

# Clinical Candidate CP-011 for Wolfram Syndrome

- Lethal orphan indication with no therapeutic standard of care
- Novel MOA for first-in-class small molecule CP-011
- Animal POC is gating to pre-IND meeting
- Clinical trial for CP-011 possible within 12 months of gating POC

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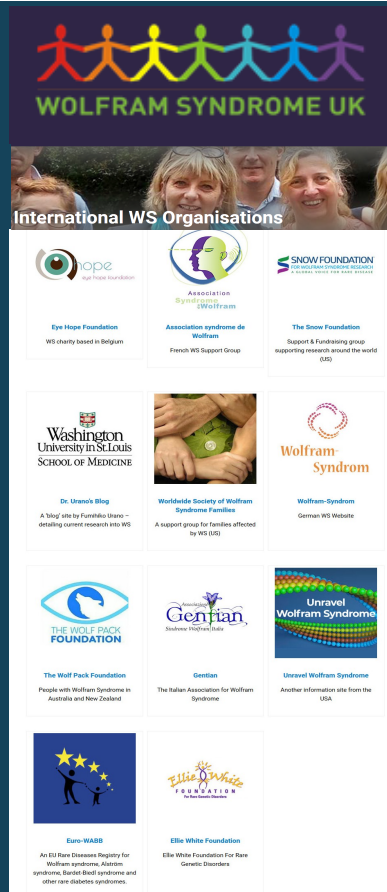


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Maintains the international patient registry

# Wolfram syndrome, a devastating orphan disease



Global Patient Advocacy

## Typical Disease Trajectory:

Symptom	Diabetes mellitus	Neurodegeneration Blindness Deafness	Neurological losses	Death
Age (Yrs)	6	6-15	10-30	30
Current SOC	Insulin	Glasses & Hearing aids	Urinary catheter But no other Rx	

**Example patient: diagnosed with Wolfram syndrome at 7**

He is insulin-dependent and has worsening vision and hearing, bladder issues requiring an indwelling catheter, aggression, anxiety, and obsessive thoughts

**Homozygous mutations = Disease: ~15,000 pts in US + EU**

- Neurodegenerative disease
- Multisystem organ failure

Estimated societal costs are \$3B/year

# No disease-modifying therapy

Current clinical trials are for toxic agents  
or have unclear mechanisms of efficacy

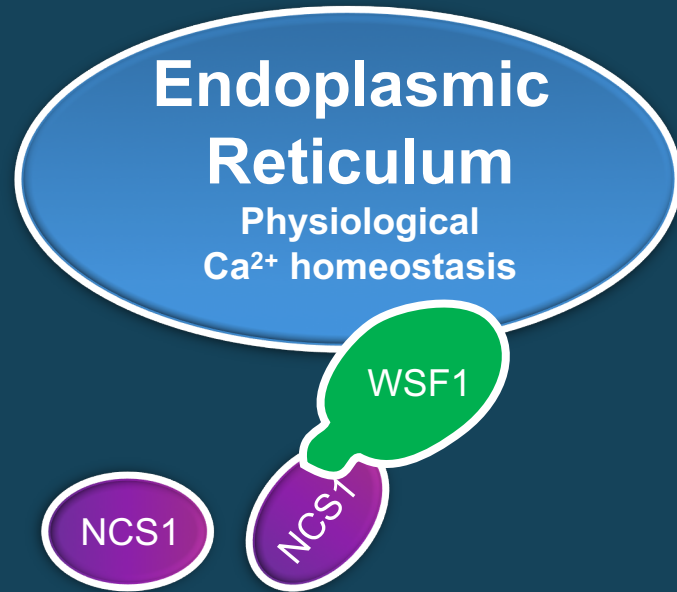
- × dantrolene sodium (NCT02829268 - recruiting):
  - Repurposed drug, severe liver toxicity
  - PI: Dr. Urano, University of Washington, St Louis
- × sodium valproate (NCT03717909 - recruiting):
  - Repurposed drug, GABA modulator, unclear mechanism of efficacy
  - PI: Dr. Barrett, University of Birmingham, UK

