



## **Overview of product candidate ACU193 and the ongoing Phase-1 INTERCEPT-AD trial**

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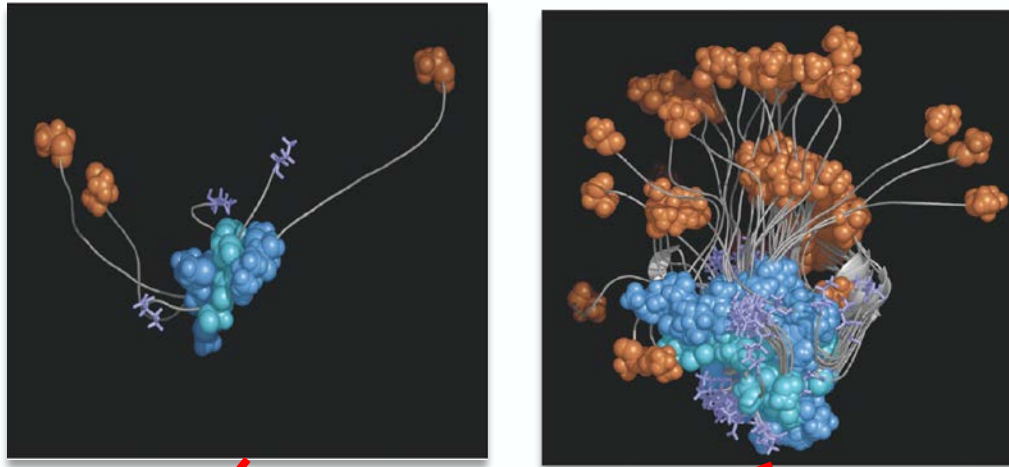
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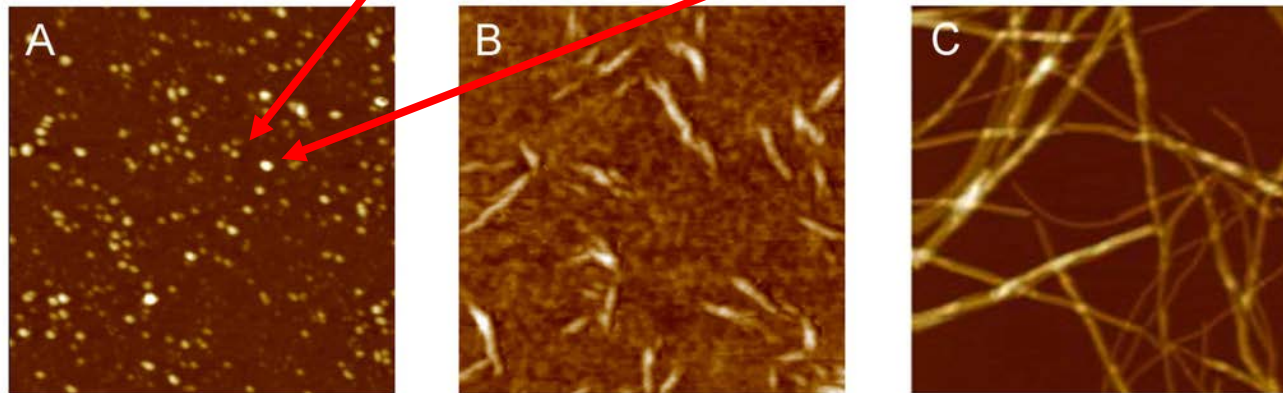
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# Quaternary structures of A $\beta$ Oligomers, protofibrils and fibrils

A $\beta$ O may consist of 2 to >200 A $\beta$  peptides.



