



# PYC Therapeutics

Life-changing science

Polycystic Kidney Disease program

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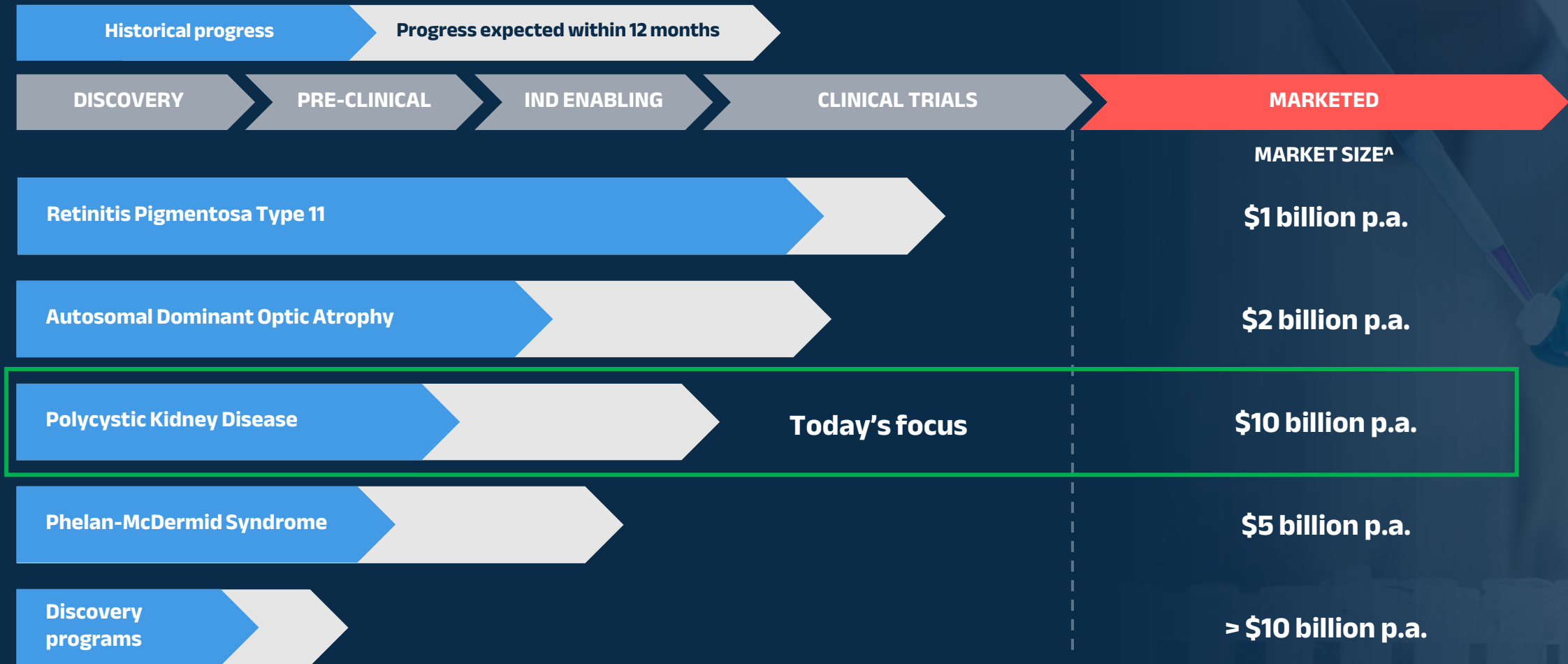
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# PYC Therapeutics

- Is a **clinical-stage** drug discovery & development company
- Creates **first-in-class** RNA drugs for patients with genetic diseases and inadequate treatment options
- Develops drugs with the **highest likelihood of success in human studies** (5x higher than the industry average)<sup>1</sup>



# PYC has added a first-in-class drug candidate to its pipeline for the >5 million people worldwide with Polycystic Kidney Disease

