



# Bringing Precision to Psychiatric Drug Development

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# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

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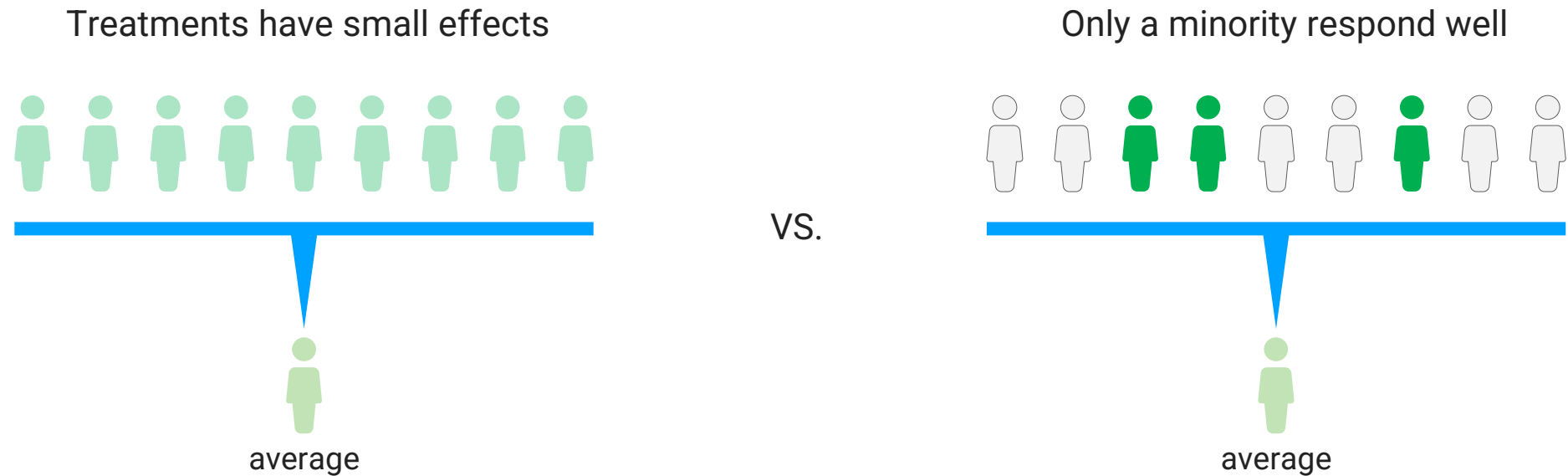
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## Salary:

