



# **An *in vivo* CRISPR base editing therapy to inactivate *ANGPTL3*: nomination of a development candidate for VERVE-201**

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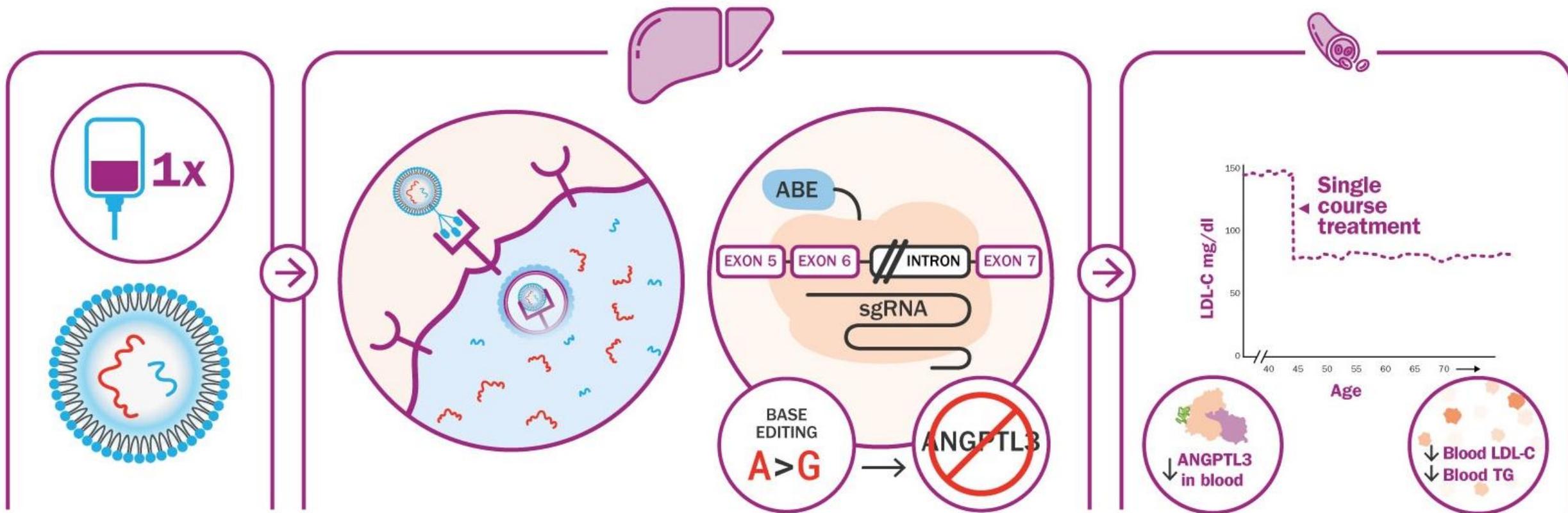
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# Goal of ANGPTL3 program: turn off gene (permanently) in liver with base editing to lower LDL-C and treat ASCVD



mRNA gRNA GalNAc

# 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
Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C)						
VERVE-101 PCSK9	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia	●	●	●	●	●
	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on oral therapy					
LDL-C & Triglyceride-rich lipoprotein (TRL)						
VERVE-201 ANGPTL3	Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia		●	●	●	●
	ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on oral + PCSK9i					

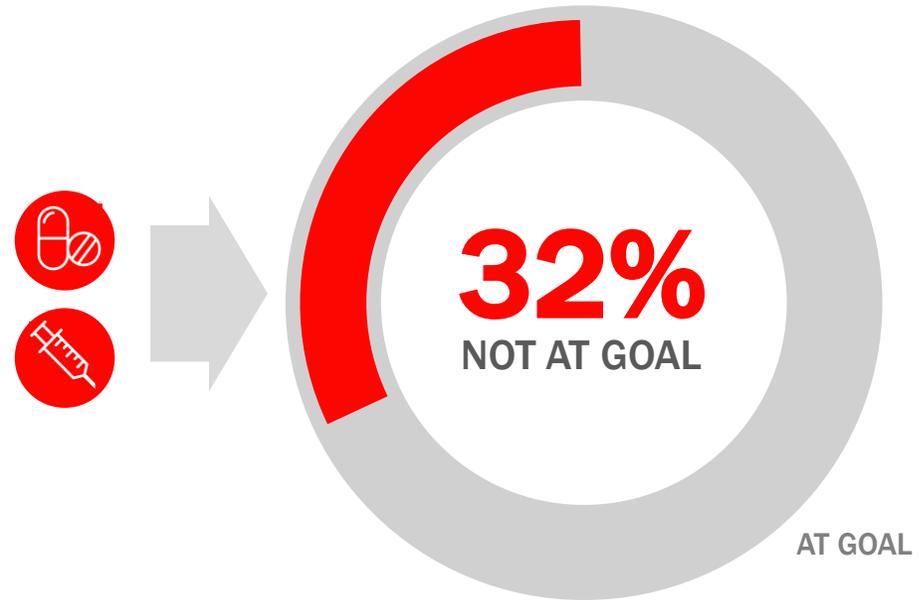
# Two indications with high unmet need

## Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia



In a global registry of HoFH patients, 47% did not attain LDL-C goal even on 5 lipid-lowering therapies

## Atherosclerotic CVD not at LDL-C goal on oral SOC + PCSK9i



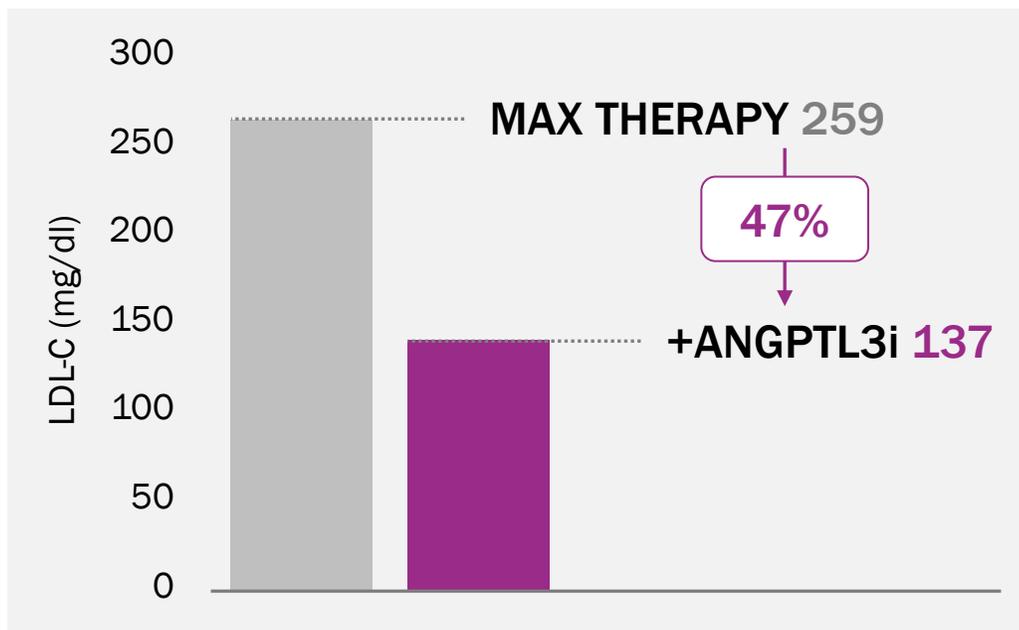
In the ORION-9, -10, and -11 clinical trials of inclisiran, 32% did not attain LDL-C < 70 mg/dl even on oral (statin) + PCSK9i (inclisiran) therapy

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# In these two indications, inhibition of the ANGPTL3 protein by a monoclonal antibody has been proven to work

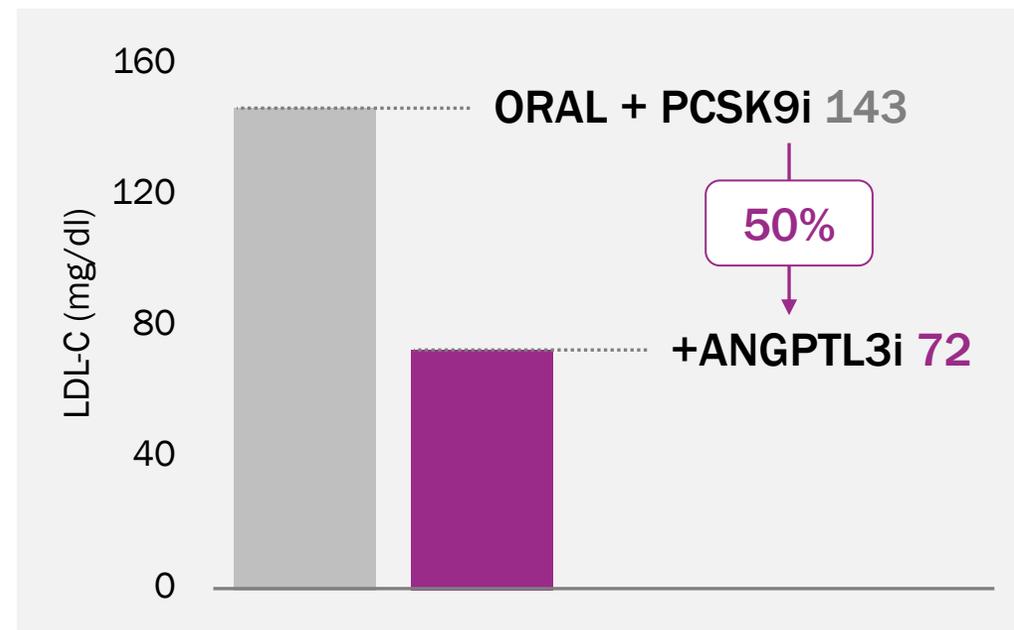


## Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia



registration trial of evinacumab (Evkeeza) in HoFH patients on maximum lipid-lowering therapy ANGPTL3 inhibition ↓ LDL-C by 47%

## Atherosclerotic CVD not at LDL-C goal on oral SOC + PCSK9i



trial of evinacumab (Evkeeza) in ASCVD patients with LDL-C ≥ 70 on oral + PCSK9i therapy ANGPTL3 inhibition ↓ LDL-C by 50%

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# Inactivation of ANGPTL3 is a compelling target to lower LDL-C: validated by human genetics of ANGPTL3 deficiency

## Lower LDL-C and ASCVD

Heterozygous deficiency  
lower lipids in population  
resistant to ASCVD

Homozygous deficiency  
'Human knockout'  
LDL-C: 37 mg/dL

### Rare Gene Mutations Inspire New Heart Drugs

By Gina Kolata  
May 24, 2017

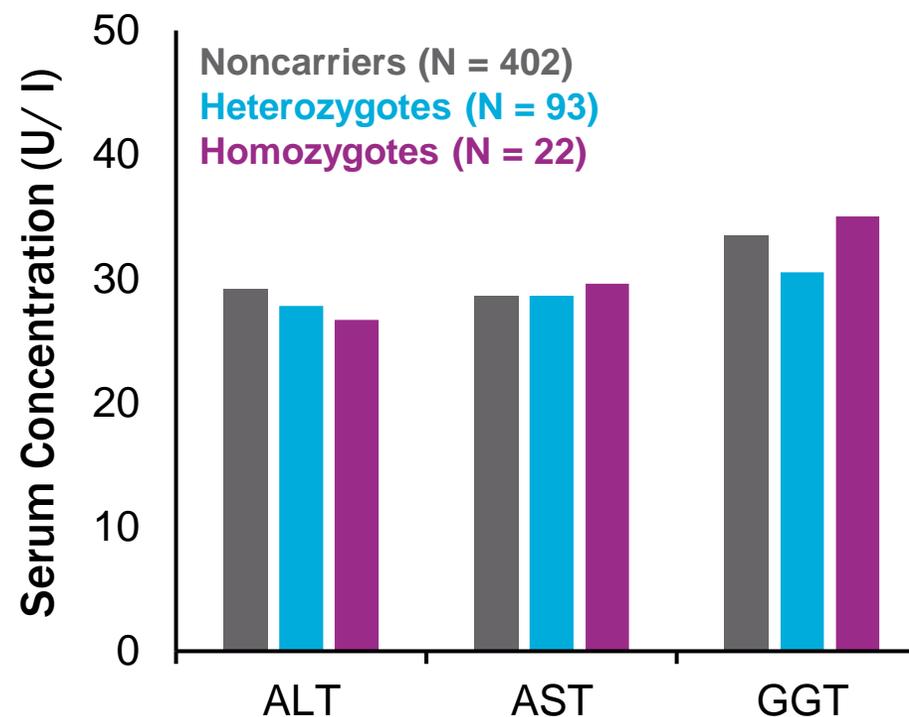
Anna Feurer learned she had unusually low triglyceride levels after having bloodwork at a corporate health fair. The discovery prompted researchers to recruit her and her family for a research study of their genetic makeup.



