

# 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

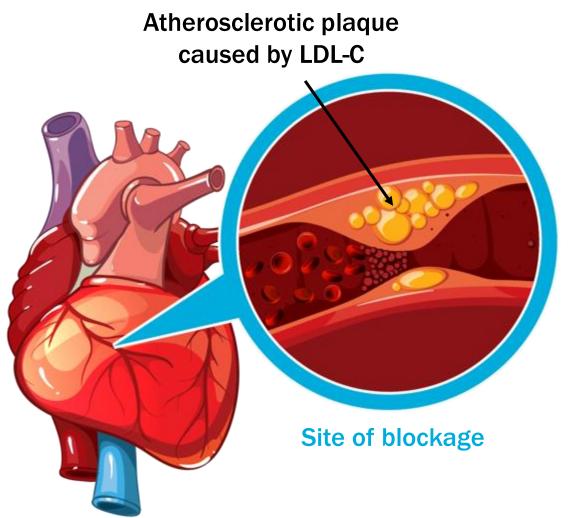
**#1** cause of death worldwide

**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)







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#### **Braunwald's Corner**

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

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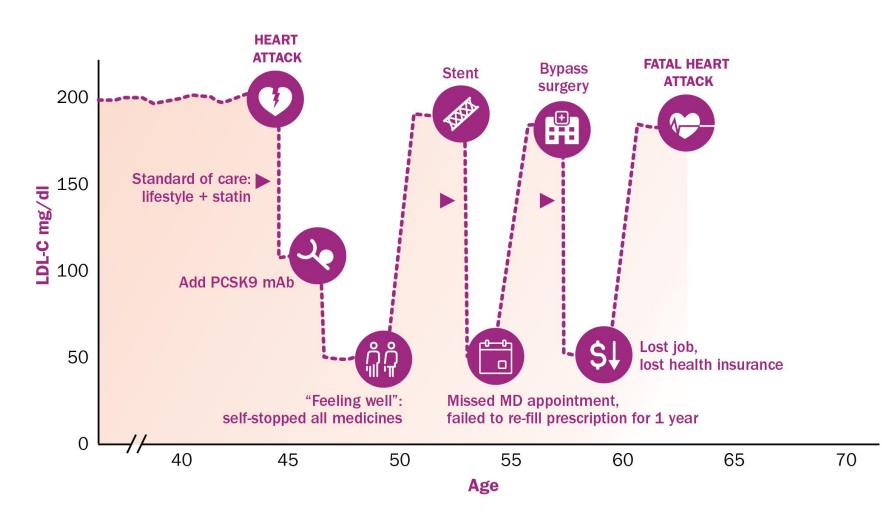
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### Unmet need: current chronic care model for ASCVD results in poor control of cumulative blood LDL-C exposure



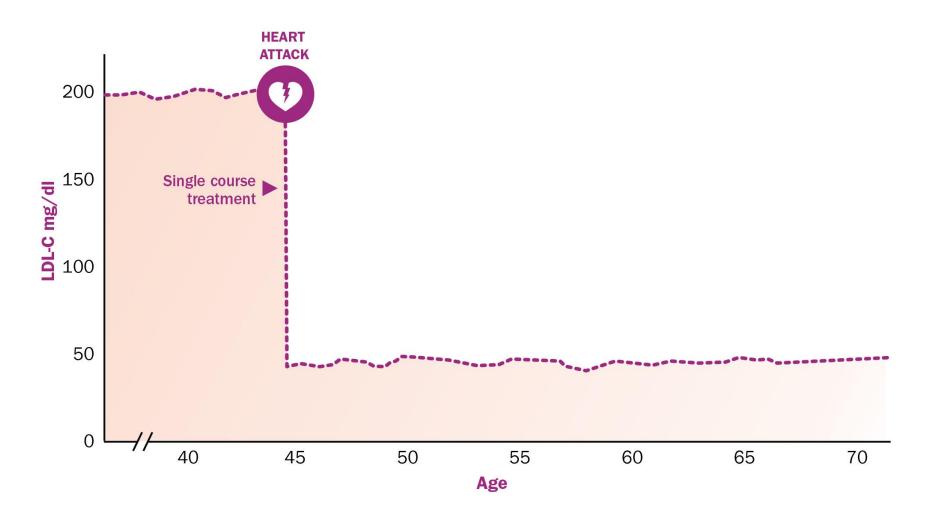


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### Single-course treatment for ASCVD could address key unmet need: getting LDL-C as low as possible for as long as possible





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



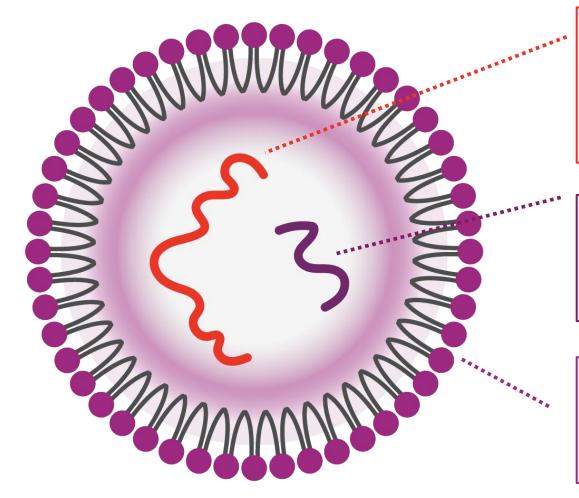
| PROGRAM                                     | INDICATIONS                                   | DEVELOPMENT STATUS             |              |         |         |         |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |   | Research/<br>Lead optimization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



### VERVE-101: Phase 1b clinical trial initiated

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





Adenine base editor (ABE)

- Single base pair change without double stranded breaks
- Delivered as an mRNA

Unique PCSK9 guide RNA (gRNA)

- No 0, 1, or 2 mismatch sites in genome
- Conserved site across human population

