

# Measuring Protein Expression in Cardiac Gene Therapy

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# Today's speakers

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Singular focus on the heart

3 clinical-stage programs





Multiple near-term gene therapy data readouts

Deep expertise in cardiology, genetics and rare disease drug development

Foundational capabilities fuel innovation and first-in-class potential

Track record of execution

# Gene therapy pipeline **coming into focus**

Program	Modality	U.S. Prevalence	Development Stage	Status
<b>Clinical-Stage Programs</b>				
<b>TN-201 for MYBPC3+ HCM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FDA Orphan Drug, Fast Track and Rare Pediatric Disease designations</li> <li>Orphan Medicinal Product designation from European Commission</li> </ul>	AAV9 gene therapy	> 120K <sup>(1)</sup>	 <b>MyPEAK™-1 Phase 1b/2</b>	Cohort 1 enrolled Cohort 2 enrolled
			Seroprevalence study	Completed >100 participants
				Natural history study
<b>TN-401 for PKP2+ ARVC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FDA Orphan Drug and Fast Track designations</li> <li>Orphan Medicinal Product designation from European Commission</li> </ul>	AAV9 gene therapy	> 70K <sup>(2)</sup>	 <b>RIDGE™-1 Phase 1b</b>	Cohort 1 enrolled Cohort 2 enrolling
				Natural history and seroprevalence study

- Sedaghat-Hemedani, et al., *Clin Res Cardiol*. 2018
- Groeneweg, et al, *Circ Cardiovasc Gen* 2015 & McKenna, et al, *Nature Rev Cardio* 2021

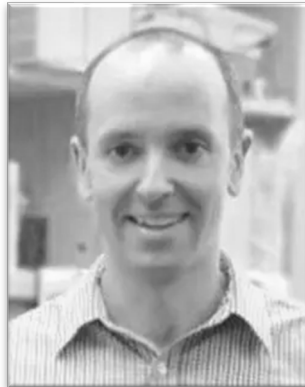
# Agenda and speakers

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## Today's agenda

- **Introductory remarks**  
*Faraz Ali*
- **Tenaya Gene Therapy Program Update**  
*Dr. Whit Tingley*
- **Measuring Protein Expression in Cardiac Gene Therapy**  
*Dr. Kathy Ivey in conversation with Dr. Michael Previs*
- **Q&A**

## Featured Speaker



### **Dr. Michael Previs, Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Molecular Physiology and Biophysics  
Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont*

- Development of quantitative mass spectrometry-based proteomic techniques to examine muscle structure
- Understanding the molecular mechanisms by which MyBP-C protein regulates the heart's ability to contract
- Co-led the discovery that MYBPC3-associated HCM is a disease of haploinsufficiency, not a poison peptide
- Received Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology Program at the University of Vermont



# Tenaya's Cardiomyopathy Gene Therapy Programs – An Update

Whit Tingley



# 1H'25 Scorecard: **Important progress** advancing our two lead gene therapy programs

## ***TN-201 for MYBPC3-associated HCM***

- ✓ MyPEAK-1 additional Cohort 1 data at ACC
- ✓ *MYBPC3+* HCM disease burden presented at ACC
- ✓ MyPEAK-1 high-dose Cohort 2 fully enrolled
- ✓ MyPEAK-1 DSMB clearance to expand at either dose level

## ***TN-401 for PKP2-associated ARVC***

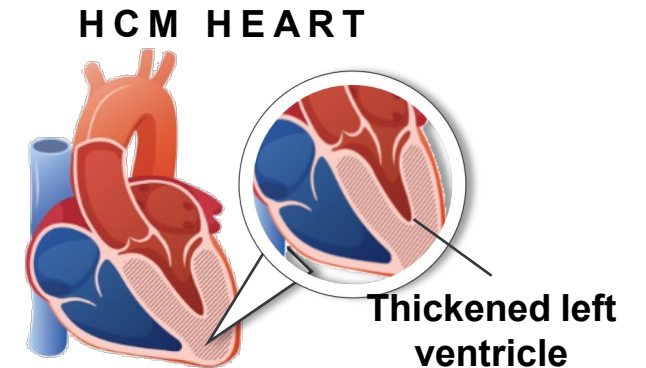
- ✓ RIDGE Natural History study data presented at HRS
- ✓ RIDGE-1 Cohort 1 fully enrolled
- ✓ RIDGE-1 DSMB clearance to expand enrollment at 3E13 vg/kg dose and dose escalate to 6E13 vg/kg
- ✓ RIDGE-1 First Cohort 2 patient dosed

# *MYBPC3*-associated HCM is estimated to affect 120,000 people in the U.S. alone<sup>(1)</sup>

A severe and progressive autosomal dominant condition affecting adults, teens, children and infants

~57% of identified genetic variants underlying familial HCM are *MYBPC3* mutations<sup>(2)</sup>

>30% of genetic variants underlying childhood-onset HCM are *MYBPC3* mutations<sup>(3)</sup>



- Significant functional impairment
- Social and psychological impacts
- Symptoms include shortness of breath, fainting, chest pain, fatigue, palpitations, arrhythmias
- Elevated risk of sudden cardiac death and heart failure

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Living with *MYBPC3*+ HCM

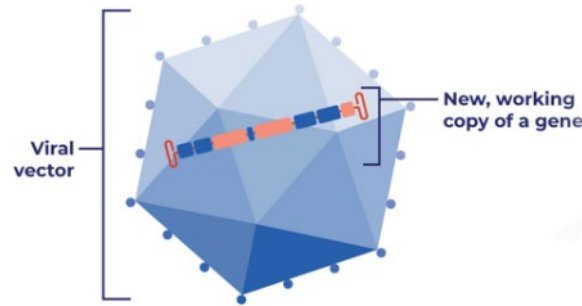
# TN-201 is the **first gene therapy** being developed for *MYBPC3*-associated HCM<sup>(1)</sup>

