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# Preliminary Data from Phase 1 Trial of RP-A601

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# PKP2-ACM (Plakophilin 2-Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy)

PKP2-ACM is an inherited, autosomal dominant progressive arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy (ACM)<sup>1,2</sup>

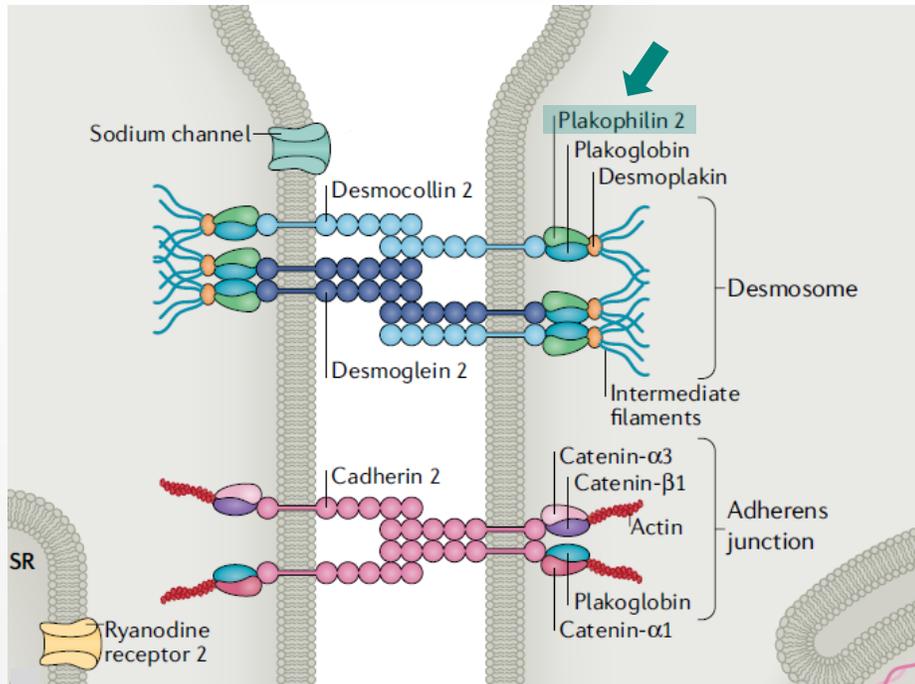
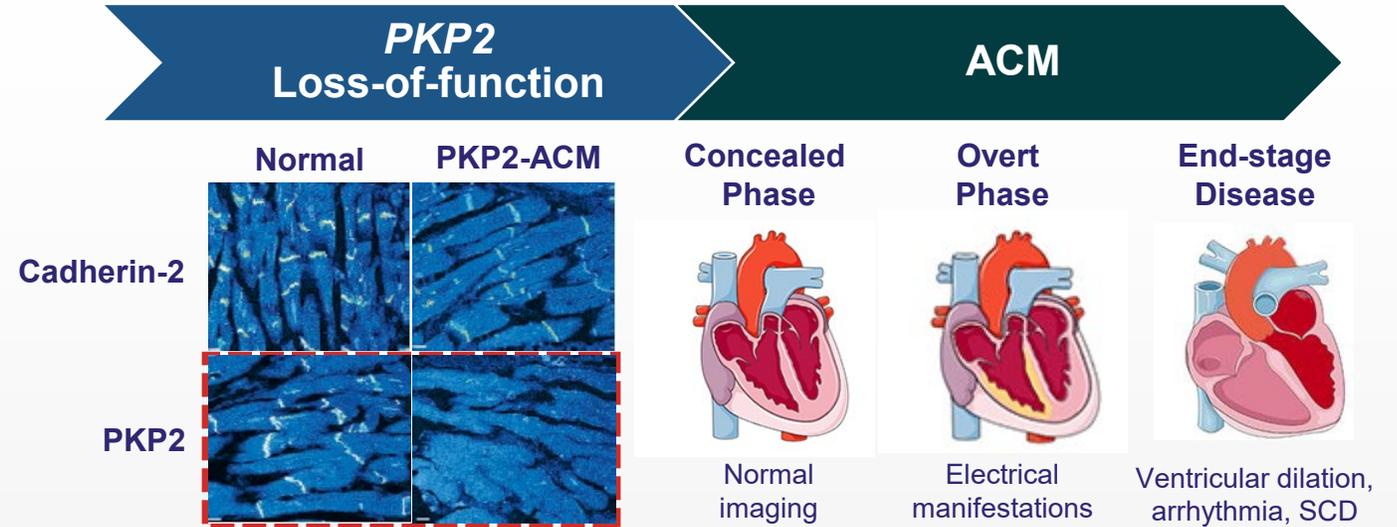


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**Mean age at presentation: 35 ± 18 years<sup>1</sup>**  
**Estimated prevalence: 50,000 (US+EU)<sup>3-5†</sup>**

†Utilizing the conservative ACM prevalence of 1 in 5000 and the aggregated mean of 32.9% PKP2 mutation frequency in ACM calculated based on 2,572 ACM patients assessed from 13 publications. ACM, arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy; ICD, implantable cardioverter defibrillator; SCD, sudden cardiac death.

