

# **The Importance of Early Identification of Alzheimer's Disease**

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# Why we are here today

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**Alois Alzheimer**

**“The first person to be cured of Alzheimer's is a person in a Clinical Trial”**

**AfricanAmericansAgainstAlzheimer's**

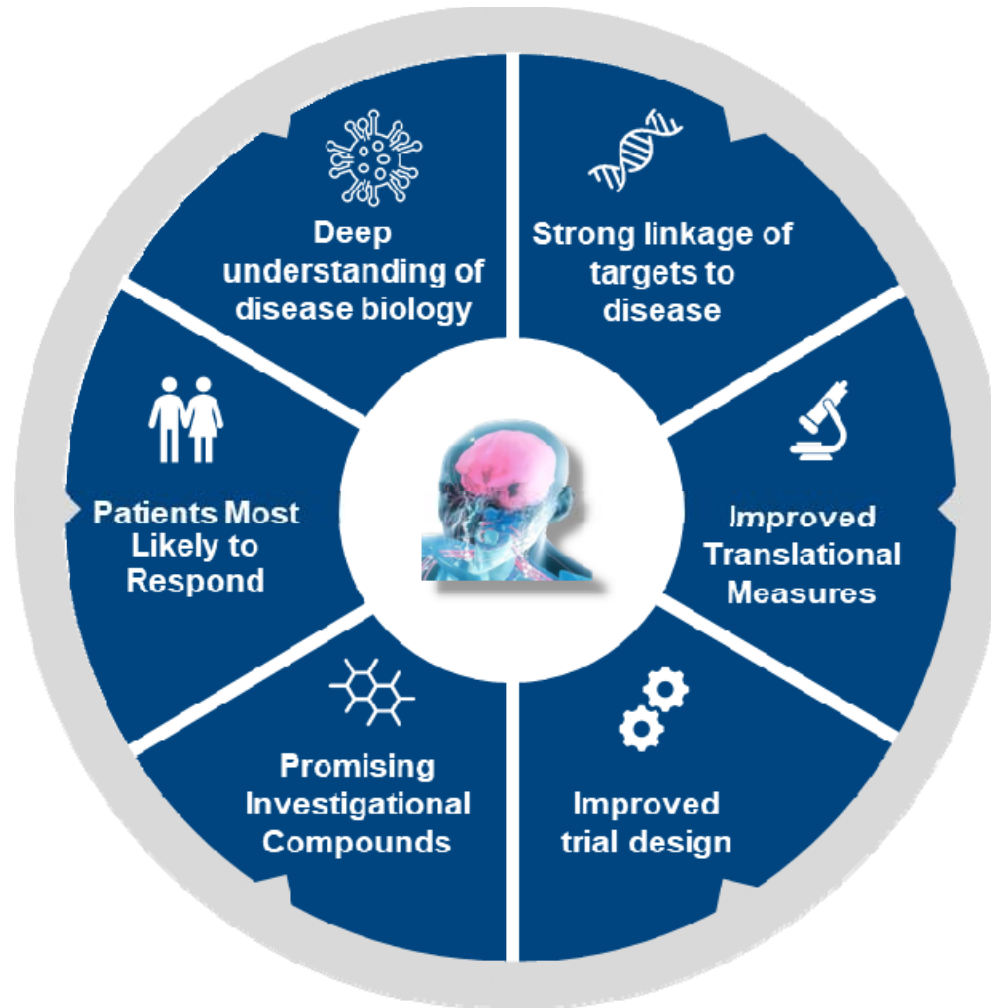
# An assumption

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- **We believe that treatment earlier in the disease course may have greater benefit for the patient**
- **With no treatment yet slowing or stopping the course of disease – why do we believe that? Why have we gone in that direction?**

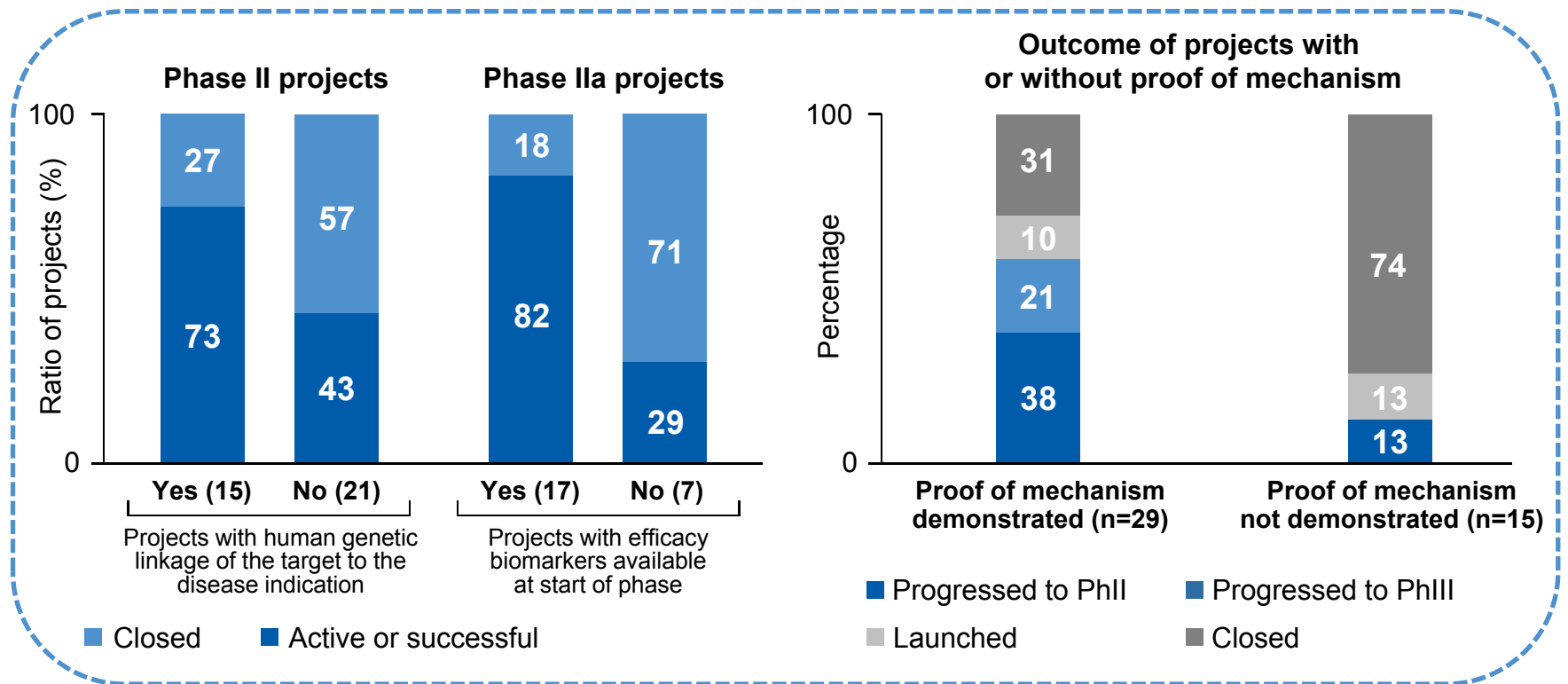
# What's important in inventing and developing new therapies?

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# Key factors important to project progression in clinical phase

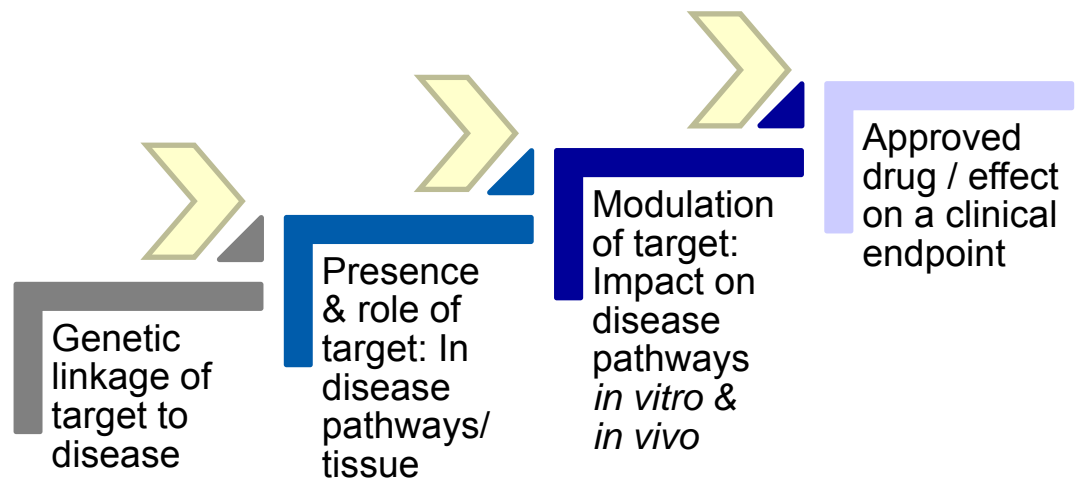
- Human genetic data is more common in projects that succeed vs fail in PhII
- Successful projects are more likely to have biomarkers (82 vs 30%)<sup>1</sup>
- Proof of Mechanism – quantifiable target engagement has a positive impact on progression to PhII (38%), PhIII (21%) or launch (10%)<sup>2</sup>



