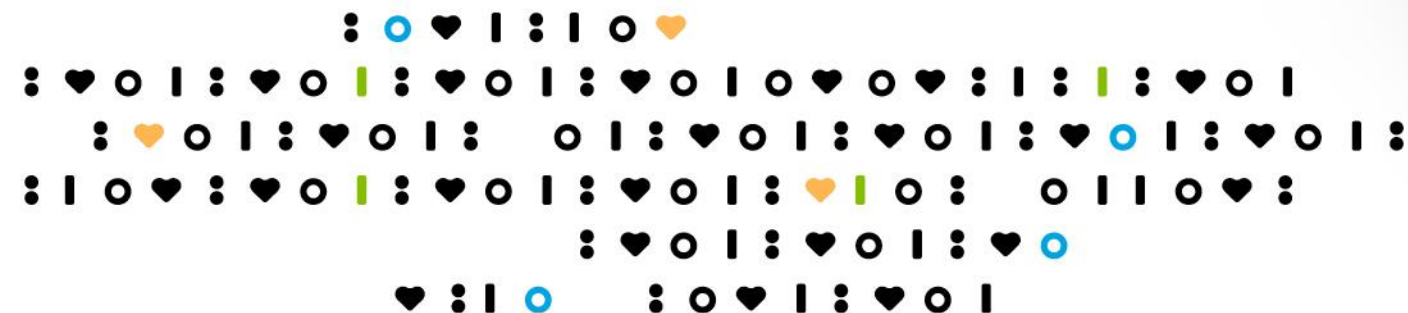




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# Introduction

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**RA Session II**

***President, Founder & CEO***

# Agenda

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Disease Burden Patient and Family Perspective	Allyson Berent, DVM, DACVIM
Novel Gene Replacement for Angelman Syndrome	Ben Philpot, PhD
RNAi Gene Therapy for Angelman Syndrome	Ryan Butler, PhD
Clinical Development Strategy	Suyash Prasad, MBBS, MSc, MRCP, MRCPCH, FFPM
Closing Remarks	RA Session II





# Speaker biographies

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**Kimberly Goodspeed, MD**

***Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Neurology at UTSW***

- Child neurologist and neurodevelopmental specialist focused on autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability
- Research focused on natural history and biomarker development in rare genetic variants of neurological disorders



**Allyson Berent, DVM, DACVIM**

***Chief Science Officer, the Foundation for Angelman Therapeutics (FAST)***

***Director, Angelman Syndrome Biomarker and Outcome Measure Consortium (ABOM)***

***Co-Director, International Angelman Syndrome Research Council (INSYNC-AS)***

- Allyson's daughter was diagnosed with Angelman syndrome at 5.5 months old
- Cofounder and chief operating officer of a biotech company focused on Angelman syndrome



**Ben Philpot, PhD**

***Associate Director of the UNC Neuroscience Center***

- A Kenan Distinguished Professor in the Neuroscience Center and Department of Cell Biology & Physiology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill; and member of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities for which he helps direct a cross-disciplinary postdoctoral training grant for neurodevelopmental disorders
- Research focuses on early-stage development of treatments for Pitt-Hopkins, Dup15q and Angelman syndromes



**Ryan Butler, PhD**

***Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at UTSW***

- Research focuses of his lab is gene therapy for genetic disorders, including Angelman syndrome; and determining the neural processes involved in adaptive pain, pain suppression, and the responses to pain threats to measure the neurobehavioral and molecular changes that occur with the reversal of these maladaptations



**Suyash Prasad, MBBS, MSc, MRCP, MRCPCH, FFPM**

***Chief Medical Officer and Head of Research and Development at Taysha***

- Expertise in international drug development, including preclinical, Phase I-IV trials, regulatory filings, commercial application
- Former CMO of Audentes Therapeutics; led XLMTM AAV8 program from preclinical to initial positive clinical data
- Prior roles include Medical Affairs and Clinical Development at BioMarin, Genzyme Therapeutics, and Eli Lilly and Company
- UK board certified with postgraduate qualifications in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Pharmaceutical Development, and Translational Science

# Disease Overview

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**Kimberly Goodspeed, MD**

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# Angelman syndrome – Disclosures

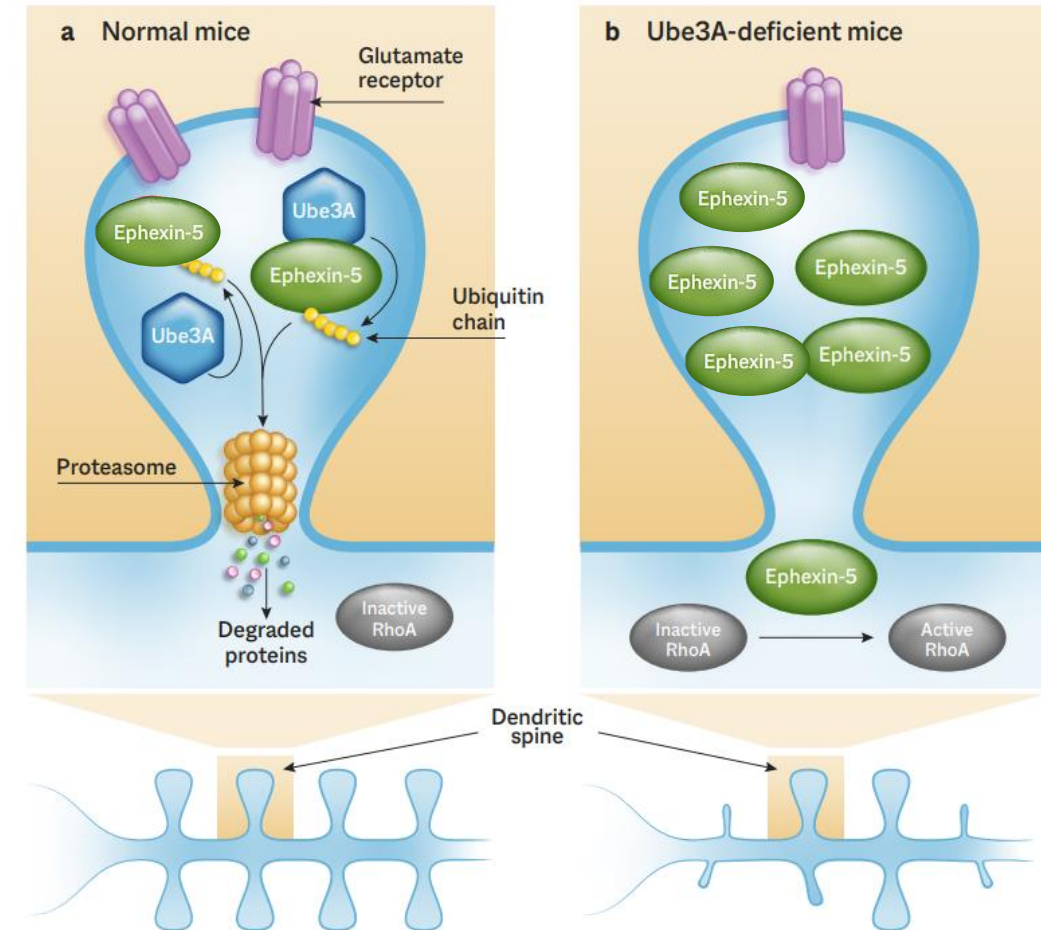
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- Kim Goodspeed, MD
  - Assistant Professor, Pediatrics | Neurology
  - Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
  - University of Texas Southwestern
- Disclosures
  - UTSW maintains a financial interest in Taysha due to Taysha's exclusive licensure of technology developed at UTSW
  - Taysha sponsors several research projects that I lead



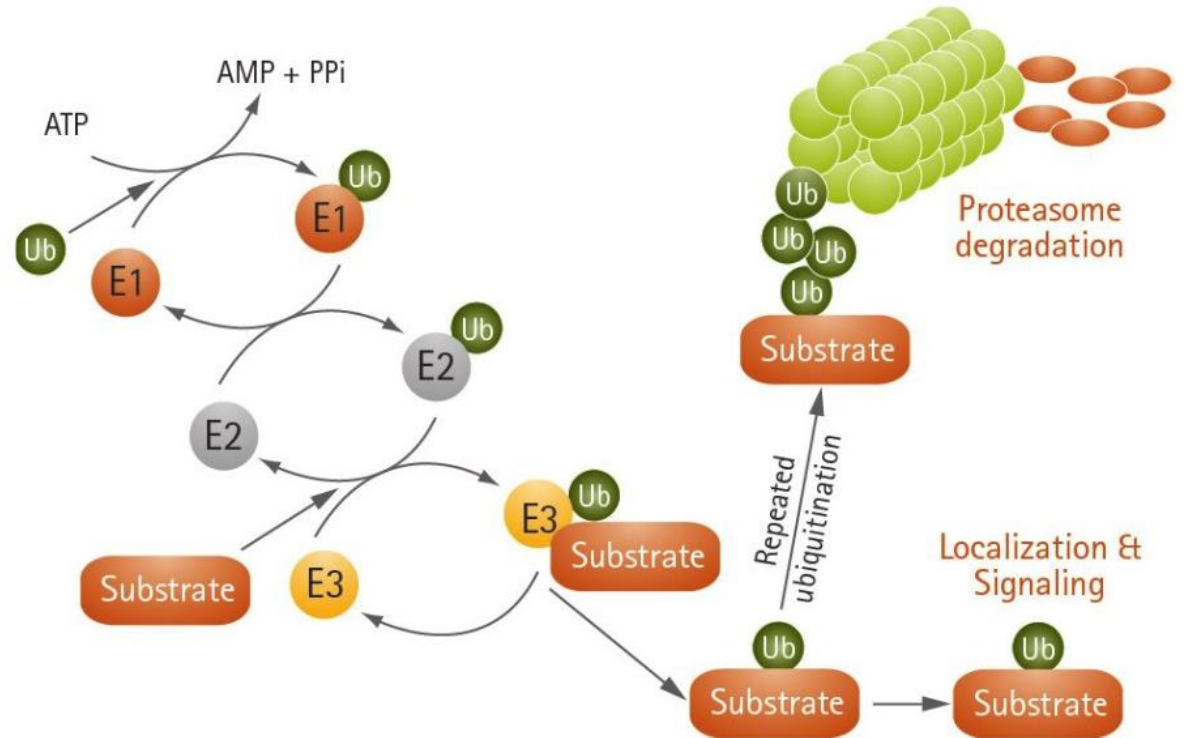
# Angelman syndrome – Genomic imprinting disorder

- Caused by a deletion or loss of function of the maternally inherited allele of the *UBE3A* gene
  - Maternal-specific inheritance pattern due to genomic imprinting of *UBE3A* in neurons
  - Maternal allele is expressed; paternal allele is silenced
- Absence of *UBE3A* leads to abnormal neuronal connectivity in the developing brain
  - *UBE3A* tags proteins for degradation
  - In the absence of *UBE3A*, the control of cell-signaling proteins responsible for synaptic formation and plasticity, including Ephexin-5, are unregulated and lead to a diminished number of synaptic connections



# Molecular pathology of Angelman syndrome

- UBE3A, an E3 ligase in the ubiquitin-proteasomal system, plays important roles in brain development and normal function
- UBE3A conjugates polyubiquitin chains to specific lysine residues in its substrates, regulating the expression and function of these proteins
- Deletion or loss-of-function mutations of the maternally inherited allele of UBE3A result in Angelman syndrome while maternal duplication or triplication of the chromosome 15q11–13 region is associated with autism spectrum disorder
- Impairments in ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation can lead to deficits in neuronal development and the maintenance of synaptic connections



The ubiquitination process



# Angelman syndrome – Clinical overview

- Estimated incidence rates of approximately 1:15,000 with ~500,00 individuals diagnosed worldwide
- Present with delayed developmental milestones within the first year of life
  - Global developmental delay and intellectual disability
    - Language skills are more delayed than motor skills
    - Most have no spoken language, but receptive is relatively stronger
    - 10% never gain the ability to walk independently
  - Happy demeanor though some have maladaptive behaviors
  - Stereotypies and hyperkinetic movements or ataxia
  - Sleep disorders are common
  - Most have seizures (onset in toddler years)
  - Resting and intention tremors onset in adolescence or adulthood



# Angelman syndrome – Epilepsy

- 80-90% of individuals with AS will develop epilepsy by 3 years of age
  - Early-onset epilepsy is associated with autistic traits
  - Deletion subtype has the most severe epilepsy
  - Variable seizure types
    - Atypical absence
    - Myoclonic
    - Tonic-clonic
    - Infantile spasms
    - Atonic
    - Non-convulsive Status Epilepticus
- EEG may serve as a biomarker
  - High-voltage rhythmic 4-6 Hz
  - Anterior-dominant rhythmic 2-3 Hz
  - Posterior-dominant 3-4 Hz notched delta & theta with eye closure





# Diagnostic testing for Angelman syndrome

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## Methods:

- **Standard Chromosome Analysis or Cytogenetics Analysis** to examine the size, shape and number of chromosomes in a cell
- **The DNA methylation test** to see if both copies of a gene are active
- **The FISH Test** to see if any chromosomes are missing
- **PCR Assay** to detect uniparental disomy (UPD) and imprinting center defects (ICD)
- **UBE3A Sequencing** to look for a mutation in the maternal allele of this gene
- **Prenatal Test:** method is limited because of the type of AS; It looks like they only can detect large or microdeletion in AS

# Angelman syndrome – Genotype-phenotype correlation

- Comparison of major phenotypes of different subtypes

Major Aspects	AS Due to Maternal del15q11–13	AS Due to Non-Deletion		
		Paternal Uniparental Disomy for Chromosome 15q11–q13 (UPD)	Imprinting Defect	Pathogenic UBE3A Mutation
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More delayed across all development domains than other types</li><li>• Cognitive skills lower than other types</li><li>• Delayed gross and fine motor skills more severe</li><li>• Reduced developmental age regarding visual perception, receptive language, and expressive language</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Higher overall age equivalent scores and growth score equivalents than deletion type but lower than UBE3A mutation subtype</li><li>• Better development and expressive language ability in patients with UPD and imprinting defect</li><li>• Higher scores and greater rates of skill attainment in all development domains in patients UBE3A mutation</li></ul>		
Seizures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More common and severe in the deletion group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower prevalence of epilepsy, and more with late-onset seizures</li><li>• UPD subtype has the lowest frequency of epilepsy and exhibits the least severe epilepsy phenotype</li><li>• The severity of epilepsy in the UBE3A mutation subtype ranks second after the deletion subtype</li></ul>		
Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower response rates to the social reinforcement paradigm than other types</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The imprinting defect a high rate of reinforcement by social stimuli. Patients with UBE3A mutations</li></ul>		
Sleep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Common in all subtypes but Sleep problems are more prevalent in children with UPD and UBE3A mutations</li></ul>			
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Higher rate of hypopigmentation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UPD and imprinting defects have a higher risk of obesity than deletion type</li></ul>		

# Angelman syndrome – Management

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- Normal lifespan but individuals with AS are unable to live independently
- Economic burden has not been studied, but is likely to be high over the lifetime of an individual with AS
- There are no approved therapies for AS
- Current treatment focused on managing medical and developmental issues
  - Physical, occupation, speech therapy
  - Applied behavioral analysis therapy
  - Medications to manage
    - Seizures
    - Behavior problems
    - Sleep problems
    - Movement disorder
- There are significant unmet needs in AS
  - Motor impairment
  - Speech/Communication impairment
  - Maladaptive behavior
  - Sleep problems
  - Cognitive impairment

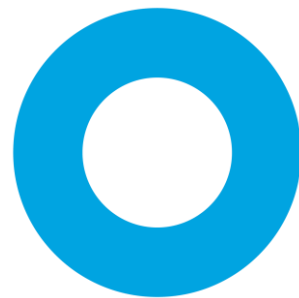


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# Q & A



# Disease Burden – Patient and Family Perspective

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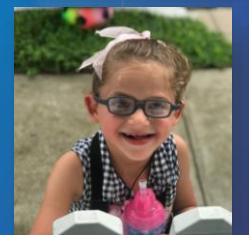
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# A Parent's Journey Through Translational Research for Angelman Syndrome

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- Chief Operating Officer: **GeneTx Biotherapeutics**
- Director: **Angelman Syndrome Biomarker and Outcome Measure Consortium**
- Co-Director: **INSYNC-AS**: International Angelman Syndrome Research Council
- Veterinary Internal Medicine **Clinician**: Director Interventional Endoscopy
- **MOTHER OF QUINCY**: 7-year-old living with Angelman syndrome





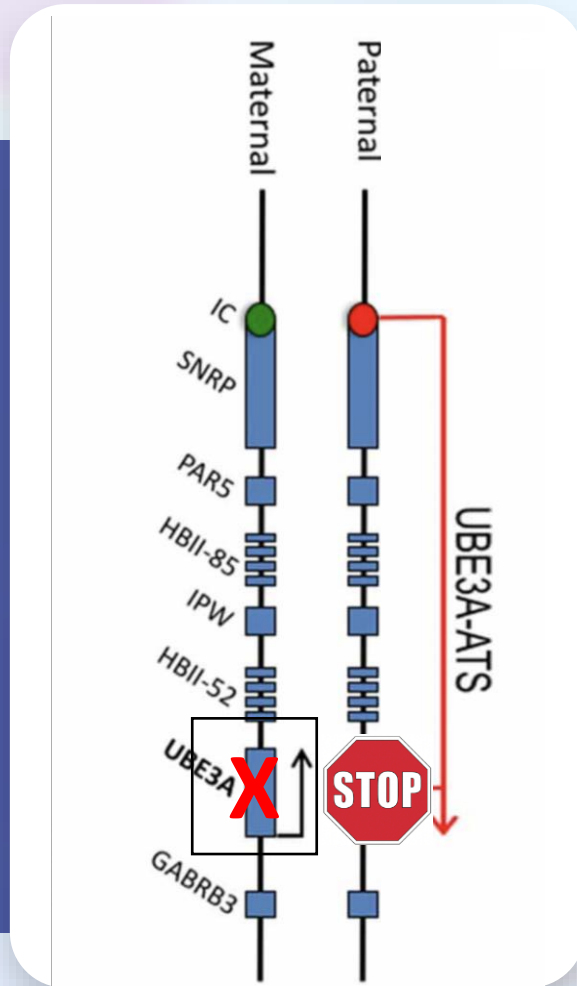


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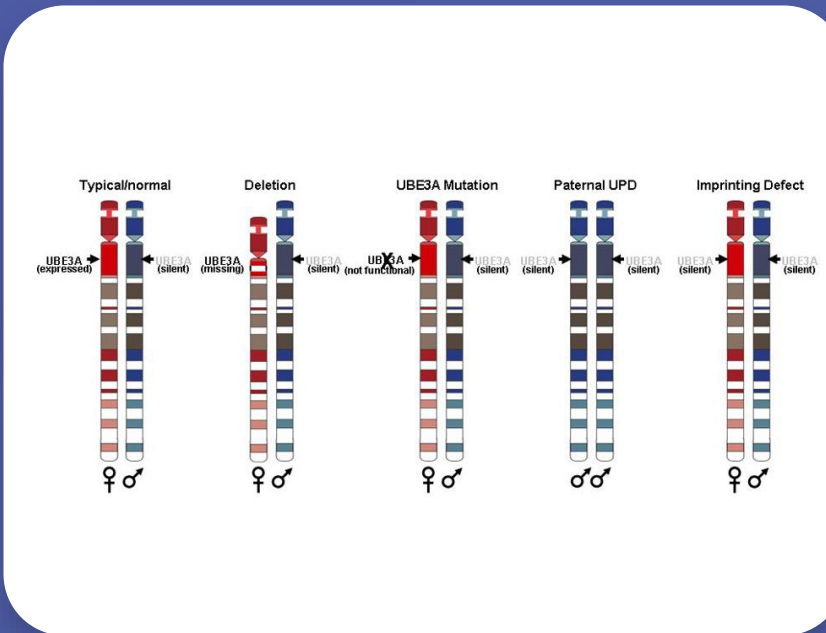
- How do you spell “Angelman syndrome?”
- ALL THE NOT’s!!!!
- What WILL she be able to do?
- What is the prognosis for survival?
- How do I give her the best life and advocate for all she is capable of?
- How do I ensure she is accepted and lives the most independent and fulfilled life?
- I MUST ADVOCATE FOR QUINCY
- I MUST LEARN and EXECUTE IF I CAN CHANGE HER TRAJECTORY



# Angelman syndrome = disruption of expression of *UBE3A* maternal allele → decreased *UBE3A* protein ligase in CNS



N. Khatri et al. *Front. Mol. Neurosci.* 2019



Deletion: ~70-80%

Point mutation: ~10%

Uniparental disomy (UPD): ~3%

ICD: ~3%

Clinical Diagnosis: <10%

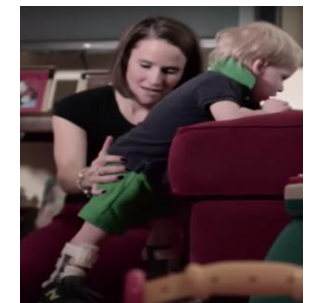
# Clinical manifestations of AS are severe, with lifelong impact on the patient and their caregivers

## Symptoms of AS

- Universal lack of speech
- Life-threatening/debilitating seizures
- Severe developmental delays
- Ataxia/incoordination
- Apraxia/Dyspraxia
- Aggressive/disruptive behavior
- Sleep disturbances/severe insomnia
- Feeding issues/GI issues
- Unable to live independently
- **Significant clinical unmet need**

## Impact on Family

- Inability to maintain employment
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Stress
- Loss of sleep
- Social isolation
- Impact on family relationships
- Difficulty caring for other children/home
- Fatigue



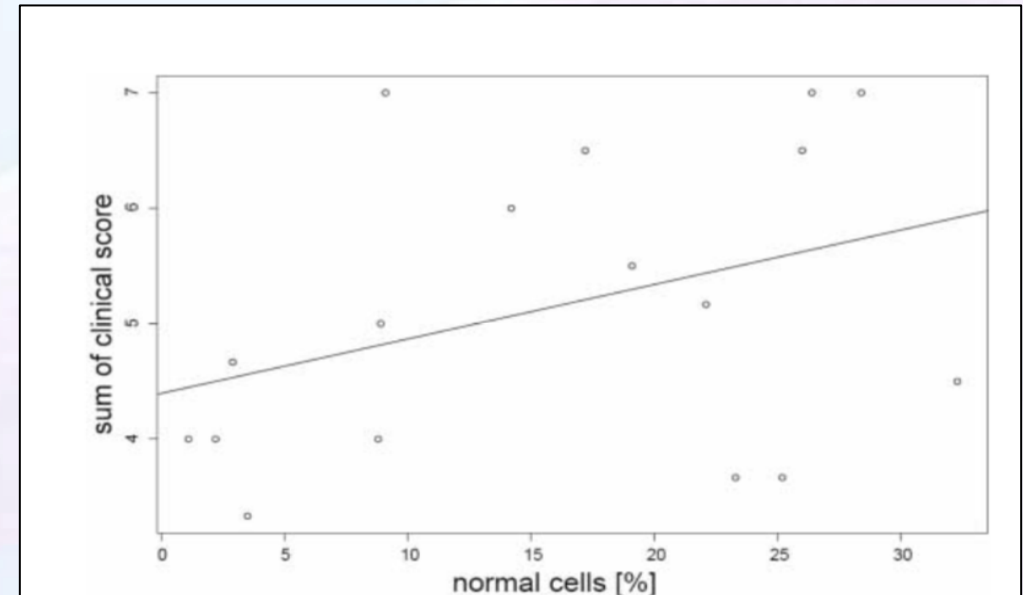
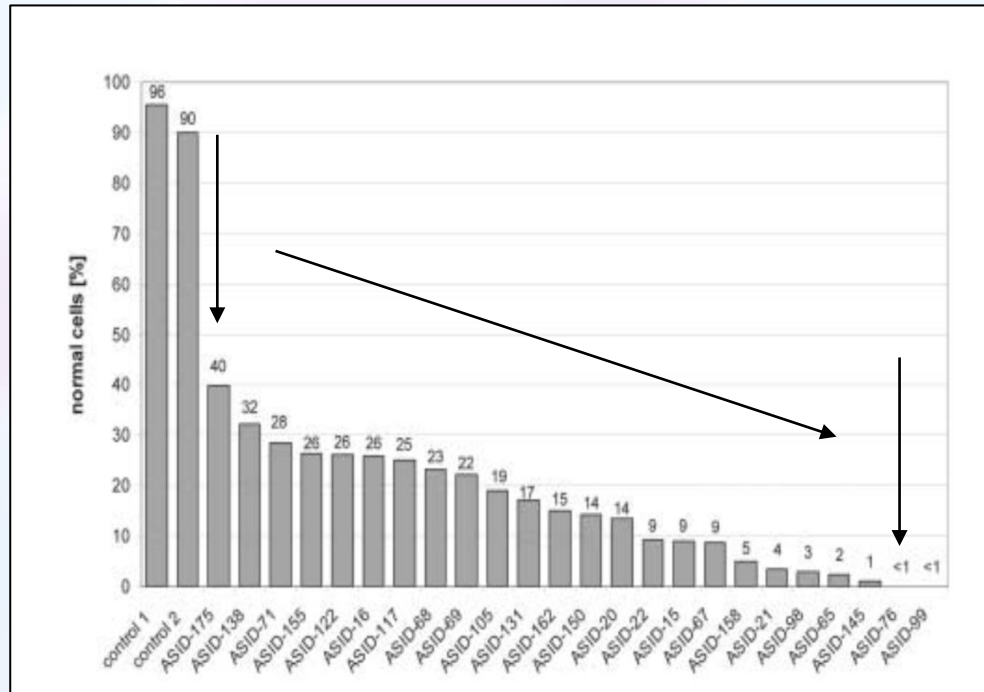


# Strong hypothesis to support human translation

*Human Molecular Genetics, 2004, Vol. 13, No. 21  
doi:10.1093/hmg/ddh296  
Advance Access published on September 22, 2004*

## Somatic mosaicism in patients with Angelman syndrome and an imprinting defect

- 1-40% functional UBE3A expression
- 1-5% UBE3A → few-no seizures, ambulatory, some ataxia, some speech
- ~20% UBE3A → no seizures, ambulatory, minimal to no ataxia and speak in sentences



**Figure 7.** Linear regression analysis. The sum of the clinical scores is correlated to the percentage of the normal cells.

