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Verve Therapeutics

**Disrupting the Care of Cardiovascular Disease Through
Single-course Gene Editing Medicines**

May 2023

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Transform the treatment of cardiovascular disease (CVD) from chronic care to once-and-done



Advanced first CVD base editor from concept to clinic: VERVE-101

Developed novel lipid nanoparticle (LNP) liver delivery technology: GalNAc-LNP

Assembled a world-class team of CVD and gene editing experts



Global Phase 1b  heart-1 clinical trial underway in multiple countries

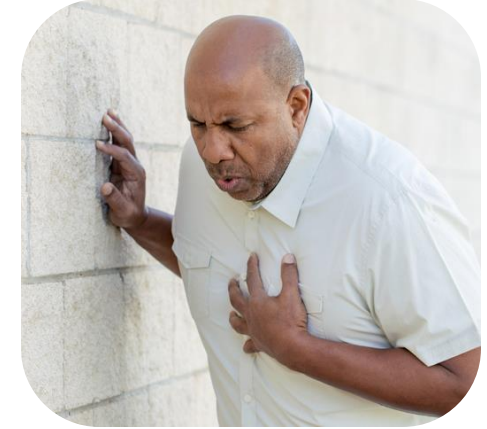
Expanded portfolio through strategic relationships

Well-capitalized with runway to fuel operations into 2H 2025

Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD): #1 cause of death worldwide despite available treatments



One person
dies every 34 seconds
from cardiovascular disease
in the U.S.¹

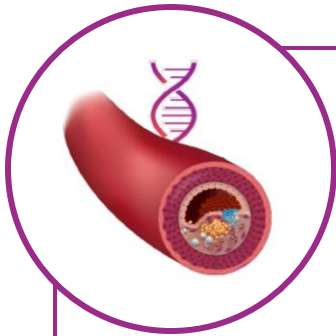


100s of millions
of patients worldwide



~800K heart attacks
per year in the U.S.²

What causes ASCVD and what's a solution?



High cumulative life-long exposure to blood cholesterol clogs heart arteries

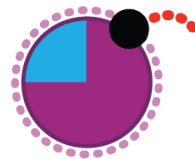
Cholesterol carried in 3 lipoproteins:



LDL

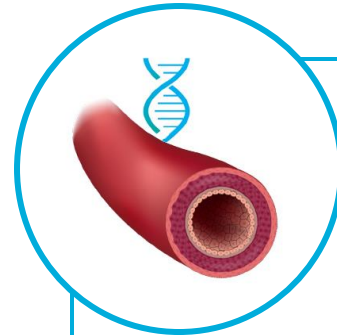


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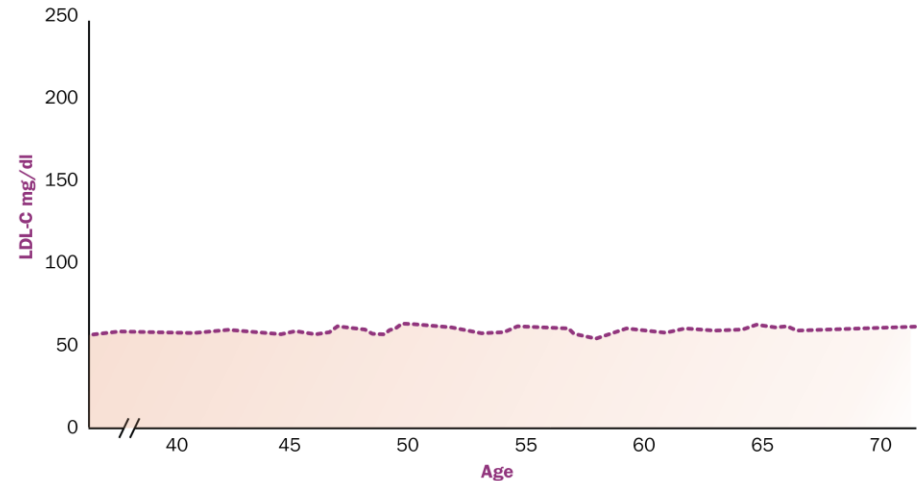


Lp(a)

■ Cholesterol ■ Triglycerides



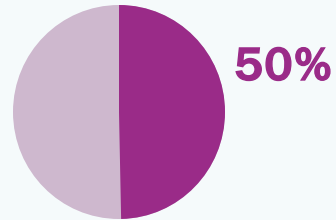
Solution: keep blood cholesterol as low as possible for as long as possible



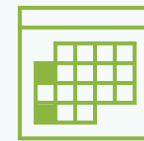
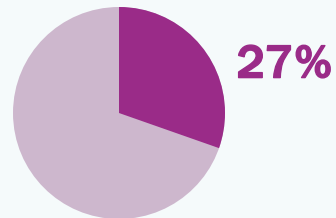
Current chronic care model to lower LDL-C is broken: only 27% ASCVD patients at LDL-C goal

ASCVD

Only 50% ASCVD patients
in U.S. on statin¹



Only 27% ASCVD patients
in U.S. at LDL-C goal²



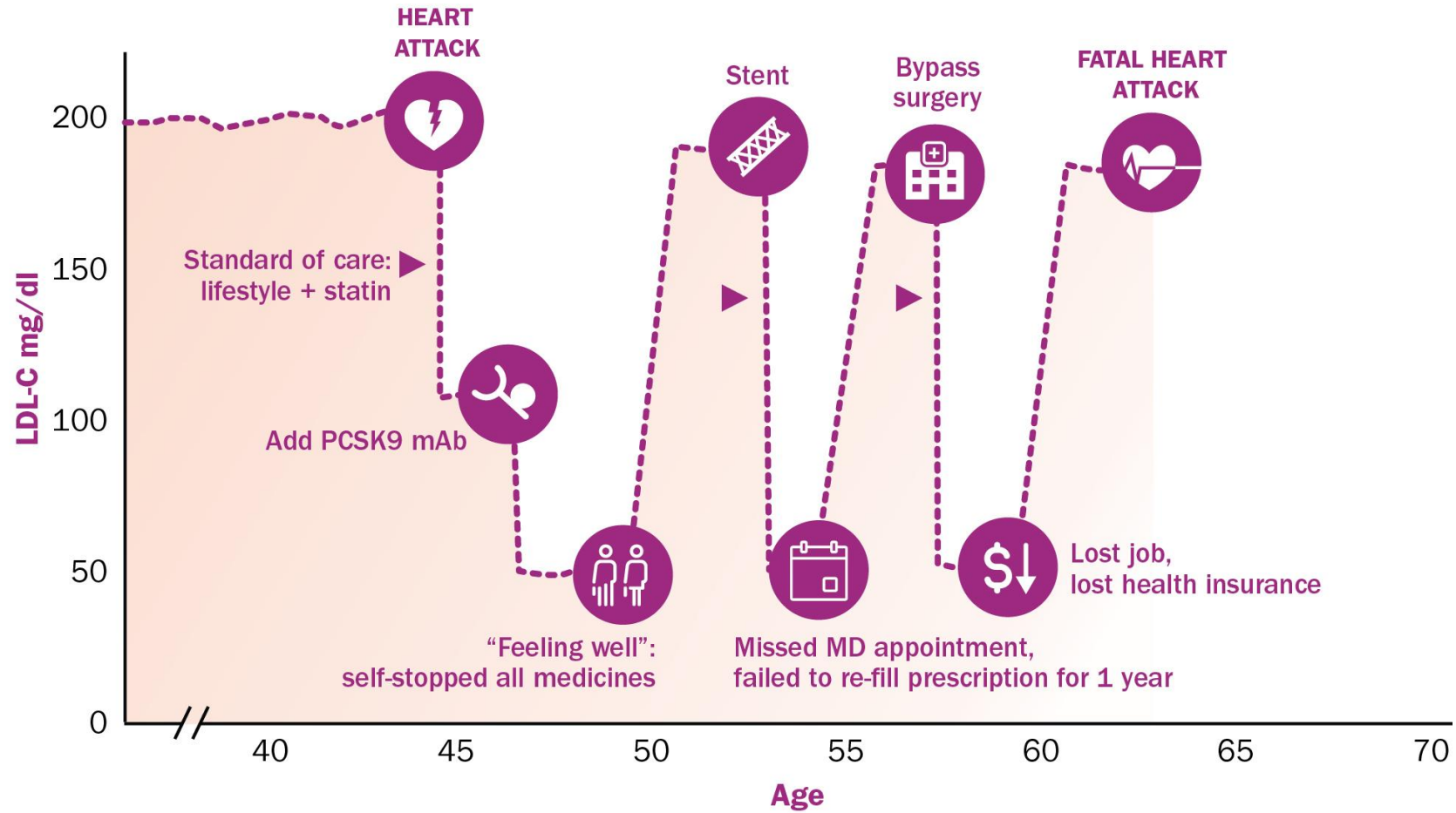
Chronic care
daily pills and/or
intermittent
injections,
for often decades

Requires:

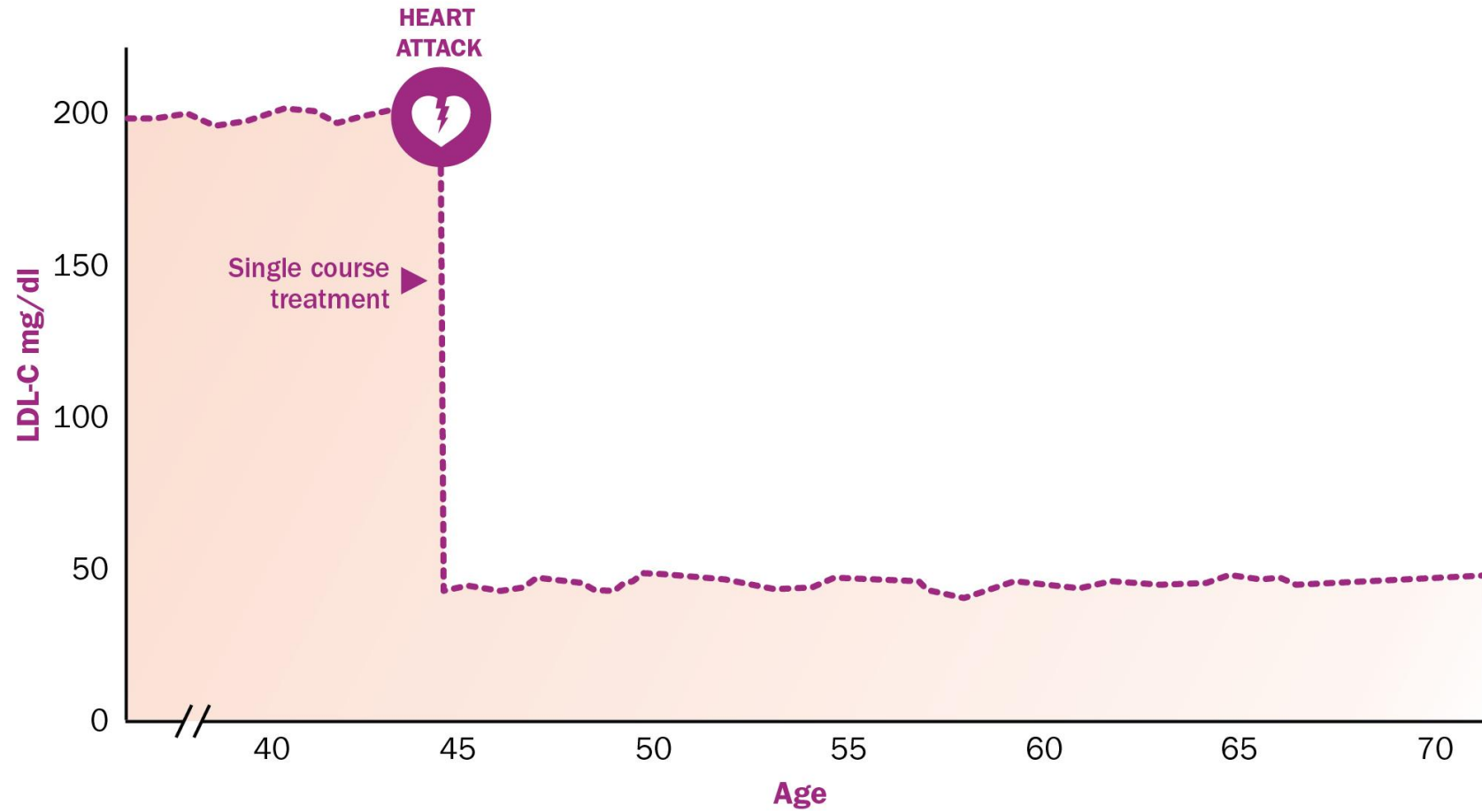
rigorous patient adherence,
extensive healthcare infrastructure, &
regular healthcare access



Current care model for chronic disease: poor control of LDL-C


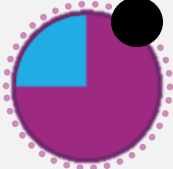





Can we fundamentally change the way chronic disease is treated?









