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# Company Highlights

## Novel ddRNAi Technology Platform

- DNA-directed RNA interference (ddRNAi) platform combines gene therapy with RNA interference to simultaneously silence & replace disease-causing genes permanently following a single administration
- ddRNAi platform can potentially treat diseases that cannot be addressed with either gene silencing or gene therapy alone

## Lead Asset Targeting Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy (OPMD): BB-301

- BB-301 is a gene therapy designed to treat dysphagia in patients with OPMD, an orphan indication with an estimated 15k patient prevalence in the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Israel
- OPMD drives muscle atrophy, muscle cell death and fibrosis, leading to a debilitating clinical phenotype characterized by progressive loss of swallowing capacity, eyelid drooping, proximal limb weakness, and potentially death due to aspiration pneumonia and malnutrition

## Compelling Preclinical Data Support the BB-301 First-in-Human Clinical Trial

- Following robust preclinical results, clinical development program will begin in 3Q22 with clinical data from the first-in-human (FIH) safety and efficacy study available in 2H23
- Preclinical data for BB-301 in the core OPMD murine model demonstrated complete restoration of the native phenotype at 14-weeks following a single intramuscular administration
- Large animal study corroborated murine data and validated route of administration for FIH study

## Near Term Milestones

- Natural history study to begin 3Q22; first patient dosed with BB-301 2Q23; initial safety and efficacy data 2H23

## Seasoned Management

- Led by Jerel A. Banks, M.D., Ph.D., a healthcare investment professional with over 15 years experience
- Team has broad expertise in gene therapy development, biological manufacturing, and capital allocation

# DNA-directed RNA Interference (ddRNAi) Platform Simultaneously Silences & Replaces Disease-Causing Genes

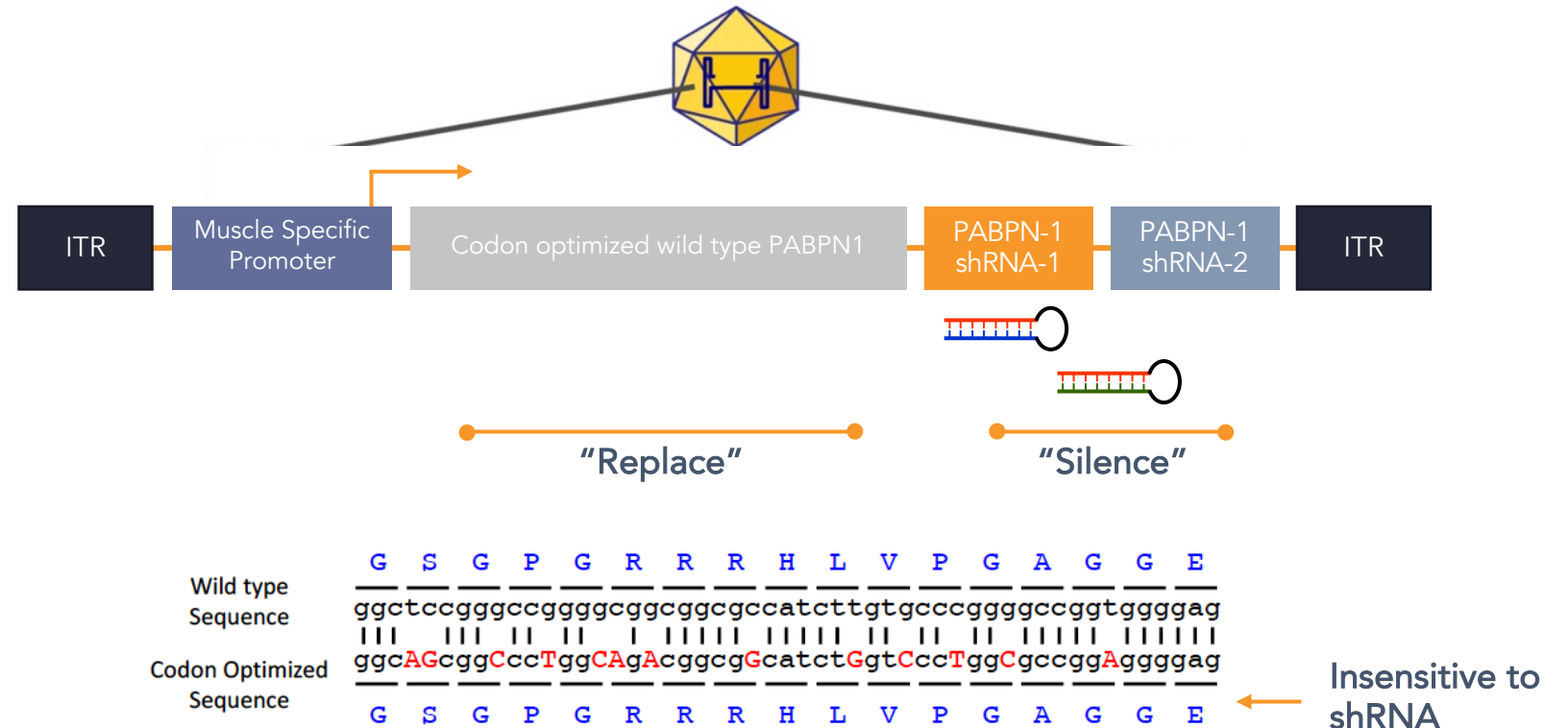
Benitec's technology simultaneously silences mutant proteins *and* delivers wild type replacement genes to restore normal cell function

