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*Photo: Champions of Hope Award from Global Genes  
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Niemann-pick type C1 (NPC) is a neurodegenerative autosomal recessive rare\* disorder characterized by unesterified cholesterol accumulation and other lipids in the brain and other organs. Children affected by the disease show symptoms in early childhood, experience progressive impairment of motor and intellectual function, and usually die in adolescence. The goal of this work is identify biomarkers to diagnose and monitor NPC disease, and apply these tools to accelerate drug development through unique patient advocacy, pharmaceutical and national clinical trial networks. \*1:120,000



Jan 2014: Vtesse, rare disease Pharma,  
 licenses VTS-270 program from NIH



Jan 2013:  
 1<sup>st</sup> patient enrolled

### Key Publications

Nov 2014  
 June 2014

### Study

2013

2014

2011

2012



### Therapeutics for Rare and Neglected Diseases (TRND) Program

Preclinical TRND studies provide support from lead optimization through IND application for NPC treatment.

### June 2012

Awarded 1 year funding from the **SPIRiT Pilot Program** to obtain preclinical data to validate the use of cholesterol-derived biomarkers for monitoring acute response to cyclodextrin and long term efficacy of therapy for NPC disease.

CTSA PARTNER: Univ. Penn  
 (Dr. Charles Vite)

*Hum.Mol.Genet.*, 2014 Nov 15;23(22):6022-33. doi: 10.1093/hmg/ddu331. Epub 2014 Jun 25.

### Cholesterol homeostatic responses provide biomarkers for monitoring treatment for the neurodegenerative disease Niemann-Pick C1 (NPC1).

Tortelli B<sup>1</sup>, Fujiwara H<sup>1</sup>, Bagel JH<sup>2</sup>, Zhang J<sup>1</sup>, Sidhu R<sup>1</sup>, Jiang X<sup>1</sup>, Yanjanin NM<sup>3</sup>, Shankar Rk<sup>3</sup>, Carrillo-Carrasco N<sup>4</sup>, Heiss J<sup>4</sup>, Ottinger E<sup>5</sup>, Porter FD<sup>3</sup>, Schaffer JE<sup>1</sup>, Vite CH<sup>2</sup>, Ory DS<sup>6</sup>.

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### Collaborative Development of 2-Hydroxypropyl-β-Cyclodextrin for the Treatment of Niemann-Pick Type C1 Disease

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Nov 2012 FDA approves use of 2-Hydroxypropyl-β-Cyclodextrin (HPβCD) in NPC clinical studies



Vtesse enrolls 1<sup>st</sup> patient in Phase 2b/3 VTS-270 efficacy trial Oct 2015



**Key Publication**  
Feb 2015

**2015**



**Patient advocacy key to finding new treatments for rare diseases**

By Daniel S. Ory, M.D.



**2016**



Phase 3 VTS-270 trial fully enrolled Mar 2016



**Key Publications**  
May 2016  
Dec 2016



Phase 1/2a VTS-270 manuscript review Mar 2017

**2017**



*Sci Transl Med.* 2015 Feb 25;7(276):276ra26. doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.3010101.  
**Intracisternal cyclodextrin prevents cerebellar dysfunction and Purkinje cell death in feline Niemann-Pick type C1 disease.**  
Vite CH<sup>1</sup>, Bagoel JH<sup>2</sup>, Swain GP<sup>2</sup>, Prociuk M<sup>2</sup>, Sikora TU<sup>3</sup>, Stein VM<sup>2</sup>, O'Donnell P<sup>3</sup>, Ruane T<sup>3</sup>, Ward S<sup>2</sup>, Crooks A<sup>2</sup>, Li S<sup>2</sup>, Mauldin E<sup>3</sup>, Stellar S<sup>4</sup>, De Meulder M<sup>5</sup>, Kao ML<sup>4</sup>, Ory DS<sup>6</sup>, Davidson C<sup>7</sup>, Vanier MT<sup>8</sup>, Walkley SU<sup>7</sup>.

**CYCLODEXTRIN TO THE RESCUE**  
Vite *et al* show that injection of cyclodextrin into the spinal fluid of cats with naturally occurring NPC prevented lipids from accumulating and prevented development of nervous system disease. Provides critical data on efficacy and safety of cyclodextrin in large animal model crucial for advancing drug to clinical trials.

*Orphanet J Rare Dis.* 2016 Dec 1;11(1):161.  
**Fostering collaborative research for rare genetic disease: the example of niemann-pick type C disease.**  
Walkley SU<sup>1</sup>, Davidson CD<sup>2</sup>, Jacoby J<sup>3</sup>, Marella FD<sup>4</sup>, Ottlinger EA<sup>5</sup>, Austin CP<sup>6</sup>, Porter FD<sup>7</sup>, Vite CH<sup>8</sup>, Ory DS<sup>9</sup>.



*Sci Transl Med.* 2016 May 4;8(337):337ra63. doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aaf2326.  
**Development of a bile acid-based newborn screen for Niemann-Pick disease type C.**  
Jiang X<sup>1</sup>, Sidhu R<sup>1</sup>, Mydock-McGrane L<sup>2</sup>, Hsu FF<sup>3</sup>, Covey DE<sup>2</sup>, Scherrer DE<sup>1</sup>, Earlev B<sup>1</sup>, Gale SE<sup>1</sup>, Farhat NY<sup>4</sup>, Porter FD<sup>4</sup>, Dietzen DJ<sup>5</sup>, Orsini JJ<sup>6</sup>, Berry-Kravis E<sup>7</sup>, Zhang X<sup>8</sup>, Reunert J<sup>9</sup>, Marquardt T<sup>9</sup>, Runz H<sup>10</sup>, Giuqliani R<sup>11</sup>, Schaffer JE<sup>1</sup>, Ory DS<sup>12</sup>.