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# Limb-girdle Muscular Dystrophy Type 2I/R9 Investor Webinar

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# LGMD2I/R9 (FKRP-related) is one of ~30 subtypes of limb-girdle muscular dystrophy, each driven by mutations in distinct genes impacting muscle function

Old nomenclature	Affected gene	New nomenclature
LGMD 1D	DNAJB6	LGMD D1 DNAJB6-related
LGMD 1F	TNP03	LGMD D2 TNP03-related
LGMD 1G	HNRNPDL	LGMD D3 HNRNPDL-related
LGMD 1I	CAPN3	LGMD D4 calpain3-related
Bethlem myopathy dominant	COL6A1, COL6A2, COL6A3	LGMD D5 collagen 6-related
LGMD 2A	CAPN3	LGMD R1 calpain3-related
LGMD 2B	DYSF	LGMD R2 dysferlin-related
LGMD 2C	SGCG	LGMD R5 $\gamma$ -sarcoglycan-related
LGMD 2D	SGCA	LGMD R3 $\alpha$ -sarcoglycan-related
LGMD 2E	SGCB	LGMD R4 $\beta$ -sarcoglycan-related
LGMD 2F	SGCD	LGMD R6 $\delta$ -sarcoglycan-related
LGMD 2G	TCAP	LGMD R7 telethonin-related
LGMD 2H	TRIM32	LGMD R8 TRIM32-related
<b>LGMD 2I</b>	<b>FKRP</b>	<b>LGMD R9 FKRP-related</b>
LGMD 2J	TTN	LGMD R10 titin-related
LGMD 2K	POMT1	LGMD R11 POMT1- related
LGMD 2L	ANO5	LGMD R12 anoctamin5- related
LGMD 2M	FKTN	LGMD R13 Fukutin-related
LGMD 2N	POMT2	LGMD R14 POMT2- related
LGMD 2O	POMGnT1	LGMD R15 POMGnT1-related
LGMD 2P	DAG1	LGMD R16 $\alpha$ -dystroglycan-related
LGMD 2Q	PLEC1	LGMD R17 plectin-related
LGMD 2S	TRAPPC11	LGMD R18 TRAPPC11- related
LGMD 2T	GMPPB	LGMD R19 GMPPB-related
LGMD 2U	ISPD	LGMD R20 ISPD-related
LGMD 2X	BVES	LGMD R25 BVES-related
LGMD 2Z	POGLUT1	LGMD R21 POGLUT1-related
Bethlem myopathy recessive	COL6A1, COL6A2, COL6A3	LGMD R22 collagen 6-related

An updated set of nomenclature for LGMDs was defined in 2018; however, many patients and HCPs still utilize the old nomenclature

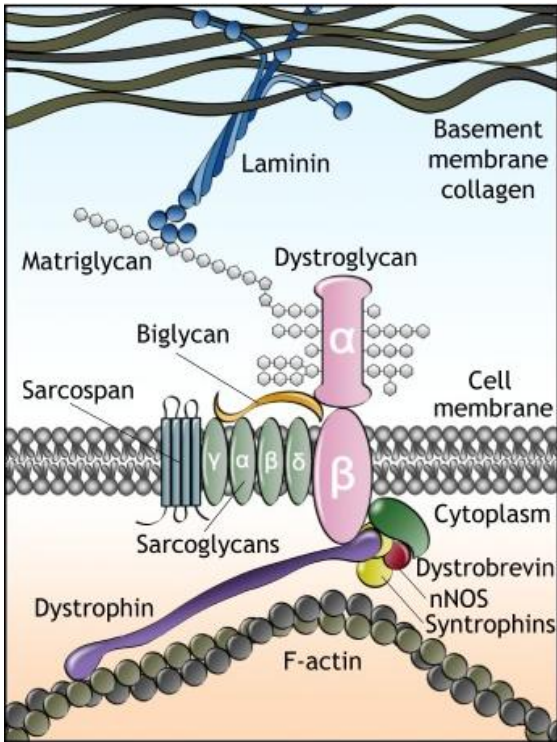
## Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy type 2I/R9: *Nomenclature*

Old nomenclature	New nomenclature	Affected gene/protein
 <b>LGMD2I</b>	 <b>LGMDR9 (FKRP-related)</b>	 <b>Fukutin-related protein (FKRP)</b>

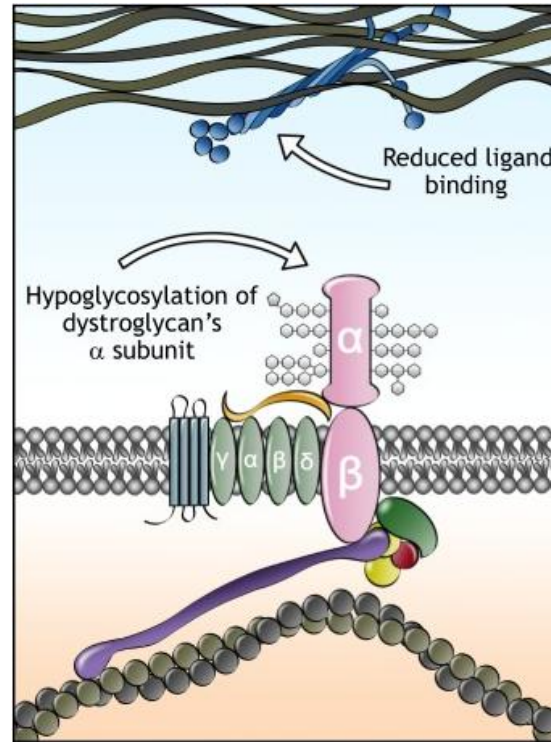
*Hybrid term (LGMD2I/R9) is used for clarity across audiences familiar with old and/or new nomenclature*

# LGMD2I/R9 is caused by mutations in FKRP that result in reduced glycosylation of alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG), leading to progressive muscle damage

## Molecular pathogenesis of LGMD2I/R9



In **healthy muscle cells**, glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG bridges the muscle cell membrane to the extracellular matrix

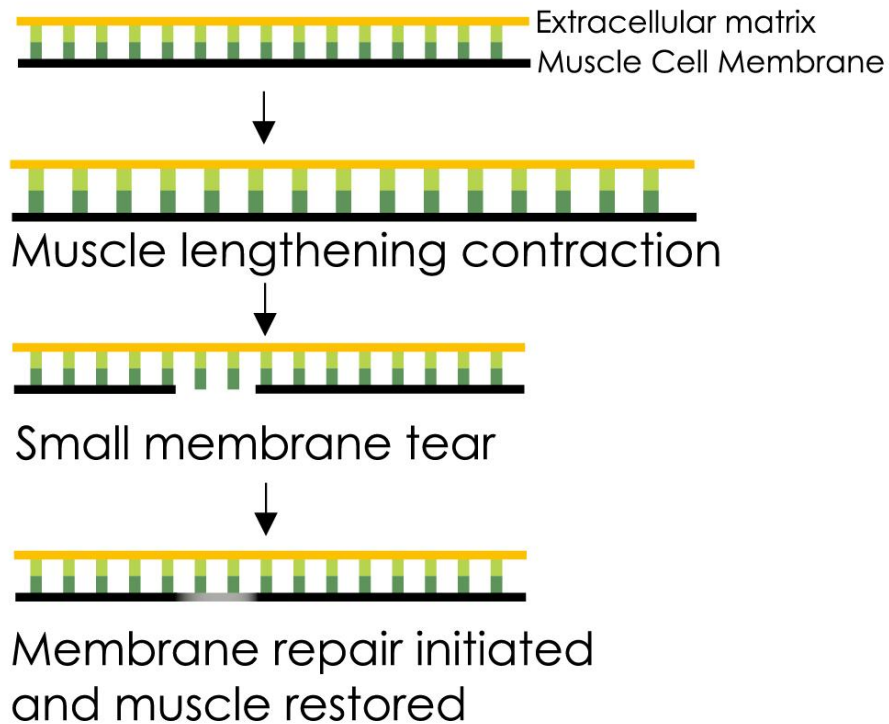


In untreated **affected muscle cells**, hypoglycosylation of  $\alpha$ DG results in loss of  $\alpha$ DG-laminin binding

