

# From Discovery to Deals: The Neurological Oligonucleotide Landscape at a Glance

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# Agenda





Deep Dive: Preclinical, Clinical, Regulatory & Deal Insights

Overview of Beacon RNA & Neuroscience Platform

### Intro to Beacon



Beacon adopts a modality approach to our database solutions, with custom built modules aligned to the core technologies across cutting edge research areas.

Each module is unique with customized search filters & searching ontologies, allowing you to ask deeper questions & gain more comprehensive insights on areas you are most invested in

Advanced Therapies











Beacon Biologics









Beacon Small Molecules







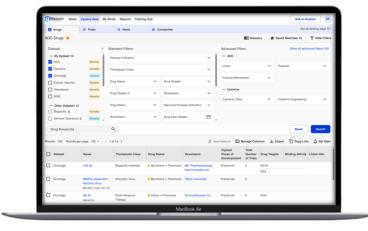
Beacon Diseases





**Newly Launched** 







### Beacon RNA



### BEACON RNA TRACKS OVER 5,600 DRUGS, 2,600 TRIALS, 4,000 DEALS & 3,300 COMPANIES

#### **mRNA**

mRNA Vaccines
mRNA-Based Antibody Production
mRNA-Based Protein Replacement
mRNA-Enhanced Cell Therapy
saRNA Therapies & Vaccines

#### **GENE EDITING**

guide RNA mediated gene editing
CRISPR programs
Base Editing
RNA Editing
ADAR mediated editing

#### **OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**

siRNA

miRNA

shRNA

Antisense Oligonucleotide (ASO)

**Aptamers** 

Antibody Oligonucleotide Conjugates (AOC)

#### **OTHER MODALITES**

tRNA

Circular RNA

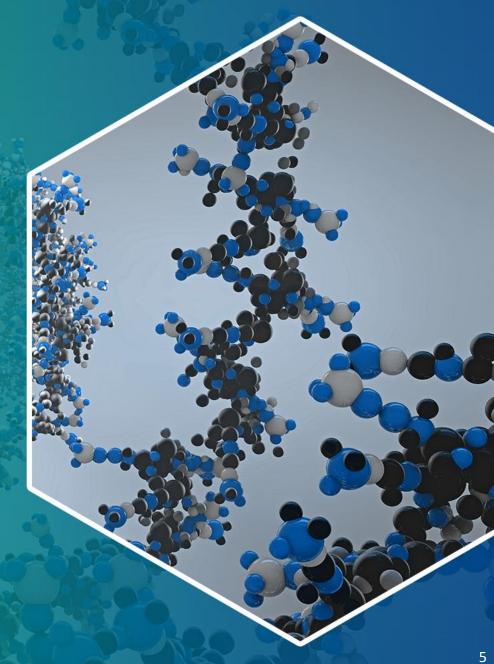
Ribozymes

RNA Targeting Small Molecules



Oligonucleotides for CNS – Why Now?







### Recent Data in Neuroscience Field



#### 66 New Drugs Added to Pipelines in 2025

- 28 ASO
- 21 siRNA

### Stoke Therapeutics & Biogen Announced Data for ASO for Dravet Syndrome in Phase 1/2a trial

- A median reduction in seizures of 84.8% presented at IEC congress
  - Phase 3 EMPEROR study now underway

#### Alnylam Released Preclinical Data for Mivelsiran, 16C conjugated siRNA for Alzheimer's Disease

- Mouse model data at AAIC showed APP-lowering siRNA reduced disease pathology in 5xFAD mode
- Dose dependant lowering of amyloid in tissue, glial inflammation & plasma NfL to support clinical development

#### 21 Clinical Trials Initiated in 2025

#### 123 Active Clinical Trials

### Dyne Therapeutics announced Clinical Data for AOC targeting DMD at various conferences

- DYNE-251 led to improvements across multiple functional endpoints
- DYNE-251 drove dose-dependent increases in mean PMO muscle concentration and exon skipping

### Voyager Therapeutics Presented Preclinical Updates for Their siRNA AAV therapy for Alzheimer's

- Tau mRNA levels were reduced by greater than 50%, and total tau protein levels were reduced by 40-55% at 11 weeks post-injection
- TRACER platform supports CNS specific targeting. Voyager also working on non viral BBB shuttle NeuroShuttle ™



### Recent Oligonucleotide Deals in CNS



### Arrowhead & Novartis Enter Licensing Agreement for siRNA Therapy for Parkinson's + Additional Targets

- \$200m upfront payment, up to \$2bn in milestone payments
  - Use of Arrowhead's proprietary TRiM<sup>™</sup> platform for subcutaneous CNS delivery

### Secarna & Vect-Horus Partner to Advance Systemic Delivery of Oligonucleotides for CNS

- Combining Vect-Horus' VECTrans® delivery platform with Secarna's OligoCreator® technology
- VHH Antibody delivery platform to shuttle oligo payloads across BBB

### Leal Therapeutics Announced \$30m Series A for Neurodegenerative & Neuropsychiatric Disorders

- Pipeline spans small molecule for psychiatric disorders & ASO for ALS
- Leal also advancing next generation technology to optimize nucleic acid delivery to CNS through BBB shuttles

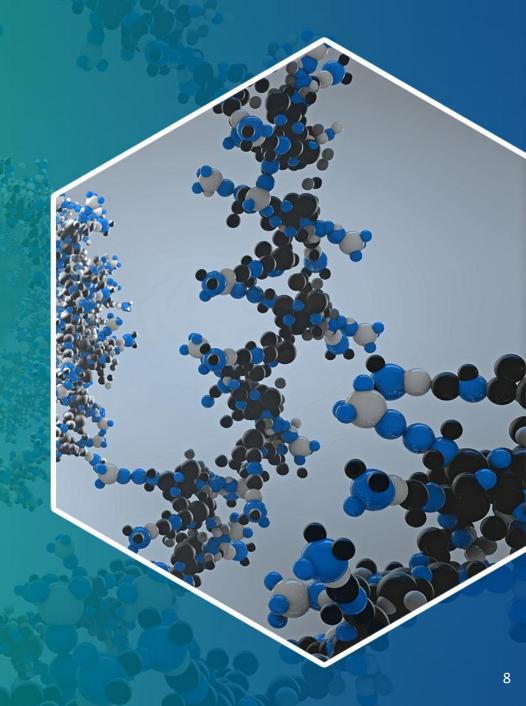
### Biogen & City Therapeutics Announce RNAi Collaboration for CNS Diseases

