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WS0501:AAV-mediated Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis: Interim Results from a Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial **AEROW** 

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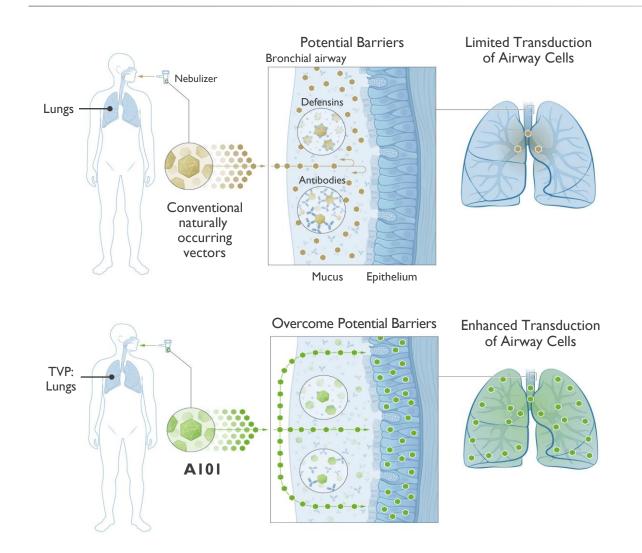
#### Failure of Conventional AAV Gene Therapy in CF Lung PREVIOUS CLINICAL TRIAL EXPERIENCE WITH TGAAVCF

- Six trials with AAV2-based gene therapy (tgAAVCF) in upper<sup>1-6</sup> and lower <sup>5-8</sup> airways
- Nasal and sinus administration (n=3 trials):
  - Participants dosed: 34
  - Safe and well tolerated
  - DNA: detected
  - Transgene expression: detected
  - **CFTR function: detected** (vs contralateral control)
- Aerosol to lung (n=3 trials):
  - Participants dosed: 84 (mild to moderate)
  - Safe and well tolerated
  - DNA: detected
  - Transgene expression: Not detected
  - ppFEV<sub>1</sub>: No change vs controls

Wagner JA et al. Hum Gene Ther 1998; 9: 889-909.
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#### 4D-710: Next-Gen Aerosolized Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis Lung Disease

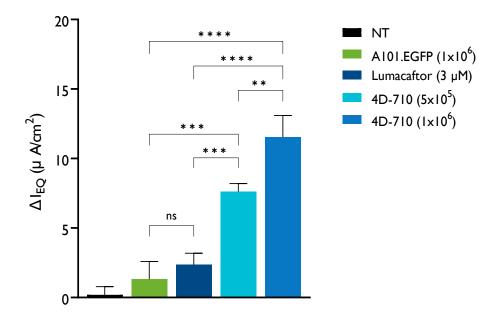
A101 TARGET VECTOR PROFILE AND 4D-710 PRODUCT DESIGN AND KEY ATTRIBUTES



## CFTR Function Assays: 4D-710 Function Comparable to Trikafta

DOSE-RELATED 4D-710-MEDIATED CFTR FUNCTION

#### Dose-dependent CFTR Activity > Lumacaftor\*

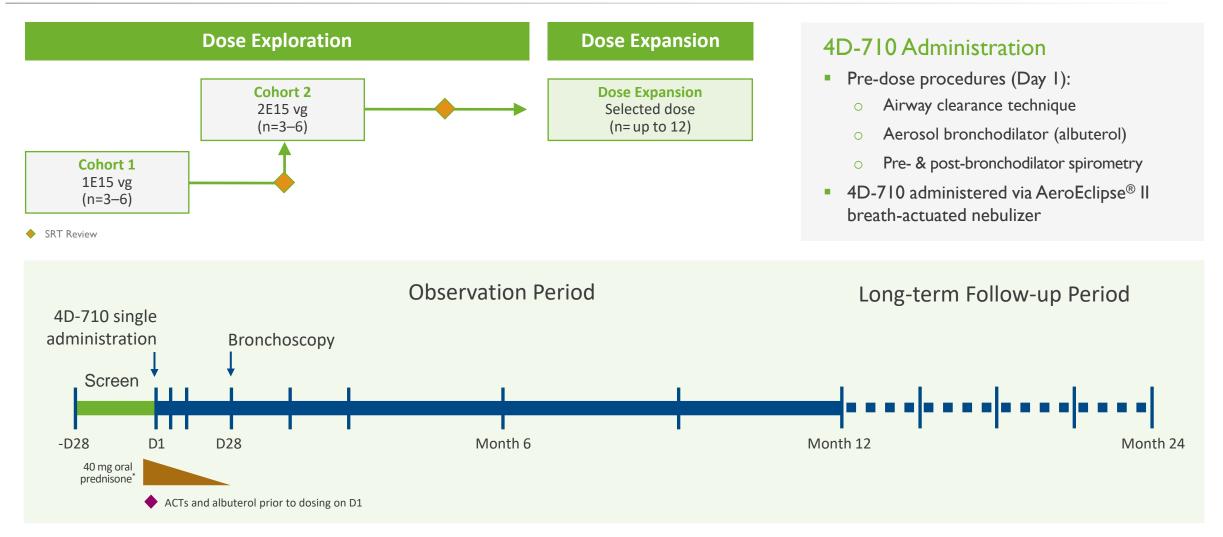


\*\*p<0.01; \*\*\*p<0.001; \*\*\*\*p<0.0001.