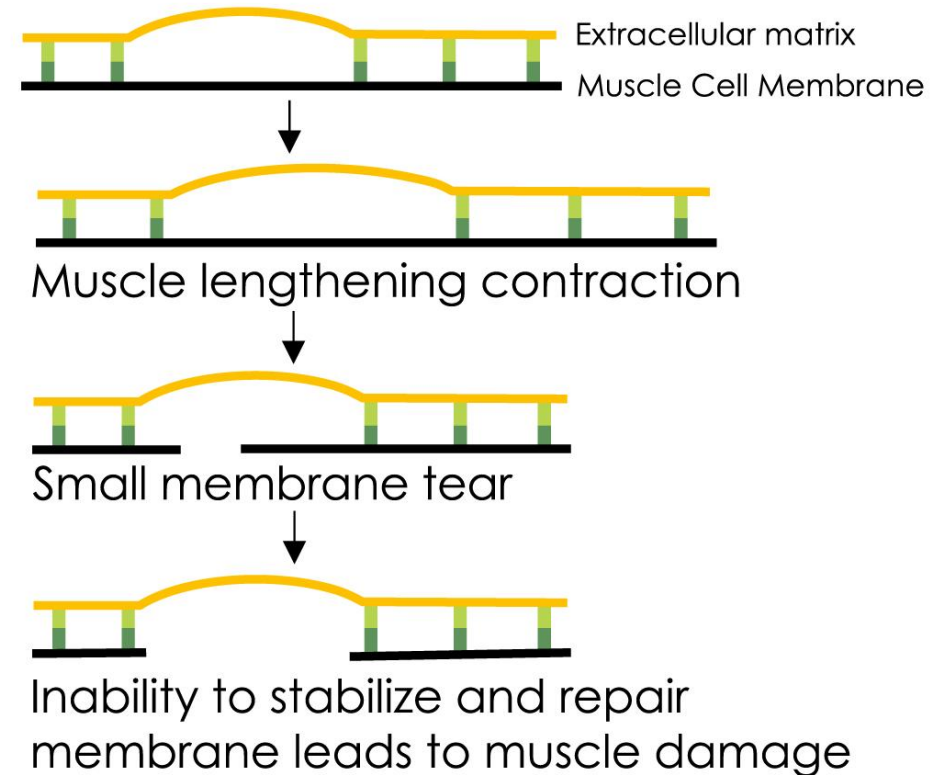
- In healthy muscle cells, **alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)** plays an important role in linking the muscle cell membrane (sarcolemma) to the extracellular matrix
  - **Glycosylation of  $\alpha$ DG is required** to form a glycopeptide chain that binds to laminin in the extracellular matrix
- LGMD2I/R9 is caused by **mutations in FKRP** that lead to **reduced function of the FKRP enzyme**, resulting in **decreased glycosylation of alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)**
- **Reduced glycosylation of  $\alpha$ DG results in muscular dystrophy**, including the progressive muscle damage seen in LGMD2I/R9

# Without glycosylated $\alpha$ DG playing its role as a “shock absorber,” LGMD2I/R9 muscle tissue is susceptible to damage and eventually forms fibrotic tissue

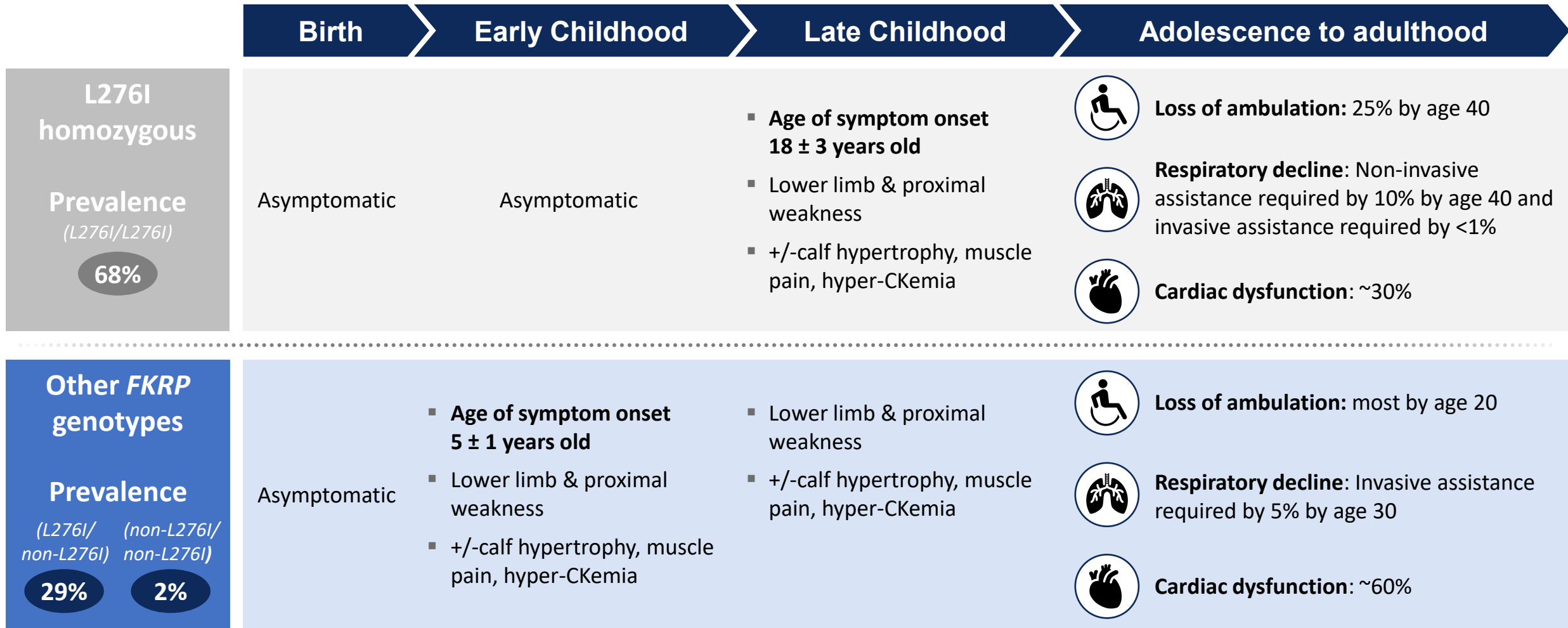
## Healthy muscle tissue



## LGMD2I/R9 muscle tissue



# LGMD2I/R9 has an established genotype/phenotype association; ~2/3 of patients are homozygous for the most common founder effect mutation (L276I)



Due to a founder effect mutation in Northern European populations, LGMD2I/R9 is among the most prevalent LGMDs in the U.S. and Europe



# Diagnosis is confirmed through sponsored genetic testing, and SoC is limited to supportive care, making disease-modifying therapies the key unmet need

## Diagnosis



Diagnosis of LGMD2I/R9 is confirmed by via genetic testing, which is available in the U.S. through **sponsored genetic testing panels** for muscular dystrophies

## Standard of care

- There are **no approved therapies** for any form of LGMD today, including LGMD2I/R9
- SoC is **limited to supportive care**, including:
  - **Physical therapy** to prevent contractures and maintain mobility
  - **Cardiac monitoring** and medical management of cardiomyopathy
  - **Respiratory monitoring** and respiratory support
  - **Pain management** (*as needed*)
  - Monitoring for **spinal deformities**

