



Advancing the Use of Peptide-Conjugated  
Oligonucleotides to Target Neuromuscular  
Disorders: Enhanced Delivery  
Oligonucleotides for DMD and DM1

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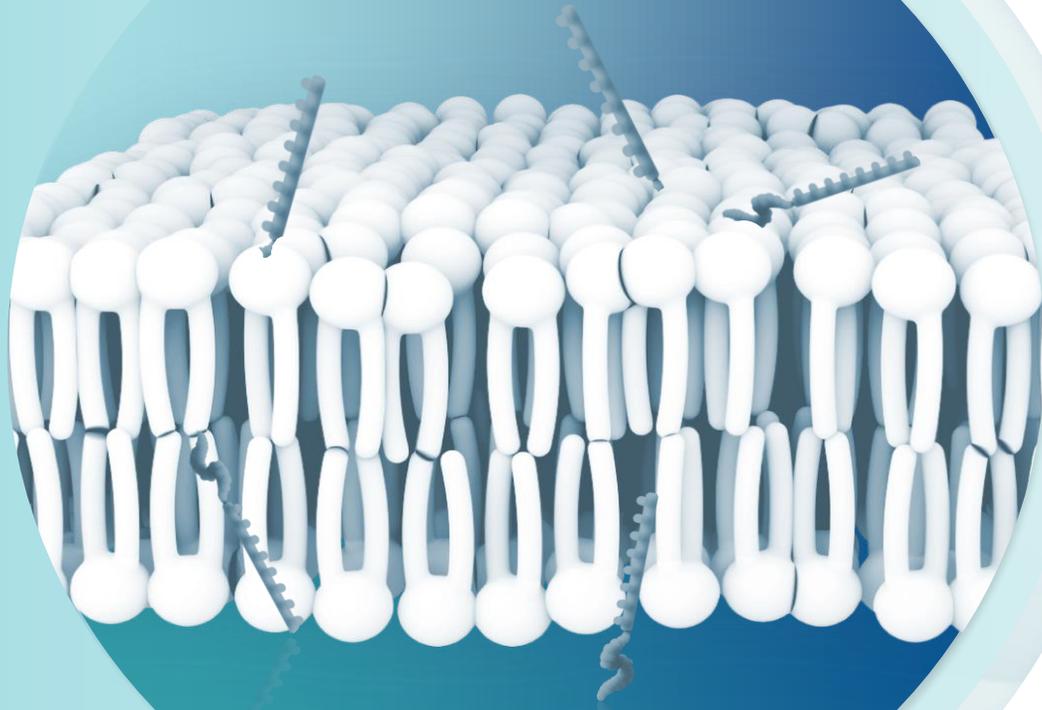
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Driven by our proprietary Enhanced Delivery Oligonucleotide (EDO) platform, PepGen is creating a pipeline of disease-modifying therapeutics with the potential to safely and effectively target the underlying cause of serious genetic neuromuscular and neurological disorders.



# Who We Are

## Our mission

- Transforming the lives of patients with severe neuromuscular and neurological diseases

## Proprietary delivery platform

- Enhanced Delivery Oligonucleotide platform
  - Increased cellular uptake
  - Increased nuclear uptake
  - Enhanced potency at tolerable doses

## Clinical stage pipeline: readouts in 2024

- Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD): Initial readout (5 mg/kg) from multiple ascending dose study (Phase 2)
  - Data demonstrates EDO technology delivers high levels of oligonucleotides to the nucleus
- Myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1): Initial readout from single ascending dose study (Phase 1) expected Q4:2024

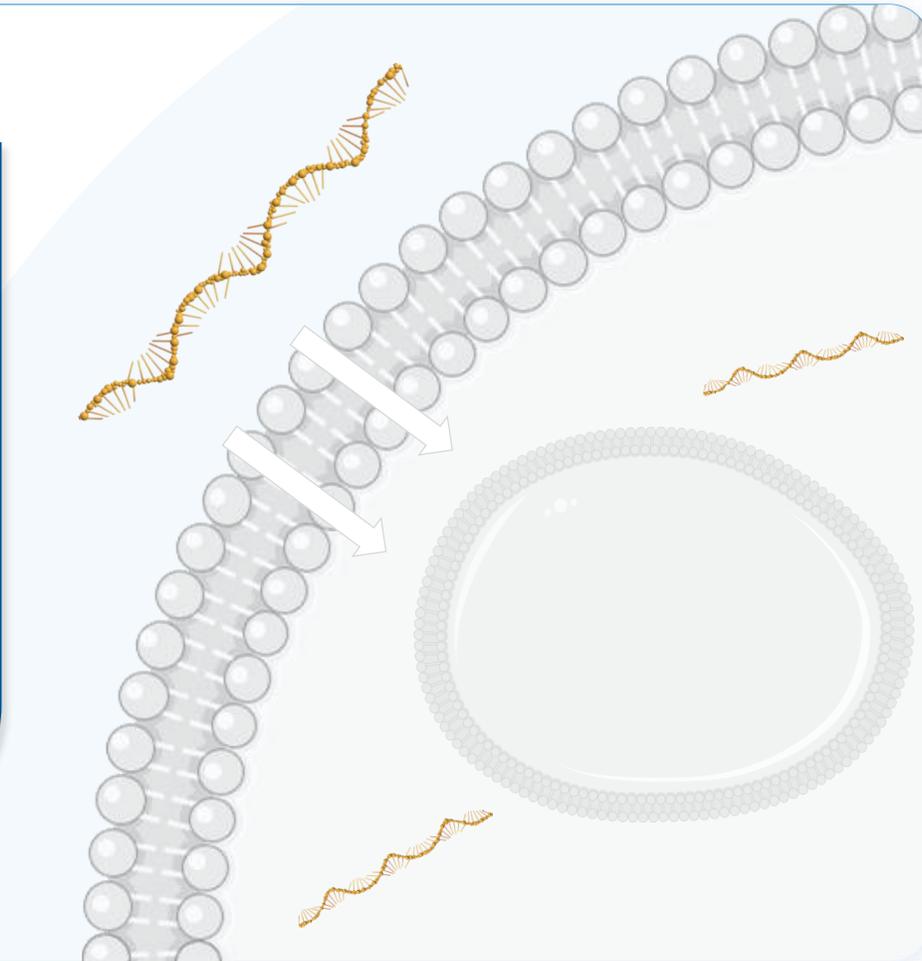


# Enhanced Delivery Oligonucleotide Platform

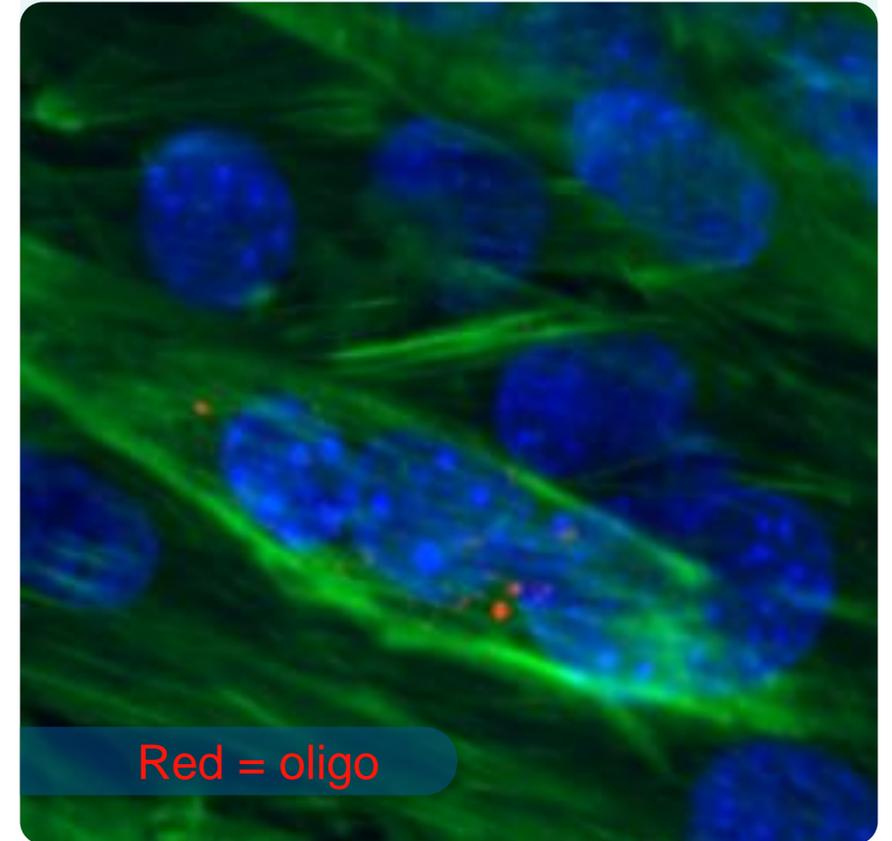
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# The Challenge of Oligonucleotides

