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VX15 (pepinemab) Antibody Treatment for Huntington's Disease

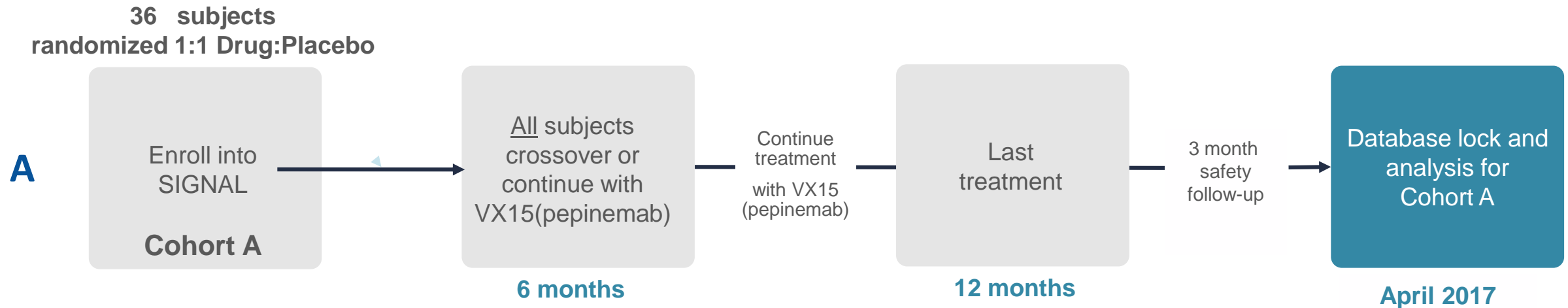
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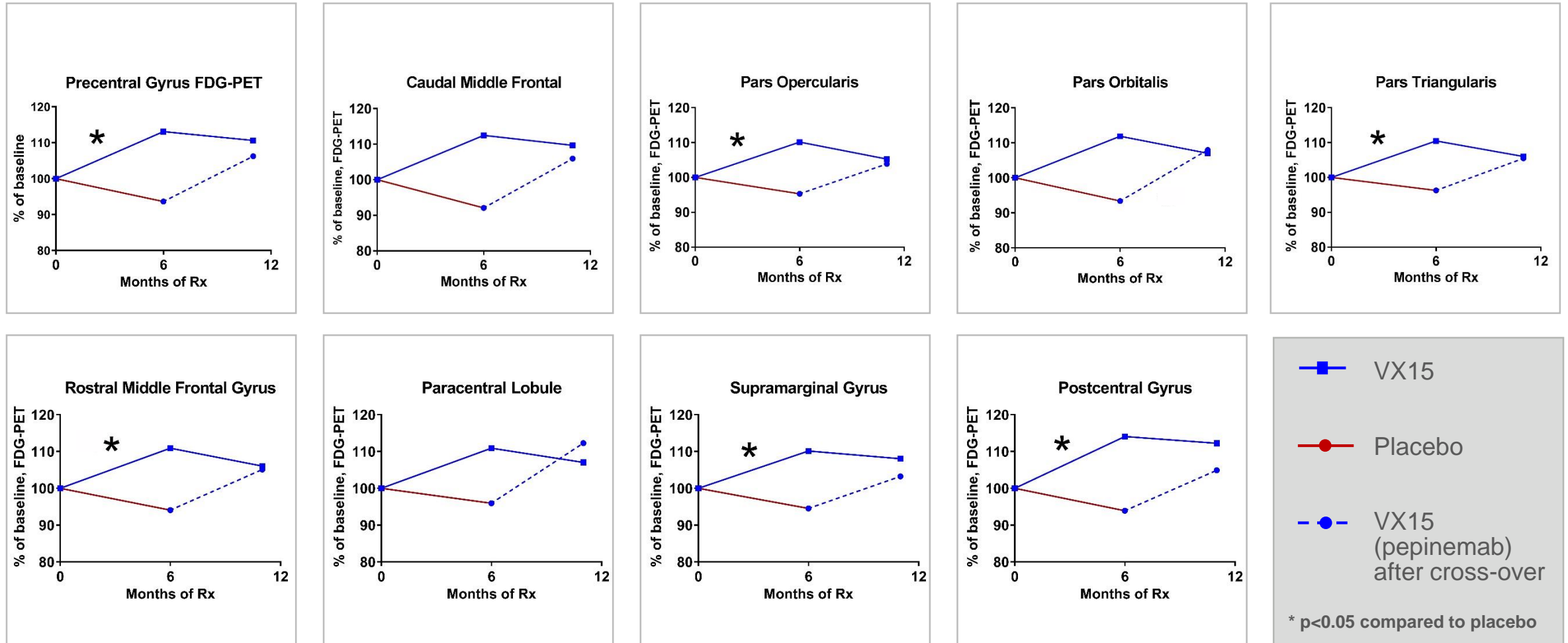
# Huntington's Disease Clinical Trial Design: Cohort A



**Adapt Cohort B design: sample size and treatment duration based on Cohort A data**

Disclaimer: VX15 (pepinemab) is under clinical investigation for the treatment of Huntington's disease and has not been demonstrated to be safe and effective for this indication. There is no guarantee that VX15 (pepinemab) will be approved for the treatment of Huntington's disease by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or by any other health authority worldwide.

