTRv) usually causes cardiomyopathy and polyneuropathy
 - Progressive polyneuropathy with high disease burden
 - Fatal within 2-15 years



Lane T *et al*, *Circulation* 2019;140:16–26
Pinney *et al*, *J Am Heart Assoc* 2013;2: e000098
Tanskanen *et al*, *Ann Med* 2008;40:232–9
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Disease-modifying treatment strategies in (ATTR) amyloidosis

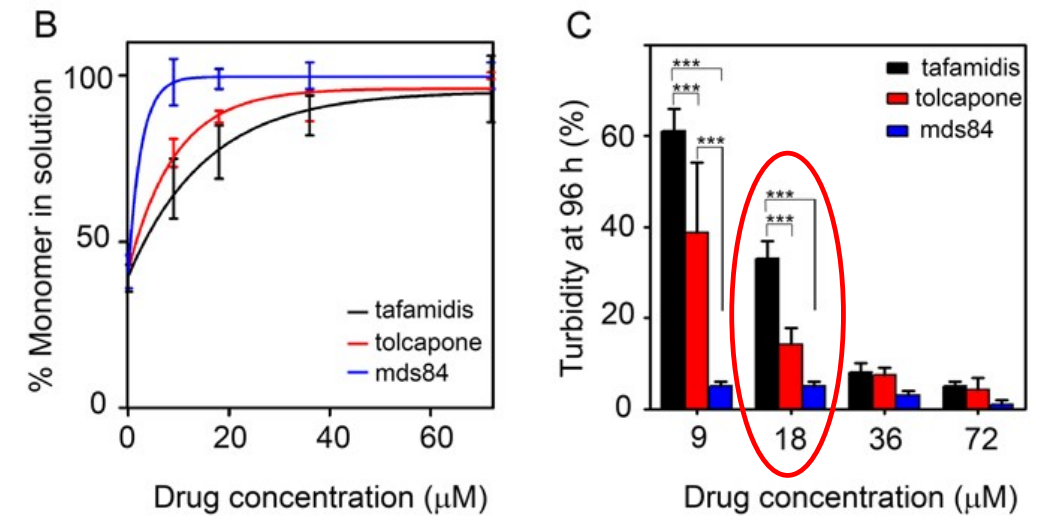
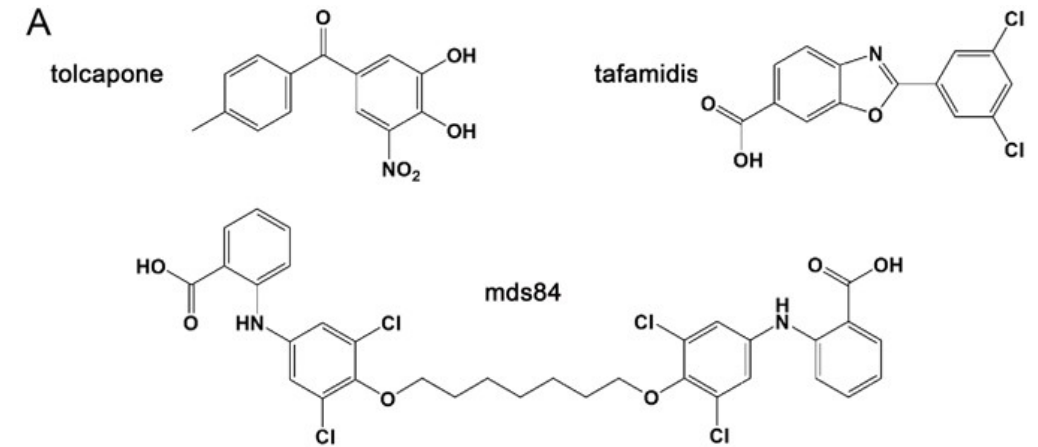




Inhibition of the mechano-enzymatic amyloidogenesis of transthyretin

Role of

- ligand affinity
- binding cooperativity
- occupancy of the inner channel



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ATTR

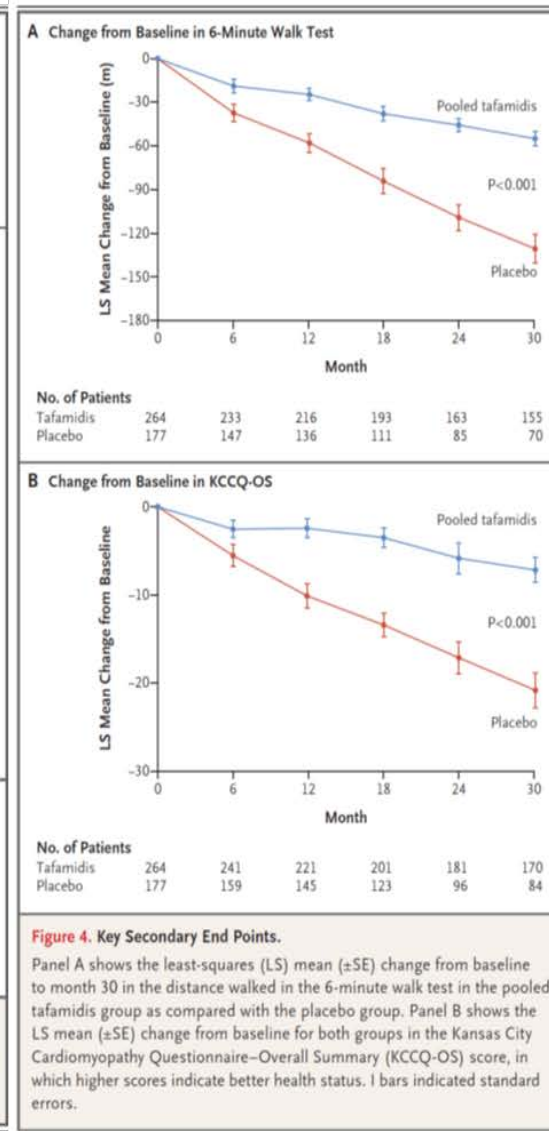
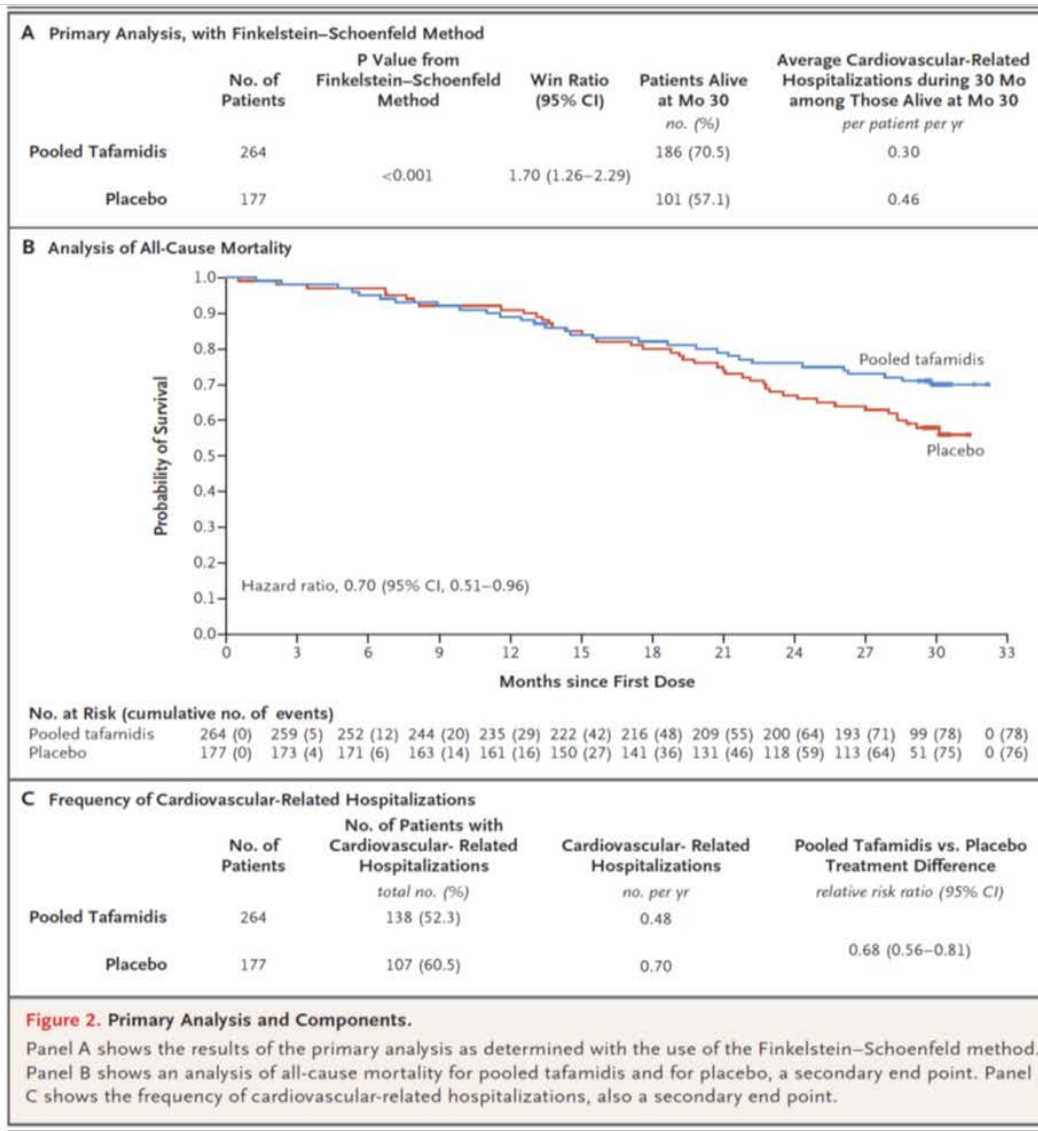
Developing small molecule stabilisers to stabilise transthyretin in systemic transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR)

