



# LIHR

La ricerca sulle malattie rare e le prospettive di cura  
per la malattia di Huntington

*Neuroscience, the Future is Bright*



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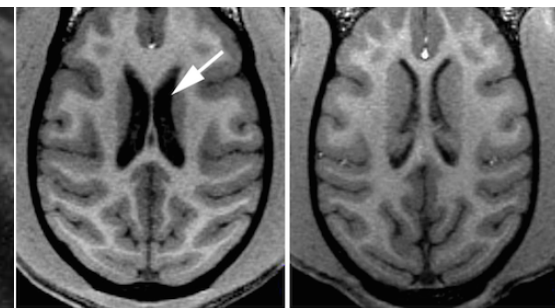
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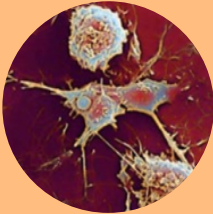
**HUNTINGTON DISEASE**



# Neuroscience Disease Areas of Focus

**Marketed/  
late stage  
(Ph3/Pivotal)**

## Neuroimmunology



### Multiple Sclerosis

Ocrevus™

### Neuromyelitis Optica

Anti-IL6R mAb (SA237)

## Alzheimer



### Alzheimer Disease

Crenezumab

Gantenerumab

## Neuromuscular



### Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Olesoxime  
SMN(2) splicer

### Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Anti-myostatin

## Psychiatry

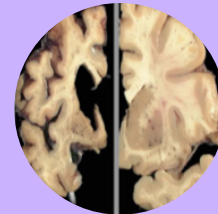


### Autism Spectrum Disorders



V1a receptor antagonist

## Movement Disorders



## Others



Tau mAb

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**  
DLKi

**Schizophrenia**  
basmisanil  
TAAR1(4)

**Huntington Disease**  
ASO HTT (IONIS)  
**Parkinson Disease**

Alpha-Syn mAb

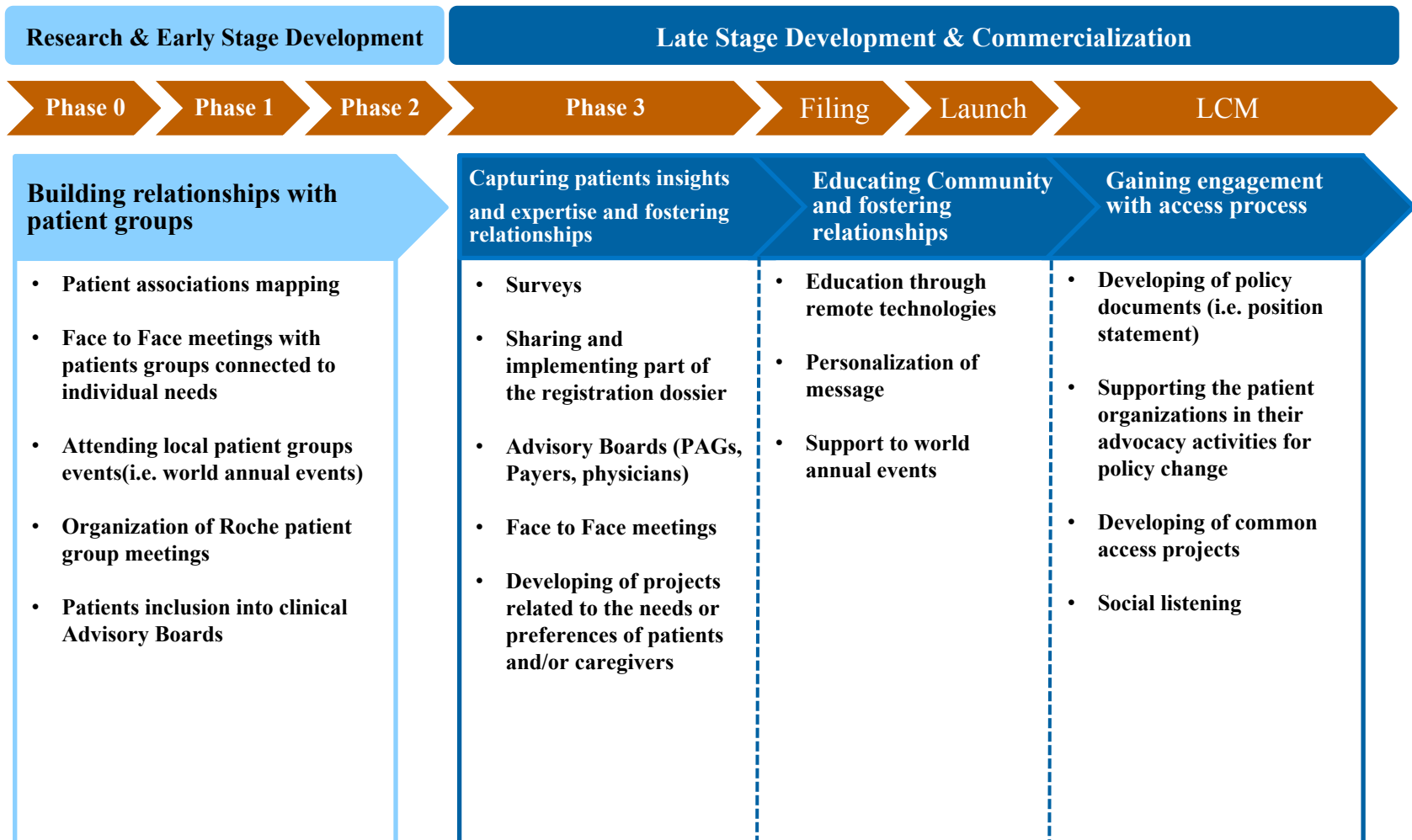
**Pain**  
Nav1.7 ant  
**Stroke recovery**  
Basmisanil