# Clinical Evidence of Improved Brain Metabolic Activity in Frontal Lobe and Adjacent Parietal Regions: FDG-PET



# SIGNAL Cohort A Data Highlights

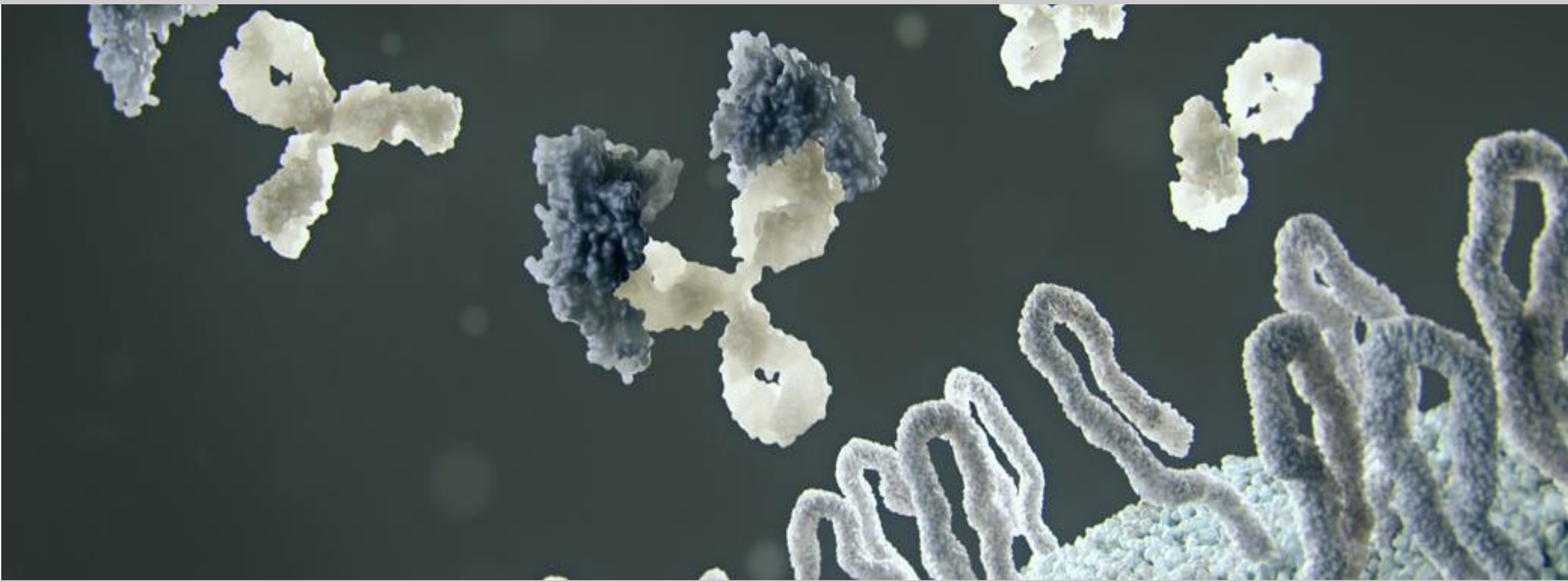
The Cohort A data includes both brain imaging results (FDG-PET and volumetric MRI) as well as quantitative motor and cognitive assessments of treatment effects

VX15 (pepinemab) treatment significantly increases metabolic activity as detected by FDG-PET:

- Previous studies in Alzheimer's Disease concluded that glucose metabolism is a sensitive measure of change in cognition and functional ability and has value in predicting future cognitive decline or as an outcome measurement for monitoring clinically-relevant change over time\*.

Consistent and encouraging treatment effects on preservation of brain matter (reduced atrophy) and improvement in multiple motor and cognitive assessments were also seen in Cohort A

No concerning safety signals were identified

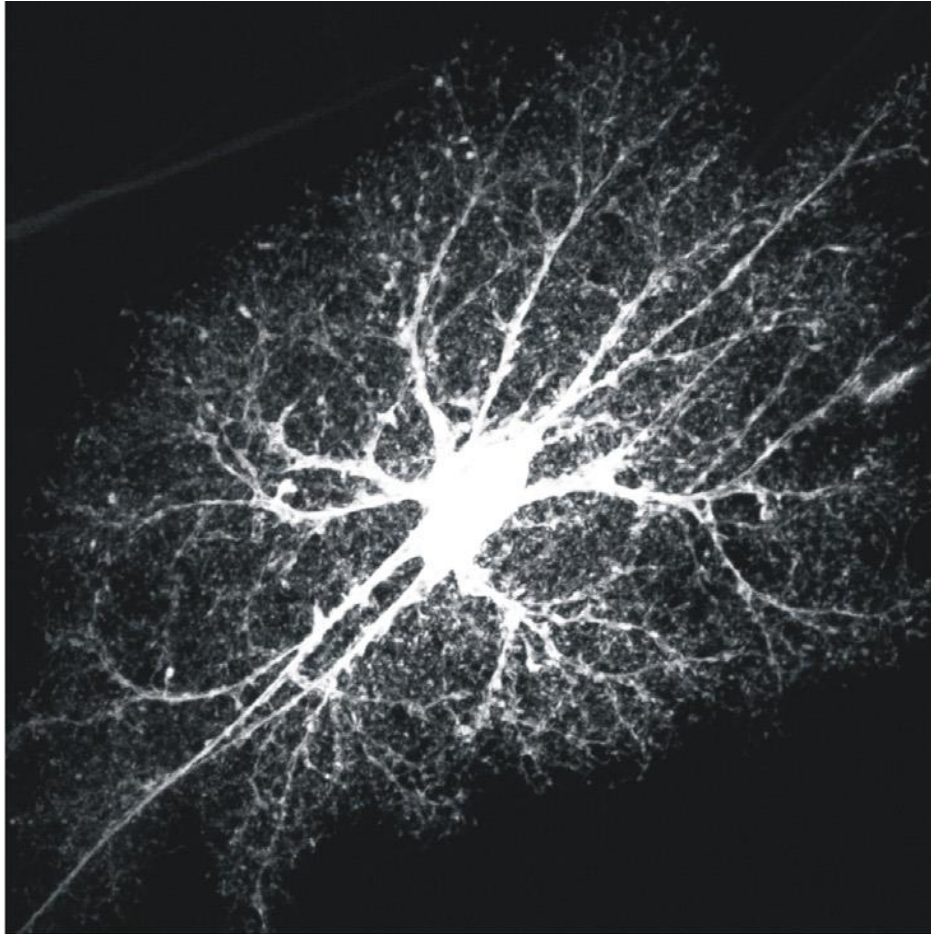


VX15 (pepinemab)/Anti-Semaphorin 4D for HD

HOW DOES IT WORK?