- ✓ Current trials validate clinical endpoints and trial design
- ✓ CenterPharm biology reveals potential market expansion to  
Wolfram carriers' genetically-defined mood disorders

1% population - attenuated symptoms, primarily mood disorders

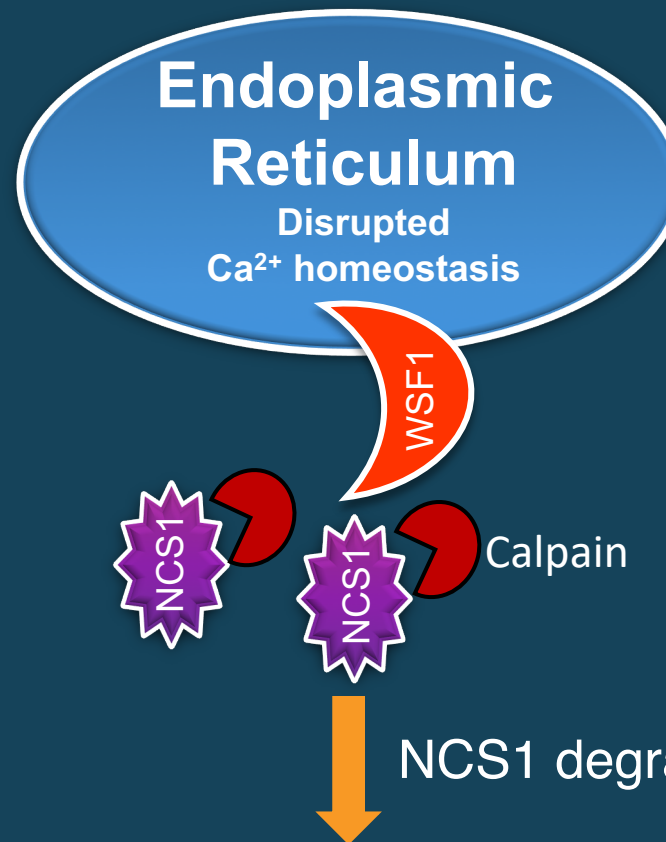
# CP-011 Novel MOA – Neuronal Calcium Sensor 1 (NCS1)

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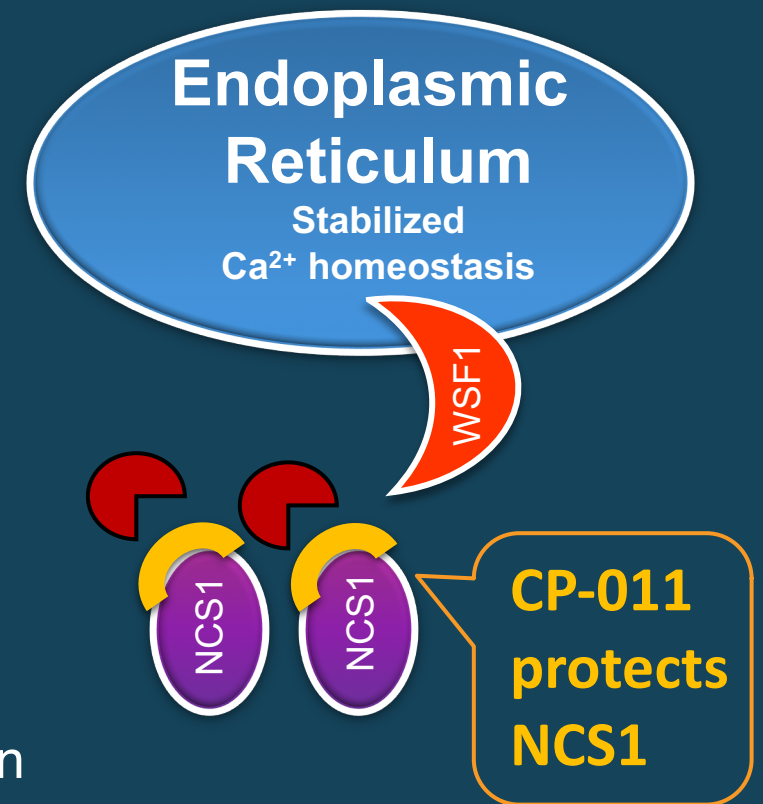
NCS1 is a calcium sensor  
WSF1 = wolframin