1. Cook et al 2014 Nat Rev Drug Disc; 2. Morgan P et al. Nat Rev Drug Disc 2018;17:167-181

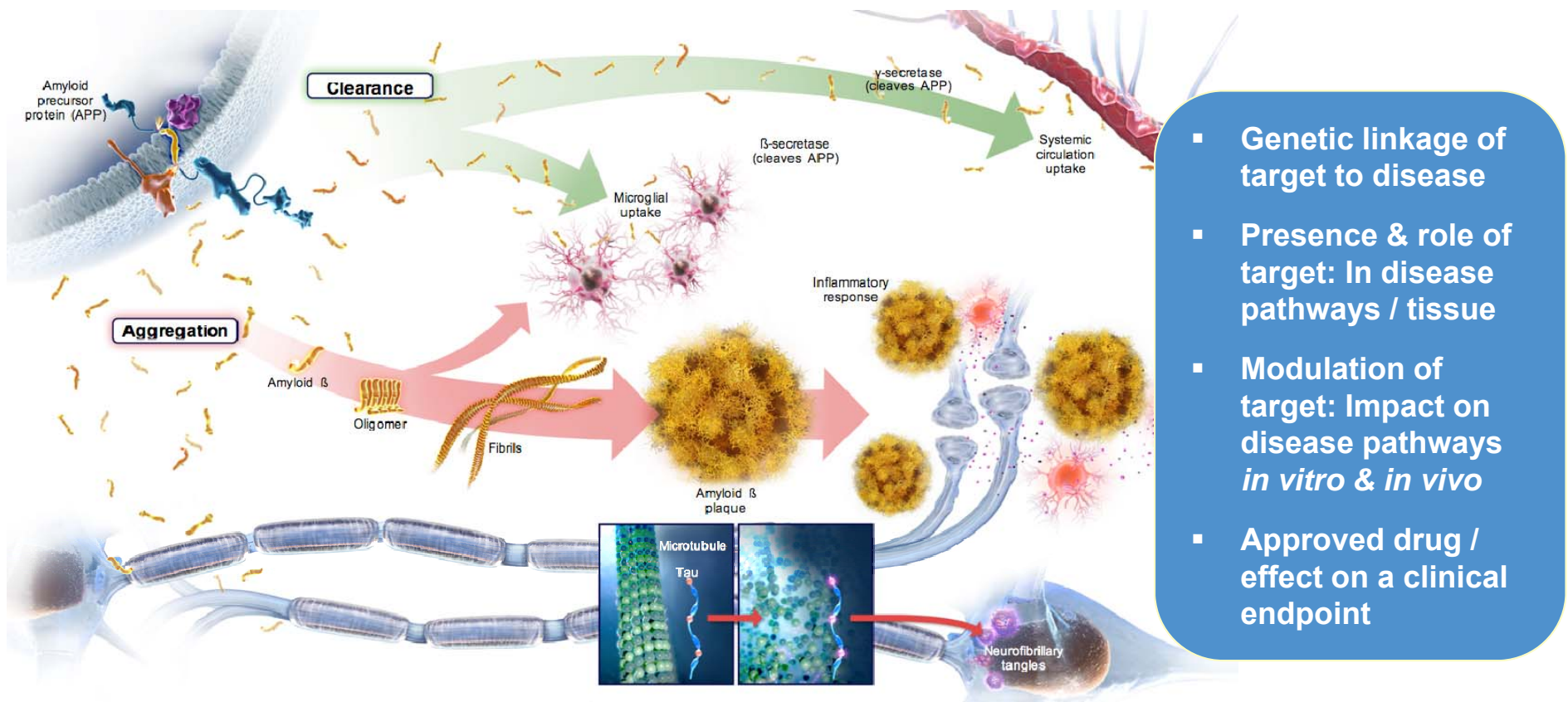
# How do we rate the strength of connection to disease?

- Generate evidence that builds confidence in or invalidates the scientific hypothesis
- A target is only truly validated when a drug for that target is successfully approved





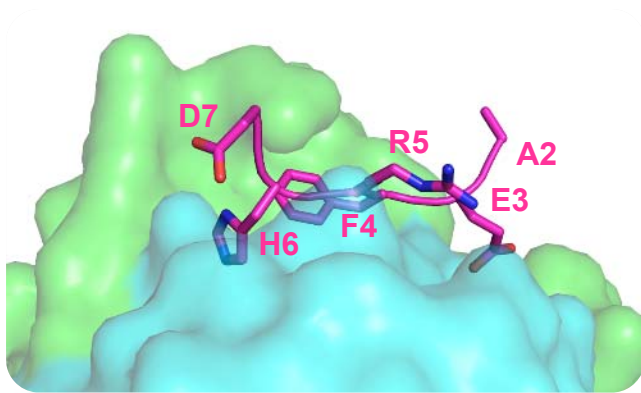
# What are the current hypotheses being tested?



- Genetic linkage of target to disease
- Presence & role of target: In disease pathways / tissue
- Modulation of target: Impact on disease pathways *in vitro* & *in vivo*
- Approved drug / effect on a clinical endpoint

