# ALN-HTT02, a Novel C16-siRNA Conjugate for HTT-lowering in the CNS

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### ALN-HTT02

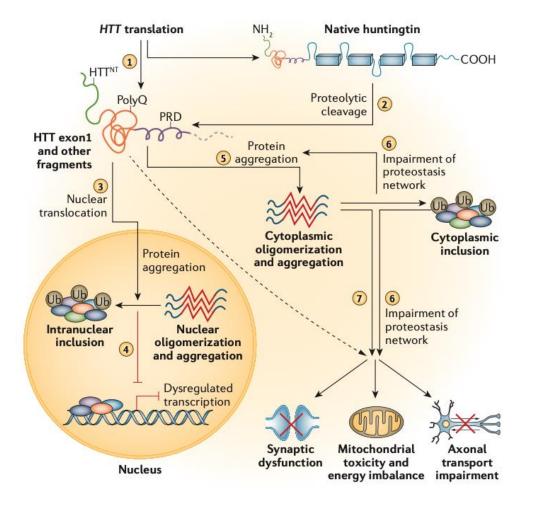
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# HTT is a Genetically Validated Target for Huntington's Disease<sup>1</sup>

## No approved disease-modifying treatments exist, reflecting a critical unmet need<sup>2</sup>



- Huntington's disease (HD) is progressive and fatal, driven by mutant huntingtin (HTT)<sup>1,3</sup>
  - Toxic, broadly disruptive gain of function
  - CAG repeat expansion; somatic instability
  - Protein aggregation
  - Widespread neurodegeneration
- Both full-length mutant HTT and shorter exon 1 splice isoforms likely contribute to disease pathology<sup>2</sup>
- Investigative HTT-lowering approaches may offer potential to alter the course of HD progression<sup>1,4</sup>
  - Safety and extent of achievable clinical benefit have yet to be elucidated
  - Early efforts limited by therapeutic platform challenges

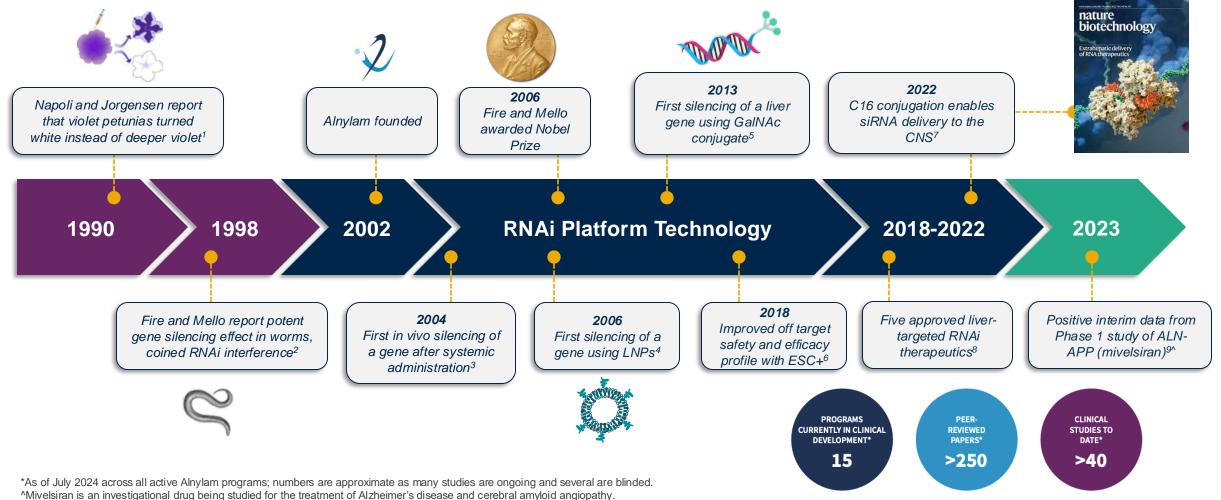
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CAG, cytosine-adenine-guanine; HD, Huntington's disease; HTT, huntingtin.

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## **Alnylam has Pioneered Development of RNAi Therapeutics**

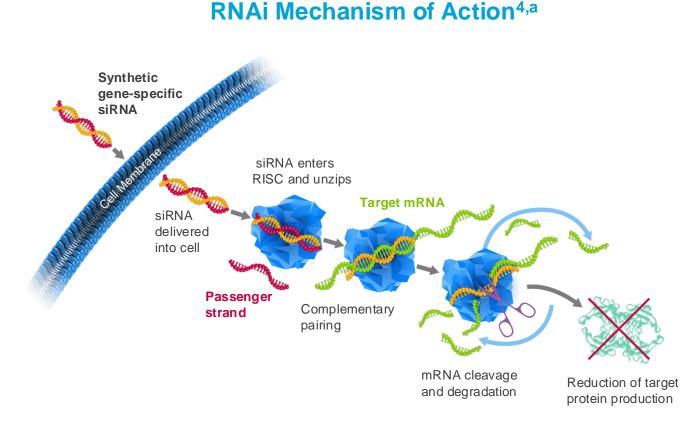
## **Over 20 years of platform learning & optimization**



C16, 2'-O-hexadecyl; CNS, central nervous system; ESC+, enhanced stabilization chemistry plus; GalNAc, N-acetylgalactosamine; LNP, lipid nanoparticle; RNAi, RNA interference; siRNA, small interfering RNA.

