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## Disrupting the care of cardiovascular disease with single-course gene editing medicines

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# Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD): blood low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) clogging heart arteries



**#1** cause of death worldwide

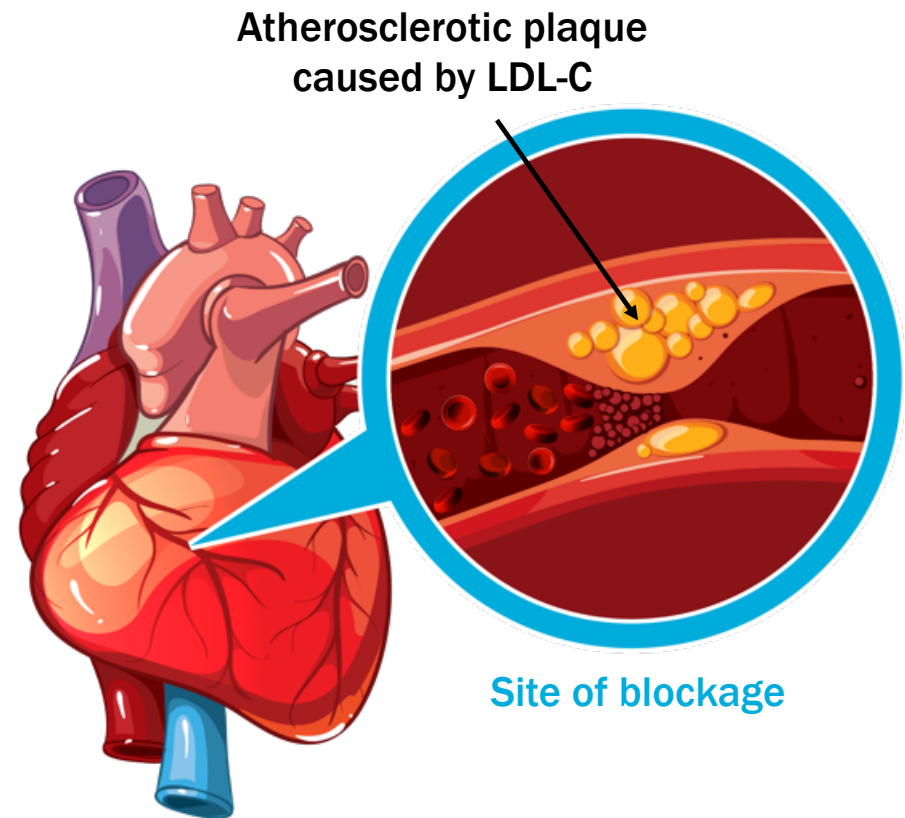
**100s of millions** of patients worldwide

**31M** with genetic form of ASCVD:

**familial hypercholesterolemia (FH)**

\*Heterozygous FH (HeFH; 1 in 250)

\*Homozygous FH (HoFH; 1 in 250,000)



# Solution to ASCVD revealed by human genetics and pharmacology: get LDL-C as low as possible for as long as possible



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## **Braunwald's Corner**

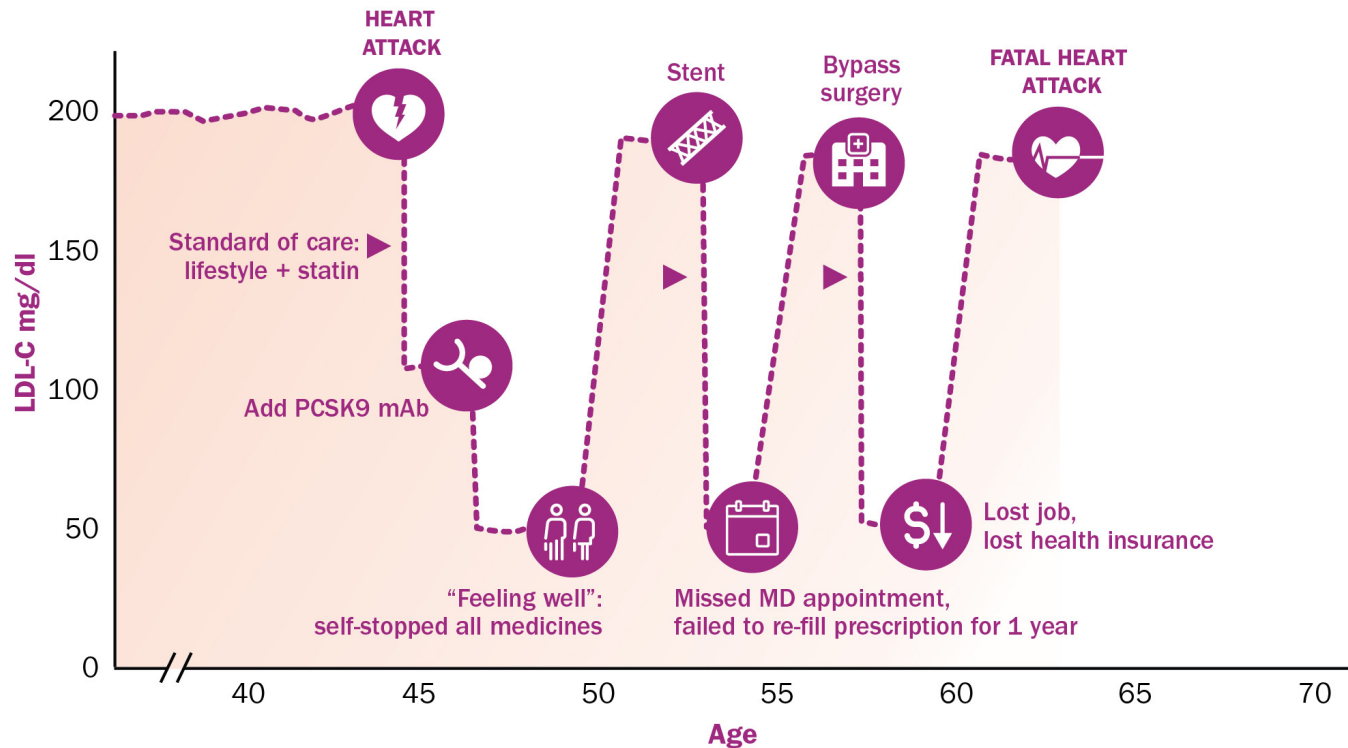
# How to live to 100 before developing clinical coronary artery disease: a suggestion

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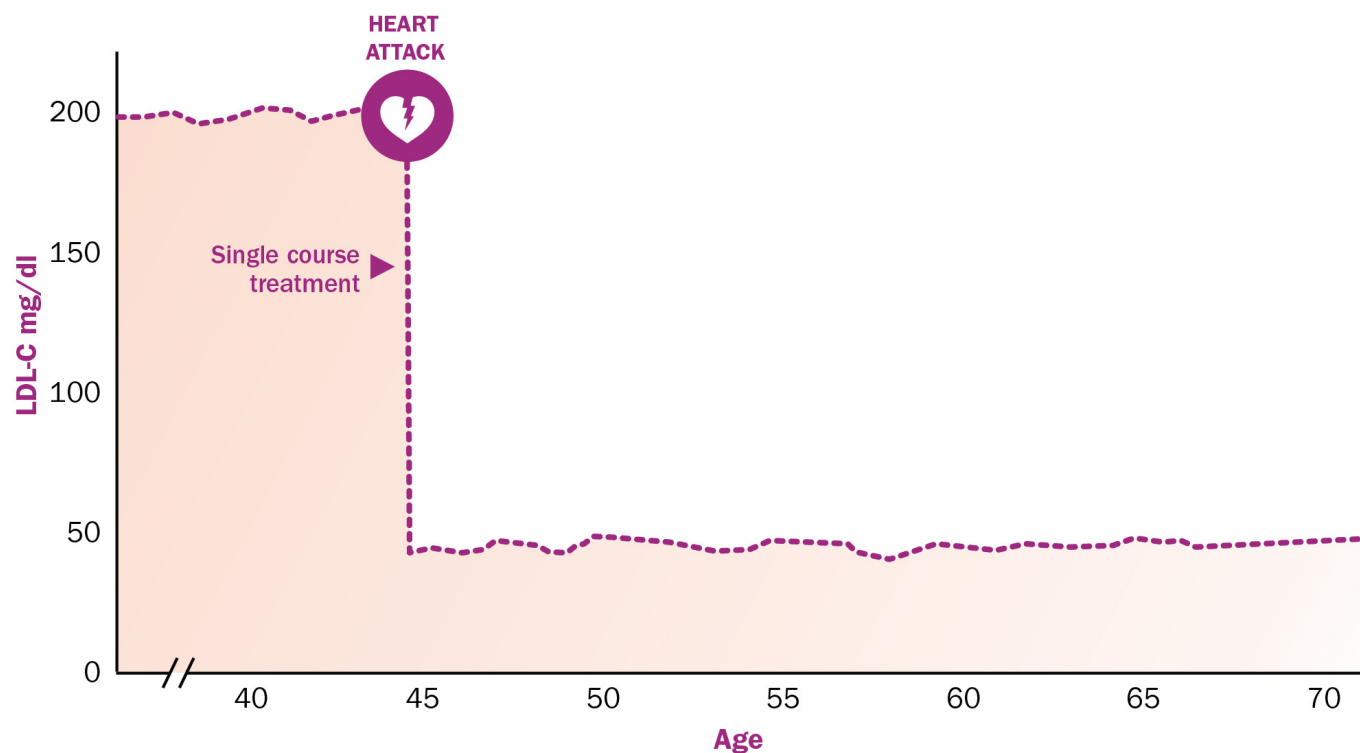


# Unmet need: current chronic care model for ASCVD results in poor control of cumulative blood LDL-C exposure



Illustrative graphic depicts the journey of a hypothetical patient with familial hypercholesterolemia who began standard-of-care treatment after suffering a heart attack at age 44

## Single-course treatment for ASCVD could address key unmet need: getting LDL-C as low as possible for as long as possible



Illustrative graphic depicts the journey of a hypothetical patient with familial hypercholesterolemia who began standard-of-care treatment after suffering a heart attack at age 44

# Advancing a pipeline of single-course *in vivo* gene editing programs to safely and durably lower LDL-C and treat ASCVD



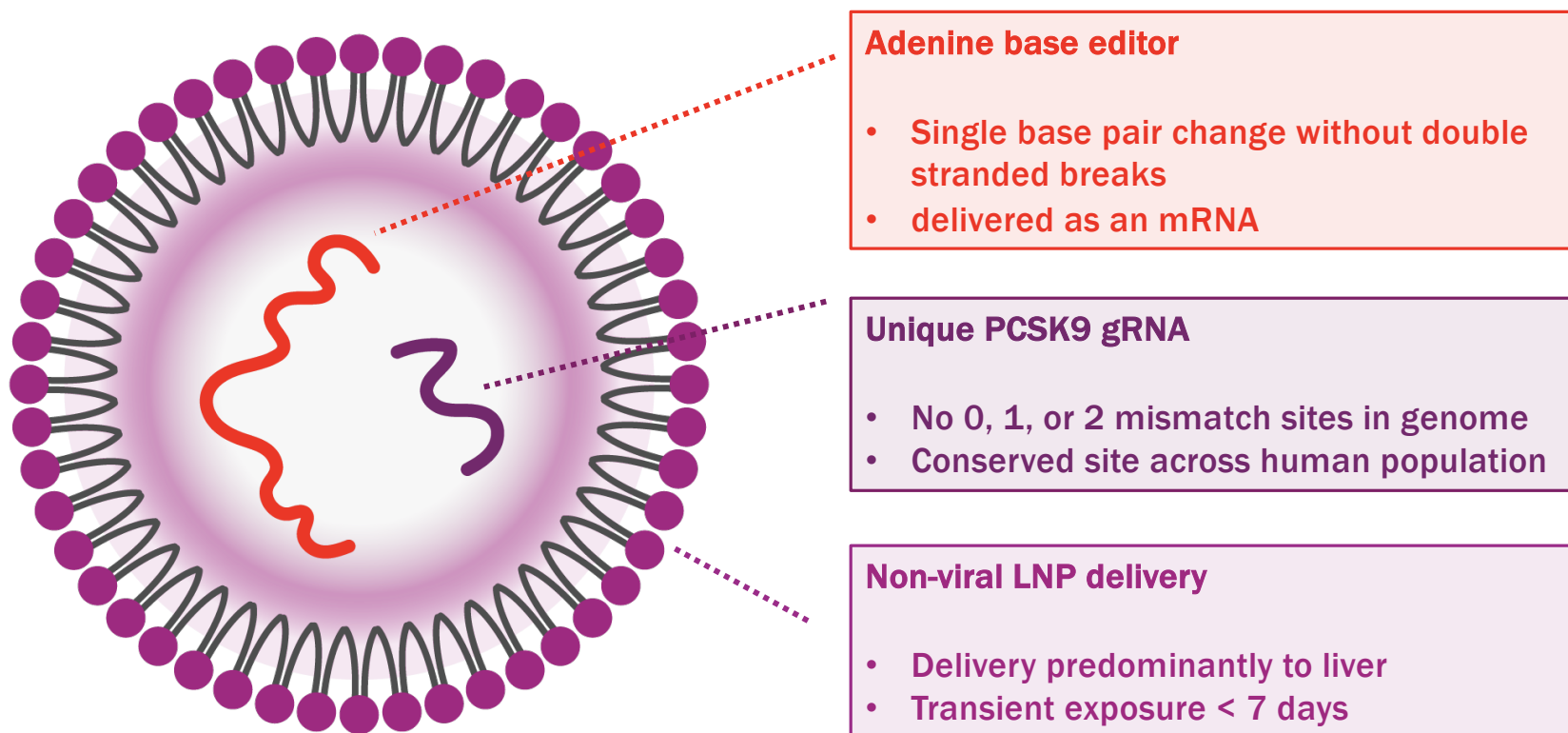
PROGRAM	INDICATIONS	DEVELOPMENT STATUS				
		Research/ Lead optimization	IND-Enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
<b>Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C)</b>						
VERVE-101 PCSK9	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	●	●	●	●	●
	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on oral therapy	●	●	●	●	●
<b>LDL-C &amp; Triglyceride-rich lipoprotein (TRL)</b>						
ANGPTL3	Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	●	●	●	●	●
	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on oral + PCSK9i	●	●	●	●	●