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# ACM: High-Risk of Arrhythmias and Sudden Cardiac Death

## No Currently Available Curative Treatment Options

### Associated Risks<sup>1</sup>

In a study population of 439 index-patients, who fulfilled 2010 Task Force Criteria for ARVD/ARVC:

>70%

Index patients experienced **sustained ventricular arrhythmias**

>80%

Index patients receive **ICD placement**

~11%

Index patients experience **sudden cardiac death (SCD)** or resuscitated SCD

### Susceptibility<sup>2</sup>

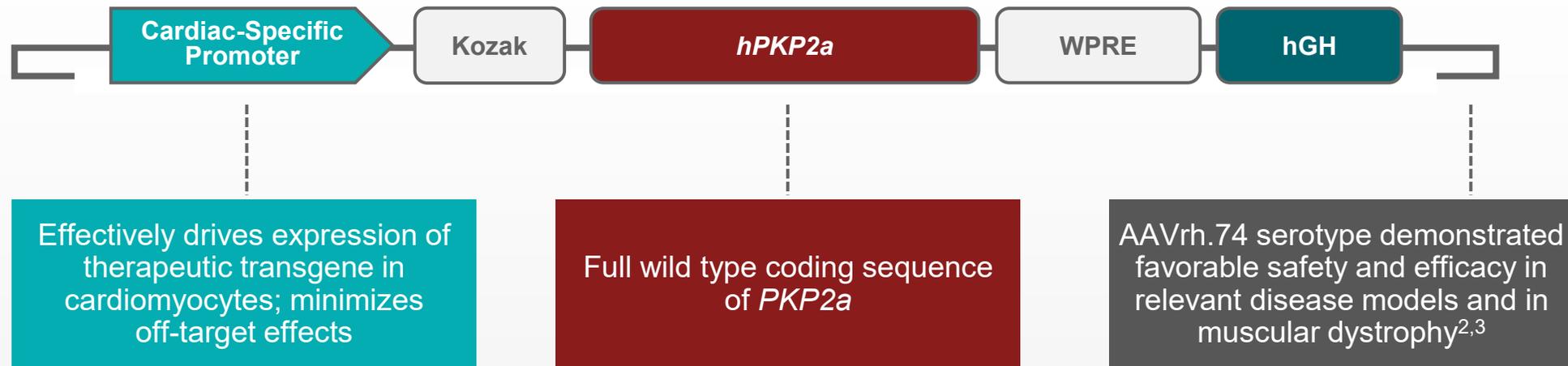
- Frequent and/or endurance exercise are associated with increased likelihood of ACM diagnosis and severity; patients are often advised to avoid strenuous activity

### Therapeutic Challenges<sup>1,3-5</sup>

- Current standard of care includes beta-blockers, anti-arrhythmic agents, ICD, and ablation
- Current therapeutic options do not alter pathophysiology or disease progression
- ICD firings are lifesaving but highly traumatic events
- Disease progression may lead to heart failure, premature death, or transplant

# AAV Gene Therapy for PKP2-ACM: RP-A601

RP-A601 (AAVrh.74-PKP2a): recombinant adeno-associated viral (AAV) vector containing the coding sequence of human *PKP2a*<sup>1</sup>



A single RP-A601 infusion demonstrated cardiotropism, extended survival, and mitigated ISO-induced PVCs and arrhythmia in a conditional *PKP2a*-KO mouse model<sup>4,5</sup>

hGH, human growth hormone; ISO, isoproterenol; KO, conditional knock-out; PVC, premature ventricular contractions; WPRE, woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element.

