Splicing Platform Deep Dive

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Splicing Platform Overview

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Splicing Platform Deep Dive Agenda

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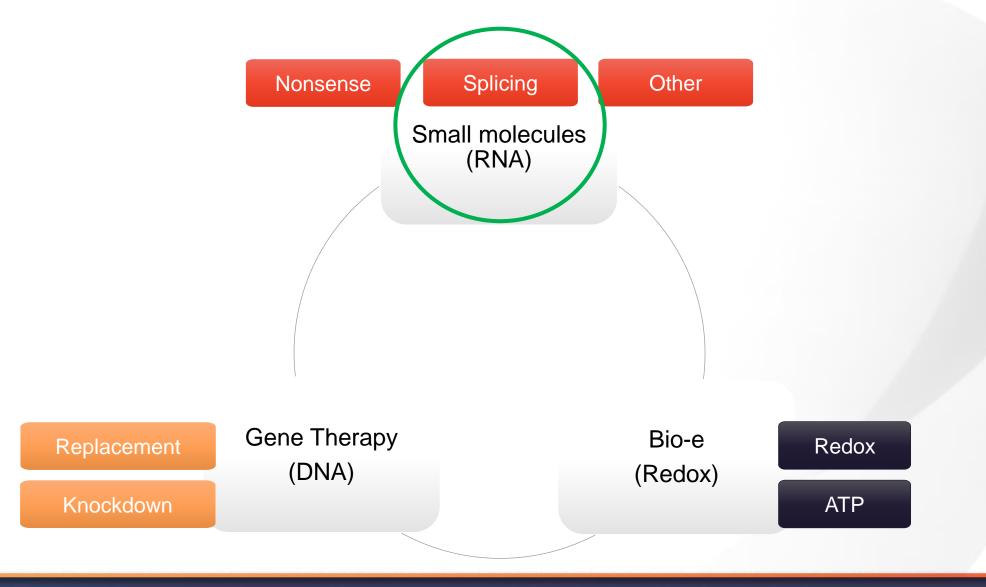
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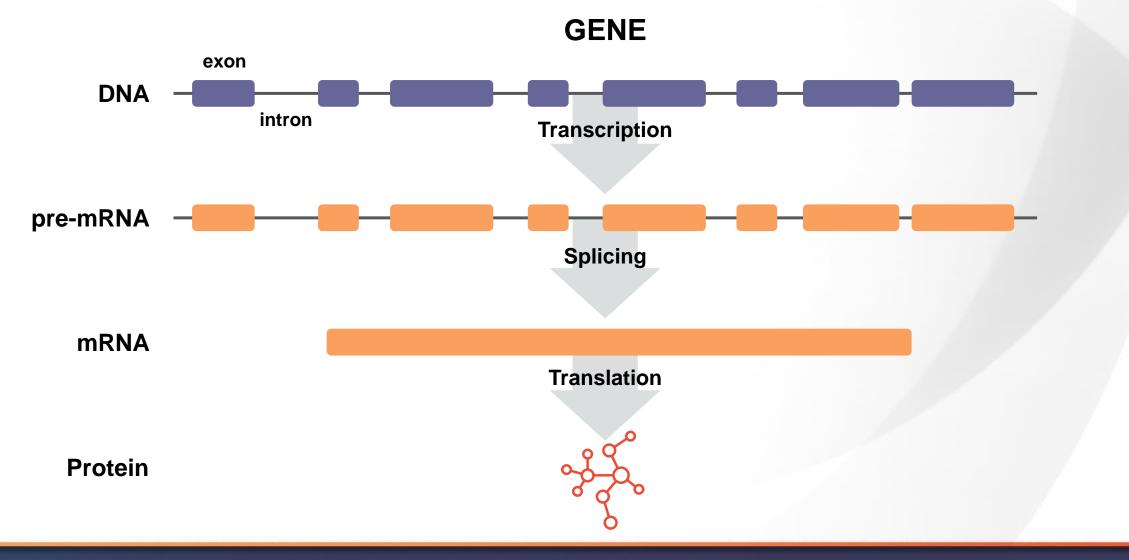


PTC is the Leader in Small-Molecule RNA Biology





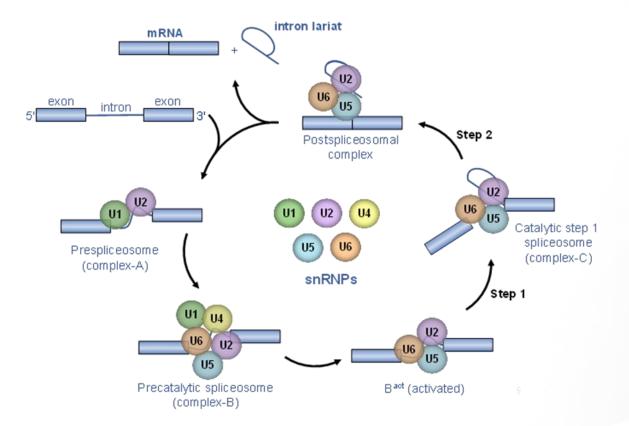
Pre-mRNA Splicing is Required for Gene Expression





Pre-mRNA Splicing is a Complex Process, Rich in Potential Targets

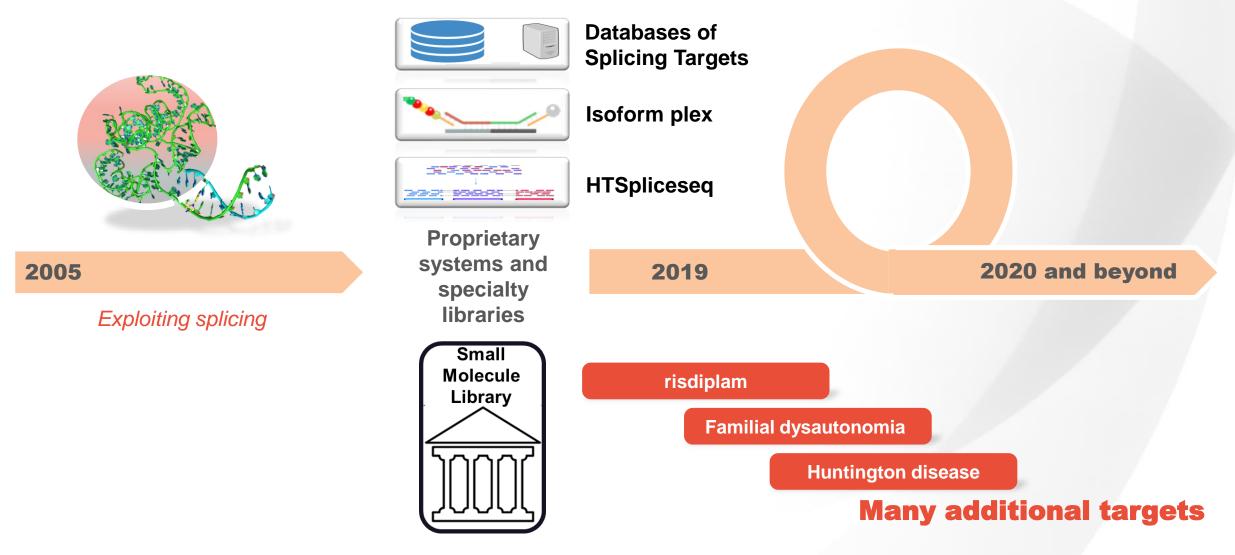
Splicing is a multi-step process using many RNA-protein interactions



There is a rich source of potential drug targets in these mechanisms

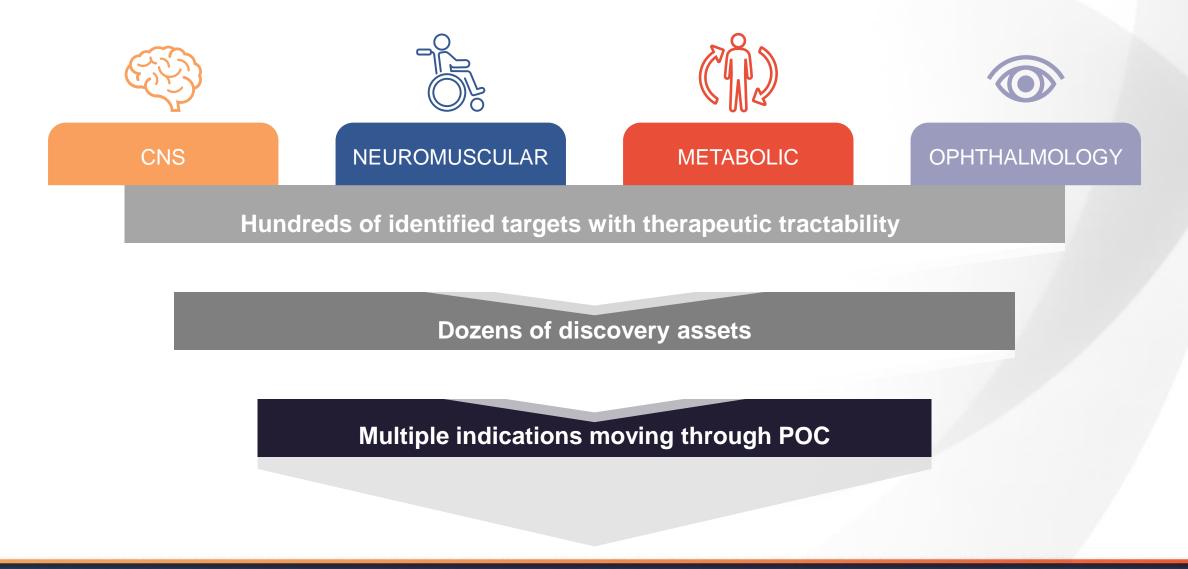


PTC is the Leader in Splicing With 15+ Years of Expertise And A Proven Track Record



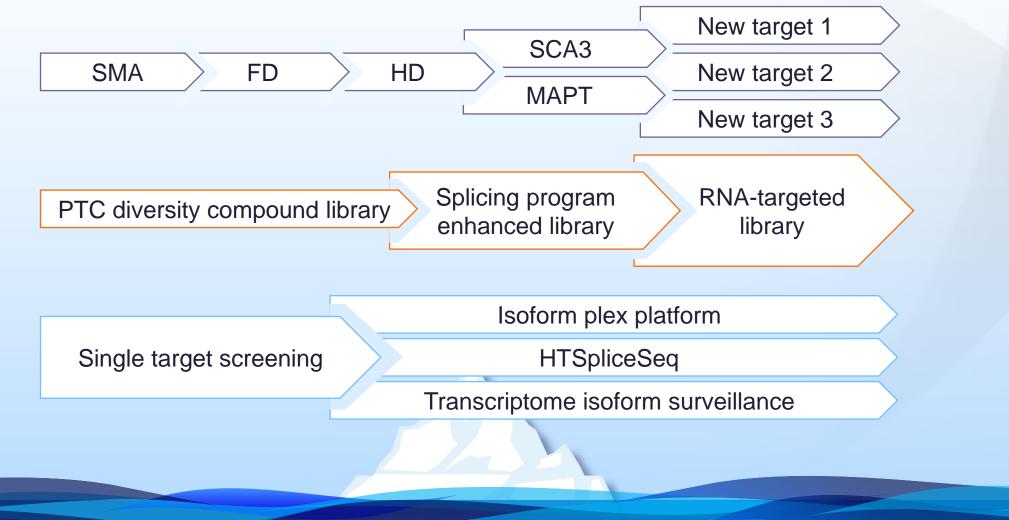


Splicing Platform's Potential Extends Across PTC's Core Areas of Expertise





Building the PTC Splicing Platform



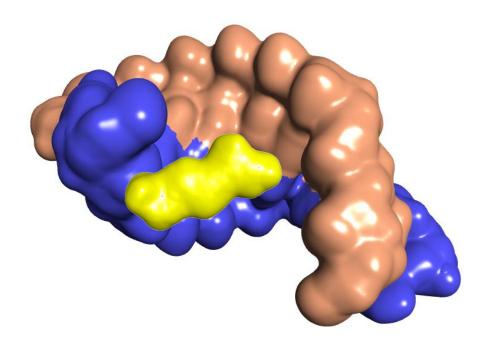




Risdiplam Validates Targeting Splicing

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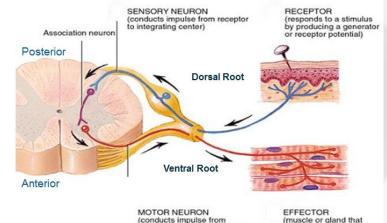


