

# Unlocking the Potential of Gene Therapy for All



#### Capsida is Solving the Challenges of Gen-1 Gene Therapies

Starting in CNS and Ophthalmology, but with IP rights and applicability to all TAs

#### **CNS Challenges**

Wild Type AAV9

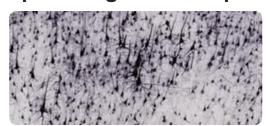
NHP Cortex



#### **Capsida Solutions**

**Capsida Engineered Capsids** 

NHP Cortex



Crossing	Limited ability to cross BBB;
the BBB	< 1% neuronal transduction

Safety
Concerns
Liver and dorsal root ganglia (DRG) toxicity

Patient Narrow therapeutic index limits to ultra-rare/rare diseases

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IV delivery increases risk of off-target effects (especially liver) and triggering immune response

Cross BBB with >70% of neurons transduced in NHPs

16x fold liver detargeting and 50x fold DRG detargeting vs WT AAV9

Broader therapeutic index enables more common diseases across all ages

Non-invasive IV delivery limits risks and allows consistency across brain regions

CNS specificity with no clinical pathology, adverse histopathology, and immune-related adverse events



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#### Leadership



Peter Anastasiou Chief Executive Officer







Nicholas Flytzanis, PhD Founder, Chief Research and Innovation Officer





Nick Goeden, PhD Founder, Chief **Technology Officer** 



#### **Board Members**



Clare Ozawa. **PhD** 



Beth Seidenberg, MD



Viviana Gradinaru, PhD Founder













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Peter Anastasiou Chief Executive Officer







#### Capsida History and Milestones Achieved

2019



Founded upon breakthrough AAV engineering from laboratory of Viviana Gradinaru, Ph.D.



**\$50M** Series A co-led by Westlake Village BioPartners and Versant Ventures

2021



AbbVie CNS deal \$90M upfront including convertible note (CN); future milestones & royalties

2023



Lilly/Prevail CNS deal \$55M including upfront & equity commitment; future milestones & royalties



AbbVie Ophthalmology deal \$70M upfront including CN; future milestones, & royalties



Cost sharing manufacturing collaboration



Lead capsids up to 70% neuronal transduction in NHPs; DC for STXBP1

2024



DC for PD-GBA; 3rd internal program; Excellent manufacturing yields and quality specs at or above FDA standards

IND-enabling studies initiated for STXBP1 and PD-GBA

Novel Human receptor identified derisking clinical translation



#### Pipeline for Rare and Common Diseases Across All Ages

Capsida Wholly Owned Programs					
Disease / Target	Cargo	Preclinical	IND-Enabling	Phase 1/2	Next Milestone
Genetic Epilepsy due to STXBP1 mutations	Gene Supplementation	CAP-002			IND Submission 1H 2025
Parkinson's disease associated with GBA mutations	Gene Supplementation	CAP-003			IND Submission 1H 2025
Undisclosed	Gene Supplementation	CAP-004			DC Candidate Selection

Partnered Programs		
Partner	Disease Area	Co-Development/Co-Commercialization (Co/Co) Option
abbvie	Neurological & Ophthalmology Diseases	One Program, U.S. Profit Share (Neurological)
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CR.ISPR THERRAUTOS	Neurological Disease	CRISPR owned, Capsida Co/Co Option



# Capsida Platform

#### Capsida – Uniquely Positioned to Lead Gene Therapy

#### **Capsid Engineering Scale**

Fully industrialized and roboticized platform

Screening capabilities across cell types in NHPs and human cells

#### **CNS Tropism**

>99% specific to neurons at the capsid level

>70% neurons transduced

Broad IP portfolio protecting capsids and capsid/cargo

#### **Peripheral De-targeting**

>16x liver detargeted and ~50x DRG detargeting

Superior off-target safety profile

Broad IP portfolio protecting detargeting

#### **Therapeutic Expression**

Expression levels in NHPs with potential to achieve full disease correction

Industry leading expression levels across pipeline programs

#### **Clinical Translatability**

Identified and patented novel human receptor with complete homology in NHPs and humans

