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# Today's Agenda (Eastern Time)



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| <b>10am</b>    | Welcome & Opening Remarks  |
| <b>10:15am</b> | "What Are Registries and Natural History Studies"<br>"Why Registries and Natural History Studies are Critical to Rare Disease Treatment Development" |
| <b>10:30am</b> | Getting Started: Developing Registries and Designing Natural History Studies   |
| <b>11:25am</b> | Addressing Challenges in Registry and Natural History Data Collection  |
| <b>12:25pm</b> | Funding Opportunities  |
| <b>12:40pm</b> | Lunch  |
| <b>1:35pm</b>  | Collecting Fit for Purpose Data to Inform Regulatory Decision Making   |
| <b>2:35pm</b>  | Case Examples  |
| <b>3:45pm</b>  | Closing Remarks & Adjourn  |

# Opening Remarks

**Patrizia Cavazzoni, MD**

Director

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

# “What Are Registries and Natural History Studies?”

**Dominique Pichard, MD, MS**

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, NIH



# What are registries and natural history studies?

Dominique C. Pichard, MD, MS

*Director*

*Division of Rare Diseases Research Innovation, NCATS*



# Definitions

- **Natural history of a disease:** the course a disease takes in the absence of intervention in individuals with the disease, from disease onset until either the disease's resolution or death.
- **Natural history study:** a preplanned observational study intended to track the course of a disease over time.
- **Registry:** a collection of information about a specified group of people
  - Ex. Contact registry, disease registry, population registry



# Examples of registries



National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry



Rett Syndrome  
Registry™



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# “What Are Registries and Natural History Studies?”

**Kerry Jo Lee, MD**

Center for Drug Development and Research, FDA



Accelerating Rare disease Cures (ARC) Program

## NATURAL HISTORY STUDIES AND REGISTRIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RARE DISEASE TREATMENTS

Kerry Jo Lee, M.D.

Associate Director for Rare Diseases

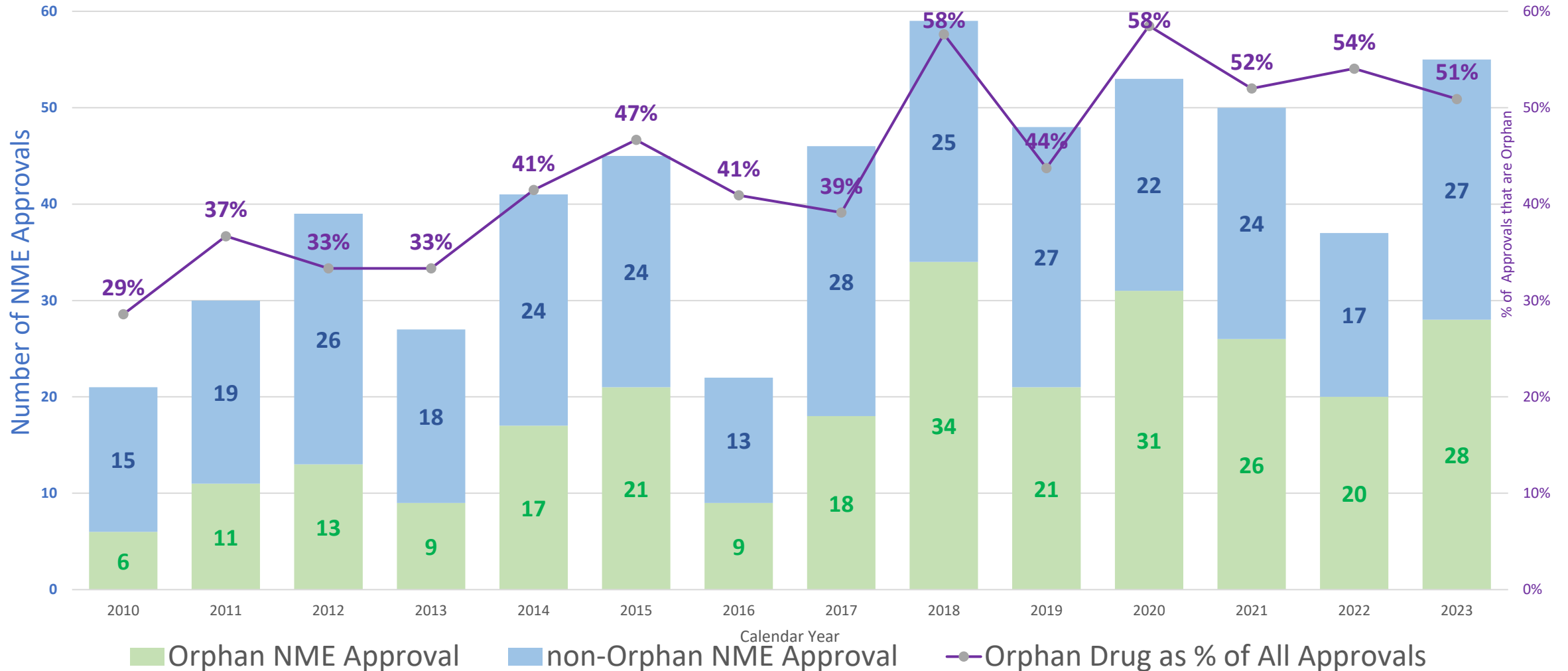
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# Proportion of CDER Novel Drug Approvals that are Orphan





# We Face Common Challenges in Rare Disease Drug Development

- **Natural history** is often poorly understood
- Diseases are progressive, **serious, life-limiting** *and* often lack adequate **approved therapies** – **urgent needs**, many have **pediatric onset**
- **Small populations** often restrict study design options
- **Phenotypic and genotypic** diversity within a disorder
- **Development programs often lack solid translational background**
- **Drug development tools - outcome measures and biomarkers often lacking**
- Lack of **precedent**, including **clinically meaningful endpoints**, for drug development in many rare diseases

# Supporting the Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials for Rare Diseases



*Search for Selected FDA Guidance Documents by Topic Relevant to Rare Disease Drug Development*

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/guidances-drugs/guidance-documents-rare-disease-drug-development>

## Rare Diseases: Natural History Studies for Drug Development Guidance for Industry

### *DRAFT GUIDANCE*

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## Demonstrating Substantial Evidence of Effectiveness With One Adequate and Well-Controlled Clinical Investigation and Confirmatory Evidence Guidance for Industry

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## Rare Diseases: Considerations for the Development of Drugs and Biological Products Guidance for Industry

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Food and Drug Administration  
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## Real-World Data: Assessing Registries to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products Guidance for Industry

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# Visit the ARC website for conference recordings and other resources

- <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/center-drug-evaluation-and-research-cder/accelerating-rare-disease-cures-arc-program>



# Getting Started: Developing Registries and Designing Natural History Studies

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# Learning From Each Other: PRF Road to the Cure Using Registry, Database, Natural History Studies



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*Provide you with some of the key thematic lessons learned through our journey with progeria, so that we can all become better, faster and stronger towards curing our patients.*

**Because TIME is not on our side...**

# This Is Progeria (HGPS)



Rachel: Newborn



Toddler



2<sup>nd</sup> grade



9 years old

- Segmental Premature Aging
- Autosomal Dominant
- Lifespan Ave. 14.6 yrs. (5-21y) without treatment
- Premature atherosclerosis, CV failure



# 1998 - There Was No Hope...



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- 2 or 3 scientists working on Progeria
- No Research Funding
- Was this a genetic disease?
- No Central Source of Clinical Information
- Clinical Disease Poorly Defined
- No Treatment Prospects
- No Place for Families and Physicians to go for Help

# The Progeria Research Foundation - 1999



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## Mission

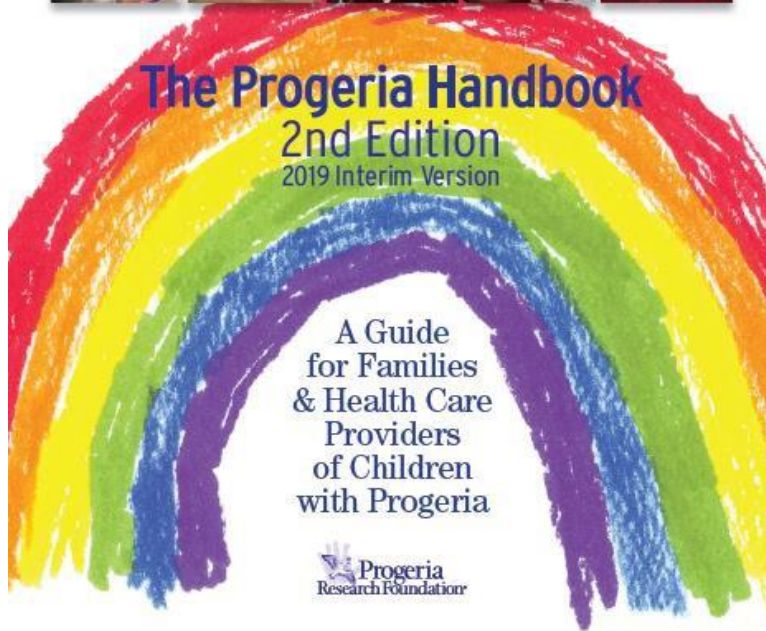
- Cause
- Treatment
- Cure

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# A Few Milestones

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- Gene Mutations Discovered and Defined (Nature, 2003)
- CV-faithful Progerin-producing Mouse Models Developed
- Natural History Study at NIH Clinical Center (NEJM, 2008)
- 4 Clinical Treatment Trials – fully enrolled months after initiation – 107 children from 42 countries
- World's Progeria Experts at Boston Children's Hospital
- 130-Page Clinical Care Handbook
- Plasma Progerin Biomarker in Validation (Circulation, 2021)

# Nov 30, 2020: PRF Joins only 5% of Rare Diseases with an Approved Drug

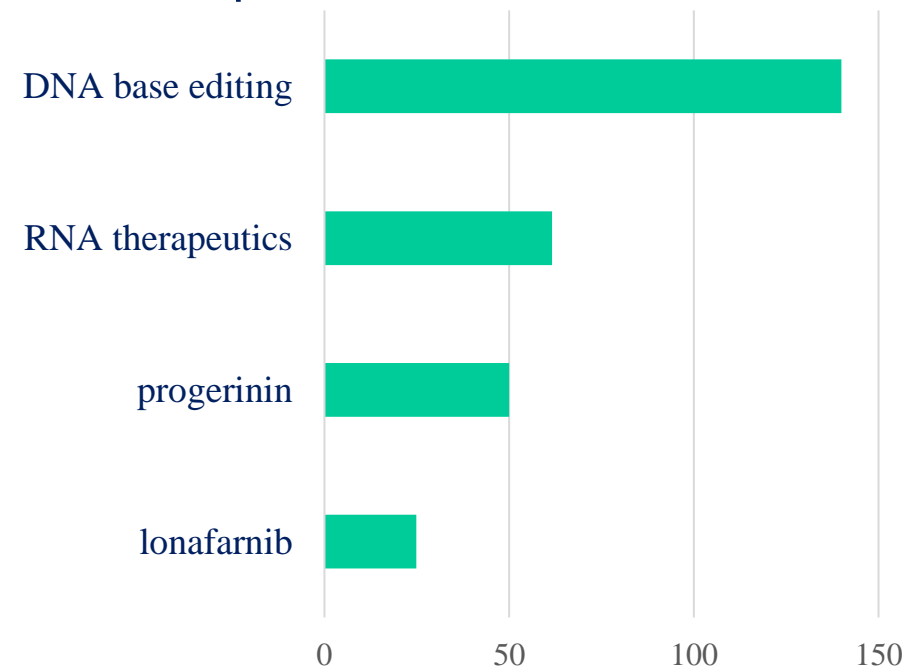


- 21 years from Registry initiation to approval
- 13 y. of continuous clinical trials with lonafarnib
- Lifespan Extension Avg. 4.2 yrs (JAMA, 2023)

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## What's Next?

% Increase in Progeria Mouse Lifespan compared to Untreated Controls



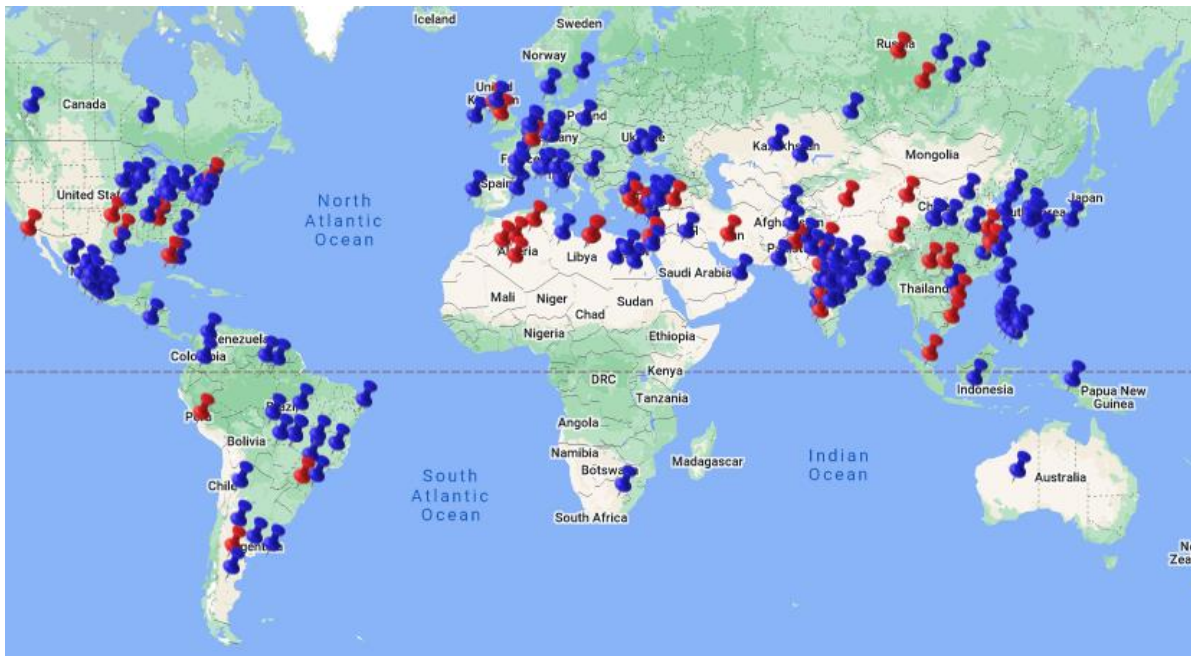
# ***NONE* of These Accomplishments Would Be Possible Without the PRF International Registry, Database, & Natural History Studies**



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# PRF Progeria International Registry: ~40% of World's Population Living With Progeria

- Top Priority Upon Contact with MD or Patient Family
- Unconsented
- Longitudinal Communication → Trust, Education → Program, Trial Participation
- Info packets sent to MD and Family Immediately



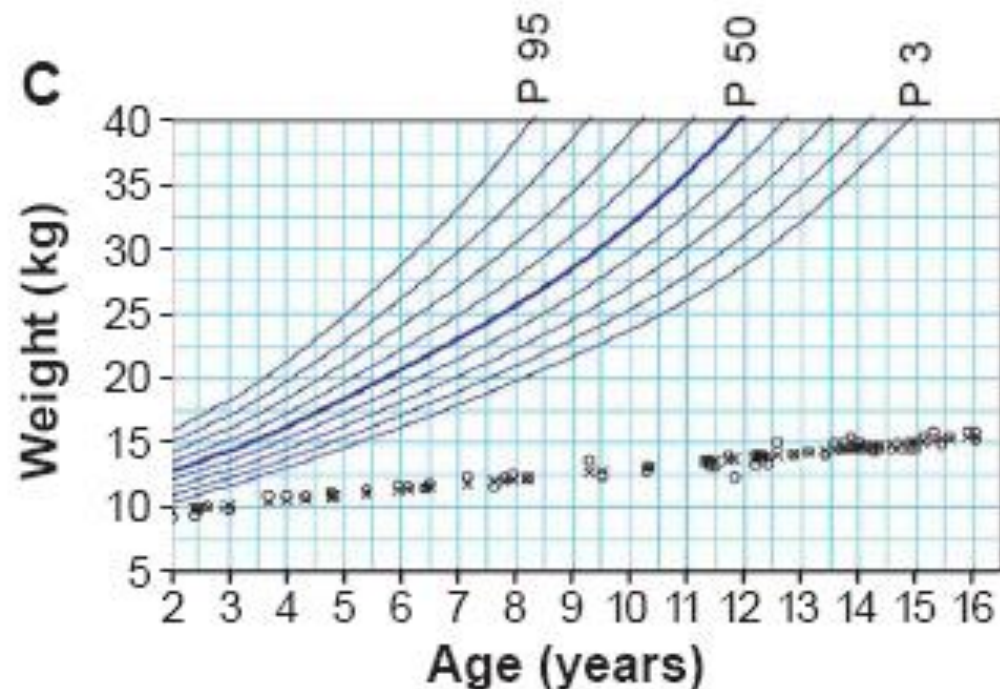
149 Patients  
51 Countries  
35 Languages



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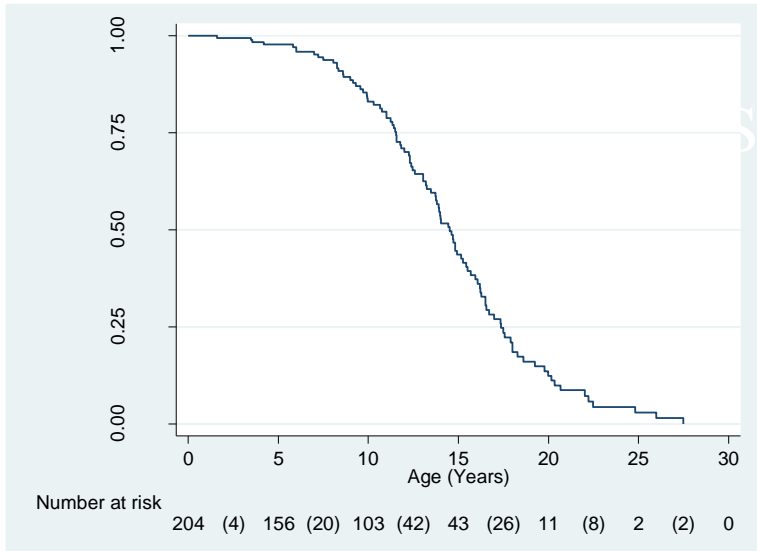
# Medical & Research Database

- **Consented Program (IRB-approved)**
- **Longitudinal Collection of Clinical Data**
- **Outcomes must be objectively evaluable, statistically abnormal, affecting how a patient feels, functions or survives**



- ✓ **Primary Outcome for the Natural History Study at NIH and First 2 Clinical Trials came from Database Weight Analysis**
- ✓ **This outcome did not show improvement, but the evaluation gave us our first trials, an important gateway**
- ✓ **34 Peer-reviewed Publications**

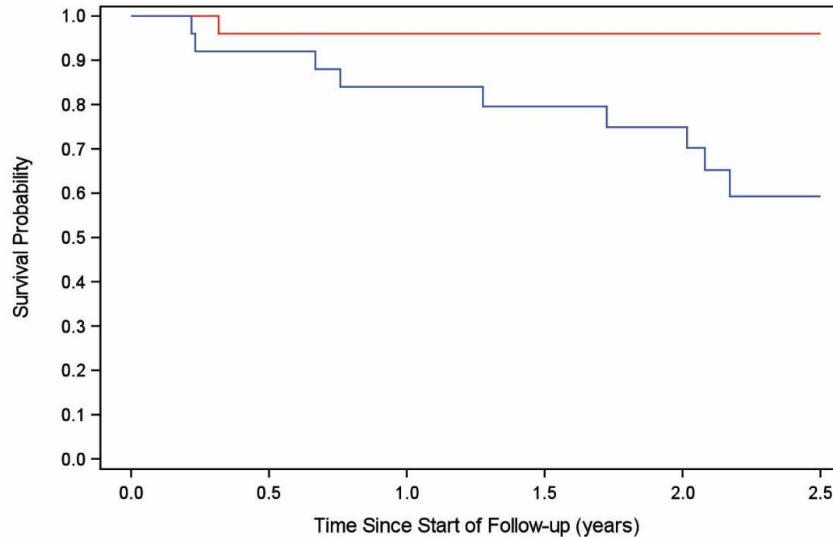
# PRF Registry and Database Survival Data, With Time On Therapy, Was The Primary Outcome Used for Drug Approval



**Circulation**  
JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION



**Impact of Farnesylation Inhibitors on Survival in Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome**  
Leslie B. Gordon, Joe Massaro, Ralph B. D'Agostino, Sr., Susan E. Campbell, Joan Brazier, W. Ted Brown, Monica E. Kleinman and Mark W. Kieran



	Treatment Group					
	Treated		Untreated			
Treated	27 ( 0)	24 ( 1)	23 ( 0)	21 ( 0)	20 ( 0)	1 ( 0)
Untreated	27 ( 0)	23 ( 3)	21 ( 1)	17 ( 2)	16 ( 1)	3 ( 2)

JAMA | Preliminary Communication

**Association of Lonafarnib Treatment vs No Treatment With Mortality Rate in Patients With Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome**

## FDA Special Report



Suzuki, et al, 2022

**Long-term Survival Benefit of Lonafarnib Also Came From The Registry and Database: 2.2→4.3 years...**



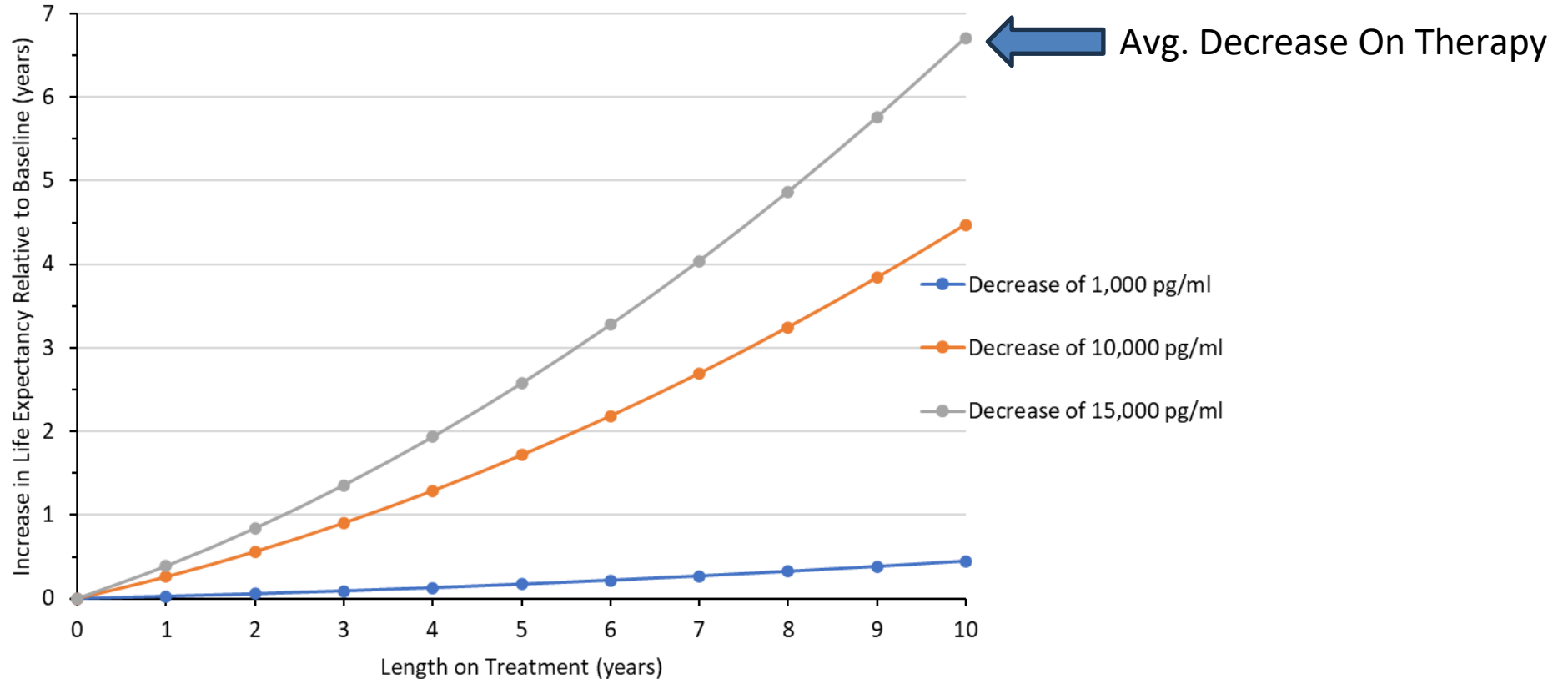
# Dual Purpose: Progeria Treatment Trials Also Serve As Natural History Studies



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- **29 Scientific articles published from BCH Progeria clinical trial data**
- **Now that lonafarnib is the standard of care, a new “natural history” on this medication must be defined, to use as comparison to any new drug added to lonafarnib in a trial**
- **We are continually working to define a primary outcome measure for future trials**

# Registry and Database Survival Data Essential for Defining Plasma Progerin Biomarker Being Validated as our Primary Trial Biomarker Outcome Measure



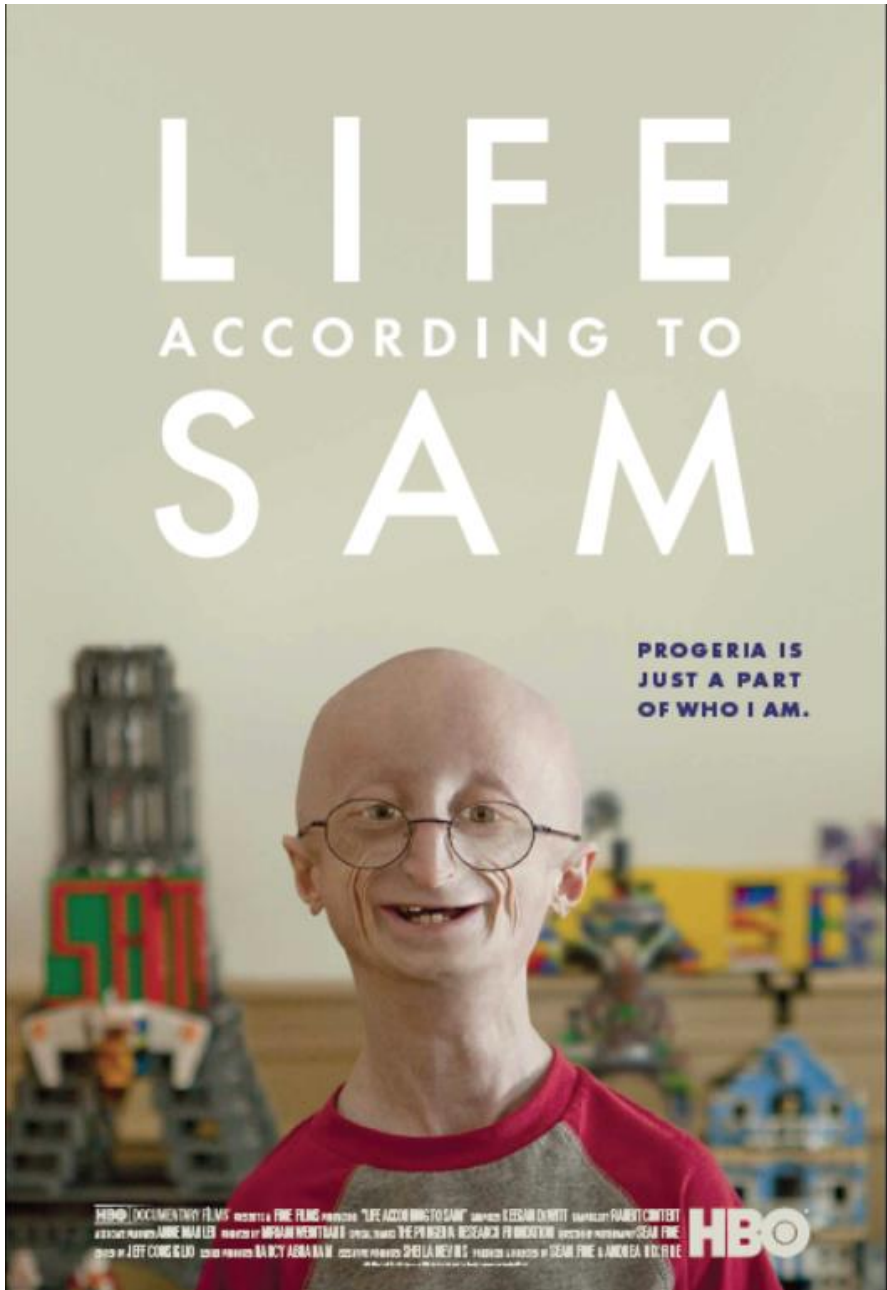
- Lonafarnib Therapy: Lifespan Benefit with Decreased Progerin
- The lower you go, the longer you stay low, the greater the benefit

# A Few Take-home Messages



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- **Patient families are passionate partners.**
- **Always assume your data will be used for drug approval, so use RedCap or similar database system**
- **Raw data will be useful many times over, so safeguard your source data.**
- **Patient Registries and Nature History Studies are critical foundational tools for the Cure.**



**Thank You!**

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**Many Talented Collaborators**



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# Getting Started: Developing Registries and Designing Natural History Studies

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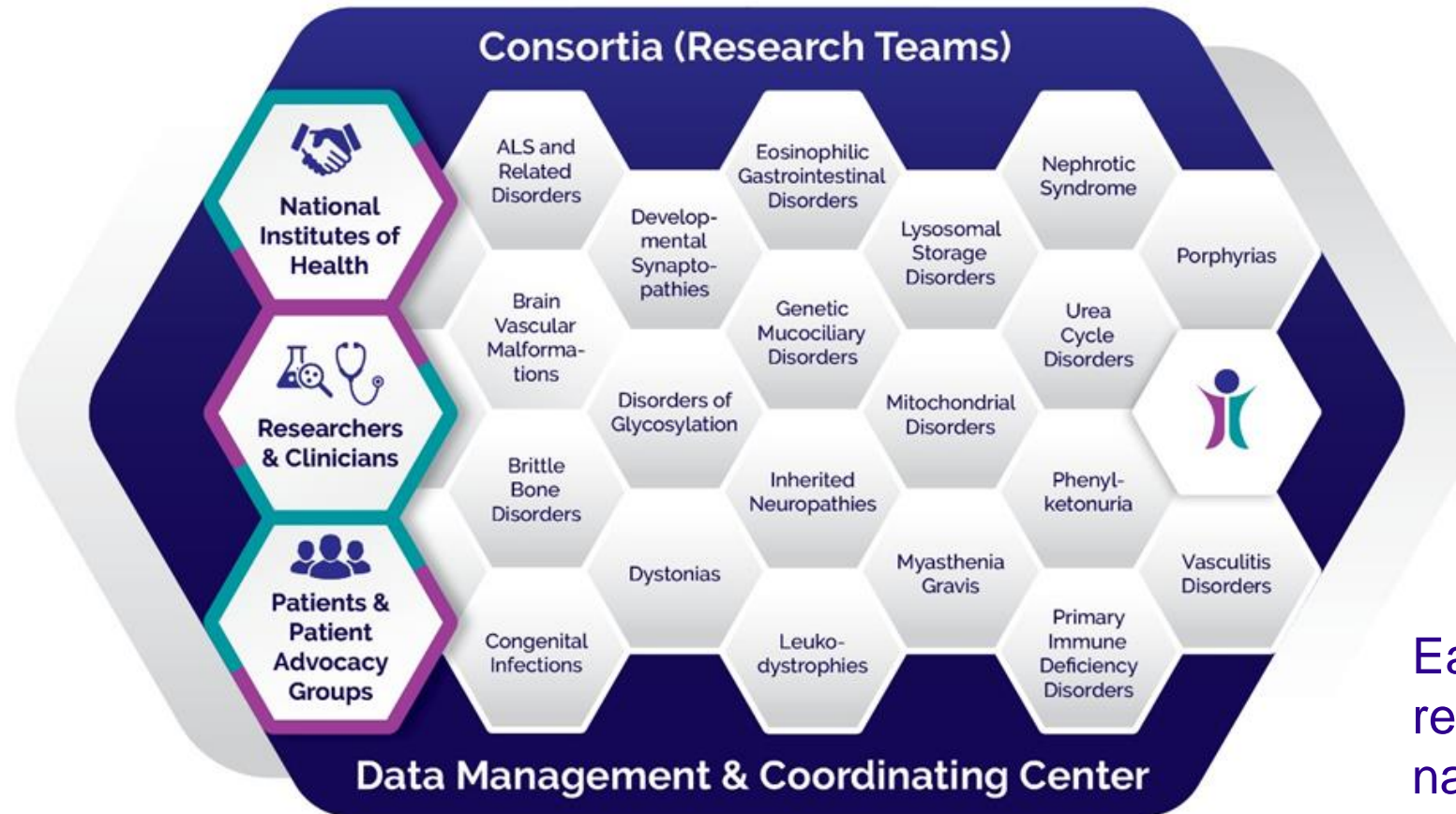
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<https://rarediseasesnetwork.org>

# Agenda

- Overview of Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN)
- Data Collection, Formatting and Quality Assurance
- Data Storage, Maintenance and Sharing

A network of 20 research teams collaborating to achieve faster diagnosis and better treatments for patients with rare diseases



Each consortium is required to have a natural history study.

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

*Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

National Institute of Mental Health

Office of Dietary Supplements



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- Now in its fourth 5-year funding cycle
- Led by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) through its Division of Rare Diseases Research Innovation (DRDRI).
- Established by Congress under the **Rare Diseases Act of 2002**
- Findings from the RDCRN have contributed to the **approval of 8 treatments** by the FDA.

