



## ProMIS Neurosciences: HC Wainwright Conference

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## ProMIS Neurosciences Overview

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- Growing portfolio of antibody therapies targeting the **root cause** of neurodegenerative and other mis-folded protein diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ALS
- Unique discovery platform enabling creation of **highly selective** antibodies at the **molecular species** level, creating antibodies with a better selective binding profile than competitive antibodies – **"best in class"**
  - traditional antibody creation strategies ineffective
- **Biomarker** based development strategy, looking for a therapeutic impact on disease pathology both clinically and preclinically, enabling **rapid and cost effective development, and early value inflection points**
- Highly experienced management team
- TSX listed – PMN.TO
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## ProMIS is applying its unique science platform to mis-folded protein diseases (including neurodegenerative diseases) to create the first disease modifying therapies

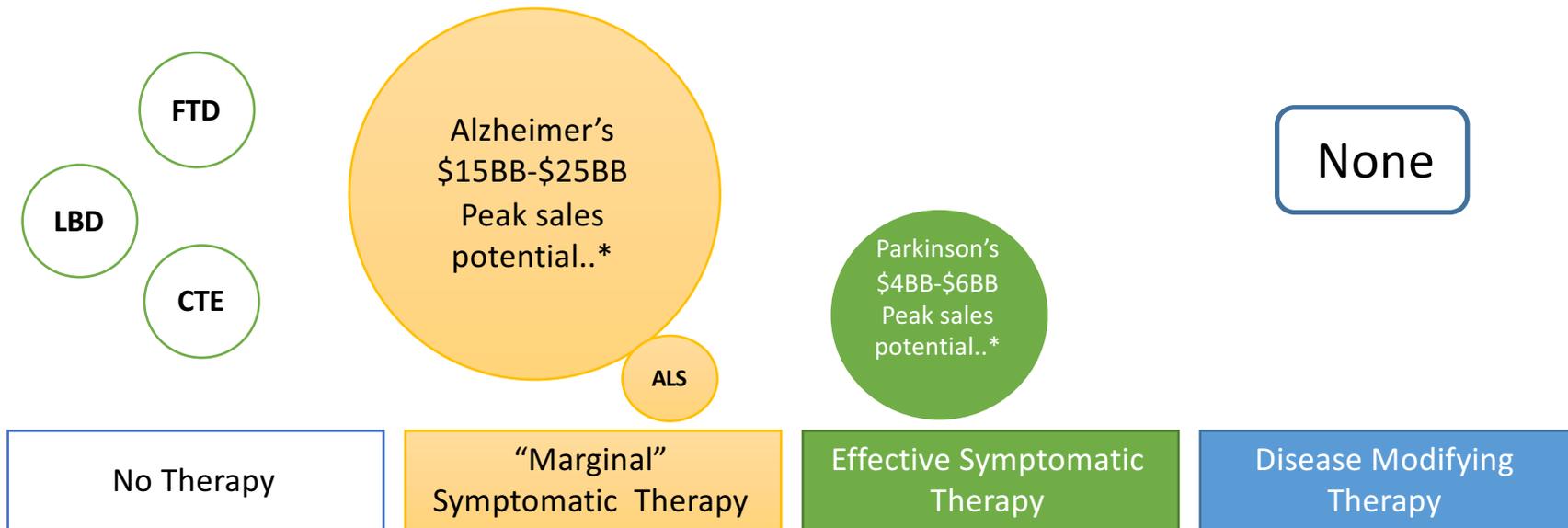
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The **right target** for therapy needs to be specified at the **molecular species level**  
→ not just any form of amyloid, tau or TDP43, but the specific **mis-folded toxic** species

**High selectivity** for the **mis-folded protein** target is critical for clinical success since the toxic species are relatively rare  
→ indiscriminate binding leads to “dose reduction” and adverse events

Successful development will be greatly enhanced by the emergence and usage of **fluid-based biomarkers** that reflect disease modifying treatment effects

# Neurodegenerative diseases: In need of disease modifying therapy attacking the root cause



FTD = Frontotemporal dementia  
LBD = Lewy Body dementia  
CTE = Chronic traumatic encephalopathy

# ProMIS Neurosciences: Summary Investment Thesis

*ProMIS brings unique capabilities to mis-folded protein diseases like neurodegenerative diseases*

- Diseases like Alzheimer's, ALS, Parkinson's are *mis-folded protein* driven. Therapies need to selectively target the toxic mis-folded versions, not normal healthy forms of the protein
- ProMIS track record of over 95% success at creating highly selective antibodies, based on novel, patented design processes
- Broad portfolio of antibody therapies selectively targeting mis-folded forms of alpha synuclein, amyloid-beta, tau, TDP43 and SOD1
- ProMIS platform provides a unique, competitive advantage

*Near term (3-12 month) value creation through partnering deals*

- Numerous examples of preclinical partnering deals for assets in ProMIS areas, ~\$50MM +/- up-front, total milestones \$500MM - \$700MM
- ProMIS in active discussions with potential large pharma partners for multiple assets
- ProMIS antibodies differentiated through better selectivity, better binding response to toxic mis-folded proteins in patient bio-samples
- ProMIS proven, unique platform for antibody discovery also a potential basis for a deal addressing new targets

*Medium term (2-4 year) value creation from early clinical data using biomarkers*

