



**Development of therapeutics to prevent  
onset and/or progression in Repeat  
Expansion Disorders**

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# Many Repeat Expansion Disorders (REDs) affect the CNS and Represent a Significant Unmet Need

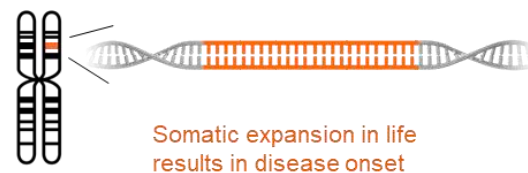
**>50** known REDs  
with more emerging

- Each caused by DNA repetitions in a single gene
- Mostly severe with no disease-modifying therapies
- 2-step hypothesis: Somatic Expansion (SE) required for symptom onset

Step 1:  
Inherited mutant allele predisposes to disease

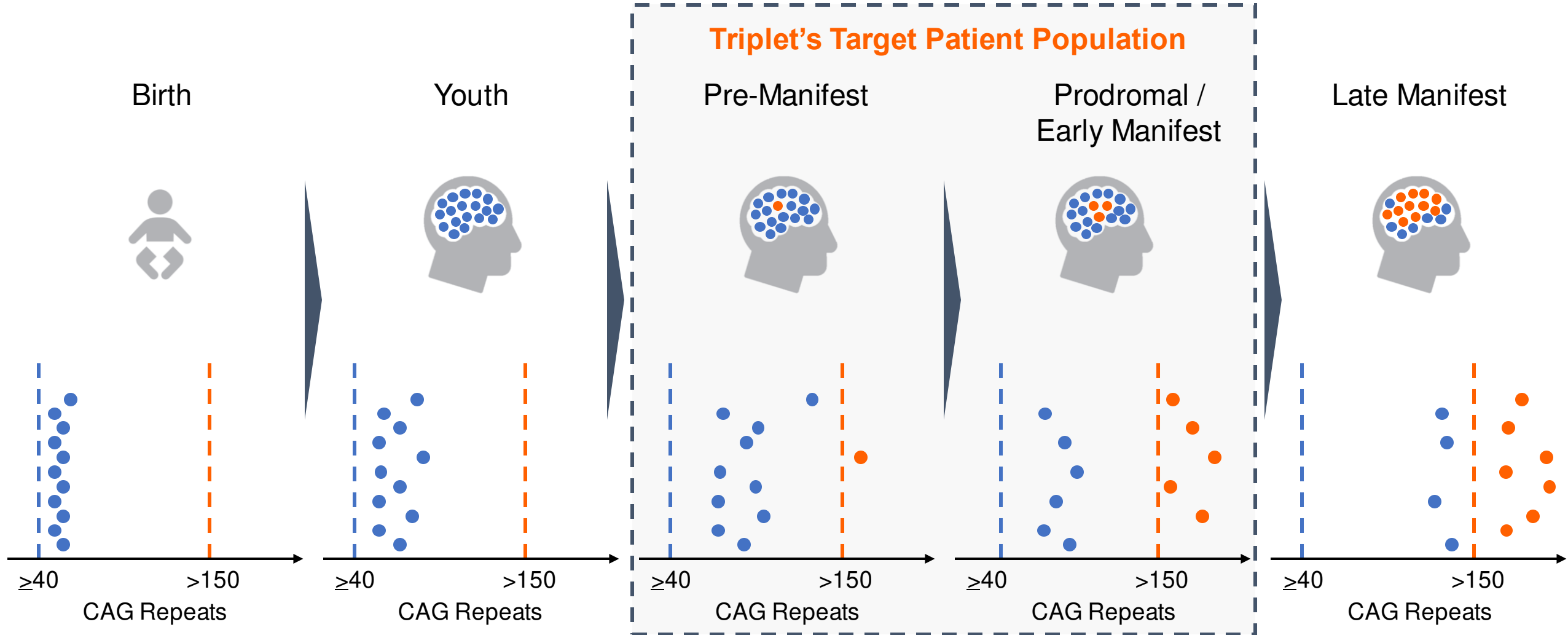


Step 2:  
Somatic expansion of mutant allele drives disease manifestation



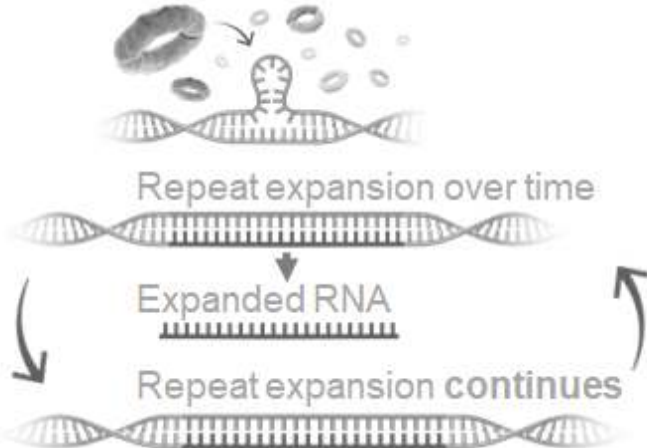
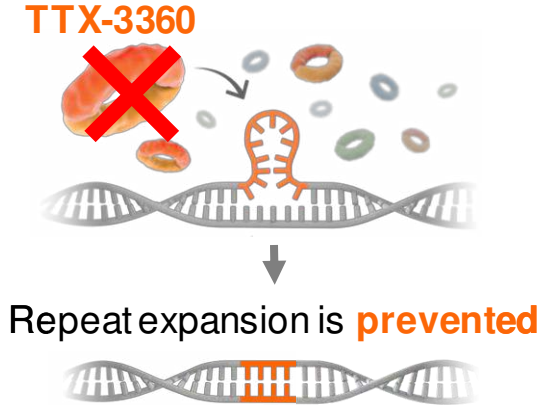
Disease	Sequence	# of repeats in disease	Gene
Fragile X Syndrome (FXS)	CGG	>~200	FMR1 (5'UTR)
Friedreich's ataxia (FRDA)	GAA	>~70	FXN (intron)
<b>Huntington's Disease (HD)</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>&gt;~36</b>	<b>HTT (exon)</b>
<b>Myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1)</b>	<b>CTG</b>	<b>&gt;~50</b>	<b>DMPK (3' UTR)</b>
Progressive myoclonic epilepsy (PME)	CCCCGCCCCGCG	>~38	EPM1 (exon)
<b>Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1)</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>&gt;~40</b>	<b>ATXN1 (exon)</b>
<b>Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3 (SCA3)</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>&gt;~52</b>	<b>ATXN3 (exon)</b>
