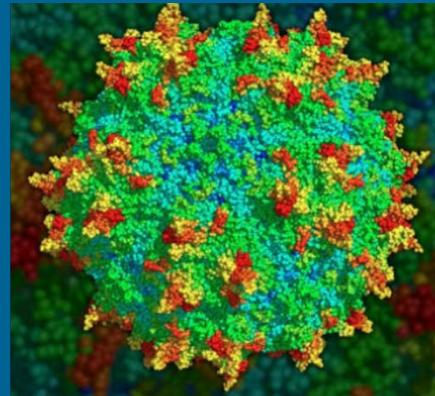


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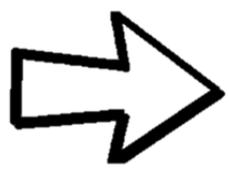
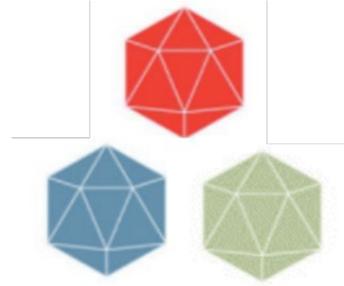
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# AMP<sup>®</sup> Bespoke Gene Therapy Consortium Components

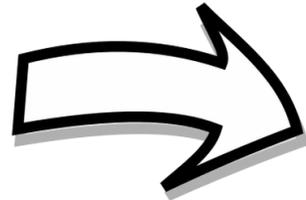
## 1 AAV BASIC BIOLOGY TRANSLATIONAL IMPLICATIONS



ENHANCING VECTOR GENERATION  
ENHANCING THERAPEUTIC GENE EXPRESSION



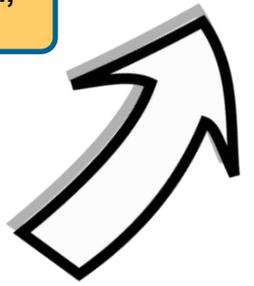
Goal: Increase efficiency by orders of magnitude.



Therapies for patients



Goal: Standardized, faster, reduced \$



## 2 ADVANCING ACCESS TO AAV TECHNOLOGIES AND VECTORS FOR BESPOKE CLINICAL APPLICATIONS



Gene therapy target for rare disease



CREATE & BUILD > CAPACITY

Vector generation

### Standard vector menu:

- Instructions for use
- Tropism
- Ease of use for gene type
- Non-proprietary tools

HARMONIZE BEST PRACTICES

Manufacture of therapeutic

### Standard process menu:

- Known safety database
- Facilitate preclinical testing
- Leverage existing and novel expertise in manufacturing processes and protocols

STREAMLINE REGULATORY PATHS

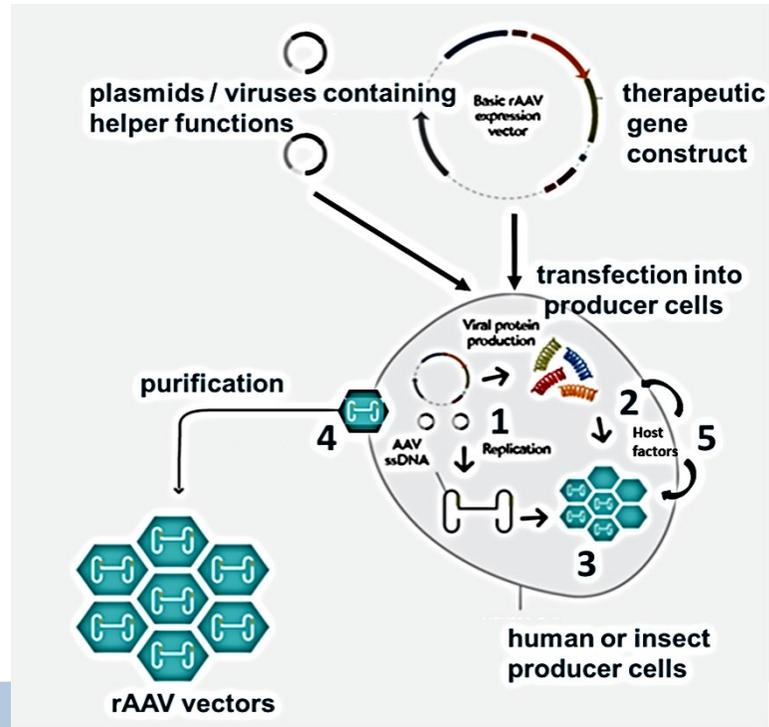
Clinical ability to treat patients

### Standard delivery menu:

- Standard clinical and delivery protocols
- Establish Master File(s) for std vectors & facilitate out-licensing if appropriate

