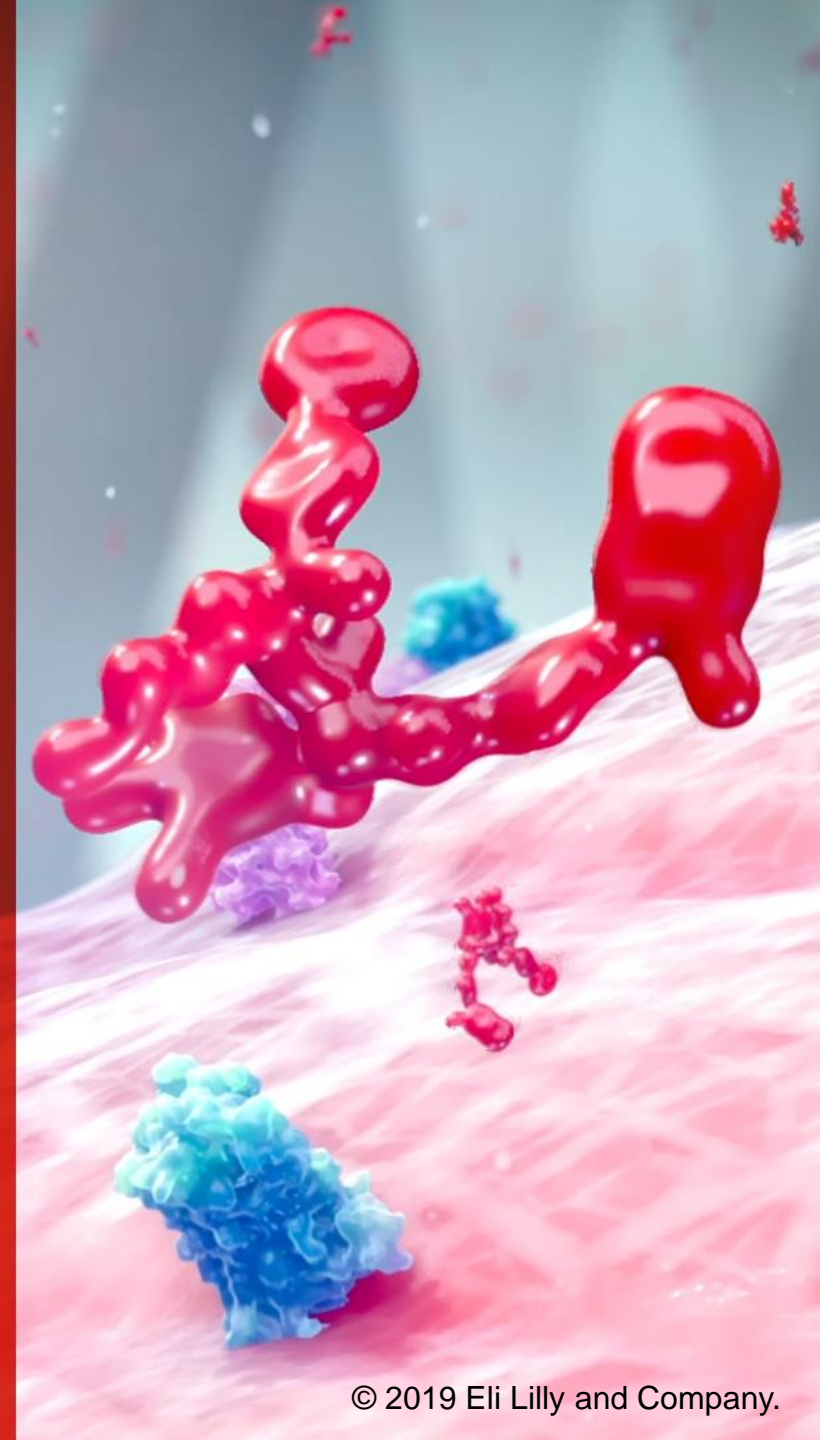


# Preventing Migraine: The Mechanism of Action of Galcanezumab





# Objectives

- 1. Migraine: Burden of Disease**
- 2. CGRP and Migraine**
- 3. Understanding Galcanezumab**

# Migraine: Burden of Disease



# What Is Migraine?

**A common debilitating neurological disease that affects ~12% (over 1 billion) of the world population<sup>1-3</sup>**

**Women are affected  more than men**

- It is associated with recurrent headaches that can range in severity<sup>4,5</sup>
- Patients with migraine can exhibit other neurological symptoms, including visual aura, nausea, phonophobia, and photophobia<sup>5,6</sup>

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# ICHD-3 Diagnostic Criteria: Migraine

## Without Aura

- A.** At least five attacks fulfilling criteria B–D
- B.** Headache attacks lasting 4–72 hours (when untreated or unsuccessfully treated)
- C.** Headache has at least two of the following four characteristics:
  - 1. unilateral location
  - 2. pulsating quality
  - 3. moderate or severe pain intensity
  - 4. aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity (e.g. walking or climbing stairs)
- D.** During headache at least one of the following:
  - 1. nausea and/or vomiting
  - 2. photophobia and phonophobia
- E.** Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

## With Aura

- A.** At least two attacks fulfilling criteria B and C
- B.** One or more of the following fully reversible aura symptoms:
  - 1. visual
  - 2. sensory
  - 3. speech and/or language
  - 4. motor
  - 5. brainstem
  - 6. retinal
- C.** At least three of the following six characteristics:
  - 1. at least one aura symptom spreads gradually over  $\geq 5$  minutes
  - 2. two or more aura symptoms occur in succession
  - 3. each individual aura symptom lasts 5–60 minutes
  - 4. at least one aura symptom is unilateral
  - 5. at least one aura symptom is positive
  - 6. the aura is accompanied, or followed within 60 minutes, by headache
- D.** Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

# Migraine: A Tremendous Burden



- Migraine has a complex clinical presentation that can vary widely from person to person<sup>1</sup>
  - Variable headache frequency and severity
  - Variable symptoms and severity of symptoms
- Migraine prevalence peaks during the most productive working years and can have substantial burden on the individual and workforce<sup>2</sup>
  - Indirect costs due to increased absenteeism and reduced productivity at work

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# Migraine: An Unmet Need

~ **40%**

**of patients with migraine worldwide are professionally diagnosed<sup>1</sup>**

**Only 12.4%**

**of respondents in the 2004 AMPP survey who were diagnosed with migraine were on preventive medication<sup>2</sup>**

- Despite almost 40% of patients being eligible for preventive medication<sup>3</sup>

< **50%**

**of patients will remain on their prescribed preventive treatment<sup>4</sup>**

- Decreased efficacy and adverse reactions were the main reasons for discontinuation<sup>5</sup>

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# Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) and Migraine



# What Is CGRP?



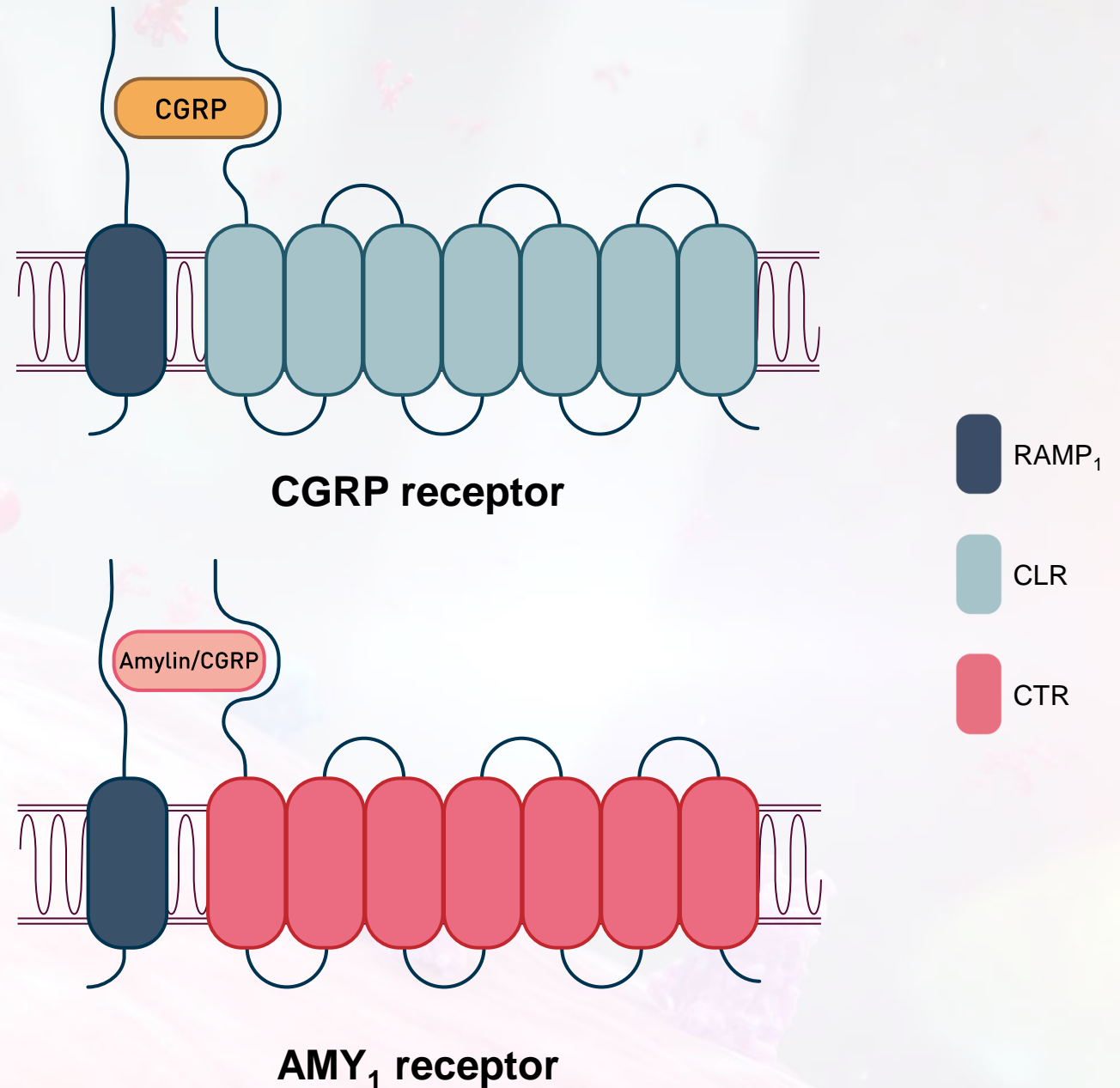
- Calcitonin gene-related peptide, or CGRP, is a small (~37 amino acid) neuropeptide with a wide distribution in both peripheral and central nervous systems<sup>1-3</sup>
- CGRP is one of the most abundant neuropeptides in the trigeminovascular system<sup>1</sup>
  - CGRP is expressed in approximately 50% of neurons in the trigeminal ganglia<sup>4</sup>
- Along with other neuropeptides and neurotransmitters, CGRP is released during a migraine attack and leads to:<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Activation of meningeal nociceptors
  - Vasodilation
  - Neurogenic inflammation