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# Phase 1 Study Overview

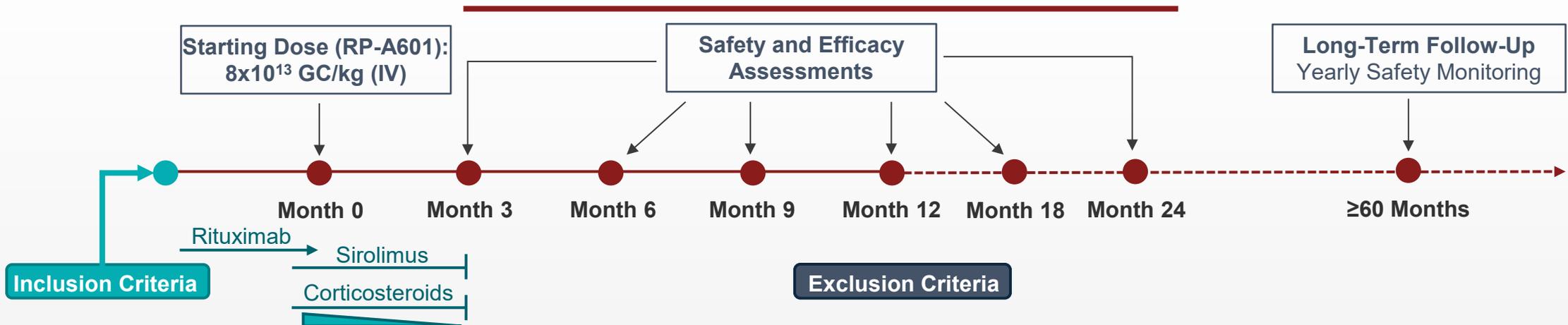
First-in-Human, Phase I, Open-label, Dose Escalation Trial of RP-A601 in Adult Patients with PKP2-ACM

## Primary Endpoints: Safety

- Incidence of TEAEs
- Incidence of SAEs
- Identification of dose limiting toxicities

## Secondary Endpoints: Efficacy

- Change in PKP2 protein expression
- Change in frequency of clinical markers of life threatening arrhythmias
- Cardiac biomarkers



Natural history studies are intended to provide context for the Phase 1 trial and additional information on disease progression

# Baseline Characteristics of Cohort 1 Patients

Cohort 1 patients received a single intravenous RP-A601 dose:  $8 \times 10^{13}$  GC/kg

Patient ID	Sex	Age at Enrollment (y)	Weight at Dosing (kg)	History of Anti-Arrhythmic Agents	KCCQ-12 Score	NYHA Class <sup>†</sup>	RV Systolic Function (ECHO)
1003	M	55	108.9	Sotalol, Amiodarone,* beta-blocker*	39.6	II	Normal
1011	F	58	58.3	Sotalol, Flecainide, Propafenone, Dronedarone, Amiodarone, beta-blocker	54.2	II	Mild - Moderate Reduced
1010	F	36	77.9	Sotalol, Flecainide,* beta-blocker*	59.4	II	Normal

\*Indicates patient still receiving specified agent as of baseline screening visit.

<sup>†</sup>As assessed on Day -14 pre-infusion.

# Most Frequently Reported Treatment Emergent Adverse Events Were Mild or Moderate in Severity\*

No dose-limiting toxicities observed – patients received a single intravenous RP-A601 dose: 8x10<sup>13</sup> GC/kg

Preferred Term of TEAEs (Events Observed in ≥2 Patients)	No. of Patients		
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Alanine aminotransferase increased	2	0	1
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	2	1	0
Complement factor increased	1	2	0
Nausea	2	0	0
Fatigue	2	0	0
Decreased appetite	2	0	0

Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	Grade	No. of Patients (%)
Any SAE		1 (33.33)
Investigations		
Transaminase elevations	3	1 (33.33)
Gastrointestinal disorders		
Acute Pancreatitis <sup>†</sup>	4	1 (33.33)
Infections and infestations		
Bacteremia <sup>†</sup>	3	1 (33.33)
Sepsis <sup>†</sup>	4	1 (33.33)

<sup>†</sup> Pancreatitis, bacteremia, and sepsis were part of a single SAE

- All SAEs were experienced by one patient and fully resolved without clinical manifestation, within 2m of treatment
- No arrhythmia SAEs were identified during the initial 6-12 months of post-treatment follow-up
- No patients developed clinical TMA

