Ophthalmic Programs

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## OMNI<sup>™</sup> Technology Platform Superior Performance through AI-Driven Design



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### About EmendoBio

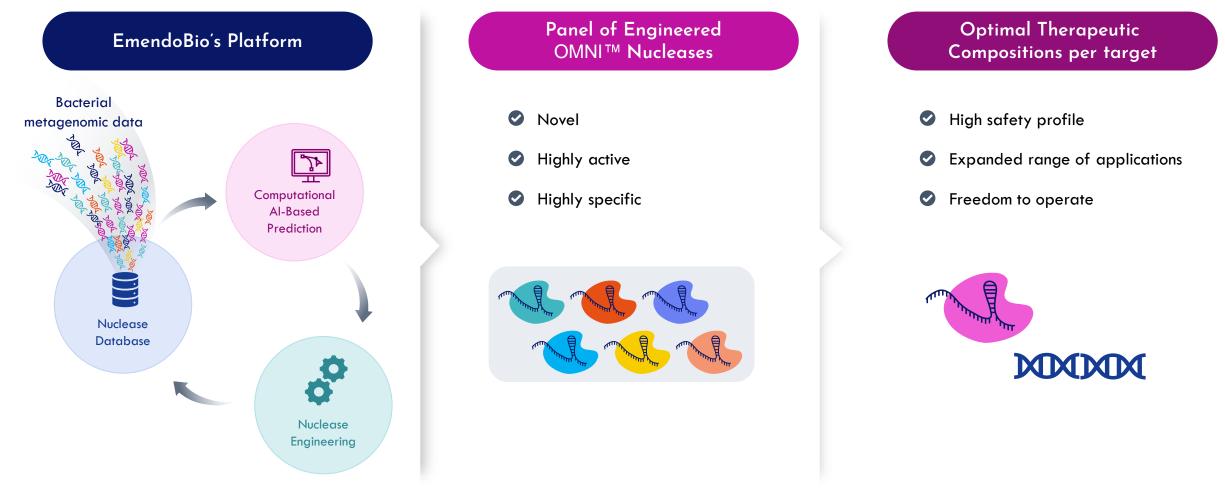
- Founded in U.S. in 2016 by scientists from the Weizmann Institute, Israel
- Founding investors: OrbiMed and Takeda Ventures
- AnGes became a majority shareholder in December 2020

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## OMNI<sup>™</sup> Platform Offers a Variety of Gene-Editing Solutions

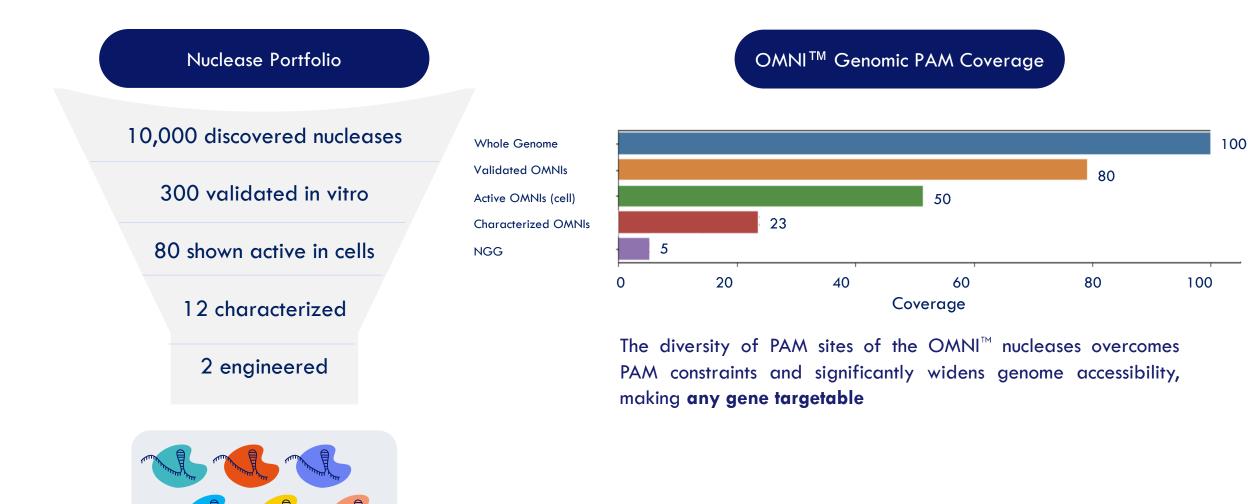
Synergistic discovery, engineering and computational technologies combine to produce a portfolio of high-performance OMNI<sup>™</sup> nucleases





