

Hemophilia B Gene Therapy in Mice using a Novel Chimeric AAV Capsid Combined with a Potency Enhanced FIX Variant

Gene Therapy for Blood Disorders

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Essential Medicines – Superior Outcomes

Late-Stage Asset

SQ Marzeptacog alfa
(activated)
MarzAA (FVIIa)

Phase 3 Ready

Hemophilia

SQ MarzAA (FVIIa)

SQ Dalcinonacog
alfa – DalcA (FIX)

Factor IX Gene Therapy

Factor Xa

Complement

IVT Anti-C3 Dry AMD
CB 2782-PEG



SQ Systemic
Complement
Inhibitors

Protease Engineering Platform

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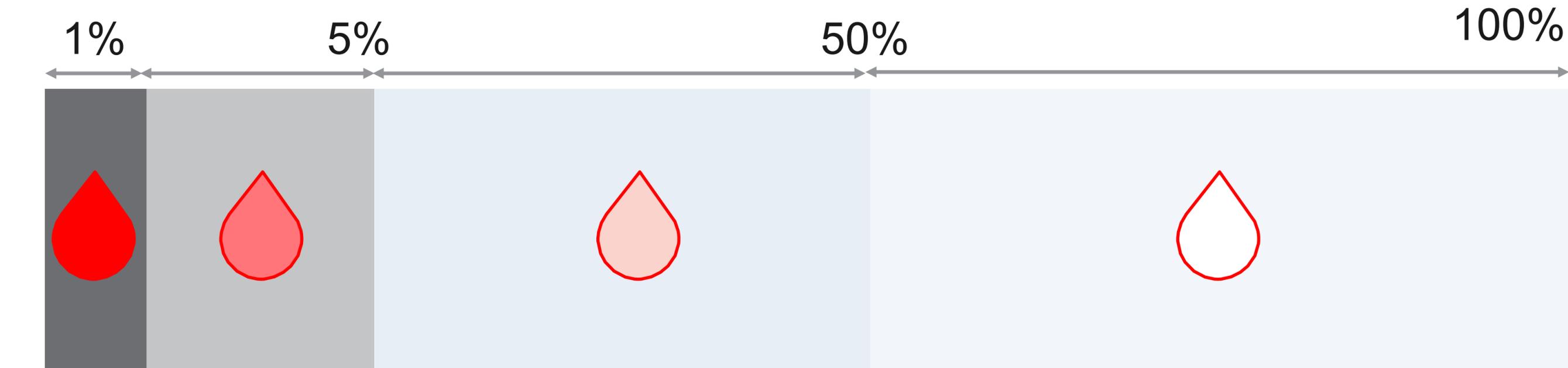
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Goal of gene therapying hemophilia: Normal bleeding

Patients are seeking sustained clotting factor activity to normalize phenotype



Severe
~30
Bleeds
annually

Moderate
~15-20
Bleeds
annually

Mild
Protection from spontaneous
hemarthrosis
at >12% Activity

**Normal
Clotting Levels**

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The next generation of gene therapy in hemophilia B

First generation gene therapies are moving to approval yet there is room for innovation

Risk of vector dose-limiting toxicity

Immunogenicity to the vector

Higher transduction efficiency

Liver inflammation

Need for more efficient vectors & lower dosing regimen

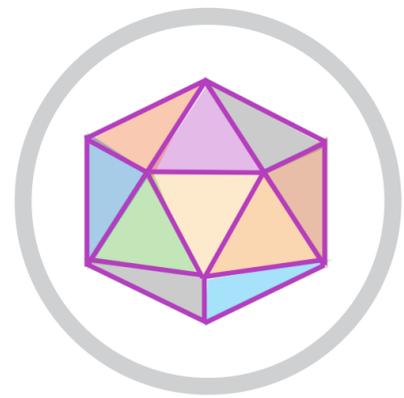
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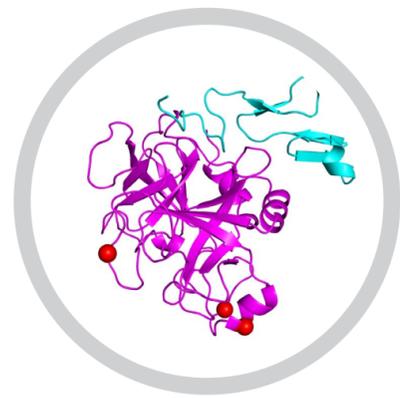
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How do we achieve a normal bleeding phenotype?

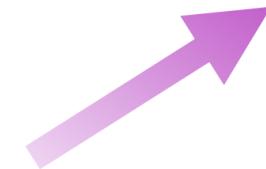
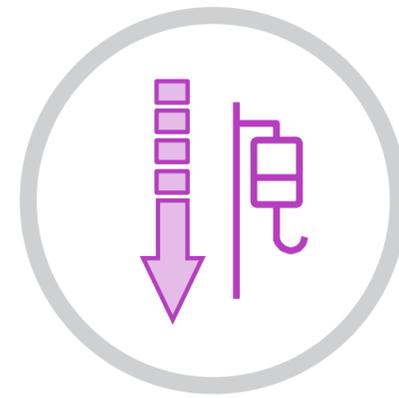
Combining optimized capsid + transgene = improved therapy



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Lower Immunogenicity

Decrease Liver Toxicity

Lower Manufacturing Costs

Engineered Capsid

- High liver tropism
- Transduction efficiency
- Translatable from preclinical to clinic

Novel Transgene

- High potency
- Improved efficacy

Lower AAV Dose

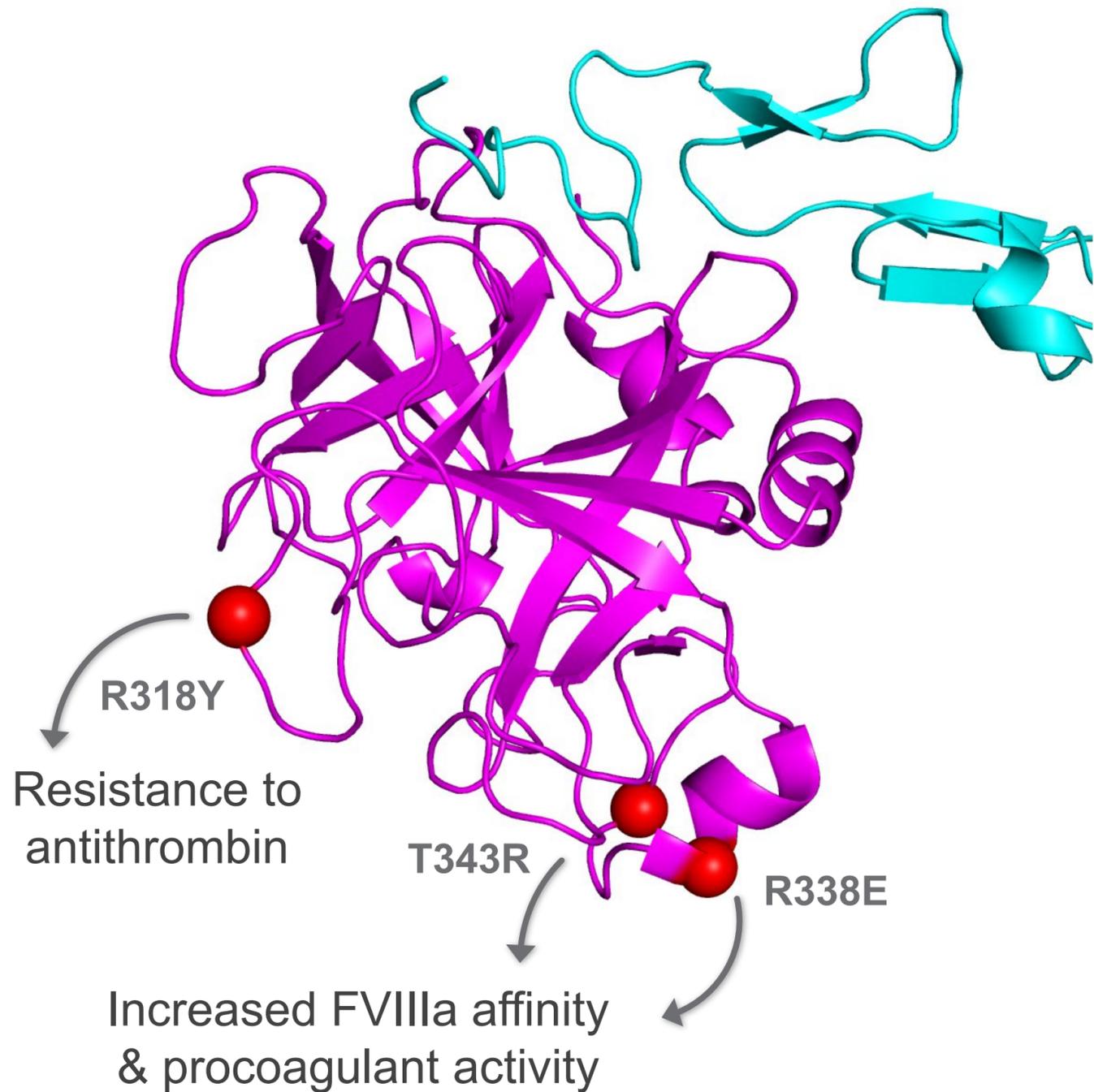
- Achieve clinically relevant levels
- Reduced viral load