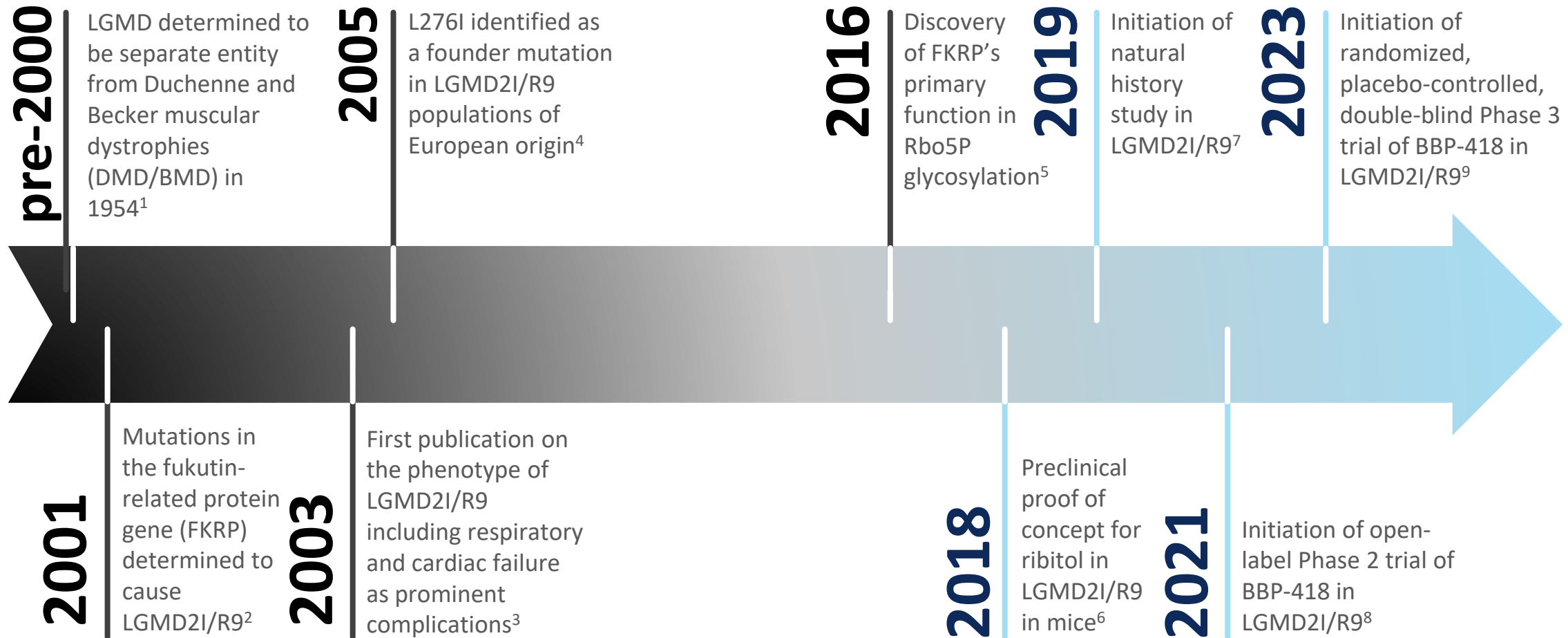
**Key unmet need**

**Disease-modifying therapies that slow or stop progressive decline experienced by LGMD2I/R9 patients**

## Summary: LGMD2I/R9 disease background

- LGMD2I/R9 (FKRP-related) is one of many **genetically distinct** subtypes of limb-girdle muscular dystrophy and causes progressive muscle weakness, including **loss of ambulation, cardiomyopathy, and respiratory dysfunction**
- The **foundational defect of LGMD2I/R9** is mutations in *FKRP* that reduce function of the FKRP enzyme, resulting in **decreased glycosylation of alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)**
- The standard of care for LGMD2I/R9 is **limited to supportive care** and **does not prevent the progressive decline** experienced by individuals living with LGMD2I/R9

# The BBP-418 program builds on multiple decades of scientific progress



<sup>1</sup> Walton JN, Nattrass FJ, Brain, 1954; <sup>2</sup> Brockington M et al., Hum Mol Genet, 2001; <sup>3</sup> Poppe M et al., Neurology, 2003; <sup>4</sup> Frosk P et al., Hum Mutat, 2005; <sup>5</sup> Kanagawa M et al., Cell Rep., 2016; <sup>6</sup> Cataldi MP et al., Nat Commun, 2018; <sup>7</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04202627>; <sup>8</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04800874>; <sup>9</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05775848>  
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# BBP-418 is being investigated to target the disease at its source by driving residual activity of the affected FKRP enzyme and restoring glycosylation of $\alpha$ DG

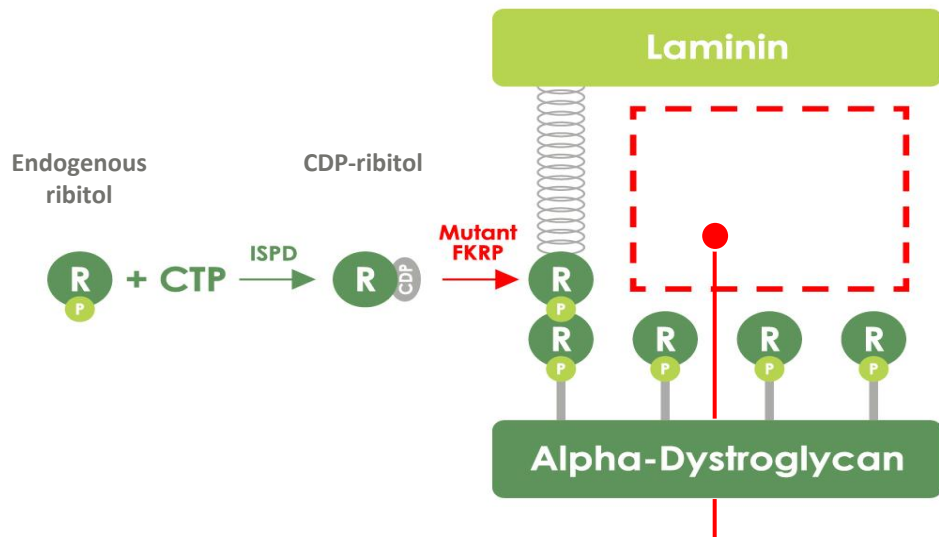
## Disease mechanism



FKRP glycosylates alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG) which stabilizes muscle cells by binding extracellular ligands to act as a “shock absorber” for muscle fibers



Partial loss of function of FKRP enzyme results in dysfunctional, hypo-glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG in muscle cells which increases cell susceptibility to damage



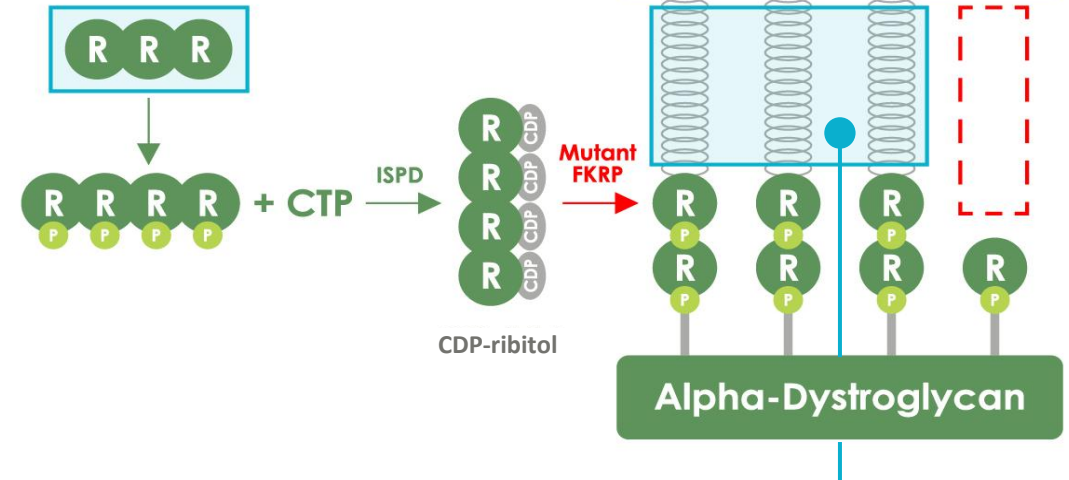
Mutations in FKRP prevent addition of CDP-ribitol to alpha-dystroglycan (hypo-glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG) limiting  $\alpha$ DG's ability to function as a “shock absorber” for muscle fibers

## Proposed BBP-418 therapeutic approach



Supply supraphysiological levels of synthesized, pharmaceutical-grade ribitol upstream, aiming to drive residual activity of mutant FKRP enzyme and increase  $\alpha$ DG glycosylation levels

Orally-administered BBP-418  
(synthesized, pharmaceutical-grade ribitol)