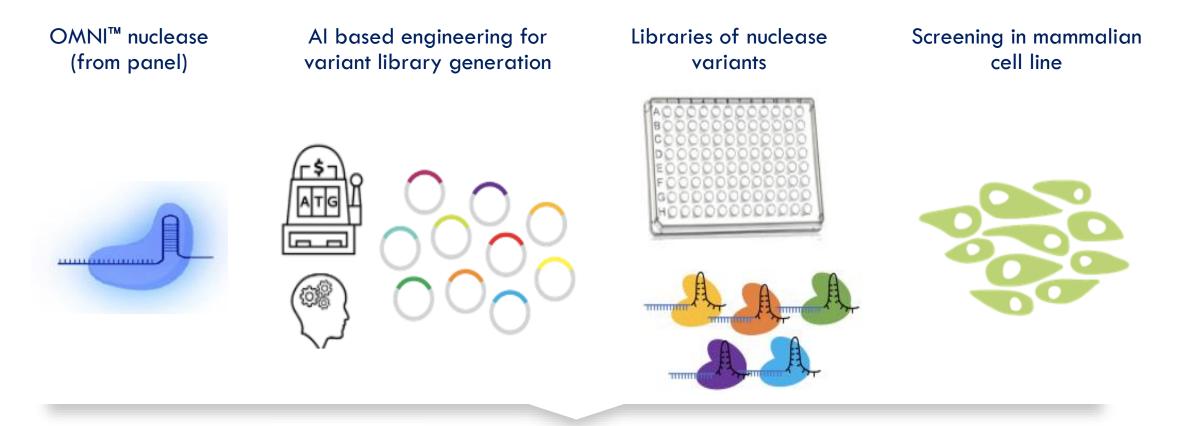
## OMNI<sup>™</sup> Panel Genome Accessibility

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## Nuclease Engineering Platform





Highly Active and Specific **Optimized OMNI™ Variants** 



## Pipeline

Disease Area	Program	Target	Indication	Approach	Research	Lead Optimization	IND-Enabling	Phase 1
Hematology	EMD-101	ELANE	Severe Congenital Neutropenia	Allele-specific ex vivo excision				
EMD-301	ENID 201	1D-301 LDLR	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal	In vivo excision				
	EIVID-301		Including Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)					
Cardiovascular EMD-302		ANGPTL3	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal	— In vivo KO				
	EIVID-302		Including Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HoFH)					
Ocular	EMD-201	SARM1	Glaucoma	ln vivo KO				
	EMD-202	RHO	Retinitis Pigmentosa	In vivo excision				
	EMD-203	RPE65	Retinitis Pigmentosa	In vivo excision				





## EMD-201 Targeting SARM1

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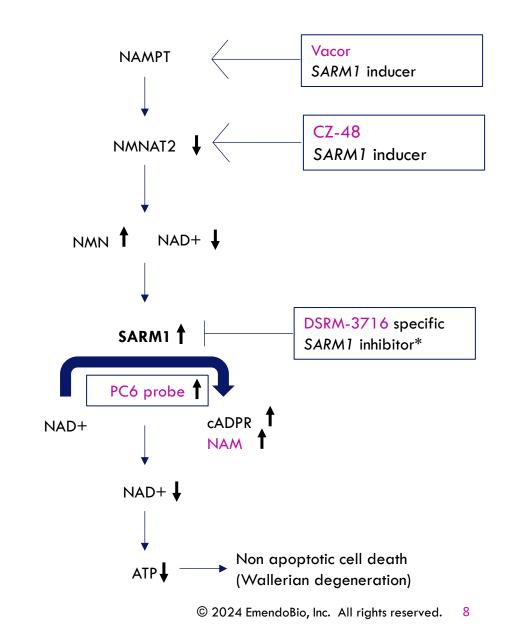


