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Investment Highlights

Focused on novel therapeutics for metabolic and endocrine diseases

- Clinical programs demonstrate best-in-class efficacy data

Metabolic Disease Program: VK2809 for NASH

- Novel, selective thyroid receptor-β (TRβ) agonist
- Phase 2a results demonstrate significant reduction in liver fat content, lipids
- Phase 2b VOYAGE trial ongoing

Rare Disease Program: VK0214 for X-ALD

- Novel, selective thyroid receptor-β agonist
- In vivo data show improvement in key biomarkers
- Phase 1 studies underway

Other Pipeline Programs: Musculoskeletal and metabolic disorders

Pipeline Overview

Product Candidates	Indication	Development Stage				Status
Development Programs		Preclin	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
VK2809 (TRβ agonist)	*NASH*					Phase 2b VOYAGE trial ongoing
VK0214 (TRβ agonist)	*X-ALD*					Phase 1 studies underway
Other Programs		Preclin	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
VK5211 (SARM)	*Hip fracture, muscle wasting*					Phase 2 completed
VK0612 (FBPase inhibitor)	*Type 2 Diabetes*					Phase 2a completed
VK1430 (DGAT-1 inhibitor)	*Hypertriglyceridemia, NASH*					Preclinical

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Metabolic Disease Program

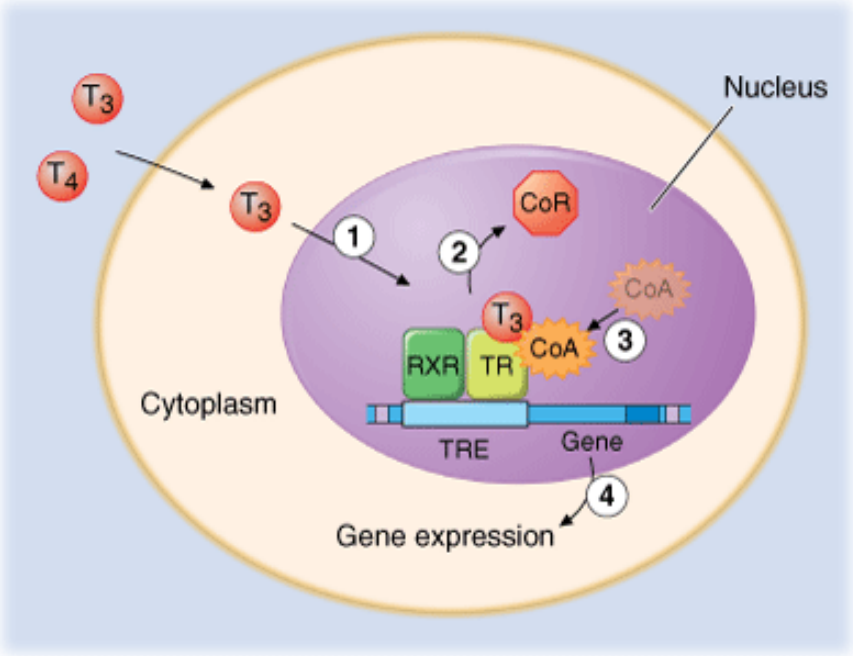
VK2809: Selective Thyroid Receptor-β Agonist

Liver Disorders

Metabolic Disease Program: Selective Thyroid-β Agonists

- **Proprietary platform for small molecule thyroid hormone mimetics**
  - Highly tissue and receptor selective
  - Produce potent lipid reductions in animals and humans
  - Unique chemical scaffolds, expected wider safety window vs. other approaches
- **Biological profiles suggest potential benefit in multiple indications**
  - Broad: NASH, hypercholesterolemia, dyslipidemia
  - Rare: X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD), other
- **Lead molecules VK2809, VK0214**
  - Oral, once-daily formulations
  - VK2809: Phase 2b ongoing, biopsy-confirmed NASH
  - VK0214: Phase 1 ongoing

Thyroid Receptor Overview



Key steps in receptor activation: Endogenous thyroid hormone T3 crosses mitochondrial membrane (1) binding thyroid receptor TR, dissociating co-repressor CoR (2). Subsequent binding of co-activator CoA (3) results in altered gene expression (4). RXR: retinoid X receptor; TRE: thyroid response element.

- **Nuclear hormone receptors**
- **Beta receptor**
  - Expressed in Liver
  - Reduces lipogenesis
  - Stimulates beta-oxidation
  - Anti-fibrotic in NASH models
- **Selective TRβ agonism**
  - Liver-specific benefits
  - Reduces NASH drivers
  - Improves systemic lipid profile

Therapeutic goal, lipid setting: β-receptor selectivity; minimize alpha-effects

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Thyroid Receptor β Agonists for NAFLD and NASH

Development of NASH:

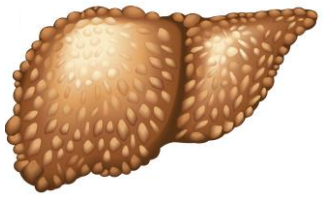
Healthy liver

Accumulation of fatty acids, triglycerides

Oxidative stress, inflammatory response

NASH: Steatosis, ballooning, hepatocyte damage

NAFLD Progression

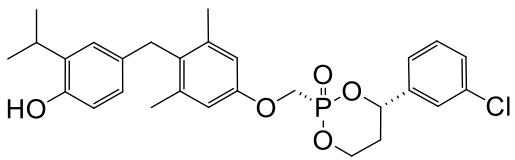


- Cirrhosis
- HCC
- Liver failure

- β-Receptor: Key role in lipid metabolism; systemic and liver-specific effects
- Receptor localized to liver, limited ex-hepatic expression
- In vivo evidence suggests β-activation provides anti-fibrotic benefits
- Clinical data indicate correlation between reduced liver fat, improvement in NAS

An agent that reduces liver fat, improves systemic lipids, and antagonizes fibrotic signaling could provide multi-pronged benefits in NASH

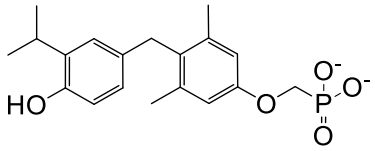
VK2809: Unique Liver-Targeted Characteristics



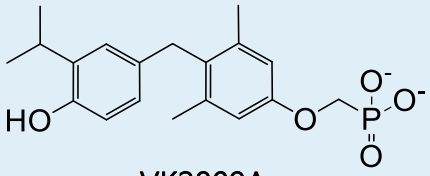
VK2809, Novel Prodrug

Following oral dosing:

- Cyp3A4-mediated cleavage of prodrug
- 3A4 primarily expressed in liver
- Results in targeted delivery of drug to liver



VK2809A, Potent TRβ Agonist, 2.2 nM Ki



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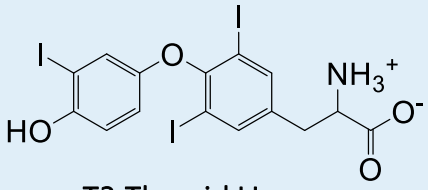

T3 Thyroid Hormone

- 17:1 selective for β:α
- Highly negatively charged
  - Poor passive diffusion
- Not actively transported
  - Due to altered chemistry
- Targeted hepatic re-uptake
  - Selective liver re-absorption via hepatic anion transporters

- 1:2 selective for β:α
- Effectively neutral charge
- Active uptake in multiple tissues via MCT8
- Broad systemic availability
- Impractical for development due to safety

Selective activation, differentiated chemistry lends VK2809 liver selectivity; potentially minimizes risk of systemic effects

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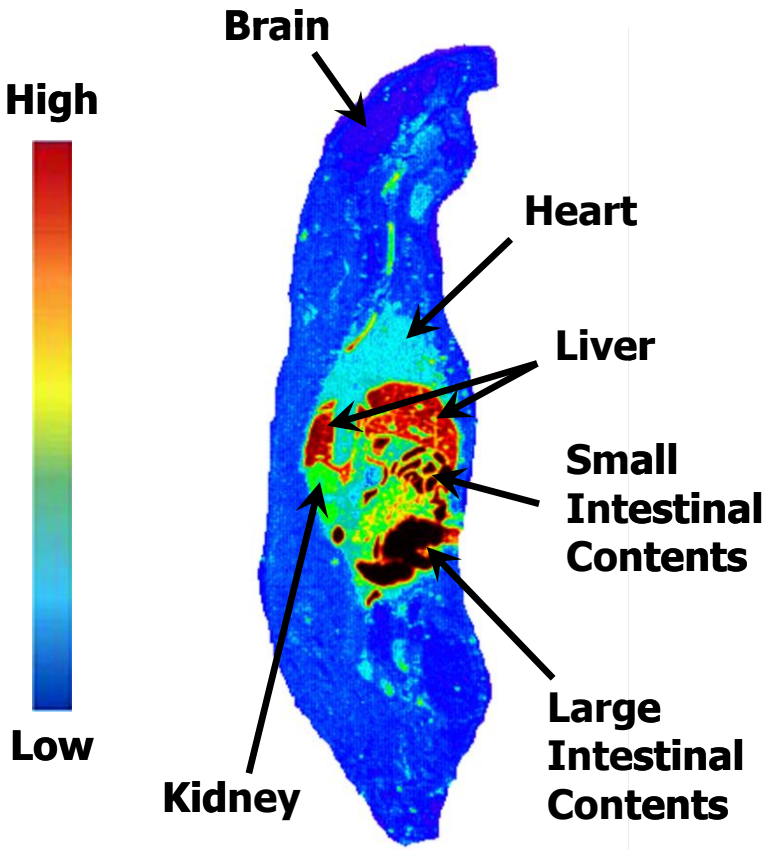
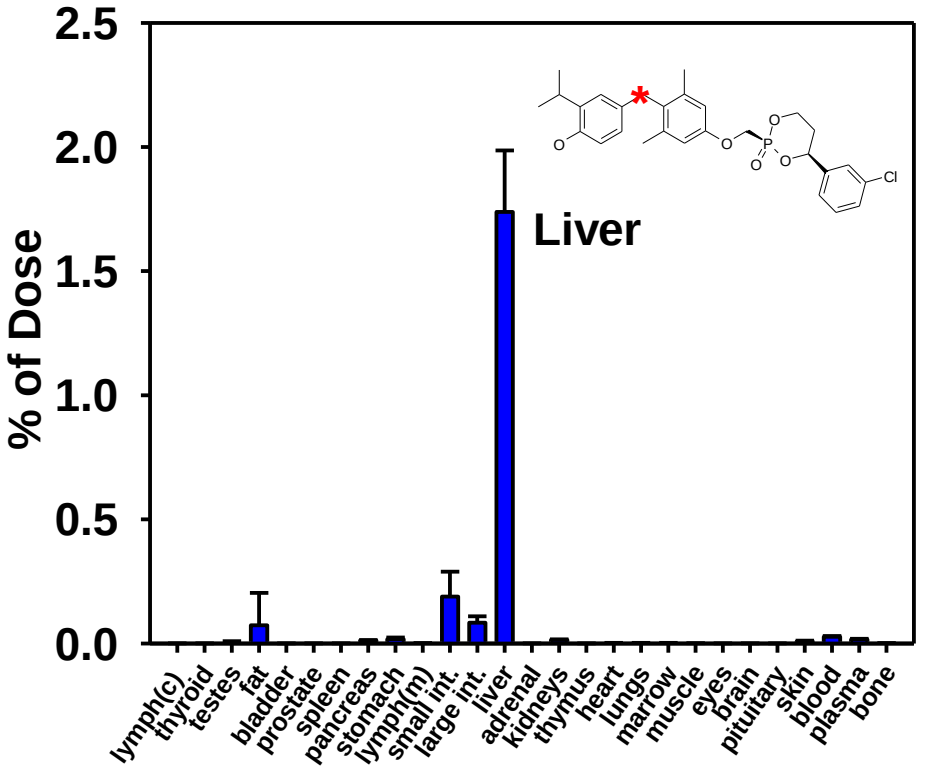
VK2809: Evidence of Liver Selectivity