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# CGRP Can Activate CGRP and AMY<sub>1</sub> Receptors<sup>1,2</sup>

- The CGRP receptor is made up of CLR and RAMP<sub>1</sub> subunits
- It binds with high affinity to CGRP and has important roles in migraine
- CGRP can also activate the amylin 1 (AMY<sub>1</sub>) receptor with an affinity that is similar to amylin
  - AMY<sub>1</sub> is made up of RAMP<sub>1</sub> and CTR subunits
  - The role of the AMY<sub>1</sub> receptor in migraine is not completely understood

CLR=calcitonin receptor-like receptor; CTR=calcitonin receptor; RAMP<sub>1</sub>=receptor activity modifying protein 1.

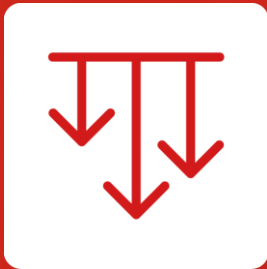


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# CGRP in Migraine



- Increased CGRP levels correlate with onset and pain intensity in migraine attacks<sup>1,2</sup>
- Infusion of CGRP has been shown to induce migraine-like attacks in susceptible patients<sup>1,3,4</sup>



- Triptans, medications commonly used for the acute treatment of migraine, reduce CGRP levels<sup>1,5</sup>
- Blocking the CGRP ligand or receptor reduces migraine symptoms<sup>6,7</sup>

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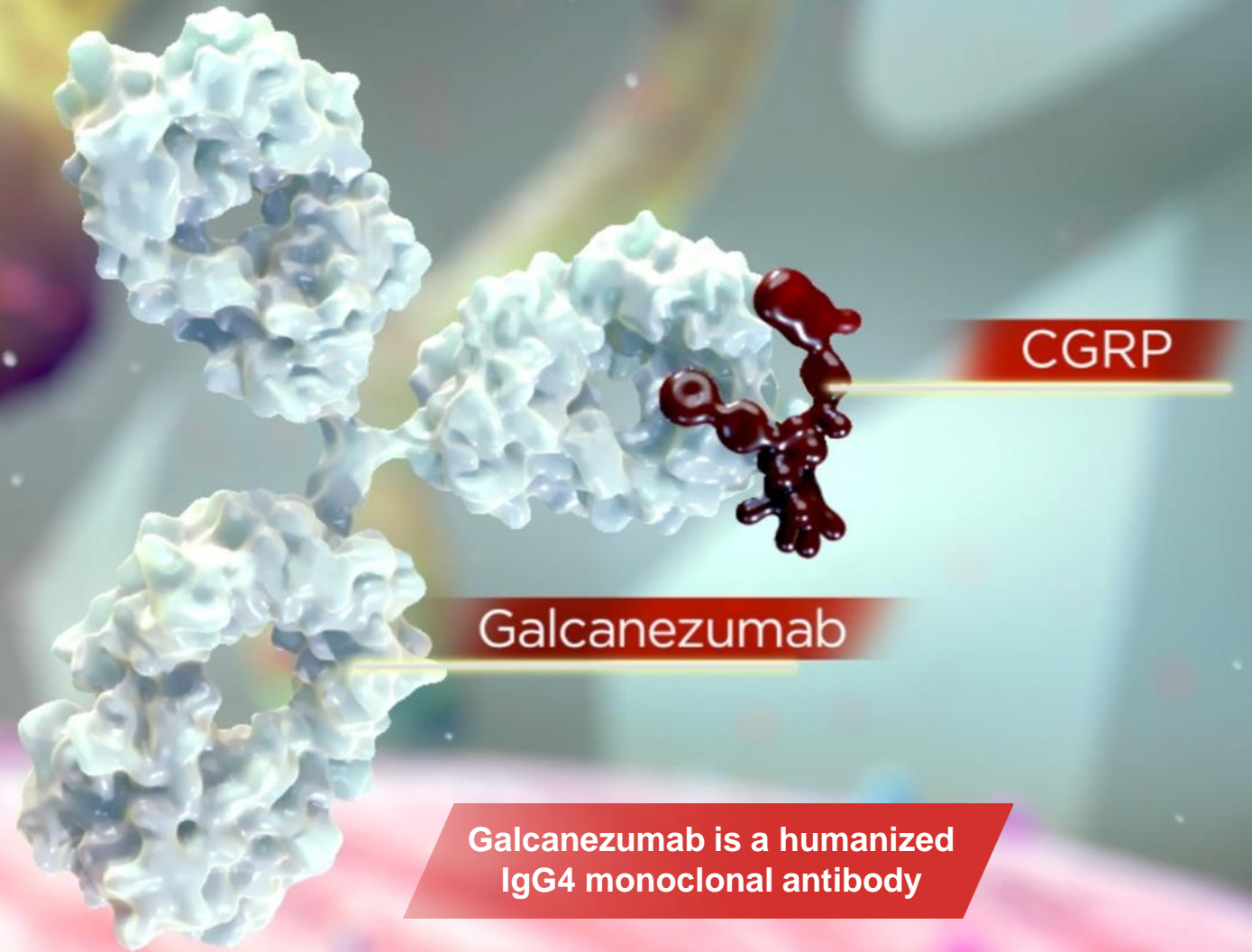
# Understanding **Galcanezumab**





# What Is Galcanezumab?

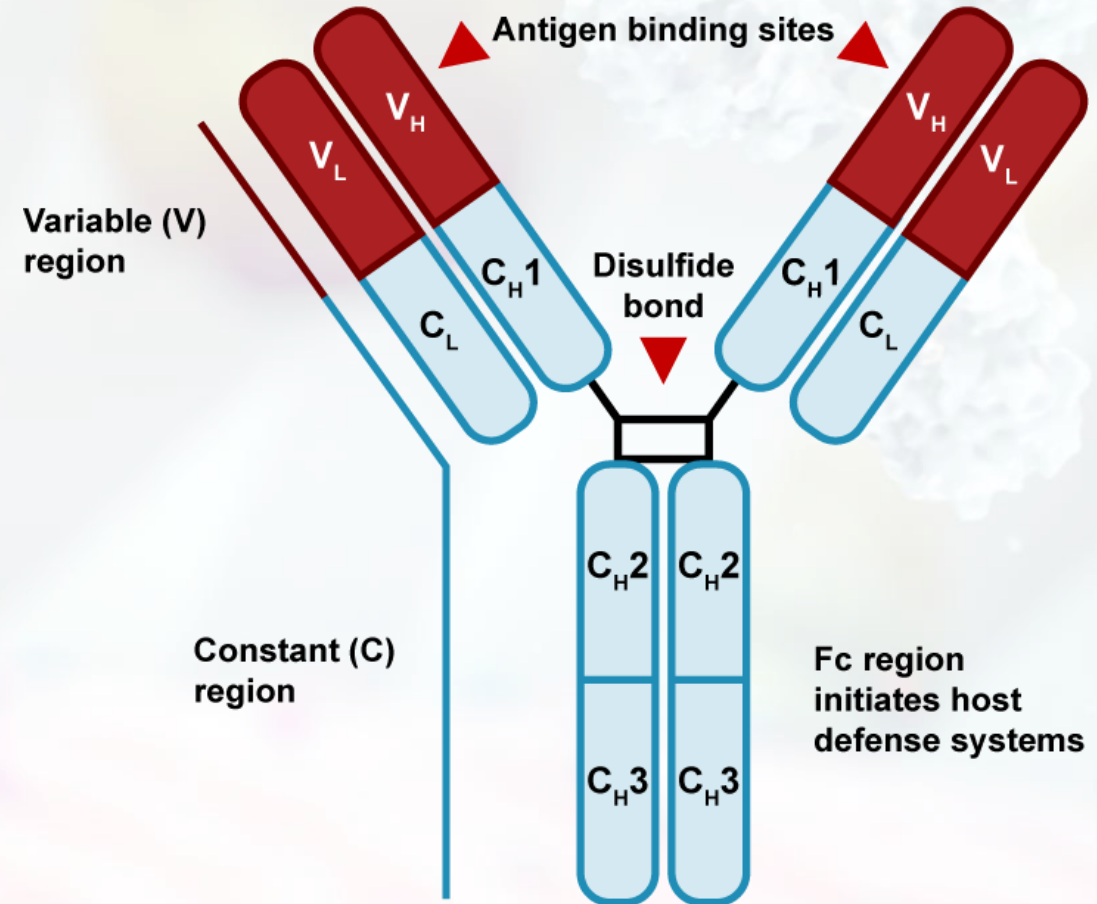
- Galcanezumab is an IgG4 monoclonal antibody
- Galcanezumab is indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine in adults



# Understanding Monoclonal Antibodies

- Monoclonal antibodies (immunoglobulins) are large proteins produced by the immune system to counteract foreign substances (antigens) in the body<sup>1-3</sup>
- Like galcanezumab, antibodies can be developed to target specific antigens for therapeutic purposes<sup>4,5</sup>
- There are approximately 5 classes of immunoglobulins (IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM)<sup>6</sup>