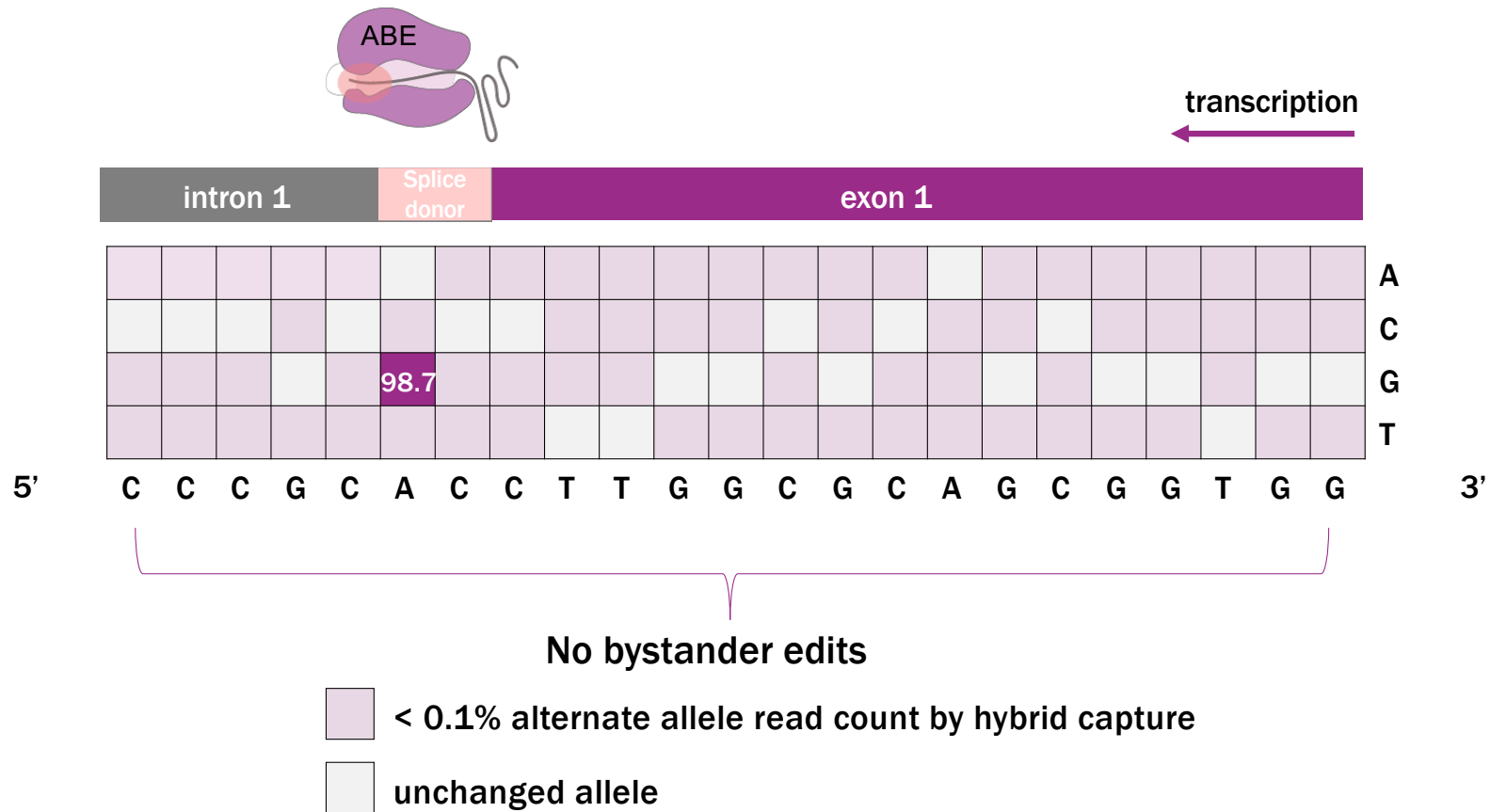
**VERVE-101: on track to treat  
first HeFH patient mid-2022**



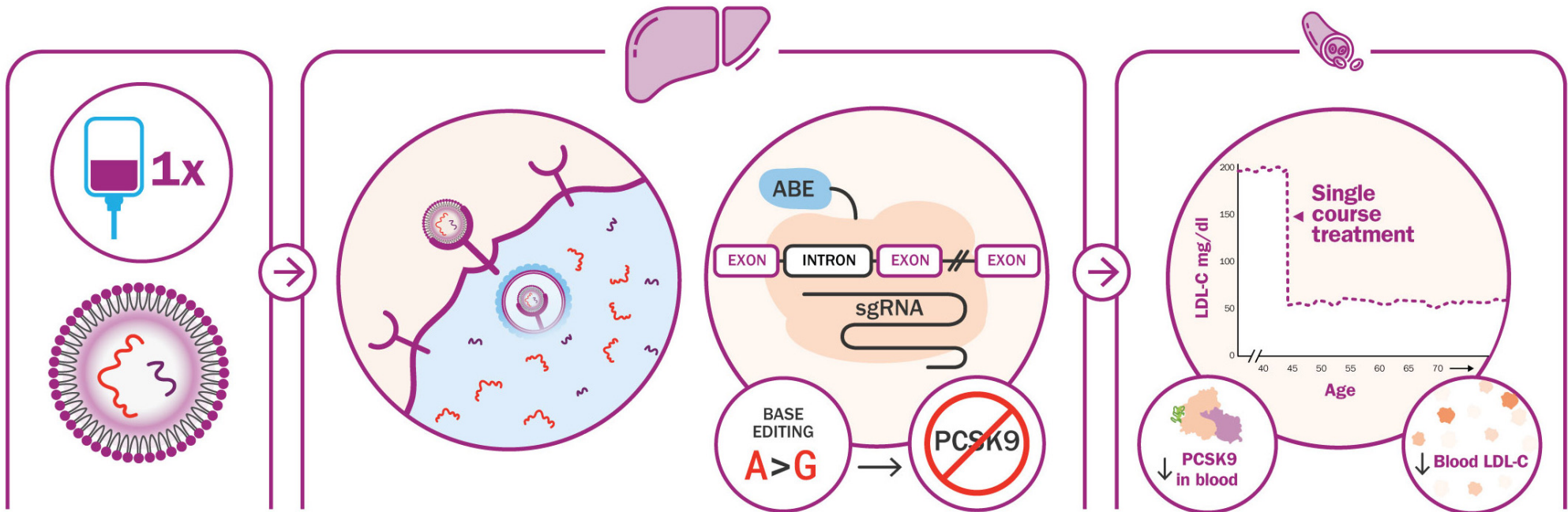
## VERVE-101's three components have been designed to maximize on-target and minimize the risk of off-target editing



# Base editing of the PCSK9 on-target site allows for a precise single base pair change without bystander edits

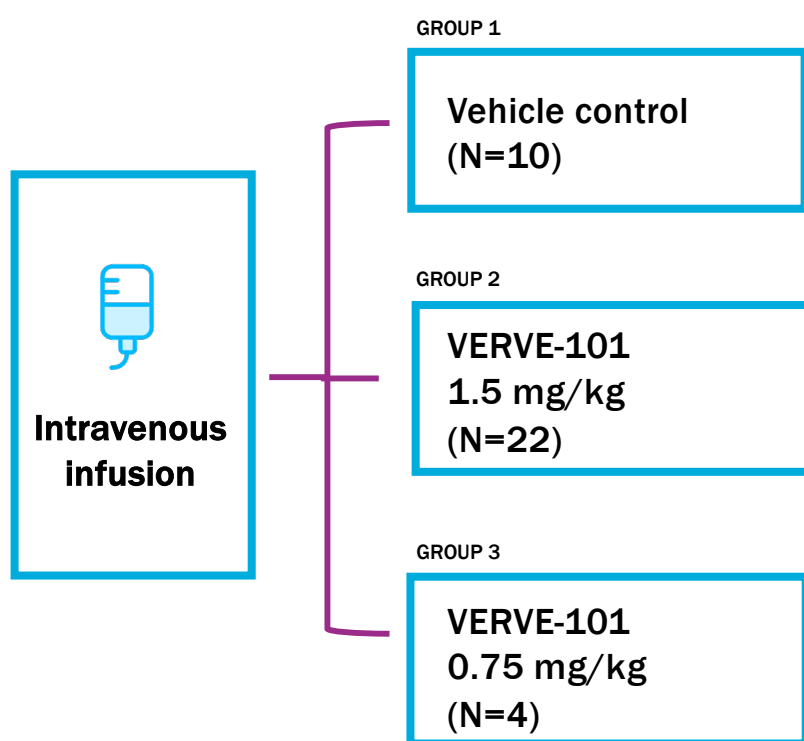


# Goal: single course gene editing medicines to durably lower LDL-C and treat ASCVD



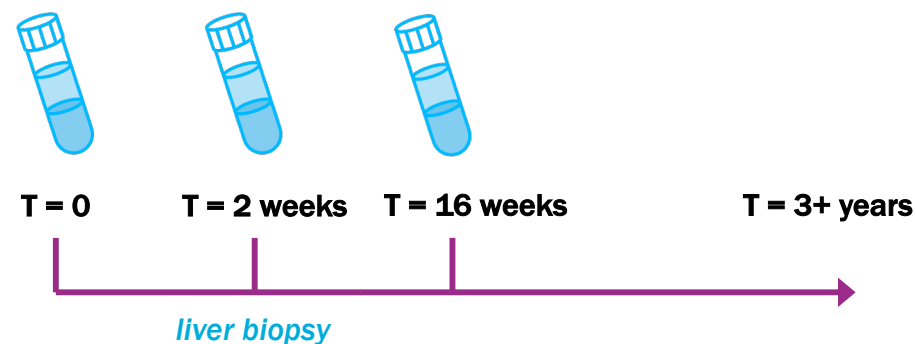
mRNA gRNA

## VERVE-101 has been potent, durable, and well tolerated in NHPs



### Primary endpoints

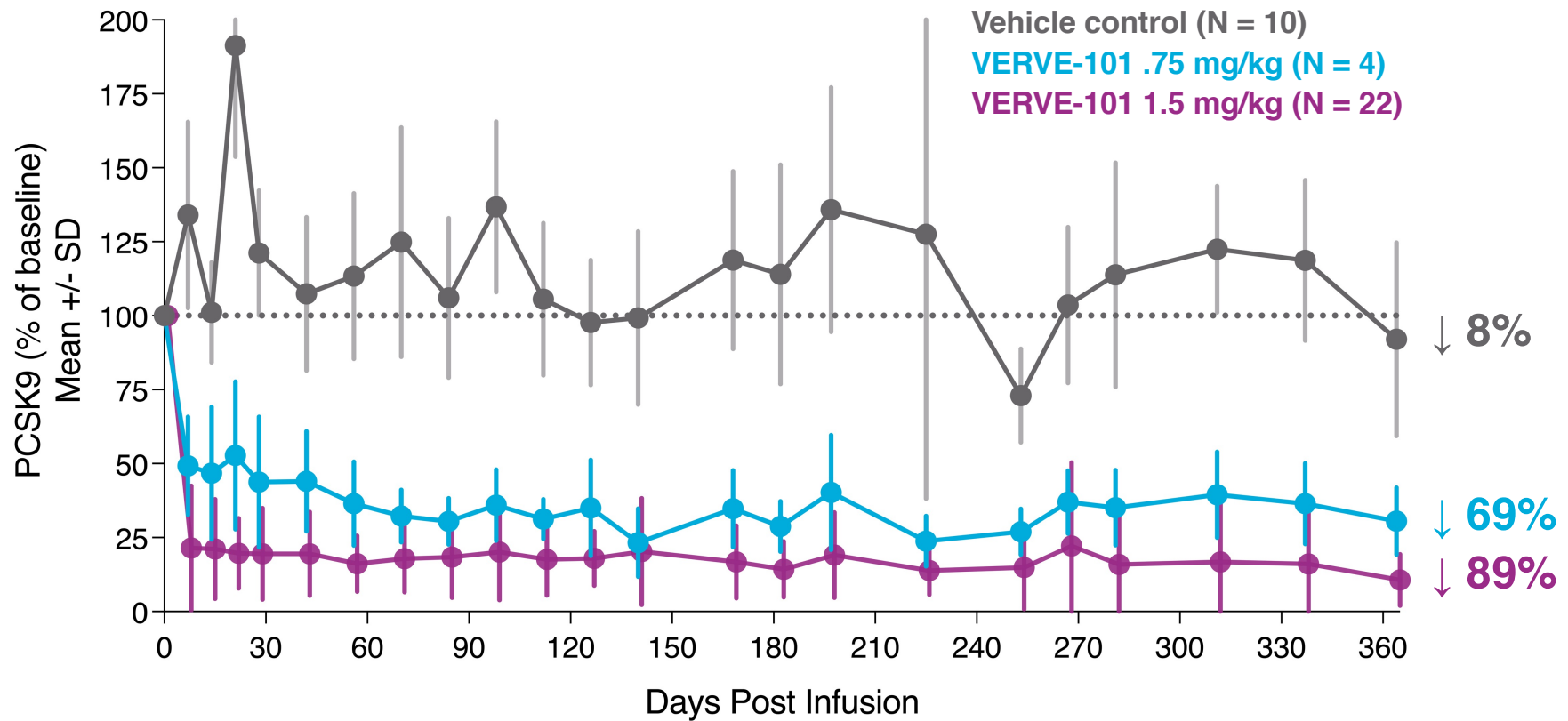
1. Whole liver DNA editing
2. Blood PCSK9 levels
3. Blood LDL-C levels



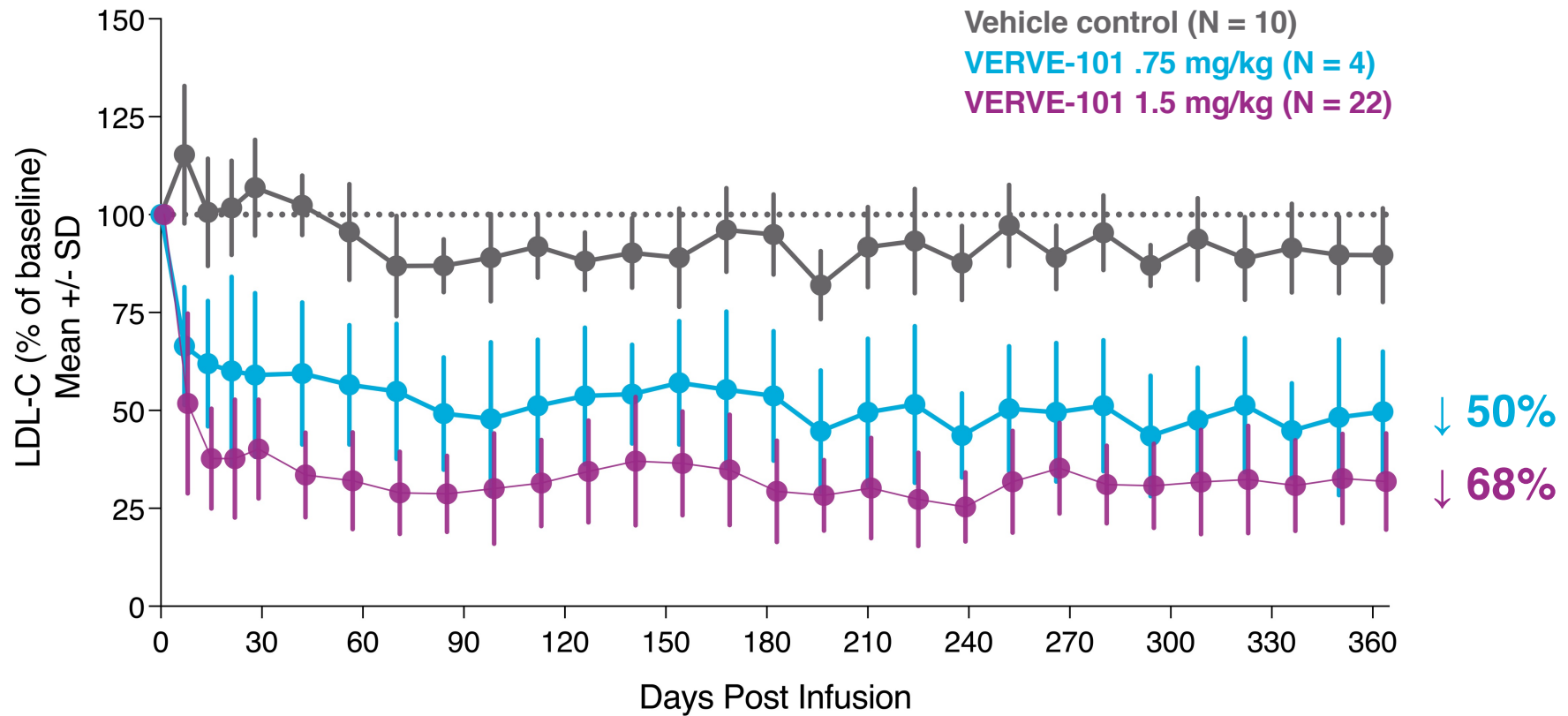
### Safety endpoints

1. Liver function testing
2. Glucose homeostasis

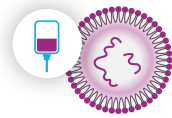
# Blood PCSK9 level: 89% reduction observed at one year after one-time intravenous infusion of VERVE-101 in non-human primates (NHPs)