\*Activated CFTR function in CF ΔF508 ALI airway epithelial cultures (n=3 difference experiments). <sup>†</sup>CFTR activity in CF ΔF508 ALI airway epithelial cultures transduced with 4D-710 (1×10<sup>6</sup>) or Trikafta (2 μM VX-445, 3 μM VX-661, 0.1 μM VX-770); n=3 different experiments; error bars, ±SD. ALI, air-liquid interface; CFTR, cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator; EGFP, enhanced green fluorescent protein; NT, not treated.

## 4D-710 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Study Design (4D-710-C001)

OPEN-LABEL PHASE 1/2 TRIAL IN MODULATOR-INELIGIBLE ADULTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Vertical bars represent study clinic visits. \*28-day taper (Day -I to Day 27). ACTs, Airway Clearance Techniques; SRT, Safety Review Team.

#### 4D-710 Phase I/2 Clinical Trial

STUDY OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Study Objectives

- Evaluate a single nebulized dose of 4D-710 (IE15, 2E15 vg)
  - Safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity
  - Transduction/transgene expression in lung (bronchoscopy samples)
  - Impact on pulmonary function (ppFEVI)
  - Impact on health-related quality of life
- Identify recommended Phase 2 dose

#### Key Inclusion Criteria

- Age ≥18 years
- Confirmed diagnosis: CF lung disease
- Ineligible for CFTR modulator therapy (per USPI) OR discontinued due to adverse effects
- % predicted  $FEV_1 \ge 50\%$  and < 100%
- Resting  $O_2$  sat  $\geq$ 92% on room air

#### 4D-710 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial: Major Study Endpoints

- Primary endpoint:
  - Incidence and severity of adverse events
- Key secondary endpoints:
  - Transgene transfer and expression in bronchoscopy samples (biopsies, brushings)
  - Change in ppFEV<sub>1</sub> from baseline (through Month 12)
  - Change in Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-revised (CFQ-R) scores (through Month 12)

#### 4D-710 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial: Cohort 1

DEMOGRAPHICS AND BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

	Cohort I (IEI5 vg dose)				
Characteristic	Participant I	Participant 2	Participant 3		
Age, y	36	24	20		
Sex	Male	Male	Female		
Race/ethnicity	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic white		
CFTR modulator eligibility	Tolerability	Ineligible variant	Ineligible variant		
CFTR variant (class)	II/V	I/I*	1/11		
Historical sweat chloride, mmol/L	74	103	110		
Percent predicted FEV <sub>1</sub>	83	69	94		
Pre-dose NAb to A101 capsid <sup>†</sup>	Low	Negative	Moderate		
Pre-dose anti-drug antibody titer <sup>†</sup>	Low	Negative	Moderate		

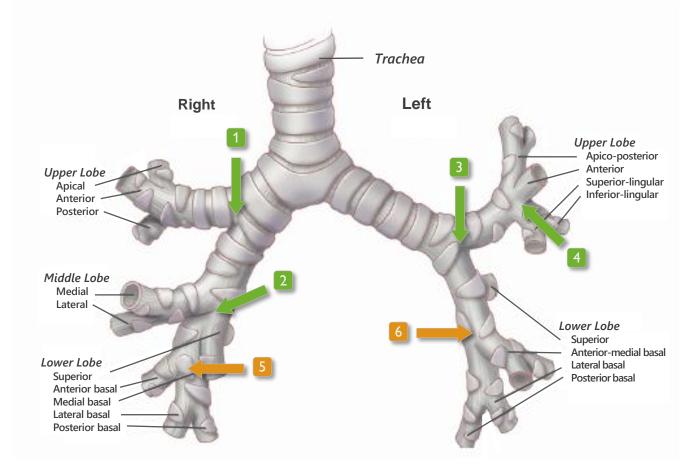
\*Large gene deletion projected to result in a null variant profile. <sup>†</sup>Nab and antibody titer categories defined as negative (0), low (1:1–1:999), moderate (1:1000–1:14,999,) and high (≥1:15,000). Sweat chloride normal range ≤29 mmol/L, *Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis: Consensus Guidelines from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation* (2017). CFTR, cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator; NAb, neutralizing antibodies.