Naked oligonucleotides do not efficiently penetrate muscle cells and nucleus

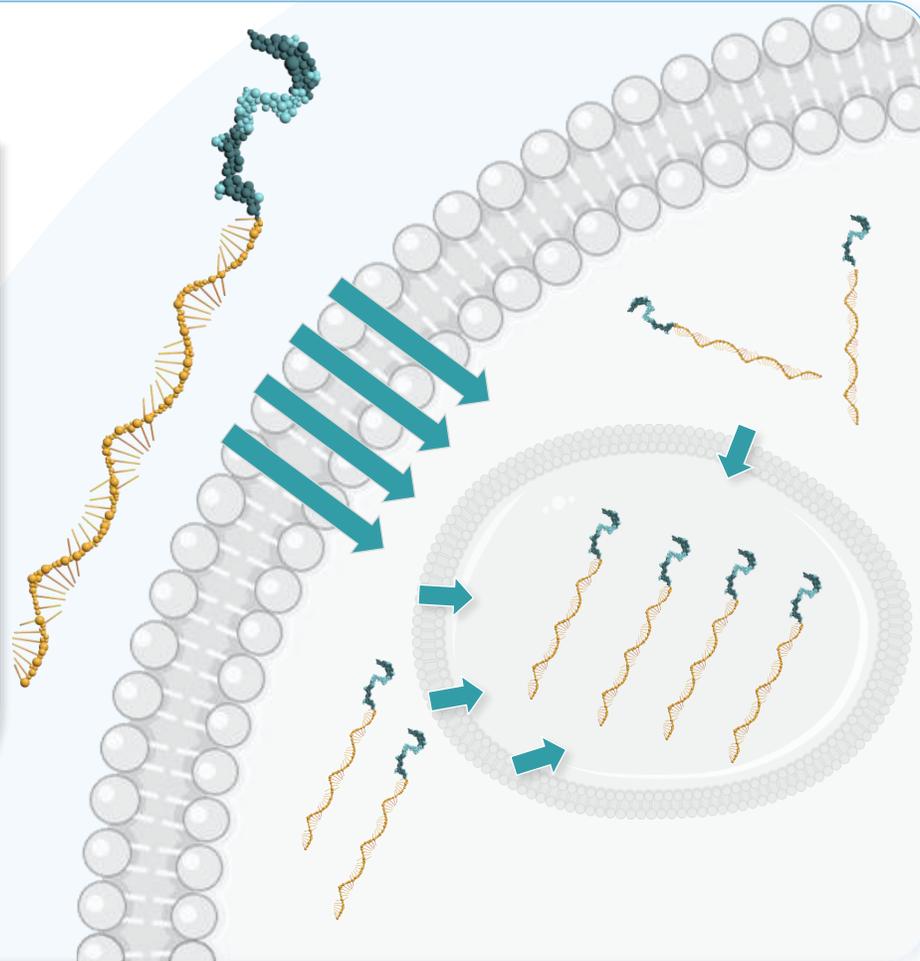


## Naked Oligonucleotide (PMO)

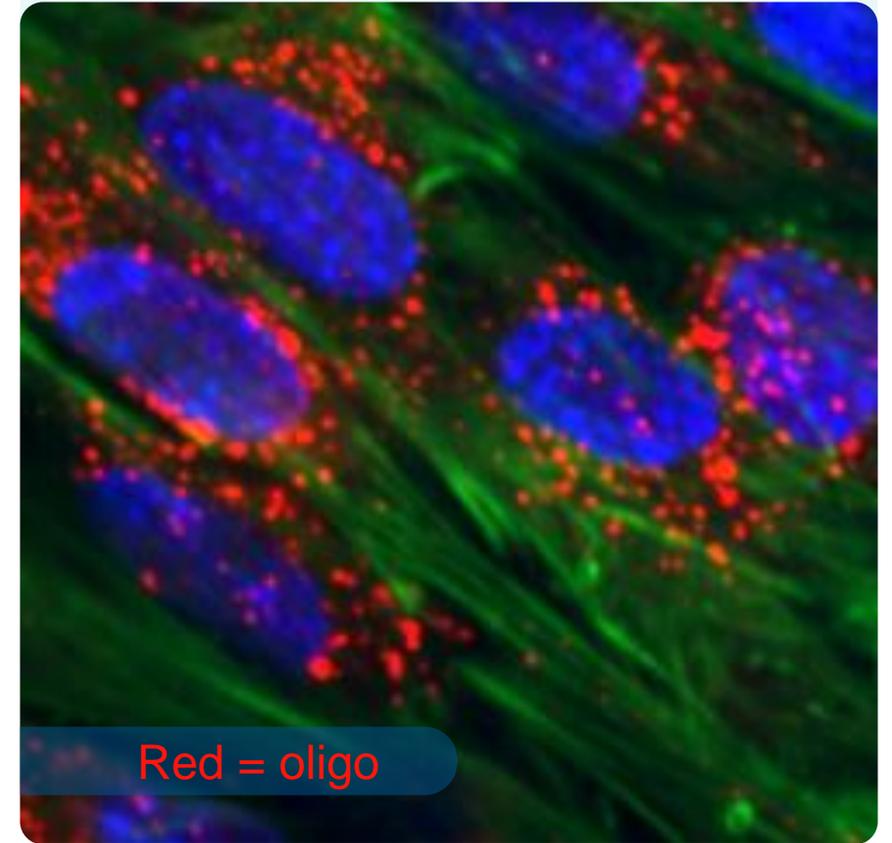


# PepGen's EDO Platform Has Been Designed and Developed to Solve this Decades Long Problem

EDO platform results in nuclear delivery of oligonucleotide therapeutics



PepGen's EDO: Up to 25X Higher Nuclear Uptake of Oligonucleotide



# Evolution of Cell Penetrating Peptides

	“Naked” PMO	PiP Peptide	R6G
Amino acids	0	18-22	6
Arginines	0	8-10	6
Aminohexanoic acids	0	2-4	0
<b>Hydrophobic core used in EDO</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

# EDO's Construction is Distinct from Other Cell Penetrating Peptides

	<b>“Naked” PMO</b>	<b>PiP Peptide</b>	<b>R6G</b>	<b>EDO</b>
Amino acids	0	18-22	6	<b>&lt;17</b>
Arginines	0	8-10	6	<b>5 or 6</b>
Aminohexanoic acids	0	2-4	0	<b>0</b>
Hydrophobic core used in EDO	No	No	No	<b>Yes</b>

