



Corporate Presentation

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Investment Highlights

- **Developing novel therapeutics for metabolic and endocrine diseases**
 - Multiple clinical programs demonstrate best-in-class efficacy data
- **Metabolic Disease Programs**
 - VK2809: Novel, selective thyroid receptor- β agonist for NASH and lipid disorders
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 - Phase 1 study ongoing
- **Rare Disease Program**
 - VK0214: Novel, selective thyroid receptor- β agonist for X-ALD
 - Phase 1b in patients ongoing

Pipeline Overview

Development Programs	Indication	Stage of Development				Status
		Preclin	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
VK2809 (TR β agonist)	<i>NASH</i>					Phase 2b VOYAGE trial ongoing
VK2735 (Dual GLP-1/GIP agonist)	<i>Obesity</i>					Phase 2 planned for mid-2023
VK2735 Oral (Dual GLP-1/GIP agonist)	<i>Metabolic disorders</i>					Phase 1 ongoing
VK0214 (TR β agonist)	<i>X-ALD</i>					Phase 1b ongoing

Potential data events expected over next 12-18 months

- o VK2809: Phase 2b data, 12-week MRI-PDFF and biopsy results in NASH
- o VK2735: Phase 2 data, obesity
- o VK2735 Oral: Phase 1 data in healthy subjects
- o VK0214: Topline data, Phase 1b study in X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy



VK2809: Selective Thyroid Receptor- β Agonist

NASH

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**
 - Large markets: NASH, hypercholesterolemia, dyslipidemia
 - Rare diseases: X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD), other
- **Lead program VK2809**
 - Oral formulation
 - Shown to be safe and well-tolerated in 8 completed clinical studies
 - Phase 2b VOYAGE trial ongoing

Thyroid Hormone Receptor Overview

Nuclear hormone receptors: 2 main types

Thyroid hormone receptor beta (TR β)

Liver

Positive effects

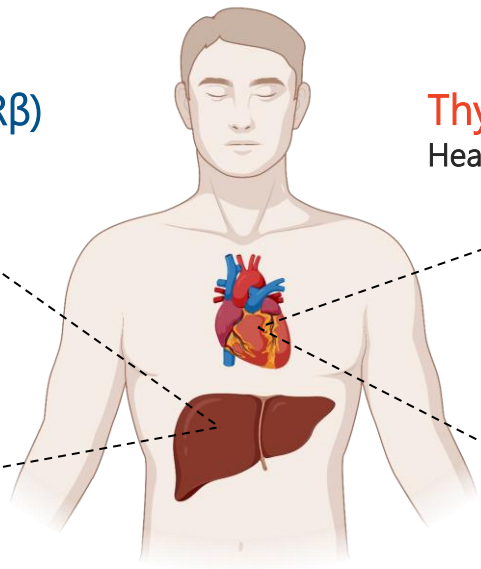
- Regulates lipid metabolism
- Reduces LDL-C, triglycerides, atherogenic proteins
- Improves metabolic control

Thyroid hormone receptor alpha (TR α)

Heart, skeletal muscle

Negative effects

- Proarrhythmic potential
- Elevates heart rate
- Bone/cartilage effects



Therapeutic goal, lipid setting: Beta receptor selectivity, minimize alpha effects

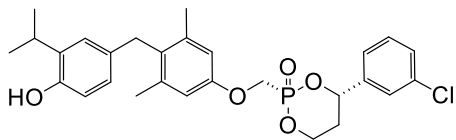
Thyroid Receptor β Agonists for NAFLD and NASH



- 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

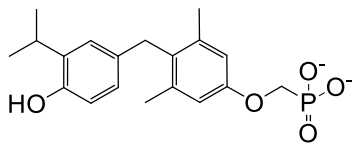
VK2809: Unique Liver-Targeted Characteristics



VK2809, Novel Prodrug

Following oral dosing:

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



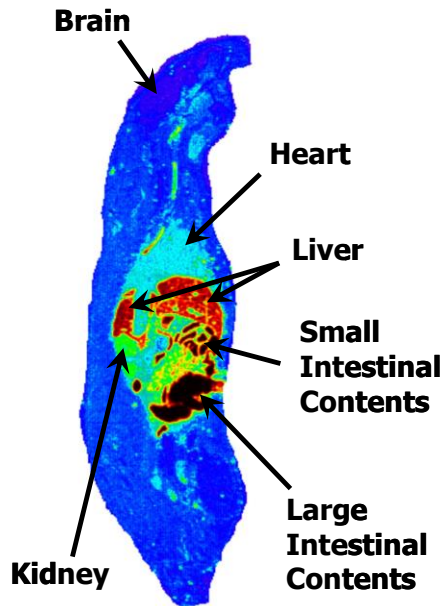
VK2809A, Potent TR β Agonist, 2.2 nM Ki

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High

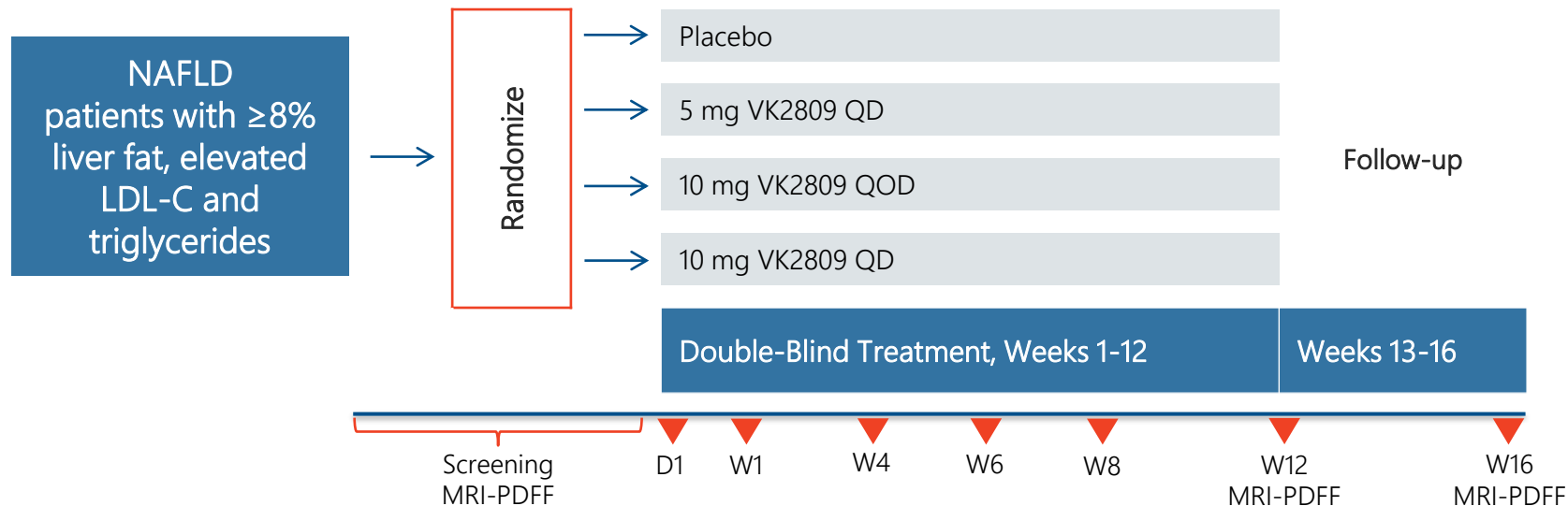


Low



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

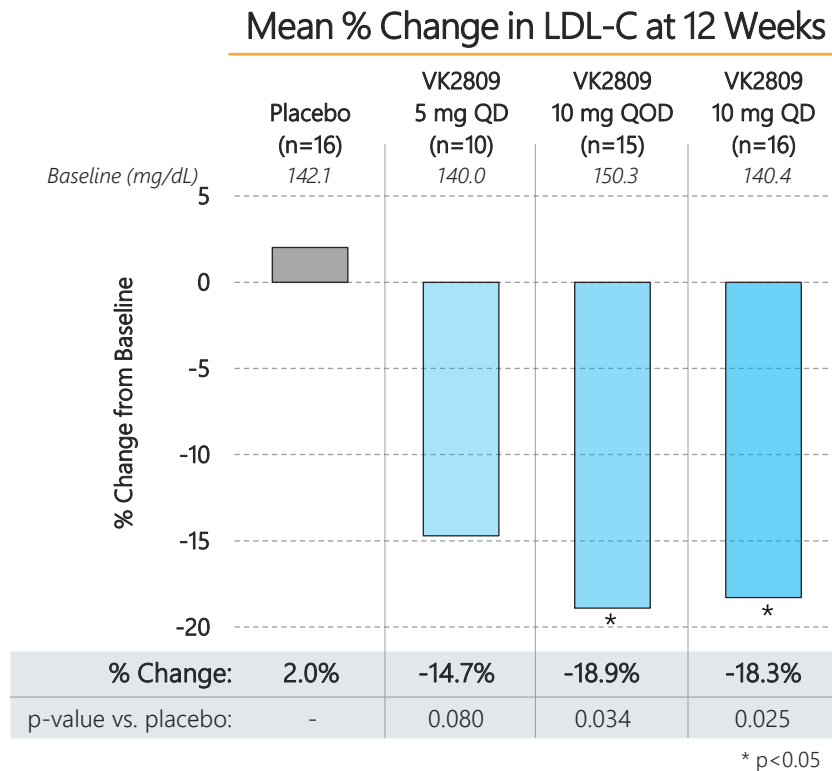
VK2809-201: Phase 2a Study Design



- 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

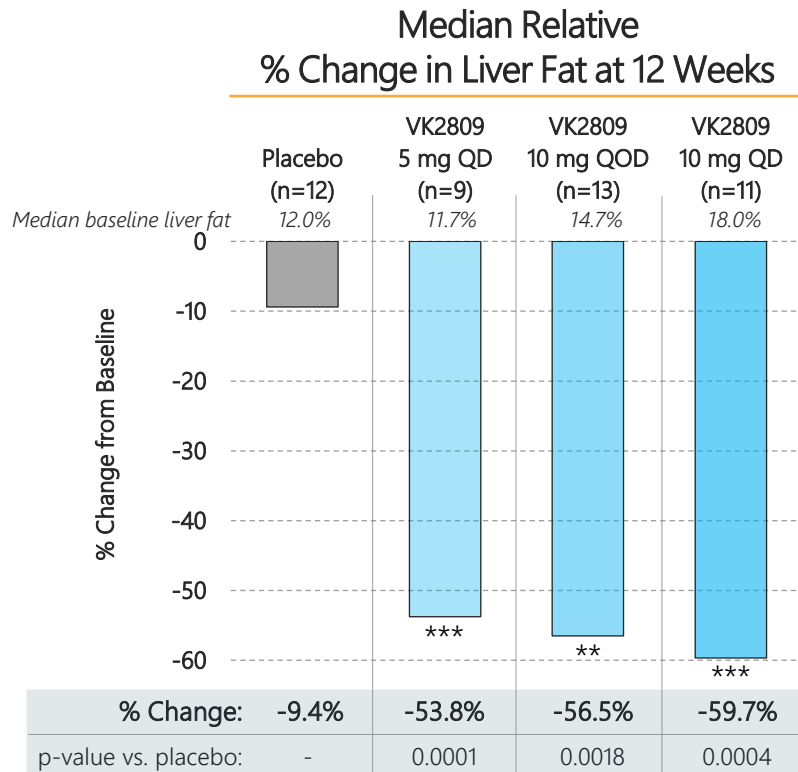
VK2809 Significantly Reduced LDL-C at 12 Weeks