## 4D-710 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial: Bronchoscopic Sampling Plan

#### Bronchoscopy: Week 4\*

			Biomarker		
Bronchoscopic Sampling Sites			RNA <sup>†</sup> Protein <sup>‡</sup>	DNA¶	
Endobronchi	al bio	psy			
	I	Right secondary carina		Х	
	2	Right middle lobe carina	X		
	3	Left secondary carina	X		
		Left upper lobe/lingula carina		Х	
Endobronchial brushing					
	5	Right lower lobe basal seg x 2	×		
	6	Left lower lobe basal seg x 2	×		

\*Participant 3 bronchoscopy conducted at Week 8 due to pulmonary exacerbation (unrelated to 4D-710). †Assessed by in situ hybridization. ‡Assessed by immunohistochemistry. ¶Assessed by qPCR.



Minnich DJ, Mathisen DJ. Anatomy of the trachea, carina, and bronchi. Thorac Surg Clin 2007;17:571-85.

#### Widespread Transgene Delivery and Expression: Cohort I CONSISTENT TRANSDUCTION ACROSS PARTICIPANTS AND LUNG REGIONS

#### 4D-710 DNA (+) Lung Biopsies 4D-710 RNA Expression (+) Lung Biopsies *CFTR* $\Delta R$ DNA qPCR Results\* CFTRAR RNA ISH 5 of 5 biopsies $(+)^{\dagger}$ % Positive Epithelial Cells<sup>†</sup> 80 36-47% (+) Left Upper Lobe/ **Right Secondary** 70 RML **Participant** Lingula Carina Carina 60 47 50 % positive **Positive Positive** 40 38 36 36 40 2 **Positive** n/a 30 20 3 **Positive Positive** 10 n/a 0 Participant I Participant 2 Participant 3 Mean (n=5 biopsies)

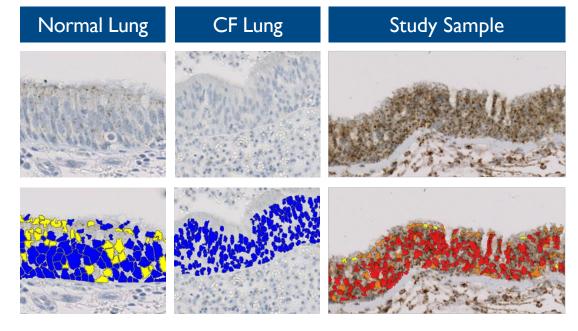
\*qPCR assay range: 25 - 25,000,000 copies.

<sup>†</sup>Participant 2 LSC not sampled. Quantification by Visiopharm AI Machine Learning Analysis. ISH, *in situ* hybridization; LSC, left secondary carina endobronchial biopsy; RML, right middle lobe endobronchial biopsy.

#### **CFTR Protein Expression**

QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES

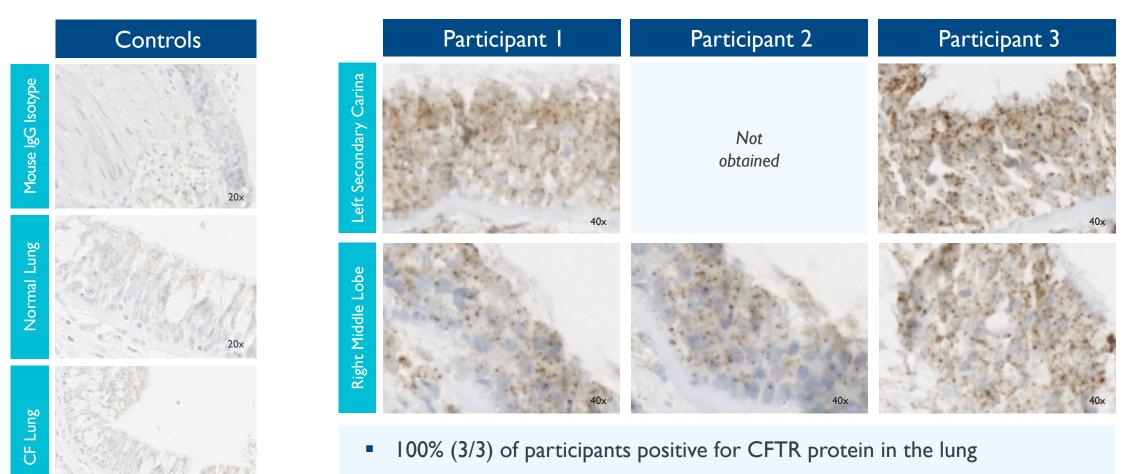
- Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
  - Tissue samples tested for CFTR protein
  - Control: normal lung (n=7) and CF lung (n=10)
- Quantitative Analyses
  - Visiopharm<sup>®</sup> machine learning image analysis
  - Quantifies intensity and distribution (% cells) of staining
  - Cell evaluation: assigned value of 1<sup>+</sup>, 2<sup>+</sup>, 3<sup>+</sup> based on CFTR IHC signal intensity
  - H-score (range, 0–300) higher scores indicate increased signal intensity and distribution



