



# Rev Therapeutics

Cardiac surgery **without the risk**  
of acute kidney injury

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Series A investment opportunity to advance RRx-002,  
a small molecule inhibitor developed to treat cardiac  
surgery-associated acute kidney injury

# experienced team with extensive development and clinical experience

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# opportunity summary

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Large \$1B - \$2B market

We are currently developing RRx-002, a patent protected <sup>(1)</sup> prodrug of RRx-003<sup>(2)</sup> to prophylactically treat cardiac surgery-associated acute kidney injury (CSA – AKI), a large unmet medical need

De-risked asset

RRx-003 was tested in multiple clinical studies and was shown to be well tolerated in both a Ph. 1 healthy volunteer study and a Ph. 2 study treating patients with IPF

Compelling preclinical data

Preclinical *in-vivo* animal data using RRx-002 corroborated the renal protective capabilities of RRx-003 shown in prior kidney ischemia / reperfusion injury *in-vivo animal* studies

Experienced team

Capital efficient virtual business model supported by team members with decades of drug development and renal disease experience; team members co-developed 17 approved drugs and collaborated on 100+ IND filings

<sup>1</sup> Provisional patent filed

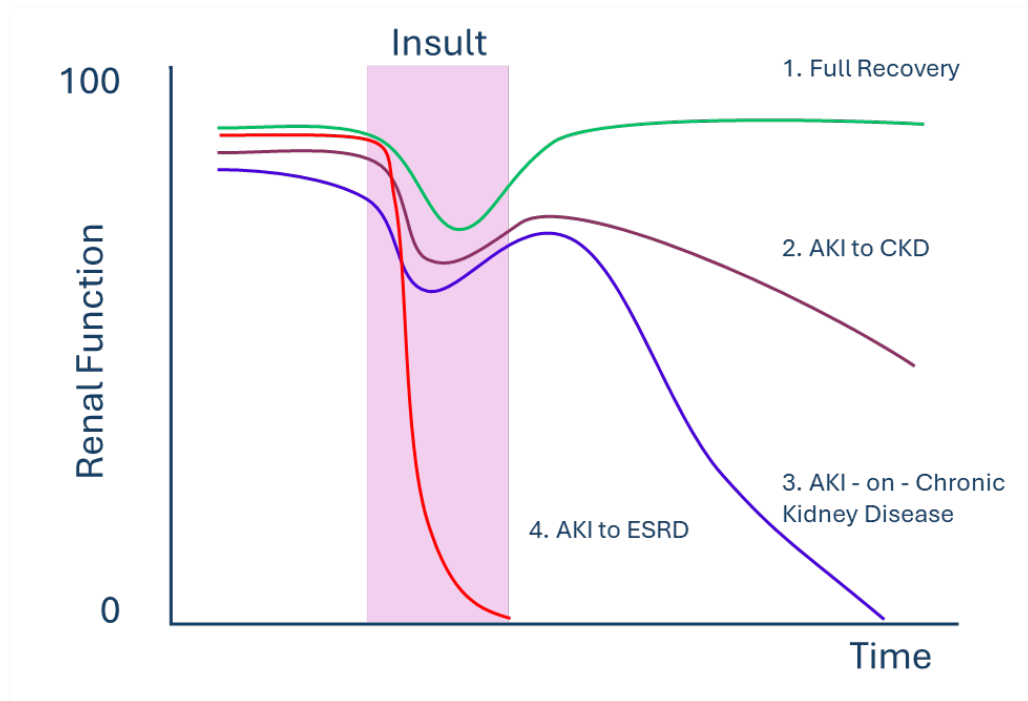
<sup>2</sup> Internal name of compound developed by pharma that is no longer in clinical development

# the problem

Cardiac surgery-associated acute kidney injury (CSA-AKI) is a common complication of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery which can progress to chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease

270,000+

Est. # of CABG procedures performed annually in U.S.



