# ABATE study – utilizing biomarker-based development for optimized ACI-24, a novel candidate vaccine for the treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's disease

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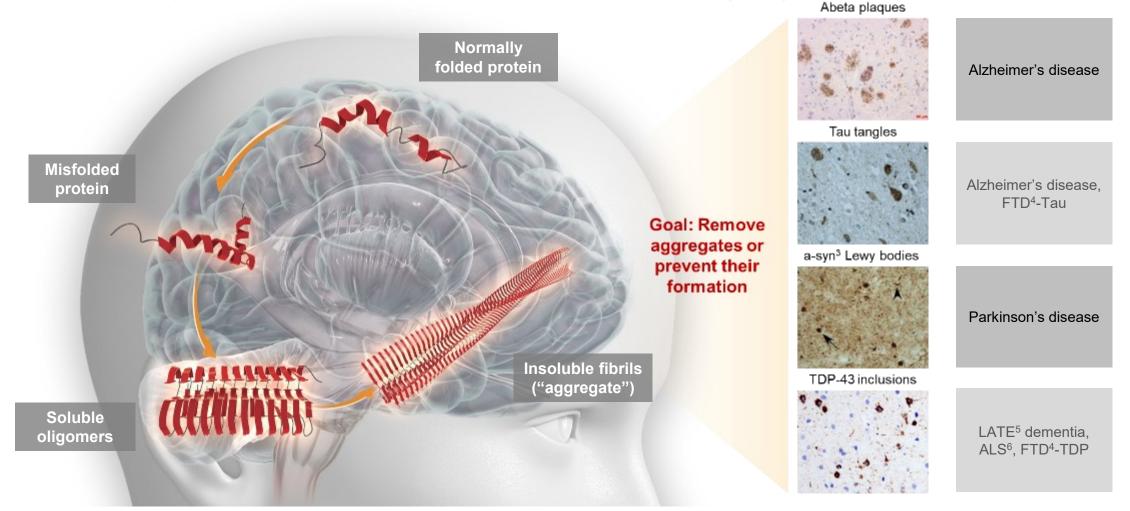
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# Misfolded proteins: Leading causes of neurodegenerative diseases

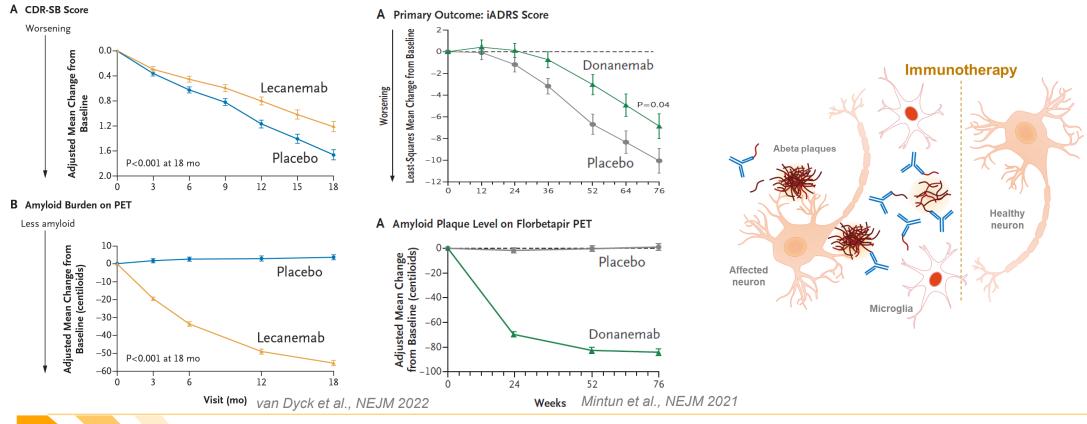
Abeta, Tau, a-synuclein, and TDP-43<sup>1</sup> are important NDD<sup>2</sup> drug targets



Refs: Soto 2003, http://www.alz.org/brain; Nag *et al.* Acta Neuropathologica Communications (2018) 6:33; (1) TAR DNA-binding protein 43; (2) Neurodegenerative disease; (3) a-synuclein; (4) Fronto Temporal Dementia (5) Limbic-predominant age-related TDP-43 encephalopathy; (6) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

