

# **FY2025 R&D Meeting**

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# Our Drug Discovery

- We select the most appropriate modality for intractable and rare diseases from **small molecules, nucleic acids, and gene therapies**.
- Many intractable and rare diseases are hereditary disorders, and these three modalities can **target the causative genes**.
- Differentiation by implementing a unique strategy based on **the combination of diseases, mechanisms of action, and modalities**, which are the main components of the research themes.

# Focus Areas



# Our Focus Areas



Hematology



Intractable and rare diseases



Urology



Gynecology



**Jaypirca<sup>®</sup>**  
r/r-MCL  
r/r-CLL  
2025



**Uptravi<sup>®</sup>**  
PAH 2016  
CTEPH 2021  
Pediatric PAH 2025



**Erleada<sup>®</sup>**  
Prostate cancer  
2019



**MonoVer<sup>®</sup>**  
Iron deficiency  
anemia  
2023

## Main Products (Indications, Year of launch)



**Vyxeos<sup>®</sup>**  
High-risk AML  
2024



**Viltepso<sup>®</sup>**  
DMD  
2020

**NS-401**  
**LY3527727**  
etc.

**CAP-1002**  
**NS-863**  
etc.

**NS-025**

**NS-580**

## Main pipeline

# Intractable and Rare Diseases

**85% of our development pipeline targets intractable or rare diseases.**

- The average ratio of intractable and rare diseases is 28% among 69 companies with sales over 100 billion yen and more than 10 products under development.
- Nippon Shinyaku's ratio is 85%, **ranked at the top in both domestic and global markets.**

## Ratio of Intractable and Rare Diseases in Pharmaceutical Companies' Development Pipelines

Japan			
#	Company name	%	# of products
1	<b>Nippon Shinyaku</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>11</b>
2	Company A	47	20
3	Company B	43	9
4	Company C	38	5
5	Company D	38	9

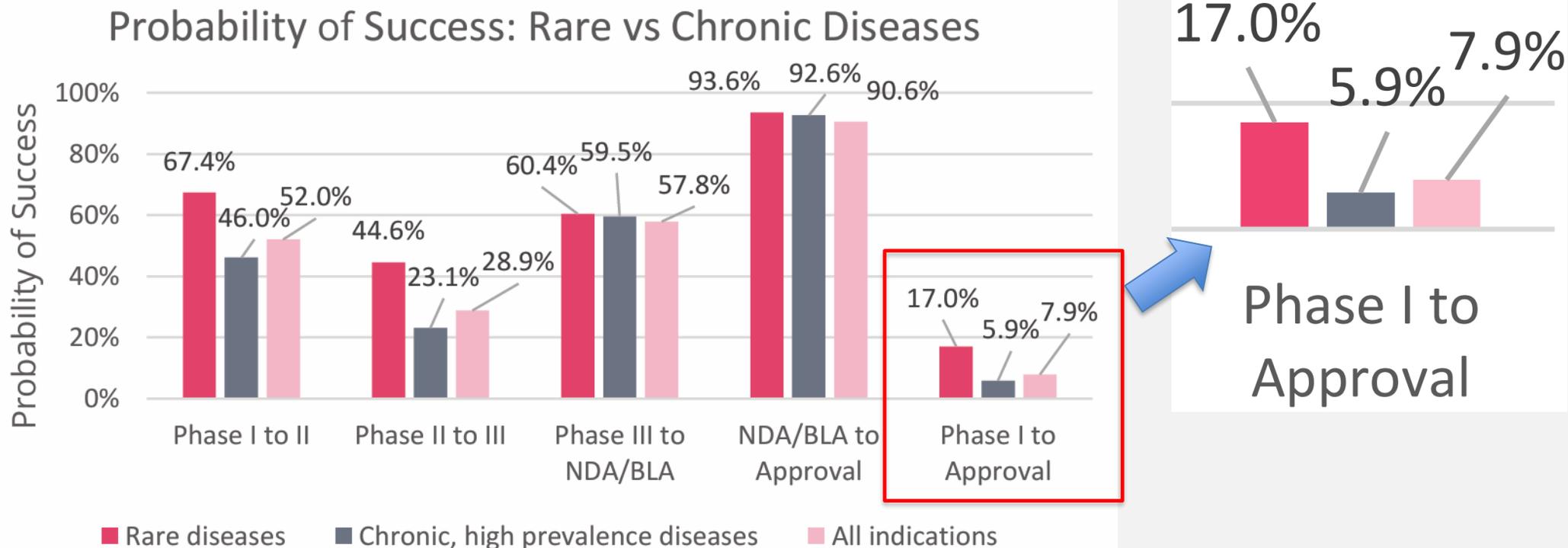
Global			
#	Company name	%	# of products
1	<b>Nippon Shinyaku</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>11</b>
2	Company E	70	7
3	Company F	60	6
4	Company G	58	14
5	Company H	50	38

# Why Rare Diseases?

## Success rates in development for rare diseases are relatively high

- Probability of success from P1 to approval is about 3x higher than for chronic diseases.
- Depending on requirements, regulatory pathways for Accelerated Approval may be available.

### Rare disease vs. highly prevalent chronic disease success rates



# Our Pipeline and Disease Areas

Disease area		Development pipeline
Hematology		NS-401, LY3527727, NS-917
Immunology		GA101, NS-229
Neuromuscular		ZX008, CAP-1002, NS-089, NS-035, NS-050, NS-051
Pulmonary hypertension (PH)		NS-863, NS-421
Specialty	Congenital metabolism	RGX-121, RGX-111
	Ophthalmology	ATSN-101

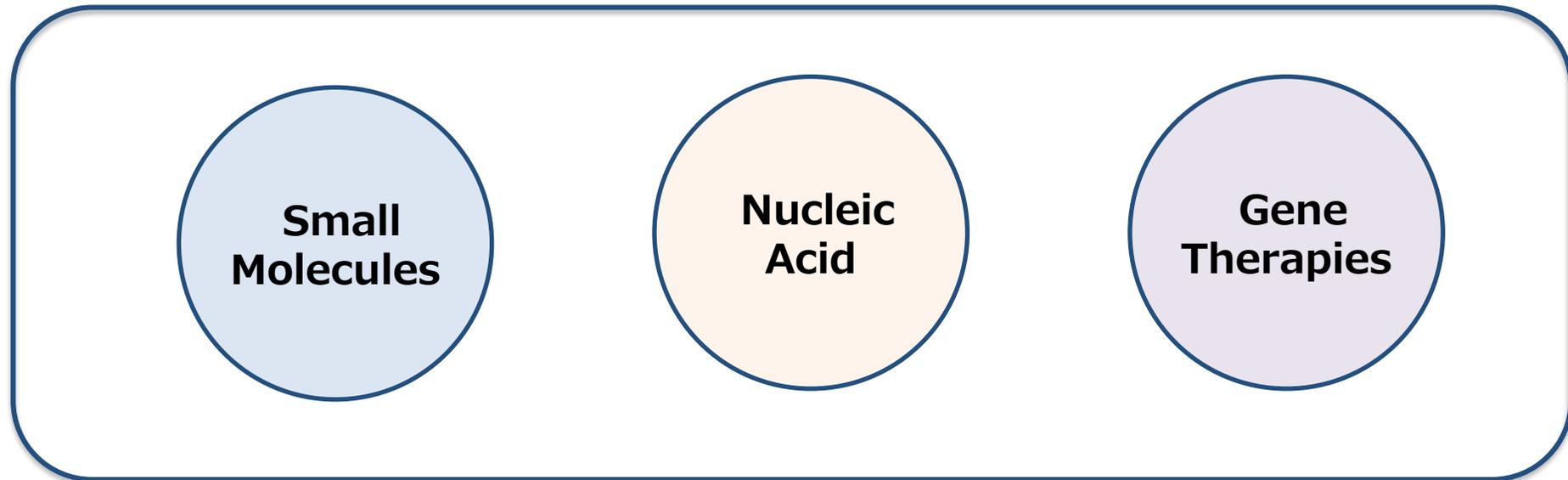
Black: small molecule, Orange: nucleic acid, Green: gene therapy, Blue: other

# Modalities



## Types of Modalities

**We are advancing our research and development activities centered on the following three core modalities.**



**Nippon Shinyaku leverages three modalities capable of acting on genes,** with strength in selecting the optimal modality for disease-causing genes.

