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# NC181: First-in-class Approach to Treat Alzheimer's Disease

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Alzheimer's

Cerebral Amyloid  
Angiopathy

Dementia

**NC181**

APOE4 mAb for Neurodegenerative Diseases

IND mid 2025\*

\*Pending availability of financing and/or partnering

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## NC181 Treatment for Alzheimer's Disease

**Alzheimer's disease** is the most common dementia, afflicting nearly 7M Americans

**APOE4** is major genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease

**NC181** is a humanized APOE4 mAb

**Top-tier** collaboration with Dr. Holtzman, who established the proof of mechanism of APOE4 targeting

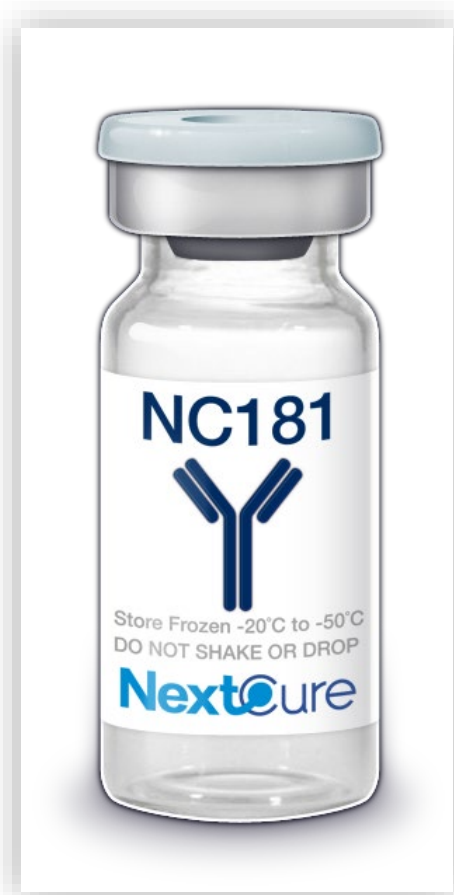


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# NC181

## On Track for an IND in mid 2025



### COMPLETED

- ✓ Demonstrated activity in disease models
- ✓ Improves brain vasculature
- ✓ Master cell bank available

### ONGOING

- Tox studies
- Pre-IND meeting preparation
- Manufacturing of clinical supplies
- Clinical development planning



## FIRST-IN-CLASS

Targets APOE4,  
a major genetic risk factor  
for neurodegeneration

## LARGE OPPORTUNITY

Nearly 7 million patients in the US in  
2023, expected to hit 13.8 million by  
2060

# NextCure

## NC181

**Opportunity  
for Patients not Benefiting  
from Amyloid Products**



## EFFICACY AND SAFETY

Removes plaques  
with reduced ARIA susceptibility  
compared to anti-A $\beta$   
immunotherapy

## FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES

Functional screens, mAb  
production, and biomarkers

# Next Wave in Alzheimer's Disease is APOE4

SOLUTION FOR APOE4 AD PATIENTS

NC181



1<sup>st</sup> Wave – Amyloid



Unaddressed Need



Next Wave – NC181



## Benefits

- Plaque reduction
- Reducing cognitive decline

## Limitation

- Safety issues (ARIA toxicities)

## APOE4 carriers

- Lack of benefit from amyloid products
- Increase ARIA toxicities
- Accelerated disease development

## Opportunity

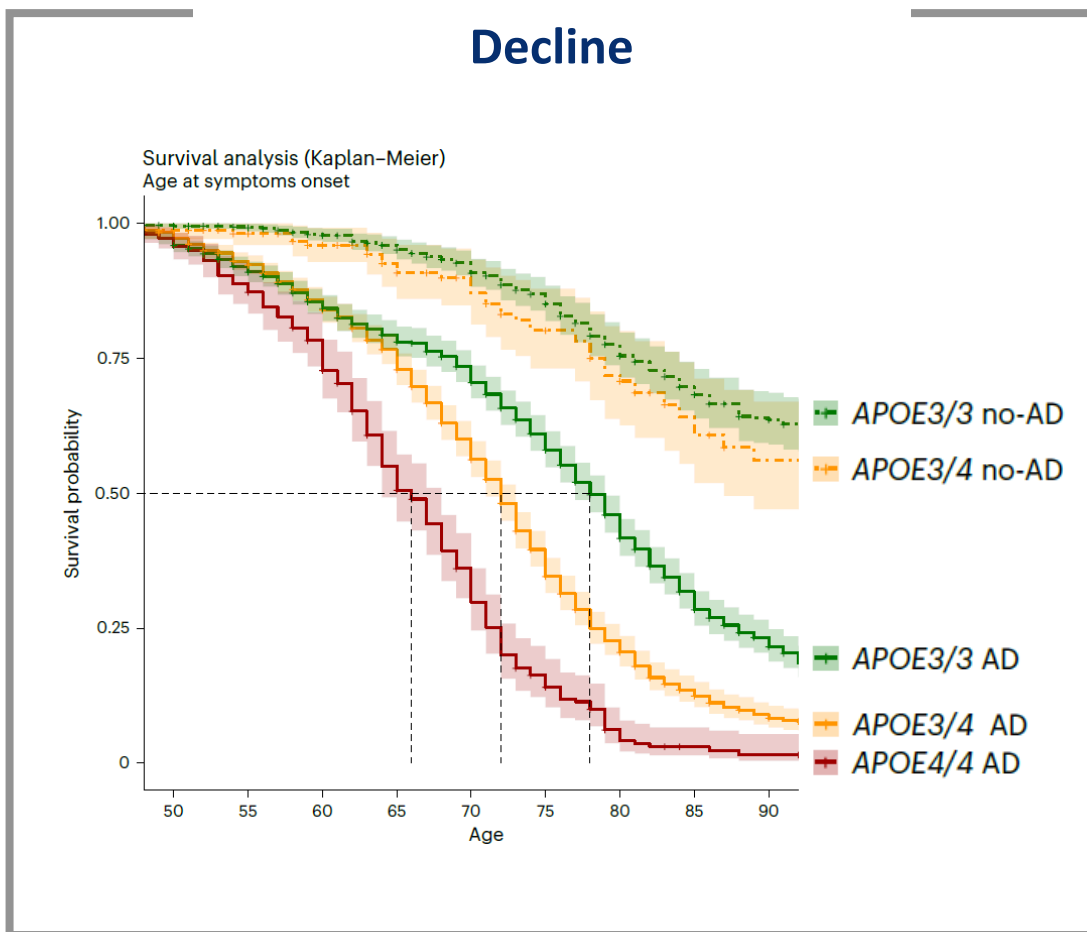
- Need for APOE4 specific therapeutics
- Biomarker driven development

