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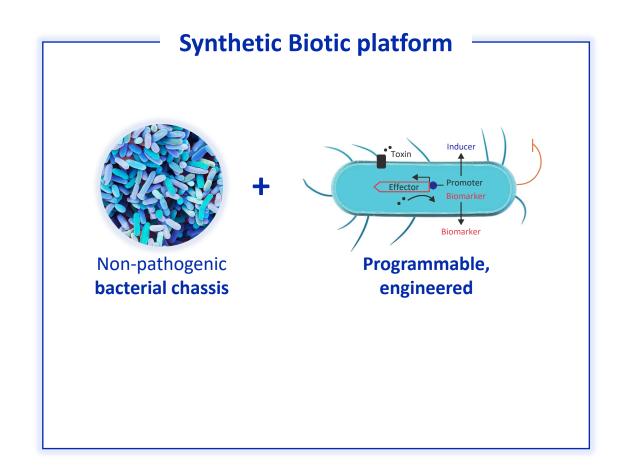
**Synthetic Biotic Medicines for the Treatment of PKU** 

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#### A new class of medicines



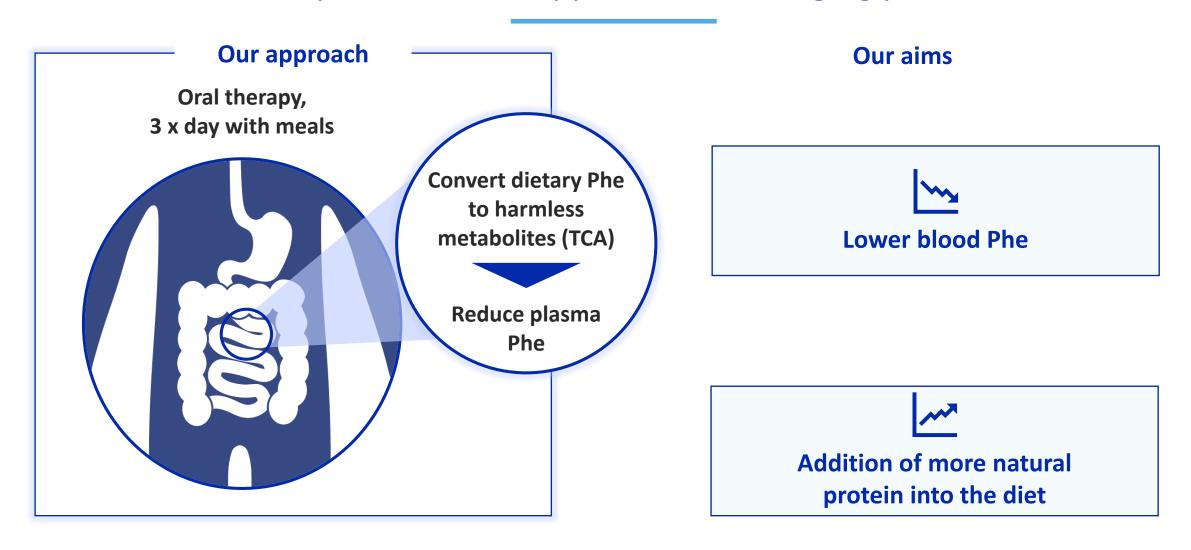
#### **Potential Treatment for PKU**

- **Consumes toxic metabolites** from the GI tract
- Potential treatment for **PKU** and other allied disorders

Our goal is to develop targeted therapies Synthetic Biotic medicines for the treatment of rare and metabolic disease



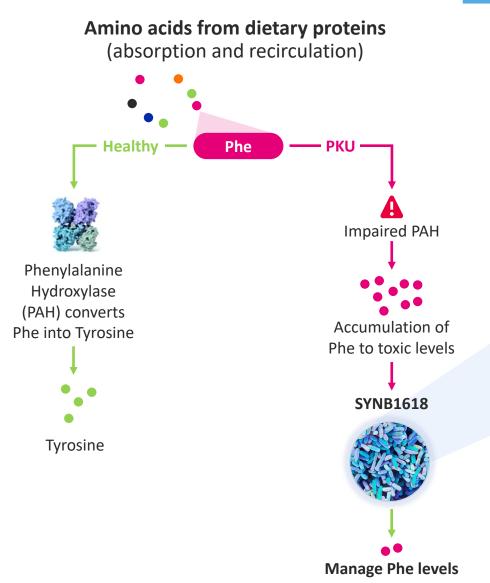
### A potential new approach to managing phe



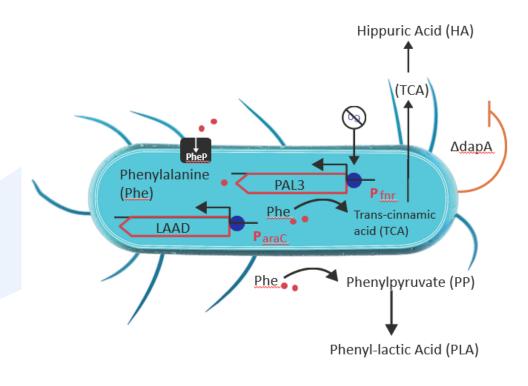
Synlogic has initiated a Ph2 Study in PKU patients (SynPheny)



