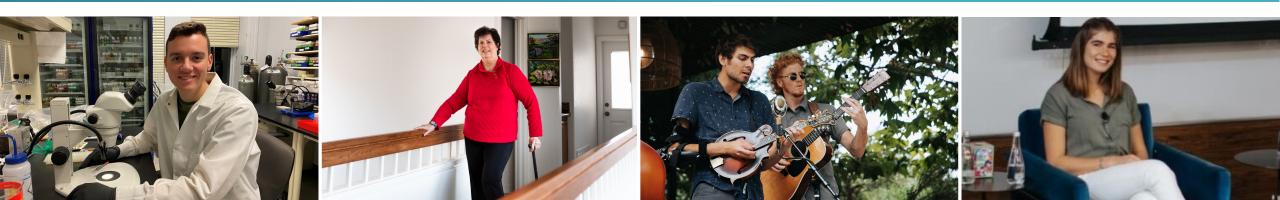




### **FORTITUDE<sup>TM</sup>** Phase 1/2 Trial – Interim Results

FSHD University June 20, 2024



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## Avidity is Grateful for the Important Contributions that Paved the Way for the FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> Clinical Trial

## We have leveraged the important progress made in developing a network of advocates, experts, knowledge, and tools including:



- FSHD Clinical Trial Research Network
- Natural History Studies including ReSolve, MOVE, and MOVE+
- Patient Advocacy Organizations
- Community of Patients, Families, and Caregivers



We want to thank each study participant, their families, the investigators, and their teams for their time, commitment, and continued contributions in the FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> study

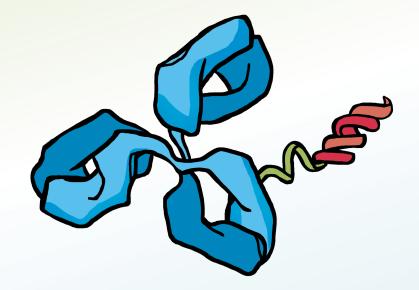






We are committed to improving the lives of families impacted by rare diseases, including **FSHD**, through the development of new drugs.

### Announcing a New Name for Our Investigational Drug



- Former Name: AOC 1020
- Generic Name: *delpacibart braxlosiran*
- Shortened Name: *del-brax*



### What We Plan to Share with You Today

- Recognition of World FSHD Day
- Encouraging initial data from the FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> study
- Update about the next phase of our development program with *del-brax*
- How partnership with the FSHD community of patients, advocates, and healthcare providers has been essential in achieving this key milestone
- A reflection of the important contributions of study participants to improve care and advance potential treatment options for FSHD
- Our urgency and commitment to improve the lives of those who are impacted by FSHD