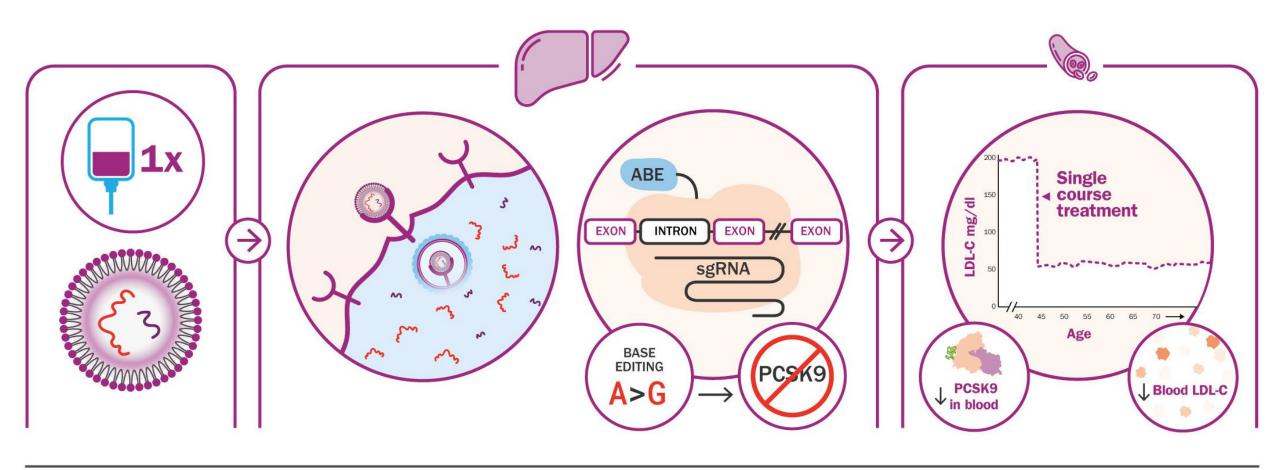
Non-viral lipid nanoparticle (LNP) delivery

- Delivery predominantly to liver
- Transient exposure < 7 days



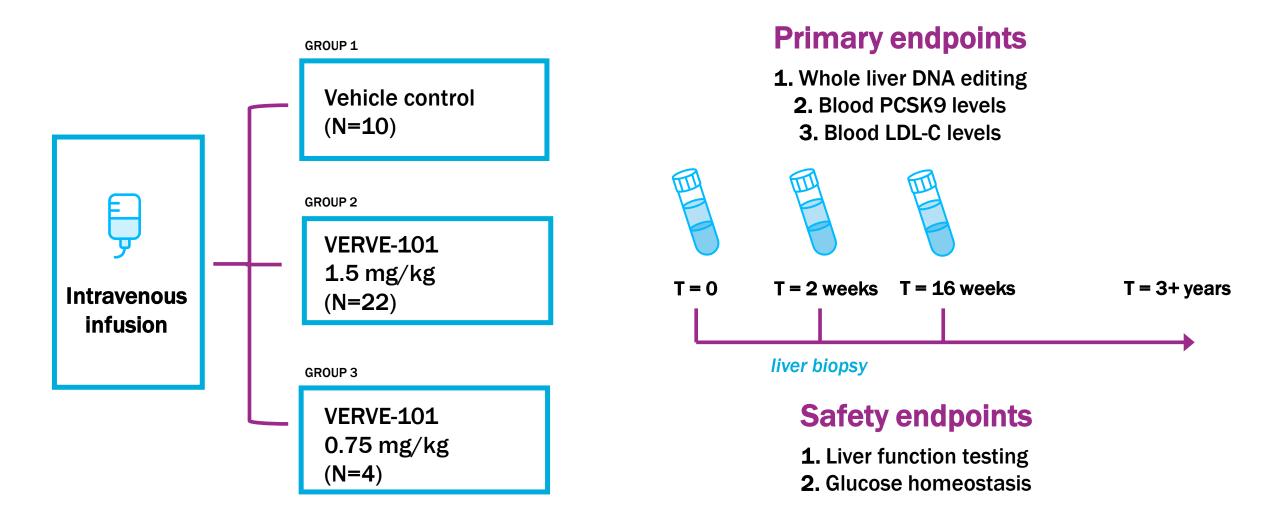
### Goal: single course gene editing medicines to durably lower LDL-C and treat ASCVD





