



# Building a Neuromuscular Franchise: Progress in ALS

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# Overview

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## Significant opportunity in ALS



- 1 | ALS is a fatal disease with significant unmet medical need
- 2 | Applying learnings from prior clinical trials with the goal of increasing the probability of success for our pipeline in ALS
- 3 | Leveraging our success with SPINRAZA, including expertise in rare disease commercialization and intrathecal dosing, as we aim to build a neuromuscular disease franchise
- 4 | Positive proof-of-concept data for BIIB067 (tofersen) in SOD1 ALS may have positive implications for our ASO pipeline and other programs targeting ALS
- 5 | Advancing a broader portfolio for both familial and sporadic ALS, leading with genetically validated targets

# Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

## DISEASE OVERVIEW

Rare, fatal, neurodegenerative disease characterized by motor neuron loss in the brain and spinal cord

Average survival after diagnosis of 3-5 years

Average age of symptom onset: 50 years  
~ **15,000 newly diagnosed cases each year across the G7**

## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

~90-95% sporadic, ~5-10% familial

Familial ALS caused by mutations in SOD1, C9orf72, others

Characterized by cytoplasmic inclusions in motor neurons

## SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE PROGRESSION

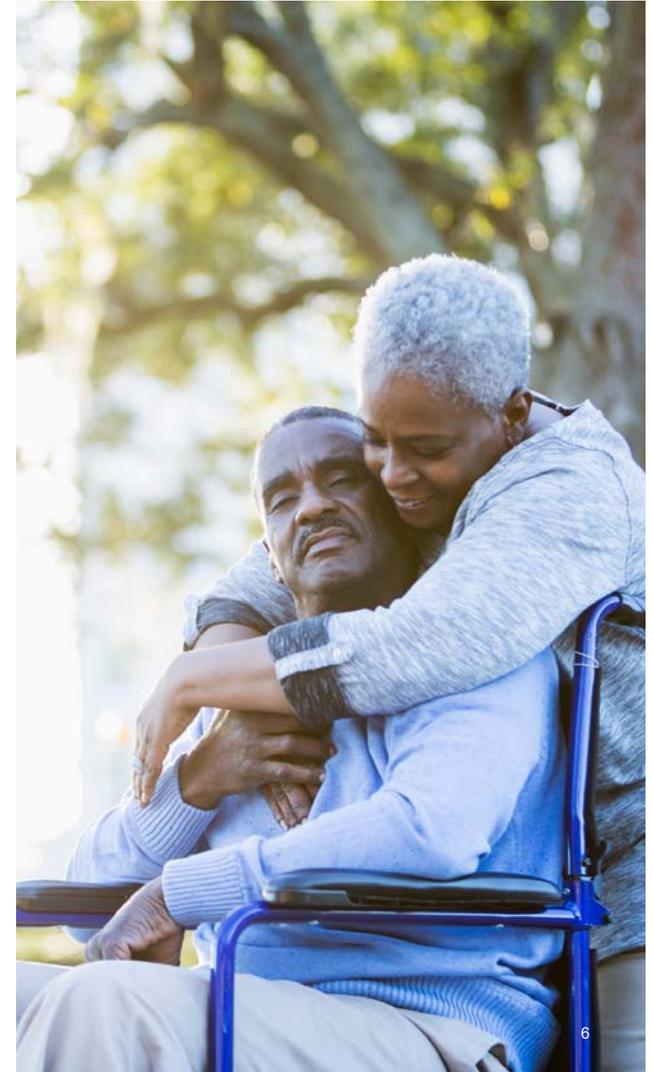
Motor neuron degeneration leads to muscle weakness, atrophy, and stiffness leading to eventual paralysis and progressive decline in quality of life

Most common cause of death is respiratory failure

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

G7 prevalence of ALS is ~55,000\*

- Sporadic ALS: ~51,000\*
- SOD1 ALS: ~1,400\*
- C9orf72 ALS: ~3,100\*



\*Biogen data on file. G7 countries include the U.S., Germany, the U.K., France, Italy, Spain, and Japan.

## Critical unmet need for effective treatment options for ALS

Tremendous emotional and physical burden on patients, families, and caregivers

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Substantial financial burden on both families and healthcare system

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Currently approved treatments provide only a modest effect on motor function and survival

- Riluzole and edaravone are the only approved treatments for ALS in the U.S.

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR EFFECTIVE, DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPIES FOR ALS



# Learnings from previous failures reshaped our approach to ALS

## DEXPRAMIPEXOLE: A case study in ALS drug development

Despite lack of clear mechanistic rationale, dexpramipexole demonstrated encouraging early clinical results

Phase 3 EMPOWER study failed to demonstrate differentiation from placebo on prespecified efficacy endpoints

Learnings from rich dataset in over 800 patients reshaped Biogen's approach to clinical development in ALS

## KEY LEARNINGS from previous ALS trials

Evaluate genetically validated targets in defined patient populations

Pursue the most appropriate modality for each target

Implement biomarkers of target engagement and disease activity in early-stage studies

Employ sensitive clinical endpoints



## EVALUATE GENETICALLY VALIDATED TARGETS IN DEFINED PATIENT POPULATIONS

**Mutations in SOD1:** the first identified genetic cause  
of ALS

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**Expansions in C9orf72:** the most common genetic  
cause of ALS

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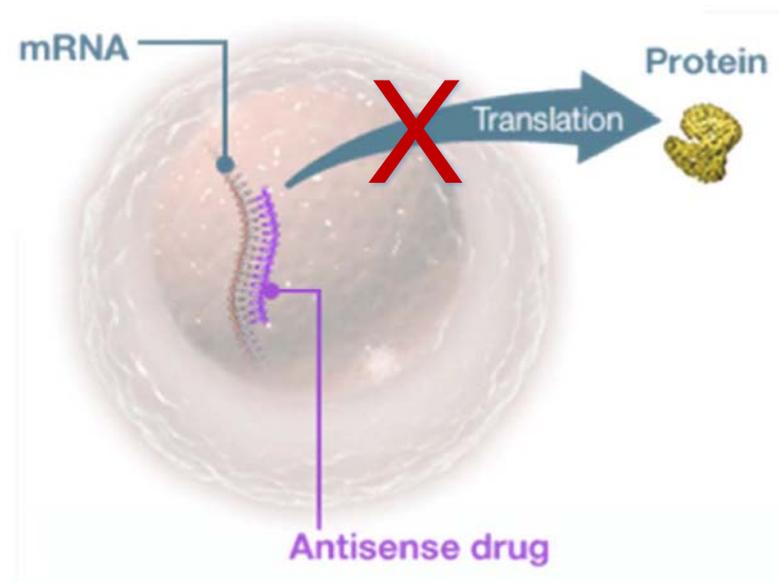
Aim to apply learnings from these genetic targets in order  
to tackle **sporadic ALS** and pursue complementary  
approaches for **muscle strengthening**