- Utilises City Therapeutics' RNAi expertise & ligand platform to target CNS
  - •Initial program used tissue enhanced delivery for systemic administration

The Oligos for CNS Landscape

- Preclinical Clinical and
Regulatory Insights





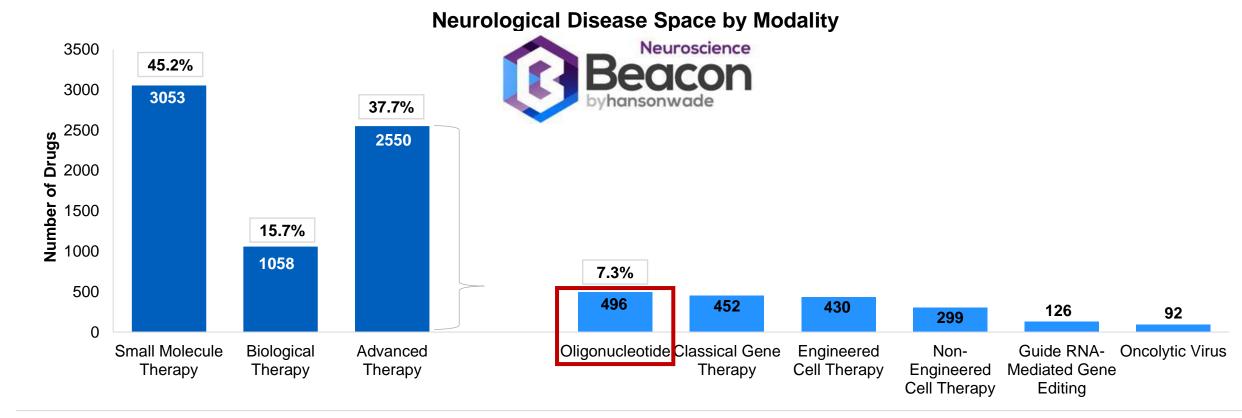


### Overview: The Neurology Space



Looking at the overall neurology space, it's noticeable that 6000+ drugs are currently targeting neurological disorders. Of these, almost 500 are oligonucleotide-based drugs, representing 7% of the neurological disorder landscape. This data has been extracted from our newest Beacon Dataset, Beacon Neuroscience, which will launch on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more details, get in touch here.

Oligonucleotide-based drugs are the most frequently leveraged of all advanced therapies for treating CNS disorders as they can precisely modulate genetic drivers, have durable effects and carry regulatory precedent.

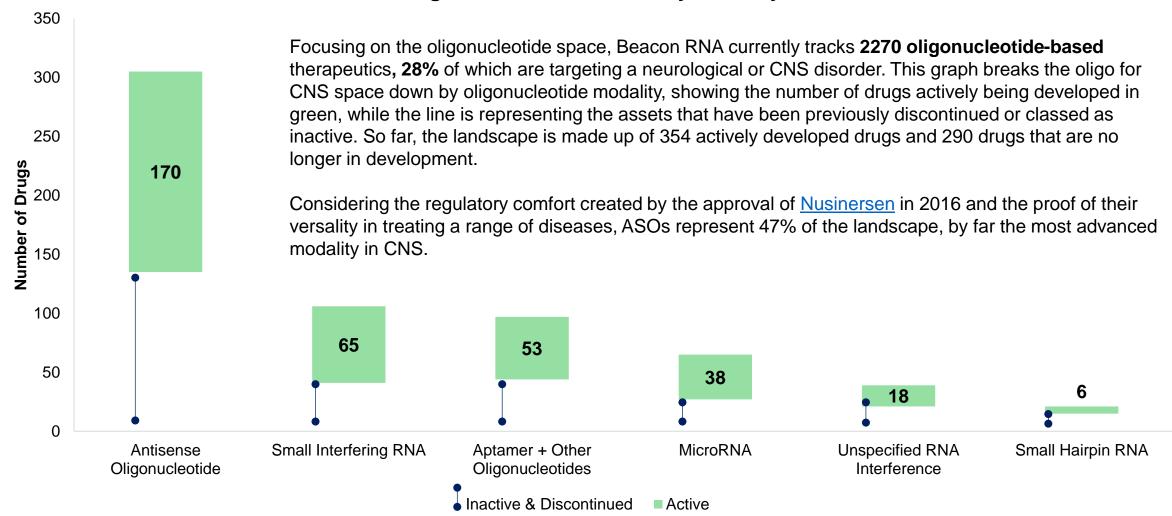




### Oligonucleotide Modality Distribution



#### Oligonucleotides for CNS by Modality



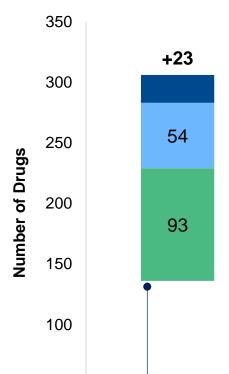


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# Oligonucleotide Status Distribution



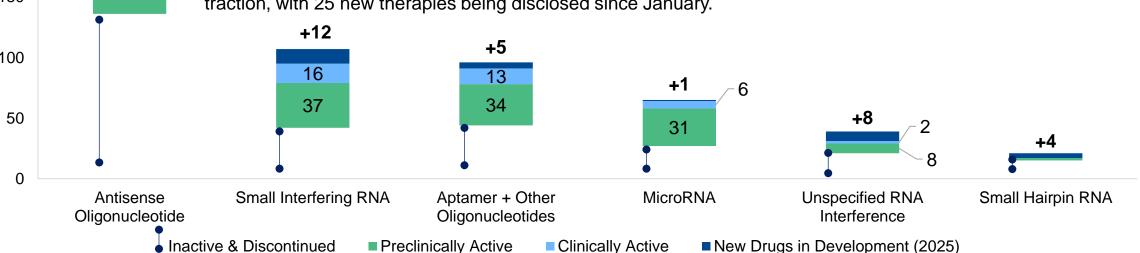
#### Oligonucleotides for CNS by Modality and Status



Most drugs are still in the preclinical stage of development, while ASOs lead the way in the clinical sector, with 54 therapies currently clinically active. On the other hand, compared to other RNAi modalities, 45% of ASOs have already been discontinued, mostly at preclinical stages. The now preclinically inactive ASOs were aimed at a wide range of gene targets, highlighting how developers are attempting to discover and validate novel targets despite the uncertain target biology.