### How do Synthetic Biotic medicines for PKU work?



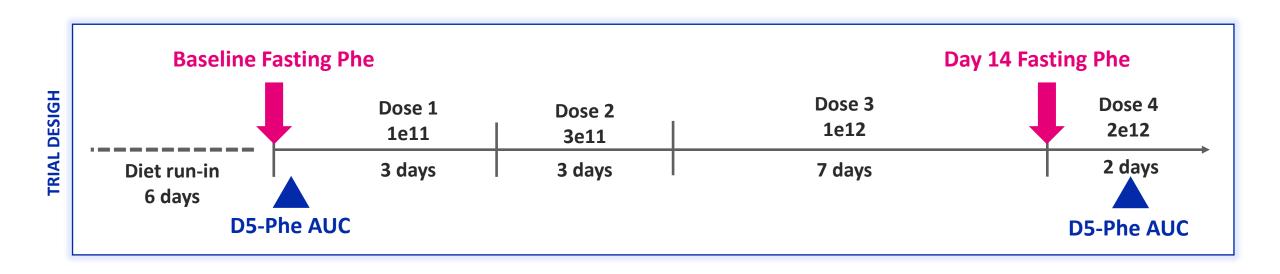
Engineered Probiotic Bacteria: E. coli Nissle Components of Synthetic Genetic Circuit



# SynPheny-1: Phase 2 Proof of Concept Study Ongoing



**Currently Recruiting in the United States** 



ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04534842

**Study website** https://pkuresearchstudy.com/



# **PKU Patient Survey**



## Patient Survey: Understanding the Needs of PKU

Goal

**Understanding the daily challenges** PKU patients face with a focus on Phe levels, dietary management, and need for additional natural protein in their diet

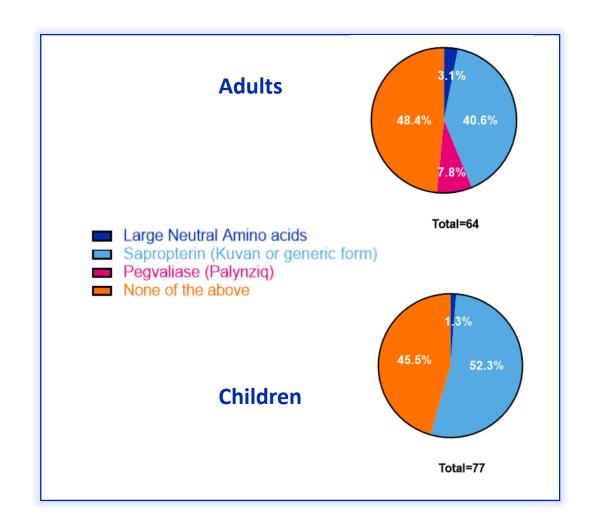
Method

Online survey of PKU patients and parents/caregivers together with NPKUA and CanPKU

## **Study Participants**

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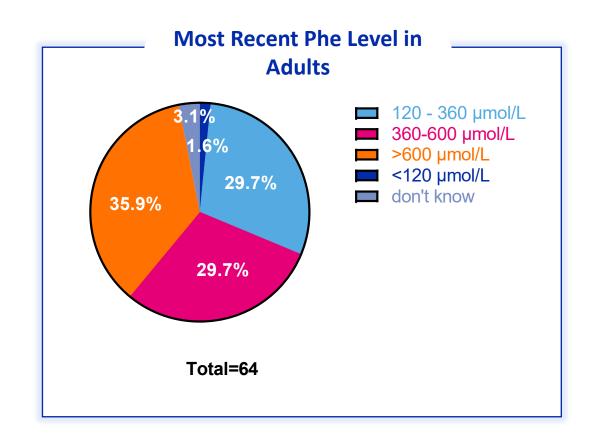
- 64 PKU patients (55% US)
- 77 parents/caregivers (51% US)
- 40.6% of adults and 53.2% of children on Kuvan
- Mean daily natural protein intake was
  - -25.3 g in adults (range 5-78)
  - -19.1 g in children (range 3-90)
- Mean daily Phe intake was
  - -1267 mg in adults (range 250-3900)
  - -953 mg in children (range 150-4500)