^{14}C QWBA (4 h)



^{14}C Tissue Distribution (24 h)

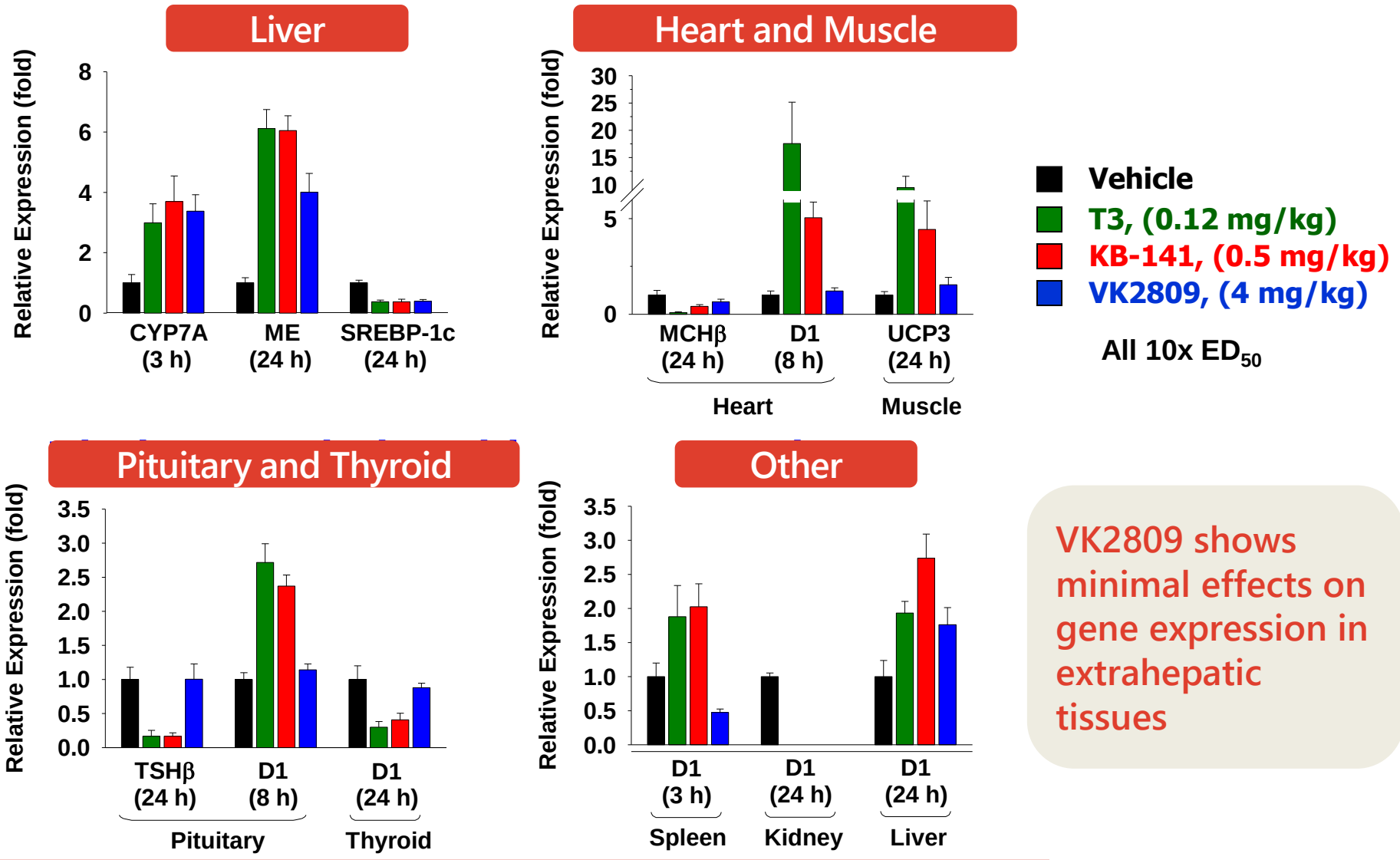


SD rat, 5mg/kg dose; approx. 30x anticipated human doses

Liver selectivity confirmed via radiologic analysis

1) *Drug Metab. Disp.*, 36(11), 2393-2403, (2008).

VK2809: Liver-Selective Transcriptional Effects



VK2809 shows minimal effects on gene expression in extrahepatic tissues

1) *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.*, 104(39), 15490-15495, (2007).

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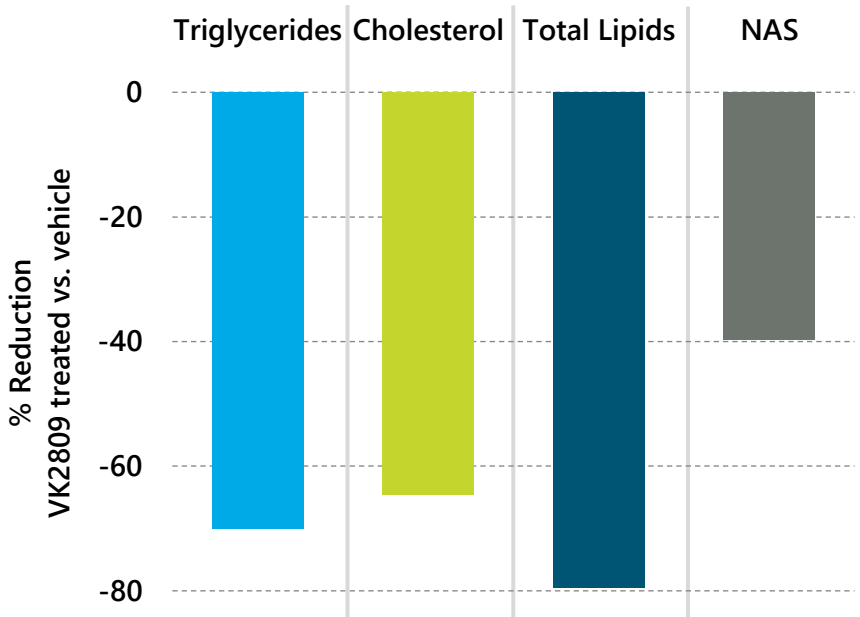
VK2809 Significantly Reduces Steatosis in Diet-Induced NASH

- Evaluation in biopsy-confirmed diet-induced NASH model
  - Rodent model designed to reflect progression of disease in humans
  - Animals biopsied pre-study; only those with NASH *and* fibrosis selected
  - VK2809 dosed once-daily for 8 weeks

Change in Liver Lipids Following 8 Weeks Dosing With VK2809



	Triglycerides	Cholesterol	Total Lipids	NAS
% Difference:	-70.0%	-64.6%	-79.5%	-39.7%
p-value:	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001

Treatment with VK2809 significantly improves lipids, steatosis, NAS at 8 weeks; well-tolerated with no evidence of toxicity

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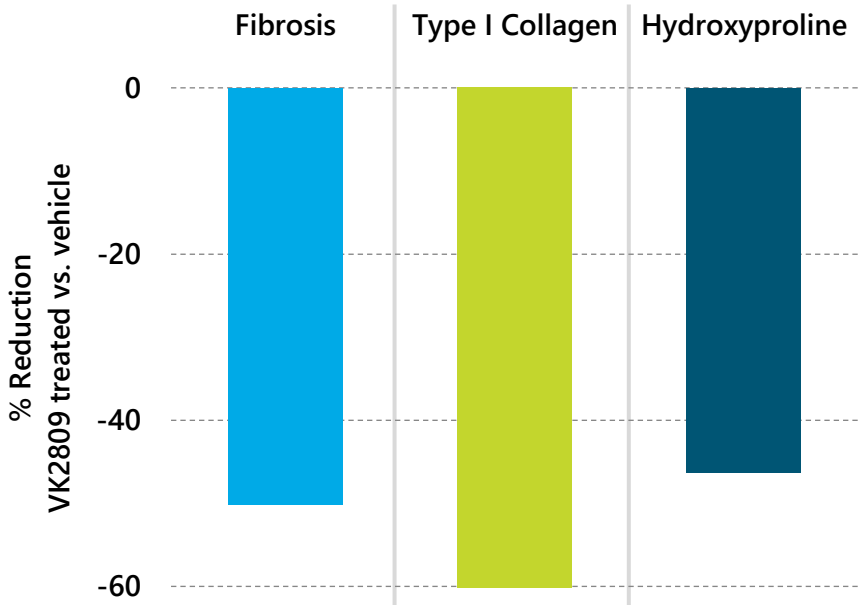
VK2809 Improves Fibrosis in Diet-Induced NASH Model