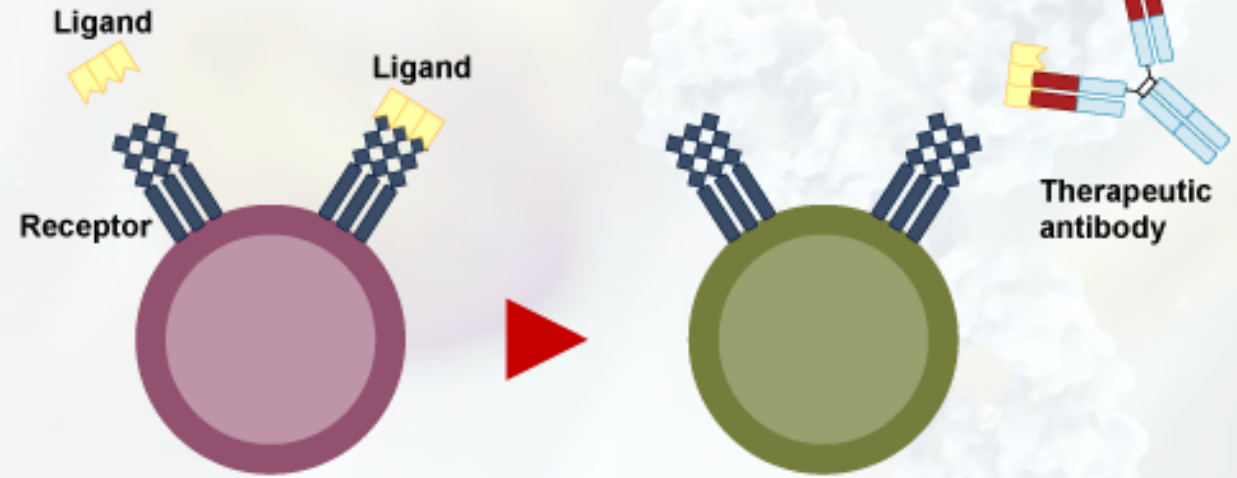
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# Mechanisms of Action for Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibodies

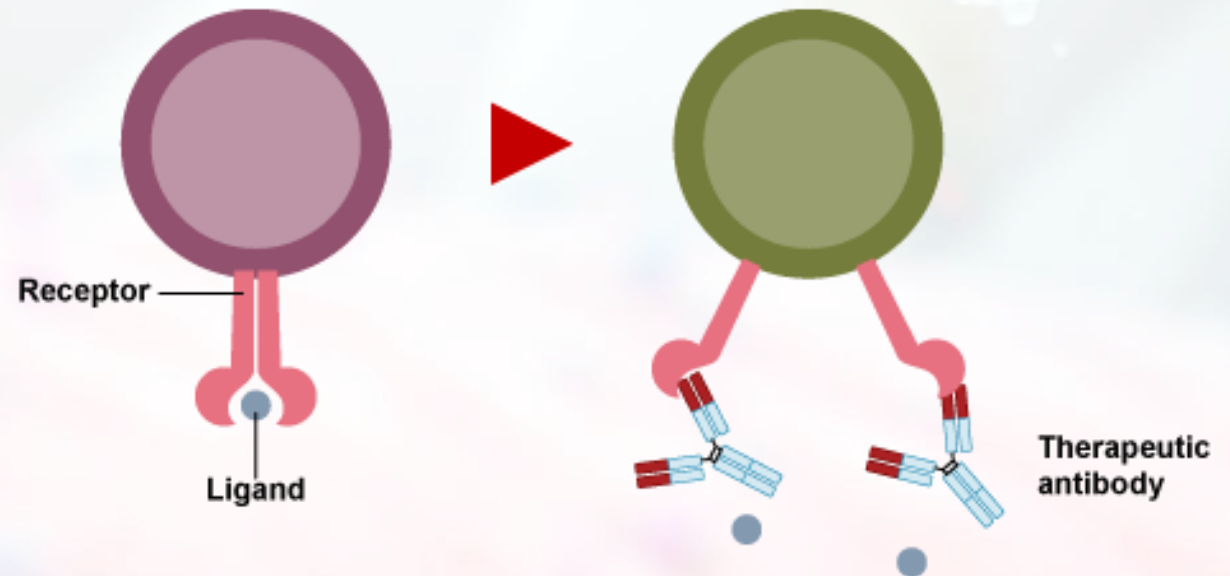
## Ligand Blockade:

Antibodies or antibody fragments can prevent ligands from activating all of their receptors



## Receptor Blockade:

Antibodies bind the receptor and block binding of the ligand to the receptor

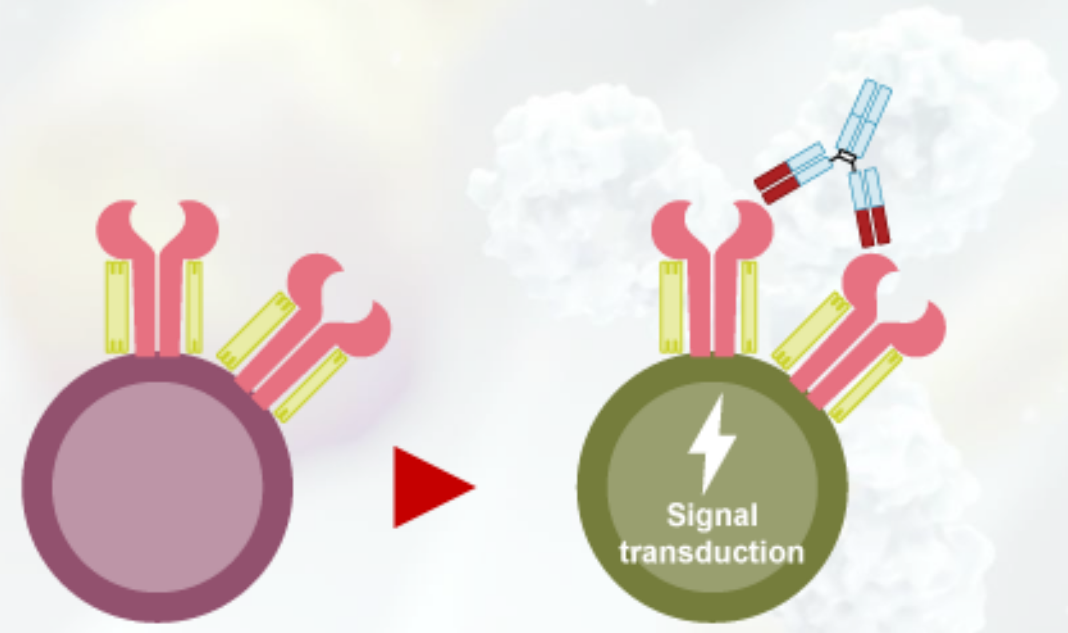




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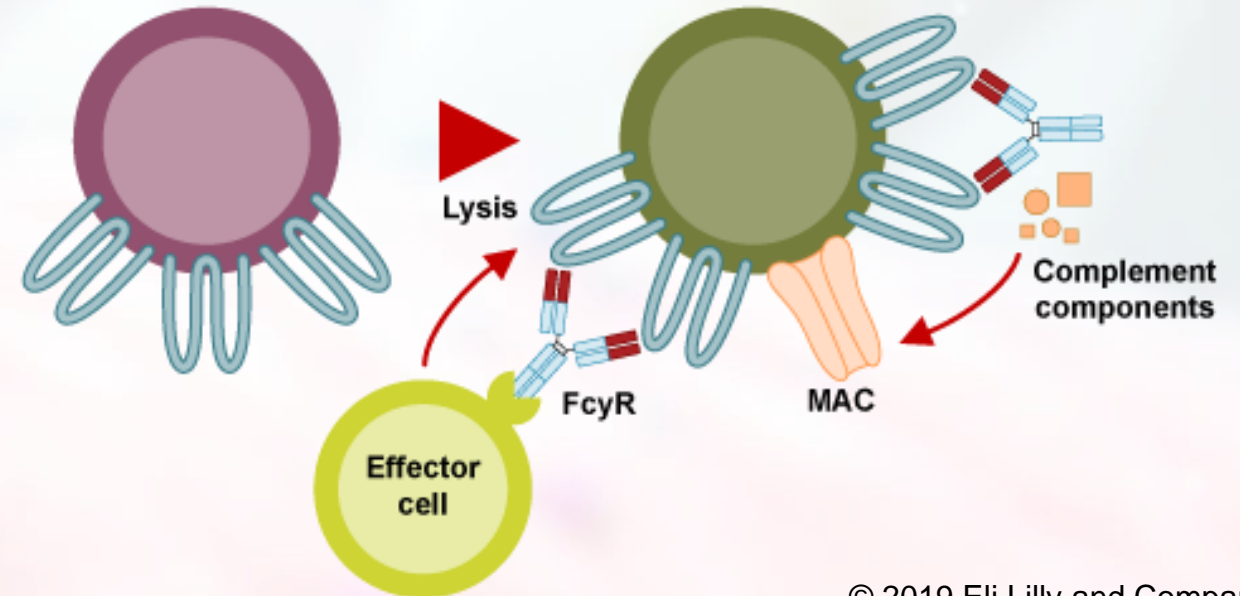
## Signaling Induction:

Antibodies bind receptor complexes and induce receptor-mediated signaling, altering cell functions and differentiation



## Depletion:

Antibodies binding to cell surface receptors can result in depletion of antigen-bearing cells through complement-mediated or FcγR-mediated lysis





# IgG Immunoglobulins

- IgG is the most common Ig class used as the basis for therapeutic antibodies and is subdivided into 4 subclasses<sup>1-3</sup>
- Galcanezumab is an IgG4 monoclonal antibody, and it is expected that it will not induce an innate immune complement reaction<sup>4-6</sup>

Property	IgG1	IgG2	IgG3	IgG4
Total IgG, <sup>6-8</sup> %	60	40	4	4
Serum half-life, days	21	21	21-7	21
Classical complement fixation <sup>a</sup>	+++	+	+++	-
Binding affinity for Fc receptors (ADCC) <sup>b</sup>	+++	+	+++	+
Anti-protein antibodies <sup>c</sup>	++	+	++	+
Anti-polysaccharide antibodies (encapsulated bacterial pathogens) <sup>c</sup>	+	+++	+	+
Age when adult concentrations acquired, years	≥5	Adolescence		