- Strong translational foundation, consistent target engagement from in vitro and in vivo to humans
- Demonstrated selective modulation of splicing
- Enabled screening tier and key assays
- Defined mechanism of action; principles are expandable to other noncanonical sequences
- Laid the foundation of the PTC splicing platform, built unique and critical insights



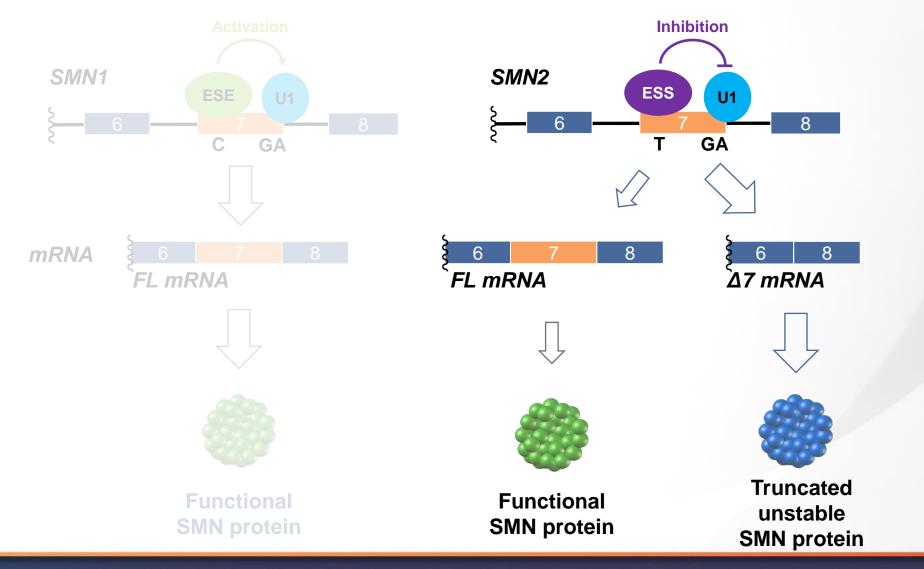
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Overview: The Leading Genetic Cause of Mortality in Infants

- Genetic disorder primarily affecting the central nervous system and muscles
- Overall muscle weakness, reduced body weight, weak reflexes, difficulty swallowing
- Autosomal recessive, 1 in 50 people are carriers¹
- One in every 11,000 newborn children is affected with the disorder¹
- PTC is collaborating with the SMA Foundation and Roche to advance treatments for SMA



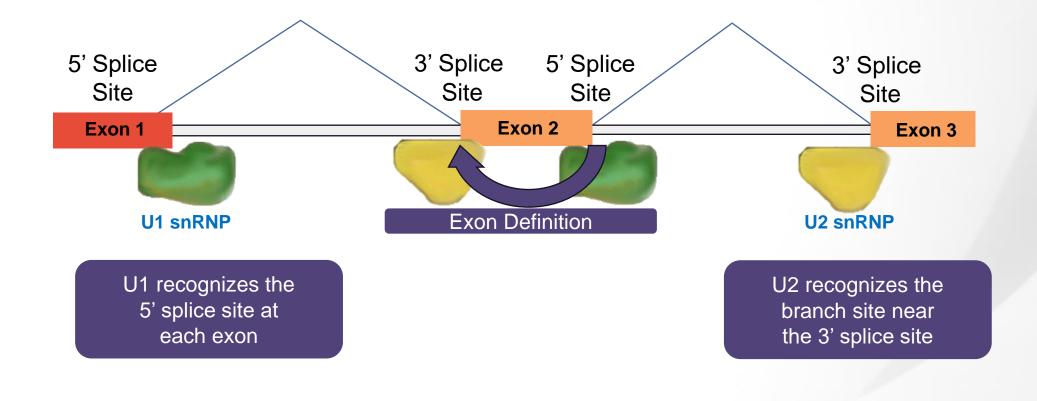


Unique Molecular Genetics as Driver for SMA





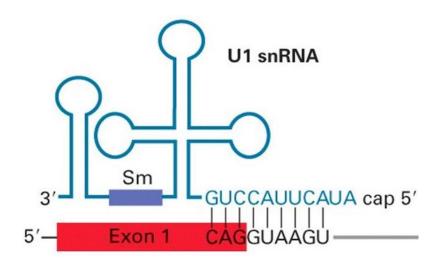
Interactions between 5'- and 3'-Splice Sites Drive Exon Definition



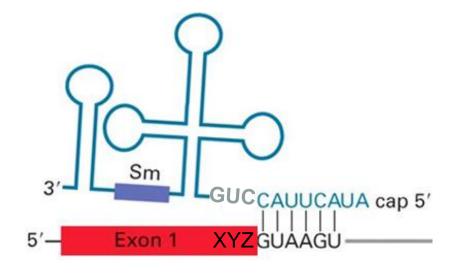


Noncanonical 5' Splice Sites Represent a Unique Class of Targets With Significant Sequence Specificity

Canonical exons Perfect complementarity at the 5'ss

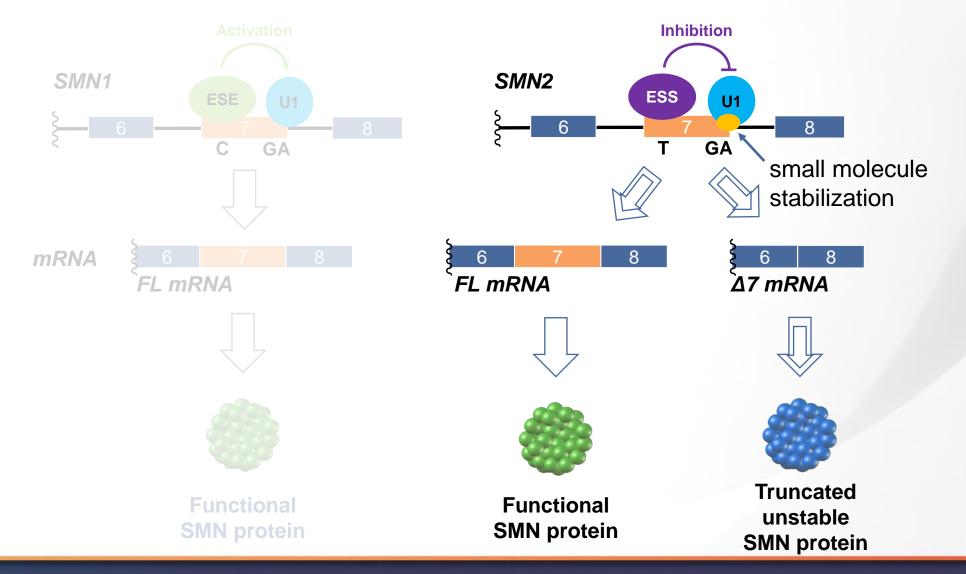


Noncanonical exons Altered structure at the 5'ss



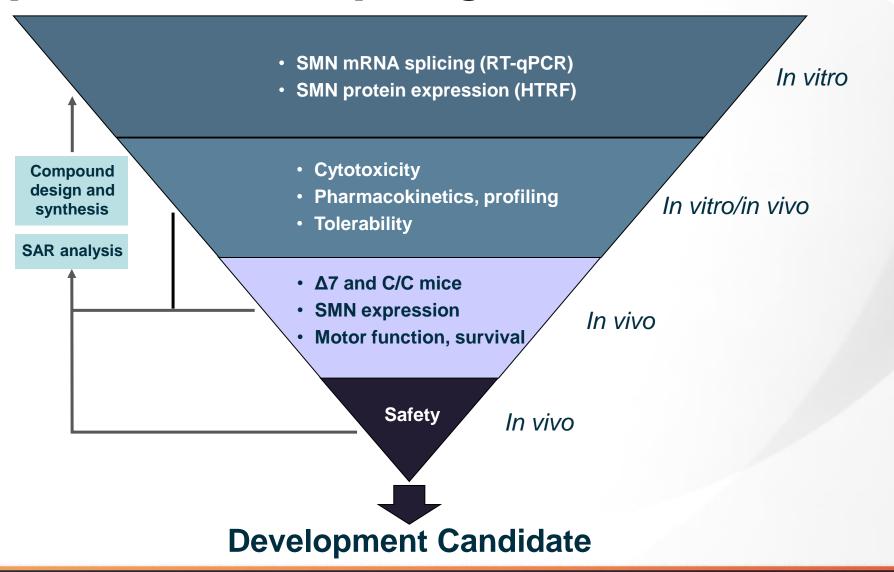


Targeting Alternative Splicing of SMN2 in SMA



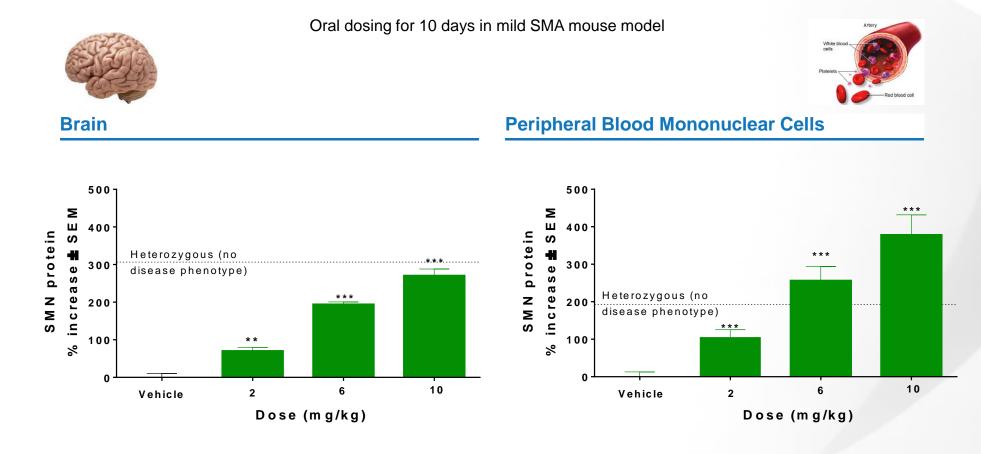


Comprehensive Lead Optimization Approach for Risdiplam Has Broad Application Across Splicing Platform