**EDO's hydrophobic core is distinct from those of PiP peptides**

# EDO Technology Increases Endosomal Escape and Cellular Uptake of Oligonucleotides

## PMO Delivery in Cells

HeLa cells

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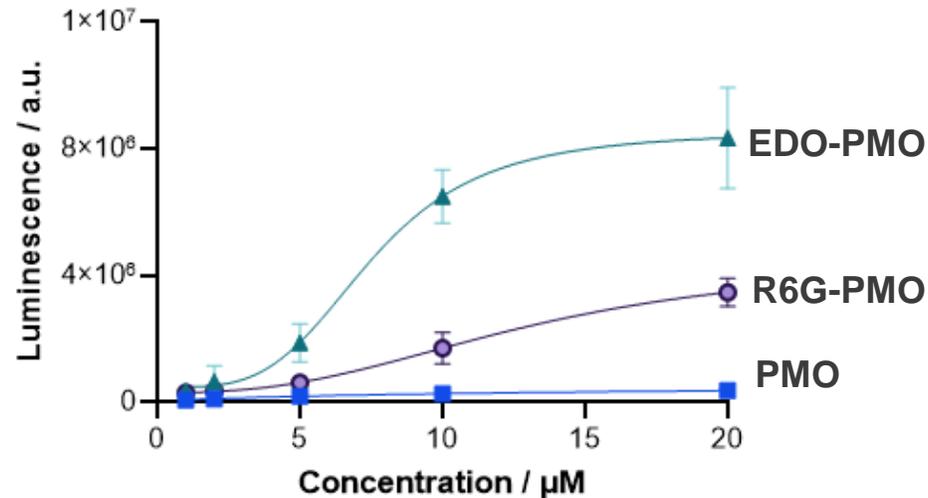


● PMO or PPMO dose

■ Tissue analysis

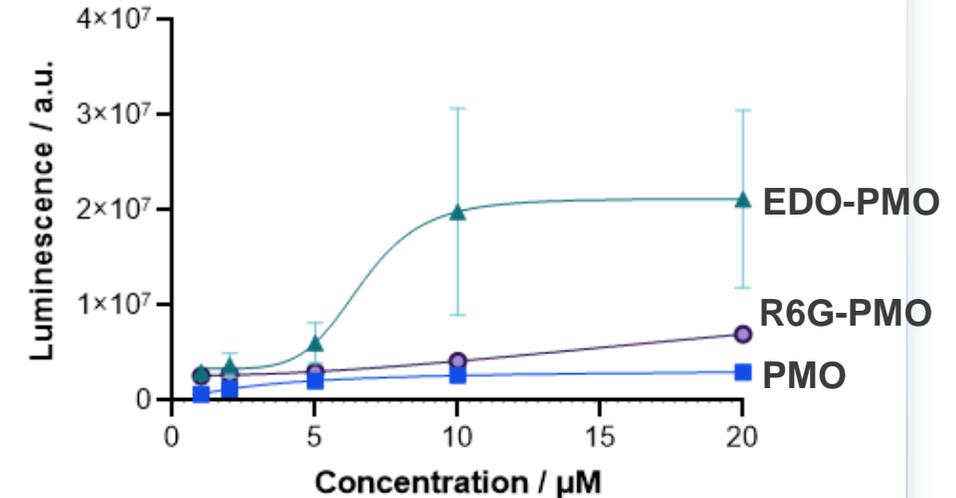
### ENDOSOMAL ESCAPE

>30x more escape than PMO or R6G-PMO



### TOTAL CELLULAR UPTAKE

>24x more uptake than PMO or R6G-PMO



# PepGen's Unique EDO Peptides Retain the Efficacy of Previous Generations with Improved Safety Profile Observed to Date

**PGN-EDO23**  
(murine analogue of PGN-EDO51)

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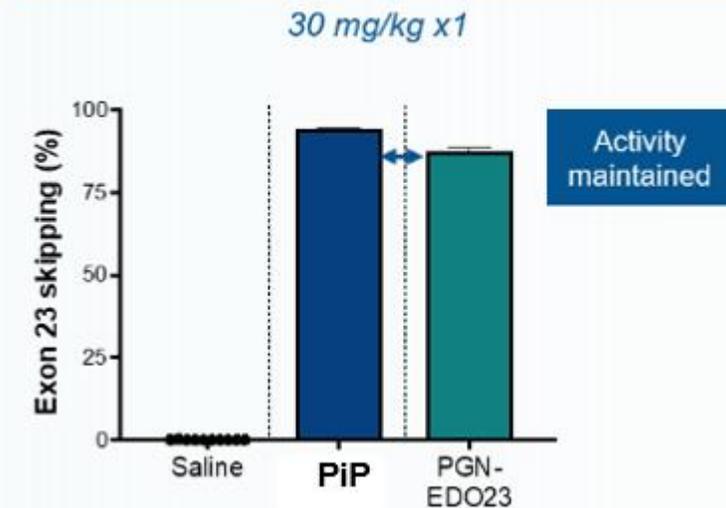
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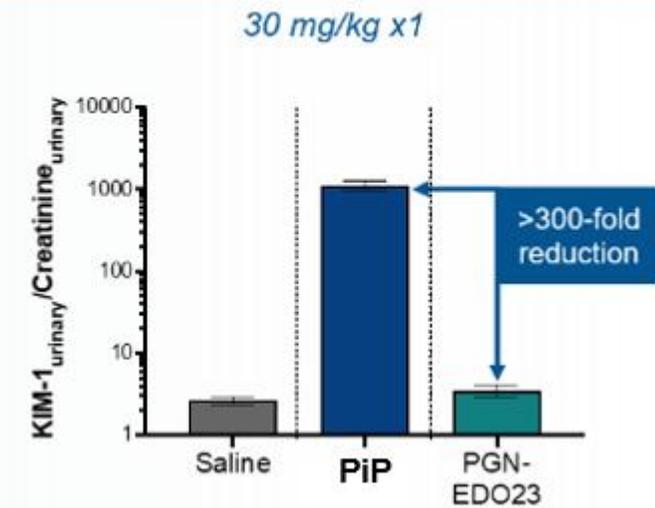
- Peptide-PMO dose
- Urinary analysis
- Tissue analysis



## ACTIVITY – MUSCLE



## KIDNEY SAFETY – URINARY KIM-1



**EDO peptides are structurally distinct from PiP delivery peptides. Combined, EDO peptides have demonstrated comparable activity and improved kidney safety profiles in WT mice after a single dose.**

<b>ACTIVITY:</b>	EDO peptide-conjugates result in similar exon skipping profiles as PiP peptide-conjugates in muscle
<b>KIDNEY SAFETY:</b>	EDO peptide-conjugates resulted in significantly lower KIM-1 urinary safety profiles than PiP peptide-conjugates