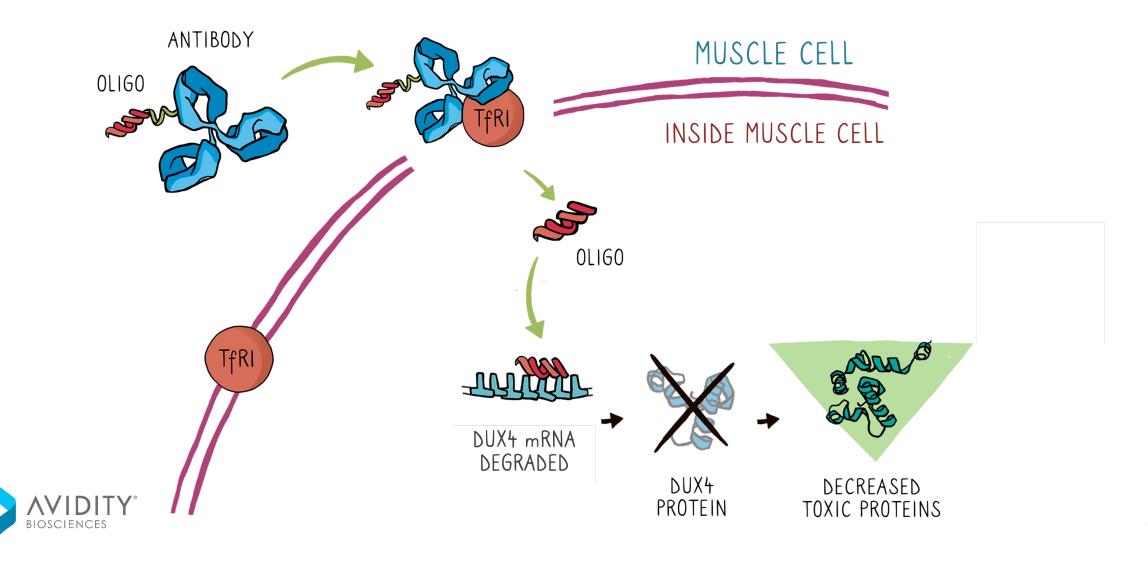


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### **Del-brax** is Designed to Target the Root Cause of FSHD





# A Phase 1/2 Study of *del-brax* in Adults with FSHD



## FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> Phase 1/2 Study Overview & Goals

Designed in collaboration with patients, advocates, and expert physicians in the field

### Study Overview

- FORTITUDE is a Phase 1/2 study of *del-brax*, a new investigational treatment for adults (ages 18-65) with FSHD
- Participants randomly assigned to receive multiple doses of either *del-brax* or placebo via IV infusion
  - Part A: 1 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg
  - Part B: 4 mg/kg
- Muscle biopsies and MRIs conducted during the study, and participants will be followed for up to 12 months
- Participants can roll over into an open label extension (OLE) study, where everyone will receive *del-brax*

#### **Study Goals**

- The primary goal of FORTITUDE is to evaluate the safety and tolerability of *del-brax*
- FORTITUDE also explores the effects of *del-brax* on DUX4-regulated gene expression, muscle strength, patient-reported outcomes, and quality of life measures





### **Baseline Demographics Generally Well Matched Between Groups**

	Cohort A Placebo N=4 % or mean	<i>Del-brax</i> 2 mg/kg* N=8 % or mean
Sex, % Male	75	62.5
Age, years	53.5	51.6
Genetic Diagnosis, % FSHD 1	100	100
FSHD Clinical Score	9.3	9.3
D4Z4 Repeat Number	5.0	5.8
Age at First Symptom Onset (y)	25.3	28.6
Reachable Workspace RSA with weight (Q1+Q3) Reachable Workspace RSA without weight (Q1+Q3)**	0.118 0.156	0.088 0.138
Quantitative Muscle Testing - Percent Predicted Normal	33.97	30.14



\*Participants receive a first dose of 1mg/kg and then receive the 2mg/kg dose for the remainder of the study \*\*Participants in FORTITUDE had >50% reduction in reachable workspace in Q1 & Q3 at baseline compared to normal controls (normal controls RWS (Q1+Q3) without weight: ~0.39, Han et al, 2015 Muscle Nerve) Reachable Workspace (RWS) Relative Surface Area (RSA) (Q1+Q3) with or without weight was calculated using the average of both arms



## **Del-brax: Demonstrated Favorable Safety and Tolerability**

Subjects with ≥ 1 AE n (%)	Placebo N=13	2 mg/kg* N=8	4 mg/kg N=18
Any AE	11 (84.6%)	8 (100%)	17 (94.4%)
Related to study drug	3 (23.1%)	4 (50%)	9 (50%)
Severe AE	0	0	0
Serious AE (SAE)	0	0	0
AE leading to study discontinuation	0	0	0
AE leading to death	0	0	0

As of May 2024, data from FORTITUDE

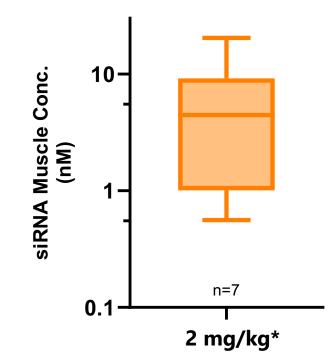
### All 39 patients enrolled remain in study

- No serious adverse events (AE), no severe AE
- No discontinuations
- All AE were mild or moderate
- Most common related AE occurring in 2 or more participants:
  - Fatigue
  - Rash
  - Hemoglobin decreased/anemia
  - Chills