# Small Molecules: Current Status and Strategy

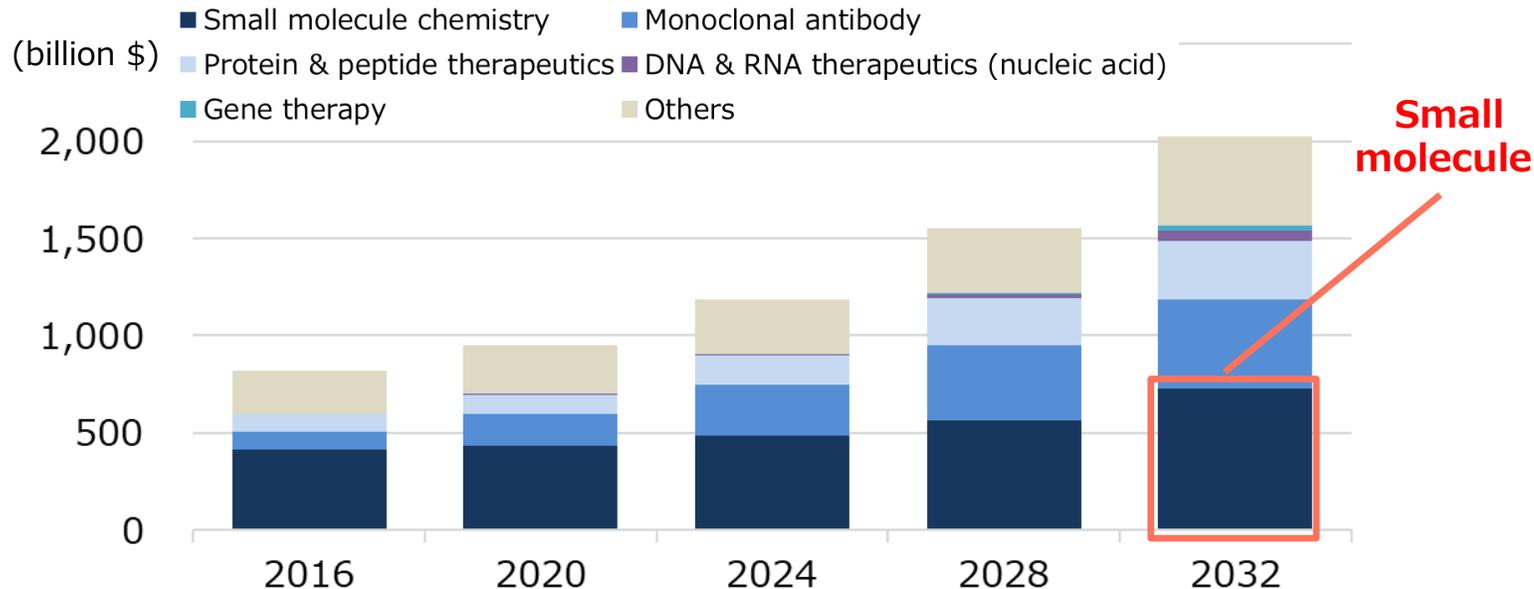
## Current Status

- Although modalities are diversifying, **small-molecule drugs are expected to remain at the center of drug discovery in the future.**
- Advances in AI and protein conformational analysis will enable drug discovery even **for targets that are difficult to discover with conventional technologies.**

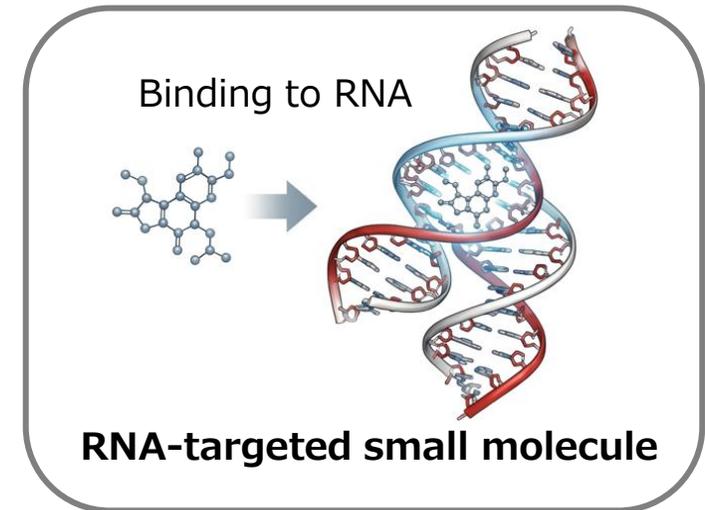
## Strategy

- **Evolution of expertise** in small molecule **compound optimization**
- Approaches to difficult targets **using RNA-targeted small molecules and cyclic peptides**

## Global Sales of Pharmaceuticals by Modality



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# Nucleic Acid Drugs: Current Status and Strategy

## Current Status

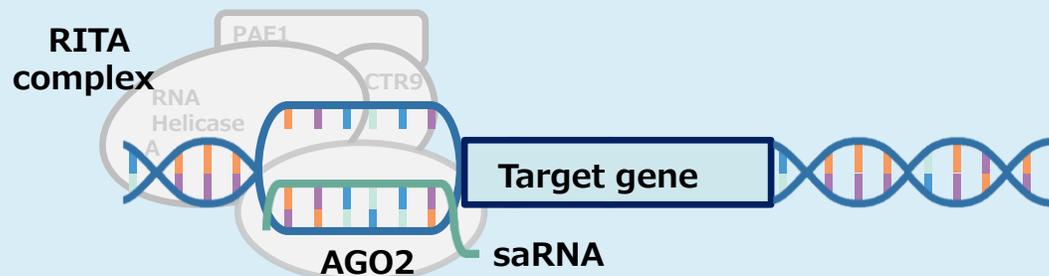
- **Patent competition for nucleic acid drugs is intensifying**, and **securing in-house patents** is an important issue.
- Limited therapeutic effect due to lack of tissue transferability

## Strategy

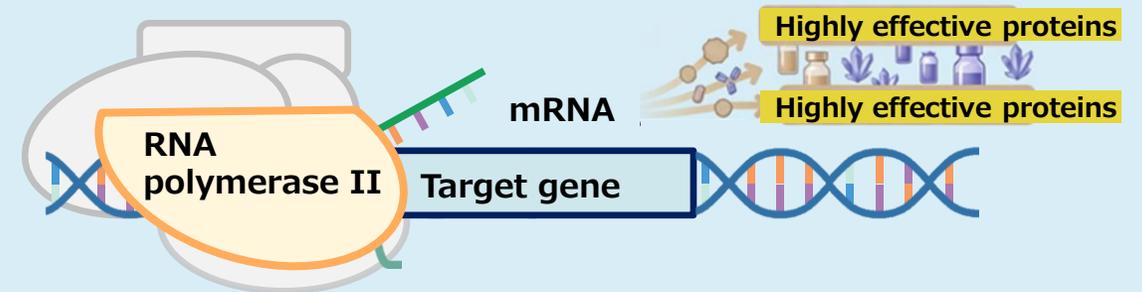
- **Potential for patent acquisition**: Application of expression-enhanced nucleic acids to loss-of-function diseases
- Beginning with central local administration, expanding to intravenous administration using DDS technology

Gene expression-enhancing nucleic acids: Small activating RNA (saRNA)

