

# **Shedding after *in situ* rAAV delivery**

**Review of the literature and 8 years of experience in Nantes  
in large animal models**

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| Mode of delivery       | Animal Models in Nantes                                                             | rAAV serotype | Maximal time course |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Intracerebral          | Spinal Muscular Atrophy Cat<br>Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I Dog<br>Nonhuman primate | 1, 2, 5       | 8 months            |
| Intrathecal            | Spinal Muscular Atrophy Cat                                                         | 1             | 3 months            |
| Subretinal             | RPE65 deficient Dog<br>Normal dog<br>Nonhuman primate                               | 2, 4, 5       | 6 years             |
| Intravitreal           | Normal dog                                                                          | 2             | 4 months            |
| Isolated limb infusion | Nonhuman primate                                                                    | 1, 8          | 2 years             |
| Intramuscular          | Nonhuman primate                                                                    | 1, 2, 8       | 5 years             |
| Intrathymic            | Nonhuman primate                                                                    | 8             | 1 month             |

Mode of delivery:

**Intracerebral**

Animal Model:

**Cat, Dog, Primate**

rAAV serotype:

**1, 2, 5**

rAAV dose (total):

**$1,4 \times 10^{10}$ vg to  $4,6 \times 10^{11}$ vg**

Ciron *et al.*,  
Annals of Neurol., 2006  
Ciron *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation  
Joussemet *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation

|                            | Infectious particles | Vector genome               | Transgene mRNA | Transgene product |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Target organ</b>        | N/A                  | >100 vg/cell<br>(≥ month 8) | +              | +                 |
| <b>Serum</b>               | +                    | +                           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | -                    | +                           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Urine</b>               | nd                   | nd                          | nd             | nd                |
| <b>PBMC</b>                | N/A                  | +                           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | N/A                  | +                           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Spleen</b>              | N/A                  | pending                     | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Liver</b>               | N/A                  | +                           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Gonads</b>              | N/A                  | -                           | nd             | nd                |

|                          |             |     |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----|
| <b>Humoral response</b>  | α-transgene | +   |
|                          | α-capsid    | +   |
| <b>Cellular response</b> | α-transgene | + ? |
|                          | α-capsid    | + ? |

nd = not done

Mode of delivery:

**Intrathecal**

Animal Model:

**Cat**

rAAV serotype:

**1**

rAAV dose (total):

**$4,6 \times 10^{11}$ vg to  $1,4 \times 10^{12}$ vg**

Joussemet *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation

|                            | Infectious particles | Vector genome      | Transgene mRNA | Transgene product  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Target organ</b>        | N/A                  | +( $\geq$ month 3) | nd             | +( $\geq$ month 3) |
| <b>Serum</b>               | nd                   | +(up to month 2)   | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | +(up to day 3)       | +(up to month 3)   | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Urine</b>               | nd                   | nd                 | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>PBMC</b>                | N/A                  | +(up to month 2)   | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | N/A                  | pending            | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Spleen</b>              | N/A                  | pending            | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Liver</b>               | N/A                  | pending            | nd             | nd                 |
| <b>Gonads</b>              | N/A                  | pending            | nd             | nd                 |

|                          |                     |    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----|
| <b>Humoral response</b>  | $\alpha$ -transgene | nd |
|                          | $\alpha$ -capsid    | nd |
| <b>Cellular response</b> | $\alpha$ -transgene | nd |
|                          | $\alpha$ -capsid    | nd |

nd = not done

Mode of delivery:

**Subretinal/Intravitreal**

Animal Model:

**Dog, Primate**

rAAV serotype:

**2, 4, 5**

rAAV dose (total):

