

**Clinical evidence that treatment with
pepinemab, a novel regulator of
neuroinflammation, may provide cognitive
benefit to patients with Huntington's and
potentially other neurodegenerative diseases**

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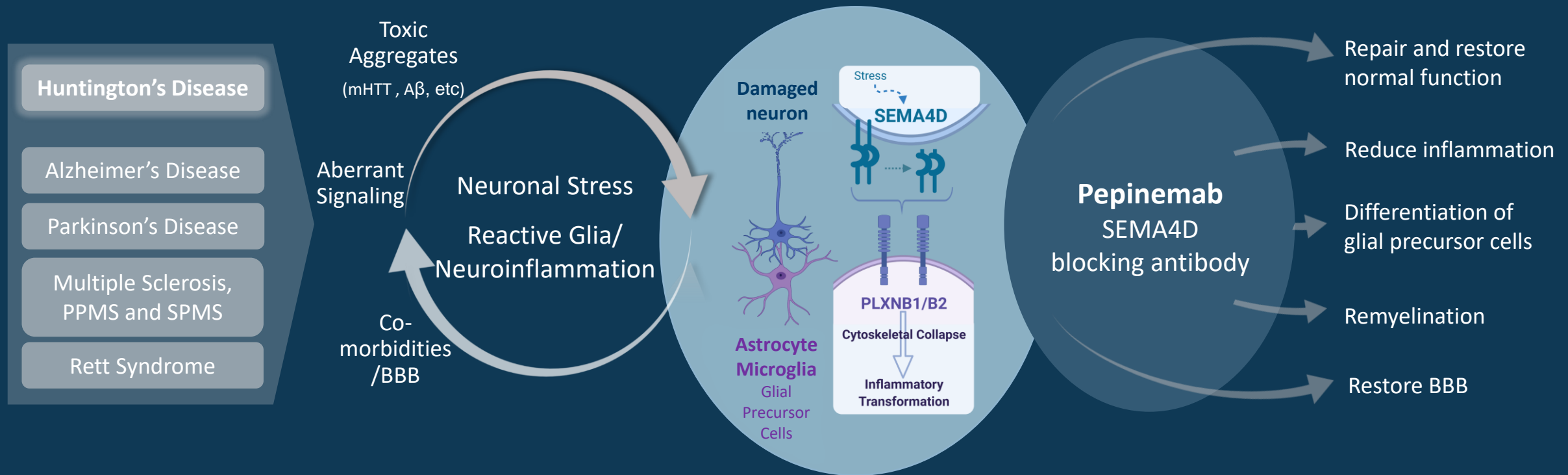
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PROPOSED MECHANISM OF ACTION:

Preclinical and clinical evidence suggests pepinemab may reprogram reactive gliosis in CNS diseases



Preclinical Neurology Models

SEMA4D antibody blockade improves disease phenotype

Anti-semaphorin 4D immunotherapy ameliorates neuropathology and some cognitive impairment in the YAC128 mouse model of Huntington disease

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SEMA4D compromises blood–brain barrier, activates microglia, and inhibits remyelination in neurodegenerative disease

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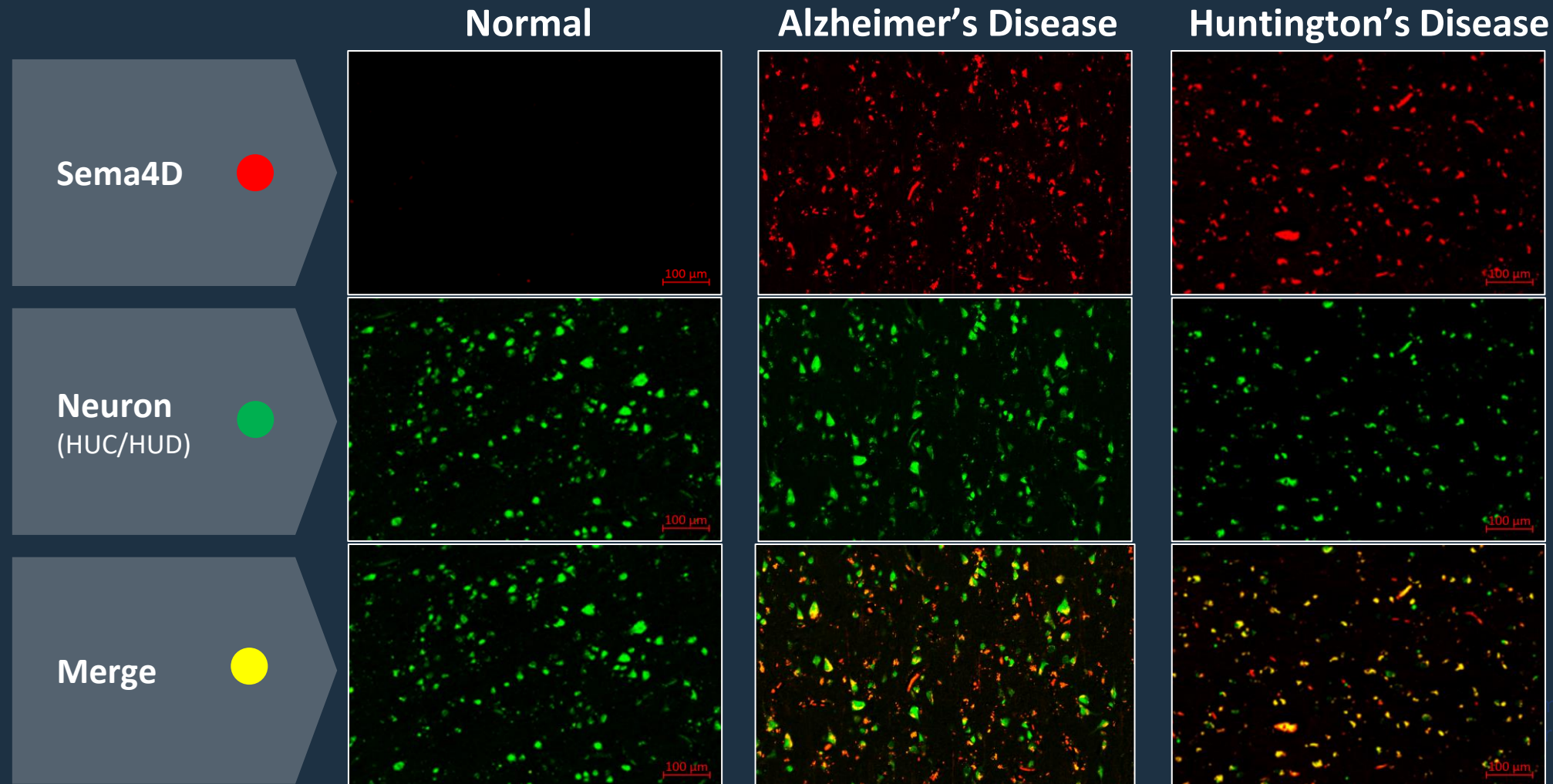
Article

