



# ARO-AAT: An Investigational Therapeutic for AATD Liver Disease

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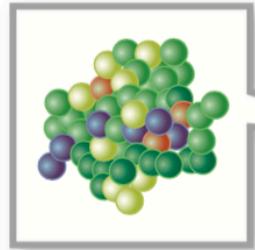


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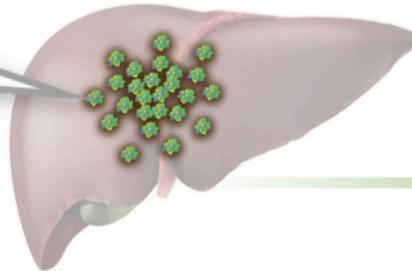
# Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin protein

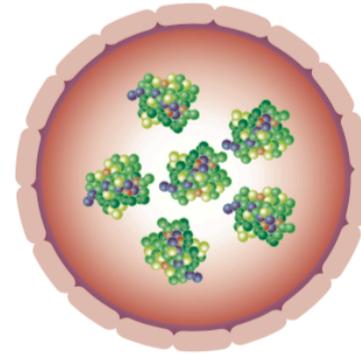


Normal AAT

Normal liver

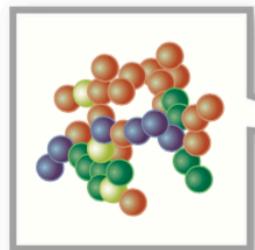


Normal secretion into the blood



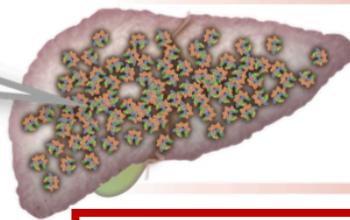
*Normal blood levels of normal protein protect lungs*

Misfolded Alpha-1 Antitrypsin protein

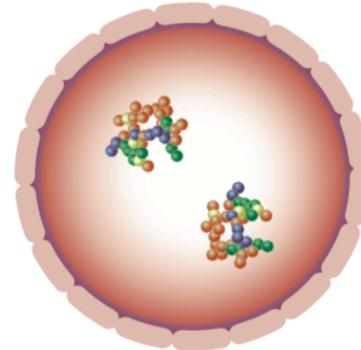


Abnormal AAT (Z-AAT)

Liver affected by AATD



Abnormal secretion into the blood



*Low blood levels of abnormal protein leaves lung susceptible to damage from inflammation caused by inhaled irritants or infection*

*High accumulation of misfolded Alpha-1 Antitrypsin protein leads to liver injury*