Alto Neuroscience

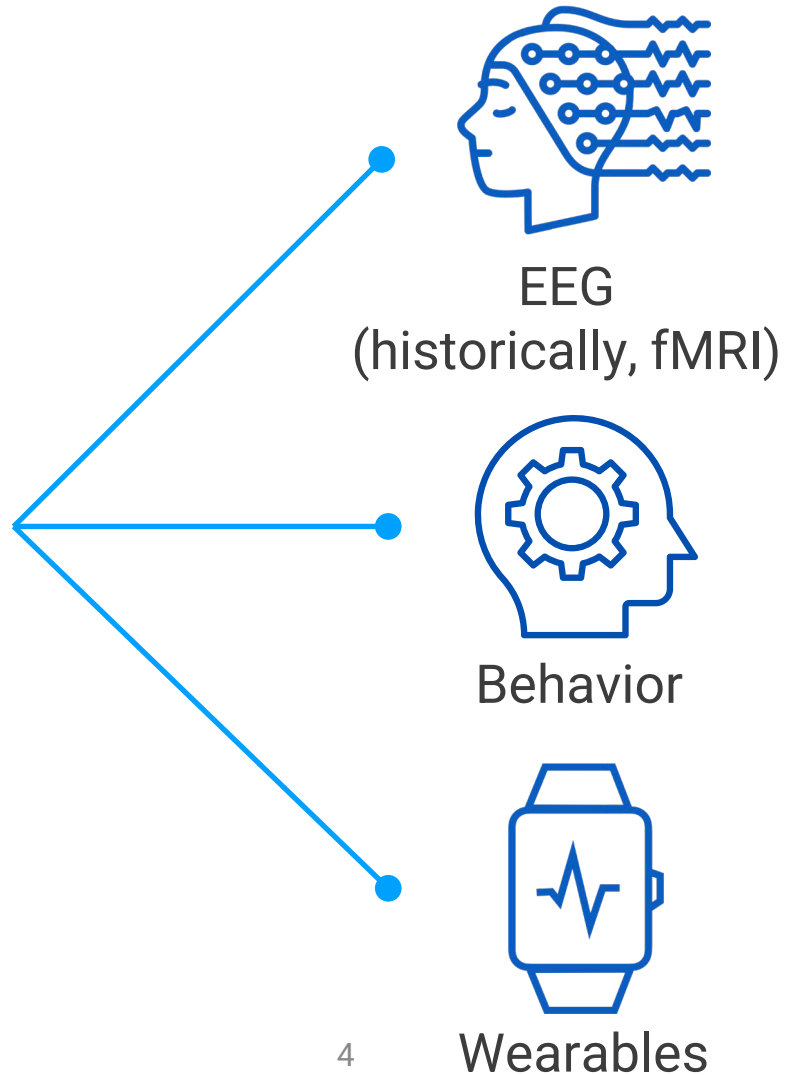
# A PRECISION APPROACH REQUIRES REORIENTING OUR THINKING AND STUDIES

Two alternative perspectives on small average effects:



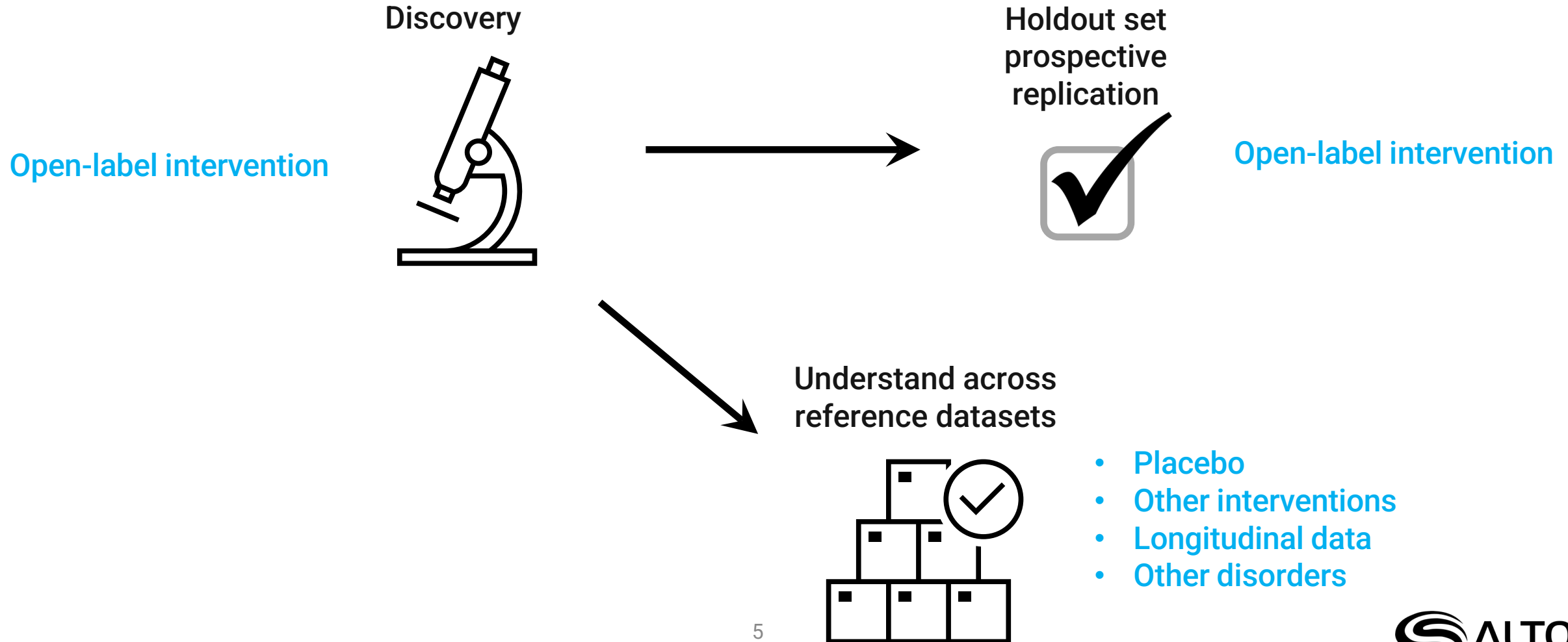
....but, for a precision approach to work, these differences cannot be due to random chance

