

# The First Regenerative Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis

Strategic partnership & Investment opportunity

*- Short version -*

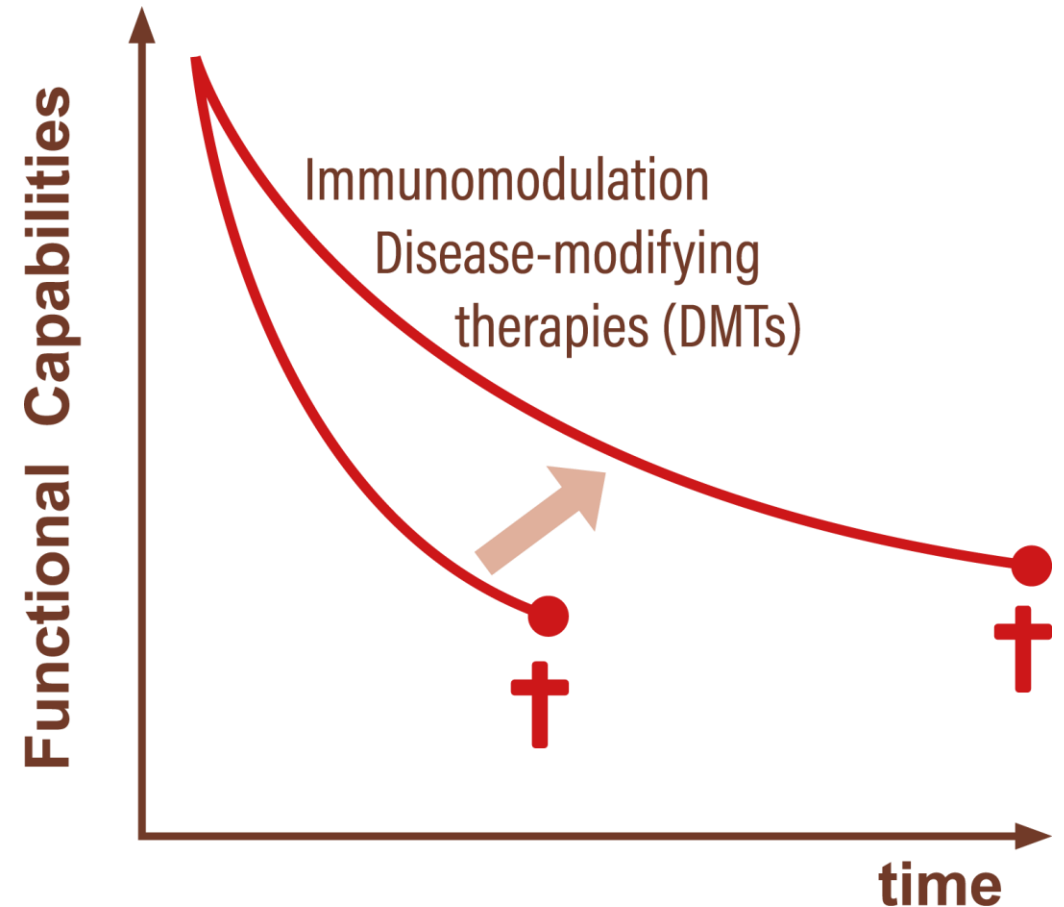
# Multiple Sclerosis (MS) still faces high unmet medical needs

Progressive loss of function, and unmet hope for recovery despite good treatments (DMTs) slowing down immune attacks