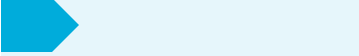





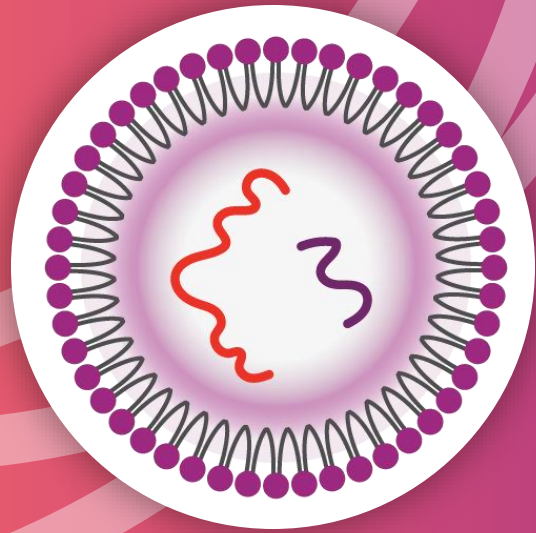
Familial hypercholesterolemia (FH): a genetic subtype of ASCVD, sky-high LDL cholesterol from birth leading to ASCVD at young ages



					
Heterozygous FH (HeFH)	<i>LDLR</i> mutation in single copy	>190 mg/dl	30-60 years	>95% patients worldwide not at LDL-C goal	~3M patients in US/Europe
Homozygous FH (HoFH)	<i>LDLR</i> mutation in both gene copies	>400 mg/dl	Childhood	Despite 4 or 5 meds, almost all not at LDL-C goal	~3,000 patients in US/Europe

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

TARGET	INDICATION	TECHNOLOGY	DEVELOPMENT STATUS			RIGHTS
			Research	IND-enabling	Clinical	
PCSK9 (VERVE-101)	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia ASCVD	Base Editor				
PCSK9 (VERVE-102)	Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia ASCVD	Base Editor				
ANGPTL3 (VERVE-201)	Homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia Refractory Hypercholesterolemia	Base Editor				
LPA	ASCVD patients with high blood Lp(a)	Novel Editor				
Undisclosed	Undisclosed ASCVD	Base Editor				
Undisclosed	Undisclosed liver disease	Novel Editor				




**VERVE-101 targeting PCSK9:
Enrolling in a Phase 1b clinical trial**

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DRUG SUBSTANCES

RNA components encode base editor and a guide targeting *PCSK9* gene





 mRNA for adenine base editor

 gRNA localizes editor to *PCSK9* gene

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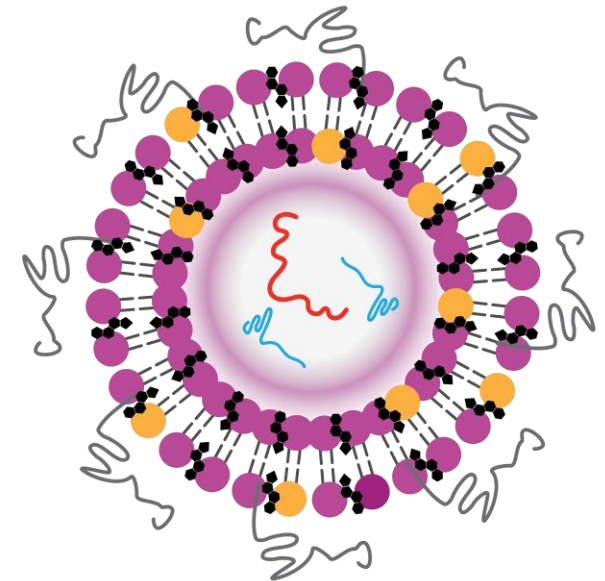
DELIVERY VEHICLE

Lipid nanoparticle (LNP) for delivery to liver cell includes 4 components

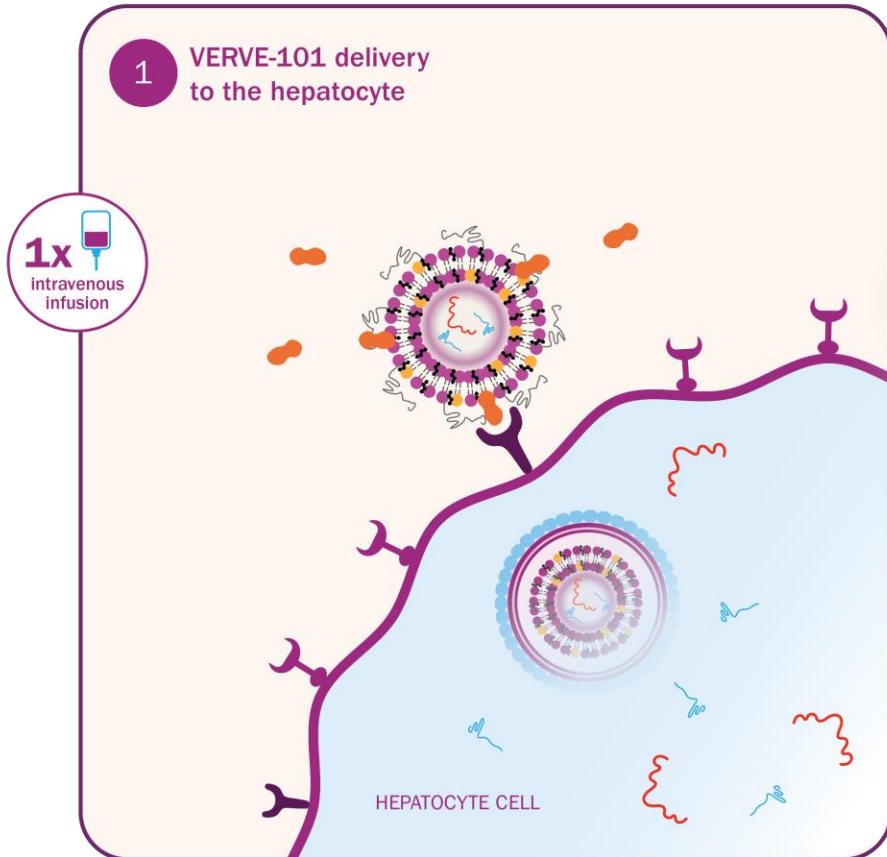
-  Ionizable amino lipid
-  DSPC
-  Cholesterol
-  PEG

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VERVE-101



VERVE-101: base editing medicine designed to inactivate hepatic *PCSK9* and lower LDL-C



Lipid nanoparticle:

- Enables delivery into hepatocyte via receptor-mediated uptake
- Potential for potent editing in target liver tissue with minimal editing elsewhere
- No potential for exogenous DNA to integrate into patient DNA (as can occur with viral vectors)



Lipid nanoparticle



Ionizable amino lipid



DSPC



LDL receptor (LDLR)



apoE



mRNA



gRNA



PEG Lipid

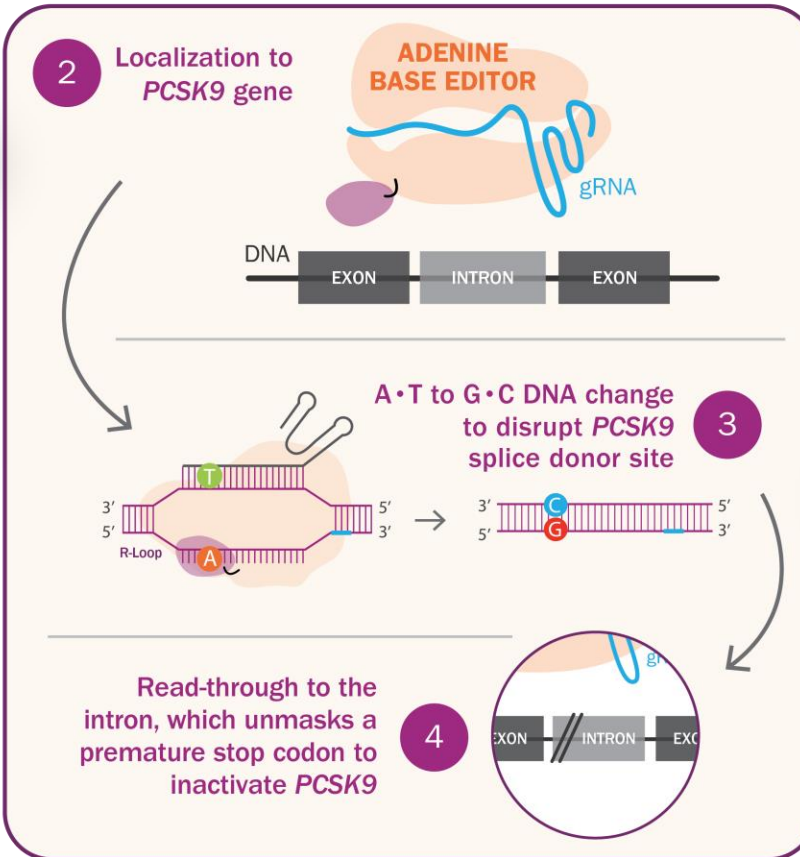
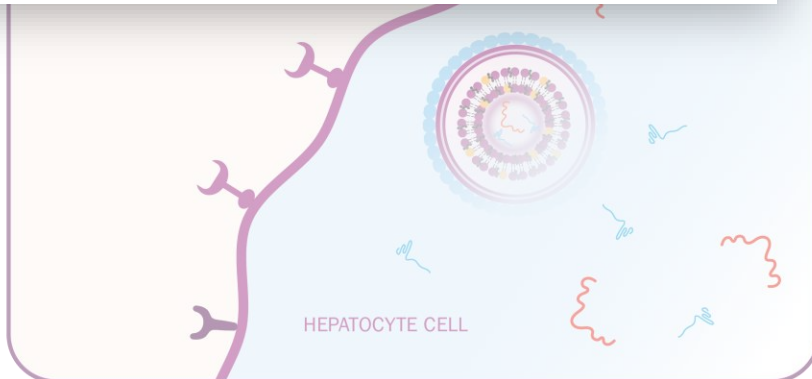


Cholesterol

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20bp target *PCSK9* DNA sequence

- **Unique:** not present elsewhere in the human genome, expected to minimize potential off-target editing
- **Consistent:** DNA of >99.9% of sequenced individuals perfectly match, expected to maximize consistency of treatment response



Adenine Base Editor:

- Precise and predictable DNA change to inactivate gene
- No requirement for a double-strand DNA break, as needed for Cas9 nuclease
- Expected elimination from body within days



Lipid nanoparticle



Ionizable amino lipid



DSPC



LDL receptor (LDLR)