# FNIH released two AMP BGTC RFP opportunities for AAV biology

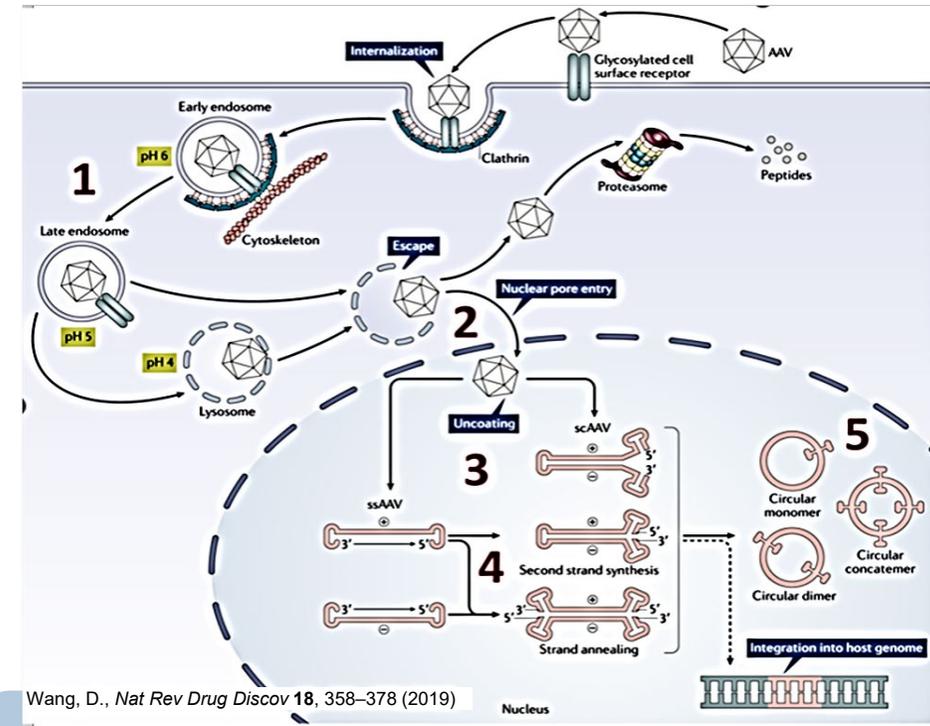
## A. ENHANCING VECTOR GENERATION



Results to be broadly applicable to all AAV vectors

[https://fnih.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/BGTC%20RFP%20AAV%20Biology%20Vector%20Production\\_0.pdf](https://fnih.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/BGTC%20RFP%20AAV%20Biology%20Vector%20Production_0.pdf)

## B. ENHANCING THERAPEUTIC GENE EXPRESSION



Wang, D., *Nat Rev Drug Discov* 18, 358–378 (2019)

Results to be targeted to cell types relevant to clinical program

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# Advancing the Understanding of AAV Biology

## A. ENHANCING VECTOR GENERATION

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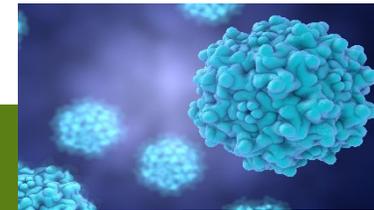
1. **Viral genome replication and processing for virion packaging**
2. **Capsid production and assembly**
3. **Packaging of viral genome to generate productive viruses**
4. **Transport and release of virus**
5. **Host factors that influence the process of viral generation**

- Opportunity for a greater understanding of the viral life cycle and enable the field to overcome the limitations of AAV-based vectors
- Knowledge of AAV interactions with the host at the cellular level remains undefined. A more thorough understanding of AAV interactions with the host is key to efficient transduction

## B. ENHANCING THERAPEUTIC GENE EXPRESSION

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1. **The endosomal state of the AAV virion**
2. **Trafficking to the nucleus**
3. **Uncoating in the nucleus**
4. **Second strand synthesis**
5. **Concatemerization of the viral genome**
6. **Post expression events**

