



Clinical Development of RNAi Therapeutics Targeting HBV and Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

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Worldwide prevalence of chronic HBV infection

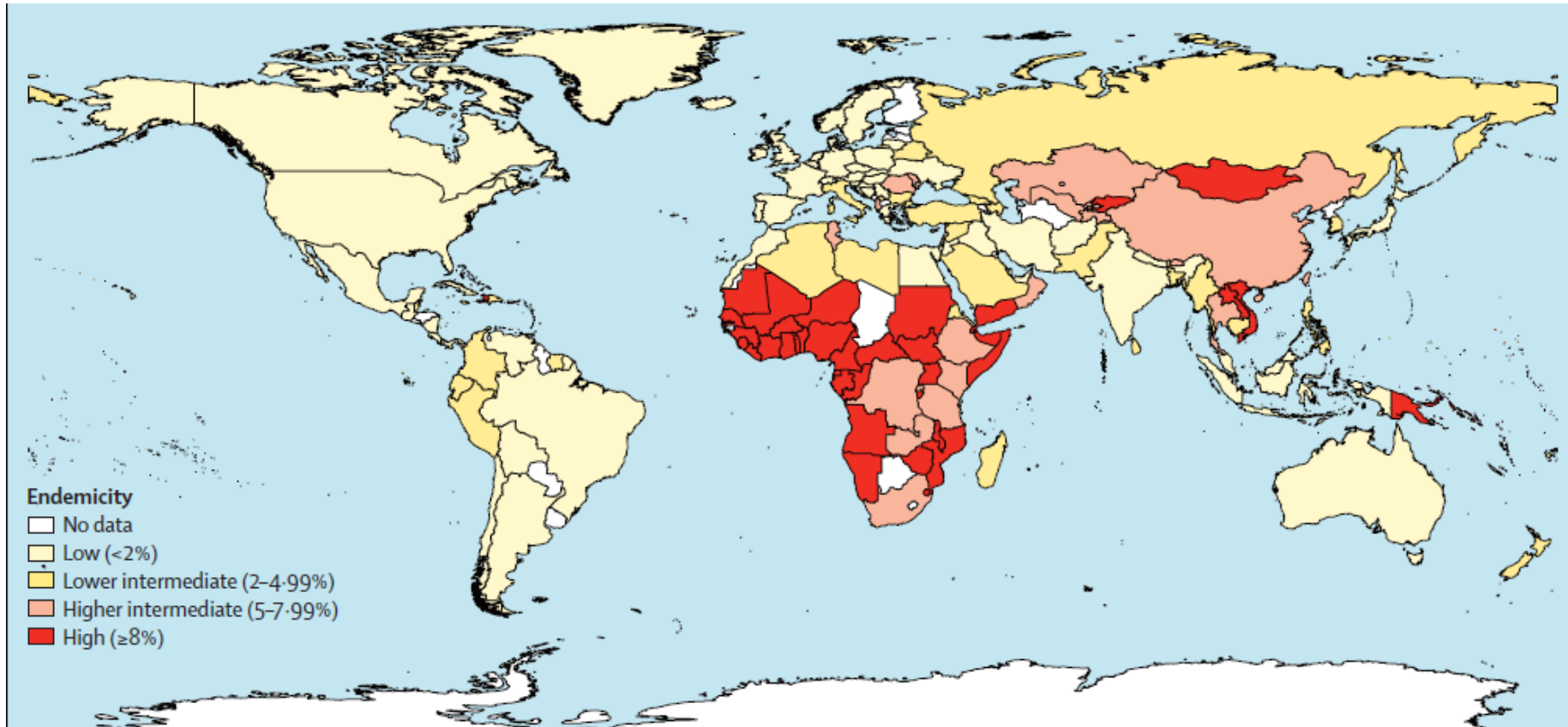


Figure 2: Global HBsAg endemicity (1957-2013)