Credit: Jess T. Dugan  
for The New York Times

## No adverse effects

No increase in markers of liver injury  
or prevalence of liver steatosis in  
heterozygous or homozygous deficiency



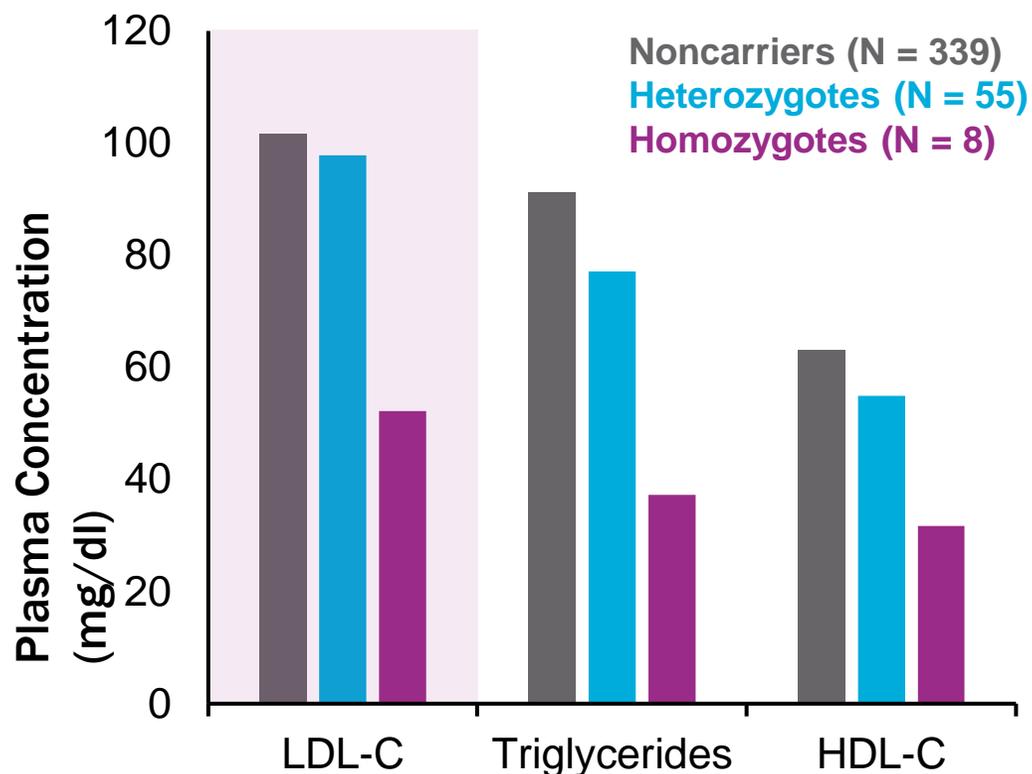
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# Human genetic and pharmacologic data indicate >90% blood ANGPTL3 reduction required to lower LDL-C



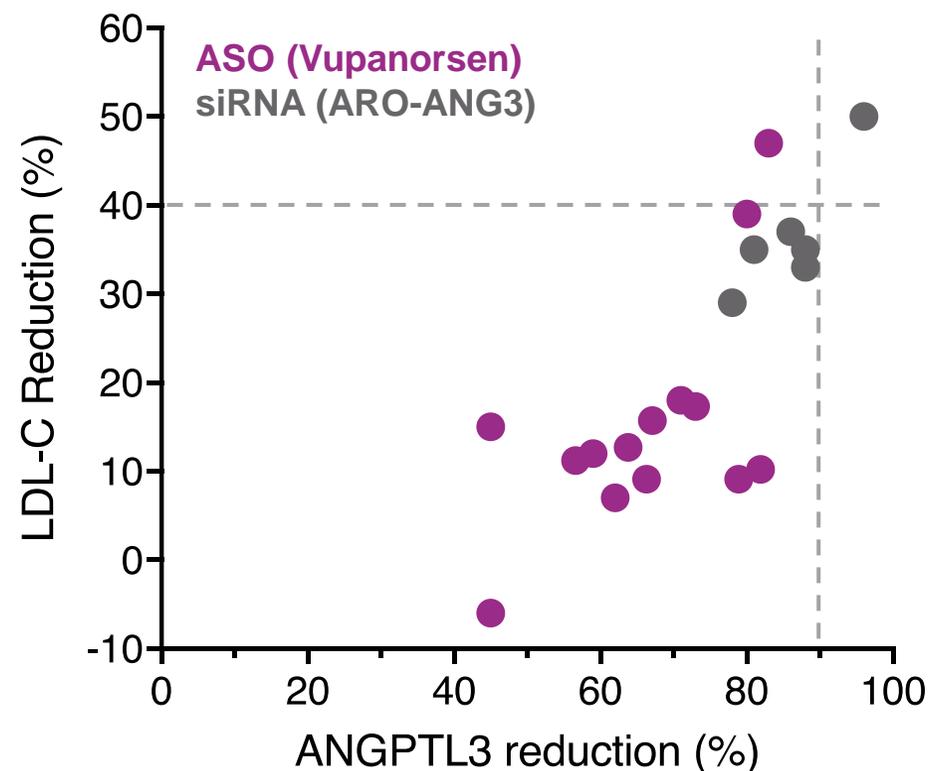
## Human genetics

LDL-C ↓ by 49% in homozygote loss-of function 'human knockout' versus noncarriers



## Human pharmacology

ANGPTL3 reduction of ~90% has lowered LDL-C ~40%



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# Nomination of a development candidate for VERVE-201

## Three key questions

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**Liver safety**: Is long-term and potent suppression of ANGPTL3 in non-human primates (NHPs) associated with any detectable liver toxicity?

2

**Delivery**: Can Verve's proprietary GalNAc lipid nanoparticle technology enable efficient delivery in both wild-type and HoFH NHP models?

3

**Off-target editing**: Can chemically modified base editing / gRNA configurations preserve potency while minimizing off-target editing?