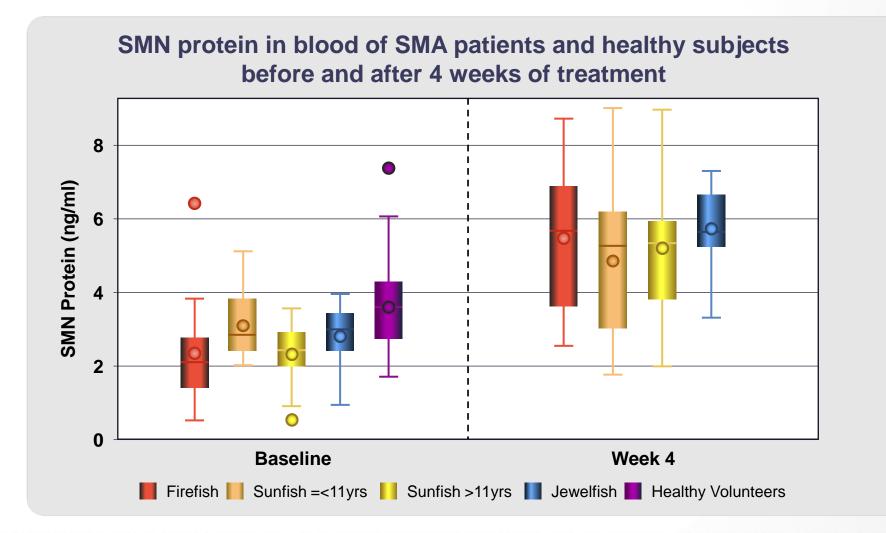


Compound Increases SMN Protein in Multiple Tissues to Near or Above Heterozygous Levels



- SMN protein levels in peripheral blood cells correlate to those in brain
- Similar increases in SMN observed in spinal cord, muscle, heart, liver, skin

Risdiplam Increases SMN Protein Levels in All SMA Types to the Level in Adult Healthy Subjects

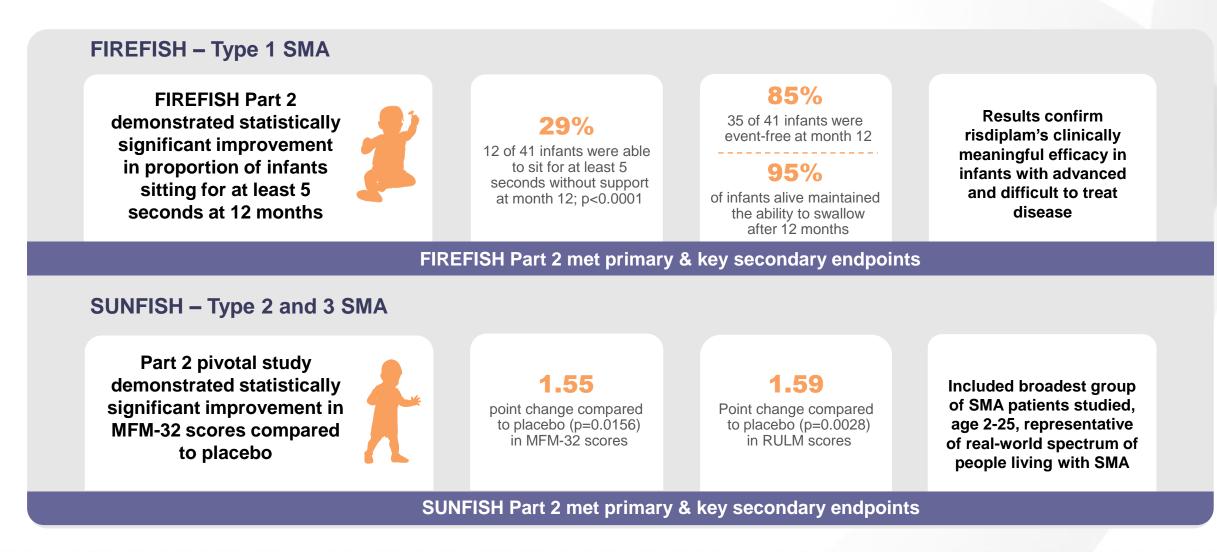


Kletzl et al. WMS 2018 poster

Healthy subjects n=49, age 18 - 60 years. Patients with SMA n=84, age 3.3 months - 52 years. Firefish part 1 (n=21), Sunfish part 1 (n=51), Jewelfish (n=12)



Risdiplam – Most Competitive Commercial Profile Across Broadest Population





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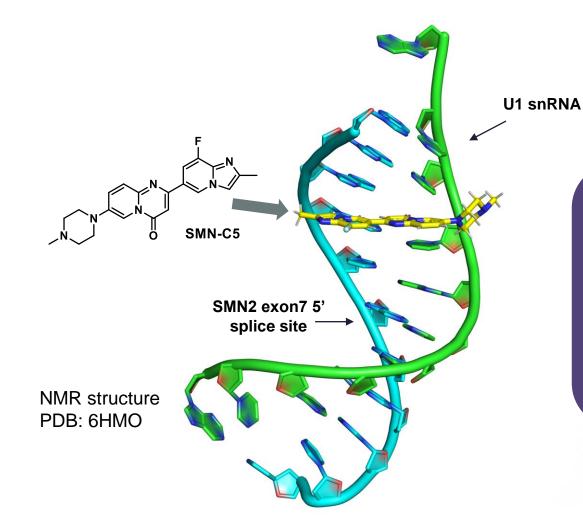


PTC's Unique & Proprietary Library

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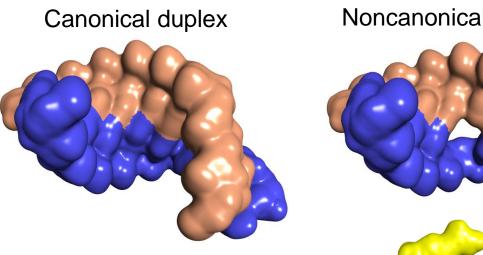
Splicing Modifiers Bind at a Specific RNA Interface



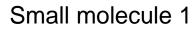
SMN splicing modifier binds at the interface of U1/pre-mRNA at the noncanonical 5' splice site of exon 7



Noncanonical 5'-Splice Sites Present Unique Structural Interfaces for Small Molecule Binding



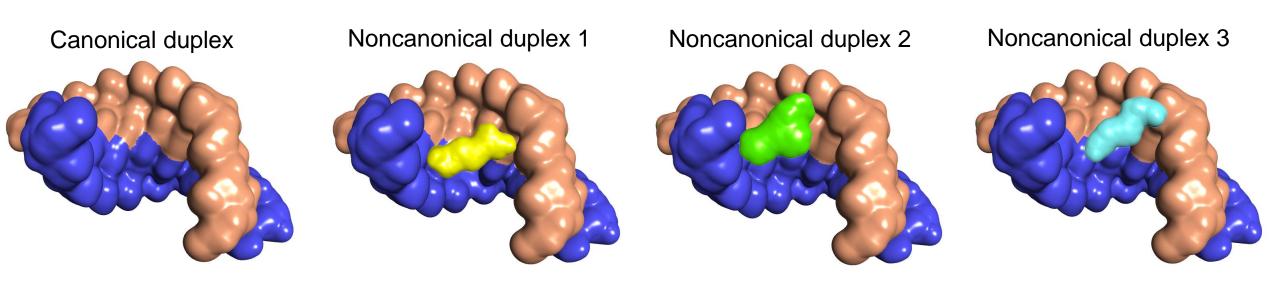
Noncanonical duplex 1



Molecules are designed to match a unique pre-mRNA/U1 interface and serve as molecular glue to help initiate splicing events



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Small molecule 1

Small molecule 2

Small molecule 3

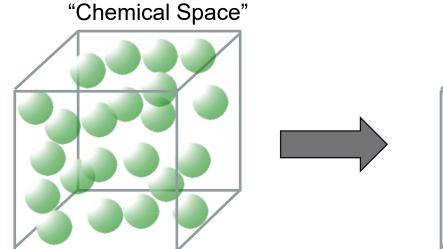
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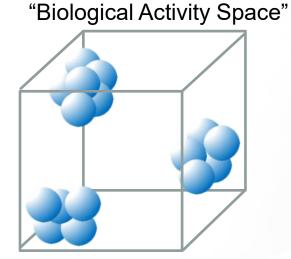


Discovery of Next Generation Splicing Modifiers Requires A Purpose-Built Library

Standard approach:

• Use molecular property descriptors to stratify compounds

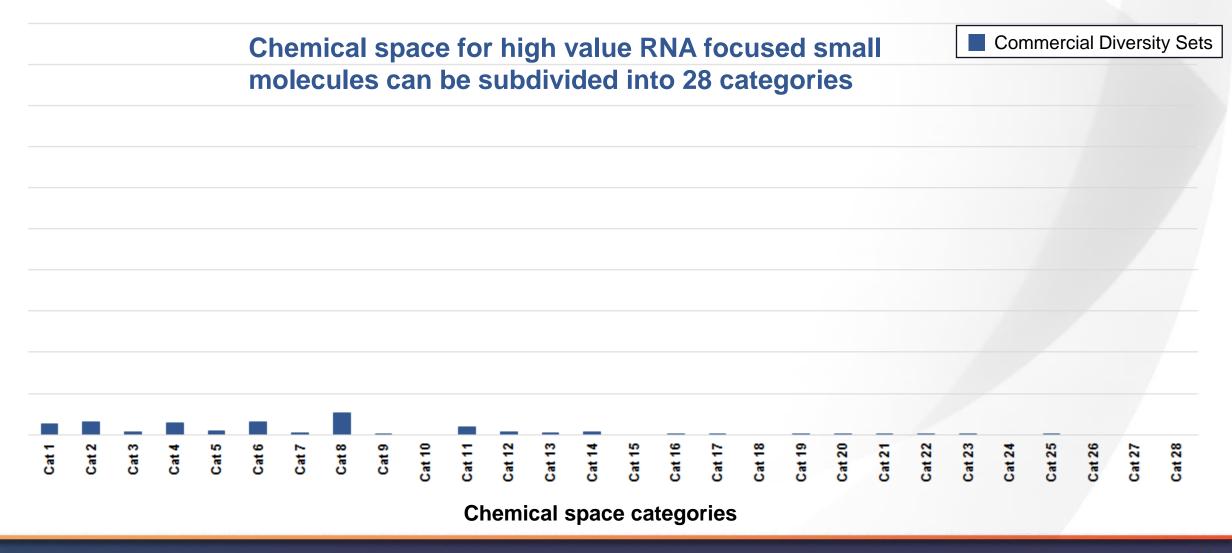




Low probability of finding hits with unique biological activity



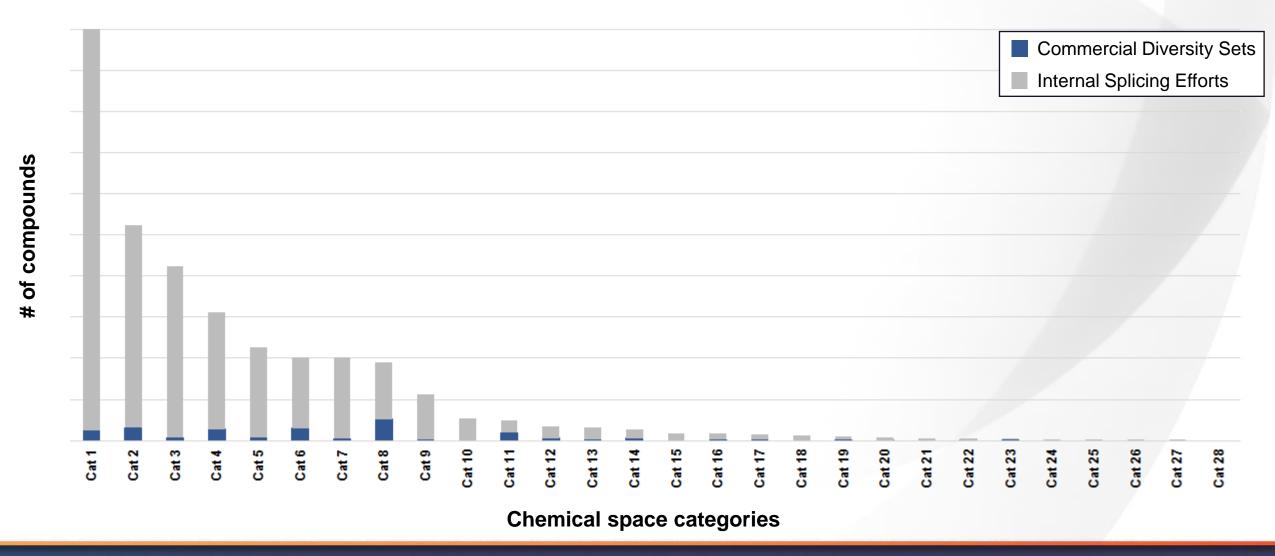
Commercially Available Diversity Sets Have Very Few Splicing Focused Small Molecules