- Statistically significant reductions in all VK2809 cohorts 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



VK2809 Produced Significant Relative Reductions in Liver Fat

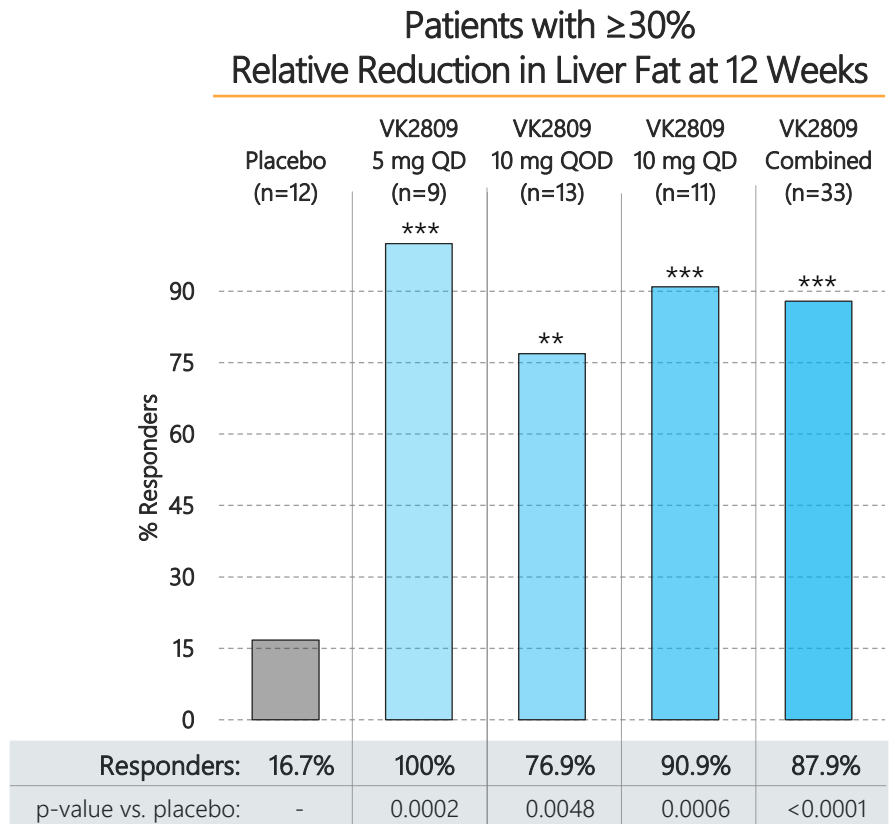
- Significant relative reductions from baseline in liver fat by MRI-PDFF
- Maximal reductions at Week 12
 - 5 mg QD: 78%
 - 10 mg QOD: 72%
 - 10 mg QD: 76%



*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 $\geq 30\%$ decrease in liver fat at Week 12
- Combined VK2809 cohorts demonstrated 88% response rate
- 70% of all patients receiving VK2809 demonstrated liver fat reductions $\geq 50\%$
- Reduction in liver fat correlated with improved odds of long-term histology benefit¹



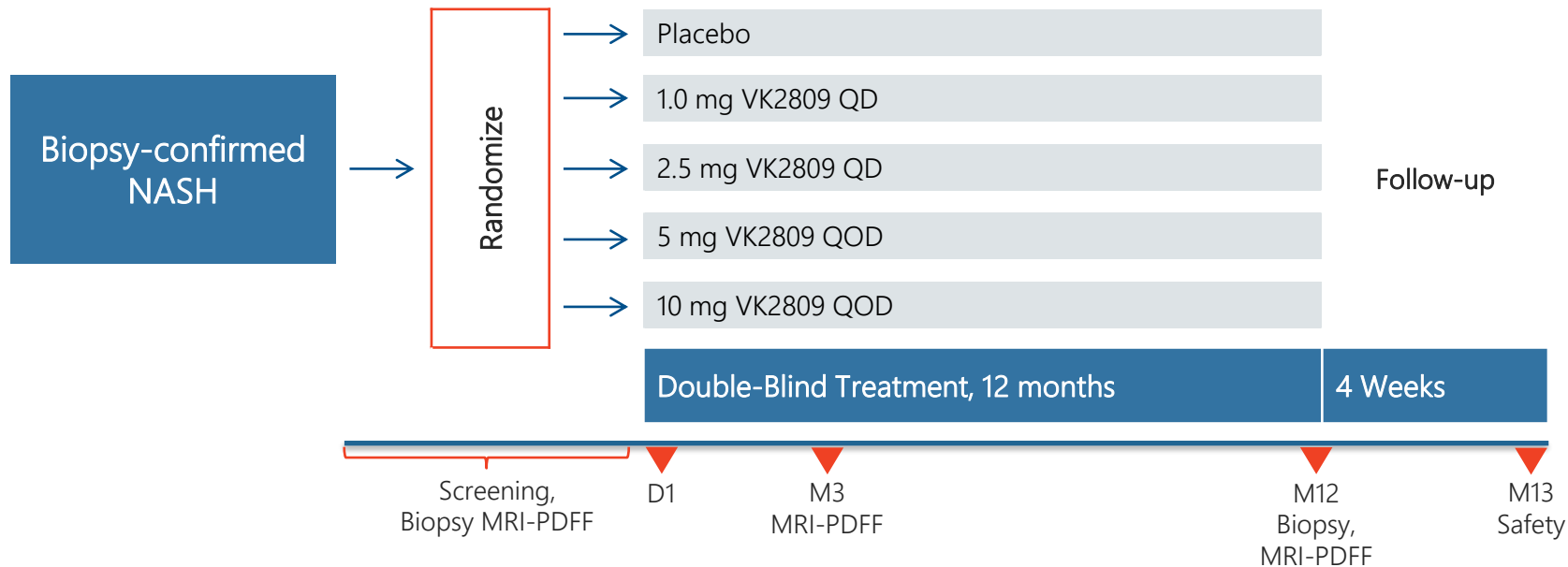
VK2809-201: Encouraging Safety Profile Through 12 Weeks

• No SAEs observed	No SAEs reported in completed clinical studies 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 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 endpoint:** Change in histology at 12 months (NAS, fibrosis markers, etc.)