While RNAi modalities are showing potential with a growing number of preclinically active therapies targeting CNS disorders, only a small number of RNAi drugs have entered the clinic, with an even split between drugs investigating neuromuscular disorders and neurodegenerative disorders.

So far in 2025, 23 new ASO therapies have been announced in the CNS space, while RNAi therapies are gaining traction, with 25 new therapies being disclosed since January.

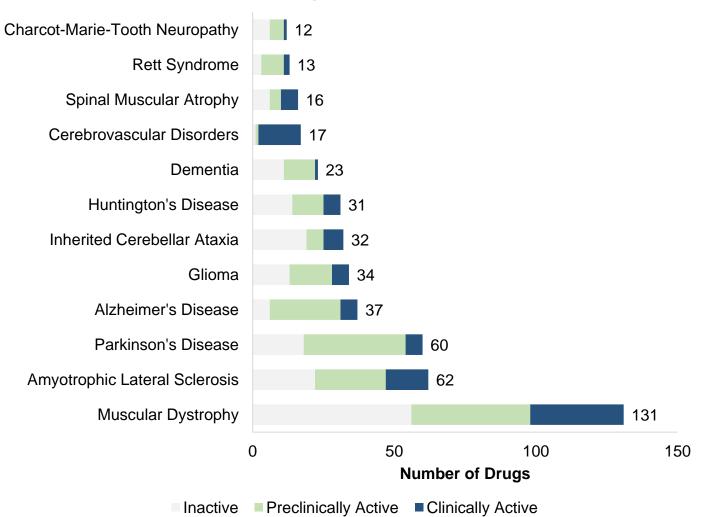




# Neurological Indications in Focus



#### **Neurological Indications in Focus**



This graph plots the most frequently targeted neurological indications, segmented by drug status. As expected, this shows muscular dystrophies to be clinically and preclinically the most investigated diseases in the space. Compared to neurodegenerative disorders, muscular disorders are caused by monogenic targets and don't face the challenge of having to cross the blood-brain barrier for effective treatment, resulting in muscular dystrophies being well-represented in ongoing clinical programs.

Looking beyond muscular dystrophies, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's disease (AD) have significant preclinical maturity. ALS is the most extensively studied neurodegenerative disorder in clinical stages, as 15 drugs are actively investigated in the clinic. The most advanced of these programs is <u>ulefnersen</u>, currently investigated in phase 3 trials.

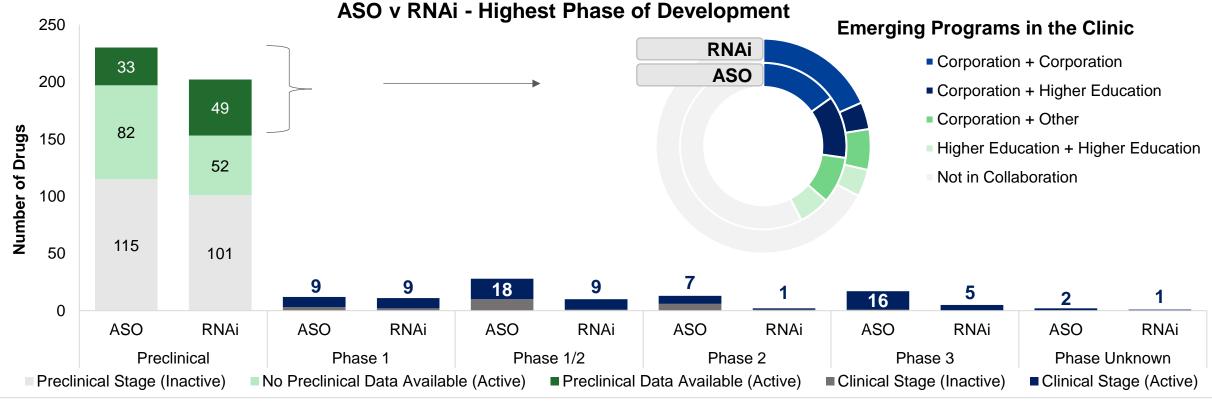
Huntington's disease (HD) and ALS programs have high rates of interrupted development, particularly in early clinical testing. This snapshot reflects the target validation risk, and the fact that programs targeting complex diseases are currently more likely to fail.

### ASO vs RNAi: Phase of Development



This graph highlights the availability of preclinical data for the two modalities in the context of the current landscape based on the phases of development reached. The data shows that a similar number of ASO vs RNAi programs have been dropped at preclinical stages, while a higher proportion of preclinically active RNAi programs have generated publicly released data.

Moreover, this data helps us determine potentially emerging programs. The pie chart shows that, of those with preclinical data generated, 5 ASO programs and 9 RNAi programs, are being developed in collaboration by 2+ corporations. This is a promising sign that these programs may have enough funding to advance into the clinic.



