



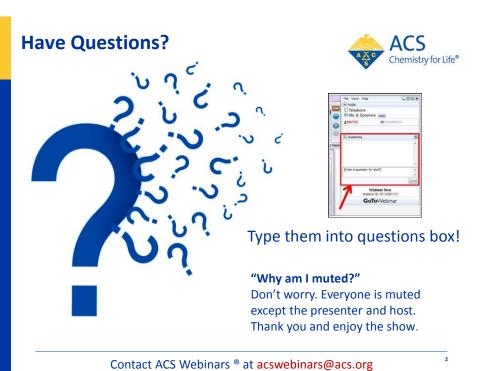
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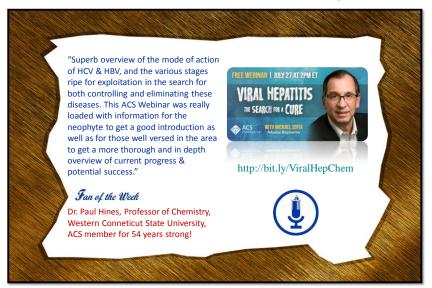






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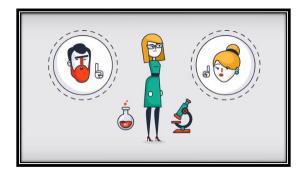
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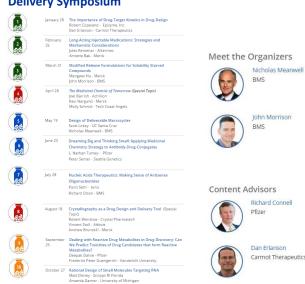


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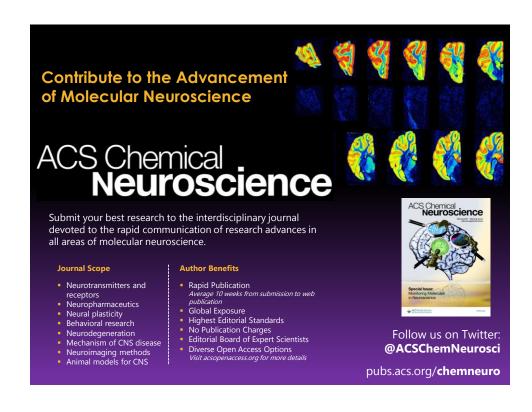






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### Spinal Muscular Atrophy: Novel Approaches for Treatment







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### Objective



### What you will learn ...

- What is Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and what are the causes
- What is the current SMA Drug Discovery Pipeline
- The medicinal chemistry optimization of molecules that stabilize the survival motor neuron (SMN) protein and increases the transcription of SMN protein





- · A neuromuscular disease of infants, children and adults
- Effects both survival and function of the *anterior horn cells* of the spinal cord
- SMA is characterized by progressive muscle weakness
- Leading genetic cause of infant mortality

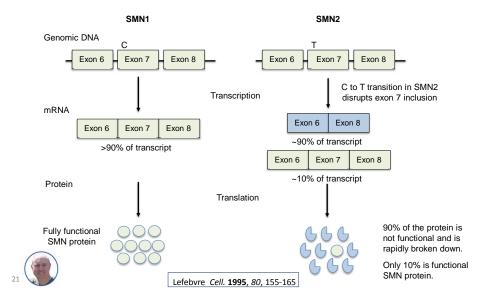




### Two genes essential for survival of motor neurons



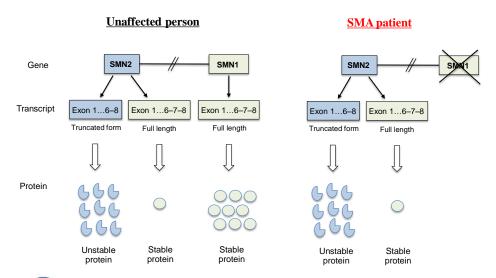
• Survival of Motor Neuron 1 (SMN1) and Survival of Motor Neuron 2 (SMN2)





### SMA is caused by loss of SMN1 gene







• SMN2 acts as a dose-dependent modifier



### SMA is autosomal recessive



## SMA results from altered or deleted SMN1 gene

- Normal individuals have 2 functional copies of the SMN1 gene and up to 2 copies of the SMN2 gene
- Carriers possess 1 functional and 1 altered copy of the SMN1 gene
- Affected individuals have 0 functional copies of the SMN1 gene, but multiple copies of the SMN2 gene