of compounds

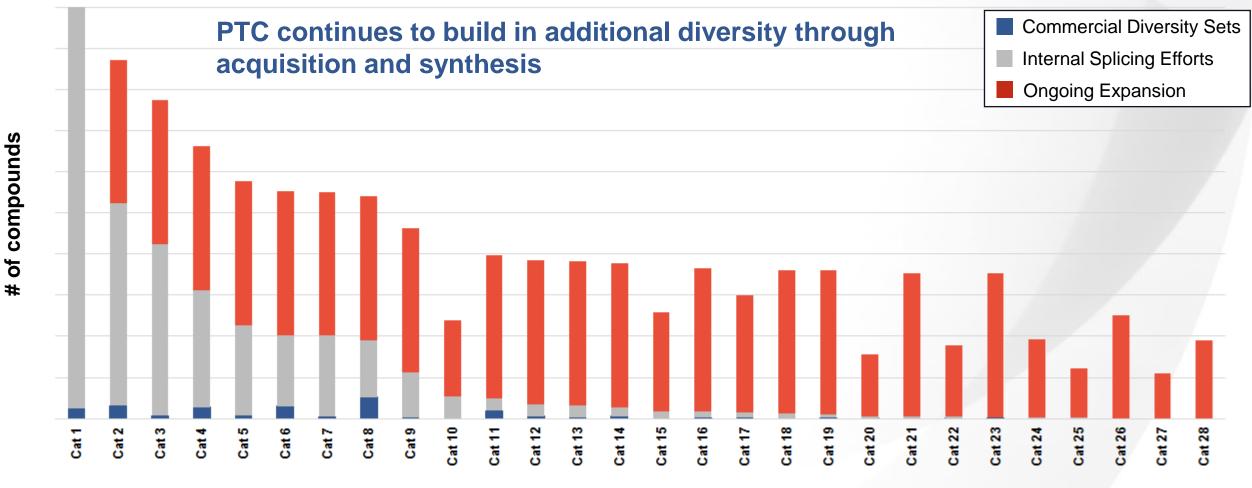


Internal Splicing Efforts Contribute High Value Compounds to Categories



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Ongoing Efforts are Expanding the Library Diversity Across All Categories



Chemical space categories

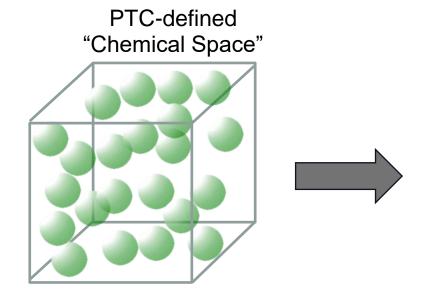
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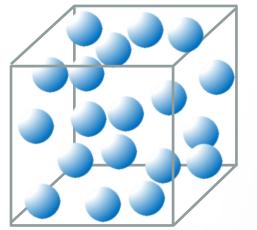
PTC's Optimized Strategy for a Purpose-Built Splicing Modifier Library

PTC approach:

 Classify molecules using the 3-D orientation of key structural motifs deemed critical for RNAdirected small molecules



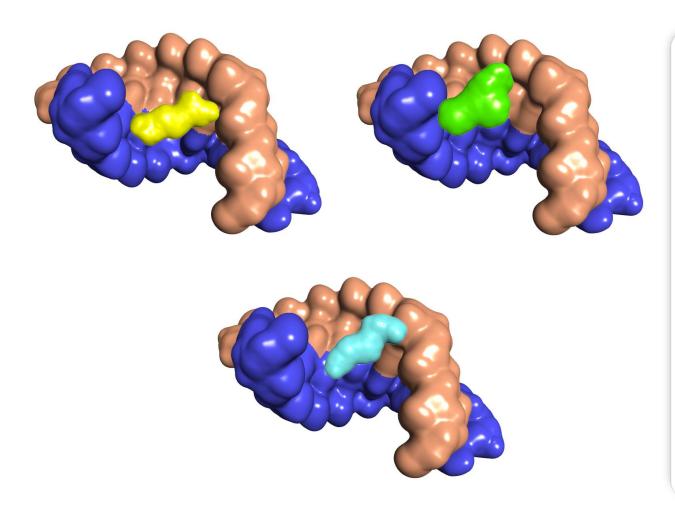
RNA-focused "Biological Activity Space"



Higher probability of finding hits with unique biological activity



PTC Has a Library Built for Success in Splicing Modulation

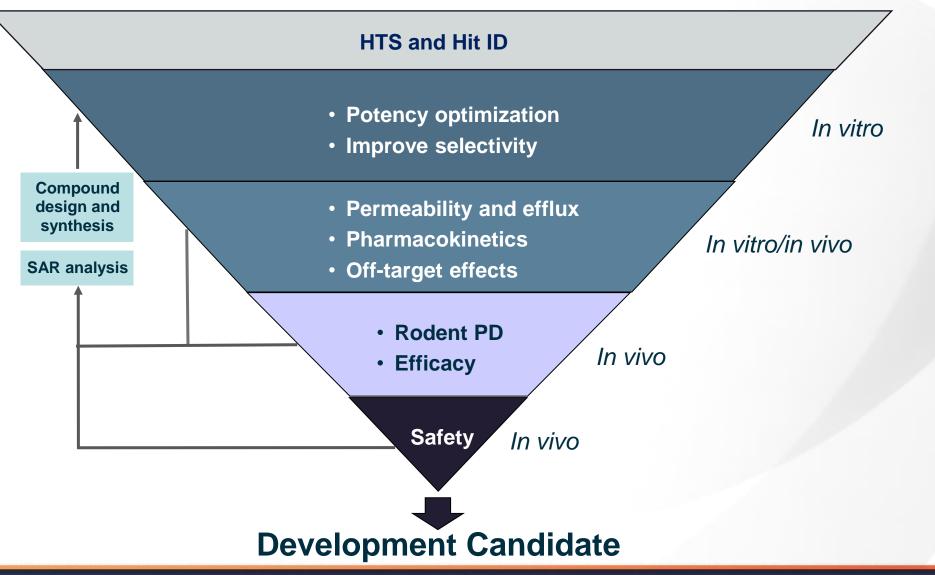


What makes our library unique?

- Largest collection of molecules synthesized for successful splicing programs
- Hand-picked commercial molecules that
 have splicing-centric properties
- Bold efforts to synthesize novel screening molecules in unchartered PTC-defined chemical space
- Purpose-built based on principles learned from selective splicing modifiers



PTC Has the Infrastructure and Capabilities to Rapidly Transform Hits to Development Candidates



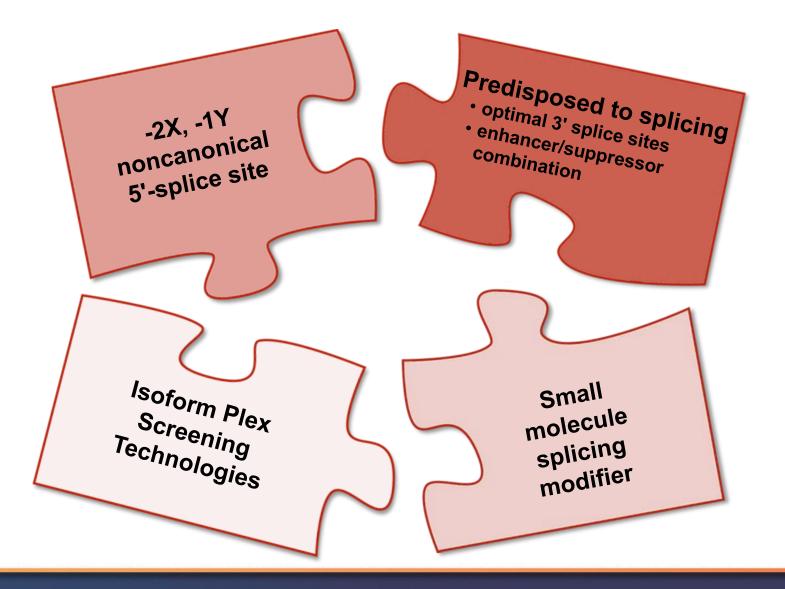


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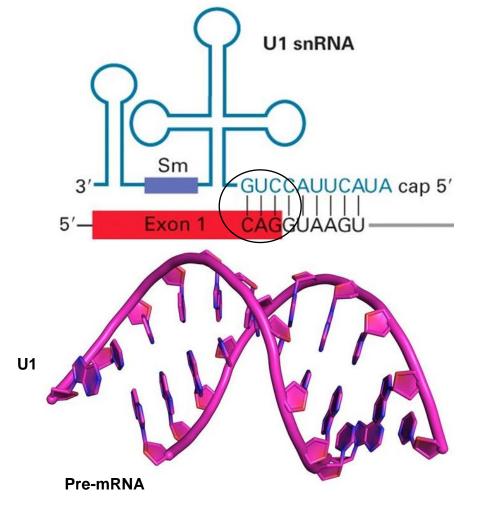
Proprietary PTC Knowledge of Splicing Modifiers Enables Platform Technologies



PTC's understanding of the mechanism of action of small molecule splicing modifiers has enabled platform technologies to identify new therapeutics to target splicing