# RP-A601 VCN and PKP2 RNA Expression in Endomyocardial Biopsy Tissue

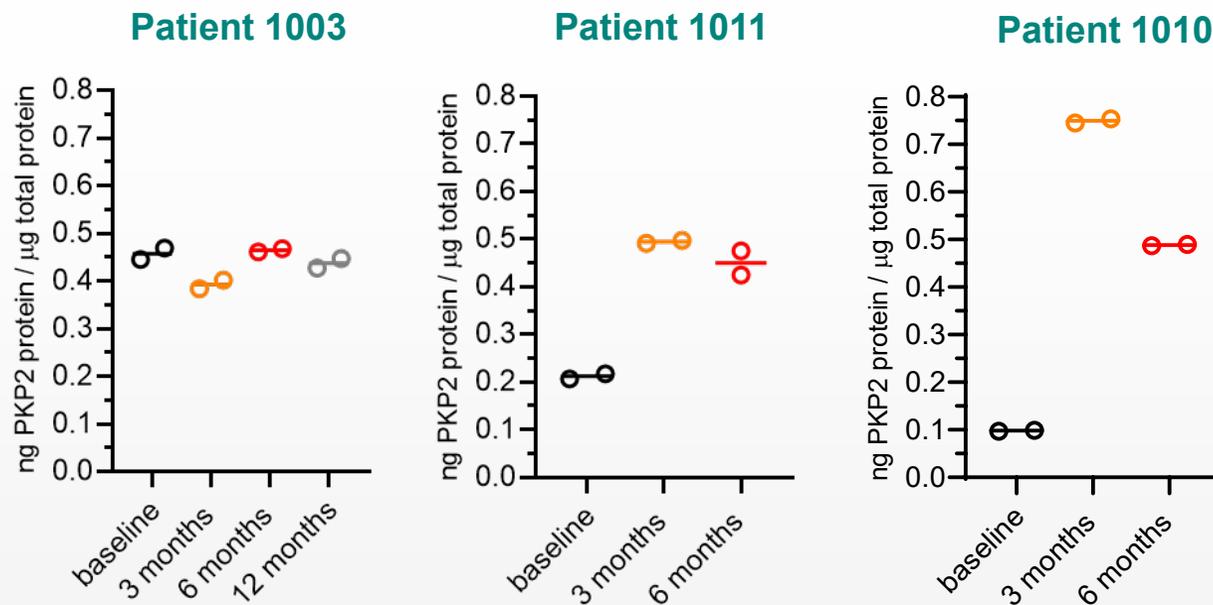
RP-A601 Vector Copy Number (DNA Copies Per Diploid Nucleus)		
Patient ID	Baseline	Most Recent Visit*
1003	0	2.89
1011	0	3.81
1010	0	8.23

PKP2 Exogenous mRNA (Copies Per $\mu\text{g}$ Nucleic Acid)			
Patient ID	Baseline	Month 3	Most Recent Visit*
1003	0	5.56E+04	5.84E+04
1011	0	9.19E+04	2.75E+05
1010	0	4.78E+05	1.07E+05

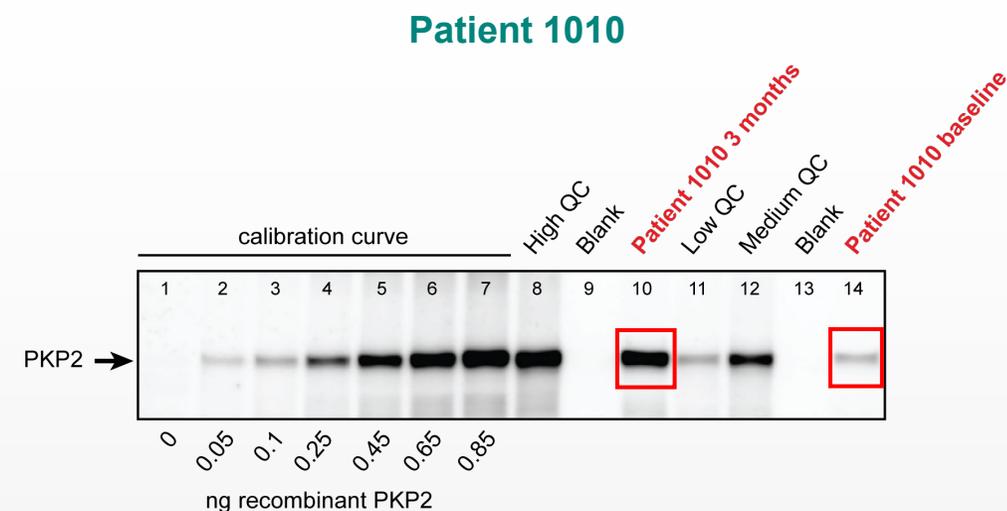
\*Month 12 data for Patient 1003, and Month 6 data for Patients 1011 and 1010.