# Why are we here?

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# Vision

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## Our role & mission

FAST has an all-volunteer board of Angelman syndrome (AS) parents and **professionals** dedicated to bringing **transformative treatments to all individuals** in the world living with Angelman syndrome, regardless of **age or genotype**, for an **ultimate CURE**. This is done through the funding of an **aggressive research agenda** promoting **collaboration, understanding, readying and expediting** drug development. It is our hope that the programs we fund will **accelerate** a proof of concept from an animal model to a drug candidate for human clinical trials. FAST is served by two main boards: the board of directors and the scientific advisory board. Together, **we are working hard to bring practical treatments into current medical practice as quickly and safely as possible.**

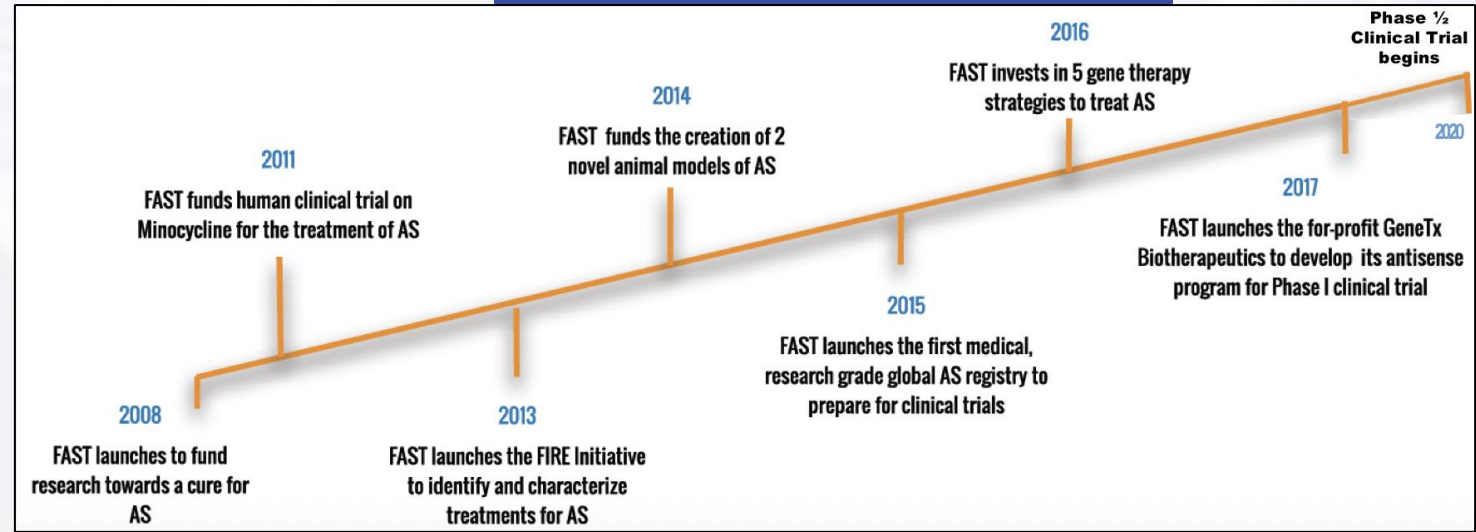
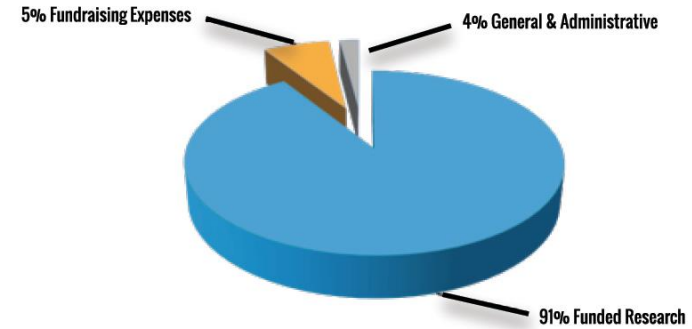


# Introduction to FAST

● \$25+ million FAST-raised funds spent to support research toward treatments

- \$3+ million directed to create novel animal models of AS: currently being characterized
  - Large deletion rat, deletion and mutation pig, large deletion mouse +/- *Ube3a* underway
- 20+ laboratories funded by FAST to understand etiology of AS and identify therapeutic options

● 9 gene therapy/disease modification-based strategies funded to support drug development life-cycle for AS



1. Born H, et al. EEG activity and seizure threshold in a novel *Ube3a* maternal deficiency rat model of AS. Abstract, Gordon Research Conference.
2. Berg E, et al. Developmental social communication in the *Ube3a* Rat model of AS. Abstract, SFN

# FAST's roadmap for success

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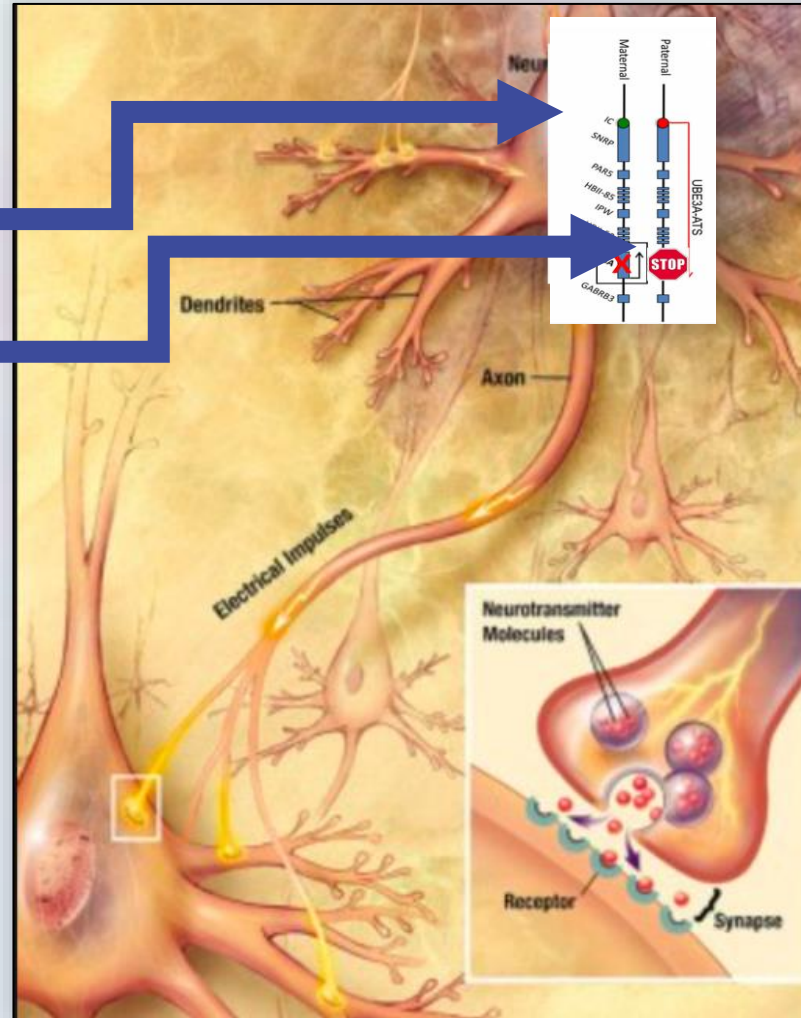
## Investigate therapeutic strategies

- Gene/protein replacement therapy
- Paternal gene activation

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## PREPARE!

- Create/characterize animal models
- Biomarkers and outcome measures (ABOM)
- Clinical trial design
- Genotype specific testing
- INSYN-AS



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## Identify symptomatic treatments

- Down stream therapeutics
- Symptomatic relief

# Disease modification strategies



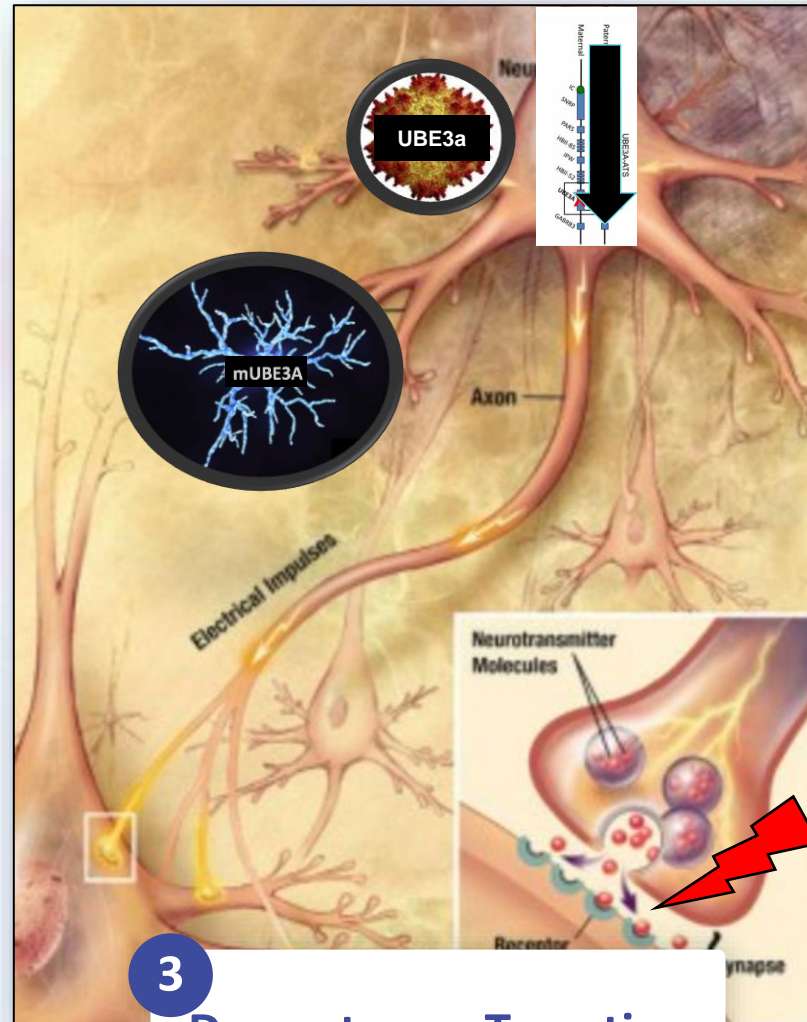
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## Gene/Protein Replacement Therapy

- **AAV**
  - Gene replacement
  - Secretory Protein replacement
- **Lentivirus** with HSC
- Enzyme replacement therapy (ERT)



\*Other programs are currently under development that may not be represented/disclosed



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## Downstream Targeting

Small Molecules/  
Ligands

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pharmaceuticals  
healx  
Others\*

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## Paternal Gene Activation = "STOP THE STOP"

ASO/SNAs



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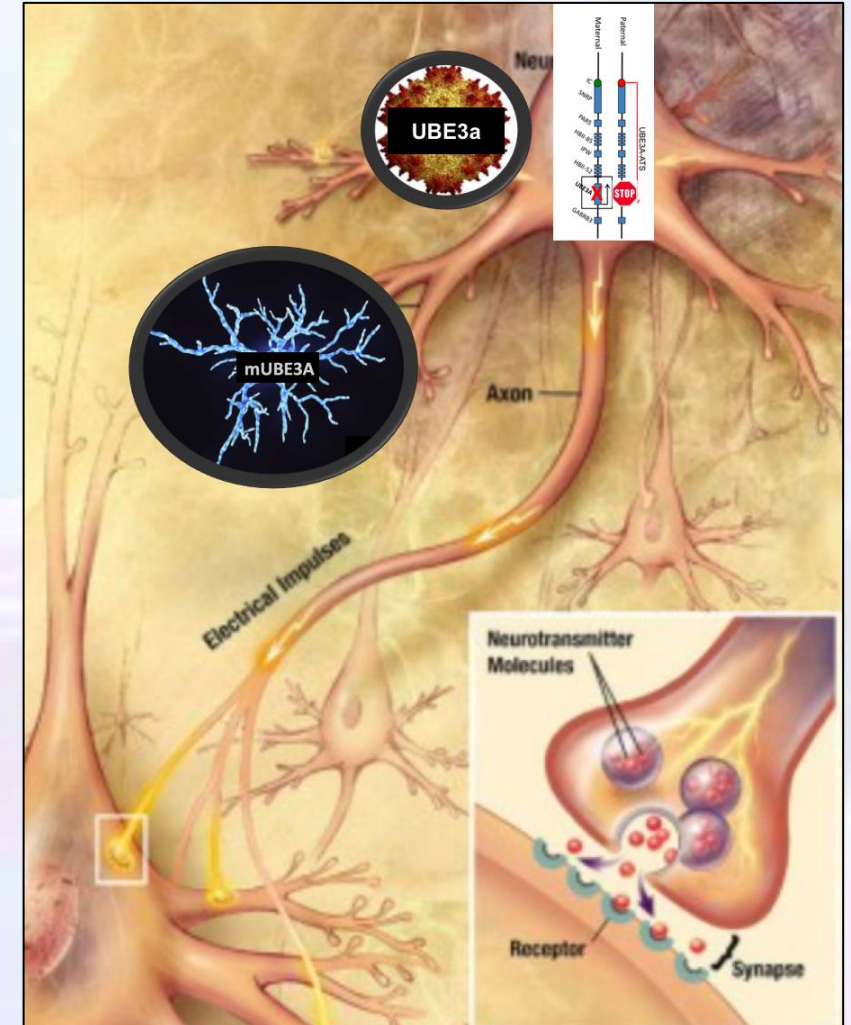


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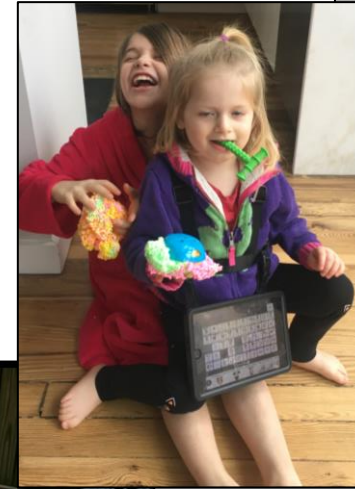


# Proof-of-concept



# What matters to patients and caregivers?

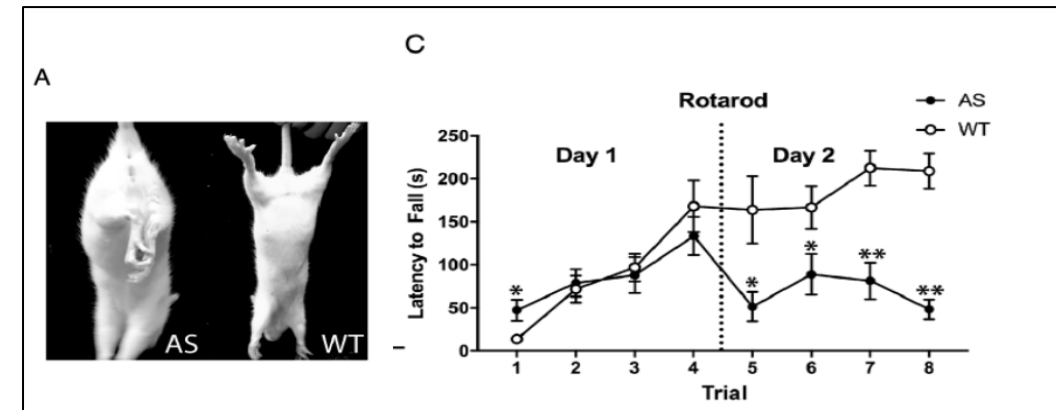
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# Efforts to support clinical trial readiness

- Disease burden and unmet clinical need publication with disease concept model
  - Explored patient-focused outcomes of critical importance to families
  - Disease Concept Model (Willgoss et al. 2020)
- NIH funded natural history (2006-2014) in US; FDA funded 2018-2022
  - 302 patients (2006); ~150 patients (2018)
  - Additional data from FAST UK, LATAM, Italy, Spain, France underway
- Global Angelman syndrome Registry
  - ~2K patients enrolled
- Angelman syndrome Biomarker and Outcome Measure Consortium (ABOM)
  - Focusing on relevant endpoints for all clinical domains
  - Biomarker development
- Model development & study support
  - Rat/Pig (full maternal deletion)
  - Large deletion mouse with/without *Ube3a*
  - iPSC/organoids available precompetitive
  - Landing pad (UPD/ICD; large deletion; mosaic)
  - AS core infrastructure for preclinical testing (first 12 months attracted 5 pharma companies for drug testing)
- INSYNC-AS: **I**nternational Angelman **SYN**drome Research **C**ouncil





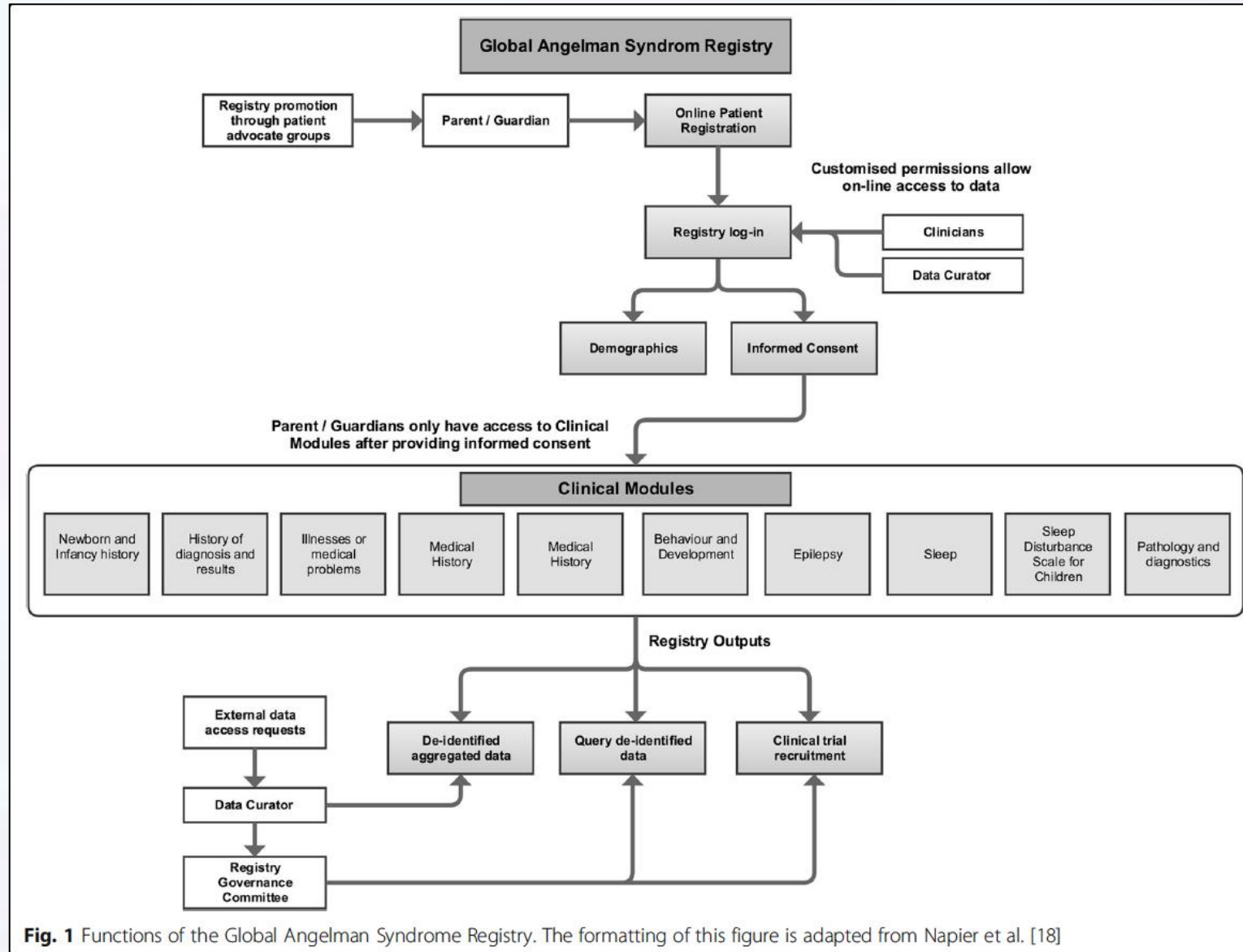
# Angelman syndrome natural history studies since 2006

- 2006-2014:
  - 302 patients enrolled, mean **age 5.5 years**
- **Median 3.3 years follow-up (range 1-8 years)**
  - Neuropsych testing
  - EEGs
  - Seizure history
  - Medication history
  - Sleep history
  - Behavior
  - FQOL and PSI
  - Clinical severity scale
- 2018-present:
  - >150 patients enrolled
  - Exploring most utilized endpoints supported by ABOM

<i>Variable</i>	<i>N=302</i>	
Age at baseline, years (mean, SD)	5.5	5.9
Age at diagnosis, years (mean, SD)	2.0	3.0
Male (n, %)	145	48.0
Female (n, %)	157	52.0
<b>Seizure history (n, %)</b>		
Clinical seizures	199	67.9
Age at first seizure years (mean, SD)	1.7	1.37
<b>Other medical history (n, %)</b>		
Otitis media	149	51.0
Pneumonia	72	24.9
Gastrointestinal reflux		
Never formally diagnosed	59	20.1
Diagnosed	136	46.3
Vomiting with Feeds	61	20.7
Gagging	146	49.7
Tight heels cords/toe walking	109	39.5
Strabismus	147	50.3
<b>Years of follow-up, (mean, min-max)</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1-9</b>



# Global Angelman Syndrome Registry (GASR)



# FAST/ABOM supported patient focused development efforts

## Important outcomes to caregivers of patients with AS

### AS Disease Concept Model

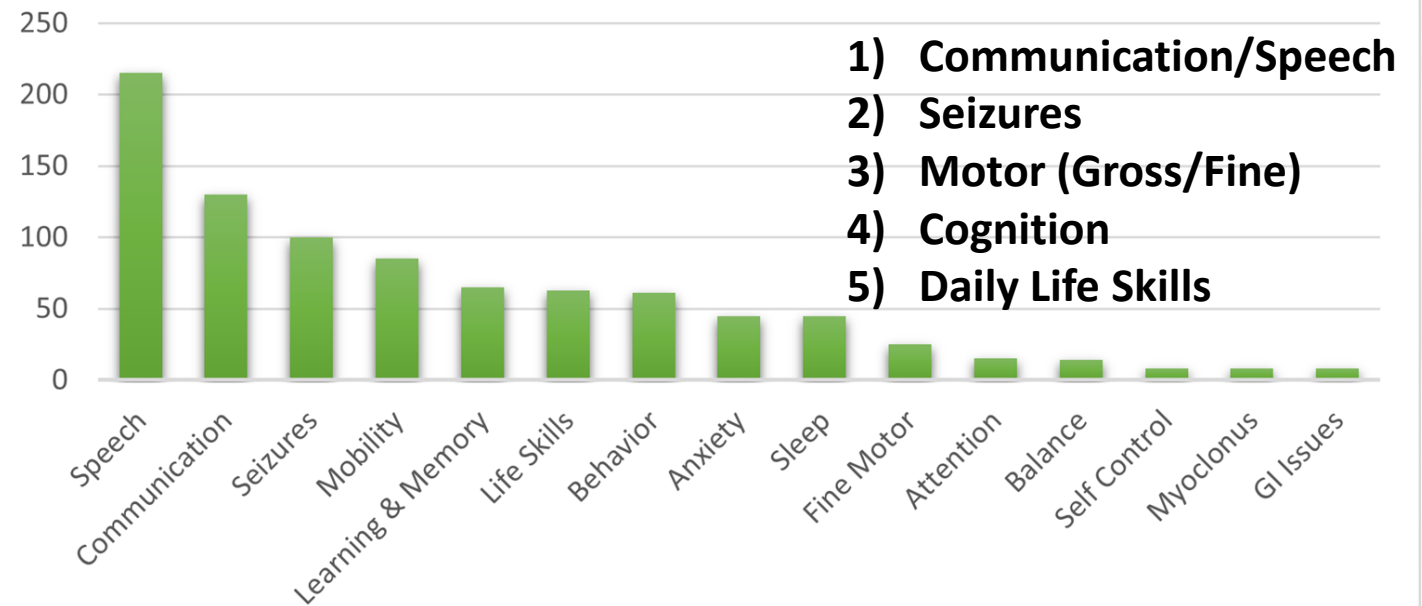
**Table 4** Caregiver-rated most challenging AS symptoms, by age group

Most challenging symptoms	Number of caregivers reporting this AS symptom was challenging, per AS age group		
	≤5 years	6–12 years	15–17 years
Communication impairment or decreased speech	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
Seizures	<b><u>5</u></b>	2	1
Disruptive behavior	1	<b><u>3</u></b>	1
Learning challenges	1	1	1
Walking difficulties	<b><u>3</u></b>	2	1
Sleep issues	<b><u>4</u></b>	2	1
Ability to use the toilet	1	<b><u>3</u></b>	1

Bold, underlined numbers show where three or more caregivers reported this AS symptom as being challenging

AS Angelman syndrome

### Key Outcomes to be Impacted in Individuals with AS



**FAST Survey 2018: N=332 parent/caregiver respondents**

Willgoss, et al., 2020, *Child Psychiatry Hum Dev*

# Preparing stakeholders for trials

## Patient focused listening session 2018

- FDA-requested patient-led initiative to share perspectives with the FDA
- June 2018: Meeting of FAST, CDER/CBER, Orphan Products, Rare Disease Staff, etc.
- Introduced FDA to patients and caregivers; education on AS, outcomes most important to caregivers, existing measures and limitations
- **Suggested FAST consider development of a simplistic communication assessment tool to capture basic, but likely important changes in communication for a child with AS**
  - Ability to clearly communicate basic personal needs (e.g. hunger) though whatever modality applicable to the child
- Clear message from parents that such changes would be clinically meaningful and dramatically impact their child's activities of daily living
- Supported design of the ORCA
  - Since FDA funded Duke University \$2+million to develop ORCA for 14 other NDDs





# A-BOM

## ANGELMAN SYNDROME

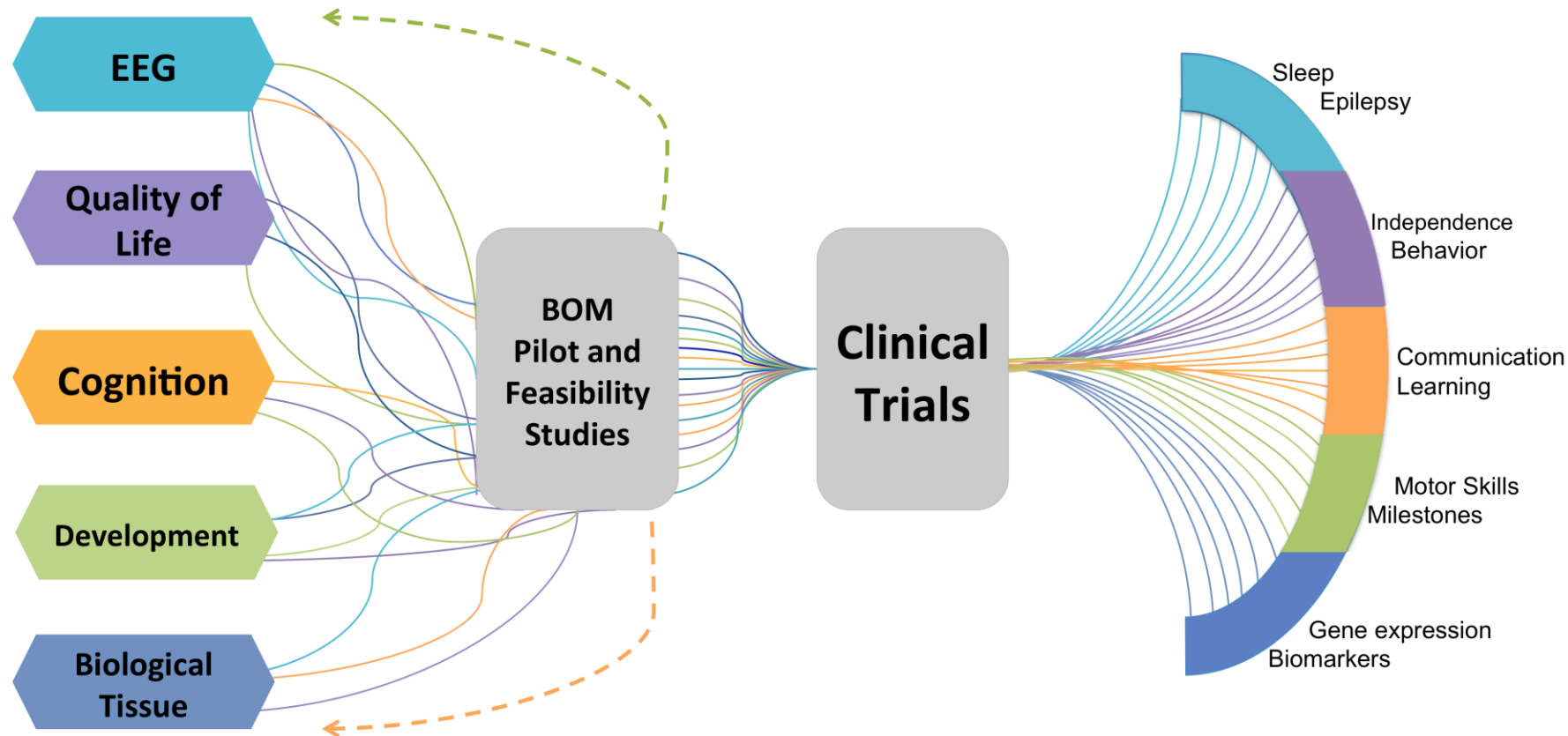
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### Focus areas