- Significant reductions in fibrosis, collagen, hydroxyproline after 8 weeks
- Supports thesis that selective TRβ activation produces broad metabolic benefits

Change in Liver Fibrosis Following 8 Weeks Dosing With VK2809



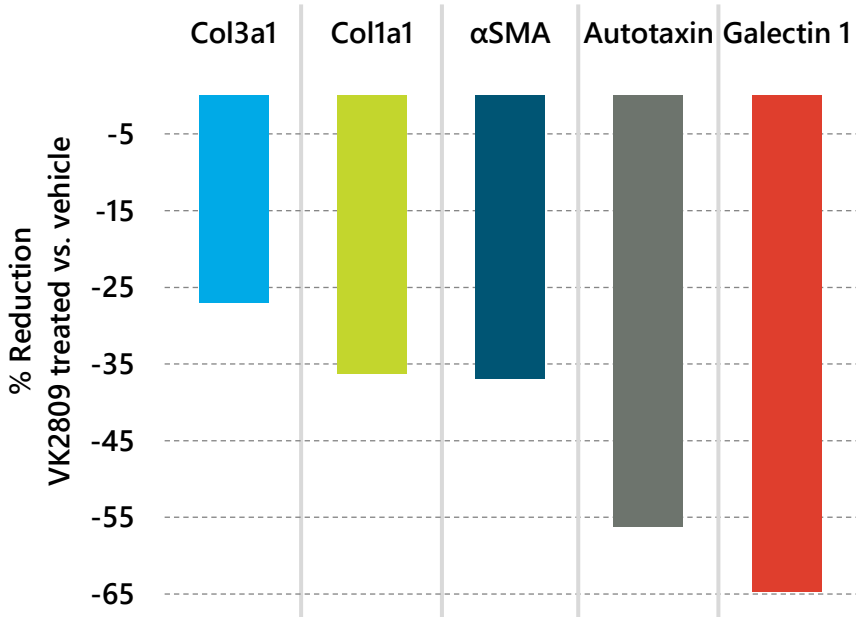
	Fibrosis	Type I Collagen	Hydroxyproline
% Difference:	-50.2%	-60.2%	-46.3%
p-value:	<0.01	<0.005	0.01

VK2809 significantly improved NASH and fibrosis in this model

VK2809: Representative Gene Effects, DIO NASH Model

- VK2809 reduces expression and signaling of key fibrosis drivers
- Gene expression changes align with observed improvement in fibrosis histology
- Improvement in genes associated with lipid metabolism, insulin sensitivity also observed

Change Pro-Fibrogenic Gene Expression Following VK2809 Treatment



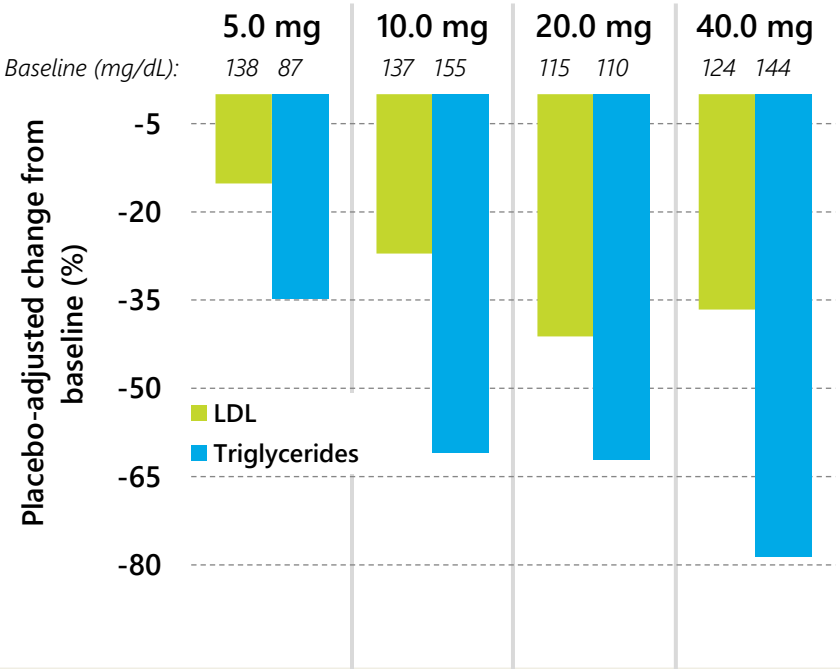
	Col3a1	Col1a1	αSMA	Autotaxin	Galectin 1
% Difference	-27.1%	-36.3%	-37.0%	-56.3%	-64.7%
p-value	0.07	<0.05	<0.05	<0.001	<0.001

TRβ mechanism provides broad histologic benefits; improving steatosis, inflammation, fibrosis.

VK2809 Early Clinical Highlights: 14-Day Phase 1b Study

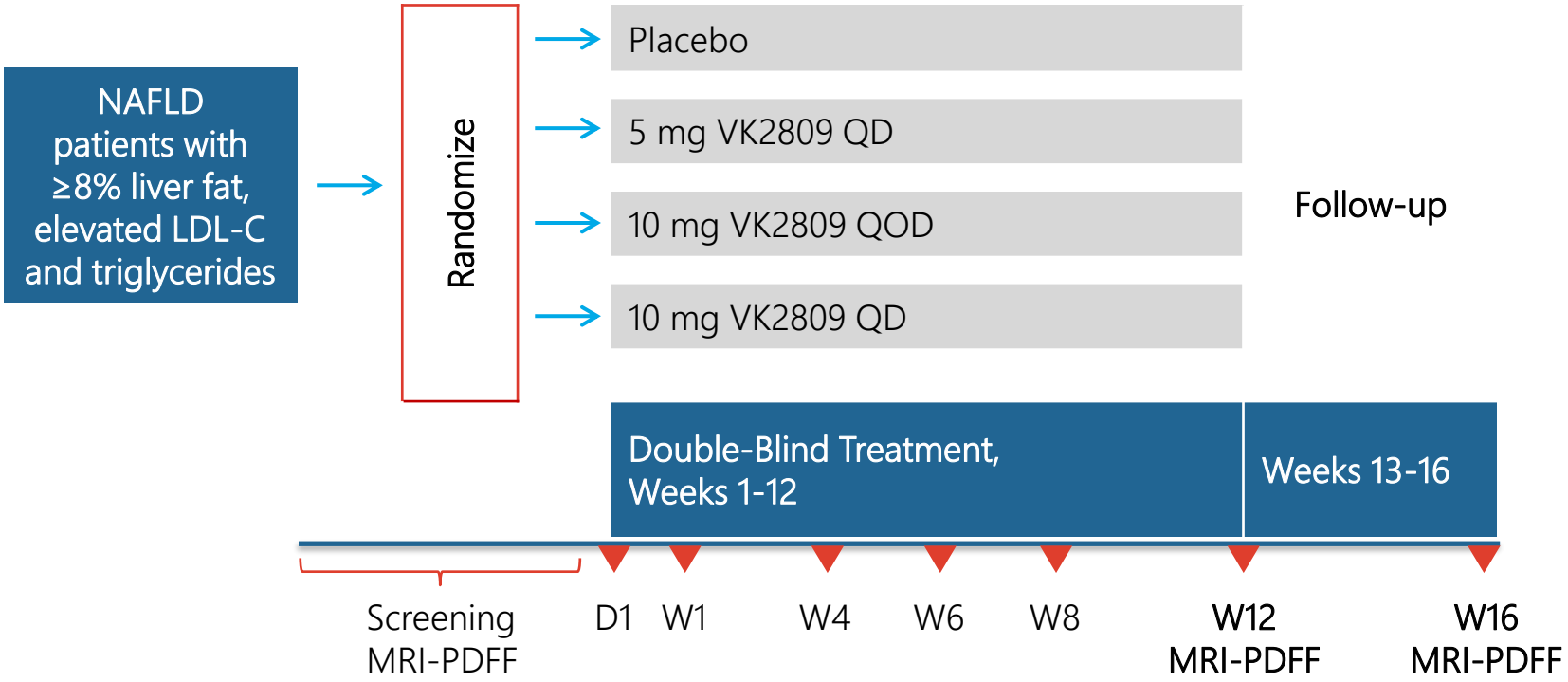
- Placebo-controlled trial (n=56), mild hypercholesterolemia
- Results: clinically, statistically significant reductions in LDL and triglycerides
- Encouraging safety and tolerability, no SAEs
- Results supported a proof-of-concept study in patients with NAFLD and elevated LDL-C

Placebo-Adjusted Change From Baseline (%)



	5.0 mg	10.0 mg	20.0 mg	40.0 mg
Placebo-adjusted reduction, LDL:	-15.2% p=0.026	-27.1% p=0.0003	-41.2% p<0.0001	-36.6% p<0.0001
Placebo-adjusted reduction, triglycerides:	-34.8% p=0.052	-61.0% p=0.0019	-62.1% p=0.0007	-78.6% p=0.0001