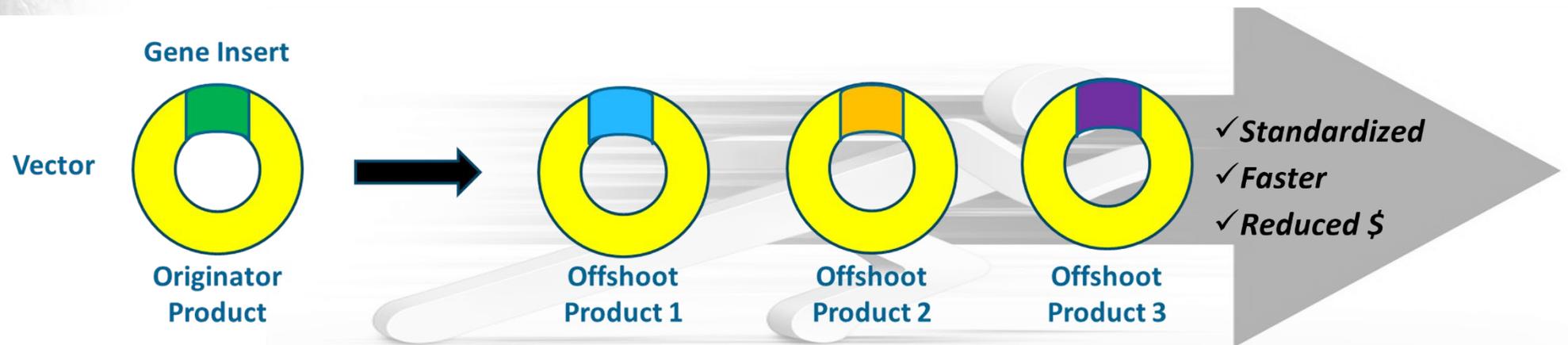


# Generating a Streamlined Clinical and Regulatory Framework for Gene Therapy

- Currently, many gene therapies for rare disorders are produced as “one-offs”



- Transformative approach developing regulatory innovations is needed to bridge the gap between science and technology
- Platforms and processes that leverage successful gene therapy products and knowledge in the setting of bespoke therapies

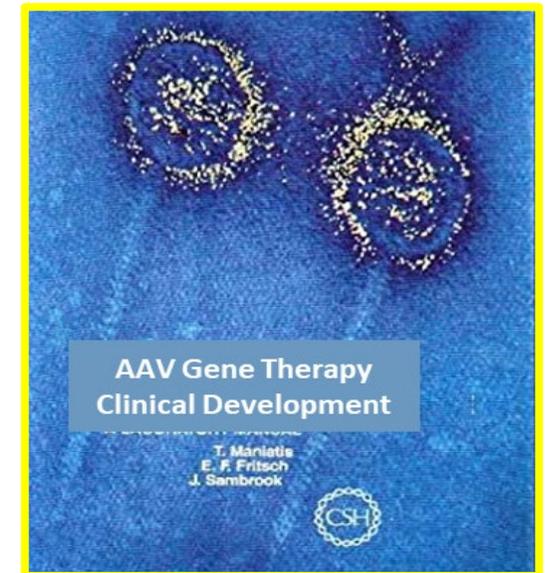


# Manual for AAV Gene Therapy Clinical Development



- **Insights and learnings that facilitate success of future gene therapy**
- **Optimized lot release methods and assays**
  - Harmonized and validated sets of vector quality tests
- **An objective method and core criteria for disease selection**
  - Bespoke and rare diseases trials
- **Standardized regulatory submission package(s)**

## *Gene Therapy “Maniatis”*



# Disease Selection for the Pilots Will Provide Real Data for Streamlining the Overall Process

Thousands of Rare Diseases



## Submission of potential studies by:

- Academic centers
- Government investigators
- Patient groups
- Others....

5-6 Diseases Selected

## Characteristics:

- Clear monogenetic cause that is amenable to AAV
- No commercial business case
- Sufficient information to run a successful clinical trial
- Low trial requirements for testing and follow up (i.e., short trial)
- Currently assembled patient group
- Others....

Disease nomination  
process posted  
December 2, 2021

<https://fnih.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/Final%20BGTC%20Disease%20Nomination%20Form%20Fillable.pdf>

# Comprehensive process for soliciting and reviewing information about rare diseases for BGTC clinical program

Open submission process for clinical, research, patient communities to nominate potential diseases

- Disease/disorder info
- Patient demographics
- Clinical presentation
- Pre-clinical and clinical research history

Down-selection based on required and preferred criteria, invited to submit full clinical trial proposal

- Monogenetic disorder
- No commercial business case
- Sufficient information to run a successful clinical trial
- Currently assembled patient group

5-6 diseases selected in priority order

- Cost
- Ability to secure AAV manufacturing
- Modest requirements for testing and follow up
- Patient/program diversity