### STEP 1: Formation of gene activation complex by saRNA

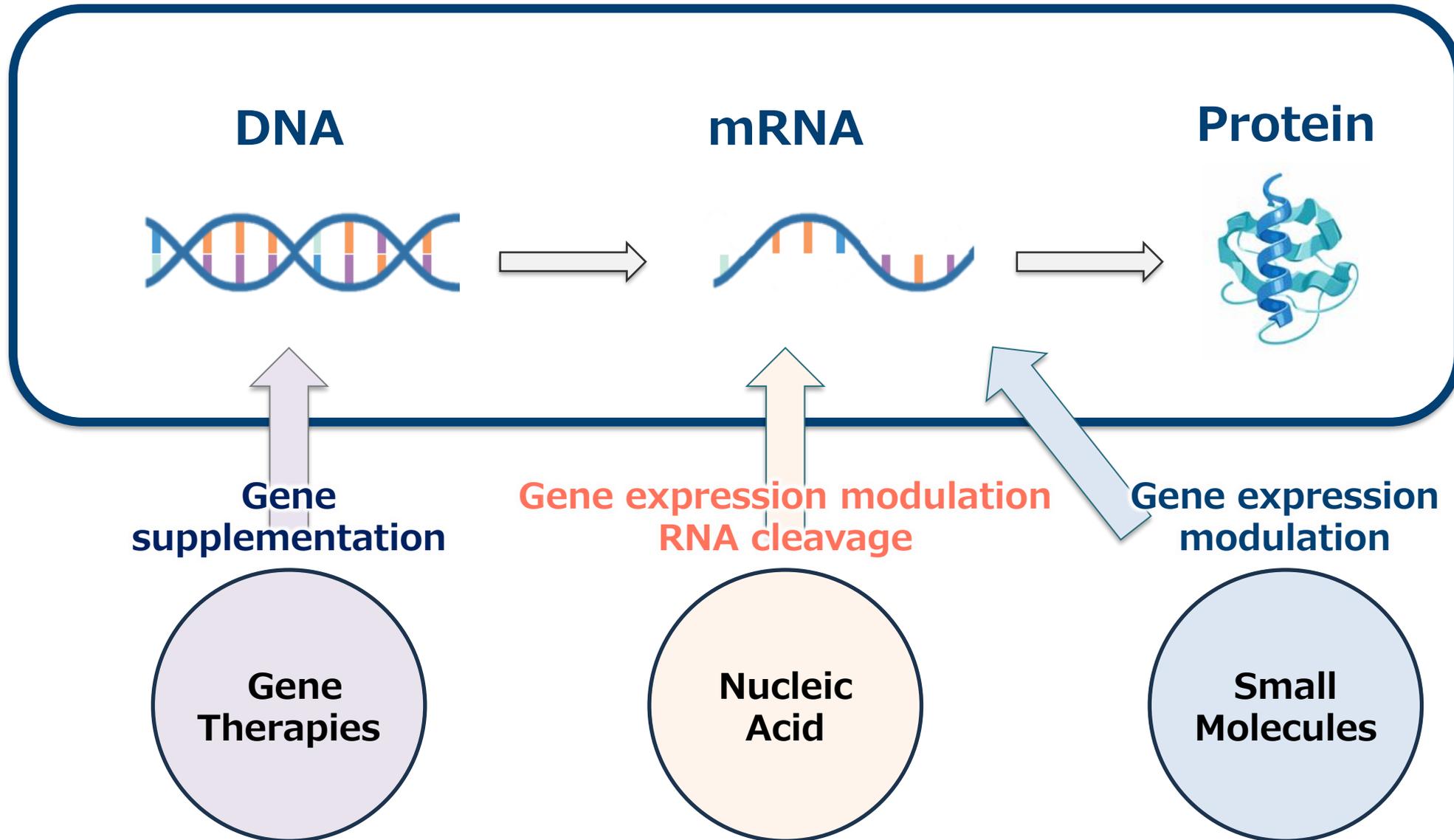


### STEP 2: Transcriptional enhancement and protein production by RNA polymerase II



DDS : drug delivery system  
RITA : RNA-induced transcriptional activation

# Modality Mechanisms



# Open Innovation

# Open Innovation in Progress

## Target Search

- Search for novel disease-causing genes
- Disease mechanism elucidation by AI

## Modality Technology

- Gene expression enhancing nucleic acids targeting loss-of-function diseases
- RNA-targeted small molecules for genetic diseases

## Seeds introduction

- Acquisition of innovative therapeutic seeds
- Enhancement of pipeline by seed supplementation

**Advancing open innovation in areas where we can leverage our strengths, aligned with our drug discovery strategy**

# Strategic Alliance with Boston Children's Hospital (BCH)

## The No.1 children's hospital in the U.S.

- World-class medical institution with outstanding clinical and research achievements
- 3,000 researchers and 3,000 peer-reviewed papers per year

## Affiliated with Harvard Medical School

- A center for cutting-edge medical research and education

## Seeking research proposals with social impact from BCH's researchers

- Nippon Shinyaku entered into a strategic alliance with BCH in June 2025.
- With an eye toward establishing a long-term partnership with BCH in the rare disease areas, we select themes that are expected to yield positive effects for our own research.



# Pipeline

# Pipeline (1/2)

Stage	Code No. (Generic name)	Origin	Indications	Schedule	Country	ID#
Launch P3	NS-065/NCNP-01 (viltolarsen)	Co-development with National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	—	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2080224893</a>
				—	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT04060199</a>
Preparation for launch	NS-401 (tagraxofusp)	In-license The Menarini Group	blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031220023</a>
Filed	CAP-1002 (deramiocele)	Partnership Capricor Therapeutics, Inc.	Duchenne muscular dystrophy cardiomyopathy	—	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT03406780</a> <sup>1</sup>
						<a href="#">NCT05126758</a> <sup>2</sup>
Filed	RGX-121 (clemidsogene lanparvovec)	Partnership REGENXBIO Inc.	mucopolysaccharidosis type II	Under clinical hold <sup>3</sup> CRL <sup>4</sup>	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT03566043</a>
P3	ZX008 (fenfluramine hydrochloride)	Distribution partnership UCB S.A.	CDKL5 deficiency disorder	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2041230015</a>
	GA101 (obinutuzumab)	In-license Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	lupus nephritis	Projected submission : CY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2011210059</a>
			pediatric nephrotic syndrome	Projected submission : CY2026	Japan	<a href="#">NCT05627557</a>
			extra renal lupus	Projected submission : CY2027	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2071230031</a>
	CAP-1002 (deramiocele)	Partnership Capricor Therapeutics, Inc.	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	—	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT05126758</a>
	LY3527727 (pirtobrutinib)	Alliance agreement Eli Lilly Japan K.K.	mantle cell lymphoma	—	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2021210026</a>
				chronic lymphocytic leukemia	—	Japan
<a href="#">jRCT2041210150</a>						
						<a href="#">jRCT2021220024</a>
Preparation for P3	NS-304 (selexipag)	In-house	arteriosclerosis obliterans	Study start : FY2025	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2071250134</a>

1. Phase II (HOPE-2)
2. Phase III trial (HOPE-3 trial)
3. Clinical hold received from the FDA in January 2026

4. Complete Response Letters (CRLs) are issued directly to product sponsors when the FDA completes its review cycle and determines that it cannot grant an approval of an application in its current form.

\*Schedule is based on trial end dates, etc. from jRCT or ClinicalTrials.gov.

