

Affecting the Aging Trajectory:

Regulatory Constructs for Gerotherapeutic
Drug, Biologic & Device Development

Hybrid Public Meeting

May 27, 2026 | 10am-4pm (eastern)

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Welcome





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Agenda



10am	Welcome & Opening Remarks	1:05pm	XPRIZE Healthspan and PROSPR Awardees: Evidence Being Built at Scale
10:20am	The Healthspan Imperative: Geroscience, Federal and Private Sector Investment, and the Evidence Base	2:05pm	Regulatory Landscape: What Pathways Exist, Where They Break Down, and What Constructs Are Needed
10:45am	Landmark Evidence: What Aging Trials Have Taught Us About Endpoints, Populations, and Feasibility	2:25pm	Industry Perspectives: What Product Sponsors Need from FDA to Bring Gerotherapeutics to Market
11:30am	Toward Regulatory Constructs: Intrinsic Capacity, Adult Health Curves, & Multi-Domain Endpoints	3:05pm	Next Steps to Designing Workable Regulatory Constructs for Gerotherapeutics
12:15pm	Lunch	3:55pm	Closing Remarks
		4pm	Adjourn



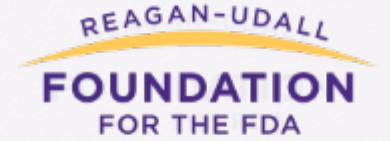
Opening Remarks

Steven Kozlowski, MD

Chief Scientist - Office of the Chief Scientist
Office of the Commissioner
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

The Healthspan Imperative

Geroscience, Federal and Private Sector Investment, and the Evidence Base



Presenters

- **James Appleby, BSP Pharm, MPH, CEO, Gerontological Society of America**
- **William Greene, MD, Chief Investment Officer, Hevolution Foundation**
- **Jamie Justice, PhD, Executive Director, XPRIZE Healthspan, XPRIZE Foundation**
- **Andrew Brack, PhD, Program Manager, PROactive Health Office, ARPA-H**



James Appleby, BSPharm, MPH

CEO

Gerontological Society of America



Applying Geroscience to Improve Healthspan

James C. Appleby, CEO

Gerontological Society of America



Vision: Meaningful Lives As We Age

Mission: Foster excellence, innovation, and collaboration to advance aging research, education, practice, and policy.

- 6,500 experts in aging
- Researchers, clinicians, and educators
- Scholars from 26 academic disciplines
- Study all facets of aging
- Life course orientation

Geroscience defined

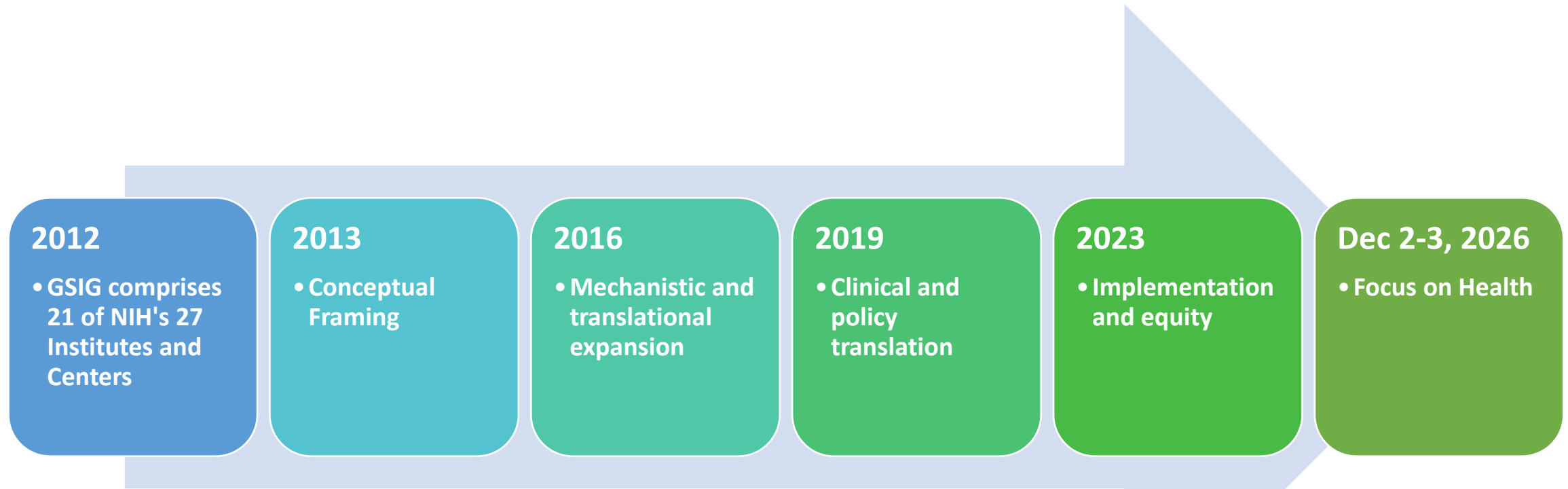
Geroscience is the interdisciplinary field that studies the biological mechanisms of aging to understand how they drive the onset and progression of chronic diseases and age-related conditions.

Key concepts:

- The fundamental biology of aging is the greatest risk factor for almost all chronic diseases.
- By slowing or manipulating the aging process, we can delay the onset of multiple age-related illnesses.
- The goal is to extend healthspan—the period of life spent in good health, free from chronic disease and disability—rather than just total lifespan.
- <https://www.afar.org/what-is-geroscience-2>

Development of the Field

NIH Geroscience Interest Group (GSIG) & Summit Milestones



The Journals of Gerontology: Series A (2014, 2016, 2024) | Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (2021)

Key Considerations

- Communications - Slowing vs reversing aging?
- Geroscience is not the same as geriatric medicine.
- When in the life-course will interventions be applied?
- Geroscience is a multidisciplinary endeavor.
- Interventions need to be widely available to all.
- Essential to support development of new geroscientists.
(GSA is hosting Geroscience Education & Training Network-2)
- Essential to listen to both scientists AND patients/consumers.



GSA 2026
November 4-7
National Harbor, MD

Reinforcing Resilience in Aging Science,
Research and Education.

See you at the Harbor!

Discover cutting-edge research, fresh perspectives, and opportunities to connect with leaders in aging and gerontology at the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting.

- 4,500 + Attendees
- Attendees from 44+ Countries
 - 1,316+ Symposia
 - 701+ Papers
 - 2,049+ Posters





William Greene, MD

Chief Investment Officer
Hevolution Foundation

HEVOLUTION

Bridging the Gap Between Lifespan and Healthspan

Today, **1 billion** people are over 60 — and every region is aging



Aging across the world | A universal trend

Per WHO: populations will continue to age even as totals plateau



Today
Nearly 1 in 7 people on earth is **over sixty**.



By 2050
2.1 billion — one in five people on earth.



The shift
Rising life expectancy. Falling birth rates. Aging is **compounding**.



Japan
Median age **48 today**, projected to hit **54 by 2050**, and dependency ratio inverts



Emerging markets
China, Cuba, Italy, Spain, S. Korea all projected to exceed a median age of **50 by 2050**.



10 YEARS

The decade we lose -
everyone, everywhere

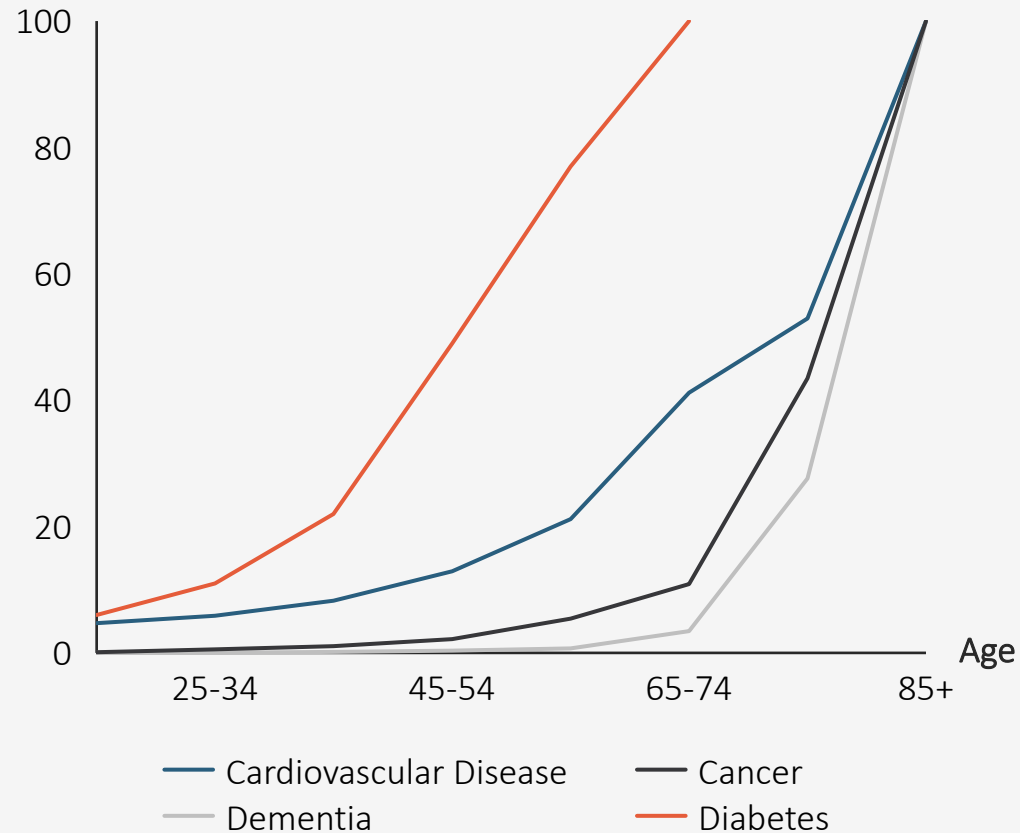


Years of Life Lost to Poor Health: By WHO Region

Region	Lifespan	HALE	Gap (Years)
Global	73.4	63.7	9.7
Americas	77.2	66.2	11.0
Europe	78.2	68.3	9.9
Western Pacific	77.7	68.6	9.1
South-East Asia	71.4	61.5	9.9
Eastern Mediterranean	69.7	60.4	9.3
Saudi Arabia	74.3	64.0	10+
Africa	64.5	56.0	8.5

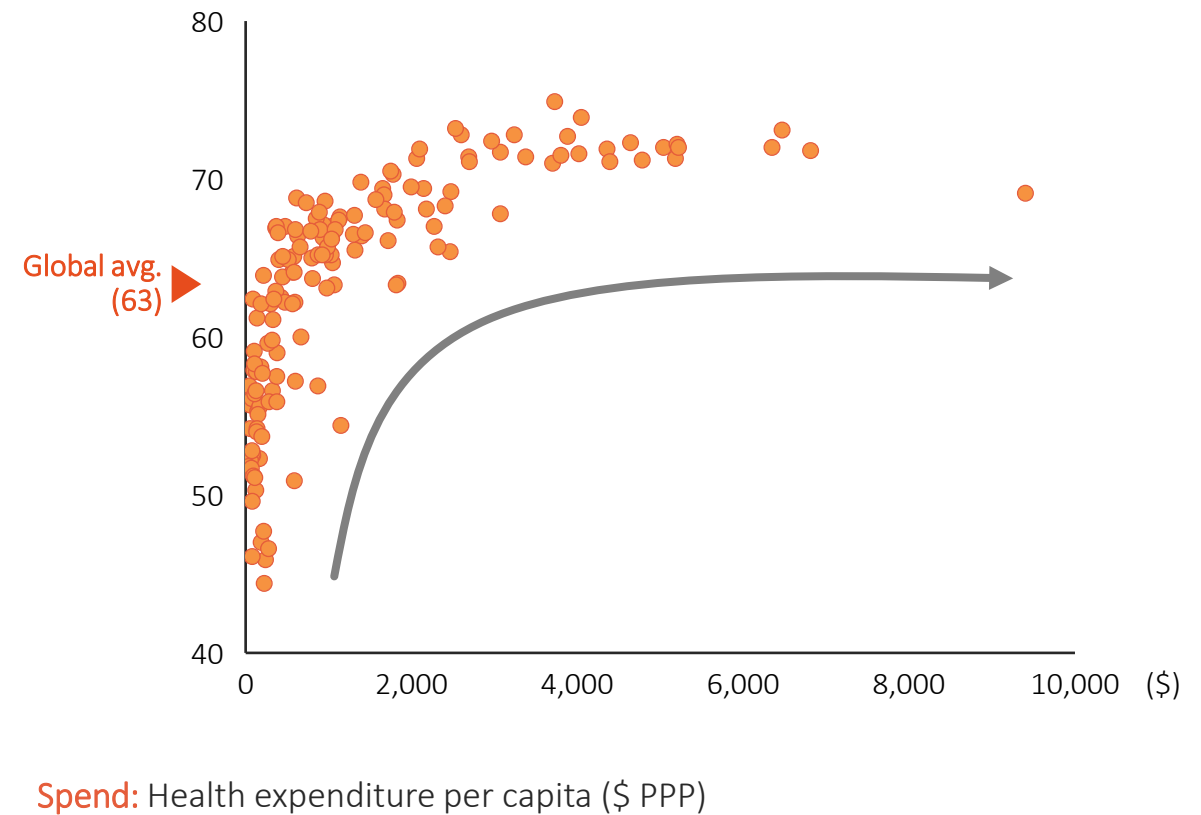
Age is the **No. 1 risk factor** for most **major** diseases today

Relative incidence



.... And the current approach is **NOT** creating additional gains

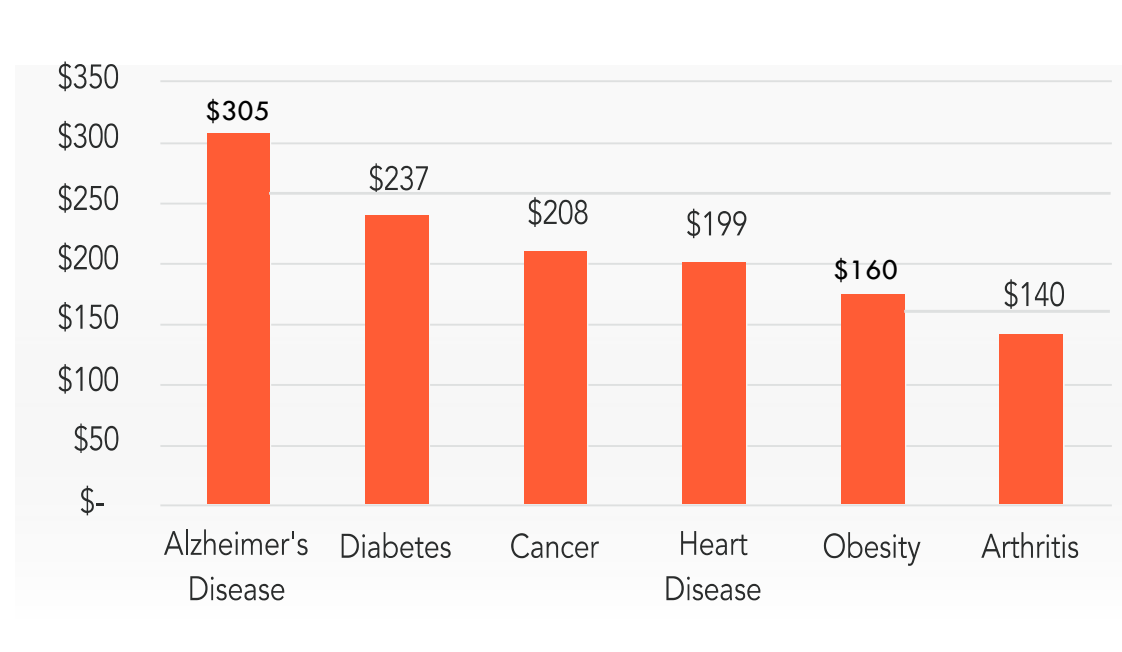
Outcome: Health-adjusted life expectancy (Years)



Economic Imperative | Age-related diseases carry massive health and economic costs

Annual direct costs of age-related diseases in the US (\$Billions)

Source: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



In the U.S. alone, we spend over **\$1 trillion per year** treating major age-related diseases; growing rapidly



Indirect costs such as those incurred due to loss of economic productivity **drastically increase this number**



Pension systems designed for 65-year life span are funding lives to 85. The math does not add up



Costs in the U.S. for Alzheimer's alone are **projected to reach \$1.1 trillion by 2050**

If we could intervene in aging, society would reap **substantial benefits**:

- **Reduce age-related diseases via a shift from reactive amelioration to proactive treatment and prevention**
- **Diminished vulnerability to future disability, increased individual productivity, and decreased healthcare costs globally**
- **Compress morbidity by just 12 months → trillions of dollars per year in healthcare savings and productivity gains**

Hevolution Foundation | *Global Non-profit aiming to expand healthy lifespan for the benefit of all humanity*

- Hevolution is dedicated to understanding the processes of aging and translating innovation in the emerging field of healthspan
- We provide grants and early-stage investments to support independent research and entrepreneurship aiming to extend healthy years of life for people everywhere

Our Vision

To extend healthy lifespan for the benefit of all humanity.

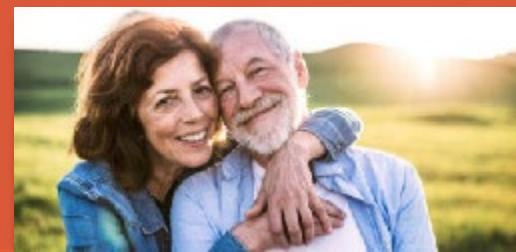
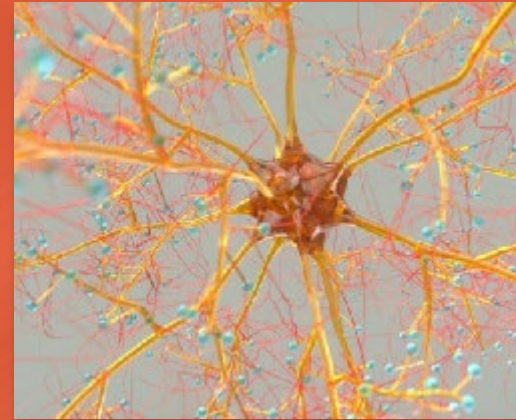
Our Progress

Established under Royal Order in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Hevolution brings together the best experts from around the world to solve humanity's most pressing challenge: *Unhealthy aging*.

Since publicly launching in 2022, Hevolution has allocated over **\$400 million** through grants and investments to advance progress in this field.

Our Mission

Drive efforts to extend healthy human lifespan and understand the processes of aging, leveraging a broad set of tools through diverse approaches



What we've done so far

HEVOLUTION
\$400 Million

Deployed in under three years.
~200 grants. 25+ partnerships.
The largest philanthropic funder
in the field.

HEVOLUTION
Global Healthspan Summit 2025

World's Largest

Convening that brought together
the UN, the WHO, and the field's
leaders.

 **XPRIZE
HEALTHSPAN**

\$101 Million

A ten-year global prize to
restore a decade of healthy
function. Hevolution is the lead
funder.

HEVOLUTION
Investments

Leading healthspan investing
voice globally driving innovation
and catalyzing clinical
translation.

Hevolution Investments

Strategic venture-capital arm of the Hevolution Foundation — backing therapies, platforms, and technologies to extend human healthspan

800+

pipeline opportunities
evaluated to date

60+

years combined team
experience in aging & VC

Global

leading voice in
healthspan investing

Convener

Catalyst uniting Pharma,
VCs, CROs, and academia

Where we invest | *Focus areas across the healthspan stack*

01 Biotherapeutics

Novel therapeutics targeting the biology of aging –small molecules, biologics, advanced therapies to treat chronic disease.

02 Systems Biology

Multi-omic platforms, pathway mapping, and combination strategies that address aging as a root cause.

03 Data Platforms

Data-enabled discovery — AI / ML, longitudinal biomarker datasets, and software tools that accelerate target discovery and clinical validation.

Big Pharma

US Venture Capital

European Venture Capital

International CROs

Aging Biologists

Only together can we overcome one of the greatest challenges facing humanity: **Unhealthy aging**





REVOLUTION

Thank You



Jamie Justice, PhD

Executive Director, XPRIZE Healthspan
XPRIZE Foundation



**Can a drug, biologic, or device
affect how we age?**



XPRIZE
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PRIZE PURSE


\$101 MILLION PRIZE

\$10 MILLION BONUS



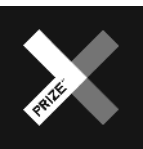
BREAKTHROUGH

Seven year global competition to advance proactive, accessible therapeutics that can improve function and increase human healthspan.



**If a medicine
could improve
how we age...**

**... how
would we
know?**

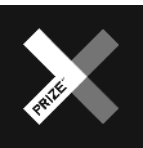


TESTING & JUDGING

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Awarding of the best team is indexed to **response thresholds** that surpass age-related declines expected over 10 years, 15 years, or 20 years in referent populations.





XPRIZE HEALTHSPAN FINALS

10+ TEAMS TO RUN 1-YEAR RCTs | AUG 2026 - DEC 2029

COMMON PROTOCOLS

Primary Judging:

- Muscle Function
- Cognitive Function
- Immune Aging

Additional Measures:

- Clinical Characteristics
- Adverse Events & Safety
- Intrinsic Capacity
- Biomarkers

CENTRAL RESOURCES

Data Coordinating Center



Central Labs & Biobank



FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Biomarker Discovery
- Meta-Analyses
- Patient Selection
- Surrogate Endpoint Evaluation



Andrew Brack, PhD

Program Manager, PROactive Health Office
ARPA-H

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PROSPR

WHY IT EXISTS

To change the course of human health

WHAT IT BUILDS

Breakthrough capabilities that open new areas of health innovation

TIMELINE

Health breakthroughs in years, not decades

WHY NOW

Designed for opportunities ready for acceleration

Up to \$144M over 5 years
Geroscience is ready for clinical action and regulatory engagement

PROSPR will identify predictive and intervenable surrogates of hard endpoints to rapidly test therapeutics targeting aging in clinical trials

Multiple PROSPR performers will soon seek input from FDA

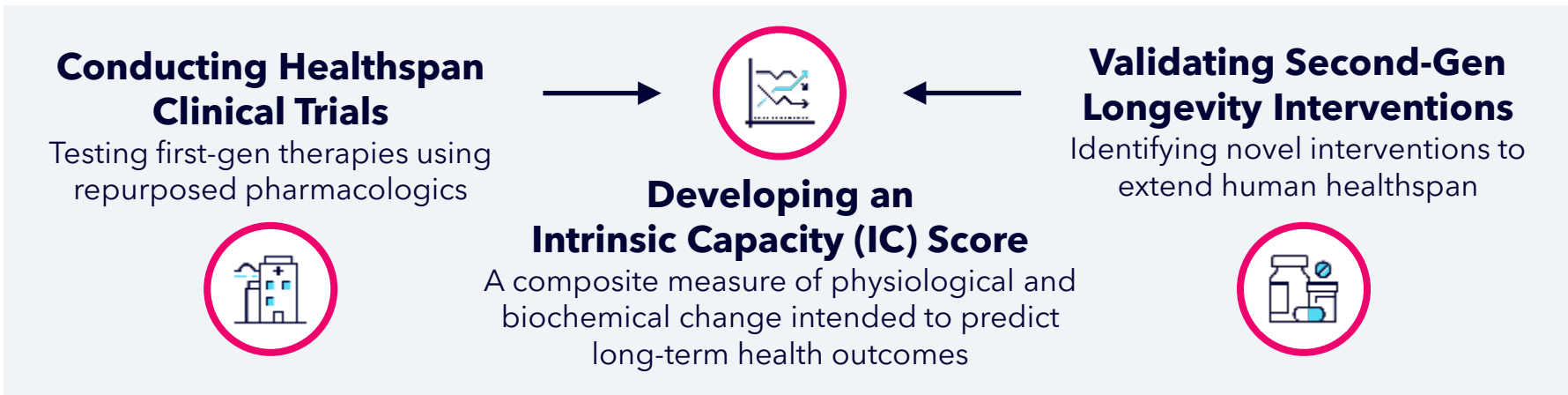
Conducting trials for aging is prohibitively slow and expensive



Aging trials will take too long because we don't have **short-term healthspan surrogates**

A typical drug takes 15 years and \$2B. But clinical endpoints like disease onset or mortality can **take decades to manifest**

PROSPR will accelerate the translation of healthspan-extending therapeutics:



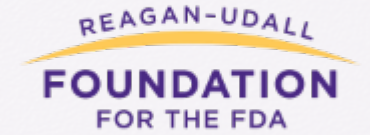
- WHO concept
- Feel and function
- Multi-domain functional health
- ICD-11 (MG2A)

Healthspan-extending therapeutic trials are **no longer conceptual**. Cross-disciplinary teams have formed. Therapeutic assets, clinical trials, and regulatory touchpoints are on **a near-term horizon**.



Kick off: February 2026

Landmark Evidence



What Aging Trials Have Taught Us About Endpoints, Populations, and Feasibility

Presenters

- **Nir Barzilai, MD**, Director, Institute for Aging Research, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, President of the Academy of Geroscience
- **Stephen Kritchevsky, PhD**, Professor, Gerontology and Geriatrics Internal Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine
- **Joan Mannick, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, Altos Labs
- **Eric Morgen, MD, MPH, FRCPC**, Chief Operating Officer, BioAge Labs



Nir Barzilai, MD

Director, Einstein Institute for Geroscience
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BIO-VITAL

Batia and Idan Ofer

Program for Validation of Interventions
Targeting Aging and Longevity



Nir Barzilai, M.D.

President:



**ACADEMY OF
GEROSCIENCE**

Professor of Medicine and Genetics

Director: Einstein Institute for Geroscience

Executive-: Longevity Biotech Association

Council: The Healthy Longevity Medicine
Society

(from cells to countries)

- **Affecting the Aging Trajectory**

**What does it take to show that a drug is
gerotherapeutic?**

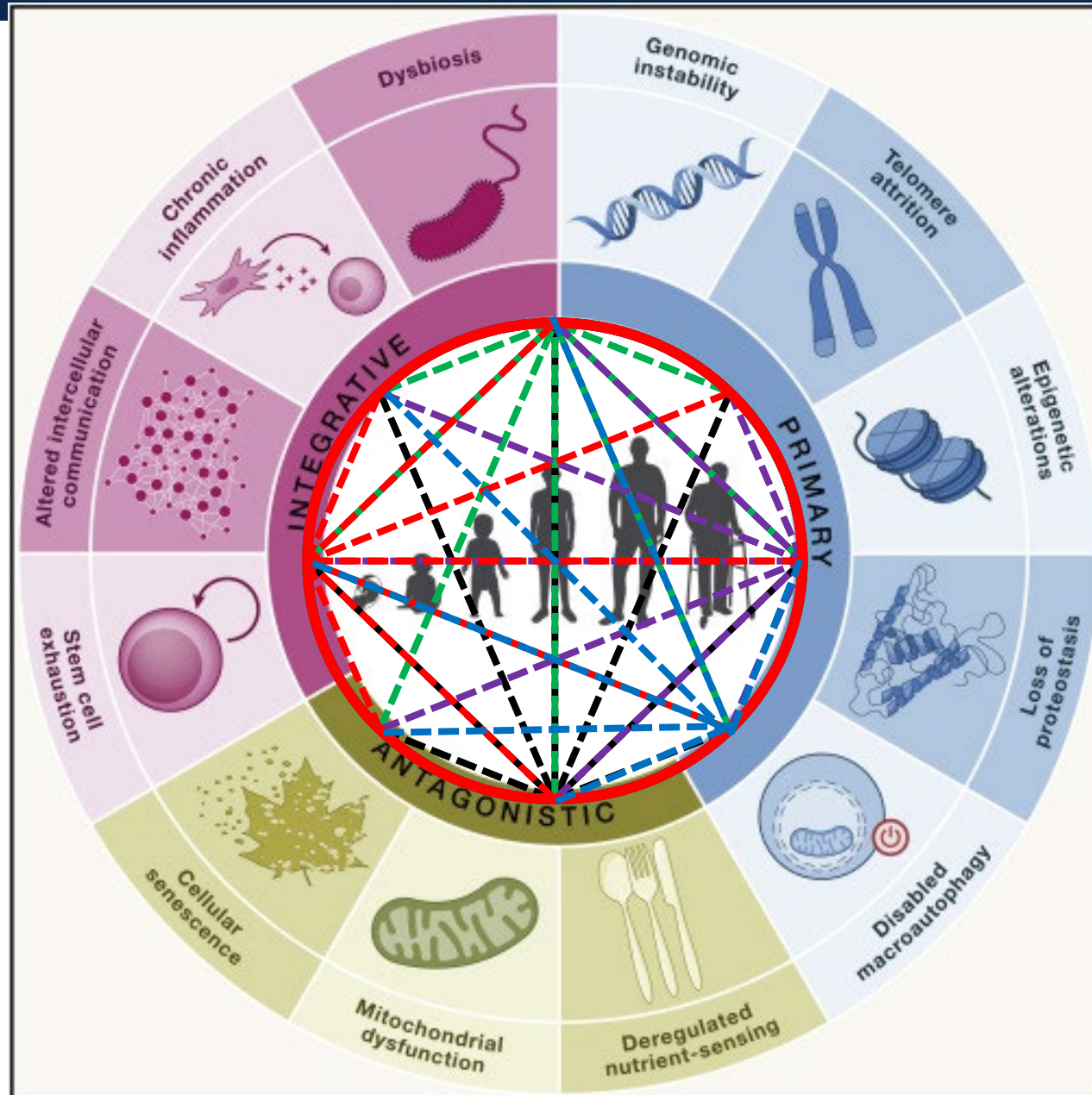
Aging has biology:

This biology drives age-related diseases (**Alzheimer's**, cancer, heart, diabetes...)

Aging can be targeted so that it can be delayed and some cases stopped and reversed.

Spend time optimizing your health rather than treating diseases!

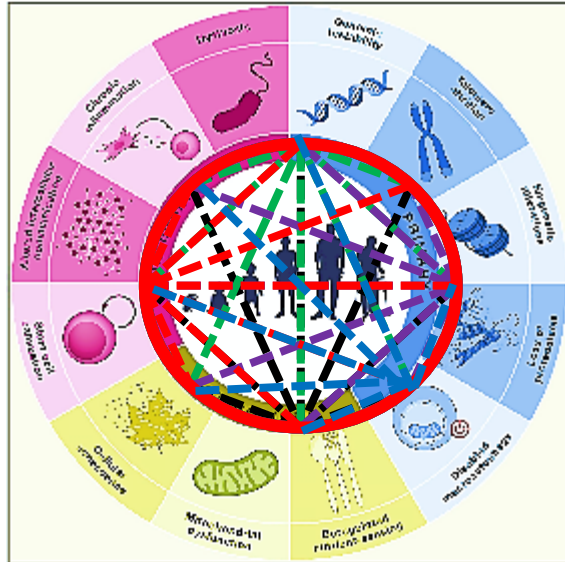
Hallmarks of Aging (mechanisms)



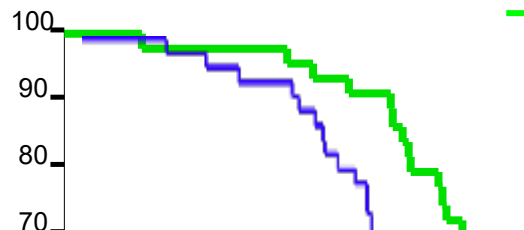
How can we assess if a drug is a gerotherapeutic?

Preclinical

Hallmarks of aging

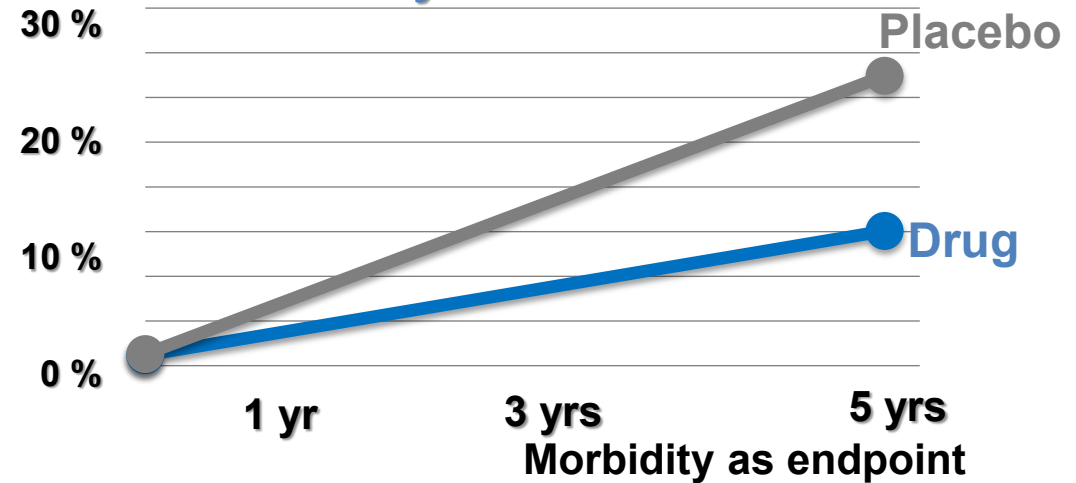


Health and life span (CR)

