



PARENT EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES INFORMING CLINICAL RESEARCH

OVERVIEW

In 2020, Encoded Therapeutics engaged parents of children living with Dravet syndrome to learn about their experiences with Dravet syndrome and their perspectives, priorities, and desired outcomes of clinical trials of potential of disease modifying therapies.

GROUP DISCUSSION WITH 10 PARENTS



INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS WITH 6 PARENTS

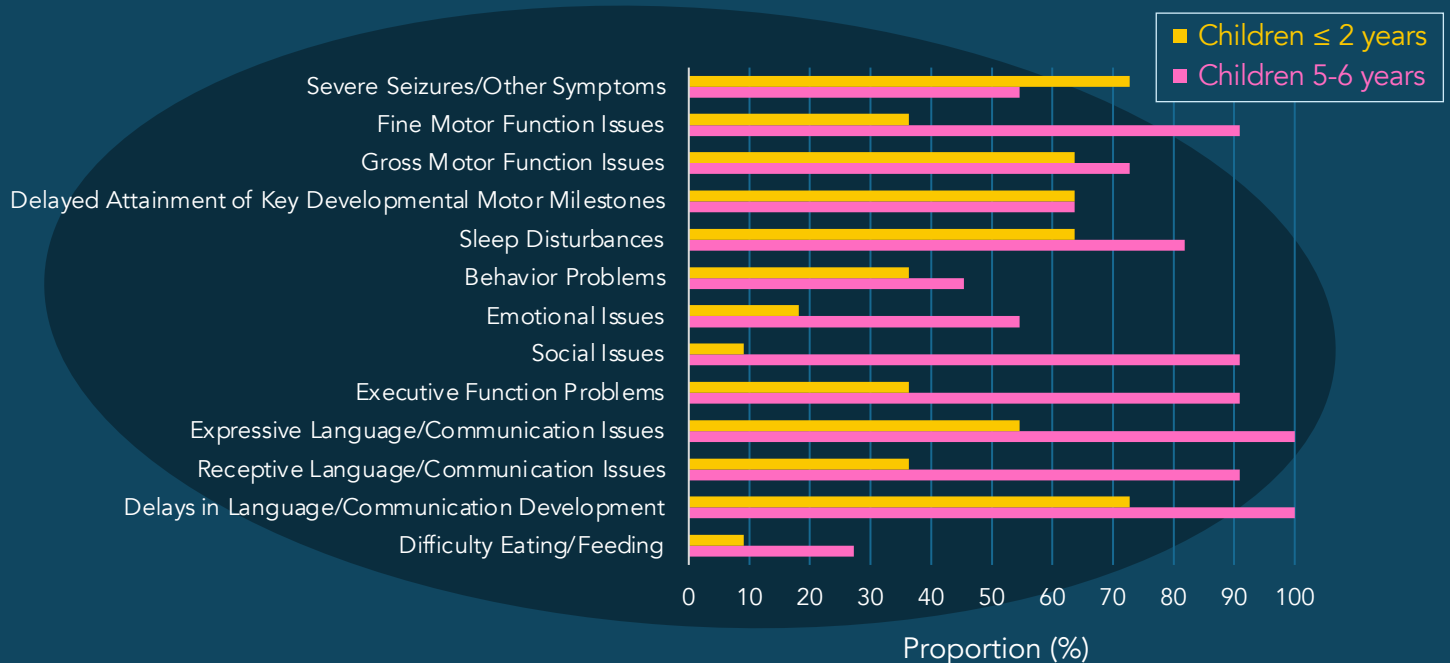


SURVEY WITH 36 PARENT RESPONDENTS



MANY ASPECTS OF DRAVET SYNDROME BECOME MORE COMMON WITH AGE

SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF DRAVET SYNDROME OCCURRING IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS AS REPORTED BY PARENTS



PARENTS SEEK A THERAPY THAT EASES MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF DRAVET SYNDROME

TOP 5 DESIRED TARGETS OF A POTENTIAL NEW THERAPY



Severe Seizures



Language &
Communication
Development / Issues



Sleep Disturbances



Gross Motor
Function Issues



Executive Function
Problems

PARENTS ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT POTENTIAL DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPIES

FOUR THEMES EMERGED FROM GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND INTERVIEWS

1 ENROLLING MY CHILD IN A CLINICAL TRIAL: EXPECTATIONS AND VALUED OUTCOMES

- Outcomes should recognize the impact of Dravet syndrome on whole family.
- Main hopes are to stop regression, along with reducing seizures.

2 IS THE TRIAL RIGHT FOR MY CHILD? AGE RELATED INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Treating children at an early age may provide the greatest opportunity for transformative benefit.
- Strong desire to see clinical trials suitable for all ages, where possible, in the future.

3 VIEWS ON A FIRST-TIME-IN-HUMANS CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN

- Understanding that optimal distribution of gene therapy in the brain requires ICV injection.
- Delayed-treatment sham controls are acceptable, provided treatment given in a concise timeframe.

4 GENE THERAPY

- The potential positive impact of a one-time disease-modifying therapy is exciting.
- Cautious about the potential long-term implications in the absence of data.

"A few years ago, researchers focused on seizures, not the holistic approach to Dravet syndrome. Dravet is much more than a type of epilepsy."

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