

## Transforming the Care of Cardiovascular Disease Through Single-course Gene Editing Medicines

Interim Results from heart-1 Trial of VERVE-101

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#### Today's agenda

Торіс	Speaker
Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	Sekar Kathiresan, M.D.
Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) Overview and Unmet Need	Deepak Bhatt, M.D., M.P.H.
Verve's Mission and Vision	Sekar Kathiresan, M.D.
VERVE-101 Overview and Interim Data from the Phase 1b Heart-1 Clinical Trial	Andrew Bellinger, M.D., Ph.D.
Recent Updates, Verve Pipeline Progress and Closing Remarks	Sekar Kathiresan, M.D.
Q & A Session	Sekar Kathiresan, M.D. Andrew Bellinger, M.D., Ph.D. Fred Fiedorek, M.D. Allison Dorval



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## **Disease Indication and Unmet Need**

## Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA, FESC, MSCAI

# Unmet need: ASCVD is #1 cause of death worldwide despite available treatments



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### One person dies every 34 seconds

from cardiovascular disease in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>



# **100s of millions** of patients worldwide



# ~800K heart attacks per year in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. About Multiple Cause of Death, 1999-2020. CDC WONDER Online Database website. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2022. Accessed February 21, 2022. 2. Tsao CW et al. *Circulation.* 2022;145(8):e153–e639.

### **Primordial, Primary, Secondary Prevention**



Vaduganathan M, Venkataramini AS, Bhatt DL. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2015;66:1535-1537.

## "Cholesterol-Years" for CV Risk Prediction and Treatment



### **All-Cause Death by Baseline LDL-C**



CI, confidence interval

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Steg PG, Szarek M, Bhatt DL, Bittner VA, Brégeault MF, Dalby AJ, Diaz R, et al. Circulation 2019;140:103-112.

### Achievement of Guideline-Directed Targets for LDL-C Among US Adults with CAD



- 73.5% (95% CI, 68.2%-78.8%) of participants had an LDL-C level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL
- 88.1% (95% CI, 83.6%-92.6%) had an LDL-C level greater than or equal to 55 mg/dL

<sup>10</sup> CAD, coronary artery disease; ACC/AHA, American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association; ESC, European Society of Cardiology Aggarwal R, Chiu N, Libby P, Boden WE, Bhatt DL. *JAMA*. 2023;330:80-82.

## LDL-C Variants and CHD Risk



CHD, coronary heart disease; OR, odds ratio

Ference BA, Kastelein JJP, Ray KK, et al., Bhatt DL, Sabatine MS, Catapano AL. Association of Triglyceride-Lowering LPL Variants and LDL-C-Lowering LDLR Variants With Risk of Coronary Heart Disease. JAMA. 2019;321(4):364-373.

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## **Redefining Residual Risk in the Current Era**



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## Pyramid of Risk

#### SECONDARY AND TERTIARY PREVENTION

PRIMARY PREVENTION

CAD PVD Heart Failure Cerebrovascular Disease

<u>CVD</u>

Risk Factors Dyslipidemia Hypertension Diabetes Metabolic Syndrome

#### PRIMORDIAL PREVENTION

Health Behaviors

Fetal and Infant Health Smoking Physical Activity Body Weight Environmental Pollution Diet

13 PVD, peripheral vascular disease Hong KN, Fuster V, Rosenson RS, Rosendorff C, Bhatt DL. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2017;70:2171-2185. Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HeFH): a serious, inherited subtype of ASCVD with high LDL-C from birth & heart attack at early ages



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## **Verve's mission and vision**



#### What causes ASCVD?





#### What causes ASCVD and what's a solution?





There are people who have *PCSK9* gene naturally switched off, leading to lifelong low LDL-C and resistance to ASCVD





#### What if we developed a medicine that mimicked resistance mutations?





There are a number of pills & injections available now to lower LDL cholesterol. What's the unmet need?



#### In a global registry of HeFH patients, 3% attain LDL-C < 70 mg/dl<sup>1</sup>



#### Chronic care model to treat HeFH and ASCVD seems broken



#### **Daily pills or intermittent injections**

#### Administered often over decades

Heavy treatment burden on patients, providers, and healthcare system



#### What does the chronic care model mean for a patient with HeFH?





Verve's vision: transform management of HeFH and ASCVD from chronic care to single-course treatments





Significant milestone: interim data has demonstrated proof-of-concept in humans for *in vivo* liver base editing





## **VERVE-101 preclinical data**





VERVE-101: novel base editing medicine designed to inactivate hepatic *PCSK9* and lower LDL-C with a single DNA base pair change