**Long-term study of potent  
*ANGPTL3* inactivation**

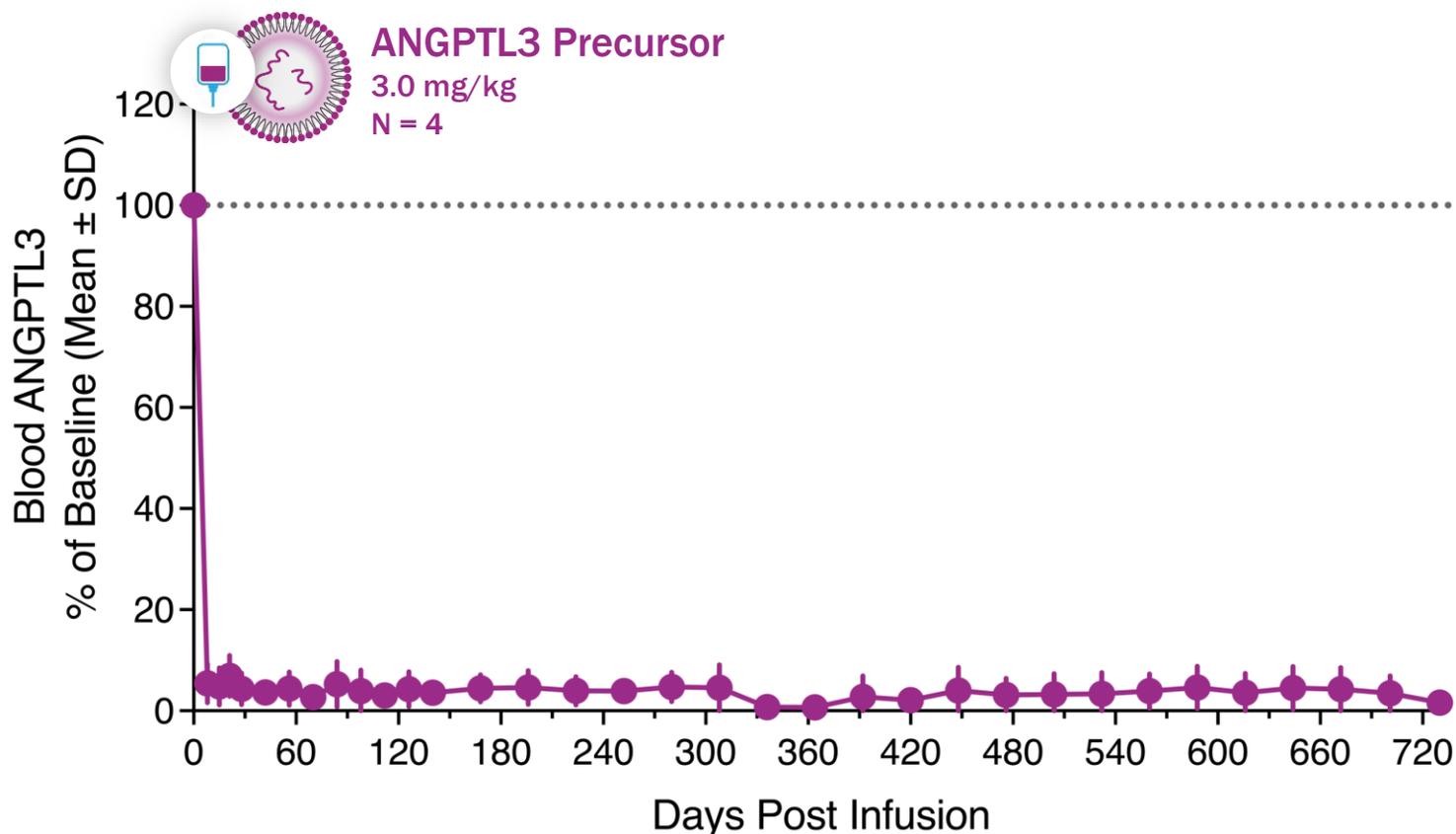
**Data from non-human primates**

# ANGPTL3 precursor: potent and durable in NHPs

## 2-year data: >90%↓ in blood ANGPTL3, >60% liver editing

### Blood ANGPTL3 protein

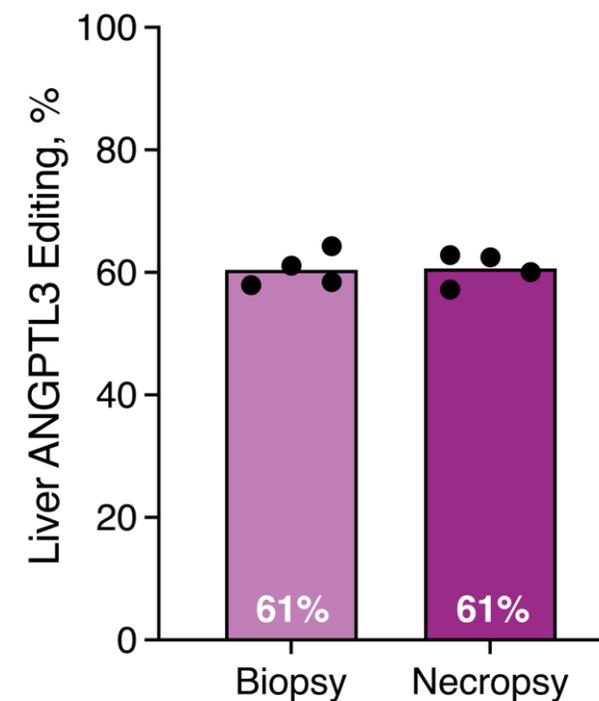
#### 96% reduction\* from baseline



\* Measured as time-weighted average % change from baseline from days 28 to 730

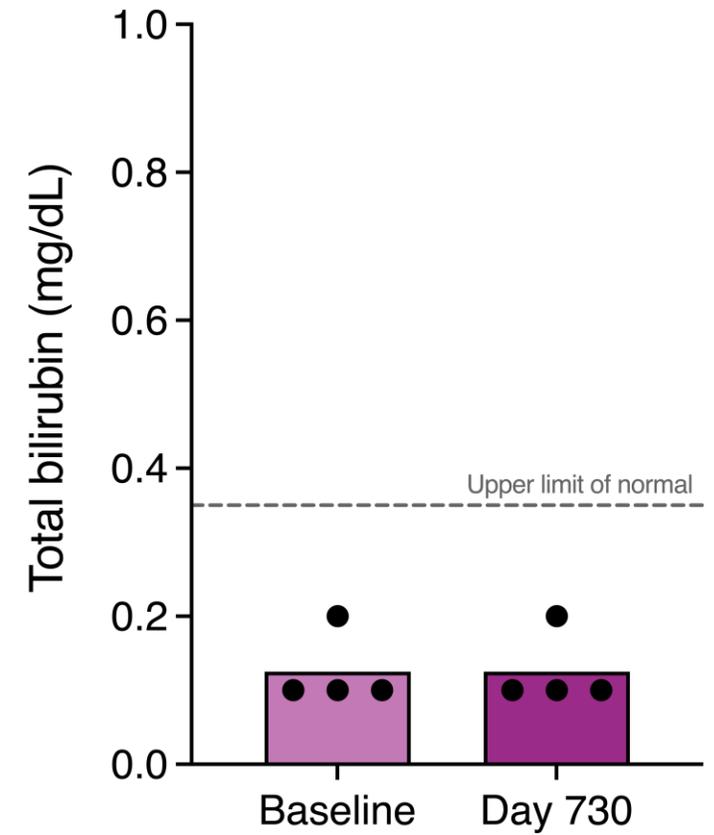
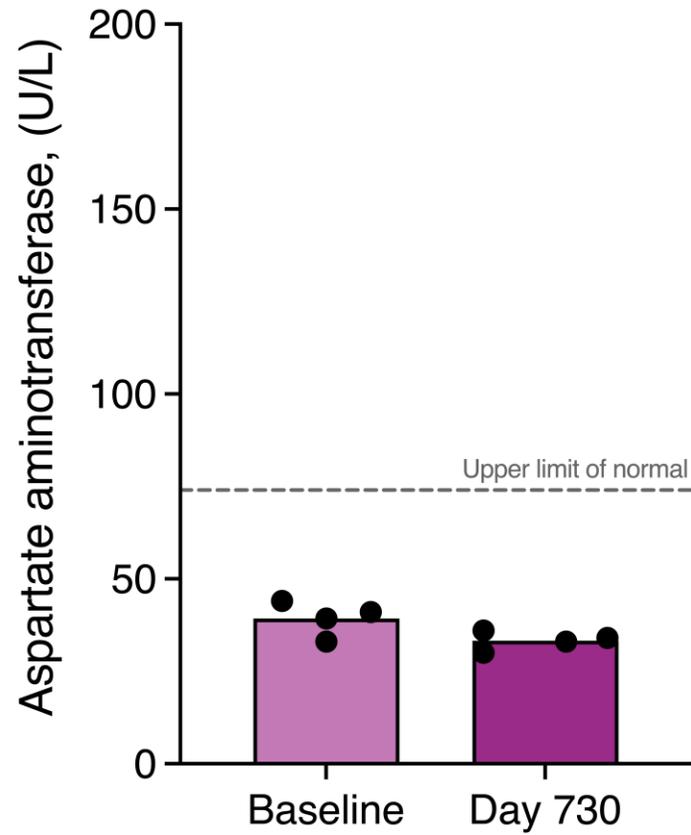
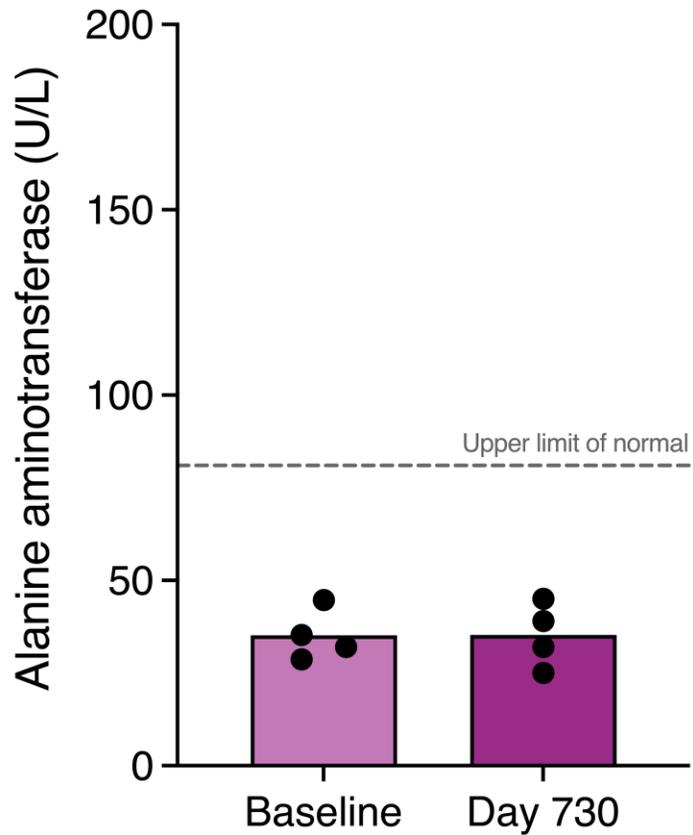
### Liver ANGPTL3 editing

- Day 15 biopsy: 61%
- Day 730 necropsy: 61%



# ANGPTL3 precursor in non-human primates

## 2-year data: no change from baseline in liver biomarkers detected

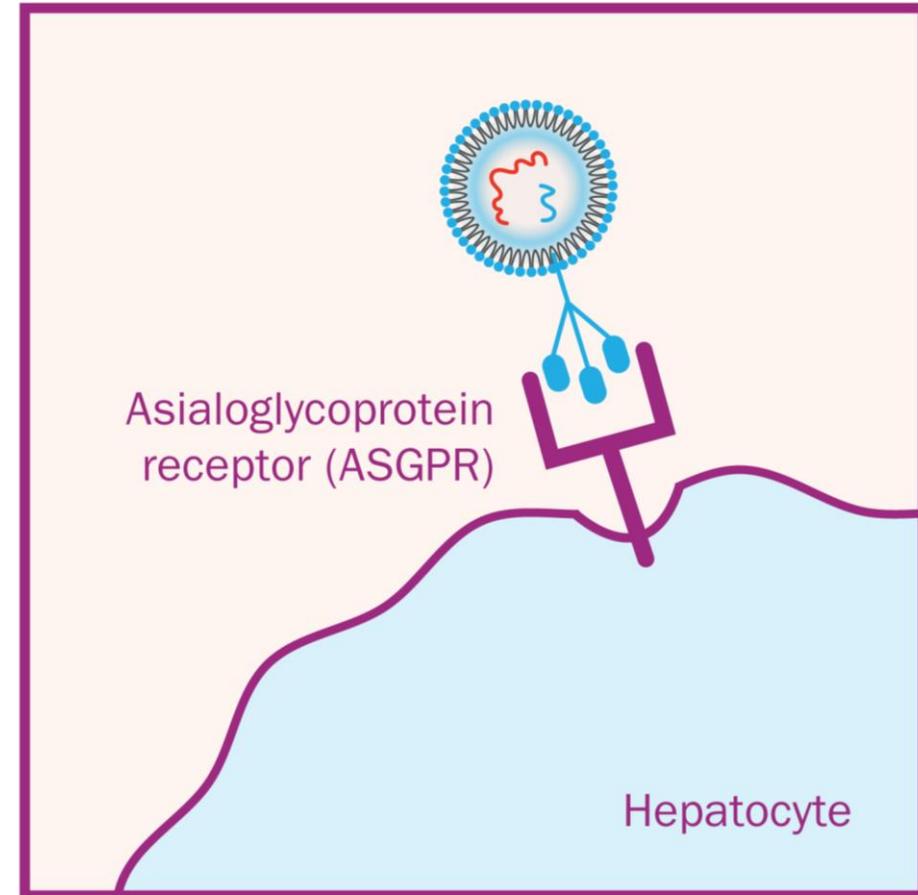
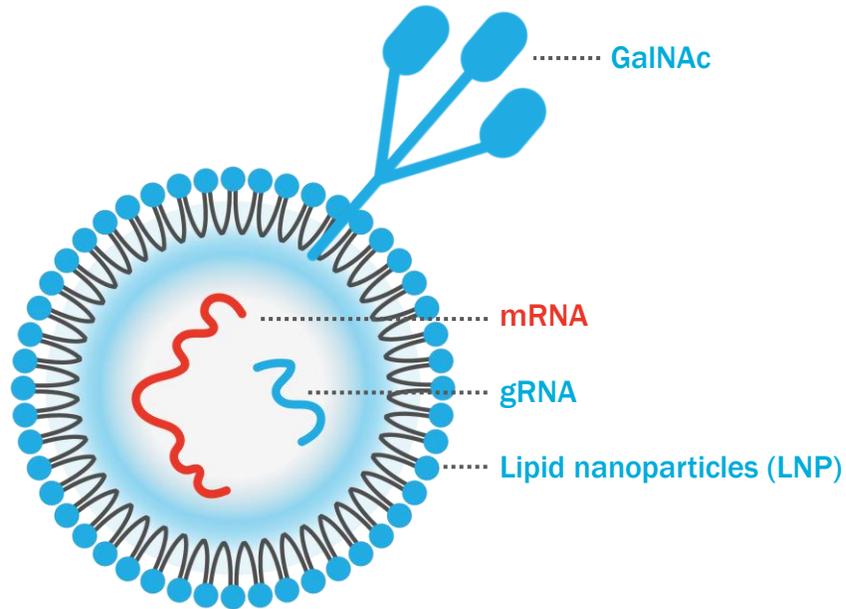


Mean and individual values displayed reflect measurement in each of 4 NHP prior to dosing with an ANGPTL3 precursor at 3 mg/kg and at time of necropsy.