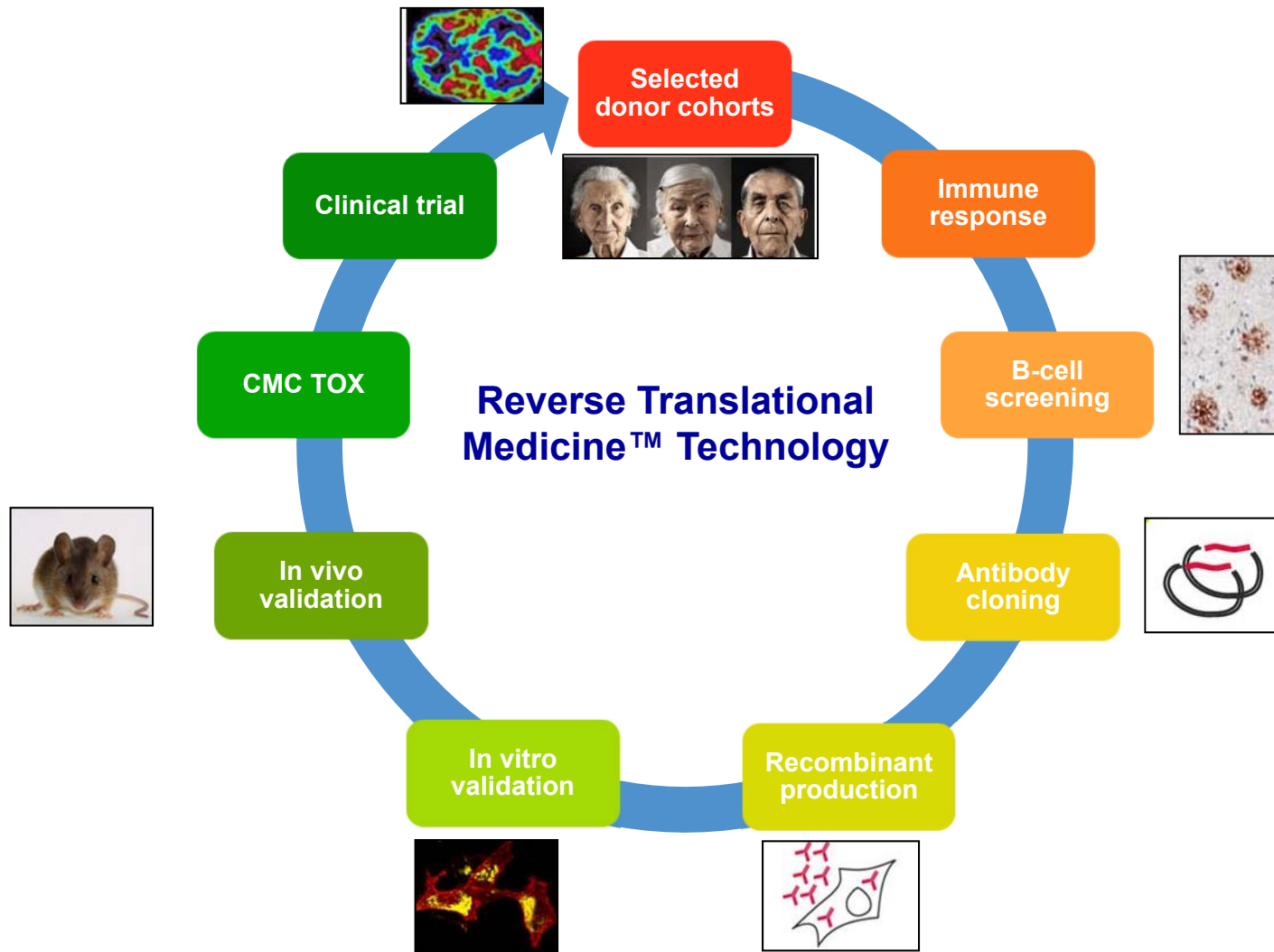
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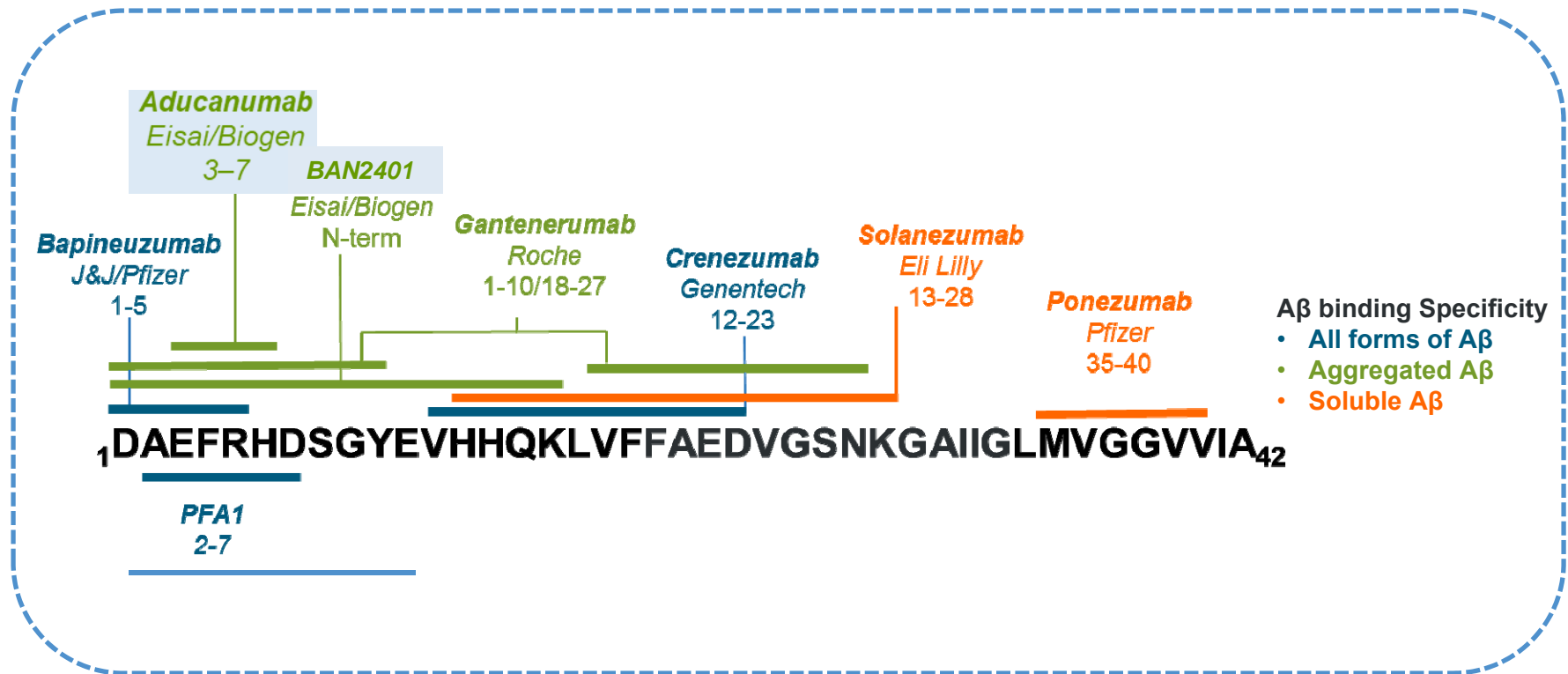


## Investigational Compounds – Aducanumab

# Aducanumab is a human IgG1 anti-A $\beta$ monoclonal antibody developed by Biogen and Neurimmune



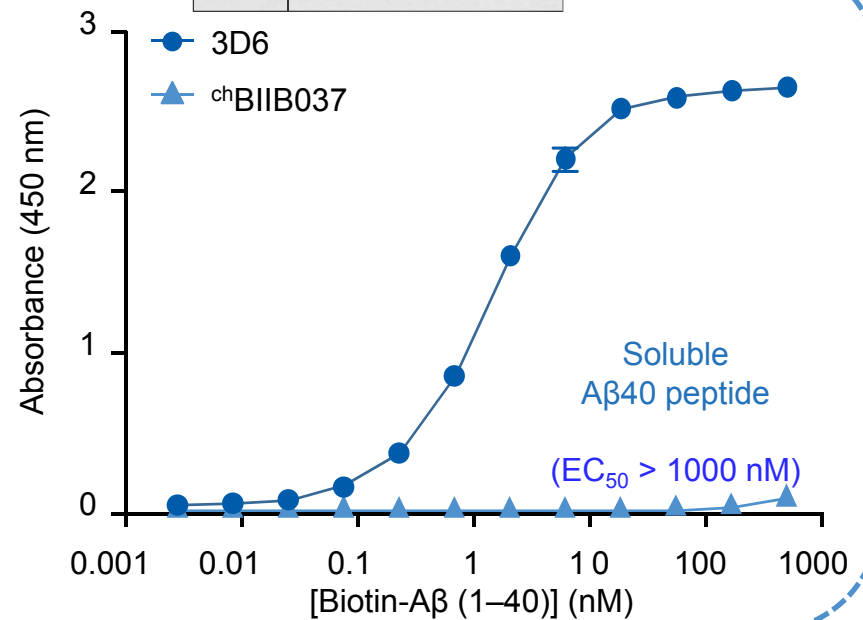
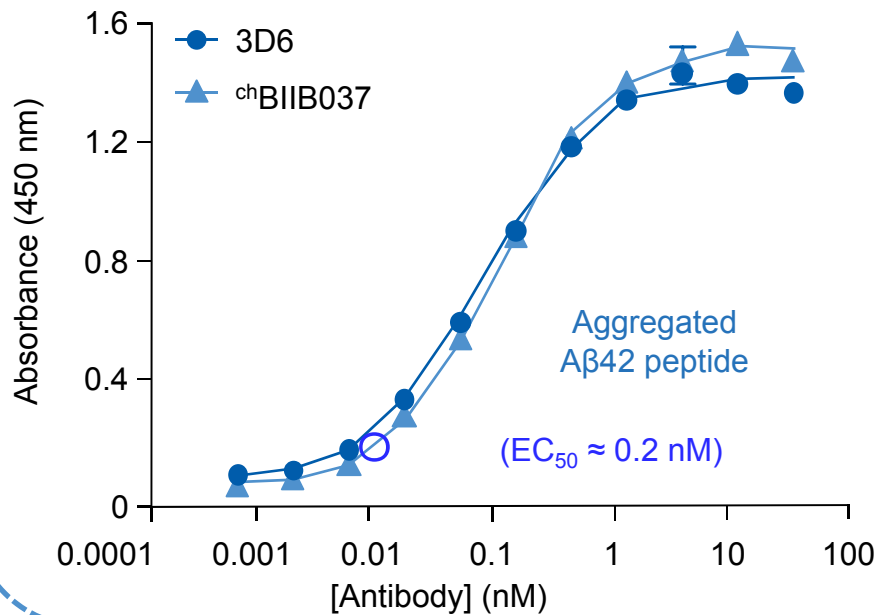
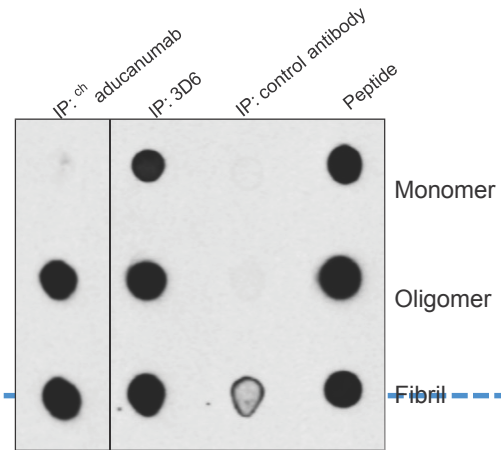
# Multiple A $\beta$ antibodies target the N-terminus