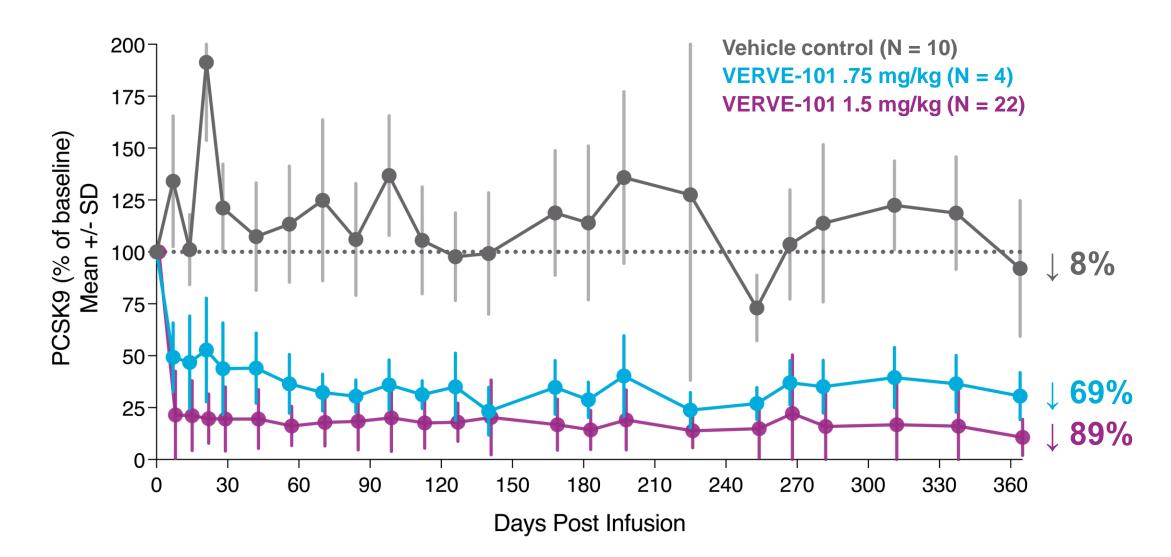


#### VERVE-101 has been potent, durable, and well tolerated in NHPs



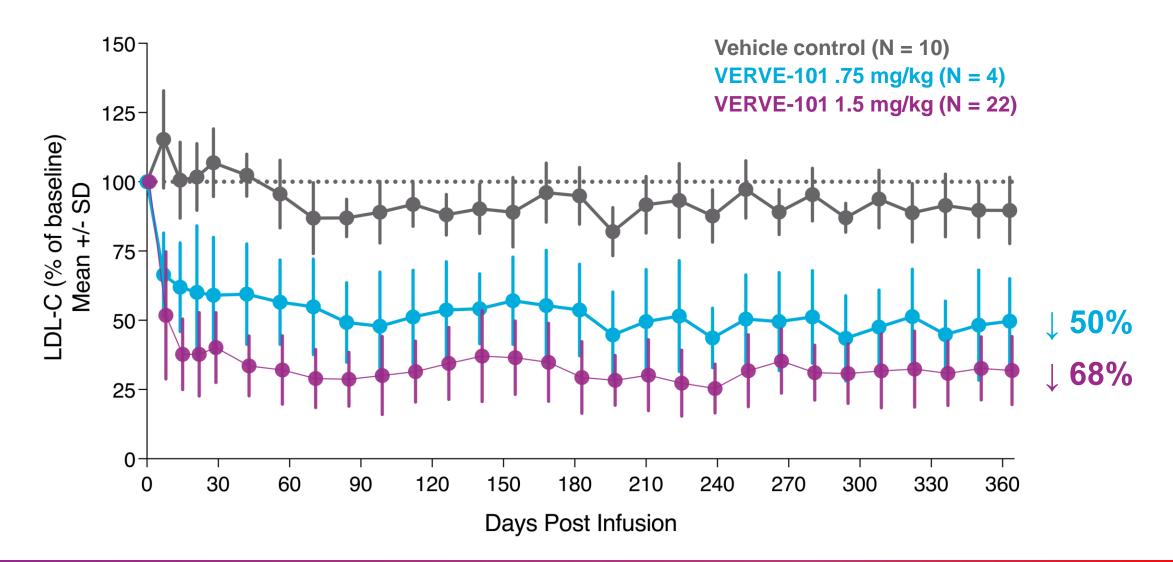


<u>Blood PCSK9 level</u>: 89% reduction observed at one year after one-time intravenous infusion of VERVE-101 in non-human primates (NHPs)



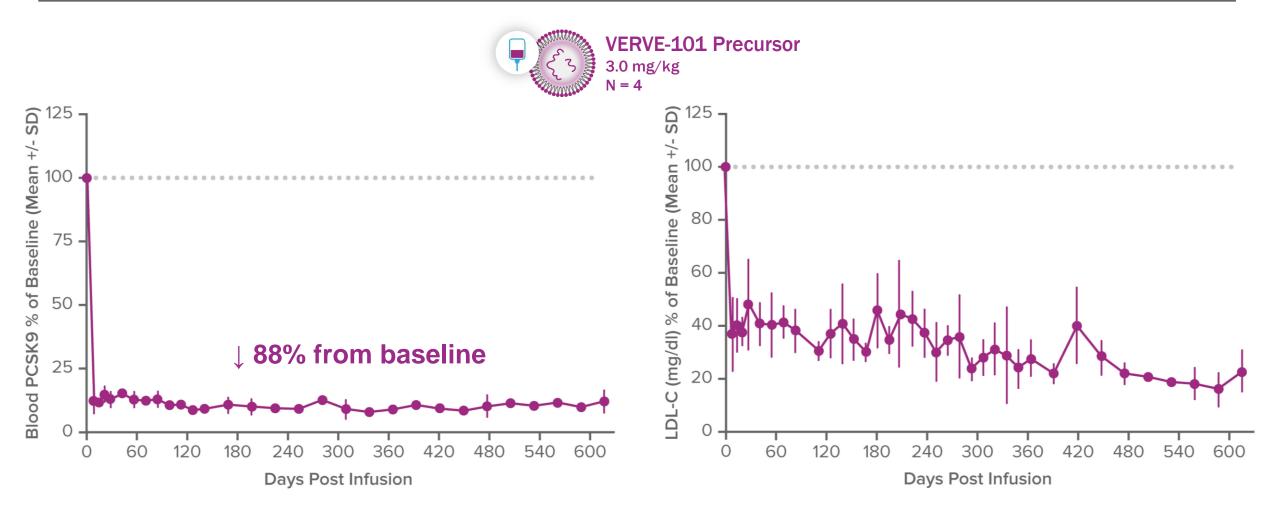


### <u>Blood LDL-C level</u>: 68% reduction observed at one year after one-time intravenous infusion of VERVE-101 in NHPs





