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Enhancing the HGF/MET System to Fight Neurodegenerative Diseases

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#### ADVANCING NEW THERAPIES FOR NEURONAL HEALTH

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# Agenda

### Welcome and Introduction

Mark Litton, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer

- Fosgonimeton Preclinical Evidence Kevin Church, PhD, Executive Vice President, Research
- Fosgonimeton Development Program Hans Moebius, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer
- Alzheimer's Disease Landscape Rachel Lenington, *Chief Operating Officer*
- Preclinical Evidence of ATH-1105 in ALS Kevin Church, PhD, Executive Vice President, Research

### • Closing remarks

Mark Litton, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer

• Q&A

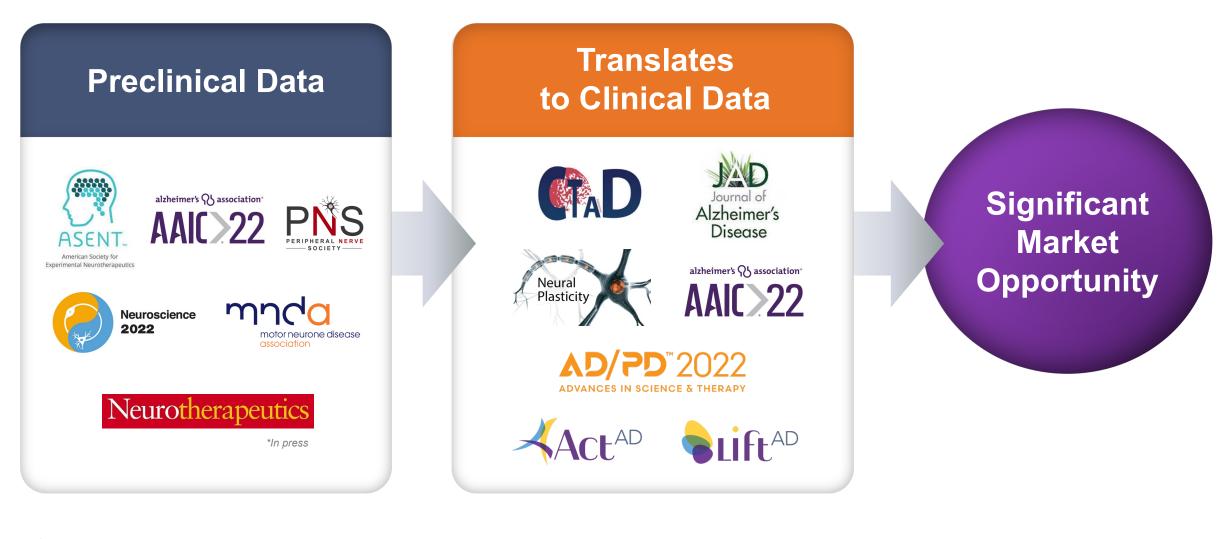


### OUR MISSION

To restore lives by advancing bold therapies for neuronal health, thoughtfully and urgently

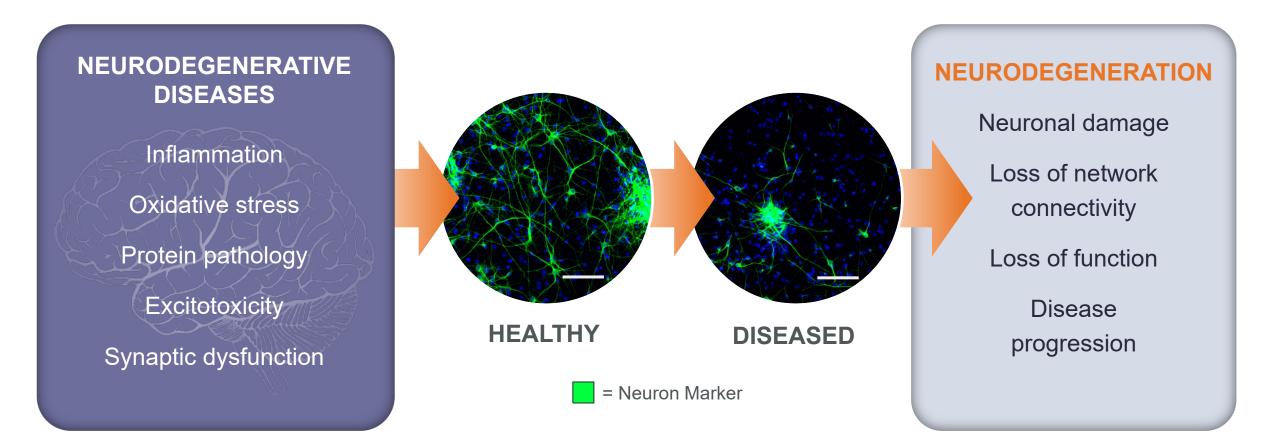


# Enhancing the HGF/MET System to Fight Neurodegenerative Diseases





# Multifactorial Complex Pathologies Lead to Neurodegeneration





Images are of primary cortical neuron cultures, showing healthy (untreated) cultures on the left, and cultures treated with glutamate (20 μM) on the right, demonstrating glutamate-mediated neuronal death and neurite degeneration. Scale bar: 100 μm.

Neuron Marker=MAP2, microtubule associated protein 2

# Positive Modulators of the HGF/MET Neurotrophic System

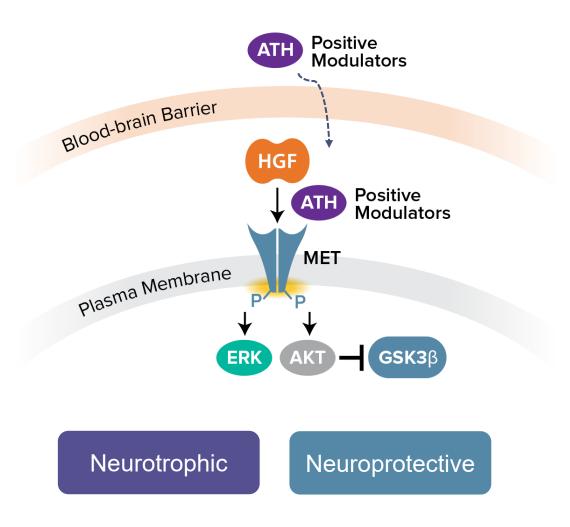
MULTIMODAL, PROTECTIVE, REGENERATIVE, DISEASE MODIFYING

# Potential first-in-class small molecule drug candidates

- Cross the blood-brain barrier
- Positively modulate HGF/MET

### **Mechanism of Action**

- Reduces inflammation
- Promotes regeneration
- Provides neuroprotection
- Potentially disease modifying





AKT, protein kinase B; ERK, extracellular-signal regulated kinase; GSK3b, glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta; HGF, hepatocyte growth factor. Desole et al (2021). HGF and MET: From Brain Development to Neurological Disorders, *Frontiers in Cell and Dev Bio*. Funakoshi and Nakamura (2011). Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF): Neurotrophic Functions and Therapeutic Implications for Neuronal

Injury/Diseases, *Current Signal Transduction Therapy*.



