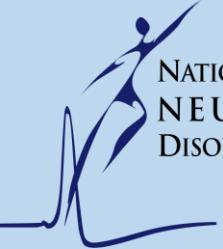




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## **RAPA Therapeutics Expanded Access Program: Epigenetically Reprogrammed T Stem Cell Therapy**

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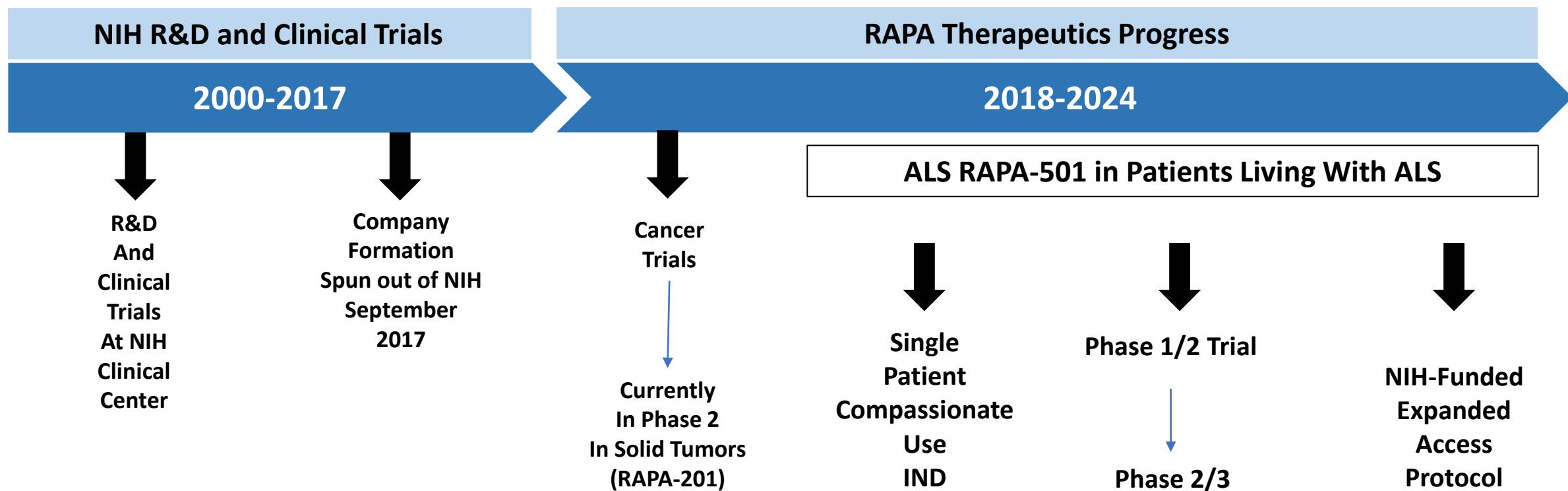
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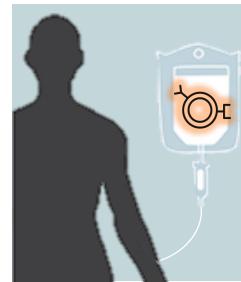
# RAPA-501 Cell Product Overview

# RAPA Cell Therapy Development Timeline



# RAPA-501 Autologous T<sub>REG</sub>/Th2 Therapy of ALS

**Step 1**  
Patient T-Cells are harvested through apheresis and shipped to RAPA

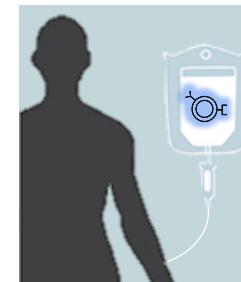


Step 1

**Step 2**  
T-cells undergo DE-DIFFERENTIATION through RAPA's proprietary epigenetic reprogramming



**Step 4**  
RAPA-501 are infused (IV) back into patient for anti-inflammatory treatment. Cells are a "living drug"



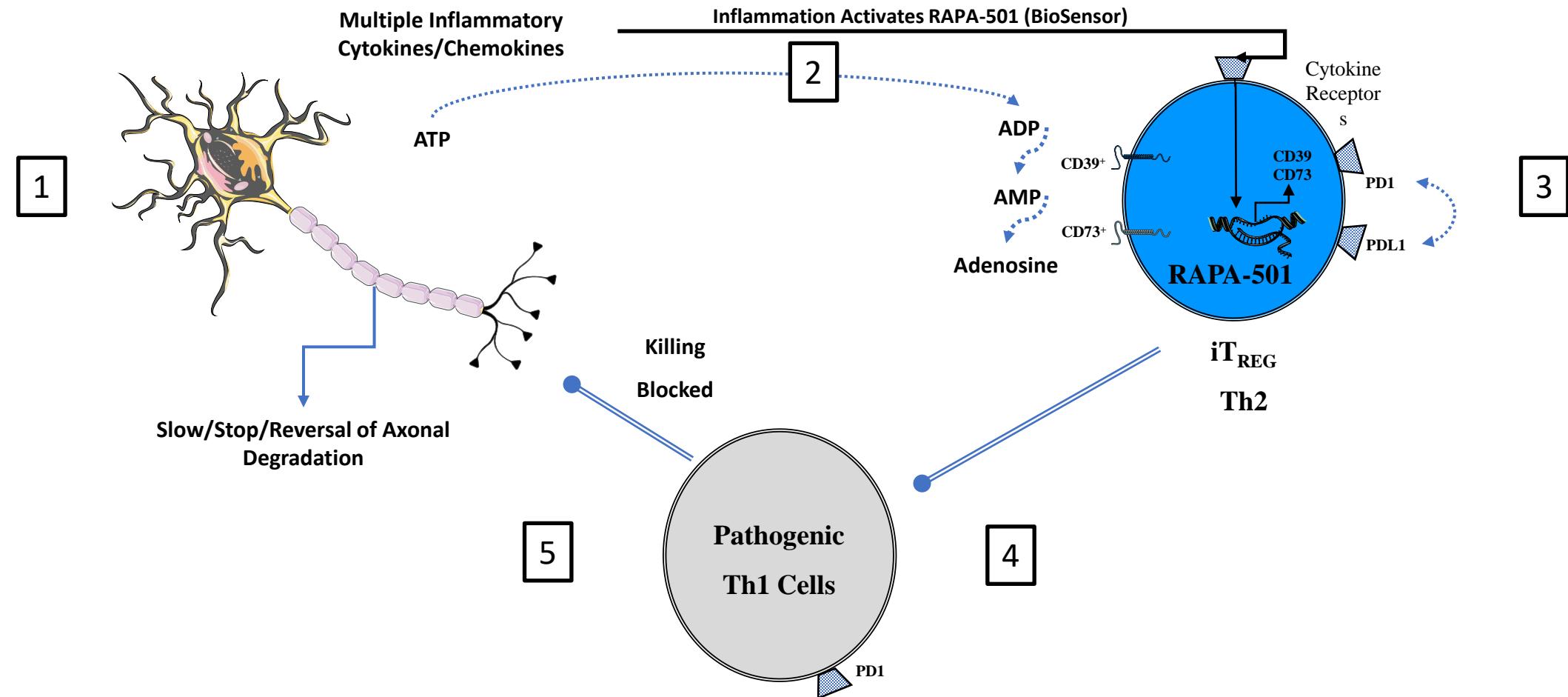
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**Step 3**  
RAPA's proprietary RE-DIFFERENTIATION process is completed in 1 week; T cells are sent back to treatment facility



