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# Unlocking the Power of Small Molecules to Change the Course of Genetically Defined Rare Diseases



Diversified biotech
developing oral small
molecules designed
to modify gene
expression: Two wholly
owned programs in
clinical development



Losmapimod: first-tomarket potential in facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy (FSHD); granted Fast Track and Orphan Designations



**FTX-6058**: potential best-in class oral small molecule HbF inducer for sickle cell disease (SCD); granted Fast Track and Orphan Pediatric Designations



Discovery engine validated by two clinical programs.

Strong cash position with runway through mid-2025

Founded in 2015

IPO in 2019

Ticker: FULC



## **Pipeline and Catalysts**

Indication	Asset / Partner	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	2023 Catalysts	
Wholly Owned Clinical Programs							
FSHD	Losmapimod (Oral DUX4 Reducer)					Complete enrollment in 2H'23	
SCD	FTX-6058 (Oral HbF Inducer)						
Wholly Owned Discovery Programs							
Blood Disorder							
Neurologic Disorder							
Muscle Disorder							
Collaborations							
Cardiomyopathies	Ull Bristol Myers Squibb <sup>™</sup>						





## LOSMAPIMOD

for Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD)

Fast Track Designation
Orphan Drug Designation



## **About FSHD: Debilitating Disease With No Approved Therapies**











- Chronic, progressive genetic muscular disorder characterized by significant muscle cell death and fat infiltration into muscle tissue
- Second most common adult muscular dystrophy affecting approximately 30,000 individuals in the US\*
- Significant impairment of upper extremity function and mobility
- Approximately 20% of affected individuals become wheelchair-bound
- Many patients unable to work or live independently

Implementing innovative clinical outcome measures and metrics is necessary to quantify disease progression

- Reachable workspace (RWS): Measure of disease progression
- Muscle fat infiltration (MFI): Measure of muscle health



## Reachable Workspace Enables Quantification of Disease Progression

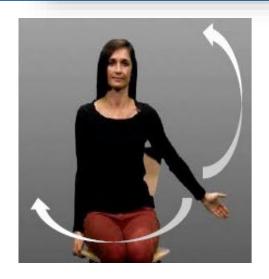
- Quantitative and sensitive to disease progression
- Contactless sensor-based system with analysis and visualization software to quantify upper limb motion
- Demonstrated sensitivity to change in FSHD and in Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy
- RWS is correlated with abilities to perform activities of daily living (eating, self-care)

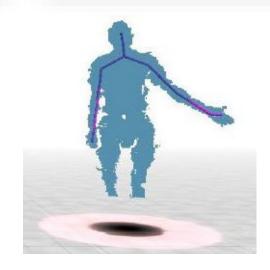
Arm movement protocol

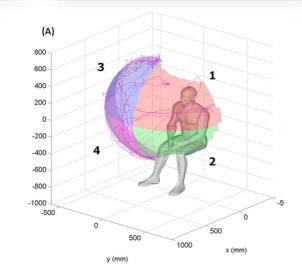
Kinect sensor detected arm motion

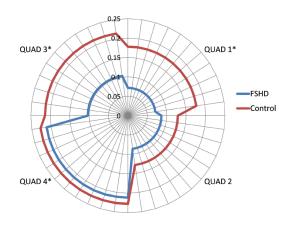
RWS measures global upper extremity function