VK2809-201: Phase 2a Study Design

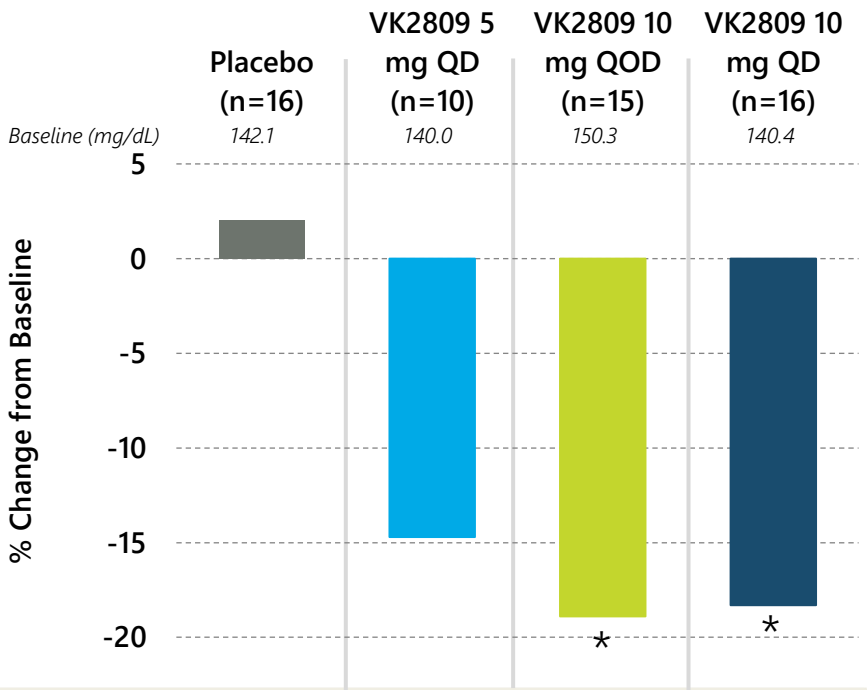


- Multi-arm, dose-ranging, 12 week Phase 2a trial
  - **Primary endpoint:** Change in LDL-C vs. placebo
  - **Secondary endpoint:** Change in liver fat by MRI-PDFF
  - **Exploratory endpoints:** Changes in atherogenic proteins

VK2809 Significantly Reduced LDL-C After 12 Weeks

- All VK2809 cohorts statistically significantly reduced vs. baseline
- Placebo-adjusted change from baseline
  - 5 mg QD: -23.7 mg/dL
  - 10 mg QOD: -27.1 mg/dL
  - 10 mg QD: -28.3 mg/dL

Mean % Change in LDL-C at 12 Weeks



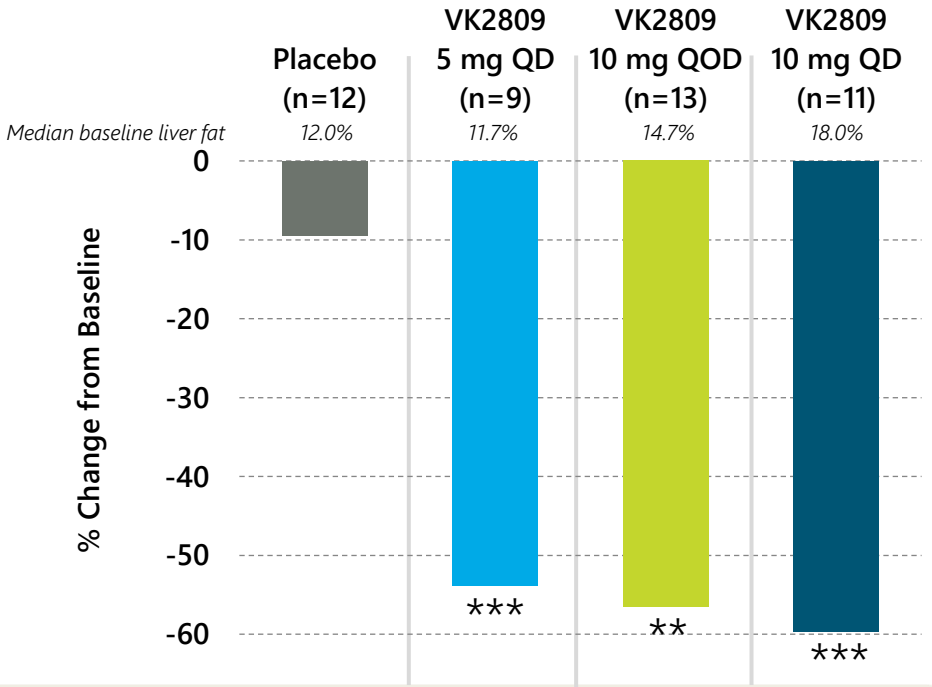
	Placebo (n=16)	VK2809 5 mg QD (n=10)	VK2809 10 mg QOD (n=15)	VK2809 10 mg QD (n=16)
% Change	2.0%	-14.7%	-18.9%	-18.3%
p-value vs. placebo	-	0.080	0.034	0.025

*p<0.05

VK2809 Produced Significant Relative Reductions in Liver Fat

- Significant Relative Reductions from Baseline in Liver Fat by MRI-PDFF
- Maximal reductions at Week 12
  - 5 mg QD: 78%
  - 10 mg QOD: 72%
  - 10 mg QD: 76%

Median Relative % Change in Liver Fat at 12 Weeks



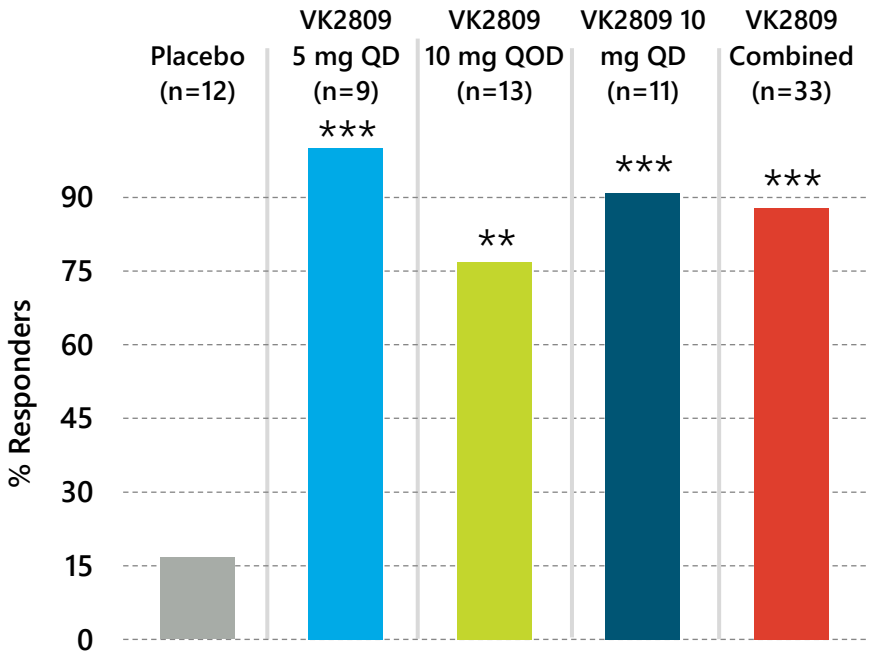
	Placebo (n=12)	VK2809 5 mg QD (n=9)	VK2809 10 mg QOD (n=13)	VK2809 10 mg QD (n=11)
% Change	-9.4%	-53.8%	-56.5%	-59.7%
p-value vs. placebo	-	0.0001	0.0018	0.0004

*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

VK2809 Cohorts Demonstrated High Relative Response Rates

- Up to 100% of VK2809 patients experienced response, as defined by ≥30% decrease in liver fat at Week 12
- Combined VK2809 cohorts demonstrated 88% response rate
- 70% of all patients receiving VK2809 demonstrated liver fat reductions ≥50%
- Reduction in liver fat correlated with improved odds of long-term histology benefit[1]

Patients with ≥30% Relative Reduction in Liver Fat at 12 Weeks



Responders	16.7%	100%	76.9%	90.9%	87.9%
p-value vs. placebo	-	0.0002	0.0048	0.0006	<0.0001

**p<0.01; ***p<0.001

1) *Ther. Adv. Gastroenterol.*, 9(5), 692-701, (2016).

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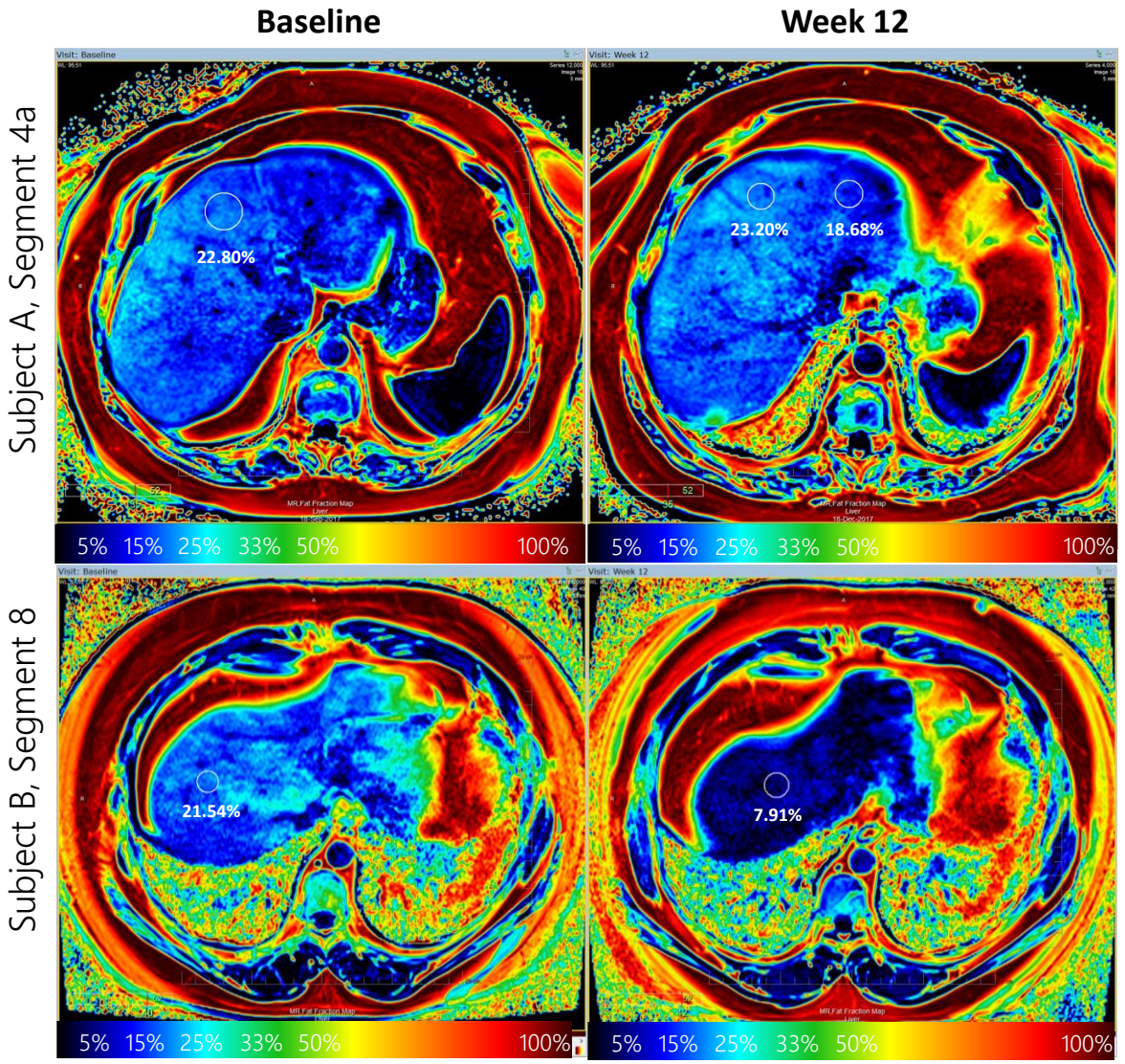
Representative Fat Reduction, VK2809 and Placebo Subject