apoE



mRNA



gRNA

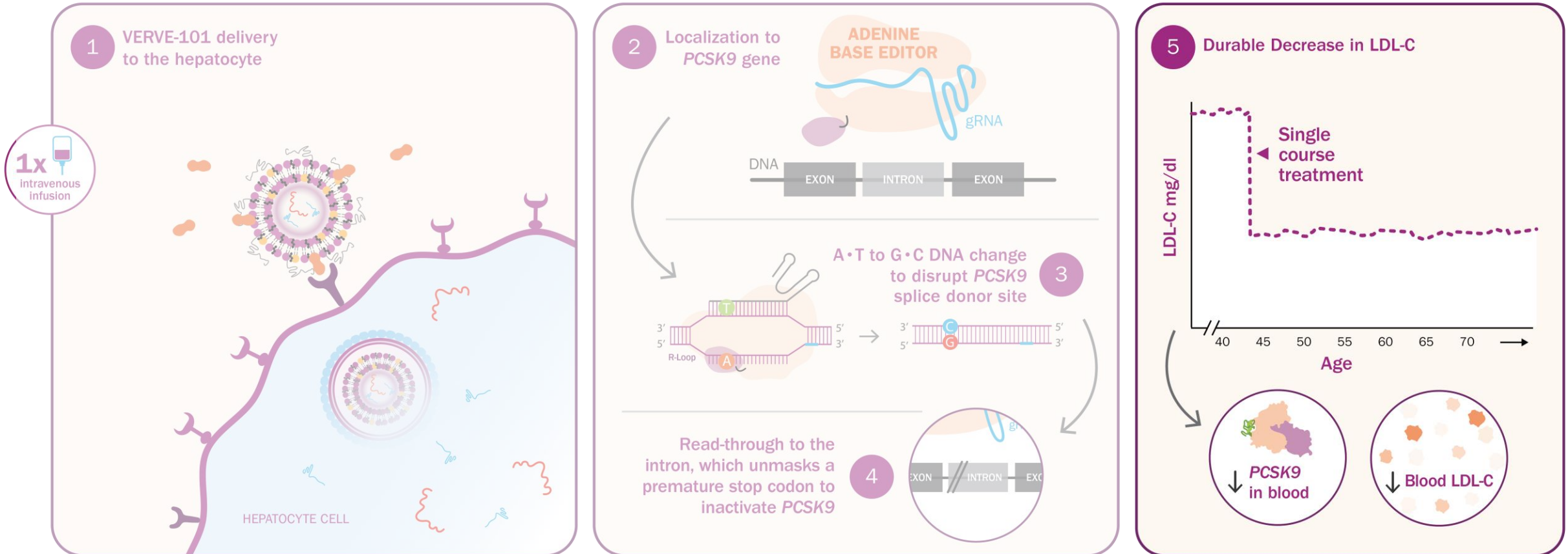


PEG Lipid



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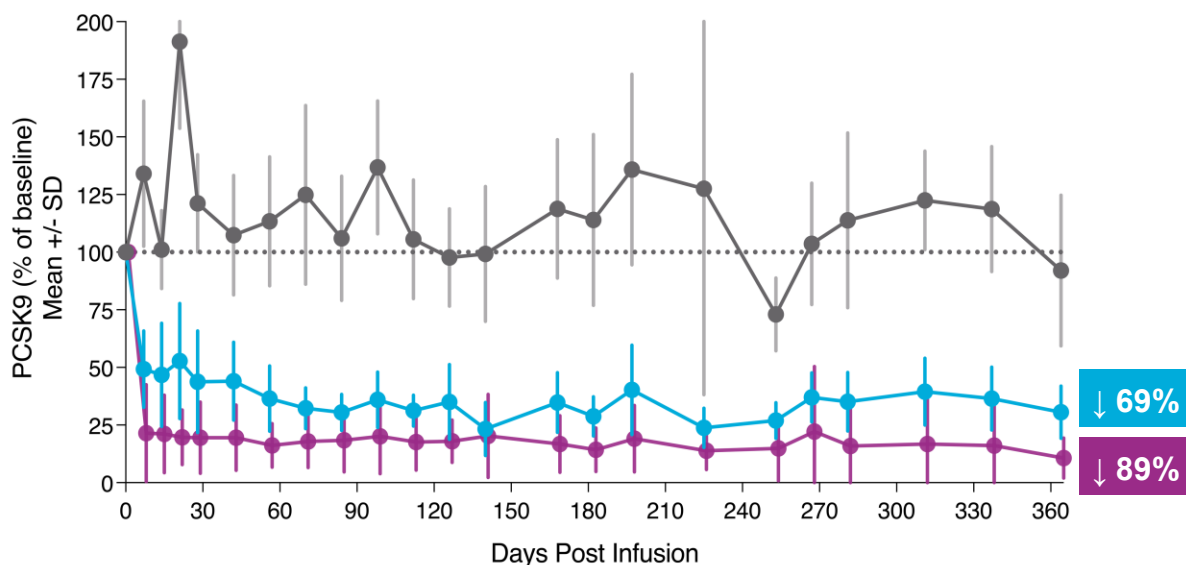


- Lipid nanoparticle
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- apoE
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In non-human primates (NHPs), single infusion of VERVE-101 durably lowers blood PCSK9 and LDL-C



Reductions in blood PCSK9 level

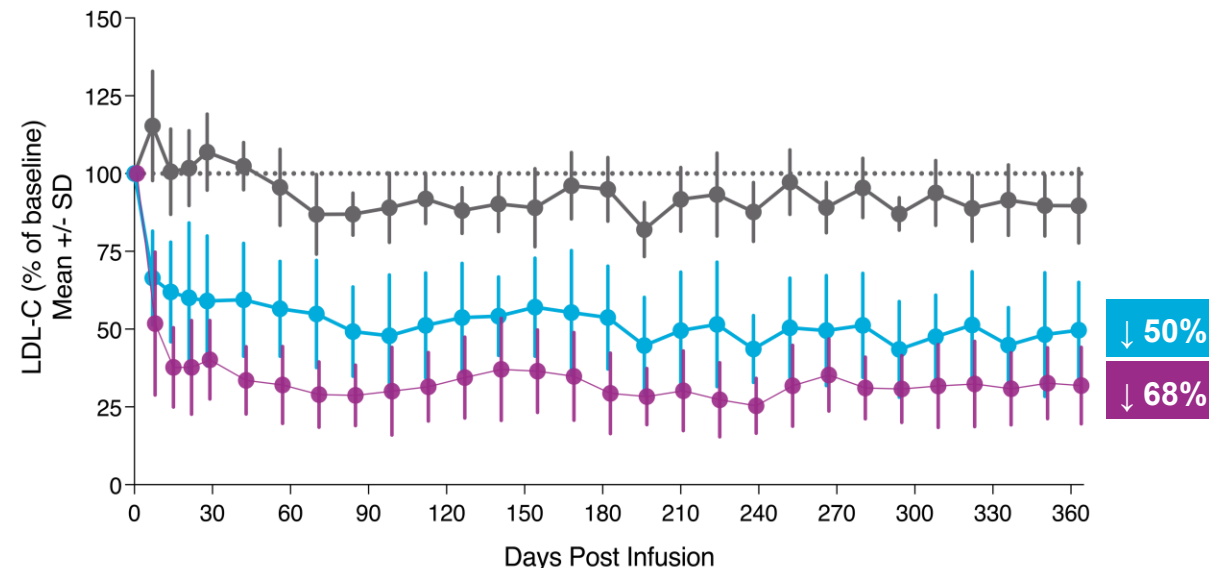


Vehicle control (N = 10)

VERVE-101 0.75 mg/kg (N = 4)

VERVE-101 1.5 mg/kg (N = 22)

Reductions in blood LDL-C level



↓ 50%
↓ 68%

Initial safety and efficacy data from single ascending dose portion of Phase 1b **heart-1** study expected in 2H23



SINGLE ASCENDING DOSE

Starting dose

Low dose

Intermediate dose

High dose

3-6 participants per group with staggering and sentinel dosing

GLOBAL REGULATORY STRATEGY

- Regulatory clearances in New Zealand and the U.K.

Working to resolve Investigational New Drug (IND) application hold and start trial in the U.S.

STUDY ENROLLMENT

- Recruitment ongoing in New Zealand and the U.K.

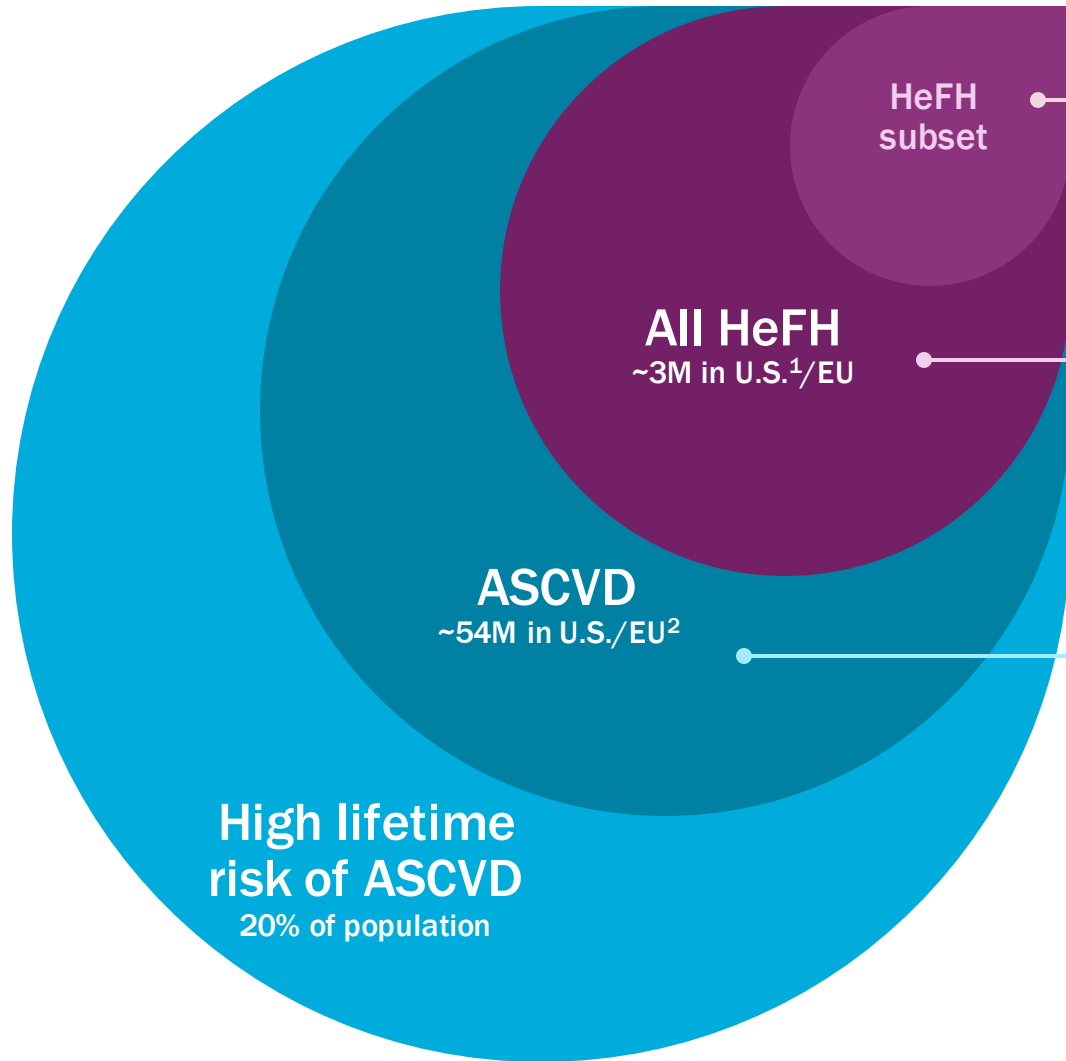
Enrolling high risk HeFH patients with established ASCVD and LDL not at goal

INITIAL DATA IN 2H23

- Data from dose escalation portion of the study

Safety parameters, blood PCSK9, and blood LDL-C

Stepwise clinical development strategy for VERVE-101 starting with HeFH and potential to expand to broader populations with ASCVD



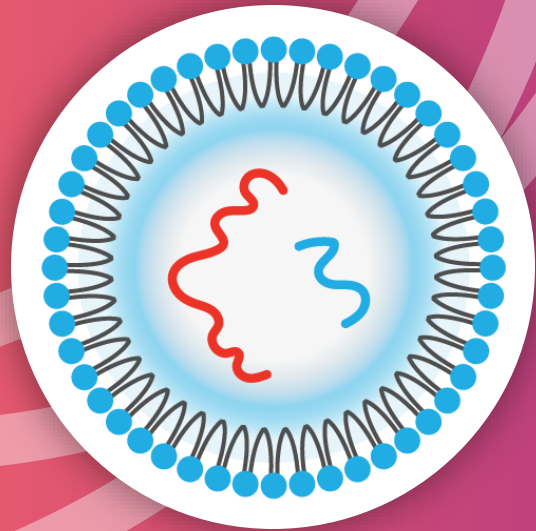
- Phase 1b proof-of-concept in high-risk HeFH

- Phase 2 in all HeFH
- Pivotal Phase 3 in all HeFH (LDL-C endpoint)

- Pivotal Phase 3 in ASCVD (LDL-C endpoint)
- Cardiovascular outcome study in ASCVD

Lowering LDL-C by targeting PCSK9 remains a large unmet need

Clinical development strategy subject to alignment with regulators



**VERVE-201 targeting ANGPTL3:
First patient dosing
anticipated in 2024**

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

Lower LDL-C, TRL, and ASCVD

Heterozygous deficiency:
lower lipids in population,
resistant to ASCVD

Homozygous deficiency¹:
'Human knockout'
LDL-C: **37 mg/dL**
TRL: **19 mg/dL**

Rare Gene Mutations Inspire New Heart Drugs

By Gina Kolata

May 24, 2017

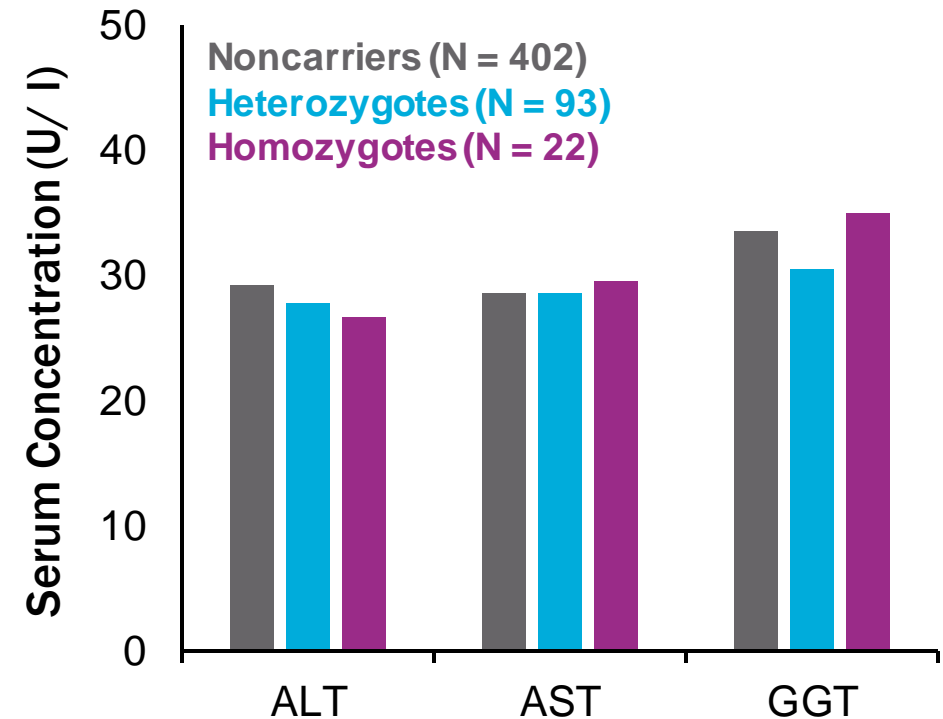
Anna Feurer learned she had unusually **low** triglyceride levels after having bloodwork at a corporate health fair. The discovery prompted researchers to recruit her and her family for a research study of their genetic makeup.