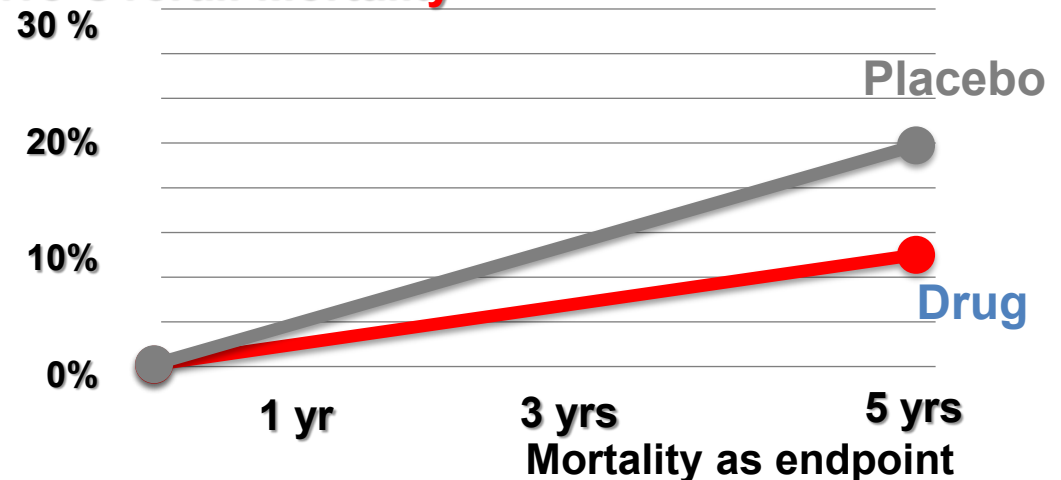


Clinical

Cumulative Multi-morbidity



Cumulative Overall Mortality



Repurposing (FDA approved) Gerotherapeutics

Geroscience-guided repurposing of FDA-approved drugs for aging

COVID-19 mortality **6 geroscience point** **6 clinical point** **12 total**

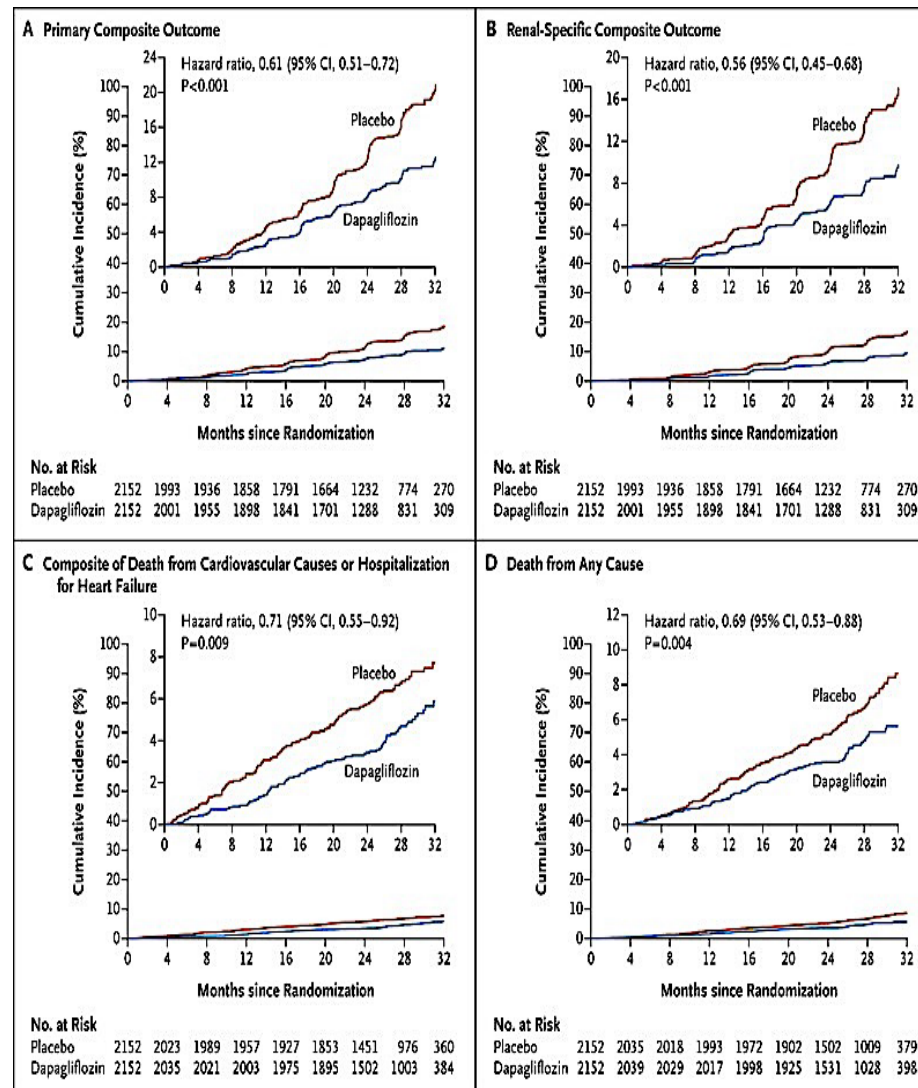
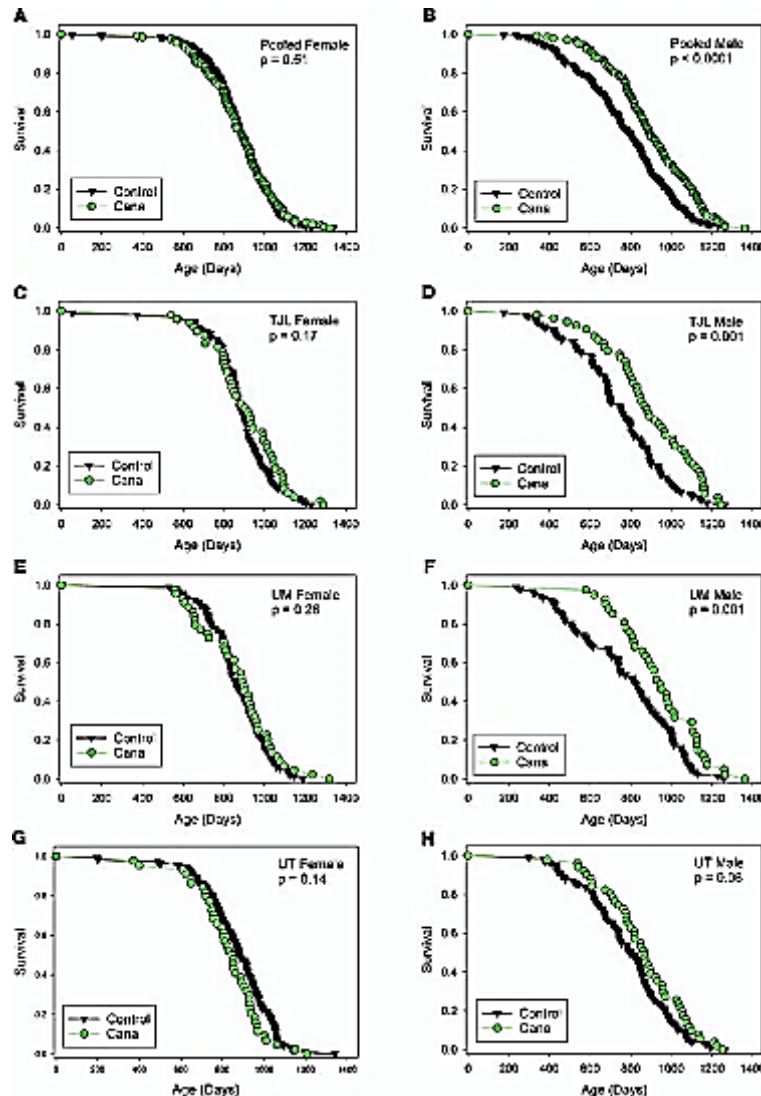
Gerotherapeutic	Hallmarks of aging	Preclinical healthspan	Preclinical lifespan	Human healthspan	Human mortality	Score (out of 12)
SGLT-2 inhibitors	2	2	2	3	3	12
Metformin	2	2	1	3	3	12
Bisphosphonates	2	2	1	3	3	11
GLP1 receptor agonists	2	2	1	3	3	12
Rapamycin/rapalogues	2	2	2	3	0	9
Acarbose	2	2	2	3	0	9
Methylene blue	2	2	2	3	0	9
ACEi/ARB	2	2	1	3	0	8
Dasatinib + (quercetin)	2	2	1	3	0	8
Aspirin	2	2	2	1	0	7
Beta blockers	1	2	1	0	3	7
N-acetyl cysteine	0	2	2	0	0	5

Canagliflozin extends lifespan in genetically heterogeneous male but not female mice

(Miller RA, JCI insight 10-20)

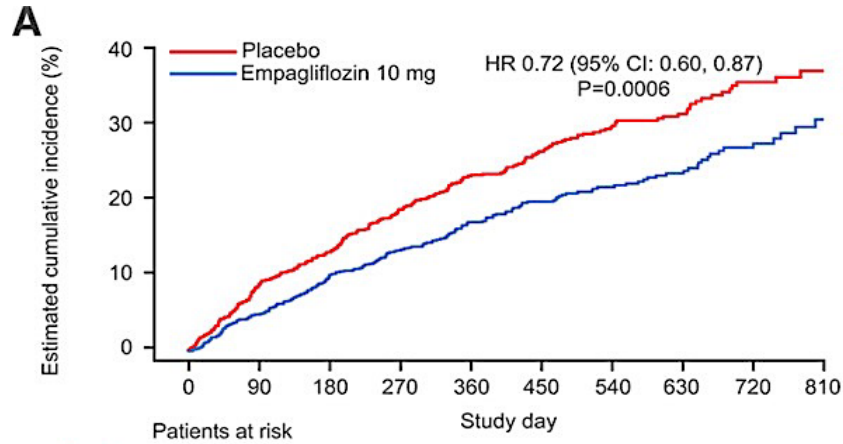
Dapagliflozin in patients with CKD

(Heerspink et al, NEJM October 8 2020)



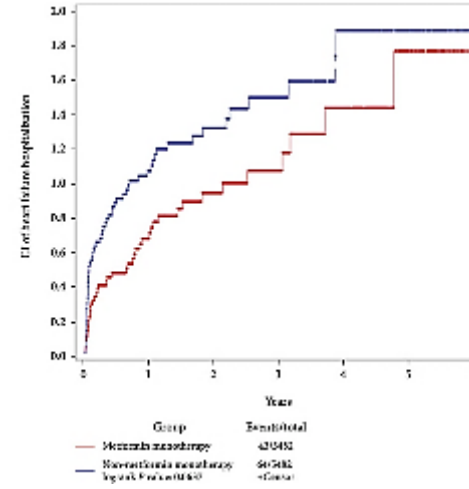
Healthspan Outcomes

SGLT2: -28% CVD and Renal



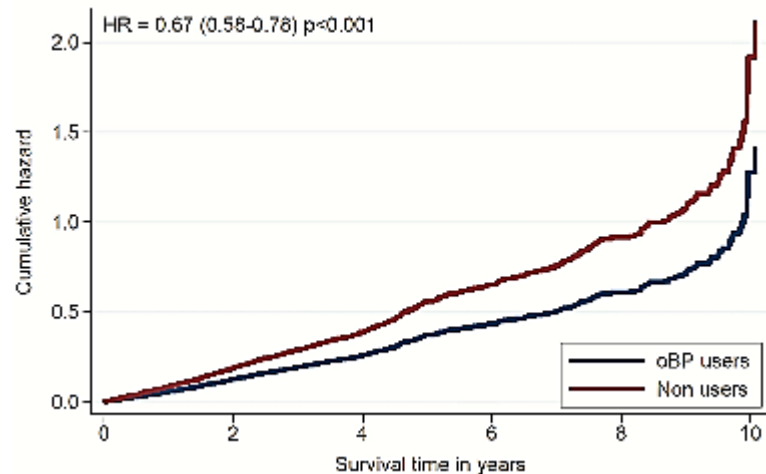
Anker et al. *Circulation*, 2021.

Metformin: - 30% HFH



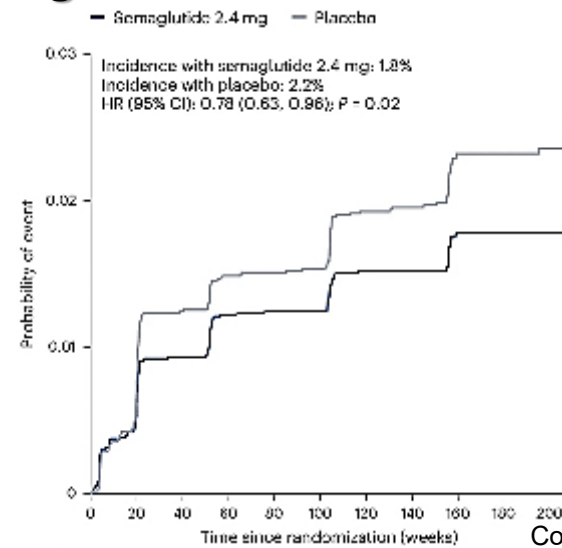
He et al. *J Diabetes Res*, 2021.

Bisphosphonates: - 33% CVD



Rodriguez et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*, 2020.

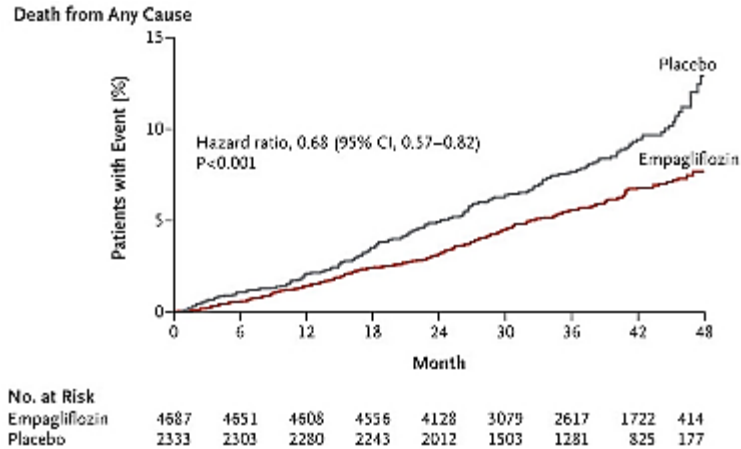
Semaglutide: - 22% Renal Outcomes



Colhoun et al. *Nat Med*, 2024.

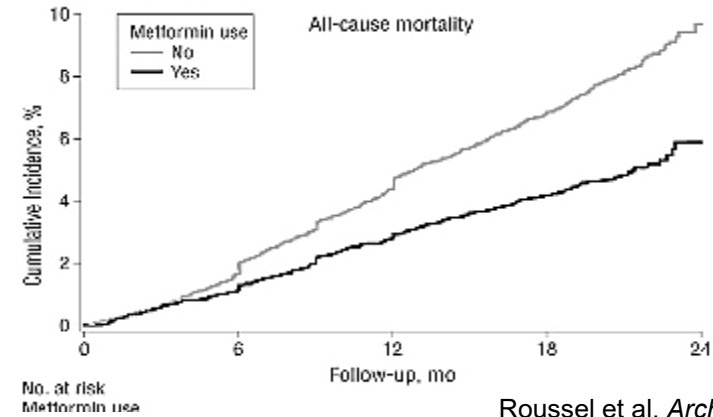
Mortality Outcomes

SGLT2: -32% any cause mortality



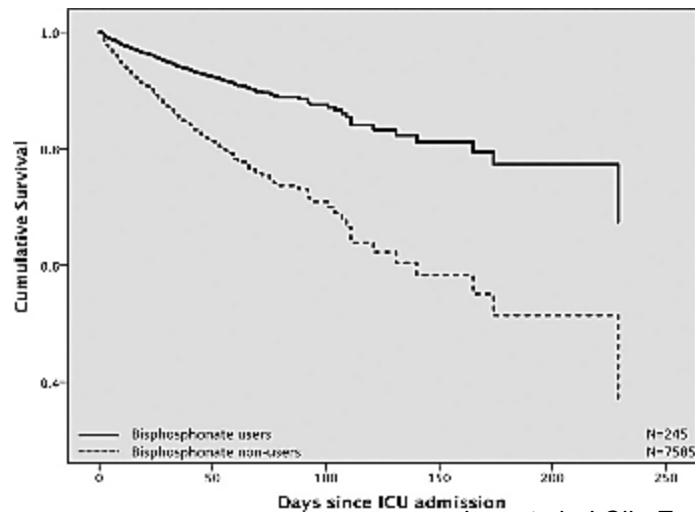
Zinman et al. *N Engl J Med*, 2015.

Metformin: - 24% mortality in Diabetics with atherothrombosis



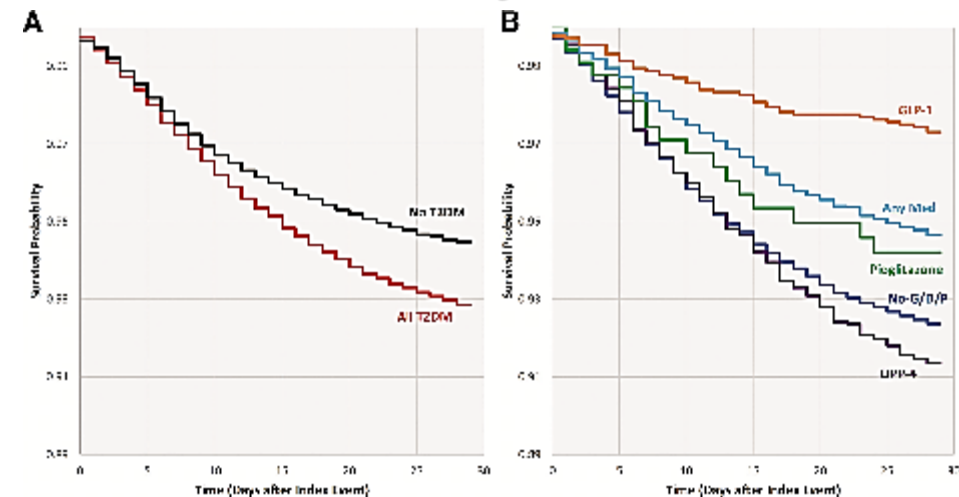
Roussel et al. *Arch Intern Med*, 2010.

Bisphosphonates: - 59% ICU mortality



Lee et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*, 2016.

GLP-1: - 43% mortality



Nyland et al. *Diabetes*, 2021.

Examples of repurposed drugs (Legal, but with NO FDA approval)

Metformin repurpose:

Obesity

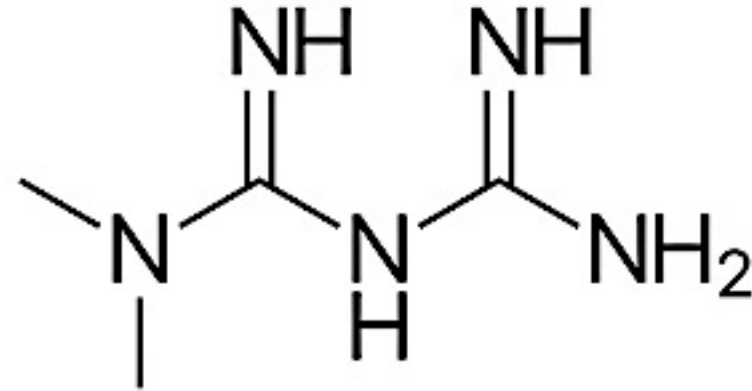
PCOS

Prediabetic

COVID-19

Macular Degeneration

AGING?



Biomarkers for biological age that change with gerotherapeutics

FAST Initiative Vision
(Now PROSPR)



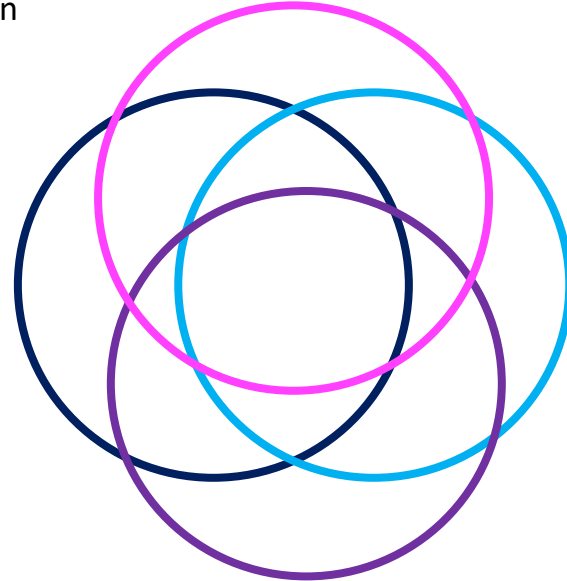
Triangulating Aging Biology
Response to Intervention

Metformin
(DPP)

GLP-1

SGLT-2
(PRESERVED-HF)

Biphosphonates, Rapalouges, others





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The Challenge of Multi-Domain / Composite Endpoints

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Complementary Strategies for an Aging Society



Current Biomedical Paradigm



The Geroscience Paradigm



What's the Endpoint?

If you had an intervention that slowed aging – how would you know it?

We asked this question in focus groups with 28 experts including geriatricians, subspecialists, statisticians, pharma-based scientists, and regulatory specialists.

Most agreed that the outcome should :

include **several dimensions of health**

reflect **participant goals** and desired outcomes

include **patient reported outcomes**

be **recognized by the FDA** or other regulatory authority

be **tailored** to the specific patient population

result in changes **noticeable to the participant**

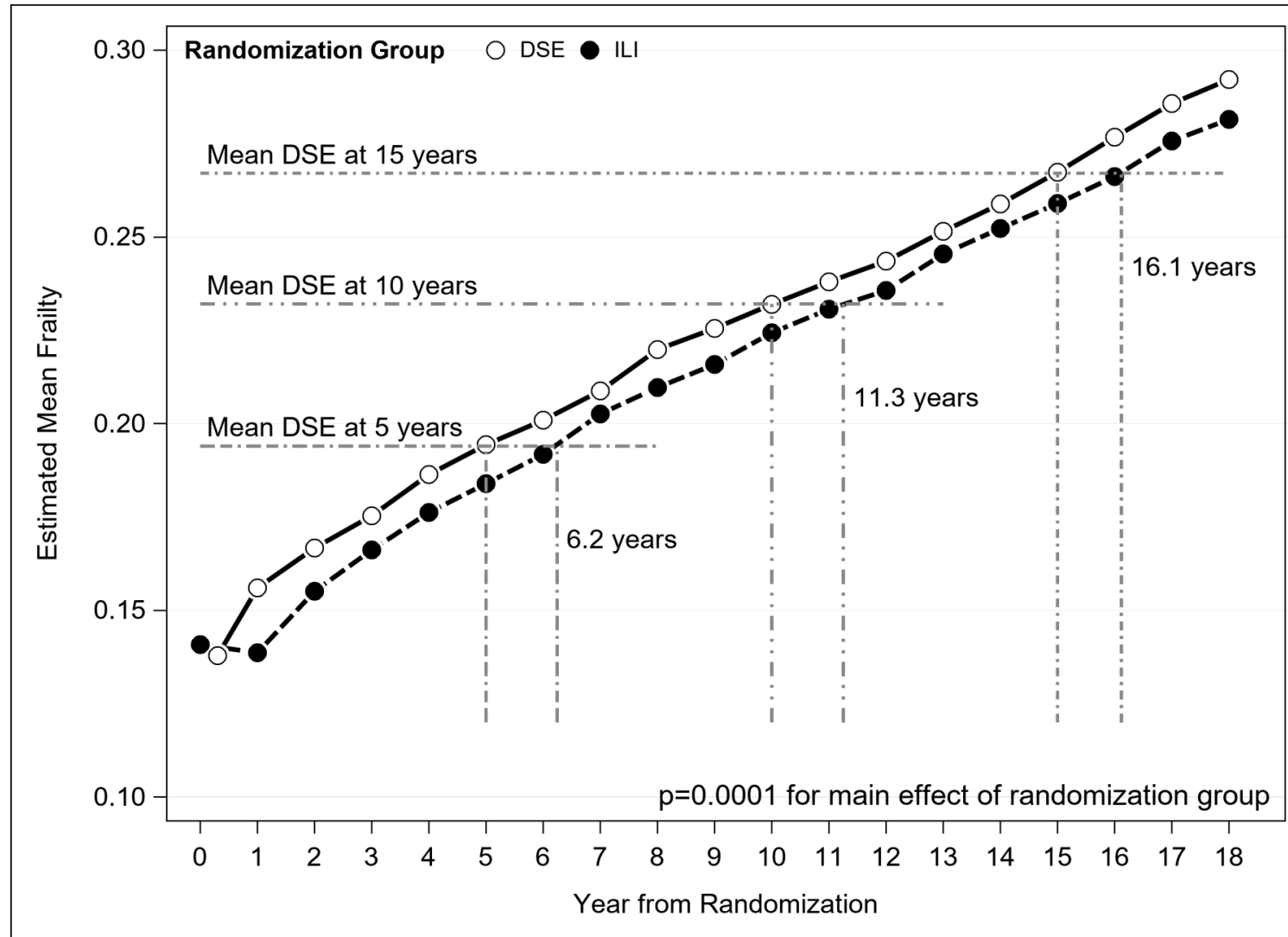
Biomarkers are insufficient

Deficit Accumulation (Frailty) in the Look AHEAD Study

○ Diabetes Support and Education (DSE)

● Intensive Lifestyle Intervention (ILI)

Frailty – Proportion of Health or Functional Deficits from a List of 38



Outcomes for Geroscience-Inspired Prevention Trials

Model Organism Perspective

- All-Cause Mortality

Geriatrics Perspective (Disability Free Survival)

- ASPREE & PREVENTABLE Trials¹
- Frailty Phenotype² ; Intrinsic Capacity³; Resilience

Multimorbidity Perspective (↓ Rate of New Disease Accrual)

- Targeting Aging With Metformin (TAME)⁴
- Look AHEAD: Rate of Accrual of 9 diseases over 8 years⁵

Deficit Perspective (↓ Accrual of Important Health Conditions and Impairments)

- SPRINT/Look AHEAD Frailty Indices (~38 diseases, clinical findings, and self-reported functions)⁶

Patient's Perspective

1. aspree.org/usa/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2014/04/ASPREE-Protocol-Version-9_-_Nov2014_FINAL.pdf
2. Espinoza SE et al. J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci. 2020 75(1):102-109.
3. Beard JR et al. BMJ Open 2019 9(11):e026119
4. Justice JN, et al. Cardiovasc Endocrinol Metab. 2018 Dec;7(4):80-83.
5. Espeland, M.A., et al. J Am Geriatr Soc, 68: 2249-2256. doi:[10.1111/jgs.16672](https://doi.org/10.1111/jgs.16672)
6. Simpson FR, J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci. 2020 Sep 25;75(10):1921-1927.

TAME Aging Outcomes Trial Design

Age 65-80 years AND
Slow gait speed OR Age-related disease

Metformin (1500 mg 1x/day)
vs. Placebo (0 mg 1x/day)



n = 3000, 6-year, 14 Clinical Sites;
double-blind randomized placebo
controlled trial

(Clinical) Time to incidence of any age-related disease:
MI, stroke, CHF, cancer*, MCI/dementia, or death.

(Functional) Decline in mobility or cognitive function.

(Biological) Change in biomarkers of aging.

Reactions to the TAME Primary Endpoint

1. Will metformin have the same effect on each component?
2. The most common end-point will drive the result.
3. You need to do a separate trial for each component.
4. Even if you got a positive result, you wouldn't know if it was through an aging-related mechanism.

Composite Outcomes – Statistical Considerations

Potential Advantages –

Increasing the number of components increases the event rate leading to shorter trials or smaller samples sizes.

The outcome of interest might be multi-dimensional, and a composite allows for more than one kind of outcome to be included while preserving the Type I error (α) rate.

Potential Disadvantages -

Intervention benefits are assumed to relate to all components. If this isn't true then the intervention effect is diluted resulting in a lower effect size and lower statistical power.

May be challenging to express the benefits in readily understandable terms.

Tailoring Endpoints for an Intervention

HALLO-P (U01AG073240) – a 3-year planning grant to design a 5-year randomized trial of caloric restriction in older adults.

Selecting Index Components

1. Related to Obesity / Overweight
2. Age-Related
3. Risk or severity is ameliorated by intentional weight loss
4. Onset or severity associated with aging-related biomarkers
5. The occurrence leads to changes in clinical care or decreased quality of life



Index Elements

- A. Chronic Disease** (Acute Coronary Syndromes; DVT; Stroke; CHF; CKD; Weight Related Cancers)
- B. Reversible Diseases / Conditions** (Hypertension; Type 2 Diabetes; OSA; Knee / Hip Pain ; Depressive Symptoms)
- C. Quality of Life / Function** (Slowness; Lower Extremity Weakness; Exercise Intolerance; Tiredness / Fatigue)

Advantages of an Index

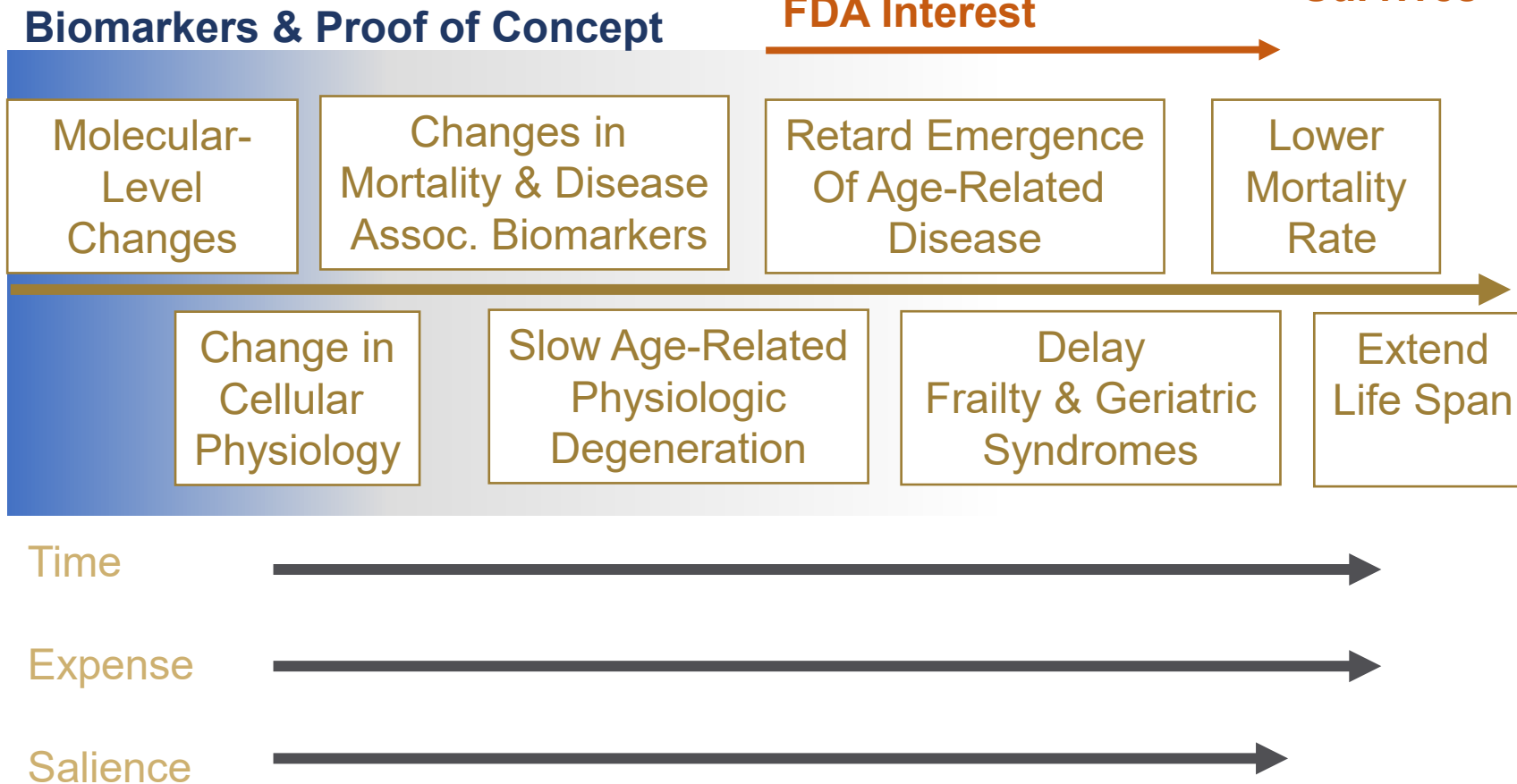
1. Captures a wide-range of benefits
2. Clinical Communication
3. Easier Recruiting compared to a single disease / disease class
4. Smaller sample size compared to single disease studies
5. Congruent with obesity as a major driver of multi-morbidity
6. Congruent with the idea that CR slows aging – per focus groups

Clinical Trials in Geroscience

Evaluation Continuum for Aging Outcome Trials

FDA Indication:

- **Function**
- **Feels**
- **Survives**





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Improving immune function in the elderly as a regulatory construct for gerotherapeutic drugs

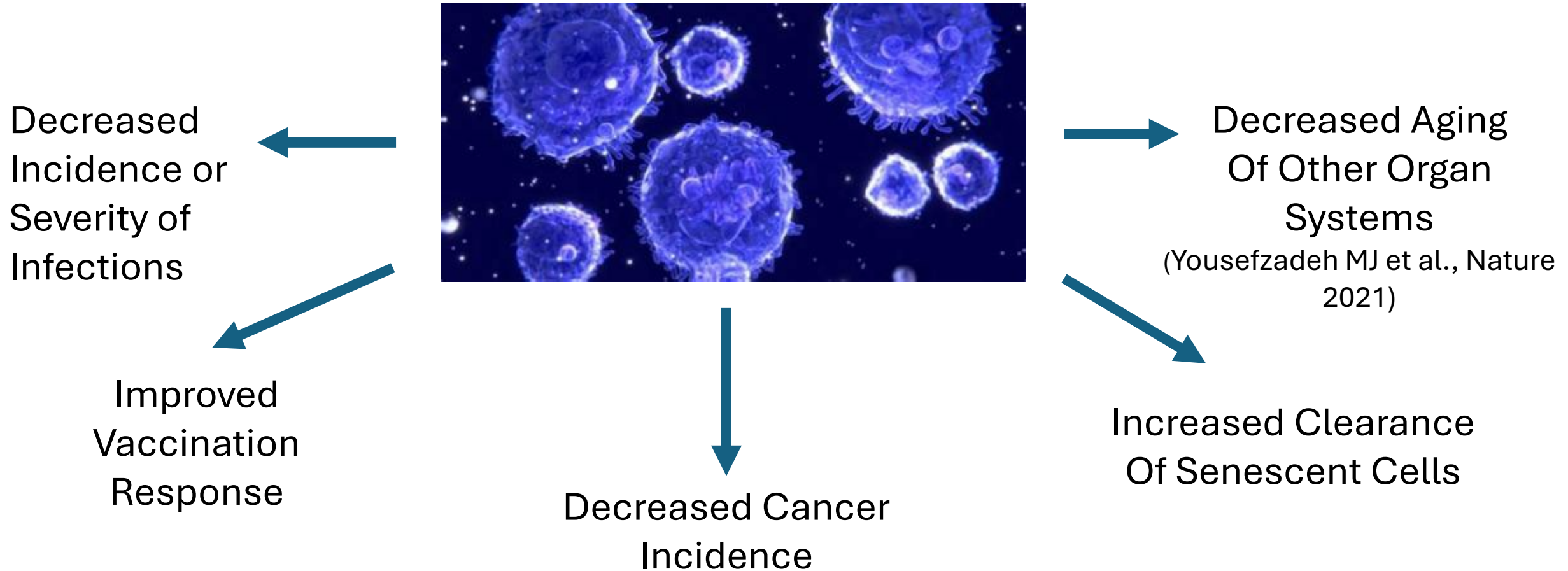
Lessons learned from clinical trials of mTOR inhibitors

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- Joan Mannick was a shareholder in Novartis and resTORbio who conducted the mTOR inhibitor clinical trials and is currently an employee at Altos Labs. Altos Labs has no connection to and is not responsible for the trials and data being presented.

Improving immune function in older adults may have pleiotropic health benefits



Inhibiting a protein called mTOR has been shown to improve immune function in older animals



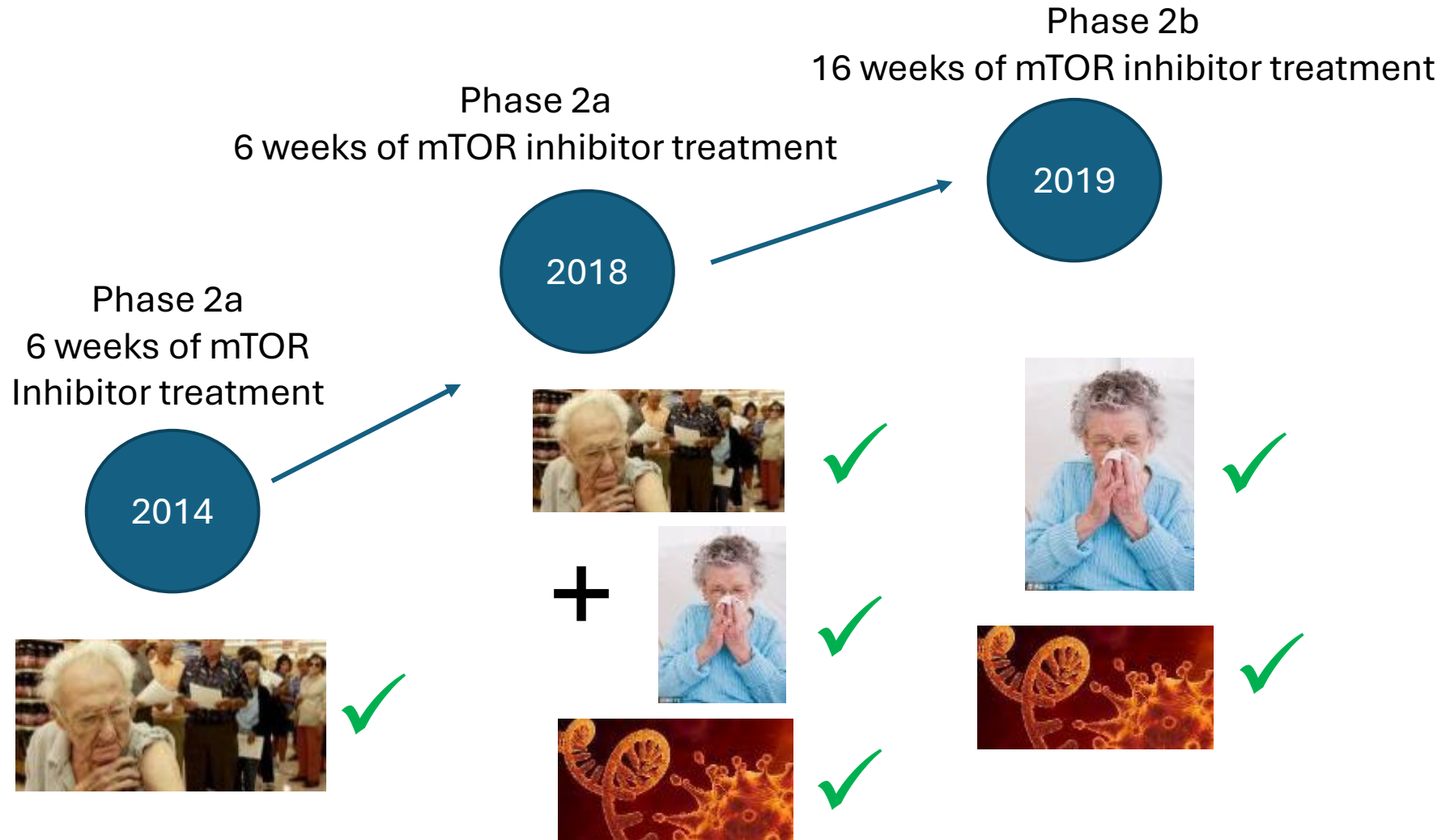
Old Mice

6 weeks
mTOR inhibitor
→





Improved Influenza
Vaccination Response

Clinical Development of mTOR inhibitors to improve immune function in older adults



The FDA requested a change in primary endpoint from the Phase 2b to Phase 3 trial

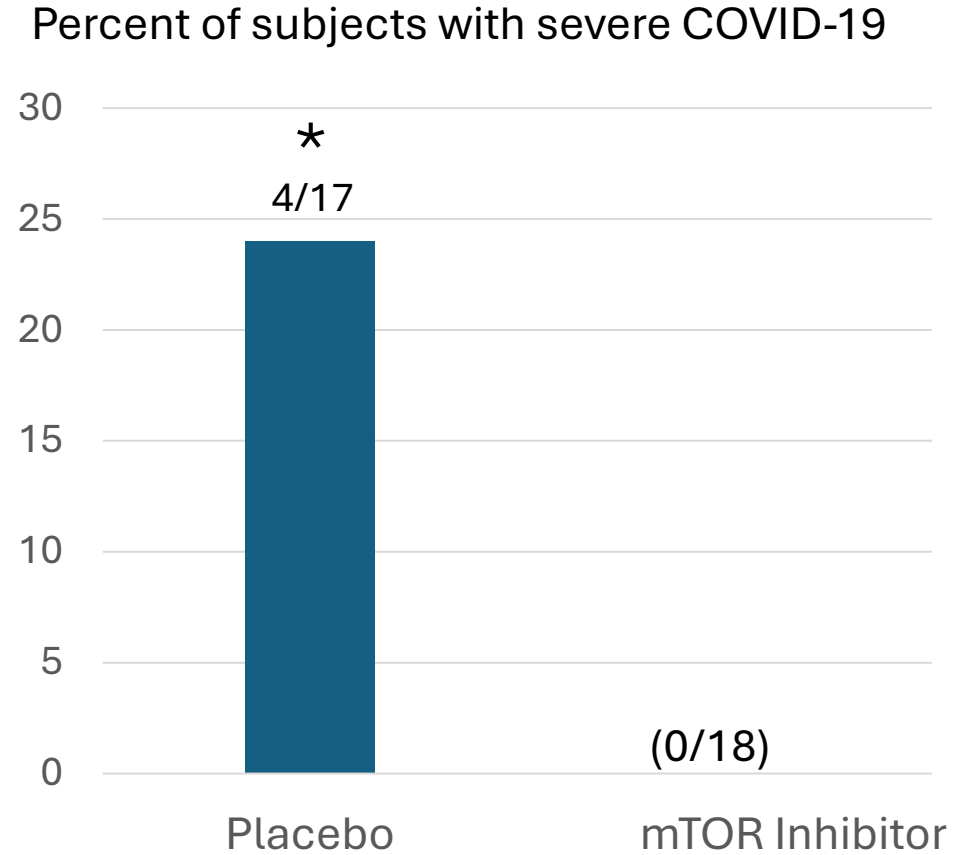
Trial	Subject Number	Endpoint	
Phase 2b	652	Percent of subjects with a laboratory-confirmed respiratory tract infection	
Phase 3	1052	Percent of subjects with symptoms consistent with a respiratory tract infection	

Lessons Learned from the Phase 2 and 3 mTOR Inhibitor Program

1. Low doses or intermittent doses of mTOR inhibitors was well-tolerated in older adults
2. Low doses of mTOR inhibitors consistently and significantly upregulated antiviral immune responses in older adults
3. mTOR inhibitors may have a greater impact on severity than incidence of laboratory-confirmed respiratory tract infections
4. mTOR inhibitors may have the greatest benefit in the oldest adult populations (≥ 75 years)

mTOR inhibition decreased the severity of COVID-19 in nursing home residents

Can low dose mTOR inhibitor therapy decrease the severity of RTIs in a very elderly population?