Professor Sir Mark Pepys, Professor Vittorio Bellotti and their team at the Wellcome Drug Discovery Unit, UCL Centre for Amyloidosis and Acute Phase Proteins have identified a novel pathway leading to the progression of transthyretin amyloidosis, enabling the development of new therapeutics. This project's funding further analysis of the pathway for formation of amyloid deposits in this disease and identification of modulators of this pathway which will lead to the development of novel and patentable chemical entities to take forward into the clinic.

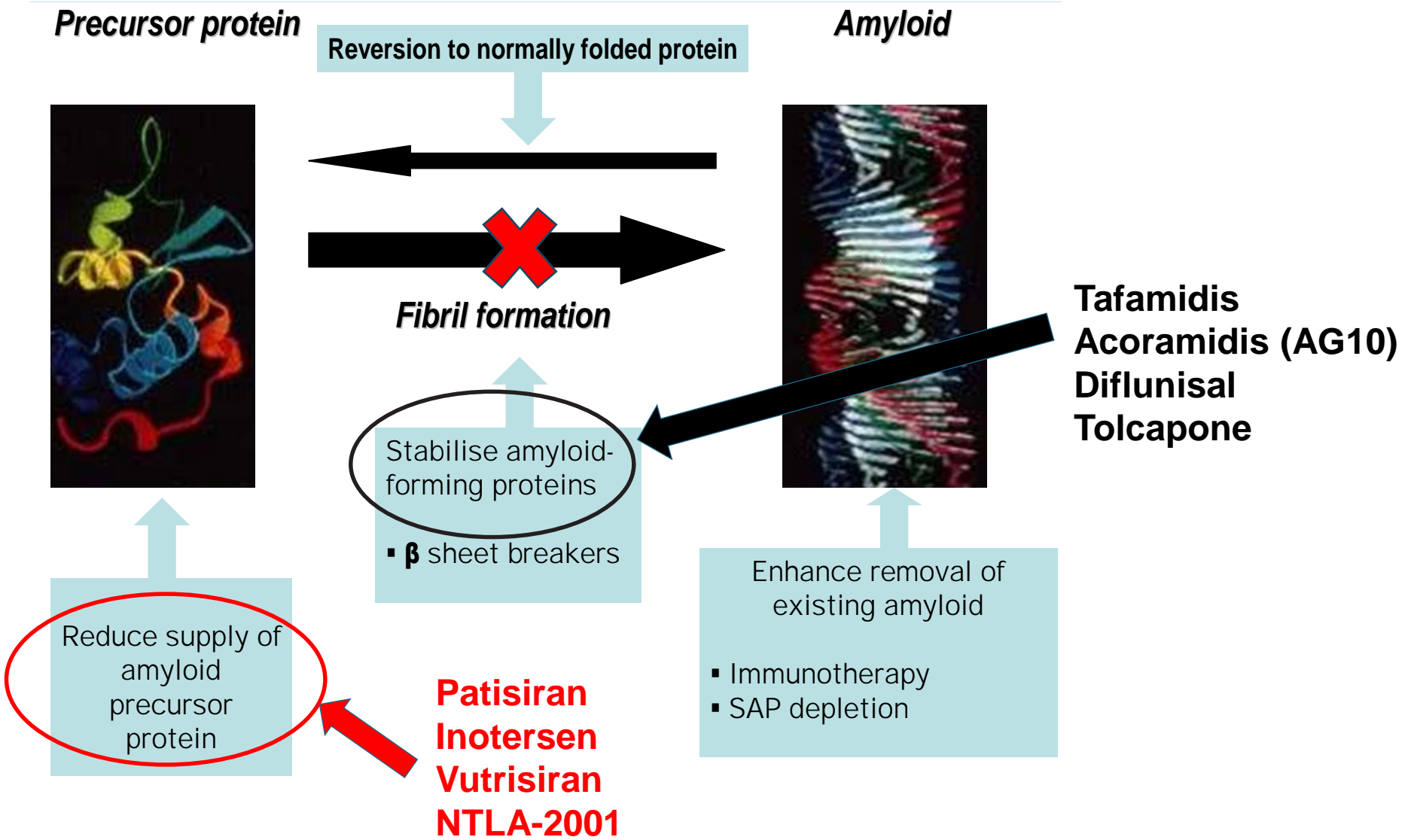
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ATTR-ACT study results



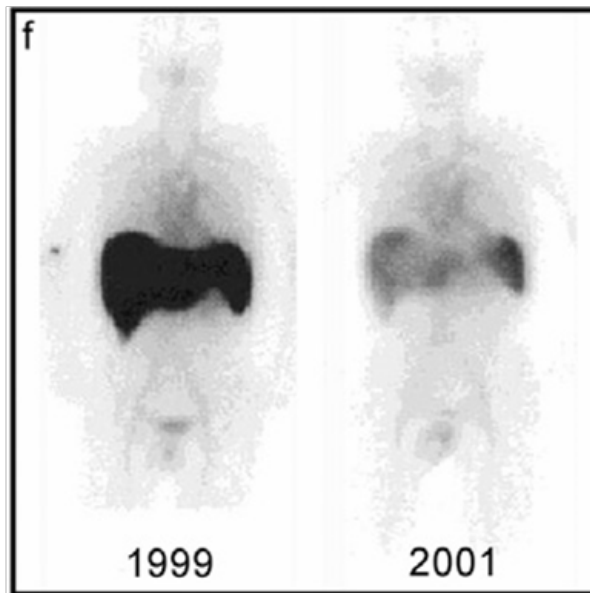
Disease-modifying treatment strategies in (ATTR) amyloidosis