# Aducanumab is highly selective for aggregated A $\beta$

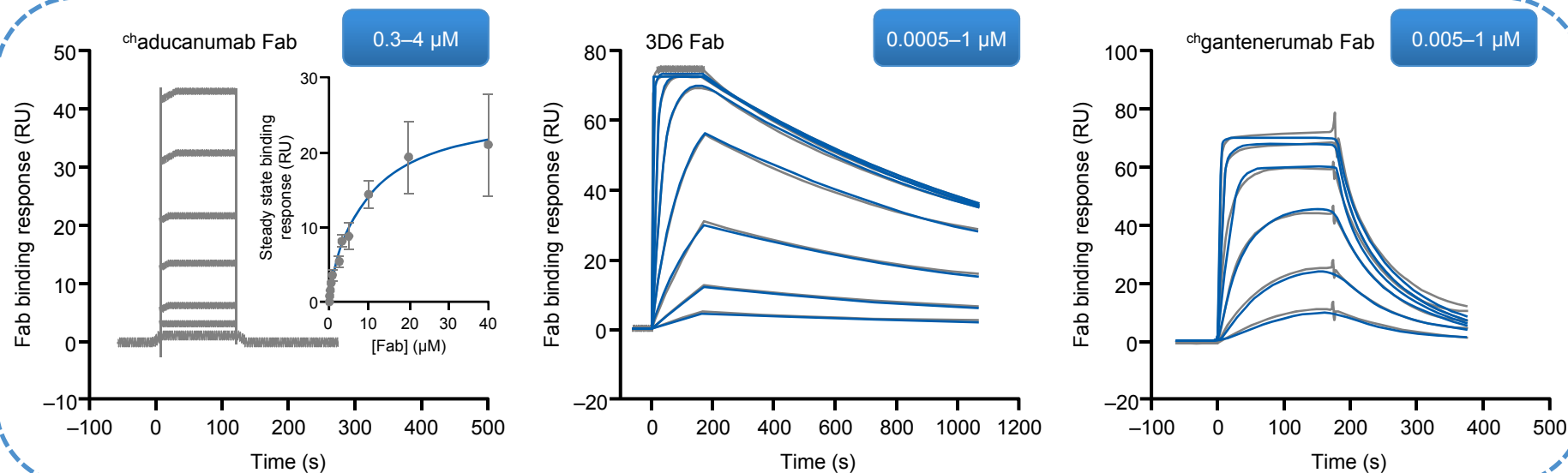
Aducanumab binds to:

- Soluble oligomers
- Insoluble fibrils



# Selectivity of aducanumab for a $\beta$ aggregates is driven by valency, low affinity for soluble monomer, and rapid kinetics

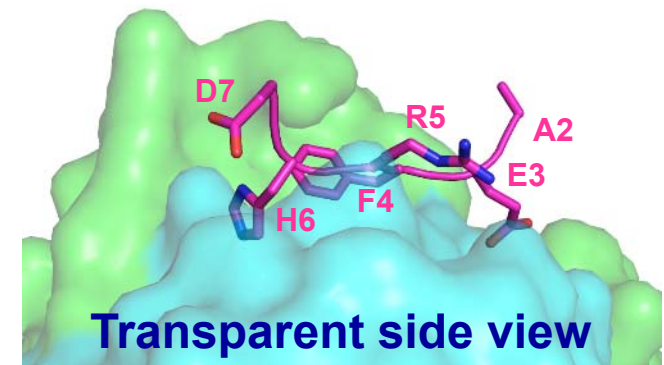
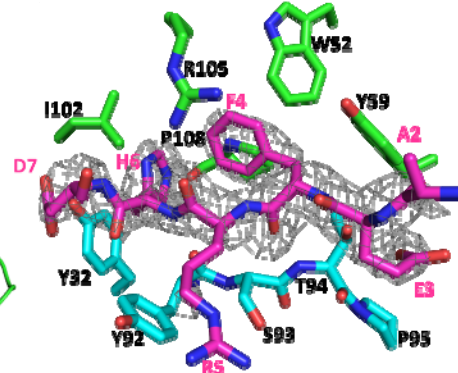
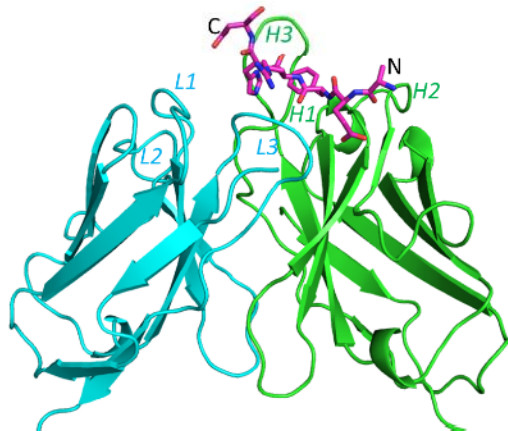
## Binding studies using SPR



	Dissociation rate	Equilibrium affinity
Fab Fragment	$K_d(s^{-1})$	$K_D(nM)$
Aducanumab (mIgG chimer)	>1	~9,000
Gantenerumab (mIgG chimer)	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	23
Bapineuzumab (mouse 3D6)	$7.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1.1

# What structural features drive the selectivity of antibodies for A $\beta$ aggregates?

Crystal structure (2.1 Å) of aducanumab Fab with A $\beta$  1-11



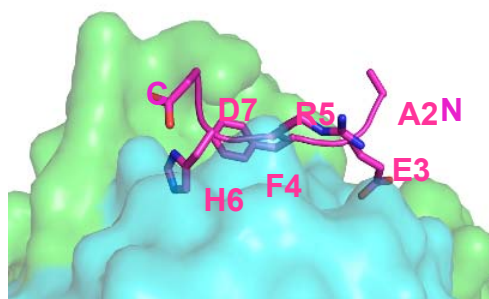
Aducanumab binds to A $\beta$  peptide with a “light touch”  
A shallow and compact epitope may contribute to the selectivity for high molecular weight A $\beta$  forms, without targeting A $\beta$  monomers

	BSA (Å <sup>2</sup> )	CDR contacts
Aducanumab	530	12
Bapineuzumab	537	23
Gantenerumab	903	24

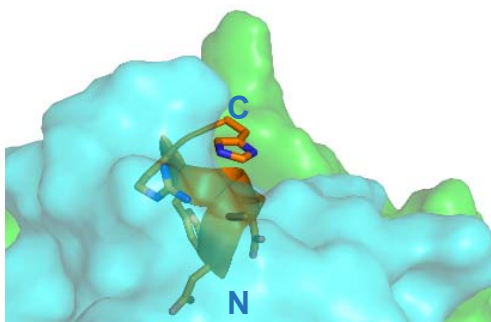


# Interaction between aducanumab and A $\beta$ is shallow, with a subtle interface in comparison with those of other anti-A $\beta$ antibodies

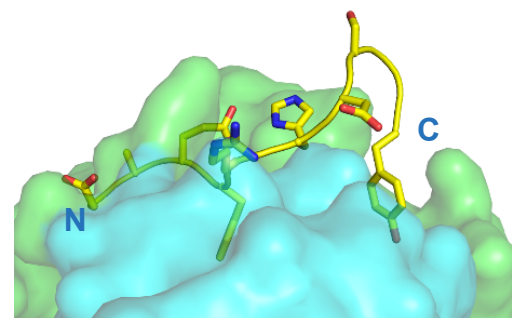
## Side view comparison of N-terminal A $\beta$ antibodies