*= p=0.0455, Chi-Square test

Conclusions

- Enhancing immune function in the elderly may be a viable regulatory path for gerotherapeutic drugs
- Establishing regulatory endpoints for this new area of drug development will be important
 - The incidence or severity of RTIs is a feasible endpoint due to the high incidence of RTIs in older adults
 - It will be critical to use lab-confirmed RTIs not respiratory symptoms as an endpoint for this indication
- Biomarkers that guide selection of older adult populations with deficient immune responses will be important for future clinical trials



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Drug Discovery for Healthy Aging

Gerotherapeutic Drug Development
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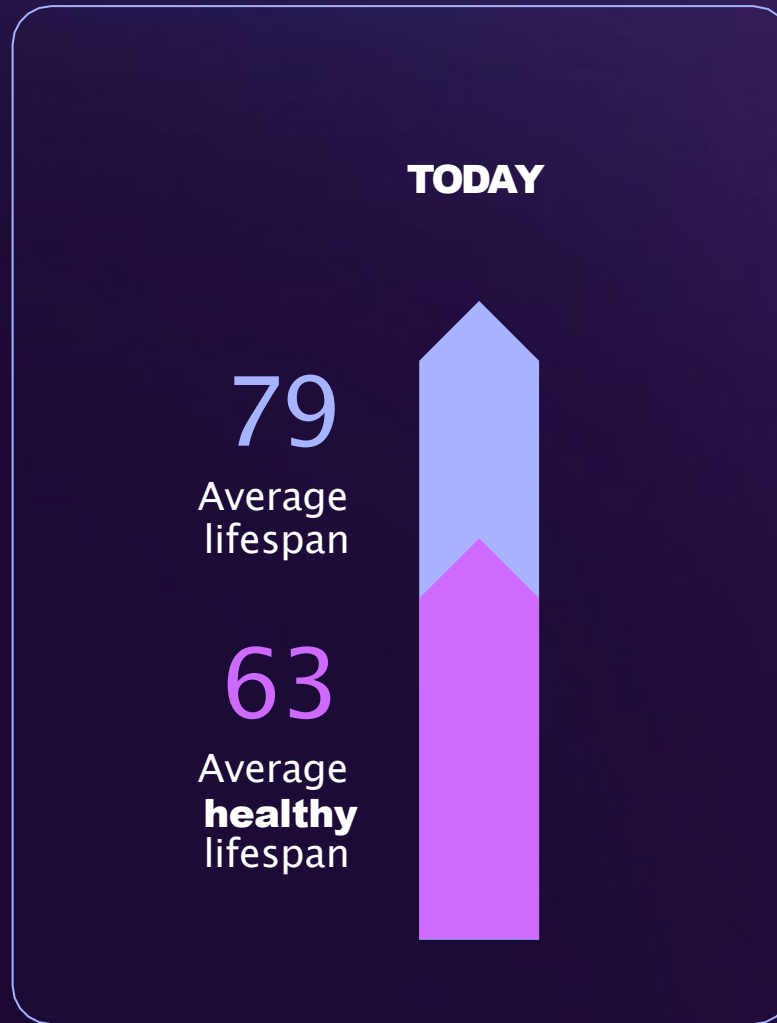
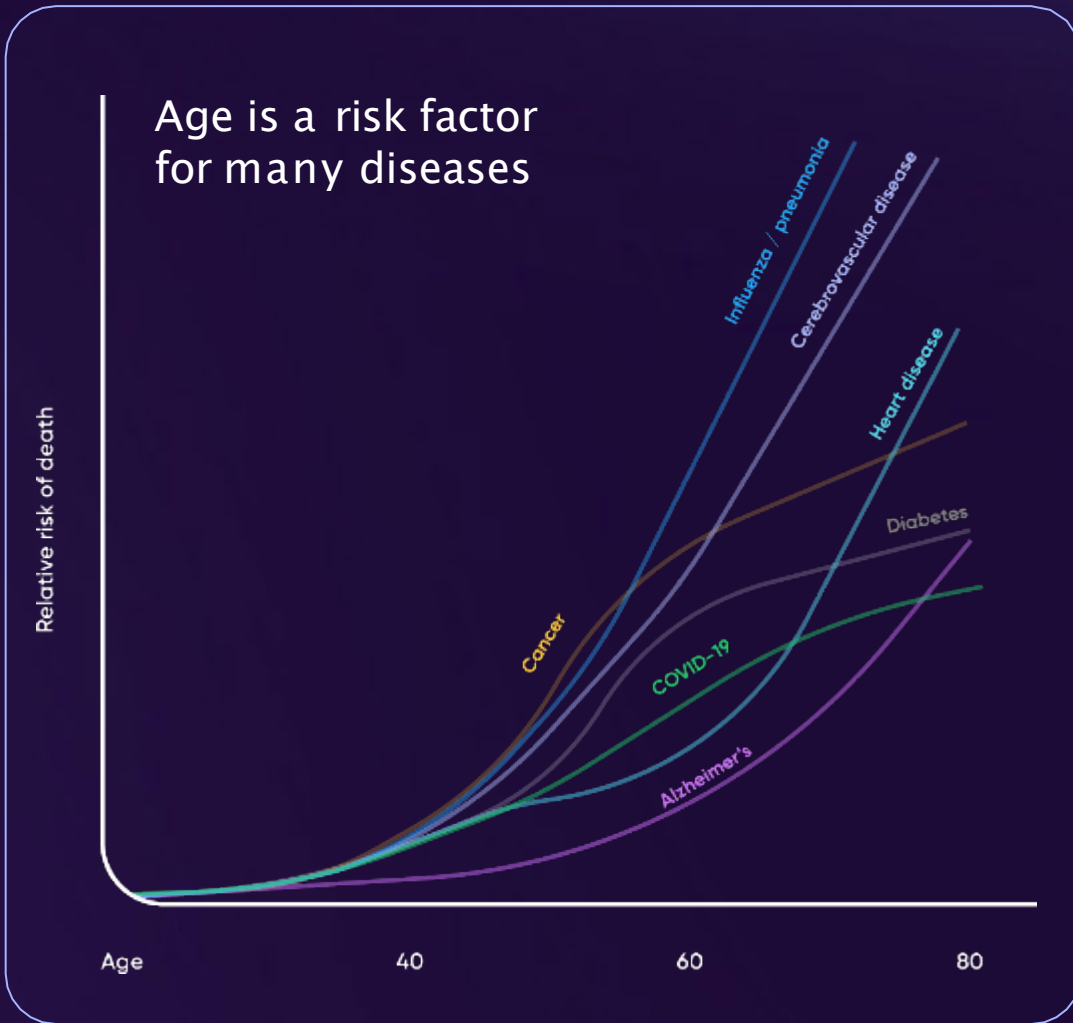
We are harnessing the biology of
human aging to develop new
therapies for metabolic diseases

Pipeline overview

Leveraging the BioAge platform to address key unmet needs in metabolic aging

Program	Mechanism of action	Target dosing	Indication	Discovery	Lead op	IND-enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2	Anticipated milestones
BGE-102	NLRP3 inhibitor (CNS penetrant)	Oral QD	CV risk						CV risk Phase 2a Results H2:2026
			Diabetic macular edema						DME Phase 1b/2a Initiation mid-2026 Results mid-2027
APJ	APJ agonist	Oral QD	Obesity						IND submission 2026 YE
		SQ QW	Obesity						
Program 1		Undisclosed	Cardio-metabolic	Lilly					
Program 2		Undisclosed	various	Lilly					
Target discovery	Multiple targets	-	-	NOVARTIS					

Aging is one of the greatest challenges for human health



80%
of adults 65+
have at least one
chronic condition¹

> \$500B
Annual health
care costs for
chronic disease
among 65+ in US²

Sources:

1. "The Top 10 Most Common Chronic Conditions in Older Adults." The National Council on Aging, April 2021. <https://www.ncoa.org/article/the-top-10-most-common-chronic-conditions-in-older-adults>
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/about/costs/index.htm#:~:text=More%20than%2087%2C300%20Americans%20die,lost%20productivity%20on%20the%20job>. 4. Van Houtven G, Honeycutt AA, Gilman B, et al. Costs of Illness Among Older Adults: An Analysis of Six Major Health Conditions with Significant Environmental Risk Factors [Internet]. Research Triangle Park (NC): RTI Press; 2008 Sep. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK532461/doi/10.3768/rtipress.2008.rr.0002.0809>.

Disease-first focus: We advance programs for specific diseases



Disease-first focus

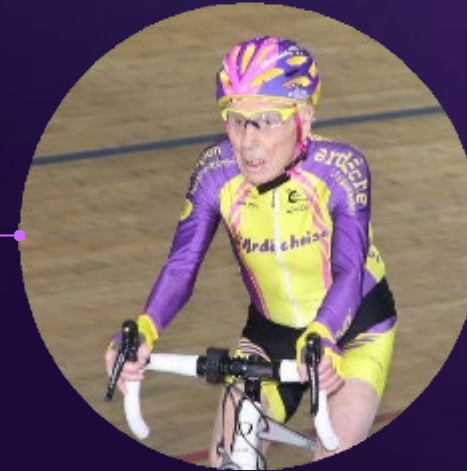
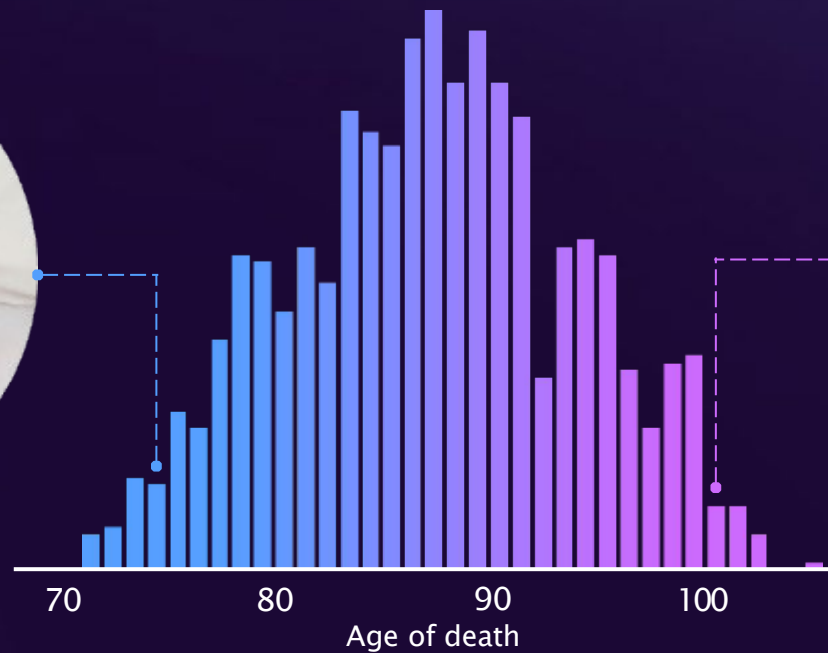
- Treating disease by targeting key aging pathways
- High unmet need & market opportunity



Aging
(disease prevention)

The BioAge Platform

Human data is unlocking R&D for aging, helping us uncover aging pathways and novel drug targets that impact healthspan



A 50+ year natural human experiment

50M+

Molecular data points

10K+

Profiles generated

50+

Years of follow-up

Detailed healthspan trajectories



Physical function

- Grip strength
- Walking speed
- Mobility

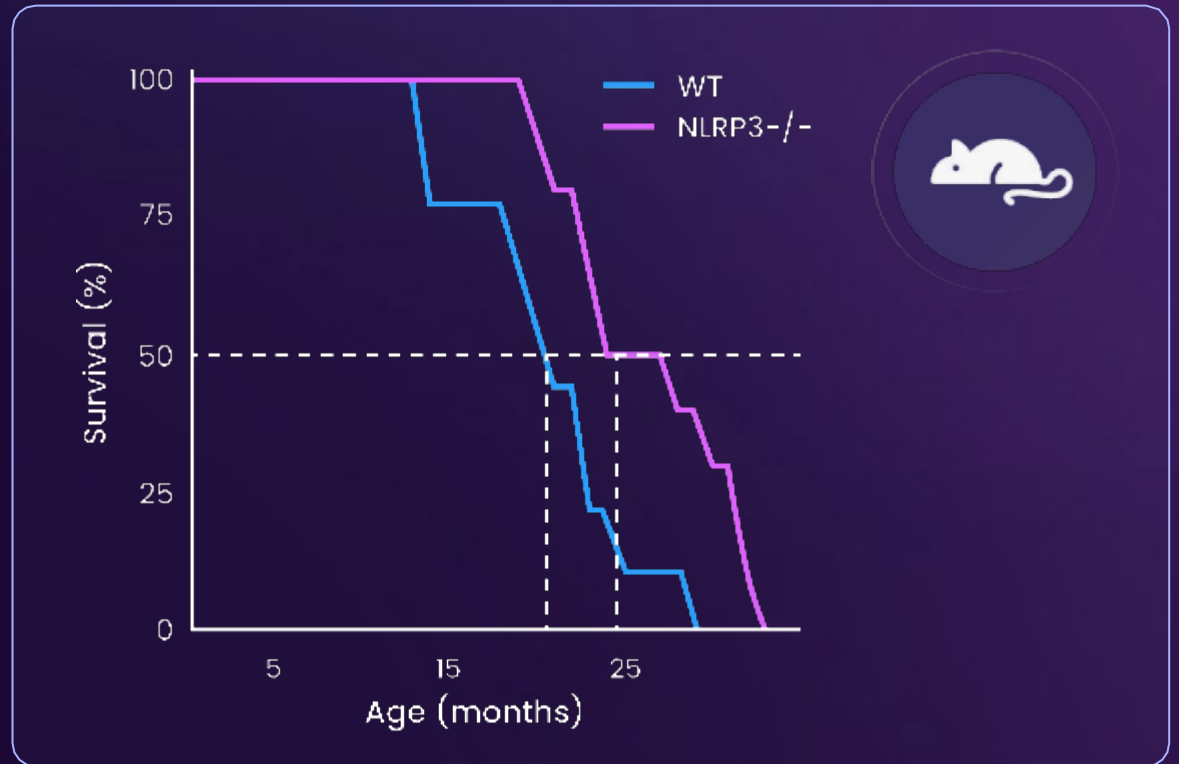
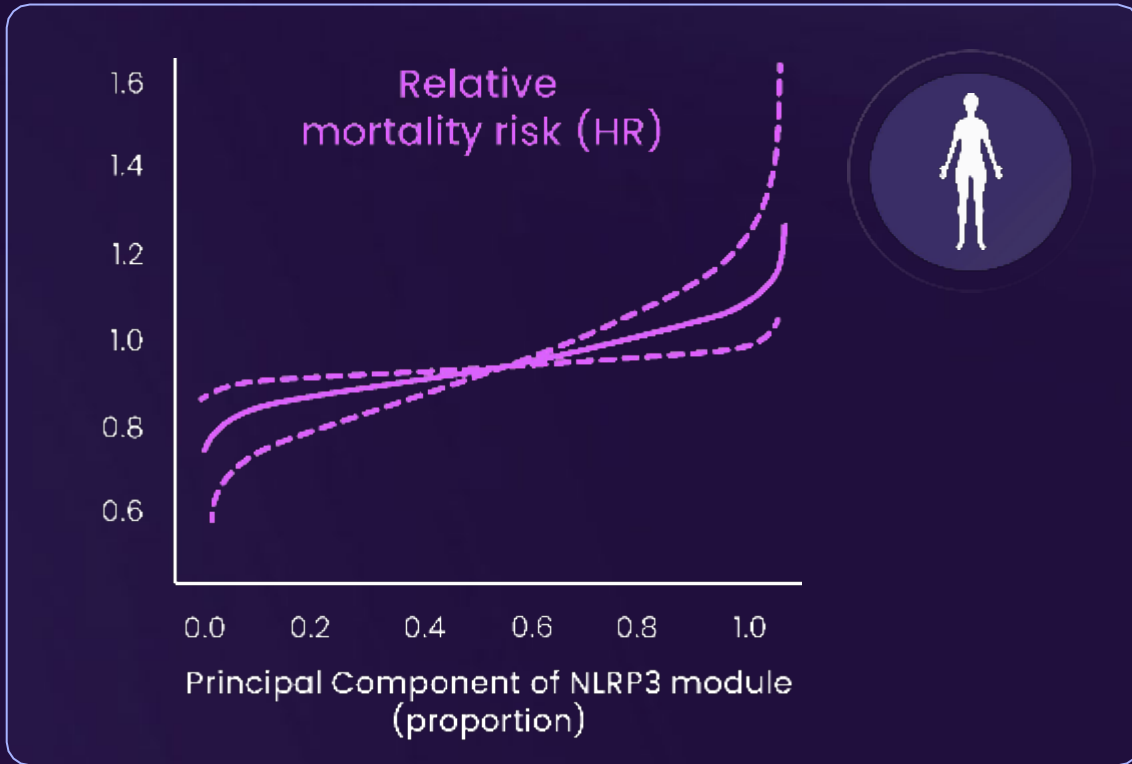


Metabolism

- BMI
- Skinfold thickness
- Waist / hip circumference

Reduced NLRP3 activity is associated with longevity

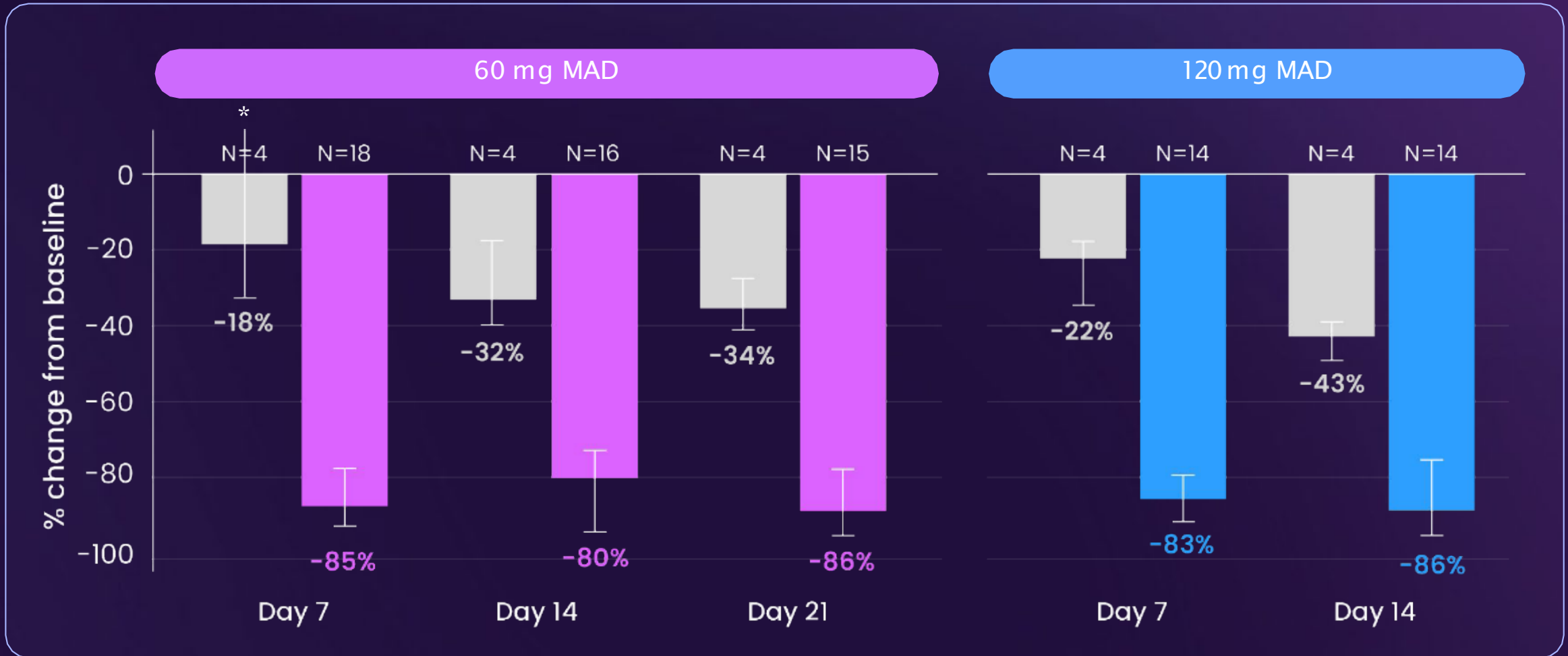
Reduced NLRP3 activity is associated with longevity



Strong human genetic evidence for NLRP3 in cardiometabolic disease

Mendelian randomization: NLRP3 levels strongly predictive of heart failure (↑ 1SD expression = up to ↑ 70% risk)
GoF mutations ↓ lean mass & body composition ↑ atherosclerosis

60 mg & 120 mg doses of BGE-102 resulted in 86% reductions in hsCRP, consistent with best-in-class efficacy

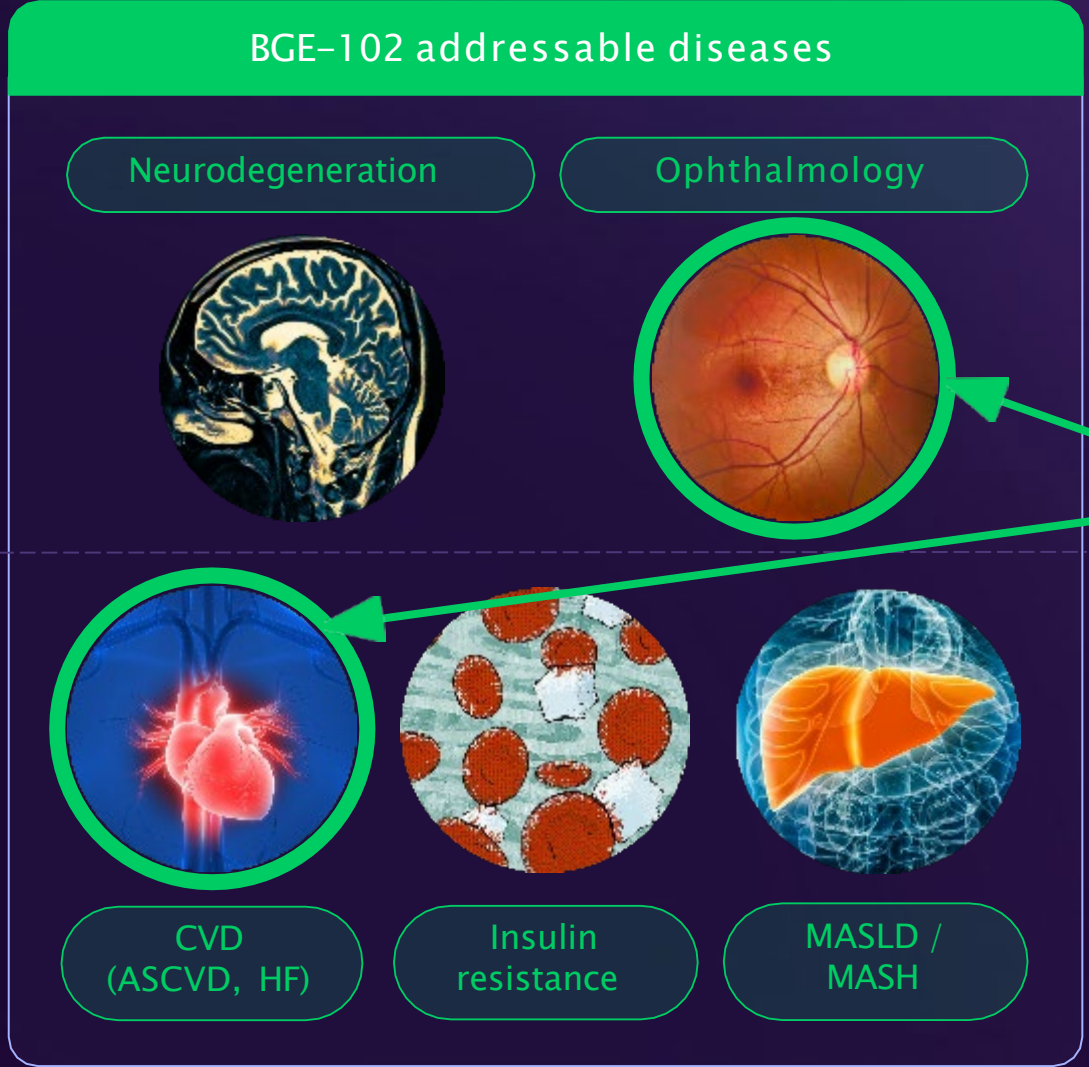


BGE-102 has the potential to address a range of cardiometabolic and neuroinflammatory disorders

Neuro-inflammation



Peripheral inflammation



BioAge clinical trials starting this year

The THRIVE act: a potential new pathway for healthspan drugs

"Healthspan Product": Any FDA-regulated drug (or other product) that increases healthspan

"Increases Healthspan": Prevents or reverses **two or more** age-related diseases



Creates a new FDA indication that doesn't exist today.

No existing pathway is changed.

Healthspan endpoints are inherently harder to demonstrate

Potential societal benefit warrants strong incentives — just as with rare diseases and regenerative medicine

This is an exciting time with emerging efforts to push the field forward



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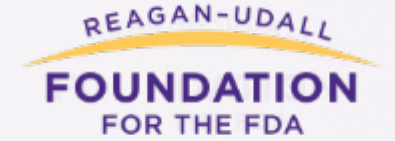


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Toward Regulatory Constructs

Intrinsic Capacity, Adult Health Curves, and Multi-Domain Endpoints



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What Would Convince Us? Evidence, Endpoints, and Longevity in Aging Trials

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Outline

- I. Endpoints in Trials Targeting Aging
- II. Biomarkers and Composite Measures Are Not Convincing
- III. Mortality Function as a Substitute for Longevity
- IV. Assumptions and Heterogeneity
- V. Conclusion

Endpoints in Trials Targeting Aging

Endpoints for geroscience clinical trials: health outcomes, biomarkers, and biologic age

Steven R. Cummings  · Stephen B. Kritchevsky

Endpoint	Strength	Limitation
Total mortality	Directly measures survival Clinically meaningful	Rare → requires large, long trials Mixes different causes of death
Disability-free survival	Patient-relevant (function + quality of life)	Hard to define consistently Can change over time
Specific diseases	Measurable; regulatory relevance	Does not reflect overall aging One disease ≠ whole system
Multimorbidity	Reflects multiple age-related conditions	Depends on which conditions are included
Frailty (Indices/ Phenotype)	Captures overall aging/vulnerability	No standard measure May be insensitive to change

Improving a Marker Does Not Guarantee Slowing Biological Age and Improving Survival

A correlate is not a surrogate. Validation requires that the intervention's effect on the marker reliably predicts its effect on the clinical outcome (Fleming & DeMets, 1996).

Surrogates have repeatedly misled in cardiology, osteoporosis, and HIV — including cases where the marker improved while mortality worsened (e.g., Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial, fluoride for osteoporosis, CD4 in Concorde).

Multi-domain composites carry a weighting problem: domain weights are analyst choices, not data-driven facts, and different specifications yield different conclusions from the same trial.

What Does It Take to Be Convincing?

- Statistical significance
 - Evidence against chance (p -values, confidence intervals) \neq real-world importance
- Clinical relevance
 - Does it meaningfully affect how patients feel, function, or survive
- Trust and credibility
 - Study design quality
 - Transparency
 - Reproducibility

Convincingness is audience-dependent – **FDA, Physicians, Patients/Public, and Scientists.**

What Ultimately Matters: Feel, Function, and Survive (FDA Perspective)

- Clinical benefit is defined as a positive clinically meaningful effect of an intervention, i.e., a positive effect on how an individual feels, functions, or survives.
- A biomarker, measured as an indicator of biological responses to an exposure or intervention, is not a measure of how an individual feels, functions, or survives.
- Only a clinical outcome assessment (COA) can directly capture the clinical benefit.

Feel	Function	Survive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms or other unobservable concepts known only to the patient. • Assessed using PRO (Patient Reported Outcomes) instruments such as questionnaires, numeric rating scales, or diaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observable signs, behaviors, or other manifestations related to a disease or condition. • Physical, cognitive, daily activities • Measured using the Clinician-reported outcomes (ClinROs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall survival • Surrogate endpoint can be used to measure clinical benefit, but it doesn't directly measure it.

Why Longevity Should be the Central Focus?

- It is an objective, clinically meaningful endpoint that can be measured easily and precisely, getting the balance correct here will be critical going forward.
- Prolongation of life in the setting of a life-threatening disease is of clear inherent value, and therefore, overall survival should be prioritized as a primary endpoint when feasible.
- *"Overall survival is both an efficacy and a safety endpoint; it can be favorably impacted by the therapeutic benefits of a specific drug and negatively impacted by the drug's toxicity."* - FDA, 2025

Short-term Mortality Can Approximate Lifespan Effects

Can Rodent Longevity Studies be Both Short and Powerful? [Get access >](#)

Henry T. Robertson, Daniel L. Smith, Nicholas M. Pajewski, Richard H. Weindruch, Theodore Garland, Jr, George Argyropoulos, Alex Bokov, David B. Allison

The Journals of Gerontology: Series A, Volume 66A, Issue 3, March 2011, Pages 279–286, <https://doi.org/10.1093/gerona/glq190>

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- We may not need full lifespan follow-up to infer effects on longevity.
- Mortality effects are stable over time.
- Shorter follow-up gives similar conclusions.
- Potential issue: Power → can be offset by larger sample.



Lifespan Differences Are Explained by Changes in Mortality Trajectories

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Why Do Life Spans Differ? Partitioning Mean Longevity Differences in Terms of Age-Specific Mortality Parameters

Scott D. Pletcher , Aziz A. Khazaeli, James W. Curtsinger [Author Notes](#)

The Journals of Gerontology: Series A, Volume 55, Issue 8, 1 August 2000, Pages B381–B389, <https://doi.org/10.1093/gerona/55.8.B381>

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*“... longevity differences mediated by temperature [in *Drosophila*] and dietary restriction [in rats] result predominantly from differences in the rate of increase in mortality with age.”*



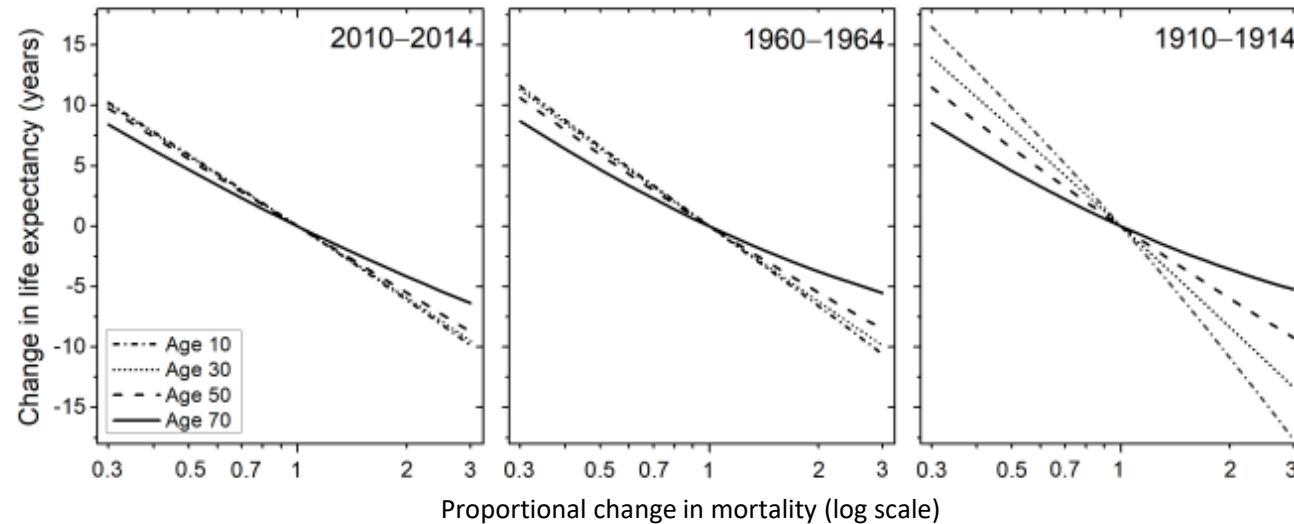
Proportional Changes in Mortality Produce Predictable Changes in Life Expectancy

DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

VOLUME 39, ARTICLE 23, PAGES 671–684
PUBLISHED 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

<http://www.demographic-research.org/Volumes/Vol39/23/>
DOI: 10.4054/DemRes.2018.39.23

Change in life expectancy at age a ; $a = 10, 30, 50,$ and 70 as a function of a proportional change of the mortality rate



Formal Relationship 27

The impact of proportional changes in age-specific mortality on life expectancy when mortality is a log-linear function of age

Michael Væth

Mette Vinther Skriver

Henrik Støvring

“... the change in life expectancy is approximately linear in the logarithm of the proportional change of the mortality.” [Swedish women data]

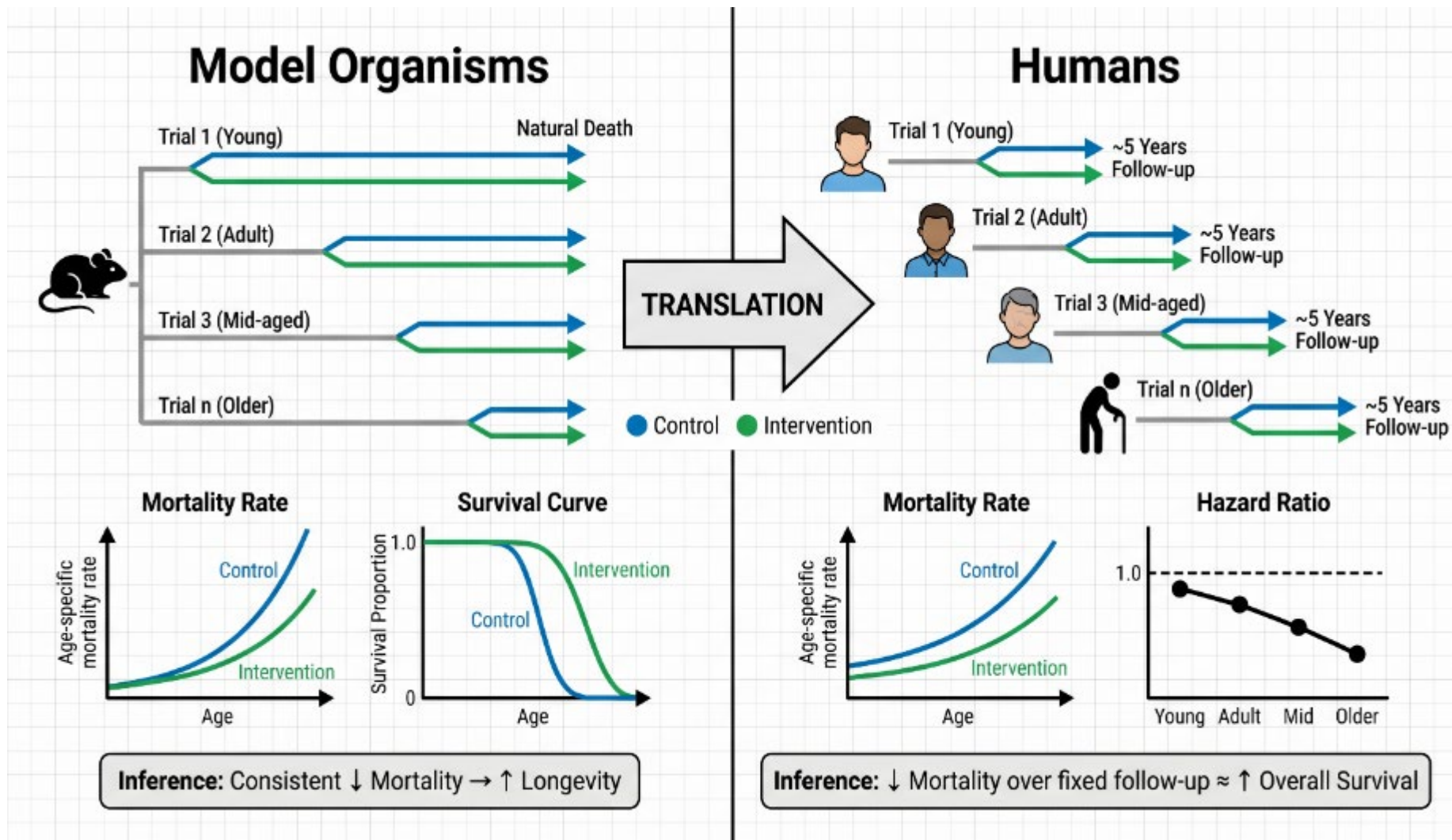
Can Mortality Rate Substitute for Longevity?