# AD Pathology Accelerated in APOE4 Carriers

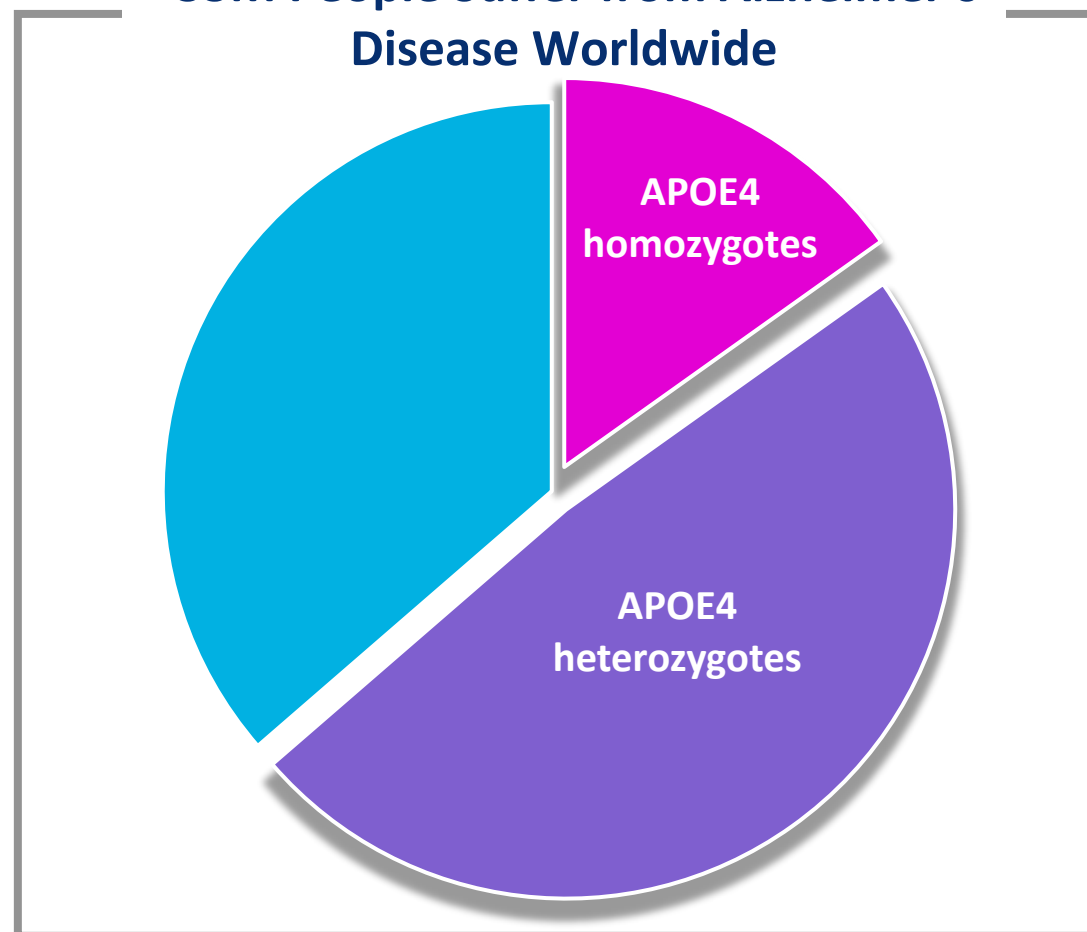
## Opportunity for NC181



### Address APOE4-Mediated Decline



### >33M People Suffer from Alzheimer's Disease Worldwide





## Recent APOE4 Publications Highlight an Area of Unmet Need Not Addressed by Amyloid Products

The logo for Nature Medicine, featuring a red horizontal line above the text "nature medicine" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font.

