## Progress Toward the Discovery of an ASO for Therapeutic Upregulation of SYNGAP1

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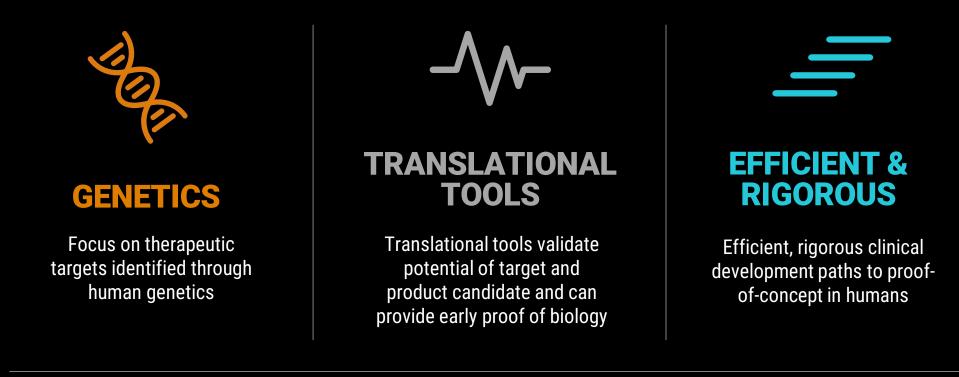
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To help patients by delivering life-altering treatments faster and more effectively than has ever been done before and to do it again and again.



