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# Exploring FcRn Biology and the Opportunity for Efgartigimod in Autoimmune Myositis

# A Playbook in Motion

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# Agenda

**A Playbook in Motion**

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**The Opportunity in  
Autoimmune Myositis**

*Karen Massey*



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Chief Executive Officer

**Autoantibodies in Myositis: From  
Bystanders to Therapeutic Targets**

*Leentje De Ceuninck*



**Leentje De Ceuninck, Ph.D.**

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**Innovative Approach to  
Clinical Trial Design**

*Dr. Luc Truyen*



**Dr. Luc Truyen, M.D., Ph.D.**

Chief Medical Officer

**Voices from the Frontline:  
Myositis Patient Journey**

*Physician Panel  
Moderated by Joshua Bryson*



**Joshua Bryson, Ph.D.**

Head of U.S. Medical Affairs  
& Evidence Generation

**Commercial Opportunity**

*Sandrine Piret-Gerard*



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Chief Commercialization Officer

**Delivering the Future**

*Karen Massey*

**Q&A Session**

# Key Opinion Leaders Here Today



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**MD**  
Northwestern Medical Group



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# Key Take Aways For Today

- 01 Autoimmune myositis is a white space opportunity aligned with our playbook: strong biology and high unmet need
- 02 ALKIVIA enabled a data-rich approach to our path forward: IMNM/DM opportunity
- 03 We are refining our US regulatory filing strategy: strength of each subtype on its own
- 04 IMNM/DM are strategic entry points for argenx and FcRn into rheumatology
- 05 Well-positioned to achieve our two goals: near-term label expansion and long-term leadership in autoimmune myositis

# The Opportunity in Autoimmune Myositis

Karen Massey /// Chief Executive Officer

# The Human Cost of Autoimmune Myositis Goes Far Beyond Muscle Weakness

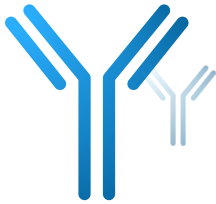


Larisa, Living with IMNM

# Autoimmune Myositis is a Quintessential argenx Opportunity

## Clear Biology

**IMNM**  
anti-SRP  
anti-HMGCR



**DM**  
anti-Mi-2  
anti-MDA5  
anti-TIF1γ,  
NXP2, SAE



## High Unmet Need



## A Blockbuster Opportunity\*

**IMNM**

**20K**

Zero approved or late-development therapies

Breakthrough Therapy Designation for IMNM

**DM**

**40K**

Heterogeneous disease; Limited treatments

\*U.S. Prevalence

# ALKIVIA is Designed to Unlock the Potential of Efgartigimod in Myositis

ALKIVIA: Adaptive Study in an Evolving Space



**Built on biology insights**



**Innovative trial design**



**Fastest path to patients in one or more subtypes**

# Two Primary Goals in Autoimmune Myositis

## Label Expansion

Broaden access to reach more patients with VYVGART today

**VYVGART Hytrulo**<sup>®</sup>  
(efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc)



## Long Term Leadership

Shape and expand autoimmune myositis market



Melissa  
Patient with Myositis

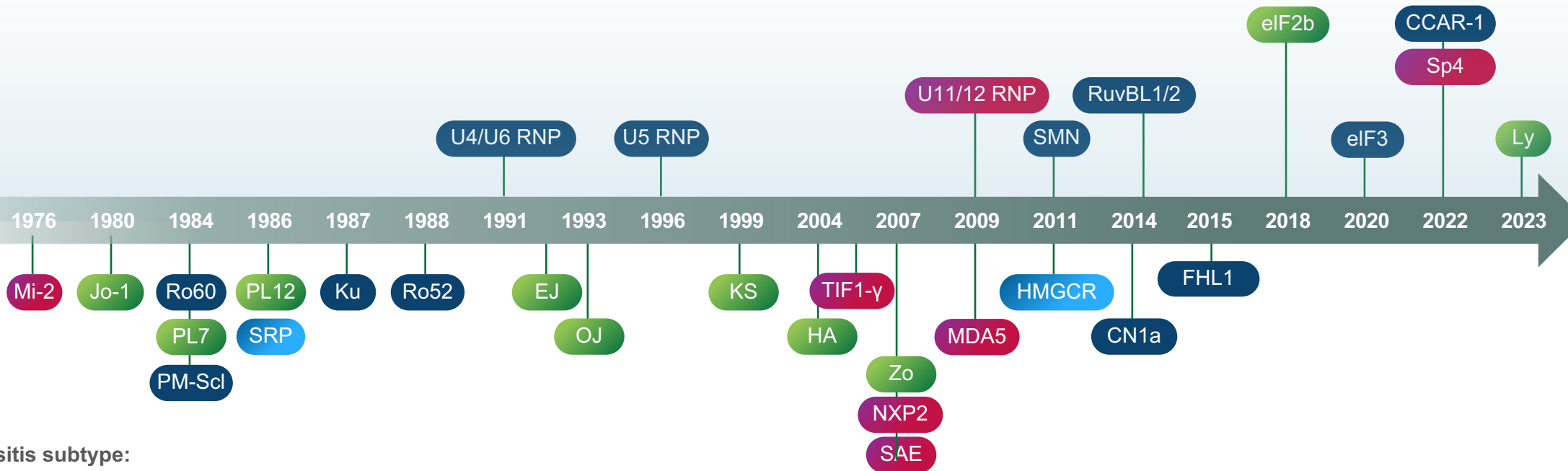
**Maximizing  
Patient Impact**

# Autoantibodies in Myositis: From Bystanders to Therapeutic Targets

Leentje De Ceuninck /// Principal Scientist

# 50 Years Since Identification of First Myositis-Specific Autoantibody

## Hallmarks in disease diagnosis and classification



Myositis subtype:

- DM
- IMNM
- ASyS
- Other<sup>a</sup>

Figure adapted from Harvey GR, et al. 2024<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11926-024-01171-8> Copyright © 2025 Elsevier Ltd  
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# Autoimmune Myositis Increasingly Understood as a Group of Antibody and Phenotype-defined Syndromes

POLYMYOSITIS (PM)