*Credit. Jess T. Dugan
for The New York Times*

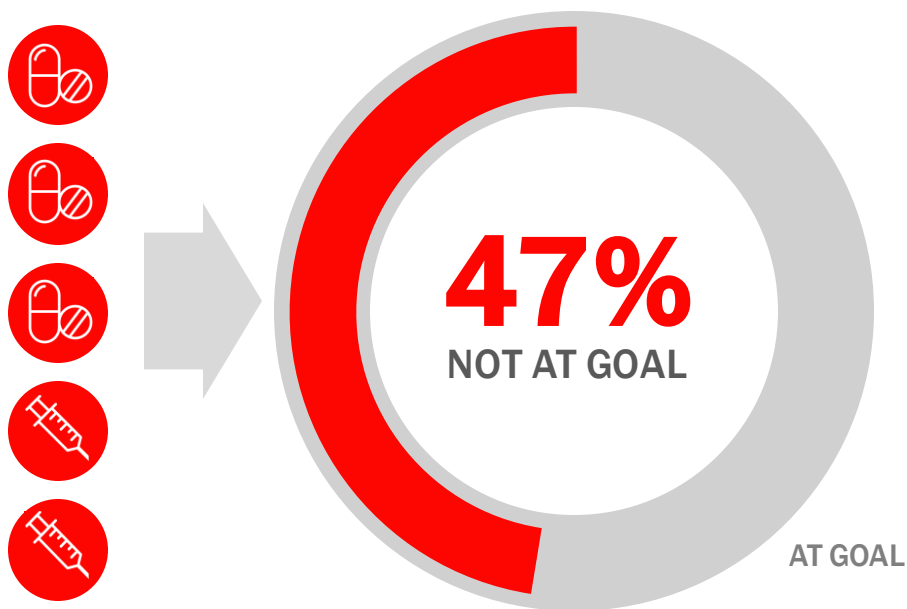
No adverse effects

No increase in markers of liver injury or prevalence of liver steatosis in heterozygous or homozygous deficiency²



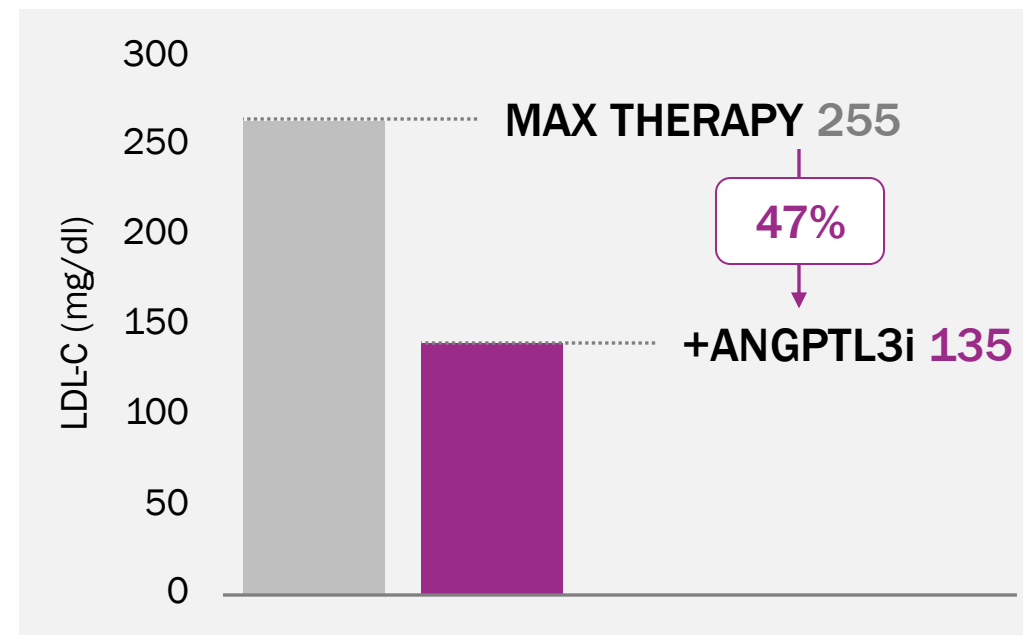
HoFH: severe orphan disease where medicine targeting ANGPTL3 approved to lower LDL-C

Unmet Medical Need



In a global registry of HoFH patients, 47% did not attain LDL-C goal even on 5 lipid-lowering therapies¹

Clinical Validation of ANGPTL3 Mechanism



Registration trial of evinacumab (Evkeeza, n=65) in HoFH patients on maximum lipid-lowering therapy ANGPTL3 inhibition ↓ LDL-C by 47%²

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mRNA for adenine base editor



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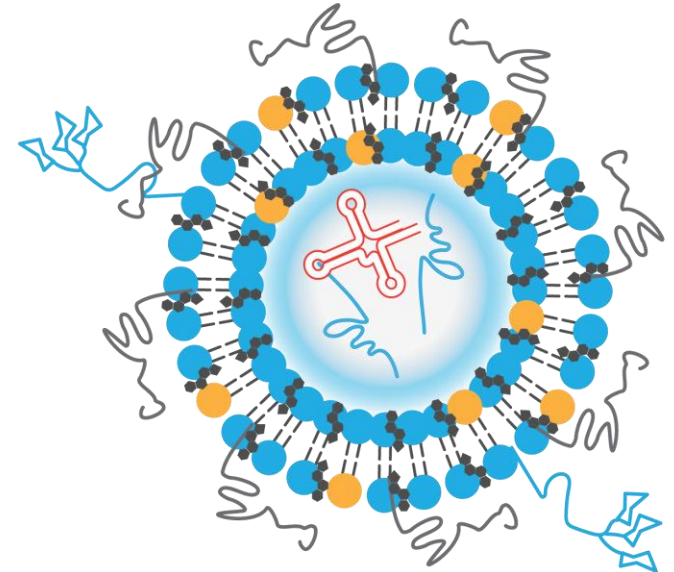
GalNAc



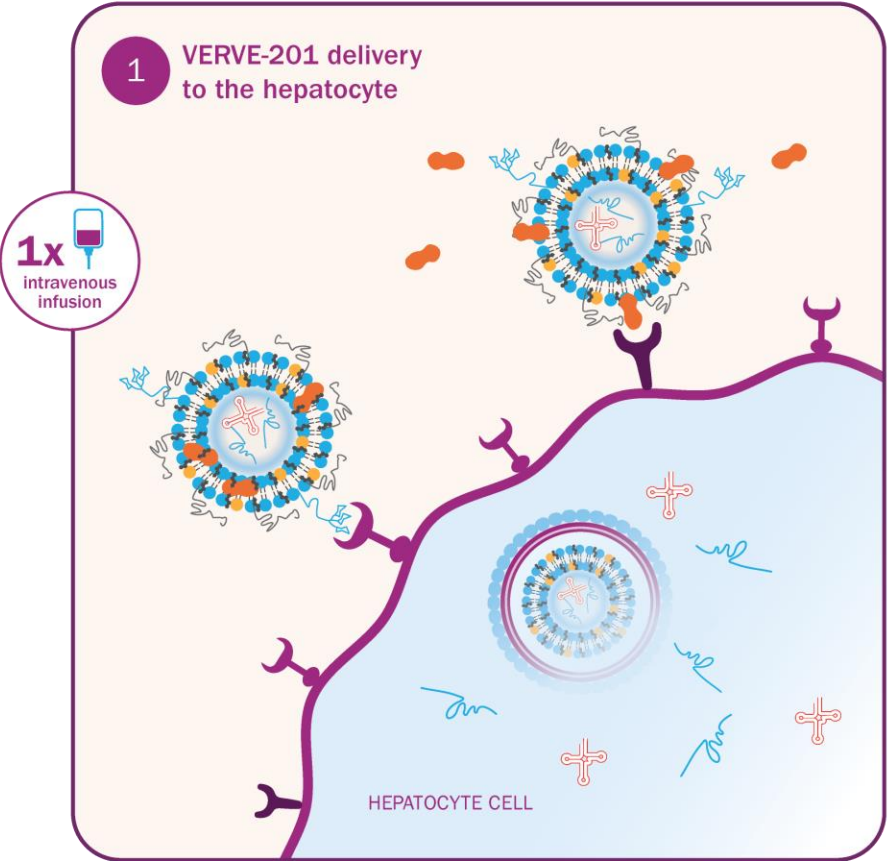
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VERVE-201

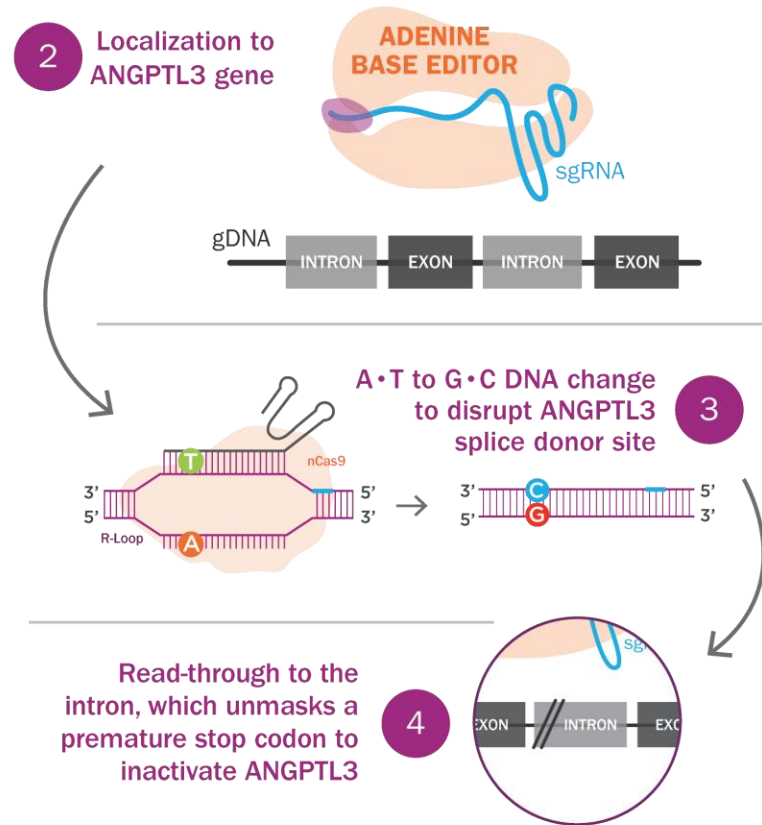
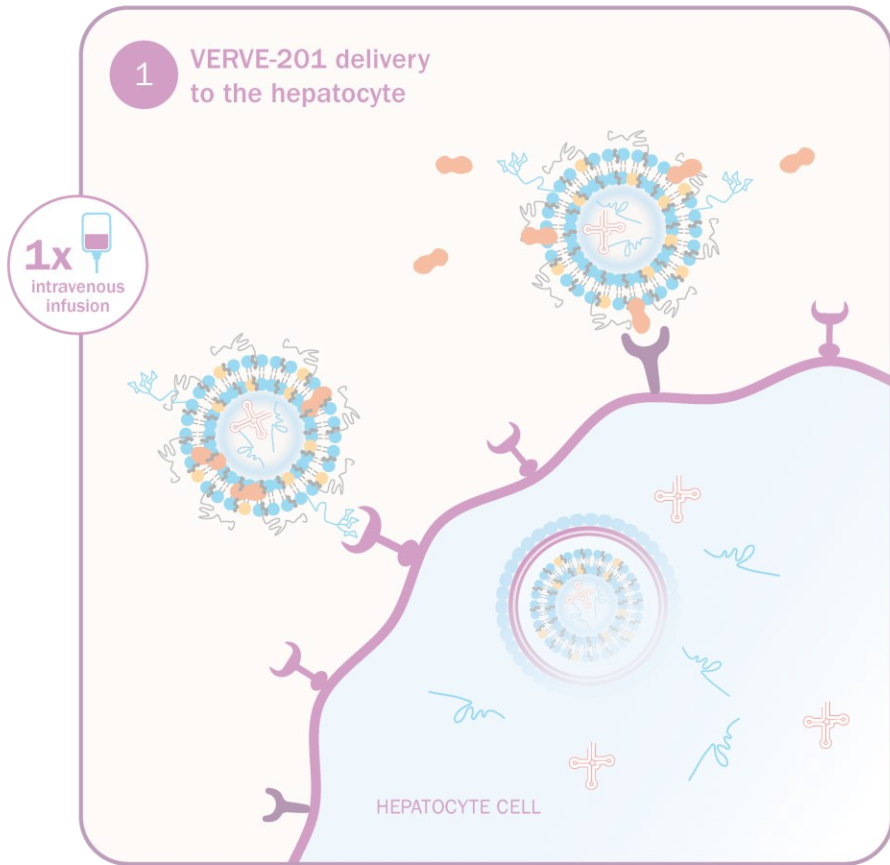


