A Phase 1/2a Oral Placebo-controlled Study of SYNB1618 in Healthy Adult Volunteers and Subjects with Phenylketonuria

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Phenylketonuria (PKU)

Developing a novel oral therapy using engineered probiotic bacteria

PKU is a rare inherited amino acid metabolism disorder

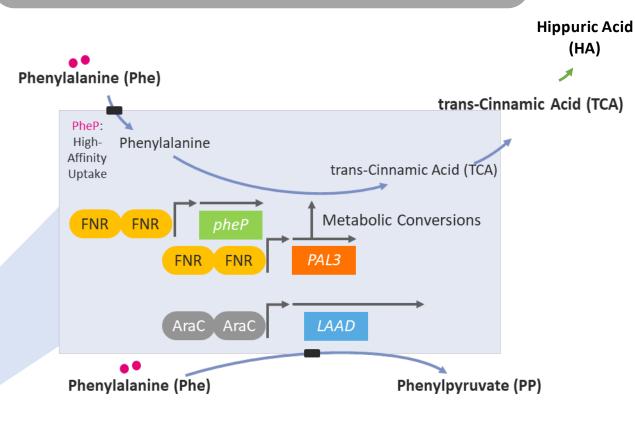
- Causes accumulation of phenylalanine (Phe) in the body due to deficiency in PAH enzyme
- Untreated PKU leads to cognitive impairment, seizures, behavioral problems, skin rash
- Incidence approximately 1:10,000-20,000 worldwide

Treatment:

- Low Phe diet with Phe free AA supplements
- Sapropterin dihydrochloride: PAH cofactor
- Pegvaliase: injectable, pegylated, bacterial enzyme (phenylalanine ammonia-lyase or PAL)

