Optimization and Application of Endosomal Escape Vehicle (EEV™) Cell-Penetrating Peptides for Enhanced Delivery of Oligonucleotides and Genomic Medicines

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To Treat Devastating Diseases with Intracellular Therapeutics



A Differentiated and Expanding Pipeline



Entrada's pipeline includes a diverse array of high potential and high value assets; Each disease has a substantial patient population with a significant unmet medical need





EEVTM PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIMIZATION

Endosomal Escape Vehicle (EEV™) Therapeutics

- Unique chemistry results in improved uptake and endosomal escape
- Cyclic structure designed to extend half life and increase stability
- Phospholipid binding potentially enables broad biodistribution to all cells

Mechanism of internalization conserved across species

Entrada seeks to solve a fundamental problem: a lack of efficient cellular uptake and escape from the endosome; Both are critical to intracellular target engagement and therapeutic benefit



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Entrada has demonstrated intracellular uptake of unique moieties ranging from 1 kDa to 600 kDa

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300-3000 KDa	550-600 KDa	150 KDa	98 KDa	96 KDa	86 KDa	46 KDa	37 KDa	32 KDa	16 KDa	6 KDa	1-3 KDa
Genomic Medicine Formulation	Hybrid frataxin	Antibody	Thymidine phosphorylase	Purine nucleoside phosphorylase	Alanine- glyoxylate aminotransferase	Human frataxin	PTP1B catalytic domain	EGFP	Nanobody	Oligonucleotide	Various peptide cargos

DISCOVERY ENGINE FOR EEV THERAPEUTICS EEV-OLIGO EXAMPLE

Fit-for-purpose EEVs can be designed for target indications and modalities via iterative optimizations of EEV peptides through medicinal chemistry, *in vitro* and *in vivo* screenings



OLIGO DELIVERY WITH FIRST GENERATION EEV EEV1 EXAMPLE

A first-generation EEV1 peptide-PMO construct enhanced splice correction *in vitro* and after local injection, demonstrated functional delivery of oligonucleotides



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^aTreatment of HeLa EGFP-654 cells with antisense oligonucleotides, such as PMOs, could switch the splicing and restore expression of EGFP; **EEV**, endosomal escape vehicle; **PMO**, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomer; **IM**, intramuscular; Qian, Z. et al. *Biochemistry* 2014, 2016; Li, X. et al. *Mol. Ther. Nucleic Acids* 2023.

ENHANCED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE DELIVERY EEV2 EXAMPLE

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The addition of an exocyclic peptide sequence to a first-generation EEV1 peptide improved exon skipping in skeletal and cardiac muscle of *mdx* mice after intravenous injection



 To create the EEV2 construct, EEV1 was modified to include an exocyclic peptide sequence to improve delivery to the nucleus

Higher In Vivo Exon Skipping with EEV2 vs. EEV1



mdx mice were evaluated for exon skipping (via RT-PCR)
7 days following a single 20-mg/kg IV injection of saline,
PMO-23, EEV1-PMO-23, or EEV2-PMO-23

p<0.01, **p<0.0001 vs. Vehicle. Values are shown as mean ± standard deviation. *mdx* is a DMD mouse model with a nonsense mutation in DMD exon 23; EEV, endosomal escape vehicle; IV, intravenous; ns, not significant; PMO, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomer; RT-PCR, reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; Li, X. et al. *Mol. Ther. Nucleic Acids* 2023.

OPTIMIZATION OF EEV FOR MUSCLE DELIVERY EEV3 Example

Rational substitution of cationic residues with a surrogate results in robust functional delivery to skeletal and cardiac muscle



OPTIMIZATION OF EEV FOR MUSCLE DELIVERY Uptake and Outcomes in a Murine Model

EEV-therapeutic candidates have demonstrated favorable pharmacological properties: efficient intracellular delivery, significant uptake in target tissues and potent pharmacodynamic outcomes





DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY: DELIVERY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

DMD: Significant Unmet Need





Duchenne is caused by mutations in the DMD gene, which lead to a lack of functional dystrophin, causing progressive loss of muscle function throughout the body

Duchenne Franchise

ENTR-601-44 Phase 1

Phase 1 data expected October 2024 Phase 2 regulatory filings expected Q4 2024

ENTR-601-45 IND Enabling

Phase 2 regulatory filings expected Q4 2024

ENTR-601-50 IND Enabling

Phase 2 regulatory filings expected 2025

~40,000

people in the **US and Europe** have Duchenne¹

Exon 51 Lead Optimization

Candidate selection expected in 2024

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EEV-PMO RESTORES MUSCLE INTEGRITY D2-mdx Mice



Robust exon 23 skipping after 4 monthly IV doses of EEV-PMO-23 in D2-*mdx* mice

Broad dystrophin expression and restoration of muscle integrity after four monthly IV doses of EEV-PMO-23 in D2-*mdx* mice





 D2-mdx mice (male, n=6-7) were treated with 4 monthly doses of either vehicle, 20 mg/kg unconjugated PMO-23 or 20 mg/kg PMO-23 equivalent of EEV-PMO-23, and the data were collected ~4 weeks after the last dose.

