



# NGN-401 Gene Therapy for Rett Syndrome Clinical Program

2025 IRSF Rett Syndrome Scientific Meeting

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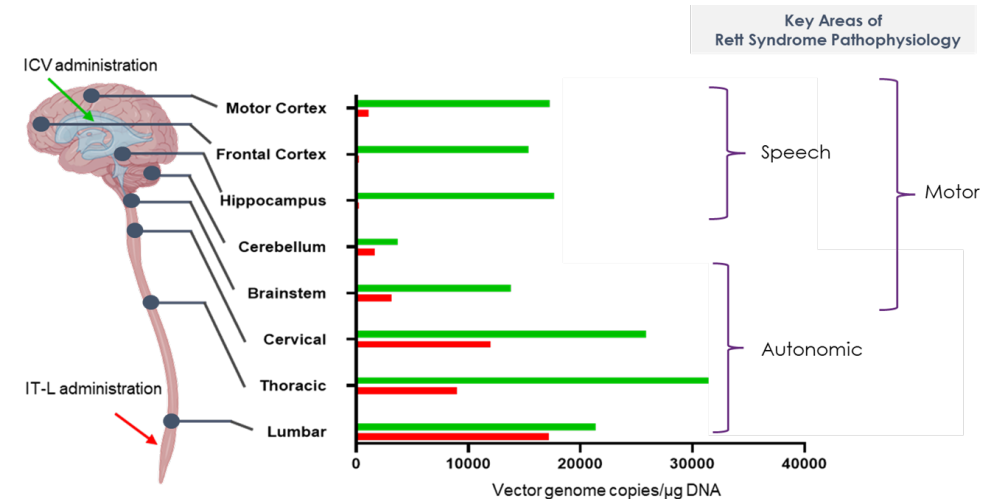
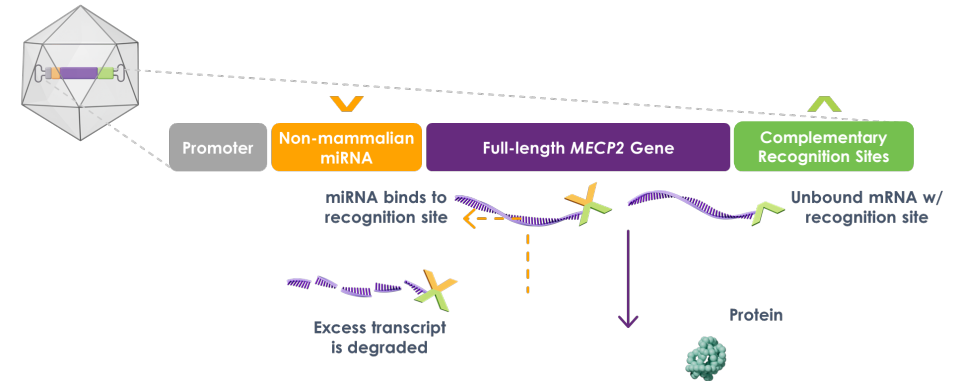
# NGN-401: Positioned to be Best-in-Class Gene Therapy for Rett Syndrome

**EXACT™ transgene regulation technology designed to deliver consistent and tightly controlled MeCP2 protein expression on a cell-by-cell basis.**

**NGN-401 includes the full-length human *MECP2* gene, which creates a fully functioning MeCP2 protein.**

**NGN-401's intracerebroventricular (ICV) route of delivery has been shown in preclinical models to have the broadest targeting of brain and nervous system regions underlying Rett syndrome pathophysiology.**

An estimated 30,000 ICV procedures are performed by neurosurgeons annually in the U.S. and require minimal downtime/recovery.



