

# Fulcrum Therapeutics Virtual Sickle Cell Disease KOL Event

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# Corporate Overview

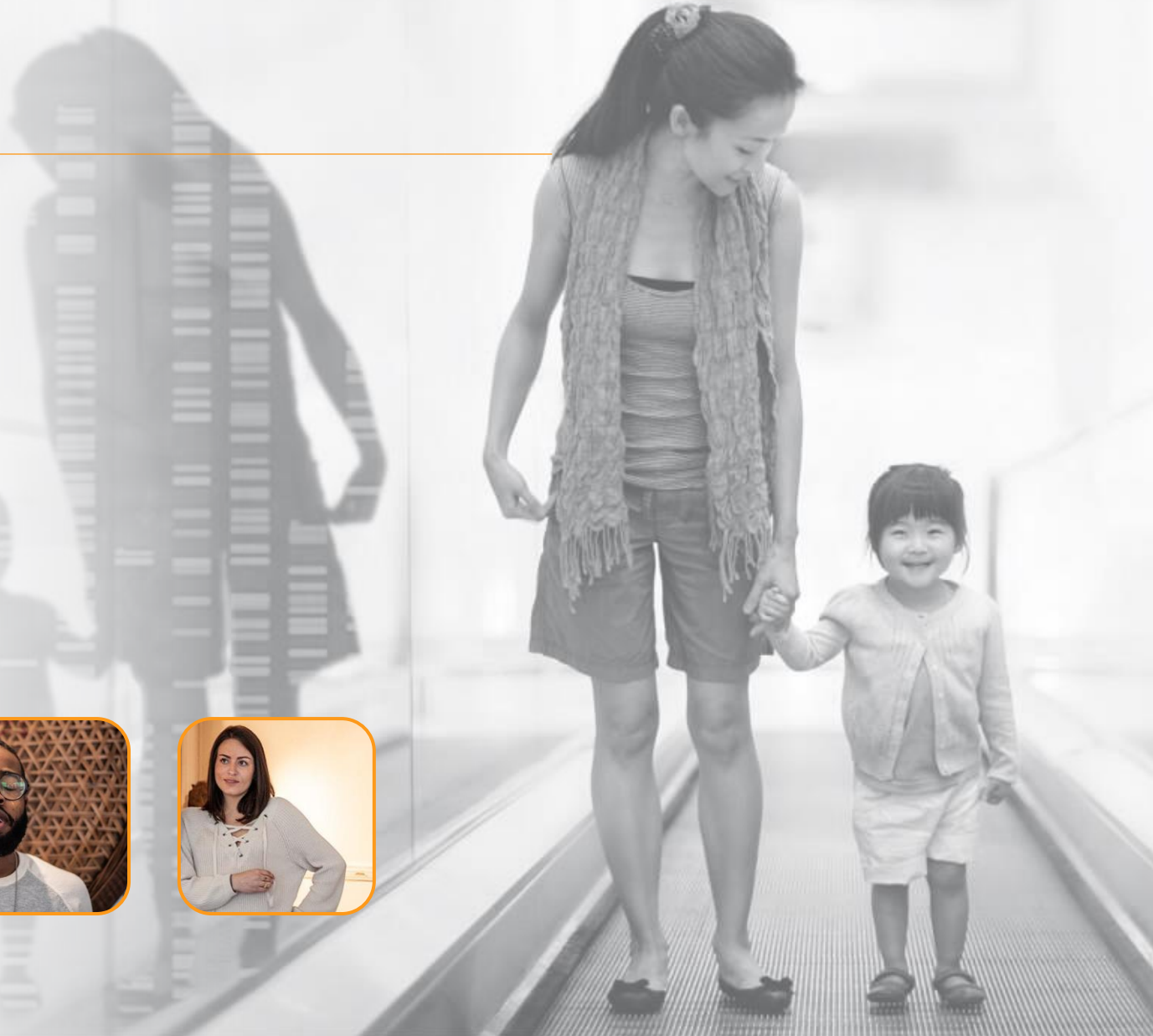
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**Robert Gould, CEO**

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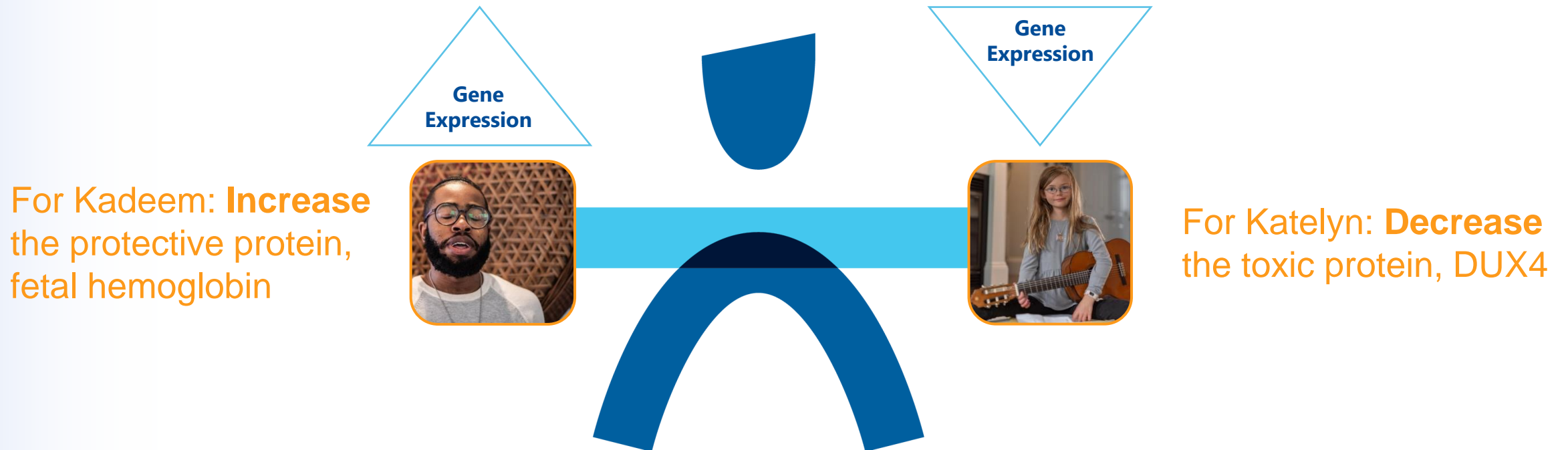
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# Fulcrum Overview

Our vision is to treat genetically defined diseases by addressing their root cause

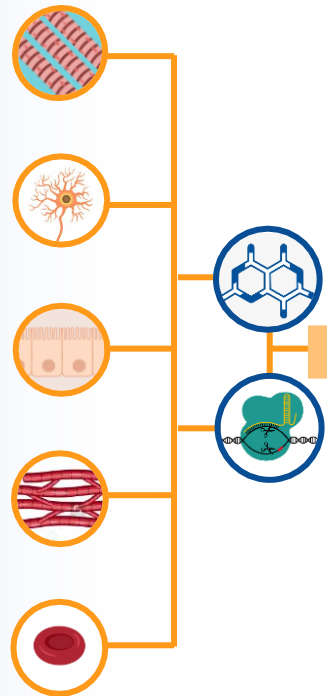
Clinical stage biopharmaceutical company using systematic approach to identify small molecules able to rebalance gene expression



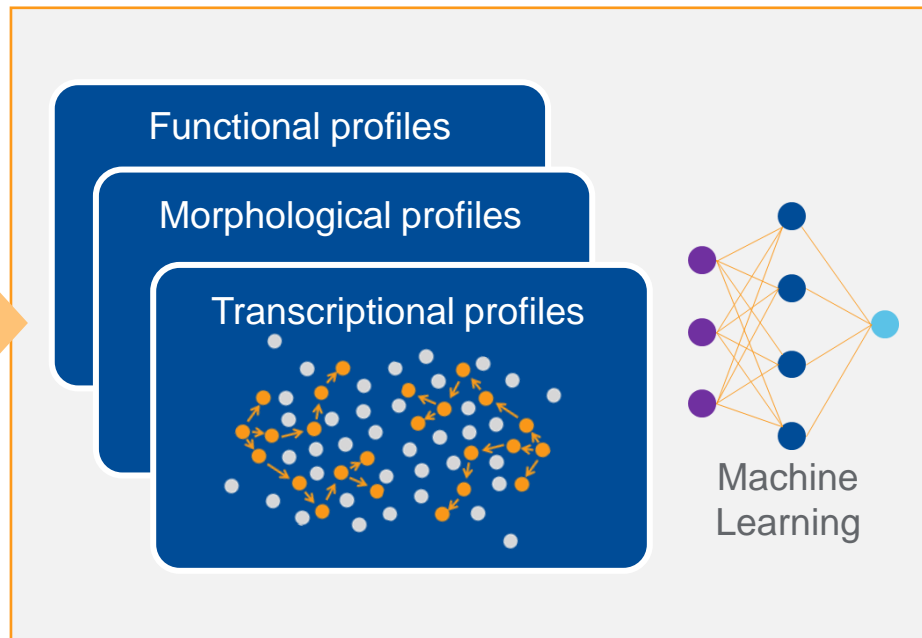
# FulcrumSeek Discovery Approach

Intelligent drug discovery in disease relevant models through high dimensional data and machine learning

## Discovery Engine



## Computational Engine



Proprietary datasets in relevant cellular models that recapitulate tissue and disease biology

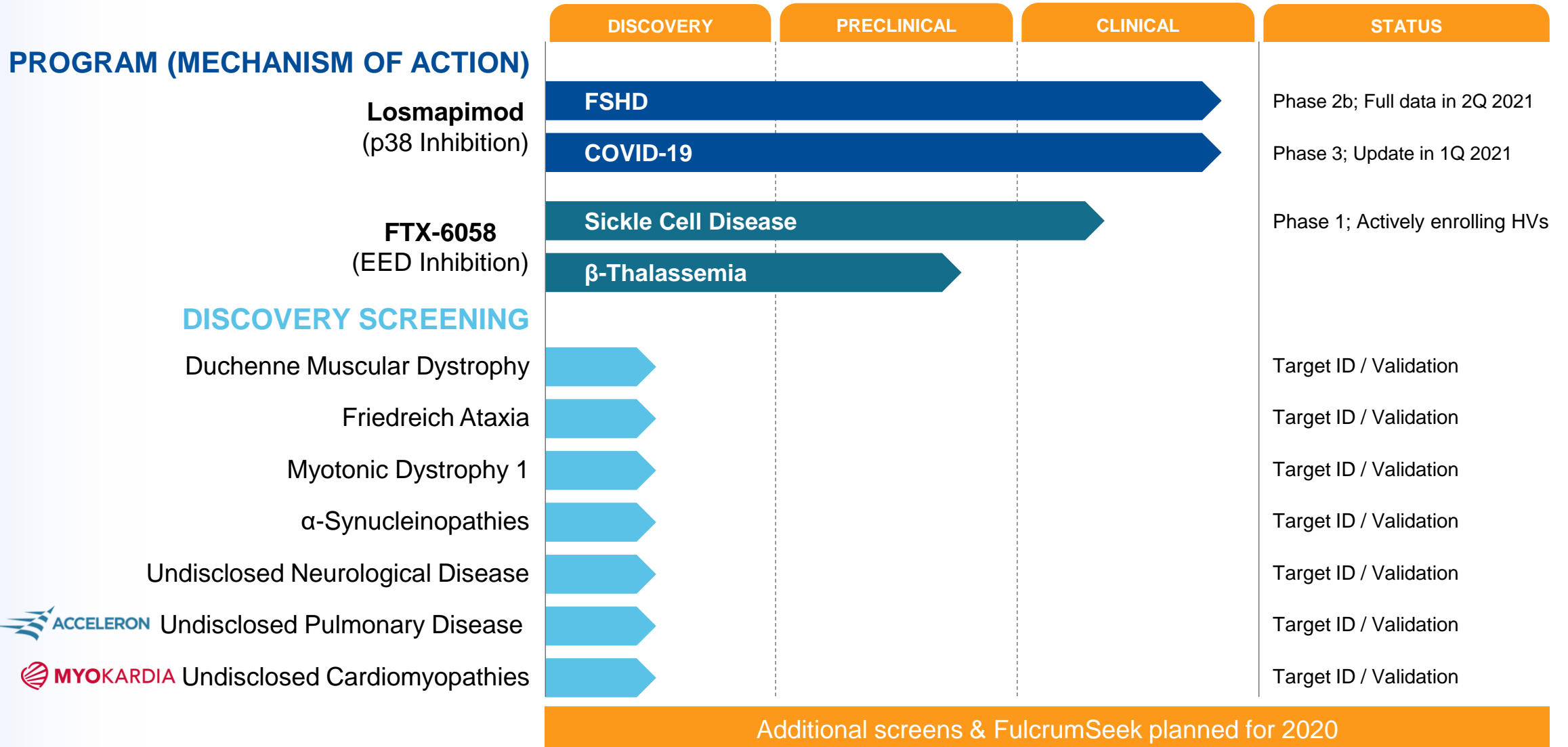
## Accelerated Drug Discovery Programs

- Targets with desired profile of **specificity, selectivity and tolerability**
- Identification of tissue-relevant **translatable biomarkers**
- Characterization of lead candidates to understand **potential issues (toxicity or off-target activity)**

**Data-rich target hypotheses and clinical candidates**

# Fulcrum Pipeline

*Multiple clinical programs advancing*



Additional screens & FulcrumSeek planned for 2020



# Focus of Today's Discussion

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**As a novel orally bioavailable HbF inducer, FTX-6058 has an opportunity to be a transformative therapy for patients with SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**

- SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia have significant unmet need, and require novel therapies
- An orally bioavailable compound that elevates fetal hemoglobin (HbF) has the potential to provide meaningful clinical benefit to a broad range of SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia patients
- Fulcrum's Engine identified the EED protein as an HbF induction target
- FTX-6058 was designed by Fulcrum to be a novel, potent, selective, and effective EED inhibitor, with a composition of matter patent issued in November 2020
- Multiple pre-clinical studies show robust HbF elevation with FTX-6058 in human cells and genetically engineered SCD mice
- Oral, once-daily dosing with FTX-6058 is projected in humans from preclinical studies
- Actively enrolling healthy volunteers in Phase 1 SAD/MAD studies

# Introduction to Today's KOLs

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## **Maureen Achebe, MD, MPH**

- Clinical Director, Non-malignant Hematology Clinic
- Assistant Director, Brigham and Women's Hospital Outpatient Infusion Center
- Director, Brigham and Women's Hospital Sickle Cell Program
- Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School



## **Gerd Blobel, MD, PhD**

- Frank E. Weise III Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania
- Co-director of Epigenetics Institute



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# SICKLE CELL DISEASE

## A PHYSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE

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Director, Comprehensive Center for Sickle Cell Disorders

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

December 15, 2020



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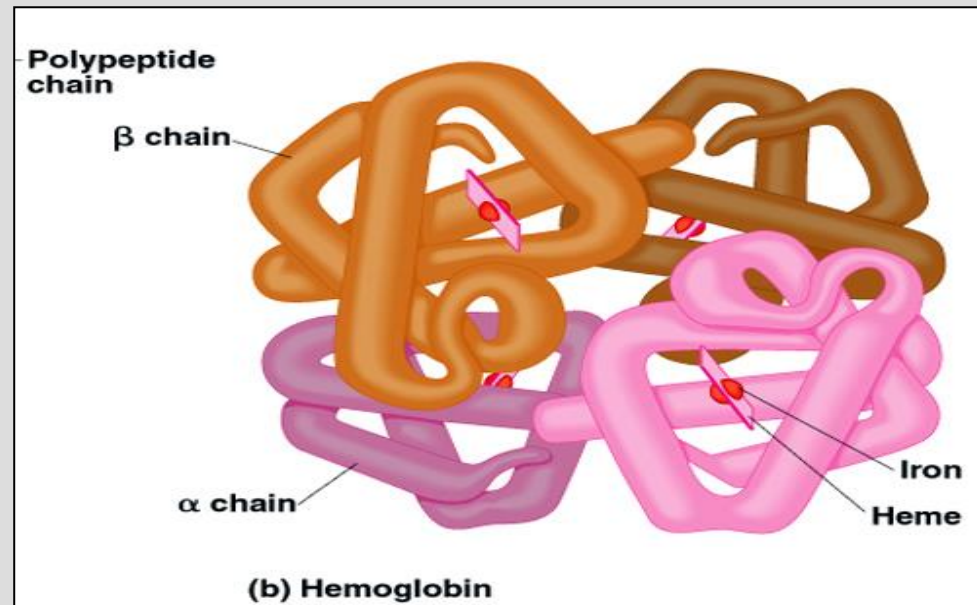
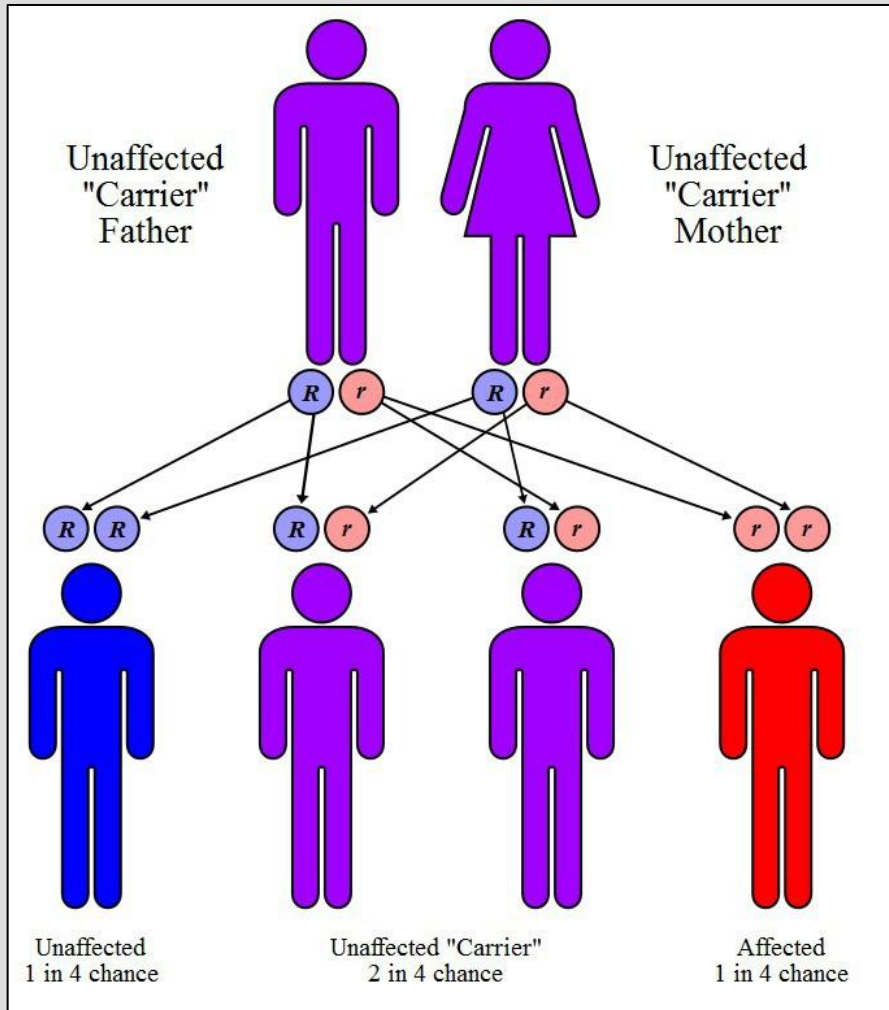


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# OUTLINE

- An Overview of Sickle Cell Disease
- The Patient with Sickle Cell Disease
- Pathophysiology
- Current Treatment Landscape
- Benefits of a Small Molecule