X-linked dystonia parkinsonism (XDP)	CCCTCT	>~30	TAF1 (intron)

# The 2-Step Hypothesis: Two Sequential Components Needed for Symptom Onset



Somatic expansion is cell autonomous and probability-driven

# Triplet's Approach Is Differentiated from HTT lowering and Targets Step 2: Somatic Expansion

	HTT-Lowering Antisense Oligonucleotide Approaches	Triplet's Approach
<b>Target</b>	HTT	MSH3 (DDR <sup>^</sup> Protein)
<b>Assumed Mechanism</b>	<p>Reduces levels of mHTT and/or wtHTT to lower protein/RNA toxicity; <b>DNA continues to expand</b> resulting in ever increasing toxicity; <b>exon 1 remains intact</b></p> 	<p>Reduces levels of specific DDR protein/RNA to <b>stop somatic expansion</b> (HD mouse models) and halt disease onset &amp; progression; <b>exon 1 production is halted</b></p> 
<b>Required KD Level</b>	~75% mHTT selective lowering may be required to abrogate toxicity	~50% based on patient-derived cell and animal models**
<b>Disease Relevance</b>	Only applicable to HD*	Potentially relevant in 30+ CNS REDs^^
<b>Delivery</b>	Intrathecal (IT) injection	Intracerebroventricular (ICV) injection
<b>Biodistribution</b>	Cortex; very limited exposure in striatum (NHP)	Substantial distribution in striatum and cortex (NHP)
<b>Targeted Patient Population</b>	Manifest patients; critical role of HTT in brain development may pose risk for younger patients*	Premanifest and manifest patients, patients aged 18 and older