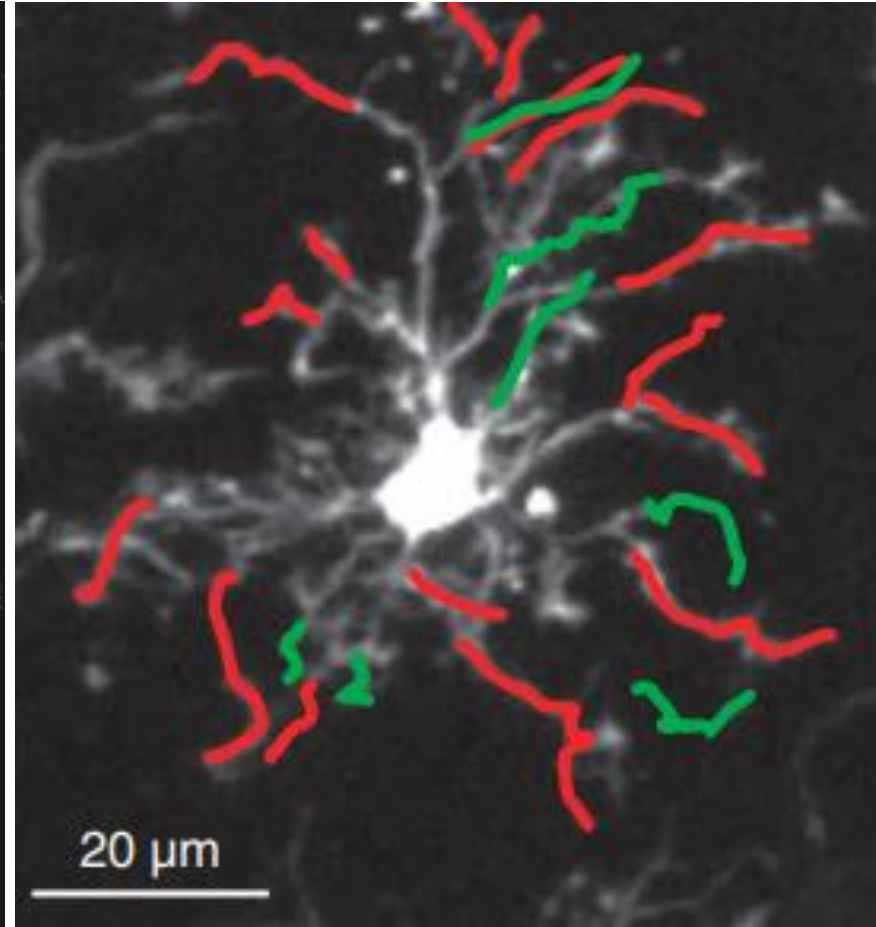


# Astrocytes and Microglia



A single astrocyte can make >100,000 contacts with capillaries and neurons.  
Human glia can both induce and rescue aspects of disease phenotype in HD.

*Nature Communications* 7:11758 (2016)



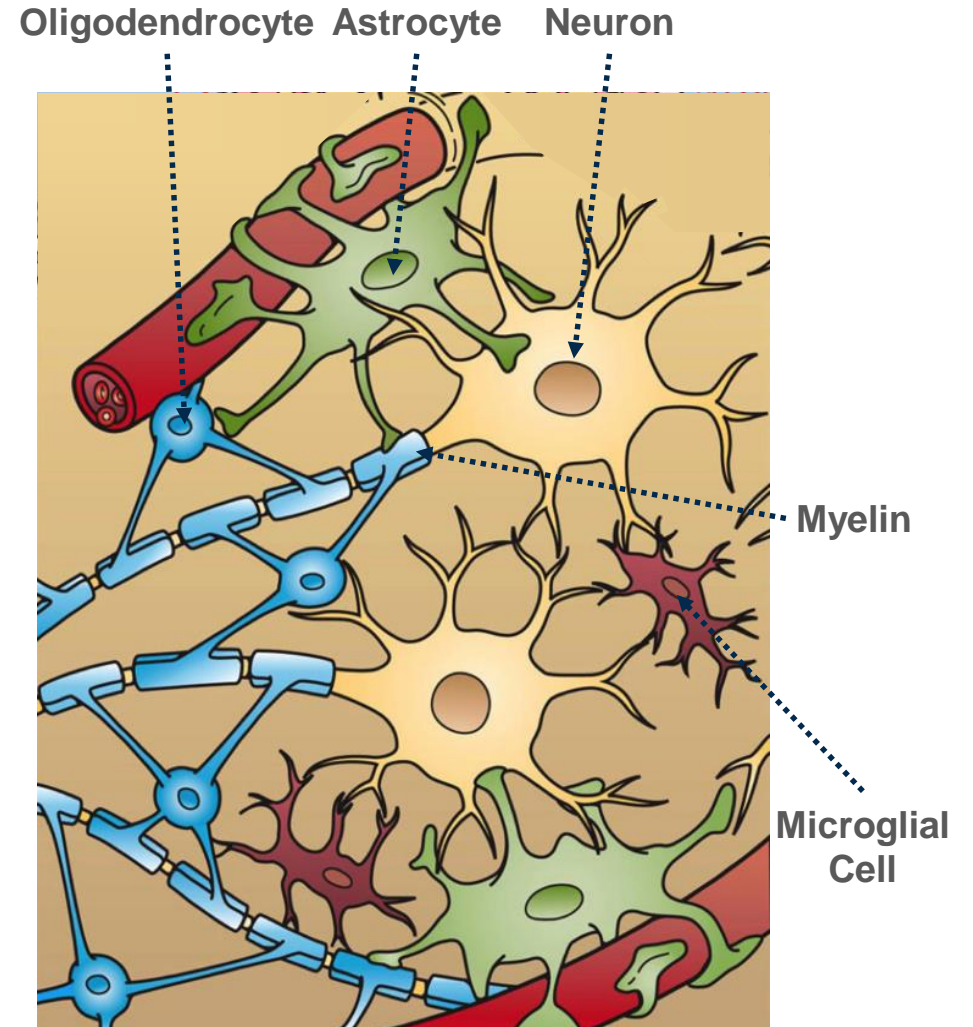
Extensions (green) and retractions (red) of microglial processes over the time course of 20 min. Average velocity is 1.5 μm/minute.