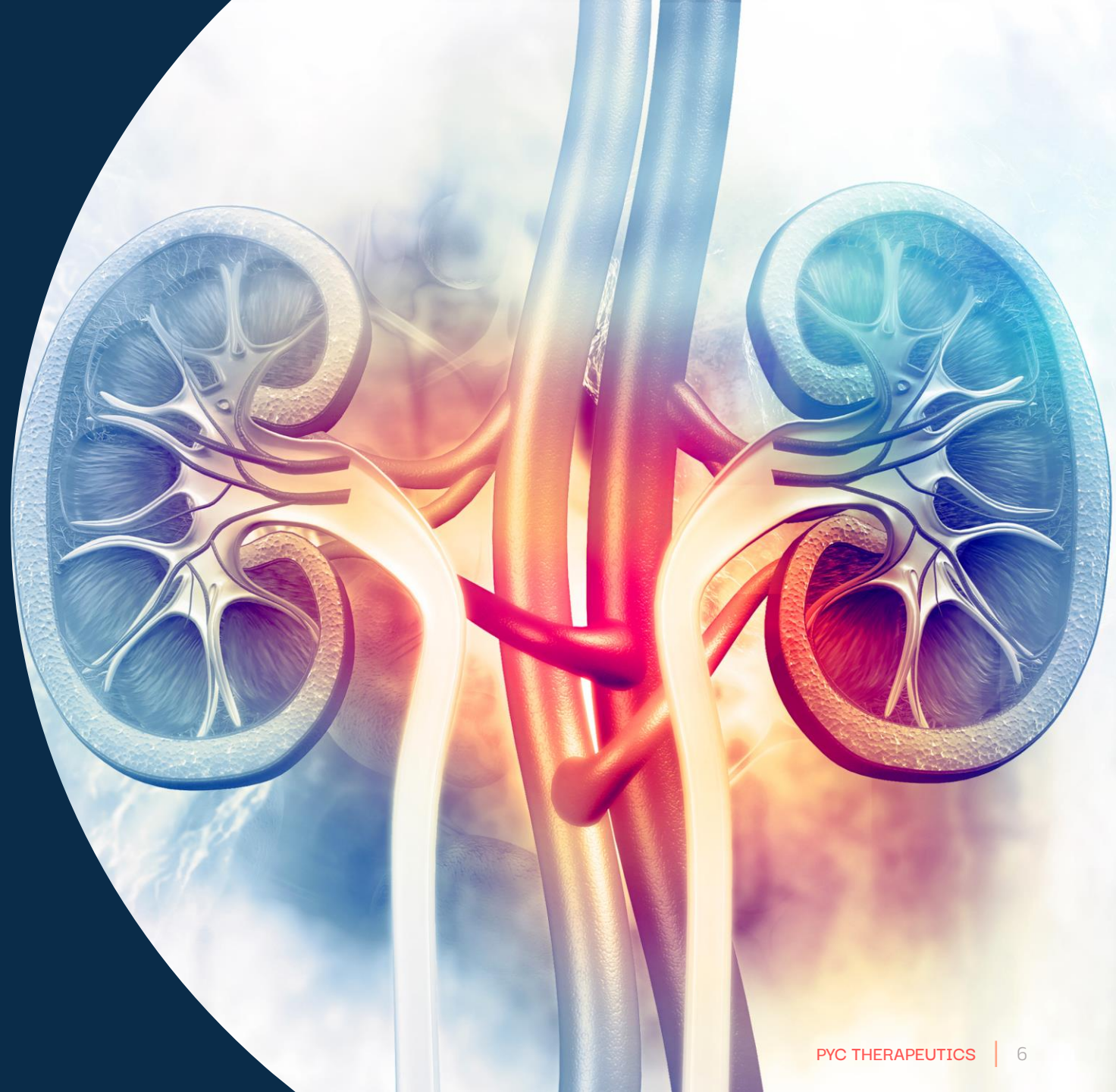


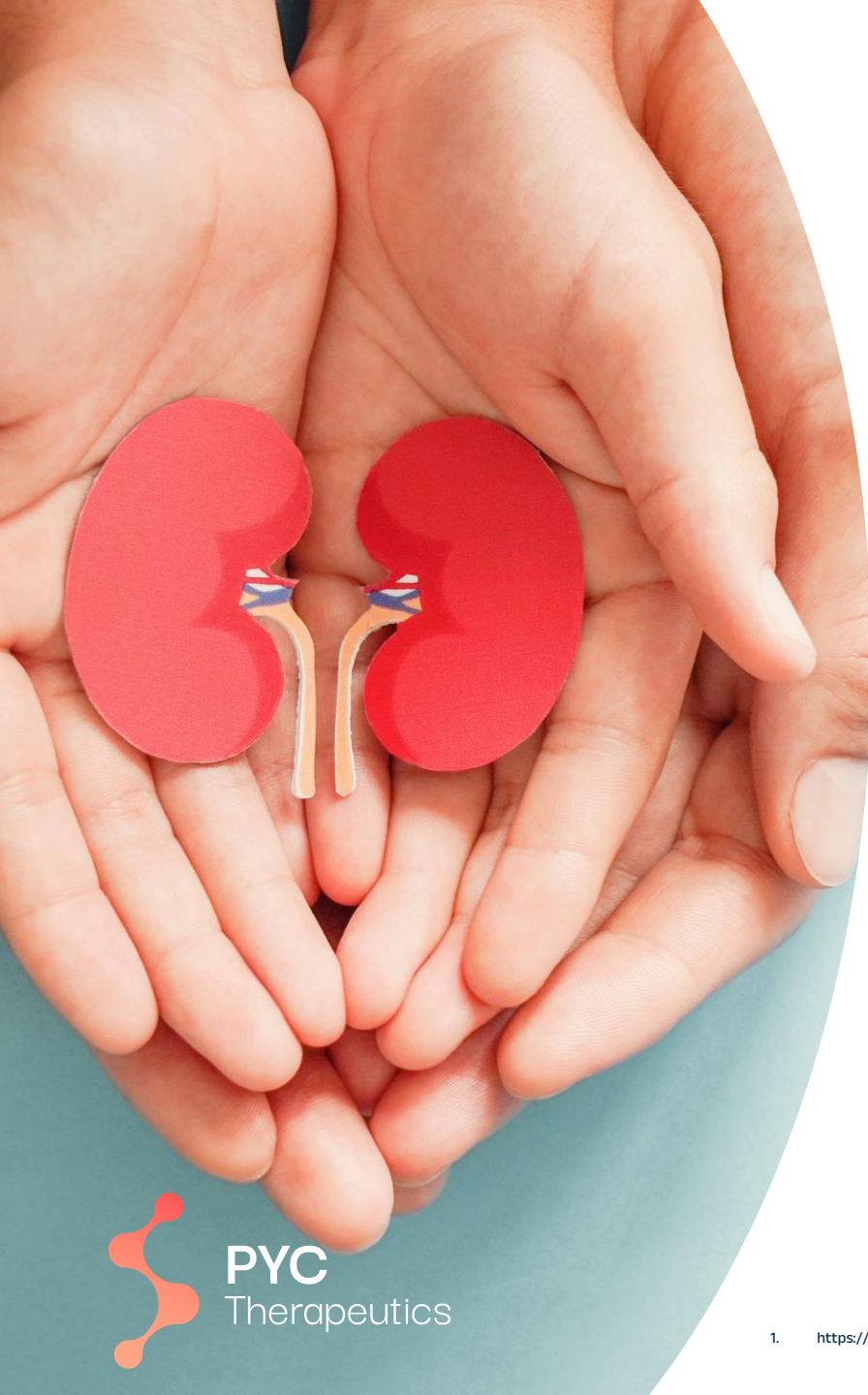
# PYC's drug candidate for Polycystic Kidney Disease has 6 defining features

- 1 Addresses a major unmet patient need<sup>1</sup>
- 2 Overcomes the delivery challenge<sup>2</sup>
- 3 Has already demonstrated efficacy<sup>2</sup>
- 4 Will progress to human trials in 2024<sup>5</sup>
- 5 Has a high-velocity path to a >\$10 billion p.a. market – currently anticipated in 2027<sup>1-5</sup>
- 6 Benefits from >5x the likelihood of success in human trials<sup>6</sup> as a monogenic disorder

# PYC-003

A first-in-class drug candidate for the treatment of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)





## PKD patient experience

For patients with PKD, the erratic onset of pain contributes to the unpredictability of daily living, dictates career and family planning, is socially limiting, and renders those affected unable to establish and pursue their long-term life goals<sup>1</sup>

# 1. Polycystic Kidney Disease is an area of major unmet patient need



**There is an urgent need for treatments with disease-modifying potential in Polycystic Kidney Disease**

## **Polycystic Kidney Disease**

**High prevalence**

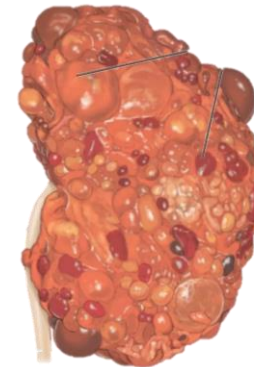
**Life-changing**

**Limited treatment options**

Healthy adult kidney



Polycystic kidney



PKD affects **1 in every 1,000** people meaning **>5 million people worldwide** have the disease<sup>1</sup>