*Kelley et al. Simulating oligomerization at experimental concentrations and long timescales: A Markov state model approach. J Chem Physics 2008.*



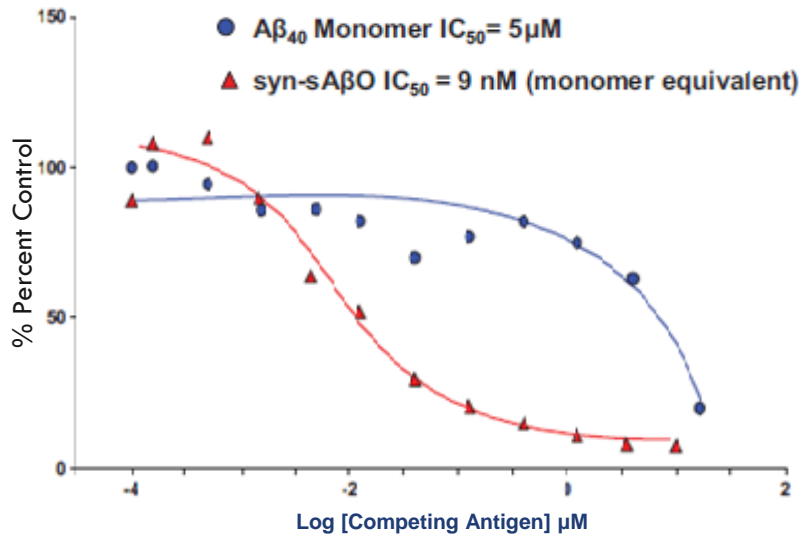
*Relini et al. Misfolding of amyloidogenic proteins and their interactions with membranes Biomolecules 2014*

**Figure 3.** Atomic force microscopy images of representative steps of amyloid aggregation: (A) oligomers; (B) protofibrils; (C) mature fibrils. Scan size 1.0  $\mu$ m. Z range (A) 8.0 nm; (B) 15 nm; (C) 20 nm.

# ACU193 is the first mAb developed to selectively target A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub>

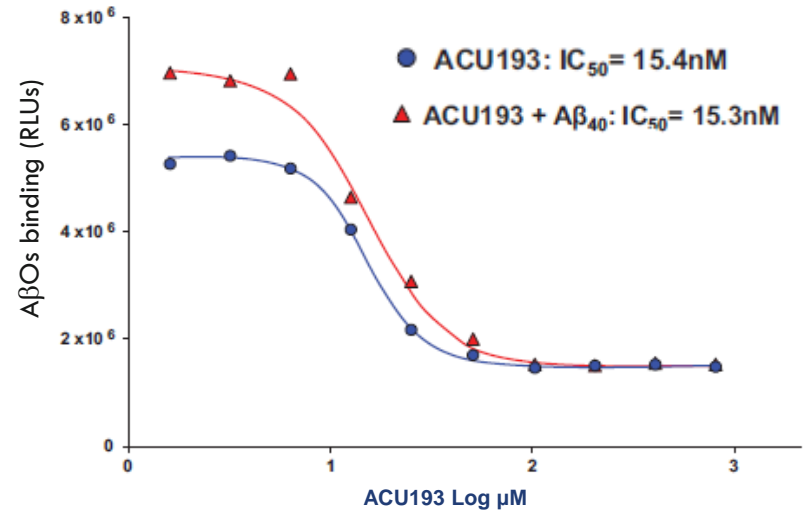
## Highly selective for A $\beta$ oligomers versus A $\beta$ monomers

### ACU193 Selectivity



Binding of ACU193 to A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> >500x  
binding to A $\beta$  monomer

