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Today's Agenda

- › Corporate Overview
- › Technology Overview
- › Chapter 1 – PBGENE-HBV
- › Chapter 2 – PBGENE-PMM
- › Chapter 3 – HDR Insertion and Replacement



Corporate & Technology Overview



Focusing on Our Foundation—In Vivo Gene Editing

Precision—from dual to a single platform gene editing company

Ex Vivo CAR T
Accretive Event

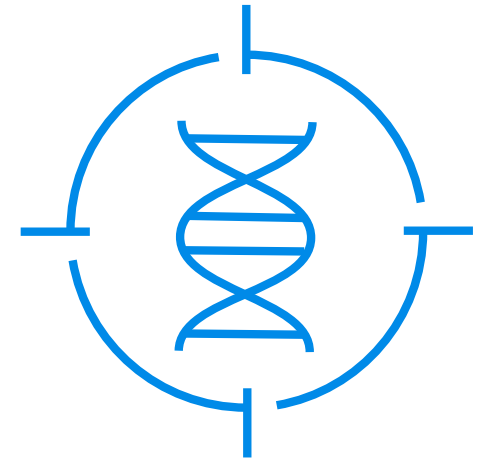
In Vivo
Gene Editing

Go-Forward Singular Focus In Vivo Gene Editing

Pivoting to Our Foundational Strength

- ARCUS - wholly owned genome editing platform
- Optimized for gene insertion, excision, and elimination
- Over 25 years of gene editing expertise and protein engineering
- Cash & cash equivalents (12/31/2023) = \$116 million
- Expect existing cash and cash equivalents, expected operational receipts, operational efficiencies, availability of the ATM facility, and available credit to fund OpEx and CapEx into first half of 2026.

Focused Execution 2023-2025



Expected cash
runway now enables
funding In Vivo
programs through
Phase 1 data



Single Gene Editing Platform Funding Through Allogeneic CAR T Platform Deals

Unlocking \$47 million in upfront and potential near-term payments

Announced January 2024

- **TG Therapeutics: Azer-cel for Autoimmune diseases; extends cash runway into first half of 2026**

- Exclusive license to azer-cel for non-cancer indications

Upfront and Near-Term Payments: \$17.5M

- Upfront: \$10M
 - \$5.25M cash plus TGTX purchase of 2.9 million Precision stock at \$0.77/share, a 100% premium to the 30-day VWAP
 - \$2.5M to be paid within 1st anniversary of signing¹
- Near-Term clinical milestone payment: \$7.5M
- \$288M² potential additional milestone payments
- Royalties: Mid-single digit to low-double digit

Announced August 2023

- **Imugene Limited: Azer-cel for cancer; reduced OpEx and extended cash runway**

- Exclusive global license to azer-cel for cancer indications
- Assumed Precision's CAR-T infrastructure

Upfront and Near-Term Payments: \$29M

- Upfront \$21M
 - \$8M paid upon close
 - \$13M convertible note matures on 1-year anniversary
- Near-Term Payment: \$8M
- \$198M in potential milestones for azer-cel
- \$145M in potential milestones each for up to 3 additional research programs
- Royalties: Double digit



¹ DTIL equity @ 100% premium to 30-day VWAP prior to payment

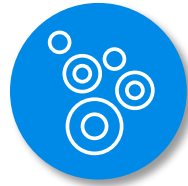
² Additional milestone payments do not include the \$7.5M Phase 1 Near term milestone

Precision BioSciences End-to-End Research & Development Capabilities



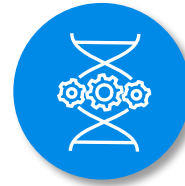
1 | Nuclease Generation & Characterization

- › Protein Engineering
- › Bioinformatics
- › Specificity and Off-target Analysis
- › Nuclease Optimization



2 | Gene Delivery & In Vivo/In Vitro PoC

- › Gene Discovery
- › In-House and Partnered PoC Animal Studies
- › Novel Delivery



3 | CMC Material Generation and Toxicology

- › Analytical and Process Development
- › IND-Enabling / GLP Toxicology Studies
- › Quality
- › External Manufacturing



4 | Regulatory and Clinical Development

- › FDA Pre-IND and Global Early Scientific Advise
- › US and Ex US Regulatory Filings
- › Clinical Operations
- › Translational Analysis

Developing Wholly Owned Gene Editing Programs

Developing Partnered Gene Editing Programs



Precision BioSciences Leadership Team



Michael Amoroso

Since Oct 2021

President &
Chief Executive Officer



Jeff Smith, Ph.D.

Since March 2006

Chief Research Officer,
Co-Founder



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Since Oct 2020

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Since Apr 2019

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Since Apr 2021

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Head, Gene Discovery



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 **PLUME PHARMA**  **COGNATE BIOSERVICES** 

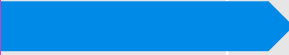
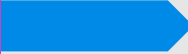
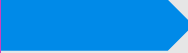


Sam Wadsworth, Ph.D.
Since Nov 2021

 **ultragenyx** **sanofi** **genzyme**



ARCUS Focused on Sophisticated Edits Where Defined Outcomes Are Essential

PROGRAM	INDICATION	TISSUE	TARGET	EDIT TYPE / DELIVERY	RESEARCH	CANDIDATE SELECTION	IND-ENABLING	PARTNER
★ PBGENE-HBV	Chronic hepatitis B	Liver	HBV	Elimination/LNP				
★ PBGENE-PMM	m3243 primary mitochondrial myopathy	Muscle	PMM	Elimination/AAV				
PBGENE-NVS	Sickle cell disease/ beta thalassemia	HSCs	—	Insertion/—				
PBGENE-DMD	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Muscle	DMD	Excision/AAV				 A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Eli Lilly and Company
PBGENE-LLY2	Undisclosed	Liver	—	Insertion/—				
PBGENE-LLY3	Undisclosed	CNS	—	—				
★ iECURE-OTC	Ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency	Liver	OTC	Insertion/AAV				





Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Program is First ARCUS in vivo Gene Editing Program to Progress into the Clinic

ARCUS *in vivo* gene editing now clinical stage following December 2023 approval:

- iECURE received approval from the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration for the initiation of a first-in-human Phase 1/2 trial evaluating ECUR-506, incorporating an ARCUS nuclease for the treatment of OTC deficiency in pediatric (or neonatal) patients.
- Additional approvals expected in 2024. iECURE is preparing sites and **anticipates initiating the global clinical trial in first half of 2024.**

28% Of liver cells in NHPs demonstrated durable expression of the human OTC gene at the 1-year time point **following administration of ECUR-506**

*Note: therapeutic benefit expected at 5%+ editing³

CTA acceptance is important milestone for ARCUS

- “The acceptance of iECURE’s CTA marks an important milestone for patients with OTC deficiency. This is the first ARCUS in vivo gene editing program to progress into the clinic. We look forward to supporting iECURE's continued progress with this program.” – *Michael Amoroso*

~10,000 
People WW with OTCD

- › Disease prevalence is between 1 in 60,000 and 1 in 72,000
- › **Neonatal onset has been associated with mortality rates as high as 74%**

¹ Complete removal of OTC activity results in severe neonatal disease, while decreased OTC results in late-onset.

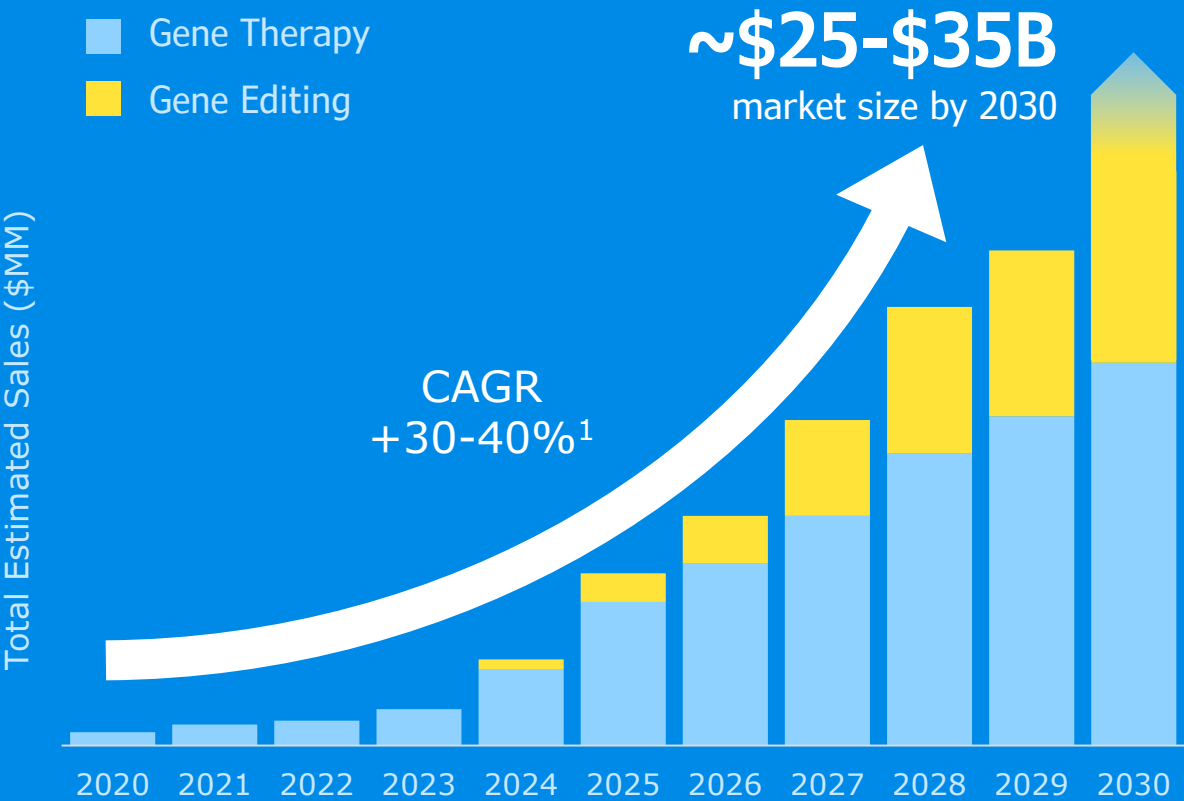
² Onset may occur at any age though is more common in infancy. HAC: Hyperammonemic Crisis, defined as plasma ammonia levels $\geq 150 \mu\text{mol/L}$ together with clinical symptoms probably related to hyperammonemia. OTC: Ornithine Transcarbamylase. Source: UpToDate; Orphanet; Hasegawa et. Al. J Pediatr Surg. 1995. Ah et. Al. GeneReviews. 2017. NORD; Lamb et. Al. BJM. 2016. Brassier et. Al. Orphanet Journal of Rare Disease 2015.; Unsinn et. Al. Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases. 2016; Summar et al. NIH. 2008; Buerger et. Al. J. Inherit. Metab. Dis. 2013; ClearView Analysis.

³ 5-10% or greater editing or periportal hepatocytes expected to yield therapeutic benefit per KOL feedback; 5% threshold supported by Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology



ARCUS Potential to Capture a Significant Portion of the Genetic Medicines Market Versus Other Liver-focused Editors

The Genetic Medicines Market Opportunity is Substantial



Gene Editing Expected to Disrupt and Continue to Grow the Genetic Medicines Market

Precision's programs represent a US market opportunity to treat

400-500k patients*



Note: 1. Based on analysis from Cowen 2023, Grandview 2023, Allied 2023 and BCC 2023 research reports; * Total addressable market (TAM) assumed at 100% share

Bringing the Dream to Reality with Creation of ARCUS

ARCUS

Our proprietary gene editing platform naturally evolved to drive high efficiency editing

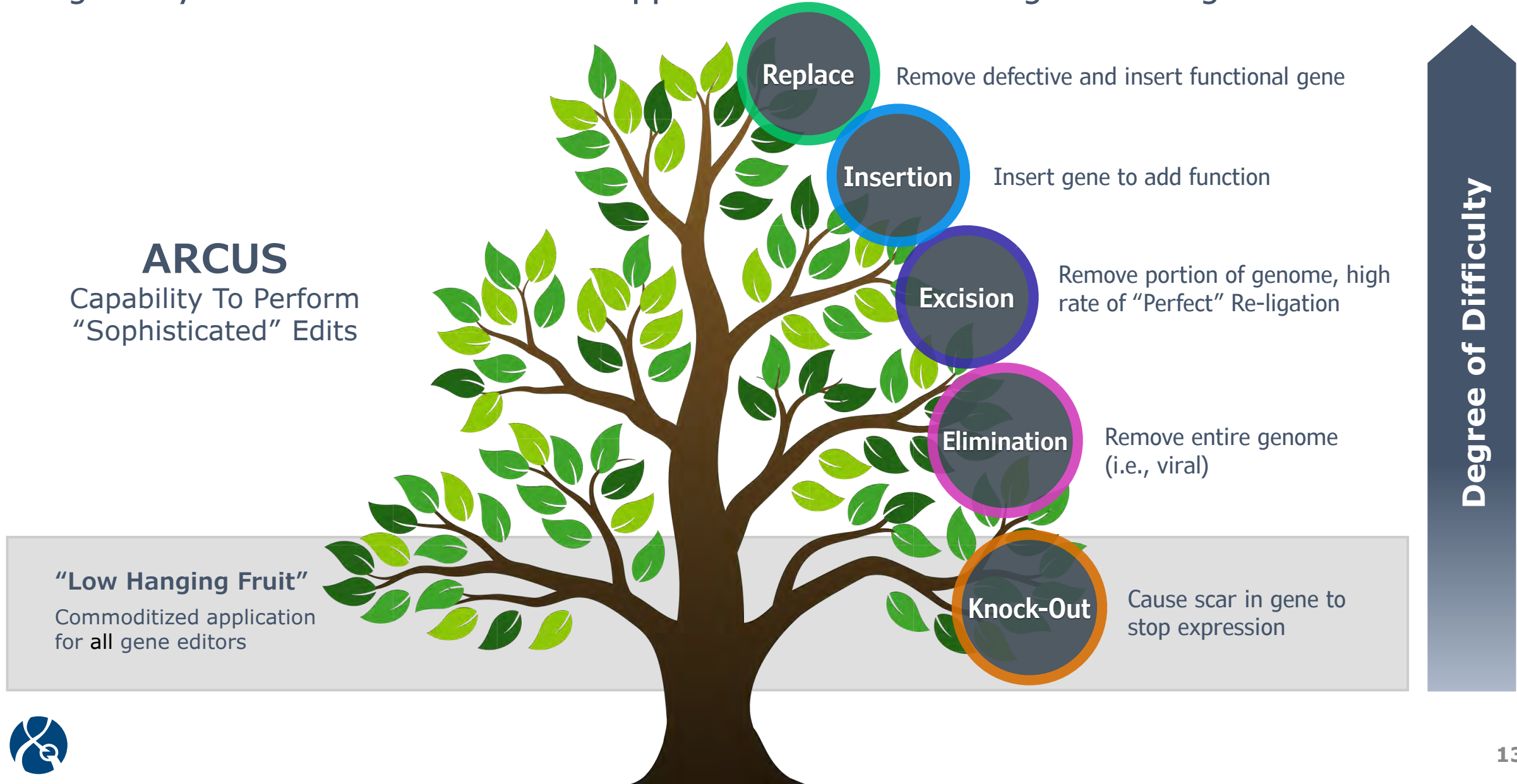
- ARCUS is derived from the **homing endonuclease I-CreI** found in green algae
- **Evolved to safely edit by inserting in genome, adding function**
— CRISPR-based editing tools engineered from enzymes evolved to knockout DNA only
- Extremely efficient at generating **Defined Outcomes*** due to predominant repair using **Homology Directed Repair (HDR)** or **“Perfect Religation”** versus Non-Homologous End Joining (NHEJ)
- DNA recognition and cutting **fully integrated** into a single protein component for high specificity and efficiency – no guide RNA
- **Iterative protein engineering** to optimize for safety
- **> 65 patents issued** covering ARCUS and in vivo gene editing

***Defined Outcome** = desired therapeutic edit and effect



ARCUS for the More Sophisticated Gene Edit

Designed by nature for a multitude of applications versus other gene editing modalities



Defined Outcomes
Accomplished Through
ARCUS Advantages



The Cut



The Size



The Simplicity

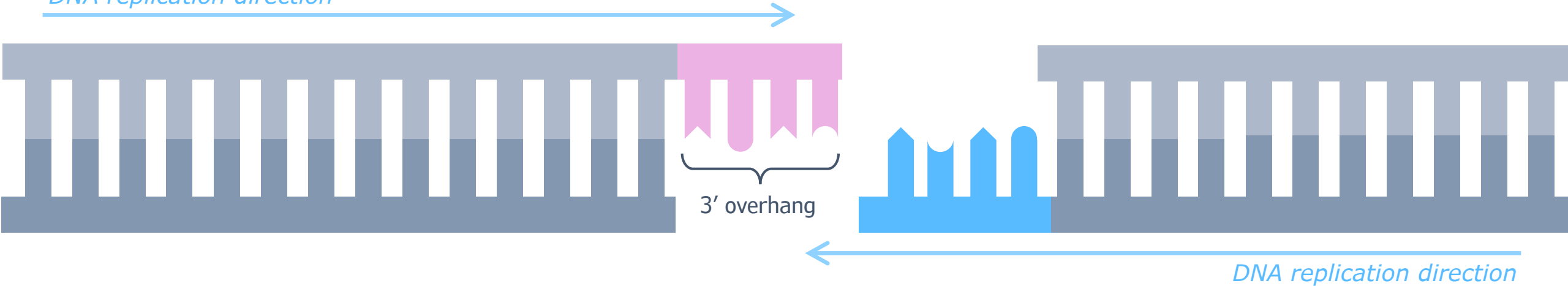


It's All About The Cut

ARCUS's 3 prime, 4 base pair cut drives efficacy and safety



DNA replication direction



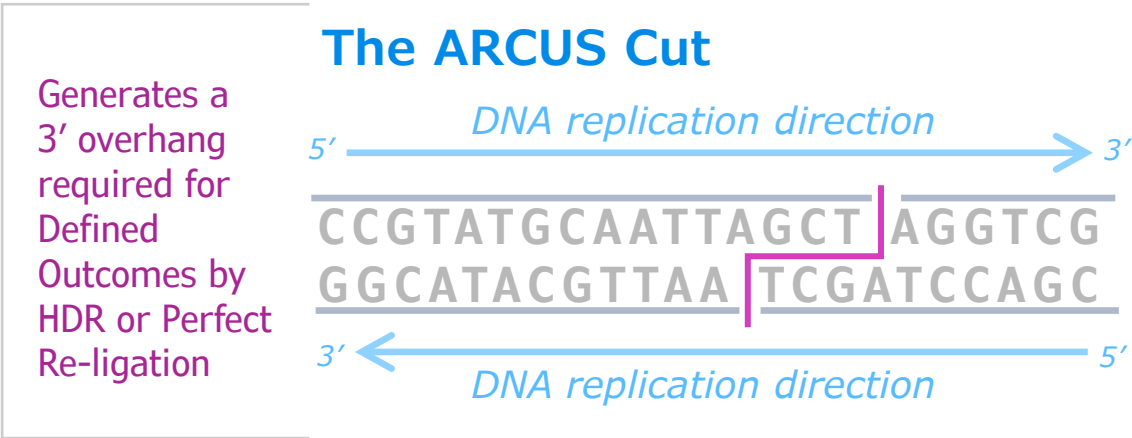
**This unique cut drives high efficiency repair by HDR
OR "Perfect" Re-ligation leading to Defined Outcomes**

- Due to ARCUS unique 3' overhang cut, "sticky-end" breaks at off-target sites, are detected with higher sensitivity than blunt cuts generated by CRISPR...allows Precision to engineer and optimize for high specificity and off-target edits below limit of detection



The ARCUS Cut is Uniquely Designed to Drive Defined Outcomes

ARCUS cut leads to HDR or “Perfect” Re-ligation



Cas9

CCGTATGCAATTA | GCTAGGTCG
GGCATACGTTAAT | CGATCCAGC

Blunt cut induces NHEJ

TALEN/ZFN

CCGTATGCA | ATTAGCTAGGTCG
GGCATACGTTAAT | CGATCCAGC

Staggered cut in wrong 5' direction for HDR, therefore NHEJ repair

Cas12a

CCGTATGCAATTAGCTA | GGCAT
GGCATACGTTAATCGATCCGT | A

Base Editors

CCGTAGCAATTAGCTA | GGATG
GGCATCGTTAATCGATCCGTAC

Single, double, or unintended DNA breaks results in interrupted repair state*, HDR not attainable

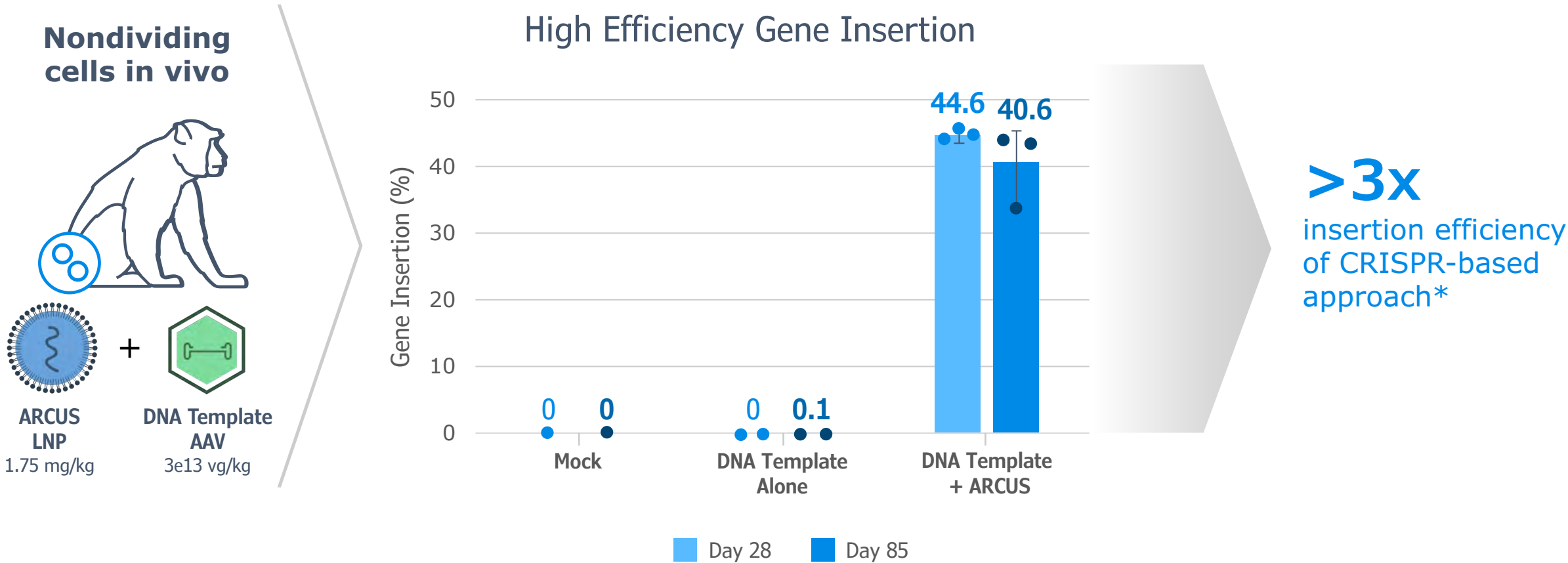
Prime Editors

CCGTATGCAATTAGCTA | GGCAT
GGCA | TACGTTAATCGATCCGTA



*Genotoxic effects of base and prime editing in human hematopoietic stem cells; Nature Biotechnology, 2023, Fiumara, M.