# NGN-401 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Design in Females with Rett Syndrome

## Trial Design

Trial evaluating 1E15 vg dose of NGN-401\*

Ages  $\geq$  11

N=3

2 Participants Dosed

Ages 4-10

N=8

Dosing Complete

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Females with Classic Rett syndrome in post regression stage of illness
- Clinical diagnosis and genetic confirmation of pathogenic *MECP2* mutation
- Pediatric: 4–10 years old; Adolescent/Adult: 11+ years old
- Clinical Global Impression-Severity (CGI-S) score of 4–6

## Key Efficacy Assessments

- Clinician Global Impression-Improvement (CGI-I)
- Clinician Global Impression-Severity with Rett syndrome-specific anchors (CGI-S)
- Rett Syndrome Behavior Questionnaire (RSBQ)
- Autonomic function



# Improvements in Clinician and Caregiver Assessments with 23 Skills Acquired Across 4 Participants

	CGI-I		CGI-S Total Score		RSBQ		Gain of Skills, Developmental Milestones and Symptom Improvement in RTT Clinical Domains				
	Improved?	How many points?*	Improved?	How many points?	Improved?	How many points? (% Change)	Hand Function	Gross Motor	Communication	Autonomic	Attentive-ness
<b>Pt:1</b> 15 mos. post-NGN-401	✓	2 pts.			✓	10 pts. (-28%)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Pt:2</b> 12 mos. post-NGN-401	✓	2 pts.	✓	1 pt.	✓	32 pts. (-52%)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Pt:3</b> 9 mos. post-NGN-401	✓	2 pts.			✓	5 pts. (-29%)	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>Pt:4</b> 3 mos. post-NGN-401	✓	2 pts.			✓	8 pts. (-28%)	✓			✓	✓

Consistent Improvement Across Key Rett Syndrome Scales,  
Bolstered by Functional Improvements in Core Clinical Domains

# Pt:1 Multi-Domain Improvements Deepened Over Time, and Not Expected Based on Rett Syndrome Natural History

**Baseline – 7 Yrs Old**  
*Mild Disease*

Raking, no ability to hold objects

Fine Motor

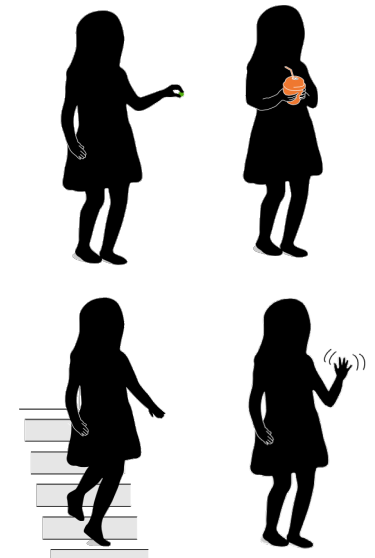
Walking, ataxic gait, no ability to climb stairs

Gross Motor

Severe impairment, unable to follow commands

Communication

Select Pt:1 Developmental Skills Post-NGN-401	Months Post-NGN-401				
	3	6	9	12	15
Uses a pincer grasp		✓	✓	✓	✓
Holds bottle or cup unpropped		✓	✓	✓	✓
Uses spoon/fork to self-feed					✓
Transfers objects between hands					✓
Heel-to-toe walking			✓	✓	✓
Climbs up stairs without help		✓	✓	✓	✓
Climbs down stairs without help				✓	✓
Follows a command without gesture		✓	✓	✓	✓
Waves hello*				✓	✓
Taps for wants				✓	✓



**Post Treatment  
with NGN-401**

# Pt:2 Multi-Domain Improvements from Severe Impairments at Baseline Deepened Over Time, and Not Expected Based on Rett Syndrome Natural History