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



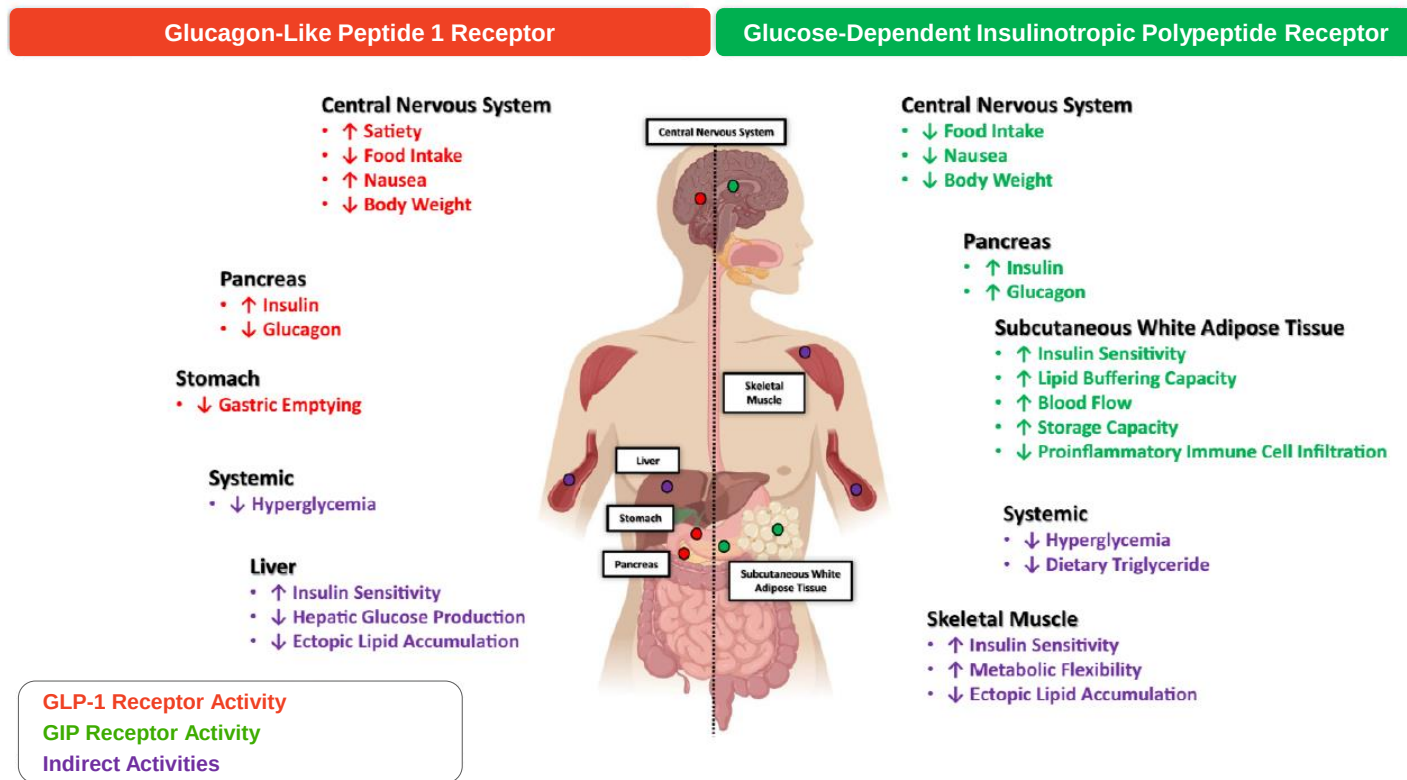
VK2735: Dual GLP-1/GIP Receptor Agonist

Metabolic Disorders

GLP-1/GIP Dual Agonists for Metabolic Disorders

- Peptides secreted by intestines after meals
- Complementary tissue distribution and activities
- Stimulate insulin production, induce satiety
- Therapeutic benefits in obesity, NASH, diabetes

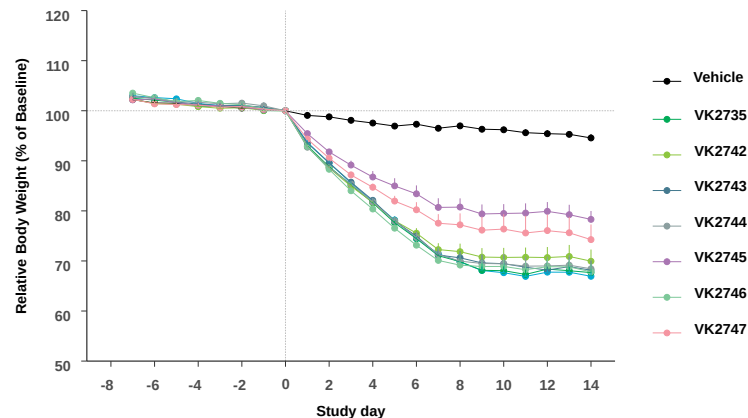
GLP-1/GIP Receptor Co-Activation and Downstream Effects