### Pre-Competitive

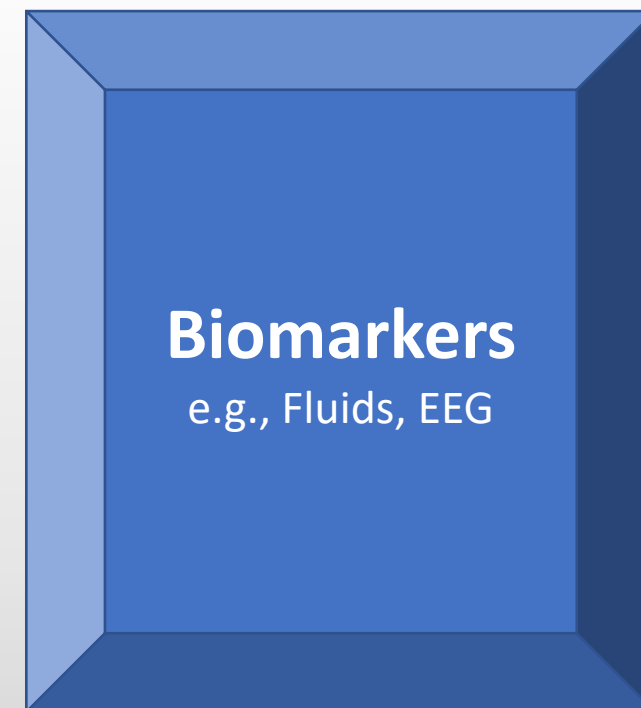
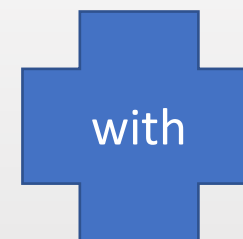
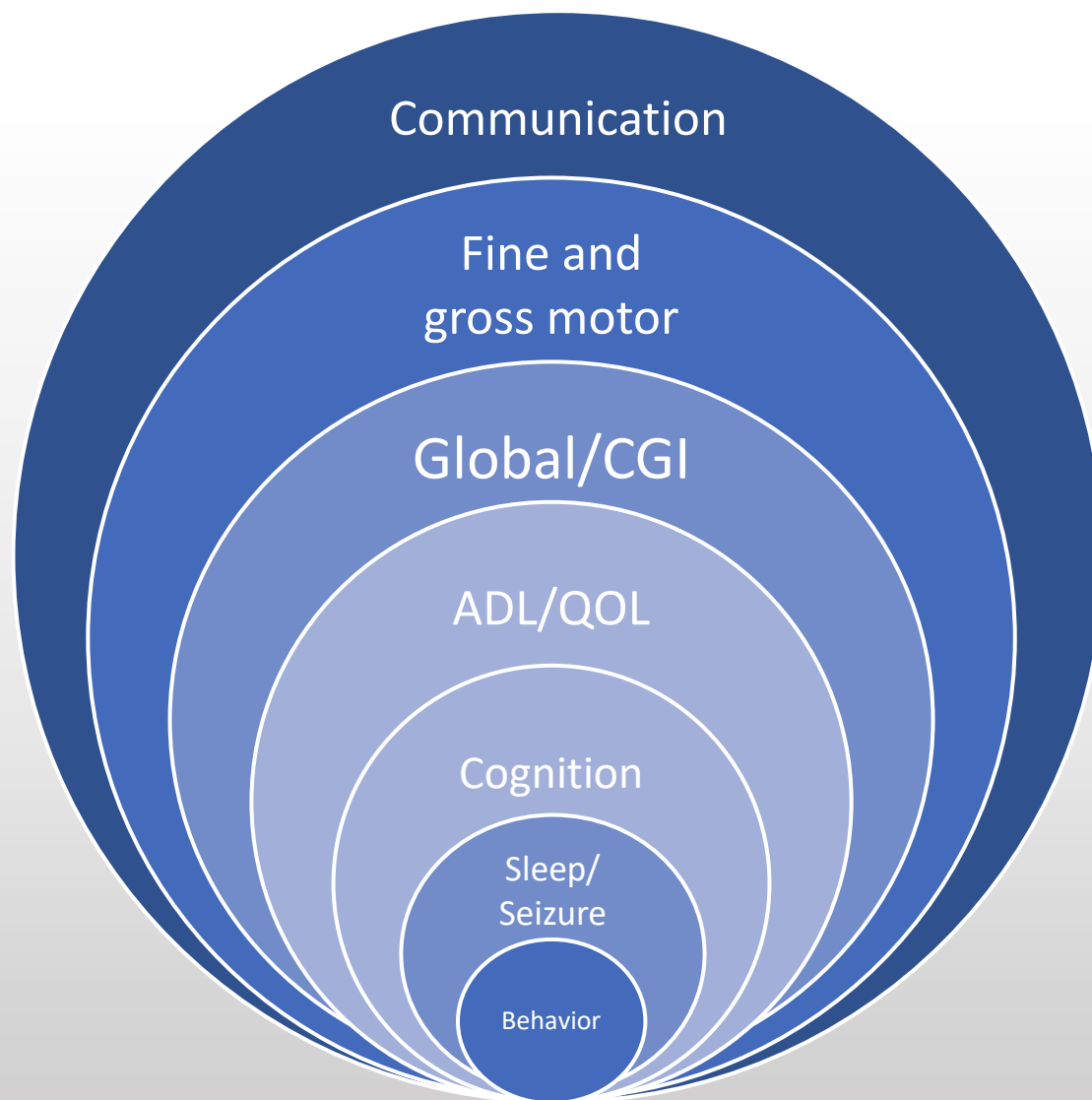
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### Outcomes

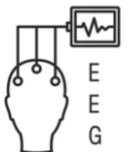


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# Functional domains priorities







Focus Domain	Measures to consider	Measures specifically assessed for AS
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Collaborate

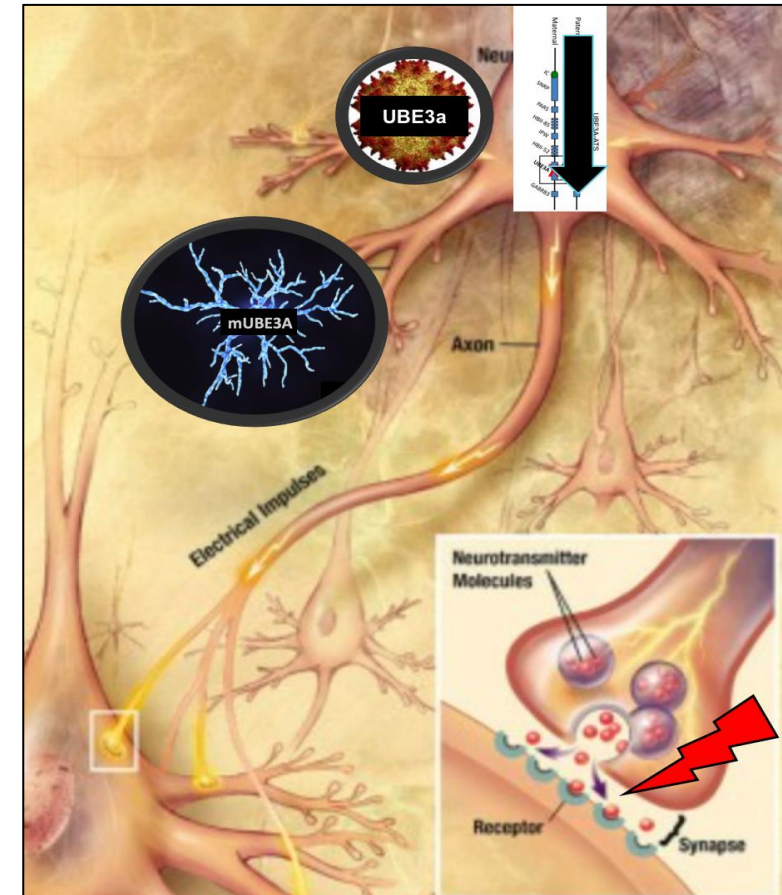
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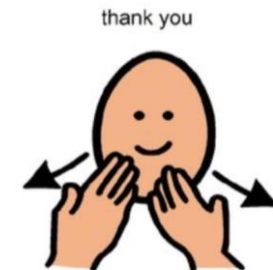
Understand

Expedite

- Numerous potential therapeutic platforms invested in AS
- AS is unique with some promising clinical results to date
- Where are our gaps to ensure we see a meaningful transformative treatments for all those living with AS regardless of genotype or ages?







# Novel Gene Replacement for Angelman Syndrome

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# A novel gene transfer therapy for Angelman syndrome

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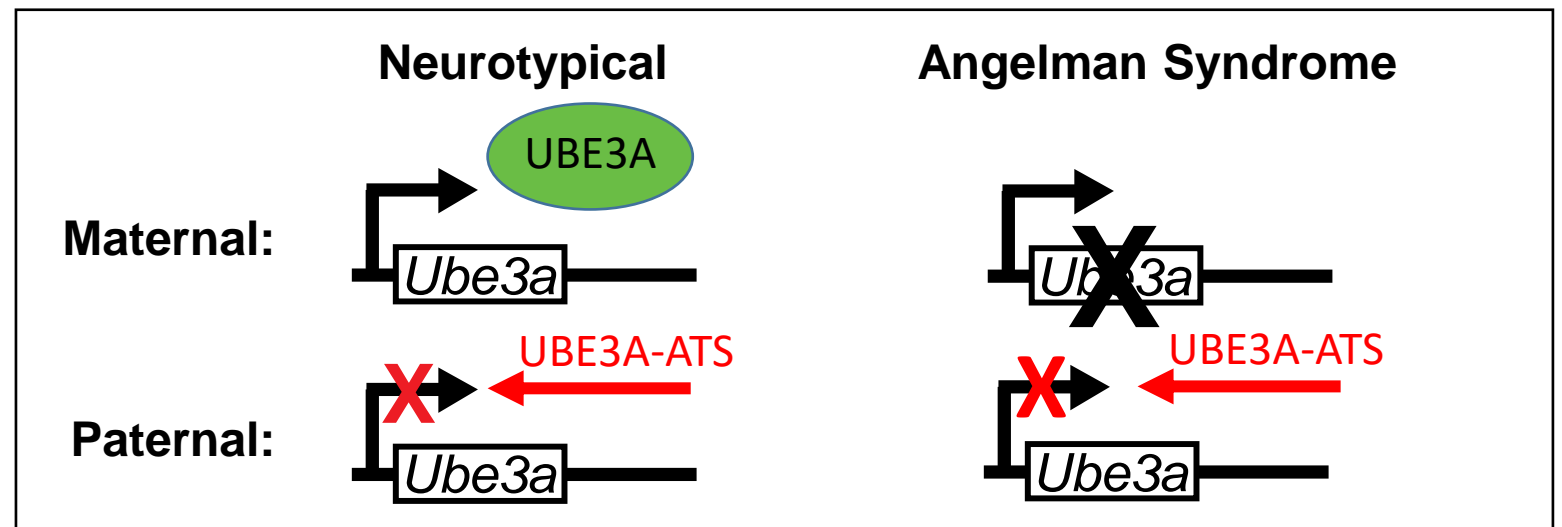
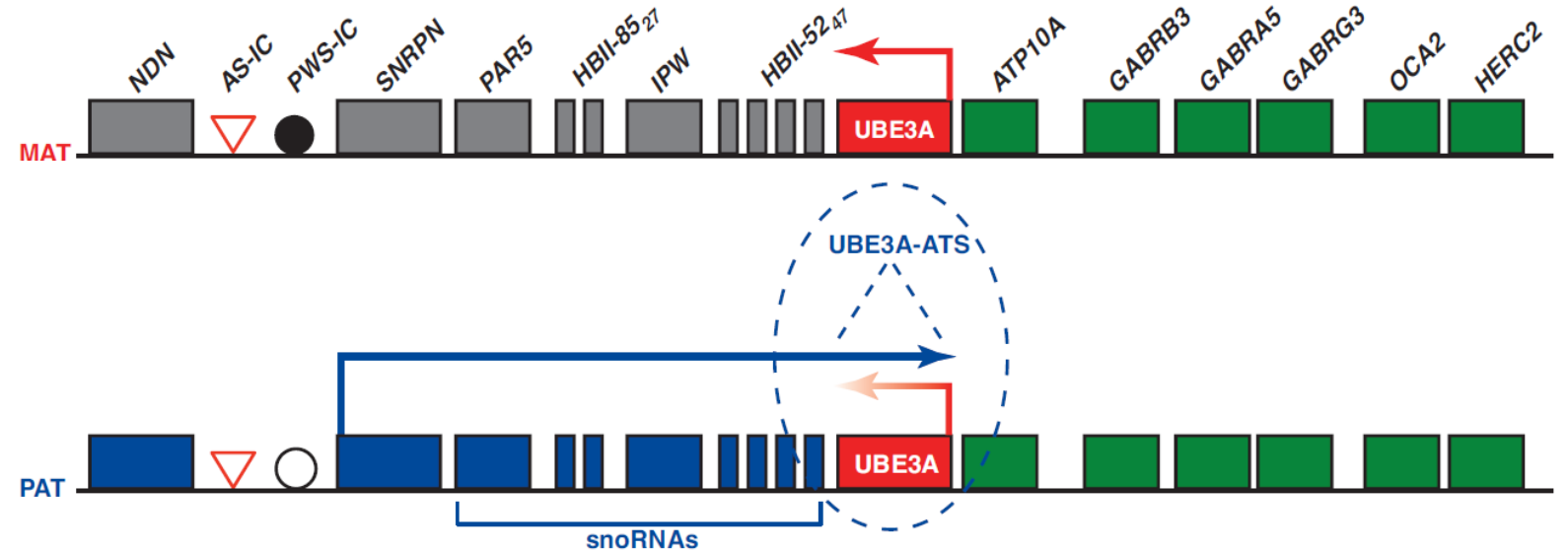
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# Angelman syndrome is caused by mutations or deletions of *UBE3A*

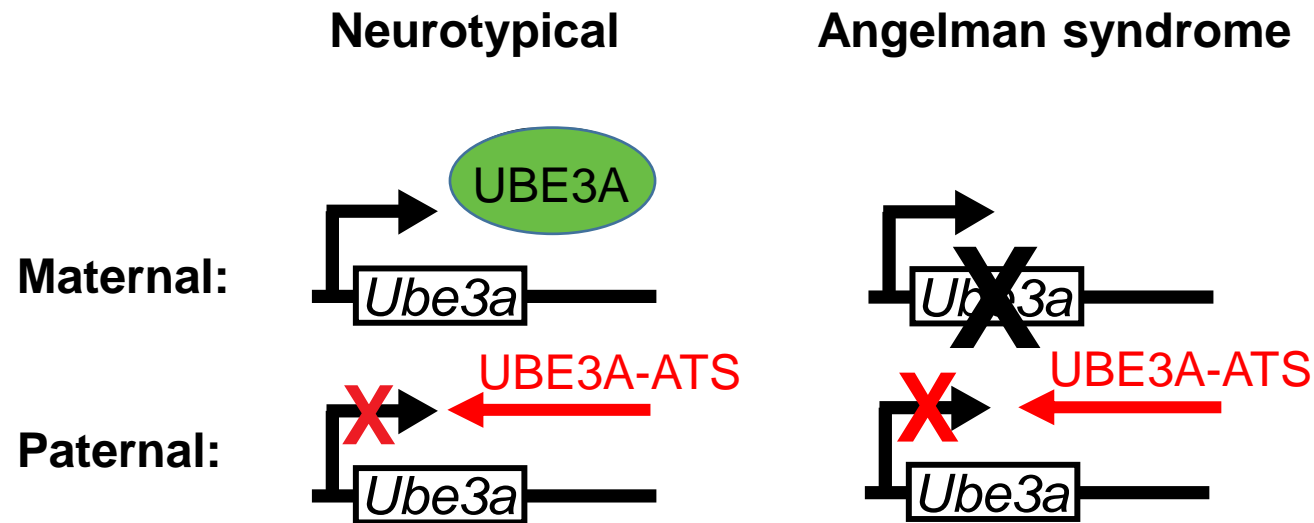
- Prevalence of 1 in 15,000
- >70% caused by deletions of the 15q11-q13 region, which includes *UBE3A*
- ~10% caused by mutations restricted to *UBE3A*

# Genetic imprinting of *UBE3A*



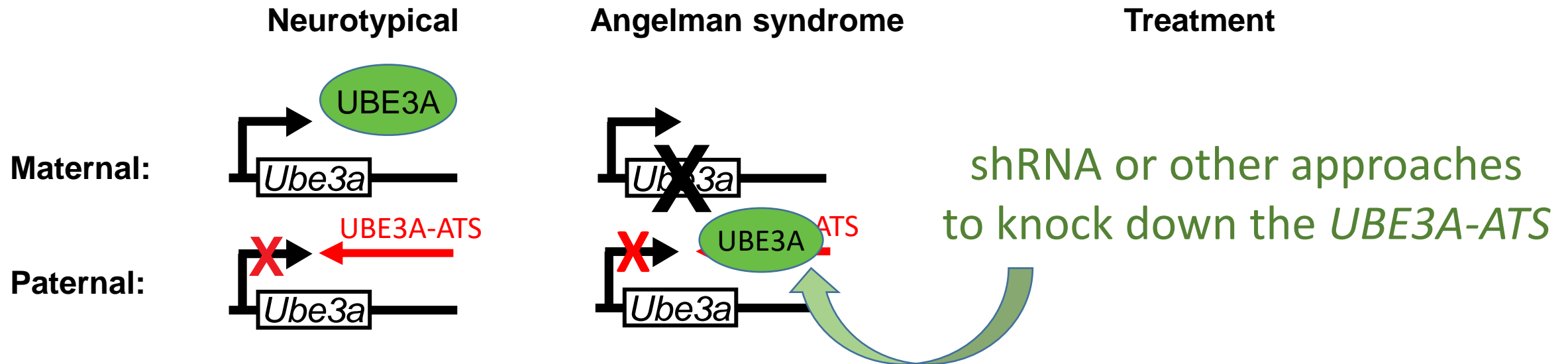
# Treatment strategies for Angelman syndrome

- Gene reactivation strategies
- Gene addition strategies



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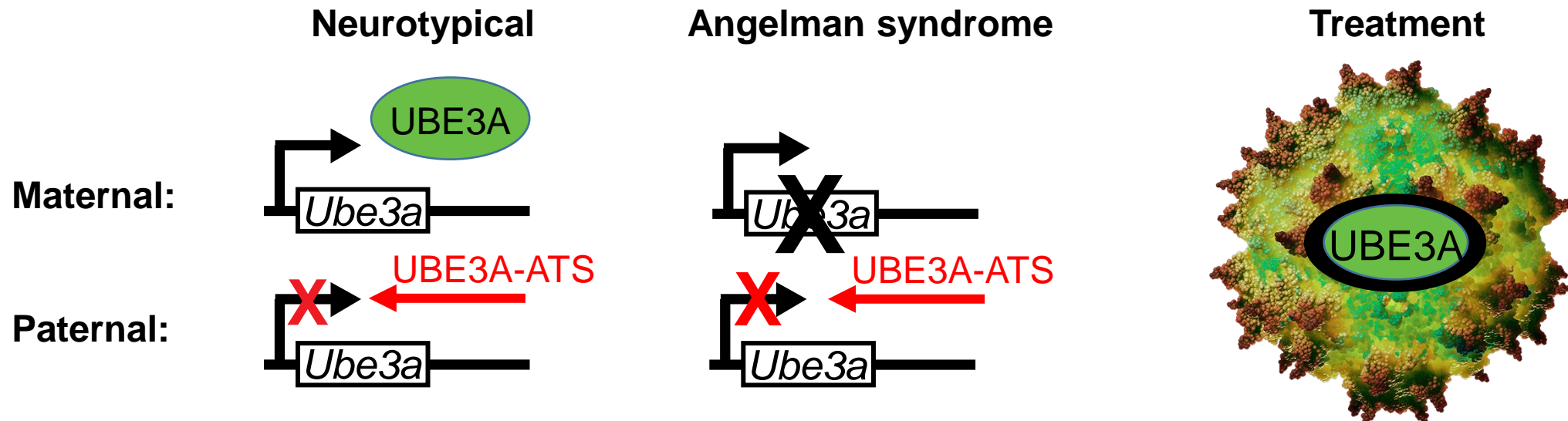
- **Gene reactivation strategies**
- Gene addition strategies





# Treatment strategies for Angelman syndrome

- Gene reactivation strategies
- **Gene addition strategies**



# Preclinical data for AS recently published

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Dual-isoform hUBE3A gene transfer improves behavioral and seizure outcomes in Angelman syndrome model mice

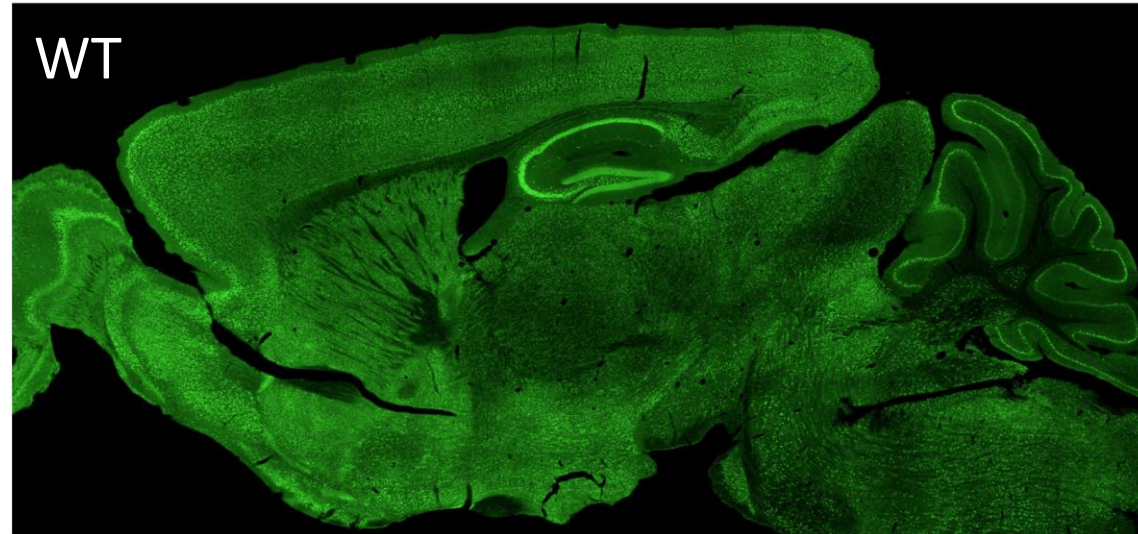
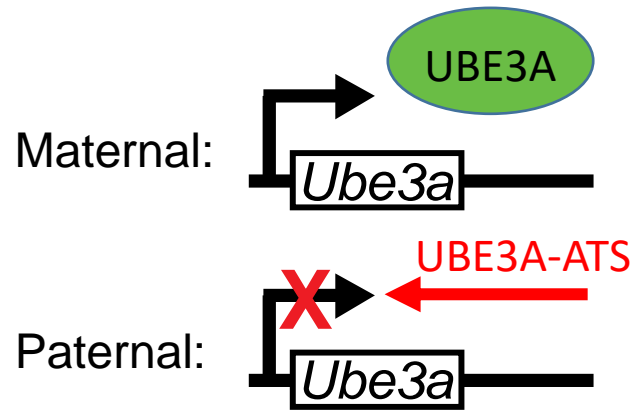
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Loss of the maternal *UBE3A* allele causes Angelman syndrome (AS), a debilitating neurodevelopmental disorder. Here, we devised an AS treatment strategy based on reinstating dual-isoform expression of human UBE3A (hUBE3A) in the developing brain. Kozak sequence engineering of our codon-optimized vector (hUBE3Aopt) enabled translation of both short and long hUBE3A protein isoforms at a near-endogenous 3:1 (short/long) ratio, a feature that could help to support optimal therapeutic outcomes. To model widespread brain delivery and early postnatal onset of hUBE3A expression, we packaged the hUBE3Aopt vector into PHP.B capsids and performed intracerebroventricular injections in neonates. This treatment significantly improved motor learning and innate behaviors in AS mice, and it rendered them resilient to epileptogenesis and associated hippocampal neuropathologies induced by seizure kindling. hUBE3A overexpression occurred frequently in the hippocampus but was uncommon in the neocortex and other major brain structures; furthermore, it did not correlate with behavioral performance. Our results demonstrate the feasibility, tolerability, and therapeutic potential for dual-isoform hUBE3A gene transfer in the treatment of AS.

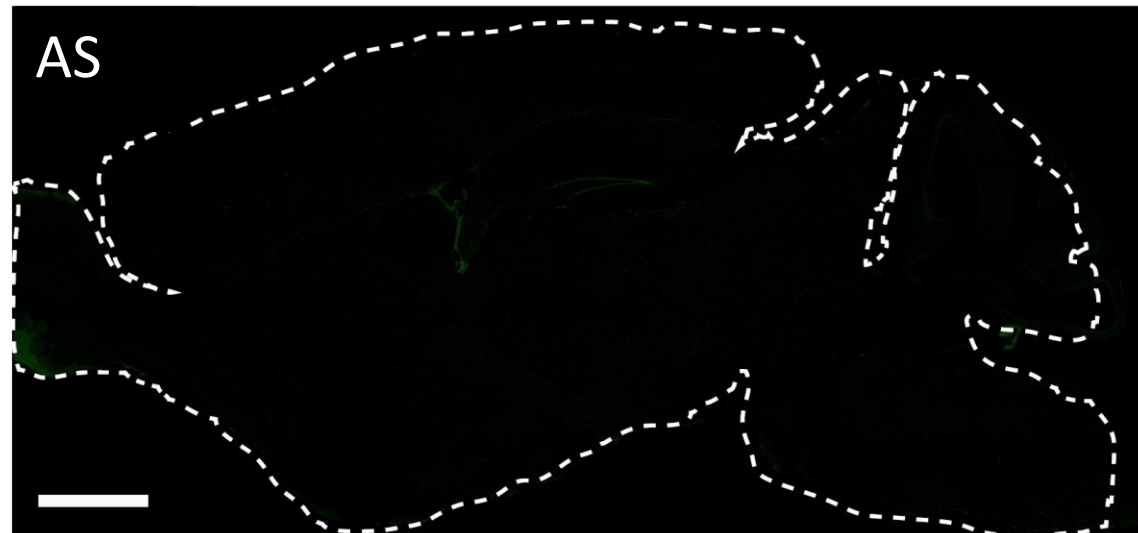
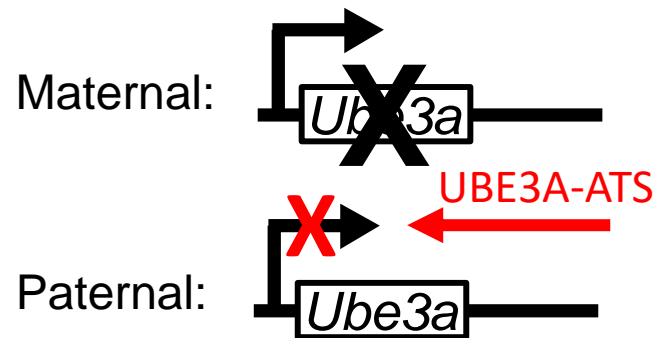
# AS target biology:

## Broad expression of UBE3A in brain

### Neurotypical

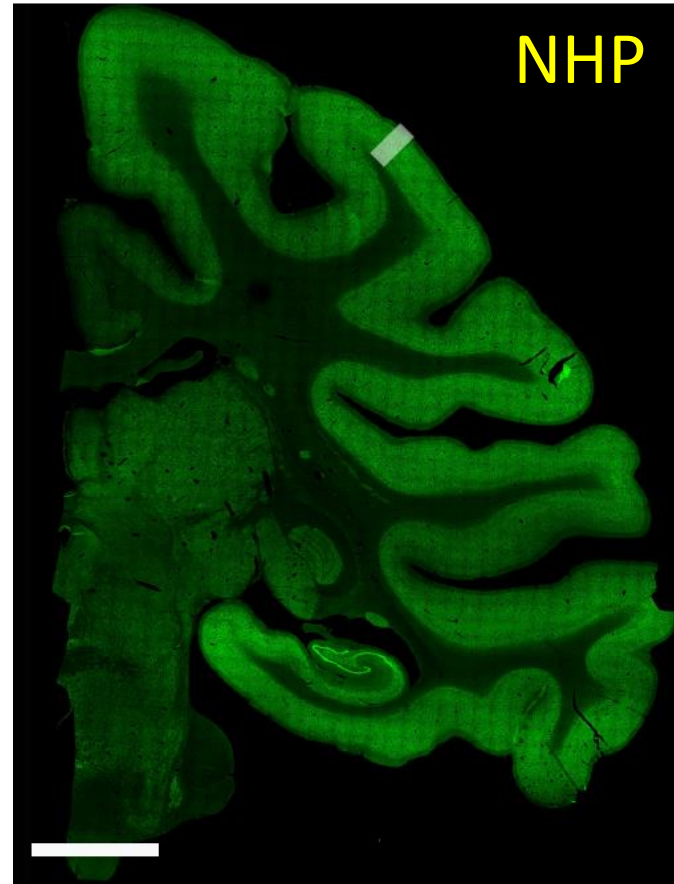
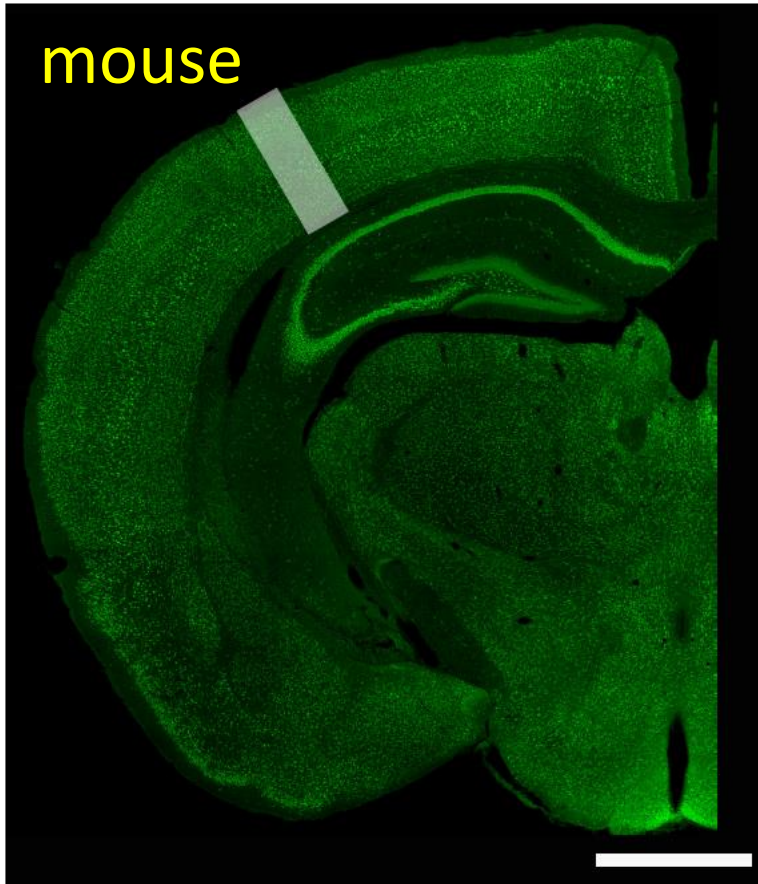