- Collaboration is essential to advance science and develop new treatments.
- Diverse groups bring different perspectives on the burden of nervous system disorders and potential solutions to ease this burden.
- Clinical trials would not be possible without patients and caregivers who volunteer their time and participation.
- Patients and caregivers can provide a more complete picture of the disease and treatment effects.
- **Patient groups are increasingly important partners for Roche**

**Some data can only be obtained through patient or caregiver reports and advocacy organizations, such as frequency of symptoms and their impact on daily life.**

# Roche Working with patient groups

## *Engagement activities along the lifecycle*



# Huntington Disease

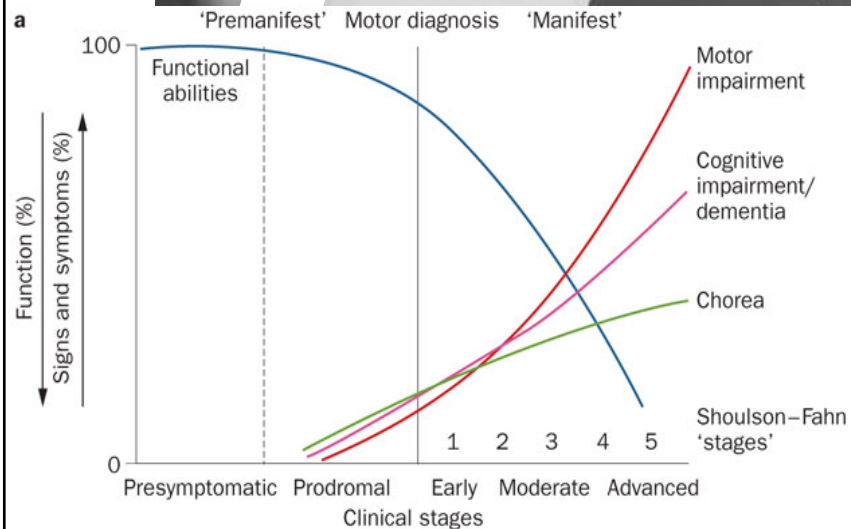
*A genetic progressive, highly debilitating neurological disease*