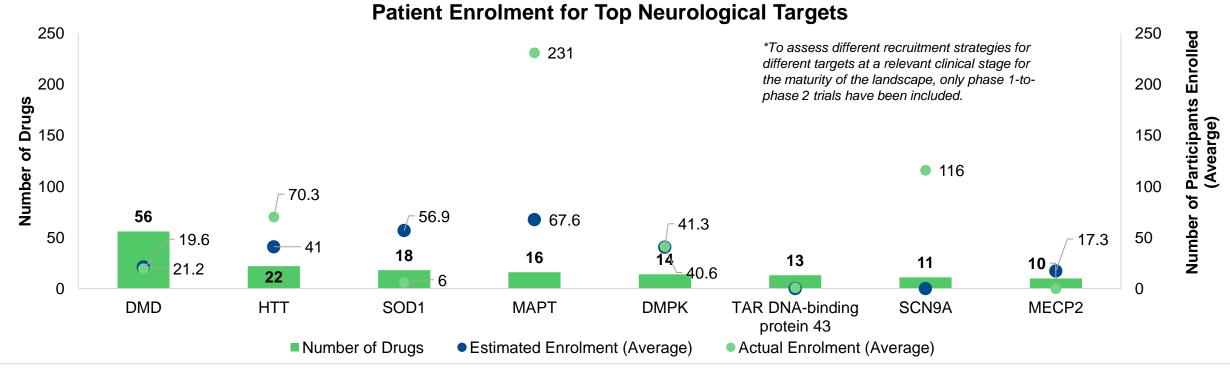


# Top Neurological Targets



This graph shows the most popular neurological drug targets in the oligonucleotide landscape, plotted against the average estimated and current enrolment figures pulled from the trials associated with these respective genes.

While DMD is the most investigated drug target both preclinically and in the clinic, the patient pool is smaller as opposed to other diseases such as HD and ALS. However, when it comes to HD, even though only seven trials were eligible for this analysis, clinical studies typically target cognitive and functional endpoints due to the progressive nature of the disease, requiring a larger sample size to achieve statistical significance. Finally, for SOD1, the main ALS target, average current enrolment appears to be underestimated by 50 people. This is influenced by the fact that one ALS trial has been withdrawn early before enrolling patients, a <u>phase 1</u> trial from Voyager Therapeutics investigating <u>VY-HTT01</u>.





# Regulatory Milestones in H1 2025

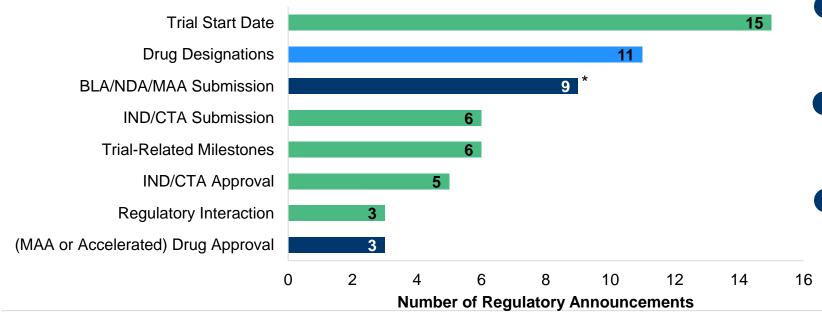


Regulatory announcements disclosed in H1 2025 have been listed based on the type of update.

H1 2025 reflects the current state of the sector, with a large proportion of regulatory milestones seen signalling a push towards advancing further into clinical research. Trial initiation remains top of the list, followed by granted drug designations playing an impact into the acceleration of clinical development that comes with financial incentives and frequent review of data by FDA.

A few key regulatory milestones from this year have been listed here.

#### Regulatory Updates Announced in H1 2025



#### **Dyne Therapeutics**

Breakthrough Therapy and Fast Track Designation to <u>DYNE-101</u> for the treatment of MDT1

#### Biogen

US FDA has granted Fast Track designation to BIIB080 for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease

#### **Avidity Biosciences**

Plans marketing application submissions for delpacibart etedesiran in 2026 (US & EU) for DM1

#### uniQure

Plans to submit a BLA for <u>AMT-130</u> for the treatment of Huntington's disease in Q1 2026

#### **Wave Life Sciences**

Plans to file an NDA for the accelerated approval of WVE-N531 for DMD in 2026

\*This includes expected milestone with a future date.

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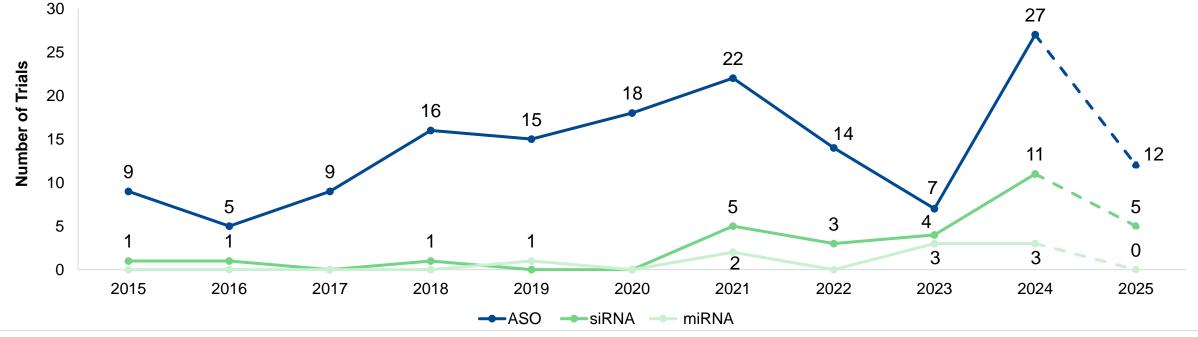
# **Current Trial Landscape**



Beacon RNA tracks 242 trials in the oligonucleotide space for CNS disorders. Here, the trial landscape is broken down by modality. The clinical dominance of ASOs has been well established over the past 10 years. The first half of 2025 saw the initiation of 12 ASO trials and five siRNA trials. ASO momentum continues; earlier this year, the clinical hold was lifted for Amylyx's <a href="AMX0114">AMX0114</a>. At the same time, priority regulatory designations are expected to lead to faster development timelines, and the maturity of this modality from experimental to mainstream clinical development, which may also eventually lead to a value surge.

While siRNAs remain largely preclinical, reflecting delivery challenges and fewer clinical entrants, since 2020 there has been a rise in clinical trials initiated investigating RNAi assets.