*Science* 308:1314 (2005)

# Glial Cells Undergo Inflammatory Transformation that Aggravates Brain Damage in HD

## Glial cells are the most abundant cells in the brain

1. **They provide essential functional support to neurons.**  
Glial cells participate in glucose transport and regulate synaptic activity
2. **CNS damage triggers dramatic change in glial cell morphology and function** (a) Beneficial in the context of acute focal injury, but (b) maladaptive in broad chronic injury such as HD
3. **How do glial cells recognize and respond to damage?**  
SEMA4D is upregulated at site of injury and signals through plexin receptors to trigger glial transformation from normal to inflammatory state



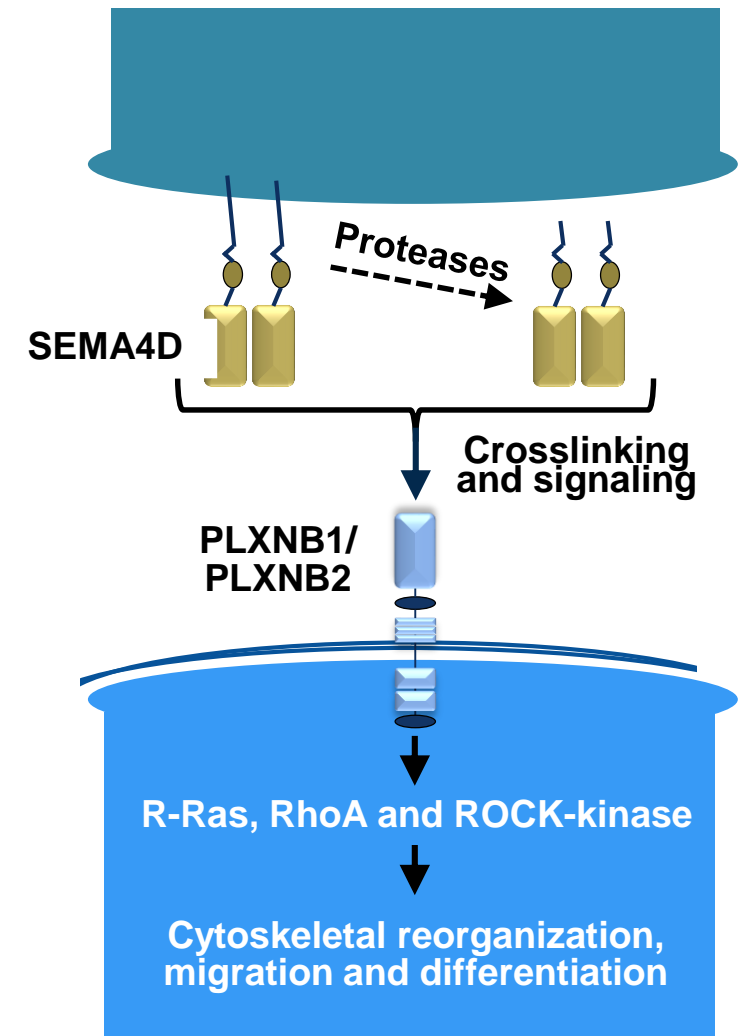


# Semaphorin 4D (SEMA4D)

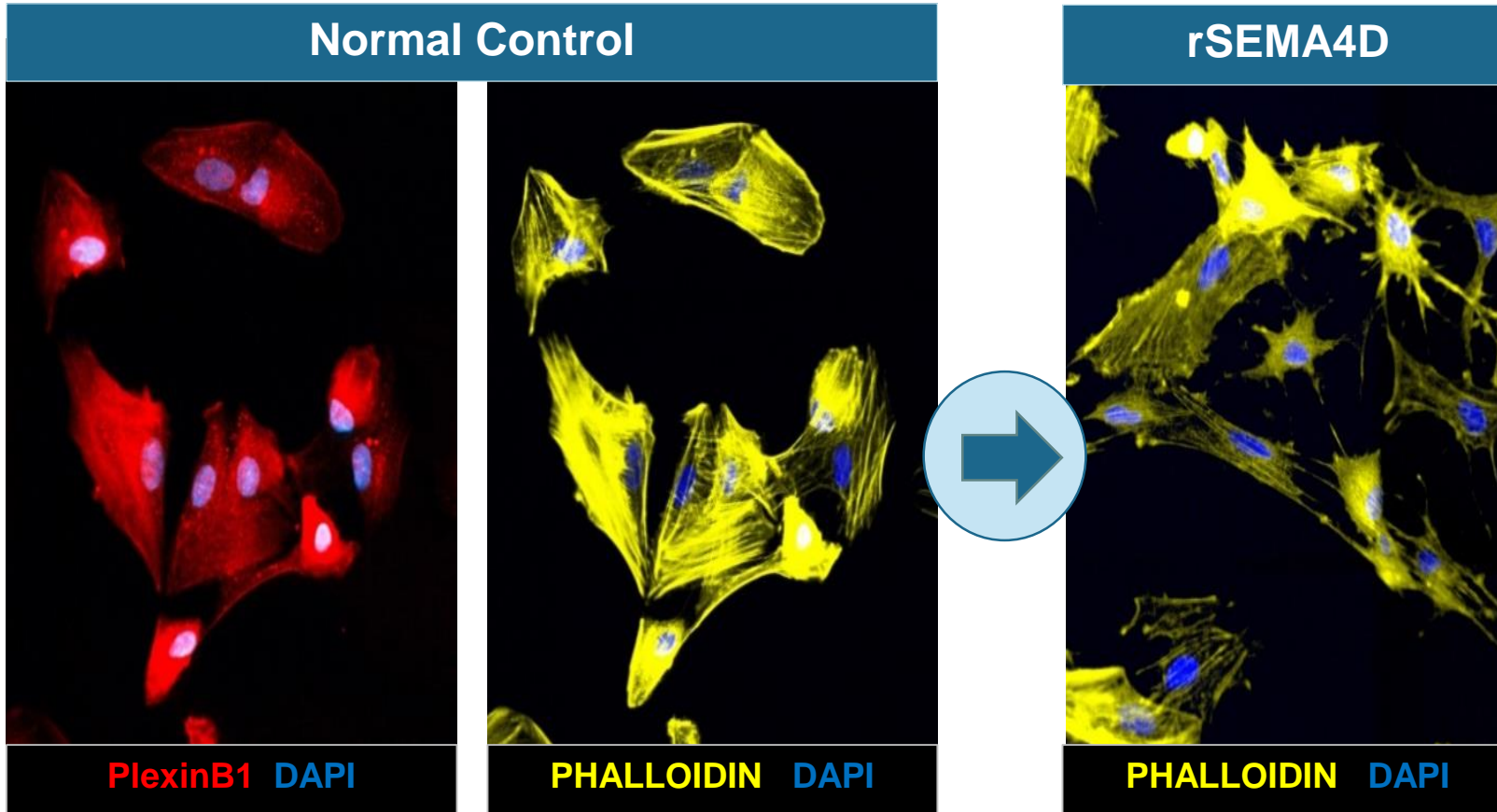