### ACU193 Selectivity in presence of $5 \mu M$ monomeric A $\beta$



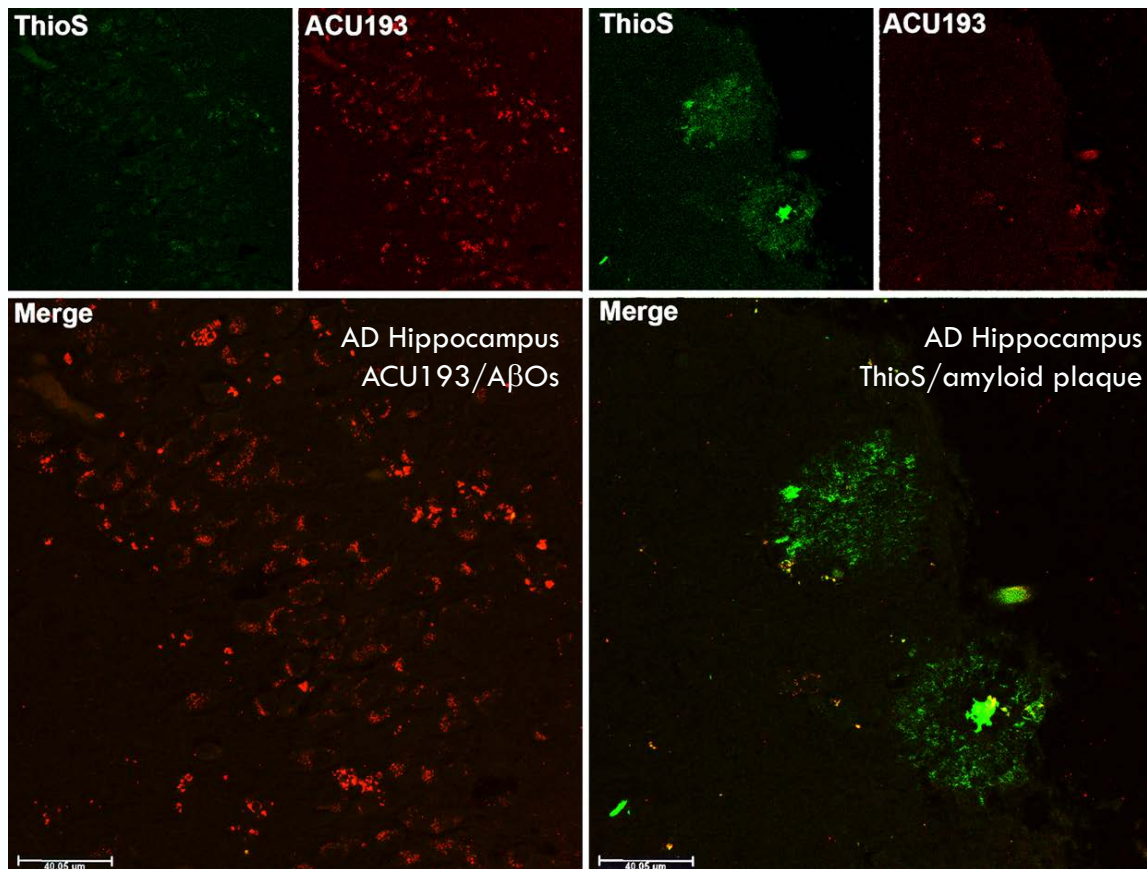
Even in the presence of a large excess of A $\beta$  monomer,  
binding of ACU193 to A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> is unchanged

ACU193 selective binding to A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> is preserved even in the presence of a large excess of A $\beta$  monomer

# ACU193 is highly selective for A $\beta$ O $_s$ versus A $\beta$ plaques

ACU193 staining in human AD brain slices from hippocampus:

ACU193 (red) binds non-Thioflavin S positive A $\beta$  (green)