HD is a rare disease for which no cure is available

Currently available therapies are symptomatic

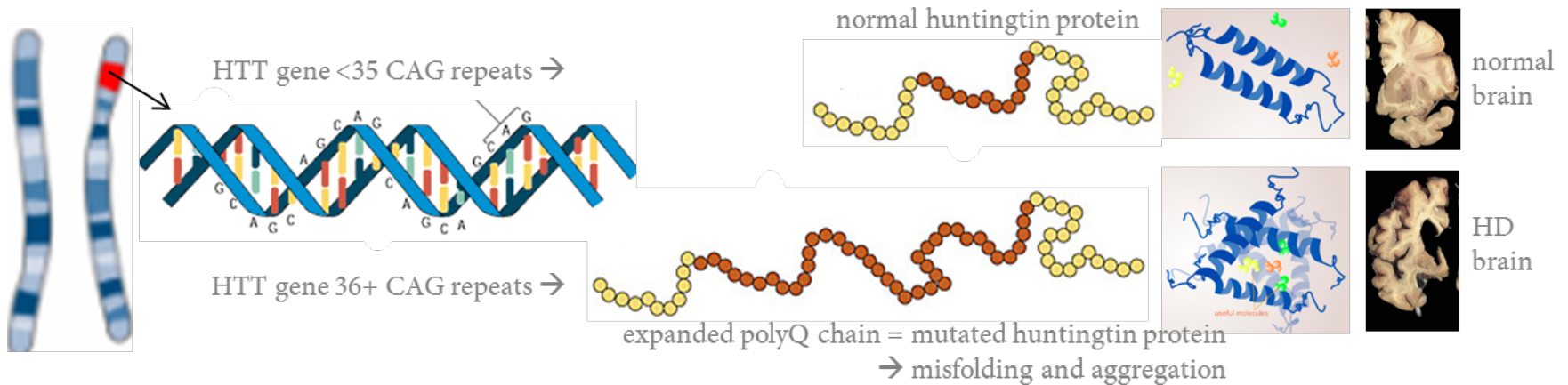
**HTT-  
ASO  
(IONIS-  
Roche)**

**Progression of HD symptoms by Stage**

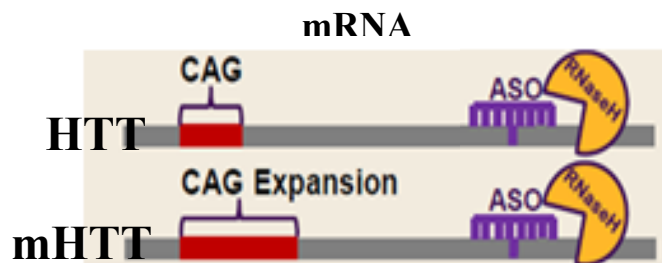


# HTT-ASO directly targets causal pathway of HD

## *Mechanism of action suppresses toxic mutant protein production*



→ impaired axonal transport; mitochondrial dysfunction; transcriptional deregulation; proteasome inhibition; exocytotoxicity; synaptic dysfunction; caspase/protease activation... **neuronal dysfunction & death**



- **ASO binds its complementary *HTT* mRNA** (non-allele selective)
- *HTT* mRNA-ASO duplex recognized by RNaseH which selectively degrades HTT mRNA, suppressing total HTT (mutant and normal HTT) Interrupts toxic gain of function



