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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 8, 2018**

**SYNLOGIC, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-37566**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**26-1824804**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Sidney St., Suite 320**  
**Cambridge, MA**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices, including zip code)

**02139**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 401-9947**

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Synlogic, Inc. has prepared an investor presentation to be used in connection with general corporate presentations, a copy which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 on Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and the investor presentation attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 is “furnished” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

[99.1 Investor Presentation of Synlogic, Inc., dated January 2018.](#)

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 8, 2018

**SYNLOGIC, INC.**

By: /s/ Todd Shegog

Name: Todd Shegog

Title: Chief Financial Officer



# A NOVEL CLASS OF LIVING MEDICINES

Synthetic Biotic™ medicines to perform and deliver  
critical therapeutic functions to treat diseases  
throughout the body

## Corporate Overview

January 2018

# Forward Looking Statements

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This presentation contains “forward-looking statements” that involve substantial risks and uncertainties for purposes of the safe harbor provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this presentation regarding strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected expenses, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. In addition, when or if used in this presentation, the words “may,” “could,” “should,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “predict” and similar expressions and their variants may identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the approach we are taking to discover and develop novel therapeutics using synthetic biology; statements regarding the potential of our platform to develop therapeutics to address a wide range of diseases including: inborn errors of metabolism, liver disease, inflammatory and immune disorders, and cancer; the future clinical development of Synthetic Biotic medicines; the potential of our technology to treat hyperammonemia and phenylketonuria; the expected timing of our anticipated clinical trial initiations; the benefit of orphan drug and fast track status; the adequacy of our capital to support our future operations and our ability to successfully initiate and complete clinical trials; the results of our collaborations; and the difficulty in predicting the time and cost of development of our product candidates. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors, including, without limitation: the uncertainties inherent in the preclinical development process; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights; and legislative, regulatory, political and economic developments, as well as those risks identified under the heading “Risk Factors” in our filings with the SEC. The foregoing review of important factors that could cause actual events to differ from expectations should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with statements that are included herein and elsewhere, including the risk factors included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 13, 2017. The forward-looking statements contained in this presentation reflect our current views with respect to future events. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update these forward-looking statements in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our view as of any date subsequent to the date hereof.

# Synthetic Biotic Medicines:

A Novel Class of Living Medicines



## Synthetic

- Engineered bacteria
- With designed genetic circuits
- To degrade metabolites that induce disease or synthesize substances to treat disease



## Biotic: *E. coli* Nissle as chassis:

- Widely-used oral probiotic
- Leverage the safety of probiotic
- Found within natural human microbiome
- Amenable to genetic manipulation

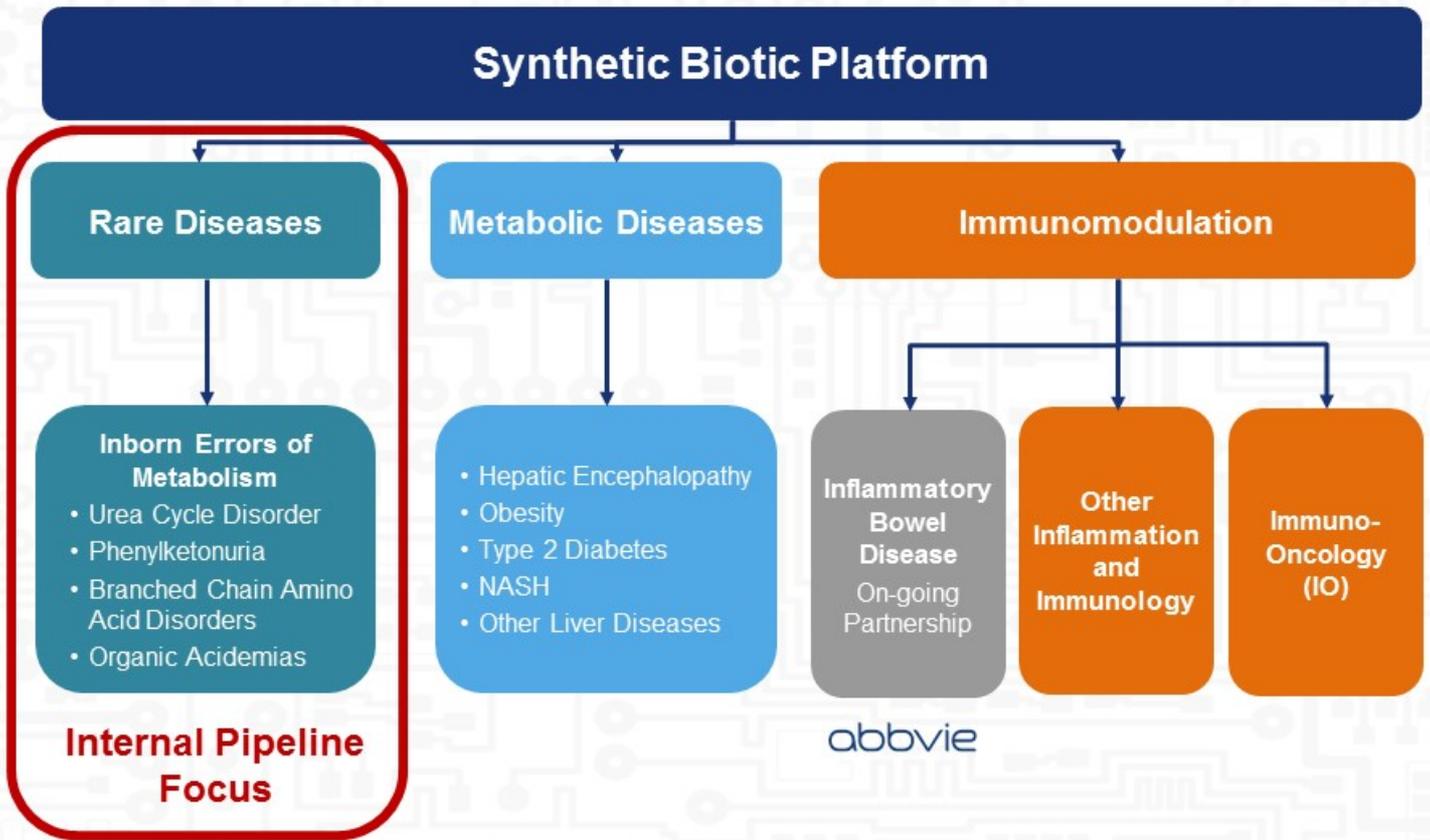
**Synthetic Biology + Bacteria =  
Synthetic Biotic Medicine**

Therapeutic delivered locally  
to treat systemic diseases



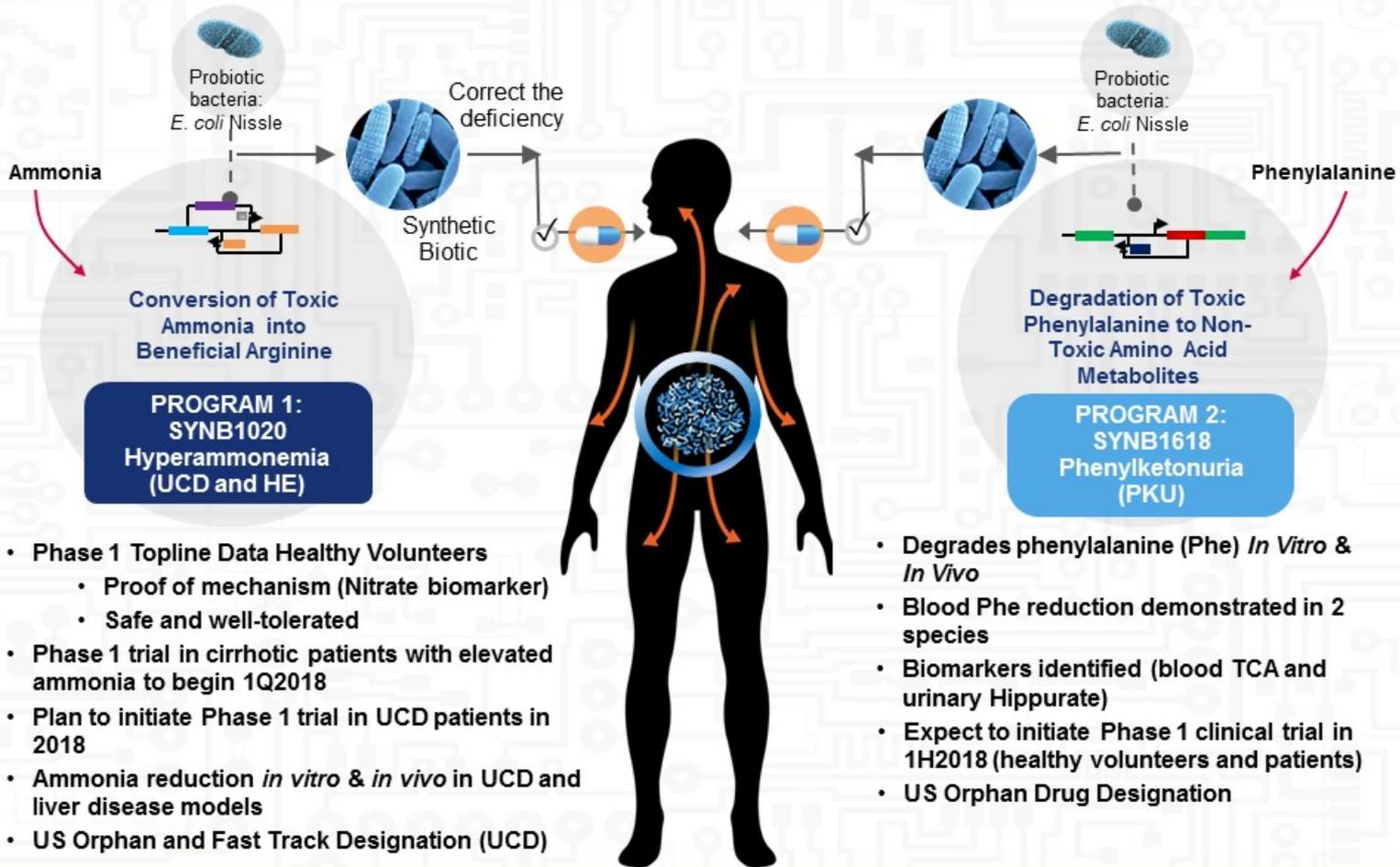
# Synthetic Biotic Platform Breadth and Potential:

Initial Clinical Focus on Orphan Metabolic Diseases



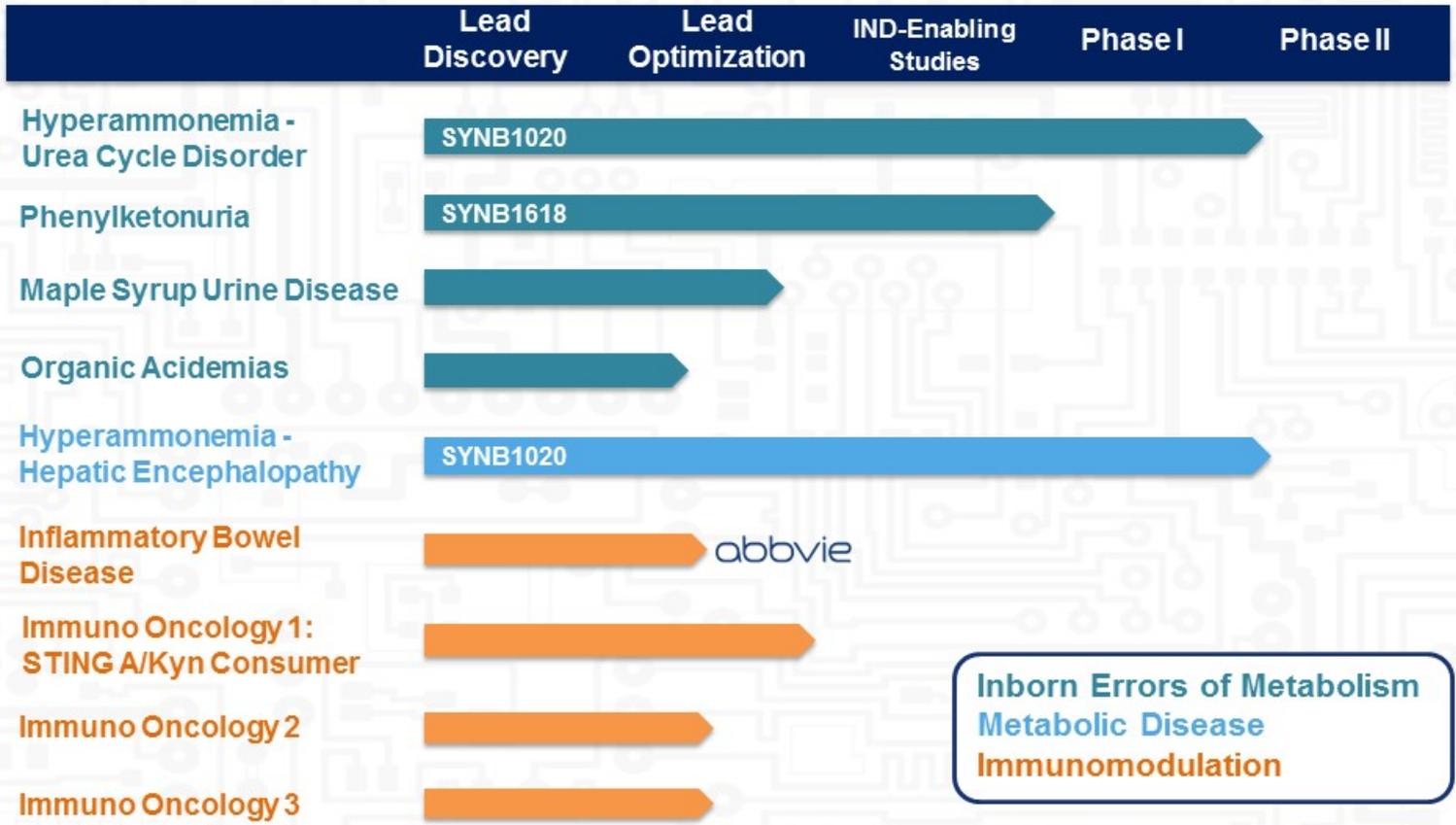
# Rare Diseases:

## Hyperammonemia and Phenylketonuria Programs in Clinical Trials in Patients in 2018



# Synthetic Biotic Platform Breadth and Potential:

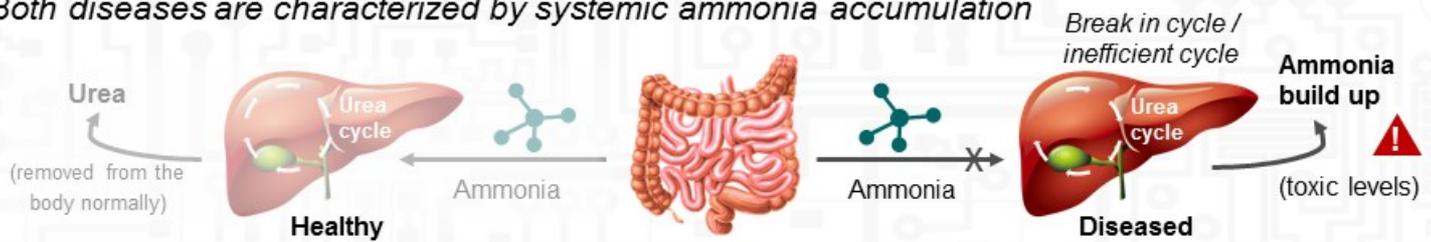
## Current Pipeline



# SYNB1020 for Hyperammonemia Indications:

## Urea Cycle Disorders (UCD) and Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE)

Both diseases are characterized by systemic ammonia accumulation



### Urea Cycle Disorders

- **Genetic defects in Urea Cycle**
  - Results in deficiency in one of the six enzymes
  - Nitrogen accumulates as toxic ammonia → HE crisis
- **Patients:**
  - ~2,000 diagnosed in US; similar in EU
- **Treatment:**
  - Ammonia scavengers: buphenyl, Ravicti®
  - Low protein diet with amino acid supplements

- **Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:**
  - Maintain blood ammonia in normal range, avoid crisis
  - Protein liberalization: 50-100% more grams per day
  - Oral administration

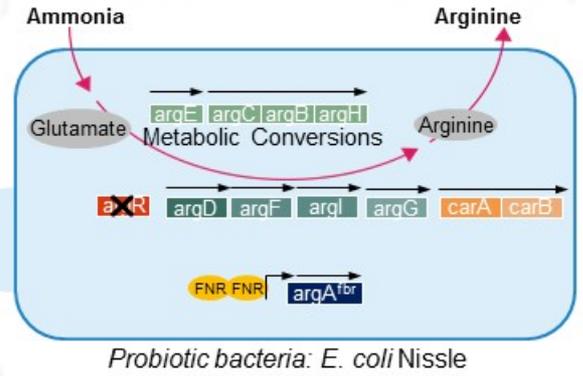
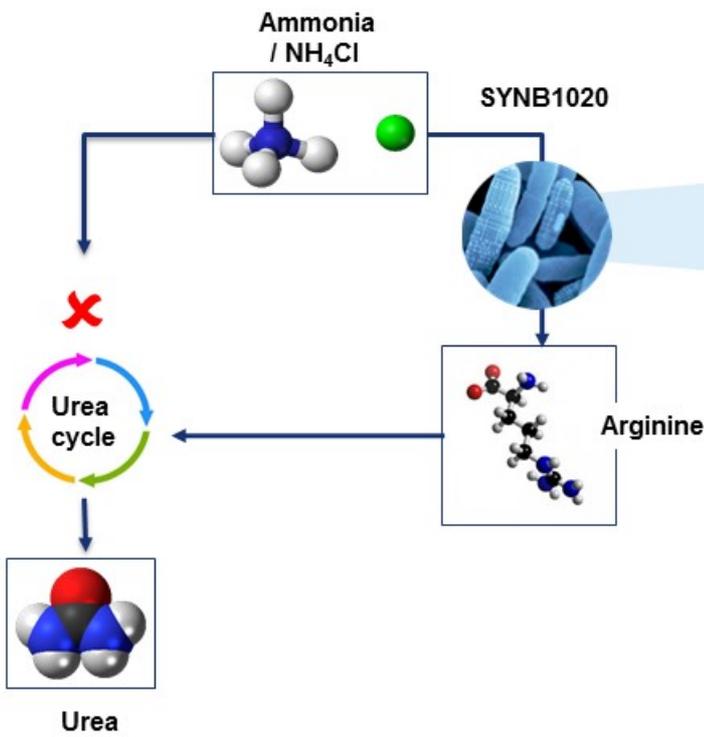
### Hepatic Encephalopathy

- **Neuropsychiatric complication in patients with end-stage liver disease (cirrhosis or hepatitis)**
  - Liver dysfunction leading to ammonia accumulation
  - Toxic to brain, leading to crisis & hospitalization
- **Patients:**
  - 165,000 diagnosed overt patients in US
  - Covert in up to 70% of cirrhotic patients
- **Treatment:**
  - Lactulose: laxative - significant side effects
  - Rifaximin reduction in overt HE recurrence

- **Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:**
  - Reduce episodes of hospitalization
  - Improve cognitive outcomes, QoL

# SYNB1020 Mechanism of Action:

Conversion of Toxic Ammonia into Beneficial Arginine for the Treatment of UCD and HE

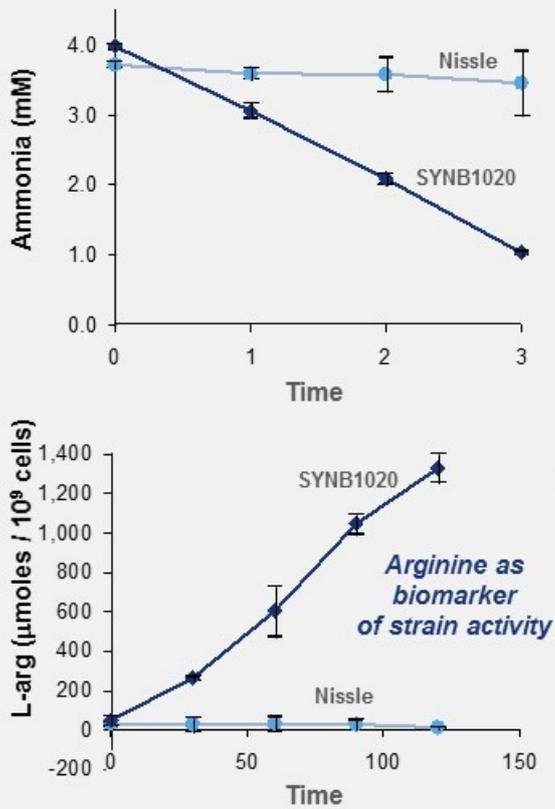


- Under normal conditions, **urea cycle metabolizes ammonia into urea**
- Where ammonia is not efficiently metabolized via urea cycle, **SYNB1020 provides an alternative mechanism**

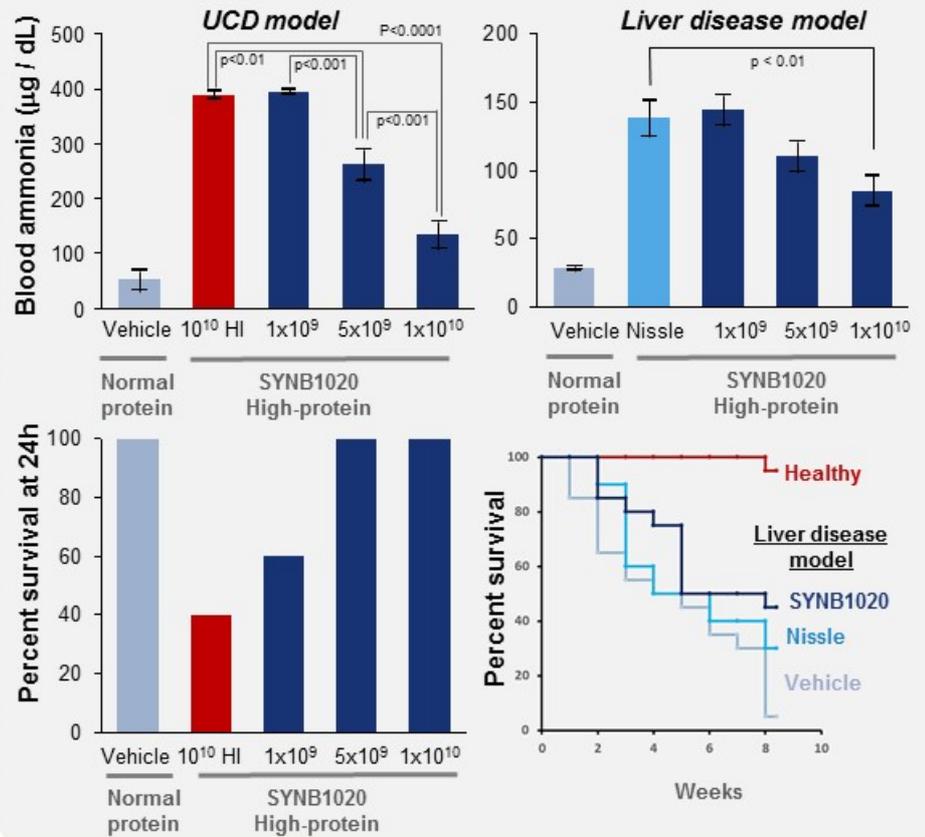
# SYNB1020 Preclinical Characterization:

Potent and Efficacious Ammonia Reduction and Improved Survival

## Potency *in vitro*

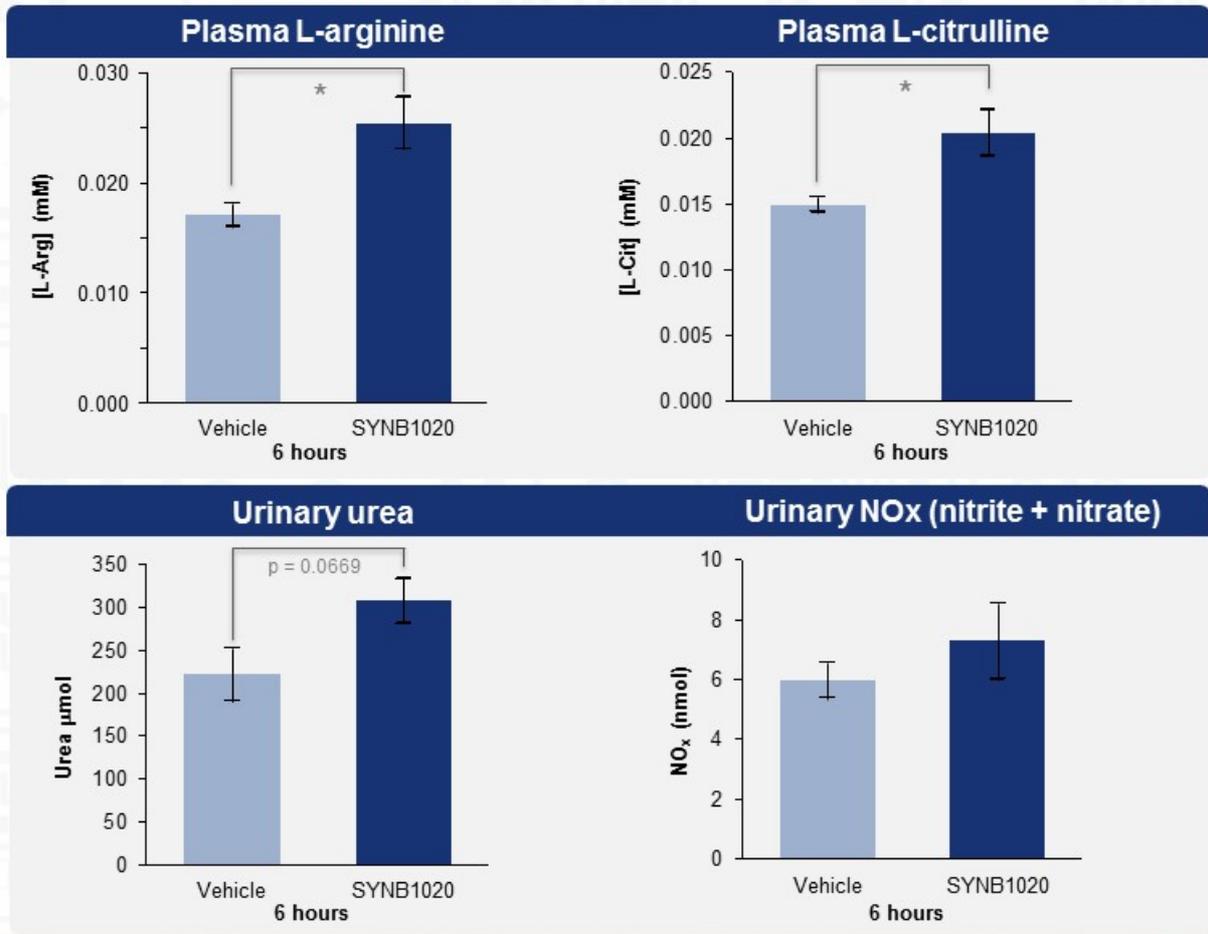


## Dose dependent survival and ammonia lowering *in vivo*



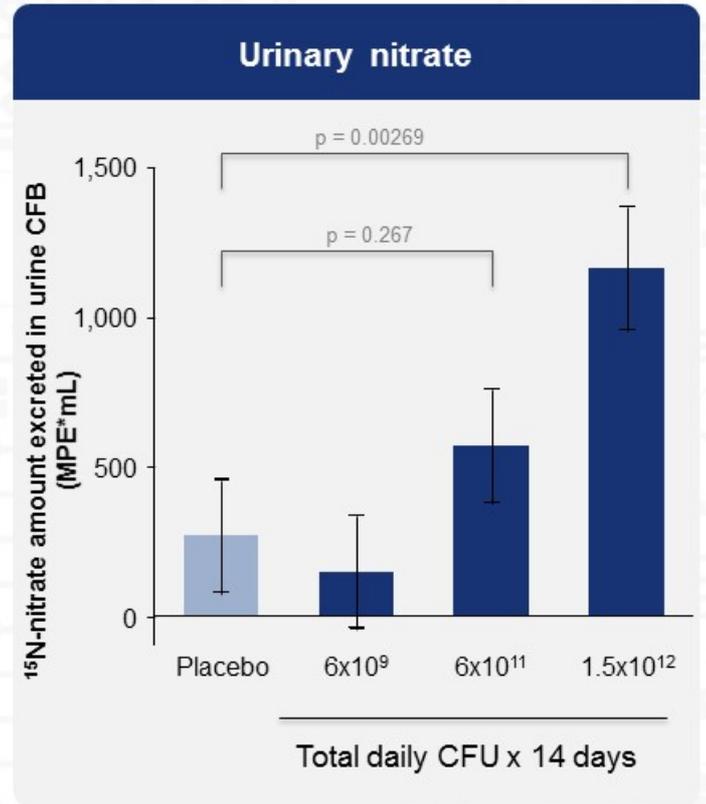
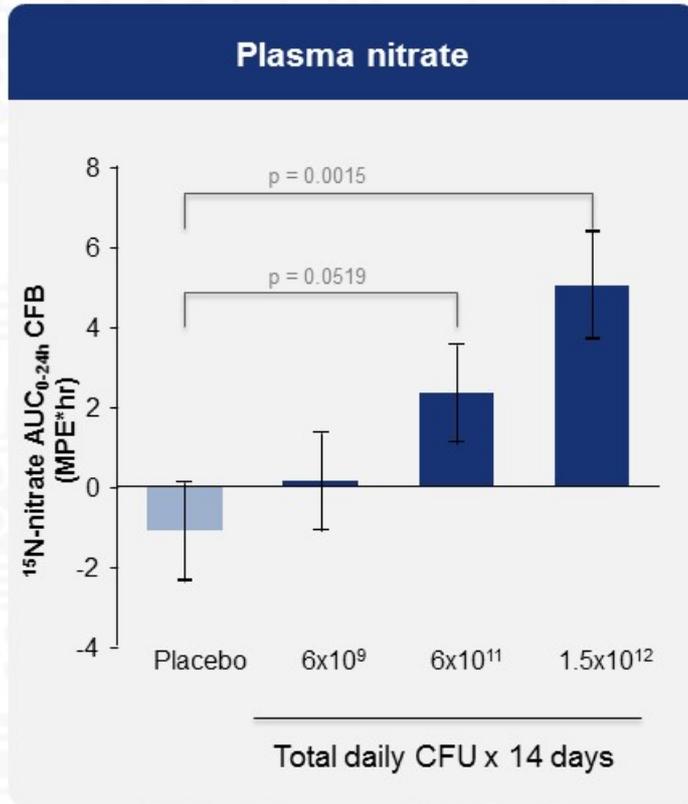
# SYNB1020 Biomarkers of Mechanism:

Increase of Plasma and Urinary Biomarkers and Improvement in Urea Cycle in Mice



# SYNB1020 Biomarkers in Phase 1 SAD / MAD Study:

Significant Dose-Dependent Effect on Plasma and Urinary <sup>15</sup>Nitrate



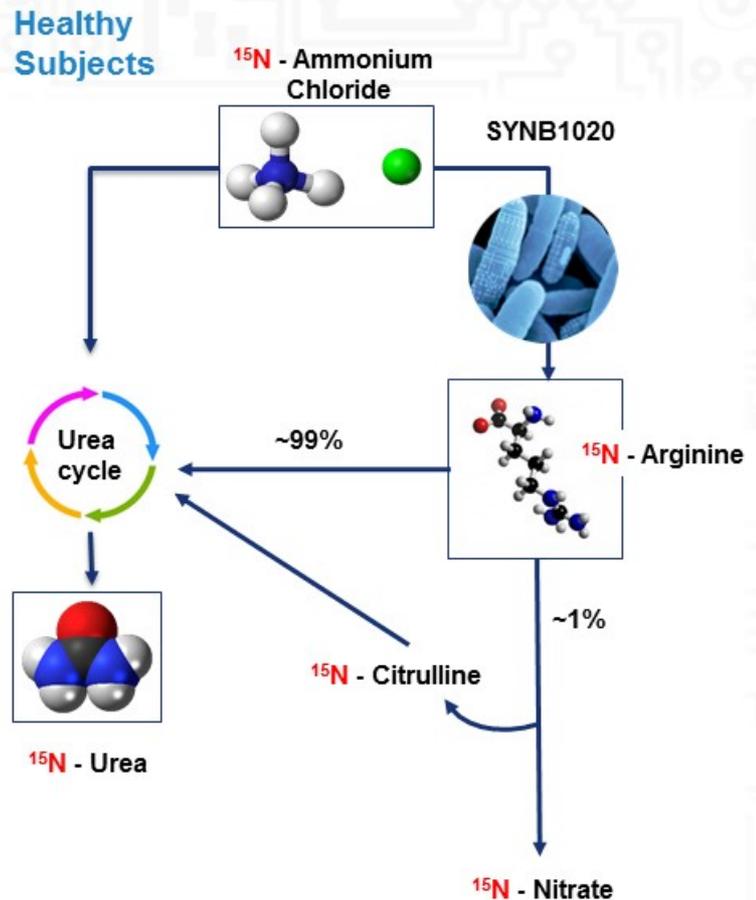
# SYNB1020 Biomarkers in Phase 1 SAD / MAD Study:

## Summary of Biomarker Strategy

- Healthy humans have a robust urea cycle
  - Rapidly convert excess ammonia into urea
  - Maintain consistent ammonia levels
- In the **Phase 1** study of healthy volunteers, an oral dose of  $^{15}\text{N}\text{H}_4\text{CL}$  was followed by blood and urine sampling over 24 hours:
  - Tested for  $^{15}\text{N}$ -labeled urea, citrulline, nitrate
  - Change in levels compared to baseline as measure of *in vivo* strain activity



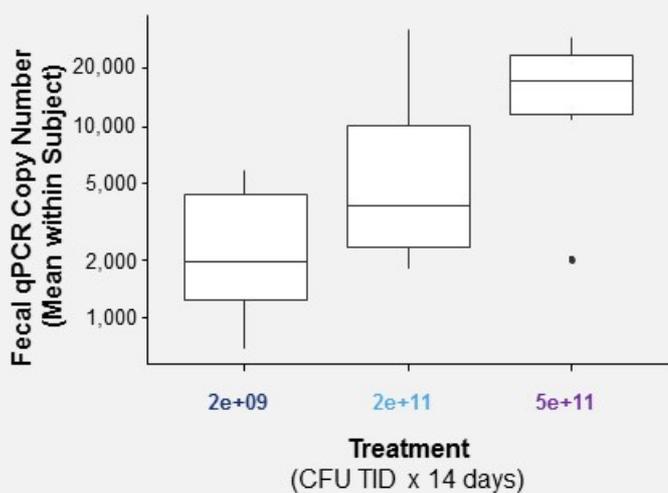
- In UCD / HE patients, *in vivo* activity is expected to translate to lower ammonia levels (vs baseline)



# SYNB1020 Phase 1 SAD / MAD Study:

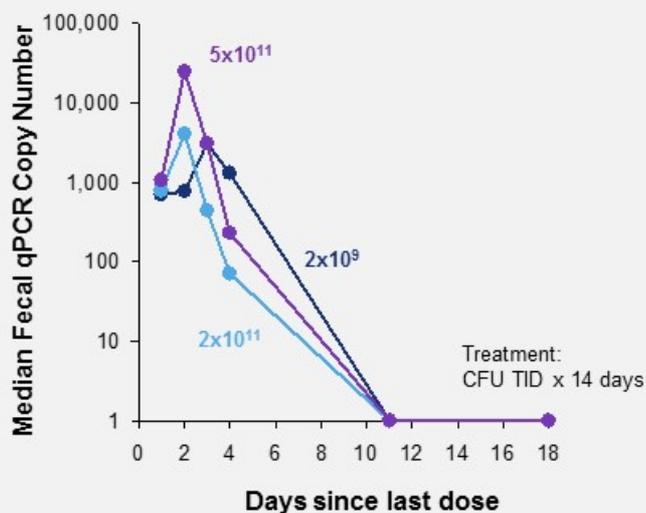
Safe & Well Tolerated with Dose-dependent Exposure Relationship and Fast Clearance

## Dose dependent steady-state SYNB1020 qPCR



- Steady-state qPCR copy number increases with increasing SYNB1020 dose

## SYNB1020 clearance within 2 weeks following completion of dosing



- Following discontinuation of dosing, fecal qPCR load fell rapidly

# SYNB1020 Clinical Development:

## Next Steps: HE and UCD Patient Studies in 2018

*We are pursuing HE and UCD Ph 1b/2a in 2018 with the goal of obtaining proof of concept data for both indications*

Program	2018				2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Hepatic Encephalopathy								
Urea Cycle Disorder								

### Hepatic Encephalopathy

- IND open, initiating study at multiple sites in the US
- **Phase 1b/2a:** Randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled
- **Primary outcome:** establish safety/tolerability in hepatic insufficiency and cirrhosis patients with HE
- **Secondary outcome:** reduction of ammonia

### Urea Cycle Disorders

- **Demonstrate safety/tolerability** in adults with late onset UCD
- Initiate Phase 1b/2a in H2 2018 at multiple metabolic clinical sites