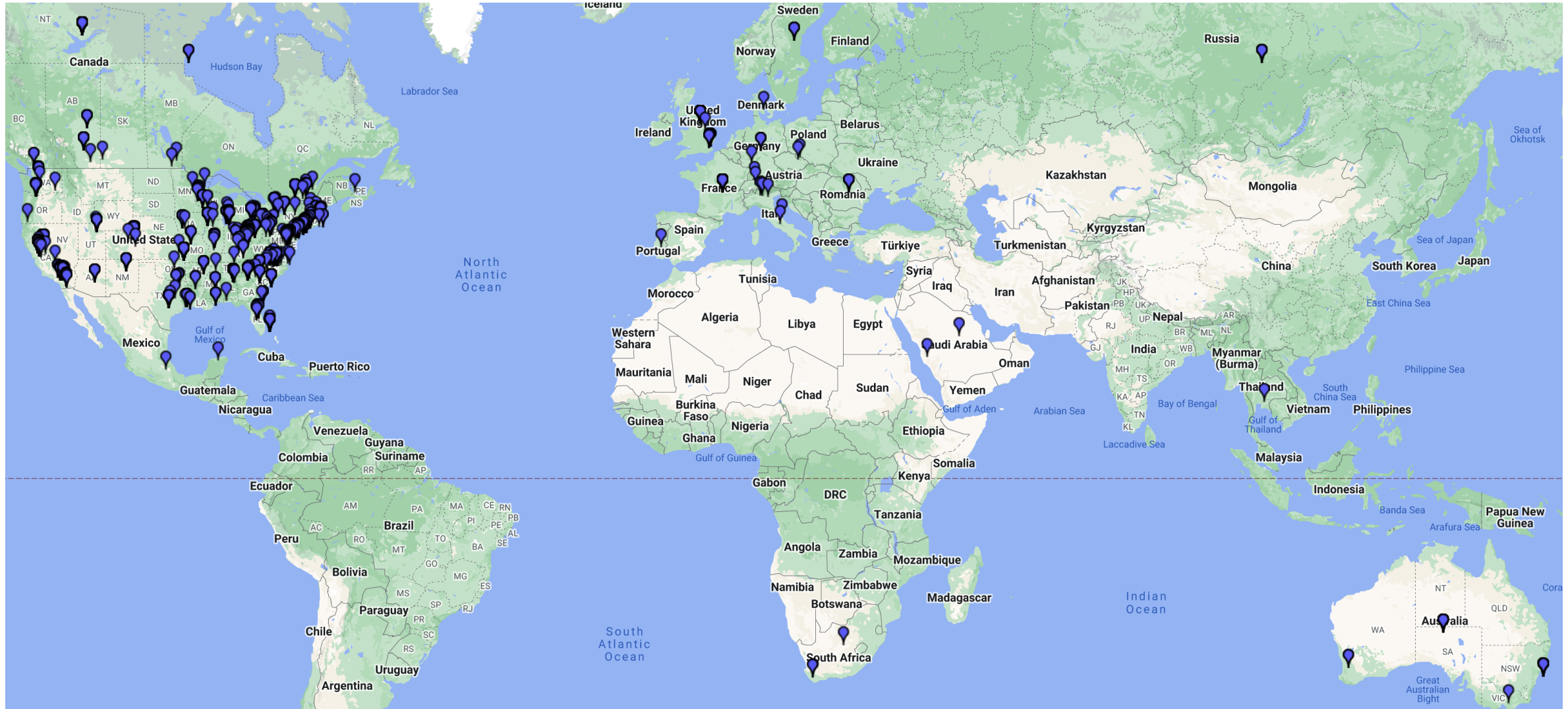


# Data Collection, Formatting, and Quality Assurance

# Data Collection Platform for RDCRN Natural History Studies: REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture)

- A secure, web-based EDC system designed and supported by Vanderbilt U. featuring
  - an intuitive interface for validated data capture
  - audit trails for tracking data manipulation and export procedures
  - automated export procedures for seamless data downloads to common statistical packages
  - procedures for data integration and interoperability with external sources via APIs.
- Widely available, well supported by most academic health centers (7178 institutions, 156 countries, 2M projects, 3.1M Users)
- Projects and data are very portable
- CCHMC was early adopter and has deep expertise
- Good support for data standards in REDCap, availability of form libraries, great community support

# RDCRN REDCap logins (9/2022-8/2023)



# Data Quality, Integrity, Standards for RDCRN

DMCC has policies and procedures in place

Every study has these 4 documents

Data  
Management  
Plan (DMP)

Data Quality  
Plan (DQP)

Data Transfer  
Specifications  
(DTS)

Database  
Lock  
Checklist

# Data Standards for RDCRN Studies

CDISC/CDASH Standards whenever applicable

When CDISC not available, reference REDCap Shared Library, NDA Repository, NLM Library

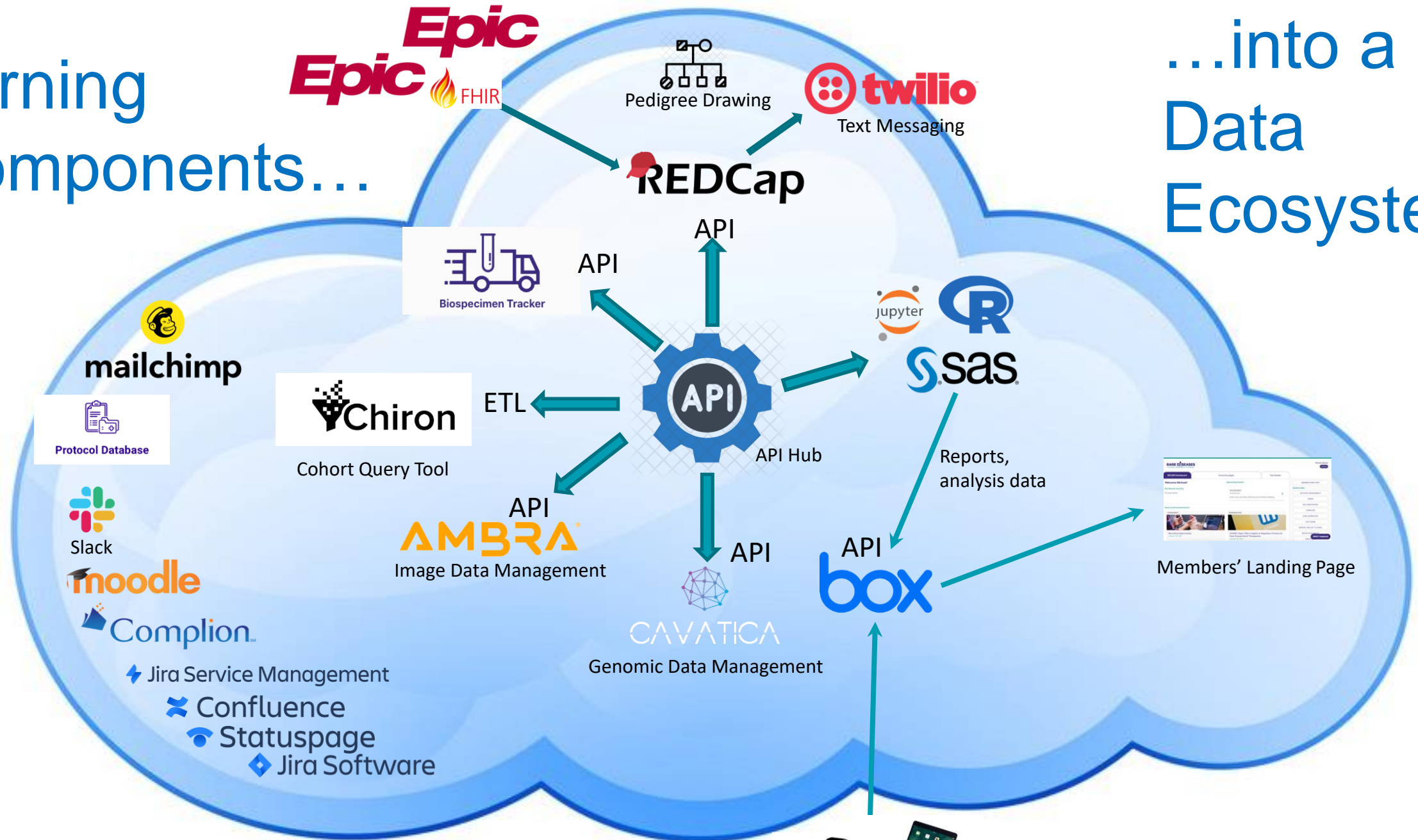
Downloads direct from instrument publishers

Looking forward, increased use of direct REDCap links to CDASH forms and CDEs

# Data Storage, Maintenance and Sharing

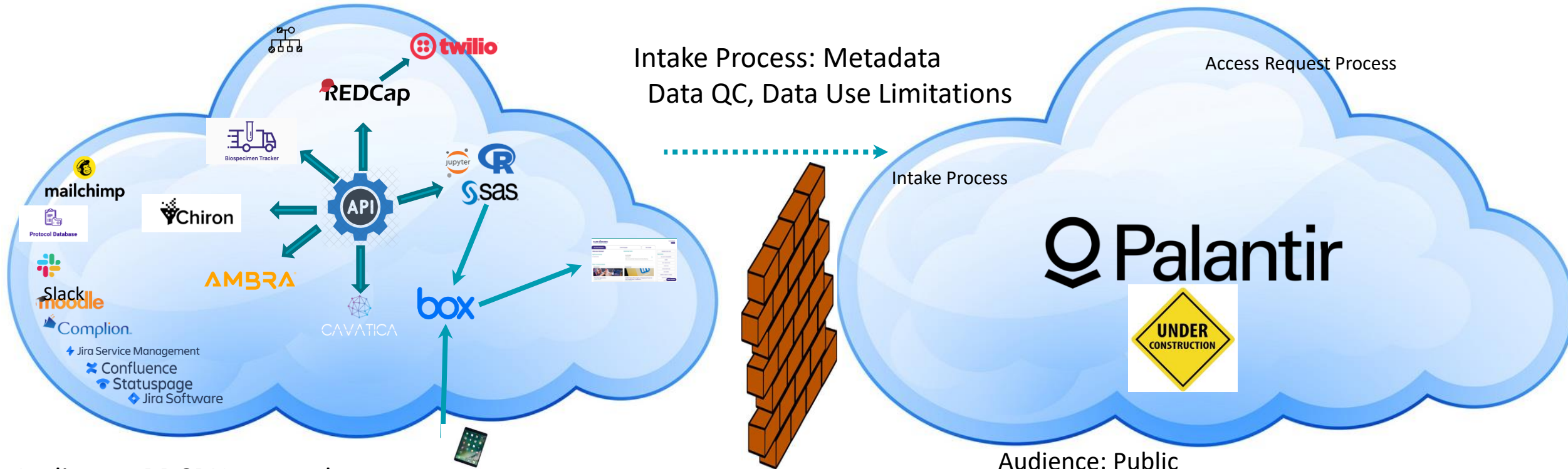
# Turning Components...

# ...into a Data Ecosystem



# Operational Environment

# RDCRN Data Repository



Audience: RDCRN researchers  
Authentication: RDCRN login page  
Authorization: Consortia  
Data governance: Consortia and DMCC  
*Internal* data sharing

Audience: Public  
Data Governance: NIH  
NIH-regulated access and authorization  
Official NIH repository



# RDCRN Data Sharing Framework

- NIH required Rare Disease Consortia to share data funded by RDCRN.
- DMCC developed framework: template language for DUAs and sharing agreements.
- DMCC helps consortia to document participant-level data use limitations in REDCap as metadata.
- NCATS Data Access Committee will adjudicate Data Repository access requests and ensure appropriate data use.

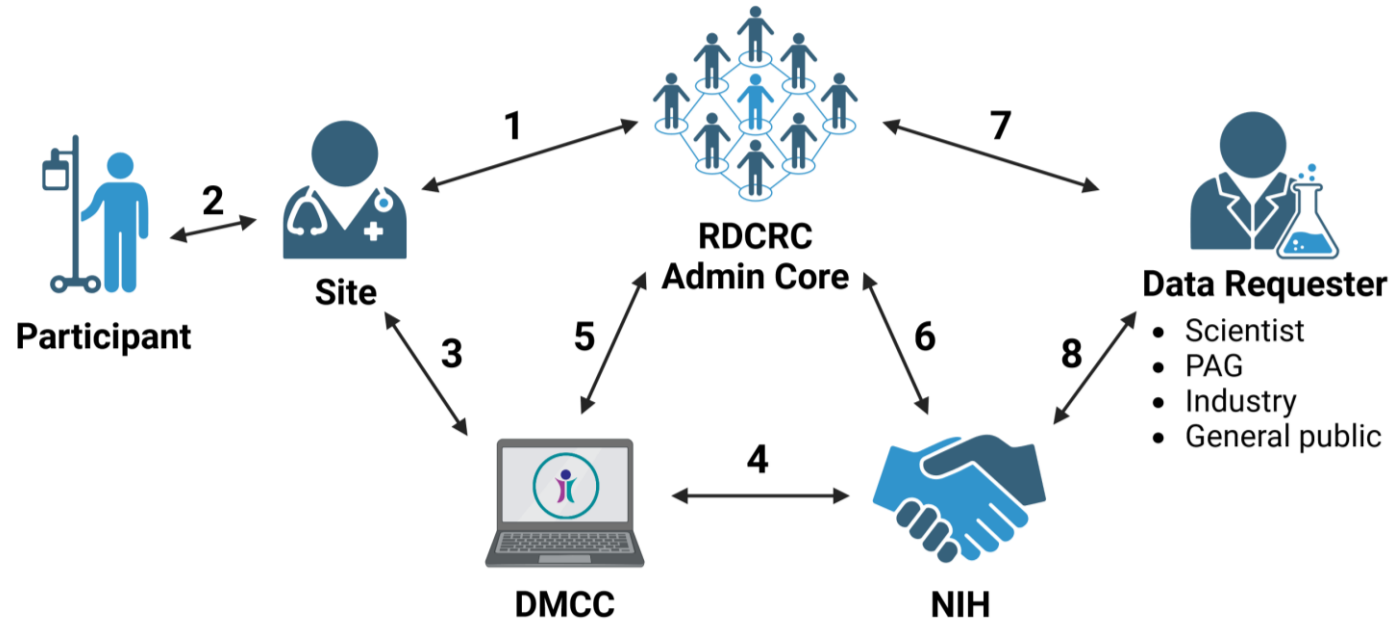
# Principles of Data Sharing – Informed Consent

Informed Consent should include language that allows broad data sharing while protecting confidentiality of the participant:

- Sharing data with the Admin Core of the RDCRC as a limited data set.
- Sharing data with DMCC.
- Sharing data with other researchers for future studies.
- Allowing transfer of data, without identifiers, to a federal data repository.
- Options for restricting data sharing that investigators deem necessary to offer the participant (e.g., as mandated by the IRB).
- Incorporation of participant selections/consent category into the research database.

<https://www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/research/data-sharing-and-standards/data-sharing-resources>

# Relationships Among The Parties Involved In Data Sharing



# RDCRN Data Repository - Required Metadata

## Hard Requirements

- Schedule of Events
- Protocol Synopsis
- Data Dictionary
- Codebook
- Extramural Institutional Certification
- Consent Table

## Soft Requirements

- IRB Approved Protocol
- Data Management Plan
- Data Quality Plan
- Annotated Blank CRFs

# RDCRN Data Repository – QC Framework

## Hard Requirements

- Compare
  - Participant IDs in data tables to consent table
  - Variables from data dictionary to contents of data table
- Check for proper delimiters, carriage returns
- Convert dates to age at visit/event

## Soft Requirements

- Compare
  - Schedule of Events (SoE) to visit/events in data
- Run Variable Code/Value Consistency report
- Check for version differences in submitted data sets

# RDCRN Data Repository – QC Framework

## Hard Requirements

- Participant ID Anonymization
- Create Study ID for RDCRN Data Repository
- QC Checks for non-clinical data (i.e., imaging, EEGs, ECHO, etc.)
  - Convert dates to age at event/visit
  - Check for Participant ID; match to clinical data and consent table
- PII flagging process

# Summary

- Natural history data for patients with rare diseases is critical for advancing rare disease research to speed diagnosis and identify new treatments
- Data must be collected and managed using state-of-the-art systems, processes and procedures to ensure high quality data
- NIH-funded studies are required to share data with the general research community which maximizes its value for clinical trial readiness and approval of treatments

# Thank you

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RDCRN Project Managers  
RDCRN Consortia and research participants,  
who entrust their data to us!





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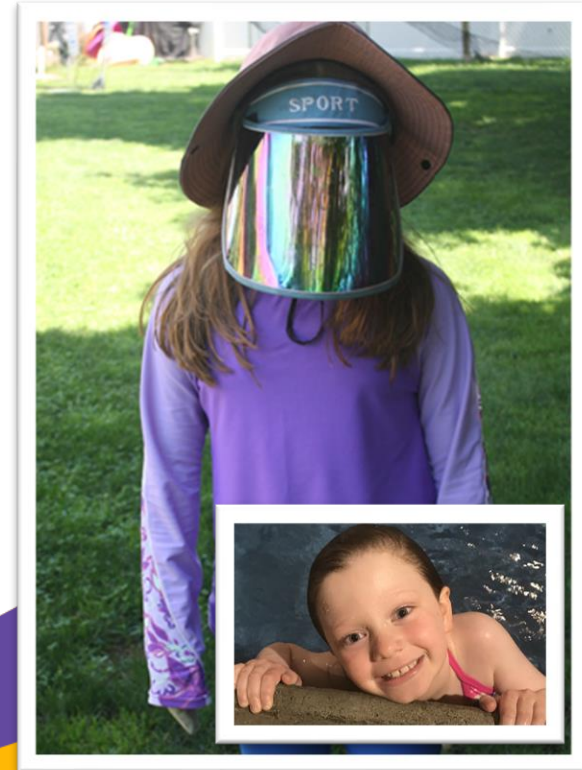
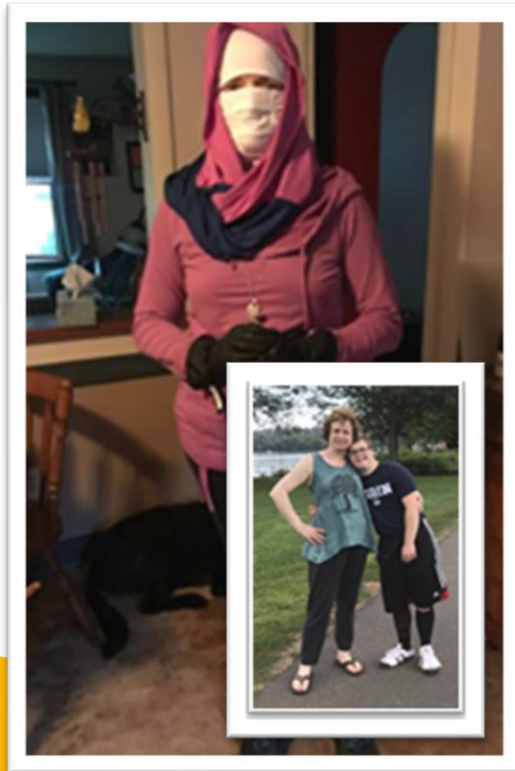
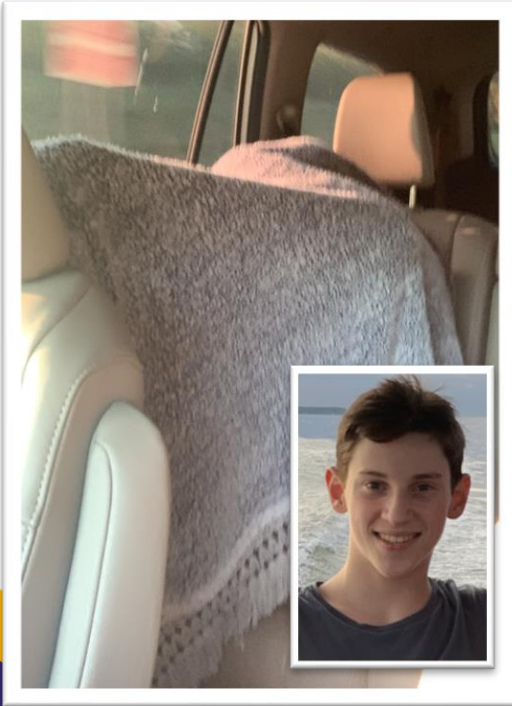
# Our Patient Community

*“Like putting my hand in a fire then cutting it with a knife”*

*“There are no words in the English language to describe the pain”*

*“Like I’m trapped in a cage” “Like being in boiling water”*

*“Like a chemical burn”*



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# PATIENT REGISTRIES



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# PATIENT REGISTRY IN PORPHYRIA

- ✓ **Established in 2008**
- ✓ **1000+ Participants**
- ✓ **14 Academic Institutions/Study Sites**
- ✓ **Separate Contact Database (CRM)**
- ✓ **Results**
  - ✓ **Publications**
  - ✓ **Studies**
  - ✓ **Patient Reported Outcome measures**



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# PATIENT REGISTRY CONSIDERATIONS

## ✓ Objectives

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Clinical Care
- ✓ Advocacy and Funding

## ✓ Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ Engaging patients
- ✓ Collaboration with researchers
- ✓ Regulatory involvement

## ✓ Ensure

- ✓ Inclusivity
- ✓ Data Quality
- ✓ Privacy and Ethics



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# PATIENT REGISTRY BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ **Standardized Data Collection**
- ✓ **Technology Utilization**
- ✓ **Collaboration**
- ✓ **Considerations for rare diseases**



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# Addressing Challenges in Registry and Natural History Data Collection

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CoRDS Registry

Coordination of Rare Diseases  
at Sanford



# Addressing Challenges in Registry and Natural History Data Collection – Bioinformatics plans, Ethics, and Data Sharing & Privacy

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# What is CoRDS?

- CoRDS is a patient registry for all rare diseases, unaffected carriers & the undiagnosed - it ties together patients, advocacy groups, and researchers.
- Unlike many other registries, as a Sanford Health sponsored initiative, CoRDS is made available at no cost to patients, advocacy groups, or researchers. It is free and it always will be.

# Setting yourself up for effective bioinformatics approaches

- Standardize questions using established data elements
  - NIH common data elements & CoRDS
  - Interoperability with other formats (CDISC, OMOP, etc.)
- Discrete fields used contributes to clean data and decrease analysis time
  - Can lead to effective translation into other languages
- Systematic procedures for ingesting large datasets from external sources

# Ethics Considerations

- Data needs to be collected the right way from the start
  - IRB approved protocol & consent documents
  - Privacy laws & regulations (21 cfr part 11, HIPAA, GDPR, etc.)
- Simply put: Participants must know what they're getting into when they sign on to participate. They have rights. It's your job to know them AND protect them.

# Using and Sharing Data

- Put a governance and procedure around data sharing
  - CoRDS has an internal scientific advisory council that reviews requests for data
- Identifiable or deidentified data?
  - Be aware of the difference
  - You absolutely have to adhere to the language in the informed consent form
- Security measures around sharing data
  - HIPAA covered entity?
  - SFTP sites are commonly used
  - Get very clear answers before committing to a tool
  - Legal agreement with the recipient

**CoRDS Registry**

Coordination of Rare Diseases  
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**Thanks to all of our participants – and  
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# **RARE-X Research Program: Virtual Data Collection and Connection *Serving All Stakeholders in Rare Disease***

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# What Is RARE-X?

RARE-X, a program of Global Genes, launched in April 2021, to **accelerate** rare disease research & treatments by **removing barriers** for data collection & sharing

The speed and productivity of innovation in rare disease is limited by cost and lack of access to standardized, structured patient data



Data exists, but is captive within silos



Data is not in a structured, standardized format that is useful to research/patient communities



Data doesn't yet exist; many new diseases and most groups don't have resources to collect data properly

# RARE-X Data Collection Platform (DCP)

## RARE-X Supports:

- Individuals (n=1, undiagnosed)
- Patient Communities (small or large)
- Disease Consortium (body system or symptom)



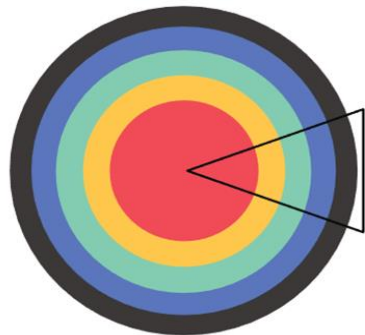
## Branching Logic:

- Series of surveys - based on answers, additional prioritized & validated surveys open up

Consent & Data Sharing Preference

Demographics & Role

**"Head to Toe" Survey**  
General Medical, Health & Development



- 1 General core**
  - "Head to Toe Survey"
- 2 Disease core (by domains)**
  - HPO- mapped domain-specific data
- 3 Supplemental disease data**
  - Detailed disease-specific data
- 4 Integrated &/or federated data**
  - EMR/ EHR, clinical reports, custom curation
- 5 Exploratory study data**
  - Research study-based, raw WGS data

Level 2 Survey  
(ex: Neuro)

Level 2 Survey  
(ex: Cardiac)

Level 2 Survey  
(ex: Renal)

Survey Layer 3

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Validated Instrument

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Layer 5 + - Continued buildout of Layered Patient Report Data layered and accessed based on preferences – Branch Chain Logic

## Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs)

### Domains Implemented:

- Neurodevelopmental
- Neurodegenerative
- Neuromuscular
- Central Disorders of Hypersomnolence

### In Process:

- Primary Immune Deficiency (90% completion)
- Cognitive Decline & Associated Depression (adult onset neurodegenerative) (20% completion)

## Expert Working Groups for Domain Development

### Data Surveys Built to Generate Research-Grade, Comparable Data

Clinicians and scientists from industry and academia serve side-by-side with patients on expert working groups to identify robust data collection surveys, usually from standard measures.



Expert Working Group Formed



Prioritize Domains, Deep Review



Landscape to Identify Measures



Evaluate and Select Measures



License & Implement Measures



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# The RARE-X Partner Ecosystem

RARE-X has built a fully integrated platform to support patients as partners in research and has also developed a service model to support biopharma & researchers.  
A turn-key comprehensive solution for patients.

## Patient Advocates & Orgs

- Patient owned & stewarded data
- Technology & platform for data collection & sharing
- GDPR compliance, data privacy, and governance & consents
- No cost to patients or their orgs
- Education & communications support
- Sponsored studies & consortia

## Researchers

- In-depth engagement with patient orgs and development of registries
- Natural history studies including clinician-reported data
- Analysis platform powered by Broad, facilitated by ontology architecture
- Federated learning & data connection for deeper analysis
- Sponsored studies & consortia

## BioPharm

- Data sharing post study completion
- Clinical trial readiness surveys
- Patient identification for recruitment into clinical trials
- Federated learning & data connection for deeper analysis
- Sponsored studies & consortia

# RARE-X Data Overview



# RARE-X

by the numbers

*\*As of May 7, 2024*

67 

Disease Communities



51%

Overall % of Surveys Completed

106 

Patient Advocacy Groups



615

Reports uploaded with genetic testing information

7,704 

Participants Enrolled



62%

Brain & Nervous System is top domain for patients symptoms

90 

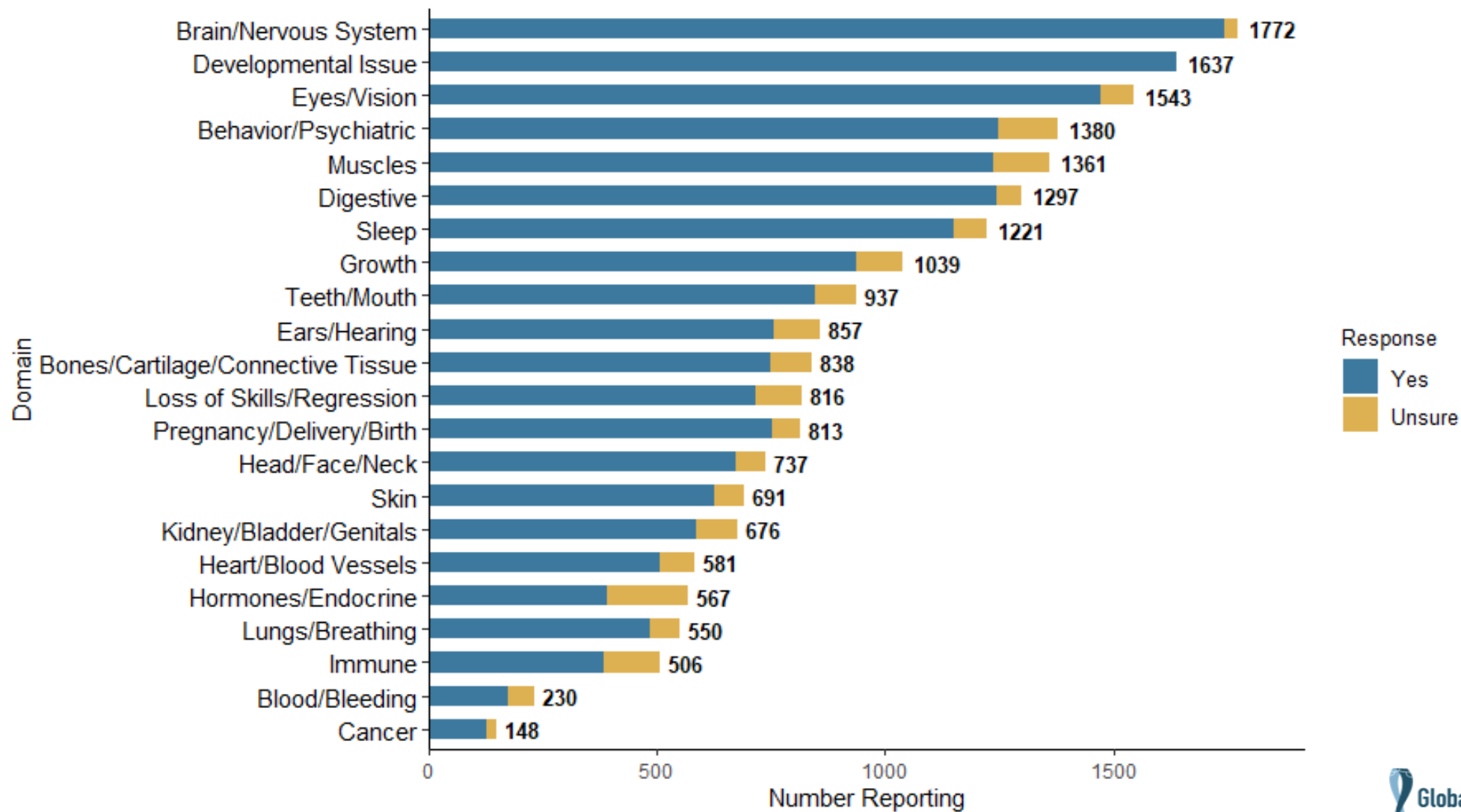
Countries  
~39% ex-US



78%

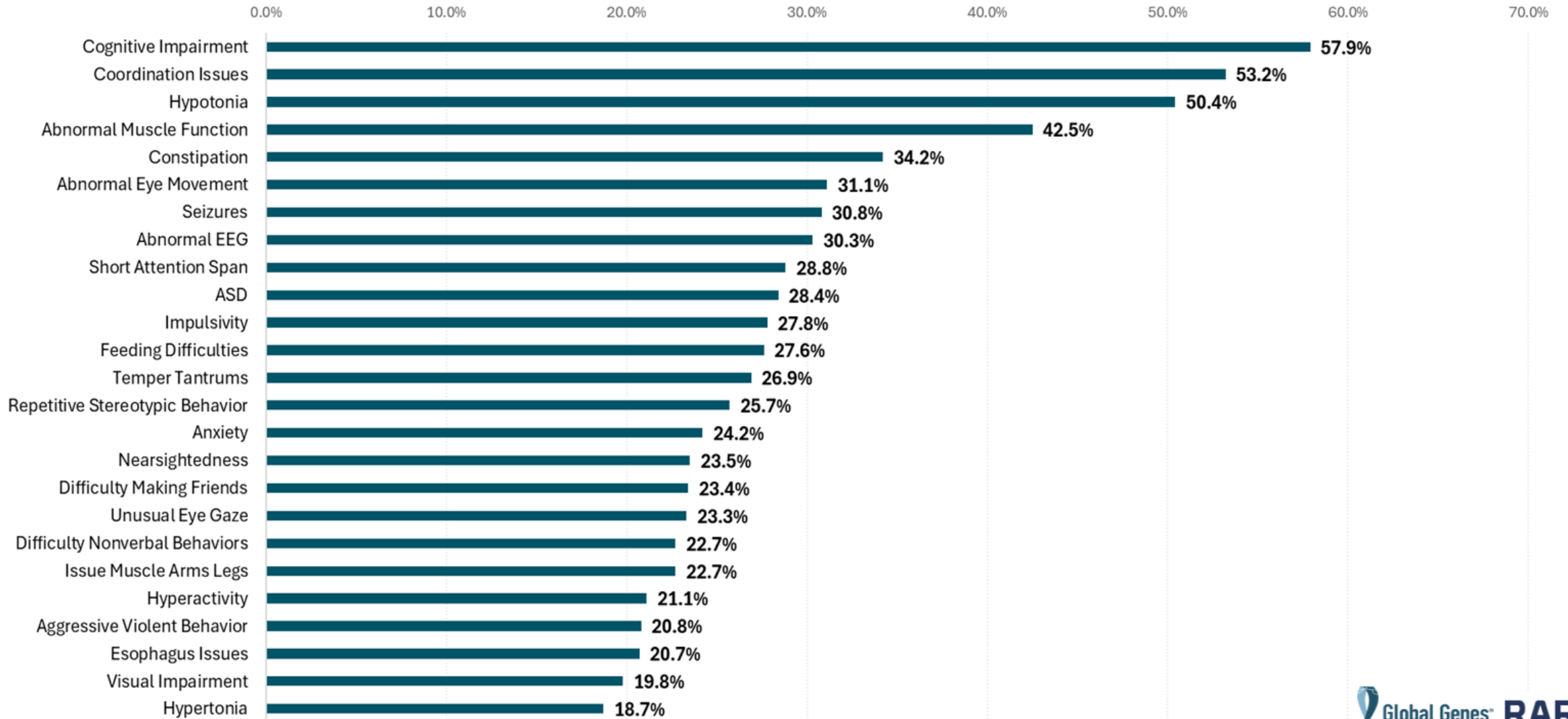
Respondents reported having concern about development

# Domains Patients Experience Symptoms in





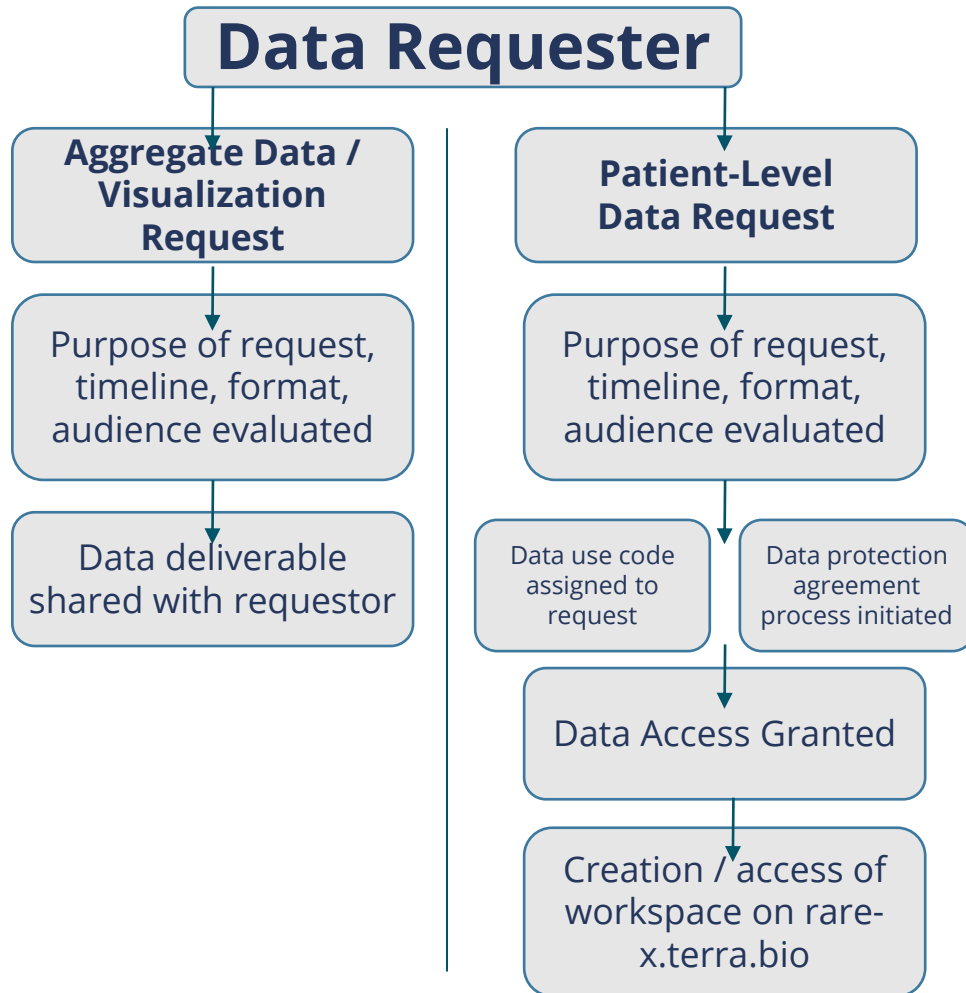
# Top Symptoms Reported across the DCP



# Data Access



# Data Access



The RARE-X consent process enable the RARE-X program to assign data use ontologies and allows different levels of data access to requesters. Enrollees always have access to and control of, all their own data.