# What makes this program “rare”

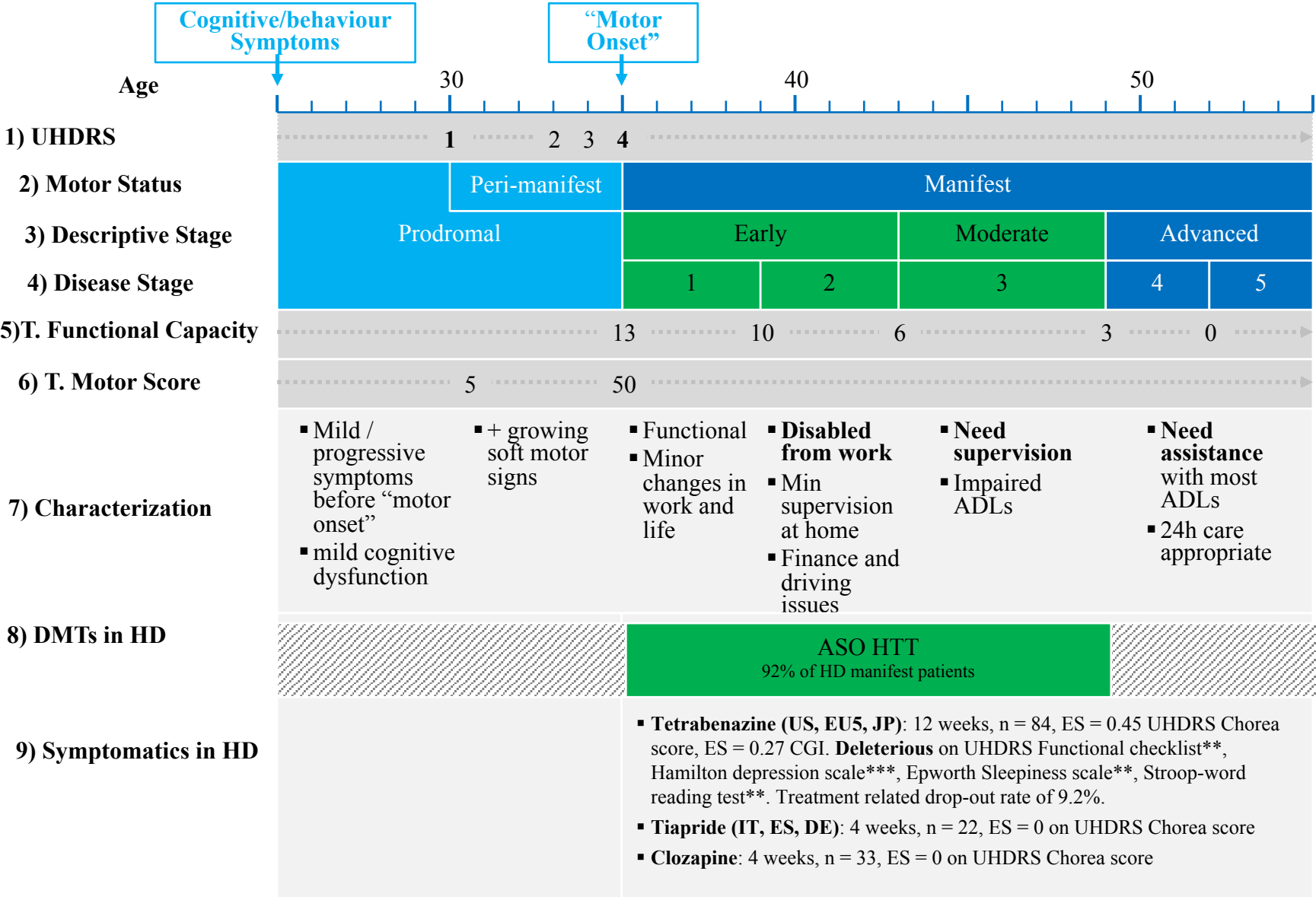
#1 Aetiology and biology well understood