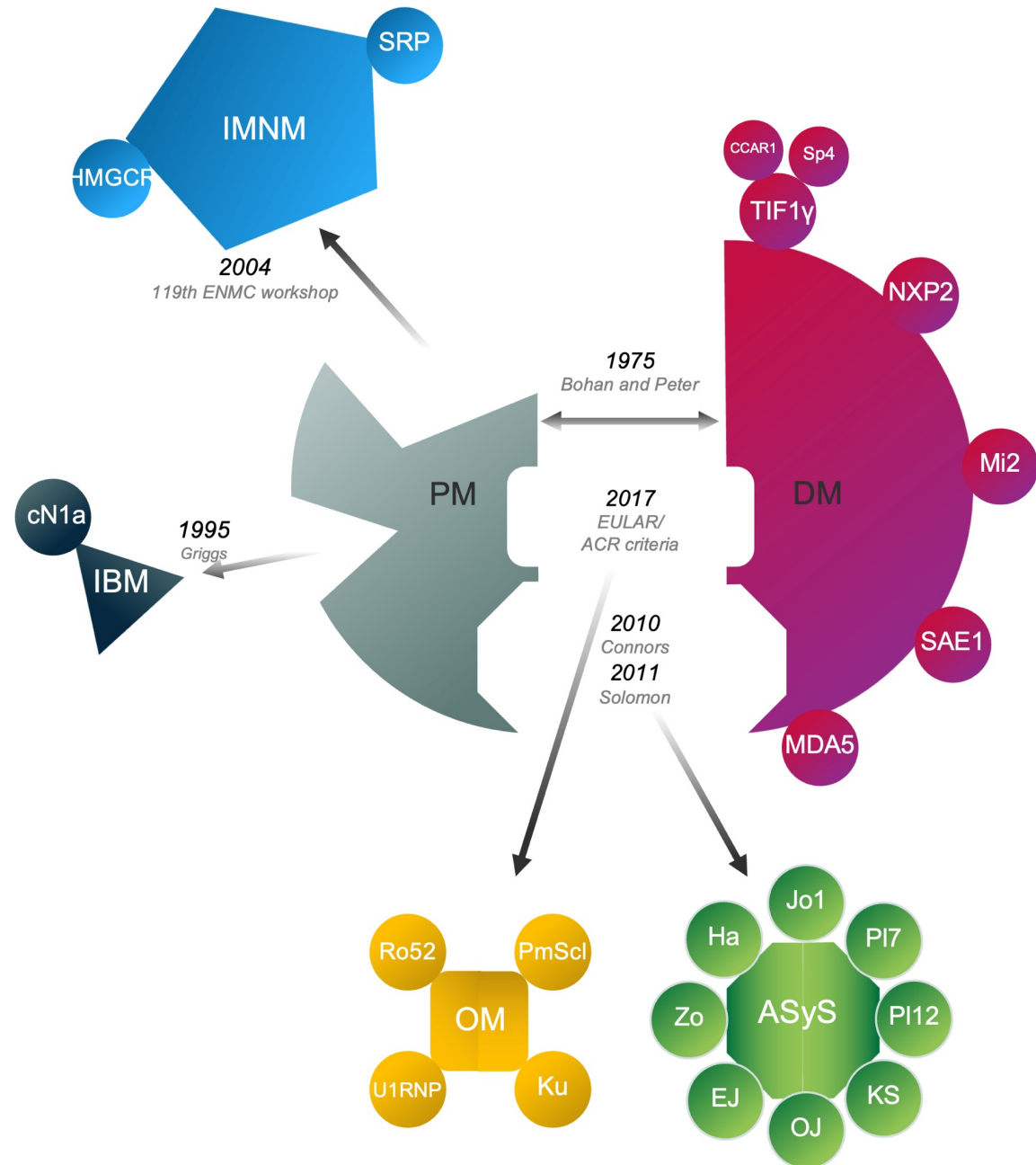
DERMATOMYOSITIS (DM)

INCLUSION BODY MYOSITIS (IBM)

IMMUNE MEDIATED NECROTISING MYOPATHY (IMNM)

OVERLAP MYOSITIS (OM)

ANTISYNTHEASE SYNDROME (ASyS)

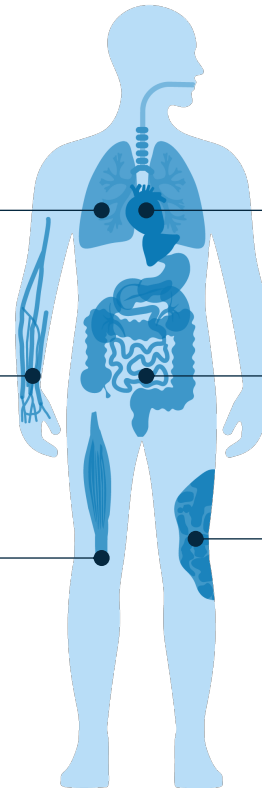


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# Myositis-Specific Antibodies Correlate with Distinct Clinical Phenotypes

## Most Common Hallmark: Proximal Muscle Weakness



Interstitial lung disease



SRP



MDA5  
SAE



ASyS

Arrhythmias, conduction defects, pericarditis, cardiomyopathies



MDA5



SRP  
HMGCR

Raynaud's phenomenon



MDA5  
Mi-2



ASyS

Dysphagia, gastrointestinal vasculitis or perforation



SRP



MDA5  
SAE  
TIF1  
NXP2

Arthritis



MDA5  
NXP2  
Mi-2



ASyS

Rash



Mi-2  
MDA5  
SAE  
TIF1  
NXP2



ASyS



IMNM-specific



DM-specific



ASyS-specific

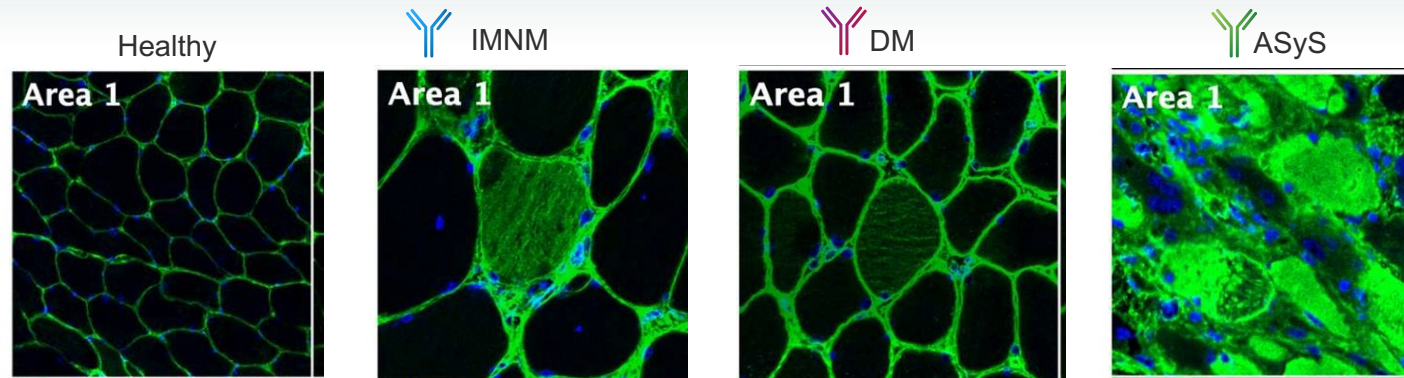
AMA, antimitochondrial antibodies; ARS, aminoacyl-transfer RNA synthetases; ASyS, antisynthetase syndrome; cN1A, cytosolic 5'-nucleotidase 1A; DM, dermatomyositis; HMGCR, 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A reductase; IMNM, immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; MDA5, melanoma differentiation-associated protein 5; MSA, myositis-specific antibody; NXP2, nuclear matrix protein 2; SAE, small ubiquitin-like modifier activating enzyme; SRP, signal recognition particle; TIF1, transcriptional intermediary factor 1.