## *MYBPC3*+ Pathophysiology

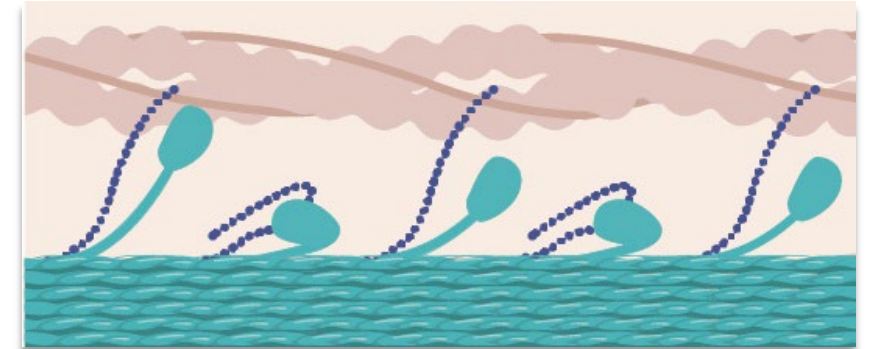


- MyBP-C is an essential structural protein regulating cardiac contractility via interactions with sarcomeric proteins
- Heterozygous mutations in the *MYBPC3* gene lead to lower levels of MyBP-C protein.
- Lower MyBP-C results in increased contractility, thickening of the left ventricle and impaired diastole

## TN-201 Mechanism of Action



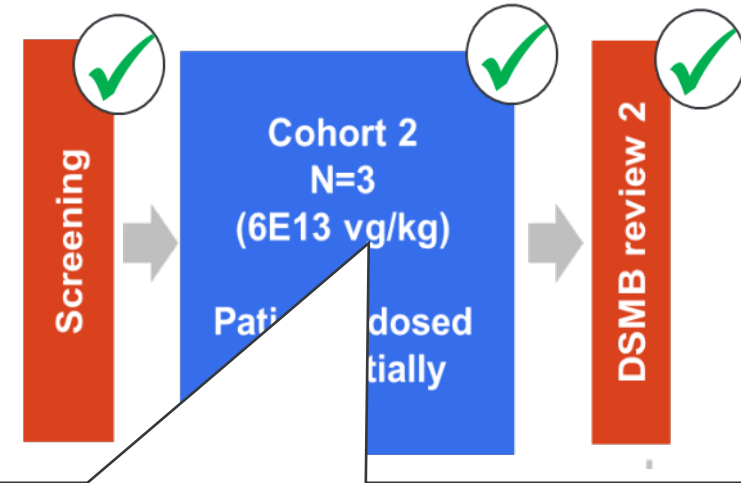
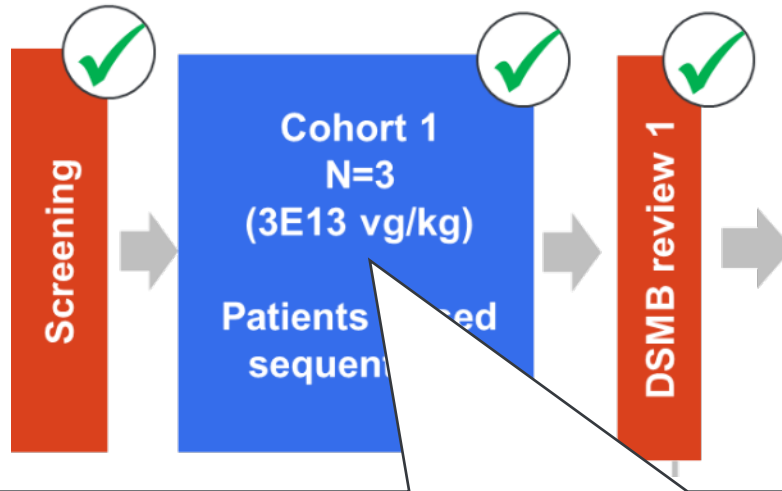
- TN-201 targets the underlying genetic cause of disease by delivering a full length copy of the *MYBPC3* gene to cardiomyocytes
- TN-201 utilizes an AAV9 capsid and a proprietary promoter with cardiac tropism



- Addition of a *MYBPC3* gene increases MyBP-C protein levels and is expected to halt disease progression, reverse disease pathophysiology, and improve symptoms and patient quality of life after a single dose

# Q4'2025 TN-201 MyPEAK-1 readout:

## What to expect



### Cohort 1

Longer-term ( $\geq 1$  year) follow-up for 3 patients at the 3E13 vg/kg dose

Aiming for continuation of encouraging safety, biopsy and clinical results observed at ACC.25

### Cohort 2

Initial readout focused on safety and biopsy results for the 3 patients at the 6E13 vg/kg dose

Looking for tolerability at the higher dose and increases in the presence of TN-201 DNA, TN-201 RNA and MyBP-C protein levels vs. Cohort 1

# PKP2-associated ARVC is estimated to affect >70,000 people in the U.S.<sup>(1)</sup>

A severe and progressive genetic heart disease lacking therapeutic treatment options