## Leveraging genetics to efficiently translate insights into therapies

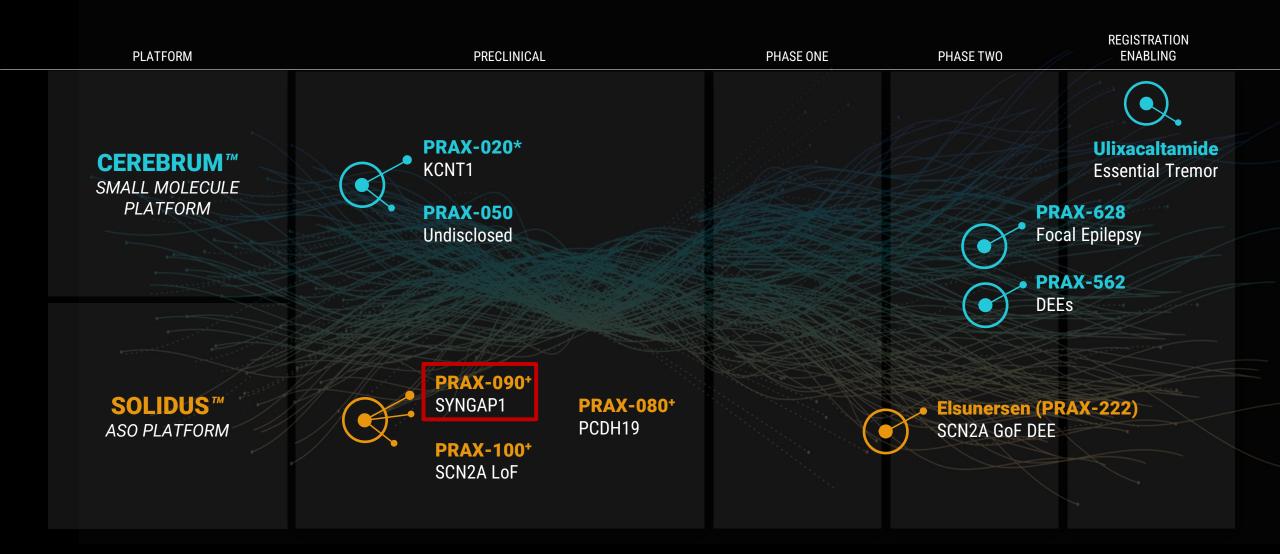


## **PATIENT-GUIDED**

Patient-guided development strategies to deliver on what patients actually need

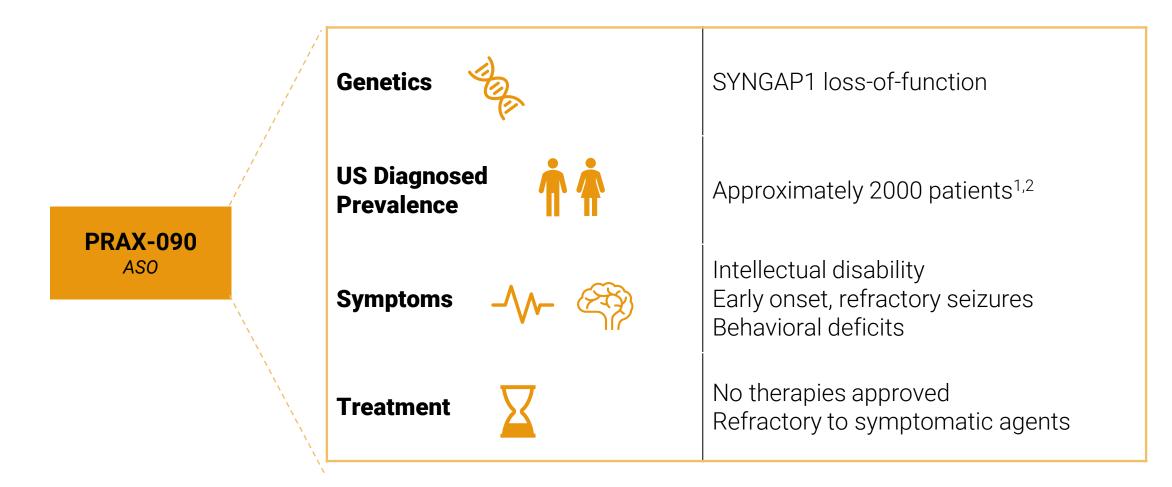


## Targeting epilepsies & movement disorders connected by neuronal imbalance



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## SYNGAP1 ASO Background



SYNGAP1 (PRAX-090) ASO is a collaboration with The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health. <sup>1</sup>Source: Invitae Behind The Seizure Data; Ambit Genetic Testing and Claims Data Analysis



Pathway from ASO Discovery to Approval



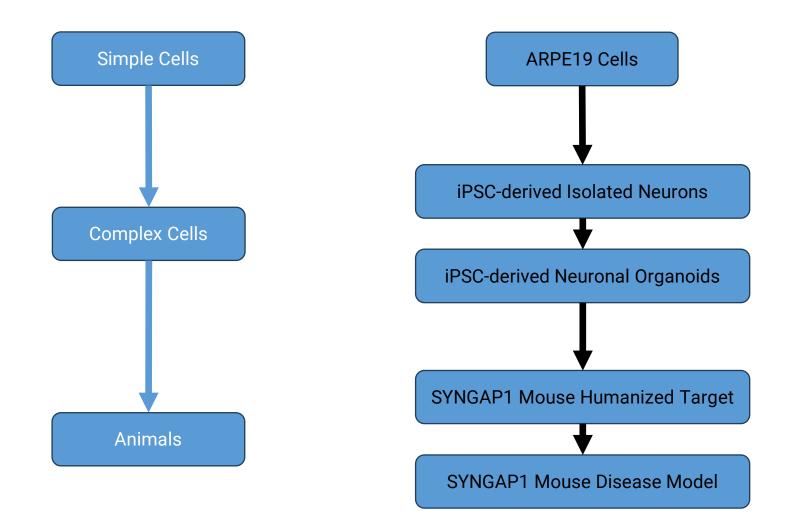
<sup>1</sup>Florey/Praxis data on file <sup>2</sup>Creson, T. K. *et al.* . *Elife* **8**, e46752 (2019)





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## From Early Discovery to Efficacy Studies: Critical Steps for ASO Discovery