## Competitive Advantage

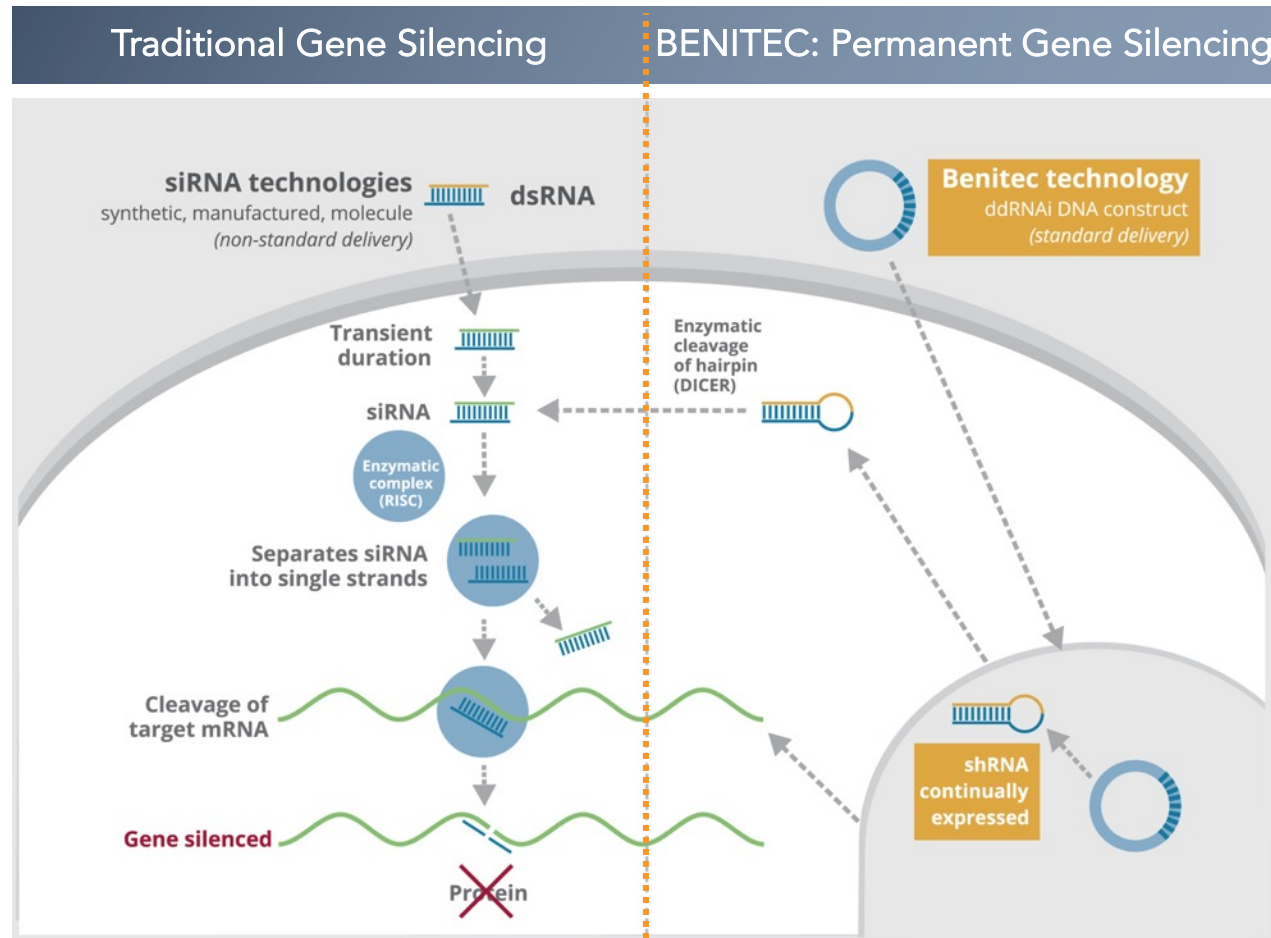
For some genetic diseases, it is impossible to silence disease-causing genes without also silencing vital normal proteins

Benitec's platform can potentially treat diseases that cannot be treated with gene silencing alone

## Lead Candidate BB-301



# ddRNAi Produces Constant Levels of shRNA Expression in Target Tissues to Permanently Silence Genes



## Advantages of Permanent Gene Silencing

- Combines RNA interference with gene therapy delivery
- Long-term therapeutic potential from a single administration
- Constant, steady-state levels of shRNA expression
- Silence a single gene or multiple genes simultaneously

# Executive Team

## Expertise in Gene Therapy Development, Biological Manufacturing, and Capital Allocation

### Jerel A. Banks, M.D., Ph.D. *CEO and Executive Chairman*

- Healthcare investment professional with over 15 years of experience
- Former vice president and co-portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton Investments
- M.D. and Ph.D. from Brown University, and A.B. in Chemistry from Princeton University

### Megan Boston *Executive Director*

- CEO and Managing Director of ASX listed entities
- Chartered Accountant with over 20 years of experience
- Held senior executive roles at various banking institutions in the area of risk and compliance, as well as PricewaterhouseCoopers

### Claudia Kloth, Ph.D. *SVP of Manufacturing*

- 20+ years of cGMP manufacturing and process development experience in therapeutics
- Led Process Development group at Lonza Viral Therapeutics
- Developed, optimized and transferred robust viral-based products (Ad5, AAV, lentivirus) to cGMP manufacturing
- Guided process transfer and process validation activities of Yervoy (Bristol-Myers Squibb)

# BB-301: Gene Therapy for Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy (OPMD), Debilitating, Progressive Disease with No Approved Therapeutic Options

## Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy

- Rare, autosomal dominant, monogenic disease (caused by mutant PABPN1 gene)
- Estimated prevalence of 15k adults (40-60 years old) in Europe, Canada, Israel, and the U.S.
- Drives muscle atrophy, muscle cell death and fibrosis, leading to a debilitating clinical phenotype characterized by progressive loss of swallowing capacity, eyelid drooping, proximal limb weakness, and potentially death due to aspiration pneumonia and malnutrition
- No therapeutics approved or under development for OPMD; only palliative surgical procedures exist

## BB-301

- Designed to treat dysphagia associated with OPMD
- 'Silence': Inhibits mutant and wild type PABPN1 gene expression
- 'Replace': Simultaneously reintroduces wild type PABPN1 gene to restore normal cellular function
- Preclinical studies completed in 2021; OPMD clinical development program to initiate in 3Q22

## Commercial Opportunity

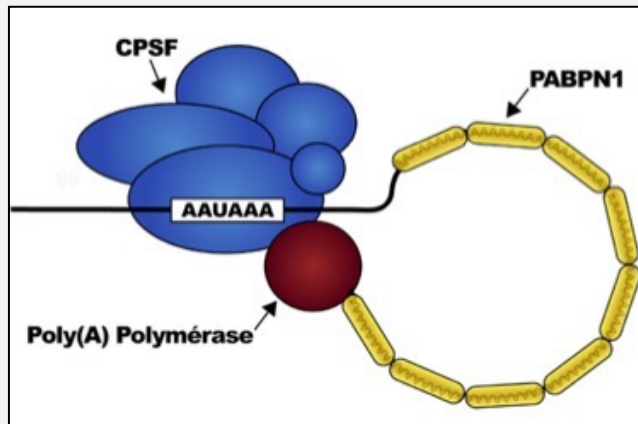
- Benitec retains global rights to BB-301, with prevalence estimates and established global reimbursement paradigms for orphan and gene therapies supporting a multi-billion dollar commercial opportunity over the life of the product
- Orphan Drug Designation granted in the U.S. and EU
- Commercial-scale manufacturing for BB-301 optimized and reproducibly executed during large animal studies

# Genetic Basis of OPMD: Trinucleotide Repeat Expansion at PABPN1 Exon 1

WT ATG (GCG)<sub>6</sub> -----(GCA)<sub>3</sub> GCG GGG GCT GCG..  
MUT ATG (GCG)<sub>6</sub> (GCG)<sub>1-7</sub> (GCA)<sub>3</sub> GCG GGG GCT GCG...--

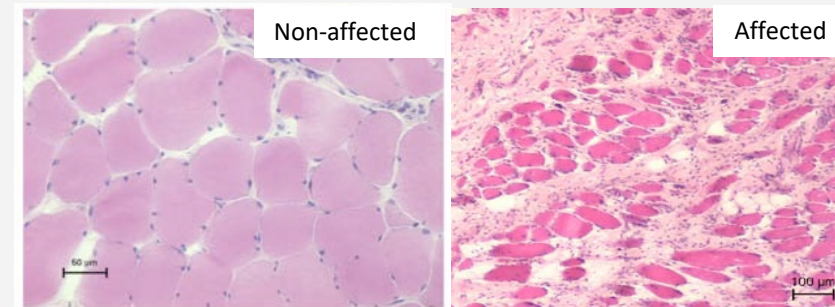
## PABPN1

Ubiquitous factor that promotes interaction between the poly(A) polymerase and CPSF (cleavage and polyadenylation specificity factor) and thus, controls the length of mRNA poly(A) tails, mRNA export from the nucleus, and alternative poly(A) site usage