## MS: Prevalence - Onset age



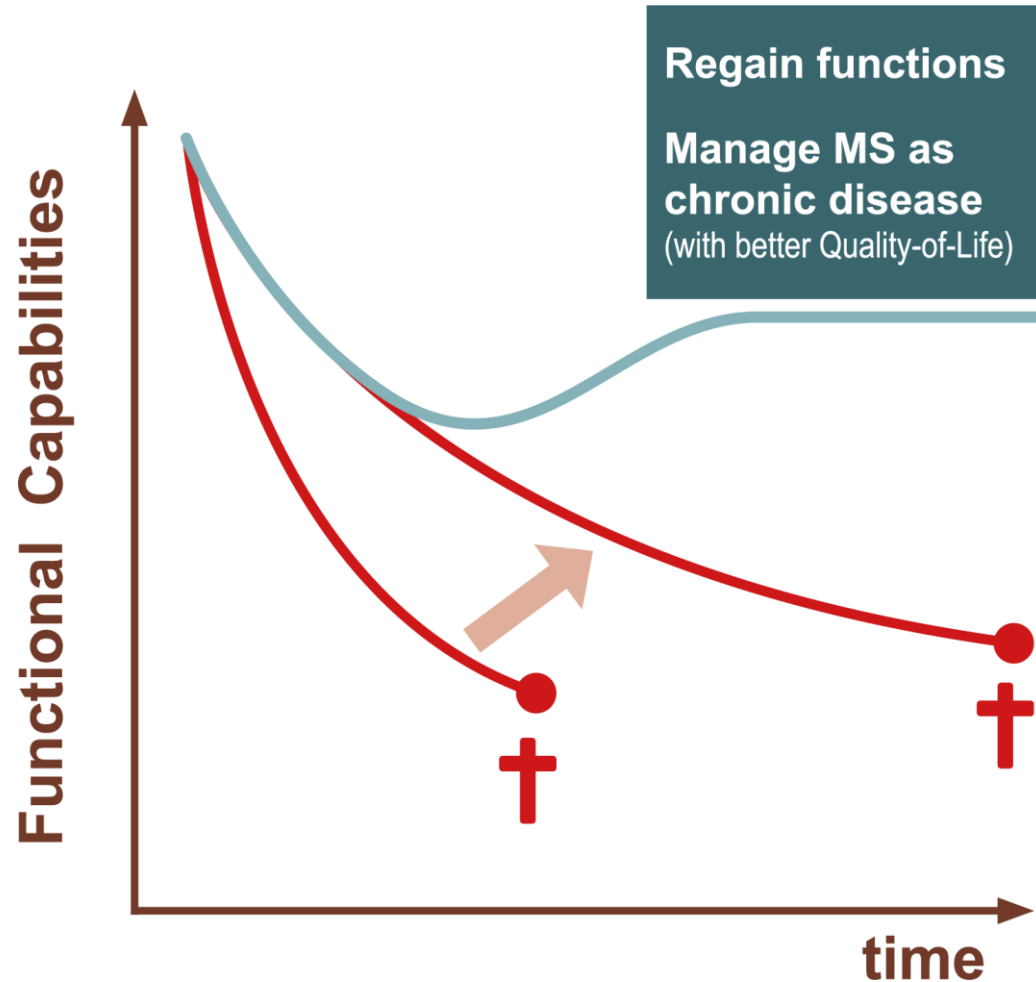
## Available Treatments for MS



# Our approach aims to regain functions and to manage Multiple Sclerosis (MS) as chronic disease

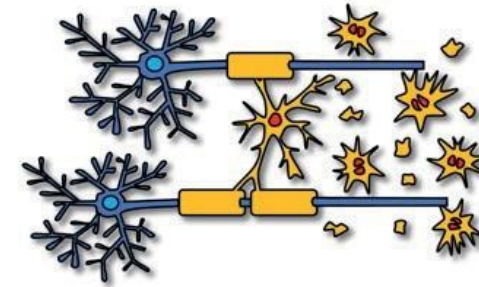
By activating regeneration via epigenetic pathways

Our objective



Our Mode of Action (MoA)

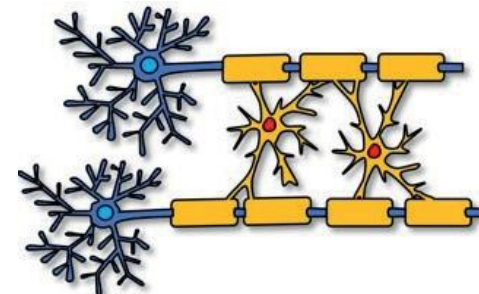
Lesion



## Activating Regeneration via Epigenetic Pathways

Theophylline modulating epigenetic HDAC1/2 pathways, leading to efficient activation of remyelination by oligodendrocyte precursor cells (OPCs)

