



# Safety and Pharmacodynamic Effects of VERVE-101

An Investigational DNA Base Editing Medicine Designed to Durably Inactivate the PCSK9 Gene and Lower LDL Cholesterol – Interim Results of the Phase 1b heart-1 Trial

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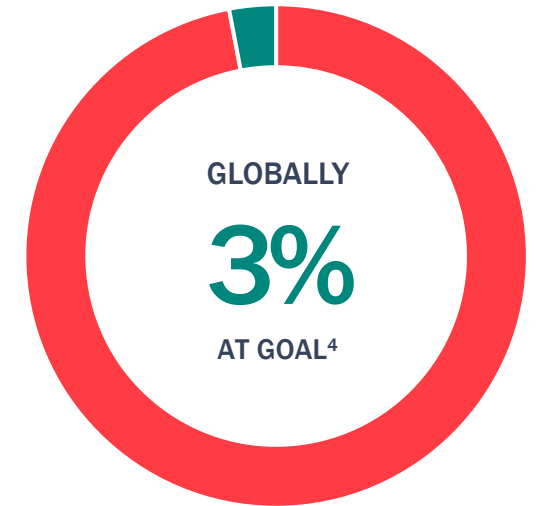
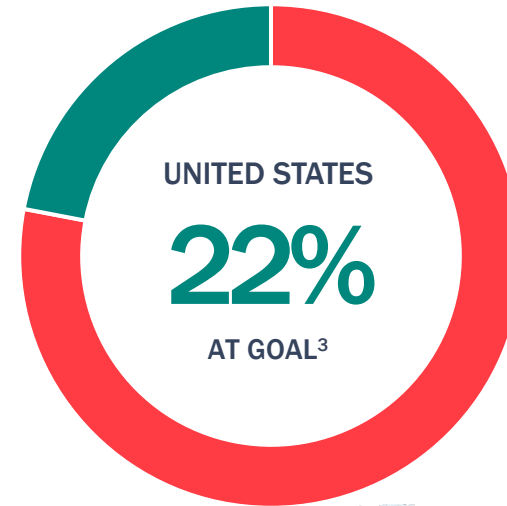
# Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH): serious, inherited disease where few patients at LDL-C goal

## HeFH is a morbid disease

- Lifelong severe elevations in LDL-C<sup>1</sup>
- Accelerated atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)
- Estimated three million adult patients in US/Europe<sup>2</sup>

## Chronic care model for patients living with HeFH

- Daily pills/intermittent injections, over decades
- Heavy treatment burden on patients, providers, & healthcare system



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3 ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

# Human genetics suggests a potential solution: turning off the cholesterol-raising gene *PCSK9* in the liver to durably lower LDL-C

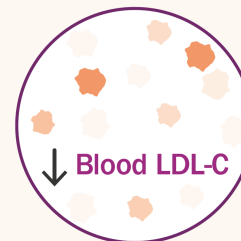
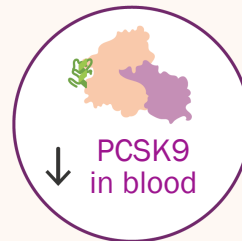
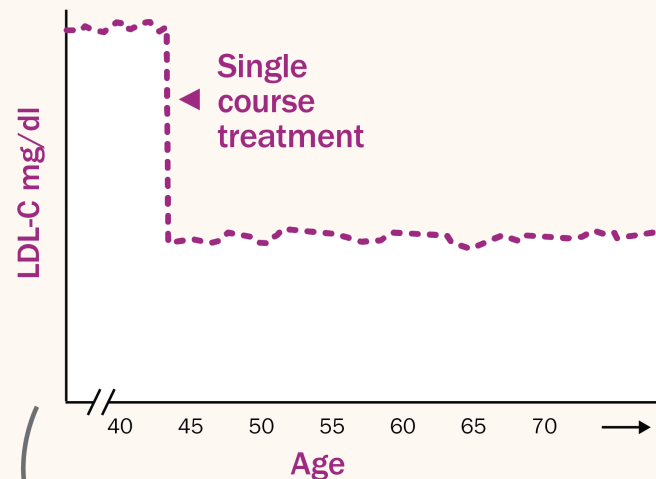
Naturally occurring gene variants that turn off *PCSK9* result in:

- Lifelong LDL-C lowering
- Protection against ASCVD
- No apparent deleterious effects<sup>1,2,3</sup>



Pharmacologic validation of target

Goal: durable decrease in LDL-C

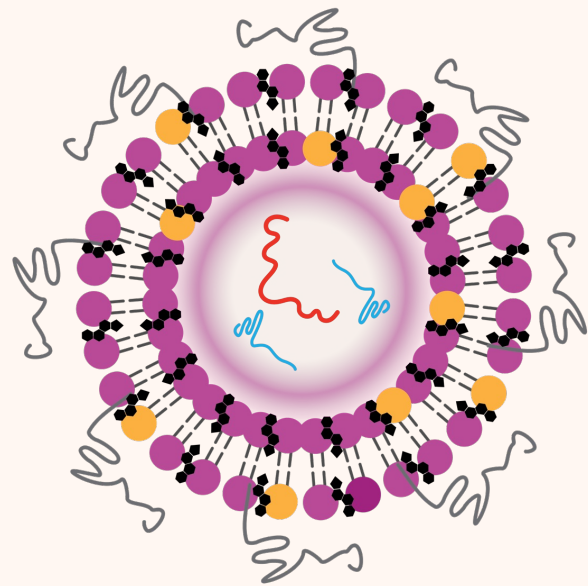


Can we develop a single-course treatment that mimics natural *PCSK9* variants which protect against ASCVD?

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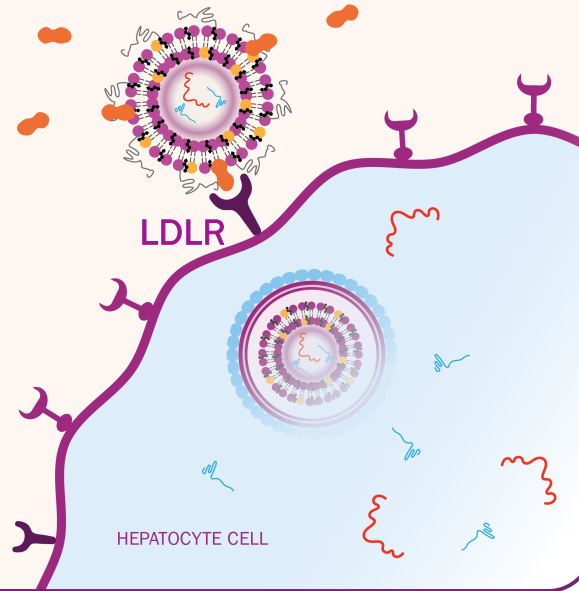
# VERVE-101: novel CRISPR base editing medicine designed to inactivate hepatic *PCSK9* and lower LDL-C with a single DNA base pair change