Anti-Semaphorin 4D Rescues Motor, Cognitive, and Respiratory Phenotypes in a Rett Syndrome Mouse Model

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SEMA4D IS UPREGULATED IN NEURONS

Human autopsy brain sections: HD and AD



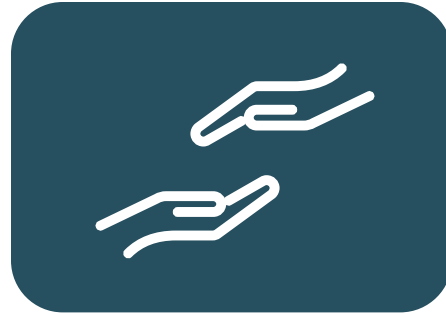
Human autopsy sections of frontal lobe

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE



Genetic Disease

HD is caused by dominant mutation in a single gene.



Unmet need

No approved treatments to alter the course of Huntington's Disease.

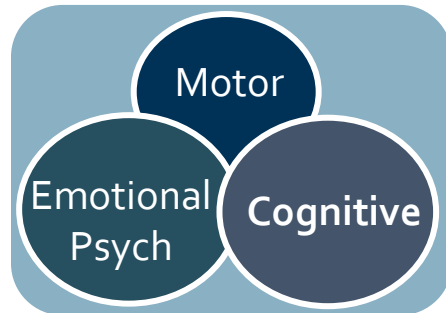


~40,000 individuals

with manifest disease in US

>150,000 more

at risk of inheriting mutation



Symptoms

Cognitive impairment = most significant impact on daily life (FDA Voice of the Patient)