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Dalcinonacog alfa: a novel SQ FIX product



Three substitutions within the FIX protein

- + Increased catalytic activity
- + Higher affinity for FVIIIa
- + Resistance to antithrombin inhibition
- + 22-fold increased potency over BeneFIX

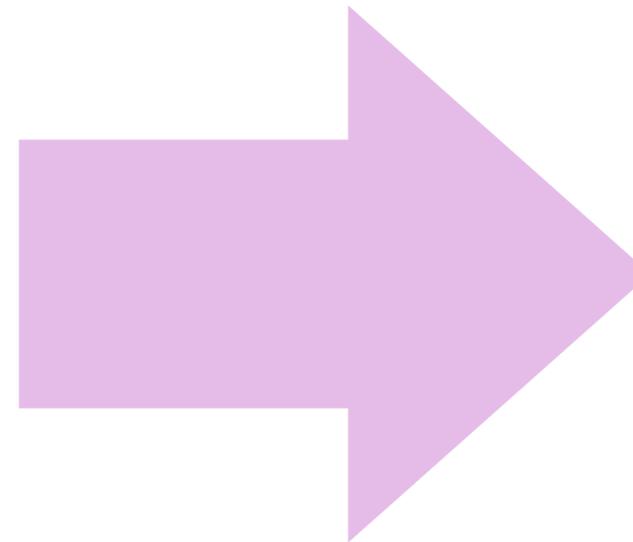
Differentiated from marketed IV FIXs

- + Simple, small volume SQ administration
- + Enhanced pharmacokinetics with prolonged half-life
- + Excellent extravascular distribution
- + Potential to maintain continuous protective levels

Orphan Drug Designation in US & EU

Dalcinonacog alfa

- Recombinant FIX
- Subcutaneous delivery
- Currently in Phase 2b
- Sustained factor levels

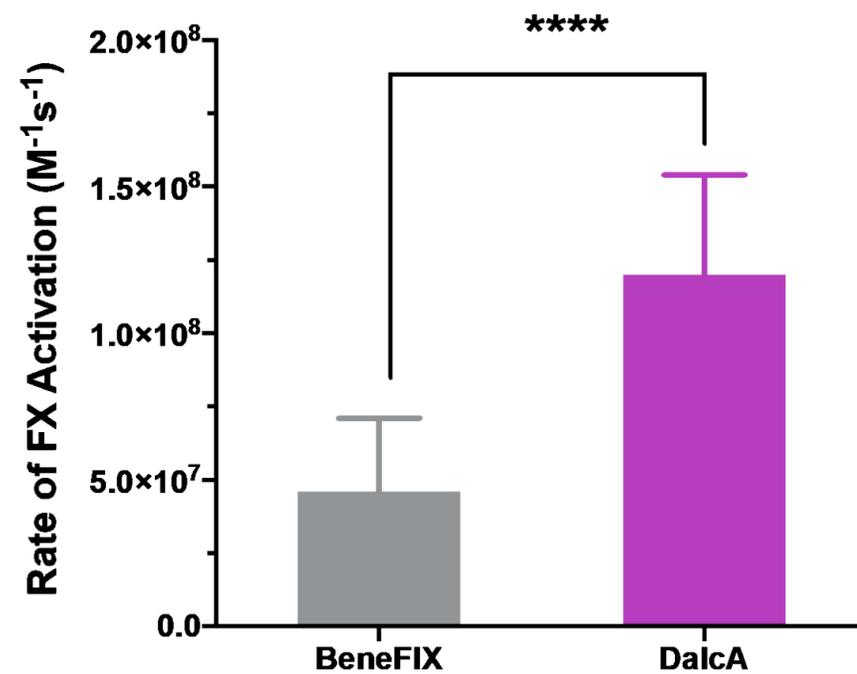


CB 2679d-GT

- Gene therapy
- AAV delivery
- Preclinical

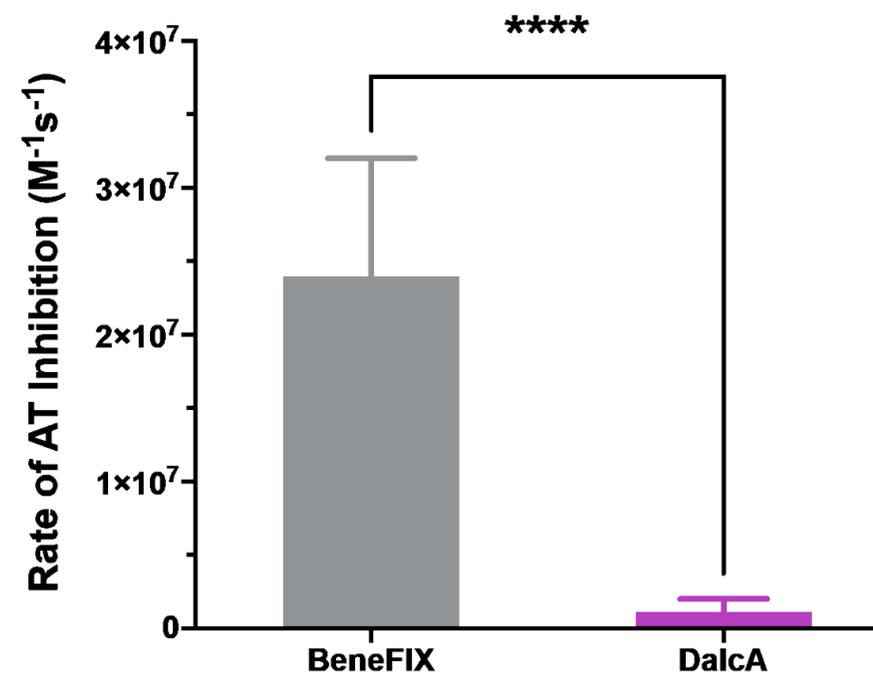
Improved functionality of CB2679d-GT drives high potency