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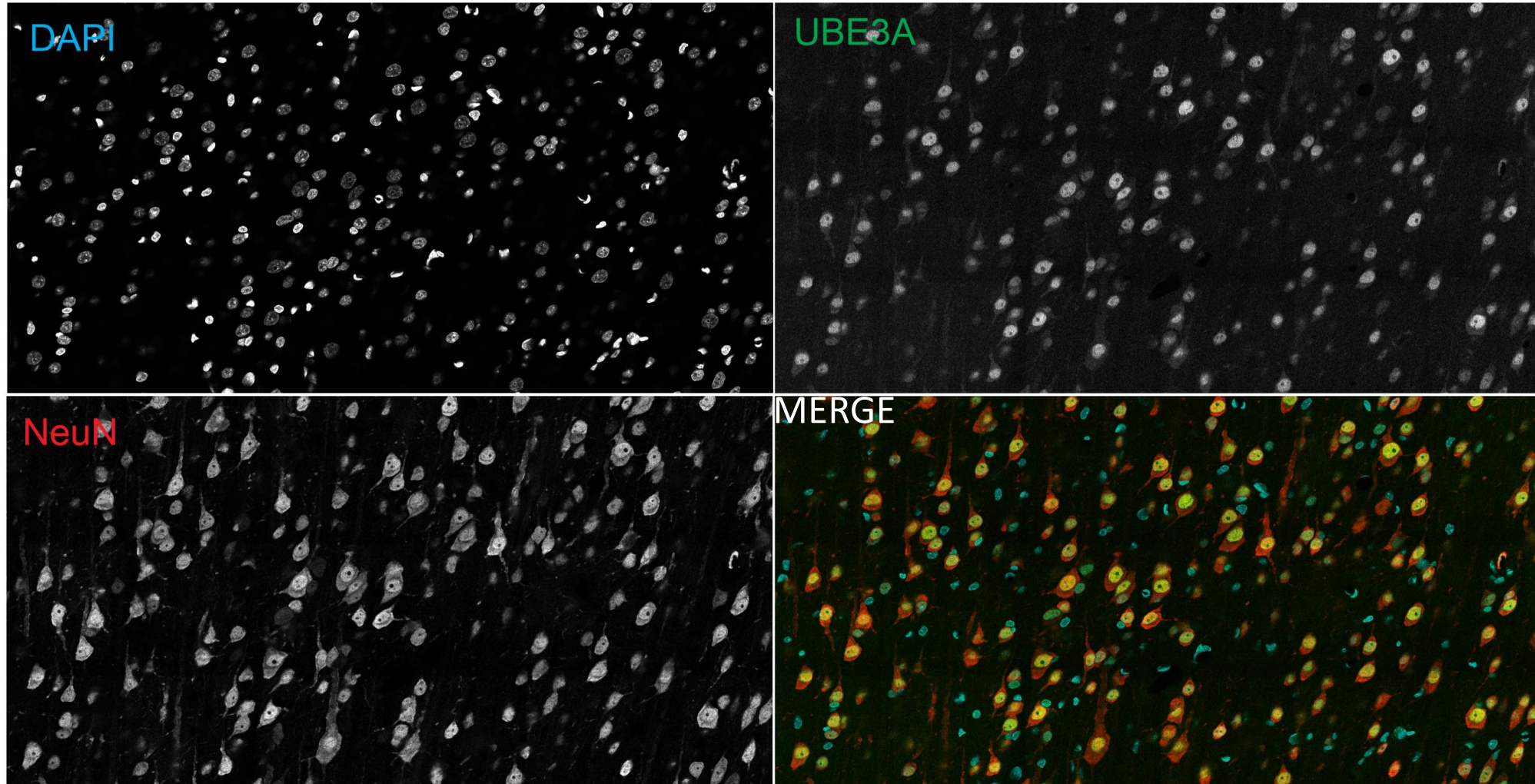
## Broad expression of UBE3A in brain



- Broad, virtually ubiquitous expression
- Fairly uniform distribution across brain regions



# AS target biology: High expression of UBE3A in neurons



UBE3A is expressed in most, if not all, neurons

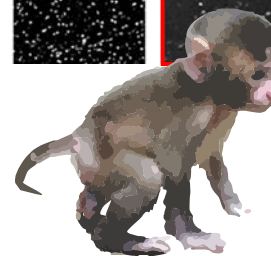
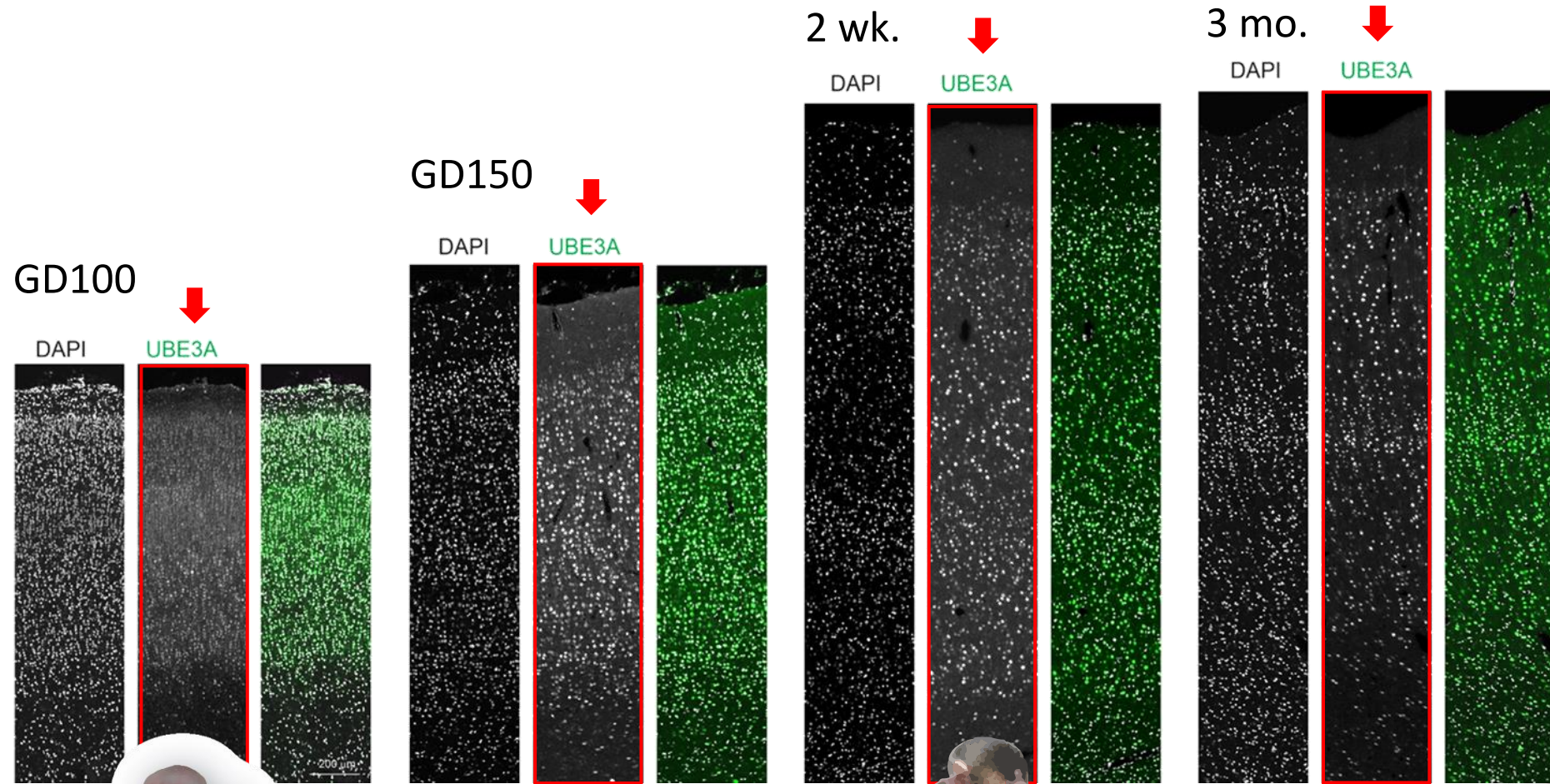
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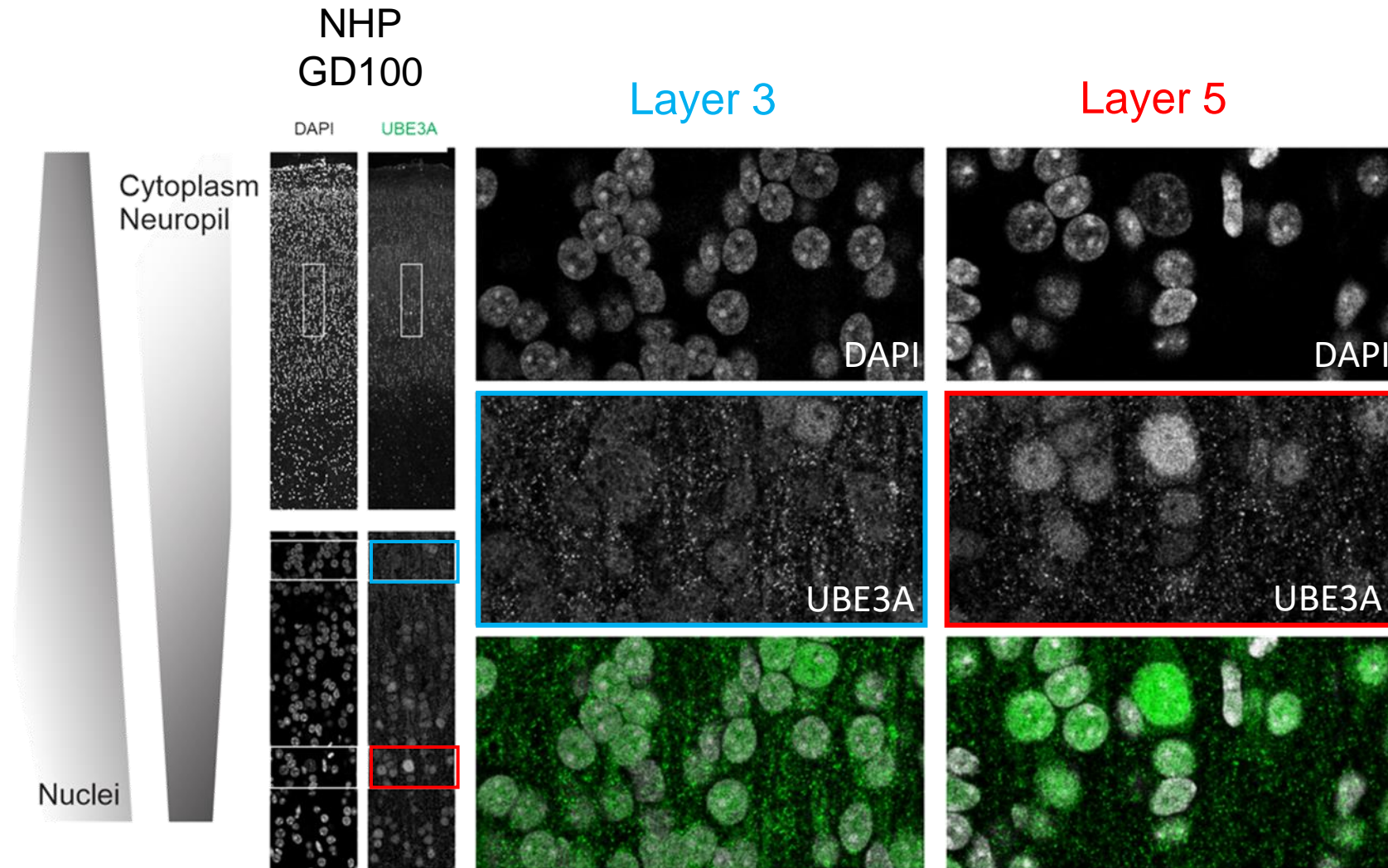
# AS target biology:

## Developmental shift in UBE3A subcellular localization



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# AS target biology: Developmental shift in UBE3A subcellular localization



- UBE3A becomes increasingly nuclear as neurons mature
- This dynamic appears to be conserved from mouse to primates

Alain Burette



# AS target biology: Three UBE3A isoforms exist

## Mouse UBE3A Isoforms

Long — 2      **M****A****T****A****C****K****R****S****P****G****E****S****Q****S****E****D****I****E****A****S****R****M****K****R****A****A****A****K****H****L****I****E****R****Y****Y****H****Q****L****T****E****G****C****G****N****E****A****C****T****N****E****F****C****A****S****C**...

Short — 3      **M****K****R****A****A****A****K****H****L****I****E****R****Y****Y****H****Q****L****T****E****G****C****G****N****E****A****C****T****N****E****F****C****A****S****C**...

## Human UBE3A Isoforms

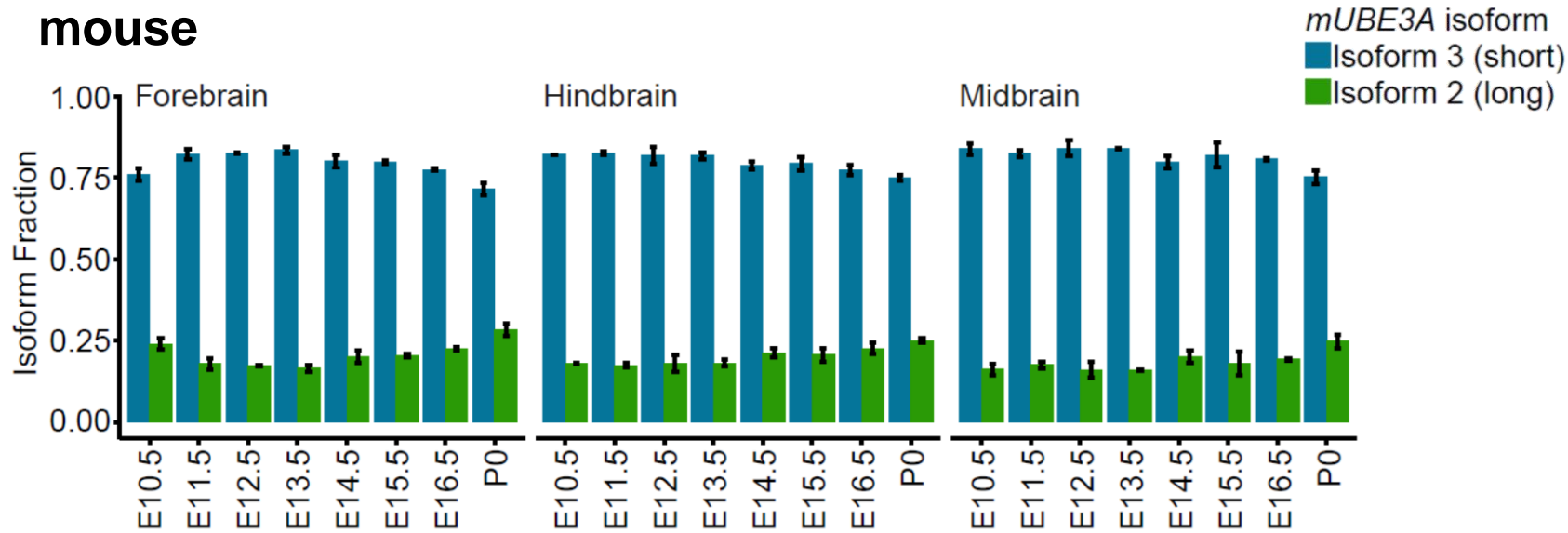
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Long —  $\begin{cases} 2 \\ 3 \end{cases}$       **M****E****K****L****H****Q****C****Y****W****K****S****G****E****P****Q****S****D****D****I****E****A****S****R****M****K****R****A****A****A****K****H****L****I****E****R****Y****Y****H****Q****L****T****E****G****C****G****N****E****A****C****T****N****E****F****C****A****S****C**...  
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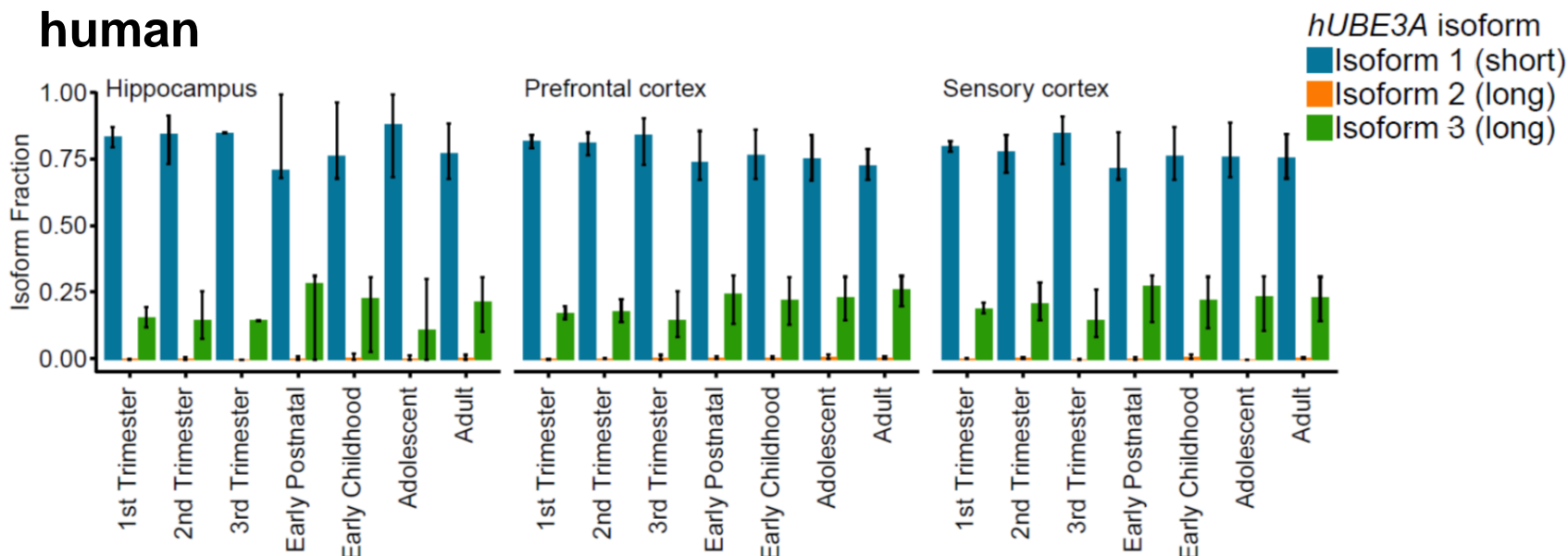
- Perfect conservation of short UBE3A during mammalian evolution
- Long UBE3A is also highly conserved
- Different N-termini can potentially mediate distinct cellular functions
  - **Subcellular localization**
    - Zampeta et al., 2020; Sirois et al., 2020
  - **Access to unique protein partners**
    - Martinez-Noel et al., 2012

# Evolutionarily conserved expression of short and long UBE3A isoforms

## mouse



## human




- Human: ~4:1 short/long expression ratio, irrespective of brain region or developmental stage
- This ratio is highly conserved in mouse, suggesting its evolutionary importance
- Of the long hUBE3A isoforms, expression of human isoform 3 is predominant

# Evidence for importance of both short and long UBE3A isoforms

**CLINICAL REPORT**

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## **Two Angelman families with unusually advanced neurodevelopment carry a start codon variant in the most highly expressed *UBE3A* isoform**

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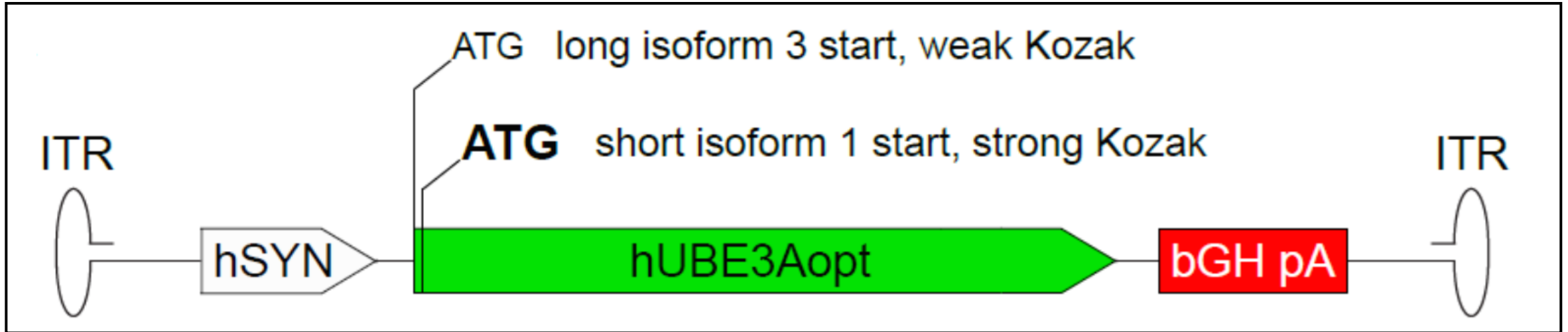
- AS patients with residual expression of long hUBE3A present with a less severe form of the disorder — another clue that these isoforms may play important developmental roles



# Goal: Develop an AAV vector for on-target UBE3A reinstatement in Angelman syndrome

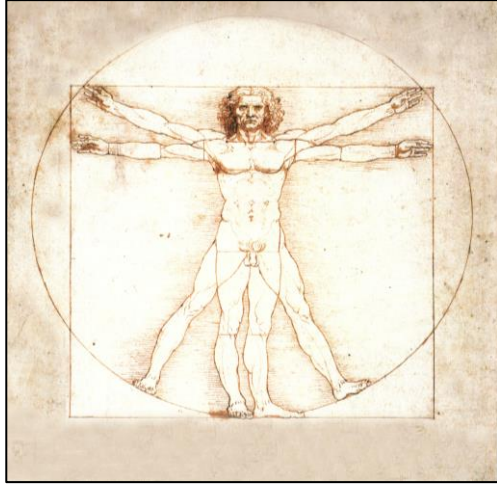
- Broad distribution in **neurons**
- **Both short and long isoforms** expressed
- Express isoforms at **endogenous ratio** of short:long
- Recapitulate **endogenous subcellular localization**
- Ability to **trace** virally-expressed *UBE3A* transgene to assist preclinical studies

# hUBE3Aopt vector for dual-isoform UBE3A expression

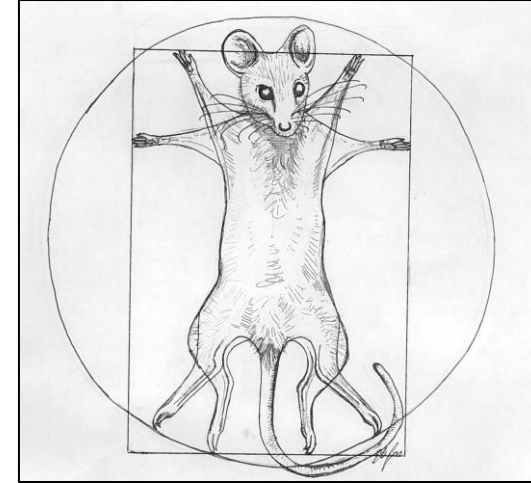


- Human synapsin promoter
  - Target re-expression of UBE3A to neurons
  - Reduce peripheral toxicity
- Codon optimization
  - Facilitate tracing in recipient tissues
- Package in AAV9/PHP.B capsids
  - Robust, widespread delivery to the brain
- ICV delivery
  - Early onset of expression
  - Maximum opportunity for therapeutic benefit
  - Robust test of toxicity

# Angelman syndrome model mice provide a preclinical platform to assess viral vector design



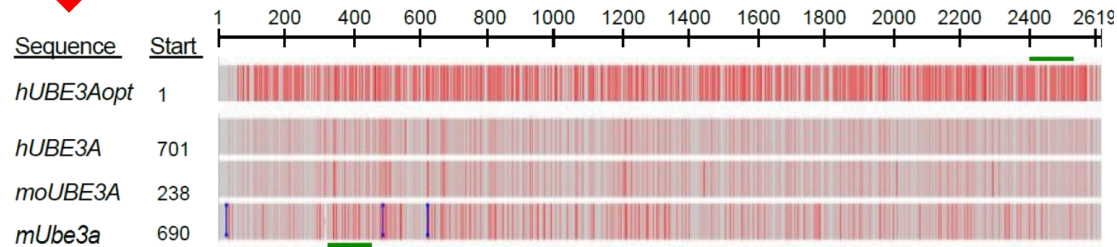
- Caused by mutation of maternal *UBE3A*
- Severe cognitive impairments; paucity of speech
- Ataxia
- Epilepsy (~90% penetrance)
- Enhanced EEG delta-wave activity
- Highly penetrant microcephaly (80-90% of cases)