10% - 30%

Incidence rate of CSA-AKI per CABG procedure

2% - 5%

Patients diagnosed with AKI that require renal replacement therapy

# the impact on lives and healthcare system costs

CSA-AKI is associated with poorer outcomes for patients as well as increased costs for healthcare payors

## Increased Mortality

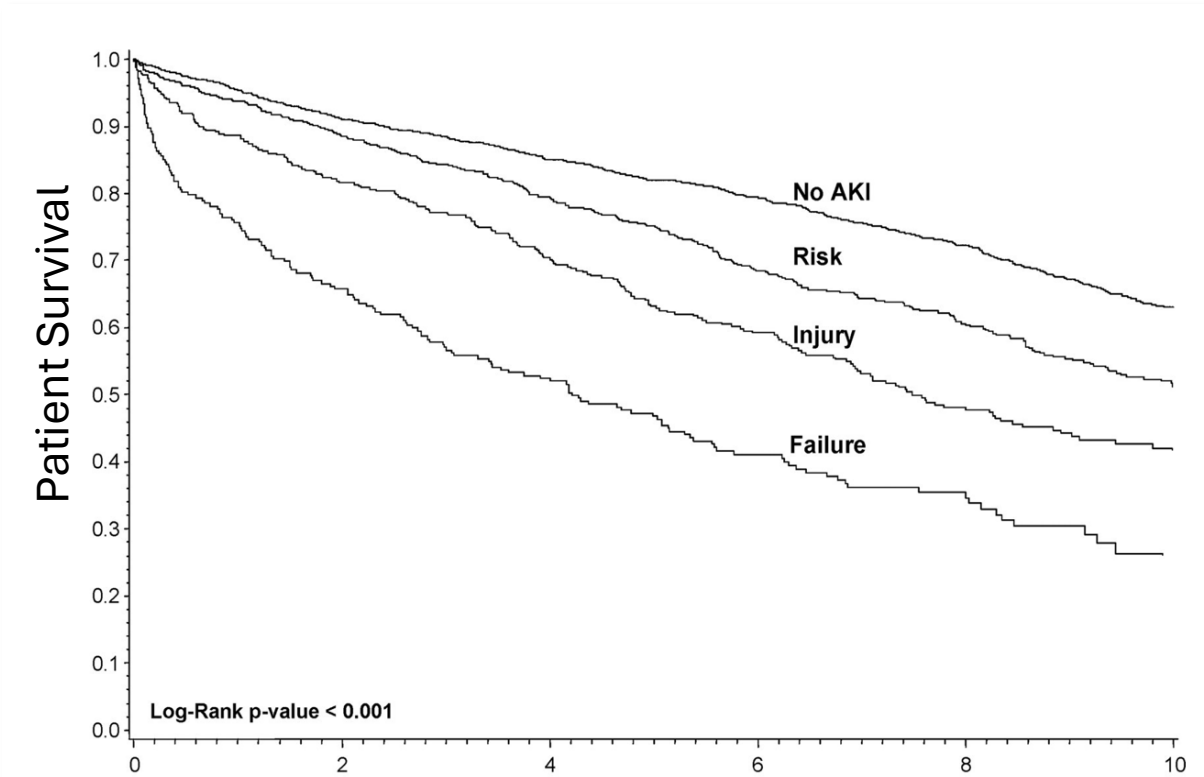
Post CABG survival rates are significantly impacted by severity of AKI diagnosis

## 2x Cost

Index hospitalization costs for those with AKI (\$77.1k vs. \$38.8k)