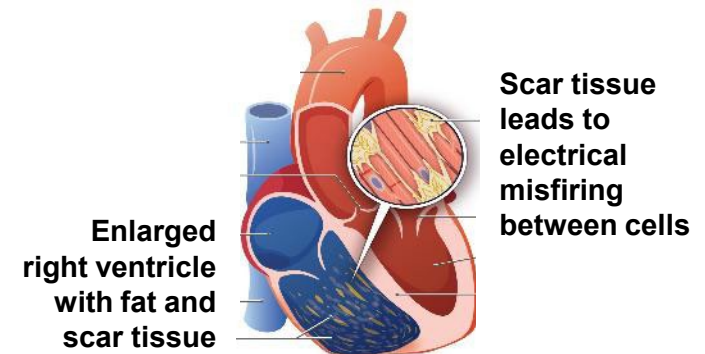
**>15%** of heart-related deaths in patients < 35 are due to ARVC<sup>(2)</sup>

**23%** of ARVC patients present with sudden cardiac death<sup>(2)</sup>

**40%** of ARVC patients carry pathogenic PKP2 mutations<sup>(3)</sup>

- Early symptoms include palpitations, lightheadedness, fainting <sup>(1)</sup>
- Significant impact on quality of life due to arrhythmias, ICD shocks and restrictions on physical exertion <sup>(4)</sup>

## ARVC HEART



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Living with genetic ARVC



1. Peters, et al, Int J Cardiol 2004; McKenna, Nat Rev Card, 2021  
2. Dalal, et al, Circ, 2005

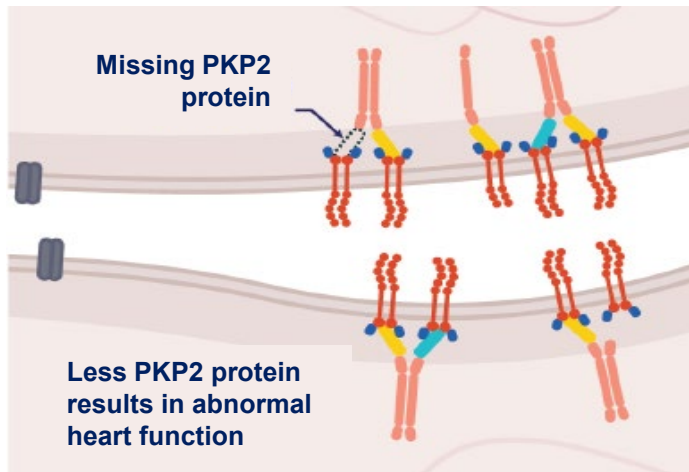
3. Hemida, et al, Eur J Heart Failure, 2018  
4. SADS Foundation  
SCD= sudden cardiac death

RV = right ventricle  
LV = left ventricle  
ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator

# TN-401 gene therapy for *PKP2*-associated ARVC

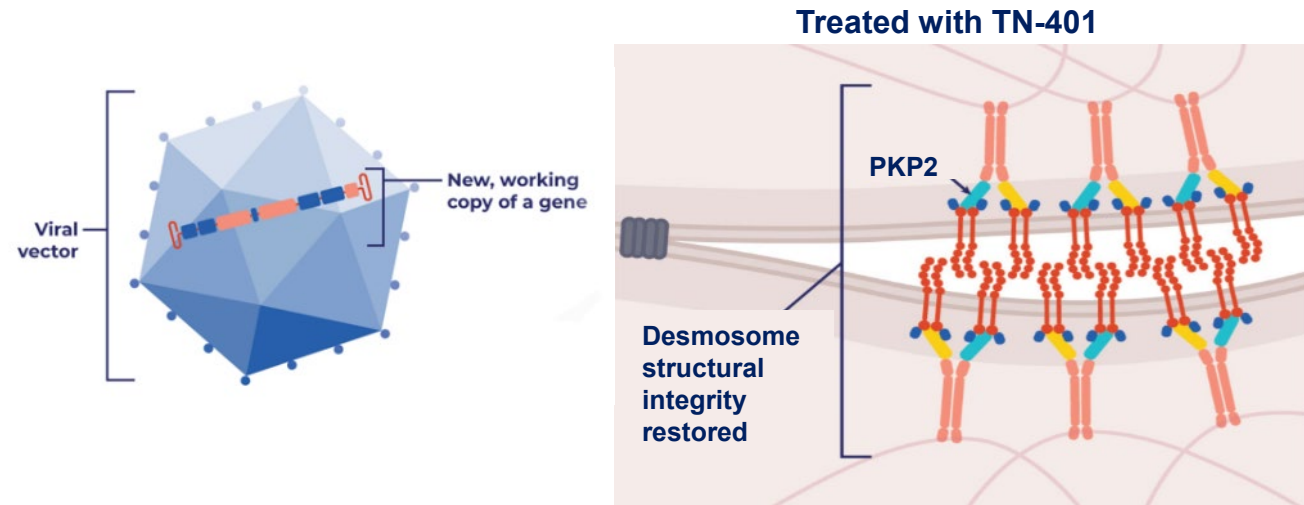
## *PKP2*+ Pathophysiology

### Desmosome and Gap Junctions in *PKP2*-associated HCM Heart



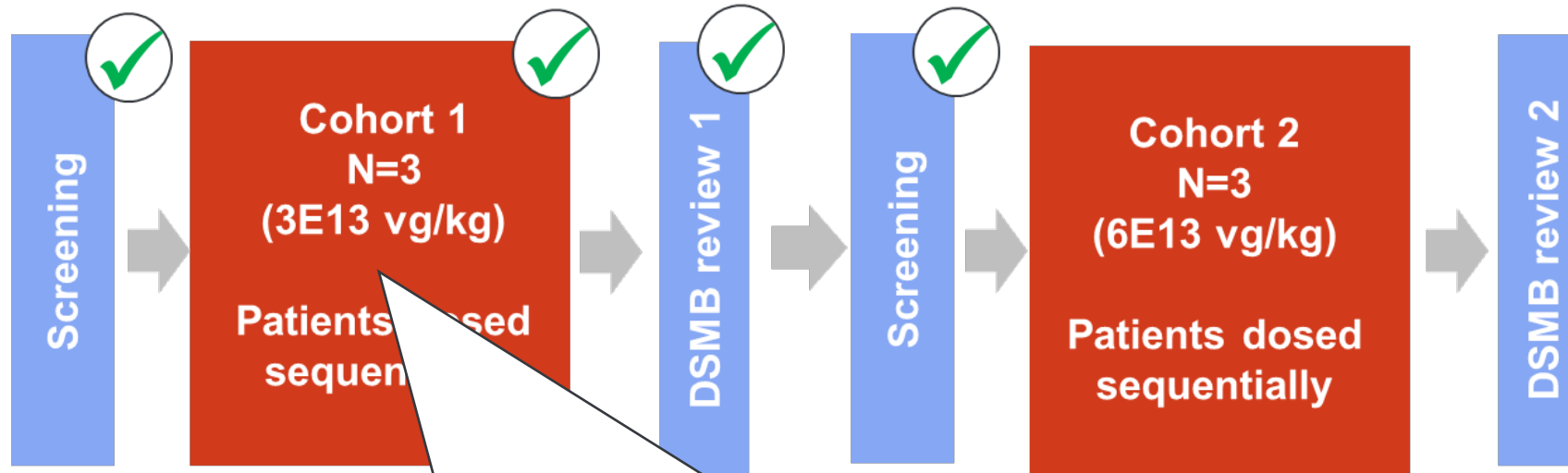
- Mutations of the *PKP2* gene lead to lower levels of Plakophilin-2 (PKP2) protein<sup>(1)</sup>
- PKP2 is an essential structural protein in the desmosomes, connecting cardiomyocytes supporting electrical and mechanical signaling and overall tissue strength

## TN-401 Mechanism of Action



- TN-401 targets the underlying genetic cause of disease by delivering a full-length *PKP2* gene to cardiomyocytes via an AAV9 capsid
- An increase in PKP2 protein levels is expected to restore desmosomal structures with the potential to halt disease progression, reverse symptoms and improve patient quality of life

# Q4'2025 TN-401 Data Readout: What to Expect



## Cohort 1

Data release will include initial Cohort 1 (3E13 vg/kg) data focused on safety and biopsy results

Readout will focus on tolerability and the presence of TN-401 DNA, TN-401 RNA and PKP2 protein level changes from baseline



# Measuring Protein Expression in Cardiac Gene Therapy

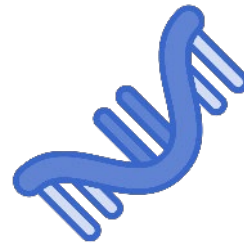
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# Biopsy measurements – What are we looking for?

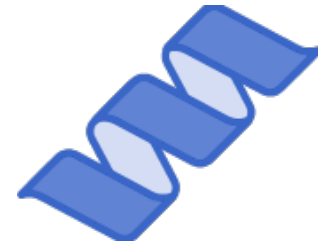
## Gene Therapy Mechanism of Action



Gene therapy enters cardiomyocytes. The healthy gene delivered forms a stable episome in cell

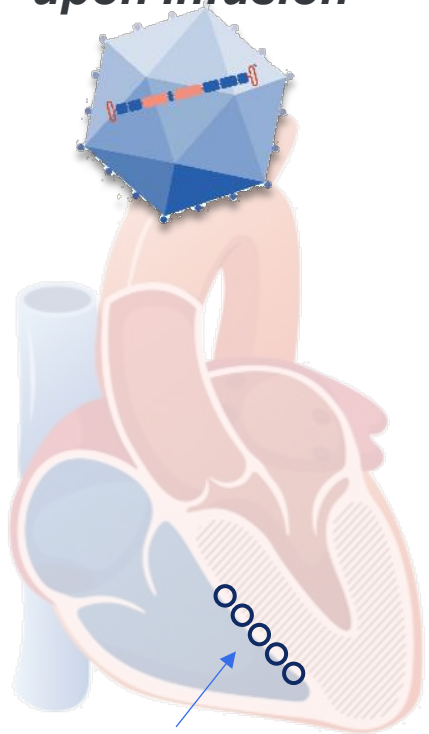


The healthy gene is transcribed by cell's machinery to produce messenger RNA



mRNA is then converted to the missing protein

*Gene Therapy upon Infusion*



*Biopsy samples*

# Cardiac biopsies are collected to quantify these leading indicators of TN-201 or TN-401 efficacy

## Measurement assays



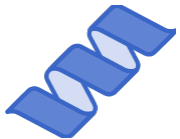
### TN-201 or TN-401 DNA is measured by ddPCR

Quantifies the number of TN-201 vector copies in heart tissue



### TN-201 or TN-401 mRNA is measured by RT-qPCR

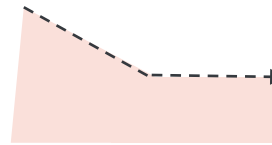
Quantifies expression of TN-201 mRNA specifically (distinct from endogenous)



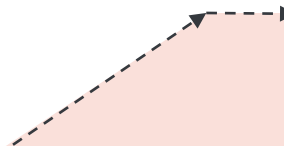
### MyBP-C or PKP2 protein is measured by LCMS

Quantifies abundance of total MyBP-C (normalized to myosin).