# WHAT IS SICKLE CELL DISEASE?



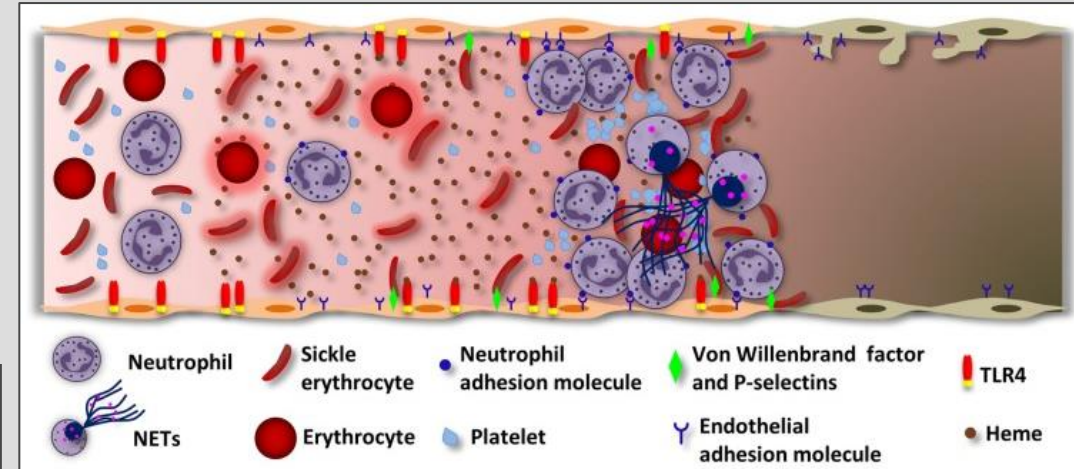
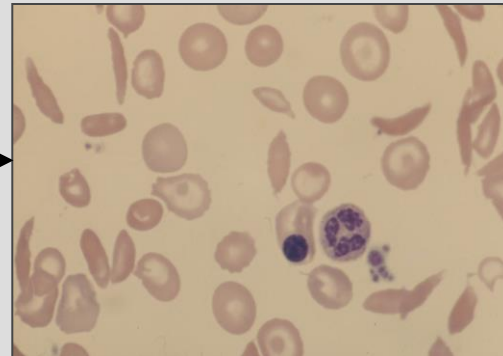
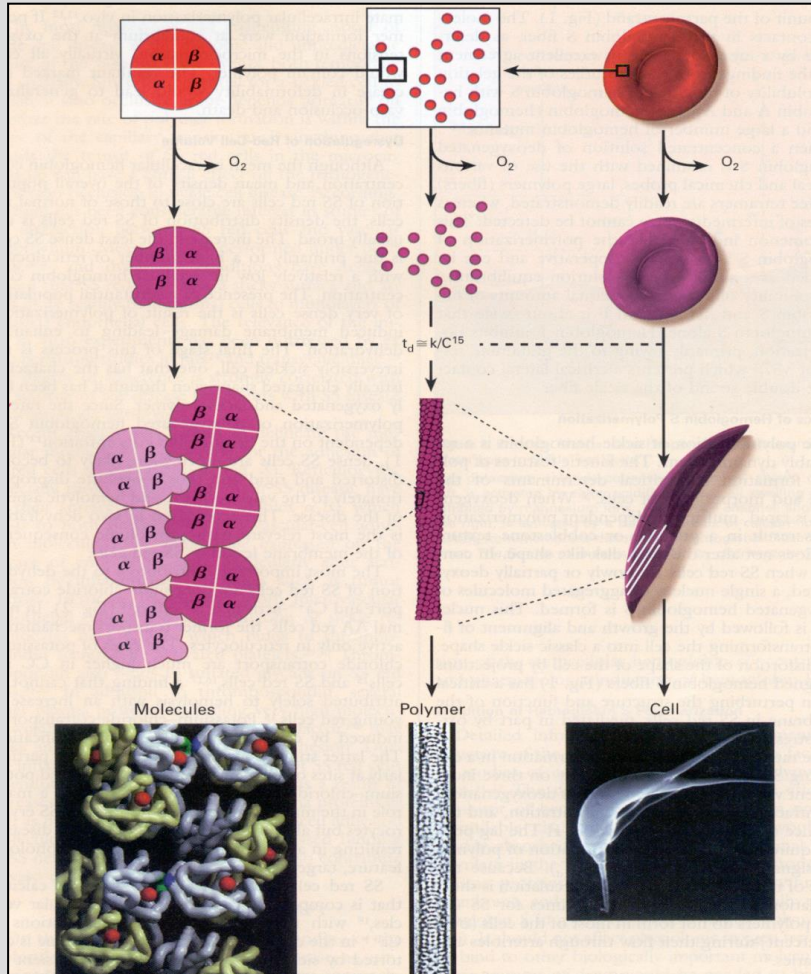
**Adult hemoglobin (HbA) -  $\alpha_2 \beta_2$**   
**Sickle Hemoglobin(HbS) -  $\alpha_2 \beta^s_2$  ( $\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}$ )**

# CENTRAL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

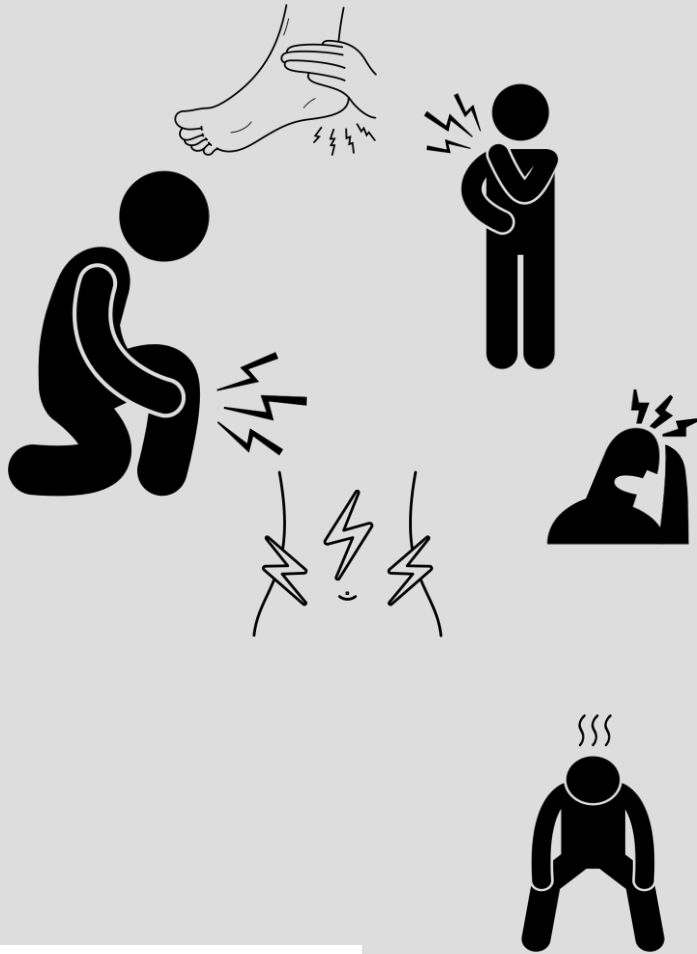
## HBS POLYMERIZATION

# SECONDARY PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

## SICKLE VASCULOPATHY



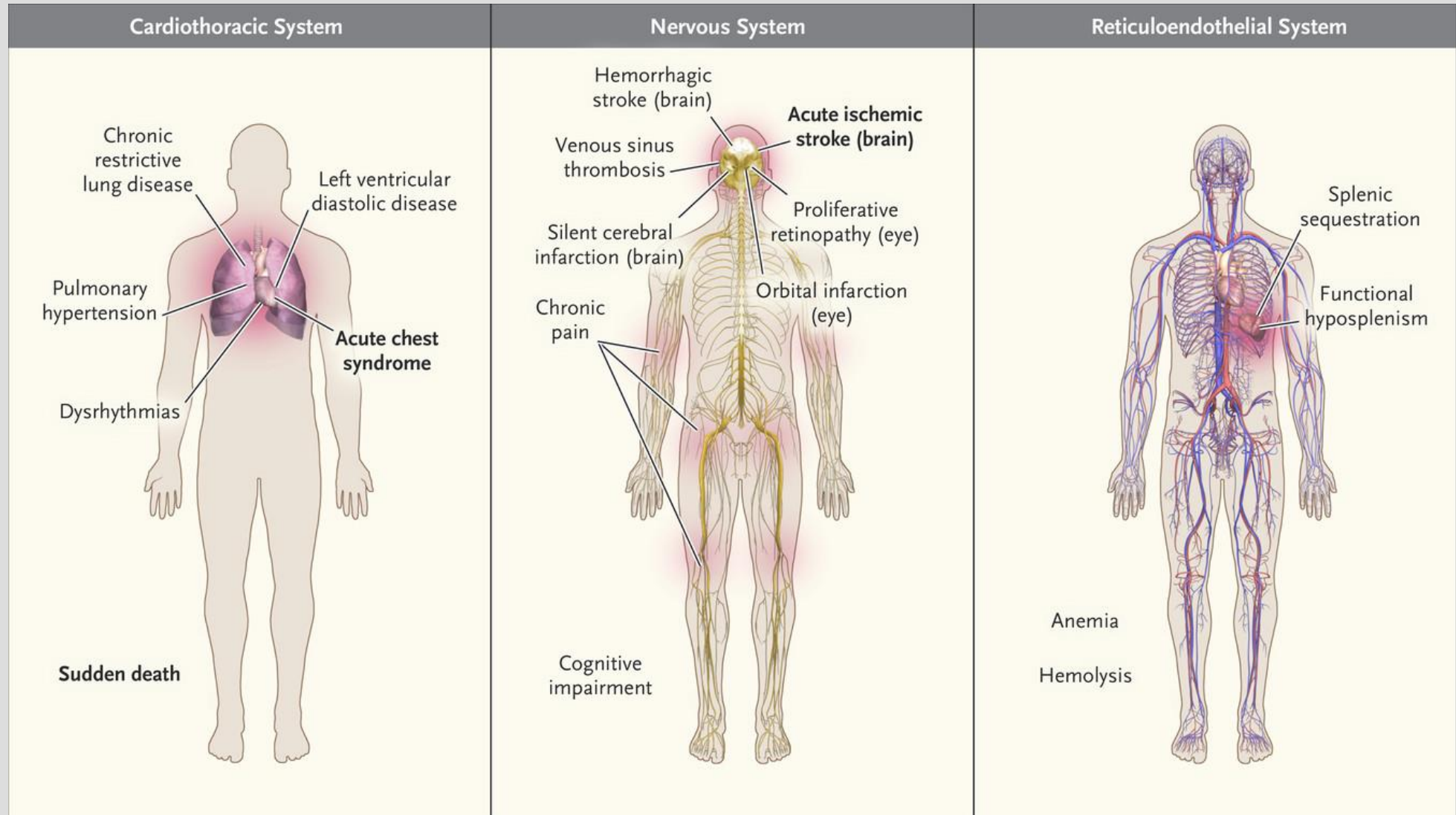
# SICKLE CELL PATIENT PRESENTS WITH EXCRUCIATING PAIN



- Vaso-occlusive episodes (VOE)
- Vaso-occlusive crisis
- Pain crisis
- Fatigue



# SCD AFFECTS ALL ORGAN SYSTEMS



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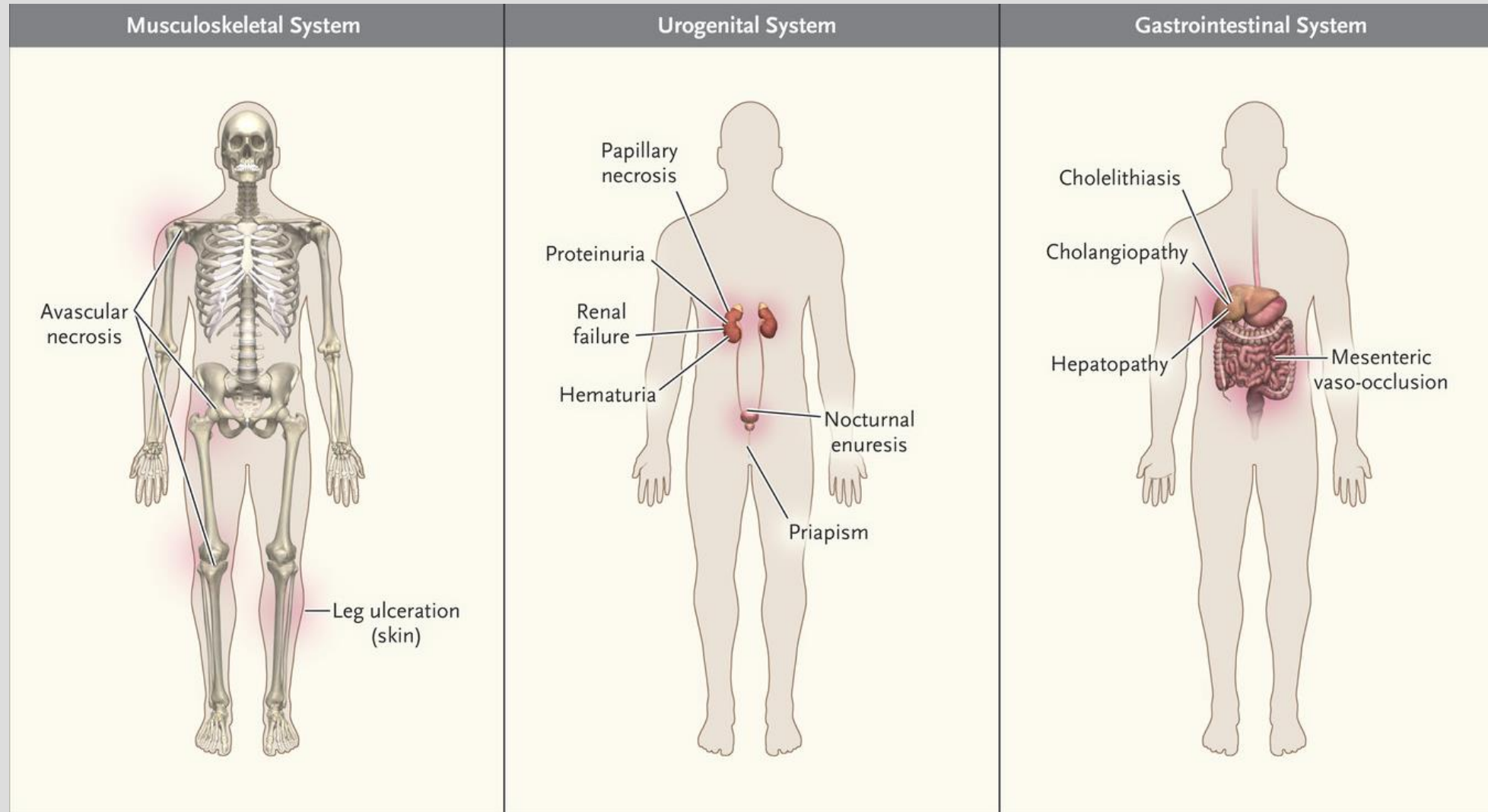


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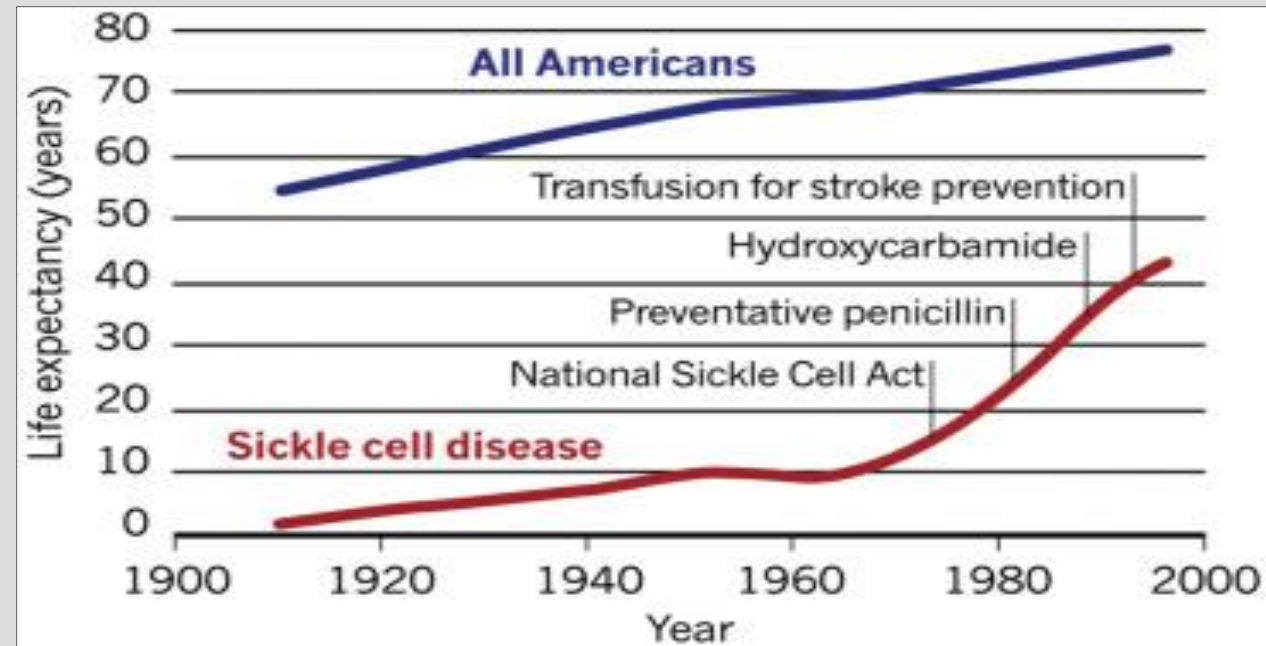
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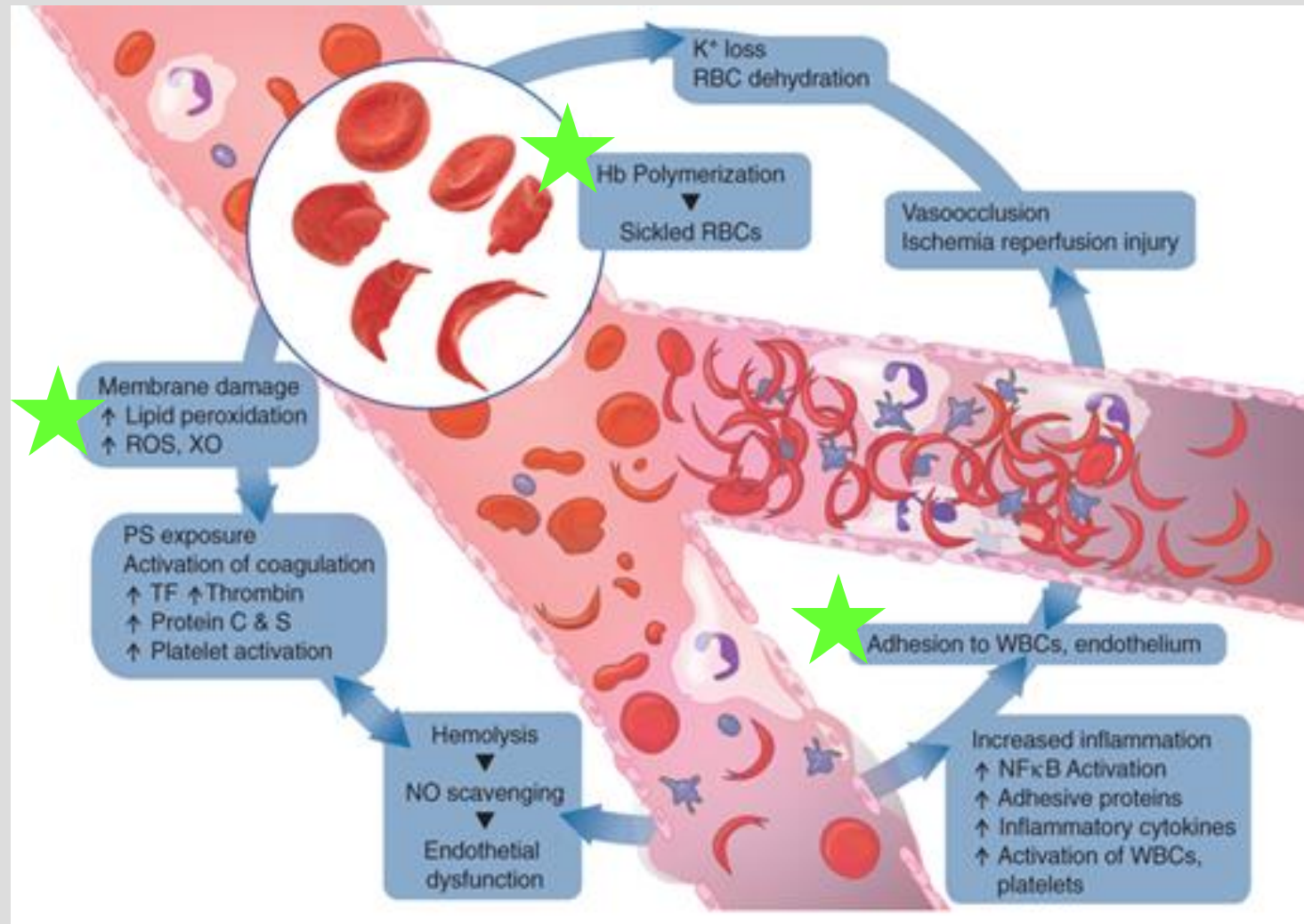
# LIFE EXPECTANCY OF SCD IN US MUCH WORSE THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Worldwide, > 300,000 babies is born with SCD.
- Over 90,000 people in the USA have SCD
- Over 90% SCD children with SCD in USA reach adulthood