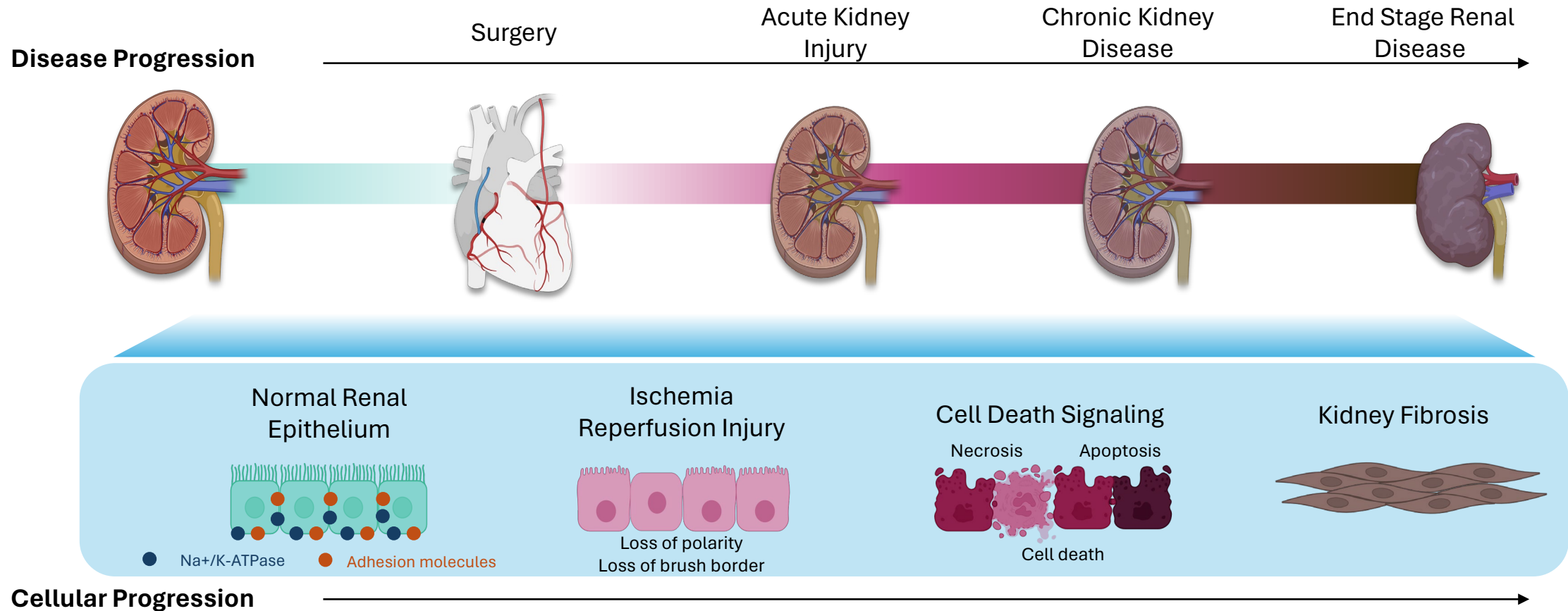
## \$1.0B

Est. total incremental hospitalization costs associated with incidence of AKI



# the underlying cause of the problem

Ischemia and reperfusion injury progresses to renal proximal tubular epithelial (RPTe) cell death, kidney dysfunction, and fibrosis



