# **ProQR** Anti PE40 treat

#### **QRX-411** Antisense oligonucleotide targeting the PE40 mutation in the USH2A gene for treatment of RP in Usher syndrome type II

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#### **RP** associated with Usher Syndrome

Genetic cause of combined deafness and blindness

Symptoms: Pale optic nerve, thin vessels



USH2A

Normal

**Degeneration of Outer Nuclear Layer (ONL)** 



Normal

From Sandberg et al. 2008

### **QRX-411 for RP in Usher Syndrome**

Splice correction for PE40 USH2A mRNA (c.7595-2144A>G mutation)



In wild-type cells Usherin maintains photoreceptor structure and enables normal protein transport In PE40 mutant cells protein Transport is hampered and the outer segment degenerates Exclusion of the PE40 region from the mutated mRNA leads to wild-type Usherin protein

## **QRX-411 overview**

• Efficacy data *in vitro* in patient fibroblasts

• Efficacy data in patient-derived optic cups

• In vivo localization in mouse retina

• *In vivo* proof of concept in a zebrafish model

## **QRX-411 restores wild-type RNA in vitro**

Dose-dependent effect of QRX-411 on WT RNA in patient fibroblasts



Efficacy testing of QRX-411 in heterozygous patient fibroblasts

### **Patient-derived iPSC optic cups**

Optic cup is an organoid model containing differentiated photoreceptor cells



Recoverin cone-arrestin



**Detail:** Rhodopsin

**Detail:** L/M-opsin

**Detail:** S-opsin

Parfitt et al., 2016

#### **QRX-411 restores WT RNA in patientderived optic cups**



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Immediately post IVT dose





**Dose** 1µl 25 µg/µl in C57/Bl6 mice



7 days post IVT dose





**QRX-411 excludes pseudoexon 40 in mutant zebrafish** 



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#### **QRX-411:**

- Single stranded 20-mer RNA oligonucleotide
- P=S and 2'O-Me chemically modified for stability and uptake
- Designed to target c.7595-2144A>G mutation
- IVT-administration

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