Validated expression in NHPs and human cells

#### Manufacturability

In-house process development and GMP manufacturing

Productivity surpassing AAV9

Quality specs exceeding FDA requirements

Only Capsida has created all the capabilities and results needed to deliver on the promise of gene therapy



#### Capsida Has Developed Best-In-Class Platform

Leverages rigorous drug development principles and high-throughput automation to identify capsids that meet Target Capsid Profile (TCP) for each indication

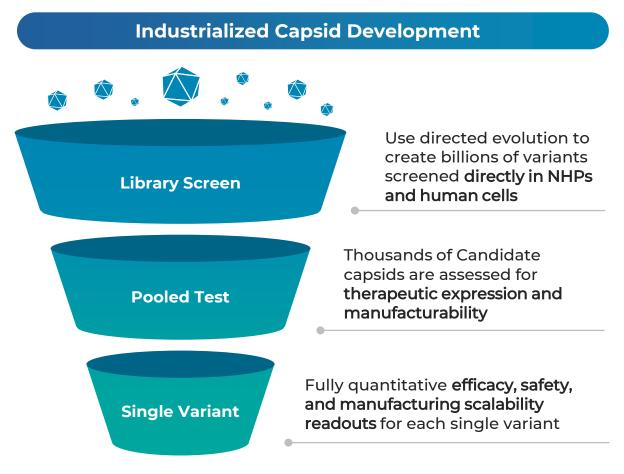
**Engineered Capsids that Meet or Exceed TCP** 

Evolved from engineering in mice to NHPs and screening in human cells to improve human translatability

Industrialized process built around customized robotics platform

Engineer capsids to meet TCP criteria including:

- Targeted tissues and cell type specificity
- High expression levels
- >10x off-target tissue detargeting
- Superior immunogenicity profile
- Superior manufacturability profile



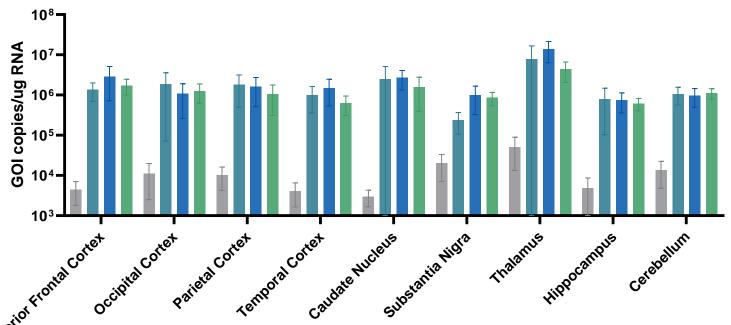
Advance development candidates that meet or exceed TCP for each indication



# Lead Capsids Demonstrate High Expression Across the CNS and Significant Liver De-targeting with IV-dosing

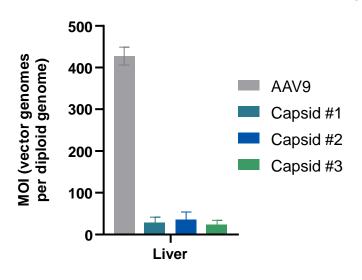
#### **Broad CNS Transduction**

#### **Up to ~300x increase in CNS Expression**



#### **Liver De-targeting**

#### Up to ~16x decrease in Liver De-targeting



Cargo: HA-GOI | Dose: 2.5E13 vg/kg

**Species/Age:** N = 3 cynomolgus macaques/group, 36-42mo

Capsid selected for CAP-002 and CAP-003 exceeds rigorous criteria for both programs



# Significant De-targeting of the Liver and No Histopath Findings, Including in DRGs, After IV Dosing in NHPs



**16X de-targeted to liver** compared to AAV9

Lead capsid is **well tolerated** with no clinical pathology or immunogenicity findings