Fortea J et al., *Nat Med*, May 2024

**APOE4 homozygosity represents a distinct genetic form of Alzheimer's disease**

The logo for Neuron, featuring the word "Neuron" in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

A Cell Press  
journal

Chemparathy A et al., *Neuron*, Jan 2024

**APOE loss-of-function variants: Compatible with longevity and associated with resistance to Alzheimer's disease pathology**

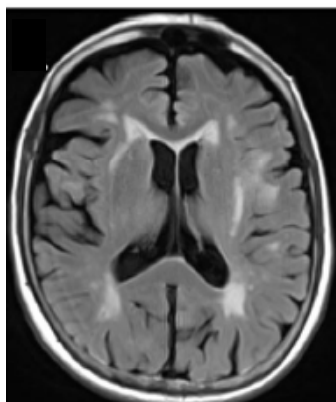
# APOE4 Gene Dosage is a Major Risk Factor for Anti-A $\beta$ Immunotherapies



## Limitations of Amyloid products in APOE4 Carriers (50-60 % of AD patients)



### Increased ARIA-E as Observed with Lecanemab



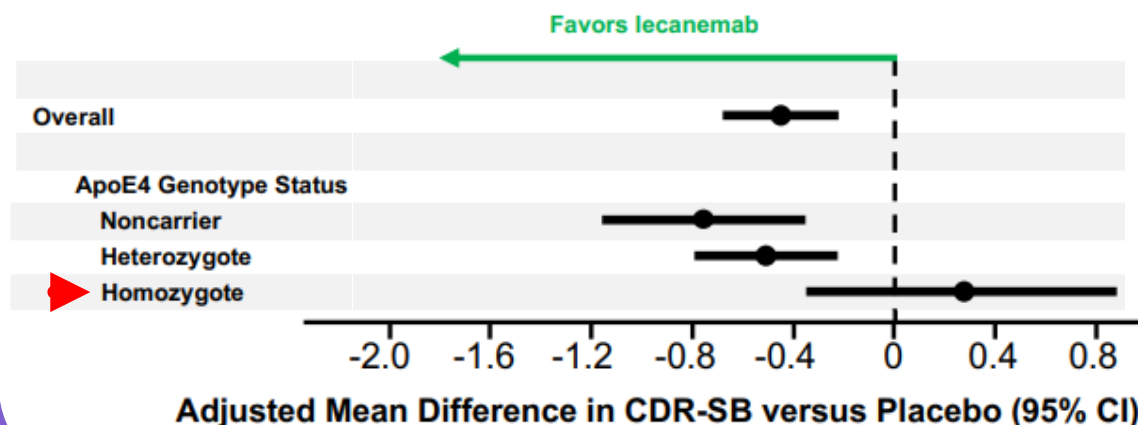
pre-treatment



third infusion

Adapted from Solopova E, et al. Nat Commun (2023)

