

# Hepatic targeted RNA interference provides deep and prolonged knockdown of alpha-1 antitrypsin levels in ZZ patients

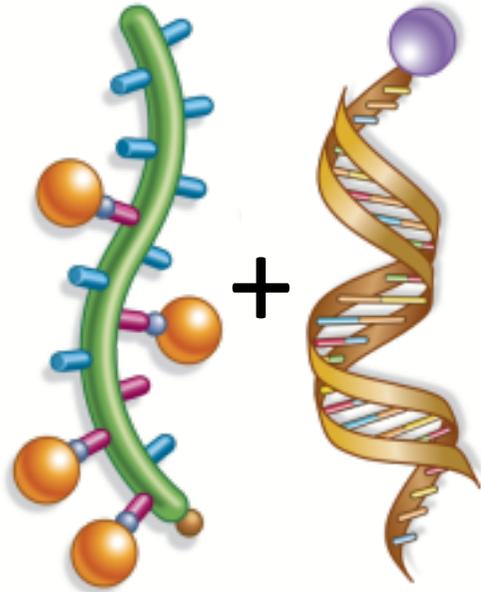
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# ARC-AAT: an siRNA Therapeutic



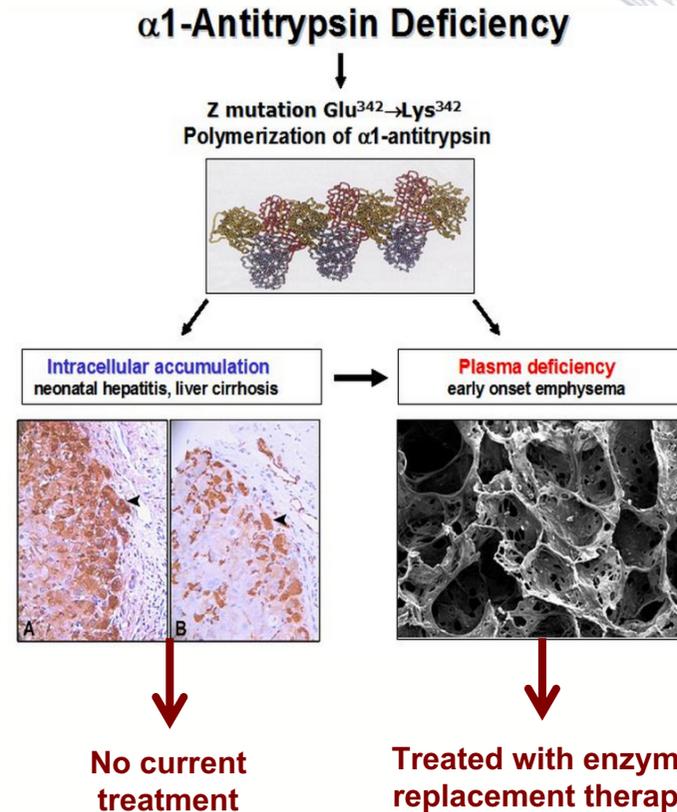
EX1 and cholesterol-linked  
RNAi trigger

ARC-AAT Consists of:

- Polymer delivery system (EX1)
- Liver targeted siRNA
- Mixed in pharmacy and co-administered via IV infusion
- ARC-AAT uses 2:1 ratio of siRNA to EX1, 4 mg/kg means 4 mg/kg RNAi trigger, 2 mg/kg EX1 delivery system