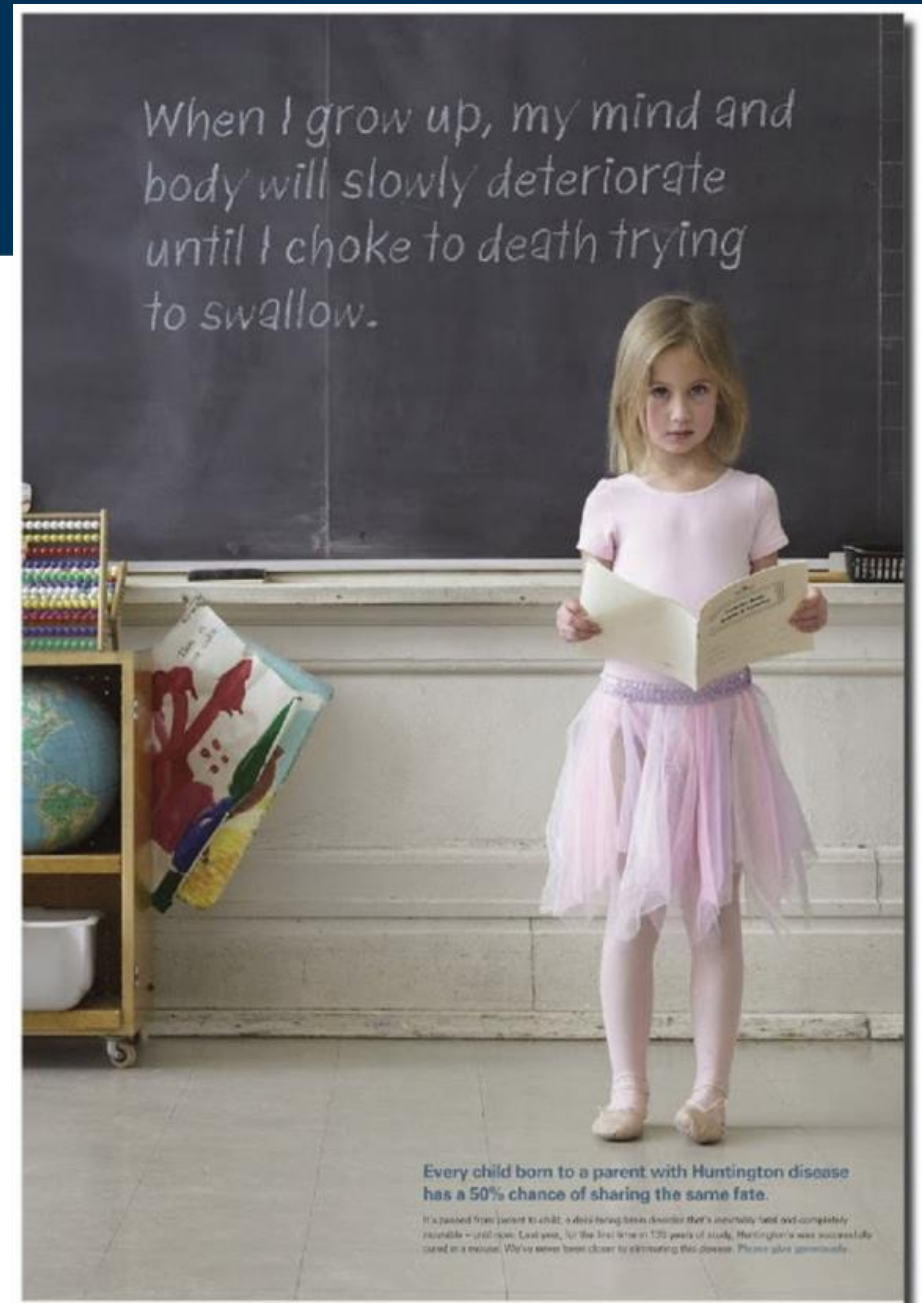


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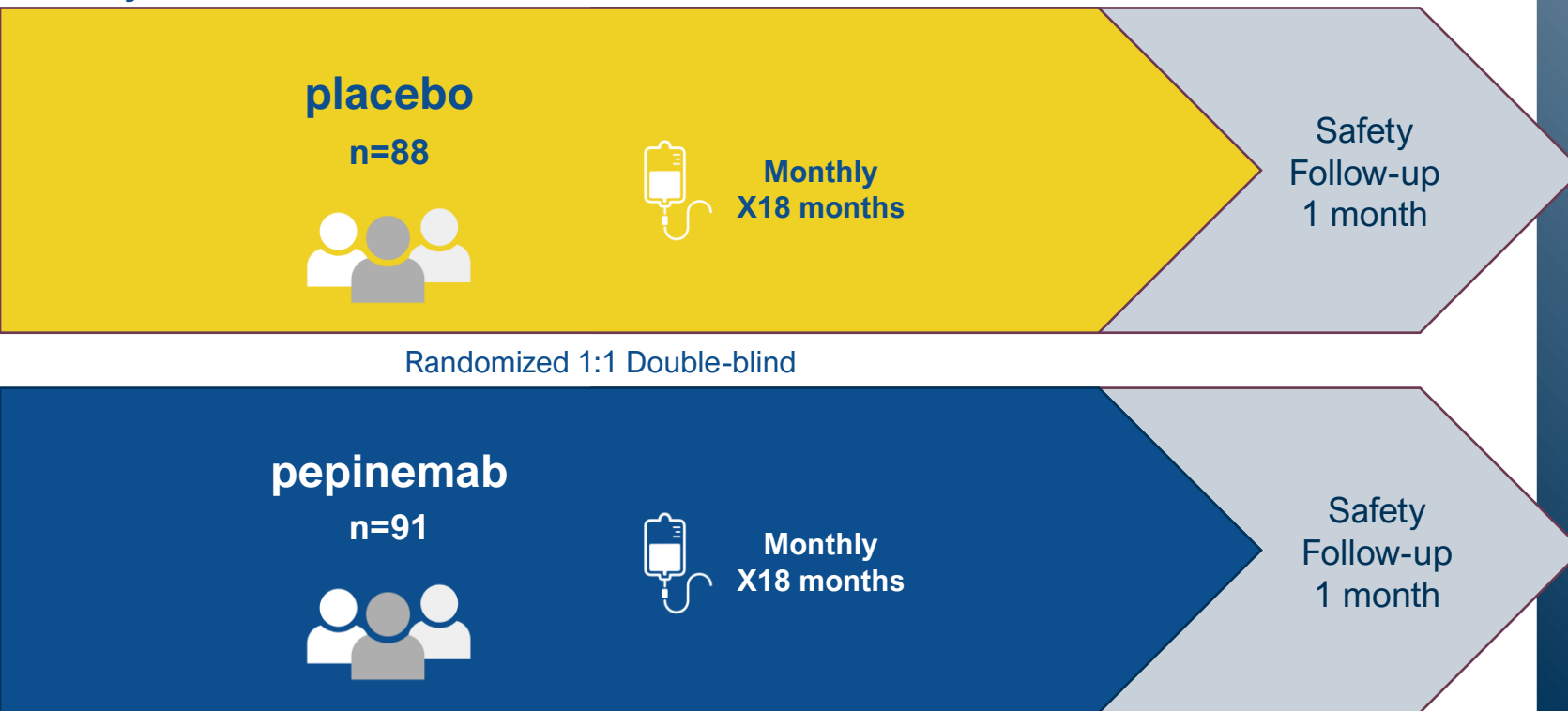
HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

Abbreviated Clinical Trial Design*



Orphan Disease and
Fast Track Designations

Early Manifest HD



Data Analysis and Study Objectives

Safety and tolerability



Primary Efficacy Outcomes
(mITT)

Cognitive Function
CGIC



Key Exploratory and
Biomarker Outcomes

Brain Volume (vMRI)
Metabolic imaging (FDG-PET)



Post-hoc Subgroup Analyses

ABBREVIATED SAFETY AND BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS



mITT: Early Manifest HD

Pepinemab (PEPI)
SEMA4D blocking
antibody is well
tolerated

Early Manifest HD	Placebo (n=88)	Pepinemab (n=91)
Discontinued Treatment Early	10	13
Had any SAE (*)	8	4
Had any Grade 3+ AE (*)	14	17
CAG repeat length	44.1	43.5
CAP score**	470	466
UHDRS-DCL at screening DCL-4, Unequivocal HD (>99% confident)	88 (100%)	91 (100%)
UHDRS-TFC at screening, n (%)		
11	33 (38%)	29 (32%)
12-13	55 (62%)	61 (68%)
MoCA score, mean (SE)	26.02 (2.04)	26.14 (2.30)
MoCA <26 subgroup	23.97 (0.94)	23.78 (1.07)
MoCA ≥26 subgroup	27.44 (1.21)	27.72 (1.34)

*pre-COVID era;

