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Brian Armstrong disrupted finance by attacking slow legacy systems. Then he built a longevity company that does everything the slow legacy way. That tension turns out to be the most important strategic signal in biotech right now...

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Abstract

NewLimit, the epigenetic reprogramming company co-founded by Coinbase's Brian Armstrong, just closed a \$435M Series C led by Founders Fund at a \$3.1B valuation with first-in-human trials slated for 2027 in alcohol-induced liver disease. The interesting part is not the cap table, it's the strategy: the guy from the most disruptive corner of finance picked the single most conventional path in drug development which is to take a real cellular mechanism, point it at a named disease with an ICD code, and grind it through an IND. That choice sits in sharp contrast to the cash longevity world that has exploded in parallel, where Function Health (\$499/yr, 100k members, plus an Ezra MRI acquisition) and Superpower (\$199/yr, 100-plus biomarkers, a \$30M Forerunner round) sell biological-age dashboards, and where peptide crowd traffics in BPC-157, TB-500, MOTS-c and a dozen other molecules. FDA shoved into Category 2 of the 503A bulks list back in September 2023. Two actions in 2026 (a July 23-24 advisory committee on reinstating roughly a dozen peptides under Docket FDA-2025-N-6895, and an April 30 move to pull compound GLP-1s off the 503B list) plus an unfinished TAME trial define the whole integration question. This piece argues the canyon between frontier longevity science and reimbursed medicine is bridged by exactly one thing the wellness world keeps trying to skip: a disease indication with evidence behind it. Armstrong figured that out. Most of the bros have not.

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