Unremarkable histopathology across the body, including liver and DRGs



# Pipeline Programs

#### Parkinson's Disease Associated with GBA Mutations

CAP-003 potential to be best-in-class disease modifying therapy

#### **PD-GBA**

Mutations in GBA result in decreased GCase activity (25-30% in symptomatic PD-GBA patients) and lysosomal dysfunction

Up to 15% of PD patients have mutations in the GBA gene<sup>1</sup>

	Limitations of Investigational Therapies	CAP-003 Differentiators
Transduction	Low neuronal transduction, especially in substantia nigra	+ Up to 70% of neurons transduced (57% in substantia nigra)
Expression	<ul> <li>Don't report GCase activity or haven't seen significant elevations</li> </ul>	GCase increases exceed levels  needed to treat PD-GBA and reach 78% in cortex and 59% in putamen
Delivery	<ul><li>Invasive delivery</li></ul>	+ Non-Invasive IV delivery
Safety	<ul><li>DRG toxicity risks</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Unremarkable histopathology across the body, including liver and DRGs</li> </ul>



#### **Disease Manifestations**

PD is second most common neurodegenerative disease

Motor Symptoms (e.g., resting tremor, rigidity, slowness of movement) and non-motor symptoms (e.g., cognitive decline, psychiatric)



#### **Unmet Need**

No approved disease-modifying therapies

Potential for earlier age of onset, more frequent cognitive impairment, more rapid progression vs idiopathic PD<sup>1</sup>



#### Commercial Opportunity Potential >\$1B

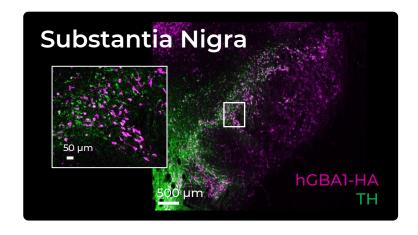
Potential to be first IV delivered gene therapy

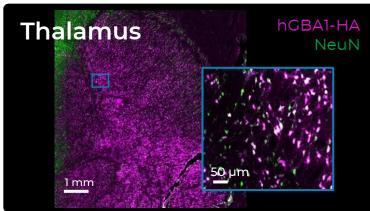
Up to **150K** prevalent PD-GBA population in US<sup>2</sup> and up to **180K** in the EU<sup>3</sup>

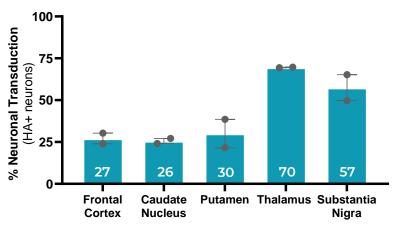
<sup>1</sup>Smith and Schapira 2022; <sup>2</sup>Parkinson's Foundation; <sup>3</sup>Deuschl G The Lancet Public Health 2020

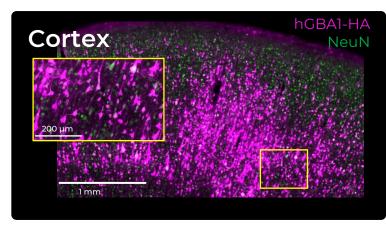


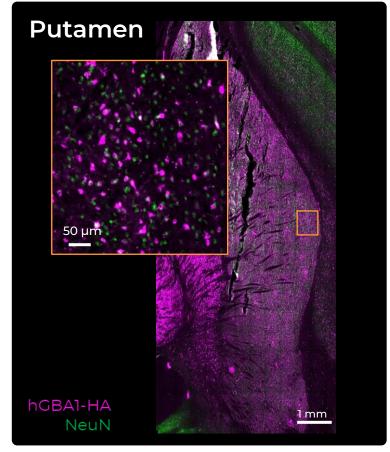
# IV Dosing Yields Widespread Expression of hGBA1-HA in Relevant NHP Brain Regions, including Substantia Nigra