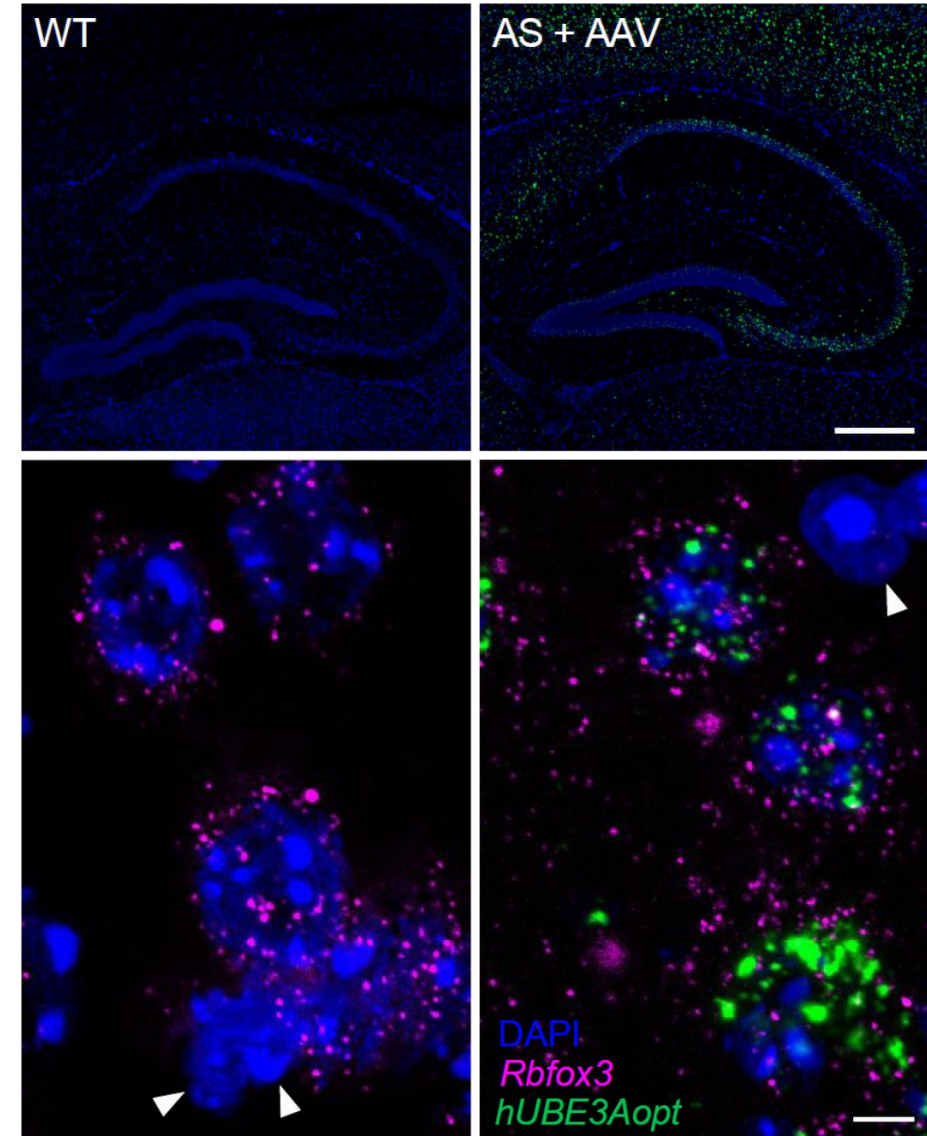
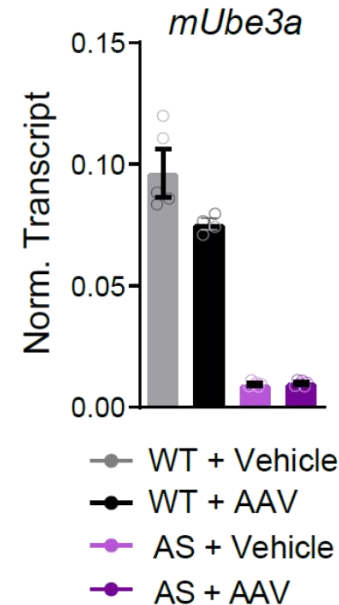
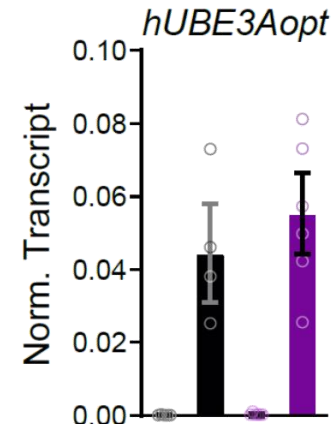
- Targeted disruption of maternal *Ube3a*
- Learning and memory impairments
- Ataxia
- Increased seizure susceptibility
- Enhanced EEG delta-wave activity
- Reduced brain weight (microcephaly)

# Codon optimization: Efficient hUBE3Aopt payload tracing

MSA: red signals divergent sequence in hUBE3Aopt

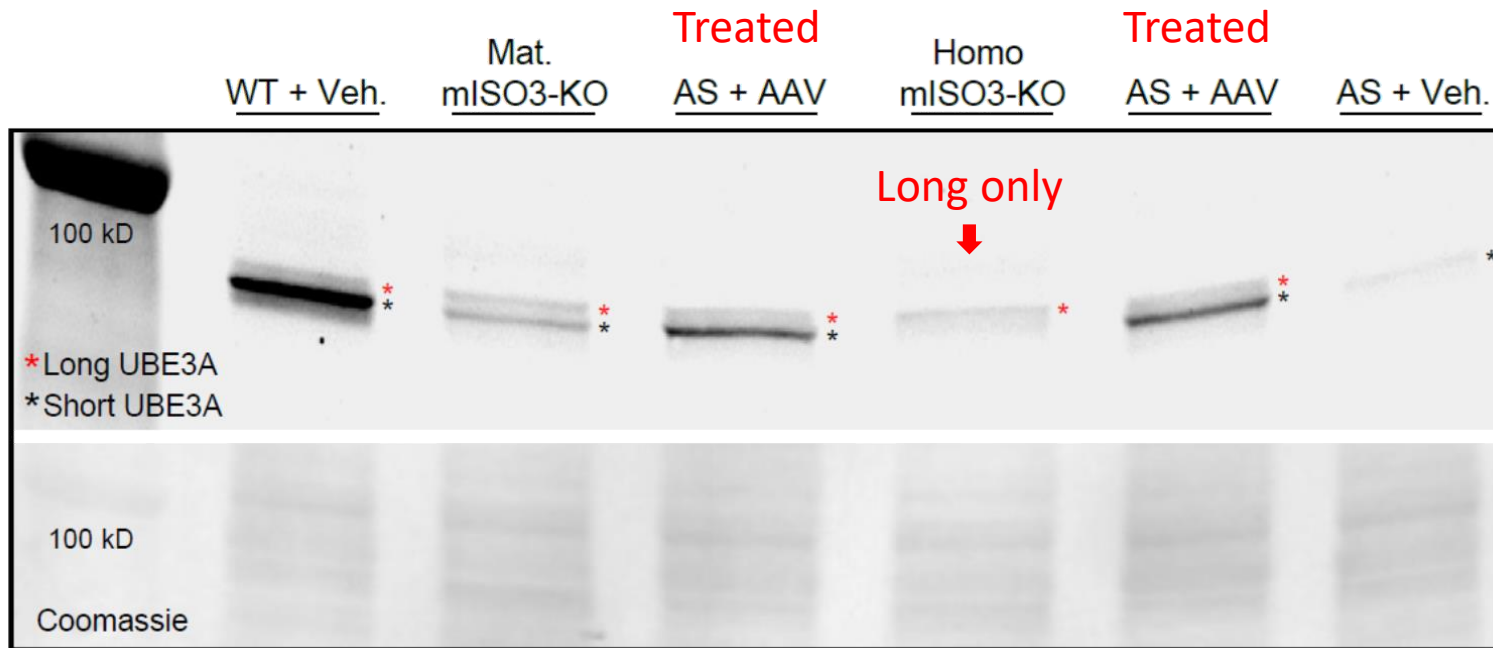


- Human (*hUBE3A*), NHP (*moUBE3A*), and mouse (*mUbe3a*) transcripts
- Darker shades of red indicate greater sequence divergence
- Green lines overlay *hUBE3Aopt* and *mUbe3a* amplicons in ddPCR assays

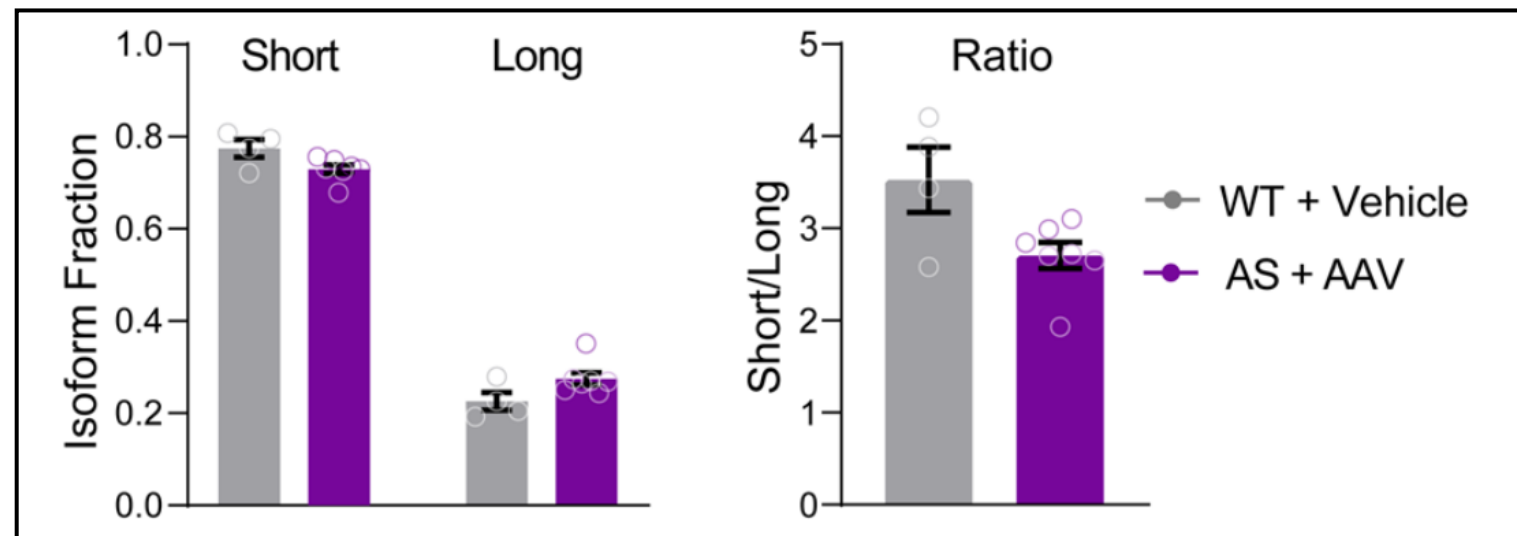


Arrowheads indicate nuclei of putative glia

# Recapitulation of endogenous short:long UBE3A isoform ratios

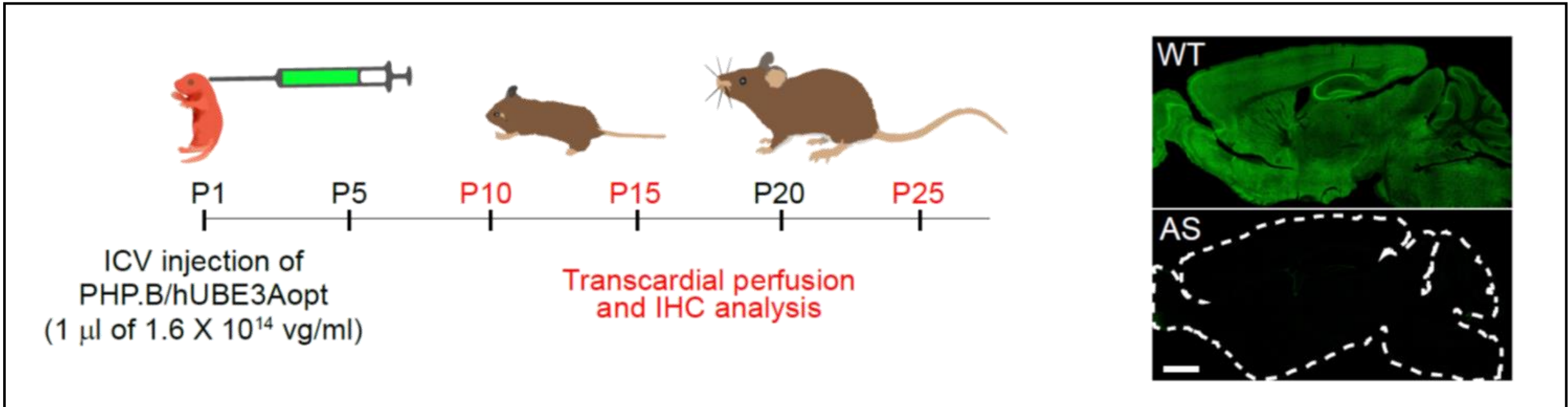


AS + AAV mice were administered 1  $\mu$ L of  $1.6 \times 10^{14}$  vg/mL PHP.B/hUBE3Aopt as neonates. Homozygous mISO3-KO mice completely lack expression of short UBE3A, while mice with a maternally inherited deletion of isoform 3 (mat. ISO3-KO) lack neuronal expression of short UBE3A.

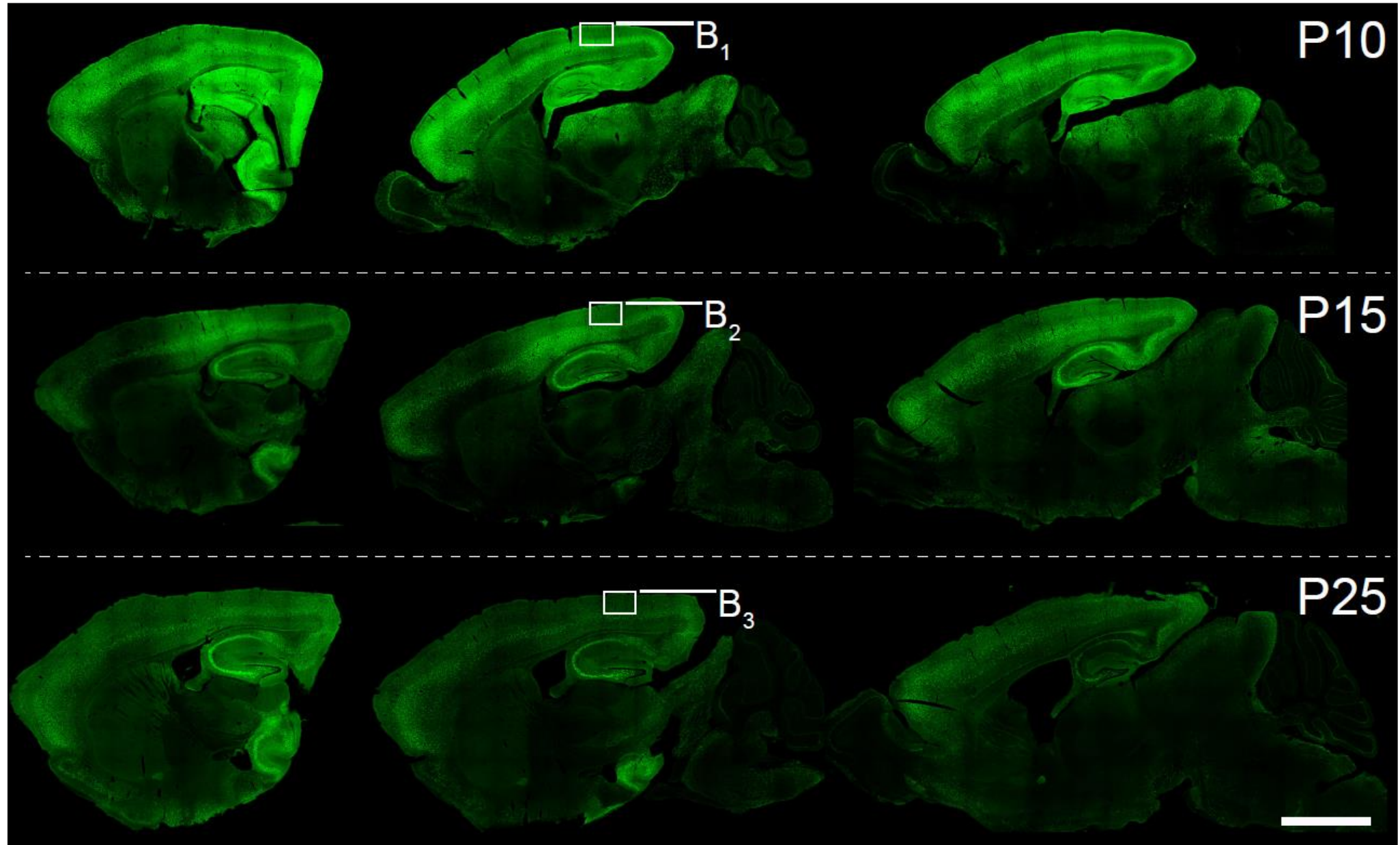




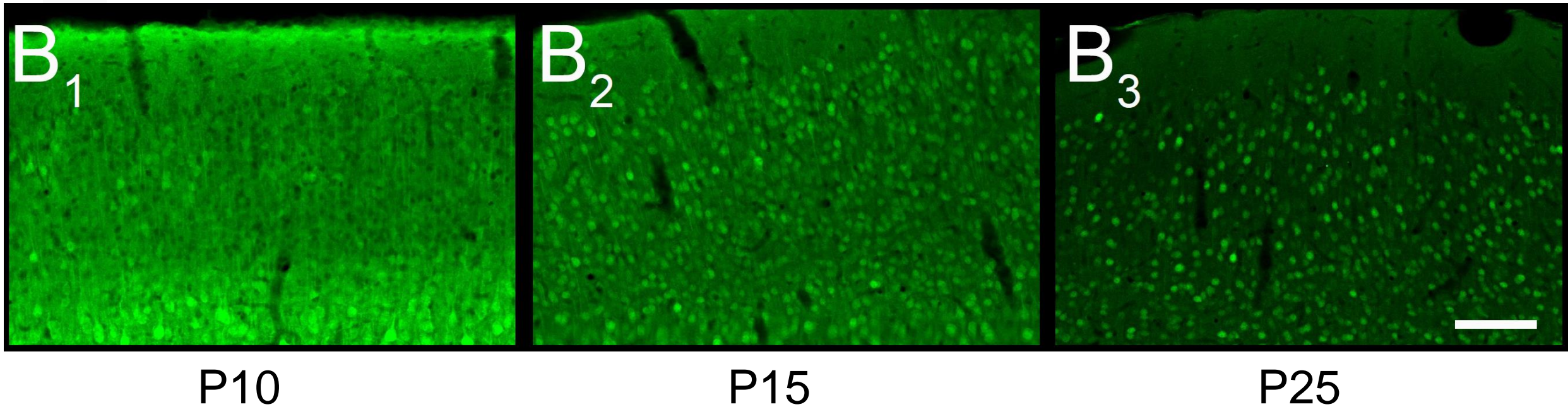
# Tracing the biodistribution of UBE3A re-expression



# Fast onset and widespread viral transduction



# Gene therapy recapitulates developmentally dynamic localization of UBE3A

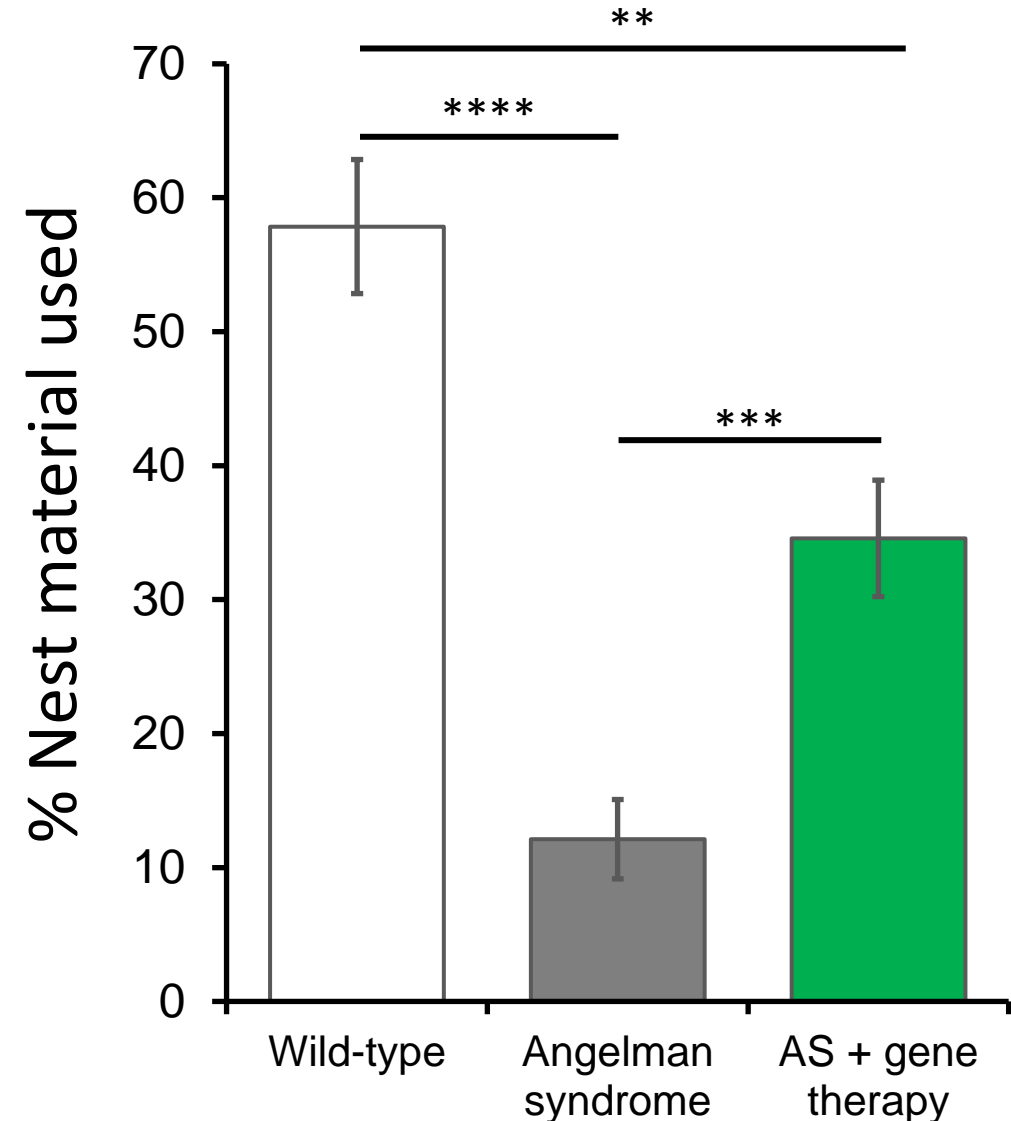
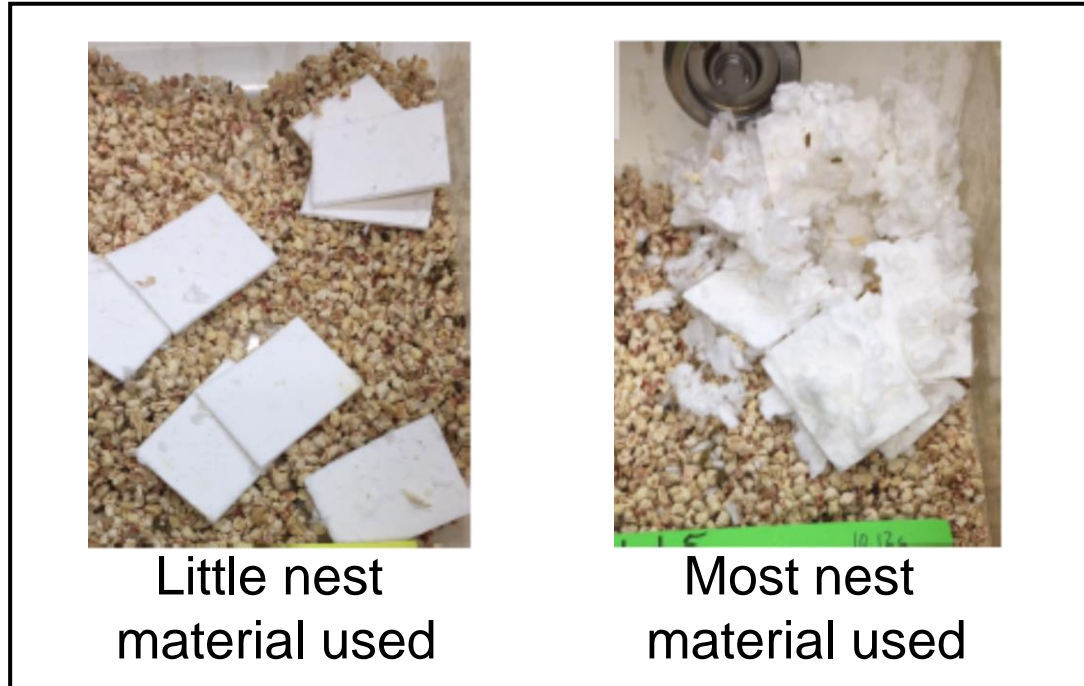


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# Preclinical efficacy in AS model mice