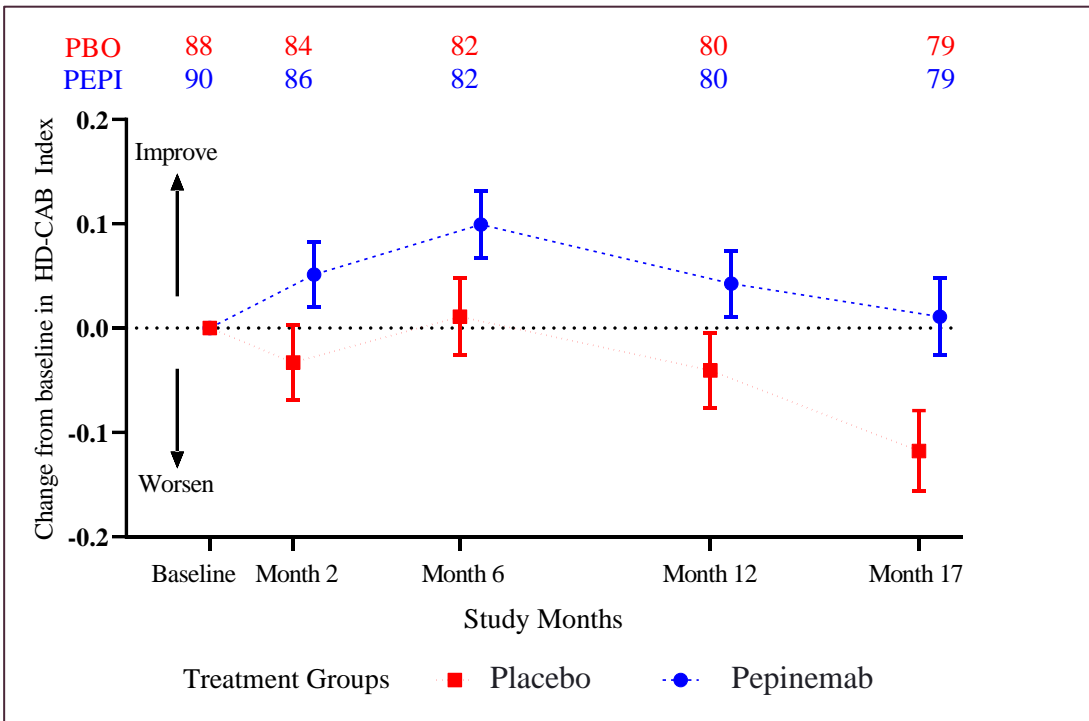
**CAP score = age × (CAG repeat length – 33.66)

COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT BATTERY (HD-CAB)

mITT Co-Primary and pre-specified Exploratory analysis, Early Manifest HD



HD-CAB Composite Index of 6 Cognitive Assessments



Two-item HD Cognitive Assessment: Pre-specified Co-Primary

LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI)	One-sided p-value	Favors Pepinemab	Critical value
OTS: -1.98 (-4.00, 0.05)	0.028	Yes	No [0.025]
PTAP: 1.43 (-0.37, 3.23)	0.060		

HD-CAB Composite Index: Pre-specified Exploratory

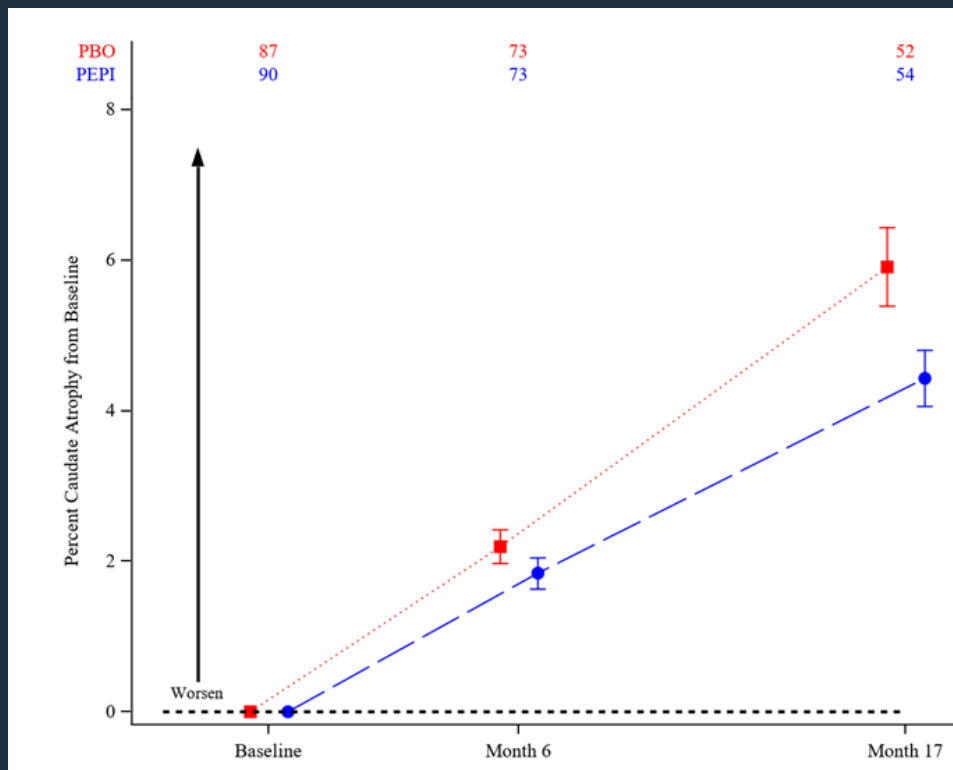
LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI)	One-sided p-value	Favors Pepinemab	Critical value
0.13 (0.03, 0.23)	0.007	Yes	Yes [0.025]

PEPINEMAB APPEARS TO REDUCE BRAIN ATROPHY

Volumetric MRI– Boundary Shift Integral Analysis (BSI)
Pre-specified Exploratory Endpoint, Early Manifest HD



CBSI (caudate atrophy)