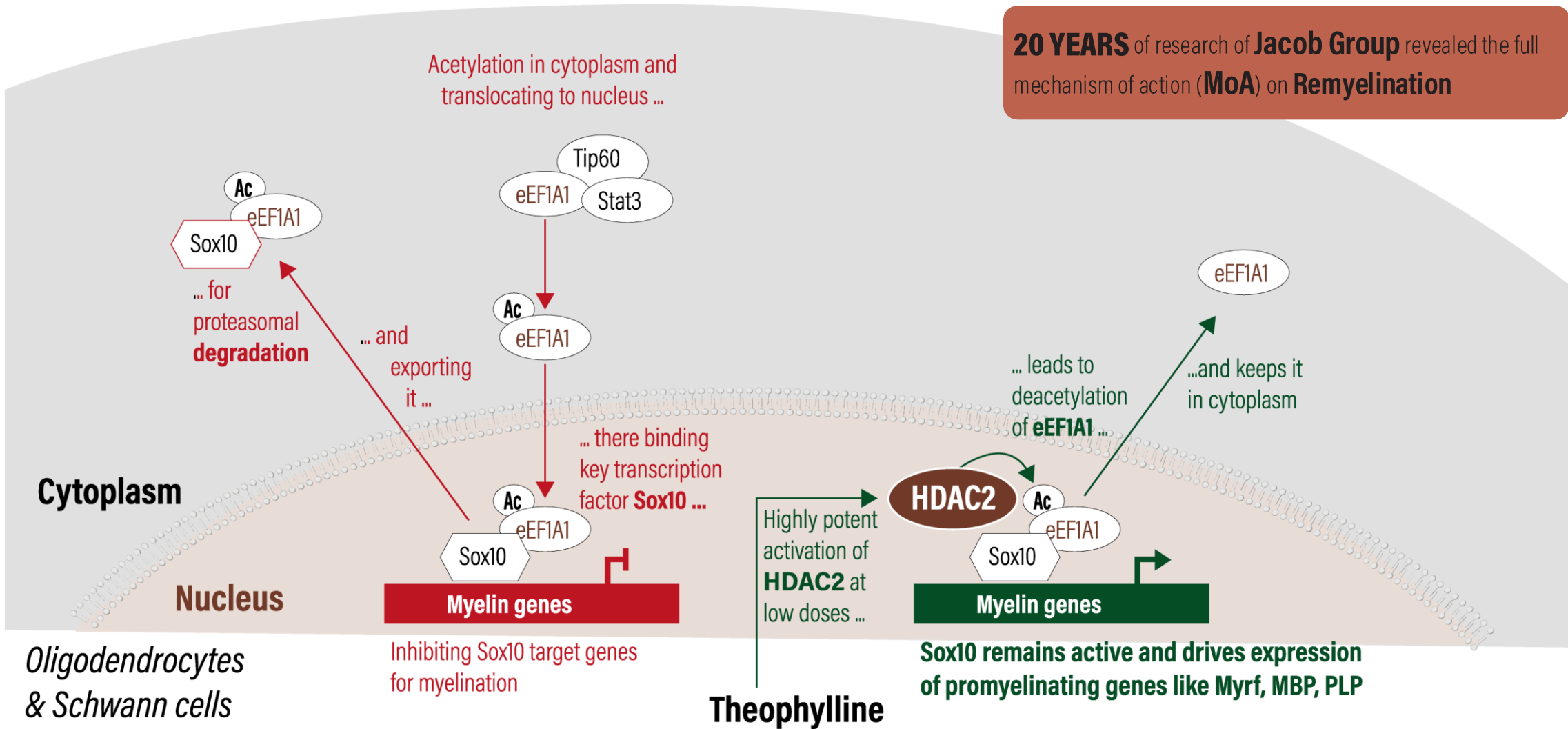
Repair



# We target the novel epigenetic factor of HDAC2, that induces the full program of remyelination

Theophylline is a highly potent HDAC2 activator when used at low doses

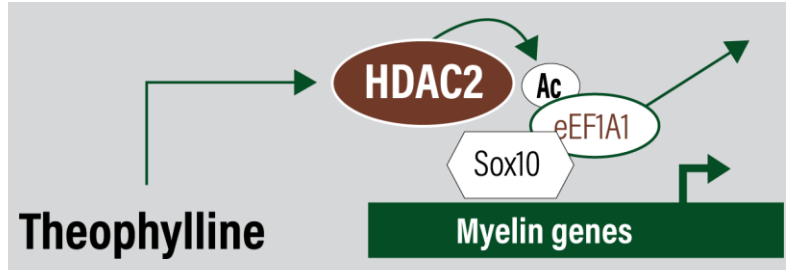
**20 YEARS** of research of **Jacob Group** revealed the full mechanism of action (**MoA**) on **Remyelination**



# Supplementary data demonstrating additional therapeutic benefits is available under NDA

Treating MS at 4 different levels for maximal efficacy


 Low risk approach

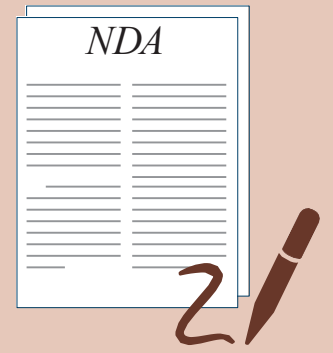


 Highly innovative, first-in-class epigenetic gene activation approach

 Highly innovative, potential to be first on market drug for remyelination

## 1 Enhancing remyelination

-  **2** ...
- 3** ...
- 4** ...