# Pipeline (2/2)

Stage	Code No. (Generic name)	Origin	Indications	Schedule	Country	ID#
P2	NS-580 (friluglanstat)	In-house	endometriosis	Temporarily suspended	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031210685</a>
			chronic prostatitis/ chronic pelvic pain syndrome	Temporarily suspended	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031230134</a>
	NS-089/NCNP-02 (brogidirsen)	Co-development with National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2041250028</a>
					U.S.	<a href="#">NCT05996003</a>
NS-229	In-house	eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031230526</a>	
				U.S.	<a href="#">NCT06046222</a>	
Preparation for P2	NS-035	In-house	Fukuyama congenital muscular dystrophy (FCMD)	Study start : FY2026	Japan	In preparation
	NS-863	In-house	pulmonary arterial hypertension	Study start : FY2026	Japan	In preparation
					U.S.	<a href="#">NCT07441200</a>
			pulmonary hypertension associated with interstitial lung disease		Japan	In preparation
U.S.	<a href="#">NCT07441278</a>					
P1/2	NS-050/NCNP-03	Co-development with National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Study completion : FY2027	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2041240060</a>
	ATSN-101	In-license Atsena Therapeutics	GUCY2D-associated Leber congenital amaurosis	Study completion : FY2027	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT03920007</a>
	RGX-111	Partnership REGENXBIO Inc.	mucopolysaccharidosis type I	Under clinical hold <sup>1</sup>	U.S.	<a href="#">NCT03580083</a>
P1	NS-917 (radgocitabine)	In-license Delta-Fly Pharma, Inc.	relapsed/refractory acute myeloid leukemia	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031210452</a>
	NS-025	In-house	urological diseases	Study completion : FY2024	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2031220474</a>
	NS-245	In-house	Inflammatory diseases	Study completion : FY2026	Japan	<a href="#">jRCT2071250086</a>

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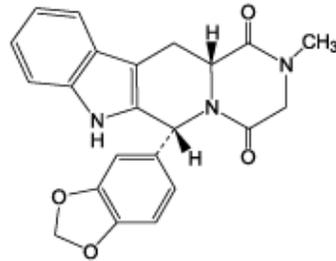
# **NS-863**

**PAH (pulmonary arterial hypertension)**

**PH-ILD (pulmonary hypertension associated with interstitial lung disease)**

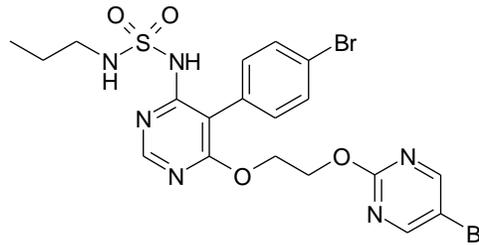
# Our Product Line for Pulmonary Hypertension (PH)

Approved in 2009  
**tadalafil**  
(Adcirca®)



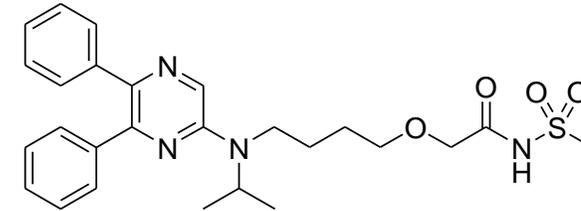
**Phosphodiesterase 5  
inhibitor (PDE5i)**

Approved in 2015  
**macitentan**  
(Opsumit®)



**Endothelin receptor  
antagonist  
(ERA)**

Approved in 2016  
**selexipag**  
(Uptravi®)

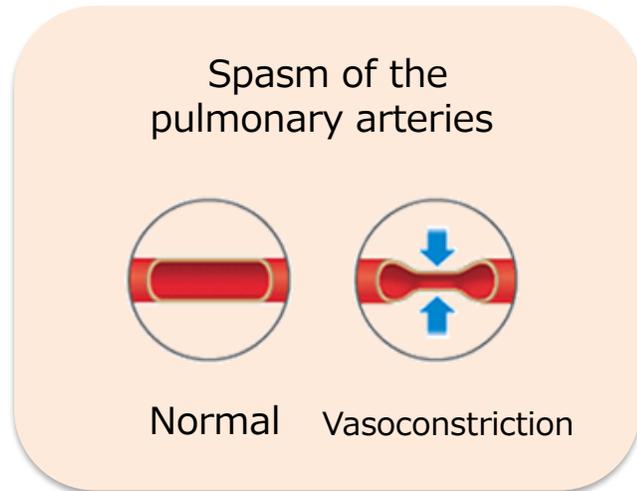


**PGI<sub>2</sub> receptor  
agonist  
(PGI<sub>2</sub>)**

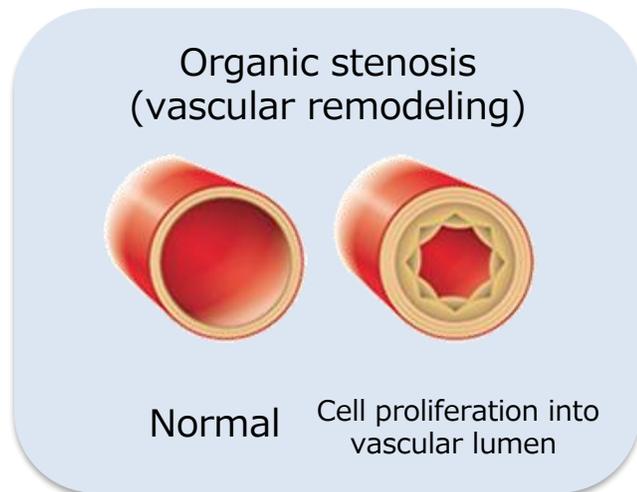
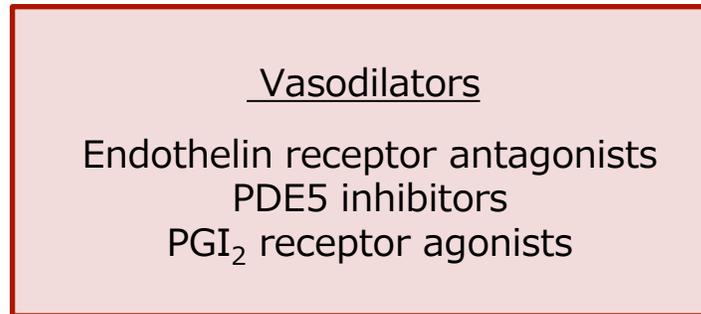
**Nippon Shinyaku has three PH products with  
distinct mechanisms of action.**

# Vascular Lesions in Pulmonary Hypertension (PH)

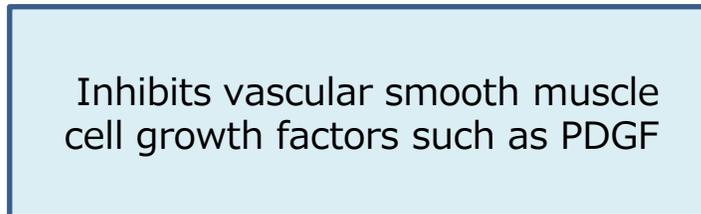
Pulmonary hypertension (PH) involves pulmonary artery spasm or organic stenosis.



Inhibition of vasoconstrictors  
Supplementation of vasodilatory factors



Suppression of abnormal proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells



# Positioning in pulmonary hypertension (PH) treatment

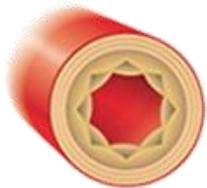
Oral administration		
Vasodilation	<b>selexipag</b> Endothelin receptor antagonist PDE5 inhibitor sGC stimulator	<b>NS-863</b> (PDGFR inhibitor)
	PGI analog (Intravenous / Subcutaneous / Inhalation)	<b>seralutinib</b> (Inhaled PDGFR inhibitor) Currently in P3
		<b>sotatercept</b> (subcutaneous injection, Activin signaling inhibitor) Approved in Japan, Europe, and U.S.
Non-oral administration		

sGC: soluble guanylate cyclase  
PDGFR: platelet-derived growth factor receptor

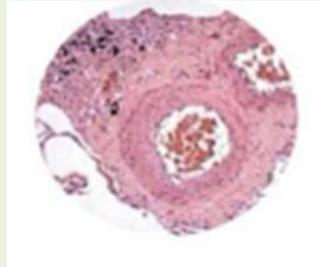
**NS-863 is the first orally administered agent that improves vascular remodeling through PDGFR inhibition.**