- Upper images (placebo) show minimal change to liver color, fat content
- Lower images (VK2809) demonstrate dramatic change in liver shade, indicating reduced fat



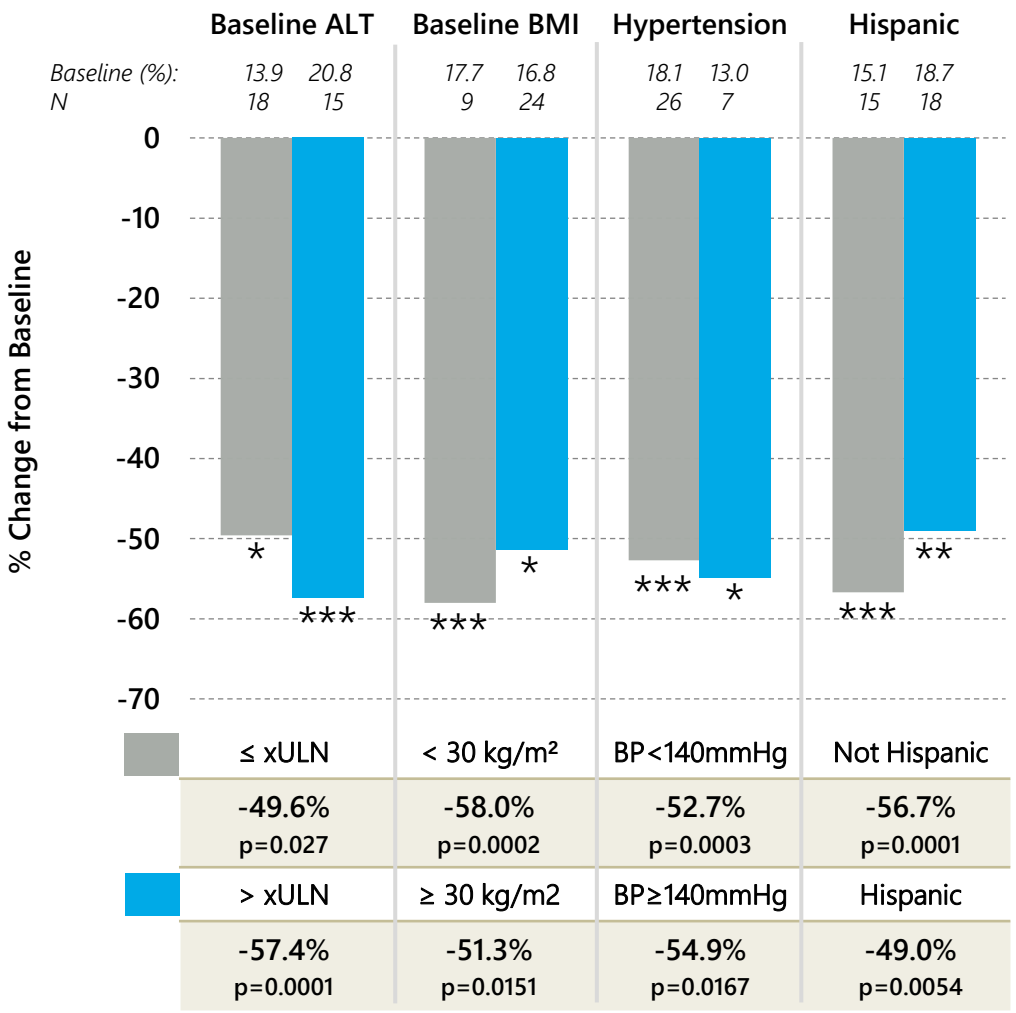
Overall Mean Hepatic Fat Values

Subject, Dose	Baseline	Week 12	Absolute Change	Relative Change
Subject A Placebo	20.3%	22.6%	2.3%	11.4%
Subject B 10 mg QD	24.6%	6.0%	-18.6%	-75.6%

Consistent Week 12 MRI-PDFF Reductions Across Key Subsets

- Consistent MRI-PDFF reduction independent of risk factors:
- ALT >xULN
- BMI ≥30 kg/m^2
- Baseline BP ≥140 mmHg
- Hispanic ethnicity

Mean % Change in Liver Fat at 12 Weeks in VK2809 Treated Patients



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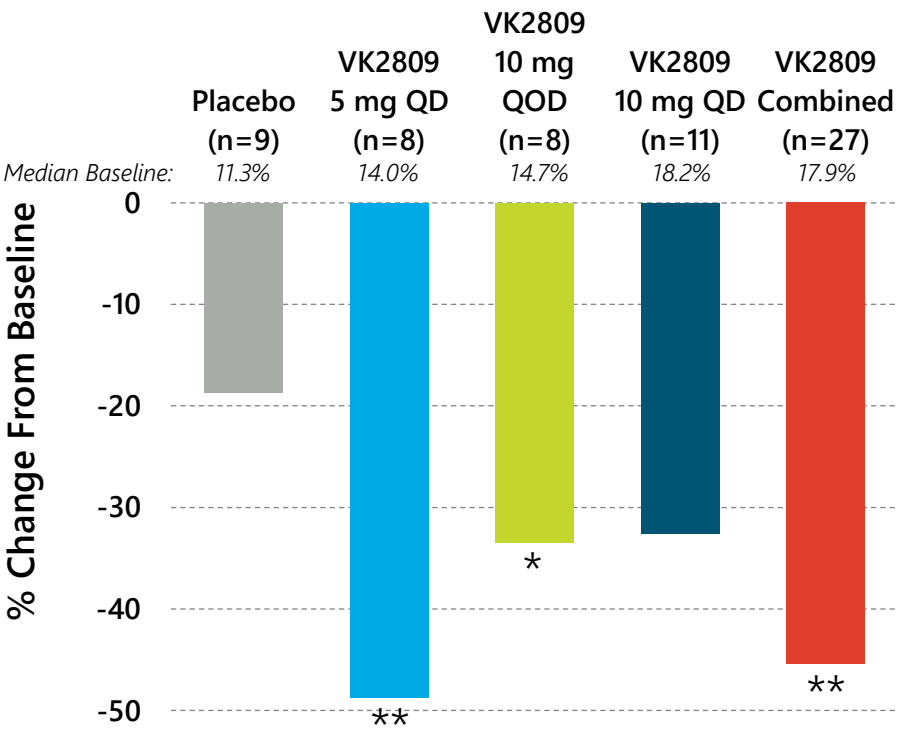
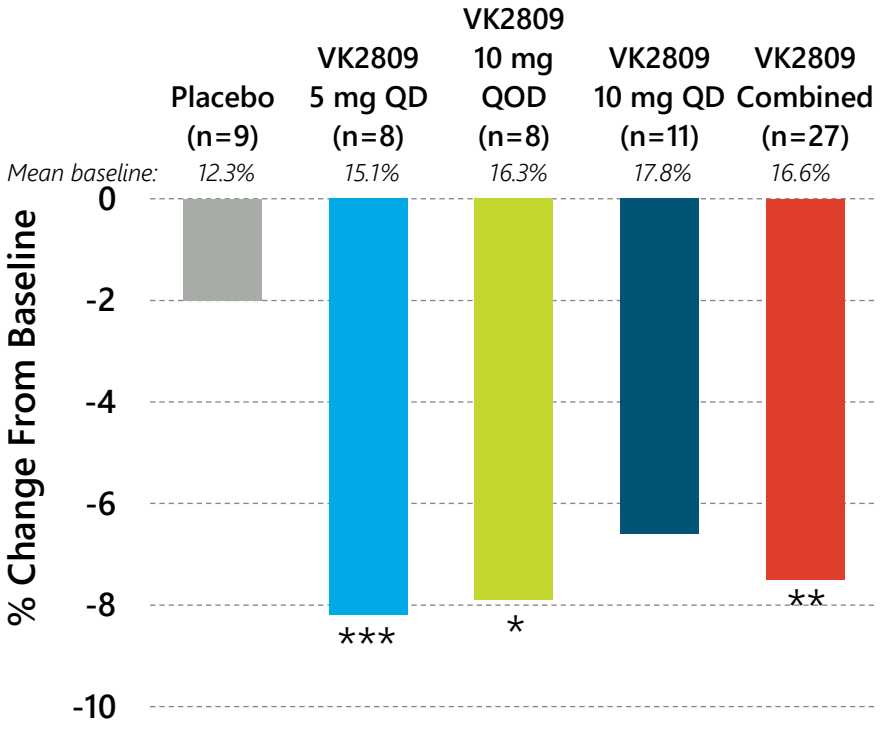
Durable Liver Fat Reduction Observed at 16 Weeks