Mortality rate could meaningfully and confidently be used as a substitute for longevity if the following two conditions hold:

- Preclinical: analyses across multiple rodent longevity studies show that drug-induced changes in interval mortality rate predict changes in overall longevity across archival datasets with different drugs
- Clinical: the intervention shifts mortality rate in the same direction at each time interval in humans, with participants enrolled across the full adult lifespan



From Longevity to Mortality: A Feasible Trial Strategy



Potential issues:

- Low power at younger ages
- Age-dependent effect size
- Timing vs exposure confounding

Assumptions and Heterogeneity

“Treatment Response Heterogeneity (TRH)” refers to inter-individual variation in response to a given treatment across individuals and is a fundamental concept in precision medicine.

Heterogeneity – the effect of intervention on mortality rate at early age (e.g., 30 years) is not same as its effect at older age (e.g., 80 years).

- It is important to distinguish between two sources of different effects.
 - age at which the effect is observed.
 - age at which the treatment is implemented.

Conclusion – What Would Convince Us?

- No current proxy is fully convincing.
- Longevity is the gold standard; but impractical in human trials.
- Mortality is measurable, mechanistically linked to lifespan, consistent across model systems.
- Consistent reductions in age-specific mortality across well-designed trials provide credible evidence of increased longevity.





“...let us take this path through the woods...”

~ Jean-Jacques Rousseau

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Intrinsic Capacity

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Why do we need a new way to measure health?

- Geroscience
 - Biomarkers
 - complexity
- Health is a continuum
 - Need to detect subtle incremental change
- But disease is dichotomous, late-stage and takes a long time to emerge
- Big data
 - Wearables etc etc
- Artificial intelligence



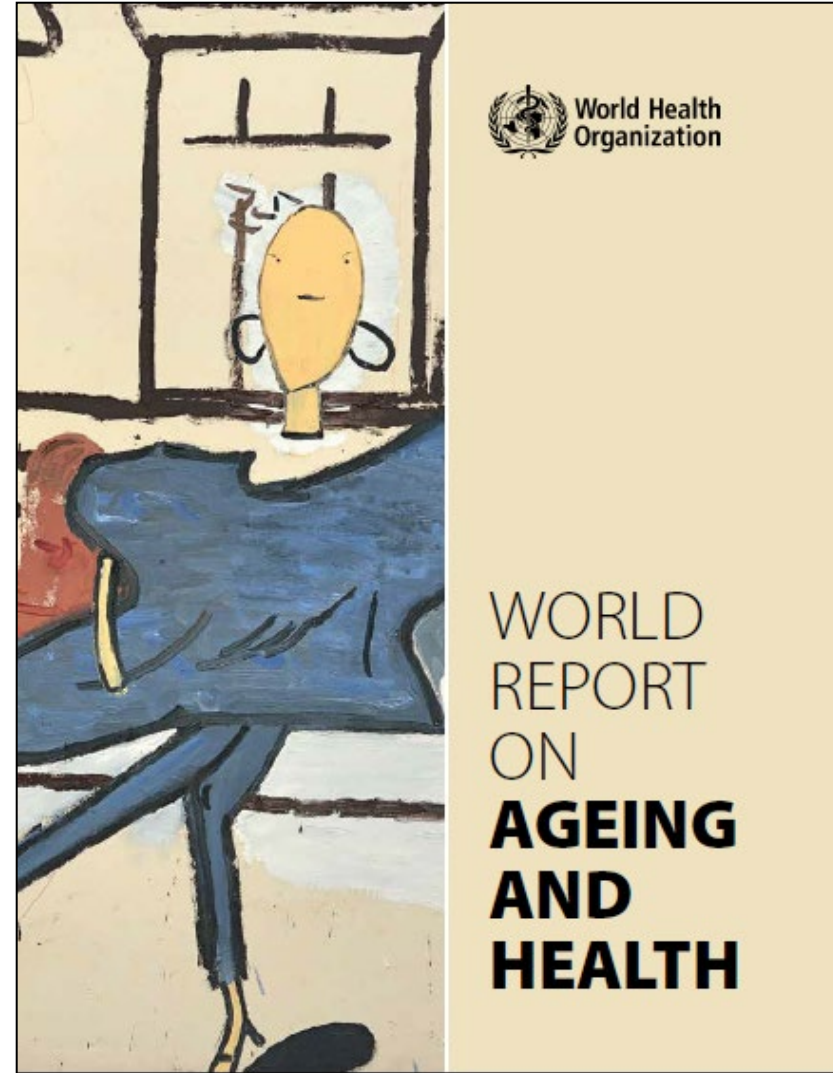
How can intrinsic capacity help?

- Need to link biomarkers to clinically meaningful measures of healthspan
- Functioning is the outcome prioritized by older adults
- Intrinsic capacity is a measure of individual level functioning
- Because it is continuous -potential to measure incremental change across the life course

Origins of Intrinsic Capacity

Action oriented
around building and
maintaining the
functional ability of
people to be and do
the things they
value

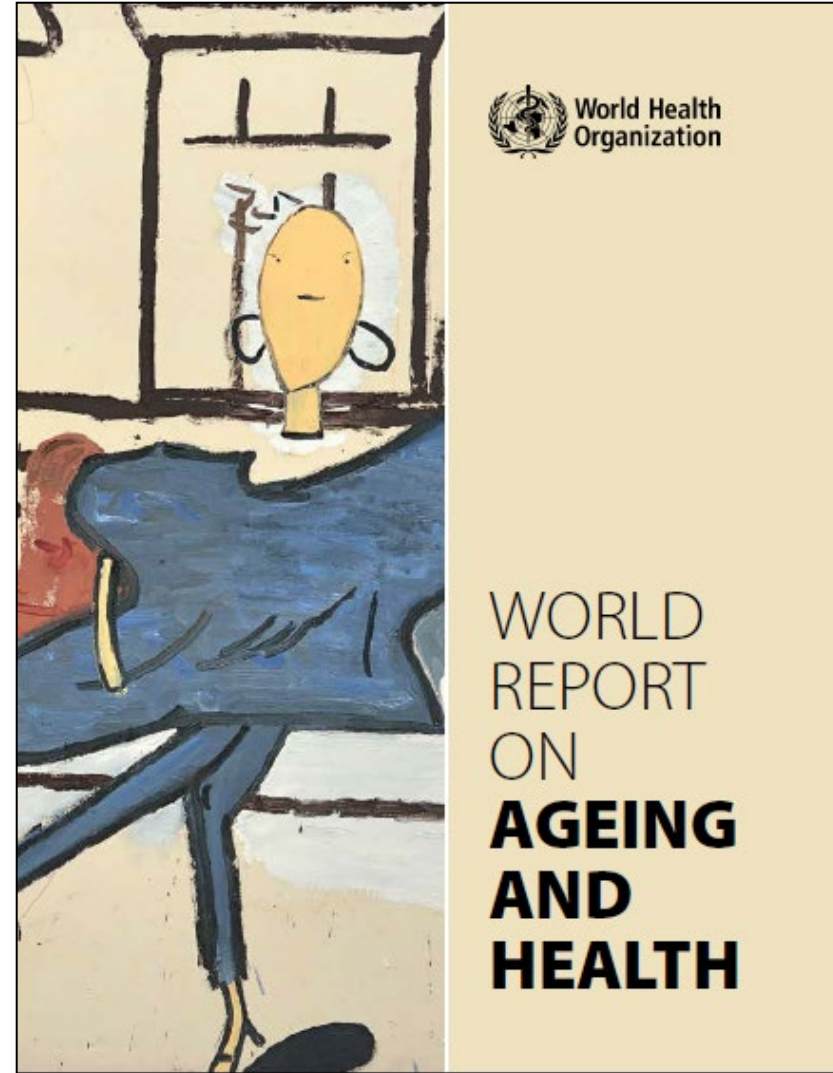
Beard JR et al, *the Lancet*, 2015



Origins of Intrinsic Capacity

Action defined not
by chronological age
but by functional
state

Beard JR et al, *the Lancet*, 2015





Structure of intrinsic capacity

- 4 expressed subdomains:
 - Cognitive capacity
 - Locomotor capacity
 - Sensory capacity
 - Psychological capacity
- Vitality

Cesari M et al 2018 *J Gerontol A*

Beard JR, Jotheeswaran AT, et al. *BMJ Open* 2019

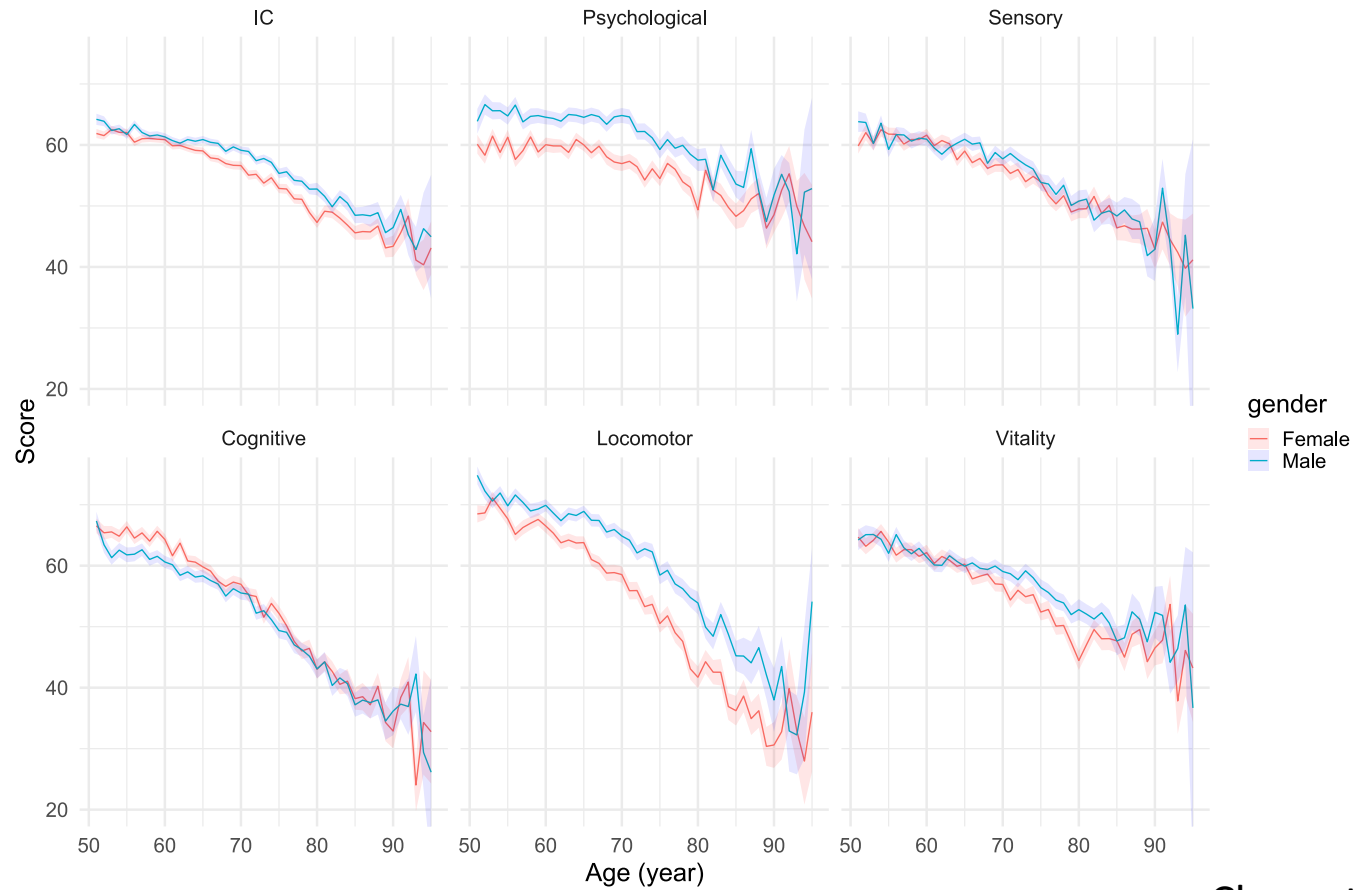


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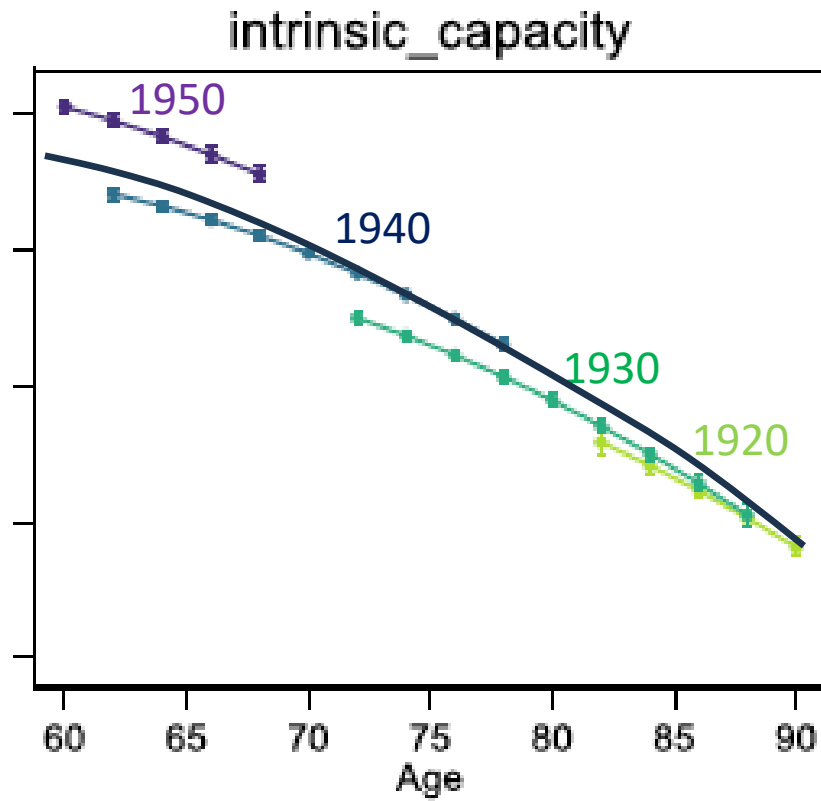
Powerful predictor of future mortality and care dependence after accounting for age, sex, SES and multimorbidity

Distribution of capacity by age and sex in SHARE countries



Chen et al, JAMA
Network Open 2025

Cohort trends in Intrinsic Capacity in ELSA



Beard et al 2024, Nature Aging



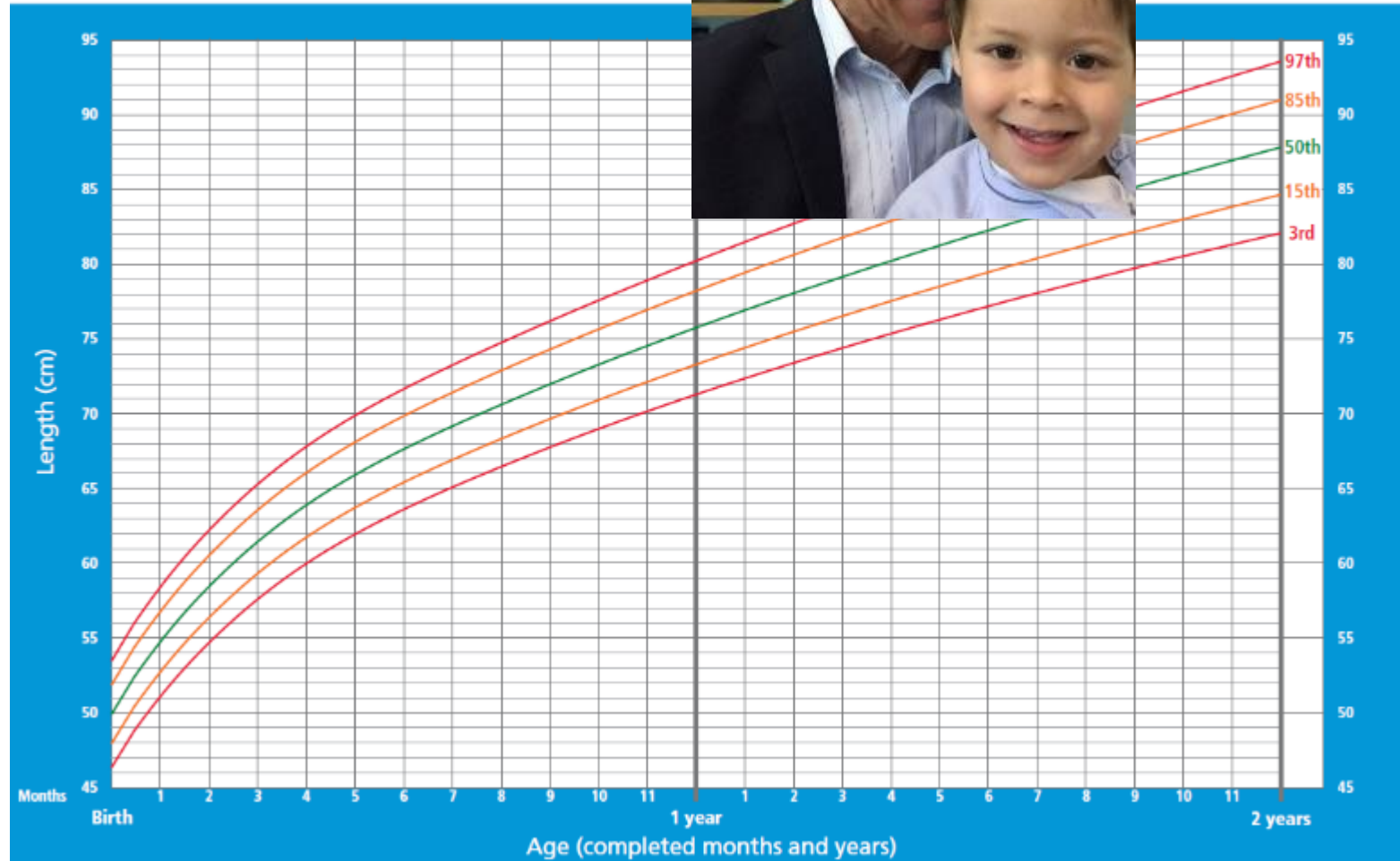
Trajectories of Intrinsic Capacity

Great for observing and comparing patterns, trends and determinants at a population level.....

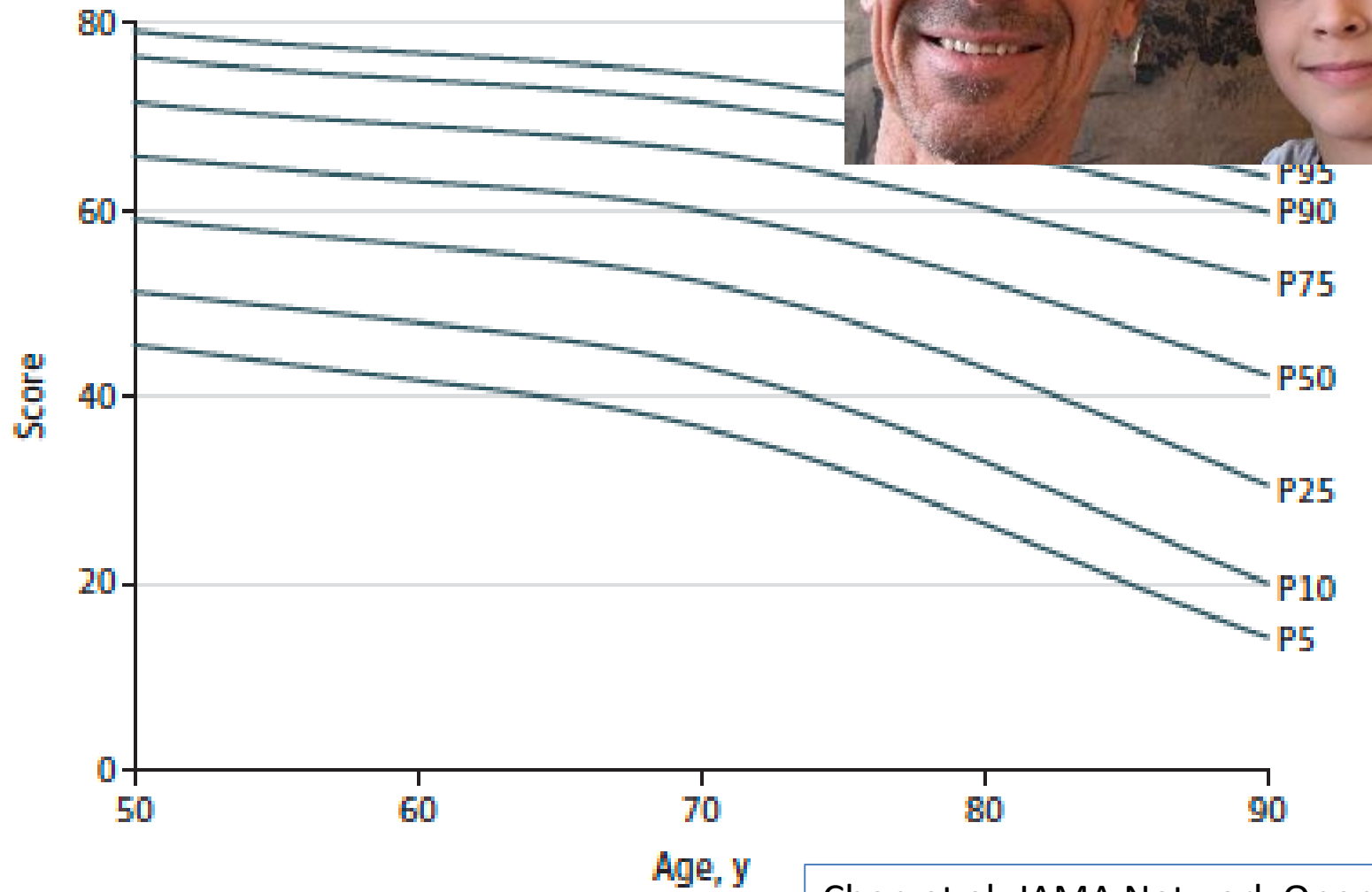
But what about for individual level research and clinical care?

Length-for-age BOYS

Birth to 2 years (percentiles)



B Men



Trajectories of care aligned with trajectories of capacity



Handbook

Guidance on person-centred assessment
and pathways in primary care



World Health
Organization



Where to now?

- Already an ICD code but can we formalize this as an outcome for clinical research and care?
- Measurement
- Biomarkers
 - Biological change
 - Of intrinsic capacity
- Medicine is built around thresholds, not continuums. Will need a significant shift in how doctors and researchers are trained and practice

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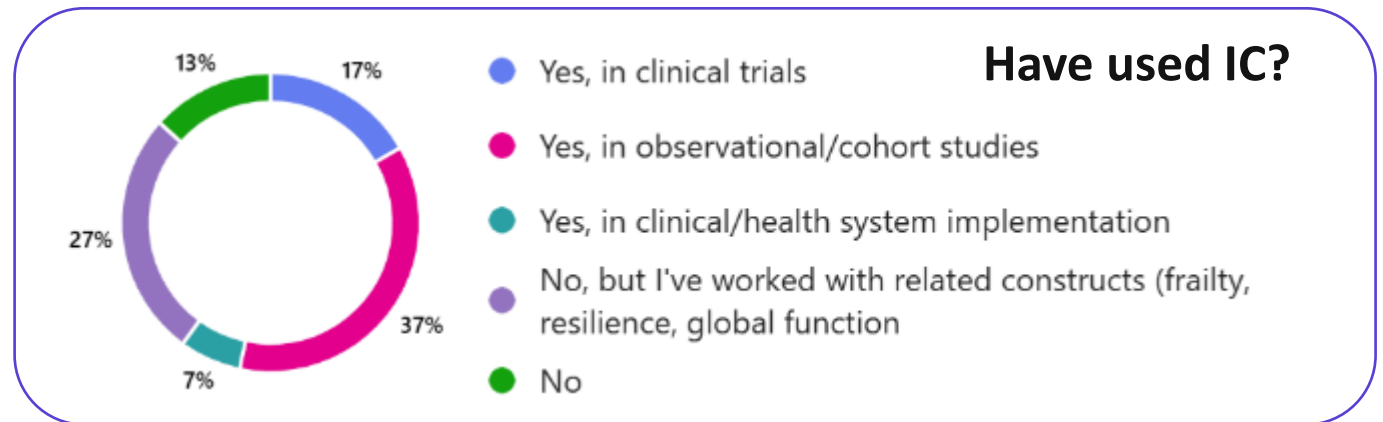
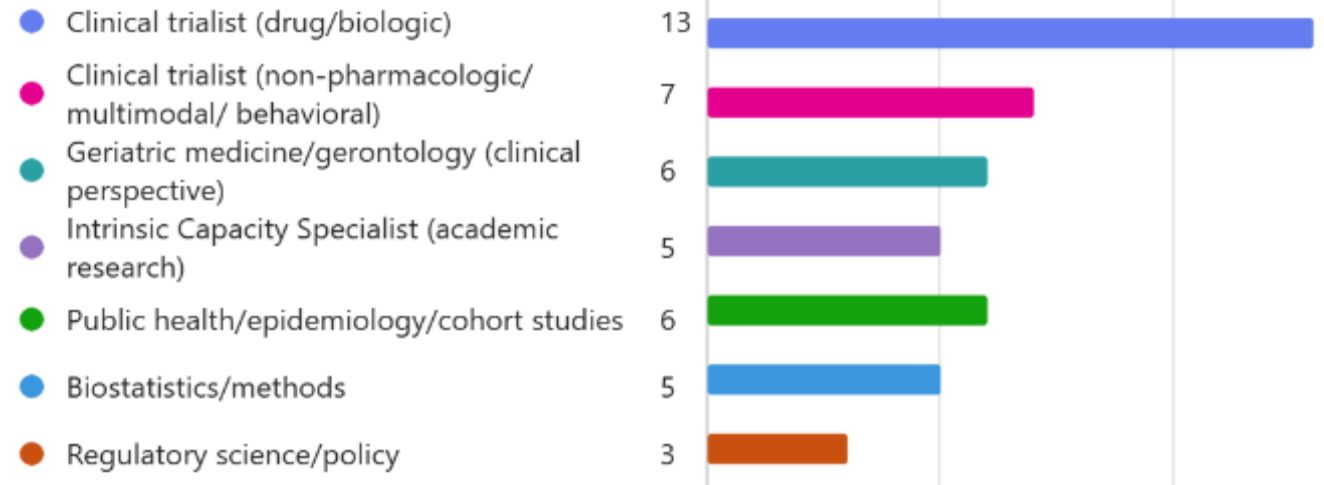
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Building a Consensus for Intrinsic Capacity v1.0

- Goal: enable testable, FDA-relevant approaches to targeting aging biology
- Need: no standardized trial framework for measuring intrinsic capacity
- Aim of IC v1.0
 - Standardized measurement and analysis in trials
 - Generate consistent, comparable evidence
 - Support constructive dialogue with FDA and other regulators

Key Opinion Leader area of expertise



IC Consensus Statement Scope

Proposes

- IC as a multi-domain clinical outcome framework
- Initial use in older, community-dwelling adults with early decline in intrinsic capacities but not disease
- Near term use for:
 - Domain-specific endpoints
 - Secondary outcomes
 - Enrichment/stratification

Does not propose

- IC as a validated surrogate endpoint (yet)
- A single global IC composite as a universal primary registration endpoint
- Replacement of established frailty or disease-specific endpoints

Principal Scientific Conclusion

Domain-level use is the most defensible near-term approach

- IC framework includes 5 domains: locomotor, cognitive, psychological, sensory, vitality.
- Consensus view:
 - Domain-specific changes are clinically meaningful and interpretable
 - Early programs should prioritize domain-level analyses
 - Broad gerotherapeutic claims would require additional evidence:
 - Multi-domain effects
 - Association with major health outcomes

Core Trial Battery v1.0

Domain	Tier 1 Measures
Locomotor	Gait speed; SPPB
Cognitive	MoCA plus processing speed/executive function measure
Psychological	Brief depression measure plus anxiety/distress coverage; optional wellbeing
Sensory	Visual acuity; basic hearing assessment
Vitality	Candidate reserve-oriented measures such as grip strength, respiratory function, and context-appropriate nutritional/appetite or biologic reserve measures

* Selected to balance feasibility, interpretability, scalability, and familiarity in clinical research. Tier 2 measures available for context-specific enhancement

Recommended Initial Contexts of Use

1. Enrichment and stratification

- Identify higher-risk participants
- Support subgrouping and balance across arms

2. Secondary outcomes

- Characterize multi-domain functional effects
- Build evidence across trials

3. Domain-specific primary endpoints

- In selected programs with strong mechanistic rationale
- Especially locomotor or cognitive composites

* Default use of a global IC composite as a standalone primary endpoint was not recommended at this stage

Scoring, Reporting, and Interpretation Principles

- **Domain scores should be:**

- Measured separately
- Analyzed separately
- Reported separately

- **If a global IC score is used:**

- Simple normalized unweighted composite is the provisional v1.0 approach
- Use as secondary/exploratory endpoint

- **Meaningful change:**

- Primarily defined in terms of patient-important differences
- Prioritize domain-level interpretation first
- Use anchor-based approaches where possible

Proposed Path Forward

- **Retrospective analyses in existing cohorts and trials**
- **Prospective incorporation into geroscience/healthspan studies**
- **Evaluation of:**
 - Responsiveness
 - Ceiling/floor effects
 - Meaningful change
 - Links to disability, independence, hospitalization, mortality
- **Early and ongoing FDA dialogue on fit-for-purpose contexts of use**

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Emerging Designs for Clinical Trials Vetting Geroprotective Interventions

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1. Different orientation
2. Defining response
3. Statistical methods
4. Integrative Approaches

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Trials that Focus on Individual Health Improvement; *Mega* vs. *Mini* Trials

Different perspectives re: motivation/design of a trial:

- Rare disease (small N, trial phases not appropriate)
- Clinical translation (will it benefit the patient participant?)
- Phase I oncology trials: patients, not volunteers...



Mega-trials “can provide definitive evidence about the mortality (*or morbidity*) reduction afforded by a class of therapy so that broad changes in clinical practice can be justified.”

Mini-trials “can explain why a treatment is effective to allow development of more effective approaches attacking the identified mechanisms.”

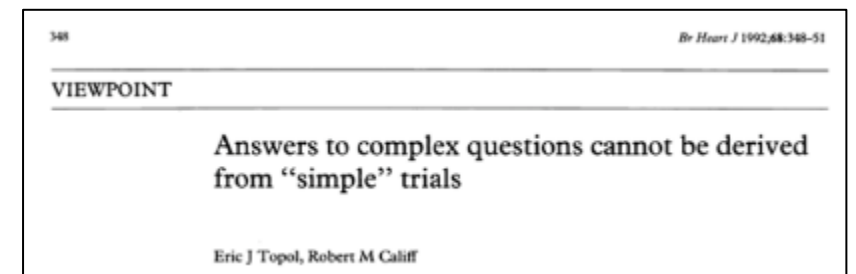
Further Complementarity: the mechanistic and comprehensive “rationale for mega-trials and the ‘fine-tuning’ of minor adjustments in treatment will be the task of the mini-trials.”

Mega-trials -> Mini-trials

Real World Evidence + Evidence Synthesis

Especially Repurposed Drugs

Mini-trials -> Mega-trials

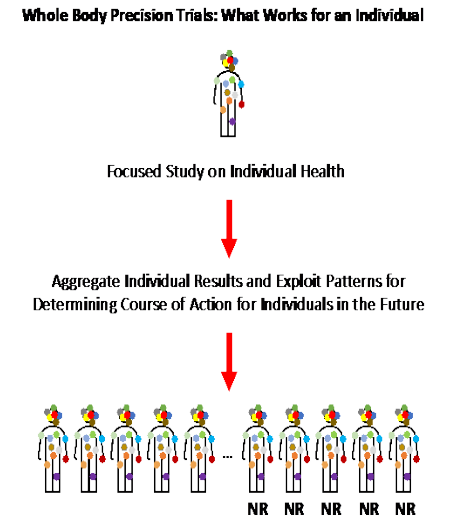
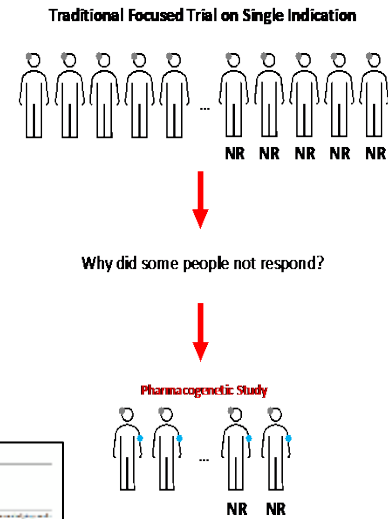
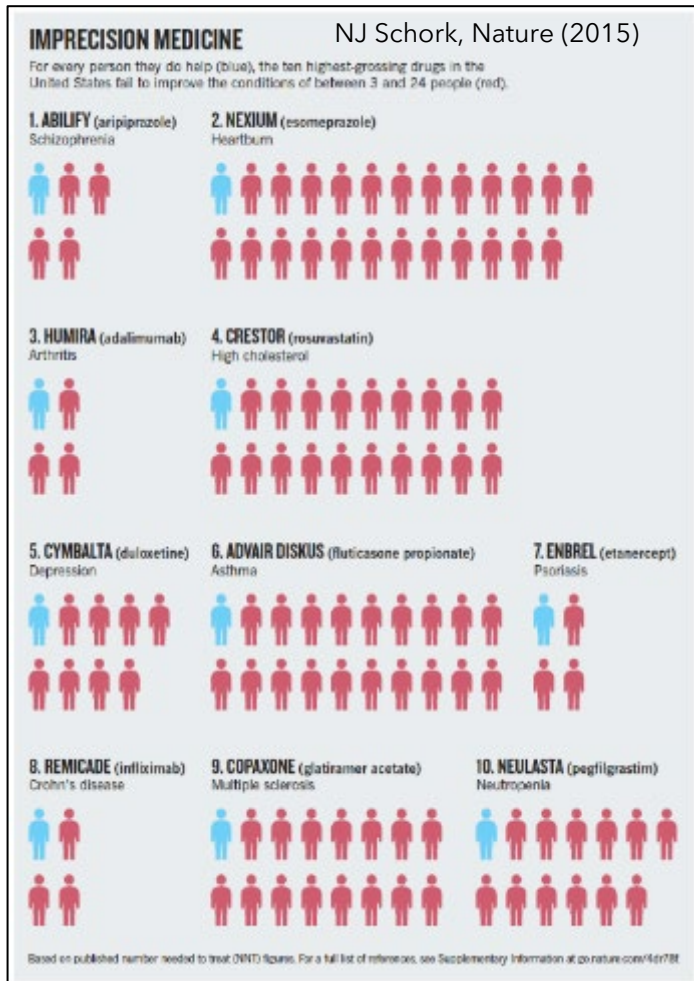


Inter-Individual Variation in Intervention Response

Population trials reveal poor response rates

Recent studies on genetic basis of geroprotector response

Need built-for-purpose trials and infrastructure



Schork, Goetz et al. PMIDs: 40447582; 37255593

Defining Response: Population Level vs. Individual Level

Traditional target effect sizes may not adequately capture important clinically-relevant individual response info:

- Mortality rates
- Morbidity rates
- Average change in IC or, e.g., a surrogate endpoint
- Multivariate phenotype defining overall health

Response criteria could be defined *a priori* using available data sources (e.g., natural history or cohort studies, etc.)