**$1,6 \times 10^{10}$ vg to  $5 \times 10^{11}$ vg**

Provost *et al.*,  
Mol. Ther., 2005 + unpub. data  
Stieger *et al.*,  
Mol. Ther., 2006  
Le Meur *et al.*,  
Gene Ther., 2006

|                            | Infectious particles | Vector genome              | Transgene mRNA | Transgene product |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Target organ</b>        | N/A                  | 44 vg/cell<br>(≥ year 1,5) | nd             | +<br>(≥ year 6)   |
| <b>Serum</b>               | nd                   | +<br>(up to day 14)        | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | nd                   | -                          | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Urine</b>               | nd                   | nd                         | nd             | nd                |
| <b>PBMC</b>                | N/A                  | +<br>(≥ month 3)           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | N/A                  | +<br>(≥ month 3)           | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Spleen</b>              | N/A                  | nd                         | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Liver</b>               | N/A                  | -                          | nd             | nd                |
| <b>Gonads</b>              | N/A                  | -                          | nd             | nd                |

|                          |             |    |
|--------------------------|-------------|----|
| <b>Humoral response</b>  | α-transgene | +  |
|                          | α-capsid    | -  |
| <b>Cellular response</b> | α-transgene | nd |
|                          | α-capsid    | nd |

nd = not done

Mode of delivery:

**Isolated limb infusion**

Animal Model:

**Primate**

rAAV serotype:

**1, 8**

rAAV dose (total):

**$6,7 \times 10^{12}$ vg to  $1,2 \times 10^{13}$ vg**

Toromanoff *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation

|                     | Infectious particles | Vector genome                       | Transgene mRNA   | Transgene product |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Target organ        | N/A                  | 1 to 20 vg/cell<br>( $\geq$ year 2) | +                | +                 |
|                     |                      | ( $\geq$ year 2)                    | ( $\geq$ year 2) | ( $\geq$ year 2)  |
| Serum               | +                    | +                                   | nd               | +                 |
|                     | (up to day 7)        | (up to month 3)                     |                  | ( $\geq$ year 2)  |
| Cerebrospinal Fluid | nd                   | nd                                  | nd               | nd                |
| Urine               | nd                   | nd                                  | nd               | nd                |
| PBMC                | N/A                  | +                                   | pending          | nd                |
|                     |                      | ( $\geq$ month 1)                   |                  |                   |
| Lymph nodes         | N/A                  | +                                   | pending          | nd                |
|                     |                      | ( $\geq$ year 2)                    |                  |                   |
| Spleen              | N/A                  | +                                   | pending          | +                 |
|                     |                      | ( $\geq$ year 2)                    |                  | ( $\geq$ year 1)  |
| Liver               | N/A                  | +                                   | +                | nd                |
|                     |                      | ( $\geq$ year 2)                    | ( $\geq$ year 2) |                   |
| Gonads              | N/A                  | +                                   | nd               | nd                |
|                     |                      | (up to month 3)                     |                  |                   |

|                   |                     |         |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Humoral response  | $\alpha$ -transgene | pending |
|                   | $\alpha$ -capsid    | +/-     |
| Cellular response | $\alpha$ -transgene | pending |
|                   | $\alpha$ -capsid    | pending |

nd = not done

Mode of delivery:

**Intramuscular**

Animal Model:

**Primate**

rAAV serotype:

**1, 2, 8**

rAAV dose (total):