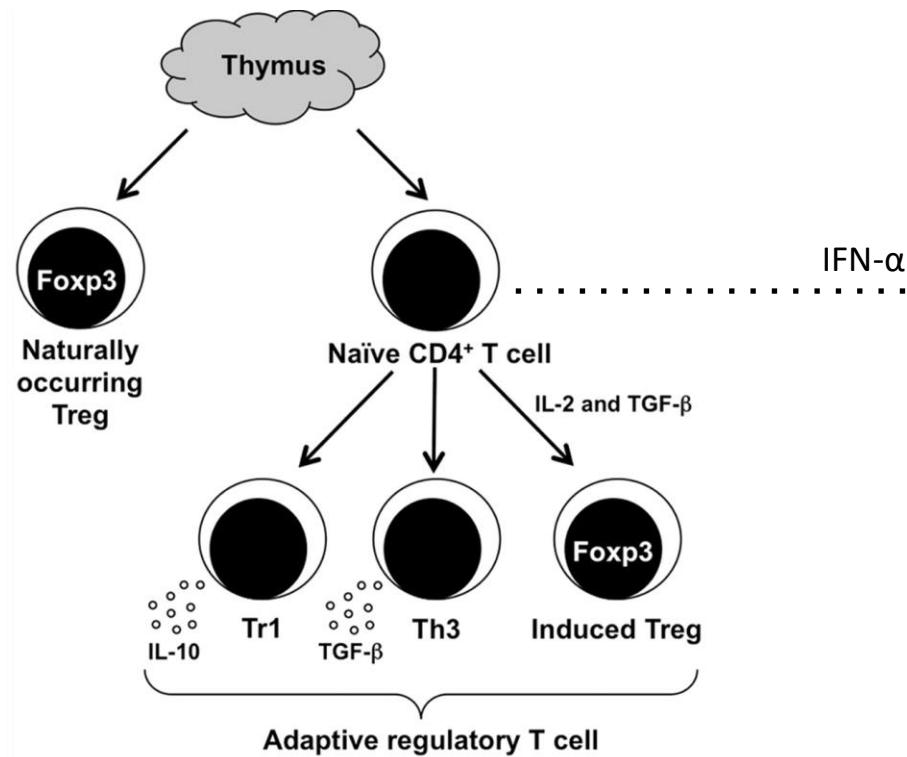
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# Mechanism of Action RAPA-501 T<sub>REG</sub>/Th2 Cell Therapy of ALS



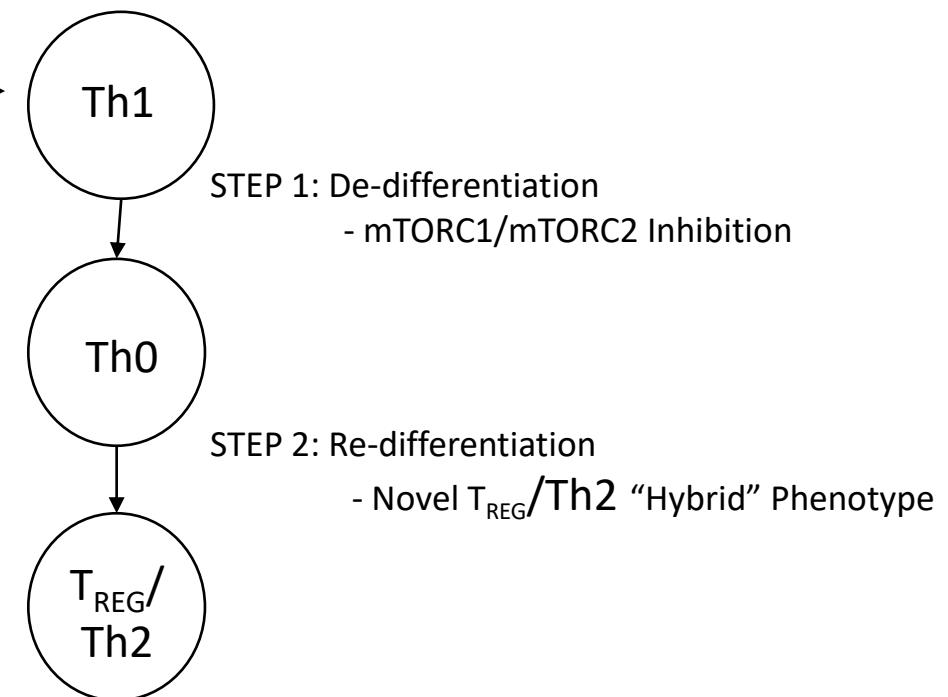
# RAPA-501 iT<sub>REG</sub>/Th2 Relative to Other T<sub>REG</sub> Populations

## Conventional Pathways of T<sub>REG</sub> Development



(Nishimoto and Kuwana; Seminars in Hematology, 2013)