## VERVE-101

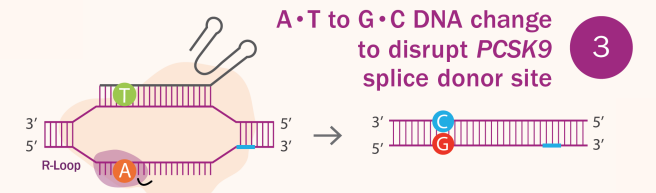


### 1 VERVE-101 delivery to the hepatocyte

1x  
Intravenous infusion



### 2 Localization to *PCSK9* gene

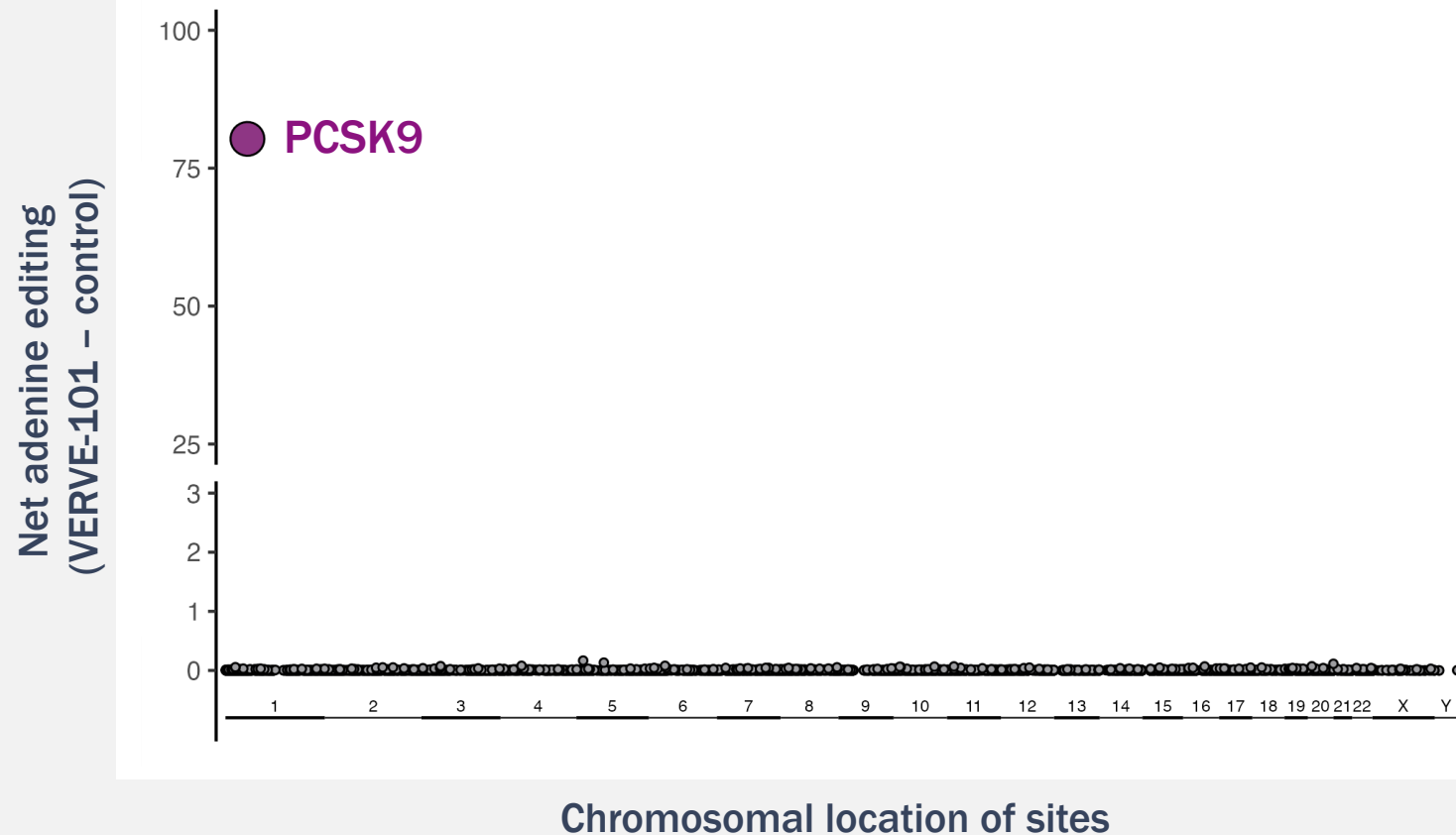


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A to G “spelling” change in DNA to turn off gene