## PURSUE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MODALITY FOR EACH TARGET

**Antisense oligonucleotides (ASOs):** powerful tool to modulate genetically validated targets in the CNS

- ASOs enable **selective, dose-dependent, and reversible** targeting of genetically defined drivers of disease
  - SOD1, C9orf72
- Based on SPINRAZA experience, we believe ASOs represent **most advanced genetically based approach for targeting neurological diseases**



## IMPLEMENT BIOMARKERS of target engagement and disease activity in early-stage studies

### Target engagement biomarkers

- CSF SOD1 protein levels

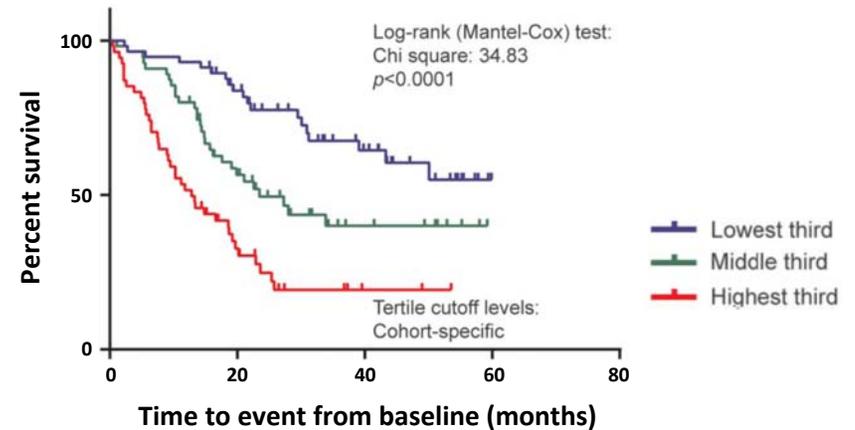
### Disease activity biomarkers

- Elevated neurofilament level as a potentially promising biomarker of axonal degeneration

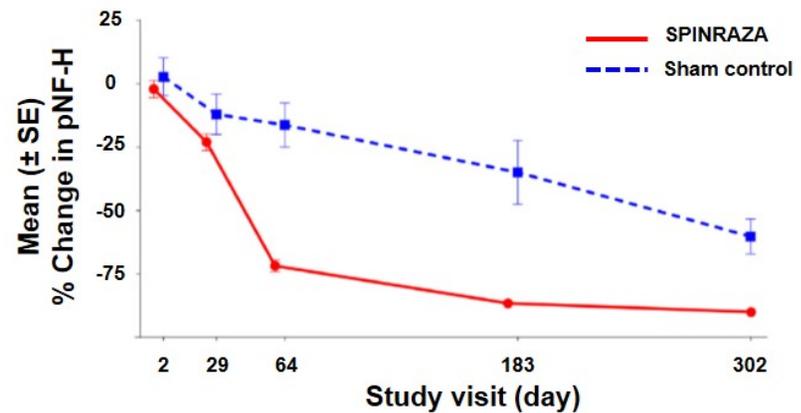


\*Adapted from Lu et al., Neurology, 2015; #Adapted from Darras et al., Ann Clin Transl Neurol, 2019

### Baseline neurofilament level is associated with survival in ALS\*



### Neurofilament level is decreased following SPINRAZA treatment in SMA#



## EMPLOY SENSITIVE CLINICAL ENDPOINTS

If shown in prospective studies to be clinically meaningful, these novel endpoints have **potential to reduce size and duration of clinical studies required for approval**

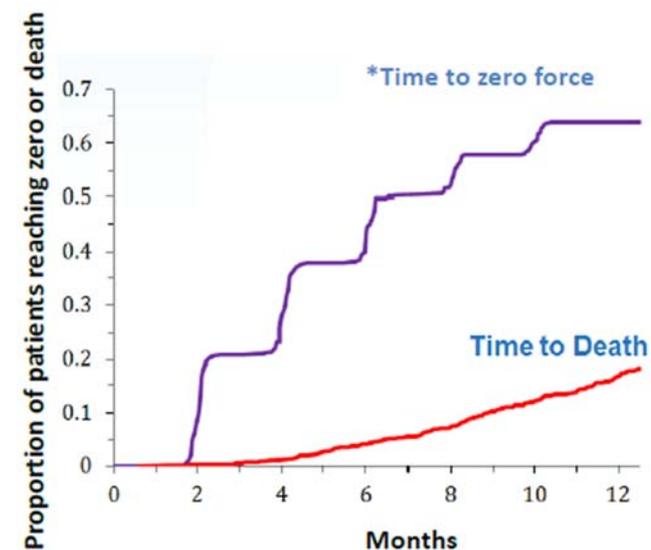


\*Douma et al., Sports Sci Med Rehabil, 2014;  
#Liu et al, AAN, 2017

Handheld dynamometry\*



Handheld dynamometry data from the Phase 3 EMPOWER study#



# Potential to build on the success of SPINRAZA

## BUILDING DEPTH IN NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS

Applying direct synergies in our scientific and clinical development capabilities

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Global commercial footprint and expertise, including the intricacies of rare disease commercialization

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World-class ASO and intrathecal dosing expertise in collaboration with Ionis Pharmaceuticals