**Baseline - 4 Yrs Old**

Severe impairment, unable to use hands

Fine Motor

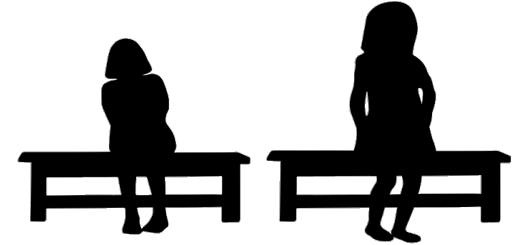
Impaired, ataxic, help to stand

Gross Motor

Severe impairment, unable to follow commands, non-verbal

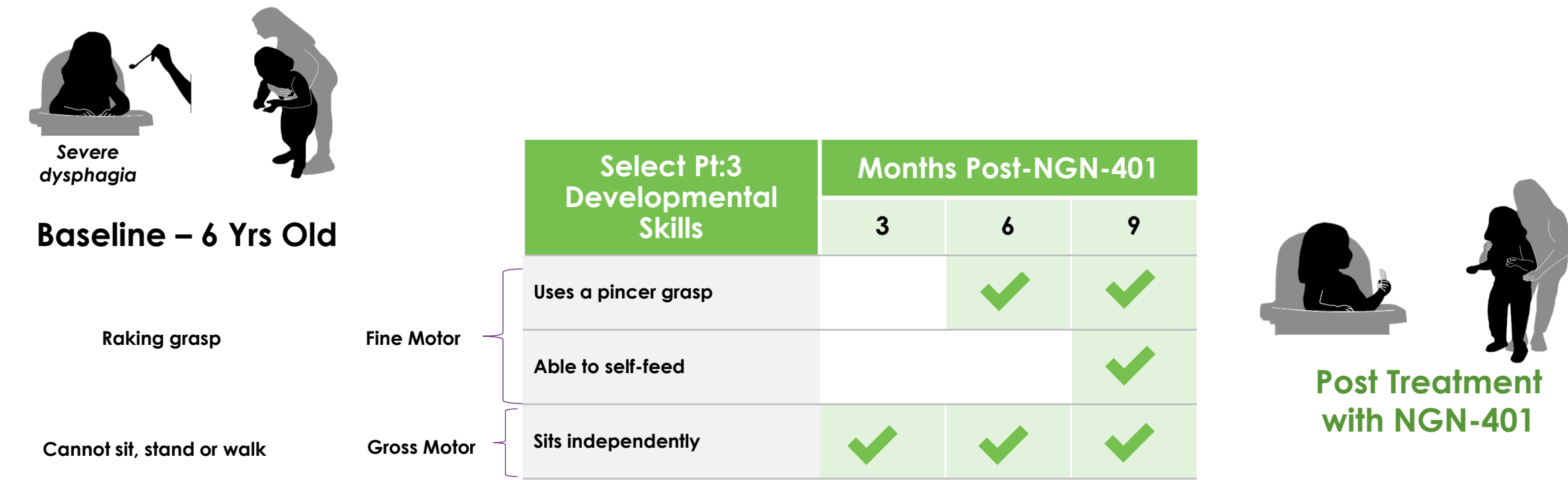
Communication

Select Pt:2 Developmental Skills Post-NGN-401	Months Post-NGN-401			
	3	6	9	12
Reaches for an object	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uses raking grasp to retrieve an object			✓	✓
Self-feeds			✓	✓
Stands independently from seated position	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bends down, touches floor, and recovers			✓	✓
Steps off curb with help				✓
Follows a command without a gesture	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uses words with meaning	✓	✓	✓	✓