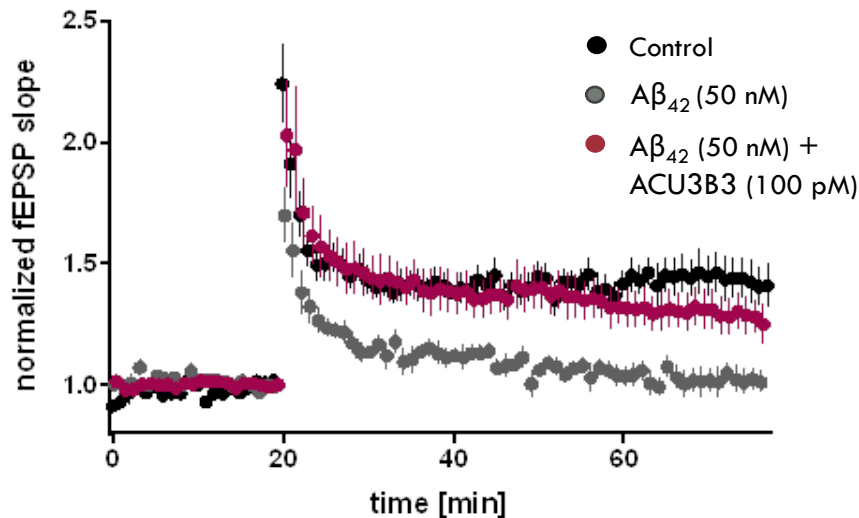
ACU193 has limited to no binding to thioflavin S positive fibrillar A $\beta$  plaque in human AD brain tissue

Cline E. et al. Synaptic intervention in Alzheimer's disease: soluble A $\beta$  oligomer directed ACU193 monoclonal antibody therapeutic for treatment of early Alzheimer's disease. *J. Prevent. Alzheimer's Dis.*, 6 (Supplement 1) (2019), p. S151.

# A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> bind to neurons and are toxic; the murine IgG1 parent of ACU193 (ACU3B3) prevents toxicity

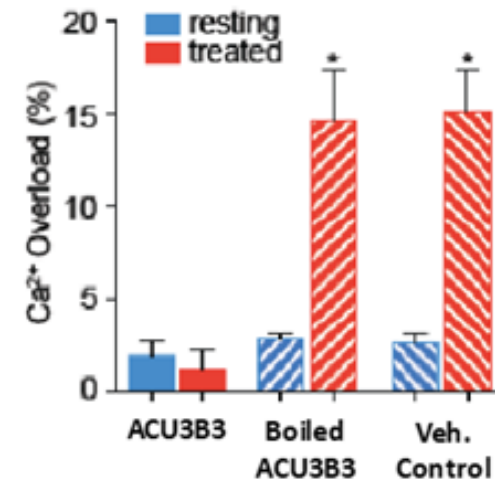
After binding to neurons, A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> disrupt Long Term Potentiation (LTP) and cause pathologic increases in intracellular calcium that is destructive to cells.

## ACU3B3 prevents A $\beta$ O inhibition of hippocampal LTP ex vivo



## ACU3B3 prevents A $\beta$ O mediated Ca<sup>2+</sup> elevation in cell cultures

### Primary Neuronal Cultures



ACU3B3 prevents aberrant neuronal activity caused by A $\beta$ O<sub>s</sub> and prevents A $\beta$ O mediated disruption of calcium homeostasis in neuronal cultures

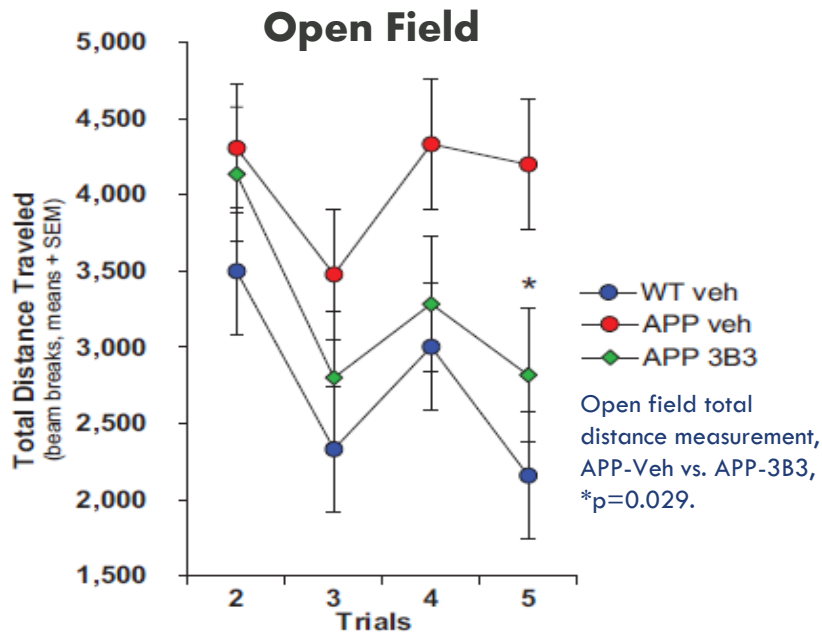
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Wang X. et al. An acute functional screen identifies an effective antibody targeting amyloid-beta oligomers based on calcium imaging. Sci Rep. 2018;8(1):4634