Absolute surface area measured with RWS





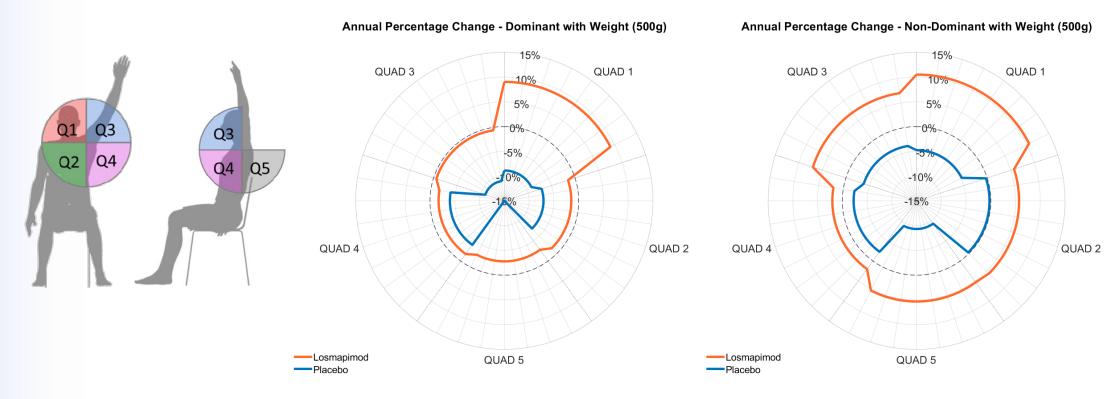






# Patients Treated with Losmapimod Experienced Numerical Benefit Over Placebo Across All Quintants\*

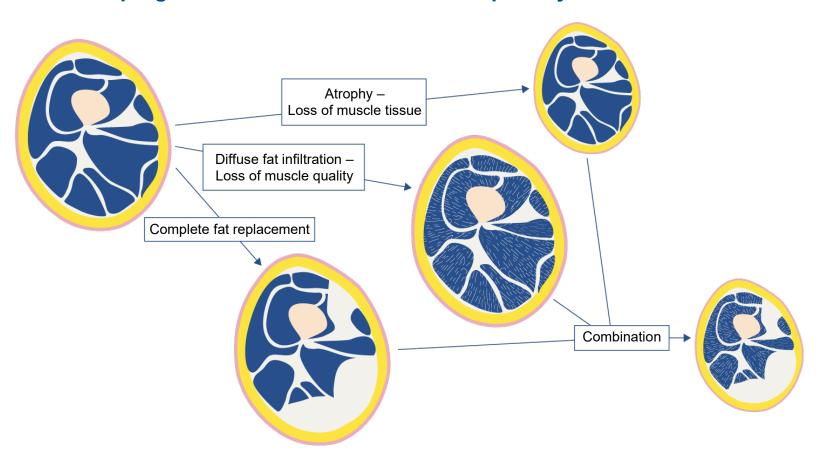
- Losmapimod patients lost no more than 5% of weighted RWS in any direction, and in many cases experienced improvement
  - Numerical benefit versus placebo was observed in both dominant and non-dominant arms



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### **Muscle Fat Infiltration Measures Muscle Health**

#### **FSHD** progression affects muscles in multiple ways



MFI evaluated by wholebody musculoskeletal MRI and composite assessments

Whole-muscle MRI captures intra- and intermuscular heterogeneity

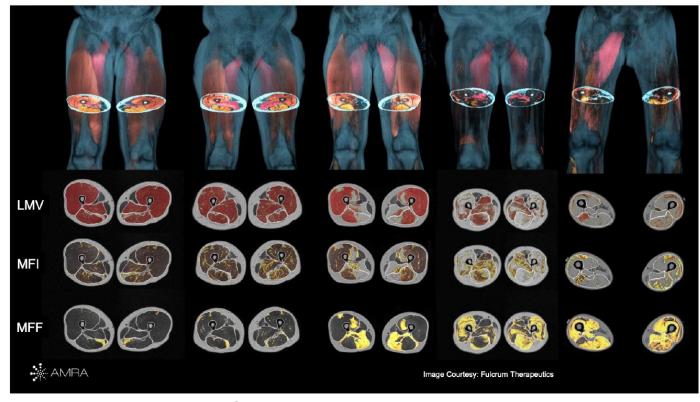
Allows for both holistic and quantitative assessment of muscle health

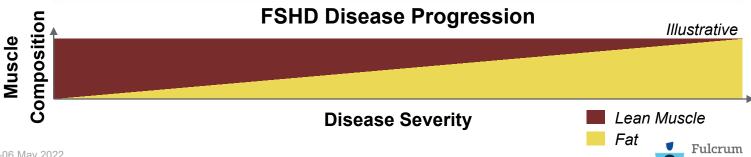


## MRI-derived Muscle Categorization Enables Assessment of Muscle Health

### 108 Individual muscle

measurements are collated into composite scores





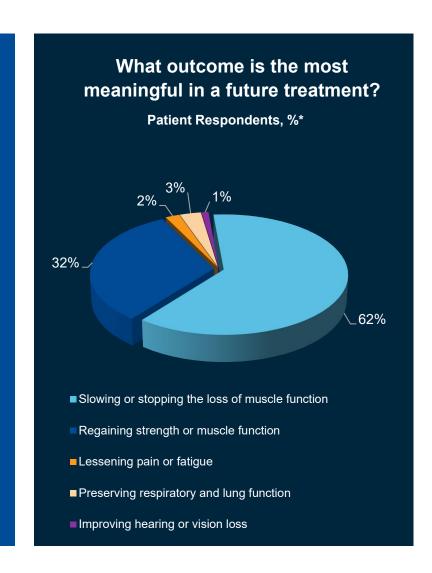
## Unmet Need for Safe and Effective Drug That Slows Disease Progression

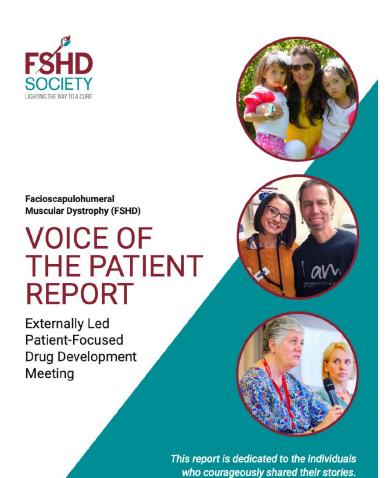
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"I would like to see something that would **stop progression** of the disease"

- 26-year-old woman with FSHD
- "...if we had a therapy that at minimum **slowed the progression...** we would be able to guide and plan for what her future looks like."
- Mother of young girl with FSHD

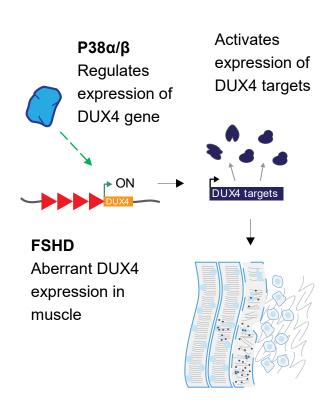
"losing my **independence** is probably the most frightening and helpless feeling I have ever had" – **50-year-old man with FSHD** 





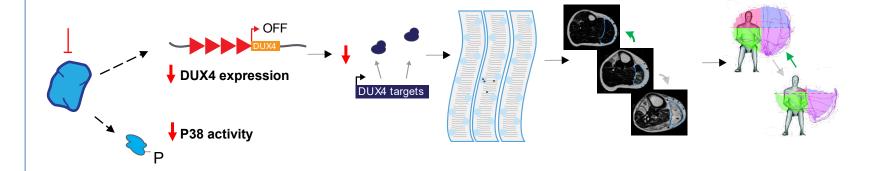


## **Losmapimod Inhibits DUX4 Driven Gene Expression and Muscle Cell Death**



Aberrant DUX4 expression and activity causes muscle cell death and fat infiltration

p38α/β inhibition reduces DUX4 expression



**Reduction of DUX4 expression and activity** results in slowing of fiber loss and downstream fatty replacement thus preventing muscle damage and loss of function