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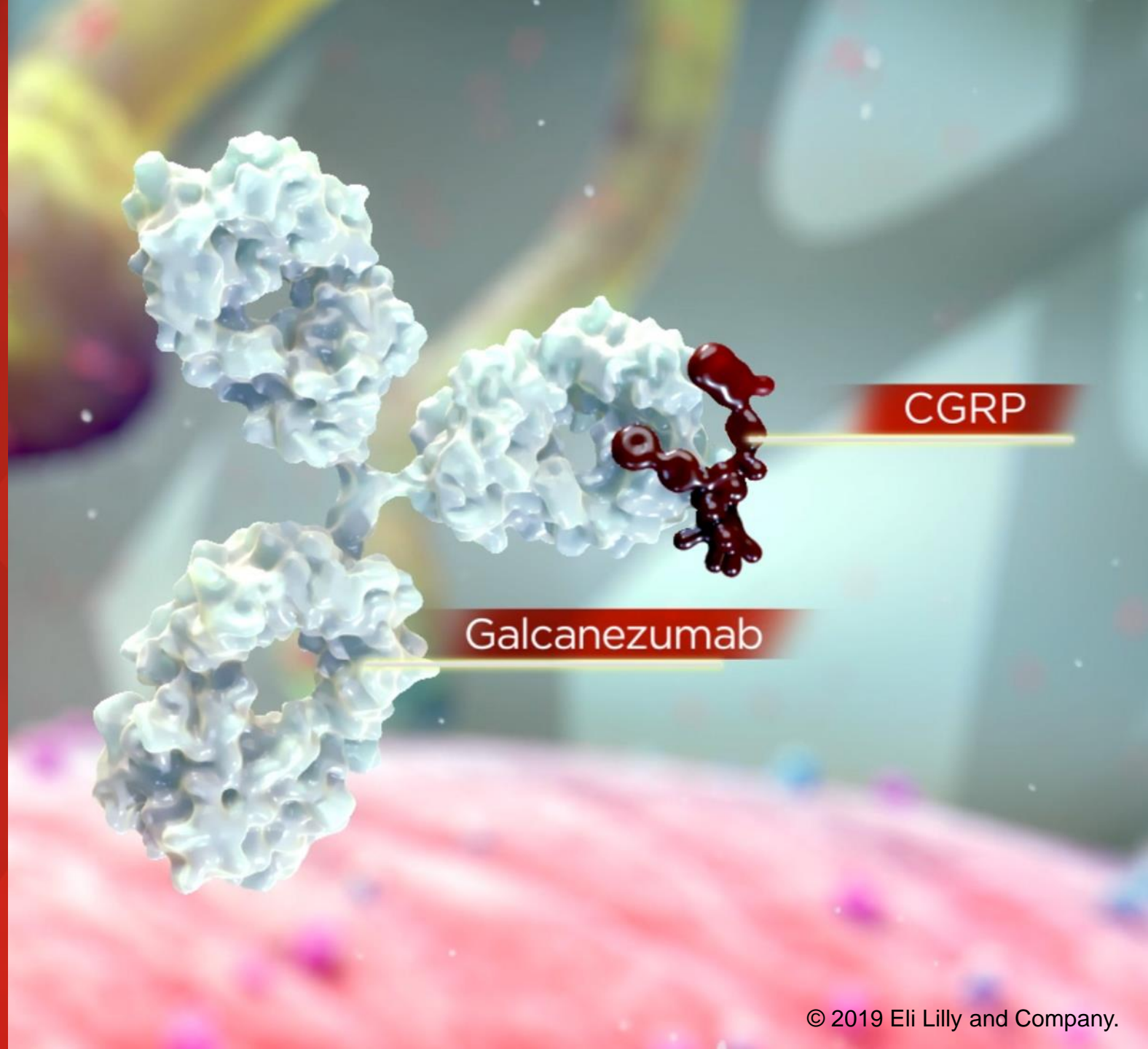
<sup>a</sup>Binding affinity for C1q: +++ (highest), - (no binding).

<sup>b</sup>++ (higher), + (lower).

<sup>c</sup>Antibodies to polysaccharide antigens are largely but not exclusively of the IgG2 subclass, whereas antibodies to protein and viral antigens occur dominantly in the IgG1 and IgG3 subclasses.

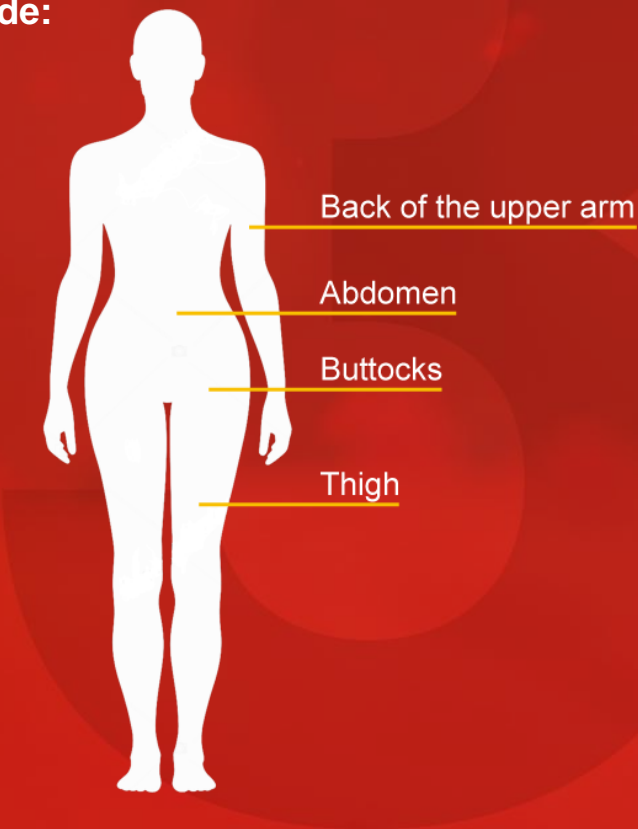
# Mechanism of Action of Galcanezumab

- Designed to target CGRP with
  - High affinity ( $K_D = 31 \text{ pM}$ )
  - High specificity (>10,000-fold versus related peptides)
- Binds CGRP and prevents its biological activity without blocking the CGRP receptor
- Thought to act peripherally in structures involved in migraine headache pathogenesis, including the trigeminal ganglia



# Dosing and Administration of Galcanezumab for Migraine

**Galcanezumab injection**  
Subcutaneous injection sites can include:



- After a loading dose, therapeutic steady-state concentrations of galcanezumab are achieved

## Approved dosing

Initial loading dose:	Recommended dose:
240 mg subcutaneous injection	120 mg/monthly subcutaneous injection

- Galcanezumab can be self-administered once monthly by subcutaneous injection

# Pharmacokinetics (PK) of Galcanezumab

## Absorption\*

Following a 240 mg loading dose, the maximum serum concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) was ~30 µg/mL (27% coefficient of variation [CV]).<sup>1</sup>

Monthly doses of 120 mg or 240 mg achieved a steady-state  $C_{\max}$  ( $C_{\max,ss}$ ) of approximately 28 µg/mL (35% CV) or 54 µg/mL (31% CV), respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Injection site location did not significantly influence the absorption of galcanezumab.<sup>1</sup>

## Distribution\*

The apparent volume of distribution (V/F) of galcanezumab was 7.3 L.<sup>1</sup>

## Metabolism

As a humanized IgG4 monoclonal antibody, galcanezumab is expected to be degraded into small peptides and amino acids via catabolic pathways in the same manner as endogenous IgG.<sup>1</sup>

Liver enzymes (CYP450 isozymes) are not involved in IgG metabolism.<sup>2</sup>

## Elimination\*

The apparent clearance (CL/F) of galcanezumab was approximately 0.008 L/h, and the half-life of galcanezumab was 27 days.<sup>1</sup>

\*Based on population PK analysis.

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# Pharmacodynamics of Galcanezumab



- CGRP is a key mediator of capsaicin-induced dermal blood flow
- Single doses of galcanezumab (75, 200, or 600 mg) resulted in attenuation of capsaicin-induced dermal blood flow by Day 3
- Galcanezumab at 150 mg every 2 weeks for 6 weeks (4 total doses) resulted in an inhibition of capsaicin-induced dermal blood flow for at least 134 days after the last dose was given

# Summary

- **Galcanezumab is indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine in adults**
- As an IgG4 antibody, it is expected that it will
  - Not induce an innate immune complement reaction
  - Degrade into small peptides in the same manner as endogenous IgG, without inducing an immune response
- By targeting and sequestering CGRP, a key neuropeptide in migraine, galcanezumab may prevent underlying pathological processes associated with migraine and prevent migraine attacks

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# Exploring Cluster Headache

# Objectives

- 1. Cluster Headache: Burden of Disease**
- 2. CGRP and Episodic Cluster Headache**
- 3. Understanding Galcanezumab**



# Cluster Headache: Burden of Disease



# What Is Cluster Headache?

- Cluster headache is a primary headache disorder<sup>1</sup>
  - Occurs more commonly in men than women
  - Most common age at onset is between **20** to **40** years
- Lifetime prevalence of approximately **0.12** percent<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Approximately **85** to **90** percent of patients have episodic cluster headache<sup>1</sup>
  - Variation in these numbers is not expected worldwide<sup>2,3</sup>
- Often described as excruciatingly painful<sup>4,5</sup>



*The pain is like having a red-hot knife stabbing you behind the eye*

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# ICHD-3 Diagnostic Criteria: Cluster Headache