### **Del-brax:** Consistent and Effective Delivery of siRNA to Muscle





Muscle biopsies were collected in leg muscles (vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, tibialis anterior, gastrocnemius medialis or gastrocnemius lateralis) with fat fraction 15-40%, 4 weeks after 3rd dose. \*Doses were 1 mg/kg (D1), 2 mg/kg (D43 and D92). One participant in the del-brax treated group missed post-dose biopsy n=7



## **Evaluating Impact on DUX4 Levels using DUX4-Regulated Genes**

- Inappropriate expression of the DUX4 gene is toxic to muscle cells resulting in FSHD symptoms
- It is challenging to measure DUX4, or a drug's impact on DUX4 directly
  - DUX4 is expressed at very low and sporadic levels in muscle cells
- Measuring DUX4-regulated gene expression makes it possible to evaluate a drug's effect on DUX4 levels
  - When DUX4 is turned on, it turns on other genes (DUX4-regulated genes)
  - DUX4-regulated genes have a prolonged signal

Avidity Gene Panel
LEUTX
TRIM43
KHDC1L
MBD3L2

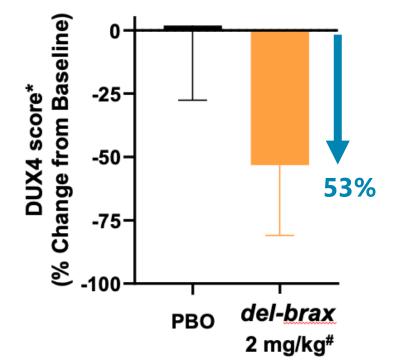
Reference genes: TBP, SPATA5





### **Del-brax** Demonstrated Meaningful 53% Reduction in DUX4-regulated Genes

All *del-brax* treated participants showed reductions >20% in DUX4 regulated genes





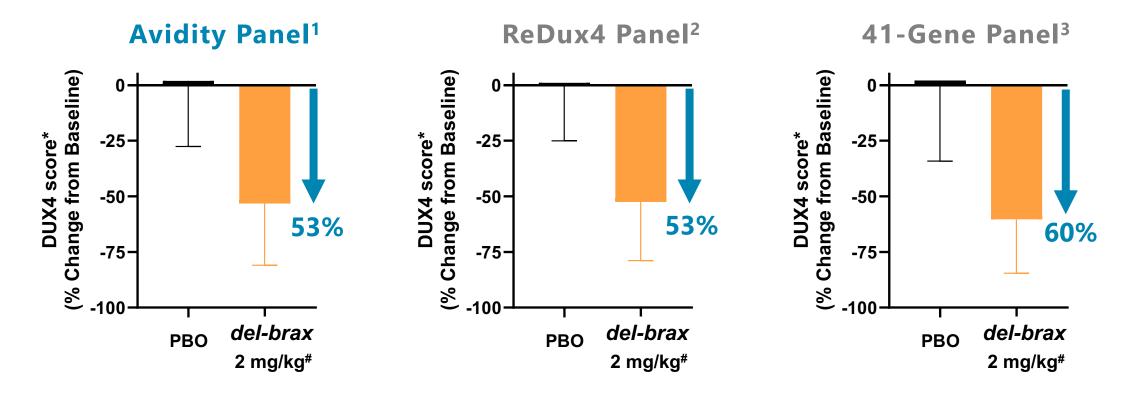


- 1 Avidity 4-Gene panel (LEUTX, TRIM43, MBD3L2, KHDC1L, Reference genes: TBP, STATA5)
- \* DUX4 score in MRI informed muscle biopsy were determined utilizing qPCR (Avidity panel). DUX4 score calculated as cumulative expression of each gene and data presented as change at 4M treatment relative to cohort normalized baseline. Mean +/- SEM, N=7 del-brax, N=4 PBO. One participant in treated group did not receive post-treatment biopsy.