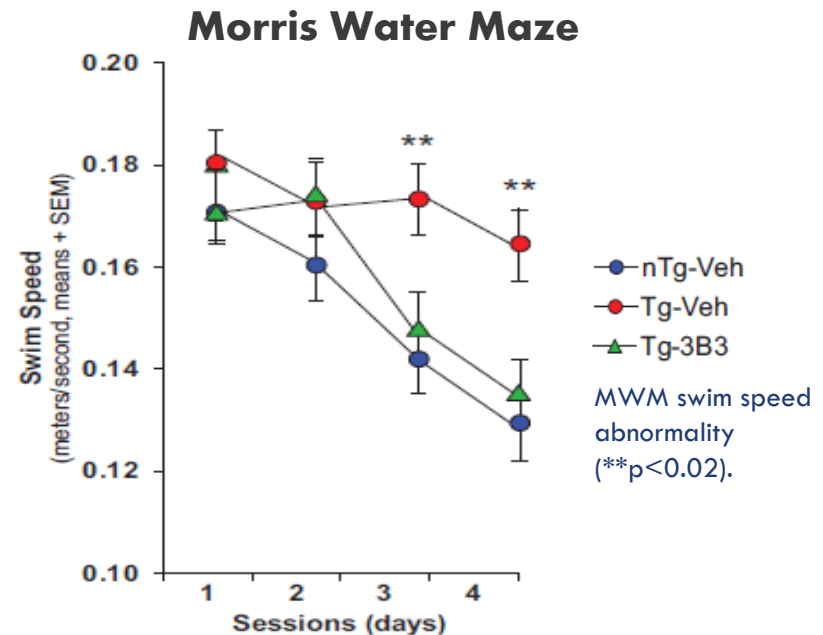
# Treatment of a transgenic mouse model of AD results in reduction of behavioral deficits

Dodart JC et al. Passive immunization with the anti-A $\beta$  oligomer antibody ACU-3B3 improves behavioral deficits in hAPP<sup>SL</sup> tg mice. SfN, Washington, DC 2014. Ma K. et al. Soluble A $\beta$ -Oligomer-Selective Antibody ACU3B3 Reduces Amyloid Pathology & Improves Multiple Behavioral Domains in a Mouse Model of AD. *Alz&Dement*.15, (7S Part 11 P2-063).1Jul2019 and Data on File

Murine parent of ACU193 (3B3) was used to treat younger mice with depositing plaque or older mice with abundant plaque



Deficits in younger (5-7 months) transgenic mice are markedly reduced with treatment



Deficits in older (9-10 months) transgenic mice are markedly reduced with treatment

# Phase 1 overview

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## **TRIAL DESIGN:**

### Randomized Placebo Controlled Phase 1

- Part A : Single-Ascending Dose
  - Part B : Multiple-Ascending Doses
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## **ENROLLMENT CRITERIA:**

### Early AD

- Mild Cognitive Impairment and Mild Dementia due to AD (amyloid positive by PET)
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## **TRIAL OBJECTIVES:**