\*Based on current understanding of HTT's role in the brain; \*\*Based on Q111 and R6/2 HD animal model data

<sup>^</sup>DDR (DNA Damage Response), <sup>^^</sup>REDs (Repeat Expansion Disorders (REDs))

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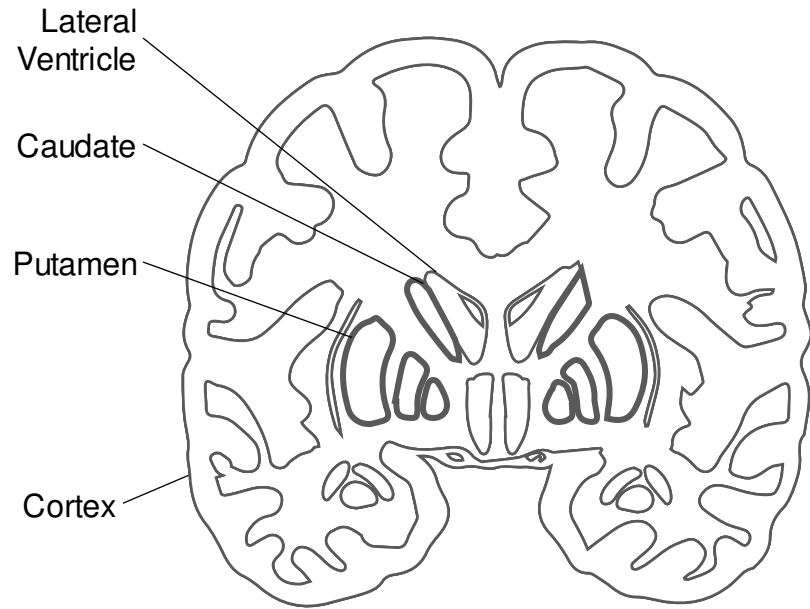
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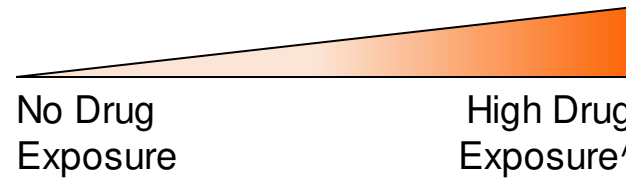
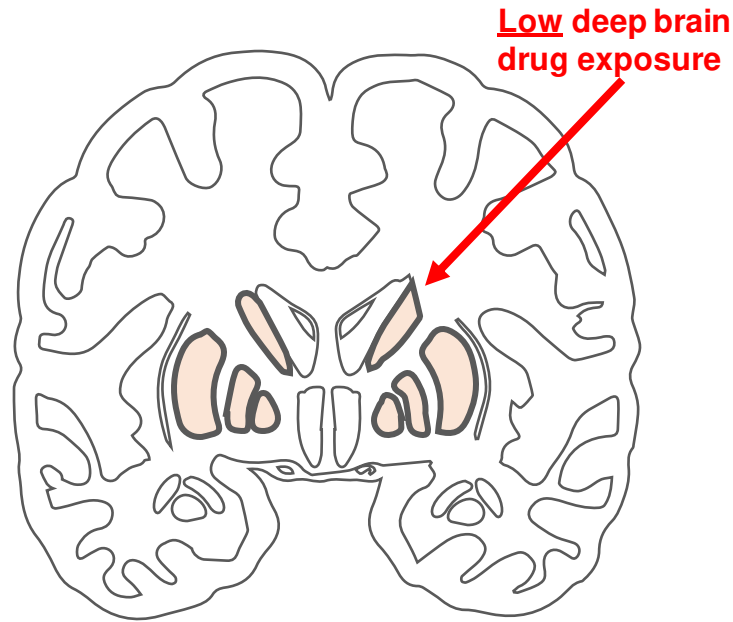