Paired with vector manufacturing for first-in-human clinical trial

# Current partners (at launch)

**\$39.5M**  
*Public*

**NIH** National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

**NIH** Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

**NIH** National Eye Institute  
*Research Today...Vision Tomorrow*

**NIH** National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

**NIH** National Human Genome Research Institute

**BRAIN**  
INITIATIVE

**NIH** National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

**NIH** National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

**NIH** National Institute of Mental Health

**NIH** National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

**NIH** National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

**FDA**

**\$37M**  
*Private*

**Biogen**

**Janssen**

**NOVARTIS**

**Pfizer**

**REGENXBIO**

**Spark**  
THERAPEUTICS

**Takeda**

**TAYSHA**  
GENE THERAPIES

**ThermoFisher**  
SCIENTIFIC

**ultragenyx**  
pharmaceutical

**Alliance for Regenerative Medicine**

**ASCT**  
American Society of Gene + Cell Therapy

**Cure Duchenne**

**NIHMBL**  
The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

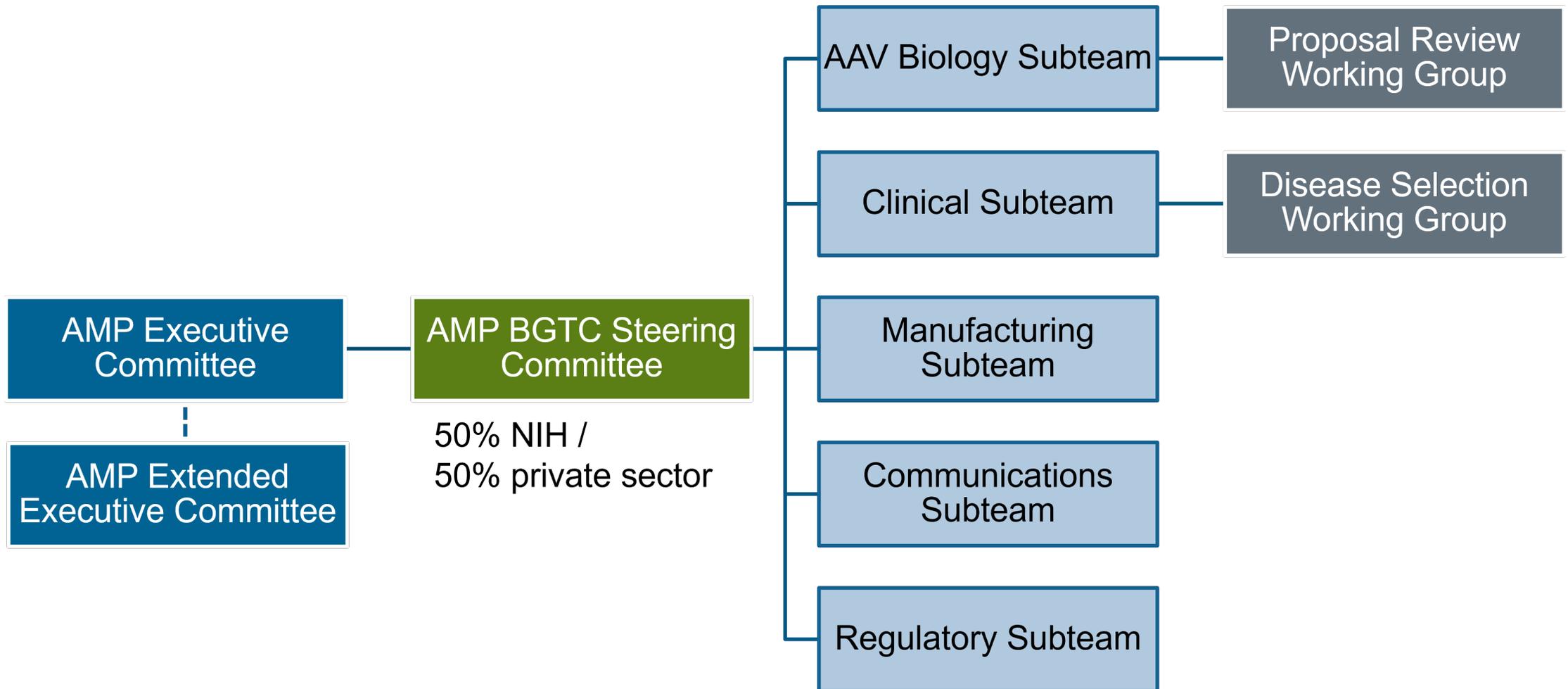
**NORD**  
National Organization for Rare Disorders