**Enabling efficient delivery  
in both LDLR-deficient  
and wild-type NHPs**  
**GalNAc LNP data**

# Addition of proprietary GalNAc targeting ligand to LNP enables hepatic delivery through ASGPR instead of LDLR

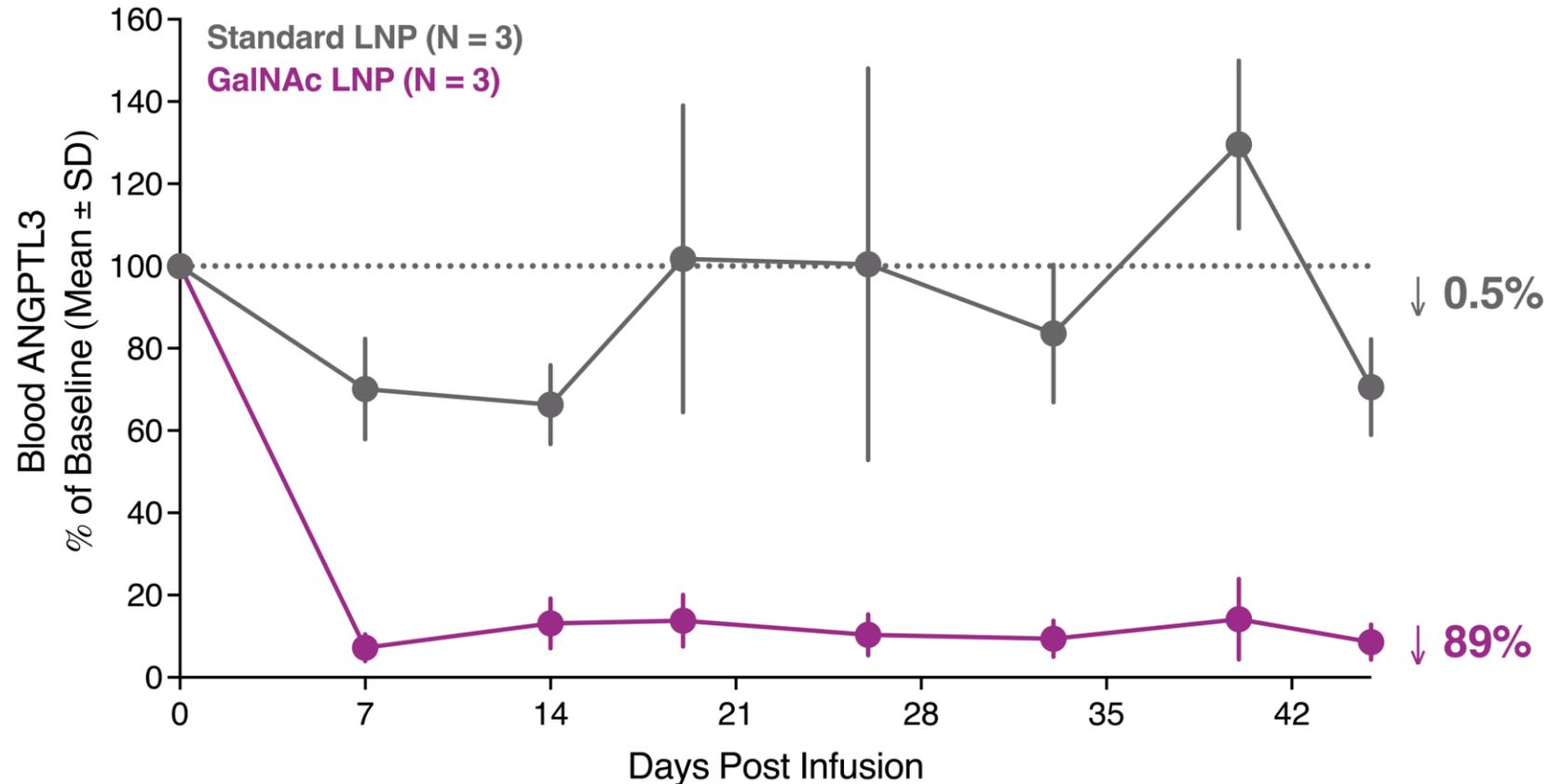
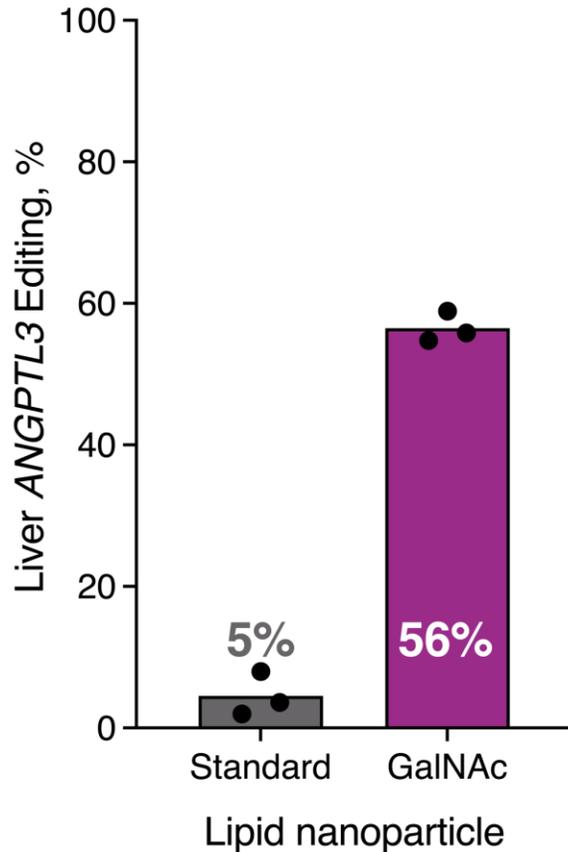


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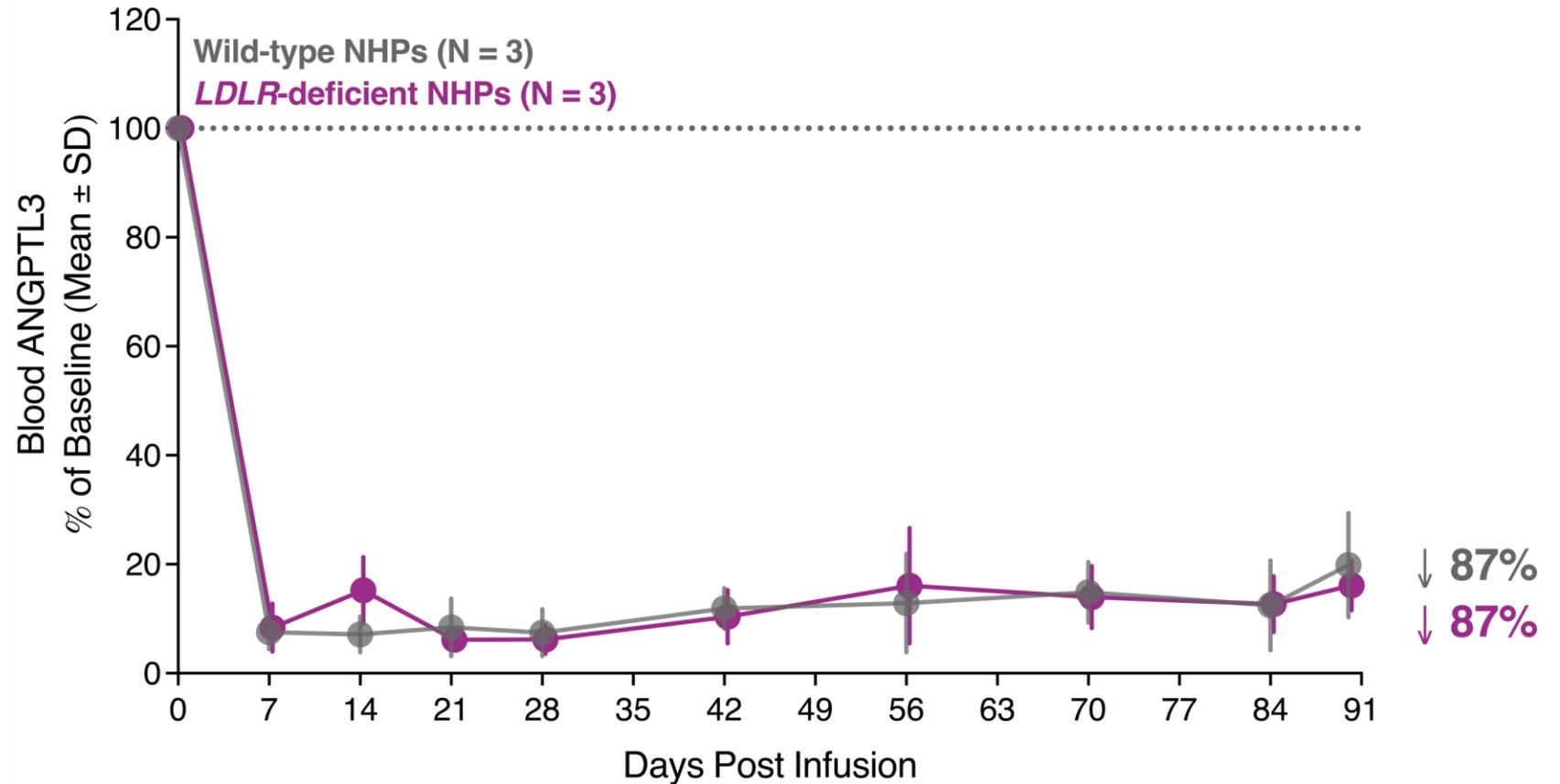
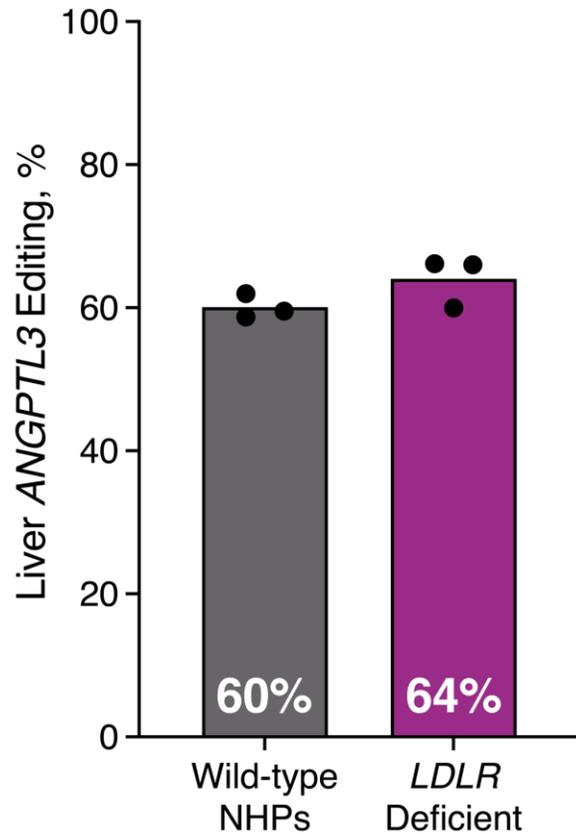


# GaINAc LNP ANGPTL3 precursor enabled efficient liver editing in *LDLR*-deficient\* NHPs



\*Verve's NHP model of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia with >90% reduction in liver *LDLR* protein (Kasiewicz et al., *bioRxiv*, 2021)  
Liver *ANGPTL3* editing displayed represent values for non-human primates treated with 2 mg/kg of an *ANGPTL3* precursor using a standard or GaINAc LNP (N = 3 in each treatment group). Reductions in *ANGPTL3* reported as time-weighted average % change from baseline from days 26 to 45.