# A CENTRAL FOCUS ON BRAIN CIRCUITS – SCALABILITY MATTERS



A biomarker **can be as simple as** reaction time, an EEG pattern, or how much a patient sleeps – **or a combination** of these factors.

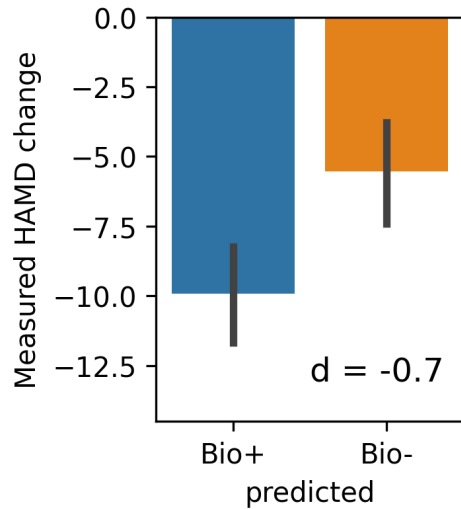
# ALTO'S APPROACH TO BIOMARKER DISCOVERY



# DISCOVERY AND PROSPECTIVE REPLICATION OF AN SSRI BIOMARKER

## Discovery

Biomarker + vs -  
(median split)

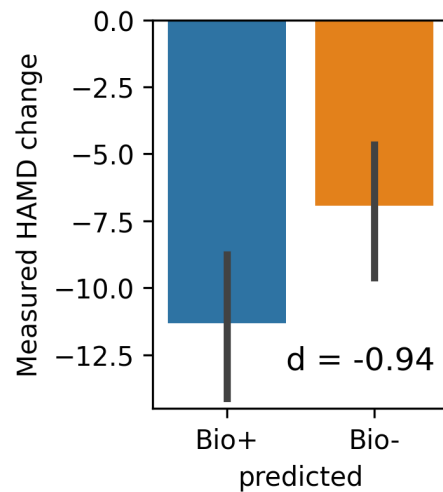


(MMRM analysis)

- N=93 open label SSRI
- 8 weeks treatment
- 19-channel EEG

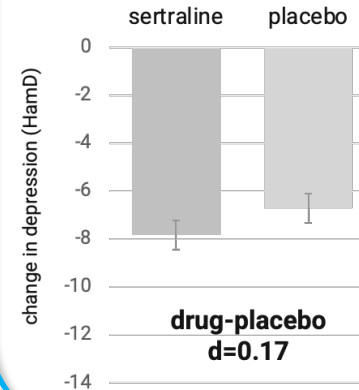
## Replication

Biomarker + vs -  
(median split)