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

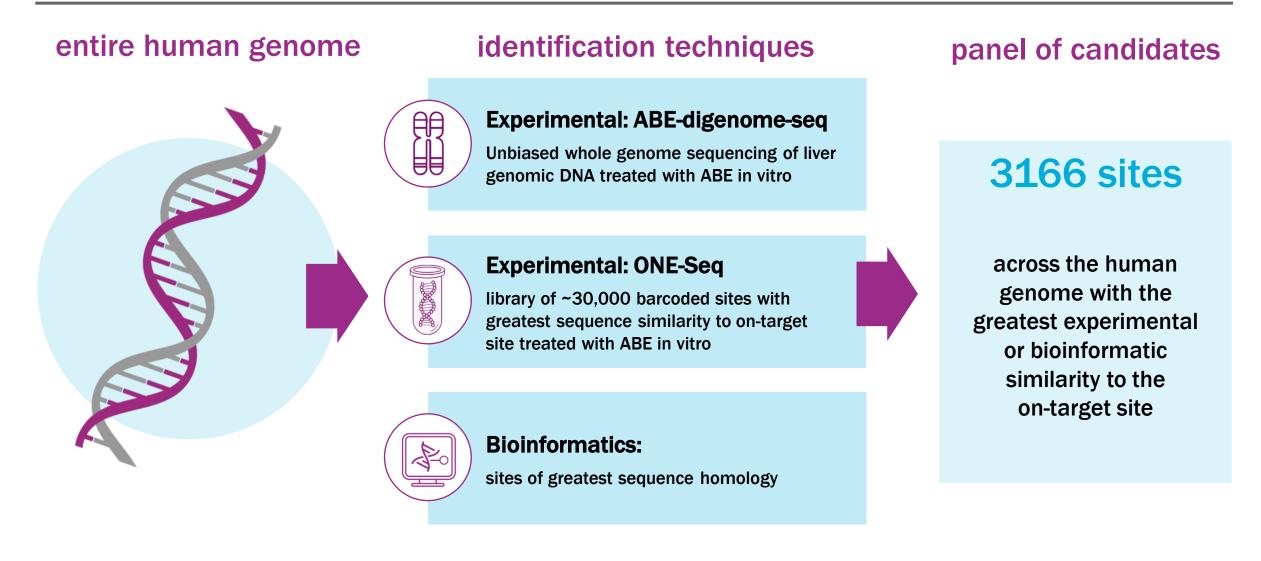






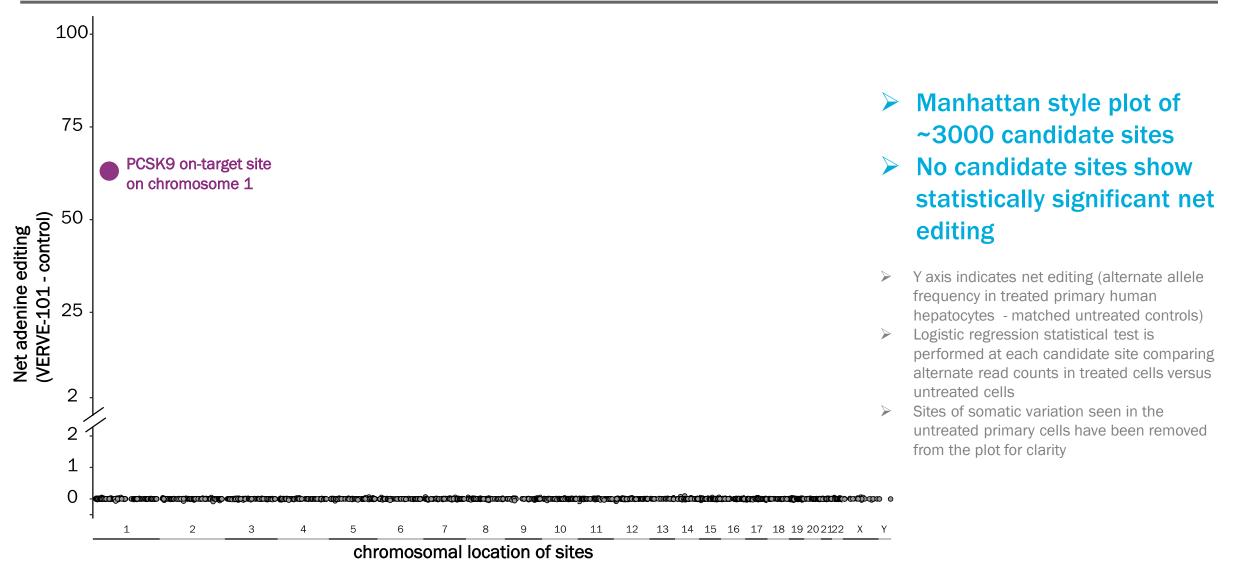
### Multiple orthogonal techniques have been used to nominate ~3000 candidate off-target sites







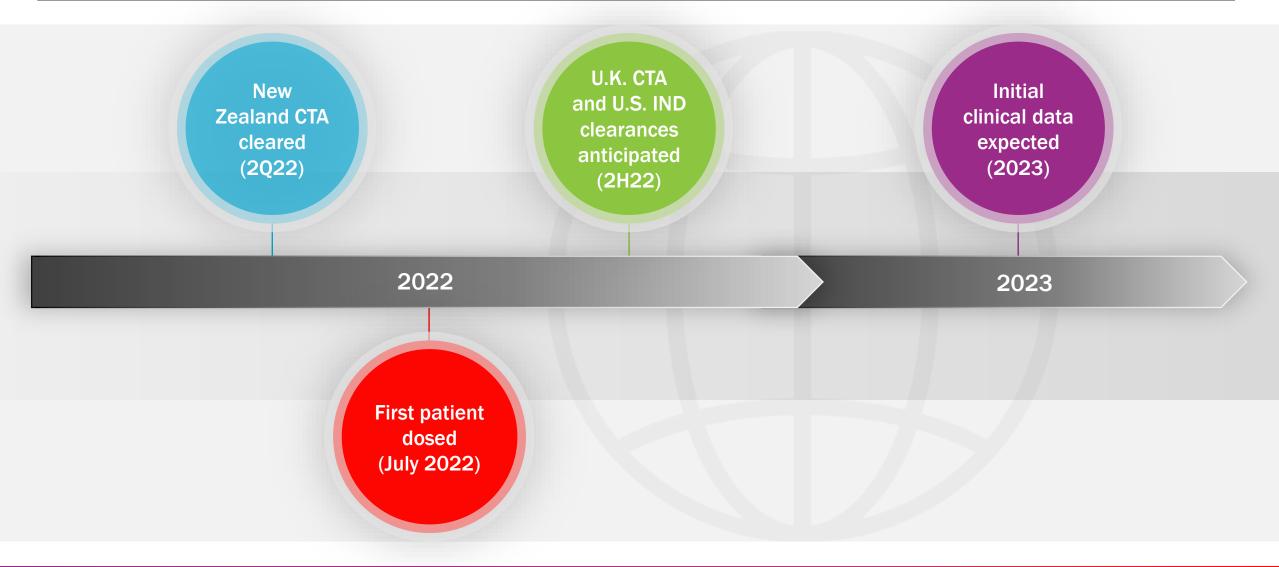
### No observed significant off-target editing at ~3000 candidate sites in primary human liver cells treated with VERVE-101





### VERVE-101: first human dosed with an investigational *in vivo* base editing medicine as a potential treatment for HeFH