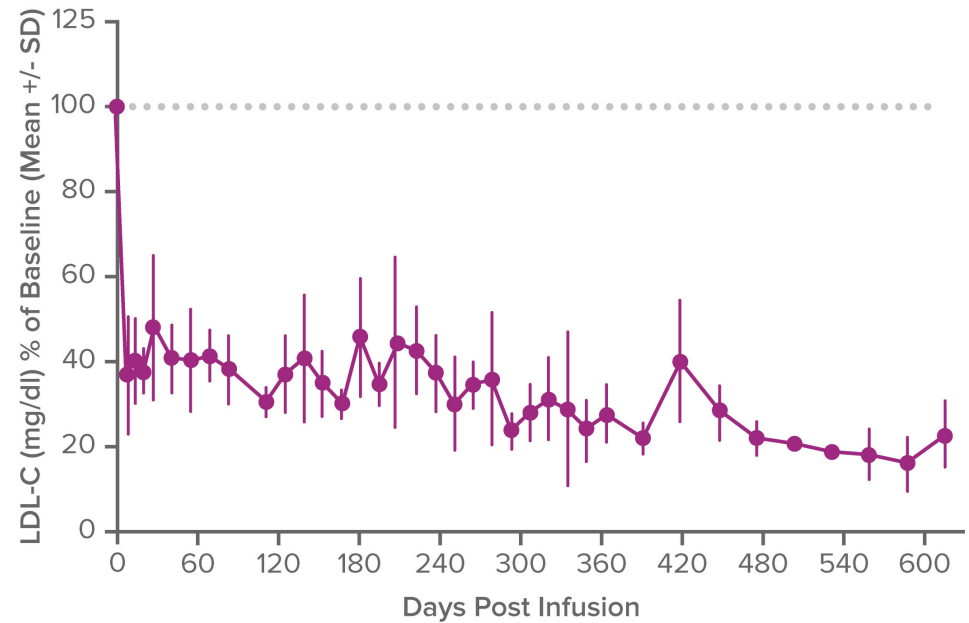
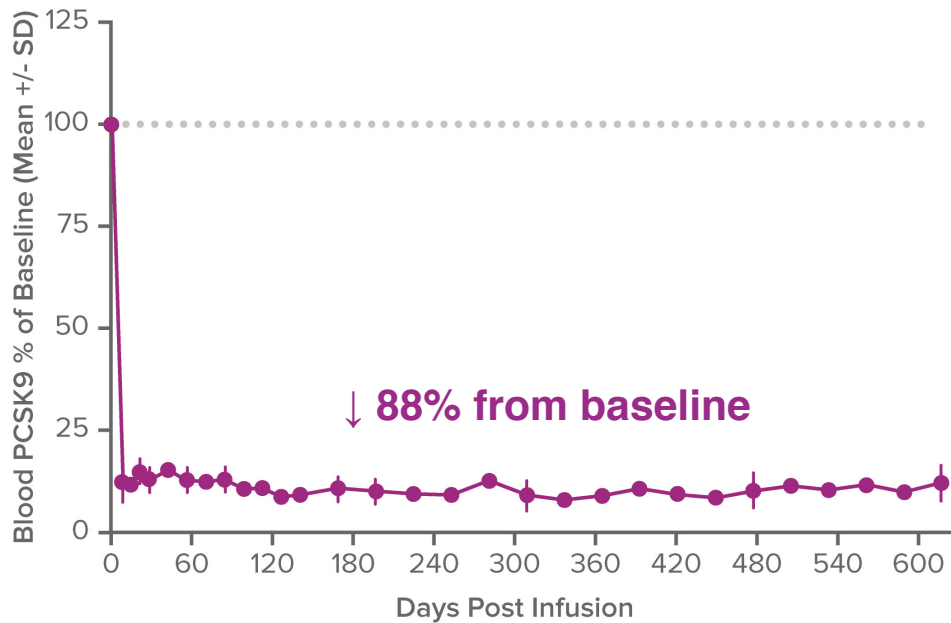
# Blood LDL-C level: 68% reduction observed at one year after one-time intravenous infusion of VERVE-101 in NHPs



# Even longer durability of PCSK9 and LDL-C reductions with precursor formulation, now out to 20 months in NHPs



**VERVE-101 Precursor**  
3.0 mg/kg  
N = 4



# Multiple orthogonal techniques have been used to nominate ~3000 candidate off-target sites



entire human genome

identification techniques

panel of candidates



**Experimental: ABE-digenome-seq**  
Unbiased whole genome sequencing of liver genomic DNA treated with ABE in vitro



**Experimental: ONE-Seq**  
library of ~30,000 barcoded sites with greatest sequence similarity to on-target site treated with ABE in vitro



**Bioinformatics:**  
sites of greatest sequence homology

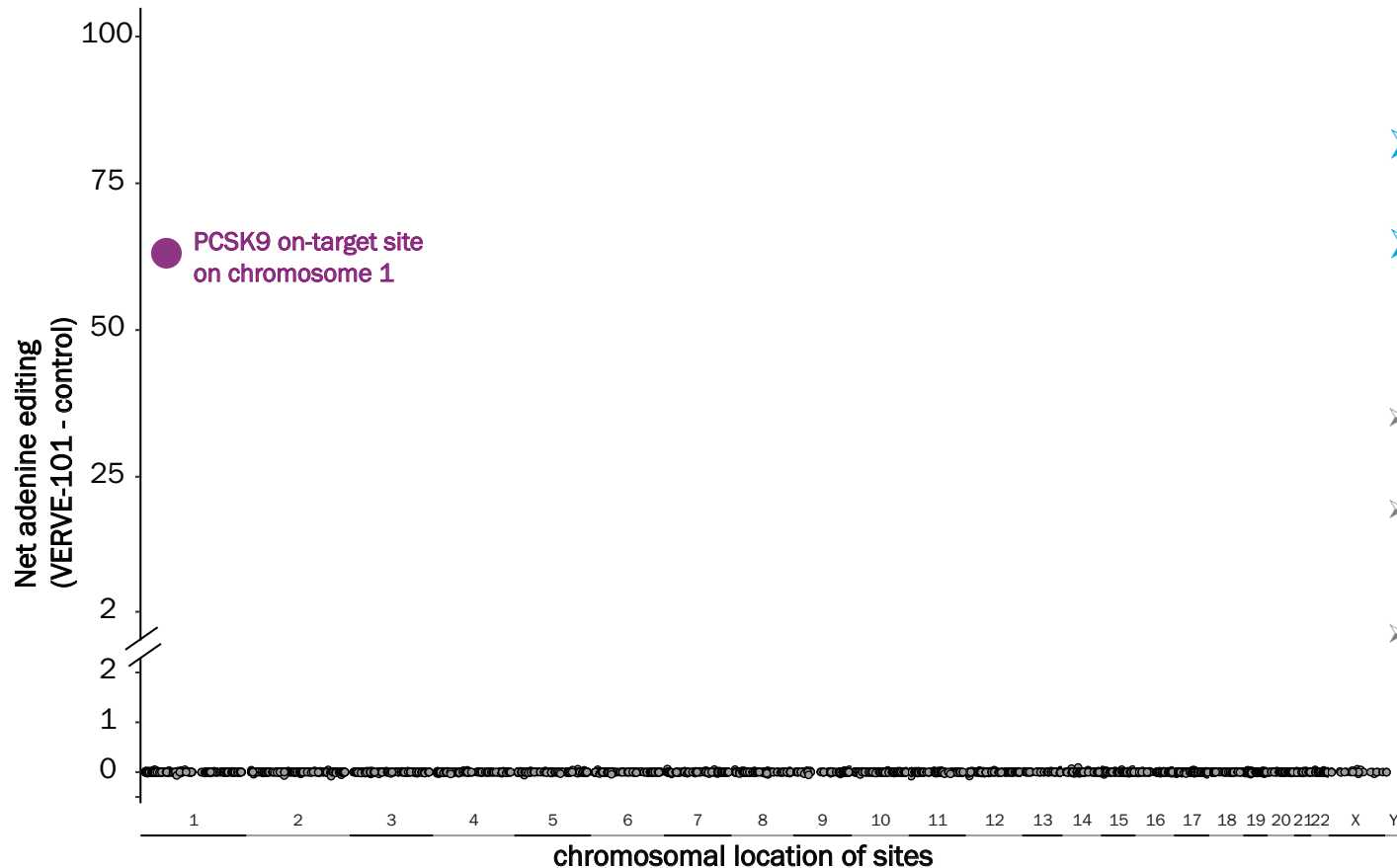


**3166 sites**

across the human genome with the greatest experimental or bioinformatic similarity to the on-target site



# No observed off-target editing at ~3000 candidate sites in primary human liver cells treated with VERVE-101

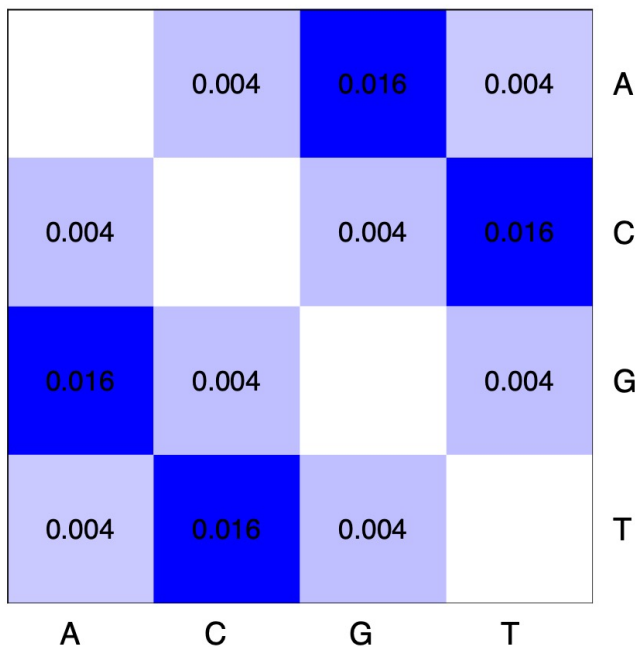


- **Manhattan style plot of ~3000 candidate sites**
- **No candidate sites show statistically significant net editing**
- Y axis indicates net editing (alternate allele frequency in treated primary human hepatocytes - matched untreated controls)
- Logistic regression statistical test is performed at each candidate site comparing alternate read counts in treated cells versus untreated cells
- Sites of somatic variation seen in the untreated primary cells have been removed from the plot for clarity

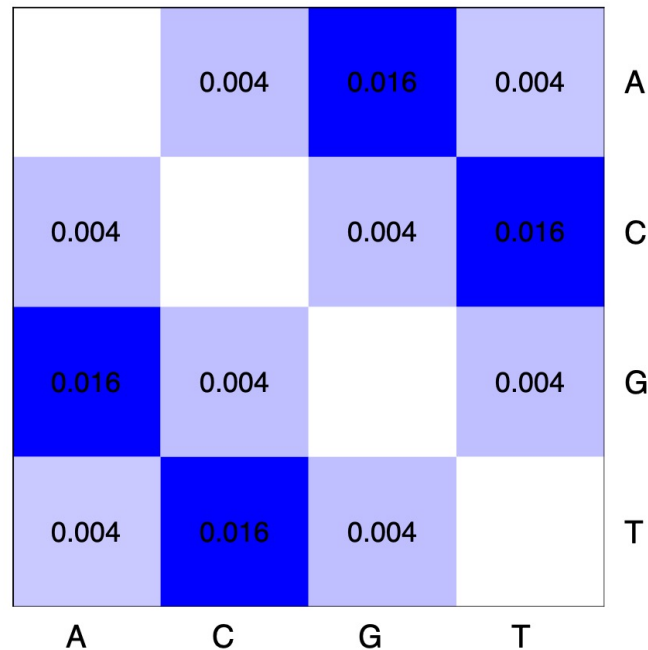
# Whole genome sequencing (500X) of VERVE-101 treated huh-7 liver cells shows no increase in global adenine editing compared to untreated controls



### Untreated



### VERVE-101 treated

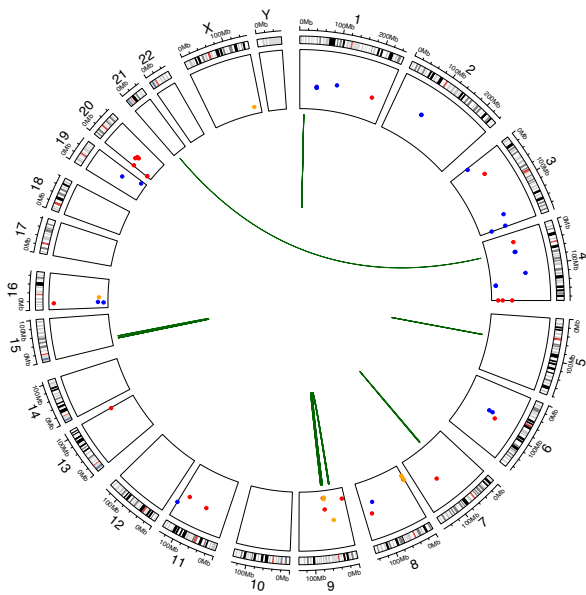


- Summary heat-map of 500x whole genome sequencing
- Numbers in cells of heat map reflect percentage of observed non-reference sequencing reads in comparing reference base (x-axis) to non-reference base (y-axis)

# No structural variants observed from VERVE-101 treatment in primary human hepatocytes: whole genome optical mapping

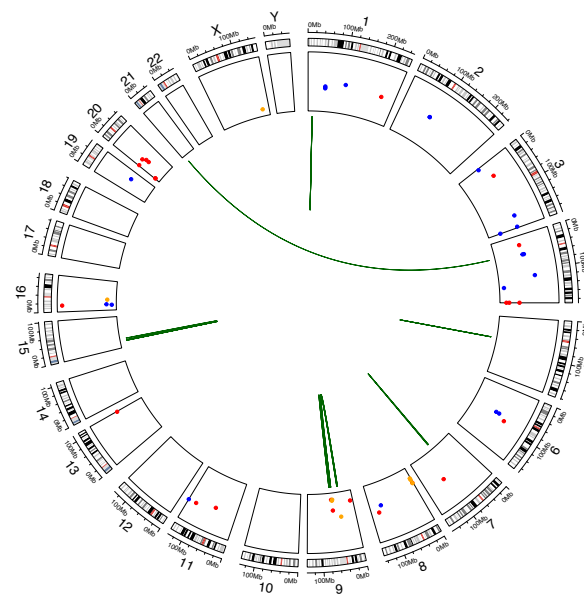


Untreated



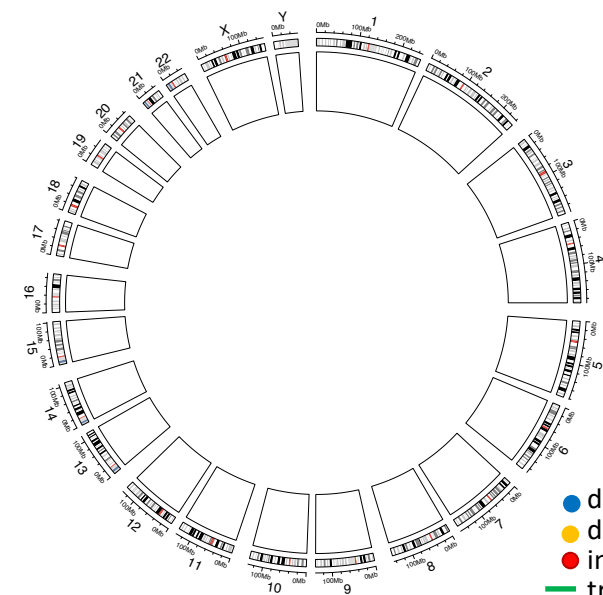
Structural variants are observed in control untreated PHH donor cells

VERVE-101 treated



Identical structural variants are observed in the VERVE-101 treated PHH donor cells