- SEMA4D is an extracellular signaling molecule that regulates the activity of inflammatory cells at sites of injury
- SEMA4D signals through PLXNB1 and PLXNB2 receptors to regulate (1) cell cytoskeleton (2) cytokine synthesis and secretion

## SEMA4D and Plexin receptors on glial cells:

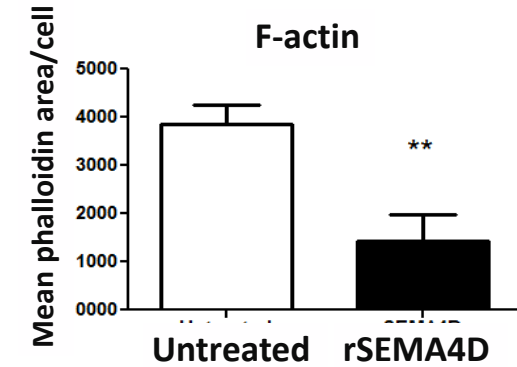
- SEMA4D and PLXN B1/B2 are upregulated at site of injury
- SEMA4D triggers depolymerization of F-actin in astrocytes which inhibits process extension and migration and alters cytokine secretion
- Glial progenitor cells also express PLXN receptors and are inhibited by SEMA4D from migrating to site of injury to replace or replenish damaged glial cells



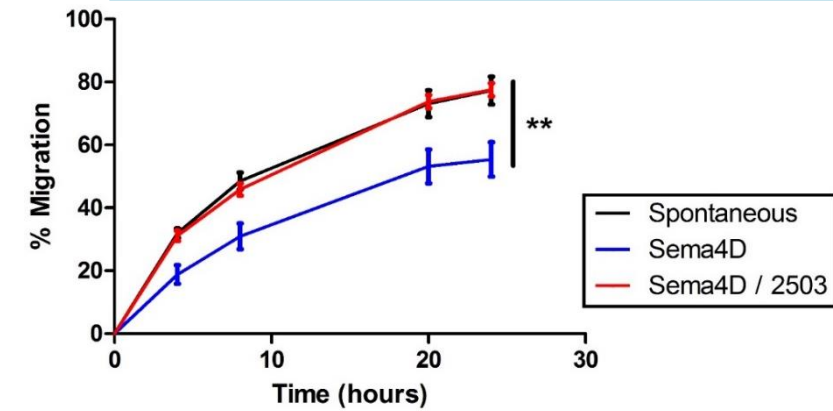
# SEMA4D Inhibits Cell Migration and Process Extension