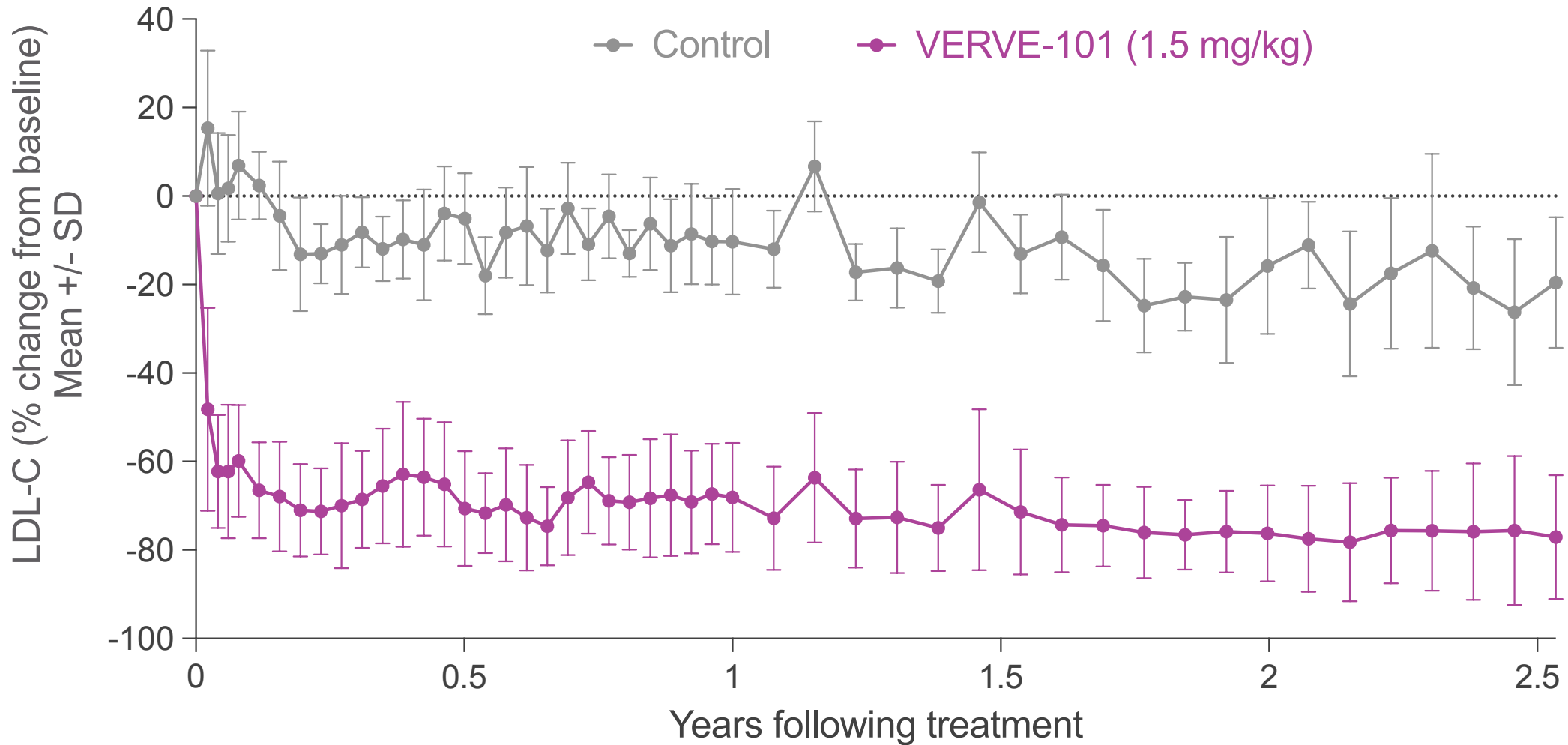


# In human liver cells treated with VERVE-101, no evidence for off-target editing



- Donor primary human hepatocytes treated with saturating dose of VERVE-101 LNPs
- ‘Manhattan-style’ plot of ~6000 candidate sites
- No candidate sites show statistically significant net editing

# In non-human primates, blood LDL-C observed to be durably lowered for 2.5 years following single infusion of VERVE-101



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



First-in-human, open-label, single ascending dose study in patients with HeFH and high risk for cardiovascular events