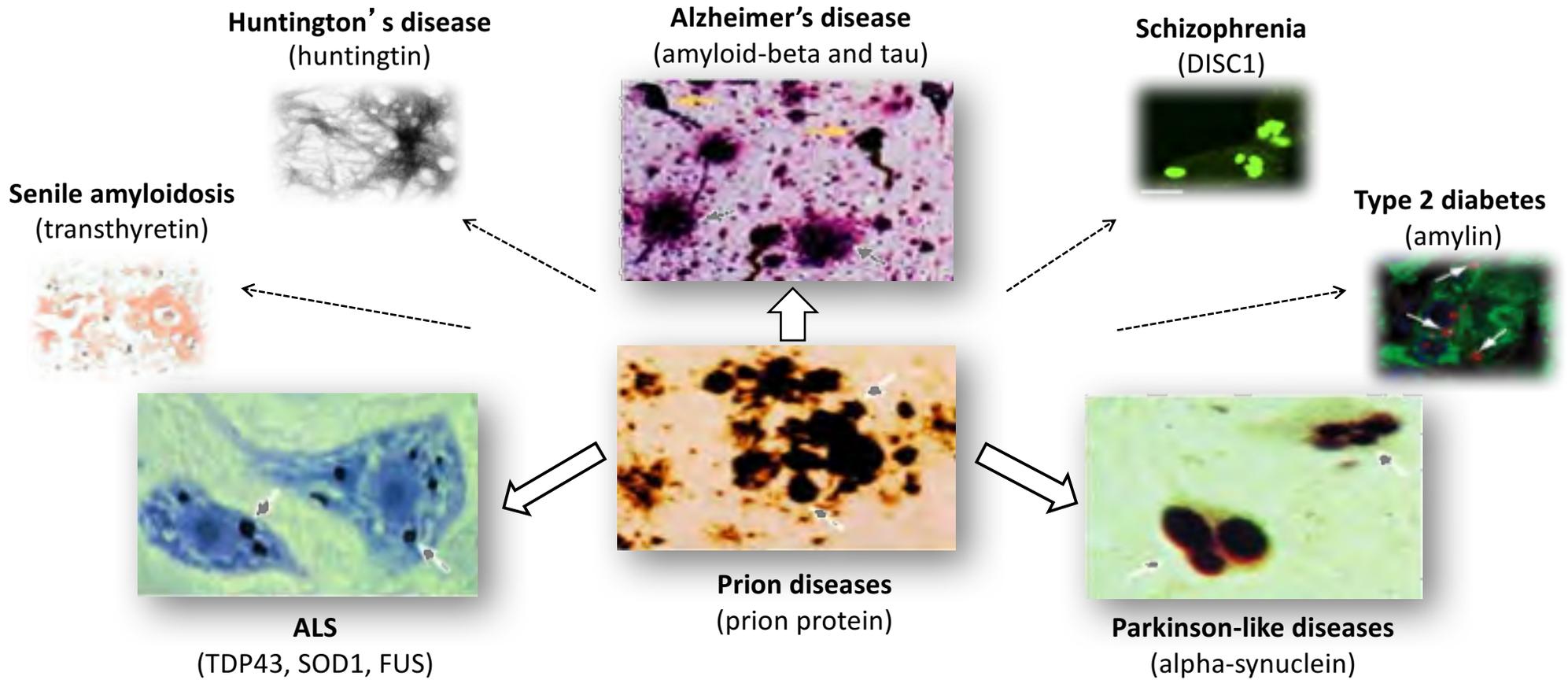
- All ProMIS programs could generate clinical data in a 2-4 year timeframe, using biomarkers to show a disease modifying treatment effect
- ProMIS has identified clinical indications with enhanced odds of showing an effect in early trials – rapidly progressive, elevated biomarkers at baseline
- Clinical evidence of a positive treatment effect from any program, partnered or wholly owned, would further validate the unique antibody discovery platform and may lead to an M&A deal

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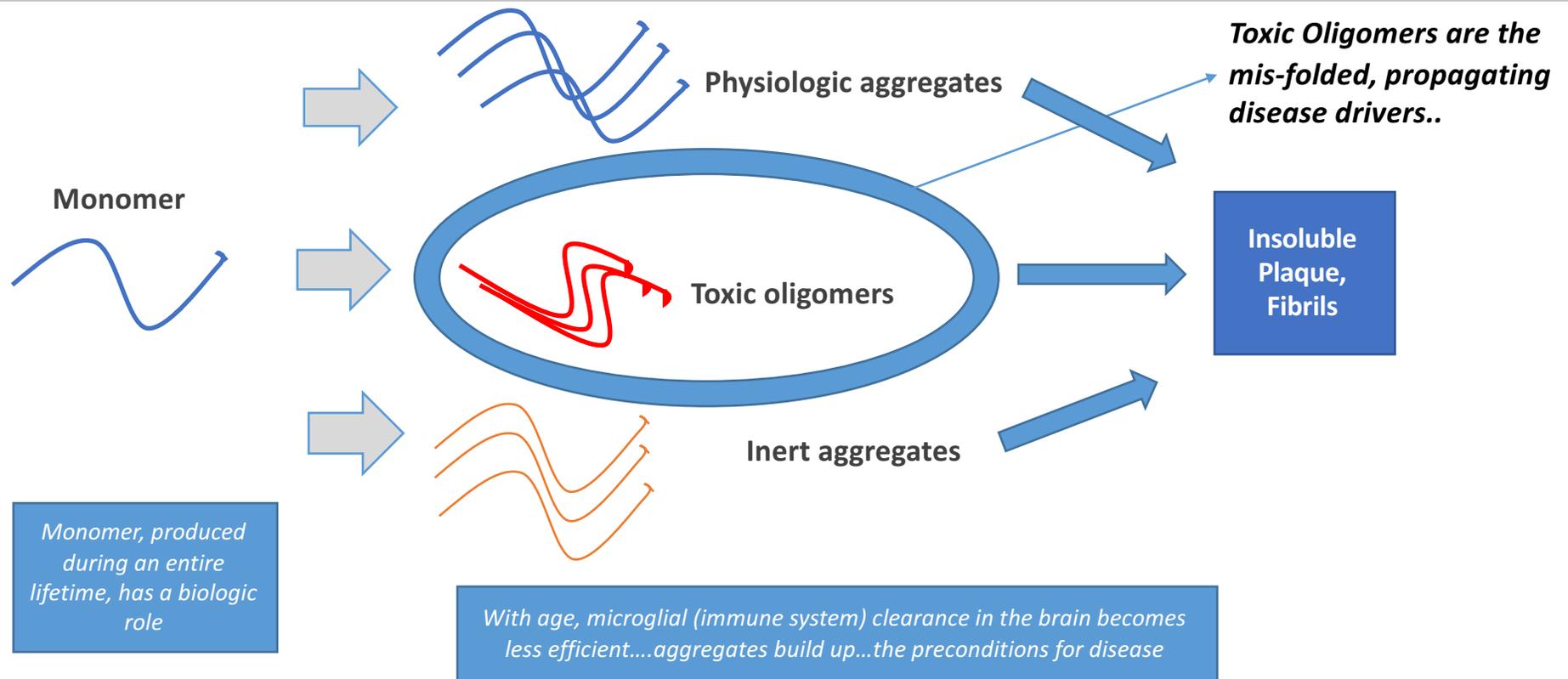
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**Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS are protein misfolding diseases, where the toxic mis-folded proteins propagate in a prion-like manner**



## Neurodegenerative protein molecular species start as monomer and then aggregate.....into soluble forms *with different biologic roles.....*



## All the proteins that can mis-fold and drive disease are produced lifelong as *monomer*...nature is not wasteful, *monomer* has a biologic role..

