



# Syncona Investor Webinar: Freeline Therapeutics

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## Overview of today's session

### Chris Hollowood, SIML CEO

- › Market backdrop
- › Syncona update including Freeline acquisition

### Michael Parini, Freeline CEO

- › Overview of the business
- › Strategy and pipeline

### Pamela Foulds, Freeline CMO

- › Overview of the FLT201 Gaucher disease programme including commercial potential
- › Recent data at ASGCT



# Syncona: Company update

Chris Hollowood,  
SIML CEO



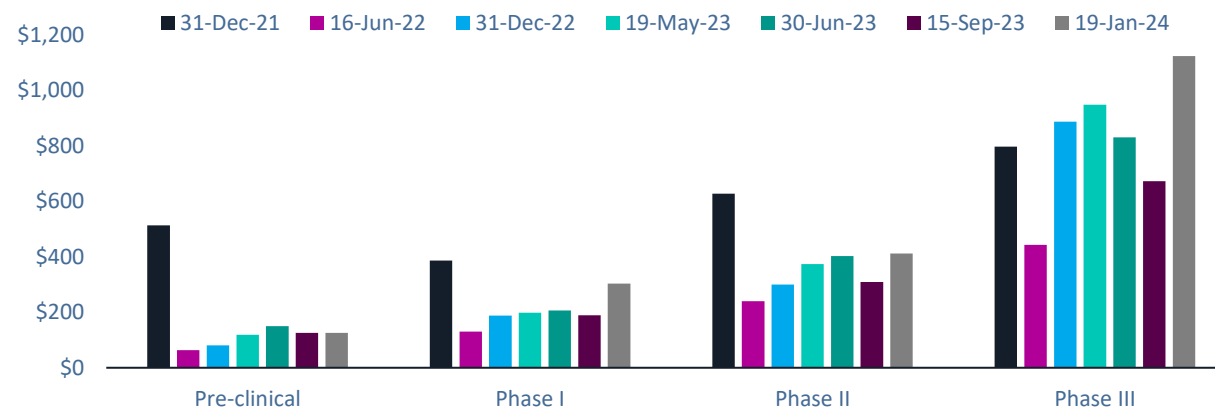
# Market activity beginning to normalise

## Value returning at late-stage

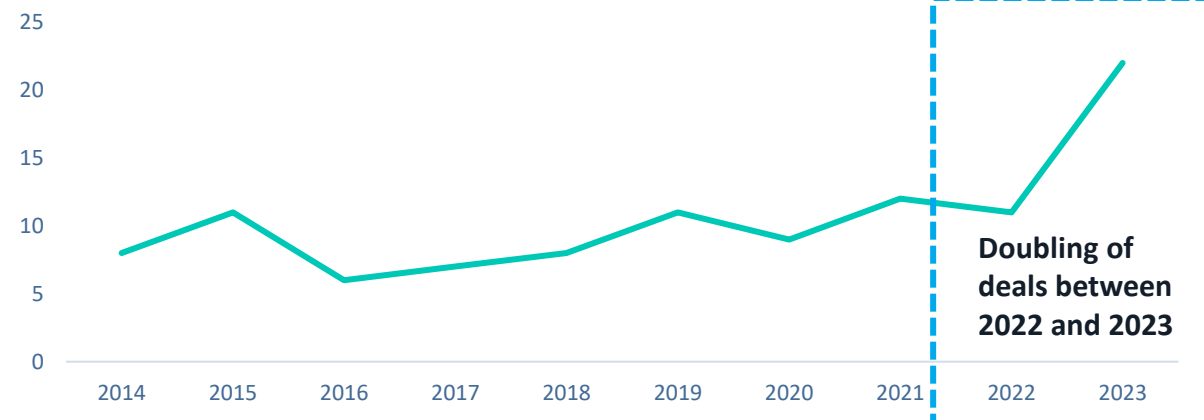
### Private and public financing environment remains challenging

- Valuations are recovering in companies developing late-stage assets in the public markets and moving beyond levels seen in last 18-24 months
- Financing challenges remain for clinical and pre-clinical companies – reflecting importance of focusing on commercial opportunity
- Long-term structural trends and recent market activity underline the key role played by biotech in drug development
  - Pharma continues to be reliant on biotech for product development, with +\$200bn in US pharma revenue at risk of patent expiry in the second half of the decade
  - Number of recent late-stage deals where big pharma have acquired biotech companies at attractive multiples, with a significant recovery in deal flow in 2023 vs 2022

Average Enterprise Value of a Biotech listed on US exchanges by stage of development<sup>2</sup>



Biopharma M&A activity – number of transactions valued +\$1bn<sup>2</sup>



# Working to maximise value

Last 12 months have brought challenges to management teams across biotech

## Capital allocation focused on maximising value for shareholders

- › Focus on allocating capital towards clinical-stage opportunities
- › 69% of value within our strategic life science portfolio in clinical-stage companies<sup>1</sup>
- › Strong pipeline of new investments includes focus on clinical-stage opportunities

## Actively managing our portfolio

- › Working to widen financing syndicates
- › Focusing capital towards our highest potential assets and streamlining budgets
- › Exploring strategic transactions and creative financing solutions
- › Exploring portfolio company consolidations and M&A

## Recent examples

- › Autolus completed a strategic collaboration and equity investment with BioNTech alongside an offering for total gross proceeds of \$600m received in the year
- › Agreement reached with Century for the acquisition of Clade for up front consideration to Syncona of £7.4m, enabling redeployment of proceeds and resource in line with capital allocation focus
- › Decision to take Freeline private

# Freeline: an exciting opportunity for shareholders

Aligns with Syncona model and capital allocation focus

## Exciting lead programme with platform potential

- › Strong data from Gaucher programme published to date in an area of high unmet need
- › Opportunity to leverage technology to move into larger indications such as Parkinson's Disease

## Leading management team

- › Management team has led the company effectively through the recent challenging market environment
- › Strong platform now exists to deliver for patients

## Differentiated opportunity to fully acquire a clinical-stage asset

- › Challenging market conditions provided a differentiated opportunity to take Freeline private
- › Acquisition in an all-cash transaction which valued Freeline at c.\$28.3 million

Freeline provides an opportunity to drive strong risk-adjusted returns

FREELINE

# Advancing the next generation of gene therapies

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Michael Parini,  
Freeline CEO

# Freeline: A bold ambition to redefine gene therapy



## **Our Purpose**

Unlock the true potential of gene therapy to change the lives of patients and their families



## **Our Goal**

Develop next-generation gene therapies to set new standards of care for chronic, debilitating and life-threatening diseases



## **Our Approach**

Optimize every component of our product candidates to provide one-time gene therapies specifically tailored to each disease



# Creating the next generation of gene therapies

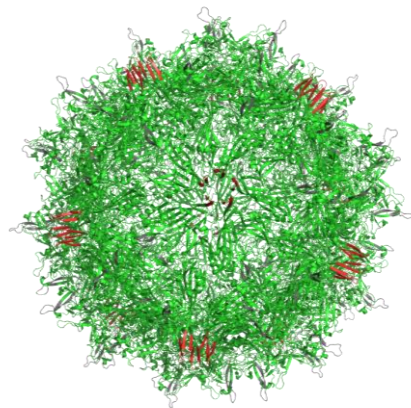
## Targeting well-defined diseases

- Serious, chronic diseases
- High unmet need
- Right target with validated biology
- Consistent delivery of therapeutic protein highly likely to improve patient outcomes