Dynamic nature of amyloid deposits

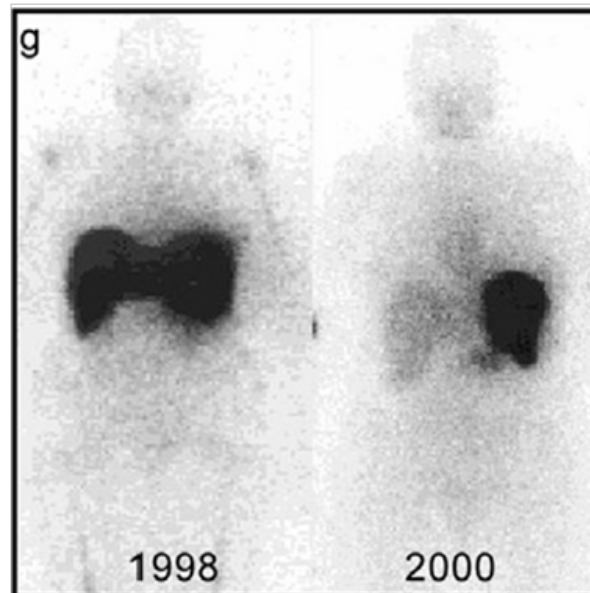
Regression of visceral amyloid deposits

AA amyloidosis¹



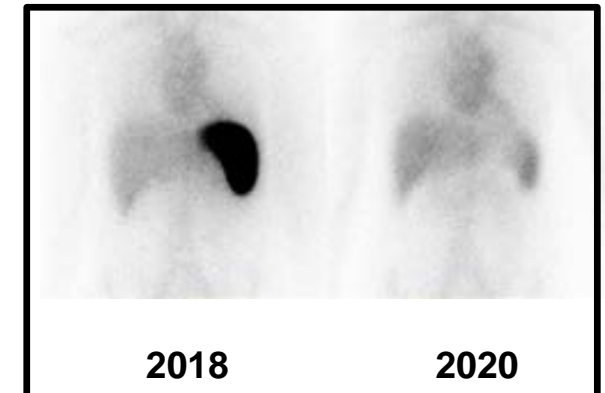
SAA suppression

AL amyloidosis²



Complete hematologic response

ATTR amyloidosis³

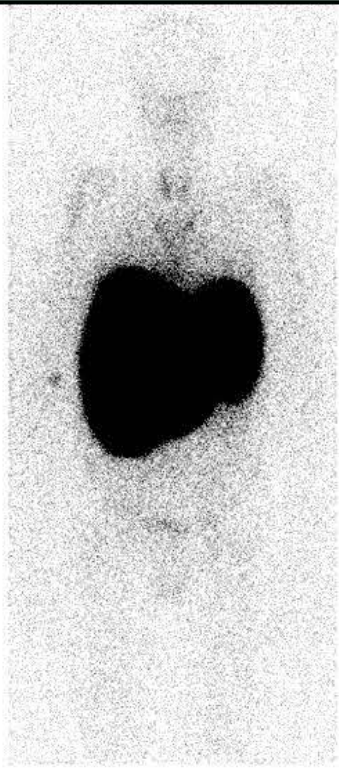


TTR knockdown with patisiran

¹Gillmore JD *et al*, Lancet 2001;358:24-29

²Lachmann HJ *et al*, BJH 2003;122:78-84

³Patel R *et al*, Amyloid 2021;28:269-270



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TTR-lowering RNAi therapy - Alnylam

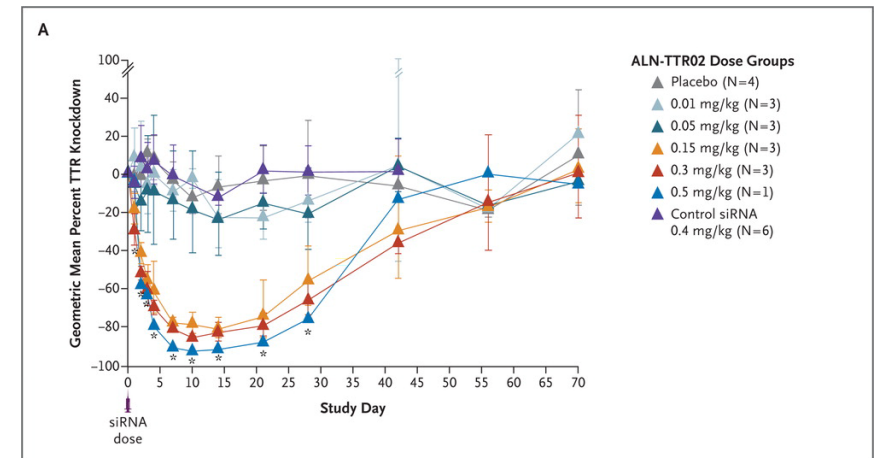
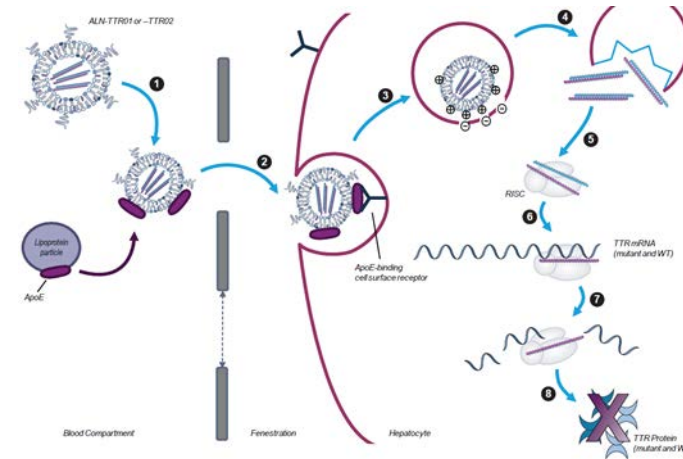
Design

Phase 1 - Healthy volunteer study

Dose escalation study

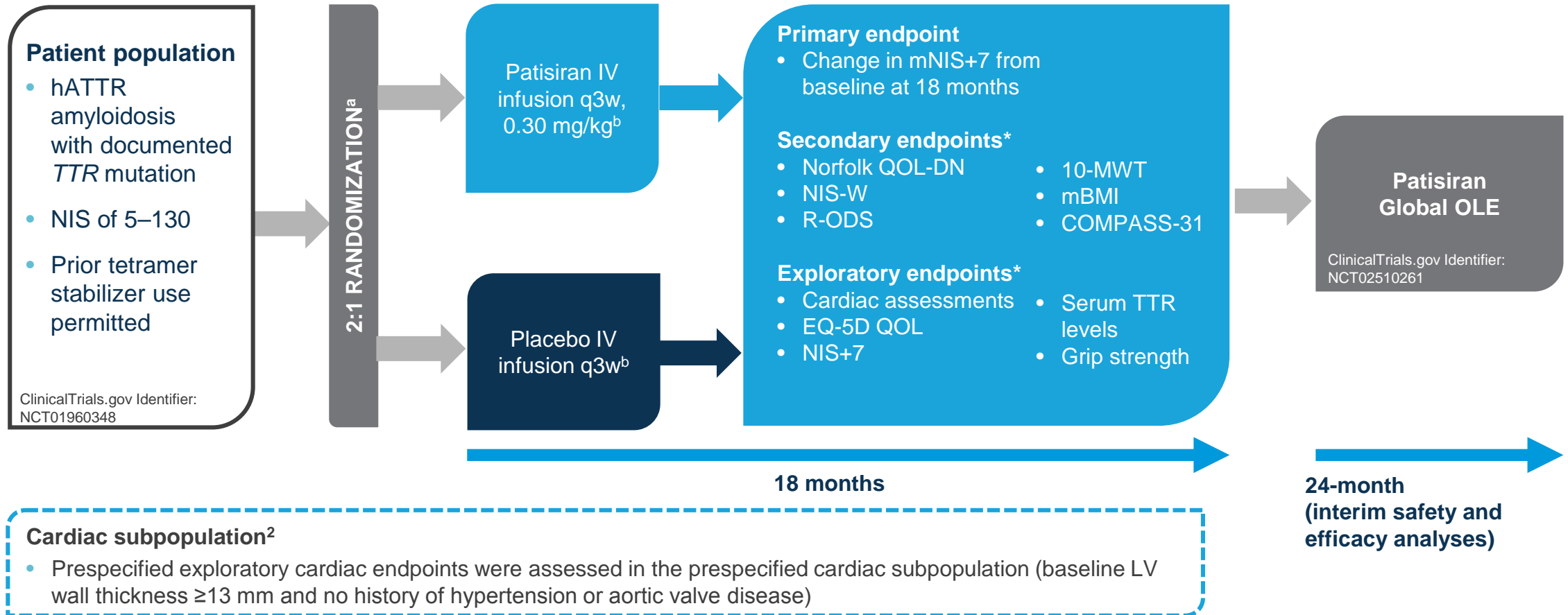
Results

- Plasma TTR concentration reduced by ~80%
- Mild injection site reactions only toxicity



APOLLO: A large, global study in hATTR amyloidosis with neuropathy

Phase 3 study design¹



^aStratification factors for randomization: NIS: <50 vs ≥ 50 , early-onset V30M (<50 years of age at onset) vs all other mutations (including late-onset V30M), and previous tetramer stabilizer use (tafamidis or diflunisal) vs no previous tetramer stabilizer use; ^bTo reduce likelihood of infusion-related reactions, patients received the following premedication or equivalent at least 60 minutes before each study drug infusion: dexamethasone; oral acetaminophen/paracetamol; H2 blocker (e.g. ranitidine or famotidine); and H1 blocker (e.g. diphenhydramine); *Evaluated change from baseline to 18 months for each endpoint