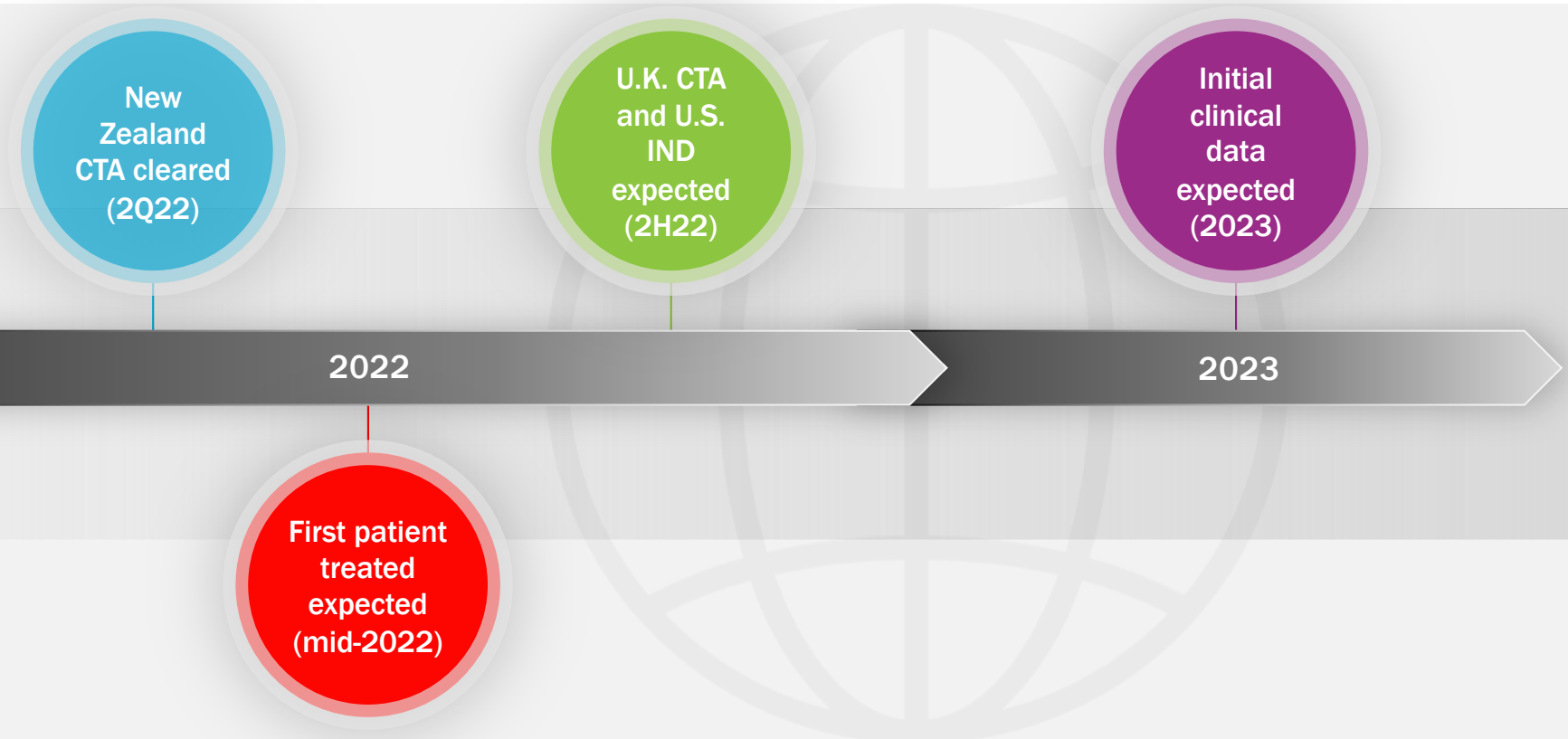
VERVE-101 minus Untreated



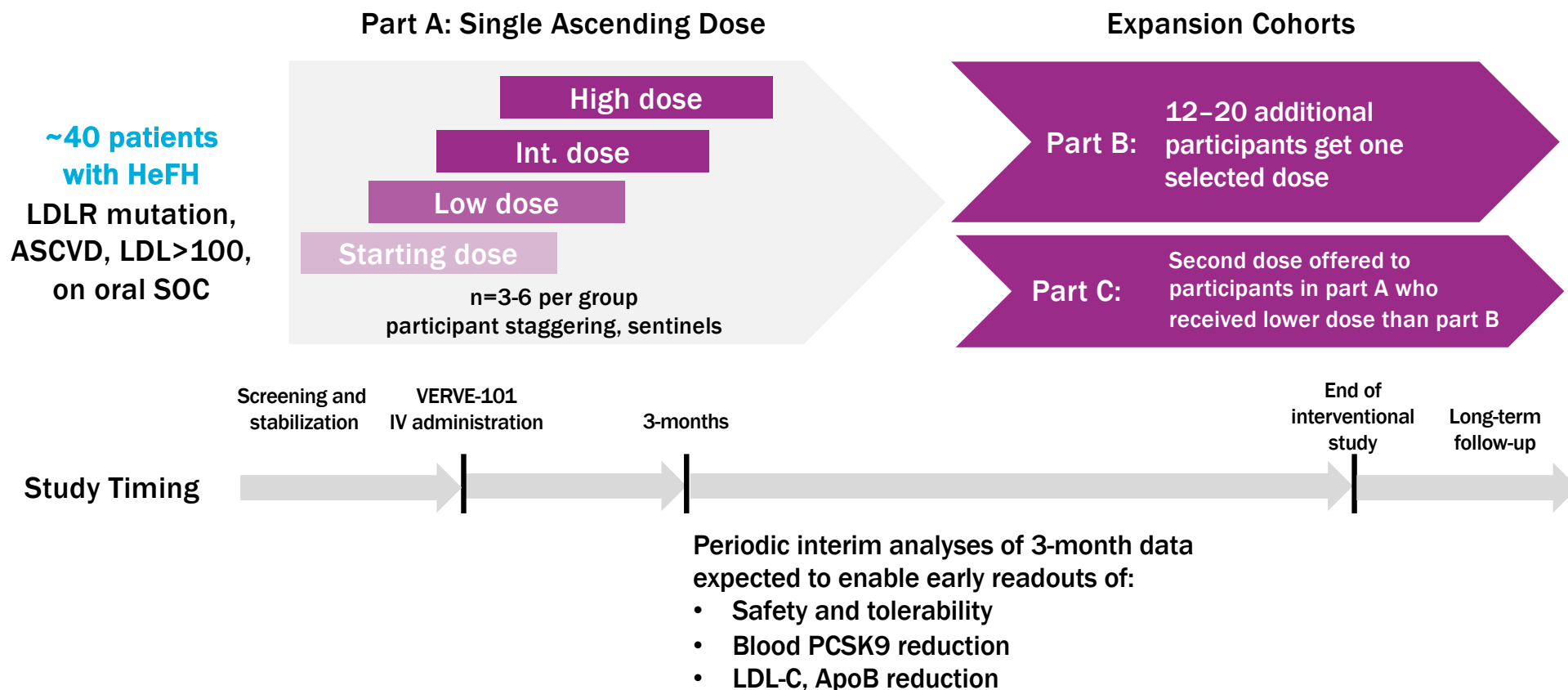
No treatment-related structural variants are observed in VERVE-101 treated PHH donor cells

- deletion
- duplication
- insertion
- translocation

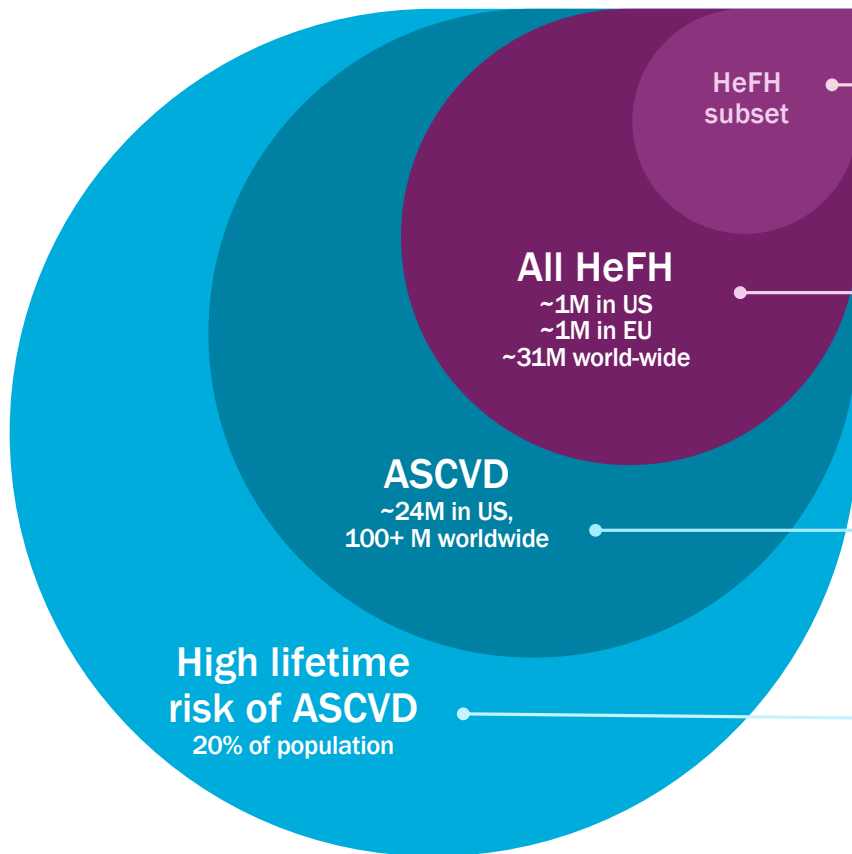
## Clinical Trial Application (CTA) clearance for VERVE-101: a first for *in vivo* liver base editing



# VERVE-101: on track for clinical trial initiation in mid-2022



# Stepwise clinical development strategy starting with FH and expanding to broader population with ASCVD



- Phase 1b proof-of-concept in high-risk HeFH

- Phase 2 in all HeFH
- Pivotal Phase 3 in all HeFH, approval based on LDL-C endpoint at 24 weeks

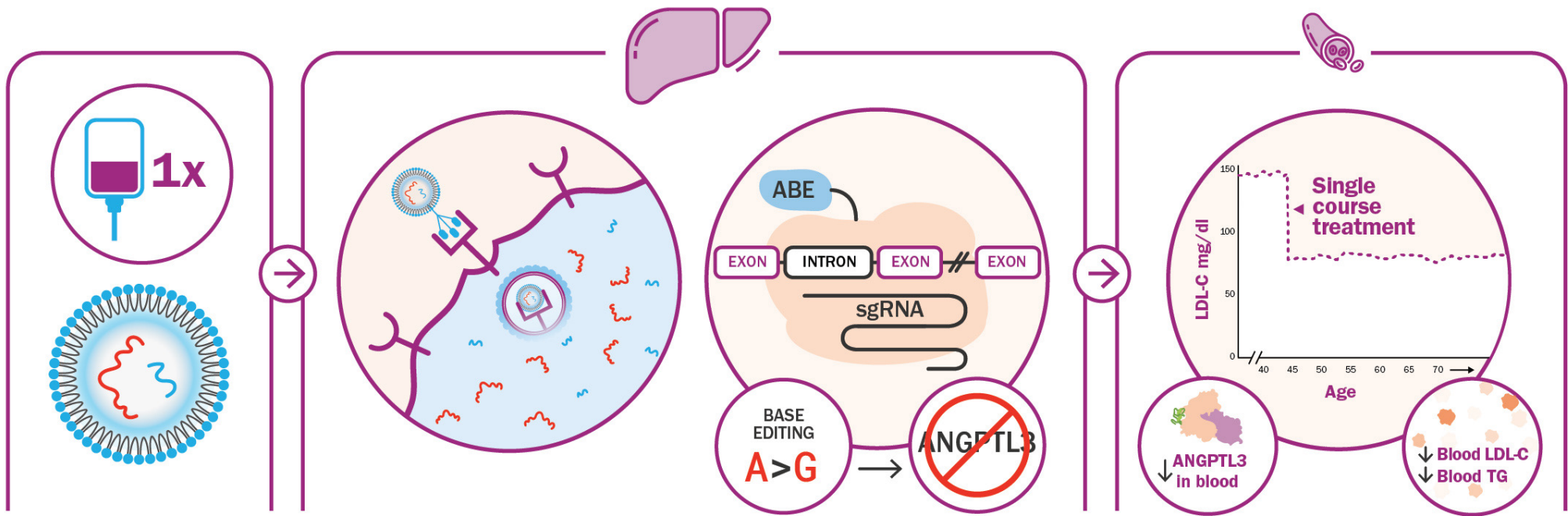
- Pivotal Phase 3 in ASCVD, approval based on LDL-C endpoint at 24 weeks

- Post-approval studies including CVOT in ASCVD



**Advancing ANGPTL3 program  
to IND-enabling studies in 2022**

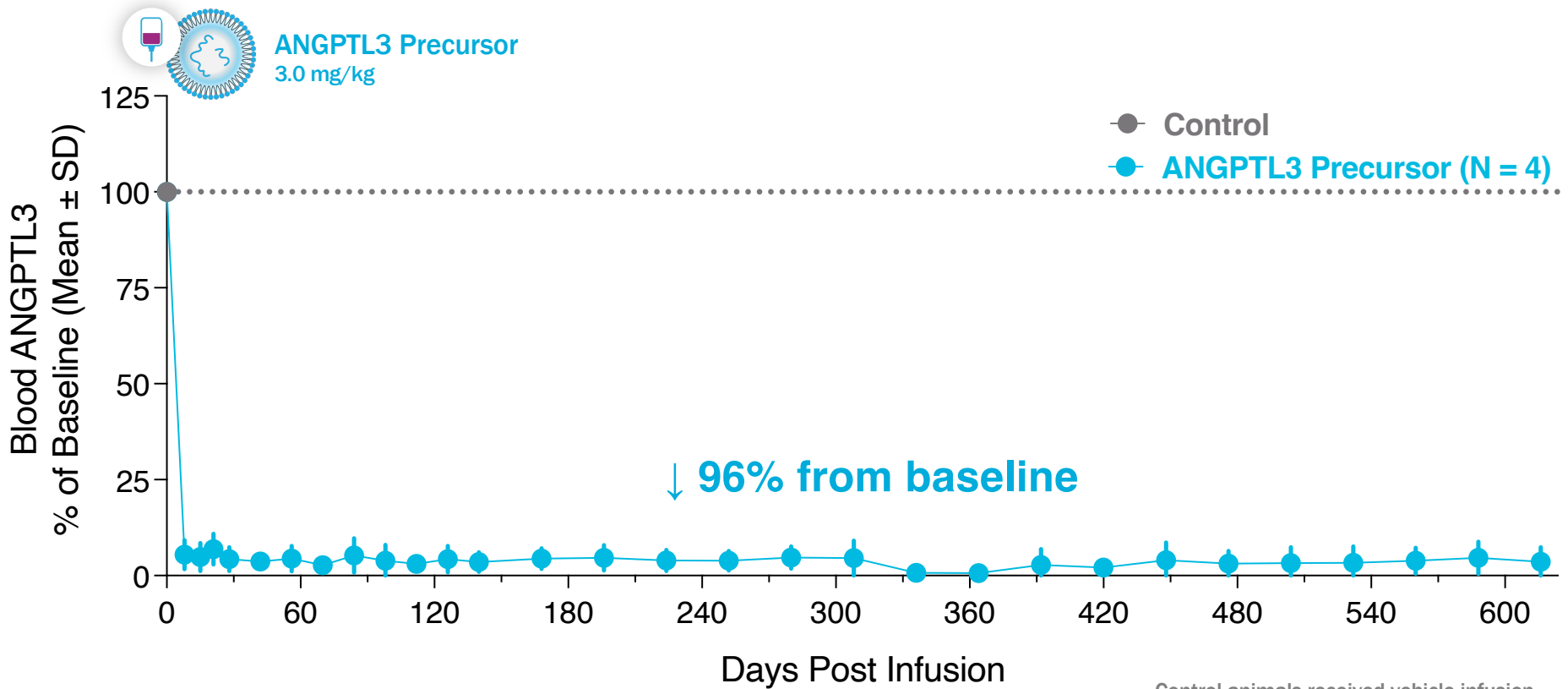
# Goal: ANGPTL3 program turns off gene with base editing to lower LDL-C and treat ASCVD



mRNA    gRNA    GalNAc



# Verve ANGPTL3 precursor administered to NHPs: 616 days following infusion, **durable >90%** reduction in blood ANGPTL3



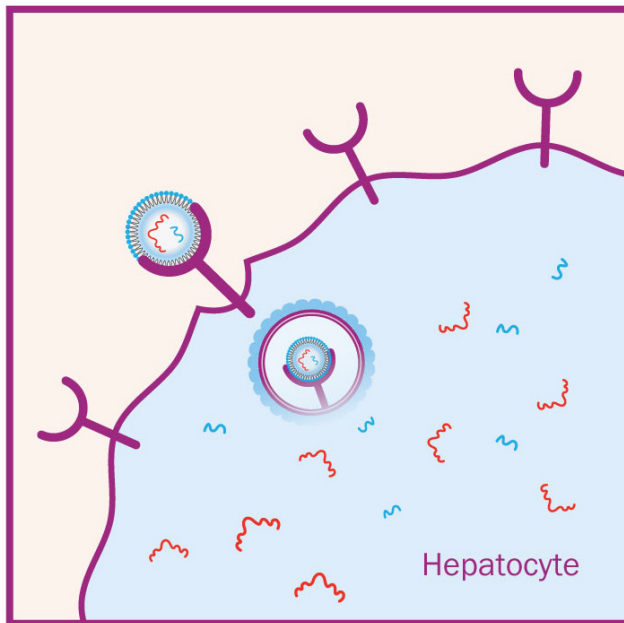
Control animals received vehicle infusion