Wolfram Syndrome



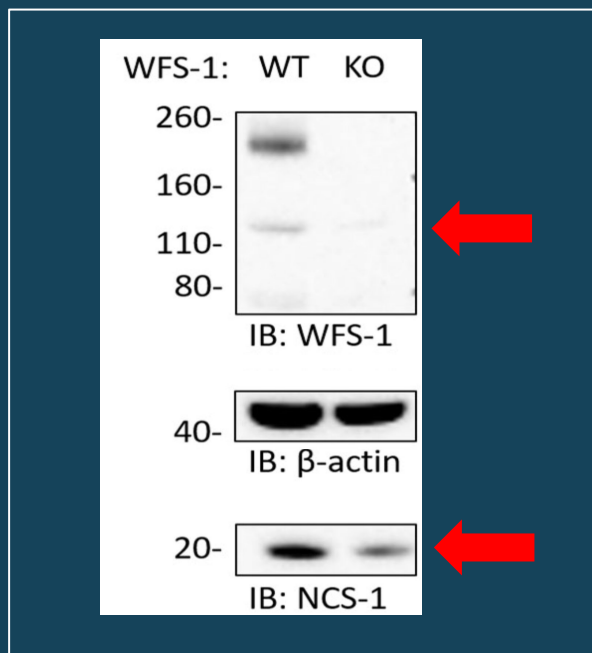
Loss of NCS1 → Ca<sup>2+</sup> dysregulation → Disease

Our strategy



# Validation of role of NCS1 in Wolfram syndrome

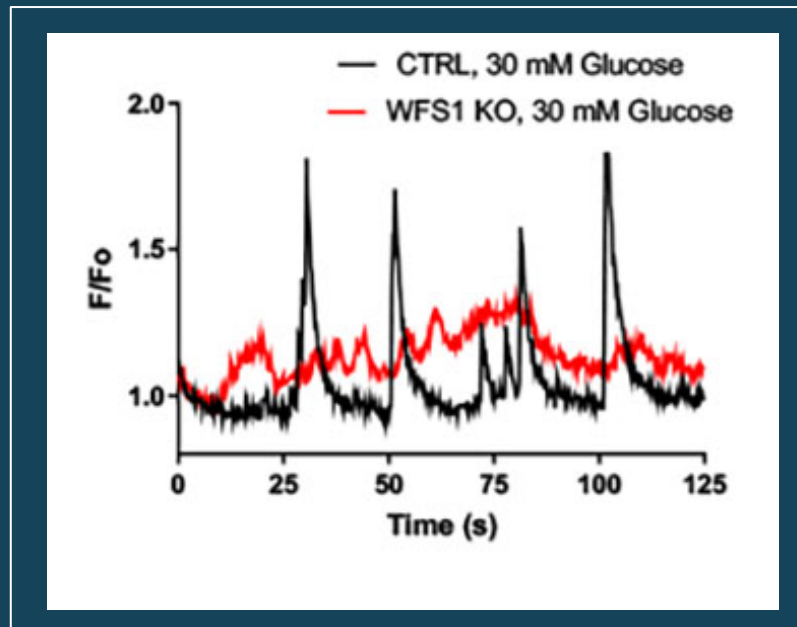
**WFS1 KO (Wolfram syndrome) mouse brain has low NCS1**