#### When two carriers have a child



#### There are 4 possible outcomes

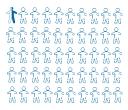


#### Autosomal recessive inheritance pattern

- Incidence: ~1 in 6,000 - 10,000

Carrier frequency: ~1 in 50





in 50 people are carriers and could pass on SMA



### Classifications of SMA



• Categorized by number of SMN2 copies, age of onset, physical characteristics

SMA Type	Nos of copies of SMN2	Onset	Incidence per live birth (SMA)	Survival	Characteristics	
Type 1	2	Before 6 months	~60%	Less than 2-3 years	Will never be able to sit without support	
Type 2	3 or 4	6 – 18 months	~27%	68% alive at age 25	Will never be able to walk or stand without support	
Type 3	3 or 4	Early childhood	~13%	Normal	Stand alone and walk but may lose this ability in 30s	
Type 4	4 to 8	Adulthood	uncommon	Normal	Mild motor impairment	



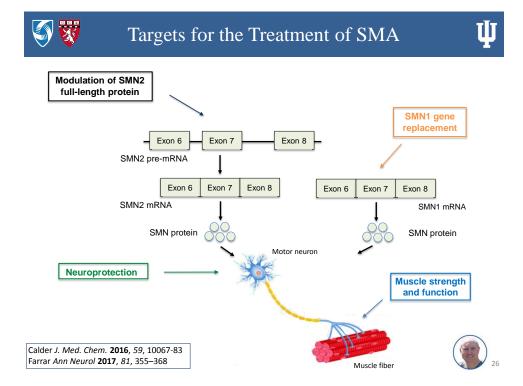


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(multiple true answers possible)

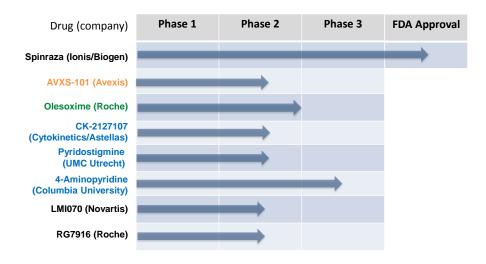
- SMA does not affect all races and genders
- · One child in the USA will die today from SMA
- Everyday, two children in the USA will be diagnosed with SMA
- The survivors of SMA do not require lifelong care and support





### SMA Drug Development Pipeline





Mode of action

Modulation of SMN2 full-length protein SMN1 gene replacement Neuroprotection Muscle strength and function

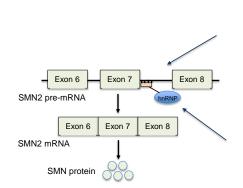




### Modulation of SMN2



- Splicing modifiers increased inclusion of exon 7
  - Small molecules: LMI070 (Novartis) and RG7916 (PCT/Roche, structure not disclosed)
  - Antisense oligonucleotide (ASO); Nusinersen (Spinraza<sup>TM</sup>)



LMI070 may interact with the 5' splice site of SMN2 intron 7 and stabilizes its interaction with the U1 small nuclear ribonucleic protein (snRNP) complex

Palacino Nat. Chem. Biol. 2015, 11, 511-17

Nusinersen (Spinraza™) displaces heterogenous nuclear ribonucleoprotein (hnRNP) from the intronic splicing silencer site on the SMN2 pre-mRNA

Singh Mol. Cell Biol. 2006, 26, 1333-46



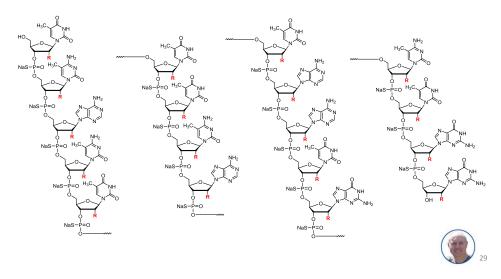


### Nusinersen (Spinraza<sup>TM</sup>)



- Antisense Oligonucleotide (ASO)
  - 2'-Methoxyethyl residue (red) protects the oligo from nuclease degradation







### Discovery and Development



#### · Academic Discoveries

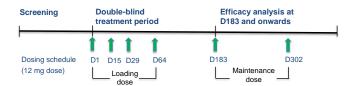
- Drs. Ravindra Singh and Elliot Androphy, formerly at the University of Mass. Medical School (UMMS), identified the ISSN1 gene sequence targeted in Nusinersen (Cure SMA grant support)
- Dr. Adrian Krainer and colleagues at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) preclinical development of Nusinersen