Schweitzer et al. (2015), Lancet 386:1546-55

Globally an estimated 250-400 million people are chronically HBV infected

HBV – The Good and the Bad

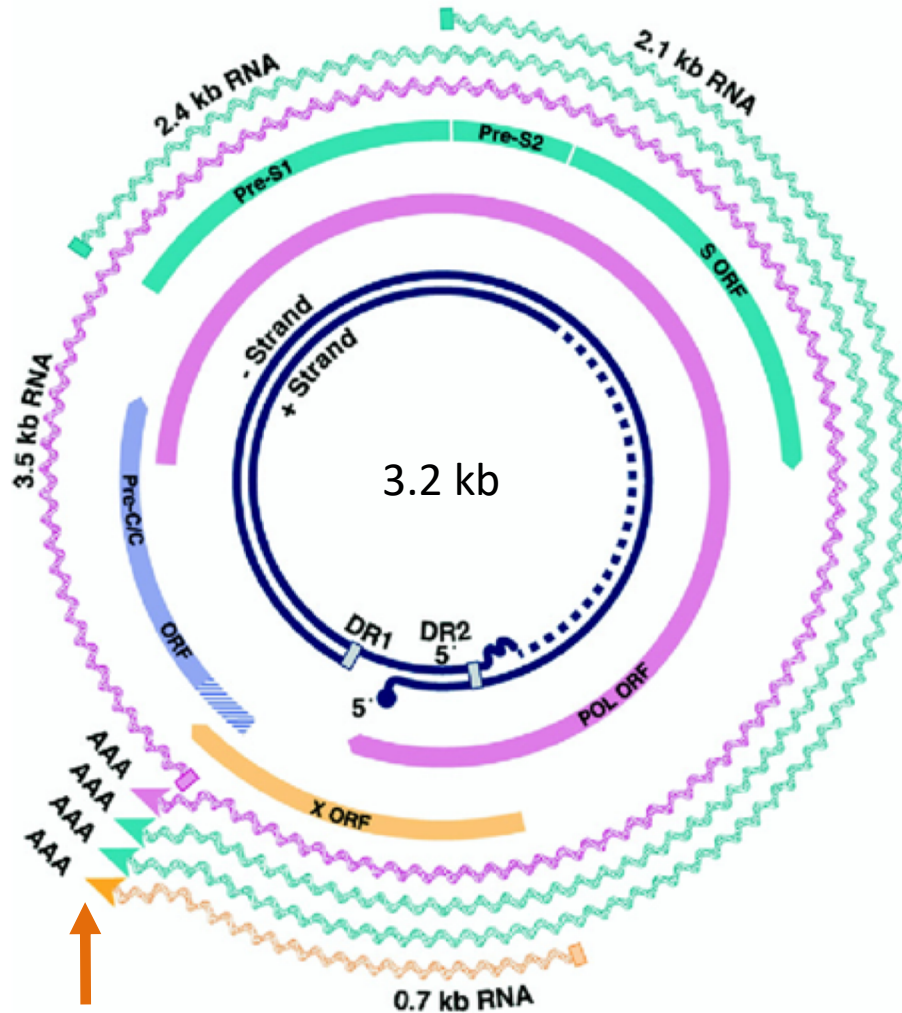
- Vaccination has reduced the incidence of newly infected patients.
- NUC therapy reduces risk of cirrhosis and HCC but requires lifelong therapy.
- **Functional Cure (undetectable HBsAg and HBV DNA)** lowers risk of cirrhosis and HCC.
- **However** – functional cure is rare today (spontaneously ~0.5%/yr)
- ~1 million annual deaths due to HBV related decompensated cirrhosis or HCC.