# EDO Platform Has Potential to Increase the Potency of Exon Skipping Oligonucleotides *In Vivo*

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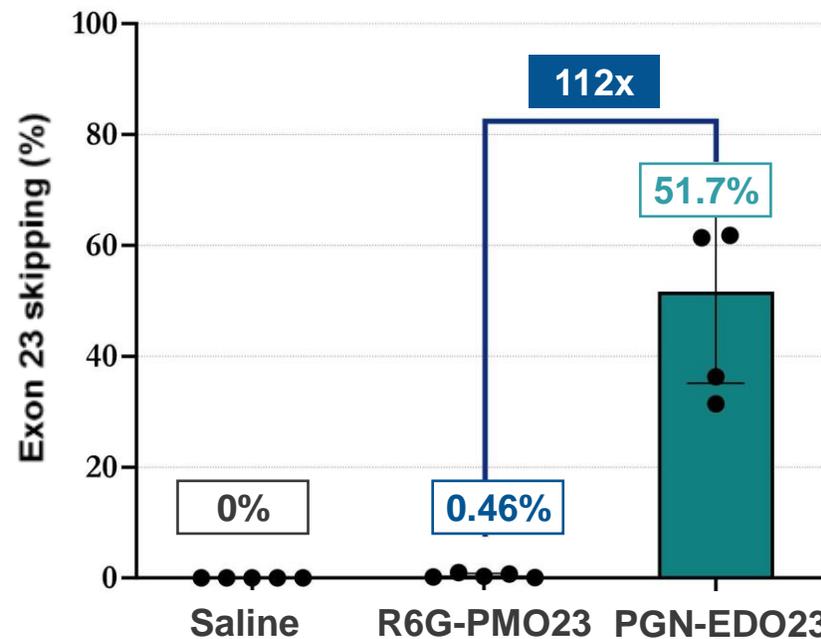
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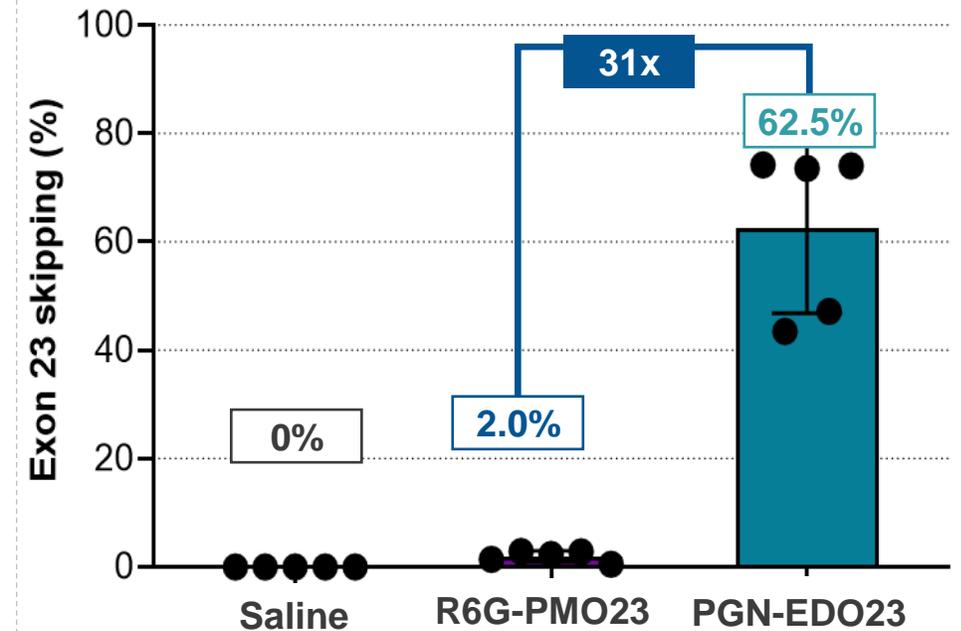
-  PMO or PPMO dose
-  Tissue analysis

## EXON SKIPPING

*Biceps, 10 mg/kg (qPCR)*



*Quadriceps, 10 mg/kg (qPCR)*



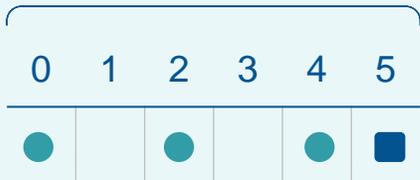
# EDO Platform: Broad Distribution Across Muscle Groups Impacted in Neuromuscular Diseases

PGN-EDO51

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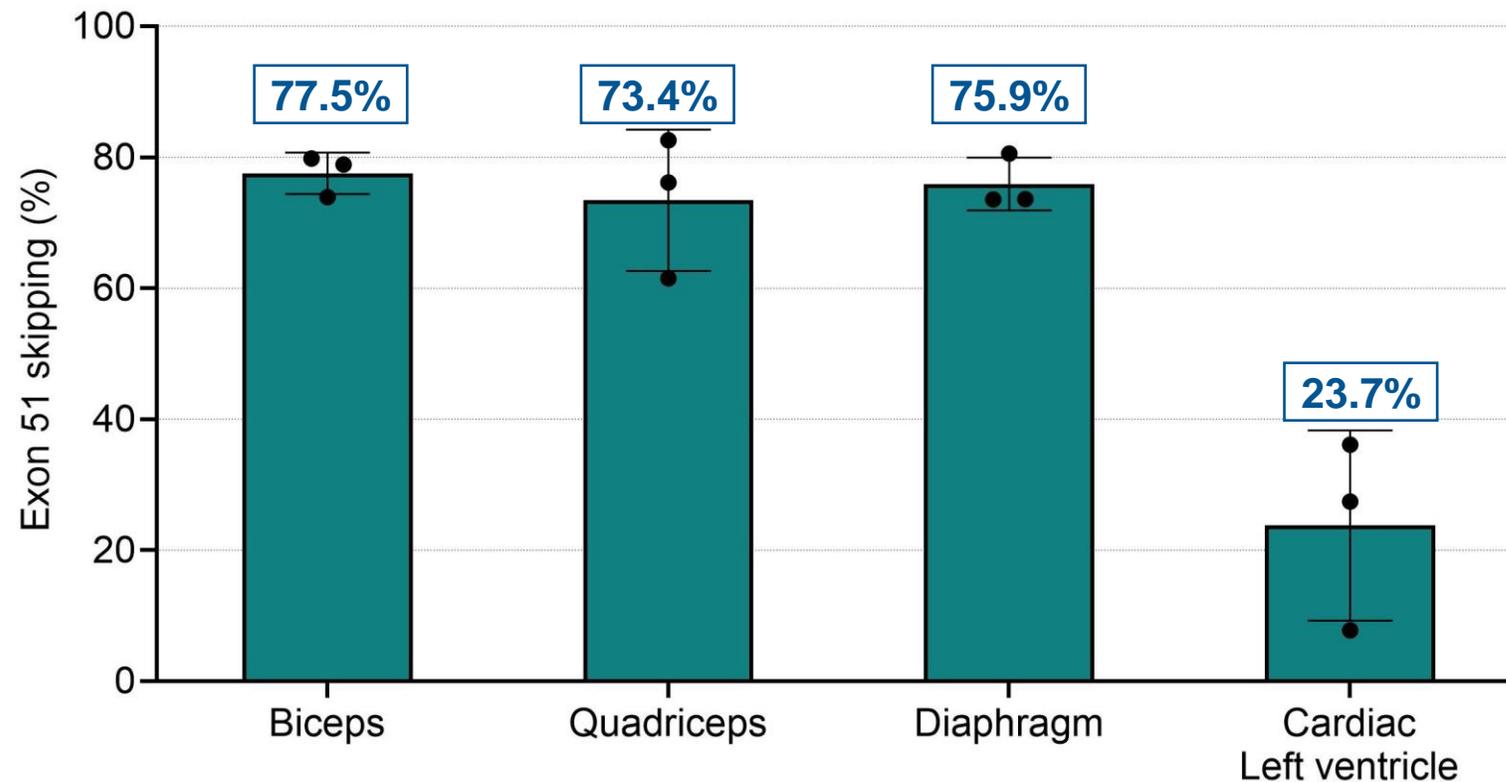


Week:



- PPMO dose
- Tissue analysis

## EXON SKIPPING



# PepGen's EDOs Have Potential to Reach Multiple Muscle Groups

## PGN-EDO51

Neuromuscular EDO peptide

Proprietary EDO peptide enables muscle delivery



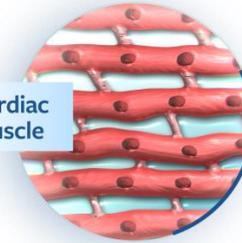
Oligo targets the genetic cause of the disorder