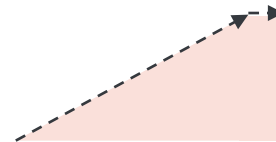
## Anticipated result over time



- Total VCN initially decreases as TN-201 or TN-401 DNA is cleared from non-CM cells
- TN-201 or TN-401 DNA **delivered to CMs remains stable over time**



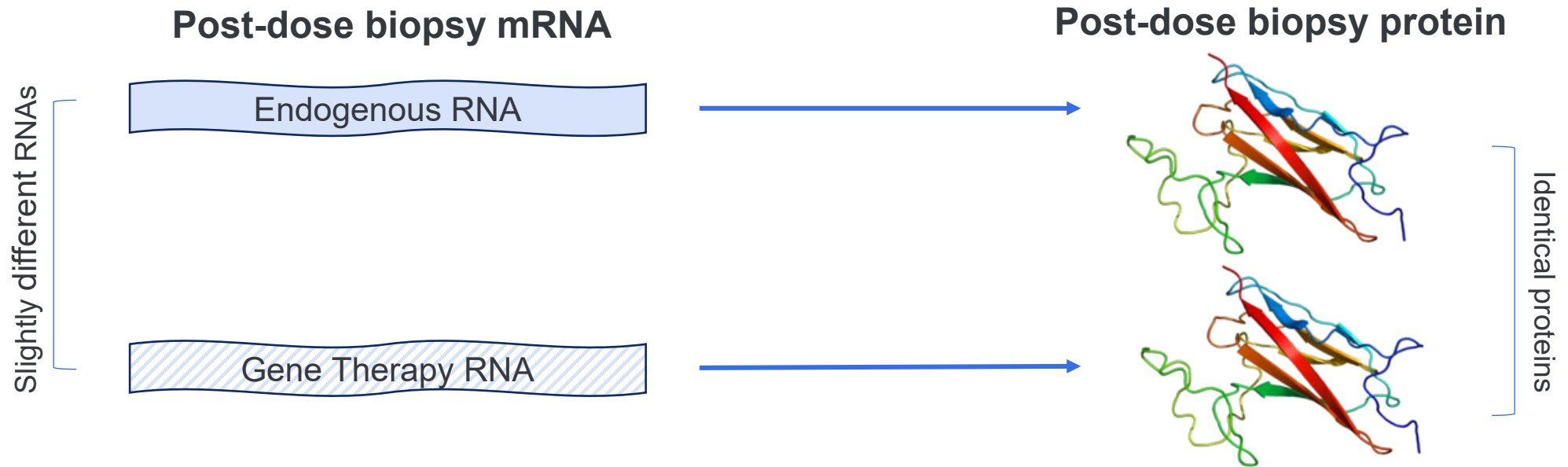
- TN-201 or TN-401 **mRNA increases** as the corresponding DNA stabilizes and is transcribed in cardiomyocytes



- Protein levels **increase from the patient's baseline** as TN-201 or TN-402 mRNA is translated into new MyBP-C or PKP2 protein

# Why do methods matter?

Protein produced from gene therapy and protein produced by the patient's one working gene are indistinguishable



Therefore, we needed a solution that was highly sensitive, quantifiable, and repeatable