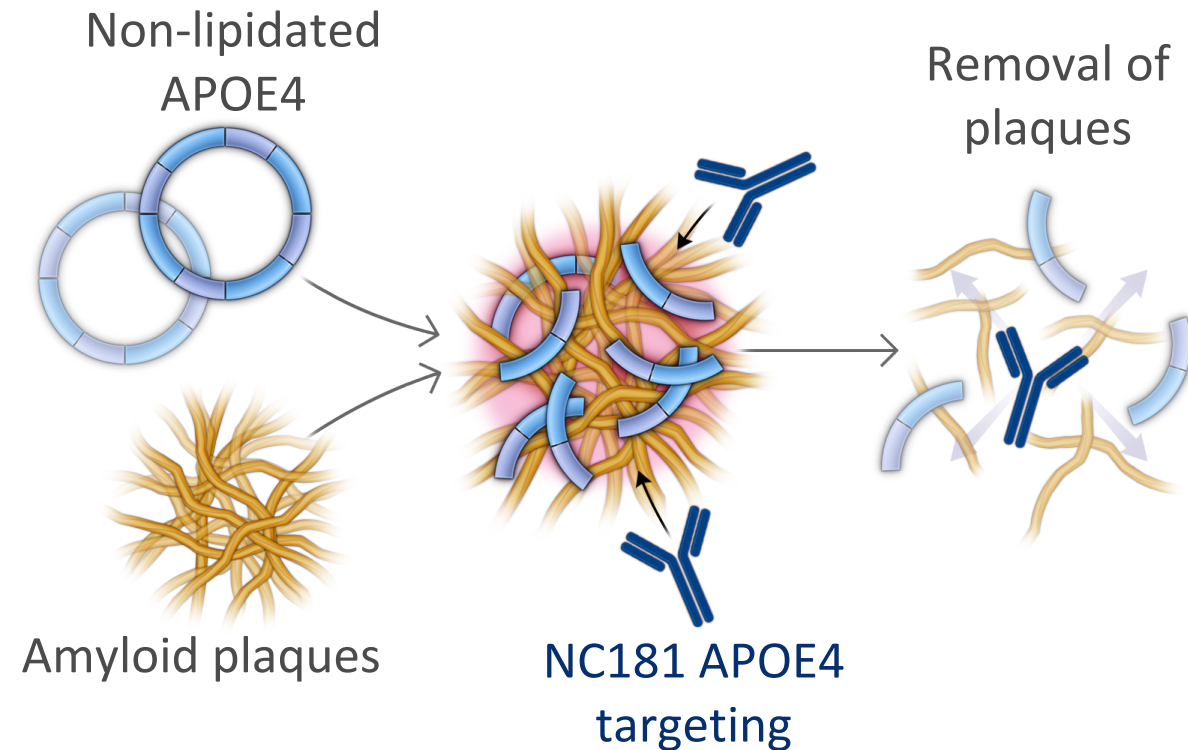
### Limited Clinical Benefits



Adapted from van Dyck, et al. NEJM 2022 (supplemental)

# NC181

## Targeting APOE4 to Remove Plaques



### A POTENTIALLY SUPERIOR AND SAFER THERAPY

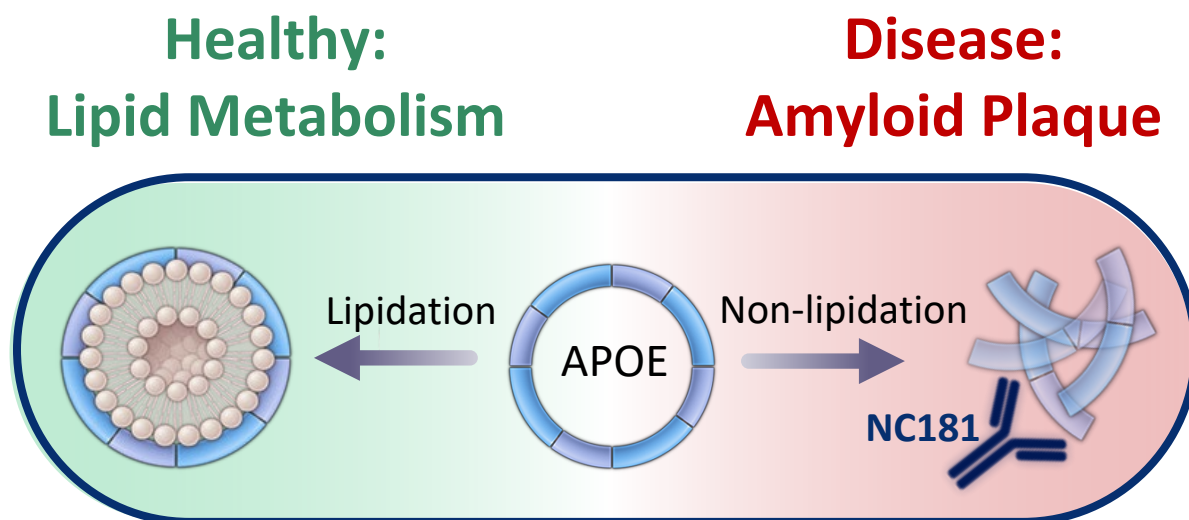
- ✓ Removes amyloid plaques
- ✓ Suppresses neuroinflammation
- ✓ Improves cerebrovascular function
- ✓ Crosses the blood brain barrier (BBB)

### POTENTIAL TO EXPAND INTO OTHER INDICATIONS

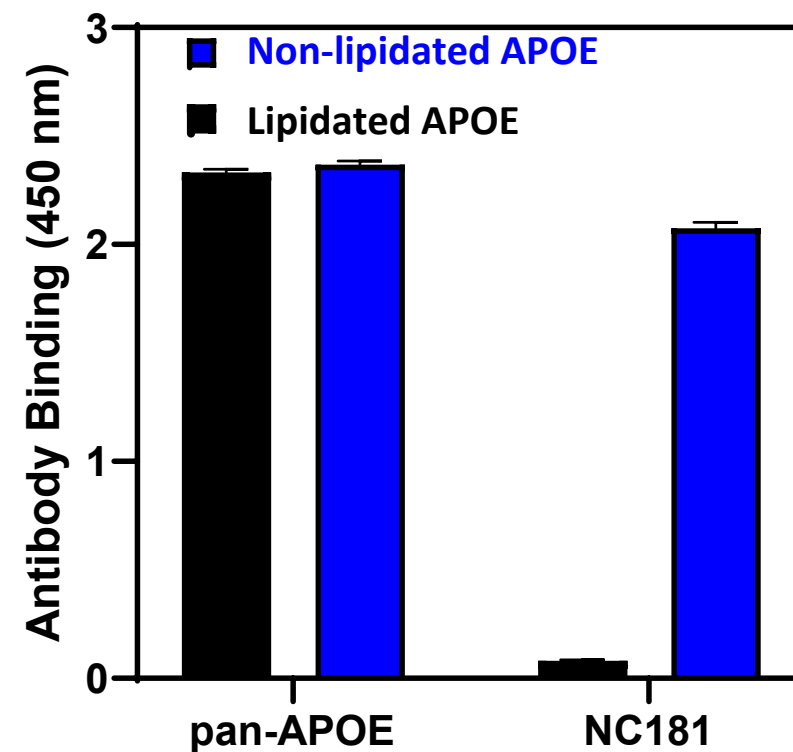
- Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA)
- Other dementias