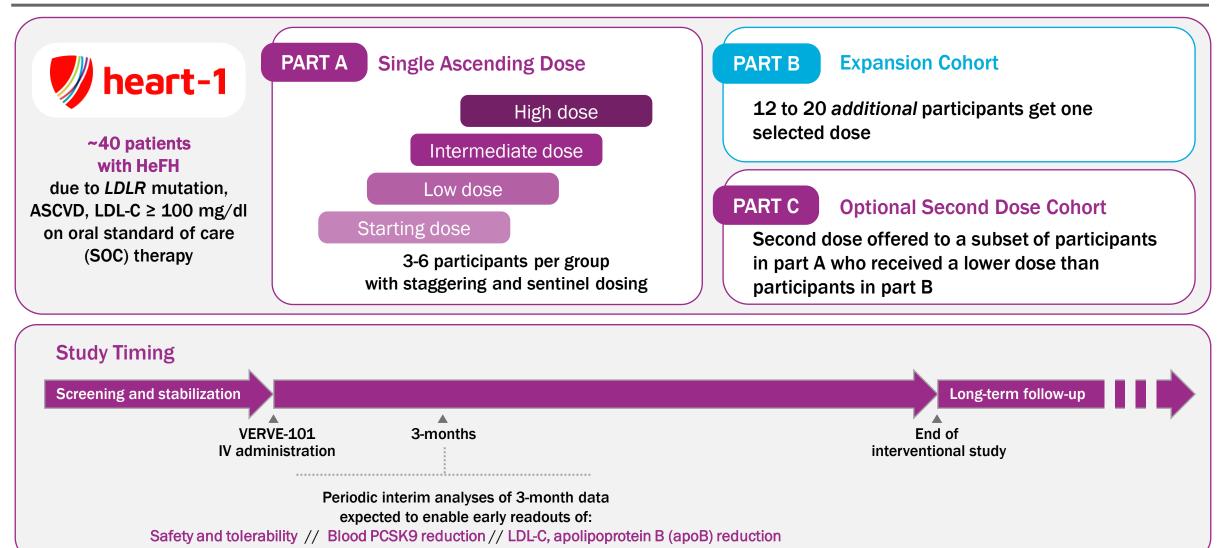






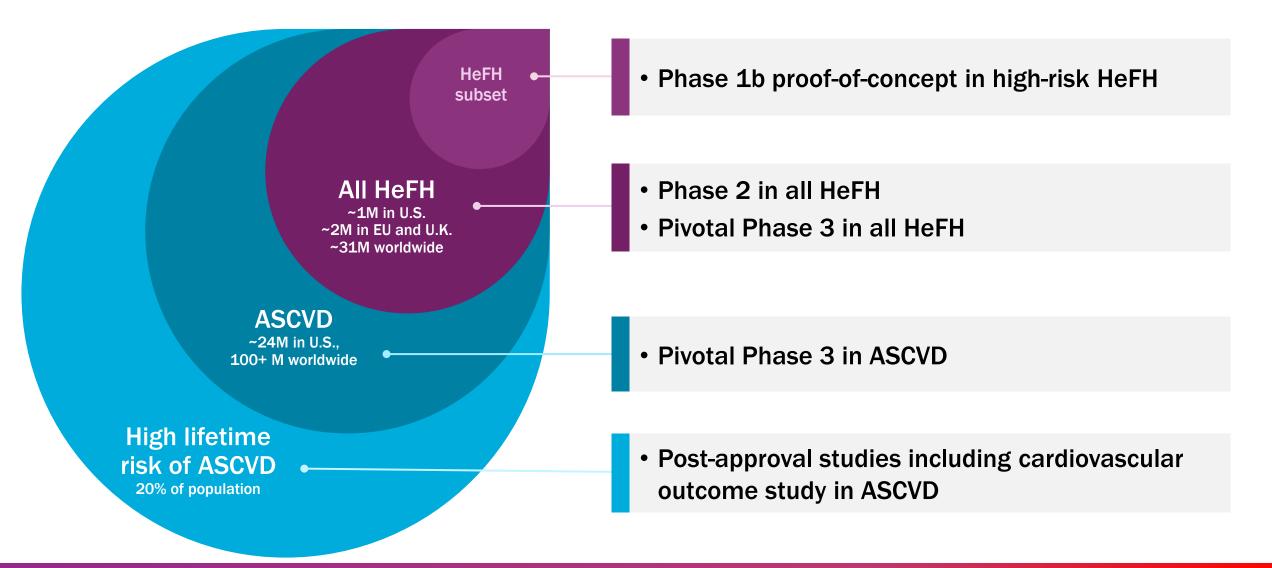
#### heart-1 clinical trial: first-in-human Phase 1b clinical trial of VERVE-101





### Stepwise clinical development strategy starting with HeFH and potential to expand to broader population with ASCVD

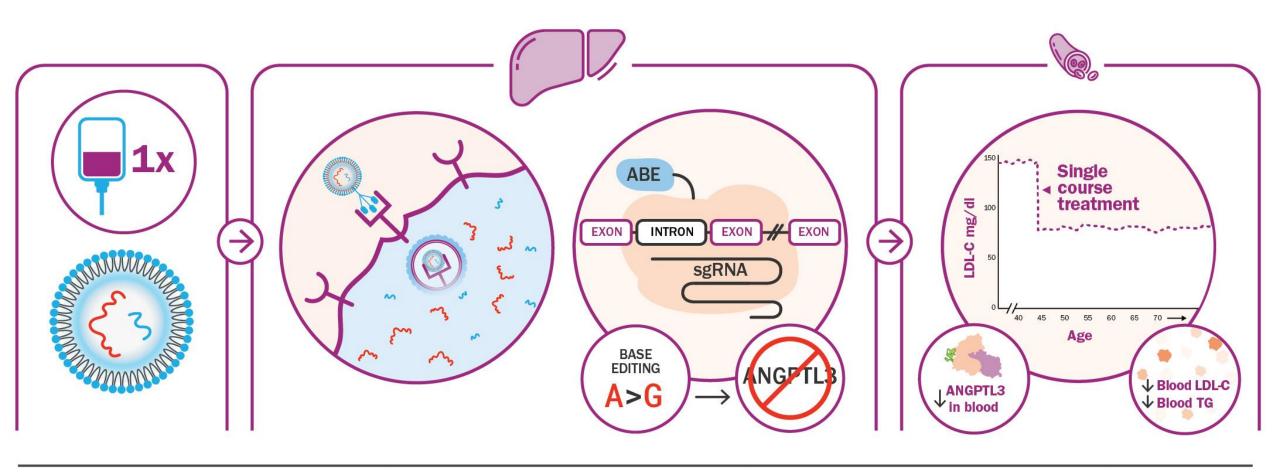




### Advancing ANGPTL3 program to IND-enabling studies in 2H 2022

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

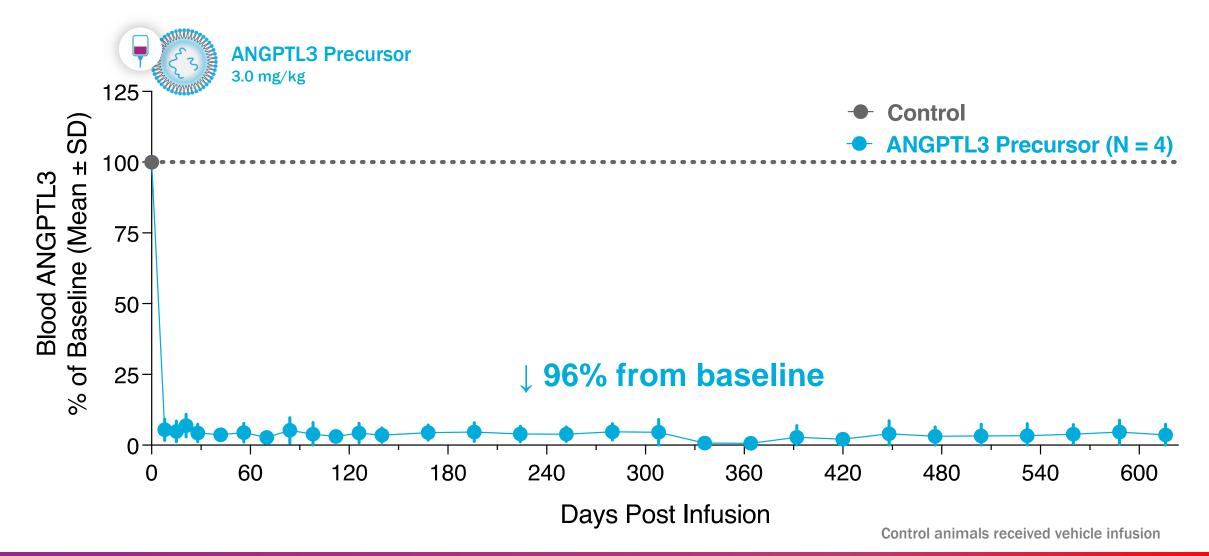




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#### Verve ANGPTL3 precursor administered to NHPs: <u>616 days</u> following infusion, durable >90% reduction in blood ANGPTL3