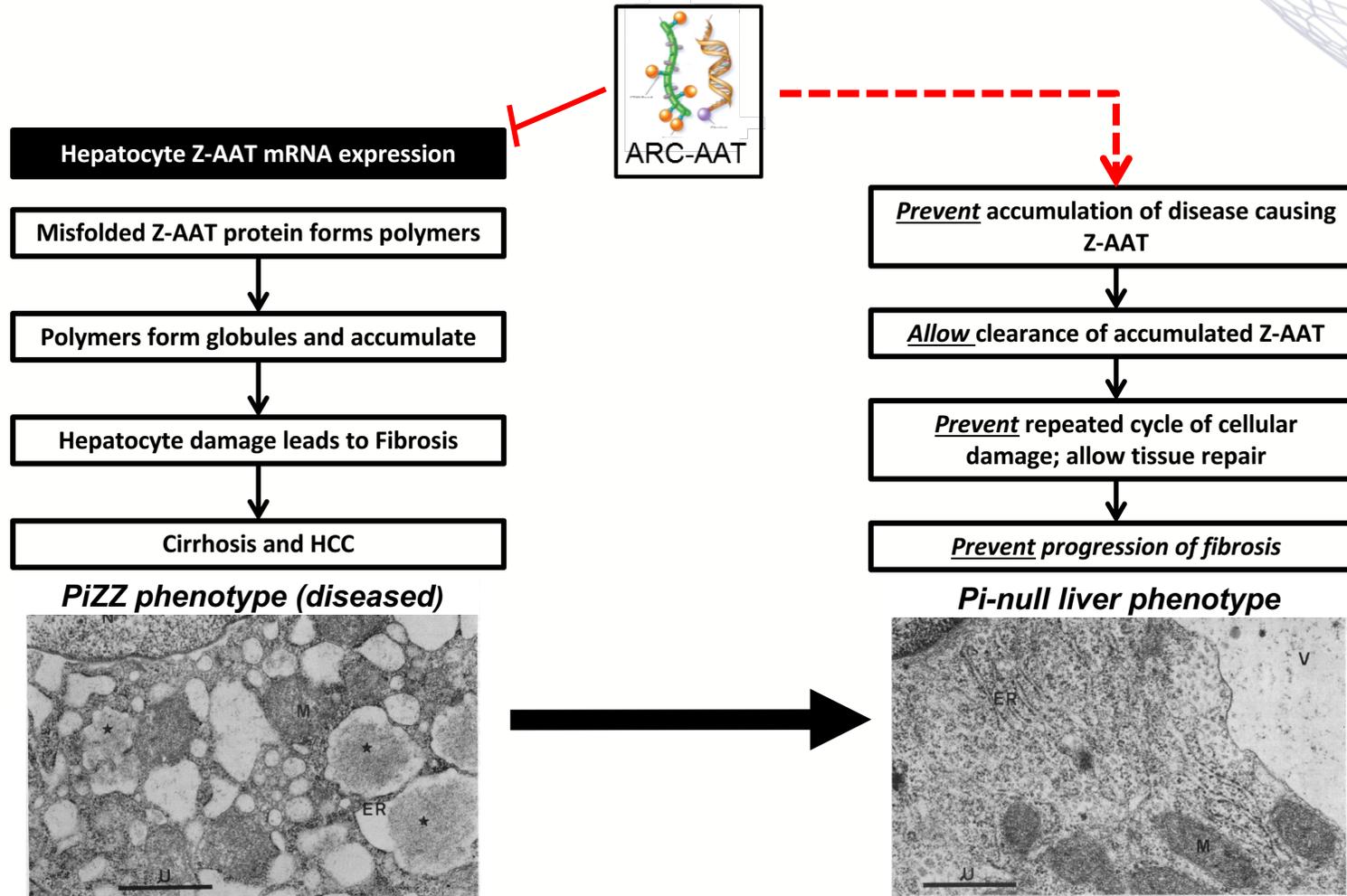
# Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)

- Alpha-1 antitrypsin: glycoprotein protease produced predominantly (~90%) in liver and secreted into blood.
- Primary AAT function is to inhibit lung neutrophil elastases.
- Severe AATD due to mutant AAT that is misfolded, poorly secreted from cells = serum deficiency (pulmonary disease) + liver storage disease.
- ~96% of the clinical disease is from Z-mutant homozygosity (PiZZ)