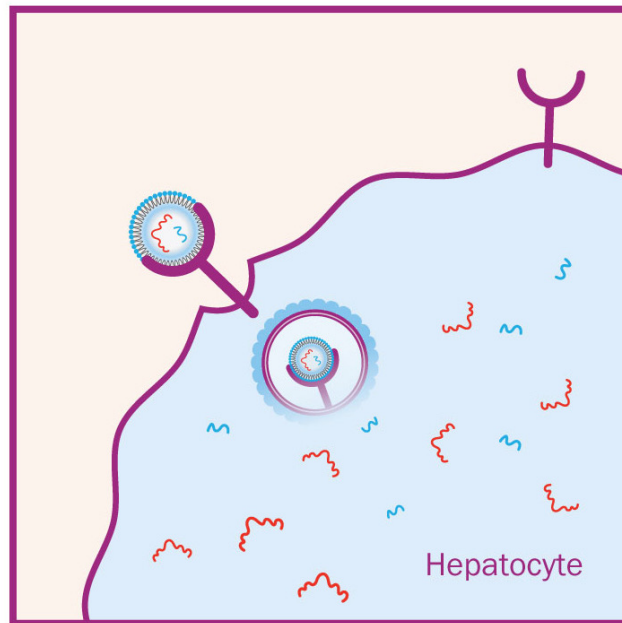
**Novel GalNAc-LNP delivery  
technology platform**

# Delivery challenge: HoFH patients completely lack LDL receptor; in this setting, standard LNPs don't work

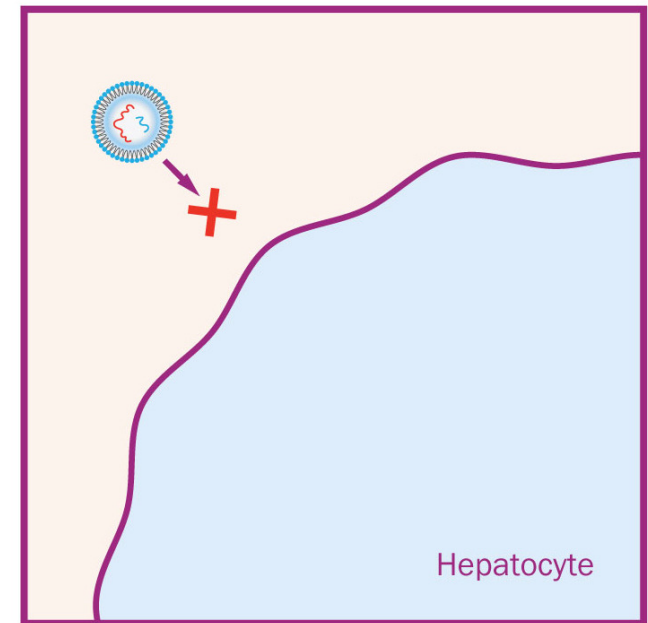
### Normal liver



### Heterozygous FH (HeFH)

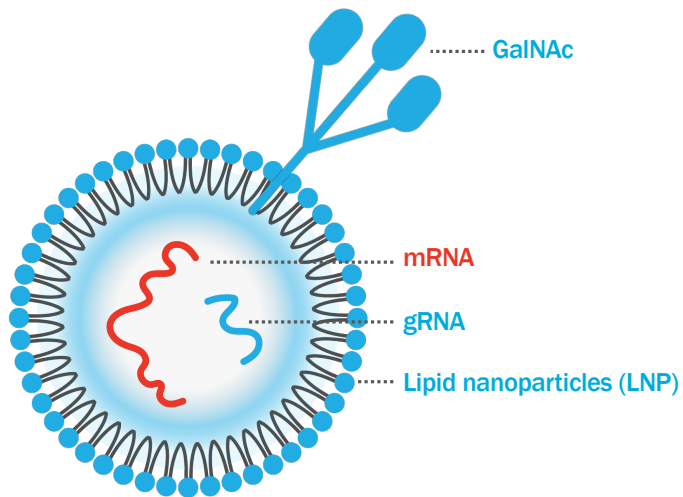


### Homozygous FH (HoFH)



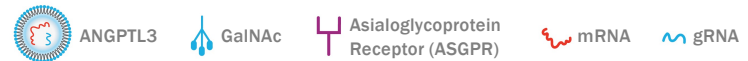
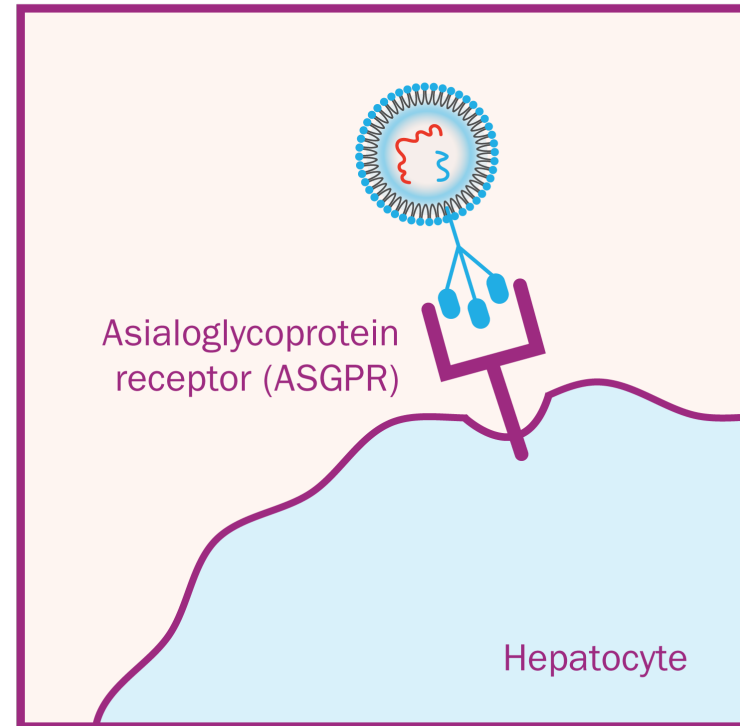
Y LDL Receptor      LNP Lipid nanoparticle (LNP)      mRNA      gRNA

# Proprietary GalNAc-LNP technology: potential best-in-class for delivery of genetic medicines to liver



United States Patent  
Rajev et al.

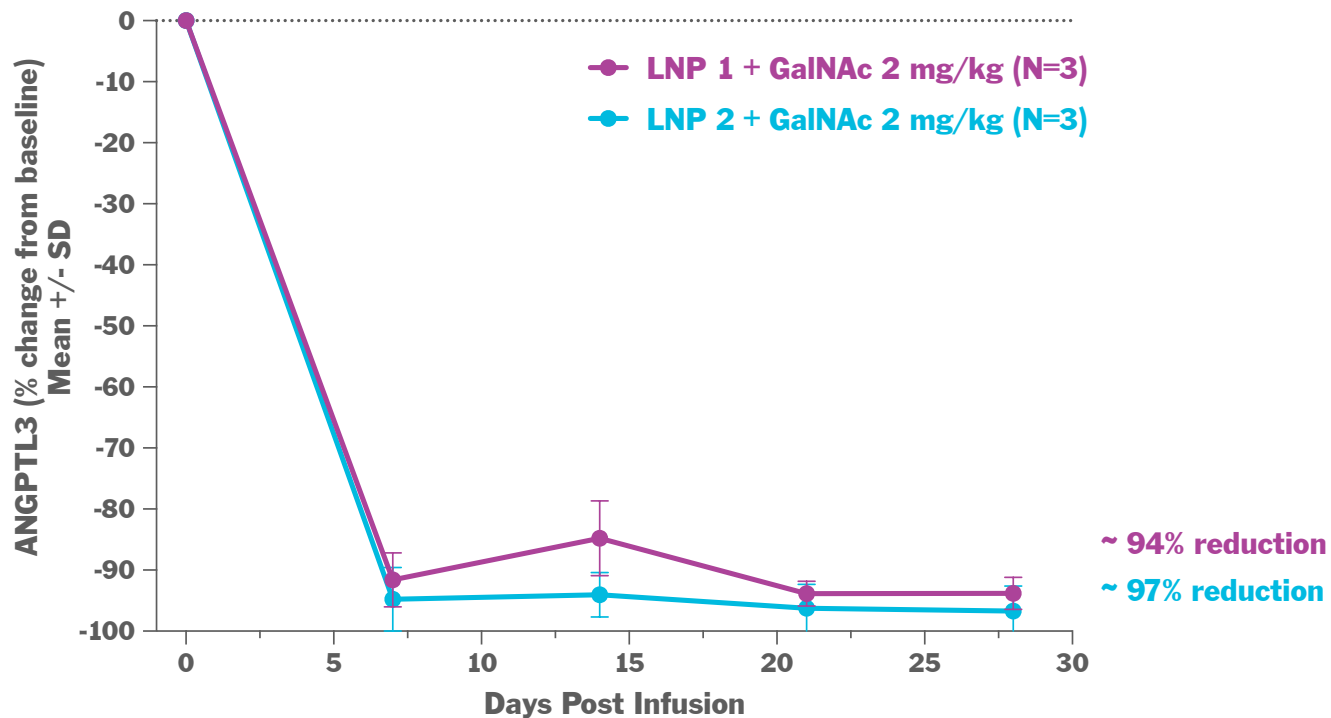
Patent No.: US 11,207,416 B2  
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# Base editing of ANGPTL3 via GalNAc-LNPs reduces blood ANGPTL3 by 94% - 97% in NHP model of HoFH

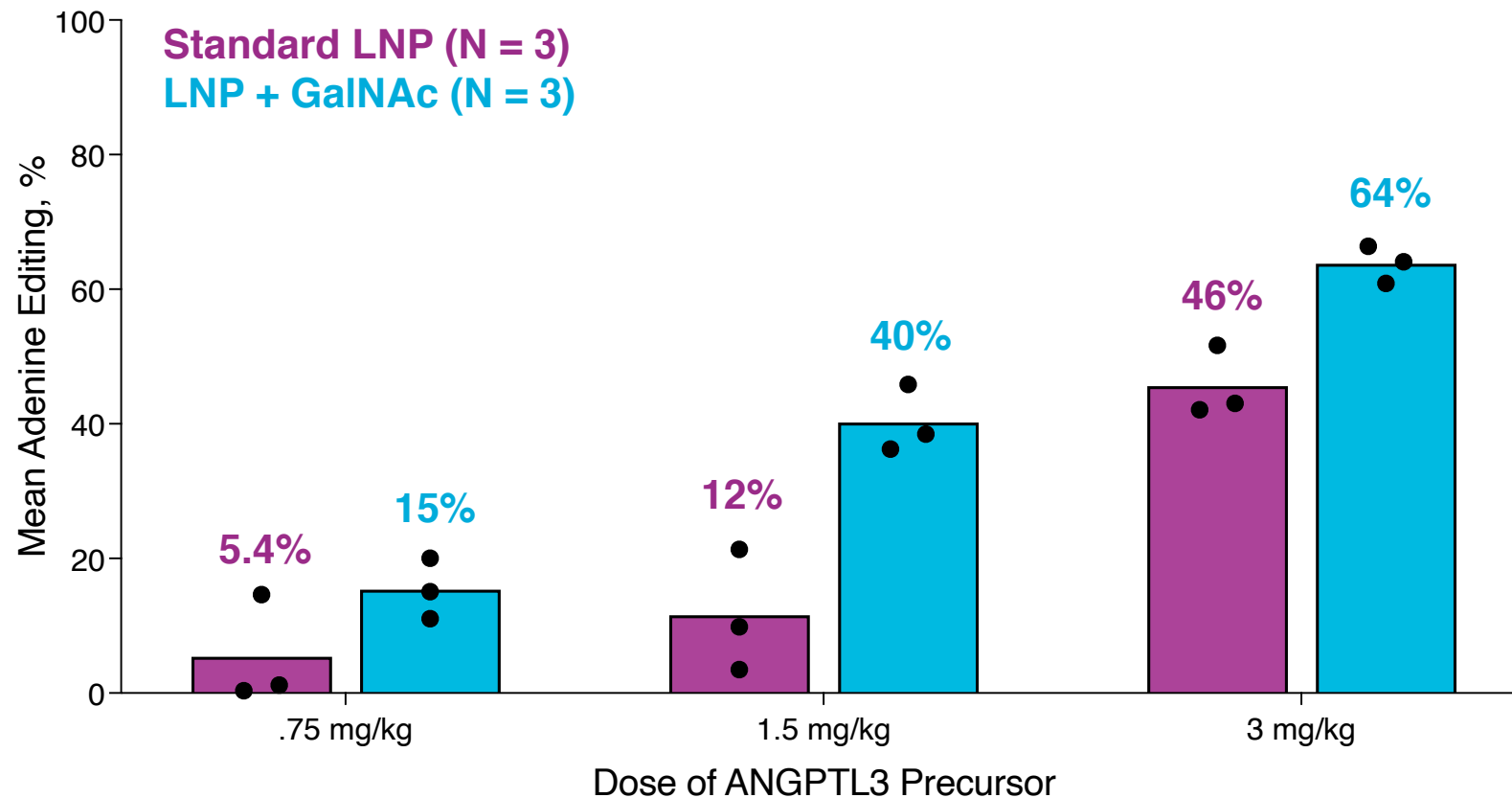


GalNAc LNPs (encapsulating ABE-ANGPTL3 base editing payload) dosed to HoFH NHPs that have stable disruption of liver LDLR protein and markedly elevated LDL-C