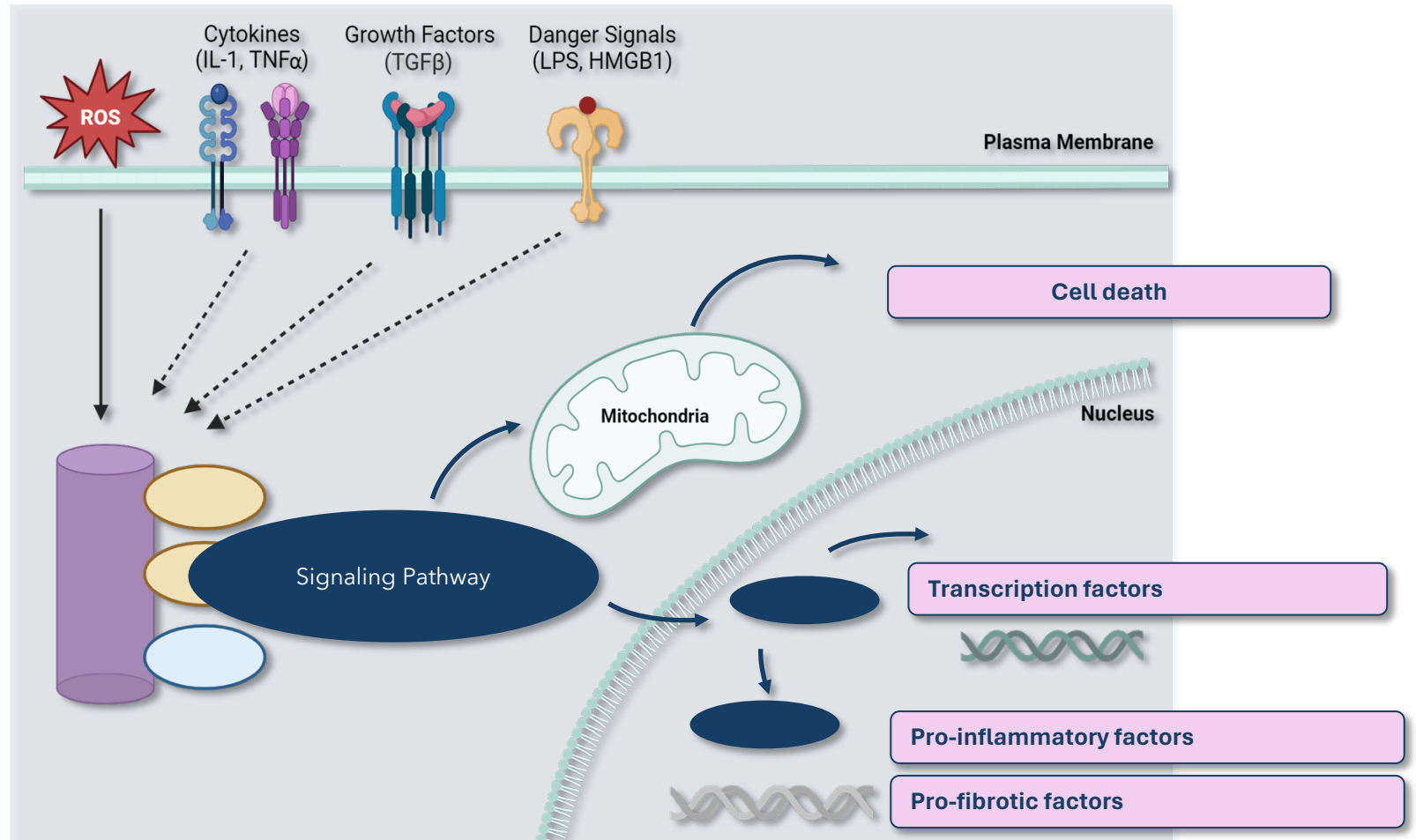
# RRx-002 Program

# enzymatic pathway associated with cell death, damage, and fibrosis

Target is an enzymatic pathway that is activated in response to various cellular stresses and plays an important role in cell death and inflammation

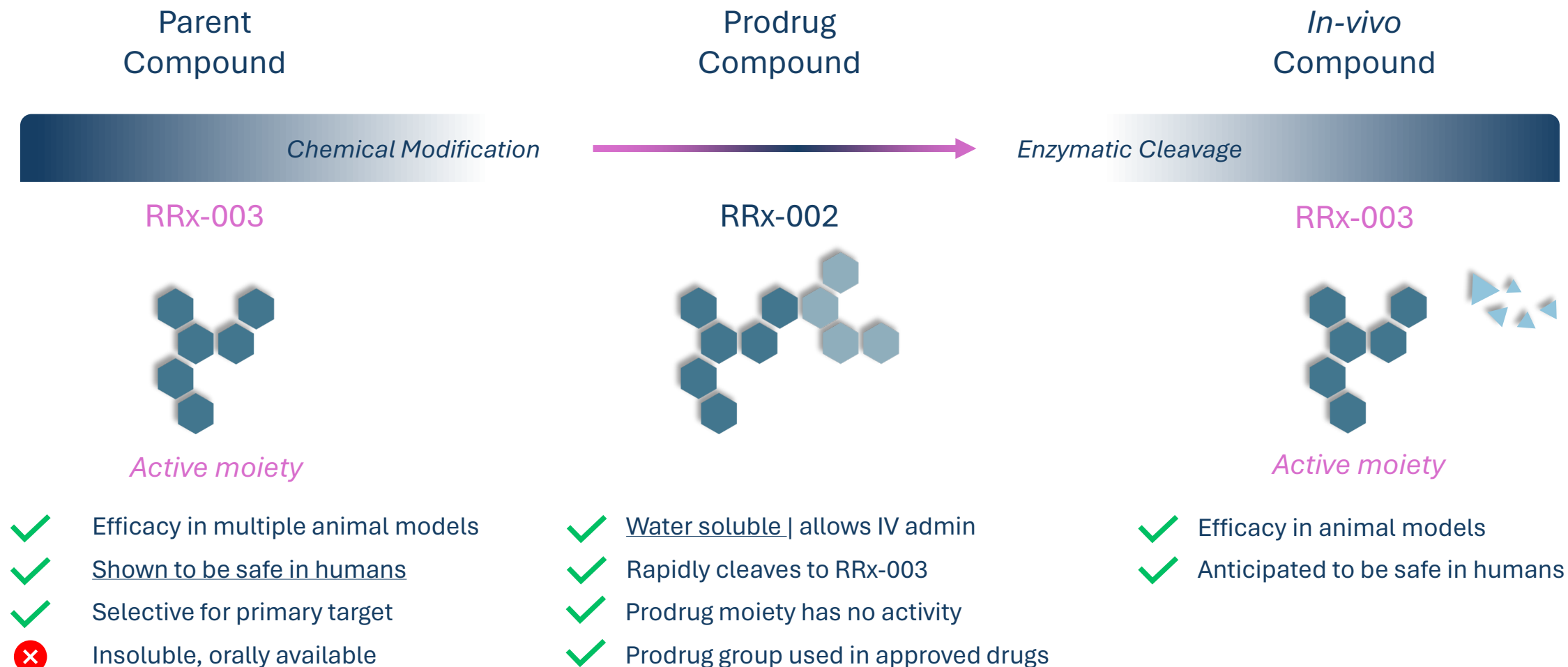
Activation of this enzymatic pathway is a common feature in human kidney injury