## RAPA-501 Proprietary Two-Step Process For Induced (i) T<sub>REG</sub>/Th2 Cell Generation

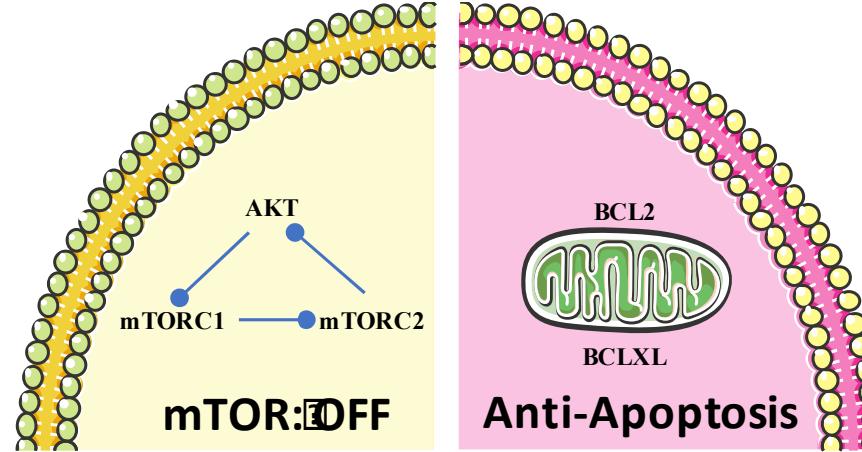


# RAPA-501 Therapy of ALS/Neurodegenerative Disease and Autoimmunity: Epigenetically Reprogrammed

## RAPA-501 T<sub>REG</sub>/Th2 Cells

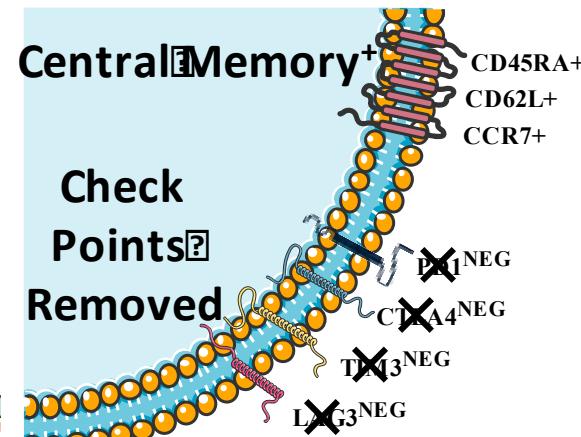
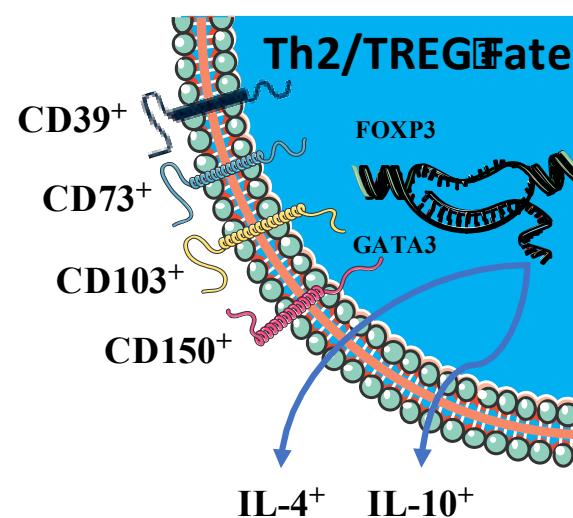
### mTORC1 and mTORC2 Blockade

Erases Inflammatory Fate  
Permits Reprogramming



### Multi-Faceted Immune Suppressive Function

Th2 Cytokines  
Homing Molecules  
Inflammasome Inhibition



### Metabolic Fitness

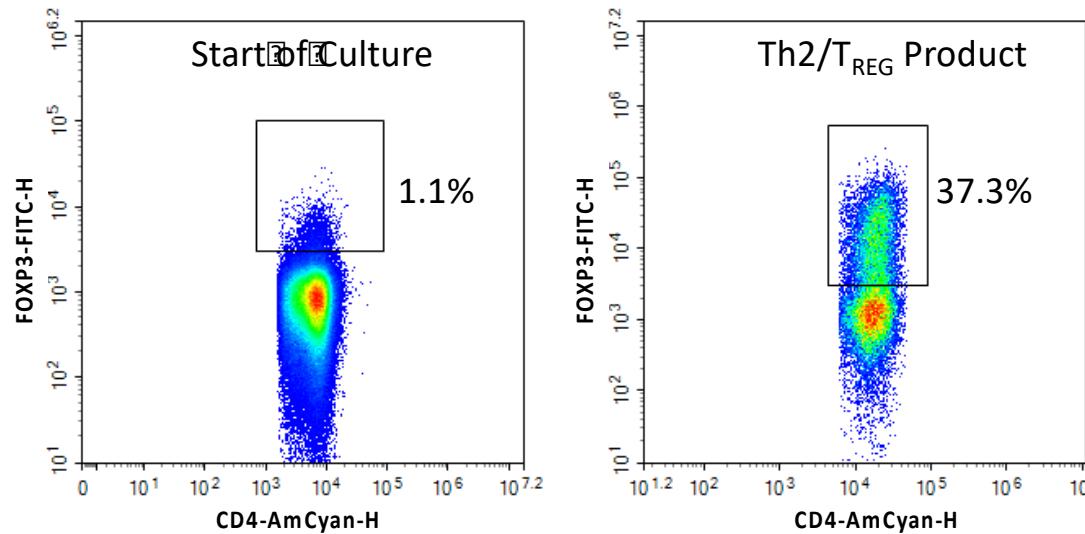
Allows T Cell Therapy  
Without Conditioning  
Chemotherapy