Exon 51 skipping antisense oligonucleotide

## Delivery

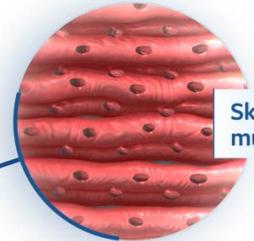
Heart

Cardiac muscle

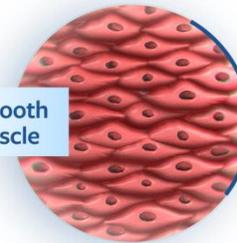


Leg, arm and diaphragm muscles

Skeletal muscle



Smooth muscle



Gut



# PGN-EDO51: P1 Demonstrated Acceptable Safety Profile Supporting Further Study; P2 Demonstrated Favorable Safety Profile in Indicated Population

## Phase 1 Healthy Volunteer (HV) Trial (N=32)

- Volunteers were dosed with 1, 5, 10 or 15 mg/kg of PGN-EDO51 or placebo
- All TEAEs resolved
  - At 10 mg/kg, there were only mild adverse events
  - At 15 mg/kg, the majority of TEAEs were mild, transient, reversible changes in kidney biomarkers
    - 1 HV received <24hrs IV hydration for a related, non-life-threatening SAE, which completely resolved
- Transient mild to moderate hypomagnesemia was observed in 2 participants at 15 mg/kg
- No discontinuations or clinical symptoms of acute kidney injury
- No hematologic, CV or hepatic signs or symptoms

## CONNECT1 Phase 2 Trial 5 mg/kg Cohort (N=3)<sup>1</sup>

- All 3 TEAEs were mild and resolved
- 1 patient had 2 related mild TEAEs: (abdominal pain, flatulence)
- No SAEs
- No discontinuations, dose modifications or dose interruptions
  - All participants rolled over to the long-term extension study
- No sustained elevation in kidney biomarkers
- No changes in electrolytes
  - No hypomagnesemia or hypokalemia
- No changes in hepatic function
- No anemia or thrombocytopenia

# EDO Platform: Differentiated Construction with Strong Potency and Improved Safety Profile Observed to Date

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Amino acids	0	18-22	6	<17
Arginines	0	8-10	6	5 or 6
Aminohexanoic acids	0	2-4	0	0
Hydrophobic core used in EDO	No	No	No	Yes
Potency	Weak	Strong	Moderate	Strong
Safety: Kidney Kim1 Mice	No	Yes	No	No
Safety: Severe Hypomag Human	No	N/A	Yes	No <sup>1</sup>

1. As of CONNECT1 PGN-EDO51 5 mg/kg update on July 30, 2024.

PMO: phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligonucleotide; PiP peptide: most frequently published peptide nucleic acid/phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligonucleotide internalizing peptide; R6G-PMO23 is believed to be structurally equivalent to the peptide component of vesleteplirsen conjugated to a murine exon 23 skipping oligonucleotide; Kim-1: kidney injury marker-1.



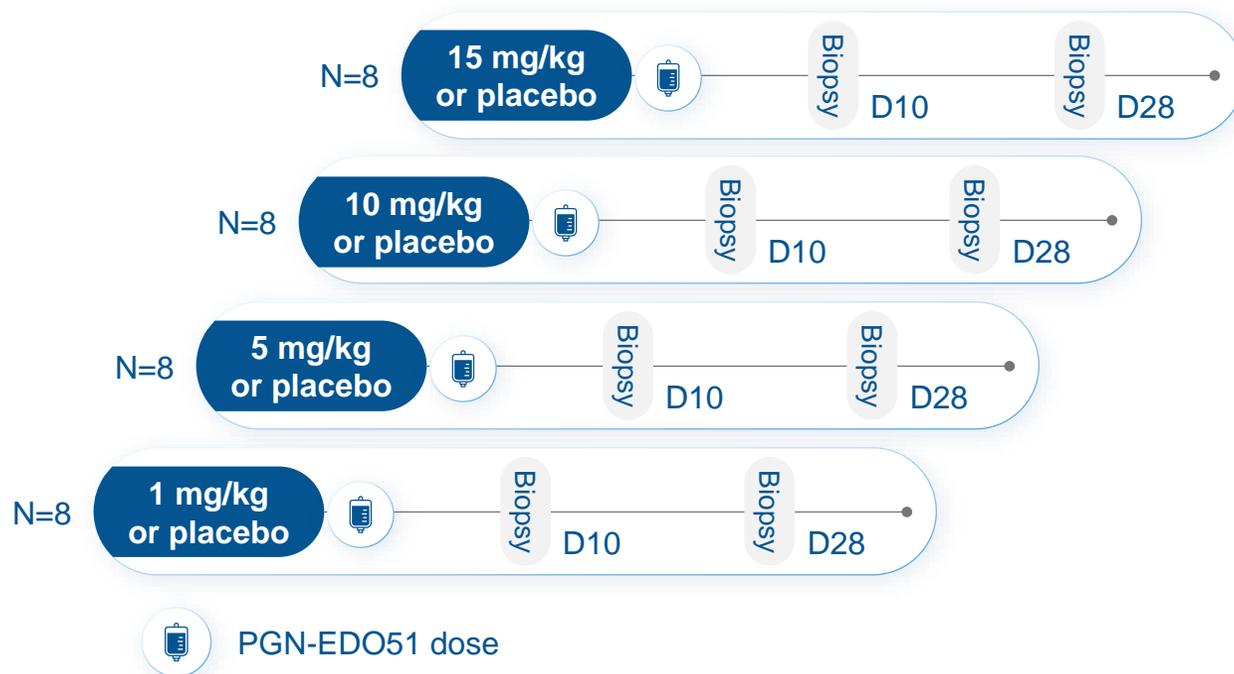
# PGN-EDO51: Phase 1 Healthy Volunteers Trial

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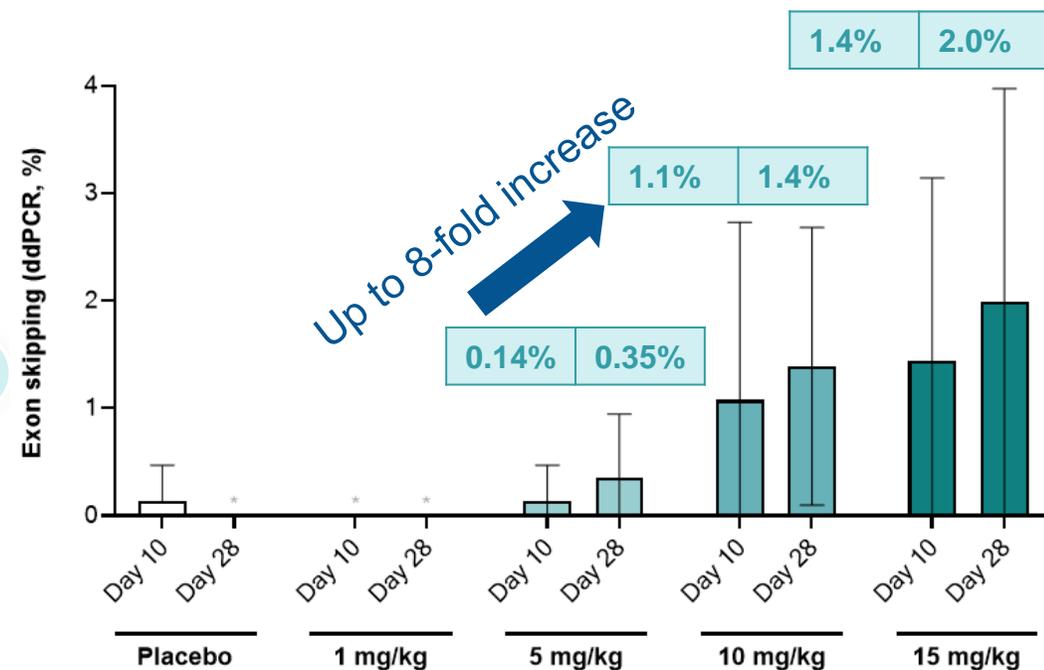
# Healthy Volunteer Trial Results Led to CONNECT1: Highest Levels of Exon 51 Skipping in Humans Following Single Dose of PGN-EDO51<sup>1</sup>