ARCUS Inserts with High Efficiency in Adult Nonhuman Primates, Example Previously Thought to be Unachievable

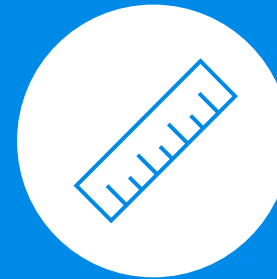


*45% gene insertion calculated for total liver tissue, much higher if only calculating insertion into hepatocytes
*ASGCT 2023, poster 926, Regeneron/Intellia, "Targeted Gene Insertion of *Factor 9* as a Potential Durable Treatment for Hemophilia B"

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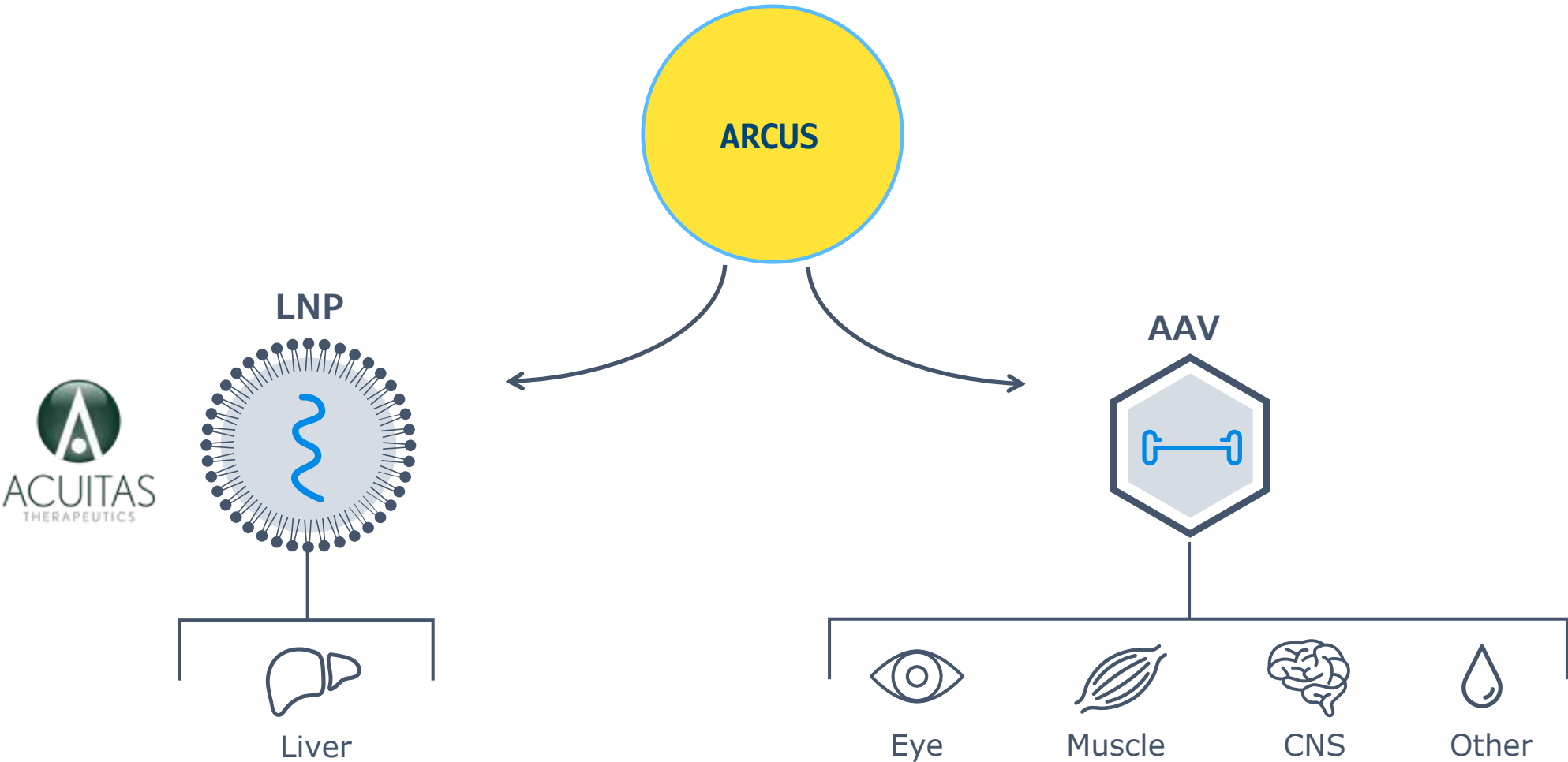


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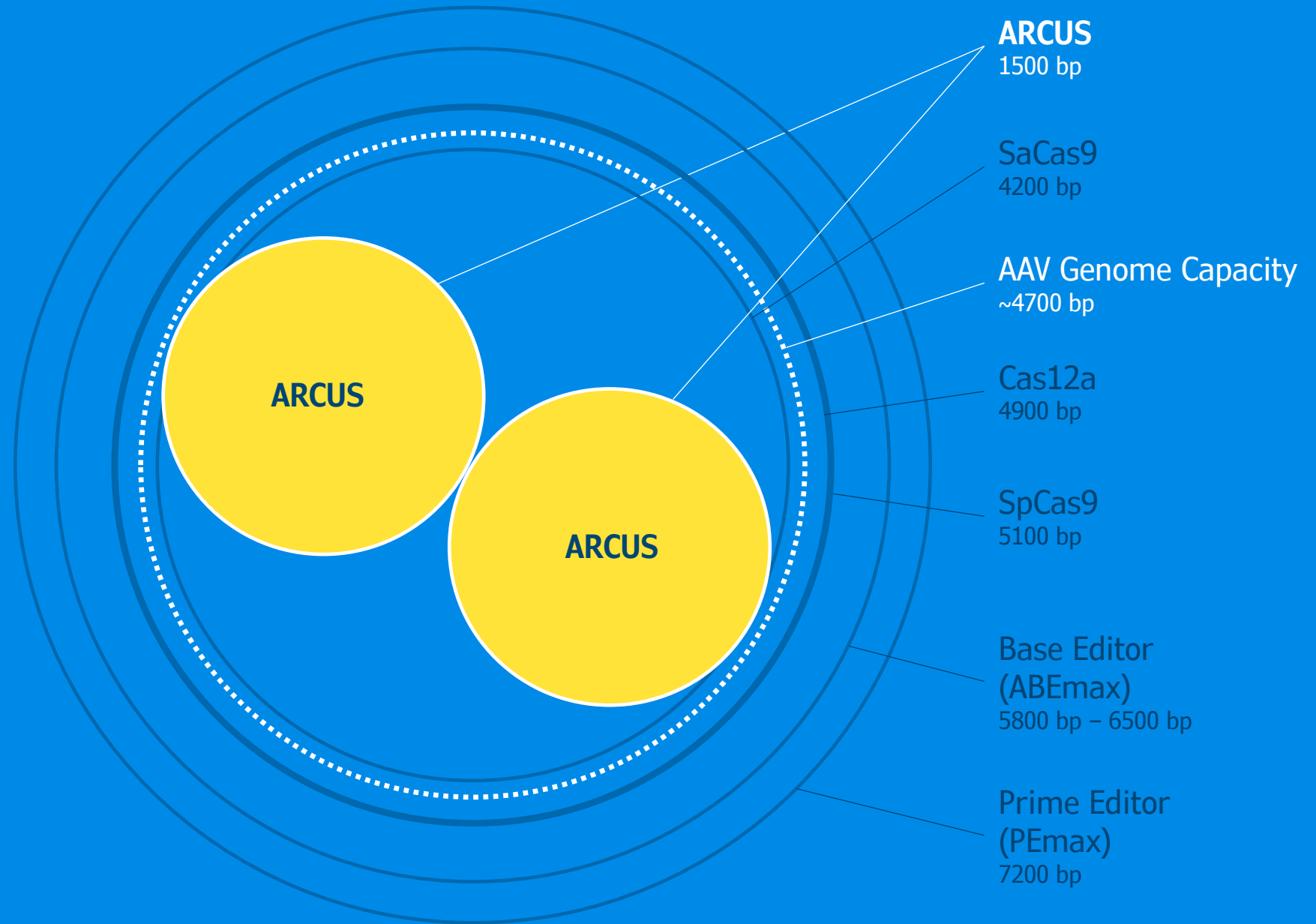
Size Matters for Where You Can Deliver

ARCUS can use different delivery vehicles to target diverse tissue types



Size Matters for **What** You Can Deliver:

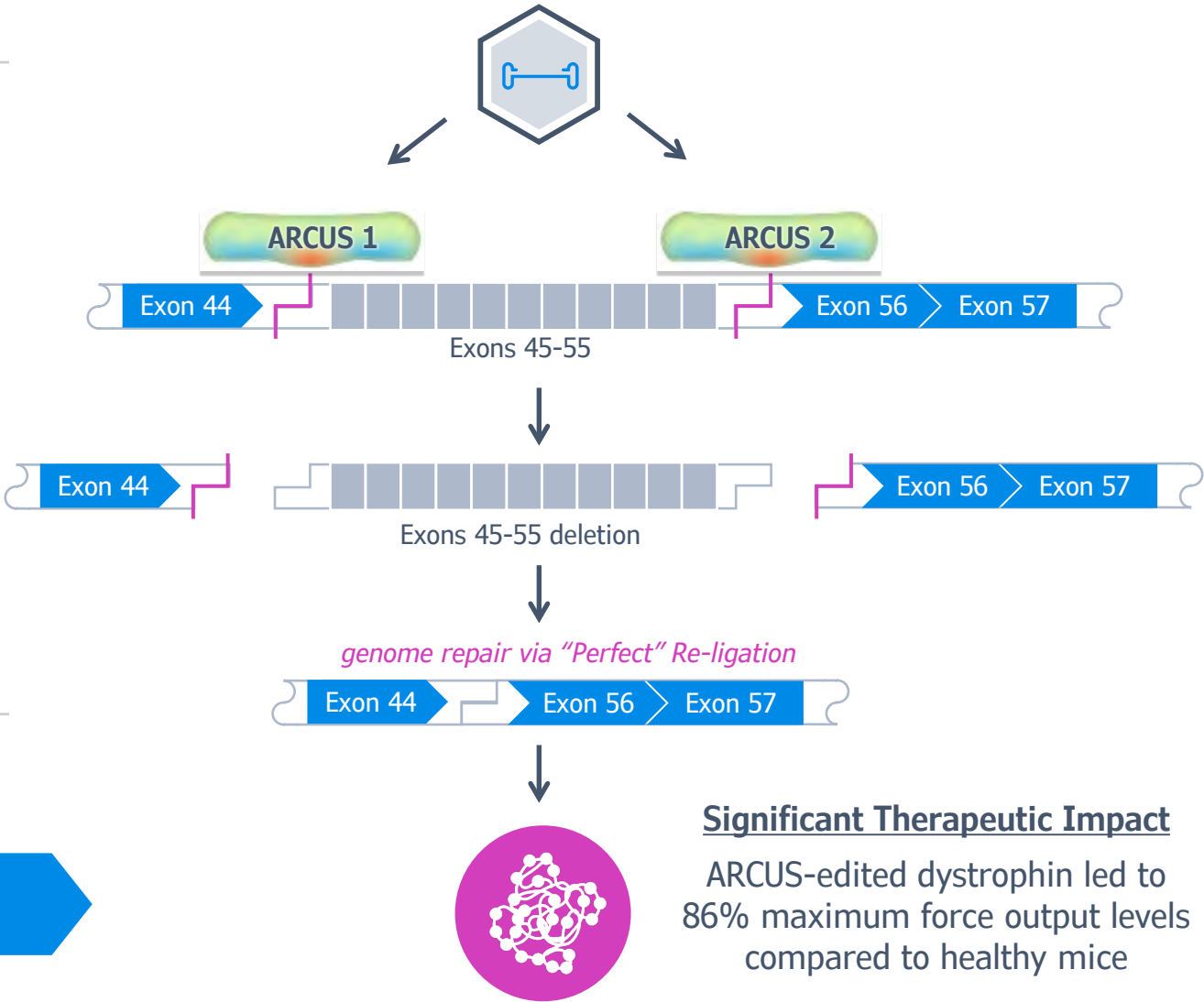
Small ARCUS Size Allows
Two Nucleases in One AAV
for **Gene Excision** in DMD



ARCUS Nucleases Excise Mutations and Restore Function in DMD



Two complementary ARCUS nucleases delivered in a single AAV are used to excise a mutation “**hot spot**” in Exons 45-55 responsible for ~50% of DMD cases



GOAL: Restore dystrophin expression

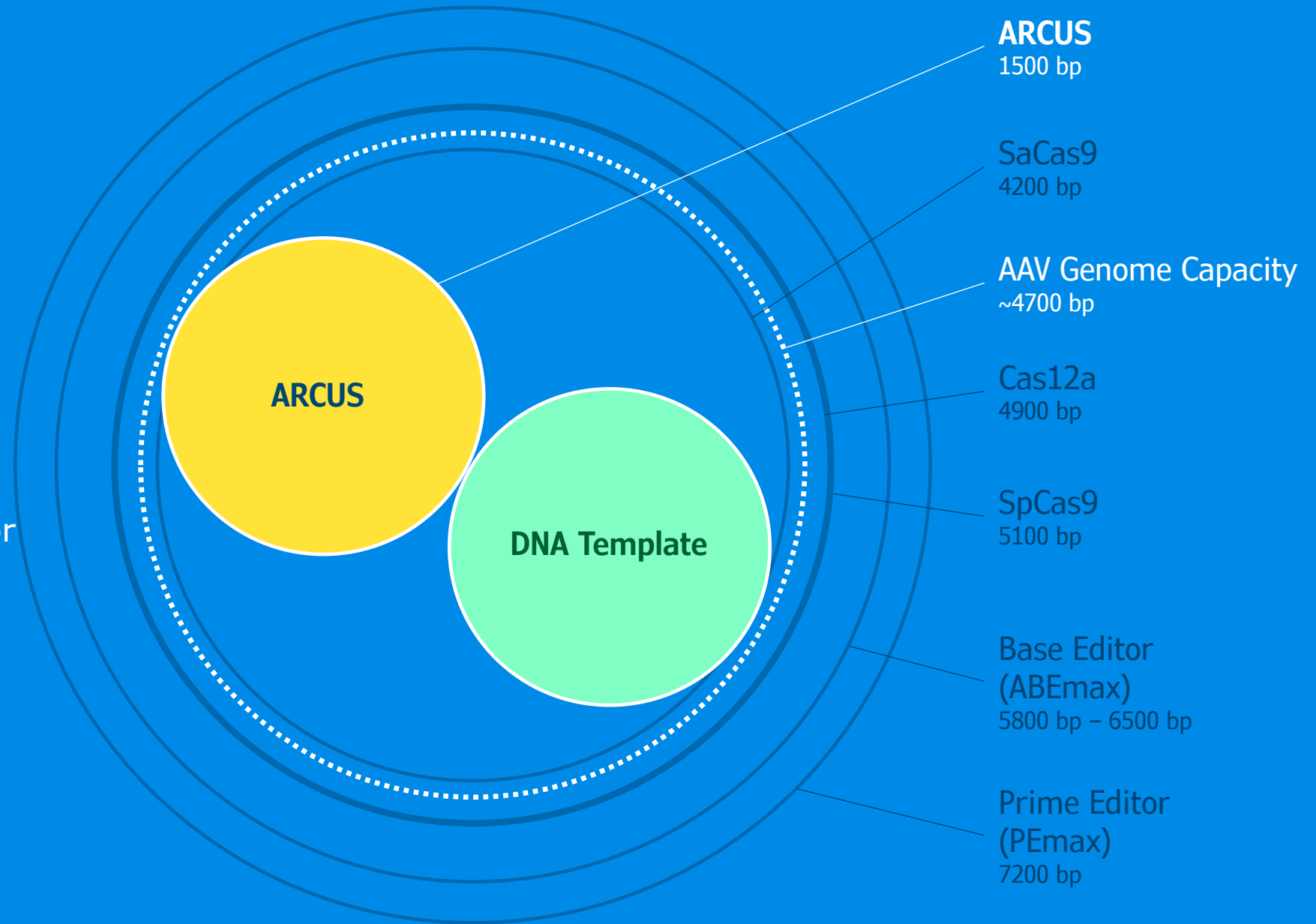
Significant Therapeutic Impact

ARCUS-edited dystrophin led to 86% maximum force output levels compared to healthy mice



Size Matters for **What** You Can Deliver:

Allowing Delivery with a
DNA Template in a Single AAV for
Gene Insertion

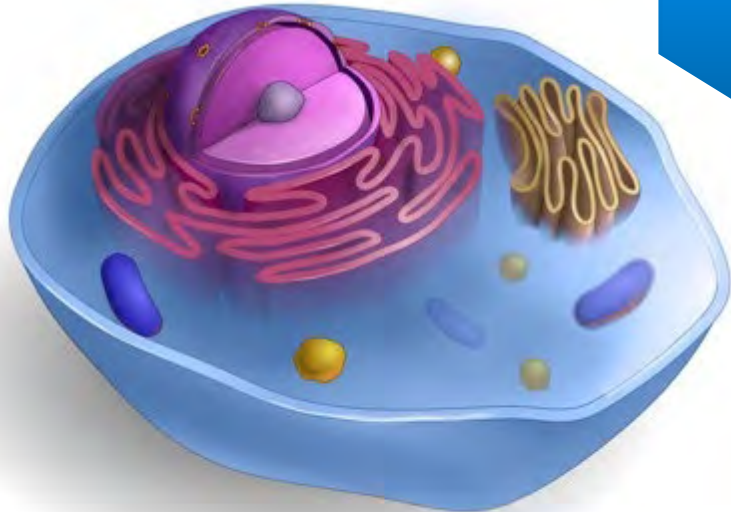


Why does Size Matter for Safety?