### Fosgonimeton Preclinical Evidence

Kevin Church, PhD Executive Vice President, Research

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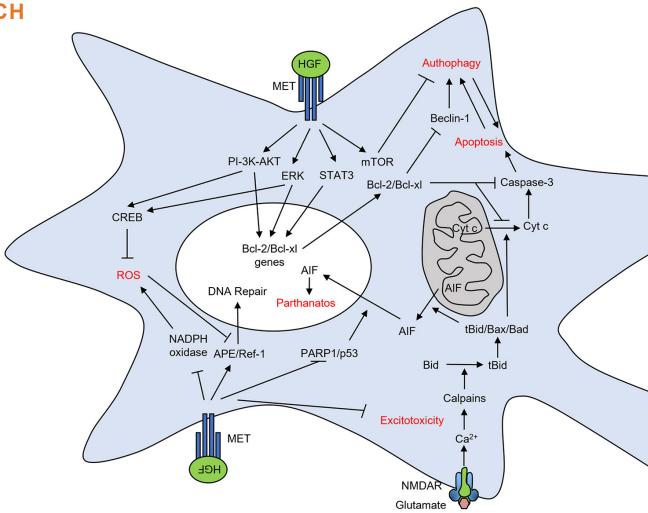
# HGF/MET is a Critical Neuroprotective System

### THE ACTIVITIES OF HGF/MET IN THE NERVOUS SYSTEM HAVE BEEN EXPLORED THROUGH 30 YEARS OF RESEARCH

# HGF/MET activates signaling pathways to protect neurons from:

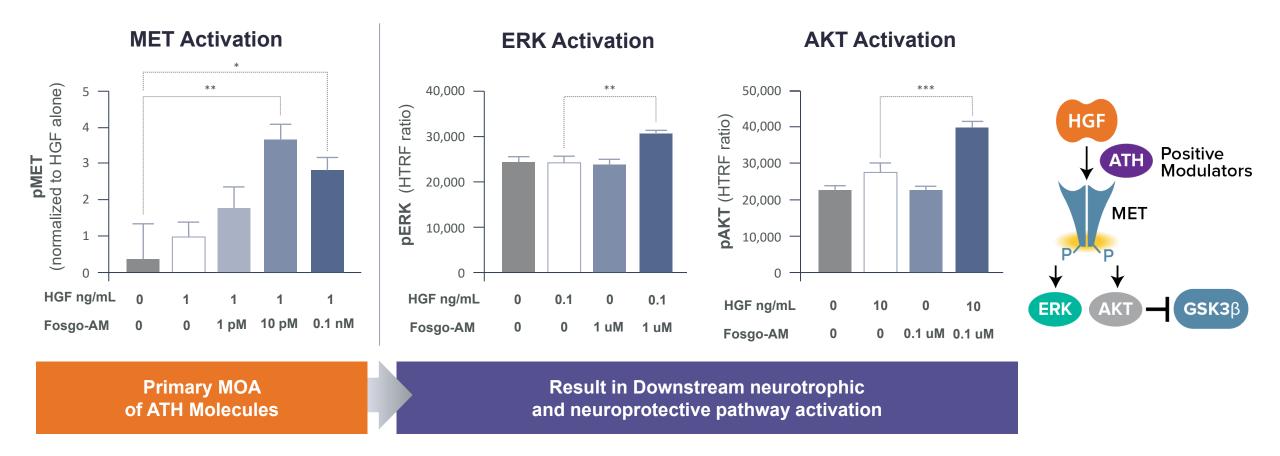
- Oxidative stress
- Excitotoxicity
- Apoptosis

Adapted from Desole et al, 2021



# Fosgonimeton enhances the HGF/MET signaling pathway

Enhancement of HGF/MET stimulates a variety of intracellular signaling pathways, such as phosphoactivation of ERK (pERK) and AKT (pAKT), that mediate neurotrophic and neuroprotective effects



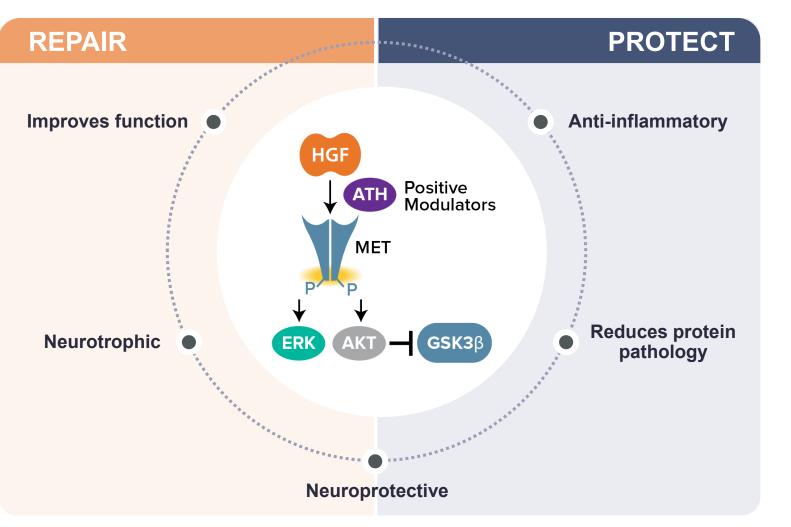
HEK293 cell. Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistics applied: One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons.

\*\* p < 0.01, \*\*\* p < 0.001 vs. HGF only; n =3 for pMET; n = 3 for pERK; n = 4 for pAKT.

AKT, protein kinase B; ERK, extracellular-signal regulated kinase; Fosgo-AM, fosgonimeton active metabolite; GSK3b, glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta; HGF, hepatocyte growth factor.

### ATH compounds protect and repair neural networks

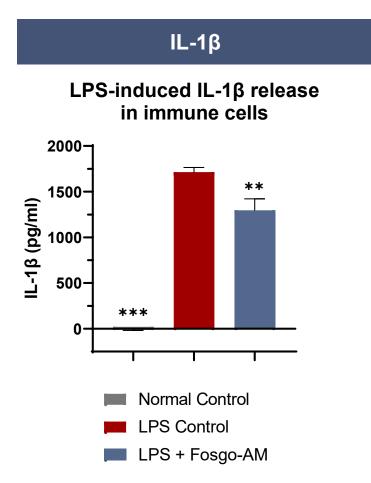
### PUBLISHED DATA DEMONSTRATE MULTIMODAL EFFECTS FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

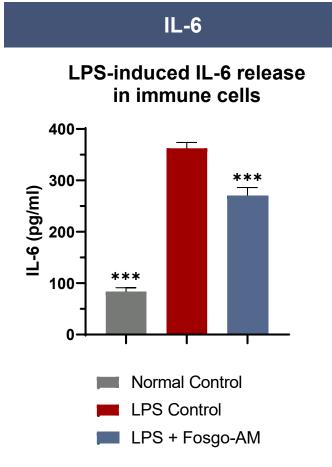


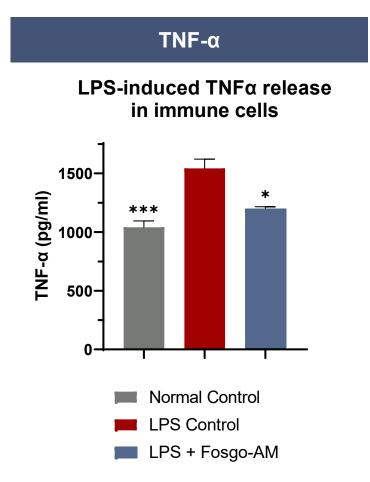
Growing preclinical evidence to support the potential therapeutic benefits of enhancing the HGF/MET system with ATH small molecules:

- Johnston et al. (in press). Fosgonimeton, a Novel Positive Modulator of the HGF/MET System, Promotes Neurotrophic and Procognitive Effects in Models of Dementia. *Neurotherapeutics*
- 2. Setti et al. Fosgonimeton, a Small-Molecule Positive Modulator of HGF/MET, Protects Against Neuronal Damage and Motor Deficits in Preclinical Models of Parkinson's Disease. Presented at SfN 2022
- 3. Berthiaume et al. Small-Molecule Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF)/MET Positive Modulator ATH-1105 Is Neuroprotective in the TDP-43 Mouse Model of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Presented at MNDA 2022
- 4. Reda et al. Fosgonimeton, a novel, small molecule positive modulator of the HGF/MET system is neuroprotective in primary neuron culture. Presented at AAIC 2022

**Anti-inflammatory:** Fosgonimeton significantly reduces inflammatory markers implicated in neurodegeneration





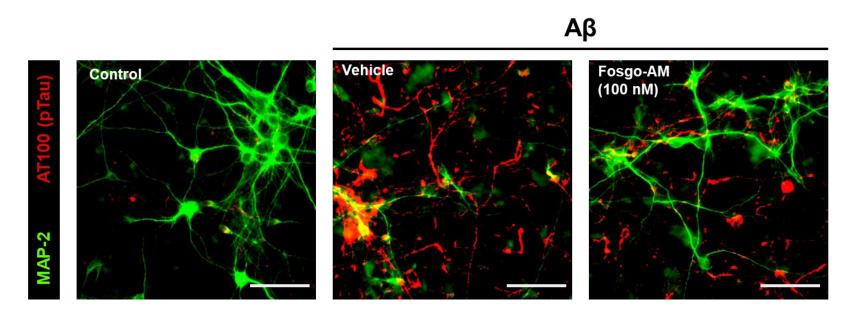




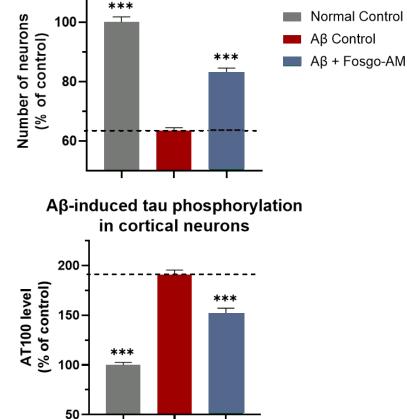
THP-1 cells. Data presented as mean ± SEM.