# Doses were 1 mg/kg (D1), 2 mg/kg (D43 and D92) with biopsy 1 month after 3rd dose.



### **Del-brax** Showed Consistent >50% Reductions in DUX4-regulated Genes as Measured by Multiple Gene Panels



<sup>1</sup> Avidity 4-Gene panel (LEUTX, TRIM43, MBD3L2, KHDC1L; Reference genes: TBP, STATA5)

<sup>2</sup> ReDux4 6-Gene panel (CCNA1, ZSCAN4, MBD3L2, KHDC1L, SLC34A2, PRAMEF6); Tawil, R. et al., *Lancet Neurol* 23:477 (2024)

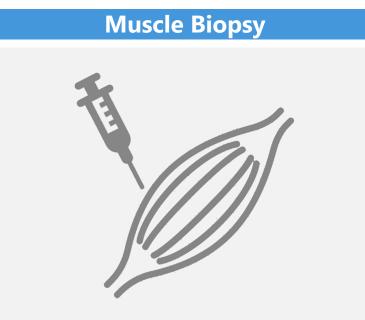
<sup>3</sup> Van den Heuvel, A. et al., Scientific Reports 12:1426 (2022)

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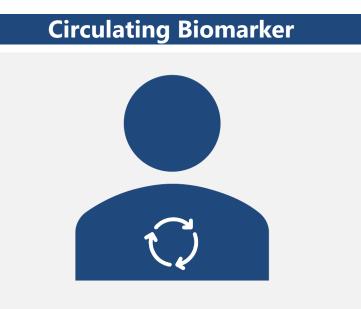




### **Circulating Biomarkers Provide Early Detection of Whole-Body Response to** *del-brax* **Treatment**



- Sampling of single muscle
- Limited timepoints
- Invasive



- Comprehensive assessment throughout body
- Continuous monitoring
- Non-invasive





### **Novel DUX4-Regulated Circulating Biomarker**

### **Potential accelerated approval endpoint**

### **Multi-year Discovery Process**



FSHD & Healthy Biopsies



Plasma from FSHD & Healthy Volunteers



Advisors & Disease Expertise

### **Novel DUX4-Regulated Circulating Biomarker**

#### **Potential Accelerated Approval Endpoint**

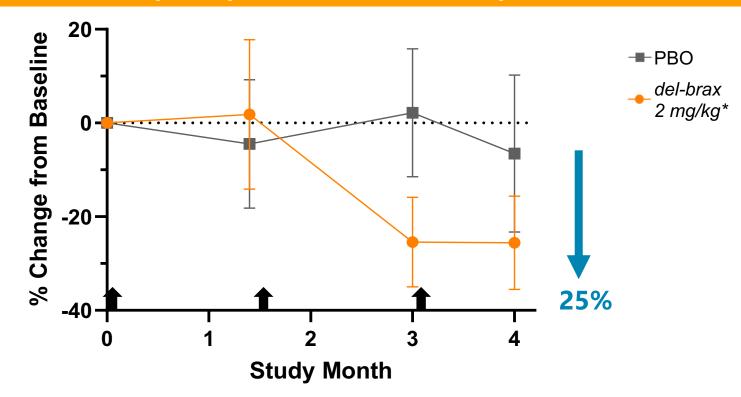
- Significantly elevated in patients with FSHD as compared to healthy individuals
- Allows rapid and continuous monitoring of how participants are responding to *del-brax*
- Non-invasive, patient-friendly
- Guides selection of dose regimen