HBV is Now Exploding with Innovation

The Goal is Finite Therapy Leading to Functional Cure

- With the recent success in HCV, increased activity in HBV drug development **with an overall goal of functional cure with finite duration of therapy**
- US FDA, EMA, AASLD and EASL have agreed the general endpoint for approving new agents
 - SVR24 which will be DNA negativity **and** HBsAg negativity 24 weeks after cessation of all anti-virals agreed as the primary approval endpoint

Organization of the HBV genome makes it ideal for RNAi



Same polyadenylation signal for all mRNAs

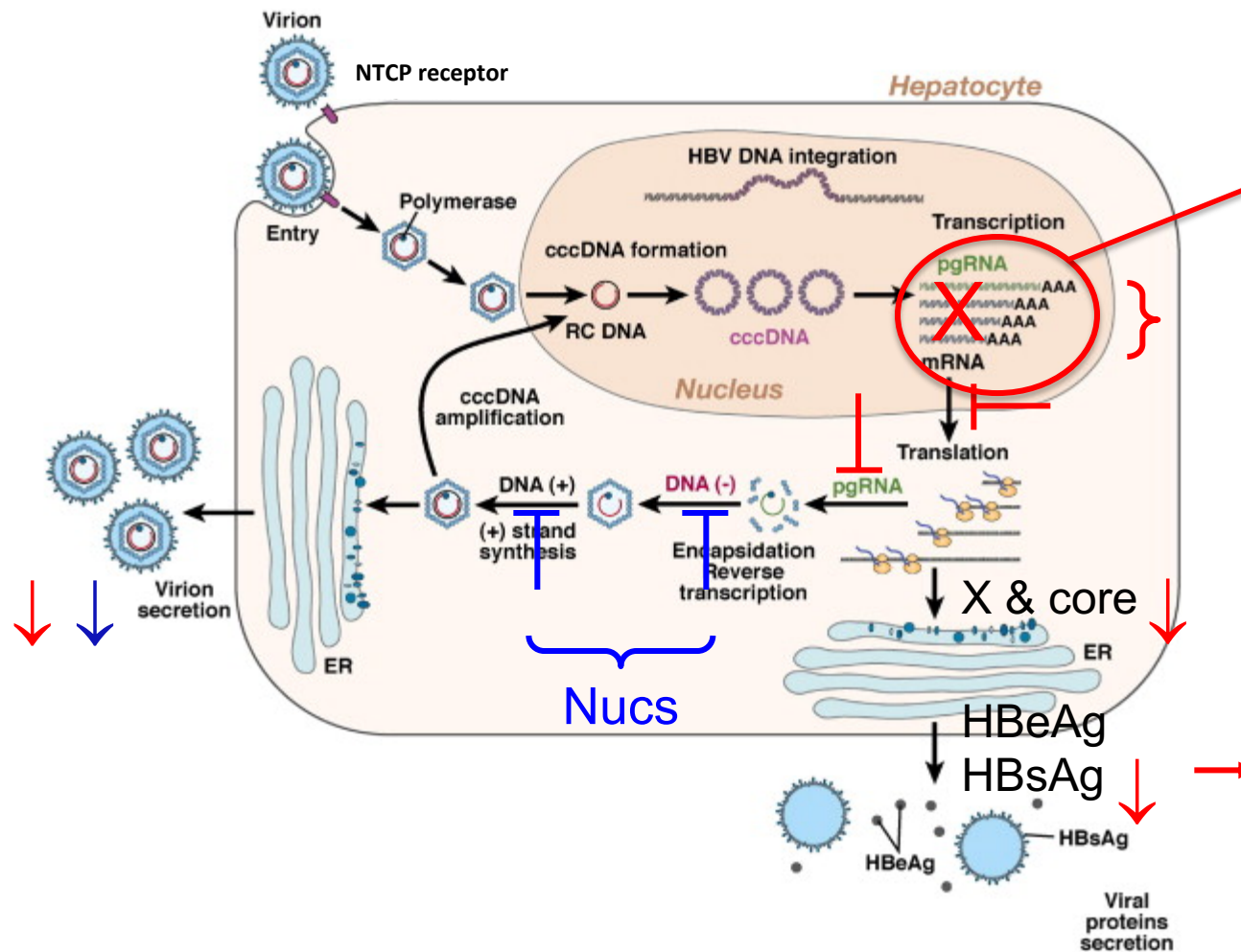
• 5 viral mRNAs

- 3.5 kb pre-genomic RNA
- 3.5 kb pre-core mRNA
- 2.4 kb pre-S1 mRNA
- 2.1 kb pre-S2/S mRNA
- 0.7 kb X mRNA