## Optimizing every component of our product candidates

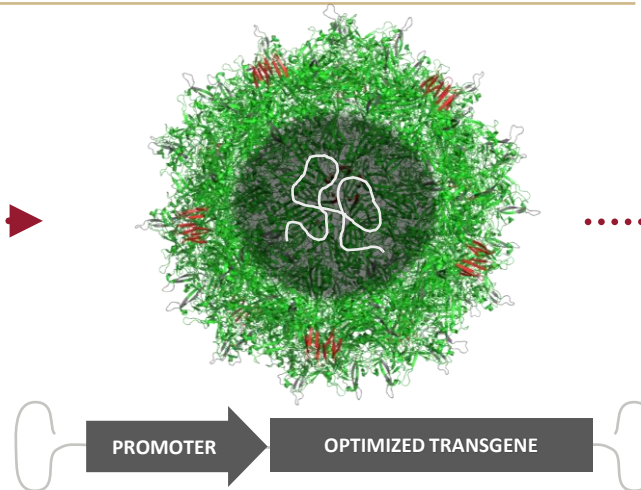
### Selective Capsid

directed at the right cells



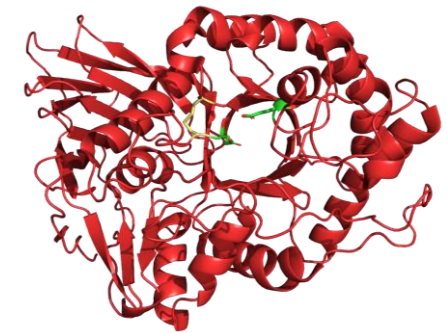
### Optimized Genome

through promoter design and codon optimization








### Engineered Therapeutic

For optimized exposure and efficacy



# Growing pipeline of first- and best-in-class programs with potential to expand into larger disease areas

DISEASE AREA	PROGRAM	APPROXIMATE PATIENT #	DISCOVERY / PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1/2	PHASE 3
LSDs	GAUCHER DISEASE TYPE 1 FLT201	~18K US, UK, EU4, Israel			
CNS	GBA1 PARKINSON'S DISEASE	~190K US, UK, EU4			
	LEWY BODY DEMENTIA	>1M US			
Cardiovascular	SEVERE CHRONIC HEART FAILURE SUBSET	10 – 20K annually US, UK, Western Europe			
	ADDITIONAL CHRONIC HEART FAILURE POPULATIONS	Future			

 Indicates potential for expansion

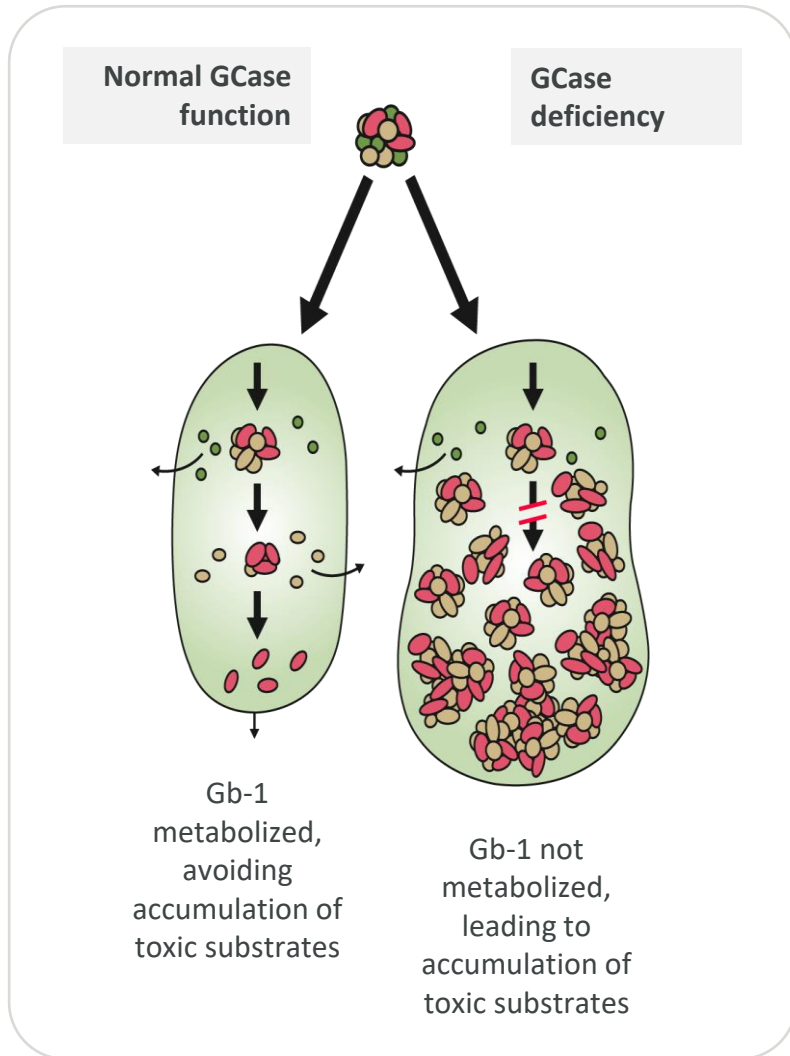
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# FLT201 in Gaucher Disease

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Pamela Foulds,  
Freeline CMO

# Gaucher disease type 1 is a debilitating, chronic and progressive disorder with life-altering symptoms



## Gaucher disease

- Mutations in *GBA* gene cause deficiency of GCase enzyme needed to metabolize Gb-1 in the lysosome, resulting in accumulation of toxic substrate lyso-Gb1
- Affects multiple organs, leading to wide range of symptoms and shortening life span
- Type 1 most common form of disease, affecting ~94% of Gaucher patients

## High ongoing unmet need

- Many patients continue to experience debilitating symptoms despite treatment
- Approved therapies come with heavy life-long treatment burden
- Poses a significant burden and cost for patients as well as on healthcare system

**Significant market opportunity**

**~18k**

Patients in US, UK, EU4 and Israel

**\$2B**

Revenue forecast for Gaucher drugs in 2030

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GCase=glucocerebrosidase; Gb-1= glucosylceramide ; lyso-Gb1=glucosylsphingosine

# No substantial advances in treatment in last two decades

	PRE-1991	1991-2002	2002-PRESENT
	<b>No disease-modifying therapies</b>	<b>ERT is only disease-modifying treatment</b>	<b>Despite emergence of SRT, ERT remains standard of care</b>
<b>LIMITATIONS OF THERAPY</b>	<p>Life-threatening disease, with disabling symptoms</p> <p>Only symptomatic treatments available</p> <p>Splenectomies common intervention</p>	<p>Meaningful advance but not a cure</p> <p>Requires frequent and lengthy infusions</p> <p>GCase quickly eliminated, leading to lack of coverage between infusions</p> <p>Does not fully address myriad of symptoms</p>	<p>SRT offers an oral treatment option but not a cure</p> <p>Tolerability, compliance and lack of efficacy limit its use</p> <p>Less than 20% of market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 in 10 patients report side effects or lack of efficacy</li> <li>• 1 in 3 switch to or return to ERT</li> </ul>