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Alpha-synuclein monomer  
aids DNA repair

*“Alpha-synuclein monomer is a 140 residues presynaptic protein that is believed to play an important role in the regulation of synaptic vesicle trafficking and release as well as neuronal survival”*

*Pieri L et al, Scientific Reports 2016*

**Mis-folded version leads to:**

- Parkinson’s disease
- Lewy Body Dementia
- Multiple System Atrophy

Amyloid-beta monomer aids  
synaptic remodeling

*“Monomer has been found to be released endogenously during neuronal activity ...and turned out to be required for normal synaptic plasticity and memory”*

*Koppensteiner P et al, Scientific Reports, 2016*

**Mis-folded version leads to:**

- Alzheimer’s disease

TDP43 monomer/homodimer  
aids RNA transport

*“TDP-43 binds both mRNA and DNA, thereby regulating mRNA splicing, stability and translation as well as gene transcription.”*

*Buratti and Baralle, J Biol Chem 2001  
Cohen et al, Trends Mol Med, 2011*

**Mis-folded version leads to:**

- ALS
- Frontotemporal Dementia

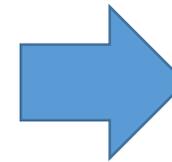
## Cracking the code of neurodegenerative diseases....First requirement, products with high selectivity for the mis-folded, toxic target..

### ***Right Target***

- There are different forms, *molecular species*, of all the proteins involved in neurodegenerative diseases
- The toxic molecular species, usually the toxic oligomer, need to be the target for therapy
- Products that targeted the wrong form of amyloid have failed, the same may occur for products targeting the wrong form of tau, alpha-synuclein, etc

### ***High Selectivity for the Right Target***

- It is always best for a drug to be selective for the toxic target, to focus its therapeutic energy on the cause of disease
- Most drugs have a response proportional to dose. Lack of selectivity via binding to the wrong target drastically reduces the effective dose
- Products in the amyloid field that bound the toxic oligomer but were not selective have failed due to lack of selectivity



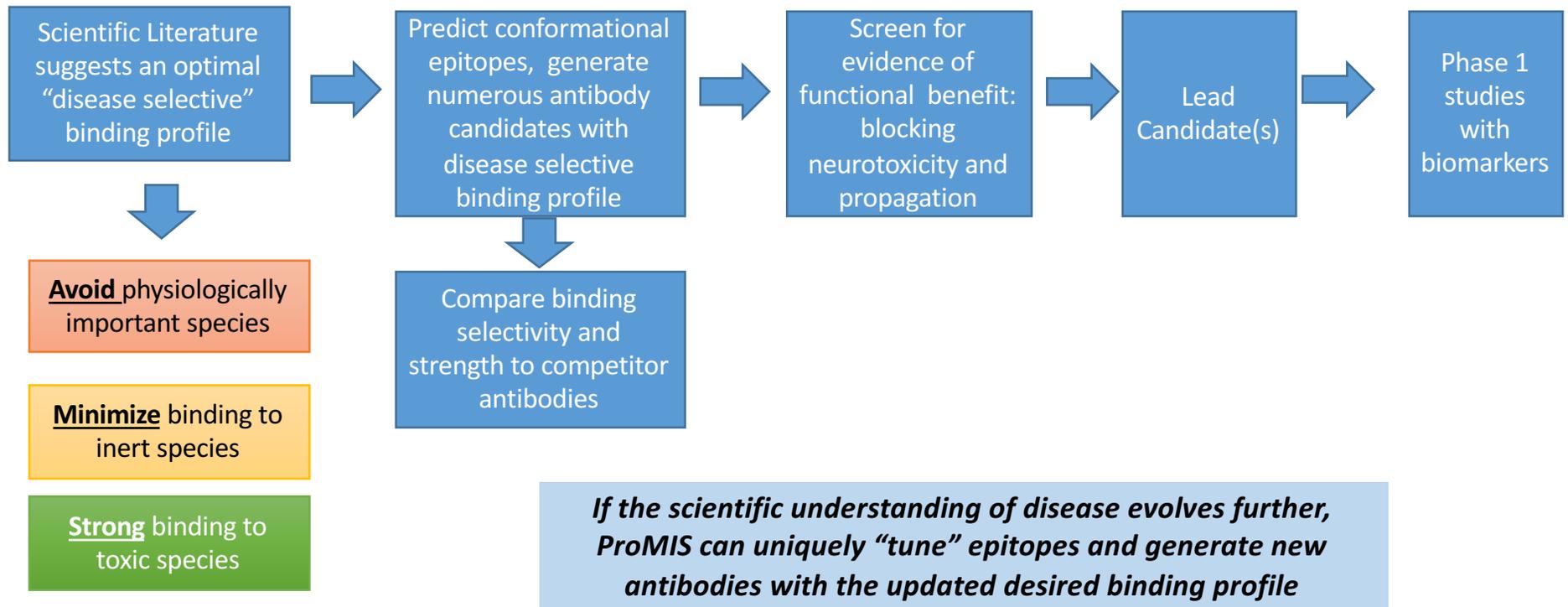
- ProMIS portfolio meets this requirement
- Highly selective antibodies for the toxic species
- Functional benefit, blocking neurotoxicity and propagation

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**ProMIS' unique antibody design platform allows us to "tune" antibodies with the desired binding profile, then assess functional performance and comparative binding to select a lead candidate**