Janciauskiene, et al. 2013 *Acute Phase Proteins*

# Therapeutic Rationale for ARC-AAT in AATD Liver Disease



Feldmann, G., et al. (1975) Gut

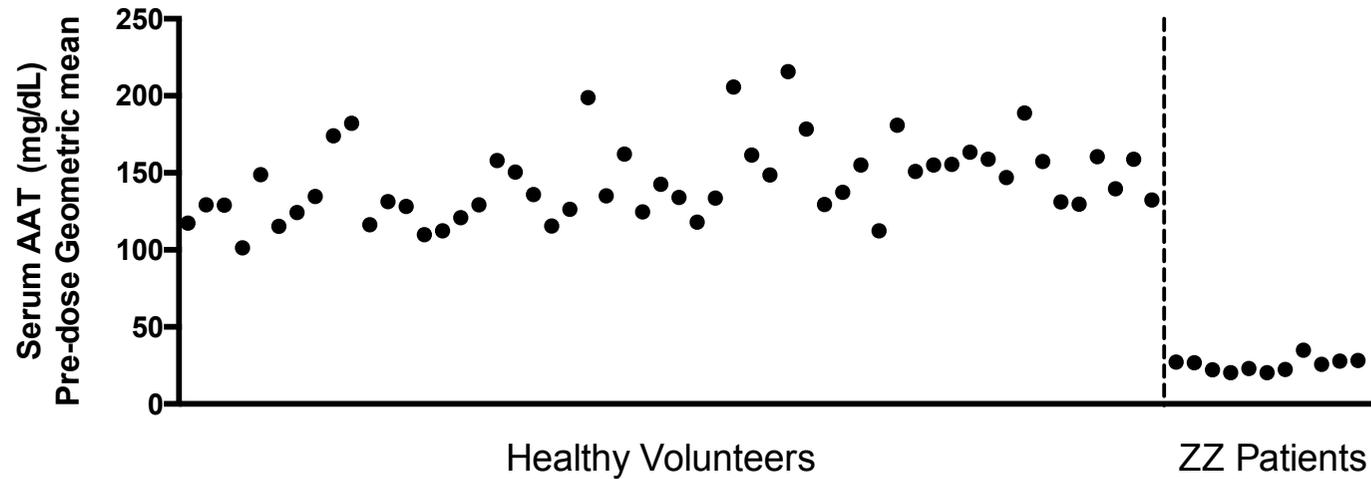
# ARCAAT-1001 Phase 1 Design

- **Part A**, Single dose NHV study
  - Conducted in Australia
  - 9 escalating dose cohorts, 6 per cohort (4 active 2 placebo)
  - Single dose, follow serum AAT, PK, safety parameters (labs, ECG, PFTs) through Day 29
  - Dose escalation 0.38 to 8.0 mg/kg
  - All subjects were followed until AAT returned to normal ( $> 90$  mg/dL) or within 15% of baseline
- Initiated Part B in AATD patients based on KD of 30% in 3 of 6 in a Part A cohort
- **Part B**, single doses in AATD patients
  - Multiple sites - Australia, UK, Germany, Netherlands
  - 6 per cohort (4 active 2 placebo)
  - Planned for single escalating dose cohorts at 2, 4, 6 mg/kg
  - All patients were followed until AAT returned to within 15% of baseline

# ARCAAT-1001 Patient Enrollment Criteria

- Key patient (Part B) inclusion criteria
  - 18-70 years old
  - PiZ phenotype or PiZZ genotype (all were ZZ)
  - Non-smoker for at least 3 years
- Key patient (Part B) exclusion criteria
  - ALT or AST > 3X ULN
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> at Screening < 60% predicted
  - Liver elastography (i.e. FibroScan<sup>®</sup>) > 11 kPa at Screening

# Part A & B Baseline Serum AAT Levels



Serum AAT Baseline (mg/dL)		
	HV (n=54)	ZZ (n=11)
Average	144.7	25.5
SD	27.28	4.82
Maximum	222.3	36.8
Minimum	94.0	16.9

# NHV Demographics & Characteristics

Characteristic	Active (all cohorts)	Placebo
Number	36	18
Mean Age	29.2	25.4
Median Age	27.0	24.0
Male	15	6
Female	21	12
BMI (mean)	23.2	23.38
Mean (SD) baseline serum AAT (mg/dL)	144.7 (27.28) Range: 94.0-222.3	

# Healthy Volunteer Results

- 54 NHV subjects enrolled in Part A
- Maximum serum AAT reduction of **89.8%** observed with well defined dose response
  - Serum AAT variability 9.1% in NHV placebo group
- All AAT levels returned to baseline (or above 90 mg/dL) within 100 days after single dose
- No drop outs due to AEs; no clinically significant changes in safety labs, ECGs, DLCO or FEV1
  - one SAE (rhabdomyolysis) in a placebo subject
- The most frequently reported AEs in subjects receiving ARC-AAT were headache (19%), URTI (14%), nausea (8%) and chills (8%)