## FLT201

Potential one-time gene therapy with better efficacy and opportunity to set new standard-of-care

# Despite treatment with ERT, many patients continue to have debilitating symptoms and diminished quality of life

After 10+ years on ERT, up to

# 60%

still experience symptoms, including bone pain, lung dysfunction, enlarged organs, fatigue and low platelet counts

# 1 in 3

report increased stress, anxiety about the future and fear of missing infusions

# 1 in 3

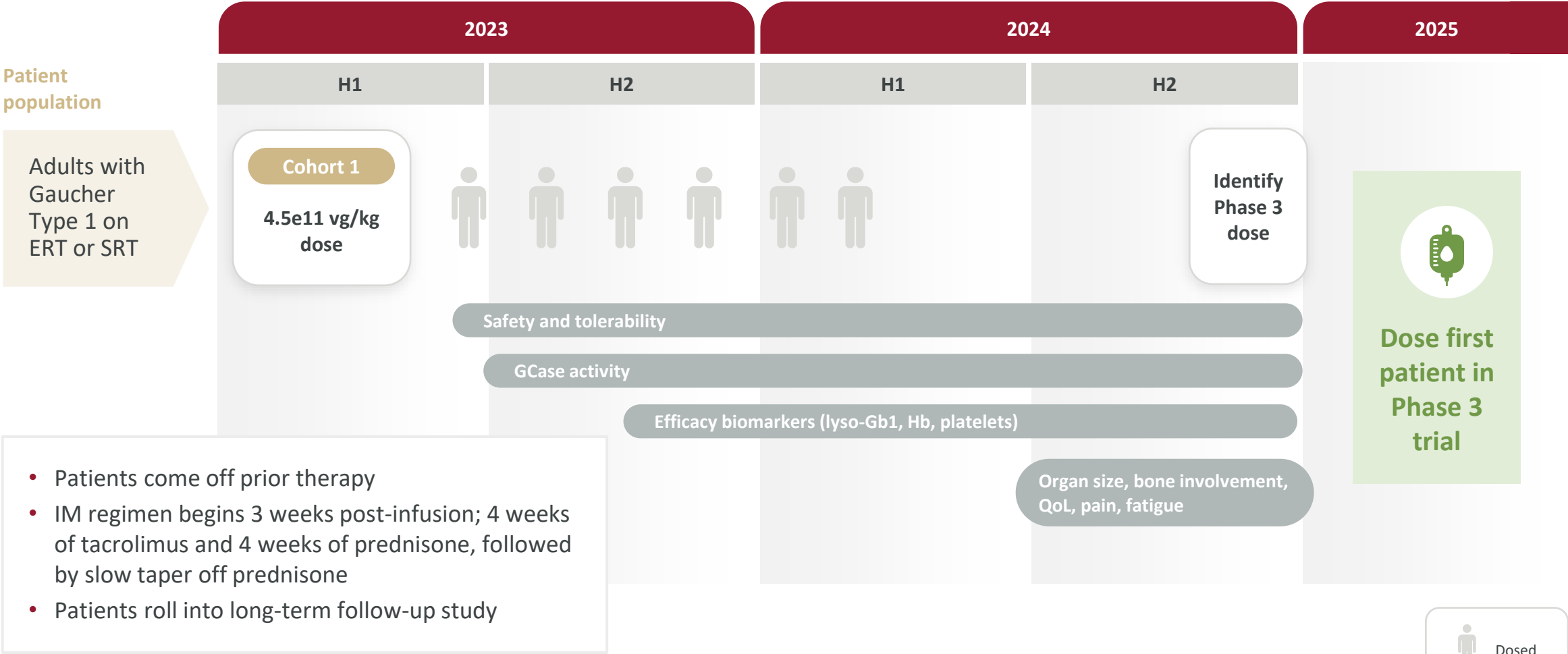
report treatment restricts choices about education, work and leisure activities

## Gaucher takes a toll on patients' overall well-being, including:

- Feelings of sadness, disappointment and frustration
- Fear of losing or changing jobs due to implications for healthcare insurance
- Aggravation caused by dealing with medical problems
- Effects on their ability to meet family obligations
- Guilt about the cost of the disease

# Ongoing GALILEO-1 Phase 1/2 dose-finding study

*First-in-human, open-label, multicenter study*



# Robust and continuous expression in plasma GCase and clear evidence of cellular uptake

**Significant increases in plasma GCase in patients up to 38 weeks.**

GCase activity remained at supraphysiological levels post-immune management regimen.