**Western blot**

McLeod, Nguyen, Ehrlich, 2019

**WFS1 KO cells have attenuated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  response to acute glucose**

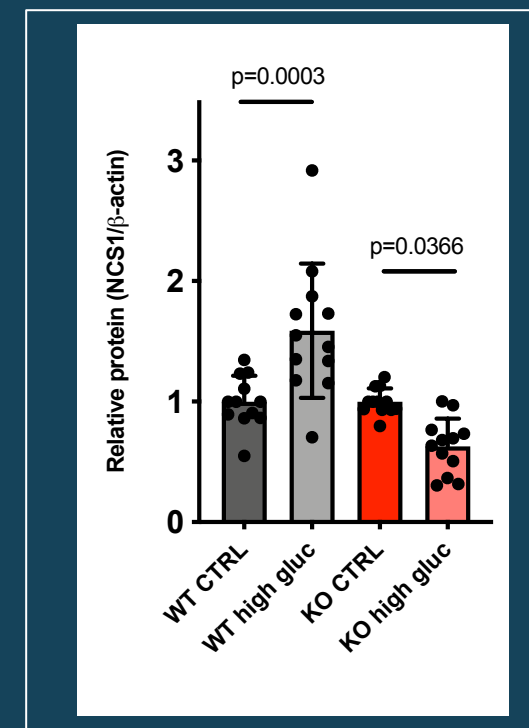


**Intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients**

Nguyen, Ehrlich, 2019

WFS1 = wolframin  
NCS1 = neuronal calcium sensor 1

**NCS1 protein level responds to chronic glucose challenge**



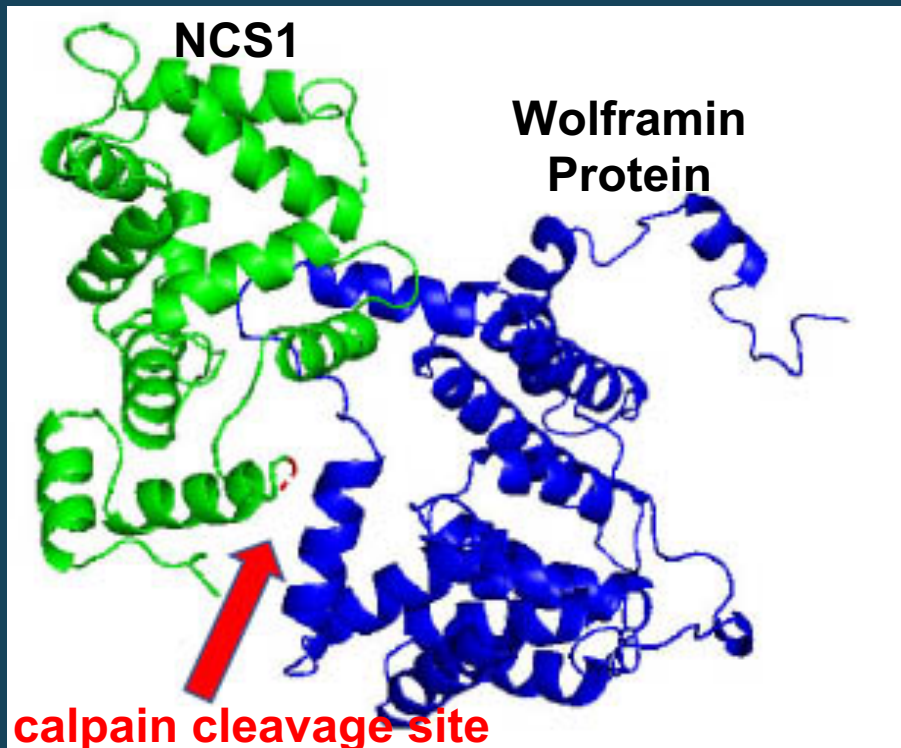