VERVE-201: base editing medicine designed to inactivate hepatic ANGPTL3 and lower LDL-C and TG



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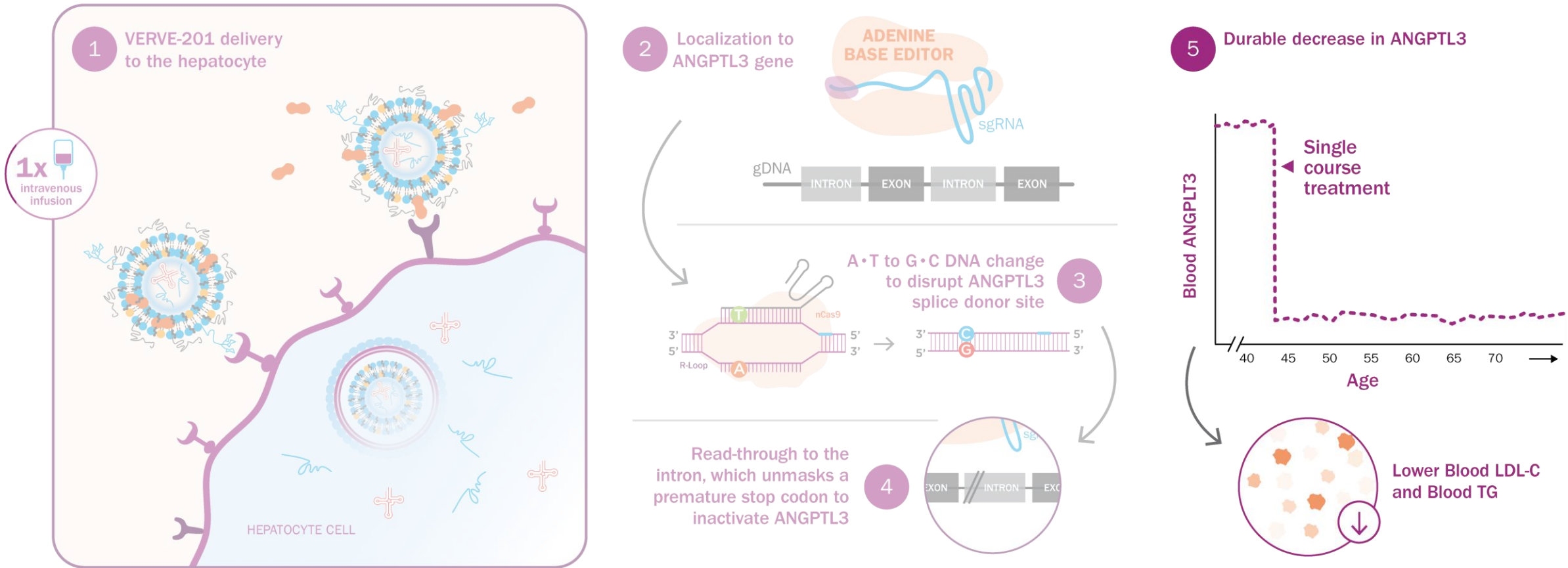
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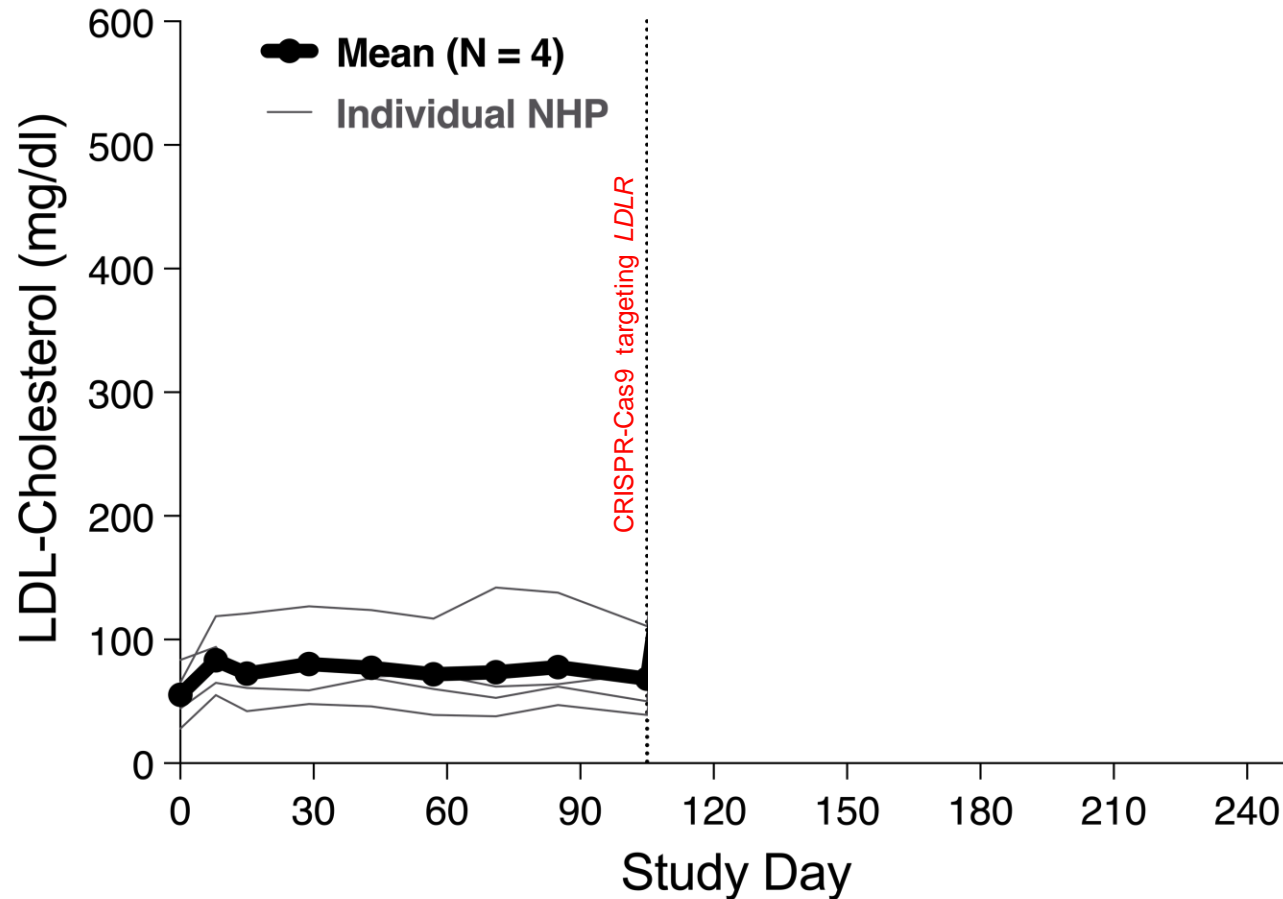


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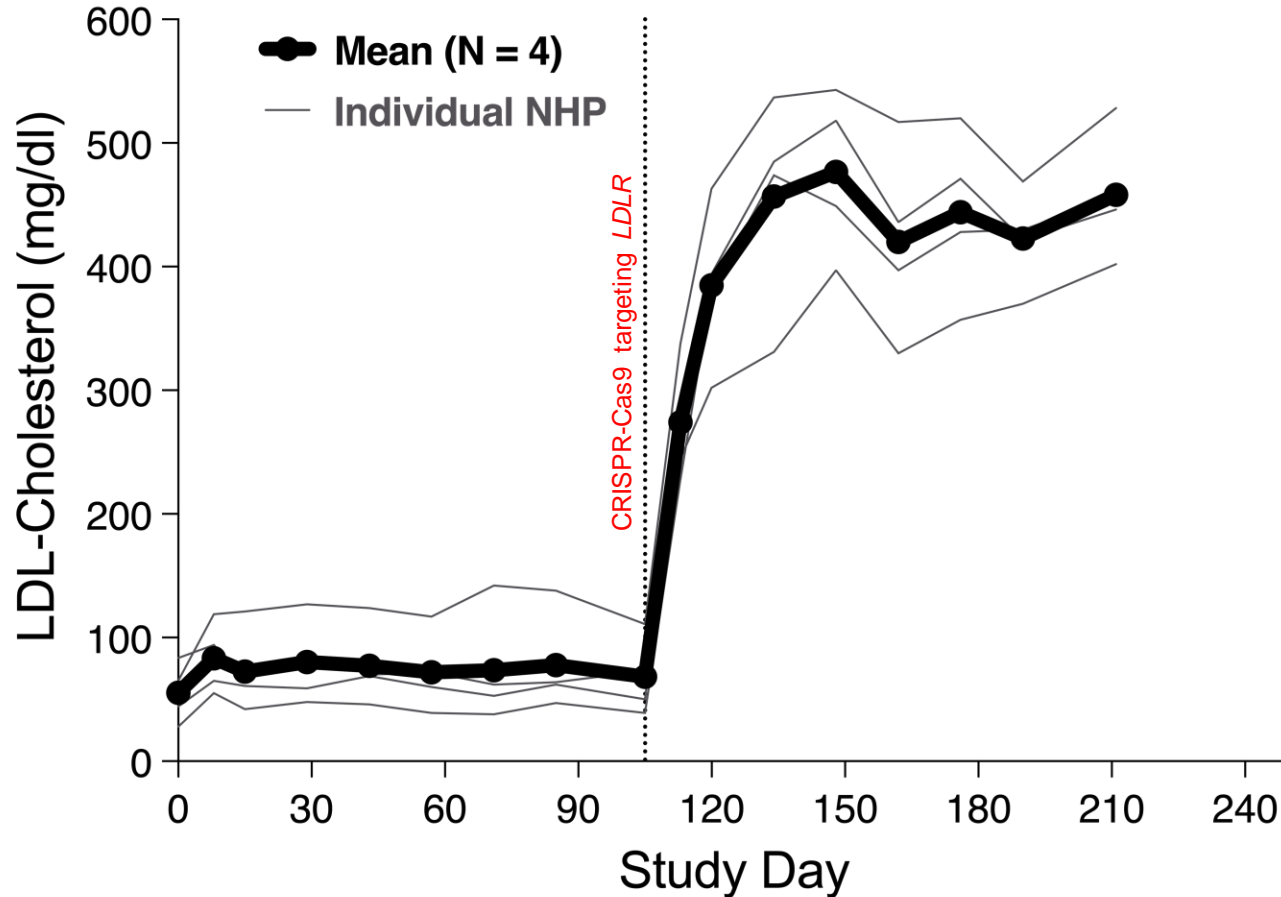
To model HoFH physiology, Verve developed LDLR-deficient non-human primates



Step #1: Develop LDLR-deficient NHPs

- NHP model of LDLR-deficiency not readily available
- Treated 4 NHPs with CRISPR-Cas9 to inactivate *LDLR* in the liver.¹

