

# Treatment with PBGENE-DMD results in durable improvements in muscle function over time through increased dystrophin expression and dystrophin-positive cells

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## PBGENE-DMD is Designed to Provide Durable Functional Muscle Improvement for the Majority of Patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

PERMANENT GENE CORRECTION	EVIDENCE SUPPORTING INCREASING FUNCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT	NATURALLY-EXPRESSED DYSTROPHIN PROTEIN	SATELLITE CELL EDITING FOR DURABLE BENEFIT	ONE TIME, BROADLY APPLICABLE THERAPY
PBGENE-DMD designed to provide permanent editing within the dystrophin gene	PBGENE-DMD preclinical data shows increased functional improvement over time in skeletal muscle over the course of 9 months	PBGENE-DMD designed to naturally produce dystrophin with known functionality in humans	PBGENE-DMD has demonstrated satellite cell editing, providing potential for durable benefit over time	PBGENE-DMD applicable to up to 60% of patients with DMD with one-time therapy <sup>1</sup>

### DMD Therapeutic Landscape

Current Therapeutics Have Limitations and Do Not Provide Durable or Significant Functional Improvements For Patients with DMD

#### Exon Skipper Therapies

**DMD Patient**  
exon 50 deletion

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exon skipping

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- Lifetime therapy with short-lived effects and limited patient applicability
- Provides low dystrophin protein expression, limiting efficacy<sup>2</sup>
- Safety concerns including hypersensitivity reactions and renal toxicity<sup>3</sup>

#### Microdystrophin Gene Therapies

**Synthetic Microdystrophin**

- Produce a synthetic protein that is missing a majority of functional domains
- Recently approved synthetic microdystrophin has not been proven to result in significant functional improvement in clinical studies<sup>4</sup>
- Lack of durable effect as the synthetic microdystrophin can be diluted or silenced as myofibers turn over or grow<sup>5</sup>
- Safety concerns with heart/liver toxicities and risk of immune mediated myositis<sup>6</sup>

### Differentiated Therapeutic Approach that Permanently Corrects the Root Cause of DMD

#### PBGENE-DMD's Novel Mechanism Results in Gene Correction and Naturally-Produced Functional Dystrophin Protein

**Permanently Correcting the Root Cause**  
By removing a frequently-mutated region of the dystrophin gene, PBGENE-DMD corrects the reading frame at the DNA level

**Naturally-Produced Functional Dystrophin Protein**  
PBGENE-DMD enables naturally-produced functional dystrophin closely resembling normal dystrophin

**Durable Functional Muscle Improvement**  
PBGENE-DMD has been shown to significantly improve muscle function over time while also editing muscle satellite cells for durable therapeutic benefit

**PBGENE-DMD:** A single AAV encodes two ARCUS proteins designed to permanently edit a patient's own DNA sequence, resulting in natively-expressed, functional dystrophin

#### PBGENE-DMD Dystrophin Gene Correction Results in a Functional Dystrophin Retaining the Vast Majority of Full-length Dystrophin Protein Domains

Full-length Dystrophin: ABD, H1, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, R24, CR, CT

Functional Dystrophin: ABD, H1, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, R24, CR, CT

~80% of full-length dystrophin

Truncated Synthetic Microdystrophins: ABD, H1, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, R24, CR, CT

~34% of full-length dystrophin

PBGENE-DMD functional dystrophin is present in a subset of Becker patients with mild to asymptomatic phenotypes<sup>7</sup>

It is expected that as little as 5% expression of the functional dystrophin protein is needed to provide therapeutic benefit<sup>8</sup>

#### PBGENE-DMD Enables Durable Functional Improvements in Muscle Function Independent of the Persistence of AAV

**PBGENE-DMD gene correction results in functional dystrophin protein expression by the human genome, preventing the need for persistence of AAV**

**Microdystrophin gene therapies deliver a synthetic microdystrophin protein that is expressed from the AAV genome, requiring presence and expression of AAV vector**

## Durable Improvements in Muscle Function with PBGENE-DMD Treatment

### Study Design

Group	Mouse Model	N
PBGENE-DMD (3x10 <sup>13</sup> VG/kg)	Disease	10
PBGENE-DMD (1x10 <sup>14</sup> VG/kg)	Disease	10
Untreated	Disease	10
Untreated	Healthy	10

**Key Readouts:**

- Satellite Cell Imaging (ISH)
- Dystrophin Protein Restoration (WES)
- Dystrophin Positive Fibers (IF)
- Muscle Force Output

Mice dosed at 3 weeks of age (equivalent to target patient population of 4-7 years old)  
Disease mice are hMDMdel52/mdx, humanized DMD mouse model  
All functional readouts were conducted in vivo through Myologica

### Editing Satellite Cells is Essential for Permanent Effect

In DMD where myofiber degeneration is continuous, editing satellite cells is essential for permanent therapeutic effect

**Satellite cells** are the resident stem cells in skeletal muscle and essential for muscle regeneration

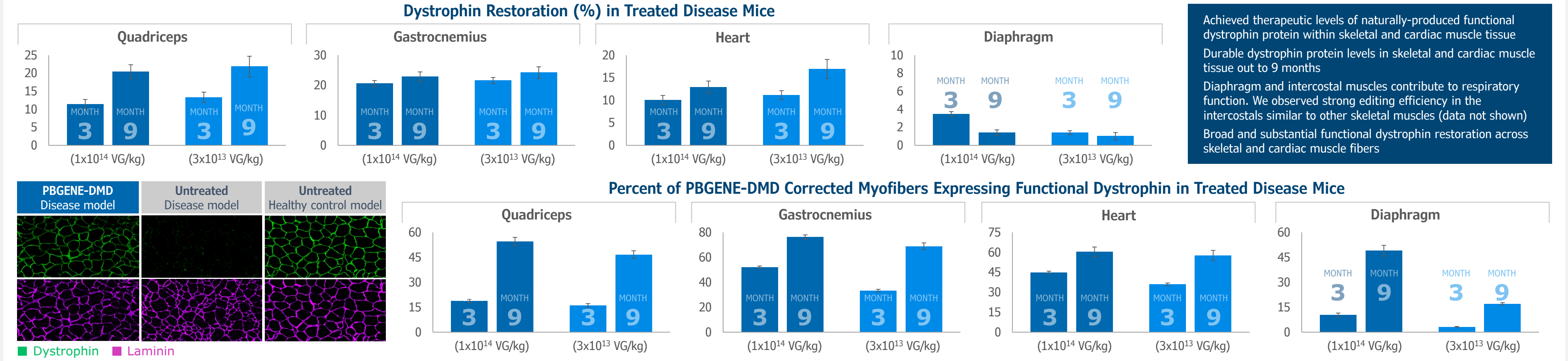
**Myocytes** → **Myofiber**

**PBGENE-DMD Dystrophin Gene Correction Edits Muscle Satellite Stem Cells, Providing Potential for Durable Efficacy**

PBGENE-DMD has demonstrated permanent editing of satellite cells, beyond transient transduction

Observed edited dystrophin mRNA in Pax7<sup>+</sup> cells, a marker for muscle satellite stem cells

### PBGENE-DMD Restores Functional Dystrophin Protein Across Key Target Muscles



### PBGENE-DMD Significantly Improves Muscle Function and Demonstrates Long-Term Durability