Novel Peptide-Based Dual Agonists

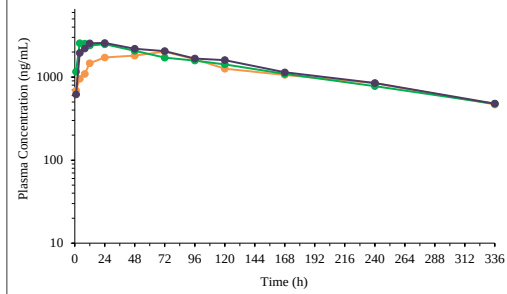
- Potent binding (<500nM) observed at human GLP-1 and GIP receptors
- Variable GIP activity
- Robust weight loss observed in rodent models
- Predictable PK; $T_{1/2}$ 2 – 7 days in primates; variable exposures
- VK2735 selected for further development

Relative Weight Change at 14 Days in Rodent Model of Obesity



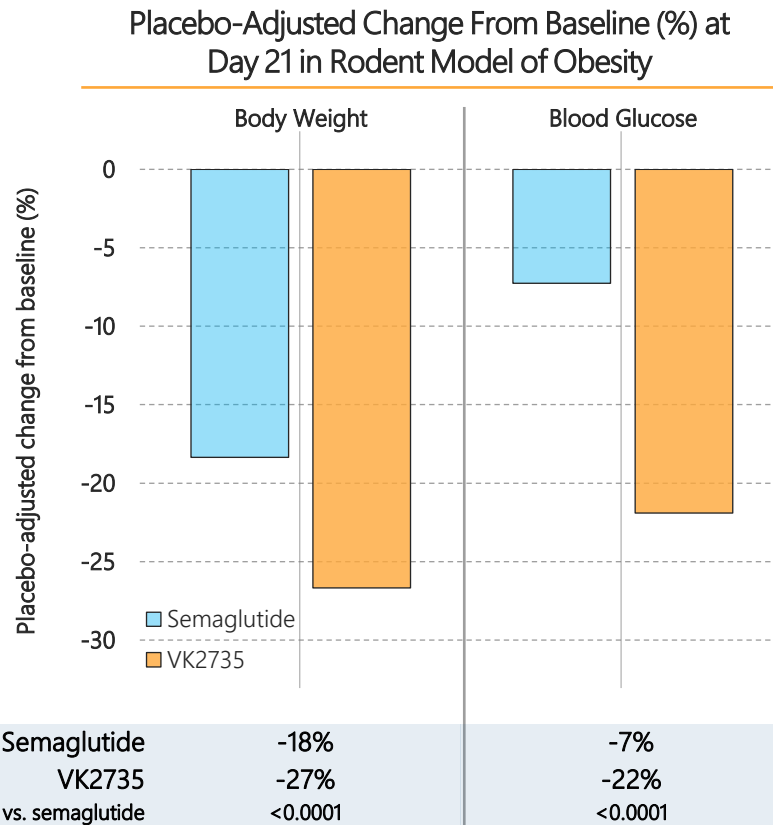
Representative PK profile:
Generally well-behaved with extended $T_{1/2}$

VK2745 Plasma Concentrations vs. Time in Primates



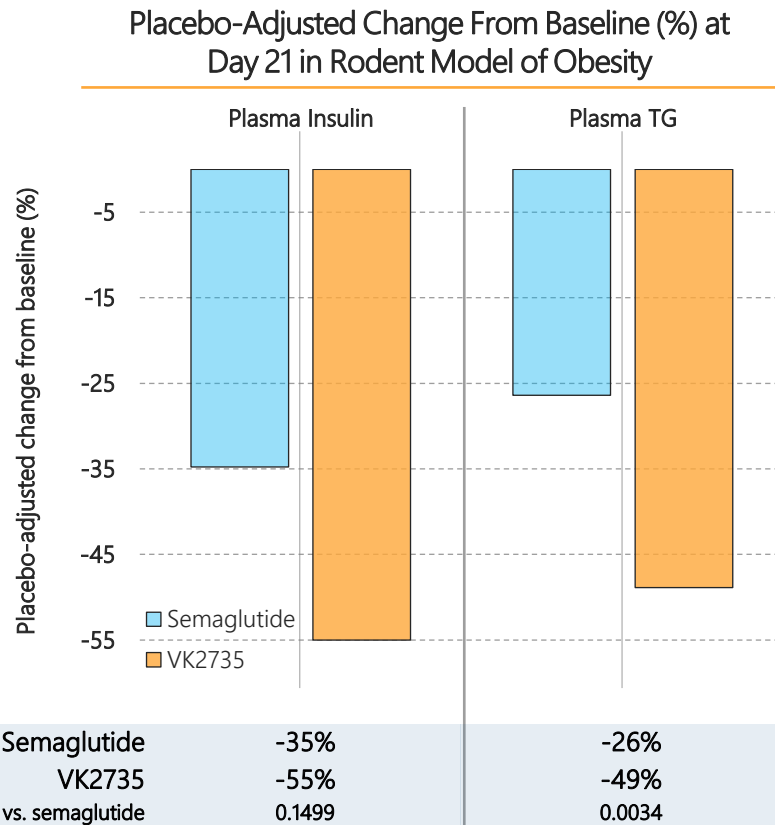
VK2735: Novel Dual Agonist of GLP-1 and GIP Receptors

- GLP-1 receptor activity similar to known agonist semaglutide (<300nM)
- GLP-1/GIP binding ratio <1
- Robust reduction in body weight, blood glucose in rodent models
- Data support additive benefit of GIP-agonist activity on top of GLP-1 activation



VK2735 Glucose, Lipid Effects Exceed GLP-1 Mono-Agonists

- VK2735 demonstrates broad improvements vs. GLP-1 mono-agonist at same dose level
- Improved insulin sensitivity, plasma lipids after 21 days of dosing in rodent model
- Supports additive GLP-mediated insulin secretion on top of GLP-1 effect