### T Stem Memory and Checkpoints Removed

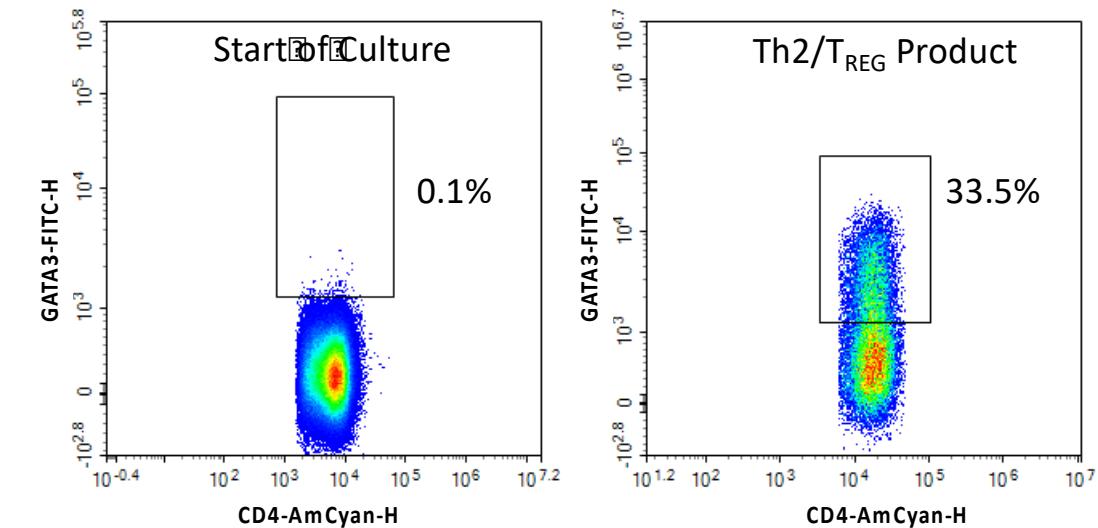
Long-Lasting  
In Vivo Effects

# RAPA-501 Express Both FOXP3 and GATA3 Transcription Factors

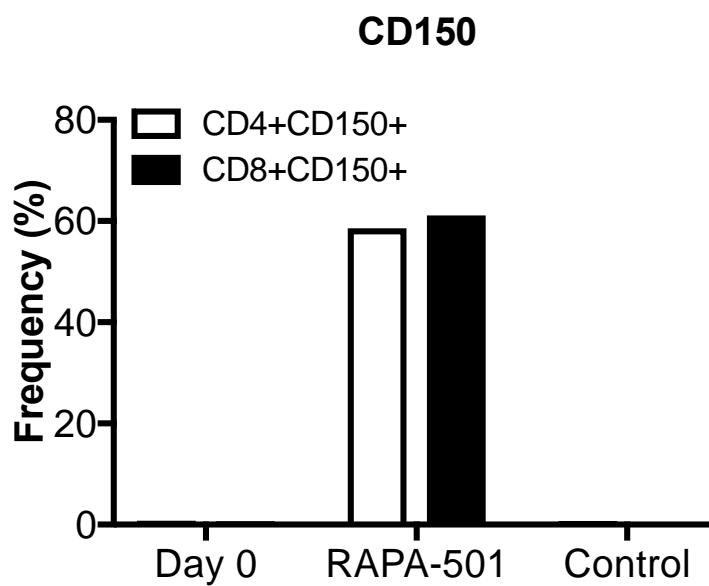
$T_{REG}$  Factor, FOXP3



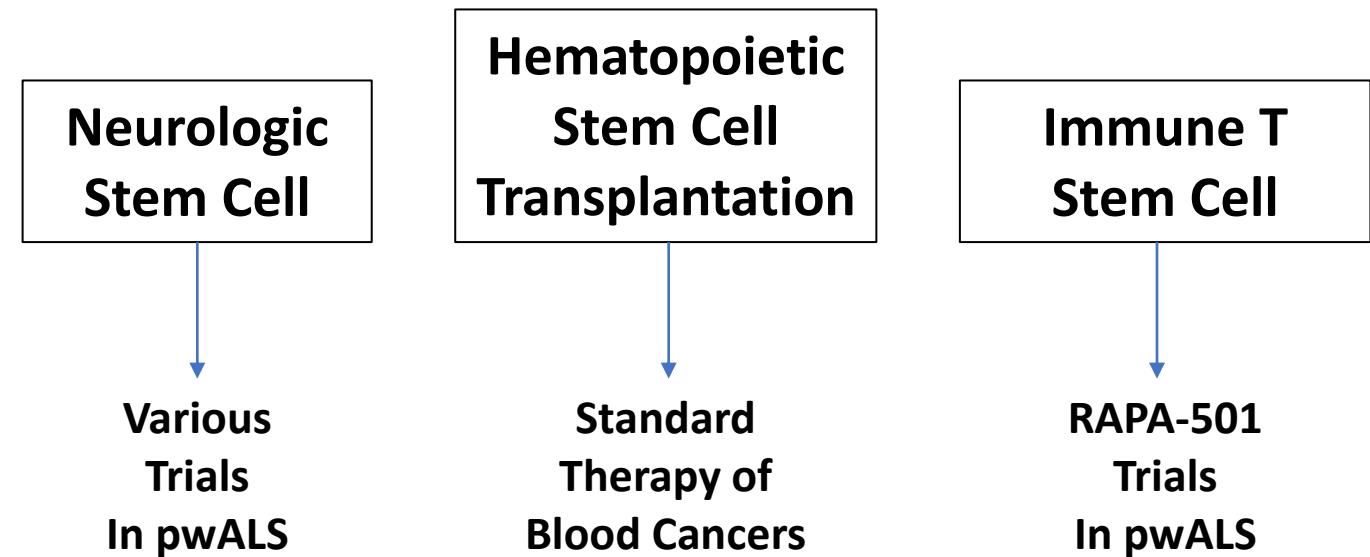
Th2 Factor, GATA3



# RAPA-501 Express a T Stem Cell Phenotype

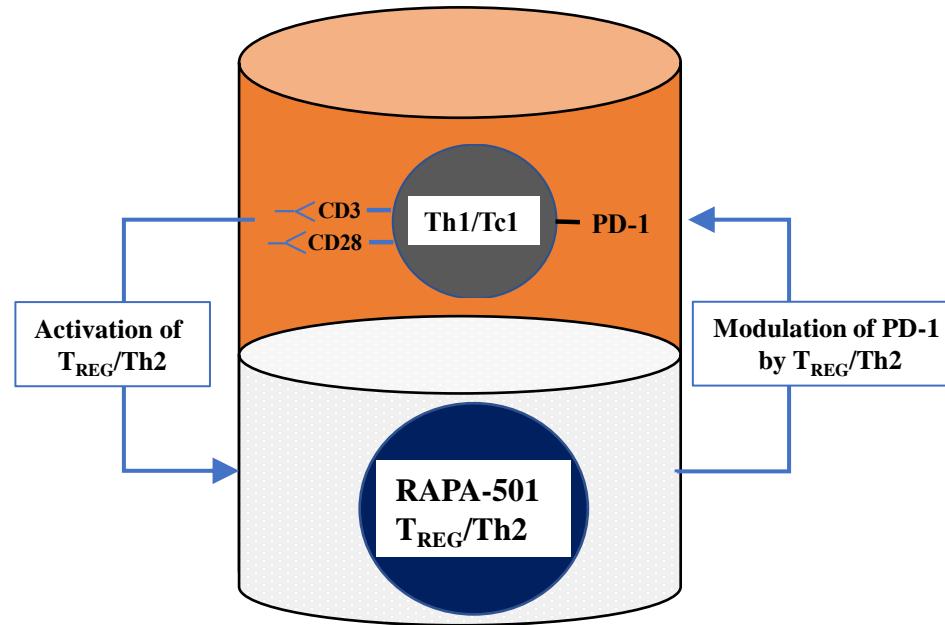