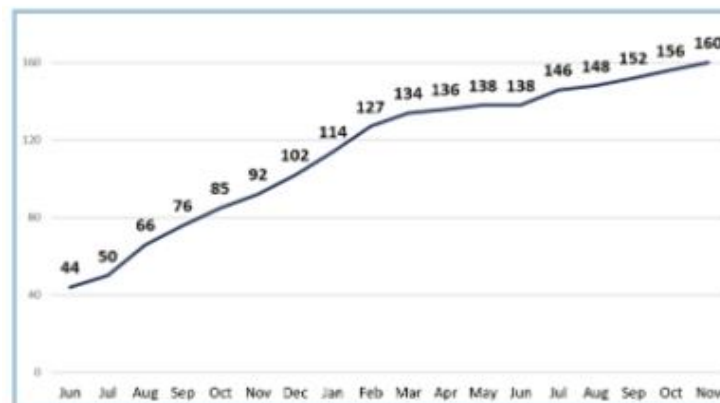
## There are 2 types of external data access requests

- Aggregate data (survey level counts, graphs, etc) via a project share.
- Participant level de-identified data (Via <https://rare-x.terra.bio/>)

All requesters are required to complete a **Data Access Request** form that outlines the requested data usage as well as data protection procedures.

- This allows Global Genes to track data use and analysis projects and timelines.
- All data requests are reviewed by **Global Genes RARE-X Data Access Committee**. This is to ensure the requestor's needs are being fulfilled as well as data protection requirements are met.

# Data Visualization Request Examples

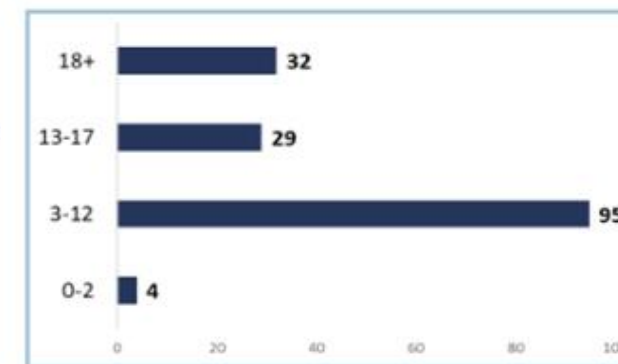


## PARTICIPATION OVER TIME

The number of **participants currently enrolled** in the PAG data collection program is **160**.

## DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUP

Over half of participants fall in the age range of **3 to 12 years old** with the second most common age category being **participants aged 18 and above**.



84

Total enrollees that identify as **Male**. This makes up **52.5% of all participants**.

70

Total enrollees that identify as **Female**. This makes up **44% of all participants**.

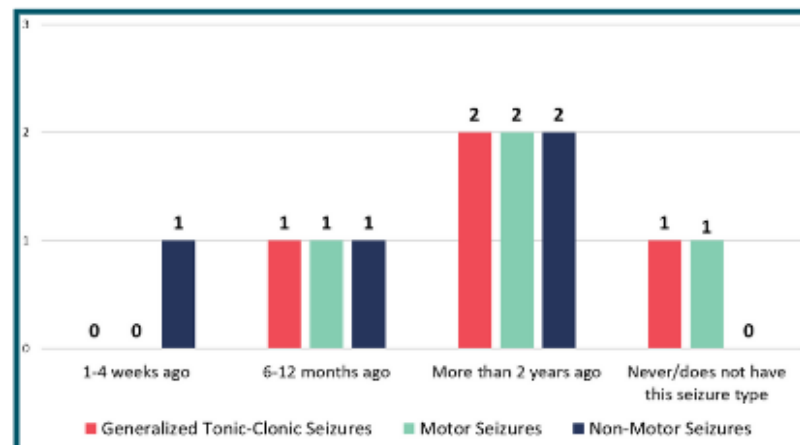
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Total enrollees that identify as **Non-binary** or selected that they **Prefer Not To Answer**.

# Data Visualization Request Examples

OF 4 PAG RESPONDENTS, 100% REPORTED THAT THE CHILD HAS EPILEPSY OR THE CHILD HAS HAD A SEIZURE.

When did the last Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizure, Motor Seizure, and Non-Motor Seizure occur?



## CURRENT EPILEPSY SYNDROMES REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS

Childhood. Benign epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes (BECTS)	1
DeSanto Shinawi Syndrome	1
Not a syndrome (nonsyndromic, uncertain, too early to tell)	1
Does not have epilepsy	1

50%

Reported that the patient's epilepsy type is **both focal & generalized**

50%

Reported that the patient's epilepsy type is **unknown**

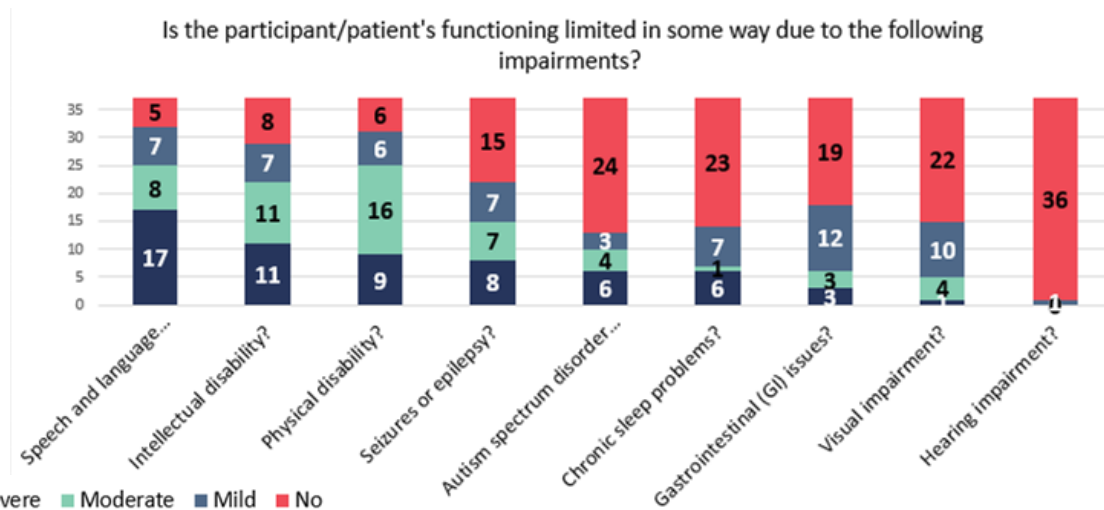
100%

Of patients who have epilepsy reported that it is **NOT treatment resistant**

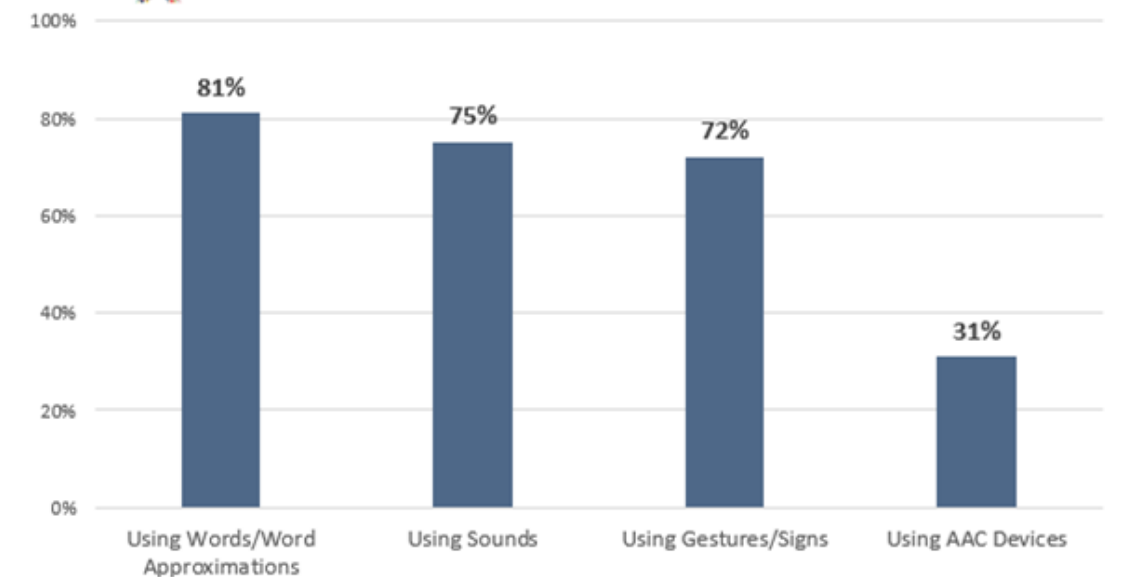
# Data Visualization Request Examples

Is the participant/patient's functioning limited in some way due to the following impairments?	Severe	Moderate	Mild	No
Speech & language impairment	17	8	7	5
Intellectual disability	11	11	7	8
Physical activity	9	16	6	6
Seizures or epilepsy	8	7	7	15
Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)	6	4	3	24
Chronic sleep problems	6	1	7	23
Gastrointestinal (GI) issues	3	3	12	19
Visual impairment	1	4	10	22
Hearing impairment	0	0	1	36

How patient communicated in past 30 days	% of all respondents	Number respondents
Using words/word approximations	81%	26
Using sounds	75%	24
Using gestures/signs	72%	23
Using AAC devices	31%	10

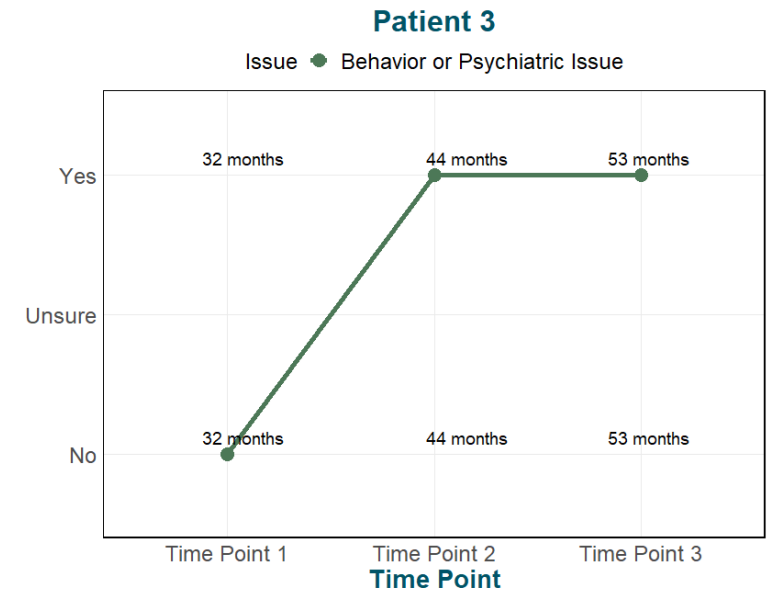
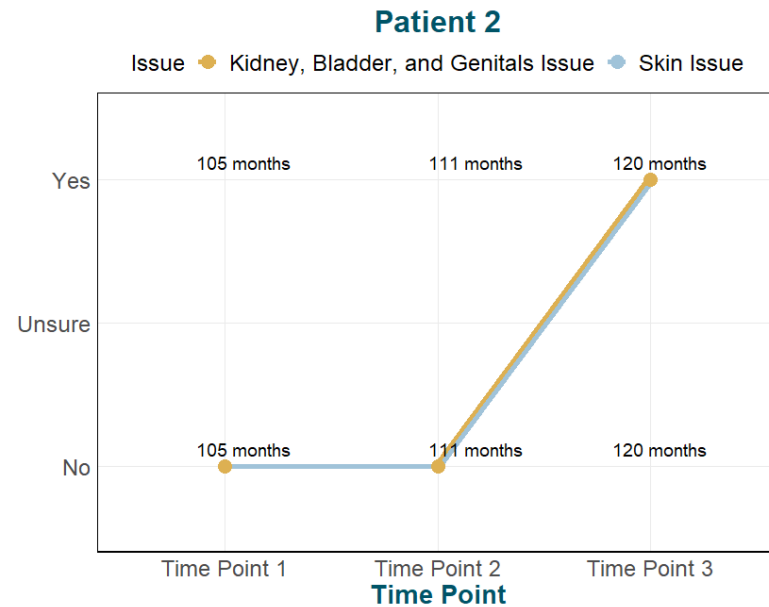
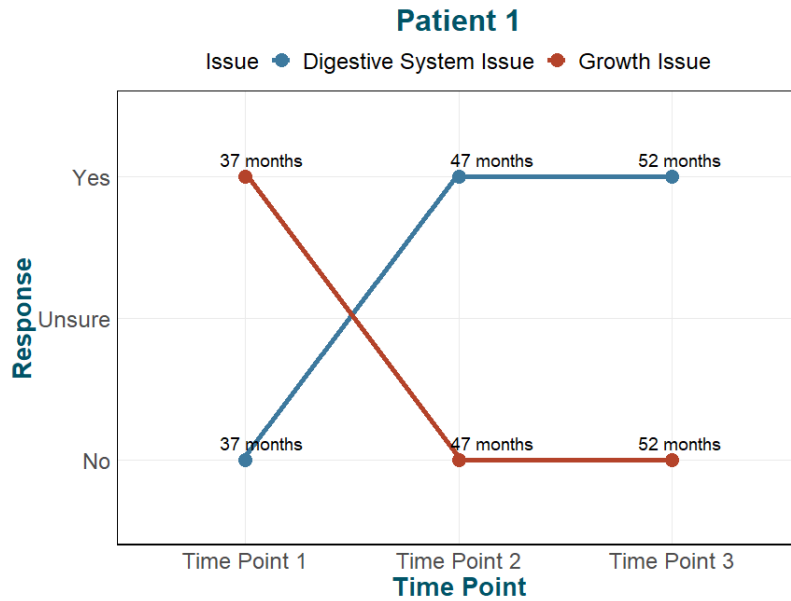


**RARE X** In the past 30 days, how did your child communicate with you?



# Longitudinal Data Collection Example

Three different patients with the same rare disease



# Applications





# Applications

- **PRO Survey Validation**
  - Implement established surveys for validation in larger population
  - Development of new surveys addressing unmet needs, validated against established measures on RARE-X platform
- **Contribute to Natural History Studies**
  - Partner with IRB approved natural history study to administer & transfer PRO data to data collection site, enabling participants to update symptoms
  - Participants participating in RARE-X & natural history study to complete relevant PRO data one time for both studies, accelerating real word data collection on disease progression
- **Research Consortia**
  - Bring together diverse stakeholders to create collaborative data collection program with a specific aim
- **Partnership & Data Integration**
  - Rich repository of genetic data mapped to phenotypic data collected in platform
  - Robust data collection available to researchers

# Partnership & Data Integration

## *With the Commission for Novel Technologies for Neurodevelopmental CNVs ("Commission")*

*Background: RARE-X previously completed biosample collections as a part of a sub-study that was developed in partnership with the Commission for Novel Technologies for Neurodevelopmental CNVs ("Commission").*



RARE-X and the Commission partnered with the biotechnology company Illumina, and **sent blood samples to the Illumina team for long-read whole genome sequencing, short-read whole genome sequencing, and methylation testing.**

This partnership has led to a **rich repository of genetic data that is being mapped to phenotypic data that has been collected on the RARE-X platform.**

Many participants were also given clinical assessments at family conferences by partnering clinicians, or had clinical data collected at a Collaborative Clinic that enabled data sharing.

This effort has ultimately **allowed for large and robust data collection in a consortium of three ultra-rare disorders. The data collected is available to researchers upon request, encouraging research** into these rare and under-researched diseases.

# Contribute to Natural History Studies

To get real world data on disease progression Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs) are utilized to collect data based on signs/symptoms observed by the participant or a caregiver.

PROs are often given in a clinician office for the patient to take home and return at the next appointment. **RARE-X can partner with an IRB approved natural history study to administer and transfer the PRO data to the data collection site.** This partnership will **allow participants who are participating in both RARE-X, and a natural history study to complete the relevant PRO data a single time for both studies.**

Participants can go in an **update their symptoms on both a scheduled and as needed basis.** The ability to update their symptoms will help **capture the common symptoms/patterns but also patterns that were previously not visible.**

# Conclusion



# PAST: Accomplishments

## **Stakeholder Partnership for PRO Data Collection**

Established diverse partnerships for bi-directional input

## **Symptom-Based Data Collection**

Enhanced understanding of disease manifestations by collecting patient-reported symptom data

## **Cross-Disease Database**

Facilitated studying commonalities and differences across diseases

## **Genetic Data Curation**

Developed workflow for curating genetic data from reports

## **Patient-Preferred Data Sharing**

Implemented patient-preferred data sharing

## **Aggregate Data Reports**

Developed templates for aggregate data reports

## **Individual-Level Data Access**

Enabled secure access to individual-level data

## **Longitudinal Data Collection**

Collected data from multiple timepoints

## **Research Interest Growth**

Garnered increased researcher interest despite limited dissemination

# PRESENT: Promises

## **PRO Surveys**

Piloted implementation of select PRO surveys, facilitating prioritization for large-scale natural history studies.

## **Open Science Data Challenge (OSDC)**

Initiated an OSDC to promote broader access to our registry and encourage innovative analysis in rare disease.

## **Data Mapping**

Piloted data mapping to external clinical datasets, expanding the scope and utility of our database.

## **Natural History Studies**

Facilitated linkage with natural history study datasets, enhancing the richness and depth of available data.

## **Translation**

Initiated a translation workflow to broaden the accessibility and reach of our platform, promoting inclusivity and diversity.

# FUTURE: Challenges & Opportunities

## Protocol Standardization

Help to facilitate **coordinated** efforts to address the lack of standard protocols for PRO data collection efforts.

## Evaluation Frameworks

Identify standardized **metrics** for evaluating the impact of PRO data collection efforts.

## Analytical Feature Expansion

Identification and expansion of **analytical features** to streamline dynamic and real-time data mapping, enhancing usability and effectiveness of PRO data.

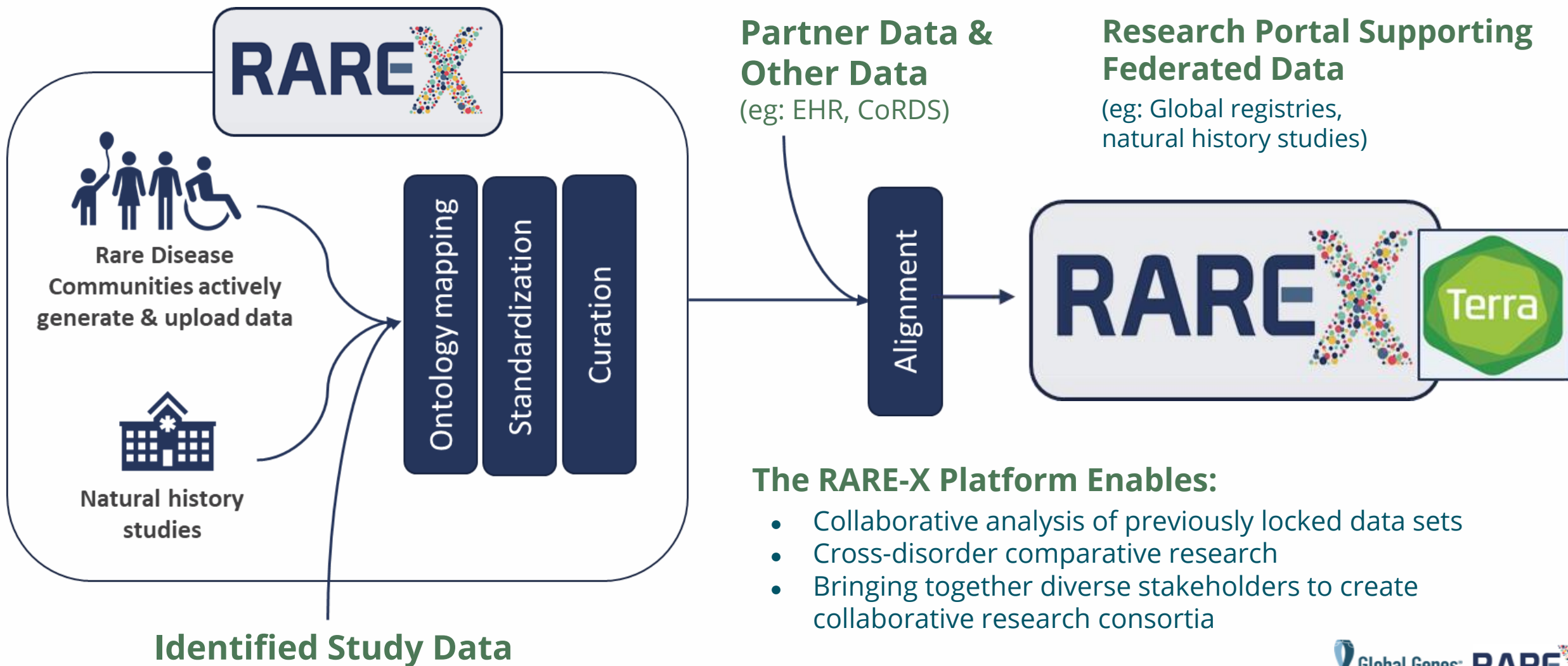
## Longitudinal Data Workflow

Create a standard analytical **workflow** to leverage longitudinal data points while taking into consideration their inherent variation, to enhance the utility and accuracy of analyses derived from longitudinal PRO data.

## National Taskforce Establishment

Landscape/Scope/Advocate the need for new dedicated funding pipelines to support the future direction of PRO data collection harmonization efforts and **sustainability** of these unique resources.

# Visual Summary: Data Generation, Alignment, Federation







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# RARE DISEASES

## CLINICAL RESEARCH NETWORK

Established by Rare Diseases Act of 2002  
(Public Law 107-280)

*“planning, establishing, or strengthening, and providing basic operating support for **regional centers of excellence** for clinical research into, training in, and demonstration of diagnostic, prevention, control, and treatment methods for rare diseases”*

Established 2003  
Recompeted every 5 years

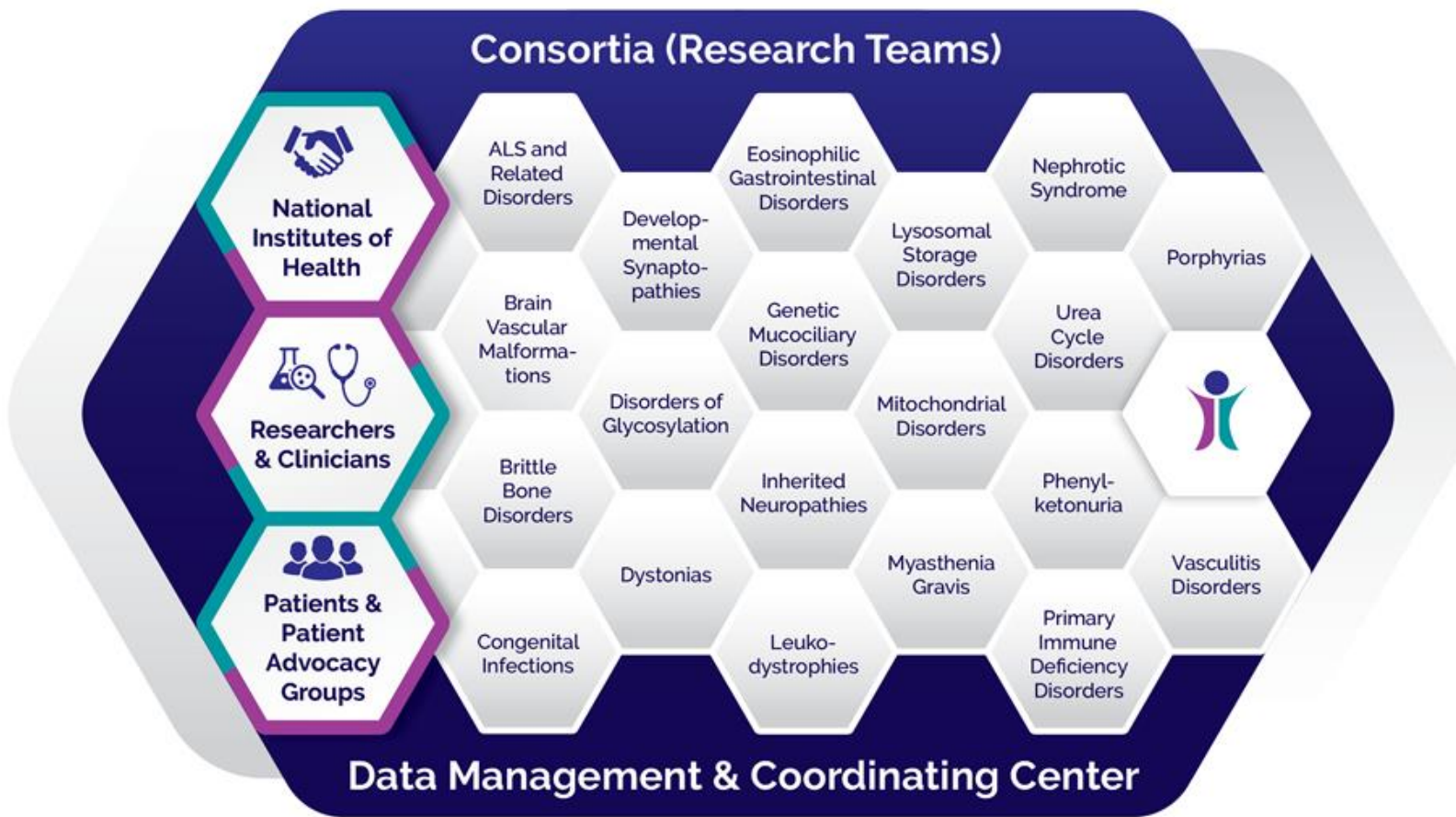
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A network of 20 research teams collaborating to achieve faster diagnosis and better treatments for patients with rare diseases



Current 2024

**NIH** National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

**NIH** National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

**NIH** National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

**NIH** National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

**NIH** National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

**NIH** National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

**NIH** Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**NIH** National Institute of Mental Health

**NIH** National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

**NIH** National Institutes of Health Office of Dietary Supplements



# Every RDCRN consortium:



**Studies at least 3 related rare diseases**



**Career Enhancement Core**

Works to develop the next generation of rare disease researchers



**Admin Core**

Is a partnership of researchers and clinicians, patients and patient advocates, and the NIH



**Pilot/Feasibility Governance Core**

Supports innovative pilot projects



**Clinical Research Projects**

Conducts 2-4 clinical research projects, including a natural history study



**DMCC**

Is supported by a central Data Management and Coordinating Center

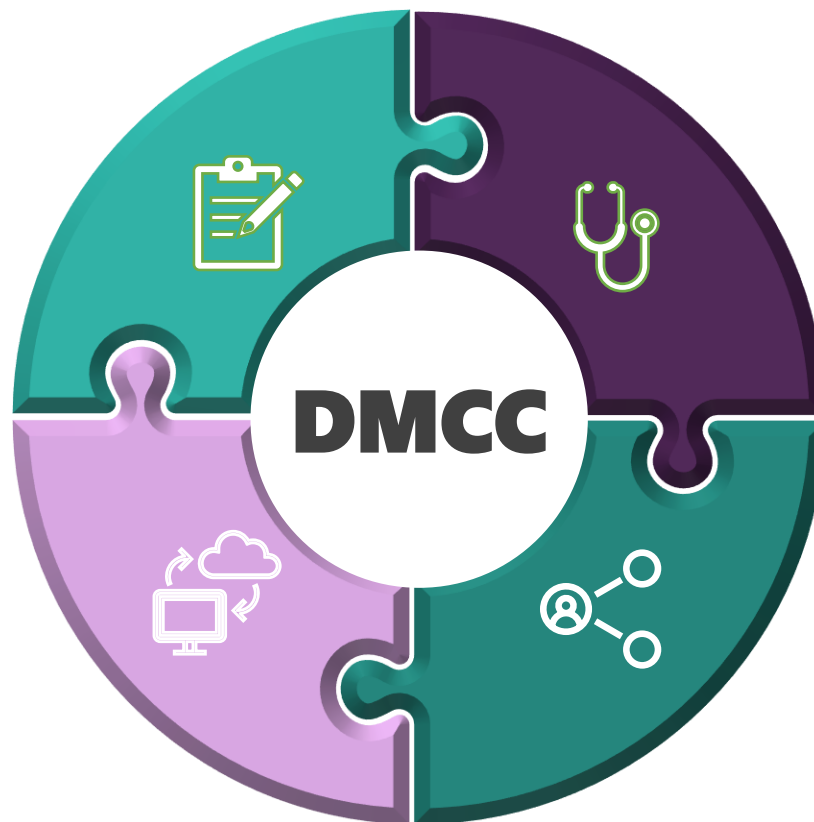
# RDCRN Data Management and Coordinating Center

## Administrative Support

Facilitates network operations, governance and communication

## Data Management

Builds and maintains a robust, secure data infrastructure for the RDCRN working closely with NCATS



## Clinical Research Support

Supports best practices in clinical research, protocol development and good data practices (FAIR)

## Engagement and Dissemination

Promotes patient engagement and broad research dissemination



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# RDCRN Translational Impact

## Clinical Trials directly funded by U54 grant

- Predominantly small **Phase 1/Phase 2**
- Currently 18 trials funded in RDCRN4
- Primarily repurposed drugs, diets, supplements, procedures, devices, some novel drugs

## RDCRN-associated Clinical Trials

- Predominantly **Phase 2/Phase 3**
- Funded by industry, IC-specific grants, FDA, PAGs
- Leveraging disease phenotype, patient population, clinical sites, endpoints, biomarkers, early phase safety and efficacy data
- *No NCATS \$\$ involved*

## 12 FDA-approved treatments for 11 rare diseases

Consortium	Drug	Other Name	Indication	Company	Approval Date
UCDC	CARBAGLU®	carglumic acid	N-acetylglutamate synthetase ( <b>NAGS</b> ) deficiency	Orphan Europe	March 2010
VCRC	RITUXAN®	rituximab in combination with corticosteroids	Wegener's granulomatosis ( <b>WG</b> ) and microscopic polyangiitis ( <b>MPA</b> )	Genentech and Biogen	April 2011
UCDC	RAVICTI®	glycerol phenylbutyrate	urea cycle disorders ( <b>UCD</b> )	Hyperion Therapeutics	February 2013
RLDC	RAPAMUNE®	sirolimus	lymphangiomyomatosis ( <b>LAM</b> )	Pfizer	May 2015
PC	SCENESSE®	afamelanotide	erythropoietic protoporphyria ( <b>EPP</b> )	Clinuvel	October 2019
PC	GIVLAARI®	givosiran	acute hepatic porphyria ( <b>AHP</b> )	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	November 2019
RKSC	OXLUMO®	lumasiran	primary hyperoxaluria type 1 ( <b>PH1</b> )	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	November 2020
CEGIR	DUPIXENT®	dupilumab	eosinophilic esophagitis ( <b>EoE</b> )	Regeneron	May 2022 Jan 2024 (pediatric)
RTT	DAYBUE™	trofinetide	<b>Rett</b> syndrome	Acadia Pharmaceuticals	March 2023
MGNet	RYSTIGGO®	rozanolixizumab-noli	generalized myasthenia gravis ( <b>gMG</b> )	UCB	June 2023
RKSC	RIVFLOZA™	nedosiran	primary hyperoxaluria type 1 ( <b>PH1</b> )	Novo Nordisk	October 2023
CEGIR	EOHILIA	budesonide oral suspension	eosinophilic esophagitis ( <b>EoE</b> )	Takeda	February 2024



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## Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)

**The following types of studies are not responsive to this NOFO.**

**Applications proposing such studies will be considered non-responsive, will be withdrawn from review, and not considered for funding.**

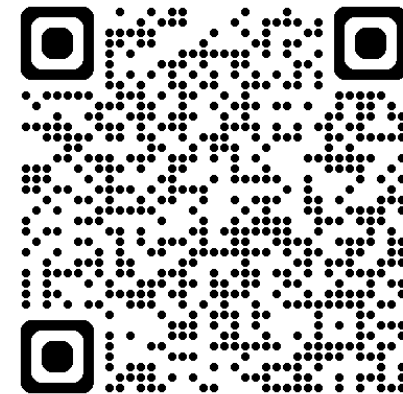
- Single site clinical studies
- Phase III Clinical Trials as part of Clinical Research Projects
- There are fewer than three rare diseases included
- There is not at least one longitudinal natural history study
- There are either less than two or more than four research projects submitted
- There is no patient advocacy group involved
- Basic sciences studies
- Applications that propose any type of animal studies within the RDCRC. The use of in vitro models must be relevant to clinical endpoints (i.e., testing drugs, validating biomarkers versus more basic research)



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# Rare Diseases Clinical Research Consortia (RDCRC) for the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)



## Key Dates

Posted Date	April 02, 2024
Open Date (Earliest Submission Date)	July 12, 2024
Letter of Intent Due Date(s)	30 days prior to the application due date

Application Due Dates			Review and Award Cycles		
New	Renewal / Resubmission / Revision (as allowed)	AIDS - New/Renewal/Resubmission/Revision, as allowed	Scientific Merit Review	Advisory Council Review	Earliest Start Date
August 13, 2024	August 13, 2024	Not Applicable	February 2025	May 2025	July 2025

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-206.html>



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# **OOPD's Funding Opportunities for Rare Diseases**

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FDA/NIH/NCATS/Reagan Udall Foundation Public Workshop:  
Natural History Studies and Patient Registries In the Development of Rare Disease Treatments

# Office of Orphan Products Development

- The Office of Orphan Products Development (OOPD) provides incentives for sponsors to develop products for rare diseases.
- **Mission**: To promote the development of drugs, devices, biologics, and medical foods for patients with rare diseases and special populations.