# Unmet Medical Needs in Pulmonary Hypertension (PH)

Organic stenosis  
(vascular remodeling)



## PAH



- Overall survival has been improving with existing therapies, but the median is still less than 10 years
- Non-oral PGI<sub>2</sub> is used in severe cases, significantly reducing quality of life

**Unmet Medical Needs:  
Improved therapeutic efficacy through  
mechanisms of action other than vasodilatation**

## PH-ILD<sup>1</sup>



- Significant pulmonary vascular remodeling is seen
- Poor prognosis among PH
- Only approved drug is treprostinil inhaler

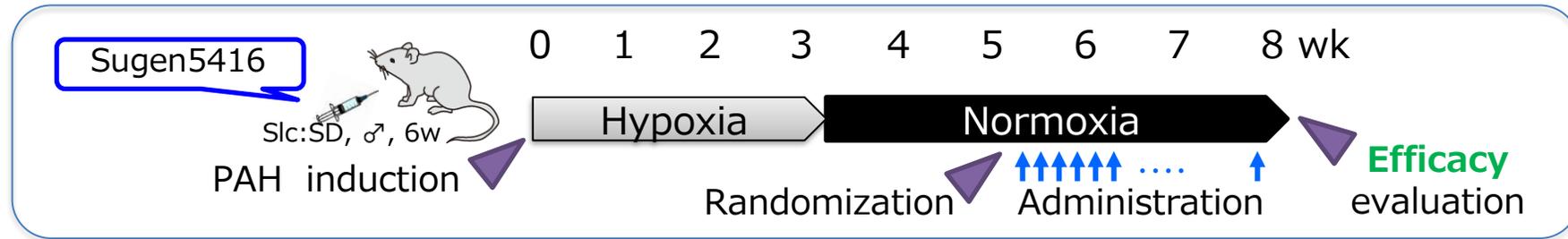
**Unmet Medical Needs:  
Expansion of treatment options**

1. Pulmonary hypertension (PH) associated with interstitial lung disease

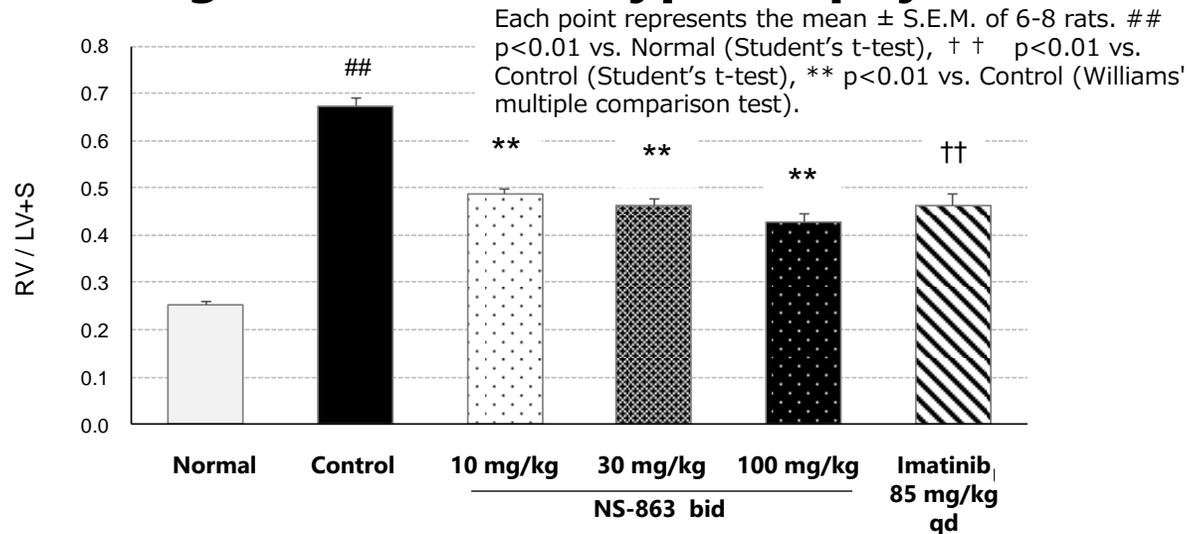
# NS-863: Summary

<b>Indications</b>	PAH (pulmonary arterial hypertension) PH-ILD (pulmonary hypertension associated with interstitial lung disease)
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Selective inhibition of platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR)
<b>Form of development</b>	In-house development
<b>Dosage form</b>	Oral
<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unlike pulmonary vasodilators, NS-863 improves pulmonary vascular obstruction (vascular remodeling).</li><li>• It is expected to be a highly convenient oral treatment for pulmonary hypertension.</li></ul>

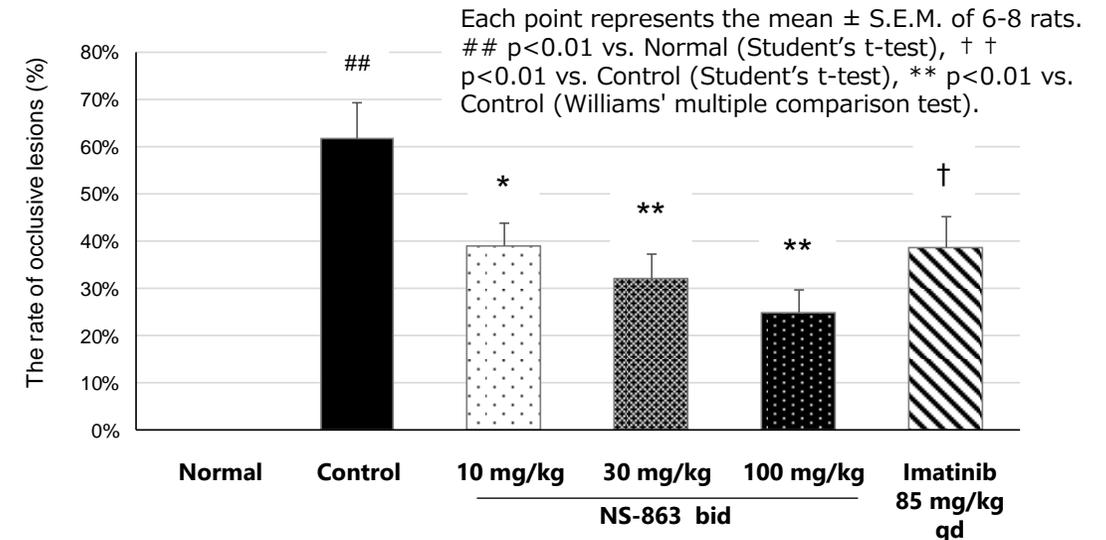
# NS-863: Non-clinical study in SuHx-induced PAH Rat Model



