PTC518 Huntington's Disease Deep Dive

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Diversified Platform Drives Strong Portfolio

AADC, aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase deficiency; AML; acute myeloid leukemia; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; DIPG, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma; FA, Friedreich's ataxia; GBA, glucocerebrosidase; HD, Huntington's disease; IRD, inherited retinal dystrophy; LMS, leiomyosarcoma; ME, Mitochondrial Epilepsy; PD, Parkinson's disease; PKU, phenylketonuria; SCA-3, spinocerebellar ataxia type 3.

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PTC is the Leader in Splicing With 20 Years of Expertise and Proven Track Record



Recognition of Pre-mRNA is Mediated by U-snRNP Complexes U1 and U2



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Targeting Alternative Splicing of SMN2 in SMA by Targeting the U1 Site



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The SMN2 5'-Splice Site Presents a Unique Structural Interface for Small Molecule





Risdiplam SMN2 Improves the Ability of the 5'-Splice Site to Promote Splicing





Risdiplam 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



Healthy subjects: n=49, age 18-60 years. Patients with SMA: n=84, age 3.3 months to 52 years. FIREFISH part 1 (n=21), SUNFISH part 1 (n=51), JEWELFISH (n=12). Patients on all dose levels of risdiplam have been included SMA, spinal muscular atrophy; SMN, spinal motor neuron.

Kletzl H, et al. 23rd International Annual Congress of World Muscle Society; October 2-6, 2018; Mendoza, Argentina.





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Huntington's Disease is a Debilitating Neurodegenerative Disorder with No Available Disease Modifying Treatments





- Covered by a managenia defect, outcomed dominant in
 - Caused by a monogenic defect; autosomal dominant inheritance
 - Expansion of CAG trinucleotide repeat in the huntingtin (HTT) gene

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• Leads to movement, psychiatric and cognitive disorders

Current Treatments

• No approved disease modifying therapies

Molecular Basis of Huntington's Disease is Well Understood



Repeat Count	Classification	Disease Status
<28	Normal	Unaffected
28–35	Intermediate	Unaffected
36–39	Reduced Penetrance	+/- Affected
40-above	Full Penetrance	Affected



Progressive Neuronal Degeneration Occurs Throughout the Brain





HTT is Ubiquitously Expressed and Involved in Many Cellular Processes

- Predominantly an intracellular protein
- Required during embryonic development
- Ubiquitously expressed throughout development and in all adult tissues



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Lowering mHTT Expression to Target Root Cause of Pathogenesis





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Oral Treatment has Uniform Lowering Across the Key Regions of the Brain

Property	Small molecules	
Delivery	Oral	
CNS lowering	Equal across the key areas of the brain	
Peripheral lowering	Yes	
Reversible	Yes	





Antisense Oligonucleotide Treatment has More Lowering in the Cortex Compared to the Striatum

Property	ASOs	
Delivery	Intrathecal	
CNS lowering	Less reduction in the striatum compared to cortex	
Peripheral lowering	No	
Reversible	Yes	



Gene Therapy Treatment has More Lowering in the Striatum Compared to the Cortex

Property	RNAi	
Delivery	Striatum/Thalamus	
CNS lowering	Less reduction in the cortex compared to striatum	
Peripheral lowering	No	
Reversible	No	



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PTC518 Drug Development Objectives



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Distribution Through the Blood Effectively Targets the Whole Brain



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The Cerebrospinal Fluid Cushions the Brain

In healthy people, the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF):

Does

- Cushion the brain
- Provide immune surveillance
- Remove metabolic waste

Does not

- Interact with most neurons directly
- Contain very much protein (35 mg/dL, compared to 7000 mg/dL in serum)



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Limitations of CSF HTT Measurement as a Pharmacodynamic Marker for HTT lowering





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Multiple Models Demonstrate Partial Reduction of Wild Type HTT Is Well Tolerated

	Species	Magnitude of wild type HTT change	Phenotype
Î	Human	Loss of one normal HTT allele ~50%	No detectable abnormal phenotype
	Adult Nonhuman Primates	~50%	No alterations in motor function; No abnormal histopathologic findings
	Adult Rodents	~50%	No alterations in motor performance or activity



HTT Reduction Correlates with Clinical Benefit



Human data: ~50% reduction in *HTT* transcriptional activity results in mean delay of age of onset by 9.3 years

Mouse data: 30-40% reduction in mHTT expression translates to beneficial effects



Becanovic et. al. Nat Neurosci. 2015. doi:10.1038/nn.4014 Garriga-Canut et. al. PNAS 2012 doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1206506109 PTC)



What are the Characteristics of a Promising HD Therapeutic?