#### **Number of Trials Initiated Over 10 Years by Modality**



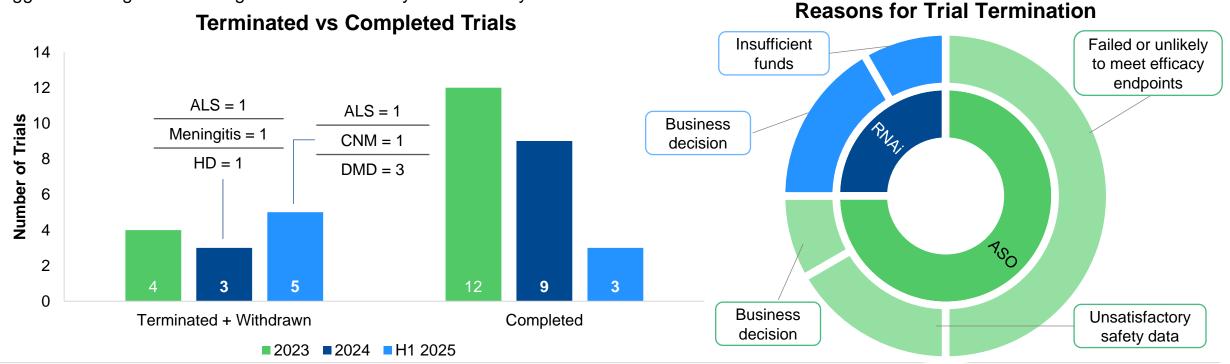


# Terminated vs Completed Trials



The number of terminated or withdrawn vs. completed trials in the space over the past two years is displayed here. In the oligo for CNS space, the number of trials that have been terminated has remained steady, however there were five trials terminated only in H1 2025. In comparison, a significantly larger volume of trials get marked as completed, highlighting the positive trajectory of this space, with 16 more trials expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Moreover, the pie chart highlights the reason for early trial termination from 2023 onwards. These vary depending on modality; for ASOs in clinical stages, failures are often tied to a lack of efficacy in complex neurodegenerative diseases (e.g., HD, ALS). siRNAs have seen fewer terminations simply because fewer trials exist. While the disclosed reasons for termination are currently related to business decisions, it is well known that the biggest challenge is achieving broad CNS delivery and durability.



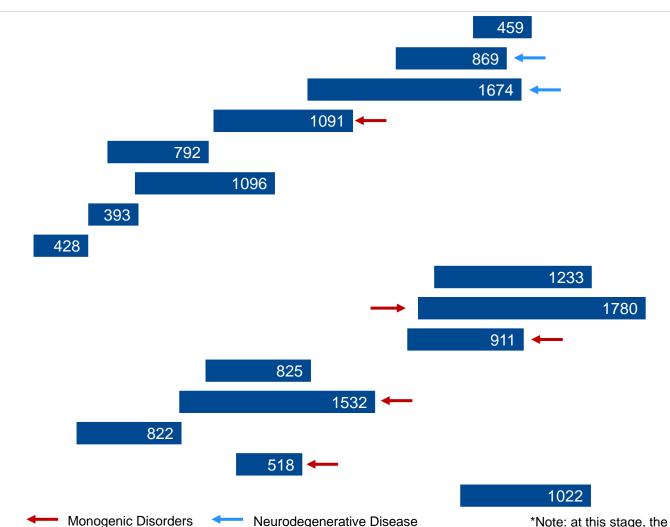


# Successfully Completed Trials



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025





Understanding why trials fail is essential — but equally critical is knowing what it takes for trials to succeed. This graph shows the duration of all completed phase 1 and phase 1/2 trials investigating an ASO program that has since progressed to later phases of development and is still actively being developed, as these can be deemed as successes in the space.

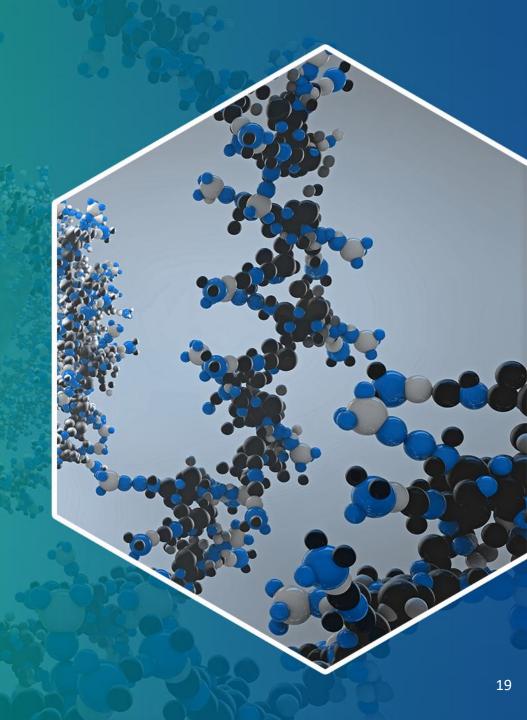
So far, 16 ASO trials have been completed for a drug that then progressed further in clinical trial testing. It appears that trial duration varies widely depending on the disease investigated, with successful phase 1 trials in the ASO space having taken between 12 to 58 months to conclude. This outlines that rare monogenic disorders trials take less to run and generate results compared to complex neurodegenerative diseases.

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\*Note: at this stage, the sample size is quite small, this is solely for informative purposes