### ReDUX4: Phase 2 Trial Design

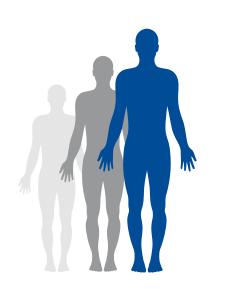
#### **Study Population**

#### ReDUX4:

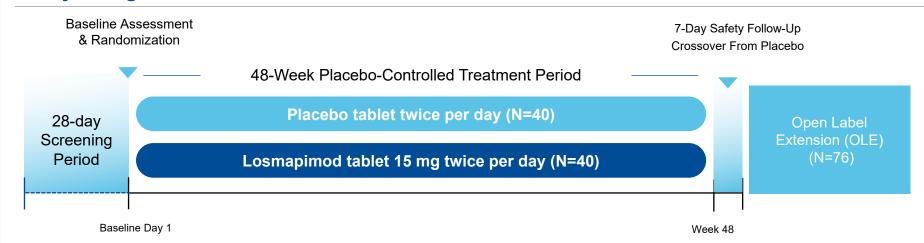
~80 subjects, 18-65 years old

#### **ReDUX4 OLE:**

95% of participants continued



#### **Study Design**



#### **Study Endpoints**

#### **Primary Endpoint**

Change from baseline in DUX4 activity (muscle needle biopsy)

#### **Selected Secondary/Exploratory Endpoints**

Reachable Workspace (RWS)

MRI Endpoints (MFI, MFF and LMV)

Patients' Global Impression of Change (PGIC)

Safety and tolerability



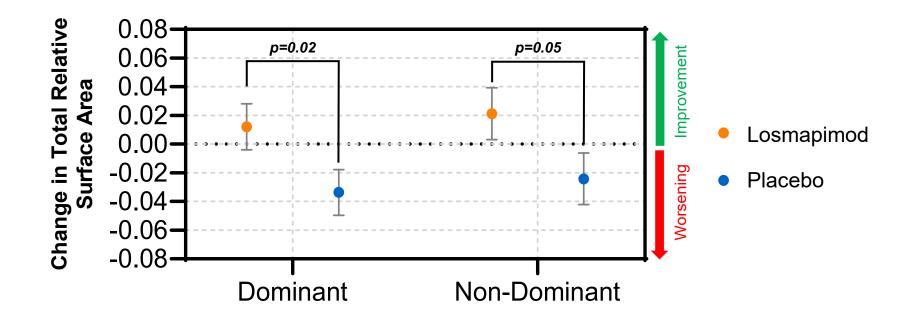
### ReDUX4 Showed Clinical Benefits at Week 48

#### **Quality of Life Function Muscle Health** Safety/Tolerability Preserved or Decreased **MFI** as Patients reported Generally well-tolerated improved muscle measured by MRI feeling better as No serious treatmentmeasured by **PGIC** function as related adverse events measured by **RWS**



# Losmapimod Demonstrated Significant Improvement in Reachable Workspace Relative to Placebo at 48 Weeks

#### RWS Using 500 g Weight at 48 Weeks



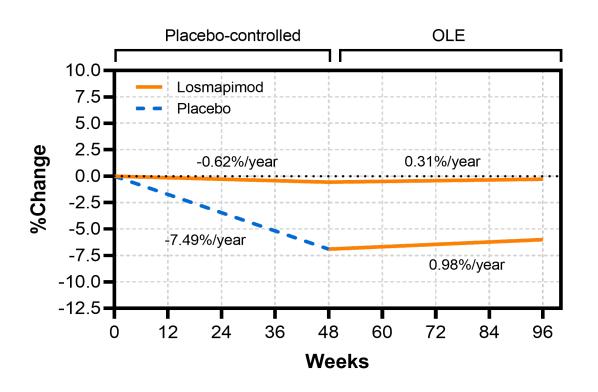


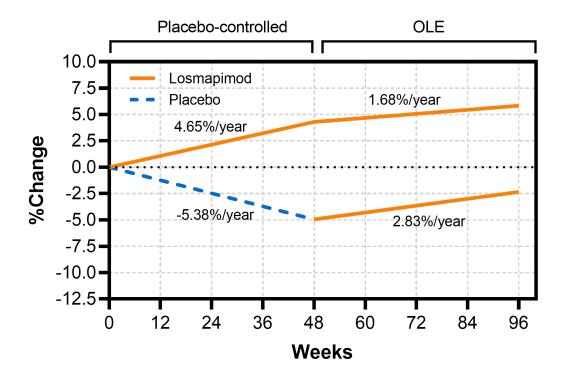
## **Open Label Extension Demonstrated Maintenance of Treatment Effect**

96-week OLE results demonstrate durability of effect in treatment arm and stabilization in cross-over arm