*Thein, M. Pathology. Volume 49, Issue 1, Pages 1-9 (January 2017)*

# COMPLEX PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF SCD



# CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF TREATMENTS IN SCD

## NEWEST THERAPIES

**Voxelotor**  
(Oxbryta)

**Crizanlizumab**  
(Adakveo)

**Stem cell transplant**

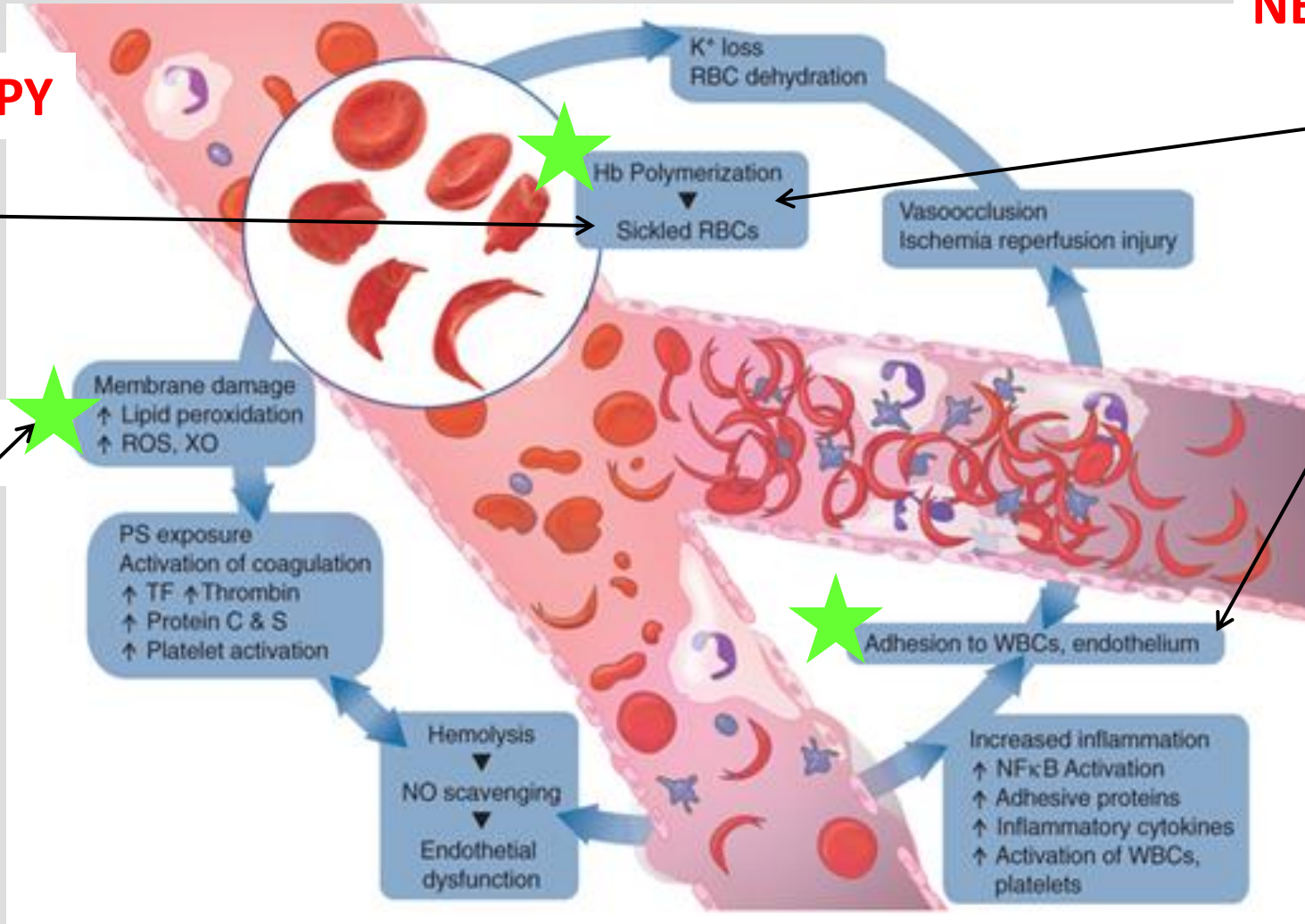
**Gene therapy**

## MAINSTAY THERAPY

**Hydroxyurea**  
FDA 1998

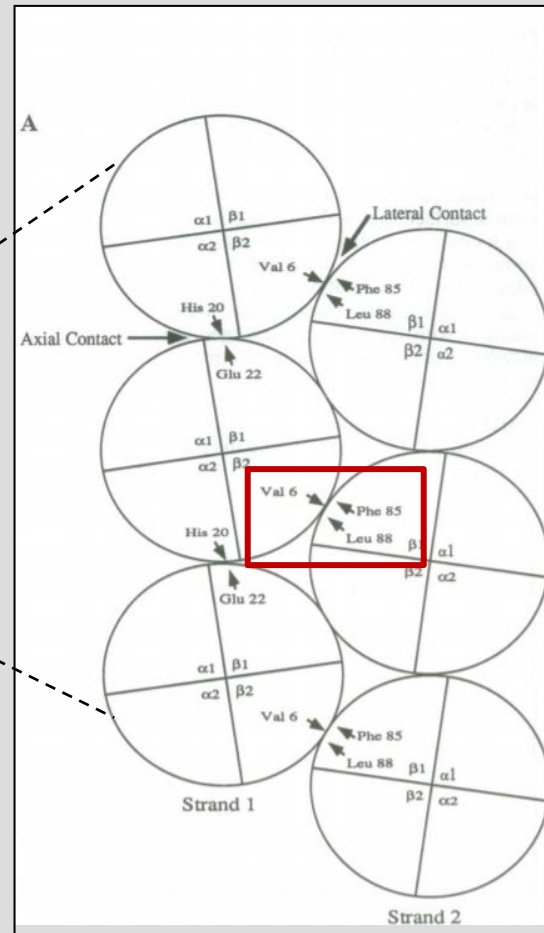
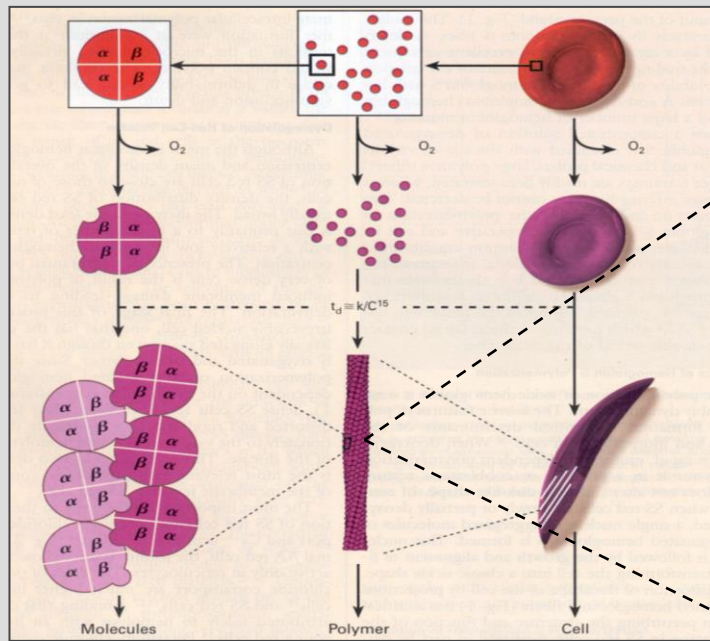
## NEWER THERAPY

**L-glutamine**  
(Endari)



# INDUCTION OF FETAL HEMOGLOBIN IN SCD

- Hydroxyurea was investigated based on its ability to induce HbF



Adult hemoglobin (HbA) -  $\alpha_2 \beta$  87 threonine  
**Sickle Hemoglobin(HbS)** -  $\alpha_2 \beta^s$  87 threonine  
**Fetal Hemoglobin (HbF)** -  $\alpha_2 \gamma$  87 glutamine

Bunn, NEJM 1997;337:762

Adachi, J Biol Chem 1994;269(50):31563

# WHAT DO SCD PATIENTS **HAVE** NOW?

| Drug (FDA *)                       | Target       | MOA                      | Hb | Pain | Benefits | Disadvantages                                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----|------|----------|--|
| <b>Hydroxyurea</b><br>1998         | ↓ polymer    | heterocellular<br>↑ HbF  | ✓  | ✓    | Oral 💰   | chemotherapy, inconsistently effective in adults |
| <b>L-glutamine</b><br>2017         | rbc REDOX    | ↓ RBC oxidative stress   | ✓  | ✓    | Oral 💰 💰 | 15 G, non-compliance                             |
| <b>Crizanlizumab</b><br>2019       | vasculopathy | P selectin mAb           | -  | ✓    | monthly  | IV, 💰 💰 💰  |
| <b>Voxelotor</b> 2019              | ↓ polymer    | ↑O <sub>2</sub> affinity | ✓  | -    | Oral     | 💰 💰 💰  |
| <b>SCT gene therapy</b><br>Phase 3 | Gene         | Gene modification        | ✓  | ✓    | cure     | chemotherapy, infertility<br>💰 💰 💰 💰 💰           |

# THERE IS **SIGNIFICANT** UNMET NEED IN SCD



Go to the hospital more than once a year, with an average stay of 5 days per hospitalization.



Go to the ED an average of 2-3 times a year.



Go to the ED and hospital most commonly for VOEs.



# WHAT DO SCD PATIENTS **NEED** NOW?

**Oral therapy, once daily, safe, effective, inhibits HbS polymerization**

- Effective ----- Pancellular HbF induction
- Safe ----- minimal off-target effects
- Well tolerated ----- oral therapy, minimal side effects
- Affordable ----- oral therapy



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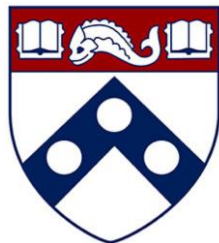


# Pursuing HbF elevation as a therapeutic strategy

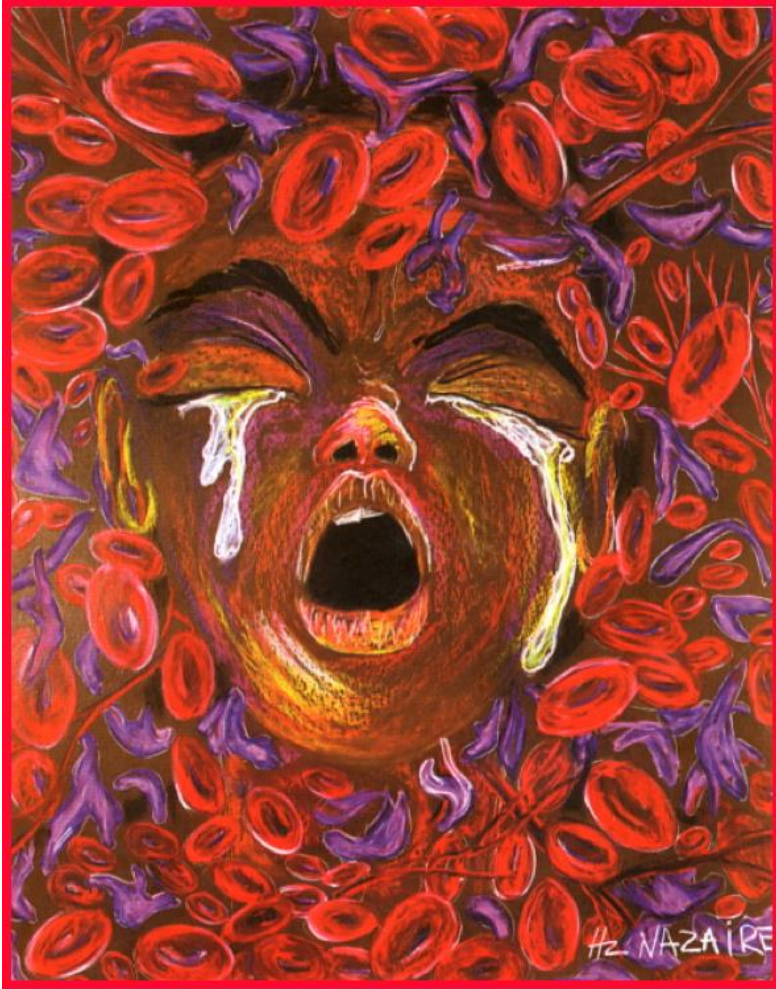


**Gerd Blobel, M.D., Ph.D.**

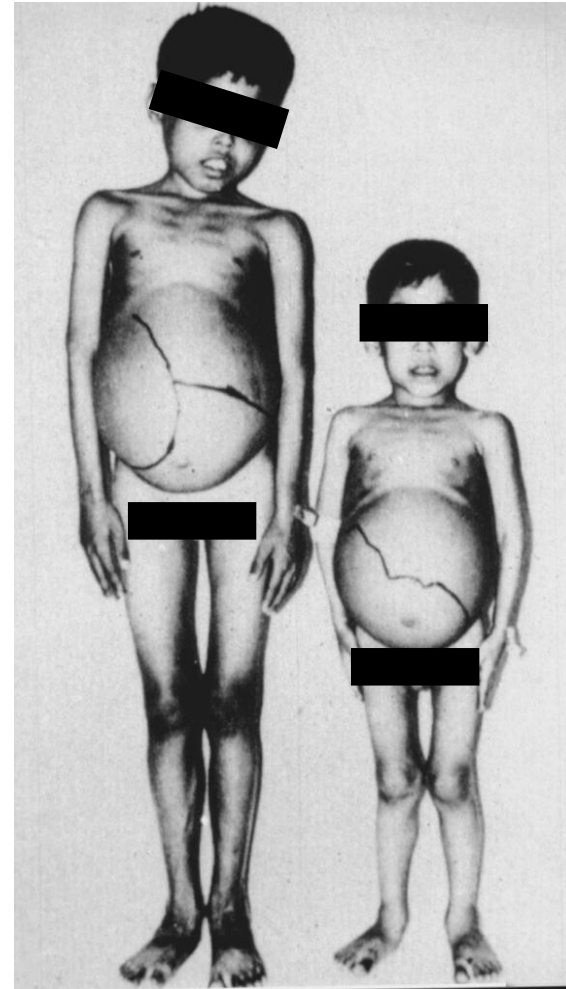
Frank E. Weise III Professor of Pediatrics  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Co-director U-Penn Epigenetics Institute  
Perelman School of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania



# Hemoglobinopathies: A disease of multi-system complications



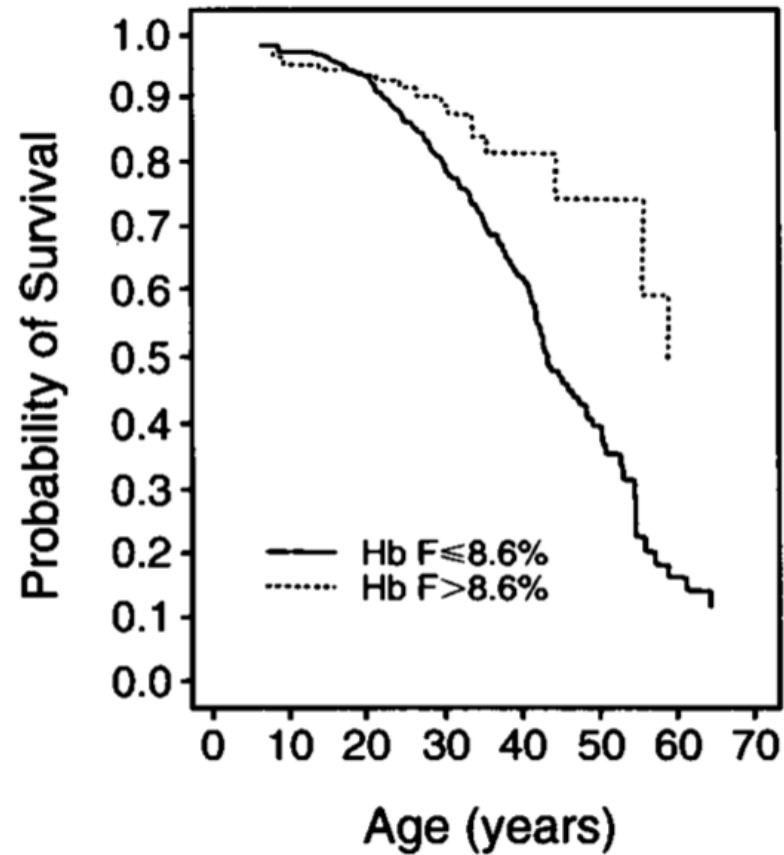
Sickle cell disease



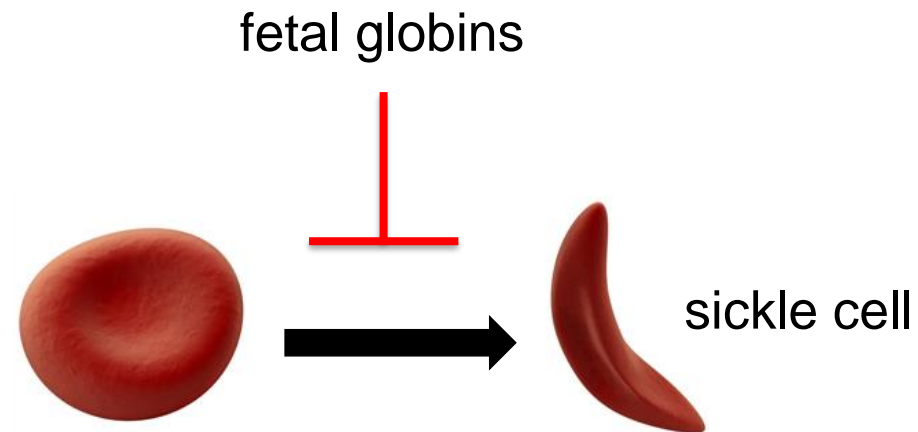
Thalassemia intermedia



# Elevated levels of fetal hemoglobin (HbF) improve the clinical course of patients with sickle cell disease



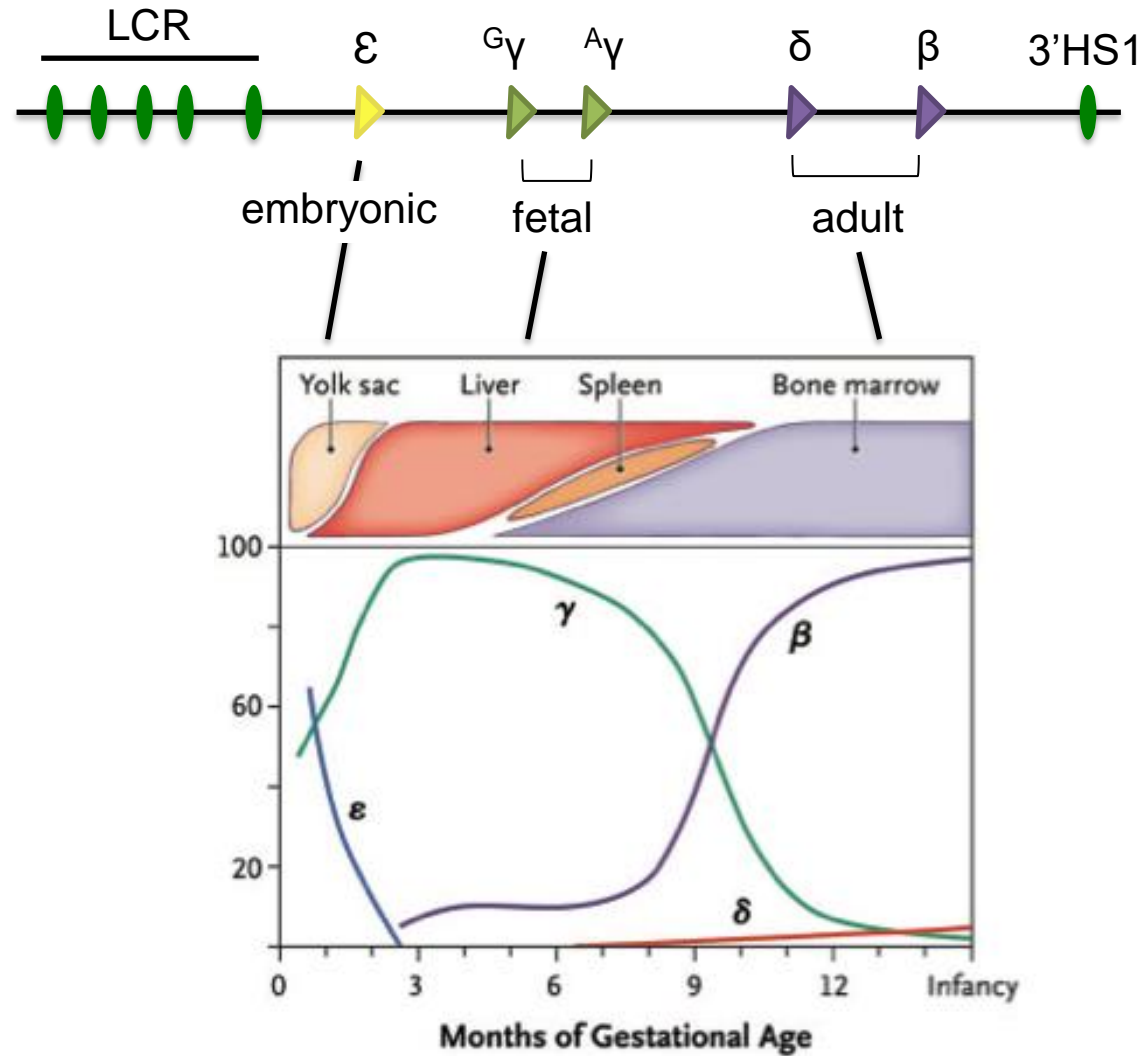
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hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin (HPFH)