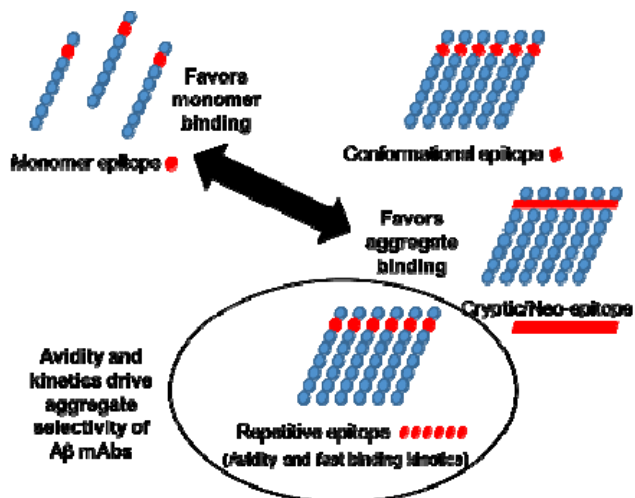
**Aducanumab**



**Bapineuzumab**



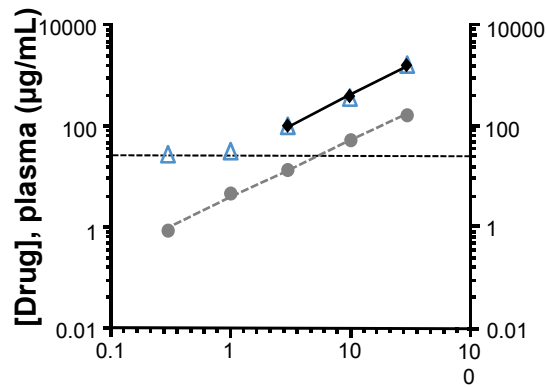
**Gantenerumab**



**Aducanumab discriminates between A $\beta$  monomers and aggregates based on its strong avidity for epitope-rich aggregates**

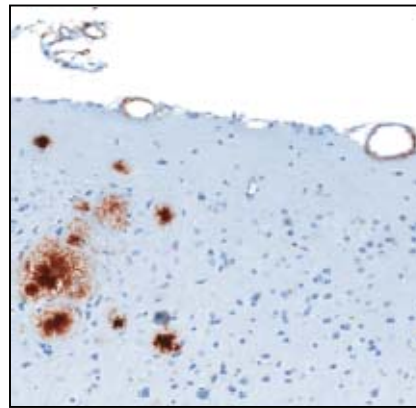


# Dose-dependent reduction of amyloid burden upon chronic treatment in Tg2576 mice

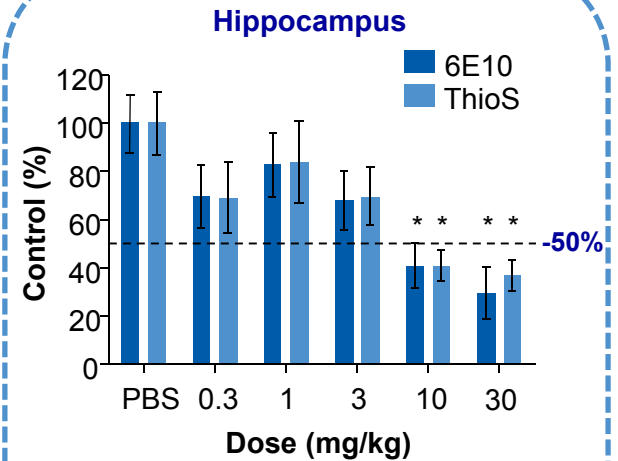


Brain exposure  
proportional  
to dose and plasma

Range of brain-to-  
plasma ratio 0.1–1%



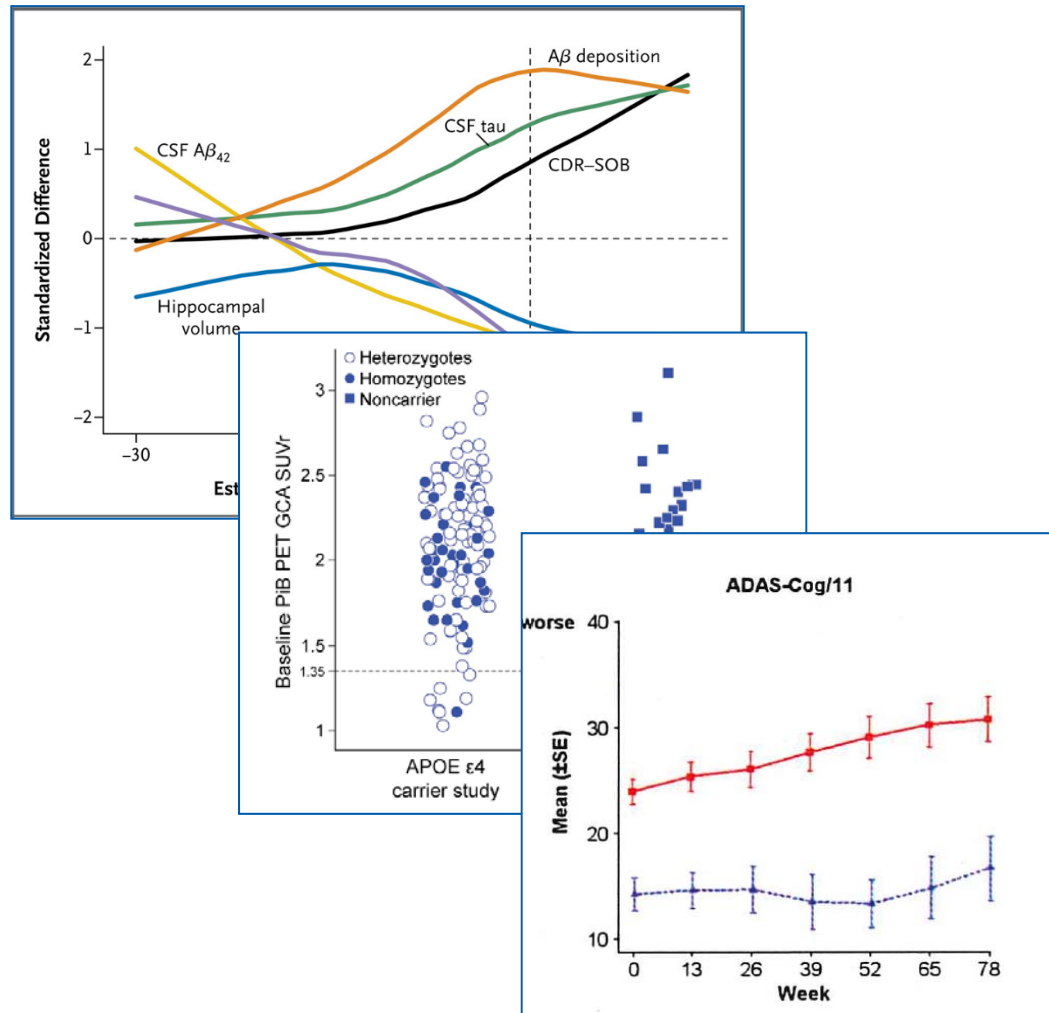
In vivo binding  
to amyloid deposits  
(anti-hu IHC)



Dose-dependent  
reduction  
of amyloid  
(chronic treatment  
in Tg2576 mice)

# **Patients Most Likely to Respond / Improved Translational Measures from Preclinical to the Clinic**

# What have we learnt about disease progression?



- Biomarkers tell us that Alzheimer's starts many years prior to the appearance of symptoms
- In previous Phase 3 studies, patients were enrolled without evidence of amyloid pathology (Alzheimer's pathogenesis)
- The presence of pathology defines different baseline scores and trajectories for cognitive and functional decline in Ab+ and Ab- subjects