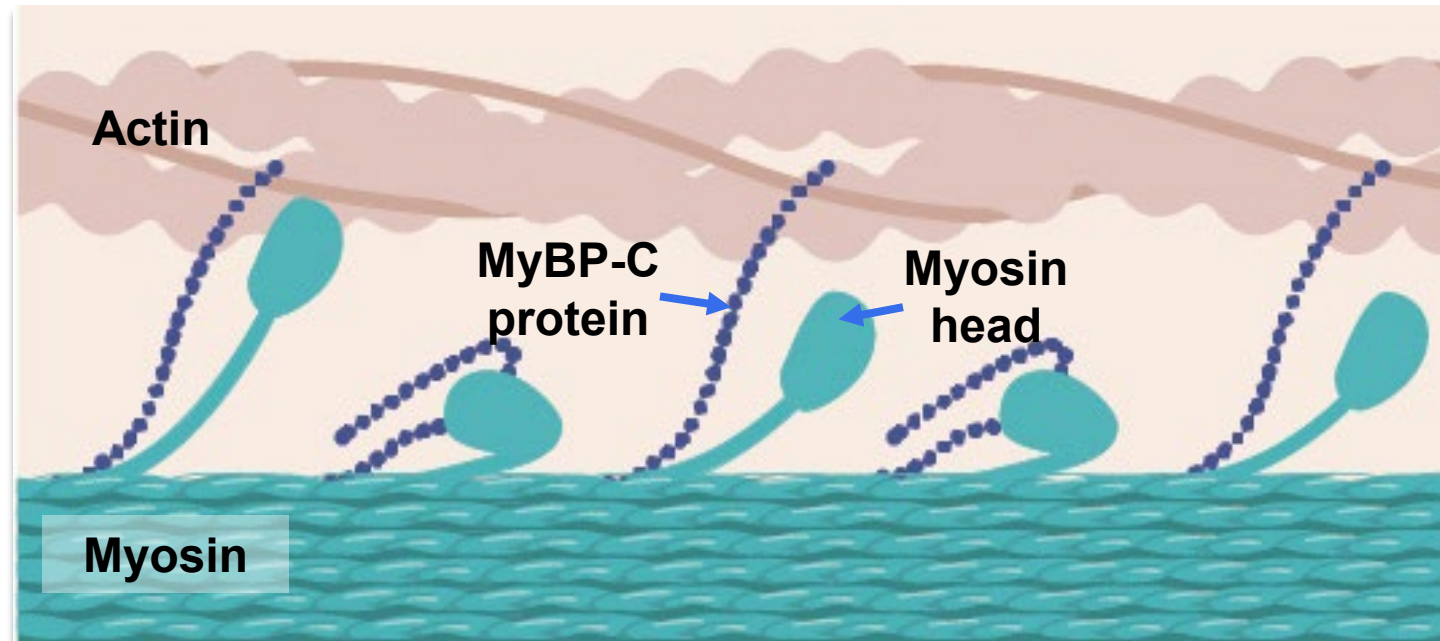


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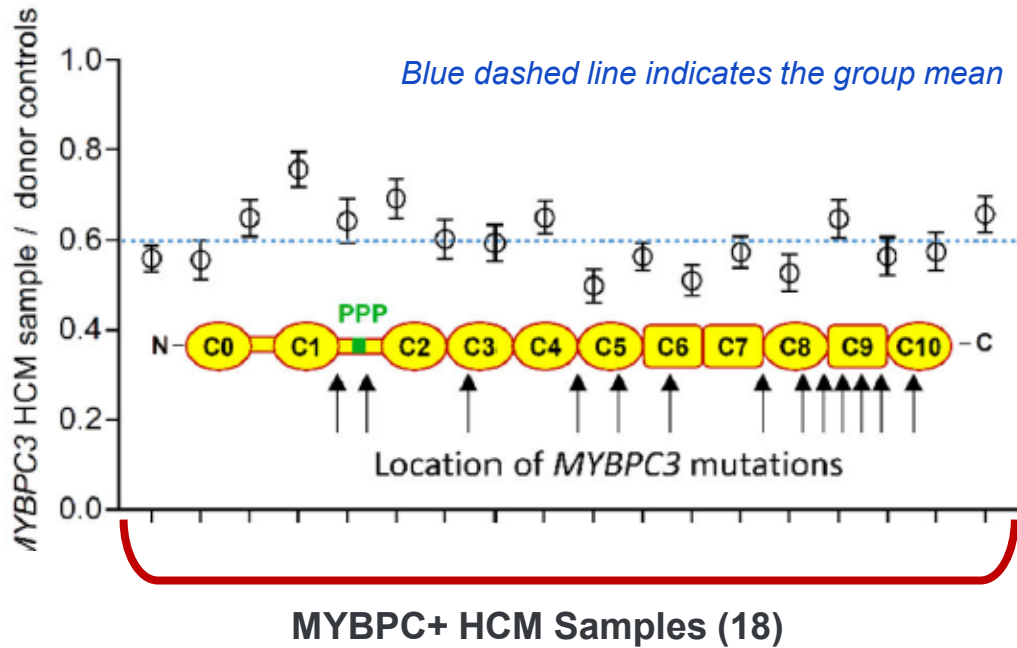
# Role and function of MyBP-C protein in the sarcomere

*MyBP-C modulates the force and speed of each contraction*

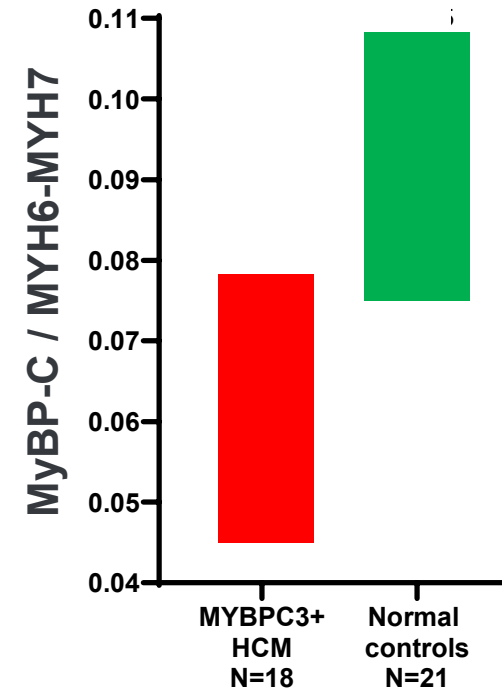


# MYBPC3-associated HCM is a disease of haploinsufficiency

Relative abundance of MyBP-C in the individual HCM samples when compared to the donor control group <sup>(1)</sup>



Range of MyBP-C protein levels in MYBPC3-associated HCM samples and normal controls <sup>(1)</sup>



