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Nonclinical data demonstrate potent and precise inactivation of liver *PCSK9 in vivo* with clinical stage GalNAc base editing medicine, VERVE-102

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Verve's vision: a one dose future to address chronic disease



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Can we develop a single-course base editing treatment that mimics natural *PCSK9* variants to generate enduring efficacy?

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

- Lifelong LDL-C lowering
- Protection against ASCVD
- No apparent deleterious effects¹⁻³



Pharmacologic validation of target

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VERVE-102 concept: mRNA encoding an adenine base editor (ABE) and guide RNA carried in a GaINAc-LNP delivery vehicle Goal: turn off *PCSK9* gene in the liver





VERVE-102: in the hepatocyte the translated ABE pairs with the guide RNA and turns off *PCSK9* with a single A • T to G • C DNA change





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Single infusion of VERVE-102 durably lowered LDL-C by 62% in non-human primates





Can addition of GalNAc enable LNP uptake in the setting of LDLR deficiency that may be present in familial hypercholesterolemia?

Lipid nanoparticle without GalNAc





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Potent and dose-dependent editing of *Pcsk9* in *LdIr* wild type mice with VERVE-102mu



VERVE-102mu (mg/kg)



In mouse models of familial hypercholesterolemia, GalNAc-LNP equalizes editing efficiency between wild type, *Ldlr*^{+/-}, and *Ldlr*^{-/-} mice







PCSK9 program clinical update

Verve has developed two PCSK9 product candidates: VERVE-102 has same editing mechanism but improved delivery platform vs. VERVE-101

		VERVE-101 (Heart-1 Clinical Trial)	VERVE-102 (Heart-2 Clinical Trial)		
TARGET	>	PCSKS	9 gene		
ADENINE BASE EDITOR (ABE)		Same ABE used in bo	th product candidates		
GUIDE RNA (gRNA)	>	Same gRNA ta	argeting PCSK9		
IONIZABLE LIPID		ALC-0307	LP00001		
PEG LIPID	>	ALC-0159	DMG-PEG ₂₀₀₀		
TARGETING LIGAND	>	-	GalNAc		



VERVE-101 data provides proof-of-concept that base editing mechanism may deliver enduring efficacy: 2 years after treatment, time-averaged LDL-C reduction of 58% for single participant



Data from parent Heart-1 study as of February 27, 2025. Data from long-term follow-up study as of March 26, 2025. Data have not been fully cleaned. Participants in 0.45 mg/kg cohort have variable duration of follow up, with n=2 at 18 months and n=4 at 12 months. Select time points were impacted for two participants in the 0.45 mg/kg cohort due to changes in background lipid-lowering therapy. HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; SEM, standard error of the mean



LNP-driven, transient laboratory abnormalities (ALT, platelets) with VERVE-101 motivated prioritization of VERVE-102



Heart-2: Phase 1b clinical trial designed to evaluate safety and tolerability of VERVE-102 (PCSK9)

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Population: HeFH and/or premature coronary artery disease patients who require additional LDL-C lowering

heart-2

Intervention: Single dose administered as a 2- to 4-hour peripheral intravenous infusion¹ Phase 1b Single ascending dose, n = 3 – 9 per cohort

0.3 mg/kg

0.45 mg/kg

0.6 mg/kg

0.7 mg/kg

Phase 2* Expect first patient dosed H2 2025

> Doses selected based on findings from Phase 1

Objectives:

- Primary: evaluate safety and tolerability
- Secondary: measure changes in blood PCSK9 and LDL-C levels



Initial update: safety and pharmacodynamic data from 14 participants across first three cohorts of Heart-2 trial

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0.45 mg/kg (n=6)

0.6 mg/kg (n=4)

0.7 mg/kg

Initial data from first 14 participants dosed across first three cohorts with \geq 28 days of follow up Phase 2* Expect first patient dosed H2 2025

> Doses selected based on findings from Phase 1

Objectives:

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As of March 13, 2025, data cut off date

*Subject to regulatory clearance. ¹Pre-medication with dexamethasone and antihistamines.

HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; PCSK9, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9. NCT06164730

Clinical safety: VERVE-102 was well-tolerated across all dose levels

- No treatment-related SAEs and no DLTs
- No clinically significant laboratory abnormalities
- No cardiovascular events
- Across all 14 participants, there was one infusion-related reaction (IRR)
 - Single Grade 2 IRR in a participant dosed at 0.6 mg/kg (transient symptoms that resolved with acetaminophen)



Laboratory assessment: no clinically significant changes in alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or platelets at any dose level following VERVE-102 infusion



20 As of March 13, 2025, data cut off date; predose values include screening visits and day of infusion before dosing; ULN indicated for ALT is value for males (female ULN is 33 U/L). LLN, lower limit of normal; SEM, standard error of the mean; ULN, upper limit of normal



Single infusion of VERVE-102 led to dose-dependent reductions in blood PCSK9 protein and blood LDL-C

PCSK9 protein reduction: mean reduction of 60% observed in highest weight-based dose group



LDL-C reduction: mean reduction of 53% observed in highest weight-based dose group



As of March 13, 2025. Data are from an ongoing study with an open database and have not been fully cleaned. Percent change from baseline uses time-averaged values from Day 28 through last available follow-up. Day 28 value was used in participants where the Day 28 was the last timepoint. Single observation in 2 participants censored due to changes in background lipid-lowering therapy. PCSK9, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9; SEM, standard error of the mean, LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol



LDL-C by total RNA dose, per participant: across 14 participants, strong dose-dependent response observed with near-linear relationship



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LDL-C: mean reduction of 59% in blood LDL-C observed in highest total RNA dose group of VERVE-102

All participants who received ≥ 50 mg achieved > 50% LDL-C reduction from baseline



VERVE-102 dose range	< 25 mg	25 - < 50 mg	50 - < 60 mg
Participants (n)	4	7	3
Mean total RNA dose	20 mg	37 mg	55 mg
Mean LDL-C % reduction from baseline	- 21%	-41%	-59%

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VERVE-102 is an investigational base editing medicine designed to permanently inactivate *PCSK9* and lower LDL-C

1. Nonclinical data indicate GalNAc-LNP may enable delivery of editing components in the setting of LDLR deficiency

 Base editing mechanism to inactivate PCSK9 has been shown to lead to durable LDL-C lowering for up to two years with follow up ongoing¹

3. Heart-2 safety: VERVE-102 was well-tolerated at all dose levels²

4. Heart-2 pharmacodynamics: Strong dose-dependent response with a mean LDL-C reduction of 59% at total RNA doses > 50 mg²

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