Factor X Activation



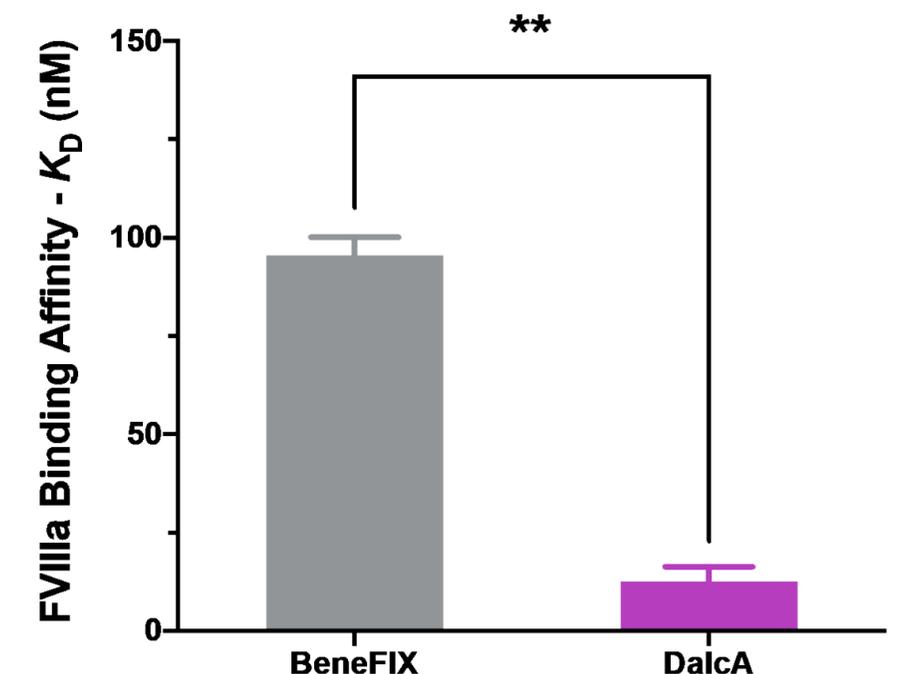
2.5-Fold Increase

Inhibition by Antithrombin



21-Fold Resistance

Enhanced FVIIIa Binding



8-Fold Increase in Affinity

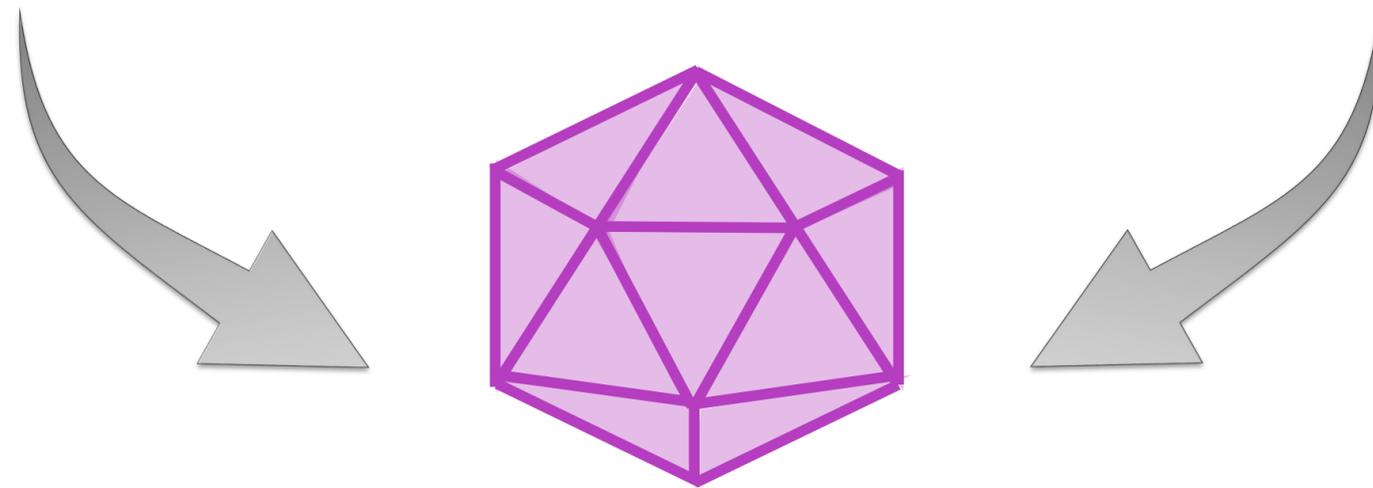
When combined these properties provide a 22-fold enhanced potency in SQ clinical trials

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AAV vector design of CB 2679d-GT in a DJ/8 capsid

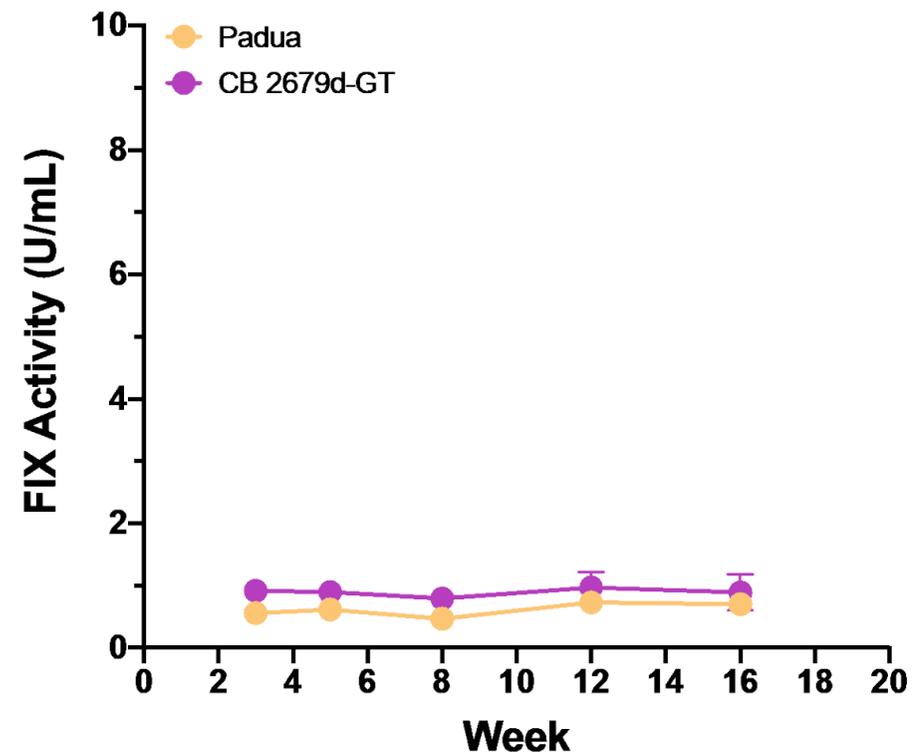


- Padua (R338L)
- CB 2679d-GT (R318Y/R338E/T343R)