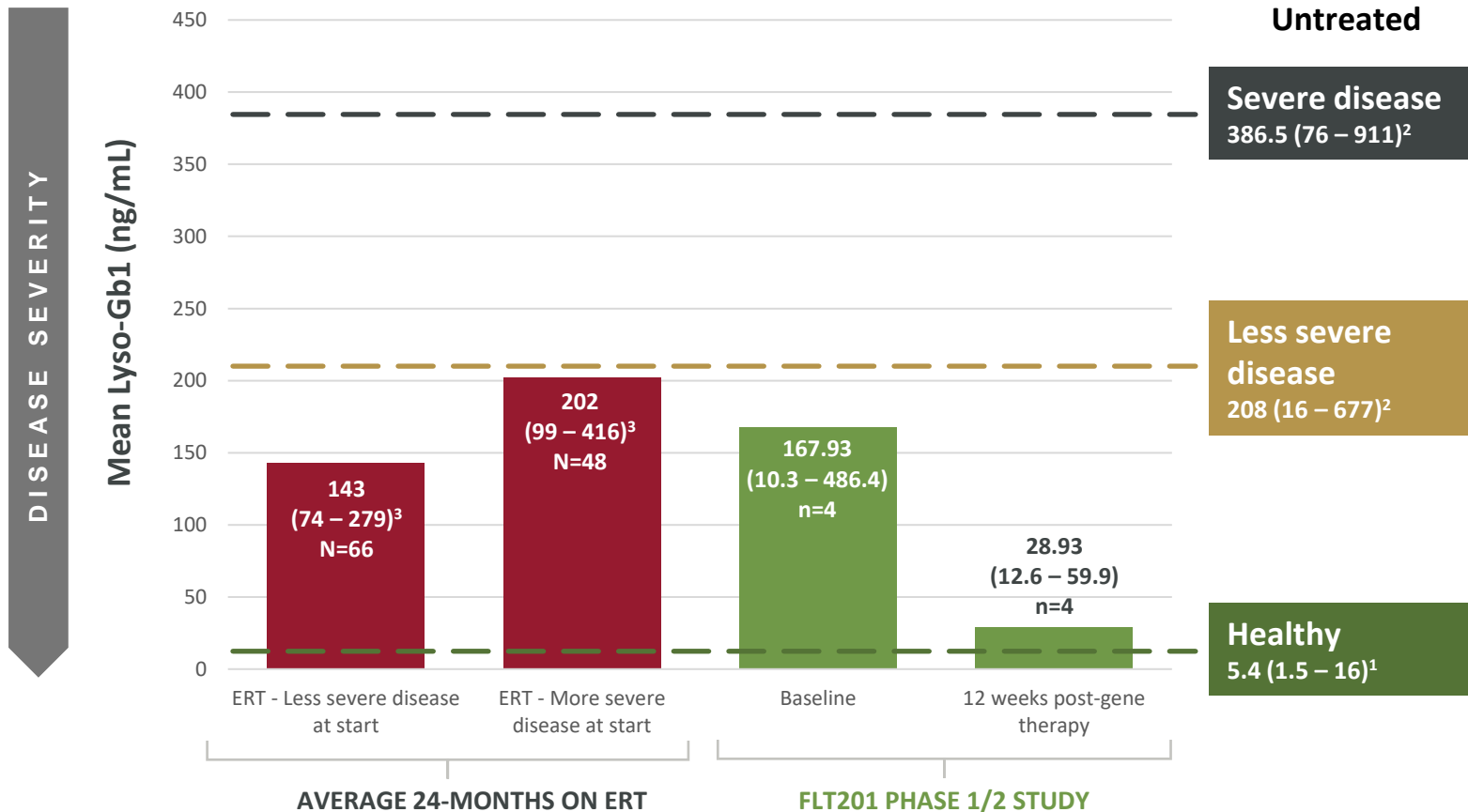


**Increases in leukocyte GCase activity demonstrates cellular uptake of GCase85 from plasma.**

Leukocytes are a broad marker of cellular uptake.



# FLT201 reduces lyso-Gb1 to near-normal levels within three months of single infusion



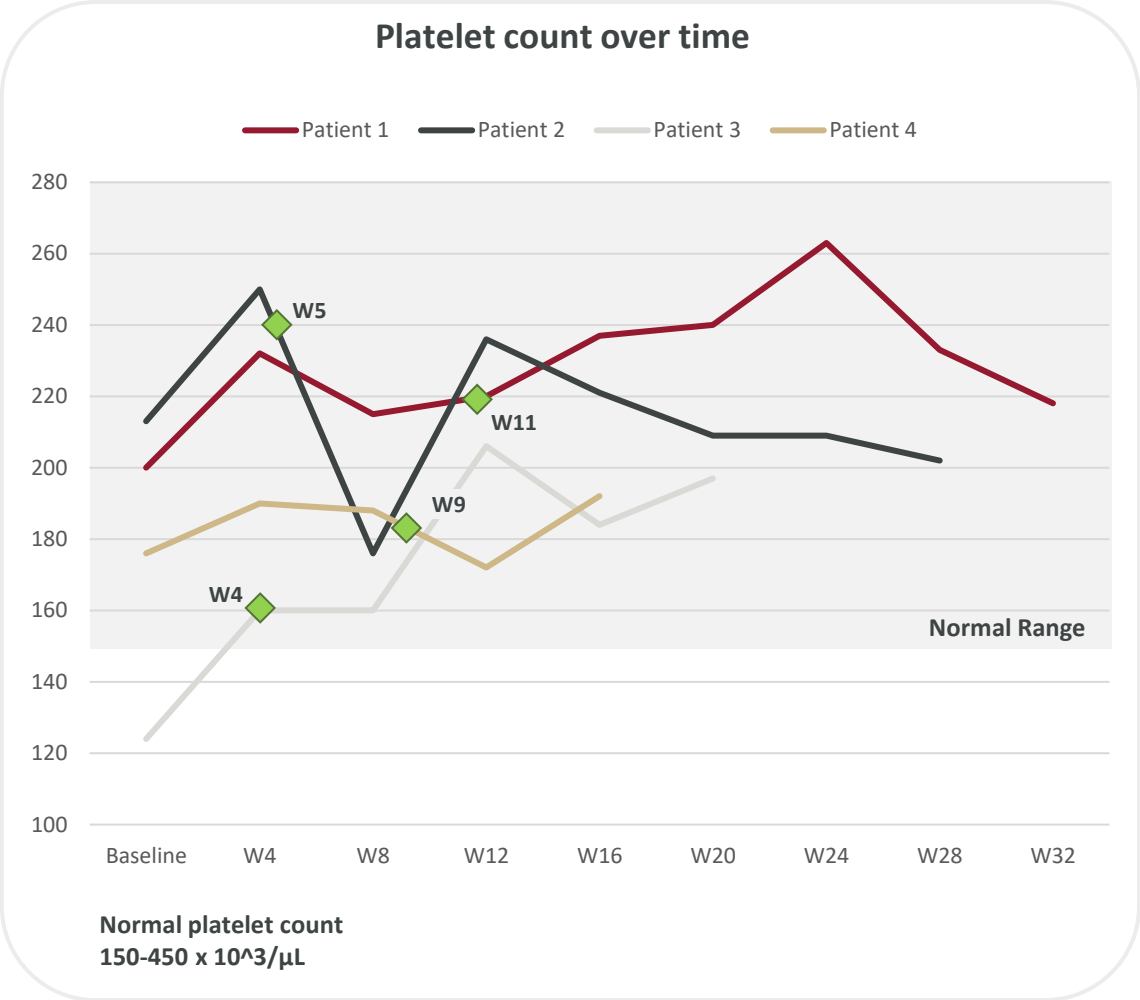
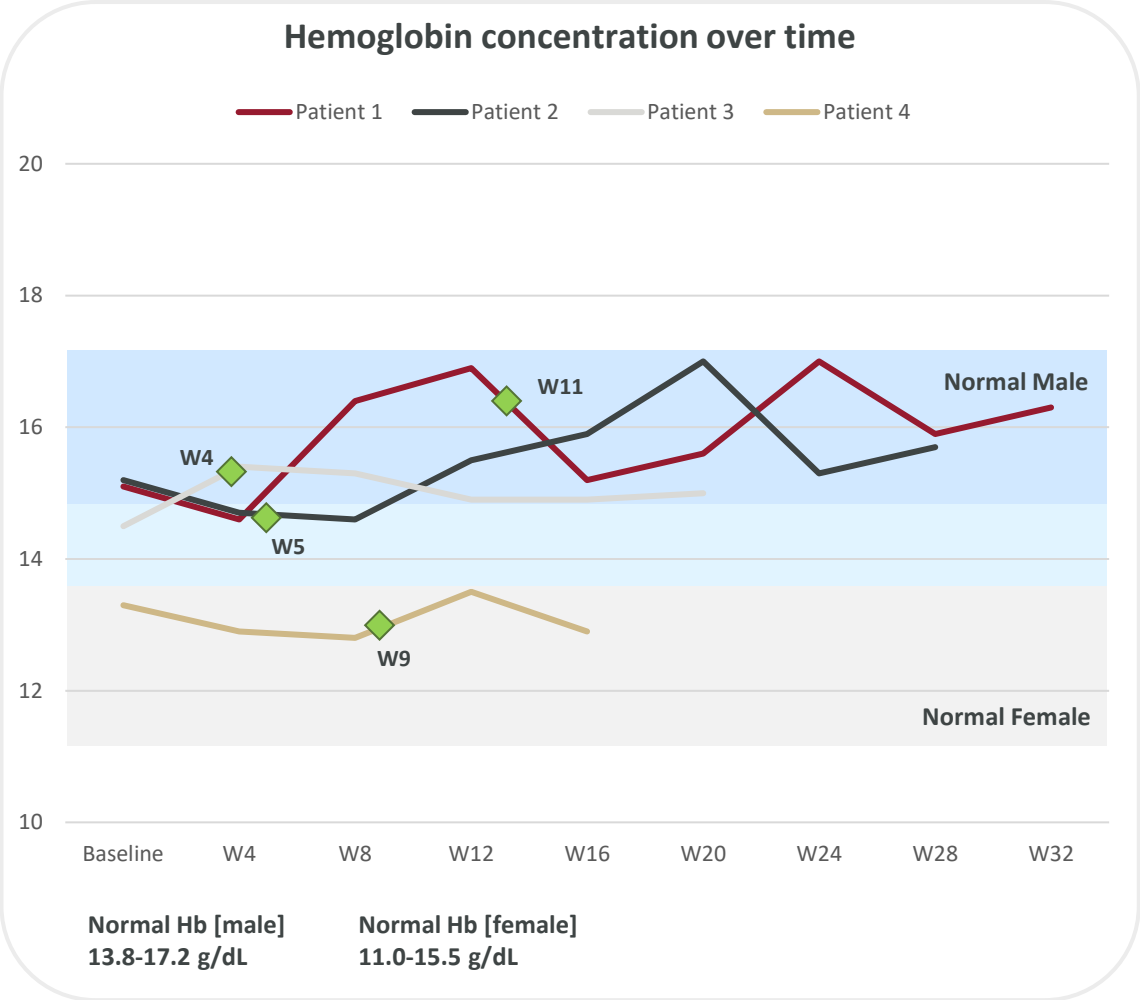
## FLT201 drives lyso-Gb1 lower relative to ERT