\*Some patients with myositis show no detectable MSAs and are considered seronegative.<sup>2</sup>

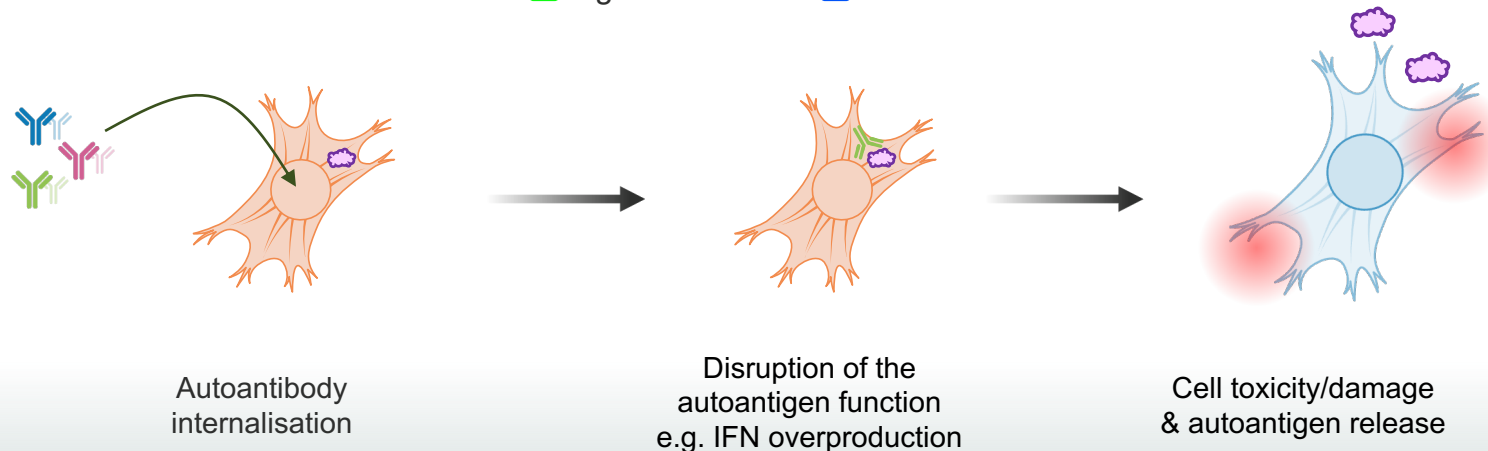
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# Intracellular Autoantibodies Disrupt Autoantigen Function