#2 MoA linked to THE causative pathogenic pathway

#3 BM changes correlated with disease progression



# HTT ASO is the first-in-class disease modifier for the treatment of manifest HD patients





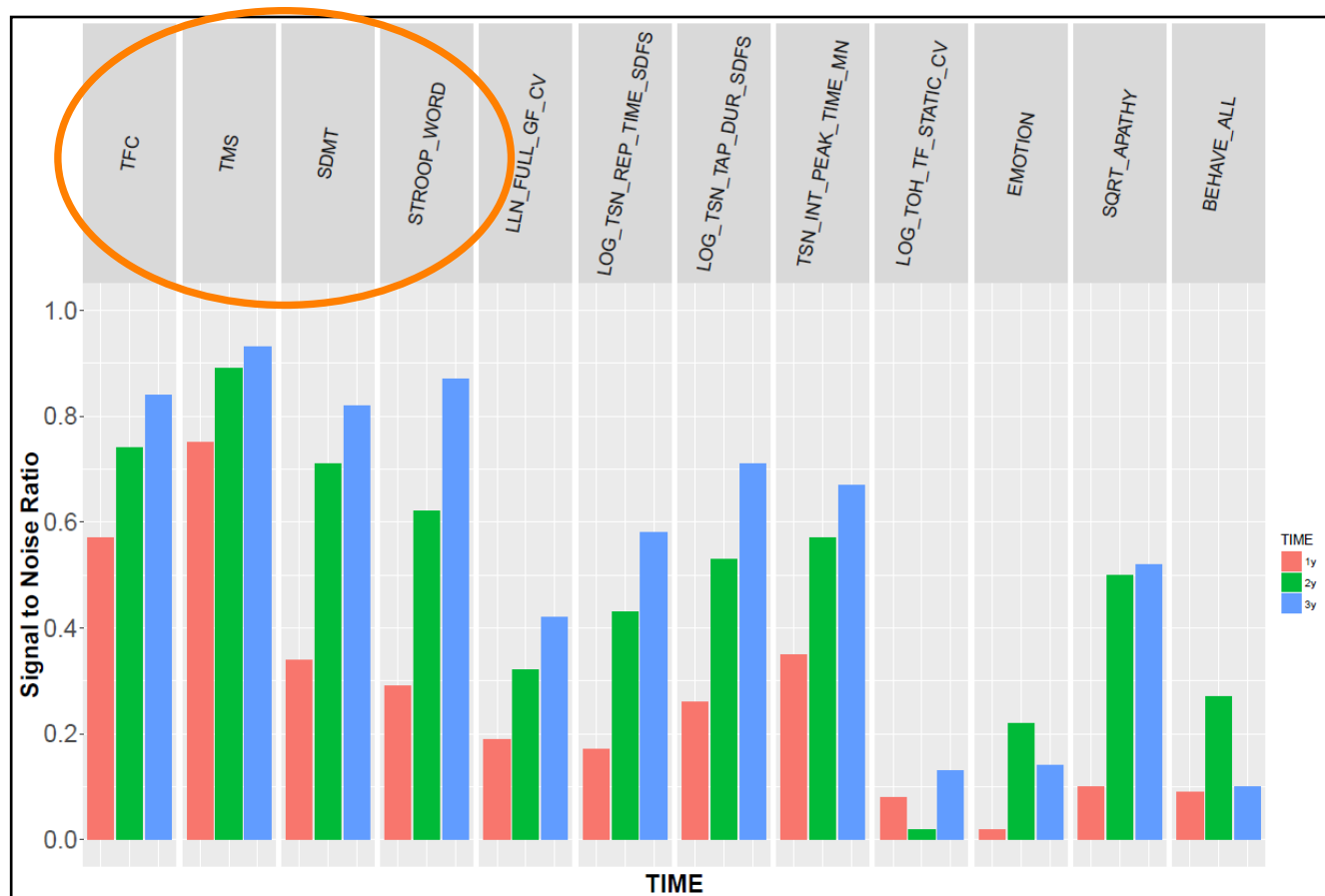
# Formation of cUHDRS concept from UHDRS

*Discovery of a linked pattern of longitudinal clinical change in individual UHDRS items*

**Discovery of a  
'cognitive-motor-  
functional'  
progression factor  
(TMS, TFC,  
SDMT, Stroop  
word)**

Behavioral and  
quantitative motor  
variables less well  
performing, with  
the exception of  
apathy

TRACK-HD trial



# Composite Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale (cUHDRS)

*Primary goal: better understand clinical progression across domains & identify improved outcome measures*

The composite UHDRS scale would not be new but would be a **composite** built by assembling the **most sensitive instruments** from the existing UHDRS to track disease progression across motor, cognitive, behavioural and functional symptoms. The aim is to use an established scale to better capture disease progression concept.

## CUHDRS Development

**Method:** Data were analysed from many individuals across four multi-site and multi-national studies of early HD.

**Results:** Relative to the TMS or TFS alone, a **composite variable comprising**

- TMS (motor)
- TFC (function)
- Symbol Digit Modality Test
- Stroop word score (cognition)

**best fulfilled clinical meaningfulness criteria** in an early HD population.

Several additional supportive analyses have also been conducted.

**The use of the composite UHDRS is heavily supported by therapeutic area experts.**

**Roche will establish and pursue clinical and regulatory validation of a composite based on the UHDRS which will be used in clinical trials (paper published on Neurology).**

## What is a meaningful change on the cUHDRS?

- **25% treatment effect on composite:** progression rate slowed by **3 months for every 12 months**
- **50% treatment effect on composite:** progression rate slowed by **6 months for every 12 months**
- **Consistent treatment effects** between composite & individual variables expected for treatment impacting core pathophysiology