Lyso-Gb1 an established biomarker of disease and treatment response.

Substantially reduced levels of lyso-Gb1 observed in patients with persistently high lyso-Gb1 levels, despite years on prior treatment with ERT or SRT.

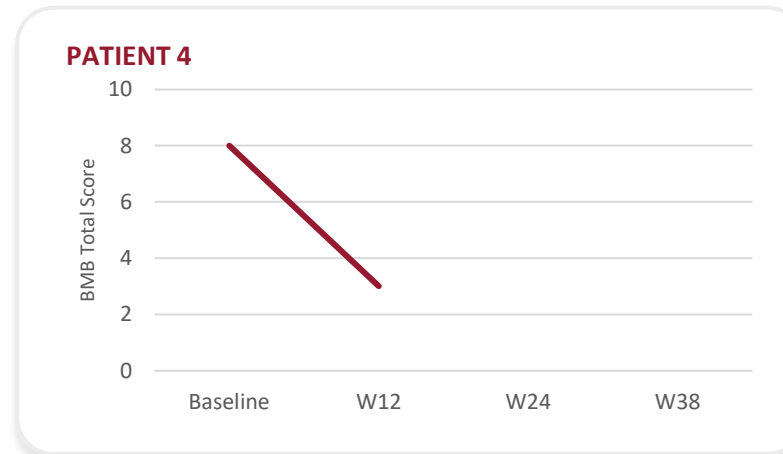
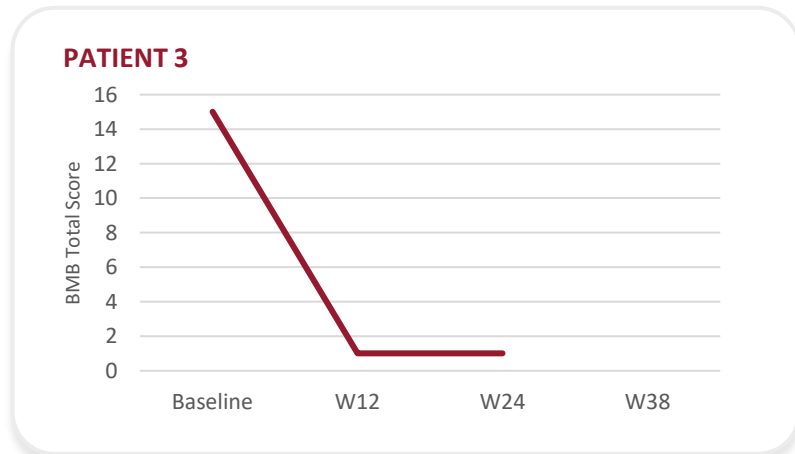
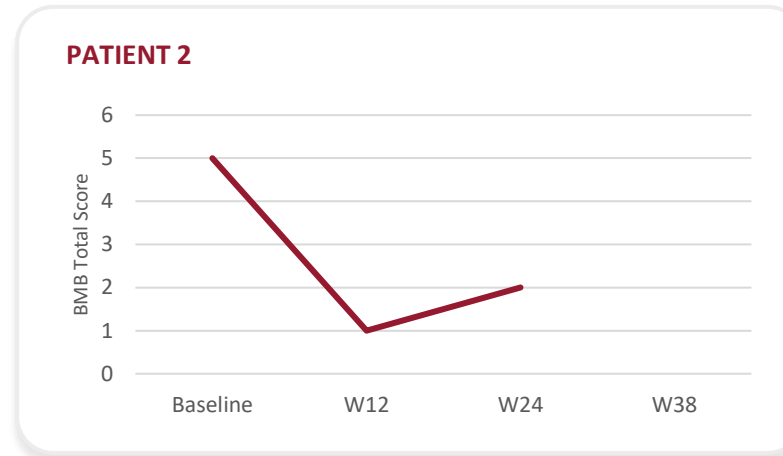
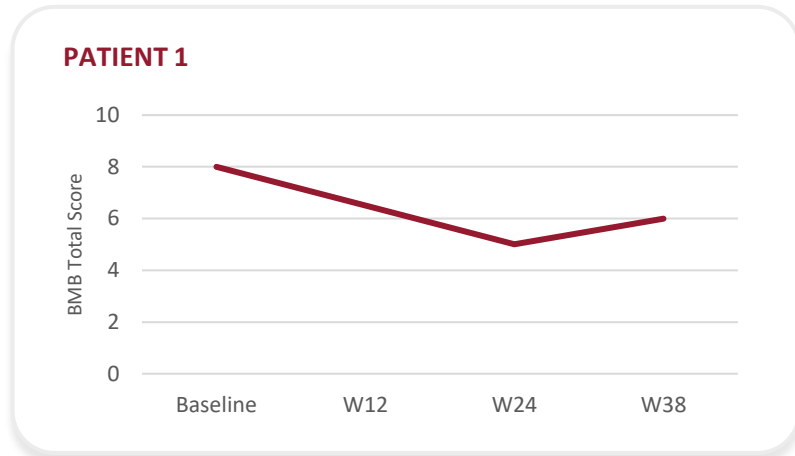
Mean DBS lyso-Gb1 concentration (range); measured in different populations at different timepoints  
<sup>1</sup> Median value and range (Dinur 2022); <sup>2</sup> Curado 2023; <sup>3</sup> Dinur 2021