#### Industry Development

- Ionis Pharmaceuticals licenses intellectual property from CSHL and UMMS
- Phase 1 initiated in December, 2011 partnered with Biogen in January, 2012

#### Phase 3, Endear study of intrathecal Nusinersen in Type 1 SMA babies

- Eligibility; 2 copies of the SMN2 gene, onset of symptoms ≤6 months
- Trial design:



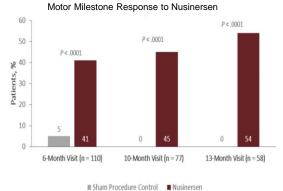




### **Endear Study Results**



- Nusinersen (Spinraza<sup>TM</sup>) was significantly superior to sham lumbar puncture :
  - Motor milestone response (Hammersmith Infant Neurological Exam, HINE)
  - Event-free survival (death or permanent ventilation)
  - Overall survival



Kuntz AAN 2017, CCI.002

Spinraza<sup>TM</sup> was approved to treat SMA by the FDA in December, 2016





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### What is the cost of Spinraza<sup>™</sup> per dose?\*

- \$1,250 per dose
- \$12,500 per dose
- \$25,000 per dose
- \$125,000 per dose
- It is freely available in the US

<sup>\* 6</sup> Doses in year 1 and 3 doses per year thereafter

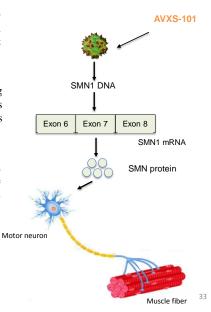


### SMN1 gene replacement: AVXS-101



- A non-replicating adeno-associated virus (AAV9) capsid shell delivers a functional copy of a human SMN1 gene to the patient's own cells without modifying the existing DNA of the patient
- Human SMN Transgene: A stable, fully functioning human SMN gene that is introduced into the nucleus of the patient's cells to supplement the cell's production of the SMN protein
- Continuous Promoter: A cytomegalovirus enhanced chicken beta-actin hybrid promoter activates the transgene and designed to allow for continuous and sustained SMN expression
- Discovery and development by Brian Kaspar and colleagues at Ohio State University and AveXis

Meyer Mol Ther. 2015, 23, 477-87

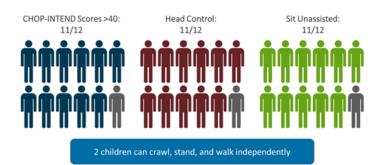




### Efficacy in Phase 1 Trial of AVXS-101



Phase 1 clinical trials are very promising



• Early diagnosis and treatment essential

Mendell Neurology 2017; 88 (16 suppl): CT.003

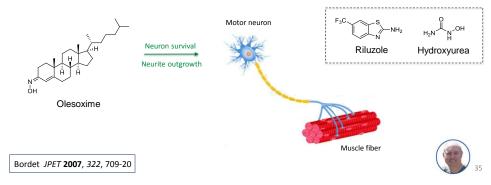




### Neuroprotection



- In SMA, the motor neurons cannot properly function and eventually die, leading to debilitating and often fatal muscle weakness
- · Olesoxime is a neuroprotective, discovered by Trophos and licensed to Roche
- In phase 2 studies in patients with Type II or nonambulant Type III SMA, Olesoxime maintained, and in some cases improved, motor function compared with placebo
- Riluzole and hydroxyurea neuroprotective drugs repurposed for SMA, but are ineffective

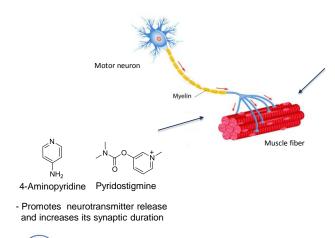




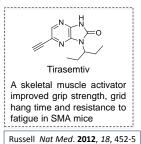
### Muscle strength and function



- Low levels of SMN disrupt the motor neurons that control muscle function
- The loss of nerve stimulation causes the skeletal muscles to atrophy in SMA



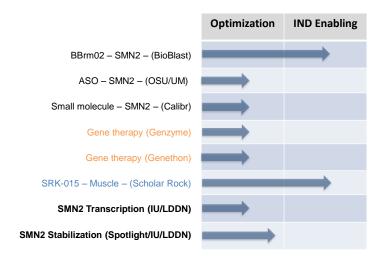
Fast skeletal troponin activators sensitize the sarcomere to calcium and increase the contractile response to nerve signaling CK-2127107 is a skeletal muscle activator (structure not disclosed) in phase 2 studies in SMA Types II to IV patients