# Route of Administration is Critical for Biodistribution of ASOs in HD-Relevant Brain Areas\*

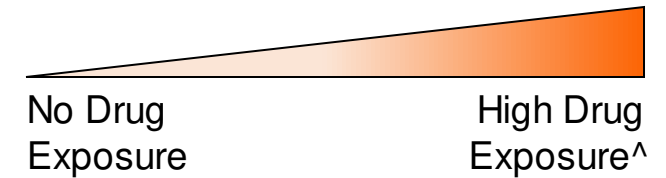
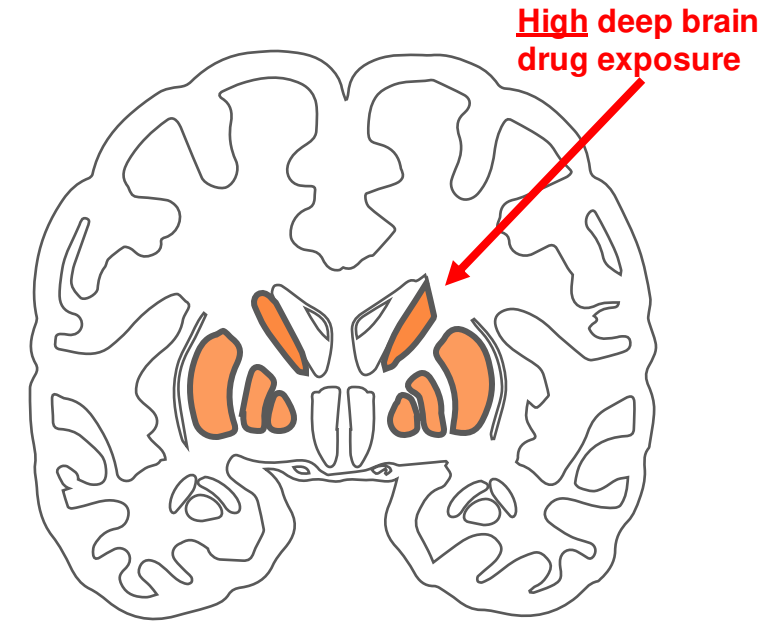
## Key Brain Areas in HD



## Drug Biodistribution via Intrathecal (IT) Injection



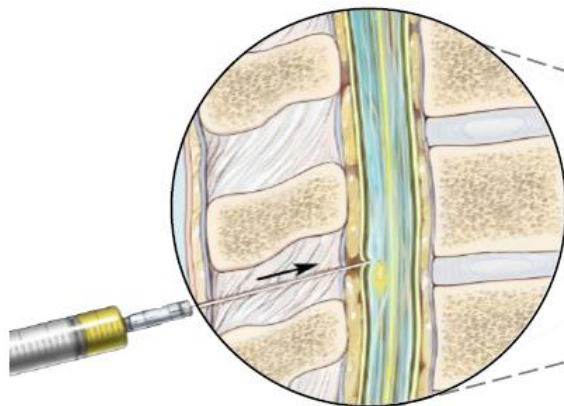
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# Route-of-Administration: IT vs ICV