- A.** At least five attacks fulfilling criteria B–D
- B.** Severe or very severe unilateral orbital, supraorbital and/or temporal pain lasting 15–180 minutes (when untreated)
- C.** Either or both of the following:
  - 1. at least one of the following symptoms or signs, ipsilateral to the headache:
    - conjunctival injection and/or lacrimation
    - nasal congestion and/or rhinorrhea
    - eyelid edema
    - forehead and facial sweating
    - miosis and/or ptosis
  - 2. a sense of restlessness or agitation
- D.** Occurring with a frequency between one every other day and eight per day
- E.** Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

# Defining Episodic Cluster Headache



- Attacks fulfill ICHD-3 criteria for cluster headache
- At least two cluster headache periods lasting from 7 days to 1 year (when untreated) and separated by pain-free remission periods of 3 months or more
- Cluster headache periods usually last between 2 weeks to 3 months



# Commonly Underdiagnosed and Undertreated

- Worldwide, the average delay in diagnosis of cluster headache can be years<sup>1-3</sup>
- Patients with cluster headache reported visiting different clinicians and receiving multiple incorrect diagnoses prior to being correctly diagnosed<sup>1,2</sup>
- Clinically, cluster headache can resemble migraine, trigeminal neuralgia, and sinusitis, among other diseases<sup>1,4,5</sup>
- Based on a 2014 European survey, following a cluster headache diagnosis:<sup>3</sup>

- Approximately

**25%**

of patients received either no or non-recommended acute treatment options

- Approximately

**26%**

of patients received either no or non-recommended preventive treatments

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## **CGRP and Episodic Cluster Headache**



# What Is CGRP?

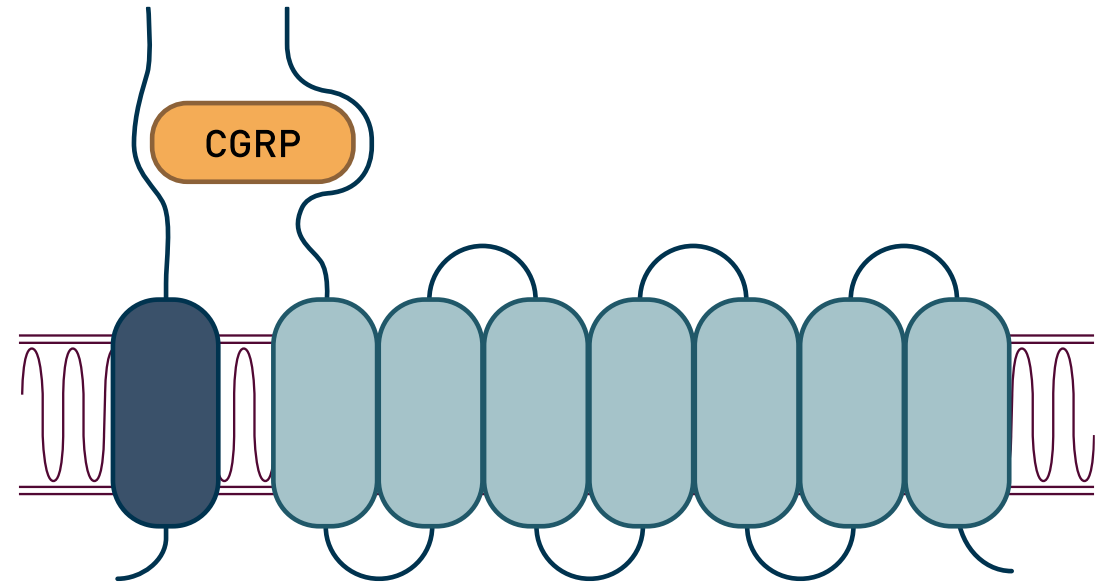


- Calcitonin gene-related peptide, or CGRP, is a small (~37 amino acid) neuropeptide with a wide distribution in both peripheral and central nervous systems<sup>1</sup>
- CGRP is one of the most abundant neuropeptides in the trigeminovascular system<sup>1</sup>
  - CGRP is expressed in approximately 50% of neurons in the trigeminal ganglia<sup>2</sup>
- Activation of the trigeminovascular system occurs during cluster attacks, causing the release of neuropeptides including CGRP and leads to:<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Activation of meningeal nociceptors
  - Vasodilation
  - Neurogenic inflammation

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# CGRP Activates the CGRP Receptor

- CGRP binds and activates the CGRP receptor with a high affinity
- The CGRP receptor is found on nerves and blood vessels throughout the trigeminovascular system



**CGRP receptor**





# CGRP and Cluster Headache

- CGRP has been shown to be increased during cluster headache attacks in patients with episodic cluster headache<sup>1,2</sup>
  - CGRP levels return to normal following the cessation of an attack
- In a recent study, infusion of CGRP precipitated attacks in 8 out of 9 individuals during their active period of episodic cluster headache<sup>3</sup>
- Triptans, medications demonstrated effective for the acute treatment of cluster headache, were shown to reduce CGRP levels<sup>1,2</sup>

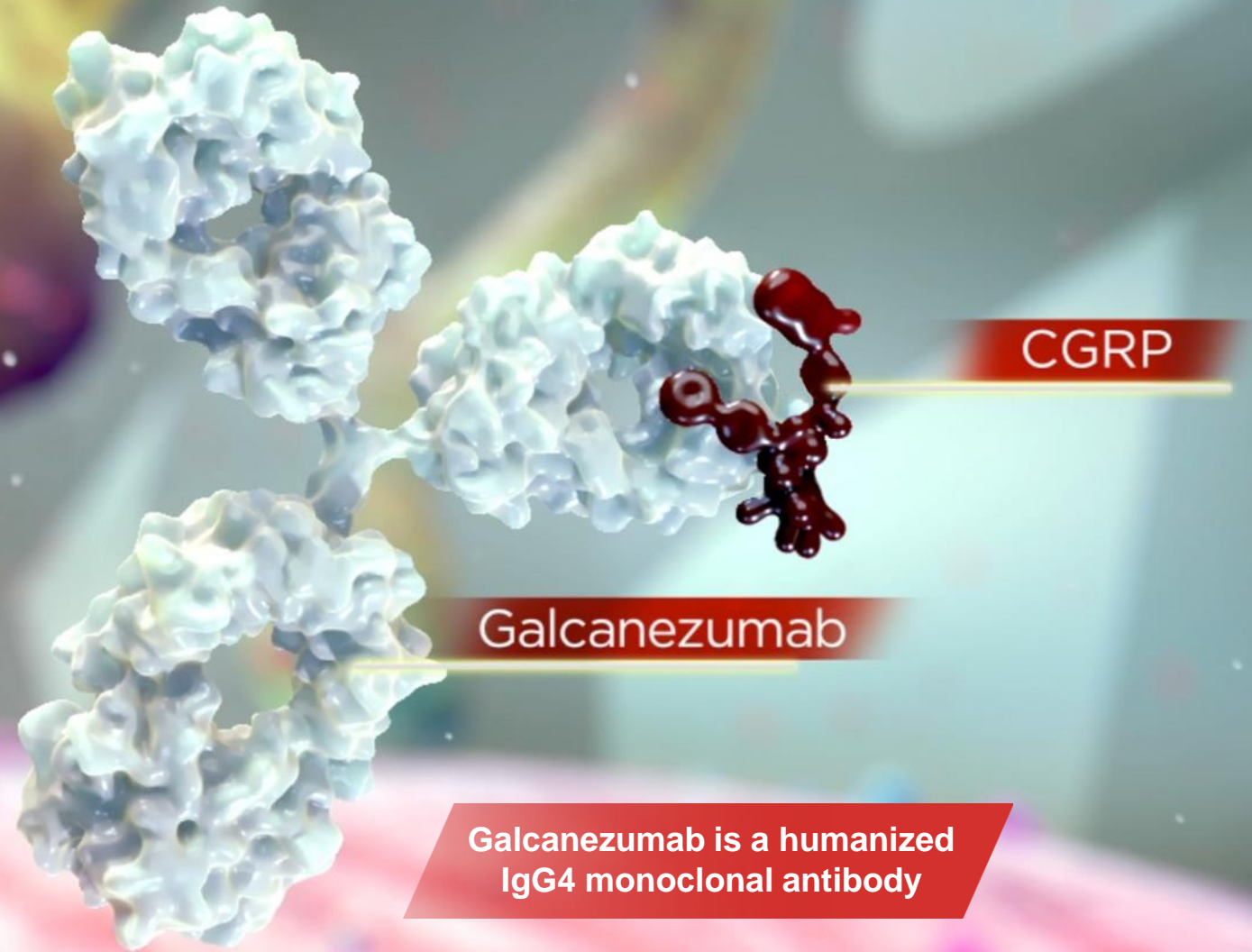
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# Understanding **Galcanezumab**



# What Is Galcanezumab?

- Galcanezumab is indicated in adults for the treatment of episodic cluster headache



