# GU FAIS

Driving Scientific Breakthroughs into Powerful Precision Medicines for ALS and Other Neurodegenerative Diseases

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## The QurAlis Story

- We are on the cusp of a revolution in drug development for ALS, FTD, AD and other neurodegenerative diseases largely aided through recent genetic discoveries and stem cell technologies.
- There are now ALS patients with SOD1 and FUS mutations who have stopped progressing and are even regaining function. This is changing the outlook for patients, their families, and the doctors and nurses who treat them and it is changing the whole field.
- Through its pioneering approach, QurAlis is leading in drug development for sporadic ALS and FTD following an oncology-like, precision-medicine approach focused on breakthrough genetic targets using relevant human disease models and biomarkers.
- QurAlis closed Series B financing in March 2023 to support clinical development of QRL-201 STMN2 and QRL-101 Kv7, and to support development of QRL-204 UNC13A.

# Groundbreaking Science



New insights into human genetics and stem cell technology

Next-gen precision medicines using biomarkers for patient selection, target engagement, and efficacy

\*Dependent on funding decisions

## First- & Best-in-Class Programs



Two programs in the clinic – First efficacy biomarker readouts in 2025\*

Two proprietary platforms to enable additional therapies

Most programs benefitting from Orphan Drug and Breakthrough designations

# World-Class Team to Execute

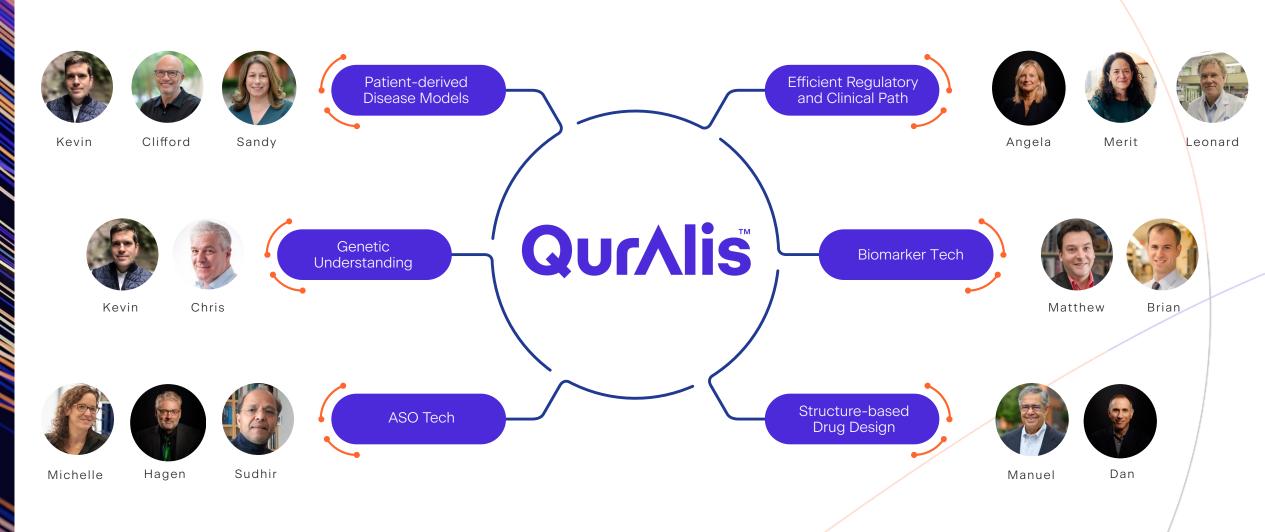


Supportive investor syndicate

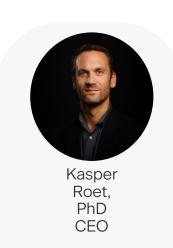
Strong IP positions

Raised \$143.5M to date from a strong set of investors, with \$88M oversubscribed Series B round in March '23

# QurAlis' Comprehensive Approach to Tackling ALS



# Pioneers with Unrelenting Commitment to Patients









Dan Elbaum, PhD CSO















Vikas Sharma, PhD CBO













Hagen Cramer, PhD CTO











Emma Bowden, PhD Head of Clinical Development













# Supported and Recognized by Investors, Pharma, and Industry

#### Investors FIERCE **EQT** Life Sciences sanofi ventures ventures **DROIA** S POLARIS INNOVATION FUND mission BIOCAPITAL Dementia inkef capital Discovery **INVESTMENT FUND** MP Healthcare Venture Management, Inc. **DOLBY FAMILY** VENTURES Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Group Mass General Brigham Ventures MITSUI GLOBAL INVESTMENT ALEXANDRIA.