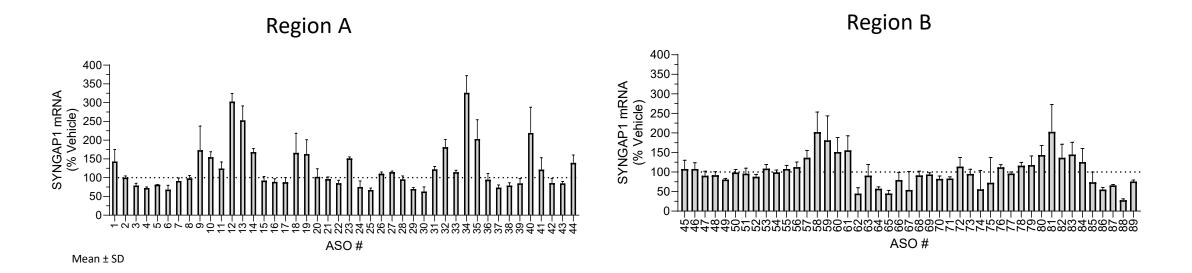






# **Recent Progress**

## Upregulation of SYNGAP1 mRNA in Cultured ARPE19 Neurons



• Identified two targetable regions in human ARPE19 cultured neurons

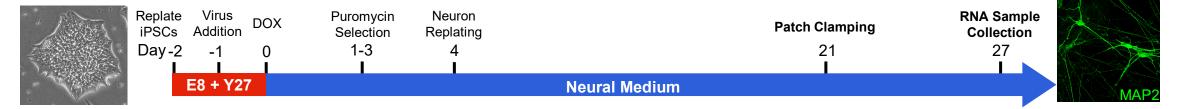
Screening using cultured cells identifies multiple regions targets for upregulating SYNGAP1 mRNA





# Development of Patient iPSC-derived Neurons and CRISPR corrected Isogenic Controls

#### NGN2 Differentiation Protocol<sup>1</sup>



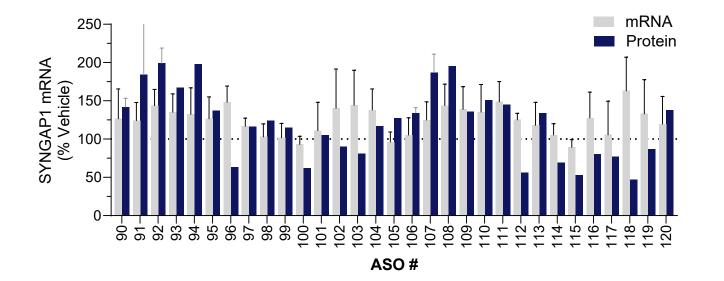
- Neuronal expression system to measure ASO mediated upregulation of SYNGAP1 mRNA and protein
- Platform for identifying ASOs capable of rescuing cellular pathologies

<sup>1</sup>Zhang, Y. et al. Neuron **5**, P785-798 (2013)





## Upregulation of SYNGAP1 mRNA and Protein in Control iPSC-derived Neurons



• Identified ASOs capable of increasing SYNGAP1 mRNA and protein in iPSC-derived neurons

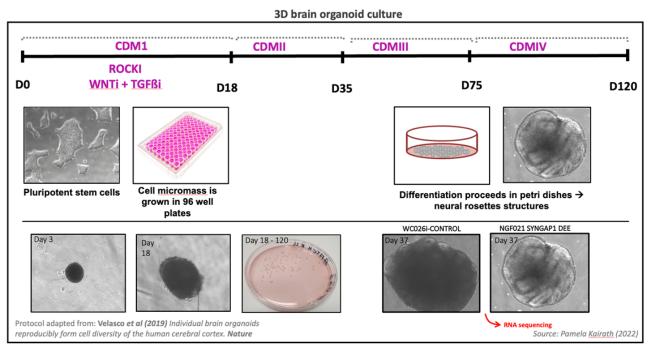
Upregulation of neuronal SYNGAP1 mRNA can increase SYNGAP1 protein





## Development of Patient iPSC-derived Organoids to Study 3D Architecture

#### **Protocol for Producing Organoids<sup>1</sup>**



Molecular analysis

- Morphological analysis
- RNA sequencing and analysis
- Whole proteome sequencing

<sup>1</sup>Velasco, S. et al. Nature 570 523-527 (2019)

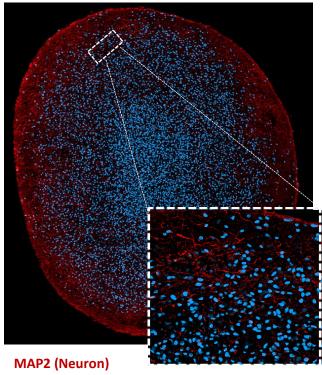
Neuronal organoids allow for the study of synapse formation and maintenance