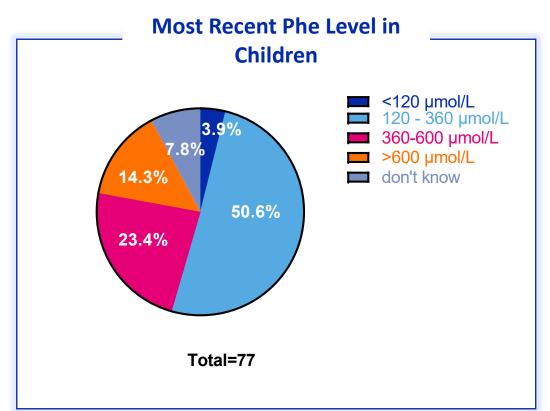




### Large proportion of PKU patients not at target

2 in 3 adults and 1 in 3 children did not reach target of < 360 umol/L

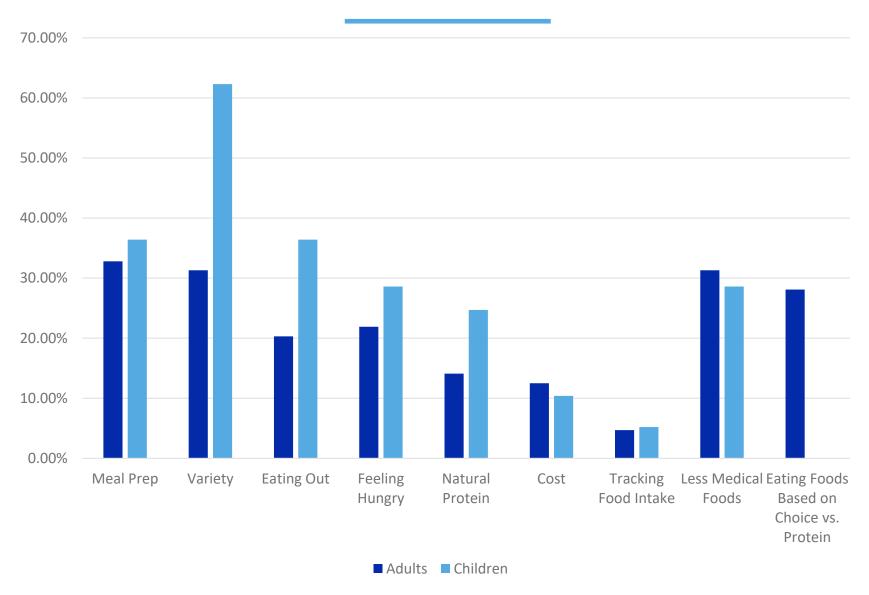




Clear unmet need for novel therapies despite existing treatment options



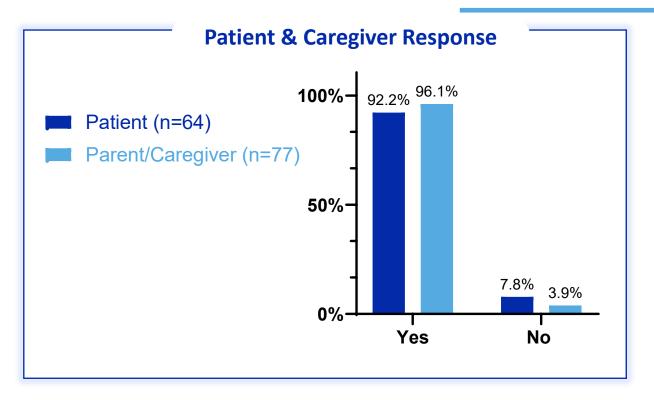
#### What are the biggest challenges of the PKU diet?





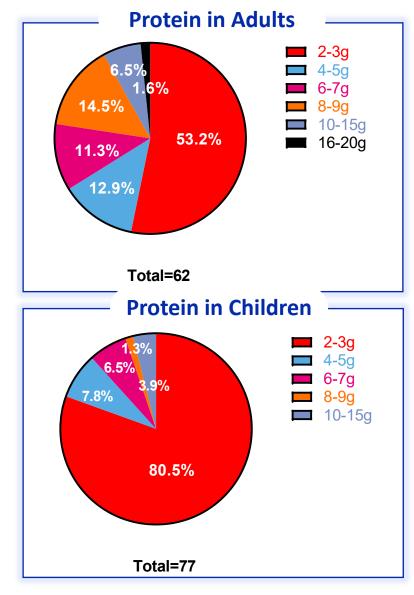
#### Would you like to increase the amount of natural protein in your diet?

A small amount (2-3g) of additional natural protein is considered meaningful



**Examples of foods with 2-3g of protein:** 

1 slice white bread, 1/2 cup broccoli, 1/2 cup regular cereal, 1 medium potato





#### Key takeaways

#### **Conducted together with National PKU Alliance and Canadian PKU and Allied Disorders**

A significant proportion of both adult and pediatric PKU patients are not well controlled (Phe levels >360 umol/L)

Virtually all PKU Patients
(or their caregivers) want
to increase the amount of
natural protein in their
diet

Even 2-3 g of additional natural protein per day would be considered meaningful by the majority of PKU patients (or their caregivers)



# **Thank You!**

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