# GaINAc LNP ANGPTL3 precursor enabled similar editing efficiency in wild-type and *LDLR*-deficient\* NHPs



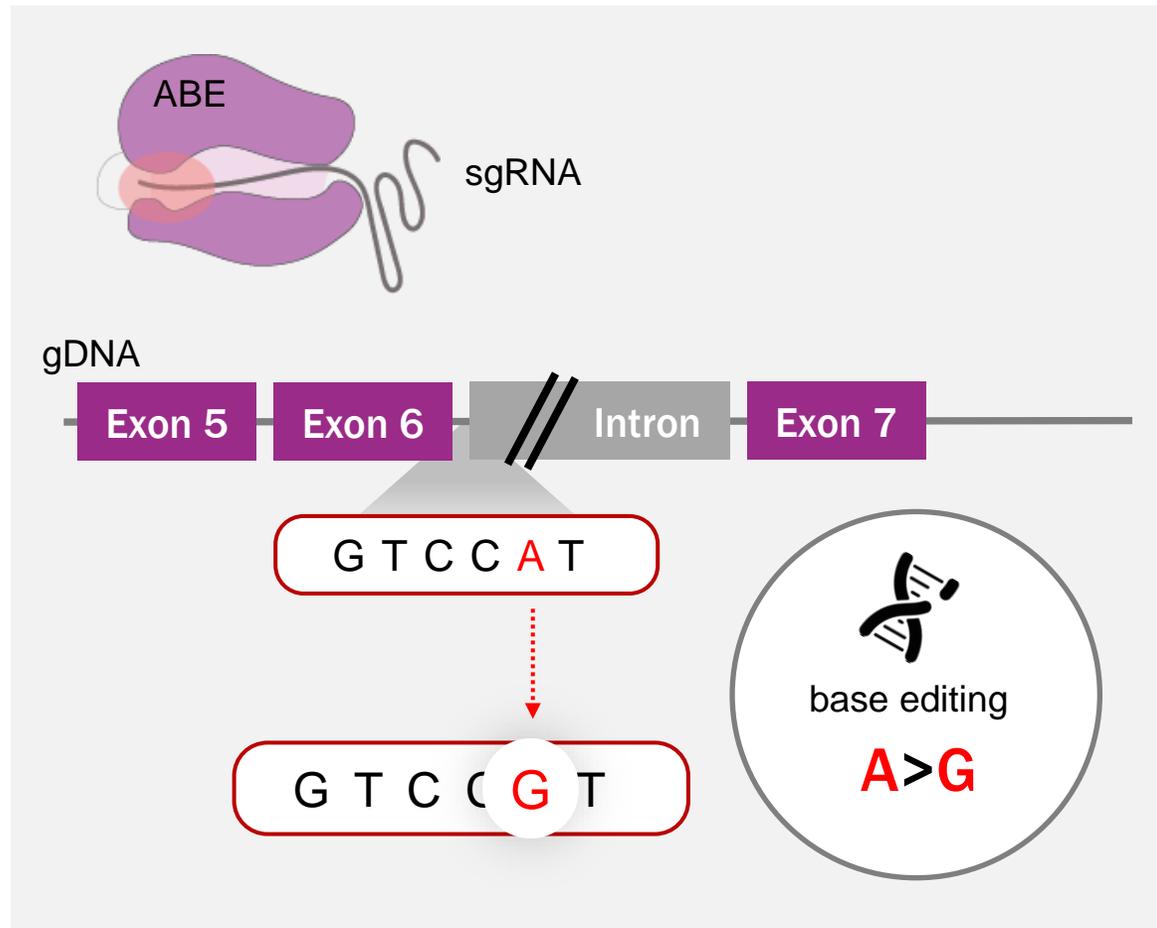
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# **Optimizing *ANGPTL3* target site and base editor/gRNA configuration**

**minimizes risk of off-target editing**

# VERVE-201 is designed to inactivate *ANGPTL3* in the liver with a precise A-to-G base-pair DNA change

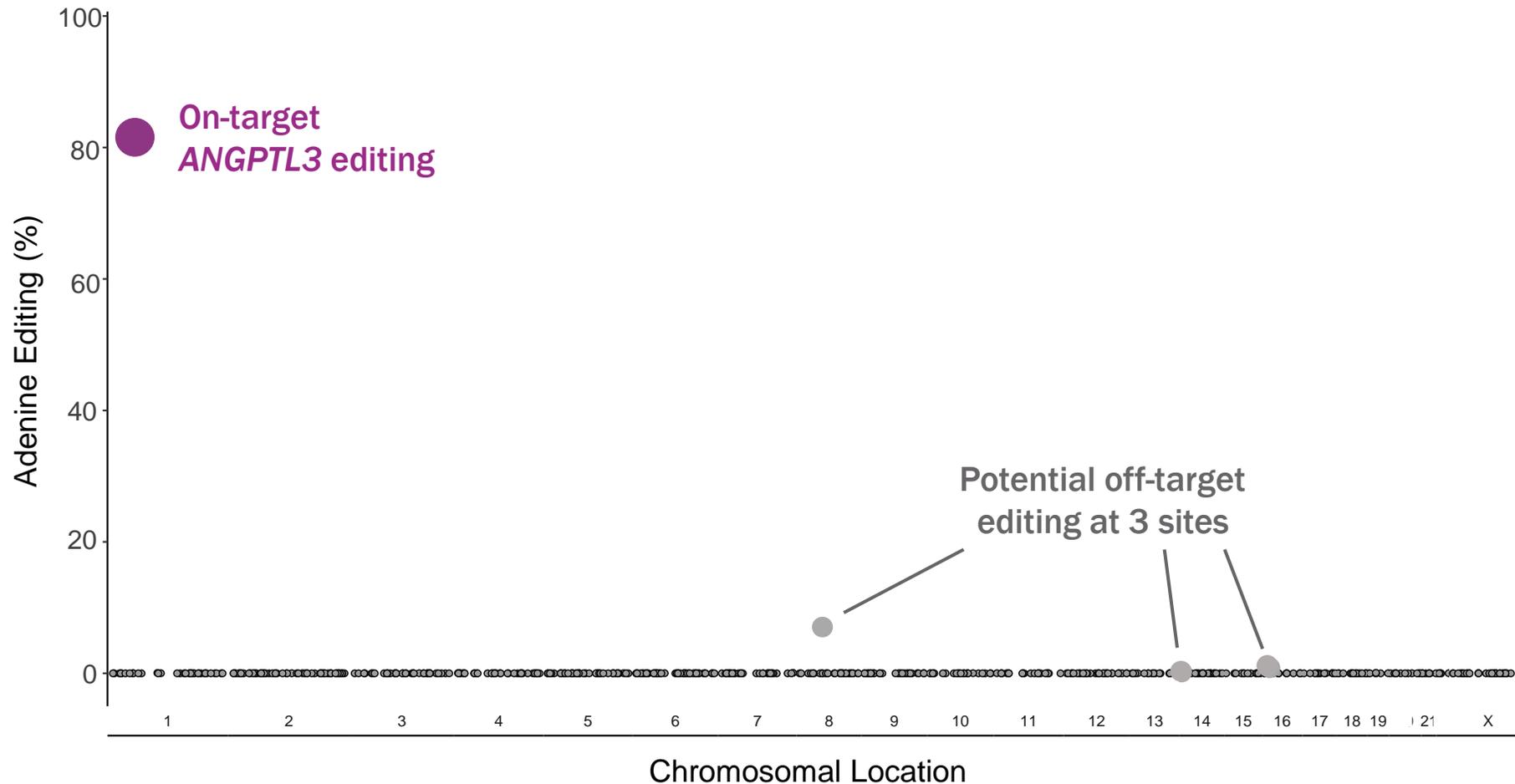


Site selected based on results of screening assays performed for 29 potential sites in the *ANGPTL3* gene.

## Key features of *ANGPTL3* target DNA site:

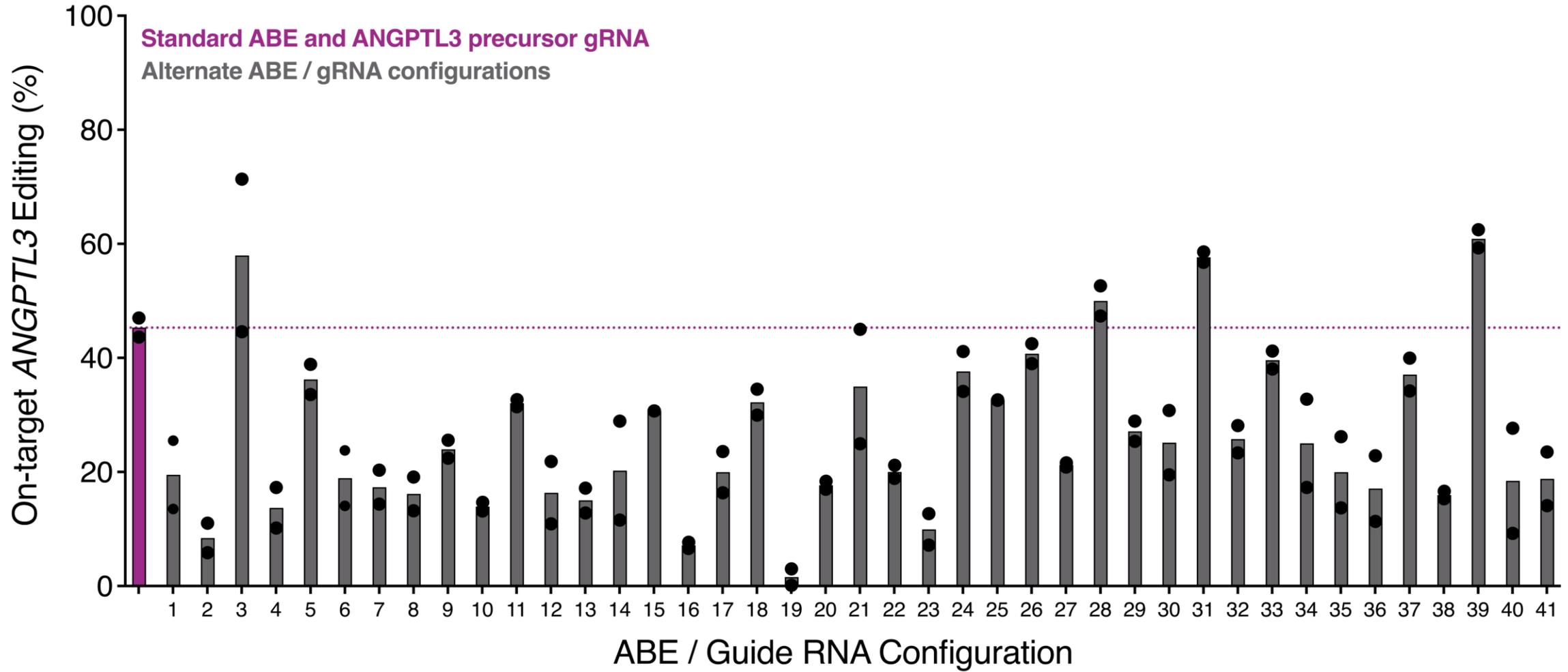
- Precise A to G base-pair substitution disrupts splice donor site and introduces a downstream premature stop codon
- Site is unique: 23 DNA base pair protospacer/PAM sequence not found anywhere else in the human genome, expected to minimize potential off-target editing
- Site is consistent: >99.98% of sequenced individuals have two *ANGPTL3* alleles that perfectly match the protospacer/PAM sequence, expected to maximize consistency of treatment response
- Silent bystander editing: at the single additional A in the editing window—should it occur—does not affect protein-coding sequence or *ANGPTL3* inactivation