Staining intensity: 0 I<sup>+</sup> 2<sup>+</sup> 3<sup>+</sup>

## Widespread CFTR Protein Expression

CFTR PROTEIN EXPRESSION BY IHC 4-8 WEEKS AFTER 4D-710 DOSING



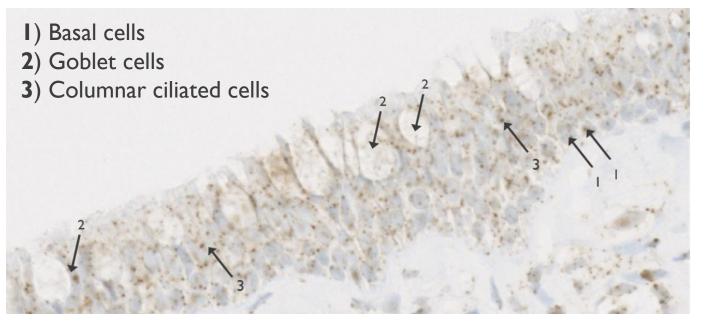
I00% (II/II) of lung samples positive for CFTR protein

\*Endobronchial biopsy samples collected at Week 4 (Participants 1 and 2) or Week 8 (Participant 3). 3. IHC, immunohistochemistry.

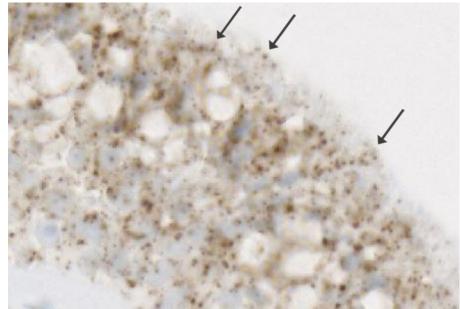
## CFTR Protein Localization (IHC)

CFTR PROTEIN EXPRESSED IN MULTIPLE AIRWAY EPITHELIAL CELL TYPES

#### CFTR Protein Expressed in Multiple Cell Types



#### Localization to Apical Membrane

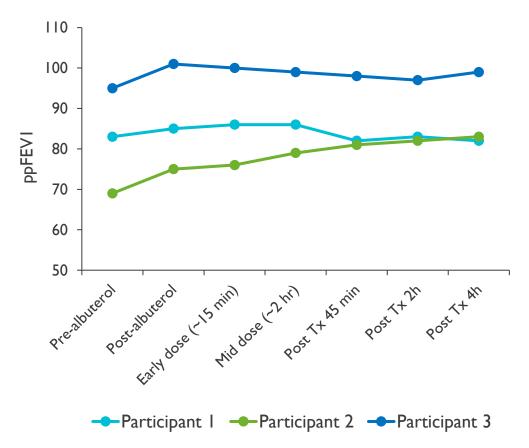


#### Cohort I Acute Safety Data

SERIAL SPIROMETRY AND ADVERSE EVENTS DURING NEBULIZATION OF 4D-710

- Full dose administered (IEI5 vg)
- No significant adverse events
- No bronchospasm
- Participant I: mild, self-limited dry throat during nebulized dosing

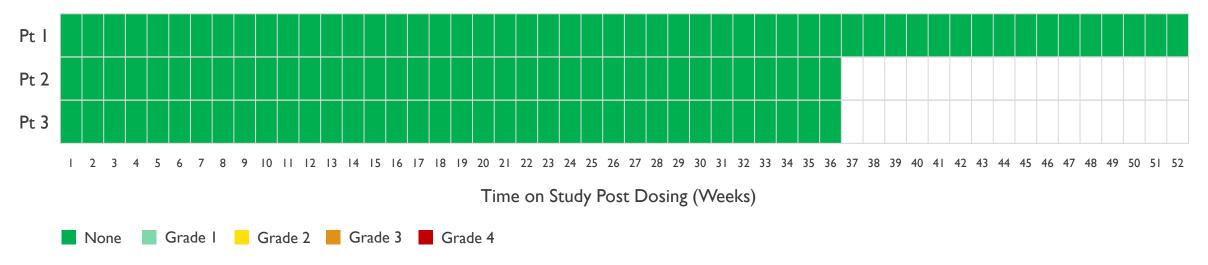
Serial Spirometry During 4D-710 Dosing: Through 4 Hours Post Nebulization