# RP-A601 Increased PKP2 Protein Expression at 3 and 6 Months

## PKP2 Protein Expression Western Blot Quantification

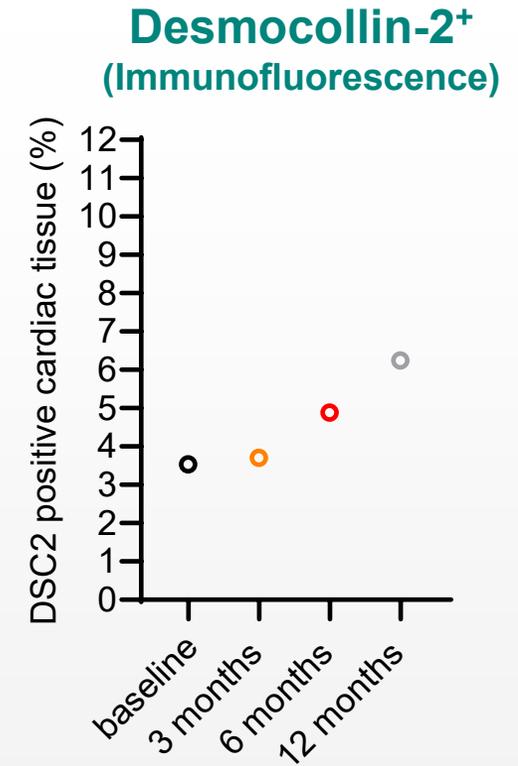
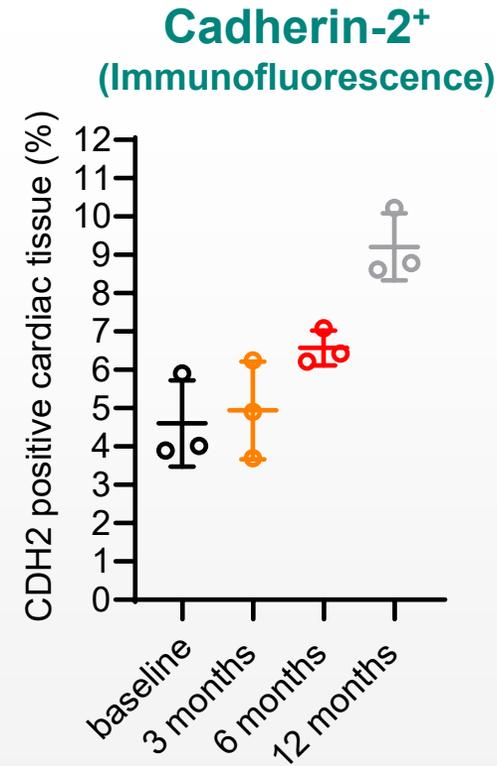
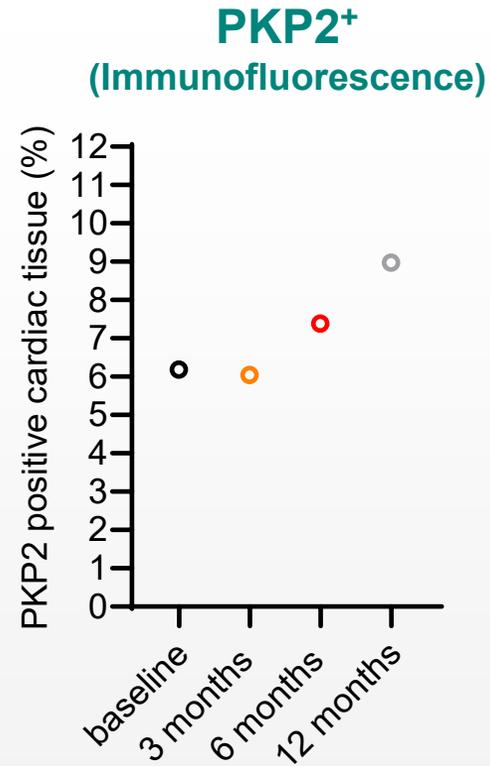
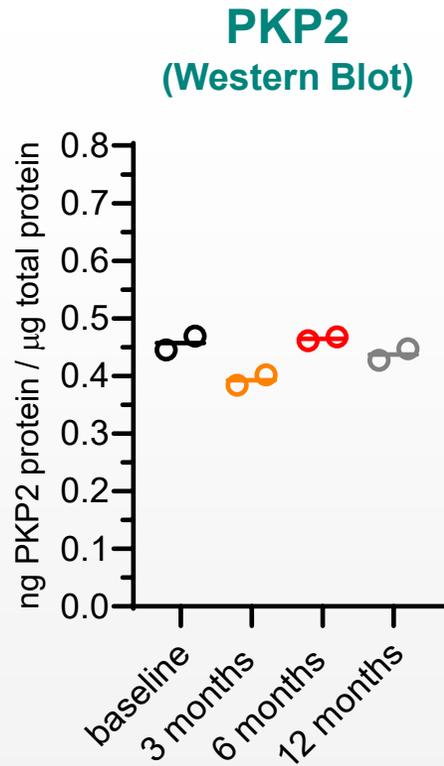