### Proof of Mechanism (PoM)

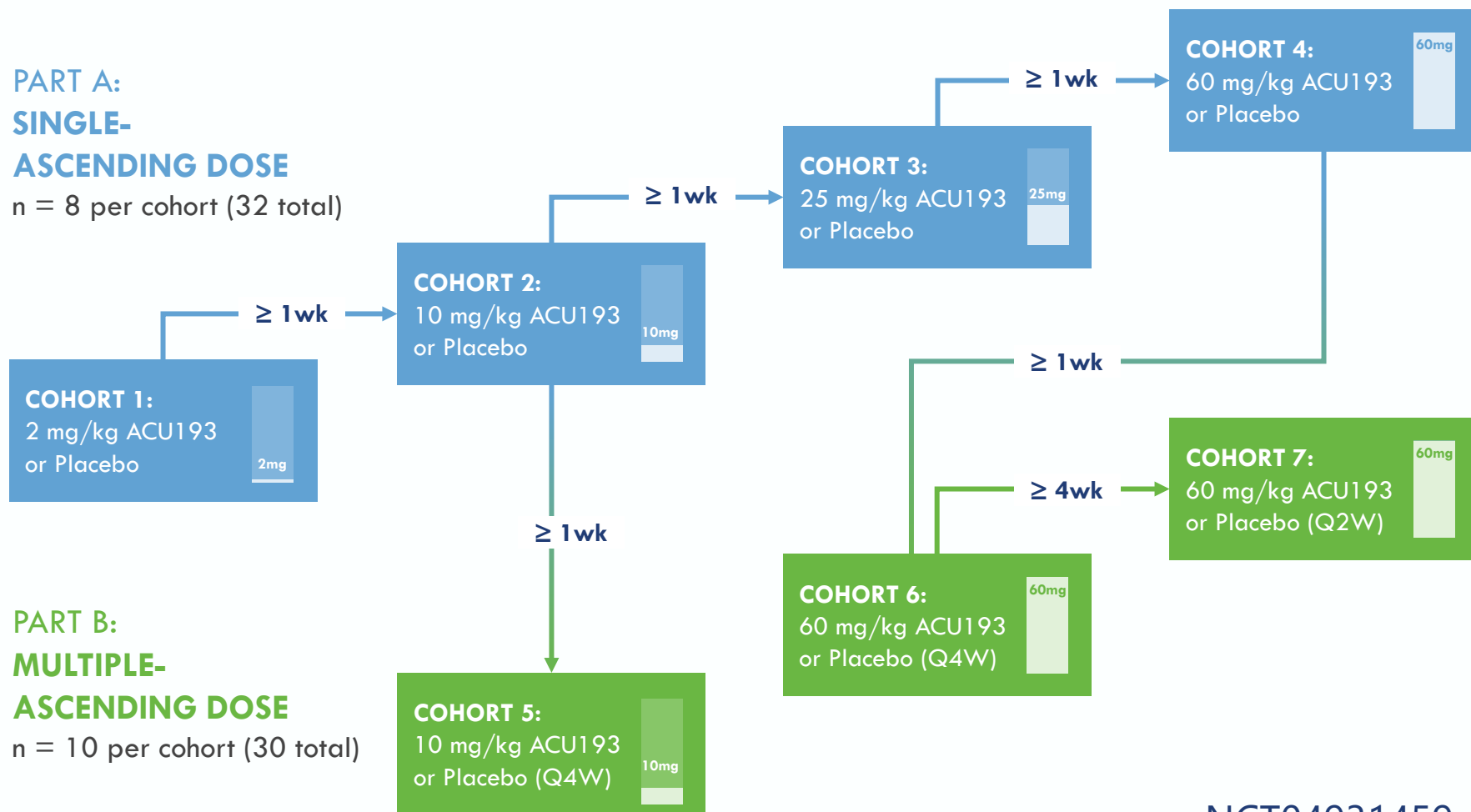
- Safety and tolerability
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Target Engagement
  - Exploratory cognition and biomarkers
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# Randomized Placebo Controlled Phase 1 in Early AD patients: INTERCEPT-AD