• 7 major proteins

- Polymerase (with reverse transcriptase function)
- Core (HBcAg), forms capsid
- e antigen (HBeAg), also called pre-core, a secreted protein
- Large, medium and small surface proteins (HBsAg), form envelope
- X protein (Transactivator)

RNAi Silence All HBV viral mRNA:

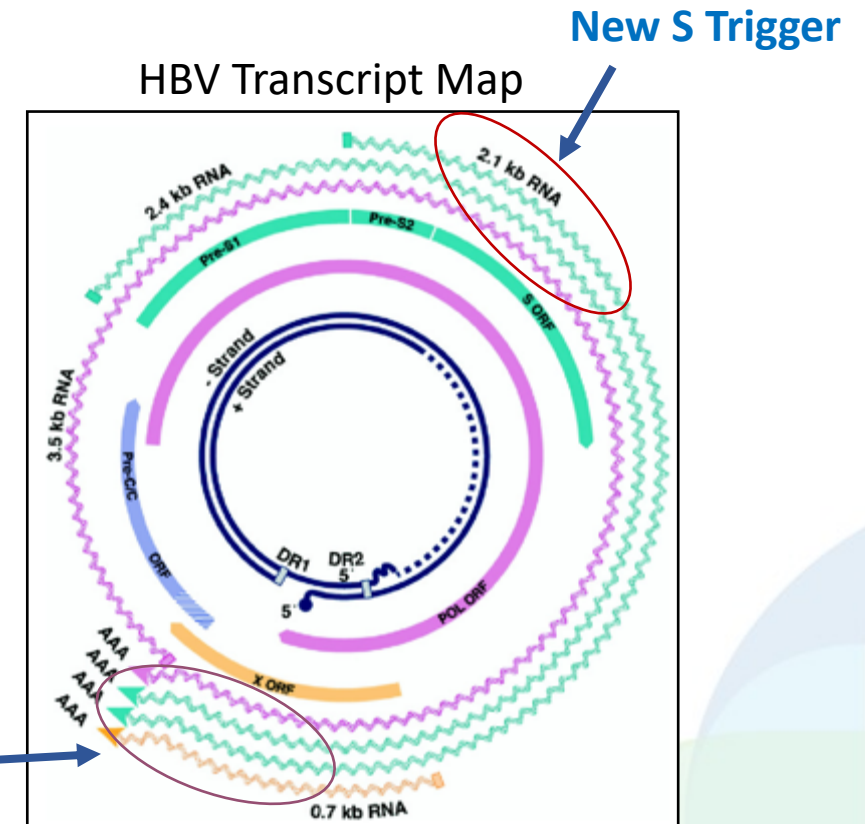


1. Large titers of HBsAg exhaust immune response
2. siRNA silences all viral mRNA transcripts.
3. Attack the viral life cycle on multiple levels and reduce HBsAg
4. **Hypothesis: revive host immune response**

ARO-HBV

- Single siRNA can reduce all mRNA from cccDNA but can miss integrated HBV-derived mRNA
- S trigger designed to bind safely in integrated region should hit all mRNA except the 0.7 kb X mRNA
- Combination of X and S triggers → ARO-HBV
 - Greater genome coverage (99.6% full match in ~7000 HBV genomes)
 - Reduced chance of resistance
 - X antigen coverage

Validated X Trigger



Ghany & Liang (2007), *Gastroenterology* **132**: 1574-1585

AROHBV1001 Clinical Study in Healthy Volunteers and HBV Patients

NHVs: DOUBLE BLIND

- SAD design
 - 35, 100, 200, 300, 400 mg
 - 4 active, 2 placebo
- Assessments of safety, tolerability, PK through Day 29

CHBs: OPEN LABEL

- MAD design
 - Three doses, Q28 days
- Four dose levels: 100, 200, 300, 400 mg
 - Initial design of 4 per cohort
- Assessments of safety, tolerability, depth and duration of viral antigens, HBV DNA, RNA through Day 113.