## LEVERAGING GLOBAL COMMERCIAL FOOTPRINT IN SMA

Plan to leverage overlapping neuromuscular field force to maximize efficiency

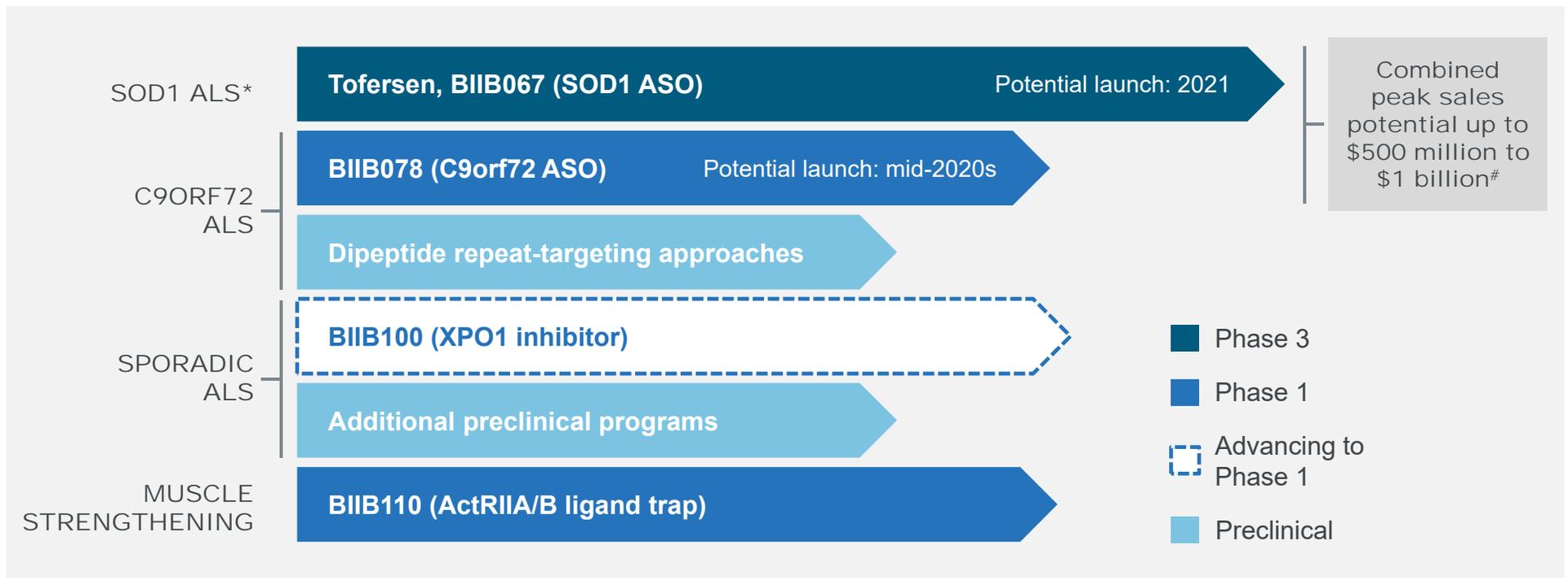
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~ 40-50% overlap between ALS centers and SMA centers in the U.S. and E.U.\*

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Potential to enhance community engagement with neuromuscular associations and advocacy groups

# Current ALS pipeline targets distinct patient segments



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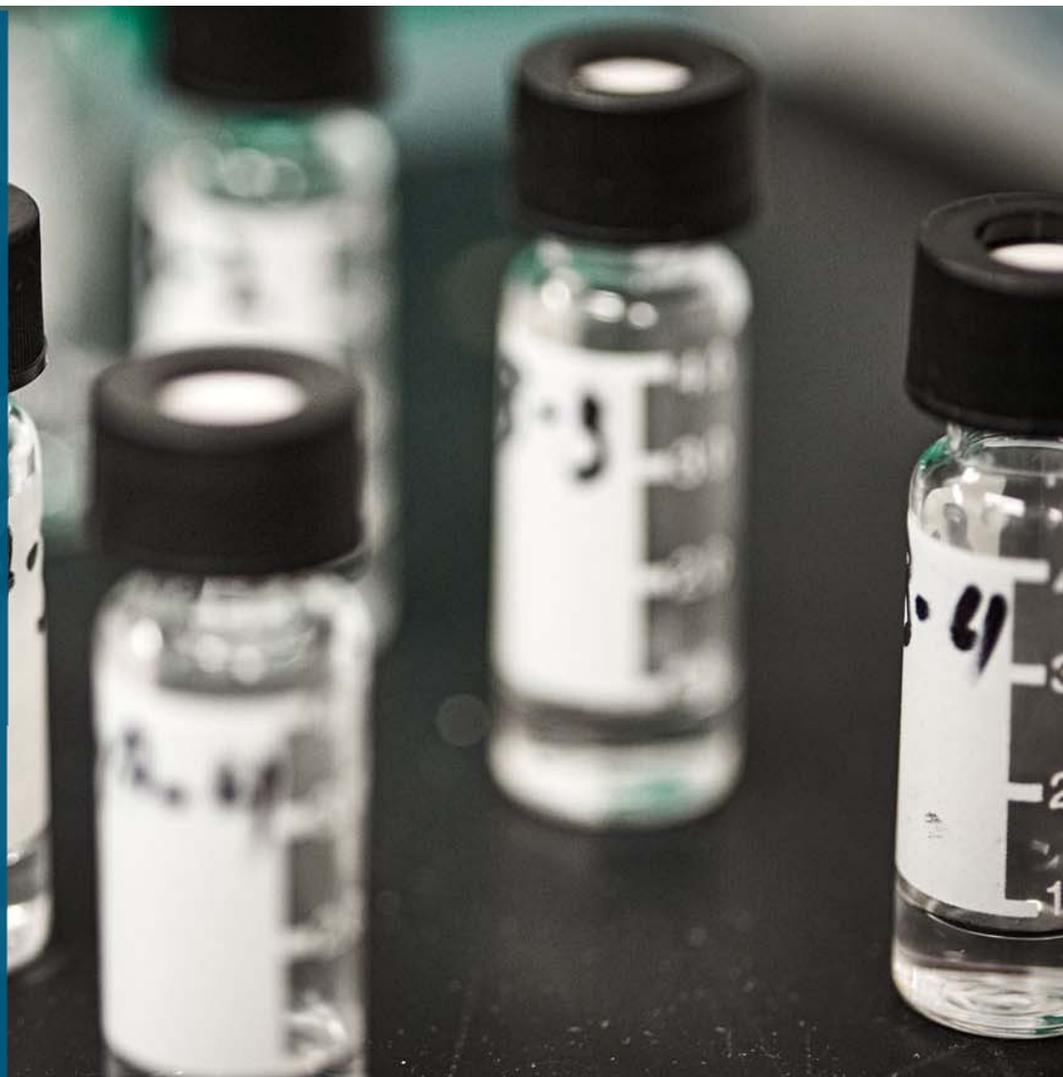
#Combined peak sales potential of tofersen and BIIB078 assumes successful completion of clinical studies and depends on the actual prevalence of these ultra rare diseases, the ultimate clinical profiles of tofersen and BIIB078, and the competitive landscape.