## **Del-brax** Showed Early and Sustained Reduction of a Novel DUX4-Regulated Circulating Biomarker

**Del-brax** treatment shows 25% reduction in circulating biomarker in participants with FSHD versus placebo



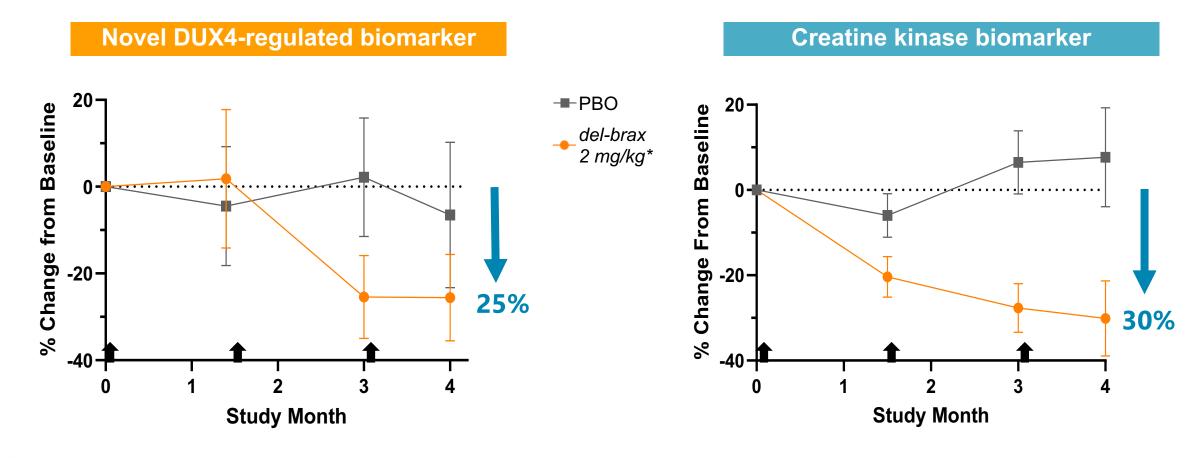


Timecourse of circulating biomarker at baseline and several timepoints post dose \*del-brax dose shown by black arrows 1mg/kg D1, 2 mg/kg D43 and D92. Placebo n=4 and del-brax treated n=8; Mean +/- SEM.



### **Consistent and Confirmatory Decrease in Both Novel and Creatine Kinase Circulating Biomarkers**

Decreases in creatine kinase, an indicator of muscle damage





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## Jeffrey M. Statland, M.D.

### **Professor of Neurology, University of Kansas Medical Center**



Jeffrey M. Statland, M.D. is a Professor of Neurology at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. His research background has centered primarily on describing the natural history of and response to therapy for neuromuscular diseases. He completed a neuromuscular fellowship in Experimental Therapeutics of Neurological Diseases at the University of Rochester Medical Center and currently serves as principal investigator or coinvestigator for research studies in Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD), Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and Myotonic Dystrophy. His specific research interest over the last 6 years has been preparing for clinical trials in FSHD. He has systematically analyzed the performance of strength and functional outcomes in prior FSHD clinical trials and compared to performance in a natural history study. He has worked with collaborators to develop new disease-relevant outcome measures to assess patient-reported disease burden, functional impairment, and physiological changes in muscle. He has obtained pilot data on the use of a number of novel outcomes for FSHD, including electrical impedance myography, a disease-specific functional rating scale, and a wireless motion analysis system in FSHD.





# **Evaluating Functional Measures in Clinical Trials is Important as they can Align More Closely with Real-World Experiences**

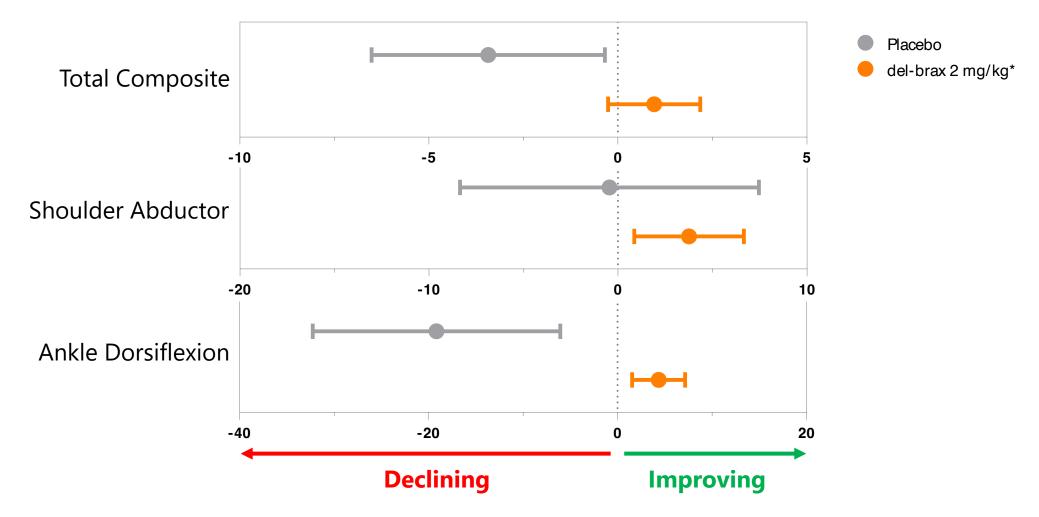
Symptoms causing difficulty in daily life Urinary or bowel incontinence Large US and EU patient surveys Speech or swallowing difficulties have been consistent in results Impaired hearing Prevalent and impactful symptom Mood and motivation (e.g., depression or anxie Balance and coordinat categories: motor strength or General muscle weakness Impaired facial expression General muscle weakne function and fatigue **Difficulty using arms or hands** Difficulty using arms or hand Not being able to walk or impaired mobil Not being able to walk or impaired mobility Fatigue, energy and enduran • Future concerns: losing mobility Fatigue, energy and endurance and/or independence В Future concerns for FSHD Fear of seeing family affected Losing social connection **Therapies that improve** Becoming a burden to my fa muscle strength or function Coping with chronic pain Not having the energy to work ing the energy to work or live as I wan or live as I want to will be important for patients Developing respiratory issue Losing the ability to communicate and/or swallow Losing mobility/ability to walk bility/ability to w Losing independence The stress of not knowing how my disease 100% ■ 0 (Not at all concerned) ■ 1 ■ 2 3 4 5 (Causes great concern