## Phase 1 Healthy Volunteer (HV) Trial Design

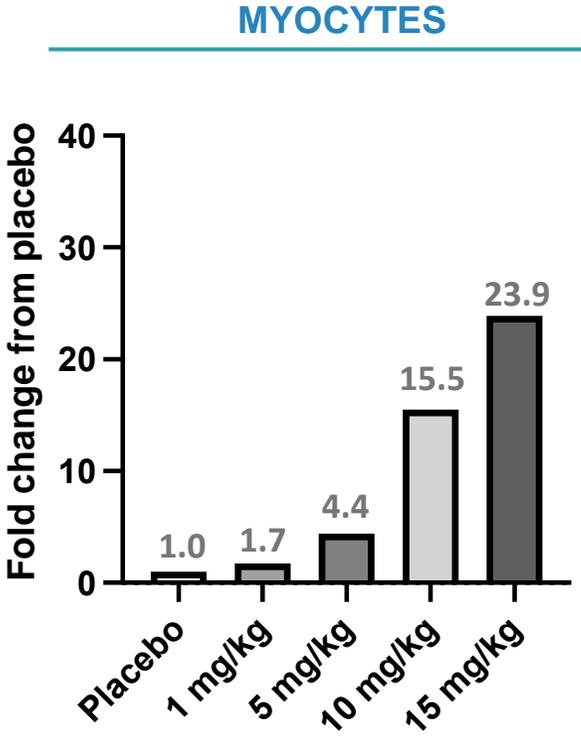
- Study population: Healthy adult males (n = 32; 8 per cohort, 3:1 PGN-EDO51:placebo)
- Dosing: Single dose, IV administration
- Biceps biopsies conducted on Day 10 and Day 28



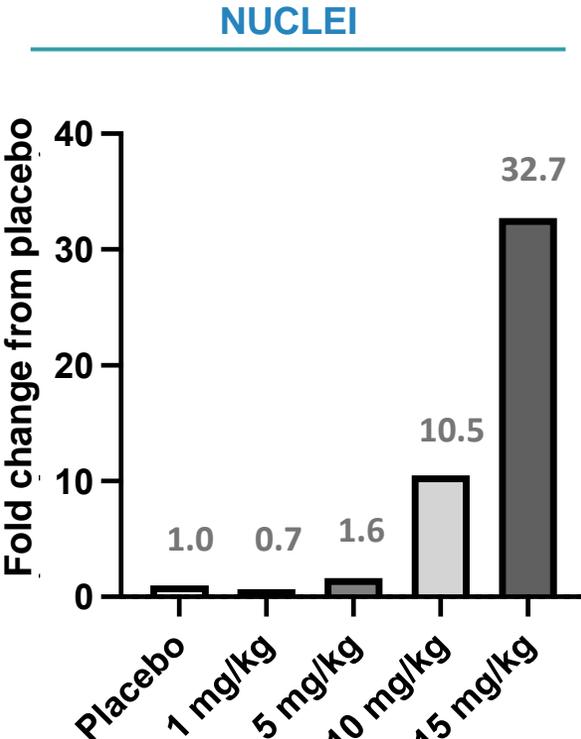
## Trial Results: Exon Skipping (Biceps)



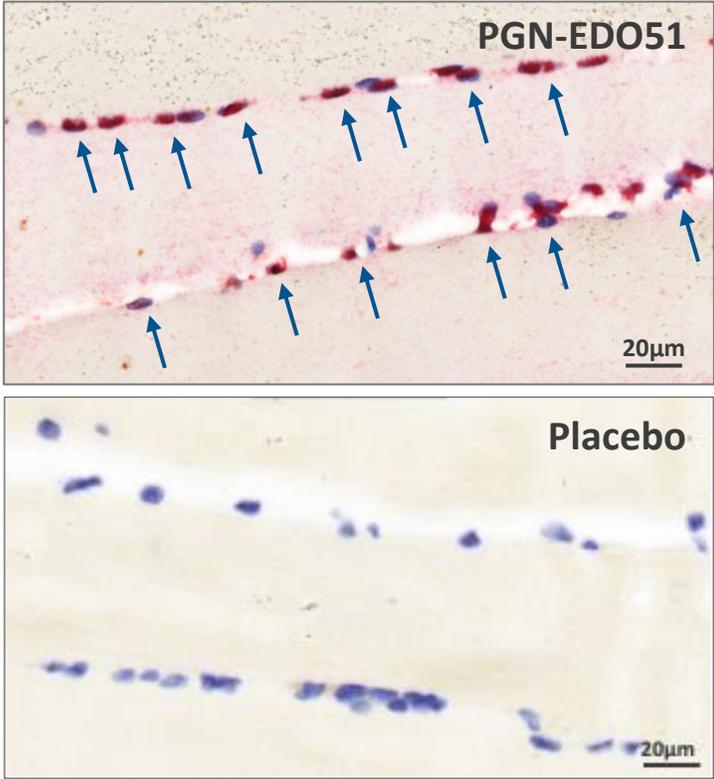
# Substantial PMO Signal Observed in Bicep Myocytes and Nuclei Following a Single PGN-EDO51 Dose in Healthy Volunteers



Note: Myocyte signal = nuclear signal + cytoplasmic signal



Dose-dependent uptake of EDO51 in nucleus



Red-PMO Blue-Nuclei  
Image from 10 mg/kg dosed group

# EDO Technology Demonstrates Highest Level of Skipping in Cross-Trial Comparisons of Exon 51 Skipping Oligonucleotides in Healthy Volunteers

		EXON SKIPPING	DYSTROPHIN
		1 dose (HV)	>3 doses (DMD patients)
<b>PGN-EDO51</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for greater dystrophin production</li> <li>Generally well tolerated in single dose study through 15 mg/kg</li> </ul>	10 mg/kg	1.1% <sup>3</sup>	<b>CONNECT1 study</b>
		>6x <sup>1</sup>	
<b>SRP-5051 (vesleteplirsen) Phase 2b – Sarepta Therapeutics</b>	20 mg/kg	~0.18% <sup>2</sup>	3.06% <sup>2</sup>
<b>EXONDYS 51<sup>®</sup> (eteplirsen) – Sarepta Therapeutics</b>	30 mg/kg	<0.05% <sup>2</sup>	0.44% <sup>3</sup>



# PGN-EDO51: CONNECT1 Phase 2 Trial

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# CONNECT1: Designed to Establish Proof-of-Concept