# Late Stage Programs

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# Targeting genetically defined SOD1 ALS to increase POS

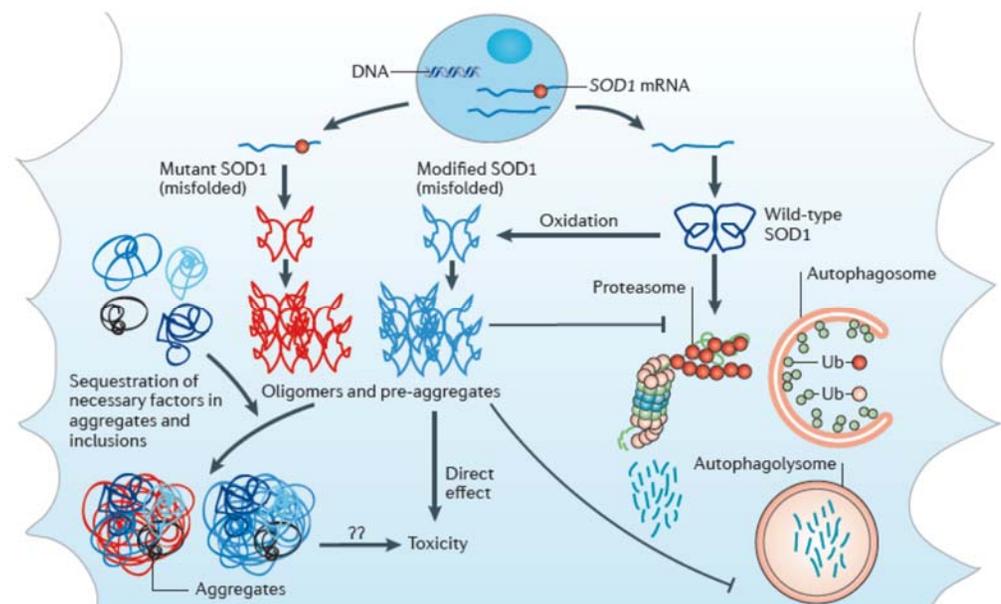
Mutations in SOD1 were the **first identified genetic cause of ALS**

SOD1 gene encodes a ubiquitously expressed enzyme called **superoxide dismutase 1**

**Mutated SOD1 is prone to misfold** and can interfere in multiple cellular processes

SOD1 ALS cases are characterized by cytoplasmic **inclusions of aggregated SOD1 protein selectively in motor neurons**

Data indicate that **toxicity of mutant SOD1 is derived from a gain-of-function mechanism**



Robberecht and Philips, 2013

# ASOs can induce RNase H-mediated degradation of target RNA Transcripts

Collaboration with Ionis Pharmaceuticals provides distinct ASO chemistries to enable MULTIPLE MECHANISMS OF ACTION

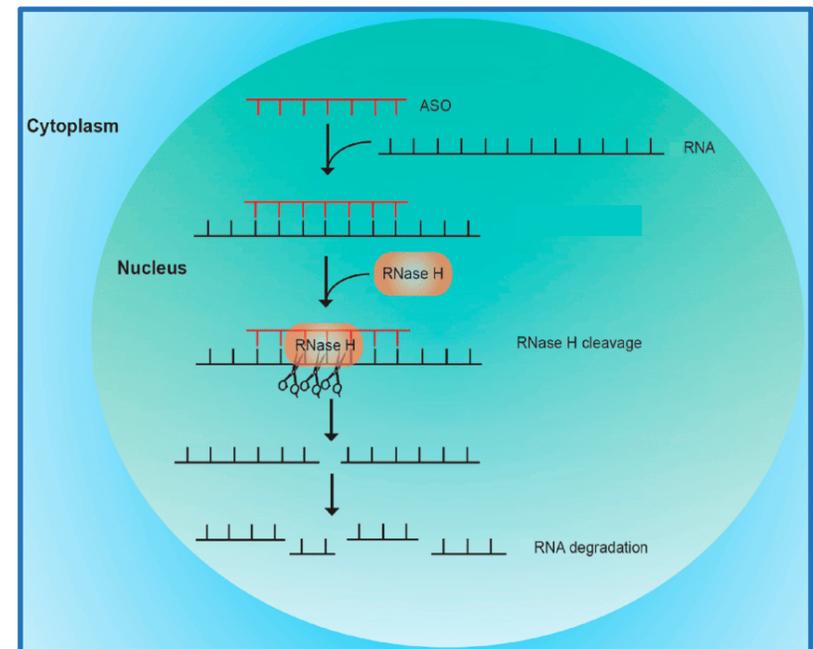
**Modulate splicing** of pre-mRNA transcripts

- **SPINRAZA** (SMN2)

Induce **RNase H-mediated degradation** of target RNA transcripts

- **Tofersen** (SOD1 in ALS)
- **BIIB078** (C9orf72 in ALS)
- **BIIB080** (tau in Alzheimer's disease and other tauopathies)

## RNase H-mediated RNA degradation (tofersen, BIIB078, BIIB080)



# Tofersen phase 1/2 multiple ascending dose study

## OBJECTIVE:

To evaluate the safety, tolerability, PK, PD, and exploratory efficacy of tofersen in people with SOD1 ALS

## POPULATION

> 18 years old  
Documented SOD1 mutation  
Weakness attributed to ALS  
FVC  $\geq$  50% of predicted value<sup>b</sup>

## MAD STUDY<sup>a</sup>

**Cohort 1:** tofersen 20 mg or placebo

**Cohort 2:** tofersen 40 mg or placebo

**Cohort 3:** tofersen 60 mg or placebo

**Cohort 4:** tofersen 100 mg or placebo

## ENDPOINTS

### Primary

Safety and tolerability  
PK measures of tofersen (plasma and CSF)

### Secondary

Change from baseline in CSF levels of SOD1 protein

### Exploratory endpoints include\*

ALSFRS-R scores, SVC, HHD megascore, CSF pNFH

50 participants total, randomized 3:1 tofersen:placebo in each cohort

3 loading doses on Days 1, 15, and 29; maintenance doses on Days 57 and 85

Approximately 31 weeks including: up to 7-week screening period, 12-week dosing period, and 12-week follow-up period



\*Only exploratory endpoints discussed in this presentation. Data presented are from an interim analysis. <sup>a</sup>A single ascending dose study (SAD) was done first. Two participants in multiple ascending dose (MAD) received an initial dose in SAD and enrolled in MAD after a washout period. <sup>b</sup>As adjusted for sex, age, and height (from the sitting position). ALSFRS-R = ALS Functional Rating Scale–Revised; CSF = cerebrospinal fluid; FVC = forced vital capacity; HHD = handheld dynamometry; pNFH = phosphorylated neurofilament heavy chain; PD = pharmacodynamics; PK = pharmacokinetics; SVC = slow vital capacity  
Clinicaltrials.gov, NCT02623699; EudraCT, 2015-004098-33

# Interim safety, PK, and PD results of tofersen phase 1/2 study

Tofersen was generally well tolerated at doses up to and including 100 mg

Most AEs were mild or moderate in severity, and included headache, procedural pain, and post-lumbar puncture syndrome

CSF exposure of tofersen and SOD1 target engagement were greatest in the 100 mg treatment arm