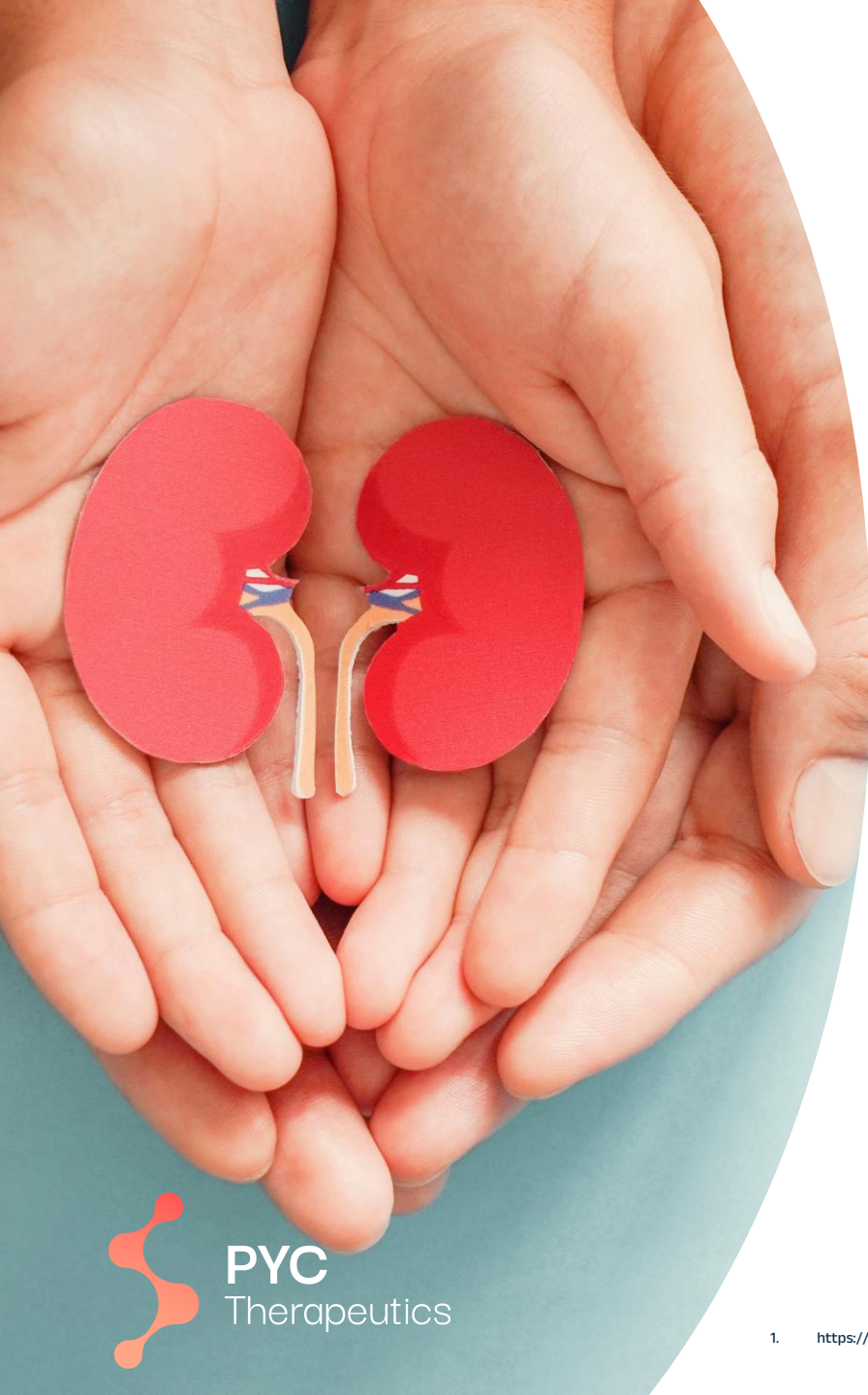
Half of all PKD patients will require a **kidney transplant** by the age of 60 due to **end-stage renal failure**<sup>2</sup>

There are **no drugs available** that address the underlying cause of the disease

1. Willey et al. Analysis of Nationwide Data to Determine the Incidence and Diagnosed Prevalence of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease in the USA: 2013-2015. *Kidney Dis (Basel)*. 2019;5(2):107-17.

2. Cloutier et al. The societal economic burden of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease in the United States. *BMC Health Serv Res*. 2020;20(1):126.





## The delivery challenge

‘While everybody else was so hyped and giving Nobel Prizes for CRISPR and all that, we realized those weren’t really the limitations’

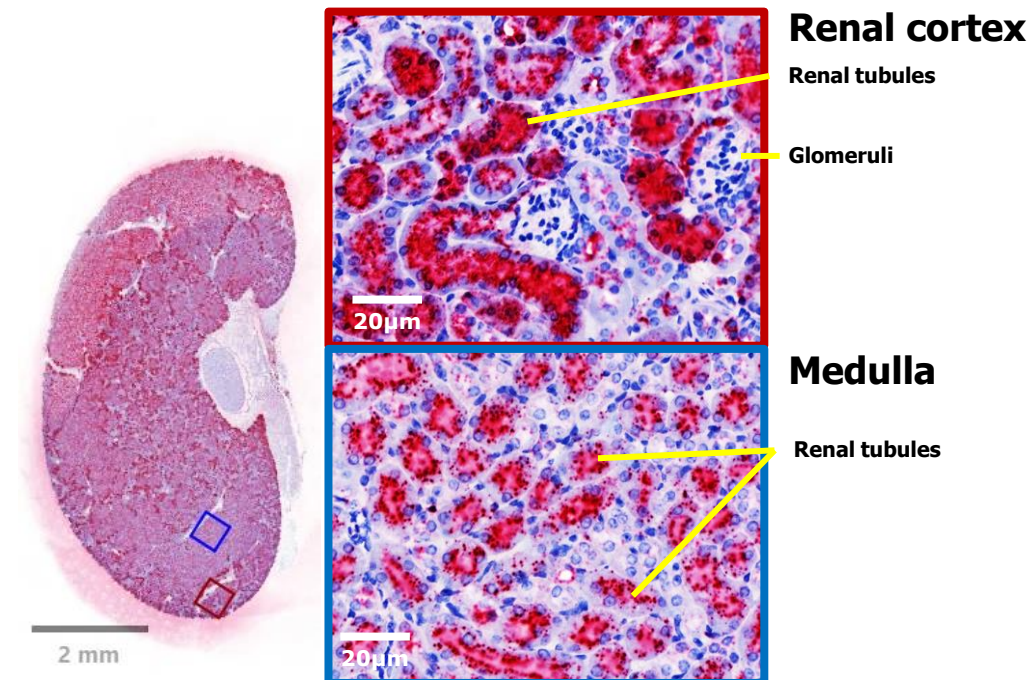
‘The limitations were really delivery’<sup>1</sup>