## IT Delivery

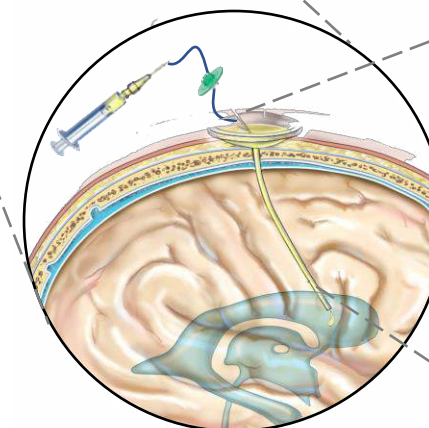
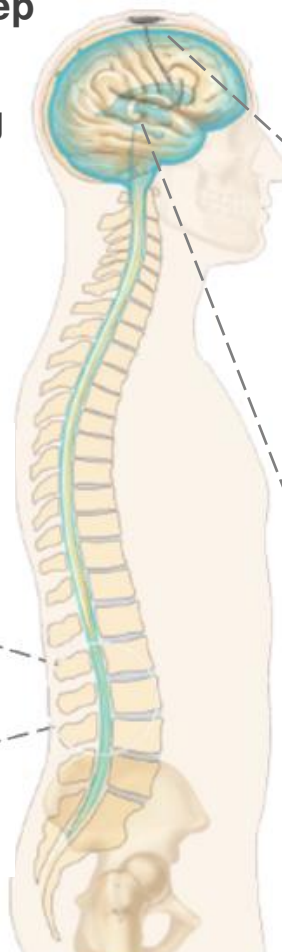
- RoA popularized by success of Spinraza, an ASO for spinal muscular atrophy impacting motor neurons in spinal cord
- CSF circulation results in exposure to the cortex while **deep brain structures most affected in HD are not reached**
- Many patients experience **inflammation** and **pain during dosing** due to scarring that results from repeat dosing



## ICV Delivery

- Implantation of port & catheter has been used for > 60 years
- Drug is delivered directly to the lateral ventricle (**next to deep brain structures most affected in HD**)
- **Convenient CSF withdrawal** for biomarkers and safety monitoring, including measurement of deep brain target engagement
- Device allows rapid dosing; may permit **dosing at home**
- **Repeat ICV administration appears safe longer-term** (CNS oncology indications<sup>1</sup> and Brineura™ for CLN2<sup>2,3</sup>)

<sup>1</sup>Cohen-Pfeffer et al. *Pediatr Neurol* 2017; <sup>2</sup>de los Reyes et al. *Pediatr Neurol* 2020; <sup>3</sup>Schulz et al. *NEJM* 2018



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## SE in HD: 2-Step Hypothesis supported by accruing data:

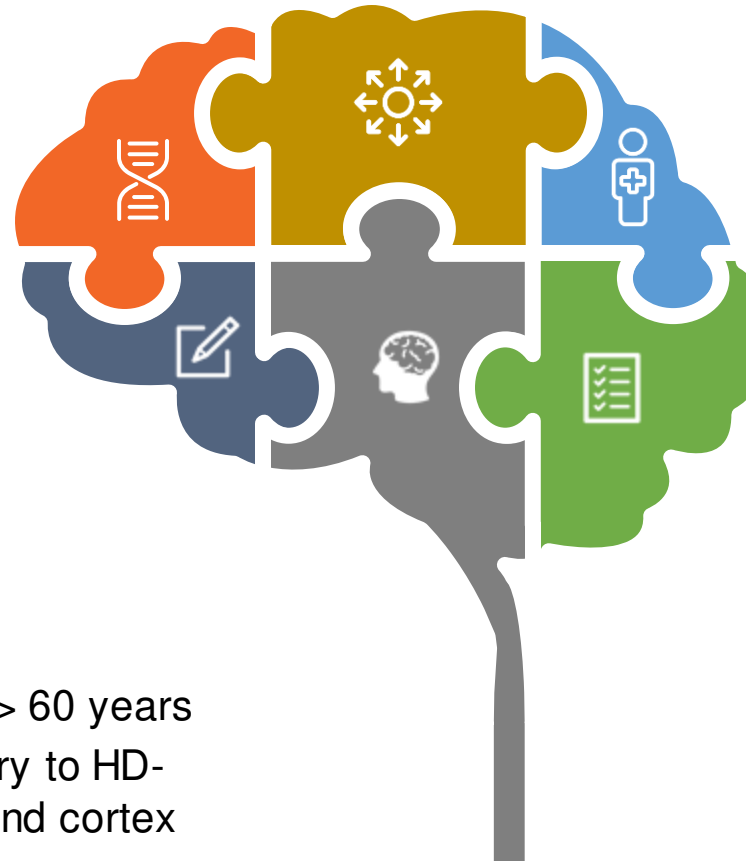
- **MSH3 modulates SE in HD & other REDs**
- SE contributes to symptom onset and disease progression