Statistics applied: 1-way ANOVA with Dunnett's test. \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. LPS Control; n = 3. Fosgo-AM, fosgonimeton active metabolite; IL-1β, interleukin 1 beta; IL-6, interleukin 6; LPS, lipopolysaccharide; TNF-α, tumor necrosis factor alpha.

# Alzheimer's Protein Pathology: Fosgonimeton reduces p-Tau protein pathology and protects neurons from degeneration-induced by $A\beta$



#### Aβ-induced cortical neuron death

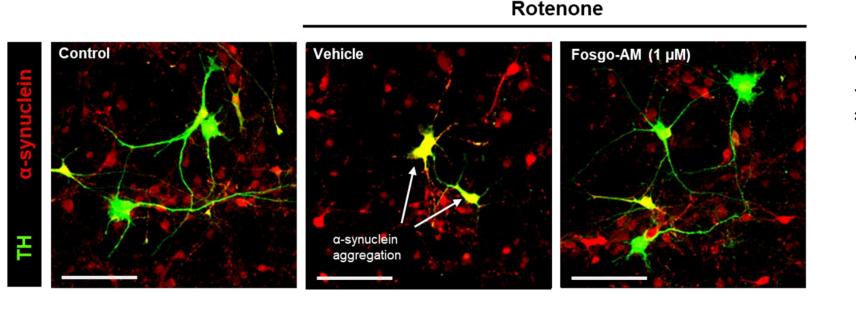


Primary rat cortical neurons. Cultures treated with vehicle control or 15 μM Aβ.

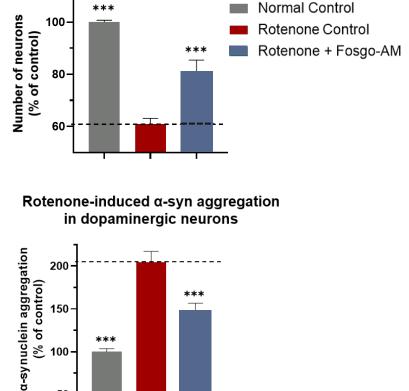
Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistics applied: Aβ assay: One-way ANOVA with Dunnett's posttest. \*\*\*p<0.001 versus Aβ Control; n = 5-6. Scale bar: 100 μm.

Aβ, amyloid beta; AT100, hyperphospho-tau antibody; fosgo-AM; fosgonimeton active metabolite; MAP-2, microtubule-associated protein-2.

# **Parkinson's Protein Pathology:** Fosgonimeton reduces α-synuclein aggregation and protects neurons from degeneration induced by the neurotoxin rotenone



### Rotenone-induced dopaminergic neuron death

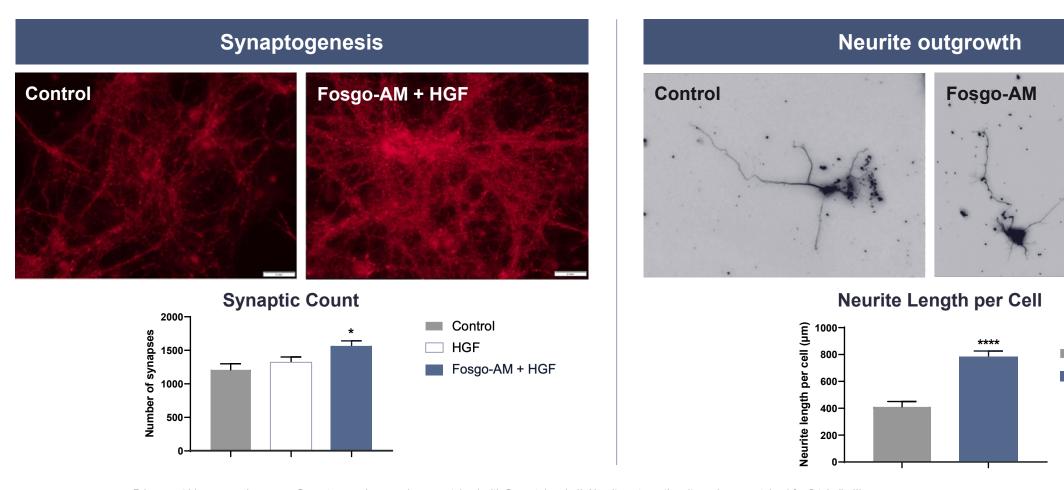


Primary mesencephalic neurons. Cultures treated with vehicle control or 10 nM rotenone. Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistics applied: 1-way ANOVA with Fisher least significant difference test. \*\*\*P < 0.001 versus Rotenone Control; n = 6. Scale bar: 100 μm.

α-syn; alpha synuclein; fosgo-AM, fosgonimeton active metabolite; TH, tyrosine hydroxylase

# **Neurotrophic:** Enhancing HGF/MET promotes neurite outgrowth

CULTURED HIPPOCAMPAL NEURONS TREATED WITH THE ACTIVE METABOLITE OF FOSGONIMETON SHOW INCREASED SYNAPTOGENESIS AND NEURITE OUTGROWTH





Scale bar = 20 µm.

Primary rat hippocampal neurons. Synaptogenesis assay immunostained with Synaptobrevin II; Neurite outgrowth cultures immunostained for β-tubulin III. Data presented as mean ± SEM . Statistics applied – 1-way ANOVA with Dunnett posttest for synaptic count; Unpaired t-test for neurite outgrowth \*p<0.05, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001 vs. Control; n = 10 images from 3 wells per treatment. Control

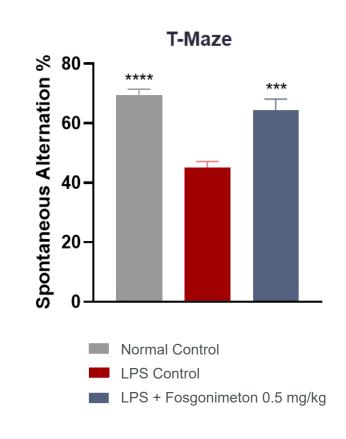
Fosgo-AM

Fosgo-AM, fosgonimeton active metabolite; HGF, hepatocyte growth factor.