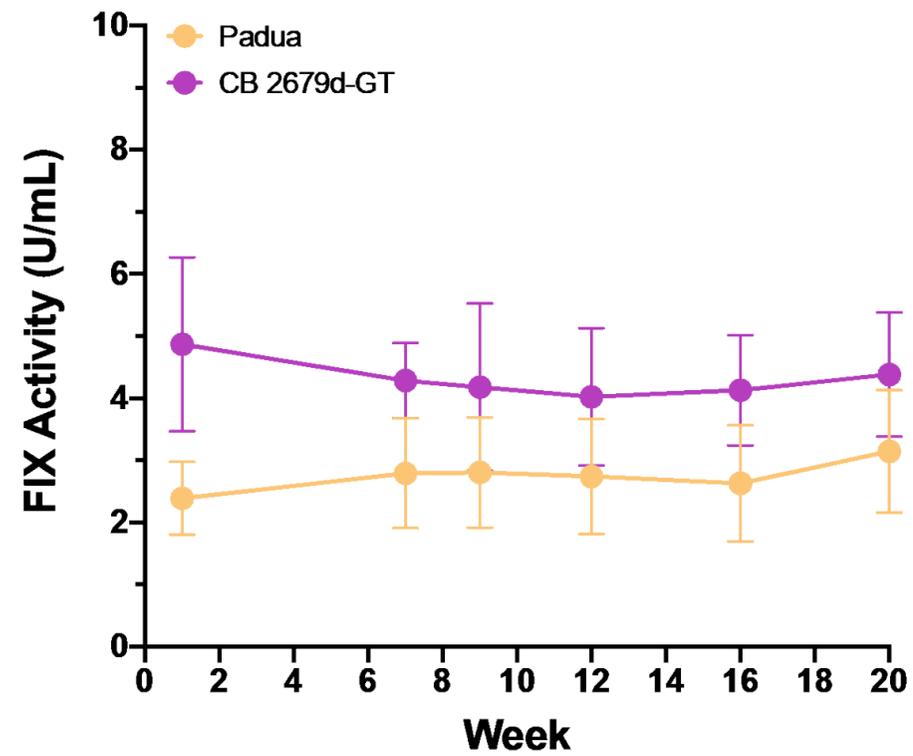
FIX minigene constructs were packaged into a DJ/8 AAV capsid

FIX activity levels remained stable for 20 weeks

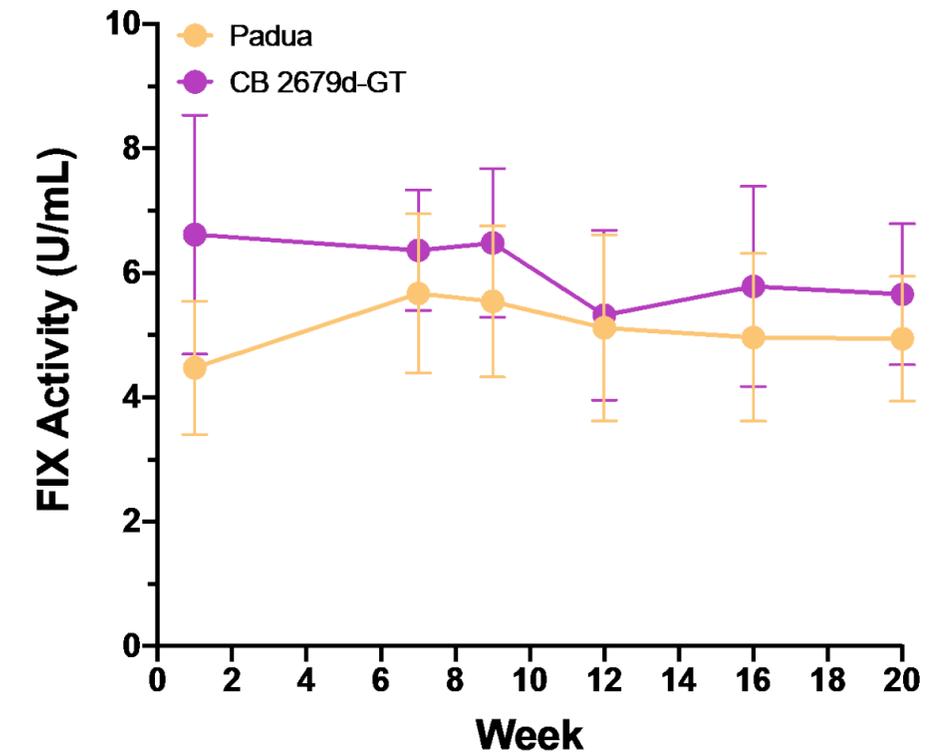
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2.5×10^{11} vg/kg



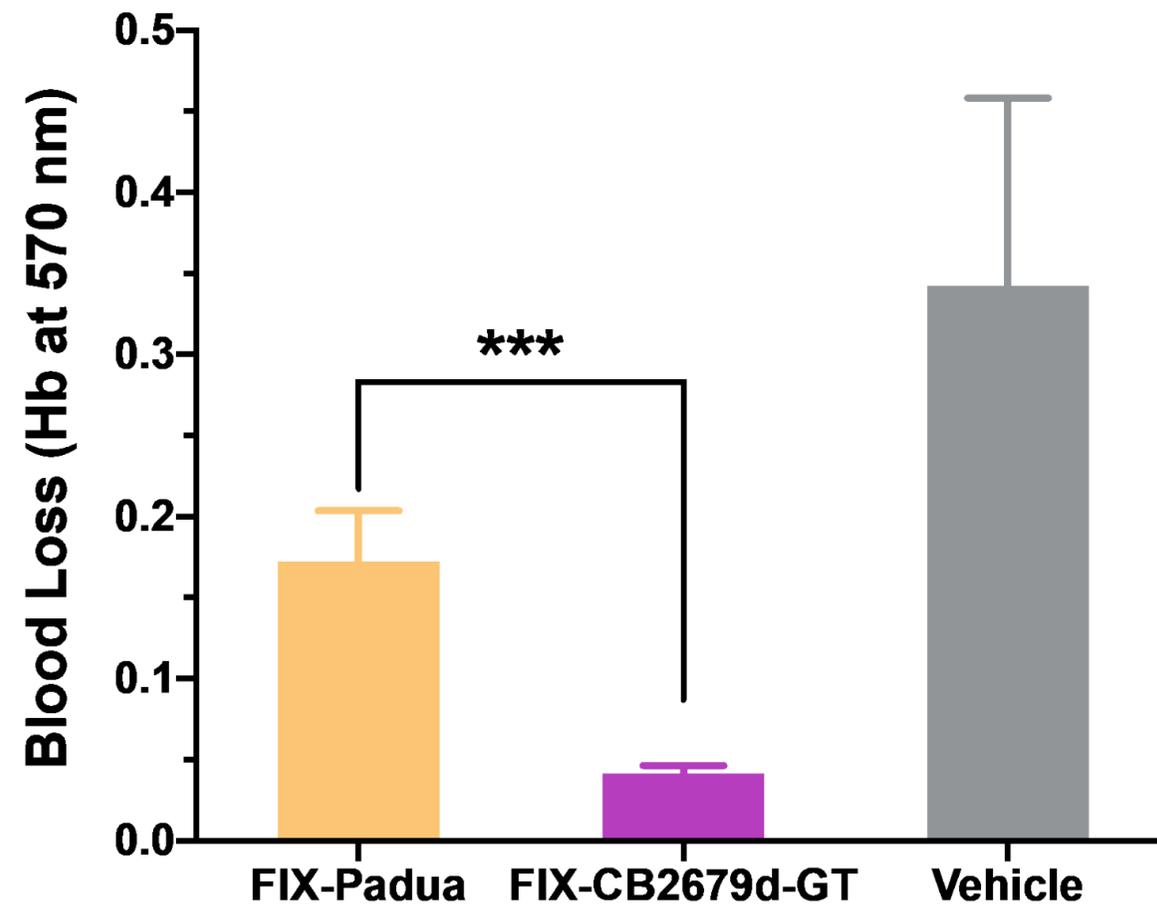
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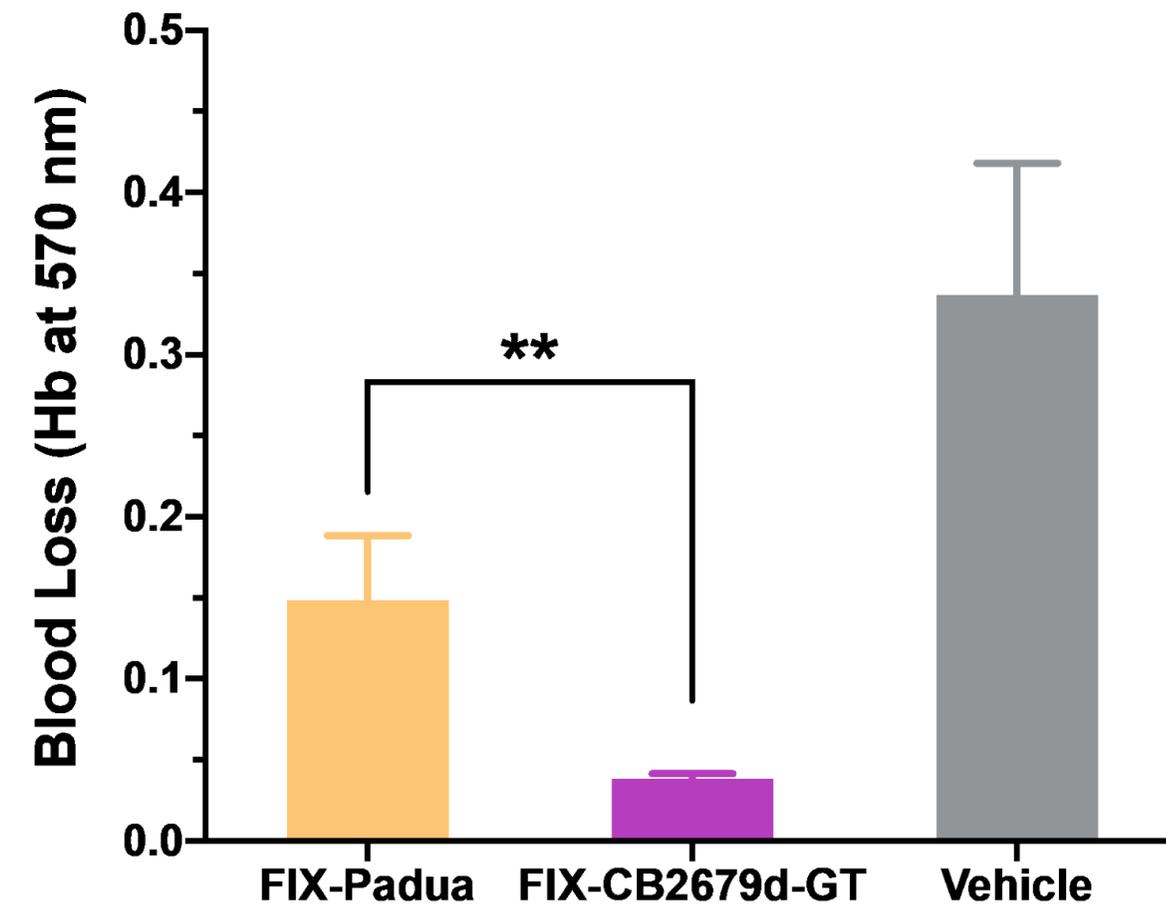
Dose dependent and stable FIX levels observed for 20 weeks