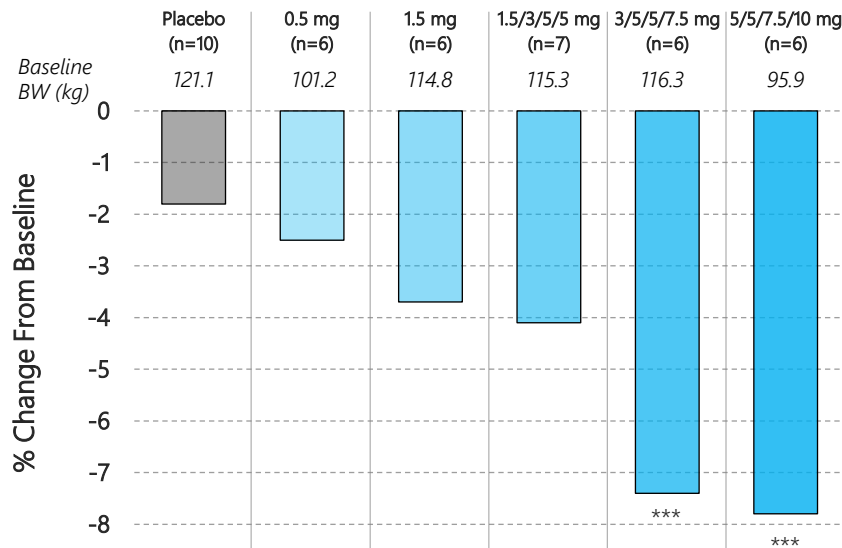
VK2735 Phase 1 Clinical Study Design

- Randomized, placebo-controlled, stacked SAD/MAD study design
- SAD portion: Escalating single doses in healthy subjects
- MAD study: 28 Days of weekly dosing in healthy subjects with BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²
- Primary objectives: Safety, tolerability
- Exploratory: Changes in body weight, glucose, liver fat

VK2735 Phase 1 MAD Results: Weight Change After 28 Days

- Reduction in body weight observed in all VK2735 dosing cohorts
- Dose dependent effect observed across VK2735 cohorts
- Significant reduction vs. placebo observed at higher VK2735 doses

Mean % Change in Body Weight at Day 29



% Change in BW:	-1.8%	-2.5%	-3.7%	-4.1%	-7.4%	-7.8%
Placebo-adjusted:	-	-0.7%	-1.9%	-2.3%	-5.6%	-6.0%
p-value vs placebo	-	0.64	0.17	0.09	0.0003	0.0002

Notes: Baseline BMI ≥ 30 in all MAD subjects. *** $p < 0.001$

VK2735 Phase 1 MAD Study: GI Tolerability Summary

Most common AEs to date Number of subjects reporting (%)	Placebo (n=10)	0.5 mg (n=6)	1.5 mg (n=6)	1.5/3/5/5 mg (n=7)	3/5/5/7.5 mg (n=6)	5/5/7.5/10 mg (n=6)
GERD	1 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (43%)	4 (67%)	1 (17%)
Nausea	5 (50%)	2 (33%)	4 (67%)	5 (71%)	5 (83%)	2 (33%)
Vomiting	1 (10%)	2 (33%)	0 (0%)	2 (29%)	1 (17%)	1 (17%)
Abdominal pain	1 (10%)	0 (0%)	1 (17%)	3 (43%)	4 (67%)	2 (33%)
Diarrhea	3 (30%)	1 (17%)	1 (17%)	2 (29%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Constipation	0 (0%)	1 (17%)	1 (17%)	2 (29%)	1 (17%)	0 (0%)

GERD: Gastroesophageal reflux disease.

- Majority of all reported AEs (98%) mild or moderate
- Mechanism-based mild (89%) to moderate (11%) nausea observed
- No discontinuations related to GI adverse events

VK2735 Phase 1 Study Takeaways

- Encouraging early profile observed in healthy subjects with BMI ≥ 30
- Dose-dependent improvement in weight loss of up to 7.8% (6.0% placebo-adjusted) reported after 28 days
- PK data suggest excellent exposures from weekly dosing regimen
- Promising safety and tolerability, 98% of AEs mild to moderate
- Expected observation of mild to moderate nausea appears manageable

VK2735 Next Steps

- Phase 1 results support further study in Phase 2 trial in patients with obesity
- Study planned for mid-2023
- Novel oral tablet formulation demonstrates promising exposures in vivo
- Phase 1 study with oral formulation underway



VK0214: Selective Thyroid Receptor- β Agonist

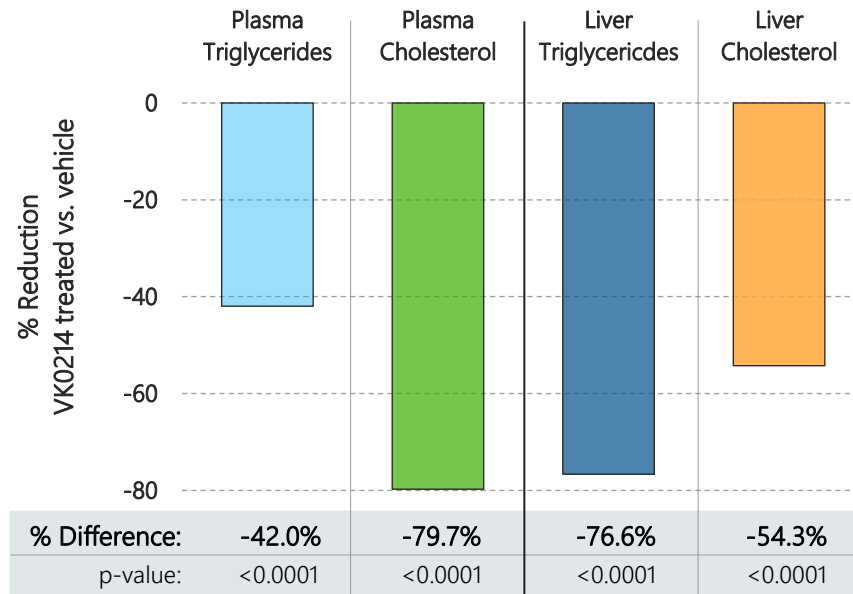
X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy

VK0214: Summary Profile

VK0214

- Potent small molecule thyroid receptor agonist
- 8 nM Ki at TR β receptor
- >20:1 selective for β : α
- Oral formulation, once-daily dosing
- Robust lipid lowering effects in multiple models

Change in Lipids Following 12 Weeks of Dosing With VK0214; Rodent NASH model



Demonstrates in vitro and vivo efficacy comparable to VK2809

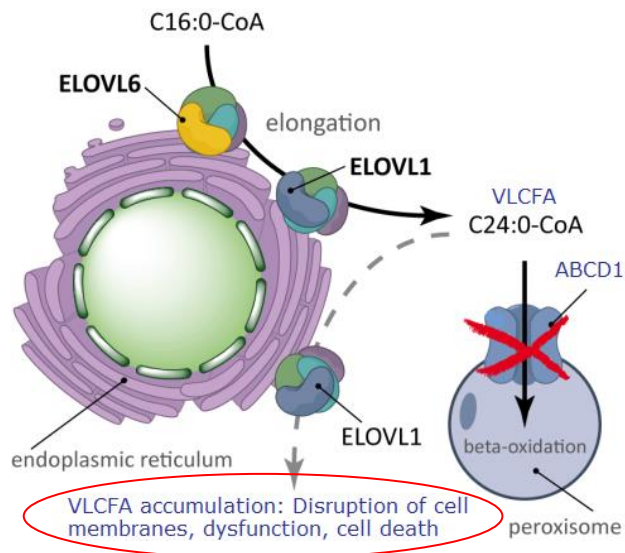
VK0214 for X-ALD

- **X-Linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)**
 - Orphan neurodegenerative disorder
 - X-linked: Carried by females, primarily manifesting in males
- **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
 - Affects nearly all adult patients; considered “default” manifestation of ALD
 - Progressive motor impairment; wheelchair confinement, leg paralysis common

TR β and 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

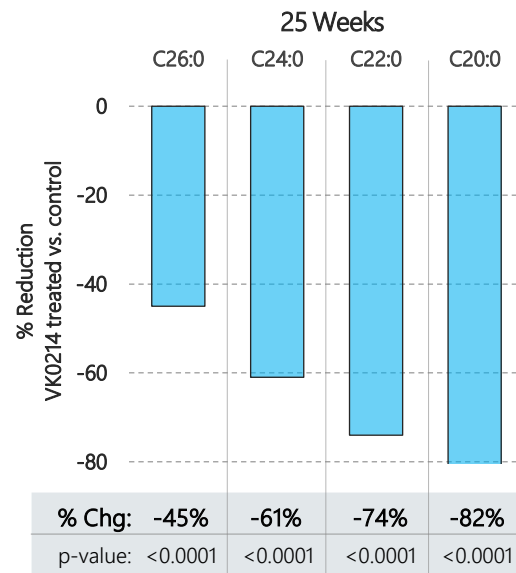
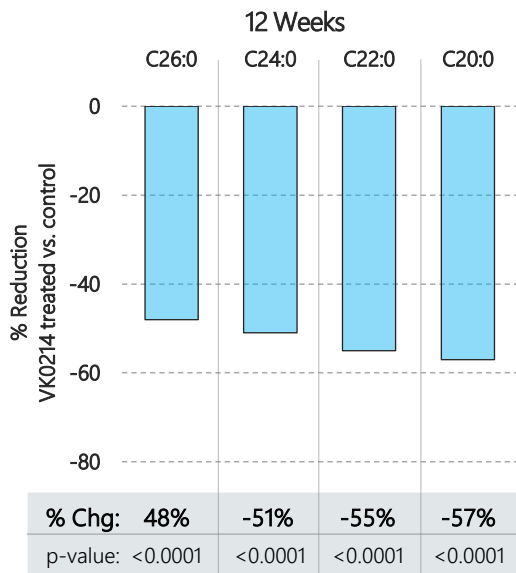
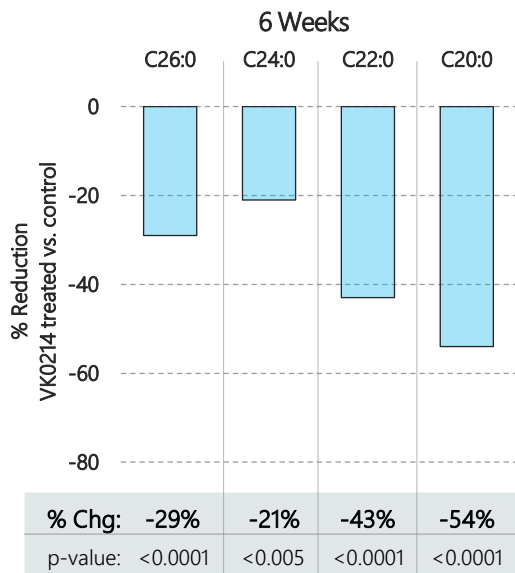
High VLCFA levels disrupt cell membranes; inflammatory demyelination in brain tissue; motor neuron deterioration