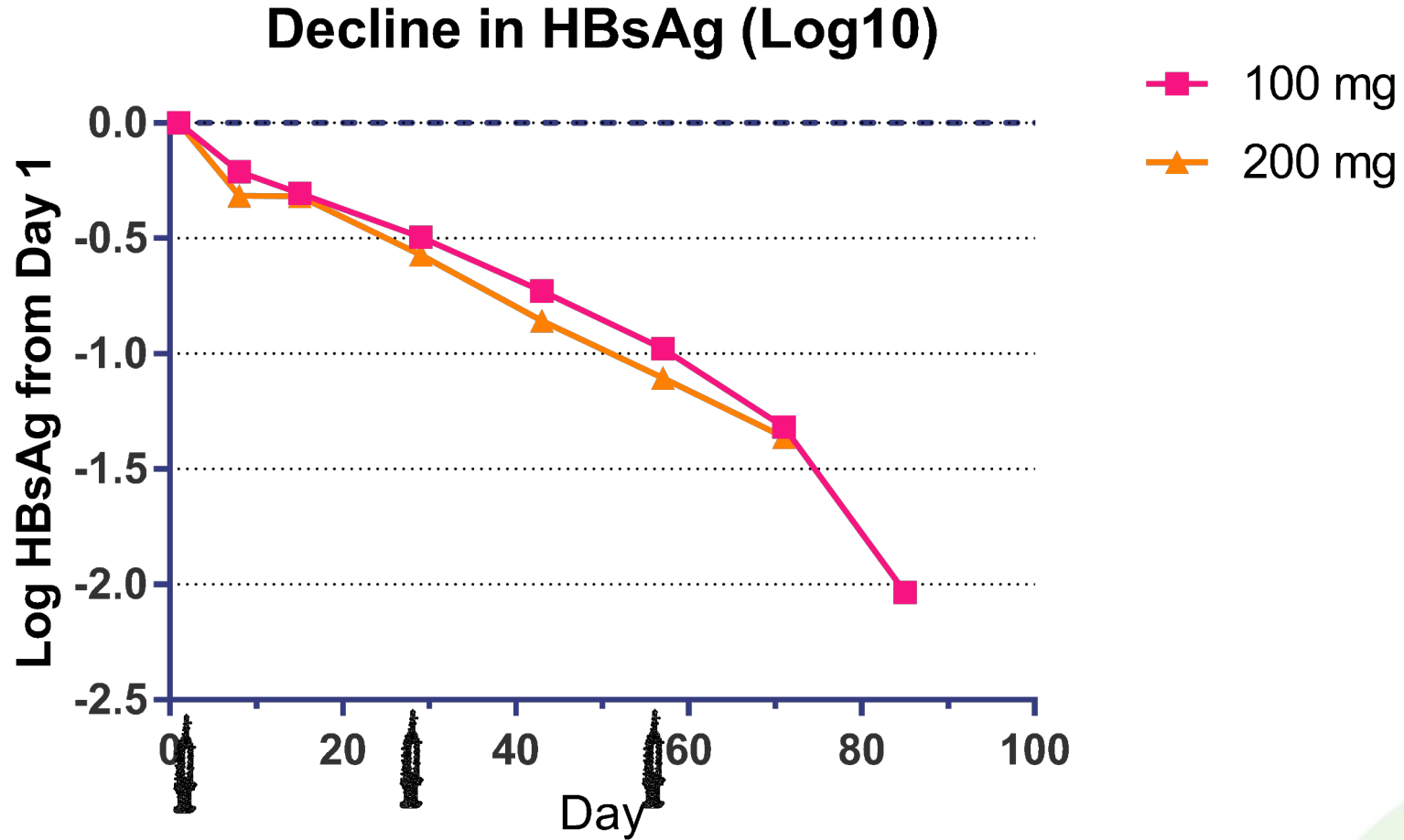
CHB patient AE Table

AEs in >1 subject (data cut 8/24/2018)