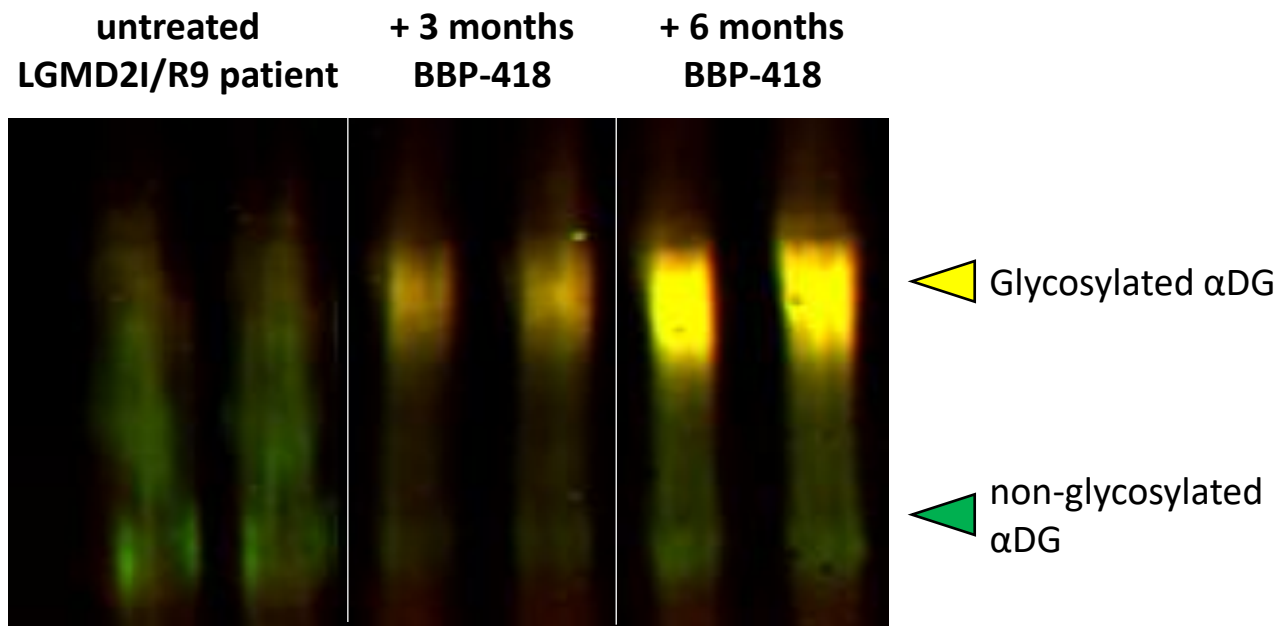


Potential partial restoration  
of  $\alpha$ DG glycosylation



# We have developed a proprietary, validated Western Blot assay to accurately and reliably measure glycosylated $\alpha$ DG directly in skeletal muscle tissue

Validated Western Blot evaluates change from baseline in glycosylated alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)<sup>1,2</sup>



- Yellow signal corresponds to **functional, laminin-binding form of glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG**
- Limited glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG is seen in untreated LGMD2I/R9 patient muscle biopsy samples at baseline (shown in duplicate)
- **Increase in glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG is observed** post treatment with BBP-418

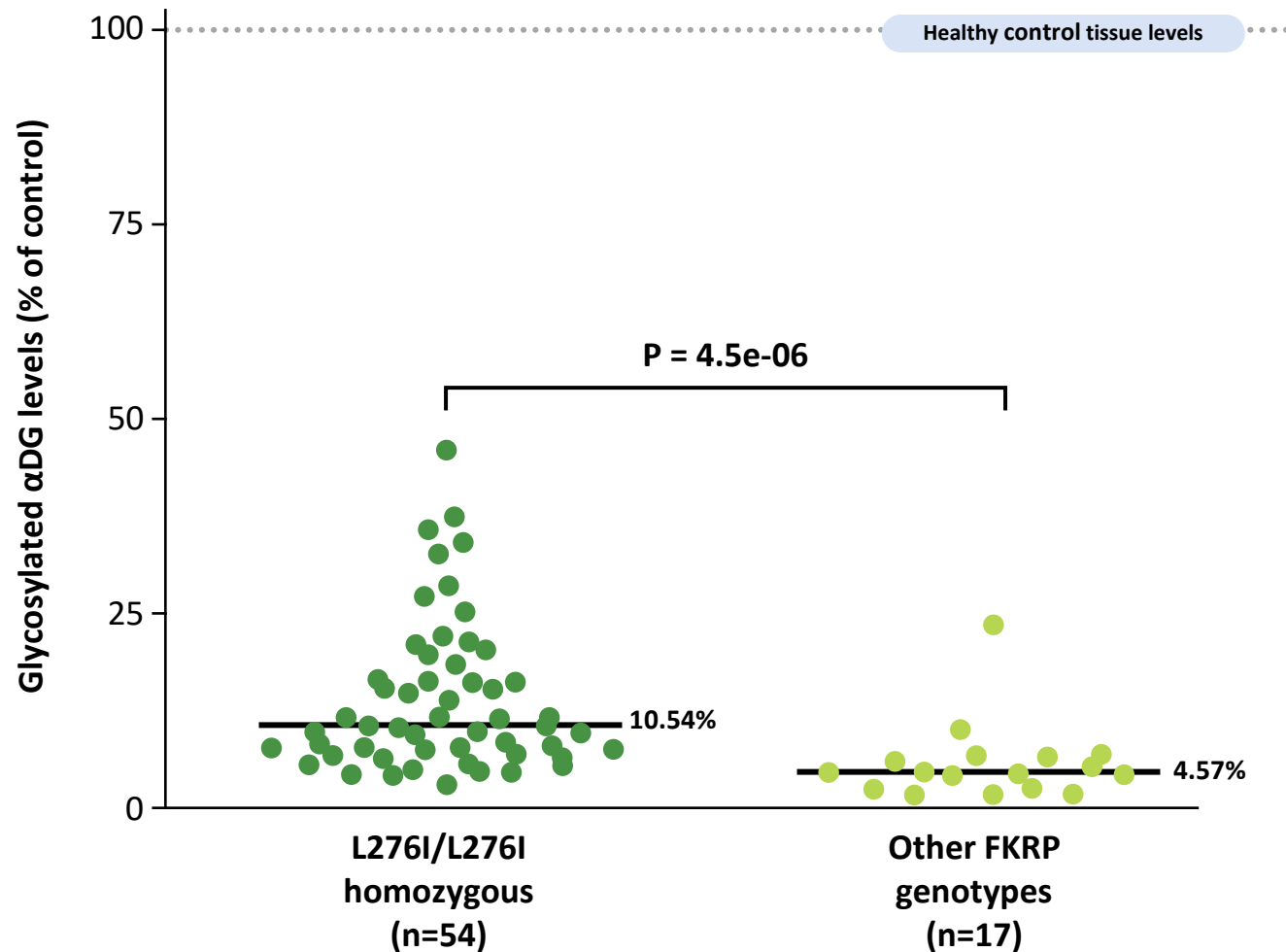
FDA has indicated that our novel approach to measure glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG by our validated assay appears reasonable

<sup>1</sup> Blots have been reordered to allow for side-by-side comparison of treatment effect within a patient; <sup>2</sup> See publication for details on this novel, multiplexed assay: Rajasingham et al, J Muscle Res Cell Motil, 2024

# We have conducted several studies to characterize natural history of LGMD2I/R9 and evaluate safety of BBP-418; following an encouraging Ph. 2, we have fully enrolled a Ph. 3

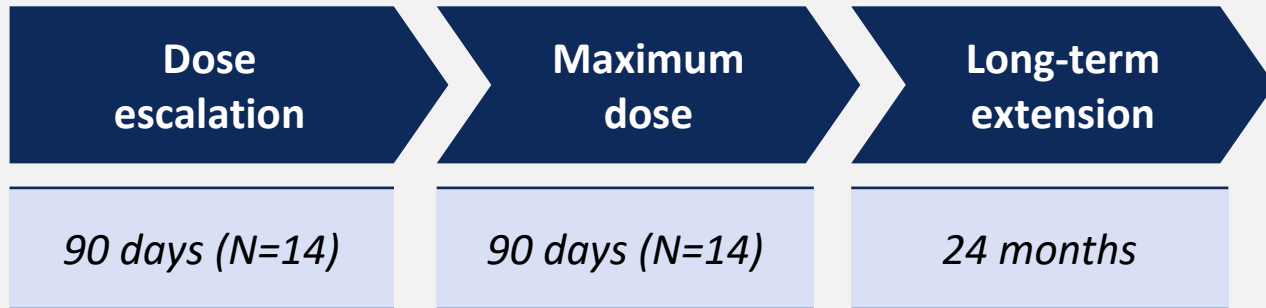
Study	Phase	Description	Key takeaways
<b>MLB-01-001</b>	Natural history (N=96)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural history study to characterize LGMD2I/R9 phenotypes</li> <li>Validate muscle biomarker (glycosylated <math>\alpha</math>DG) to support BBP-418 development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defined disease trajectory over ~1 year</li> <li>Muscle biomarker reflects genotype/phenotype</li> <li>Longitudinal biopsies over a year demonstrate biomarker stability over time in untreated patients</li> </ul>
<b>MLB-01-002, -004, -006</b>	Phase 1 (N=142)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Phase 1 studies in healthy volunteers to evaluate safety and PK of BBP-418</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No serious adverse events (AEs) or discontinuations due to AEs related to BBP-418 in healthy volunteers</li> <li>PK of BBP-418 with and without food defined</li> <li>No QTc effects of BBP-418 seen</li> </ul>
<b>MLB-01-003</b>	Phase 2 (N=14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open label, dose-finding study to evaluate safety and tolerability of BBP-418 in LGMD2I/R9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging safety profile in LGMD2I/R9</li> <li>Biomarker data suggest BBP-418 is addressing disease at its source</li> <li>Encouraging evidence of clinical efficacy</li> </ul>
<b>MLB-01-005 (FORTIFY)</b>	Phase 3 (N=112)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randomized, placebo-controlled study to evaluate efficacy and safety in LGMD2I/R9</li> <li>Interim analysis planned at 12 mo. to support potential U.S. accelerated approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully enrolled as of Sept. 2024</li> <li>Planned interim analysis topline data readout expected in 2H 2025</li> </ul>