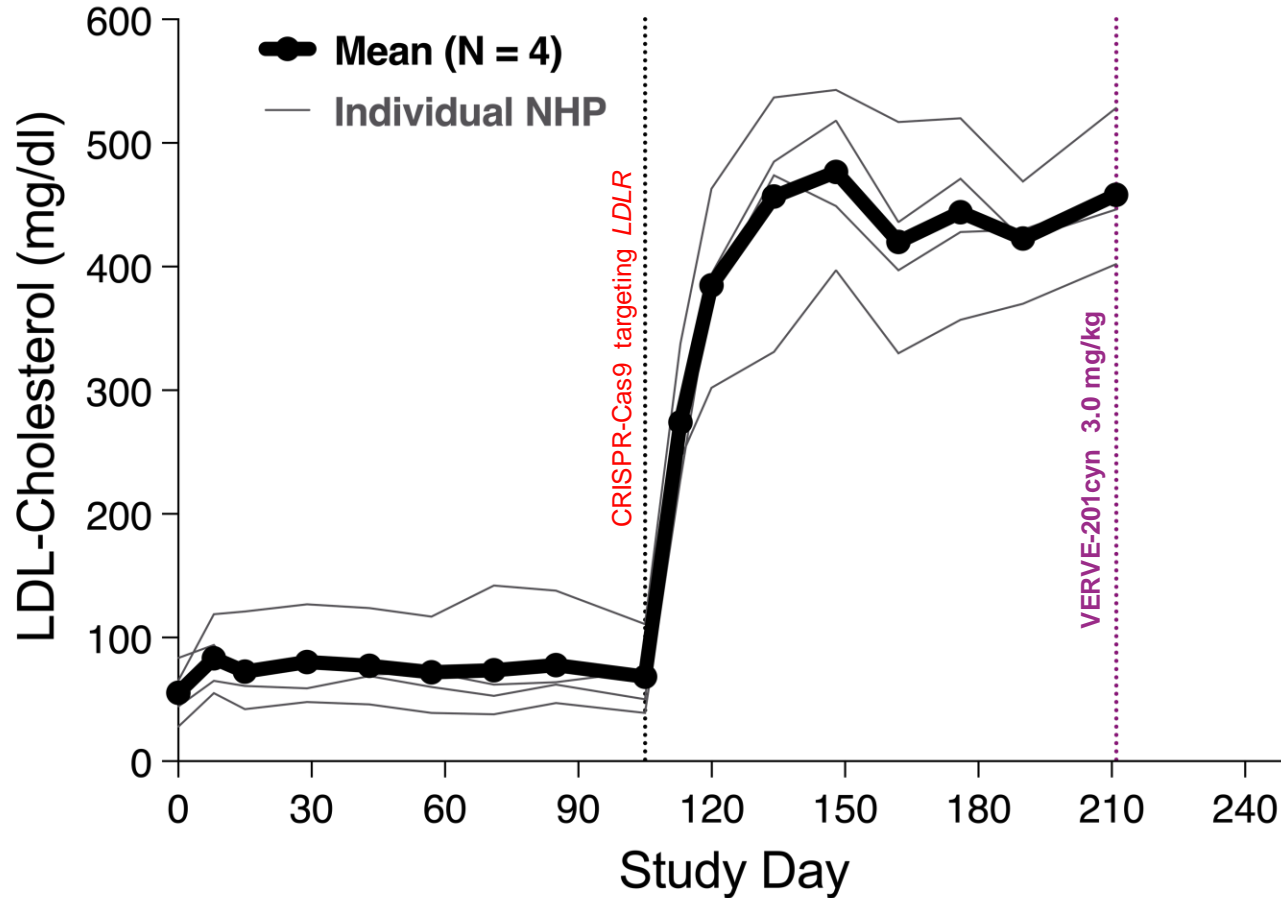
LDL-C goes up > 8-fold in the LDLR-deficient NHPs



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 - Achieved 64% mean *LDLR* editing
 - >80% lower hepatic *LDLR* protein versus control NHPs
 - Mean LDL-C increased from baseline of 55 to 458 mg/dL

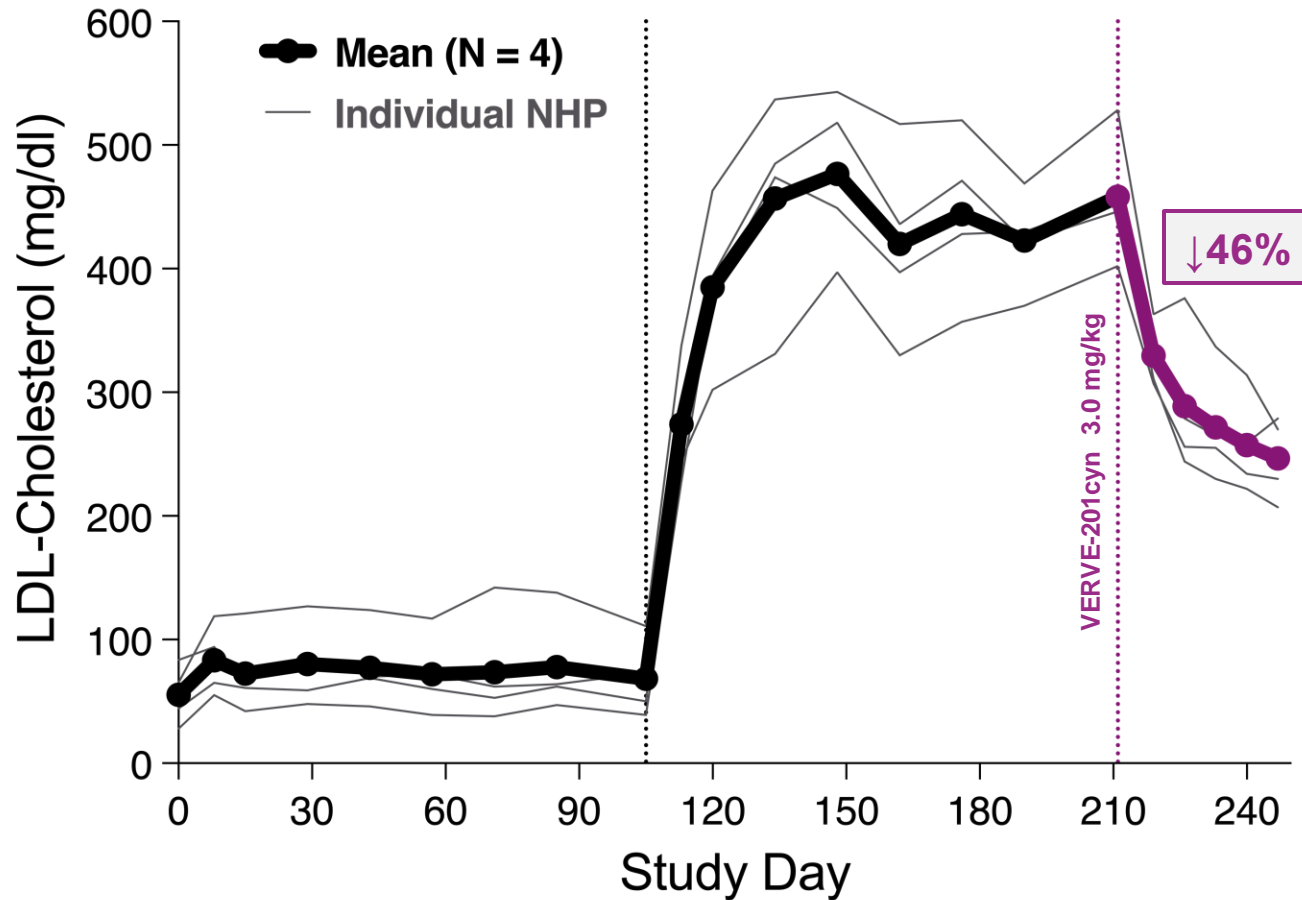
Treat with VERVE-201cyn – 84% reduction in blood ANGPTL3



Step #2: Treat with VERVE-201cyn

- Treated 4 NHPs with VERVE-201cyn at a dose of 3.0 mg/kg.
- At time of necropsy 5 weeks following dosing:
 - 60% mean *ANGPTL3* liver editing
 - 84% mean reduction from baseline in blood *ANGPTL3*

In LDLR-deficient NHPs treated with VERVE-201cyn, 46% mean decrease in LDL-C observed (458 to 247 mg/dL)



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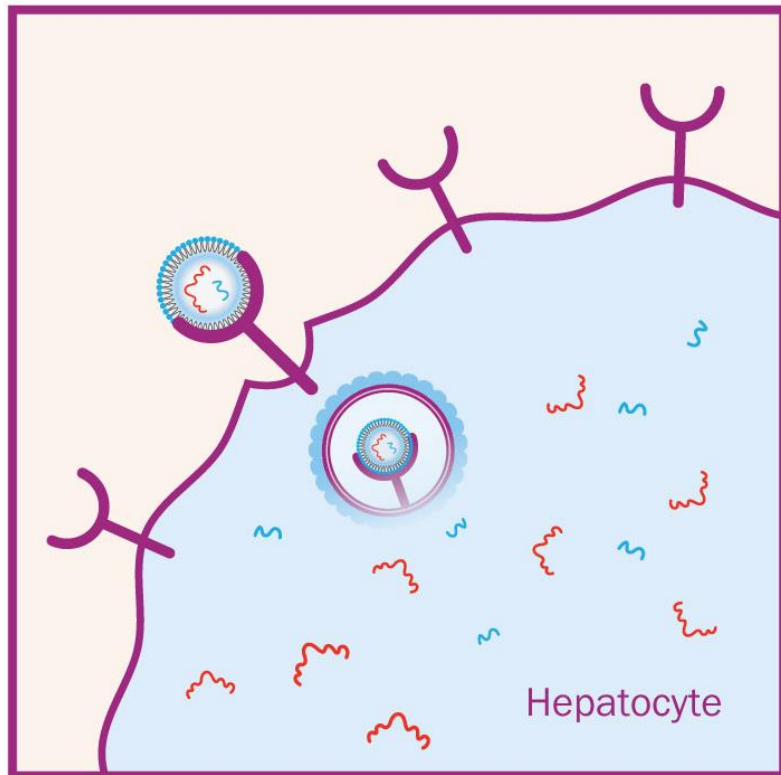
- Mean LDL-C decreased from 458 to 247 mg/dL
- VERVE-201cyn in NHPs:
 - 46% decrease in LDL-C
 - 54% decrease in TG

Executing on the development strategy for VERVE-201

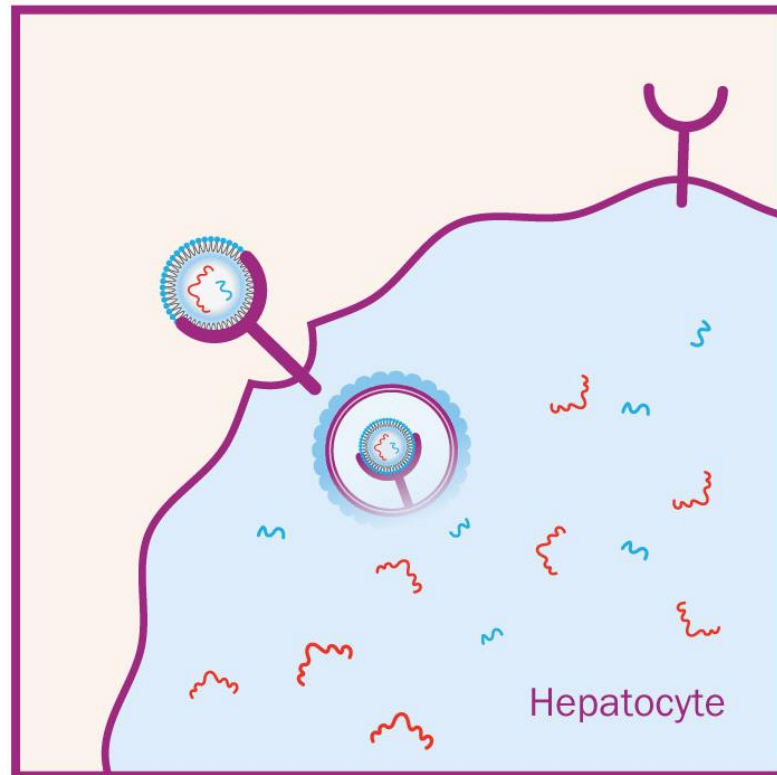


Delivery challenge: HoFH patients lack LDL receptor; in this setting, delivery with standard LNP does not work