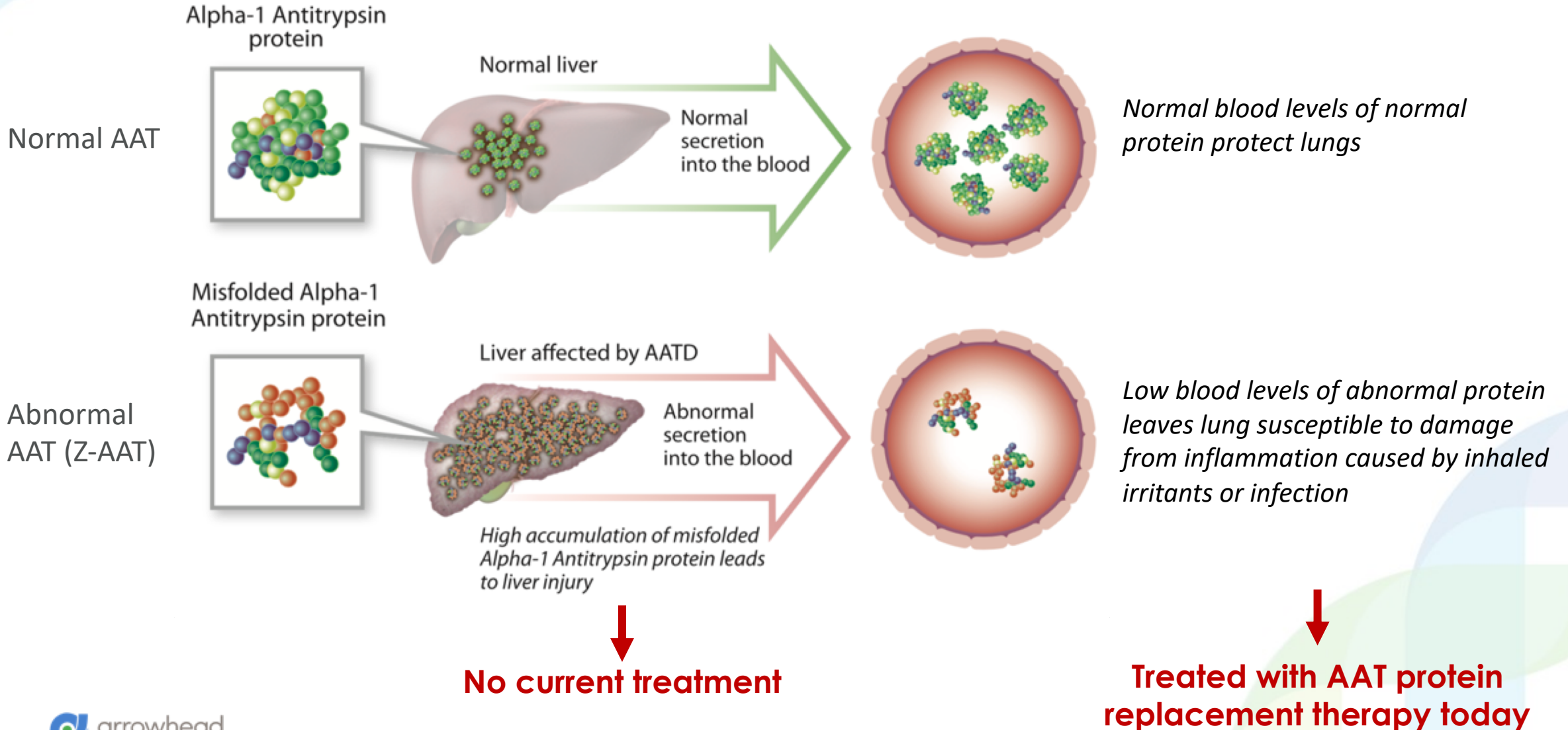
											<u>Total AEs</u>
<u>AROHBV1001 HBV Patients</u>	<u>Cohort 2b, 100mg X3 Q28 days</u>	<u>Cohort 3b, 200mg X3 Q28 days</u>	<u>Cohort 4b, 300mg X3 Q28 days</u>	<u>Cohort 5b, 400mg X3 Q28 days</u>	<u>Cohort 6, 100mg X3, Q2 wk</u>	<u>Cohort 7, 100mg X3 weekly</u>	<u>Cohort 8, e+ 300mg X3 Q28 day</u>	<u>Cohort 9, e+ 300mg X3 Q28 day</u>	<u>Cohort 10, 200mg X3 weekly</u>	<u>Cohort 11, 300mg X3 weekly</u>	
<u>AE Reported Terms</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	<u>Open Label n = 4</u>	
Insect bites ankles, Flea bites on neck	1		1								2
Upper respiratory tract infection, Sore throat, Laryngitis, Dry cough	1		1		3	1			1		7
Erythema around injection sites, Injection site redness, Haematoma at injection site, Injection Site Bruise			1	2		2	1			1	7
Facial acne, acne							2				2
Headache, headache – intermittent			1			2					3
Raised Creatine kinase			1				1				2
TOTALS	2	0	5	2	3	5	4	0	1	1	23

