

## PRESS RELEASE

# Lysogene Publishes Positive Preliminary Preclinical Results in the Treatment of Fragile X Syndrome

**Paris, France — 21 April 2022 at 08:00 am CEST** — Lysogene (FROO13233475 – LYS), a phase 3 gene therapy platform Company targeting central nervous system (CNS) diseases, announced today the publication of a peer-reviewed article in EMBO Molecular Medicine (Habbas et al., EMBO Mol Med (2022) e14649) showing that adeno-associated viral (AAV) vector-delivered diacylglycerol kinase (DGKk) achieves long-term rescue of fragile X syndrome (FXS) in a mouse model of disease.

The article can be accessed at: <https://www.embopress.org/doi/full/10.15252/emmm.202114649>.

FXS is a rare genetic condition that affects approximately 1 in 4,000 to 5,000 boys and 1 in 8,000 girls. It is estimated to affect about 110,000 people in Europe and about 70,000 people in the US. FXS is caused by a mutation of the FMR1 gene that provides instructions for production of the Fragile X Mental Retardation Protein (FMRP). This protein plays a key role in developing synapses, the connections between nerve cells that relay nerve signals. Inadequate or disrupted FMRP production affects nervous system function, leading to both cognitive and behavioral issues in patients.

The lab of Dr. Hervé Moine at the IGBMC in Strasbourg, France, discovered that diacylglycerol kinase kappa (DGKk), a main mRNA target of FMRP in cortical neurons and a master regulator of lipid signaling, is downregulated in the absence of FMRP in the brain of the Fmr1-KO mouse model. The studies, which are the result a collaboration between Lysogene and Dr. Moine's lab, the CNRS, INSERM, and ICM, show that AAV vector delivery of a modified and FMRP-independent form of DGKk corrects abnormal cerebral diacylglycerol/phosphatidic acid homeostasis and FXS-relevant behavioral phenotypes in the Fmr1-KO mouse.

These data suggest that DGKk is an important factor in FXS pathogenesis and provide preclinical proof of concept that its replacement could be a viable therapeutic strategy in FXS.

**Ralph Laufer, CSO of Lysogene,** commented: *“These preclinical results confirm the validity of our innovative approach targeting DGKk for the treatment of FXS, a CNS pathology with high unmet medical need. We are looking forward to expanding these results in further preclinical studies.”*

### **About Lysogene**

Lysogene is a gene therapy Company focused on the treatment of orphan diseases of the central nervous system (CNS). The Company has built a unique capability to enable delivery of gene therapies to the CNS to treat lysosomal diseases and other disorders of the CNS. A phase 2/3 clinical trial in MPS IIIA is ongoing. An adaptive clinical trial in GM1 gangliosidosis is also ongoing. Lysogene is also developing an innovative AAV gene therapy approach for the treatment of Fragile X syndrome, a genetic disease related to autism. [www.lysogene.com](http://www.lysogene.com).

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