**Post Treatment with NGN-401**

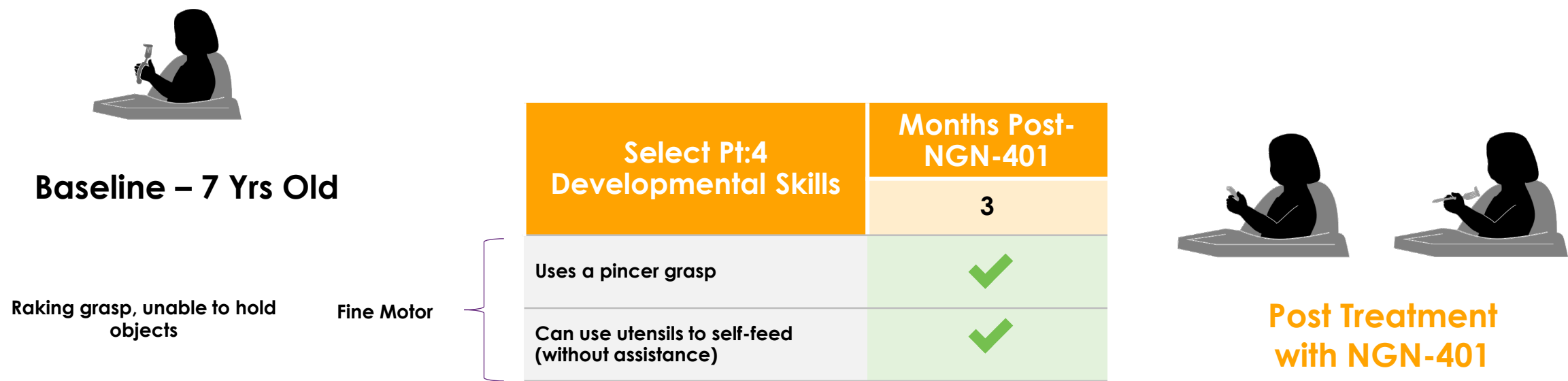
# Pt:3 Multi-Domain Improvements Not Expected Based on Rett Syndrome Natural History



Data from the RNHS; N=200 female subjects with classic RTT, age 4-10 years, CGI-S score of 4 to 6 at baseline, confirmed genetic mutation  
As of data cut-off date of 17 October 2024  
Images are representative of skills and are not photos of participants in the NGN-401 clinical trial



# Pt:4 Early Improvements in Hand Function Not Expected Based on Rett Syndrome Natural History



# Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)/Hyperinflammatory Syndrome Following High Dose AAV9 Therapy

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# Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

- **HLH is a rare, life-threatening hyperinflammatory syndrome** characterized by immune dysregulation, cytokine storm, and multi-organ damage<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Most cases are triggered by infections, malignancy, autoimmune disease, or CAR-T (3.5% incidence)
- **Over 90% of patients present with the initial “three Fs” seen in the HLH-2004 study: Fever, elevated Ferritin, and Falling blood counts (cytopenia)<sup>4</sup>**

**Monitoring for HLH is not part of standard monitoring in AAV therapy trials, and we believe should be implemented**

# HLH has been Rarely Reported Following High-dose AAV Gene Therapy

- Only one published case report<sup>1</sup> and mention of similar cases<sup>2</sup> reported HLH-like symptoms with high-dose systemic AAV treatment (1E14 vg/kg or higher)
- Symptoms: Elevated ferritin within the first few days, fever, pancytopenia, rash, hepatosplenomegaly<sup>1</sup>
- Cases treated successfully with early administration of either high dose steroids or anakinra (IL-1 receptor antagonist)
- No HLH events have been reported at AAV doses below 1E14 vg/kg

# FAERS Database Shows HLH/HLH-Like Symptoms Following High-Dose Systemic AAV (>1E14 vg/kg)

While HLH is extremely rare, emerging post-marketing data suggests that HLH-like immune responses may occur in a small subset of patients treated with high-dose systemic AAV gene therapy<sup>1</sup>

- HLH-Related Findings (N=15):
  - 1 confirmed case of HLH; 11 hyperferritinemia, 3 elevated blood iron
  - Common reported symptoms: fever (80%), ↑ALT and/or AST (100%), thrombocytopenia (60%)
- Incidence Estimates:
  - HLH-like: 1.3% of SAEs, ~0.3% of total exposures
  - For comparison: TMA: 3.1% of SAEs, ~0.8% of exposures
- HLH-like cases are separate from TMA: No overlap in ferritin elevation or diagnosis between the two

**Data indicate standard monitoring for HLH after dosing with AAV should be implemented, similar to standard monitoring for TMA**



<sup>1</sup>Analysis based on 4,500 cases of Zolgensma treatment  
Data cut-off date: December 31, 2024  
FAERS = FDA Adverse Event Reporting System