## ProMIS portfolio: antibodies highly selective against mis-folded toxic species with no binding to monomer

Protein/ Molecular Species Binding Target	Immunizations Epitope-conformation	mAbs selective for toxic species	Current status
Amyloid-beta BIND – Toxic Oligomers AVOID – Monomer - Plaque	EP-300 EP-301 EP-302 EP-303 EP-304 EP-305	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	Lead selected Clinical candidate (PMN310) Lacks biological activity Lead selected Lacks biological activity Lead selected
Tau BIND – Toxic Oligomers AVOID – Monomer, tangles	EP-501a EP-501b EP-501c	✓ ✓ ✓	Initial candidates
Alpha-synuclein BIND – Toxic Oligomers - Soluble Fibrils AVOID – Monomer - Physiologic Tetramer - Lewy Bodies	EP-401a EP-401c EP-402a EP-402b	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	2 candidates + additional under evaluation 2 candidates + additional under evaluation 2 candidates + additional under evaluation 1 candidate + additional under evaluation
TDP43 BIND – Toxic Oligomers AVOID – Monomer, Native Dimer	EP-201a EP-201b EP-201c EP-202a EP-202b EP-203	✓ x ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	1 candidate --- 3 candidates 2 candidates 1 candidate 3 candidates
SOD1 BIND – Toxic Oligomers AVOID – Native Dimer	EP-101 EP-102 EP-103	✓ ✓ ✓	Lead selected Lead selected Lead selected

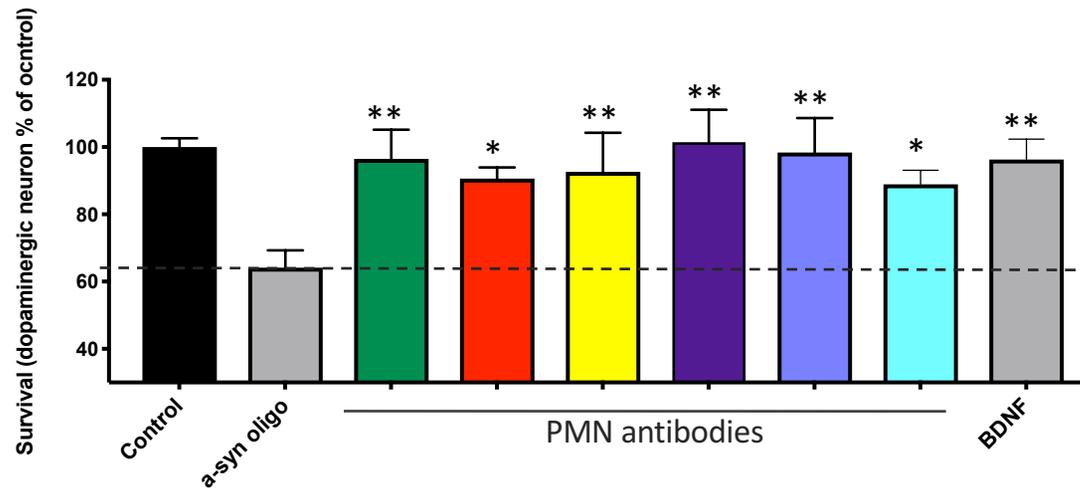
## **ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN**

**ProMIS' unique technology platform has created antibodies that achieve the targeted binding profile....better than other  $\alpha$ -synuclein-directed antibodies**

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Target Properties	PMN Antibodies	Prothena/ Roche	BioArctic/ ABBVIE	Neurimmune/ Biogen
No binding to monomers	✓	X	+/-	X
No binding to physiological tetramers	✓	X	+/-	X
Binding to oligomers/small soluble fibrils	✓	✓	✓	✓
Binding to native toxic $\alpha$ -syn in LBD/PD brain extract	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little or no binding to insoluble fibrils (Lewy bodies)	✓	X	X	X

## ProMIS antibodies protect primary dopaminergic neurons against $\alpha$ -synuclein oligomer toxicity *in vitro*

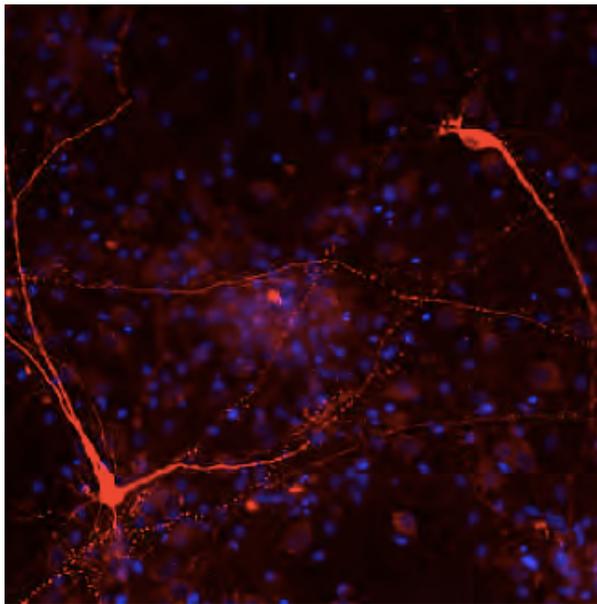


- Multiple antibodies provide neuroprotection in the same range as the brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) positive control
- Antibodies alone, as a control, had no effect on viability