## In OPMD

- Genetic mutation results in trinucleotide repeat expansion within exon 1 of PABPN1 and results in an expanded poly-alanine tract at the N-terminal end of PABPN1
- Mutation generates a protein with an N-terminal expanded poly-alanine tract of up to 18 contiguous alanine residues prone to form aggregates called intranuclear inclusions (INIs)
- INIs that also sequester wild type PABPN1 could contribute to the "loss of function" phenotype associated with OPMD







# PRECLINICAL RESULTS: A17 MOUSE MODEL



# BB-301 Silenced and Replaced Mutant PABPN1 Over a Broad Range of Doses in Murine Models

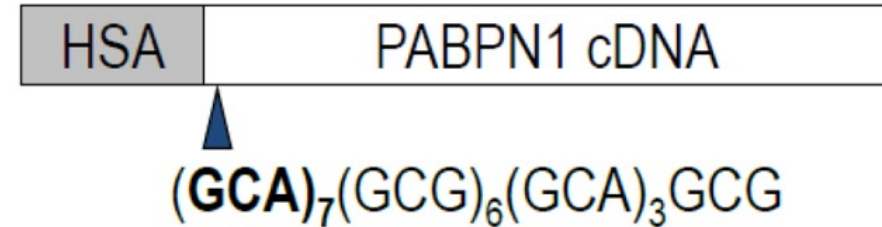
## Study Design

BB-301 was injected into the Tibialis Anterior (TA) muscle of 10 week old-to-12 week old A17 mice (a transgenic mouse model for OPMD), and 14-weeks post administration each A17 cohort was anesthetized and the contractile properties of the injected TA muscles were analyzed via in-situ muscle electrophysiology

## Conclusion

PABPN1 inhibition levels of 31% or higher led to complete resolution of OPMD disease symptoms and correction of OPMD histological hallmarks

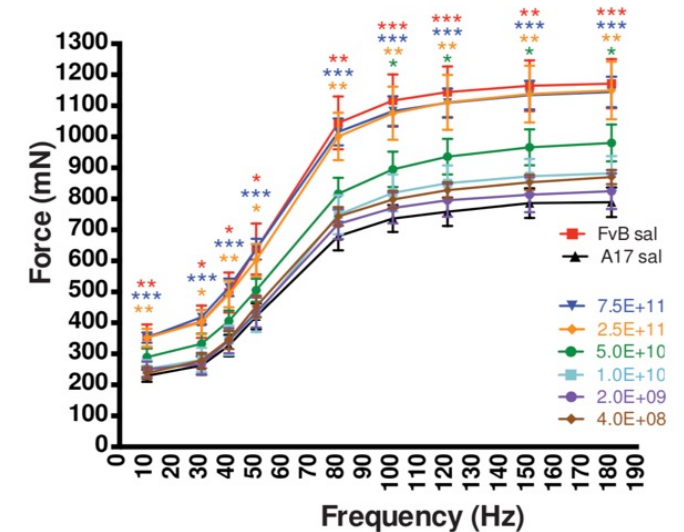
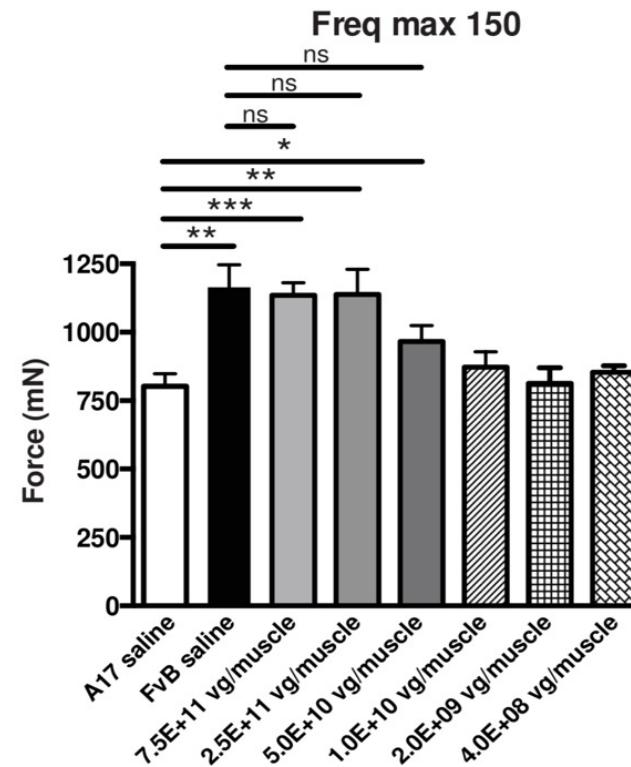
## Transgenic Genome of the A17 Mouse Model



	"Silence"	"Replace"
BB-301 Dose (vg)	PABPN1 Inhibition	coPABPN1 Expression
7.50E+11	86%	63%
2.50E+11	75%	26%
5.00E+10	31%	2%
1.00E+10	32%	1%
2.00E+09	14%	0%
4.00E+08	0%	0%

# BB-301 Restored Muscle Strength to Wild Type Levels in Murine Models

- Varying levels of inhibition of PABPN1 expression, when coupled with partial replacement of wild type PABPN1 significantly:
  - reduced INIs
  - increased muscle strength
  - corrected disease phenotype
- Statistically significant improvements in muscle strength (vs. saline-injected animals) and complete phenotypic correction were observed at the  $2.5 \times 10^{11}$  vg/muscle dose which reduced PABPN1 expression by 75% and supported replacement of wild type protein at 26% of normal levels



# CTA-Enabling and IND-Enabling Studies for BB-301

## Pilot study to determine dosing and muscle transduction

- 8-week Pilot Dosing study in Beagle dogs to confirm the transduction efficiency of BB-301 following direct intramuscular injection into the pharyngeal muscles via the use of an open surgical approach
- The pharyngeal muscles injected in Beagle dogs (i.e., Hypopharyngeus (HP) muscles and Thyropharyngeus (TP) muscles) correspond to the pharyngeal muscle dosing targets for human OPMD subjects (i.e., Middle Pharyngeal Constrictor muscles and Inferior Pharyngeal Constrictor muscles, respectively)