CB 2679d-GT reduces total blood loss more than Padua

2.5 x 10¹¹ vg/kg

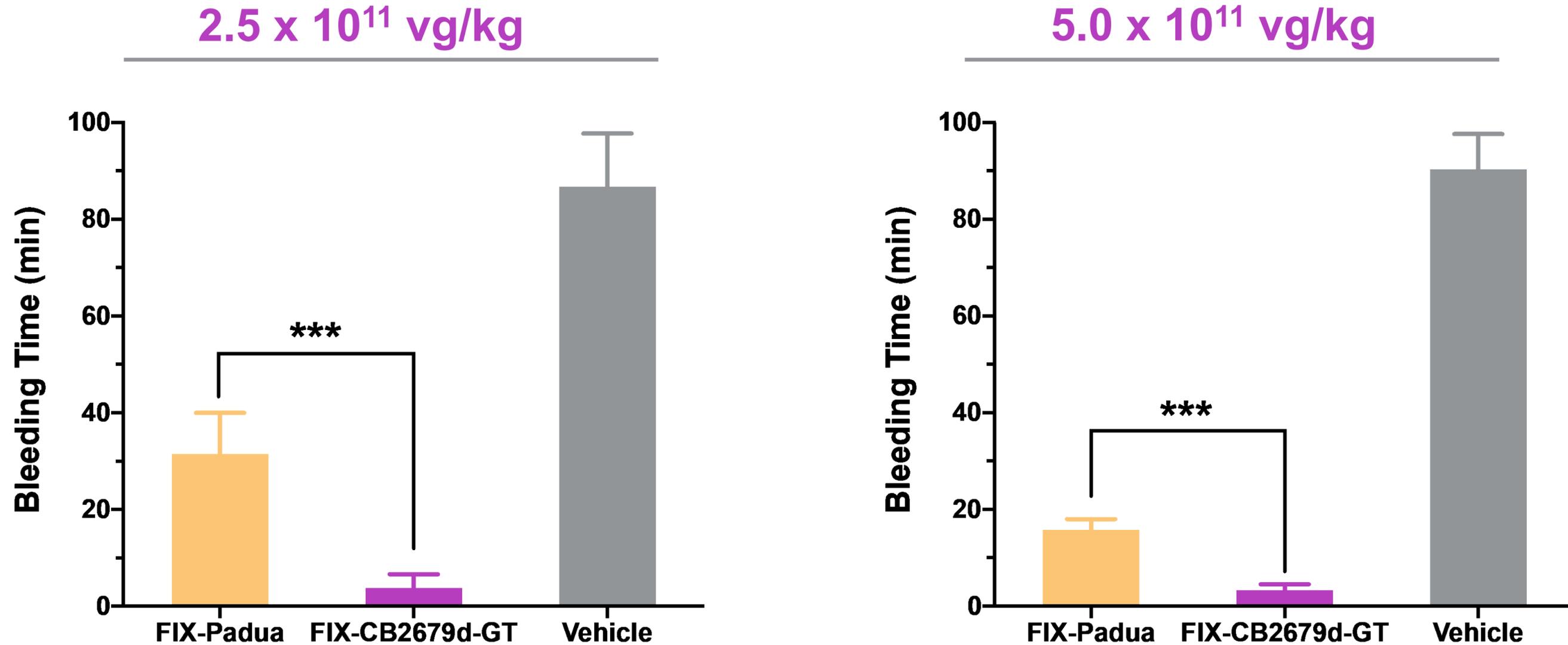


5.0 x 10¹¹ vg/kg



CB 2679d-GT has an ~4-fold reduction in blood loss

CB 2679d-GT reduces bleeding time more than Padua



CB 2679d-GT has an ~5 to 8-fold reduction in bleeding time

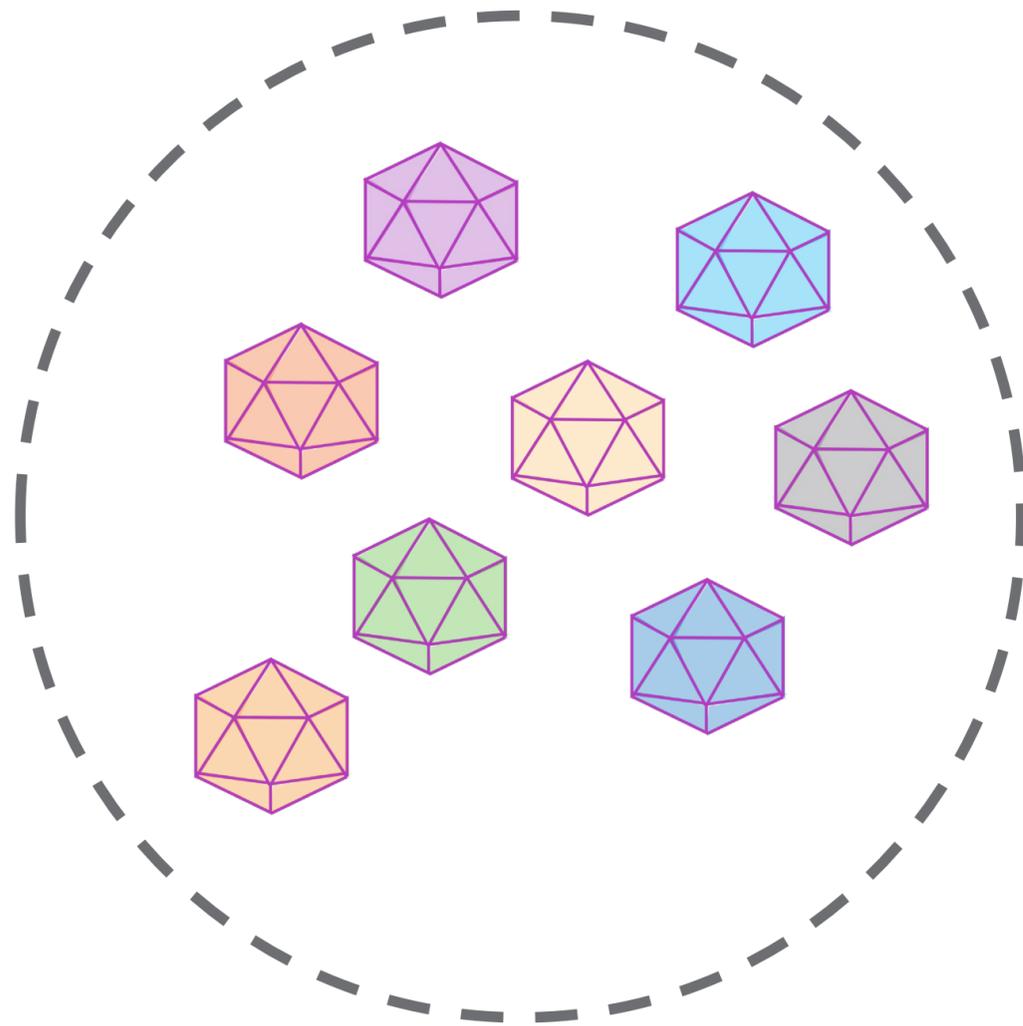
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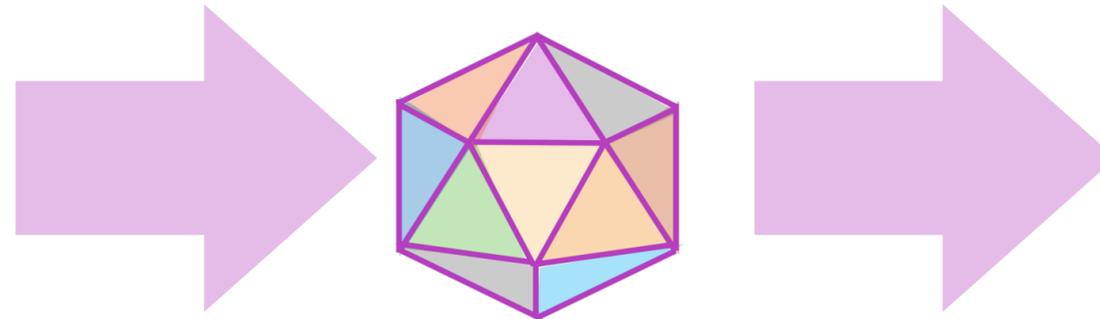