**$4 \times 10^{11}$ vg to  $1,4 \times 10^{13}$ vg**

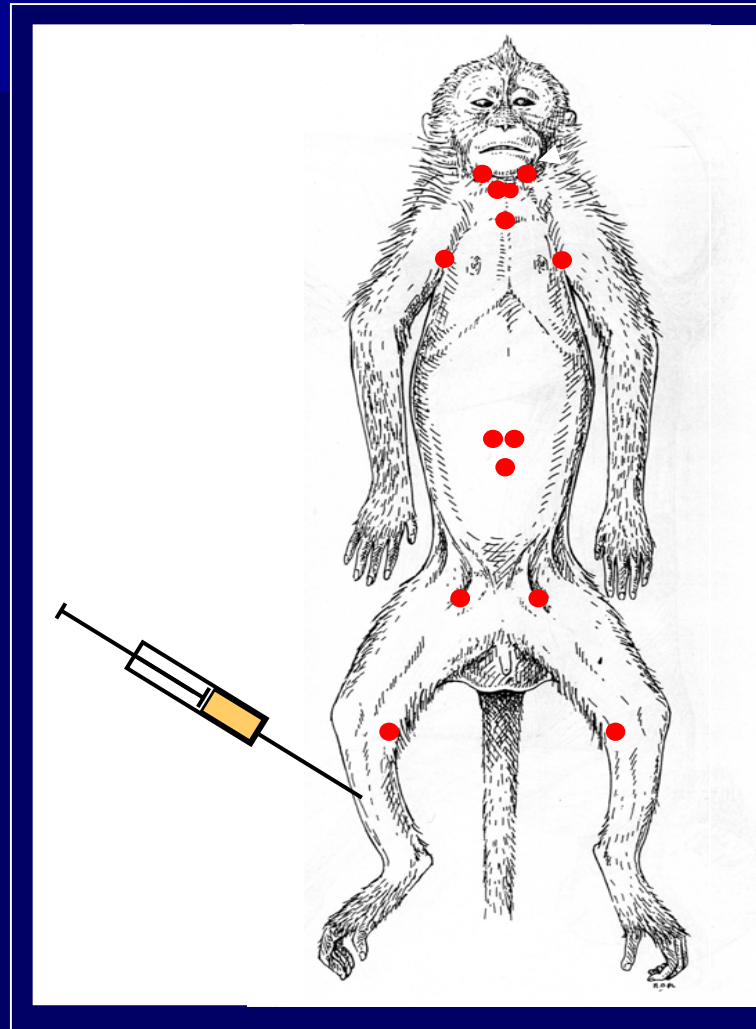
Favre *et al.*,  
Mol. Ther., 2001  
Chenuaud *et al.*,  
Unpublished data  
Toromanoff *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation

|                     | Infectious particles | Vector genome                       | Transgene mRNA | Transgene product |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Target organ        | N/A                  | 5 to 50 vg/cell<br>( $\geq$ year 3) | +              | +                 |
| Serum               | +                    | +                                   | nd             | +                 |
| Cerebrospinal Fluid | nd                   | nd                                  | nd             | nd                |
| Urine               | nd                   | +                                   | nd             | nd                |
| PBMC                | N/A                  | +                                   | pending        | nd                |
| Lymph nodes         | N/A                  | +                                   | +              | nd                |
| Spleen              | N/A                  | +                                   | pending        | +                 |
| Liver               | N/A                  | +                                   | +              | nd                |
| Gonads              | N/A                  | +                                   | nd             | nd                |

|                   |                     |   |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Humoral response  | $\alpha$ -transgene | + |
|                   | $\alpha$ -capsid    | + |
| Cellular response | $\alpha$ -transgene | + |
|                   | $\alpha$ -capsid    | + |

nd = not done

**One single IM injection of rAAV1, rAAV2, rAAV8 in primate results in widespread detection of vector genome in lymph nodes for years**



● Positive lymph nodes



Mode of delivery:

**Intrathymic**

Animal Model:

**Primate**

rAAV serotype:

**8**

rAAV dose (total):