# HLH Risk Mitigation Strategy Implemented in RTT-200 Clinical Trial

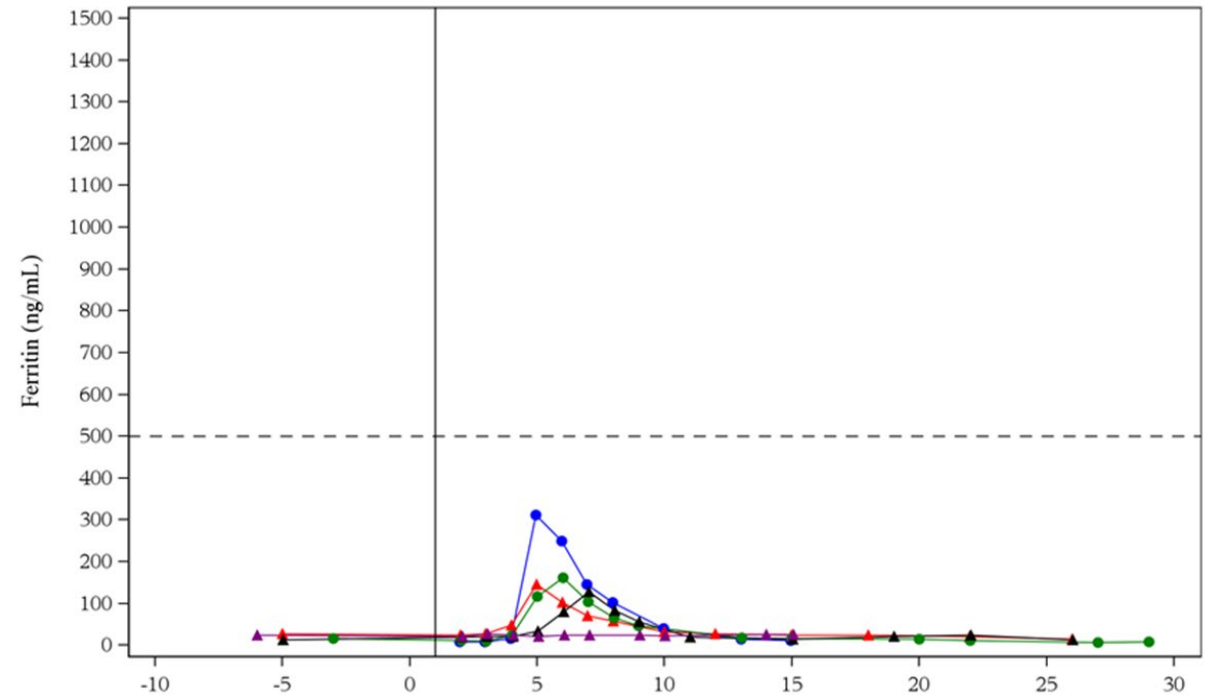
- Dose level above 1E14 vg/kg not allowed
- In the first week post-dosing: employ daily monitoring of ferritin, fever, and falling blood counts (cytopenia)
- Exclude subjects with:
  - Any illness within 30 days of dosing, including EBV and CMV
  - COVID within 6 weeks of screening
- Prior to dosing, require sites to have anakinra available and encourage availability of a local HLH expert prior to dosing
- Include HLH treatment algorithm within protocol
  - 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense high-dose corticosteroids, 2<sup>nd</sup> line: anakinra



# No Evidence of HLH at the 1E15 vg Dose Level

- 5 additional participants dosed following new HLH monitoring protocol
  - 3 participants in the 4-10 years cohort
  - 2 participants in the 11 years and older cohort
- No participants have presented with the “three Fs” - Fever, elevated Ferritin, and Falling blood counts (cytopenia)
- Transient ferritin elevations observed in 4 of 5 subjects recently dosed, peaking at Study Day 5-6 with recovery to Baseline by Day 10-12 with no intervention
- No ferritin levels above 500 ng/mL threshold and no clinical symptoms of HLH/ hyperinflammation have been observed

**Ferritin Levels of Most Recently Dosed Participants – 1E15vg**



# Thank You, and Acknowledgments

- Participants and caregivers/families in NGN-401 clinical trial
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