**Western blot quantified**

Fischer, Nguyen, Ehrlich, 2019



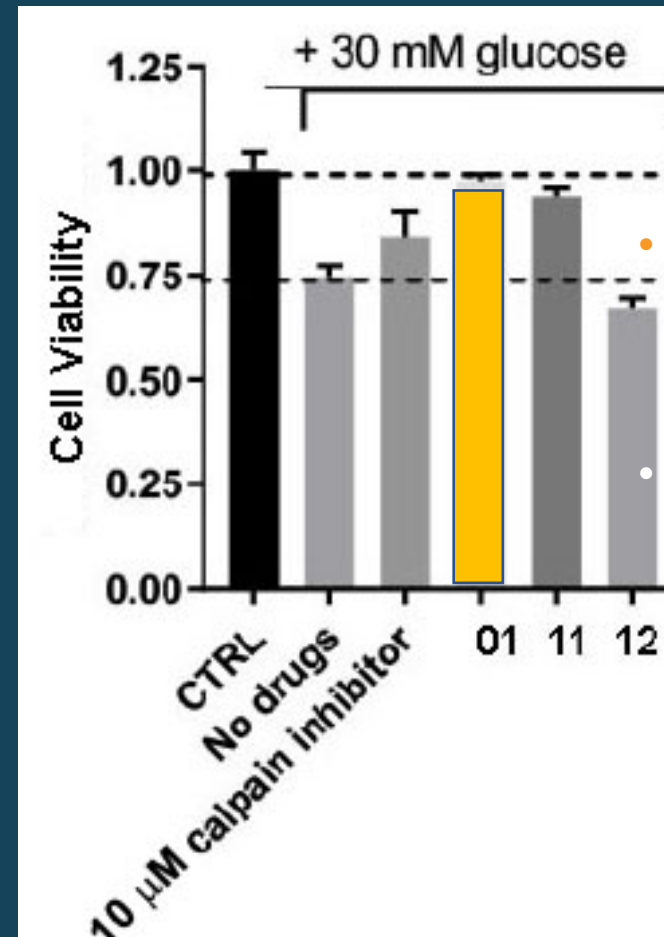
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Clinical biomarker of early efficacy: blood glucose



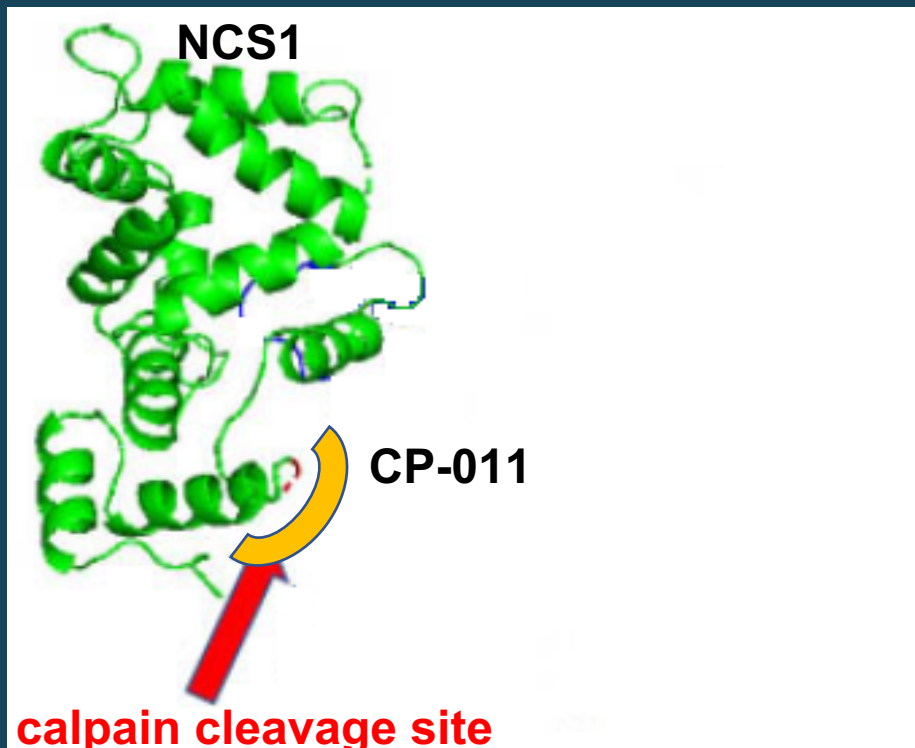
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• **CP-011 = clinical candidate**  
meets 1<sup>st</sup> in class oral TPP  
criteria ( $K_d < 500$  nM)