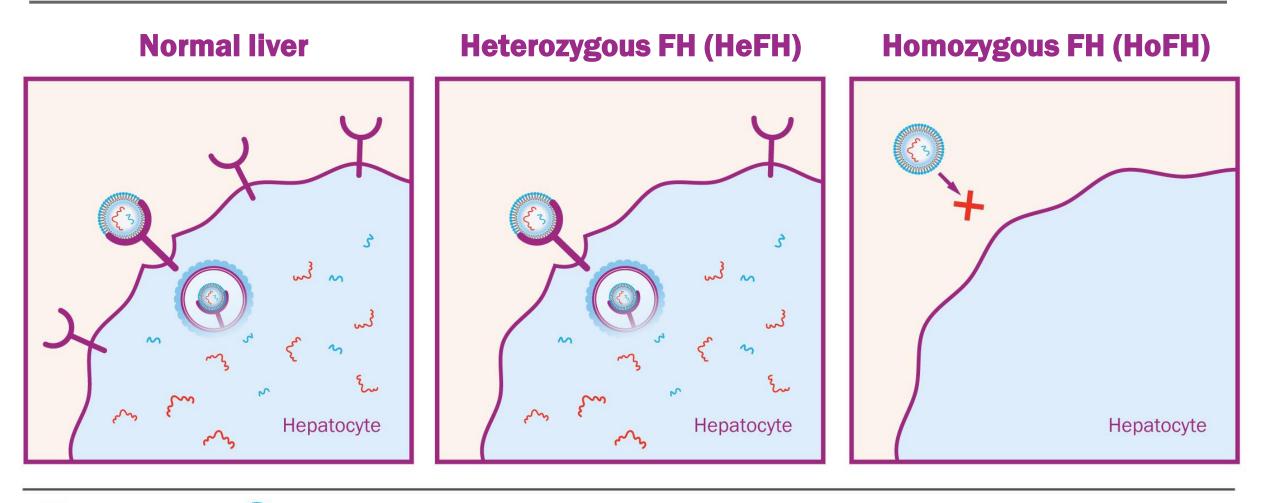




### Novel GalNAc-LNP delivery technology platform

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





**Y** LDL Receptor

Lipid nanoparticle (LNP)

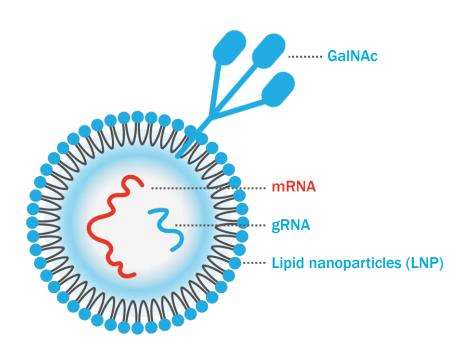
P) wrrna

🖍 gRNA



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

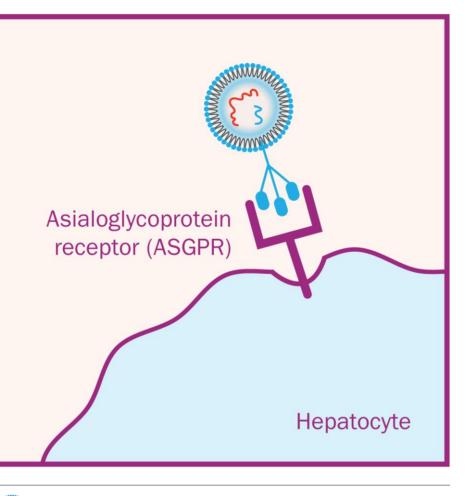




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ANGPTL3

GalNAc

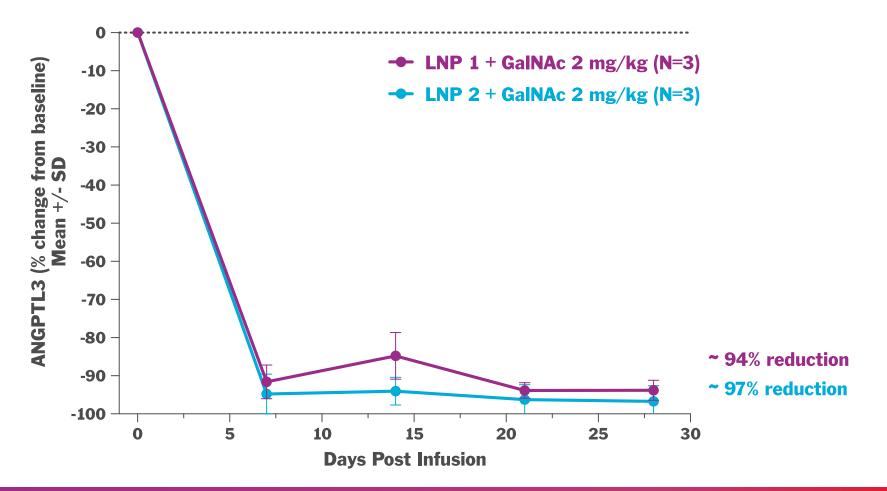
Asialoglycoprotein Receptor (ASGPR)