## SARM1 KO as Neuroprotective Therapy

- SARM1 is expressed in neuronal and retinal tissues, found in an autoinhibited state and activated under cellular stress caused by NAD+ depletion
- SARM1 acts as stress regulator and induces Wallerian degeneration upon activation (active program of axon self-destruction)
- Knockout of SARM1 in primary neurons and in live mice reduced axon damage in models of peripheral neuropathy induced by trauma or chemotherapy
- EmendoBio's strategy: Biallelic knockout of SARM1 to rescue/postpone Retinal Ganglion Cells (RGCs) from cell death
- Initial application is glaucoma

 $^{*}$  Licensed to Eli Lilly and is in phase 1 for neurodegenerative diseases

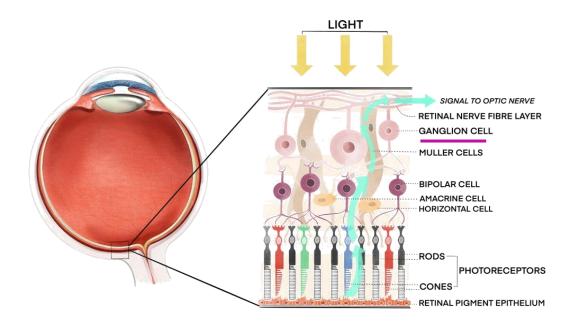






### **Glaucoma & Neuroprotection**

- Glaucoma is a group of optic neuropathies characterized by retinal ganglion cell (RGC) degeneration and visual field loss.
- Elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) is the main risk factor, however, IOP lowering does not always prevent disease progression due to the multifactorial nature of the glaucomatous disease.
- Therefore, neuroprotective strategies aiming at slowing down progression have been developed in recent years.