- Age reversal
- Life tables
- Clinical assessments
- Participant concerns
- Aging clock dial

Use of *a priori* criteria for response by developing a response distributions has elements of a Bayesian design (“Use of Bayesian Methodology in Clinical Trials of Drug and Biological Products;” <https://www.fda.gov/media/190505/download>)

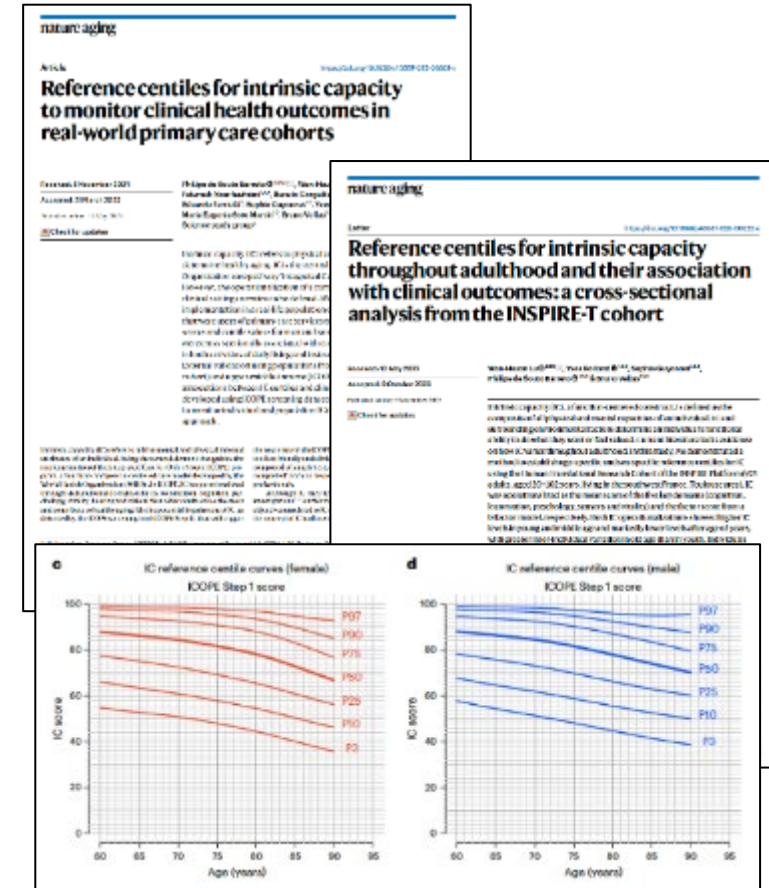
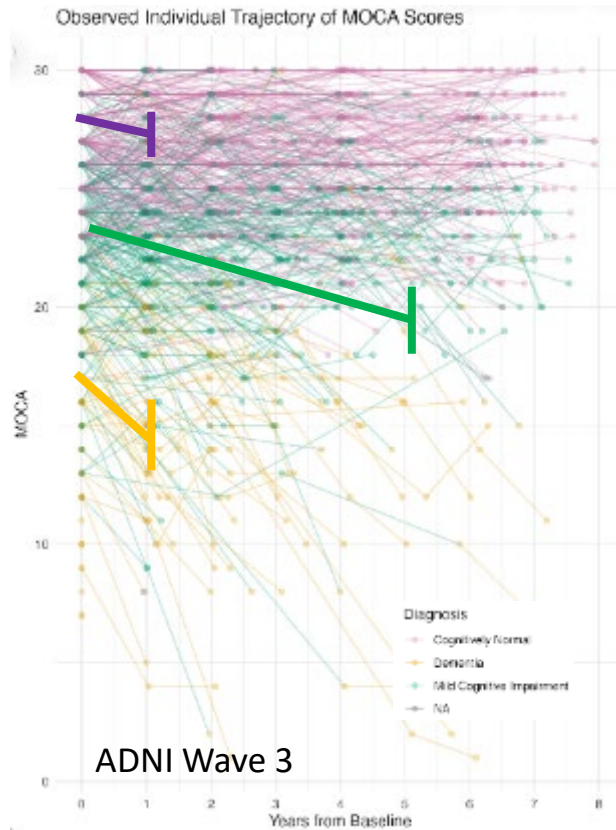
Simple 2 x 2 Table Formulation

- Hypothesis: $C_R \ll I_R$
- Define criteria so that C_R is small
- Multiple criteria = C_R even smaller

Studies Using *A Priori* Defined Response Criteria

Defining Response: “Age-Reversal” Criteria

- Explore variation in trajectories
- Determine changes that would amount to age-reversal in years
- Determine the probability of achieving changes by chance
- Meaningful changes could be ‘individualized’ via covariate use (XPRIZE Healthspan competition)
- Post-hoc tests of quantitative changes can always be pursued
- Intrinsic capacity could be used
- Define responses for each domain
- Non-linearity and ceiling effects



Multivariate Studies: Aging Affects *Multiple* Phenotypes...

- If a multivariate effect hypothesis is true, then multivariate tests are more powerful than univariate tests
- Multivariate tests can assume *each variable* exhibits a minimal effect (% variance explained by a treatment)
- Correlations between the measures can have a substantial effect on power and the nature of the test

Upper panel: Multivariate test (Hotelling's T-square) vs. univariate test (paired t-test) with Bonferroni correction

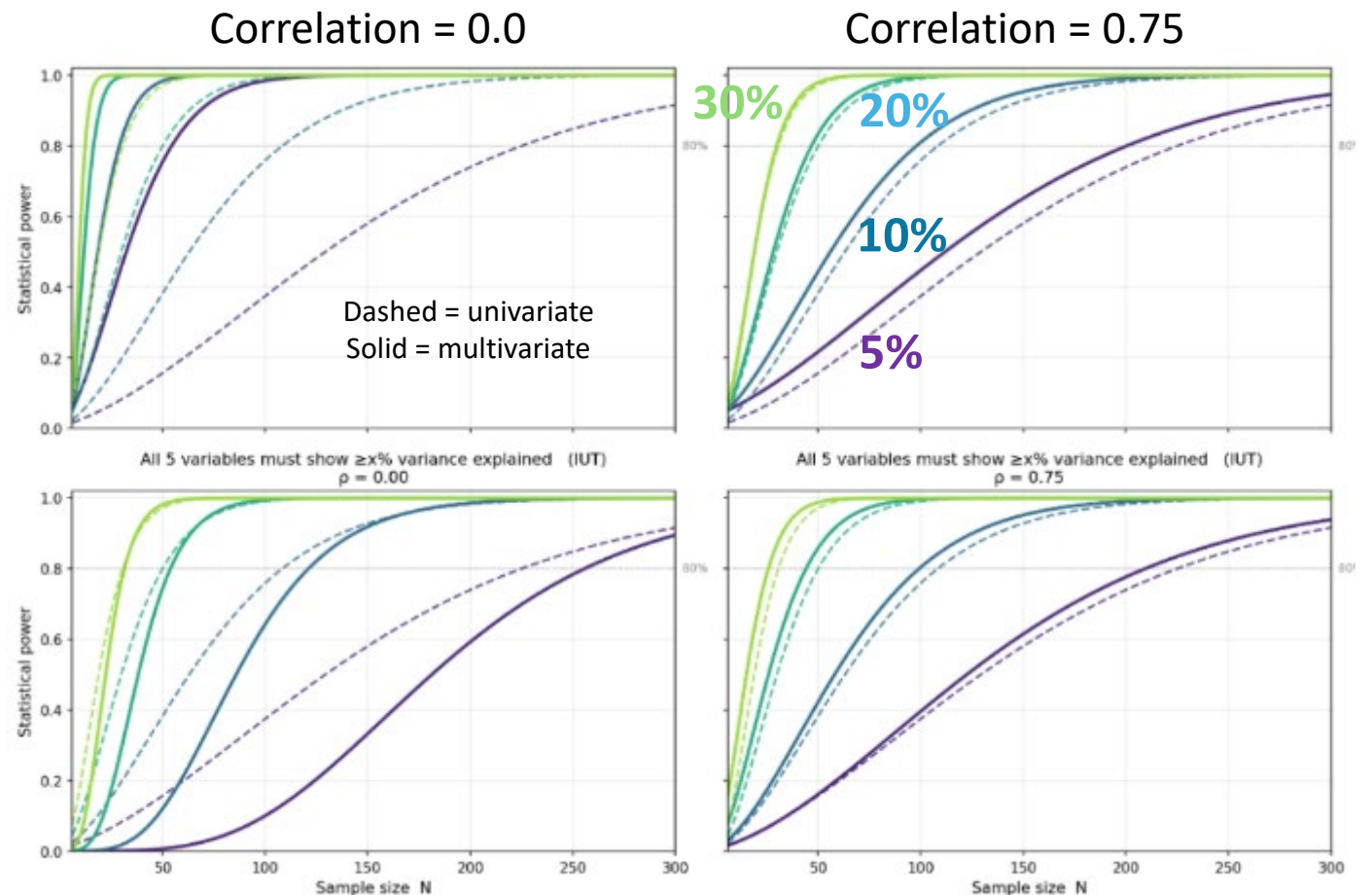
- 5 variables assumed
- Type I error rate of 0.05

Lower panel: Union-intersection test (i.e., each variable exhibits and effect) vs. univariate test (paired t-test)

Am. J. Hum. Genet. 63:1190–1201, 1998

Multiple Phenotype Modeling in Gene-Mapping Studies of Quantitative Traits: Power Advantages

David B. Allison,¹ Bonnie Thiel,² Pamela St. Jean,² Robert C. Elston,² Ming C. Infante,¹ and Nicholas J. Schork^{2,3,4,5}



Single Case Experimental Designs (SCEDs): Heterogeneity Studies

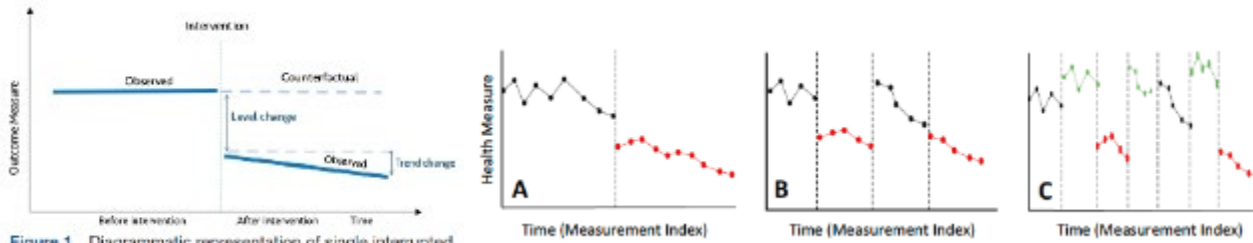
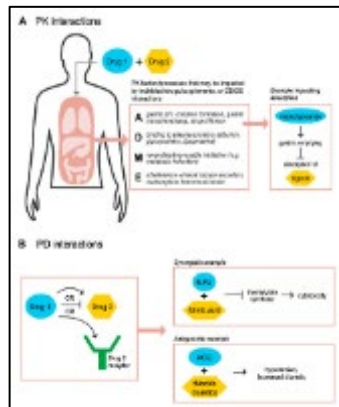


Figure 1 Diagrammatic representation of single interrupted time series.

Testing Average Effect vs. Variation in Effect

- Traditional randomized clinical trials (RCTs) typically focus on **average** effects of interventions not individual responses
- Power derives from number of longitudinal measures not individuals
- Major advantages of SCEDs and **aggregated** SCEDs:
 - ✓ Intervention effects (standard average effect analyses)
 - ✓ Variation in response effects using, e.g., mixed models
 - ✓ Causal relationships between PK-like biomarkers and responses
 - ✓ Validate surrogate endpoints and prognostic vs. predictive biomarkers
 - ✓ Identify clinically-relevant patterns from aggregated data using AI/ML
 - ✓ **Identify phenomena that benefit patients *in real time***

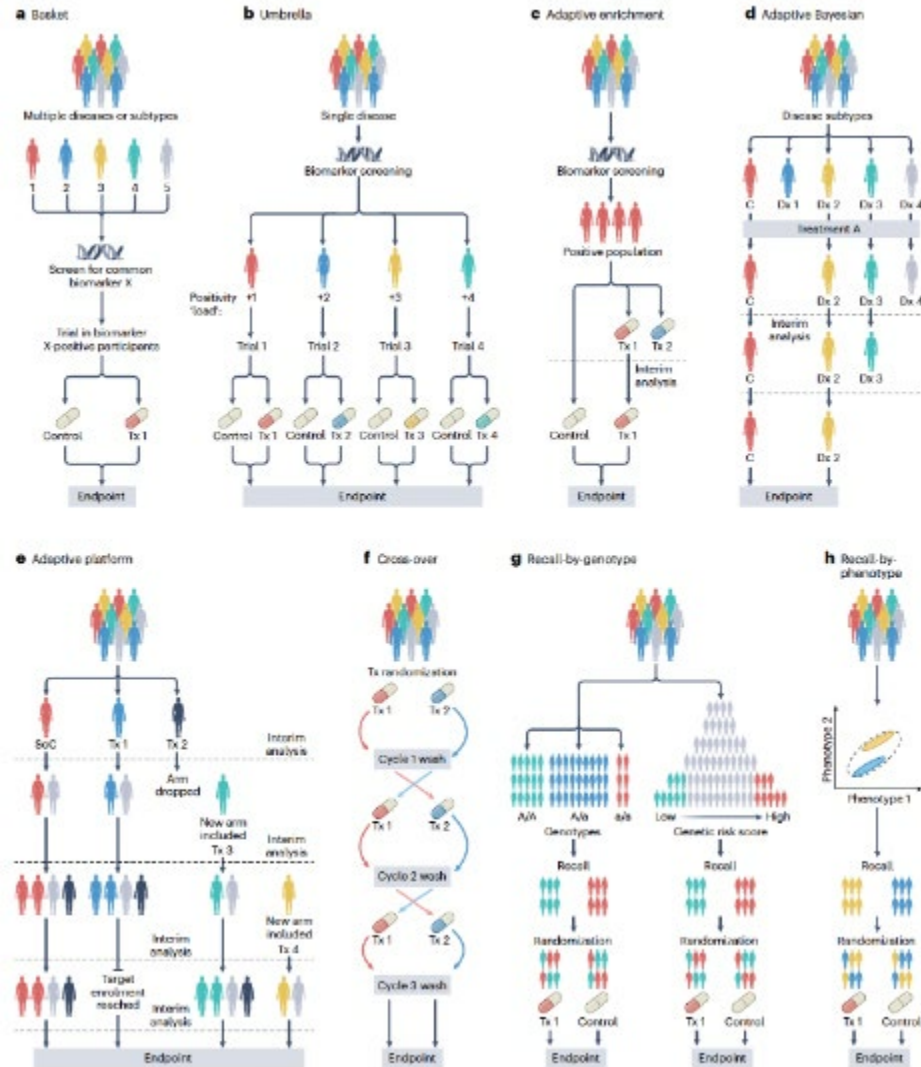


- **Punchline:** More observations on fewer individuals are more powerful than fewer observations on more individuals for detecting **variation** in treatment response (with total number of observations fixed)
- Mediation effects and surrogate endpoint analysis can be accommodated as well

Other Large-Scale Designs and Infrastructure

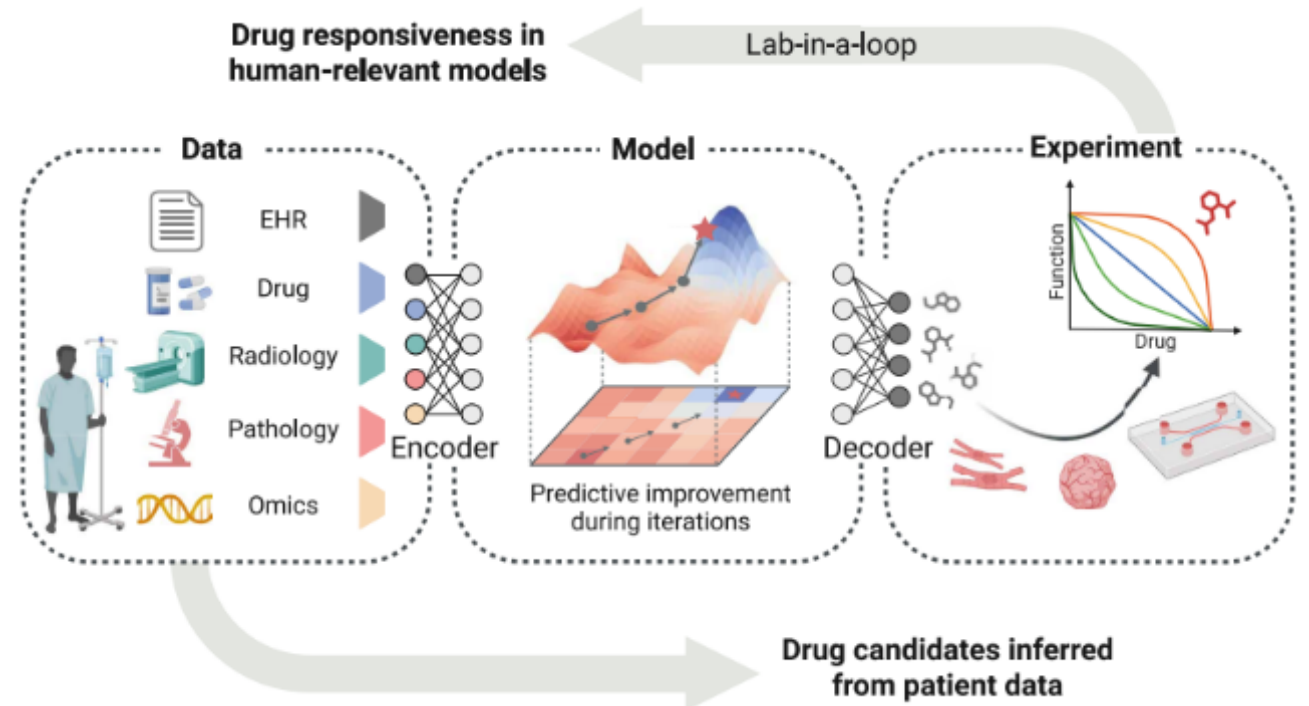
Platform Trials: Multi-Intervention, Matching, etc.

New Approach Methodologies (NAMS): Precision Trials



Franks PW et al. Nat Med. 2026 Apr;32(4):1211-1222 (PMID: 41872601)

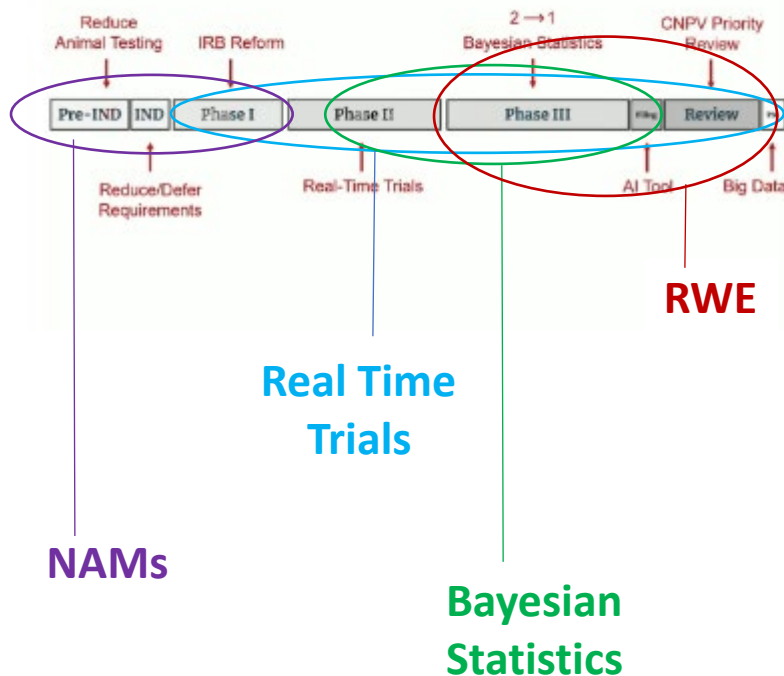
- Replace animal models
- Could be used to screen drugs with appropriate assays
- Could be used to guide intervention choice (e.g., cancer)
- Different tissues and can remove iPSC stage
- Problem: non-cell autonomous activity can be missed



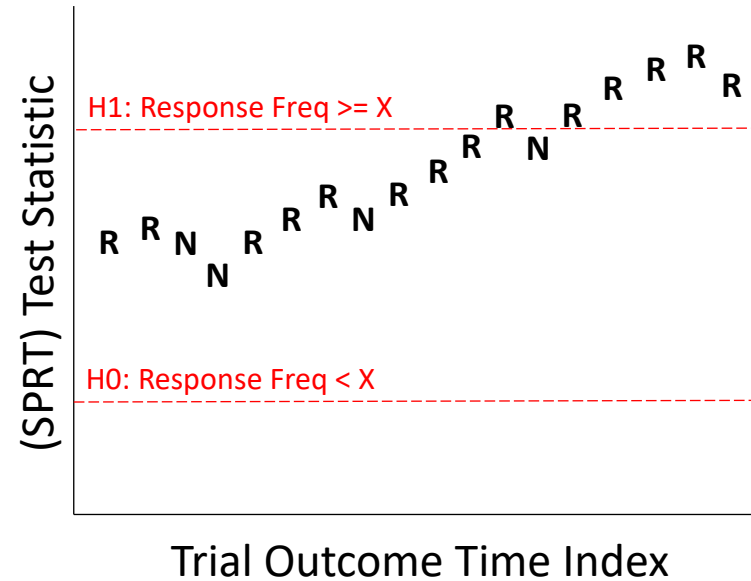
Science. 2026 Apr 23; 392(6796): 371-378 (PMID: 41990130)

Sequential Aggregation of SCED Results: *Real Time* Analyses

Real-Time Clinical Trials



Sequentially Aggregated Trials

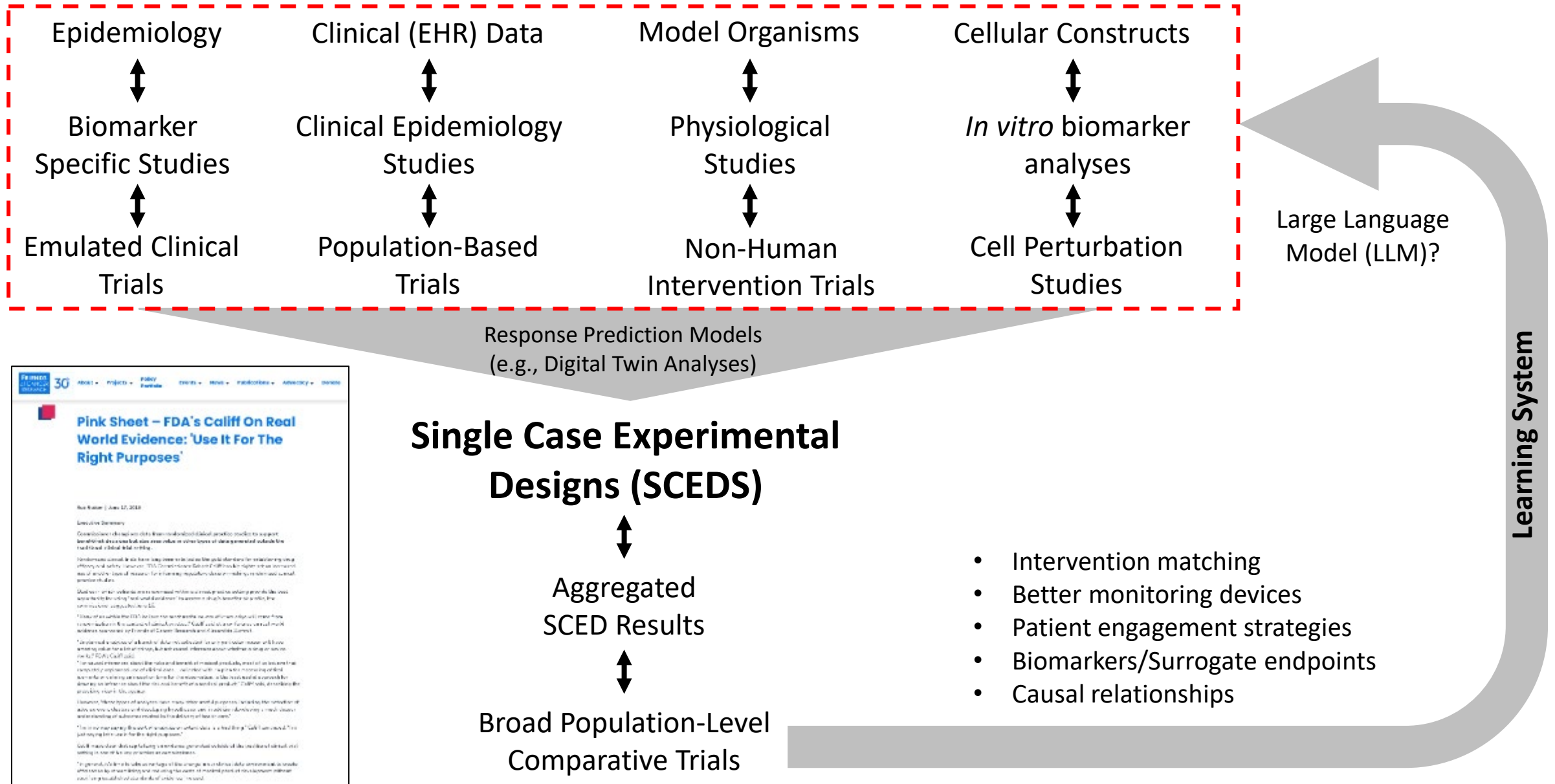


Sampling Burden Reductions

- Boundaries for accepting/rejecting H0 set in advance based on Type I, II error rates, H0, assumed variation
- Type I error rate defining response in a single trial must be balanced with type I for testing response frequency

- 100 simulated modified SPRTs using N-of-1 trials
- 4 intervention comparison periods with 50 measurement (no washout periods, randomization, serial correlation, or carry over effects)

Integrating AI Prediction Models with SCEDs Within a Learning System



Lunch

We will resume at 1:05pm ET

Longevity

XPRIZE Healthspan and PROSPR Awardees: Evidence Being Built at Scale



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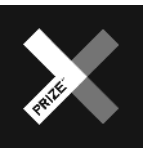
\$101 MILLION PRIZE

\$10 MILLION BONUS



BREAKTHROUGH

Seven year global competition to advance proactive, accessible therapeutics that can improve function and increase human healthspan.



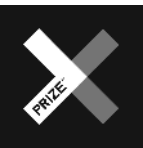
TESTING & JUDGING

10+ Finalist Teams will begin 1-year randomized controlled clinical trials in 2026.

The **WINNING TEAM** must demonstrate that their therapeutic treatment restores muscle, cognitive, and immune function in older persons. The therapeutic treatment must take 1-year or less.

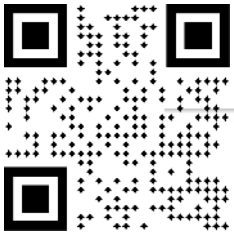
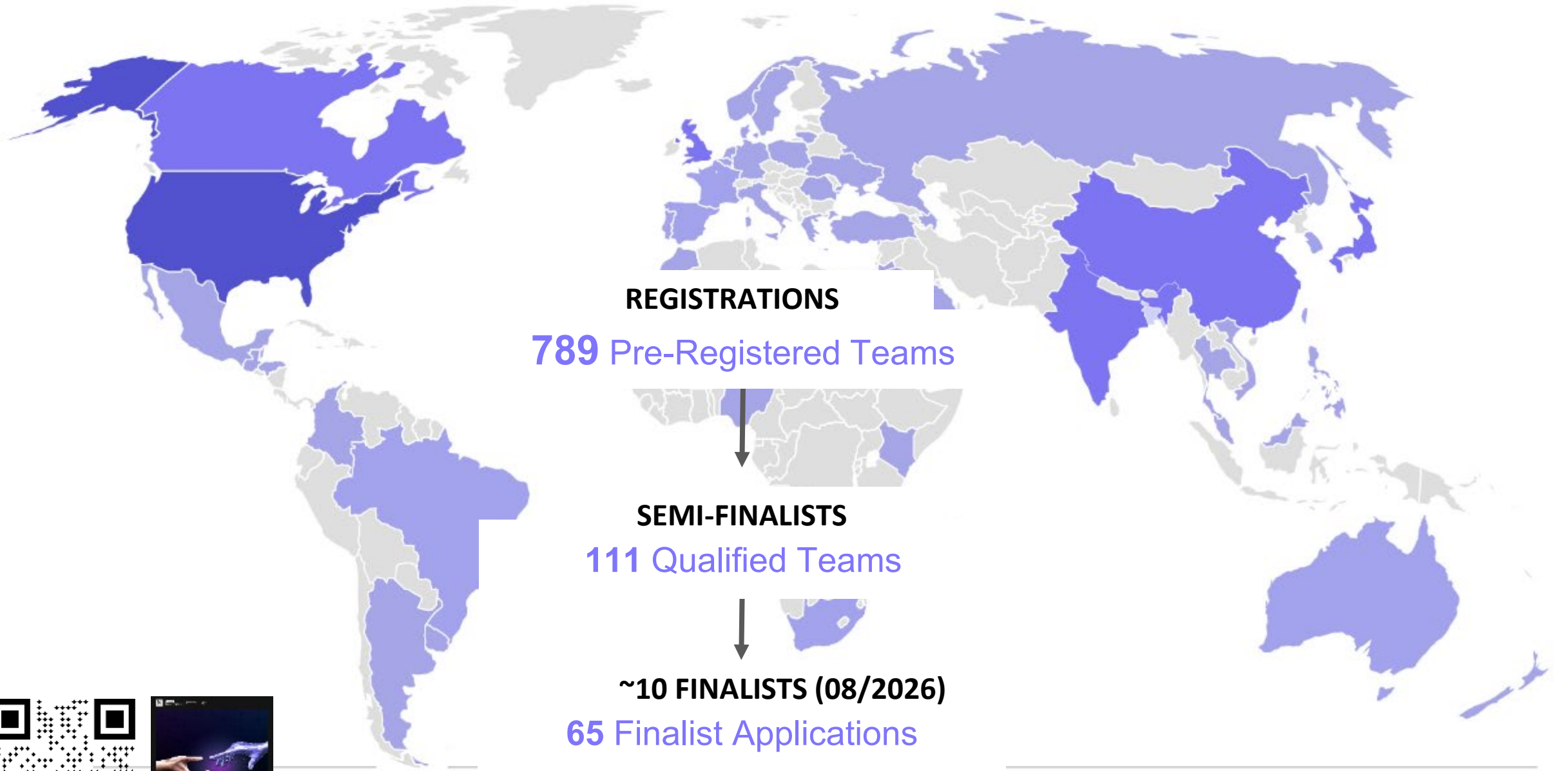
Awarding of the best team is indexed to **response thresholds** that surpass age-related declines expected over 10 years, 15 years, or 20 years in referent populations.