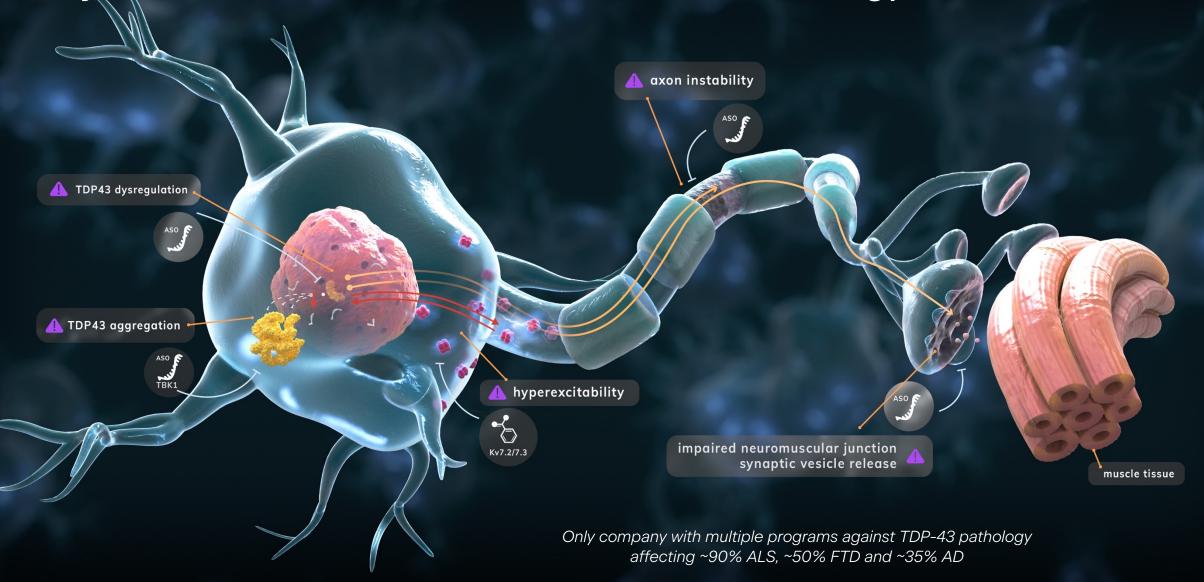




Partner



# Major Disease Drivers Linked to TDP-43 Pathology in ALS, FTD & AD



## Double Genetic Validation of Targets Provides Unprecedented Opportunities

# Highly compelling market opportunity

TDP-43 pathology underlie neurodegenerative diseases including ALS, FTD, and Alzheimer's