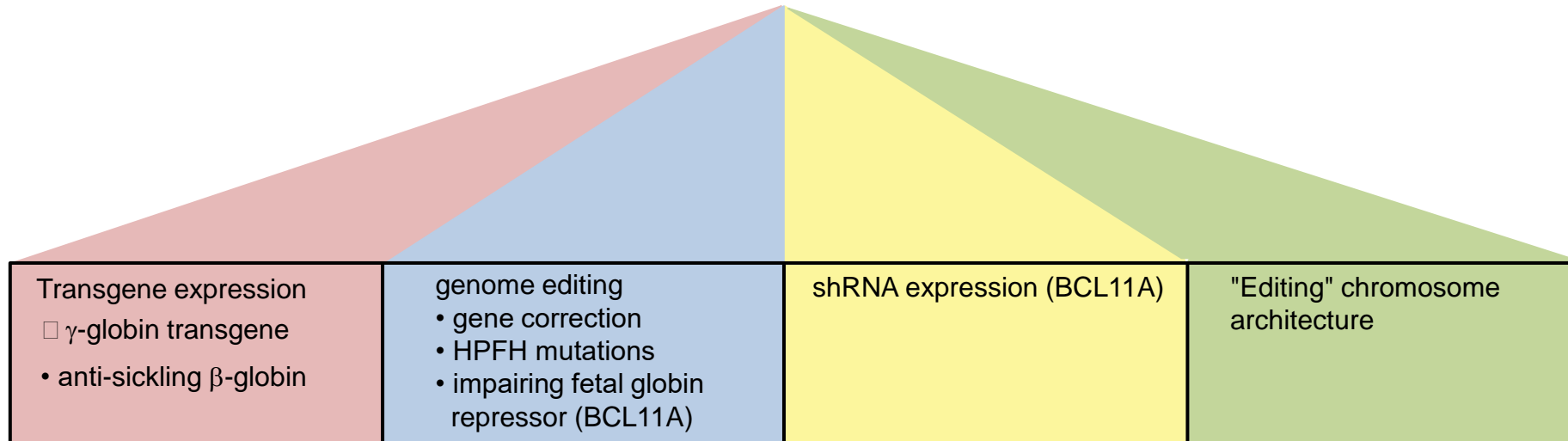
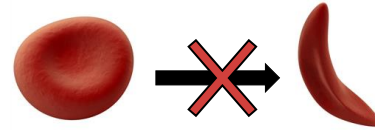


# Human hemoglobin switching





# Therapeutic approaches for sickle cell disease (a brief scenic tour)



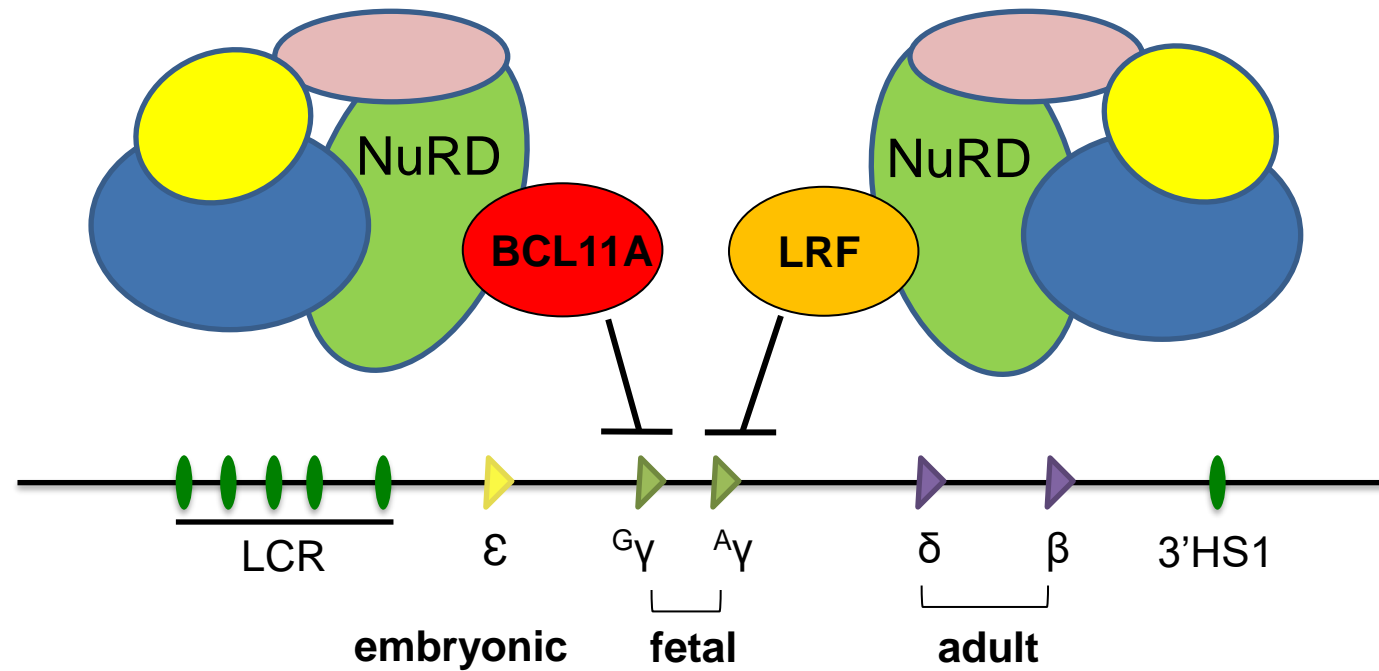
All of these approaches require autologous BM transplants



Goal: Identify HbF regulators that could be targeted with small molecules



# Hemoglobin switching involves widely expressed co-regulators

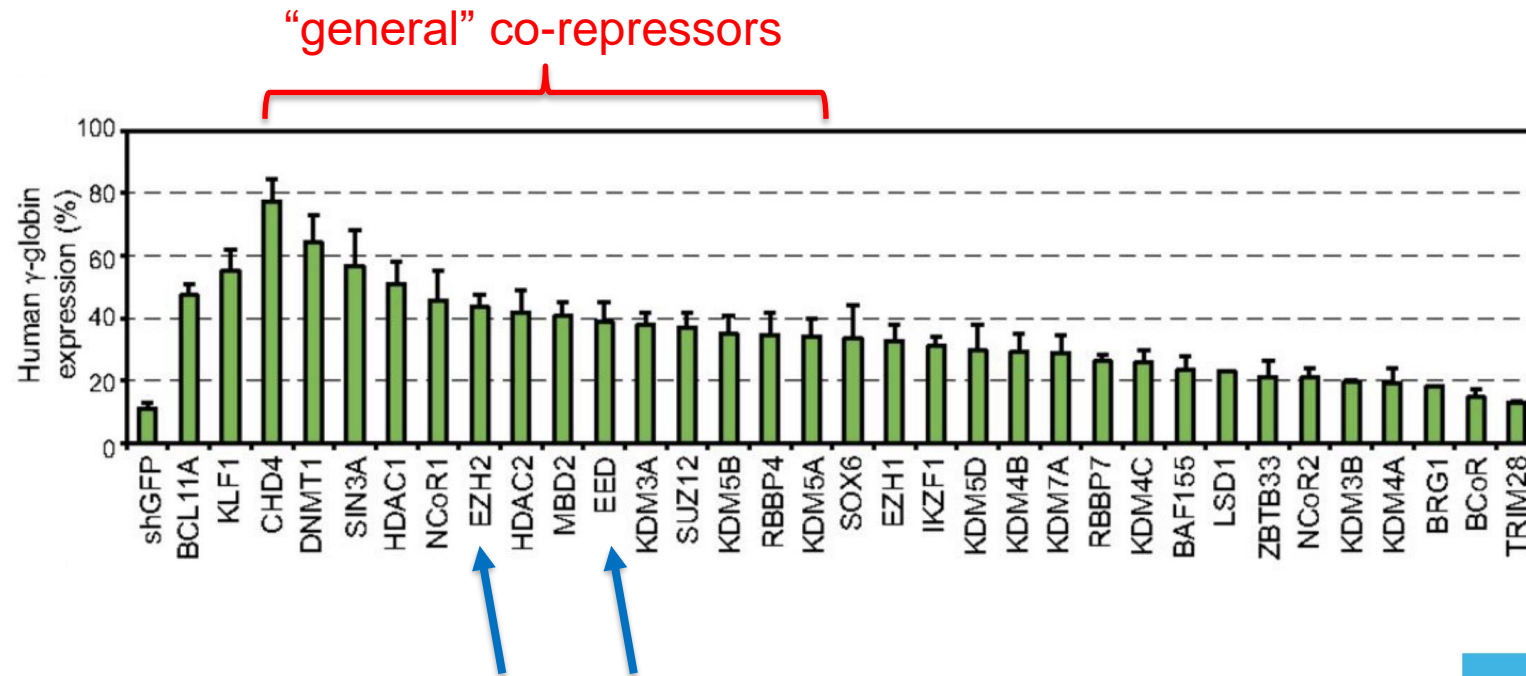


# Hemoglobin switching involves widely expressed co-regulators

## Corepressor-dependent silencing of fetal hemoglobin expression by BCL11A

Jian Xu<sup>a</sup>, Daniel E. Bauer<sup>a</sup>, Marc A. Kerényi<sup>b</sup>, Thuy D. Vo<sup>a</sup>, Serena Hou<sup>a</sup>, Yu-Jung Hsu<sup>a</sup>, Huilan Yao<sup>b</sup>, Jennifer J. Trowbridge<sup>a</sup>, Gail Mandel<sup>b</sup>, and Stuart H. Orkin<sup>a,c,1</sup>

*PNAS* 2013



# CHD4-NuRD is a critical fetal hemoglobin co-repressor

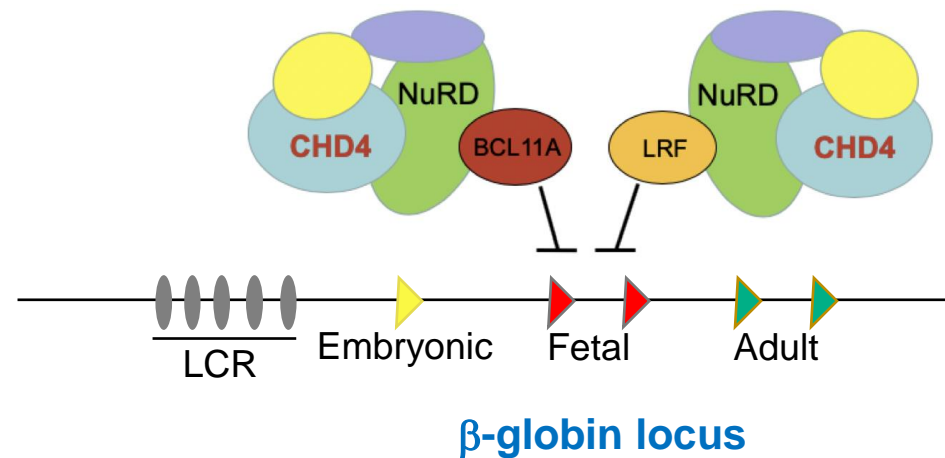
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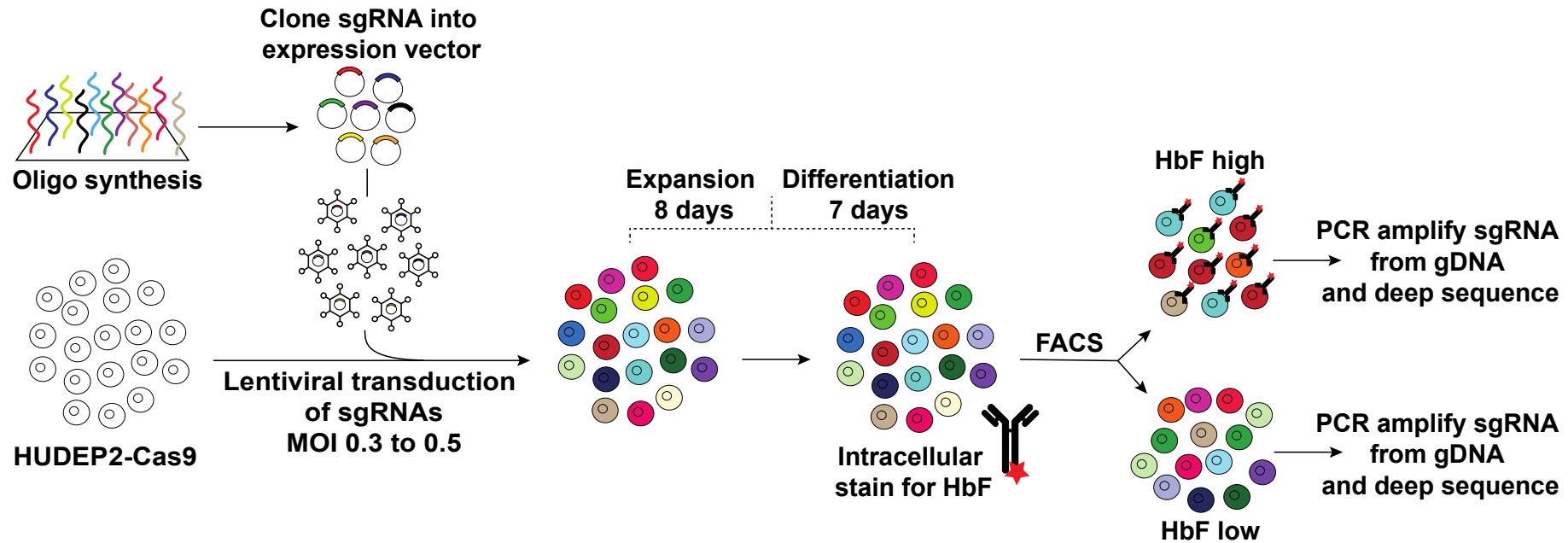
## Rational targeting of a NuRD subcomplex guided by comprehensive in situ mutagenesis

Falak Sher<sup>1,2,11</sup>, Mir Hossain<sup>1,11</sup>, Davide Seruggia<sup>1,11</sup>, Vivien A. C. Schoonenberg<sup>1,3</sup>, Qiuming Yao<sup>1,4</sup>, Paolo Cifani<sup>5</sup>, Laura M. K. Dassama<sup>1</sup>, Mitchel A. Cole<sup>1</sup>, Chunyan Ren<sup>1</sup>, Divya S. Vinjamur<sup>1</sup>, Claudio Macias-Trevino<sup>1</sup>, Kevin Luk<sup>6</sup>, Connor McGuckin<sup>1</sup>, Patrick G. Schupp<sup>1</sup>, Matthew C. Canver<sup>1</sup>, Ryo Kurita<sup>7</sup>, Yukio Nakamura<sup>8</sup>, Yuko Fujiwara<sup>1</sup>, Scot A. Wolfe<sup>6</sup>, Luca Pinello<sup>4</sup>, Takahiro Maeda<sup>9</sup>, Alex Kentsis<sup>5</sup>, Stuart H. Orkin<sup>1,10</sup> and Daniel E. Bauer<sup>1\*</sup>

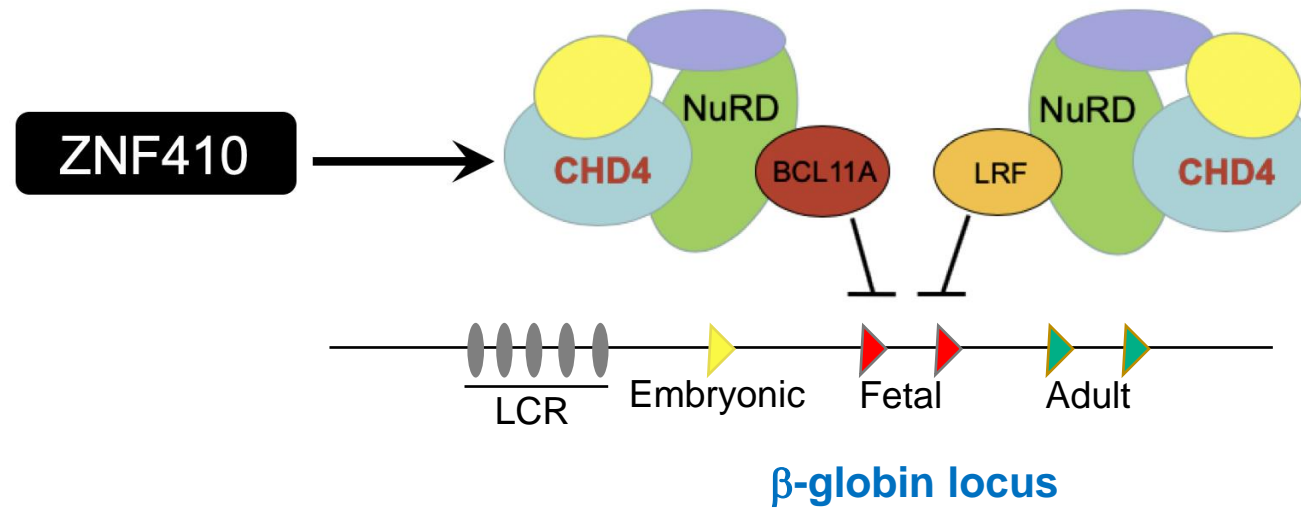


# CRISPR-Cas9 screen to identify druggable genes involved in fetal globin repression

(HUDEP2 cells)



# CRISPR screen identifies transcription factor ZNF410 as novel HbF repressor



## Hemoglobin switching involves widely expressed co-regulators

Our screens also identified several PRC2 components as fetal hemoglobin regulators, providing independent validation of PcG as targets.