## ProMIS antibodies provide protection from $\alpha$ -synuclein oligomer toxicity

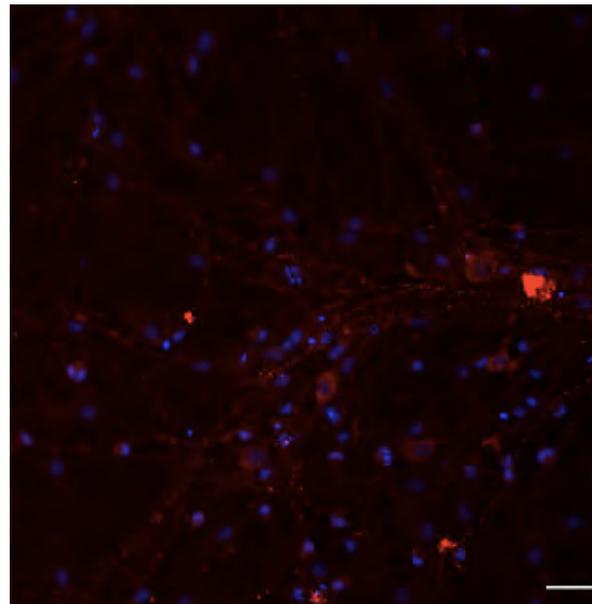
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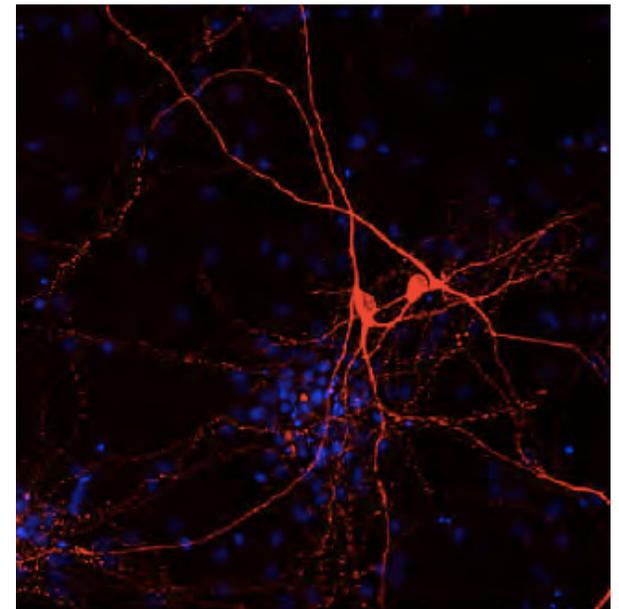
Normal neurons in bright red

$\alpha$ -SYN OLIGOMERS



Neurons killed by toxic oligomers

PMN ANTIBODY +  $\alpha$ -SYN OLIGOMERS



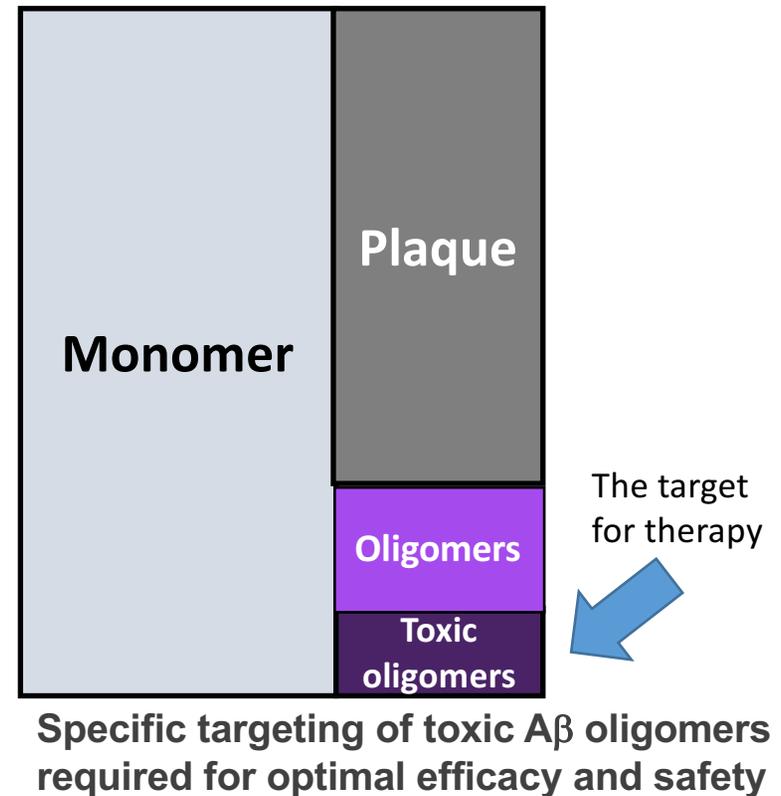
Neuronal death blocked by PMN antibody

# An example from Alzheimer's Disease: The critical need for *selectivity*

Toxic A $\beta$  oligomers are a very small subset of the total amyloid in the brain



Soluble A $\beta$  oligomers now recognized as the most neuropathogenic A $\beta$  species  
-> Spread in a prion-like manner



## AMYLOID-BETA

Binding the right form of amyloid-beta is critical: the toxic oligomer is the target and PMN310 is the first oligomer-selective antibody therapeutic

### Bapineuzumab

- Phase 2 failure
- Phase 3 failure
- ARIA-E side effect

### Solanezumab

- Phase 2 failure
- Phase 3 failure

### Aducanumab

- Phase 2 success
- ARIA-E side effect
- Phase 3 failure

### PMN310

- Selective binding to oligomers
- > Expected improvement in efficacy & safety

#### MONOMERS

- binding wastes therapeutic ammunition

#### FIBRILS (Plaque)

- binding wastes therapeutic ammunition  
- contributes to ARIA-E side effect

#### OLIGOMERS\*

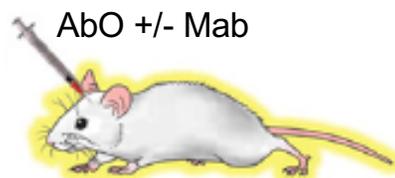
- the right target



# Administration of PMN310 to mice: prevents loss of short-term memory formation caused by toxic A $\beta$ oligomers, by saving mouse neurons

## THE EXPERIMENT

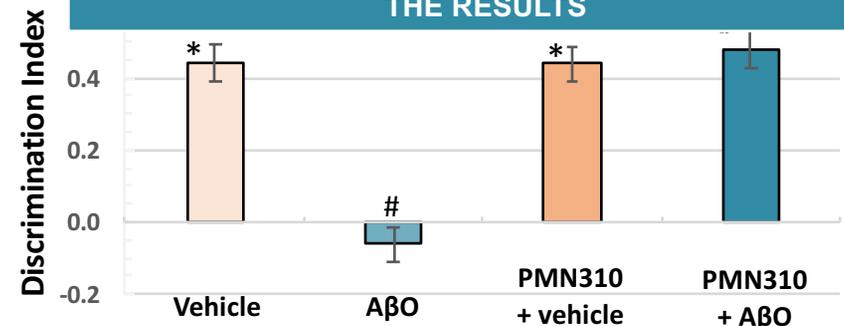
- Mice are tested for discriminating objects after brain injection of:
  - Buffer (vehicle) - normal response
  - Toxic A $\beta$  oligomer
  - PMN310 and buffer (vehicle)
  - PMN310 and A $\beta$  Oligomer