Potential for Lower AAV Dose



ARCUS + DNA Template



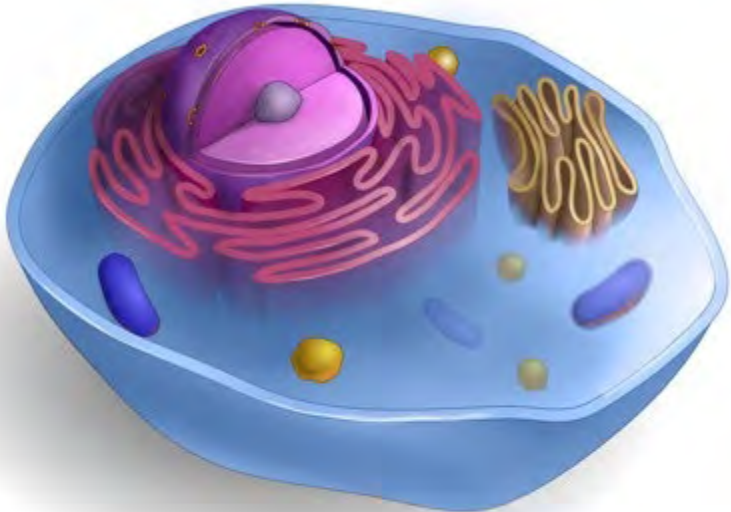
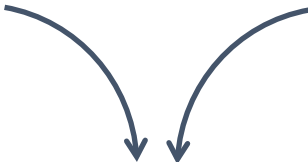
Nuclear DNA

Less
AAV

gRNA + DNA Template



CRISPR/Cas



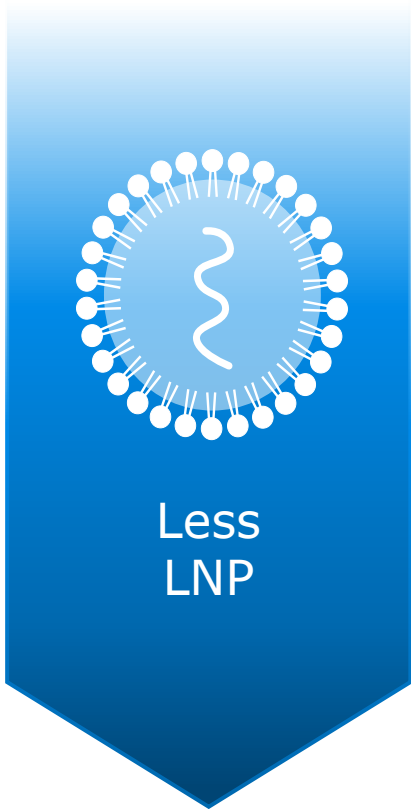
Nuclear DNA

More
AAV



Why does Size Matter for Safety?

Potential for Lower Total LNP Dose



mRNA quality is a driver of tolerability for LNP-based products

- › High purity mRNA is essential to prevent immunotoxicity.
- › Longer mRNAs are often associated with increased presence of “abortive transcripts,” which compromise purity.
- › Shorter mRNAs are easier to produce with high purity and therefore favorable for tolerability.

LNPs are restricted to <100nm in size for efficient liver uptake

- › Due to this size restriction, the number of mRNA molecules that fit into an LNP is directly related to the size of the mRNA.
- › ARCUS-encoding mRNA is ~4x smaller than Cas9-encoding mRNA.
- › Ability to package more mRNA molecules per particle may increase potency of drug product and yield a more favorable safety profile.



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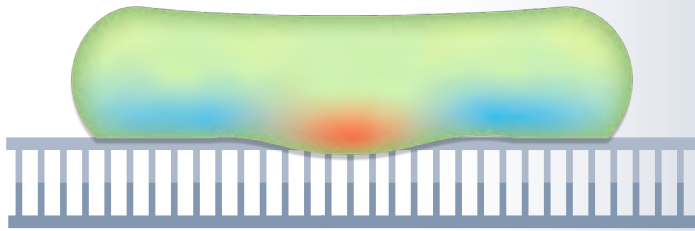
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Simplicity: ARCUS is the Only Single Protein Component Editor



1 ARCUS



Single protein with a DNA recognition motif and catalytic activity all in one; **no guide RNA required**

Editing outcome not dependent on simultaneous delivery of multiple components leading to **higher efficiency**

Single component **requires less** AAV and potentially less LNP

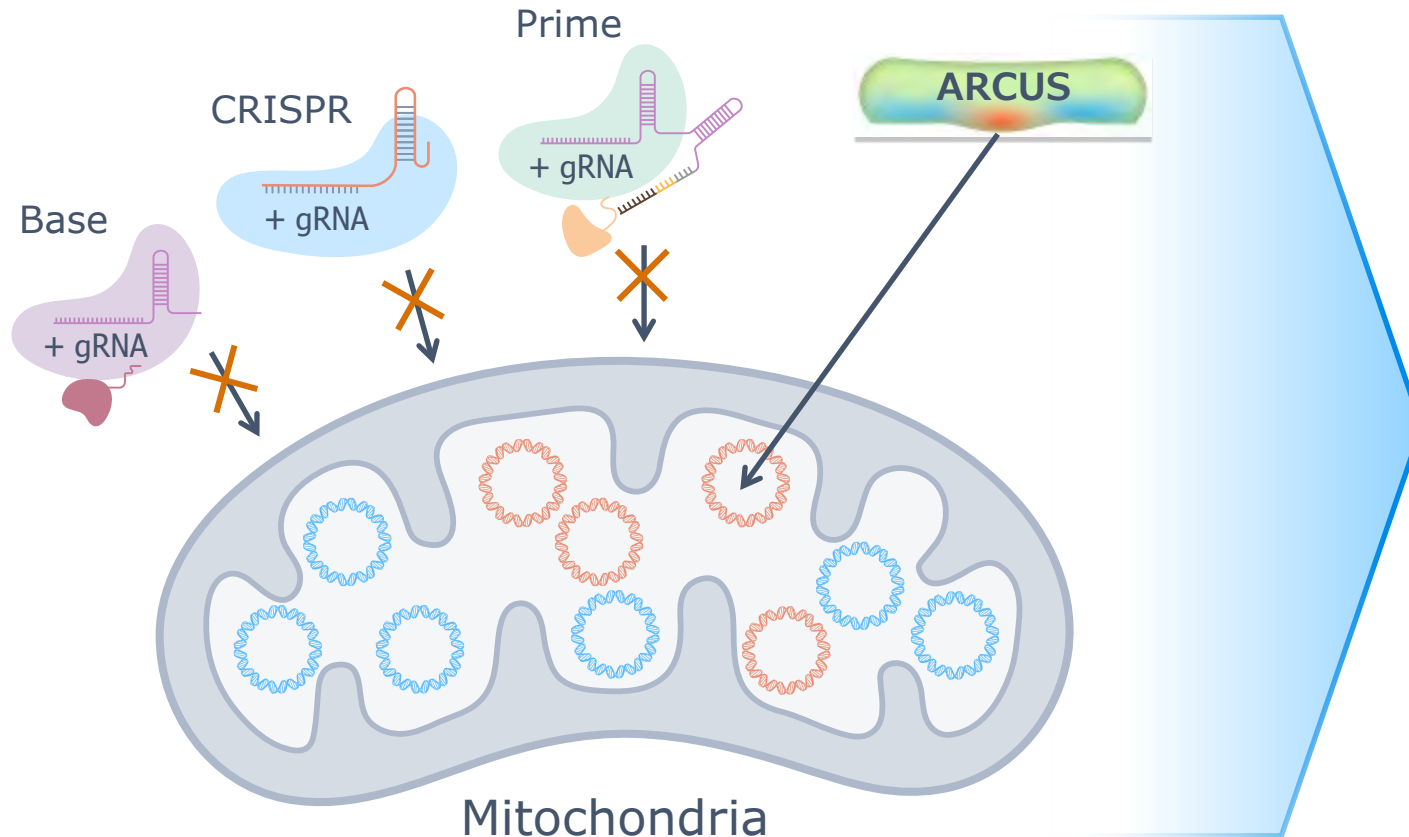
› Easy to deliver

› High efficiency

› Low dose improves safety



Simplicity: ARCUS Can Go Where Few Other Gene Editors Can Follow



nature metabolism



Article

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Efficient elimination of MELAS-associated m.3243G mutant mitochondrial DNA by an engineered mitoARCUS nuclease

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PBGENE-PMM Program Highlights

- › Single component nature of ARCUS allows specific editing of mutant mtDNA with no off-target editing
- › ARCUS-induced heteroplasmy shift resulting in improved mitochondrial and respiratory function in edited cells
- › No evidence of mitoARCUS editing nuclear DNA



Safety Outcomes Accomplished Through ARCUS Advantages



The Cut



The Size



The Simplicity



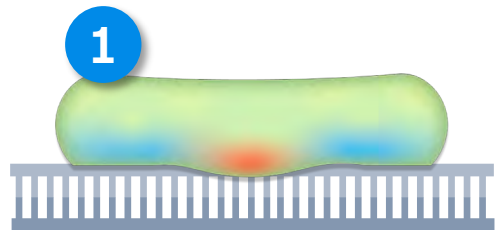
Why does Simplicity Matter for Safety?

ARCUS Integrated Cleavage and Binding Activity Allows for Precise Targeting



Targeted Editing

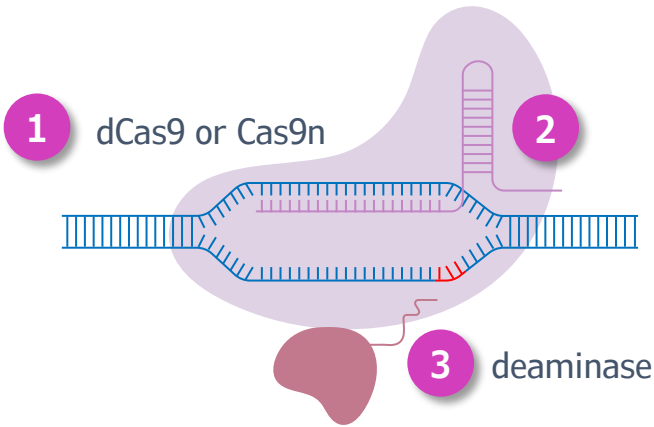
ARCUS



Single Component

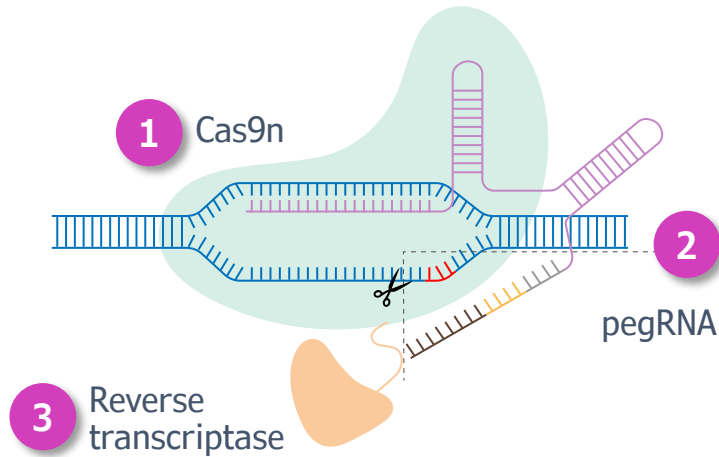
Potential for guide independent effector off-target activity

Base Editor



Promiscuous Deamination

Prime Editor



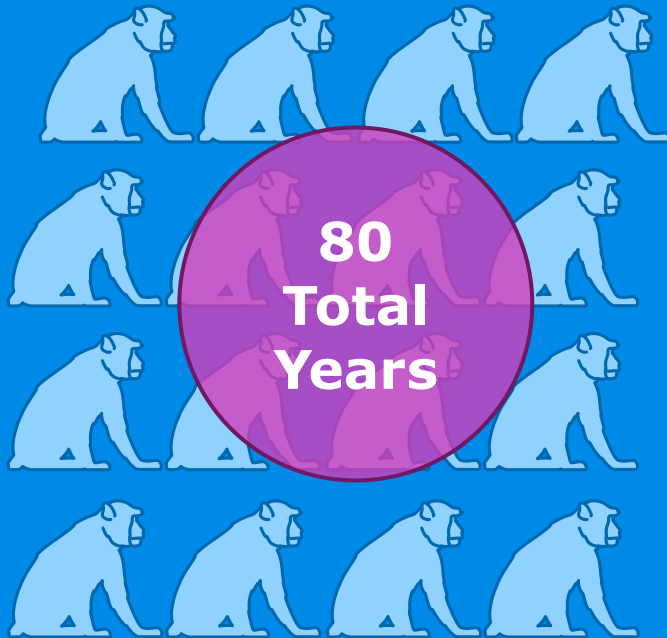
Documented Structural Rearrangements

> CRISPR CAS-based editors with two components share similar safety concerns



ARCUS Safety and Durability Supported By Longest Ongoing Gene Editing NHP Study

NHPs have been on study
without any serious adverse events



10 NHPs on study for
>6 years

6 NHPs on study for
>3.5 years

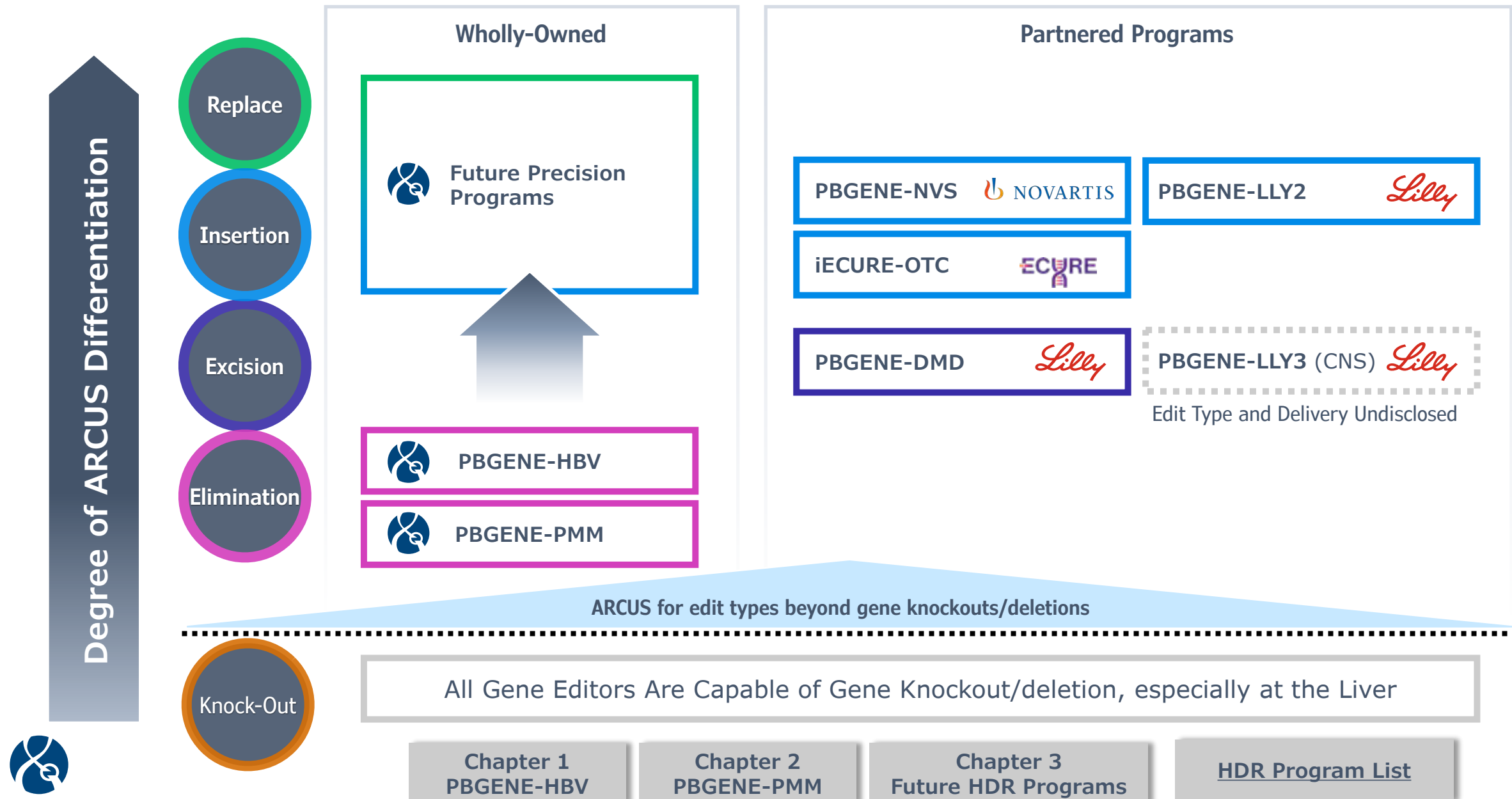
16 NHPs treated with the ARCUS nuclease
and followed for long term safety

**Stable & Durable Reductions
in PCSK9 & LDL-C maintained
throughout study**



Note: NHP Study conducted using PBGENE-PCSK9 nuclease designed to knockout PCSK9 gene

Precision Only Focused On ARCUS Differentiation By Edit Type



ARCUS Differentiation By Edit Type

Strategic Overview of Precision Programs



Chapter 1:
PBGENE-HBV

Viral Elimination



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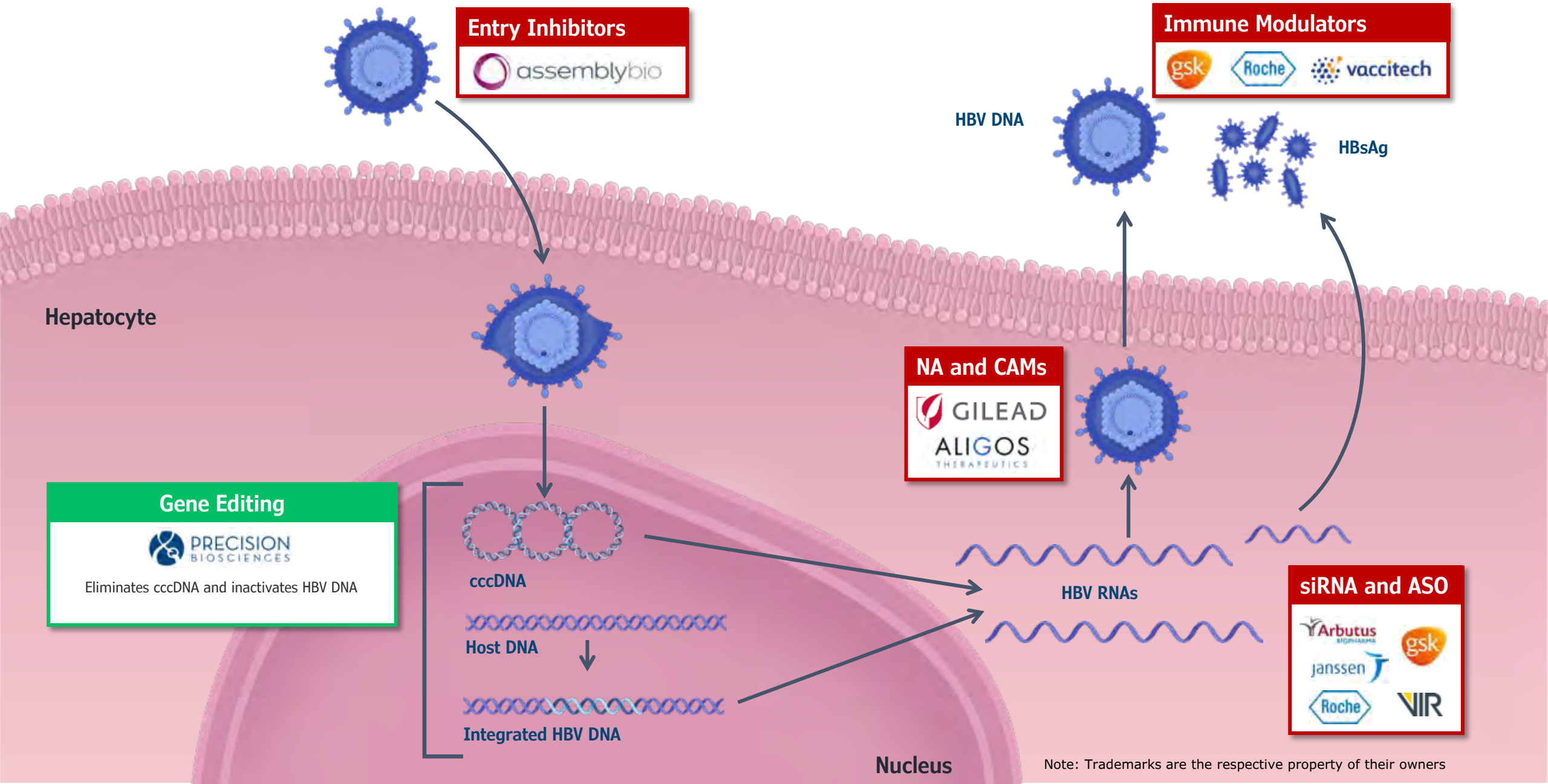
Executive Summary on PBGENE-HBV Program