## Validation standards in the field:

1. Validation in HUDEP2 cells with individual sgRNAs
2. Validation in cultured primary human cells from normal and SCD donors
3. Mouse models (Townes, BERK, NBSGW)



# Questions you might ask

- 1) Does it make sense to “drug” a widely expressed protein such as PcG proteins?

Numerous inhibitors are in clinical trials/use do exactly that (HDACs, BETs, kinases, etc)



## Questions you might ask

2) Do beneficial effects have to be direct?

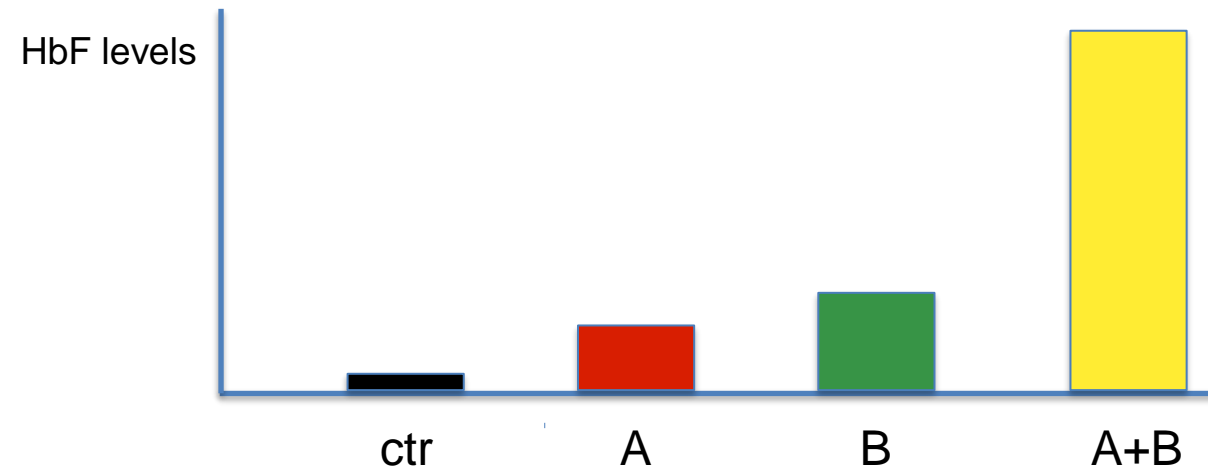
HU is likely indirect; so are experimental HbF inducers (pomalidomide, G9a inhibitors, Aza)



# Questions you might ask

3) Can one drug do it all?

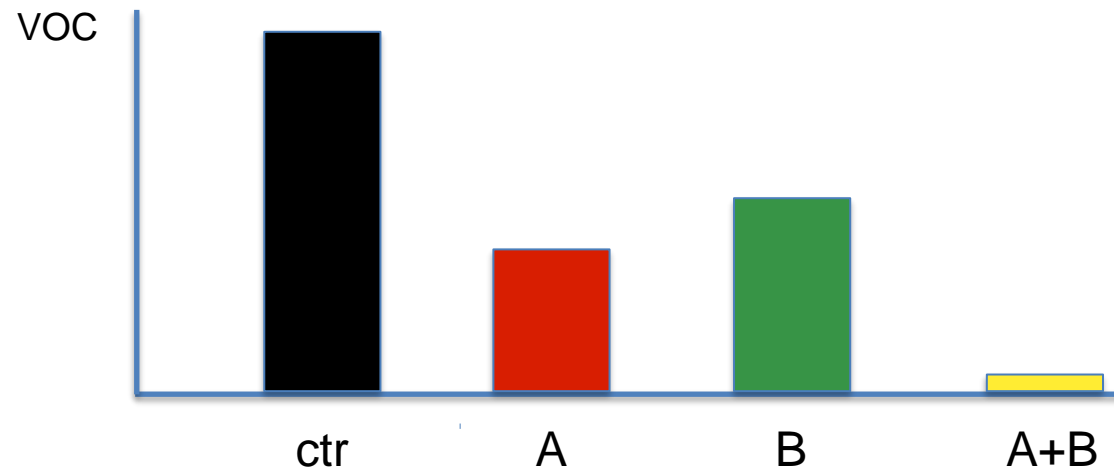
Drug combinations might produce cooperative HbF induction while reducing off target effects



# Questions you might ask

3b) Can one drug do it all?

Drug combinations converging on entirely different mechanisms might provide cooperative patient benefit



# Questions you might ask

- 4) Do we have to know the mechanism of action?

While the molecular targets for many effective drugs are known, a precise and detailed mapping of the various intermediary effector pathways that link target modulation to the demonstrated therapeutic effect (e.g HbF induction) is unclear in most cases



Thank you!

Questions?





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# FTX-6058, a novel HbF-inducing agent for the treatment of Sickle Cell Disease and $\beta$ -Thalassemia

**Owen Wallace, CSO**

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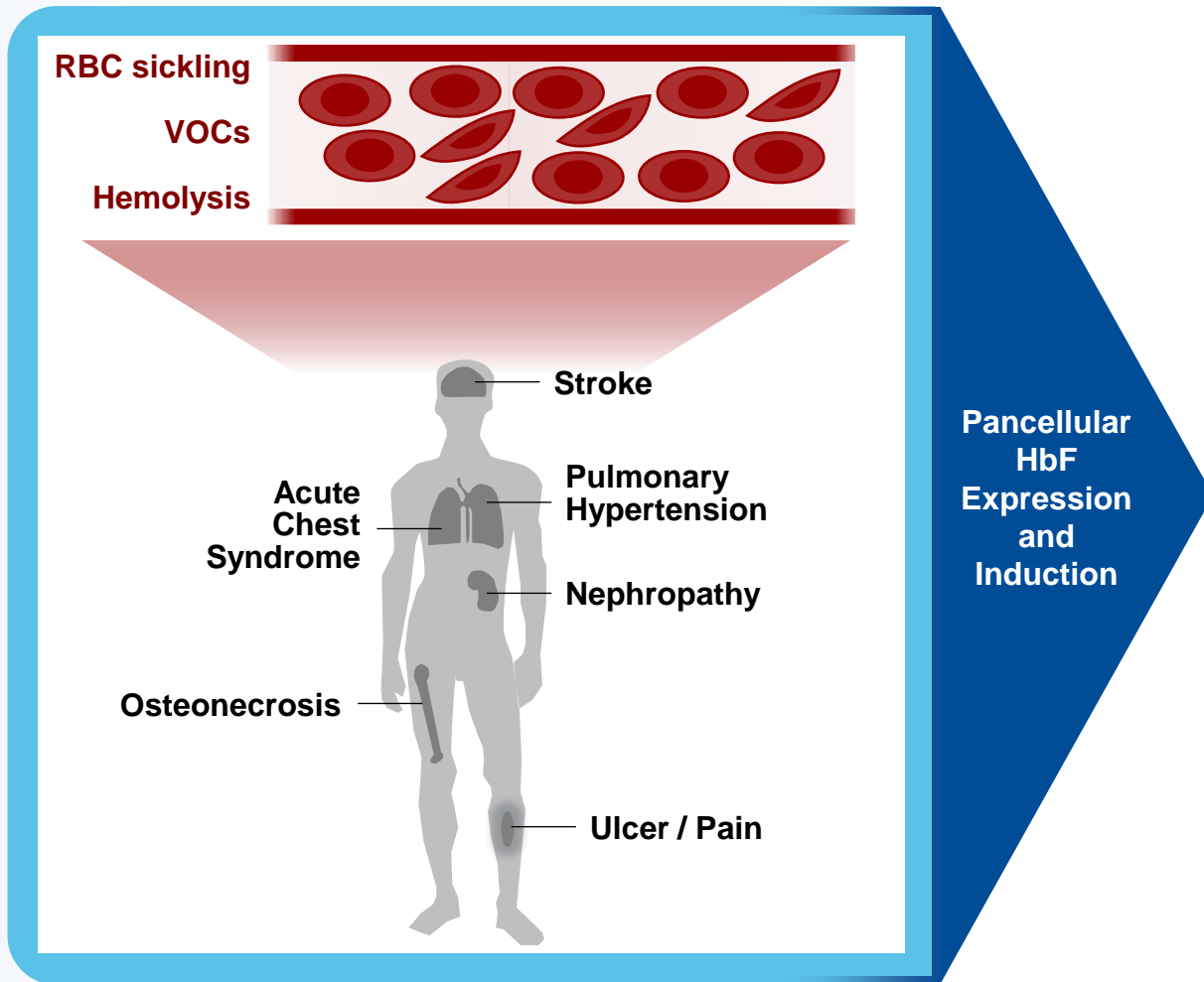


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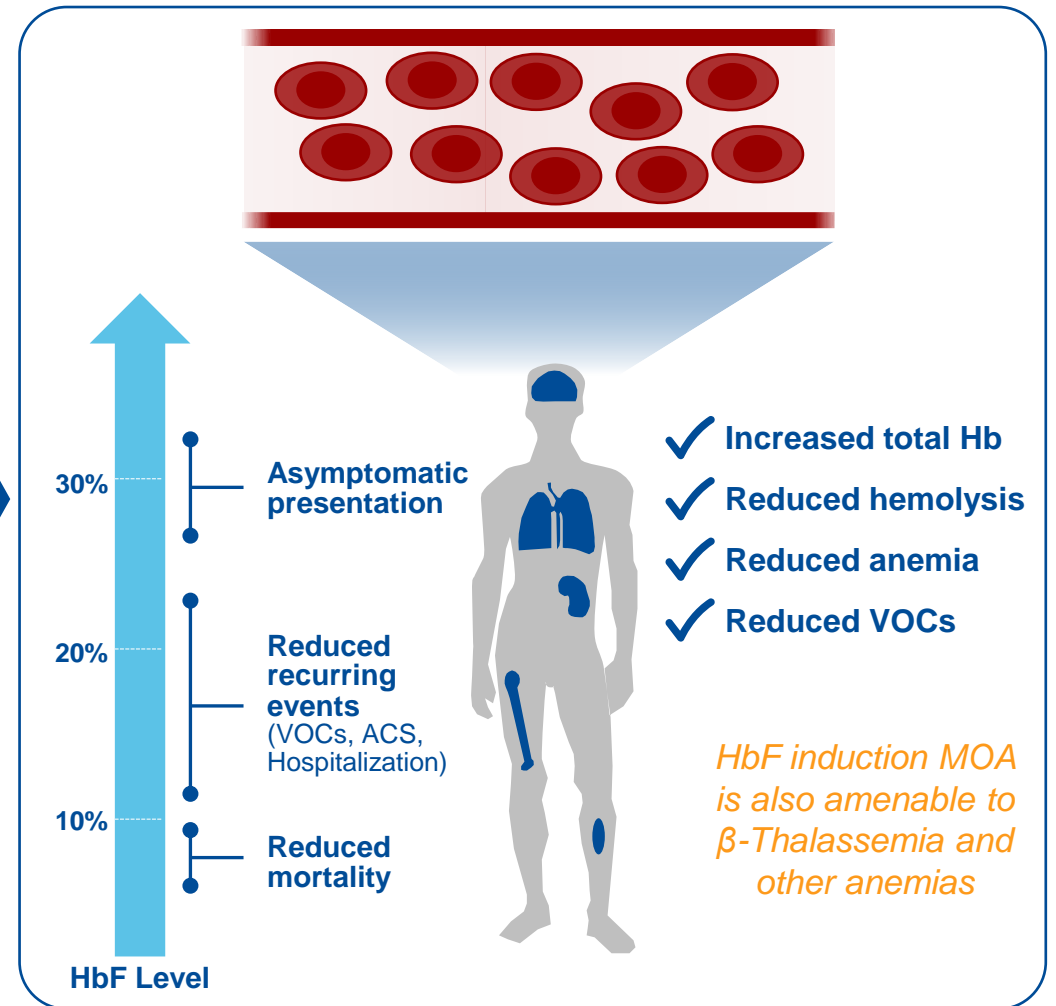


# Fetal Hemoglobin Mitigates Mortality and Morbidity Risks Associated with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

SCD Patient



SCD Patient with High Fetal Hemoglobin (HbF) and F Cells



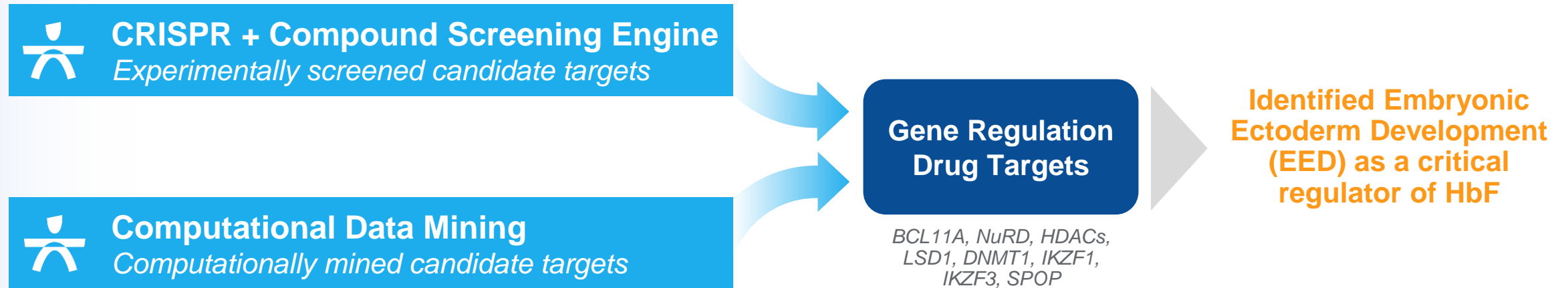
# FTX-6058 has Potential to be a Transformative Therapy for SCD

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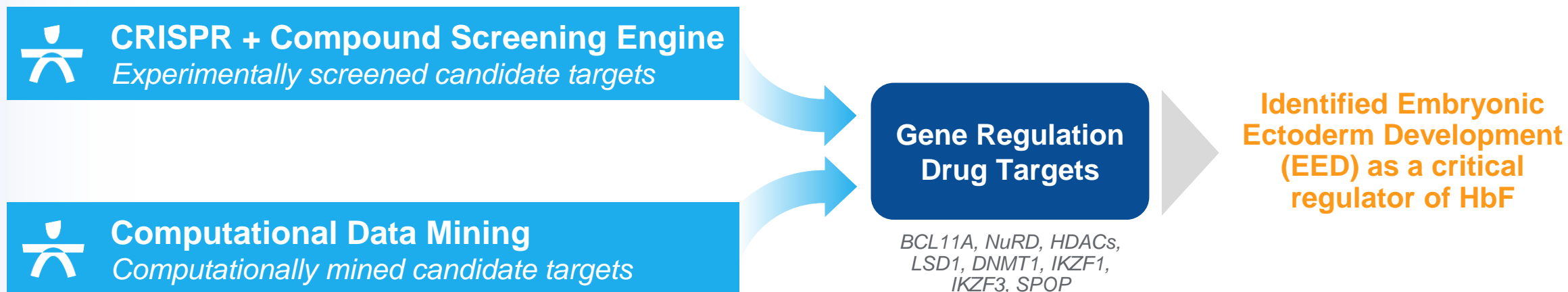
*Actively enrolling healthy volunteers in Phase 1 SAD/MAD studies*

- Target identified from Fulcrum Product Engine
- Developed a potent and selective EED Inhibitor
- Oral, once-daily dosing supported by PK and human dose projections
- Anticipated plasma exposures required to elevate HbF in clinic are predicted to be achievable
- Demonstrates impressive preclinical pharmacological profile to potentially act as disease-modifying therapeutic
- Composition of matter patent issued

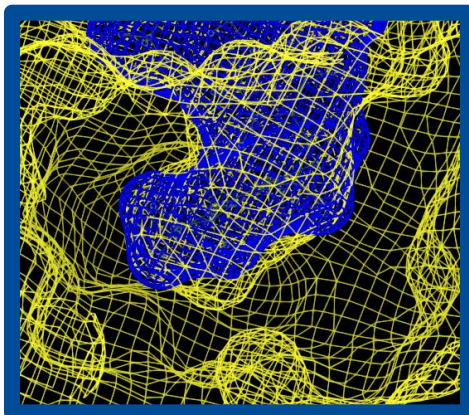
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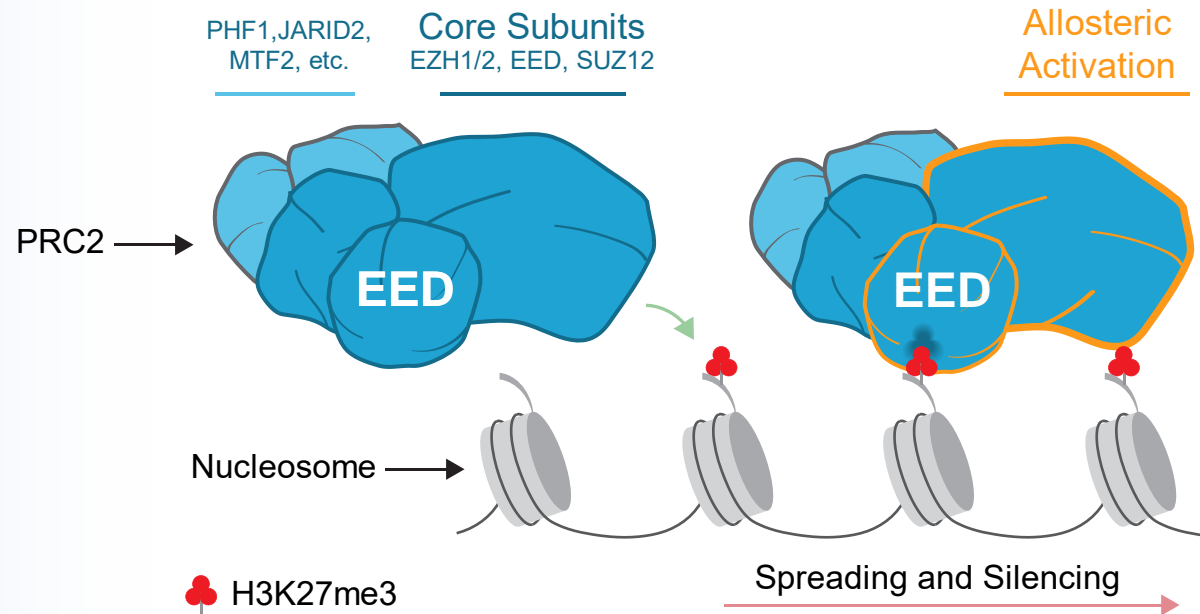
## Structure-Based Drug Design



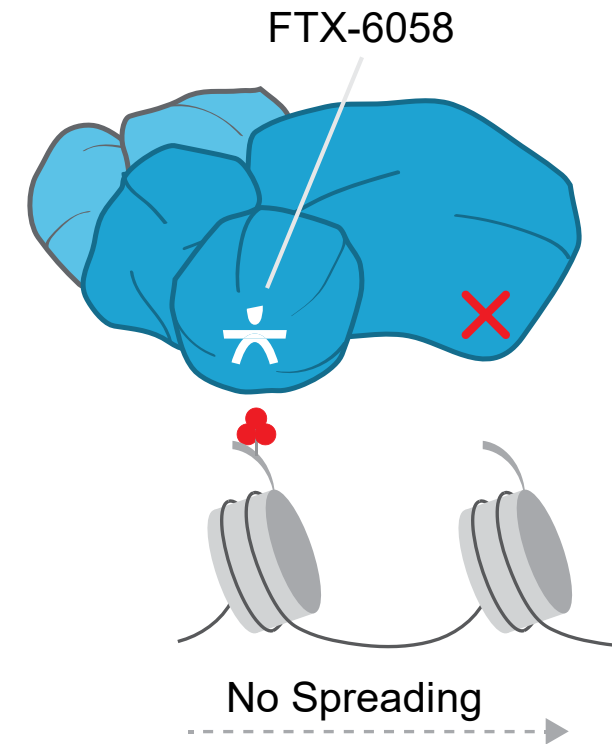
**FTX-6058**

- EED  $K_D = 0.163$  nM
- PRC2  $IC_{50} < 5$  nM
- Highly Selective
- Clean Off-target Profile
- Composition of Matter Patent Issued Nov 2020