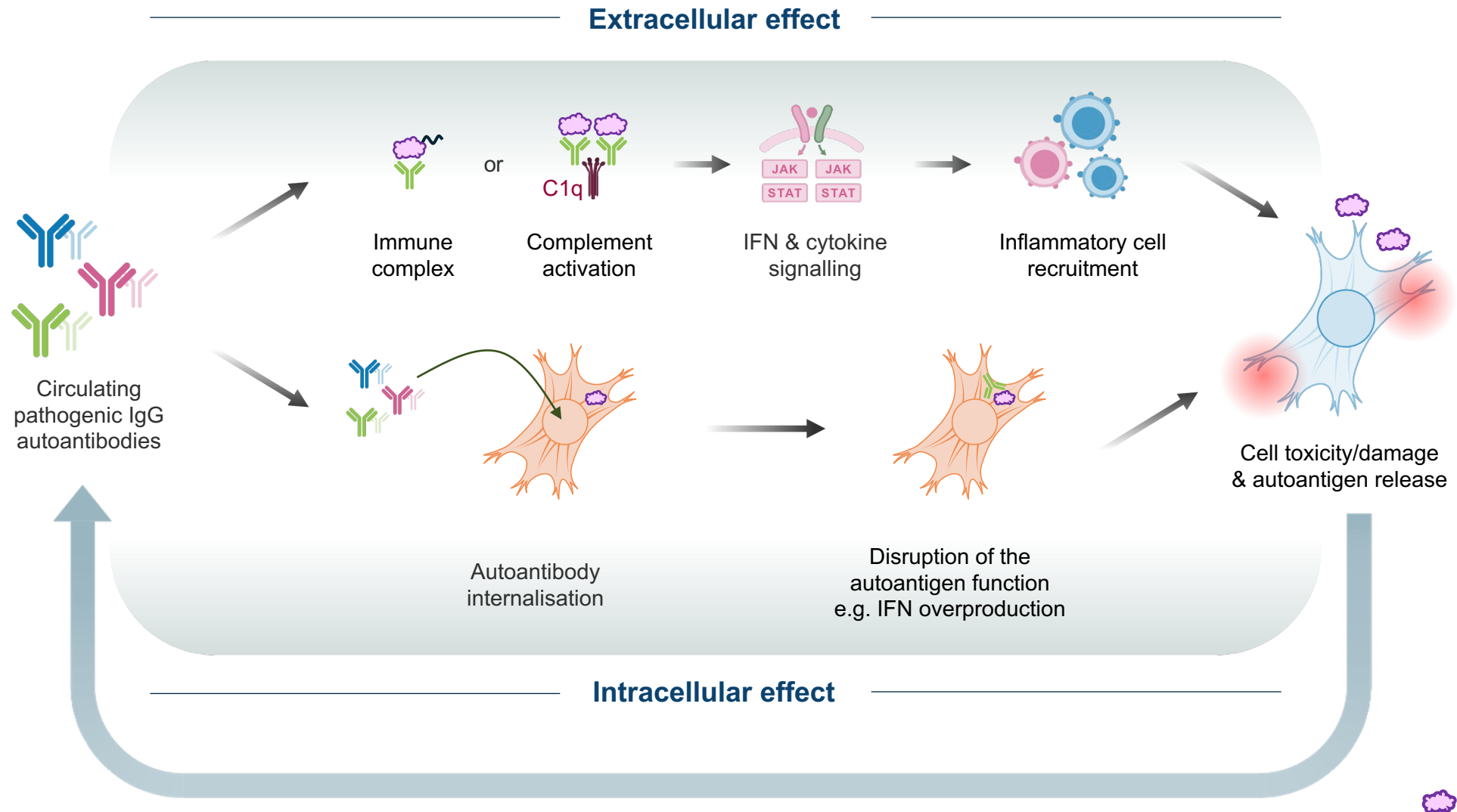
## Human Muscle Staining



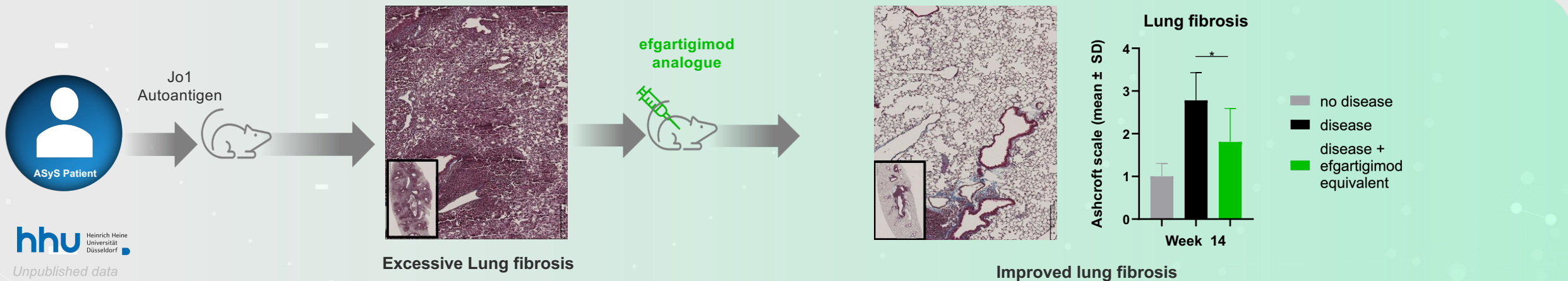
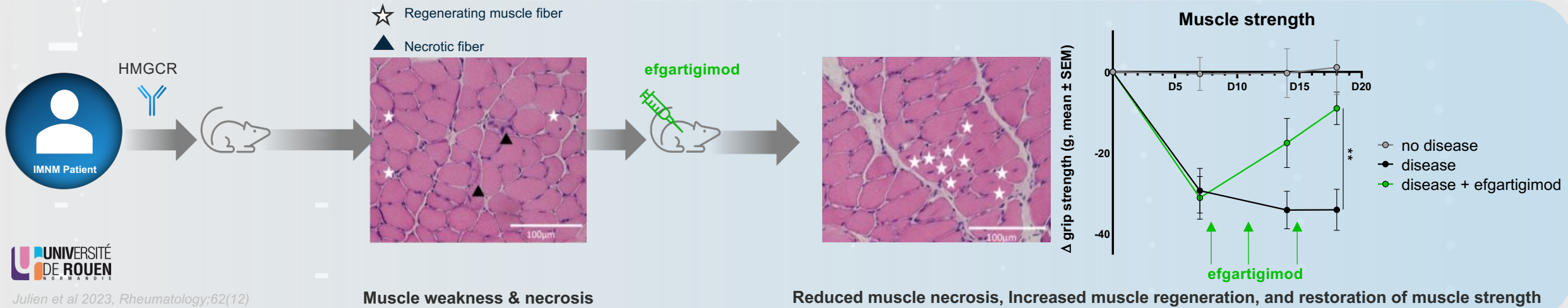
■ IgG antibodies ■ nucleus



# Autoantibodies in Autoimmune Myositis are Directly Pathogenic



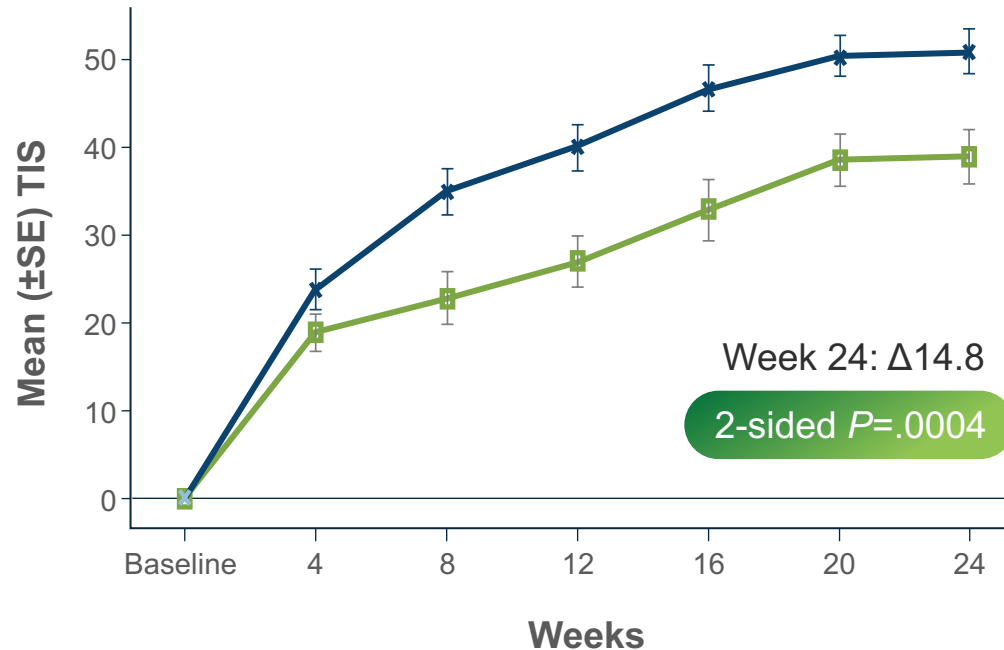
# Efgartigimod Restores Mouse Muscle Function and Reduces Lung Fibrosis