*- George Yancopoulos  
President and CSO, Regeneron*

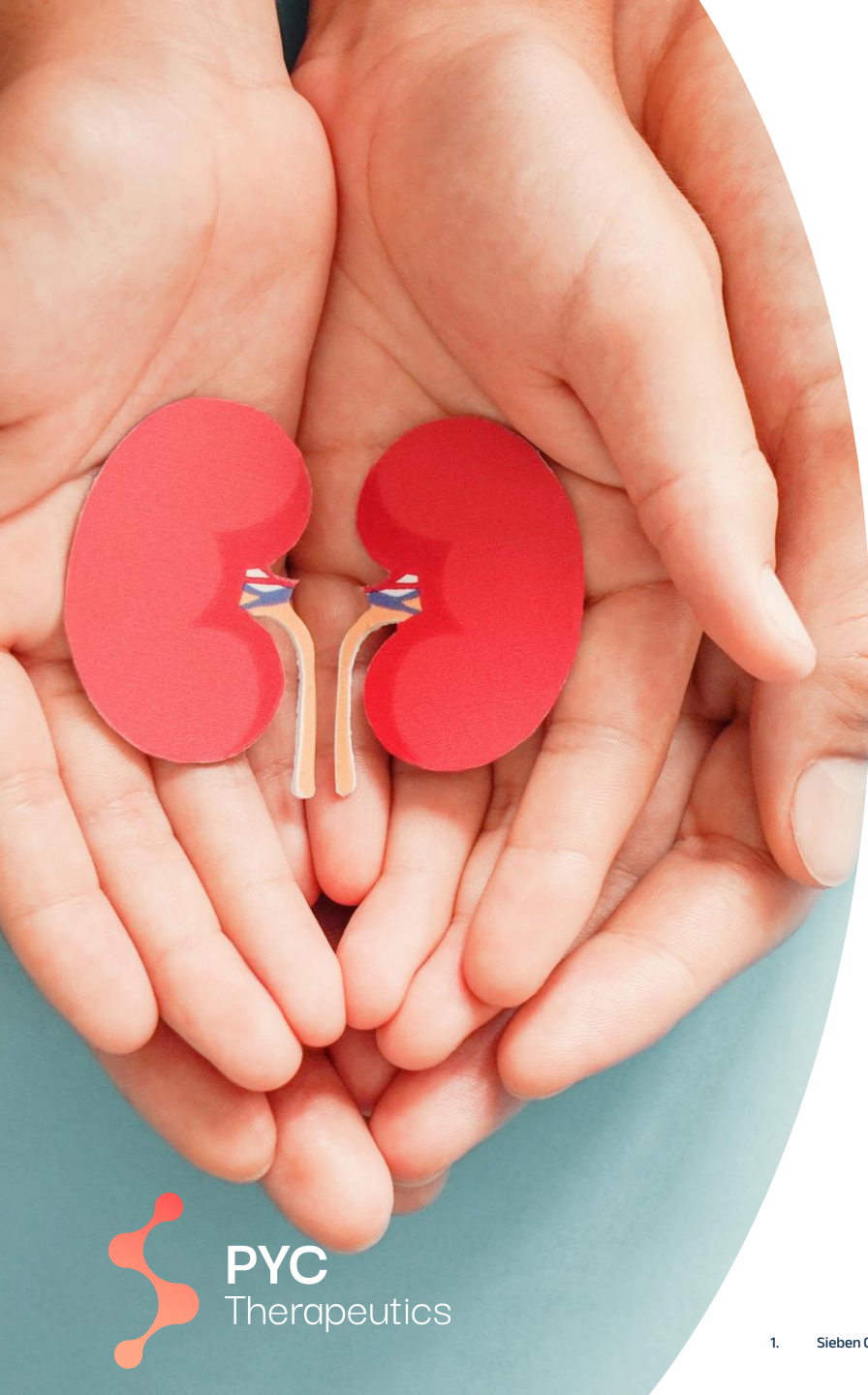
## 2. PYC's proprietary delivery technology overcomes the major challenge for precision medicine in the kidney



**PYC's drug candidate for PKD can reach all of the cells affected by the disease - PYC-003\* achieves a broad, even and deep distribution throughout the kidney following a single 10mg/kg dose *in vivo***



Drug distribution in C57BL/6 mouse kidney 3 days after a single intravenous 10 mg/kg dose of the mouse equivalent of PYC-003 as measured by miRNAscope (pink dots represent drug presence)



## The 'killer experiment'

Patient organoids/3D kidney models are the 'most informative model for therapeutic testing in PKD'<sup>1</sup>

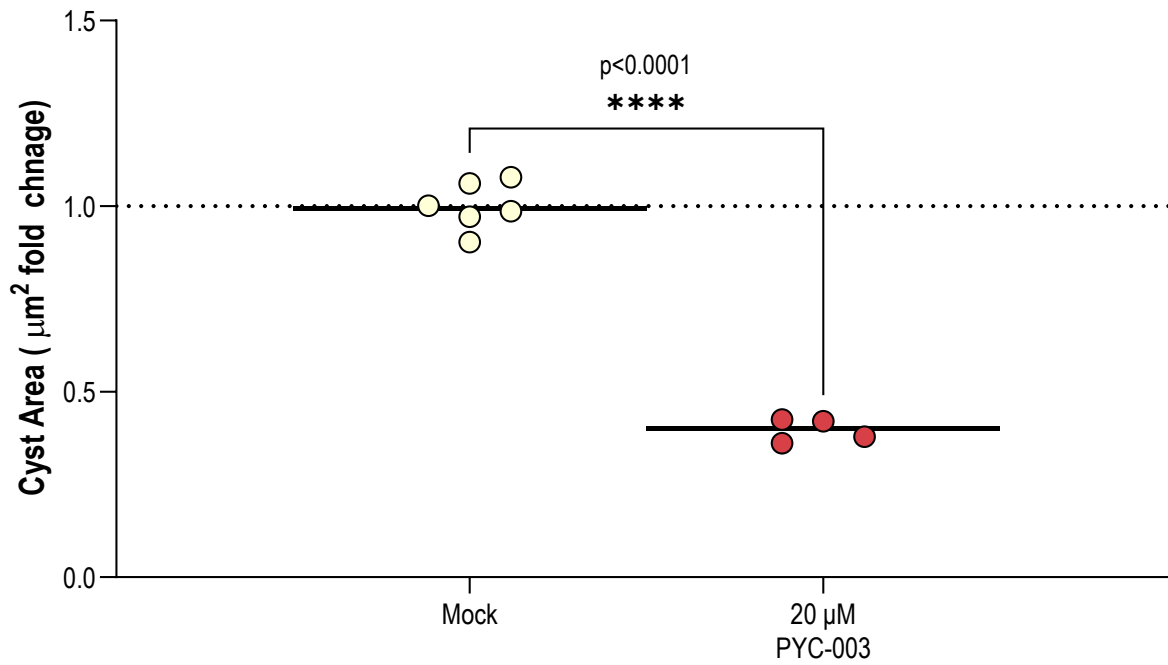
*- Peter C. Harris*

*Leading PKD Genetic Researcher, Mayo Clinic*

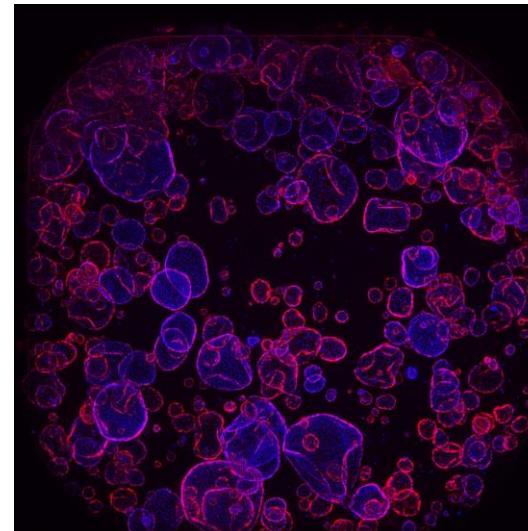
### 3. PYC's PKD drug candidate has already demonstrated efficacy in 3D kidney models from patients with the disease