## PKP2 Protein Expression Western Blot Image



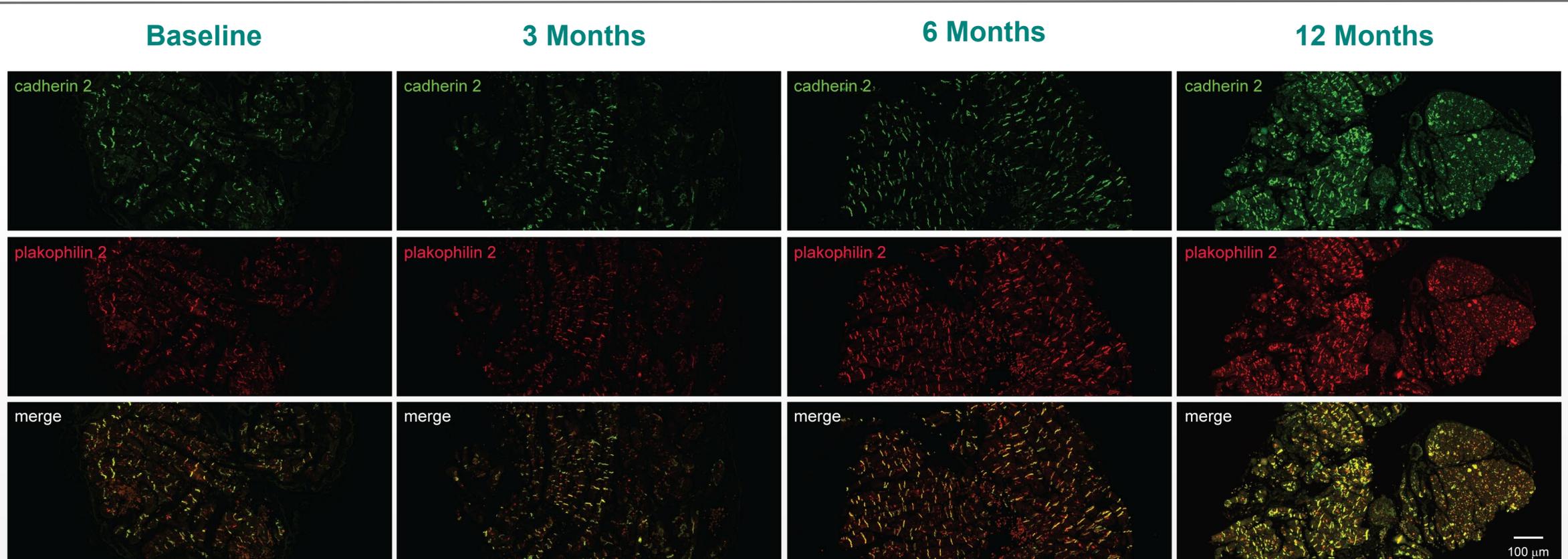
- Cardiac biopsies (n=2 of 3) show increased PKP2 protein expression following RP-A601 treatment
  - ~2.1X (110%) change from baseline to 6 months in Patient 1011
  - ~5X (398%) change from baseline to 6 months in Patient 1010
  - Patient 1003 shows increased PKP2, Cadherin-2 (CDH2), and Desmocollin-2 (DSC2) at the desmosome/intercalated disc shown on following slides