# NC181 Specifically Recognizes a Disease Associated Form of APOE

## APOE Biology

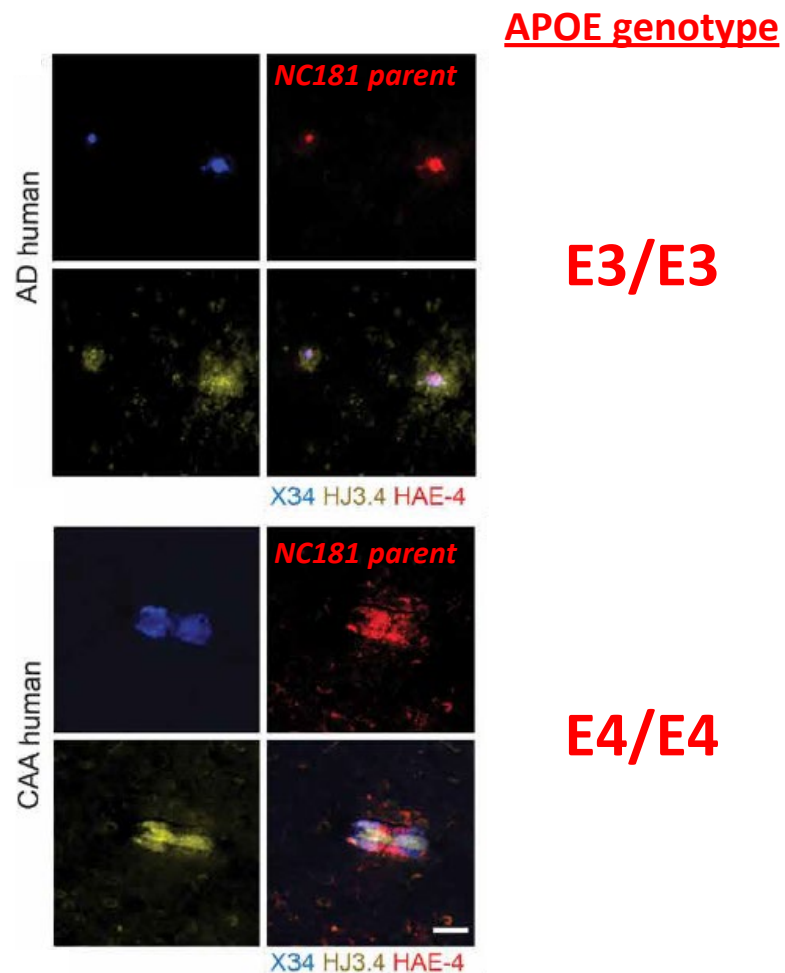


## NC181 Recognizes Non-Lipidated APOE

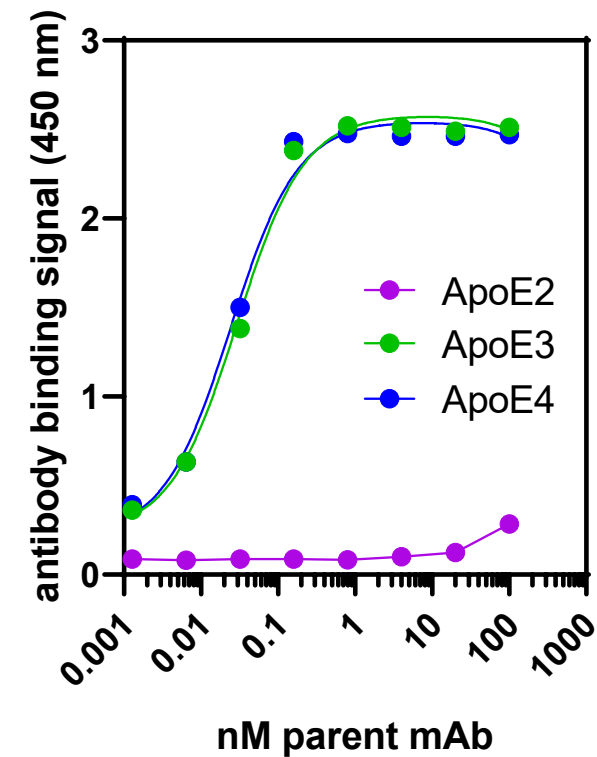


# NC181 Binds Amyloid Plaque-associated APOE3 and APOE4

Parent mAb Binds Parenchymal & Vascular Amyloid



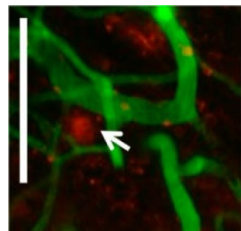
Does not Bind Protective APOE2 Variant



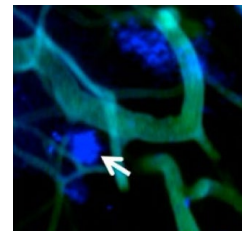
# NC181 Targets APOE4 in the CNS and Removes Plaques Safely