# Clinical Data and Biology Tell One Coherent Story

## ALKIVIA Phase 2 Data

### Efgartigimod Led to Significant Improvement in Mean TIS at Week 24

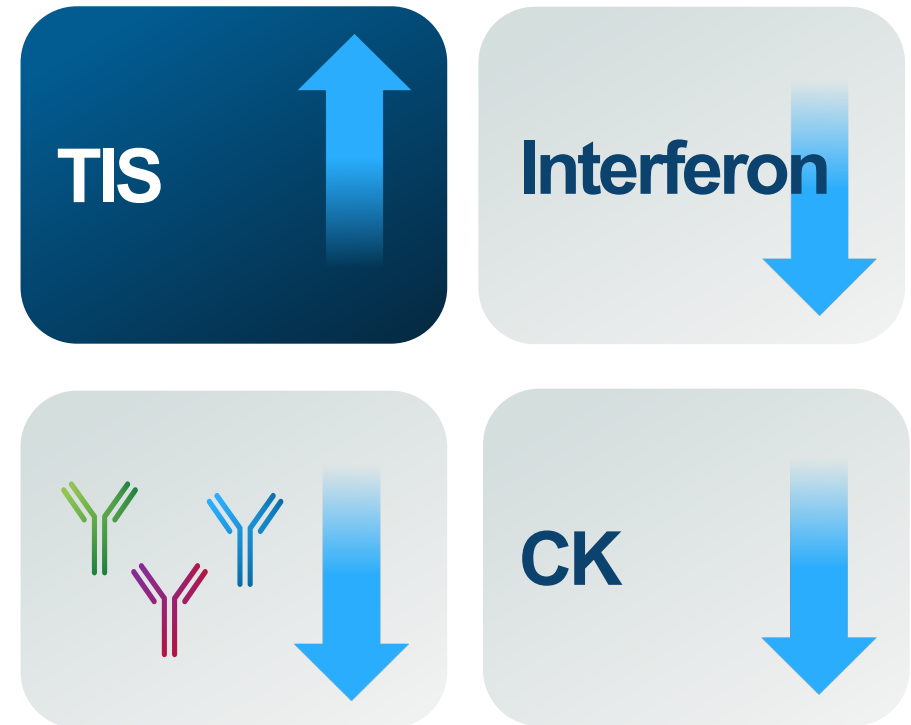


■ efgartigimod (N=47)

■ Placebo (N=42)

P-value is based on treatment policy (ANCOVA model)

### Reflection of Biology in Biomarkers



# Innovative Approach to Clinical Trial Design

Luc Truyen /// Chief Medical Officer

# ALKIVIA Is Designed to Unlock the Potential of Efgartigimod in Autoimmune Myositis



## Adaptive Study

### Built On Biology Insights



Increasing knowledge on IgG autoantibodies as drivers of disease

Common persistent impairment of muscle function

### Delivering Data On What Patients Care About



TIS endpoint spanning 6 core set measures, including MMT8 (muscle strength)

Steroid tapering

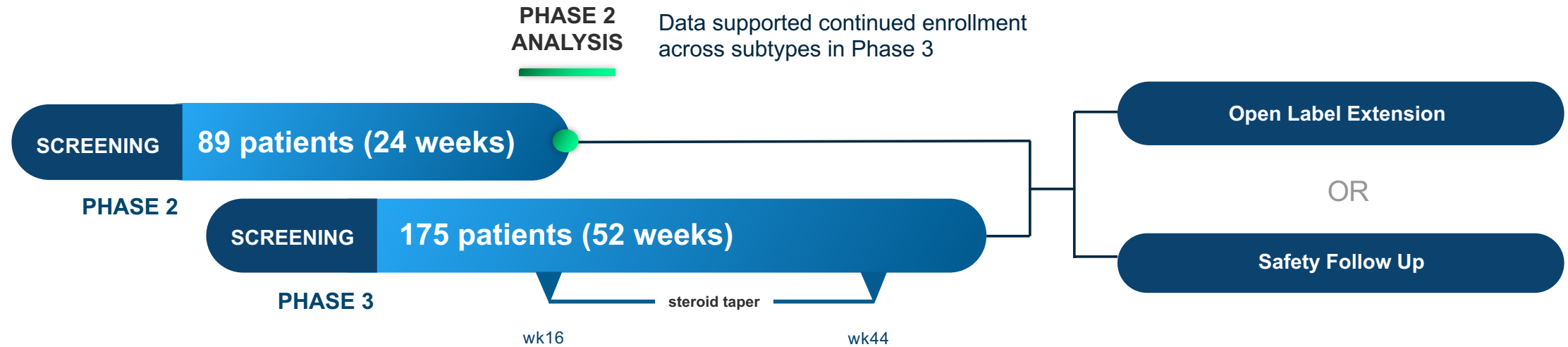
### Innovative Trial Design



Operationally seamless Phase 2/3 study

Evaluating 3 subtypes of AIM (IMNM, DM, PM)

# ALKIVIA Phase 2/3 Adaptive Basket Study



## Primary endpoint: TIS (total improvement score)

### TIS Core Set Measures

Capture Breadth of Response

- \_\_\_\_ Muscle strength
- \_\_\_\_ Physical function
- \_\_\_\_ Patient & physician global assessment
- \_\_\_\_ Muscle enzymes
- \_\_\_\_ Extra-muscular activity