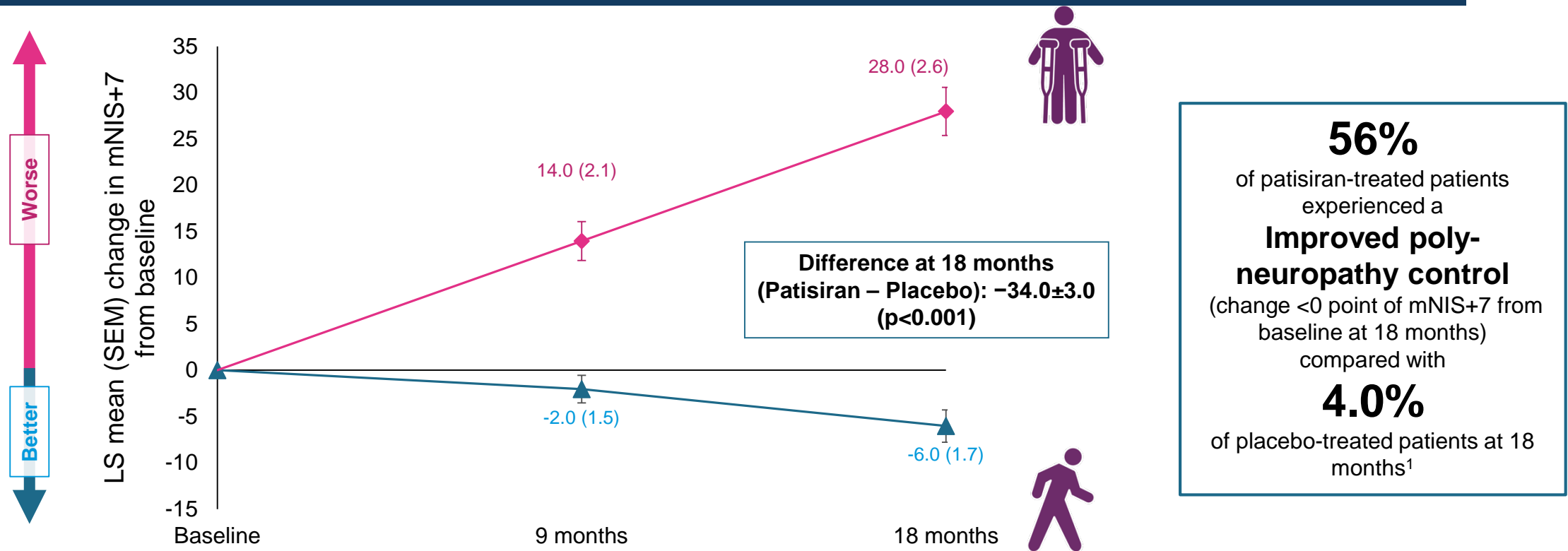
10-MWT, 10-meter walk test; COMPASS-31, composite autonomic symptom score 31; EQ-5D QOL, EuroQol 5-Dimensions quality of life questionnaire; hATTR, hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis; IV, intravenous; LV, left ventricular; mBMI, modified body mass index; mNIS+7, modified Neuropathy Impairment Score +7; NIS-W, Neuropathy Impairment Score – Weakness; Norfolk QOL-DN, Norfolk Quality of Life Questionnaire–Diabetic Neuropathy; OLE, open-label extension; q3w, once every 3 weeks; R-ODS, Rasch-built Overall Disability Scale; TTR, transthyretin

1. Adams D et al. BMC Neurology 2017;17:181; 2. Adams D et al. N Engl J Med 2018;379:11–21.

APOLLO: Polyneuropathy score was improved from baseline by patisiran treatment¹

Progression of polyneuropathy in the placebo arm was consistent with the natural progression of the disease described in previous studies¹⁻³

APOLLO: Change in mNIS+7 from baseline to 18 months (primary endpoint)¹

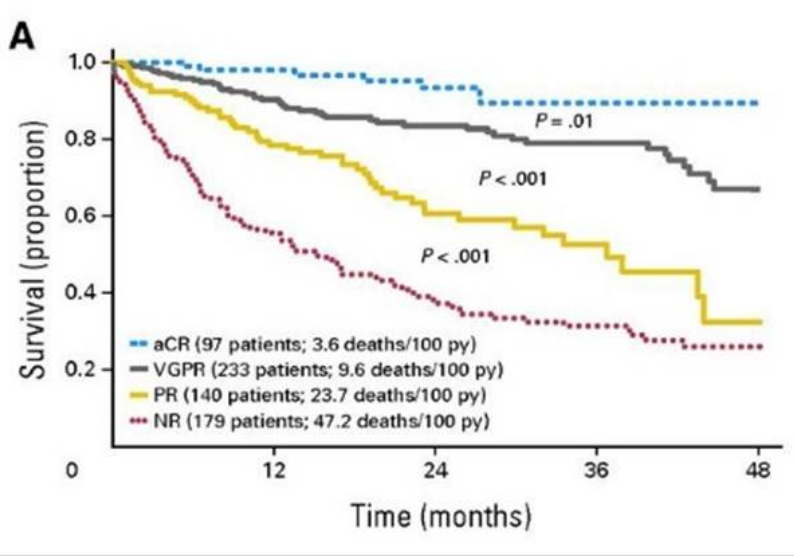


LS, least squares; mNIS+7, modified Neuropathy Impairment Score +7; SEM, standard error of mean

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Importance of magnitude of knockdown of fibril precursor protein in amyloidosis

AL amyloidosis



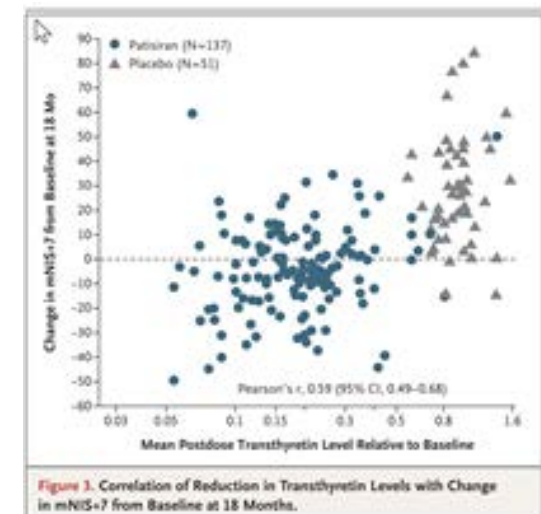
AA amyloidosis

Table 3. Unadjusted Relative Risk of Death Associated with the Most Recent Median Annual SAA Concentration during Follow-up.*

SAA Octile (mg/liter)	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
<4	1.0	
≥4 to <9	3.9 (1.5–10.4)	0.007
≥9 to <16.7	5.1 (2.7–9.4)	0.003
≥16.7 to <28	7.0 (3.7–13.4)	0.07
≥28 to <45.6	9.1 (4.8–17.2)	0.008
≥45.6 to <87	12.1 (6.9–21.4)	<0.001
≥87 to <155	17.0 (8.6–33.8)	<0.001
≥155	17.7 (8.7–36.0)	<0.001

* The SAA value is the median concentration within each 12-month period and was incorporated into the Cox regression model as a time-dependent covariate.

ATTR amyloidosis



Regression of cardiac AL amyloid deposits

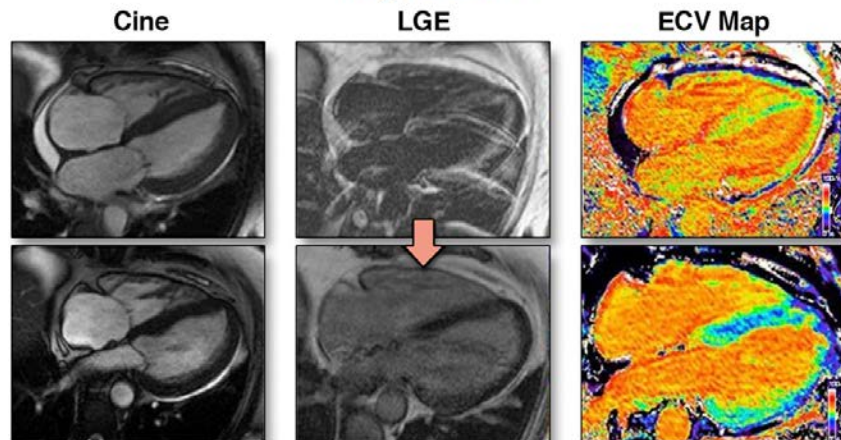
Table 2 Biomarkers, echocardiographic and cardiovascular magnetic resonance findings in patients with AL according to extracellular volume changes by cardiovascular magnetic resonance at 1-year post-chemotherapy