**Interim update:**  
10 participants treated across 4 dose cohorts<sup>5</sup>

Data cut-off date October 16, 2023

  
0.1 mg/kg (n=3)

  
0.3 mg/kg (n=3)

  
0.45 mg/kg (n=3)

  
0.6 mg/kg (n=1)

## STUDY POPULATION SUMMARY

- Males and females<sup>1</sup> (age 18 to 75)
- HeFH
- Established ASCVD
- Uncontrolled hypercholesterolemia<sup>2</sup>
- On maximally-tolerated oral lipid-lowering therapy<sup>3</sup>

## DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Pre-medication with dexamethasone and antihistamines
- VERVE-101 delivered as single infusion via a peripheral intravenous<sup>4</sup>

## TRIAL ENDPOINTS

- Primary: Safety and tolerability
- Additional endpoints:
  - Pharmacokinetics of VERVE-101
  - Blood PCSK9 and LDL-C, quantified as percent change from baseline, time averaged from day 28 onward
- Study duration 1 year with long-term follow-up required by FDA for another 14 years

Clinical trial registration: NCT05398029; 1. Women of childbearing potential are excluded from the study; 2. LDL-C threshold for inclusion value varies by country-specific protocol; 3. maximum tolerated statin and/or ezetimibe (statin intolerant allowed). 4. dosing based on weight for participants ≤ 100 kg; participants > 100 kg are dosed on an assumed 100 kg weight; 5. 10 participants included in the safety analysis, but only 9 participants included in the pharmacodynamic analyses as the 10th participant had not reached the 28-day follow-up as of the data cut-off date. Single participant dosed at 0.6 mg/kg prior to initiation of 0.45 mg/kg cohort.



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

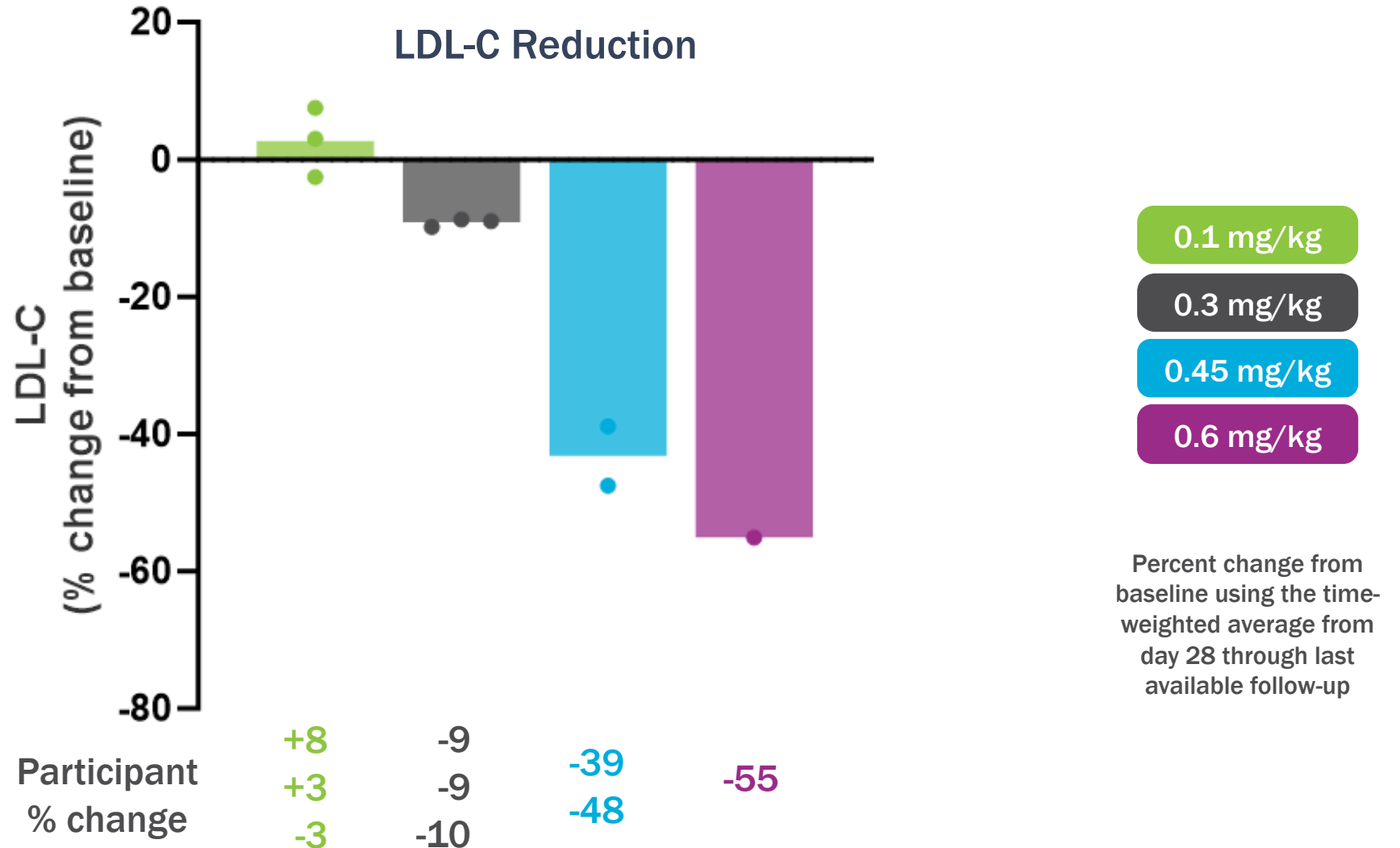
Characteristic	Total (n=10)
Mean age, years (min, max)	54 (29, 69)
Sex, male, n	8
Mean screening LDL-C, mg/dL (min, max)	193 (107, 373)
Mutation in <i>LDLR</i> detected, n <sup>1</sup>	9
<b>Cardiovascular Risk Profile</b>	
Prior coronary revascularization, n	9
Prior coronary artery bypass grafting, n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