# Identifying patients most likely to respond to an anti-amyloid mechanism of action – amyloid PET screening

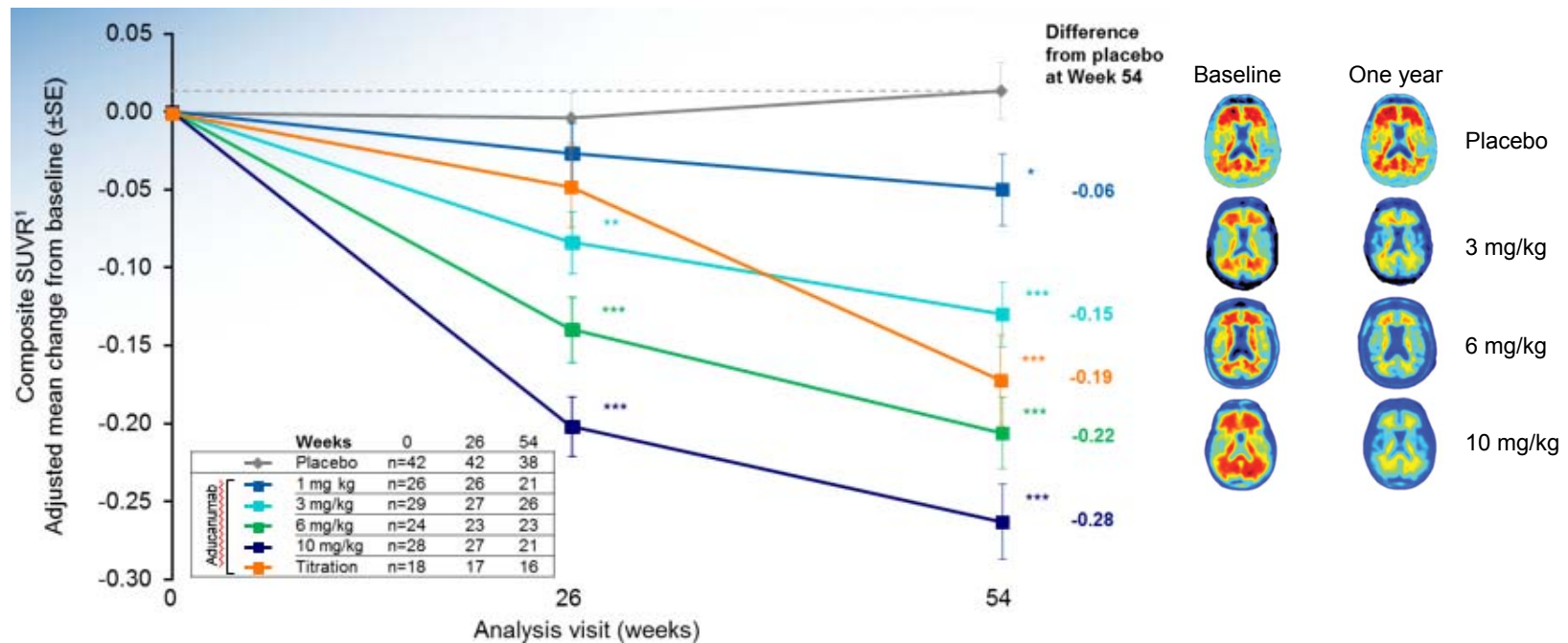
	Prodromal (n=139)	Mild (n=133)	Overall (n=278) <sup>a</sup>
Amyloid PET findings by binary visual readings, n (%)			
Amyloid-positive	69 (50)	100 (75)	170 (61)
Amyloid-negative	70 (50)	33 (25)	108 (39)
Amyloid PET findings via quantitative analysis, n (%)			
Amyloid-positive	79 (57)	104 (78)	185 (67)
Amyloid-negative	60 (43)	29 (22)	93 (33)

<sup>a</sup>Includes 6 patients with unknown AD stage.

# Clinical proof of mechanism for aducanumab – dose and time-dependent reduction in amyloid plaque as measured by PET

Dose and time dependent reduction in composite SUVR (PET)<sup>1</sup>

Amyloid-β (Aβ) plaque reduction: example amyloid PET images<sup>2</sup>



Nominal p values: \* P<0.05; \*\*P<0.01; \*\*\*P<0.001 vs placebo.

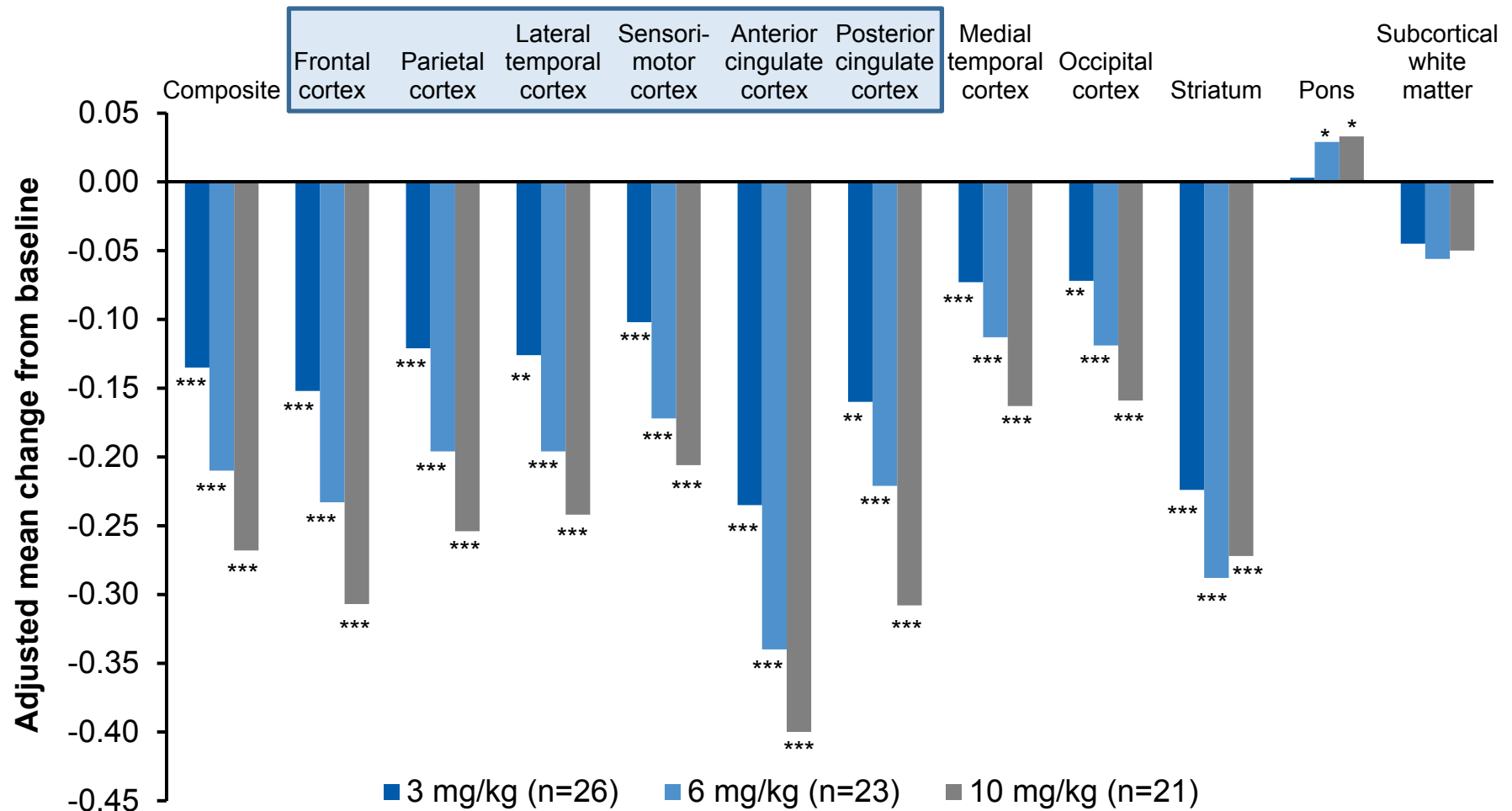
<sup>1</sup>Viglietta et al. Aducanumab titration dosing regimen: 12-month interim analysis from PRIME, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 1b study in patients with prodromal or mild Alzheimer's disease. Platform Presentation at CTAD 2016; <sup>2</sup>Sevigny J et al. Nature. 2016;537:50–56

ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; SE, standard error; SUVR, Standardized uptake value ratio