Inhibition can impact inflammation, cell death, and fibrosis





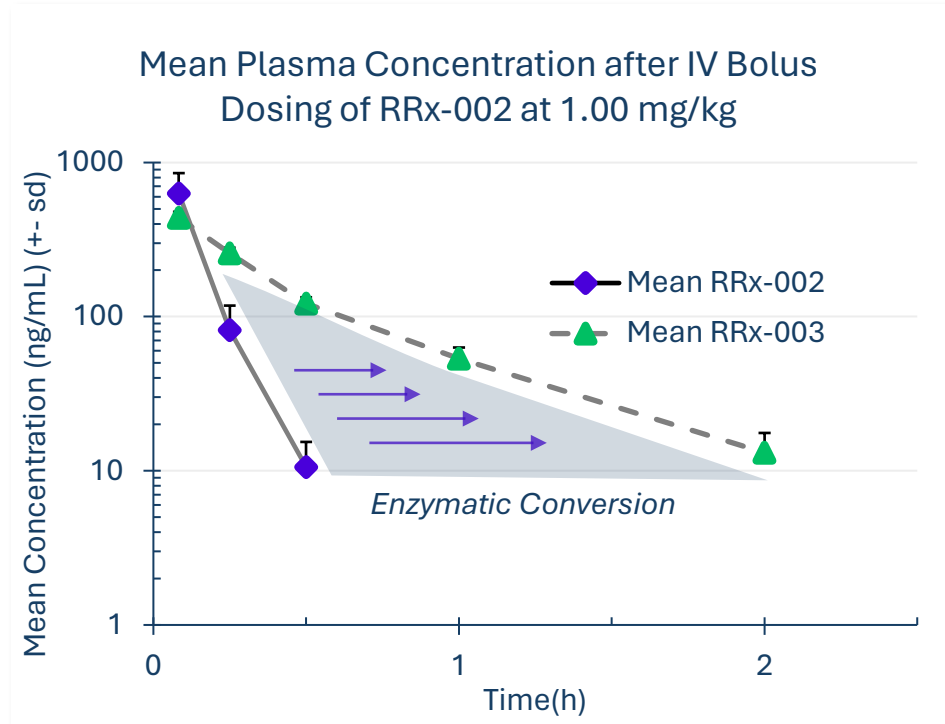
# RRx-002 –a novel prodrug compound with unique properties



RRx-002 is rapidly cleaved to the active species (RRx-003) by isoforms of alkaline phosphatase which are widely distributed throughout mammalian tissues

# rapid enzymatic cleavage

RRx-002 shows superior pharmaceutical properties and is rapidly cleaved to RRx-003 *in-vivo*



