

2. Long-term correction by gene therapy, but **T-ALL** in 40% of patients.
- **Lipid metabolism disorders:**
    1. AAV mediated delivery of lipoprotein lipase (LPL) gene for the treatment of LPL deficient (**LPLD**) recently licensed in the EU as the first gene therapy product in the west.
  - **Haemophilia:**
    1. Prolonged blood clotting times, hence life threatening external and internal bleeding.
    2. AAV mediated introduction of the therapeutic gene into the liver of patients results in normal clotting times.
    3. **The therapeutic effect is transient** – gene corrected cells are recognized and thus destroyed by the immune system.
  - **Other genetic disorders:**
    1. Clinical trials in progress for various genetic disorders, including congenital blindness, lysosomal storage disease, muscular dystrophy, neuromuscular disorders, sickle cell anaemia, and beta-thalassemia.
  - **Cancer:**
    1. Multiple gene therapy strategies for a variety of cancers, including **suicide gene therapy**, oncolytic virotherapy, anti-angiogenesis, and therapeutic gene vaccines.
    2. 2/3 of all gene therapy trials are for cancer and many of these are entering advanced stages of development.
    3. Two products have been licensed in China since the mid-2000S and now also the first product (gene therapy) in the US is for cancer.
  - **Neurodegenerative diseases:**
    1. Recent progress in gene therapy has allowed for novel treatments of neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's Disease and Huntington's Disease.
  - **Other acquired diseases:**
    1. Gene therapy based strategies have also been applied to the treatment of other acquired disorders such as viral infections (i.e. influenza, HIV, hepatitis), heart disease, diabetes, to name a few.
    2. HIV:
      - Bone transplants from a donor with the **CXCR5 mutation** leaves the patient HIV-free and the T cells are no longer infectable by the virus.
      - This is done via CRISPR, whereby the mutation is introduced to stop HIV entry into the T cells