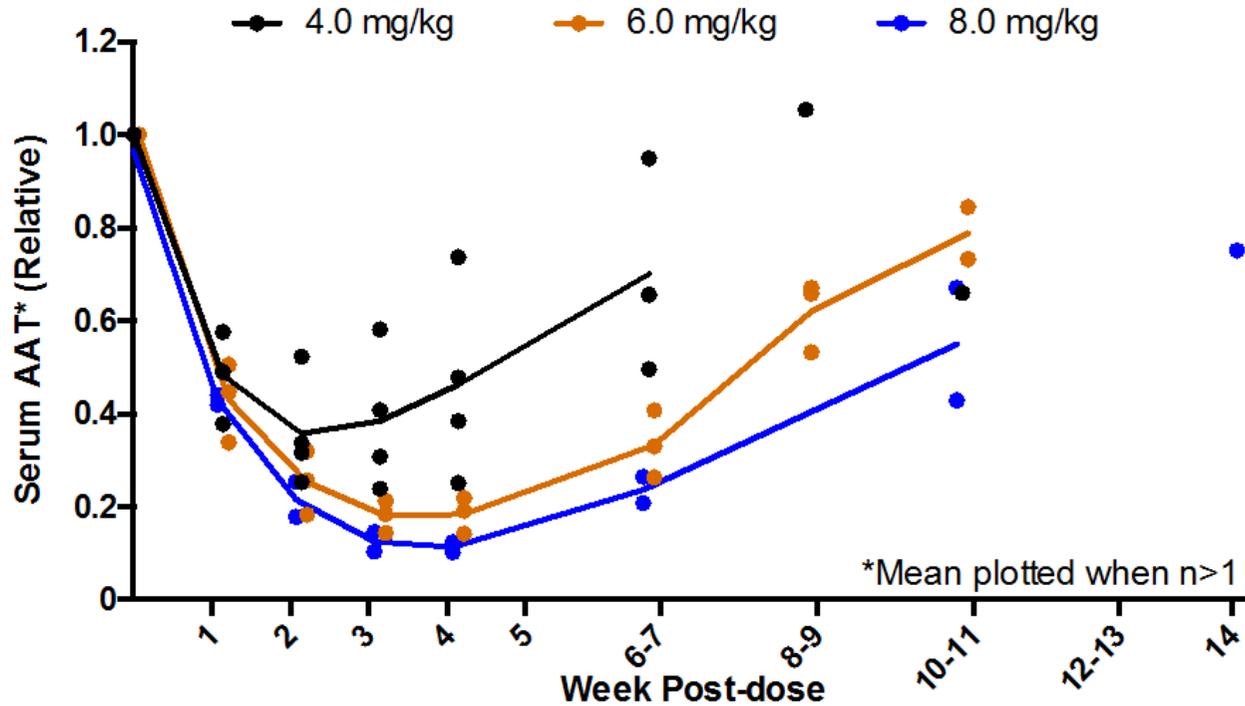
## Part A treatment emergent adverse events (reported >1 subject)

Adverse Event (Medra Preferred Term)	Cohort 1 n = 4	Cohort 2 n = 4	Cohort 3 n = 4	Cohort 3b n = 4	Cohort 3c n = 4	Cohort 3d n = 4	Cohort 3e n = 4	Cohort 3f n = 4	Cohort 3g n = 4	Placebo n = 18	Active n = 36
Dose (mg/kg)	0.3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Headache	1	1			1	2	2			0	7(19%)
Muscle Spasm		1	1							0	2(6%)
URTI					2	1		1	1	1(6%)	5(14%)
Nasopharyngitis										2(11%)	0
Nausea			1		1	1				0	3(8%)
Dizziness										2(11%)	0
Fatigue				1					1	1(6%)	2(6%)
Chills									3	0	3(8%)
Dysmenorrhea								1	1	0	2(6%)

- No Severe AEs in subjects receiving ARC-AAT. All AEs mild or moderate
- No clear pattern of increase in number of or severity of AEs with dose escalation
- Symptoms consistent with infusion reaction more common at highest dose
- All AEs considered possibly related to treatment were reported at The Liver Meeting, November 2016



# Healthy Volunteer AAT Levels – Duration of Reductions Increase with Dose



# Part B: Patient Demographics & Characteristics

Characteristic	Active (all cohorts)	Placebo
Number	7	4
Mean Age	61.3	58.8
Median Age	60	61.5
Male	3	1
Female	4	3
BMI (mean)	26	26.4
Mean (SD) baseline serum AAT (mg/dL)	25.46 (4.82) 16.9-36.8	