Additional unpublished confidential pre-clinical data can be shared and discussed after a NDA is signed

# Our transdermal patch outperforms oral formulations

No commercial risk due to off-label use in the market



EpiGeneer

## Transdermal patch

- ✓ **Constant** API release over time = constantly within therapeutic window
- ✓ **Efficient** OPC activation = constant induction of remyelination
- ✓ Very low risk of side effects due to **steady low dose delivery**

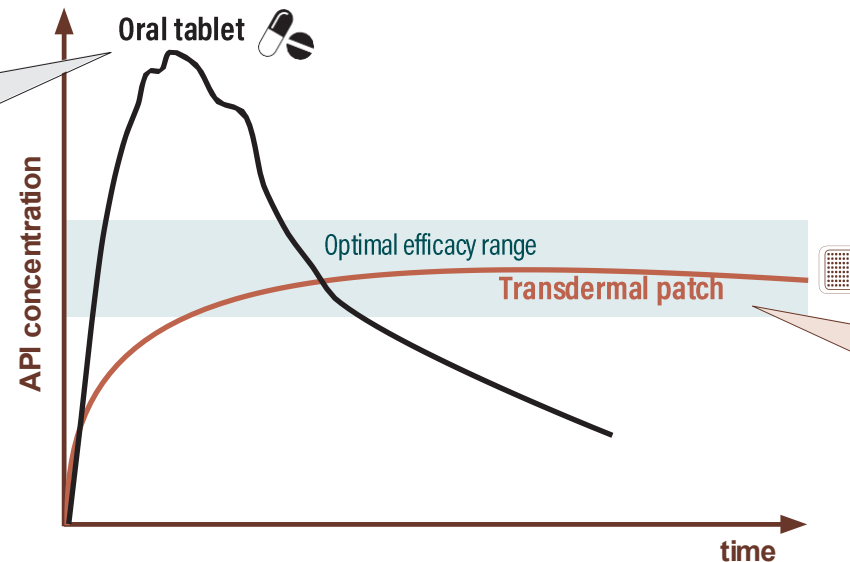


## Oral tablet

- ✗ **Quick** spike and drop-off in API concentration = outside efficacy range
- ✗ **Shorter** duration of OPC activation = lower remyelination capacity
- ✗ **Higher risk** of side effects due to initial peak and accumulation

Additionally,...

- ▶ off-label use for remyelination would violate our MoA patent
- ▶ doctors who would prescribe it as an individual healing attempt take a high personal risk in the presence of an approved and more potent patch



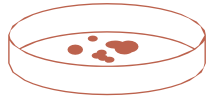
Developed for sustained release of precise dose and improved compliance ▶ Increasing efficiency and minimizing side effects compared to use of oral formulations

# We have compelling Pre-Clinical data

Theophylline treatment results in faster and more efficient remyelination in young and old adults

## Extensive own Pre-clinical Validation

**In Vitro**  
cell-based models



**In Vivo**  
4 mouse models



**MS**

**3x**

Faster Regeneration in young adults

**60%**

more efficient in old mice

+ Data on Post-Mortem MS Brain Lesions and on human iPSC-derived oligodendrocytes confirm our translational rationale (*unpublished*)

+ Published results & Mechanism of Action in high ranking scientific journals



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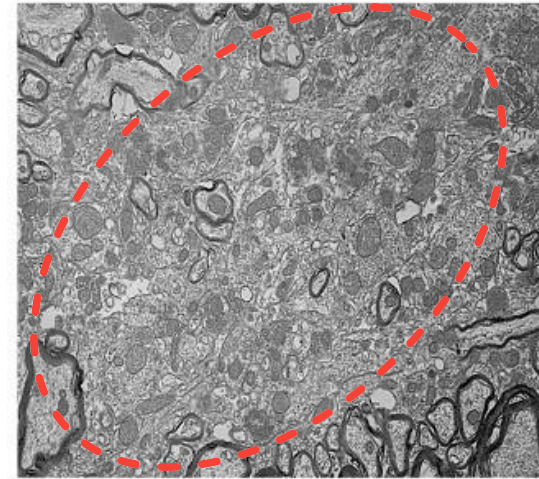
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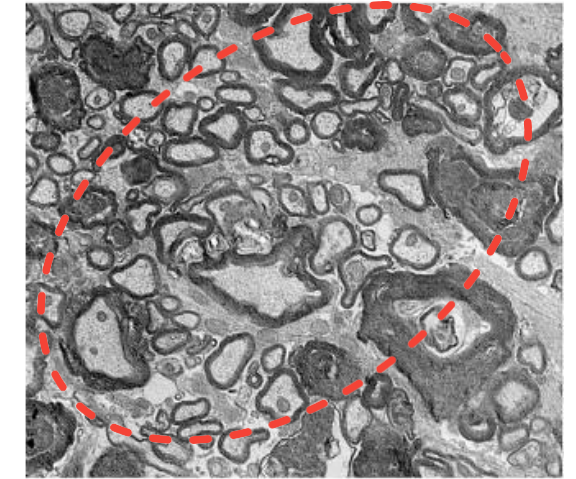
## 14 days post-lesion ► 4-day treatment

**Vehicle**



Mostly naked axons in lesion site

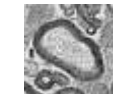
**Theo**



Mostly remyelinated axons in lesion site

Electron micrographs of spinal cord ultrathin sections in the lesion site

..... Lesion site



Black ring: **Myelin**

Inside: **Axon**

# Our innovative MS therapy is patent-protected

Patents can be transferred from universities to EpiGeneer as soon as bridge financing is secured