Tides USA 2024 ****p<0.0001. Values are shown as mean ± standard deviation. **D2-mdx** is a DMD mouse model with a nonsense mutation in *DMD* exon 23 (Coley, W.D. et al. *Hum. Mol. Genet.* 2016). Li, X. et al. *Mol. Ther. Nucleic Acids* 2023. **EEV**, endosomal escape vehicle; **DMD**, Duchenne muscular dystrophy; **IV**, intravenous; **ns**, not significant; **PMO**, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomer; **PMO-23**, mouse *DMD* exon 23 skipping phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomer.

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SUPERIOR TO ALTERNATIVE PEPTIDES R6-PMO Example



EEV-PMO significantly improved exon 23 skipping after 3 days in *mdx* mice as compared to competitive R6-PMO



• EEV-PMO-23 demonstrates significantly improved PD effects after single 40 mg/kg IV dose in *mdx* mice

Values are shown as mean ± standard deviation; *p<0.05, **p<0.01; *mdx* is a DMD mouse model with a nonsense mutation in *DMD* exon 23; **PMO-23**, mouse *DMD* exon 23 skipping phosphorodiamidate *Tides USA 2024* morpholino oligomer; IV, intravenous.

CONSISTENT AND DURABLE EFFICACY OF EEV-PMO WAS DEMONSTRATED ACROSS SPECIES

Significant patient benefit is implied by data in the mouse and the monkey at clinically relevant levels; *in vitro* data suggests much higher target engagement in patient cells



- Single IV 60 mg/kg dose of ENTR-601-44
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- Post IV infusion of single 35 mg/kg dose of ENTR-601-44, robust exon 44 skipping observed in biceps of treated monkeys (n=3 per cohort) for at least 12 weeks
- Robust dose-dependent exon 44 skipping was observed in DMD patient-derived muscle cells harboring an exon 44 skip-amenable mutation

hDMD transgenic mice (left) express full-length human dystrophin gene ('t Hoen, A.C. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2008). DMDΔ45 (right) are immortalized myoblasts from DMD patients harboring an out-of-frame exon 45 deletion *Tides USA 2024* and further differentiated into myotubes. Values are shown as mean ± standard deviation. ENTR-601-44 is a DMD exon 44 skipping EEV-oligonucleotide construct. DMD, Duchenne muscular dystrophy; hDMD, human Duchenne muscular dystrophy; IV, intravenous.

ENTR-601-44 DATA SUMMARY



Significant patient benefit is implied by data in the mouse and the monkey at clinically relevant levels; in vitro data suggests much higher target engagement in patient cells

- ✓ High levels of exon skipping across *mdx*, D2-*mdx*, human dystrophin mouse and NHP studies
- Exon skipping translates to promising dystrophin production in heart and skeletal muscles
- ✓ Dystrophin production observed results in functional improvement in D2-*mdx* mouse
- Extended circulating half-life and durable exon skipping over 12+ weeks from a single injection of ENTR-601-44 was observed in the NHP

ENTR-601-44-101: Phase 1 clinical trial ongoing

- First participant dosed in September 2023
- Initiated dosing of the fourth and final cohort
- Data readout anticipated in October 2024
- Phase 1 clinical data will support the global clinical trial in patients*



PLATFORM EXPANSION: DELIVERY OF GENOMIC MEDICINES

EEV PLATFORM FOR GENOMIC MEDICINE DELIVERY



EEV-incorporated Lipid Nanoparticle (EEV-LNP) showed ~9-fold mRNA delivery improvement over LNP in HeLa cells, allowing the expansion of genomic medicine delivery



Hela cells were treated with 250 ng/mL EEV-LNP or LNP, both containing EGFP mRNA. Cells were harvested after 24 hours and analyzed for GFP expression by FACS analysis. One-way ANOVA was used for statistical comparison; *****p*<0.0001. **ANOVA**, analysis of variance; **EEV**, Endosomal Escape Vehicle; **EGFP**, enhanced green fluorescent protein; **FACS**, fluorescence-activated cell sorting; **EGFP**, enhanced green fluorescent protein; **LNP**, lipid nanoparticle; **mRNA**, messenger RNA.