# AATD Patient Results

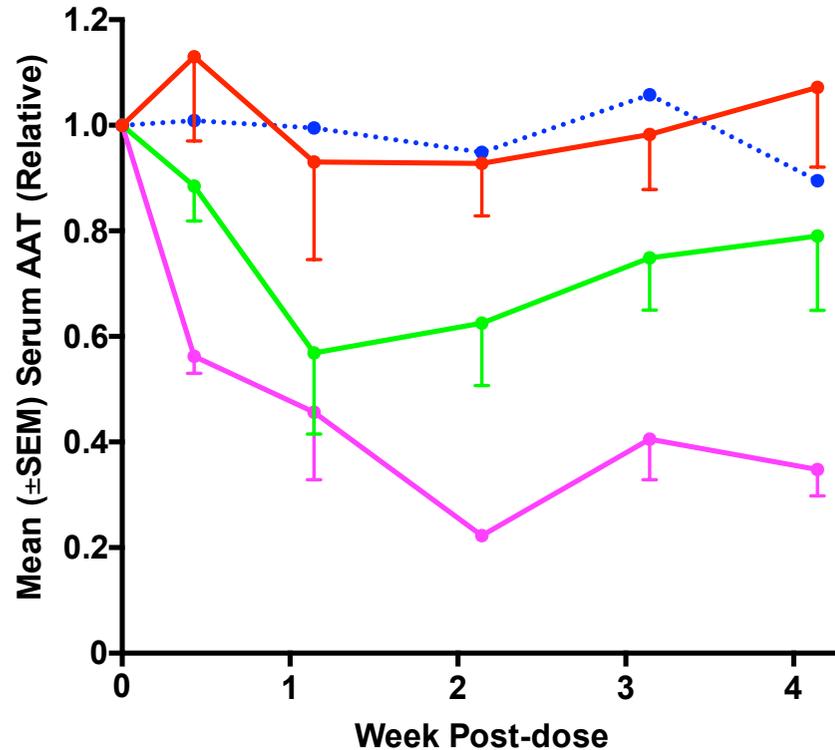
- 11 PiZZ patients enrolled in Part B (7 active, 4 placebo)
  - 3 received 2.0 mg/kg, 1 received partial dose of 1.0 mg/kg
  - 3 received 4.0 mg/kg
- Maximum AAT reduction of 78.8% observed at 4.0 mg/kg
  - Serum AAT variability in placebo 23.2%
- All AAT levels returned to baseline within 100 days following a single dose.
- There were no SAEs, patient drop outs due to AEs, clinically significant changes in labs, ECGs, DLCO or FEV1 - all AEs mild or moderate

# All reported treatment emergent AEs in AATD Patients

Adverse Event (Medra preferred term)	Cohort 4 n = 4	Cohort 5 n = 3	Placebo n = 4	Active n = 7
Dose (mg/kg)	2.0	4.0		
Subjects reporting AEs (%)	3(75%)	2(50%)	4 (100%)	5(71%)
Total AE	7	4	8	11
Total SAE	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Asthma	1		0	1(14%)
URTI			1(25%)	0
Peripheral Edema			1(25%)	0
Paresthesia	1		0	1(14%)
Headache	1		1(25%)	1(14%)
Nausea	1		0	1(14%)
Pyrexia	1		0	1(14%)
Feeling cold	1		0	1(14%)
Peripheral coldness	1		0	1(14%)
Muscular weakness		1	0	1(14%)
Cough		1	1(25%)	1(14%)
Migraine		1	0	1(14%)
Fatigue			1(25%)	0
Dyspnea			1(25%)	0
Oropharyngeal pain			1(25%)	0
Diarrhea		1	0	1(14%)
Back pain			1(25%)	0

- No pattern of increase in number or severity of AEs with dose escalation
- No pulmonary AEs in patients receiving ARC-AAT
- All AEs mild or moderate