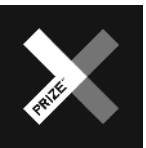




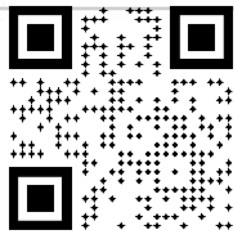
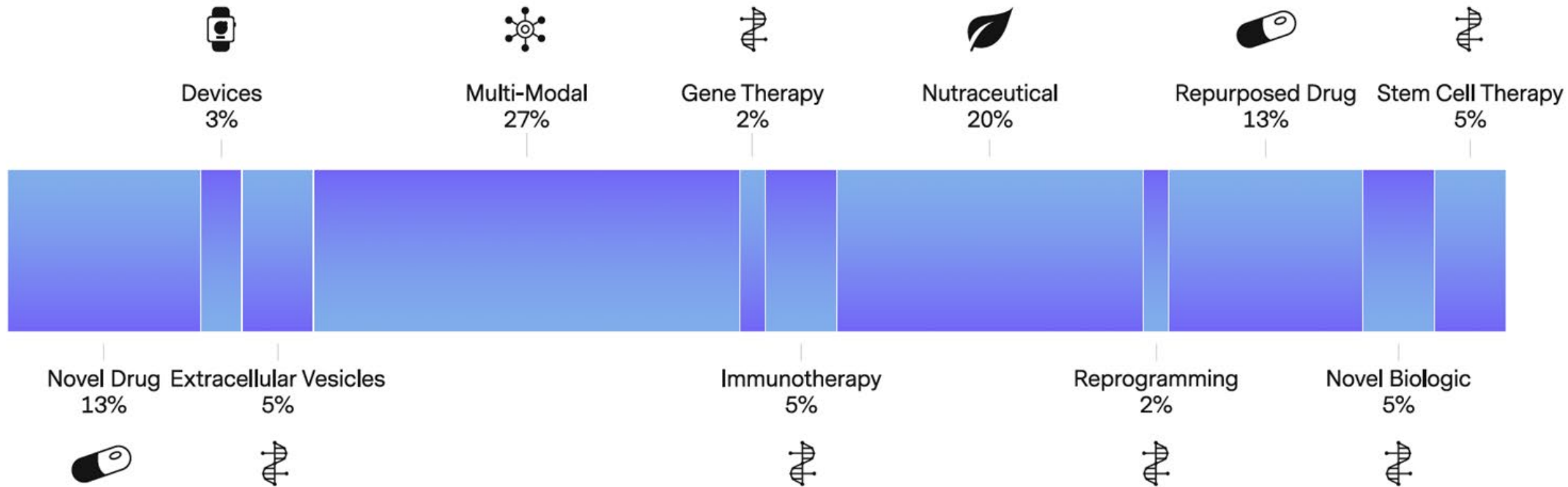
THE XPRIZE HEALTHSPAN TIMELINE

QUALIFYING SUBMISSION		SEMI-FINALS		FINALS
Research & Development	100+	Proof-of-Concept Clinical Studies	10+	1-Year Clinical Trials in Older Adults
Milestone 1 \$10M	➤ 40 TEAMS ➤	Milestone 2 \$10M	➤ 10 TEAMS ➤	Grand Prize Up to \$81M
AWARDED 2025		AWARD IN 2026		AWARD IN 2030





XPRIZE HEALTHSPAN- PROPOSED MODALITIES



2025 Innovations
Landscape Report

 Biologics (24% Total)

 Drugs (26% Total)



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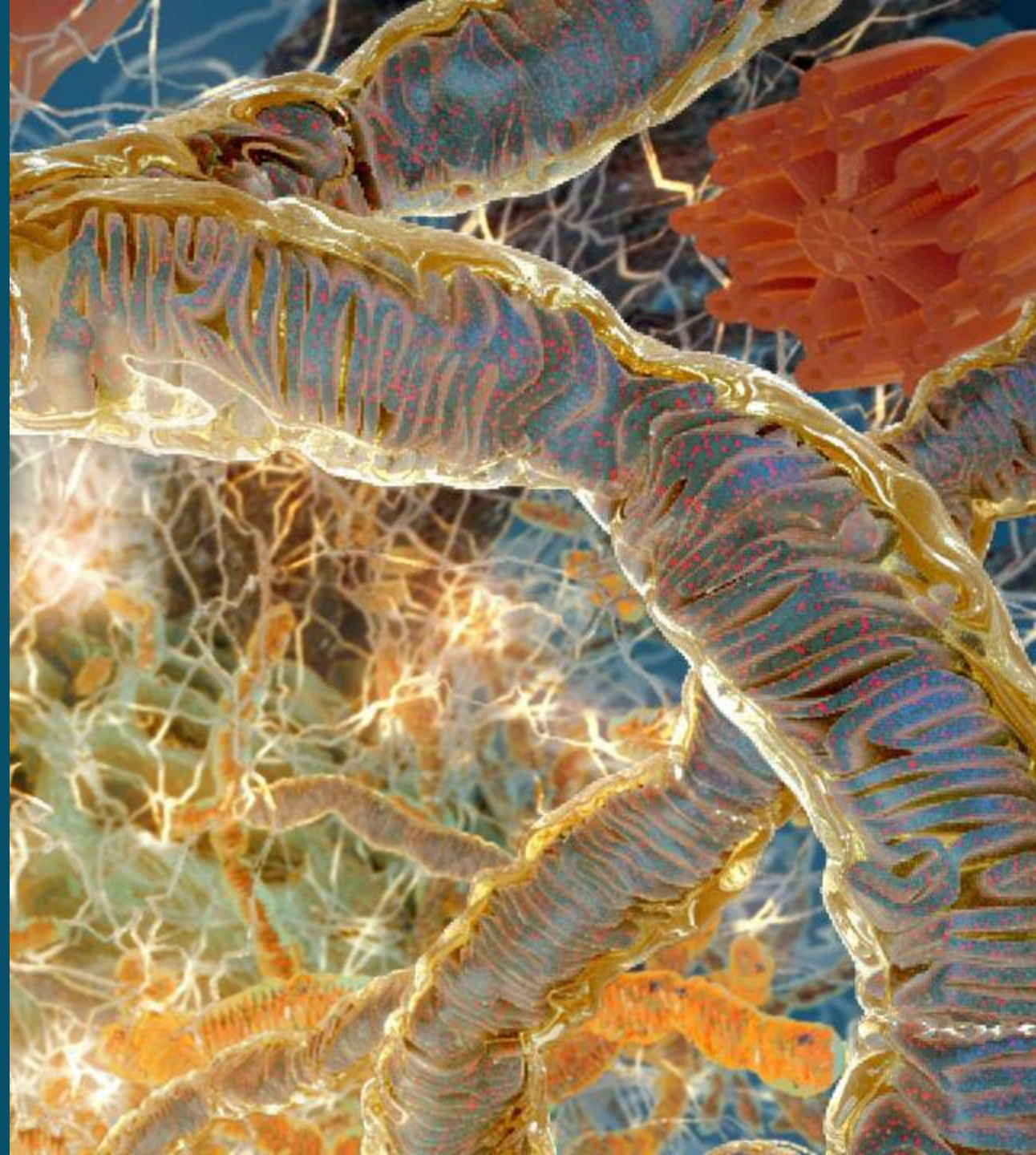
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Influencing Healthspan by Targeting Mitochondria

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On behalf of: *The Mitochondrial All-Stars*
XPRIZE Healthspan Semi-finals Team



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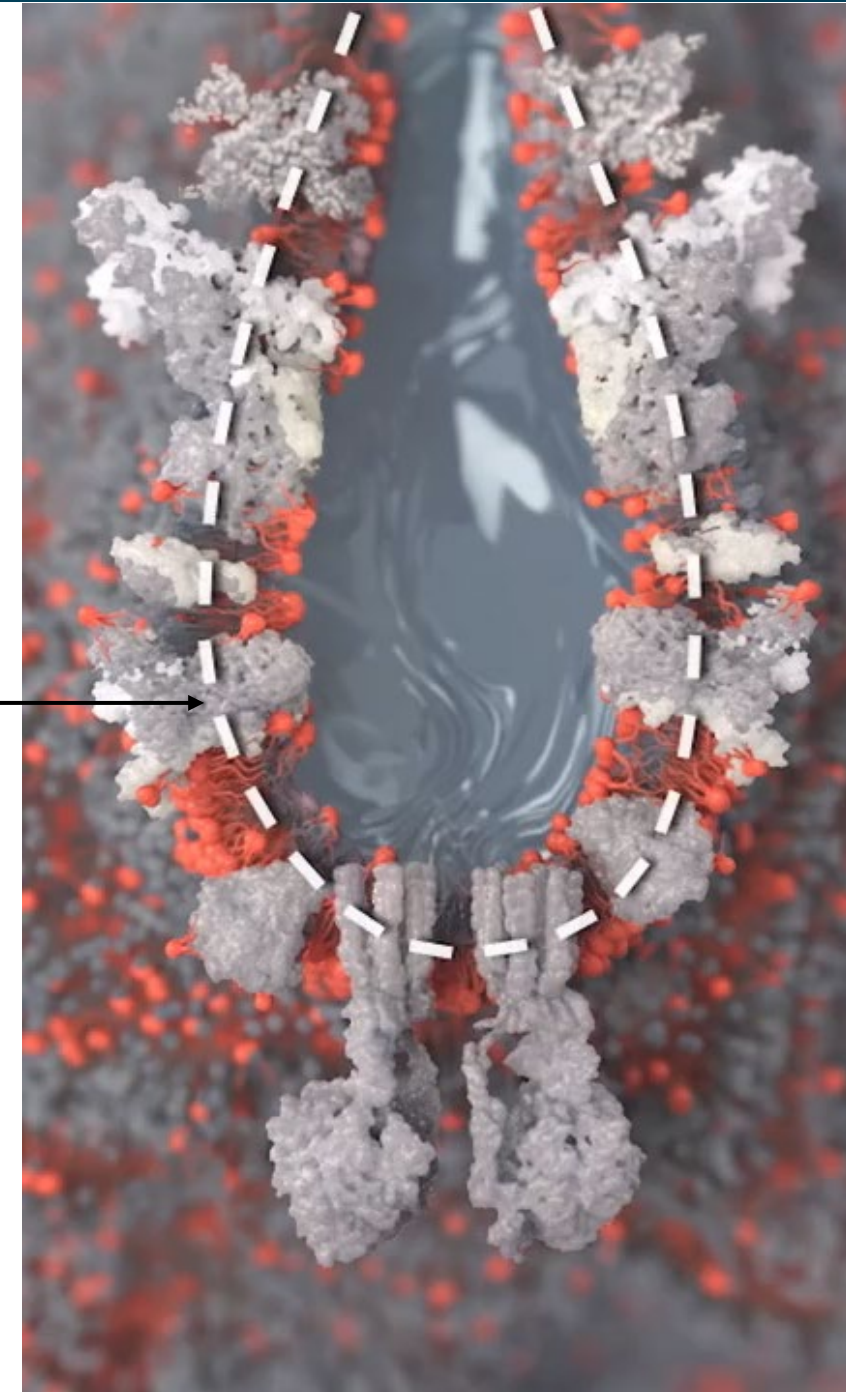
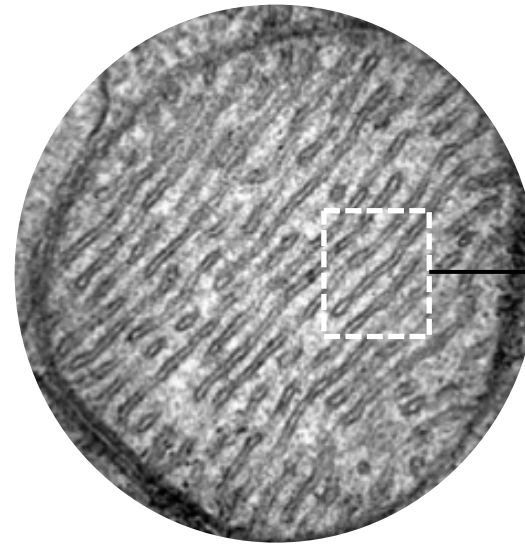
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Mitochondria Power Biological Life

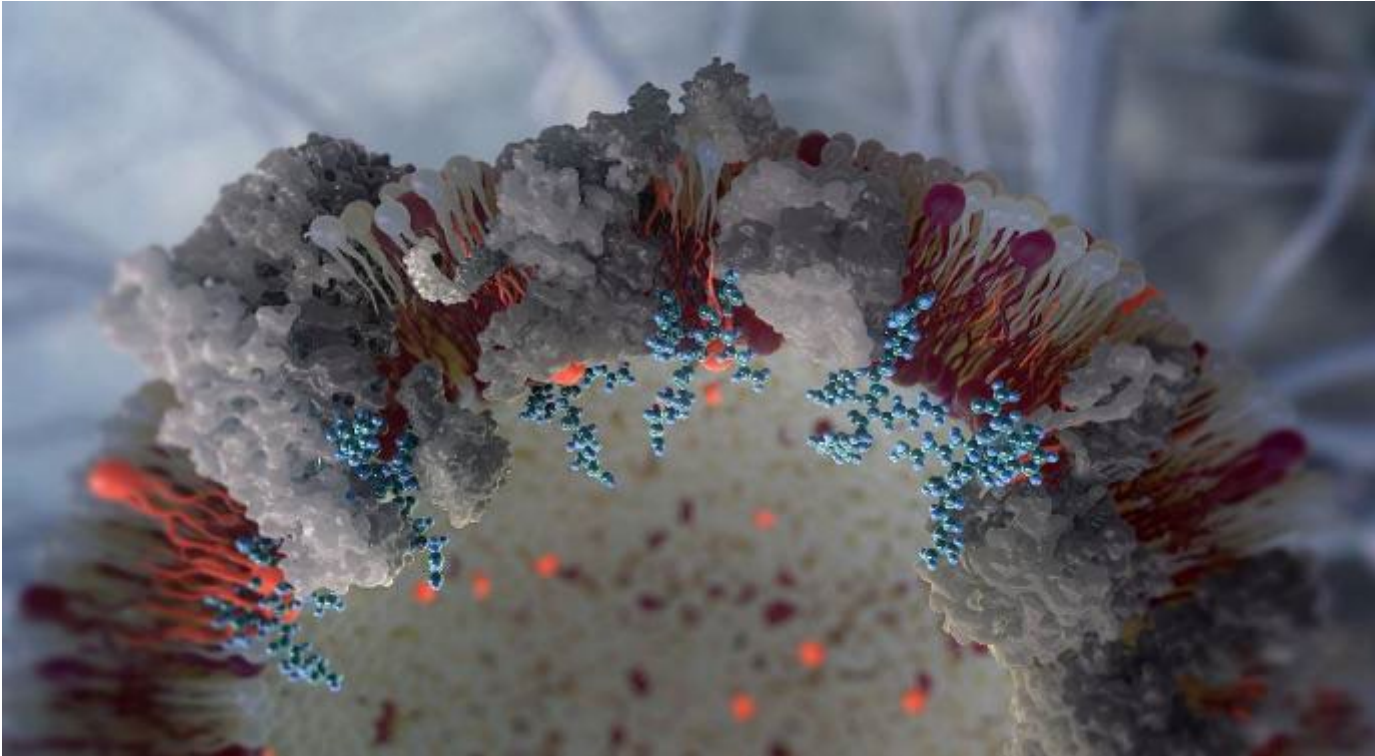
Stealth BioTherapeutics is at the forefront of mitochondrial medicine

- **FOUNDED** on the premise that mitochondrial dysfunction is integral to Healthspan
- **FASCINATED BY MITOCHONDRIA** and the potential to *transform* Healthspan pathologies
 - Intracellular energy grid that influences nearly every aspect of cell/organ function
 - Mitochondrial dysfunction is a central driver for aging & age-related diseases
- **LEADING MITOCHONDRIAL MEDICINE**
 - Decades of experience developing mitochondrial- targeted therapeutics
 - Small molecules at various stages of development



Targeting Mitochondria with Elamipretide

Accelerated approval for an ultra-rare syndrome in 2025; extensive evaluation in preclinical aging models



Elamipretide is a mitochondria-targeting peptide that binds to cardiolipin in the inner mitochondrial membrane and improves mitochondrial structure-function

- Assessed in many preclinical models of aging and disease*
- Well-characterized clinical safety profile (>1700 individuals; >400 patient years)
- First and only FDA-approved mitochondria-targeted therapy
 - Approved in Sept 2025 under Subpart H (accelerated approval) for an ultra-rare disease
- Encouraging Phase 2 data in dry age-related macular degeneration
 - Leading cause of blindness in older adults
 - Phase 3 clinical trial fully-enrolled

* e.g., Hao et al., *Oncotarget*, 2017; Liu et al., *Front. Aging Neurosci.*, 2021; Zhao et al., *Journal of Neuroinflammation*, 2019; Alam et al., *Dis Model Mech.* 2022; Whitson et al., *Gero Science*, 2021; Chiao et al., *eLife*, 2020; Sweetwyne et al., *Kidney Int.* 2017; Nickel et al., *Aging Pathobiology and Therapeutics*, 2022; Campbell et al., *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*, 2019; Siegel et al., *Aging Cell*, 2013

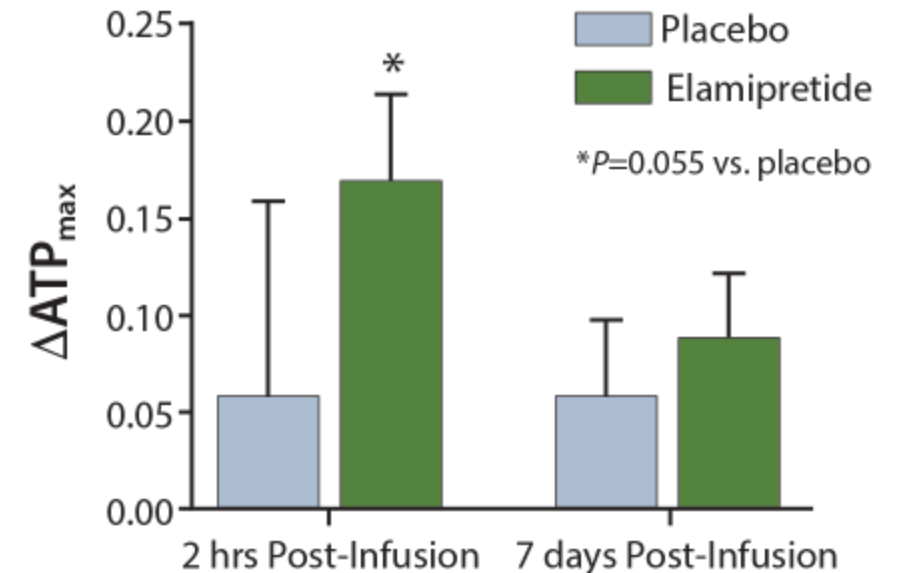
Elamipretide May Influence Age-Related Mitochondrial Dysfunction

Scientific validation from pre-clinical models and a small pilot study in humans

Muscle Mitochondrial Morphology in Aged Mice



Muscle ATP Production in Aged Adults (MOTION Trial)



- Elamipretide improved age-related heart, kidney, muscle, eye & brain dysfunction across non-clinical models (>50 peer-reviewed publications from independent investigators)
- Improved muscle ATP production rate in elderly subjects receiving acute elamipretide treatment (single IV infusion)
- Published studies also showed reduced markers of inflammation and improved cognitive function in animals

“Mitochondrial All-Stars” Team

XPRIZE Healthspan Semi-Finalists



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Study of Healthy Aging and Physical Function with Elamipretide (SHAPE)

Mitochondrial All Stars successfully executed on aggressive XPRIZE Healthspan competition deadlines

SCREENING (28-days)	TREATMENT PERIOD (4-weeks)				END OF STUDY	FOLLOW-UP
<p>n=35 screened; n=23 enrolled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male/female age ≥ 65-80 years • VO₂peak ≤ 37.3ml/kg/min (men)/ ≤ 25.7ml/kg/min (women) (below 50% standard for 65 year old) • Ambulatory/able to complete 6MWT 	<p>Visit 1 baseline (BL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6MWT • Demographics, vitals, ECG • Blood draw • CPET exercise test 	<p>Visit 2 baseline (BL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscle strength & fatiguability – knee extensor • Cognitive function • Elamipretide (IMP) dispensed, first treatment 	<p>Mid-treatment (phone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check injection compliance • Subject experience 	<p>Visit 3 (EOT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics, vitals, ECG • 6MWT • Blood draw • CPET exercise test 	<p>Visit 4 (EOS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-7 days after Visit 3 • 6MWT • Muscle strength & fatiguability • Cognitive function 	<p>EOT + 2 wks (Phone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety follow-up • Subjective subject experience
<p><i>Elamipretide 40 mg 1X daily SC (single arm, open label)</i></p>						

Study Objectives

Demonstrate our high-quality execution capability

- SHAPE was a Phase 2a investigator-initiated study conducted by Drs. Marcinek and Jayadev at University of Washington
- Kick-off June 2025; IND exemption received October 2025; FPFV November 2025; LPLV March 2026

Primary objective: evaluate safety and tolerability of daily SC elamipretide.

Secondary objectives: assess changes in inflammatory biomarkers, cognitive function, and skeletal muscle health

SHAPE Study Semi-Finals Data

Acceptable safety profile; interesting trends observed on muscle and cognitive function

Safety: Elamipretide was well tolerated; the most common treatment-emergent event was mild injection-site discomfort (33%). All participants (100%) completed the study and reported willingness to enroll in future clinical trials.

- Interesting trends, albeit in an open label, single arm study
- Supports initiation of a randomized placebo-controlled study to control for placebo/learning effects, etc.
- Broader data set to be presented by Drs. Marcinek and Liu at the upcoming American Aging Association Meeting (June 2026)

Next Steps To Advance Mitochondrial Medicine for Aging

XPRIZE Healthspan Finals proposal summer '26; access requires clarity on regulatory pathway(s) for aging therapies



✓ Early Proof-of-Concept Studies:

Does one-time elamipretide treatment improve energy production and influence muscle fatigue in aged individuals?

✓ X-Prize Semi-Finals:

Can daily elamipretide for 1-month influence age-related declines/inform study design for a larger trial? Aged 60-85 years, n=23.

X-Prize Final Round:

Can daily elamipretide treatment for one year impact the loss of muscle, cognitive, and immune function in aged individuals?

Mitochondrial medicine may target age-related declines:

- Muscle/movement pathologies
- Neurodegeneration
- Vision loss
- Cardiomyopathies
- Metabolic diseases







Thank You



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XPRIZE HEALTHSPAN · FINALS APPLICATION

HEALTHSPAN NYC-VITA 2030

Exercise, spermidine, and rapamycin to correct systemic inflammaging and extend healthspan

Phase 2 · Randomized 2:1, controlled, open-label

180 participants, ages 50–90 · 12-month intervention

BioMedical Engineering and Imaging Institute (BMEII)

Miriam Merad, MD, PhD · Zahi A. Fayad, PhD · Thomas Marron, MD · Fanny Elahi, MD, PhD · Ryan Walker, PhD

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Aging drives a systemic shift toward inflammatory myeloid biology

Our hypothesis:

Aging progressively replaces protective resident tissue macrophages with inflammatory, poorly reparative cells — a “macrophage shift” that drives decline across brain, muscle, and immune systems.

Recent literature has strengthened this model: the shift is reversible, and interventions that reduce inflammatory myeloid output restore function.

OUR STRATEGY

Rebalance hematopoiesis · reduce SASP · restore tissue homeostasis

BRAIN

Inflammatory myeloid cells drive neuroinflammation and degeneration

MUSCLE

Loss of resident macrophages impairs repair and regeneration

IMMUNE

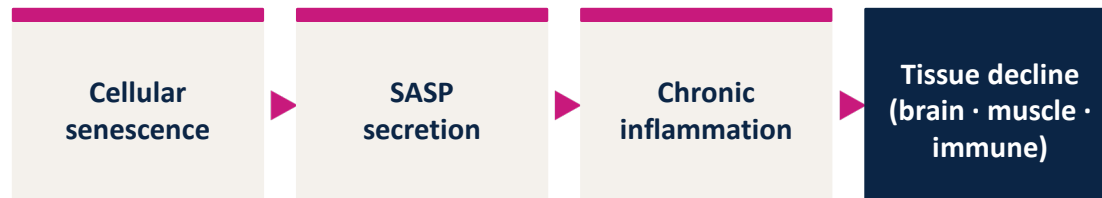
Skewed myeloid output suppresses adaptive immune competence

SASP: the senescence-associated secretory phenotype

Senescent cells stop dividing but don't die quietly.

They secrete a cocktail of pro-inflammatory cytokines, chemokines, growth factors, and proteases — the **senescence-associated secretory phenotype** — that drives chronic low-grade inflammation in surrounding tissue and across the body.

SASP is the mechanistic bridge between cellular senescence and **inflammaging** — and reducing it is the most tractable therapeutic lever in geroscience.



Reduce SASP → break the chain

OUR COMPOSITE SASP SCORE

Mean fold-change across 12 plasma analytes (Olink)

AREG <i>growth factor</i>	HGF <i>growth factor</i>	TGFA <i>growth factor</i>
FGF23 <i>growth factor</i>	CCL7 <i>chemokine</i>	CCL13 <i>chemokine</i>
CXCL13 <i>chemokine</i>	IL-1α <i>inflammasome</i>	IL-1β <i>inflammasome</i>
IL-18 <i>inflammasome</i>	MMP12 <i>ECM remodeling</i>	OLR1 <i>metabolic</i>

WHY THIS PANEL

Captures the breadth of the senescent secretome — growth factors, chemokines, inflammasome cytokines, ECM remodeling, and metabolic enzymes — in a single composite metric.

TERM COINED BY Coppé, Desprez, Krtolica & Campisi · Annual Review of Pathology, 2010

Two agents acting on complementary points of the macrophage shift

mTOR INHIBITOR

RAPAMYCIN

FINALS DOSE

Weekly · 2→4→6 mg

MECHANISM

Low-dose, intermittent mTOR inhibition dampens inflammation-driven HSPC proliferative drive and myeloid skewing. The 2–6 mg weekly window enhances rather than suppresses immune function.

SEMI-FINALS SIGNAL

Broader SASP reduction · ↑ EPO · ↑ GZMB · ↑ FLT3LG

ADVANCED

POLYAMINE · AUTOPHAGY INDUCER

SPERMIDINE

FINALS DOSE

40 mg PO daily, with food

MECHANISM

Endogenous polyamine that induces autophagy, reduces myelopoiesis (GMPs), and lowers circulating IL-6, IL-1 α / β , IL-18, IL-33. Source: Chrysea Labs (Finals supplier).

SEMI-FINALS SIGNAL

Plasma PK saturates at 40 mg · modulated brain-aging markers

ADVANCED

WHY THIS COMBINATION Distinct, complementary nodes — autophagy induction + mTOR restraint — converging on reduced inflammatory myeloid output.

Four independent signals chain into one story of restored resilience

01 STAGE 01

 **SASP**
p = 0.029

Senescence-Associated Secretory Phenotype

WHAT IT IS

12-analyte composite of cytokines, chemokines, growth factors, proteases secreted by senescent cells

WHAT IT MEANS

Inflammatory pressure releases — rapamycin acts upstream on senescence translation (Laberge, Nat Cell Biol 2015)

02 STAGE 02

 **EPO**
p = 0.063

Erythropoietin

WHAT IT IS

Renal hormone driving RBC production; suppressed by chronic inflammation (HIF-2 α axis)

WHAT IT MEANS

Tissue oxygenation signaling recovers — prerequisite for VO₂max and brain function

03 STAGE 03

 **FLT3LG**
trend

FLT3 Ligand

WHAT IT IS

Cytokine driving differentiation of hematopoietic progenitors into dendritic cells

WHAT IT MEANS

Dendritic cell production machinery responding — bridge between innate and adaptive immunity

04 STAGE 04

 **GZMB**
p = 0.06

Granzyme B

WHAT IT IS

Serine protease used by cytotoxic CD8⁺ T cells and NK cells to kill targets; plasma levels = functional cytotoxicity

WHAT IT MEANS

CD8 cytotoxic killing returns — adaptive immune competence restored (Mannick, Lancet HL 2018)

CONVERGENT BIOLOGY

Inflammatory pressure releases → oxygenation axis recovers → DC signaling responds → CD8 killing function returns

Finals trial design: 180 participants, 2:1 randomization, 12-month intervention

180

participants enrolled
ages 50–90

2:1

INTERVENTION · n = 120 (108 evaluable)

Spermidine 40 mg PO daily · Rapamycin weekly (2→4→6 mg escalation) ·

Structured exercise: 2× HIIT (20 min) + 3× resistance (40 min) per week, home-based with Fitbit

CONTROL · n = 60 (54 evaluable)

Lifestyle modification counseling (AHA/CDC minimums) + Fitbit + matched visit schedule

STRATIFICATION

Age (50–69, 70–90) and sex; <60:40 sex cap

RANDOMIZATION

REDCap blocked, 30 days post-consent; two baselines

POWER

85% power, $\alpha = 0.05$, responder rates 30% vs 10%

OVERSIGHT

Independent DSMB: Bhatt, Zitvogel, Terrier, Friedman

AHA / CDC physical activity guidelines, delivered as structured counseling

THE GUIDELINE · HHS/AHA/CDC ADULT MINIMUMS

≥ 150

min/week

Moderate-intensity aerobic activity
or ≥75 min vigorous, or equivalent combination

≥ 2

days/week

Muscle-strengthening activity
All major muscle groups, moderate intensity or greater

≥ 3

days/week

Balance training (older adults)
Plus gradual ramp-up if previously sedentary

HOW WE DELIVER IT

01

Baseline counseling session

20–30 min, delivered by study exercise physiologist using the 5 A's framework (Ask · Advise · Assess · Assist · Arrange). Personal weekly target set against the guideline.

02

Standardized materials

CDC "Move Your Way" guide + AHA "Healthy for Good" brochure provided at consent. No prescribed regimen, no progression, no supervised sessions.

03

Passive reinforcement at visits

Guidelines re-stated and Fitbit data reviewed at each clinic visit. No active coaching or goal revision between visits.

04

Measured, not assumed

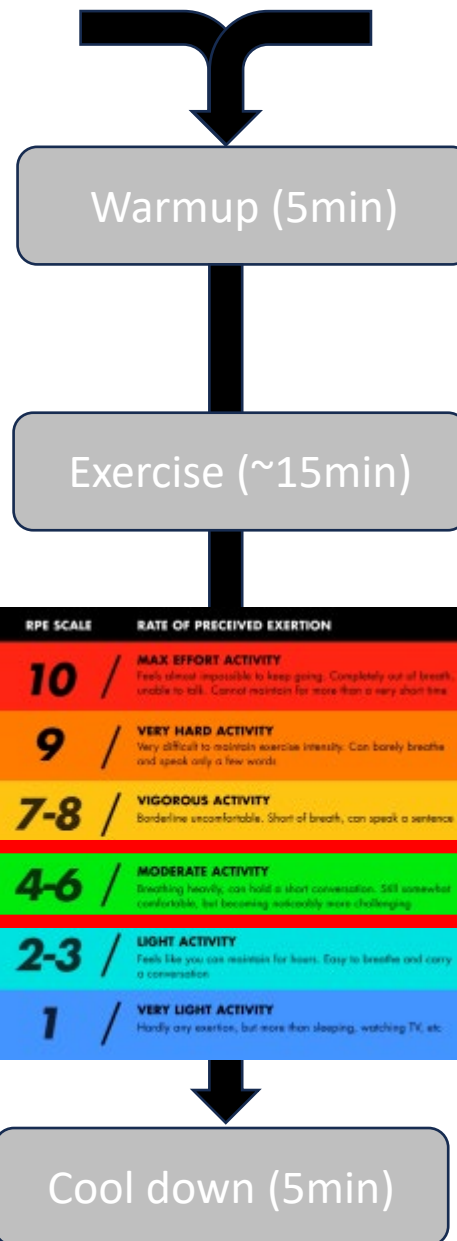
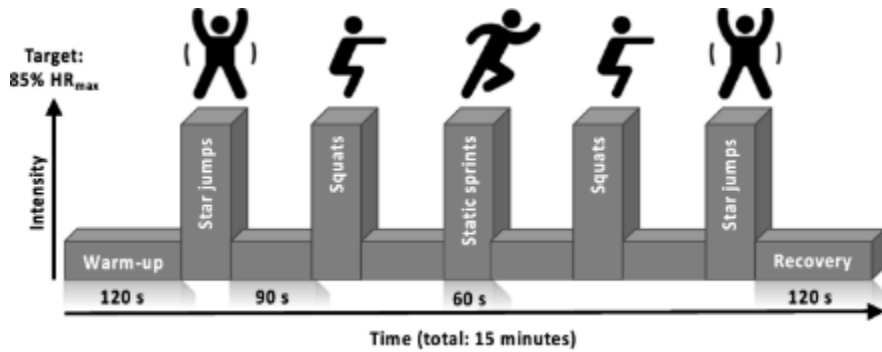
Fitbit weekly active-minutes tracked descriptively against the 150-min threshold — characterizes contrast rather than assuming sedentary controls.

THE CONTRAST Structured, supervised, progressive HIIT + resistance + drugs vs unsupervised, self-directed activity at guideline minimums

Exercise design (5 times per week for 12 months)

2 x/week: high intensity interval training (HIIT)

- 3 exercises (no equipment needed)
- Sessions target 85% age-predicted HR max



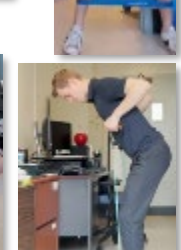
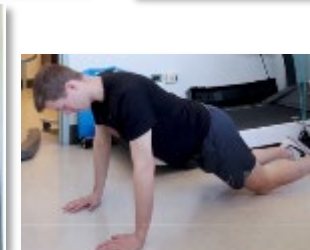
RPE SCALE	RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION
10	MAX EFFORT ACTIVITY Feels almost impossible to keep going. Completely out of breath, unable to talk. Cannot maintain for more than a very short time.
9	VERY HARD ACTIVITY Very difficult to maintain exercise intensity. Can barely breathe and speak only a few words.
7-8	VIGOROUS ACTIVITY Borderline uncomfortable. Short of breath, can speak a sentence.
4-6	MODERATE ACTIVITY Breathing heavily, can hold a short conversation. Still somewhat comfortable, but becoming noticeably more challenging.
2-3	LIGHT ACTIVITY Feels like you can maintain for hours. Easy to breathe and carry a conversation.
1	VERY LIGHT ACTIVITY Hardly any exertion, but more than sleeping, watching TV, etc.

3 x/week: resistance training

- 6 core exercises (resistance bands)
- Progressive repetitions and load

Lower Body

Movement	Exercise
Lower Body extension	squat
hip hinge	deadlift
lateral rotatory	lateral walk



Upper Body

Movement	Exercise
horizontal push	modified press up
full-body extension	push press
Horizontal pull	seated row

Composite responder endpoint across the three XPRIZE domains

A participant is a responder if they achieve clinically meaningful improvement in **≥1 of 3 domains** at 12 months.

MUSCLE FUNCTION

VO₂max

≥ 3 mL/kg/min

Improvement over averaged baseline at 12 months. Gold-standard cardiorespiratory fitness via Vyntus CPX metabolic cart.

Secondary endpoints

Keiser leg press · 6MWT · HGD · MRI body composition

BRAIN FUNCTION

Processing speed

Stabilize or ≥ +10%

Cogstate composite — stabilization if MOCA 22–26, ≥10% improvement if MOCA >26. Supplemented with NeuroUX home monitoring.

Secondary endpoints

Plasma NfL & GFAP (NULISA + Simoa orthogonal)

IMMUNE FUNCTION

HSPC reduction

≥ 30% decrease

Circulating CD34⁺CD38^{lo/–}CD49f⁺ HSPCs at 12 months vs averaged baseline (Park et al., Science 2024).

Secondary endpoints

CytoF, scRNA-seq, Olink, T-cell functional assay (OCCAM)

Deep phenotyping across muscle, brain, and immune domains

MUSCLE FUNCTION

- **Keiser pneumatic leg press**
Peak lower-extremity strength and power

- **6-minute walk test (6MWT)**
Validated VO₂max estimate

- **Hand grip dynamometry (HGD)**
Whole-body muscular strength surrogate

- **FRAIL scale (5-item)**
Frailty phenotype assessment

- **Quantitative MRI (baseline + 12 mo)**
Skeletal muscle volume · intramuscular fat fraction · visceral & subcutaneous adipose volumes

BRAIN FUNCTION

- **Plasma NfL (NULISA)**
Neurofilament light chain — neuronal injury

- **Plasma GFAP (NULISA)**
Glial fibrillary acidic protein — astroglial activation / neuroinflammation

- **Quanterix Simoa HD-X**
Orthogonal confirmation with absolute quantification

- **NeuroUX (smartphone, between visits)**
Higher-frequency processing speed and executive function sampling

- **Mixed linear effects models**
Intra-individual biomarker trajectories controlling for age, sex, baseline

IMMUNE FUNCTION

- **CyTOF immune phenotyping (HIMC)**
High-dimensional cellular profiling

- **Single-cell RNA-seq**
Transcriptional state of immune subsets

- **Olink 48-plex (2 μL plasma)**
IL-1β, IL-6, IL-18, IL-2, IL-7, IL-15, IFNγ + SASP index

- **Olink Explore HT (exploratory)**
~5,400 proteins for unbiased discovery

- **OCCAM T-cell functional assay**
PMA/ionomycin → IFNγ/TNFα/IL-17 across CD4⁺/CD8⁺; CMV-peptide for immune reserve

ALSO EXPLORATORY Monocyte functional assays · Metabolomics · Microvascular angiogenesis · **Multi-omic integration via DigiTwin**

Execution plan: recruitment infrastructure, timeline

TIMELINE



RECRUITMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Mount Sinai primary & specialty clinics
- BioMe + Mount Sinai Millions biobank registries (pre-consented for contact)
- Mount Sinai Healthspan Program + Sinai Well clinical network
- Longevity Docs physician network + MyChart campaigns + community mailings



W H Y W E ' L L D E L I V E R

A rational intervention, biological signal at 60 days, and the infrastructure to scale.

01

Mechanism-led

Exercise + spermidine + rapamycin act on complementary points of the macrophage shift — each with human signal.

02

Signal-driven

Semis showed broader SASP reduction with rapamycin, plus EPO, granzyme B, and FLT3LG gains pointing to restored resilience.

03

Built to scale

BMEII, HIMC, OCCAM Immune, and the DigiTwin platform deliver standardized, reproducible immune, muscle, and brain readouts.