Median Relative % Change in Liver Fat at 16 Weeks



	Placebo (n=9)	VK2809 5 mg QD (n=8)	VK2809 10 mg QOD (n=8)	VK2809 10 mg QD (n=11)	VK2809 Combined (n=27)
% Change	-18.7%	-48.7%	-33.4%	-32.6%	-45.4%
p-value	-	0.0016	0.0206	0.1519	0.0053

Mean Absolute % Change in Liver Fat at 16 Weeks



	Placebo (n=9)	VK2809 5 mg QD (n=8)	VK2809 10 mg QOD (n=8)	VK2809 10 mg QD (n=11)	VK2809 Combined (n=27)
% Change	-2.0%	-8.2%	-7.9%	-6.6%	-7.5%
p-value	-	0.0006	0.0360	0.0674	0.0027

*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

- Significant reduction in MRI-PDFF maintained 4 weeks after last dose

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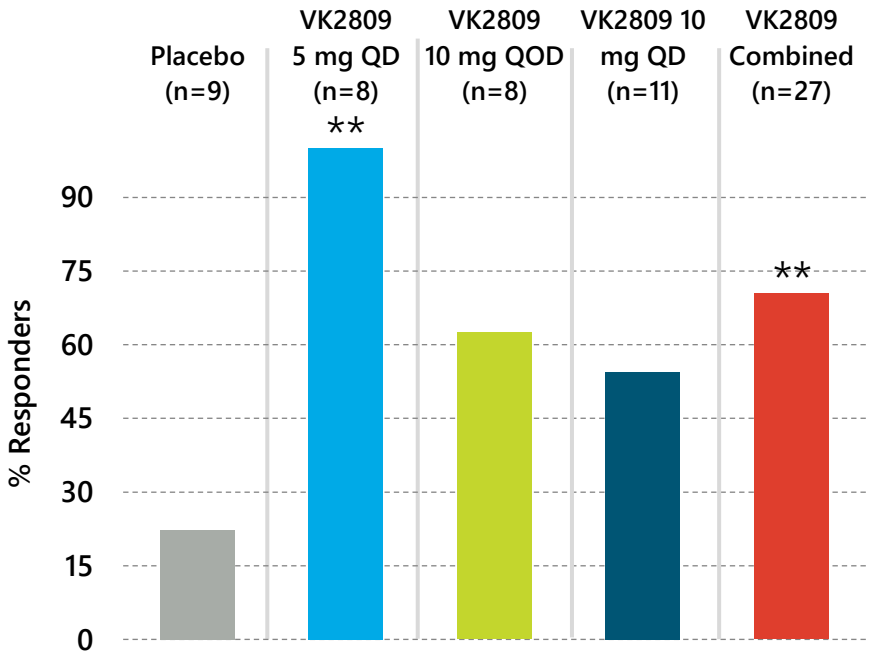
Durable Response Rates Maintained 4-Weeks Post-Treatment

- Up to 100% of VK2809 patients experienced response, as defined by ≥30% decrease in liver fat at Week 16
- Combined VK2809 cohorts demonstrated 70% response rate at Week 16 (p=0.0083)
- Opens potential intermittent dosing or cycling strategies

Patients with ≥30% Relative Reduction in Liver Fat at 16 Weeks



Responders	22.2%	100%	62.5%	54.5%	70.4%
p-value vs. placebo	-	0.0023	0.0698	0.1968	0.0083

**p<0.01

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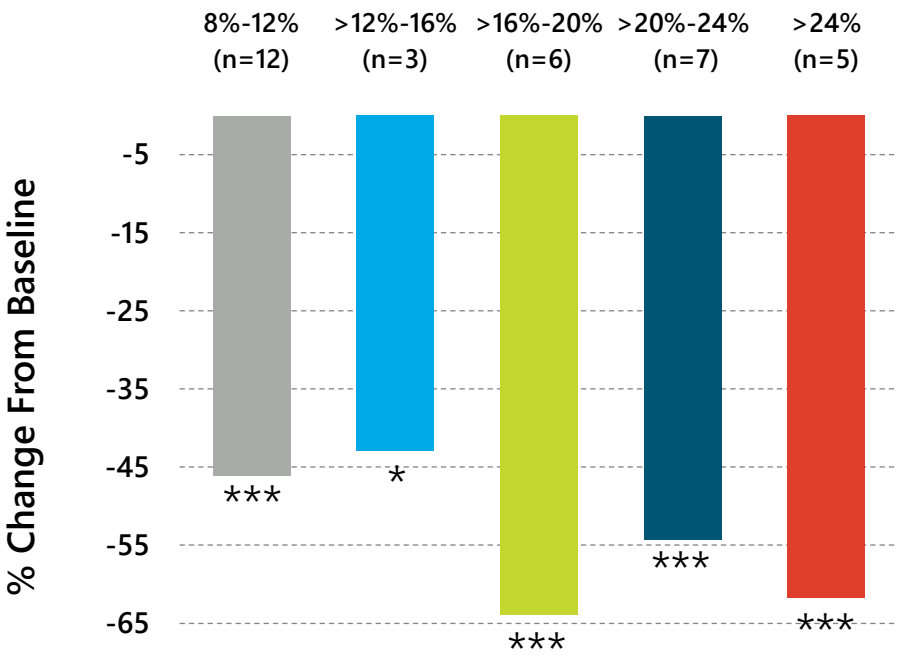
Week 16 Liver Fat Reduction Maintained Across Baseline Levels

Mean % Change in Liver Fat at 12 Weeks



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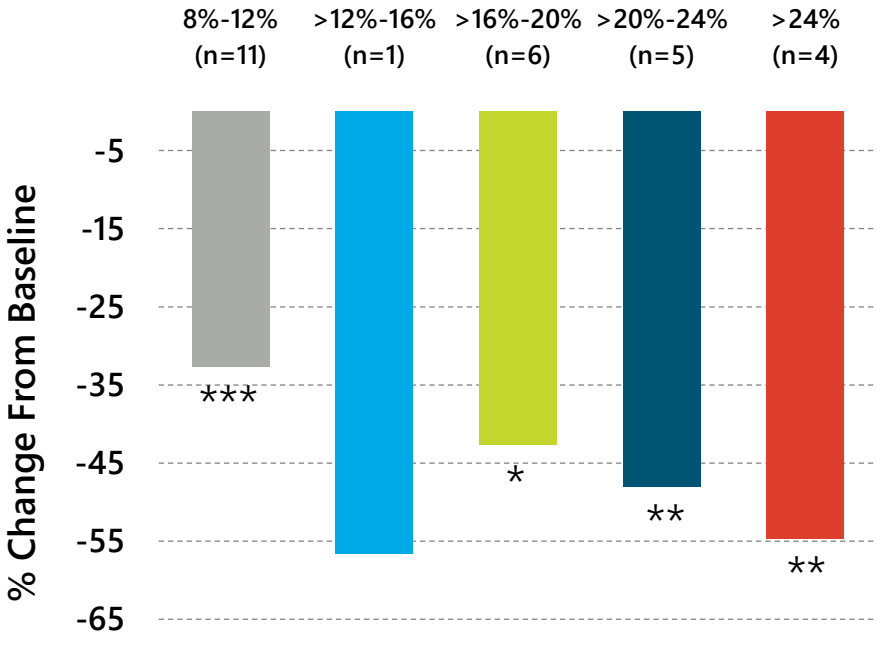

% Change	-46.1%	-42.9%	-63.9%	-54.3%	-61.8%	-32.7%	-56.6%	-42.7%	-48.0%	-54.7%
p-value	<0.0001	0.0347	<0.0001	0.0005	0.0001	0.0003	-	0.0121	0.0095	0.0099

*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001

- Potent, durable reduction in MRI-PDFF across range of baseline fat content

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VK2809-201: Encouraging Safety Profile Through 12 Weeks

• No SAEs observed	No SAEs reported in any VK2809 clinical study to date
• Mean ALT, AST levels in VK2809-treated subjects reduced relative to placebo at Week 12	Patients with elevated baseline ALT demonstrated greater improvement relative to placebo at Weeks 12 and 16
• No other liver function tests significantly different from placebo	Direct bilirubin, indirect bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, INR
• No clinically meaningful changes in other key markers among VK2809-treated patients relative to placebo	Thyroid hormones (fT4, tT3, TSH); Cardiovascular markers (troponin, CK-MB, NT proBNP); Vital signs (BP, heart rate, weight)
• Excellent tolerability	GI and nausea events numerically lower vs. placebo

VK2809: Phase 2a Summary and Conclusions

- VK2809 produced robust reduction in liver fat on MRI-PDFF in NAFLD patients after 12 weeks of dosing
- Consistent effects observed across common NASH risk factors

88% of patients receiving VK2809 experienced ≥30% reduction in liver fat content, including all patients receiving 5 mg doses; 70% experienced reductions ≥50%

Elevated ALT, BMI, hypertension, Hispanic ethnicity

- Liver fat reduction maintained 4 weeks post-dosing

70% of VK2809 patients remained responders 28 days after conclusion of dosing

- VK2809 produced significant reduction in plasma lipids, suggesting long-term CV benefit

LDL-C, triglycerides, and atherogenic proteins Apo B, Lp(a)

- VK2809 was safe and well-tolerated in this 12-week study

No SAEs observed, discontinuations well-balanced across cohorts

VK2809 Clinical Highlights and Current Status

- Phase 1 studies demonstrated safety, predictable PK, robust lipid-lowering effects
- 12-Week Phase 2 study demonstrated potent, durable liver fat reduction
- Consistent efficacy demonstrated across key high-risk subsets
- No drug-drug interaction when co-administered with atorvastatin
- Profile supports further development in biopsy-confirmed NASH
- VOYAGE 12-month Phase 2b NASH study initiated 4Q19