## PART A: SINGLE- ASCENDING DOSE

n = 8 per cohort (32 total)



## PART B: MULTIPLE- ASCENDING DOSE

n = 10 per cohort (30 total)

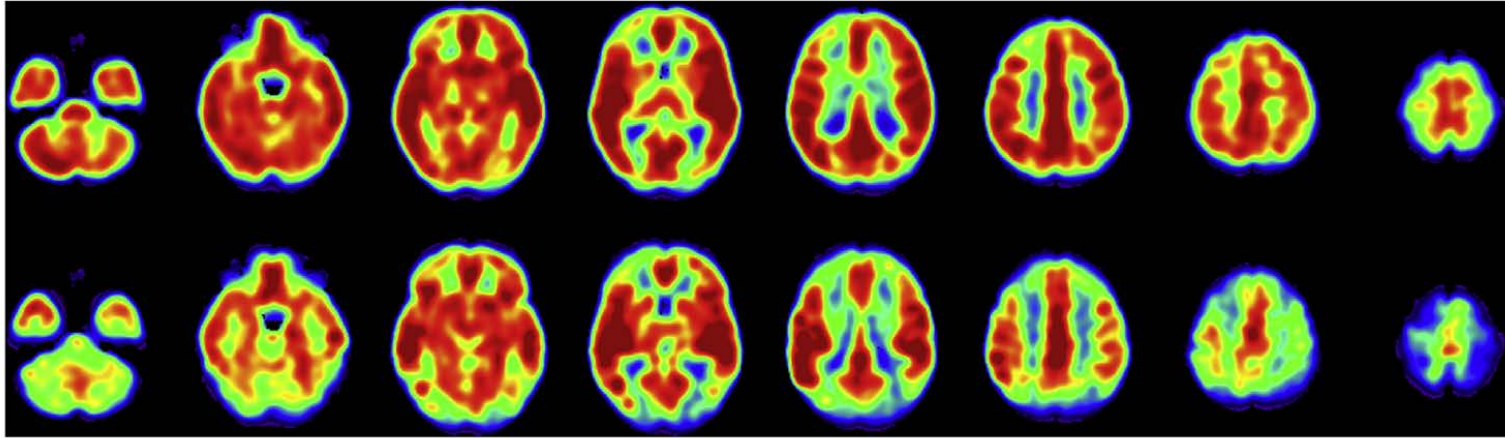
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## Cogstate computerized test battery

Test	Domains tested	Time (minutes)
International shopping list test (immediate)	Immediate recall	5
Cogstate brief battery	Attention, working memory, learning	15
International shopping list test (delayed)	Delayed recall	1
Groton maze learning test	Executive function	7
International digit-symbol substitution test	Processing speed	3
		Total = 31

**Frequency of administration and sensitivity of battery offers improved possibility to observe effects**

# Arterial Spin Labelling (ASL) as an MRI outcome



**Fig. 1.** Processed CBF images measured with ASL of a young and an old healthy control from our database. The top row images are from a 32 year-old woman, and the bottom row images are from an 80 year-old man. The reduction of CBF can be readily observed in widespread brain areas of the older subject compared with the younger subject. \*