## Toxicology study

- 12-week GLP Toxicology and Biodistribution study in Beagle dogs



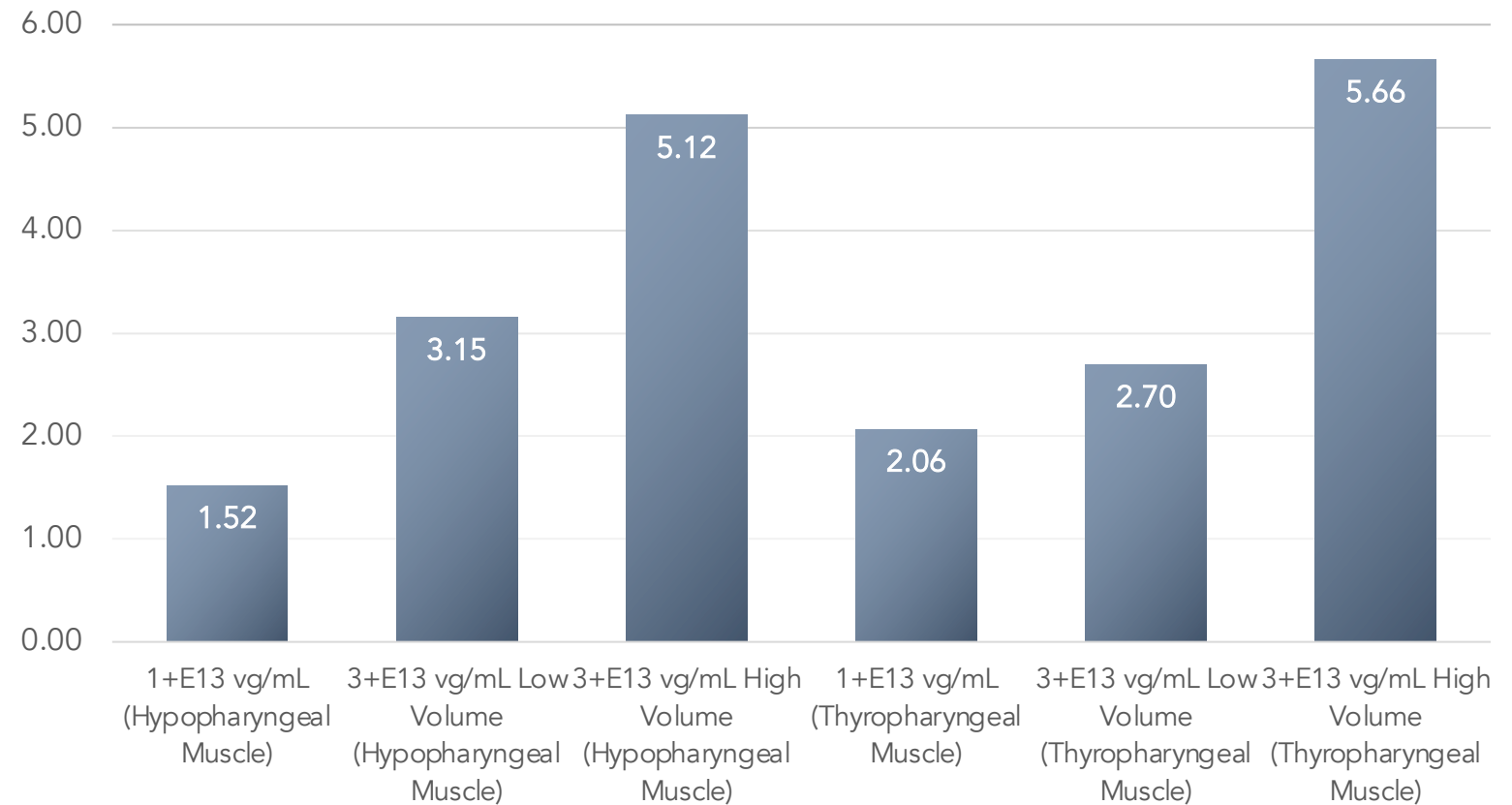
# PRECLINICAL RESULTS: PILOT DOSING STUDY IN BEAGLE DOGS



# Successful, Dose-dependent Transduction of BB-301 in Target Tissue

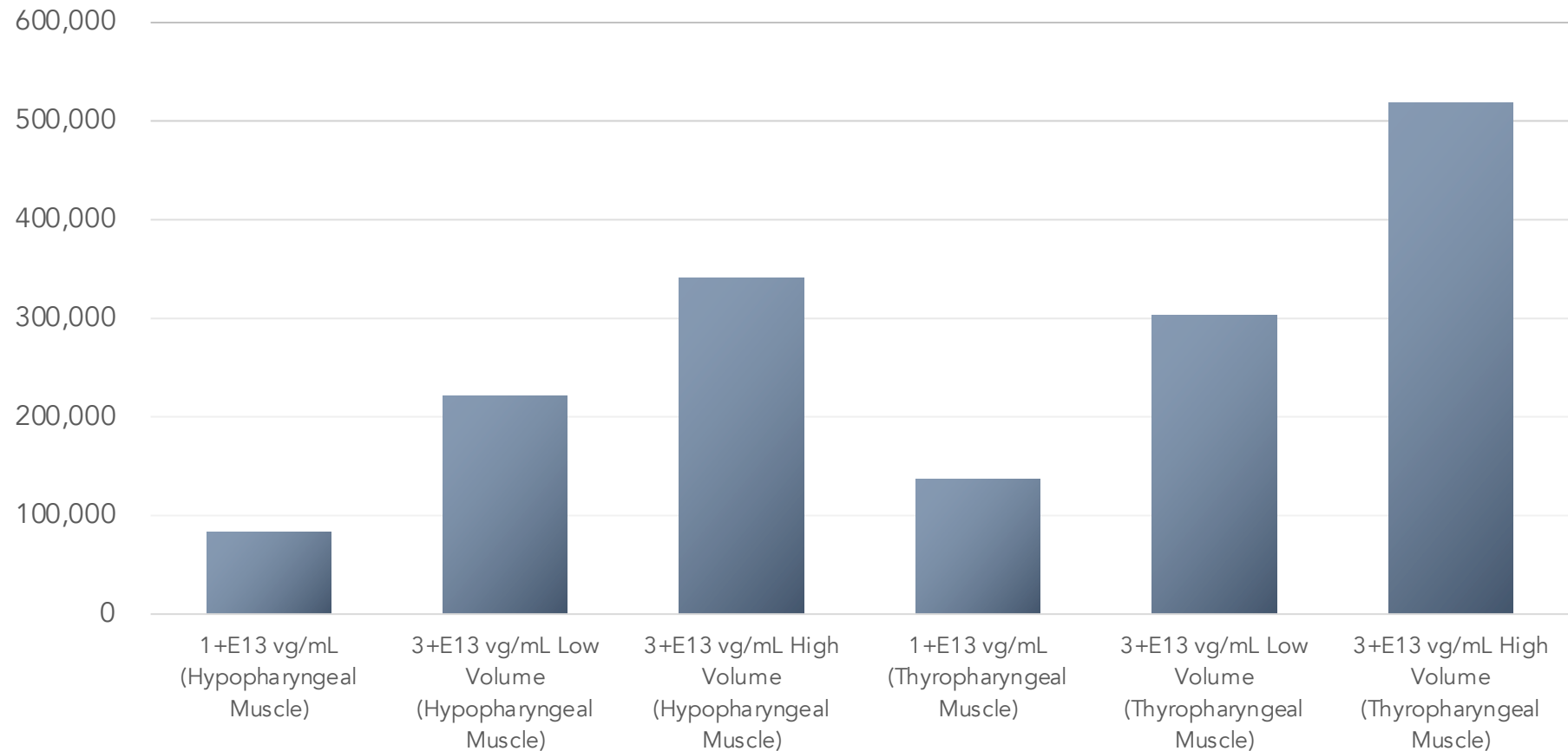
The data demonstrate biologically significant, dose-dependent levels of BB-301 tissue transduction (i.e., delivery of the multi-functional genetic construct into the target pharyngeal muscle cells)