Therapeutic Potential Lies within Noncanonical 5' Splice Sites

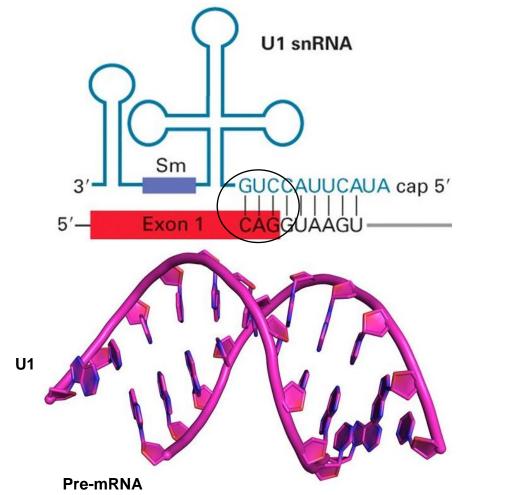


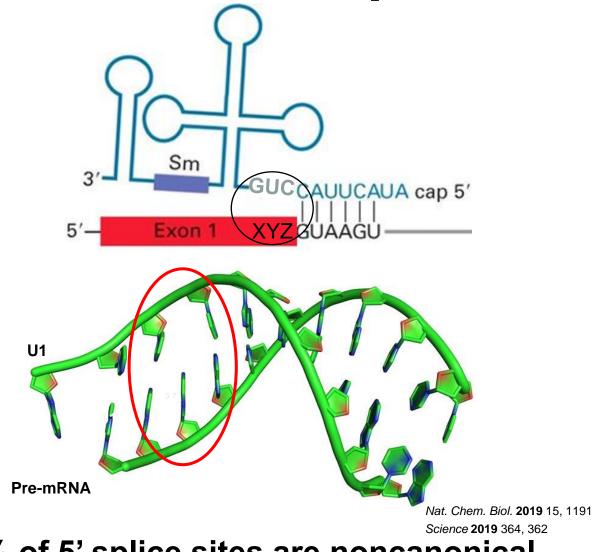
Canonical 5' splice site

55% of 5' splice sites are canonical



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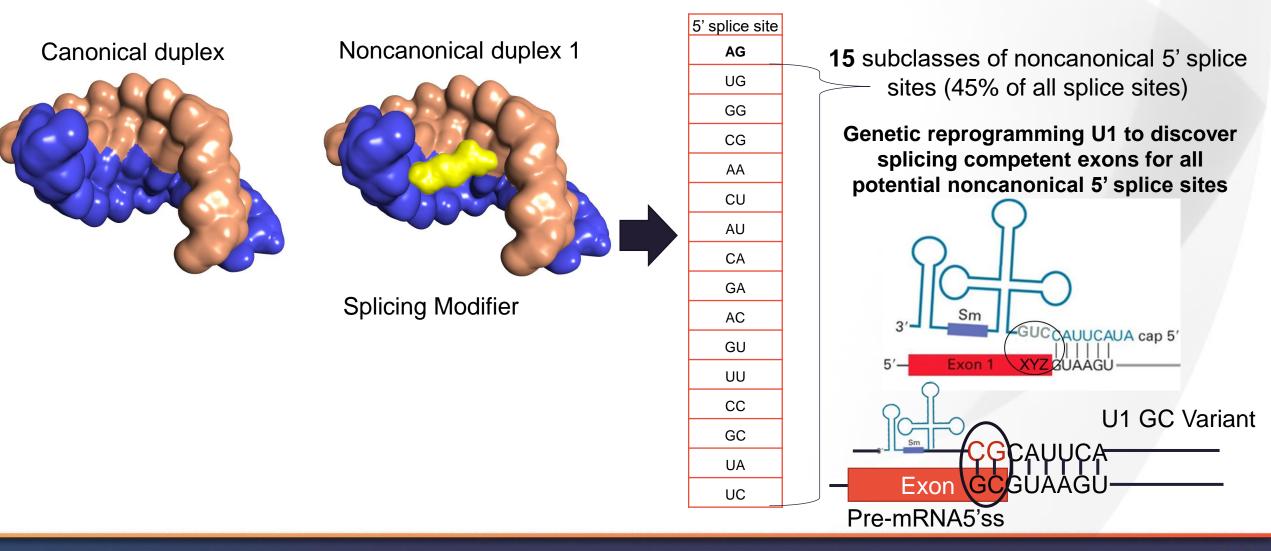




45% of 5' splice sites are noncanonical

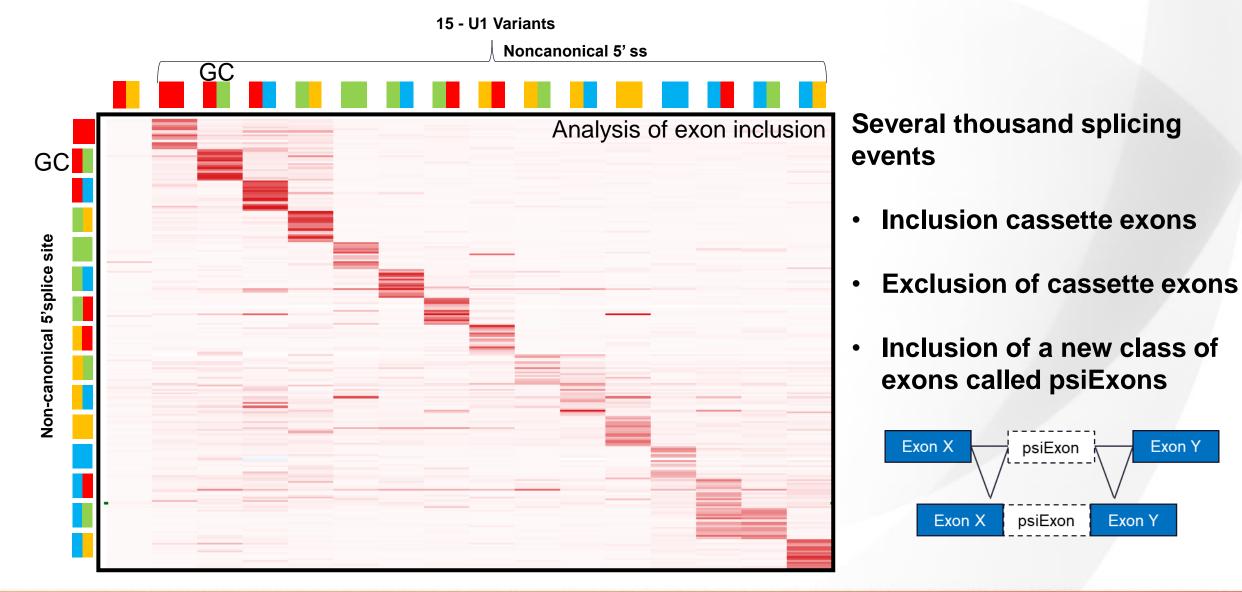


Discovery of a Comprehensive & Diverse Catalog of Druggable Noncanonical 5' Splice Sites



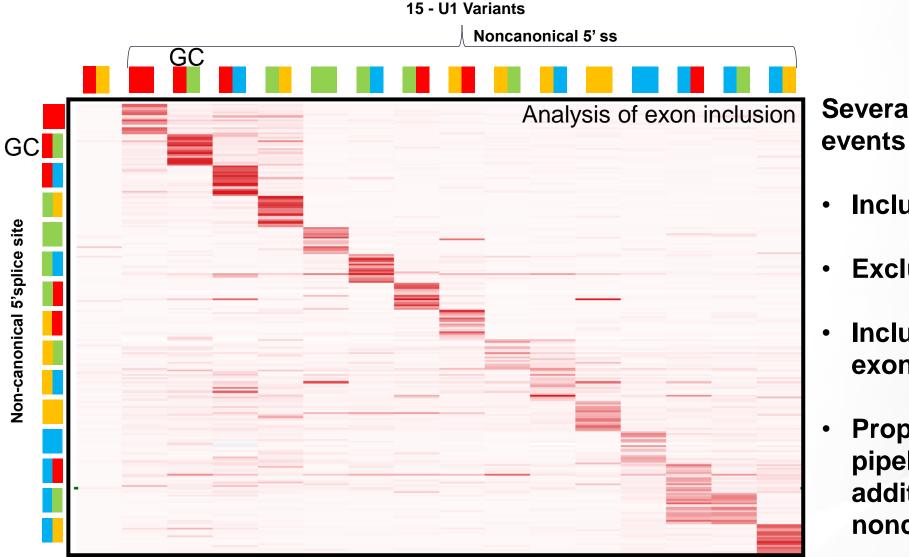


Discovery of Non-canonical Splicing Genome-wide





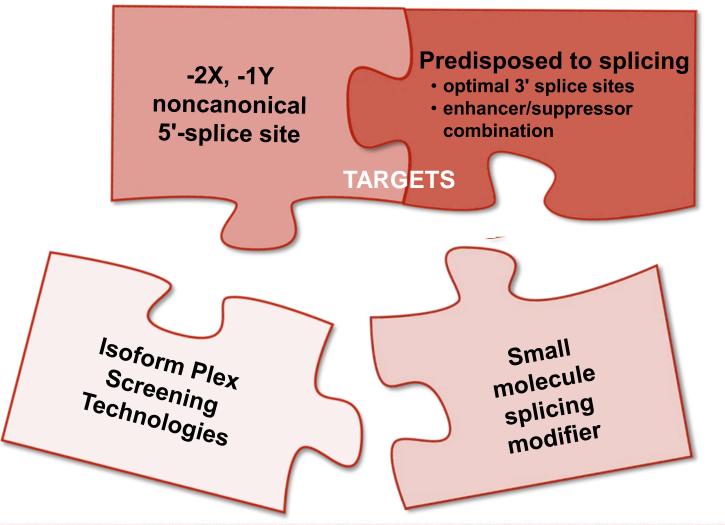
Discovery of Non-canonical Splicing Genome-wide



Several thousand splicing events

- Inclusion cassette exons
- Exclusion of cassette exons
- Inclusion of a new class of exons called psiExons
- Proprietary bioinformatic pipeline to discover additional druggable noncanonical exons

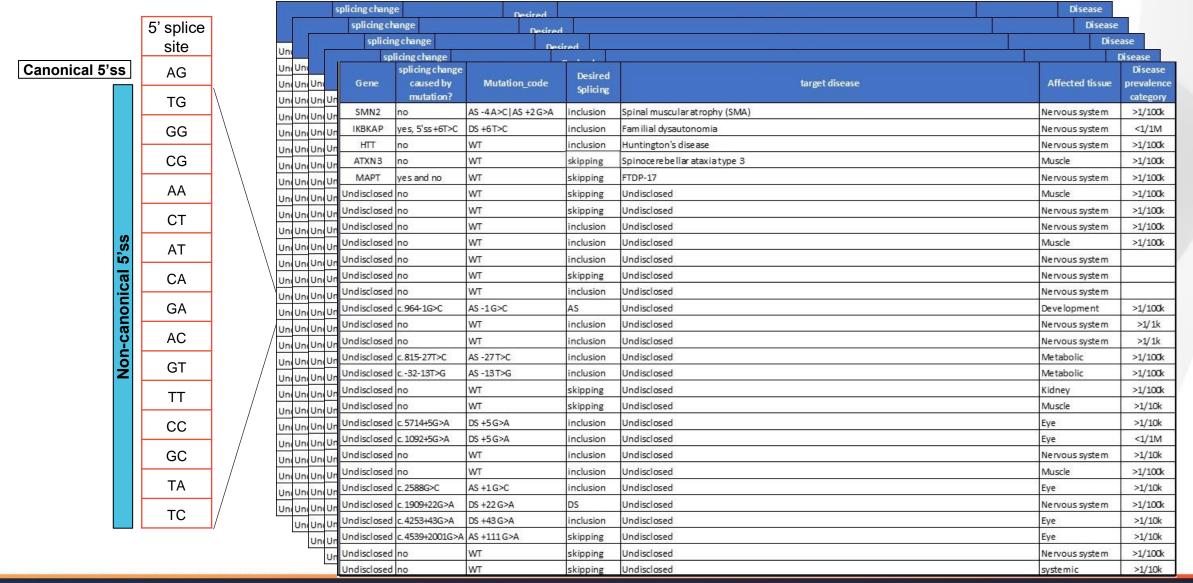
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- Cross compare exons to:
 - Dominant genetic diseases
 - Haploinsufficiency diseases
 - Splicing driven diseases
- Unlocking the **therapeutic tractability** for 100s of potential targets