## Acumen believes additional literature supports use of ASL to assess hypoperfusion in AD

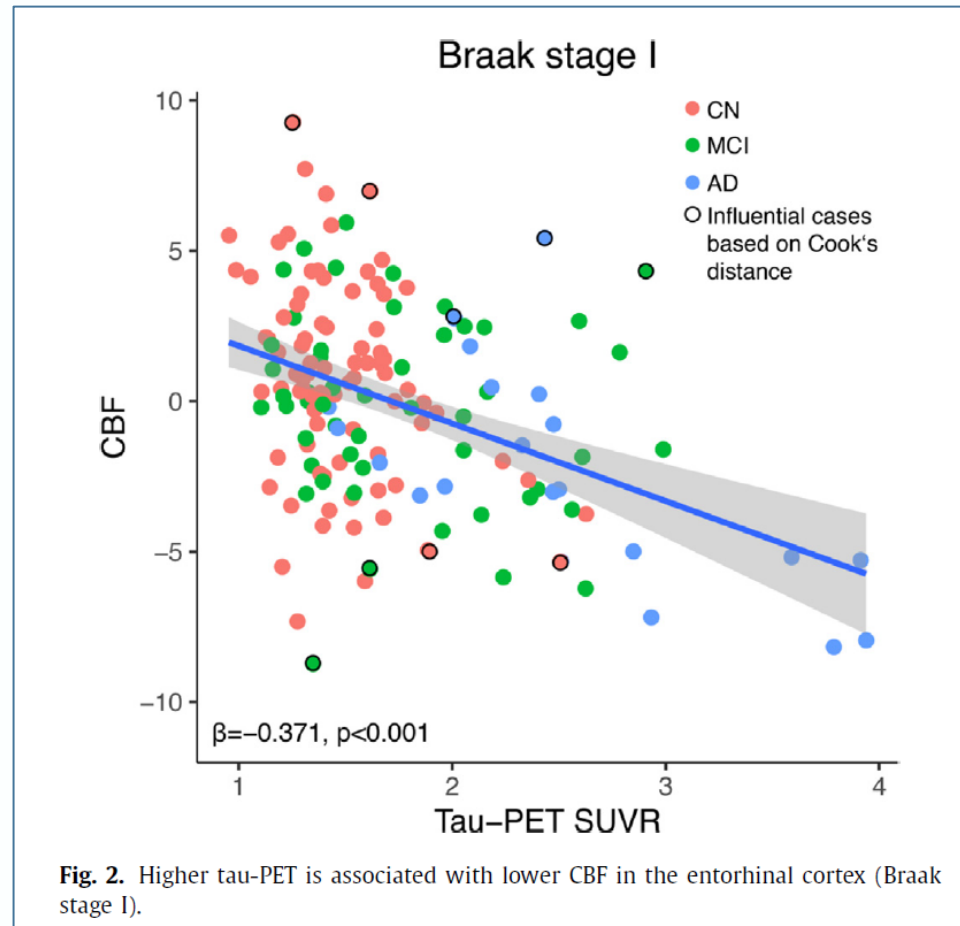
- MCI patients show hypoperfusion in parietal cortex, precuneus, posterior cingulate cortex and medial temporal lobe
- AD patients show global hypoperfusion, but especially cingulate, precuneus, parietal lobes and inferior frontal regions
- Perfusion correlates with several neuropsychological tests
- Hypoperfusion can be improved in middle and posterior cingulate cortex with cholinesterase inhibitors and was associated with improvement in ADAS-cog scores

\* N. Zhang et al. Cerebral blood flow measured by arterial spin labeling MRI at resting state in normal aging and Alzheimer's disease. *Neuroscience and Behavioral Reviews* 72 (2017) 168-175

# Lower cerebral perfusion is associated with tau-PET in the entorhinal cortex across the Alzheimer's continuum

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*Neurobiology of Aging* 102 (2021) 111–118



**Fig. 2.** Higher tau-PET is associated with lower CBF in the entorhinal cortex (Braak stage I).

## Summary

- Non-clinical data consistent with toxicity of A $\beta$  oligomers and selective binding of ACU193 to A $\beta$  oligomers
- Enrollment in a Phase 1 study assessing safety and target engagement is ongoing
- Although unlikely with this small sample size, the possibility of improvement in cognition and cerebral blood flow will also be assessed as exploratory outcomes in the Phase 1 study

## Thank you!

- Study participants and study partners
- ACU-001 sites
- Acumen collaborators