IMPROVED mRNA DELIVERY: PRIMARY MACROPHAGE

EEV-LNP demonstrated dose-dependent and up to ~ 6-fold improvement in EGFP transfection efficacy in primary human macrophages *ex vivo* when compared to LNP control



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Primary CD14+ human monocytes were treated with granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor for 7 days to drive differentiation into macrophages. Cells were treated with EEV-LNP or LNP (both containing EGFP mRNA) and assessed EGFP expression by (A) fluorescence microscopy or (B) ELISA 24 hours post-treatment. Two-way ANOVA was used for statistical comparison; *****p*<0.0001. **ANOVA**, analysis of variance; **EEV**, Endosomal Escape Vehicle; **EGFP**, enhanced green fluorescent protein; **ELISA**, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; **LNP**, lipid nanoparticle; **mRNA**, messenger RNA.

GENE EDITING EFFICIENCY WITH EEV-LNP

EEV-LNP demonstrated dose-dependent gene editing, with editing efficiency consistently higher than LNP or transfection across a wide concentration range of Cas9 mRNA



• EEV-LNP based co-delivery of Cas9 mRNA/gRNA showed dose-dependent gene editing *in vitro*

- Gene editing efficiency is quantified by FACS as percent of GFP-negative population in HEK293-uGFP cell line
- EEV-LNP resulted in higher gene editing efficiency than LNP alone as well as transfection by MessengerMAX[™]
 - Dose dependent delivery of gene editing with EEV-LNP with an EC50 around 40 ng/mL
 - ~33-fold improvement at a dose as low as 40 ng/mL Cas9 compared to LNP

1. Li X, et al. J Biol Chem. 1998. After 48 hours of treatment, HEK293-uGFP6 cells were analyzed by flow cytometry to quantify the percentage of GFP-knockout cells. Two-way ANOVA test was used for statistical comparison; *****p*<0.0001. **ANOVA**, analysis of variance; **EC50**, half maximal effective concentration; **EEV**, Endosomal Escape Vehicle; **GFP**, green fluorescent protein; **gRNA**, guide RNA; **LNP**, lipid nanoparticle; **mRNA**, messenger RNA; **uGFP**, unstable green fluorescence protein.

GENE KNOCKDOWN WITH EEV-LNP COMPARED TO LNP ALONE

EEV-LNP showed 26-fold higher Cas9 expression at 5 hours post-transfection compared to LNP, demonstrating enhanced gene editing efficiency in primary macrophages

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Human primary macrophages were treated for 5 hours with EEV-LNP or LNP containing Cas9 mRNA and gRNA targeting B2M gene. (Left) Cas9 protein expression was quantified by Western blot at 5 and 24 hours post-treatment. (Right) B2M knockdown was assessed at 7 days post-treatment by FACS analysis. One-way ANOVA was used for statistical comparison; *****p*<0.0001, ***p*<0.001. **ANOVA**, analysis of variance; **AU**, arbitrary unit; **EEV**, Endosomal Escape Vehicle; **FACS**, fluorescence-activated cell sorting; **gRNA**, guide RNA; LNP, lipid nanoparticle; **mRNA**, messenger RNA.

EEV-LNP mRNA DELIVERY COMPARED TO ELECTROPORATION

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EEV-LNP demonstrated 5-fold improvement in mRNA delivery compared to electroporation, with reduced impact on cell viability

EEV-LNP vs. Electroporation (24 hours post-treatment)



Viability of Primary Macrophages



Green: Live cells (EGFP) Red: Necrotic/Dead Cells (Propidium Iodide)

EGFP: **p*<0.05 vs. untreated; *****p*<0.0001 vs. untreated and electroporation *Viability:* *****p*<0.0001 vs. untreated and EEV-LNP

Human primary macrophages were differentiated from monocytes isolated from PBMCs and treated with EEV-LNP or electroporated (EGFP mRNA dose 2500 ng/10⁶ cells) using Lonza nucleofection method. EGFP expression was measured by ELISA after 24 hours (left). Cell viability quantified by LIVE/DEAD™ Cell Imaging Kit (right). One-way ANOVA was used for statistical comparison; **ANOVA**, analysis of variance; EEV, Endosomal Escape Vehicle; EGFP, enhanced green fluorescent protein; ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; LNP, lipid nanoparticle; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cell.

PLATFORM OPPORTUNITIES



Entrada continues to invest in and build upon our EEV platform to extend our efforts in developing novel EEV-therapeutic candidates





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