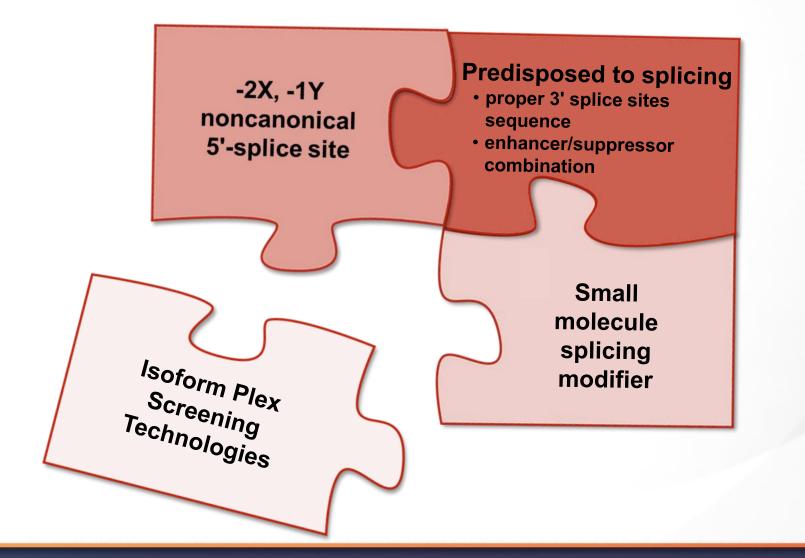


Building a Database of Druggable Splicing Targets





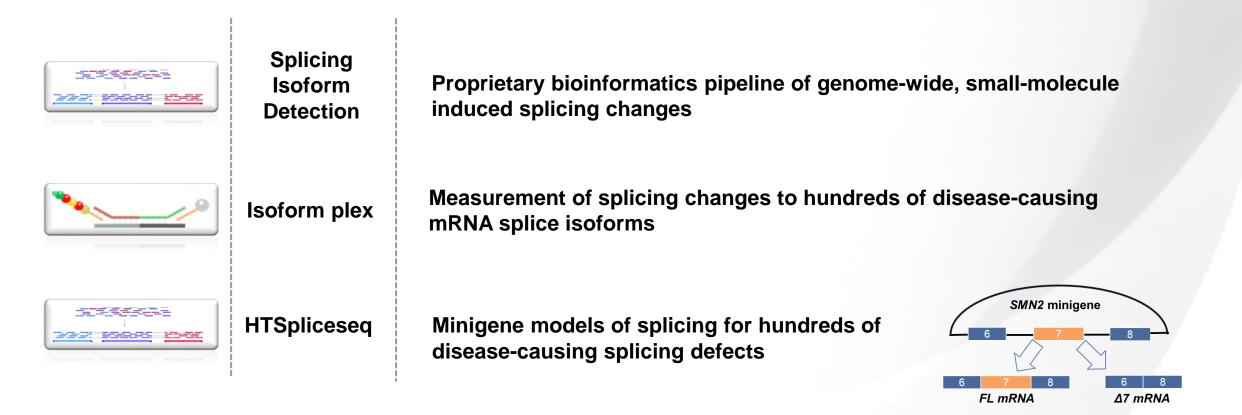
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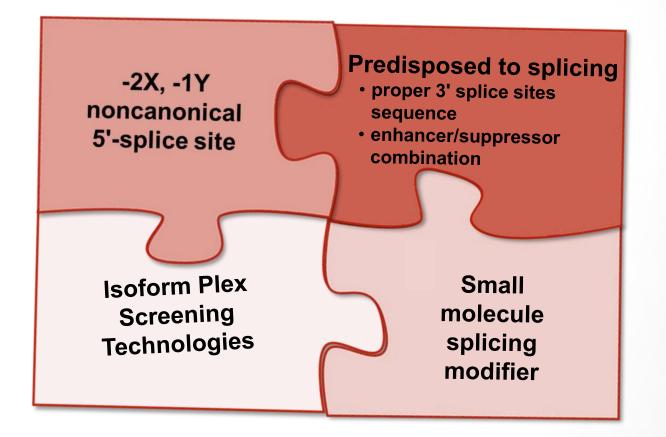
PTC Splicing Platform Technologies

Transcriptome mRNA isoform detection platforms for the discovery of small molecule splicing modifiers



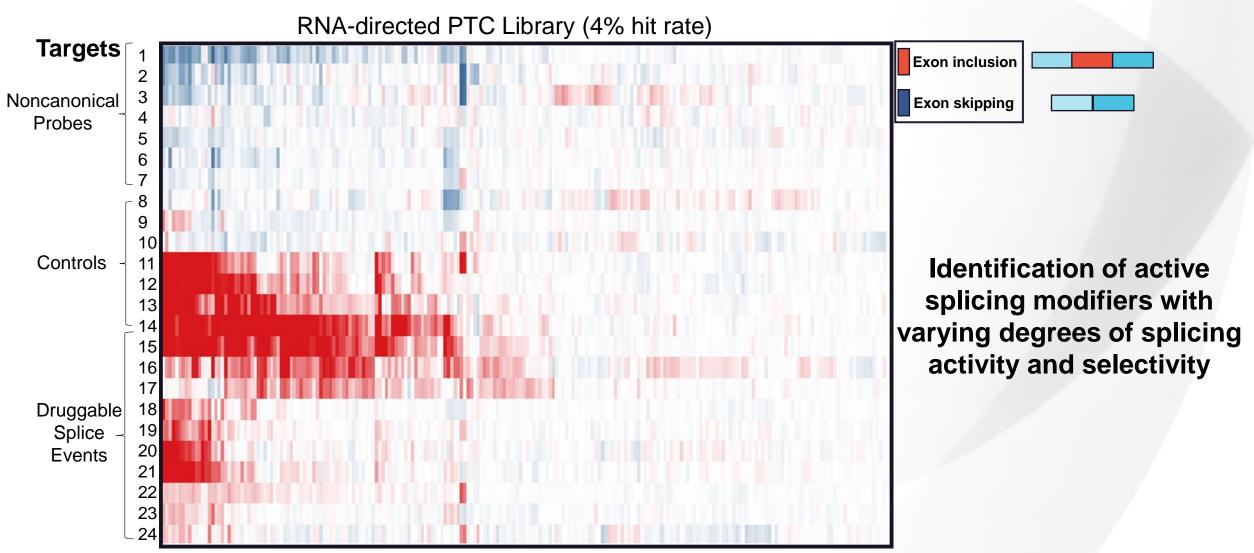


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Isoform Plex Platform Enhances Ability to Identify Splicing Modifiers





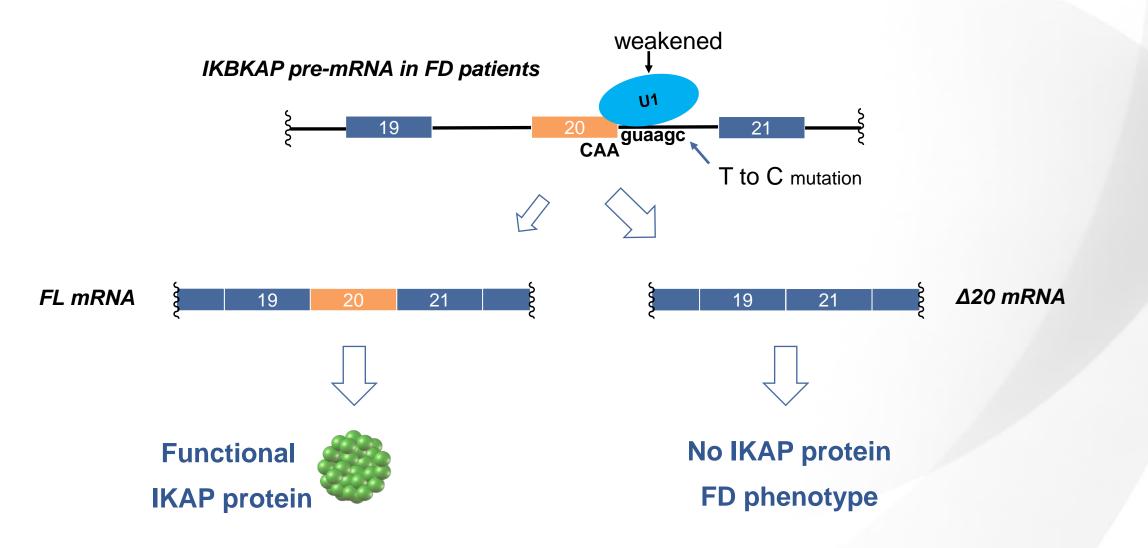
Targeting Noncanonical 5' Splice Sites to Develop Therapies for Human Disease

Targeting noncanonical exons allows us to develop small molecule therapies to:

- Restore protein
 - Promote inclusion of endogenous "weak" exons
 - SMN2 exon 7 to treat SMA
 - Mutations that create a "weak" noncanonical 5' splice site such as Familial dysautonomia
 - 15-50% of disease-causing mutations effect splicing
- Reduce protein
 - Promote inclusion of psiExons
 - Pseudoexon inclusion leads to loss of pre-mRNA to treat diseases such as Huntington's Disease
 - Promote exon skipping
 - Leads to frameshift or decay of pre-mRNA to treat diseases such as **Spinocerebellar Ataxia 3** and **Tauopathies**

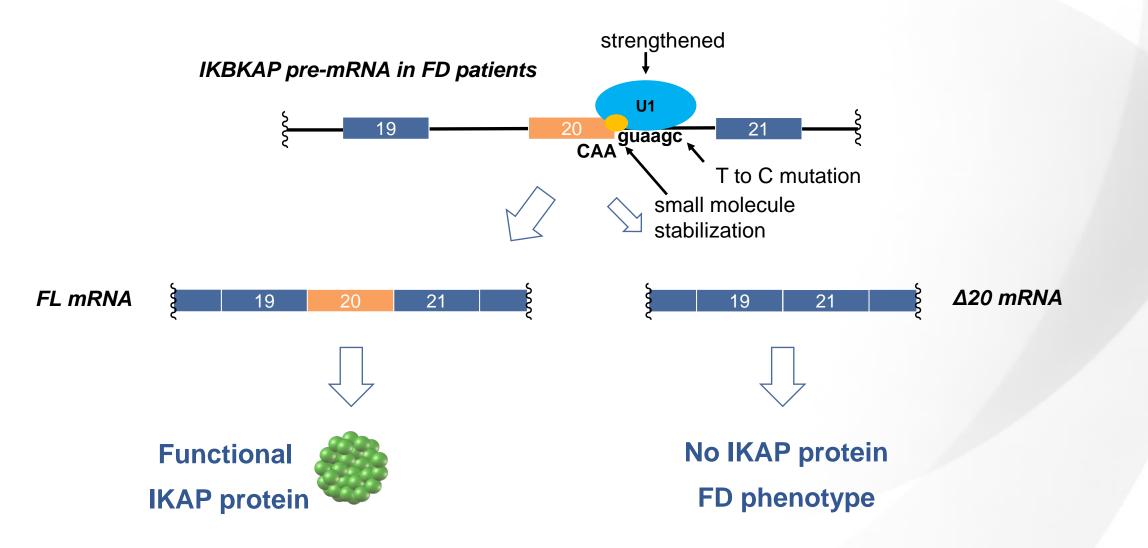


Targeting Alternative Splicing to Treat FD



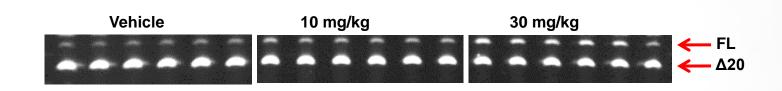


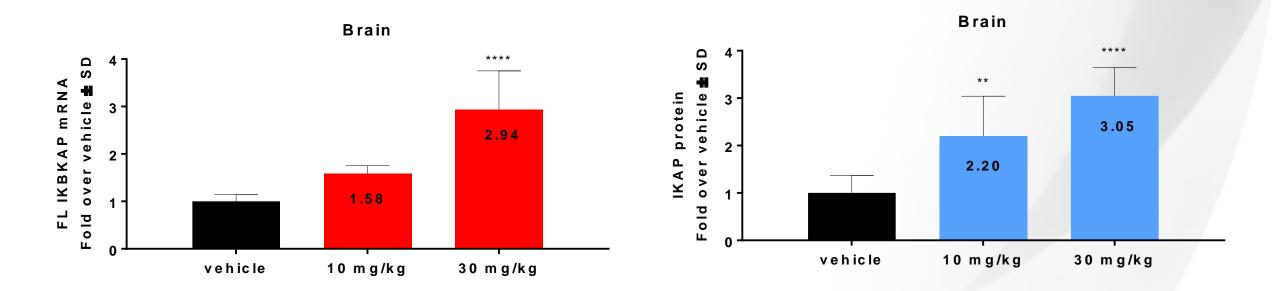
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Compound Increases Full Length IKBKAP mRNA and IKAP Protein Levels *In Vivo*