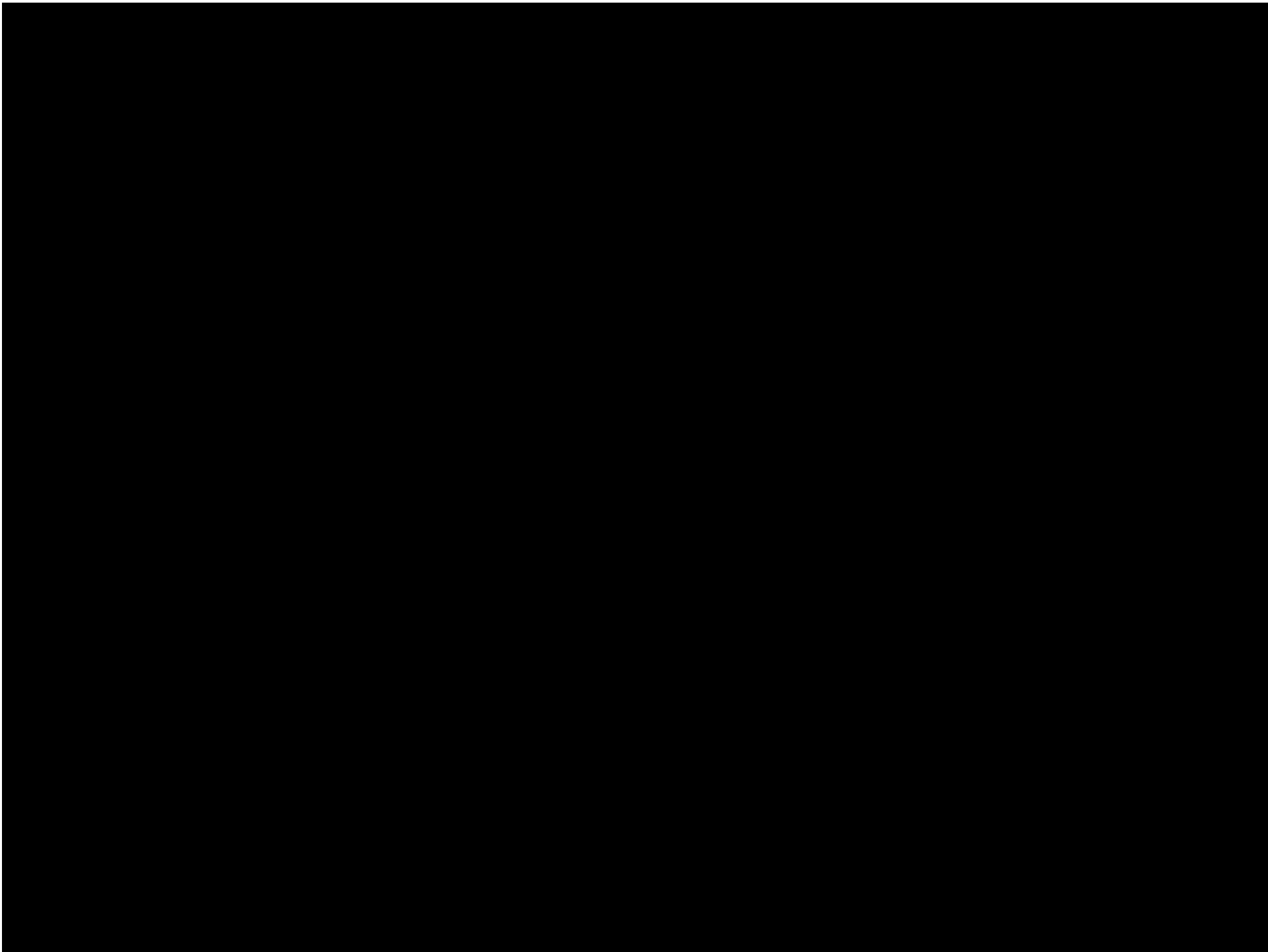
**$2 \times 10^{13}$ vg**

Moreau *et al.*,  
Manuscript in preparation

|                     | Infectious particles | Vector genome | Transgene mRNA | Transgene product |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Target organ        | N/A                  | +             | nd             | +                 |
|                     |                      | (≥ day 10)    |                | (≥ day 10)        |
| Serum               | pending              | pending       | nd             | nd                |
| Cerebrospinal Fluid | nd                   | nd            | nd             | nd                |
| Urine               | nd                   | nd            | nd             | nd                |
| PBMC                | N/A                  | 0,02 vg/cell  | pending        | -                 |
|                     |                      | (≥ month 1)   |                |                   |
| Lymph nodes         | N/A                  | 0,1 vg/cell   | pending        | -                 |
|                     |                      | (≥ month 1)   |                |                   |