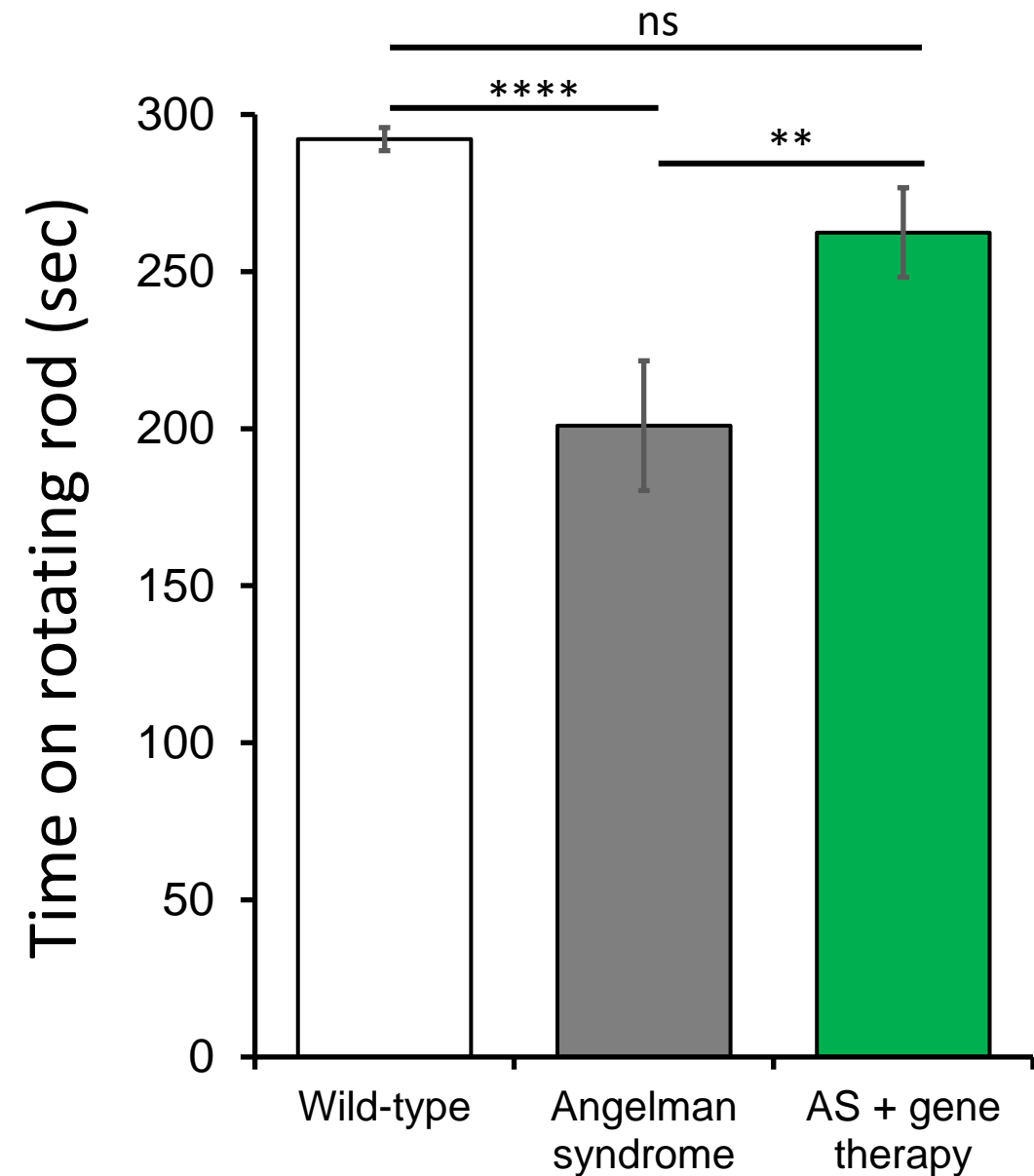


# UBE3A gene transfer rescues species-appropriate behaviors: nest building



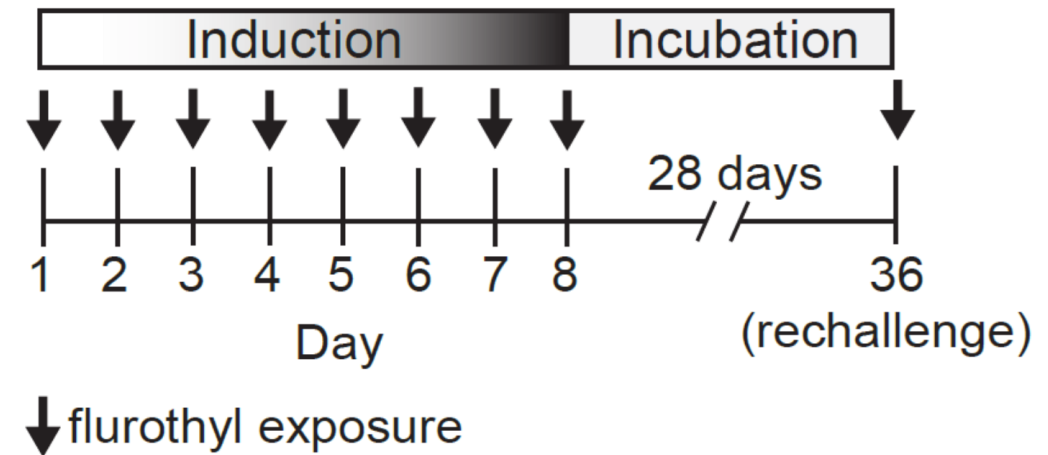
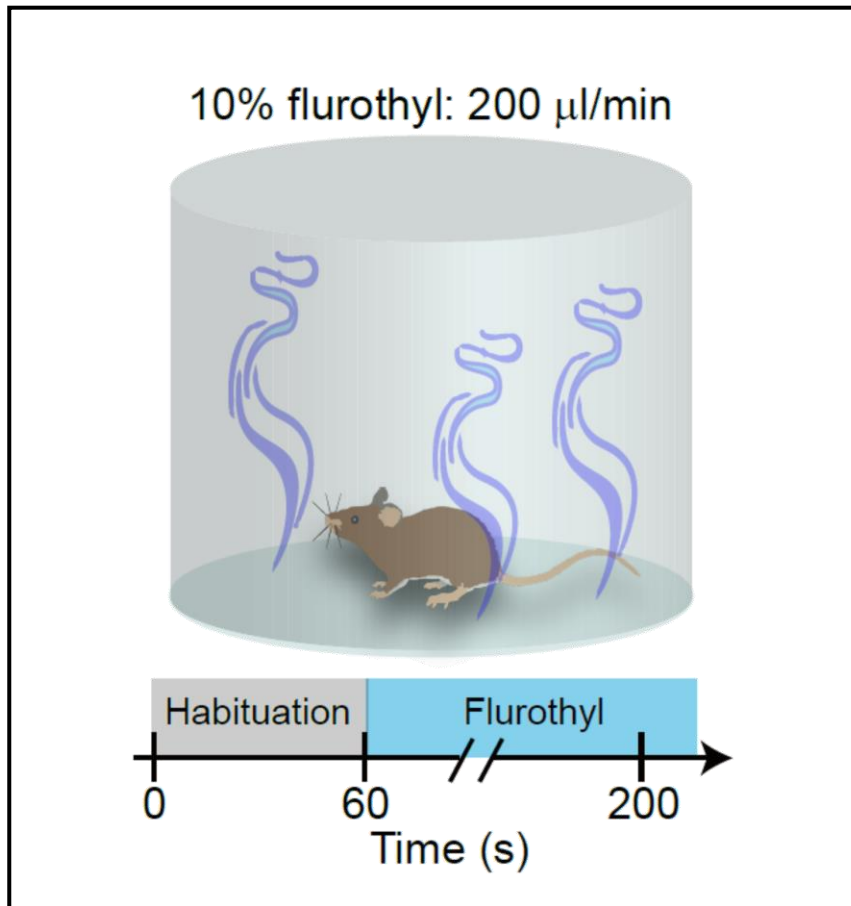
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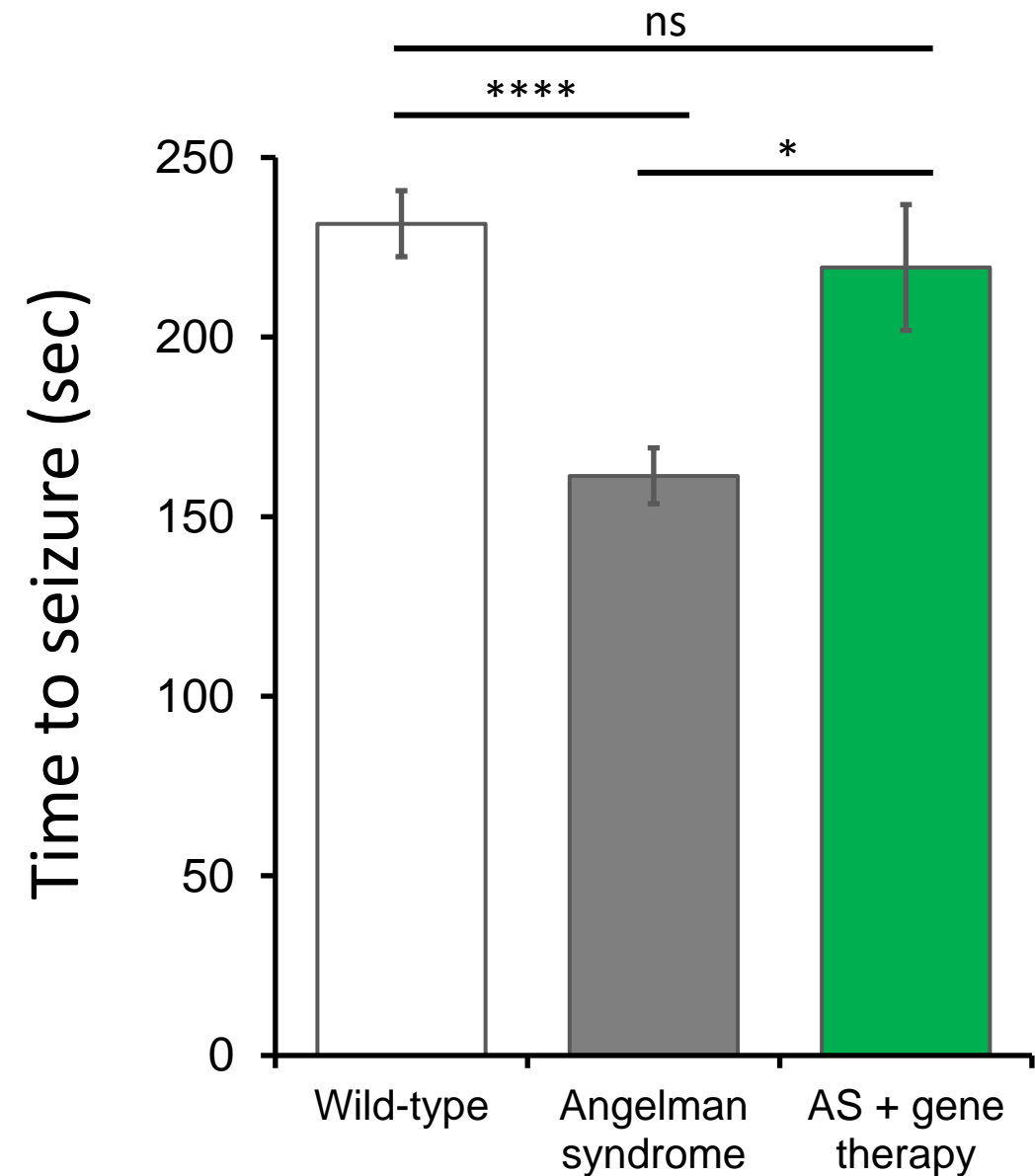
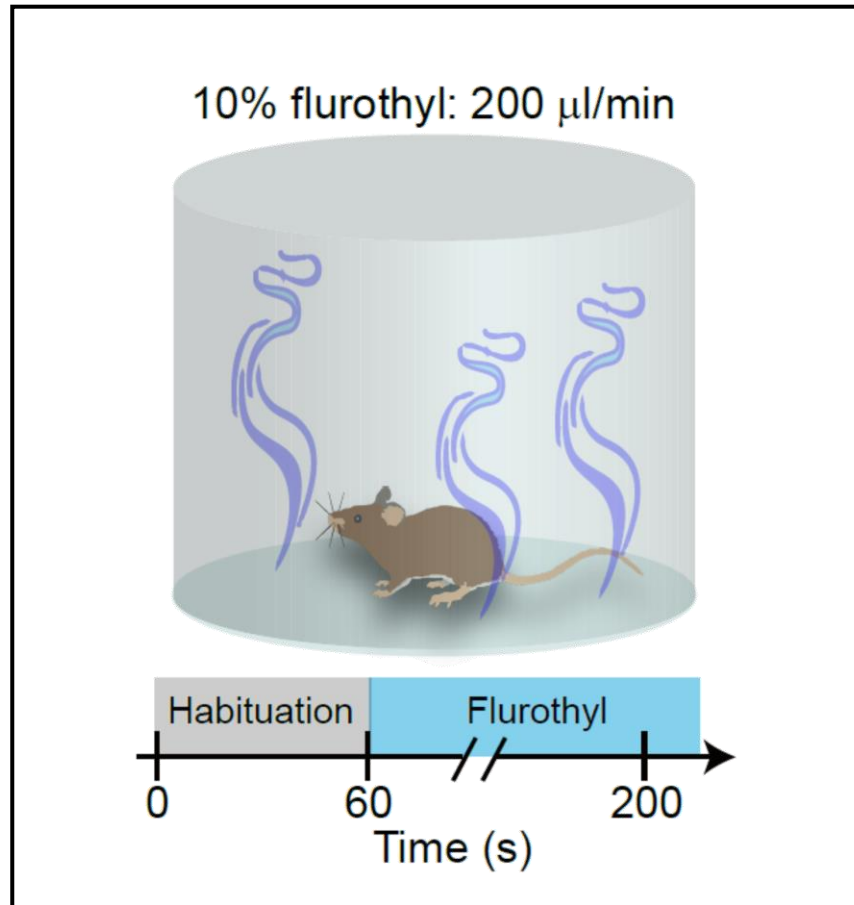


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# Rescue of seizure phenotypes: Kindling-induced epileptogenesis



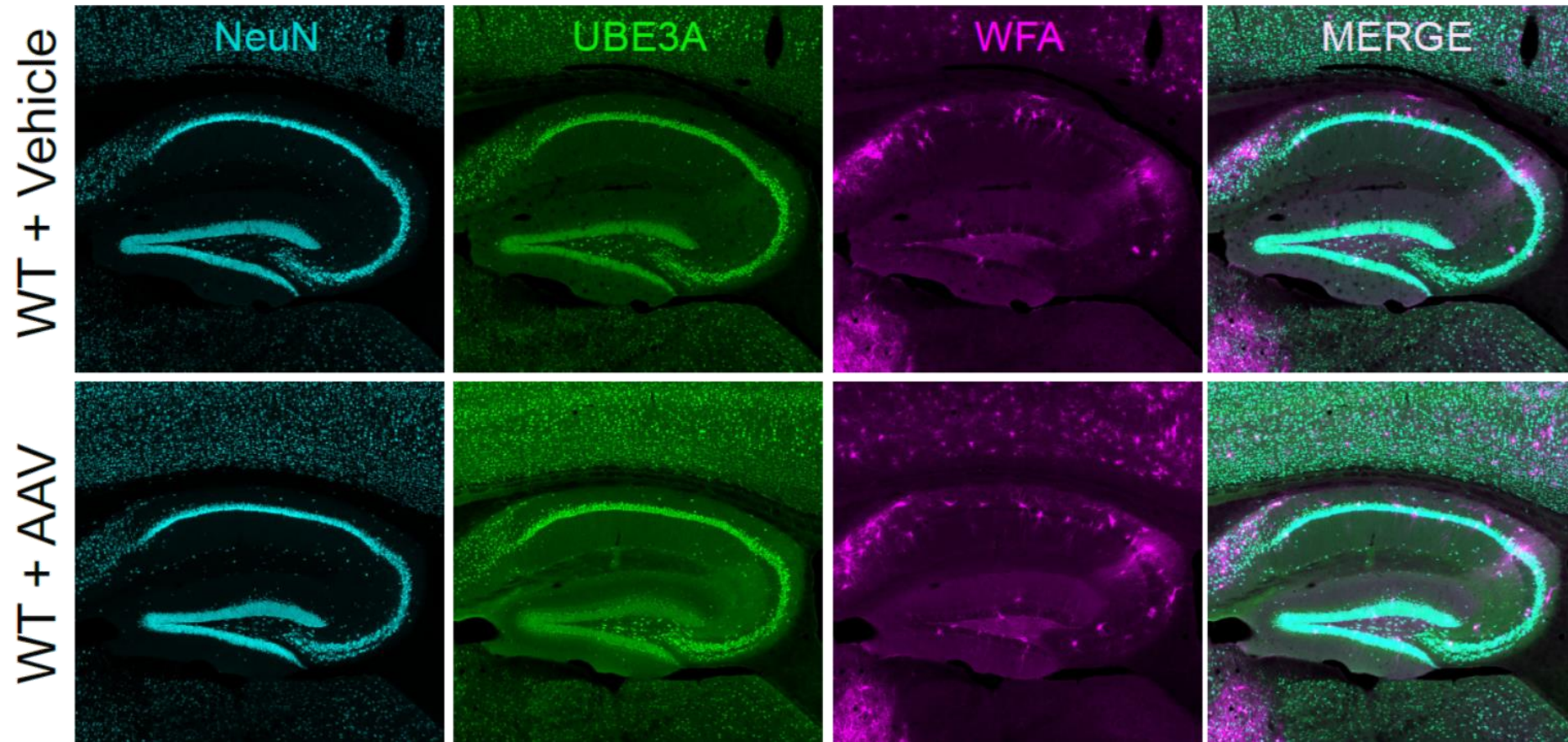
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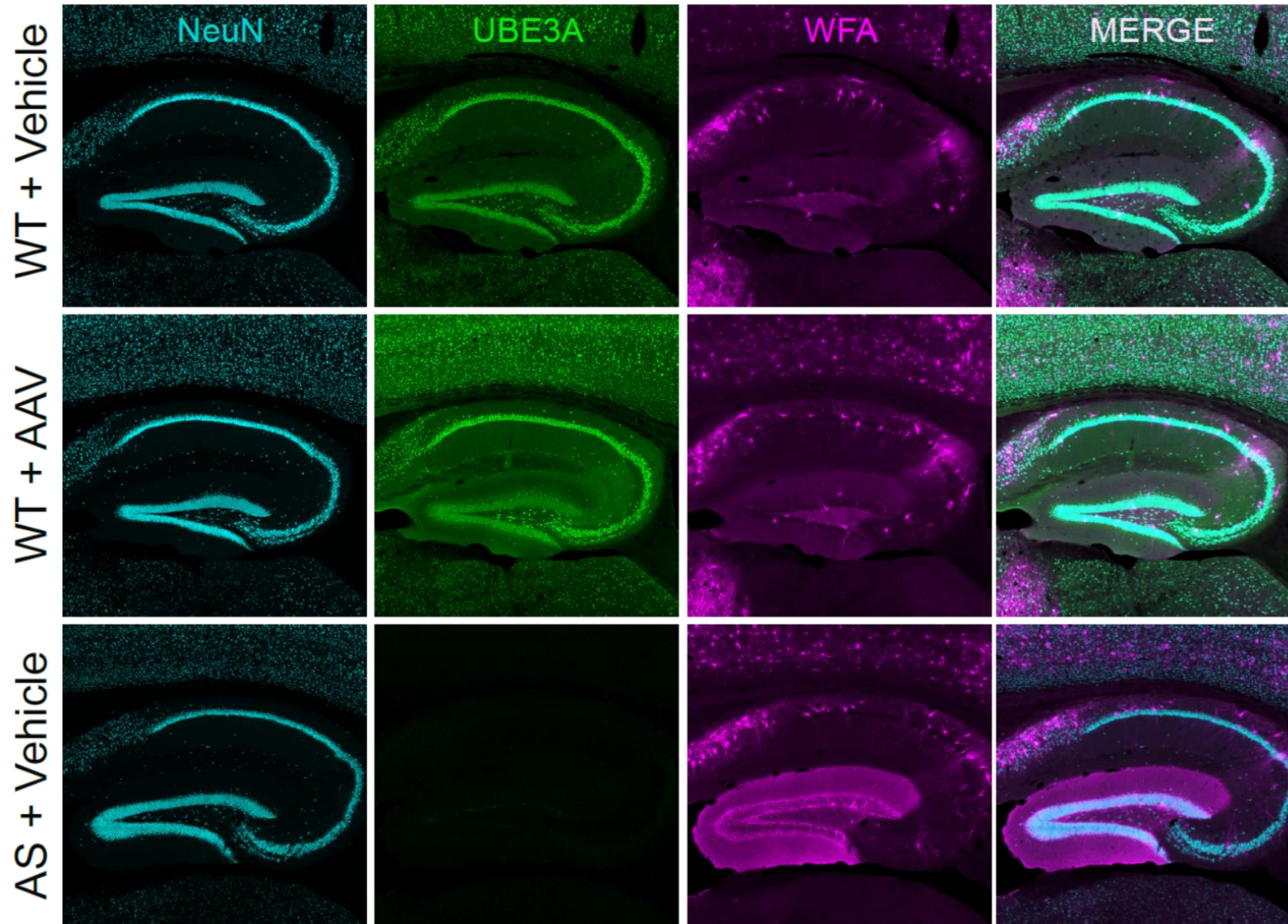
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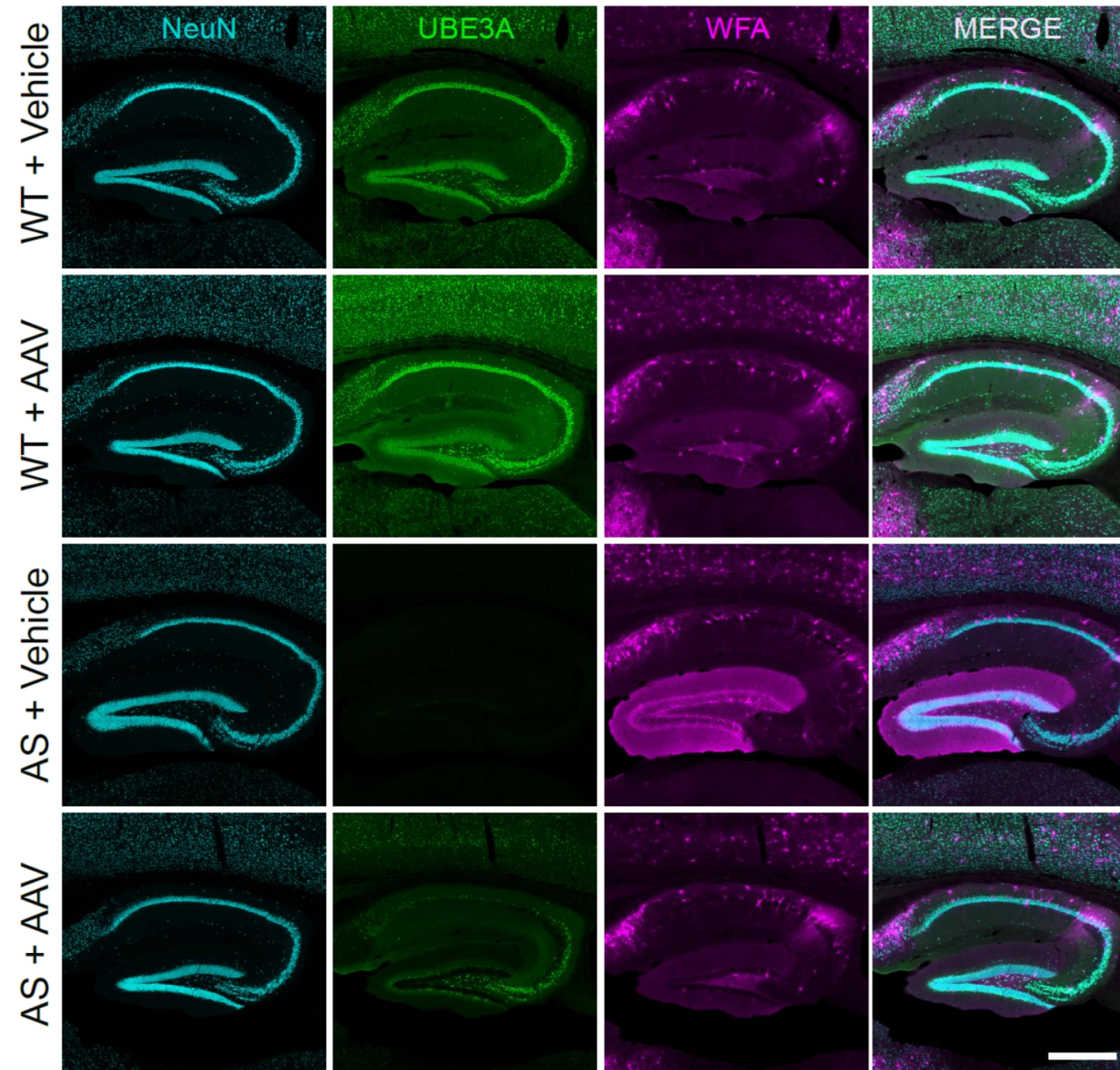


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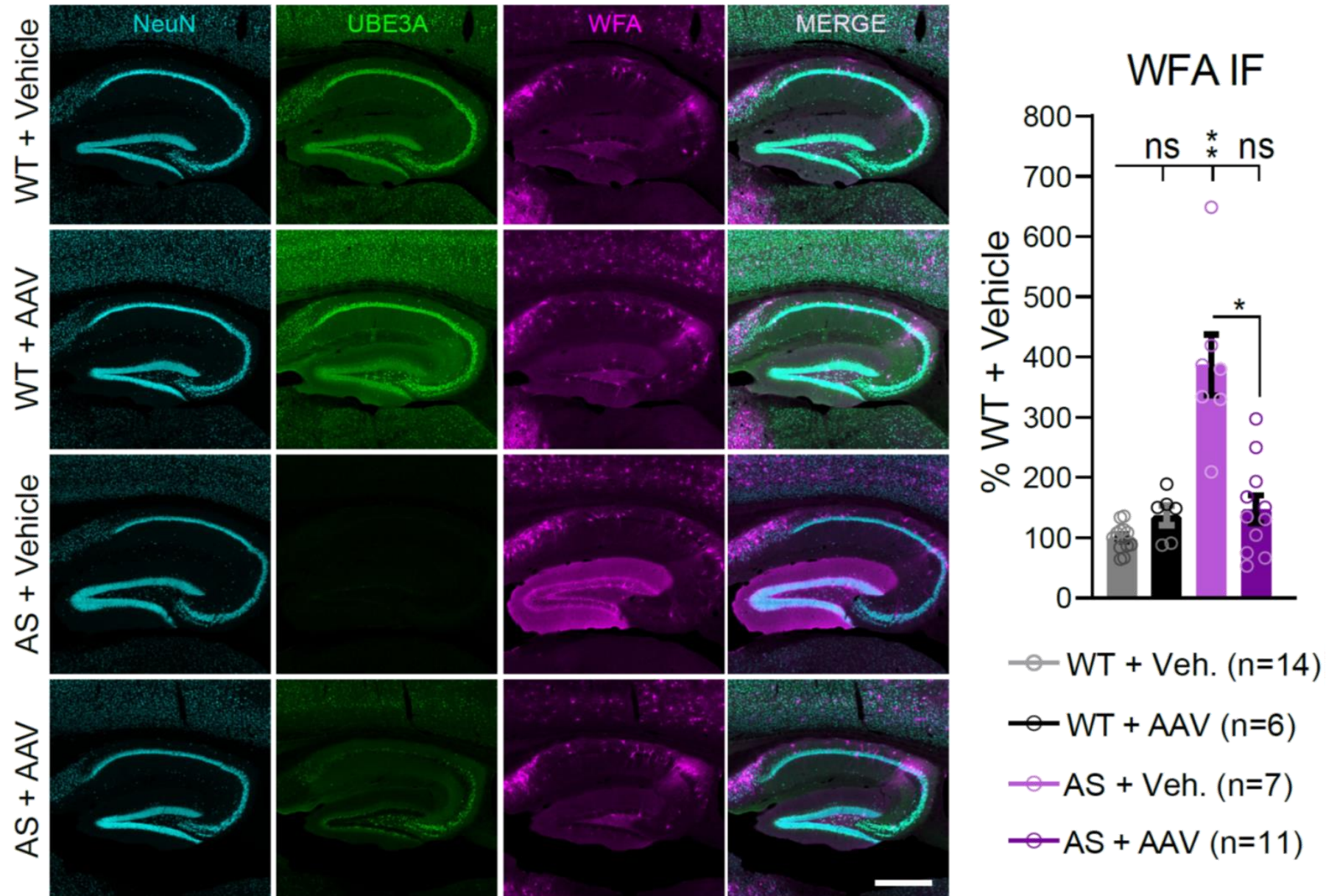




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## Conclusions:

- hUBE3Aopt recapitulates:
  - Endogenous UBE3A isoform expression
  - UBE3A subcellular expression
- hUBE3Aopt recovers anatomical and behavioral phenotypes
- Proof-of-concept that a UBE3A gene addition therapy could provide a treatment for Angelman syndrome

## Caution:

- Additional preclinical optimization, safety, and efficacy studies are needed

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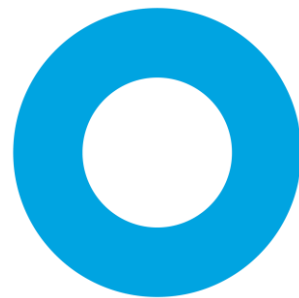
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# RNAi Gene Therapy for Angelman Syndrome

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- Experimental plan and data



# Current treatment for Angelman syndrome

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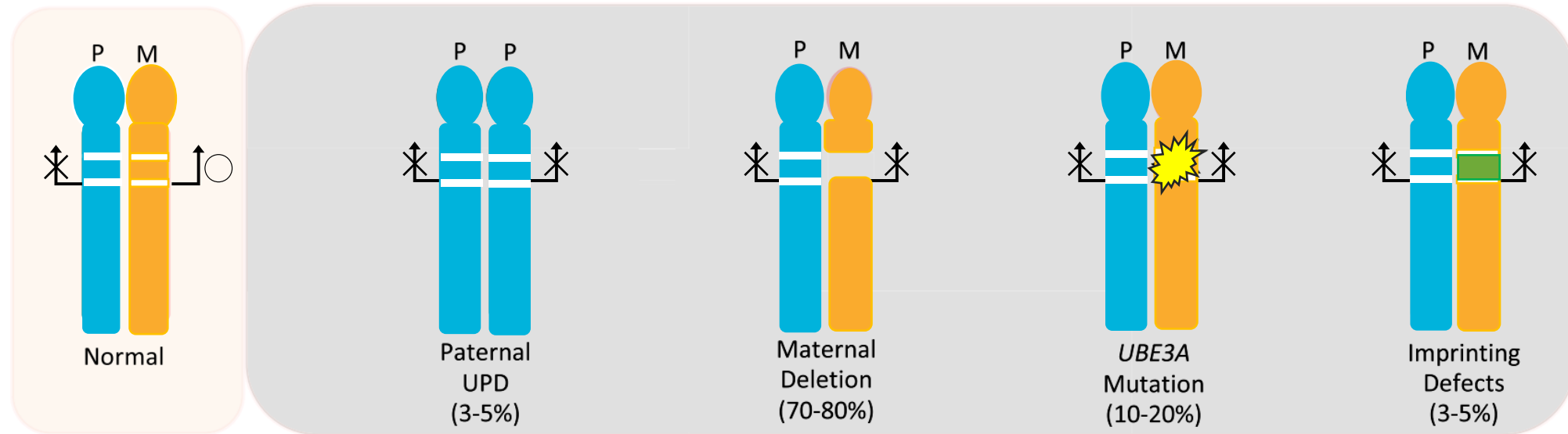


**There is no cure for Angelman syndrome.**

Current treatment focuses on managing the medical and developmental issues.