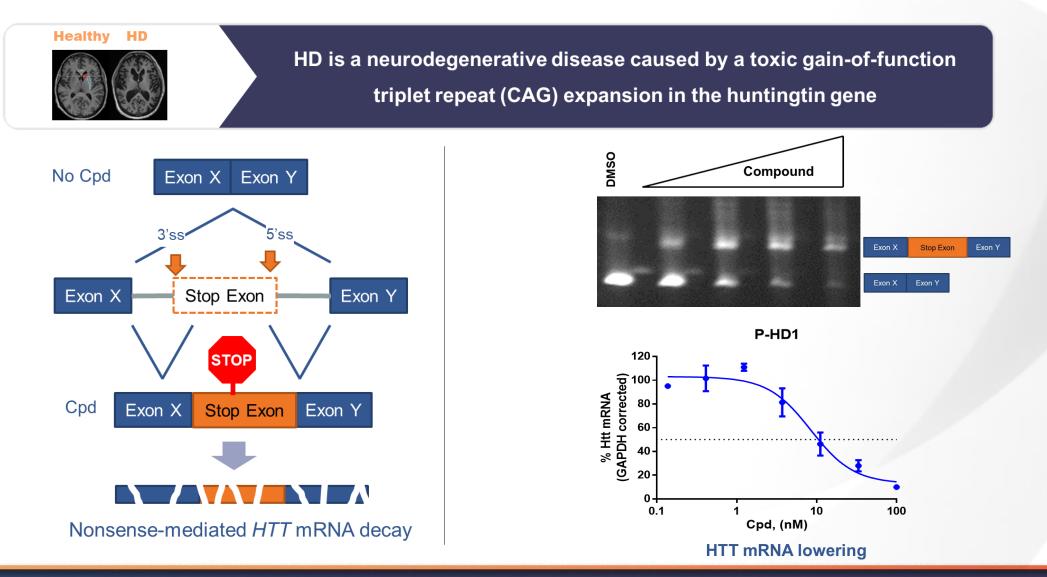




Second example of targeting a noncanonical 5' splice site

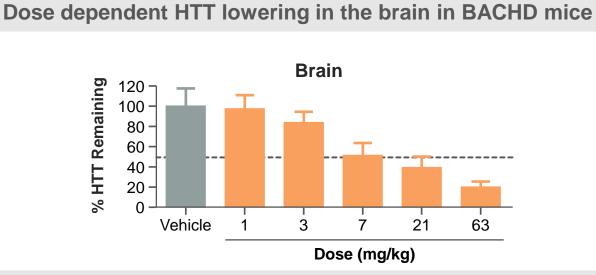


Splicing Modifiers Activate a Stop Exon Within the *HTT* mRNA Leading to mRNA Degradation





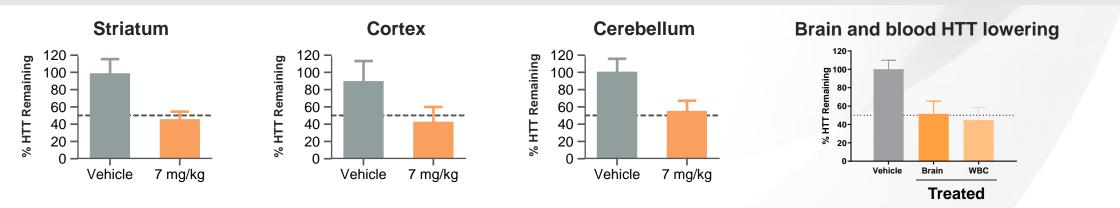
HD Splicing Small Molecules Demonstrate Broad Tissue Distribution in BACHD Mice



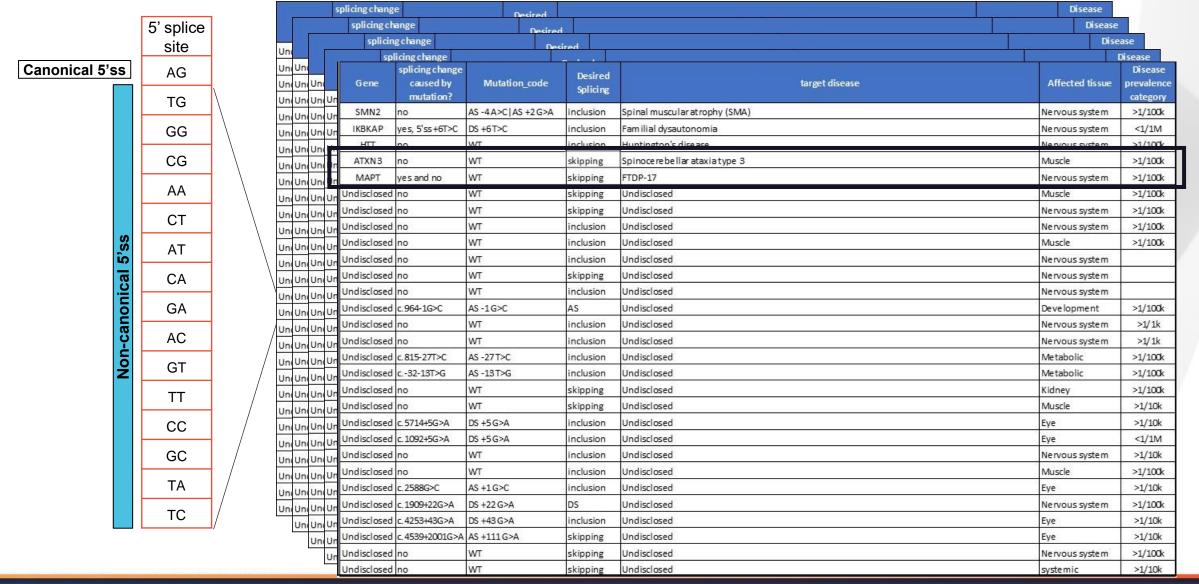
Ph1 trial planned for 4Q 2020

- Oral, crosses BBB
- Titratable
- IND toxicology studies ongoing
- Ability to measure mRNA and protein in blood in healthy volunteers

Measurements demonstrate uniform HTT lowering across brain regions with ~1:1 brain and blood concentrations*

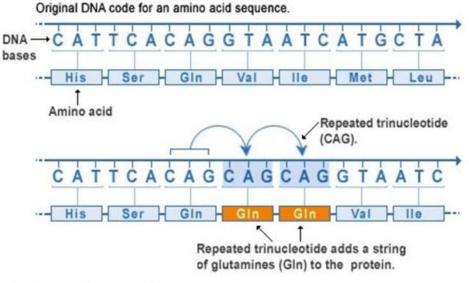


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Spinocerebellar Ataxia 3 (SCA3)

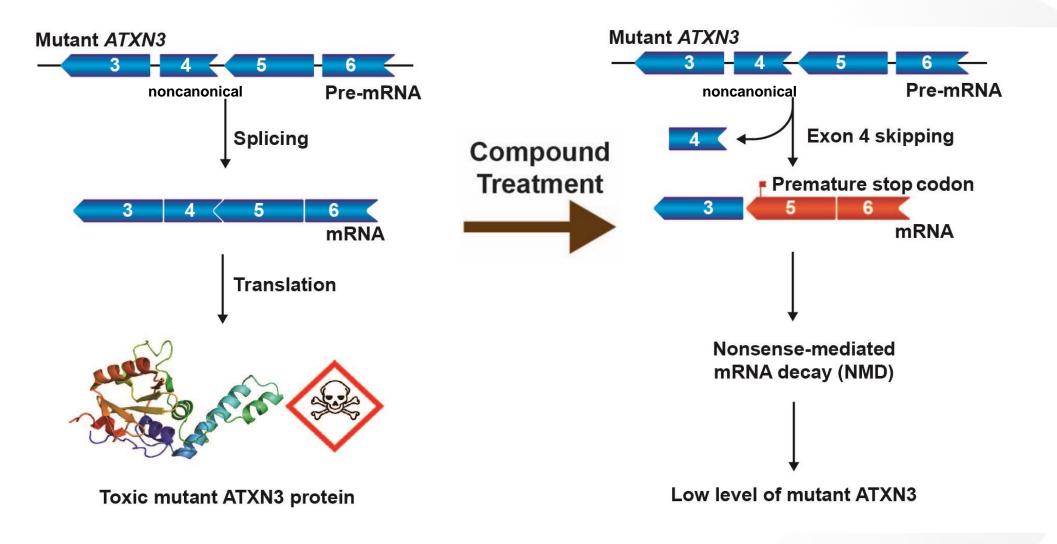
- SCA3, also known as Machado–Joseph disease (MJD) is the most common autosomal dominant ataxia worldwide
- Characterized by progressive cerebellar ataxia, which results in lack of muscle control and coordination as well as a slow progression to an early death
- To date no disease-modifying therapy is available
- The primary cause of SCA3 is the abnormal expansion of CAG repeats in the ATXN3 gene



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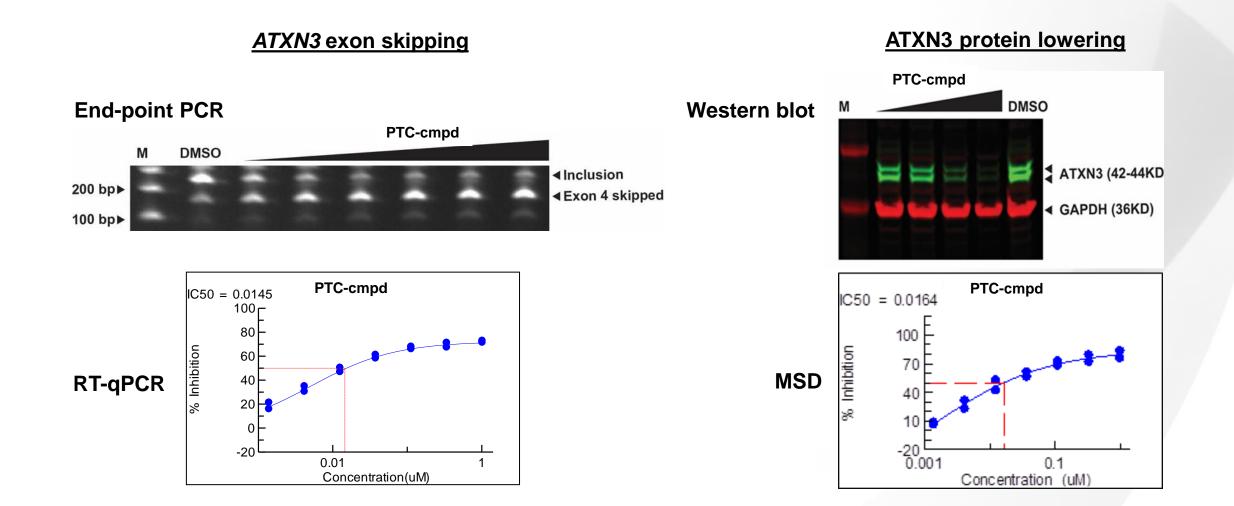