## Various Forms of “Stem Cell Therapy”

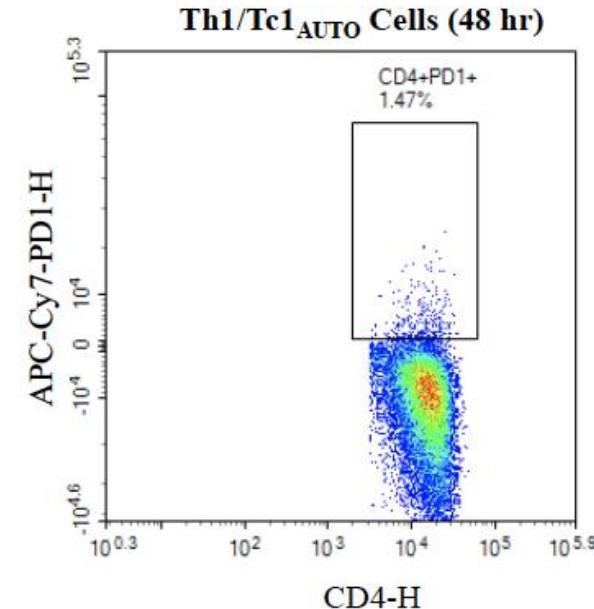


# RAPA-501 Up-Regulates PD1 Checkpoint on Inflammatory T Cells

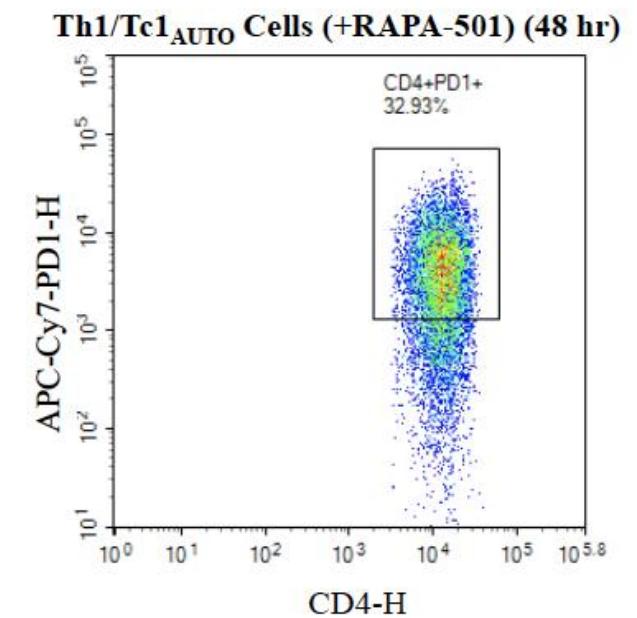
## PD1 Checkpoint Upregulation



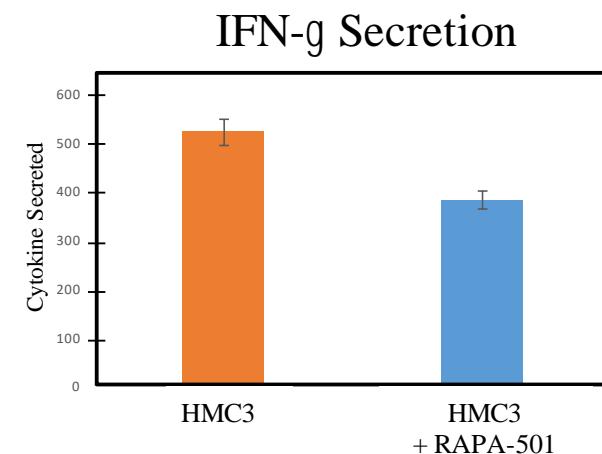
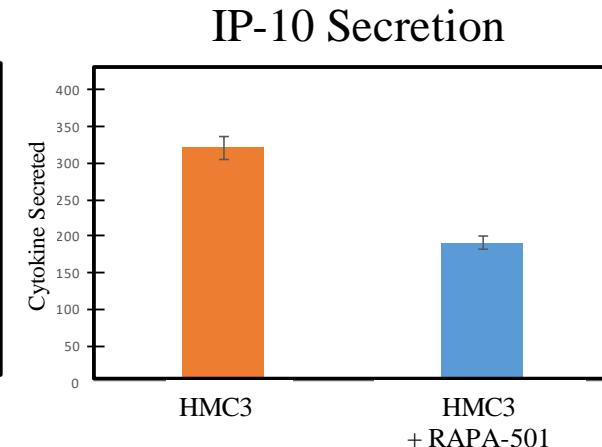
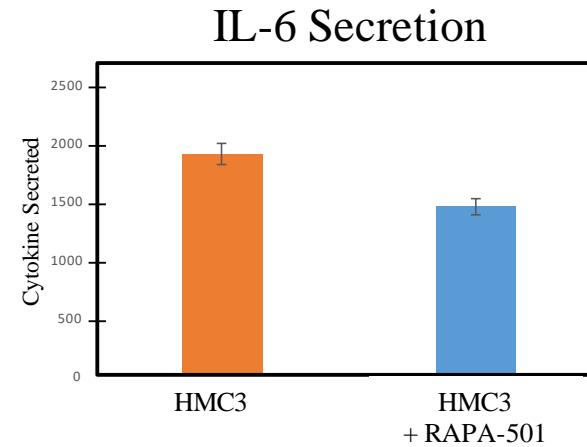
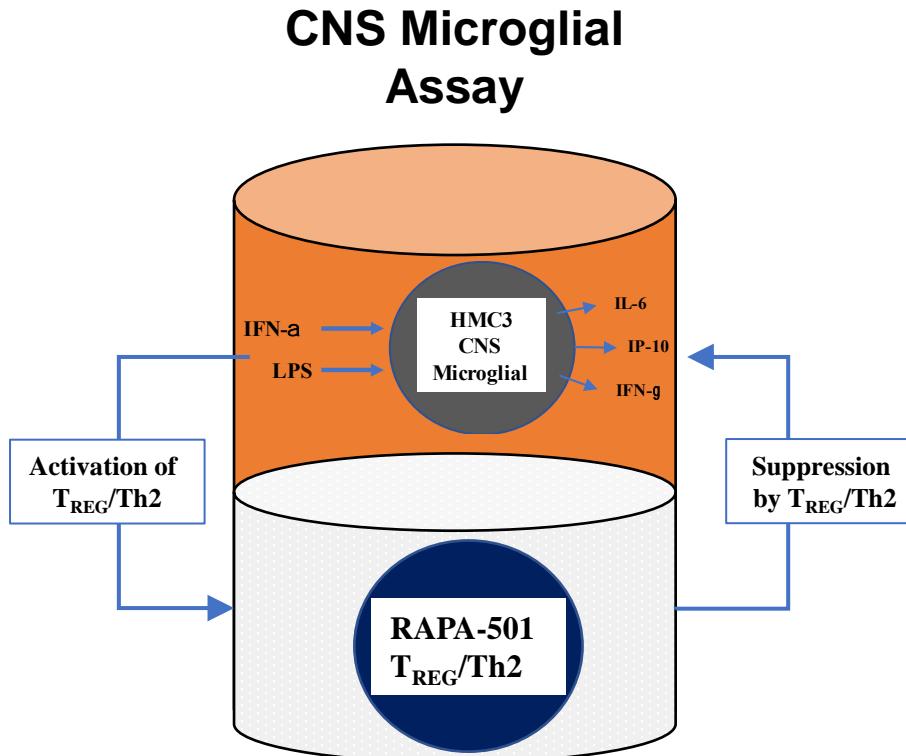
## Inflammation Driven By Low PD1