# FTX-6058 Binds EED and Inhibits PRC2 Activity

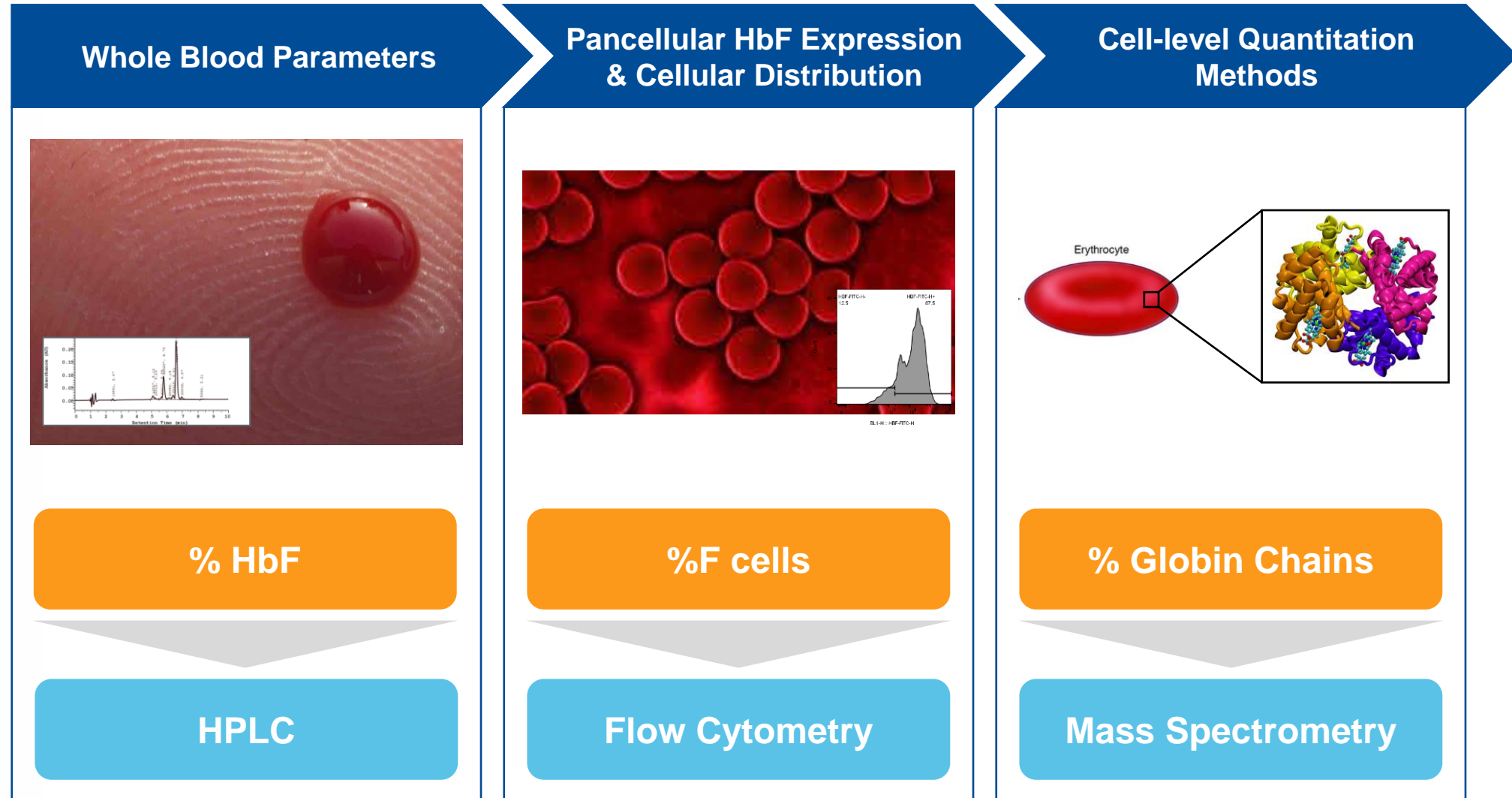


- PRC2 catalyzes tri-methylation of histone H3 at lysine 27 (H3K27me3), which results in transcriptional silencing
- EED, a subunit of PRC2, binds to H3K27me3 and increases the activity of PRC2



- FTX-6058 is a small molecule inhibitor of PRC2 activity

# FTX-6058 Robustly Induces HbF in a Pancellular Manner



# FTX-6058 Displays Robust Increases in HbF and F-cells

Superior *in vitro* Activity Relative to Other Mechanisms

| Agent                                  | HUDEP2 HbF Elisa | %HbF (HPLC)         | CD34 <sup>+</sup> Cells %F-cells | HbF Enrichment |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Vehicle                                | No Change        | No Change           | 59%                              |                |
| <b>FTX-6058</b>                        |                  | <b>↑ 2 – 3 Fold</b> | <b>↑ 88%</b>                     |                |
| DNMT1 inhibitor (5-azacytidine)        |                  | 1.5 – 2 Fold        | 77%                              |                |
| G9a inhibitor (EPZ-35544)              |                  | 1.5 – 2 Fold        | 83%                              |                |
| PDE9 inhibitor (PF-04447943 / IMR-687) |                  | No Change           | 72%                              |                |

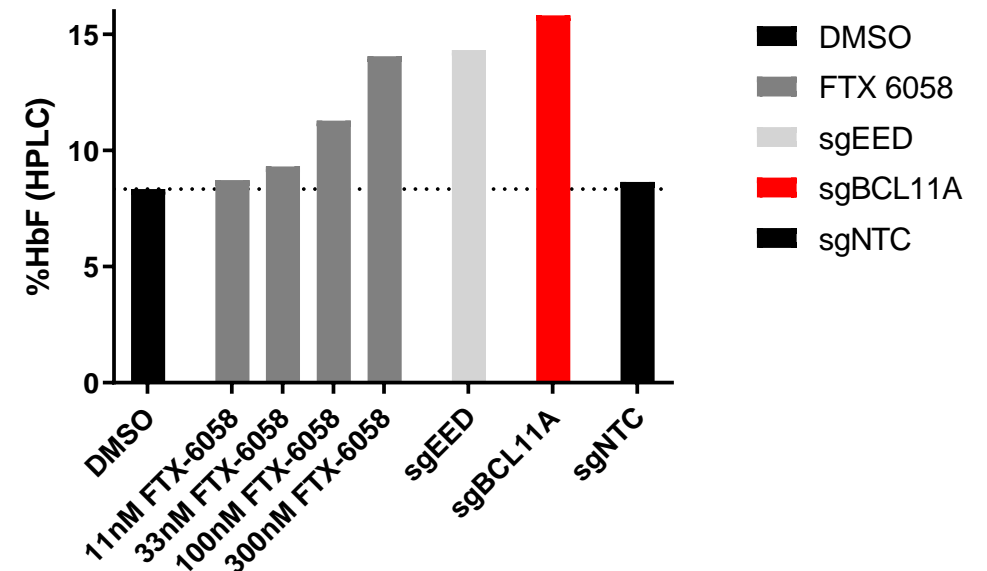


# FTX-6058 Has Superior Pharmacologic Activity Relative to Other MOAs

## EEDi has Superior Preclinical Activity Compared to Other Small Molecule HbF Inducers

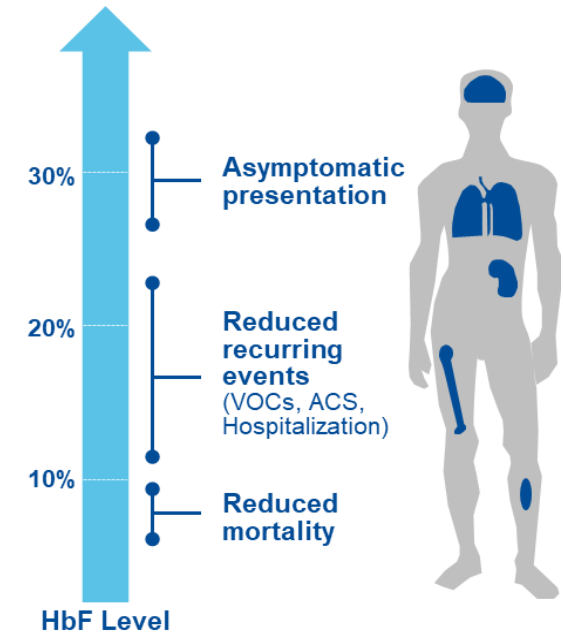
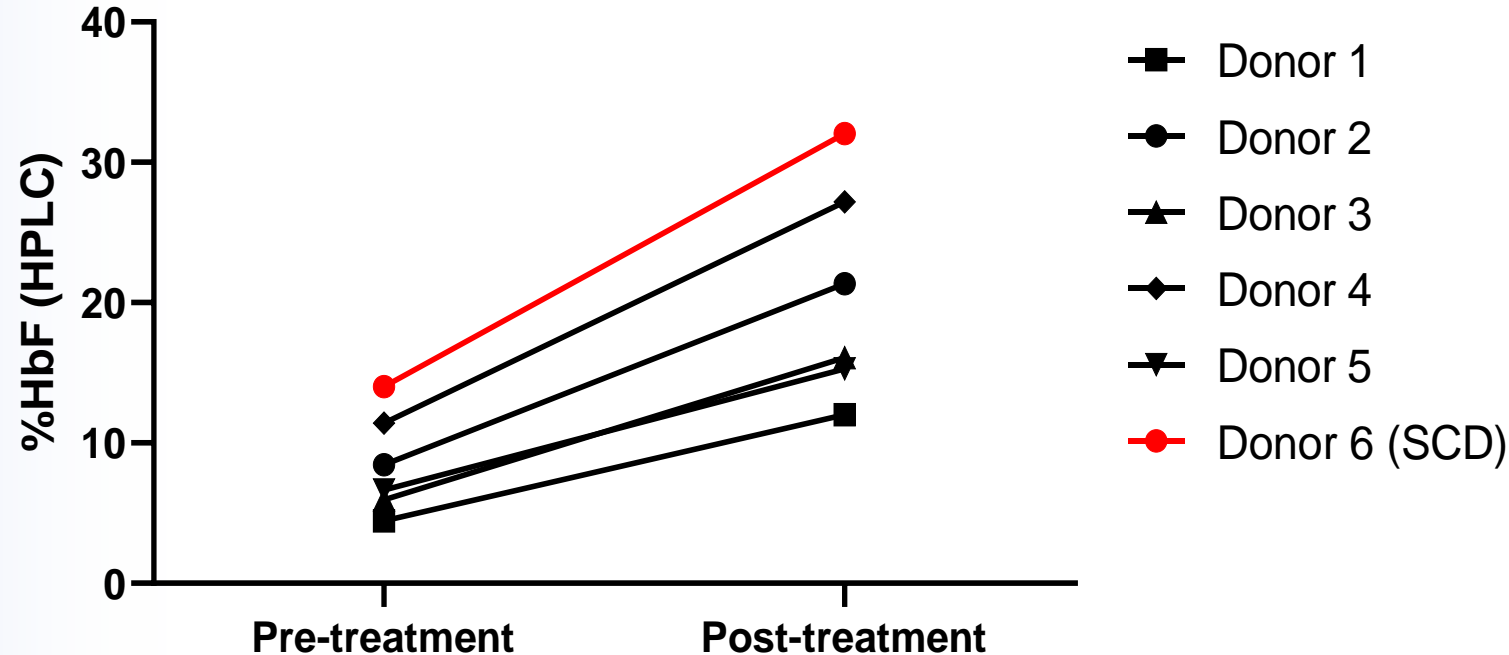
| Mechanism/compound         | HbF elevation detected | % HbF increase (HPLC) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FTX-6058 / FTX-6274</b> | <b>Yes</b>             | <b>2 – 3 fold</b>     |
| Hydroxyurea (HU)           | Yes                    | 1.1 – 2 fold          |
| DNMT1 inhibitor            | Yes                    | 1.5 – 2 fold          |
| G9a inhibitor              | Yes                    | 1.5 – 2 fold          |
| PDE9 inhibitor             | No                     | None                  |
| sGC agonist                | No                     | None                  |
| Metformin                  | No                     | None                  |
| LSD1 inhibitor             | No                     | Toxic                 |
| DOPA Decarboxylase Inh     | No                     | None                  |

## EEDi and EED Knock-Down (KD) Elicit Comparable HbF Induction to BCL11A KD



# FTX-6058 Robustly Induces Fetal Hemoglobin in CD34<sup>+</sup> Cells from Healthy and SCD Donors

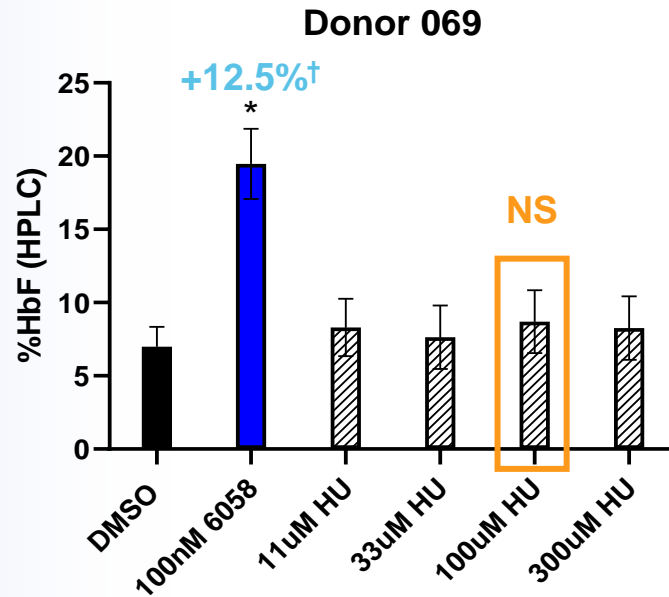
## HbF Induction with FTX-6058



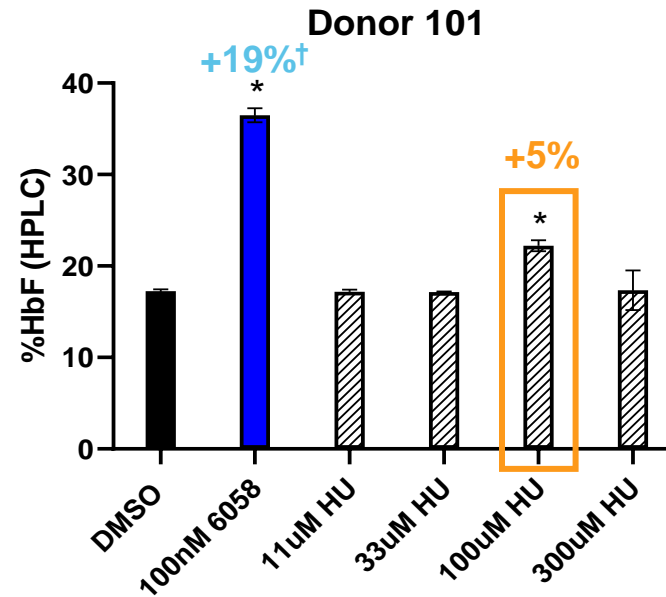
- Observe an absolute 8 – 18% increase in HbF upon treatment with FTX-6058, which has the potential to address mortality risk and recurring events in SCD patients
- Small increases in HbF (1 – 5%) have the potential to provide clinical benefits to all SCD patients
- FTX-6058 selectively upregulates fetal globin, phenocopying Hereditary Persistence of Fetal Hemoglobin

# FTX-6058 Induces Potent HbF Induction in Both HU Responsive and Non-responsive CD34<sup>+</sup> Cells from Healthy Donors

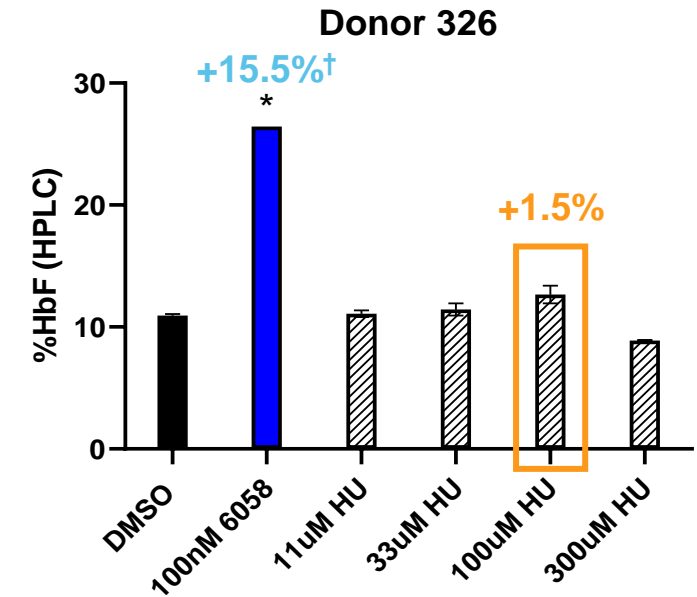
## HU Non-responsive



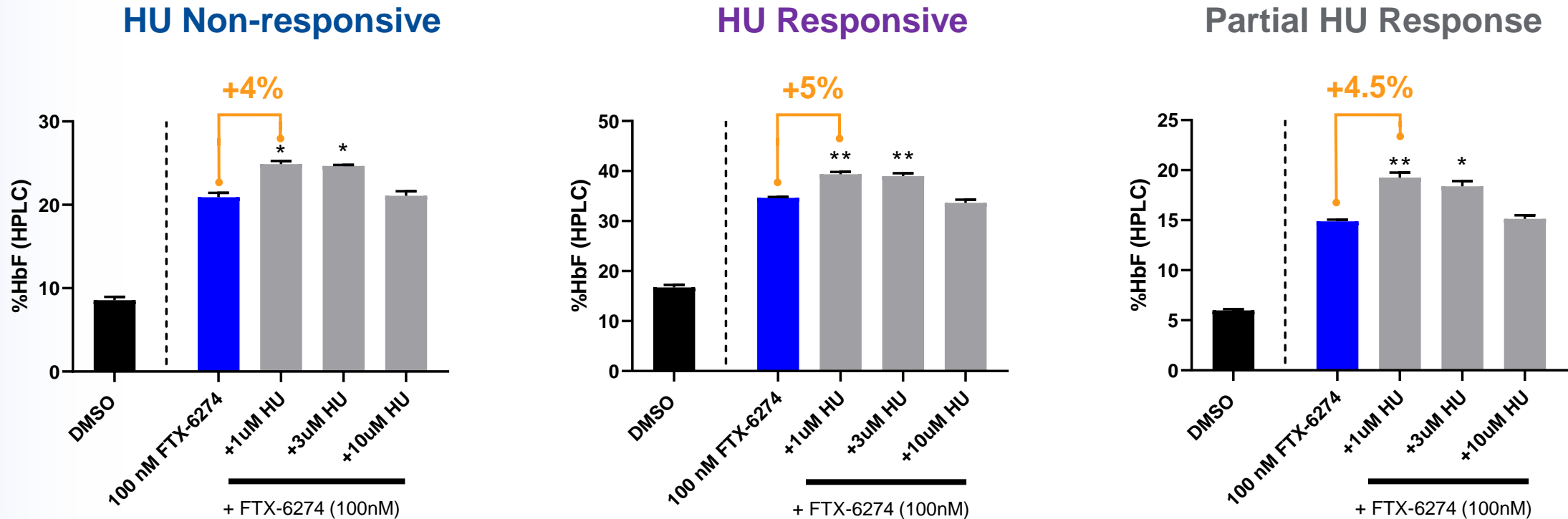
## HU Responsive



## Partial HU Response



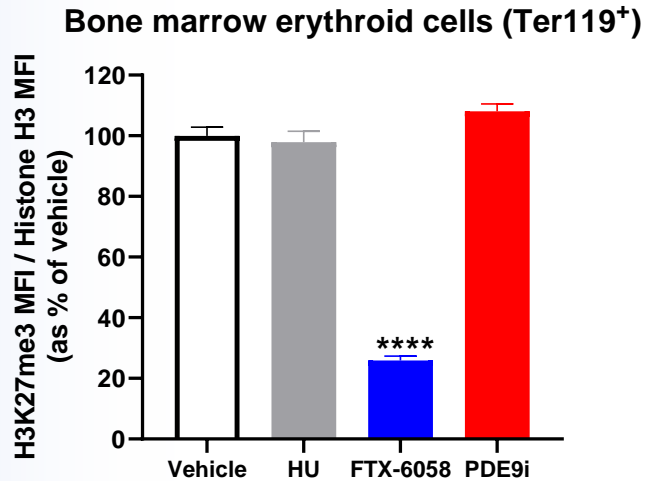
# Combinations with EEDi and Subclinical Concentrations of HU Enhance HbF Induction in CD34<sup>+</sup> Cells from Healthy Donors