# 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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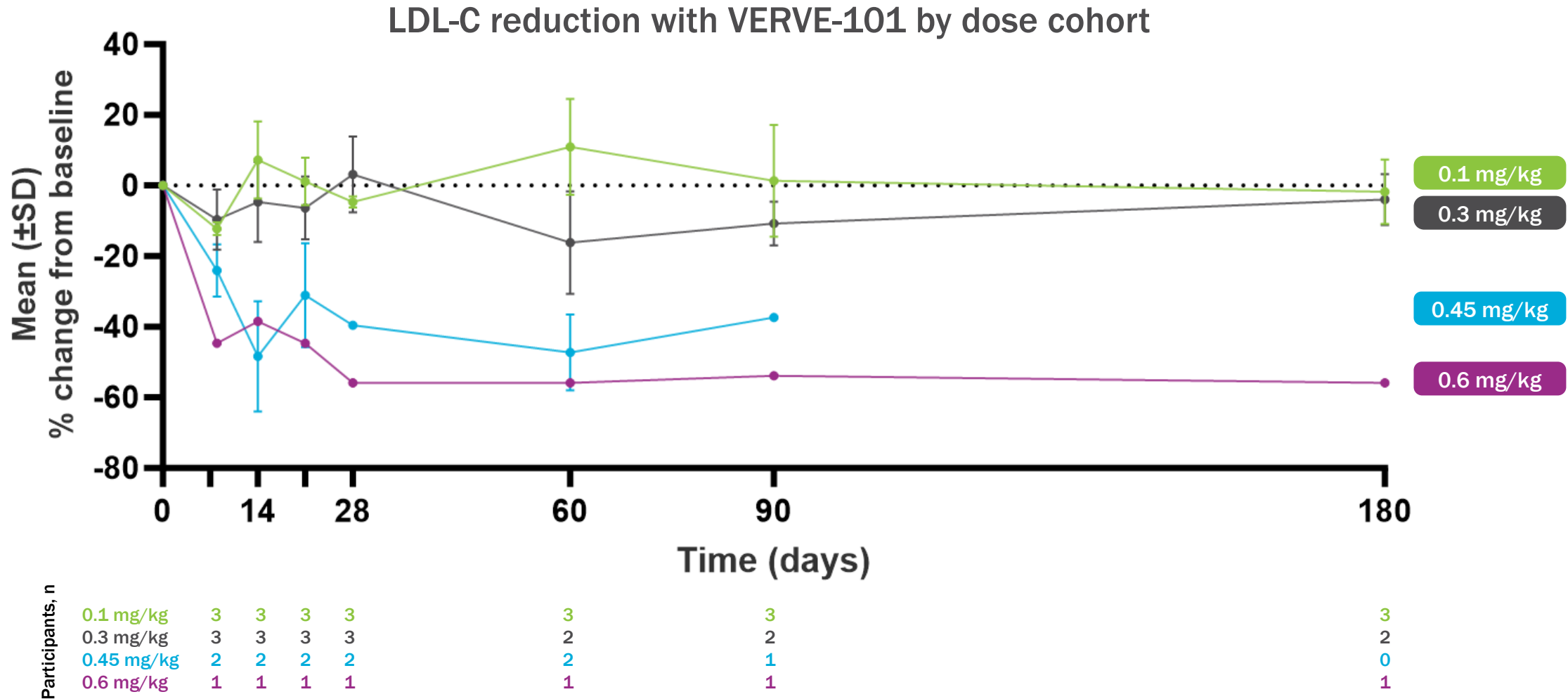
# Reductions in blood LDL-C of 39%, 48% and 55% observed in the two higher dose cohorts following VERVE-101 administration