# Challenge: A standard ABE with ANGPTL3 precursor gRNA identified potential off-target editing at up to 3 sites



- 600+ candidate sites nominated by ONE-seq evaluated using SureSelect screening assay in adult primary human hepatocyte cells
- As compared to on-target editing of **82%**, potential off-targeting editing at 3 additional sites ranging from 0.2 to 7.1%

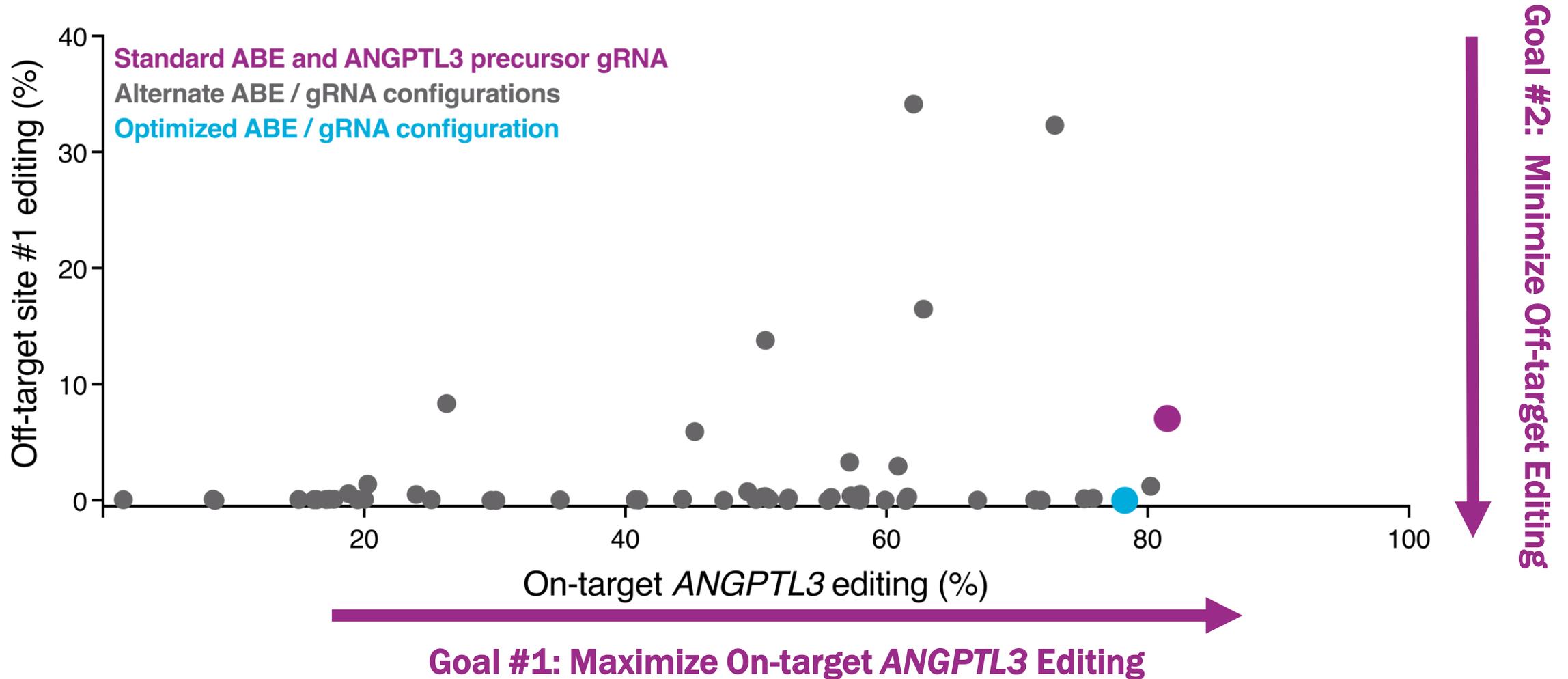
# Potential solution: Screened >200 rationally engineered and chemically modified ABE / gRNA configurations



Data aggregated from 2 representative screening experiments assessing on-target *ANGPTL3* editing in adult primary human hepatocytes. As compared to mean editing of 45% with standard ABE and *ANGPTL3* precursor gRNA, noted editing ranging from 1.6 to 61% with 41 alternate ABE / gRNA configurations.

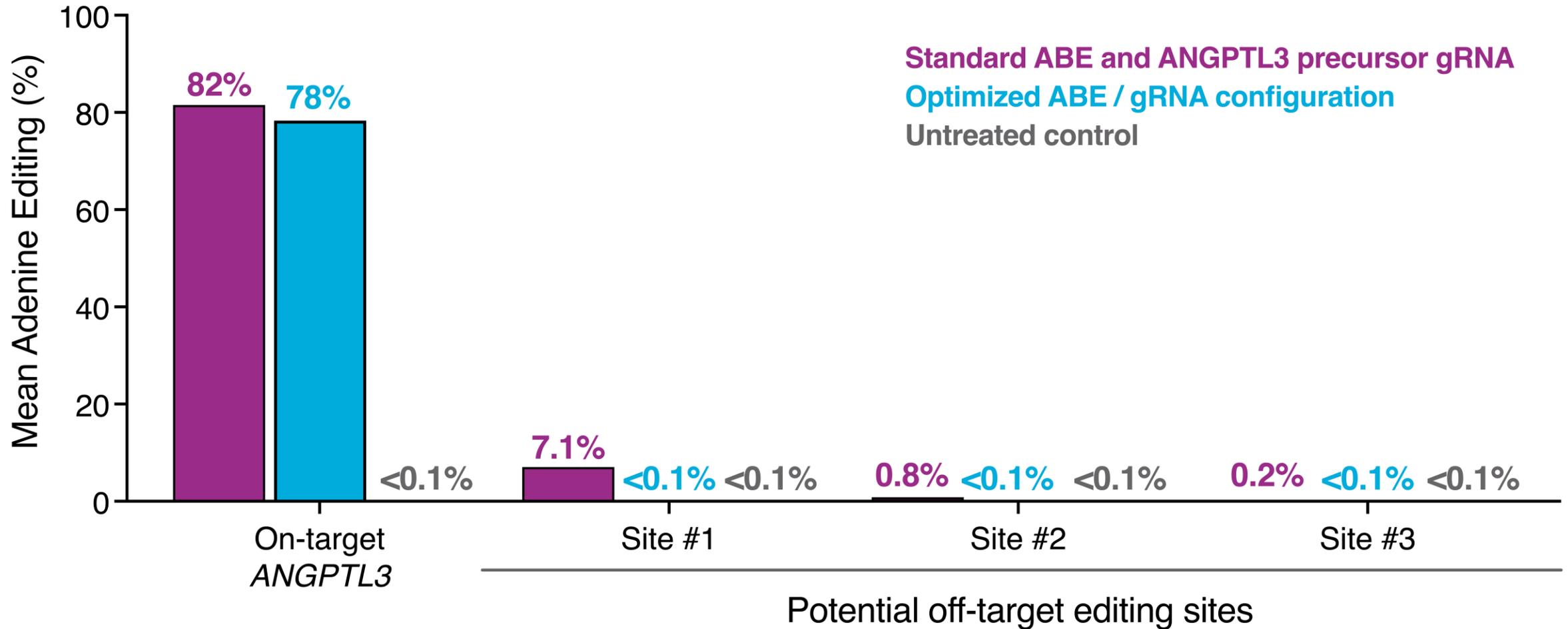
# Screening\* of ABE / guide RNA configurations in vitro

## Goals: maximize on-target editing, minimize off-target editing



\* Data aggregated from 3 representative screening experiments in primary human hepatocytes of a standard ABE and ANGPTL3 precursor gRNA and >50 alternate ABE / gRNA configurations.

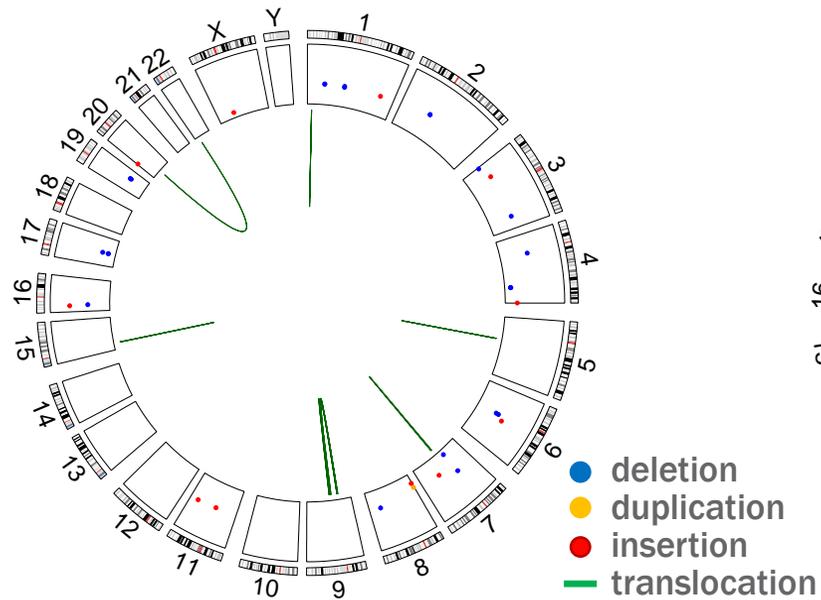
# Optimized ABE / gRNA configuration with preserved potency and no detectable off-target editing at 3 candidate sites in PHH cells



Data display mean adenine editing noted at the on-target *ANGPTL3* site and 3 potential off-target editing sites assessed using a SureSelect assay of primary human hepatocytes treated with a standard ABE and *ANGPTL3* gRNA, an optimized ABE / gRNA configuration, or untreated cells averaged across two replicates. No detectable differences in editing with the optimized configuration at any of the three potential off-target editing sites versus untreated cells was observed.