## RAPA-501 Increases PD1 Checkpoint

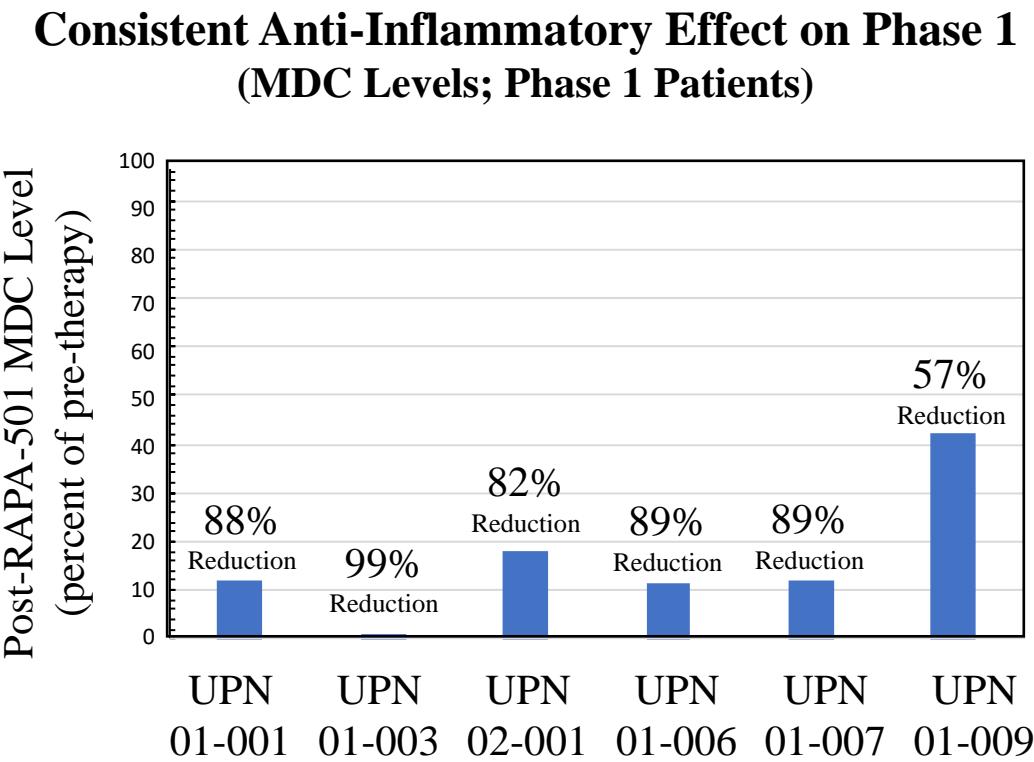
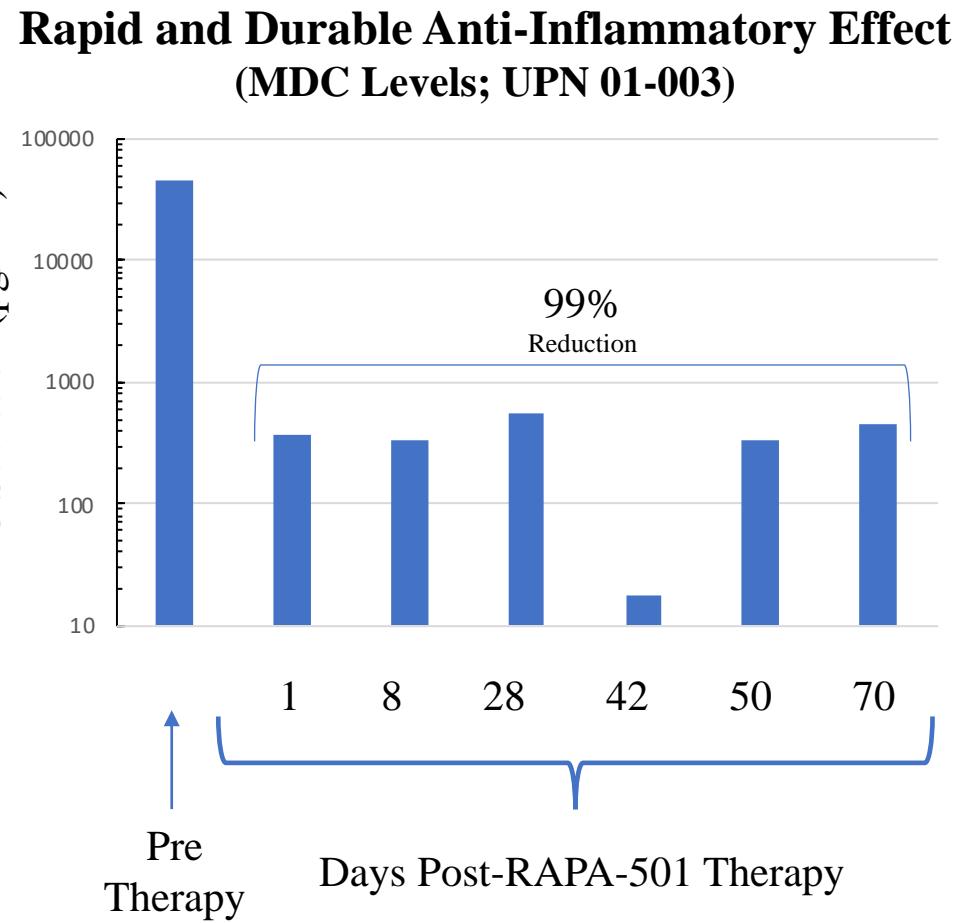