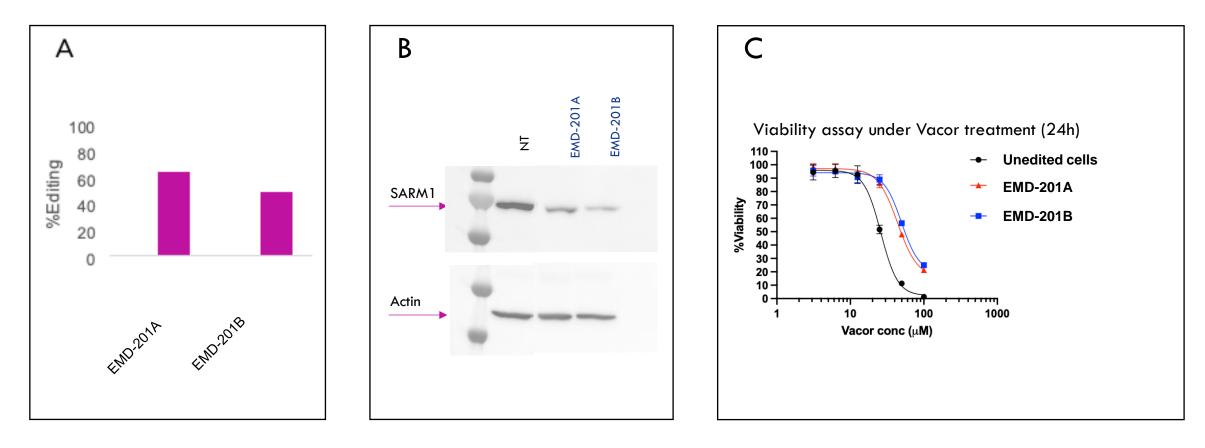




## SARM1 Knock-Out Is Neuroprotective

#### Vacor-induced cell death

• SARM1 KO SHSY5Y cells show improved survival to Vacor-induced toxicity

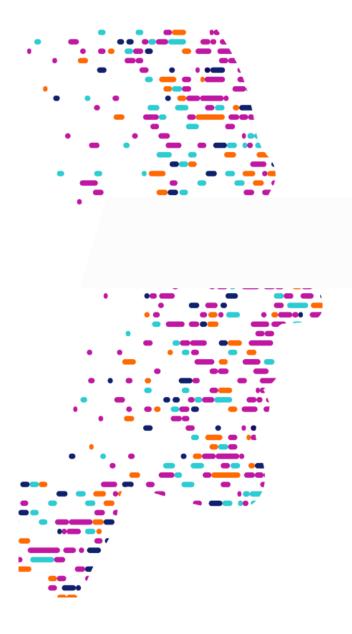


A. Editing levels of SARM by OMNI nucleases evaluated by NGS

B. Western blot analysis of reduction in SARM1 protein following KO compared to non-edited cells

C. Cell viability assay of neuroblastoma cell line – results demonstrate KO of SARM1 slows cell death





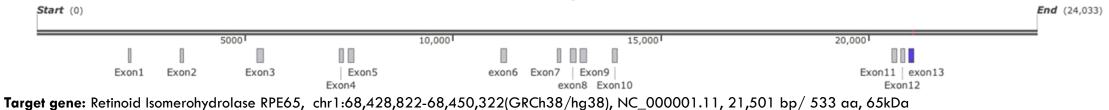
## EMD-202 Targeting RPE65

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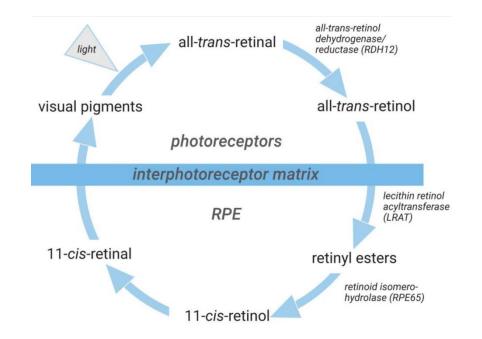


### SNP-Based Mono Allelic Excision Strategies for Retinitis Pigmentosa

#### RPE65 gene



- RPE65 is expressed in the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE). RPE65 is also expressed in cone photoreceptors, where it may have a role in maintaining homeostasis of retinoid pools rather than in chromophore regeneration.
- Localized in cytoplasm.
- RPE65, all-trans retinyl ester isomerase, an enzyme crucial to the retinoid cycle.

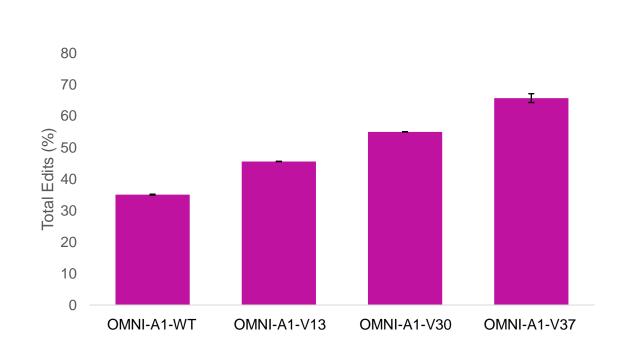


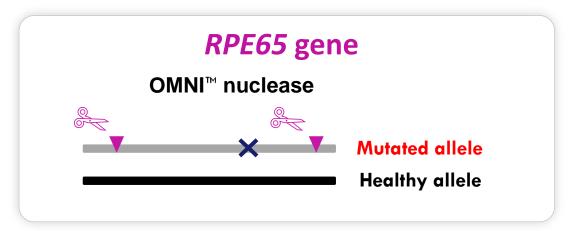
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## **Mechanism of Action**