## Natural history reflects that LGMD2I/R9 patients have reduced glycosylated $\alpha$ DG levels, and L276I homozygous patients have higher levels than other genotypes

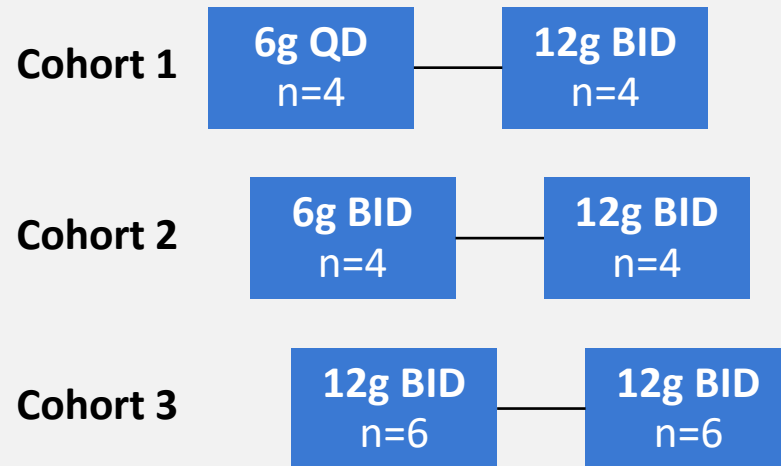


- Both L276I homozygous and other FKRP genotype patients have **reduced glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG levels** compared with healthy individuals
- LGMD2I/R9 individuals with “other” (non-L276I homozygous) FKRP genotypes, which typically have a **more severe clinical presentation**, have **lower glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG levels relative to L276I homozygous patients**

# BBP-418 is being investigated in an open-label, dose-finding Ph. 2 study that has continued in a long-term extension



After dose escalation, all patients transitioned to highest dose 12g BID



## Key Endpoints

- NSAD<sup>1</sup>
- Ambulatory measures
  - 10-meter walk test
  - 100-meter timed test
- Pulmonary function: FVC<sup>2</sup>
- Upper limb function: PUL 2.0<sup>3</sup>
- Biomarkers
  - Glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG levels
  - Serum creatine kinase

## Key inclusion criteria

- Age between 12-55 years at enrollment
- Genetically confirmed LGMD2I/R9
- Body weight >30kg
- Able to complete 10MWT  $\leq 12$  seconds unaided (moderate disease) or unable to (severe disease)

<sup>1</sup> NSAD = North Star Assessment for Dysferlinopathy, also known as the North Star Assessment for Limb-Girdle Type Muscular Dystrophies; <sup>2</sup> FVC = Forced vital capacity; <sup>3</sup> PUL2.0 = Performance of Upper Limb 2.0  
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# BBP-418 continues to be well tolerated, with only minor GI related adverse events recorded in the Ph. 2 study

- Most of the reported TEAEs in the Ph. 2 were Grade 1 (mild) or Grade 2 (moderate) in severity
- No discontinuations or interruptions in therapy due to AEs were observed

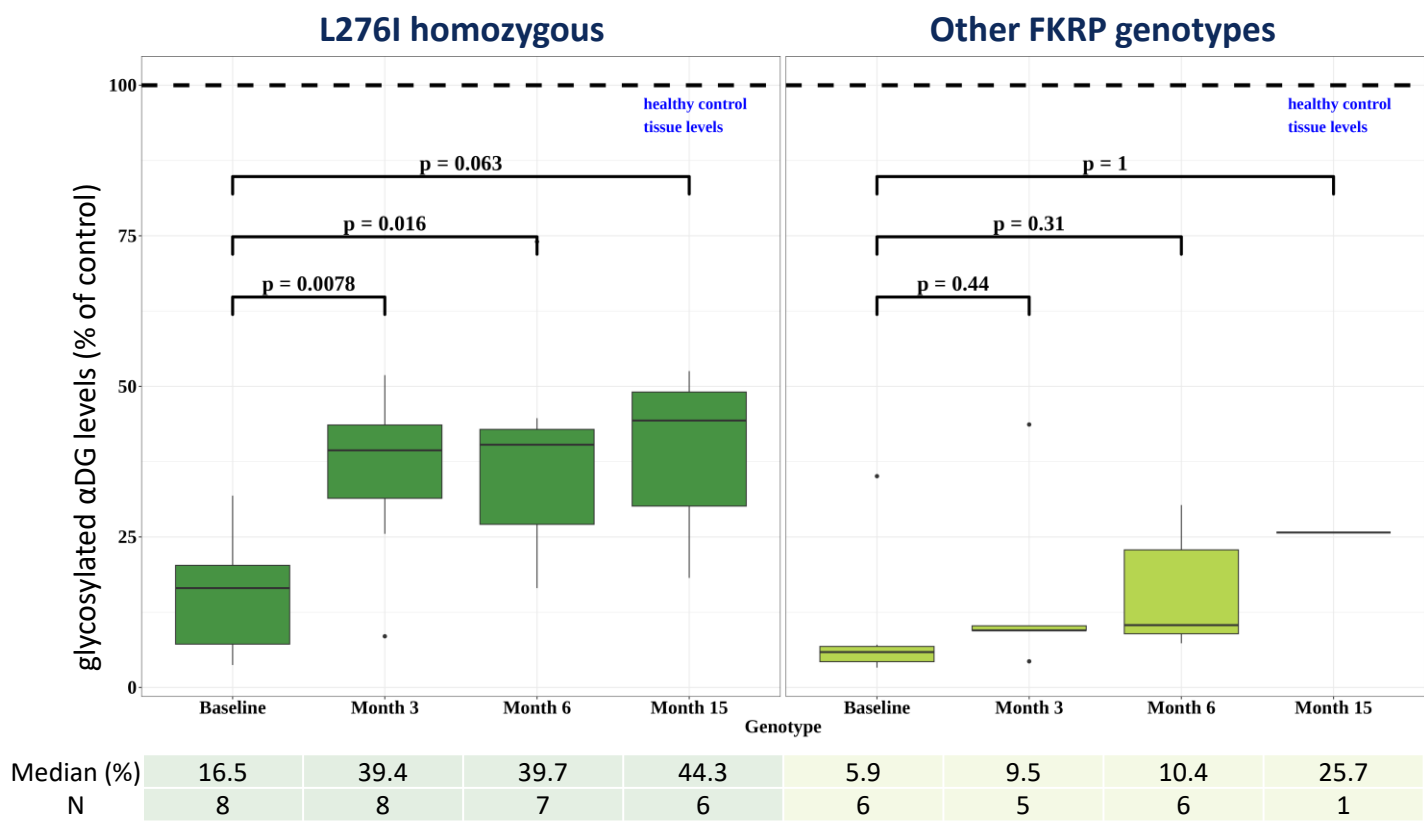


**Well-tolerated therapy may provide foundation for favorable risk-benefit ratio**

Treatment-related TEAE	# of incidents	# of patients (%)
Diarrhea	8	6 (43%)
Dehydration	1	1 (7%)
Nausea	3	2 (14%)
Vomiting	2	2 (14%)
Dyspepsia	1	1 (7%)
Gastroenteritis	1	1 (7%)
Bloating	2	2 (14%)
Headaches	1	1 (7%)
Abdominal pain	1	1 (7%)
Overall	20	9 (64%)