ARCUS Potential Curative Strategy for HBV Elimination Ready For Clinic in 2024

- › ARCUS only modality currently designed to eliminate cccDNA and inactivate integrated HBV DNA
-> essential for functional cure (undetectable HBV DNA and HBsAg after a finite treatment course)
- › PBGENE-HBV AASLD 2023 data demonstrated strong proof of concept for efficacy and safety
- › **Precision Advancing Next Steps:**
 - Final PBGENE-HBV clinical candidate ready
 - On-going discussions with global regulatory authorities to determine first wave markets
 - FIH site-selection and feasibility in process
 - Final step: pre-CTA/IND toxicology
 - CTA/IND expected filing in 2024



Only ARCUS designed to eliminate cccDNA and inactivate HBV DNA



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PBGENE-HBV Leverages the ARCUS Advantages of **Size & Simplicity**



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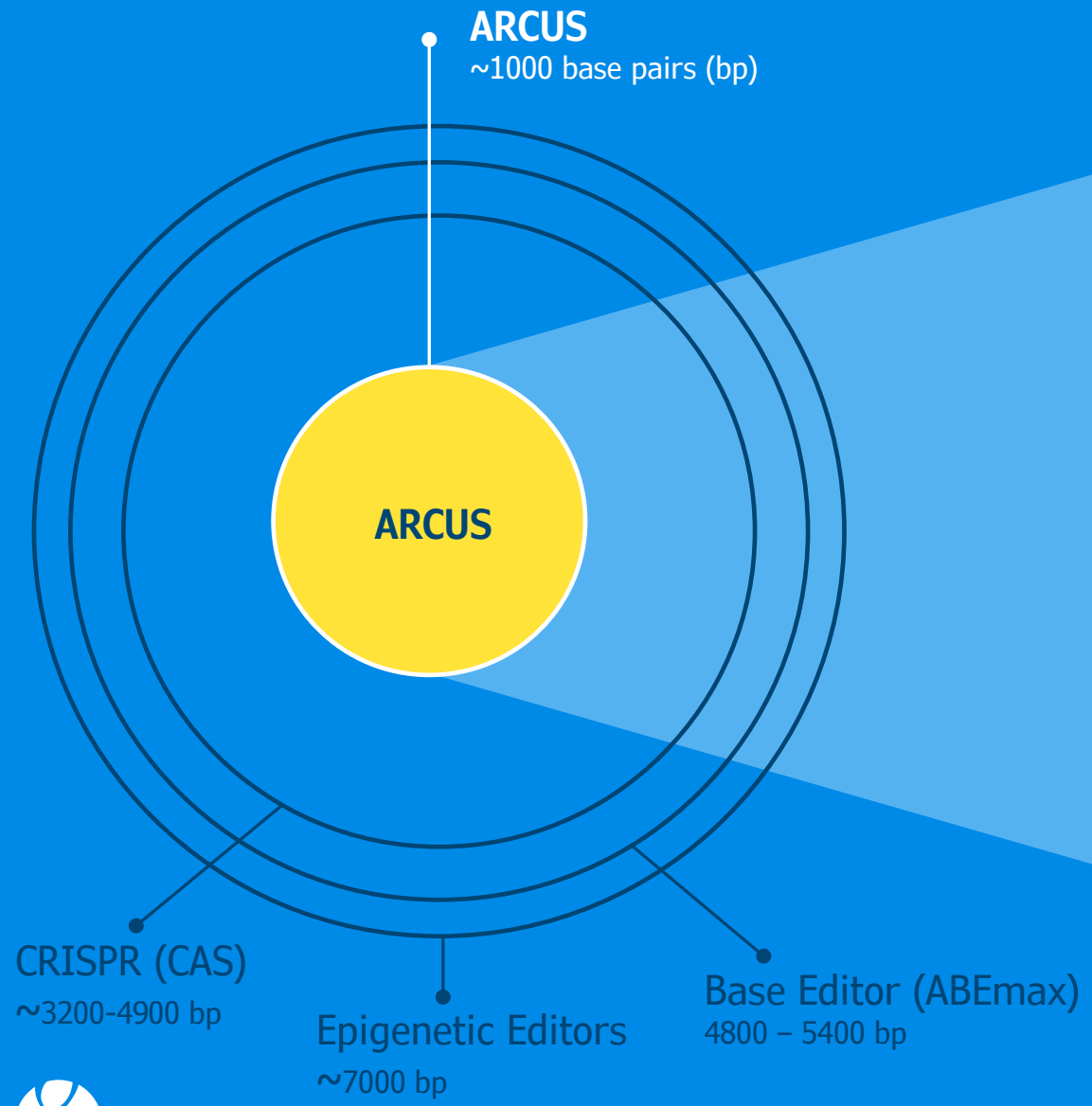
PBGENE-HBV Program



The Simplicity



Size Optimal to Target cccDNA and Integrated HBV DNA



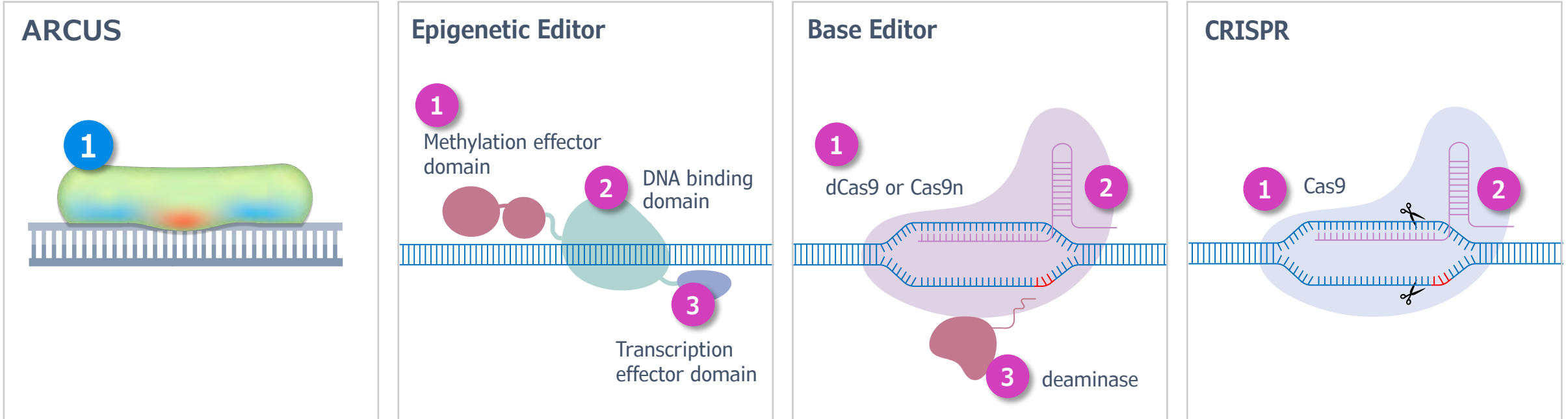
Small size may allow easier access to DNA for target site editing
—impact of DNA methylation and chromatin structure is less relevant for ARCUS due to small protein size



ARCUS is efficient at targeting cccDNA + integrated HBV DNA¹



Simplicity: ARCUS is the only single component editor



Efficacy	Single component of ARCUS means more efficient packaging and delivery than multicomponent editors
Safety	Cleavage of linkers in multicomponent fusion protein editors releases effector domains with safety risk of uncontrolled, off-target editing



Targeting cccDNA: ARCUS Gene Editing Versus Other Genetic Modalities in Development

		ARCUS	Epigenetic Editor ¹	Base Editor (Development Paused ²)	CRISPR Editor ³
 cccDNA Engagement	Edit Result	Designed to eliminate cccDNA directly at high efficiency	Silences cccDNA via methylation	Mutates and Inactivates cccDNA	Creates cccDNA indels vs. elimination of cccDNA
	Cut type	3' overhang cut resulting in double stranded break	Methylation (No Cut)	Single Stranded Nick	Blunt cut resulting in double stranded break
	Impact	Permanent and Durable elimination of cccDNA	Unproven durability cccDNA still persists and can become reactivated	Mutated cccDNA still persists	Potential permanent elimination of cccDNA (data unknown)
 Size and Simplicity	Kilobases (kb)	~1 kilobases Small	~7 kilobases Very Large	4.8-5.4 kilobases Large	3.2-4.1 kilobases Large
	# of Components	1 component / Simple	>3 components / Very Complex	3 components / Very Complex	2 components / Complex
 Therapeutic Scope and Evidence	Scope of Genotypes	Target site conserved across >92% of isolates across genotypes	Target Site Undisclosed	Undisclosed Variable depending on gRNA	Target Site Undisclosed
	In Vitro	cccDNA elimination leads to ↓HbeAg, HbsAg (PHH), HBV DNA/RNA ↓HbsAg (Int. HBV DNA)	↓HbeAg & HbsAg (cccDNA) ↓HbsAg (Int. HBV DNA)	↓HbsAg, HbeAg, HBV DNA, HBV RNA (PHH), HbsAg (Int. HBV DNA)	↓HbsAg & HbeAg (at lower efficiency)
	In Vivo Models	↓HBV DNA & HbsAg (NHP & Transgenic Mice)	↓HBV DNA & HbsAg (Transgenic Mice)	↓HBV DNA & HbsAg (Transgenic & Humanized Mice)	↓HBV DNA & HbsAg (Transgenic Mice)
	Potential Risk	Final clinical candidate shows enhanced specificity with no detectable off-target editing at maximal on-target editing dose	Potential unintended off target effects by released/cleaved effector domain	Potential unintended off-target effects; high affinity towards integrated HBV DNA and off-targeting by guide independent base editing	Potential unintended off-target effects; high affinity towards integrated HBV DNA



No head-to-head studies of these approaches have been conducted and therefore no conclusions concerning safety or efficacy can be drawn

¹Epigenetic Editor data to date presented by Chroma Medicine

². Beam Tx announced portfolio prioritization and pausing development of HBV program; 10/19/23 Press Release

³. Seeger, et al. 2014, 2016; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25514649/>; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27203444/>

> 300 million
cHBV infections globally

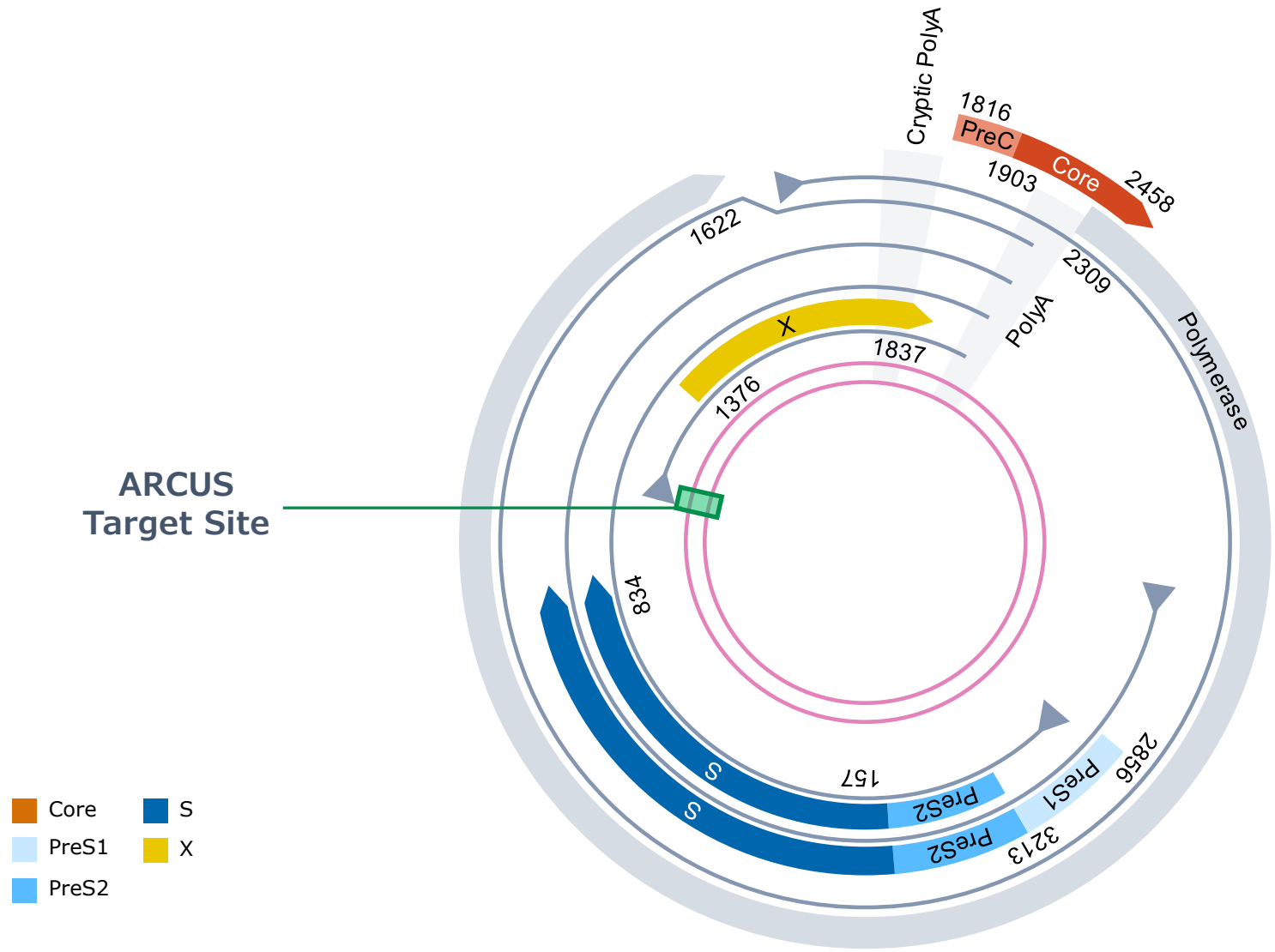


> 1,000,000
cHBV infections in the US

PBGENE-HBV Designed For Broad Patient Applicability

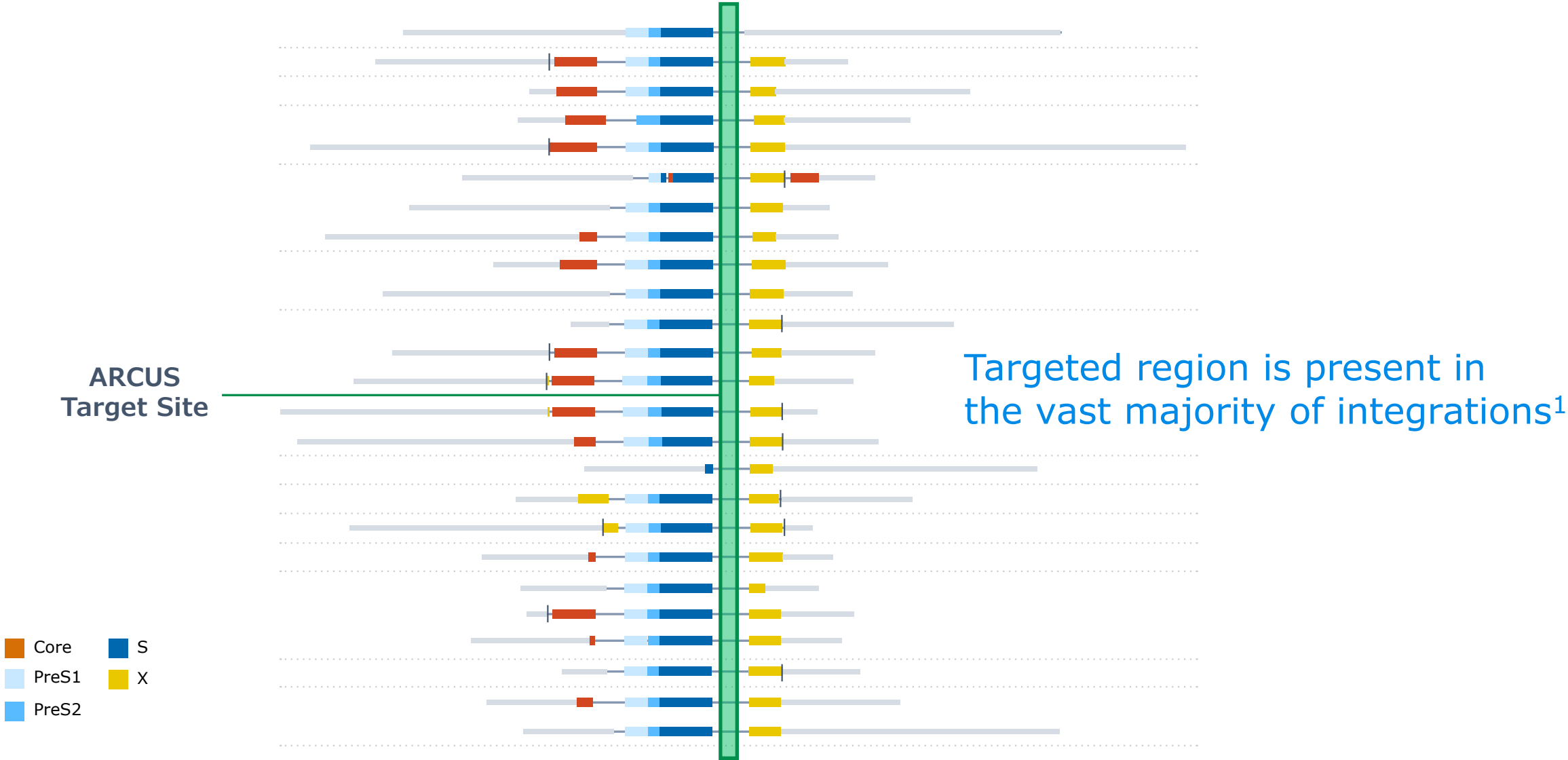


Broad Patient Applicability: ARCUS Recognizes a Highly Conserved Sequence in cccDNA



Target site conserved in
>92% of isolates
across genotypes^{1,2}

Broad Patient Applicability: ARCUS Recognizes a Highly Conserved Sequence in Integrated HBV DNA



1. van Buuren, N, et al. *JHEP Rep.* 4.4 (2022): 100449. Published 2022 Feb 12. doi:10.1016/j.jhepr.2022.100449