DESIGNATION PROGRAMS		GRANT PROGRAMS	
1	Orphan Drug Designation & Exclusivity	1	Orphan Products Clinical Trials Grant Program
2	Rare Pediatric Disease (RPD) Designation	2	Orphan Products Natural History Grant Program
3	Humanitarian Use Device Designation (HUD)	3	Pediatric Device Consortia Grant Program
		4	Rare Neurodegenerative Disease Grant Program

Learn more about OOPD Grants programs:

[Office of Orphan Products Development | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/orphan)

# Orphan Products Grants Program



- **Established:** 1983
- **Overall Budget:** ~\$19M
- **Goal:** To advance the development of orphan products (drugs, biologics, devices, or medical foods) that demonstrate promise for the diagnosis or treatment of rare diseases or conditions
- **Clinical Trial Grants**
  - Funding ~ 75 ongoing studies
  - Focus on efficiency and innovative trial designs
  - Grants have led to over 85 product approvals
  - Publications, impact on field
- **Natural History (NH) Grants**
  - Launched Program in 2016
  - Currently funding 14 grants
  - Potential impact for clinical trial development and supporting regulatory decisions
  - Collaborations with industry and patient groups and publications

# Rare Neurodegenerative Disease Grant Program



- **Established:** upon enactment of the [ACT for ALS in December 2021](#).
- **FY2024 Budget:** \$5M
- **Purpose:** Grants and contracts to public and private entities to cover costs of research on, and development of interventions intended to prevent, diagnose, mitigate, treat, or cure ALS and other rare neurodegenerative diseases in adults and children, including costs incurred with respect to the development and **critical evaluation of tools, methods, and processes**
- To learn more about this program, see:  
[Rare Neurodegenerative Disease Grant Program | FDA](#)

# Funding Opportunities Details



- **Eligibility:**
  - Foreign or domestic, public or private, for-profit or nonprofit entities (state and local units of government) are eligible; Federal agencies may not apply
  - The disease proposed to be studied meet the definition of a rare disease (prevalence of fewer than 200,000 persons in the US)
- **Budget:**
  - Yearly budget depends on the RFA. See RFA for limits.
- **How to Apply:**
  - Grants.gov
  - Instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide](#), except where noted otherwise
  - Helpful Hint documents for all FOA on [OOPD's website](#)
  - Registrations required to submit (e.g., SAM, eRA Commons, grants.gov)
  - Start Early!
- **Review and Awards:**
  - Reviewed by experts in the field
  - Number of awards is contingent upon FDA appropriations and submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications
  - Funding dependent on **quality of application** and **availability of Federal funds**



# OOPD Funding Opportunities



- [Clinical Studies of Orphan Products Addressing Unmet Needs of Rare Diseases \(R01\)](#)
  - Receipt Dates: October 22, 2024
  - Resubmission Only Receipt Dates: June 4, 2024; June 3, 2025
  - FOA Number: **RFA-FD-23-001**
- [Efficient and Innovative Natural History Studies Addressing Unmet Needs in Rare Diseases \(R01\)](#)
  - Receipt Dates: **February 13, 2024**
  - FOA Number: **RFA-FD-22-001**
- [Natural History and Biomarker Studies of Rare Neurodegenerative Diseases \(U01\)](#)
  - Receipt Dates: **May 6, 2024**
  - FOA Number: **RFA-FD-24-024**

Apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) – links in the RFA

[Funding opportunities for rare disease research | FDA](#)





# OOPD Contact Information

For more information on OOPD programs go to:

[www.fda.gov/orphan](http://www.fda.gov/orphan)

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Email: [katherine.needleman@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:katherine.needleman@fda.hhs.gov)

Call us at 301-796-8660



# Lunch



The meeting will resume at 1:35 pm ET





# Natural History Studies and Registries in the Development of Rare Disease Treatments

**Hybrid Public Workshop**  
May 13, 2024 | 10am-4pm (eastern)



A workshop prepared in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration and the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences



# Collecting Fit for Purpose Data to Inform Regulatory Decision Making

## Presenters

**Jennifer Farmer, MS**

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance

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Critical Path Institute

## Reactor Panel

**Benjamin Forred, MBA, ACRP-CP**, Sanford Research

**Donna Rivera, PharmD, MSc**, Oncology Center of Excellence, FDA

**Kimberly Smith, MD, MS**, Center for Drug Evaluation and research, FDA

**Tiina Urv, PhD**, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, NIH

# Collecting Fit-for-Purpose Data to support Regulatory Decision Making

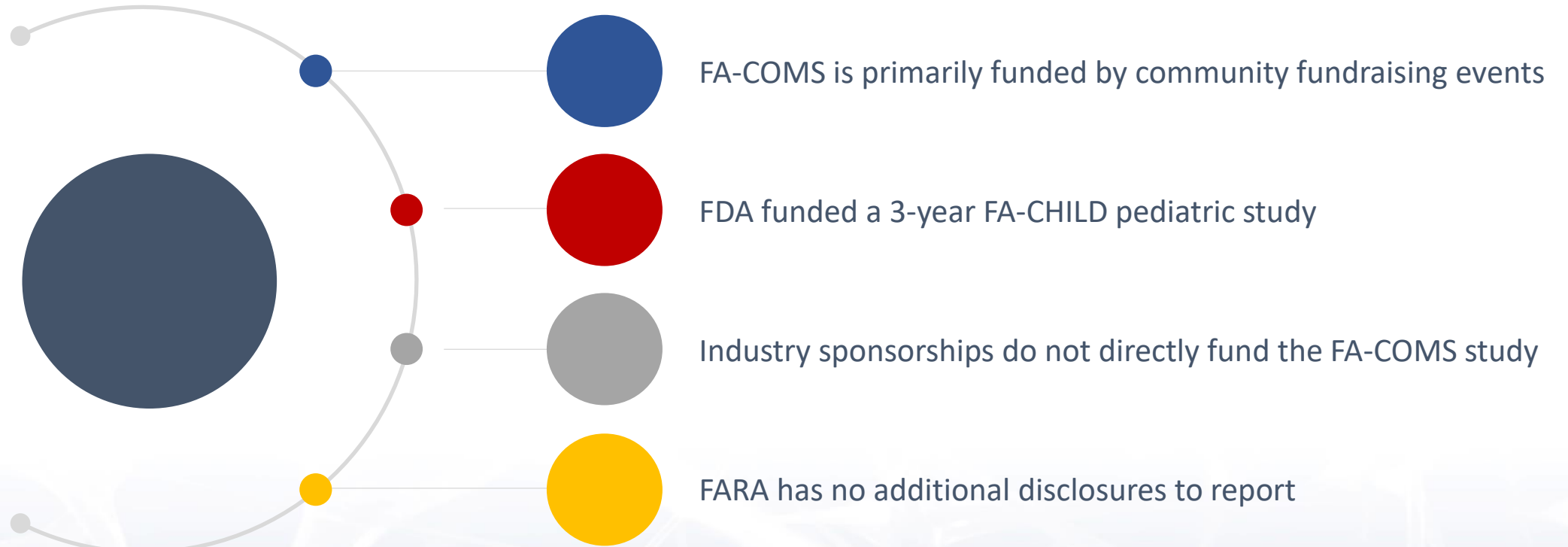
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Reagan Udall, May 2024

Jen Farmer, CEO, Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)

# Disclosures

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# FARA's Natural History study began 20+ years ago

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2003

FARA launched  
Clinical Outcome  
Assessments study.

2012

Met with FDA to  
validate endpoints.

2021

FARA's Natural History  
study provided  
confirmatory evidence  
through a propensity-  
matched study.

**Led to first approval for  
Friedreich's ataxia.**

**FARA**

Friedreich's  
Ataxia  
Research  
Alliance



# How FA-COMS began:



COAs for FA



2003: Co-funded grant



- *Original to FA*  
FARS, ADL, staging scale
- *Borrowed measures from MS*  
9HPT, T25FW, PATA, Low Contrast Letter Acuity, MSQLI



Natural History Visits Begin

2006 : FARA commits to funding the natural history study and network

**NOTE: Not designed to be a control arm for trials**



## Systemic Data Collection

Understand natural history of FA through systemic collection of clinical data



## Disease Measures

Develop outcome measures and inform clinical trial design



## Clinical Network

Create a network of clinical research centers in FA that will provide quantitative clinical data on patients.

# FA-COMS Study Design

## Inclusion

Genetically confirmed FA  
All ages and stages  
Representative population



## Prospective, Longitudinal

Intentionally forward-looking  
Long-term commitment  
commensurate with the rate of  
disease progression



## Annual Visits

Nearly all in-person visits (except  
some from 2020-2022 due to  
COVID)



## Consistency

Treated it as a non-interventional trial  
– same protocol, visit schedules,  
sops/standardized procedures, data  
collection across all sites



# Quality of the Data



NINDS

Common  
data  
elements



# Peer-reviewed publications share longitudinal data with the FA research community

> J Neuroophthalmol. 2020 Jun;40(2):213-217. doi: 10.1097/WNO.0000000000000878.

## Correlation of Visual Quality of Life With Clinical and Visual Status in Friedreich Ataxia

Parisa Afsharian<sup>1</sup>, Rachel Nolan-Kenney, Abigail E Lynch, Laura J Balcer, David R Lynch

Multicenter Study > Diabetes Res Clin Pract. 2022 Apr;186:109828.

doi: 10.1016/j.diabres.2022.109828. Epub 2022 Mar 14.

## Friedreich's Ataxia related Diabetes: Epidemiology and management practices

Jaclyn Tamaroff<sup>1</sup>, Anna DeDi...  
Karla Leavens<sup>4</sup>, Christian Rum...

Observational Study > Ann Clin Transl Neurol. 2021 Ju

doi: 10.1002/acn3.51352. Epub 2021 May 5.

## Scoliosis in Friedreich's ataxia: characterization in a large heter

Christian Rummey<sup>1</sup>, John M Flynn<sup>2</sup>, L...  
George Wilmot<sup>5</sup>, Sub H Subramony<sup>6</sup>

> Ann Clin Transl Neurol. 2020 Sep;7(9):1708-1712. doi: 10.1002/acn3.51118. Epub 2020 Aug 11.

## Test-retest reliability of the F rating scale

> Neurol Genet. 2019 Oct 29;5(6):371. doi: 10.1212/NXG.0000000000000371.  
eCollection 2019 Dec.

## Psychometric properties of the Friedreich A Rating Scale

Christian Rummey<sup>1</sup>, Louise A Corben<sup>1</sup>, Martin B Delatycki<sup>1</sup>, S H Subramony<sup>1</sup>,  
Khalaf Bushara<sup>1</sup>, Christopher M Gomez<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Chad Hoyle<sup>1</sup>, Grace Yoon<sup>1</sup>, Bernard R...  
Katherine D Mathews<sup>1</sup>, George Wilmot<sup>1</sup>, Theresa Zesiewicz<sup>1</sup>, Susan Perlman<sup>1</sup>,  
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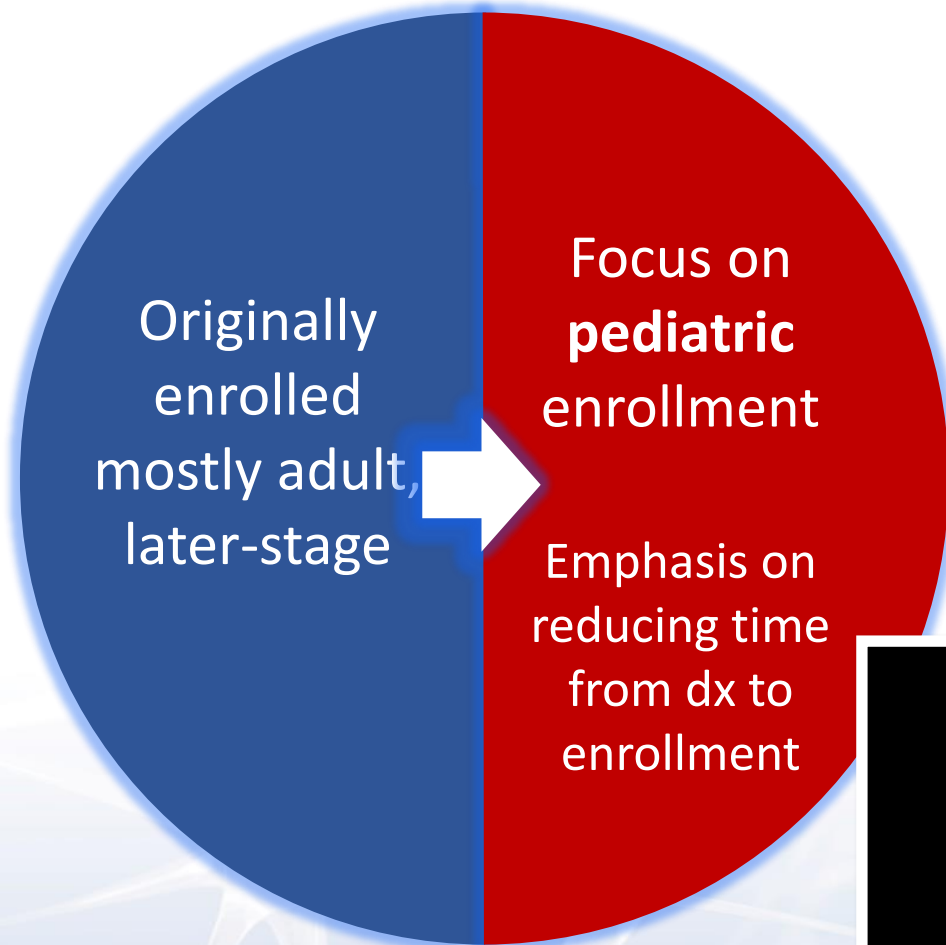
> EclinicalMedicine. 2020 Jan 8;18:100213. doi: 10.1016/j.eclinm.2019.1...  
eCollection 2020 Jan.

## Predictors of loss of ambulation in Fried

Christian Rummey<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer M Farmer<sup>2</sup>, David R Lynch<sup>3</sup>

>30 articles  
published  
based on the  
study's data

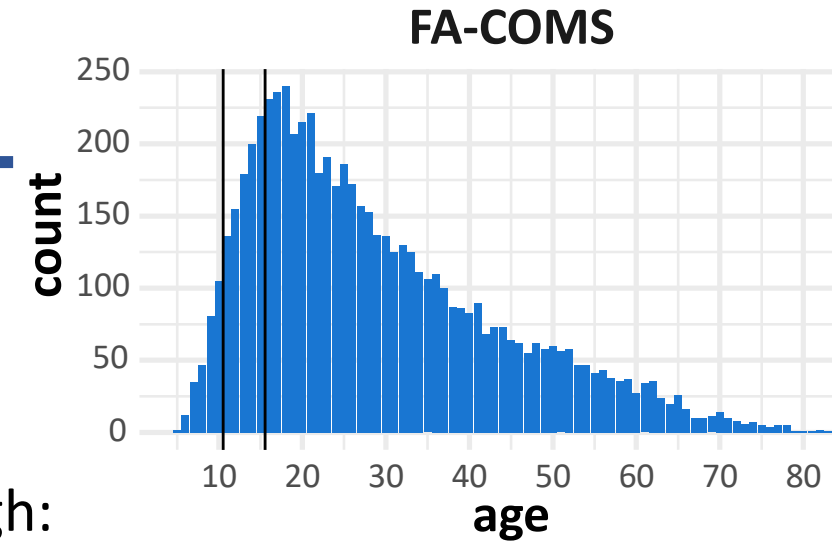
# Data Evolution : Population



Achieved this shift through:

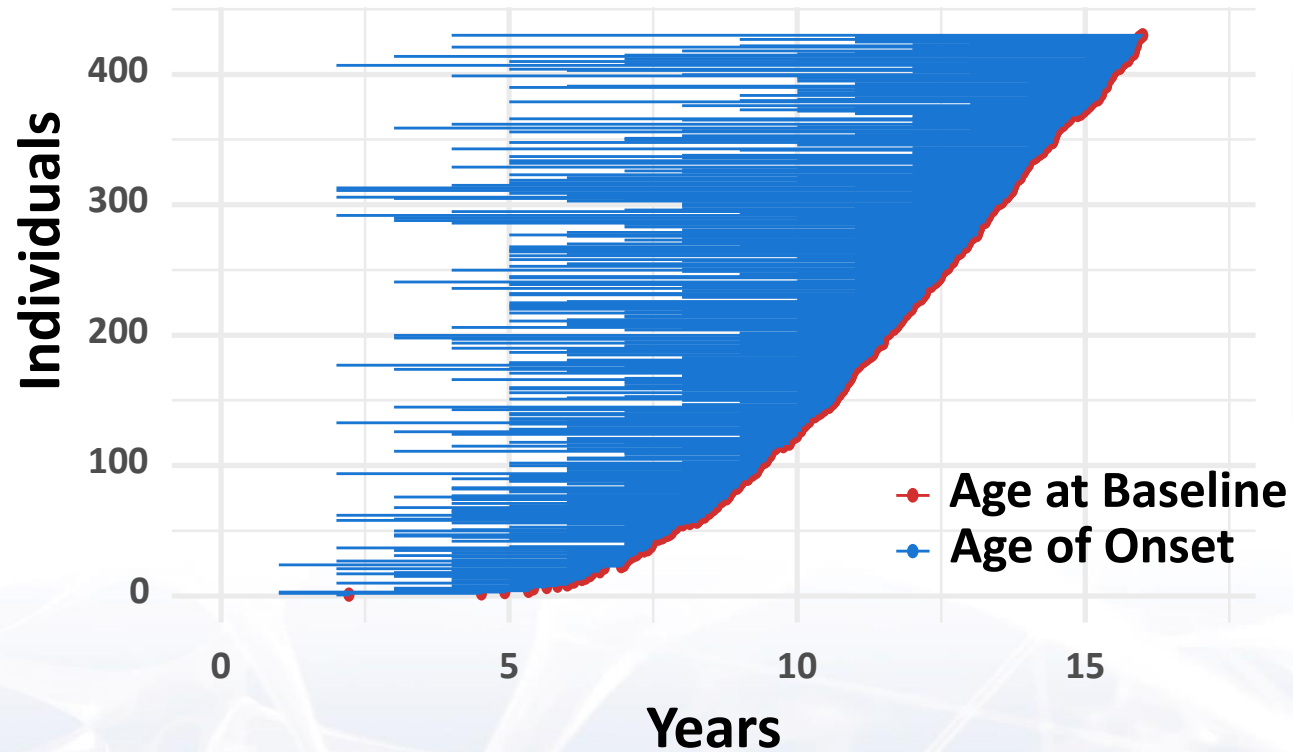
- Patient community outreach and education
- Added sites with pediatric neurologist PIs
- Additional funding – FDA/NIH grant

**Goal:**  
An enrolled population representative of FA across all stages, genotypes and phenotypes



# Data Evolution : Assessments

Uncaptured Data from Age of Onset  
until Enrollment in FA-COMS



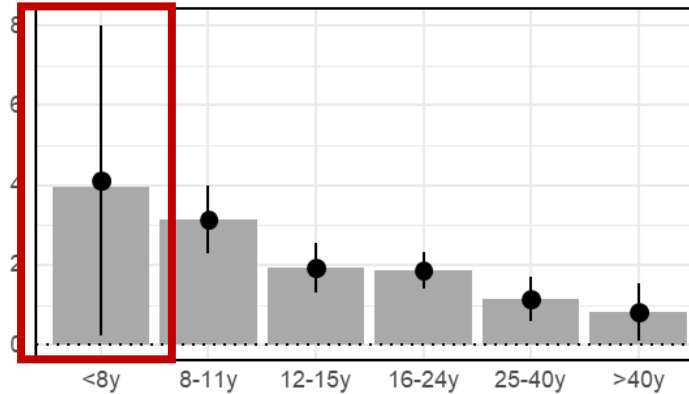
**FA primarily begins  
in childhood**

**Goal: Capture data  
beginning at  
symptom onset**

# Data Evolution : Reducing variability and increasing consistency with our youngest children

Mean Annual Changes (grey bars),  
Estimated Changes (95%CI, point ranges)

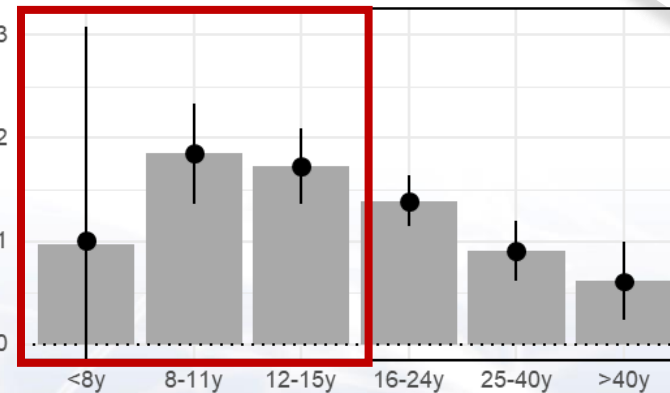
mFARS



Upper Limb Function (FARS B)



Upright Stability (FARS E)



- Variability in mFARS <8 yo
  - Working on more reliable measurements
- Change in Upright Stability reveals milestones gained from birth to 11yo and the tragedy of losing function after 11yo.

Rummev C, et al, Neurology 2022;99:e1499-e1510.

# Consistency and Comparability

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## Duration

Study initiated in 2003 and still ongoing today with strong participant retention



## Investigators

Same sites/investigators are conducting both the history study and clinical trials



## Assessments

The natural history study uses the same assessments as clinical trials



## Contemporary Data

Collection of the natural history dataset is contemporary to clinical trials



Collecting Fit-for-Purpose Data  
**to support**  
**Regulatory Decision Making**

# Regulatory Engagement



2013: Clinical conference with FDA and EMA

- Presented first 10 years of data
- Informal feedback
- Beginning of evolution from FARS to mFARS



- Confidential meetings
- FARA attends as a guest of our industry partner
- Opportunity to discuss how natural history data informs trial design and endpoints



- Began in 2017
- FA-ICD (Integrated Collaborative Database)
  - Includes FA-COMS & trial data
  - Available to industry sponsors, FDA, and RDCA-DAP
  - Data in CDISC STDM standard



- Helped FDA and industry partners understand the lived experience of FA
- Communicated outcomes that are valued by the community

# The Path to the First Approval for Friedreich's Ataxia

2009

Nrf2 target first reported by research group in France



2013

California research group links Nrf2 to pathophysiology in FA Mice

**FARA** Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance

seeks out Reata: a company with a drug targeting the pathway

2015

First clinical trial launched.  
Trial conducted at FARA's Natural History study sites, by Natural History study investigators.



2017

Second clinical trial launched.  
Natural history data informed trial design & endpt selection.



2020

Multiple meetings with FDA



2021

**FARA** Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance coordinates a petition to Reata and the FDA  
74,000+ signatures collected!



2021

Natural History study provides confirmatory evidence through a propensity-matched study.

**FARA** Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance

2023

FDA approves first-ever treatment for Friedreich's ataxia: SKYCLARYS™



2022

Reata initiates rolling submission of NDA for omarveloxolone



**FARA**

Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance

# Use of Natural History in Skyclarys Approval

## Propensity-Matched Analysis Comparable Baseline Characteristics

Demographics and baseline characteristics balanced between the two groups

Median treatment/follow-up duration of approximately 3 years

Demographics and Baseline Characteristics for Primary Pooled Population

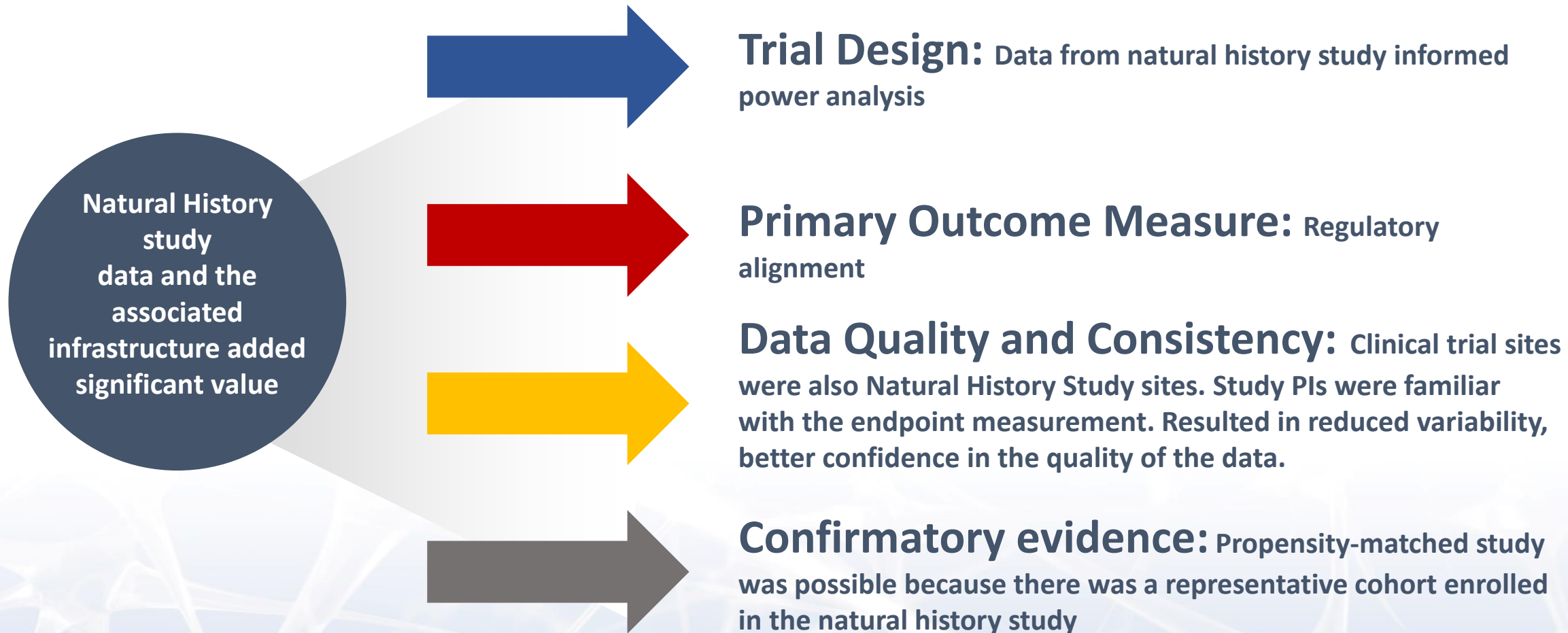
Characteristic	Statistic	Matched FA-COMS (n=136)	MOXIe Extension (n=136)
Age (years)	Mean (SD)	26.2 (13.72)	26.6 (7.26)
Age at FA Onset	Mean (SD)	15.2 (10.48)	15.5 (5.30)
Sex, Female	N (%)	70 (51.5%)	70 (51.5%)
mFARS	Mean (SD)	41.0 (16.10)	42.2 (12.60)
Gait	Mean (SD)	2.7 (1.69)	2.8 (1.36)

**This analysis served  
as one piece of  
confirmatory  
evidence for the  
NDA submission**

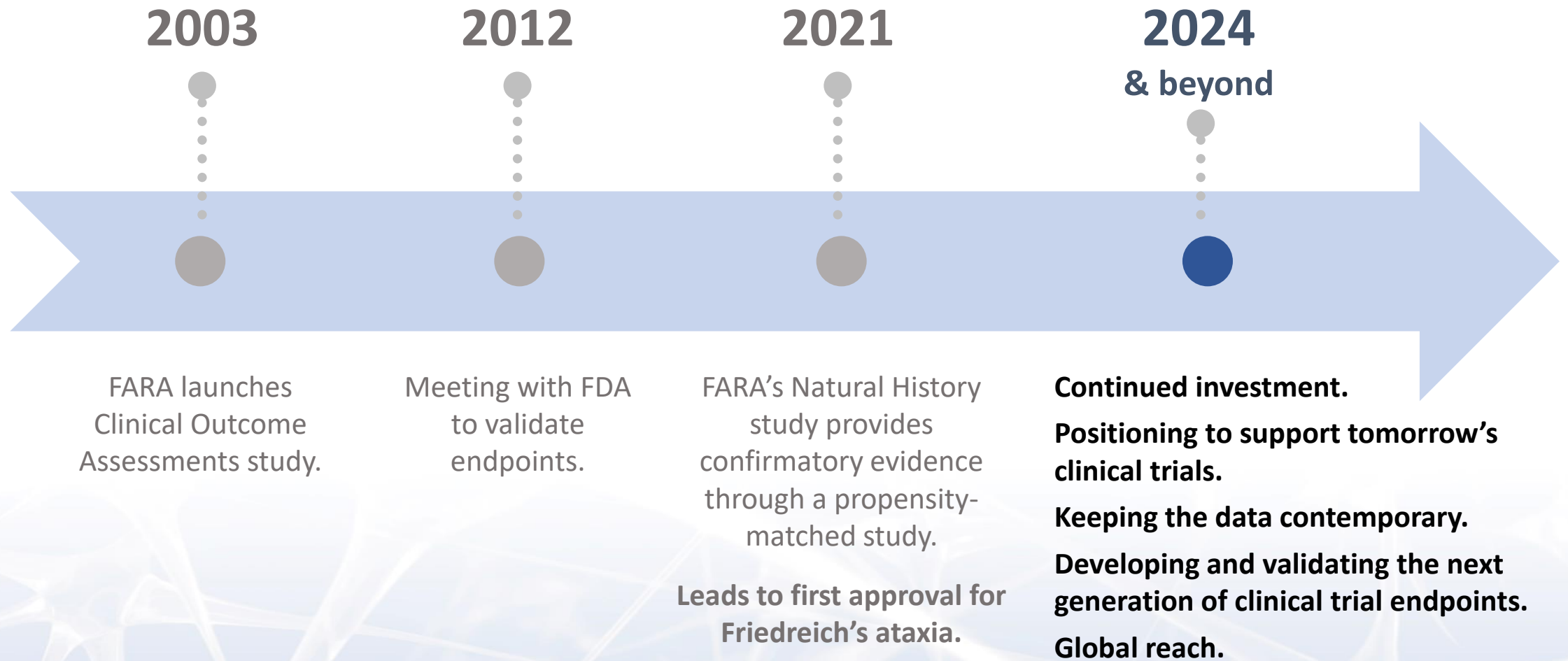


# FARA's Natural History Study played a pivotal role in the path to the first approval

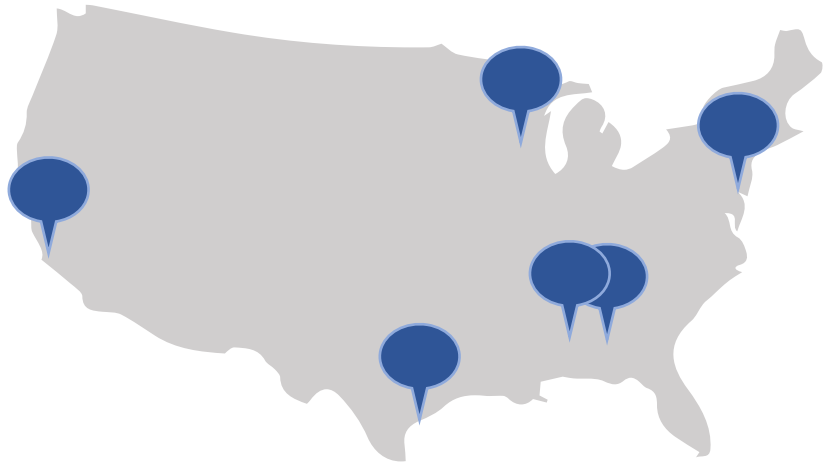
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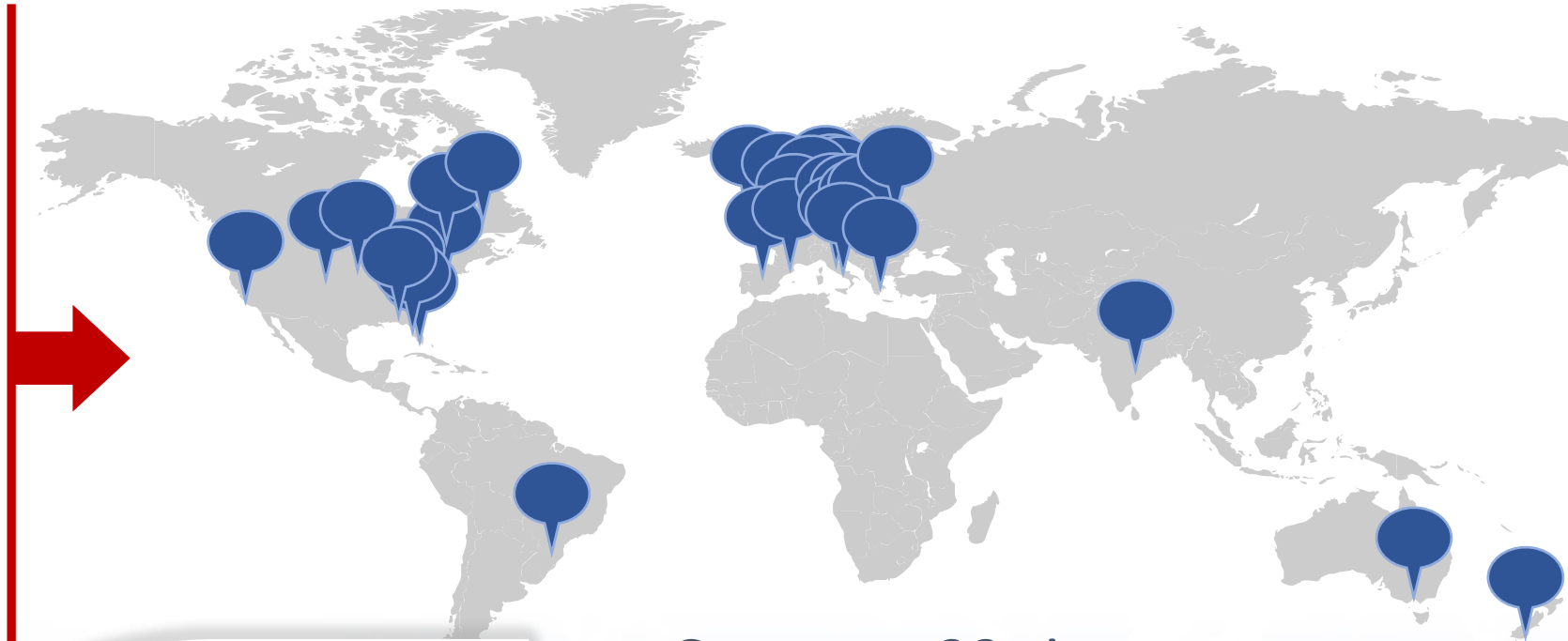
# FARA's Natural History study began 20+ years ago



# Expanding Global Reach



Started with 6 sites  
across the USA



Grown to 33 sites  
across 5 continents

## Focused on:

- Adding sites
- Funding for travel
- Enrolling subjects in multiple studies at the same visits



# THE FA GCC GLOBAL CLINICAL CONSORTIUM

## Scientific Steering Committee

**Co-chairs:** David Lynch (US) & Jörg Schulz (DE)

**SSC Members:** Massimo Pandolfo (CA),  
Kathy Mathews (US), Louise Corben (AUS),  
Caterina Mariotti (IT), Paola Giunti (UK)

## Funding, Management, & Clinical Operations

Jennifer Farmer, CEO FARA & FARA Europe  
Cait Monette, FARA

Global FA Patient  
Advocacy  
Organizations

All Clinical Site Investigators / FA GCC Members  
33 Global Sites, as of May 2024

## Working Groups

Biomarkers

Mood and Cognition

Pediatric



Late stage

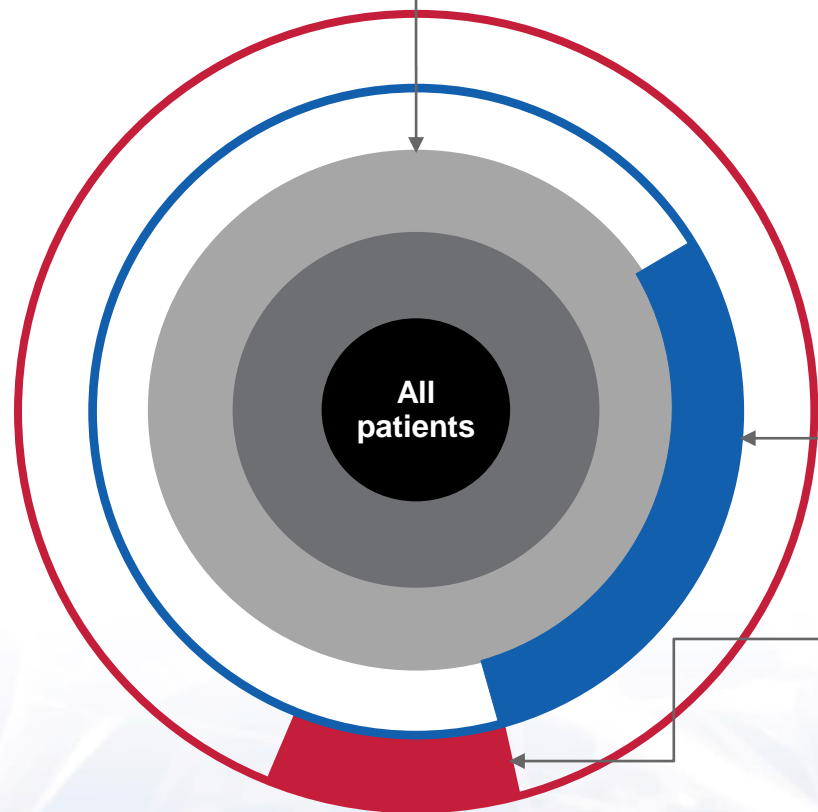
Cardiac





**UNIFAI Study**  
Natural History Enrollments

-  Core data elements
-  Supplemental tests and surveys



**Other FA trials**  
(Industry and Academic Partnerships)

**Other non-interventional studies**  
(e.g. Biomarker or Pediatric substudies)

# Growing Investment

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**2006**

\$175,000

150 subjects

6 sites



**2019**

\$1,000,000

>1,000 subjects

14 sites



**2024 and beyond**

\$2,000,000

>3,000 subjects

33 sites

# Looking ahead: Expanding and Improving

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**Younger  
Children**

Capture data that describes the earliest onset of disease  
Refine outcome measures for young children



**Late-stage  
Adults**

Data collection in late stages of disease, despite the challenges of travel  
Study population should be contemporary with the population



**Better  
therapeutic  
research**

Longitudinal data answers basic questions and prompts a new round of deeper inquiries

# Thank You!



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FA-COMS Site Investigators

Friedreich's Ataxia community

for participating in our natural history study, clinical trials, and for raising funds to enable these efforts



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RARE AND ORPHAN  
DISEASE PROGRAMS

# Collecting Fit for Purpose Data to Inform Regulatory Decision Making

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VP Rare and Orphan Diseases

5-13-2024



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# Practical Considerations

- Non-interventional/observational studies or registries to understand the clinical course of a rare disease
- Capture of real world data longitudinally with an intended regulatory use
- Data sharing considerations
- Examples (trial simulation, disease staging)

# Fit for Use Data Considerations

## Reliable

*Represents the intended underlying medical concepts and thus are considered trustworthy and credible*

## Relevant

*Represents the population of interest and can answer the research question in the clinical context of interest*

# First Step-Preparation Work

- Begin with the end in mind
- Gather input and landscape what has been done
  - Get input from persons with lived experience, clinicians
  - Literature review
  - Define the unmet need, avoid duplication
- How are you going to collect the data and from whom?
- Refine data collection strategy to sufficiently address your questions but not overly burdensome
- Use global unique identifiers to account for participation in multiple research efforts



# Protocol Elements

Population*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusion/exclusion criteria</li><li>• Demographics</li><li>• Concurrent treatments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider all comers vs subpopulations</li><li>• Presymptomatic vs symptomatic</li></ul>
Disease-related*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signs and symptoms and severity</li><li>• Age at onset/diagnosis</li><li>• Family history</li><li>• Genotype</li><li>• Biomarkers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify areas of interest in multiorgan impacted disease (brain vs liver?)</li></ul>
Outcome assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinician/observer reported outcomes</li><li>• Patient reported outcomes</li><li>• Measurement scales</li><li>• Assessments/tests (MRI, FVC, labs)</li><li>• Interviews/free text diaries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploratory, clinical vs regulatory grade</li><li>• Qualitative</li><li>• Describe measurement methods and how the test was performed</li></ul>

\* Variables that could be covariates or be used to enrich the study population or usefully for matching criteria (external controls)

# Protocol Elements

## General methods

- Who/where/how/data collected?
- Duration of study overall and for the subject
- Schedule of events
- Number of sites
- Total N
- Clear, standards, definitions and measurement methods
- Consider forms with structured data elements

## Analysis Plan

- Statistical methods will be based upon your questions
- Inter/intra-rater reliability for assessments
- Plan for analyzing with missing data or subjects lost to follow up
- Consider sources of bias
- Interim analysis plans may help identify high sources of variability
- Are raw measurements being collected vs algorithm derived data?