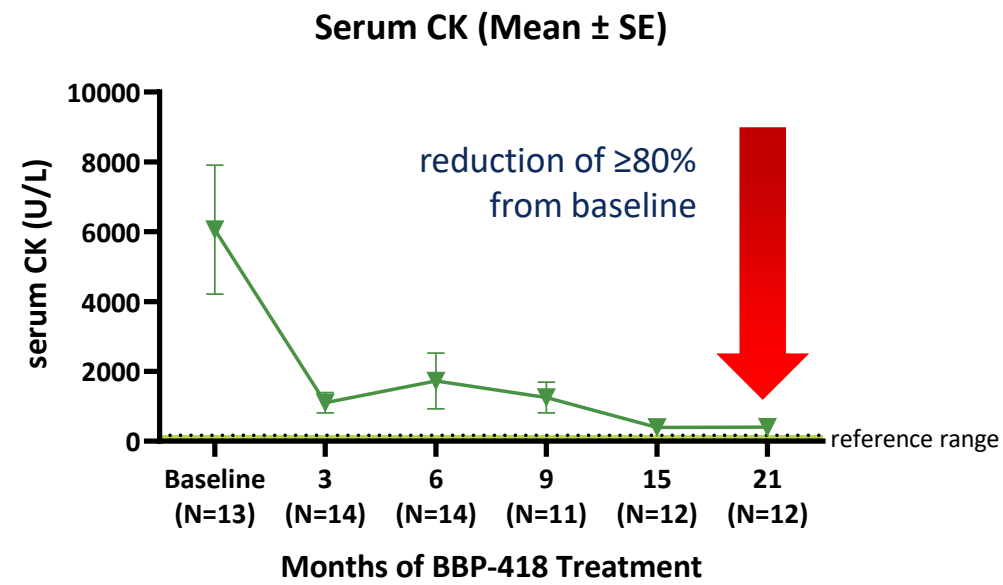
# Sustained increases in levels of glycosylated αDG in muscle and decreases in serum creatine kinase were observed in Ph. 2 study of BBP-418

Increase in glycosylated αDG in muscle observed post dosing with BBP-418 (median ± 95% CI)



Patient samples were interpolated to standard curve to determine % of normal glycosylation of αDG  
+ 3 mo = Part 1, 90-day; +6 mo = Part 2, Month 3; + 15 mo = Part 3, Month 9  
Median and 10–90% percentile are shown, Wilcoxon test was used to determine significance  
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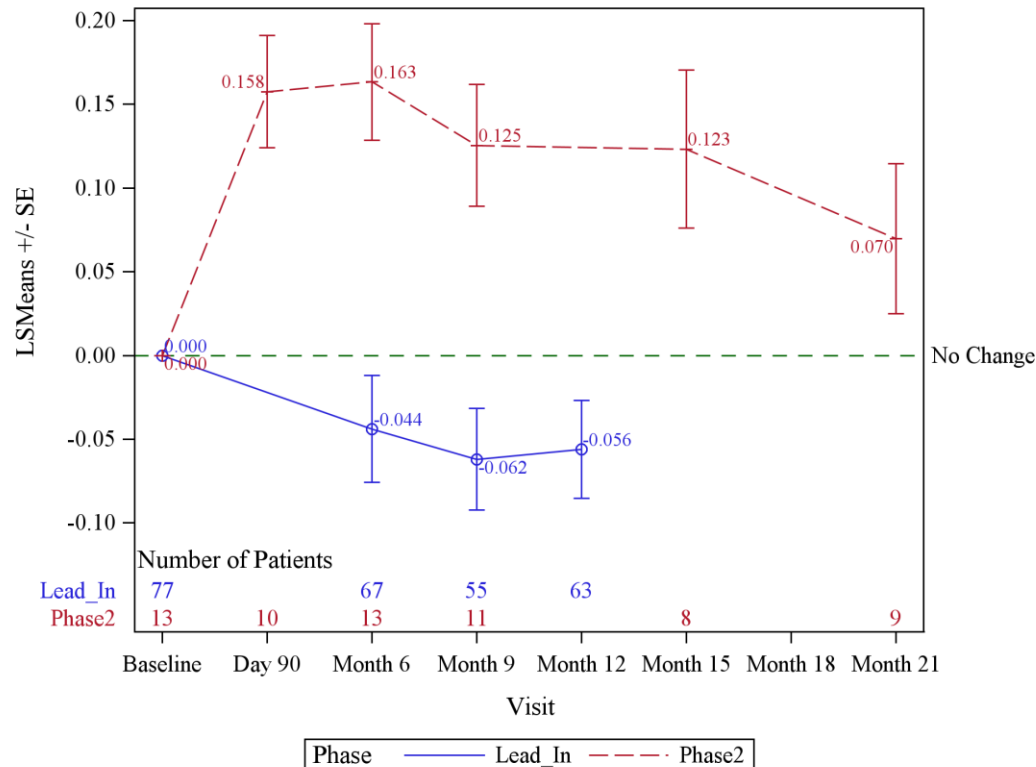
Reduction in mean serum CK observed post dosing with BBP-418



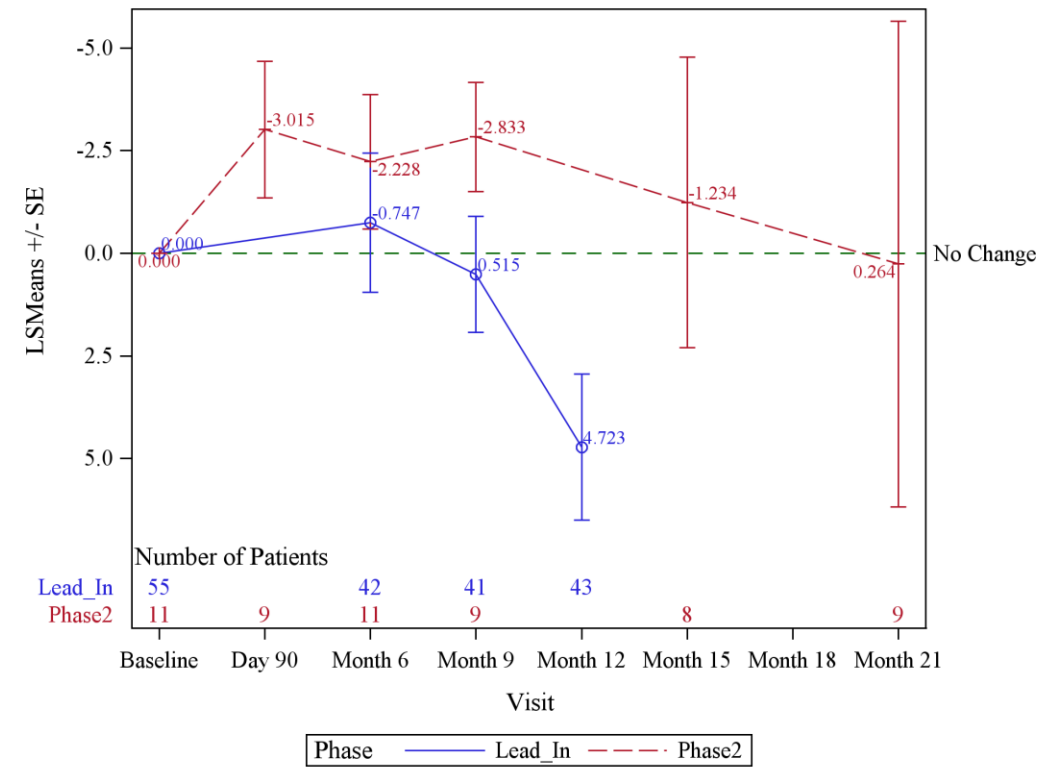
Cohort 1 Day 1 CK draws taken after functional assessments; all other draws done prior to functional assessment  
After Day 90, all subjects received 12 g BID (weight-adjusted)  
+ 3 mo = Part 1, 90-day; +6 mo = Part 2, Month 3; + 9 mo = Part 3, Month 3; + 15 mo = Part 3, Month 9; +21 mo = Part 3, Month 15; Figure shows reference range from 30–170 units/L  
MLB-01-003 Table 14.2.1.1

# Stabilization in ambulatory measures has also been observed after treatment with BBP-418 in Ph. 2 study, suggesting change in trajectory from natural history