#### **Mechanism of action:**

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**1.** Delivery by single intravenous infusion into blood,

lipid nanoparticles taken up from blood by hepatocytes through LDL receptor







**Mechanism of action:** 

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- 2. Localization of base editor to PCSK9 gene sequence
- 3. Single spelling change "A to G" to turn off gene, without DNA cutting





Extensive preclinical evaluation of VERVE-101 in non-human primates & human cells





#### **Durability out to 2.5 years observed after a single dose** of VERVE-101 in non-human primates



1. Data represents mean +/- SD for cohorts which included N=10 in control and N=22 in VERVE-101 at the earliest time points and N=7 and N=16, respectively, at the last time point

#### Liver-specific biodistribution in non-human primates treated with VERVE-101



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#### In human liver cells treated with VERVE-101, no evidence for off-target editing



No chromosomal translocations or structural variants identified following treatment of primary human liver cells with VERVE-101

#### Primary liver cell Lot 1



insertion
 duplication
 deletion
 inversion
 translocation



## Interim results from the heart-1 clinical trial of VERVE-101



heart-1 is a first-in-human Phase 1b trial designed to evaluate the safety and tolerability of VERVE-101



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### FDA draft guidance on human genome editing products: study population

Subjects with severe or advanced disease may be more willing to accept the risks of an investigational human GE product. However, these subjects may be predisposed to experiencing more AEs or be receiving concomitant treatments, which could make the safety or effectiveness data difficult to interpret. Therefore, in some instances, subjects with less advanced or more moderate disease may be appropriate for inclusion in first-in-human clinical studies.



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Open-label, single ascending dose design n=3 to 6 per cohort

#### Interim update:

10 participants treated across 4 dose cohorts<sup>1</sup>

#### Data cut-off date October 16, 2023

STUDY POPULATION SUMMARY	DRUG ADMINISTRATION	TRIAL ENDPOINTS
<ul> <li>Males and females<sup>2</sup> (age 18 to 75)</li> <li>HeFH</li> <li>Established ASCVD</li> <li>Uncontrolled LDL-C<sup>3</sup></li> <li>On maximally-tolerated oral lipid-lowering therapy<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pre-medication with dexamethasone and antihistamines</li> <li>VERVE-101 delivered as single infusion via a peripheral IV<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Primary: Safety and tolerability</li> <li>Additional endpoints: <ul> <li>Pharmacokinetics of VERVE-101</li> <li>Blood PCSK9 and LDL-C levels, quantified as percent change from baseline, time averaged from day 28 onward</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

• Study duration 1y and long-term follow-up required by FDA for another 14y

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Participants enrolled to date have severe, advanced ASCVD and high risk for cardiovascular events (near-term and lifetime)

Characteristic	Total (n=10)
Mean age, years (min, max)	54 (29, 69)
Sex, male, n	8
Mean screening LDL-C, mg/dL (min, max)	193 (107, 373)
Mutation in LDLR detected, n <sup>1</sup>	9
Cardiovascular Risk Profile	
Prior coronary revascularization, n	9
Prior coronary artery bypass grafting, n	3
$\geq$ <b>1</b> prior percutaneous coronary intervention, n	7
$\geq$ <b>1</b> prior myocardial infarction, n	4
Prior cardiac arrest, n	1
Concomitant and Prior Lipid-Lowering Therapy	
On statin therapy, n	8
Prior use of PCSK9-targeted therapy, n	2

**38** As of October 16, 2023. Data are from an ongoing study with an open database and have not been fully cleaned 1. One participant diagnosed based on clinical criteria



Reductions in blood PCSK9 protein level of 47%, 59% and 84% observed in the two higher dose cohorts following VERVE-101 administration



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Durable 55% reduction in LDL-C extending up to 180 days in the single participant in the highest dose cohort



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#### Interim safety summary: observed adverse events (AEs) consistent with a severe, advanced ASCVD patient population

Number of participants experiencing:	0.1 mg/kg (n=3)	0.3 mg/kg (n=3)	0.45 mg/kg (n=3)	0.6 mg/kg (n=1)	Total (n=10)
AE occurring in more than 1 participant	2	0	3	1	6
Infusion-related reaction, n	0	0	3	1	4
Upper respiratory infection and COVID-19, n	2	0	0	1	3
Any serious AE	0	1	1	0	2
Cardiovascular events, n	0	1	1	0	2
Non-cardiovascular events, n	0	0	0	0	0
Any treatment-related AE grade 3 or higher	0	0	1	1	2
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Transient, reversible increases in ALT observed at higher doses with mean bilirubin levels below the upper limit of normal