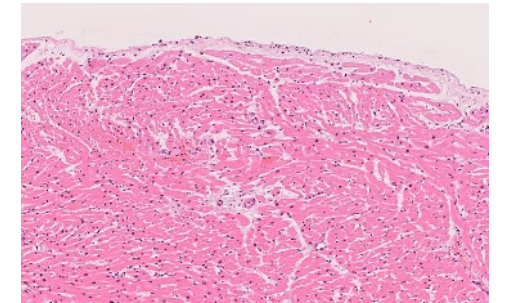
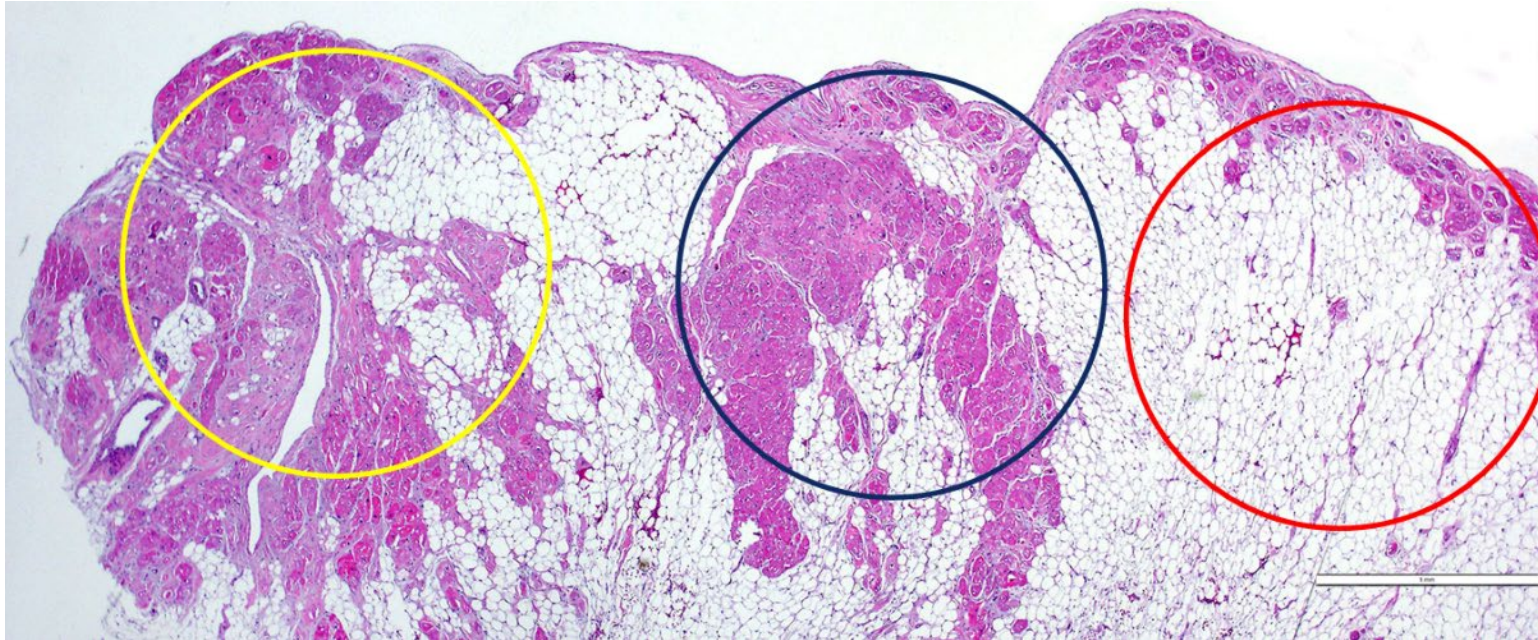


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# Variability in tissue sample quality happens

Heart tissue in cardiomyopathy patients is heterogenous resulting in variability in biopsy quality and in the number of cardiomyocytes per sample. Mass spectrometry overcomes this challenge.



Normal heart tissue

ARVC donor heart tissue with fibrofatty replacement  
*Biopsy tissue pieces are approximated by circles (~1-2 mm<sup>3</sup>)*