| Spleen              | N/A                  | 6 vg/cell     | pending        | +                 |
|                     |                      | (≥ month 1)   |                | (≥ month 1)       |
| Liver               | N/A                  | 61 vg/cell    | pending        | +                 |
|                     |                      | (≥ month 1)   |                | (≥ month 1)       |
| Gonads              | N/A                  | nd            | nd             | nd                |

|                   |             |         |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| Humoral response  | α-transgene | pending |
|                   | α-capsid    | pending |
| Cellular response | α-transgene | pending |
|                   | α-capsid    | pending |

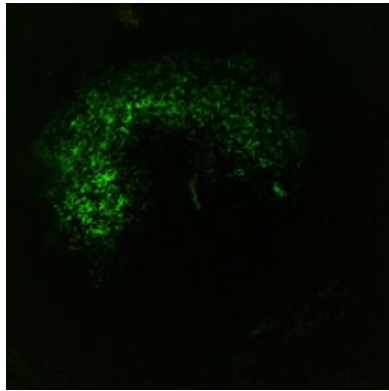
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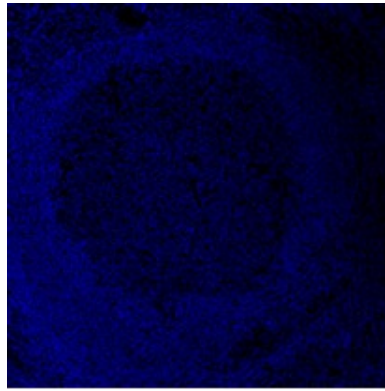
**Primate Spleen, Day 30 pi:**

(Intrathymic injection / rAAV8-PGK-GFP)

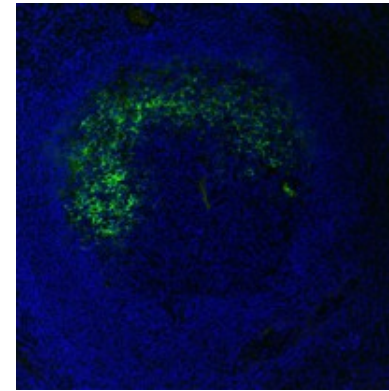
**GFP**



**Nuclei**



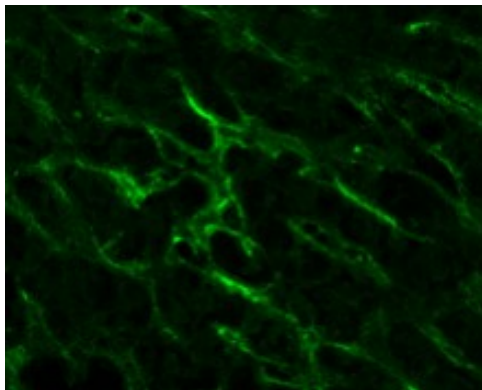
**Merge**



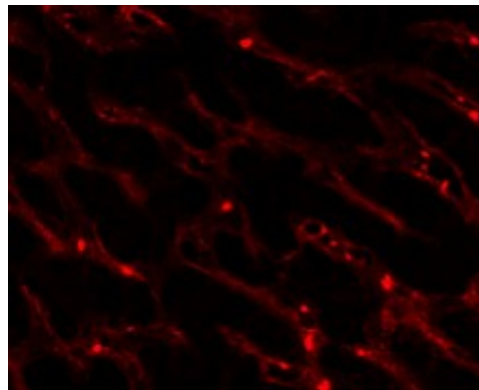
**Primate Liver, Day 30 pi:**

(Intrathymic injection / rAAV8-PGK-GFP)