Targets  
APOE4

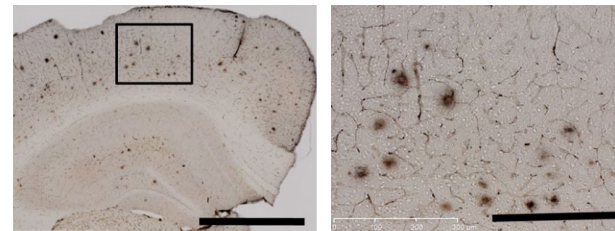
APOE4 STAINING



PLAQUE STAINING



NC181 PARENT STAINING

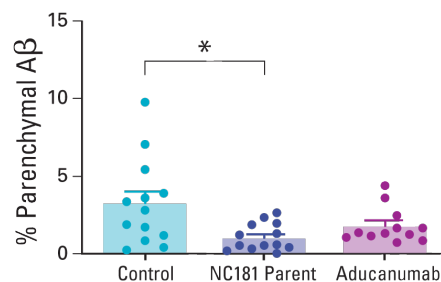


Antibody given systemically and brains harvested for staining

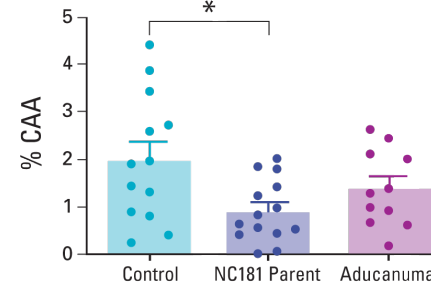
Plaque  
Localization

Decreases  
Plaques

PARENCHYMAL PLAQUES

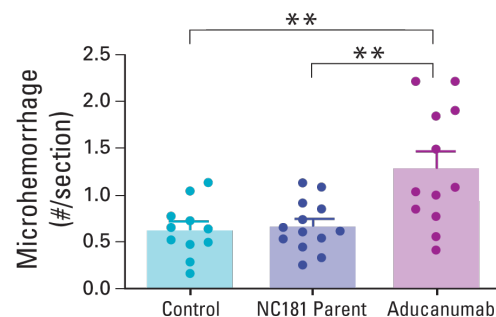


VASCULAR PLAQUES



Plaque  
Removal

Prevents  
Microhemorrhages



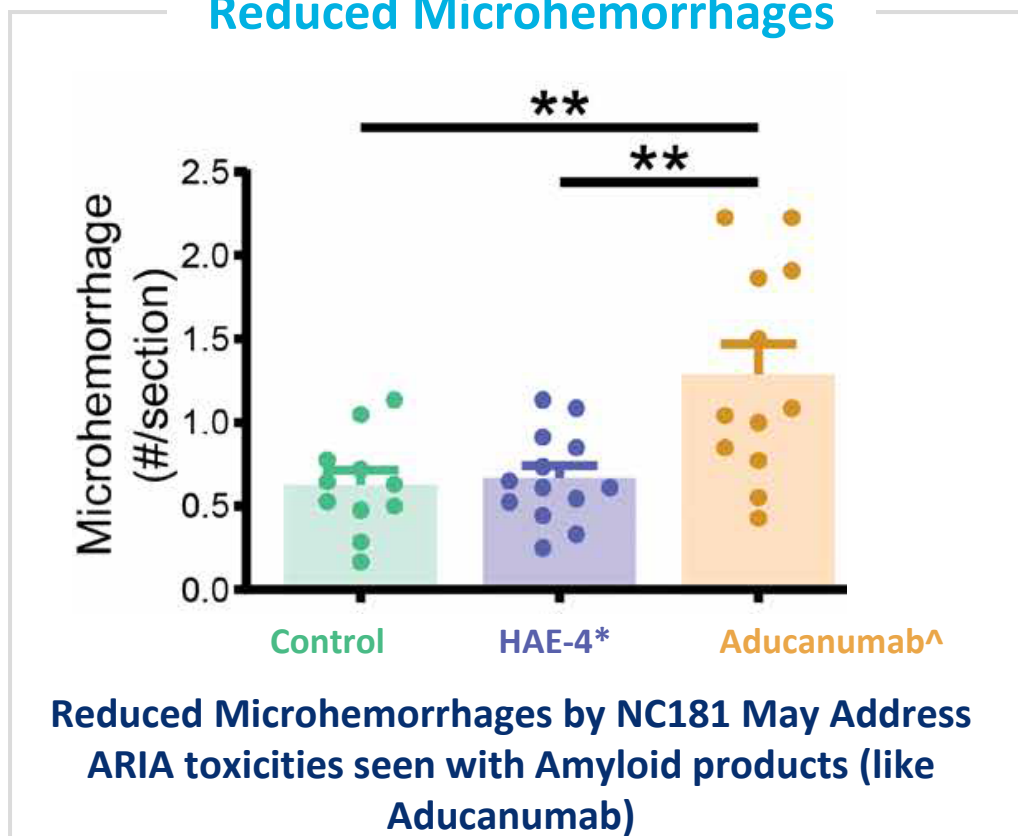
Microhemorrhages Associated with  
Treatment Induced ARIA\*  
Observed in the Clinic