## MoA - Patent




*"HDAC1/2 activators for promoting and/or accelerating myelination and remyelination"*

Priority date June 2017

Patent Applications

 n° EP17174916

 n° PCT/EP2018/065168

 n° US20200182859A1 (**granted**)




## RoA - Transdermal Patch - Patent



*"Transdermal patch for promoting or accelerating myelination and/or remyelination"*

Priority date Sept. 2022

Patent Applications

 n° EP22195291, EP4587027

 n° PCT/EP2023/074981

 n° WO/2024/056642

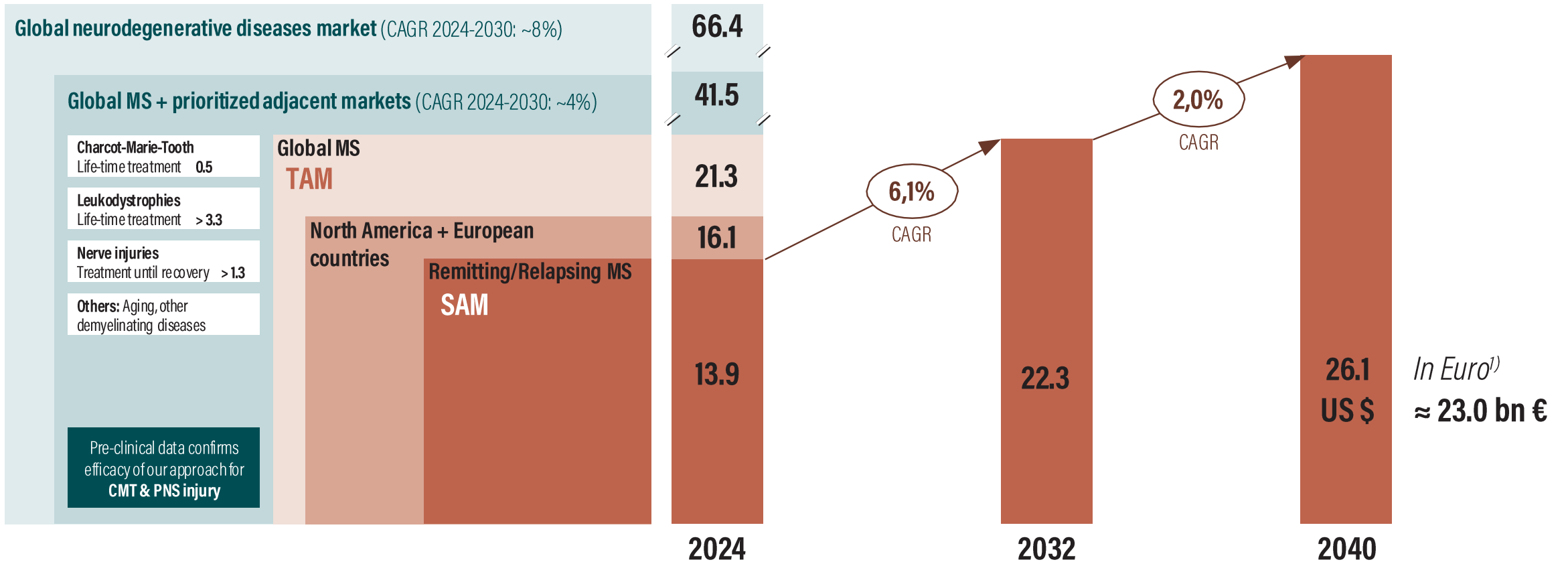
 n° CA3267676

# EpiGeneer's addressable MS Market is > 20 bn

With an upside potential for other neurodegenerative diseases beyond MS indication