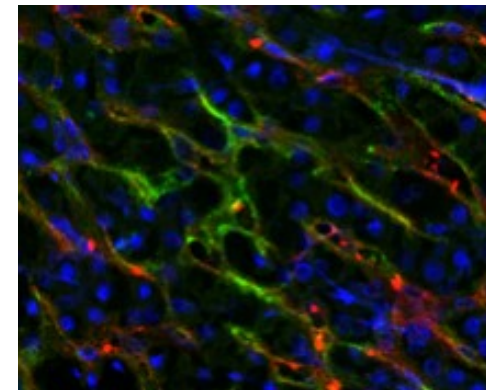
**GFP**



**Endothelial cells**



**Merge + Nuclei**



## And in other labs?

|                             |                            |                                                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                             |                            | Jacobson <i>et al.</i> , HGT, 2006<br>+ Mol. Ther., 2006 |
| <b>Mode of delivery</b>     |                            | Subretinal                                               |
| <b>« Animal » model</b>     |                            | Dog / Primate                                            |
| <b>rAAV serotype</b>        |                            | 2                                                        |
| <b>rAAV dose</b>            |                            | 1,5x10 <sup>8</sup> to 4,5x10 <sup>12</sup> vg           |
| <b>Transgene expression</b> |                            | + (≥ month 3)                                            |
| <b>vg</b>                   | <b>Target organ</b>        | + (≥ month 3)                                            |
|                             | <b>Serum</b>               | nd                                                       |
|                             | <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | nd                                                       |
|                             | <b>Urine</b>               | nd                                                       |
|                             | <b>PBMC</b>                | nd                                                       |
|                             | <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | + (≥ month 3)                                            |
|                             | <b>Spleen</b>              | -                                                        |
|                             | <b>Liver</b>               | -                                                        |
|                             | <b>Gonads</b>              | -                                                        |
| <b>Humoral response</b>     | α-transgene                | nd                                                       |
|                             | α-capsid                   | +                                                        |
| <b>Cellular response</b>    | α-transgene                | nd                                                       |
|                             | α-capsid                   | nd                                                       |

|                             |                            | Monahan <i>et al.</i> , Gene Ther., 1998;<br>Chao <i>et al.</i> , Gene Ther., 1999 | Kay <i>et al.</i> , Nat. Gen., 2000;<br>Manno <i>et al.</i> , Blood, 2003;<br>Jiang <i>et al.</i> , Mol. Ther., 2006 | Brantly <i>et al.</i> ,<br>HGT, 2006            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mode of delivery</b>     |                            | Intramuscular                                                                      | Intramuscular                                                                                                        | Intramuscular                                   |
| <b>« Animal » model</b>     |                            | Dog                                                                                | Human                                                                                                                | Human                                           |
| <b>rAAV serotype</b>        |                            | 2                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                    | 2                                               |
| <b>rAAV dose</b>            |                            | 1,2x10 <sup>12</sup> to 6x10 <sup>12</sup> vg                                      | 1,4x10 <sup>13</sup> to 7x10 <sup>14</sup> vg                                                                        | 2,1x10 <sup>12</sup> to 6,9x10 <sup>13</sup> vg |
| <b>Transgene expression</b> |                            | + (≥ month 8)                                                                      | + (≥ year 3,7)                                                                                                       | + (up to month 1)                               |
| <b>vg</b>                   | <b>Target organ</b>        | + (≥ month 8)                                                                      | 4,1 vg/cell (≥ year 3,7)                                                                                             | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>Serum</b>               | nd                                                                                 | + (up to month 3)                                                                                                    | + (up to day 14)                                |
|                             | <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | nd                                                                                 | nd                                                                                                                   | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>Urine</b>               | nd                                                                                 | + (up to day 1)                                                                                                      | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>PBMC</b>                | nd                                                                                 | nd                                                                                                                   | + (up to day 14)                                |
|                             | <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | + (≥ month 8)                                                                      | nd                                                                                                                   | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>Spleen</b>              | + (≥ month 8)                                                                      | nd                                                                                                                   | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>Liver</b>               | + (≥ month 8)                                                                      | nd                                                                                                                   | nd                                              |
|                             | <b>Gonads</b>              | -                                                                                  | - (semen)                                                                                                            | - (semen)                                       |
| <b>Humoral response</b>     | α-transgene                | -                                                                                  | nd                                                                                                                   | -                                               |
|                             | α-capsid                   | +                                                                                  | +                                                                                                                    | +                                               |
| <b>Cellular response</b>    | α-transgene                | + ?                                                                                | nd                                                                                                                   | -                                               |
|                             | α-capsid                   | + ?                                                                                | nd                                                                                                                   | -                                               |