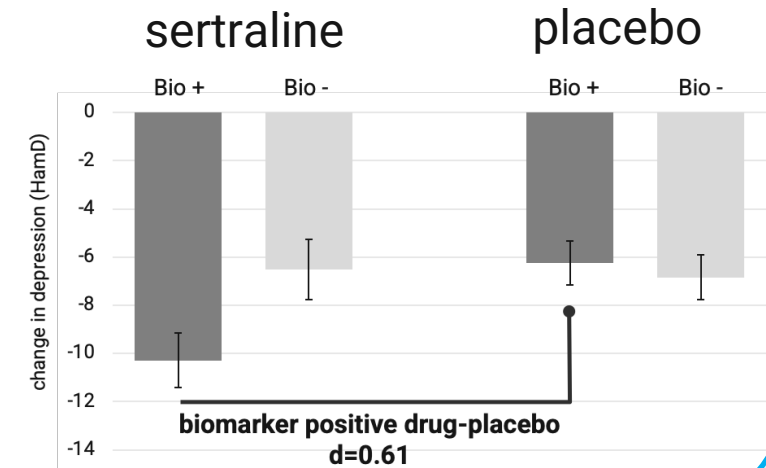


- N=42 open label SSRI
- Generalizes across specific SSRIs

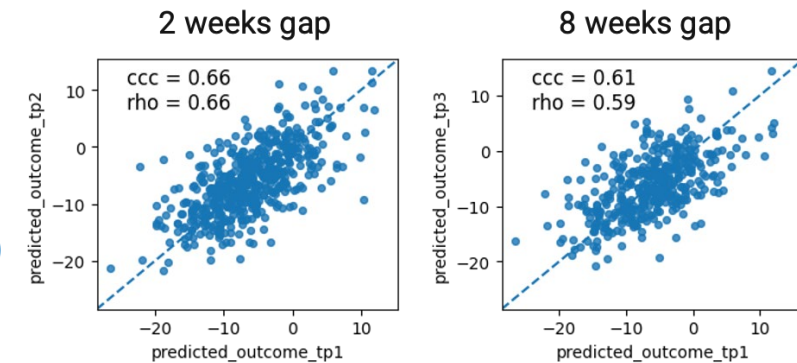
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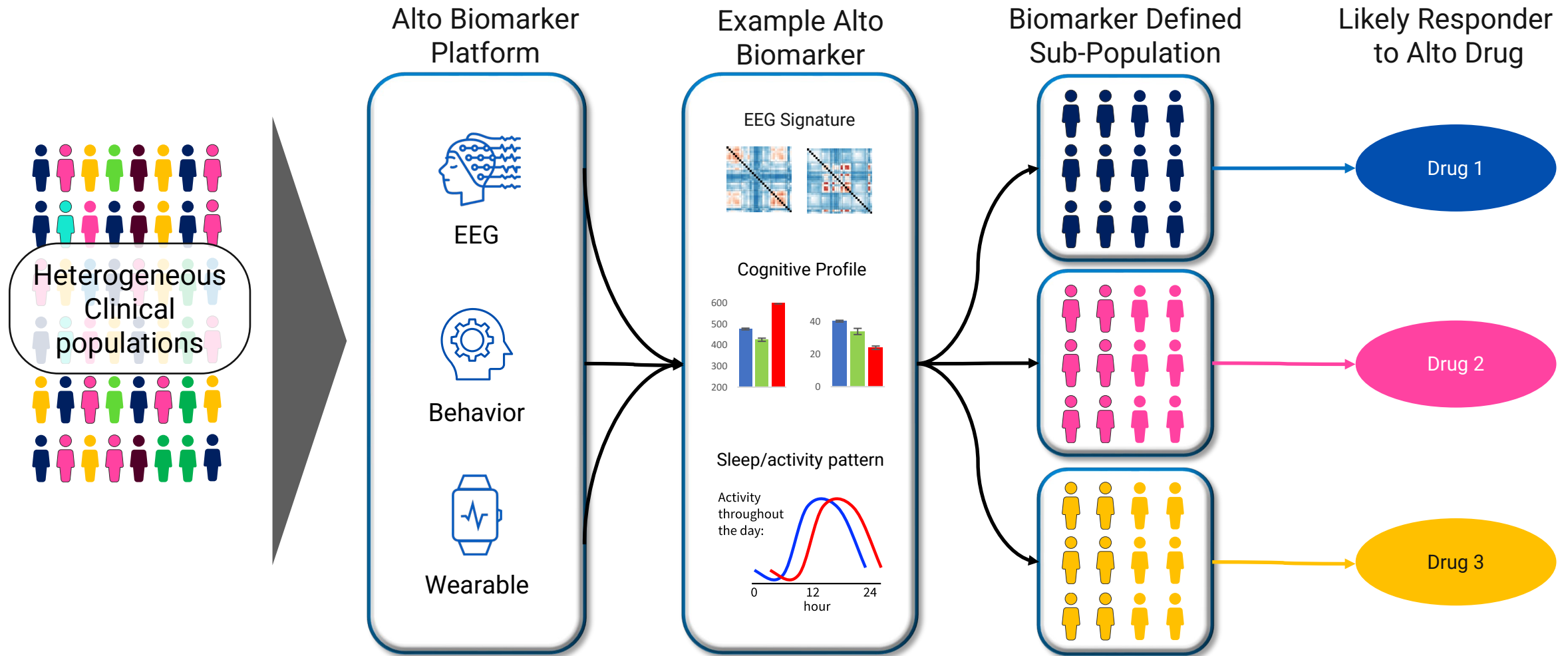
## Biomarker-stratified