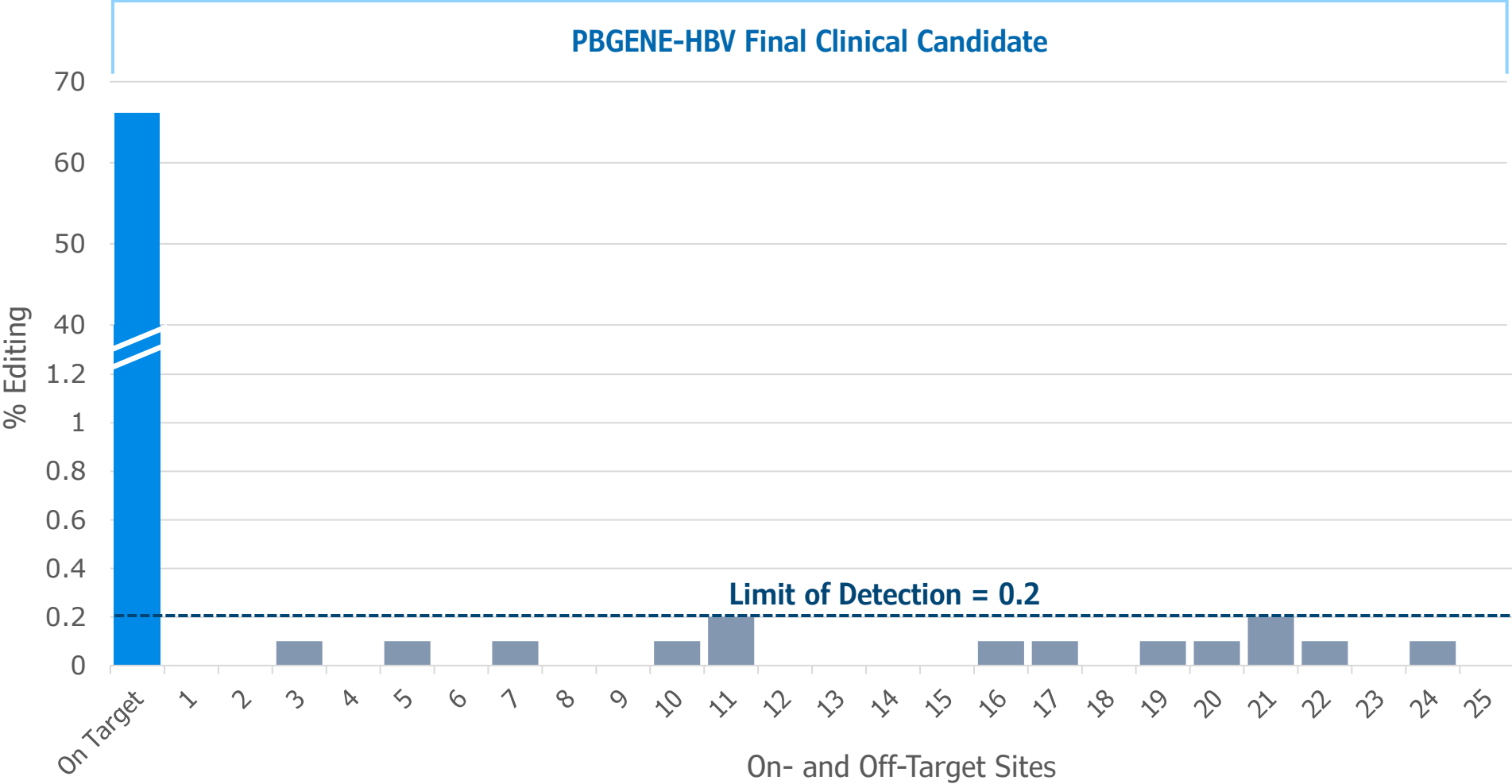
AASLD 2023 Data Update

Summary of New PBGENE-HBV Data Presented

- Enhanced Specificity With No Detectable Off-Target Editing at Maximal On-target Editing Dose
- NHP Study Demonstrated Up to 99% Viral Engagement
- Eliminated cccDNA and Inhibited Viral Markers in PHH
- ~95% Durable HBsAg Reduction Across Doses in Mouse Study
- Significant HBV DNA Reduction in Transgenic Mouse Supports Potential for Stopping NUC and Functional Cures in Future FIH Study



Safety: PBGENE-HBV Final Clinical Candidate Shows Enhanced Specificity With No Detectable Off-Target Editing

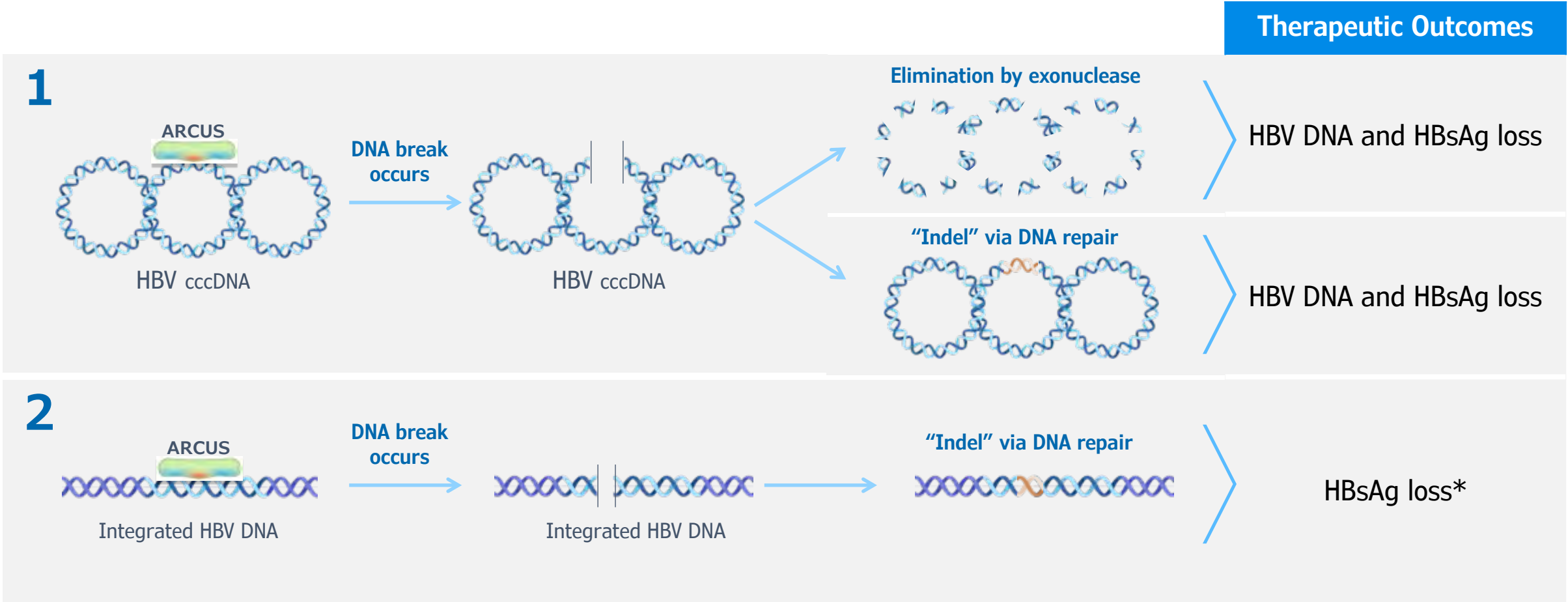


No Off-Target Editing Detected at Maximally-Saturating On-Target Dose



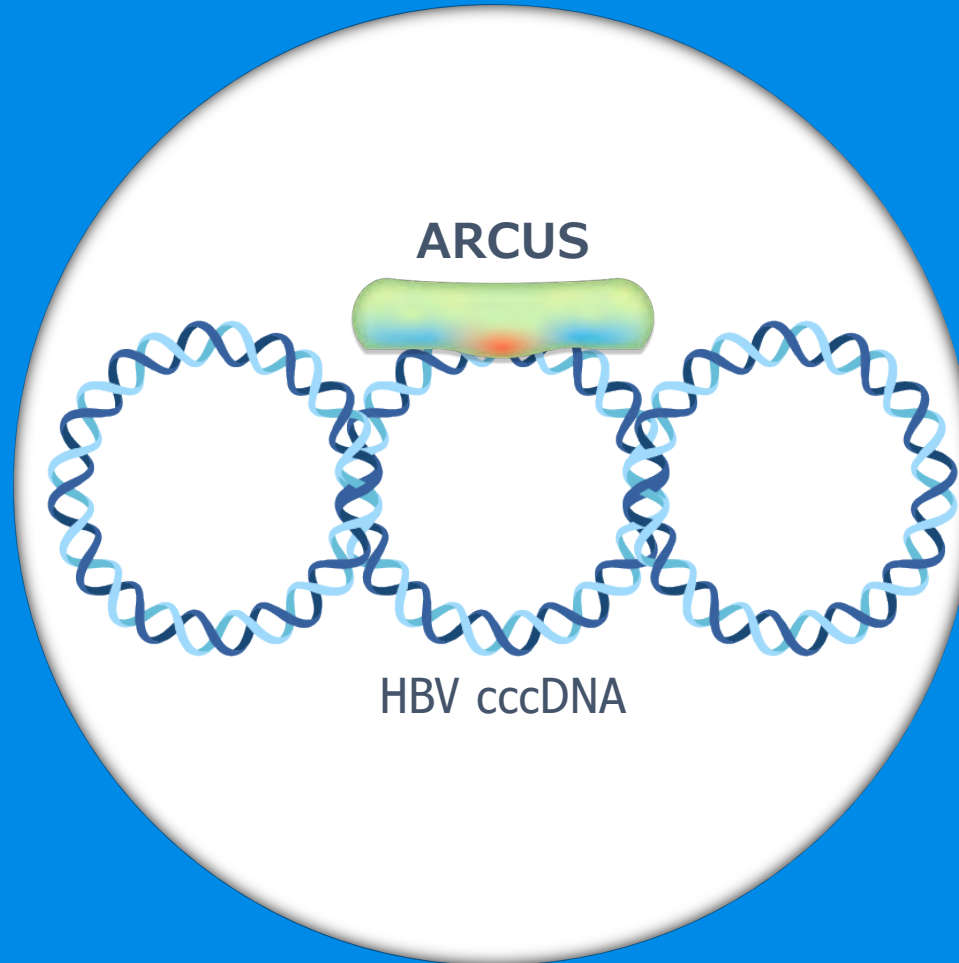
Notes:
1. The final optimized clinical candidate nuclease shows enhanced specificity from prior versions by eliminating off-target editing above LOD when examining 384 potential off-target sites

ARCUS Approach to Eliminate cccDNA and Inactivate Integrated HBV DNA to Drive Durable Antigen Loss with Goal of Functional Cure

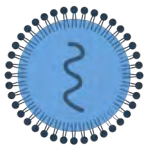
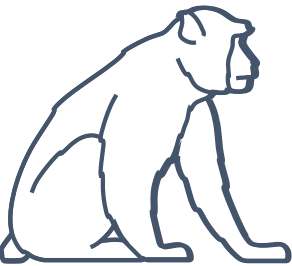


*Note: Integrated DNA does not produce HBV DNA

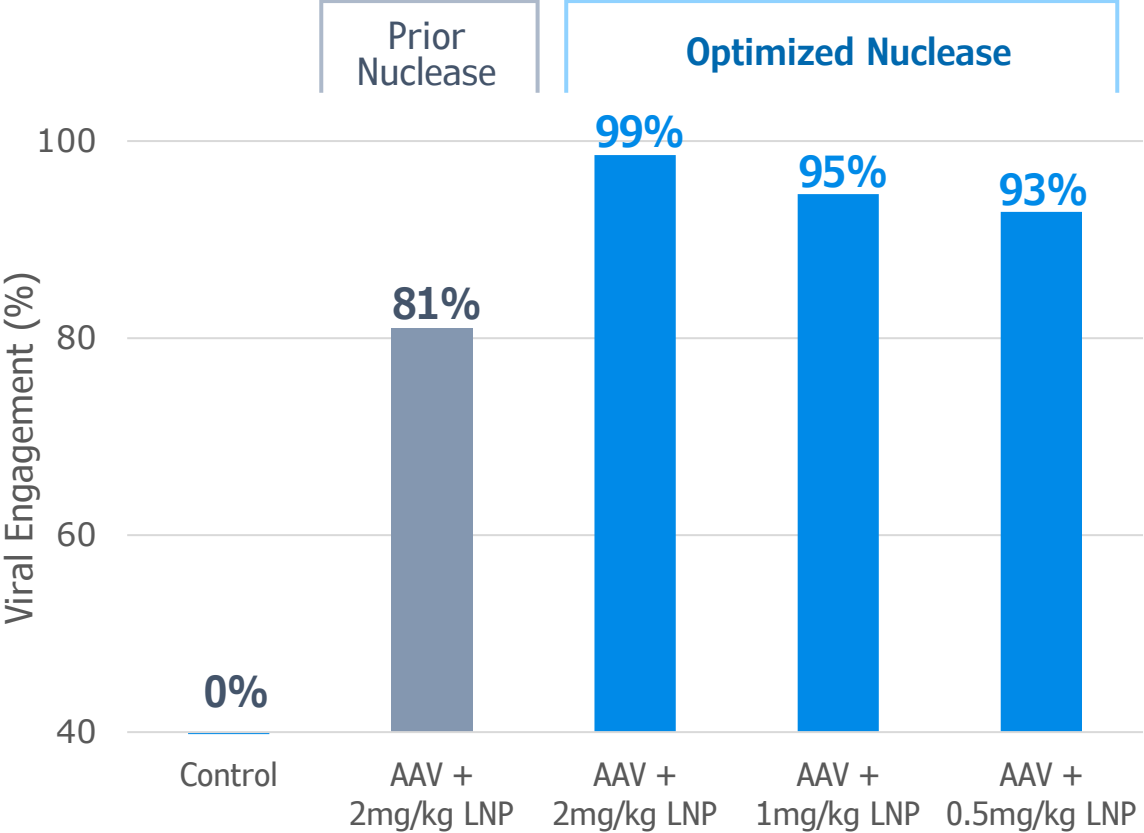
Eliminate
cccDNA



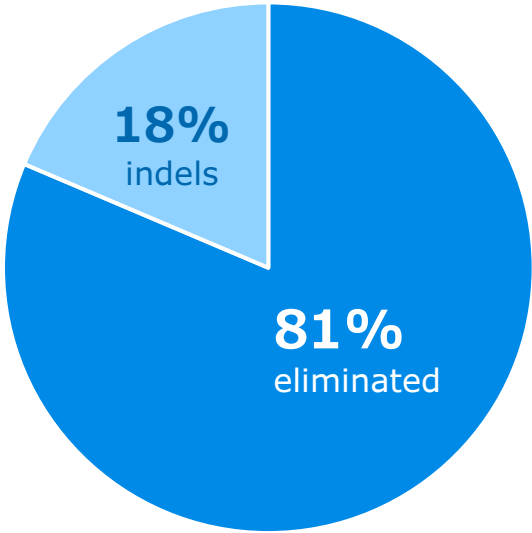
Efficacy: Non-Human Primate (NHP) Study Demonstrates Up to 99% Viral Engagement, Suggestive of Strong Potential Efficacy Profile of PBGENE-HBV



ARCUS LNP



99% viral engagement at highest dose in NHP study



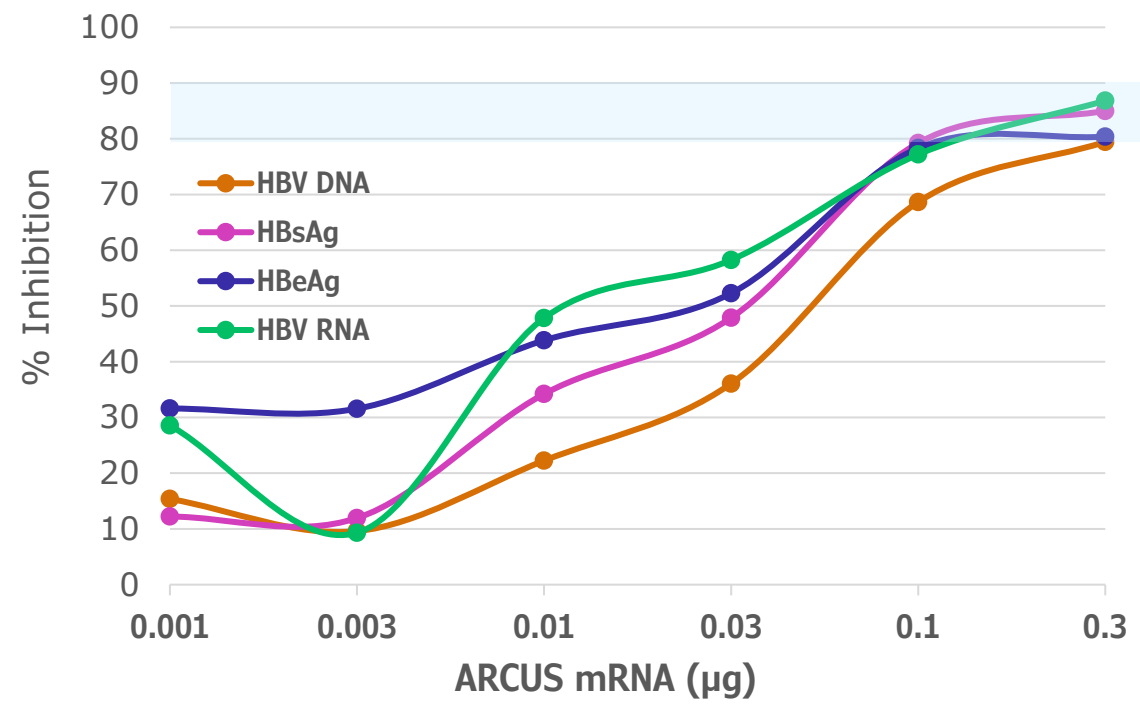
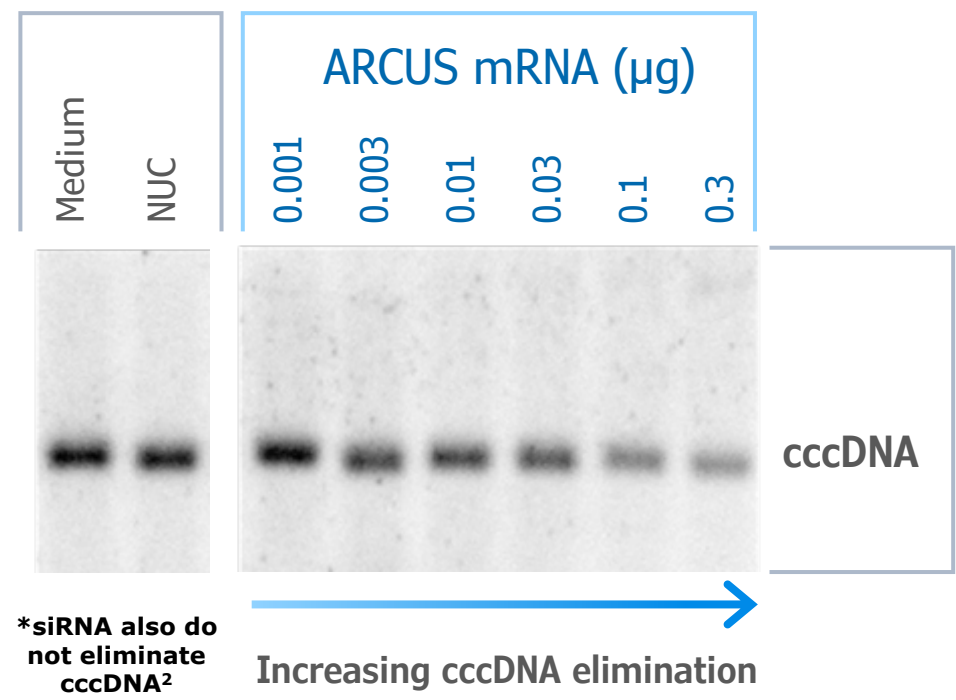
Final clinical candidate expected to eliminate majority of cccDNA, this unique mechanism of action is critical to drive durable functional cures

Notes:

- 1. Final optimized candidate nuclease derived from prior optimized nuclease - only one amino acid difference with similar efficacy
- 2. NHP study- 2 doses of PBGENE-HBV 42 days apart; viral engagement (elimination + inactivation through indels) measured at D90
- 3. Prior nuclease data presented at R&D Day in Sep '23 - substantial improvement from prior NHP study showing 66% elimination and 15% indels



Efficacy: PBGENE-HBV Eliminates cccDNA and Inhibits Viral Markers in HBV-Infected Primary Human Hepatocytes (PHH)



Proof of principle: Final clinical candidate nuclease demonstrates a dose-dependent elimination of cccDNA

Final clinical candidate reduces HBsAg, HBeAg, HBV DNA, and HBV RNA by 80-90% (vs. 77% HBsAg and 80% HBV DNA reduction in prior nuclease)

Efficacy: PBGENE-HBV Demonstrates Up to 95% Durable HBsAg Reduction Across Dose Levels in Episomal Mouse Study