# Extensive academic collaborations for cUHDRS endpoint development

- *Primary goal: better understand clinical progression across domains & identify improved outcome measures*
- HD biostatistics working group and data sharing between Roche, academia & HSG (2015/2016)
  - ~4,000 baseline cases, from 6 mo-11 yrs longitudinal follow-up of UHDRS data
  - Prospective cohort study data: TRACK-HD, PREDICT-HD; PADDINGTON; COHORT; PHAROS
  - Placebo group trial data: CARE-HD, 2-CARE, TREND-HD, HORIZON
  - **Paper published on Neurology**



- **Target engagement**

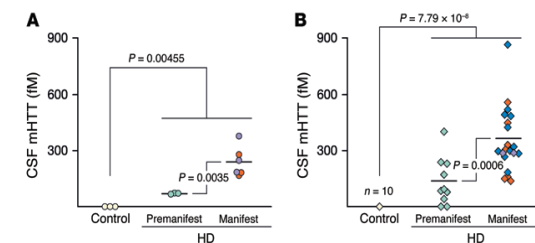
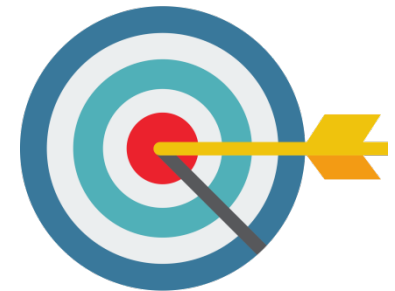
- Levels of mutant and total HTT in CSF after treatments
  - Singulex assay validated
  - Cobas Assays feasibility under evaluation

- **Proof of concept /proof of mechanism**

- Downstream markers of pathology in CSF and plasma (e.g. Tau, NF-L, Neurogranin)
- MRI (structural, functional)
- PET imaging of ASO distribution using zirconium labeled ASO
- PET imaging using ligand for aggregated mHTT (collaboration with CHDI)
- Continuous monitoring of motor function and cognition using smartphone technology

- **Diagnosis**

- Diagnosis of family members straight forward (genetic testing)
- Diagnosis can be issue in patients w/o family history – early genetic testing needed



# Roche leadership in digital biomarkers

*Providing enhanced patient insights and novel endpoints*



- **Clinical trials utilizing mobiles, wearables and gaming devices:**
  - Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis
  - Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Stroke Recovery and **HD**
- **More sensitive, precise and objective**
- **Continuous and longitudinal measurement captures episodic and rare events**
- **Reduced assessment burden and greater real-world relevance – post-marketing applications**
- **Potential beyond neuroscience indications**

# ASO-HTT a DMT for HD

- 1) Clear mode of action
- 2) Biomarker correlation with clinical features ?
- 3) Sustained effect duration ?