## Reliability (MDD patients in-clinic)



# ALTO'S SUITE OF BIOMARKERS SEGMENTS PATIENTS TO DRIVE IMPROVED OUTCOMES



25-50% of patients likely to be biomarker positive

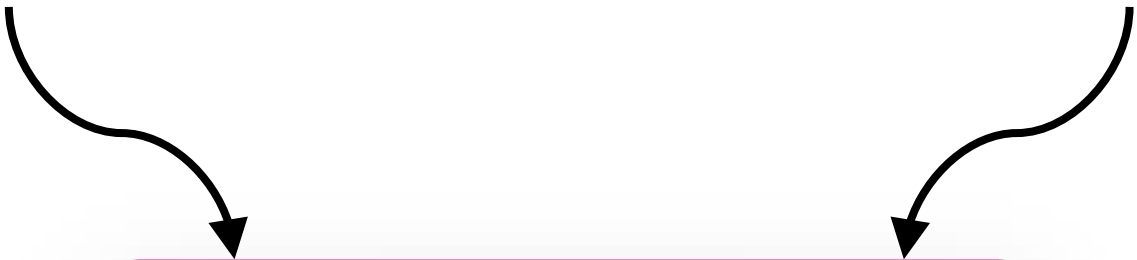
# DEPRESSED PATIENTS WITH POOR COGNITION ARE A KEY TARGET FOR NOVEL DRUG DEVELOPMENT

## **Cognition in MDD – impaired in a subset:**

- Includes executive function and memory
- Evident across ages, ~1SD below healthy
- Worse treatment response