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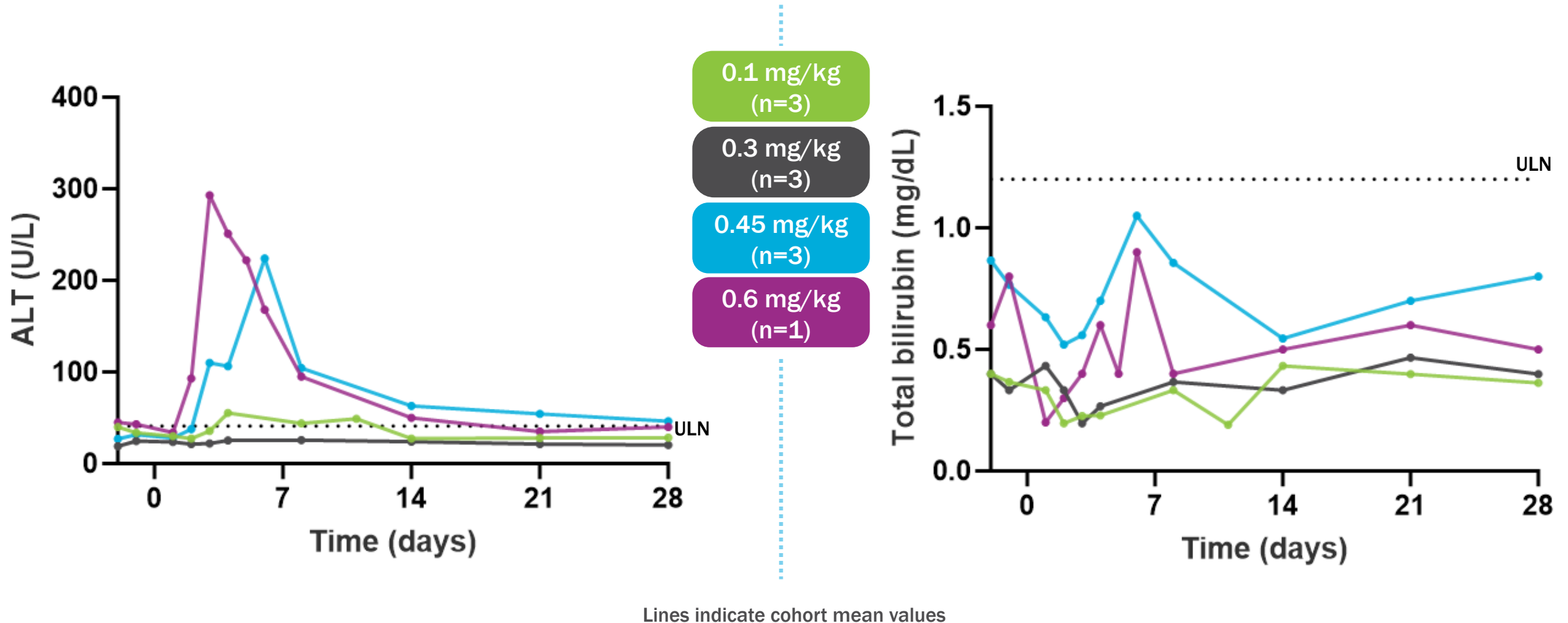
# Durable 55% reduction in LDL-C extending up to 180 days in the single participant in the highest dose cohort