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# **RNA Interference Harnesses an Endogenous Process to Lower Expression of Disease-Associated Proteins**



#### RNAi is a natural biological process to regulate gene expression<sup>1</sup>

- Synthetic small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) designed to specifically degrade mRNA encoding a diseaseassociated protein<sup>1</sup>
- **Catalytic mechanism**, repeatedly reducing target protein expression while leaving DNA intact<sup>1</sup>
- RNAi therapeutics have demonstrated **potent and durable efficacy**, supporting infrequent dosing regimens, with **acceptable safety profiles**<sup>2,3</sup>
- RNAi therapeutics are a unique class of genetic medicine; distinct from antisense oligonucleotides<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Image created by Alnylam Pharmaceuticals from data published in Jadhav et al. 2024<sup>4</sup>

mRNA, messenger RNA; RNAi, RNA interference; siRNA, small interfering RNA.

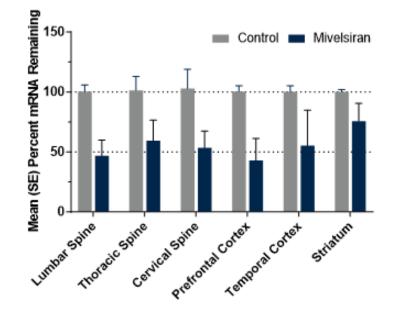
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## **First Translation of RNAi in the CNS**

Preclinical and Phase 1 data of C16-siRNA demonstrate robust lowering of target protein expression with encouraging safety in Alzheimer's disease

#### Preclinical Results with APP-lowering siRNA<sup>1,2</sup>

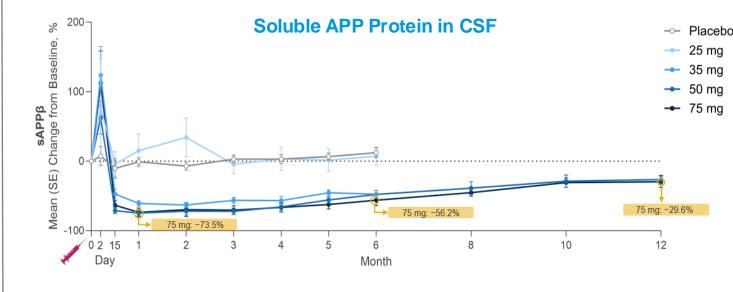
- IT dosing of siRNA enables delivery to the CNS
- C16 conjugation enables widespread siRNA distribution and durable target engagement



3 months post single IT dose in NHPs

#### Interim Phase 1 SAD Results of Mivelsiran in Early-Onset AD<sup>3</sup>

- Rapid, robust reductions in target protein levels observed through Month 12
- Majority of AEs are mild or moderate and nonserious
- CSF safety biomarkers, routine lab assessments, and exploratory NfL data all show no significant abnormalities



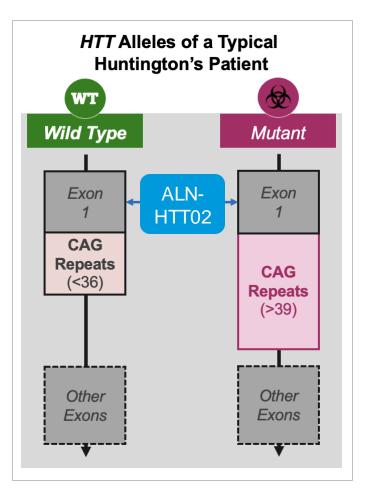
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AD, Alzheimer's disease; AE, adverse event; APP, amyloid precursor protein; C16, 2'-O-hexadecyl; CNS, central nervous system; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; IT, intrathecal; mRNA, messenger RNA; NfL, neurofilament light chain; NHP, non-human primate; RNAi, RNA interference; SAD, single ascending dose; sAPP, soluble amyloid precursor protein; siRNA, small interfering RNA.

# ALN-HTT02 is an Investigational RNAi Therapeutic Designed to Reduce HTT Protein Expression in the CNS

Leveraging a Clinically-Validated C16-siRNA Delivery Platform

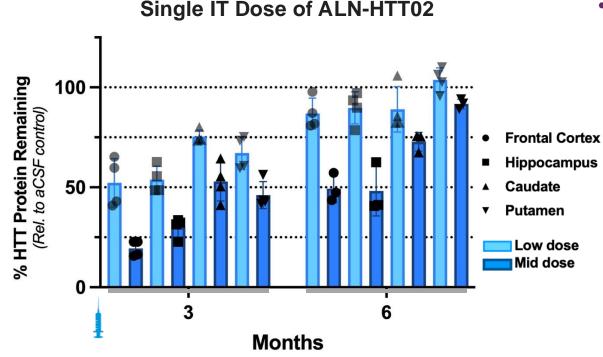


## **Therapeutic hypothesis**

- ALN-HTT02 targets a conserved mRNA sequence within exon 1
- Designed to reduce expression of **all** HTT protein species – *mHTT (full-length), mHTT (exon 1), wtHTT*
- By reducing **all** forms of mHTT protein containing expanded polyglutamine tracts, ALN-HTT02 has the potential to limit toxic gain of function activities and alter the course of HD progression