## Change from baseline in 10-meter walk test (m/s)

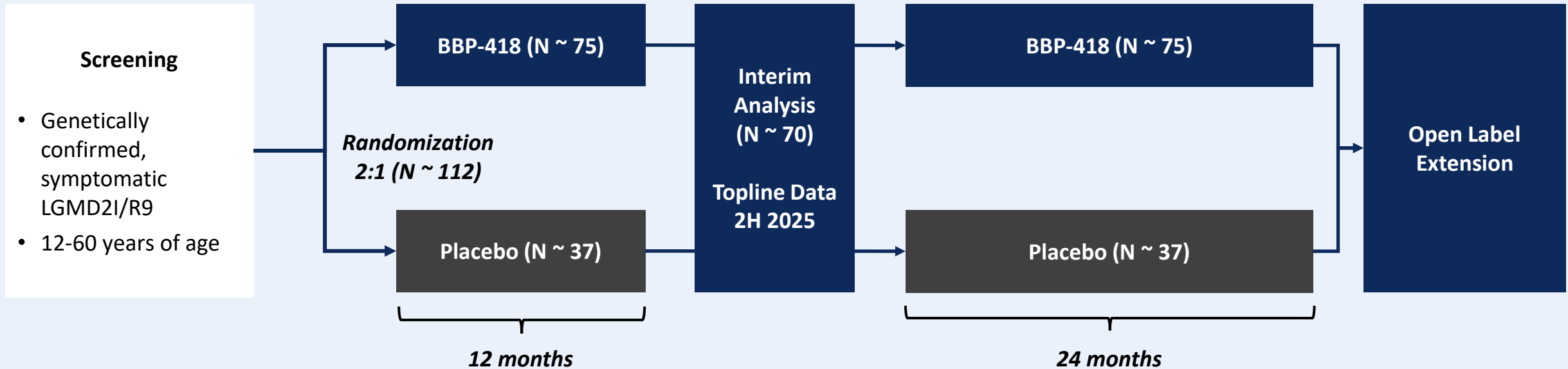


## Change from baseline in 100-meter timed test (s)



**Blue lines** denote natural history data and **red lines** denote on-treatment data collected during the Phase 2 study

# We have fully enrolled a Phase 3 study (FORTIFY) of BBP-418 in LGMD2I/R9 and expect topline interim analysis data readout in 2H 2025



## Interim Endpoints:

- Glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG (*primary*)
- Serum creatine kinase (CK)
- Trends in clinical measures

## Final Analysis Endpoints:

- NSAD (*primary*)
- Ambulatory measures
  - 10MWT
  - 100MTT
- Pulmonary function: FVC
- Upper limb function: PUL 2.0
- QoL measures

**Phase 3 Trial Fully Enrolled;  
Topline Results Expected 2H 2025**



# We have received positive feedback from FDA on potential for accelerated approval in the U.S. based on the surrogate endpoint of glycosylated $\alpha$ DG

FDA may grant accelerated approval based on a surrogate endpoint...

...such as glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG in LGMD2I/R9

## Definition

*"A surrogate endpoint, or 'marker,' is a laboratory measurement or physical sign that is used in therapeutic trials as a substitute for a clinically meaningful endpoint that is a direct measure of how a patient feels, functions, or survives and is expected to predict the effect of the therapy."*<sup>1</sup>

## Key criteria

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Biological Plausibility

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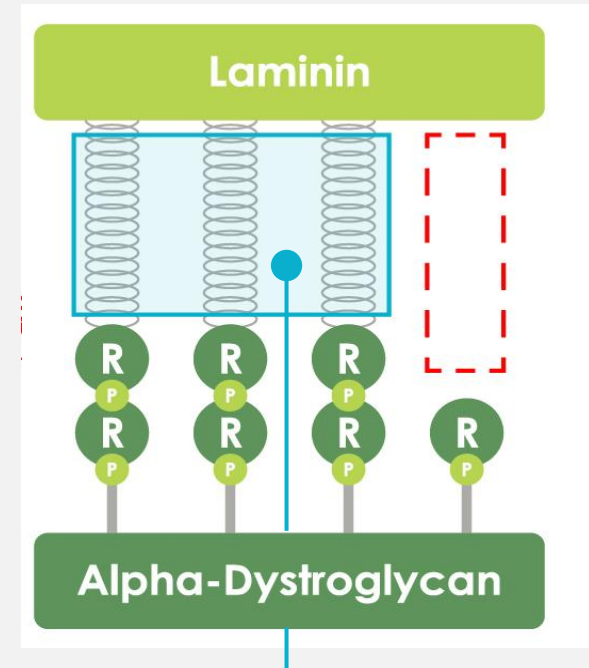


Reliable Measurement

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Association with Clinical Outcomes



Potential surrogate endpoint in LGMD2I/R9:  
glycosylated alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)

<sup>1</sup> New drug, antibiotic and biological drug product regulations: accelerated approval. Proposed Rule. 57 Federal Register 13234-13242 (1992)

## Summary: BBP-418 program overview

- BBP-418 aims to **target LGMD2I/R9 at its source** by **restoring glycosylation of alpha-dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ DG)**, which we measure by a **proprietary, validated assay**
- In a small, open-label Ph. 2 study, BBP-418 was **well tolerated**, and **sustained improvements on glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG and serum CK** were observed in addition to **trends toward stabilization** on ambulatory measures
- Consistent with positive feedback from FDA, our fully-enrolled Ph. 3 study (FORTIFY) is designed with a **planned interim analysis at 12 months** focused on assessing **glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG as a surrogate endpoint** to support a **potential accelerated approval** in the U.S.

# Continuing momentum from successful regulatory interactions and rapid Ph. 3 enrollment, we anticipate topline data from the Ph. 3 interim analysis in 2H



Multiple encouraging discussions with the FDA support plan to pursue accelerated approval in U.S. for BBP-418 based on a surrogate endpoint  
2023 – 2024



Manuscript describing novel, validated muscle tissue-based bioassay to detect proposed surrogate endpoint, glycosylated  $\alpha$ DG levels, published  
April 2024



Phase 3 FORTIFY study of BBP-418 in LGMD2I/R9 interim analysis enrollment target surpassed  
June 2024



Completion of full enrollment of Phase 3 FORTIFY study of BBP-418 in LGMD2I/R9  
Sept. 2024



Topline data from Phase 3 FORTIFY study interim analysis  
2H 2025

# The primary endpoint for the interim analysis is glycosylated $\alpha$ DG at 3 mo. with additional biomarkers and clinical measures as secondary endpoints at 12 mo.