**PD-GBA Development Candidate Study** 

**Dose:** 2.5E13 vg/kg

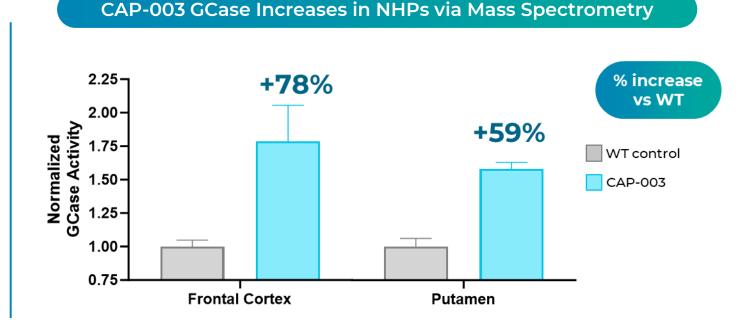
Cargo: hGBA1-HA; In-life: 6 weeks

Species/Age: N = 3 cynomolgus macaques, ~42mo



### CAP-003 Significantly Exceeds GCase Activity Levels Required for Clinical Efficacy

#### PD-GBA Patient GCase Deficits 1.50-% decrease -32% **-28**% vs Healthy 1.25-Normalized GCase Activity 1.00-Healthy PD-GBA 0.50-0.250.00 **Frontal Cortex Putamen** Adapted from Leyns et al., 2023



GCase increases are expected to normalize enzyme deficits and provide clinically meaningful benefit for PD-GBA patients

#### CAP-003 increases brain GCase protein by ~174%

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Cargo: hGBA1-HA, Dose: 2.5E13 vg/kg, In-life: 6 weeks, Species: Cynomolgus macaques, Age: ~42mo



#### Syntaxin-binding Protein 1 (STXBP1) Genetic Epilepsy

CAP-002 is first-in-disease and best-in-class disease modifying therapy

STXBP1 Genetic Mutatio	n
Autosomal dominant	

STXBP1 is expressed in every neuron and is essential for neurotransmitter release

Reduction in STXBP1 levels results in impaired neurotransmission

	Limitations of Investigational Therapies	CAP-002 Differentiators
Transduction	_ Inability to achieve brain wide neuronal transduction	<ul> <li>Widespread transduction through the brain</li> </ul>
Expression	<ul><li>Insufficient</li></ul>	+ Dose-dependent STXBP1 protein expression throughout the cortex
Delivery	<ul> <li>Invasive delivery</li> </ul>	+ Non-Invasive IV delivery
Safety	<ul><li>DRG toxicity risks</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Unremarkable histopathology</li> <li>across the body, including liver and DRGs</li> </ul>



#### **Disease Manifestations**

Refractory seizures

Developmental delay, cognitive dysfunction, and intellectual disability

Motor abnormalities

Early mortality



#### **Unmet Need**

No approved therapies

Anti-seizure medications only partially effective



#### Commercial Opportunity Potential >\$1B

No disease modifying programs in clinical development

Potential to be first-in-class and first-in-disease

1:30,000 live births<sup>1</sup> (up to 4500 in US and EU) and growing

<sup>1</sup>Lopez-Rivera et al., Brain, 2020



### Brain-wide STXBP1 Expression Enables Dose-dependent Efficacy in Epilepsy & Cognitive Dysfunction in Mouse Model



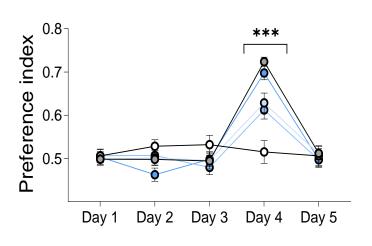
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After

Before

#### **Cognitive Dysfunction**





- WT + Vehicle
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- Mut + Low dose
- Mut + Medium dose
- Mut + High dose