## Avg. Reported BB-301 Copies Per Cell



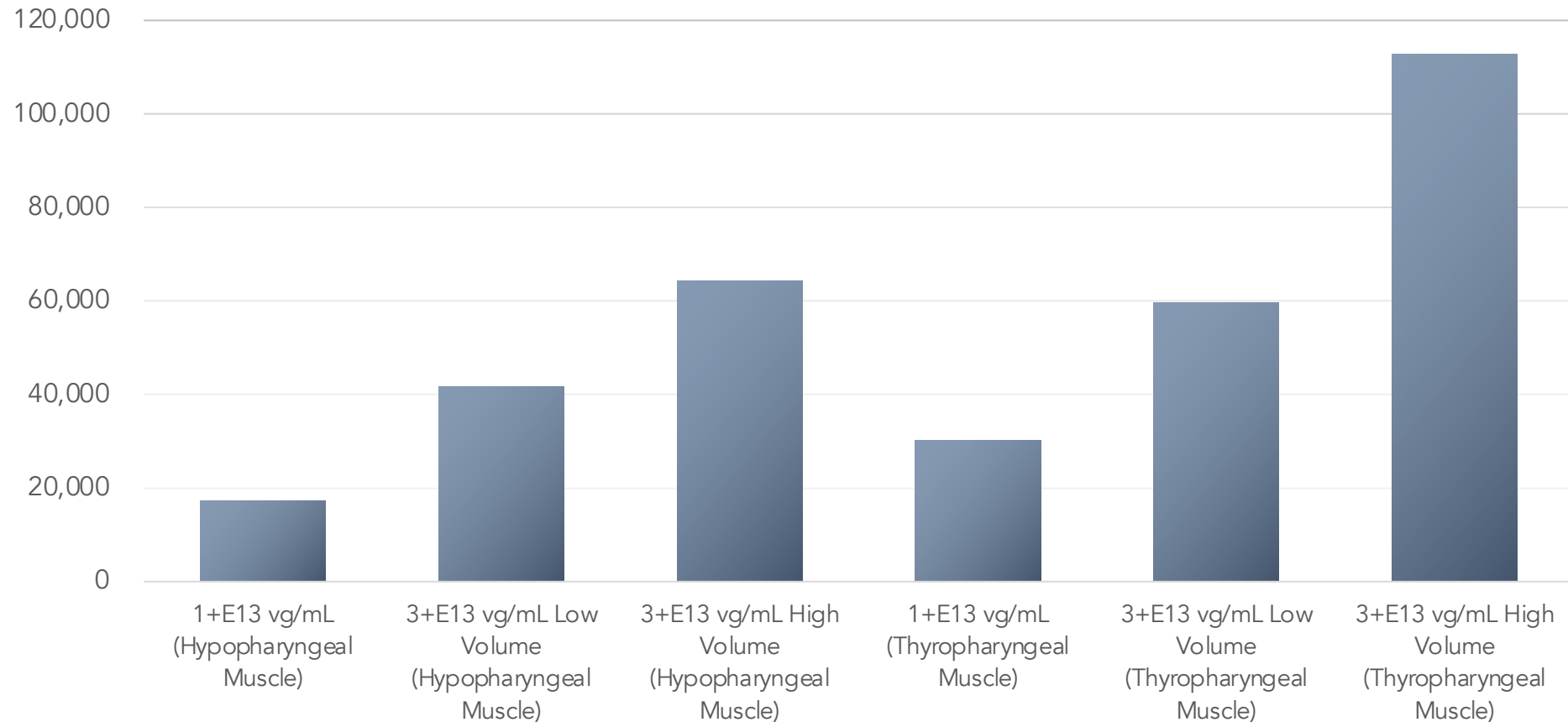
# Broad-based, Dose-dependent Expression of siRNA13 in Target Tissue

## Avg. Reported siRNA13 Copies Per Cell



# Broad-based, Dose-dependent Expression of siRNA17 in Target Tissue

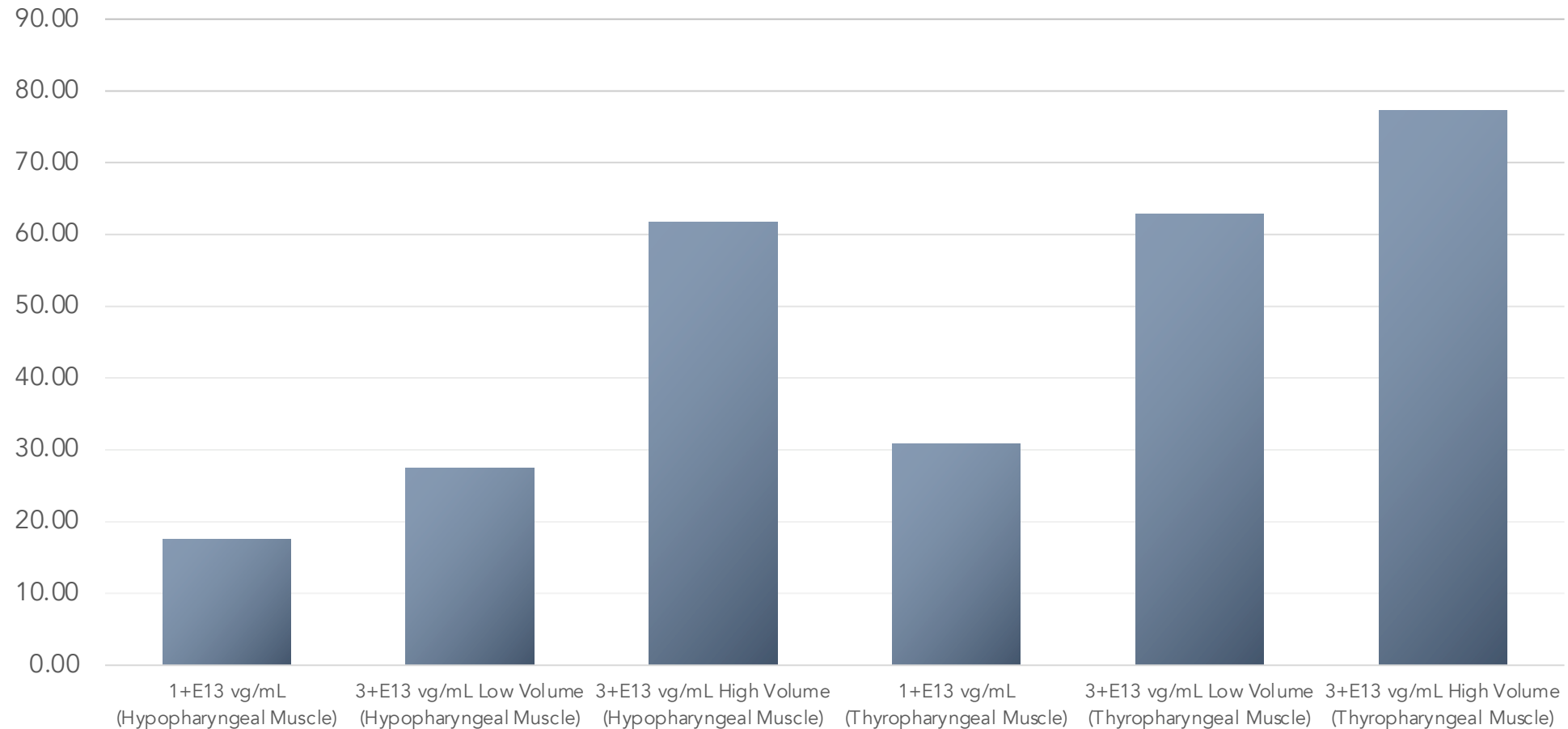
## Avg. Reported siRNA17 Copies Per Cell