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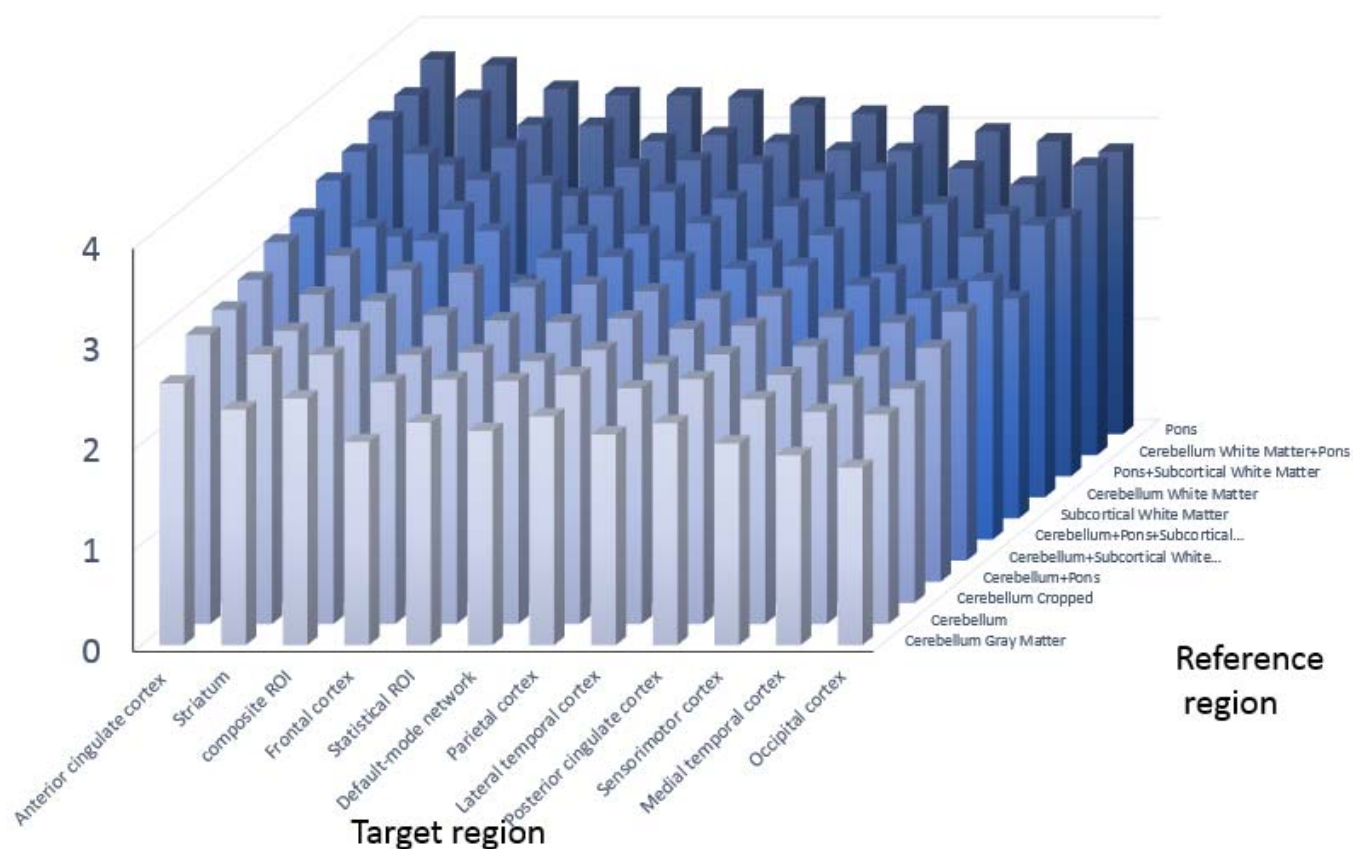
# Amyloid plaque reduction with aducanumab regional analysis SUVR at Week 54



\*P<0.05; \*\*P<0.01; \*\*\*P<0.001 vs placebo

Analyses based on observed data. ANCOVA for change from baseline with factors of treatment, laboratory ApoE ε4 status (carrier and non-carrier), and baseline composite SUVR. PD analysis population is defined as all randomized subjects who received at least 1 dose of study medication and had at least 1 post-baseline assessment of the parameter; Seigny et al. Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 1b Study of the Anti-Amyloid Beta Antibody Aducanumab (BIIB037) in Patients with Prodromal or Mild Alzheimer's Disease: Interim Results. Platform Presentation at CTAD 2015.

# Dose- and time-dependent reductions in SUVR observed with aducanumab regardless of reference/target regions



Effect size for each brain target region in 10 mg/kg aducanumab group by reference region at week 54

# Centiloid conversion

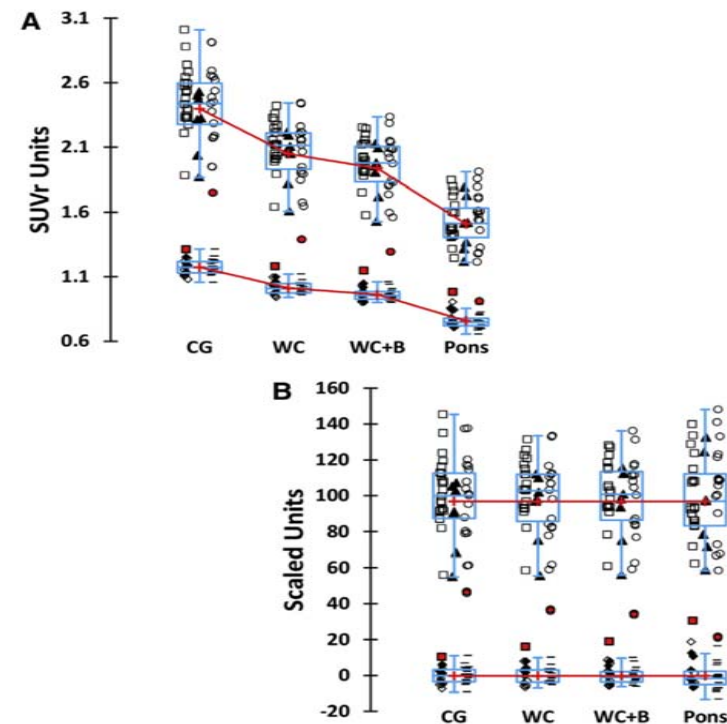
Centiloid: a 0 to 100 scale, anchored by young controls (45 years) and typical AD patients

Objective: to standardize quantitative amyloid imaging measures by converting the outcome of each particular analysis method or tracer to the centiloid scale

## Methods:

- A centiloid conversion equation established using a public database from Global Alzheimer's Association Information Network (GAIN; <http://www.gaain.org>) and an amyloid PET data set from Avid Radiopharmaceuticals (46 subjects, each underwent a PiB and a florbetapir scan)
- PRIME amyloid PET SUVR measures converted to centiloid units using the centiloid conversion equation
- Percent change in amyloid PET measures calculated using the following:

$$\frac{\text{Follow up Centiloid} - \text{Baseline}}{\text{Baseline Centiloid}} \times 100$$