#### **Dominant Arm Total RSA+ Weight**

#### Non-Dominant Arm Total RSA+ Weight



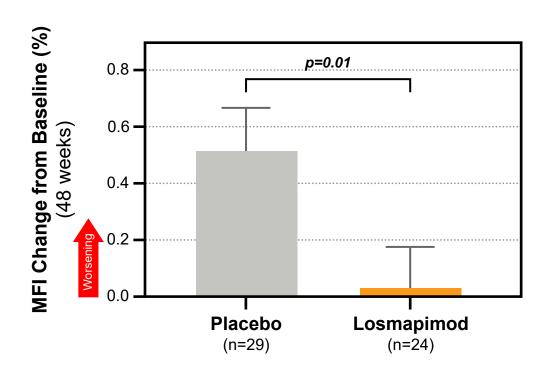


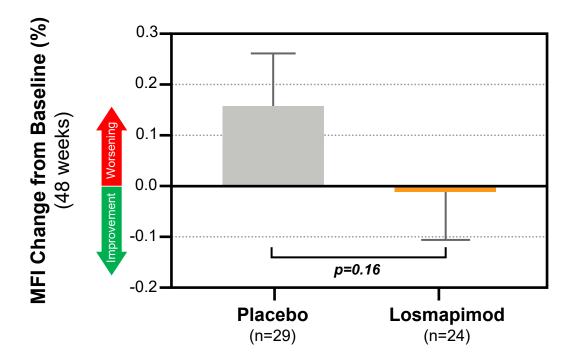


## **Losmapimod Improved or Maintained Muscle Health at 48 Weeks**

Losmapimod slowed fat infiltration in muscles already affected by disease

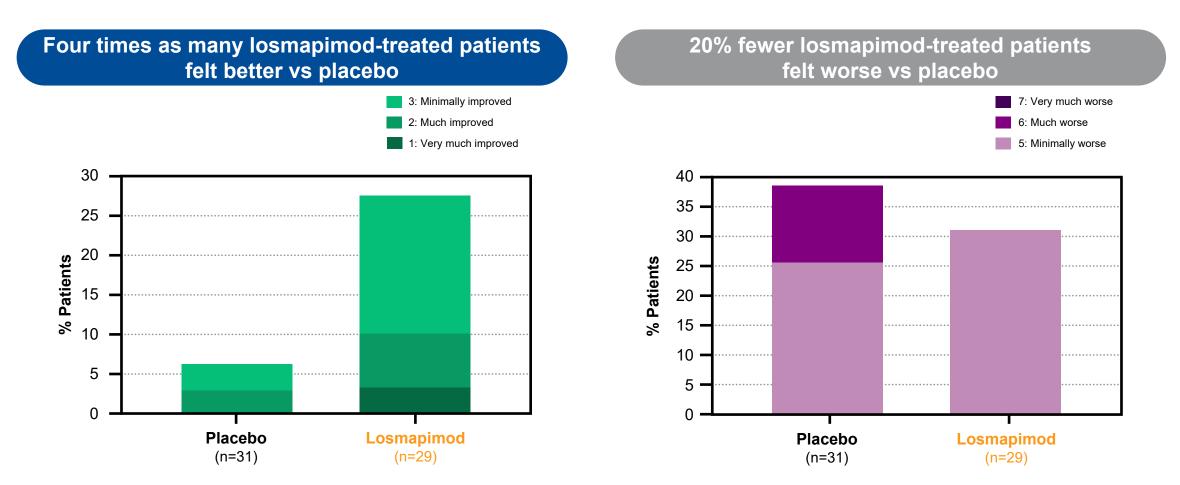
Losmapimod preserved health of normal-appearing muscles, limiting fat infiltration







## Losmapimod-treated Patients Reported Feeling Better at 48 Weeks



Patients' Global Impression of Change (PGIC)



## Losmapimod Was Generally Well-tolerated with No Serious Treatmentrelated Adverse Events

- 01 Majority of treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were mild or moderate
- No TEAE led to treatment discontinuation or study withdrawal
- No significant changes in vital signs, laboratory studies, or electrocardiogram were observed
- Majority of TEAEs assessed as unlikely related or not related to study drug
- Most common AEs: fall, procedural pain, back pain, and headache
- 06 Majority of AEs resolved with continued dosing
- Observed safety and tolerability data are consistent with prior losmapimod experience in >3,600 clinical study participants

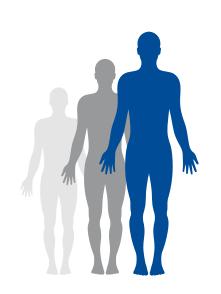


## **REACH: Global Phase 3 Trial of Losmapimod in FSHD**

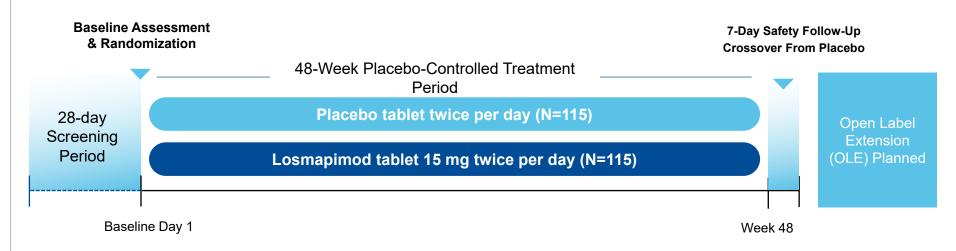
#### **Study Population**

#### **Enrollment ongoing:**

~230 participants, 18-65 years old



#### **Study Design**



#### **Study Endpoints**

#### **Primary**

RWS quantification of total relative surface area with 500g wrist weight in dominant arm