**Deals and Companies** 



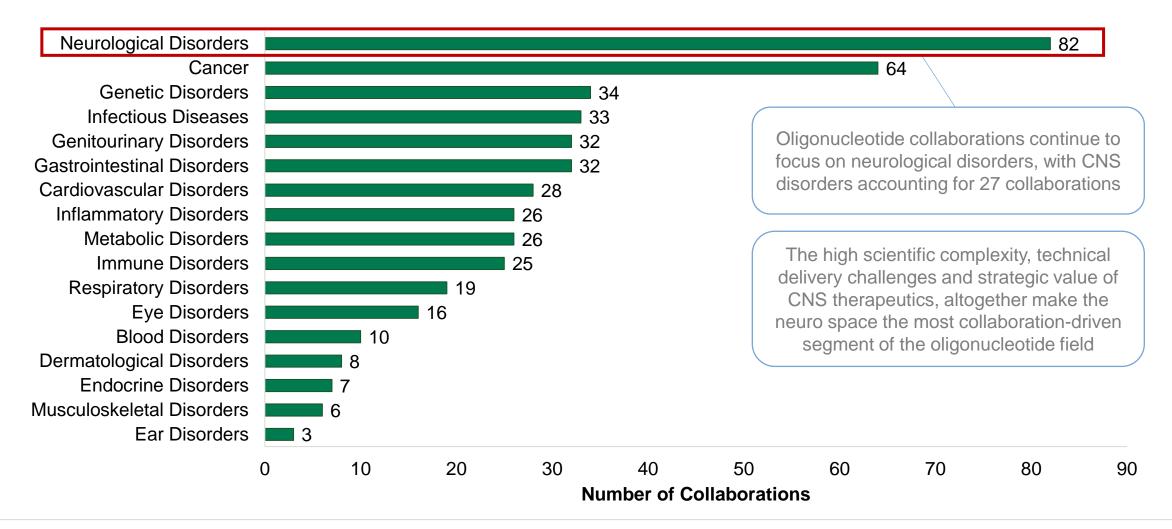




# Collaborations by Disease



#### **Diseases of Interest for Oligonucleotide Collaborations**

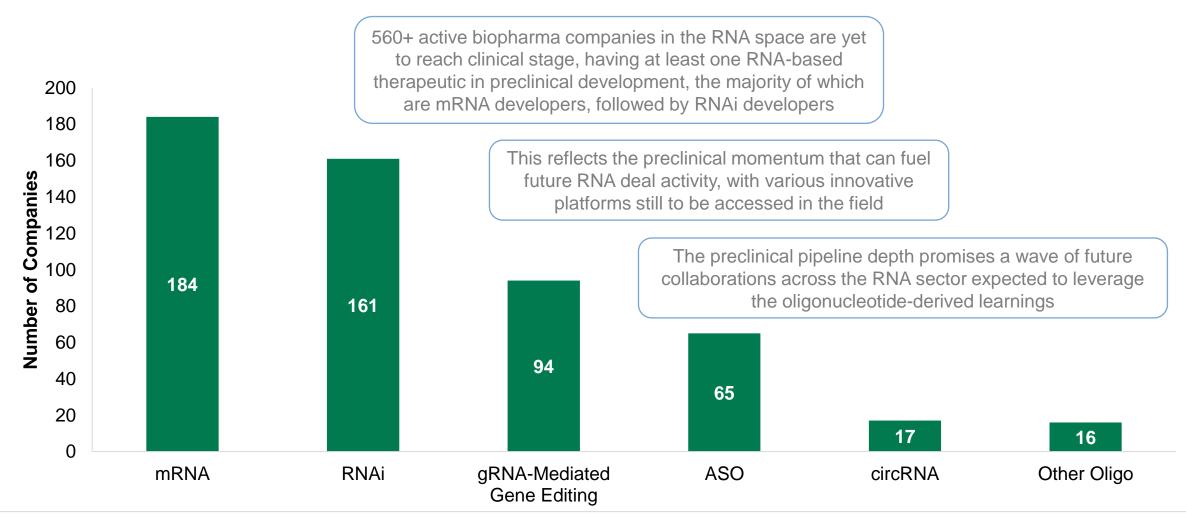




# Preclinically Active Companies



#### **Active Biopharma Companies in Preclinical Stages**

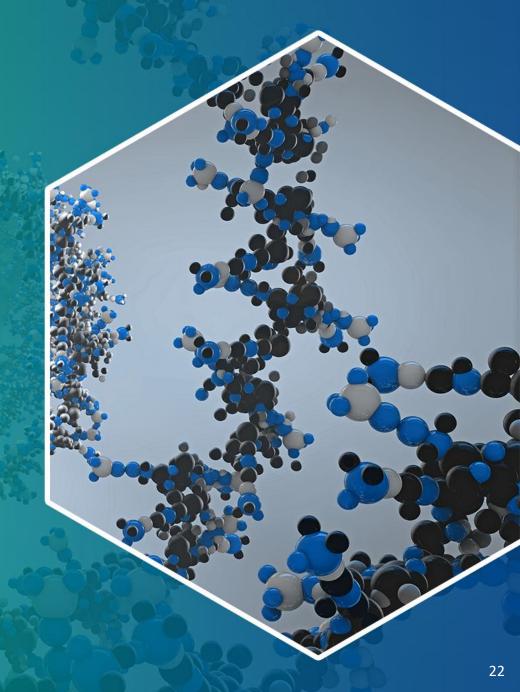




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How We Help Oligonucleotide Development