7 days



## THE RESULTS



N=12 per arm, \*different from A $\beta$ O ( $p < 0.05$ ), #different from vehicle ( $p < 0.05$ )

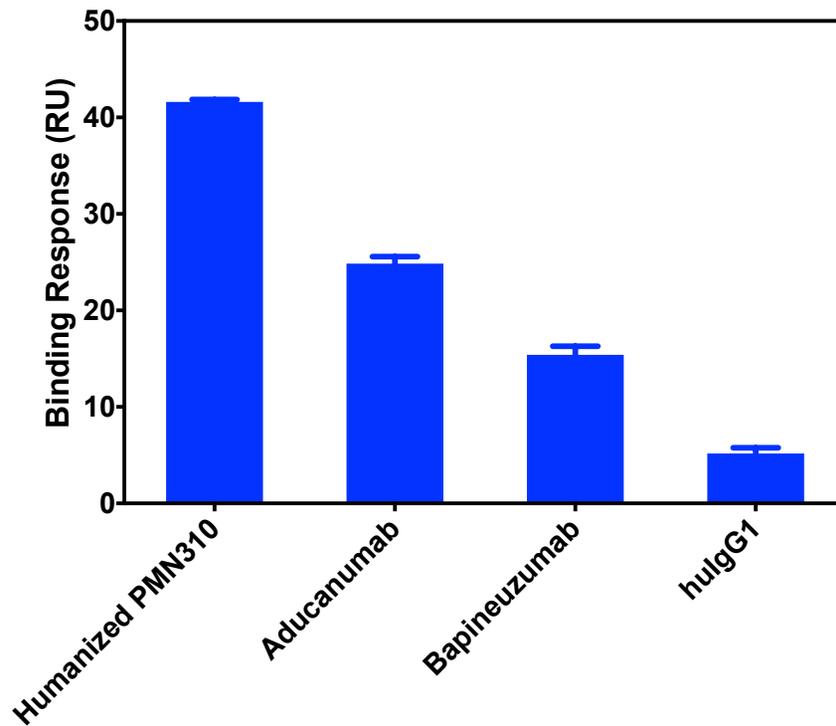
### Novel Object Recognition Assay

- Control mice remember a familiar object when re-exposed to it and spend more time exploring a new object
- Oligomer-injected mice lose the ability to discriminate between known and novel objects and spend equivalent amounts of time exploring both

## Alzheimer's amyloid failed programs.....were all designed 10-15 years ago.....and focused on the wrong forms of amyloid....*wrong target*

Product	Company	Target/science hypothesis	Discovery Date	Failure Date	Time to Failure
Aducanumab	Biogen/ Neurimmune	<b>Plaque/plaque</b> reduction	2007	2019	<b>12 yrs</b>
Crenezumab*	Roche/ AC Immune	Binds all amyloid, including <b>monomer</b> /direct <b>plaque</b> reduction	2004	2019	<b>15 yrs</b>
BACE inhibitors*	Merck, Lilly, others (9)	APP/ <b>reduce monomer</b> , in order to reduce <b>plaque</b>	2002- 2008	2018	<b>10-15 yrs</b>
Solenezumab*	Lilly	Targets <b>monomer</b> /reduce <b>monomer</b> in order to reduce <b>plaque</b>	2000	2017	<b>17 yrs</b>
Bapineuzumab*	Pfizer. J&J	Binds all amyloid, including <b>monomer/plaque</b> reduction	2000	2012	<b>12 yrs</b>

## PMN310 shows superior binding to toxic oligomer-enriched fraction from human AD brains vs other antibodies directed against amyloid-beta



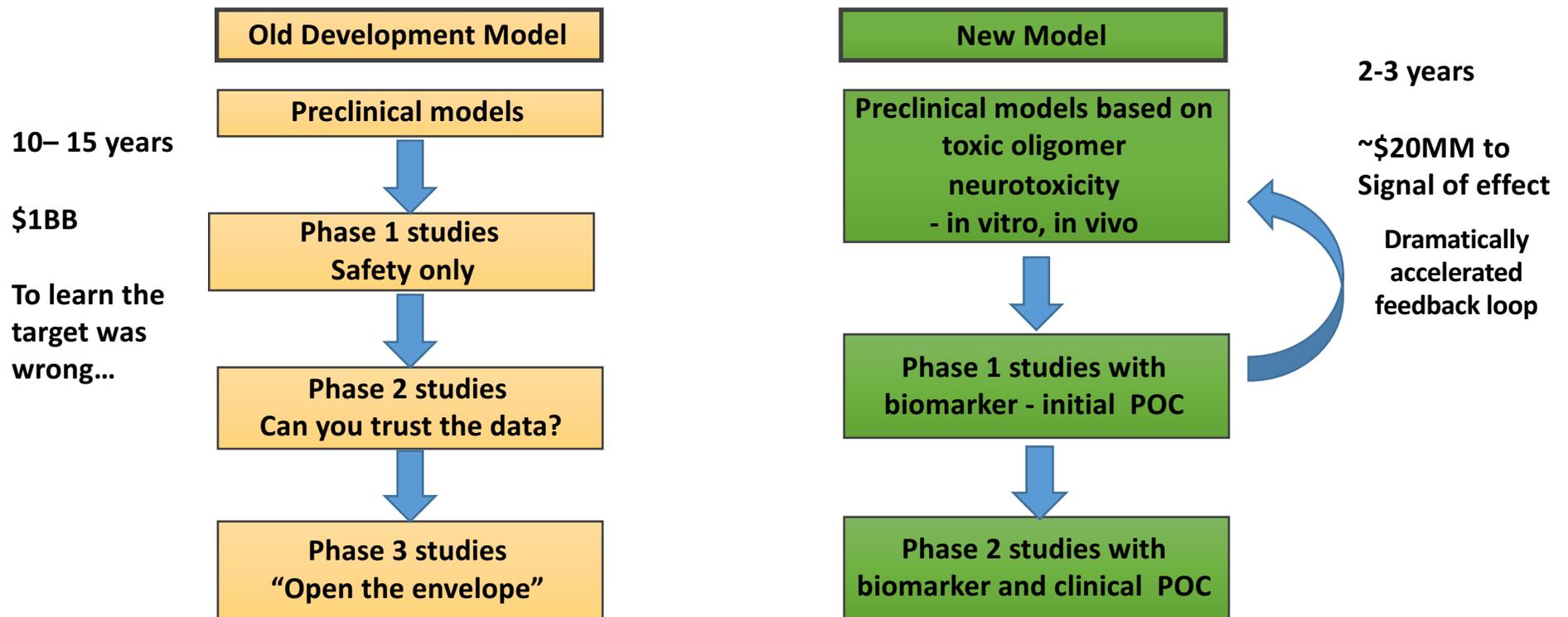
- Binding of antibodies to the toxic oligomer-enriched LMW fraction of soluble human AD brain extract was evaluated by surface plasmon resonance (SPR)
- Results representative of over 10 SPR runs with extracts from 11 different AD brains
- huIgG1 = Background control