- **Anti-seizure medication** to control seizures
- **Physical therapy** to help with walking and movement problems
- **Communication therapy**, which may include sign language and picture communication
- **Behavior therapy** to help overcome hyperactivity and a short attention span and to aid in development

# Genetics of Angelman Syndrome



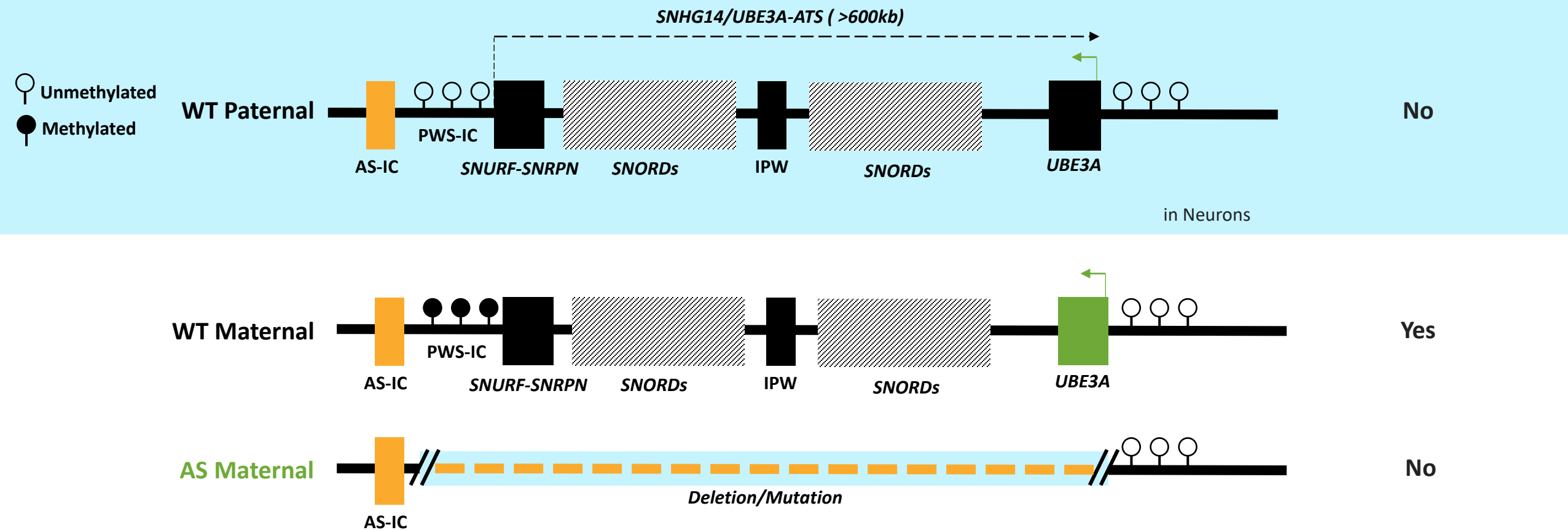
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# UBE3A-ATS/Ube3a-ATS (Anti-sense)

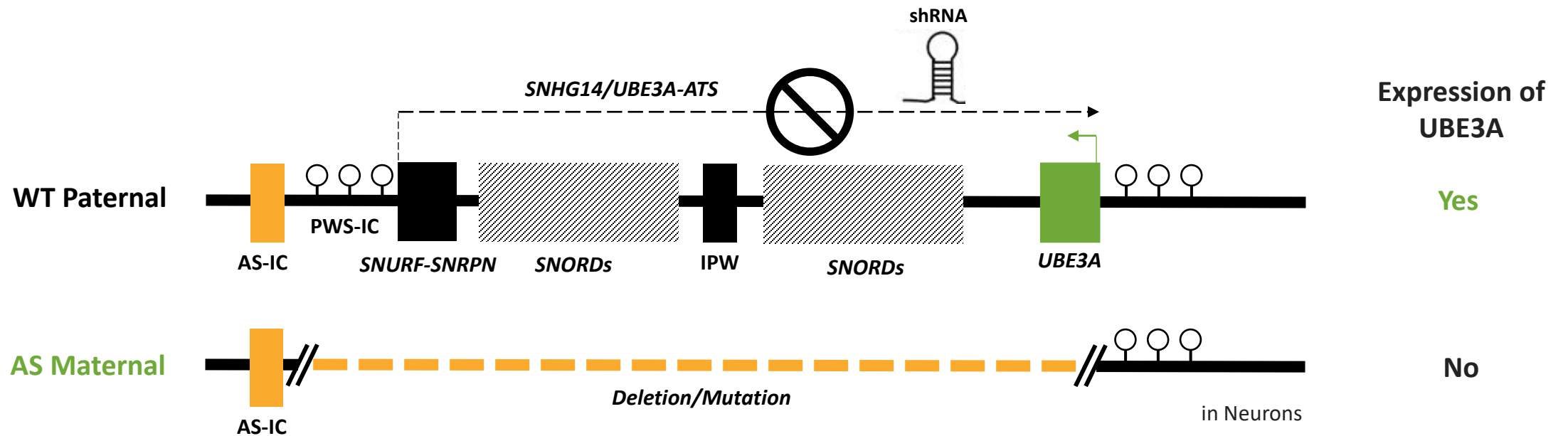
- Antisense DNA strand that is transcribed as part of a larger transcript called LNCAT (large non-coding antisense transcript) at the UBE3A locus

Expression of  
UBE3A

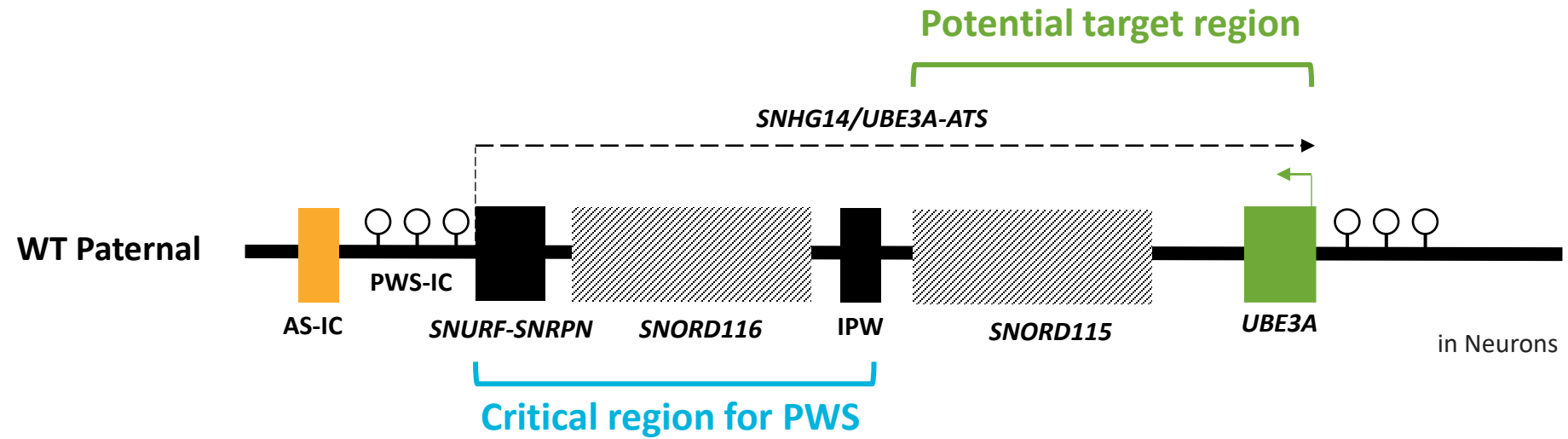


# Strategy for the treatment of Angelman syndrome

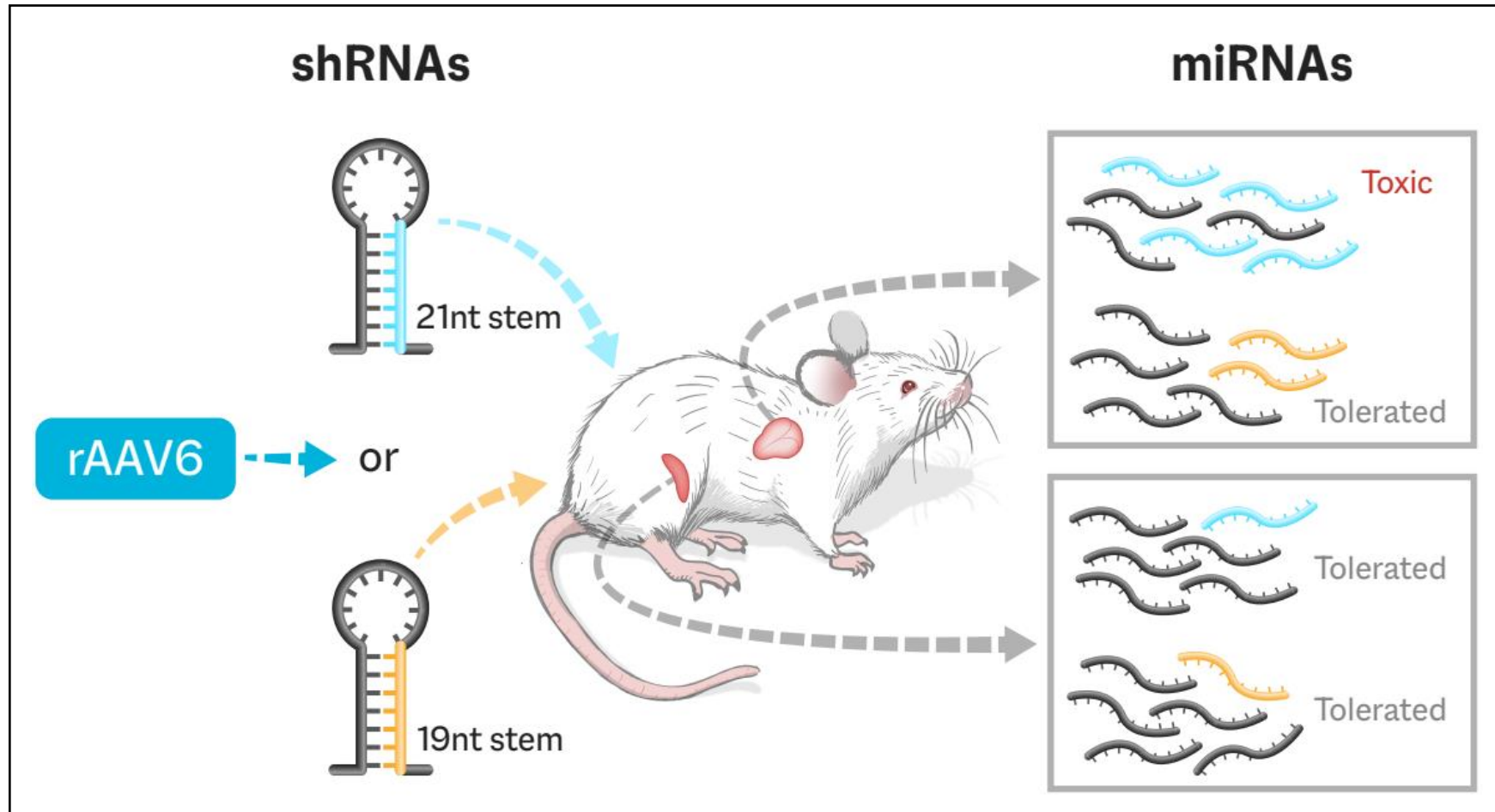
Reinstate the paternal allele  
by targeting *UBE3A-ATS* with short hairpin RNA (shRNA)



# Target region on UBE3A-ATS



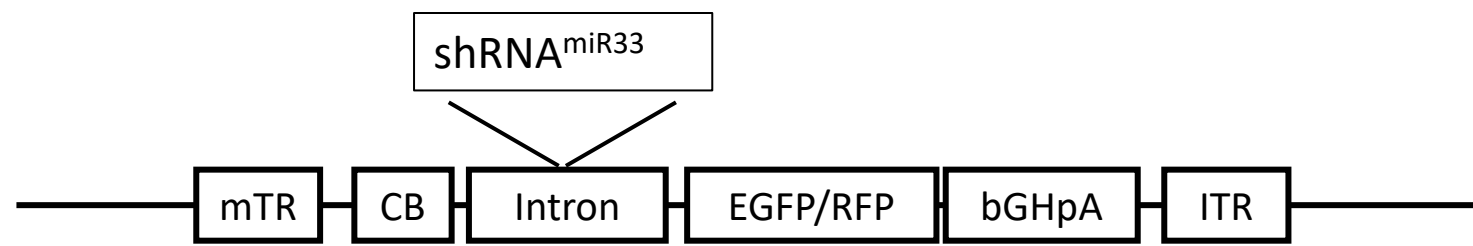
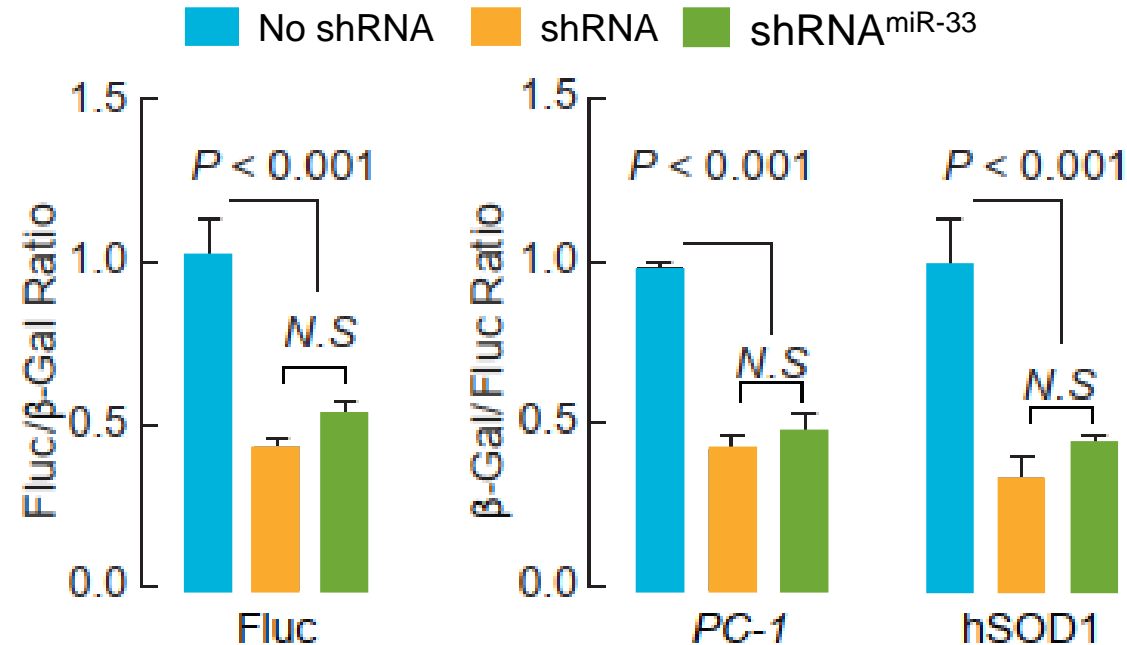
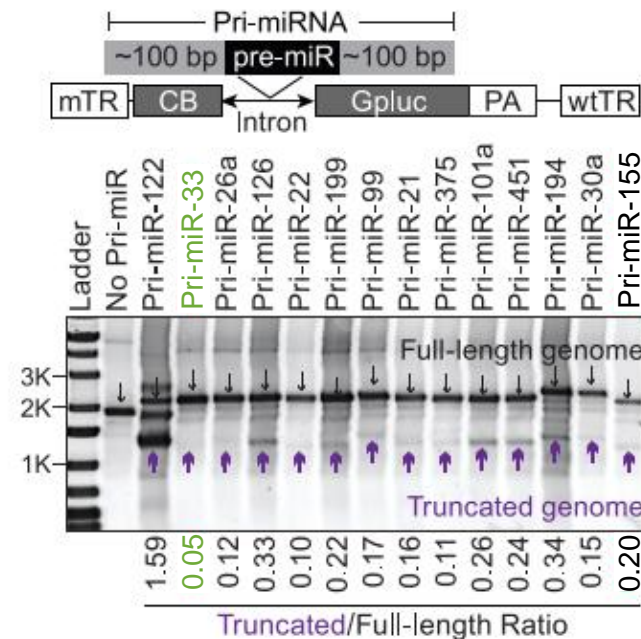
# Endogenous microRNA competition as a mechanism of shRNA-induced cardiotoxicity



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# Effective and accurate gene silencing by a recombinant AAV-compatible microRNA scaffold



# Process of finding candidates to target *UBE3A-ATS*

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## STEP I: Screen human AS shRNA candidates

(BROAD Institute GPP Web Portal <https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gpp/public/seq/search>)



## STEP II: Check off-targets of STEP I candidates in human background

(siRNA Sequence Probability-of-Off-Targeting Reduction [siSPOTR \(uiowa.edu\)](http://siSPOTR.uiowa.edu))



## STEP III: Check off-targets of STEP II candidates in monkey background

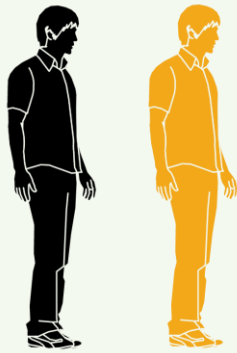
(using NCBI BLAST function/ Blast 21nt target sequence in Rhesus macaque mRNA\_ NCBI Blast n and Look at the match with seed sequence region)

Although the guide strand is usually designed to specifically target one mRNA sequence through perfect complementarity, it will also recognize additional mRNA transcripts through **partial base pairing** and **repress gene expression via the miRNA-like pathway**. As miRNA-like repression only requires the base pairing of as few as **6 nt in position 2–7 (seed region) of guide strand**, it is nearly impossible to eliminate the miRNA-like off-targeting completely.

*Xavier Bofill-De Ros/Methods/2016*

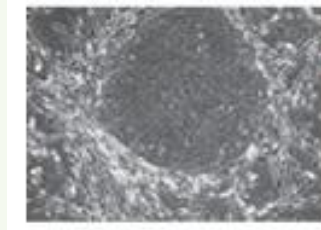
# AS human and mouse experiment models

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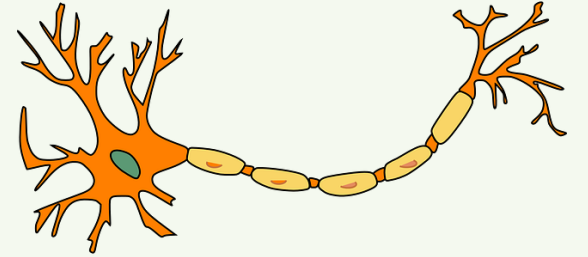
Primary Cells  
from healthy donor  
and AS donor

Reprogramming



Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC)

Differentiation



Healthy/AS iPSC derived neurons

Mouse model



*Ube3a* <sup>+/+</sup>



*Ube3a* <sup>+/- (m)</sup>

Maternal UBE3A deficiency  
(AS phenotype)



*Ube3a* <sup>+/- p-YFP</sup>

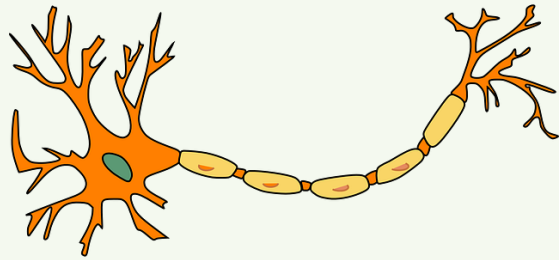
Paternal UBE3A-YFP  
(siRNA/shRNA screening)



In vitro : Primary neurons  
In vivo : Direct injection

# AS human and mouse experiment models

Human model



Healthy/AS iPSC derived neurons

## Test shRNA/siRNA/AAV-shRNA

- Check the expression of paternal *UBE3A*, *UBE3A*-ATS, defective signalings (mTORs, mitochondrial function, and *etc.*) and other non-targets (*SNORD genes and etc.*)

## > Safety test in NHP model

Mouse model



*Ube3a* <sup>+/+</sup>



*Ube3a* <sup>+/- (m)</sup>

Maternal *UBE3A* deficiency  
(AS phenotype)

## Test AAV-shRNA in vivo (IT injection)

- Check the expression of paternal *Ube3a*, *Ube3a*-ATS, defective signalings (mTORs, mitochondrial function, and *etc.*) and other non-targets (*Snord genes and etc.*)
- Brain mass
- Behavior tests (motor, memory, learning tests)





# AS mouse experiment models



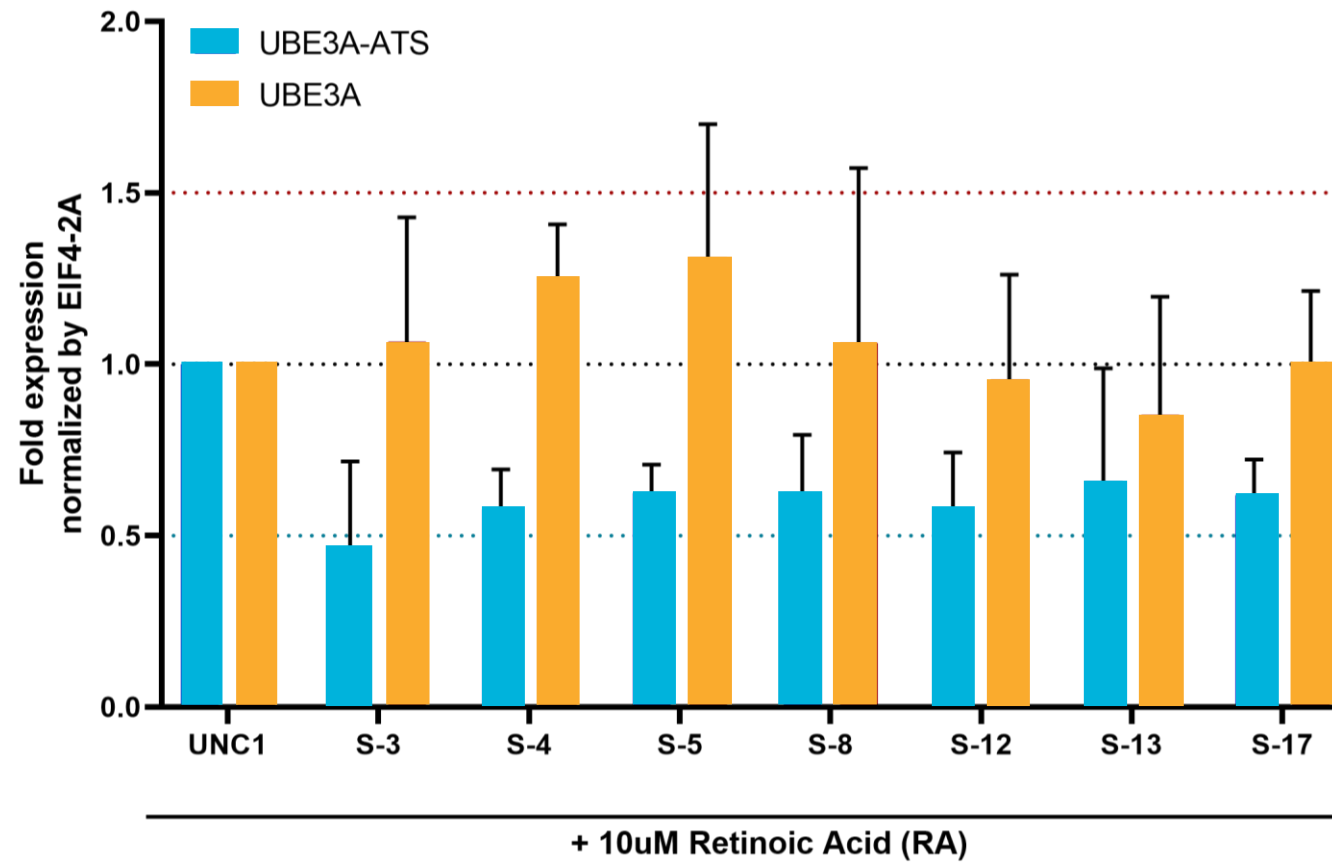
**Behavior test (3 months)** →

**Check UBE3A/UBE3A-ATS expression  
and other related signalings**  
(Western blot, RT-Q-PCR, IHC etc.)

Neurological functions			
		Phenotype	Test
Cognitive	Severe delay	Not present/ mild	Fear conditioning Water maze
Motor	Severe	Impaired	Rotarod Open field
Language/ Vocalization	Absent	Increased USVs	Ultrasonic vocalization
Behavioral	ASD and Anxiety	Impaired	Nest building, Marble burying Forced swim test Open field
Seizures	Severe	Present	Acute audiogenic or kindling with -flurothyl
EEG	Specific EEG: Increased delta activity Persistent theta activity Spikes and sharp waves	Increased delta power	Extracellular field recordings: EEG, ECoG, LFP
Sleep disturbances	Severe	Mildly impaired	Day/Night cycle EEG

# Screening of siRNAs candidates

- UBE3A-ATS and UBE3A expression in SH-SY5Y with RA

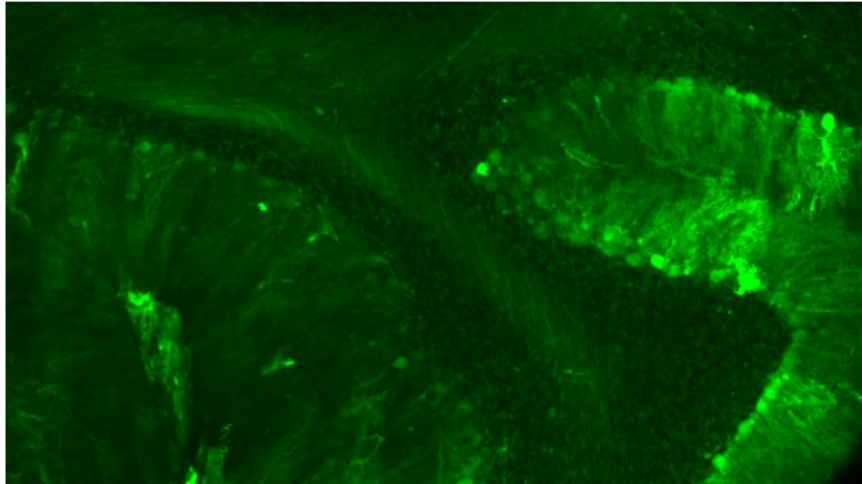


# UBE3A expression following administration of shRNA candidate

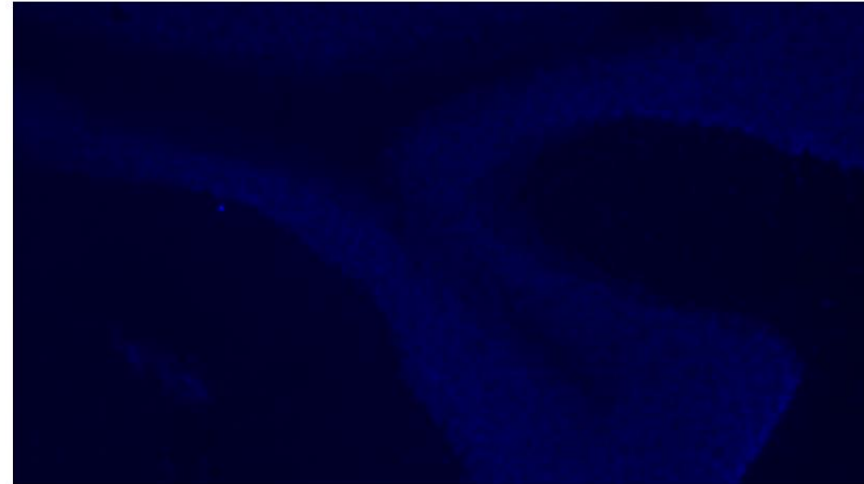
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Cerebellum

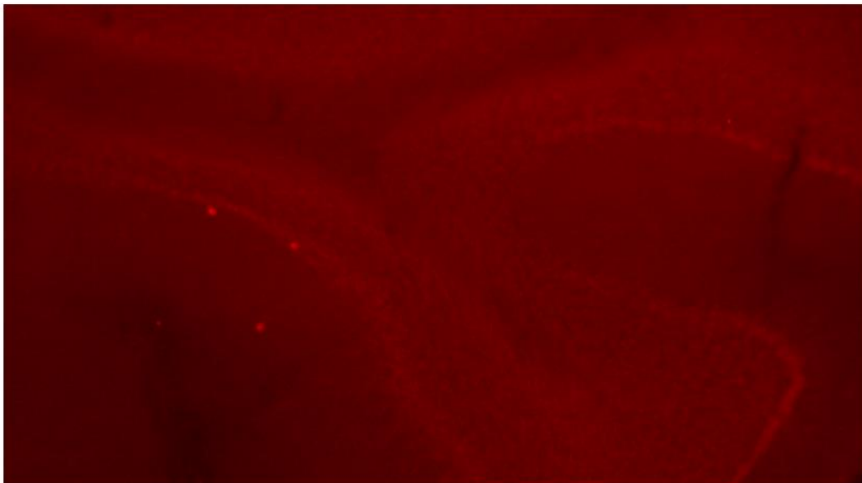
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(AAV9 tag)



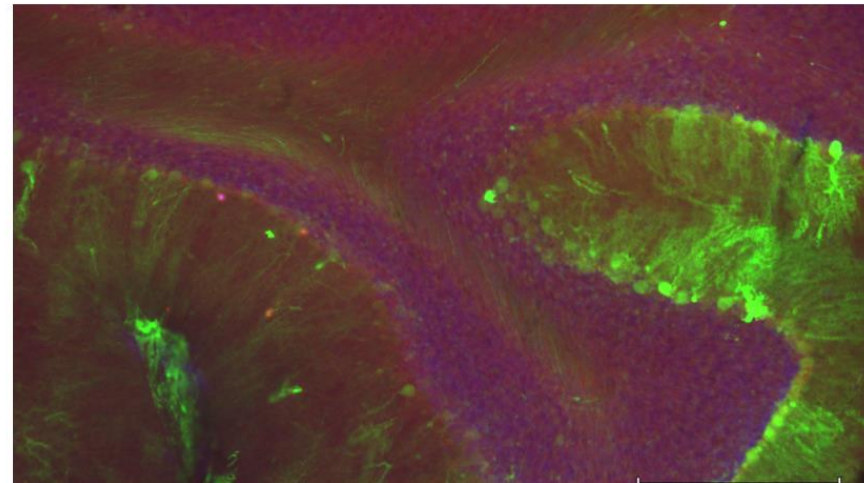
NeuN (neuronal  
marker)