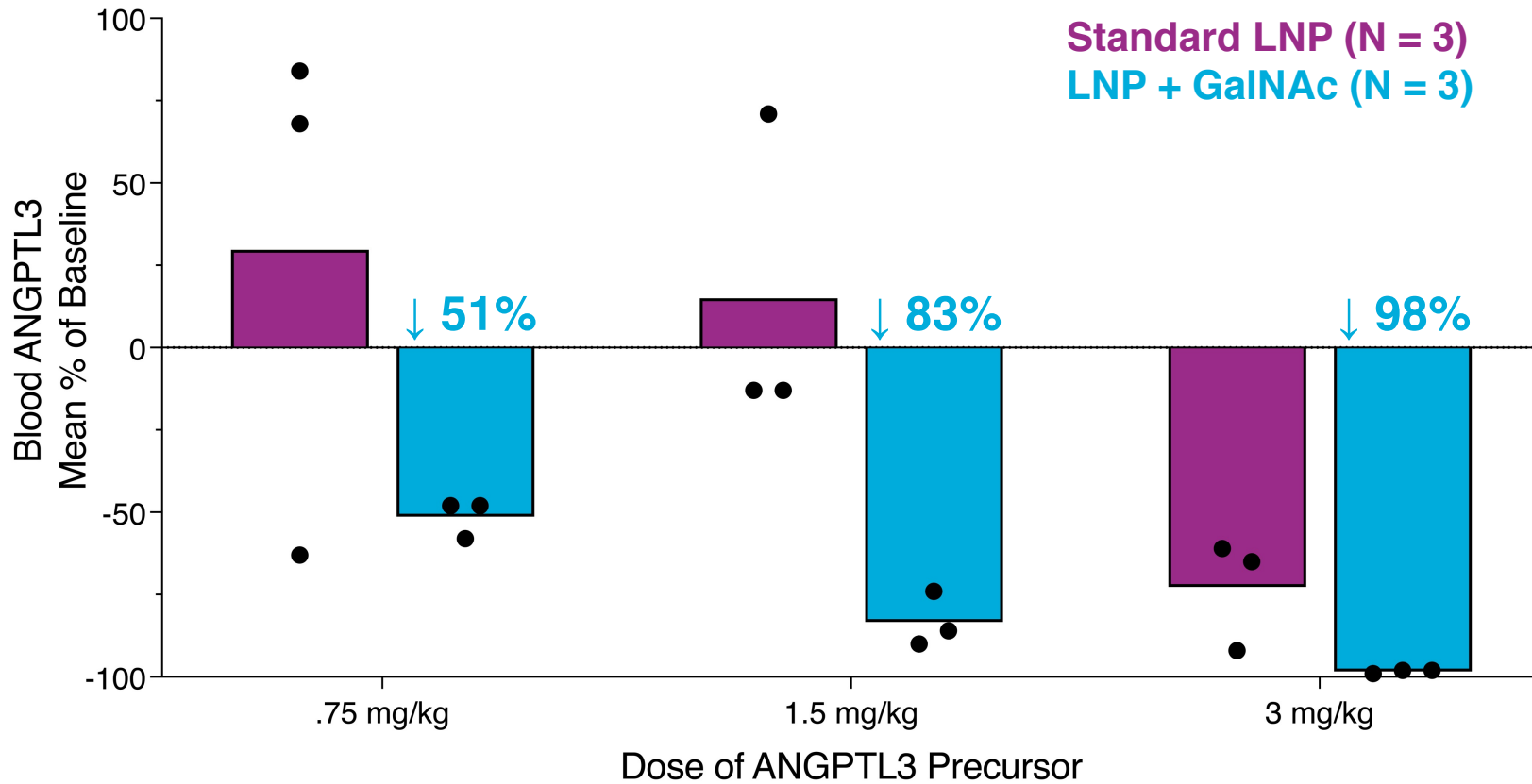


**Hypothesis: In wild-type NHPs,  
GalNAc-LNP is more potent when  
compared with standard LNP**

## In wild-type NHPs, GaINAc-LNP leads to greater ANGPTL3 editing potency compared with standard LNP



In wild-type NHPs, GaINAc-LNP leads up to **98% reduction** in blood ANGPTL3, reflecting **improved consistency** compared with standard LNP

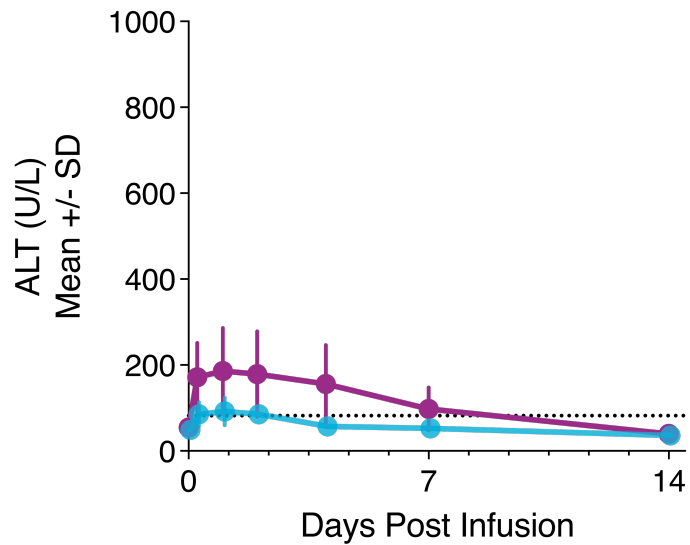




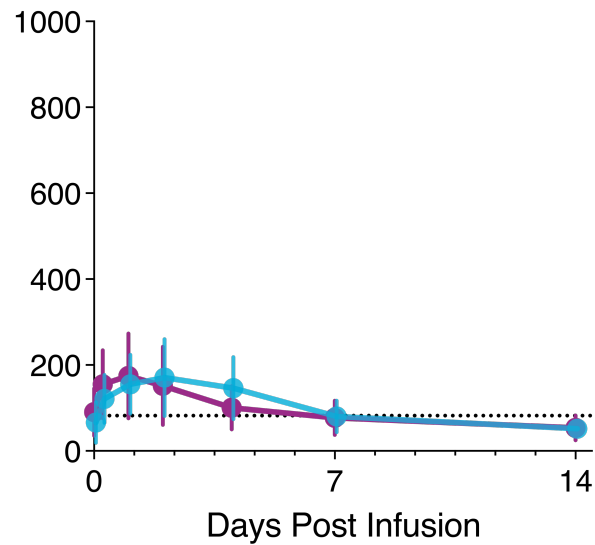
## Addition of GalNAc to LNP did not alter safety profile: transient impact on alanine aminotransferase



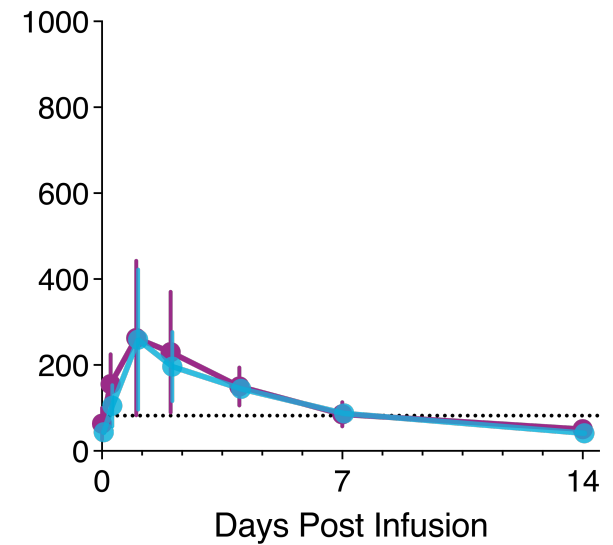
Standard LNP 0.75 mg/kg (N = 3)  
LNP + GalNAc 0.75 mg/kg (N = 3)



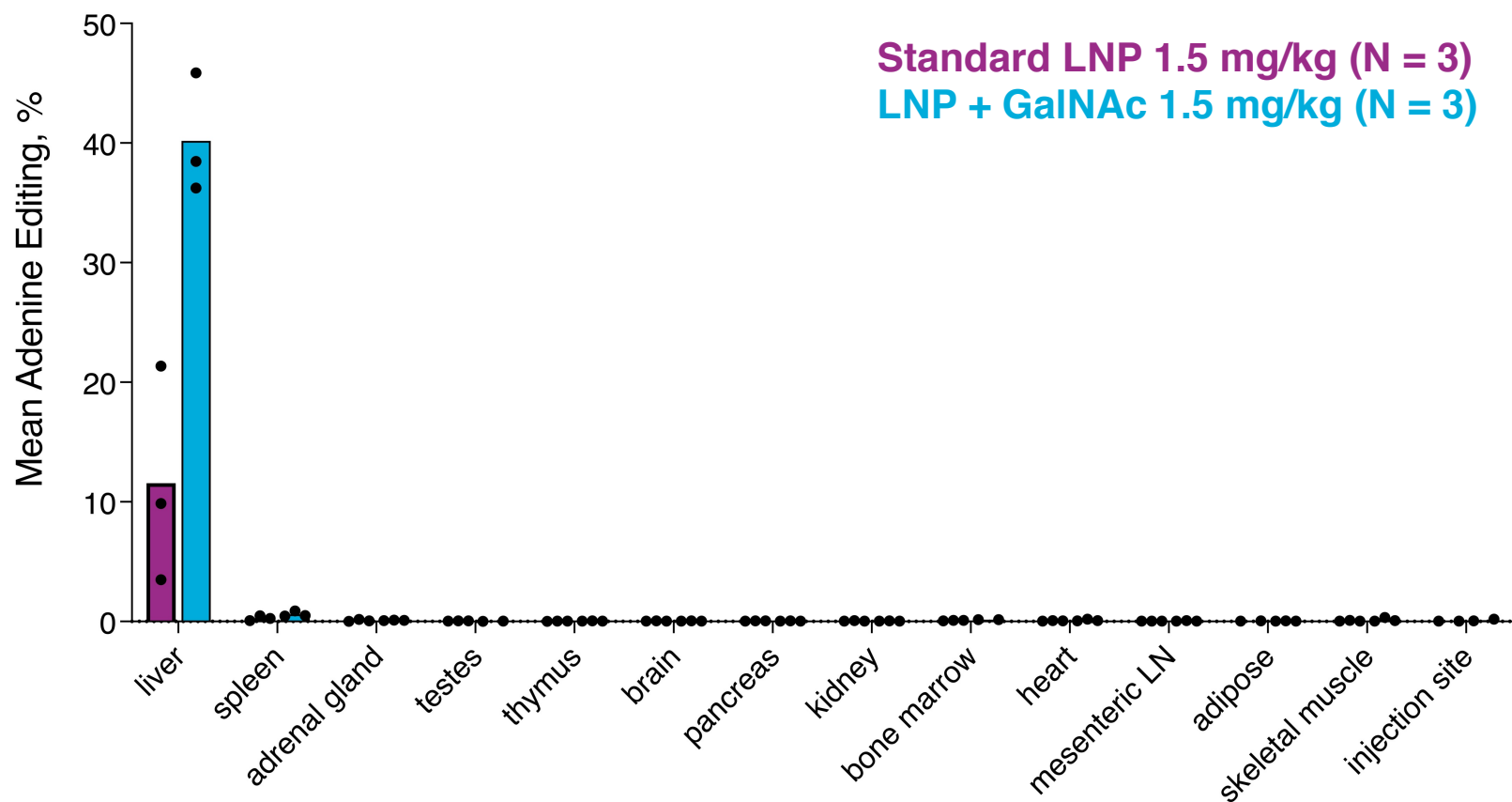
1.5 mg/kg (N = 3)  
1.5 mg/kg (N = 3)



3.0 mg/kg (N = 3)  
3.0 mg/kg (N = 3)



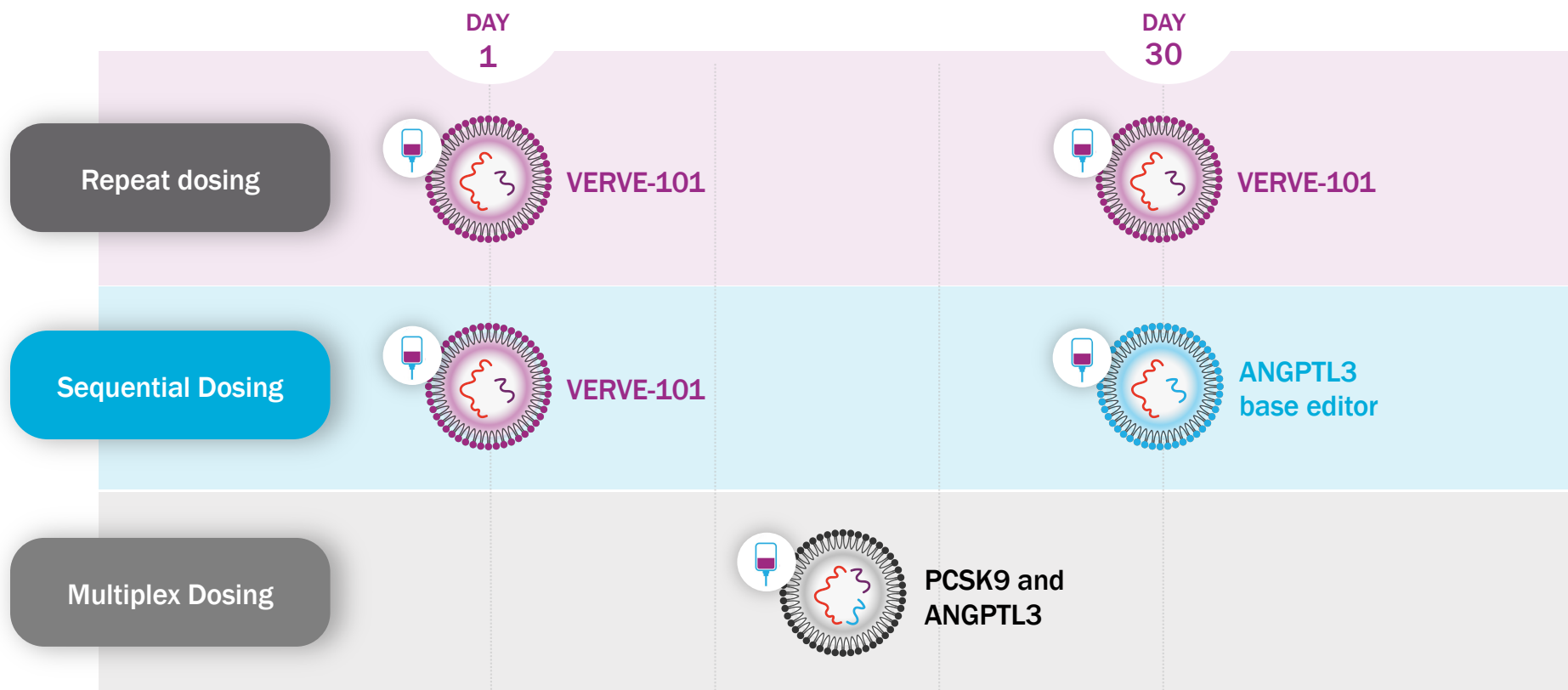
# Specific delivery to the liver with GaINAc-LNP