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DNA shuffling to create a novel AAV vector

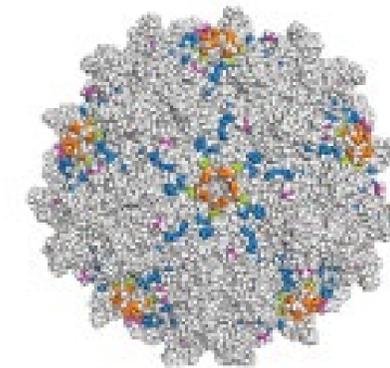
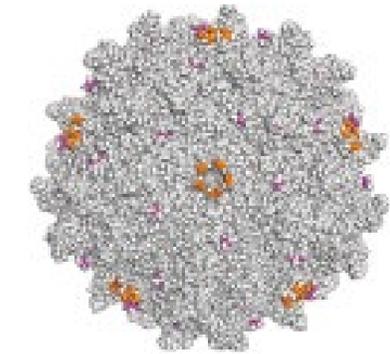
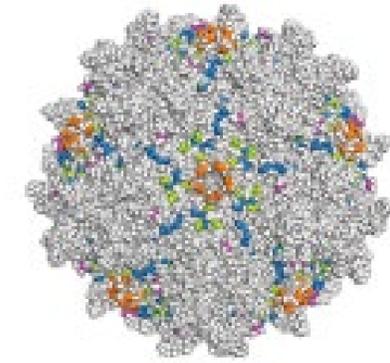
DNA shuffling of 8 serotypes



Select for tropism & increased transduction efficiency

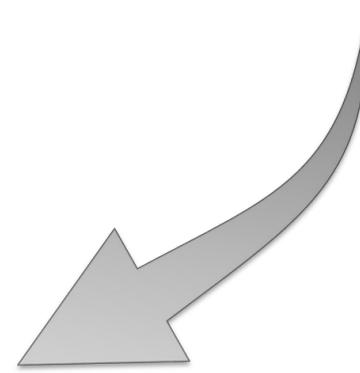
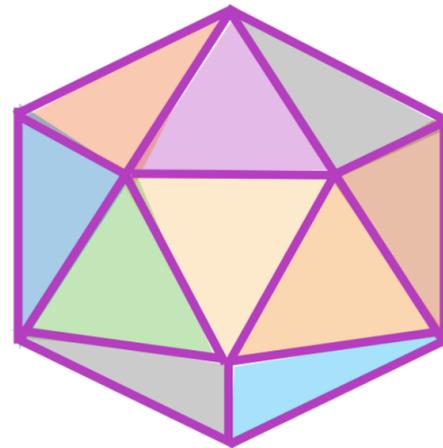
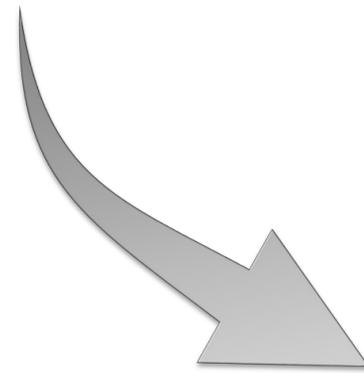
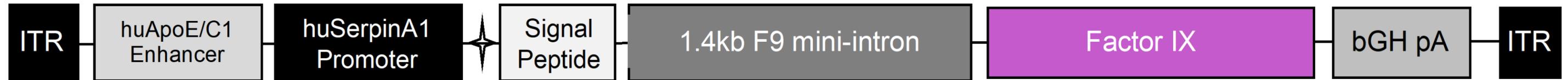