UBE3A



Merged



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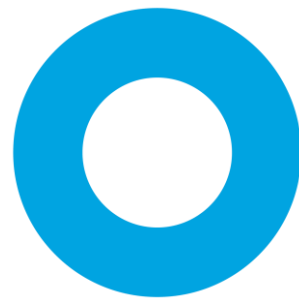
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# Clinical Development Strategy

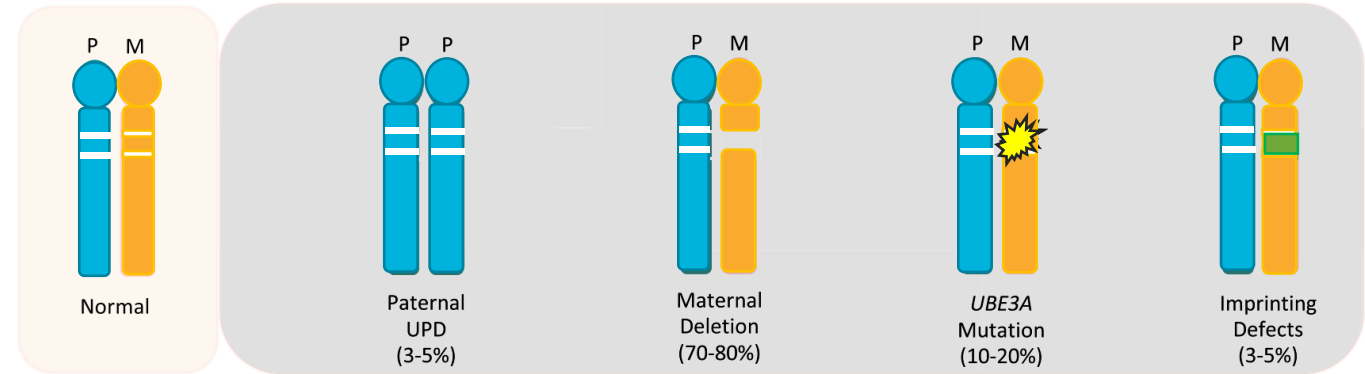
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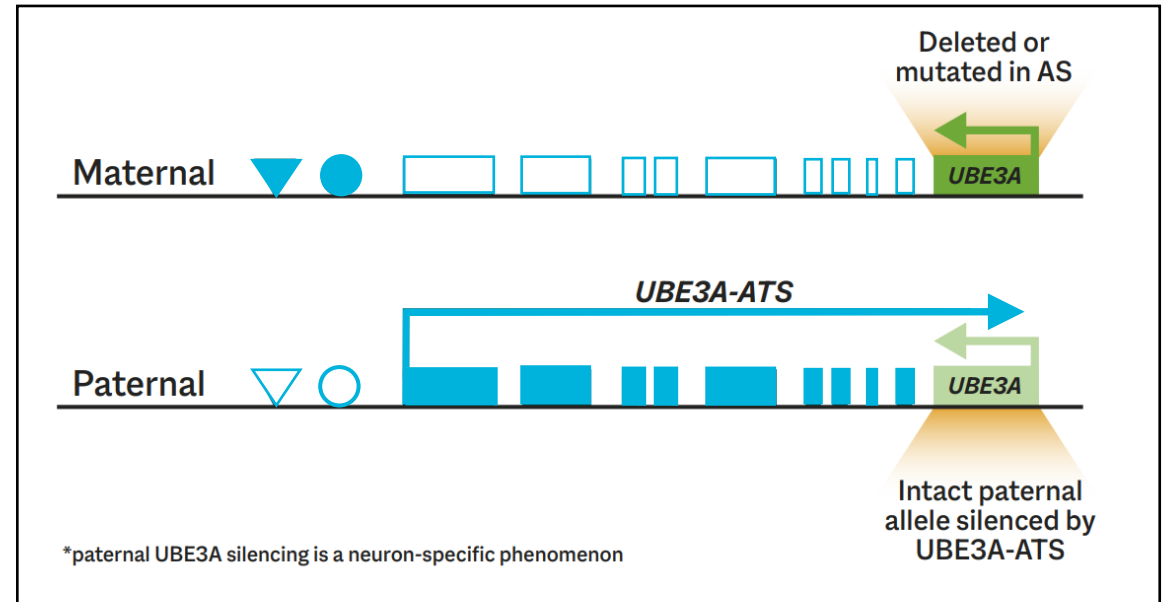
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*Chief Medical Officer and Head of R&D*

# Two novel approaches to treat Angelman syndrome

- Targeting entire Angelman syndrome population using two approaches
  - Knockdown of UBE3A-ATS to unsilence paternal allele
  - Gene replacement strategy on *UBE3A* to mimic maternal *UBE3A* allele expression
- Currently developing both approaches



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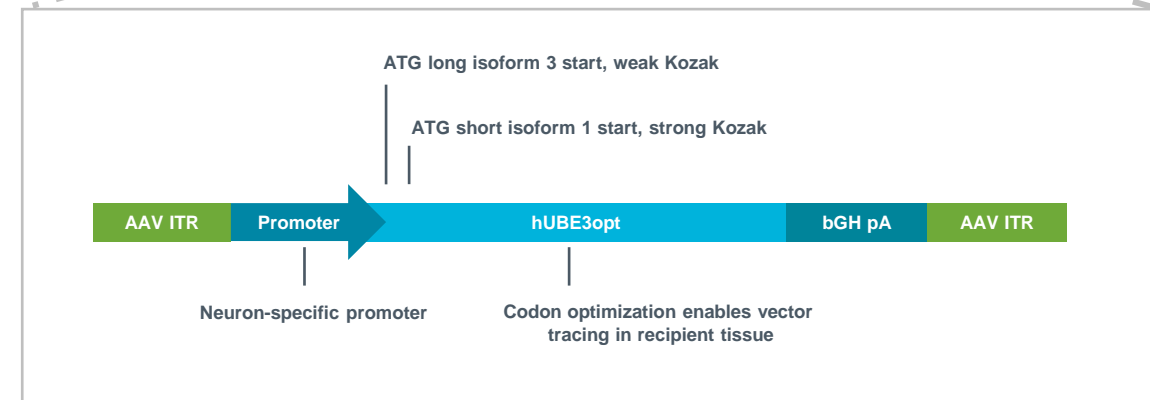


# Gene replacement of *UBE3A* corrects the core genetic defect underlying Angelman syndrome

- Viral vector designed to replace *UBE3A* expression in neurons, the cell types that lack UBE3A protein in Angelman syndrome individuals
- Gene addition strategy allows for expression of the two major UBE3A isoforms
  - Recapitulates endogenous short to long UBE3A isoform expression ratio (3:1)
  - Recapitulates endogenous patterns of UBE3A subcellular localization
- Preclinical studies demonstrate therapeutic potential
  - Rescues motor performance and epilepsy phenotypes in Angelman syndrome model mice
  - Prevents anatomical defects linked to epileptogenesis
- Offers rapid onset of expression and long-lasting effects



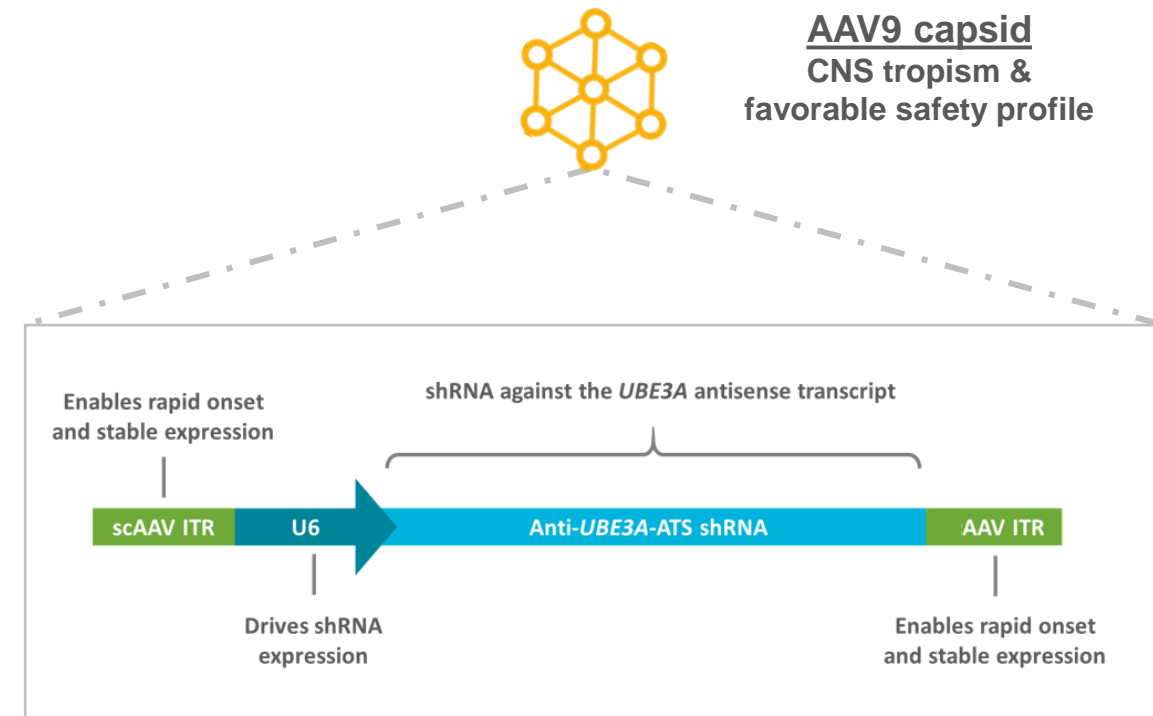
**AAV9 capsid**  
CNS tropism &  
favorable safety profile





# Knockdown of *UBE3A-ATS* established, placing this strategy in a competitive position to advance rapidly

- AAV9 viral vector designed for shRNA-mediated knockdown of *UBE3A-ATS*, the antisense transcript governing the expression of UBE3A through the paternal allele
- First-in-human study in Angelman syndrome demonstrated that knockdown of *UBE3A-ATS* to unsilence the paternal allele led to meaningful clinical improvement
  - Five patients treated with an antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) therapy had significant improvement in the Clinical Global Impression (CGI) scale of change in Angelman syndrome after 128 days of treatment
  - CGI-I-AS measures several domains of function, including global, fine motor, gross motor, communication, behavior, and sleep
  - Treatment with the ASO was generally well tolerated but led to SAEs, including transient lower extremity weakness in all 5 patients treated
- Gene therapy to unsilence the paternal allele offers a unique profile of advantages
  - One-time dosing
  - Widespread transduction through the CNS using an AAV9 vector
  - Established safety as seen with other intrathecal clinical trials



# We work closely with patients and families to inform our clinical development plan

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## CURIOSITY



Understand the patient experience, including most challenging symptoms and QOL impacts



Identify patient-centric endpoints and meaningful outcomes



Uncover educational gaps for families about gene therapy and clinical trials

## COLLABORATION



Develop clinical trial protocols based on patient and family insights



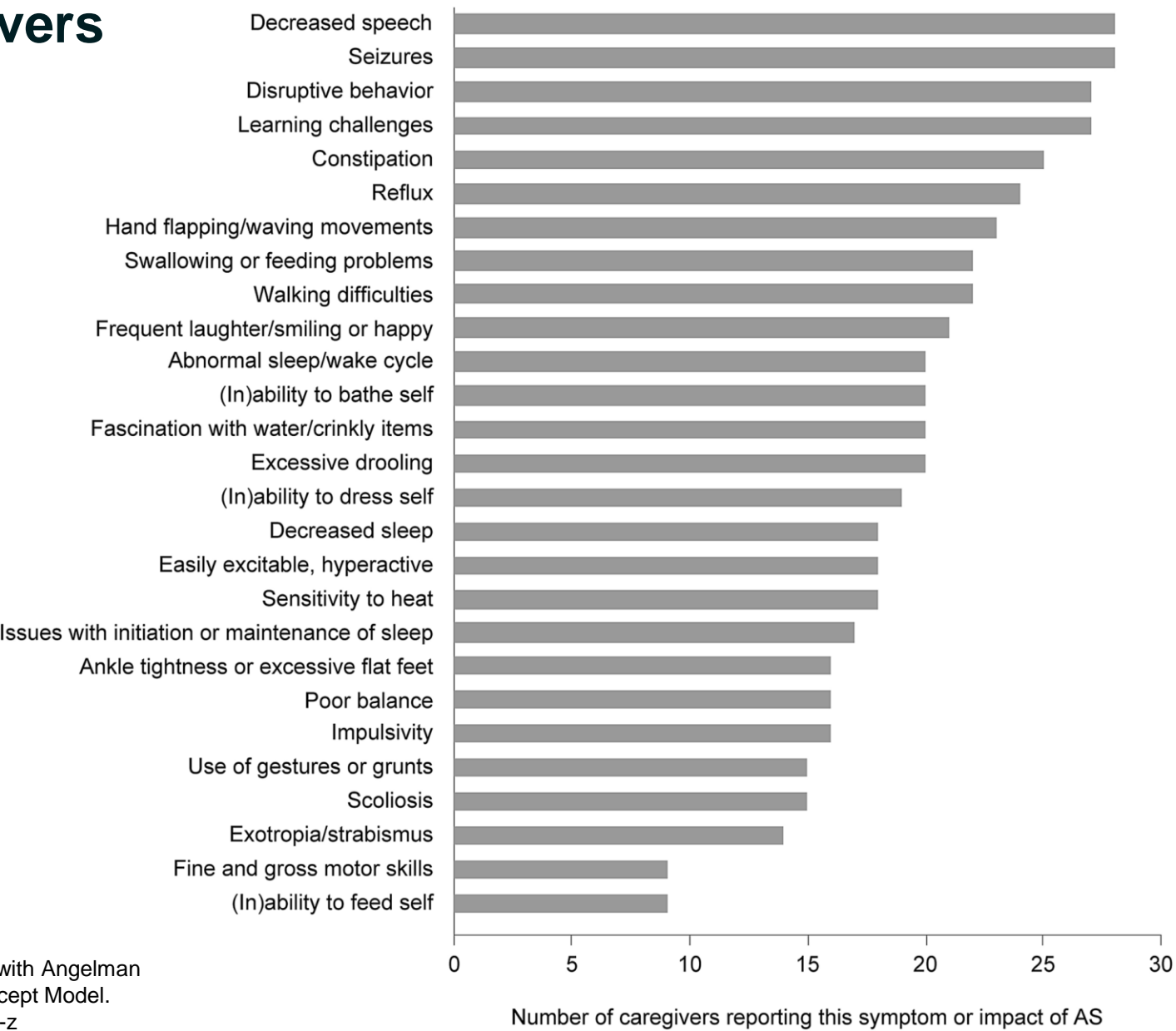
Partner with community to raise awareness and recruit clinical trials



Co-create the optimal clinical trial support to enhance experience and aid retention

# AS symptoms reported by caregivers

Based on feedback from 30 caregivers, the most frequent concepts reported by AS caregivers were decreased speech, seizures, disruptive behavior, and learning difficulties



# AS symptoms and key findings reported by 30 caregivers

**Expressive communication impairment** is a core component of AS. The majority of caregivers reported that the AS individual they cared for was non-verbal (83%), few AS individuals used 10–20 words (10%). Half the AS individuals used gestures and/or vocalizations to communicate (53%), and a minority of caregivers reporting an AS individual using sign language (27%)

**Seizure frequency** ranged from multiple times per day (40%), to a few times per month (13%), or a few times per year (23%). Seizures can impact the ability to leave the home, be a reason for frequent hospital visits, and be distressing for the individual and caregiver

**Disruptive behavior** can take different forms, for example, hair pulling, biting, grabbing, and pinching. This was reported across all age groups and all AS genotypes

**Cognitive and/or learning impairment** includes impaired judgement, limited concentration and difficulties focusing, although some caregivers also noted their children have a good memory for people and faces

**Motor difficulties** include both gross and fine motor: walking difficulties (73%), poor balance (53%) and fine motor skills or general motor skills issues (23%) and tremors or jerky movements

**Sleep disturbances** often included not sleeping well (80%) and could include snoring and teeth grinding (40%), bed-wetting (20%), and sleep terrors (17%). These sleep disturbances were also related to subsequent mood and disruptive behavior (13%). Sleep disturbances tended to improve with age

**Self-care** was reported as **impaired** by most caregivers including requiring assistance (63%) or inability to dress independently (10%). Assistance with meals was required by a third (30%), with some individuals requiring their food to be cut up (20%)

# Patient / caregiver input into TSHA-106 clinical study design

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We routinely engage with caregivers of loved ones with rare diseases to learn about their experiences, needs, and priorities as well as to inform clinical study design



Collection of caregiver perspectives on disease symptoms and therapeutic priorities via a focus group expected in 2022



# Planned Phase 1/2 initial trial for TSHA-106

## Gene replacement strategy

### Goals and Targets of Trial

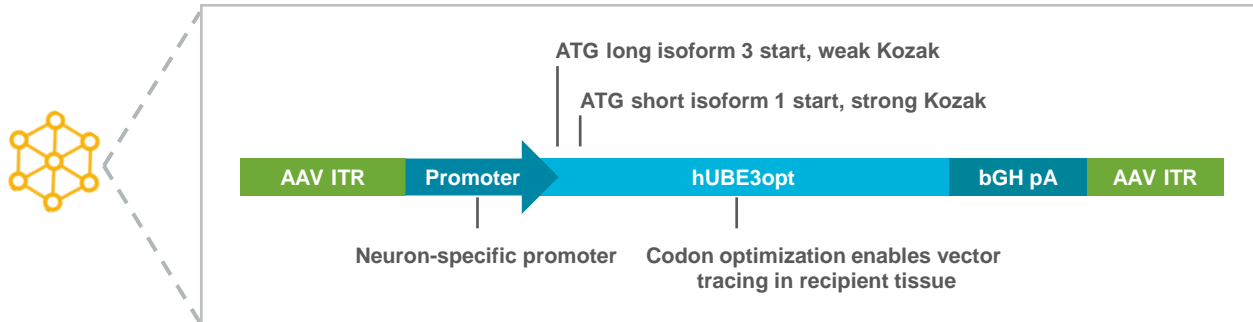
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- **Secondary** – Efficacy: pathologic, physiologic, functional and clinical markers

#### Target Recruitment

- Subjects with confirmed Angelman diagnosis

### Product Details and Dose Cohorts



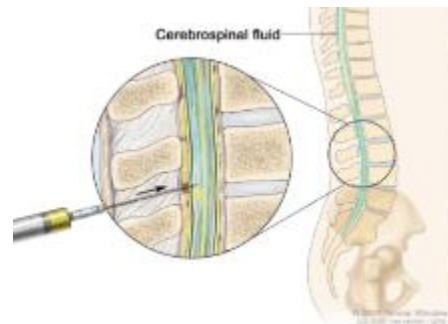
#### Dose Cohorts

- Starting dose
- Higher dose
- Dose expansion

### Route and Method of Administration

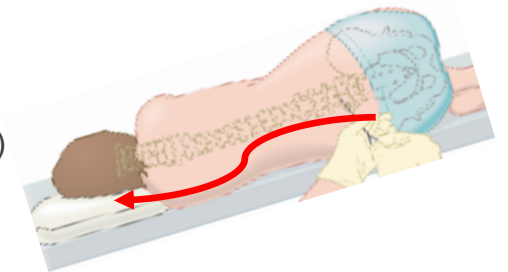
#### Administration

- Lumbar Intrathecal Infusion (IT)
- Amount and rate: 1 mL/min for total of 10-12 mL
- Immunosuppression regimen of prednisolone and sirolimus



#### Technique to Improve Transduction

- Trendelenburg position (15-30°)
- During infusion & 1 hour post infusion



# Planned Phase 1/2 initial trial for TSHA-106 Vectorized RNA strategy

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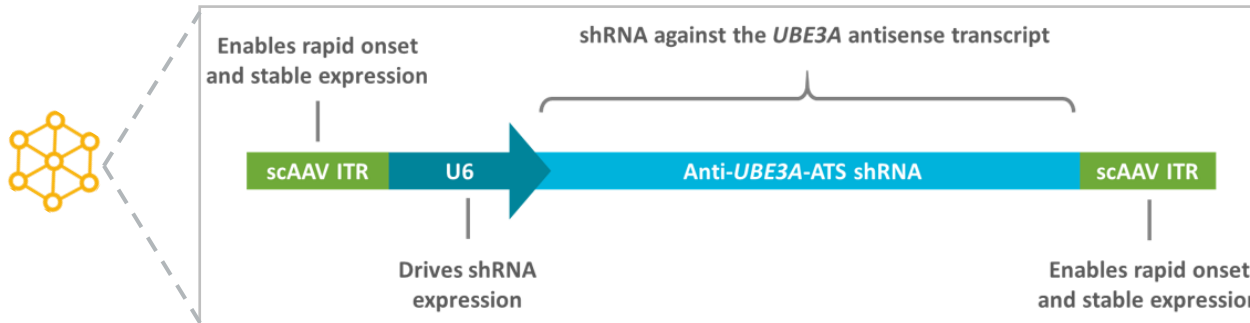
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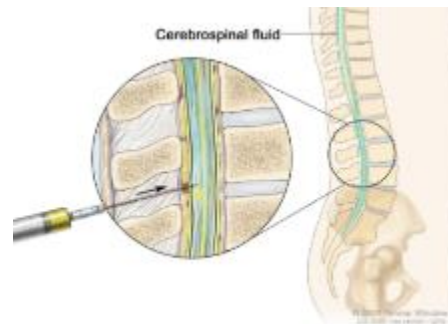
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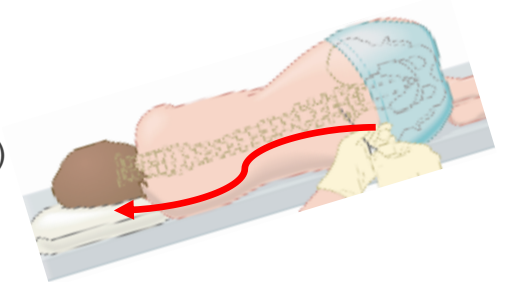
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# Overview of potential efficacy endpoints

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## **Disease-Specific/Global Assessments**

- Clinical Global Impression of Severity – Angelman syndrome version (CGI-S-AS) to assess domains of sleep, behavior, expressive and receptive communication, gross and fine motor
- Developmental assessment by Bayley Scales of Infant/Toddler Development 4 (BSID-4)
- Vineland-III to assess adaptive behaviors
- Aberrant Behavior Checklist

## **Motor Assessments**

- Ambulation measured by wearable device to assess motor function

## **Sleep Assessments**

- Assessment of sleep by diary
- Child Sleep Habits Questionnaire (CSHQ)
- Polysomnography
- Wearables

## **Seizures Assessments**

- Seizure type, frequency, and duration assessed by seizure diary
- Quantitative analysis of electroencephalogram (EEG) to assess delta waves and epileptiform discharges

## **Biomarkers**

- EEG delta power
- CSF biomarkers (exploratory)

## **Imaging and Neurophysiology**

- Brain MRI including volumetric changes (% gray matter volume, % ventricular volume, and total brain volume)

## **Communication Assessments**

- Observer Reported Communication Assessment (ORCA)

## **Quality of Life/Other Assessment**

- QoL scale *TBD*
- Healthcare resource utilization outcomes

## Anticipated next steps for TSHA-106 program

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Evaluate dose and age responses and finalize dose from pharmacology



Expression, biodistribution, and safety data from confirmatory NHP studies



Interventional trial protocol development underway



Scientific Advisory Board meeting to provide input into clinical study design in 2021

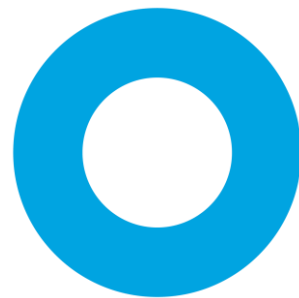


Patient focus group to provide input into clinical study design in 2022



Discussion with regulatory agencies for both approaches in 2022

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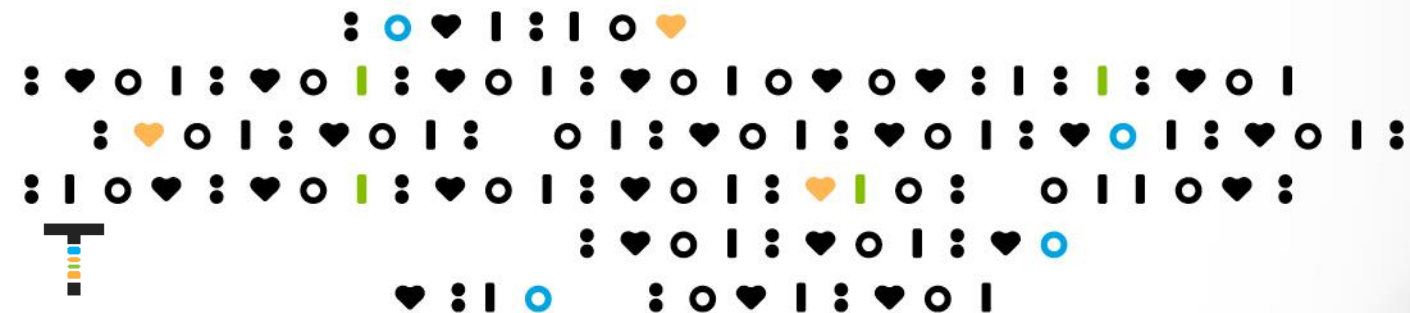
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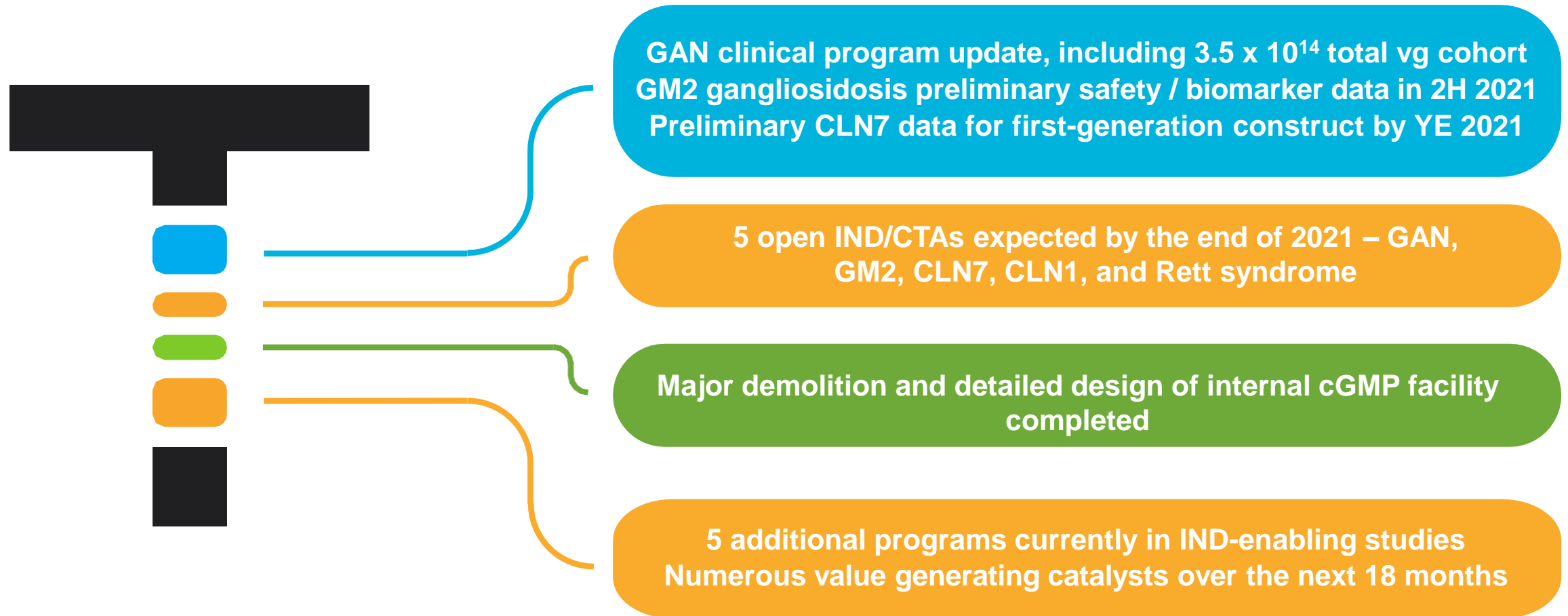


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