n=1147

## **Del-brax** Improved Muscle Strength in Both Upper and Lower Limb





Change from Baseline to Month 4 (Mean ± SEM) Percent Predicted Normal QMT by hand-held device Total composite score: shoulder abductors, shoulder external rotators, elbow flexors, elbow extensors, knee flexor, knee extensor and ankle dorsiflexion

Total composite score: shoulder abductors, shoulder external rotators, elbow flexors, elbow extensors, knee flexor, knee extensor and ankle dorsiflexic \* Participants receive a first dose of 1mg/kg and then receive the 2mg/kg dose for the remainder of the study



Reachable Workspace (RWS): Validated Measurement of Quantifying Improvement in Upper Extremity Range of Motion and Function RWS correlates with ability to perform activities of daily living and maintain independence



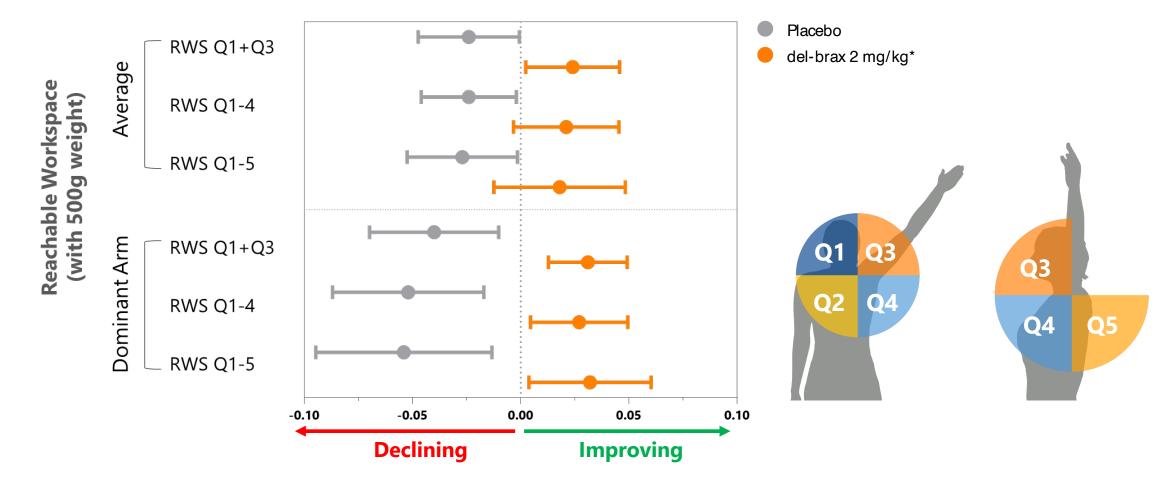
Video depicts healthy person demonstrating RWS