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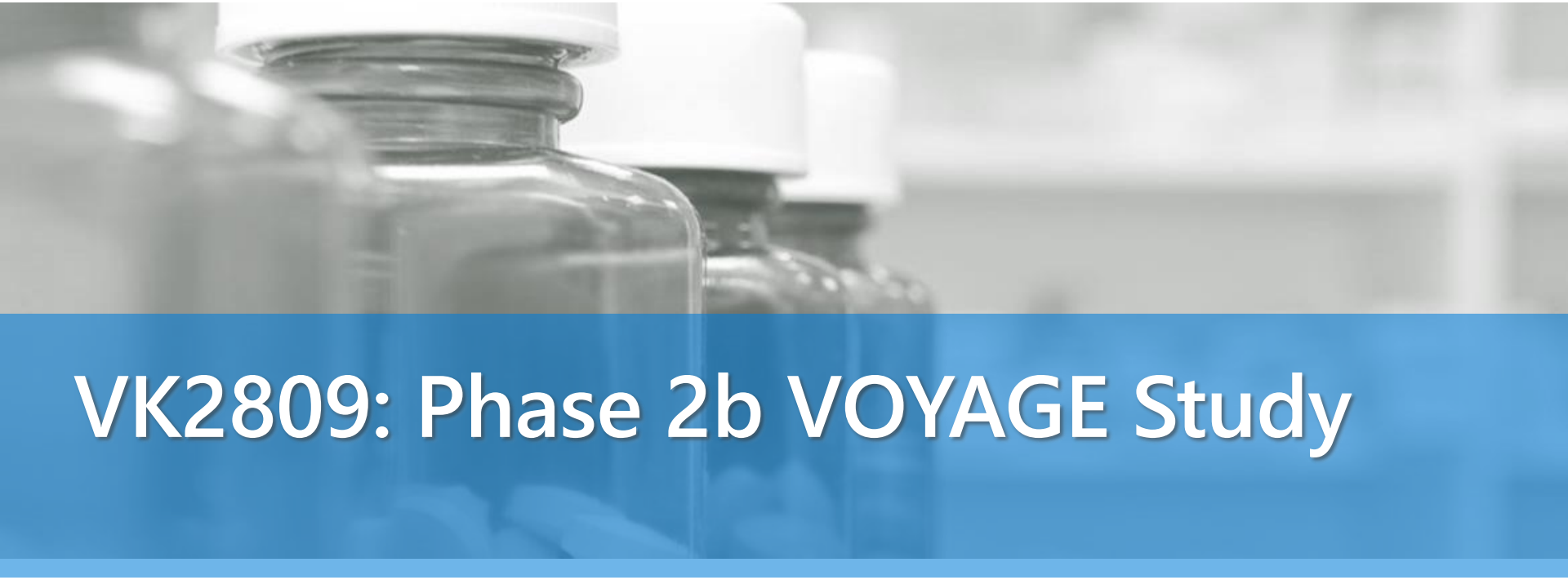
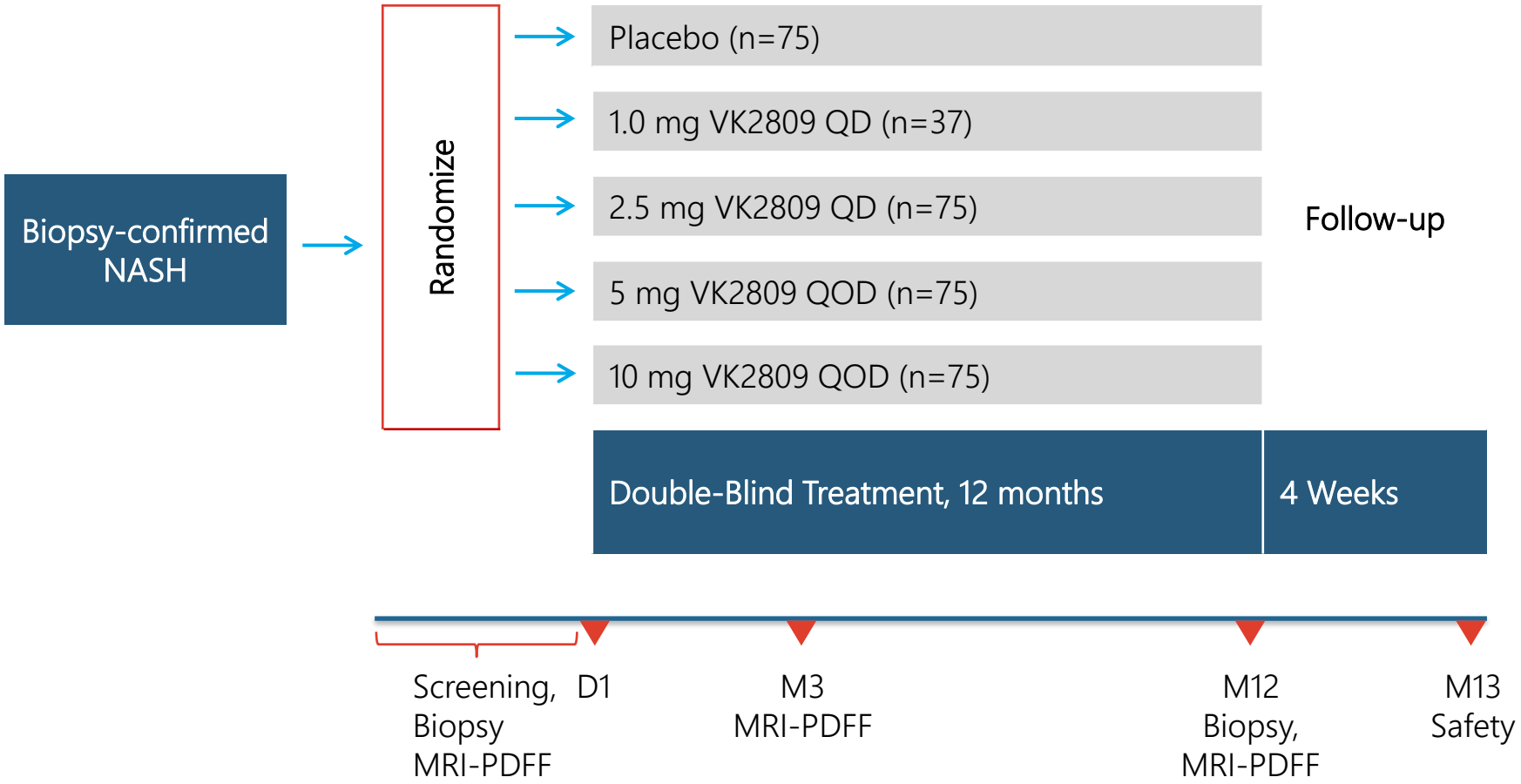


VK2809: Phase 2b VOYAGE Study

VOYAGE Study: 12-Month Phase 2b Study of VK2809



- Multi-arm, dose-ranging, 12-month Phase 2 trial
  - **Primary endpoint:** Change in MRI-PDFF vs. placebo at 3 months
  - **Secondary endpoints:** Change in histology at 12 months (NAS, fibrosis markers, etc.)

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- Key inclusion criteria
  - Biopsy-confirmed NASH with NAS ≥4
  - Liver fat content ≥8%
  - F2-F3 fibrosis, up to 25% F1
- Primary endpoint: Change in liver fat content at week 12
- Secondary, exploratory endpoints: Change in histology at 12 months

Closing Comments: VK2809 Competitive Advantages

- Currently >40 NASH programs in Phase 2 or Phase 3 development
- What differentiates VK2809 from the crowd?

• Orally available	Preferred route of administration for chronic therapy
• Liver-targeted	Reduces risk of undesired effects in other tissues
• Potently reduces liver fat	Weight loss and reduced liver fat correlate with NASH resolution, improved fibrosis markers
• Reduces systemic lipids, may improve overall metabolic profile	Bodes well for potential long-term CV benefit No elevations in other lipids that may require polypharmacy
• Well tolerated	No GI impact, no pruritis or other tolerability issues to date

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Rare Disease Program

VK0214

X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy

VK0214 for X-ALD

- X-Linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)
  - Orphan neurodegenerative disorder
  - X-linked: Carried by females, primarily manifesting in males
  - No cure, no approved therapy
- Most severe form: Cerebral ALD
  - Rapidly progressive inflammatory demyelination; disruption of BBB
  - Affects ~35% before age 12 (CCALD), ~20% between age 20 – 35 (CALD)
  - Deterioration in speech, cognition; vegetative state within 3-5 years
- Most common form: Adrenomyeloneuropathy (AMN)
  - Affects spinal cord, motor neurons; no inflammatory component or brain involvement
  - Affects nearly all adult patients; considered "default" manifestation of ALD
  - Progressive motor impairment; wheelchair confinement, leg paralysis common

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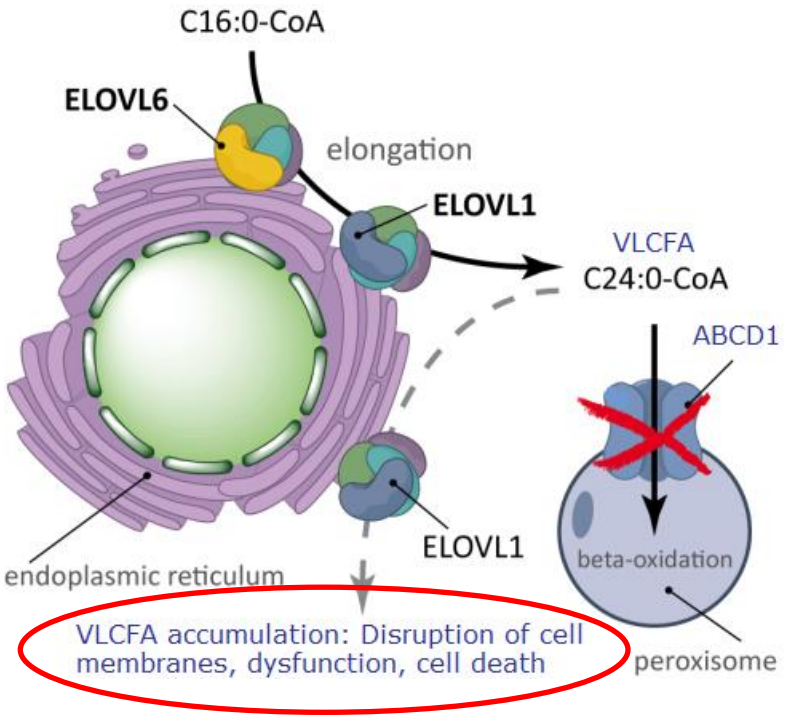
TRβ: X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy

Caused by mutation in gene for the ATP-Binding Cassette transporter D1 (ABCD1)

- Peroxisomal transporter of very long chain fatty acids (VLCFA)



ABCD1: Normal function to transport VLCFA into peroxisome for degradation

X-ALD: Defective ABCD1 leads to accumulation of VLCFA in tissues

High VLCFA levels disrupt cell membranes; inflammatory demyelination in brain tissue; motor neuron deterioration

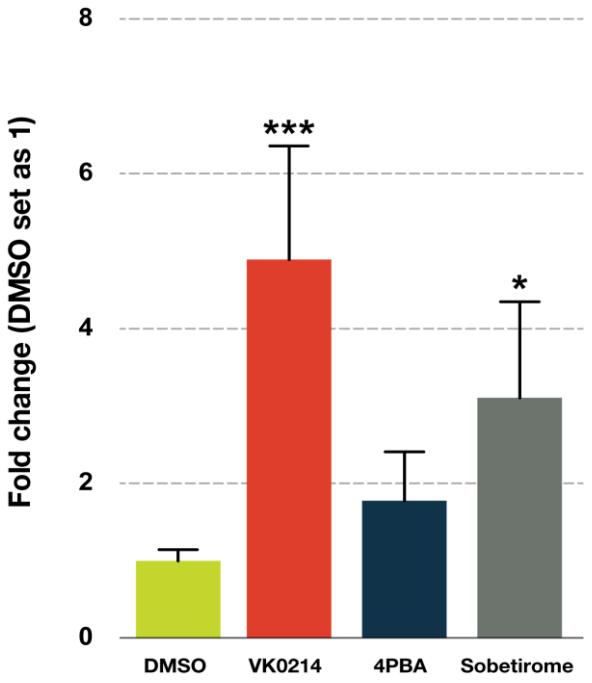
TRβ Agonists: Stimulate expression of compensatory transporters ABCD2, 3; may mitigate VLCFA elevation

Graphic adapted from http://www.x-ald.nl/origin-and-metabolism-of-vlcfa/.

Strong Rationale for TRβ Role in X-ALD

- Alternative VLCFA transporters ABCD2,-3 are induced by TRβ receptor
  - Mechanistically compensate for ABCD1 deficiency
- Over-expression of ABCD2 corrects VLCFA elevation *in vitro* and *in vivo*
- TRβ agonists such as VK0214 hold promise
- *In vitro* POC established in X-ALD fibroblasts

VK0214: Potent ABCD2 induction in X-ALD fibroblasts



VK0214 successfully induces ABCD2 expression in human X-ALD cells

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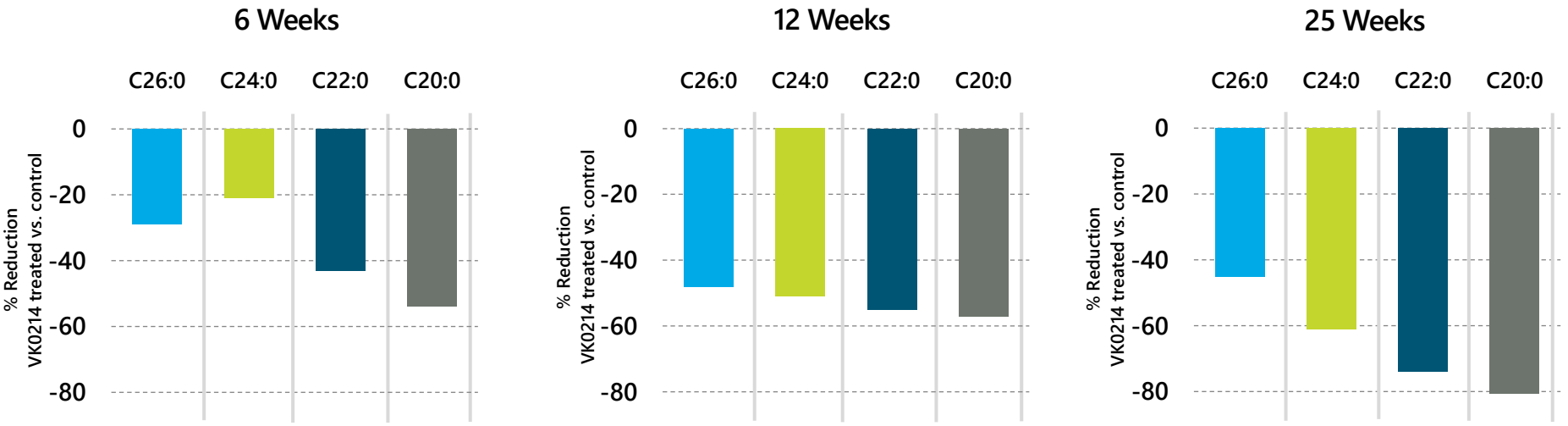
VK0214: *In Vivo* Proof-of-Concept Data, ABCD1 KO Mouse

- ABCD1 Knockout model: Mimics biochemical features of human X-ALD
- VK0214: Durable and progressive reductions in plasma VLCFAs
  - Tissue effects suggest encouraging CNS activity following long-term exposure

Reductions in Plasma VLCFA-LPC, ABCD1 Knockout Model

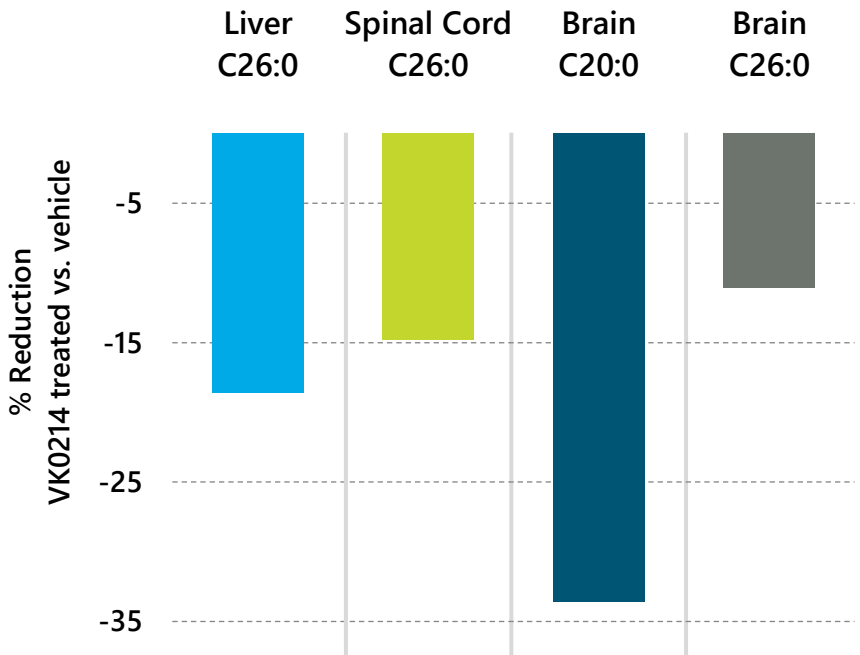


	6 Weeks				12 Weeks				25 Weeks			
	C26:0	C24:0	C22:0	C20:0	C26:0	C24:0	C22:0	C20:0	C26:0	C24:0	C22:0	C20:0
% Chg:	-29%	-21%	-43%	-54%	-48%	-51%	-55%	-57%	-45%	-61%	-74%	-82%
p-value:	<0.0001	<0.005	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001

VK0214: Reduces VLCFA Levels in Key Tissues

- Significant VLCFA reductions observed in multiple tissues
- Encouraging evidence of CNS activity
- Reductions in multiple VLCFAs consistent with plasma observations
- Suggests potential benefit in both cerebral and AMN forms of X-ALD
- Phase 1 study ongoing in healthy volunteers
- Phase 1b PoC planned 2021

Change in Tissue VLCFAs: CNS and Peripheral Tissue



	Liver C26:0	Spinal Cord C26:0	Brain C20:0	Brain C26:0
% Difference:	-19%	-15%	-34%	-11%
p-value:	<0.05	<0.01	<0.0001	0.07

Financial Summary

- Capital structure and summary financials

Capital Structure[1]	In '000s
Shares outstanding	72,921
Options, RSUs	4,002
Warrants	5,525
Total shares, options, RSUs, warrants	82,448

Financials	September 30, 2020 ($'000s)
Cash burn YTD 3Q 2020	$20,334
Cash and ST Investments	$255,304

Notes: 1) As of September 30, 2020.

Investment Highlights

Focused on novel therapeutics for metabolic and endocrine diseases

- Clinical programs demonstrate best-in-class efficacy data

Metabolic Disease Program: VK2809 for NASH

- Novel, selective thyroid receptor-β (TRβ) agonist
- Phase 2a results demonstrate significant reduction in liver fat content, lipids
- Phase 2b VOYAGE trial ongoing

Rare Disease Program: VK0214 for X-ALD

- Novel, selective thyroid receptor-β agonist
- In vivo data show improvement in key biomarkers
- Phase 1 studies underway

Other Pipeline Programs: Musculoskeletal and metabolic disorders

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Corporate Presentation