#### **Secondary**

- MFI
- Neuro-QoL Upper Extremity
- PGIC
- Safety and tolerability

#### **Selected Exploratory**

- Healthcare utilization questionnaire
- EQ-5D questionnaire



## **Losmapimod: First-to-Market Potential in FSHD**

No approved therapy for FSHD patients

- Second most common adult muscular dystrophy
- Affects approximately 30,000 people in the US

First-to-market potential

- Oral small molecule to reduce DUX4 gene expression
- Positioned to become first-to-market therapeutic for untreated patient population

Disease modifying potential

- Potential patient benefit in measures of function and patient reported outcomes
- Potential to preserve muscle health
- Favorable safety profile in over 3,600 patients across multiple studies

Development path forward

- Phase 3 registrational REACH trial ongoing
- FDA Fast Track and Orphan Drug designations
- Method of use patent into 2038





# FTX-6058

for Sickle Cell Disease

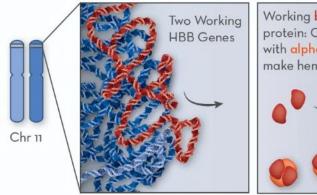
Fast Track Designation
Orphan Pediatric Designation

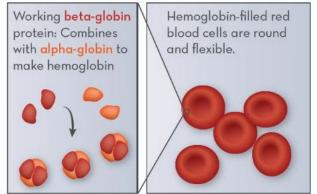


### **About Sickle Cell Disease**

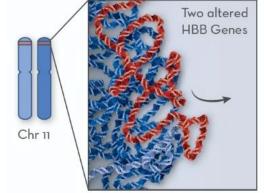
- Genetic disorder caused by mutation in the hemoglobin-beta (HBB) gene
- Mutation results in abnormal sickle-shaped red blood cells (RBC)
- Debilitating symptoms:
  - Vaso-occlusive crises (VOCs)
  - Other complications including stroke, neuropathy, and acute chest syndrome (ACS)
  - Anemia/hemolysis
  - Morbidity and mortality
  - US prevalence estimated at ~100,000

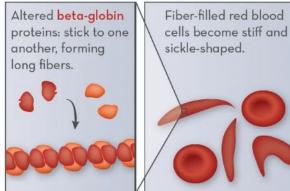
#### **Healthy Person**





#### **Person with Sickle Cell Disease**

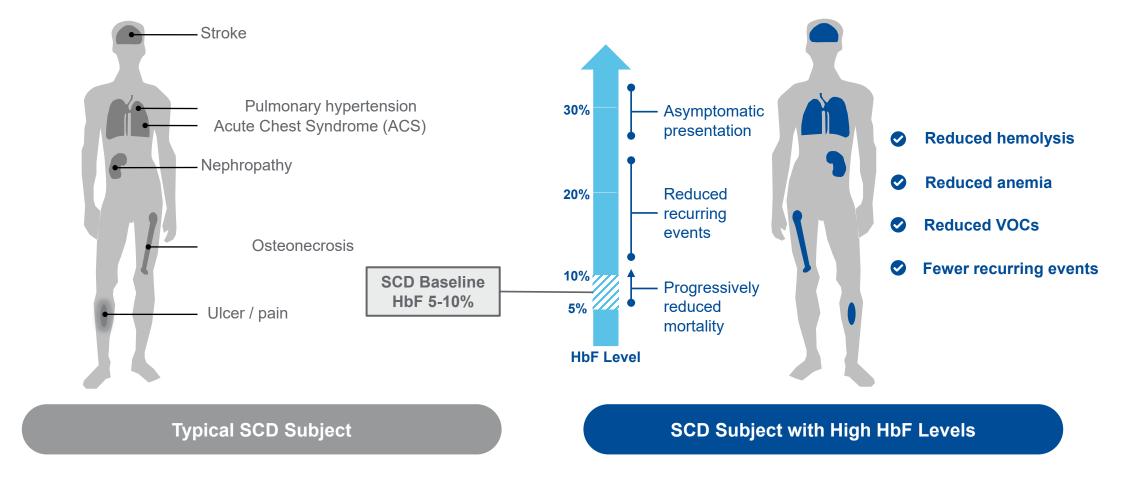






## Higher HbF Levels Result in Reduced Symptomology in People Living with Sickle Cell Disease

Even incremental increases in HbF can lead to meaningful improvement in disease severity