The Journal of Clinical Investigation

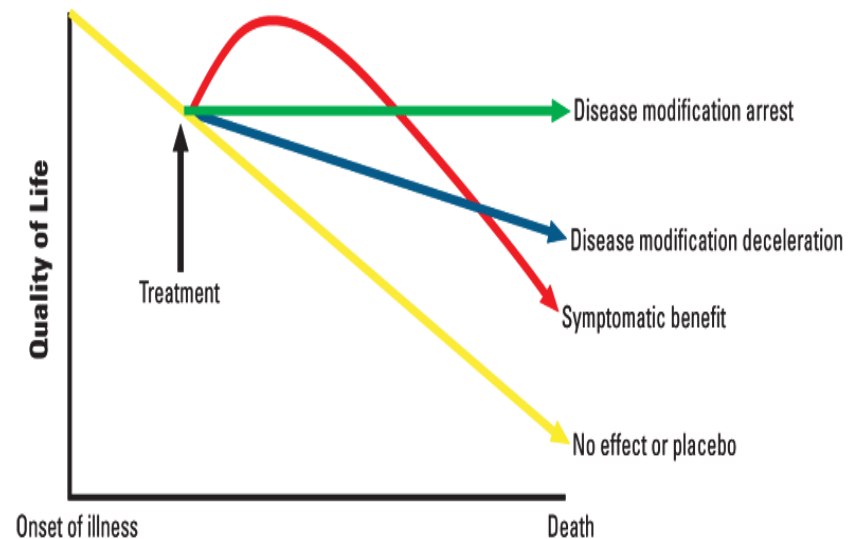
CLINICAL MEDICINE

## Quantification of mutant huntingtin protein in cerebrospinal fluid from Huntington's disease patients

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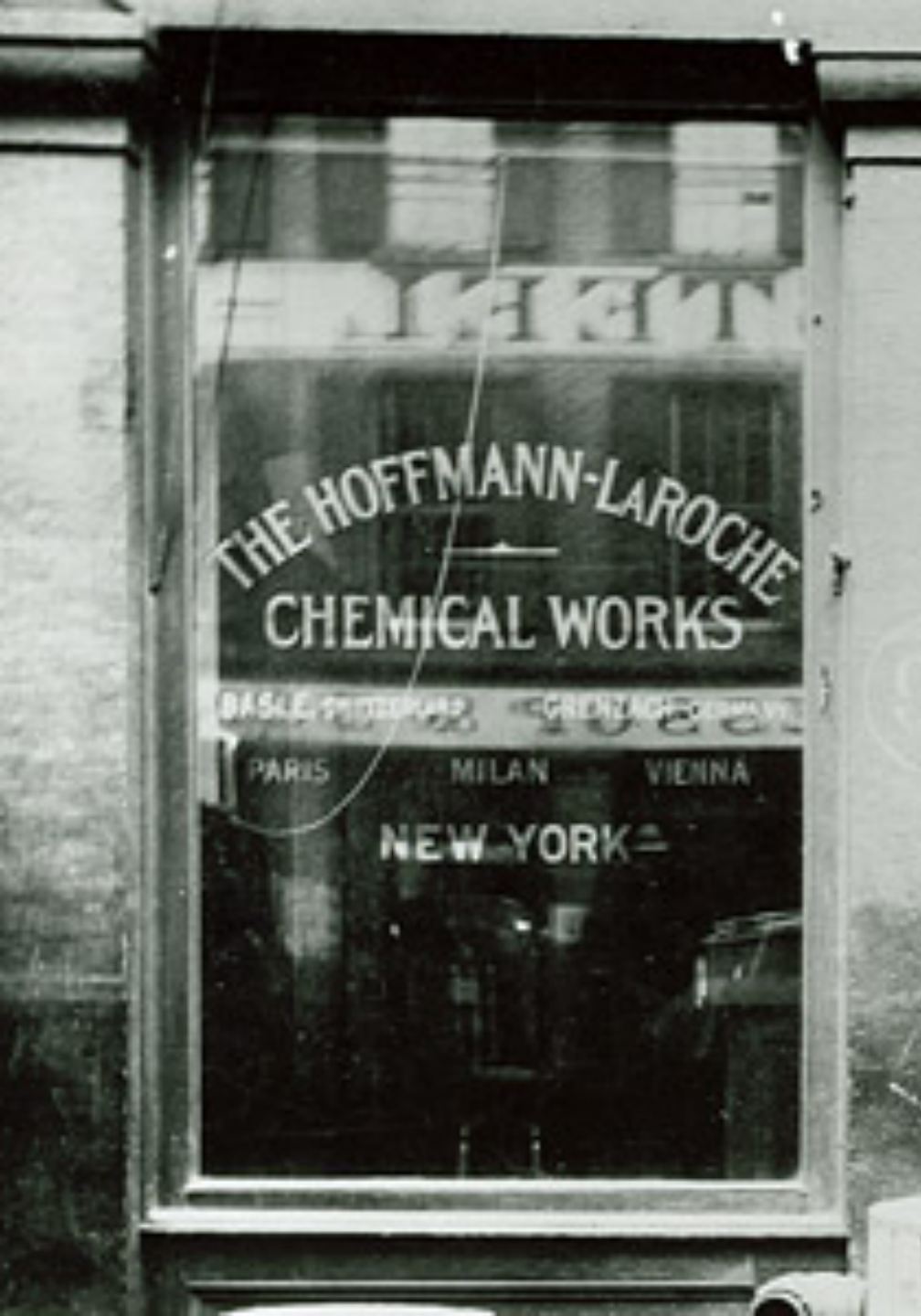




## Building On Our Legacy

We have a history of transforming scientific insights into breakthrough medicines for cancer.

We want to do the same for nervous system disorders with the greatest need, whether they affect millions of people or thousands.



*Doing now what patients need next*