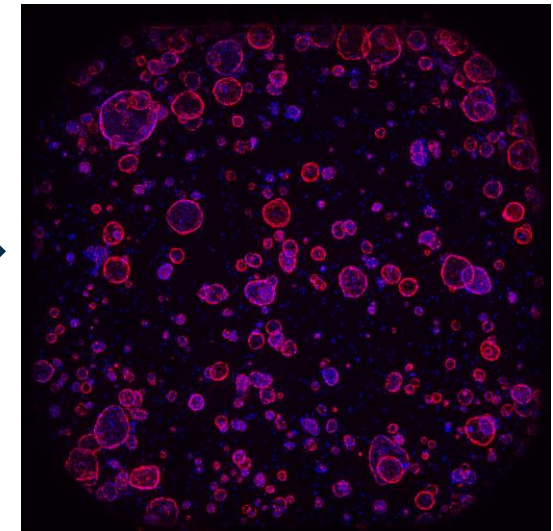
**PYC's drug candidate for PKD is effective in 'the killer experiment'** - Treatment with PYC-003 results in decreased frequency and area of cysts in a 3D model of PKD derived from patients with late-stage disease

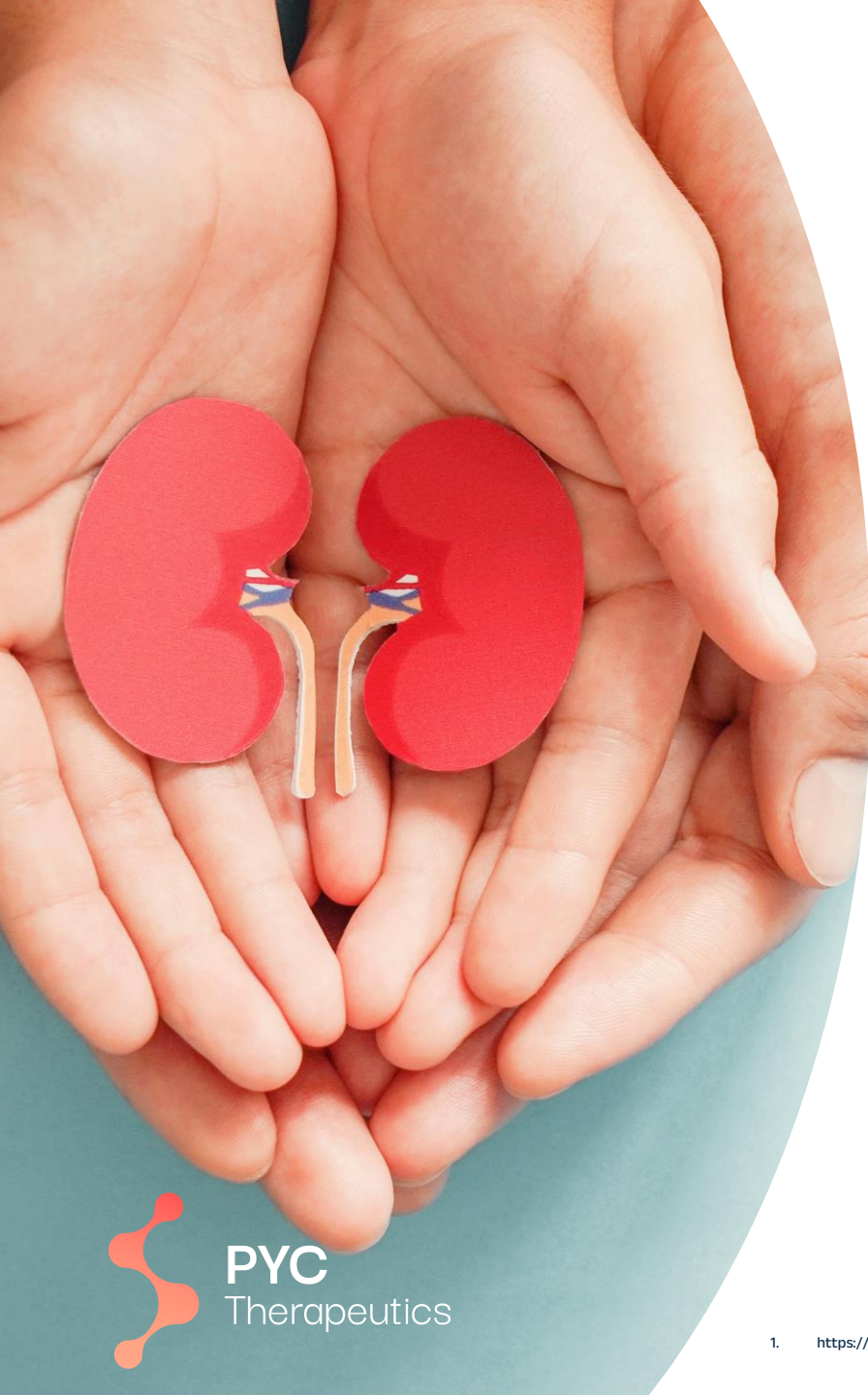


**Untreated  
3D cyst model**



**PYC-003 treated  
3D cyst model**



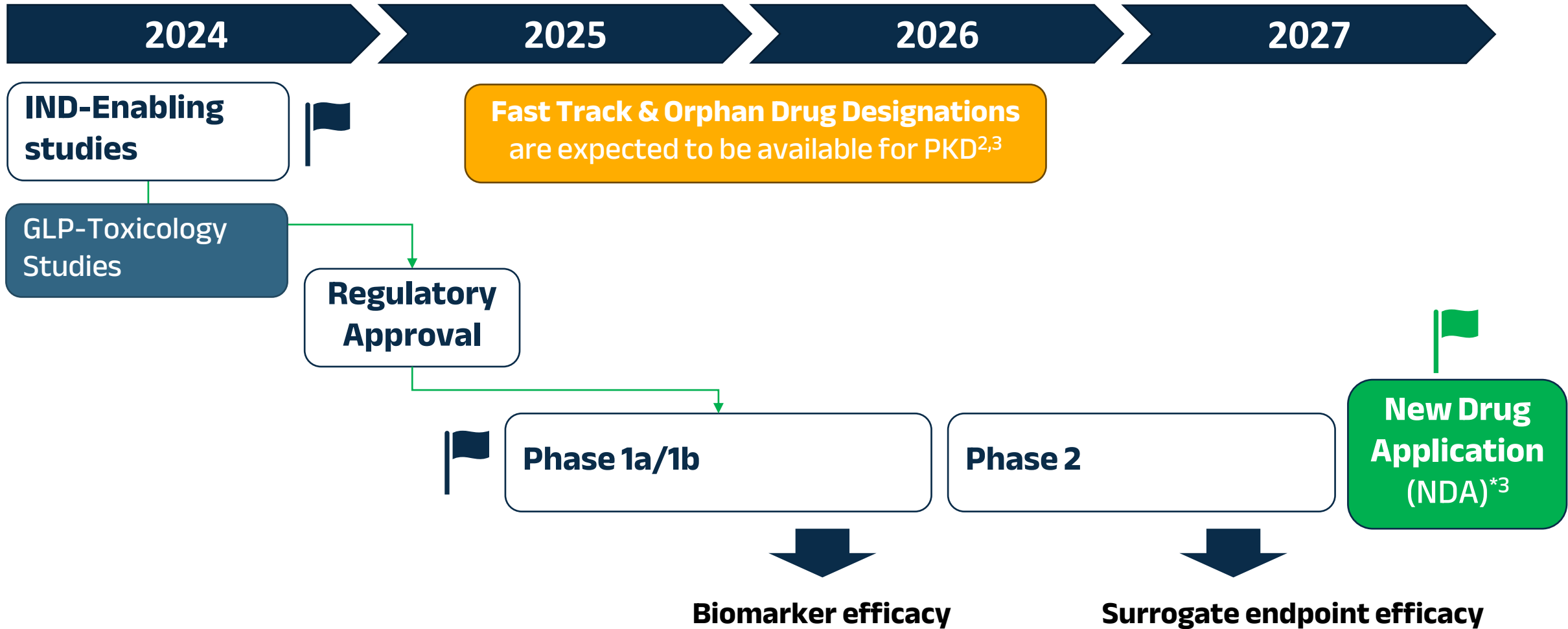


## High-velocity path to market

‘[Accelerated approval is] a way of getting there that will benefit individuals in medical need, at the earliest possible timepoint while ultimately giving us the opportunity to get the data we need for turning those to traditional approvals’<sup>1</sup>

***- Peter Marks  
Director Center for Biologics Evaluation and  
Research, FDA***

# 4. PYC-003 will progress to human trials in 2024<sup>1</sup>



1. Clinical trial plan is subject to confirmation and depends on multiple factors, including the duration of action of the therapeutic candidate and regulatory discussions. Management forecast as of November 2023.

2. Waxman H.A. H.R.5238-97th Congress (1981-1982): Orphan Drug Act. 1983

3. FDA. Development and Approval Process | Drugs. 2022. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/nda-and-bla-approvals/accelerated-approval-program>

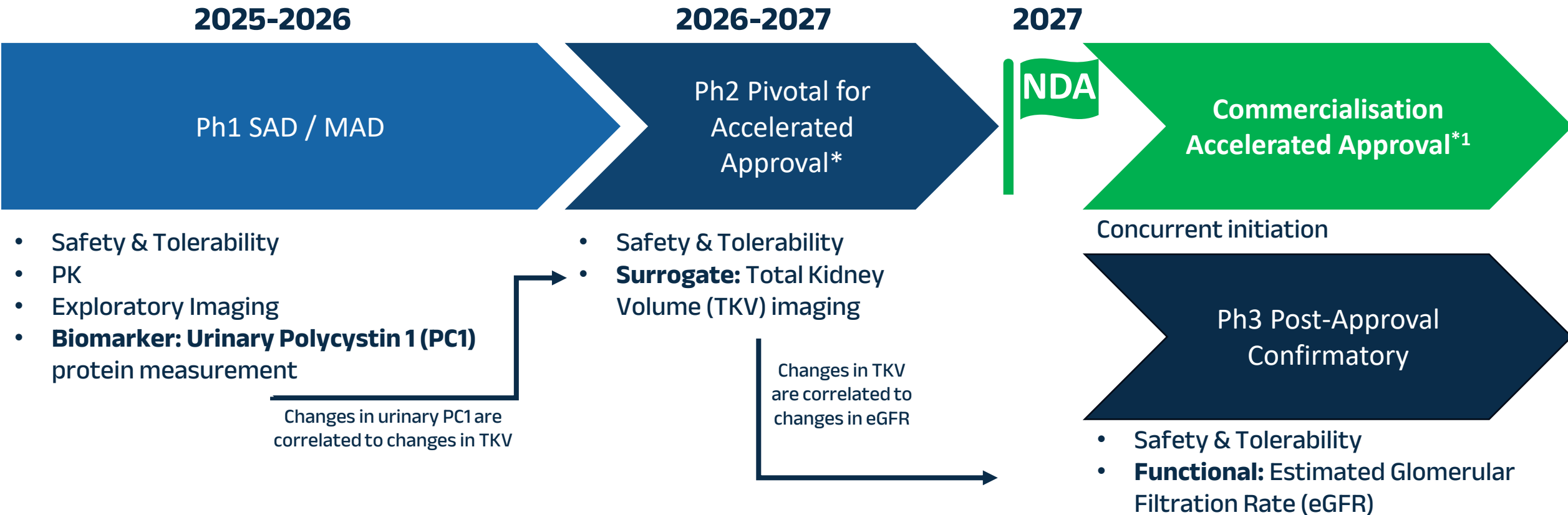