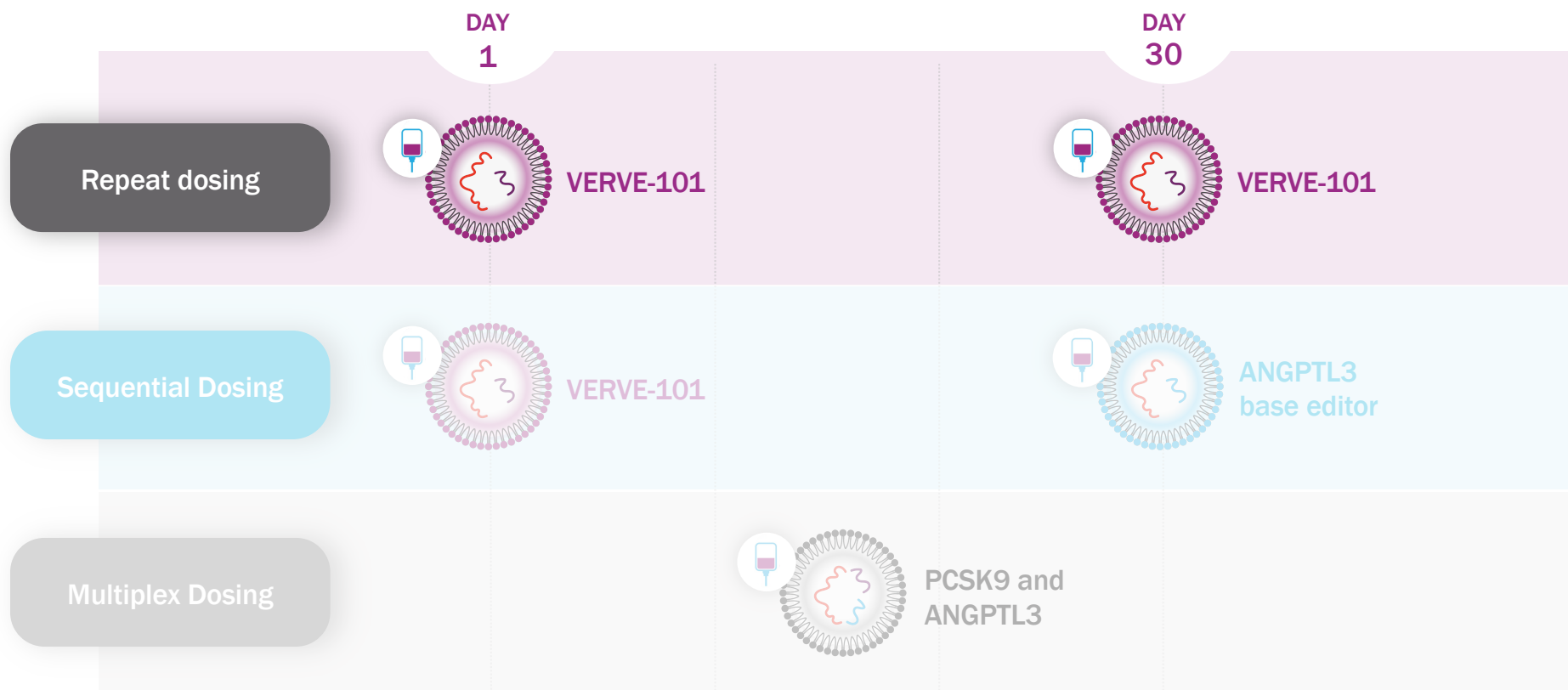


# **Future dosing options**

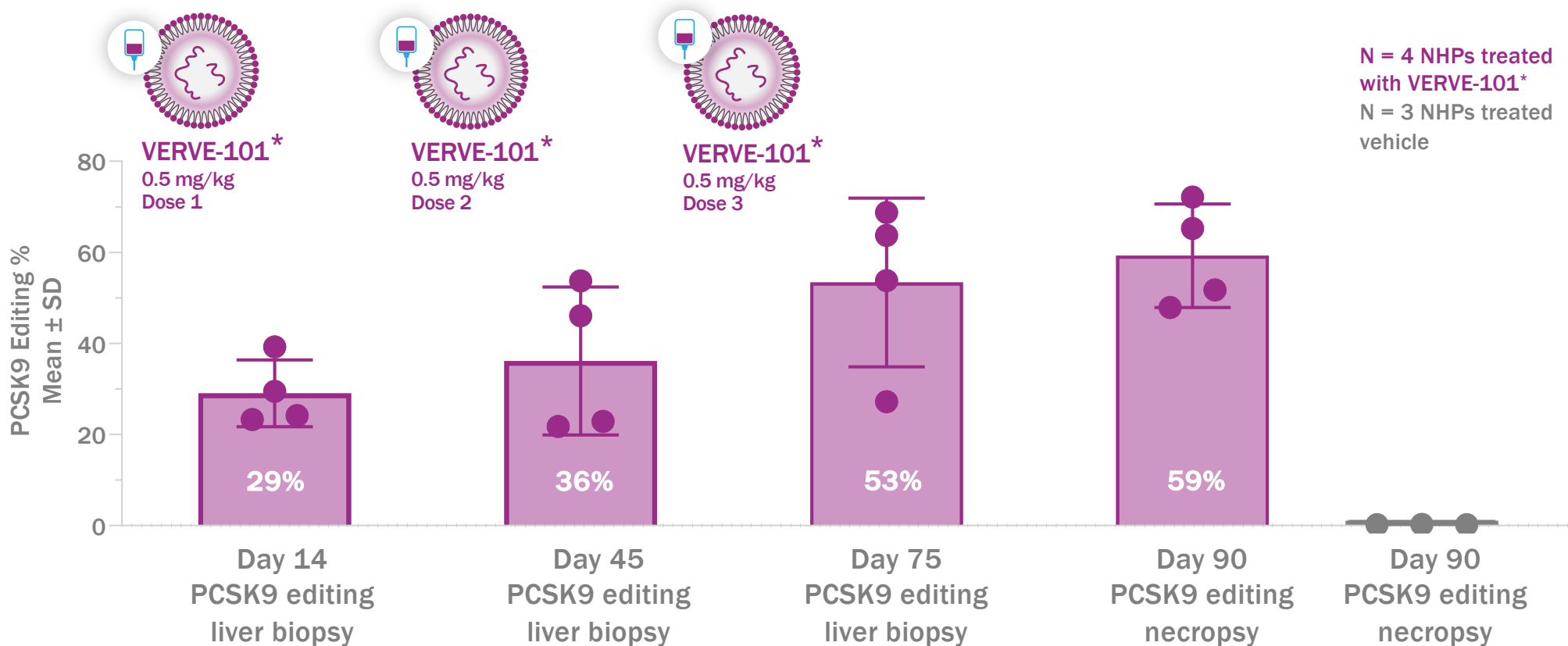
# Several dosing options explored in NHPs



# Repeat dosing of VERVE-101 – uniquely possible with LNP delivery



# Repeat dosing of VERVE-101 three times, with each 0.5 mg/kg dose given a month apart in NHPs: stacking of liver editing efficacy



\* VERVE-101 precursor

# No evidence of liver injury observed following repeat dosing in NHPs



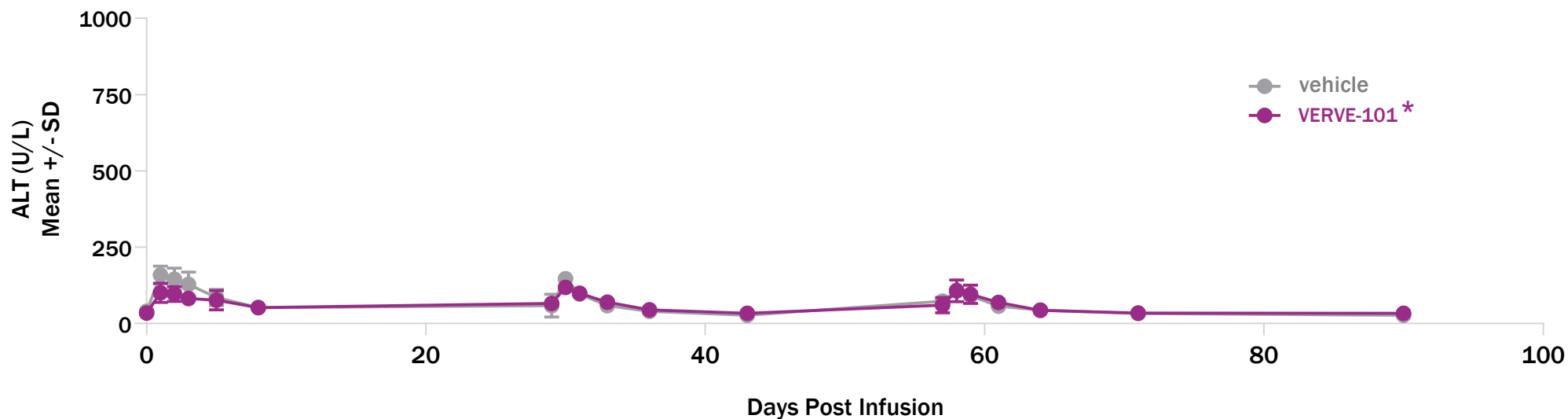
**VERVE-101 \***  
0.5 mg/kg  
Dose 1



**VERVE-101 \***  
0.5 mg/kg  
Dose 2

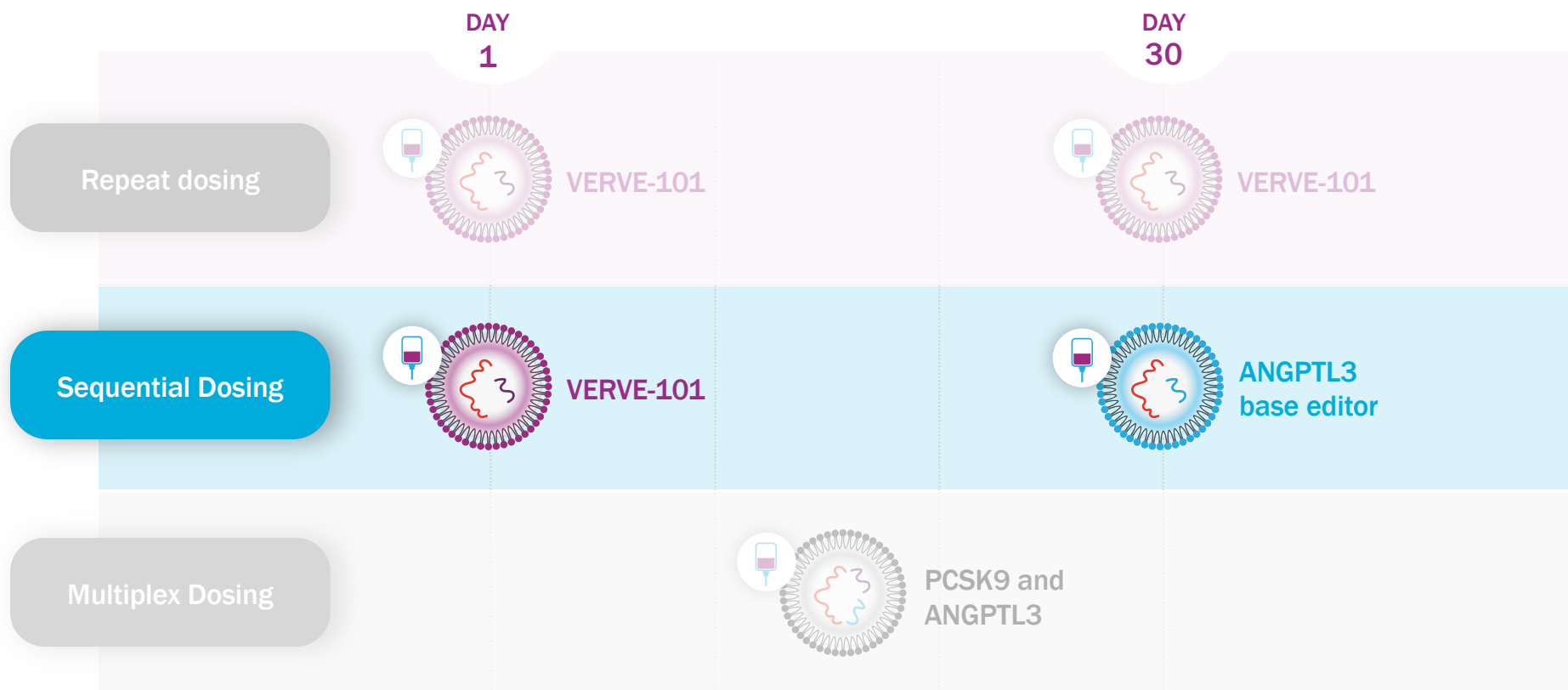


**VERVE-101 \***  
0.5 mg/kg  
Dose 3



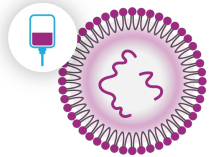
\* VERVE-101 precursor with modestly reduced potency

# Sequential dosing of VERVE-101 followed by ANGPTL3 base editor





# Sequential dosing of VERVE-101



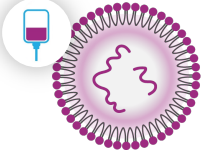
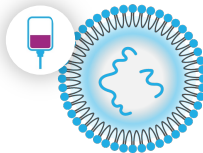
Biopsy  
Day 15  
PCSK9 editing

	VERVE-101 1.0 mg/kg	
Treatment	NHP 1	70%
	NHP 2	67%
	NHP 3	79%
	NHP 4	69%*
	average	71 ± 5%
Control	NHP 1	0.1%
	NHP 2	0.3%
	NHP 3	0.2%

\* biopsy error, initial biopsy 16%, repeat 69%

# Sequential dosing of VERVE-101, followed by dosing with an ANGPTL3 base editor on day 30 in NHPs

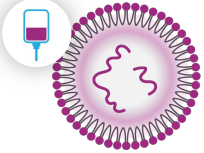
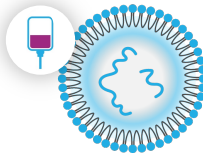


	 Biopsy Day 15 PCSK9 editing	 Biopsy Day 45 ANGPTL3 editing		
Treatment	NHP 1 VERVE-101 1.0 mg/kg	70%	ANGPTL3 1.0 mg/kg	59%
	NHP 2	67%		50%
	NHP 3	79%		54%
	NHP 4	69%*		44%
	average	71 ± 5%		52 ± 6%
Control	NHP 1	0.1%		0.2%
	NHP 2	0.3%		0.2%
	NHP 3	0.2%		0.2%

\* biopsy error, initial biopsy 16%, repeat 69%

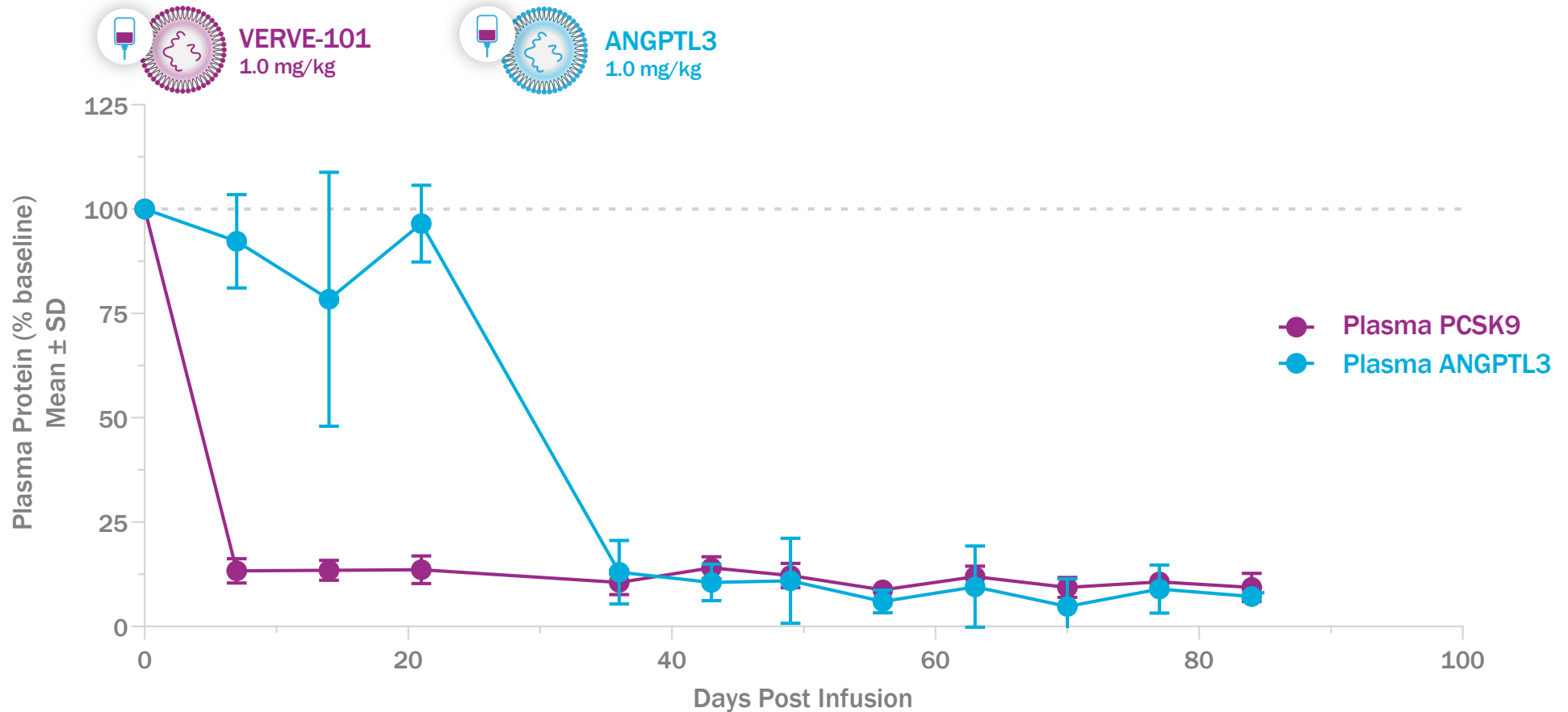
# On necropsy at day 90, high efficiency liver editing of both PCSK9 (69%) and ANGPTL3 (62%) genes