# **Functional Improvements - Cognition:** Fosgonimeton reverses cognitive deficits caused by LPS

### LPS TREATMENT CAUSES A SEVERE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE LEADING TO COGNITIVE DEFICITS AND NEURODEGENERATION

- Cognitively normal mice have a natural drive to explore novelty, leading them to continuously alternate between each arm of the T-shaped maze.
- Cognitively impaired mice (such as those exposed to LPS) have poor working memory, leading them to repeatedly explore the same arm rather than alternating.
- LPS administration resulted in significant deficits in T-Maze spontaneous alternations compared to vehicle treated animals (LPS control)
- Treatment with Fosgonimeton attenuated these deficits, indicating procognitive activity





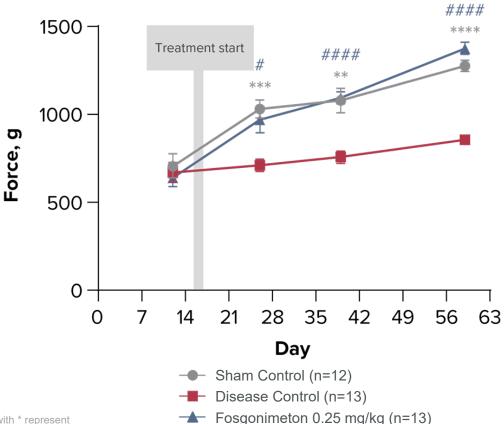
# **Functional Improvements - Motor:** Fosgonimeton improves motor function

### FOSGONIMETON TREATMENT RESCUES GRIP STRENGTH IN THE UNILATERAL 6-OHDA RAT MODEL OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

- Rats have consistently weaker grip strength (ie, exert less pull force) following dopaminergic cell depleting surgery<sup>1</sup>
- After surgery, sham control animals initially had decreased grip strength, which recovered over time
- Fosgo treated animals were indistinguishable from the sham control
- Fosgo treatment also significantly improved performance in other motor assessments including the cylinder test and rotarod



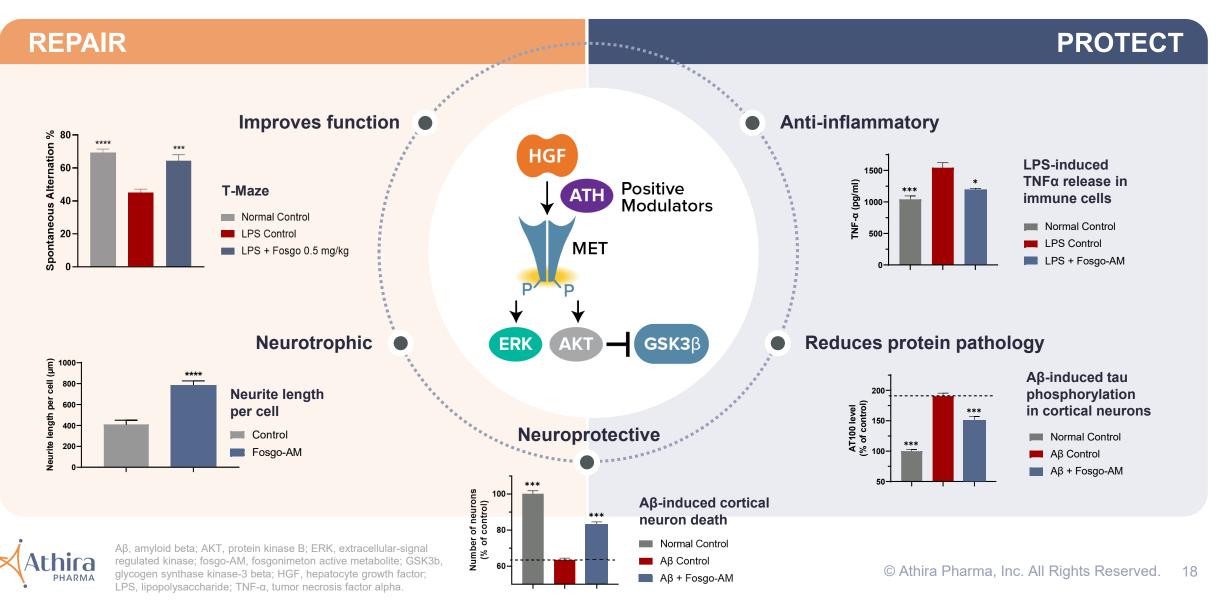
<sup>1</sup>Tiwari P et al. Pharmacological, Biochemical and Immunological Studies on Protective Effect of Mangiferin in 6-Hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA)-Induced Parkinson's Disease in RatsAnnals Neurosci. 2021;28:137-149. 6-OHDA, 6-hydroxydopamine. Forelimb grip strength



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### Fosgonimeton protects and repairs neural networks

MULTIMODAL APPROACH FOR MULTIMODAL DISEASES WITH POTENTIAL FOR DISEASE MODIFICATION





## Fosgonimeton Development Program

Hans Moebius, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer

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# Significant progress in further characterizing fosgonimeton profile with completion of Phase 2 ACT-AD Study

CONSISTENT AND CONGRUENT IMPROVEMENTS IN BIOMARKER AND CLINICAL EFFECTS ACROSS DIVERSE MEASURES OF DISEASE PROGRESSION WITH A FAVORABLE SAFETY PROFILE

	PHASE 1*	PHASE 2*
AD Patient Population	Mild-to-Moderate	Mild-to-Moderate
Study Design	Double-blind, placebo-controlled	Double-blind, placebo-controlled
Duration	8 days	6 months + up to 18-month OLEX
Ν	11	77
Background AChEI Therapy	No	Allowed; potential efficacy interaction observed between fosgo and AChEI
Biomarkers analyzed to-date	ERP P300 latency	ERP P300 latency, NfL, GFAP, YKL40, Aβ 42/40 ratio, and p-Tau181
Cognition	Not measured	ADAS-Cog11
Function	Not measured	ADCS-ADL23
<b>Biomarker Correlation to Clinical Endpoints</b>	Unknown	Supportive
Safety	Favorable	Favorable

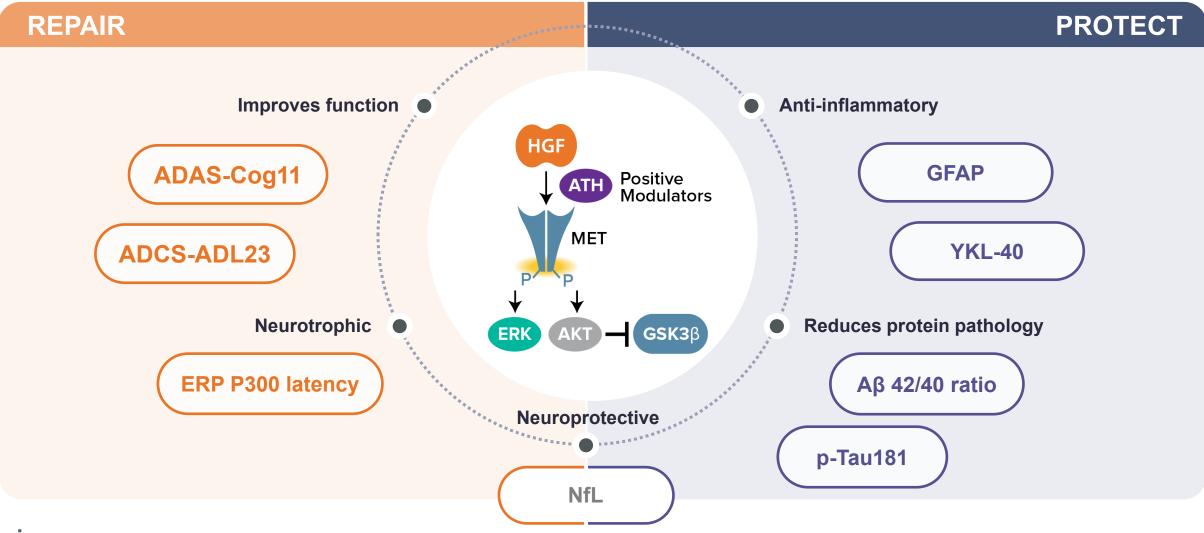


\*Effects are compared against placebo control.

Aβ, amyloid beta; AD, Alzheimer's disease; ADAS-Cog11, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL23, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study–Activities of Daily Living, 23-item version; ERP, event-related potential; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein; NfL, neurofilament light chain; p-Tau181, tau phosphorylated at threonine-181; YKL-40, chitinase-3–like protein 1.