HBsAg Reduction with ARO-HBV After 3 monthly Doses

Includes cohorts with complete data through 14 days after 3rd dose



Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

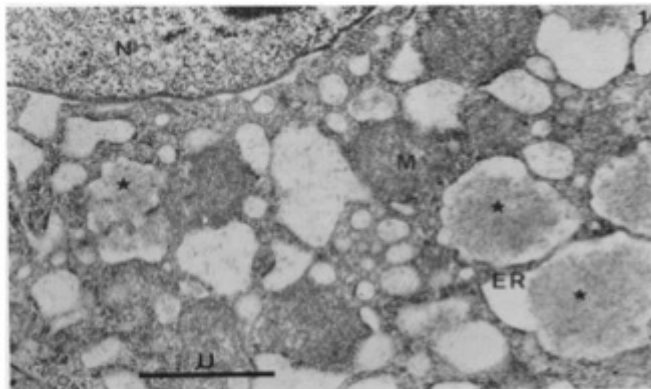


ARO-AAT, An Investigation Drug for AATD Liver Disease: *Mechanism of Action*

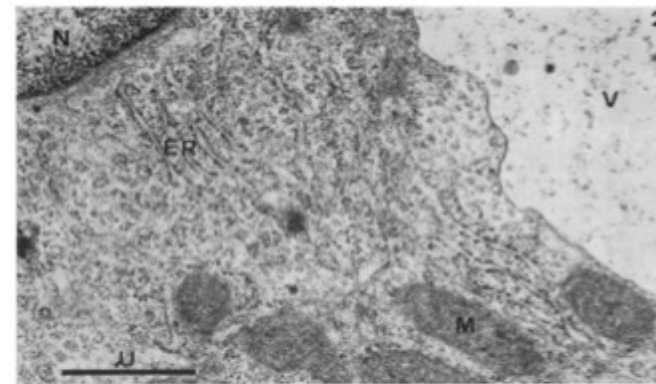
ARO-AAT designed to stop Z-AAT production by silencing AAT gene expression to:

- Prevent liver accumulation of Z-AAT
- Allow clearance of accumulated Z-AAT protein
- Prevent cycles of cellular damage
- Prevent/Reverse progression of liver fibrosis

PiZZ phenotype (diseased)



Pi null phenotype (normal liver)