#### ALS

~30K US ALS patients 90% addressable



#### **FTD**

~50-60K US FTD patients 50% addressable



#### Alzheimer's

~6MM US AD patients 35% addressable

Multiple causes of neuronal death and dysfunction

TDP-43 dysfunction

TDP-43 aggregation

Axon instability

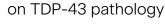
Neuronal hyperexcitability

Impairment of vesicle release at the neuromuscular junction

#### QurAlis approach

Double genetic target validation

Broad strategy centered





#### **Programs (Targets)**

STMN2

Mutations in

of Disease

**Familial Forms** 

UNC13A

TDP-43

Others



**Precision Biomarkers** 

Precision Therapies



Loss in

Sporadic

Forms of

Disease

## QurAlis' Advantage - Two Proprietary Platforms

QR43 platform™: proprietary & investigative TDP-43 platform



Stem cell model systems



TDP-43 loss of function animal model

In vitro neuronal functional readouts



Clinical TDP-43 biomarkers



Flex ASO™ proprietary anti-sense oligonucleotide splice modulator platform

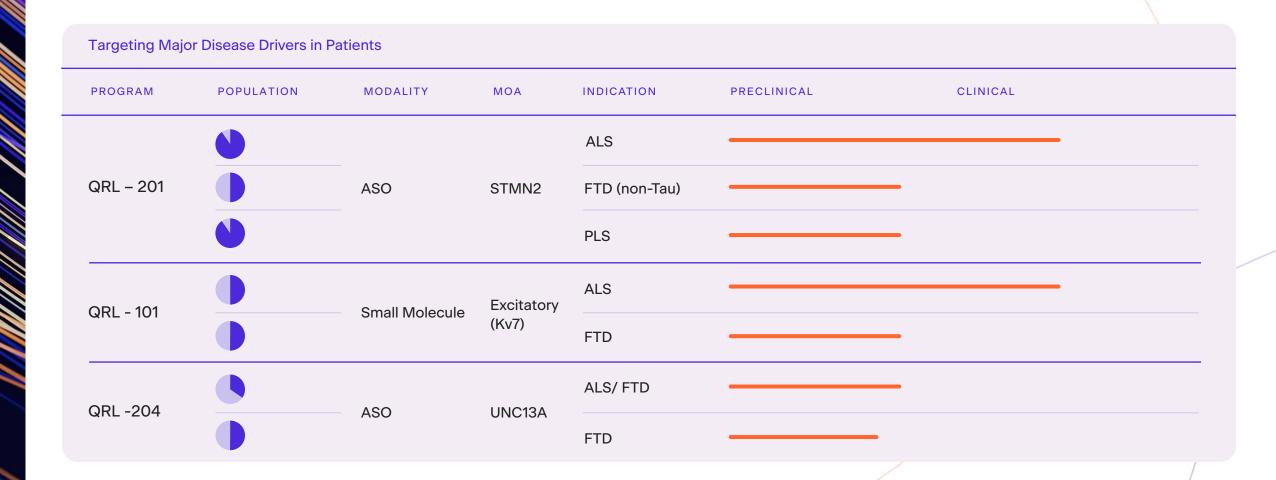
ATTRIBUTES	TRADITIONAL ASO	FLEXASO	
Size			
Efficacy			
Safety			
CMC			
Distribution	Known for spinal cord and frontal cortex		

The only company with a TDP-43 LOF animal model

Potential to overcome modality-specific, dose-limiting toxicities observed with 'traditional ASO'



# Pipeline Targeting Major Disease Drivers in Neurodegeneration







# **QRL-101 Program Overview**

Candidate Potential best-in-class Kv7 opener Function/MOA Reduction of hyperexcitability through K+ channels (>50% of ALS patients) **Patient Selection** Excitability biomarker Indications Disease modification of sporadic ALS subgroup Development & Status Clinical trials initiated in healthy volunteers Commercial & Regulatory Precision medicine approach | Increases probability of success Advantage Rights QurAlis retains global rights

<sup>\*</sup>Majority of ALS and FTD patients and 30-50% of AD patients



# Kv7 is a Clinically Validated Target in ALS

#### EFFICACY: CLINICAL BENEFITS OBSERVED IN 65 PATIENTS

#### Retigabine trial in 65 patients showed Kv7 opener can lead to clinical benefits

- Significant dose dependent effects on biomarkers that predict patient survival
- · Significant correlation between effect size on excitability biomarker and efficacy biomarker CMAP

#### ADVERSE EVENT: 97% PARTICIPANTS IN THE RETIGABINE TRIAL REPORTED AT LEAST ONE ADVERSE EVENT

Fatigue, dizziness and somnolence were major adverse events

Retigabine caused blue discoloration of eyes and skin

Retigabine interacts with the GABAa receptor Lack of selectivity for many Kv7 family members

#### A MORE SELECTIVE KV7.2/7.3 OPENER IS NEEDED TO DECREASE AE RATES

# QRL-101 is More Potent and Selective Than Previously Marketed Retigabine

Retigabine has a problematic adverse event profile in the clinic due to lack of selectivity