## Successful Immune therapy for early intervention in Alzheimer's Disease

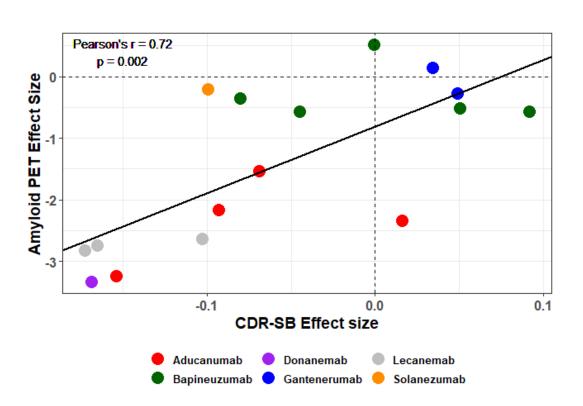
Demonstration that lowering of Amyloid PET burden is valid as a biomarker for clinical effect

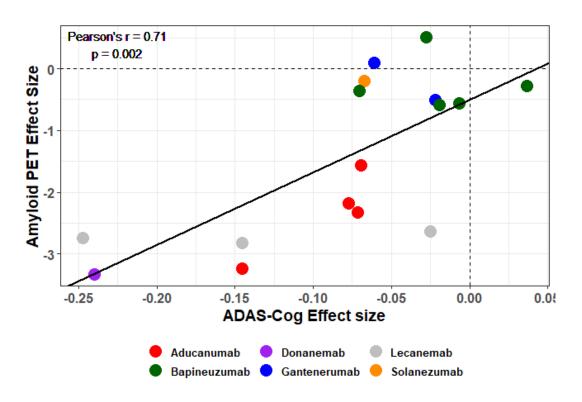


- Targeting small aggregates such as Abeta oligomers or fragments such as Abeta 1-42 and pyroglutamate Abeta3-42 (pGlu-Abeta3-42) has demonstrated clinical utility
- Building on recent clinical proof-of-concept for Abeta mAbs

# Amyloid PET as a surrogate biomarker for clinical effect

Correlations between amyloid PET and ADAS-Cog and CDR-SOB effect sizes (across studies)





Note that data for amyloid PET SUVR were reported only for sub-populations of the original Studies. Each correlation relies on the assumption that effect sizes for PET in these sub-populations are representative of those for the entire populations.



- NIH meta-analysis¹ updated with data from Trailblazer (Phase 2: Donanemab), Clarity (Phase 3: Lecanemab) and Study 201 (Phase 2: Lecanemab) trials
- Clinical improvements apparent amyloid PET reductions correlate with small effect sizes

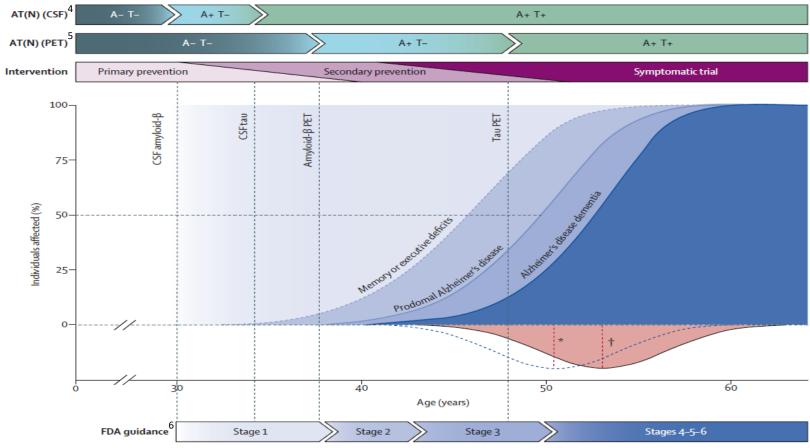
: Avgerinos et al, Aging Research Reviews, 68 (2021). National Institute on Aging, NIH Study. Meta-analysis based on reported outcomes for 12 Phase III parallel double-blind Placebo-controlled Trials of mAbs targeting Abeta.