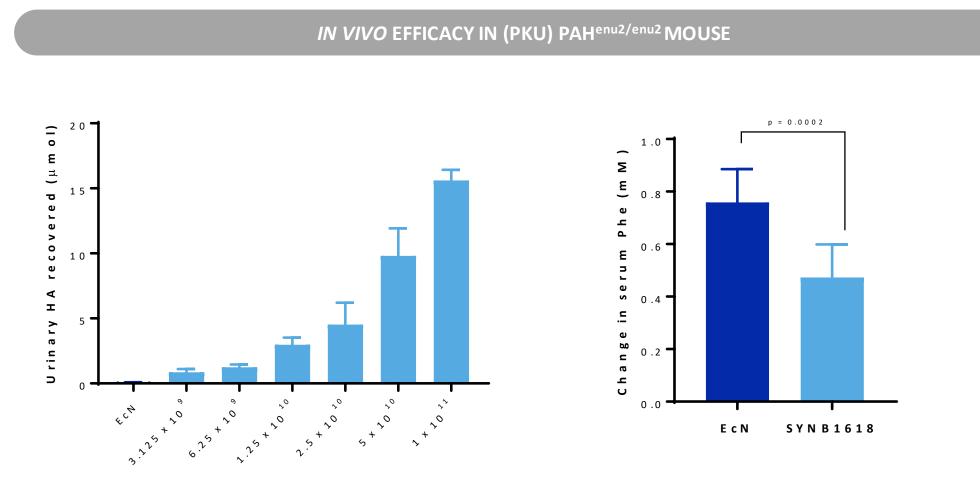


SYNB1618 Engineered Probiotic Bacteria: *E.coli* Nissle



SYNB1618 Preclinical Characterization

Biomarkers Demonstrate Dose-dependent Activity of SYNB1618 in Mouse Model of PKU

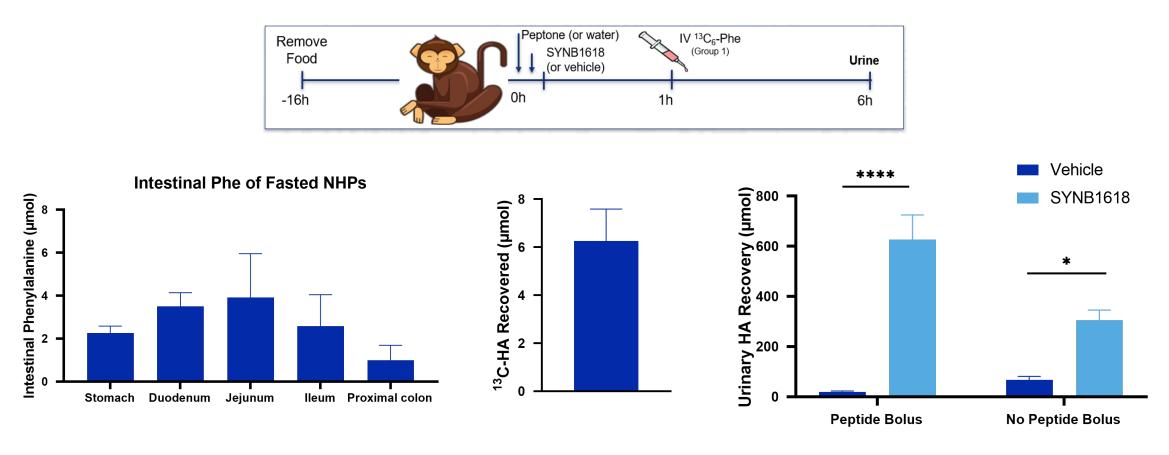


CFUs SYNB1618 administered

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Enterorecirculation of Phe

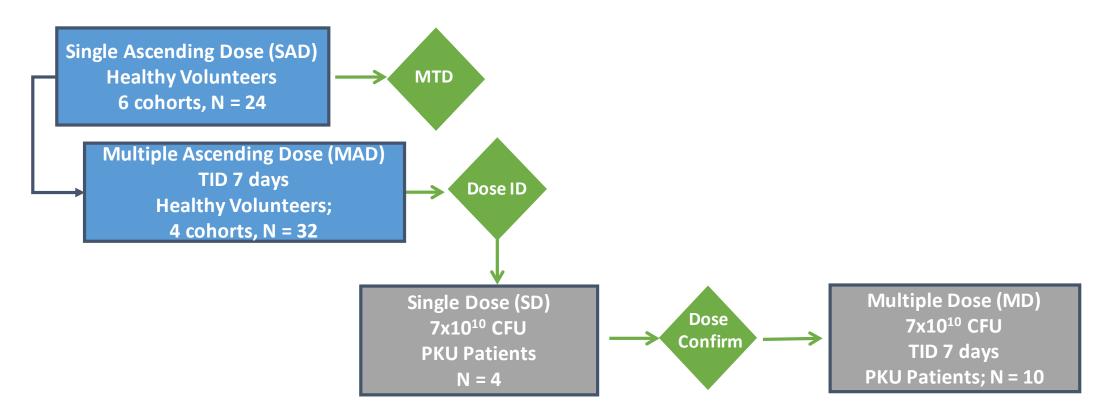
Resident Phe available in the GI tract provides substrate beyond dietary Phe



SYNB1618 dosing in the fasted state leads to HA production in NHPs

SYNB1618 First-in-Human Study

Phase 1/2a Randomized, Double-blind Placebo-controlled Study in Healthy Volunteers with PKU Patient Cohort



Study Outcomes

- Designed to show safety and pharmacodynamic effects based on strain-specific biomarkers for further development
- No Phe lowering expected

PKU Study Population Demographics

	PKU Single Dose		PKU Multiple Dose	
	SYNB1618	PBO	SYNB1618	PBO
Ν	3	1	6	4
Age mean (range)	26.0 (24,27)	20.0 (20, 20)	36.7 (27, 50)	28.5 (22, 41)
Gender (% Male)	F 2, M 1 (33.3%)	F 0, M 1 (100%)	F1 <i>,</i> M5 (83.3%)	F3, M1 (25%)
Race N (%)	White 3 (100%)	White 1 (100%)	White 6 (100%)	White 4 (100%)
Baseline Phe Mean (SD) in umol/L	946 (269)	718 (NA)	1354 (436)	937 (643)

Safety Profile of SYNB1618

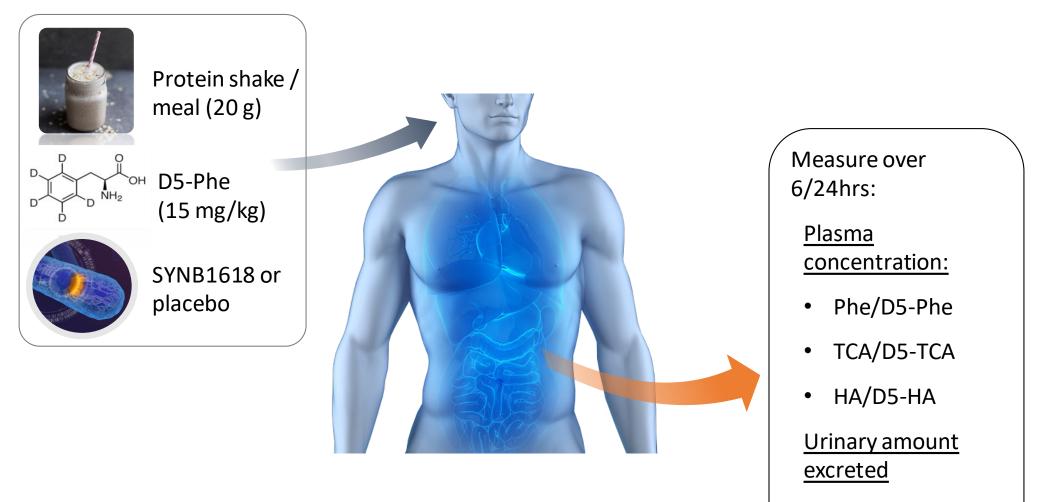
Generally well-tolerated in HV and PKU

56 healthy volunteers and 14 PKU patients	Adults	Received at least one	
	Age range: 18-62 yrs	dose of SYNB1618 or	
and 14 PRO patients	old (20-50 yrs in PKU)	placebo	