# Broad-based, Dose-dependent Expression of coPABPN1 in Target Tissue

## Avg. Reported coPABPN1 Copies Per Cell

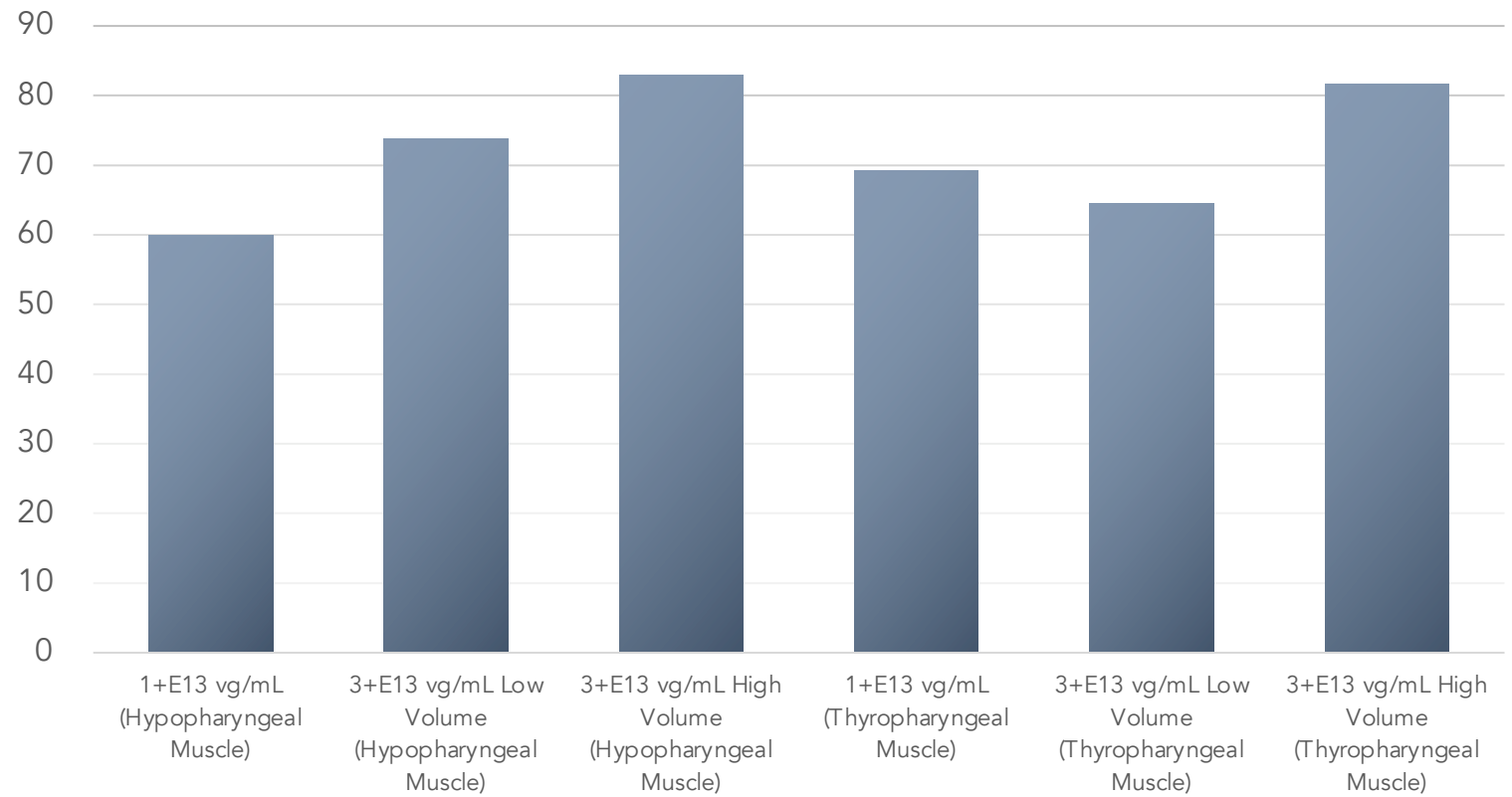


# Consistent Inhibition of Wild Type PABPN1 at All Dose Levels

Analysis at 8-weeks revealed durable and biologically significant levels of target gene knock-down within the pharyngeal muscle cells

The average level of inhibition observed across all doses was **72%**

## Avg. Reported % Inhibition of wtPABPN1



# BB-301 Clinical Program



Characterization of OPMD patient disposition at baseline assessing:

- Rates of progression of dysphagia via quantitative radiographic measures of global swallowing function and target pharyngeal constrictor muscle function (inclusive of Videofluoroscopic Swallowing Studies (VFSS))

NH subjects roll over into Phase 1b/2a treatment study

Open-label, dose escalation study in subjects with OPMD

- **Primary endpoints:** safety and tolerability
- **Secondary endpoints:** radiographic measures of global swallowing function and pharyngeal constrictor muscle function compared to NH baseline assessments

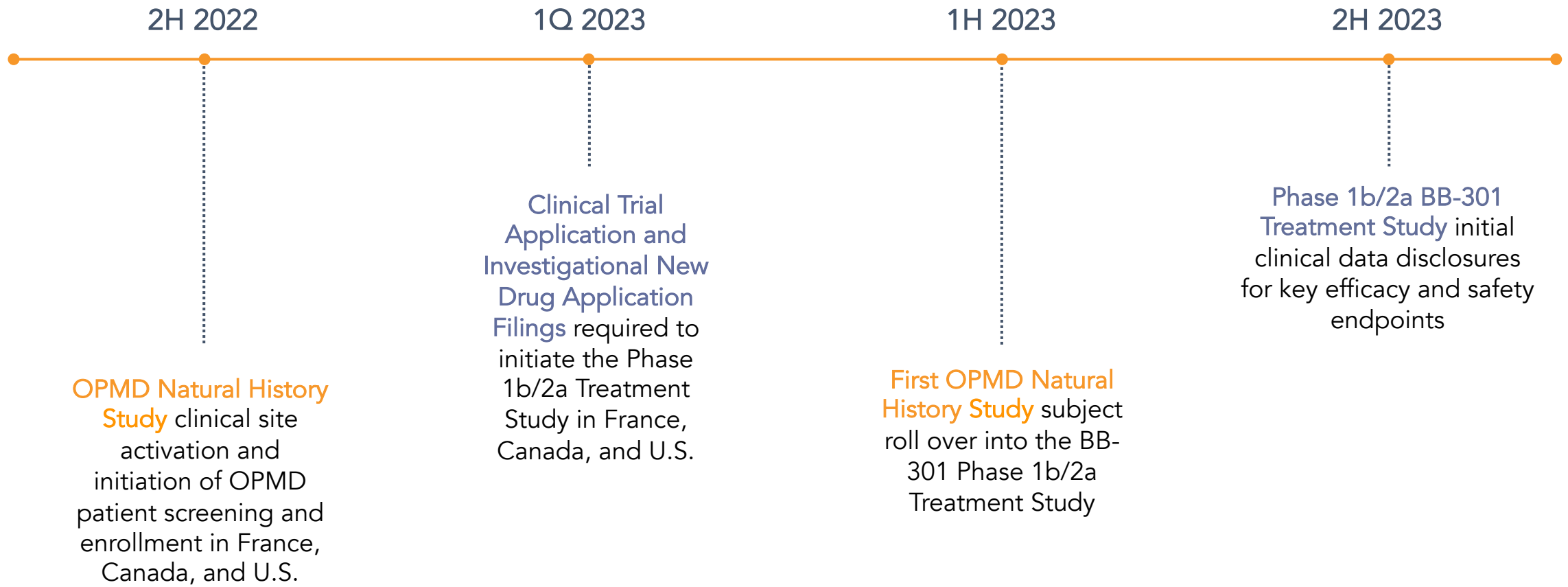
Every 90 days, patients will be assessed for key safety and efficacy endpoints