\*Accelerated approval allows for the earlier approval of drugs that treat serious conditions, and fill an unmet medical need based on a surrogate endpoint. There is an established accelerated approval path in PKD, which allows for Phase 3 trial to be conducted post approval.

FDA has designated TKV as a reasonably likely surrogate endpoint (U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 2020) <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/table-surrogate-endpoints-were-basis-drug-approval-or-licensure>

# 5. PYC-003 has a high-velocity path to market with the potential for approval after a Phase 2 clinical trial



## PYC-003 Clinical Development Plan with Accelerated Approval\*1



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## 6. Drugs targeting single gene diseases are 5 to 8 times more likely to succeed in human trials



**PYC focuses on severe diseases caused by a single gene**  
These have the highest likelihood of success in the clinic<sup>1-3</sup>

How likely is a drug targeting a monogenic disease to succeed in the clinic?	Source
<b>6x more likely</b> than the industry average (of ~10%) with a 64% likelihood of successful marketing approval on commencement of Phase 1 studies	Alnylam – pipeline retrospective <sup>1</sup>
<b>Up to 8x more likely</b>	Atlas Ventures <sup>2</sup>
<b>5x more likely</b>	UK Biobank <sup>3</sup>

**Why?**

**Increased probability of efficacy**

Address the root cause of disease, potential to address all symptoms important to patients