# Opportunities to augment AAV biology & MFG process improvement, & harmonized regulatory frameworks



- Continuing to pursue opportunities to partner with domestic and international organizations to support research awards and sponsor investigators and infrastructure for pilot trials
- Canadian National Research Council (NRC) and UK MRC have constructed Govt-supported vector mfg facilities – potential use for selected clinical trials
- Strong Health Canada interest in BGTC partnering to augment and coordinate development of regulatory processes and framework aligned with FDA

# AMP<sup>®</sup> BGTC Consortium Structure



# Proposed Partner Investment

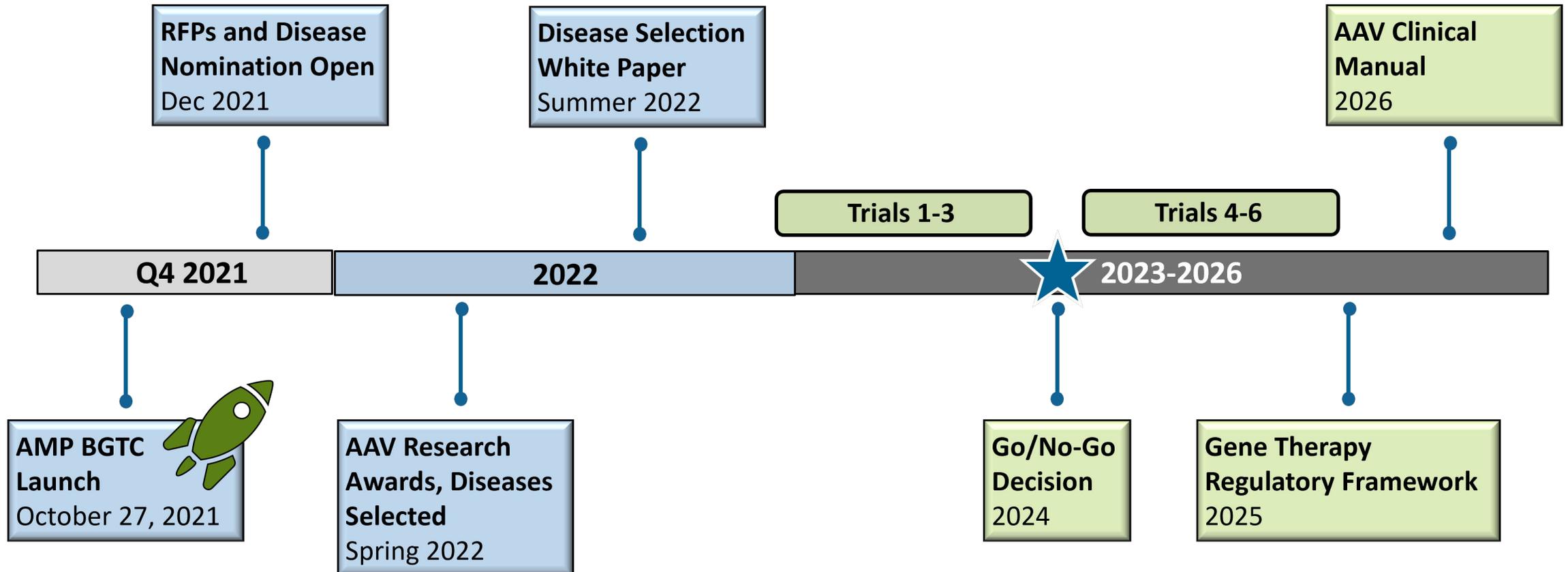
## Funding Support

- Proposed full program budget = *\$89.4M over 5 years*
- Tiered levels of investment of partners based on R&D budget
  - \$1B R&D budget – investment of \$1M/year over 5 years
  - R&D budget < \$1B (~\$100K/year per \$100M R&D)

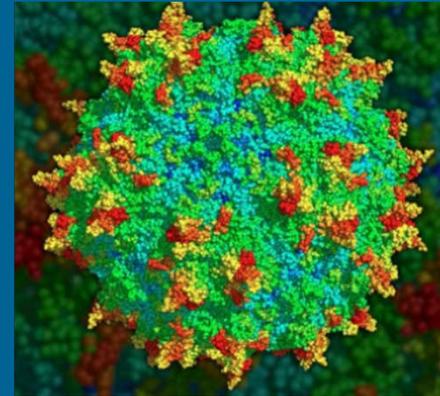
## Not-for-Profit, Philanthropist & Advocacy Organization Investment

- \$100,000 or more annually
  - Join the Steering Committee and serve as a full voting member
- \$99,999 and \$25,000 annually
  - Join the Steering Committee as non-voting members

# AMP BGTC short- and long-term deliverables



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