## **Hippocampal plasticity and neurogenesis:**

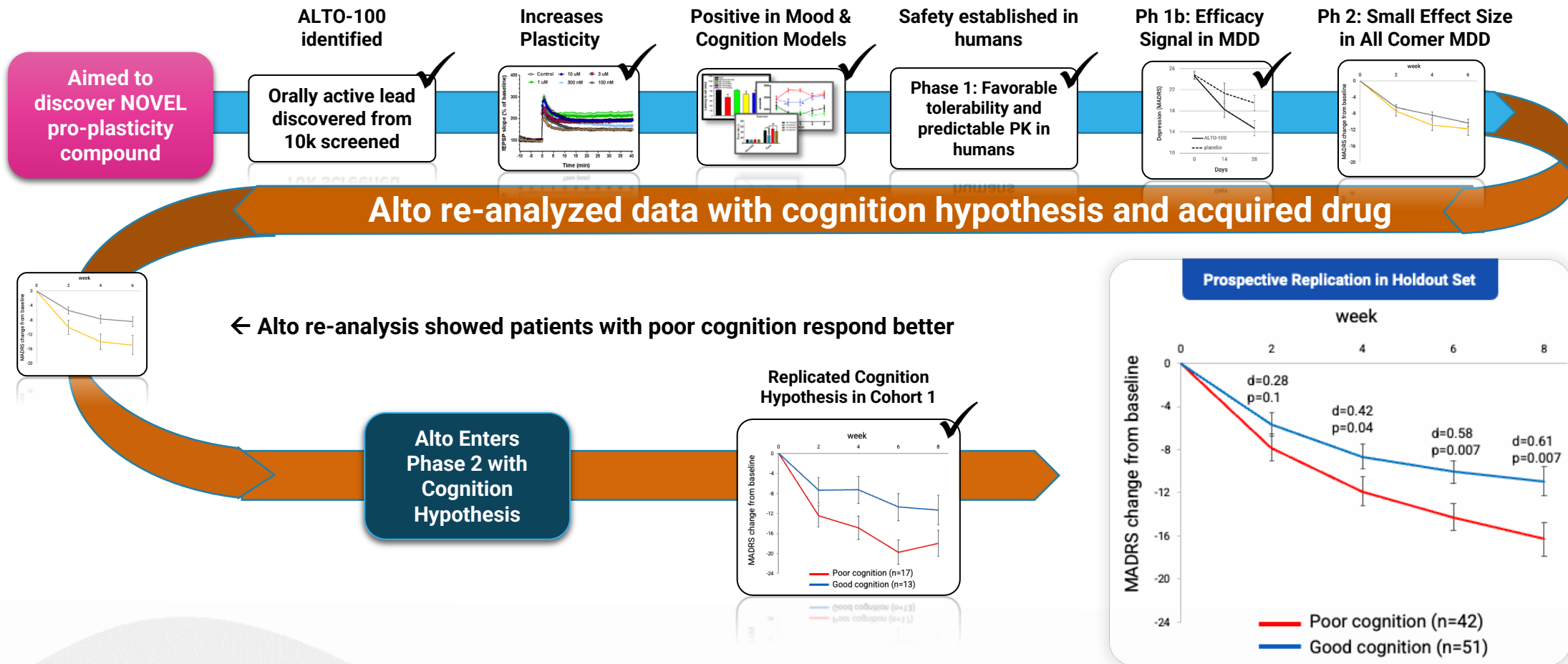
- Reduced in MDD and animal models of stress
- ↓ hippocampal volume → treatment resistance
- Plasticity role in cognition and mood