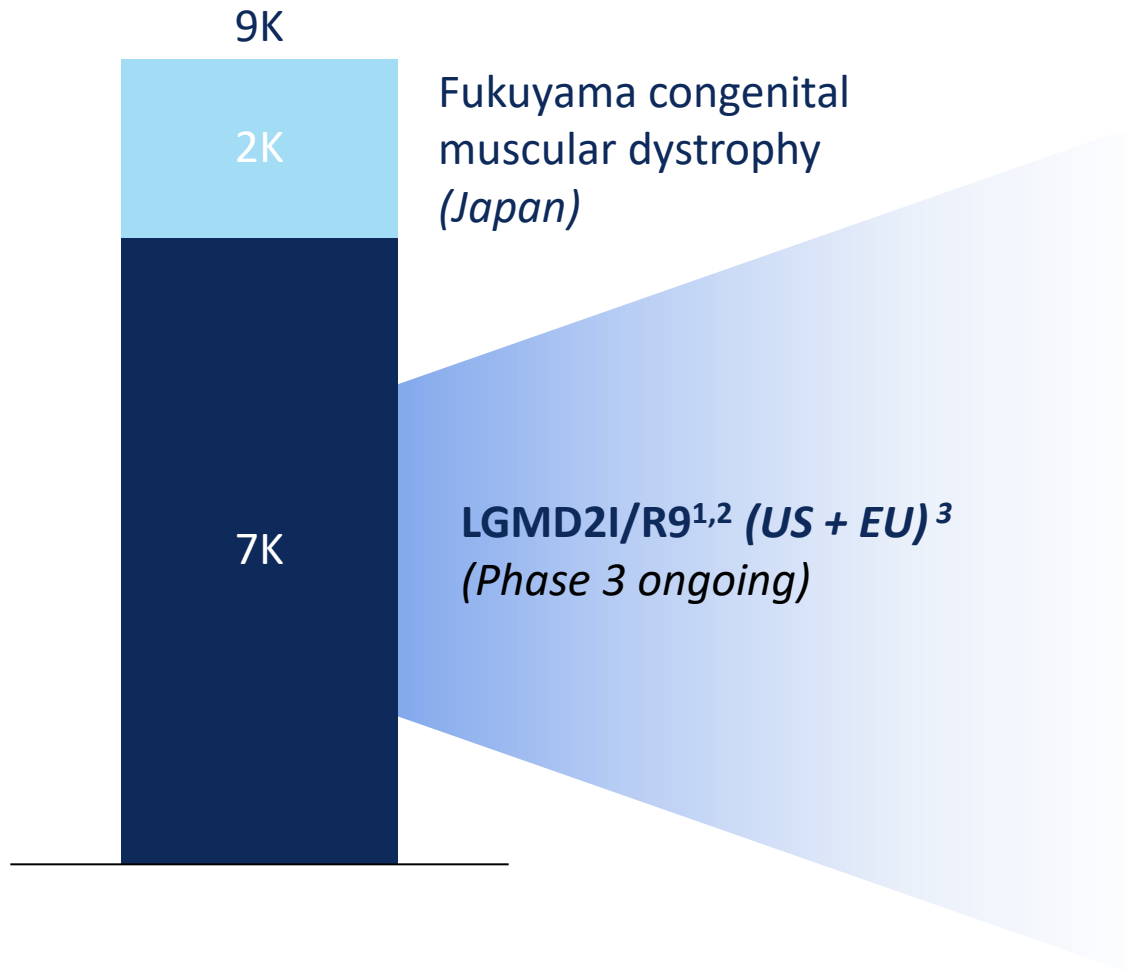


## Ph. 3 FORTIFY interim analysis

Type	Endpoint	Timepoint	N	Base case target	Upside target
<b>Primary</b>	Glycosylated $\alpha$ DG (Powered at >99%)	3 mo.	N~112	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistically significant increase vs. placebo</li> <li>Absolute increase <math>\geq 5\%</math> CFB in BBP-418 treated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistically significant increase vs. placebo</li> <li>1.5x CFB in BBP-418 treated vs. approx. no change in placebo</li> </ul>
<b>Efficacy</b>	Creatine kinase (CK)	12 mo.	N~70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average decline of <math>\geq 40\%</math> CFB in BBP-418 treated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average decline of <math>\geq 50\%</math> CFB in BBP-418 treated</li> </ul>
<b>Key secondary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambulatory measures</li> <li>Pulmonary (FVC)</li> </ul>	12 mo.	N~70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trends in one or more measures favoring BBP-418 treated vs. placebo</li> <li>Statistical significance on clinical outcomes is not expected or required for accelerated approval</li> </ul>	
<b>Safety</b>		12 mo.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well-tolerated (<i>consistent with Ph. 2 results</i>)</li> </ul>	

# LGMD2I/R9 represents a \$1B+ market opportunity across the U.S. and EU

## Addressable patients by indication



## LGMD2I/R9 market opportunity



**First-to-market to address high unmet need**  
Opportunity to treat debilitating progressive neuromuscular disease with no approved therapies



**Disease-modifying oral therapy**  
Attractive safety and convenience for patients while targeting the disease at its source



**Targeting broad label for LGMD2I/R9**  
Ph. 3 design provides foundation for indication statement with limited exclusion factors

**Market opportunity \$1B+**

<sup>1</sup> Liu W et al, Genet Med, 2019; <sup>2</sup> Includes all patients with potentially treatable mutations in FKRP, FKTN, and ISPD; <sup>3</sup> Includes UK BBP-418 is an investigational therapy and has not been approved for use by any regulatory agency

# Based on prevalence of pathogenic variants in public sequencing databases and U.S. demographics, the prevalence of LGMD2I/R9 is ~6-7 per million in the U.S.

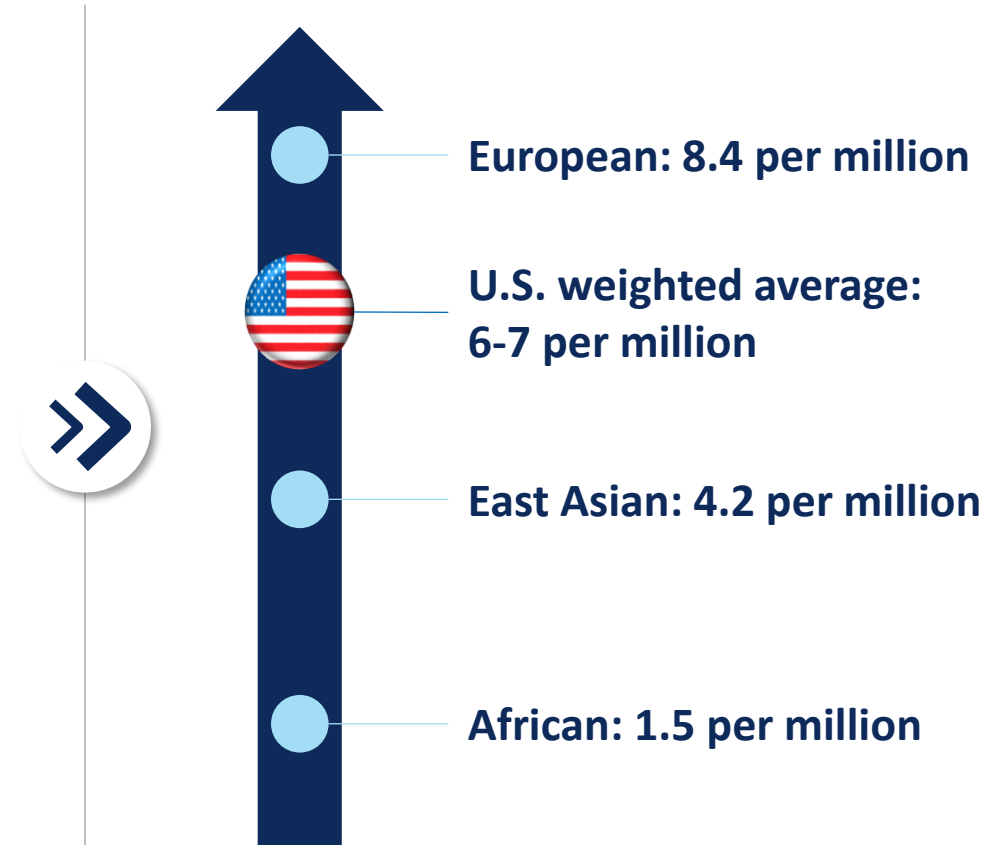
## Summary of LGMD2I/R9 prevalence rate, by ancestry

### Estimating prevalence for limb-girdle muscular dystrophy based on public sequencing databases

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Population	LGMD2I/R9 prevalence per million
African/African American	1.5
Ashkenazi Jewish	0.03
East Asian	4.2
European	8.4

## Est. U.S. prevalence rate





# Natural history studies and highly engaged patient advocacy organizations accelerated Ph. 3 enrollment and provide support for patient identification

## Natural history studies<sup>1</sup>

### U.S.

University of Iowa

 ML BioSolutions  
a bridgebio company

Clinical Trial Readiness  
for Dystroglycanopathies<sup>2</sup>  
(N>100)

MLB-01-001<sup>3</sup>  
(N=96)

### Europe

University Hospital  
of North Norway

LGMD2I/R9 in Norway<sup>4</sup>  
(N=106)

Genethon

NatHx of LGMD2I/R9<sup>5</sup>  
(N=52; ambulatory patients only)

## Patient advocacy organizations<sup>1</sup>



(N=850; includes >200 in U.S.)<sup>6</sup>

Highly powered Ph. 3 FORTIFY study (N=112) enrolled more quickly than expected

<sup>1</sup> Not exhaustive; <sup>2</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT00313677>; <sup>3</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04202627>; <sup>4</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT03930628>; <sup>5</sup> <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT03842878>; <sup>6</sup> As of May 2025

# Several tailwinds in the LGMD landscape may further accelerate market development in advance of a potential U.S. launch of BBP-418 in LGMD2I/R9



## Sponsored genetic testing programs

- Established complimentary testing programs in U.S.



## Approved ICD-10 code

- ICD-10 code specific to LGMD2I/R9 approved, going into effect Oct. 1, 2025



## Potential approvals in other LGMDs to drive diagnosis

- Approval for gene therapy in LGMD2E/R4 possible as early as 1H 2026

BBP-418 has **first-in-class** market opportunity in LGMD2I/R9 while benefiting from **tailwinds** in broader LGMD market landscape supporting **patient identification**

**Q&A**