	Regressors (N = 27)			Stable (N = 67)			Progressors (N = 27)		
	Baseline	1 year	P-value	Baseline	1 year	P-value	Baseline	1 year	P-value
Clonal response		CR = 20 (74%) VGPR = 7 (26%)			CR = 24 (36%) VGPR = 24 (36%) PR = 12 (18%) NR = 7 (10%)			CR = 6 (22%) VGPR = 4 (15%) PR = 14 (52%) NR = 3 (11%)	

Table 3 Biomarkers, echocardiographic and cardiovascular magnetic resonance findings in patients with systemic light-chain according to extracellular volume changes by cardiovascular magnetic resonance at 2 years post-chemotherapy

	Regressors (N = 41)			Stable (N = 52)			Progressors (N = 15)		
	Baseline	2 years	P-value	Baseline	2 years	P-value	Baseline	2 years	P-value
Clonal response		CR = 30 (73%) VGPR = 11 (27%)			CR = 24 (46%) VGPR = 18 (35%) PR = 8 (15%) NR = 2 (4%)			CR = 1 (7%) VGPR = 2 (13%) PR = 10 (67%) NR = 2 (13%)	

Regression



Potential for gene editing to address unmet need For ATTR amyloidosis

- Existing gene silencing therapies knock serum TTR down by ~80% (mean) and benefit neuropathy^{1,2} and cardiomyopathy³ in ATTRv
- Some patients on these treatments continue to experience debilitating effects and die from their disease
- Gene silencing therapies have to be administered repeatedly and lifelong
- Greater TTR knockdown is expected to achieve better clinical outcomes, and may potentially reverse the disease
- Editing of the *TTR* gene is an attractive alternative therapeutic strategy
- **Potentially providing permanent, profound TTR knockdown, without the need for chronic therapy**

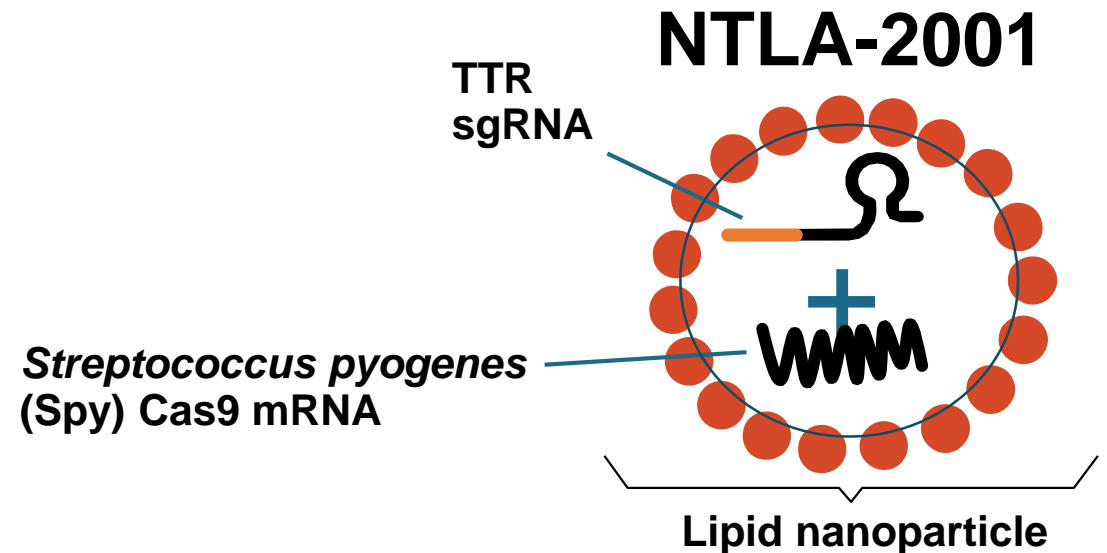
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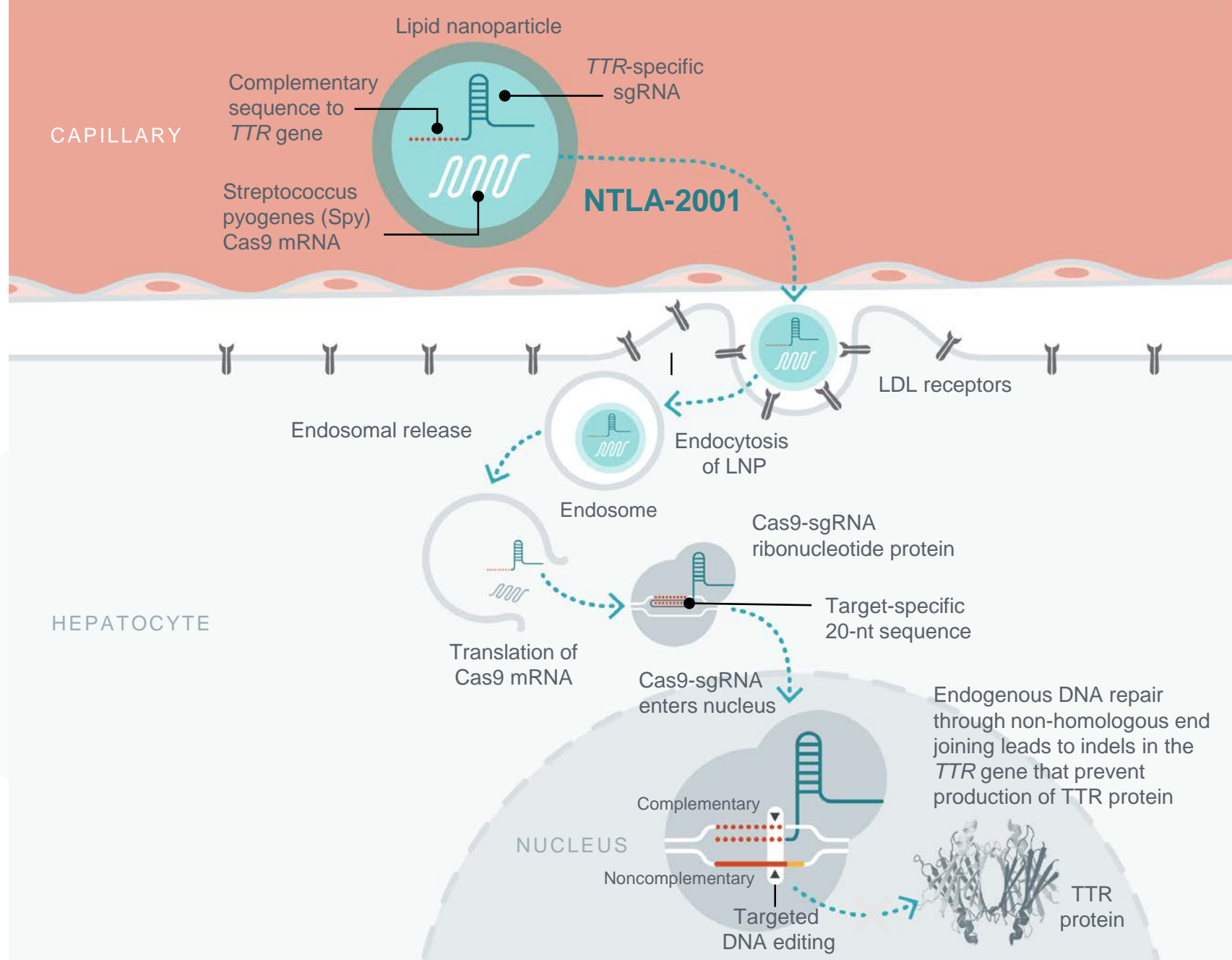
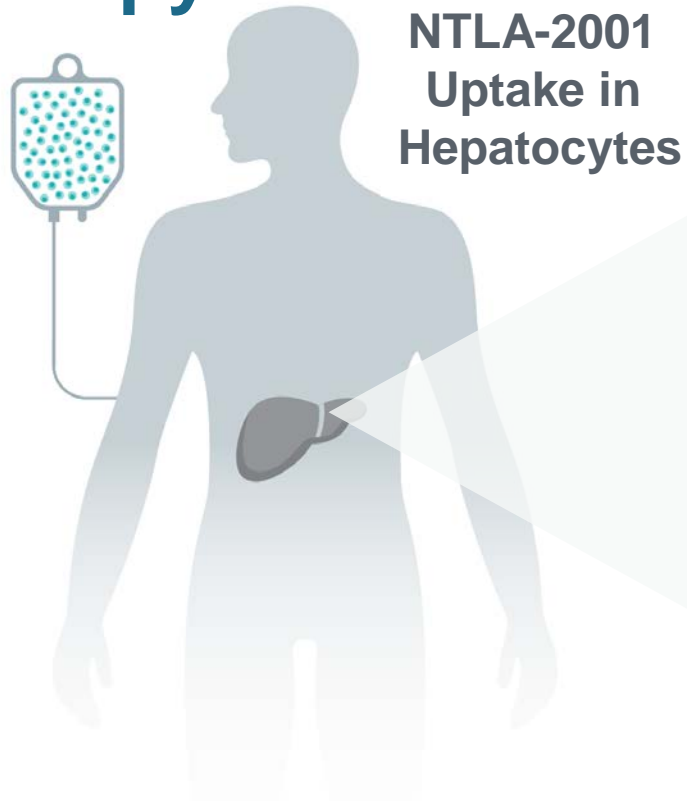
3. Solomon SD *et al*, Circulation 2019;139:431–443

