It is estimated that 1 billion people (1 out of 6) in the world suffer from some sort of neurological disorder. Unfortunately, there are no effective treatments for most neurological disorders, which underscores the need to improve the translation from basic science discoveries to human clinical trials. This lecture will use spinal cord injury as an example of the challenges facing translating basic science discoveries to first-time human testing.

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