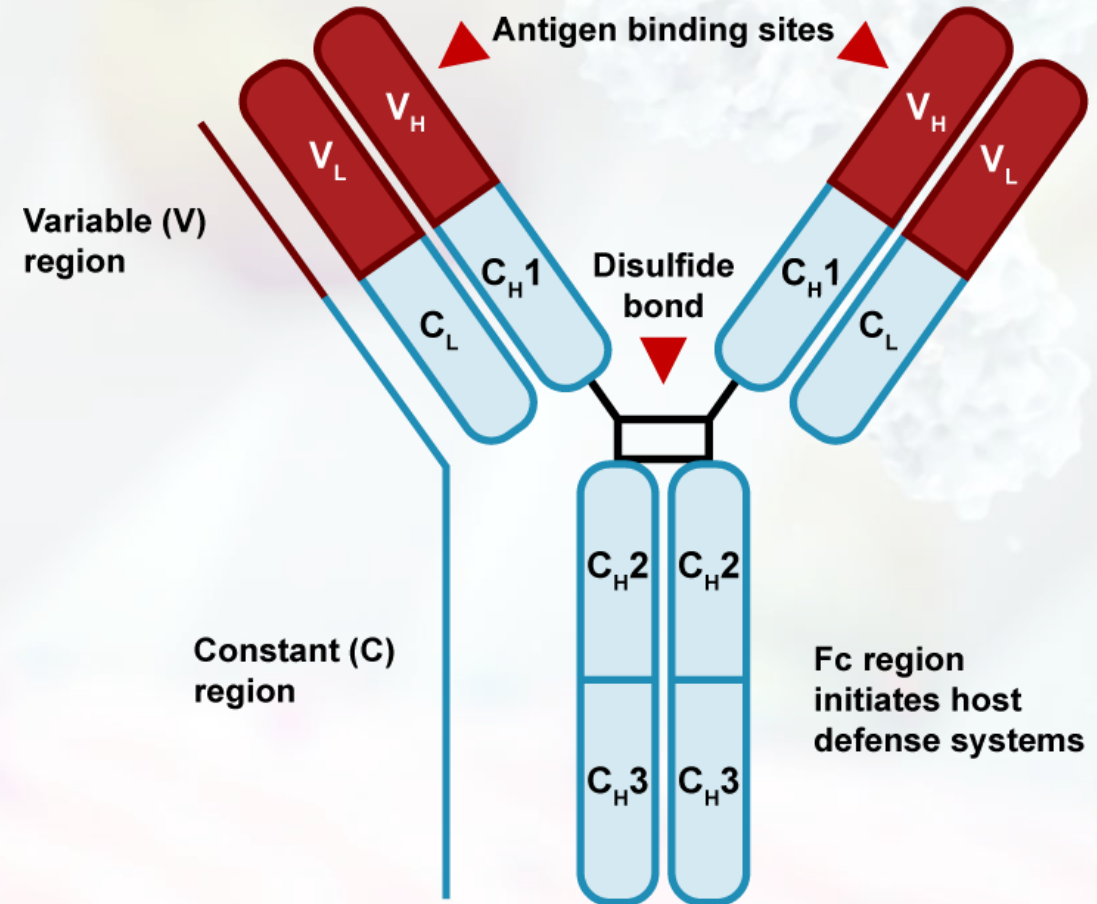
Galcanezumab is a humanized IgG4 monoclonal antibody



# Understanding Monoclonal Antibodies

- Monoclonal antibodies (immunoglobulins) are large proteins produced by the immune system to counteract foreign substances (antigens) in the body<sup>1-3</sup>
- Like galcanezumab, antibodies can be developed to target specific antigens for therapeutic purposes<sup>4,5</sup>
- There are approximately 5 classes of immunoglobulins (IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM)<sup>6</sup>

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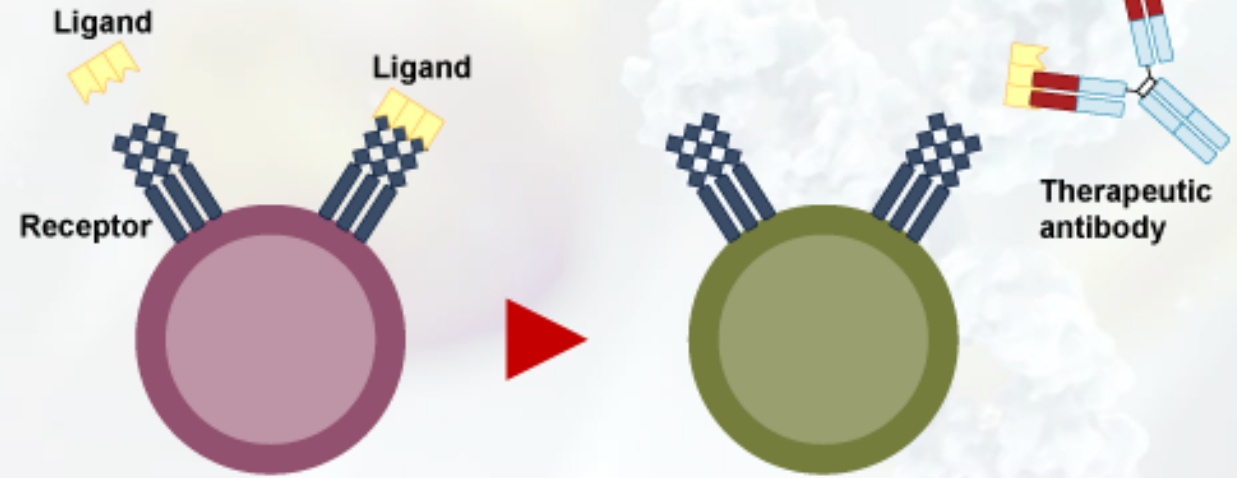




# Mechanisms of Action for Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibodies

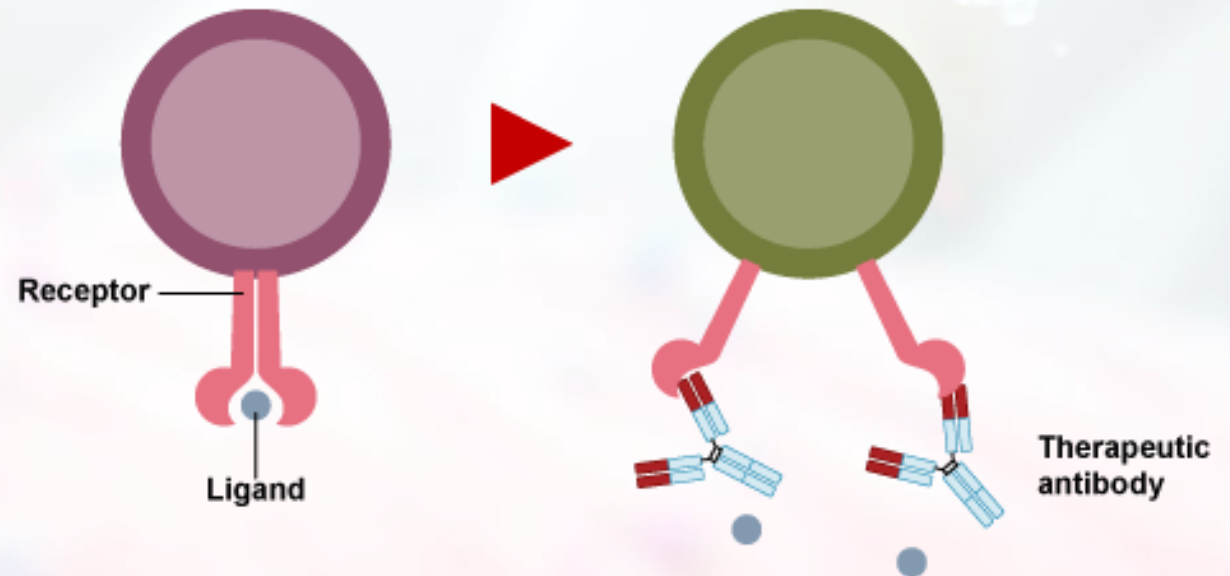
## Ligand Blockade:

Antibodies or antibody fragments can prevent ligands from activating all of their receptors



## Receptor Blockade:

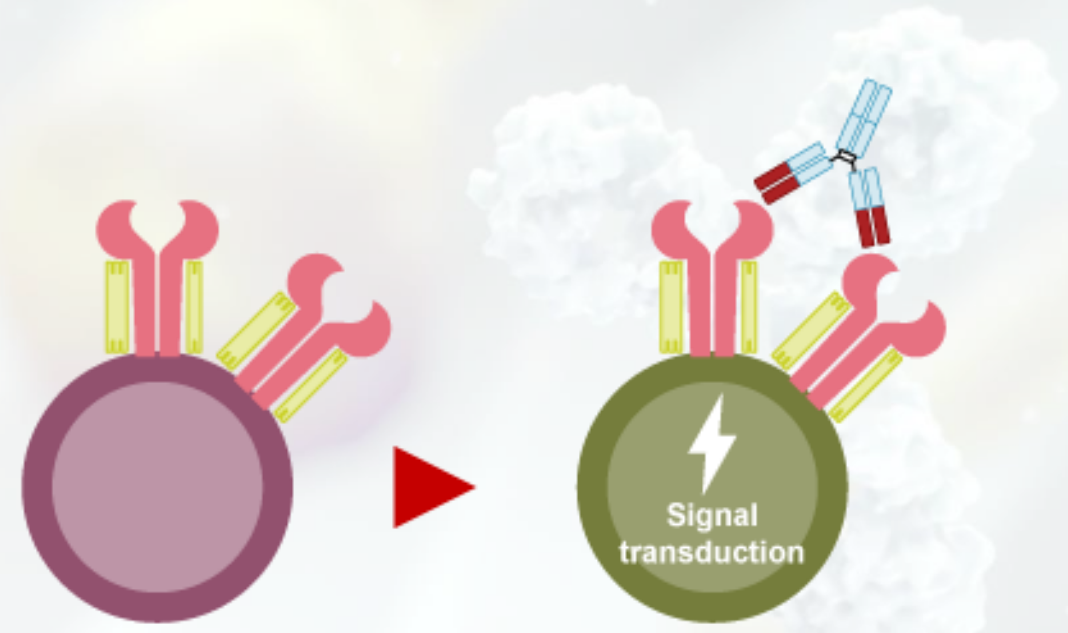
Antibodies bind the receptor and block binding of the ligand to the receptor