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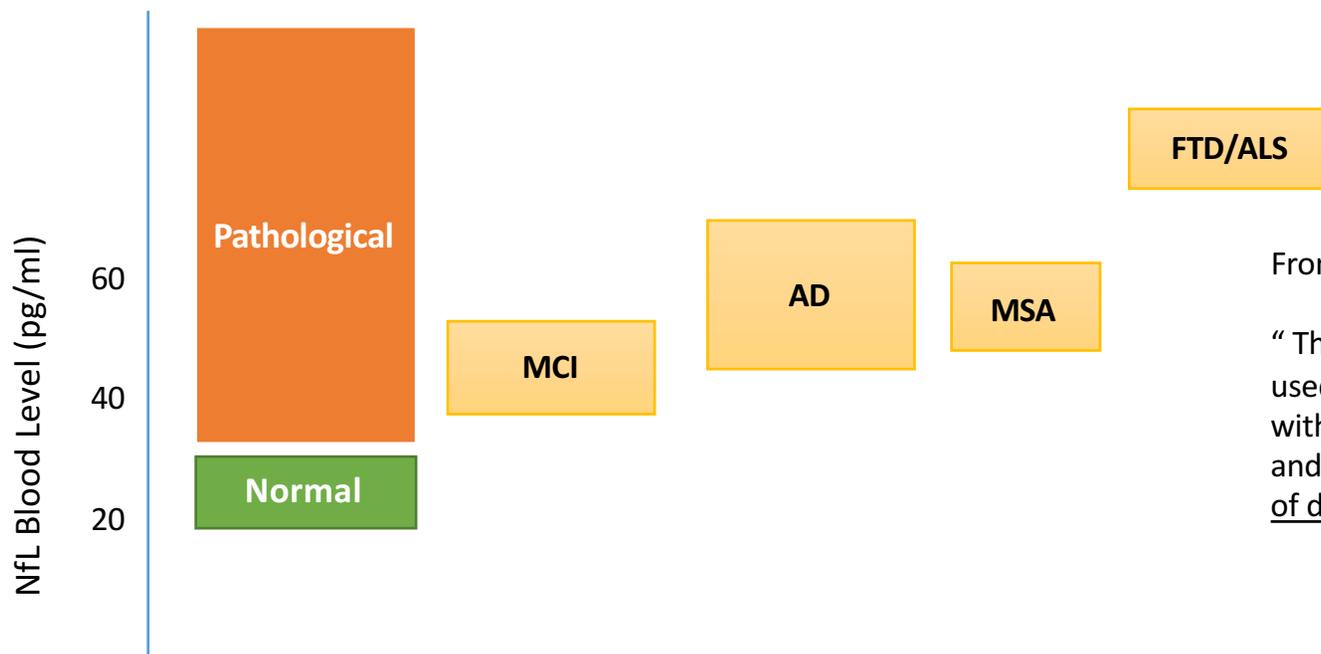
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## A new development paradigm for Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases using biomarkers will dramatically improve cost, risk....and time to success



## Neurofilament light chain (NfL) is a measure of the rate of neuronal death, a hallmark of neurodegenerative diseases.....



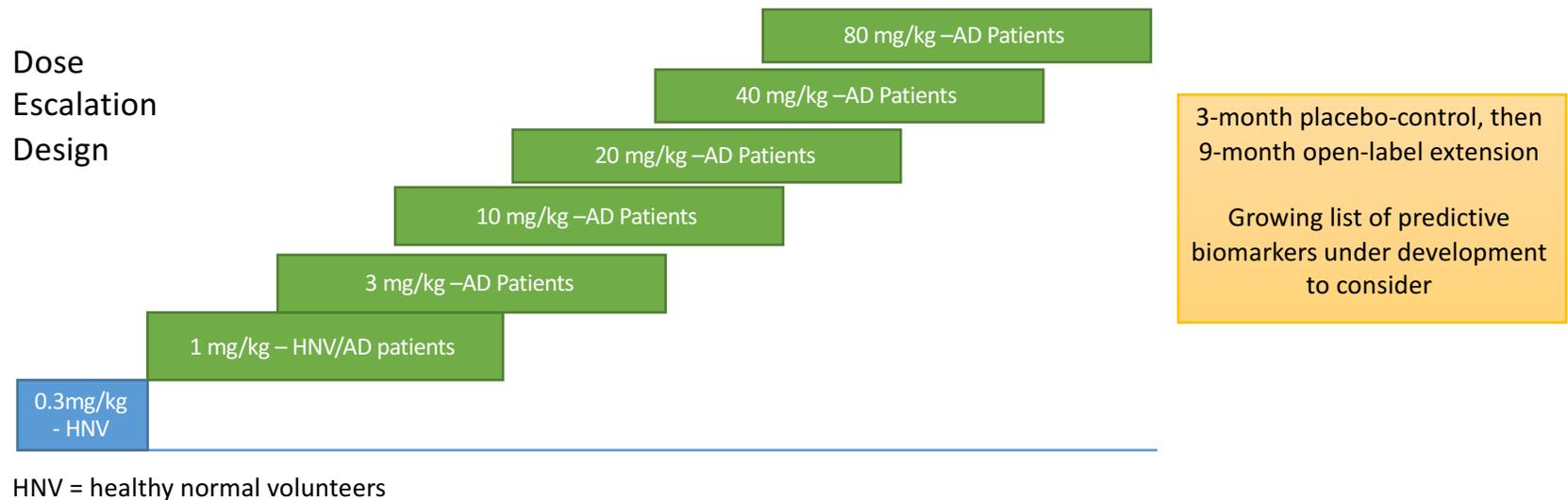
From *JAMA Neurology*, April 22 2019

“The findings suggest that plasma NfL can be used as a noninvasive biomarker associated with neurodegeneration in patients ... and may be useful to monitor effects in trials of disease-modifying drugs”