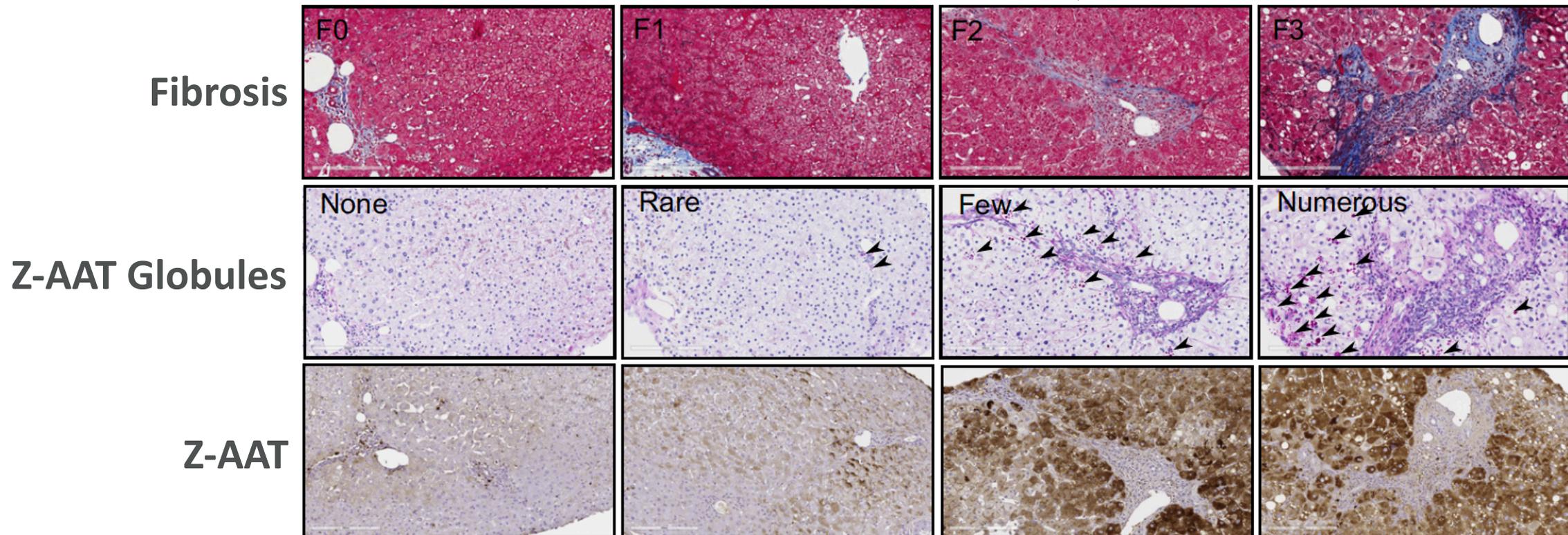
**No current treatment**

**Treated with AAT protein replacement therapy today**

# Underlying Fibrosis Found in Natural History Study

Clark et., *J. Hep.* 2018

- 94 ZZ Patients underwent a Biopsy
- 33 (35%) had what was considered significant fibrosis



No PAS-D  
No Fibrosis



Abundant PAS-D  
Abundant Fibrosis

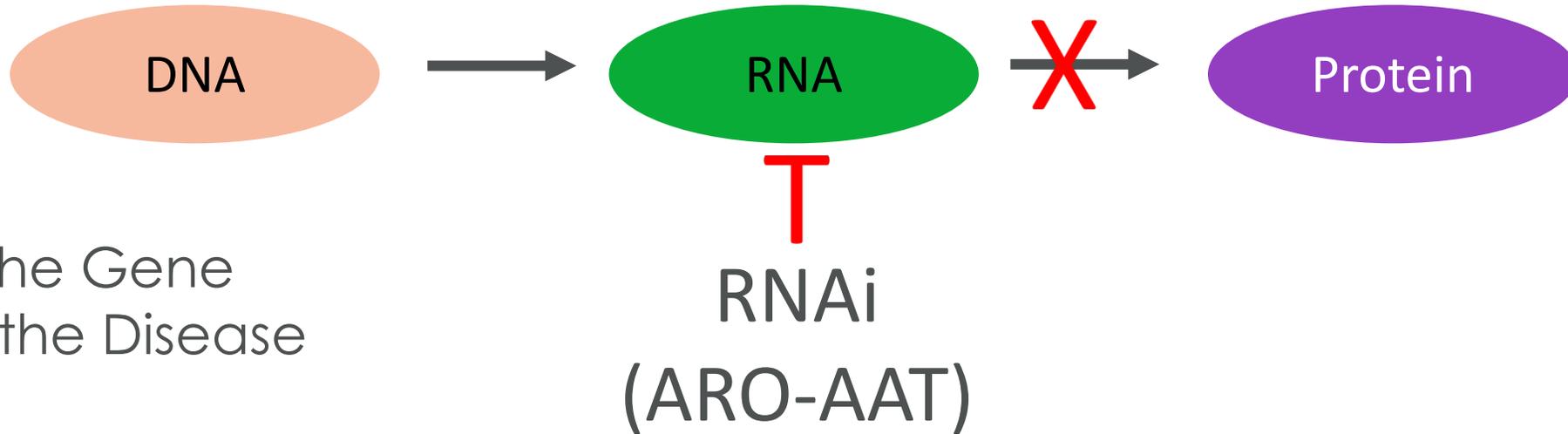
# Why is Liver Injury Problematic?

## Liver Functions:

- Removal of toxins
- Produces bile needed for digesting food and absorbing vitamins
- Stores nutrients (e.g. fats, sugars) for use as energy
- Synthesis of proteins important for:
  - Fighting infection
  - Clotting of blood

# Arrowhead: RNAi-based therapeutics: What is RNAi?

## FROM DNA TO PROTEIN



Target the Gene  
Silence the Disease

### RNAi = RNA interference

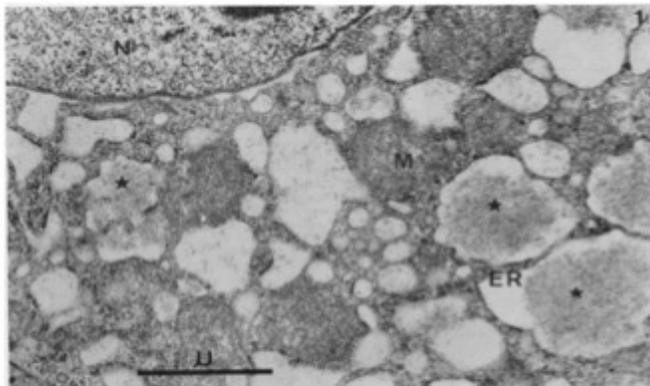
- RNAi silences gene expression so specific protein is not produced
- RNAi triggers can be designed and synthesized to target a specific protein
- **Not gene therapy or gene editing which may actually modify the genome**