Lower  
Side Effects

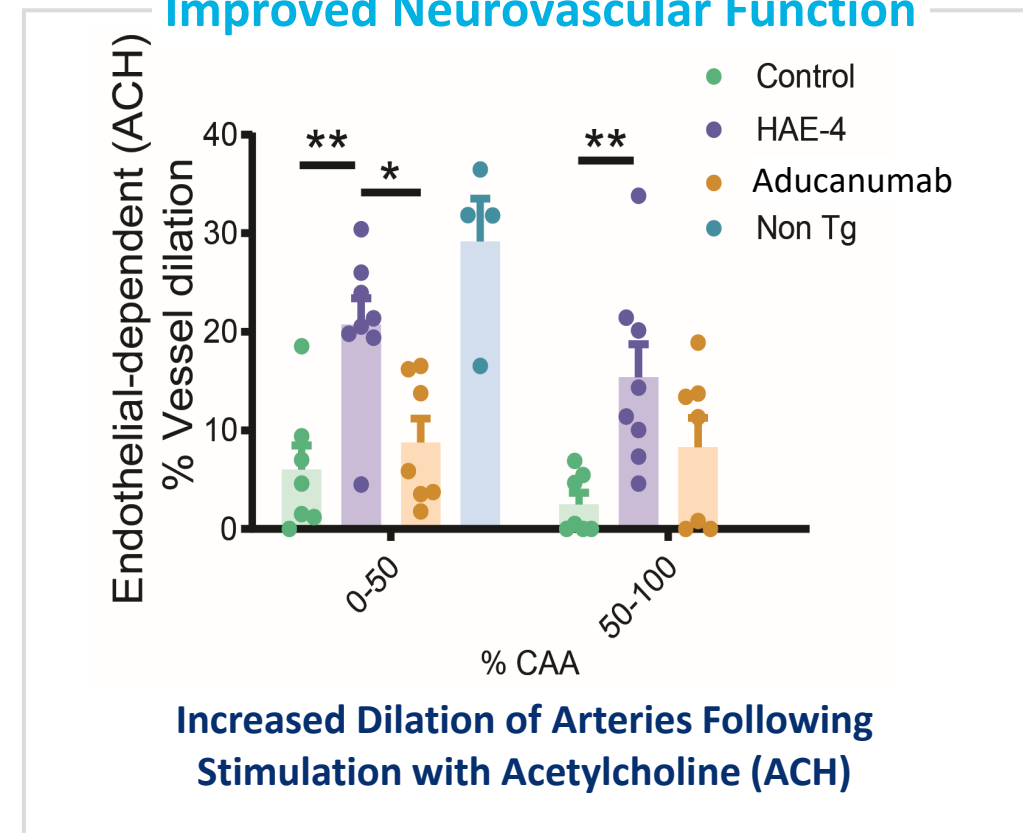
\*ARIA - Amyloid Related Imaging Abnormalities