## Trial Features

### NO ENROLLMENT TARGET PER SUBTYPE

Enrollment reflects unmet need, prevalence

### ACTIVE MUSCLE WEAKNESS

Despite standard of care

### TAPERING PROTOCOL\*

Supports real world demand for steroid reduction

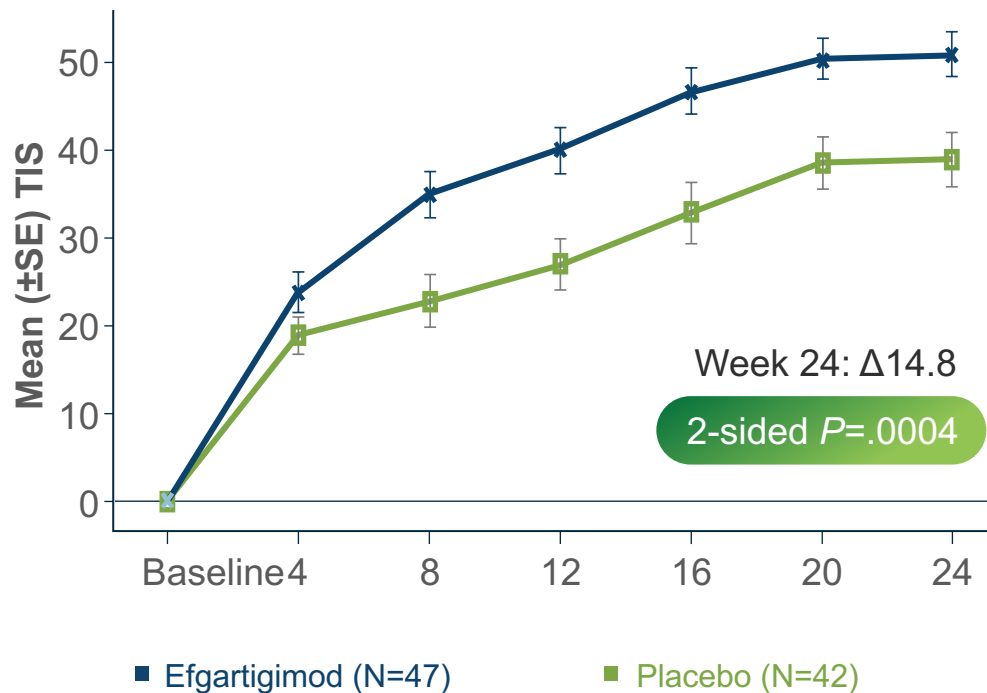
### PRIMARY ANALYSIS\*†

Updated to evaluate strength of evidence of each subtype

\*Phase 3 only † US

# IMNM Showed Significant Improvement and DM Showed Clear Signal in Phase 2

## Phase 2 Met Primary Endpoint Mean TIS across Total Population



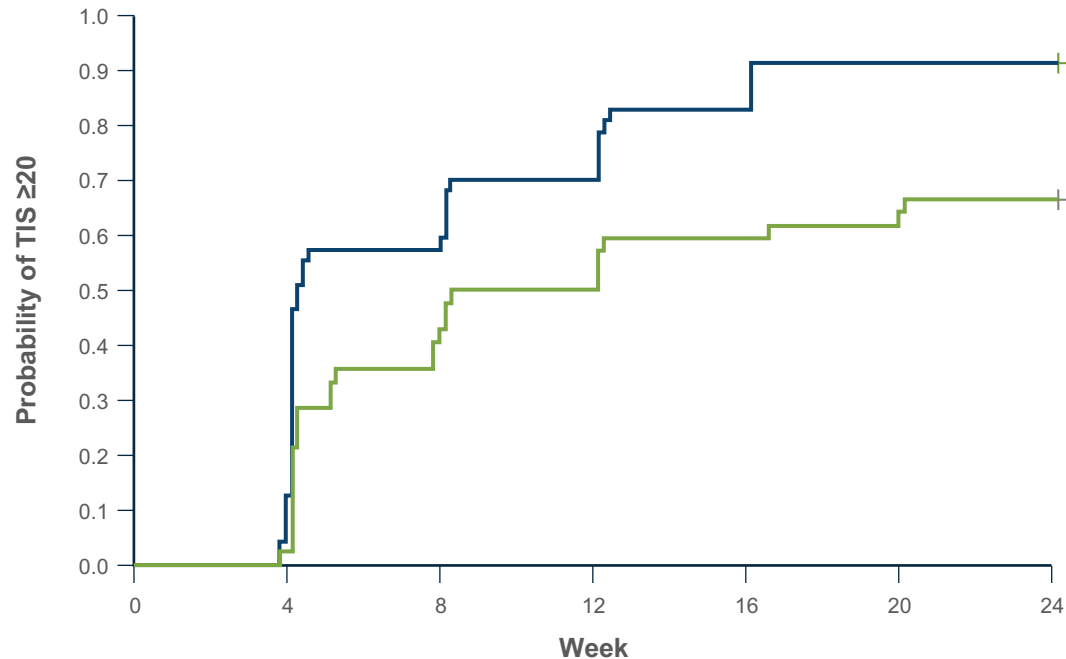
## IMNM Key Contributor to Response in Phase 2

Baseline Characteristics	Phase 2
Patients (total)	89
IMNM-subtype	61%
DM-subtype	29%
PM-subtype	10%
MMT8*	120
Steroid dose (median)	10 mg
Age (mean)	56
Time since diagnosis	4-5 years
MSA+	85%

\* MMT8 is a scale of 0-150 where 150 equals normal muscle function

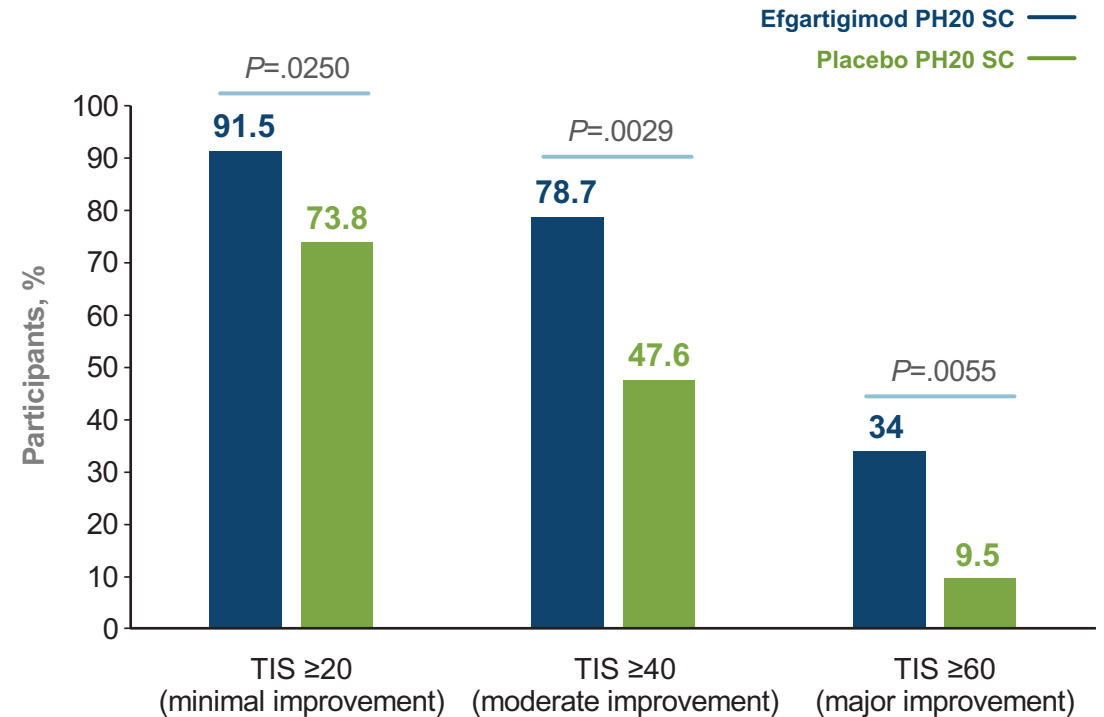
# Phase 2 Results Show Efgartigimod Signature Speed and Depth of Response

## Speed



Median time to TIS ≥20 was significantly shorter in efgartigimod versus placebo (30 days vs 72 days;  $P=.0020$ )