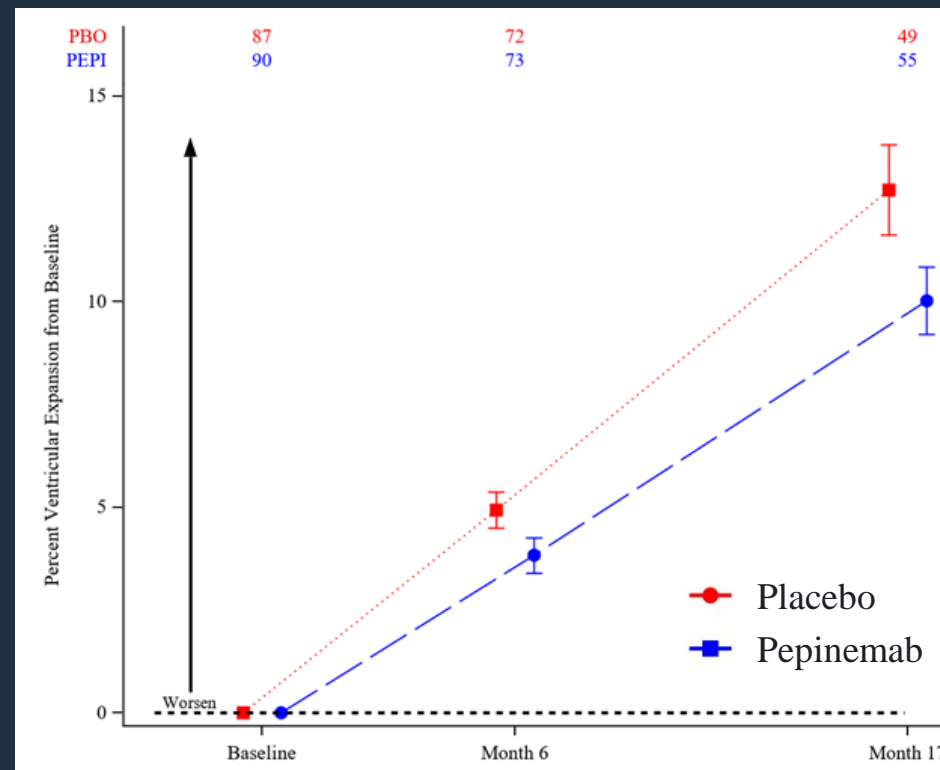


LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI):

CBSI: -1.54 (-2.79, -0.29);

p = 0.017

VBSI (ventricular expansion)



VBSI: -2.47 (-5.04, 0.10);

p = 0.060

FDG-PET CORRELATES WITH COGNITIVE FUNCTION

Pre-specified Exploratory Endpoint, Early Manifest HD



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FDG-PET measures brain metabolic activity.

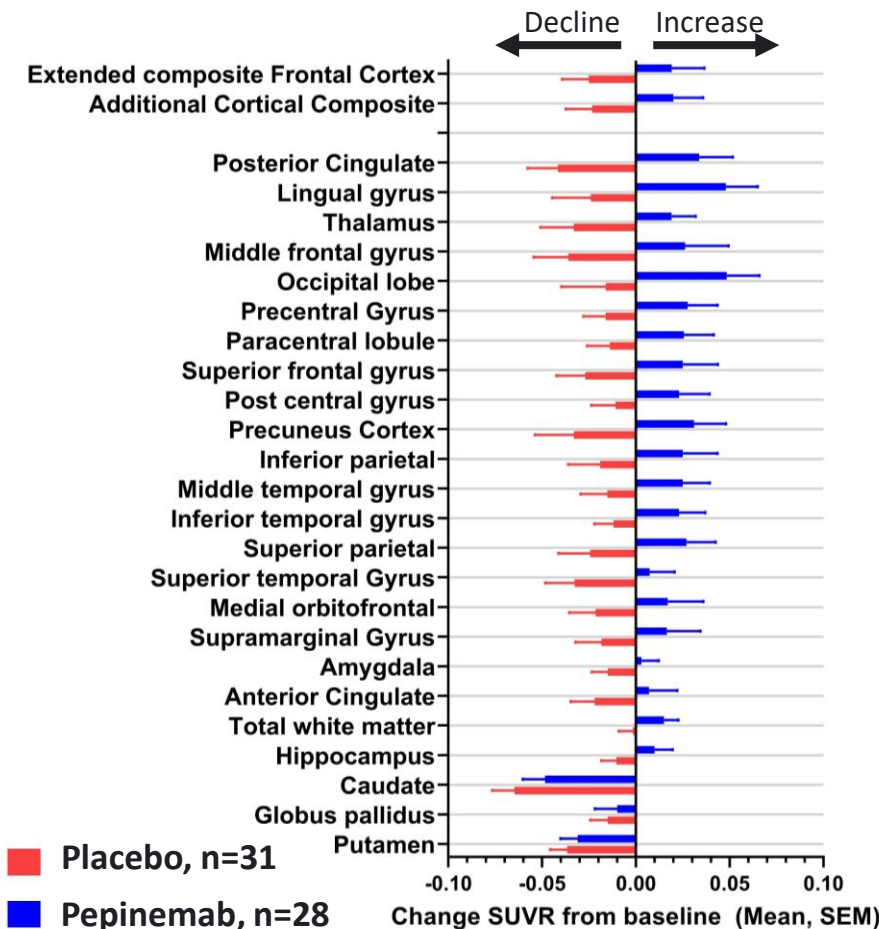
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Decline in FDG-PET is reported to correlate with cognitive impairment in neurodegenerative diseases.