Chimeric Capsids



High performing AAV capsid candidates

AAV vector design of CB 2679d-GT in a novel capsid

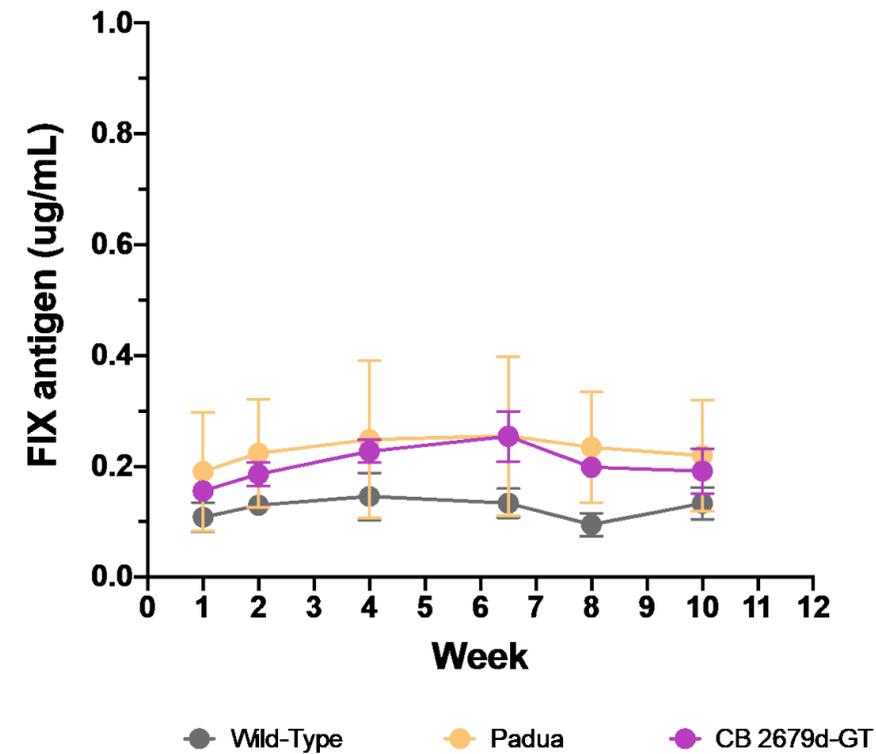


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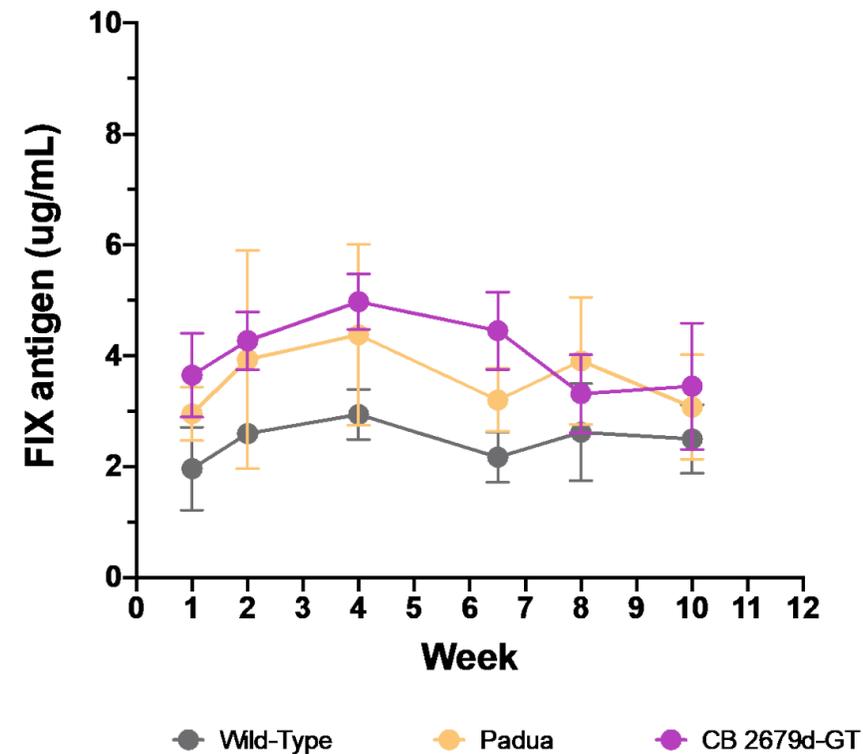
FIX minigene constructs were packaged into a novel AAV capsid designed through DNA shuffling of 8 AAV serotypes and showing a high tropism for liver transduction

FIX antigen levels remained stable

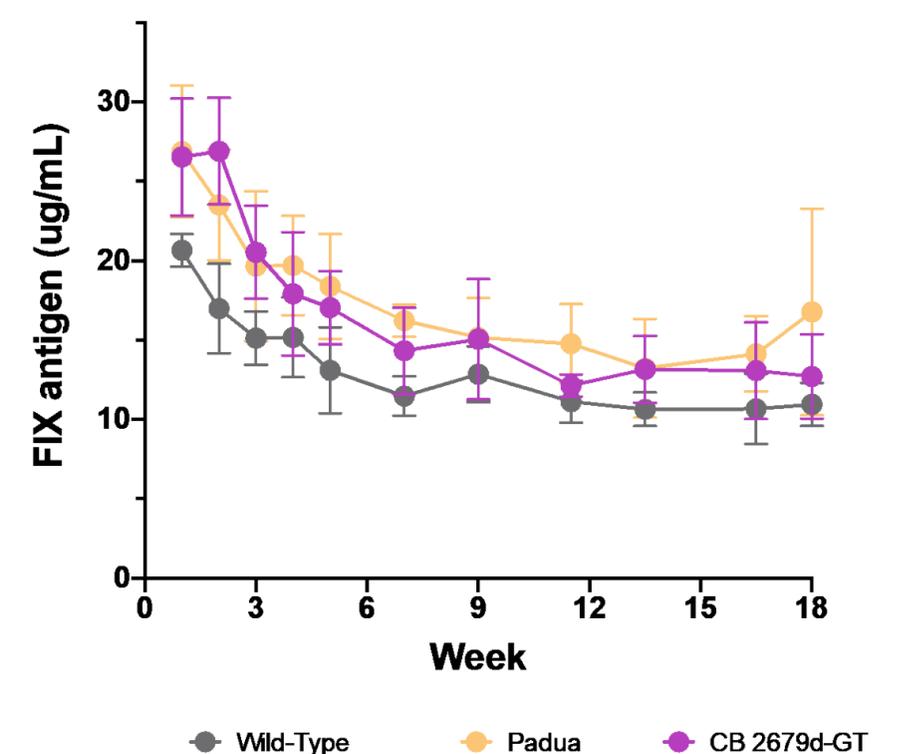
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8.0×10^{10} vg/kg