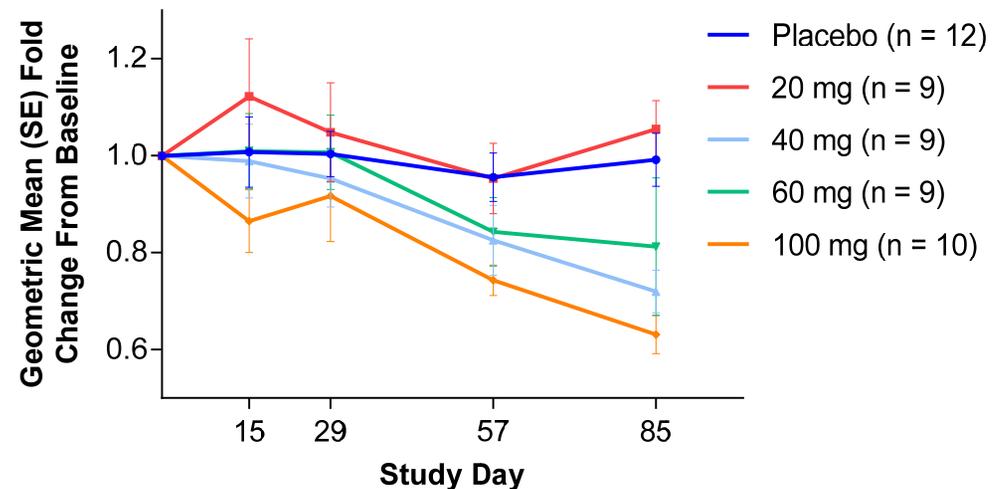
- Maximal reduction of CSF SOD1 level at Day 85 observed in participants treated with tofersen 100 mg (average 37% reduction) vs. no reduction in placebo group,  $p=0.002$

Treatment with tofersen was associated with a trend toward lowering pNFH levels in the CSF



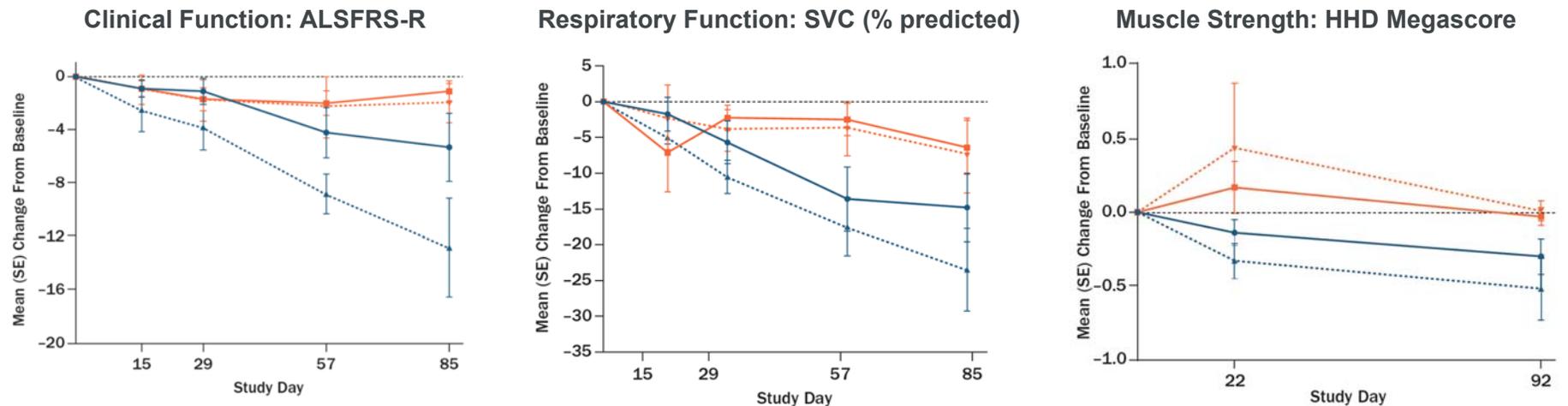
Miller et al., AAN, 2019

## CSF SOD1 Concentration



Values below limit of quantitation are set to zero at day 1 predose and set to half of lower limit of quantitation (1 ng/mL) at other time points in calculation.  
AE = adverse event

# Interim exploratory efficacy results: tofersen 100 mg demonstrated a slowing of decline across clinical measures

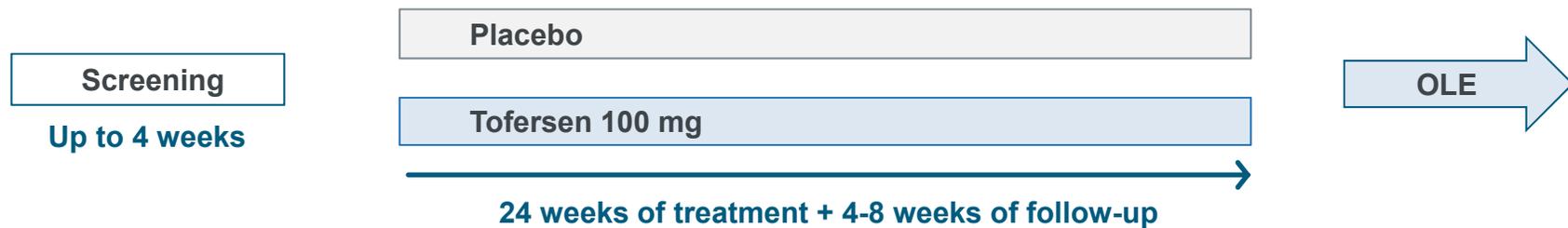


	OVERALL POPULATION		FAST PROGRESSORS	
	Placebo (n=12)	100 mg (n=10)	Placebo (n=4)	100 mg (n=4)
Change from BL to Day 85 in ALSFRS-R	-5.3	-1.1	-12.8	-2.0
Change from BL to Day 85 in SVC (% predicted)	-14.8	-6.4	-23.5	-7.5
Change from BL to Day 92 in HHD Megascor	-0.30 (n=11)	-0.03	-0.52	0.01

- Overall tofersen 100 mg
- - - Fast-progressing tofersen 100 mg
- Overall placebo
- - - Fast-progressing placebo



## Phase 3 VALOR study of tofersen in SOD1 ALS



POPULATION (N = ~ 60):

- Broad population of ALS patients with confirmed SOD1 mutation
- Geographic location: U.S., E.U., Canada, Japan, Australia

PRIMARY ENDPOINT

Analysis based on ALSFRS-R score

IN ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH REGULATORS

as we collaborate to further define the scope of the clinical data package required to support the registration of tofersen