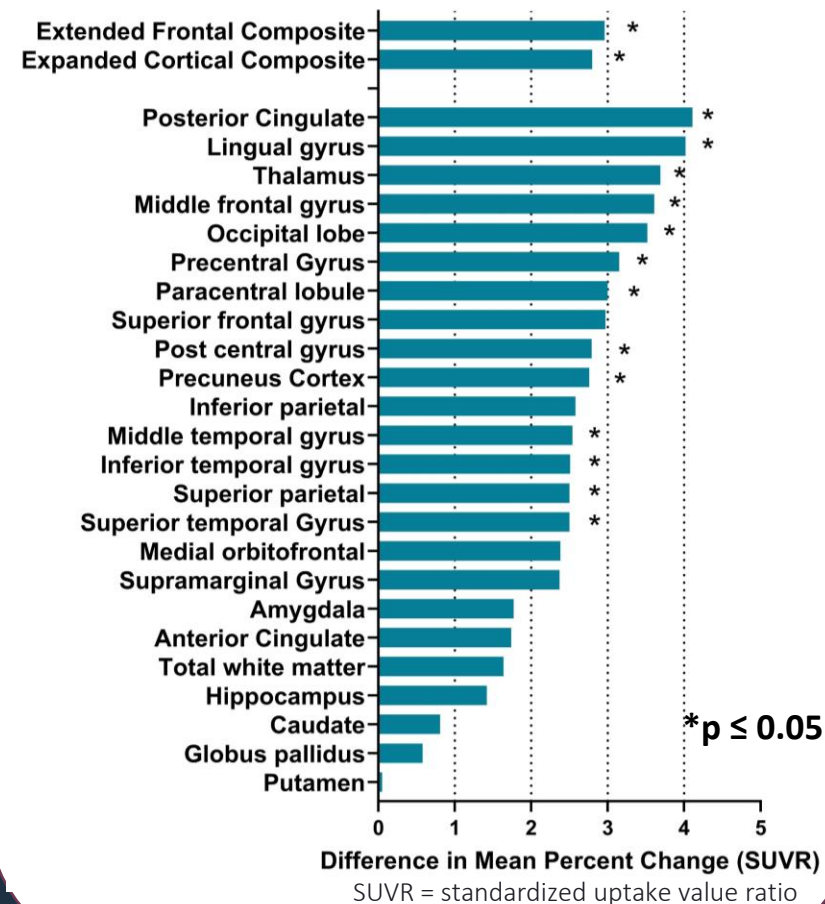


Pepinemab treatment appears to reverse loss of metabolic activity.

Change in FDG-PET at Month 18



Difference (PEPI-PBO) at Month 18



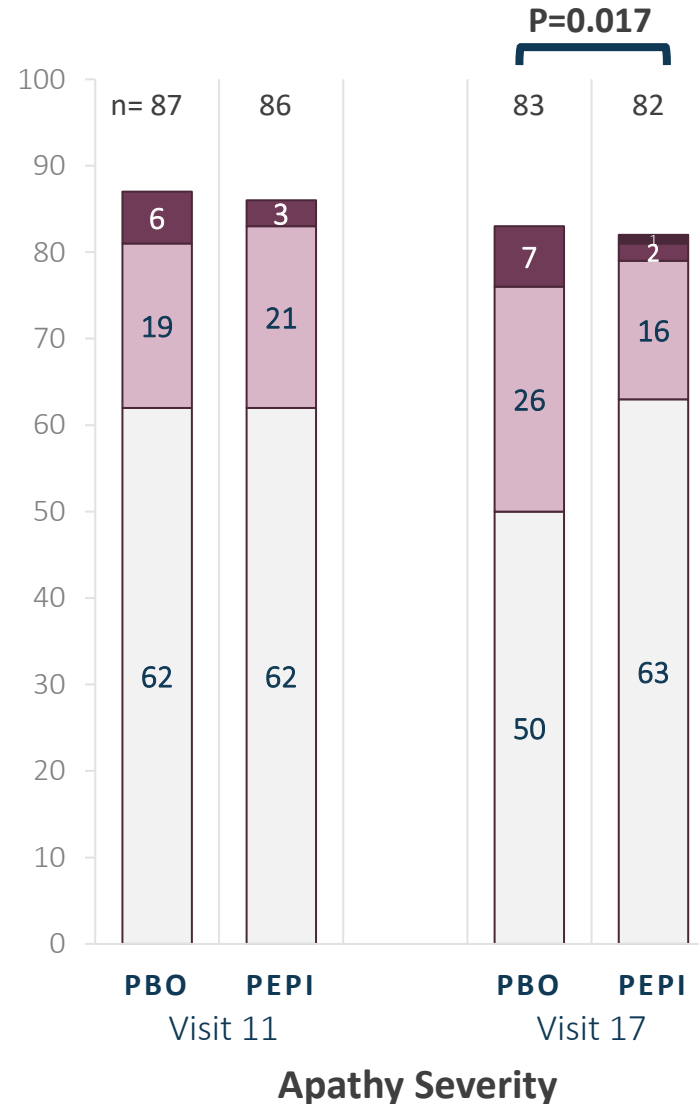
Problem Behaviors Assessment (PBA-s)

Post-hoc analysis of individual assessments, Early Manifest HD



Several HD studies suggest that among behavioral measures apathy severity correlates best with disease progression and correlates with cognition

Pepinemab treatment reduced apathy severity



Presence of problem behavior at Visit 17	PBO n/N (%)	PEPI n/N (%)	One-Sided p-value (+ Favors PEPI)
Apathy	33/83 (39.76)	19/82 (23.17)	0.017 (+)
Depression	28/83 (33.73)	16/82 (19.51)	0.030 (+)
Irritability	35/83 (42.17)	32/82 (39.02)	0.41 (+)
Anxiety	40/83 (48.19)	40/82 (48.78)	0.60 (-)