- There were no treatment-related serious adverse events, no systemic toxicity or infections.
- Treatment-emergent adverse events were either mild or moderate in severity, and reversible. Most adverse events were GI-related.
- ✓ All subjects cleared the bacteria. There was no evidence of colonization, and no subject required antibiotics.
- ✓ Single dose MTD was defined as 2x10¹¹ CFU. Doses above this level were associated with dose-limiting GI adverse events.
- ✓ Based on pharmacodynamic data and tolerability profile, a dose of 7x10¹⁰ CFU was identified for the second part of the study in PKU patients.

D5-Phe Tracer Study Design

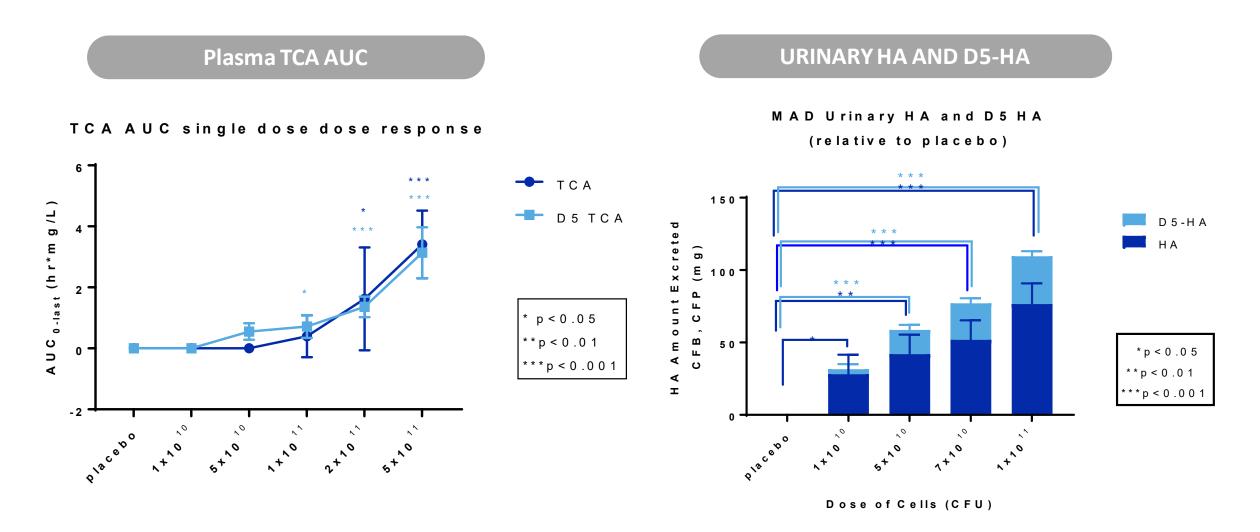
D5-Phe Tracer Enables Tracking of Strain-specific Phe Metabolites TCA and HA



• HA/D5-HA

SYNB1618 Performs Engineered Function in Human

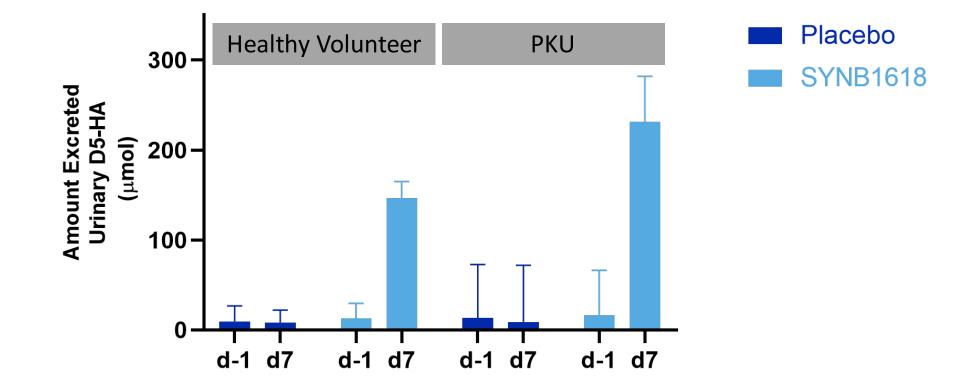
Statistically Significant Dose-dependent Activity of SYNB1618 in Healthy Volunteers