## Right ventricular hypertrophy

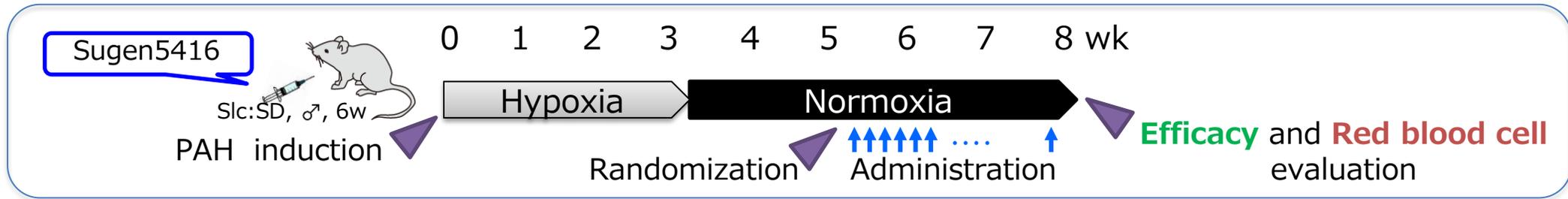


## Occlusive lesions

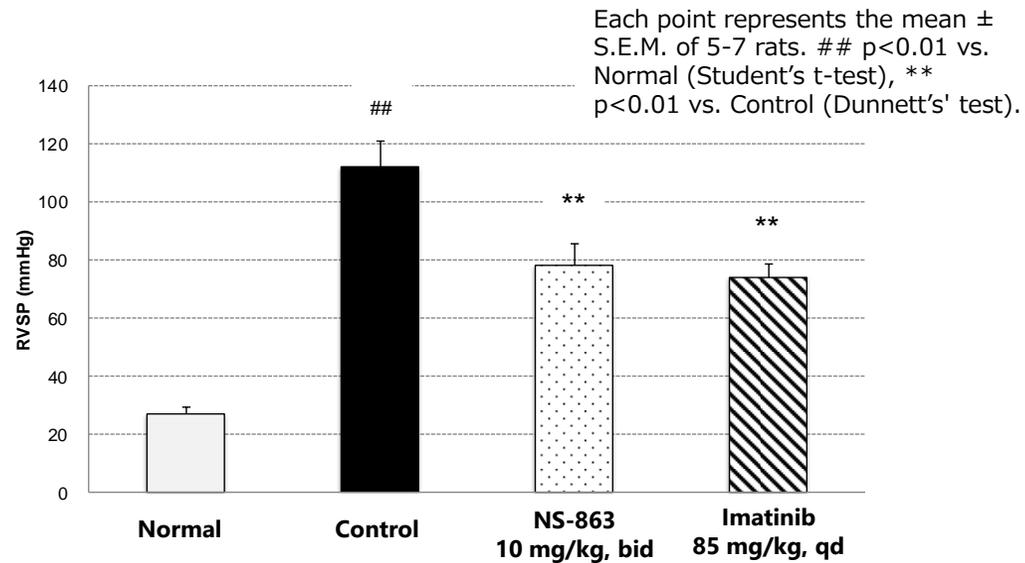


**NS-863 (10 mg/kg, twice daily) improved right ventricular hypertrophy and vascular remodeling as much as imatinib (85 mg/kg, once daily).**

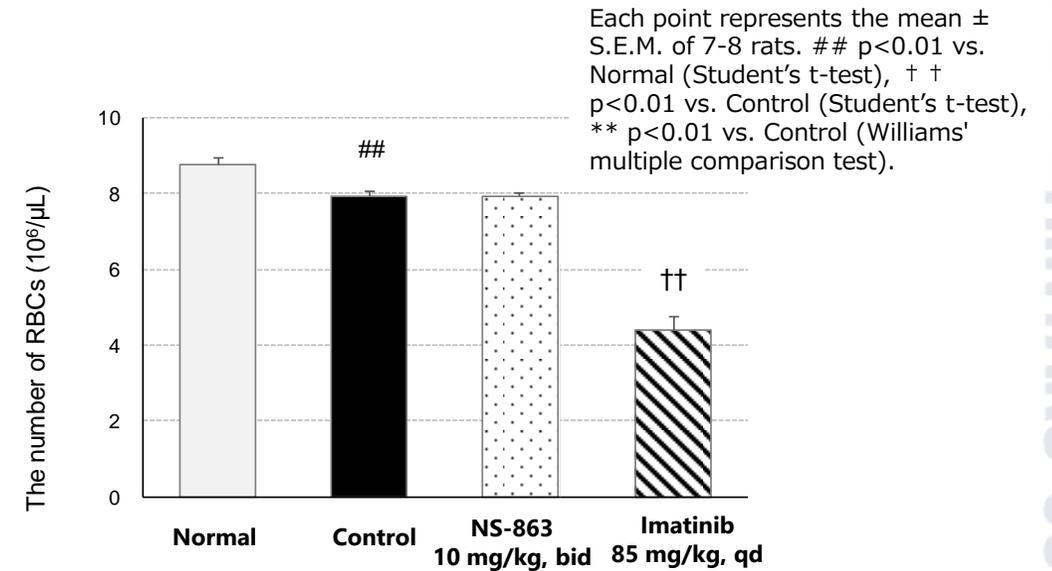
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## Right ventricular systolic pressure (RVSP)

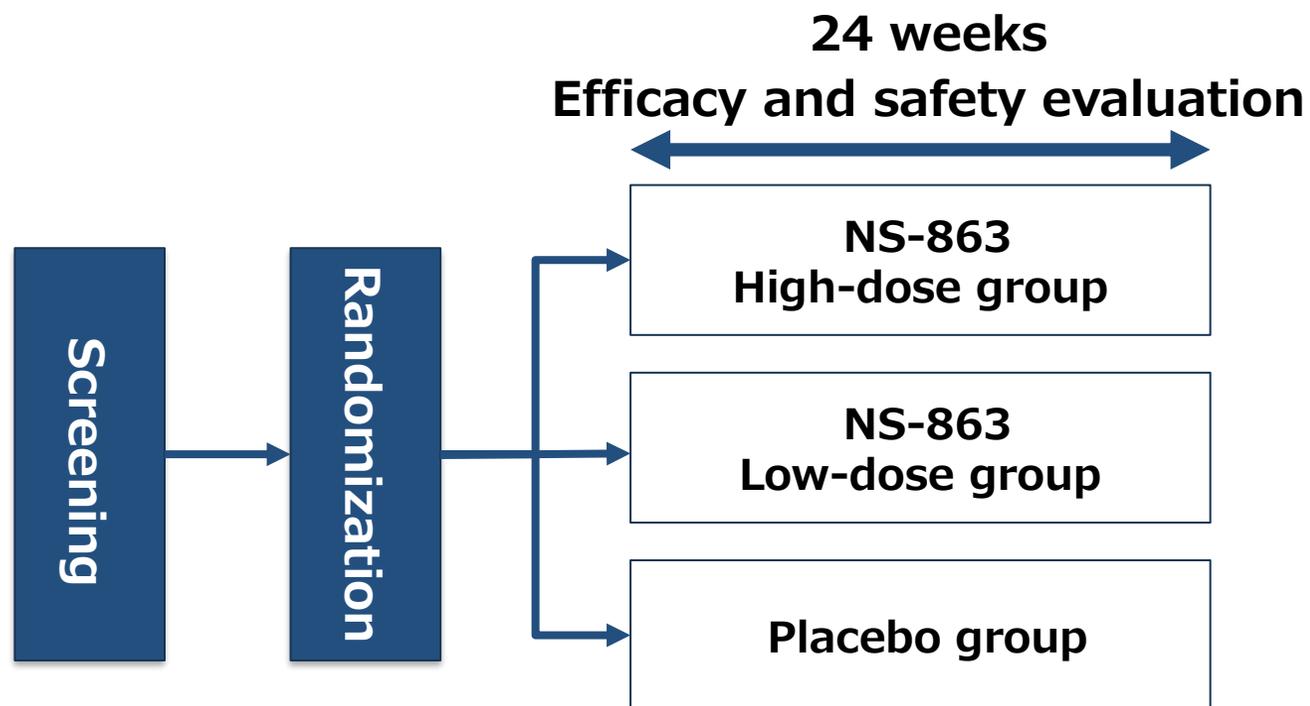


## Red blood cell (RBC) number



**NS-863 (10 mg/kg, twice daily) did not affect RBC count and decreased RVSP.**

# NS-863: Global P2 Study Design



NIPPON SHINYAKU CO., LTD.

	NS863A-P2-01	NS863B-P2-01
<b>Target patients</b>	PAH patients	PH-ILD patients
<b>Number of participants</b>	135	177
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	Pulmonary vascular resistance and safety	Pulmonary vascular resistance and safety
<b>Planned start date</b>	July 2026	July 2026

\*This slide is based on our current assumptions and the final study design will be determined after further discussions with the authorities.