## FTX-6058: Potential Best-in-Class Therapeutic Profile

**HbF Induction** 

**Physiologic Disease Modification** 

Hydroxyurea, Gene Editing, FTX-6058

**HbS Polymerization Inhibition** 

**Anemia Amelioration** 

P-selectin Inhibition

**Improved Disease Symptoms** 

FTX-6058:
Best-in-Class Profile

Raises HbF level

Potential to ameliorate disease pathology

Convenient oral dosing

Potential to differentiate on safety and tolerability





# FTX-6058

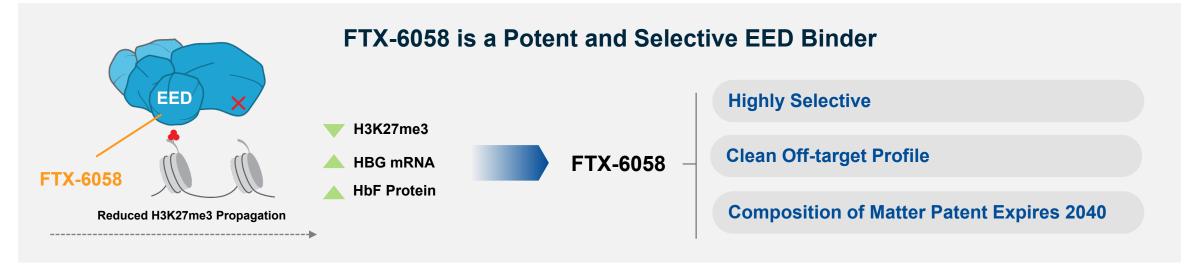
for Sickle Cell Disease

Preclinical and healthy volunteer data



## **Targeting EED Results in HbF Increases**





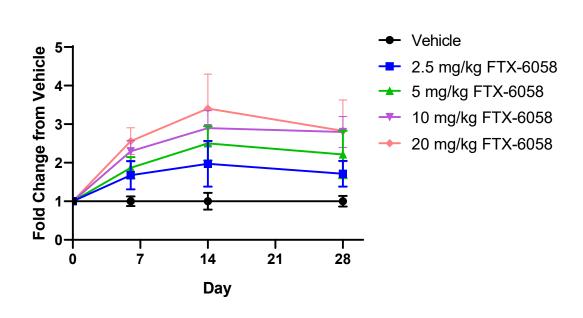


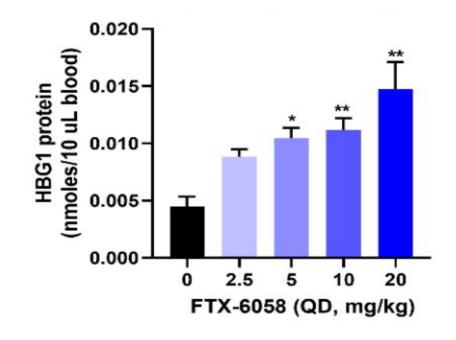
## In vivo FTX-6058 Administration Results in Dose-dependent HbF Increases

Proof-of-mechanism data in Townes mouse models show dose-responsive mRNA and protein induction

#### **HBG mRNA**

#### HBG1 protein (day 28)



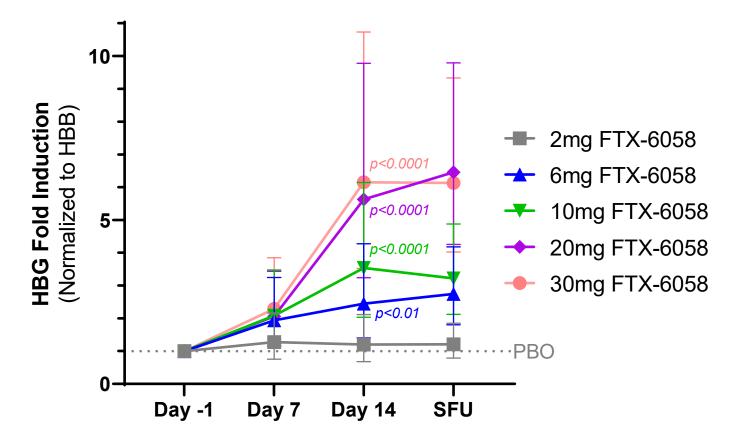




## **Dose-dependent HBG mRNA Induction in Healthy Volunteers**

Gamma Globin (HBG) mRNA Induction is both Time- and Dose-dependent in MAD Cohorts

#### **HBG Fold Induction**







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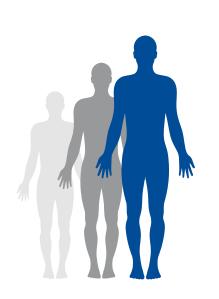
Phase 1b Clinical Trial for Sickle Cell Disease



## Phase 1b Clinical Trial in SCD Subjects (Clinical Hold)

#### **Study Population**

Subjects with SCD, age 18 – 65, on or off hydroxyurea



#### **Study Design**

#### **4-Week Treatment Period**

Cohort 1 (6 mg)

8-Week Treatment Extension

Cohort 2 (2mg)

8-Week Treatment Extension

Cohort 3 (12 mg)

8-Week Treatment Extension

#### **Study Endpoints**

#### **Primary**

Safety and tolerability

Pharmacokinetic measurements

#### Secondary

Change in %HbF protein
Change in reticulocytes
Red cell distribution width

#### **Exploratory**

Target engagement
Incidence of VOCs
Biomarkers of hemolysis
QOL measures
% F cells



## **SCD Phase 1b Demographics**

	2 mg Cohort	6 mg Cohort	12 mg Cohort	Total
Number of subjects enrolled, n	2	10	3*	15
Average age, years (range)	37 (25, 48)	28 (21, 48)	32 (21, 43)	30 (21, 48)
Gender, Male (%)	1 (50%)	2 (20%)	2 (67%)	5 (33%)
Mean baseline HbF (range %)	4.0 (3.2, 4.8)	9.3 (3.7, 19.9)	14.8 (11.8, 17.7)	9.7 (3.2, 19.9)
Genotype, n (%)				
HbSS	2 (100%)	10 (100%)	3 (100%)	15 (100%)
HbSβ <sup>0</sup>	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
HbSβ <sup>+</sup>	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Hydroxyurea Utilization, n (%)	0 (0%)	3 (30%)	2 (67%)	5 (33%)

Mean baseline HbF of 9.7% is consistent with recent SCD clinical studies and published data

5 subjects were on hydroxyurea

All subjects enrolled to-date have the HbSS genotype



## FTX-6058 Was Generally Well Tolerated

15 Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) in 8/16 (50%) subjects

- 3/15 TEAEs reported as possibly related to study drug (headache, lip numbness, diarrhea)
  - All three were mild severity and non-serious

3/15 TEAEs characterized as VOCs (i.e., sickle cell anemia with crisis) per protocol definition