### SMA Drug Discovery Pipeline







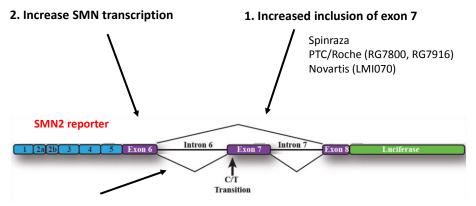


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Why do we still need a pre-clinical SMA Drug Discovery Pipeline? (multiple correct answers possible)

- We don't know how infants receiving Spinraza or AVXS-101 will develop as they age
- The high price and availability of Spinraza and AVXS-101
- The need for therapies for patients with SMA of all types, ages and severities
- There is no need for a pre-clinical SMA Drug Discovery Pipeline



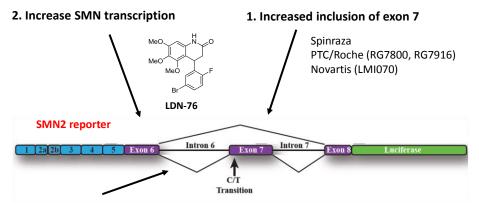


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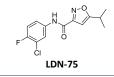
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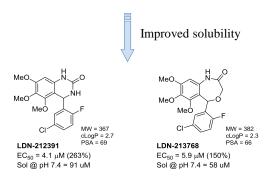




### 76-Series Preliminary SAR Summary



#### · Hit from screening



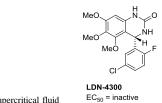


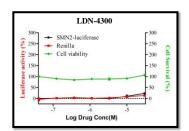
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#### Racemic

#### **Enantiomers**



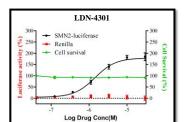




 $EC_{50}$  = 4.1  $\mu$ M (263%)

Supercritical fluid chromatography
(Averica, ChiralPaK IC)





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Assignment of stereochemistry is arbitrary - derivatization and X-ray analysis in progress

 $EC_{50}$  = 1.4  $\mu$ M (190%)



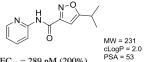
### 75-Series Preliminary Optimization





 $EC_{50} = 9.9 \mu M (188\%)$ 

Plasma stability  $T_{1/2} = 183 \text{ min}$ 



EC<sub>50</sub> = 289 nM (200%) Sol 7.4 = 57 uM

Mouse  $\mu$ somes  $T_{1/2} > 120$  min IP PK – very poor exposure

Plasma stability  $T_{1/2} < 5 \text{ min}$ 

**LDN-77** EC<sub>50</sub> = 300 nM (185%)

Sol 7.4 = 31 uM

Mouse  $\mu$ somes  $T_{1/2} = 39 \min$ 

Plasma Stability  $T_{1/2} = 326 \text{ min}$ 



### Characterization of LDN-77

Change heterocycle



LDN-77

MW = 326, cLogP = 3.7, PSA = 62

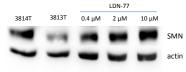
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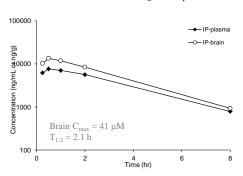
Plasma Stability  $T_{1/2}$  > 120 min

Effect of LDN-77 on SMN protein levels in fibroblasts



SMA patient fibroblasts (3813T); normal carrier parental fibroblasts (3814T)

#### Mouse PK of LDN-77 @ 20 mpk IP



No significant effects at 10  $\mu M$ 

- Broad panel (GPCR, kinases etc)
- Cyp Inhibition (3A4, 2D6, 2C9, 2C19, 1A2)

Mouse PO PK: Moderate oral exposure

Reitz JMC 2017, 60, 4594-4610

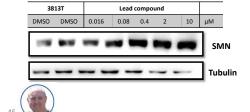


### Representative New Lead with Oral Exposure

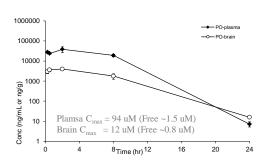


MW = 330, cLogP = 3.4, PSA = 66 EC<sub>50</sub> = 109 nM (200%) Sol 7.4 = 58 uM Mouse μsomes  $T_{1/2}$  = 87 min Brain tissue binding = 92.6% Plasma protein binding = 98.4% MDCK: A-B: 58 x 10<sup>-6</sup> B-A: 38 x 10<sup>-6</sup> cm/s, ER: 0.8