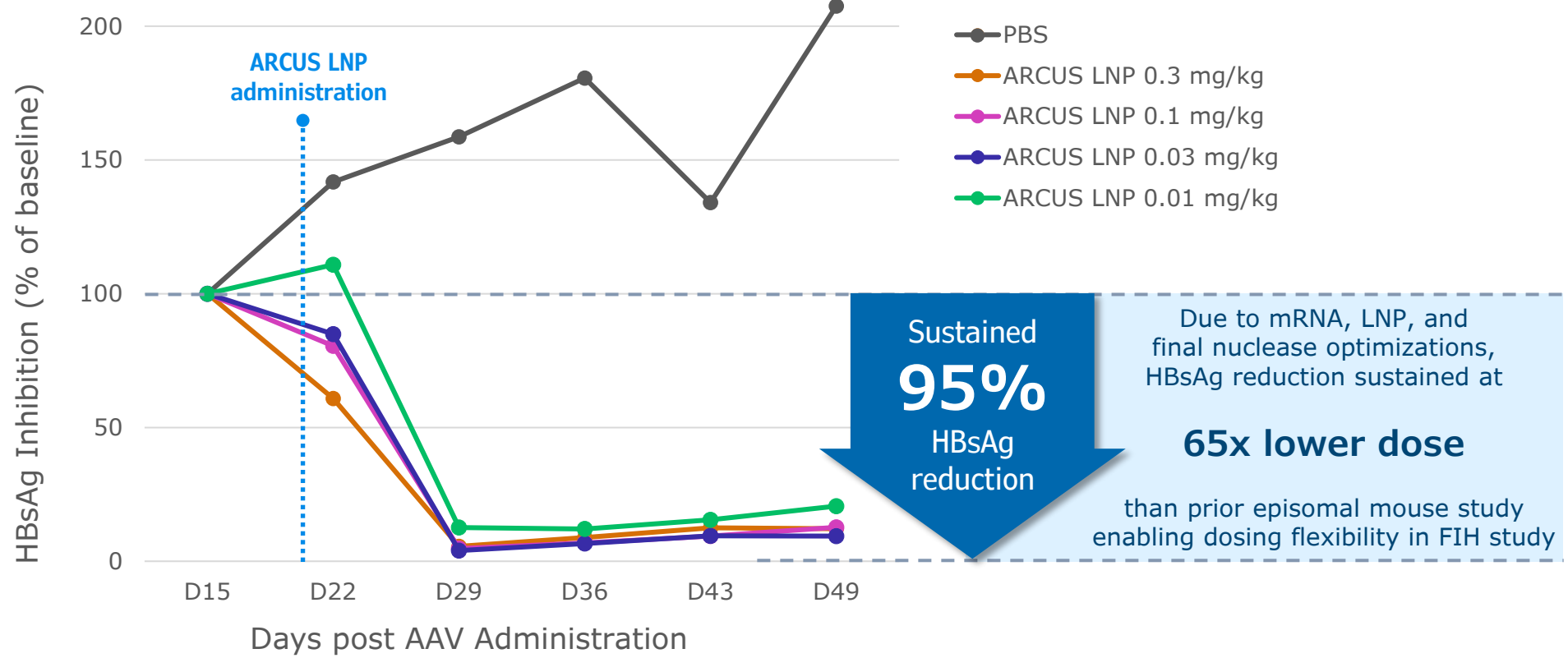


Prior Nuclease

90%
viral engagement

Final Clinical Candidate

95%
viral engagement

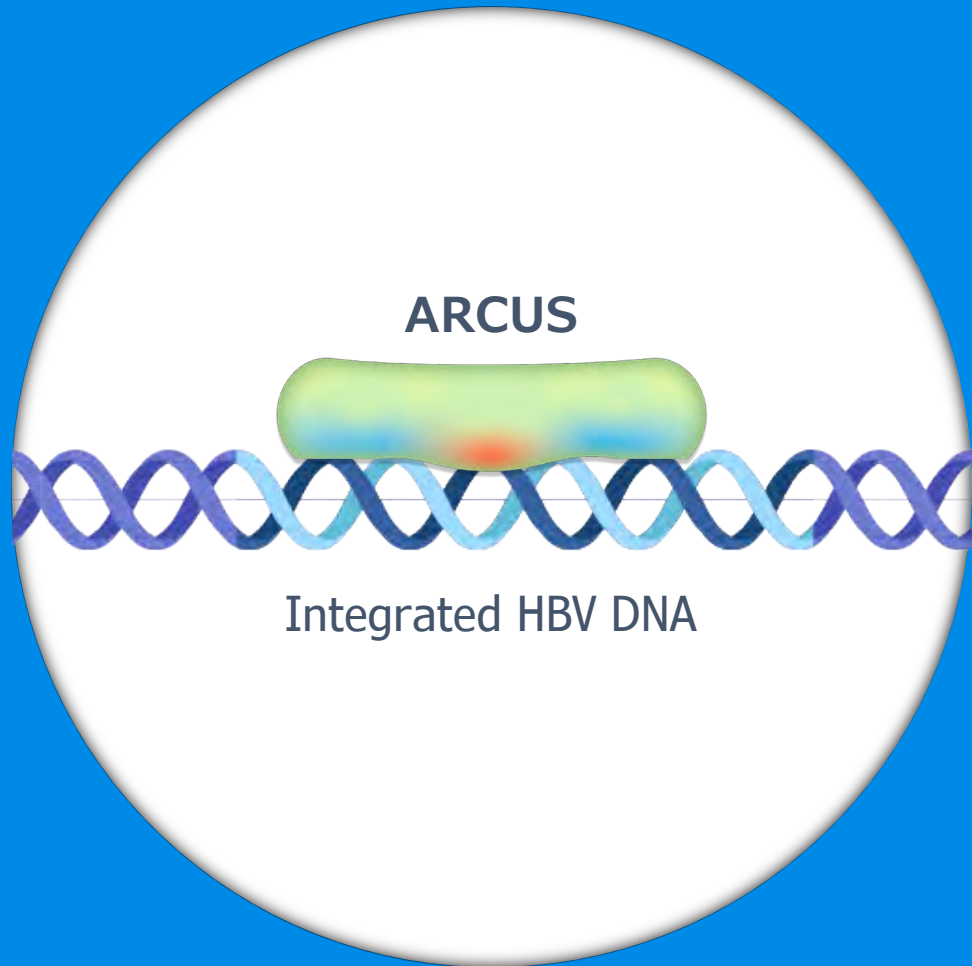


★ Final clinical candidate nuclease offers dosing flexibility while continuing to demonstrate high viral engagement resulting in significant and durable HBsAg reduction necessary to drive functional cures

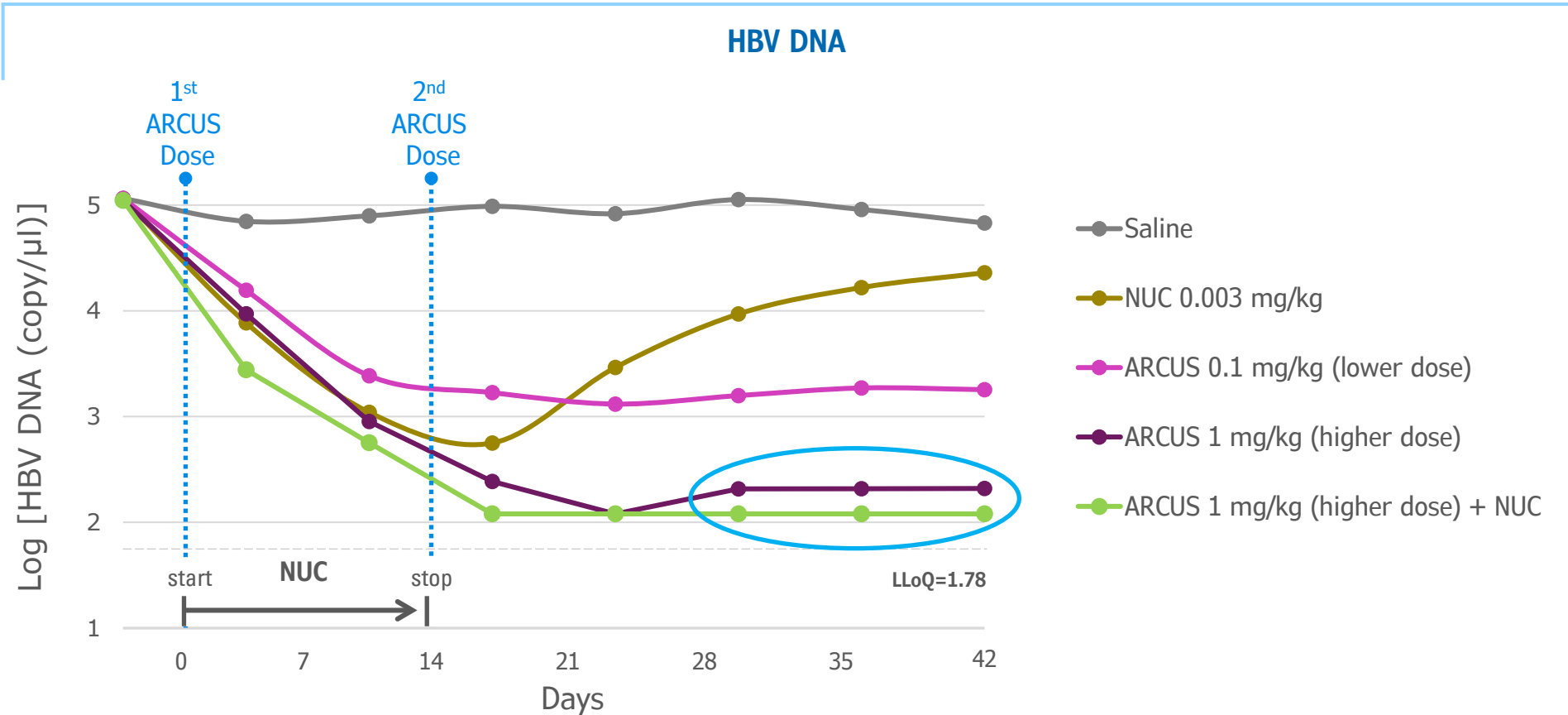
Notes:

1. Prior nuclease data shared at R&D Day in September '23, and prior nuclease tested at a higher 2mg/kg dose
2. Viral engagement (elimination +/- inactivation through indels); ARCUS LNP administration at D21

Inactivate Integrated HBV DNA



Efficacy–New Model: PBGENE-HBV Significantly and Sustainably Reduces HBV DNA as a Monotherapy in New Transgenic Mouse Model



★ Even after stopping NUC, PBGENE-HBV durably reduces HBV DNA as seen in combination cohort. Supports potential for stopping NUC and functional cures in future FIH study

Notes:

1. NUC = nucleos(t)ide analog, entecavir used in this study
2. HBV DNA levels measured in plasma

ARCUS

Potential Curative Strategy for HBV

- › Eliminate cccDNA
- › Inactivate HBV DNA

- **Size Optimal:** Target cccDNA and Integrated HBV DNA
- **Simplicity of ARCUS:** single component editor offers advantages when applied to HBV elimination
- **mRNA Sequence Optimization:** 8x improvement in protein expression permitting dosing flexibility
- **ARCUS Dual Mechanism:** eliminates cccDNA and inactivates integrated HBV DNA across models in robust preclinical package
- **First Gene Editor in HBV:** ARCUS is engineered to benefit wide-range of patients by targeting >92% of isolates across genotypes



PBGENE-HBV Program Accomplishments

☒ Finalized mRNA optimization of payload and LNP formulation leading to 8x improvement in protein expression

☒ FDA INTERACT Meeting in July

☒ Final Clinical Candidate Nominated

on-track ☐ Submit IND/CTA in 2024

site-selection underway ☐ Initiate First-in-Human (FIH) Clinical Studies



Chapter 2:
PBGENE-PMM

Mutant Mitochondrial DNA Elimination



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Primary Mitochondrial Myopathy (PMM) Currently Lacks a Curative Treatment

Mitochondrial diseases (MDs)

are the most common hereditary metabolic disorders and have an overall frequency²

1 in 4,300



A key manifestation of mitochondrial disease is³

PMM

Impacting
~50%
of patients

Primary mitochondrial myopathies (PMM)

are genetically defined disorders leading to defects in energy production predominantly affecting skeletal muscle

PMM is debilitating¹:

Chronic progressive external ophthalmoplegia

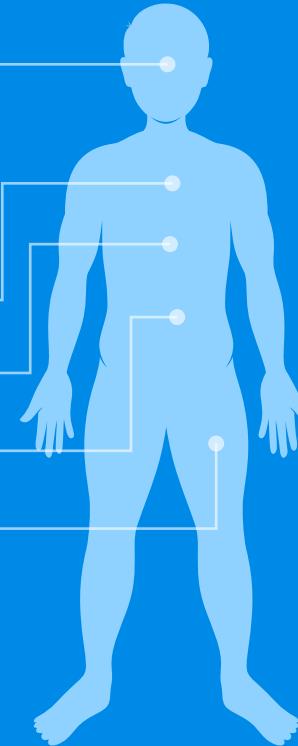
Respiratory failure

Exercise Intolerance

Multi organ dysfunction

Impaired Mobility

Generalized weakness



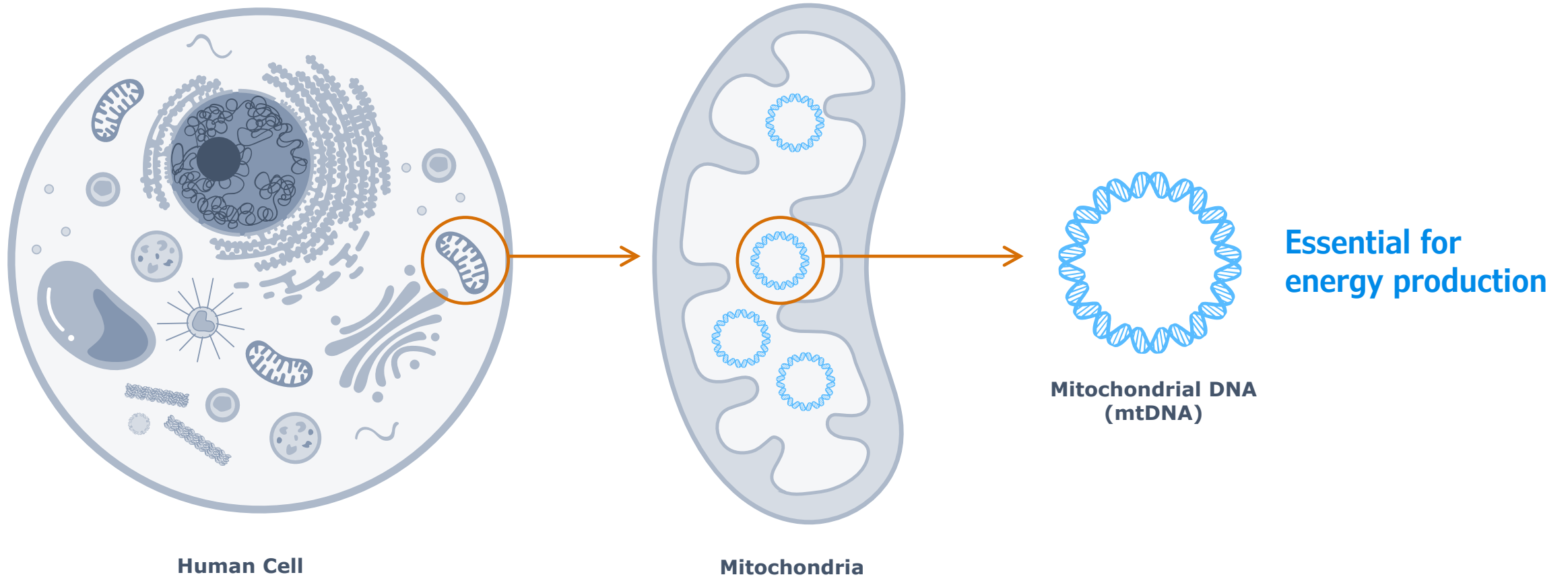
Patients today lack curative treatments and receive supportive care only through "mito cocktails"¹

Sources:

1. <https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/mitochondrial-myopathies>; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6938233/>
2. <https://ng.neurology.org/content/6/6/e519>
3. Chinnery et al., Molecular Pathology ...1997 Brain 120, 1713-1721; myopathy can reach up to 80% of patients depending on driver mutation (e.g., m.3243)
4. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25652200/>



Multi-Copy Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is Critical for Mitochondrial Function



PBGENE-PMM Distinguishes a Single Base Difference at m.3243

m.3243A>G

- Mutation Prevalence of 1/500¹
- ~36% of Mitochondrial Diseases are driven by m.3243A>G²

m.3243 associated PMM estimated at ~14k patients in the US alone³

Mutant mtDNA sequence

5'-C A G **G** G C C C G G T A A T C G C A T A A A-3'

5'-C A G **A** G C C C G G T A A T C G C A T A A A-3'

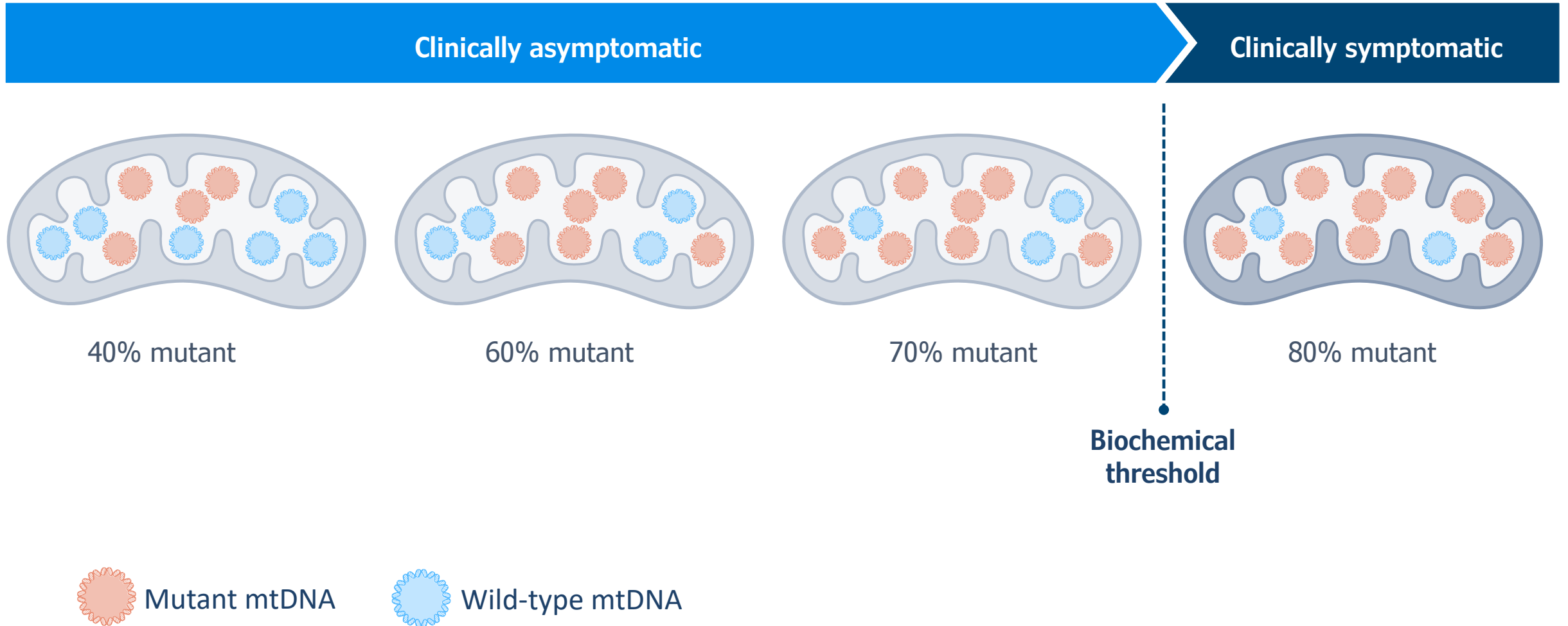
Wild-type (healthy) mtDNA sequence



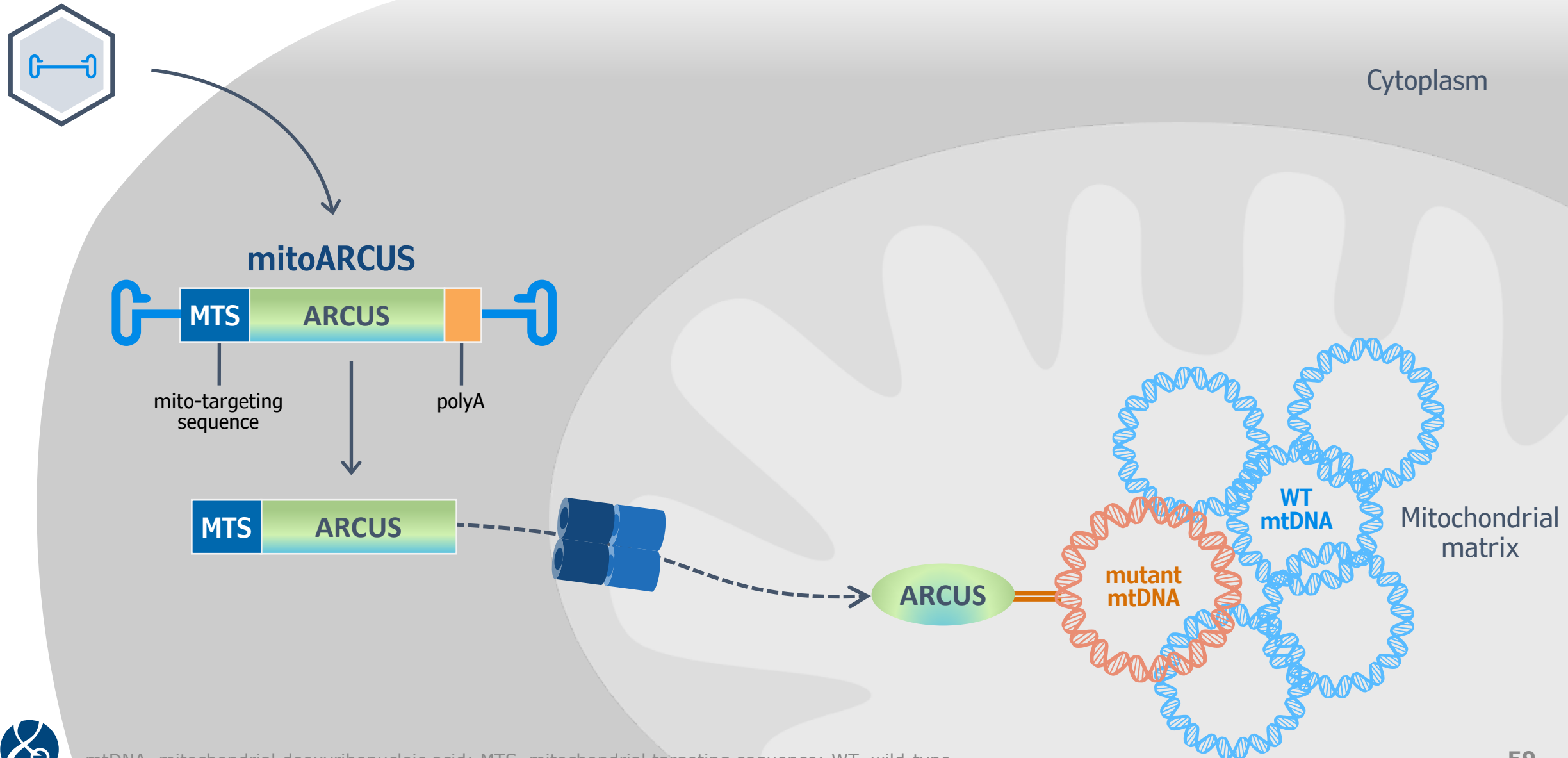
1. Manwaring et al 2006 Population prevalence of the MELAS A3243G mutation. Mitochondrion
2. Schon et al., 2023, National Mitochondrial Disease Registry in England... Euromit2023 Conference, Bologna, Italy, June 13, 2023;
3. Calculated based disease epidemiology studies and secondary literature