**NS-035**

**Fukuyama Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (FCMD)**

# NS-035: Fukuyama Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (FCMD)

## Characteristics

- Congenital muscular dystrophy (1,000-2,000 patients in Japan)
- Hereditary disease whose patients are predominantly Japanese
- Muscle atrophy and CNS abnormalities

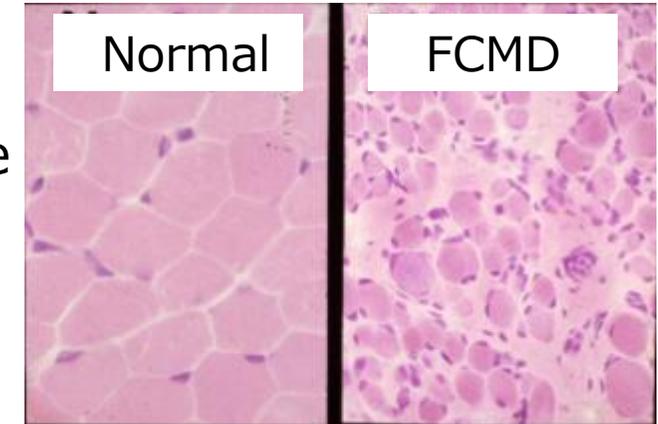
## Symptoms

- Seating posture is acquired at an average age of 2 years
- Most patients are non-ambulatory and **bedridden around the age of 10**
- **Decreased swallowing and breathing muscles**
  - Deaths from aspiration pneumonia or respiratory failure in the teens
- Brain malformation, mental retardation

## Treatment

- Symptomatic treatment only
  - physiotherapy, respiratory support, cardiac countermeasures, anticonvulsants

Muscle cells in FCMD patients are smaller than normal and have gaps between them.

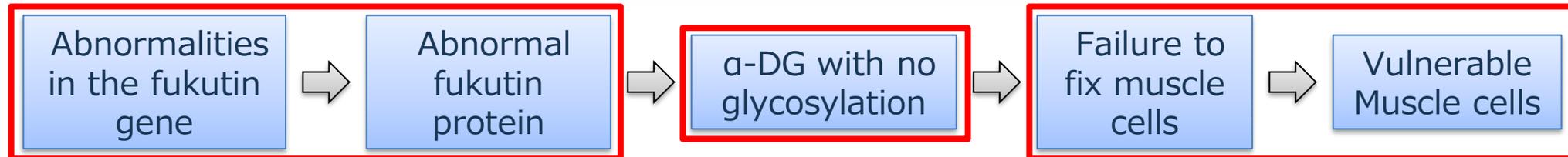
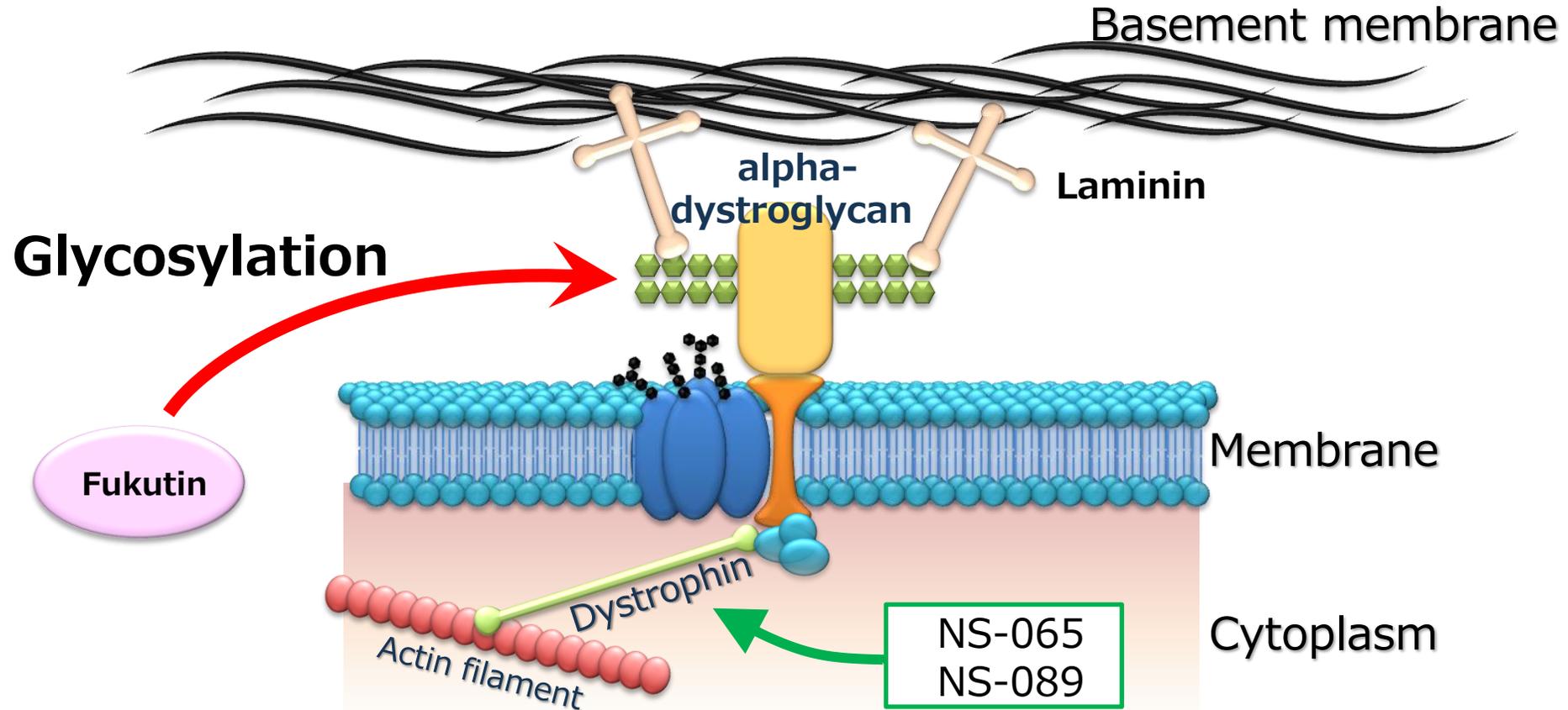


Delayed neck development (average 8 months)



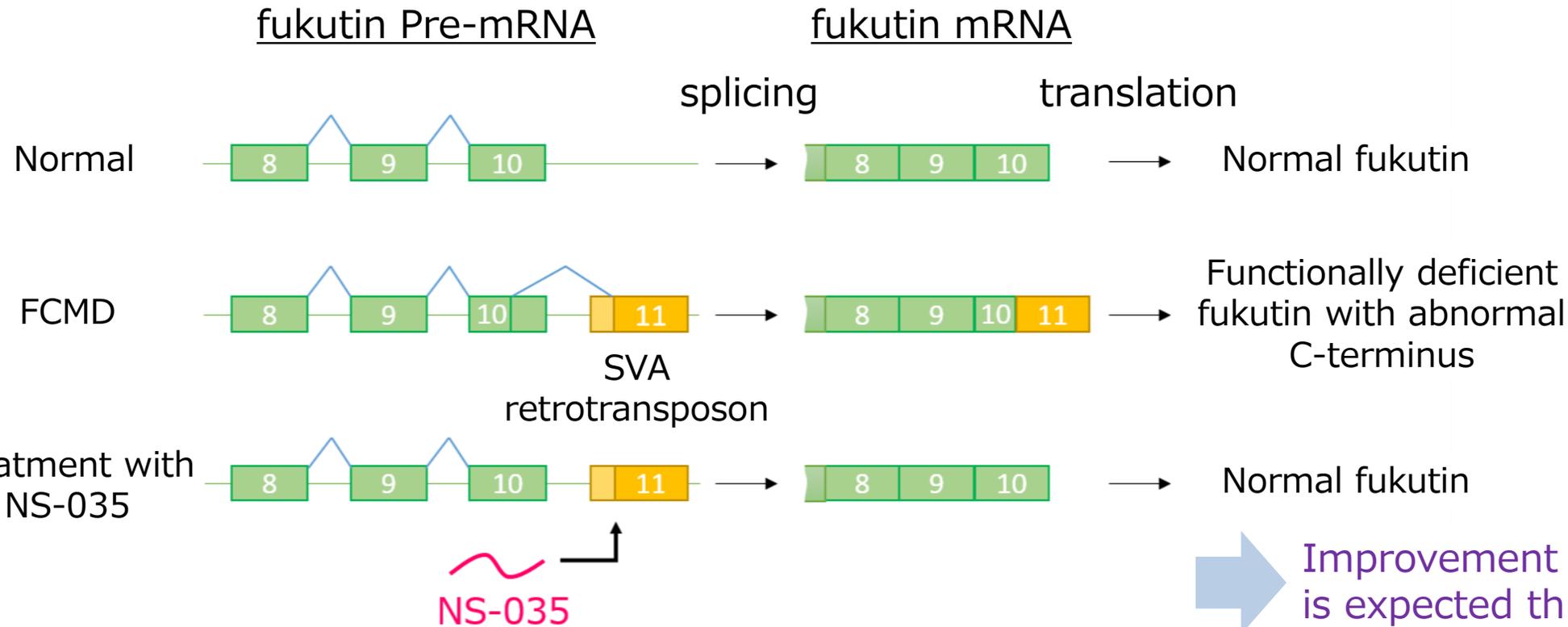
Source: The Japan Muscular Dystrophy Association