## Effect on SMN protein levels in fibroblasts



#### Mouse PK of lead @ 30 mpk PO



#### No significant effects at 10 $\mu M$

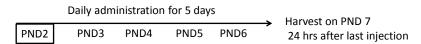
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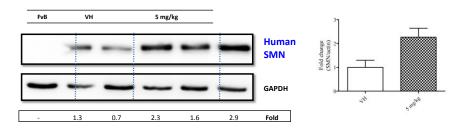
### In vivo Effect of lead in 5058 SMA mice



#### **Treatment schedule**

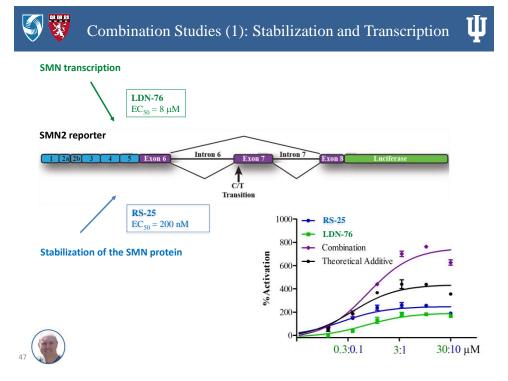


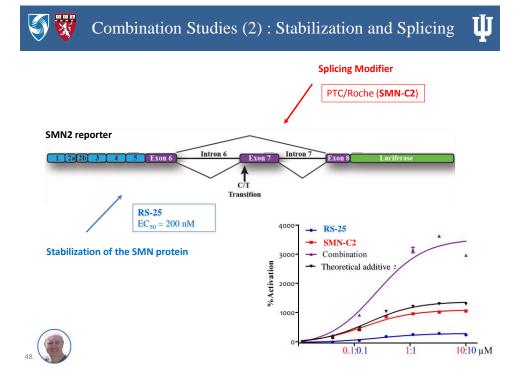
#### Oral dosing (PEG:PBS 50:50)



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- PK and efficacy studies of the best compounds in  $\Delta$ 7 SMA mice is in progress









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- What will be the prices and availability of Spinraza<sup>TM</sup> and AVXS-101?
- Still need therapies for SMA patients of all ages and severities
  - Novel mechanisms to modulate SMN, neuroprotection and muscle function
  - Combination therapies
- Future clinical trials
  - How will enrollment for new studies be affected?
  - Challenge of the slow rate of disease progression for SMA Types 3 and 4
- Speed of diagnosis of SMA in newborns
  - Cure SMA Launched National Newborn Screening Campaign
- $11^{\mathrm{th}}$  July 2017, Missouri is the First State to Institute Newborn Screening for SMA

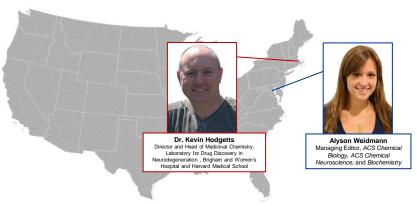






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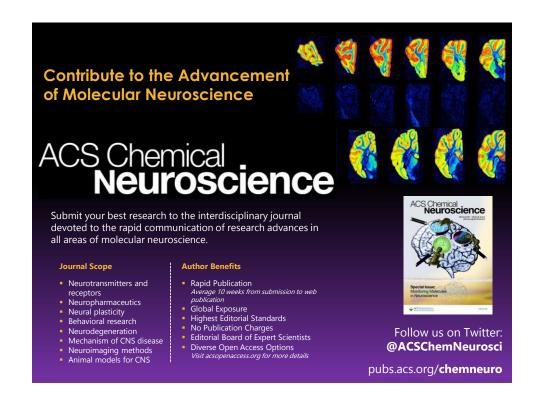
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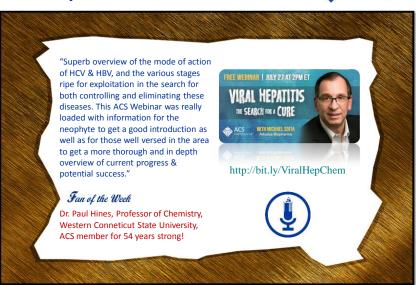
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