## Solubility Comparison

Compound	Solubility in PBS* at pH 7.4
RRx-002	45.6 mg/ml
RRx-003	0.060 mg/ml

# why we are excited about RRx-002

In *in-vivo* animal studies, RRx-002 showed a significant ability to protect against renal failure, renal inflammation, and renal fibrosis

88%

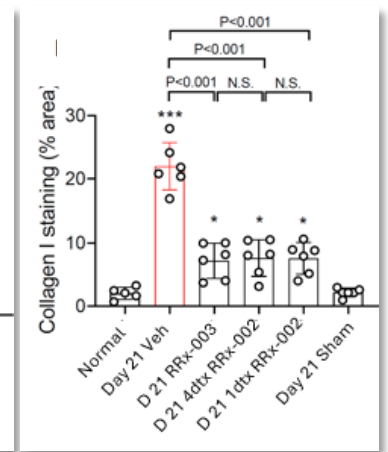
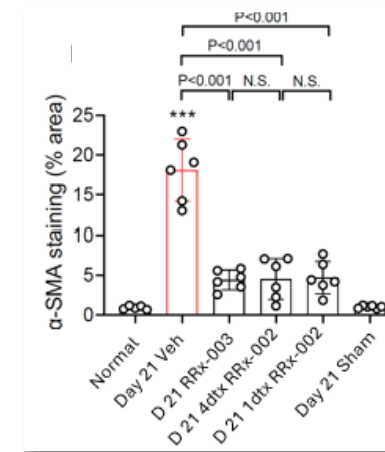
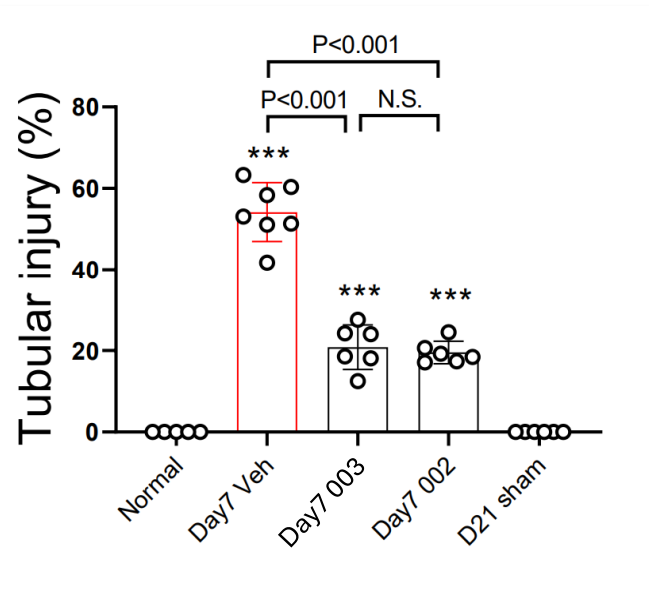
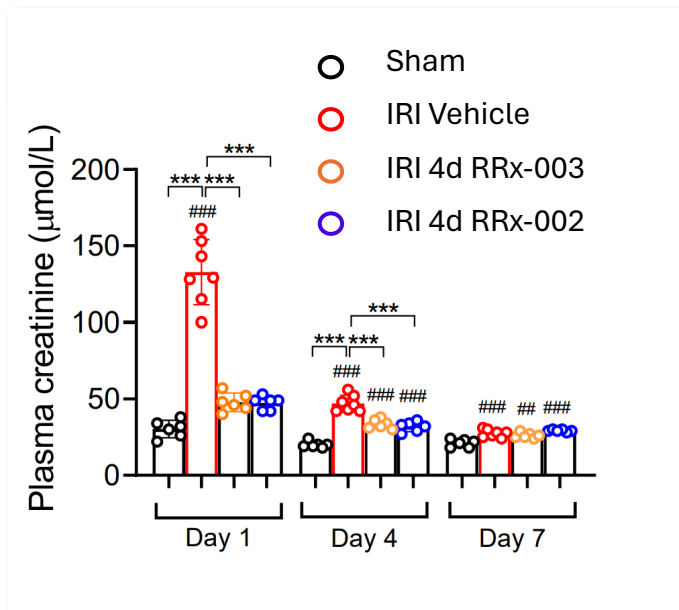
Reduction in plasma creatinine