# Reproducible Quantitative Radiographic Measures to Assess Baseline Natural History and Phase 1b/2a Treatment Study Endpoints

Quantitative radiographic measures of global swallowing function, pharyngeal constrictor muscle function, and swallowing efficiency using Videofluoroscopic Swallowing Studies (VFSS):

Global Swallowing Function	Pharyngeal Constrictor Muscle Function	Swallowing Efficiency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dynamic Imaging Grade of Swallowing Toxicity Scale (DIGEST)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharyngeal Area at Maximum Constriction (PhAMPC)</li><li>• Pharyngeal Constriction Ratio (PCR)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total Pharyngeal Residue <math>\%(C2-4)^2</math></li><li>• Vallecular Residue <math>\%(C2-4)^2</math></li><li>• Pyriform Sinus Residue <math>\%(C2-4)^2</math></li><li>• Other Pharyngeal Residue <math>\%(C2-4)^2</math></li><li>• Normalized Residue Ratio Scale (NRRS<sub>v</sub>, NRRS<sub>p</sub>)</li></ul>
Other Assessments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinical measures of global swallowing capacity and oropharyngeal dysphagia</li><li>• Patient-reported measures of oropharyngeal dysphagia</li></ul>		

# Upcoming Clinical and Regulatory Milestones



# Broad Intellectual Property Portfolio

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## OPMD-related intellectual property

- OPMD Family 4 anticipated expiry February 2040
- OPMD Family 3 anticipated expiry October 2039
- OPMD Family 2 anticipated expiry December 2037
- OPMD Family 1 anticipated expiry April 2037