SYNB1618 Function is Similar in Healthy Volunteers and PKU

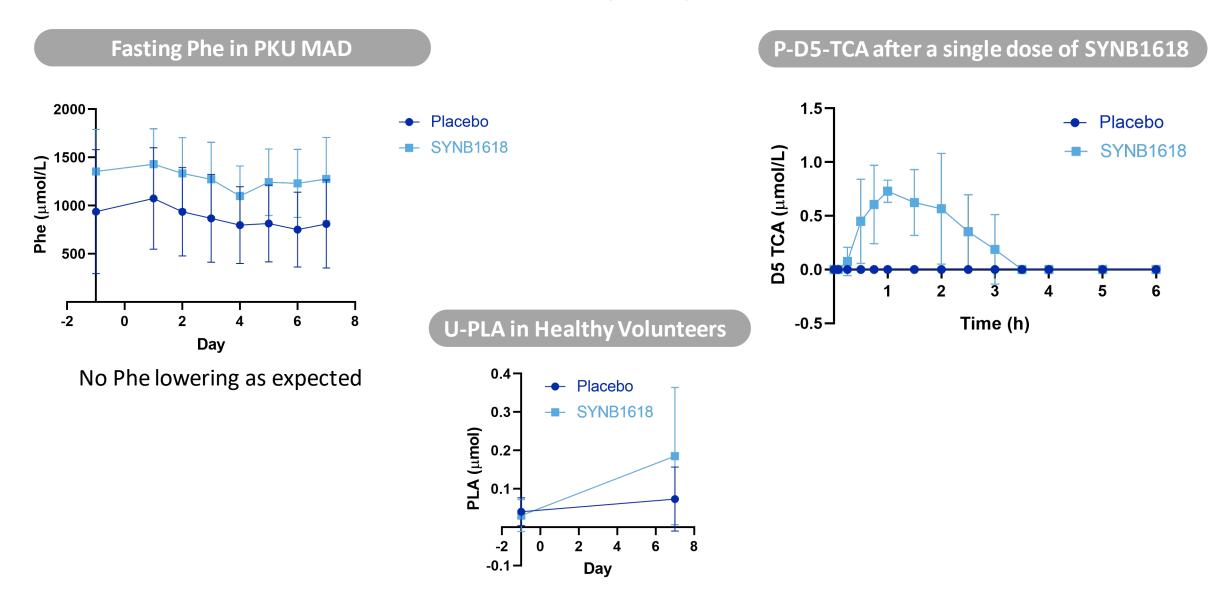
Same dose of 7x10¹⁰ CFU TID leads to similar magnitude of Phe metabolism

Urinary D5 - HA Amount excreted in healthy volunteers and PKU patients



Evidence of dual functionality of the strain

Both PAL and LAAD pathways active in vivo

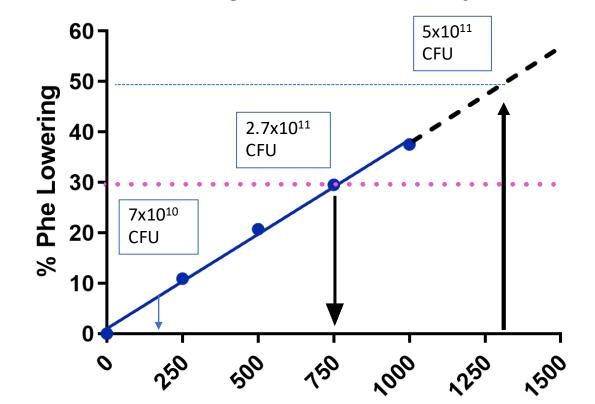


Modeling: Potential For Clinically Meaningful Phe Reduction in PKU Patients

Tool to project effect of SYNB1618 on blood Phe lowering based on biomarkers

- Model based on the known kinetics of Phe metabolism to relate bacterial Phe consumption in the gut to blood Phe lowering.
- Assumes classic PKU (0% PAH), moderately restricted protein intake (50g/day), conservative estimate of only PAL pathway activity without LAAD contribution.

Details on the model: Poster #140



% Phe lowering vs Phe Consumed by SYNB1618

mg of Phe per day consumed by SYNB1618



- Preclinical data demonstrate SYNB1618 metabolizes Phe in vivo
- HV study confirms strain activity in humans
- SYNB1618 was safe and generally well-tolerated in both healthy volunteers and PKU patients
- A statistically significant, dose-related increase was observed in strain-specific biomarkers showing potential for higher efficacy with further increase in dose
- Multiple day dosing confirms similar strain activity in PKU patients
- Modeling identified a strain dose range with potential for clinically meaningful Phe reduction to be tested in further efficacy studies

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