**SEMA4D inhibits F-actin polymerization in astrocytes**

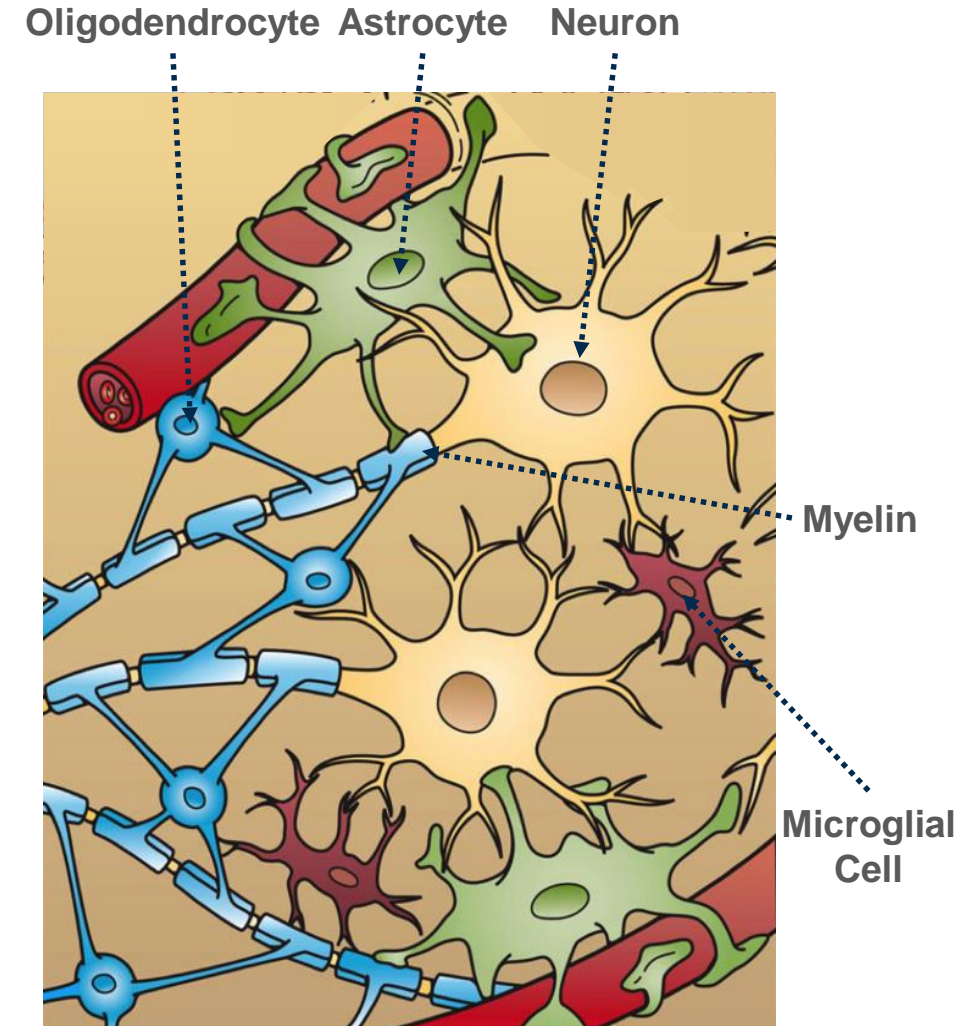


**SEMA4D inhibits astrocyte process extension/migration**



# Differentiating Features of SEMA4D Blockade by VX15 (pepinemab)

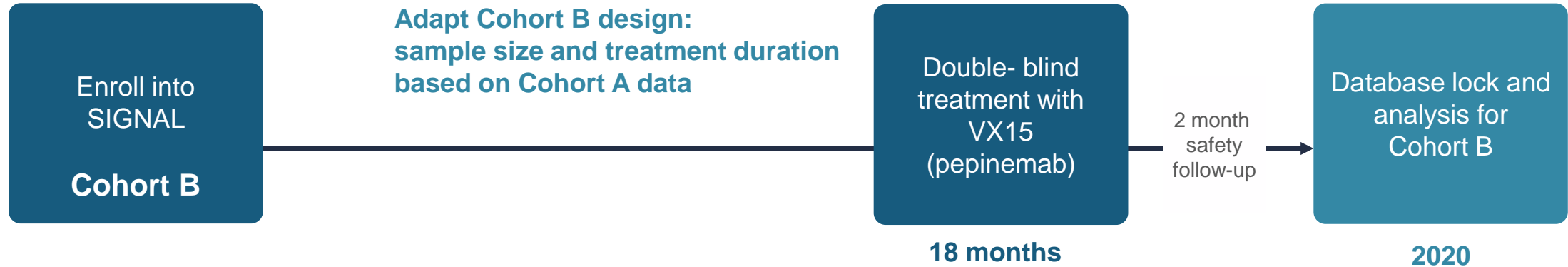
- 1. HD pathology is an extended process aggravated by inflammation over a long period of time**
  - It is triggered by mutant HTT, but inflammation may continue at reduced concentrations or even in the absence of mHTT
- 2. SEMA4D blockade targets pathogenic inflammatory effects of mHTT and is not expected to interfere with normal HTT function**
- 3. Drug distribution is determined by route of administration**
  - VX15 (pepinemab) is administered intravenously (not by intrathecal injection) and its effect is mediated through the numerous blood vessels that feed the brain.
- 4. SEMA4D blockade may be applicable to other neurological diseases aggravated by inflammation, e.g. Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, ALS**



# Huntington's Disease Clinical Trial Design: Cohort B



240 subjects  
(160 early manifest, 80 prodromal)  
randomized 1:1 Drug:Placebo



**Enrollment in Cohort B is expected to be completed by December 31, 2018**  
**Last patient last visit is anticipated in July, 2020**  
**after which the data will be unblinded for analysis and submitted to FDA for review**

We thank the **Huntington Study Group** for its invaluable assistance in coordinating the SIGNAL study at 31 clinical sites in the US and Canada