PBO = Placebo
 PEPI = Pepinemab

CGIC: Clinical Global Impression of Change

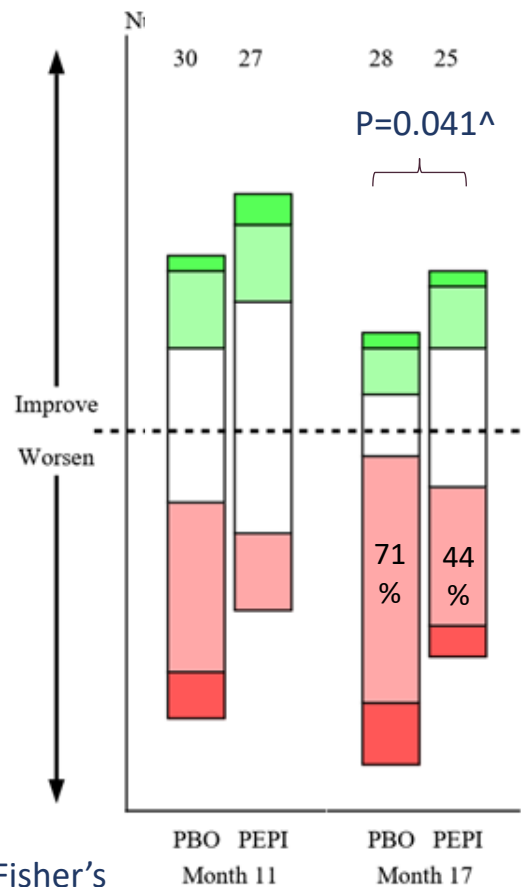


Co-Primary and Post-hoc Subgroup Analysis
to inform patient selection

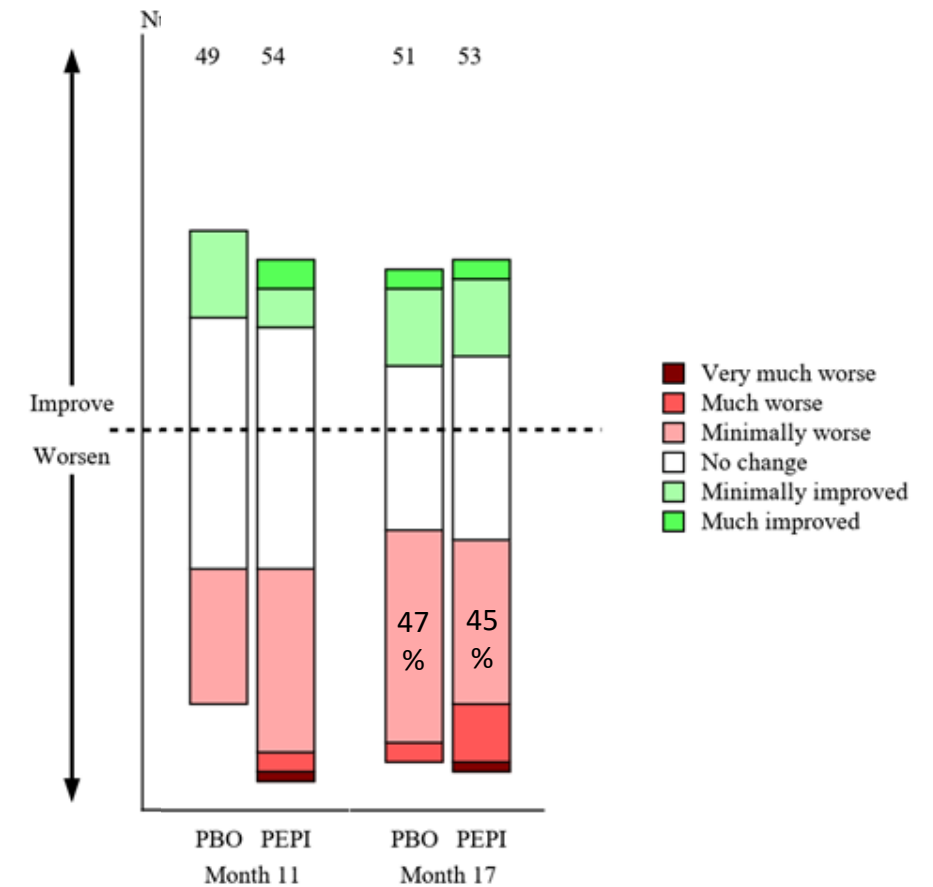
No significant treatment effect observed in the mITT early manifest HD population

A treatment effect was, however, evident in subjects with somewhat more advanced disease (TFC 11) in post-hoc subgroup analysis.