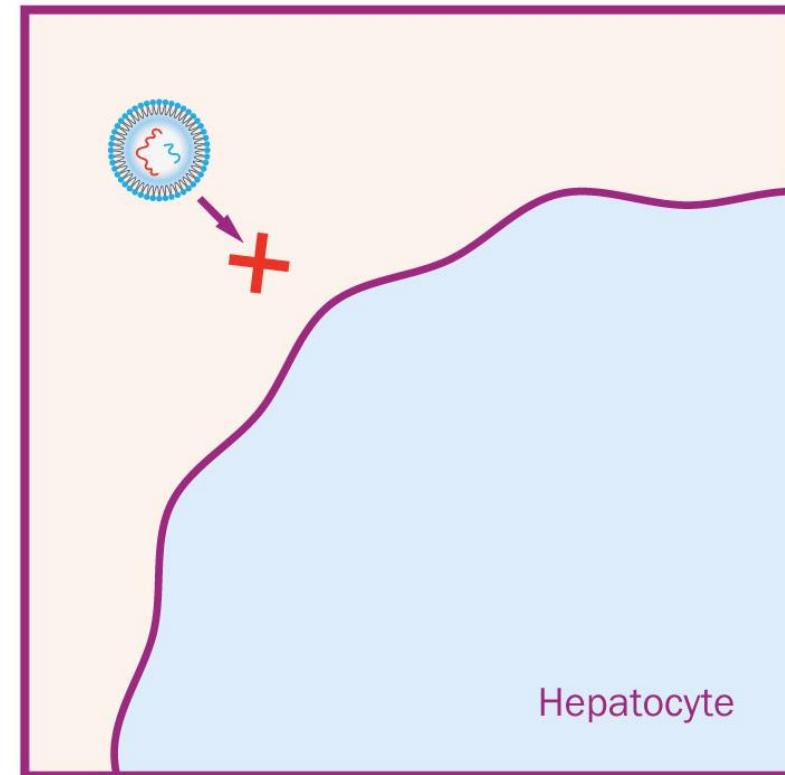
Normal liver




Heterozygous FH (HeFH)



Homozygous FH (HoFH)

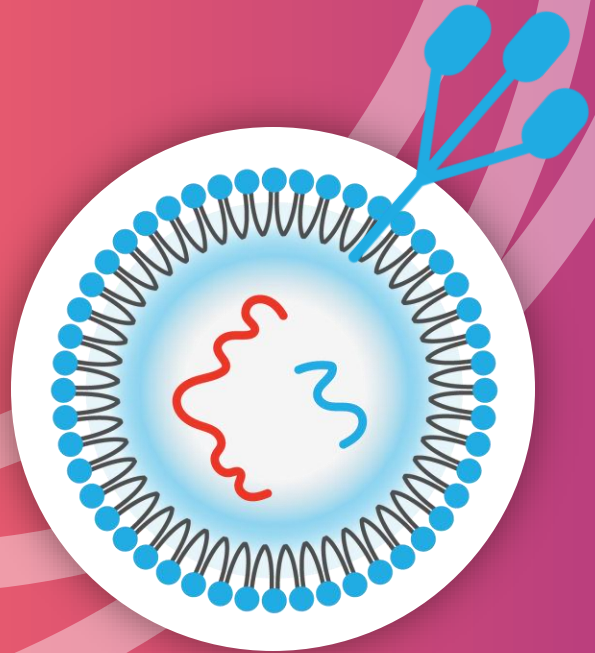


 LDL Receptor

 Lipid nanoparticle (LNP)

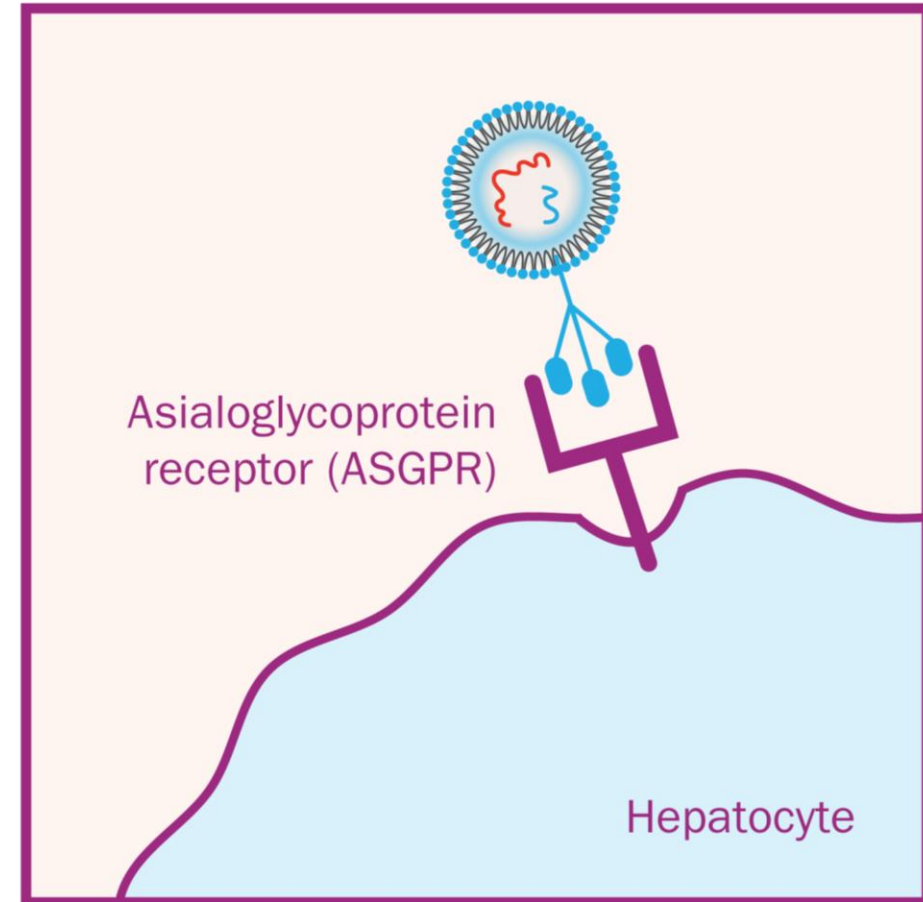
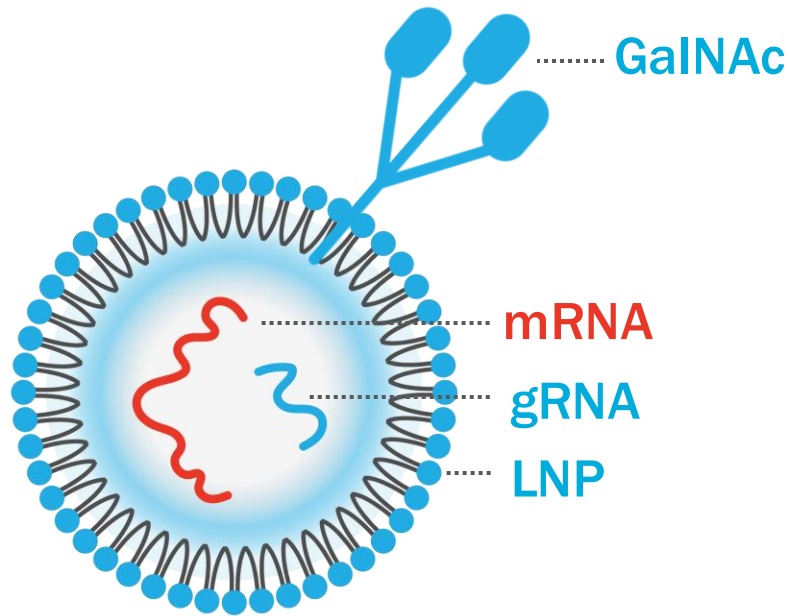
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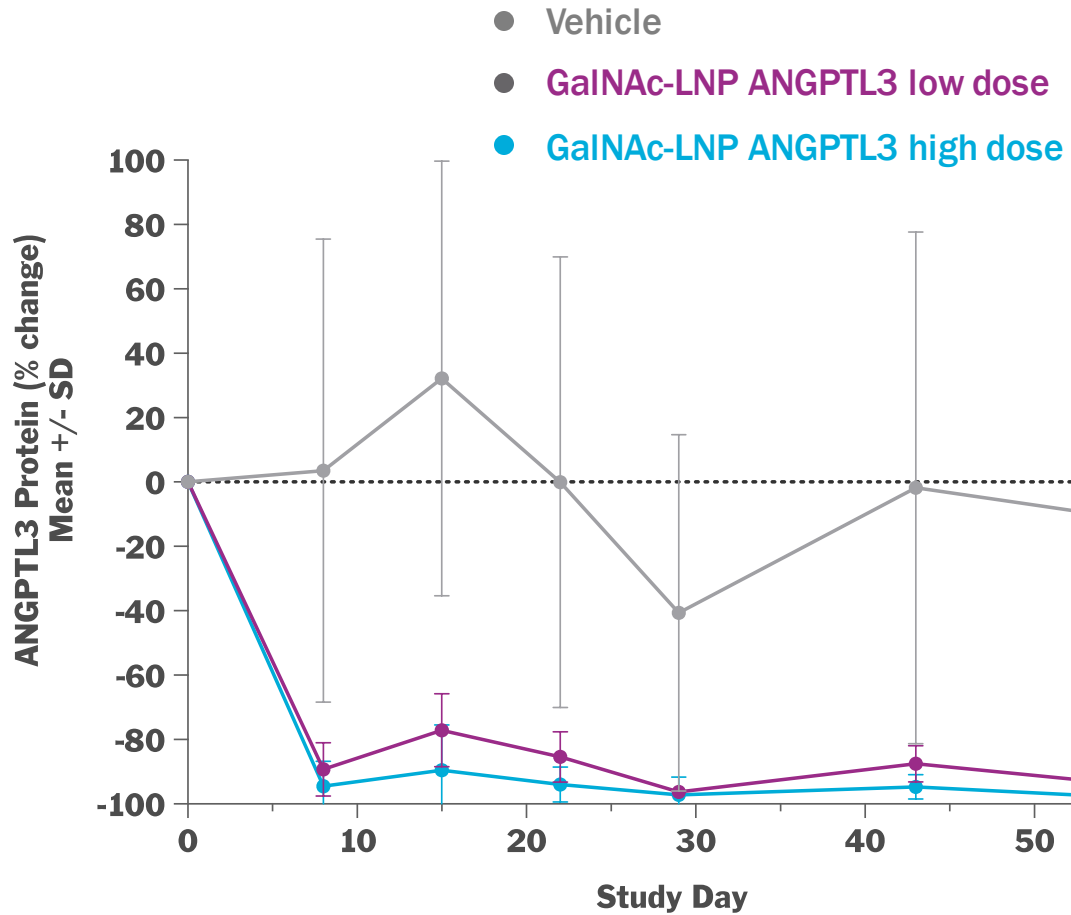
**Internally-developed
Novel liver delivery platform:
GaINAc-LNP**

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

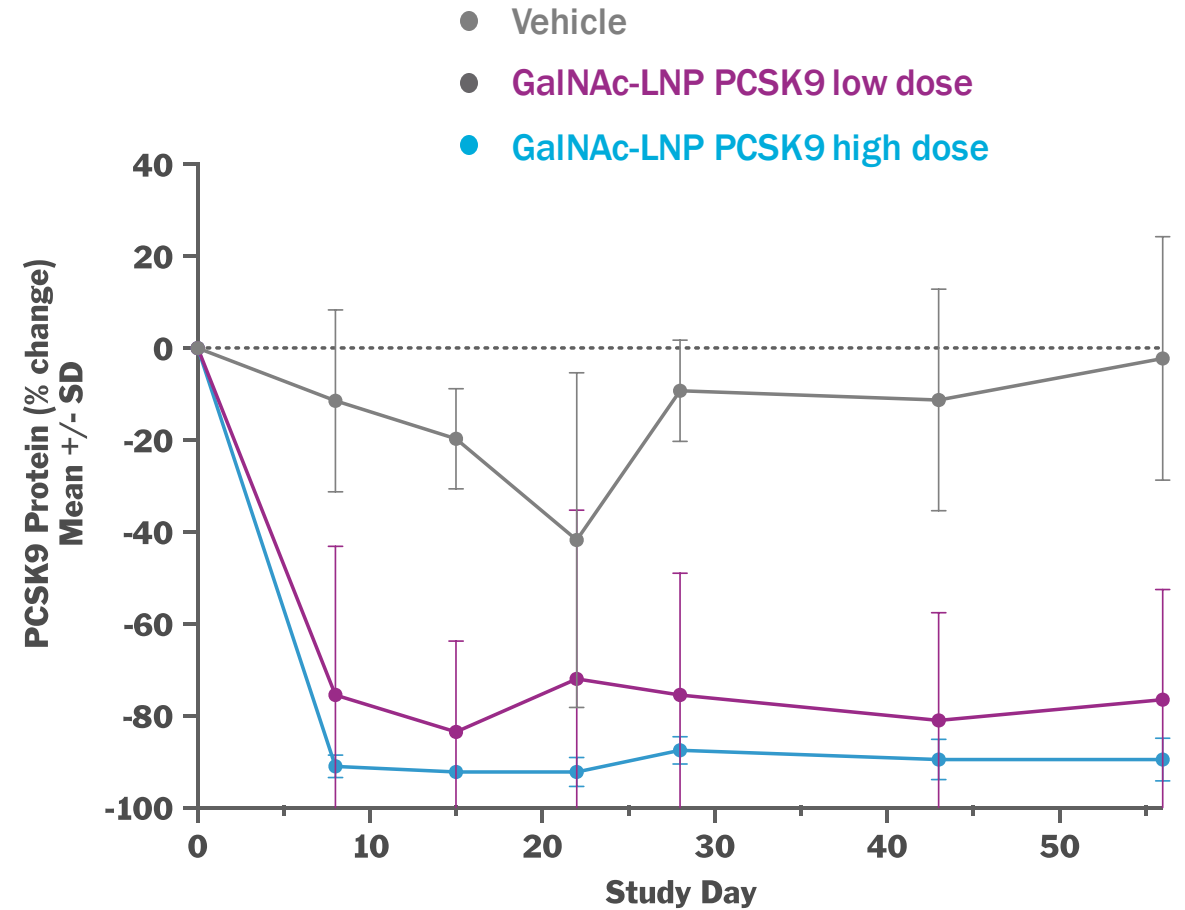


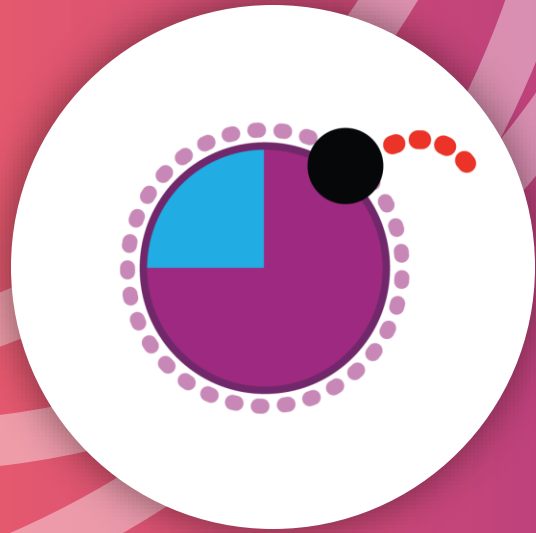
In NHPs, GaINAc-LNP delivery leads to effective *in vivo* liver editing for multiple targets