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

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

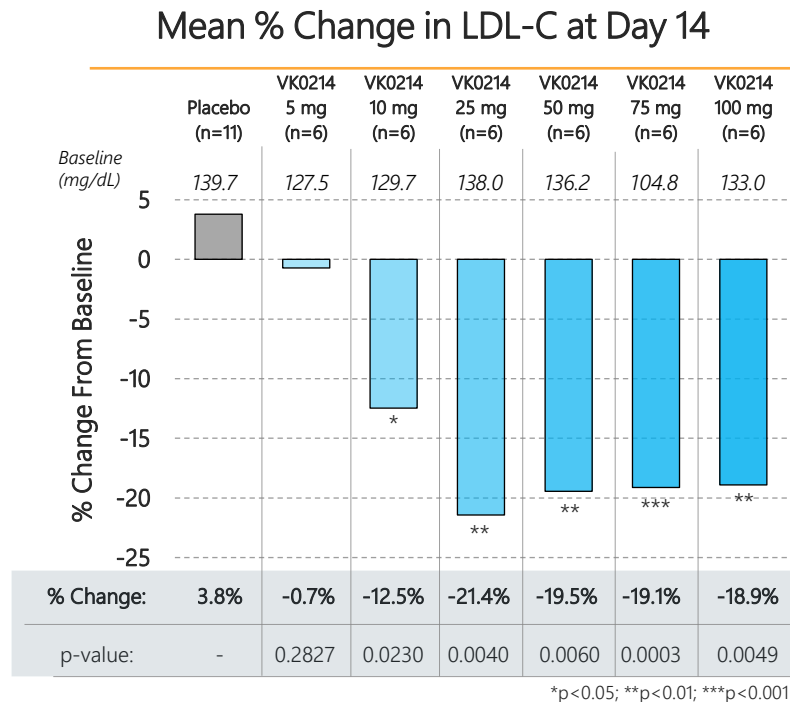
- ABCD1 Knockout model: Mimics biochemical features of human X-ALD
- VK0214: Durable and progressive reductions in plasma VLCFAs
 - Tissue effects suggest encouraging CNS activity following long-term exposure

Reductions in Plasma VLCFA-LPC, ABCD1 Knockout Model



VK0214 Phase 1 Results: LDL-C Reduction Observed After 14 Days

- Reduction in LDL-C similar to observations with VK2809
- Initial effect observed @ ~10 mg
- Data to date indicate a ~20% reduction from baseline

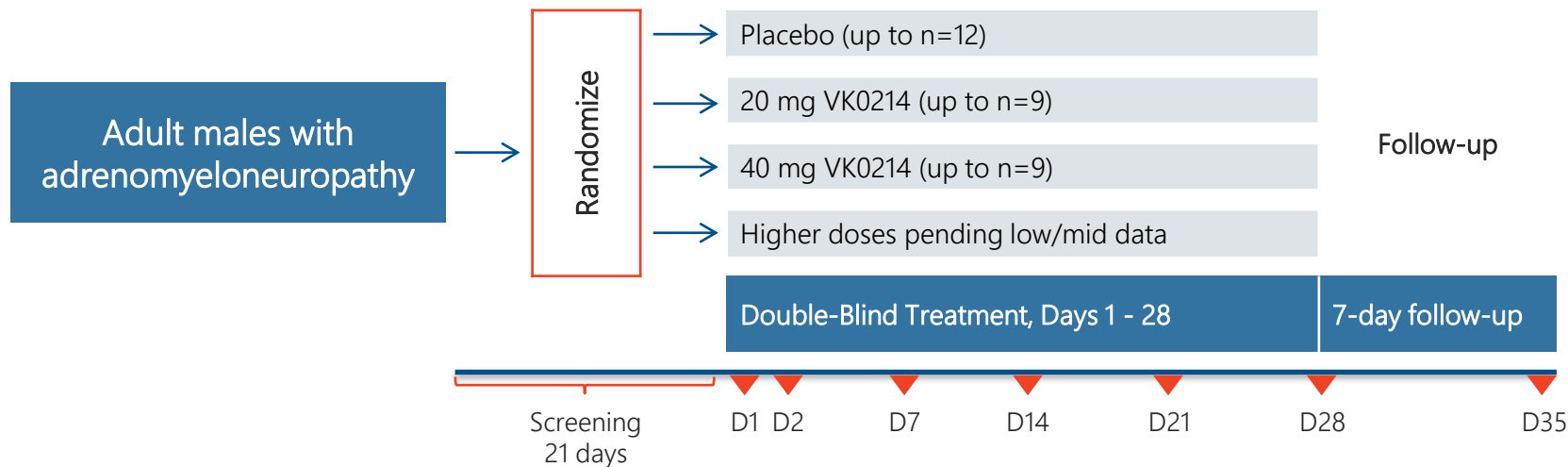


Magnitude of LDL-C reductions are consistent with TR β agonist mechanism

Takeaways From VK0214 Phase 1 SAD/MAD Study

- Encouraging overall safety and tolerability, no SAEs observed
- No meaningful impact to vital signs, cardiovascular parameters, thyroid axis
- Attractive PK profile; predictable exposures with once-daily dosing
- Preliminary lipid data suggest similar efficacy to VK2809
- Results support further study in adrenomyeloneuropathy (AMN) patients

VK0214 Phase 1b Study in Adrenomyeloneuropathy



- Multicenter, parallel cohort, 28-day Phase 1b trial in adrenomyeloneuropathy
 - Higher doses may be explored pending review of initial cohorts
- Safety, tolerability, change in VLCFAs in male patients with AMN

Financial Summary

- Capital structure and summary financials

Capital Structure ¹	In '000s
Shares outstanding	78,419
Options, RSUs	6,924
Warrants	0
Total shares, options, RSUs, warrants	85,343

Financials	Dec. 31, 2022 (\$'000s)
Cash burn 2022	\$46,618
Cash and ST Investments	\$155,485
Notes: 1) As of December 31, 2022	

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