## Base editing of ANGPTL3 via GalNAc-LNPs reduced 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

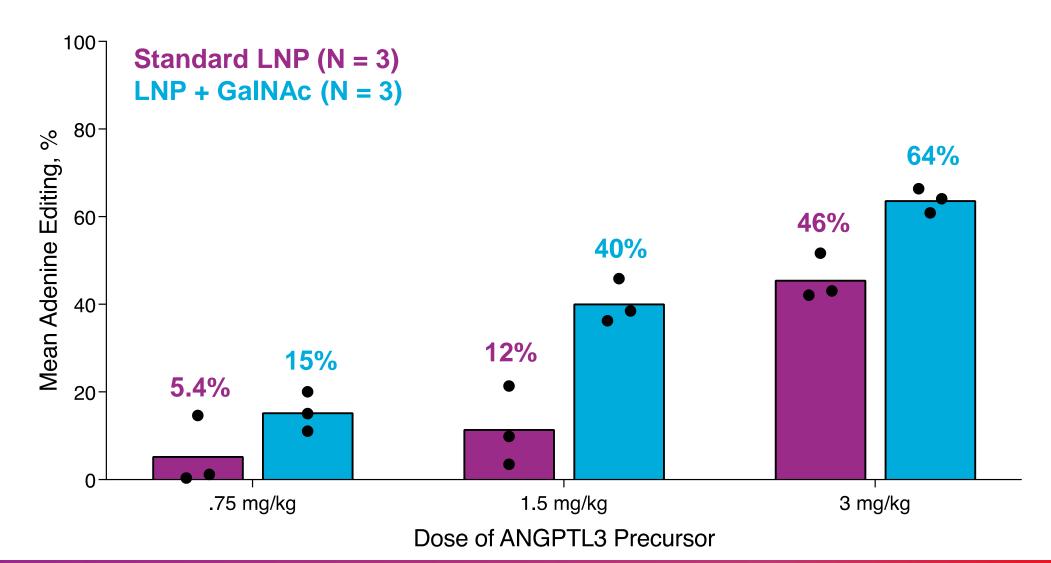




Hypothesis: In wild-type NHPs, GalNAc-LNP is more potent when compared with standard LNP

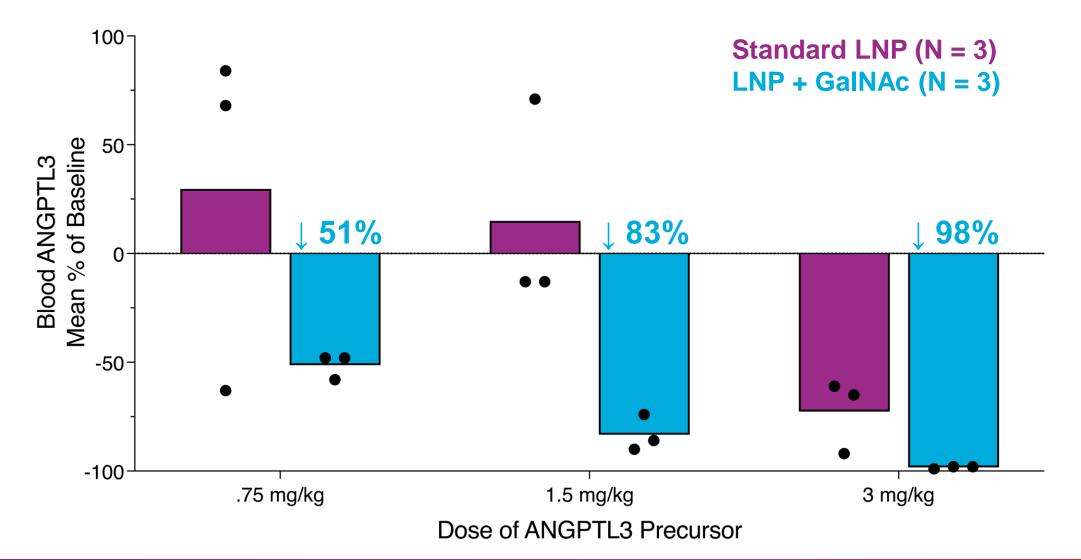
#### In wild-type NHPs, GalNAc-LNP led to greater ANGPTL3 editing potency compared with standard LNP







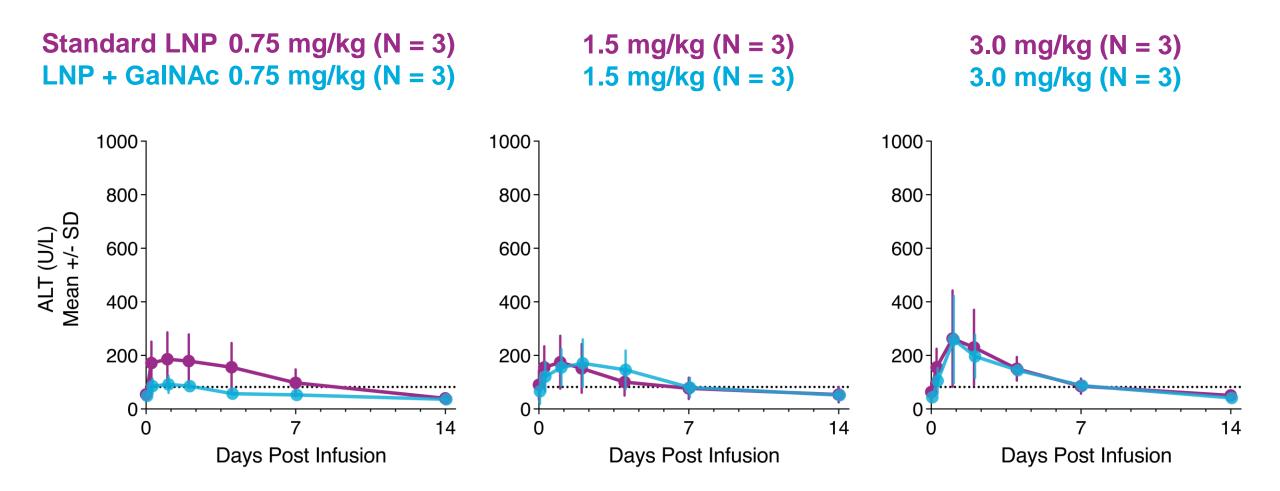
In wild-type NHPs, GalNAc-LNP led to up to 98% reduction in blood ANGPTL3, reflecting improved consistency compared with standard LNP





