Quantitative Systems Pharmacology Modeling Evaluates CNS Enzyme Delivery for Different Treatment Modalities for Hunter Syndrome

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# HUNTER SYNDROME: CHALLENGES TO ENZYME DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION

- Mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II, Hunter syndrome) is a rare inherited lysosomal storage disorder caused by iduronate-2-sulfatase (IDS) deficiency
- Disease hallmark is accumulation of the glycosaminoglycans (GAGs): Heparan and Dermatan Sulfate (HS and DS)
- Multiple tissues and organs are affected, and two thirds have severe neuronopathic form
- Current standard of care is a weekly IV infusion of a recombinant form of IDS, which is unable to cross the blood-brain barrier (BBB) and has no discernible effect on neurodevelopment
- Brain delivery is a critical unmet need in Hunter Syndrome
- Molecules with different delivery routes and different MoAs of biodistribution approved or being evaluated in the clinic

Adapted from Munzer SSEIM 2022





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Ullman 2020; Arguello 2022



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commercially approved recombinant form of IDS

Elaprase – naked IDS molecule dosed lumbar intrathecally

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# DNL310 (ETV:IDS) ENGINEERED TO CROSS THE BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER



#### DNL310 has the potential to treat neuronopathic and physical manifestations of MPS II

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## HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON OF ETV:IDS WITH COMPETITOR MOLECULES: MODEL-BASED DIFFERENTIATION IN BIODISTRIBUTION AND BIOMARKER RESPONSE



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# DNL310 QP MODELING INTEGRATES ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY & DRUG DELIVERY

The different IDS molecules have different routes of access to the brain

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Brain size / anatomical relationships inform physiological predictions of drug distribution

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#### Non-TfR molecules access only the 'superficial' brain

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## **QSP MODEL STRUCTURE FOR PREDICTING BIODISTRIBUTION AND HS REDUCTION**

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# PRECLINICAL MOUSE DATA UTILIZED TO QUANTITATE DIFFERENTIAL **EFFICIENCY OF BRAIN UPTAKE BETWEEN ETV:IDS AND IgG:IDS**

Plasma and brain PK in TfR<sup>mu/hu</sup> KI mice (model calibrated to data from Arguello et al. JEM, 2022)

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Ratio of parenchymal and vascular PK in TfR<sup>mu/hu</sup> KI mice (model calibrated to data from Arguello et al. JEM, 2022)

![](_page_7_Figure_5.jpeg)

Monovalent TfR binding of ETV:IDS with optimized affinity for brain delivery, resulting in increased parenchymal distribution compared to IgG:IDS

# **QSP SIMULATIONS FOR THE 4 DIFFERENT IDS ERT MODALITIES IN HUMANS**

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simulations include 12 week pretreatment with IV Elaprase to mimic clinical scenario

- Molecules binding TfR are taken up by brain microvascular endothelial cells, accessing deep and superficial brain to varying degrees
- Modeling predicts total brain HS reduction in the following order: ETV:IDS (QW) > IgG:IDS (QW) > IT Elaprase (Q4W) > IV Elaprase (QW)

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# ETV: IDS CLINICAL DOSE SELECTED TO ACHIEVE HEPARAN SULFATE NORMALIZATION IN PATIENTS

- ETV: IDS shows robust reductions in CSF heparan sulfate (HS)
- Modeling suggests normalization is achieved at doses of approximately 1.5 mg/kg and greater

Clinical doses selected to account for high anti-drug antibodies (ADAs) in a small subset of patients (~10% of patients)

15 mg/kg QW dose is predicted to yield robust heparan sulfate reduction in patients, even those with ADAs

Dose response of CSF HS reduction using PK/PD model

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Time (days)

# CONCLUSIONS

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- IDS platform QP model can predict biodistribution of IDS ERT modalities
- Simulation results support the superiority of brain biodistribution and predicts robust HS reduction for ETV:IDS (optimized TfR affinity / valency) in comparison to other IDS ERT modalities

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# **QSP SIMULATION COMPARISON OF EQUAL DOSE ETV:IDS & IgG:IDS IN HUMANS**

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Clinical simulation comparison for an arbitrary dose of 3 mg/kg QW IV

- Simulations predict improved systemic exposure for ETV:IDS relative to IgG:IDS
- Simulations predict biodistribution to brain parenchyma for ETV:IDS with significantly better efficiency relative to IgG:IDS

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# **QSP MODEL PREDICTIONS OF HS REDUCTIONS IN CSF AND BRAIN**

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QSP model simulations for weekly IV dosing of ETV:IDS, IgG:IDS, and Elaprase at 0.5 mg/kg, 1 mg/kg and 2 mg/kg and intrathecal dosing of Elaprase at a flat dose of 10 mg (equivalent to 0.34 mg/kg for a 30 kg subject)

#### Model prediction:

- Elaprase accesses brain tissue primarily via the CSF and therefore penetrates only the superficial brain region; CSF biomarker changes do not reflect the activity of the entire brain tissue due to the lack of penetration into the deep brain region
- ETV:IDS and IgG:IDS access the superficial and deep brain regions via TfR-mediated transcytosis, but to varying degrees (ETV:IDS > IgG:IDS)

## HUNTER SYNDROME: CHALLENGES TO ENZYME DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION

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- Hunter Syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis type II, MPS II): an X-linked recessive disorder affecting 1 in ~100,000 males
- Mutations in the iduronate-2-sulfatase (IDS) gene → IDS deficiency & resulting toxic accumulation of glycosaminoglycans

-Disease Hallmark-

- Lysosomal dysfunction occurs throughout the body <u>including the CNS</u>
- Existing widely approved ERTs do not effectively cross the BBB & do not address the neurodegeneration process

## PREDICTED PENETRATION DEPTH FROM CSF INTO ADJACENT BRAIN

Brain size / anatomical relationships inform physiological predictions of drug distribution Non-TfR binding molecules (i.e. naked enzyme) access mainly the 'superficial' brain

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