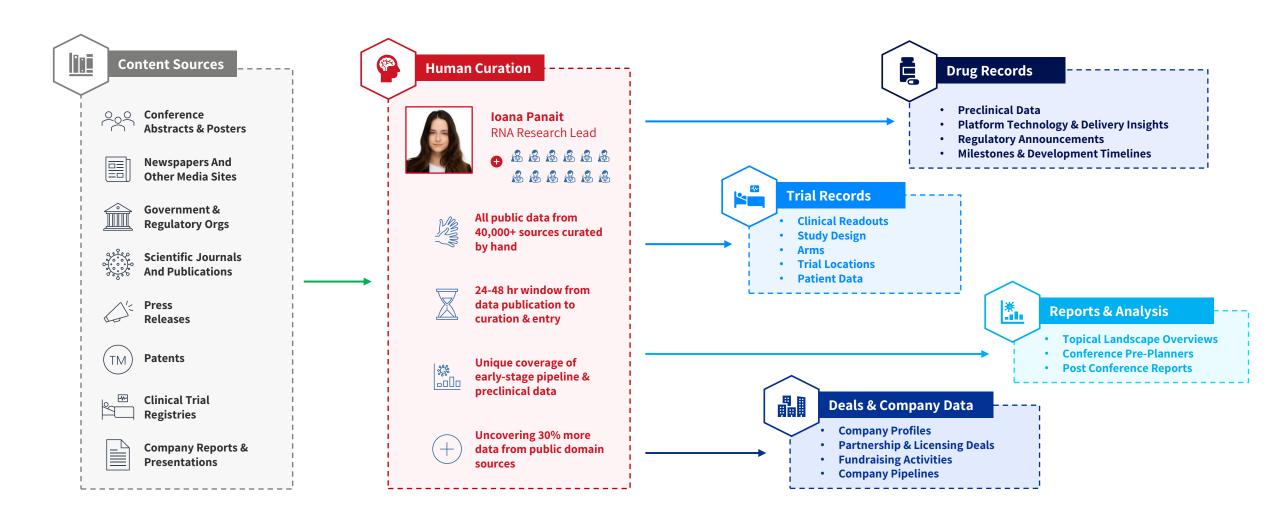






### How Beacon RNA Works







### Who Uses Beacon RNA



#### **Oligonucleotide Drug Developers**



- Pipeline Benchmarking
- Discovery Research
- Molecular Design
- Clinical Trial Design
- Fundraising & Competitive Positioning

### Oligonucleotide Solution Providers



- Identify Partnership Opportunities Early
- Understand Future Client Demand
- Support Technical Understanding of Complex Modalities

#### **Academic Research Groups**



- Identify New Oligonucleotide Technologies
- Understand Which Experiments Have Shown Success
- Identify Commercial Partners To Being Research to Patients



# Beacon RNA Searching Filters

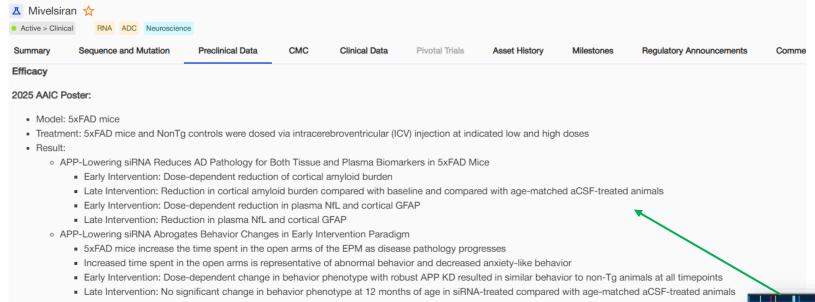


Therapeutic Class	RNA Sea	RNA Search Filters Include:	
	Delivery System		
RNA Therapy -	☐ Super PiggyBac® DNA	Delivery System	
Circular RNA (circRNA)	☐ Targeting Moiety Conjugation —	Genetic Material for Therapy	
Guide RNA (gRNA)-Mediated Gene Editing	Antibody +	Nucleic Acid Modification	
Messenger RNA (mRNA) +	Aptamer Drug Conjugate	Editing Technology	
Oligonucleotide —	Centyrin	<ul> <li>Gene/Mutation</li> </ul>	
Antisense Oligonucleotide (ASO)	☐ Endosomal Escape Vehicle (EEV™)	<ul><li>Site of Delivery</li><li>Target Organ/Cell</li></ul>	
Aptamer —	☐ GalNAc ─		
Aptamer Drug Conjugate	☐ GalNAc-Oligonucleotide Liver Delivery (GLORY™)		
RNA Interference (RNAi)	☐ GalAhead™	Nucleic Acid Modification	Target Organ/Cell
MicroRNA (miRNA) +	GalNAc-asiRNA	Backbone Modification 5'-Vinyl Phosphonate (VP)	☐ Muscular System ─
Small Hairpin RNA (shRNA)	Peptide Docking Vehicle-GalNAc (PdoV-GalNAc)	Peptide Nucleic Acid (PNA)	Cardiac Muscle +
	☐ RIBO-GalSTAR™	Phosphodiester Linkage (PO)	Muscle +
Small Interfering RNA (siRNA)	□ Ligand =	Phosphorodiamidate Morpholino Oligomer (PMO)	Skeletal Muscle
Small Activating RNA (saRNA)	Ligand —	Phosphorothioate Backbone (PS)	Smooth Muscle
Ribozymes	☐ FALCON™	Phosphoryl Guanidine Backbone Linkages	☐ Nervous System ─ ☐ Central Nervous System (CNS) ─
	Ligand-Conjugated Antisense (LICA)	☐ PN Chemistry	Brain —
RNA-Targeted Small Molecules	Peptide +	☐ Thiomorpholino (TMO)	Substantia nigra
Transfer RNA (tRNA)	Polymer +	Base Modification —	Glial Cells +
		2'-Fluoro	Spinal Cord



# Data Curation - Preclinical





### Preclinical Data Includes:

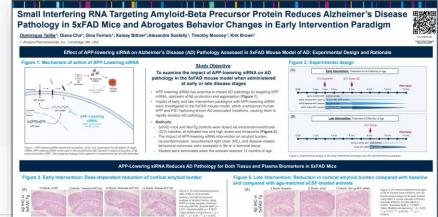
- In vitro & In Vivo Data
- Efficacy
- Cell Line Information
- Animal Models
- Dosing
- Toxicity
- Results

#### Taillie D., et al. 2025 Alzheimer's Association International Conference Poster

#### 2025 Corporate Presentation:

- · Model: CVN mouse model
- Assay: Immunohistochemical analysis
- Treatment: 120ug single dose of APP siRNA by ICV
- · Result:
  - Result showed APP mRNA Expression after single dose of siRNA
  - Showed significant reductions in Aβ parenchymal and vascular accumulation in the hippocampus compared with controls 3 and 6 months post-dose

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### Clinical Results Data



Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacodynamic, Efficacy, and Pharmacokinetic Study of DYNE-251 in Participants With Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Amenable to Exon 51 Skipping (DELIVER) ☆
 Active not recruiting ADC RNA
 Summary Study Inclusion/Exclusion Trial Locations Arms Drug Dosing Patients Toxicity Results References Commentary Update History