**Alto's hypothesis:**  
Increasing neuroplasticity may  
benefit states of low mood and  
cognitive impairment

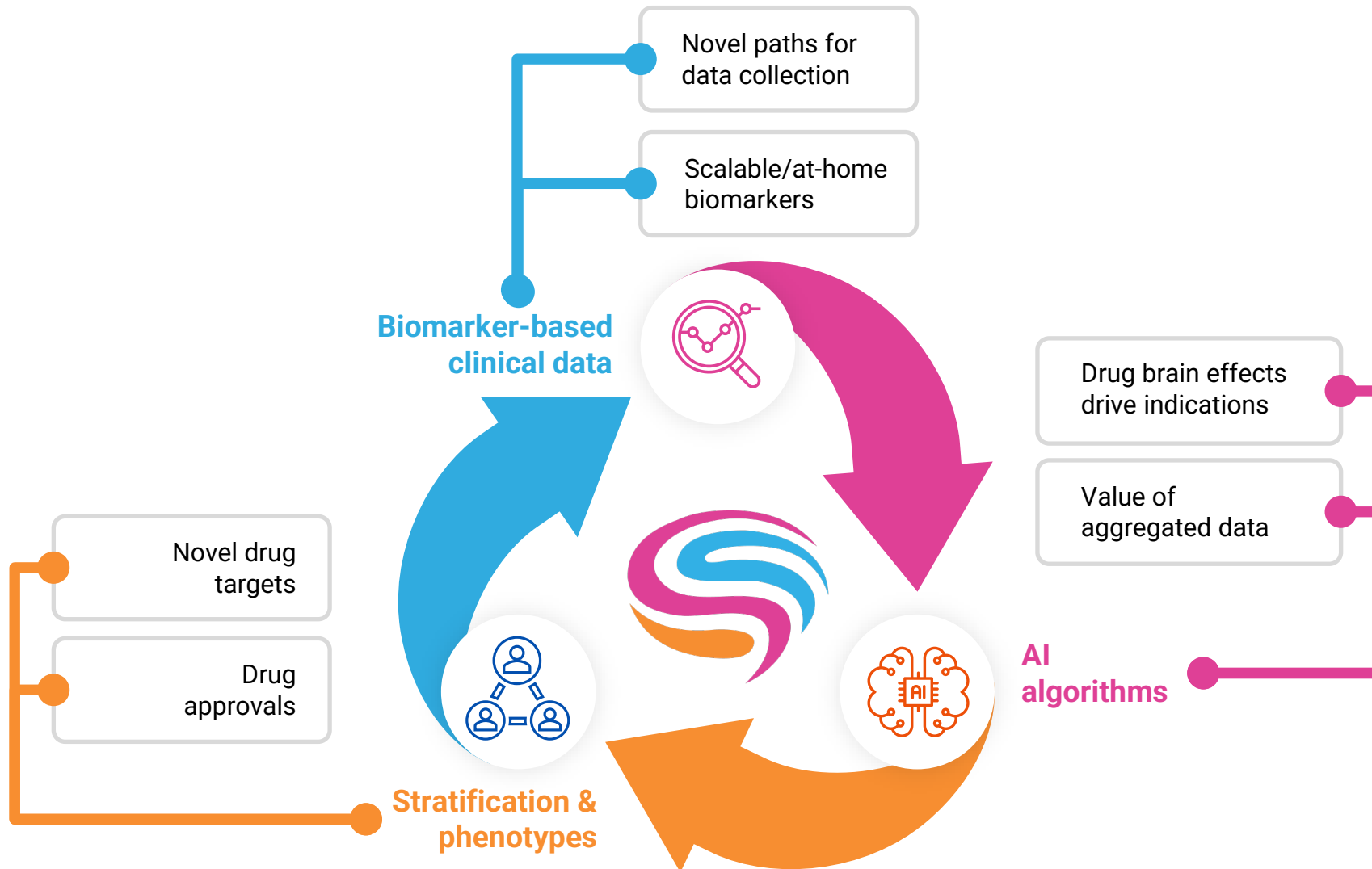


# DEVELOPING A NOVEL TREATMENT OPTION FOR MDD PATIENTS WITH POOR COGNITION



Phase 2b study will read out mid-2024

# THE PRECISION PSYCHIATRY FLYWHEEL



# ROBUST PIPELINE OF ALL CLINICAL-STAGE CANDIDATES

	Product Candidate	MoA/Target	Discovery	Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3
				Safety	Brain Effects	Responder Biomarker Identification	Efficacy in Biomarker Positive	Registration Studies
COGNITION TARGETING	ALTO-100	BDNF				MDD/PTSD	MDD	
	ALTO-101	PDE4						
EMOTION TARGETING	ALTO-202	NMDA NR2B				MDD		
	ALTO-203	UNDISCLOSED						
SLEEP TARGETING	ALTO-300	UNDISCLOSED				MDD	MDD	
COMBINATION PHARMACOLOGY	100 Series	cAMP SIGNALING						
	200 Series	DOPAMINE SIGNALING						