Targeting Alternative Splicing of ATXN3



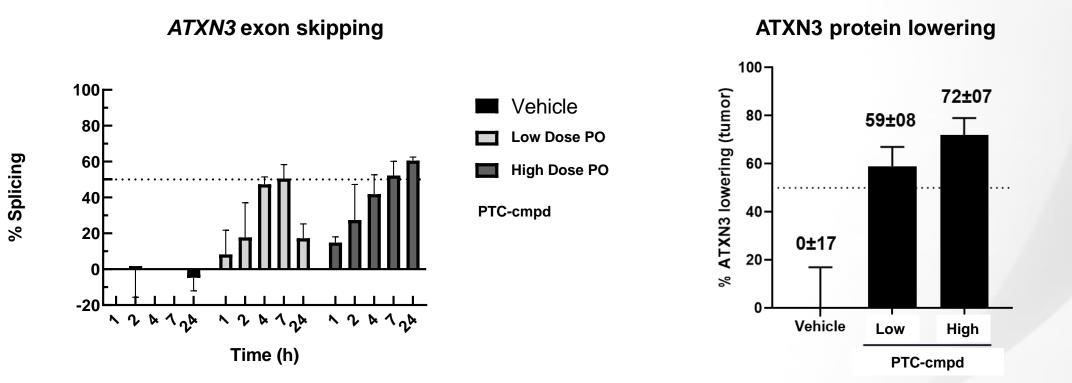


Compound-Mediated ATXN3 Exon Skipping and Protein Lowering *In Vitro*





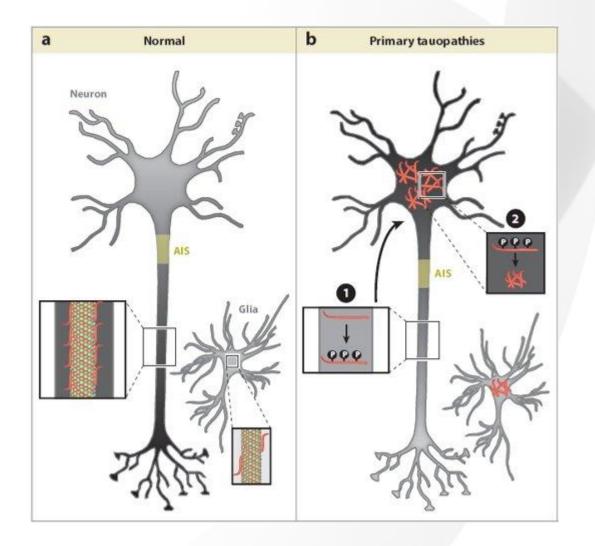
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PD effect on ATXN3 exon skipping and protein lowering was demonstrated in mouse xenograft models

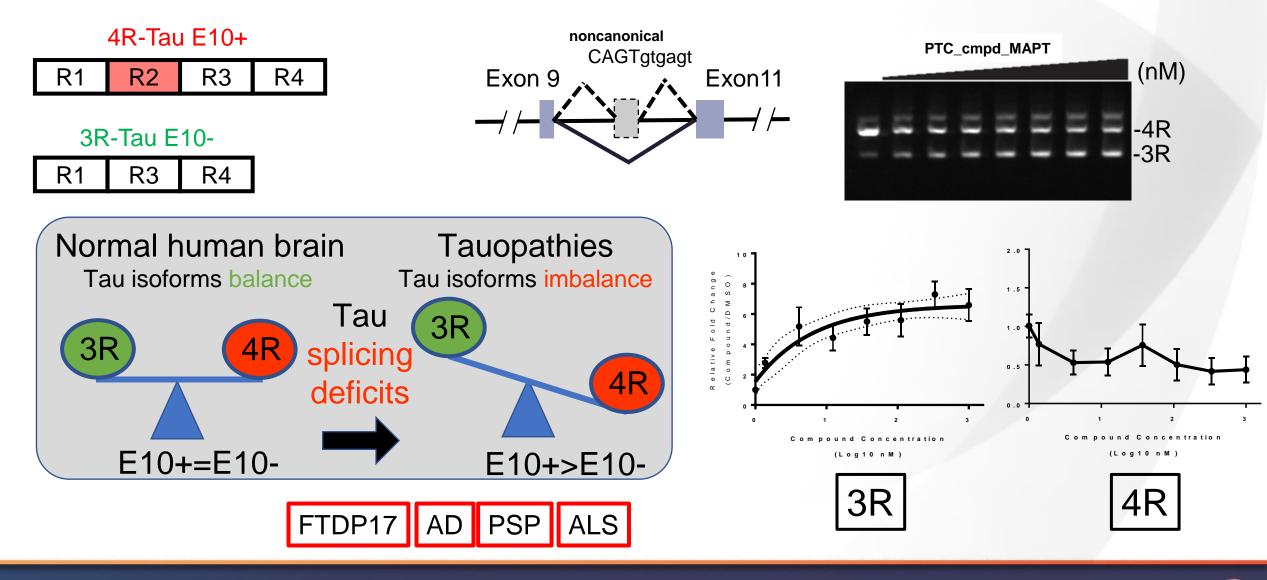
Targeting Splicing of MAPT to Correct Tauopathies

- MAPT, microtubule-associated protein tau, enriches in neuronal axons and regulates microtubule dynamics, axonal transport, and neurite outgrowth
- Accumulations of phosphorylated tau aggregates are the hallmark of several neurodegenerative diseases, referred to as tauopathies, such as FTDP-17 (MAPT mutation-driven)
- No disease-modifying therapy to treat tauopathies is available

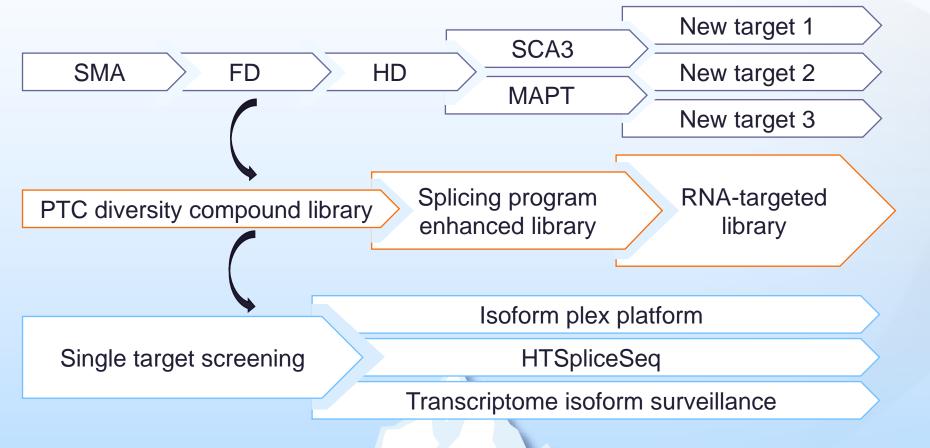




PTC Small Molecule Compounds Modulate MAPT Pre-mRNA Splicing



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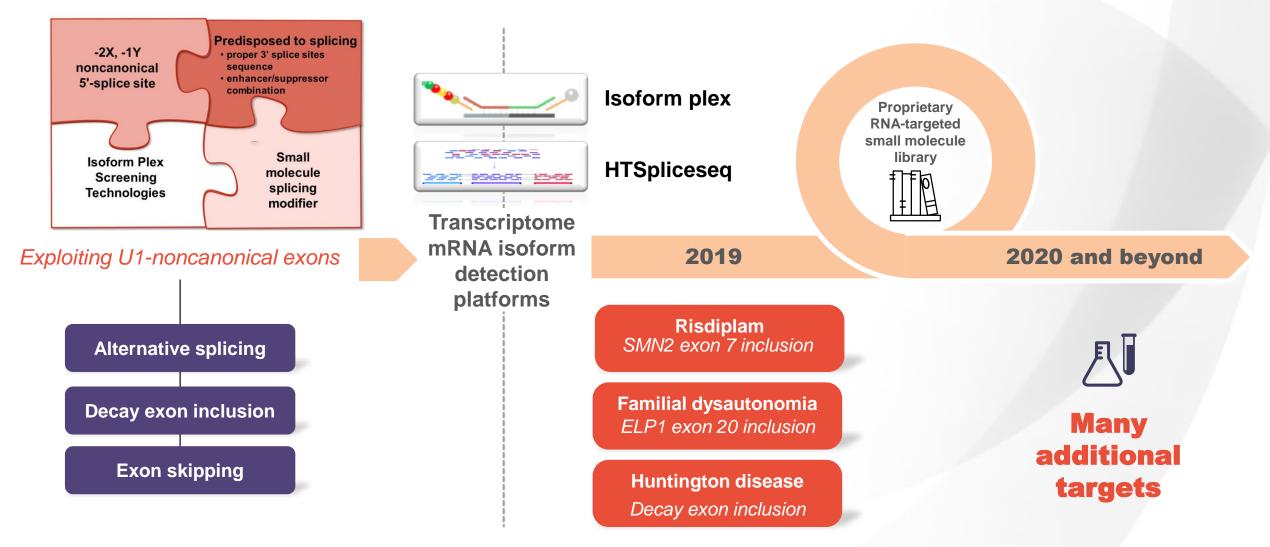


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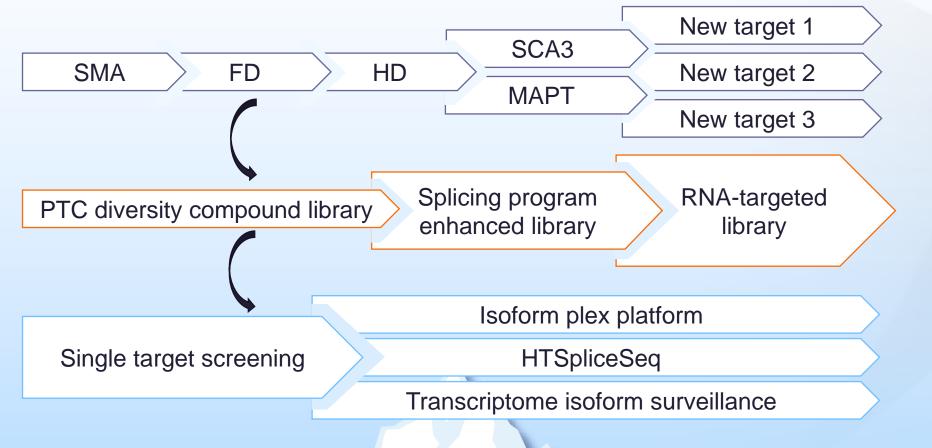


PTC has Built a Fully Integrated, Validated, Innovative Splicing Platform with Broad Applicability





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