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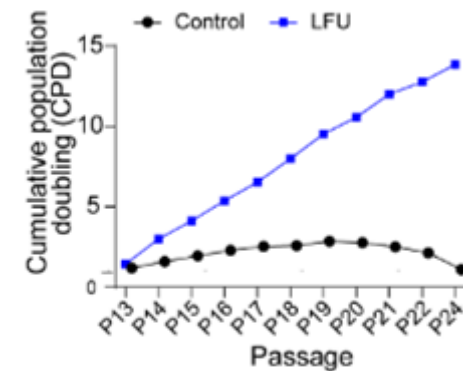
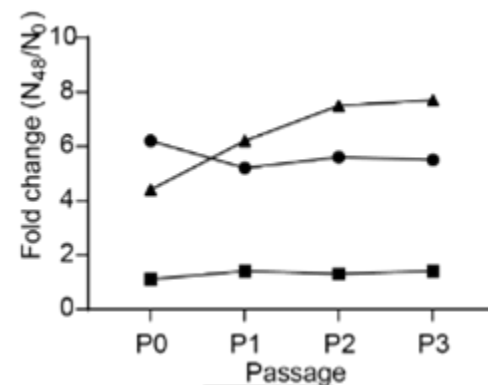
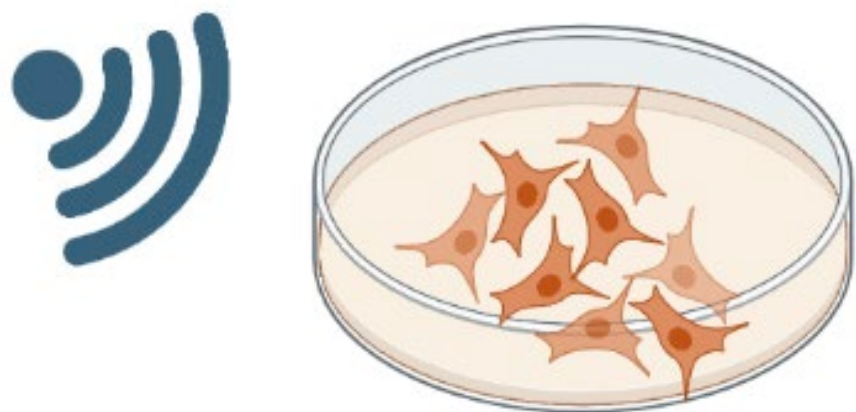


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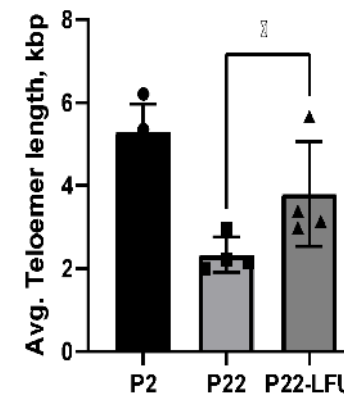
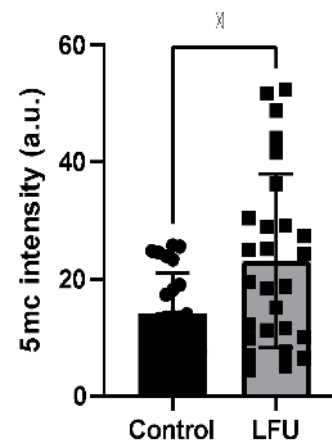
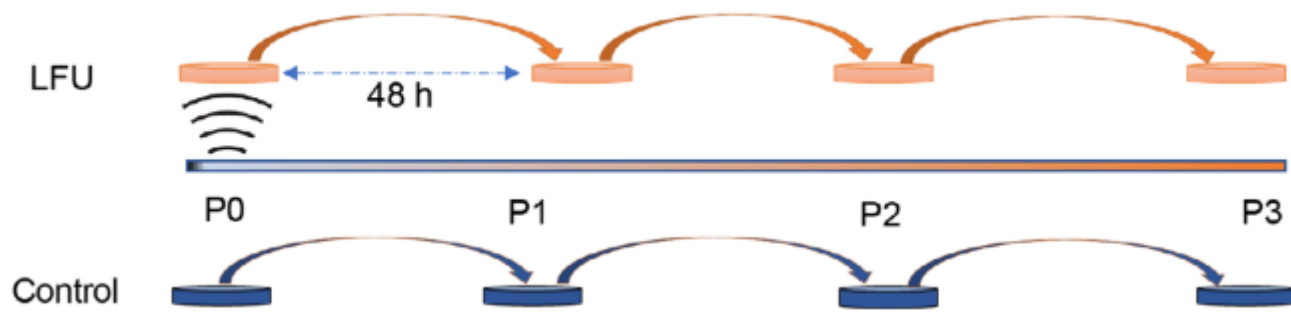
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Rejuvenation of Senescent Cells *In Vitro* by Low-Frequency Ultrasound

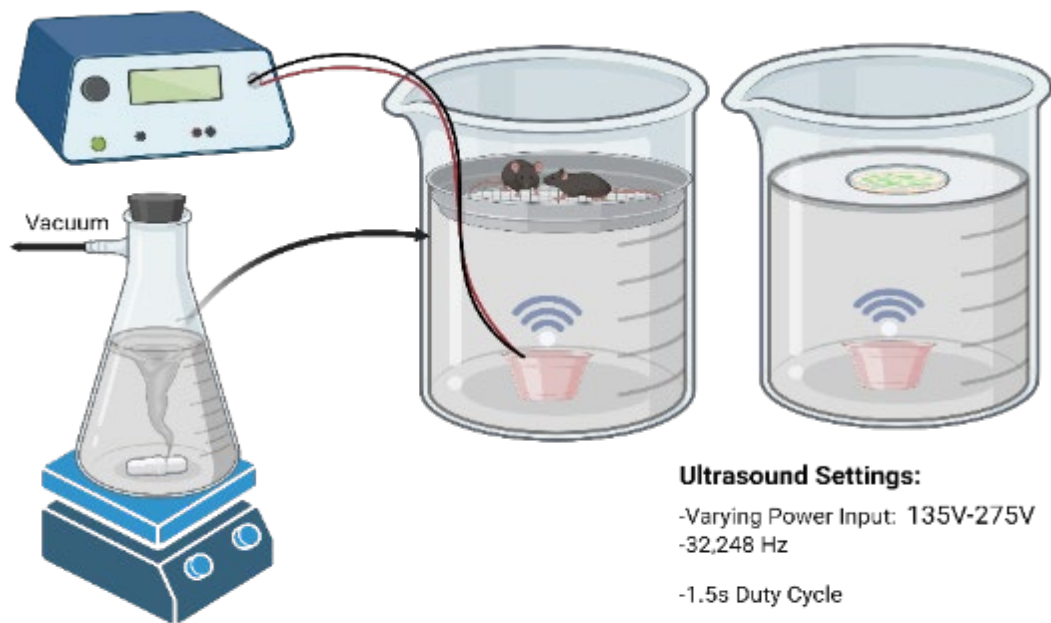
LFU reverses induced and replicative senescence



LFU increases DNA methylation/telomere length



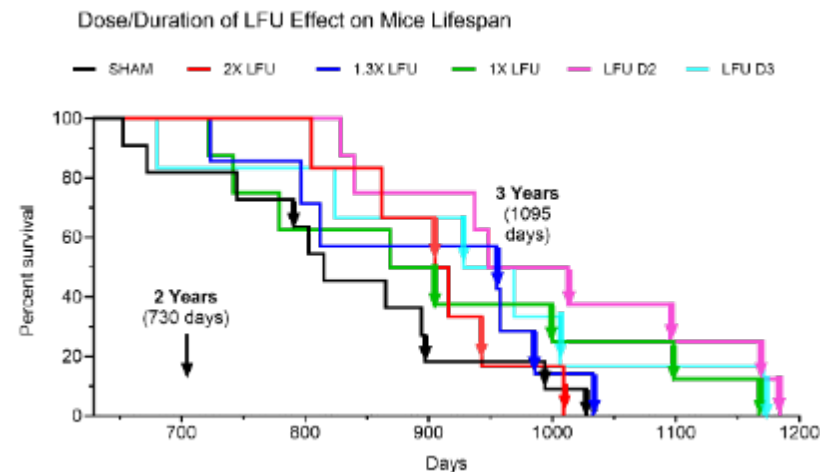
Rejuvenation of Senescent Cells *In Vivo* by Low-Frequency Ultrasound



Ultrasound Settings:

- Varying Power Input: 135V-275V
- 32,248 Hz
- 1.5s Duty Cycle
- 30min Total (600 pulses)
- 7-10cm above transducer
- Output power: 4-8Pa

Optimum LFU increases lifespan and physical activity



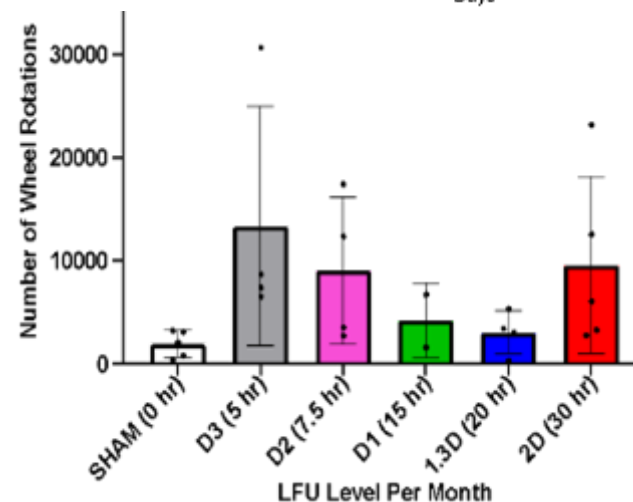
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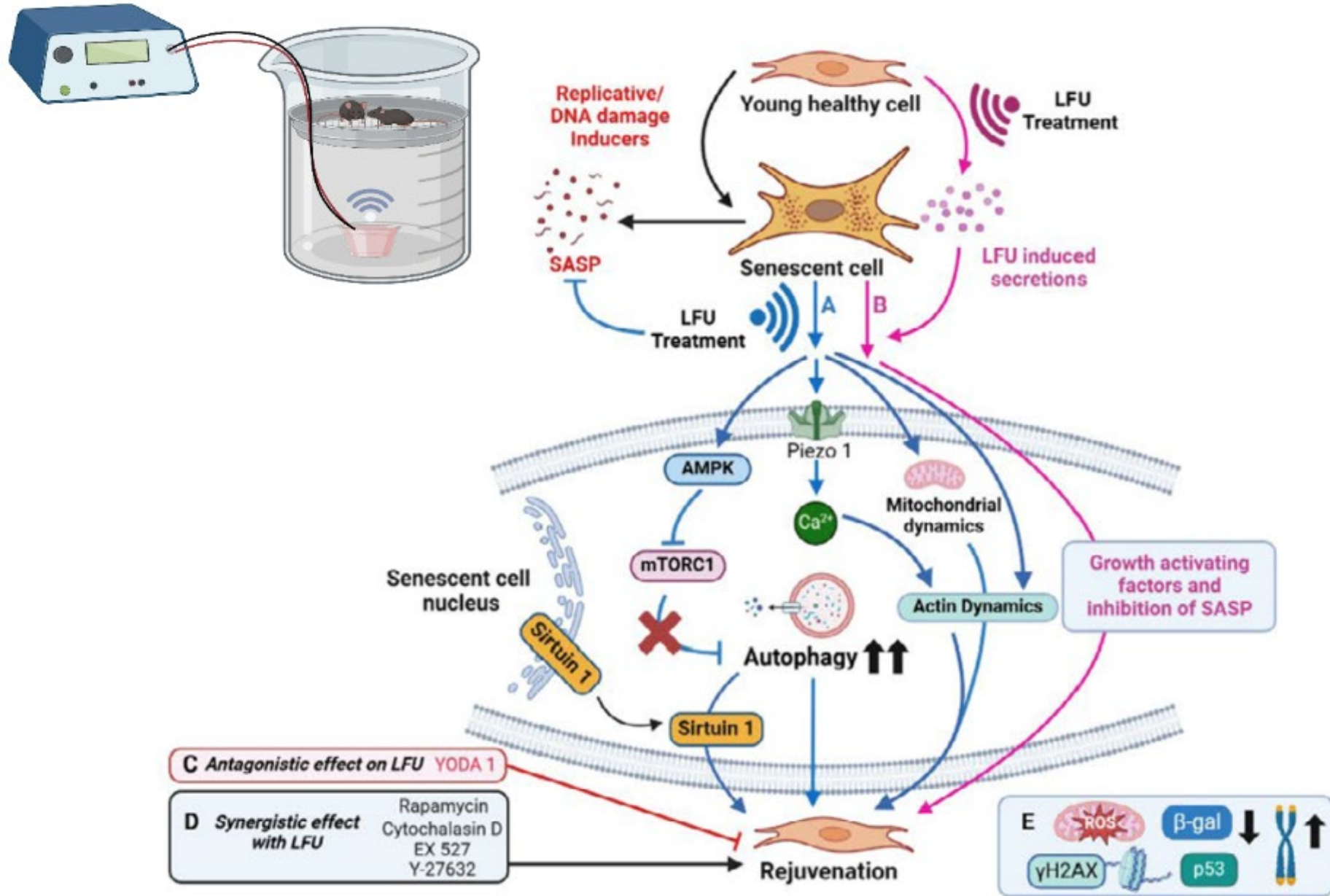
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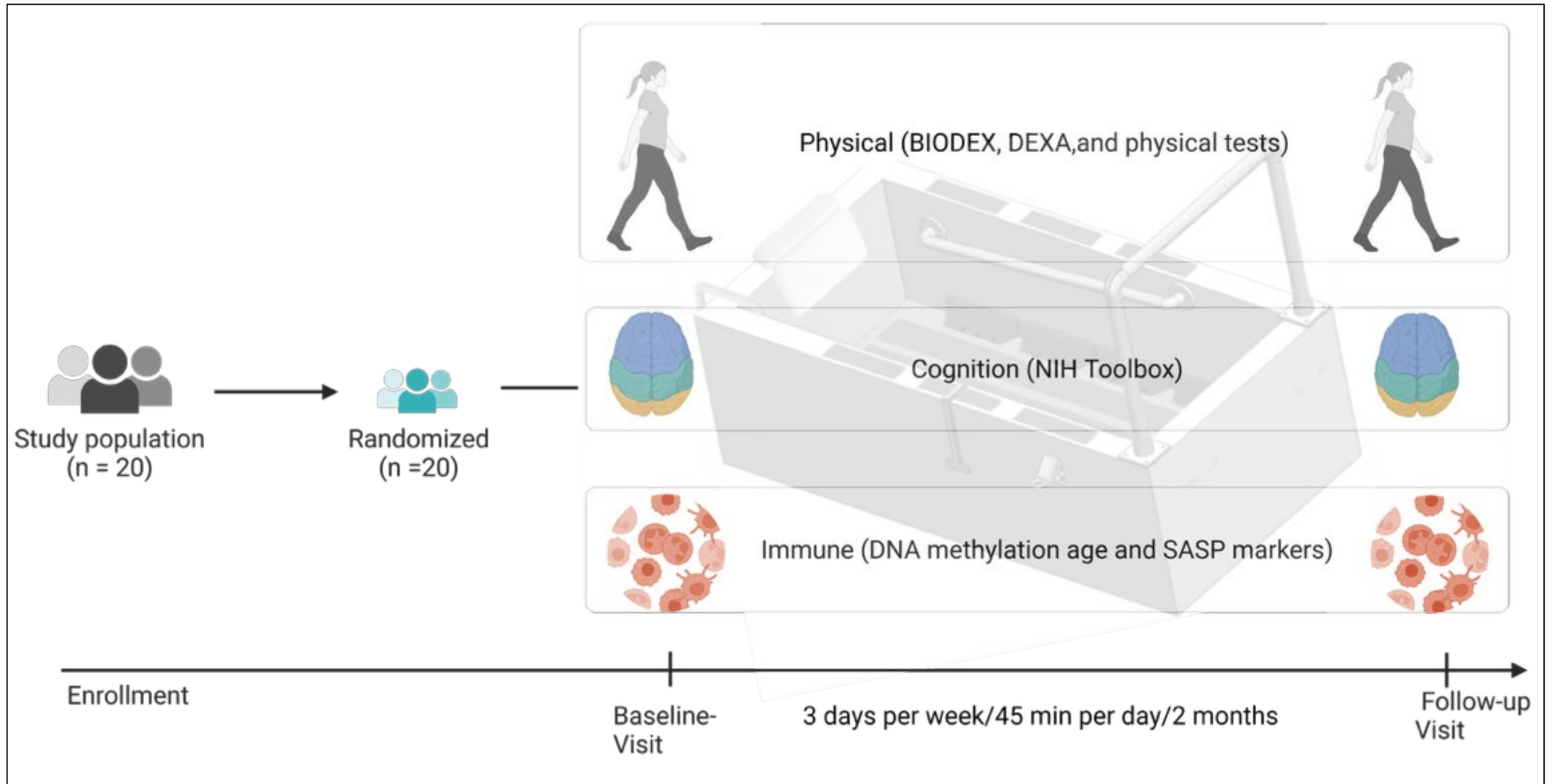
30-month-old LFU treated mice



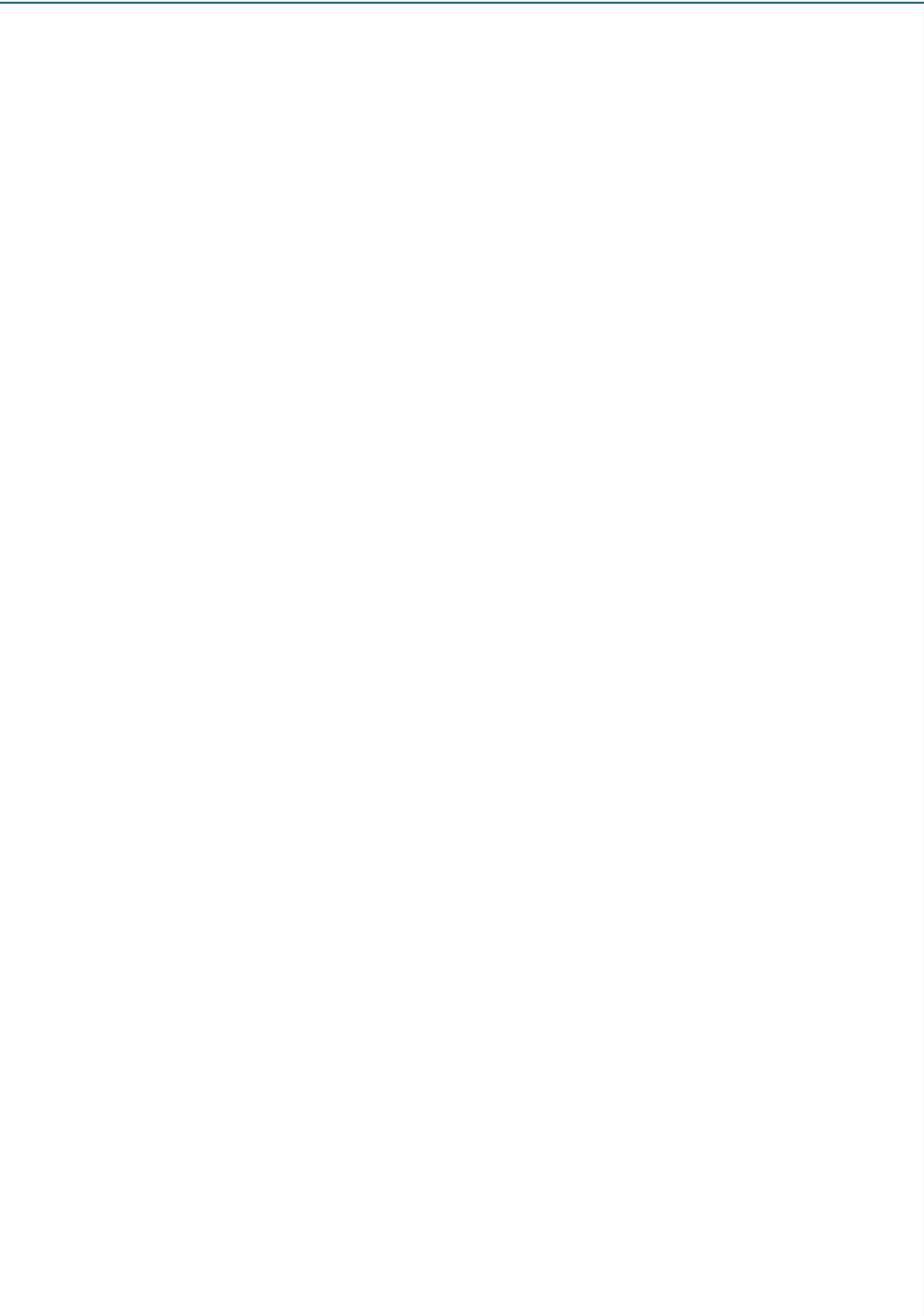
Mechanism of Action?



Current XPRIZE Semi-Finals Study Design



Proposed XPRIZE Finals Study Design



Low-Frequency Ultrasound for Healthy Aging

Research Infrastructure for Basic Biology of Aging and Clinical Trials



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- NIA P30 San Antonio Nathan Shock Center of Excellence in the Biology of Aging
- NIA P30 San Antonio Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center
- NIA U01 San Antonio Center for Testing Potential Anti-Aging Interventions (NIH ITP)
- NIAMS U01 Clinical Center for MoTrPAC (Molecular Transducers of Physical Activity Consortium)
- VA San Antonio GRECC (Geriatrics Research & Education Clinical Center)

ARPA-H PROSPR VITAL-H



XPRIZE Ultrasound for Healthy Aging



Business Partner: Novaquoustics, Inc.

PROSPR

Andrew Brack, PhD

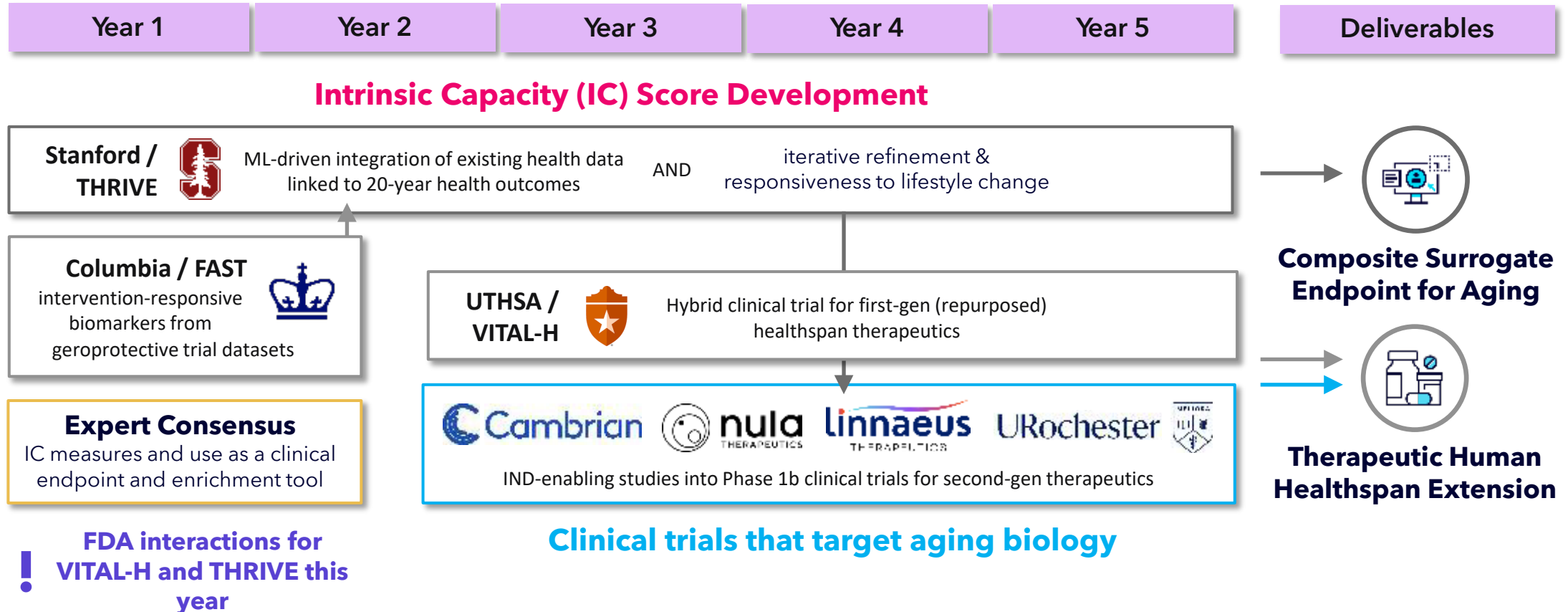
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XPRIZE Healthspan and PROSPR Awardees

Evidence Being Built at Scale

PROSPR is generating **FDA-relevant** therapeutics, trials, and touchpoints



A portrait of Brianna Stubbs, PhD, a woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue and white patterned button-down shirt and a gold necklace with a circular pendant. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

Brianna Stubbs, PhD

Director of Translational Science
Buck Institute for Research on Aging



THRIVE: Intrinsic Capacity – Creating a Validated Measure

Brianna Stubbs, PhD Buck Institute for Research on Aging

Session: XPRIZE Healthspan and PROSPR Awardees: Evidence Being Built at Scale

Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA May 27, 2026



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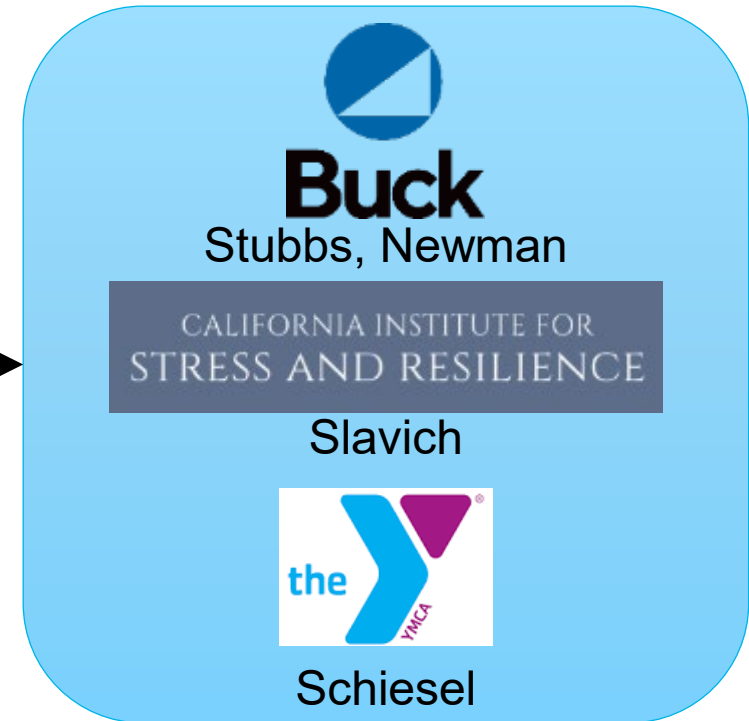
THRIVE Team

Prime Awardee: Stanford University; **Principal Investigator:** Mike Snyder

COMPUTATIONAL TEAM



CLINICAL TEAM



THRIVE is Pursuing Two Concurrent Regulatory Pathways

PATHWAY 1 — PROSPR IC SCORE

- **FDA Drug Development Tool / COA Qualification**
- **Route:** Pre-LOI > Type C meeting > Letter of Intent > Qualification Plan
- **Goal:** qualify PROSPR IC as a COA for gerotherapeutic drug trials
- **ICD-11 MG2A:** aging-associated IC decline is already a recognized diagnosis
- **If qualified:** standardized FDA-recognized endpoint for the whole field

PATHWAY 2 — AT-HOME IC TEST KIT

- **FDA De Novo Classification**
- **Route:** Pre-Sub (Q-Sub) → De Novo Classification Request (eSTAR)
- **Goal:** authorize at-home kit as a medical device
- **Kit:** app-based clinical assessments + wearable monitoring + blood multi-omic panel -> AI/ML IC Score. Submission structure (modular PCCP vs phased) subject to Pre-Sub response.

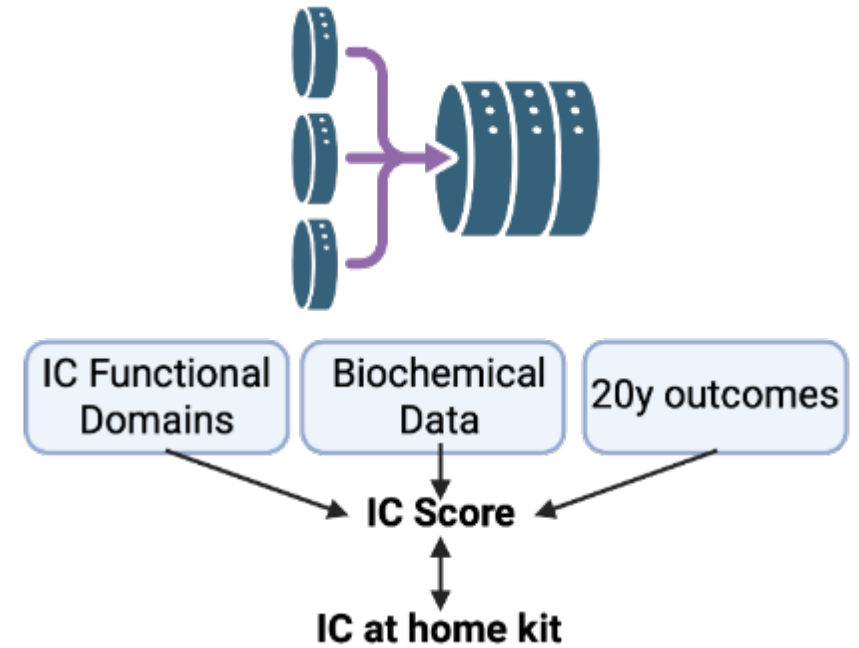
THRIVE clinical program generates evidence for both pathways

Dr John Newman, MD, PhD – jnewman@buckinstitute.org



Stage 1: Build PROSPR IC Score from Longitudinal Data

- >20 international longitudinal cohorts harmonized (UK Biobank, INSPIRE-T, and others)
- All 5 IC domains: locomotor cognitive psychological sensory vitality
- **Data-driven scoring:** anchored to 20-year risk of disability, multimorbidity, and mortality
- **Output:** sex-specific composite PROSPR IC score + clinically interpretable domain sub-scores
- **Score development underway now – v1 ready ahead of clinical studies**



LOCOMOTOR

COGNITIVE

PSYCHOLOGICAL

SENSORY

VITALITY



Snyder



Furman



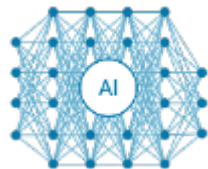
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Stage 2: Pilot - Test At-Home Kit Feasibility

- **n=100** | **single at-home IC assessment + 1 in-person clinic visit** |
- **Participants:** Generally healthy, aged 35 – 75 years
- **Goal:** early feasibility data + concordance between at-home and clinic-based PROSPR IC
- **At-home:** smartphone app (video, PROs), Whoop, blood micro-sampling
- **Clinic gold standard:** e.g., SPPB, 6-min walk, MoCA / MMSE, validated Perfo/PRO instruments, sensory testing
- Sets parameter estimates and informs any kit refinements before scaling

AT HOME KIT

App | Whoop | CGM | Biochemical assays



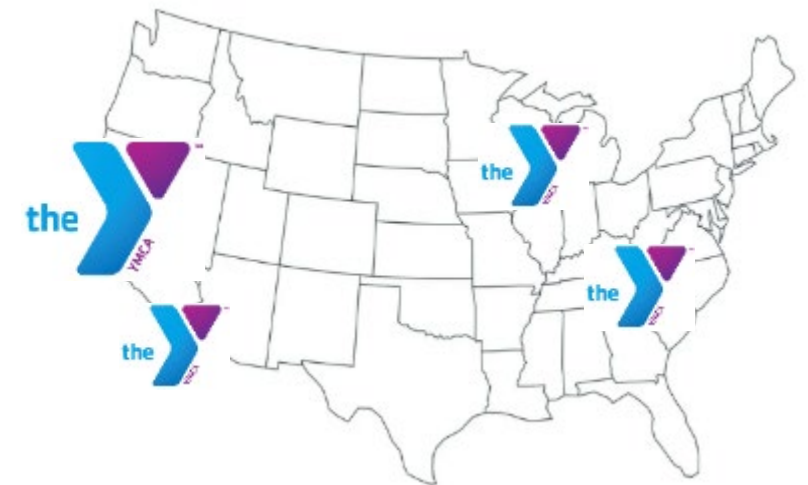
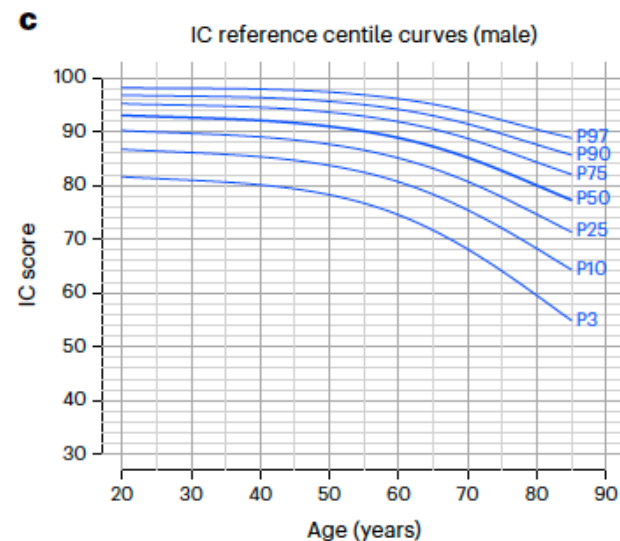
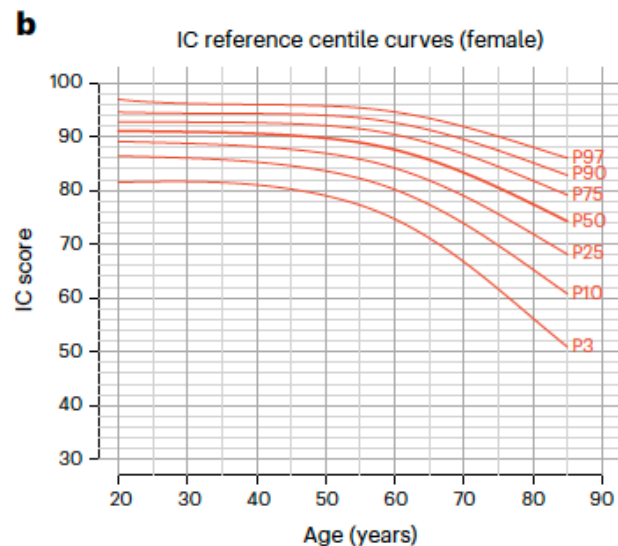
IN-CLINIC (Gold Standard)

e.g., SPPB | 6MWT | MoCA | Perfo/PRO



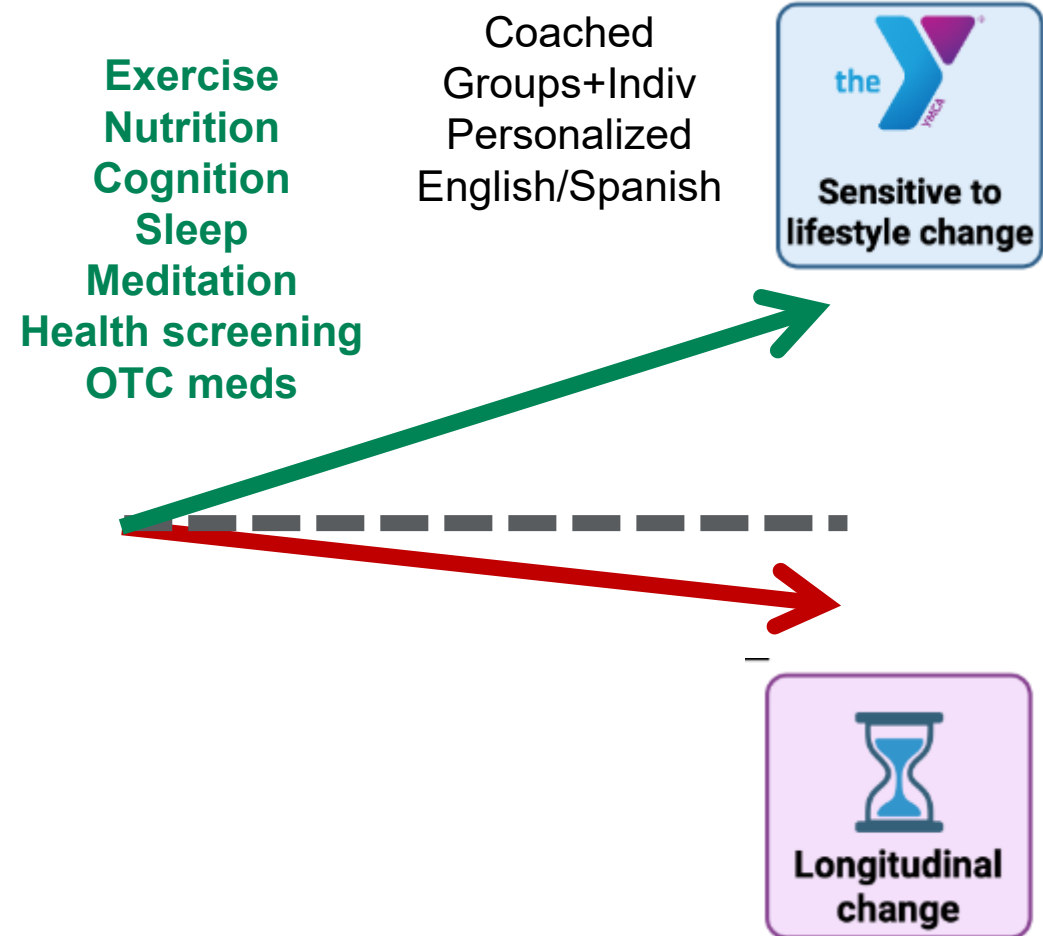
Stage 3: Observational Study - Generate The Adult Health Curve

- **Decentralized:** **n=1,200** recruited near YMCA sites in 4 cities – SF, San Diego, Minneapolis, Atlanta
- **Primary goal:** cross-sectional IC vs. age relationship across the adult lifespan
 - **Single at-home IC assessment**
- **Generates the normative IC reference - the "Adult Health Curve"**
- Continues at-home vs. clinic-grade IC validation at population scale
 - **Bay Area subset (n=100) with clinic visit**



Stage 4: Interventional Study - Determine Score Responsiveness & Trajectory

- **n=1,700, participants continue from prior phases + additional recruits**
- **Decentralized throughout:** at-home PROSPR IC is the primary endpoint measurement (bi-monthly)
 - Bay Area subset (n=100) with clinic visit
- **Active (n= ~740, low IC):** YMCA-led coached multimodal lifestyle program -> tests responsiveness of PROSPR IC
- **Low IC control (n = ~480):** longitudinal observation to detect natural IC decline over ~16 months
- **High IC control (n = ~480):** establishes natural trajectory as a reference



A qualified IC endpoint unlocks a new generation of aging trials.