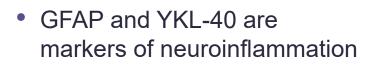
Clinical biomarker and functional measures enable translation of preclinical findings

SUPPORTS THE THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF FOSGONIMETON IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

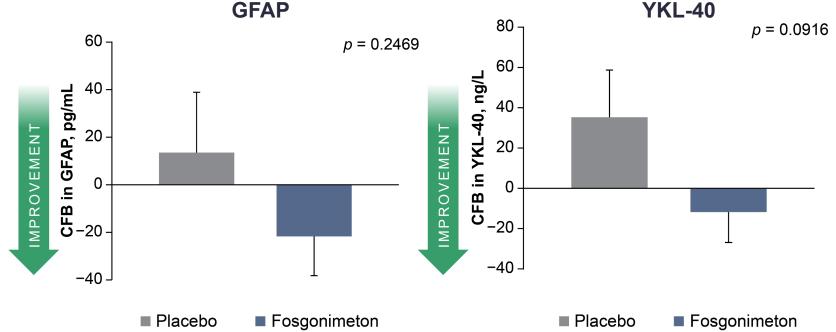


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# **Anti-inflammatory:** Fosgonimeton appears to improve neuroinflammation in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's patients



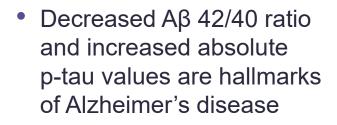
- Magnitude of decrease below baseline levels encouraging in this continuously progressive condition
- Supports potential antiinflammatory mechanism of action of fosgonimeton



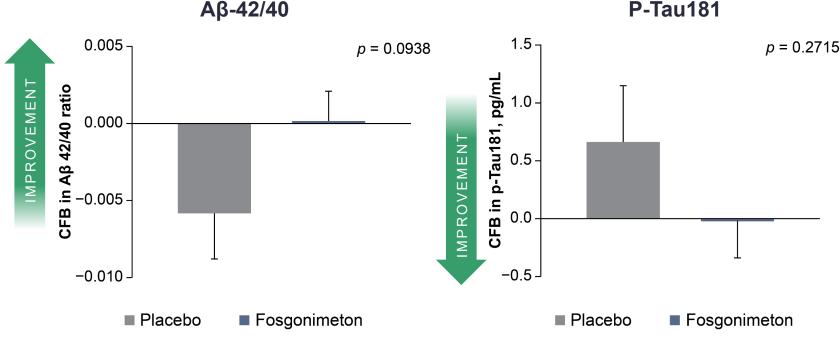




# Protein Pathology: Fosgonimeton induces directional improvements in hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease



- Changes support relevance of the HGF/MET pathway also to Alzheimer's-specific protein pathology
- Supports disease modifying potential of fosgonimeton



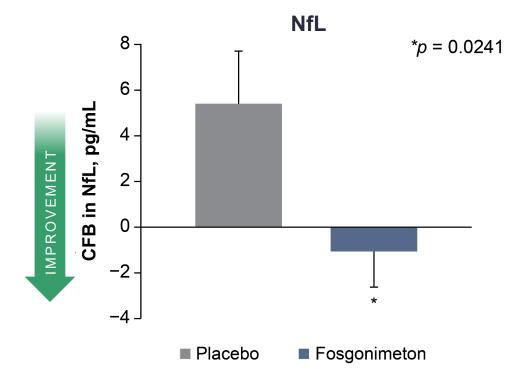
**P-Tau181** 



# **Neuroprotective:** Fosgonimeton shows potential neuroprotection in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's patients



- Neurofilament light (NfL) is an established, objective biomarker of neurodegeneration
- Fosgonimeton showed a statistically significant decrease in plasma levels of NfL (-6.49 pg/mL, p=0.024)
- Decrease of NfL to below baseline levels suggestive of repair in this continuously progressive disease
- Supports potential neuroprotective mechanism of action of fosgonimeton

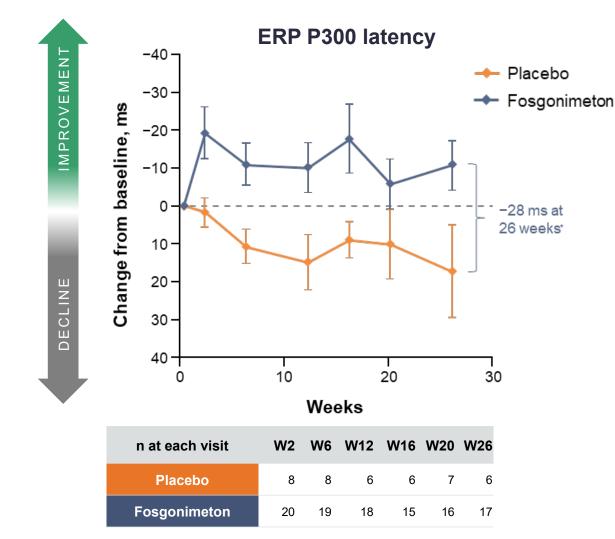


# **Neurotrophic:** Fosgonimeton results in directional improvements in ERP P300 latency

### **ERP P300 latency**

- Functional measurement for working memory access and executive function
- Biomarker for neuroplasticity

ERP P300 latency results from ACT-AD consistent with Phase 1b results in patients without background therapy



<sup>\*</sup>Primary endpoint, ERP P300 latency, was not met; observed effect against placebo was not statistically significant. mITT population without background therapy. Data presented as unadjusted mean ± SEM.

AD. Alzheimer's disease: ERP. Event Related Potential: mITT. modified intent-to-treat: W. week.



**Functional Improvements:** Potential benefits in cognition and function from fosgonimeton treatment



**79%** -3.3 points n.s.

### **IMPROVED COGNITION**

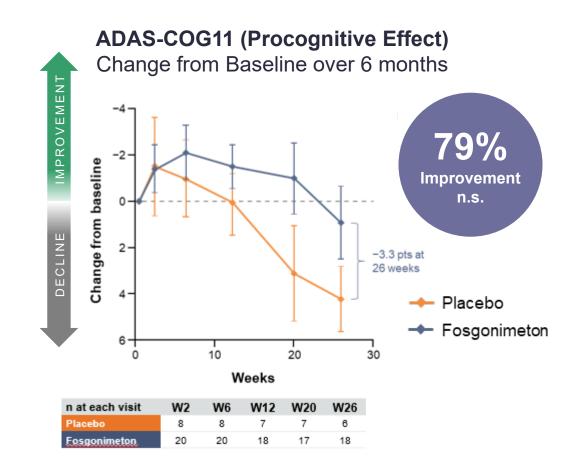
Improvement over placebo over 6 months as measured by ADAS-Cog11 in patients without background therapy



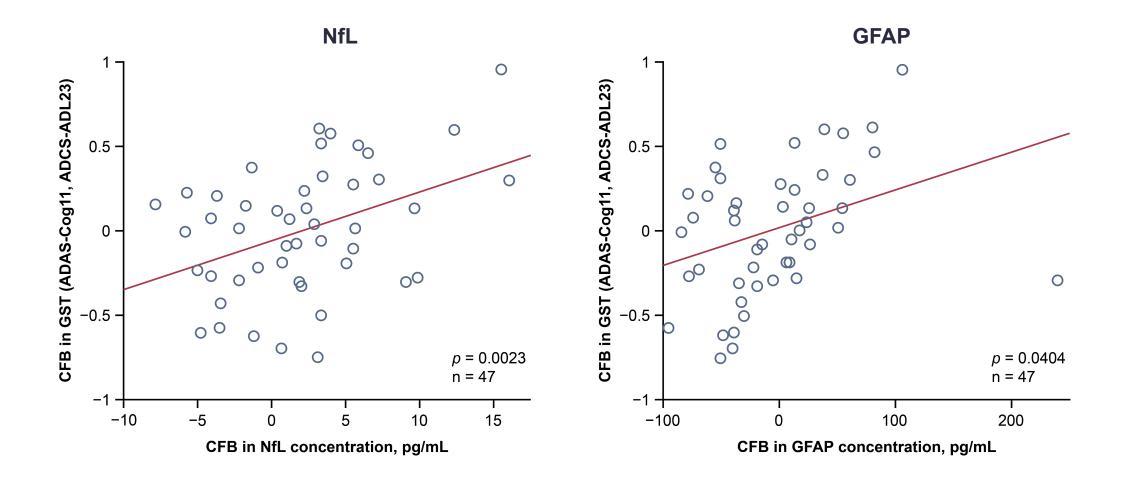
### **IMPROVED FUNCTION**

Improvement over placebo over 6 months as measured by ADCS-ADL23 in full study population

Favorable safety and tolerability profile, injection site reactions are most frequent AE



mITT population without background therapy. Data presented as unadjusted mean ± SEM; n.s., not statistically significant. AD, Alzheimer's disease; ADAS-Cog11, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL23, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study–Activities of Daily Living, 23-item version; AE, adverse event; mITT, modified intent-to-treat; W, week. Decreases in disease state biomarkers significantly correlate with improvements in cognitive and functional measures





ADAS-Cog11, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL23, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study–Activities of Daily Living, 23-item version; CFB, change from baseline; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein; GST, global statistical test; NfL, neurofilament light chain.