GaINAc-LNP ANGPTL3 (VERVE-201)



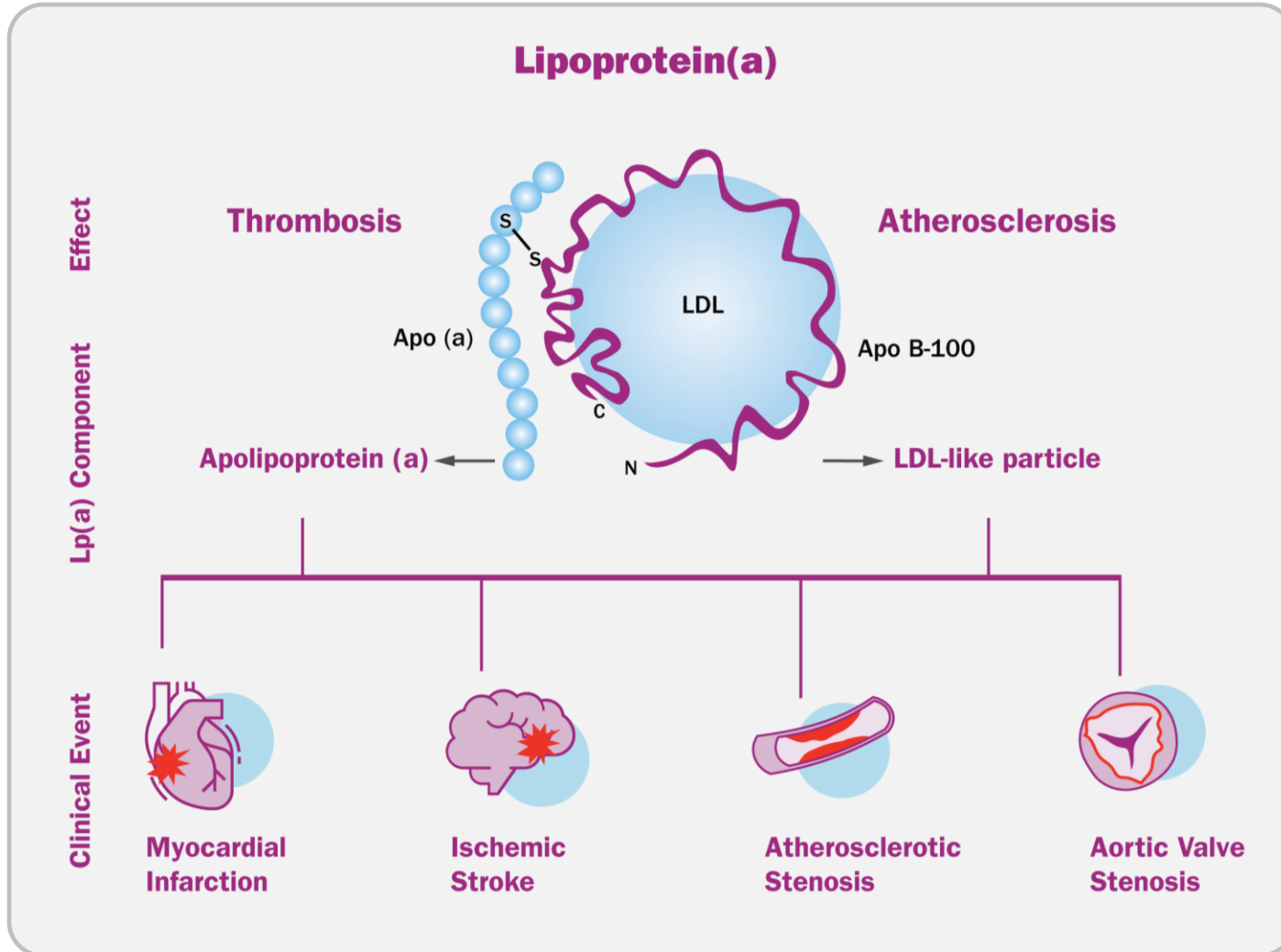
GaINAc-LNP PCSK9





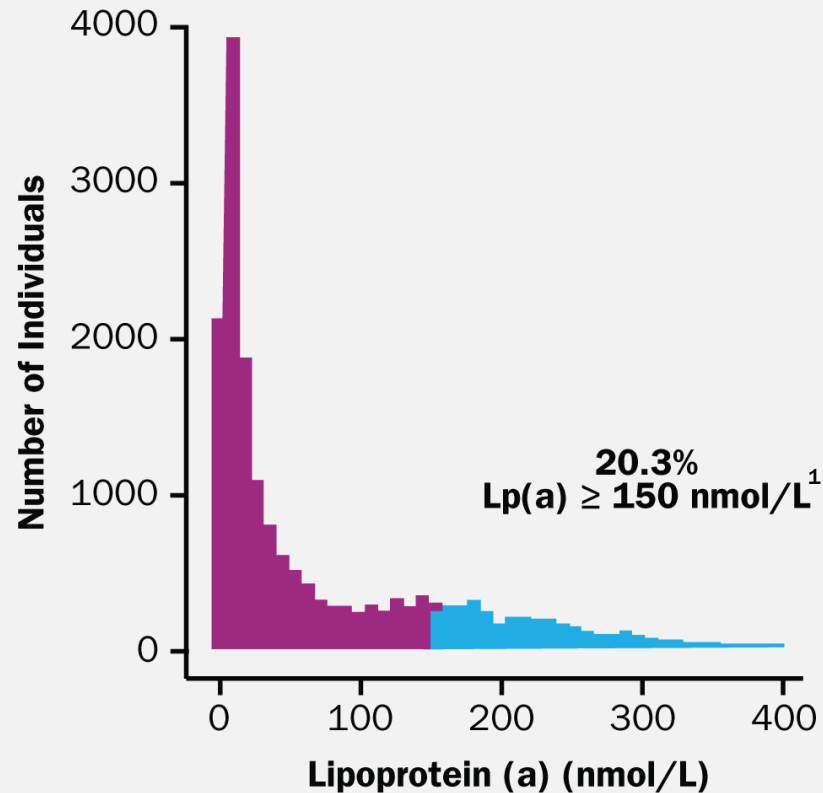
Targeting third pillar of lipoprotein risk: Discovery efforts on Lp(a)

High blood levels of lipoprotein(a) contribute to risk for ASCVD



- Liver-derived, circulates in blood
- Associated with higher risk for ASCVD endpoints including myocardial infarction and ischemic stroke

High Lp(a) is large addressable market, distinct ASCVD subset from patients with high LDL-C



- Large addressable market
 - ~11M in the U.S./EU
- 20% of ASCVD patients with Lp(a) > 150 nmol/L (~ 70 mg/dL)¹
- Distinct patients from those with high LDL-C; correlation coefficient between blood LDL-C and Lp(a) is low ($r^2=0.01$)²

Why once-and-done gene editing medicine for Lp(a)?



Humans with genetic Lp(a) deficiency:

- resistant to heart attack & stroke¹
- no signal for adverse events



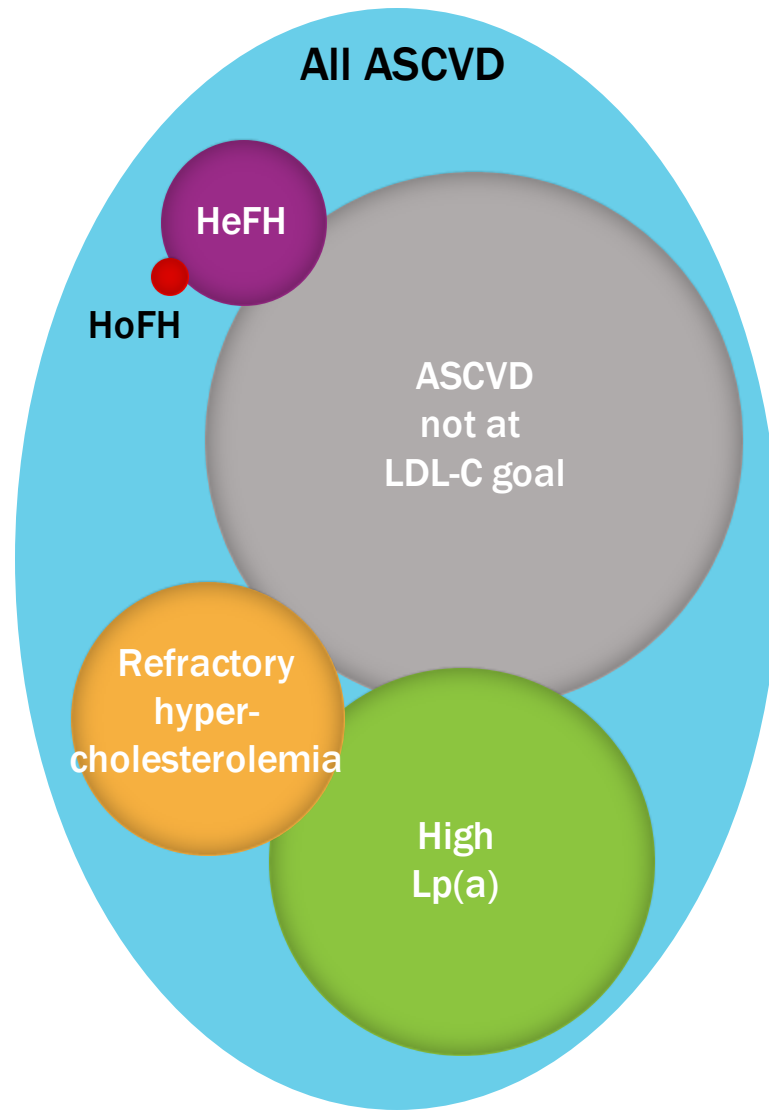
Blood level almost entirely determined by inheritance



Lifestyle factors and statins have minimal to no impact on blood Lp(a)

Research efforts ongoing to develop a bespoke gene editor tailored to target LPA

Verve's pipeline of gene editing programs address distinct ASCVD subsets



	POPULATION	PROGRAM
All ASCVD	~ 54M in US/EU	
HeFH	~ 3M in US/EU	VERVE-101 (PCSK9)
ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on statin ^{1,2}	~ 21M in US/EU	VERVE-101 (PCSK9)
HoFH	~ 2,800 in US/EU	VERVE-201 (ANGPTL3)
Refractory Hypercholesterolemia ³ (ASCVD not at LDL-C goal on statin + PCSK9i)	~ 7M in US/EU (~13% ASCVD)	VERVE-201 (ANGPTL3)
Elevated Lp(a)	~ 11M in US/EU (~20% ASCVD)	Lp(a) program

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Focused on our mission: transform the treatment of cardiovascular disease from chronic management to once-and-done gene editing medicines



2018

Verve founded



2020

Proof-of-concept for
in vivo liver base
editing in NHPs



2022

Treated first patient
with VERVE-101



2023

Initial data from
VERVE-101
heart-1 trial



Focused
Well-capitalized to continue to execute