Difference from Mut + VEH: ns, non-significant, \*\* p < 0.01, \*\*\* p < 0.001

After

Brain-wide STXBP1 expression achieves significant reduction of seizures and cognitive dysfunction in mice

Murine data generated in collaboration with lab of Mingshan Xue, Baylor College of Medicine



**Myoclonic Seizures** 

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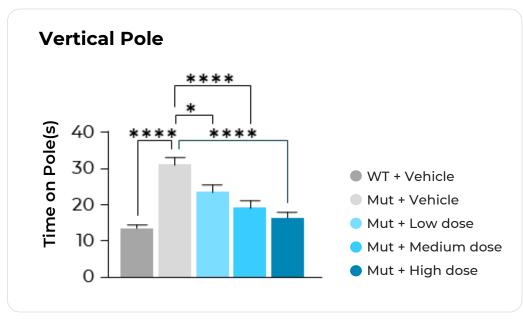
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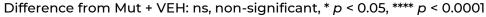
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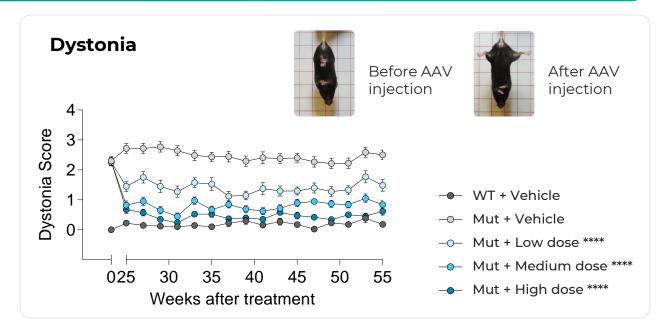
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# Dose-dependent Efficacy in Motor Deficits in Mouse Model Enabled by Brain-wide STXBP1 Expression

#### **Motor Deficits**







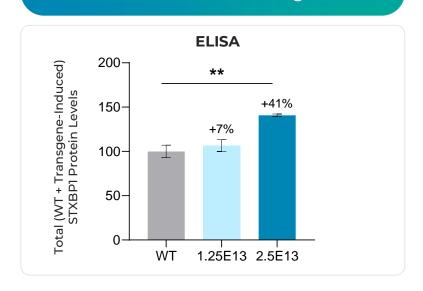
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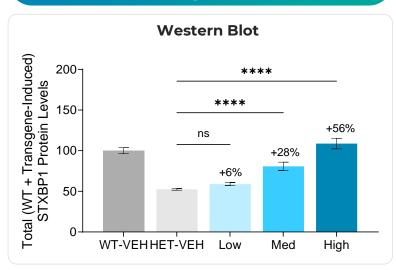


#### CAP-002 Achieves Significant STXBP1 Increases Throughout NHP Brain Following IV Delivery

#### NHP with WT STXBP1 background



#### Mice with haploinsufficient STXBP1 background



CAP-002 achieves dose-dependent STXBP1 expression in NHPs that correlates with correction of epilepsy, cognitive, and motor phenotypes in mice

CAP-002 increases STXBP1 in NHPs beyond levels needed to demonstrate a direct benefit and is expected to correct deficits in all phenotypes in patients

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# Manufacturing

## Integrated Process & Analytical Development and cGMP Capabilities

In house capabilities reduce turn-around times and expedite process transfer to support clinical studies

**Vector Production** 



Rapid production of engineered capsids for preclinical studies

Process & Analytical Development



Conduct manufacturability assessment in HEK293 suspension process

Up to 50 L bioreactor scale

Develop and optimize key analytical assays

cGMP Manufacturing



15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> cGMP Manufacturing Facility

Leverages single use systems

Up to 200L bioreactor scale

Finish – fill operations

Unidirectional flow

In-house QC capabilities for product release

Modular clean rooms

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