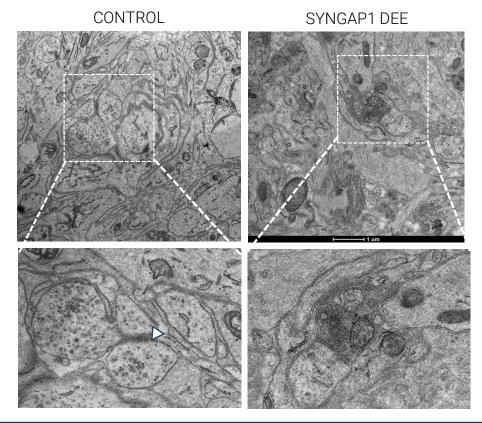
## Cytoarchitecture Exploration in SYNGAP1 Organoids

#### Imaging of Organoid Macrostructure



DAPI (Nuclei)

#### Imaging of Organoid Microstructure



Exploration of organoid cytoarchitectural pathology provides opportunity to assess potential for ASO mediated reversal of structural deficits





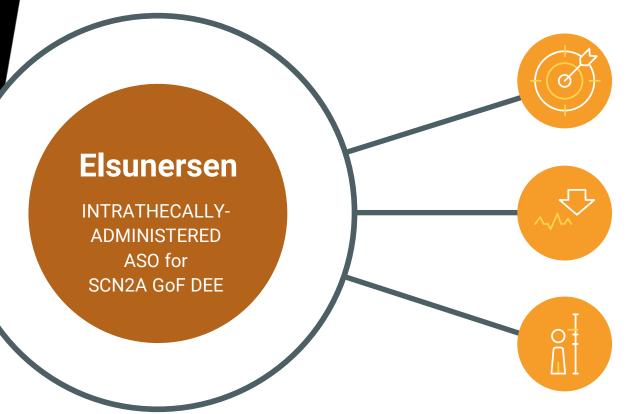
# The Potential of ASOs in Rare Genetic Epilepsies

Praxis Proof of Concept

Case Study: Elsunersen INTRATHECALLY-ADMINISTERED ASO for SCN2A GOF DEE



## Potential to be First Disease-Modifying Treatment for SCN2A-DEE



**Precision targeting** "Knocked down" mRNA and protein in animal studies

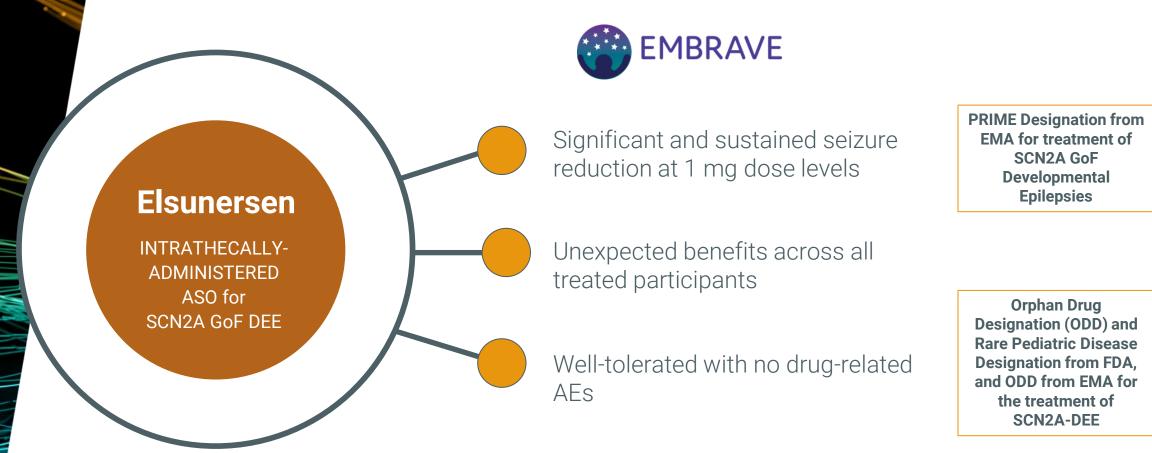
#### **Benefit potential**

Showed significant seizure reduction in animal studies

#### **Disease-modifying potential**

Normalized developmental curve and significantly improved survival in animal studies

Early Clinical Experience: Unprecedented Clinical Efficacy and Tolerability



Next steps: Cohort extension planned for 1H2024; Praxis seeking regulatory advice on advancing development

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## Summary

- Screening prospective ASOs for the upregulation of SYNGAP1 mRNA in cell culture
- Promising ASOs upregulate SYNGAP1 mRNA and protein in iPSC-derived neurons
- Establishing platform for measuring potential therapeutic normalization of SYNGAP1 expression in response to ASO treatment in functional and structural domains

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