WHAT IS THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT?

“A collection of preclinical strategies to support the development of products intended for use in the cure, mitigation, diagnosis, or treatment of disease”

Our goal: gather and openly share resources that scientists and clinicians need to develop treatments for KAND
HOW DOES THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT WORK?

Expectation: 

Vs.

Reality:

\[ \text{A} \rightarrow \text{B} \]
HOW DOES KIF1A.ORG APPROACH THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT?

• What is our approach?
  – “De-risk” KIF1A/KAND research and development
  – Cast a wide net of opportunities and pivot quickly
  – Hold a seat at the table of important stakeholder meetings
  – Be *relentless*

• Why is it unique?
  – Resources are openly available for scientific partners
  – Patients are at the center of every conversation
  – Dedicated KIF1A.ORG science team working with developers
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

• Multiple active partnerships
ACTIVE THERAPEUTIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Atomwise
  - AI drug discovery

- EINSTEIN
  - Albert Einstein College of Medicine

- Ovid Therapeutics
  - Gene therapy & RNAi gene targeting

- Columbia University

- Murdoch Children's Research Institute
  - Targeted high-throughput & epilepsy-focused screens

- NeuCyte
  - iPSC characterization & screening platform

- BioLoomics
  - Target identification & screening

- KIF1A
  - Single drug repurposing efforts with multiple academic/biotech collaborators
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TREATMENT ACCELERATOR PROGRAM – 2022 UPDATE

DIFFERENTIATE
Create neurons with KIF1A mutations to model the disease
✅

PHENOTYPE
Collect data on observable characteristics of healthy neurons vs. KAND neurons
✅

SCREEN
Test promising treatments for KAND, using insights from phenotyping to look for measurable improvements
✅

IDENTIFY THERAPEUTIC CANDIDATES FOR CLINICAL TRIALS

NeuCyte
Translatable Neuroscience
KIF1A.ORG
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• Launched KOALA and EEG Study
HOW DOES KOALA STUDY ADVANCE THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT?

“Generates clinical outcome measures and endpoints”

Determine how effective potential therapeutics will be in patient population
HOW WILL WE BRING TREATMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY?

• We are working on both short-term and long-term solutions at the same time
• We develop tools and resources that are expediting our transition into clinical trials
  – Pre-clinical tools for development
  – Patient-centered studies (NHS, KOALA, etc.)

It is our mission to find treatment for every single patient.