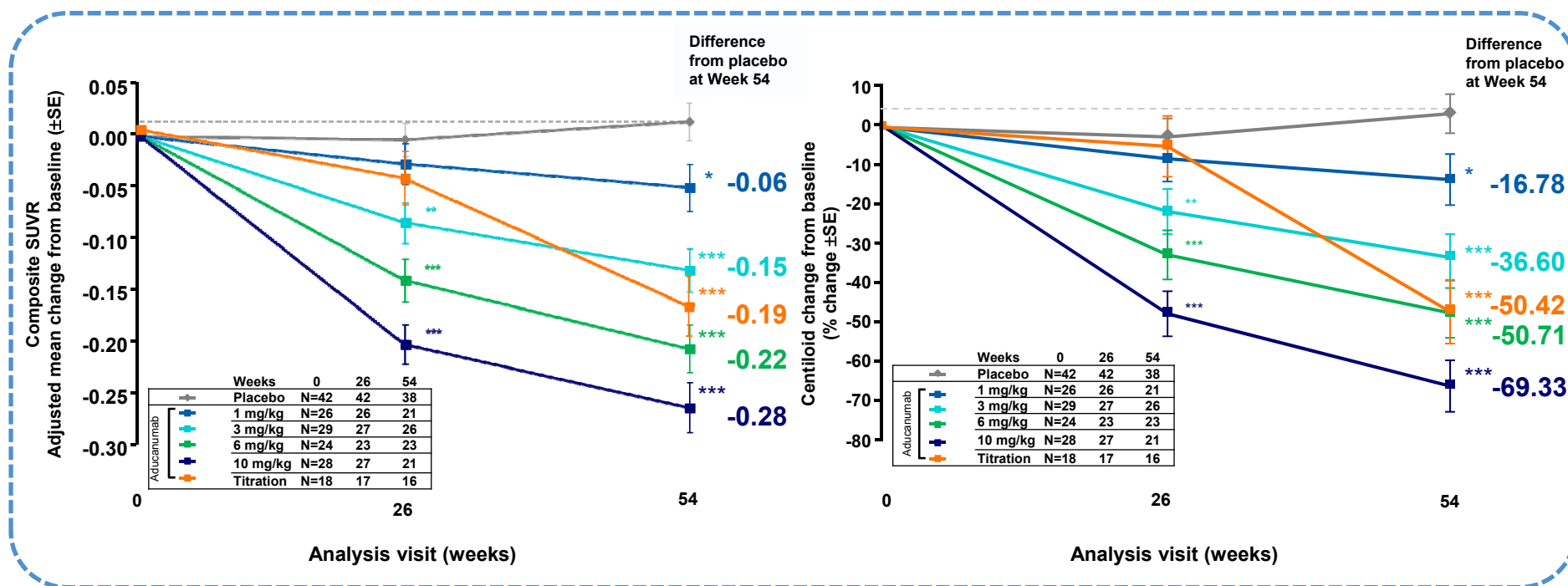




# Aducanumab Ph1b amyloid results in SUVR and centiloid: 69% reduction in amyloid plaque load

## Change in SUVR

## Percentage change in centiloid



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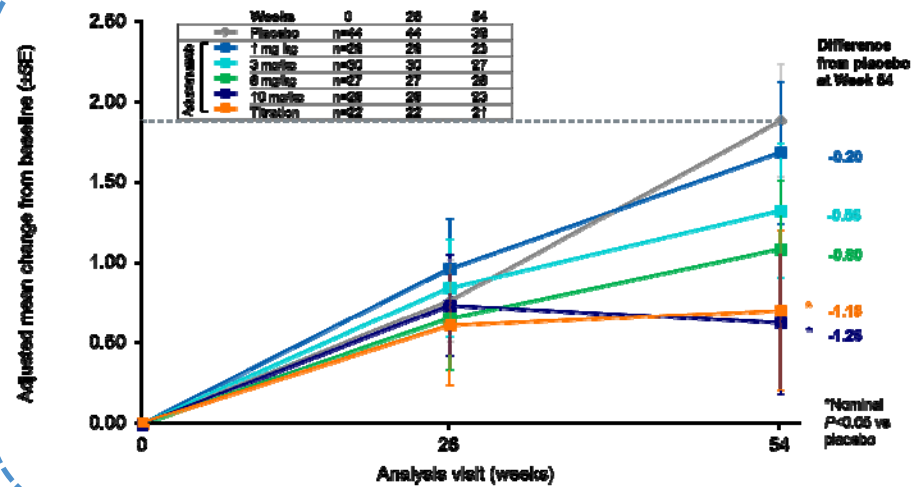
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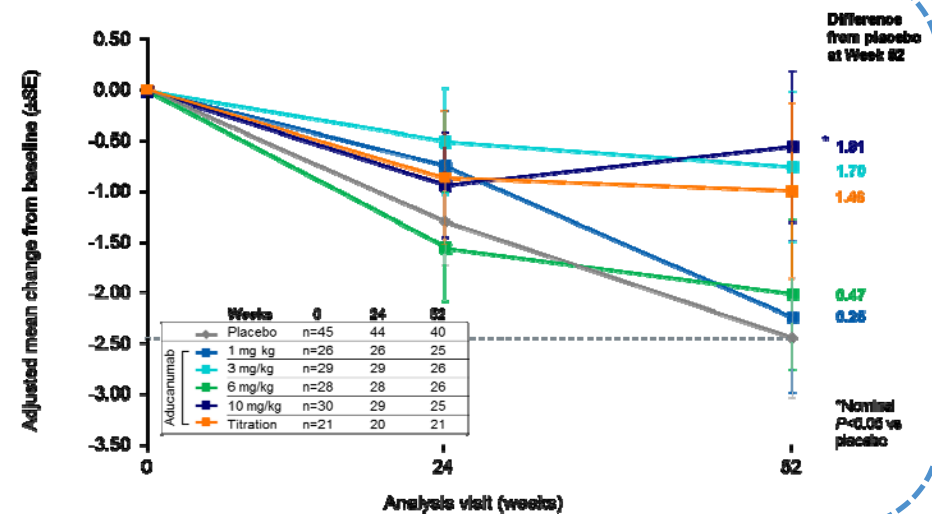
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# Clinical proof of concept: effect of aducanumab on clinical decline as measured by CDR-SB & MMSE (exploratory endpoints)

## Change in CDR-SB



## Change in MMSE



CDR-SB is an exploratory endpoint. Analyses based on observed data. ANCOVA for change from baseline with factors of treatment, laboratory ApoE ε4 status (carrier and non-carrier), and baseline CDR-SB. Efficacy analysis population is defined as all randomized subjects who received at least 1 dose of study medication and had at least 1 post-baseline questionnaire assessment

MMSE is an exploratory endpoint. Analyses based on observed data. ANCOVA for change from baseline with factors of treatment, laboratory ApoE ε4 status (carrier and non-carrier), and baseline MMSE. Efficacy analysis population is defined as all randomized patients who received at least 1 dose of study medication and had at least 1 post-baseline questionnaire assessment

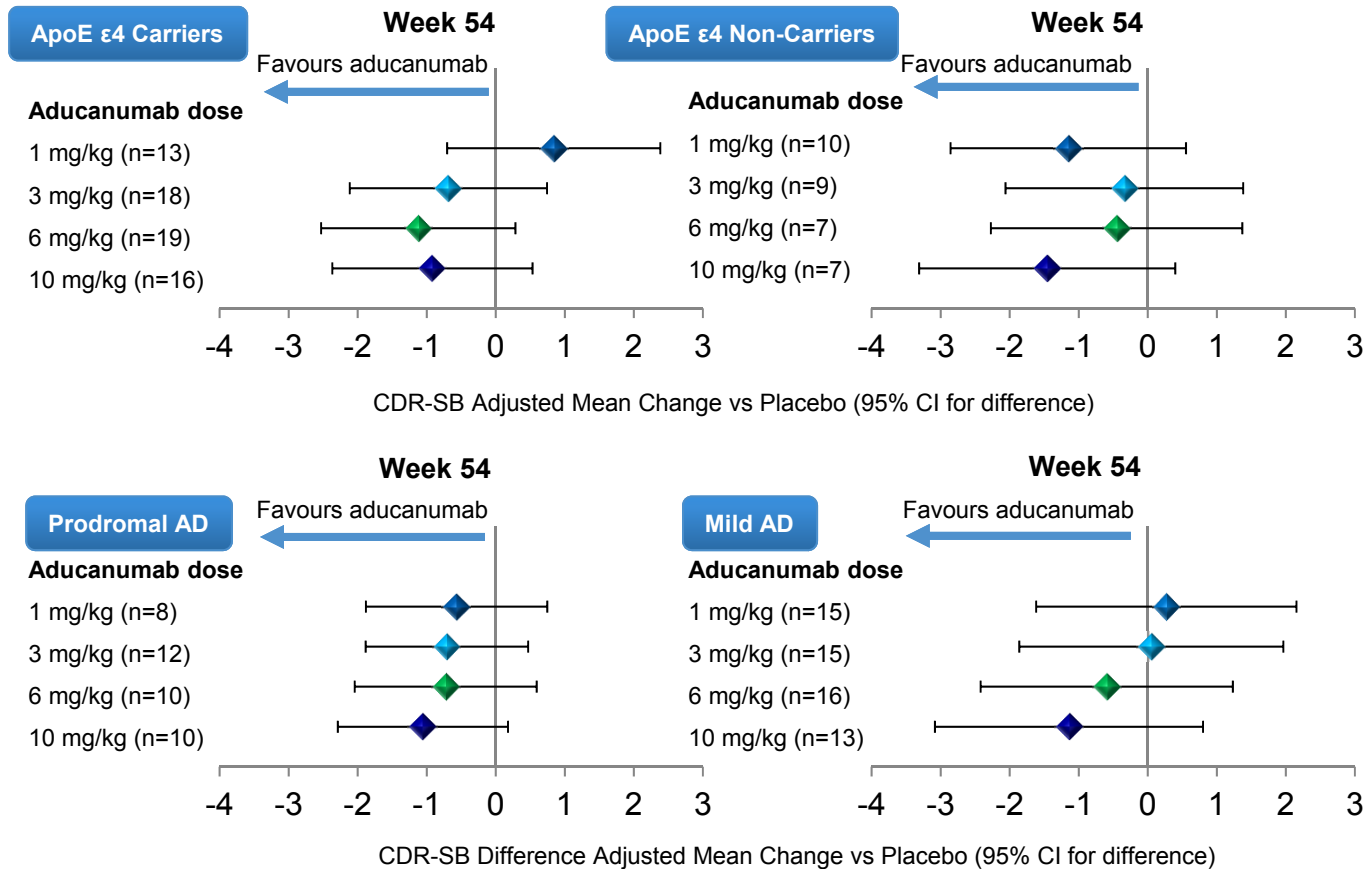
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# Ph1b Aducanumab CDR-SB by patient subgroup



Viglietta et al. 12-Month Interim Analysis of APOE4 Carriers for Fixed and Titration Dosing Regimens in PRIME, a Phase 1b study of Aducanumab. Platform presentation at ADPD 2017, Vienna, Austria.

CDR-SB was an exploratory endpoint. Analyses based on observed data. Difference from placebo and 95% CI based on ANCOVA model. ANCOVA for change from baseline with factors of treatment, laboratory Apo  $\epsilon$ 4 status (carrier and non-carrier) [for clinical stage subgroup analysis only], and baseline CDR-SB. Efficacy analysis population is defined as all randomized subjects who received at least 1 dose of study medication and had at least 1 post-baseline assessment of the parameter.

ApoE  $\epsilon$ 4, apolipoprotein E; CDR-SB, Clinical Dementia Rating Scale–Sum of Boxes; CI, confidence interval; SUVR, standardized uptake value ratio

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# What's important in inventing and developing new therapies?

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