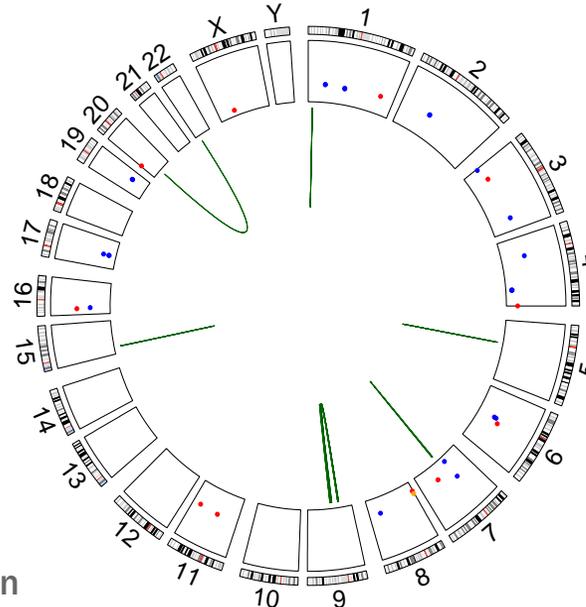
# No structural variants observed from VERVE-201 treatment in primary human hepatocytes: whole genome optical mapping

## Untreated



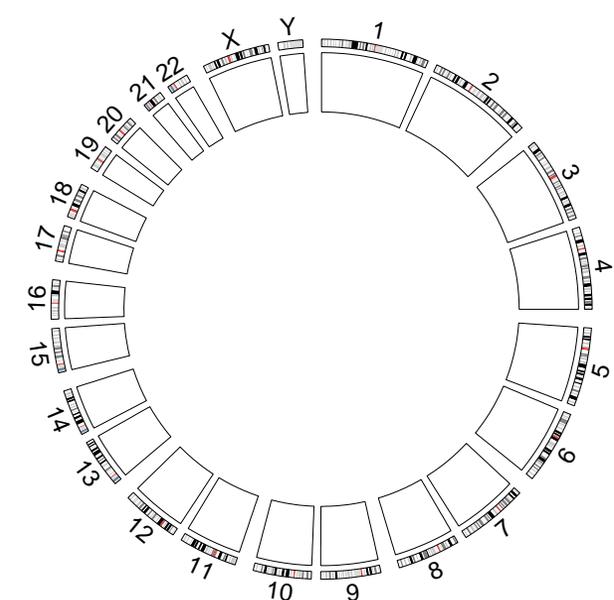
Structural variants are observed in control untreated PHH donor cells

## VERVE-201 treated



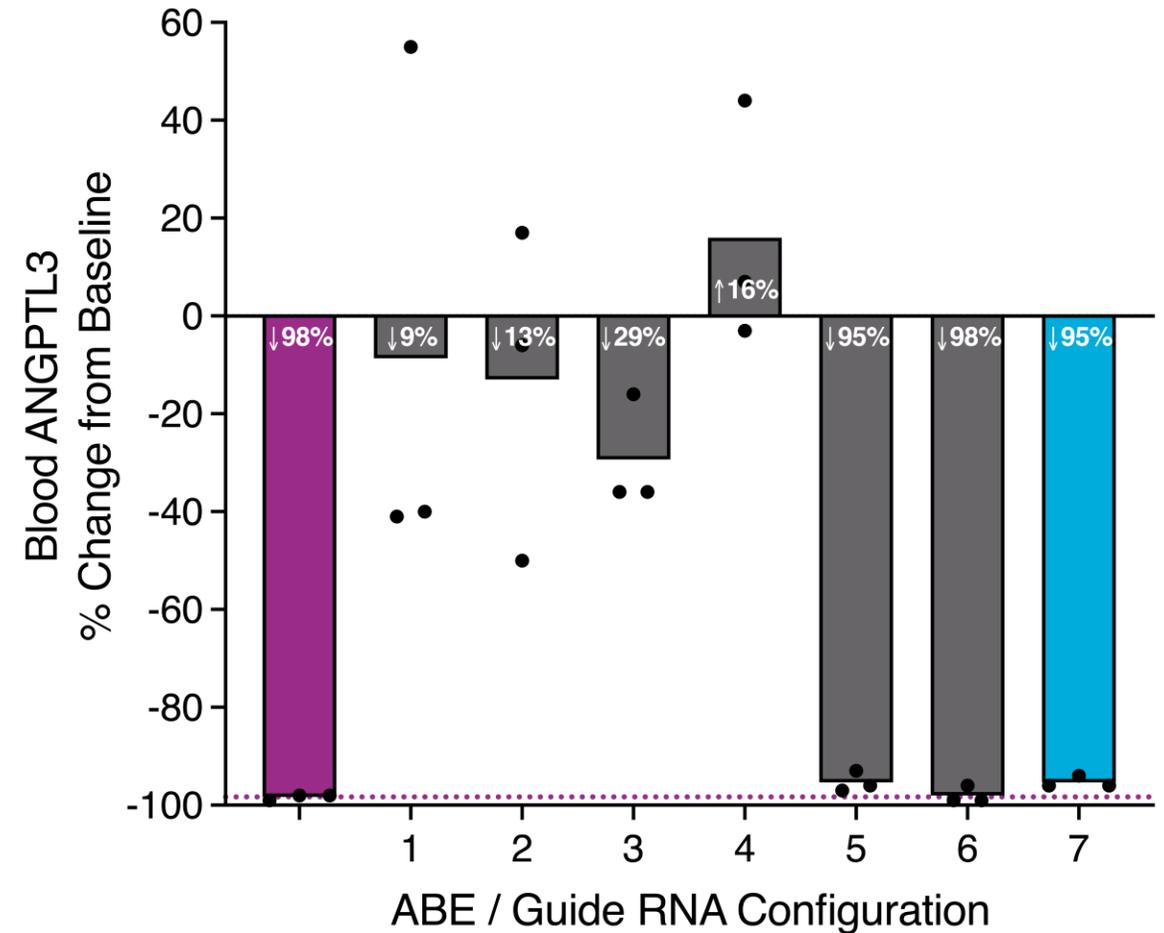
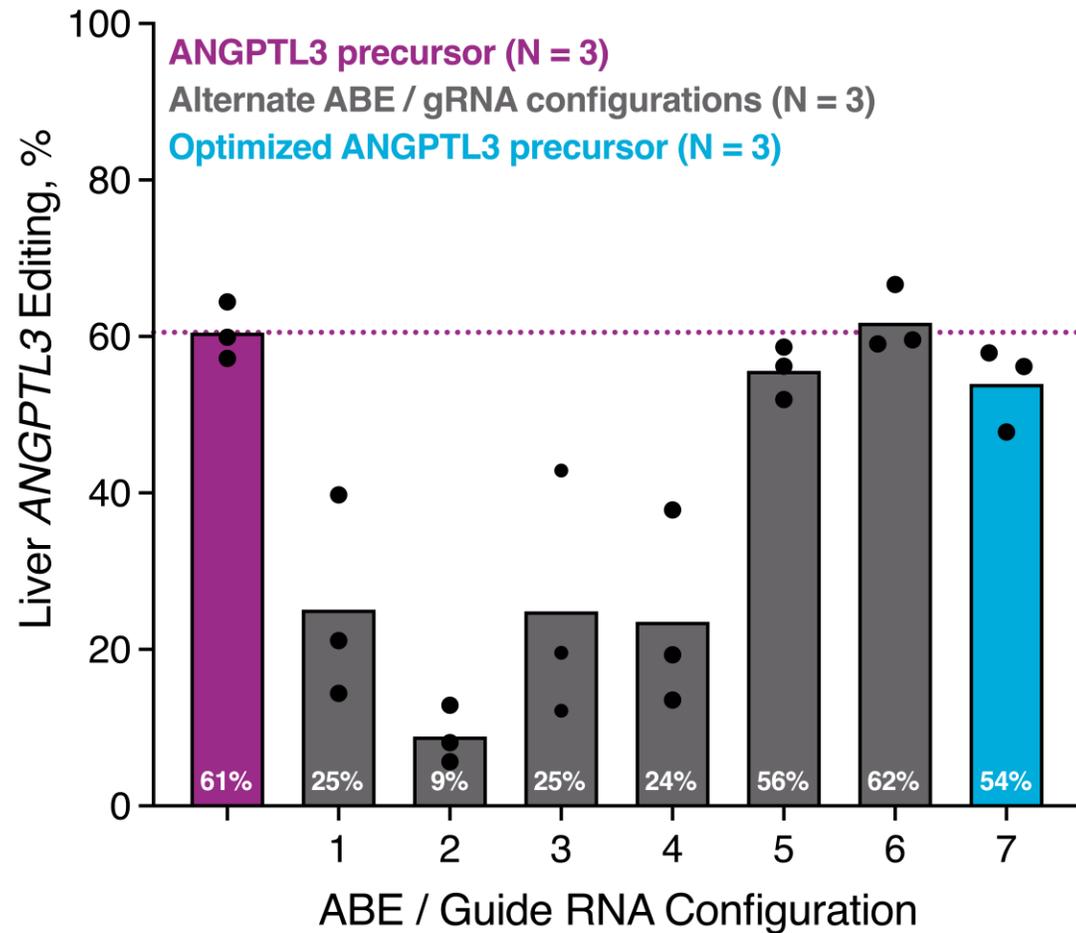
Identical structural variants are observed in the VERVE-201 treated PHH donor cells