# Pathogenesis: Abnormalities of fukutin



# NS-035: Therapeutic Mechanism

By inhibiting exon trapping occurring in fukutin mRNA precursors, we aim to restore normal fukutin expression and improve muscle function through the recovery of  $\alpha$ -dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ -DG) glycan chains.



**Antisense nucleic acid: NS-035**

**Binds to the splice acceptor site of SVA retrotransposon**

Improvement in muscle function is expected through the restoration of  $\alpha$ -dystroglycan glycan chains.

# NS-035: P2 Study (Japan)

<b>Study design</b>	Multi-center, parallel-group/single-group
<b>Target patients</b>	Typical FCMD patients between 5 and 9 years of age
<b>Number of participants</b>	12 or more cases
<b>Dosage and administration</b>	<p>Intravenous infusion</p> <p><b>Double-blind period</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NS-035 group: NS-035 (40 mg/kg) and D-mannitol (500 mg/kg) once a week for 12 weeks</li><li>• Placebo group: Placebo and D-mannitol (500 mg/kg) once a week for 12 weeks</li></ul> <p><b>Open-label period</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NS-035 (40 mg/kg) and D-mannitol (500 mg/kg) once weekly</li></ul>
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	Gross Motor Function Measure (GMFM-88) total score
<b>Key secondary endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glycosylation rate of <math>\alpha</math>-DG</li><li>• Expression of glycosylated <math>\alpha</math>-DG</li><li>• Exon trapping inhibition efficiency</li><li>• Serum CK level</li><li>• Activities of daily living (ADL) assessment</li><li>• Clinical general improvement (CGI-I)</li></ul>
<b>Planned start date</b>	April 2026

**Product Life Cycle Management (PLCM) Initiatives**  
**NS-304 (selexipag)**  
**for the treatment of arteriosclerosis obliterans**

# NS-304: Arteriosclerosis obliterans (ASO)

ASO is a disease in which blood vessels in the legs become narrowed or occluded due to atherosclerosis.

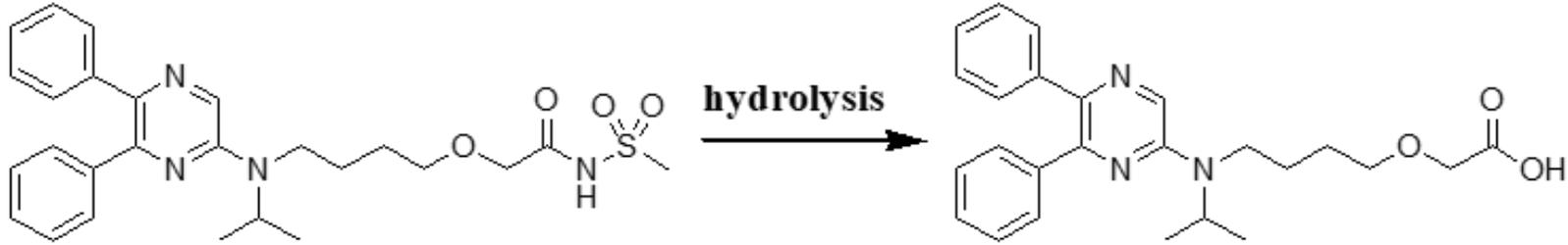
## Treatment (Guideline on the Management of Peripheral Arterial Disease<sup>1</sup>)

1. Exercise: Improvement of QOL and symptoms of intermittent claudication
2. Drug treatment
  1. Antiplatelet agents/anticoagulants (prevention of cardiovascular events)
  2. Cilostazol (improvement of ischemic symptoms such as ulcer, pain, and cold sensation based on ASO)
3. Surgical treatment: revascularization (EVT<sup>2</sup> , surgical revascularization)

**There is no drug which has indication and evidence of improvement for walking difficulties due to intermittent claudication, resulting an unmet medical need.**

1. JCS/JSVS 2022 Guideline on the Management of Peripheral Arterial Disease  
2. EVT : endovascular therapy

# NS-304: Overview

<b>Generic name</b>	selexipag
<b>Proprietary name</b>	Uptravi
<b>Structural formula</b>	 <p style="text-align: center;"> <chem>CC(C)N(CCCCOCC(=O)NS(=O)(=O)C)c1nc2ccccc2n1c3ccccc3</chem> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">→</span> <chem>CC(C)N(CCCCOCC(=O)O)c1nc2ccccc2n1c3ccccc3</chem> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>NS-304 (prodrug)</b> <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><b>MRE-269 (active form)</b></span> </p>
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Prostacyclin (PGI <sub>2</sub> ) receptor agonist
<b>Origin</b>	In-house
<b>Dosage form</b>	Film-coated tablet
<b>Indications</b>	Uptravi® Tablets 1) Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) 2) Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) <b>Currently under preparation for P3 for arteriosclerosis obliterans (ASO)</b>
<b>Dosage and administration</b>	Oral twice daily (Dose: 0.2 to 1.2 mg/dose)

# NS-304 for ASO

<b>Department/Clinical Specialty</b>	Cardiovascular Surgery, Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Diabetes/Metabolism/Endocrinology
<b>Origin</b>	In-house
<b>Dosage form</b>	Tablet
<b>Indication</b>	Improvement of intermittent claudication associated with arteriosclerosis obliterans (ASO)
<b>Dosage and administration</b>	Oral administration Dosage starts at 200 µg/dose and is titrated up to a maximum of 1,200 µg/dose, twice daily
<b>Efficacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The active metabolite, MRE-269, has selective and sustained agonist activity at the IP receptor.</li><li>• Improvement of the pathological condition of a rat model of ASO disease</li></ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No adverse findings in non-clinical toxicity studies</li><li>• The most frequently observed side effects in clinical studies were headache, nausea, vomiting, and jaw pain.</li></ul>

# NS-304: P3 Study for ASO (Japan)

## P3 study has started after favorable results of P2 study

<b>Study design</b>	Randomized, double-blind, placebo control, parallel assignment
<b>Target patients</b>	Patients with intermittent claudication associated with arteriosclerosis obliterans (ASO)
<b>Number of participants</b>	194 cases
<b>Dosage and administration</b>	NS-304 or placebo orally twice daily. Dosing will start at 200 µg/dose and titrate up to a maximum of 1200 µg/dose depending on tolerability. The maintenance dose for each subject will be determined and administered for 16 weeks.
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	Change from baseline in Natural log transformed peak walking time (ln PWT)
<b>Key secondary endpoints</b>	Claudication onset time (COT), Resting Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI), WIQ scores, SF-36 scores
<b>Start date</b>	March 2026

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**Mechanisms of Action**

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