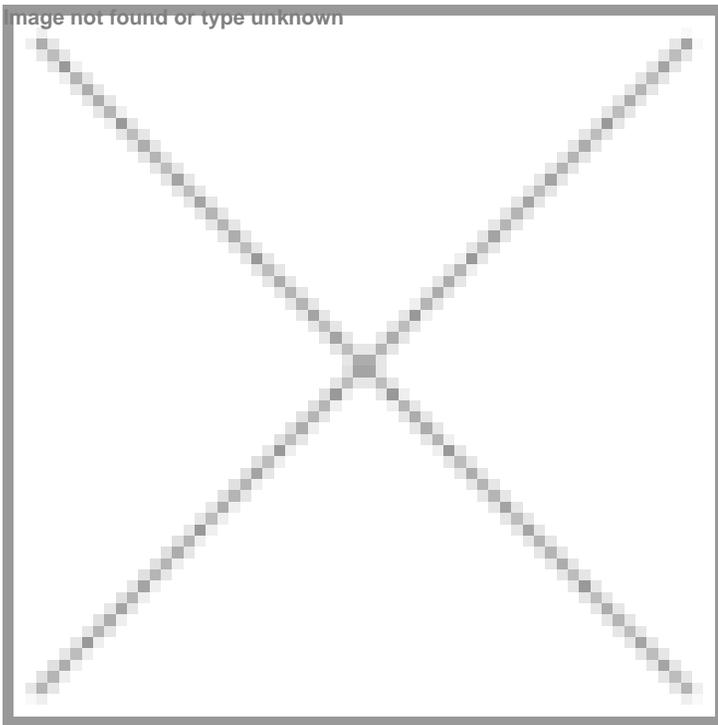# REGENXBIO, Rocket Pharma partner for Danon disease

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REGENXBIO Inc, a leading clinical-stage biotechnology company seeking to improve lives through the curative potential of gene therapy based on its proprietary NAV Technology Platform, and Rocket Pharma, Inc, a leading U.S.-based multi-platform gene therapy company has announced an exclusive, worldwide license agreement for Rocket to develop and commercialize gene therapy treatments for Danon disease using REGENXBIO's NAV AAV9 vector, as well as exclusive options for two additional NAV AAV vectors for the treatment of Danon disease.

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"This license agreement provides further validation of the potential for the diverse application of our NAV Technology Platform for the treatment of severe diseases with high unmet medical," said Kenneth T. Mills, President and Chief Executive Officer of REGENXBIO. "We are pleased to initiate our partnership with Rocket, an emerging leader in gene therapy for rare diseases, via development of a gene therapy treatment for Danon disease."

"Rocket is delighted to partner with REGENXBIO to advance our first gene therapy product derived from the NAV Technology Platform, reinforcing the potential of our disease-focused, multi-platform development approach allowing for the potential first-mover advantage without being limited by vector type," said Gaurav Shah, M.D., Chief Executive Officer and President of Rocket. "Danon disease represents a significant area of unmet medical need as no specific therapies are available for the patients and families suffering from the disease. We believe the well-understood disease biology and severe patient need makes Danon disease an ideal target for gene therapy and we expect to enter the clinic next year."

Danon disease is a rare neuromuscular and cardiovascular disease characterized by profound cardiomyopathy, skeletal myopathies, and mild cognitive impairment. It is estimated to have a prevalence of 15,000 to 30,000 patients in the U.S. and the European Union. Danon disease is caused by mutations in the gene encoding lysosome-associated membrane protein 2 (LAMP-2), an important mediator of autophagy. The LAMP-2 protein has three distinct variants generated by alternative splicing: LAMP-2A, LAMP 2B and LAMP-2C. Mutations resulting in LAMP-2B dysfunction are associated with severe cardiac disease features. The disease is often fatal in patients in the second or third decade of life due to progressive heart failure unless treated with a cardiac transplantation, which is nonetheless not considered curative. There are no specific therapies available for the treatment of Danon disease.