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

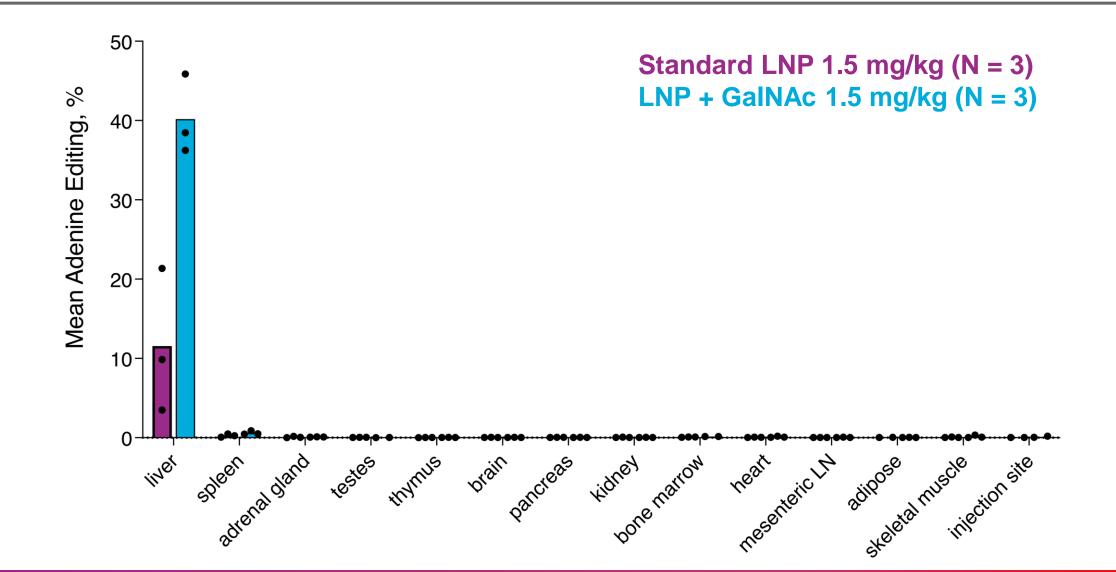






#### Specific delivery to the liver with GalNAc-LNP

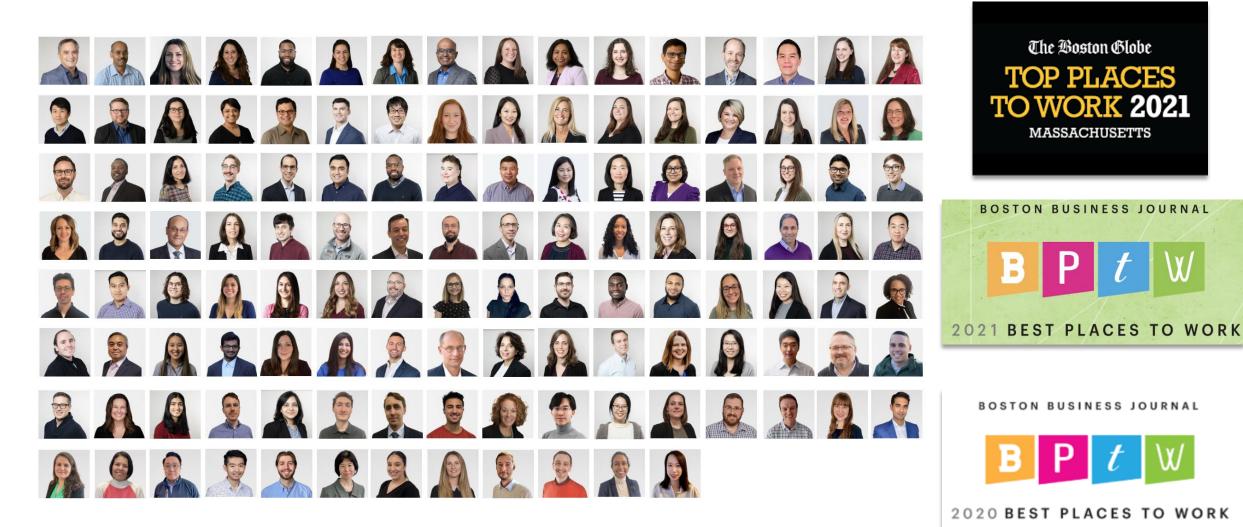






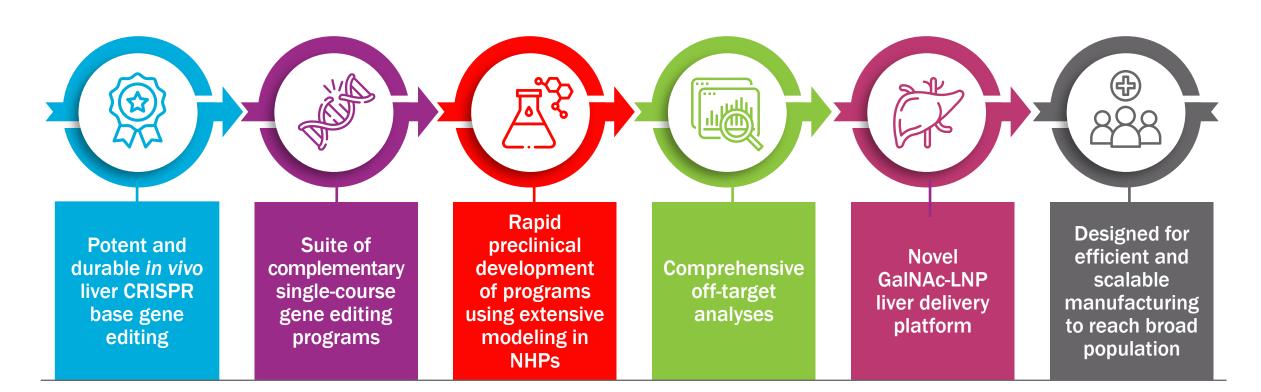


#### A world-class team to nimbly solve problems



## A platform aiming to transform the treatment of cardiovascular disease...



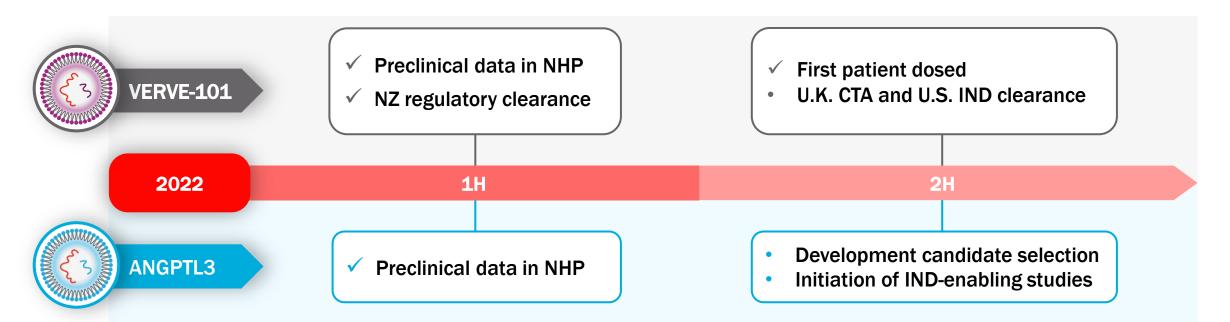


## ...from chronic management to single-course gene editing medicines





#### **Key milestones**



Milestones anticipated over next 6-12 months:

- 1. U.K. CTA clearance (2H 2022)
- 2. U.S. IND clearance (2H 2022)
- 3. Nomination of development candidate for ANGPTL3 program (2H 2022)
- 4. Initiation of IND-enabling studies for ANGPTL3 program (2H 2022)
- 5. Interim clinical data for VERVE-101 heart-1 trial (2023)