Market for **MS** & neurodegenerative diseases in **billion US \$**

**Growth rate** of Serviceable Available Market



1) Average rate of last 3 years

# Current MS treatment market is dominated by large pharmaceutical players ...

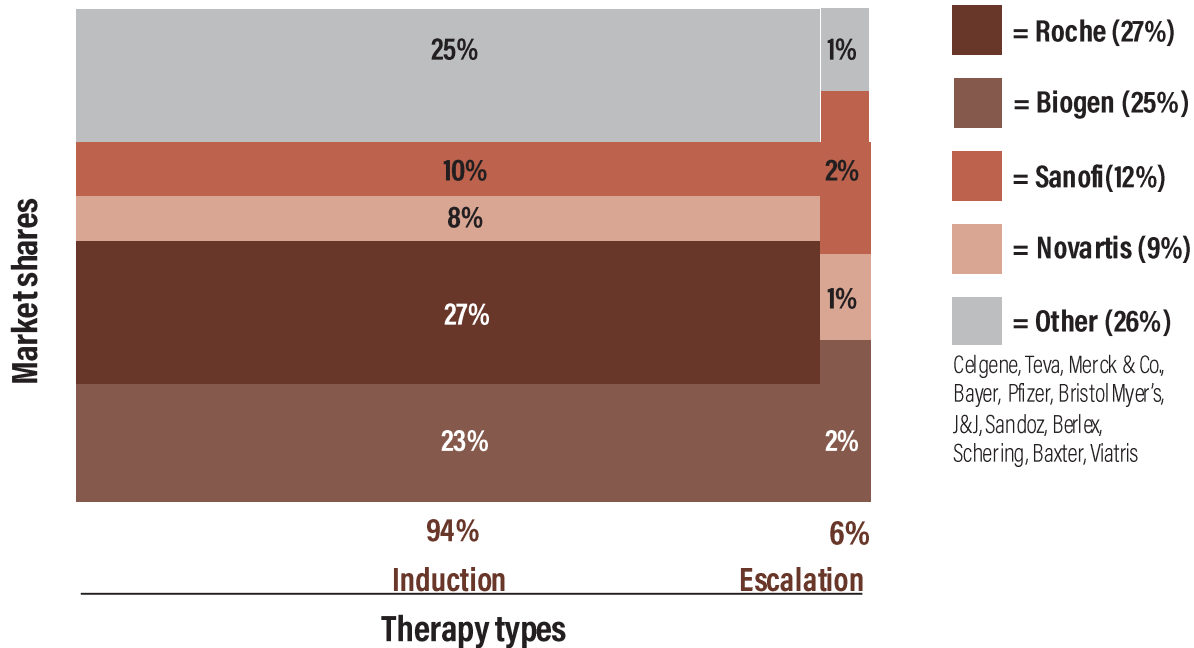
... but they are not competitors, they rather provide partner opportunities

## Market shares in MS treatment



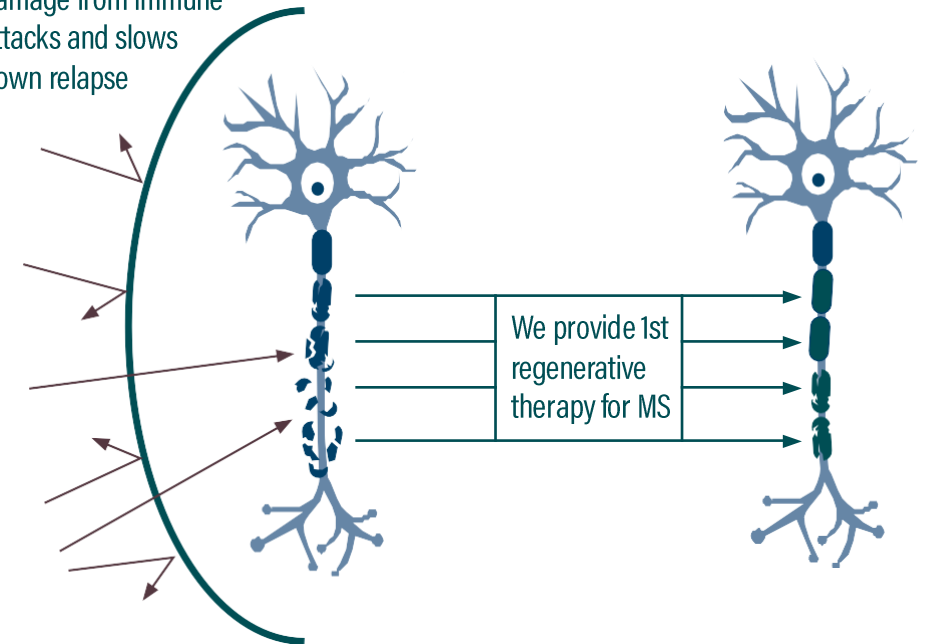
2024 MS drug market: ~21 bn \$

2032 MS drug market: ~33-40 bn \$<sup>1)</sup>



## Complementarity of approaches enables partnership

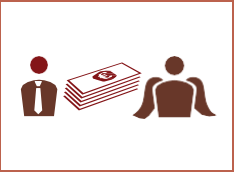
Immunomodulation of big pharma prevents damage from immune attacks and slows down relapse