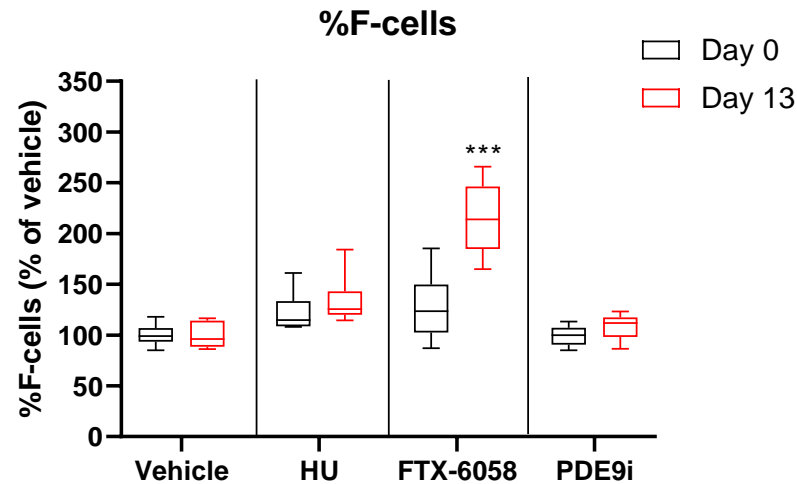
- FTX-6274 is a structurally-related analog of FTX-6058, with a nearly identical pharmacological profile

# FTX-6058 Induces HbF and Increases F-cells in the SCD Townes Mouse Model

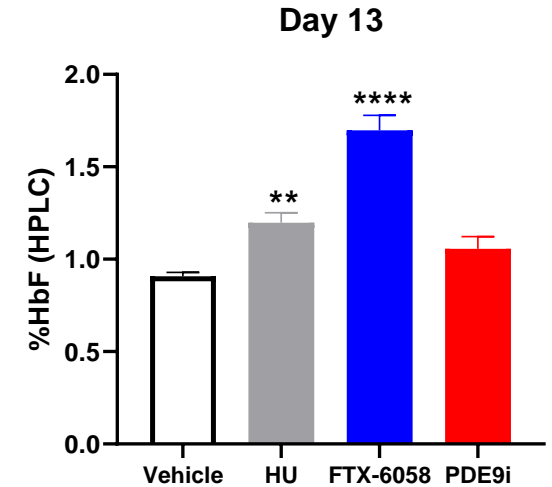
## Robust Target Engagement



## Increased F-cells (Flow Cytometry)



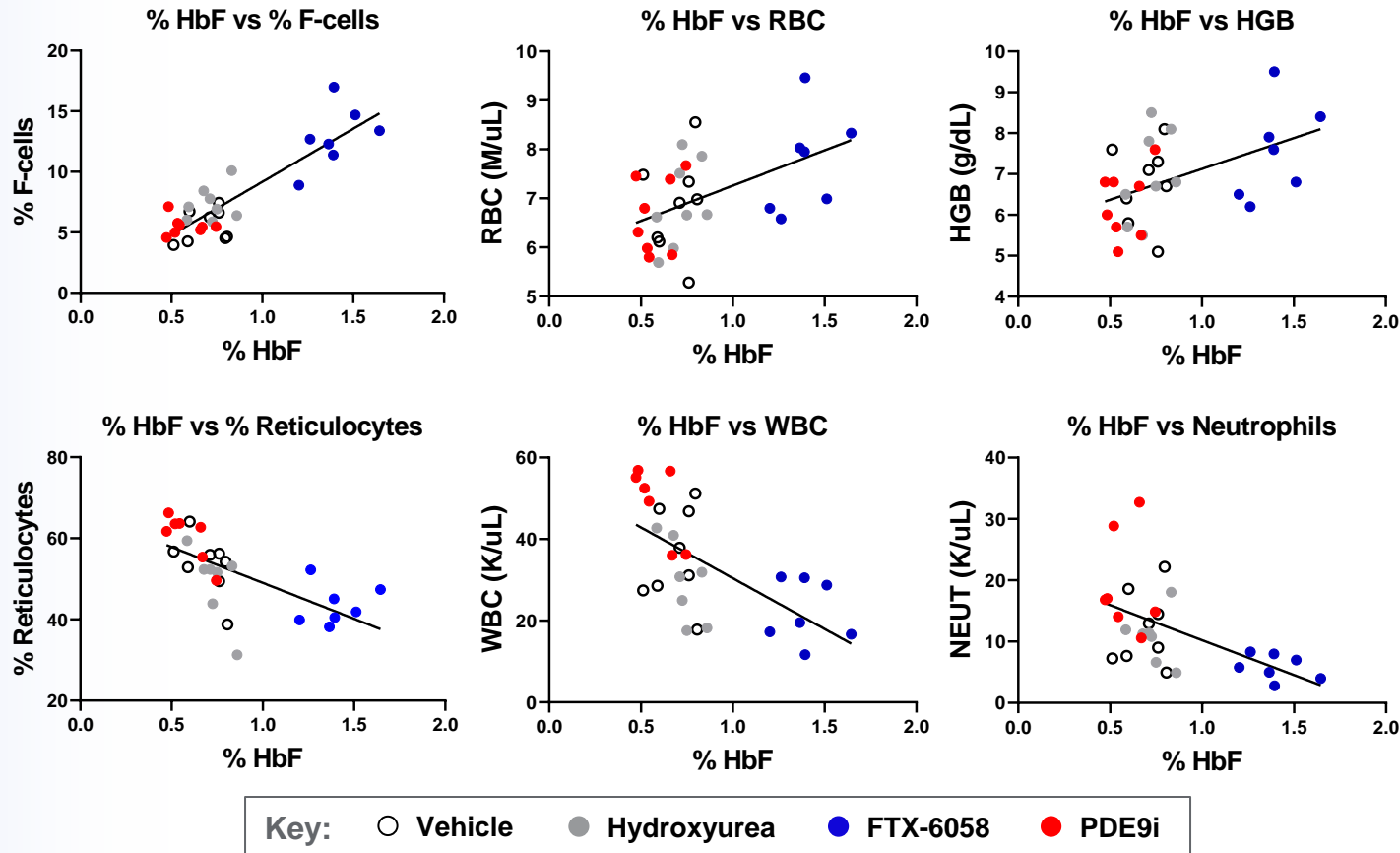
## HbF Induction (HPLC)



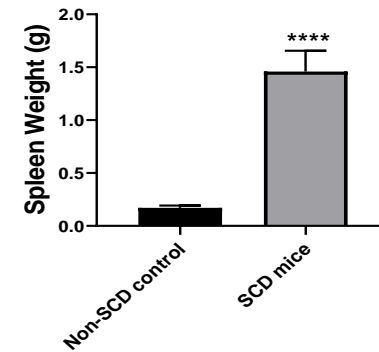
- Observe 3-fold increase in HbF mRNA (HBG1) levels with FTX-6058
- Maximal target engagement maintains ~30% of H3K27me3 mark

# FTX-6058 Modifies Disease Severity in Townes SCD Mice

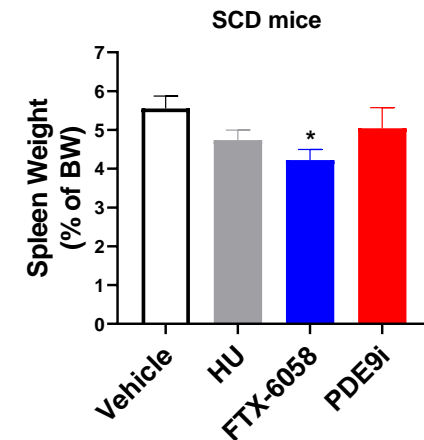
## FTX-6058 Positively Impacts Hematological Parameters



## FTX-6058 Reduces Splenomegaly



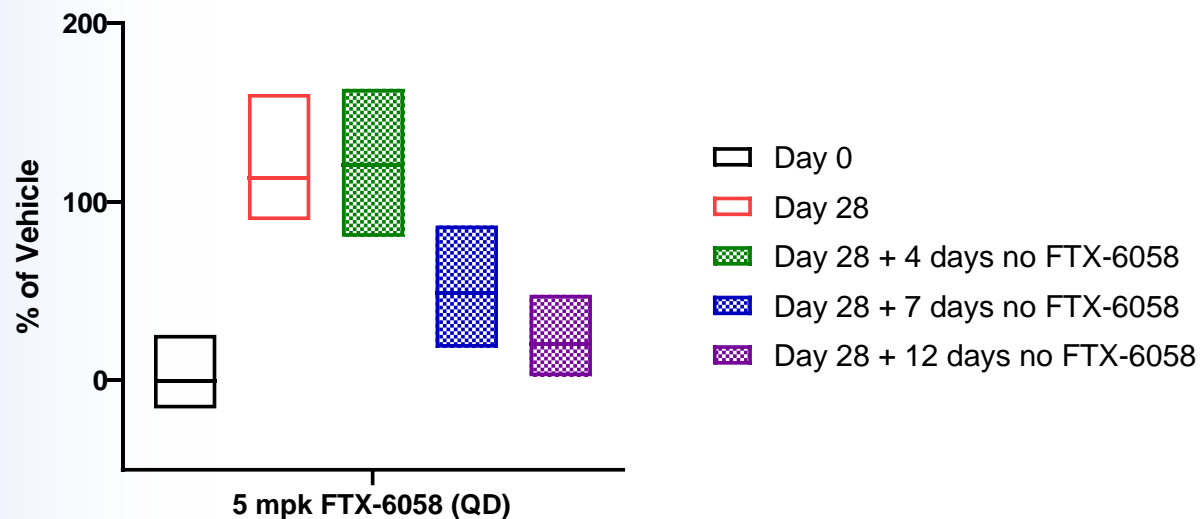
*Splenomegaly in SCD mice is consistent with disease presentation*



*Reduction of splenomegaly is consistent with FTX-6058 hematological effects*

# Durability of FTX-6058 Pharmacologic Response in SCD Mice is Consistent with MOA

## Persistent F-Cell Increases Following FTX-6058 Dosing Cessation at Day 28 (Flow Cytometry)



- Dose-dependent increases in F-cells and HbF protein were observed (data not shown)
- F-cell increases detected with QD dosing as low as 2.5 mg/kg (data not shown)
- FTX-6058 demonstrates time-dependent increases in F-cell and HbF expression
- Consistent with MOA and RBC half-life, F-cell increases demonstrate robust persistence, with no loss of effect up to 4 days after dosing cessation

# Consistent HbF Induction Observed with FTX-6058 Across Preclinical Studies

## Preclinical Models Utilized

**HUDEP-2 Cells (Human)**

**Healthy CD34+ Cells (Human)**

**SCD CD34+ Cells (Human)**

**Wild-type Mouse\***

**SCD Townes Mouse**

## Key Takeaways

- ✓ Consistent 2 – 3 fold HbF induction observed across preclinical studies
- ✓ Similar levels of HbF induction observed in both healthy and SCD cell models
- ✓ Reliable HbF induction observed in both wild-type and SCD mouse models
- ✓ Robustness of 2–3 fold HbF induction has the potential to translate to clinically meaningful benefits for patients with SCD



# Phase 1 Doses Will Enable Assessment of HbF Induction and Target Engagement in Healthy Volunteers

| SAD Cohorts | Dose (mg) | MAD Cohorts | Expected TE level | Expected PD effect |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cohort 1    | 2         | Cohort 1    |                   |                    |
| Cohort 2    | 4         |             |                   |                    |
|             | 6         | Cohort 2    | TE80              |                    |
| Cohort 3    | 10        | Cohort 3    | TE100             | HbF EC50-EC80      |
|             | 20        | Cohort 4    | TE100             | HbF EC80-EC100     |
| Cohort 4    | 30        |             |                   |                    |
| Cohort 5    | 60        |             |                   |                    |
| Cohort 6    | 90        |             |                   |                    |

- Predicted human dose from PK/PD modeling is 4mg, and supports QD dosing
- The 6, 10, and 20mg doses are projected to achieve maximal target engagement and HbF induction
- Maximal target engagement maintains ~30% of H3K27me3 mark in preclinical studies

# FTX-6058 Clinical and Regulatory Strategy

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## Clinical Considerations

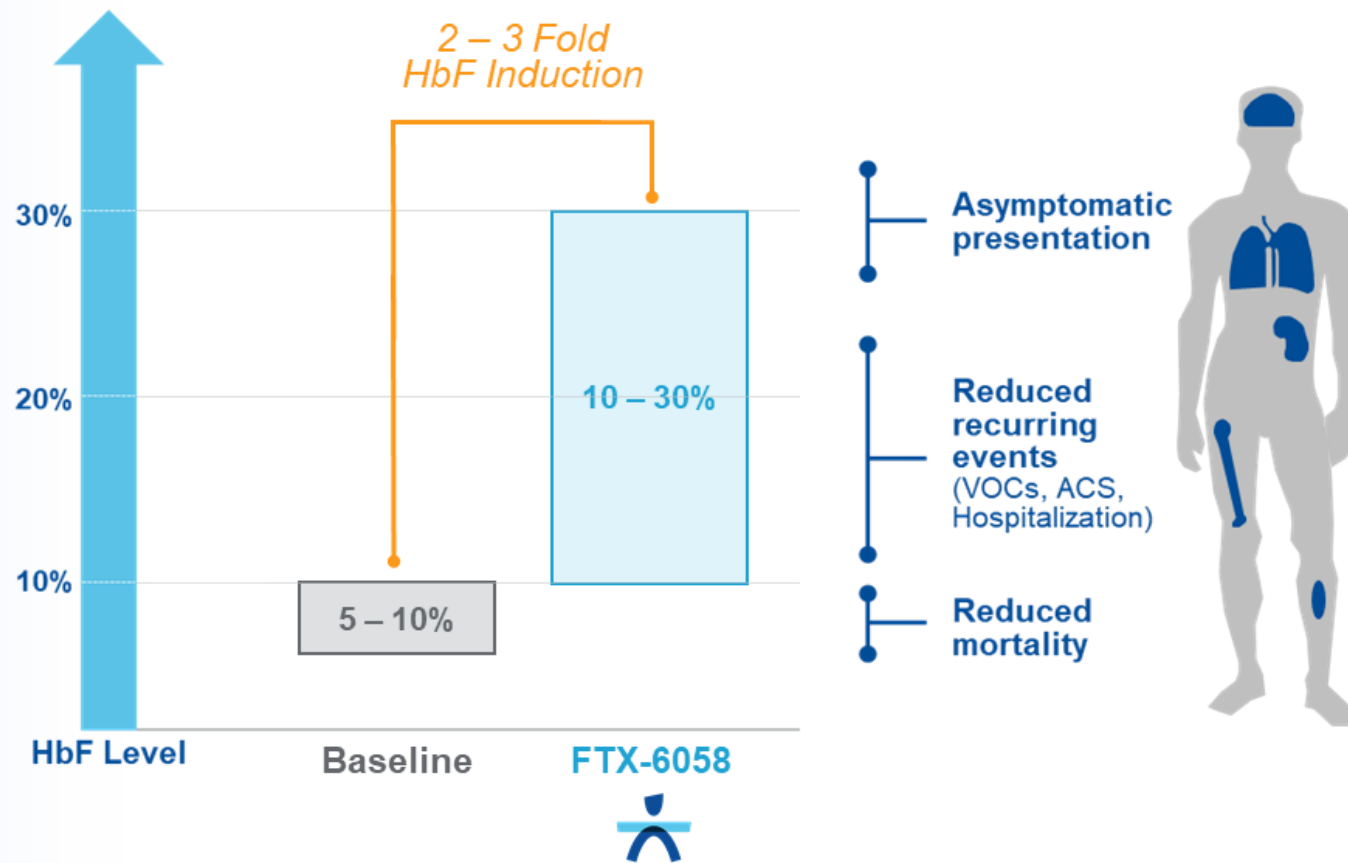
- **IND open – Phase 1 SAD/MAD actively enrolling healthy volunteers**
  - Anticipate sharing data in mid-2021
- **Anticipate initiation of trial in patients with SCD in 2021**
  - Clinical trial design currently being developed
- **Advancing clinical strategy for use in patients with  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**

## Regulatory Considerations

- **With the first accelerated approval in SCD in the last year, the FDA has shown they are open to use of a surrogate endpoint reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit in SCD**
- **The Phase 1 study with FTX-6058 in healthy volunteers is being conducted under an open US IND following productive discussion Pre-IND**
  - Fulcrum intends to continue the dialogue with FDA and other health authorities over the course of the clinical development program
  - Fulcrum intends to seek orphan drug, Fast Track and/or Breakthrough Therapy designations as the data may warrant

# Preclinical HbF Induction Observed with FTX-6058 Has the Potential to Translate to Meaningful Clinical Benefits

## Robust HbF Induction May Translate to Meaningful Clinical Benefits



- EED Target identified with Fulcrum Product Engine
- Developed a potent and selective EED Inhibitor
- Oral, once-daily dosing supported by PK and human dose projections
- Impressive pharmacological profile, with potential to be a disease-modifying therapeutic
- Composition of matter patent issued
- **Actively enrolling healthy volunteers in Phase 1 SAD/MAD studies**



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# FTX-6058: Looking Ahead

**Bryan Stuart, COO**

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

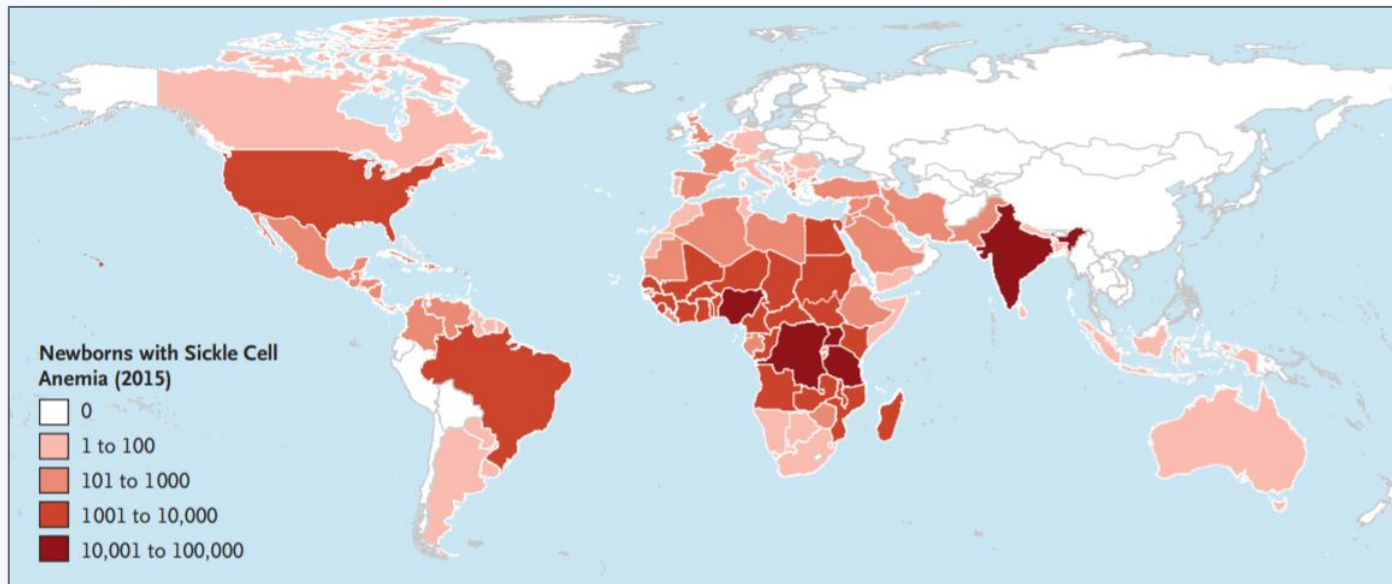


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# Sickle Cell Disease is Prevalent Globally, with Large Patient Populations in the Americas, Africa, and Middle East