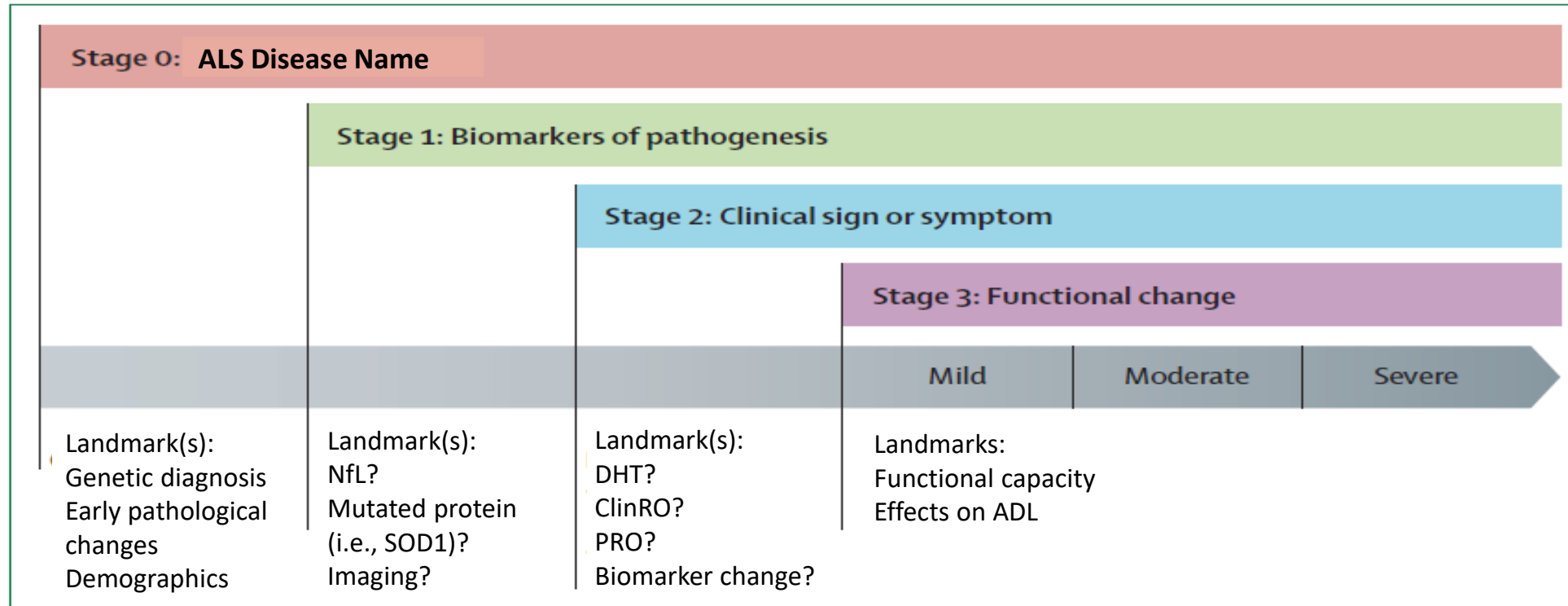
## Quality

- Audit plan and documentation/trail
- Quality checks and correction
- Data access and reproducibility
- Amendments-continued relevance and updates
- Documentation of amendments and justification
- Can the data be readily reproduced?
- Includes security
- Protections

# Clinical Outcome Assessments

- Priorities in natural history studies should consider those that have been associated with measuring clinical benefit (improvement in how a patient feels, functions or survives)
- Should be meaningful to the patient
- Example: May not provide a clinically meaningful information
  - Clinician reporting exam changes of decreased vibratory sense
  - Changes may suggest a change in the disease status but do not reflect any impact on patient symptoms or daily functioning
- Example: Does provide clinically meaningful information
  - Numbness in hands that interferes with the ability to button clothes
  - Weakness in hands that interferes with ability to hold spoon and eat
- Make sure that the COA has support for its use in your rare disease population (unless that's planned)
- Methods to collect and assure reproducibility should be described

# Framework for Biology-Driven Disease Staging



Each data field should have descriptions and information (meta data) about how and when it is collected.

**Abbreviations:**

NfL = neurofilament light chain  
DHT = digital health technology  
ClinRO = clinician reported outcome  
PRO = patient reported outcome  
ADL = activities of daily living

# Clinical Trial Simulation Tool

Trial design parameters:

- Study duration
- Assessment frequency

Baseline Patient features:

- FVC
- Age
- Race
- del 3-7/skip-44 mutation

Assumed drug effects:

- % changes to model parameters to mimic drug effects
- Adjustable times to effect

DMD Clinical Trial Simulator - Version 1.0  
Simulate clinical trials on patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Individual subject Multiple subjects

**Clinical Trial Design**

Total Number of Subjects: 100

Duration of Subjects Follow-up (Years): 10

Assessment Interval (Months): 6

**Patient Characteristics**

Baseline Score Interval: 0-6

Baseline Age Interval (Years): 5-20

% of Asian in the population: 0-100

% of patients with mutation del 3-7/skip-44: 0-100

**Assumed Drug Effects**

% Increase in G<sub>max</sub>: 0-100, Estimated 50% Effect time (months): 6

% Increase in G: 0-100, 50% Effect time (months): 6

% Decrease in DP<sub>max</sub>: 0-100, 50% Effect time (months): 6

% Increase in DP50: 0-100, 50% Effect time (months): 6

Number of Simulations: 100

Simulate

**Forced Vital Capacity (FVC)**

Select X-axis: Trial time

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Contact us:  
Developed by Karthik Lingineni, Juan Francisco Morales & Sarah Kim on behalf of the C-Path's D-RSC. E-mail sarahkim@cop.ufl.edu with questions or comments.

Plotting window by user chosen time metric:

- Plots by age groups
- Plots by time in study
- Provides mouse-over quantitative values

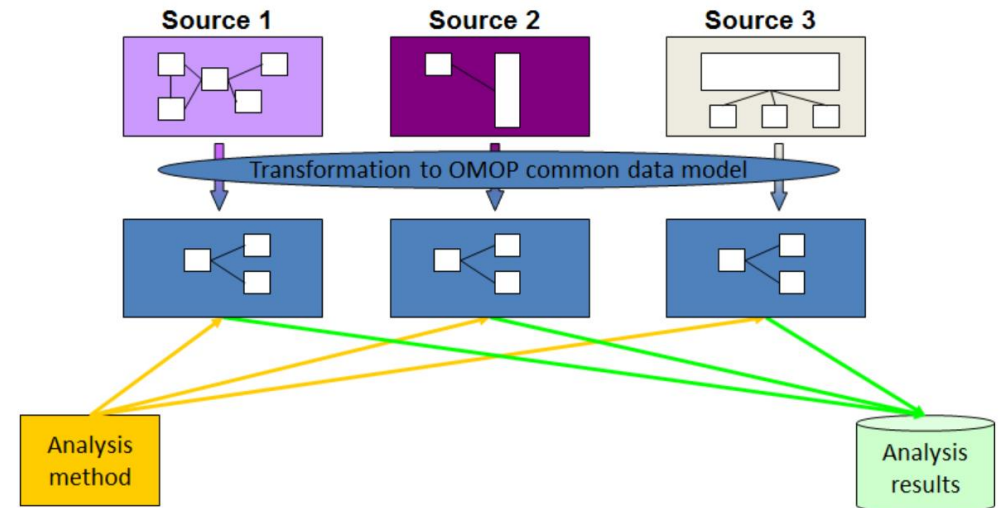
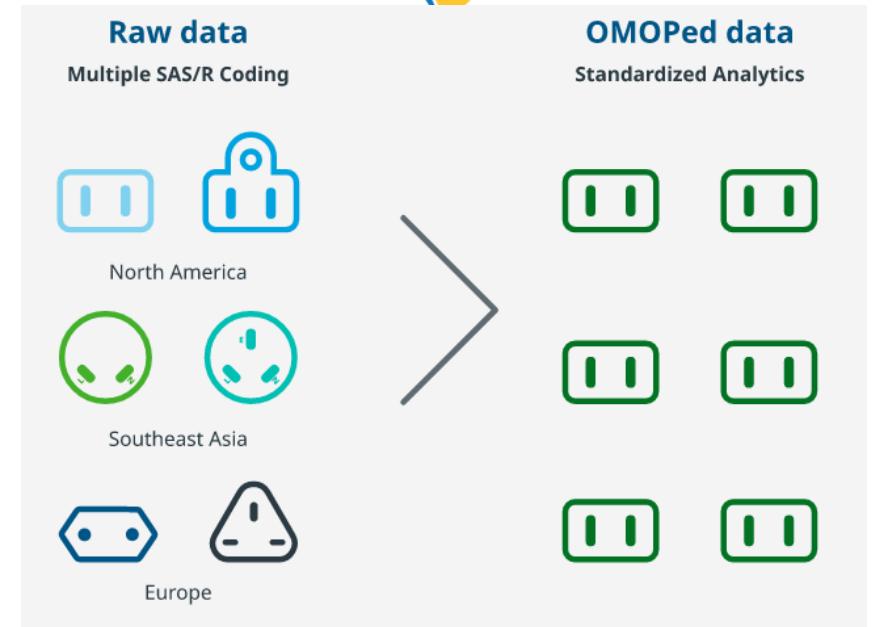
Number of trials to simulate

Simulation output export feature:

- Export virtual patient data
- Export plots
- Export power estimates

# Data Standard Considerations

- Data dictionary (meta data) describing database/tables, variable definitions and standards should be outlined prior to collection of data is essential
- Data can be further standardized to a common data model to depending on the intended audience and use case
- Common data models (including terms, format and vocabularies) allow for data from different sources to be combined more reproducibly
  - SDTM-CDISC
  - OMOP



# Sharing of Data IRB-Considerations “Anonymized” vs. “De-identified” Data

- **Anonymized:** Identifiers are removed from patient data, and *no code exists* to link patient identifiers to patient data
- **De-identified:** Direct identifiers are removed from patient data, but *a link exists* between coded data and identifiers
  - Coded link not shared: *Individuals associated with the creation of the data maintain a link, but the link is not shared with investigators using the data for research.*
  - Coded link shared: The link is shared with investigators using the Study/Registry data for research.

# Example Consent Form Language for Data Sharing

- *“To ensure that your information collected for this Natural History/Registry will be kept private, your name or other information that could be used to identify you will not be used whenever possible. A code will be used to identify your information, and the key linking the code to information that could be used to identify you will not be shared, except with others as needed to manage the Registry.”*
- *“Identifiers will be removed from your identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens collected for this Study/Registry and then your information/biospecimens will be used for future research studies or distributed to other investigators for future research studies without additional informed consent.”*



THANK YOU!

Questions?



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# Case Example: Nulibry for molybdenum cofactor deficiency

## Presenters

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Emek Medical Center

**Liza Squires, MD**

Sentynl Therapeutics

# Leveraging Natural History Data for Rare Disease Drug Development and Approval: Demonstrated Increased Survival in MoCD Type A Patients Treated With Fosdenopterin

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Clinical Associate Professor, Director of Pediatric B Department,  
and Head of Center for Rare Diseases, Emek Medical Center, Afula, Israel

## Liza Squires, MD

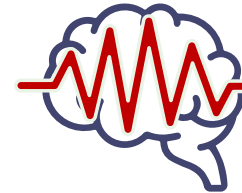
Former Chief Medical Officer, Origin Biosciences  
Sentyln Therapeutics, Inc.



# Molybdenum Cofactor Deficiency (MoCD) Type A

- Rare, autosomal-recessive in-born error of metabolism caused by pathogenic variants in the *MOCS1* gene<sup>1,2</sup>
- Rapidly progressive, irreversible neurologic damage due to loss of the MoCo-dependent enzyme sulfite oxidase, resulting in neurotoxic sulfite accumulation<sup>1,3</sup>
- Patients rarely survive beyond the first few years of life<sup>1</sup>
- Early diagnosis is crucial<sup>4</sup>
- Biomarkers<sup>1,4</sup>
  - Decreasing, low, or undetectable plasma or urinary uric acid
  - Increased plasma and urine xanthine/hypoxanthine
  - Increased urinary sulfites
  - Increased SSC in the plasma and urine

**Signs and symptoms often present in the first hours to weeks of life<sup>1</sup>**



**Intractable Seizures**

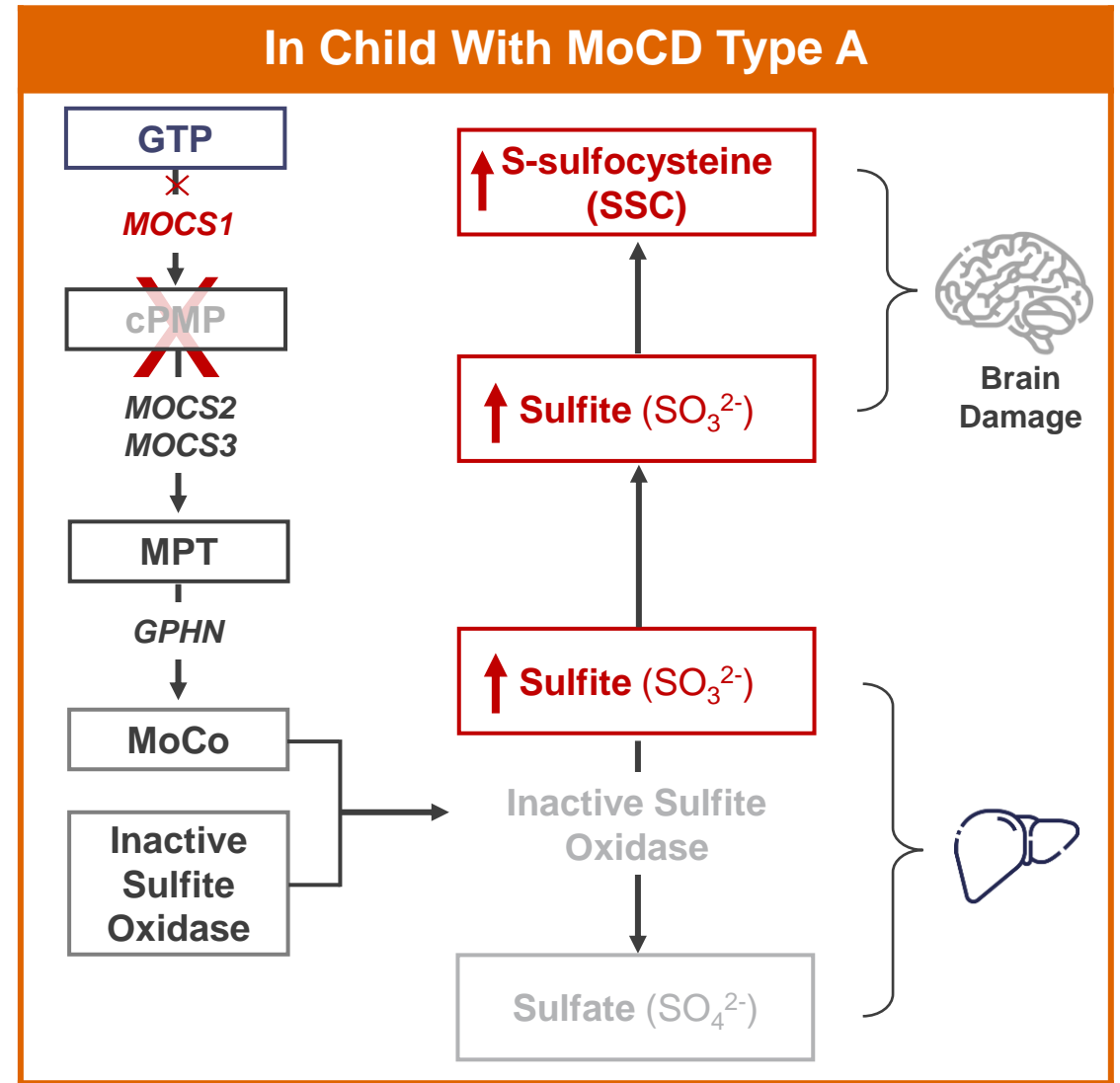
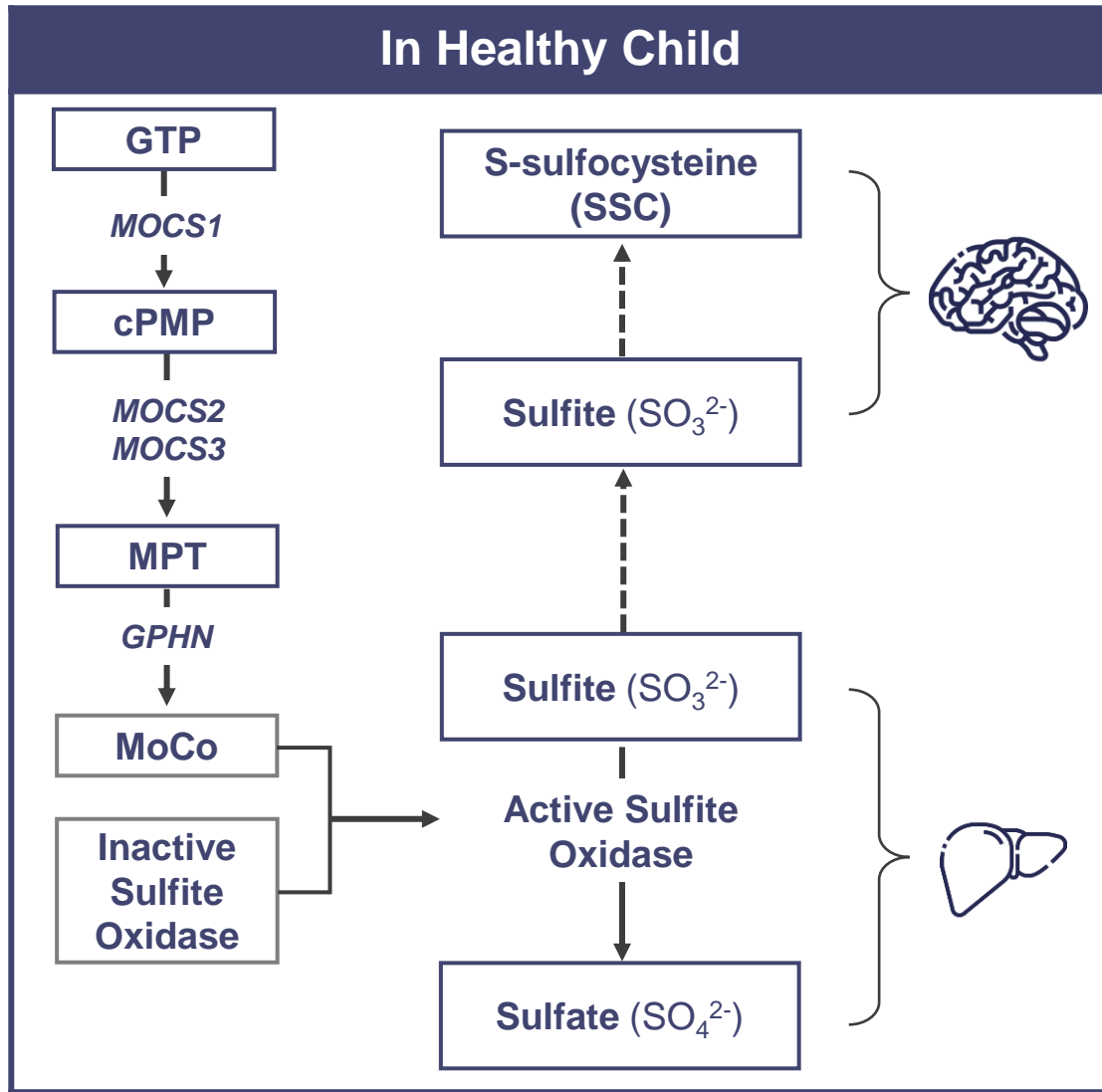
**Feeding Difficulties**



**Abnormal Neuro Examination**



# Biochemical Pathology of MoCD<sup>1-3</sup>



cPMP, cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate; *GPHN*, gephyrin; GTP, guanosine triphosphate; MoCD, molybdenum cofactor deficiency; MoCo, molybdenum cofactor; *MOCS1/2/3*, molybdenum cofactor synthesis 1/2/3; MPT, molybdopterin.

1. Reiss J, et al. *Hum Mutat.* 2011;32:10-18; 2. Atwal PS, et al. *Mol Genet Metab.* 2016;117:1-4; 3. Kumar A, et al. *J Clin Invest.* 2017;127:4365-4378.

Developed and approved for use in the US only.



# Epidemiology of MoCD: An Ultra-Rare Disease

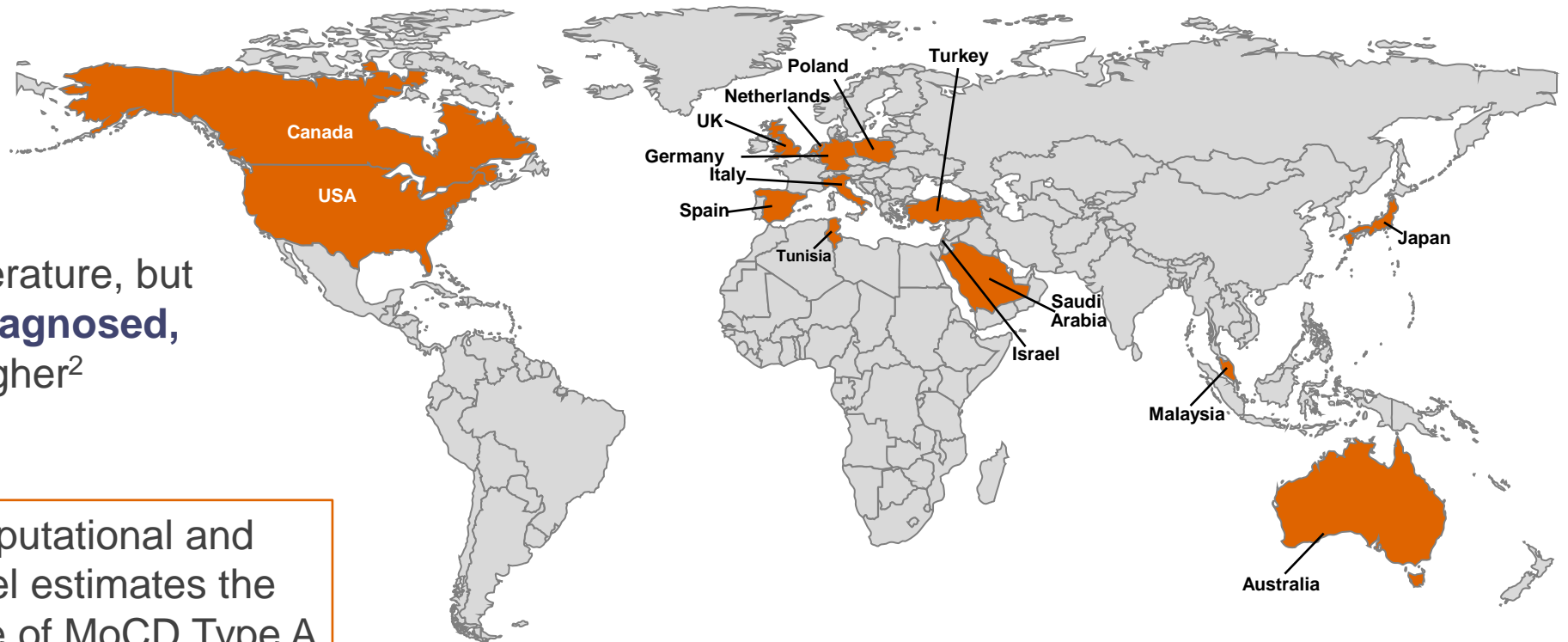
MoCD Occurs Worldwide, With “Hot Spots” in Multiple Countries<sup>1</sup>

MoCD is an **ultra-rare, pan-ethnic** disease

**>100**

cases reported in the literature, but **MoCD is likely underdiagnosed**, and numbers may be higher<sup>2</sup>

An iterative computational and biochemical model estimates the worldwide incidence of MoCD Type A is **1:342,000 to 411,000** births<sup>3</sup>



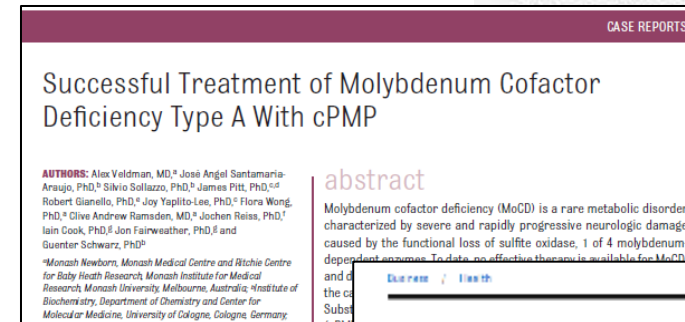
MoCD, molybdenum cofactor deficiency.

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# cPMP Replacement Therapy | First-in-Human Experience

- Prof Guenter Schwarz in Cologne, Germany, discovers that **cPMP is produced as a natural chemical byproduct** by *Escherichia coli*
- Selects for **strains of *Escherichia coli*** to manufacture **recombinant form of cPMP**
- Dr Schwarz's lab **tests cPMP in *MOCS1*-knockout mouse model**, showing its potential as replacement therapy
- **First baby is treated** with recombinant cPMP and **shows rapid biochemical response in 2008**
- Colbourne Pharmaceuticals **begins named-patient program** with recombinant cPMP

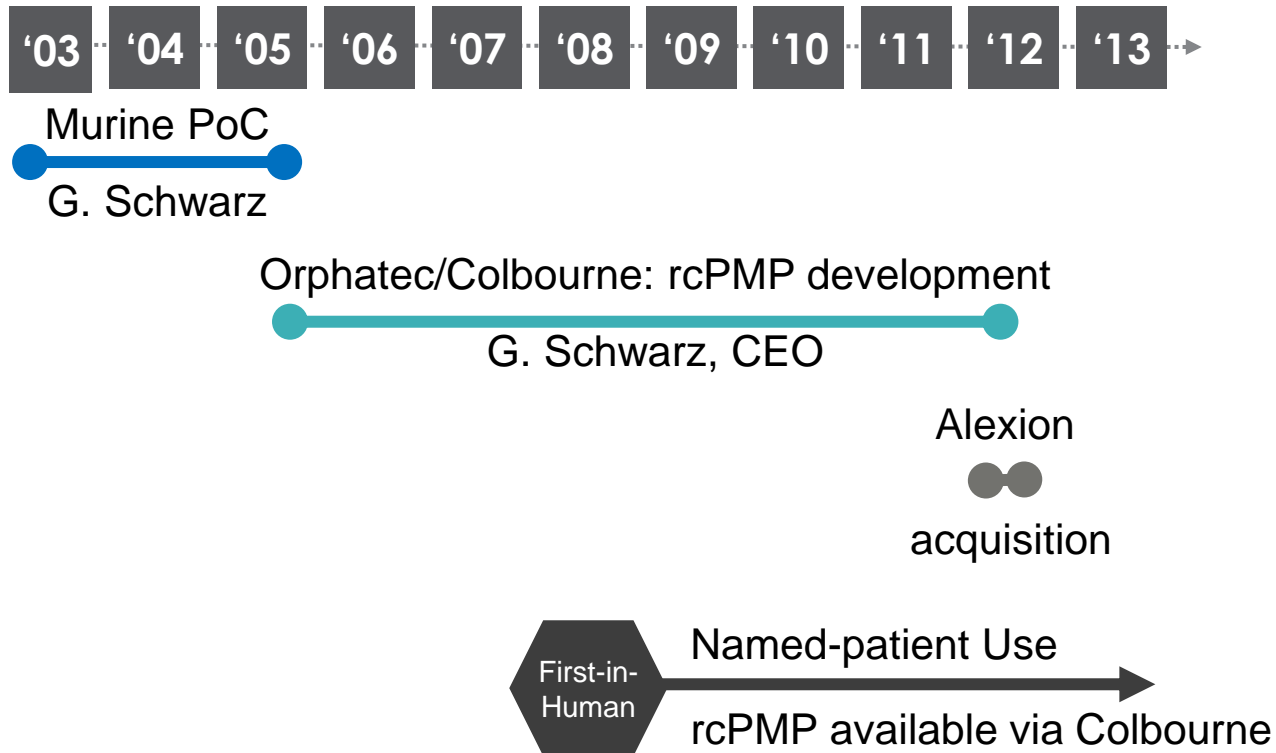


What next for the miracle MoCD cure?