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Reduction in tubular damage

79%

Reduction in fibrosis markers



α-SMA

Collagen 1

# progress to date and intended use of proceeds

## Key Milestones Completed with Initial Capital

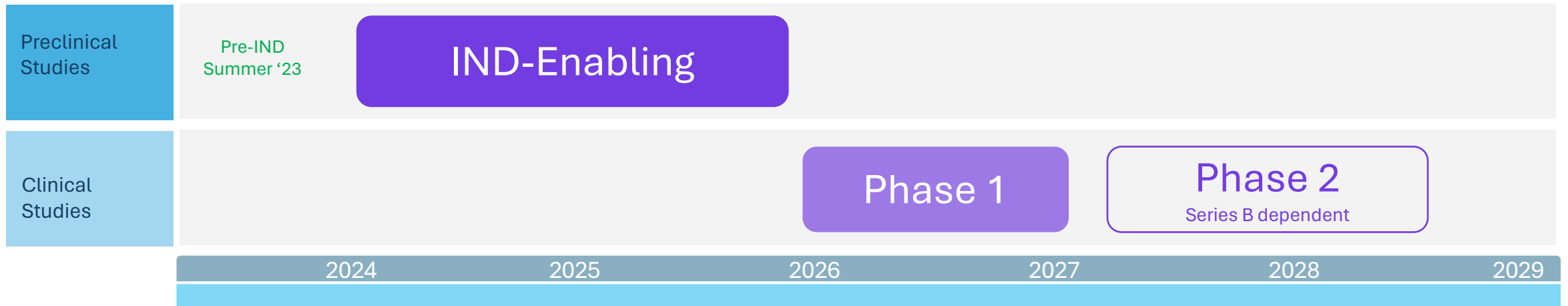
- Synthesized RRx-003 and RRx-002
- PK and PD studies comparing RRx-002 and RRx-003
- Preclinical animal (rat) *in-vivo* pharmacodynamic studies with RRx-002 in warm ischemia model
- Filed provisional patent on RRx-002
- Completed Pre-IND meeting

## Use of Funds

- Series A
  - T1 – IND enabling studies
    - Process CMC, drug formulation and drug product dev.
    - Complete in-vitro and in-vivo tox.
  - T2 - SAD / MAD Ph. 1
- Series B
  - Ph. 2 (dependent on additional Series B financing)

\$340.0k Invested to Date

\$20.0 million Series A Preferred (T1 - \$7M - \$8M – IND Enabling; T2 - \$12M – \$13M FTIH - EOP1)



# Appendix

# competitive landscape

## known agents currently in development

Sponsor	Stage	Agent	Modality	MoA	NCT	Primary Endpoint
Novartis	Ph. 2	TIN816	Recombinant human CD39 enzyme	ATP Modulator	<a href="#">NCT05524051</a>	Ratio of highest serum creatine value within 5 days post-dose vs. baseline
Astra Zeneca	Ph. 3	Ultomiris™	mAb	C5 inhibitor	<a href="#">NCT05746559</a>	No. of participants experiencing major adverse kidney events (MAKE) at 90 days post CPB surgery
Renibus Therapeutics	Ph. 3	RBT-1	Combo of stannic protoporphyrin & iron sucrose	Preconditioning agent	<a href="#">NCT06021457</a>	Composite of death, incidence of AKI requiring RRT, ICU days, and 30-day cardiopulmonary
Mission Therapeutics	Ph. 2	MTX652	Small mol.	Inhibition of USP30	Not available	12/14/2023 press release - “assessing standard markers of renal function and renal injury over time”
AM Pharma	Ph. 2	Ilofotase alfa	Recombinant alkaline phosphatase (recAP)	Dephosphorylating and detoxifying DAMPs and PAMPS	Not available	01/16/2024 press release – “ratio between pre-and post-surgery creatine levels”
Guard Therapeutics	Ph. 2b	RMC-035	Recombinant protein (mimic of alpha-1 microglobulin)	Reductase activity, binding of free radicals and heme, and binding, protection of mitochondria	Not available	01/30/2024 R&D Day – “Change from baseline in eGFR based on serum creatine at Day 90”

# select scientific papers

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# Thank you!

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