# SYNB1618 for Phenylketonuria (PKU):

## Facilitating Normalization of Plasma Phe Levels

- **Rare Inherited amino acid metabolism disorder**

- Causes build up of amino acid phenylalanine (Phe) in the body
- Phenylalanine is found in all proteins

- **Diagnosed:** 16,500 in US, similar in EU5

- If left untreated, symptoms include cognitive impairment, convulsions, behavior problems, skin rash, musty body odor

- **Treatment:**

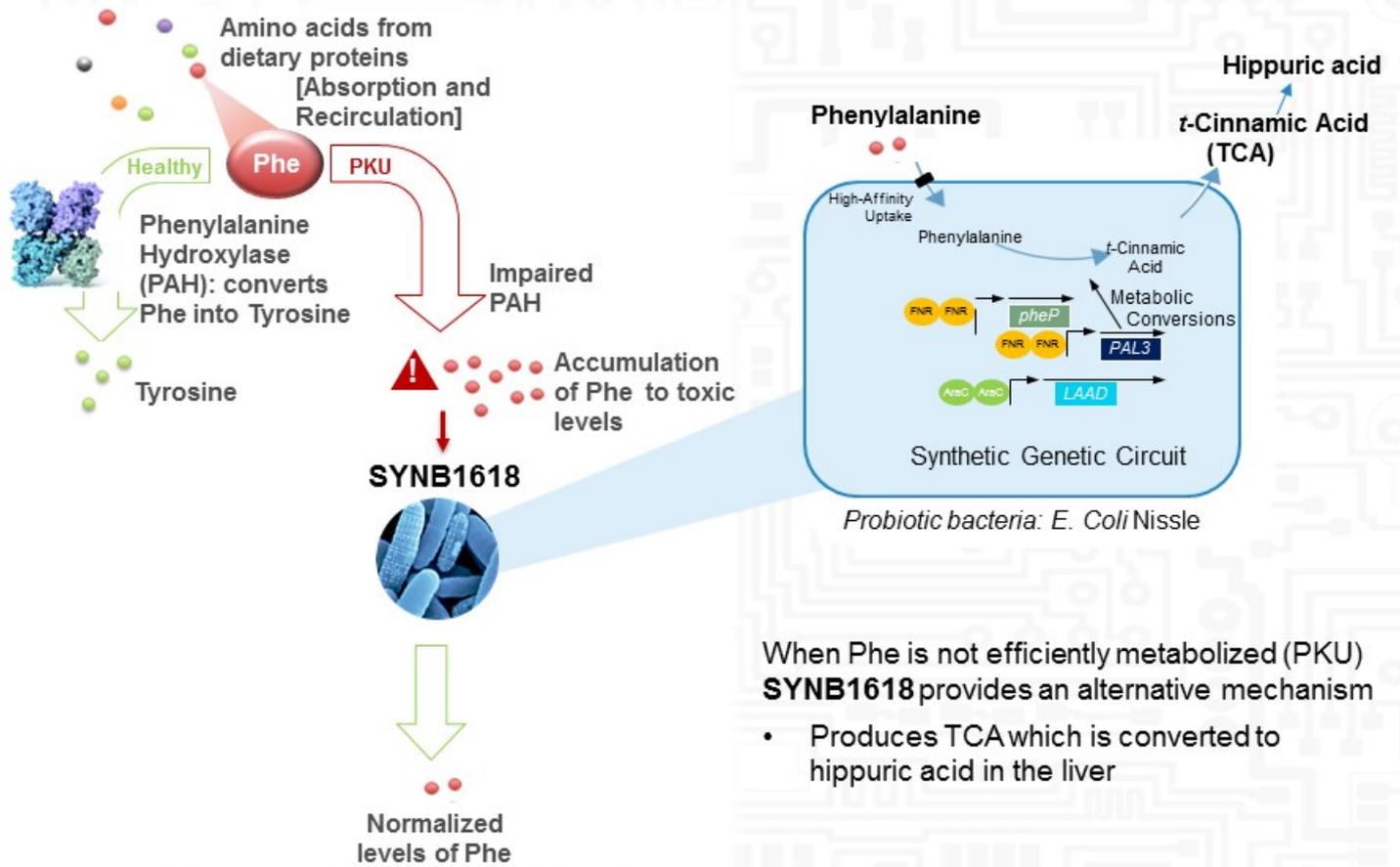
- Low protein diet (no meat, dairy, nuts, eggs)
- Kuvan: PAH cofactor. 20-40% of patients

- **Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:**

- Normalize Phe: less than half manage to target (120 - 360 mmol / L, source: NPKUA)
- Increase protein intake to >25g (vs less than 10g typically)
- Oral dosing without systemic toxicity

# SYNB1618 Mechanism of Action:

Designed to Convert Toxic Phenylalanine to *Trans*-cinnamic Acid



When Phe is not efficiently metabolized (PKU) **SYNB1618** provides an alternative mechanism

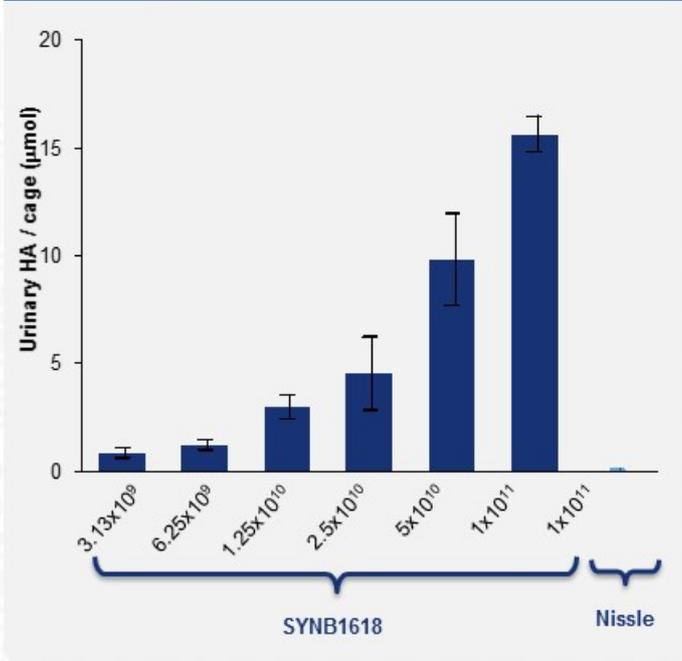
- Produces TCA which is converted to hippuric acid in the liver

# SYNB1618 Preclinical Characterization in Mice:

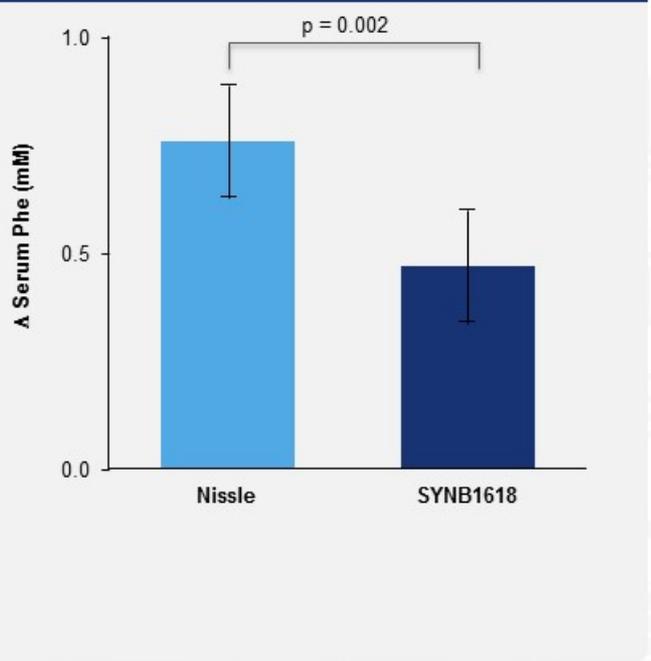
Efficient Phe Degradation and Hippuric Acid Excretion

Following SQ Phe administration to PKU mouse in the presence of SYNB1618

## Dose-responsive urinary hippuric acid production in *Pah<sup>enu2</sup>*

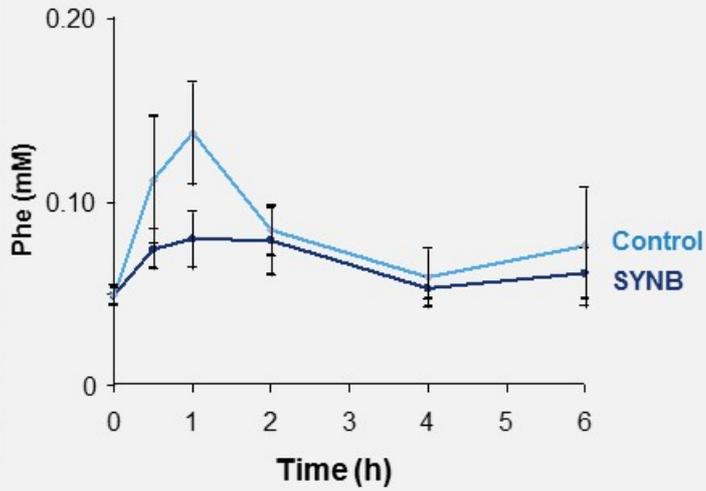


## Reduced plasma Phe in *Pah<sup>enu2</sup>* mice

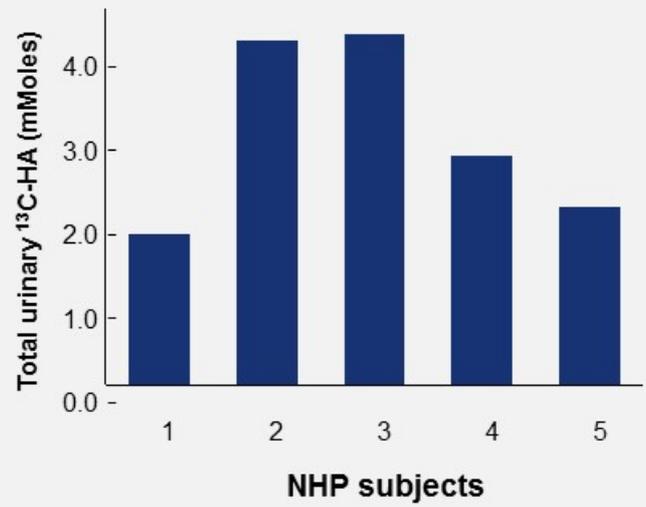


# SYNB1618 Preclinical Characterization in Healthy NHPs: Proof of Mechanism - Metabolizes Phe Whether Administered Orally or Systemically

## Phe (oral administration) metabolism with a Synthetic Biotic medicine



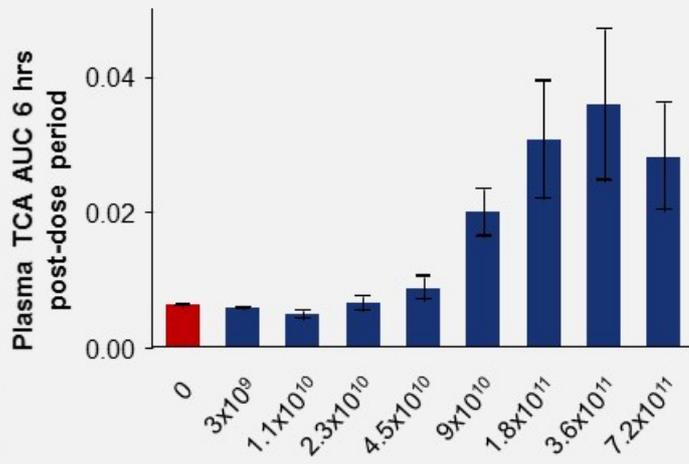
## <sup>13</sup>C Phe (systemically administered) metabolism to <sup>13</sup>C HA with Synthetic Biotic medicine



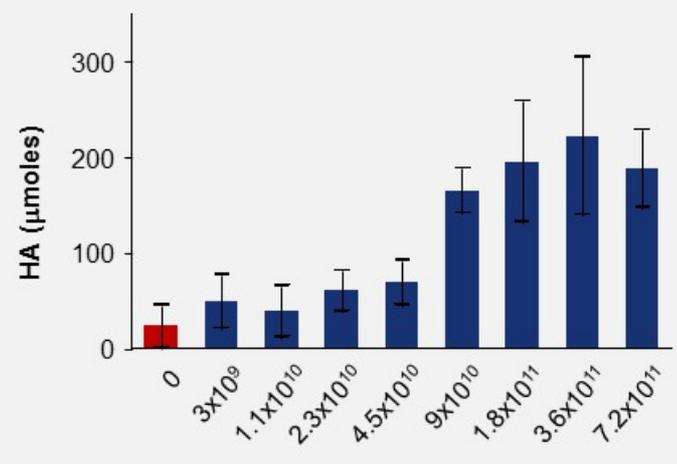
# SYNB1618 Preclinical Characterization in Healthy NHPs:

Phe Metabolism is Dose Responsive

### Dose dependent conversion of Phe to plasma TCA



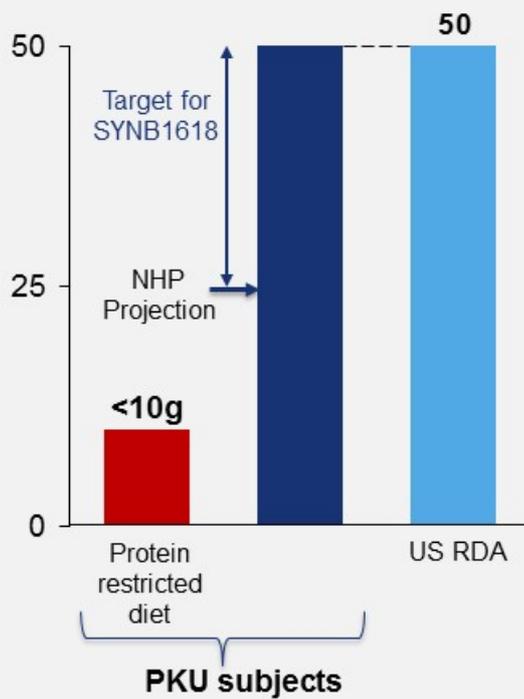
### Dose dependent excretion of urinary HA



# SYNB1618 Preclinical Characterization in Healthy NHPs:

Phe Metabolism is Clinically Relevant

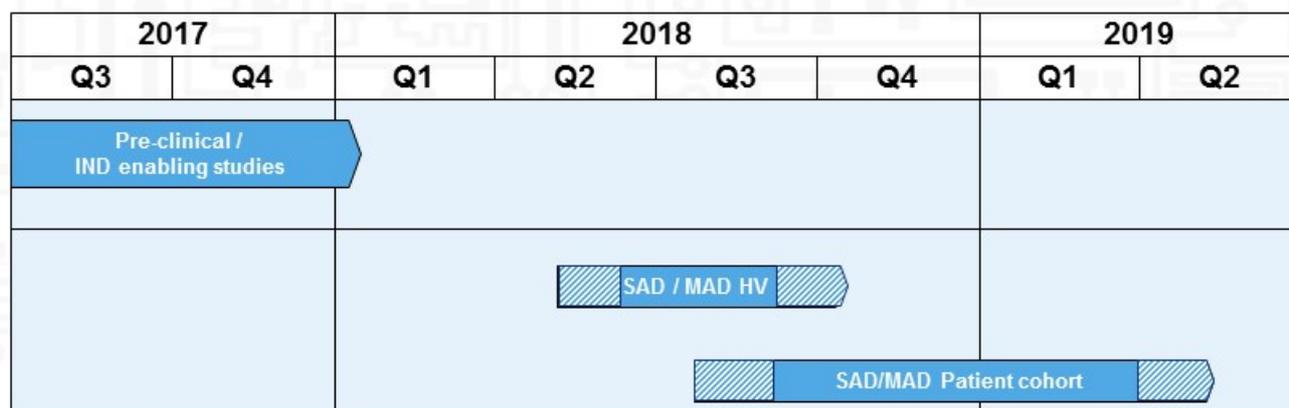
## Dietary protein (g) recommended levels



- PKU patients: restricted to <10g protein/day
- Extrapolation from highest dose in NHPs:
  - Supports a minimum of 25g of dietary protein intake in humans
  - ~50% of daily recommended protein intake (US RDA) or 2.5x increase in protein intake
- Clinical target for SYNB1618 up to US RDA

# SYNB1618 in the Clinic:

## Phase 1 SAD/MAD in Healthy Volunteers with Patient Cohort



- **Goal:** assess safety, tolerability and kinetics in healthy volunteers across a range of doses
  - Includes cohort of SAD/MAD PKU patients
- **Interim read:** Hippuric acid production in healthy volunteers
- **Study duration:** ~12 months

# SYNB1020 and SYNB1618:

## What We Have Learned

### Preclinical

- ✓ **Established mechanism of action (MoA)** for ammonia and phenylalanine lowering in plasma
- ✓ **Correlated MoA with efficacy and survival**
- ✓ Identified biomarkers
- ✓ Demonstrated **dose-dependent changes** in systemic metabolite levels based on activity in the gut
- ✓ In *ex-vivo* human GI models demonstrated survival, resident time and potency
- ✓ Completed preclinical / tox program for 2 biotics

### Clinical

- ✓ Completed Phase I study in **52 healthy volunteers for SYNB1020**
- ✓ Safety: **safe and well-tolerated**; nausea and vomiting is dose-limiting toxicity
- ✓ Efficacy:
  - **Dose responsive effect on systemic metabolite** through programmed mechanism which is active in the gut
  - Bacteria are active *in vivo*, can survive transit through the GI tract, and be metabolically active in feces
- ✓ Clearance: bacteria behave in a consistent and predictable way; clearance within 2 weeks following completion of dosing in all subjects

### Regulatory

- ✓ Successful Regulatory interactions:
  - **Established a development path:** requirements for preclinical and clinical testing and manufacturing of a live biotherapeutic

### Manufacturing

- ✓ Operationalized manufacturing for a human trial with an LBP
- ✓ Developed process to manufacture 3,000 – 5,000 doses of active drug

# Manufacture of Drug Substance and Drug Product

From Flask to Fermenter to the Clinic

## Discovery and Preclinical

### Strain engineering

- Fast - >40 in 3 years
- Switch technology enables productive biomass



### In vitro testing

- Small scale manufacture- ambr® 15
- In-house testing of:
  - Strength – CFUs
  - Potency – micro well plate assays



### Tox and In vivo lots

- 3,000 dose lots
- CMO currently producing
- In-house in 2018

## Drug Substance

### Clinical supplies

- Standard process for consistent biomass and potency
- Phase 1 scale 150-200L fermentation ambr® 250
- CMO producing lead program supplies



### Commercial supplies

- Probiotics at massive scale, lyophilized
- Prebiotic formulation for energetics, survival, and switches
- Under evaluation: Large scale CMOs, lyophilization, spray dry

## Drug Product

### Clinical supplies

- Liquid/oral formulation
- Under development
  - Solid oral
  - Injectable for intratumoral



### Commercial supplies

- Probiotics are solid oral
- Solid dose CMO capabilities under evaluation
- Evaluating: Capsules, sachet, enteric coating

# Synlogic Synthetic Biotic Platform:

Bringing Rational Drug Development to the Microbiome



## Build Potency

### Rational design:

- Synthetic biology tools applied
- Engineer potency
- Exceed endogenous bacterial activity



## Apply Pharmacological Principles

### Pharmacologically tractable:

- Non-colonizing
- Measurable dose-response



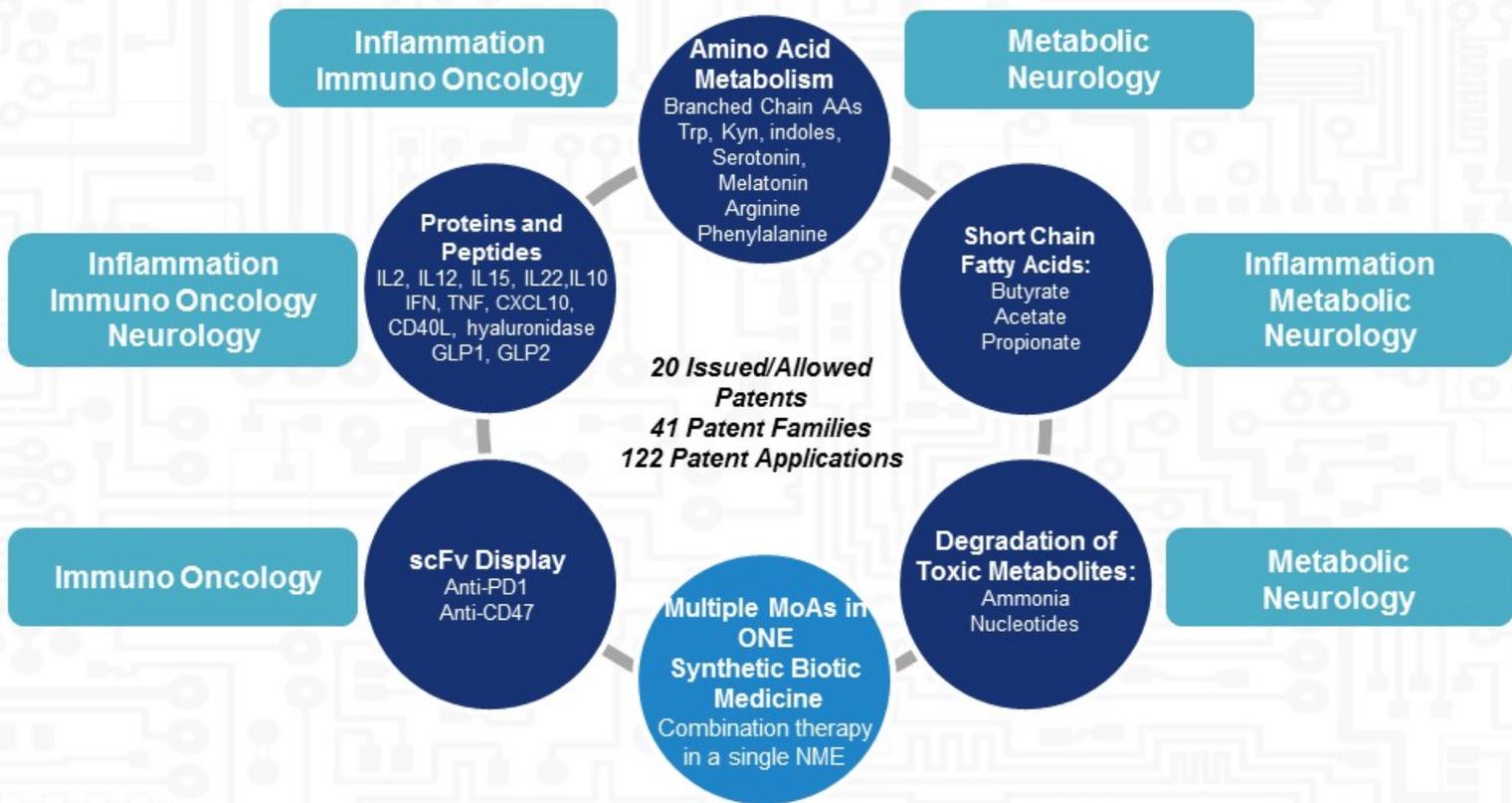
## Develop Reliable Manufacturing

### GMP manufacturing:

- Single strain
- Reproducible yield
- Formulation & delivery
- Control switches
- Portfolio applicability

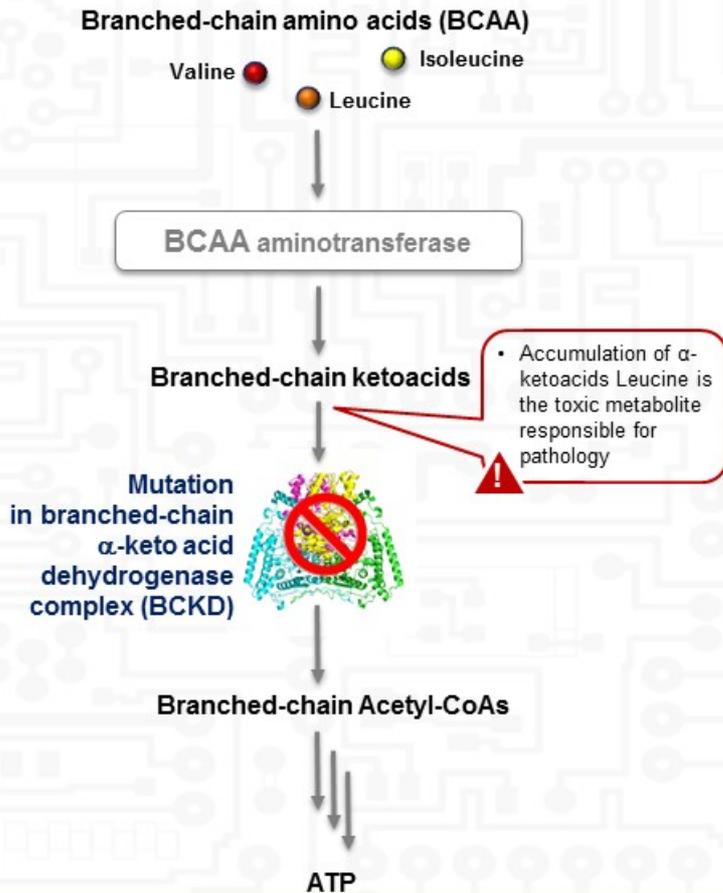
# Synthetic Biotic Medicines:

Applicability Beyond Rare Disease Across Multiple Pathways



# SYN-MSUD for Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD):

Degradation of toxic branched-chain amino acids



## Genetic Aminoacidopathy

- Enzyme defect in catabolic pathway of branched-chain amino acids (BCAAs)
- **Incidence:** 1:185,000; higher in certain population e.g Mennonites 1:176
  - Diagnosis via newborn screening program
  - Symptoms: lethargy, hypotonia, seizures, hypoglycemia, ketoacidosis, pancreatitis, coma, neurological decline
- **Treatment:**
  - No therapeutic options
  - Long term dietary management: restriction of BCAAs

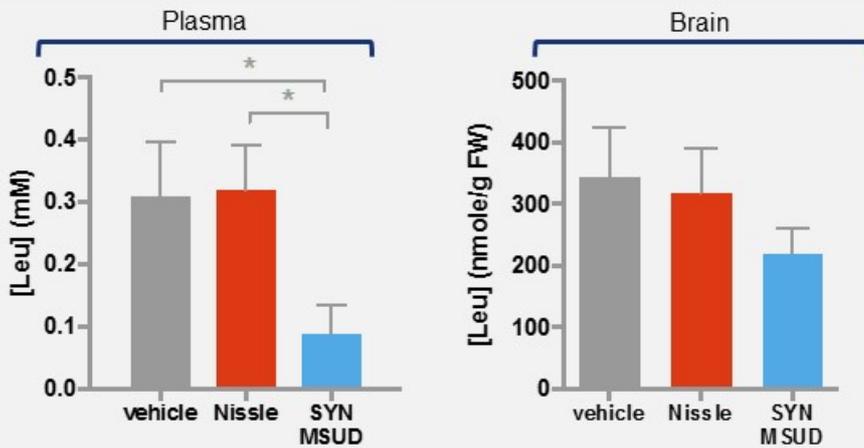
### Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:

- Maintain target leucine levels
- Prevention of acute episodes

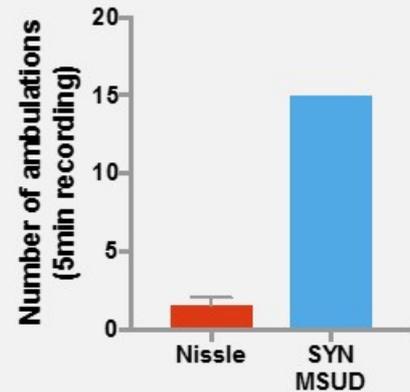
# SYN-MSUD *In Vivo*:

Lowers Plasma and Brain *Leu* Levels

- Plasma *Leu* significantly reduced on Day 3
- Trend for *Leu* lowering in the brain

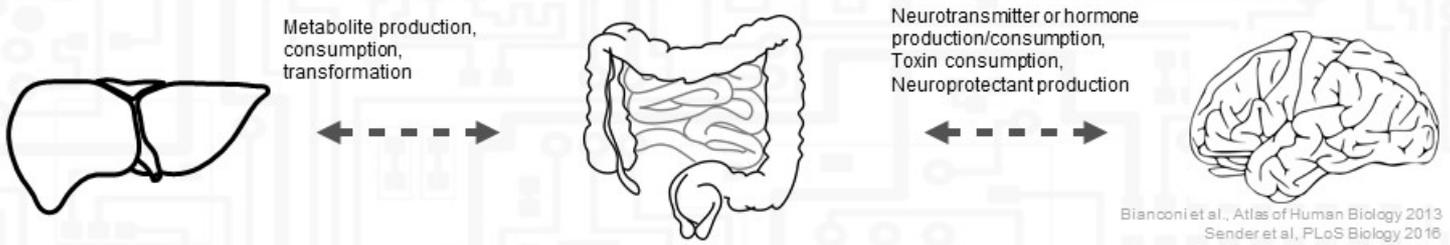


Protective effect on iMSUD animals fed high-protein chow





Engineered Probiotics to Modulate Cross-talk between the Gut and the Liver or Brain



Unprecedented Engine for Rational Drug Development of Living Medicines

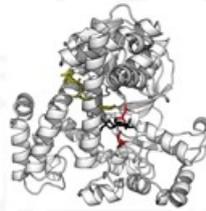
Chassis → Pathway → Preclinical → Translation → Delivery



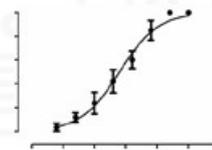
- Engineerability
- Effectiveness
- Safety



- Understand disease pathology
- Identify mechanisms to restore health
- Design
  - Bioinformatics
  - Pathway enumeration
  - In silico design
  - Systems-level characterization



- High Throughput Strain Engineering
  - Enzyme optimization
  - Pathway balancing
  - Industrial scale gene synthesis
- Automated and Parallel Testing
  - Mutli-dimensional analytics
  - Integrated manufacturability
  - Predictive translational



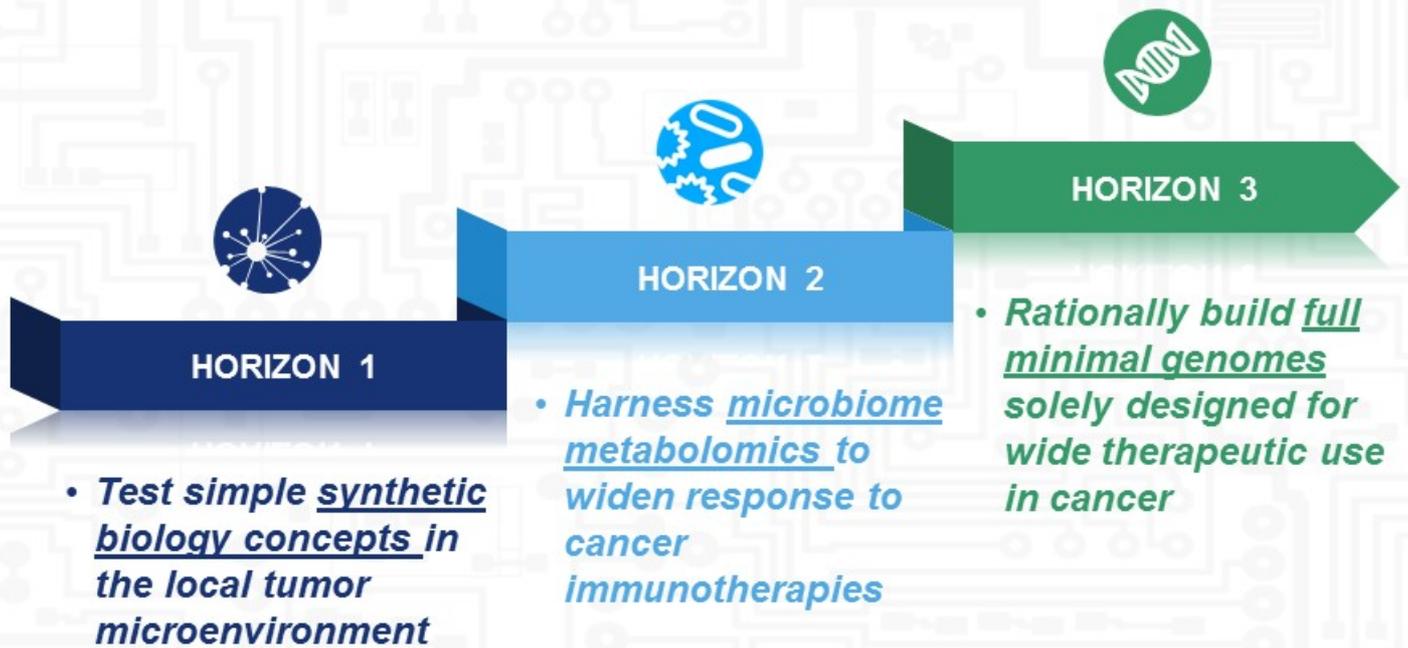
- Pharmacology, modeling
  - Dose
  - Toxicity
  - Bioavailability
  - Potency
  - Residence Time
  - Conversion Efficiency



- Manufacturability
- Drug Substance and Drug Product Manufacturing:

# Synlogic Mission: To Re-define Medicine through Synthetic Biology

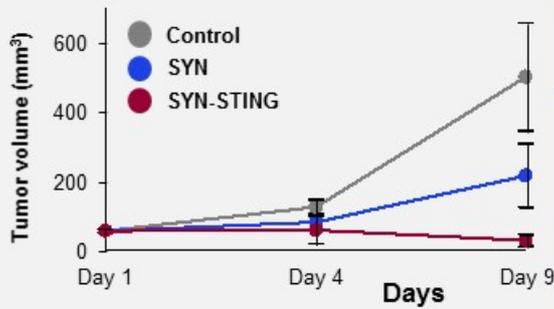
Bringing Minimal Therapeutic Genomes to Oncology



# Synlogic Vision for Immuno-Oncology: One Drug, 2 Mechanistic Modules to Turn Cold Tumors to Hot, Driving High Response Rates and Abscopal Effect

**Immune Initiator: Antigen Release, Activation & Priming**

**SYN-STING activates innate cytokines and adaptive T-cell response to drive tumor regression**

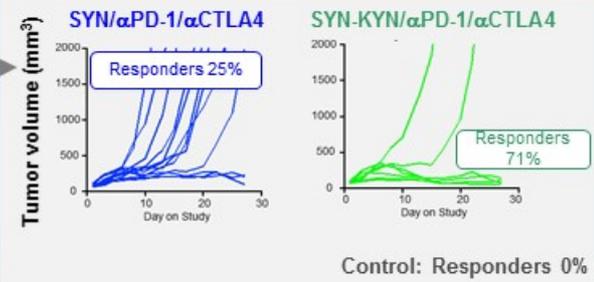


**Immune Sustainer: Immune Augmentation & T Cell Expansion**

**SYNB0828: Lead IO Program**

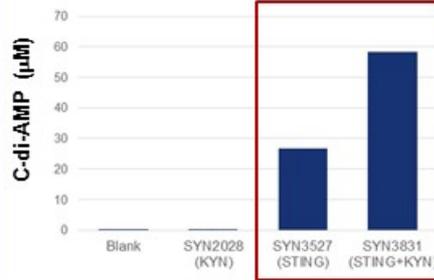


**SYN-Kyn with PD-1/CTLA4 reprograms tumor microenvironment to drive tumor necrosis and antigen release**

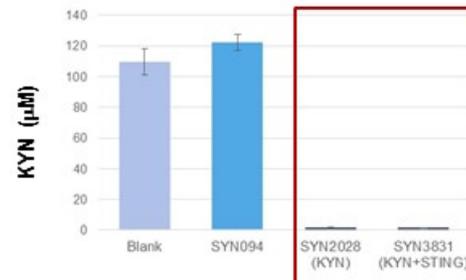


**Combination of initiator & sustainer circuit in one strain to enhance activity**

**Production of cyclic-di-AMP**



**Consumption of L-kynurenine**



# Synlogic Development Pipeline:

## Programs' Timelines Summary

Program	2018				2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
HE	HE Ph 1b / 2a							
UCD	UCD Ph 1b / 2a							
PKU	SAD/MAD HV				SAD/MAD Patient Cohort			
MSUD	IND enabling studies				IND enabling studies			
IO	IND enabling studies				IND enabling studies			



### 2017 Accomplishments

#### **Significant pipeline progress:**

- SYN1020: UCD / HE
  - ✓ Phase 1 completion
  - ✓ Fast track designation
- SYN1618: PKU
  - ✓ Orphan status
  - ✓ IND on track for Q1 '18

#### **Corporate:**

- ✓ Public listing on NASDAQ
- ✓ 1st milestone in AbbVie collaboration in IBD
- ✓ Strategic collaboration with Gingko Bioworks
- ✓ Organization growth: hiring into key roles to support clinical and manufacturing functions