Dr Guenter Schwarz

# First 10 Years of Recombinant cPMP Therapy



- **No approved treatments;** supportive care only
- **No patient advocacy group**
- 10 patients with MoCD Type A **treated with recombinant cPMP** gave consent for retrospective data
- Named-patient use, with **each dose prepared by fermentation** in the lab
- **Unethical to initiate a randomized, placebo-controlled trial** in patients with an ultra-rare and fatal disease





# Natural History Study Design (MCD-502)

Multinational, multicenter, retrospective, and prospective study in patients with MoCD or isolated SOX deficiency

## Primary Objective

- ✓ To characterize the natural history of patients with MoCD by
  - Documenting the natural progression of the disease
  - Developing a more complete understanding of the phenotype
  - Describing the clinical and biochemical variability of the condition



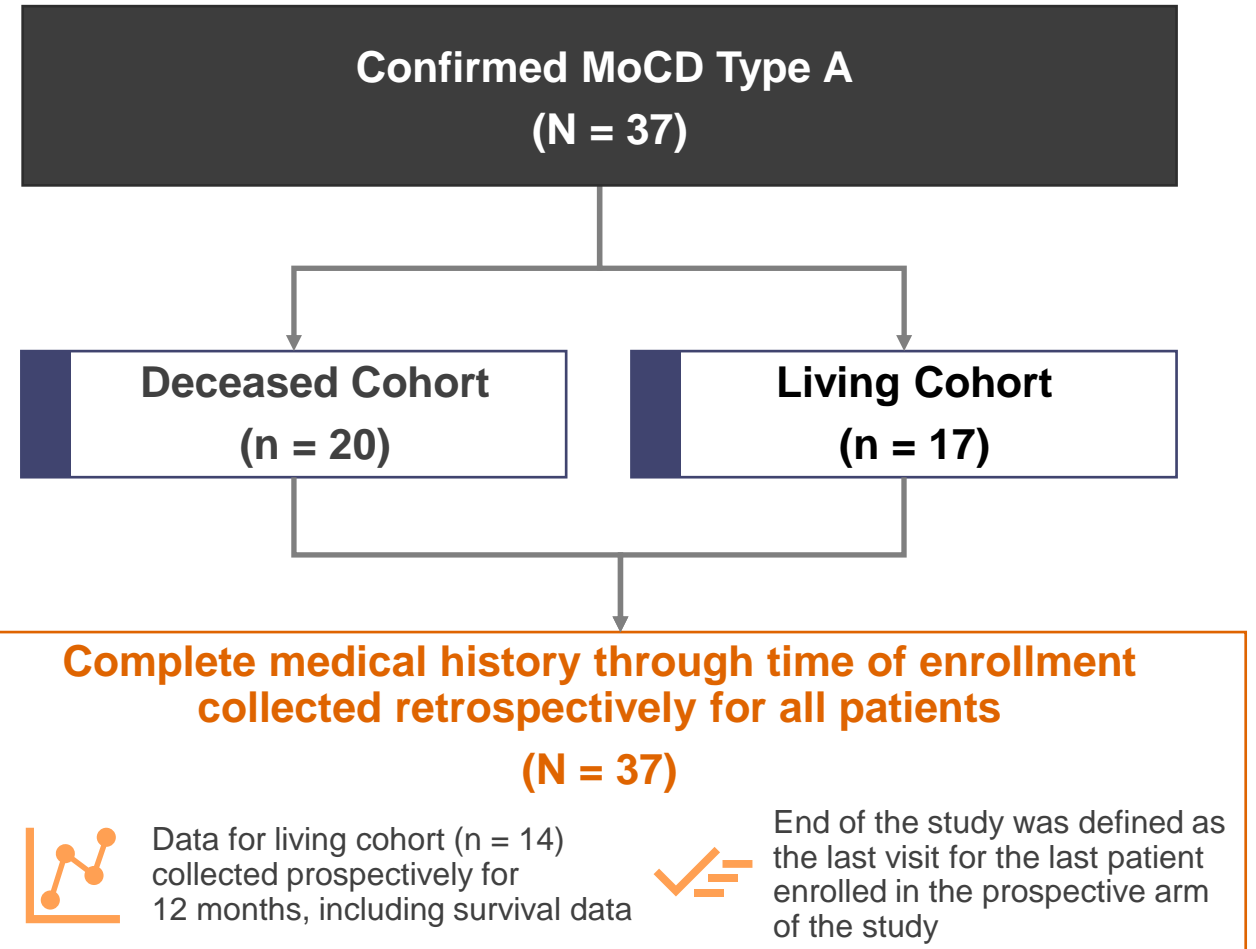
## Inclusion Criteria

- ✓ MoCD or isolated SOX deficiency
  - Clinical and biochemical diagnosis
    - Elevated SSC levels in urine, serum, or plasma
    - Positive urine sulfite dipstick



OR

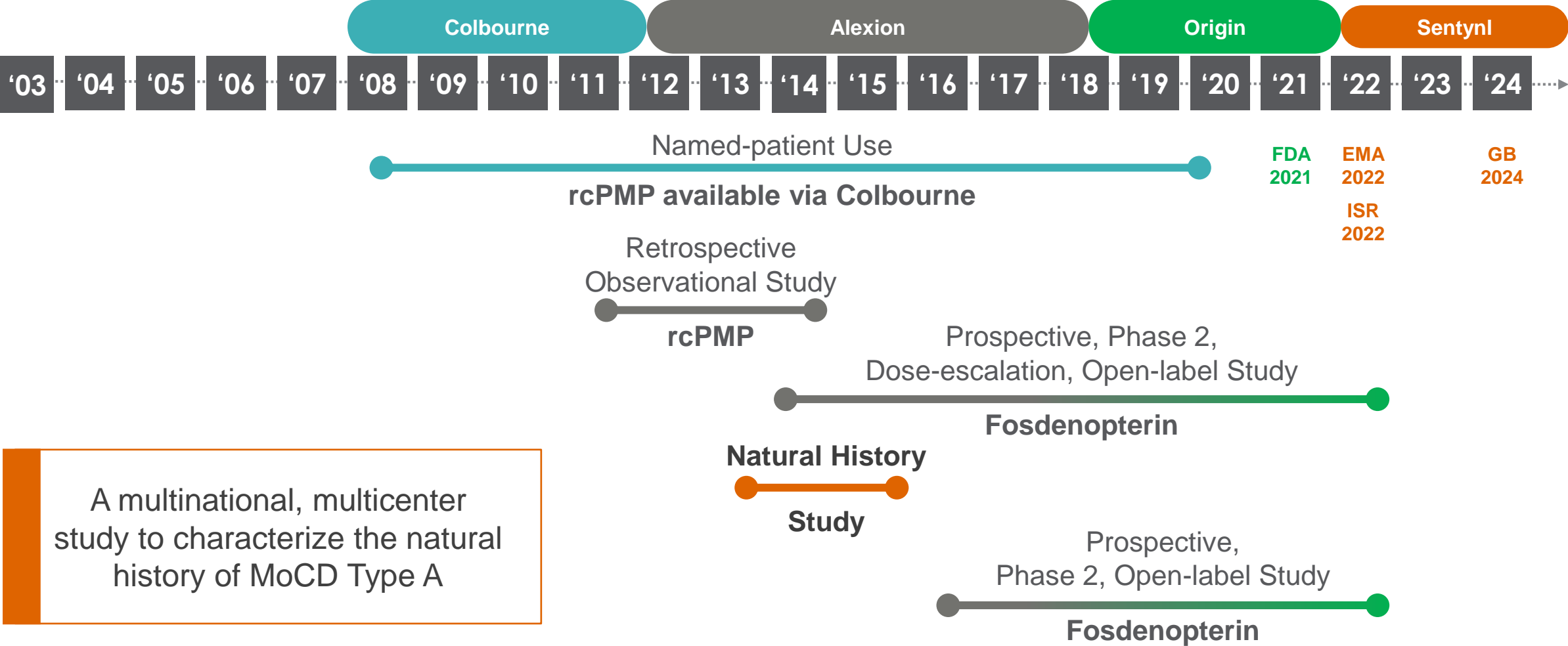
- ✓ Genetic diagnosis



# Natural History Data as a Surrogate Placebo Group



# Clinical Development of Fosdenopterin (cPMP)



A multinational, multicenter study to characterize the natural history of MoCD Type A

cPMP, cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate; MoCD, molybdenum cofactor deficiency; rcPMP, recombinant cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate.

# cPMP Clinical Development Program: Using Natural History Data

## Objectives

- Summarize clinical efficacy of cPMP (inclusive of both recombinant cPMP and fosdenopterin)
  - Retrospective, observational study (MCD-501)
  - Phase 2, open-label, dose-escalation study (MCD-201)
  - Phase 2/3 open-label study (MCD-202)
- Interpret the response to cPMP in patients with MoCD Type A
- Compare the survival rate of children with MoCD Type A treated with cPMP replacement therapy with the survival rate of untreated patients with MoCD Type A from a natural history study

## Key Variables Assessed in the Clinical Studies



Baseline characteristics



Growth parameters



Overall survival



GMFCS-ER



Biomarkers



Seizures



Feeding patterns



Neurologic examinations



Developmental assessments



# Full Analysis Set

Patients with MoCD Type A treated with cPMP replacement therapy (recombinant cPMP and/or fosdenopterin) from 1 retrospective, observational study and 2 prospective, open-label, single-arm studies (N = 13)

**VS**

Patients with MoCD Type A who were enrolled in a multinational, multicenter, retrospective/prospective natural history study (N = 37)



# Patient Demographics

Characteristics, n (%)	cPMP-Treated Patients (N = 13)	Untreated Controls (N = 37)
Male	7 (53.8)	28 (75.7)
Female	6 (46.2)	9 (24.3)
Region of birth		
North America	2 (15.4)	3 (8.1)
Europe	6 (46.2)	14 (37.8)
Rest of world	5 (38.5)	20 (54.1)
Age of first MoCD symptom category		
≤ 28 days	13 (100)	33 (89.2)
> 28 days	0	4 (10.8)



# MoCD Presenting Signs and Symptoms

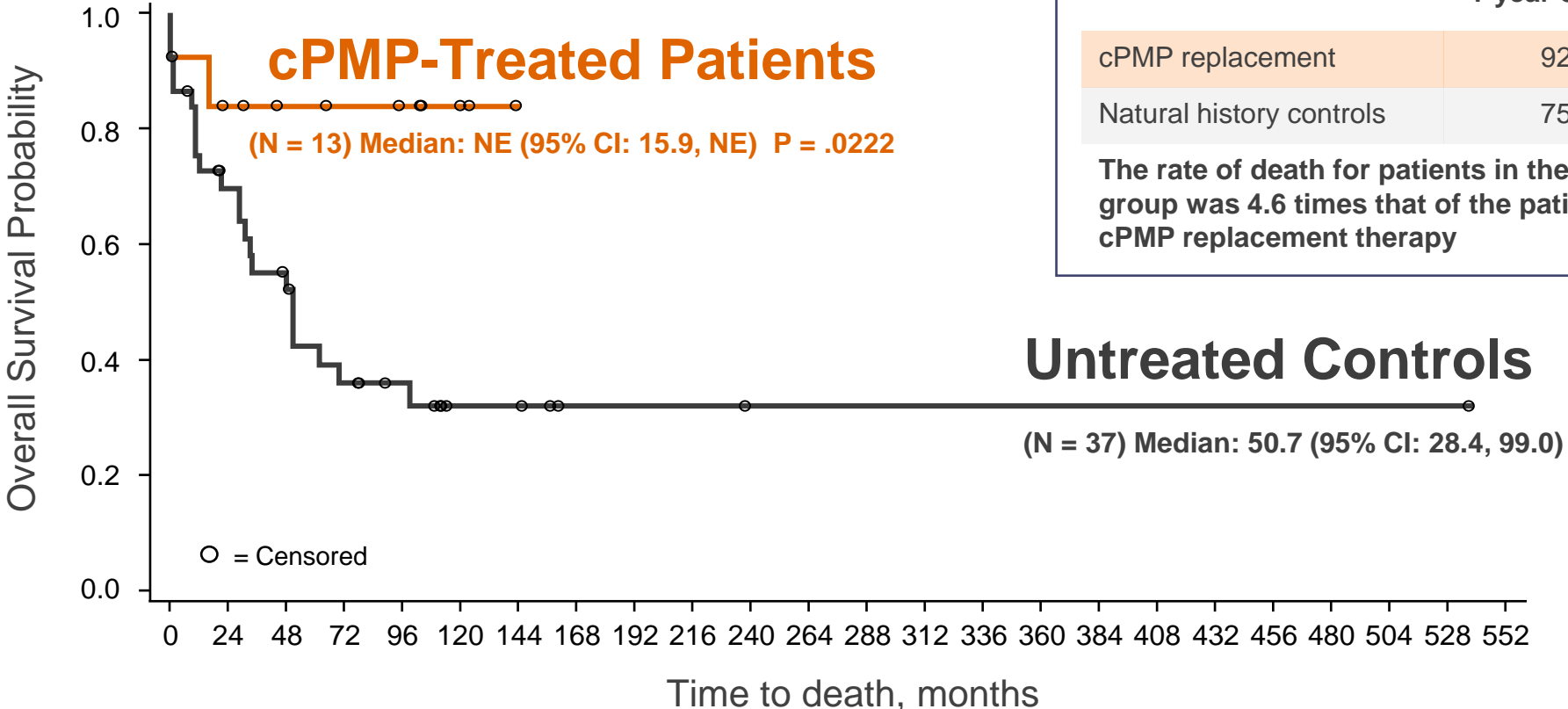
Parameters, n (%)	cPMP-Treated Patients (N = 13)	Untreated Controls (N = 37)
Seizures	9 (69.2)	34 (91.9)
Feeding difficulties	8 (61.5)	31 (83.8)
High-pitched cry	7 (53.8)	16 (43.2)
Exaggerated startle response	5 (38.5)	12 (32.4)
Number of reported other symptoms <sup>a</sup>	21	20

cPMP, cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate; MoCD, molybdenum cofactor deficiency.

<sup>a</sup>Other signs and symptoms included but were not limited to metabolic acidosis, hypertonia, hypotonia, encephalopathy, intracranial hemorrhage.



# cPMP Replacement Therapy Improves Overall Survival



	1-year Survival	2-year Survival
cPMP replacement	92%	84%
Natural history controls	75%	70%

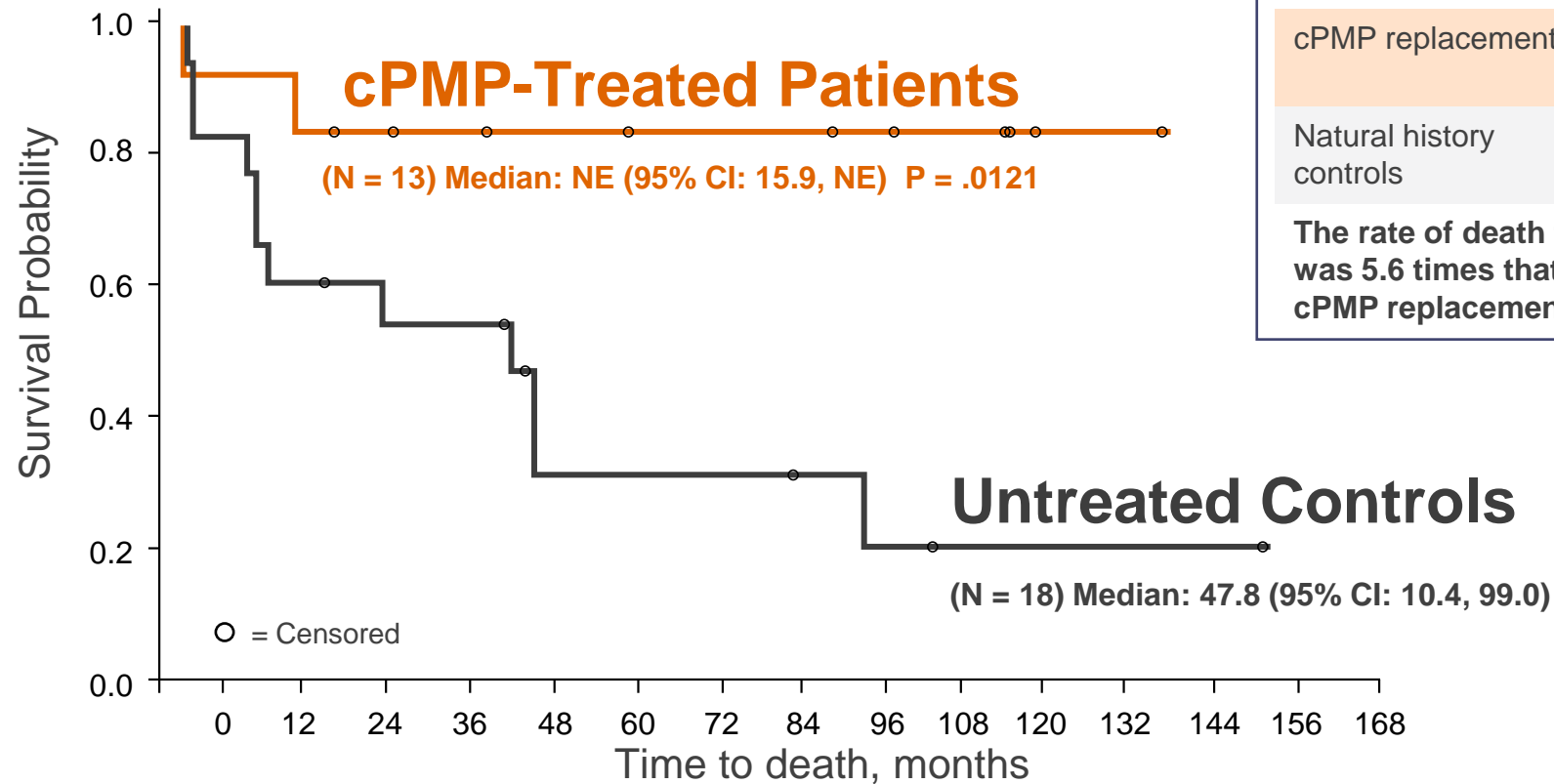
The rate of death for patients in the untreated control group was 4.6 times that of the patients who received cPMP replacement therapy

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 Not Treated 37 27 24 19 17 13 11 10 9 8 5 5 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 0

cPMP, cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate; NE, not evaluable; rcPMP, recombinant cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate.



# cPMP Replacement Therapy Improved Overall Survival: Genotype-Matched Controls



	1-year Survival	2-year Survival	3-year Survival
cPMP replacement	92%	84%	84%
Natural history controls	67%	61%	55%

The rate of death for patients in the untreated control group was 5.6 times that of the patients who received cPMP replacement therapy

cPMP/rcPMP	13	11	9	8	7	7	6	6	5	4	3	1	0		
Not Treated	18	12	10	9	7	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	0

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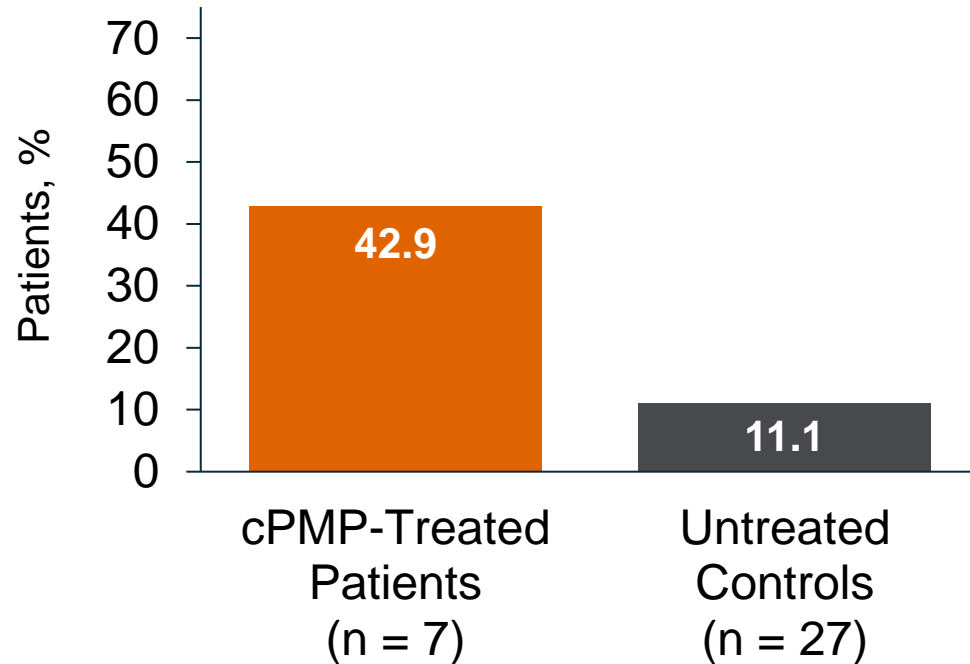
# Urine SSC Levels in cPMP-treated Patients vs Controls

<b>S-sulfocysteine/creatinine, μmol/mmol</b>	<b>cPMP-Treated Patients (N = 12)</b>	<b>Untreated Controls (N = 37)</b>
Baseline, first value, n	12	22
Mean (SD)	181.1 (282.53)	136.3 (87.21)
Last visit, n	12	22
Mean (SD)	11.4 (6.87)	156.6 (100.70)
Change to last visit, n	12	18
Mean (SD)	-169.6 (282.44)	24.8 (104.61)

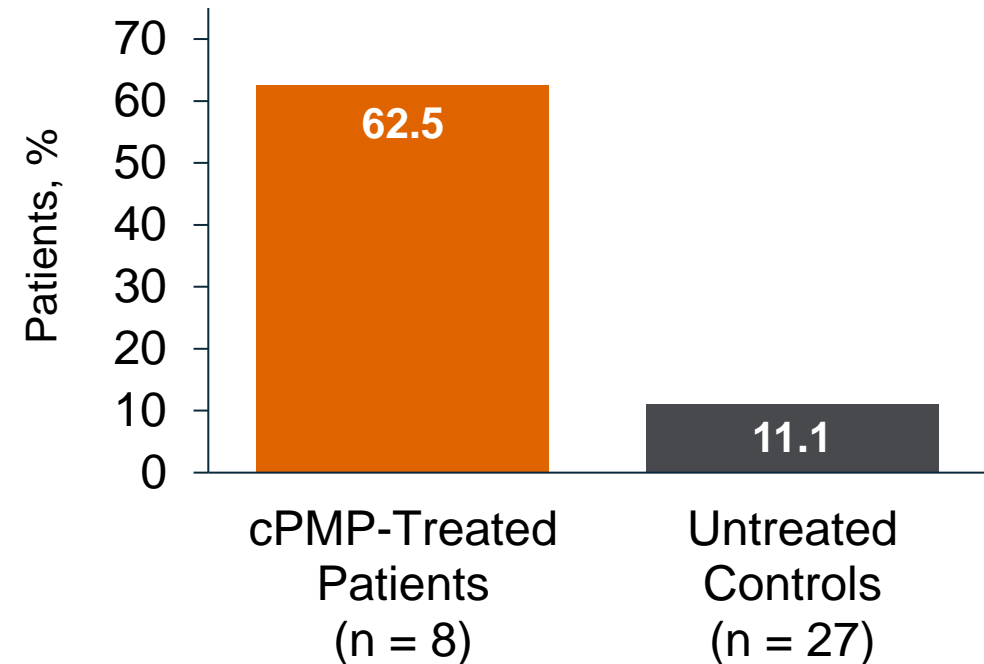
**Pathological values of S-sulfocysteine are > 50 μmol/mmol creatinine**

# Sitting Unassisted in cPMP-Treated Patients vs Controls

## Unassisted Sitting by 12 Months<sup>a</sup>



## Unassisted Sitting at Any Time<sup>a</sup>

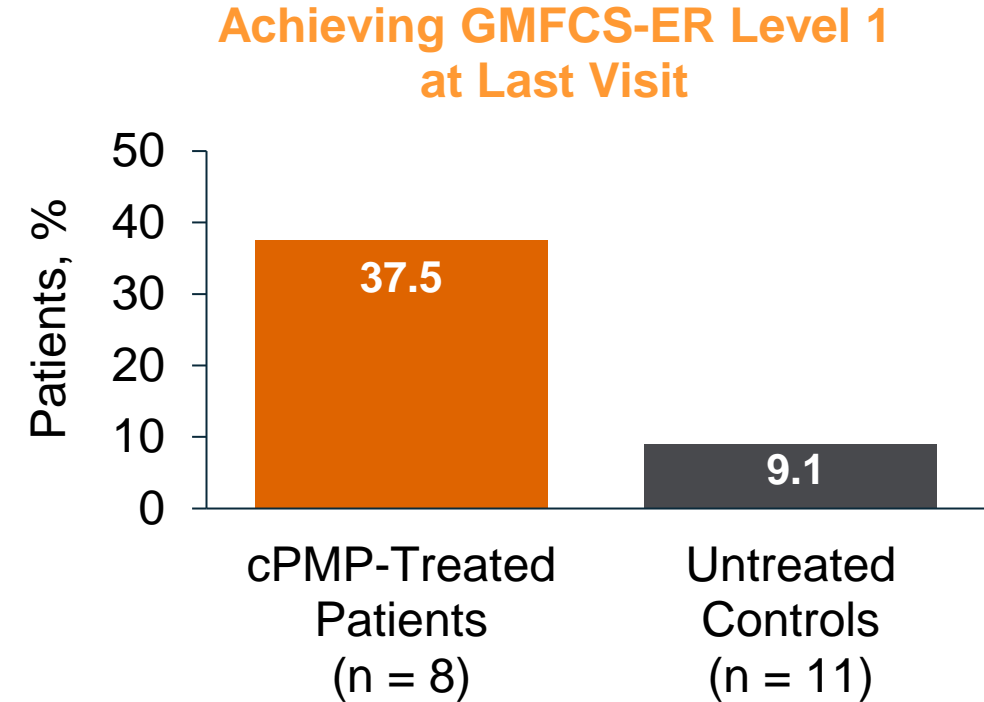
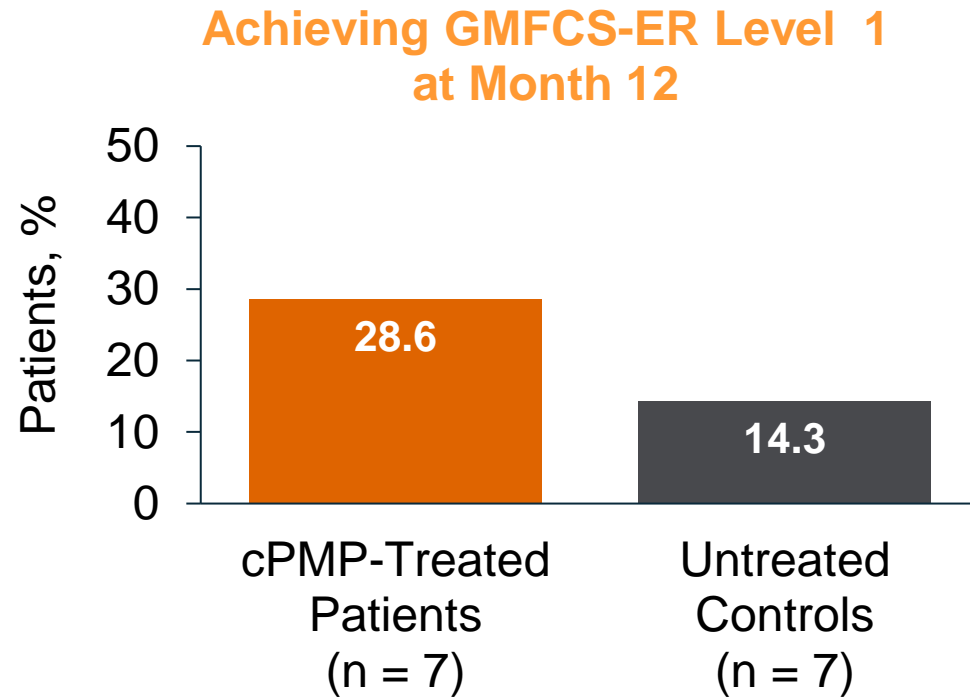


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<sup>a</sup>Unassisted sitting was measured as ability to sit independently for 30 seconds.



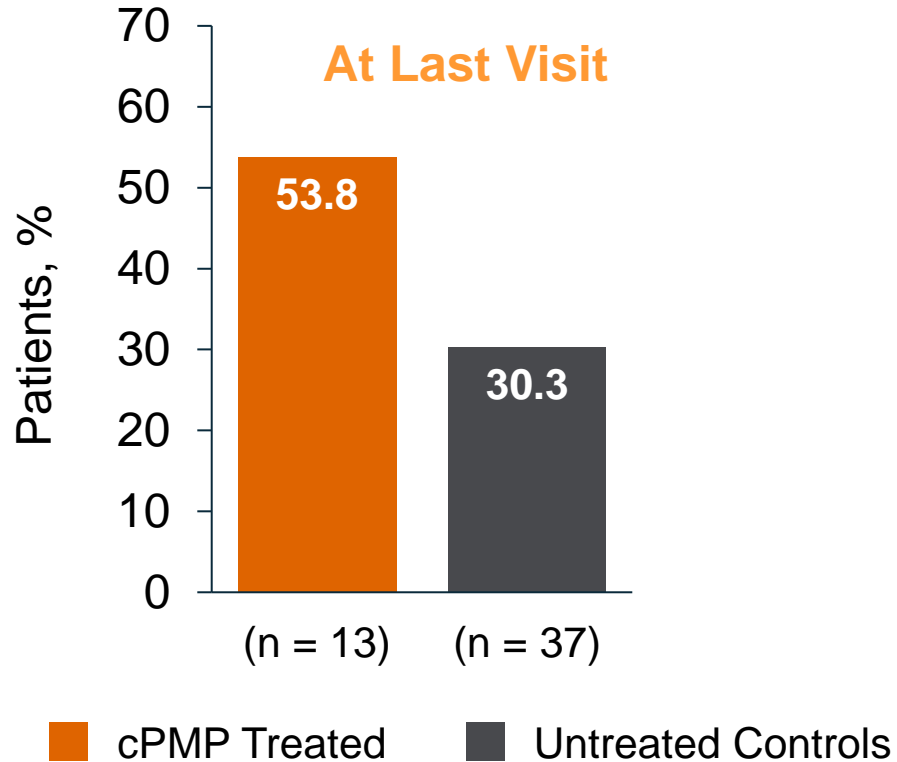
# Achievement of GMFCS Level 1 in cPMP-Treated Patients vs Controls



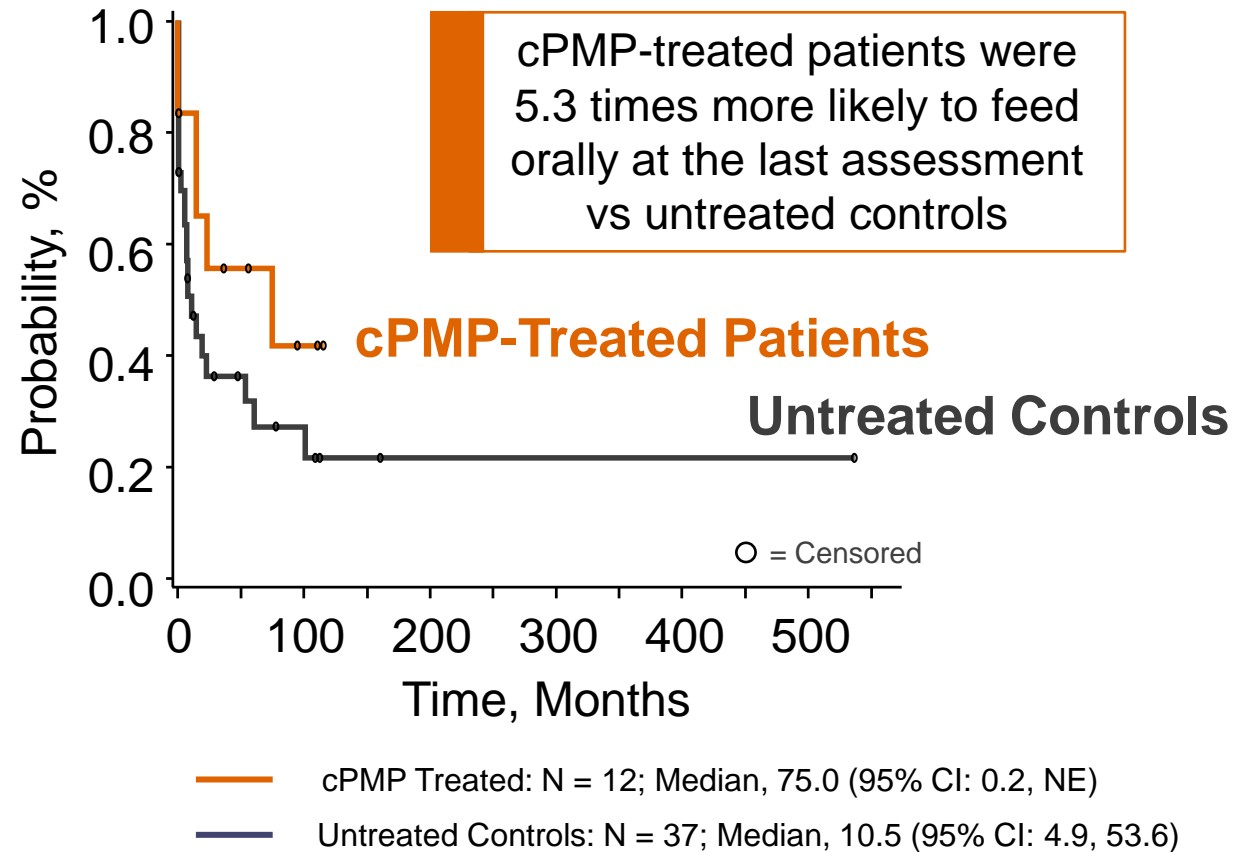
GMFCS-ER Level I represents the highest-rated functioning level on this scale. Children aged 2 and older who are rated as Level I are able to walk independently and, by age 6, can perform higher-level gross motor skills such as running, jumping, and stair climbing.

# Oral Feeding in cPMP-Treated Patients vs Controls

## Feeding Orally



## Time to Sustained Nonoral Feeding<sup>a</sup>



cPMP, cyclic pyranopterin monophosphate; NE = not estimable.

<sup>a</sup>Sustained nonoral feeding was defined as the time at which the patient never subsequently returned to an oral method of feeding



# Safety of cPMP

- Most treatment adverse events were mild to moderate, and not related to study drug
  - Most common side effects in fosdenopterin-treated patients were infusion catheter–related complications, pyrexia (fever), viral infection, pneumonia, otitis media (ear infection), vomiting, cough/sneezing, viral upper respiratory infection (common cold/flu-like infection), gastroenteritis (stomach flu-like symptoms), diarrhea, and bacteremia (bacteria in the blood)
  - Side effects for recombinant cPMP-treated patients were similar to the side effects among fosdenopterin-treated patients
- There were no discontinuations or dose modifications due to adverse events
- 2 deaths were noted in the retrospective data
  - 1 patient died due to necrotizing enterocolitis judged as possibly related to study drug
  - 1 patient died due to respiratory syncytial virus pneumonia unrelated to study treatment

## Potential for Photosensitivity

- cPMP (fosdenopterin) can make the patient oversensitive to sunlight
- Patients or their caregivers are advised to avoid or minimize patient exposure to sunlight and artificial UV light and adopt precautionary measures when exposed to the sun, including wearing protective clothing and sunglasses, and using broad-spectrum sunscreen with high SPF in patients 6 months of age and older
- If photosensitivity occurs, caregivers/patients are advised to seek medical attention immediately and consider a dermatological evaluation



# Conclusions Leading to the Approval of Fosdenopterin for MoCD Type A



Patients treated with cPMP had **improved overall survival** when compared with untreated historical controls



Patients treated with cPMP **demonstrated decreased urine SSC levels** when compared with untreated historical controls



Additional confirmatory evidence was **provided by the animal model** of MoCD Type A



cPMP (fosdenopterin) was **safe and well-tolerated**



# Natural History Studies

## Provide an opportunity to:

- Characterize ultra-rare and rare disorders
- Develop appropriate disease biomarkers
- Ethically study potentially life-saving treatments
- Facilitate the development of therapeutics in ultra-rare and rare disorders





# Thank You



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# Case Example: Lumasiran and Nedosiran for Primary Hyperoxaluria

## Presenter

**John Lieske MD**

Mayo Clinic Hospital – Rochester

# Case Study: Use of registry data to define the natural history of primary hyperoxaluria

**FDA Symposium**  
**May 13, 2024**

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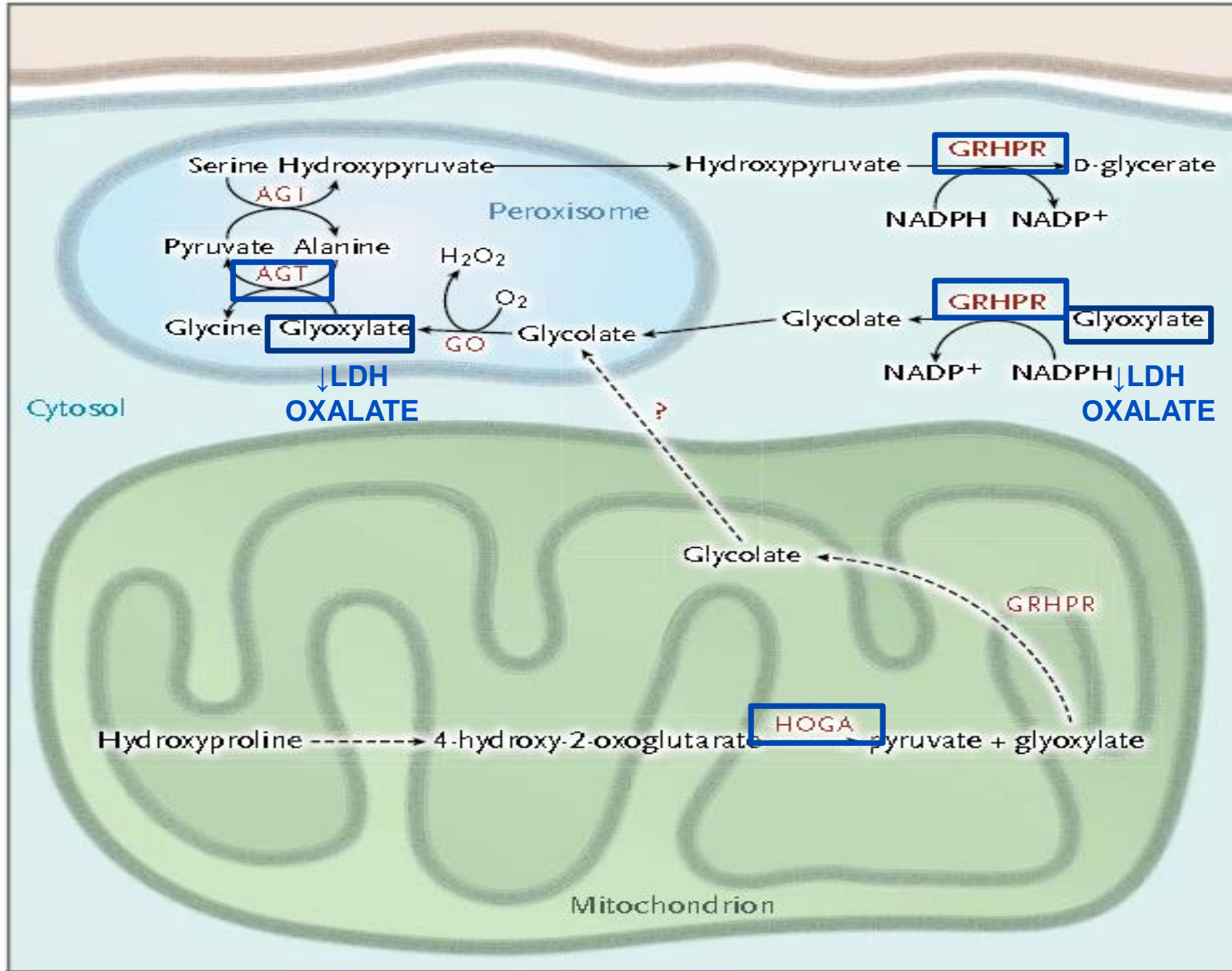
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# Outline

- Primary Hyperoxaluria
- Key Role of Patient Advocacy Group (PAG) and ASN to develop registry, disease background, and ultimately engage FDA under the auspices of the Kidney Health Initiative
- Key natural history features that informed treatment efficacy measures
- Ultimate outcome of efforts

# Primary Hyperoxaluria: Hepatic oxalate overproduction



## Gene mutation

PH type 1 (30%): *AGT*  
 PH type 2 (10%): *GRHPR*  
 PH type 3 (60%): *HOGA*

## Enzymes implicated

**PH 1 and PH2:**  
 Cytosolic LDH  
 Glyoxalate → Oxalate

**PH3: ??**

## Ancillary tests

**PH1:** ↑ glycolate  
**PH2:** ↑ glycerate  
**PH3:** ↑ 4-hydroxyglutarate

# Hyperoxaluria

High concentrations of oxalate in urine lead to stones, nephrocalcinosis, CKD, and kidney failure, and can result in systemic oxalosis causing multiorgan damage.