# Meeting the HD Challenge with a Team of Patients and Clinicians

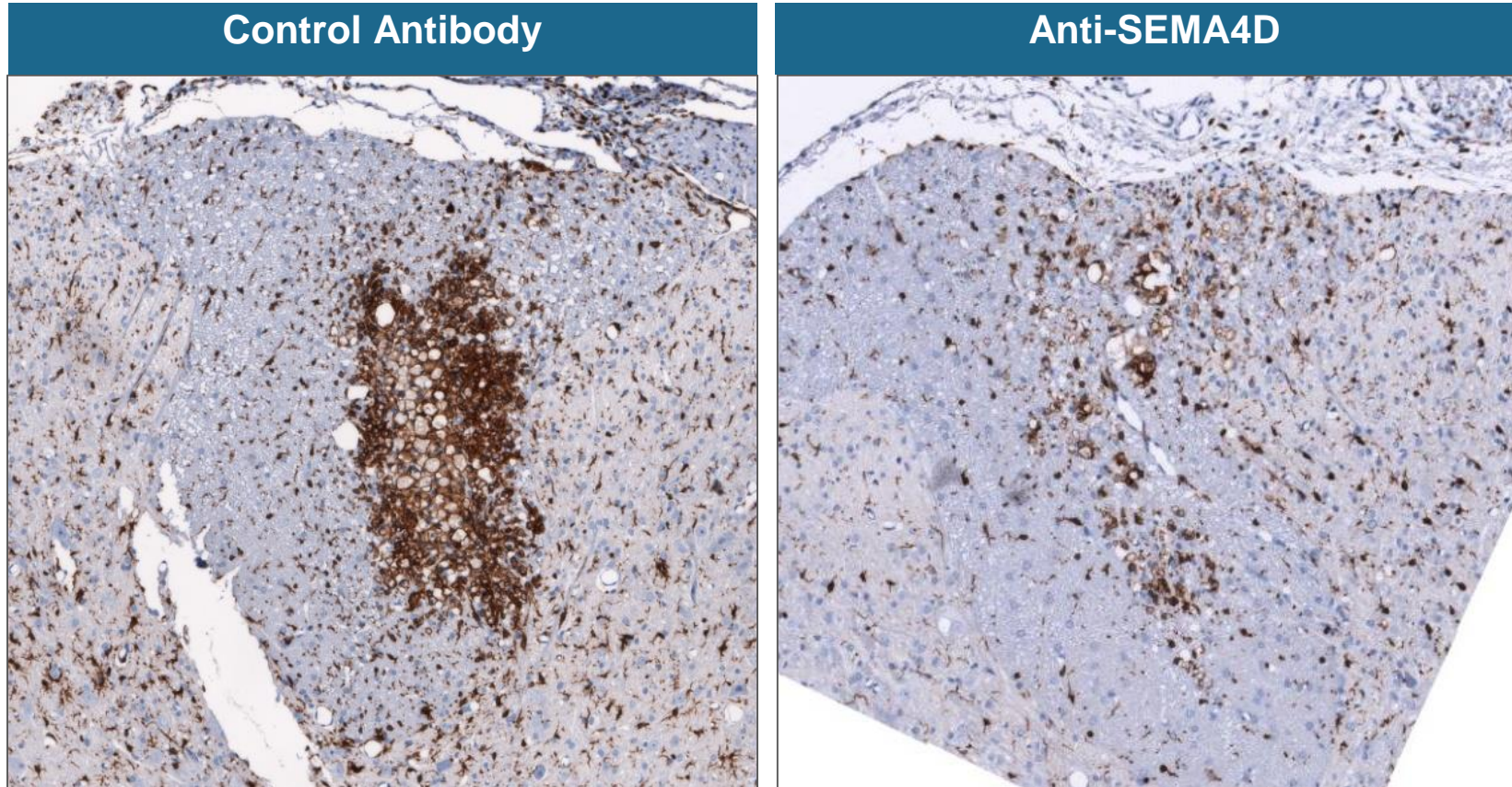
- Enrollment in SIGNAL Cohort B will soon be complete. In the future, depending on clinical results and FDA approval, we hope that our drug will become more broadly available.
- In the meantime, we encourage patients in search of investigational treatment to consider enrollment in other ongoing HD studies.
- We all need to keep in mind that at this time there is no basis for concluding which, if any, of the drugs currently in development, including VX15 (pepinemab), can successfully treat or delay progression of HD.
- It is you, the patients enrolled in these studies, who will ultimately provide the answer through your participation in clinical trials.
- That is why it is of great importance that, insofar as possible, you complete the study in which you have enrolled. Your initiative and vision in volunteering for these studies provides hope of benefit to all HD patients.

**“Enroll and Complete” so that someday we may “Treat and Prevent”**



# Appendix

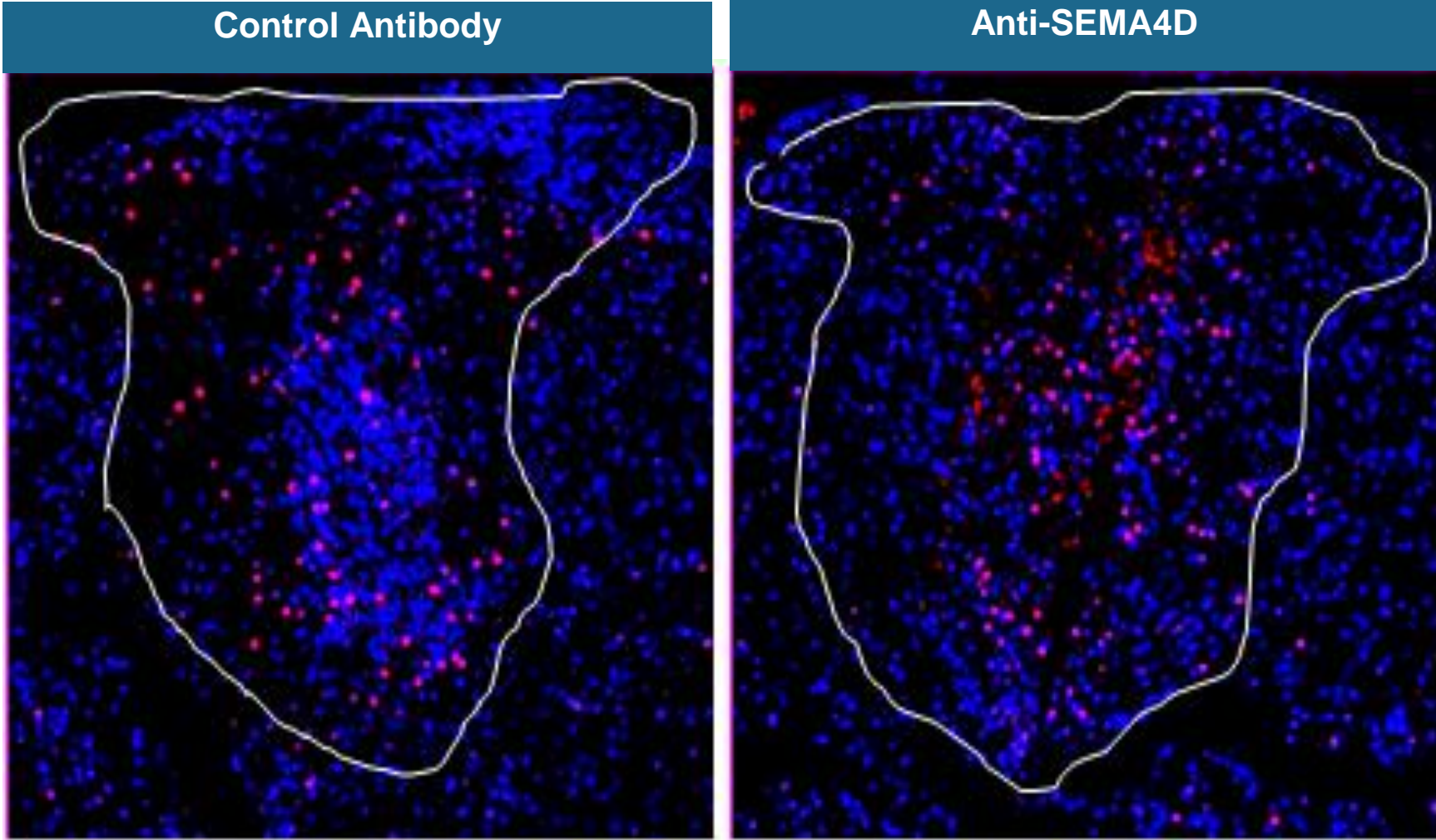
# Anti-SEMA4D Antibody Inhibits Activation of Microglia at Site of Lesion