Mattsson, et al, *JAMA Neurology*

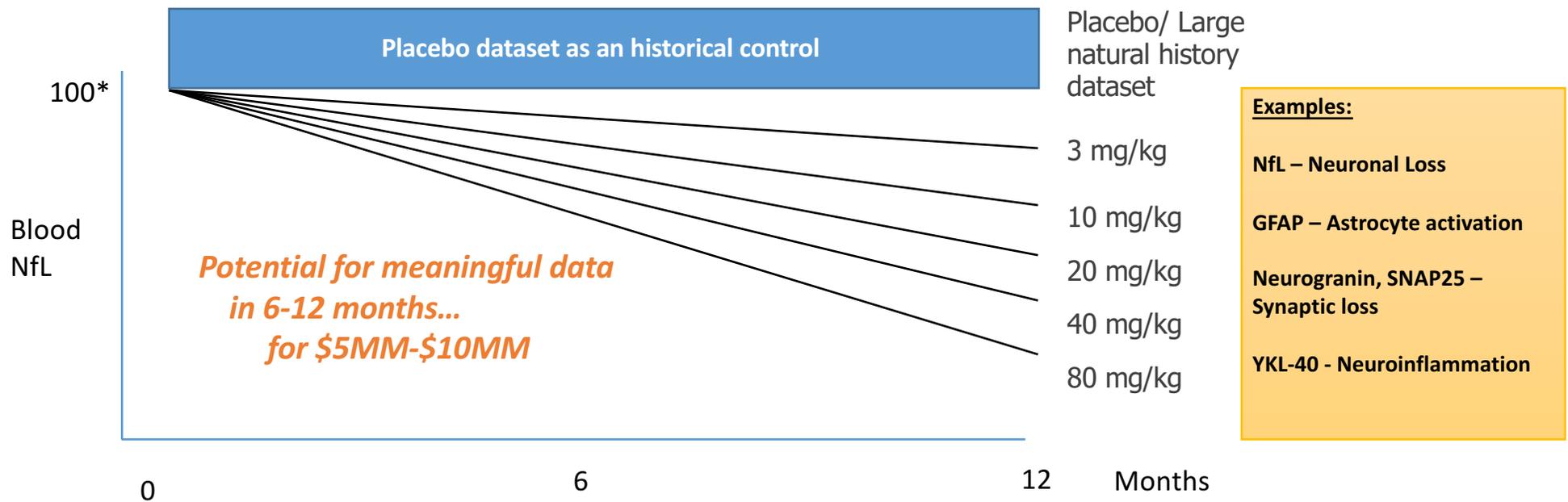
Sources: from AAIC 2018 ABBVIE, Wash U, U Sorbonne;  
Rohrer et al, 2016 AAN; Mattson et al, *JAMA Neurology* 2017

## Phase 1 trial design concept: in higher dose arms, biomarkers can give a signal suggesting therapeutic benefit early in clinical development



*Dose levels are representative examples, drawn from other neurodegenerative monoclonal antibody programs*  
*Possibility to use HNVs in lower dose arms, or as sentinel subjects in each cohort*

## Hypothetical example – Phase 1 biomarker readout could show a disease modifying treatment effect in a dose dependent fashion *at a cost of \$5MM-\$10MM*



\* 100 = patient baseline value

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## ProMIS Differentiated Portfolio of Highly Selective Antibodies Creates Numerous Opportunities for Value Creation: Preclinical Partnering or Early Clinical POC Data

Protein Family	Diseases	Toxic Species: Target	ProMIS Program: Status	Clinical Proof of Concept Disease Indication: Raise Odds of Early Signal
Alpha Synuclein	Parkinson's Lewy Body Dementia Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)	Toxic Oligomer Soluble Fibril	Several antibodies with strong data - Differentiation: more selective, better binding to brain homogenate enriched for toxic species - Functional: block neurotoxicity and propagation <b>LARGE PHARMA INTEREST, ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS</b>	Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) - rapidly progressive, fatal 6-8 years from diagnosis - Elevated biomarkers (NfL, GFAP, others)
Amyloid Beta	Alzheimer's	Toxic Oligomer	Lead program PMN310 ready for final IND enabling work ( <a href="#">Scientific Reports, 2019 paper</a> ) Significant advantages over previous amyloid therapies: Highly selective for oligomer, better binding of brain homogenate. Blocks cognitive deficit in mouse model, blocks neurotoxicity	Alzheimer's in Down Syndrome – POC for sporadic AD - High rate of AD due to excess amyloid, nearly 100% pathology by age 40 - Ability to treat both pre-symptomatic and symptomatic patients - Well organized trial community, use of biomarkers
Tau	Alzheimer's PSP, other tauopathies	Toxic Oligomer	Initial antibodies with selective binding Ongoing immunizations, more antibodies under evaluation	Alzheimer's in Down Syndrome – As above
TDP43	ALS, Frontotemporal Dementia, LATE	Toxic Oligomer	Several antibodies with selective binding Preferential binding to patient biosamples vs controls <b>LARGE PHARMA INTEREST, ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS</b>	ALS , or ALS with FTD - Highly elevated biomarkers such as NfL - ALS community focused on biomarker POC
SOD1	ALS	Toxic Oligomer	Three antibodies with selective binding Positive in vivo data	ALS - ALS community focused on biomarker POC
Other Mis-folded Proteins	Hundreds	Misfolded Species	95% + success rate in "rational design" of highly selective antibodies for mis-folded species – <i>Unique Capability</i> <b>LARGE PHARMA INTEREST, ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS</b>	TBD

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PMN310 toxic oligomer selective antibody



Potential POC data, AD pre and post symptomatic, in Down Syndrome

# Thank You

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