# Single Dose of ALN-HTT02 Demonstrates Broad CNS Distribution and Durable HTT-Lowering in NHP<sup>1</sup>

**PK/PD Profile Consistent with Prior RNAi Experience in the CNS** 

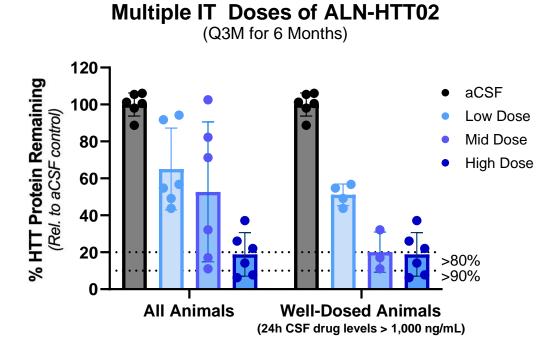


- Observations following a **single dose** of ALN-HTT02:
  - Widespread distribution across CNS regions
  - Durable HTT-lowering, supporting infrequent dosing in the clinic
  - Encouraging safety profile through 6 months
    - No in-life neurological abnormalities
    - No elevations in CSF NfL
    - No elevations in CSF total protein

aCSF, artificial cerebrospinal fluid; CNS, central nervous system; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; HTT, huntingtin; IT, intrathecal; NHP, non-human primates; NfL, neurofilament light chain; PD, pharmacodynamic; PK, pharmacokinetic; RNAi, RNA interference. 1. Cantley W, et al. Poster Presentation at the European Huntington's Disease Network and Enroll-HD 2024 Meeting. September 12-14, 2024. Strasbourg, France.

# HTT-Lowering via Multiple Doses of ALN-HTT02 is Well Tolerated in NHP<sup>1</sup>

## Safety Profile Supports Continued Development



PD data from frontal cortex at 6M

- Observations following **multiple doses** of ALN-HTT02 at 3 dose levels:
  - Encouraging safety profile through 6 months
    - No in-life neurological abnormalities
    - No adverse CSF parameter changes
    - No adverse microscopic findings
  - ALN-HTT02 has been evaluated in 4 independent NHP studies to date
    - No adverse findings, even after deep HTTlowering (>90%)

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# A Phase 1b Study of ALN-HTT02 in Adult Patients with HD<sup>1</sup>

## Placebo-controlled single ascending dose study evaluating safety, tolerability, and PK/PD

#### **Study population**

- Age 25 to 70 years with >39 CAG repeats
- HD-ISS Stage 2 or early Stage 3

#### Endpoints

#### **Primary endpoint**

· Safety and tolerability

#### Secondary endpoints

- PK: CSF and plasma profile of ALN-HTT02
- PD: Change in mHTT levels in CSF

#### **Exploratory endpoints**

• Clinical, imaging and biomarker measures of disease progression and safety

<b>Dose</b> (Administered IT)	Randomization	Single Ascending Dose <sup>a</sup>	<b>Open-label</b> <sup>b</sup> (Placebo-treated only)
Dose 1		-	
Dose 2	ALN-HTT02 or Placebo	-	
Dose 3		<b>→</b>	<b>—</b>
Additional cohort(s)		<b>→</b>	
Observat	ion period	Up to 12 months	Up to 12 months

a. The decision to proceed to the next dosing cohorts is determined by the Safety Review Committee

After all patients in the double-blind cohort have reached Month 6, cohort is unblinded and placebo-treated patients may receive a single open-label dose of ALN-HTT02



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#### Study initiating in the UK & Canada; additional countries planned

Protocol reviewed and accepted by Enroll-HD CTC and endorsed by EHDN EC

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# Summary

- Alnylam's clinically-validated siRNA platform may offer a new approach for HTT-lowering in the CNS
- ALN-HTT02 is an investigational RNAi therapeutic designed to durably lower <u>all</u> forms of mHTT, including exon 1 fragments
  - Potential to optimize depth and duration of HTT-lowering via clinical dosing regimens to maximize efficacy while preserving safety
- wtHTT-lowering in the CNS appears well tolerated in NHPs after IT dosing with ALN-HTT02
  - Findings demonstrated in multiple independent studies, even with deep HTT-lowering
- A Phase 1b study of ALN-HTT02 in people with Huntington's disease is currently initiating<sup>1</sup>

If you are seeking additional scientific information related to Alnylam therapeutics, US HCPs may visit the Alnylam US Medical Affairs website at RNAiScience.com. Non-US HCPs should contact medinfo@alnylam.com.

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