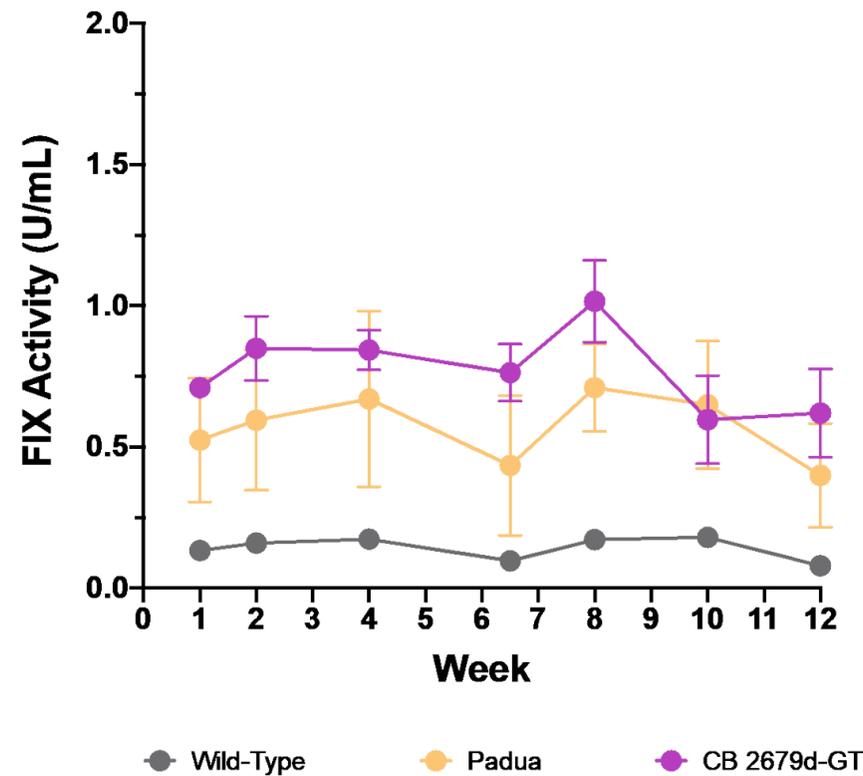
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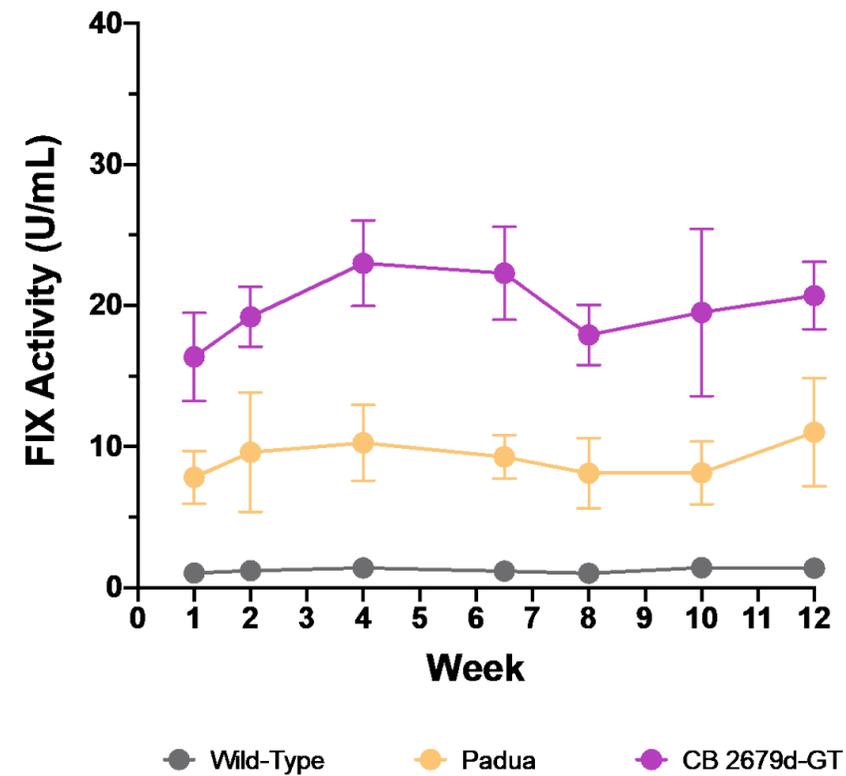
Dose dependent and stable FIX antigen observed for up to 18 weeks

FIX activity levels remained stable

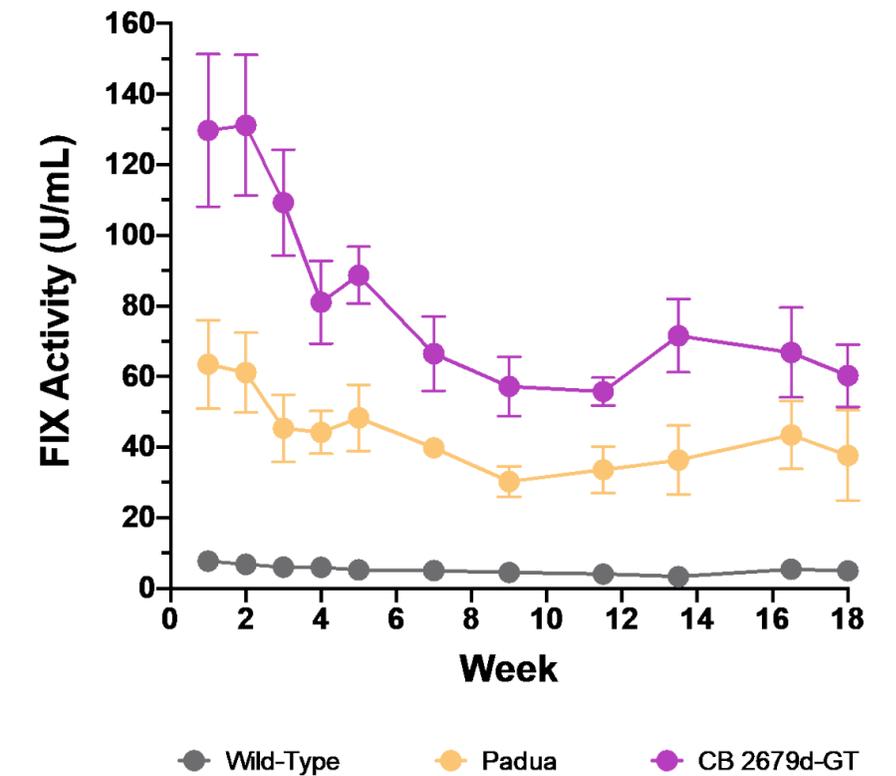
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8.0×10^{11} vg/kg



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CB 2679d-GT in combination with a novel chimeric capsid provides a significant improvement in FIX activity levels

Mid-dose data at 8.0×10^{10} vg/kg

FIX Transgene	AAV Capsid	Study Dose (vg/kg)	FIX Activity (U/mL)
CB 2679d-GT	Novel Chimeric	8.0×10^{10}	20
Padua	TAK-748 ²	7.4×10^{11}	20
Padua	TAK-748 ²	7.4×10^{10}	1
CB 2679d-GT	DJ/8 ¹	2.0×10^{11}	4
CB 2679d-GT	DJ/8 ¹	4.0×10^{10}	1

¹Blouse GE, Nair N, Vandendriessche T, Chuah MK, Landau, J. (2019) *Haemophilia*, Vol 25, Supplement S1 P124

²Weiller M, Wang H, Coulibaly S, Schuster M, Rottensteiner H, Sun K, Chuah MK, Vandendriessche T. (2019) *Blood* Vol. 134, Supplement S1 P4633

Next steps for preclinical development of CB 2679d-GT

CB 2679d-GT Preclinical Development

Mark Kay, M.D. Ph.D.
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Development of AAV vectors
and evaluation in mouse and
monkey models

Peter Lenting, Ph.D.
(INSERM)

Functional evaluation of the
gene therapy candidates in
hemophilia mouse models



What could account for the shortened bleeding time with CB 2679d-GT?

- + Does CB 2679d-GT improve clot structure?
- + Is the clot more stable?
- + Does CB 2679d-GT have a faster time to clot?
- + What functional properties of CB 2679d-GT contribute to the shorter bleeding time?
 - Resistance to antithrombin inhibition?

What is the durability of CB 2679d-GT when delivered in a novel AAV vector?

- + Durability in non-human primates

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AAV CB 2679d-GT is superior to AAV Padua

CB 2679d-GT demonstrates superior preclinical potency vs Padua

CB 2679d-GT differentiated from FIX Padua by further increased FIX activity

A novel chimeric capsid demonstrates high FIX levels with lower AAV dose

FIX antigen/activity levels stable and durable for up to 20 weeks in hemophilia B mice

CB 2679d-GT achieved a more rapid and robust hemostatic correction than Padua

Program now progressing to non-human primate studies

THANK YOU