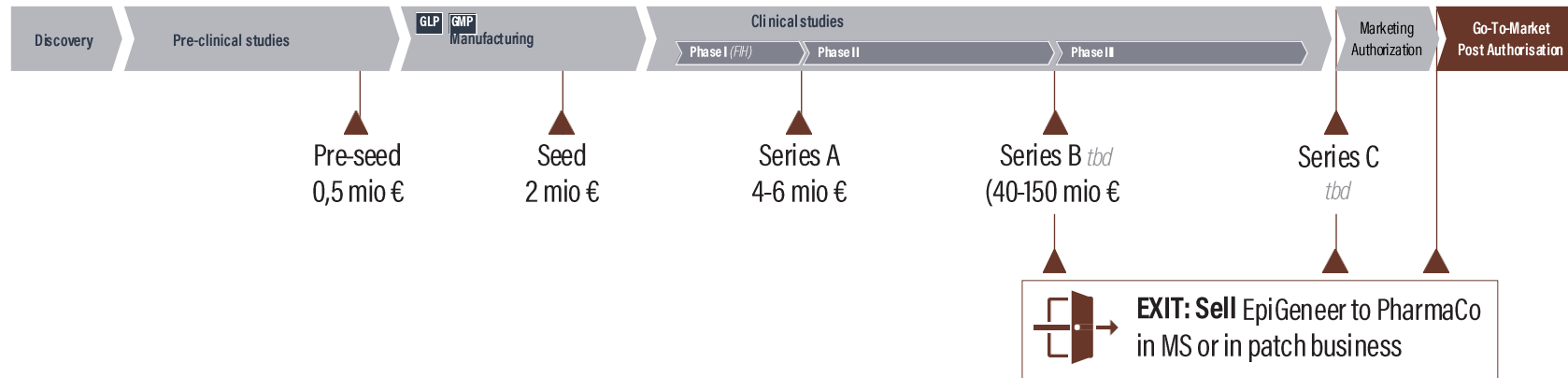
1) Some upper scenarios reach up to 46 bn in 2034 - the role of novel and remyelinating therapies also plays a role for wide range of forecasts

# We keep the option for two strategic thrusts

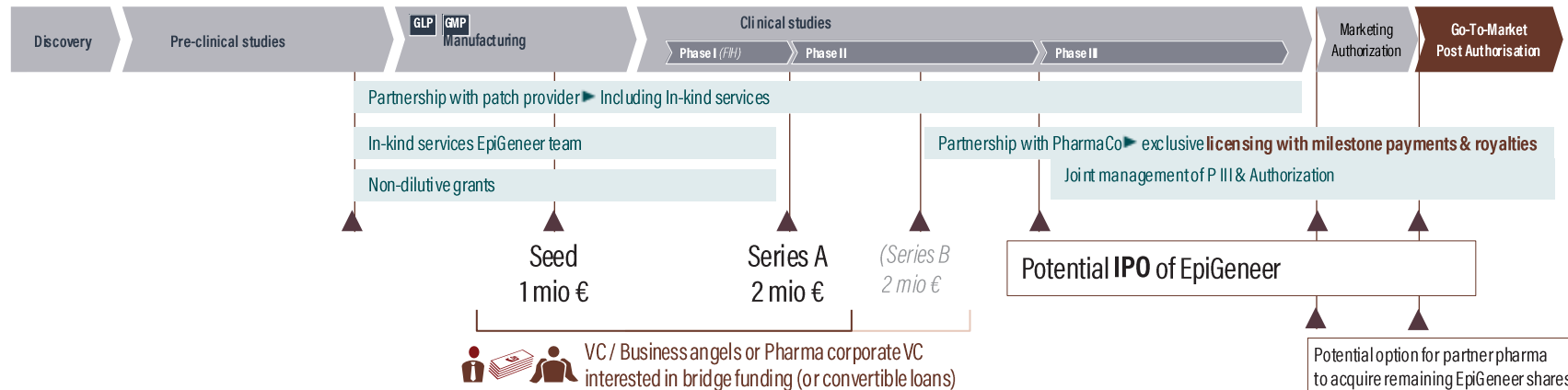
Classical VC investment with pharma acquisition exit or strategic partnerships with bridge financing & IPO, with preference for the latter



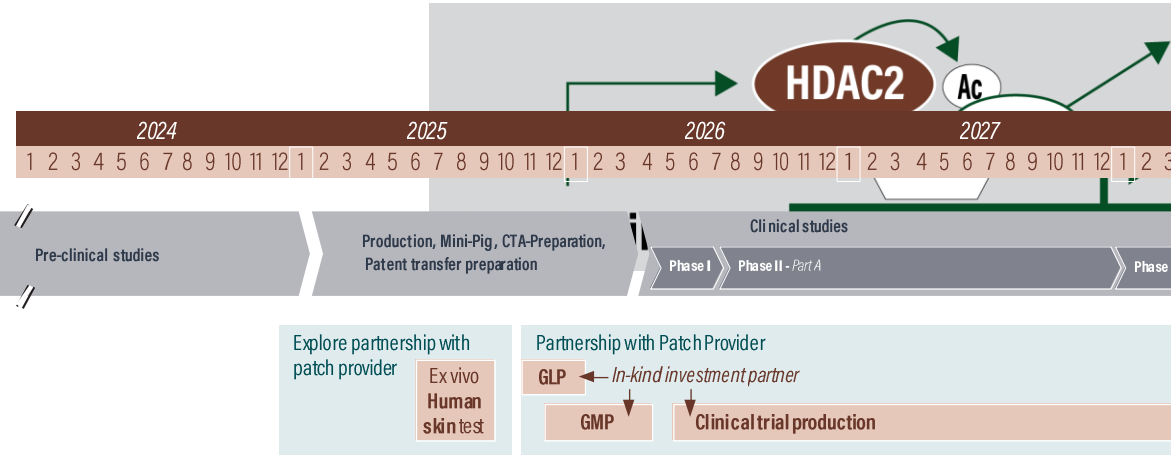
**Option 1:** classical VC / Business angel financial investors