# RP-A601 Increases Expression of Desmosomal Proteins & Cadherin-2 at 6 and 12 Months in Patient 1003



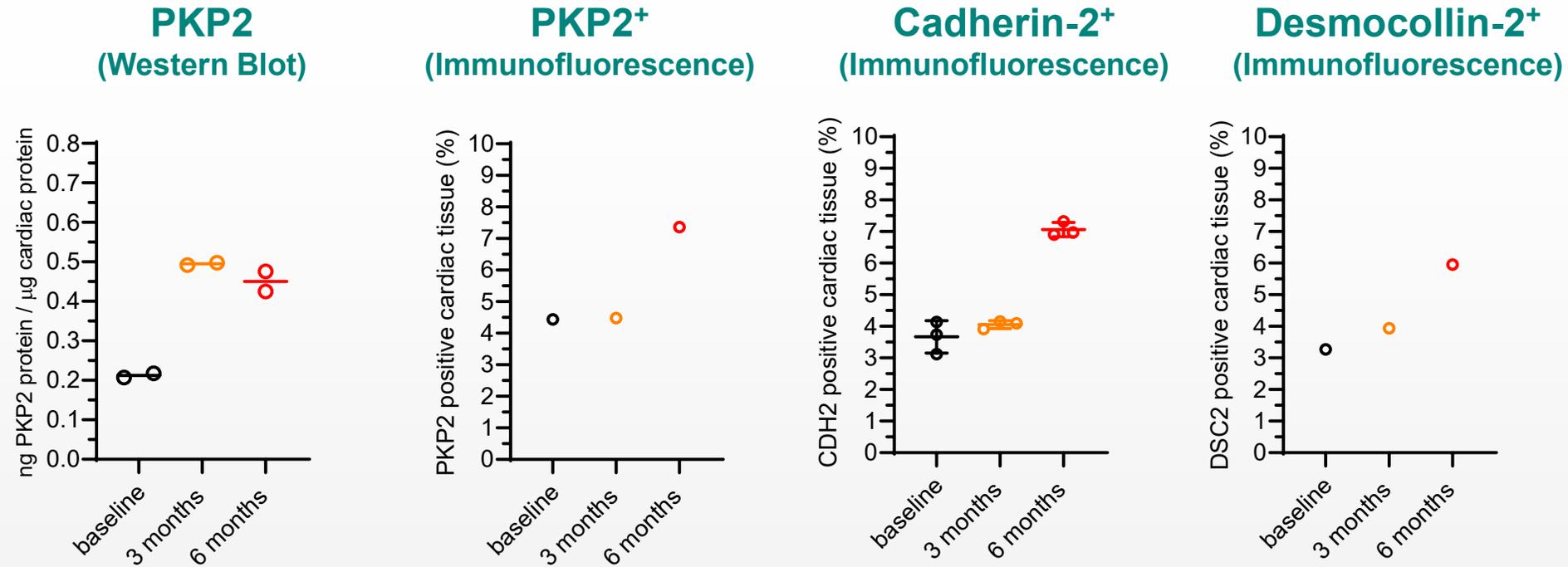
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# Immunofluorescence Shows RP-A601 Increased PKP2 & Cadherin-2 Expression at 6 and 12 Months in Patient 1003



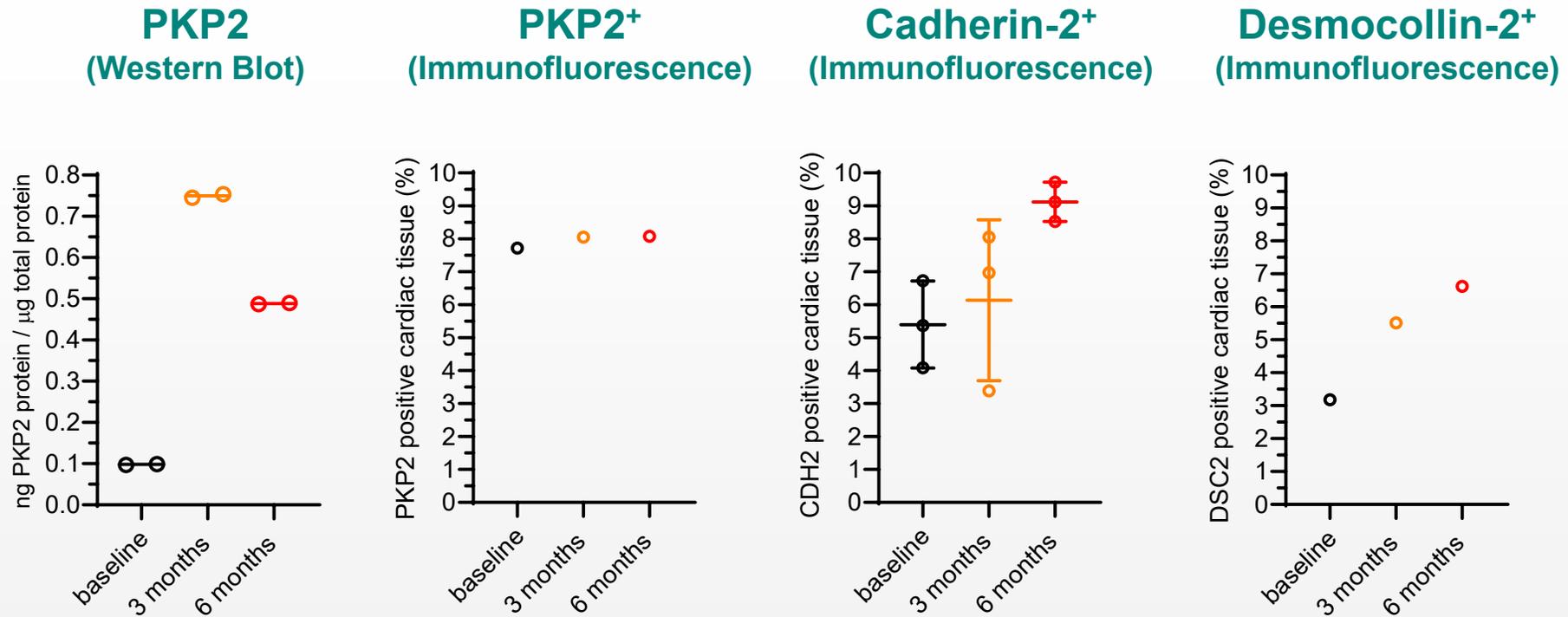
- RP-A601 promotes PKP2 and Cadherin-2 expression at 6 and 12 months
- RP-A601 promotes increased co-distribution of PKP2 and Cadherin-2 at cell-cell junctions at 6 and 12 months
- These findings suggest improved desmosome structure and cardiomyocyte intercellular adhesion