## Study Design and Population

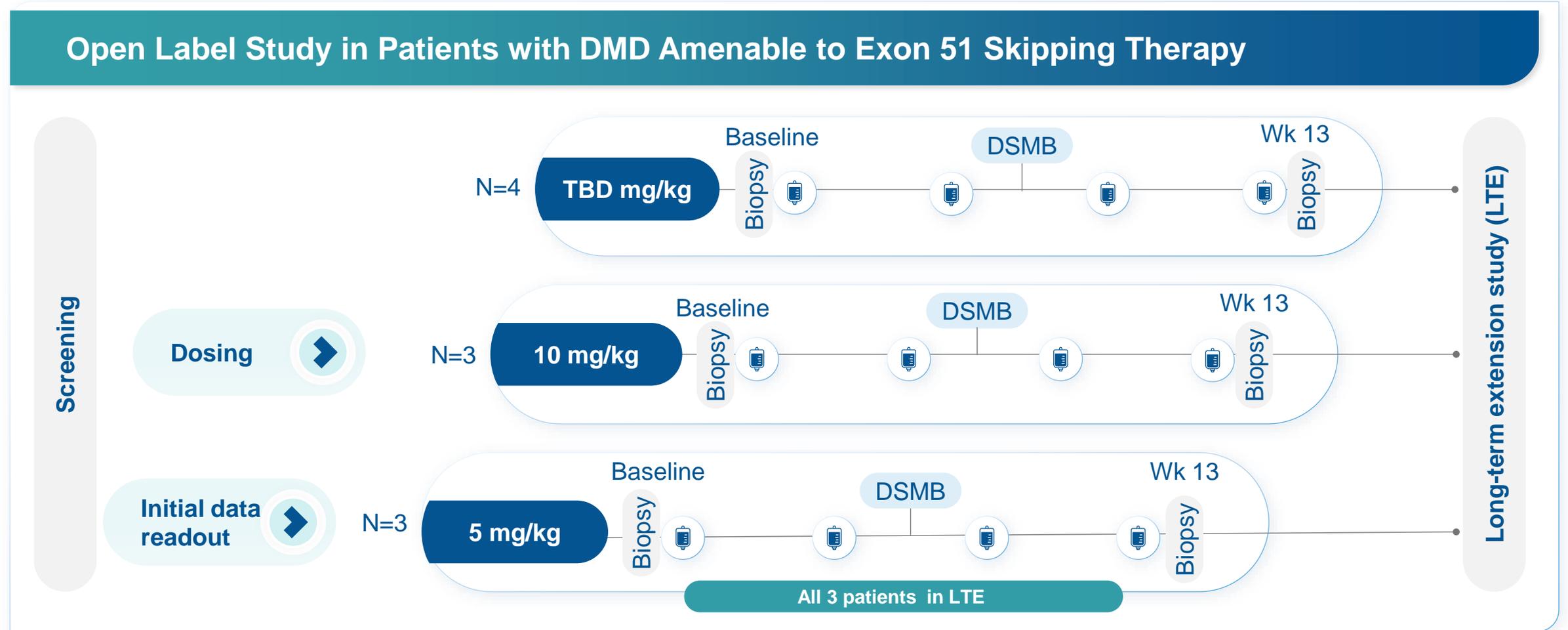
- Open label clinical trial in Canada
- DMD patients (n=10) with exon 51 skippable mutation
- Ages  $\geq 8$  years
- Ambulatory and non-ambulatory

## Endpoints

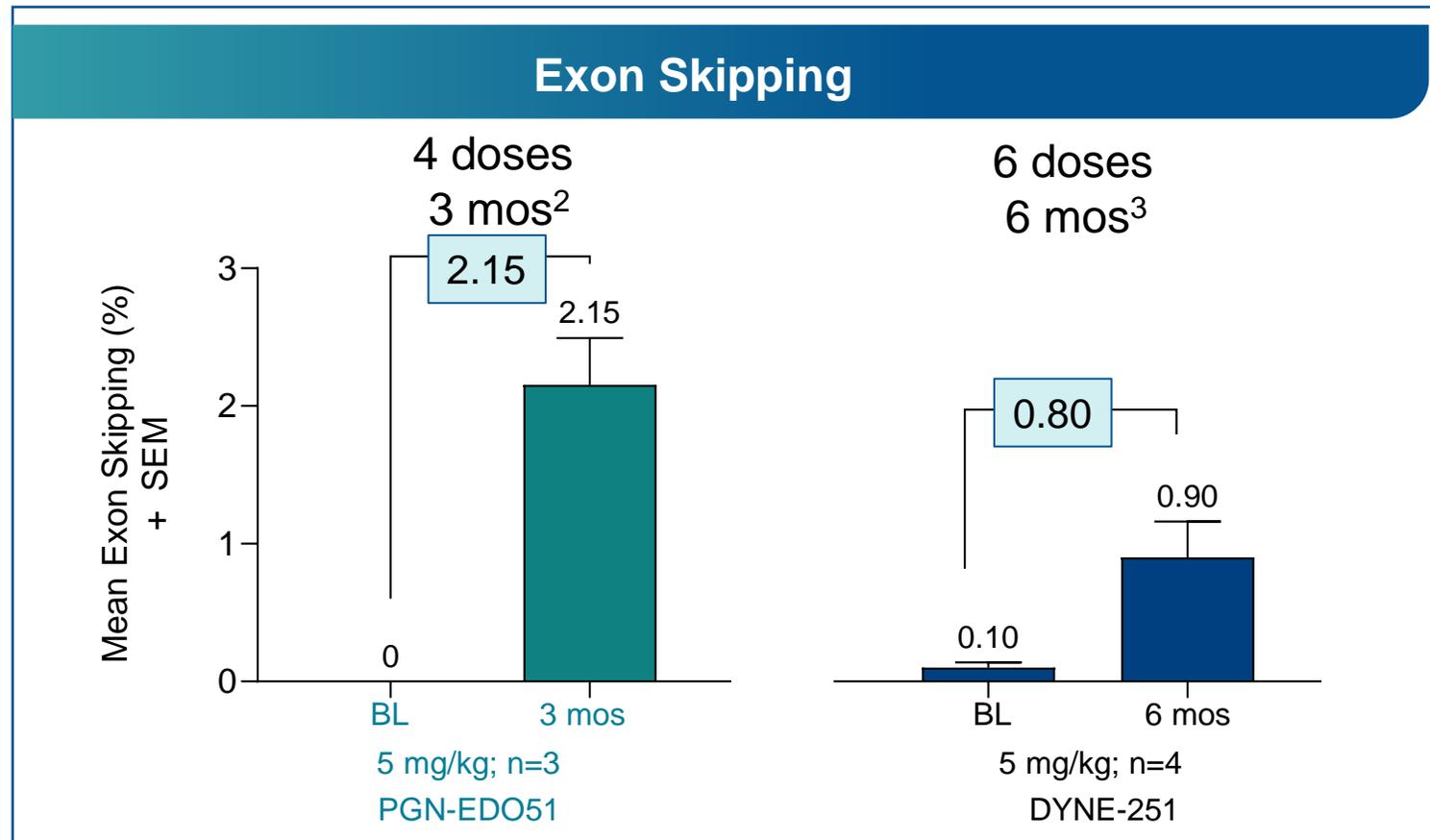
- Safety and tolerability
- Dystrophin
- Muscle tissue concentration of PGN-EDO51
- Exon skipping