# Mechanisms of Action for Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibodies (Cont'd)

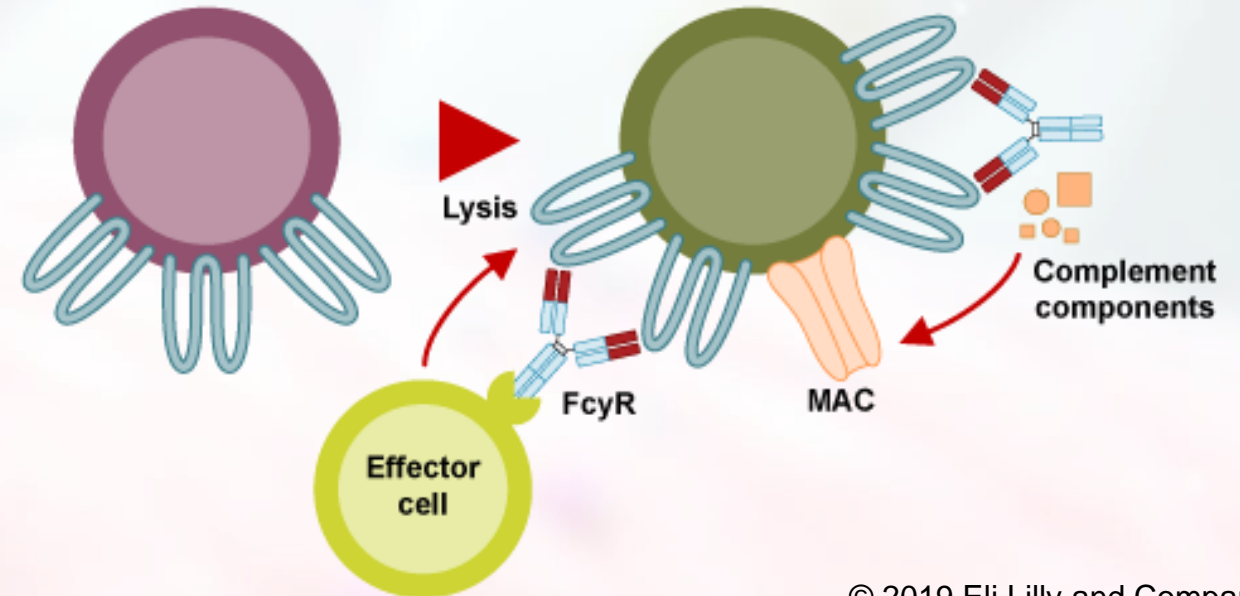
## Signaling Induction:

Antibodies bind receptor complexes and induce receptor-mediated signaling, altering cell functions and differentiation



## Depletion:

Antibodies binding to cell surface receptors can result in depletion of antigen-bearing cells through complement-mediated or FcγR-mediated lysis



# IgG Immunoglobulins

- IgG is the most common Ig class used as the basis for therapeutic antibodies and is subdivided into 4 subclasses<sup>1-3</sup>
- Galcanezumab is an IgG4 monoclonal antibody, and it is expected that it will not induce an innate immune complement reaction<sup>4-6</sup>

Property	IgG1	IgG2	IgG3	IgG4
Total IgG, <sup>6-8</sup> %	60	40	4	4
Serum half-life, days	21	21	21-7	21
Classical complement fixation <sup>a</sup>	+++	+	+++	-
Binding affinity for Fc receptors (ADCC) <sup>b</sup>	+++	+	+++	+
Anti-protein antibodies <sup>c</sup>	++	+	++	+
Anti-polysaccharide antibodies (encapsulated bacterial pathogens) <sup>c</sup>	+	+++	+	+
Age when adult concentrations acquired, years	≥5	Adolescence		

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<sup>a</sup>Binding affinity for C1q: +++ (highest), - (no binding).

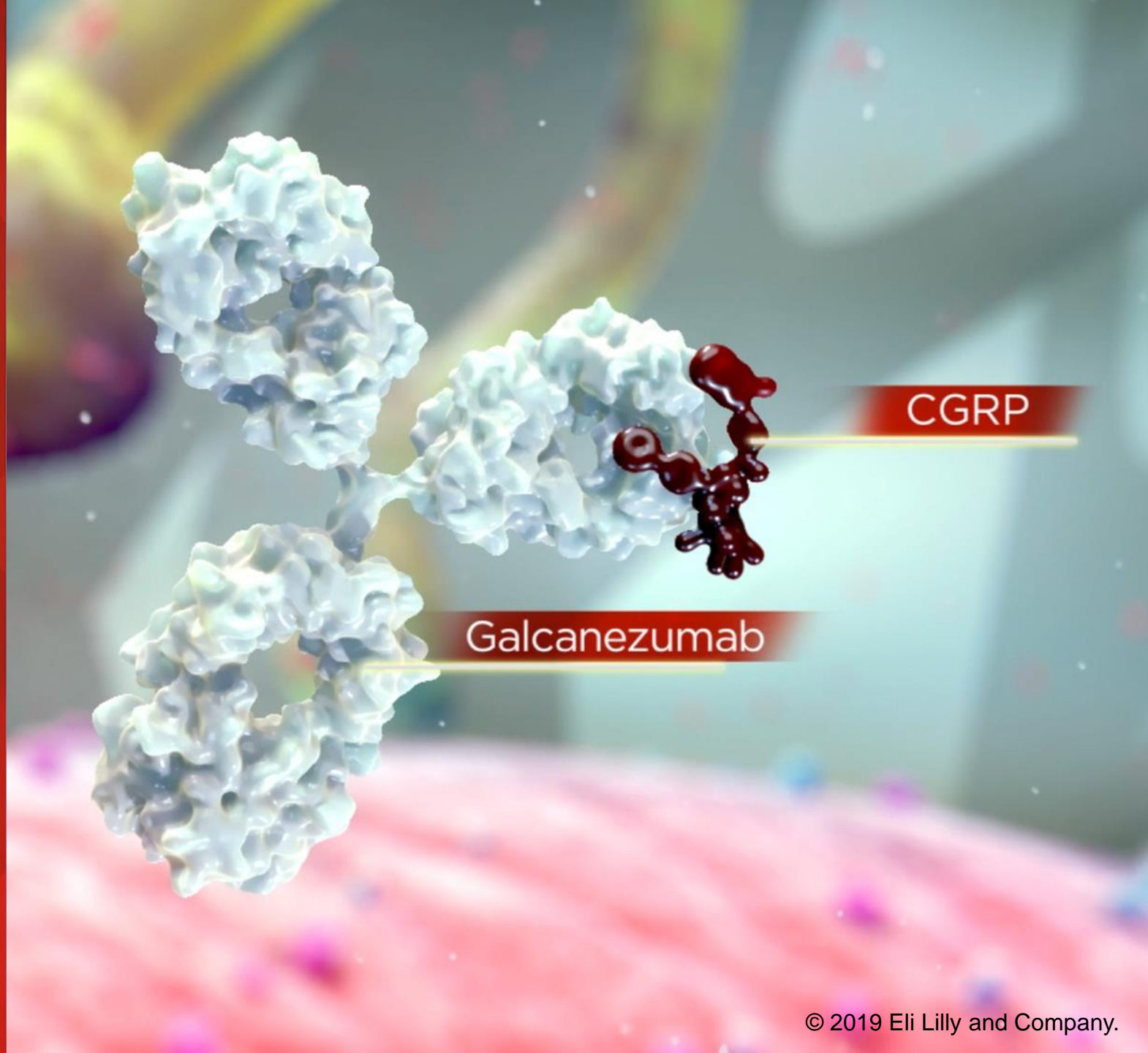
<sup>b</sup>++ (higher), + (lower).

<sup>c</sup>Antibodies to polysaccharide antigens are largely but not exclusively of the IgG2 subclass, whereas antibodies to protein and viral antigens occur dominantly in the IgG1 and IgG3 subclasses.



# Mechanism of Action of Galcanezumab

- Designed to target CGRP with
  - High affinity ( $K_D = 31 \text{ pM}$ )
  - High specificity (>10,000-fold versus related peptides)
- Binds CGRP and prevents its biological activity without blocking the CGRP receptor
- Thought to act peripherally in structures involved in cluster headache pathogenesis, including the trigeminal ganglia





# Pharmacokinetics (PK) of Galcanezumab

## Absorption\*

Following a 240 mg loading dose, the maximum serum concentration ( $C_{\max}$ ) was ~30 µg/mL (27% coefficient of variation [CV]).<sup>1</sup>

Monthly doses of 120 mg or 240 mg achieved a steady-state  $C_{\max}$  ( $C_{\max,ss}$ ) of approximately 28 µg/mL (35% CV) or 54 µg/mL (31% CV), respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Injection site location did not significantly influence the absorption of galcanezumab.<sup>1</sup>

## Distribution\*

The apparent volume of distribution (V/F) of galcanezumab was 7.3 L.<sup>1</sup>

## Metabolism

As a humanized IgG4 monoclonal antibody, galcanezumab is expected to be degraded into small peptides and amino acids via catabolic pathways in the same manner as endogenous IgG.<sup>1</sup>

Liver enzymes (CYP450 isozymes) are not involved in IgG metabolism.<sup>2</sup>

## Elimination\*

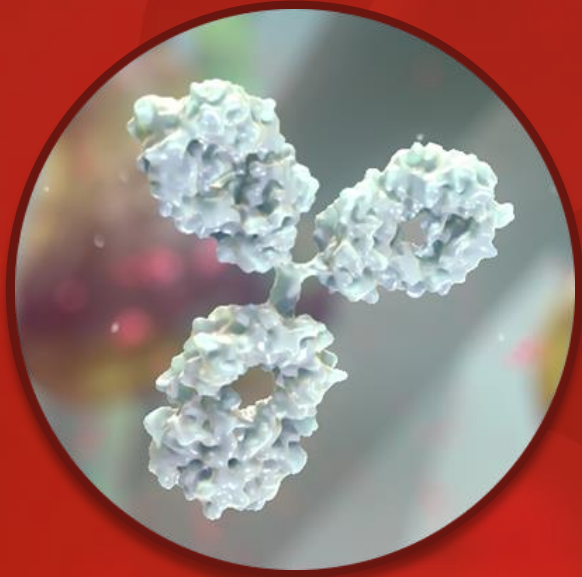
The apparent clearance (CL/F) of galcanezumab was approximately 0.008 L/h, and the half-life of galcanezumab was 27 days.<sup>1</sup>

\*Based on population PK analysis.