#### Cohort I Safety and Tolerability

NO 4D-710-RELATED ADVERSE EVENTS DURING UP TO 12 MONTHS POST DOSING\*

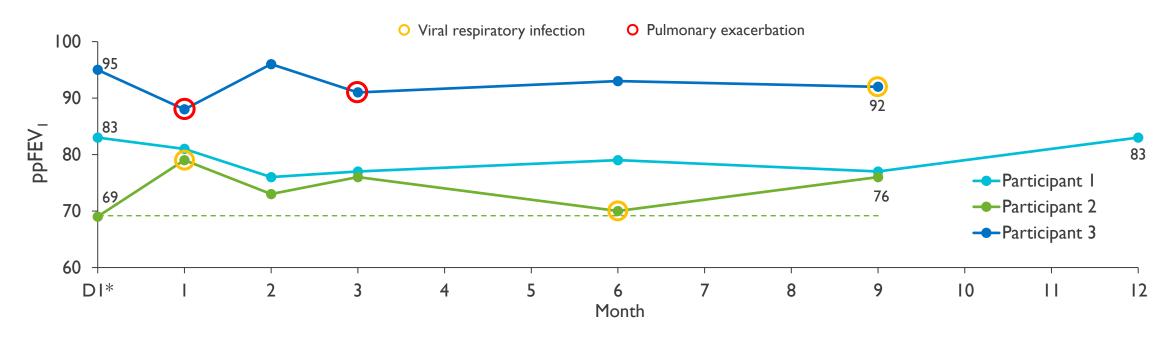
#### 4D-710–Related Adverse Events



- No 4D-710—related adverse events
- No 4D-710—related serious adverse events
- No dose-limiting toxicities

#### Percent Predicted FEV<sub>1</sub>: Cohort I

IMPROVED IN PARTICIPANT WITH MODERATE LUNG DISEASE, STABLE IN PARTICIPANTS WITH MILD/NORMAL



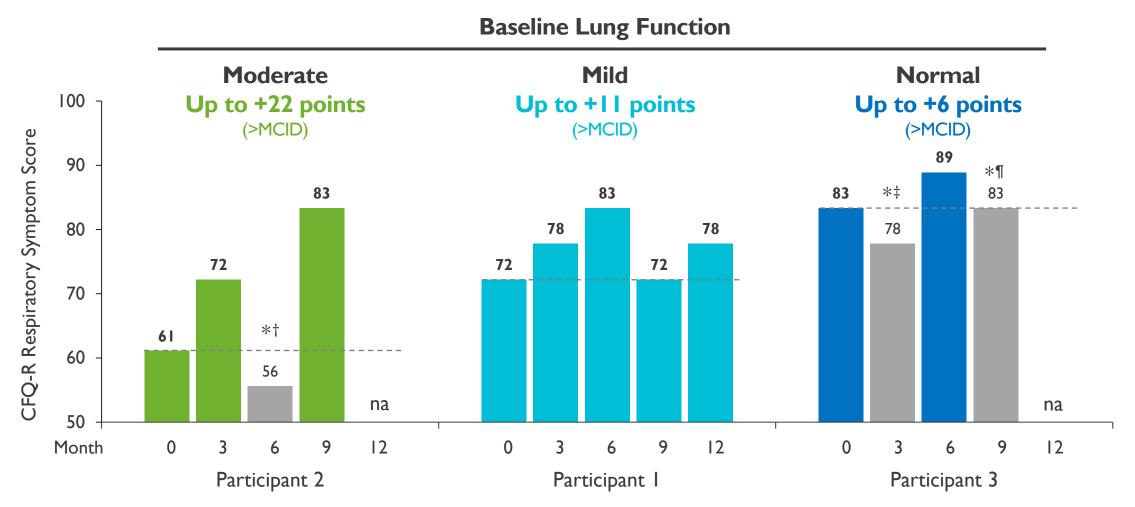
#### Pulmonary Exacerbation/Viral Respiratory Infection (not related to 4D-710)

Cohort I	Month I	Month 3	Month 6	Month 9	Month 12
Participant I	none	none	none	none	none
Participant 2	D 8: Grade 3 COVID-19, dyspnea	none	D 176: Grade 1 rhinovirus	none	pending
Participant 3	Day 28: Grade 2	D 88: Grade I	none	Day 266: Grade   COVID-19	pending

\*Pre-dose spirometry assessment. ppFEV<sub>1</sub>, percent predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second

#### 4D-710 AEROW Trial: CFQ-R Improved in All 3 Pts & 6 of 7 Timepoints

CFQ-R RESPIRATORY SYMPTOM SCORE CHANGE SHOWS CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENTS >MCID (4 POINTS)