# Applied Learnings from Exploratory ACT-AD to Amend LIFT-AD **SYSTEMATIC AND DATA-DRIVEN PROCESS**

	<b>eift</b>	Drug Safety Monitoring Board unblinded adjudication of LIFT-AD	Blinded analysis of LIFT-AD	Proactive amendment to exclude concomitant AChEIs	Independent unblinded interim analysis by Data Monitoring Committee
2022	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Actac	Topline ACT-AD data	Additional analyses of ACT-AD	Presentation of ACT-AD and NfL data at AAIC		



# Interim analysis criteria set to increase the probability of demonstrating a meaningful effect size

### Interim Analysis Methodology<sup>1</sup>

- Conducted by an independent data monitoring committee: Chair neurologist (MD) and two biostatisticians (PhD)
- Adaptive method, that enables a sample-size re-estimation to occur based on findings of an interim look that measures a candidate therapy's performance
- Monte Carlo simulations run to inform pre-specified sample size range and resulting effect sizes

INPUTS	FORMAL EFFICACY ANALYSES	POTENTIAL OUTCOMES
Unblinded data	Patient population:	1. Stop study for futility
<ul> <li>Effect size of GST score at 26-weeks</li> </ul>	Patients without background AChEI	a. If the results do not achieve the pre-
<ul> <li>Change from baseline of ADAS-Cog11</li> <li>Change from baseline of ADCS- ADL23</li> </ul>	• N = Approximate 100 completers (mITT)	specified lower boundary for conditional power OR
Variance	of 26-week double-blind treatment period	b. If the sample size required to reach desired conditional power exceeds pre-

#### **Pre-specified constraints**

- Sample size range with maximum enrollment limit
- Minimum target power for well-powered GST score (primary endpoint)

 Calculation: The primary analysis used a mixed model for repeated measures (MMRM) to compare the change from baseline in the Global Statistical Test score (GST; O'Brien, 1984) between the pooled fosgonimeton treatment arms and placebo

### 2. Continue enrollment within a prespecified range to achieve target power of primary endpoint

specified maximum

<sup>1</sup>Mehta and Pocock (2000). Adaptive Increase in Sample Size when Interim Results are Promising: A Practical Guide with Examples. *Statist. Med.* 00:1–6. AChEI, acetylcholinesterase inhibitor; ADAS-Cog11, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL23, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study–Activities of Daily Living, 23-item version; GST, global statistical test, a composite score of cognition and function; mITT, modified intent-to-treat; MMRM, mixed-model repeated measures. DMC confirmed activity and indicated new sample size estimation **DEVELOPMENT PLAN OPTIMIZED WITH MITIGATED RISK** 

### **Pre-specified Decision Framework**

Fosgonimeton treatment effect vs placebo on composite score<sup>1</sup> of cognition and function



### ADCS-ADL23

### Independent Unblinded Analysis Outcome

- DMC Recommendation (Oct 2022): Continue LIFT-AD Study
- New sample size estimation based on actual effect size and variability observed in first 100 completers to achieve adequate target power
- <150 more patients needed to complete study with well-powered primary endpoint; total sample size <300</li>
- Target enrollment complete by mid 2023 with data in early 2024

<sup>1</sup>Primary endpoint is the global statistical test, an unweighted composite of ADAS-Cog11 and ADCS-ADL23. AD, Alzheimer's disease; ADAS-Cog11, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale–Cognitive Subscale; ADCS-ADL23, Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study–Activities of Daily Living, 23-item version; DMC, data monitoring committee. Fosgonimeton Phase 2/3 LIFT-AD Trial after Amendment



### LEARNINGS FROM ACT-AD INFORM TRIAL DESIGN OPTIMIZATION



26-week randomized, double-blind treatment, + optional 18-month OLEX

Fosgonimeton (40 mg)

Fosgonimeton (70 mg)

Placebo

### TIMELINE:

- Complete enrollment mid-2023
- Topline data early 1H24

### ENDPOINTS

#### PRIMARY

- Composite GST score of two key secondary endpoints of cognition and function (ADAS-Cog11 and ADCS-ADL23)
- Safety

#### SECONDARY

- Cognition: ADAS-Cog11
- Function: ADCS-ADL23
- Global clinical change: ADCS CGIC Clinician
- Plasma NfL biomarker

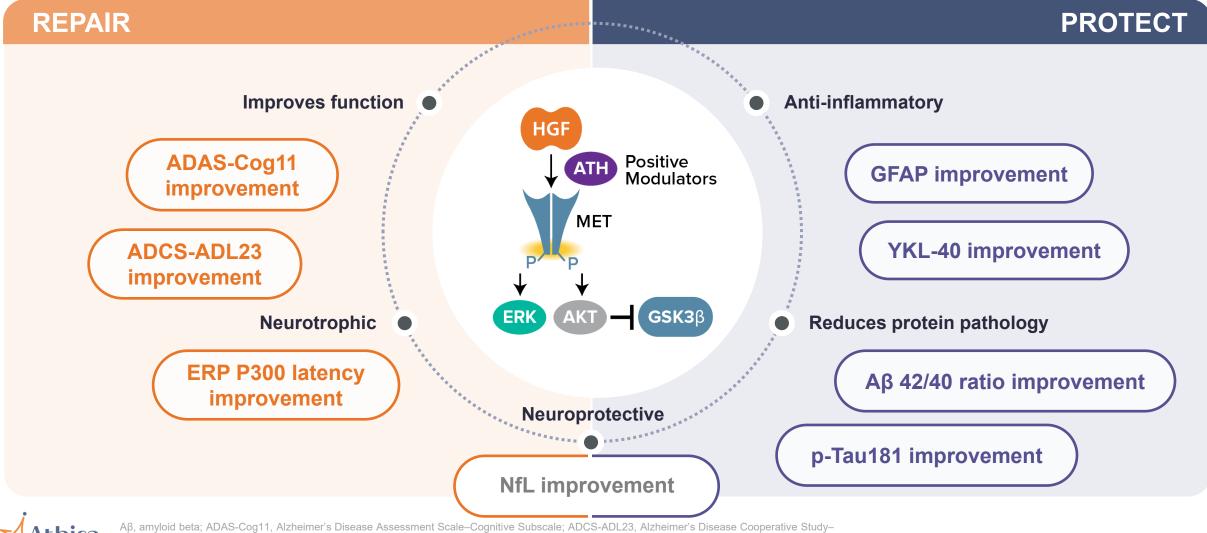
#### EXPLORATORY

 Additional plasma biomarkers (GFAP, YKL-40, Aβ 42/40 ratio, p-Tau181, p-Tau217)



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# Evidence Suggests Translation of Preclinical Findings to Clinical Effects FINDINGS SUPPORT THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF FOSGONIMETON



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### Alzheimer's Disease Landscape

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# Biomarkers gaining traction to support FDA accelerated approvals in neurodegenerative diseases

FAVORABLE EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT MAY SUPPORT ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF NOVEL THERAPIES

Biogen's aducanumab accelerated approval in June 2021 set regulatory precedent with the first biomarker-based approval in Alzheimer's disease Eisai/Biogen and Lilly anticipate accelerated approvals in early 2023 based on effects on biomarkers (Aβ) and supportive composite clinical endpoints (ADCOMS and iADRS) In SOD-1 ALS, Biogen filed for accelerated approval for toferson based on effects on NfL



# Significant opportunity in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT

MCI DUE TO AD	MILD AD	MODERATE AD	SEVERE AD
Potential future opportunity	Fosgonimeton		Potential future opportunity
mAbs (lecanemab, o	lonanemab) + others		
(Off-Label	AC		
Future Therapies	Off-Label	NMDA receptor antagonist (memantine)	
Current Therapies		Novel approaches	