# RP-A601 Increases Expression of Desmosomal Proteins & Cadherin-2 at 6 Months in Patient 1011



**RP-A601 promotes PKP2, Cadherin-2 (CDH2), and Desmocollin-2 (DSC2) expression**

# RP-A601 Increases Expression of Desmosomal Proteins & Cadherin-2 at 3 and 6 Months in Patient 1010



RP-A601 promotes PKP2, Cadherin-2 (CDH2), and Desmocollin-2 (DSC2) expression

# Stabilization or Improvement in RV Function, QoL, and NYHA Class at Most Recent Visit

Patient ID	Age at Enrollment (y)	Most Recent Visit (MRV, mo)	RV Systolic Function (ECHO) BL→ MRV	KCCQ-12 Score BL→ MRV (% change)	NYHA Class BL*→ MRV
1003	55	12	Normal → Normal†	39.6 → 74.0 (+87%)	II → I
1011	58	9	Mild - moderate reduced → Normal	54.2 → 95.3 (+76%)	II → I
1010	36	6	Normal → Normal	59.4 → 59.4 (0%)	II → II

- RV function was stable or improved in all patients
- Patients beyond 6 months follow-up at most recent visit showed:
  - Clinical improvement in KCCQ-12 score (34-41 points; ≥5 point increases considered clinically meaningful in adults)
  - Improved NYHA class

\*As assessed on Day-14 pre-infusion.

†Stability of RVEF was corroborated by month 12 cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) s imaging.

# Preliminary Indications of Improvement or Stabilization Observed in Clinical Markers of Arrhythmia Burden

Patient ID	Age at Enrollment (y)	Most Recent Visit (MRV, mo)	PVCs per 24h BL → MRV (% change)	NSVT Episodes per 24h BL → MRV	T-wave inversions (precordial and inferior ECG)
1003	55	12	117* → 43 (-63%)	0 → 0	0 → 0
1011	58	9	2974 → 2713 (-9%)	0 → 0	4 → 4
1010	36	6	2650* → 1057 (-60%)	5* → 0	6 → 2

- Ventricular ectopy, as evident by PVC and NSVT episodes on ambulatory rhythm monitoring decreased or stabilized in all patients
- T-wave inversions in precordial and inferior leads decreased in 1 patient and remained stable in 2 patients

# Summary of Initial Results From Ongoing Phase I Trial

## Cohort 1 Patients with PKP2-ACM Treated with RP-A601 Demonstrated

- RP-A601 was generally well-tolerated with no dose-limiting toxicities observed
  - No TMA or ventricular arrhythmias were observed
- Increased expression and desmosomal localization of PKP2, Desmocollin-2, and Cadherin-2 in all patients
  - Most evident at  $\geq 6$  months post-treatment of RP-A601
- Preliminary indications of improvement or stabilization observed in arrhythmia burden, heart function, and quality of life
  - Decreased/stabilized ventricular ectopy (PVC, NSVT) on rhythm monitoring in all patients
  - Decreased/stabilized T-wave inversions on ECG in all patients
  - Improved/stabilized RV function
  - Improved quality-of-life and NYHA Class in patients followed beyond 6 months

# Key Findings and Path Forward

## Key Findings

- RP-A601 was generally well tolerated in all 3 patients SAEs were reversible without clinical manifestations, no dose-limiting toxicities observed
- All 3 patients in Cohort 1 demonstrated cardiac transduction with localized myocardial protein expression that was maintained or increased up to 12-months post-infusion
- Initial efficacy in all patients showed early signs of disease modification across multiple clinical parameters with up to 12-months of follow-up
- **Based on the Phase 1 trial, 8.0e13 GC/kg considered final dose**

## Path Forward

- Phase 1 (NCT05885412) is a dose-finding trial to evaluate the safety of RP-A601
- With no further dose escalation, Rocket plans to design and execute a potential pivotal trial to further evaluate the efficacy and safety of RP-A601

# Thank You