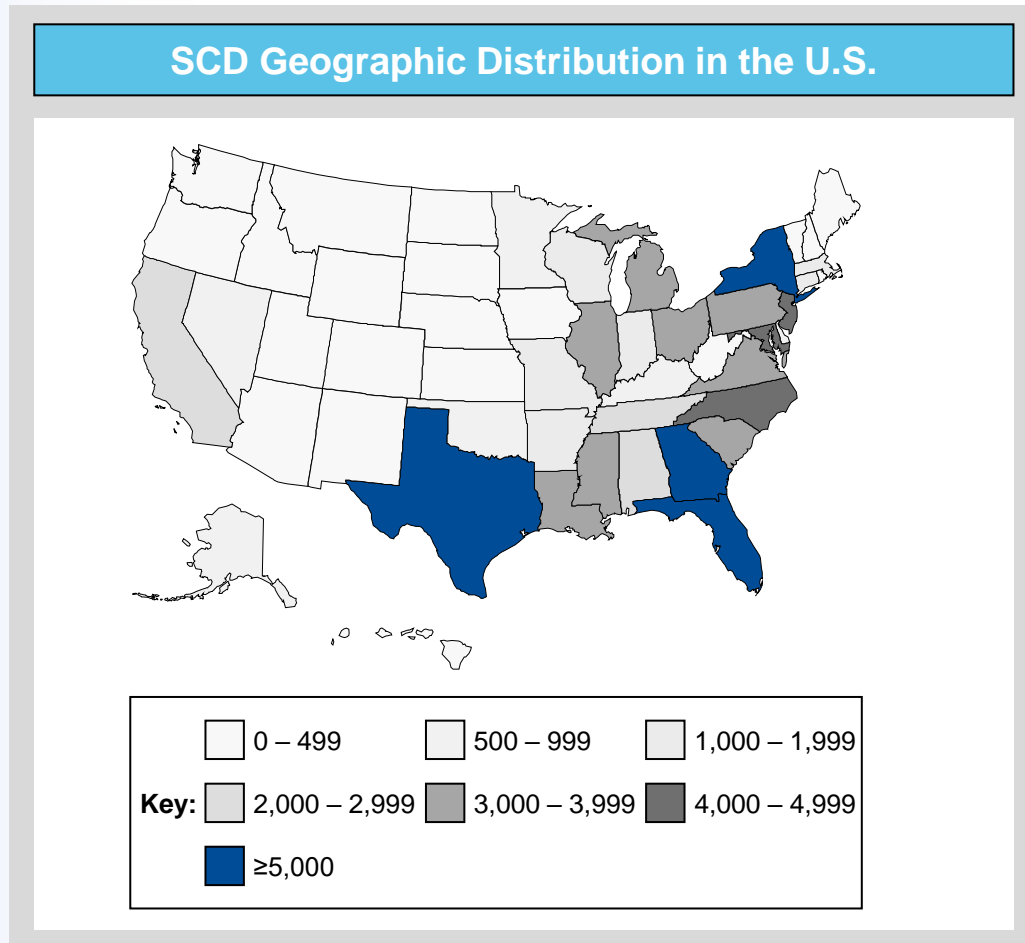
## Number of Newborns with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in 2015



- Globally, ~300,000 babies are born with a severe hemoglobin disorder per year
- Estimated that ~1,000 children are born with SCD in Africa every day
- Approximately 5% of the world's population is a carrier for SCD or  $\beta$ -thalassemia
- **An estimated 100K patients in the U.S. and 50K patients in EU are currently diagnosed with SCD**

Source: Piel, FB. N Engl J Med 2017; Piel, FB. PLoS Med 2013; SCD Coalition, ASH Infographic 2016; WHO, Sickle Cell Disease, 2020, EMA Orphan Designation (EU/3/18/2125).

# In the United States, Geographic Distribution of SCD Patients is Highly Concentrated

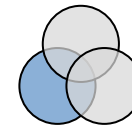
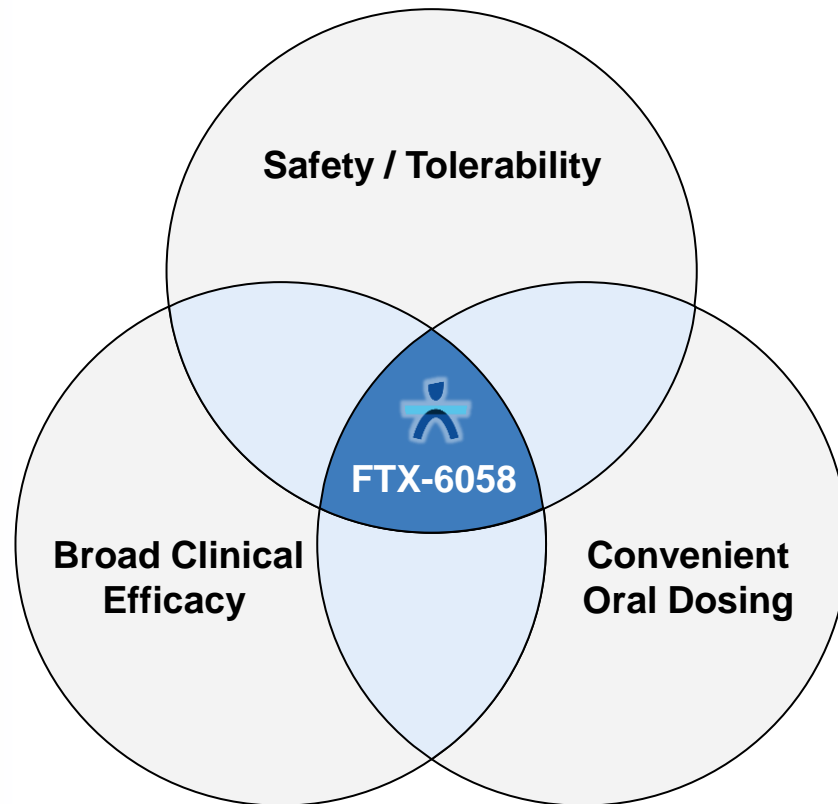


- In the U.S. and Europe, robust prenatal and newborn screening programs enable early diagnosis of SCD patients
- Approximately 100K SCD patients in the U.S.
- Majority of the ~100K SCD patients in the U.S. are concentrated in urban areas of several key states
  - Enables a streamlined approach to patient outreach, clinical trial recruitment, and commercial launch strategy

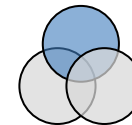
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# FTX-6058 Has the Potential to be Uniquely Positioned as a Best-in-Class Treatment

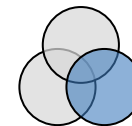
## HbF Induction is a Compelling Opportunity for Therapeutic Differentiation



***The FTX-6058 MOA has the potential to address both anemia- and VOC-driven disease***



***HU tolerability issues and HSCT/gene therapy safety risks provide FTX-6058 an opportunity to differentiate on safety and tolerability***

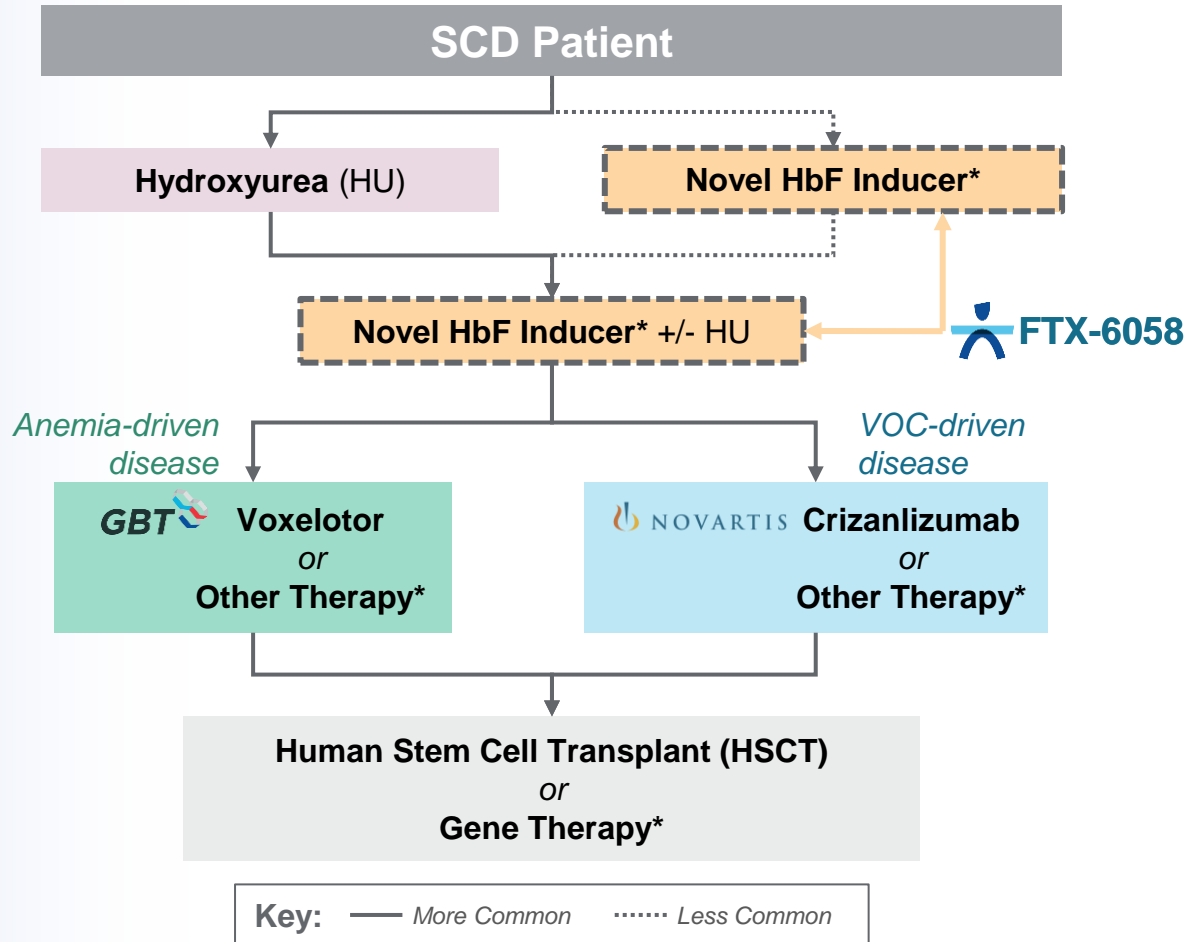


***The projected once-daily, oral dosing of FTX-6058 is likely advantageous over other methods such as IV infusion and bone marrow transplant***



# Novel Therapies are Necessary Given the Enduring Unmet Needs of SCD Patients

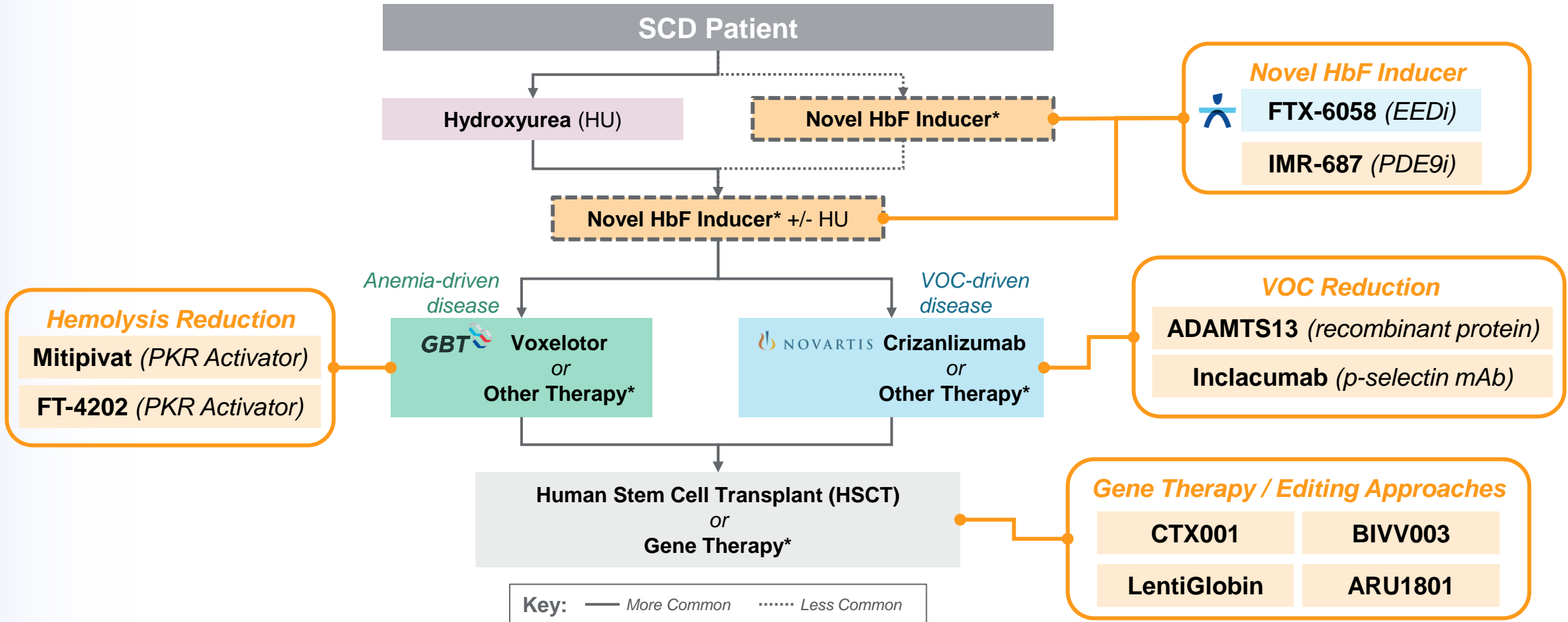
## Potential Future SCD Treatment Paradigm



- Majority of SCD patients experience shortcomings with HU treatment
  - Limited clinical efficacy, tolerability issues, and safety risks
- SCD therapies are primarily focused on addressing either anemia- or VOC-driven disease
- Given the safety risks associated with conditioning regimens and access limitations, HSCT and gene therapy is likely to be utilized as a last-line treatment
- **Novel HbF inducers have the potential to address both anemia- and VOC-driven disease**
  - May be utilized as monotherapy or combination therapy with HU

# Key Clinical-stage Assets are Primarily Focused on Specific Aspects of Disease, with Gene Therapy Becoming Increasingly Competitive

## Potential Future SCD Treatment Paradigm



# HbF Induction is an Attractive Therapeutic Approach in $\beta$ -Thalassemia

## HbF is a Known Disease Modifier of $\beta$ -Thalassemia

### REPORT

A Genetic Variant Ameliorates  $\beta$ -Thalassemia Severity by Epigenetic-Mediated Elevation of Human Fetal Hemoglobin Expression

### Targeted Fetal Hemoglobin Induction for Treatment of Beta Hemoglobinopathies

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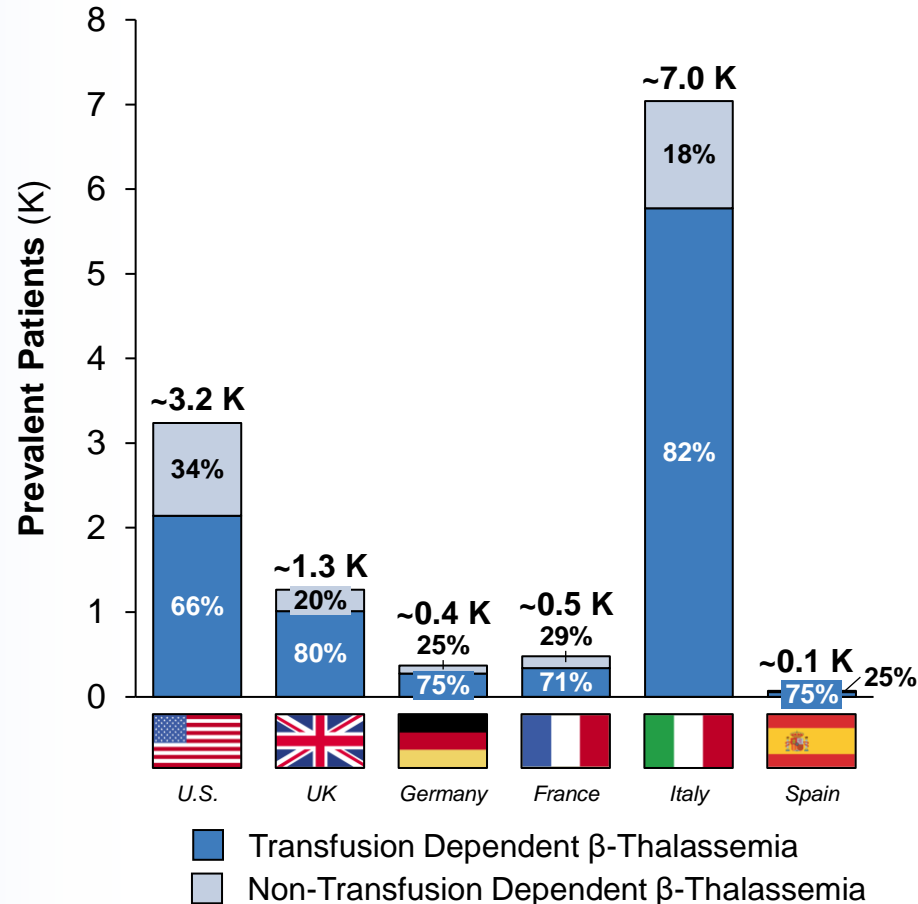
Manipulation of developmental gamma-globin gene expression: an approach for healing hemoglobinopathies

Vigneshwaran Venkatesan, Saranya Srinivasan, Prathibha Babu, Saravanabhavan Thangavel

- $\beta$ -Thalassemia patients often experience numerous morbidities during disease progression, such as:
  - Abnormal hematopoiesis
  - Pulmonary hypertension
  - Venous thromboembolism
  - Heart Failure
  - Leg Ulcers
  - Others (e.g., diabetes, osteoporosis)
- Increased HbF levels are associated with a milder disease course in  $\beta$ -Thalassemia patients
- **Novel therapeutics capable of inducing HbF and total Hb have the potential to address  $\beta$ -Thalassemia and other anemias**

# There are >12K Patients Diagnosed with $\beta$ -Thalassemia in the U.S. and EU5

## $\beta$ -thalassemia Prevalence in U.S. and EU5 (2019)



- $\beta$ -Thalassemia has a higher prevalence in Mediterranean and Asian populations
- Studies in the U.S., Italy, UK, and France suggest that on average ~75% of affected patients may be Transfusion Dependent  $\beta$ -Thalassemia (TDT)
  - TDT rates vary between 50 – 80% due to differences in inter-study ethnic composition, design, and dependence definition
- **Fulcrum is advancing a clinical strategy for FTX-6058 in patients with  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**

# Summary and Next Steps

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**As a novel orally bioavailable HbF inducer, FTX-6058 has an opportunity to be a transformative therapy for patients with SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**

- SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia have significant unmet need, and require novel therapies
- An orally bioavailable compound that elevates fetal hemoglobin (HbF) has the potential to provide meaningful clinical benefit to a broad range of SCD and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia patients
- Fulcrum's Engine identified the EED target, and developed FTX-6058, a potent small molecule HbF inducer in both human cells and genetically engineered SCD mice
- Oral, once-daily dosing with FTX-6058 is projected in humans from preclinical studies
- Actively enrolling healthy volunteers in Phase 1 SAD/MAD studies

## Next Steps

- **Anticipate initiating an FTX-6058 clinical trial in patients with SCD in 2021**
- **Advancing a clinical strategy for FTX-6058 in patients with  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**



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