### 2018 Goals

#### **Programs:**

- SYN1020: UCD / HE
  - ☐ Phase 1 results presentation at medical conferences: Q1 '18
  - ☐ Initiate Phase 1b / 2a in HE in Q1 '18
  - ☐ Initiate Phase 1b / 2a in UCD mid '18
- SYN 1618: PKU
  - ☐ Phase 1 SAD / MAD study in HV and PKU patients in H1 '18
- Early pipeline: new indications (including IO) data presentation at major meetings

#### **Corporate:**

- Advance existing collaborations
- Expand platform reach through new partnerships

# Synlogic Overview



## Novel Therapeutic Class

- Leader of **therapeutic synthetic biology**, genetically reprogram probiotics for transformative impact on disease treatment
- Simple, robust and rapid process for the discovery, development and manufacturing of drug candidates
- Key differentiation: potency, pharmacology/dose responses, reproducible manufacturing



## Robust Pipeline with Orphan Drug Programs

- **SYNB1020** for Hyperammonemia including Urea Cycle Disorder (UCD) & Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE). Healthy volunteer study completed November 2017: Safe and well tolerated, positive Proof of Mechanism
- **SYNB1618** for Phenylketonuria (PKU); Positive PoM in NHPs. 2018 IND and clinical study



## Broad Platform - Multiple Product Opportunities

- **Immuno Oncology**: Non pathogenic bacterial chassis "armed" synthetically with effector functions that activate/expand immune response for tumor regression and memory response
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (**IBD**) partnered with **Abbvie**
- **Liver Diseases and CNS diseases**: direct exposure to Liver/plasma of designed metabolites



## Dominant Synthetic Biotic IP Portfolio

*As of Jan 2018*

- 20 Issued/Allowed Patents
- 41 Patent Families
- 122 Pending Patent Applications



## Strong Balance Sheet

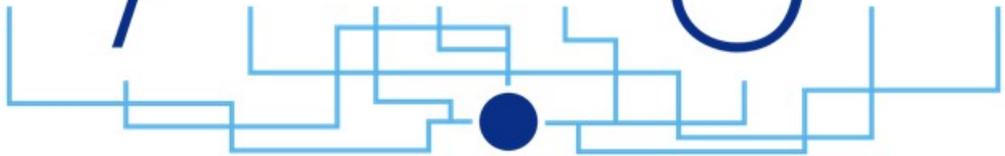
- \$96.6M in cash as of 3Q 2017
- Investors include: Aju IB Investment, Ally Bridge Group, Atlas Venture, Deerfield Management, New Enterprise Associates (NEA), OrbiMed, Perceptive Advisors, Rock Springs Capital



## Highly Experienced Management Team

- JC Gutierrez-Ramos, CEO
- Aoife Brennan, CMO
- Todd Shegog, CFO
- Andrew Gengos, COO
- Paul Miller, CSO
- Dean Falb, CTO
- Richard Schwartz, SVP Manufacturing
- Caroline Kurtz, VP Translational Science

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# Synlogic Management Team:

From Funding of Platform to Clinic in Less than Three Years

## JC Gutierrez-Ramos, CEO

- Group SVP Biotherapeutics, Pfizer
- SVP, Head Immunoinflammation Center for Drug Discovery, GSK
- CSO & Site Head, Amgen Mountain View

## Aoife Brennan, CMO

- VP, Rare Disease Innovation Unit, Biogen
- Medical Director, Tolerx

## Todd Shegog, CFO

- SVP & CFO, Forum Pharmaceuticals
- SVP & CFO, Millennium Pharmaceuticals

## Paul Miller, CSO

- VP, Infection iScience, AstraZeneca
- VP, Antibacterials Research Unit, Pfizer

## Adam Thomas, CHRO

- VP, Head of Human Resources for R&D, Shire
- Head of HR for Research, Development & Engineering, S.C. Johnson Co

## Dean Falb, CTO

- Entrepreneur in Residence, Atlas Venture
- VP, R&D, Stryker Regenerative Medicine

## Caroline Kurtz, SVP, Translational Science

- Vice President, GCC Platform Lead, Ironwood Pharmaceuticals
- Director, Infectious Diseases, Genzyme

## Dick Schwartz, SVP, Manufacturing

- Chief, Vaccine Production Program Lab, NIH
- Senior Director, Process & Manufacturing Sciences, MedImmune

## Andrew Gengos, COO & Head of Corp. Dev.

- President and CEO ImmunoCellular Therapeutics
- President & CEO Neuraltus Pharmaceuticals
- VP, Strategy & Corp. Development Amgen,
- VP, CFO & CBO Dynavax Technologies

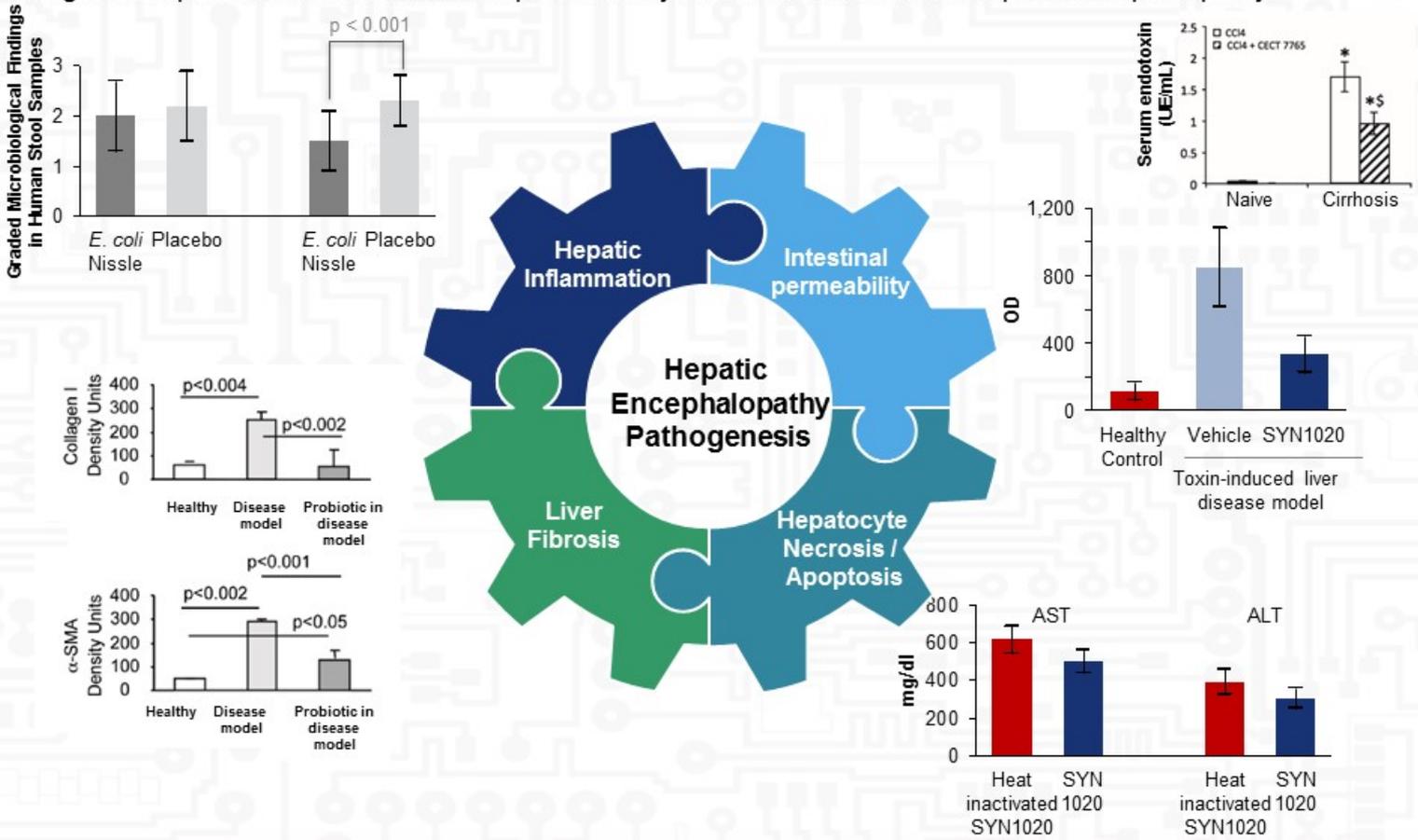
## Maiken Keson-Brooks, General Counsel

- SVP, General Counsel, uniQure
- SVP, General Counsel, Forum Pharmaceuticals

# SYNB1020 for Treatment of Liver Disease:

## Potential Mechanisms of Action

Engineered probiotic bacteria have the potential beyond ammonia control in hepatic encephalopathy



# SYNB1020 for Hyperammonemia:

## Strong Preclinical Package Informs Clinical Strategy



### Animal Data



### Human Data

#### Potency

- *In vitro*
  - Ammonia consumption
  - Arginine production: nitrate precursor

#### Exposure

- Survival past stomach and small intestine:
  - In mouse models of disease
  - In simulated human gut (Prodigest)
- Dose exposure relationship
- Functional activity following transit through the gut

#### Biomarker

- *In vivo*
  - Unlabeled / wild-type mouse: increase in arginine and arginine metabolites
  - Mouse and NHP: tracer data
- Plasma and Urinary Nitrate (tracer data)

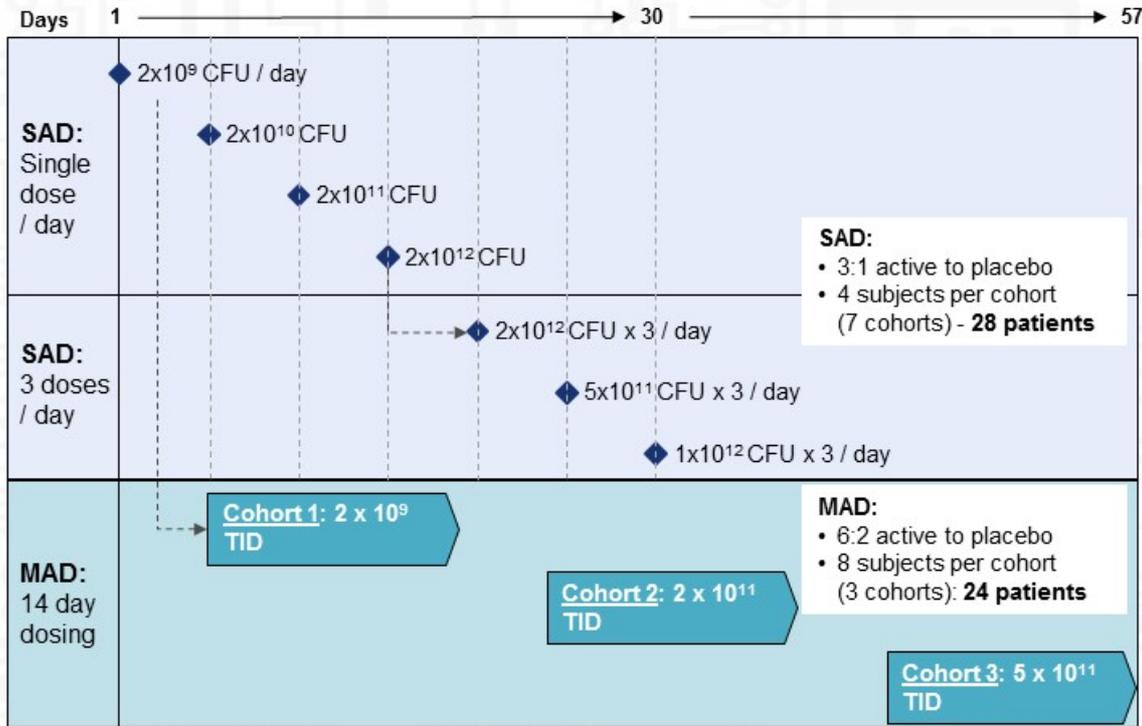
#### Efficacy

- Efficacy in animal model of UCD and liver disease
  - Ammonia lowering and survival in UCD
  - Ammonia lowering in liver disease
- Patient studies planned in 2018

# SYNB1020 Phase 1 SAD / MAD Study:

Phase I Study - Safe and Well-Tolerated in Healthy Volunteers

*A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to assess the safety, tolerability, and pharmacodynamics of SYNB1020 in healthy volunteers*



## Met primary and secondary objectives

- Safe and well tolerated: no SAEs, AEs mild to moderate nausea and vomiting at highest doses tested
- Well tolerated in MAD up to  $1.5 \times 10^{12}$  CFU for 14 days
- SYNB1020 cleared from system within 11 days

### Preclinical and Clinical Safety & Toxicology

#### Preclinical:

- No toxicity at highest feasible dose in two species
- No evidence of distribution outside the GI tract