## Leveraging learnings from SPINRAZA and SMA

MAGNITUDE OF TREATMENT EFFECT MAY DEPEND UPON THE CLINICAL STAGE AT WHICH TREATMENT IS INITIATED

Early, or even pre-symptomatic, treatment may be associated with greater efficacy

Exploring ways to increase use of genetic testing in ALS and to potentially study earlier patient populations as we aim to define the most optimal time to initiate treatment

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NEUROFILAMENT MAY BE A VALUABLE BIOMARKER OF EARLY EFFICACY AND DISEASE PROGRESSION

Potential utility in both clinical trial execution and potentially in early patient identification





# Early Portfolio Review

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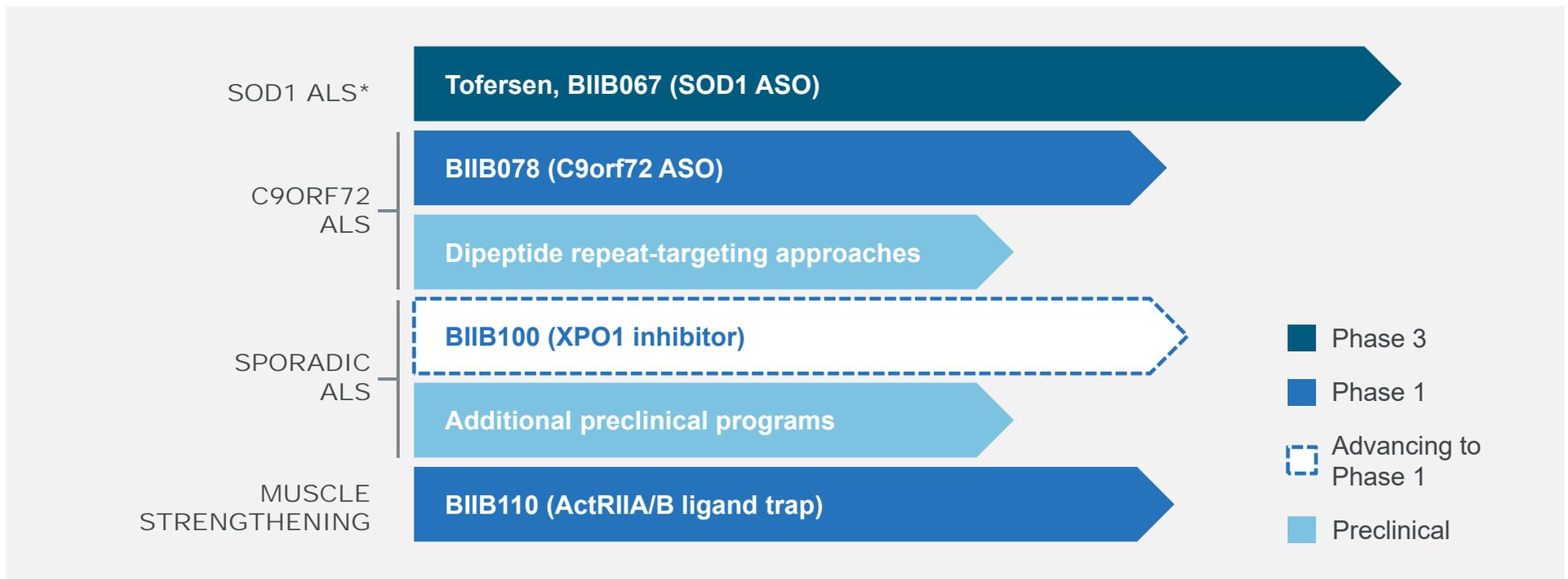
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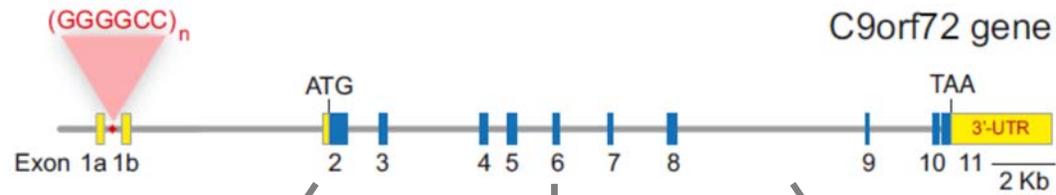
# Current ALS pipeline targets distinct patient segments

Our vision is to build a deep ALS pipeline across multiple modalities, including ASOs, biologics, small molecules, and gene therapy

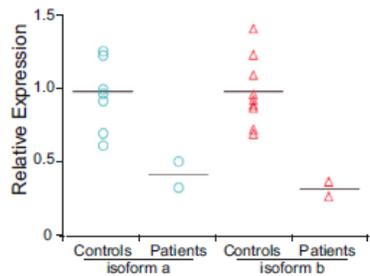


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# Hexanucleotide repeat expansions in C9orf72 cause ALS