# CONNECT1 Trial Design

## Open Label Study in Patients with DMD Amenable to Exon 51 Skipping Therapy

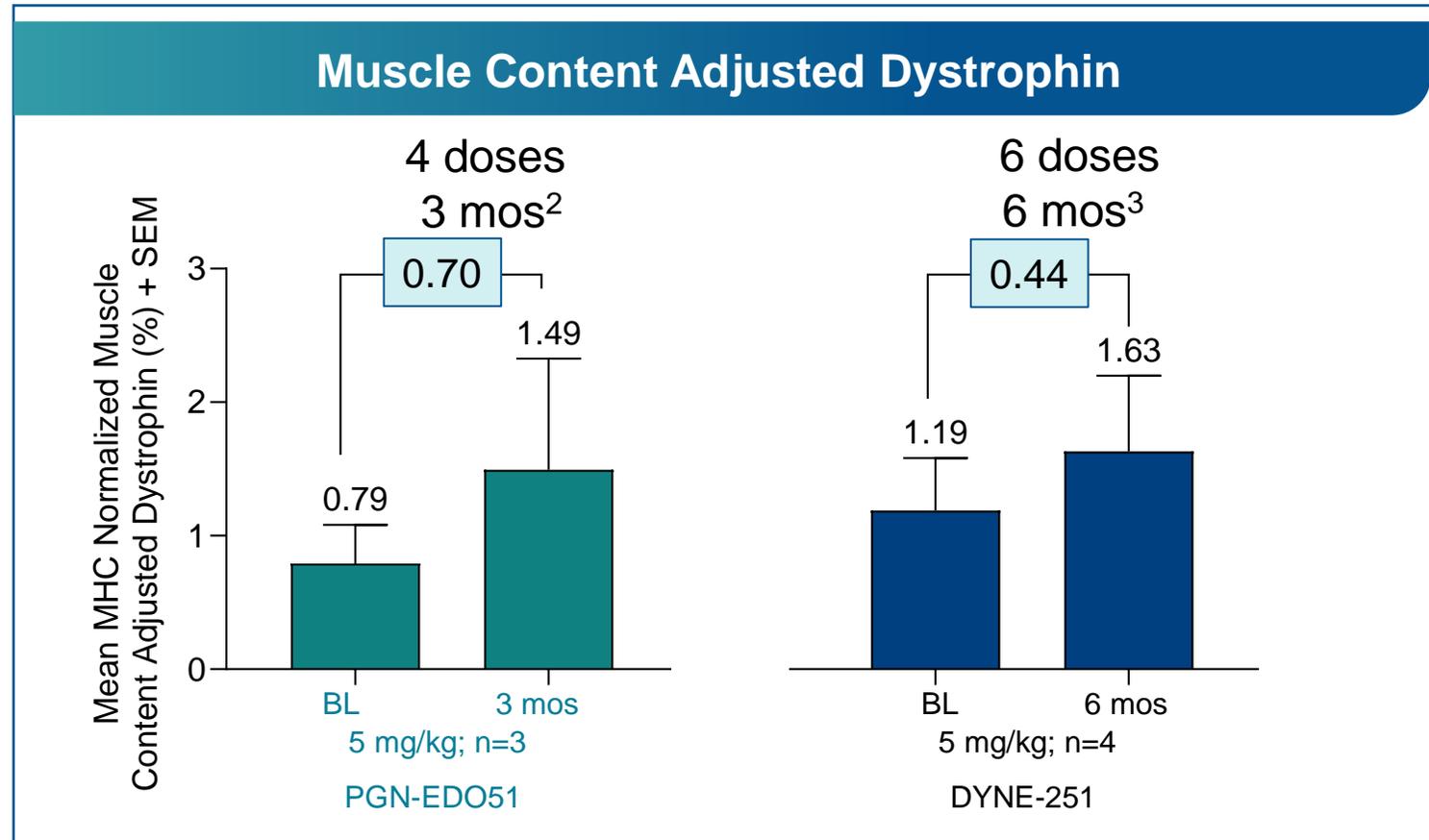


# PGN-EDO51 Showed High Levels of Mean Exon Skipping at Low Dose



2. PGN-EDO51 muscle biopsy taken approximately 7 days after last dose. 3. DYNE-251 muscle biopsy taken approximately 28 days after last dose.

# PGN-EDO51 Produced Greater Muscle Content Adjusted Dystrophin Increase in Half the Treatment Duration and Fewer Doses<sup>1</sup>



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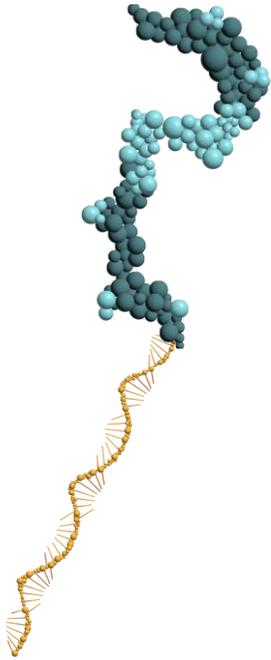


## Looking Ahead

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# Building Therapeutic Area Leadership in Neuromuscular and Neurological Diseases

## Cellular and nuclear delivery of EDOs



**Our goal is to deliver best-in-class transformative therapies for DMD and DM1 patients**

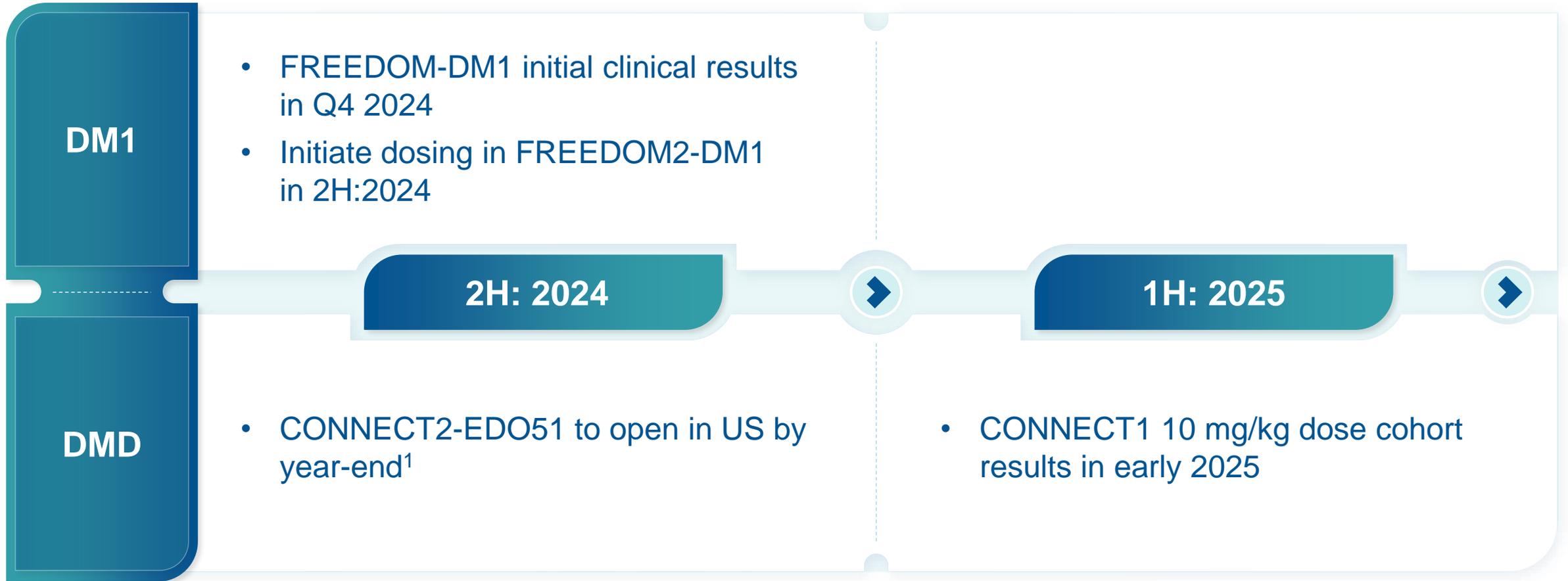
- PGN-EDO51: Mean exon 51 skipping and dystrophin production seen at initial low dose that was well tolerated
- PGN-EDODM1: Specific modulation of mutant DMPK transcript in the nucleus
- PGN-EDO53: 7X higher exon skipping than R6G-PMO53 comparator in NHPs

**Expand EDO platform to other neuromuscular and neurological diseases**

Potential multi-billion dollar opportunity

Long-term multi-billion dollar opportunity

# Anticipated Upcoming Milestones



# Thank you!



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**Clinical site  
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advisors**



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their families**