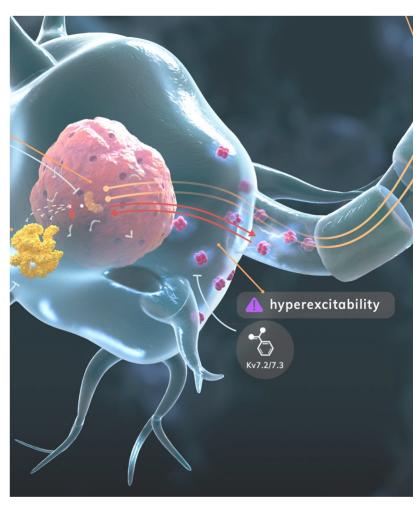
QRL-101 in preclinical studies has demonstrated lack of same liabilities as retigabine

QRL-101 IND enabling studies ongoing

	EFFICACY	SIDE EFFECTS (AE PROFILE)				
	EFFICACY	FATIGUE / SO	MNOLENCE	DIZZINESS	URINARY RETENTION	PIGMENTATION
TEST	Kv7.2/7.3 activity	GABAa receptor activity / binding	REM / non-REM sleep	Rotarod	Bladder strip test	Compound specific photo-reactivity
RETIGABINE	EC50=1.2uM	+++	Liability (10mg/ kg)	Liability (10mg/ kg)	Liability (1uM)	Liability
QRL-101	EC50=0.06uM		No Liability	No Liability	No Liability	No Liability



# QRL-101: A Potent and Validated Therapeutic in Development for ALS Patients



A first-in-class precision therapy to treat hyperexcitability-induced disease progression

50% of ALS patients provides a large market opportunity

Kv7.2 is genetically regulated in sporadic ALS

Kv7.2/7.3 is a clinically validated target

#### QRL-101:

- Highly potent and selective
- Favorable side effect profile
- Target engagement and patient selection biomarkers established
- Clinical trials initiated in healthy volunteers



## **QRL-201 Program Overview**

Candidate First-in-class ASO against STMN2 pathology Function/MOA Restoration of protein activity **Patient Selection** STMN2 biomarker (90% of ALS patients\*) Indications Disease modification of sporadic ALS subgroup Development & Status Clinical trials ongoing in patients Commercial & Regulatory Precision medicine approach | Increases probability of success Advantage

Rights



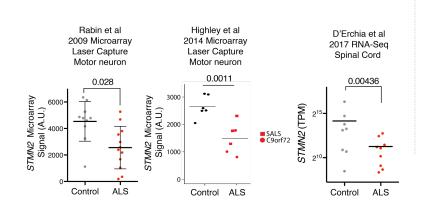
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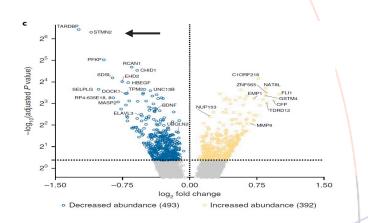
## STMN2 Levels are Consistently Decreased in Sporadic ALS Patients

#### **EGGAN LAB**

STMN2 levels are consistently decreased in sporadic ALS patients

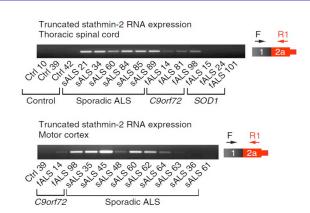


Loss of TDP-43 from the nucleus (ALS hallmark) leads to loss of STMN2

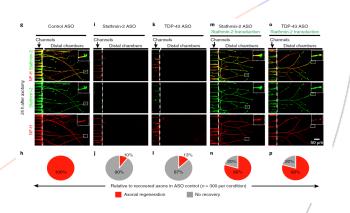


#### **CLEVELAND LAB**

Truncated STMN2 mRNA abundant in sporadic ALS spinal cord and brain



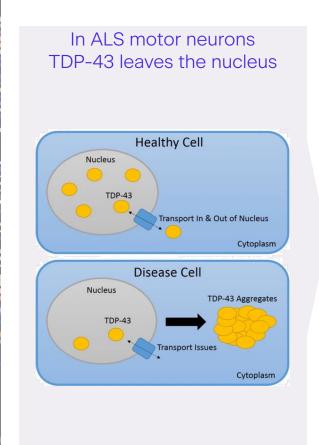
TDP-43 loss causes loss of axon repair Rescue by restoring STMN2 levels