# Maintenance of hemoglobin and improvement in platelets observed post withdrawal of ERT and SRT



# Emerging data demonstrate beneficial effect on Bone Marrow Burden (BMB)

BMB score by MRI over time



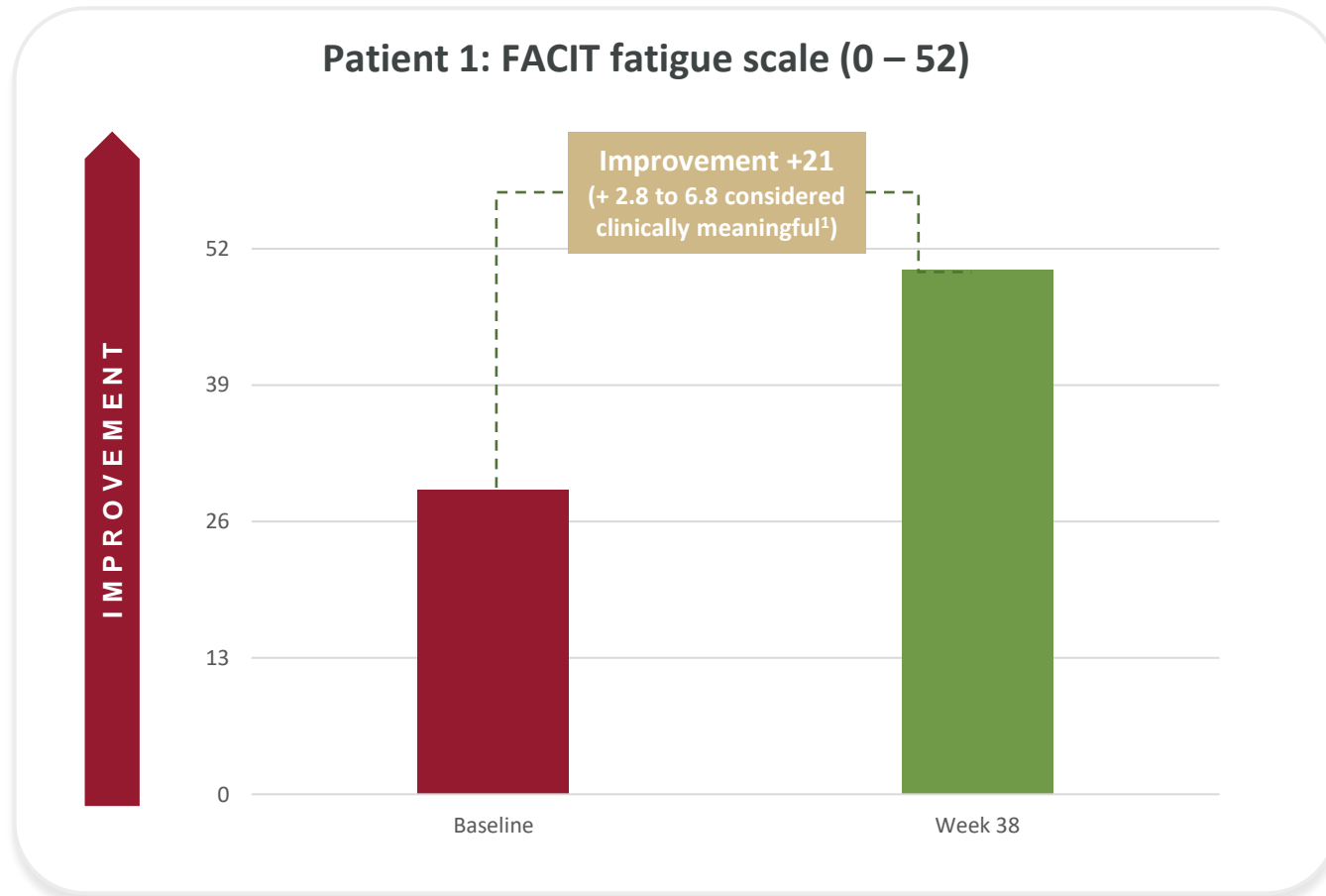
## Improvements even in patients with severe BMB\*

Early signs of clinical improvement observed in BMB as of 12 to 38 weeks post-dosing.

Indicates clearance of substrate from the bone marrow and reappearance of healthy, fatty marrow.

Bone involvement a prevailing unmet need for patients, as tissue difficult to reach for current standard of care.

# Clinically meaningful improvement in fatigue



FACIT = Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy

Patient reported significant improvements in fatigue and ability to perform daily activities

- Has energy
- Able to do usual activities
- No longer feels tired, washed out or weak all over
- No longer has trouble starting or finishing things due to tiredness
- No longer frustrated by being too tired to do the things they want to do
- No longer has to limit social activity due to tiredness

Data cut off April 8, 2024: patients with available W38 data. Presented at ASGCT on May 9, 2024.

<sup>1</sup>Greenbaum 2020; clinically meaningful in cancer, lupus, HUS, RA

# FLT201 has been well-tolerated with clean safety profile to date

## Safety

- Infusions well tolerated; no reactions
- No serious adverse events
- No severe adverse events or dose-limiting toxicities
- Any modest ALT elevations managed with immune therapy with no impact on efficacy
- Non-serious adverse events all mild or moderate in severity
- AEs related to immune management consistent with known profile of prednisone and tacrolimus

# FLT201: Differentiated profile with opportunity to set new SoC

	FLT201 <sup>1</sup>	ERT	SRT
Efficacy	✓	◐	◐
Safety / Tolerability	✓	✓	◐
Treatment Burden	✓	◑	◐
Lifetime Cost <sup>2</sup>	✓	◑	◐

<sup>1</sup>FLT201 target product profile; <sup>2</sup>ERT and SRT have annual costs per patient of c.\$615k and c.\$390k in the U.S., respectively.