THRIVE Team

Stanford: Snyder, Wyss-Coray, Delp, Babu, Mayer, Thorta, Zhai, Srivasta, Ying

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Buck (Clinical): Stubbs, Newman, Smith, Erram

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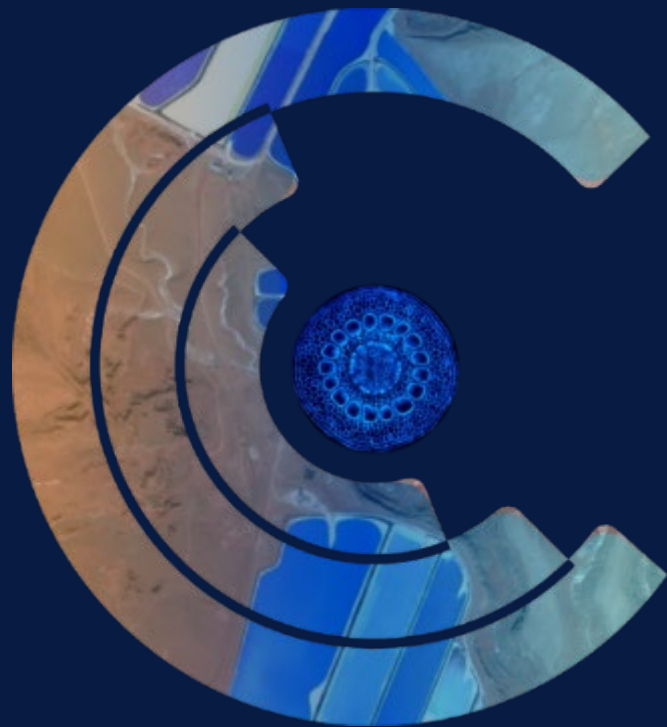
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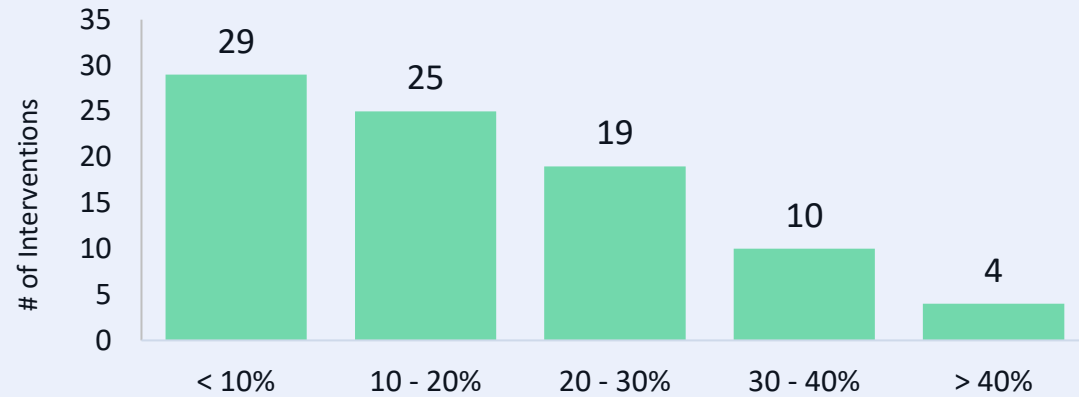
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Affecting the Aging Trajectory
May 2026

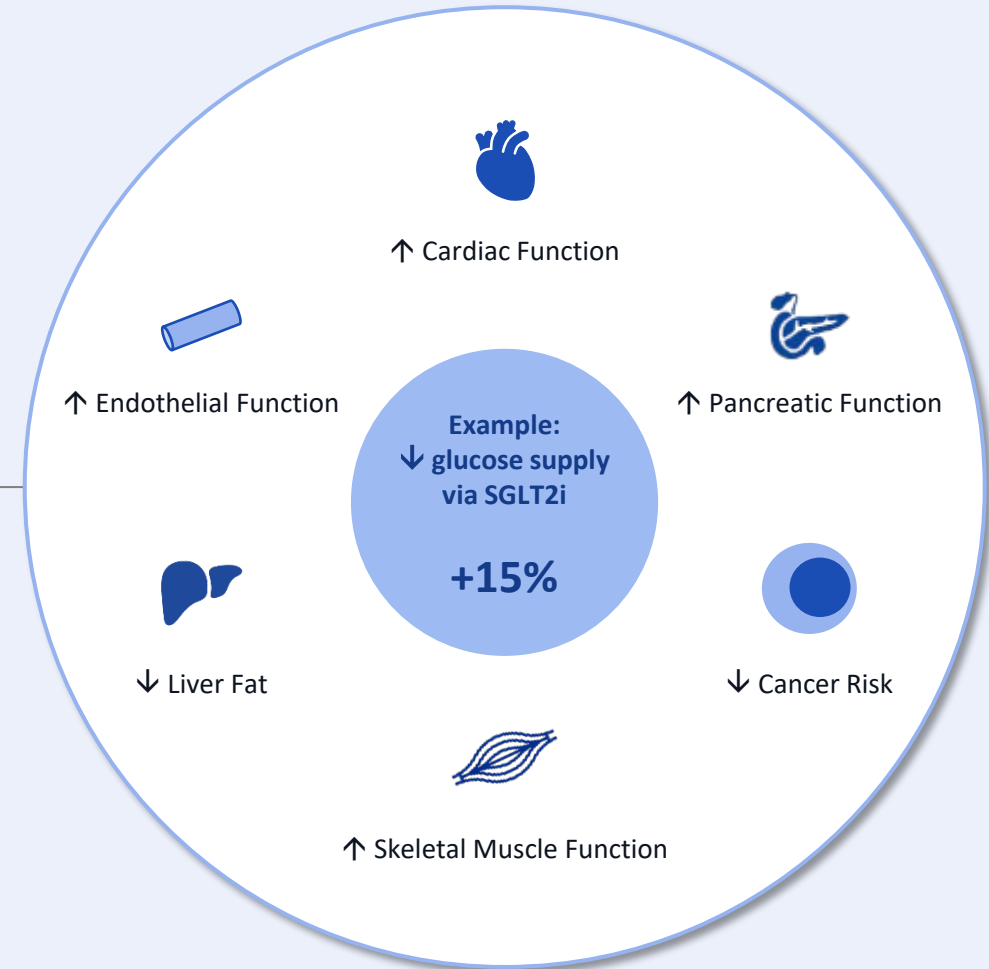
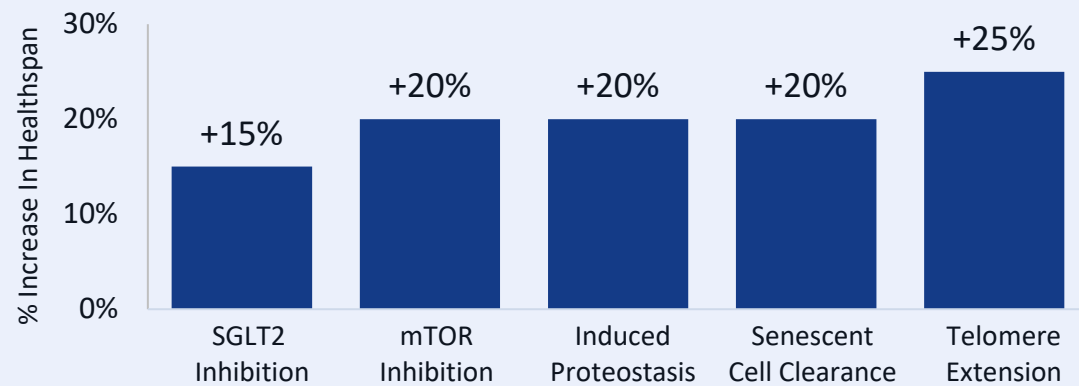
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80+ interventions extend healthy lifespan in animal models – how can we translate these discoveries to humans?

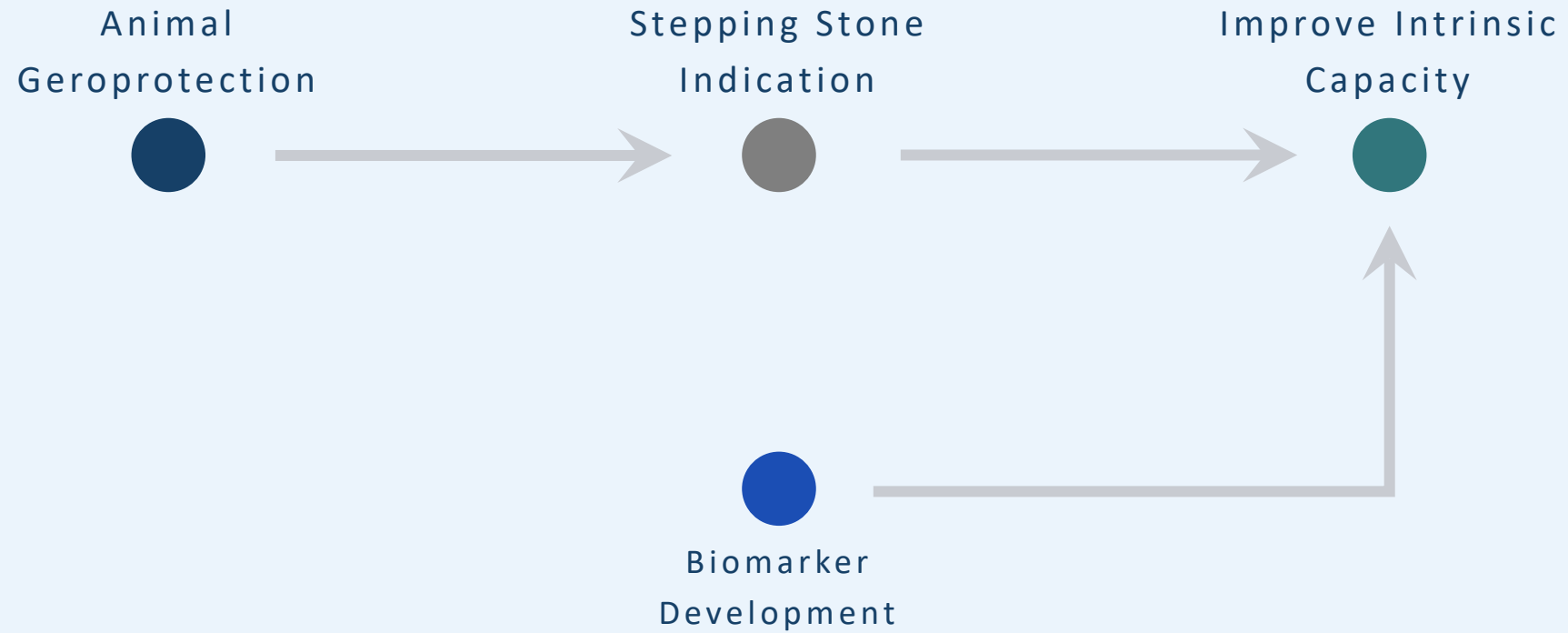
of Interventions Extending Lifespan in Animals by % Increase



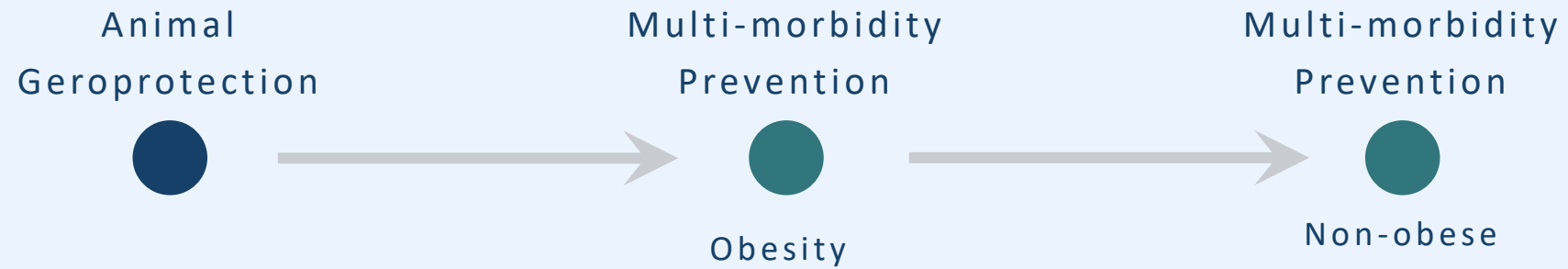
% Increase in Mouse Healthy Lifespan



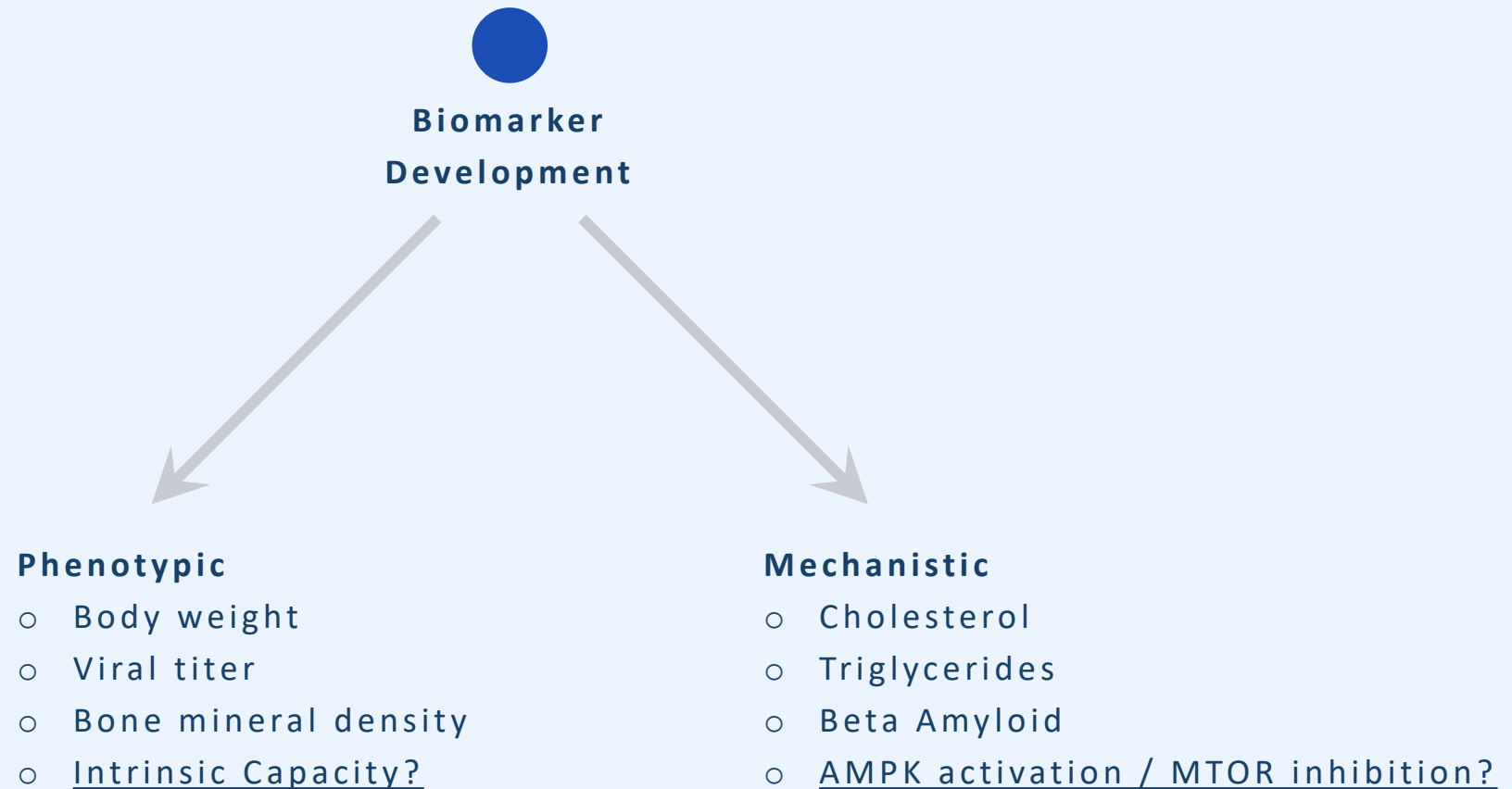
Cambrian has built the playbook for
the Stepping Stone approach to gerotherapeutic development



Cambrian's first program, the AMPK & mitochondrial activator ATX-304, is using the Metabolic Shortcut of obesity as an existing biomarker of disease risk



New phenotypic or mechanistic biomarkers will be needed for most gerotherapeutics to become preventative medicines



Inhibition of mTOR with rapalogs has the potential to improve the function of multiple aging organ systems

Reversal of aging-related immune dysregulation

Chen et al., *Science Sig*, 2009
 Selman et al., *Science*, 2011
 Neff et al., *JCI*, 2013
 Hurez et al., *Aging Cell*, 2015

Reversal of aging-related cardiac dysfunction

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Improved Kidney Disease

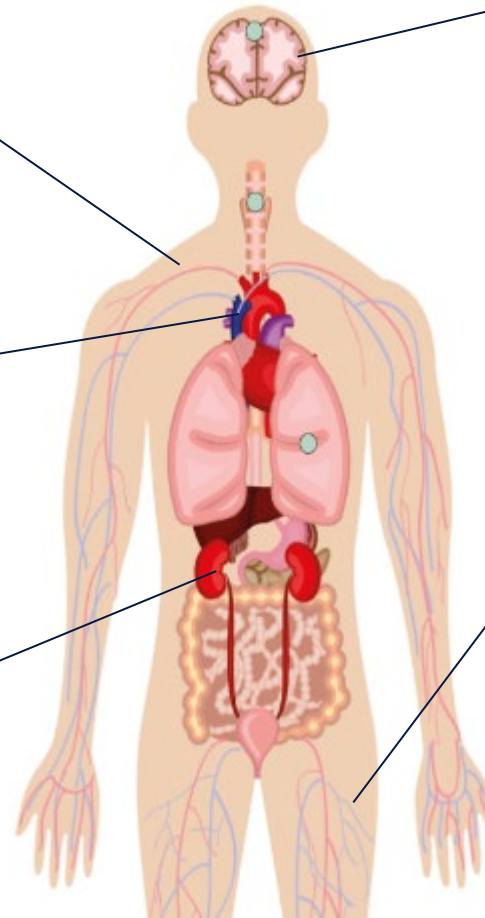
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Improved neurologic function

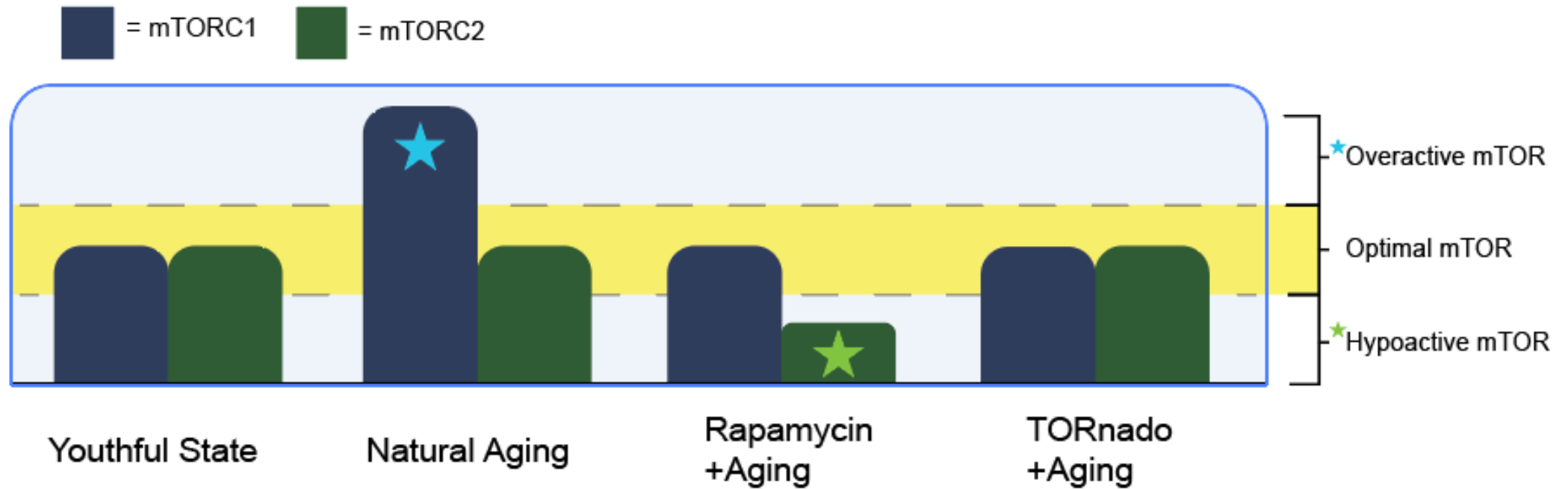
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Improved physical activity

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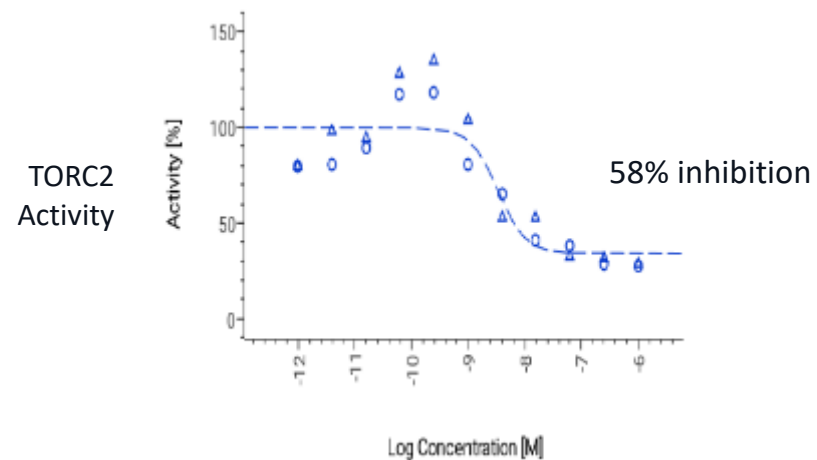
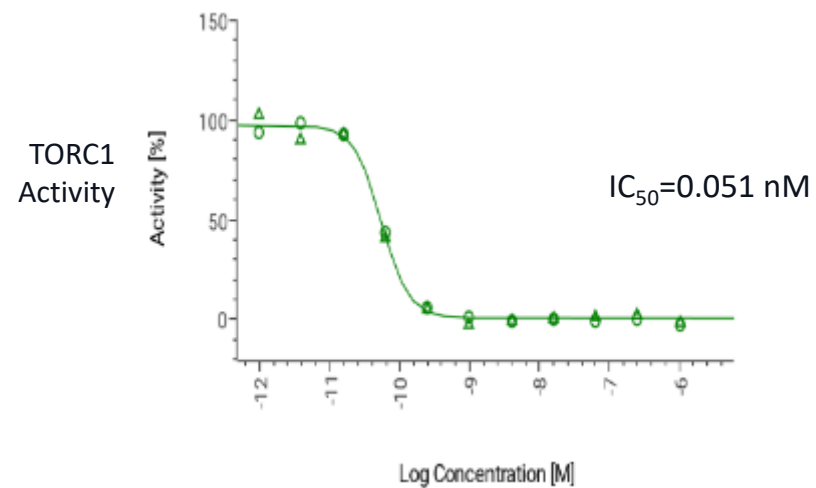
MTORC1 but not MTORC2 is overactivated during aging



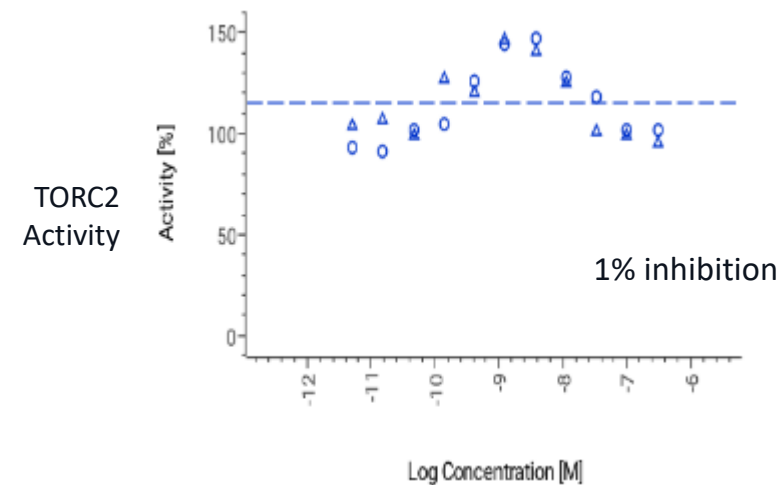
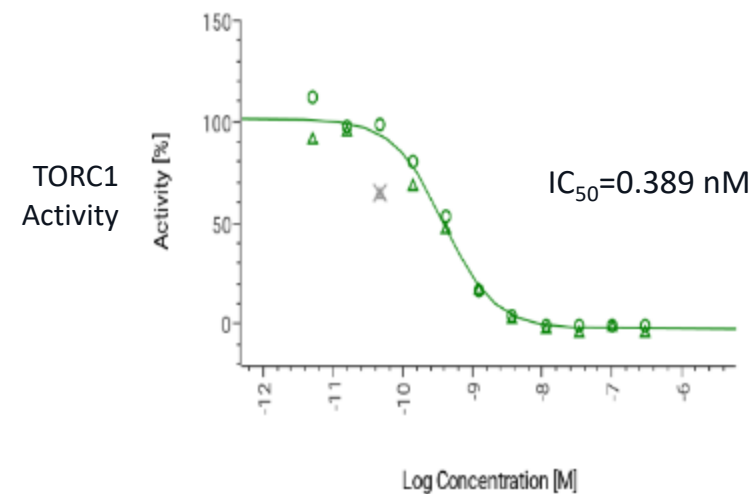
An ideal drug should inhibit mTORC1 but not mTORC2 to maximize the therapeutic window of mTOR inhibition

Cambrian's TORnado platform contains over a dozen mTORC1 selective rapalogs that do not inhibit mTORC2 at any concentration

Everolimus (First generation rapalog that fully inhibits TORC1 and partially inhibits TORC2)



TOR-101 (TORC1-selective inhibitor)

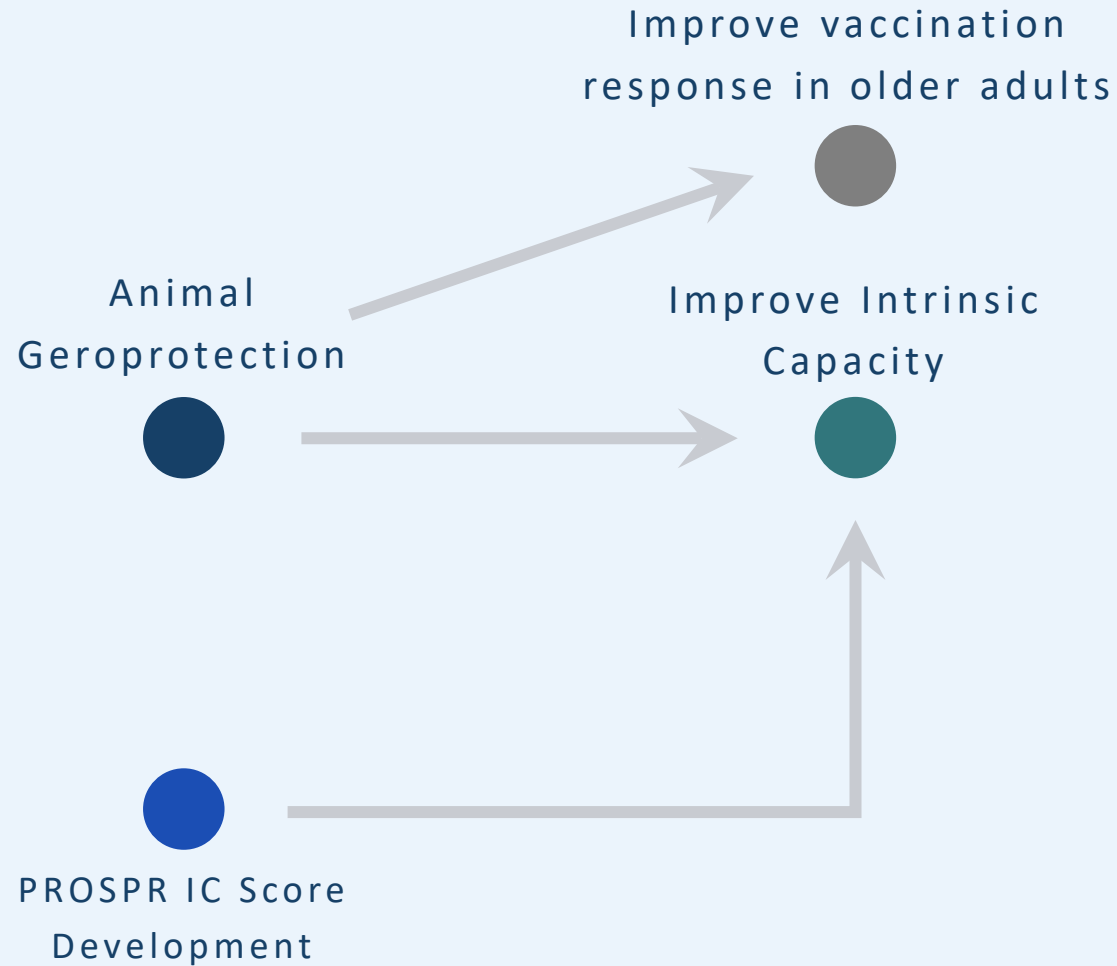


Unpublished results show benefits of mTORC1 selective inhibition in many disease models of aging

- **Cardiac health – improved ejection fraction and reversed age-related cardiac enlargement**
- **Cancer – prevention of tumorigenesis in cancer-prone mice**
- **Cancer – treatment of multiple tumor types**
- **Immune decline – improvement of antibody response to vaccination; no immunosuppression at any dose**

Cambrian is working with ARPA-H PROSPR on its mission to establish a biomarker for intrinsic capacity

Development path for TOR-101



The Impact

Estimated 10+ year acceleration in starting to improve the lives of people who will develop severe age-related diseases

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Repurposing Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors to Treat Aging (RT-AGE)

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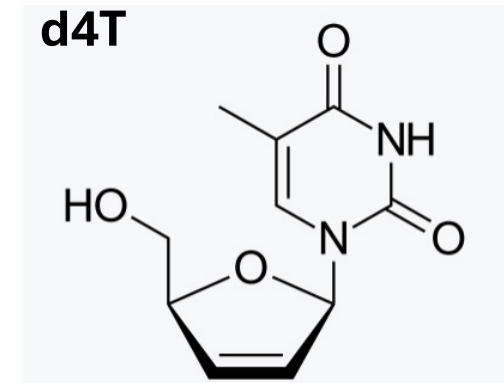
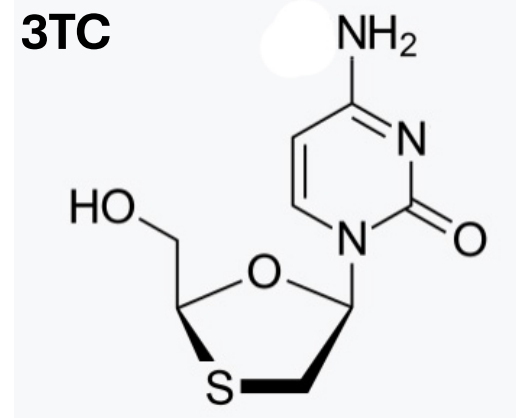
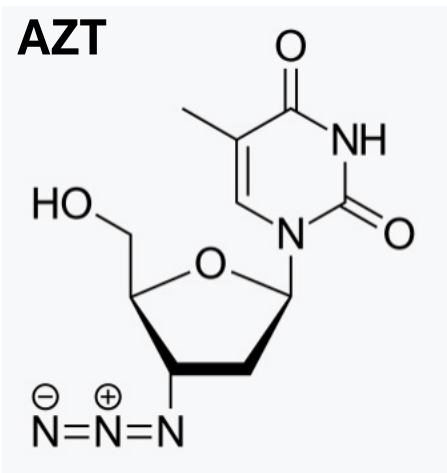
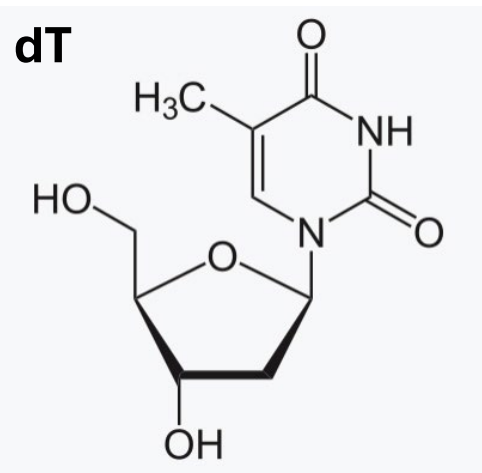
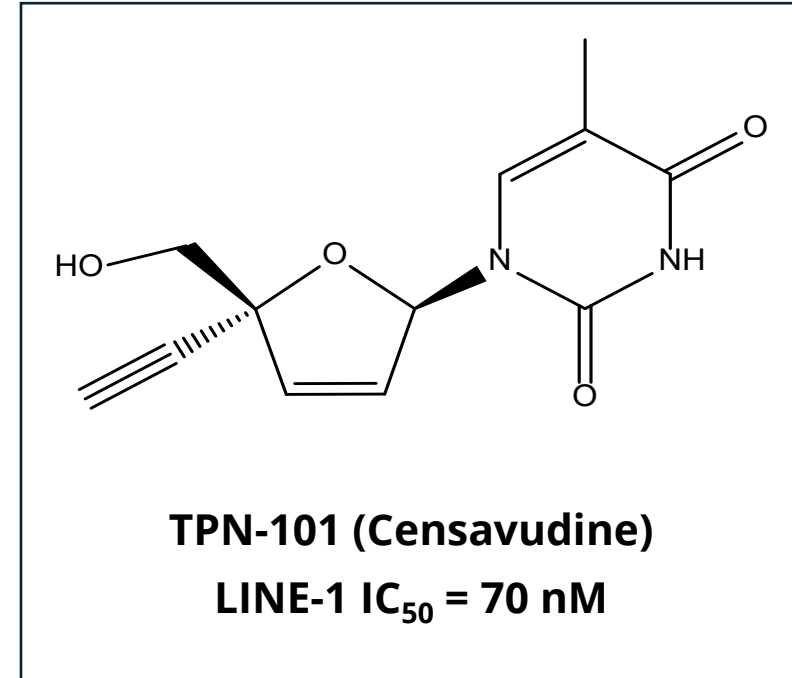
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Background

- PROSPR TA3 Project
- Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) used for HIV
- LINE-1 elements are main retrotransposons in humans
- Accumulate with and contribute to biological aging
- Censavudine (TPN-101): potent inhibitor of LINE-1 RT activity
- 2nd generation repurposed drug
- Academic-Industry partnership with Transposon Therapeutics Inc.
- Human safety and tolerability already established
- INDs obtained for treatment of neurodegenerative conditions
(Progressive Supranuclear Palsy; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)

Censavudine is a potent LINE-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitor

- **Safe and well-tolerated in 48 week clinical trial in HIV (n=222)**
- **Potent LINE-1 inhibitory activity**
 - >10 x more potent than generic NRTIs
- **Once per day oral dosing**
 - 95% bioavailability
 - Low protein binding
 - Excellent brain penetration



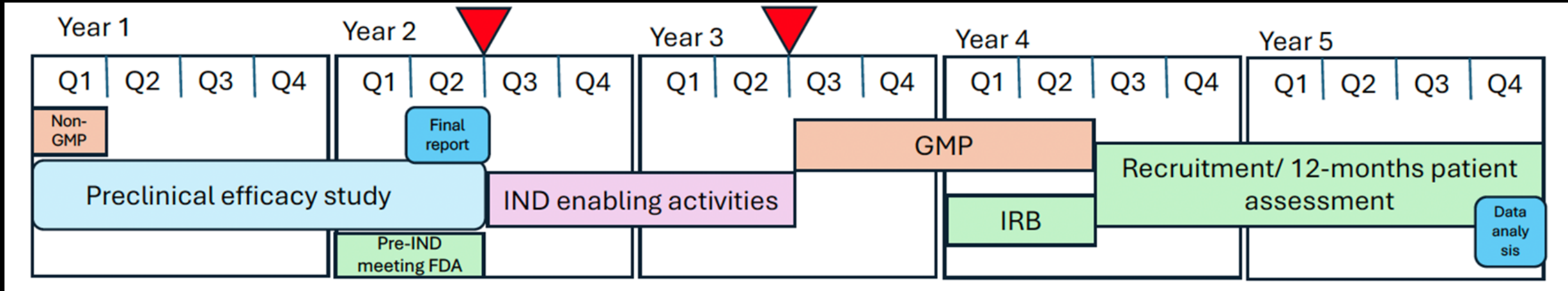
STAGE 1

- Preclinical mouse studies
- Test Censavudine effect on Intrinsic Capacity (IC) in mice
- Two doses tested in UM-HET3 outbred mice
- IC assessed via Vitality, Sensory, Locomotion and Cognition tests
- General health and molecular parameters
- 4 time points studied between ages of 15 and 24 months
- Studies replicated at 2 independent sites (U Rochester, Brown U)

STAGE 2

- Go/no-go decision point will occur in Q2 of Year 2
- Human trial at UConn, U Rochester, and U Texas Galveston
- Healthy men and women 60-65 years of age
- Censavudine 400 mg daily or placebo over 48 wks (n=100 per arm)
- Effects of Censavudine on PROSPR IC
- Sensory, vitality, psychological, locomotion and cognition domains
- Implement most current IC biomarkers from PROSPR TA1 findings
- Goal is to discern human healthspan effects

TIMELINES



SUMMARY

- Innovative approach to testing 2nd generation repurposed drug
- Use of multidomain measures to capture impact on healthspan
- Benefit of existing INDs for disease indications
- Ability to move rapidly from mice to humans
- Potential pitfalls and challenges
- Timelines
- Human subject recruitment
- Clear rapid communication key both between and within teams

Regulatory Landscape

What Pathways Exist, Where They Break Down, and
What Constructs Are Needed



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