## Types of Hyperoxaluria

- Primary hyperoxaluria (PH) due to increased hepatic oxalate production caused by any of three known genetic defects in glyoxylate and hydroxyproline metabolism in the liver.

Rare disease: 1-3 per million population

- Enteric hyperoxaluria (EH) caused by fat malabsorption which leads to high absorption of oxalate in small intestine.

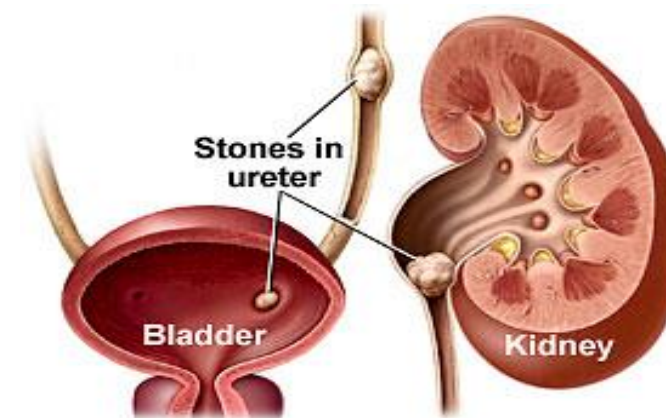
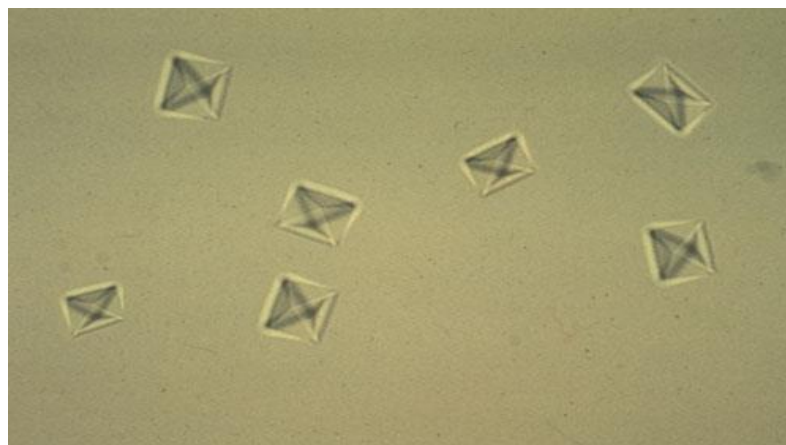
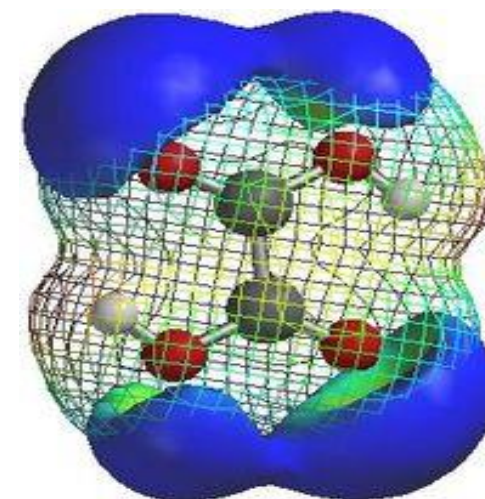
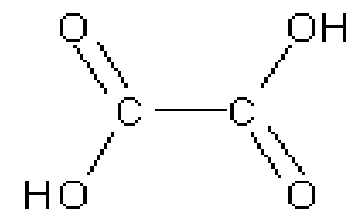
Estimated to affect ~150,000 patients



# What is oxalate?






TABLE 3. Foods with high oxalate content

Food	Serving size	Oxalate (mg)
Rhubarb	1 cup	720-1032
Spinach	1 cup	570-675
Beetroot	1 cup	573
Swiss chard	1 cup	568
Pokeweed	1 cup	390
Cocoa powder	1 ounce	174
Okra	1 cup	117
Wheat germ	1 ounce	75
Tea (4 min infusion)	1 teaspoon	72
Green gooseberries	1 cup	66
Collards	1 cup	63
Crackers, soybean	1 ounce	58
Pecans	1 ounce	56
Peanuts	1 ounce	52
Grits, white corn	1 cup	50
Sweet potato	1 cup	34
Chocolate	1 ounce	33
Black raspberries	1 cup	32
Leek	1 cup	23
Celery	2 stalks (80 g)	16
Rutabaga	1 cup	16
Eggplant	1 cup	15
Summer squash	1 cup	14
Blackberries	1 cup	13
Green beans	1 cup	11
Blueberries	1 cup	11
Currants, red	1 cup	11
Dewberries	1 cup	10
Black pepper	1 tsp	8
Green pepper	1 cup	8



# Time machine travel to 2016

## Increasing possibility for clinical trials in oxalate-related diseases

- Alter gastrointestinal oxalate absorption and/or secretion
  - Manipulate the gastrointestinal microbiome 
  - Oral oxalate degrading enzymes 
- Inhibition or manipulation of hepatic enzyme pathways
  - siRNA 
    - Small molecules 
    - Chaperones 

# 2016 OHF Annual Scientific Advisory Board meeting

- **Primary and enteric hyperoxaluria are rare diseases**
  - Clinical trials with renal function, CKD, kidney failure, or kidney stones are not feasible
  - The FDA is increasingly receptive to alternatives to these hard clinical endpoints, as long as well-justified
    - Duchenne muscular dystrophy is one example
- Idea of an FDA white paper on oxalate studies discussed with scientific, industry, and patient representatives at a half day meeting.
  - Concept enthusiastically endorsed by all present
  - Despite being an “unfunded mandate” efforts moved forward...

# OHF team to DC in Spring 2016

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## Stop 1: ASN



- The mission of KHI is to advance scientific understanding of the kidney health and patient safety implications of new and existing medical products and to foster development of therapies for diseases that affect the kidney by creating a collaborative environment in which the FDA and the greater nephrology community can interact to optimize the evaluation of drugs, devices, biologics, and food products.

<https://www.asn-online.org/khi/>

# Who can join KHI?

- KHI is a collaborative environment for all stakeholders in the kidney community to help foster development of optimum therapies for diseases that affect the kidney. KHI members may include:
  - Patient organizations
  - Health professional organizations
  - Research Institutions
  - Foundations
  - Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies
  - Device manufacturers
  - Dialysis providers
  - US and international government agencies

# Current KHI projects (2016)

- Advancing Technologies to Facilitate Remote Management of Patient Self-Care in Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT)
- Clinical Trial Endpoints for Dialysis Vascular Access
- Data Harmonization in Kidney Transplant
- Data Standards in Diabetic Kidney Disease
- Development of a Roadmap for Innovations in Renal Replacement Therapy (RRT)
- **Identifying Surrogate Endpoints for Clinical Trials in IgA Nephropathy**
- Overcoming Barriers to Drug Development in Children with CKD
- Pragmatic Trials in Dialysis: Challenges and Opportunities
- Prioritizing Symptoms of ESRD Patients for Developing Therapeutic Interventions
- Regulatory Policies and Positions Affecting Device Approval in the US: Tools to Assess the Process and Foster Device Development for Patients with Kidney Disease
- Workshop to Elucidate Role of Patient Preferences in Support of CDRH Regulatory Actions in Kidney Disease

## Stop 2: FDA meeting

- Well attended “1 hr” meeting with ~20 FDA representatives
- In general seemed receptive to our message that large clinical trials with hard endpoints are not feasible
- There is a mechanism to submit paperwork to validate a surrogate endpoint (like oxalate), but was mentioned maybe not be the best approach
- No firm advice r/e next best steps



# Kidney Health Initiative (KHI)

- OHF proposal submitted for mid 2016 cycle to help with developing guidance for appropriate endpoints in hyperoxaluria trials
- Well received but ultimately not approved
- Feedback: Not eager to take on “validation of a surrogate endpoint” with all the lab work, etc. that effort might entail
- Plan to reapply for Spring 2017 cycle, and attend stakeholders meeting in May 2017
  - OHF and several officers are now KHI members

# OHF SAB meeting 2017

- While waiting to reapply to KHI, we have decided now is the time to seize our momentum and work on a summary document that will:
  - be used when we engage the FDA in further discussion, hopefully culminating in the request from them for us to develop a guidance document
  - form the basis (or starting point) for this comprehensive guidance document

<b>1</b>	<b>Biology of oxalate, including biosynthetic pathways</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Renal and gastrointestinal oxalate transport</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Genetics of Primary Hyperoxaluria</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Pathophysiology of enteric hyperoxaluria</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Diagnosis of hyperoxaluria, including algorithms and laboratory issues</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Pathophysiology of calcium oxalate kidney stones and nephrocalcinosis in hyperoxaluric states</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Treatment strategies for hyperoxaluria- current and future</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>The clinical needs for hyperoxaluria trials from the patients' perspective</b>

# Workgroups

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# Subsequent Timeline

- February 25, 2017
  - Working meeting
- March-April 2017
  - Small group follow-up
- May-June 2017
  - Roll into one document
- July 2017
  - Discussions at OHF workshop

# KHI Project

- **May-Sept 2017** Application submitted to KHI and approved
- Initial stakeholders meeting **Feb 22, 2018**.
  - Good representation from industry, academia, patients and families.

## Specific Objectives

### **1. Consensus recommendations for potential surrogate endpoints**

- Identify candidate surrogate markers for clinical trials in hyperoxaluria
- Critically assess candidate measures for appropriateness
- Identify gaps in the data and future research needs to fully establish acceptable biochemical marker(s) for clinical trials in hyperoxaluria

### **2. Develop recommendations for industry guidelines for expedited clinical trials and approvals**

- Identify characteristics of patients with differing risks of progression
- Develop a consensus statement of risk tolerance of hyperoxaluric patients/families for clinical trial participation and medication use

# Surrogate End Points for Clinical Trials

*Endpoint markers for clinical trials are expected meet the following criteria:*

- **Biologic plausibility** that the biochemical marker is on the biologic pathway to a hard endpoint such as kidney failure or death
- Epidemiologic or other **data showing consistent association between the biochemical marker and the clinical outcome** of interest
- Any available **data from clinical trials showing that the effects of treatment on the candidate marker largely account for their effects on clinical outcome**
- **An assessment of quantitative effect** on the endpoint marker that is **needed to be clinically significant**

# PH Registry Enrollment March-2023

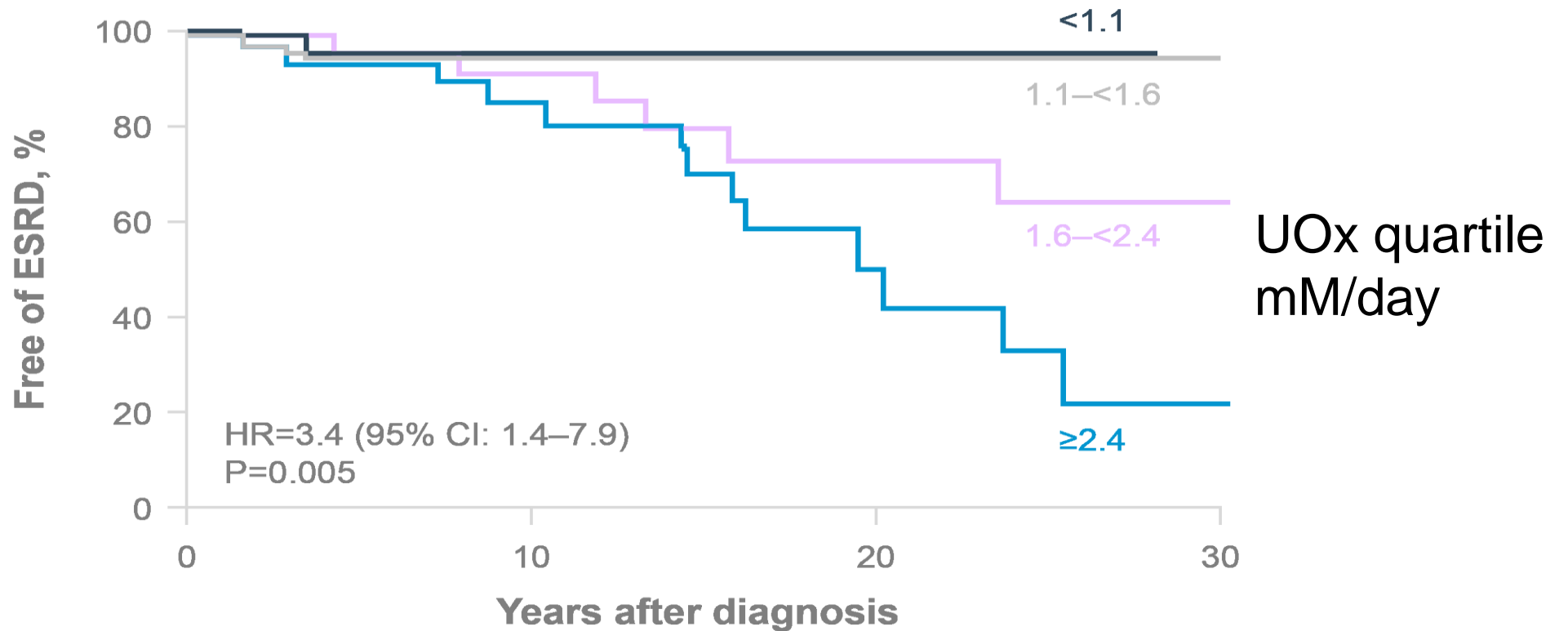
	<b>Total (N=603)</b>
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>326 (54.4%)</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>273 (45.6%)</b>
<b>Not Recorded</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Race, n (%)</b>	
<b>Am. Indian</b>	<b>3 (0.5%)</b>
<b>Asian</b>	<b>126 (20.9%)</b>
<b>African American</b>	<b>14 (2.3%)</b>
<b>Hawaiian</b>	<b>2 (0.3%)</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>357 (59.2%)</b>
<b>Not Disclosed</b>	<b>101 (16.7%)</b>
<b>Ethnicity, n (%)</b>	
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>34 (5.6%)</b>
<b>Non Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>339 (56.2%)</b>
<b>Not Disclosed</b>	<b>230 (38.1%)</b>
<b>Deceased, n (%)</b>	
<b>No</b>	<b>534 (88.6%)</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>69 (11.4%)</b>

# PH Registry Enrollment March-2023

<b>Renal Failure, n (%)</b>	
No	349 (57.9%)
Yes	254 (42.1%)
<b>Patients with Serum Labs</b>	
N	539
Mean (SD)	7.5 (7.70)
Median	5
Range	1.0, 46.0
<b>Patients with Urine Labs</b>	
N	490
Mean (SD)	6.6 (6.48)
Median	4
Range	1.0, 30.0
<b>Year LFU, n (%)</b>	
<=2019	417 (69.2%)
2020	62 (10.3%)
2021	45 (7.5%)
2022	67 (11.1%)
2023	12 (2.0%)
<b>FU Years</b>	
N	603
Mean (SD)	9.1 (11.59)
Median	4.9
Range	0.0, 64.1



# Urine oxalate is a key risk factor for kidney failure in PH

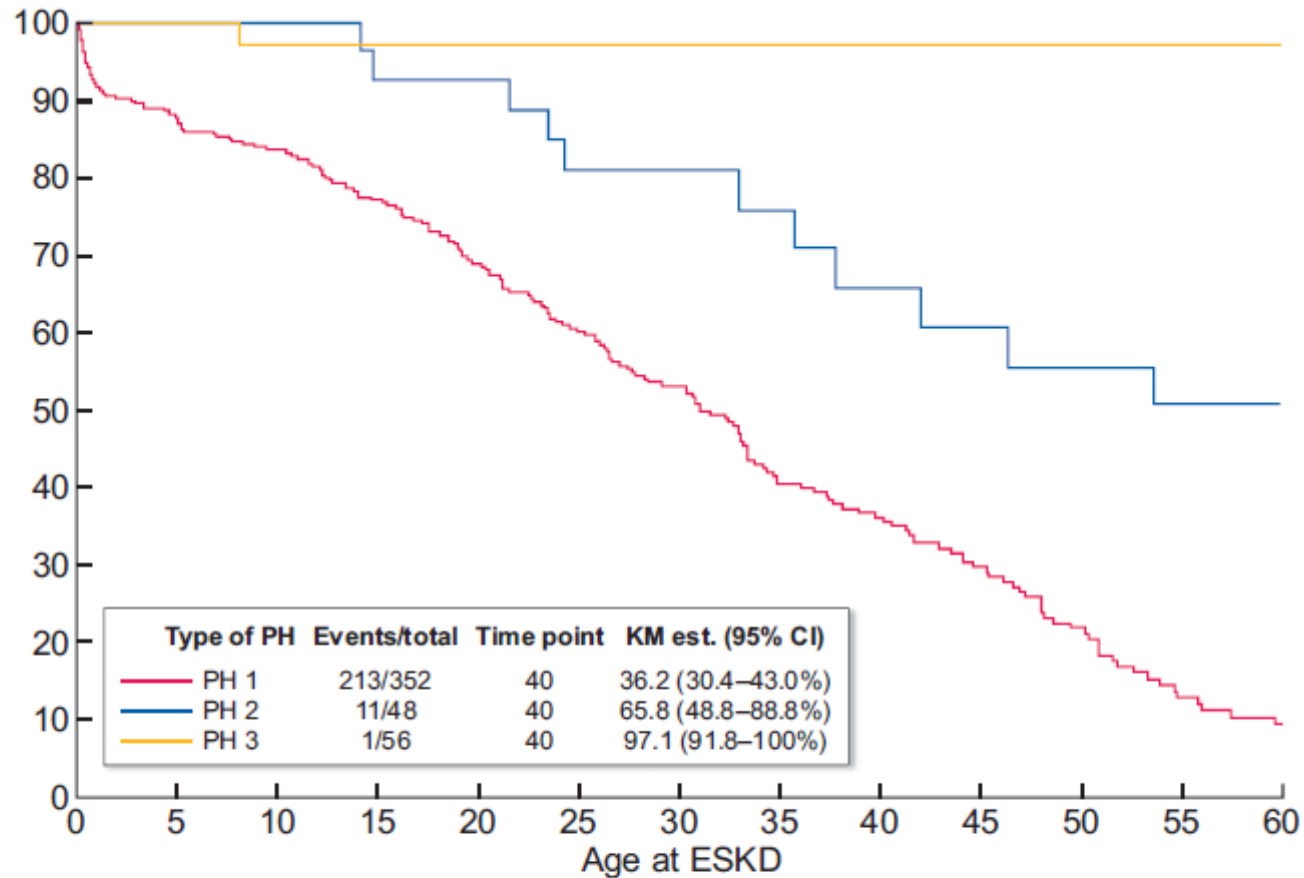


Urine oxalate	Survival estimate, % (number at risk)			
<1.1	100 (42)	96 (7)	96 (1)	–
1.1–<1.6	100 (42)	95 (8)	95 (5)	95 (2)
1.6–<2.4	100 (42)	91 (19)	73 (10)	65 (6)
≥2.4	100 (42)	85 (19)	42 (6)	23 (2)

Zhao et al Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 11: 119–126, 2016

# Kidney failure is common in PH 1 and PH2, especially in PH1

Percent without kidney failure



..... PH3

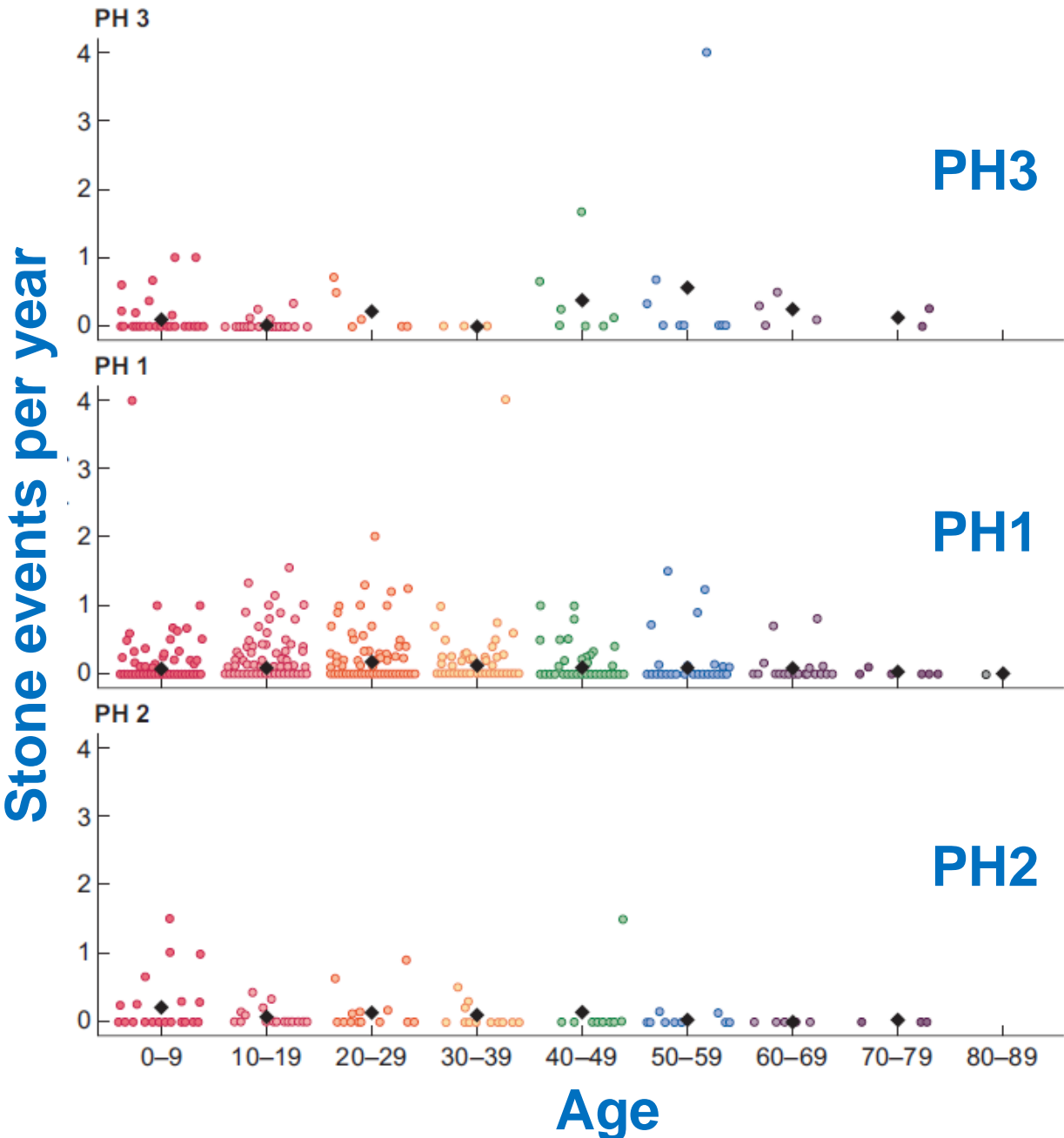
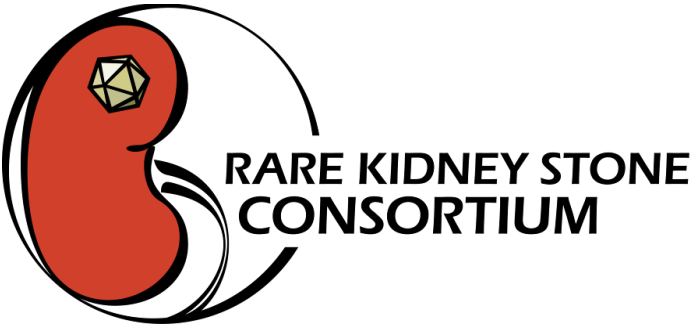
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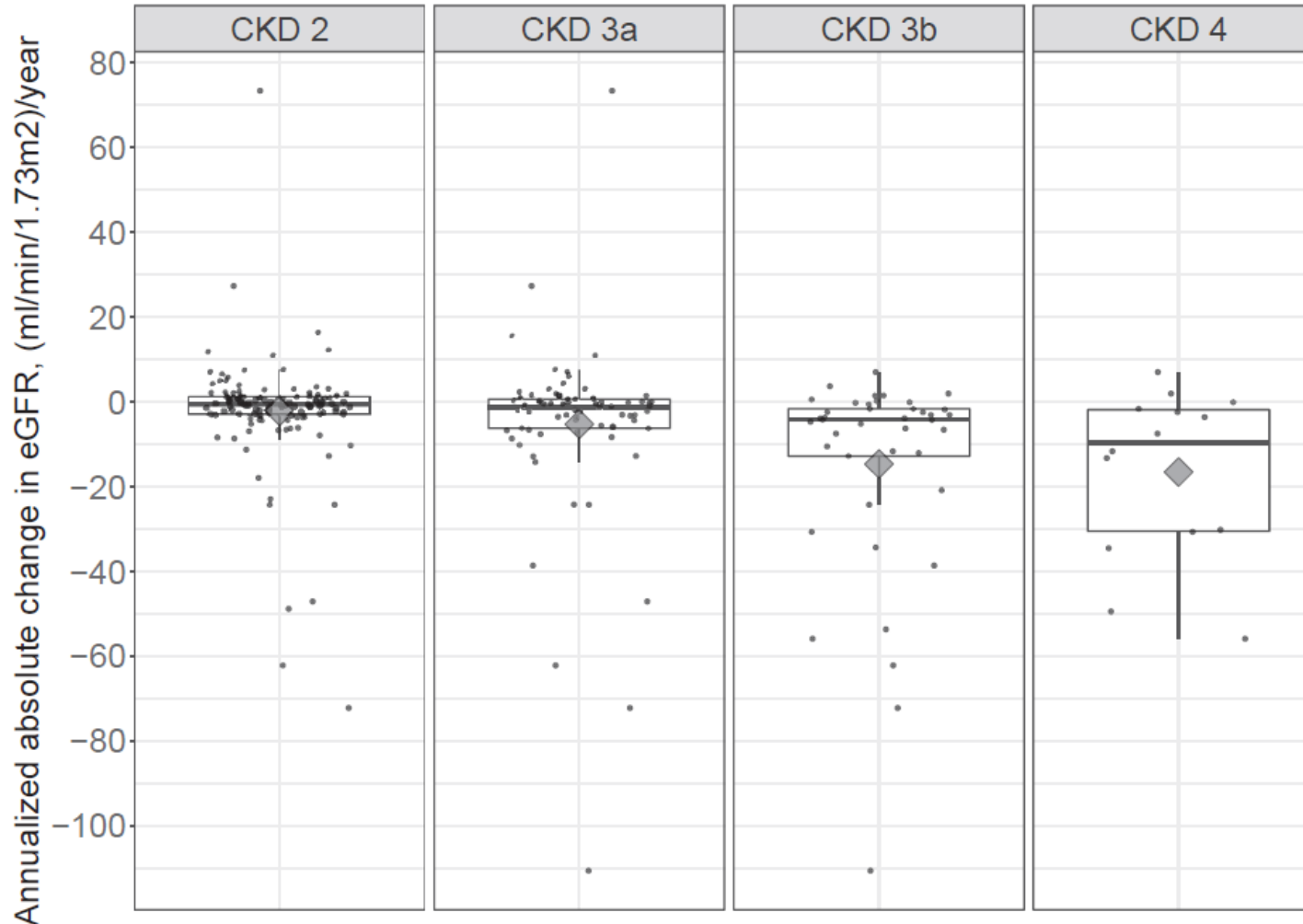


	Patients-at-risk												
	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
PH 1	352	286	255	211	169	140	116	79	65	48	31	16	10
PH 2	48	44	31	25	24	21	16	15	13	12	11	9	5
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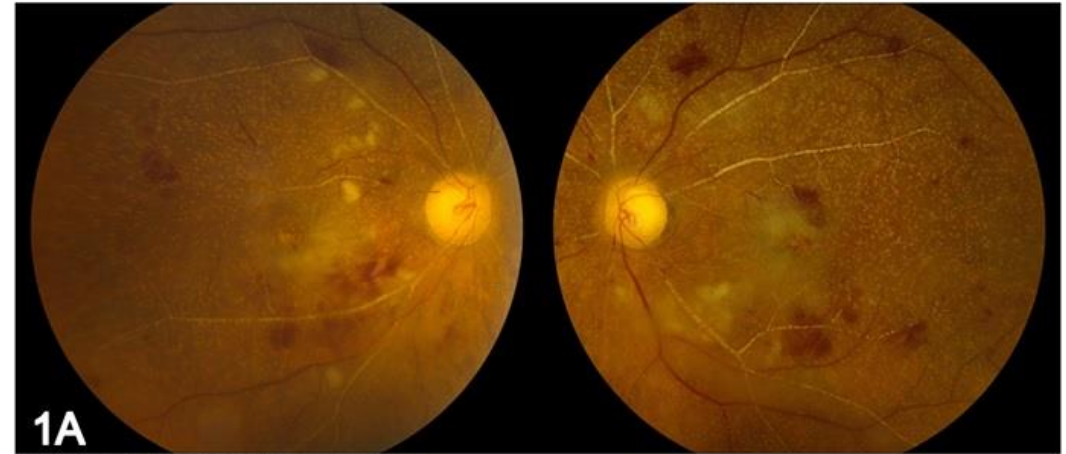
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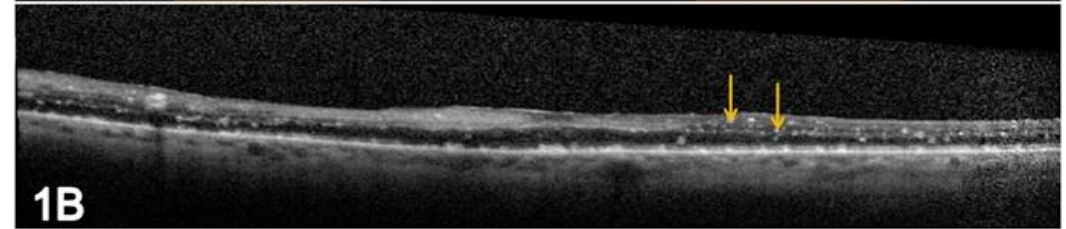
# eGFR declines more dramatically at lower CKD stages



# Oxalosis



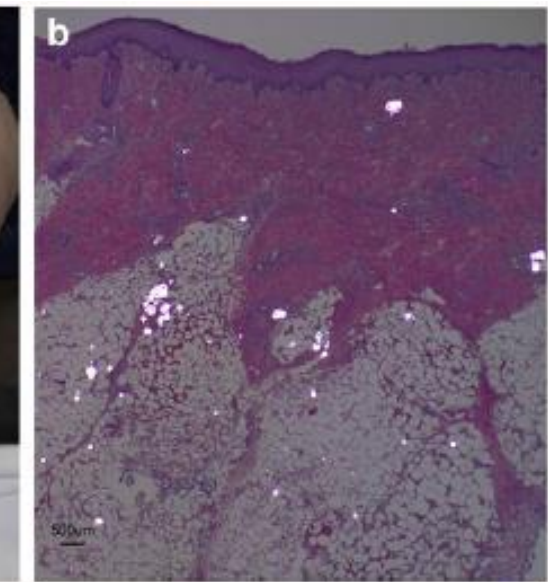
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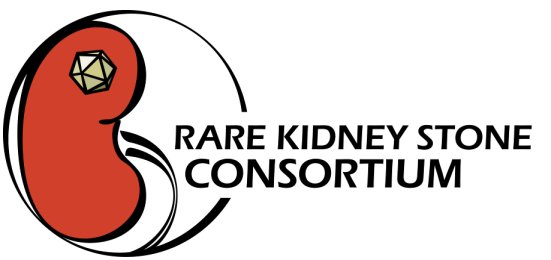