mtDNA Mutations Are Commonly Heteroplasmic

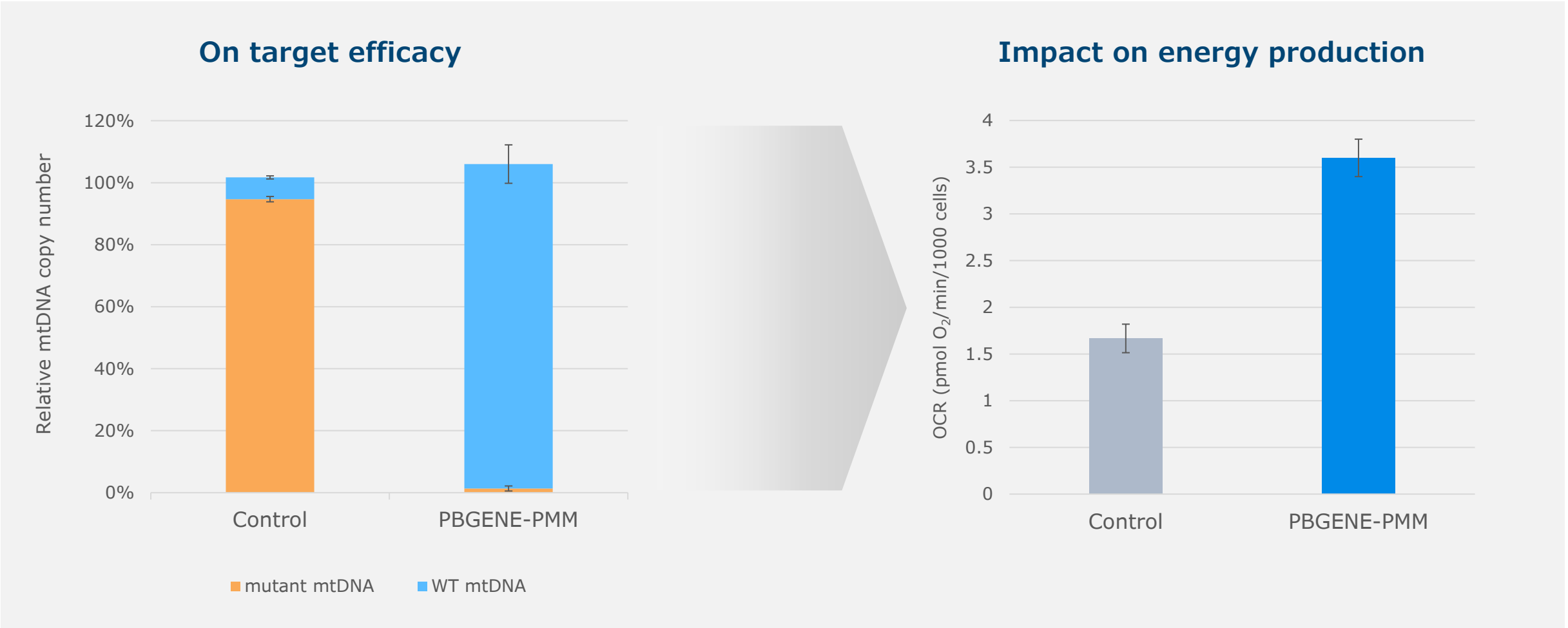
Situation where two or more mtDNA variants exist in same mitochondria



mitoARCUS Therapeutic Approach to Shift Heteroplasmy

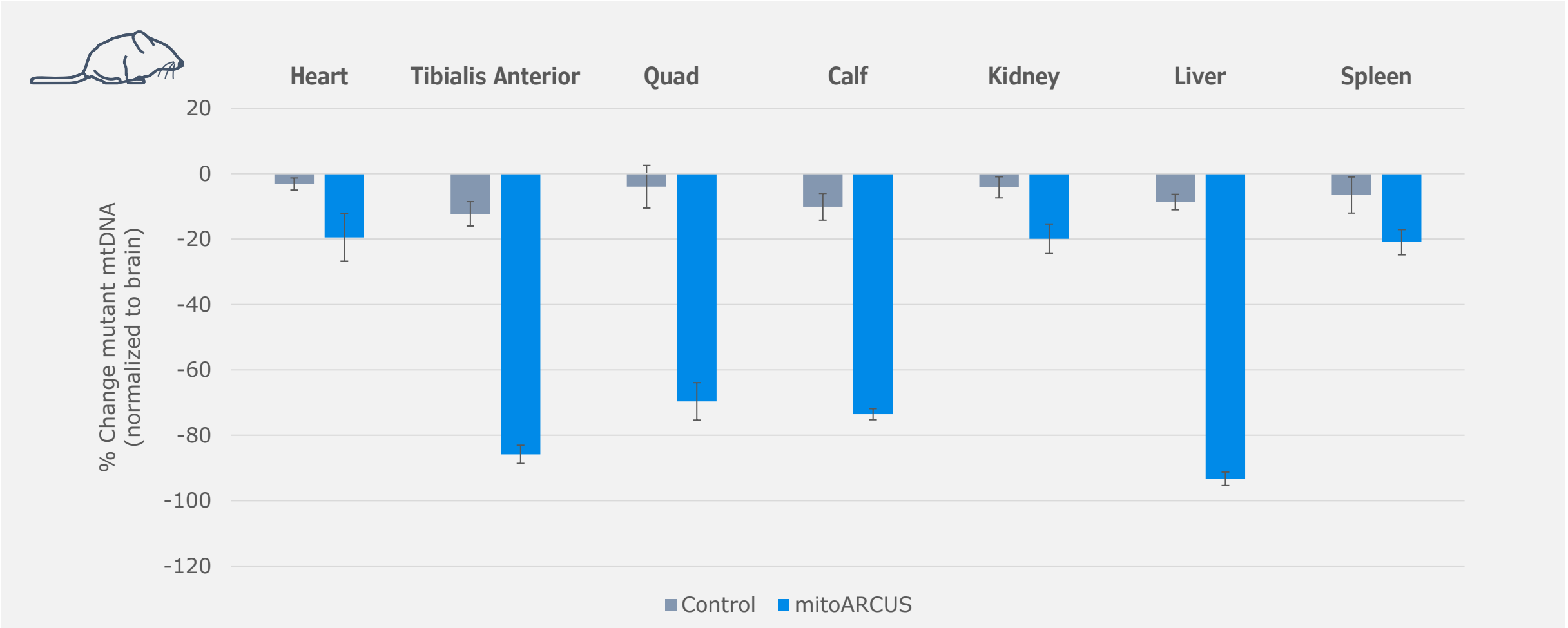


PBGENE-PMM Improved Mitochondrial Function



mtDNA, mitochondrial DNA; WT, wild-type; experiments in cybrid cells.

mitoARCUS Shifted Heteroplasmy in In Vivo Mouse Model



Reasons to Believe in Precision's Approach to Treat PMM



Simplicity of ARCUS **single component editor** enables targeting mutant mitochondrial DNA whereas other **guide RNA-based editors cannot**



Opportunity for a **one-time, potentially curative treatment** for adult patients who today are only treated with supportive care “mito-cocktails”



Current ARCUS nuclease can accurately discriminate a single nucleotide change **shifting heteroplasmy in favor of wild type** and improving mitochondrial function; **no evidence of mitoARCUS editing nuclear DNA**



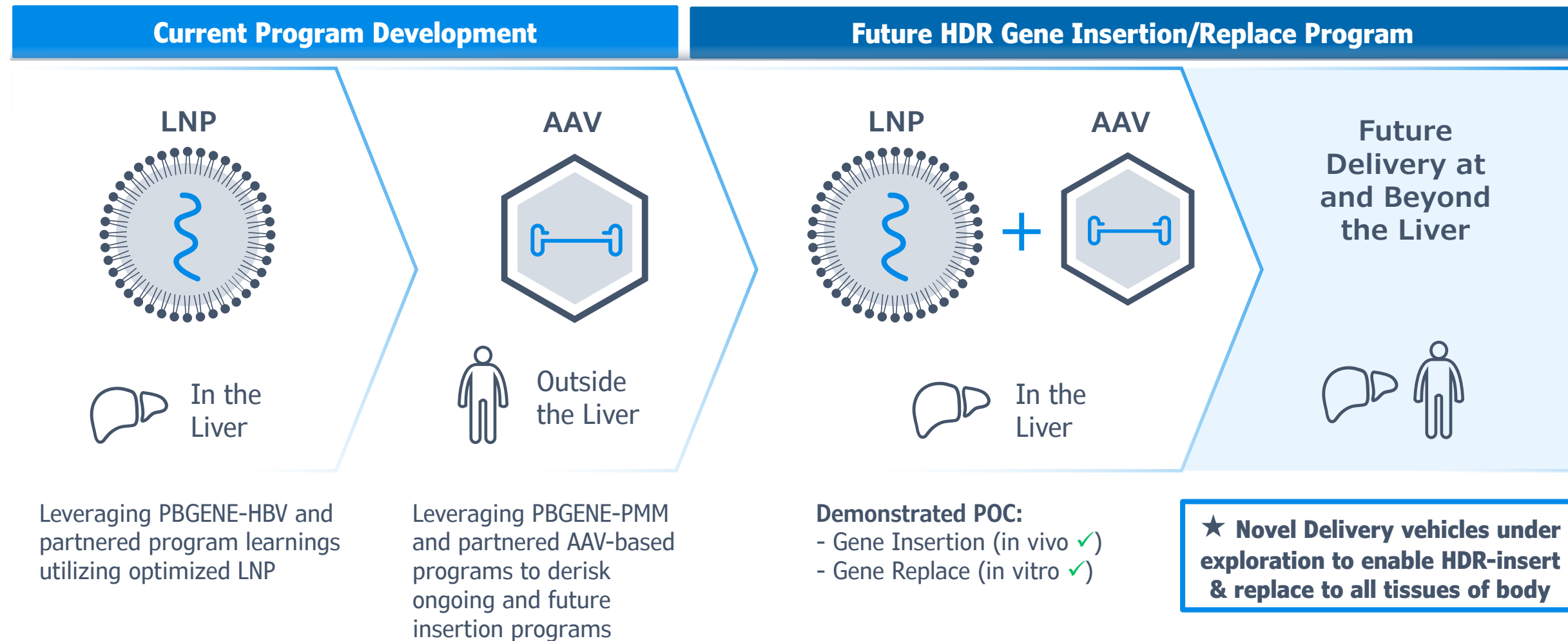
Potentially first-in-class opportunity for m.3243 associated PMM targeting CTA and/or IND in 2025; ARCUS can be further developed to target other mitochondrial mutations



*Chapter 3:
Road To HDR Gene
Insertion & Replacement*



Derisking Through Internal Program Development, Delivery, and Select Partners



ARCUS HDR Gene Insertion Validated by Big Pharma and Biotech Partners

2020

Prevail
THERAPEUTICS

A Wholly Owned Subsidiary
of Eli Lilly and Company

Key Accomplishments

- › AAV + LNP delivery for gene insertion in liver
 - Achieved 45% gene insertion¹; 3x higher than CRISPR²

2021

ECURE

Key Accomplishments

- › Robust in vivo liver insertion data with ~20% insertion across all ages
- › Stable gene insertion > 1 year
- › CTA (Australia) for OTC program accepted in Dec 2023

2022

 **NOVARTIS**

Key Accomplishments

- › Novel approach to bring sophisticated edits beyond the liver
 - Gene insertion in hematopoietic stem cells in vivo



1. 45% gene insertion calculated for total liver tissue, much higher if only calculating insertion into hepatocytes
2. ASGCT 2023, poster 926, Regeneron/Intellia, "Targeted Gene Insertion of *Factor 9* as a Potential Durable Treatment for Hemophilia B"

ARCUS Can Drive Efficient HDR in Both Dividing and Non-Dividing Cells... ...Previously Thought to be Nearly Impossible for Gene Editing

"By the late 1980's, dogma in the field of DNA repair held that end joining, rather than HDR, is the dominant DSB pathway in mitotically dividing mammalian cells in culture."

—Fyodor D. Urnov,
The CRISPR Journal, V1. N1. 2018

"However, traditional HDR has very low efficiency in most human cell types, particularly in non-dividing cells, and competing non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) leads predominantly to insertion-deletion (indel) byproducts"

—Broad Institute Patent Filing
USPTO 11643652

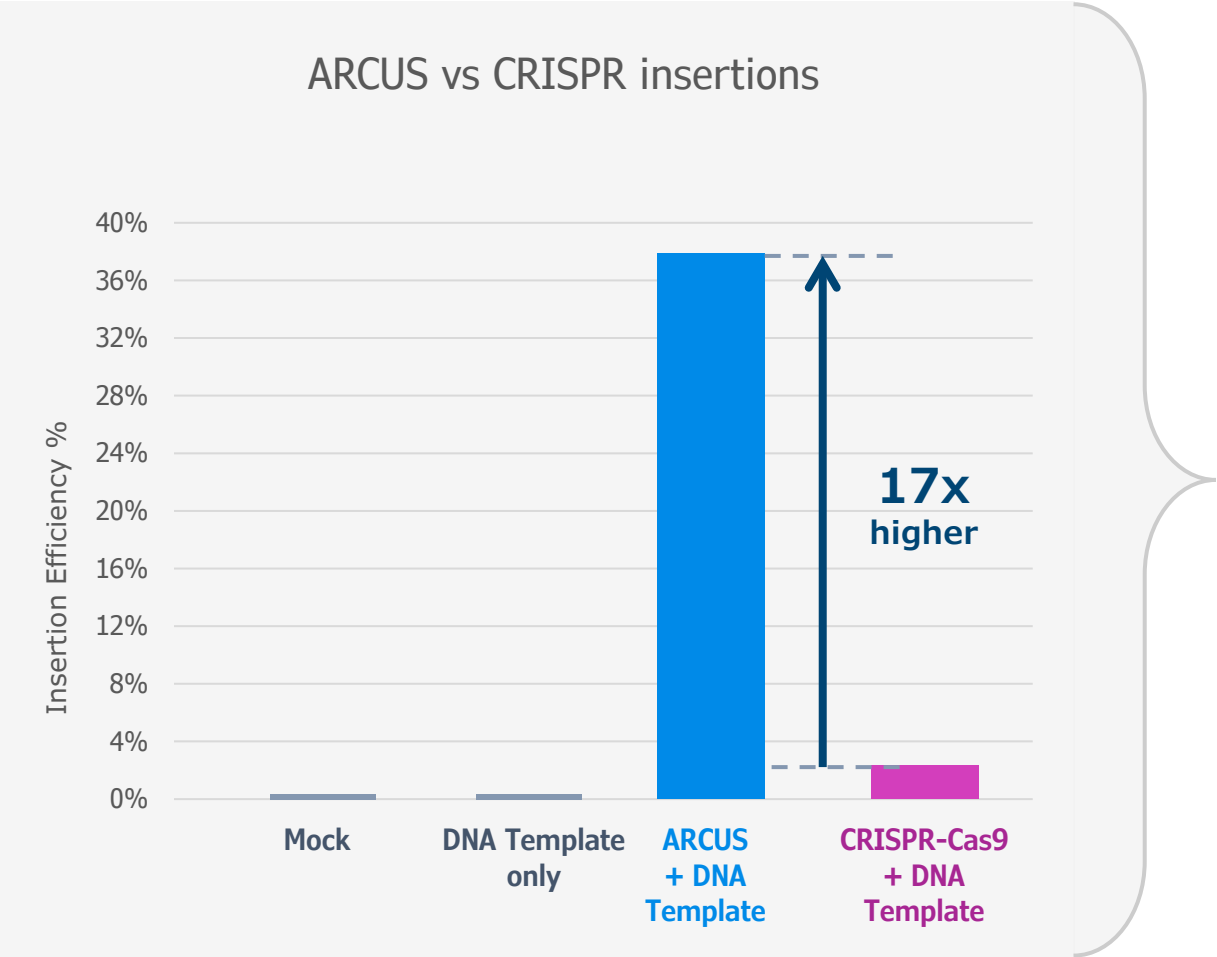
"Inability to correct genes in non-dividing cells since currently, HDR DNA repair machinery is only expressed in dividing cells."

—Prime Medicine 10K, 2023



ARCUS Inserted with 17x Higher Efficiency than CRISPR

A true head-to-head comparison



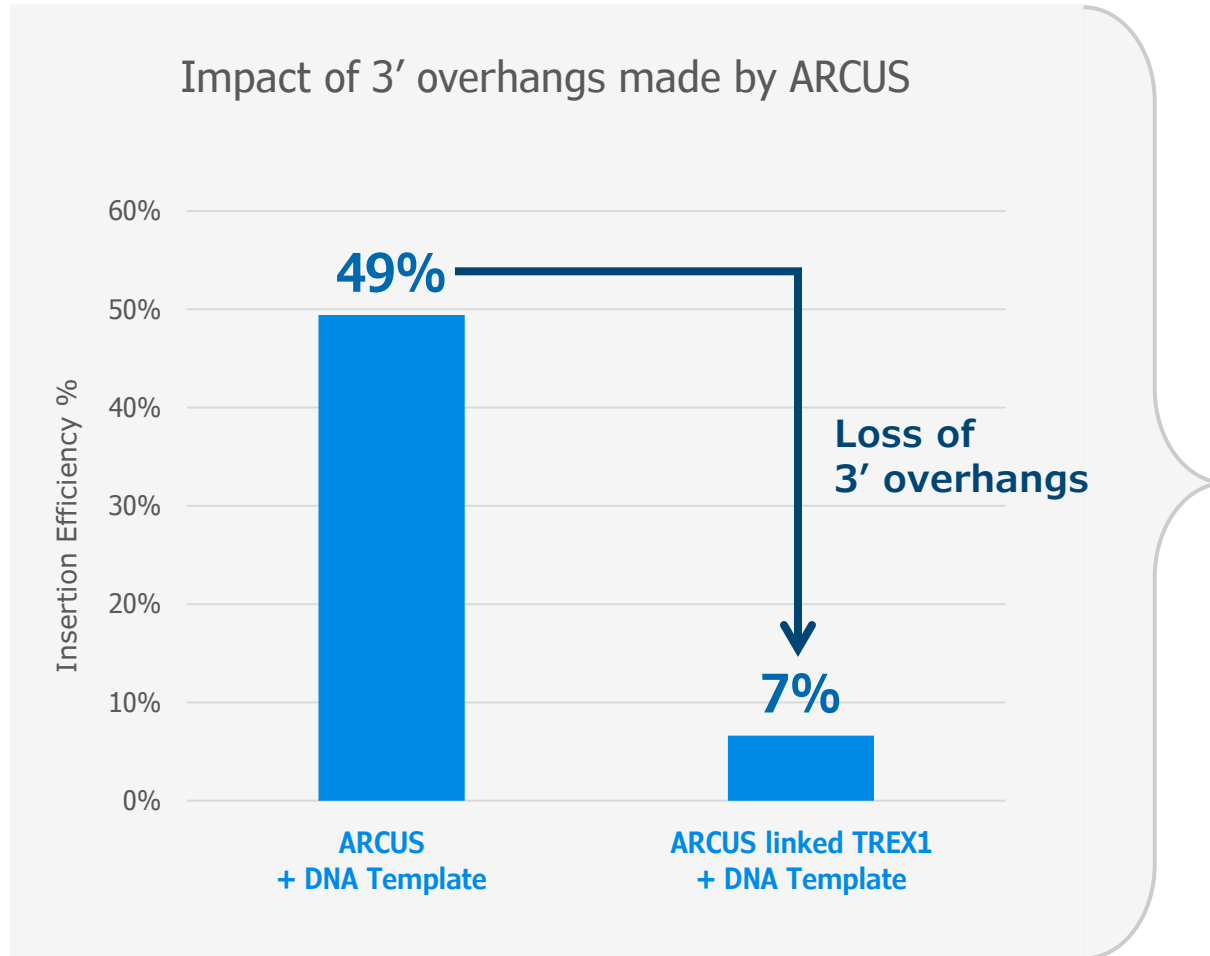
Head-to-head comparison at **same site**,
same dose, with **same DNA template**.