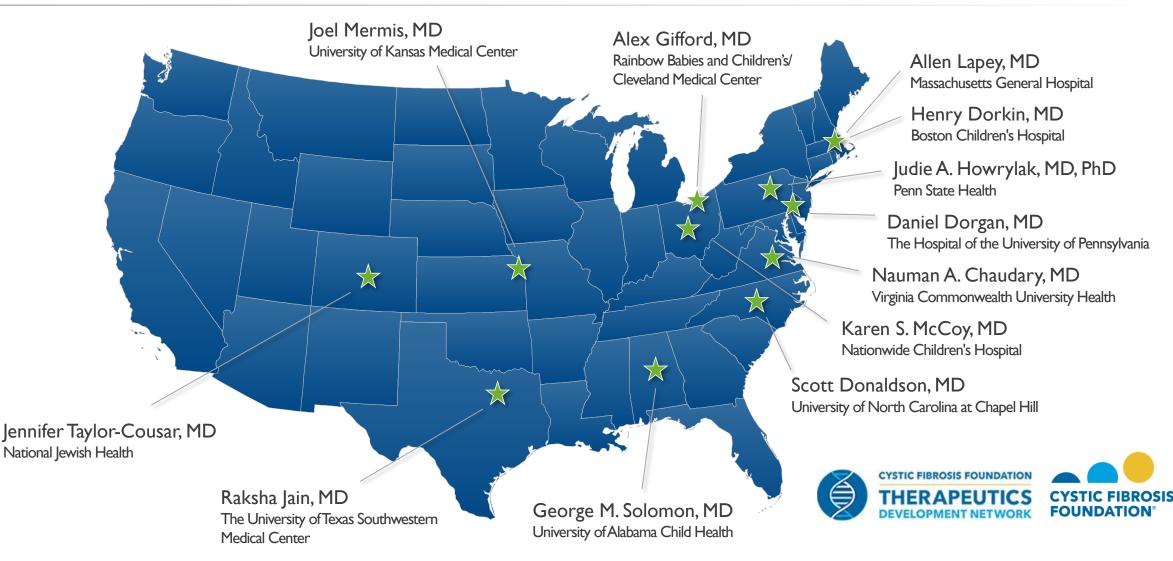


CFQ-R, Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-revised. Scores range from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating better health. MCID=4 points (individuals with CF and stable respiratory disease) [1]. \*Respiratory-related adverse event within 21 days of assessment. †Grade 1 rhinovirus (D176). ‡Grade 1 infective pulmonary exacerbation (D88). ¶ Grade 1 COVID-19. 1. Quittner AL et al. Chest 2009;135:1610–18.

#### 4D-710 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Interim Data Summary COHORT I (IEI5 vg): DURATION OF FOLLOW-UP, 9–12 MONTHS

- Single-dose administration of 4D-710 was well tolerated
  - No 4D-710-related adverse events post-dosing
  - No serious adverse events
  - No dose limiting toxicities
- Widespread transgene delivery and robust protein expression in the lung
  - Increased protein expression compared to normal and CF lung samples
  - Feasibility demonstrated in participants with pre-existing serum antibodies to the A101 capsid
- Evidence of clinical activity in all 3 participants
  - $\circ$  ppFEV<sub>1</sub> stable or improved
  - Clinically meaningful improvements in CFQ-R respiratory symptom score

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# UNTIL IT'S DONE



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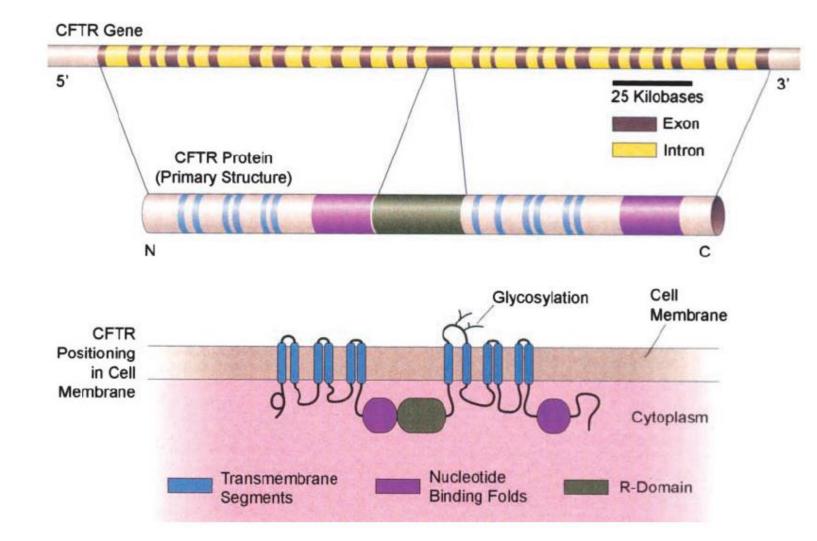