## **Del-brax** Improved Reachable Workspace Compared to Placebo

Improved range of motion and function; similar trends observed without weight





Change from Baseline to Month 4 (Mean ±SEM) Relative Surface Area

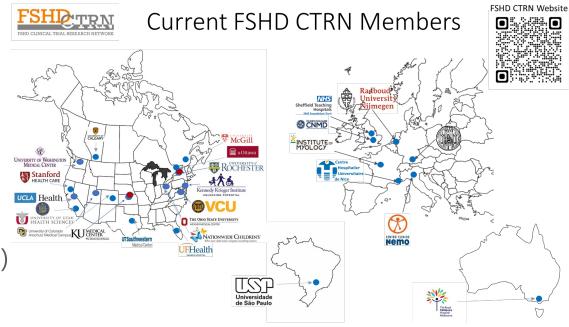
Average n=8 & Dominant n=7 in the AOC group

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### **ReSolve (NCT03458832): 24 Months Observational Study**

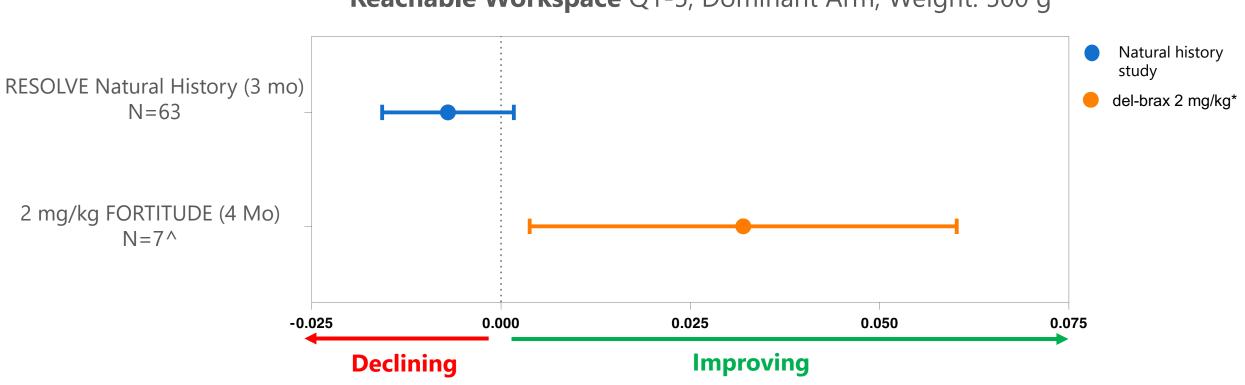
- Clinical Trial <u>Re</u>adiness to <u>Solve</u> Barriers to Drug Development in FSHD (ReSolve)
- FSHD Clinical Trial Research Network: at 11 centers in the US and EU
- Goal: to hasten drug development for FSHD by validating new clinical outcome assessments (COAs) and refining trial planning strategies
- COAs: FSHD Functional composite, electrical impedance myography, and reachable workspace
- Genetically defined, clinically affected, still able to walk independently: n=237 complete
- Visits: Baseline (day 1, day 2), 3, 12, 18, 24 months







### **Del-brax** Improved Reachable Workspace Compared to Matched Natural History Data



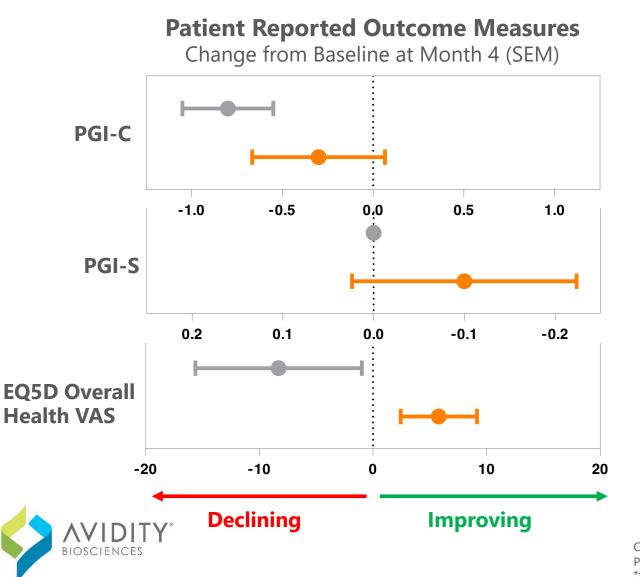
**Reachable Workspace** Q1-5; Dominant Arm; Weight: 500 g