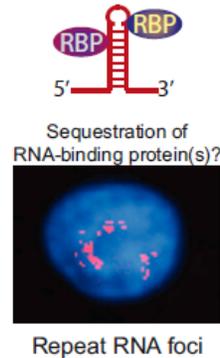


**A** Haploinsufficiency of *C9ORF72* gene

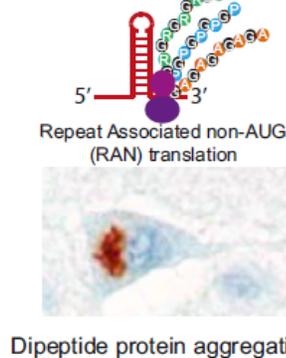


Reduction of *C9orf72* mRNA levels

**B** Repeat RNA-mediated toxicity



**C** Dipeptide protein toxicity

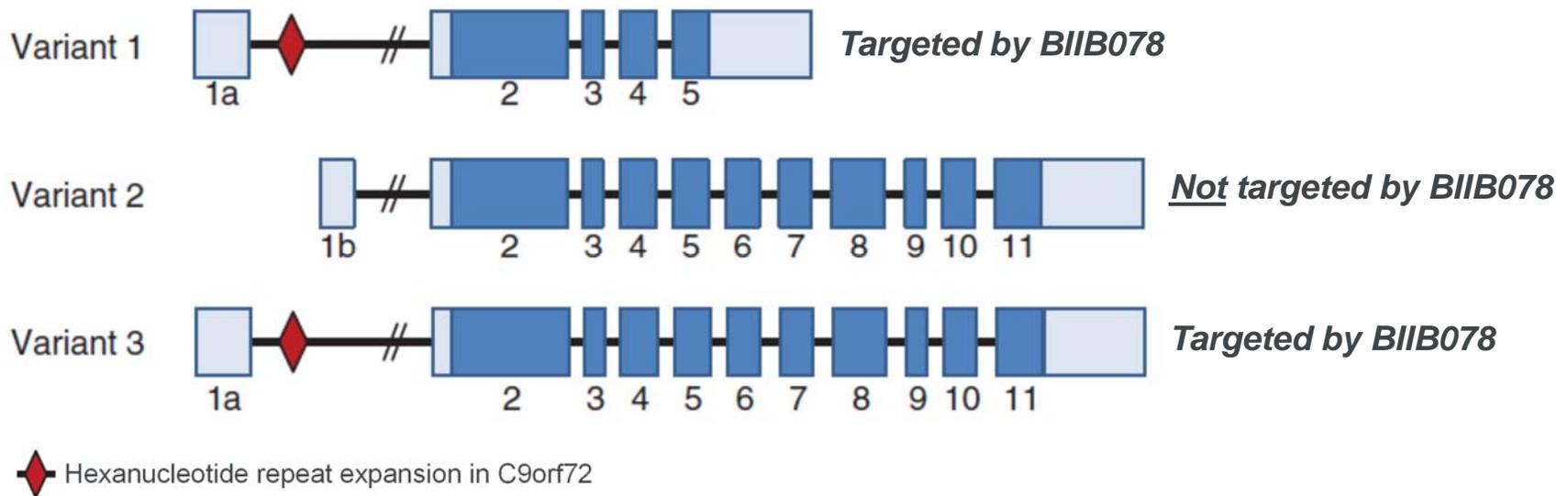


Targeted by *C9orf72* ASO

Target *C9orf72* dipeptide repeats

# BIIB078 selectively targets expansion-containing C9orf72 transcripts to reduce risk of on-target toxicity

## C9ORF72 RNA VARIANTS

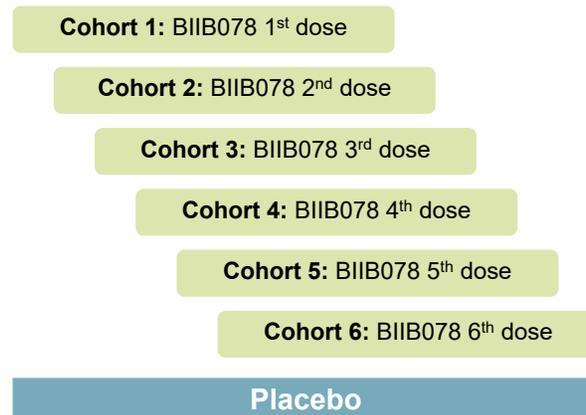


# Advancing Phase 1 study of BIIB078 in C9orf72 ALS

## POPULATION

> 18 years old  
 ALS patients with confirmed expansion in C9orf72  
 Slow vital capacity  $\geq$  50% of predicted value  
 Concomitant use of riluzole/edaravone allowed

## MAD STUDY



## ENDPOINTS

**Primary**  
 Safety and tolerability

**Secondary**  
 PK measures of BIIB078

**Exploratory endpoints include**  
 ALSFRS-R scores, SVC, HHD megascore, CSF C9orf72-RAN dipeptide protein, CSF pNFH

80 participants total

First patient dosed September 2018

Intrathecal injection (BIIB078 or placebo): 3 loading doses followed by 2 maintenance doses

Patients followed for approximately 8 months

Data expected in 2021

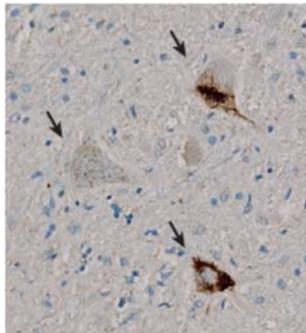
# Targeting nucleocytoplasmic export in ALS with BIIB100

## NUCLEOCYTOPLASMIC TRANSPORT DYSFUNCTION IN ALS

Accumulation of **cytoplasmic inclusions** in motor neurons is a pathological hallmark of ALS

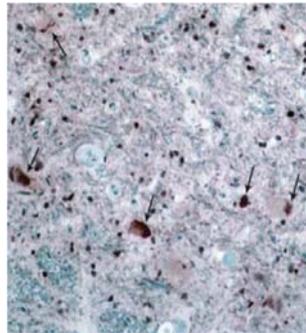
- Hypothesized to be caused by deficits in nucleocytoplasmic transport

**TDP-43 inclusions**



*Taylor et al., 2016*

**FUS inclusions**



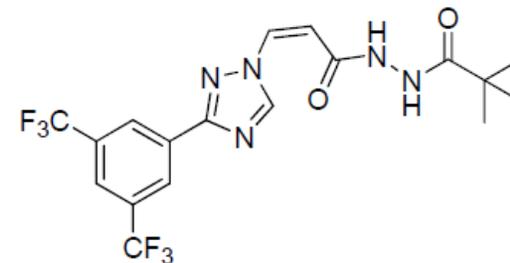
*Deng et al., 2010*

## BIIB100: SELECTIVE INHIBITOR OF EXPORTIN 1 (XPO1)

**Exportin 1 (Xpo1):** Nuclear transport factor that mediates the nuclear export of many proteins containing nuclear export signals

**Hypothesis:** Xpo1 inhibition may reduce nuclear protein export and prevent the formation of neuronal cytoplasmic inclusions

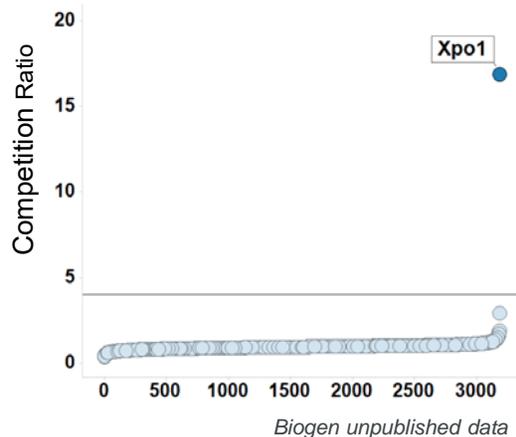
**BIIB100**



# BIIB100 is a selective compound with evidence of preclinical efficacy in multiple ALS models

BIIB100 IS HIGHLY SELECTIVE FOR XPO1

Competitive binding (10  $\mu$ M)