# Interim safety summary

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)
<b>AE occurring in more than 1 participant</b>	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
<b>Any serious AE</b>	0	1	1	0	2
Cardiovascular events, n	0	1	1	0	2
Non-cardiovascular events, n	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Any treatment-related AE grade 3 or higher</b>	0	0	1	1	2
Cardiovascular events, n	0	0	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	1
Increased liver transaminases, n	0	0	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	1

# Transient, reversible increases in ALT observed at higher doses with mean bilirubin levels below the upper limit of normal



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

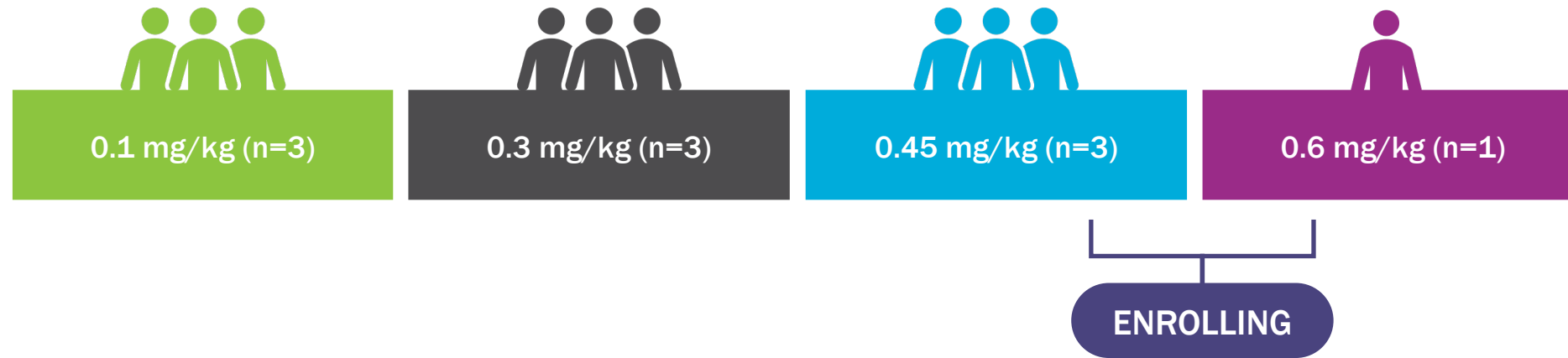
## Cardiovascular SAEs occurred in 2 participants

(3 events in total, of which 2 were determined to be unrelated)

- **Fatal cardiac arrest about 5 weeks after infusion (DOSE 0.3 MG/KG)**
  - Ischemic cardiomyopathy at baseline & prior cardiac arrest
  - 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
  - On coronary angiography, critical left-main equivalent CAD (in-stent restenosis lesions involving both LAD and LCx arteries)
  - NSVT occurred >4 weeks after infusion
  - Investigators & DSMB determined MI as potentially related to treatment due to proximity to dosing; NSVT determined to be unrelated

**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

*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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