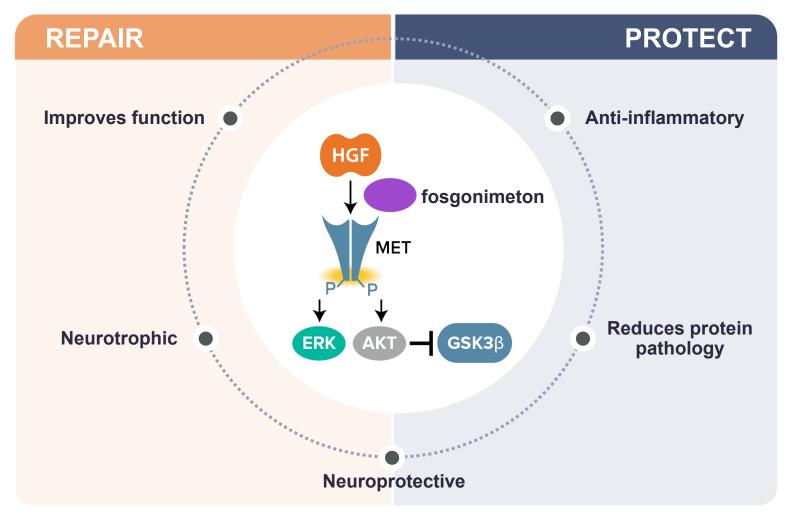
- Most new therapies under development target pre-dementia
- 2.1 million mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's patients diagnosed in 2021

Comprises 81% of all patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease

- Currently available drugs in mild-to-moderate space have limited effects
  - 1.1 million patients are treated with AChEIs or memantine currently

75% of patients move to a second-line treatment in less than a year

Enhancing HGF/MET with fosgonimeton may represent a differentiated new class of therapy for Alzheimer's patients **DESIGNED TO PROTECT AND REPAIR NEURAL NETWORKS** 



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## Preclinical Results of ATH-1105 in ALS

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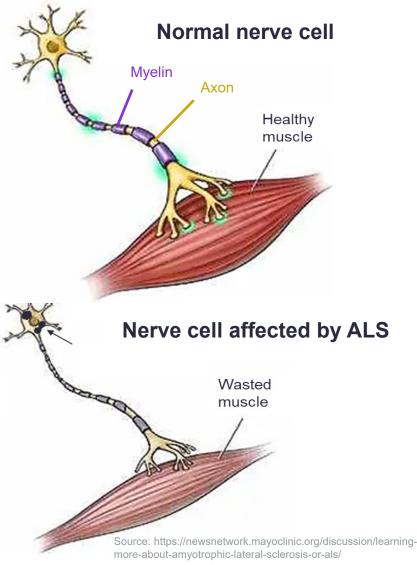
# Positive modulation of HGF/MET as a potential treatment for ALS

### Reported beneficial effects of targeting HGF/MET in preclinical models of ALS:

- Transgenic overexpression or intrathecal delivery of HGF delays disease progression in ALS animal models<sup>1,2</sup>
- Delivery of a recombinant HGF reduces muscle impairment and motor neuron loss in an ALS mouse model<sup>3</sup>

### Modeling ALS

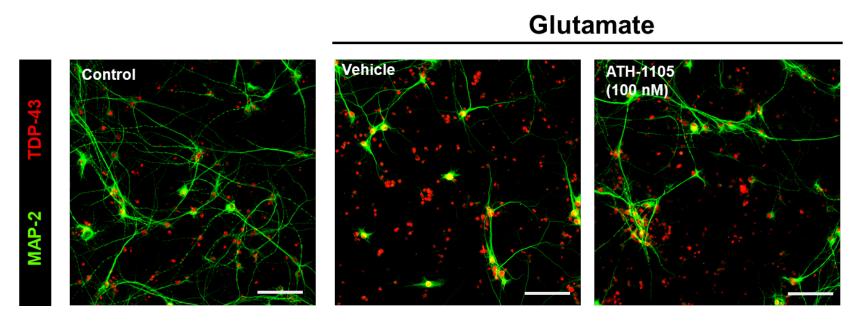
- Approximately 97% of ALS patients have TDP-43 pathology<sup>4</sup>
  - TDP-43 is a nuclear protein under normal conditions but in ALS forms toxic aggregates in the cytoplasm of motor neurons
  - TDP-43 mouse models have been developed that exhibit TDP-43 pathology and ALS-like symptoms



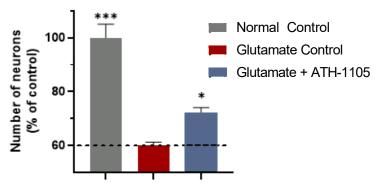


# **Neuroprotection and Protein Pathology:** ATH-1105 reduces extranuclear TDP-43 accumulation and enhances neuron survival

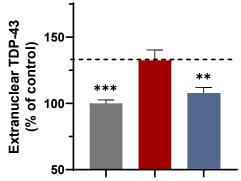
**GLUTAMATE CHALLENGE MODEL IN MOTOR NEURON CULTURES** 



### Glutamate-induced spinal motor neuron death



Glutamate-induced TDP43 accumulation in spinal motor neurons





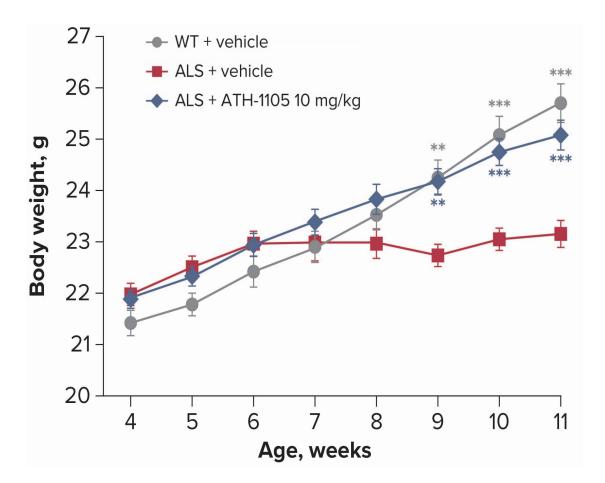
Primary rat spinal motor neurons. Cultures treated with vehicle control or 5 μM glutamate. Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistics applied: 1-way ANOVA with Fisher least significant difference test. \*P<0.05, \*\* P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001 versus Glutamate Control; n = 6. Scale bar: 100 μm. MAP-2, microtubule-associated protein-2; TDP-43, TAR DNA-binding protein 43.

# ATH-1105 significantly protects against loss of body weight TDP-43 MOUSE MODEL OF ALS

#### **STUDY DESIGN**

Mice were divided into 3 groups (n=10 each) and received once daily treatment for 2 months

- Group 1 (healthy control) included WT mice treated with oral vehicle
- Group 2 (disease control) included TDP-43<sup>A315T</sup> mice treated with oral vehicle
- Group 3 (ALS + ATH-1105) included TDP-43<sup>A315T</sup> mice treated with oral ATH-1105

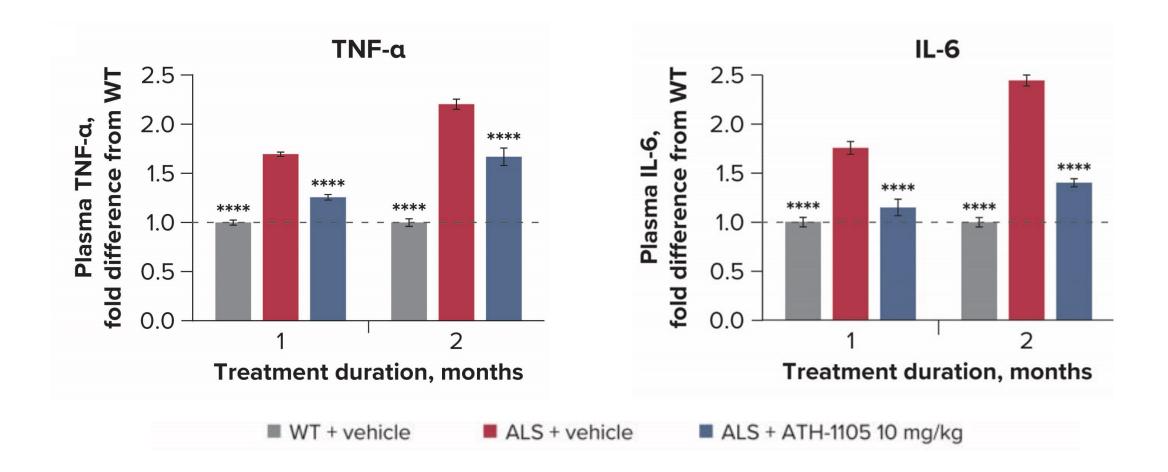




Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistical significance was determined by 2-way ANOVA with the Dunnett test versus ALS + vehicle. \*\*P < 0.01; \*\*\*P < 0.001. ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; TDP-43, TAR DNA-binding protein 43; WT, wild-type.