Thanks to RESOLVE physicians for reviewing and approving use of this Avidity analysis. RESOLVE subpopulation matched to FORTITUDE (age 18-65, FCS 2-14, RWS (no weight) Q1+3 >0 and  $\leq 0.4$ ) Q1-5; Dominant Arm; 500 g RSA (Relative Surface Area) (Mean ±SEM) ^One patient excluded from AOC 1020 "dominant arm" group due to rotator cuff tear and clavicle fracture which occurred after the Baseline assessment; \* Participants receive a first dose of 1mg/kg and then receive the 2mg/kg dose for the remainder of the study

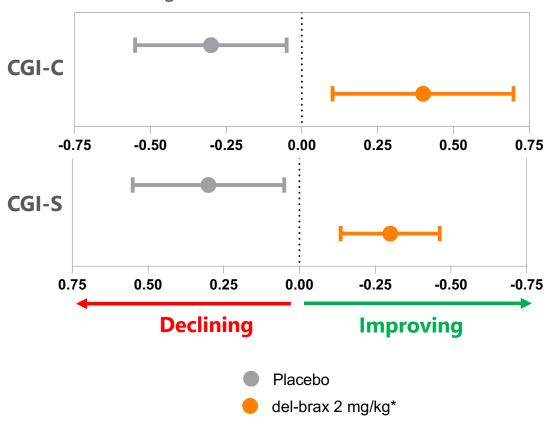
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### **Del-brax:** Positive Trends Toward Improvement in Both Patient and Clinician Reported Outcome Measures



**Clinician Reported Outcome Measures** 

Change from Baseline at Month 4 (SEM)



CGI-C; CGI-S (Clinician Global Impression of Change; Severity) PGI-C; PGI-S (Patient Global Impression of Change; Severity) \*first dose 1 mg/kg



## **Del-brax:** Promising New Potential Treatment for Patients with FSHD

### First therapy to directly target DUX4 has potential to change course of disease

### Initial Results from FORTITUDE:

- Effective muscle delivery with unprecedented and consistent >50% reduction in DUX4 regulated gene panels – impacting underlying FSHD disease biology
- Decrease in circulating biomarkers (novel and creatine kinase) indicate whole-body response
- Improvements in clinical measures of disease:
  - Muscle strength
  - Function: Reachable workspace compared to both placebo and natural history data
  - Patient and clinician reported outcomes
- Favorable safety and tolerability
- Looking forward to rapidly advancing FORTITUDE trial





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### **Del-brax:** Transforming the Treatment of FSHD

Unprecedented & Consistent Reduction in DUX4 Regulated Genes	Signs of Functional Improvement and Reported Outcomes	Favorable Safety and Tolerability
<ul> <li>Greater than 50% reduction across multiple DUX4 gene panels</li> <li>All treated participants showed reductions greater than 20%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved muscle strength</li> <li>Increased reachable workspace compared to placebo and natural history study</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All adverse events (AEs) were mild or moderate</li> <li>No serious AE, No severe AE</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Reduction of a newly-identified DUX4 circulating biomarker &amp; creatine kinase</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Positive patient and clinician reported outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No discontinuations</li> </ul>

### Accelerating Del-brax Toward Approval





### Accelerating Del-brax Registrational Plan

Partnering with FSHD Society to share more information on FORTITUDE as it becomes available





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## Avidity is Committed to Improving the Lives of People Living with FSHD



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### What's Up Next

- Phase 1/2 enrollment for FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> is complete
- We plan to share additional results from the FORTITUDE<sup>™</sup> study with you as they become available
- FORTITUDE-OLE<sup>™</sup> is planned to initiate to gather longer term data and continue access to *del-brax* for study participants while it is being evaluated in clinical trials
- We plan to initiate potential registrational cohorts for the FORTITUDE study starting in the second half of this year
- We will continue to partner with FSHD Society to keep you informed about updates and advancements with *del-brax*



### **Questions from the FSHD Community**

- Will there be access to *del-brax* through an Expanded Access Program?
- Are you evaluating *del-brax* for pediatric patients living with FSHD?
- How do you determine who is eligible for your clinical trials?