**Increased probability of safety**

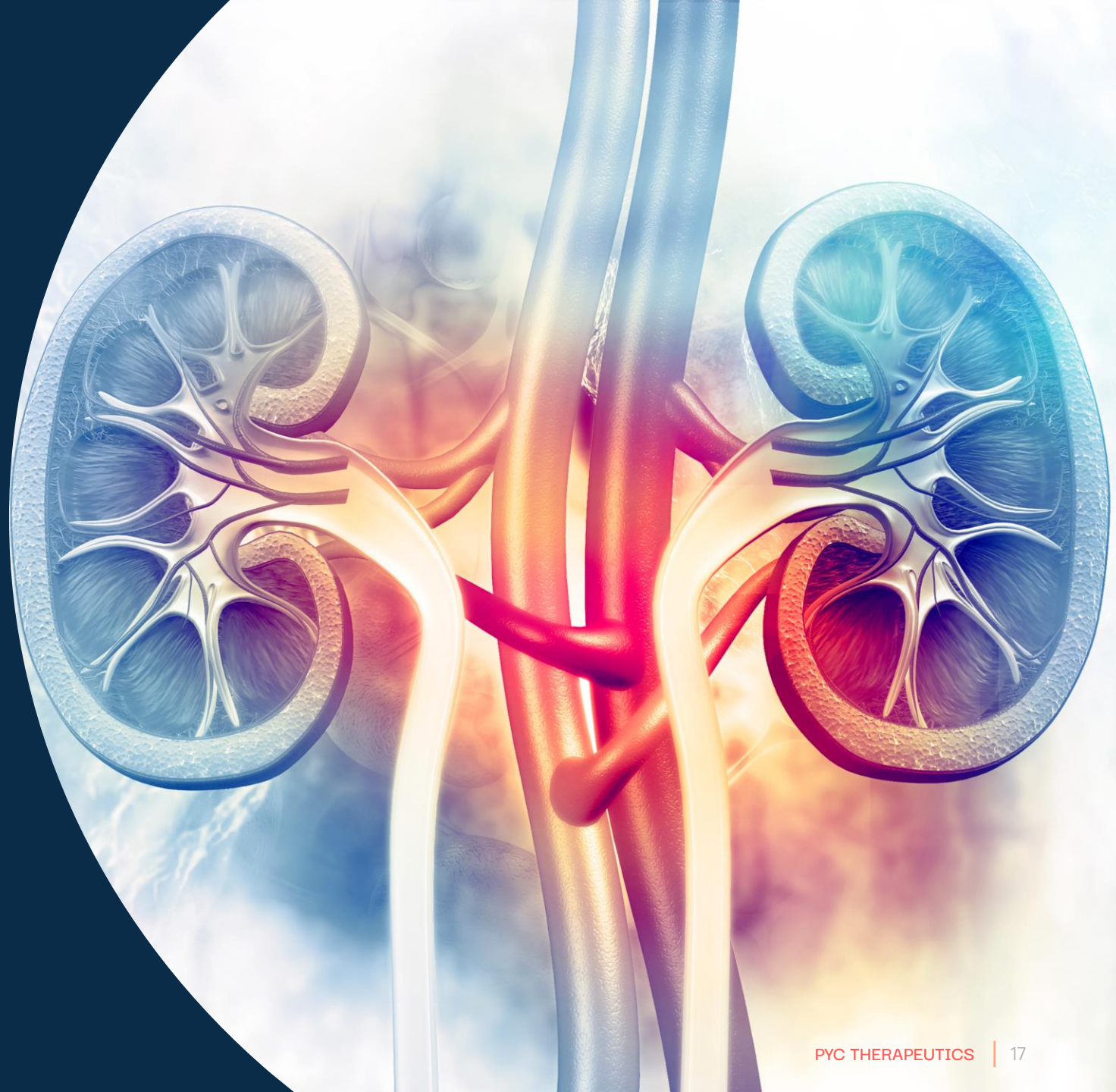
Decreased probability of off-target safety issues due to specificity of effect

1. <https://news.alnylam.com/rnai/articles/harnessing-human-genetics-power-next-wave-rnai-therapeutics>  
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LONM9ekseJ4>  
3. Advancing Human Genetics Research and Drug Discovery through Exome Sequencing of the UK Biobank. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.11.02.2022232>

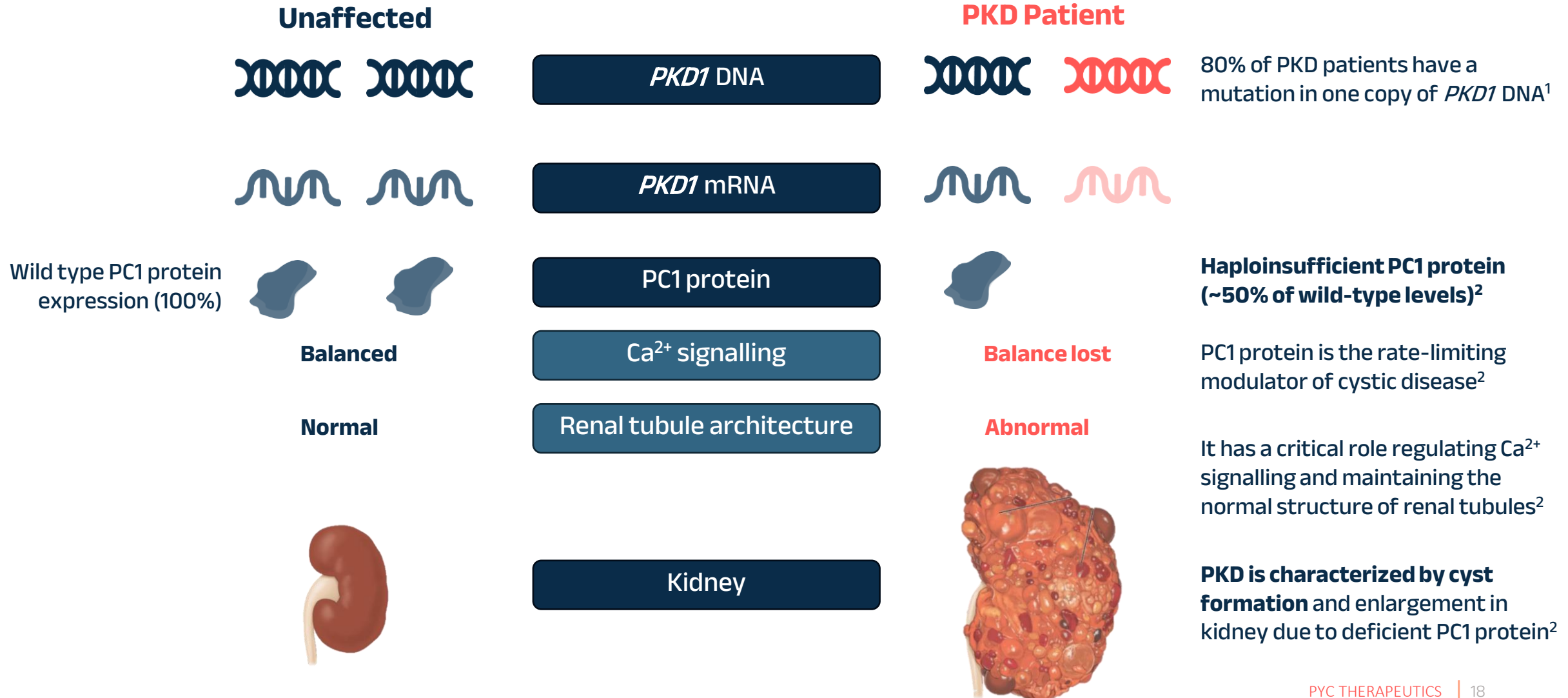


## PYC-003

Addresses the root cause of the disease with potential to regenerate damaged kidneys and restore function



# PKD is caused by a mutation in one copy of a single gene



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 2. Lee SH, Somlo S. Cyst growth, polycystins, and primary cilia in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease. Kidney Res Clin Pract. 2014;33(2):73-8.