|                             |                            |                                                                                                                          |                                                 |                                         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                             |                            | Davidoff <i>et al.</i> , Mol. Ther., 2005;<br>Nathwani <i>et al.</i> , Blood, 2006;<br>Jiang <i>et al.</i> , Blood, 2006 | Manno <i>et al.</i> ,<br>Nat. Med., 2006        | Nathwani <i>et al.</i> ,<br>Blood, 2007 |
| <b>Mode of delivery</b>     |                            | Intraportal                                                                                                              | Intraportal                                     | Intravenous                             |
| <b>« Animal » model</b>     |                            | Primate                                                                                                                  | Human                                           | Primate                                 |
| <b>rAAV serotype</b>        |                            | 2, 5, 8                                                                                                                  | 2                                               | 8                                       |
| <b>rAAV dose</b>            |                            | 2x10 <sup>12</sup> to 1x10 <sup>14</sup> vg                                                                              | 5,6x10 <sup>12</sup> to 1,4x10 <sup>14</sup> vg | 5x10 <sup>12</sup>                      |
| <b>Transgene expression</b> |                            | +                                                                                                                        | +                                               | +                                       |
| <b>vg</b>                   | <b>Target organ</b>        | 16 vg/cell (≥ month 6)                                                                                                   | nd                                              | 29 to 62 vg/cell (≥ month 1)            |
|                             | <b>Serum</b>               | nd                                                                                                                       | +                                               | +                                       |
|                             | <b>Cerebrospinal Fluid</b> | nd                                                                                                                       | nd                                              | nd                                      |
|                             | <b>Urine</b>               | nd                                                                                                                       | +                                               | nd                                      |
|                             | <b>PBMC</b>                | nd                                                                                                                       | +                                               | nd                                      |
|                             | <b>Lymph nodes</b>         | nd                                                                                                                       | nd                                              | nd                                      |
|                             | <b>Spleen</b>              | 2 vg/cell (≥ month 6)                                                                                                    | nd                                              | +                                       |
|                             | <b>Liver</b>               | = Target Organ                                                                                                           | = Target Organ                                  | = Target Organ                          |
|                             | <b>Gonads</b>              | 0,02 vg/cell (≥ month 6)                                                                                                 | +                                               | +                                       |
| <b>Humoral response</b>     | α-transgene                | +                                                                                                                        | -                                               | +                                       |
|                             | α-capsid                   | +                                                                                                                        | +                                               | +                                       |
| <b>Cellular response</b>    | α-transgene                | nd                                                                                                                       | -                                               | nd                                      |
|                             | α-capsid                   | nd                                                                                                                       | +                                               | nd                                      |

# Conclusions

Regardless of the *mode of delivery*, the *serotype* and the *dose*,  
*in situ* administration of rAAV in large animal models and patients is associated with :

- extra target shedding
- presence of infectious rAAV in the circulation with slow clearance (days)
- constant detection of vector genome at distant sites including the immune system and the liver

These findings should be discussed in the context of the  $\alpha$ -capsid and  $\alpha$ -transgene host response as well as the potential hepatocarcinogenic effect of rAAV.

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