Identification of a Novel Splicing Mechanism that Leads to Degradation of Mutant *HTT* mRNA







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Animal Models Were Selected to Best Show PK and PD

Model	Purpose	Pros	Cons
BACHD mouse	PK-PD-distribution/ HTT lowering biomarker	Human Genomic Locus Full-length HTT/PsiExon target	Subtle & late onset phenotype/ Increased body weight
WT Mouse	PK-distribution	Availability; commonly used; quick PK	NO PsiExon target
WT NHP	PK-distribution	Large brain; study efflux (CSF PK)	NO PsiExon target





PTC518 is Orally Bioavailable and Crosses the Blood Brain Barrier





Dose Dependent HTT Lowering in the Brain of BACHD Mice



HTT Protein Levels in Brain

Dose (mg/kg)



What are the Characteristics of PTC518?





PTC518 is Highly Potent in Promoting Splicing of *HTT* PremRNA and Lowering HTT Protein Levels in Human Cells





PTC518 Promotes Splicing of *HTT* Pre-mRNA in BACHD Mouse Whole Blood





PTC518 Showed a Strong Correlation Between *HTT* mRNA Splicing and Protein Lowering in Blood of BACHD Mice



- HTT protein lowering in BACHD white blood cells
 - Time 21 days; multiple doses; PD evaluated 2h post last dose



PTC518 Uniformly Lowers HTT Protein Levels in BACHD Mouse Brain and White Blood Cells





4 6 Data on file



What are the Characteristics of PTC518?





HD Splicing Small Molecules Demonstrate Robust HTT Reduction in BACHD Mouse Brain



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

8 Data on file from multiple studies



PTC518 Crosses the Blood Brain Barrier in Non-Human Primates



Monkey plasma CSF correlation



What are the Characteristics of PTC518?



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Why is it Important to Reduce Efflux?

- Reducing efflux has several advantages:
 - Balancing the extent of peripheral vs brain lowering is critical
 - Increases the therapeutic window versus non target-related splicing in the periphery
 - Stronger correlation between blood (peripheral) and brain lowering

PTC518 is Not Effluxed Resulting In ~1:1 Brain and Blood Lowering Effect In BACHD Mice





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The Phase 1 Trial is a 4-Part Study

Single ascending dose

- Five cohorts of 8 healthy volunteers (6 active and 2 placebo)
- Evaluate safety & tolerability; HTT mRNA splicing

Phase 1 trial in healthy volunteers is ongoing

Multiple ascending dose

- Up to 5 cohorts of 8 healthy volunteers (6 active and 2 placebo)
- Evaluate safety & tolerability; HTT mRNA splicing & protein lowering

Food effect

- Crossover design
- Evaluate the effects of food on PTC518 pharmacokinetics

CSF sampling

- Evaluate pharmacokinetics of PTC518 in the CSF
- Compare drug levels in CSF with plasma compartment

Phase 1 Objective: Establish Dose Dependent HTT Lowering Similar to the BACHD Mouse



HTT Protein Levels in Brain

Dose (mg/kg)

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SAD Study: Proof of Mechanism of PTC518 Demonstrated By Dose-Dependent *HTT* Splicing



- Whole blood HTT splicing in humans
 - > Doses evaluated = 45 mg, 90 mg, and 135 mg
 - > Time one day; single dose; splicing evaluated 24h post dose



SAD PK Demonstrates Dose Predictable Drug Exposure





Phase 1 SAD Interim Results Summary

Well-tolerated with no safety-related findings

Predictable pharmacology

Dose-dependent splicing of HTT mRNA

Target splicing reduction achieved with single dose



MAD Study: Proof of Mechanism of PTC518 Confirmed By Dose-Dependent *HTT* Splicing



> Whole blood *HTT* splicing in humans

- Doses evaluated = 15 mg and 30 mg
- > Time Day 14; multiple doses; splicing evaluated 6h post dose on day 14



Durability of Response: Splicing Activity Persists 72 hrs Post Cessation



HTT splicing monitored after the final dose at day 14 (calculated % HTT remaining from baseline (pre-dose_Day0))

62 Data on file PTC518-CNS-001-HD



Phase 1 MAD Interim Results Summary

Two cohorts completed; two to three additional planned

Well-tolerated with no safety-related findings

Dose dependent splicing of HTT mRNA

Long-half life with maintenance of splicing up to 72 hours following last dose





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Summary PTC

Preclinical Studies Show PTC518 Has all the Characteristics Of a Promising HD Therapeutic

The Splicing Platform Has Proven to be a Robust Engine to Identify Development Candidates

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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Questions?