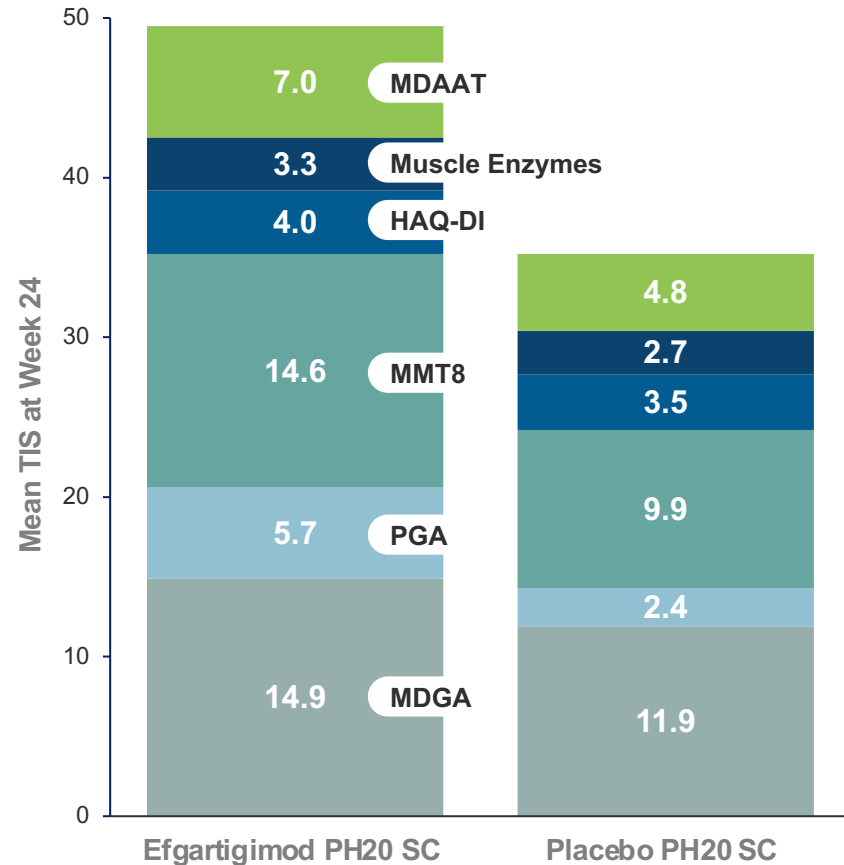
## Depth of Response



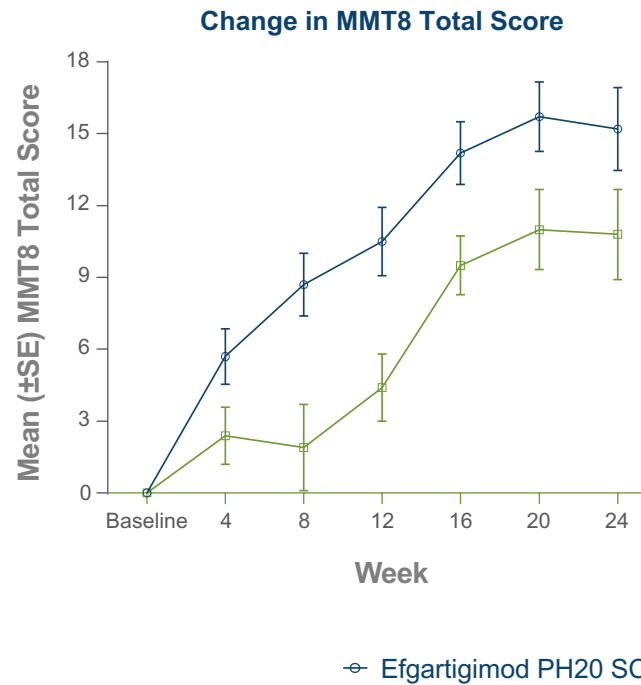
A higher proportion of patients treated with efgartigimod had a moderate (TIS ≥40) and major (TIS ≥60) clinical improvement at Week 24 compared with placebo

# Efgartigimod Treatment Improved all 6 Core Set Measures of the TIS

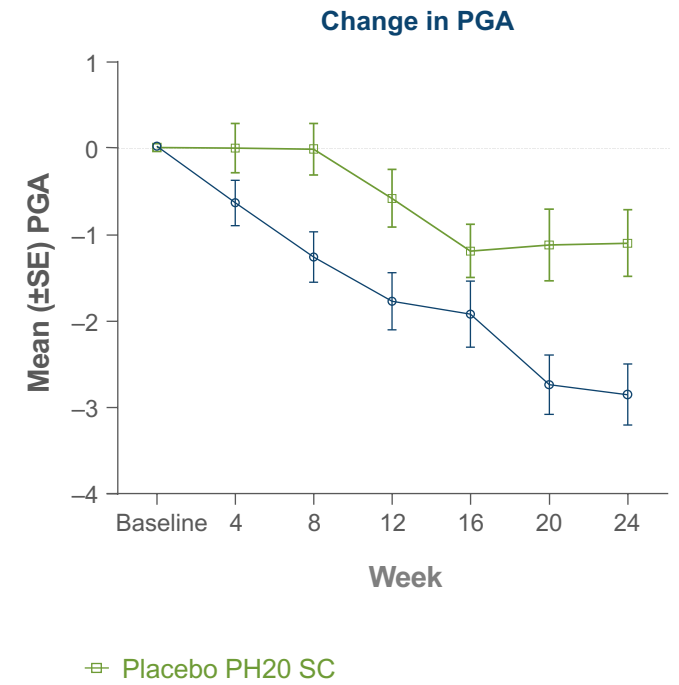
## Percentage Contribution of Individual CSM to TIS at Week 24



## Significant improvement in muscle strength



## Significant reduction in patient-reported disease activity



# ALKIVIA Phase 2 Study Demonstrated Safety Consistent with Known Profile

	Efgartigimod PH20 SC (N=47; PYFU=22)			Placebo PH20 SC (N=42; PYFU=18)		
	n (%)	m	ER	n (%)	m	ER
≥1 AE	41 (87.2)	320	14.7	37 (88.1)	168	9.2
≥1 SAE	8 (17.0)	11	0.5	9 (21.4)	10	0.5
≥1 grade ≥3 AE	7 (14.9)	10	0.5	12 (28.6)	13	0.7
≥1 AE leading to study drug discontinuation	3 (6.4)	3	0.1	4 (9.5)	4	0.2
≥1 AESI (infection)	20 (42.6)	24	1.1	20 (47.6)	31	1.7
≥1 injection site reaction	21 (44.7)	155	7.1	9 (21.4)	41	2.2
≥1 fatal AE	2 (4.3)*	2	<0.1	0	0	0
<b>Most common AEs (occurring in &gt;10% of participants)</b>						
COVID-19	4 (8.5)	4	0.2	5 (11.9)	5	0.3
Diarrhea	6 (12.8)	9	0.4	2 (4.8)	2	0.1
Injection site bruising	5 (10.6)	7	0.3	4 (9.5)	9	0.5
Injection site erythema	11 (23.4)	36	1.6	2 (4.8)	8	0.4
Injection site pain	3 (6.4)	25	1.1	5 (11.9)	14	0.8
Injection site rash	8 (17.0)	41	1.9	0	0	0
Injection site reaction	5 (10.6)	8	0.4	1 (2.4)	5	0.3
Urinary tract infection	1 (2.1)	1	<0.1	5 (11.9)	6	0.3