# Lifelong accumulation of AD¹ neuropathology in people with DS²

AD biomarker patterns in people with DS closely resemble patterns of sporadic AD and ADAD<sup>3</sup>

- AD associated with DS is a genetic form of dementia
  - 75-100% of people with DS have AD like symptoms by age 60.
  - neuropathologic hallmarks of AD also present in AD associated with DS
  - similar pathophysiology and biomarkers as compared to autosomal dominant AD
- Predictive, age-associated biomarker pattern supports prevention studies



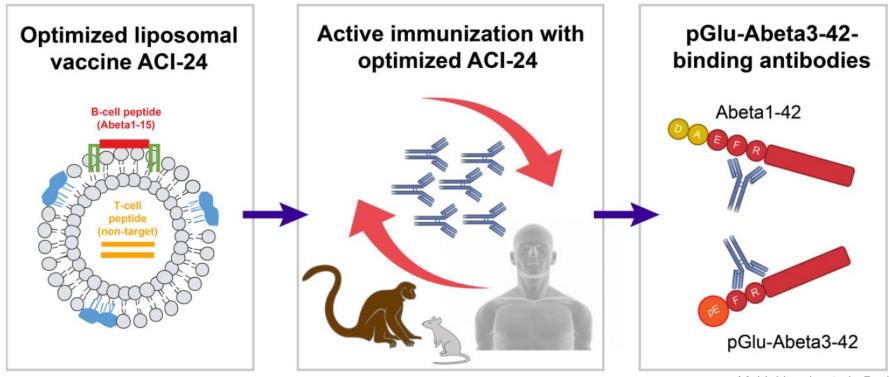
Fortea et al., 2021

(1) Alzheimer's disease; (2) Down syndrome; (3) autosomal dominant AD; (4) A; Amyloid biomarker; T; Tau biomarker; N; Neurodegeneration biomarker; CSF; Cerebro Spinal Fluid; (5) PET; Positron Emission Tomography (6) FDA; Food and Drug Administration



## ACI-24 – Active immunization for early intervention in Alzheimer's Disease

An amyloid beta vaccine that safely drives immunity to key pathological species in Alzheimer's disease: pyroglutamate and amyloid beta



M. Vukicevic et al., Brain Communications, 2022

- Initial clinical data have demonstrated safety and encouraging pharmacodynamic response, both in sporadic AD and adults with DS, a specifically vulnerable population predisposed to developing AD.
- ACI-24 has strong immunogenicity against key toxic species including oligomers, Abeta 1-42 and pGlu-Abeta3-42

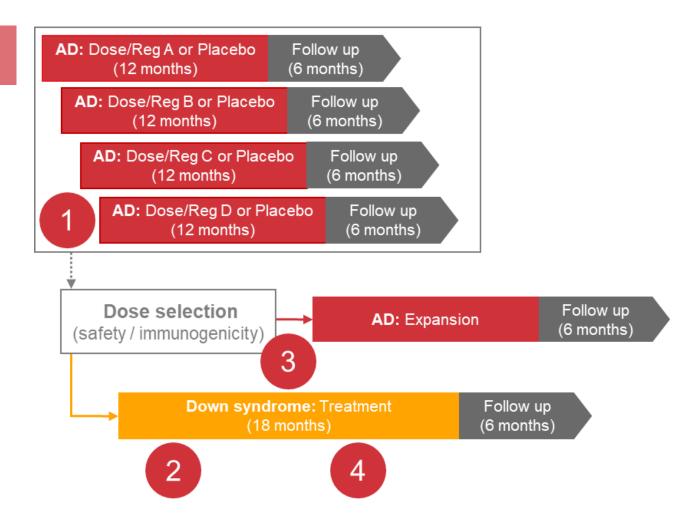


## ABATE study – clinical trial design in sporadic AD and in people with DS

Biomarker based design allows de-risking and acceleration

#### **Trial Design features**

- Innovative, translational clinical trial design evaluating ACI-24.060 in sporadic AD and in people with DS to understand:
  - immunogenic properties
  - pharmacodynamic effects
- Staggered inclusion of prodromal sporadic AD and people with DS
- Amyloid PET positivity used as a biomarker for study inclusion in both populations
- Possibility to expand one initial cohort with prodromal AD
- Early assessment of safety and immunogenicity
- Trial design supports parallel development in sporadic AD and in people with DS