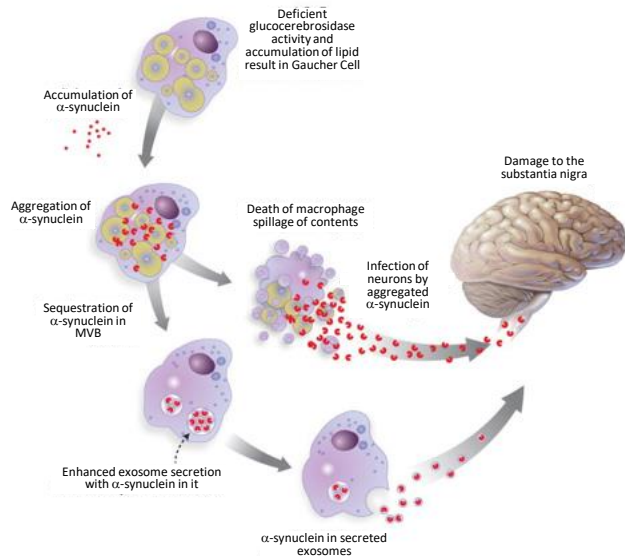
# GBA1 Parkinson's Disease

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# Our longer-acting GCase85 provides opportunity for best-in-class gene therapy for GBA1 Parkinson's disease

GCase deficiency leads to formation of Lewy bodies (alpha-synuclein aggregates) and death of dopaminergic neurons via multiple mechanisms



## GBA1 Parkinson's disease

- *GBA* mutations are most common genetic risk factor for PD
- Associated with earlier onset and more severe disease
- Evidence of reduced GCase activity even in patients without a known *GBA* mutation

## High ongoing unmet need

- No disease-modifying therapies exist for PD
- Symptomatic treatments become less effective over time

**Substantial,  
well-defined  
patient population**

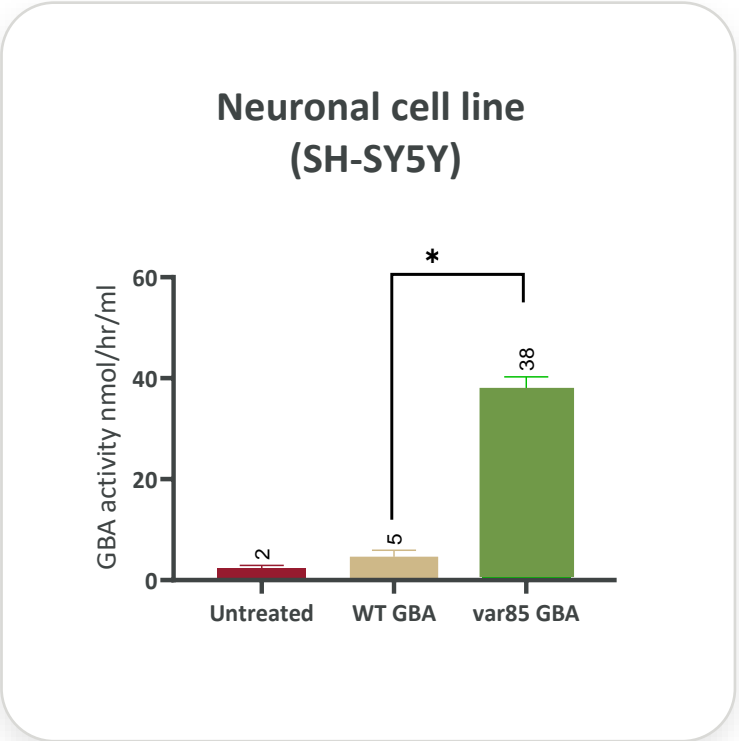
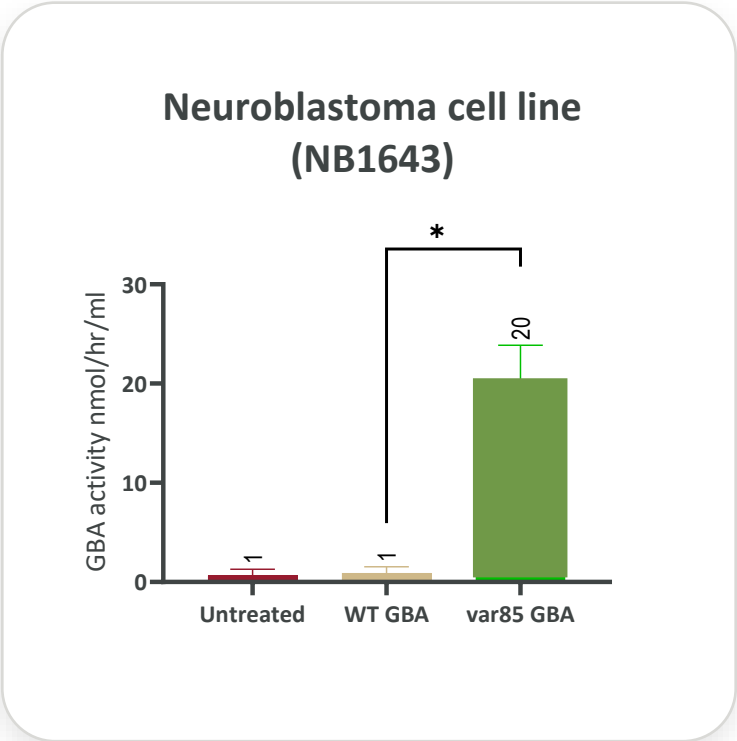
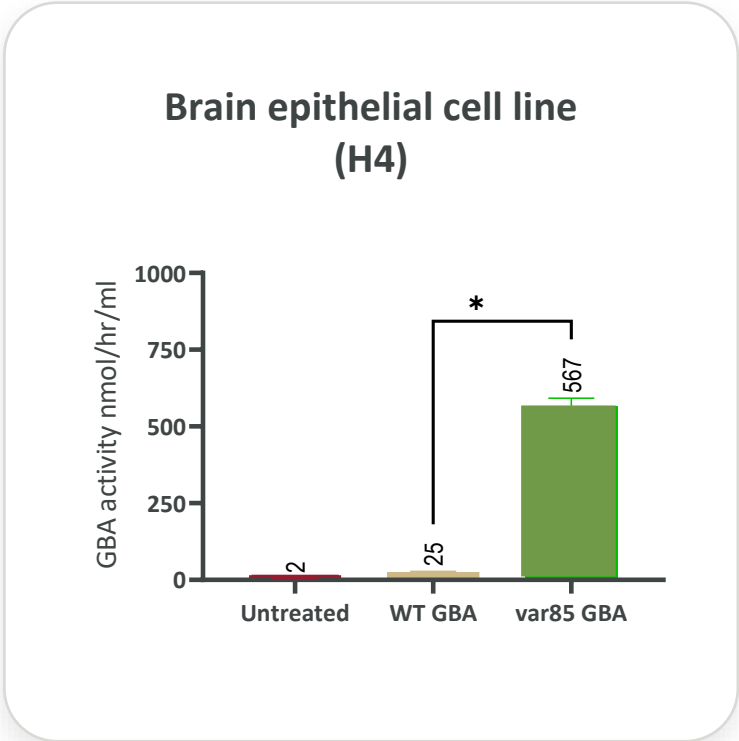
**5-15%**  
of people with PD have  
*GBA1* mutations†

