



## Neurogene Announces Positive Regulatory Update for NGN-401 Gene Therapy in Rett Syndrome with Plans to Initiate Dosing in Embolden™ Registrational Trial in Q4 2025

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*Completed discussions with FDA on registrational protocol; 13 sites to allow for rapid enrollment*

*New preclinical data at ESGCT Congress highlight NGN-401 best-in-class potential and add to body of evidence that ICV administration is superior to IT-L in reaching key brain regions underlying Rett syndrome*

*As previously reported, the first four participants in the NGN-401 Phase 1/2 trial gained 23 developmental milestones/skills, representing multi-domain improvement that requires transduction of key brain regions and nervous system*

*The preclinical data also provide evidence-based confirmation that ICV and IT-L administration result in comparable peripheral organ transduction, showing no liver-sparing benefit to IT-L when compared to ICV*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 9, 2025-- Neurogene Inc. (Nasdaq: NGNE), a clinical-stage company founded to bring life-changing genetic medicines to patients and families affected by rare neurological diseases, today announced the Company has completed discussions with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on its Embolden™ registrational trial protocol and plans to initiate dosing in the fourth quarter of 2025. In response to strong interest from the Rett syndrome community, the trial is expected to enroll across 13 sites.

“In preparation for the Embolden registrational trial, we expanded our clinical trial footprint and have more than doubled our presence in the United States and plan to initiate dosing this quarter,” said Rachel McMinn, Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Neurogene. “Being part of the FDA’s START pilot program and having RMAT designation, we are well-positioned to engage in early discussions with the FDA with the goal of an expedited BLA submission.”

Neurogene also announced new preclinical data from nonhuman primates (NHPs) demonstrating that intracerebroventricular (ICV) delivery of NGN-401 achieves superior AAV biodistribution across brain regions relevant to Rett syndrome, compared to intrathecal lumbar (IT-L) delivery. These findings are consistent with preclinical data generated by other independent laboratories, reinforcing a growing body of evidence that supports ICV delivery for achieving greater expression in the brain. Neurogene’s results further validate and recapitulate this consensus, underscoring the robustness of the approach.

Dr. McMinn continued, “Feedback from the Rett syndrome community and KOLs reinforce that the decision to undergo gene therapy treatment is driven by a single critical factor: the potential for meaningful improvement. The route of administration data presented at the ESGCT Congress this week provide a potential rationale for the global improvement and multi-domain skill acquisition observed in our previously reported<sup>1</sup> NGN-401 Phase 1/2 efficacy data. Importantly, the comparable systemic exposure between ICV and IT-L confirms there is no liver-sparing benefit to IT-L administration, consistent with clinical data from intra-CSF administered products.”

The head-to-head NHP study compared ICV and IT-L administration of NGN-401 at a dose that approximates the human dose being evaluated in the NGN-401 Phase 1/2 and Embolden clinical trials (1E15 vg) alongside a dose approximately four times higher than the clinically relevant dose administered via IT-L. Key results presented at the European Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ESGCT) Annual Congress in Seville, Spain, included:

- ICV administration of NGN-401 showed greater expression of the full-length therapeutic *MECP2* transgene mRNA in key brain regions underlying Rett syndrome pathophysiology when compared to the same IT-L administered dose; more similar levels of RNA expression were observed in the lumbar spinal cord
  - Higher RNA expression in key areas of the brain was also observed when ICV was compared to the approximately four times higher dose IT-L cohort
- Comparable peripheral exposure of vector genome biodistribution was observed in peripheral organs, including the liver, between equivalent ICV and IT-L doses, consistent with clinical data from intra-CSF administered products

### Neurogene’s ESGCT Congress Poster Presentation Details

- **Title:** Route matters: intracerebroventricular (ICV) delivery of NGN-401 drives superior transgene expression to key areas of the brain when compared to intrathecal (IT-L) delivery at clinically relevant dose — implications for a one-time gene

therapy for Rett syndrome

- **Title:** Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)/hyperinflammatory syndrome following high dose AAV9 therapy (*Encore from 2025 IRSF Rett Syndrome Scientific Meeting*)

Both posters will be presented on October 9, 2025, at 2 p.m. CEST and will be available on Neurogene's website.

<sup>1</sup>As of data cut-off date of October 17, 2024

### **About Neurogene**

The mission of Neurogene is to treat devastating neurological diseases to improve the lives of patients and families impacted by these rare diseases. Neurogene is developing novel approaches and treatments to address the limitations of conventional gene therapy in central nervous system disorders. This includes selecting a delivery approach to maximize distribution to target tissues and designing products to maximize potency and purity for an optimized efficacy and safety profile. The Company's novel and proprietary EXACT™ transgene regulation platform technology allows for the delivery of therapeutic levels while limiting transgene toxicity associated with conventional gene therapy. Neurogene has constructed a state-of-the-art gene therapy manufacturing facility in Houston, Texas. CGMP production of NGN-401 was conducted in this facility and will support pivotal clinical development activities. For more information, visit [www.neurogene.com](http://www.neurogene.com).

### **About NGN-401**

NGN-401 is an investigational AAV9 gene therapy being developed as a one-time treatment for Rett syndrome. It is the first clinical candidate to deliver the full-length human *MECP2* gene under the control of Neurogene's EXACT™ transgene regulation technology. EXACT technology is an important advancement in gene therapy for Rett syndrome, specifically because the disorder requires a treatment approach that enables targeted levels of *MECP2* transgene expression without causing overexpression-related toxic effects associated with conventional gene therapy.

NGN-401 was selected by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its START Pilot Program and has also received Regenerative Medicine Advance Therapy (RMAT) designation, orphan drug designation, Fast Track designation and rare pediatric designation from the FDA. Neurogene was previously granted an INTERACT meeting with the FDA regarding the EXACT technology. NGN-401 also received Priority Medicines (PRIME) designation, orphan designation and advanced therapy medicinal product designation from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the Innovative Licensing and Application Pathway (ILAP) designation from the United Kingdom (UK) Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

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