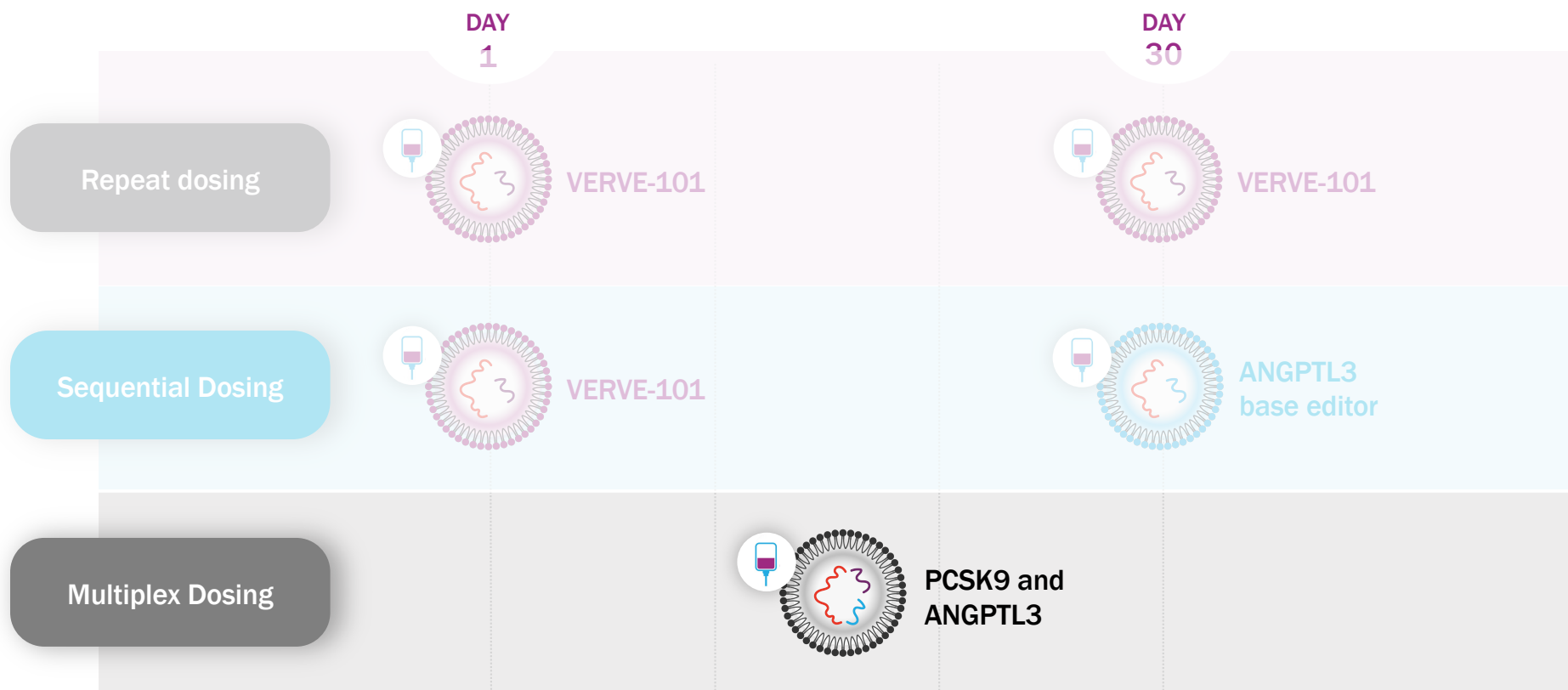
	 <b>VERVE-101</b> 1.0 mg/kg	<b>Biopsy</b> Day 15 PCSK9 editing	 <b>ANGPTL3</b> 1.0 mg/kg	<b>Biopsy</b> Day 45 ANGPTL3 editing	<b>Necropsy</b> Day 90
<b>Treatment</b>	NHP 1	70%	59%	68% PCSK9 63% ANGPTL3	
	NHP 2	67%	50%	69% PCSK9 62% ANGPTL3	
	NHP 3	79%	54%	70% PCSK9 62% ANGPTL3	
	NHP 4	69%*	44%	70% PCSK9 63% ANGPTL3	
	average	71 ± 5%	52 ± 6%	69 ± 1% PCSK9 63 ± 1% ANGPTL3	
<b>Control</b>	NHP 1	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% PCSK9 0.1% ANGPTL3	
	NHP 2	0.3%	0.2%	0.1% PCSK9 0.2% ANGPTL3	
	NHP 3	0.2%	0.2%	0.1% PCSK9 0.2% ANGPTL3	

\* biopsy error, initial biopsy 16%, repeat 69%

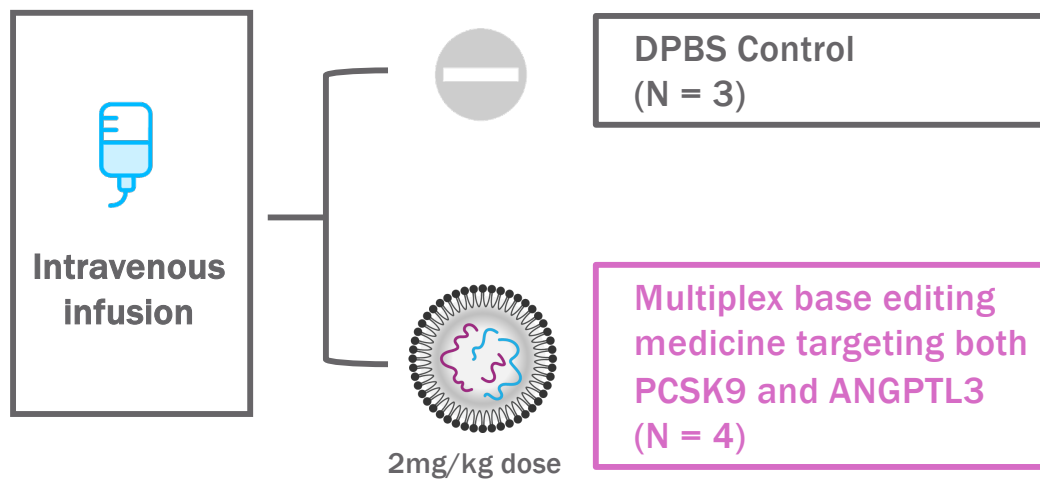
# Sequential dosing in NHPs: >90% reduction of plasma PCSK9 protein followed by >90% reduction observed of plasma ANGPTL3 protein



# New data today: a single drug product to edit 2 genes!

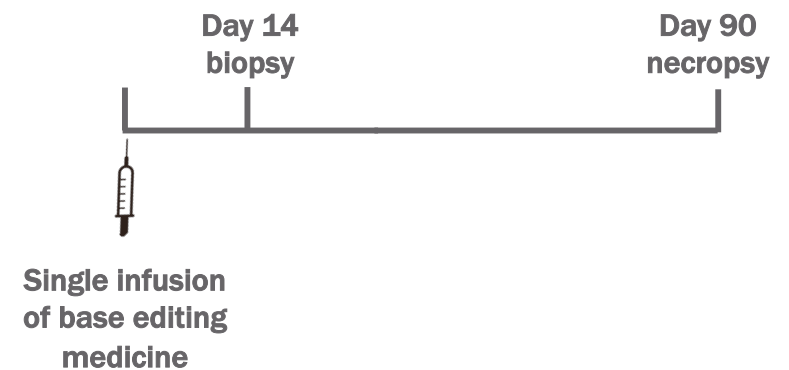


# Multiplex base editing in NHPs targeting both PCSK9 and ANGPTL3: *in vivo* non-human primate study

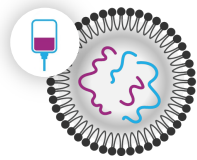


## Key endpoints

- Liver PCSK9/ANGPTL3 editing
- Blood PCSK9 and ANGPTL3 protein levels
- Liver safety markers



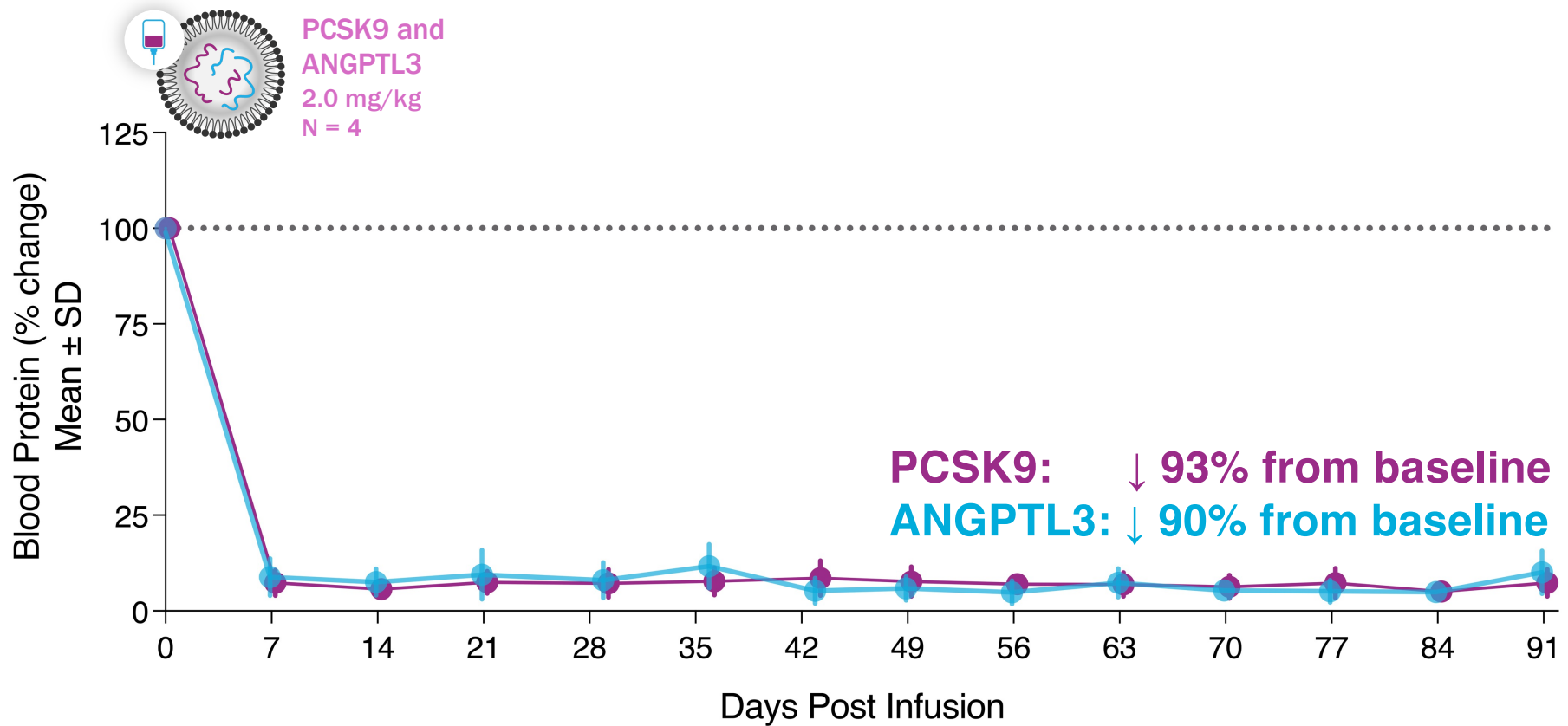
# A single infusion of multiplex base editor product in NHPs: potent liver editing of both PCSK9 and ANGPTL3 genes



PCSK9 and  
ANGPTL3  
2.0 mg/kg

		Day 14 biopsy		Day 90 necropsy	
		PCSK9 editing	ANGPTL3 editing	PCSK9 editing	ANGPTL3 editing
Treatment	NHP 1	81.7%	64.0%	73.8%	61.8%
	NHP 2	75.8%	63.1%	75.8%	67.8%
	NHP 3	72.3%	54.6%	68.4%	55.5%
	NHP 4	80.3%	64.0%	81.8%	69.9%
	average +/- SD	77.5 +/- 4.3 %	61.4 +/- 4.6 %	75.0 +/- 5.5 %	63.8 +/- 6.5%
Control	NHP 1	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
	NHP 2	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
	NHP 3	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%

# Single infusion of a multiplex base editor product in NHPs: ≥ 90% reduction in both PCSK9 and ANGPTL3 proteins in blood!!



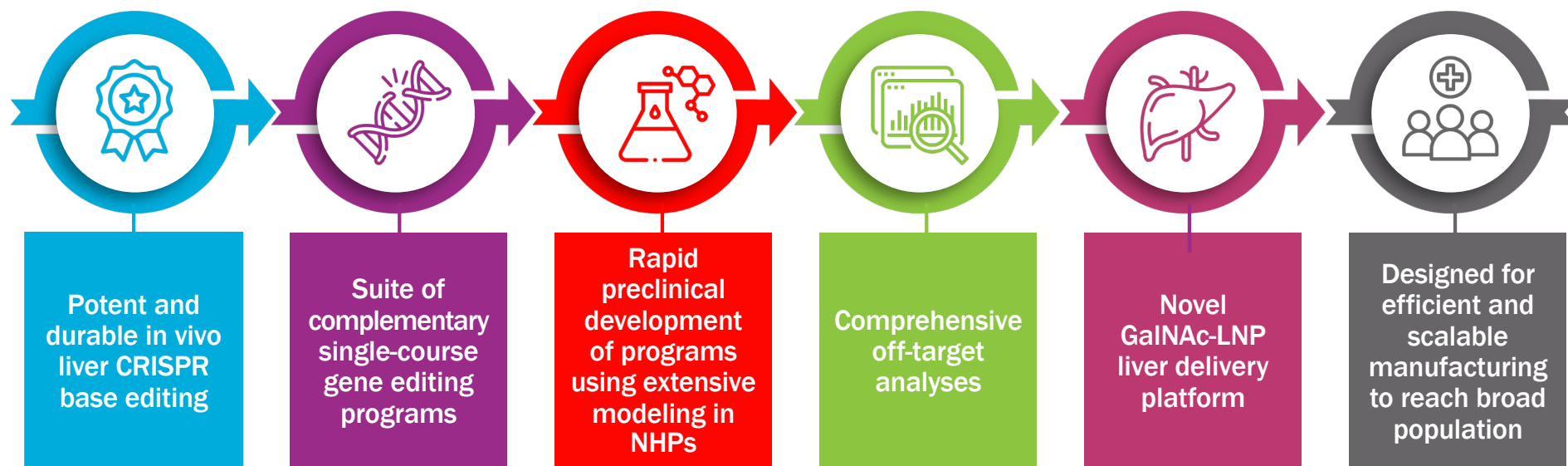




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