**Option 2:** Strategic partnership with patch CDMO & pharma company



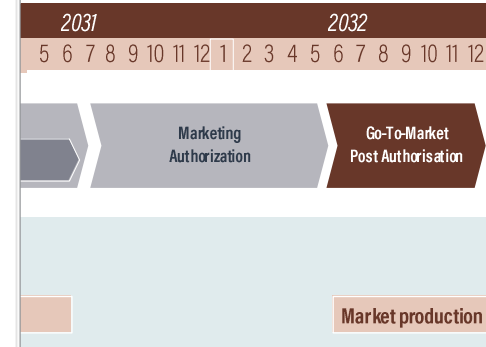
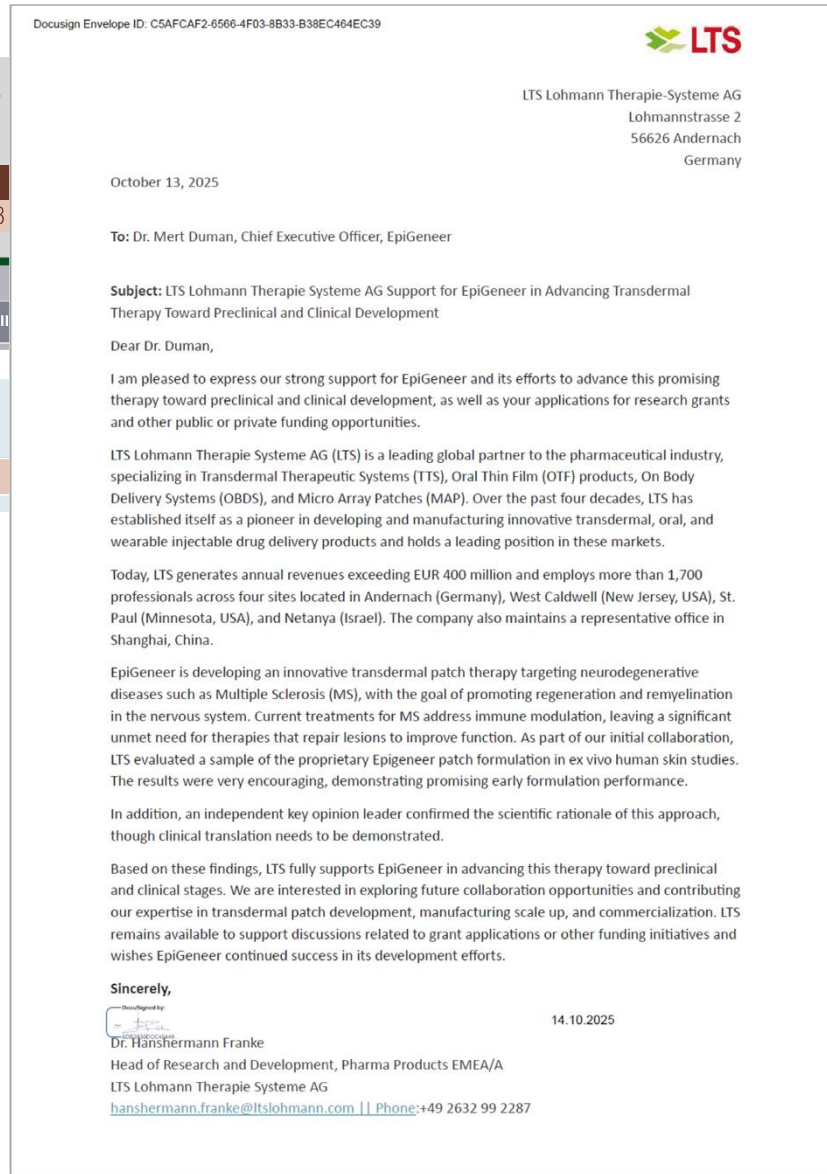
**Existing interest of patch providers in a novel form of partnership between CDMO and EpiGeneer**  
Including in-kind investments, as EpiGeneer has potential to open up the large MS market to the patch business



**Novel Form of Partnership between CDMO & Startup:**

Including **In-kind investment** (worth ~800k€) of partner for GLP & GMP

**€1.1 million** non-dilutive support from Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung.



# Meet our team



**Mert Duman**  
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10 years neuroscience experience



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Co-founder

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**Ingo Schroeter**  
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