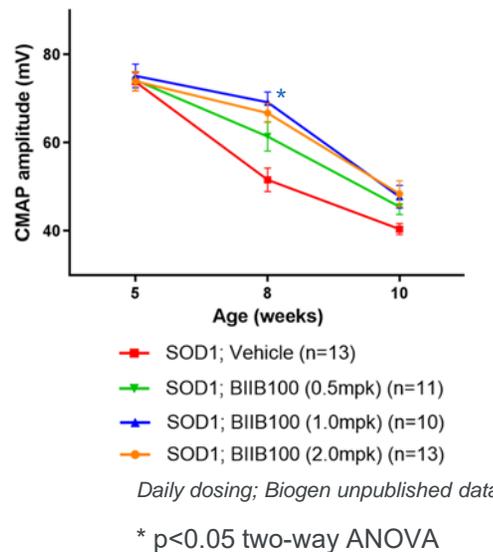


>3,000 identified reactive cysteines correspond to nearly 2,000 proteins

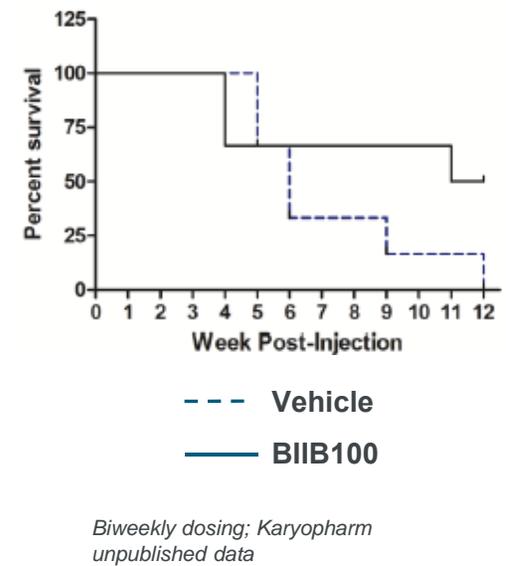
Only Cys528 of Xpo1 was differentially enriched

SLOWS FUNCTIONAL DECLINE IN SOD1 TRANSGENIC MICE

Compound Muscle Action Potential



EXTENDS SURVIVAL IN AN AAV-TDP43 RODENT MODEL



# Myostatin signaling is a genetically validated target for muscle strengthening

MYOSTATIN LOSS-OF-FUNCTION MUTATIONS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MUSCLE HYPERTROPHY

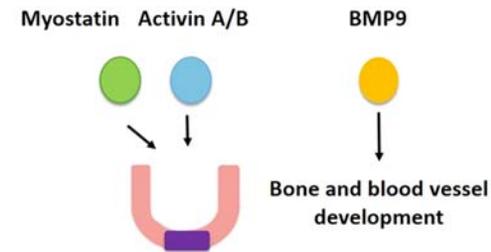


Schuelke et al., 2004



McPherron et al., 1997

BIIB110 MECHANISM OF ACTION



BIIB110: Extracellular ActRII domain with BMP9-sparing hinge

**BIIB110** acts as a ligand trap to bind and inhibit signaling of both myostatin and activin, while sparing BMP9  
**Sparing of BMP9 is hypothesized to reduce off-target toxicity** previously observed with other myostatin inhibitors  
**Currently in a Phase 1a study** in healthy volunteers  
Initial development in SMA, and aim to **expand to additional neuromuscular disorders**, including ALS

## Enriching the target portfolio for sporadic ALS

**We see further opportunity to address the needs of patients with sporadic ALS**

- No single gene responsible; need to deeply understand the biology

**Field has advanced over the past 5 years**

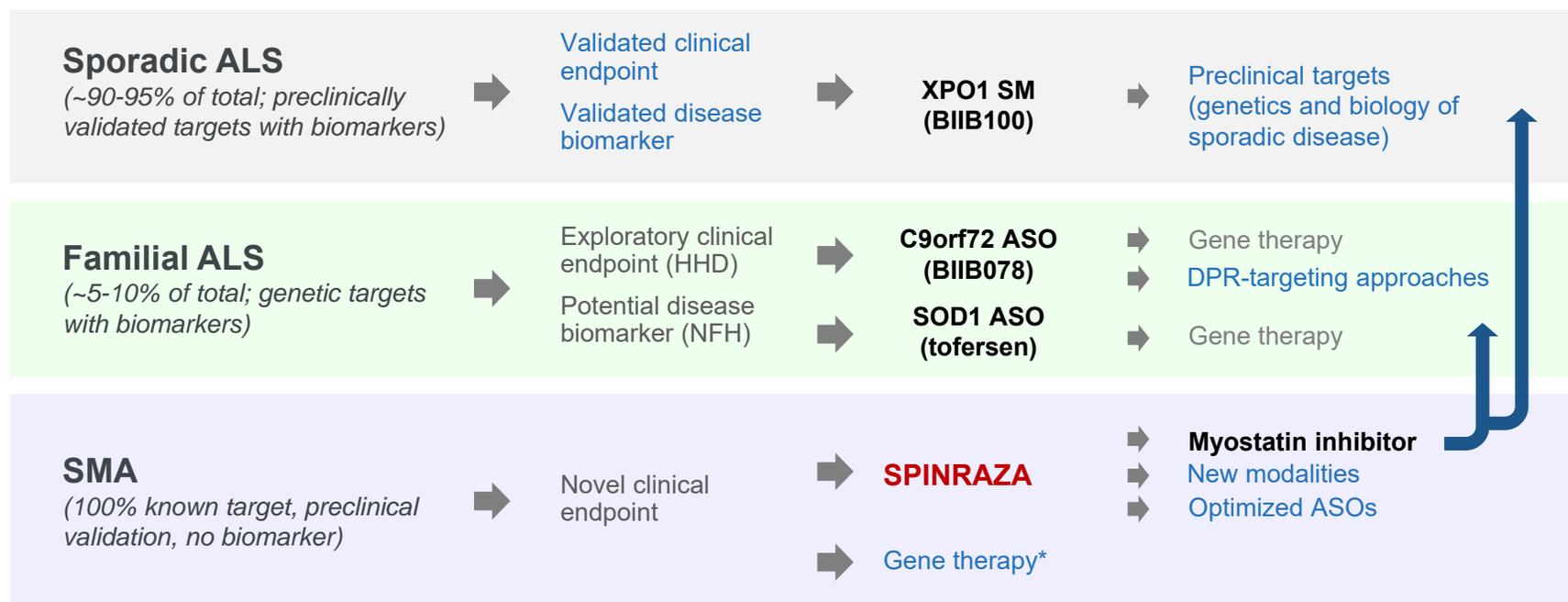
- Evidence for targets related to TDP-43, Ataxin-2, FUS, stress pathways, axonal regeneration, and nucleocytoplasmic transport

**Established a high-throughput *in vivo* target validation core to identify agents active in multiple preclinical models**

**Aim to have at least 5 ALS programs in the clinic, across both familial and sporadic disease, within the next 3 years**

# Building a neuromuscular disorders franchise

Legend: **Approved** In Clinic Preclinical Exploratory





# Conclusion

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# Questions & Answers

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