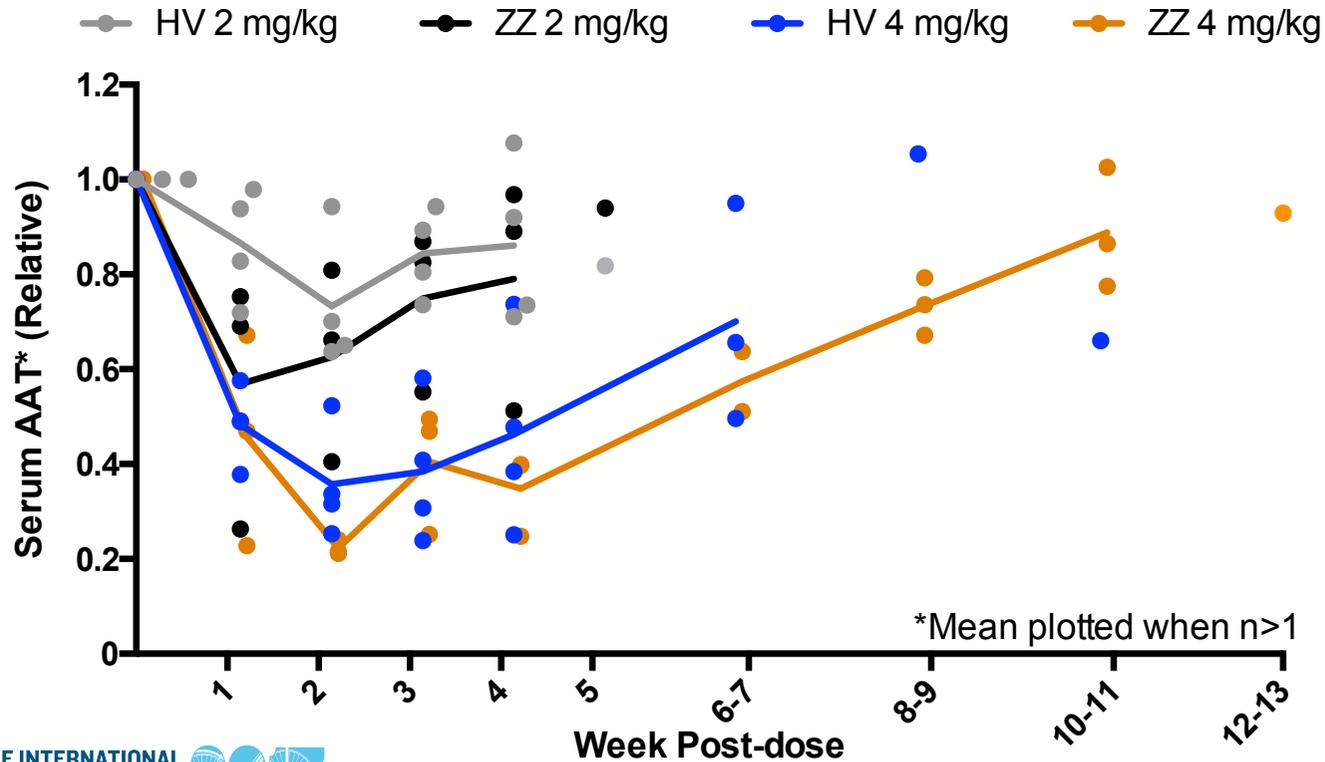
# Patient AAT Results Again Show Dose Response



- PBO
- 1 mg/kg
- 2.0 mg/kg
- 4.0 mg/kg

Dose Level (mg/kg)	PBO (n=4)	2 (n=3)	4 (n=3)
Max KD	46.6%	73.7%	78.8%
Mean Max KD ± SEM	21.9% ± 9.80%	44.1% ± 15.00%	78.1% ± 0.48%
P value	N/A	0.2524	0.0047

# Patients and NHVs Show Similar Depth and Duration of AAT Knockdown at Same Dose



\*Mean plotted when n>1

# Conclusions

- ARC-AAT was well tolerated in NHVs and patients with AATD
- Single doses of ARC-AAT resulted in dose – related knockdown of AAT, reaching maximum approaching 90% with 6-8 mg/kg in NHVs
- ARC-AAT at doses of 2 and 4 mg/kg produced similar knockdown in NHVs and AATD patients
- ARC-AAT program was terminated in late 2016 due to findings in a chronic NHP study involving an HBV drug (ARC-521) using the same EX1 delivery system.
  - EX1 polymer common amongst all clinical stage drug candidates including ARC-AAT
  - EX1 was determined to be the cause of toxicity in the NHP study
- Sponsor is developing ARO-AAT, a subcutaneously administered RNAi drug that does not use EX1.