# PYC-003 addresses this genetic mutation at its root cause



## PKD Patient

## PKD Patient + PYC-003

**PYC-003 effectively**

✓ Increases *PKD1* mRNA

✓ Increases PC1 protein

✓ Prevents progression in cyst model from kidneys of PKD patients

80% of PKD patients have a mutation in one copy of *PKD1* DNA<sup>1</sup>



*PKD1* DNA



*PKD1* mRNA



Haploinsufficient PC1 protein (~50% of wild-type levels)



PC1 protein



Balance lost

Ca<sup>2+</sup> signalling

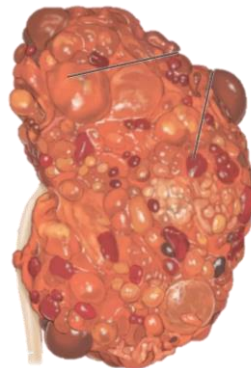
Balance restored

Abnormal

Renal tubule architecture

Restored

PKD is characterized by cyst formation and enlargement in kidney due to deficient PC1 protein<sup>2</sup>



Kidney



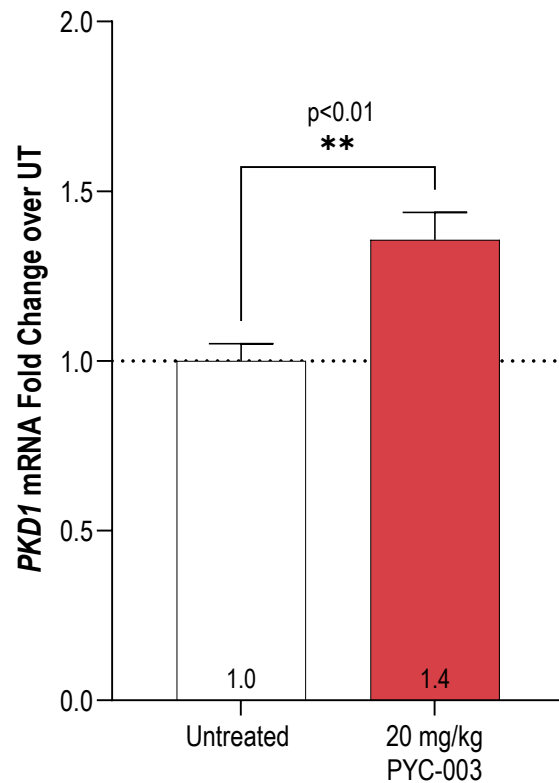
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# PYC-003 addresses the root cause of PKD in animals and human kidney cells



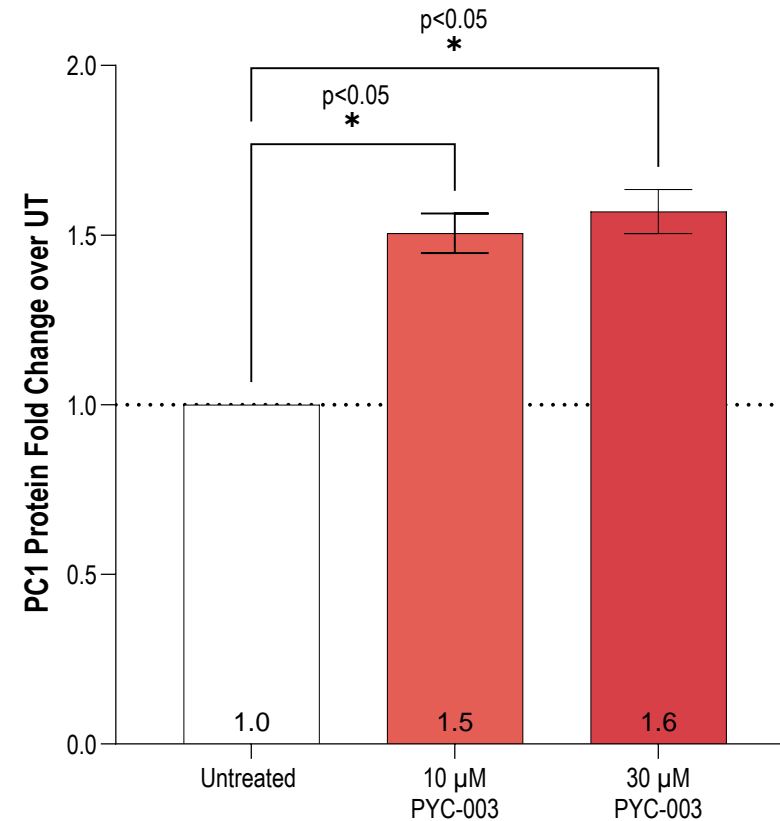
## In Animals<sup>1</sup>

Safe & effective upregulation of *PKD1* mRNA in mouse kidney 3 days after a single 20 mg/kg dose



## In Human Kidney Cells<sup>2</sup>

Upregulation of PC1 protein in human kidney cell line  
PC1 is the rate-limiting modulator of cystic disease<sup>2</sup>



1. PYC-003\* mouse surrogate used due to difference in PKD1 sequence between humans and mice. PKD1 mRNA levels assessed at Day 3 post treatment. Data presented mean+S.E.M (n=6). The data show a statistically significant (student's t test \*\* = <math>p<0.01</math>) difference between treatment groups.

*PKD1* expression fold-change over 0 dose sample, which used PBS as 'untreated' vehicle control. Highest tolerated dose in mice was 20 mg/kg and showed no signs of clinical toxicity.

2. PC1 full length protein fold-change over untreated (normalised to total protein) assessed at day 3 following treatment with either 10 μM or 30 μM PYC-003. Data presented mean+S.D (n=2 for protein). The data show a statistically significant (Dunnett's post-hoc test \*\*\* = <math>p<0.001</math>, \* = <math>p<0.05</math>) difference between treatment groups. Assessed in HEK293 cells.

# PYC's new drug candidate for Polycystic Kidney Disease

- Has the potential to change the lives of > 5 million patients worldwide with this condition<sup>1,3</sup>
- Is >5x more likely to succeed in human trials<sup>2</sup>
- Addresses a target market worth greater than US \$10 billion per annum<sup>4</sup>
- Is expected to reach market in 2027<sup>5</sup>