staining for **Iba1** marker of microglial activation

Smith et al. Neurobiology of Disease, 73:254-268, 2015

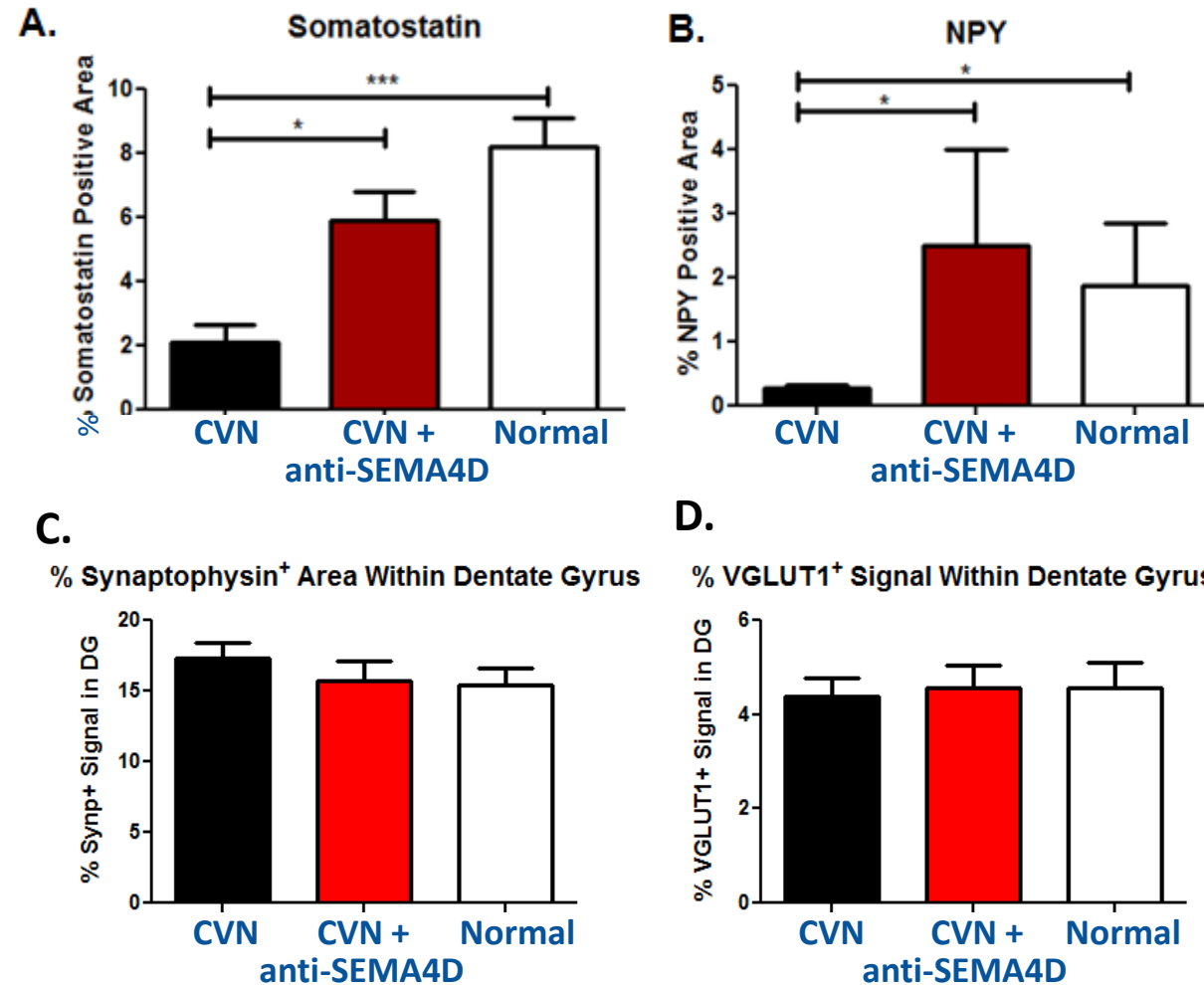
# Anti-SEMA4D Antibody Promotes Migration of Glial Progenitor Cells to Site of Lesion



Antibody blockade increases concentration of **NKX2.2+** Glial Progenitor Cells in area of lesions



# Blocking SEMA4D protects against loss of inhibitory Neurons in CVN Murine Model of Alzheimer's Disease



Blocking SEMA4D protects against loss of inhibitory neurons in the CVN murine model of AD. Restoration of synaptic activity and, potentially, neural networks could also contribute to significantly increased FDG-PET signal.