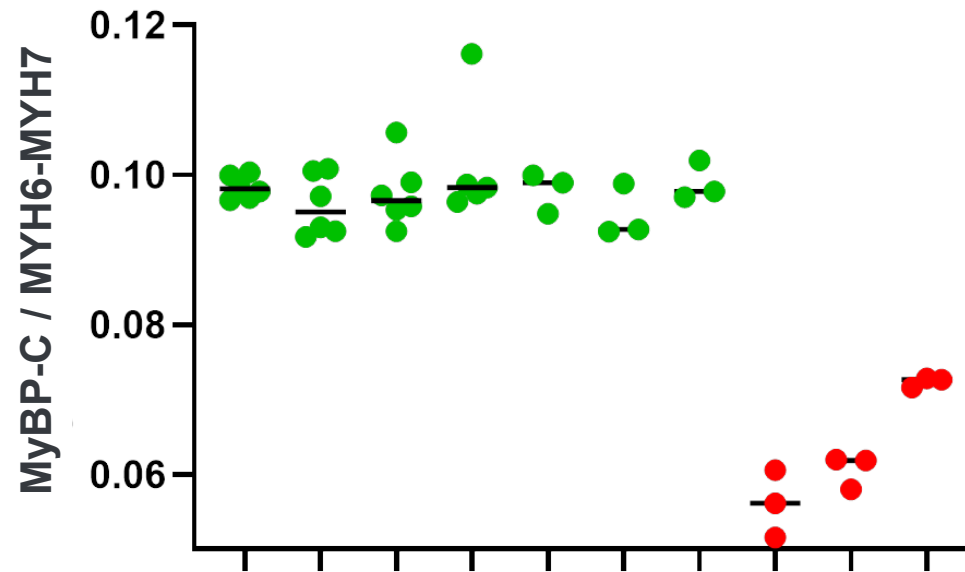


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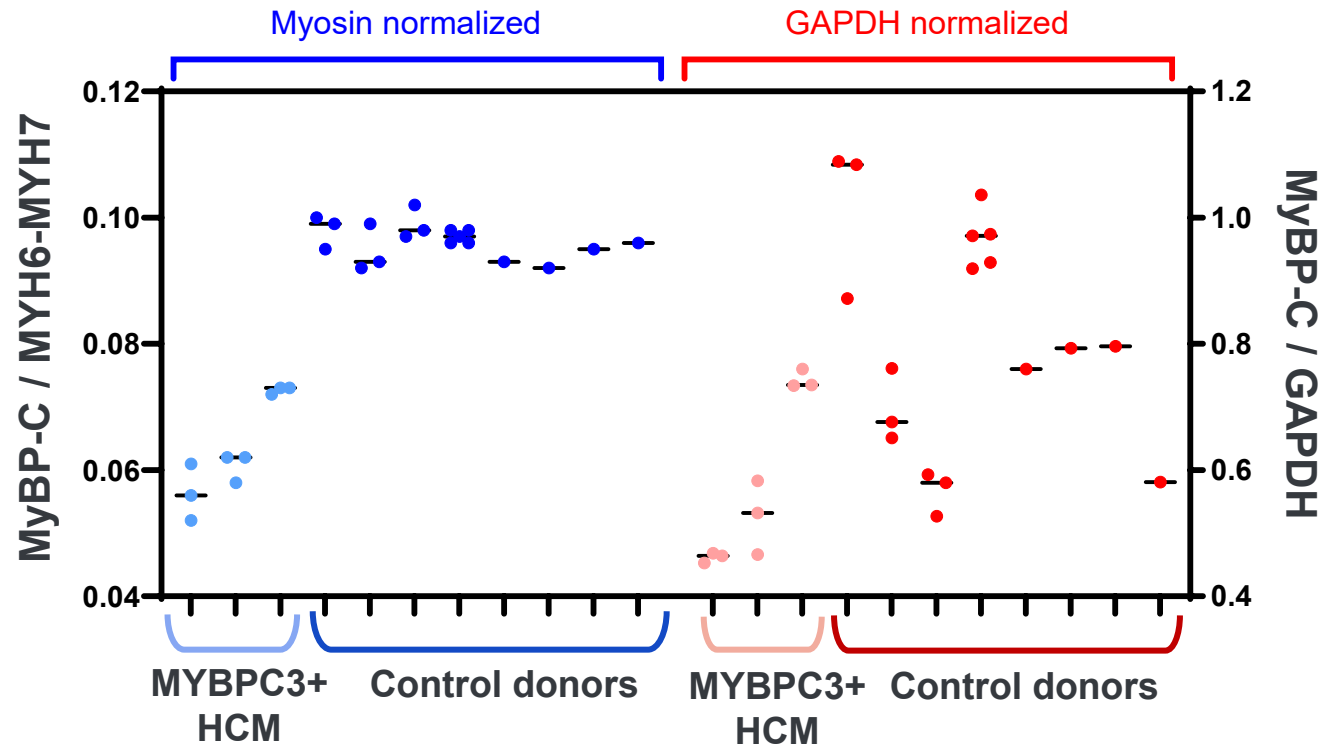
# Normalizing MyBP-C to myosin mitigates variability in measurements of MyBP-C expression

*MyBP-C levels are tightly regulated within cardiomyocytes present in biological replicates from donor control heart and MYBPC3-associated HCM samples<sup>(1)</sup>*



# Normalizing MyBP-C to other “housekeeping” proteins results in apparent variability in MyBP-C expression

*When MyBP-C is normalized to GAPDH rather than myosin, MyBP-C expression seems highly variable.*



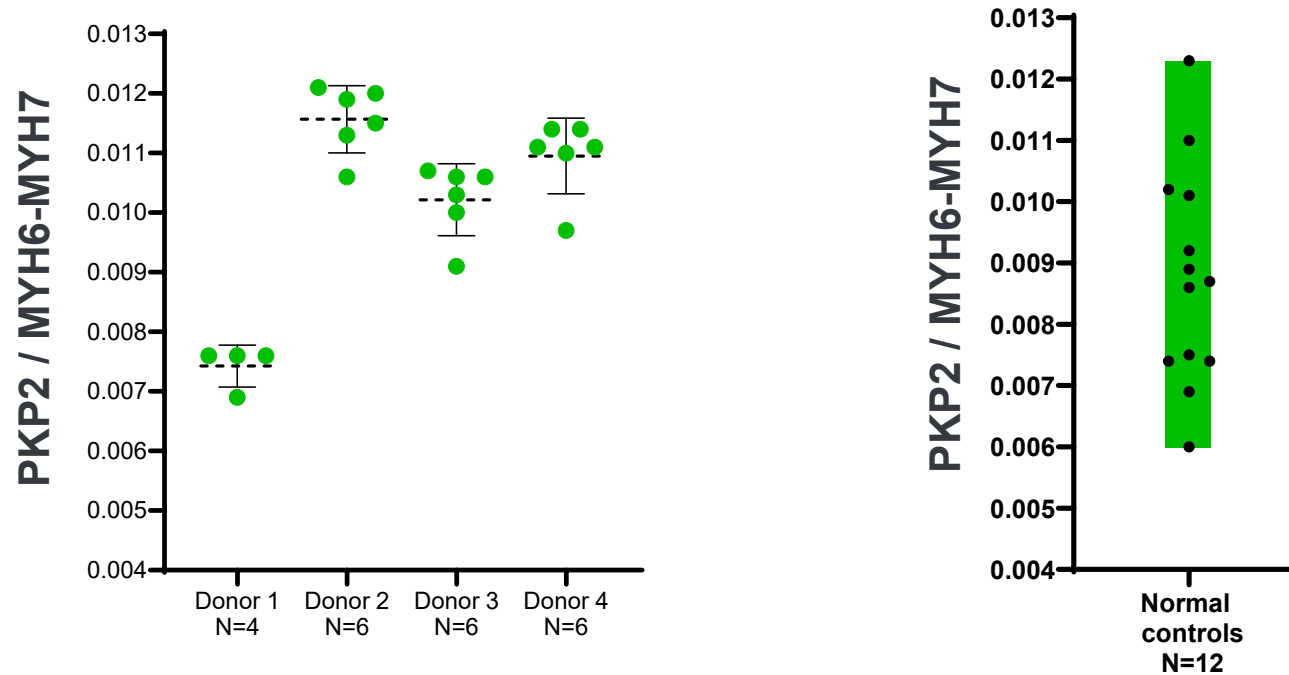


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# Variability for PKP2 within donors is lower than across donors

*Variability in PKP2 levels measured from independent pieces of the same donor control hearts is low and reproducible but the levels vary from donor control to donor control*



# Q&A

## Closing remarks