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# **Anti-inflammatory:** ATH-1105 reduced markers of inflammation TDP-43 MOUSE MODEL OF ALS

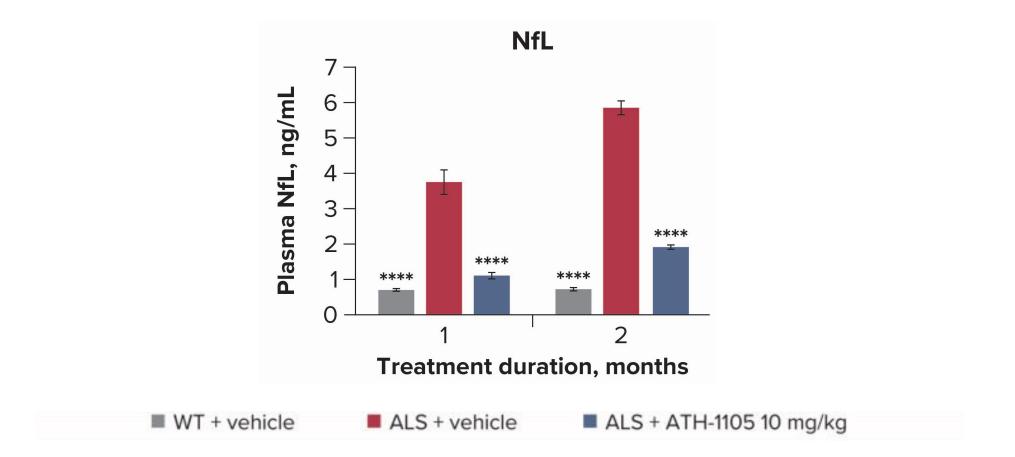




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# Neuroprotective: ATH-1105 reduced marker of neurodegeneration

#### **TDP-43 MOUSE MODEL OF ALS**

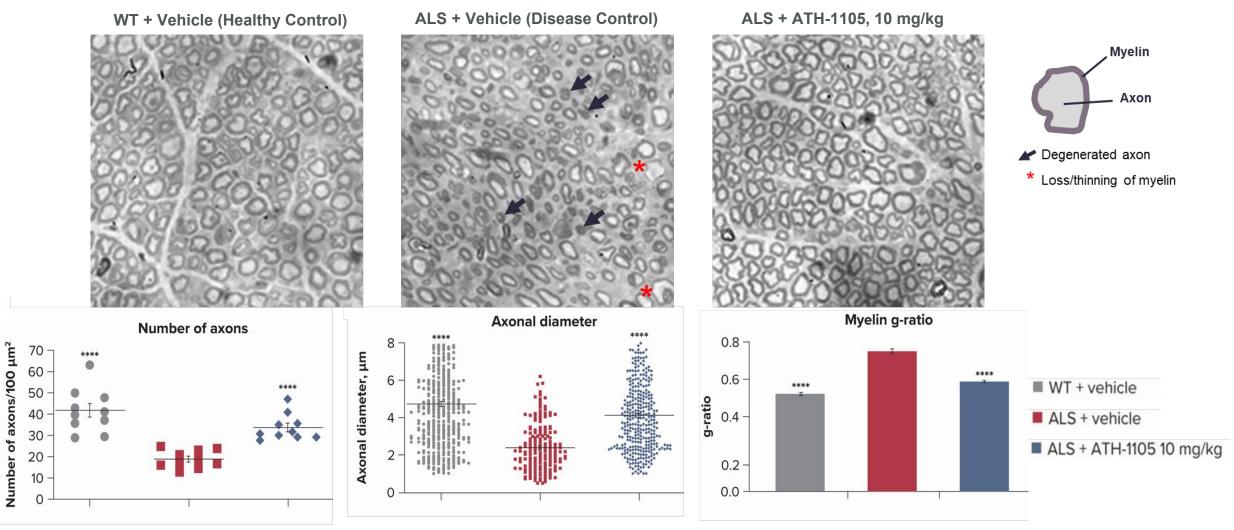




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# **Neuroprotective:** ATH-1105 protected against axon degeneration and demyelination **TDP-43 MOUSE MODEL OF ALS**



Graphical representation of the number of axons (per 100 µm2), axonal diameter (in micrometers), and mean of myelin g-ratio, defined as the ratio of the inner axonal diameter to the total axonal diameter, following 2 months of treatment. Data presented as mean ± SEM. Statistical significance was determined by 1-way ANOVA with the Dunnett test versus ALS + vehicle. \*\*\*\*P < 0.0001.

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# **Function:** ATH-1105 improved nerve and motor function TDP-43 MOUSE MODEL OF ALS

Nerve conduction **Balance beam** Grip test **Compound muscle** velocity action potential 12 16 35 8 30 \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* CMAP amplitude, mV Grip strength, N 6 25 8 \*\*\*\* 12 S Cross time, NCV, m/s 20 \*\*\* 15 8 4 10 \*\*\*\* 2 5 0 4 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 **Treatment duration, months** Treatment duration, months Treatment duration, months **Treatment duration, months** ALS + ATH-1105 10 mg/kg WT + vehicle ALS + vehicle

**Nerve Function** 

**Motor Function** 

Data presented as mean ± SEM.

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n = 10 mice per group.

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ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; CMAP, compound muscle action potential; NCV, nerve conduction velocity; TDP-43, TAR DNA-binding protein 43; WT, wild-type.

## ATH-1105 Preclinical Data Summary

#### In the TDP-43 mouse model of ALS, daily oral treatment of ATH-1105 resulted in:

- Preservation of normal body weight
- Reduced levels of plasma biomarkers of inflammation and neurodegeneration
- Protection of nerve structure and function
- Improved balance, coordination, and muscle strength

These results highlight the therapeutic potential of ATH-1105 in ALS and support further development





## Closing and Q&A

Mark Litton, PhD Chief Executive Officer



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# Moving Forward

 Independent, unblinded interim analysis of Phase 2/3 LIFT-AD

- Complete enrollment Phase 2/3
   LIFT-AD study in mid-2023
- Topline data from Phase 2/3 LIFT-AD study in early 2024

- Enrolled 28 patients in Phase 2 SHAPE POC study in PD and Lewy Body Dementia
- Completed single ascending dose escalation portion of Phase 1 study of ATH-1020 with no safety findings.

- Complete SHAPE with 28
   patients and evaluate next steps
- Evaluate plans for next steps

Demonstrated consistent improvements in motor function, nerve function, biomarkers and nerve morphology in transgenic mouse model of ALS

 Advance ATH-1105 in ALS with IND filing in 2023



## Well Positioned to Lead with Innovative Approach to Battling Neurodegenerative Diseases

**Consistent and correlative preclinical, clinical and biomarker data** showing the potential of fosgonimeton to be neuroprotective, anti-inflammatory and disease modifying in a number of neurodegenerative diseases

Mitigated development risk through independent, unblinded interim analysis of Phase 2/3 LIFT-AD study Evolving regulatory environment and favorable competitive landscape Strong track record of execution and leadership team with significant CNS product development and approval experience Low financial risk – Strong balance sheet to support programs through to key inflection points