## VERVE-201 minus Untreated



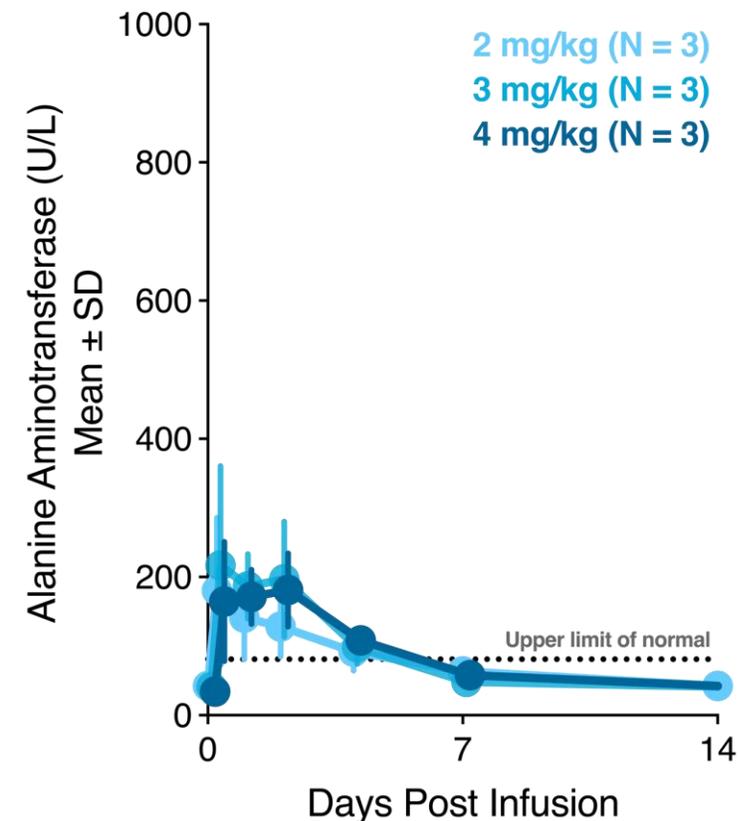
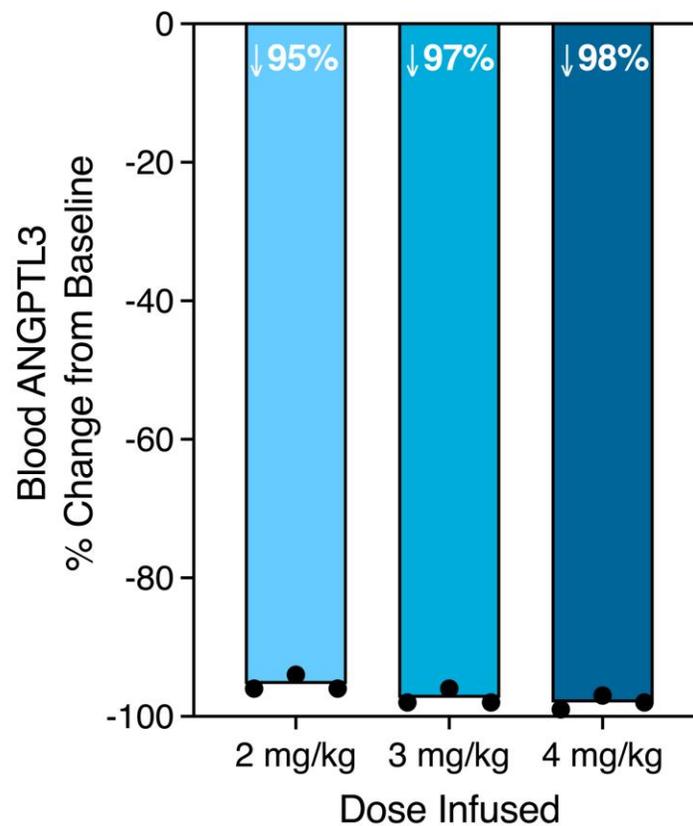
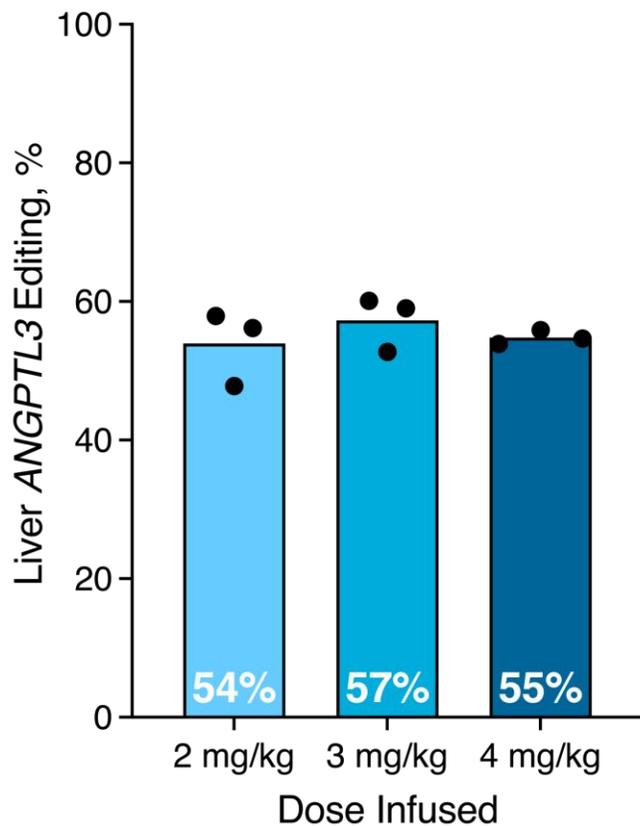
No treatment related structural variants are observed in VERVE-201 treated PHH donor cells

# ANGPTL3 precursor and modified ABE/gRNA configurations assessment in non-human primates



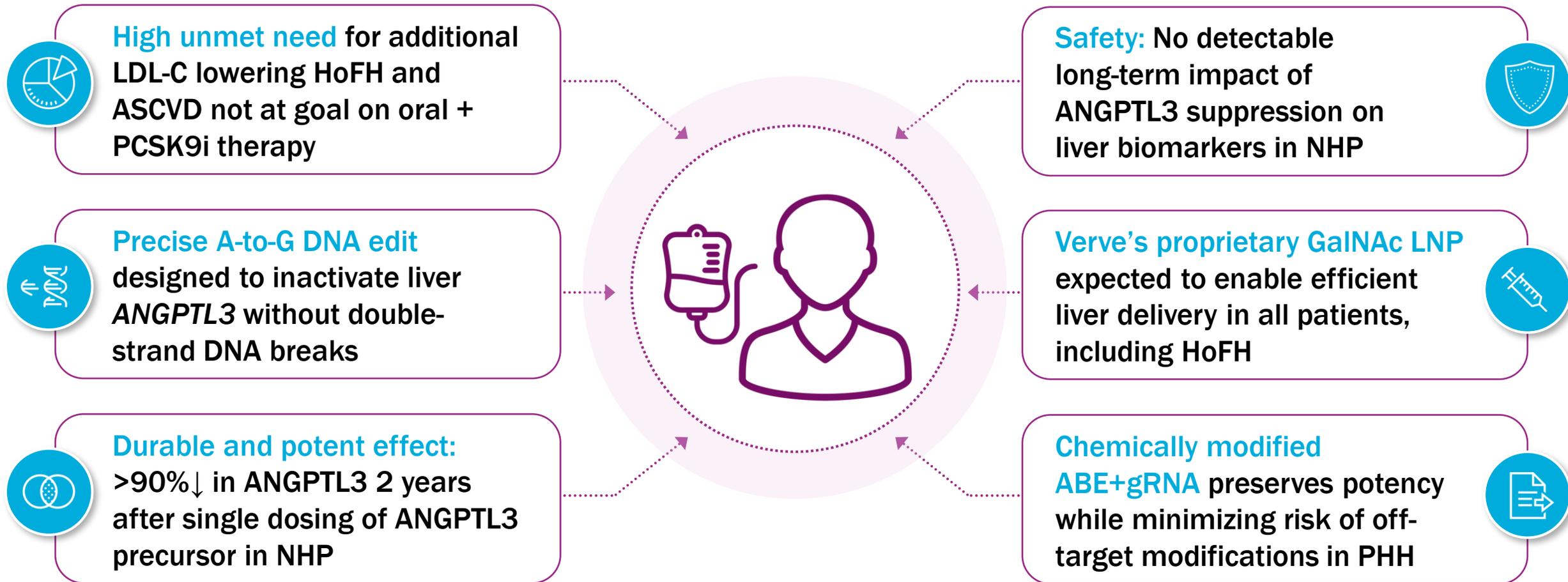
Data aggregated across 2 experiments in NHPs treated with 2 mg/kg of the ANGPTL3 precursor or modified ABE/cyno surrogate gRNA configurations (N = 3 for each treatment group). Reductions in blood ANGPTL3 assessed 15 days were >90% for 3 of 7 configurations screened.

# Optimized ANGPTL3 precursor is well-tolerated in NHPs at a range of doses and potent in reducing blood ANGPTL3 >90%

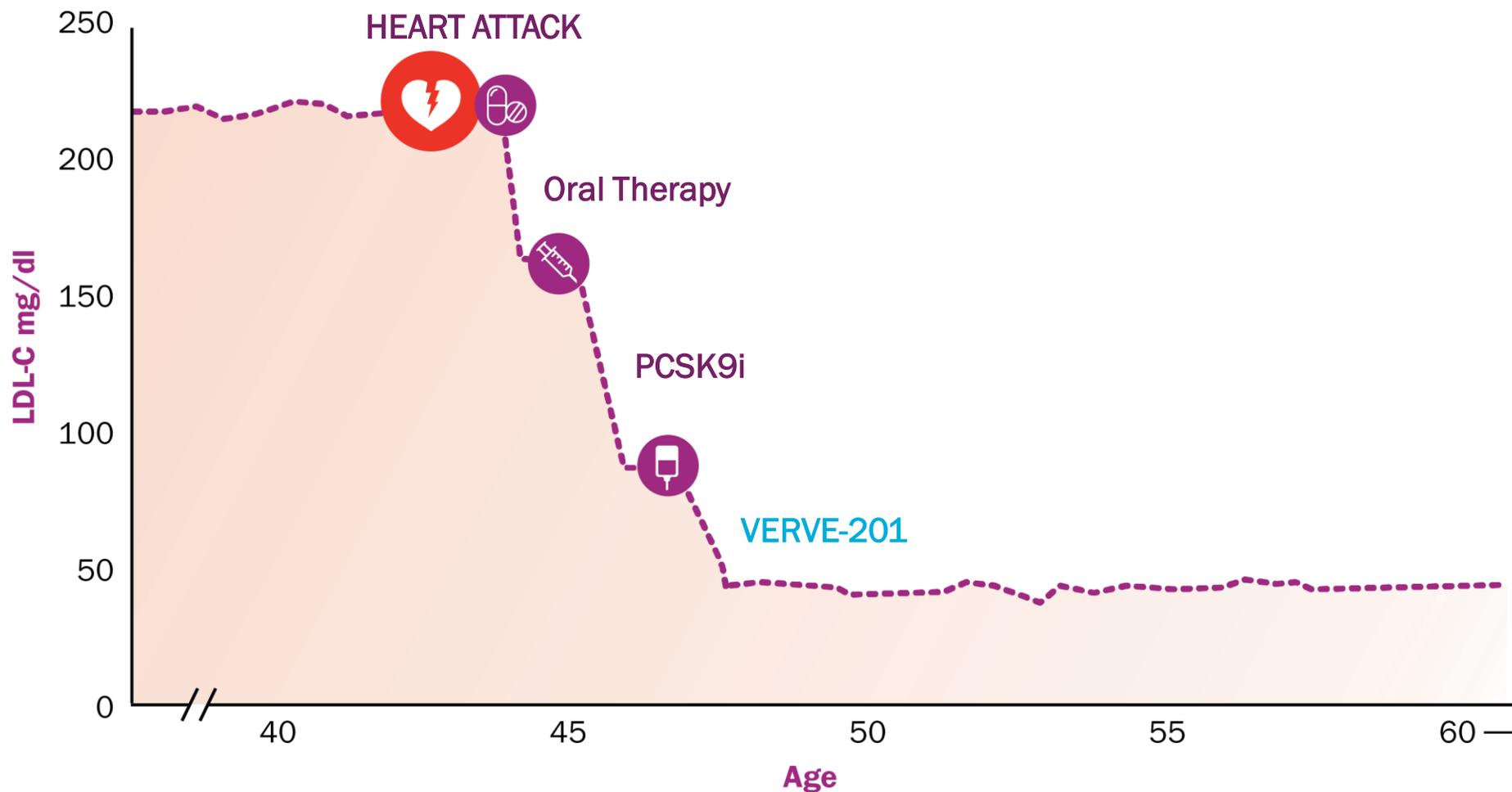


In NHPs dosed with 2, 3, or 4 mg/kg of VERVE-201cyno (N = 3 in each dosing group), observed liver *ANGPTL3* editing ranging from 54 to 57% and blood *ANGPTL3* protein reduction assessed at day 15 ranging from 95 to 98%. Transient increases in ALT and AST resolved by day 7, no change in total bilirubin.

# VERVE-201 *ANGPTL3* drug candidate: IND-enabling activity ongoing, on track for first-in-human clinical trial initiation in 2024



# Inactivation of ANGPTL3 with a single-course treatment to lower LDL-C has potential to address unmet need in HoFH and ASCVD



Illustrative graphic of a hypothetical patient with ASCVD and hypercholesterolemia treated with serial addition of lipid-lowering therapies to achieve goal LDL-C after suffering a heart attack at age 44.