# RAPA-501 Suppresses Human CNS Inflammatory Microglial Cells



# RAPA-501 Phase I Completed in Patients Living With ALS

## Very Good Safety (No Product-Related Adverse Events) and Clear Biological Effect



# RAPA-501 EAP Study Overview

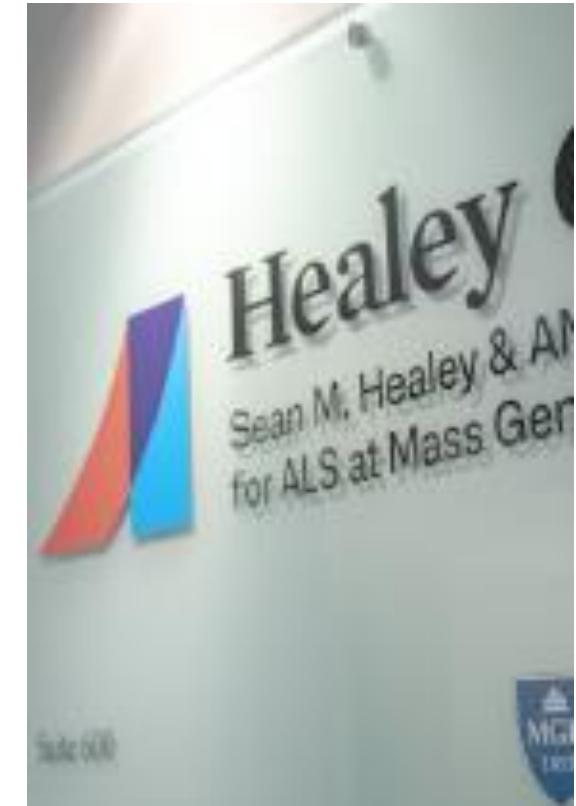
# NIH Funded RAPA-501 Expanded Access Protocol

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## Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS awarded NIH UO1 Grant to support Rapa Therapeutics' Expanded Access Protocol of Epigenetically Reprogrammed RAPA-501

The Sean M. Healey & AMG Center for ALS at Massachusetts General Hospital has been awarded a three-year grant to support Rapa Therapeutics' intermediate size Expanded Access Protocol (EAP) in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The grant is supported by the ACT for ALS (Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act). This EAP will evaluate the benefits of Rapa Therapeutics' (Rapa) investigational product RAPA-501, an Epigenetically Reprogrammed Autologous Hybrid TREG/Th2 T-Stem Cell Therapy, in people living with ALS (pwALS). The project will be led by Healey & AMG Center faculty, Drs. Suma Babu, MBBS, MPH James Berry, MD, MPH and Sabrina Paganoni, MD, PhD in conjunction with Rapa.



(ClinicalTrials.gov, Protocol Identification Number, NCT06169176)

# RAPA-501 Expanded Access Protocol: Definitions

## NIH NINDS Expanded Access Program in ALS

- Grant program for research using data from expanded access to investigational drugs
- Specifically designed for individuals not otherwise eligible for ALS-related clinical trials
- Funded by ACT for ALS
- Must not interfere with ongoing clinical development

## Defining the EAP Population

- Slow Vital Capacity (SVC): must be < 50% of predicted normal value
- Otherwise relatively open inclusion criteria
  - sporadic or familial
  - El Escorial Criteria → possible or greater category
  - OK to continue other medications
  - No restriction on time from diagnosis
  - NOTE: must have sufficient immune T cells for RAPA-501 manufacturing
    - CD3<sup>+</sup> T cell count  $\geq$  500 cells per microliter

# RAPA-501 EAP: EVERYTHING ALS COLLABORATION

## AIM #1: Accrual/Involvement

- 40 participants
- Offer access to RAPA-501 to participants unable to access it in trials
- Help ensure prompt accrual of a diverse population of people living with ALS

## AIM #2: Data Collection

- Safety/Tolerability
- Effects on Immune Function and NfL (blood collection)
- ALSFRS-R, ROADS, and Vital Capacity
- Remote Monitoring (Everything ALS )
  - Proctored Sessions approximately every 2 weeks
  - Home Data Collection (Everything ALS):
    - Surveys (ALSFRS-R and ROADS)
    - Respiratory Pulmonary Function Testing (SVC, Zephyrx Spirometer)
    - Speech Analysis (Aural Analytics)
    - Accelerometry Activity Monitoring

# RAPA-501 EAP: Study Objectives

## Scope of Study

- 40 participants
- 10 ALS trial centers

## Primary Objective

- Provide PALS with Access to RAPA-501
- Evaluate the Feasibility and Safety of RAPA-501 in plwALS and VC<50%