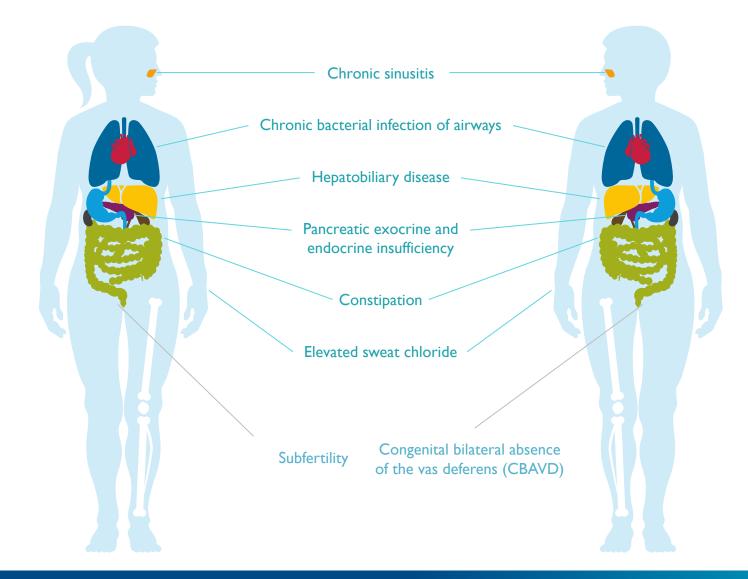
## Back-up



#### Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR)



## **Multisystem Autosomal Recessive Disorder**





## Classifying CFTR Mutations

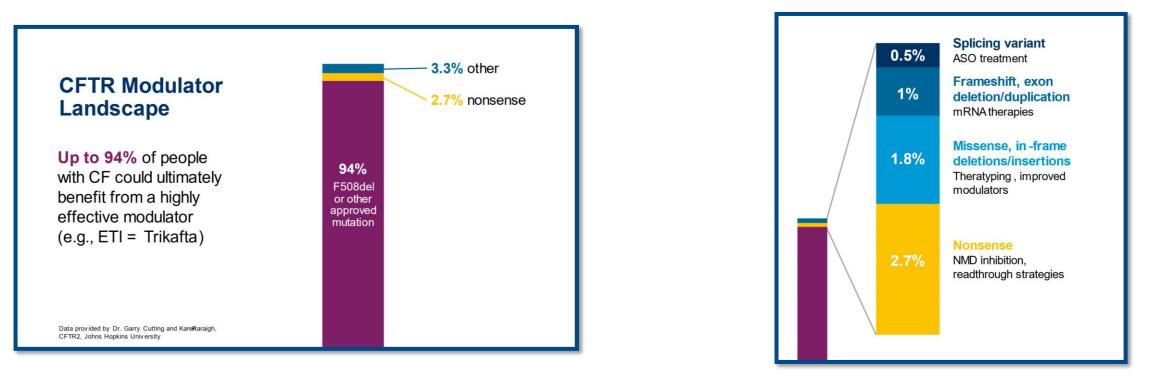
Ct <sup>-</sup> Ct <sup>-</sup> Ct <sup>-</sup> Ct <sup>-</sup> Ct <sup>-</sup> Ct <sup>-</sup> CFTR CFTR Wild-type CFTR				CI-	Cr	Cr	A Contraction of the second se
	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Class VI	Class VII
CFTR defect	No protein	No traffic	Impaired gating	Decreased conductance	Less protein	Less stable	No mRNA
Mutation examples	GLy542X, Trp1282X	Phe508del, Asn1303Lys, Ala561Glu	Gly551Asp, Ser549Arg, Gly1349Asp	Arg117His, Arg334Trp, Ala455Glu	Ala455Glu, 3272-26A→G, 3849+10 kg C→T	c. 120del23, rPhe508del	dele2,3(21 kb), 1717-1G→A
Corrective therapy	Rescue synthesis	Rescue traffic	Restore channel activity	Restore channel activity	Correct splicing	Promote stability	Unrescuable
Drug (approved)	Read-through compounds (no)	Correctors (yes)	Potentiators (yes)	Potentiators (no)	Antisense oligonucleotides, correctors, potentiators? (no)	Stabilisers (no)	Bypass therapies (no)

## Majority of PwCF are Variant-eligible for Highly Effective Modulator Therapy



#### Modulator Therapy Landscape

- Up to 94% of people with CF could ultimately be eligible for a highly effective modulator
- It's not known (exactly) how many pwCF are not taking modulators (probably >10%)