CRISPR/Cas9-based gene editing

- CRISPR is a naturally occurring biological defence mechanism in bacteria
- Doudna & Charpentier showed how it could be used as a 'cut and paste' tool for editing gene sequences
- Nobel prize for Chemistry, 2020
- NTLA-2001 is the first investigational in vivo CRISPR-Cas9 based therapeutic
- **BUT** importantly, therapeutic platform is modular



NTLA-2001 is a novel, investigational CRISPR/Cas9-based *in vivo* gene editing therapy



Rigorous process to select sgRNA for NTLA-2001 to achieve both potent on-target and no detectable off-target editing

1 IDENTIFICATION

Conduct computational analysis to identify potential CRISPR-candidate sites for knockout and then eliminate sites containing *TTR* pathogenic variants, common SNPs and sequences with high off-target potential

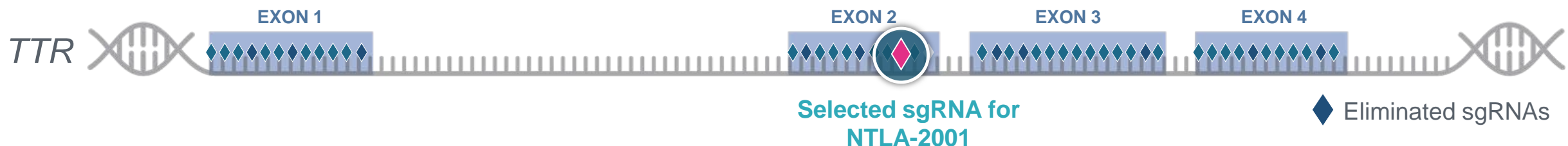
2 CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

Synthesize pool of initial sgRNAs and test rigorously for knockout efficiency, off-target editing and genotoxicity (including SVs), using human cells and animal models

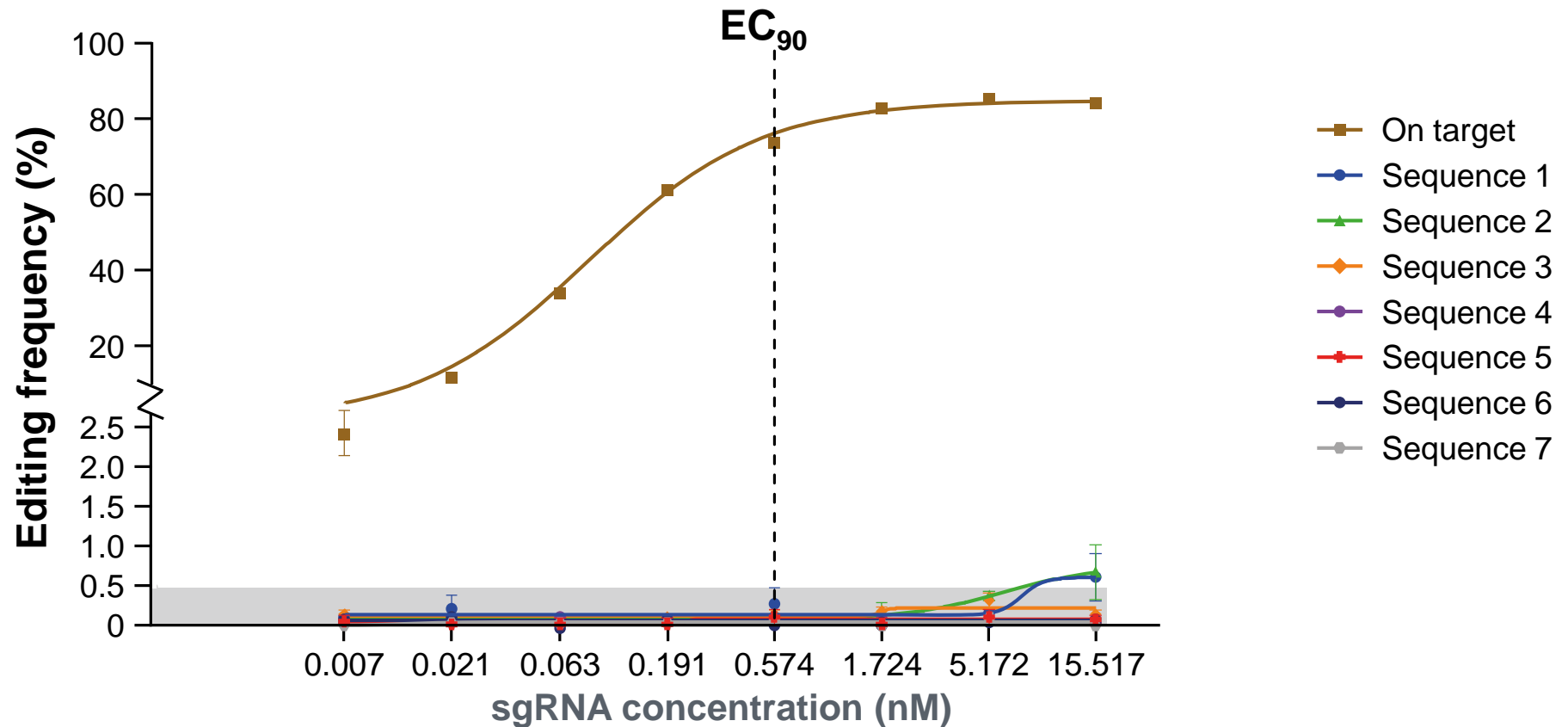
- Multiple methods: *in silico*, biochemical/cell-based assays and image-based methods

3 VALIDATION AND FINAL SELECTION

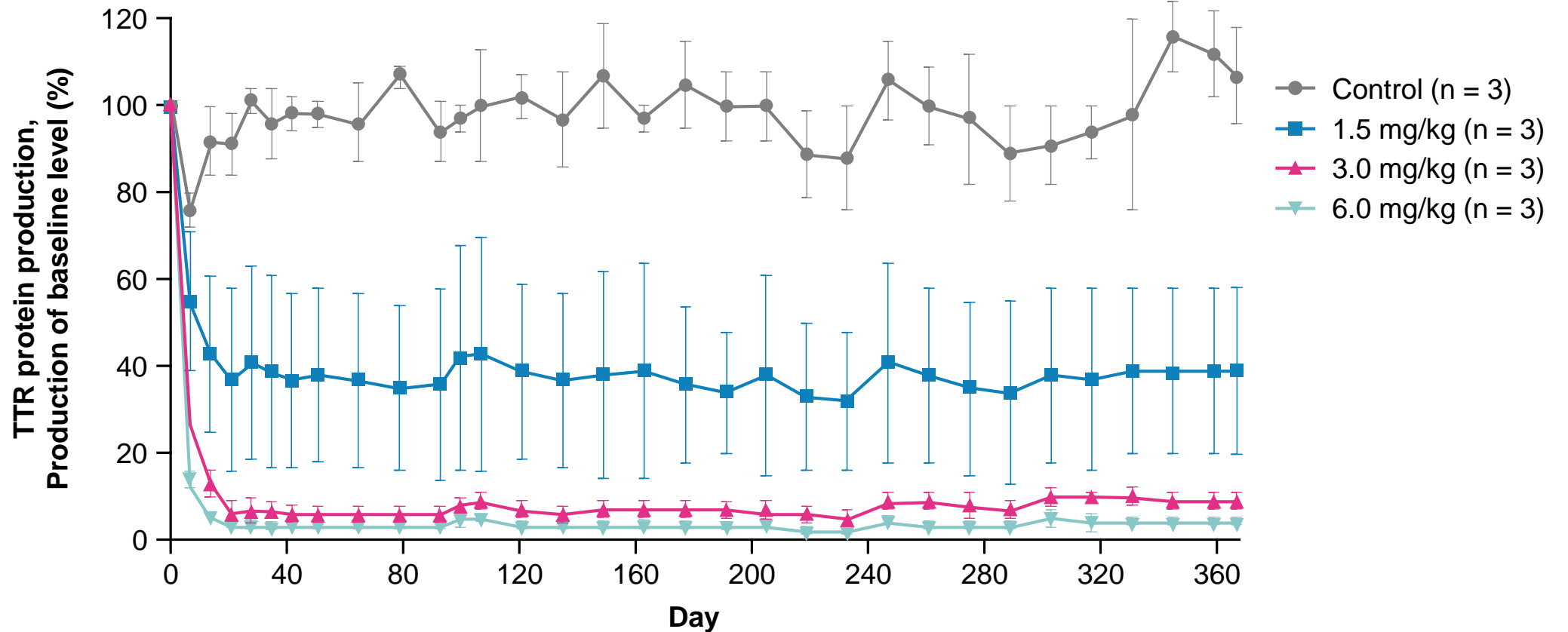
Select sgRNA with the highest on-target knockout efficiency and no detectable off-target potential at multiples of human therapeutic dose