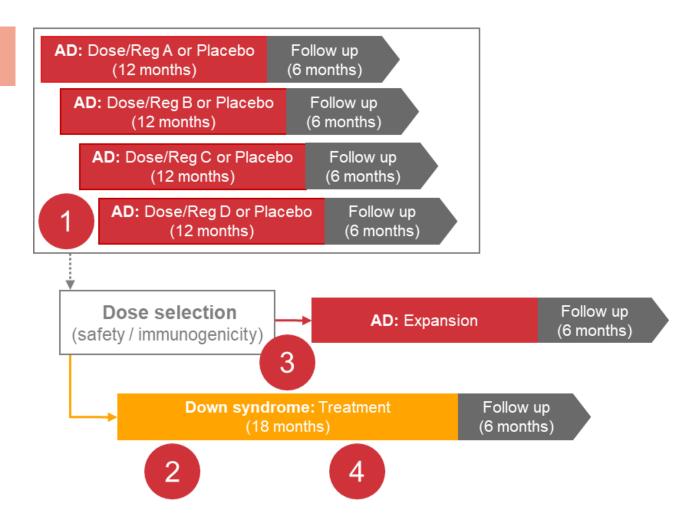


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#### Interim analyses and decision points

- Biomarker-based design includes multiple interim analyses, enabling early, informed decision making
- Delivering four distinct decision points:
  - 1. Safety and Antibody titers in AD
  - 2. Safety and Antibody titers in DS
  - 3. Amyloid PET lowering in AD
  - 4. Amyloid PET lowering in DS
- Multiple opportunities for acceleration:
  - expansion of the study
  - initiation of pivotal trials, and/or
  - initiation of prevention trials

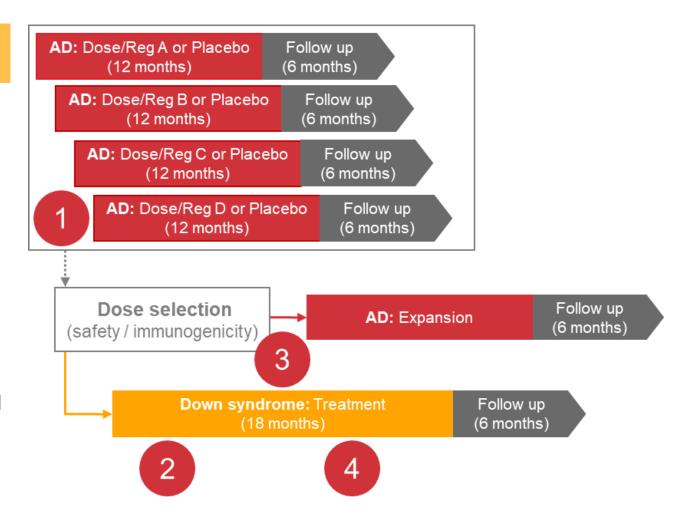


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#### Study status and progress

- ACI-24.060 elicited an anti-Abeta antibody response in ABATE's first, low-dose cohort
- ACI-24.060 was generally well tolerated with no safety concerns observed
- Started dosing in a second, higher dose Alzheimer's cohort is ongoing
- Screening of cohort of study participants with DS cleared to begin
- Further safety and immunogenicity findings from ABATE cohorts expected in H2 2023
- Initial data on amyloid plaque reduction measured via PET imaging anticipated in 2024



# ABATE study – biomarker-based development for ACI-24.060

Novel candidate vaccine for the treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's disease

 Biomarker-based translational medicine benefits from improved clinical Biomarker-based design evaluation of targeting of toxic Abeta fragments and aggregates in mAb trials Clearly defined populations with predictable biomarkers and progression **Precision Medicine** patterns, like prodromal AD and AD in DS, allow Precision Medicine approach Abeta is now validated as a target Amyloid PET burden is established as surrogate biomarker to evaluate Treatment and Prevention treatment effect and inform prevention studies ACI-24.060 has added non-target T-helper peptides Vaccines may provide significant benefits with fewer administrations, better ACI-24.060 vaccine compliance and lower costs

Acceleration and de-risking

 Innovative trial design for ACI-24.060 enables an efficient evidence-based translational medicine approach with potential rapid entry into pivotal testing and prevention studies



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