**~190k**  
GBA1 PD patients in  
US, UK and EU4

†Cells 2022, 11(8), 1261; <https://doi.org/10.3390/cells11081261>



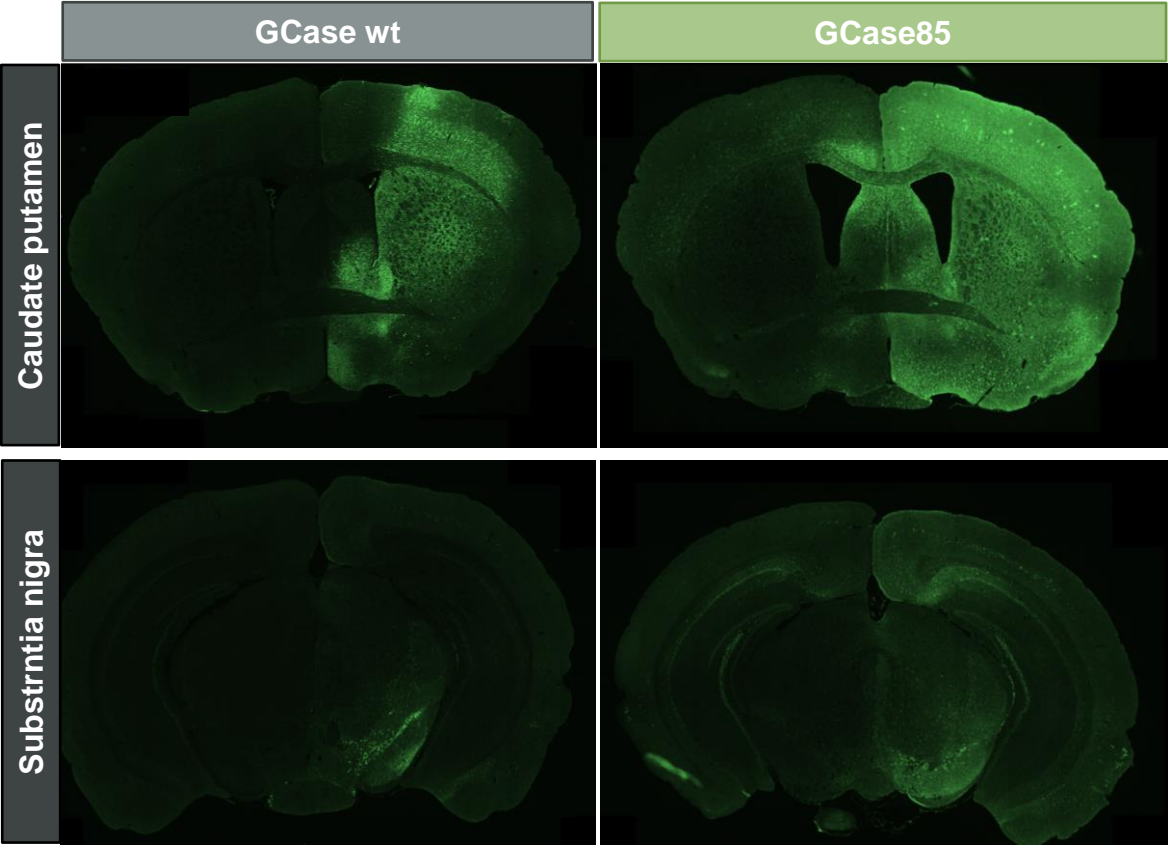
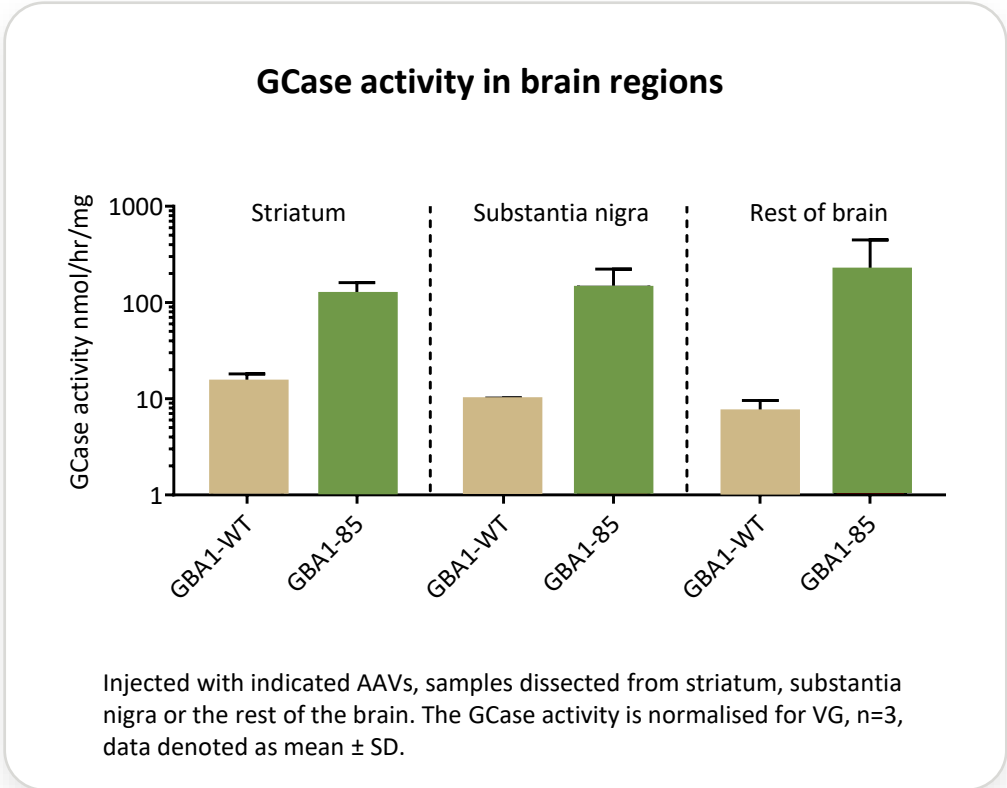
# GCase85 demonstrated up to 20-fold greater activity levels compared to wildtype in preclinical studies



AAV9 in vitro transduction & activity in supernatants; N=3; + SEM, t-test vs. Var85, \*P<0.05

# GCase85 shows greater brain distribution and higher enzyme levels than wildtype GCase *in vivo*

GCase distribution in the brain



Representative coronal sections of animals injected with either AAV9-GBA1-WT or AAV9-GBA1-85 labelled for GCase, n=4. Dosed AAV9 at 1.3e10 vg per mouse by unilateral injection of to right hemisphere striatum.

# Summary

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Michael Parini,  
Freeline CEO

# Anticipated upcoming milestones

## GAUCHER DISEASE

FLT201

- Complete dosing in Phase 1/2 GALILEO-1 trial in Q2 2024
- Report additional data from Phase 1/2 GALILEO-1 trial in H2 2024
- Initiate Phase 3 trial in 2025

## GBA1-PD

Leveraging GCase85

- Select development candidate in H2 2024

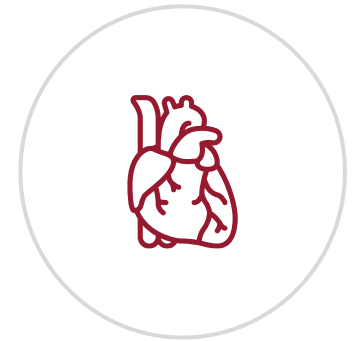
# Advancing the next generation of gene therapies



FLT201: A potential first-and best-in-class gene therapy for Gaucher disease backed by compelling clinical data



Extending the impact of our longer-acting GCase85 into GBA1 Parkinson's disease



Ambitious research strategy to move gene therapy into larger patient populations

**Thank you.**

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