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# Galcanezumab

## Metabolism

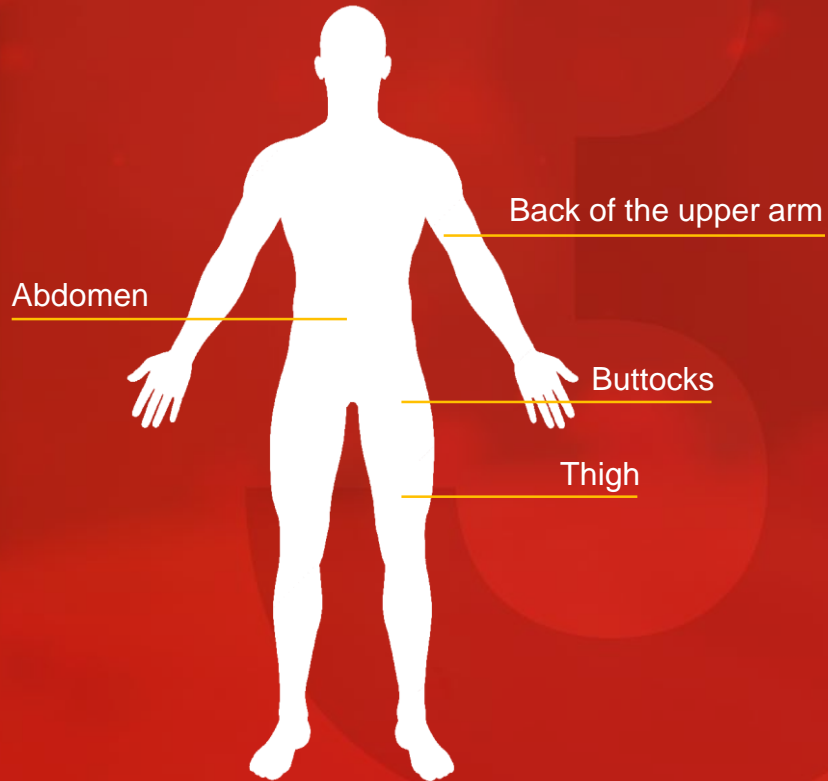


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# Dosing and Administration of Galcanezumab for Episodic Cluster Headache

## Injection sites



- The recommended dosage of galcanezumab is 300 mg at the onset of the cluster period, and then monthly until the end of the cluster period
- The 300 mg dose is administered by three consecutive subcutaneous injections of 100 mg prefilled syringes
- Galcanezumab may be self-injected

# Dosing Rationale for Galcanezumab: Episodic Cluster Headache

- The 300 mg total monthly dose was selected because it demonstrated efficacy in a prior phase 2 study where galcanezumab was administered subcutaneously as 150 mg every 2 weeks<sup>1</sup>
  - This was the only efficacy study conducted prior to initiating the cluster headache phase 3 study<sup>1</sup>
- Galcanezumab 300 mg once monthly was predicted to provide the same monthly galcanezumab exposure and target engagement as 150 mg every 2 weeks based on:<sup>2</sup>
  - Area under the galcanezumab concentration time curve
  - Plasma CGRP concentrations as a marker of indicating galcanezumab target engagement

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# Formulation Rationale:

## 300 mg Dose of Galcanezumab for Episodic Cluster Headache

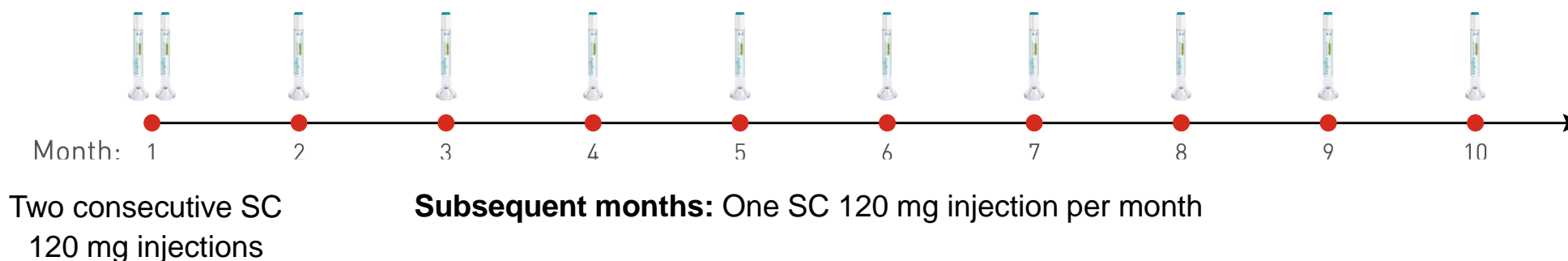
- Delivering a 300 mg dose via subcutaneous administration at an injection volume of 1 mL would require a 300 mg/mL galcanezumab formulation, which is currently not available<sup>1</sup>
- Based on the characteristics of monoclonal antibodies, solubility of the drug product can pose a technical challenge. Therefore, the 100 mg/mL galcanezumab formulation was developed, which ensures the required stability of the formulation at the recommended storage temperature over the shelf life of the product<sup>1</sup>
- The 120 mg/mL solution was developed after the initiation of the cluster studies and was subsequently carried forward for the migraine studies<sup>1</sup>

# Galcanezumab Dosing: Migraine

This represents a hypothetical patient.

## Recommended dosing for migraine

**240 mg** as loading dose; **120 mg** monthly as maintenance dose



Loading dose  
of **240 mg** = Two **120 mg**  
autoinjectors



One dose of  
**120 mg** = One **120 mg**  
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mg=milligram; SC=subcutaneous.

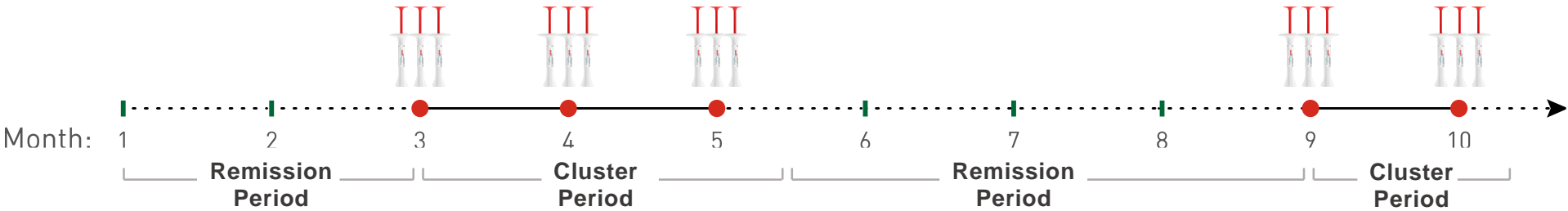
# Galcanezumab Dosing:

## Episodic Cluster Headache

This represents a hypothetical patient.


Recommended dosing for episodic cluster headache

300 mg monthly during a cluster period



Three consecutive SC 100 mg injections at the onset of the cluster period, and then monthly **until the end of the cluster period**

One dose of 300 mg = Three 100 mg prefilled syringes



mg=milligram; SC=subcutaneous.

Cluster headache periods usually last between 2 weeks to 3 months. Remission periods typically last at least three months.

# Galcanezumab Dosing:

Migraine vs Episodic Cluster Headache

This represents a hypothetical patient.

## Recommended dosing for migraine

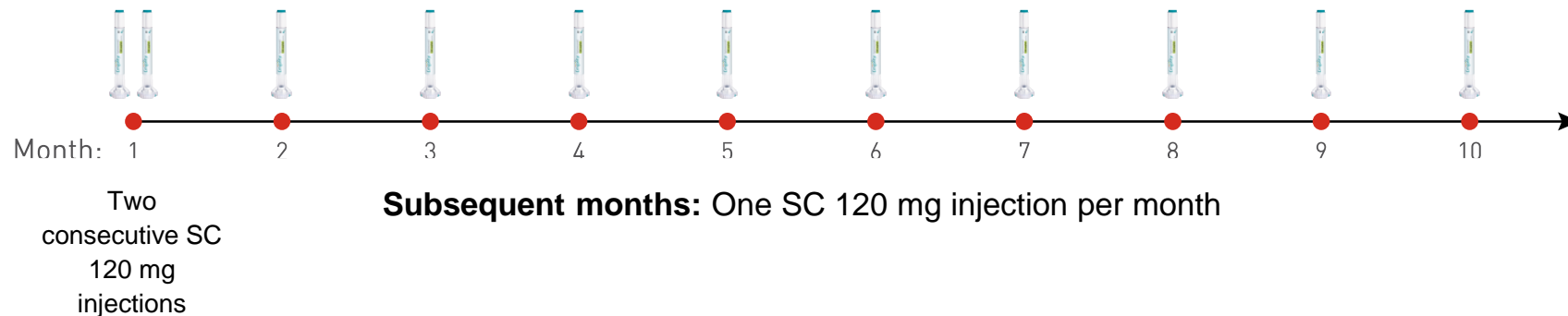
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**240 mg** as loading dose; **120 mg** monthly as maintenance dose

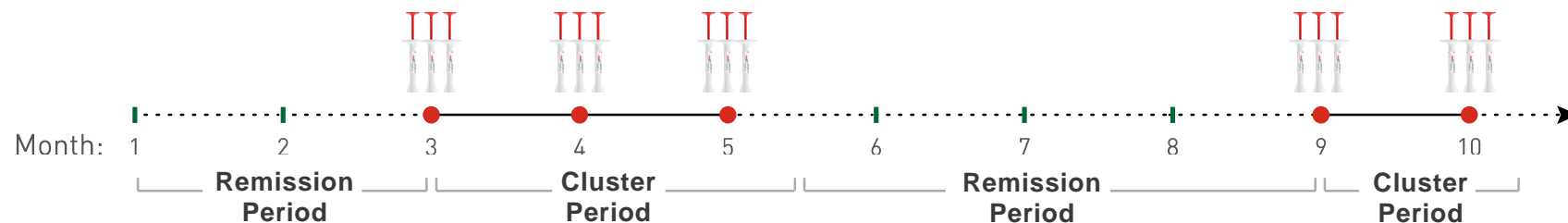


## Recommended dosing for episodic cluster headache

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# Summary

- **Galcanezumab is indicated in adults for the treatment of episodic cluster headache**
- As an IgG4 antibody, it is expected that it will
  - Not induce an innate immune complement reaction
  - Degrade into small peptides in the same manner as endogenous IgG, without inducing an immune response
- By targeting and sequestering CGRP, a key neuropeptide in episodic cluster headache, galcanezumab may prevent underlying pathological processes associated with cluster headache and prevent cluster headache attacks

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