Lines indicate cohort mean values

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**46** ALT, alanine aminotransferase; U, units; ULN, upper limit of normal



#### **Observed serious adverse events consistent with a severe, advanced ASCVD patient population**

## **Cardiovascular SAEs occurred in 2 participants** (3 events in total, of which 2 were determined to be unrelated)

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  - On autopsy, severe underlying CAD; no evidence of pulmonary embolism, myocardial inflammation, or coronary thrombus
  - Investigators & DSMB determined as unrelated to study treatment
- MI and non-sustained ventricular tachycardia (NSVT) (DOSE 0.45 MG/KG)
  - Unstable chest pain symptoms (unreported to investigators) prior to treatment with VERVE-101
  - MI occurred day after infusion
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Independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) agreed that SAEs were consistent with a severe, advanced ASCVD patient population and recommended continuing dosing



### Next steps in the heart-1 trial of VERVE-101



- Enrolling in 0.45 & 0.6 mg/kg cohorts to complete dose escalation phase
- Plan to enroll an expansion cohort in 2024
- For PCSK9 program, plan to initiate a randomized and placebo-controlled phase 2 trial in 2025



Conclusions: initial results of heart-1 trial demonstrated first proof-of-concept for *in vivo* DNA base editing in humans

1. Dose-dependent reductions in blood PCSK9 protein & LDL-C levels following VERVE-101 infusion

2. LDL-C reductions of 39%, 48%, & 55% among participants in the two highest dose cohorts

3. Durability extending to 6 months in the single participant in the highest dose cohort

4. Safety profile supports continued development of VERVE-101





Thank you to the patients and families, investigators and study staff, our partners, and the independent DSMB for their participation in the heart-1 trial.



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In patients who require deep LDL-C lowering over decades, single-course gene editing medicines may emerge as an option to overcome limitations of the chronic care model



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52 ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; kg, kilogram; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; mg, milligram

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## **Recent updates**

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# U.S. FDA cleared investigational new drug application (IND) for VERVE-101 in patients with HeFH

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# Verve gains Eli Lilly as collaborator for PCSK9 and ANGPTL3 programs, replacing Beam

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Lilly has purchased rights to opt-in for PCSK9 and ANGPTL3 programs from Beam in a transaction with total potential deal value of \$600M

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**Lilly's opt-in rights:** in exchange for paying for 33% of worldwide development costs and 50% of U.S. commercialization expenses, Lilly receives right to 50% of U.S. profits; ex-U.S. is retained by Verve; Verve retains control of development; Verve books revenues

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Lilly brings know-how in cardiometabolic space, considerable resources, expertise in latestage drug development and commercialization for CV indications

Shared vision around application of gene editing to treat HeFH & ASCVD

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As part of diligence, Verve provided to Lilly heart-1 clinical trial data as well as preclinical data for its related CV programs

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### Advancing a pipeline of single-course in vivo gene editing programs

TADOLT	INDICATION	TECHNOLOGY		DIGUTS		
IARGEI			Research	IND-enabling	Clinical	RIGHTS
PCSK9 (VERVE-101)	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	Base Editor				verve <i>Suc</i>
	ASCVD					Connect
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(VERVE-102)	ASCVD					dily
ANGPTL3	ANGPTL3 Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	Base Editor				
(VERVE-201)	Refractory Hypercholesterolemia					Summer Summer
LPA	ASCVD patients with high blood Lp(a)	Novel Editor				verve Lilly
Undisclosed	Undisclosed ASCVD	Base Editor				verve Lilly
Undisclosed	Undisclosed liver disease	Novel Editor				VERTEX VERTEX

# VERVE-102: adenine base editor mRNA + gRNA packaged in a GalNAc-LNP; edit designed to turn off *PCSK9*

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### **VERVE-102** is differentiated from **VERVE-101**

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- Different ionizable lipid, licensed from Novartis
- Addition of GalNAc targeting ligand - allowing for entry into hepatocytes by any of two receptors (LDLR or ASGPR)
- These differences may lead to improvements in potency and/or tissue specificity

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## VERVE-102 has demonstrated durable LDL-C reduction to 6 months in non-human primates

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Simultaneous development of VERVE-101 and VERVE-102, followed by selection of one product candidate to take to Phase 2

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VERVE-201 targets ANGPTL3 – a compelling target with human genetics & pharmacology validation to lower LDL-C, via a mechanism <u>additive</u> to PCSK9 inhibition

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#### What does 2024 and 2025 hold for Verve?

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#### Next 5 years: executing on our vision

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