• CP-012 = ineffective analog  
of CP-011

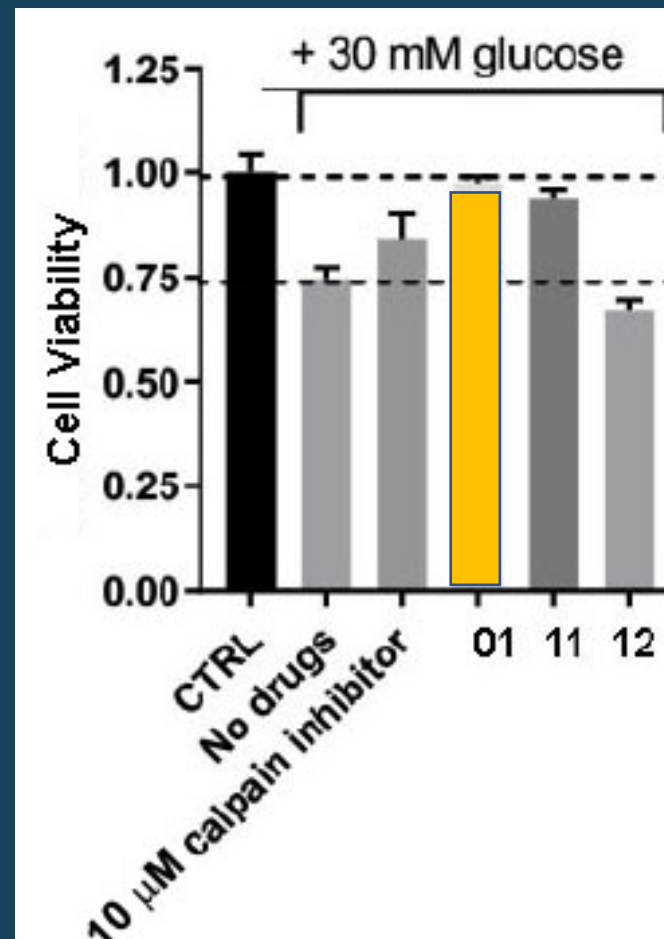
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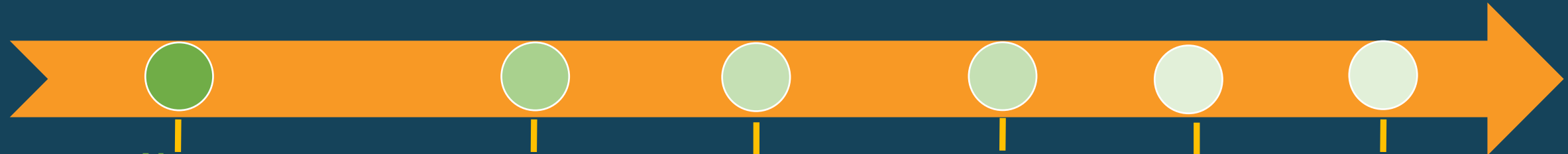
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# Total of **\$300K** for IND-enabling CRO work → **~18 months to filing IND**



**Now**

- ✓ Assay development
- ✓ Target validation
- ✓ CP-011 Clinical candidate

**12 months**

Wolfram mouse in vivo  
validation of CP-011 MOA  
completion  
\$250K

**18-20 months**

Series A Funding  
File IND for Dr. Urano-led  
Phase 1b/2a of CP-011

**36 months**

Analysis of clinical response  
to CP-011

**15-18 months**

Pre-IND regulatory activity,  
pre-IND meeting for CP-011  
\$50K

**24 months**

Interim indication  
of efficacy

Partnering

Additionally...

- ✓ Clinical collaboration initiated
- ✓ Molecular target crystalized
- ✓ Animal model selected
- ✓ Clinical biomarkers identified
- ✓ Clinical endpoints established
- ✓ Regulatory exclusivity strategy identified

## ✓ **Commercial Interest:**

- Bio2018 & Bio2019: 27 Non-Confidential Meetings
- Multiple confidential follow-ups/meetings with 5 Pharma/biotechs – **all** waiting for in vivo results