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**MTB-1 MEDIATED GENE  
REGULATION SHOWS BENEFICIAL  
EFFECTS IN DMD PATIENT CELLS  
AND MDX MICE**

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# DISCLOSURE

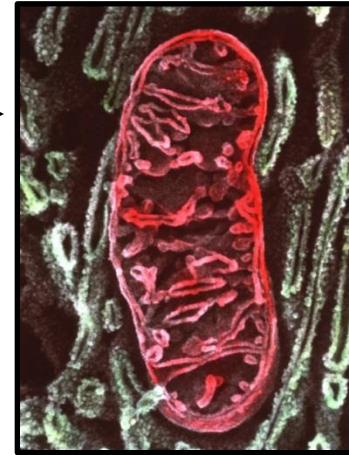
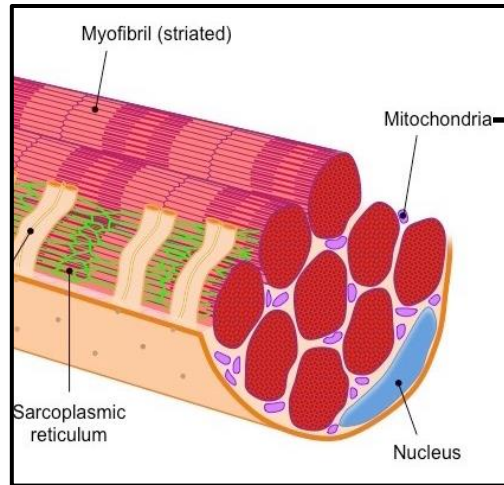
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# MITOBRIDGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Company launched in October 2013 with the mission to become the leader in developing therapeutics that treat a wide range of serious diseases by modulating mitochondrial function**
- **High-performing team of employees, advisors and consultants**
  - **Renowned group of founding scientists**
  - **Experienced management team**
  - **Accomplished investor syndicate**
  - **29 full-time chemists, biologists and pharmacologists with drug discovery expertise**
- **Strategic relationship with Astellas shapes the 5 year R&D plan**



# MITOCHONDRIA ARE CRITICAL FOR MUSCLE HEALTH



- ✓ Energy production
- ✓ Cell death regulation
- ✓ Cell communication

- Mitochondria are organelles found in most cells; play a critical role as energy source through production of ATP
- Mitochondrial dysfunction can cause or contribute to cellular pathologies that cause serious diseases

# MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION IN DMD

- Numerous studies show mitochondrial dysfunction is involved in and contributes to abnormalities in dystrophic muscle \*
- Effects of impaired mitochondrial function in muscle
  - Reduces ability to work for long periods (endurance)
  - Increases inflammation
  - Triggers cell death
- Impaired function can be measured by reduction in ATP, reduced oxygen consumption and other parameters
- Mitochondrial impairment is also evident in cells and tissues from mdx mice, a model of DMD

## \*Select references

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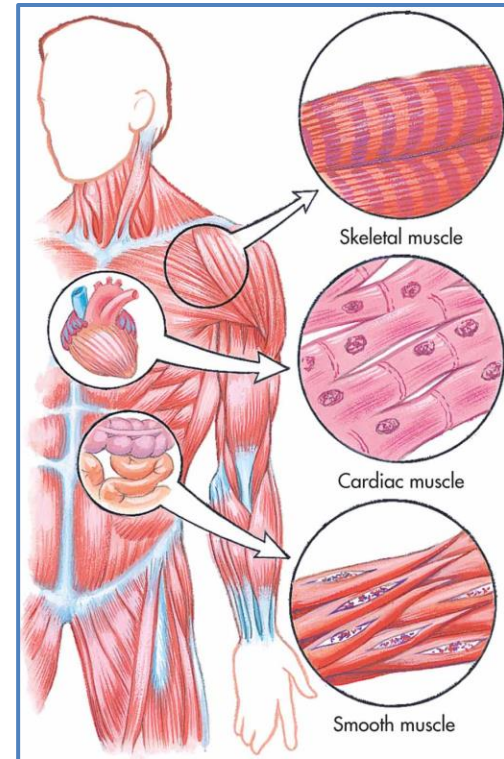
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# IMPROVING MITOCHONDRIAL HEALTH BENEFITS MULTIPLE TISSUES

- **Certain exercise regimens can improve mitochondrial functions in muscle**
  - Increase use of fatty acids to make more ATP/ energy
  - Improve blood flow
  - Produce new mitochondria - biogenesis
- **Improvements in mitochondrial function can extend beyond skeletal muscle**
  - Cardiovascular (energy in heart muscle)
  - Respiratory functions (energy in diaphragm)
- **Mitobridge's drug candidate regulates the cellular processes induced by exercise regimens**



# MTB-1: A NOVEL DRUG CANDIDATE FOR DMD

- Small-molecule compound, oral once-daily dosing
- Regulates genes that produce proteins essential for mitochondrial activities
- Studies in DMD patient muscle cells and mdx mice demonstrate the compound is active at dose levels that are well-tolerated
- Compound could provide benefit for all DMD patients regardless of dystrophin mutation type
- Novel mechanism for DMD
- Currently in late-stage preclinical development



# MTB-1 EFFECTS IN CELLULAR AND ANIMAL MODELS OF DMD

- In DMD patient cells and mouse muscle cells, MTB-1
  - Increases expression of genes and protein that enhance mitochondrial function
  - Increases numbers of mitochondria in muscle cells (biogenesis)
  - Increases oxygen consumption
- In mdx mouse model of DMD, MTB-1 administration (orally) for 5-7.5 weeks
  - Improves skeletal muscle
    - Reduces level of damage
    - Reduces inflammation & dying cells
    - Increases numbers of regenerating cells
  - Improves diaphragm
    - Reduces fibrosis and numbers of dying cells
  - Increases voluntary activity and endurance
    - Increases rearing activity
    - Increases time and distance on treadmill run



# TRANSLATING PRE-CLINICAL RESULTS INTO POTENTIAL DMD PATIENT BENEFITS

	DMD disease characteristics	Effect of MTB-1 in mdx model and DMD patient cells
<b>Cellular</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dysfunctional mitochondria</li> <li>• Defective muscle bioenergetics</li> <li>• Defective fatty acid oxidation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in mitochondrial number and oxygen consumption rate in DMD patient cells</li> </ul>
<b>Tissue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscle degeneration</li> <li>• Inflammation</li> <li>• Muscle fibrosis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease degeneration &amp; cell death</li> <li>• Decrease inflammation</li> <li>• Increase regenerating cells</li> <li>• Decrease diaphragm fibrosis</li> </ul>
<b>Functional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muscle fatigue</li> <li>• Muscle weakness</li> <li>• Exercise intolerance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase rearing activity</li> <li>• Increase endurance</li> </ul>

# A POTENTIAL NEW THERAPEUTIC FOR DMD

- **Novel mechanism: MTB-1 activates cellular pathways that improve mitochondrial function in impaired muscles**
- **Demonstrates significant efficacy in DMD patient cells and mdx mouse model**
  - Increase in energy production
  - Increase in functional endurance
  - Decrease in diaphragm fibrosis
  - Improve muscle tissue morphology
  - Well tolerated in animal studies
- **An oral agent that addresses multiple symptoms of DMD regardless of dystrophin mutation type**
  - Potential for combination with other treatments
- **Developing clinical plan in partnership with Astellas Pharma**