### Proof-Of-Mechanism:

- **Lowering MSH3** by ~50% in HD-relevant brain regions **halts SE** (HD mouse and cell models)

### ICV Route of Administration:

- **Established procedure**, used for > 60 years
- Device implantation enables delivery to HD-relevant brain areas, *i.e.* striatum and cortex
- Repeat ICV dosing affords greater convenience than repeat IT dosing



## Biodistribution in NHP:

- Single well-tolerated ICV injection of TTX-3360 lowered MSH3 broadly and proportionally in HD-relevant brain areas
- Lowering is sustained for  $\geq 12$  weeks
- **Opportunity for convenient clinical dosing regimen**

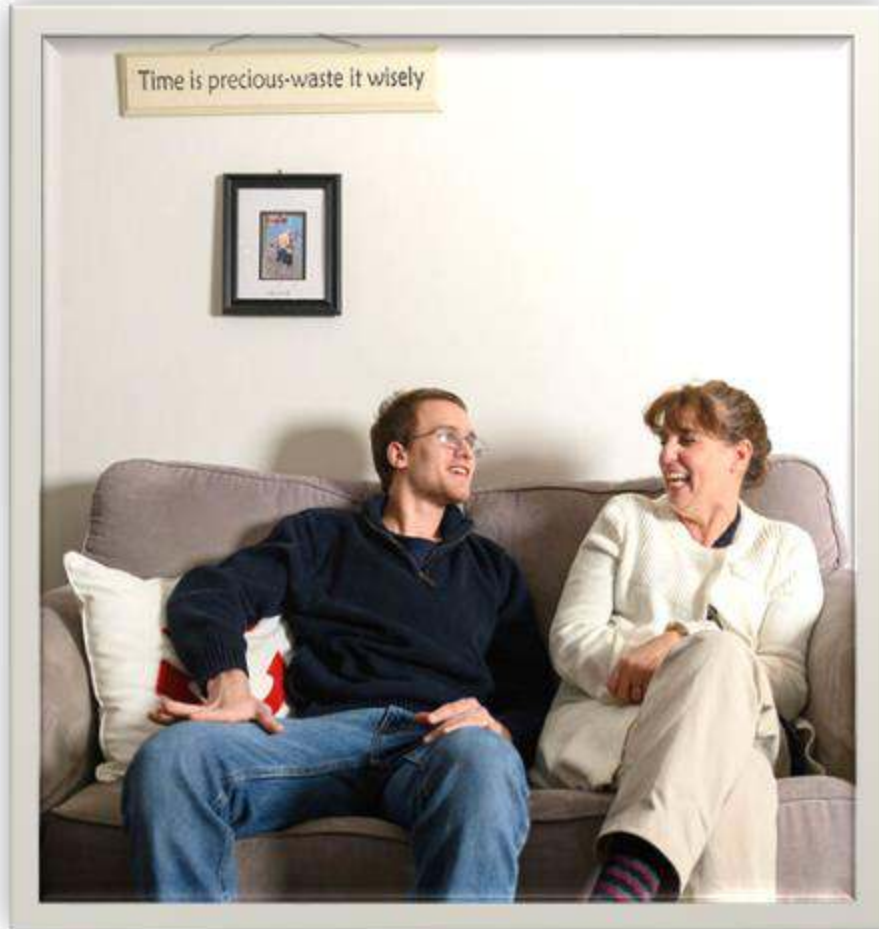
## TTX-3360 is Safe and Well-Tolerated

- Preliminary clinical observations with TTX-3360 in NHP indicate good safety margin
- Data indicate **no difference in NfL after TTX-3360** vs. aCSF injections in NHP

## Interventional Trials in HD & Beyond:

- **IND/CTA submission in H2 2021**
- Phase 1/2a at SHIELD HD sites and with SHIELD HD patients, and additional sites
- Trials to assess TTX-3360 in other REDs, such as SCA1 and 3 in consideration

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