ARCUS was More Efficient



3' Overhangs Promoted Insertion Through HDR

Chewing off the 3' overhangs impacts insertion efficiency



- TREX1 removes 3' overhangs of ARCUS
- TREX1 generates CRISPR-like blunt cuts
- Blunt cut ablates insertion efficiency

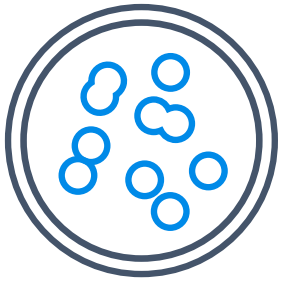
The CUT Matters



Gene Insertion Efficiency and Outcomes are Context-Dependent

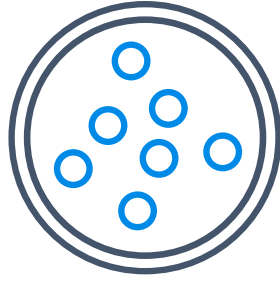
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Dividing cells
in culture



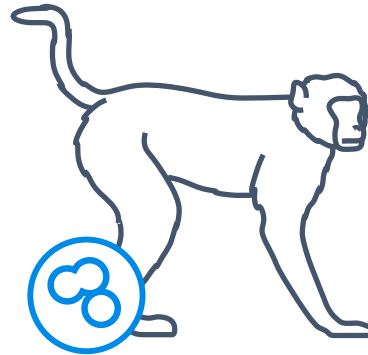
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Non-dividing, primary
cells in culture



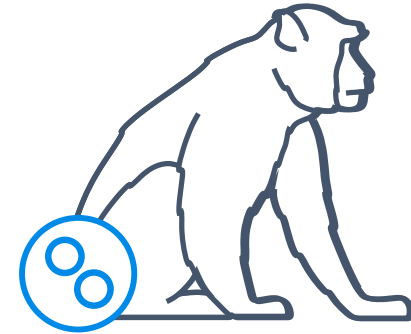
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Dividing cells in vivo
(infant/child)



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Non-dividing cells in vivo
(adults)*

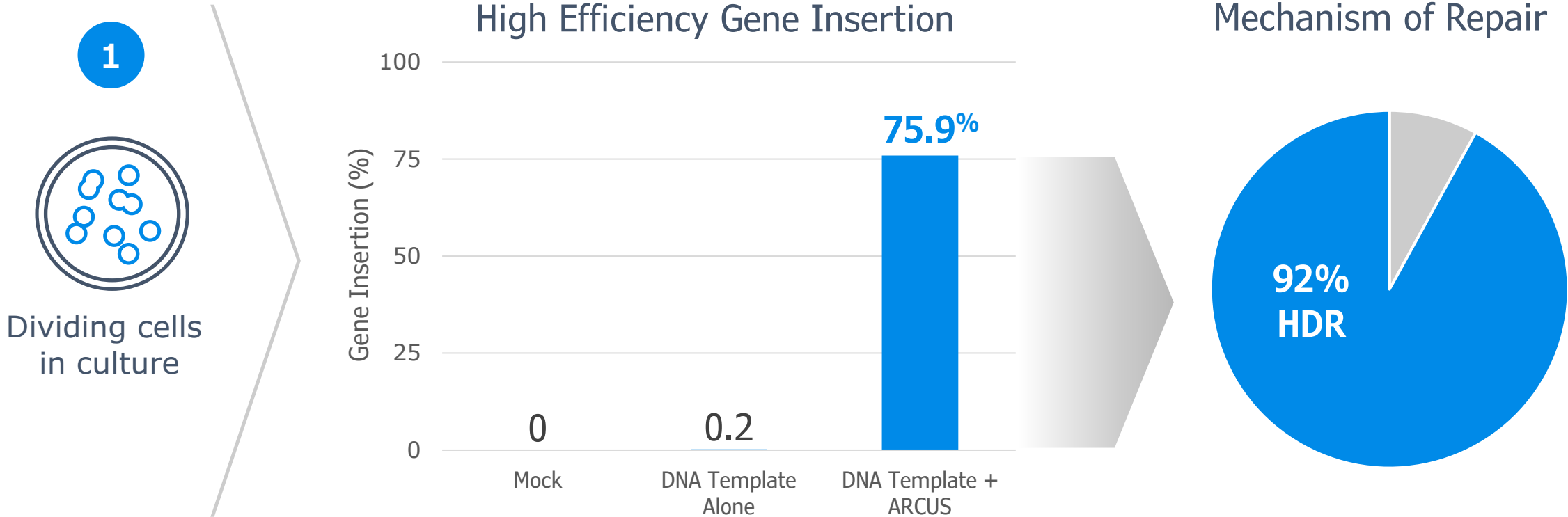


Increasing Level of Evidence & Difficulty

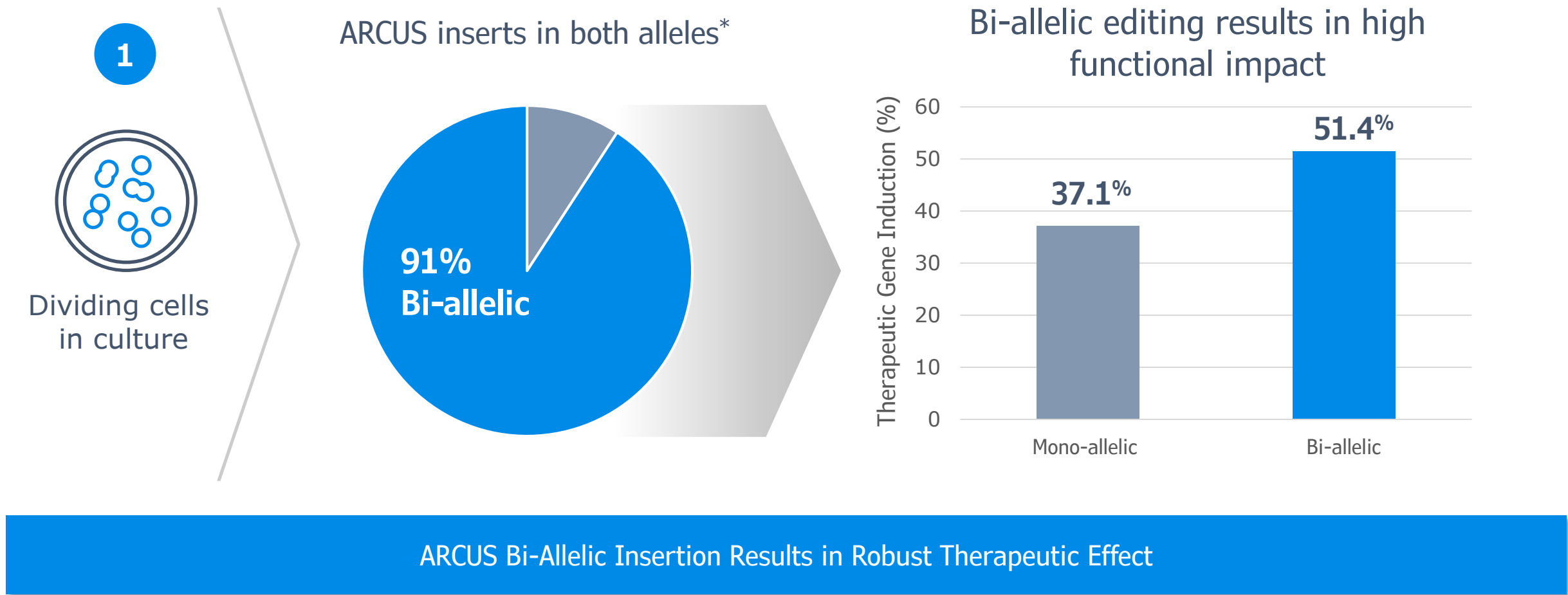


*Note: Data in adult non-dividing NHPs already shared in Cut section of opening slides – on slide 13

ARCUS Inserted with High Efficiency in Dividing Cells in Culture

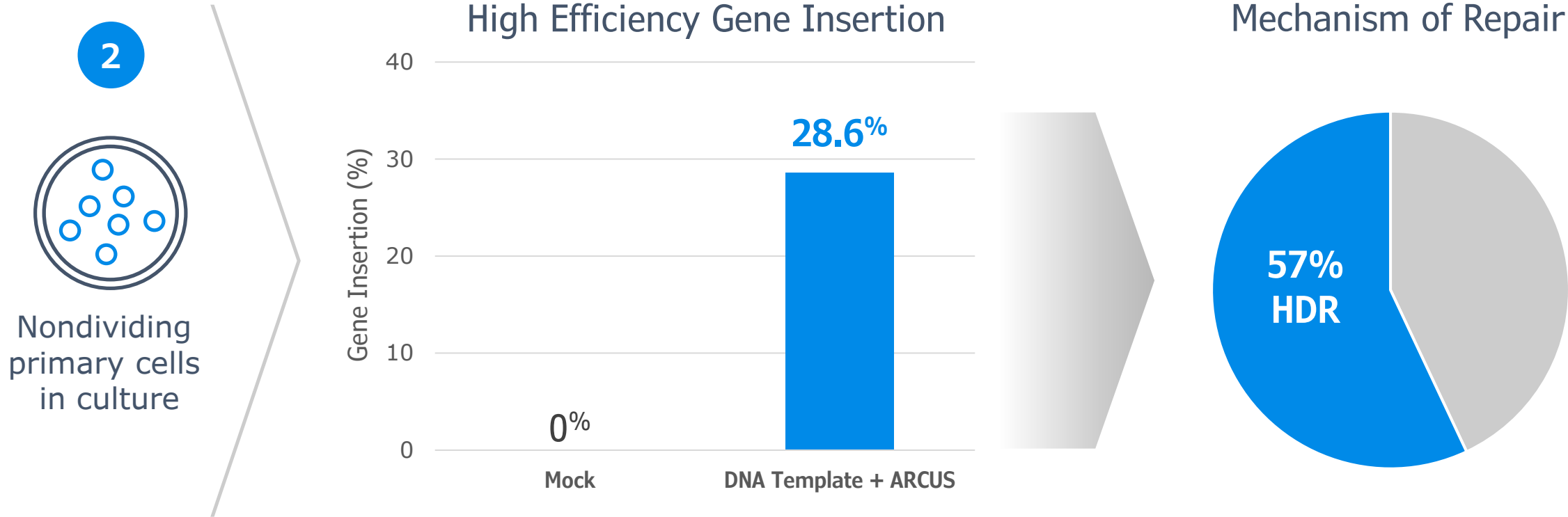


ARCUS Inserts Efficiently in Both Copies of Target Gene Resulting in High Functional Impact - Dividing Cells in Culture



Data on file; *Initial results based on PCR genotyping of single clones, sequencing confirmation in progress; based on cells with insertions.

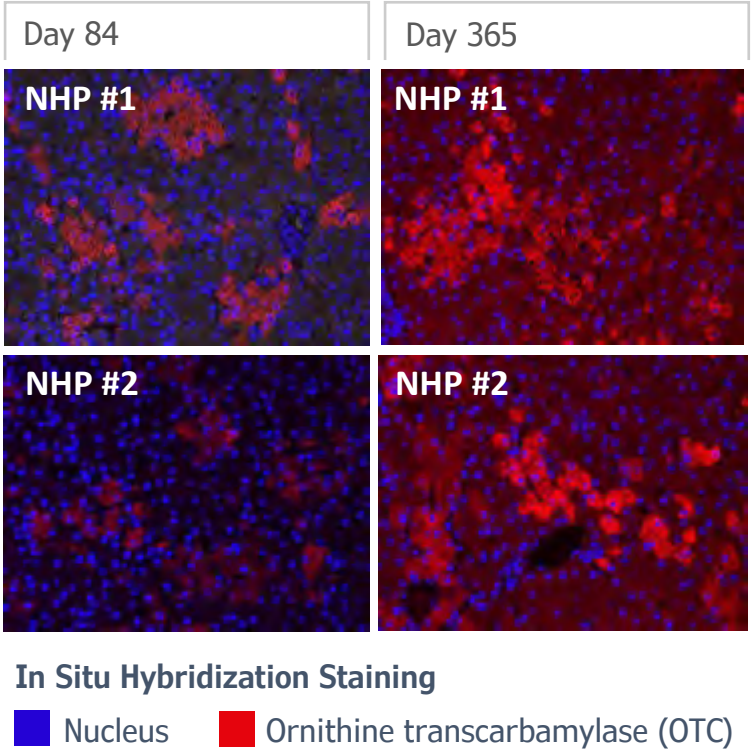
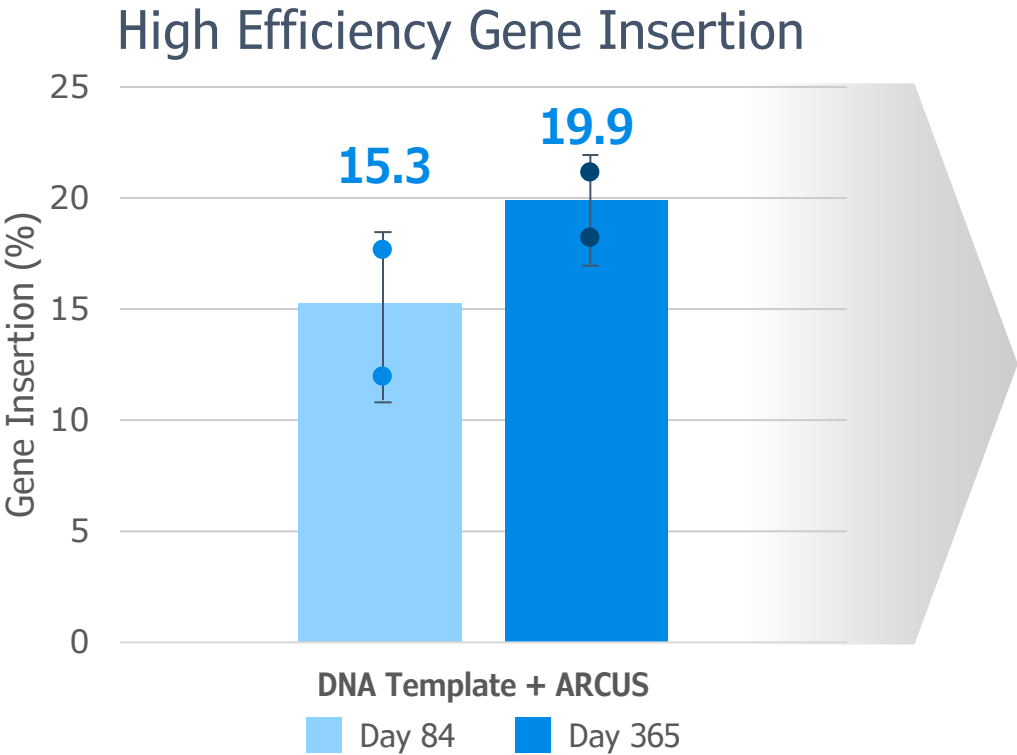
ARCUS Inserts Efficiently in Non-Dividing Cells - in Culture



ARCUS Ability to Insert by HDR in Non-Dividing Cells is Attributable to the Unique 3' Overhang Cut



ARCUS Inserts with High Efficiency in Infant Nonhuman Primates; Sustained Effect Demonstrated at 12 months



ARCUS is Ideal for Therapeutic Gene Insertion

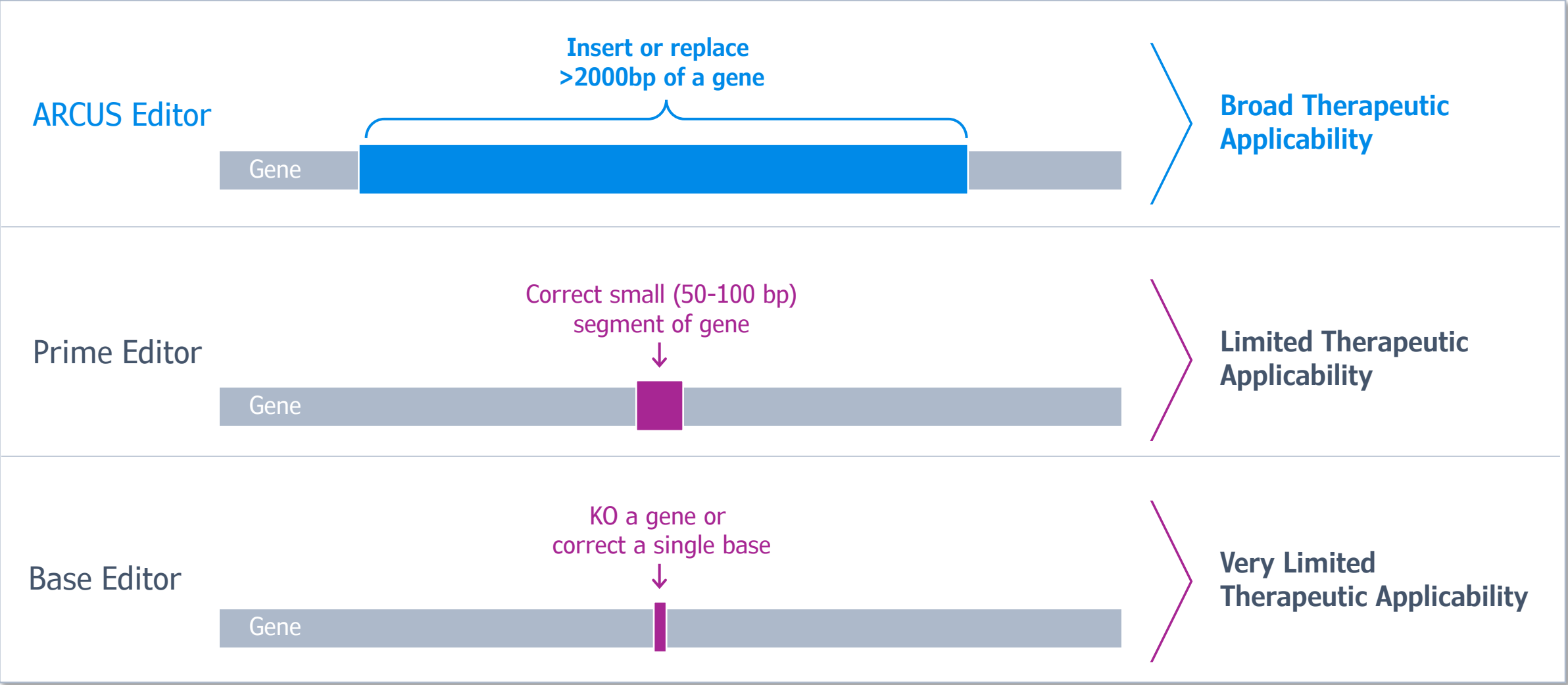
- ✓ High efficiency insertion rates
- ✓ High HDR observed
- ✓ Biallelic editing demonstrated

*Designed to Increase
Therapeutic Effect*

★ Breadth in Level of Evidence Demonstrating Insertion
in Dividing and Non-Dividing Cells In Vitro and In vivo



Therapeutic Breadth: ARCUS is Best Suited to Insert or Replace Genes



Note: Prime is investigating approaches utilizing recombinases to insert up to 5kb, however delivery challenges expected given large nuclease size as well as low editing efficiency utilizing recombinases

Examples of Opportunities for Gene Insertion & Replacement Through HDR

**ARCUS can unlock
Gene Insertion &
Replacement
through HDR across
a broad range of
tissue types at the
Liver and beyond**