Participants treated with efgartigimod PH20 SC demonstrated a mean maximum IgG reduction of 72% from baseline

n, number of patients

m, number of events

ER, event rate

\*Both deaths (road traffic accident and septic shock) were considered unrelated to the study drug



# Our Strategy Prioritizes Bringing Innovation to Patients as Quickly as Possible

## Key Insights Gained



- ✓ IMNM drove the response in Phase 2
- ✓ DM showed clear signal in Phase 2
- ✓ Breakthrough Therapy Designation in IMNM
- ✓ Baseline characteristics with Phase 3 distribution similar to Phase 2

## Updated Filing Strategy\*

Data for each subtype stands on its own



If data support, file with urgency in one or more subtypes

## Why This Matters

Innovation has no meaning unless it reaches patients

**IMNM:** No approved treatments  
**DM:** Opportunity to bring differentiated benefit



# Panel Discussion

Moderated by Joshua Bryson



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# Commercial Opportunity

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# High Unmet Need for Innovation in Autoimmune Myositis

## Persistent Disability

Up to **80%**

experience persistent disability

## Daily Impairment

**~45%**

reported work impairment

## Treatment Limitations

**~50%**

require therapies beyond current regimens

## High Steroid Use

**>85%**

are on steroids

## Clear need for therapies that can deliver:

- ✓ Rapid onset
- ✓ Sustained efficacy (esp. muscle weakness)
- ✓ Established safety
- ✓ Steroid sparing
- ✓ Convenient administration

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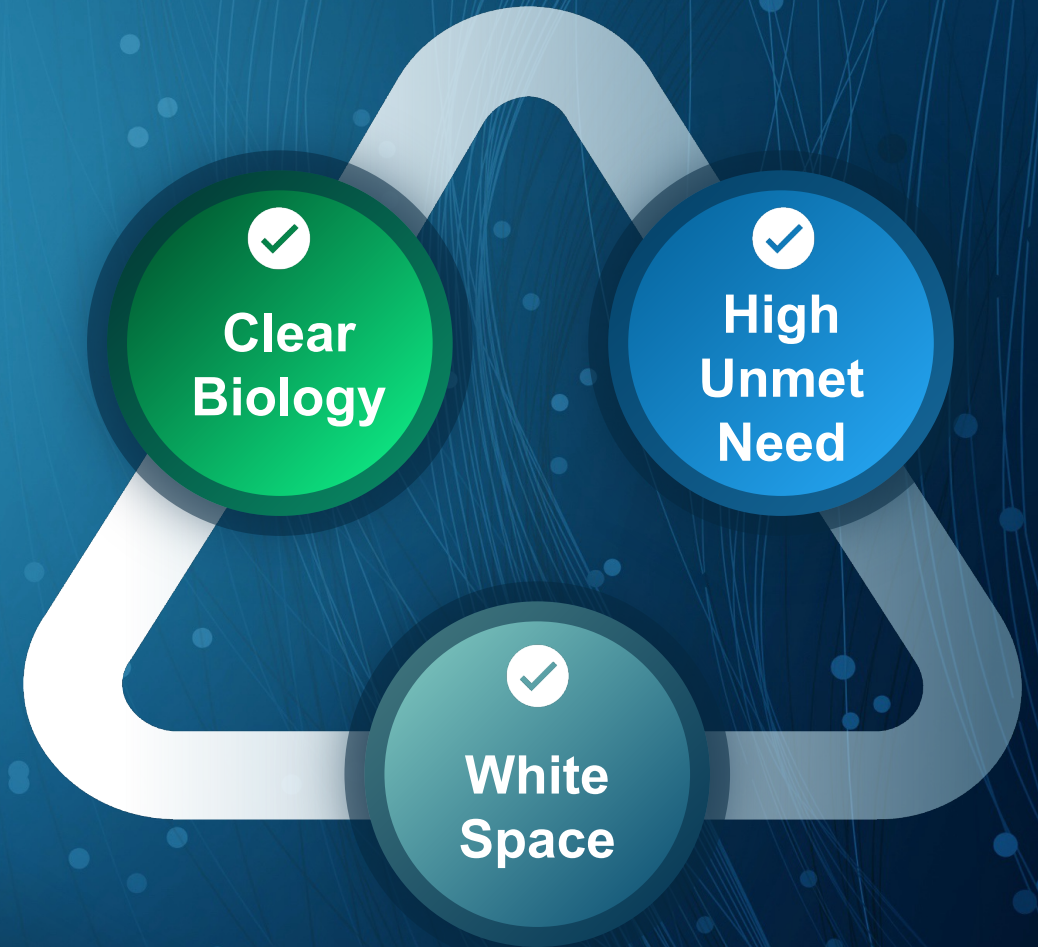
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# Autoimmune Myositis Fits the argenx Playbook

Sandy, Myositis Patient

## Our Playbook



# Unique Opportunity to be the First and Only Therapy in IMNM

## CLEAR BIOLOGY

- ✓ Strongest body of evidence of autoantibodies as disease driver

## HIGH UNMET NEED

“Stop the Damage Now”

- ✓ Rapid, sustained efficacy on muscle

## WHITE SPACE

- ✓ No approved treatments and no others in sight

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Rheumatologists are likely to prescribe VYVGART for IMNM if approved\*

# Opportunity for Differentiated Entry in Dermatomyositis

## CLEAR BIOLOGY

- ✓ Broader spectrum of autoantibody involvement
- ✓ Heterogeneous disease manifestations

## HIGH UNMET NEED

“Help me manage for the long haul”

- ✓ Efficacy on muscle and skin
- ✓ Safety/tolerability profile fit for long-term use

## WHITE SPACE

- ✓ IVIg only approved treatment
- ✓ Different MOAs for different needs

# 8/10

Rheumatologists are likely to prescribe VYVGART for DM if approved\*

# IMNM Alone has the Potential to be a Multi-Blockbuster Opportunity



**20k**

**IMNM**

Patients diagnosed

+

**40k**

**DM**

Patients diagnosed

+

**Biologics  
market  
expansion**

# Augmenting our Commercialization Engine to Prepare for a Successful Entry into Rheumatology

## Patients

Best-in-Class Patient Engagement Program

Partnerships with AIM Patient Advocacy Groups

## Payors

Strong Market Access Capabilities

Proactive Payor Engagements

## HCPs

Expanded MSL Team Engaging with 650 AIM KOLs

Medical Education

Disease State Education Campaign

Sales Field Expansion Planned (Rheumatology)

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# VISION 2030 is Our Engine for Long-term Growth

**50k**

patients on  
treatment

Scale VYVGART  
in MG and CIDP

**10**

labeled  
indications

Expand across  
indications and assets

**5**

late-stage  
molecules

Build durable and  
diversified portfolio in  
FcRn and beyond

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# Q&A

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