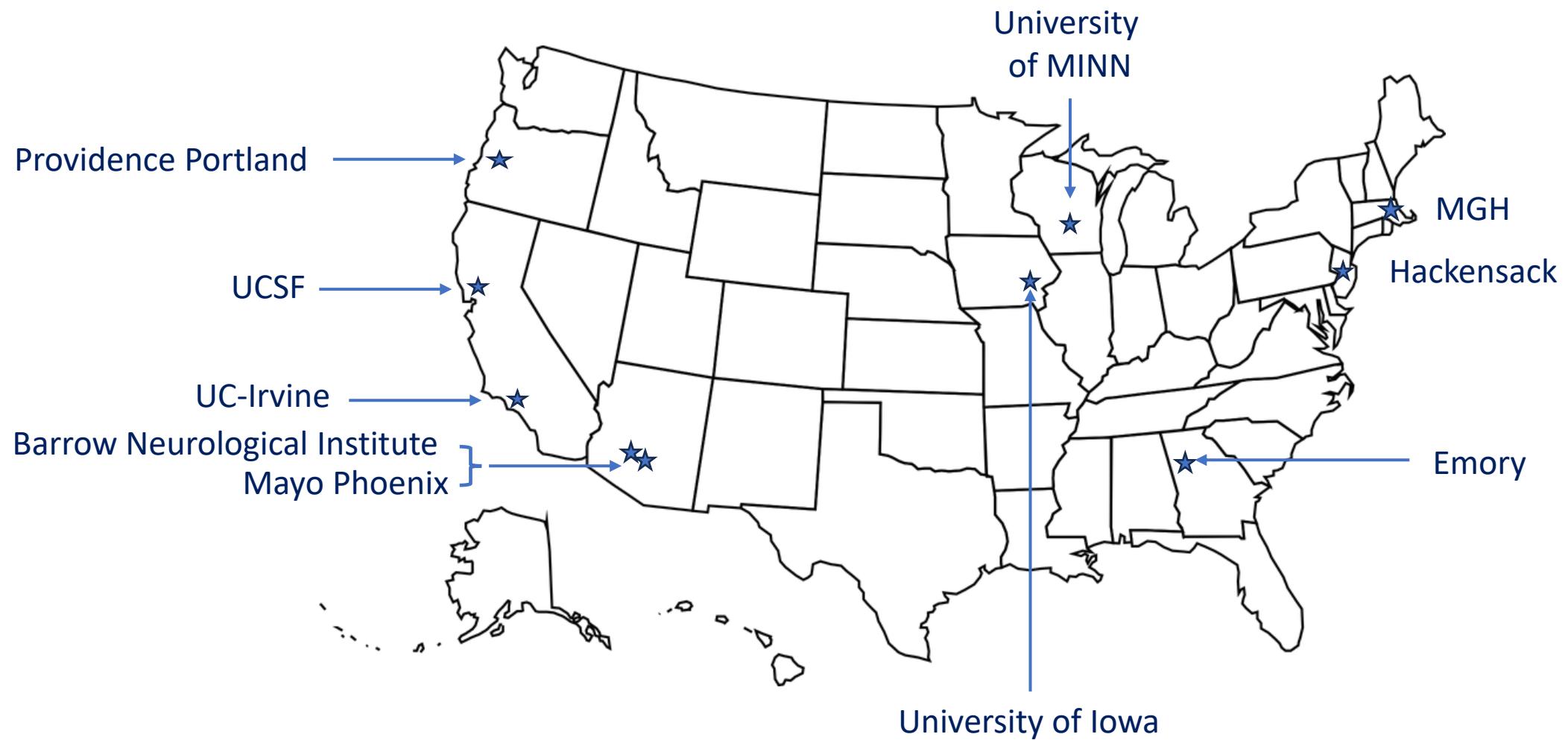
## Secondary Objectives

- Characterize Immune System Pre- and Post-RAPA-501
- Assess NfL changes
- Monitor Clinical Measures (ALSFRS-R, ROADS, VC)
- Use the Origent Prediction Algorithm to create “synthetic” controls and determine potential effect on ALSFRS-R, VC, and Survival

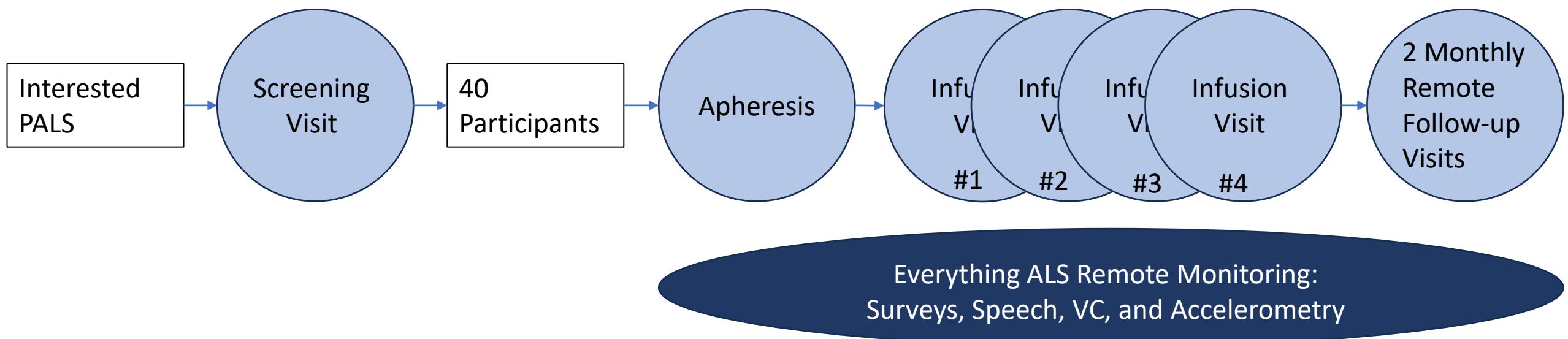
## Exploratory Objective

- Collect data from participants in their homes using simple to use tools provided by the study
- Collaboration with Everything ALS

# RAPA-501 EAP: Potential Clinical Trial Sites



# RAPA-501 EAP: Study Flow



# RAPA-501 EAP: Schedule of Activities

Procedure	SCREEN <sup>g</sup>	APHESIS	Cycle 1 Day 1 (d 35)	Cycle 2 Day 1 (d 77) <sup>e</sup>	Cycle 3 Day 1 (d 119) <sup>e</sup>	Cycle 4 Day 1 (d 161) <sup>e</sup>	Follow-up Visit (d 190) <sup>e</sup>	Virtual Follow-Up (d 220 and 250)
Visit Window (calendar days)		Day 0	± 14	± 14	± 14	± 14	± 14	
Informed Consent	X							
Medical History/Demographics	X							
Con Med Review	X			(Con Meds will be reviewed throughout)				
Physical Exam	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Vital Signs	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Height	X							
Weight	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Blood Tests <sup>a</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
TBNK Immune Testing <sup>b</sup>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Pregnancy Test	X		X	X	X	X		
AE Review/Evaluation	X			(AEs will be reviewed throughout)				
Viral Testing	X							
Lung Testing, Hand-Strength Testing <sup>c</sup>	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Apheresis		X						
RAPA-501 Cell Administration <sup>f</sup>			X	X	X	X		
Research Labs Sent to Sponsor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Surveys <sup>d</sup>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Remote Monitoring <sup>f</sup>				(Remote monitoring performed throughout)				

# RAPA-501 EAP: Thank You

**Clinical Trial Participants and Families**

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**Dr. Berry and Entire Team at Mass General**

- Megan Okoro, Clinical Research Coordinator

**Entire Team at RAPA Therapeutics**

- Jenny Sunga and Sylvia Yip

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**Clinical Trial Sites**

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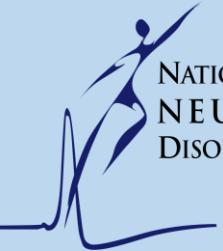
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## Questions and Answers

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