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## **Unequal Eligibility for CFTR Modulator Therapy**



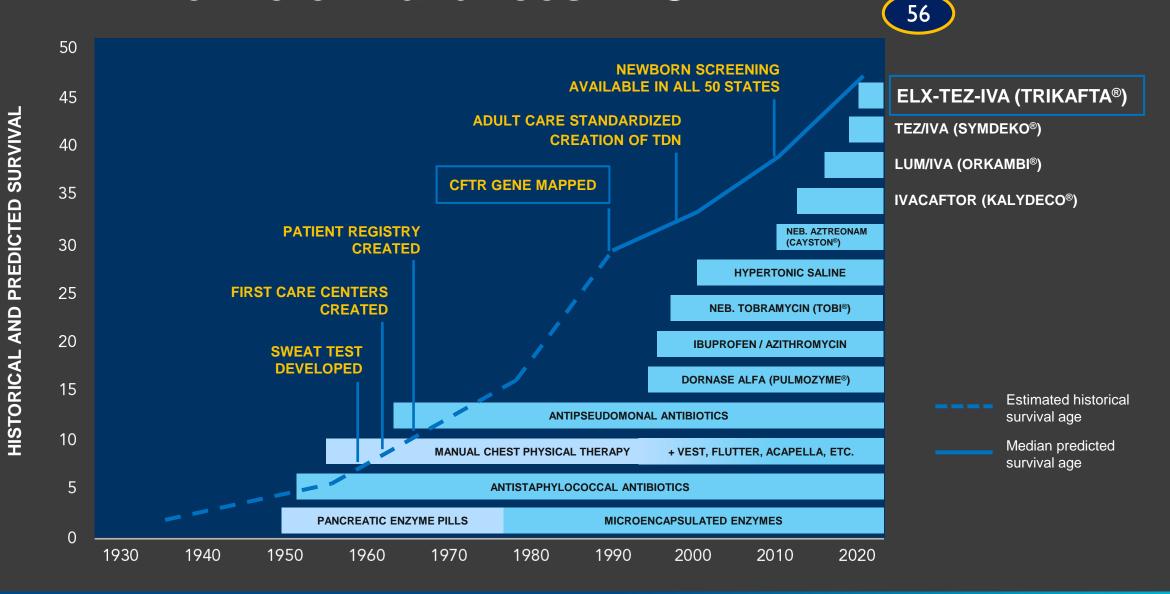
Ethnic Ancestry	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Native American
# with 0 copies of F508del*	2,298 (10%)	588 (30%)	458 (38%)	63 <b>(40%)</b>	29 (17%)

#### **PwCF** from historically marginalized groups are less likely to qualify for modulators

Table adapted from Schrijver et al J Mol Diagn 2016\*; McGarry and McColley, Peds Pulm 2021; Desai et al Resp Med 2022

## **Timeline of Advances in CF**

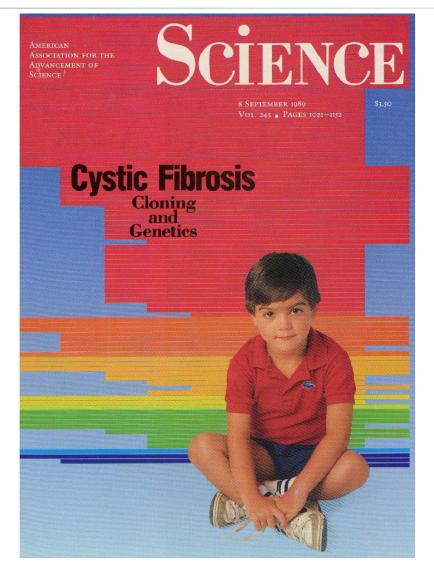
Year



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Adapted from Ramsey & Welsh. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2017;195(9):1092–9.

#### Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) Gene Discovered



#### **Timeline of CF Gene Therapy 1989–2001**

1989 1990 1991 1992	2 1993 1	994 1995 19	996 1997 1998 1	999 2000 2001
CFTR gene discovered <sup>6-8</sup> Gene therapy proof-of-concept <sup>9,10</sup> CFTR is a Cl <sup>-</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> CF mouse generated	Ad gene transfer studies in cotton rats and nonhum primates	response to Ad and	Last Ad-CFTR clinical trial <sup>69,70</sup>
channel As few as 6-10% CFTR+ cells cou be therapeutic <sup>15</sup>	uld	1.1.140	ne system arrier to Ad	

Timelines of CF gene therapy eras: Important milestones impacting the CF field are represented in timelines at the beginning of each era. The timelines are intended to orient the reader to new developments relative to other events and are not comprehensive of all contributions to the field (1989–2001).