#### Mono allelic excision of mutated RPE65 gene





- EmendoBio is evaluating other promising editing compositions that utilize proprietary OMNI nucleases and guides
- Approximately 70% editing was observed in vitro for certain editing compositions



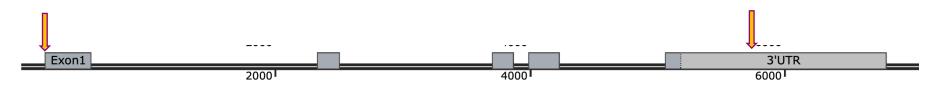


## EMD-203 Targeting RHO

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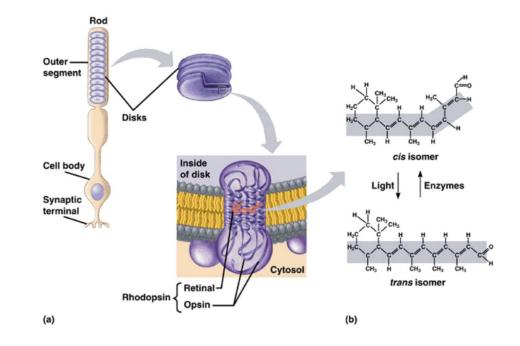


### SNP-Based Mono Allelic Excision Strategies for Retinitis Pigmentosa



Target gene: RHO (Rhodopsin) chr3: 129,527,968 - 129,536,015(GRCh38.p13), NC\_000003.12 (NC\_000003.11 previous assembly), protein 348aa, 5.0 kb, 5 exons

- Rhodopsin (RHO) is a light absorbing pigment, at 500nm max.
- Rhodopsin consists of the protein opsin linked to 11-cis retinal a prosthetic group. Retinal is the light absorbing pigment molecule and is a derivative of vitamin A. Opsin is a member of the 7TM receptor family.
- RHO gene mutations account for 20 to 30 percent of all cases of autosomal dominant retinitis pigmentosa, which is thought to be the most common form of the disorder
- <u>C110R mutation (3q22.1</u>) is a replacement of a single nucleotide that causes a change in Rho protein from the amino acid cysteine to arginine. As a result, the protein is retained in the ER, misfolding and instability. This change has been observed in patients with autosomal dominant retinitis pigmentosa and congenital stationary night blindness.



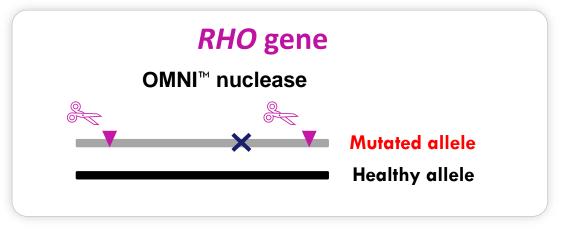
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## **Mechanism of Action**

#### Mono allelic knockout of mutated RHO gene

- EmendoBio is testing a several editing composition's which include a combinations of proprietary OMNI's and guides
- EmendoBio achieved as high as 80% editing in vitro
- In vivo studies were performed to evaluate monoallelic excision levels of a mutated RHO gene.





## Summary

#### Ophthalmic programs

- Program for SARM1 has demonstrated proof of concept with optimized OMNI<sup>™</sup> nuclease
  - Proprietary approach for deactivating SARM1 in cells
  - Knock out (KO) of SARM1 has potential for neuroprotection in indications such as glaucoma
  - Initial PoC in neuroblastoma cell line demonstrates KO of SARM1 inhibits neuronal death
  - These results suggest that KO of SARM1 using OMNI<sup>™</sup> nucleases can be used for neurodegenerative disease treatments
- Programs targeting RPE65 and RHO are ready for preclinical evaluation