Feldmann G et al., *Gut* 1975

ARO AAT1001 Clinical Study in Healthy Volunteers has 2 Parts

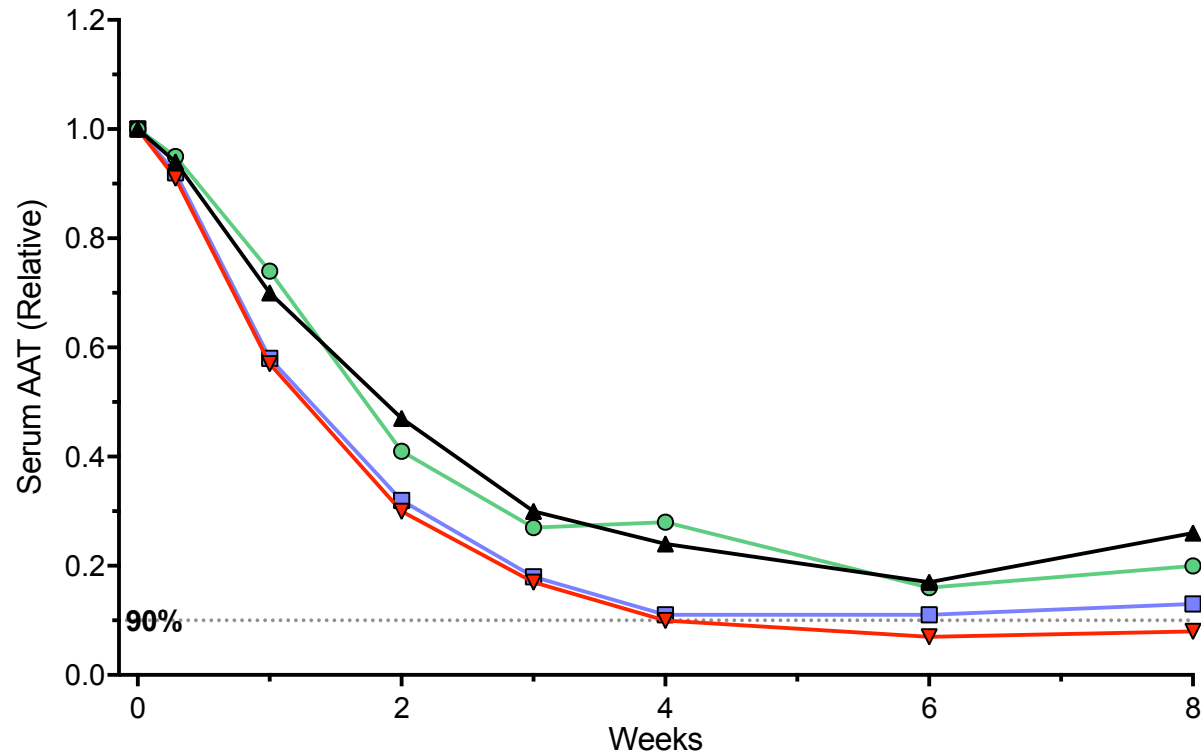
DOUBLE BLIND

- 4 treatment arms
 - 35, 100, 200 and 300 mg
 - 100, 200, 300 mg receive **3 monthly doses**
 - 4 active, 4 placebo
- Assessments of safety, tolerability, plasma levels of ARO-AAT, plasma AAT changes

OPEN LABEL

- 3 groups
 - **Single dose** of 100, 200 and 300 mg of ARO-AAT
 - 4 per cohort
- Assessments of safety, tolerability, depth and duration of AAT reductions after a single dose

Open Label AAT Plasma Data at 100 mg: Single Dose, Healthy Volunteers



93%: Maximum Serum AAT Reduction achieved 6-weeks following a single dose
87%: Mean maximum serum AAT reduction achieved 6-weeks following a single dose

ARO AAT1001 Safety Summary

- No SAEs, No Severe AEs
- Most AEs reported as mild (one moderate gastroenteritis)
- Mild injection site AEs occasionally reported
- No clinically meaningful adverse changes in BUN, creatinine, ALT, AST or total bilirubin
 - No pattern of adverse laboratory changes seen

Conclusions

- siRNA targeting HBV and AATD can be administered safely
- ARO-HBV demonstrates superior potency compared to 1st and 2nd gen compounds (ARC-520 and ARC-521)
- Proof of concept in form of RNAi induced viral antigen reduction and serum AAT reductions have been achieved using Arrowhead single molecule siRNA constructs.