# NC181: Reduced Side Effects, Improved Vascular Function, Improved Safety Profile

## Reduced Microhemorrhages



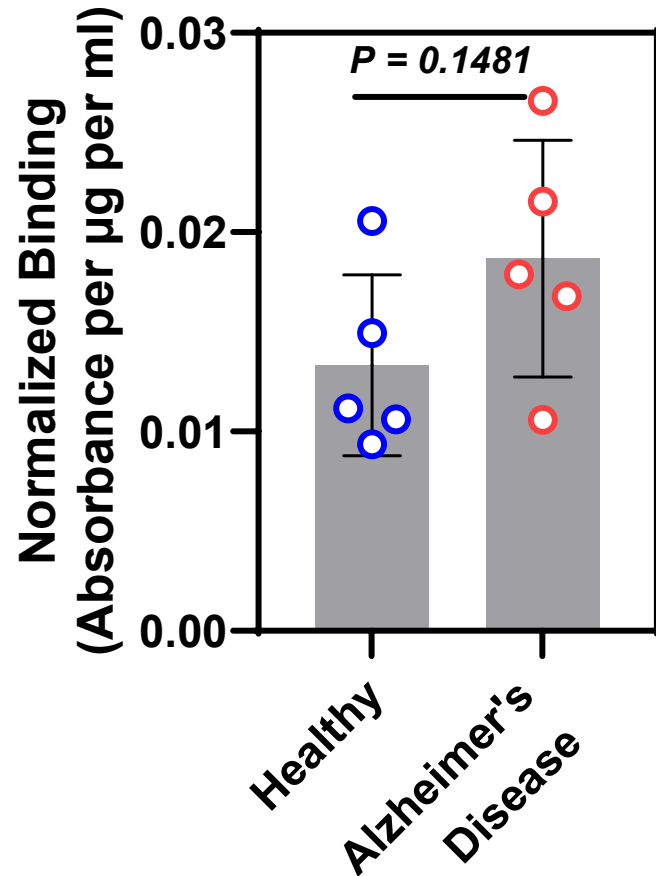
## Improved Neurovascular Function



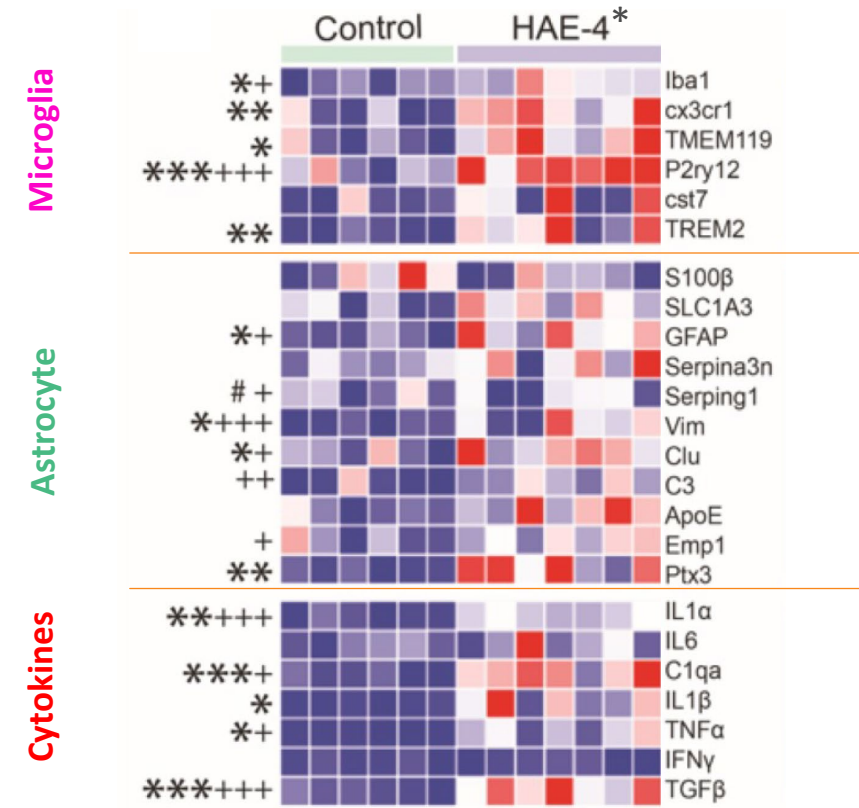
\*Murine mAb parent of NC181  
 ^Chimeric version of aducanumab

# Potential Biomarkers for Clinical Development

## Binds Non-Lipidated APOE in AD Patient CSF



## Markers of Acute Neuroimmune Engagement



\*Murine mAb parent of NC181



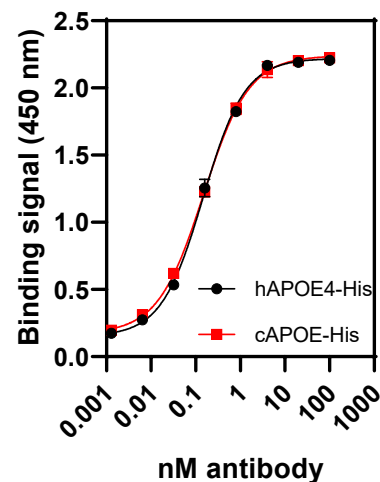
# Cyno Safety and PK Study: Well Tolerated and Crosses BBB



## Study Design

- Non-naïve cynos dosed i.v.
- 1, 10, 50 mg/kg doses with two cynos per dose level
- Plasma and CSF collected longitudinally for PK & biomarker analysis

**NC181 Cross-Reactivity:**  
Comparable binding to homologous, non-lipidated cyno APOE (cAPOE) and human APOE4 (hAPOE4)



## Findings

### Clinical

- No significant tox concerns for duration of study
- No statistically-significant changes in clinical chemistry values

### PK

Plasma half-life <sup>1</sup>	two compartment model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\alpha = 2-3</math> hrs</li> <li>• <math>\beta = 6.5 - 11</math> days</li> </ul>
CSF half-life <sup>1</sup>	10.2 – 29 days (non-compartment model)
CSF exposure	~0.02 – 0.03% of plasma concentration (comparable to other therapies)
ADA	In 2 animals (10 m/kg and 50 mg/kg) impacting drug concentration levels for these animals

1. Analysis of 10 mg/kg and 50 mg/kg animals without ADA

# NC181 Initial Clinical Development Plan in Alzheimer's Disease

## Phase 1 Single and Multiple Ascending Dose Study in AD Patients

### Primary Endpoints

- Safety and tolerability
  - Brain MRI
  - Vital signs
  - Physical exam
  - Clinical chemistry
  - ECG
  - C-SSRS

### Secondary Endpoints

- Drug PK in plasma and CSF
- Amyloid PET

### Exploratory Readouts in Serum and CSF

- Ab42/Ab40 (Plasma)
- P-tau<sub>217</sub> (Plasma)
- Target engagement (CSF)
- Inflammatory markers:
  - GFAP (Plasma)
  - sTREM2 (CSF)
  - C1qa (CSF)
  - Ptx3 (CSF)
  - C3 (CSF)
  - TGFb (CSF)

# A First-in-class Approach to Treat Alzheimer's Disease

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## SUMMARY

- ✓ Removes amyloid plaques in parenchyma and vasculature
- ✓ Mitigates CAA inflammatory response and improves vascular function
- ✓ Humanization complete with clinical candidate selected
- ✓ Pilot NHP study: competitive PK, well-tolerated and Crosses BBB
- ✓ Biomarker identified to enable early clinical development
- ✓ IND mid 2025 for Phase 1a/1b trials pending availability of financing