- All three were deemed not related to study drug by the investigators
- Two occurred in non-adherent patients (one of them being an SAE)
- The one reported SAE was with acute chest syndrome

No lab-related adverse events

No discontinuations reported due to TEAE



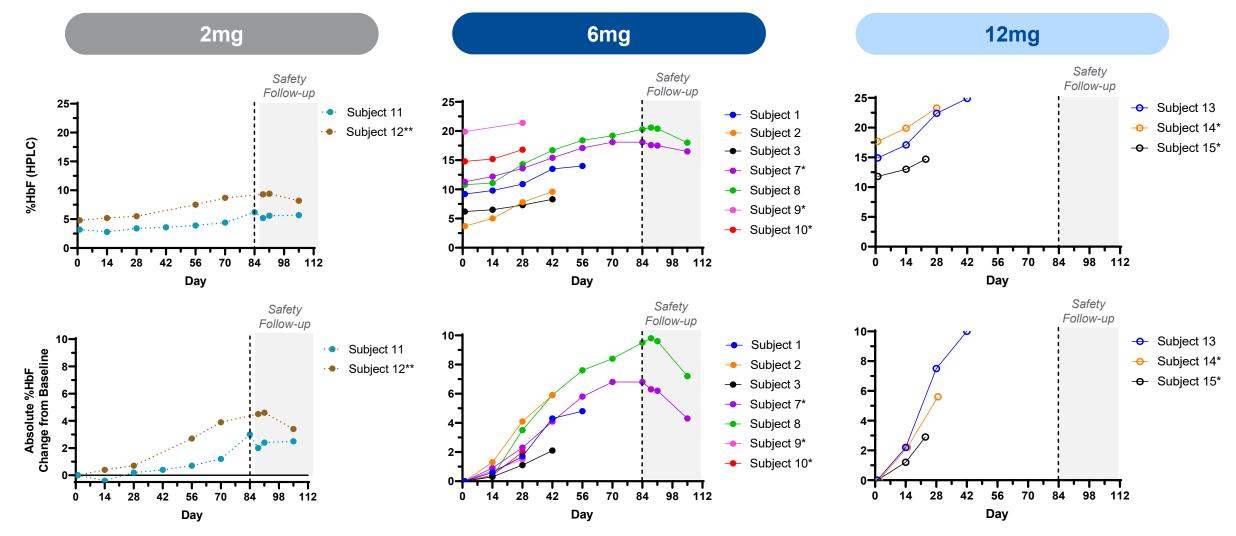
## Instituted Observed Dosing and On-Treatment Analysis Following Initial Non-Adherence

Subject	Dose	Confirmed treatment duration (days)	On-treatment analysis eligible**
1	6 mg	56	
2	6 mg	42	
3	6 mg	42	
4	6 mg	0	
5	6 mg	0	
6	6 mg	0	
7*	6 mg	84	<b>Ø</b>
8	6 mg	84	<b>Ø</b>
9*	6 mg	28	<b>Ø</b>
10*	6 mg	28	<b>⊘</b>
11	2 mg	84	<b>⊘</b>
12	2 mg	84	<b>⊘</b>
13	12 mg	42	<b>⊘</b>
14*	12 mg	28	<b>⊘</b>
15*	12 mg	22	<b>⊘</b>
16	12 mg	0	



<sup>\*</sup> Subjects concurrently receiving hydroxyurea
\*\* On-treatment analysis eligible requires detectable drug levels (PK) and drug accountability/subject interview
Confirmed treatment duration days are consecutive days of dosing starting on first day of dosing
Orange box indicates subjects enrolled after observed dosing initiated

## FTX-6058 Appears to Have a Dose Dependent, Clinically Relevant and Consistent Increase in HbF



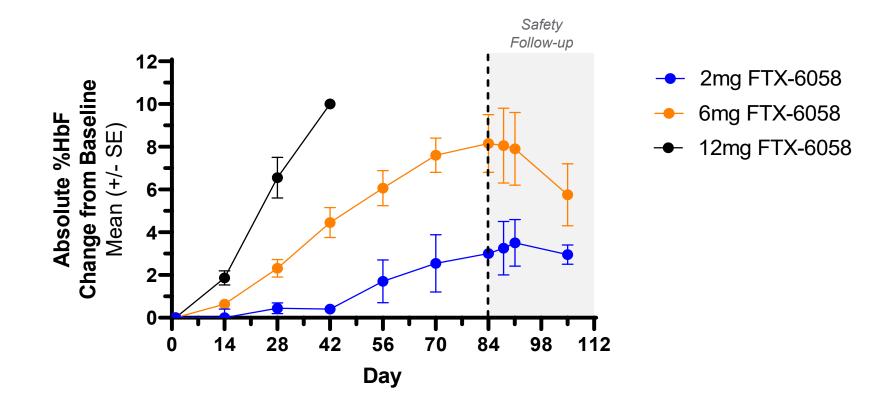
<sup>\*</sup>Subjects on stable dose of hydroxyurea; Note: Subject 15 ceased dosing on Day 22



<sup>\*\*</sup> Day 42 and day 84 data not available for subject 12; samples were received by the lab outside of stability window Data cutoff as of March 3rd, 2023