#### 2025 AAN:

General Explanation

- DYNE-251 drove dose-dependent increases in mean PMO muscle concentration and exon skipping, resulting in 3.22% and 3.72% of normal mean dystrophin in the 10 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg cohorts, respectively, at 6 months
- The mean corresponding muscle content-adjusted dystrophin levels were 7.64% and 8.72% of normal
- DYNE-251 led to improvements across multiple functional endpoints, including the North Star Ambulatory Assessment, Time to Rise from Floor, 10-Meter Walk/Run Test, and Stride Velocity 95th Centile
- Improvements were noted as early as 6 months in both the 10 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg cohorts; a continued effect through 12 months was observed in the 10 mg/kg cohort
- Subsequently, all participants in the 40 mg/kg cohorts were lowered to the 20 mg/kg dose level

#### 2025 MDA Press Release:

- Meaningful and sustained improvements from baseline in multiple functional endpoints were observed in both the 20 mg/kg (selected registrational dose) and 10 mg/kg DYNE-251 Q4W cohortss, through 12 and 18 months, respectively
- Starting at the 6-month timepoint, the SV95C change from baseline observed in both the 10 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg cohorts of DELIVER exceeded the published proposed minimal clinically important difference
- SV95C is a digital objective outcome measure of ambulatory performance in patients
- As previously reported, DYNE-251 demonstrated unprecedented near-full length dystrophin expression as measured by Western blot for patients with DMD who are amenable to exon 51 skipping
- At the 6-month time point, patients treated with 20 mg/kg of DYNE-251 Q4W had a mean absolute dystrophin expression of 8.72% of normal (adjusted for muscle content)

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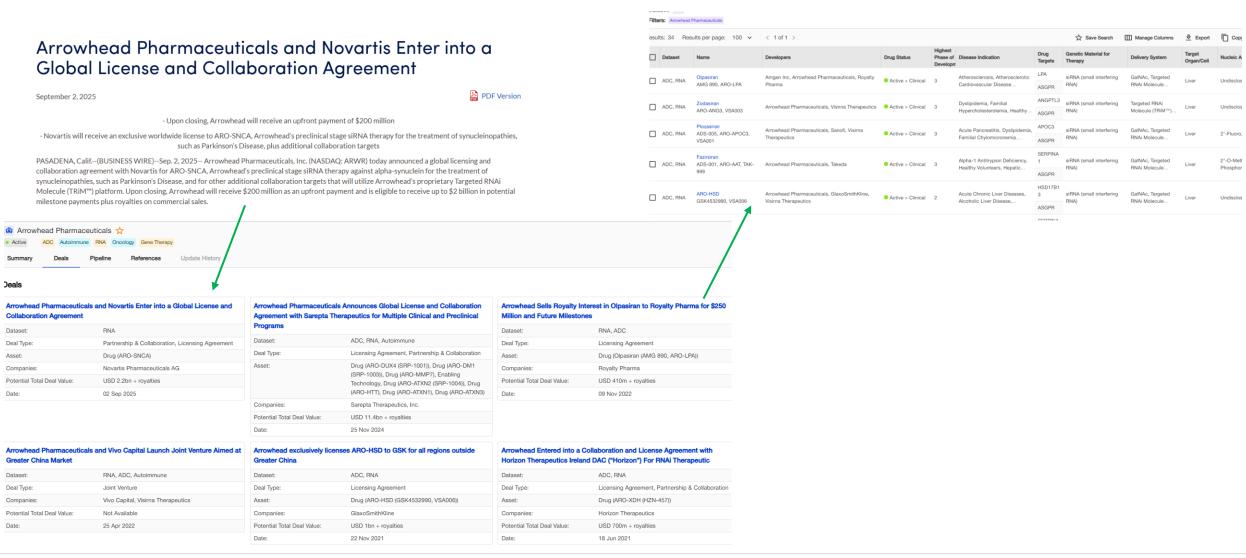
#### 2024 WMS:

DYNE-251 showed mean absolute dystrophin level, measured by Western blot, increased from 0.60% at baseline to 0.88% of normal at 6 months, and the mean level of dystrophin positive fibers (PDPF) increased from 2.4% at baseline to 22.2% at 6 months.



# Company Data – Deals & Pipeline







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### New Beacon Neuroscience Dataset





- 7,000+ Neuroscience Drugs
- 8,000+ Neuroscience Trials
- All Drug Modalities
- 40,000+ Sources of Curated Preclinical & Clinical Data
- Unique Searching Ontologies

Disease Indication	Therapeutic Class	Target Organ/Cell	
□ Neurocognitive Dysfunction	Advanced Therapy -	□ Nervous System -	
□ Neurodegenerative Disorders       −	Biotherapeutic +	Central Nervous System (CNS) —	
☐ Alzheimer's Disease ─		Brain —	
Alzheimer's Disease Agitation	Cell Therapy +		
Alzheimer's Disease Psychosis	Gene Therapy +	Basal Ganglia	
Autosomal Dominant Alzheimer's Disease	RNA Therapy +	Cerebellum	
Early Onset Alzheimer Disease	☐ Vaccine +	Hippocampus	
Familial Alzheimer's Disease (FAD) +		Hypothalamus	
Corticobasal Degeneration (Corticobasal Syndrome)	☐ Virotherapy +	☐ Putamen	
Dementia -	☐ Biological Therapy —	Striatum	
Childhood Dementia	Cellular Extract	Substantia Nigra	
Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD, Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration) +	Protein -	Thalamus	
☐ Vascular Dementia	Antibody —	Ependyma	
Huntington's Disease		Glial Cells -	
Mild Cognitive Impairment	Antibody-Conjugated Nanoparticle +	Astrocytes	
Motor Neurone Diseases -	Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADC) +	Microglia	
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) +	☐ Immunocytokine +	Oligodendrocytes	
Primary Lateral Sclerosis	☐ Immunotoxin	Schwann Cells	
Progressive Muscular Atrophy	Monoclonal Antibody +	Spinal Cord	
☐ Neurodegeneration With Brain Iron Accumulation (NBIA) +	Multispecific Antibody +	Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)	
Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis		☐ Meninges +	
Parkinson's Disease +	Radioimmunoconjugate	☐ Neurons ─	
PLA2G6-Associated Neurodegeneration (PLAN)	Biosimilar	Cortical Neurons	
	☐ Cytokine ☐ GABAergic Neurons		
	☐ De Novo Protein/Mimic		



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# Questions?



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