In Vitro: No detectable off-target editing with pharmacologic concentration of sgRNA



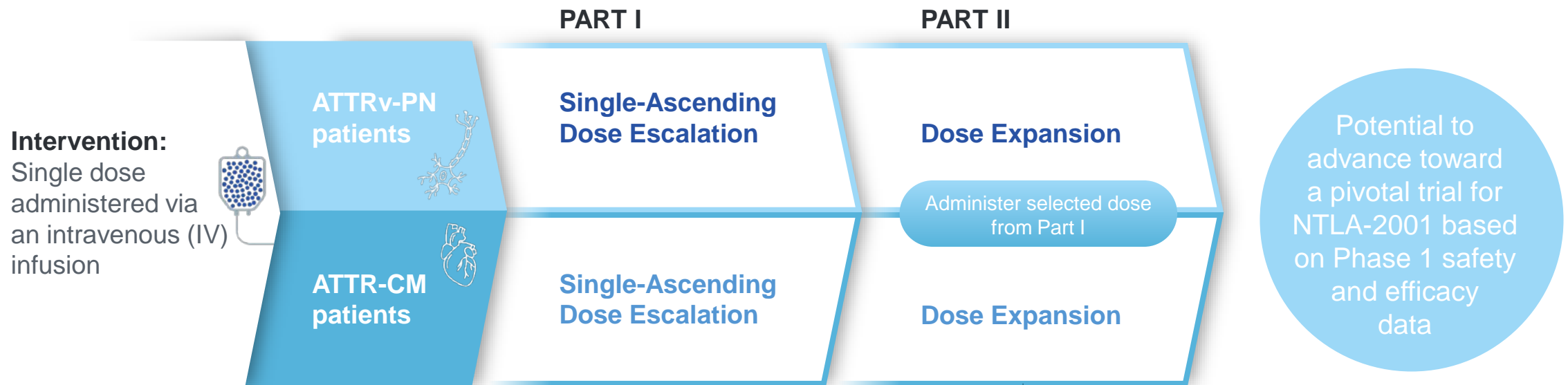
Pre-clinical *in vivo* study in NHP



Durable, >95% TTR reduction after a single dose

NTLA-2001 expanded Phase 1 study

Two-part, open-label, multi-center study in adults with hereditary ATTR with polyneuropathy (ATTRv-PN) or ATTR amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)



PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Evaluate safety, tolerability, PK and PD

- Measure serum TTR levels

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

Evaluate efficacy on clinical measures of:

- Neurologic function in subjects with ATTRv-PN
- Cardiac disease in subjects with ATTR-CM

The trial consent process

- First ever human to receive a drug which permanently 'edits' a gene in the body
- Risk of short term toxicity (hepatotoxicity, infusion reaction or cytokine activation)
- Risk of long term toxicity (off target editing and cancer)
- Uncertain biochemical effect but at low dose, likely modest (re-treatment possible?)
- At therapeutic dose, risk of profound TTR knockdown (RNAi experience)
- Uncertain clinical effect (hypothesis rather than fact)
- Uncertain biochemical & clinical duration
- But possibility of single infusional 'Rolls Royce' treatment

ATTRv-PN: NTLA-2001 generally well tolerated at all dose levels through the follow-up period

- **Across all dose levels, the most frequent adverse events* were headache, infusion-related reactions, back pain, rash† and nausea**
 - Majority of adverse events were mild in severity with 73% (n=11) of patients reporting a maximal adverse event severity of Grade 1
 - All infusion-related reactions were considered mild, resolving without clinical sequelae
 - All patients received a complete study dose of NTLA-2001
- **A single possibly-related Grade 3 event (SAE) of vomiting was reported at the 1.0 mg/kg dose in a patient with underlying gastroparesis**
 - 1.0 mg/kg dose level expanded per protocol to 6 patients to further characterize safety and PD
- **Maximally tolerated dose was not reached**

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Median follow-up for all subjects is 6 months

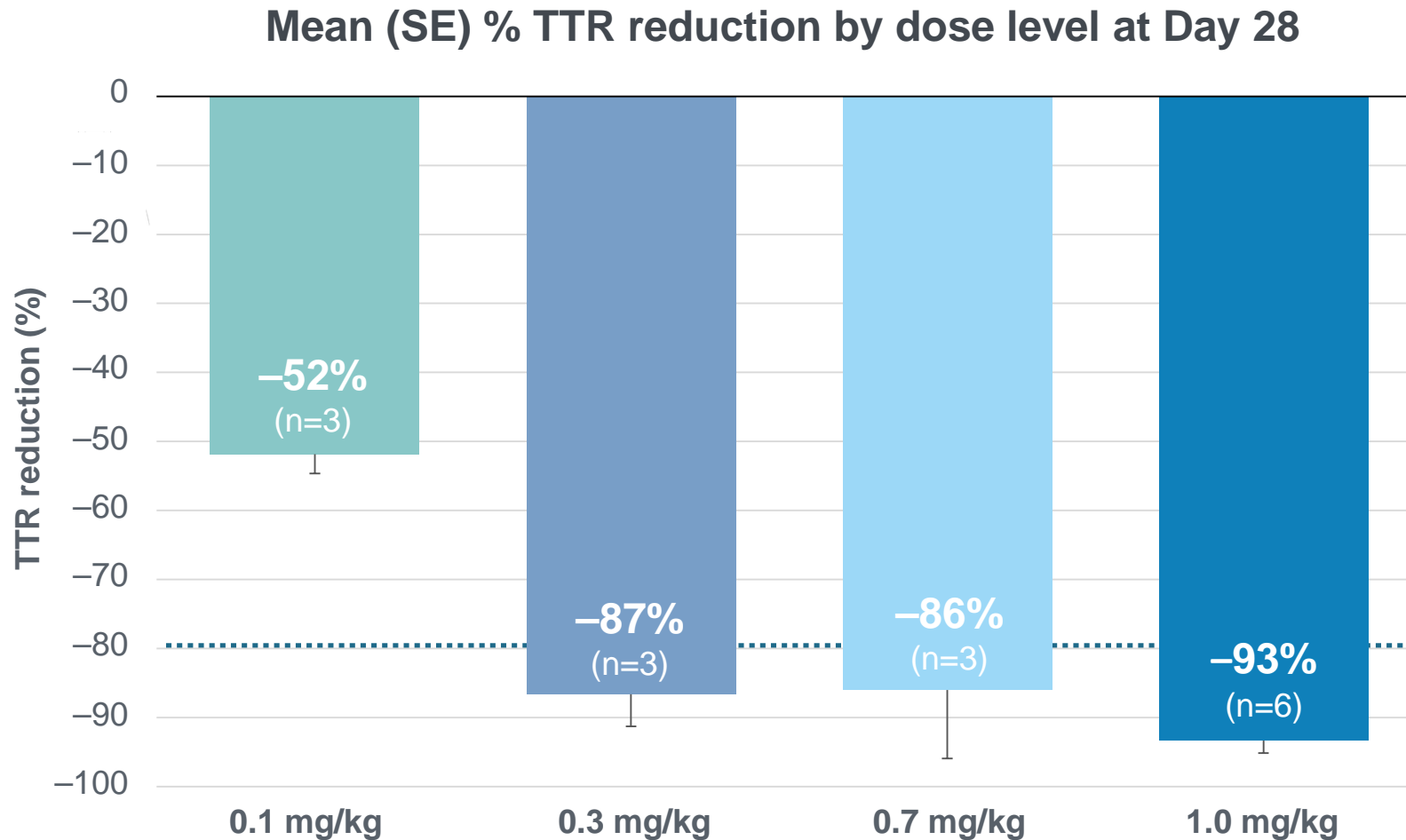
* Related and unrelated events in more than 2 patients