#### Clinical:

- Well tolerated in MAD up to  $1.5 \times 10^{12}$  CFU for 14 days
  - Mild nausea and vomiting at higher dose
  - 52 healthy volunteers dosed orally with either SYNB1020 or placebo
  - SAD-28 subjects in 7 cohorts
  - MAD-24 subjects in 3 cohorts
- SYNB1020 cleared from system within expected timeframe

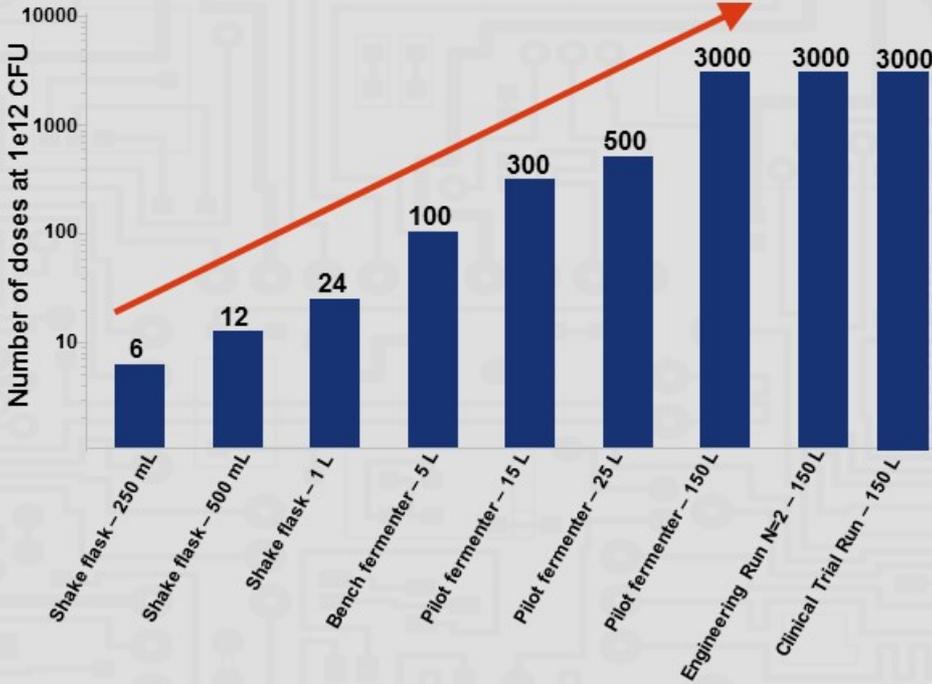
### Regulatory

- Orphan Drug Designation (UCD, PKU)
- Fast Track Designation (UCD)
- Feedback from FDA Office of Vaccines Research and Review (CBER)
  - No Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC) required
  - Lowering of blood ammonia level is an approvable end-point (UCD)

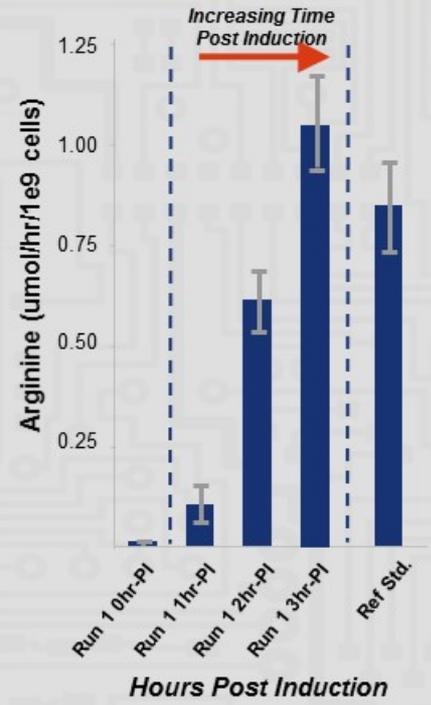
# CMO Manufacture - From Flask to Industrial Fermenter:

Well-Controlled Process at 150L

## Successful Scale-up to Biomass for Clinical Scale



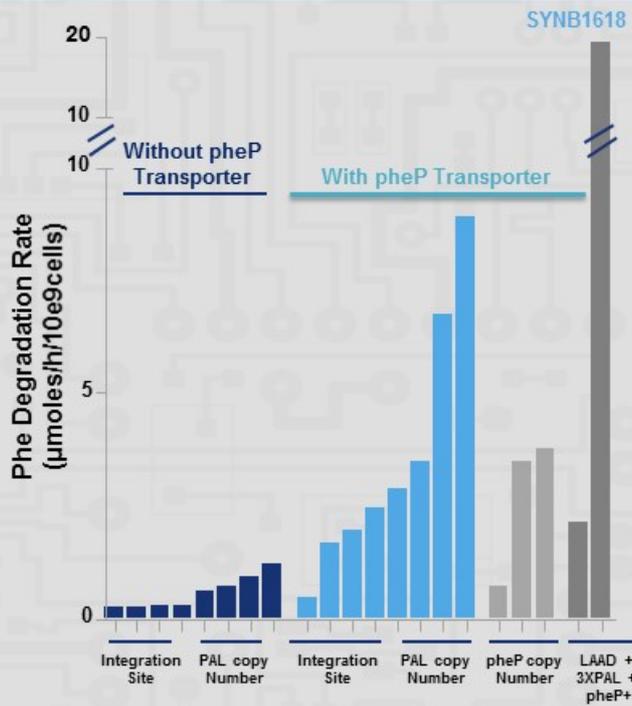
## Control of Activity During Manufacturing



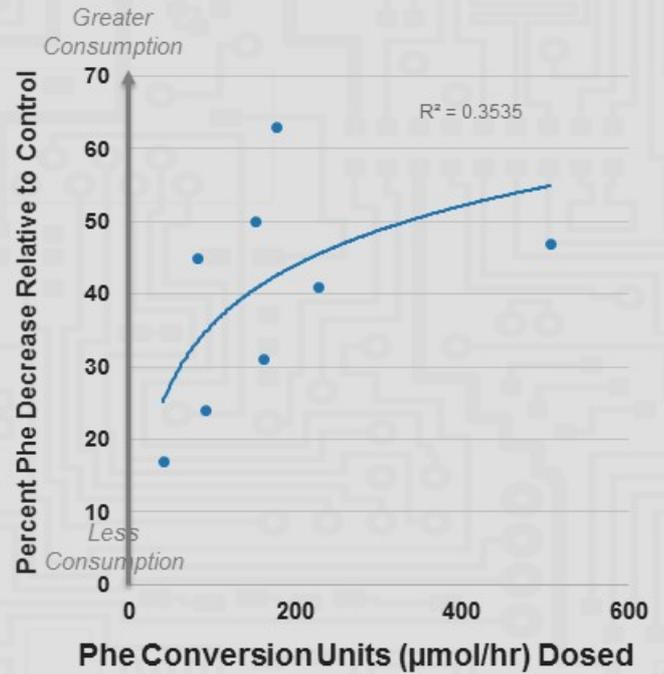
# PKU Design and Preclinical Characterization:

Efficient Phe Degradation *In Vitro* and *In Vivo*

## Lead Optimization *in vitro*



## Dose response for Blood Phe *in vivo*

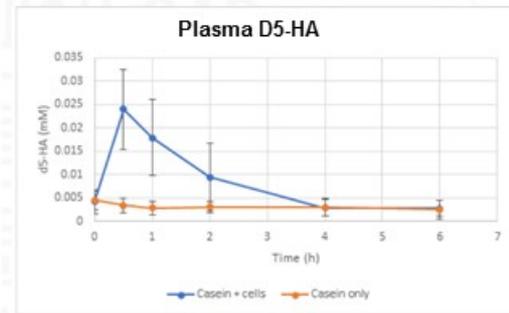
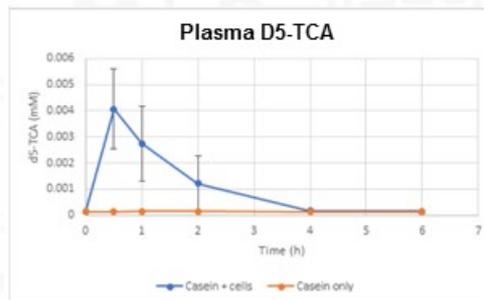
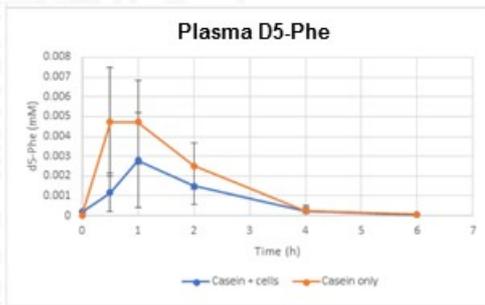
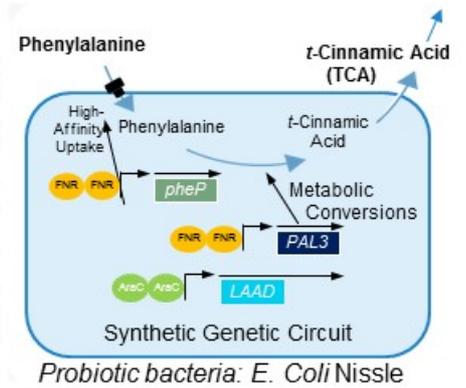


# SYN1618 Preclinical Characterization:

## Casein Study in NHPs

### NHP challenge studies:

- Oral D5-Phe
- SQ D5-Phe
- Oral dipeptides and tripeptides with D5-Phe
- Casein containing D5-Phe



# Synthetic Biotic Medicines:

Designed for Clinical Performance

**100s-1000s**  
GI metabolites and conversions

**100s**  
proteins/peptides that affect metabolic or immunomodulatory diseases from the gut

## PROGRAMMED TO SENSE AND RESPOND

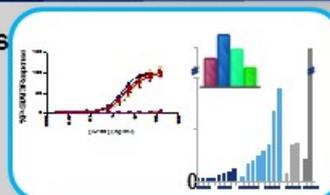
- *In silico* design, pathway modeling
- Enzyme selection, optimization
- **10+** Switches for GI sensing
- Promoters for signal optimization
- Systems profiling of cell metabolism



**Over 40**  
strains engineered with *in vitro* activity

## ENGINEERED FOR EFFICACY AND SAFETY

- **9** landing pads for combinations
- **15** Proteins secreted
- **10** Secretion strategies
- Ribosome binding sites



**Over 15**  
progressed to *in vivo* activity

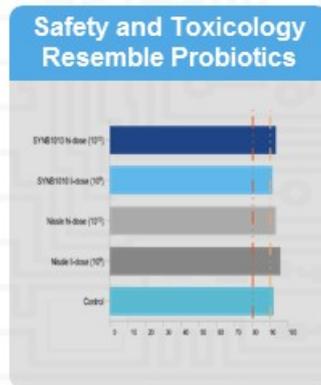
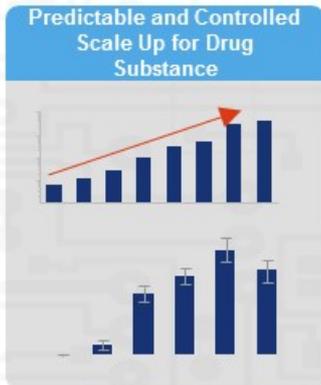
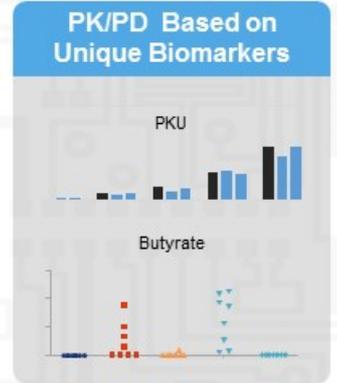
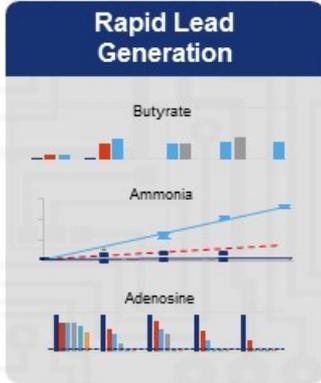
## BUILT TO TRANSLATE ACTIVITY & DOSE

- Biomarkers by design
- *Ex vivo* GI model
- Auxotrophies
- Integrated manuf. feasibility
- Platform formulation strategy
- Local delivery



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with dose dependent effect on systemic biomarker in primates

# Synthetic Biotic Platform: Rational Drug Discovery and Development



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