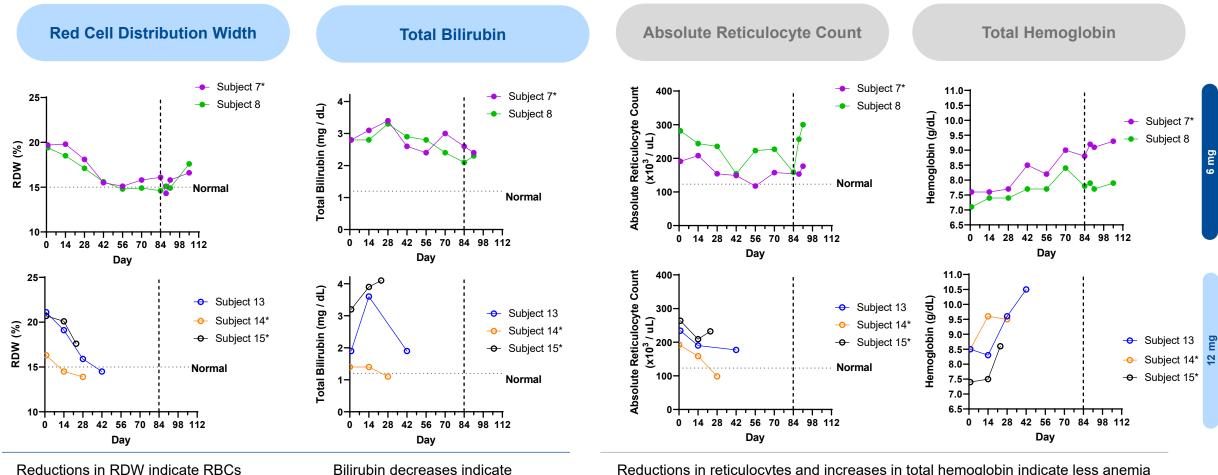
## Initial FTX-6058 Data Demonstrates Dose-dependent Increases in HbF

### **Absolute %HbF Change from Baseline**





## Initial Data from 6 mg and 12 mg FTX-6058 Demonstrates Improvements in Biomarkers of Hemolysis



Reductions in reticulocytes and increases in total hemoglobin indicate less anemia and healthier bone marrow function

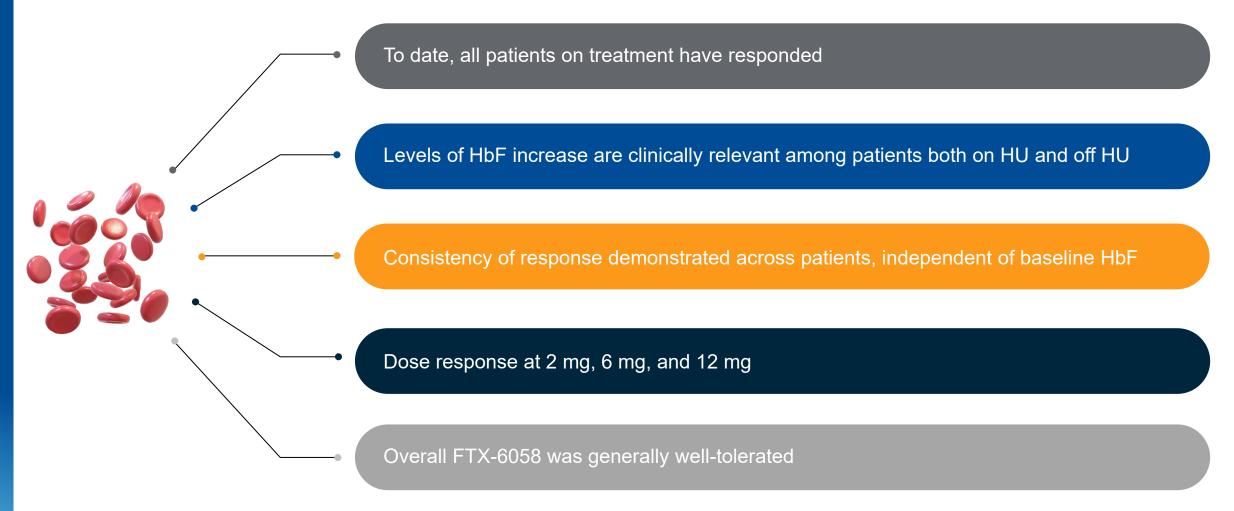


less hemolysis

are becoming more uniform in shape

### FTX-6058 Demonstrates Best-in-Class Potential

Healthy volunteer mRNA data indicate higher levels of HbF induction are possible





## Next Steps: Complete Phase 1b to Enable Registrational Dose Selection

#### **Amend Protocol and Increase Number of Sites:**

Streamline PK Collection and Reduce Patient Burden



#### **Optimize Treatment Effect:**

Continue Dose Escalation to 12 mg



#### Refine PK / PD Model:

Select Optimal Therapeutic Dose



**Dose Selection for Next Phase** 



### FTX-6058: Differentiated HbF Inducer with Best-in-Class Potential



#### Persistent unmet need

SCD is a severe disorder (estimated US SCD population is ~100,000)

Approximately 200,000 annual emergency department visits related to SCD



#### **Best-in-class potential**

Oral small molecule hemoglobin F (HbF) inducer

Potential to be broadly protective of SCD symptomology



## Demonstrated proof-of-concept

Dose responsive target engagement and HbF increase\*

Robust HbF increases in adherent patients, on and off hydroxyurea\*



## Development path forward

Completion of Phase 1b to enable registrational dose selection

FDA Fast Track Designation

Composition of matter patent into 2040



## **Summary: Diversified, Differentiated Pipeline of Clinical Assets**





Losmapimod well-positioned to be first-tomarket for patients living with FSHD

Enrollment for REACH Phase 3 trial to be completed in 2H 2023



FTX-6058 has best-in-class potential for SCD



Well-positioned to deliver on goals

Cash runway through mid 2025







THANK YOU