† Date of onset D6–D145; all mild in severity

PD, pharmacodynamics; SAE, serious adverse event

Source: Intellia Therapeutics - As presented on June 24 at EASL's International Liver Congress 2022

Dose-dependent reductions in serum TTR



Dashed line represents the targeted minimum reduction
SE, standard error; TTR, transthyretin

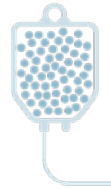
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NTLA-2001 Phase 1 study: Cardiomyopathy arm

Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy (ATTRv-CM)
or wild-type cardiomyopathy (ATTRwt-CM), NYHA Class I - III



Intervention:
Single dose
administered via an
intravenous (IV) infusion



PART I – DOSING COMPLETE Single-Ascending Dose

1.0 mg/kg NYHA Class I/II
(n=3)

0.7 mg/kg NYHA Class III
(n=6)

0.7 mg/kg NYHA Class I/II
(n=3)

PART II Dose Expansion

55 mg

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Evaluate safety, tolerability, PK and PD

- Measure serum TTR levels

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

Evaluate efficacy on clinical measures of cardiac disease

- Cardiac imaging, biomarkers, cardiopulmonary exercise test, 6MWT



Patient demographics & characteristics

Parameter	NYHA Class I/II 0.7 mg/kg n = 3	NYHA Class III 0.7 mg/kg n = 6	NYHA Class I/II 1.0 mg/kg n = 3	All patients N = 12
Median age, years (min, max)	74 (71, 75)	78 (75, 86)	71 (68, 72)	75 (68, 86)
Sex, n (%) Male	3 (100%)	6 (100%)	3 (100%)	12 (100%)
Median weight, kg (min, max)	85 (63, 88)	86 (71, 106)	85 (75, 88)	85 (63, 106)
TTR genotype, n (%)				
p.V142I	–	–	1 (33%)	1 (8%)
p.T80A	–	1 (17%)	–	1 (8%)
WT	3 (100%)	5 (83%)	2 (67%)	10 (83%)
NYHA classification, n (%)				
I	1 (33%)	–	–	1 (8%)
II	2 (67%)	–	3 (100%)	5 (42%)
III	–	6 (100%)	–	6 (50%)
Median NT-proBNP, ng/L (min, max)	2480 (2103, 3637)	2463 (2112, 16690)	2408 (1607, 3474)	2461 (1607, 16690)

NTLA-2001 was generally well-tolerated across all cohorts through the follow-up period

- **Across all cohorts, majority of adverse events were mild in severity**
 - 25% (n=3) of patients reported no AEs and 67% (n=8) reported mild or moderate AEs as their highest severity
 - Infusion-related reactions were reported in 2 patients
 - All patients received a complete study dose of NTLA-2001
- **A single Grade 3 infusion-related reaction was reported at the 0.7 mg/kg dose in a NYHA Class III patient and resolved without any clinical sequelae**
 - NYHA Class III 0.7 mg/kg dose level cohort expanded per protocol to 6 patients to further characterize safety and PD
 - No additional patients reported a treatment-related AE higher than Grade 1
- **No clinically significant laboratory findings**
 - Transient Grade 1 liver enzyme elevations observed

Majority of adverse events were mild in severity

Parameter	NYHA Class I/II 0.7 mg/kg n = 3			NYHA Class III 0.7 mg/kg n = 6			NYHA Class I/II 1.0 mg/kg n = 3			All Patients N = 12		
	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3
Patients with at least one TEAE	2	–	–	3	1*	1	1	1†	–	6	2	1
Infusion-related reaction	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	1
COVID-19	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	2	–	–

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TEAEs occurring in ≥ 2 Patients

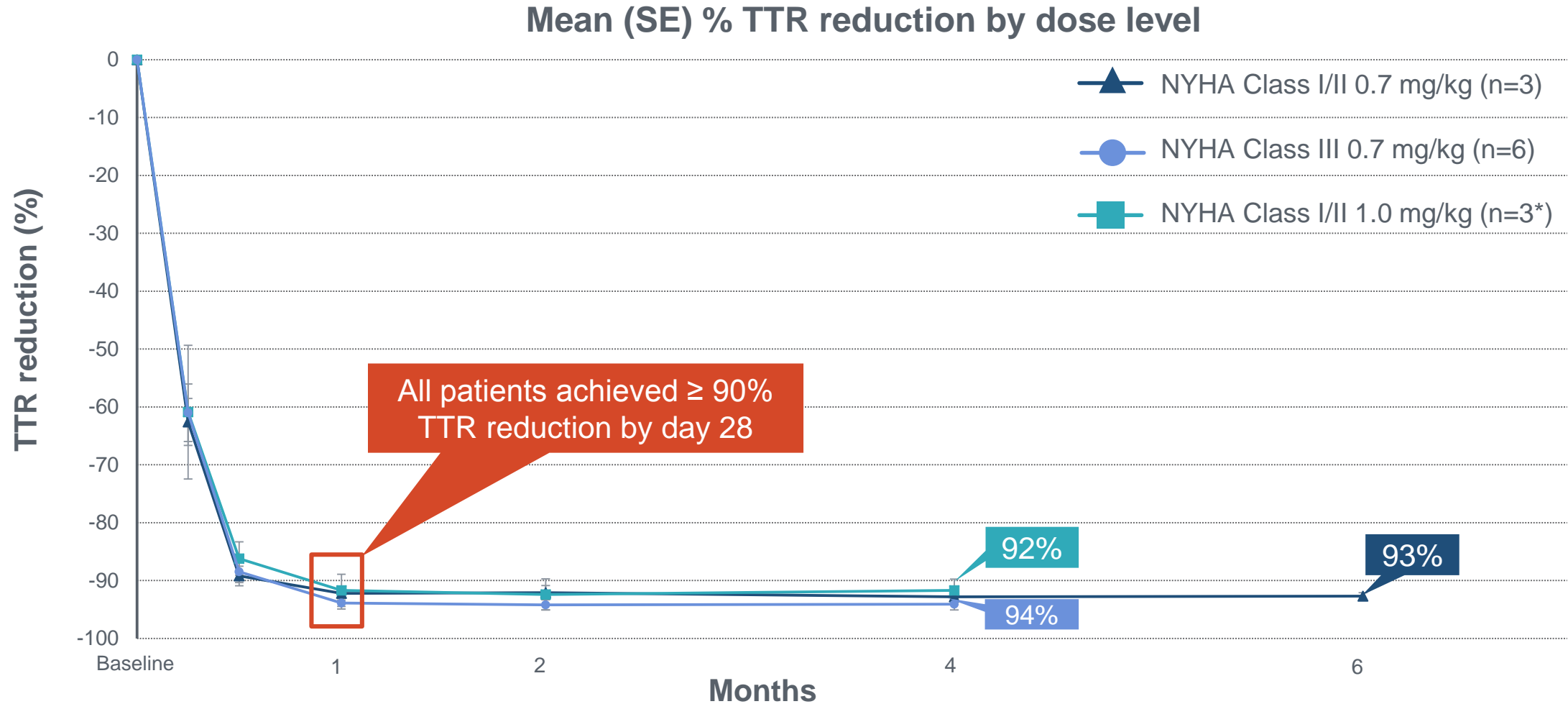
Patients counted once per row, per dose level, at highest grade reported

*Gr.2 urinary retention and Gr.2 epistaxis in same patient

†Gr.2 herpes zoster and Gr.2 inguinal hernia in same patient

Gr., Grade; TEAE, treatment emergent adverse event

Rapid and deep serum TTR reduction sustained through 4-6 months across all patients



Deep, consistent and durable TTR reductions achieved at both 0.7 and 1.0 mg/kg doses

- Mean TTR reduction >90% across all therapeutic doses by day 28 and sustained through data cut-off
- NTLA-2001 was generally well-tolerated at all doses
 - Majority of adverse events were mild
 - No clinically significant laboratory findings observed
- Similar results in ATTR-PN & ATTR-CM patients (across all NYHA Classes)

NTLA-2001 is the first systemically administered drug to result in knockout of a gene in humans

These data demonstrate the promise of CRISPR-based *in vivo* genome editing in humans

Considerations for potential future applications of *in vivo* CRISPR-based gene editing

- Why ATTR amyloidosis?

- Unequivocal link between
- Circulating TTR exclusive
- Knockdown of TTR know
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- Knockout editing technolo

- Future potential CRISPR

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