## AAV-related intellectual property

- AAV Family 1 anticipated expiry August 2038

# Financial Summary

## NasdaqCM Listed: BNTC

- Exclusively Nasdaq listed; re-domiciled in April 2020

## Shares Outstanding

- 8,171,690 as of 03/31/22

## Cash & Cash Equivalents

- \$8.6mm as of 03/31/22

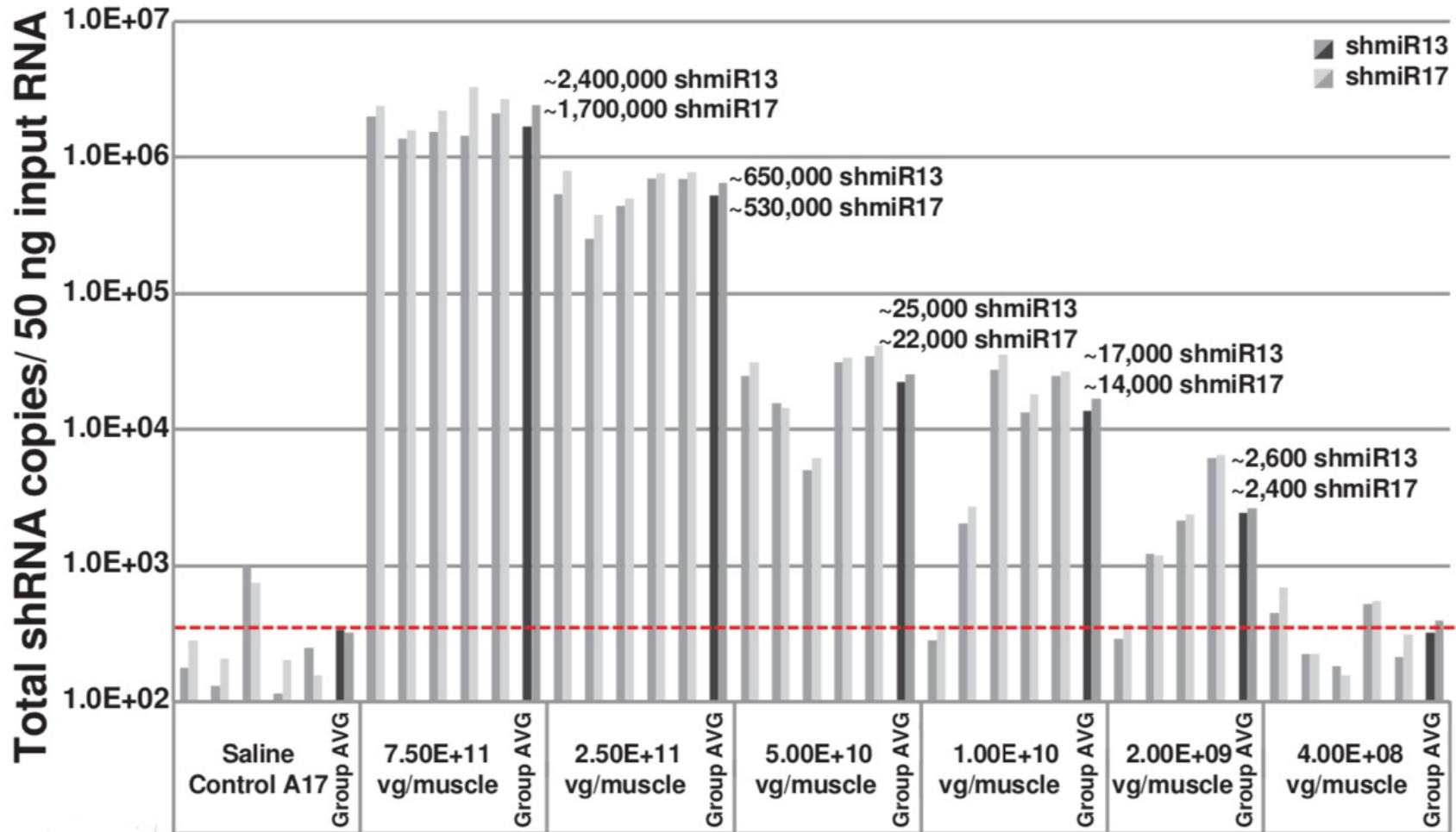


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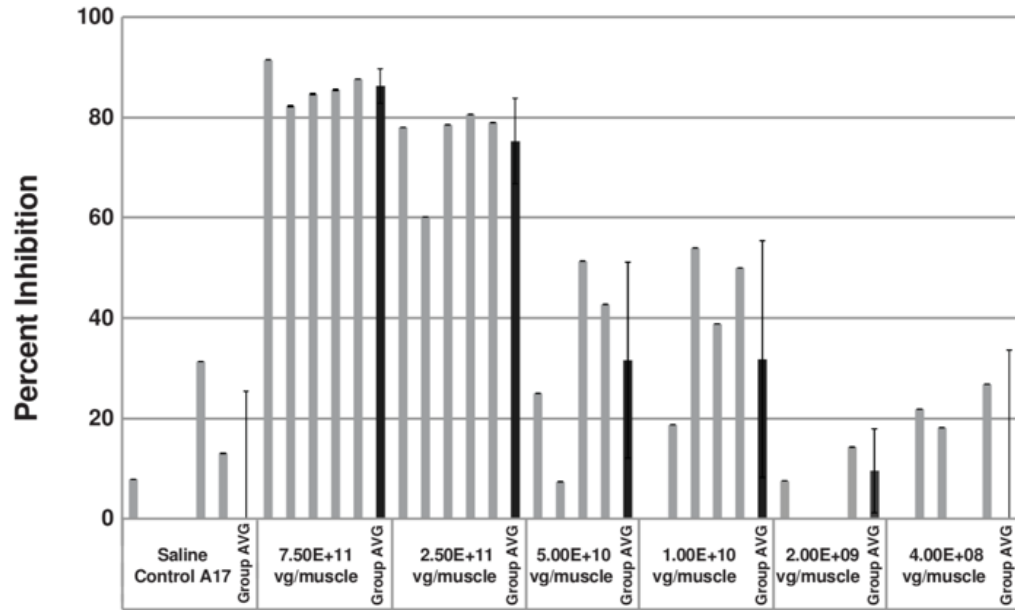




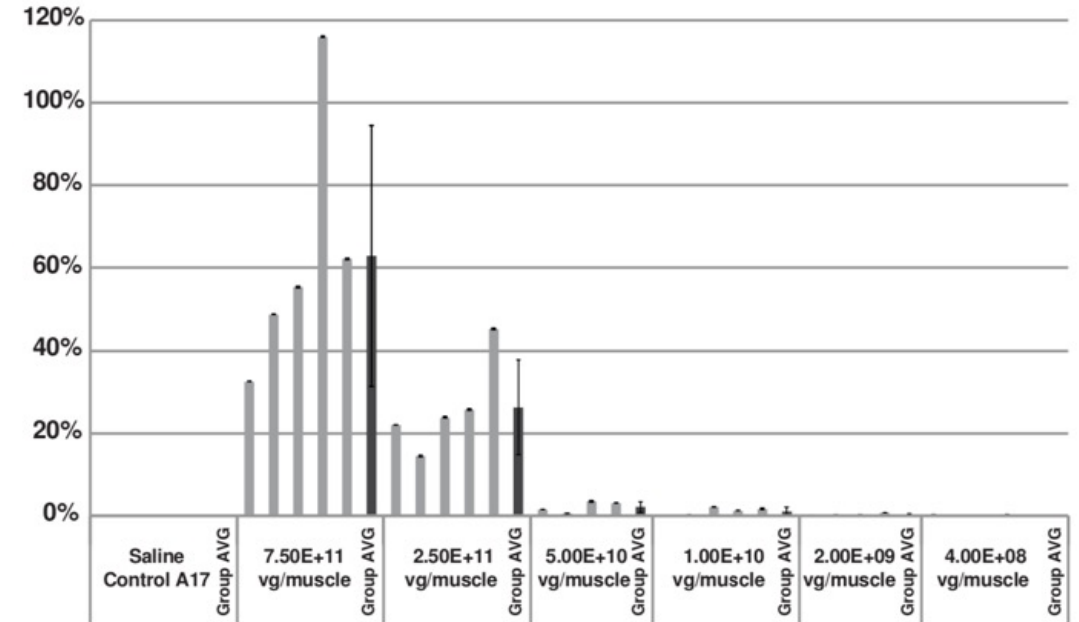
# BB-301 Drove Dose-Dependent shRNA Expression in A17 Mouse Model (Analysis Performed 14-weeks after Administration)



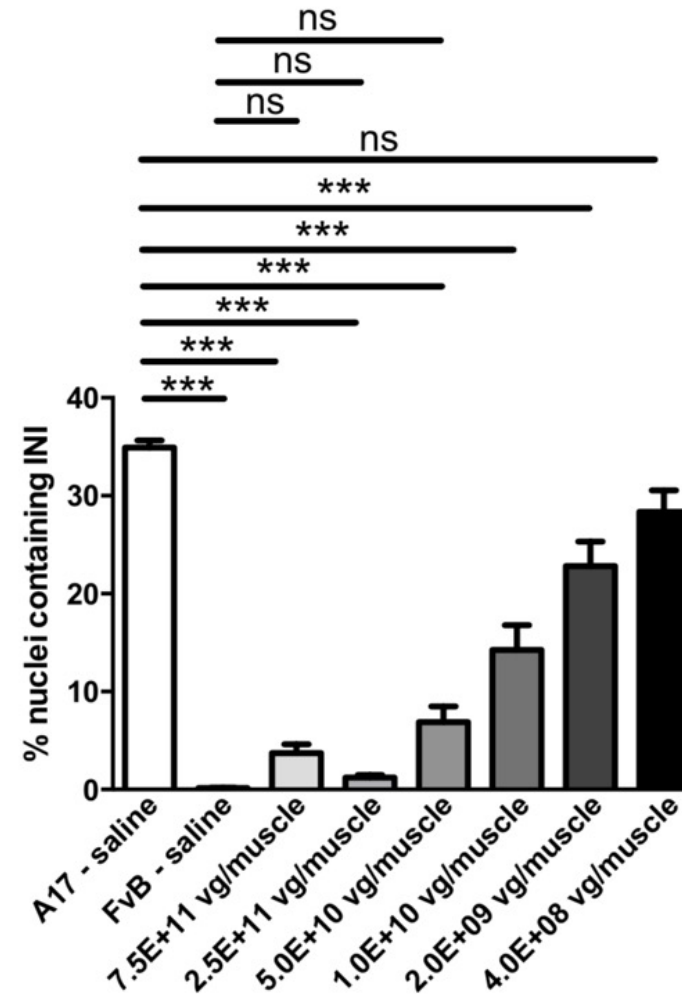
# BB-301 Inhibited PABPN1 Expression and Restored Near Wild Type Levels of coPABPN1 in A17 Mouse Model (Analysis Performed 14-weeks after Administration)



**Relative coPABPN1 Expression ((coPABPN1/GAPDH)/A17 Saline)**



# BB-301 Drove Dose-Dependent Resolution of Intranuclear Inclusions in the Injected Muscles in A17 Mouse Model (Analysis Performed 14-weeks after Administration)





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