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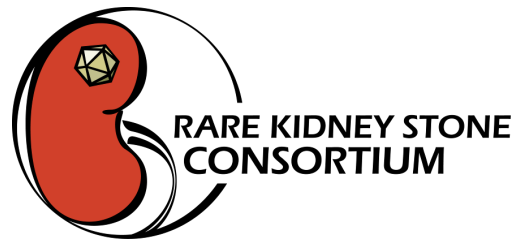
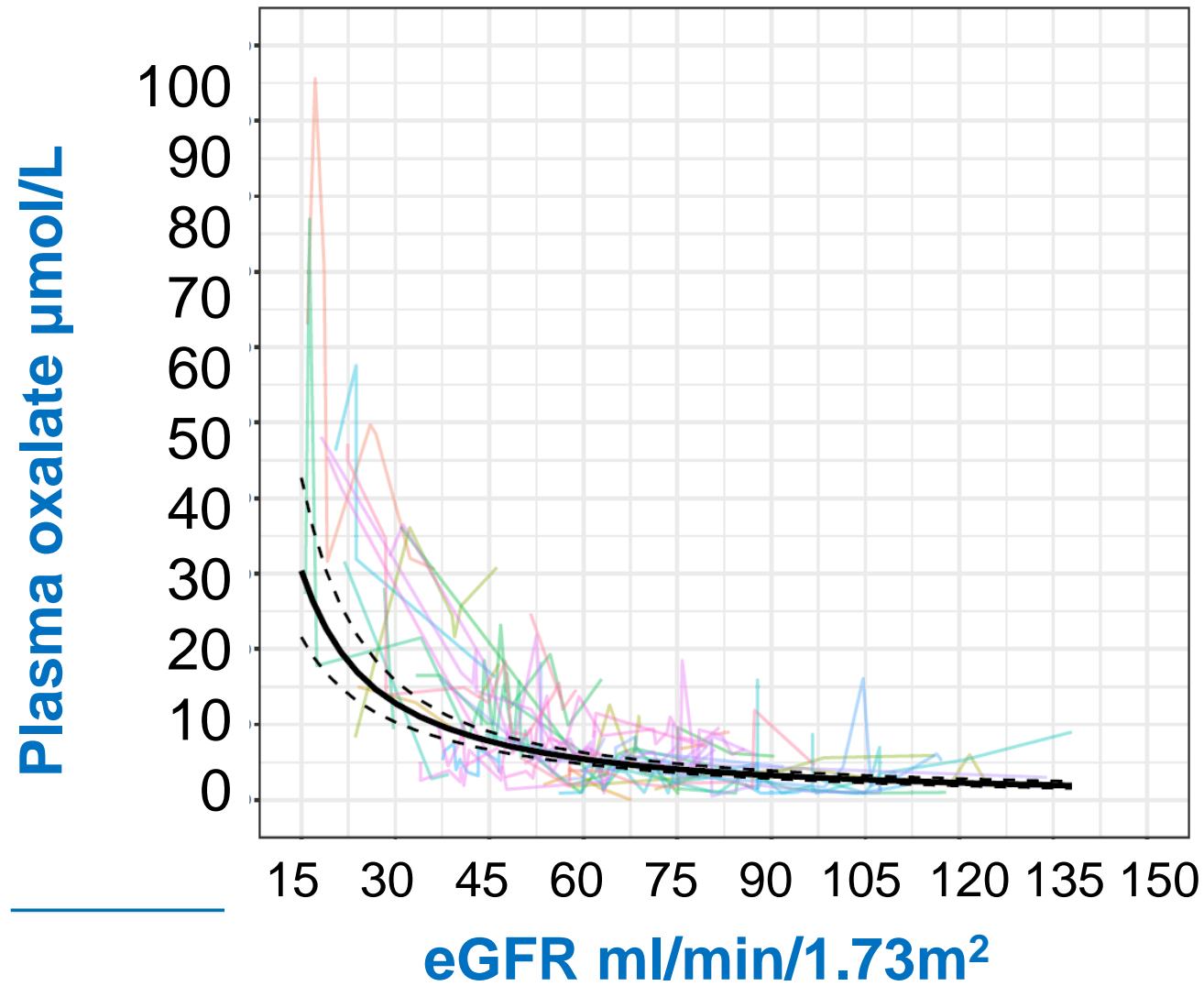


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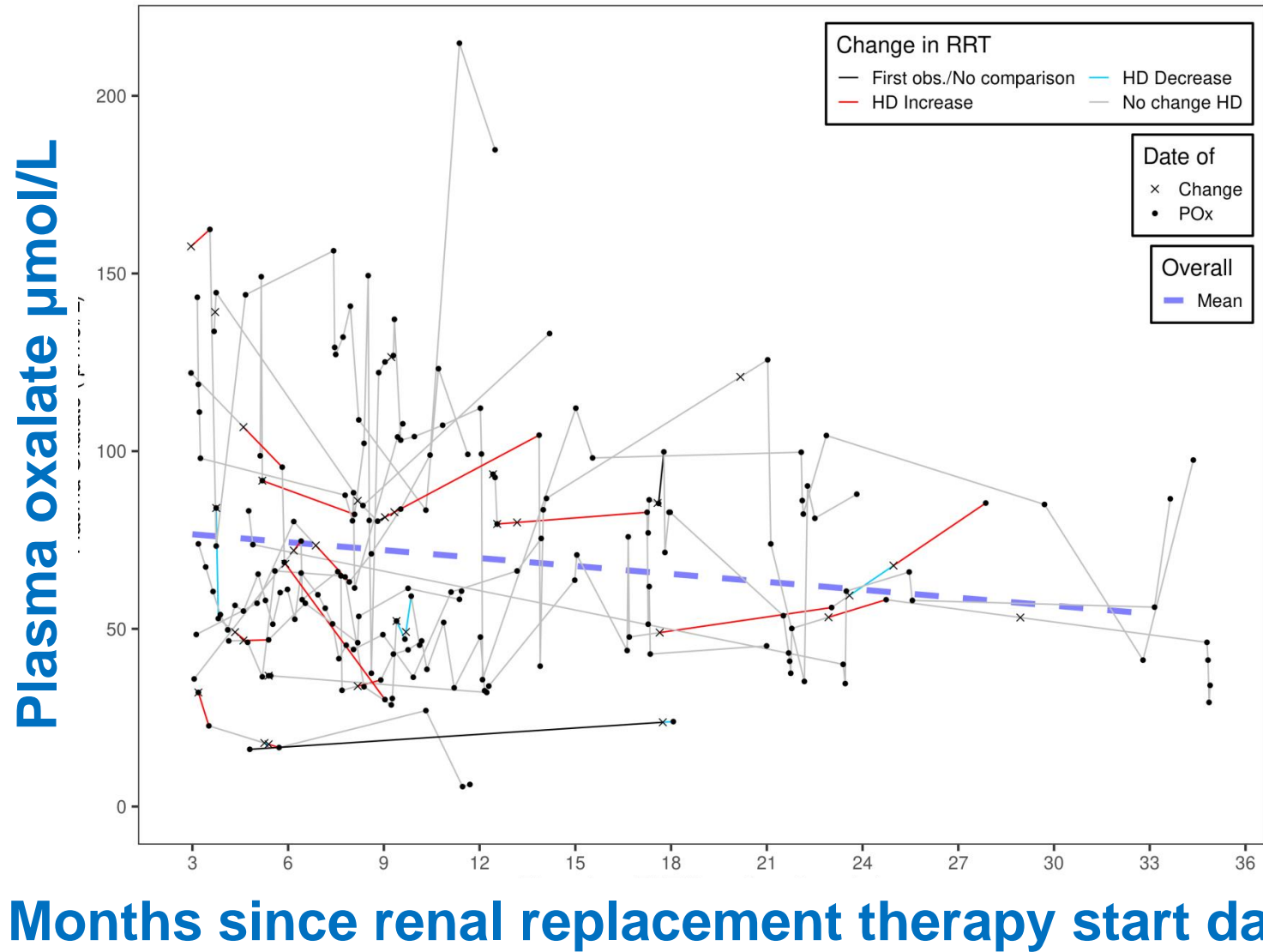
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# Plasma oxalate increases markedly at low eGFR in PH1



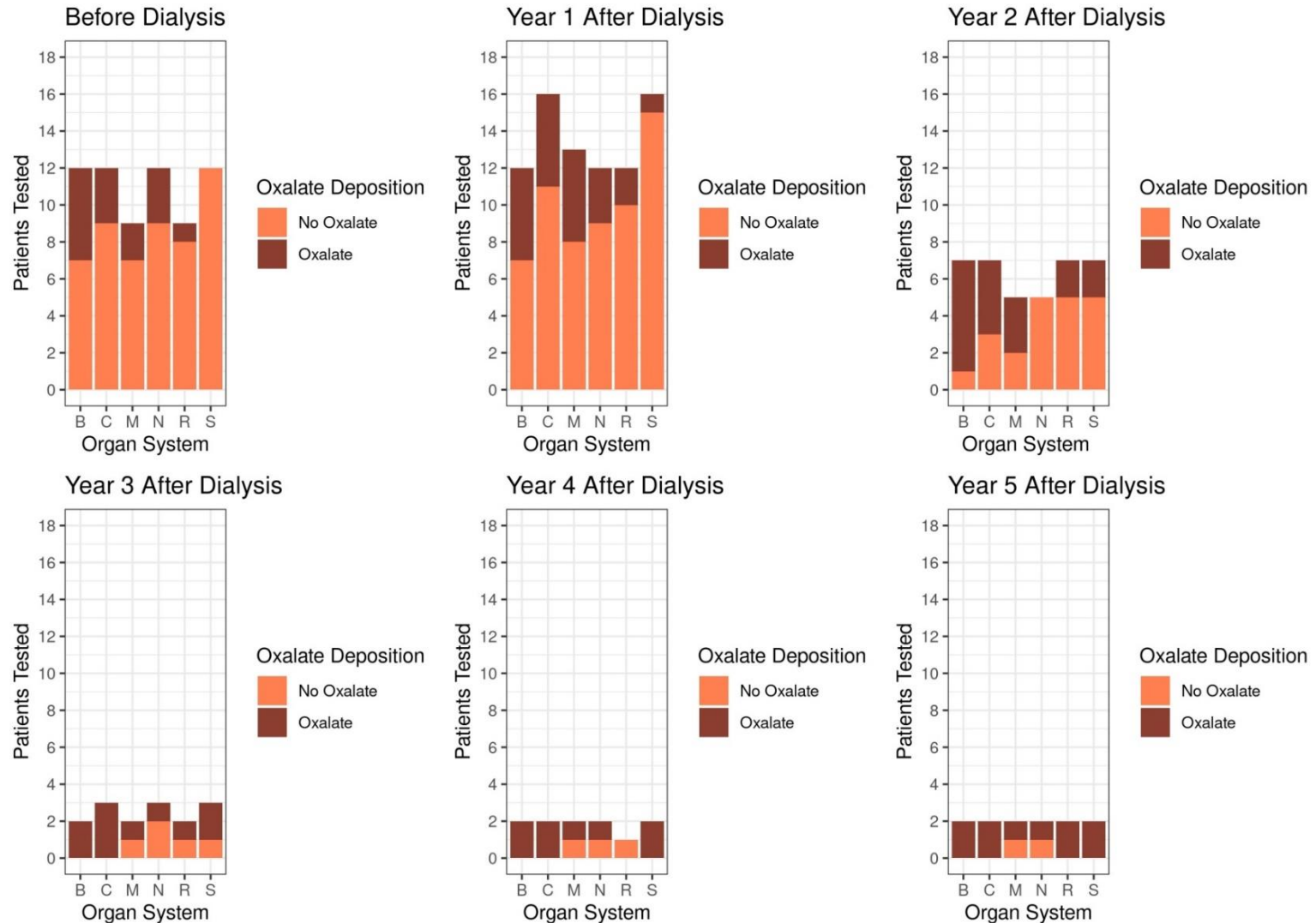
# Plasma oxalate over time on dialysis in PH1



# Oxalosis over time on dialysis



Bone  
Cardiovascular  
Musculoskeletal  
Neuro  
Retina  
Skin



Organ System: B=Bone C=CardioVascular M=Musculoskeletal N=Neuro R=Retina S=Skin



# KHI Endpoints for Clinical Trials in Hyperoxaluria: Outcomes

- A group of candidate markers compiled for evaluation.
- Promising candidates underwent rigorous examination via detailed literature review
- Biomarkers/endpoints evaluated sequentially on biweekly calls
- **Several remained as viable candidates**
  - **Plasma oxalate**
  - **Urine oxalate**
  - **Change in eGFR**
  - **Stone events**
- Workgroups summarized reviews
- Compiled into a draft report
- Paper draft Back and forth with FDA: published 2020
- PH patient group building on white paper, sought experience of others re: patient/family risk tolerance for clinical trials, new therapies.



## End Points for Clinical Trials in Primary Hyperoxaluria

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### Abstract

Patients with primary hyperoxaluria experience kidney stones from a young age and can develop progressive oxalate nephropathy. Progression to kidney failure often develops over a number of years, and is associated with systemic oxalosis, intensive dialysis, and often combined kidney and liver transplantation. There are no therapies approved by the Food and Drug Association. Thus, the Kidney Health Initiative, in partnership with the Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation, initiated a project to identify end points for clinical trials. A workgroup of physicians, scientists, patients with primary hyperoxaluria, industry, and United States regulators critically examined the published literature for clinical outcomes and potential surrogate end points that could be used to evaluate new treatments. Kidney stones, change in eGFR, urine oxalate, and plasma oxalate were the strongest candidate end points. Kidney stones affect how patients with primary hyperoxaluria feel and function, but standards for measurement and monitoring are lacking. Primary hyperoxaluria registry data suggest that eGFR decline in most patients is gradual, but can be unpredictable. Epidemiologic data show a strong relationship between urine oxalate and long-term kidney function loss. Urine oxalate is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit, due to its causal role in stone formation and kidney damage in CKD stages 1–3a, and plasma oxalate is likely associated with risk of systemic oxalosis in CKD 3b–5. Change in slope of eGFR could be considered the equivalent of a clinically meaningful end point in support of traditional approval. A substantial change in urine oxalate as a surrogate end point could support traditional approval in patients with primary hyperoxaluria type 1 and CKD stages 1–3a. A substantial change in markedly elevated plasma oxalate could support accelerated approval in patients with primary hyperoxaluria and CKD stages 3b–5. Primary hyperoxaluria type 1 accounts for the preponderance of available data, thus heavily influences the conclusions. Addressing gaps in data will further facilitate testing of promising new treatments, accelerating improved outcomes for patients with primary hyperoxaluria.

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## Primary Hyperoxaluria The Patient and Caregiver Perspective

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### Introduction

Living with primary hyperoxaluria—a rare genetic disease with excess oxalate production leading to frequent kidney stones, kidney impairment, and oxalosis—presents many challenges to patients, caregivers, and their families. Although the progression and severity of primary hyperoxaluria is variable, care for any child or adult with primary hyperoxaluria is an unusual strain to the family due to intensity of required medical care and associated financial hardship. To identify the concerns of the primary hyperoxaluria community, multiple in-person meetings were con-

experience interruptions in school and work, and loss of sleep.

“It is a daily challenge to make sure our son is drinking constantly throughout the day. He visits the school nurse every day who gives him one of his four daily doses of medication through his (gastrostomy) mickey button. As a 12-year-old, he misses sleepovers, sleep away camp, and overnight school trips.”

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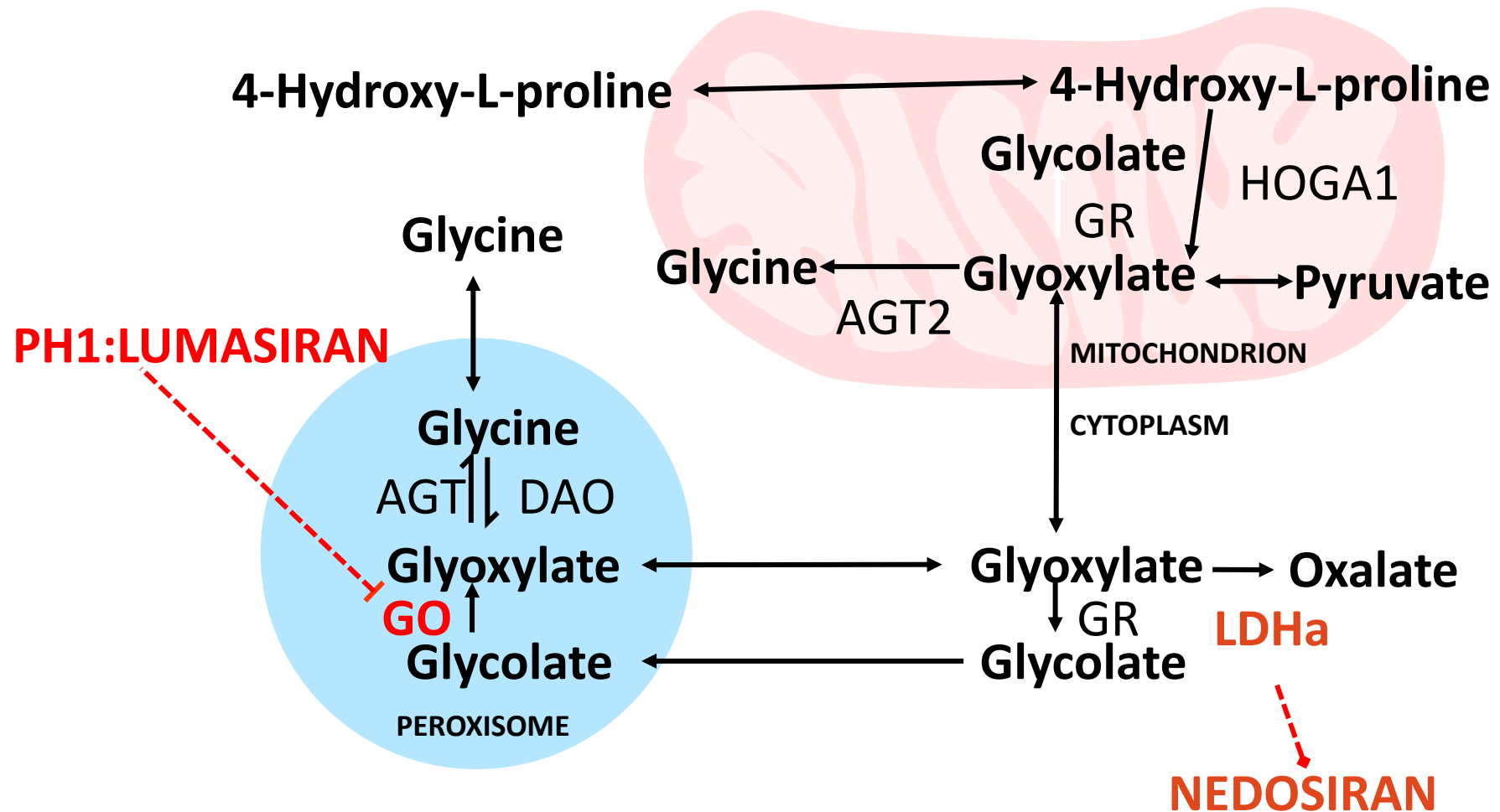


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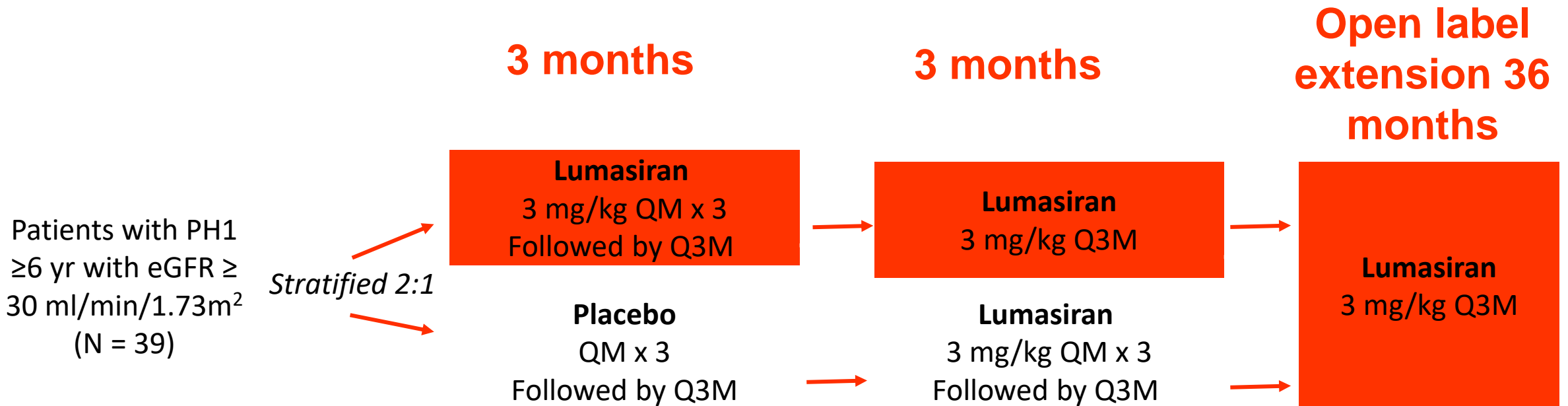
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# siRNA Place in PH1 Therapy



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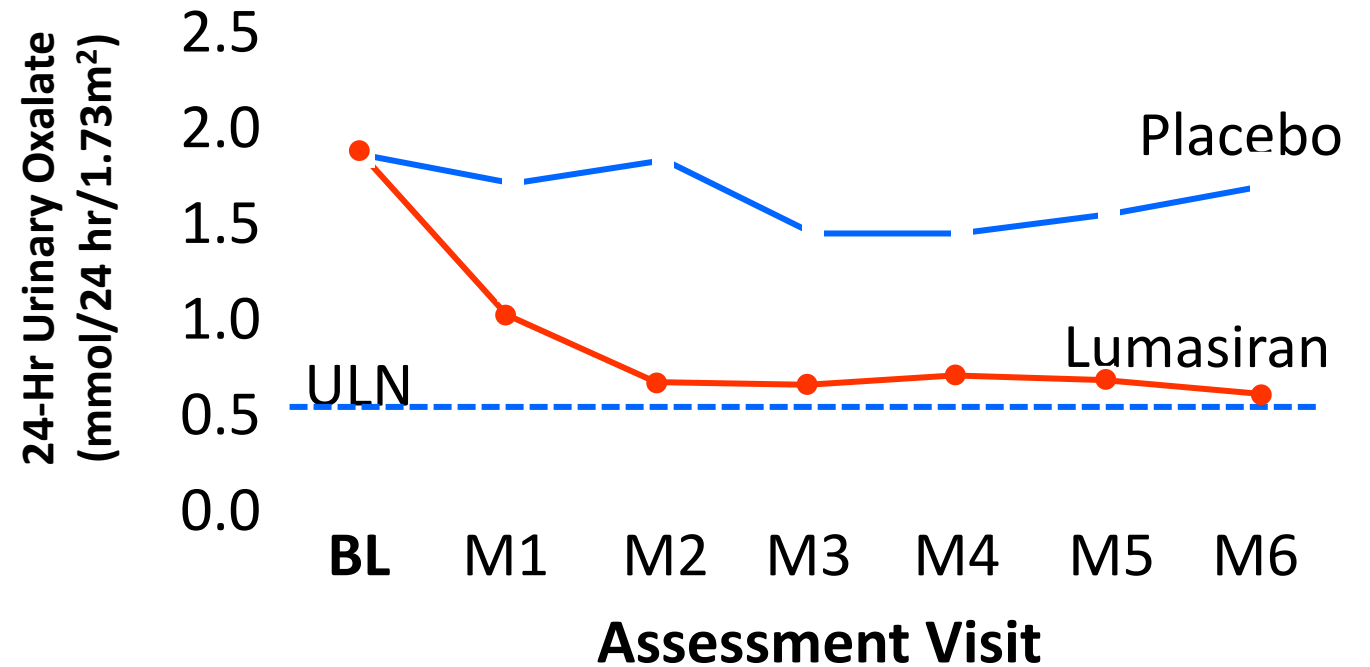
- Ongoing, phase III trial of subcutaneous lumasiran (small interfering RNA (siRNA silences *HAO1* gene encoding glycolate oxidase)



# ILLUMINATE A

- Mean reduction in urinary oxalate excretion: 65% lumasiran vs 11% placebo ( $P < .001$ ) at 6-mo primary analysis period
- Only transient injection-site reactions reported
- **Approved as an Orphan drug 11/2020!**

**24-Hour Urinary Oxalate Excretion over Time**



**No. of Patients**

Placebo	13	13	12	13	13	13	13
Lumasiran	26	24	26	24	23	25	25

# ILLUMINATE C (CKD)

Plasma Oxalate  
( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )

120  
105  
90  
75  
60  
30  
15

Actual Values at Each Visit

Cohort B (ESKD; N=15)  
Cohort A (CKD4/CKD5; N=6)

0 BL M1 M2 M3 M4 M5 M6  
Assessment Visit

No. of Patients

Cohort A	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Cohort B	15	15	15	15	13	14	15

# Nedosiran

- **Nedosiran: GalNAc-conjugated RNAi treatment that targets hepatic lactate dehydrogenase (LDHa)**
- **RNAi therapy approved for PH; PHYOX program**
  - **PHYOX1** and **PHYOX2**: completed
  - **PHYOX3**: ongoing; extension trial of **PHYOX2** in all types of PH
  - **PHYOX4**: ongoing; phase 1, single dose study in PH3
  - **PHYOX7**: ongoing; safety and efficacy in PH1 or PH2 with severe renal impairment with or without dialysis
  - **PHYOX8**: ongoing; safety, pharmacokinetics, and efficacy in children 0-5 yr with PH and intact kidney function
  - **PHYOX-OBX**: ongoing; natural history in PH3
- **Approval in US for PH1 in late 2023!**

# PHYOX2 Results

**PHYOX2 Met Primary Endpoint Achieving a Significant Reduction in Uox**

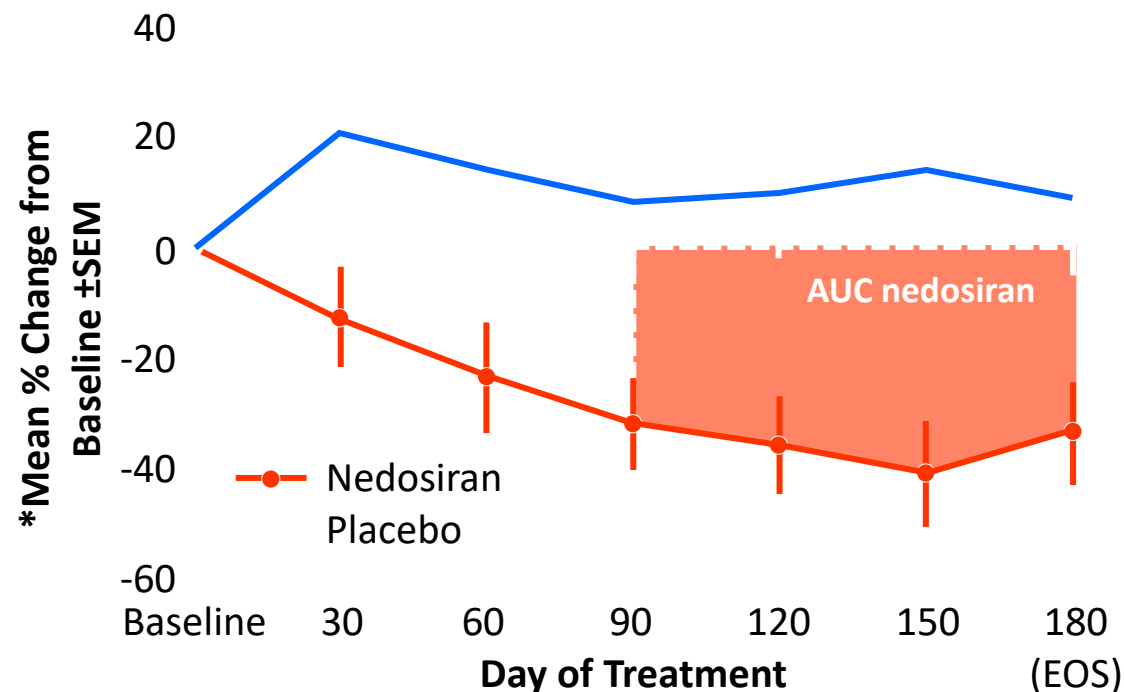
*Mean AUC<sub>24-hour Uox</sub> (day 90 to day 180)*

## Overall mITT Population<sup>1</sup> (PH1 + PH2)

Standardized AUC <sub>24-hour Uox</sub> from Day 90 to Day	<b>Nedosiran (n = 22)</b>	Placebo (n = 12)
n	22	12
LS Mean (SE)	3507.4 (788.49)	-1664.4 (1189.96)
95% CI for LS Mean	(1961.7, 5053.1)	(-3997.2, 668.4)
LS Mean Difference from Placebo (SE)	5171.7 (1144.07)	
95% CI for Difference from Placebo	(2929.3, 7414.2)	
P-value for Difference from Placebo (2)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	

(1) mITT population = All participants in the ITT population who have at least one efficacy assessment after the Day 90 dosing visit.

(2) P-value for testing difference from placebo



\*LS means from MMRM model using time point estimates

\*\*Multiple imputation (MI) under the missing at random (MAR) assumption was used to handle missing 24-hr Uox data



# Endpoints for Clinical Trials in Hyperoxaluria: PH Progress to Date

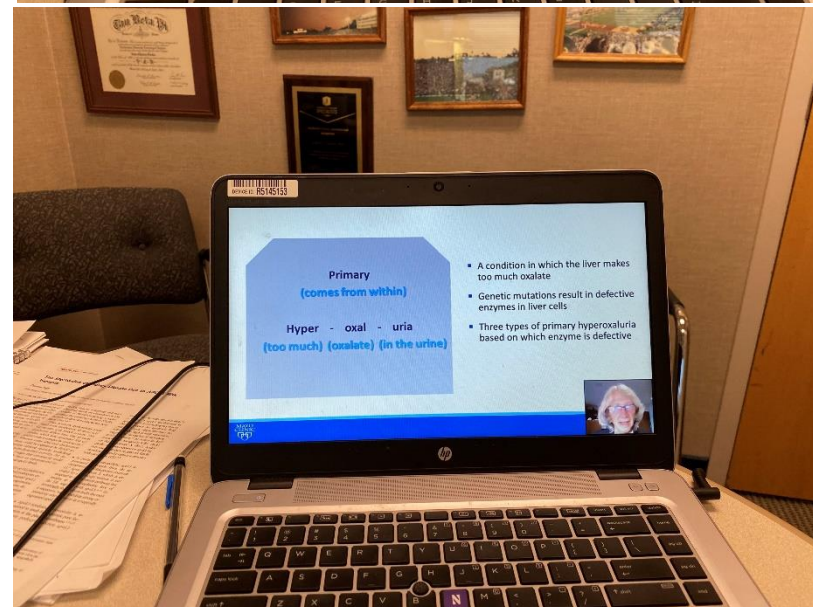
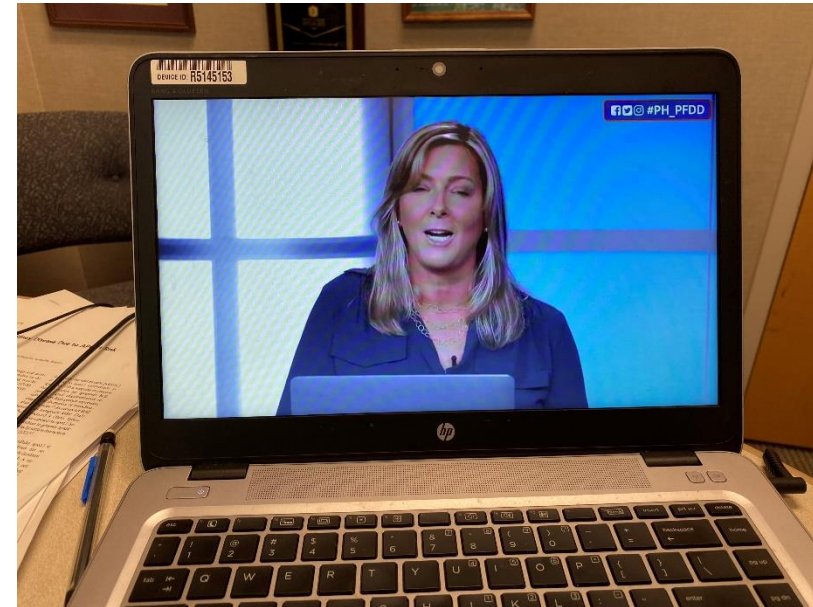
## THE VOICE OF THE PATIENT REPORT: PRIMARY HYPEROXALURIA

A Report on the Externally Led Patient-Focused  
Drug Development Meeting Corresponding to FDA's  
Patient-Focused Drug Development Initiative

**Externally Led Public Meeting: October 5, 2020**  
**Report Date:**

Hosted by: The Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation

Submitted to:  
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Center for Biologic Evaluation and Research (CBER)  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



# Quality of Life

## Collaboration with Dicerna/ Novo Nordisc

- Survey Tools
  - **PH survey** adapted from our Voice of the Patient meeting
  - **The Wisconsin StoneQOL (WisQOL)**
    - The Wisconsin StoneQOL underwent reliability and validity testing in 248 stone formers and demonstrated good internal consistency.
    - This instrument is currently undergoing further testing in a large multicenter trial.
    - Wisconsin StoneQOL scores are expressed on a scale between 0 and 100, with a higher number indicating a better QoL.
  - **Work Productivity and Activity Impairment Questionnaire (WPAI)**
- Administered electronically via REDCAP
- Promoted in OHF sponsored Webinar

# Recent PH-related health event

	Living with PH	Parent or caregiver
<b>Kidney stone</b>	14	8
<b>Decreased Kidney function</b>	6	5
<b>Failure to thrive</b>	0	3
<b>Hematuria</b>	3	4
<b>UTI</b>	3	3
<b>Fatigue</b>	5	5
<b>Bone fractures</b>	0	1
<b>Bodily pain</b>	9	7
<b>Nausea or vomiting</b>	2	6
<b>Chills/fever</b>	1	2
<b>Heart or eye problems</b>	0	1
<b>Anxiety or depression</b>	11	8

# What outcomes are most meaningful

	Living with PH	Parent or caregiver
Slowing formation of stones	10	7
<b>Stopping formation of stones</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Regaining energy	5	0
Lessening pain	2	0
Improving kidney function	6	5
<b>Decreasing need for superhydration</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Decreasing UTIs	1	0
<b>Stopping disease progression</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>
Eat what I want	4	1

# PH treatment landscape

- **Lumasiran (GO) and Nedosiran (LHDa) seem equally effective for PH1**
  - Unclear why an LDHa approach did not initially work for PH2 or PH3
    - ?Dosing
    - ?pathway nuances
    - ? Genotype: phenotype
- **Other approaches under consideration**
  - Gene therapy
  - Small molecule
  - Multiple targets at once
- **Use of siRNA may allow kidney alone transplant in kidney failure (without liver transplant)**
- **Registries still essential to answer these questions; develop long term outcomes**

# Conclusions

- **KHI project has worked as envisioned**
  - Stakeholder identified and engaged
  - ASN staff were instrumental for organizing the group, identifying next steps
  - Robust FDA involvement along the way
- **Project was “ripe” for this process**
  - Strong industry pipeline
  - Pressing need for consensus regarding trial designs for this rare disease population since standard double blind trials with hard endpoints may not be feasible or timely
- **Pooling data in retrospective registries was crucial to understand this monogenic disease**
  - define natural history and disease surrogates
  - Attract industry and technology
  - Support regulatory approval
- **In 2024 there are 2 approved therapies for the devastating disease PH1!**

# Hard work towards newer treatments





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# Case Example Reactor Panel

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