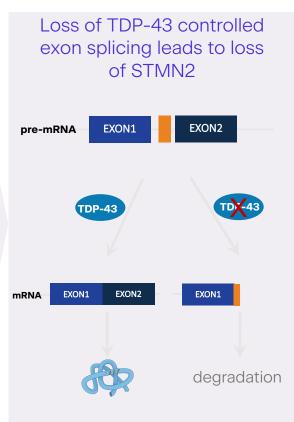


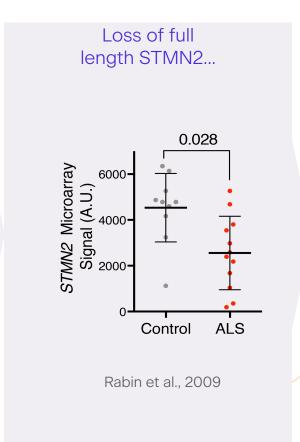


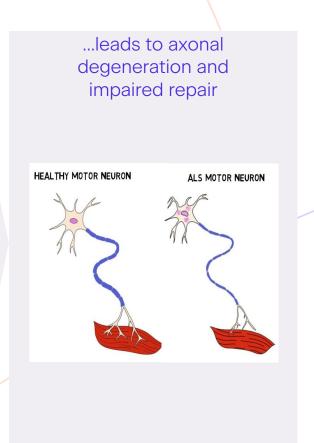
# STMN2: A Genetic Target for the Sporadic ALS Population

#### **QURALIS THERAPEUTIC STRATEGY**

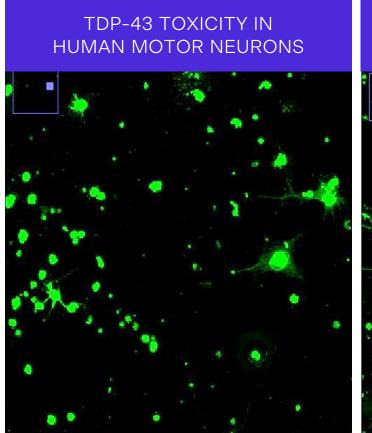




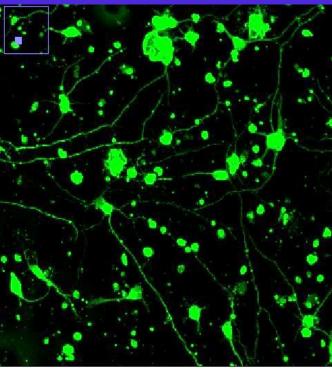




## QRL-201 Protects Human Motor Neurons Against Neurodegeneration



ASO PROTECTS HUMAN MOTOR NEURONS FROM TDP-43 TOXICITY



Neurons Degenerate

**Neurons Protected** 

- First-in-class therapy to treat
   ~90% of ALS & ~50% FTD patients
- Potent restoration of STMN2 function and TDP43 neurodegenerative phenotypes
- Target engagement and patient selection biomarker program
- Clinical trials initiated
- Genetic target for sporadic ALS and FTD with additional opportunities in AD and PD



# **QurAlis' Growth Strategy Beyond ALS**





FlexASO™ Platform (Next-gen ASOs, Biosuperiors)

Additional Indications (e.g., FTD, AD)

ALS (Sub-forms of the disease)











#### **New Insights**

into human genetics and stem cell technology provide genetically validated targets for ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases

# Next-Gen Precision Medicine

approaches using biomarkers for patient selection, target engagement, and efficacy

### First- & Best-in-Class Programs

- Two programs in the clinic
- First efficacy biomarker readouts in 2025\*

# Two Proprietary Platforms

- Only company with comprehensive TDP-43 platform
- Novel FlexAS<sup>™</sup>
   platform for splice
   modulator targets

# World-Class Leadership

in place for execution

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