CGIC – Subjects with Baseline UHDRS TFC 11



CGIC – Subjects with Baseline UHDRS TFC 12 and 13



^nominal one-sided p-value, Fisher's exact test for worsening score

HD-CAB STRATIFIED BY BASELINE MoCA

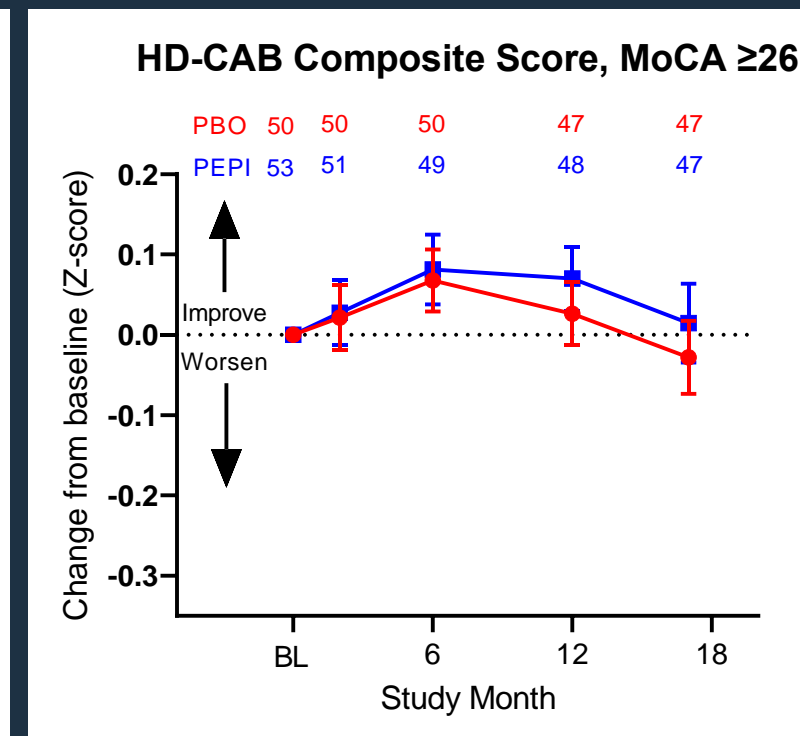
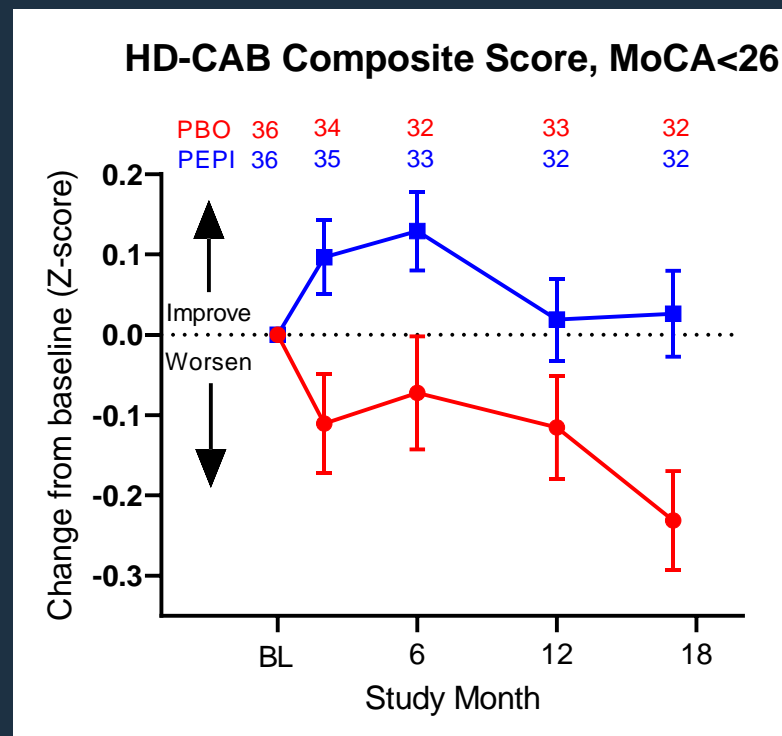
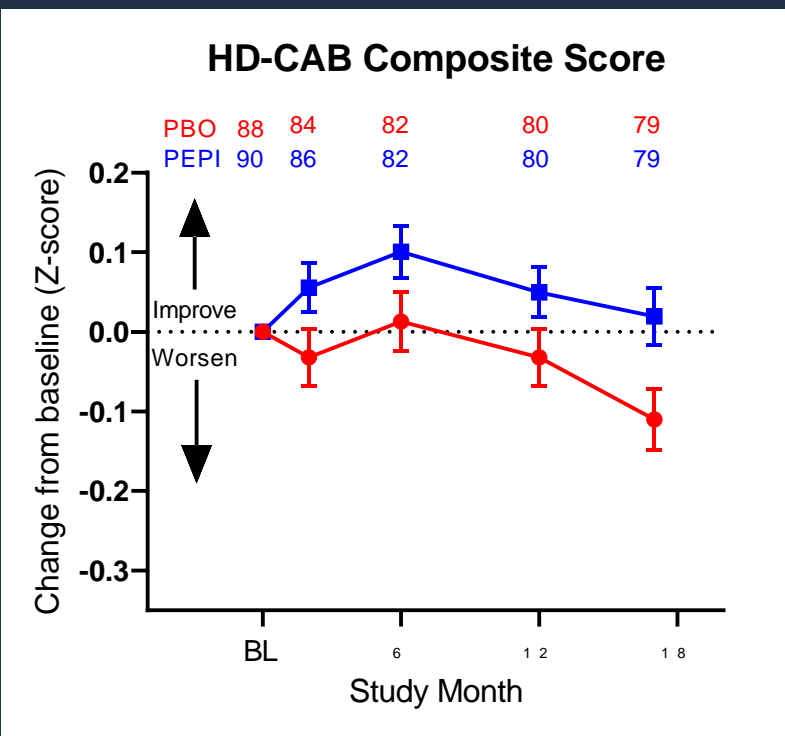
(Montreal Cognitive Assessment) Post-hoc Subgroup Analysis to inform patient selection



mITT

MoCA < 26

MoCA ≥ 26



LS Mean Estimate (SE), month 17
mITT: 0.13 (0.05), **p=0.007**

MoCA < 26: 0.24 (0.08), **p=0.0025**

MoCA ≥ 26: 0.06 (0.06), **p=0.197**

SIGNAL Phase 2 Trial



Summary, Lessons Learned, Next Steps

Orphan Disease and Fast Track Designations



Proposed Mechanism of Action

Preclinical data suggests reduced neuroinflammation and restoration of normal glia function

Combination of SEMA4D immunotherapy with ASO improves measures of anxiety and brain atrophy in Hu97/18 HD mice

Safety and Tolerability

Well tolerated

Intravenous administration

Efficacy Outcomes

Pre-specified primary efficacy endpoints were not significant.

Evidence suggests potential cognitive benefit, i.e. HD-CAB, Apathy, FDG-PET
Reduced brain atrophy observed

Greatest benefit from treatment was detected in patients with signs of mildly advanced disease

Target Engagement

Confirmed drug penetration into CNS at expected level

Antigen-antibody complexes detected

Continued clinical development in Huntington's Disease – potential for Combination Therapy
Initiated phase 1/2a trial in Alzheimer's Disease

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Phase 1b/2 Trial Design



Funding by



Alzheimer's
Drug Discovery
Foundation

Phase 1b: Safety



n=4



Phase 2: Expansion

placebo



n=20



Monthly
X12 months

Safety
Follow-up

pepinemab



n=20



Monthly
X12 months

Safety
Follow-up

Randomized 1:1 Double-blind

JUL 2021

Phase 1b:
complete

Phase 2:
currently
accruing

H1 2023

Topline Data



Mild AD

(CDR=0.5 or 1.0, MMSE 18-26)

Topline Data:

Safety and tolerability



Cognitive Function measures

CDR-SB, ADAS-Cog13, MMSE,
CDRS



Biomarker Outcomes

Brain Volume (vMRI)
Metabolic imaging (FDG-PET)



15 planned sites in US

Signal-AD Site Map