# ARO-AAT: Mechanism of Action

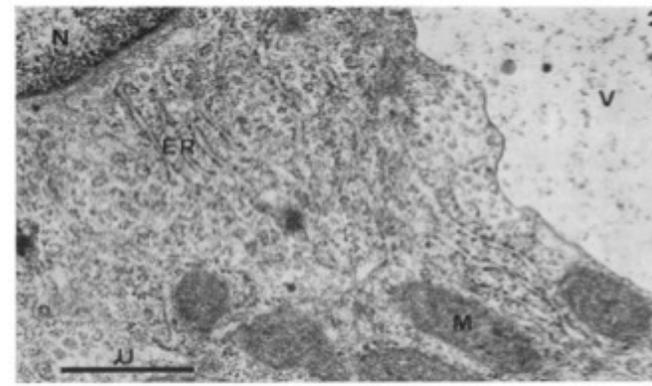
ARO-AAT designed to stop Z-AAT production by silencing AAT gene expression to:

- 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)**



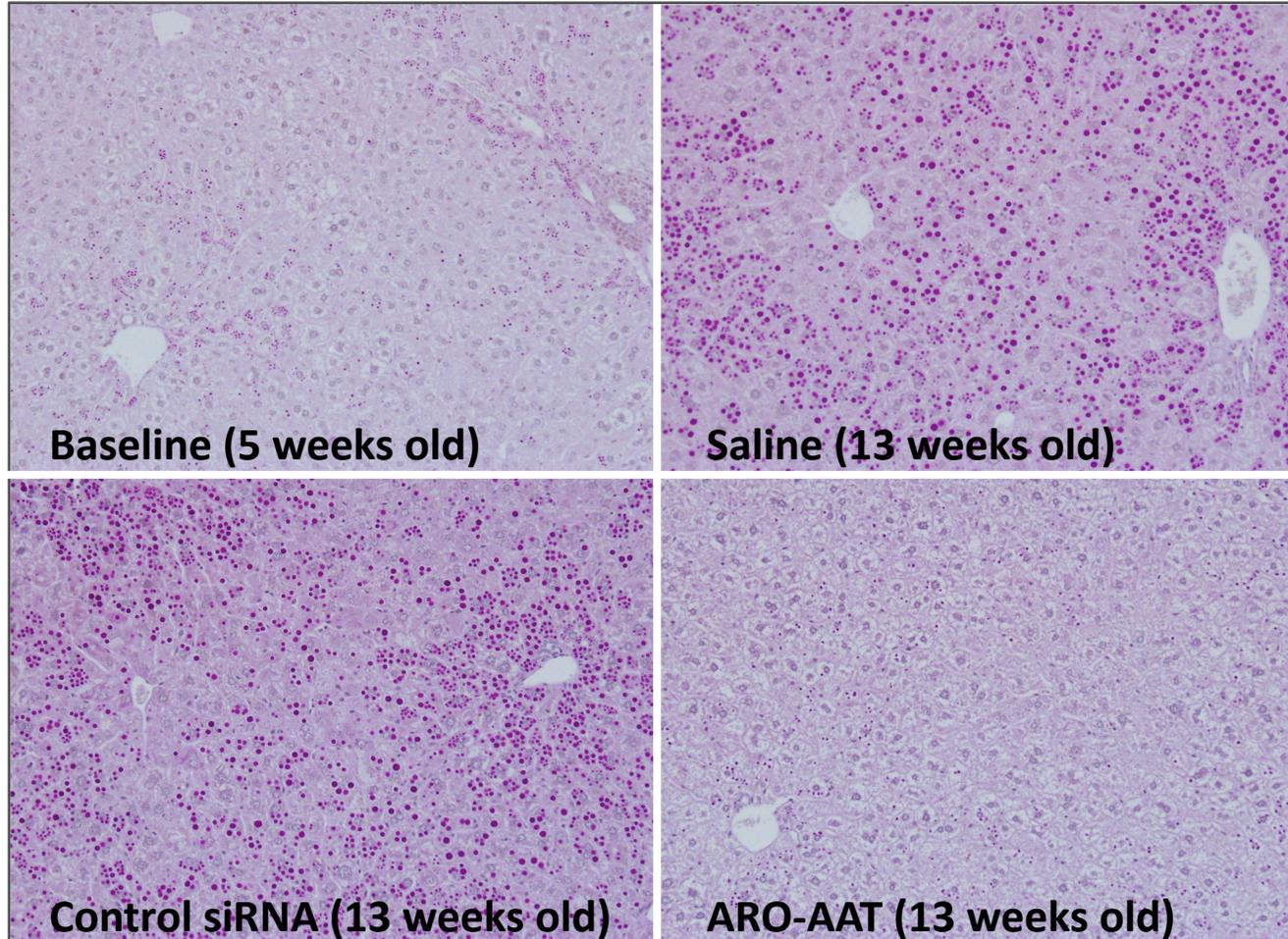
**Pi null phenotype (normal liver)**



Feldmann G et al., *Gut* 1975

# ARO-AAT Reduces Z-AAT and Prevents Globule Accumulation in Young PiZ Mice

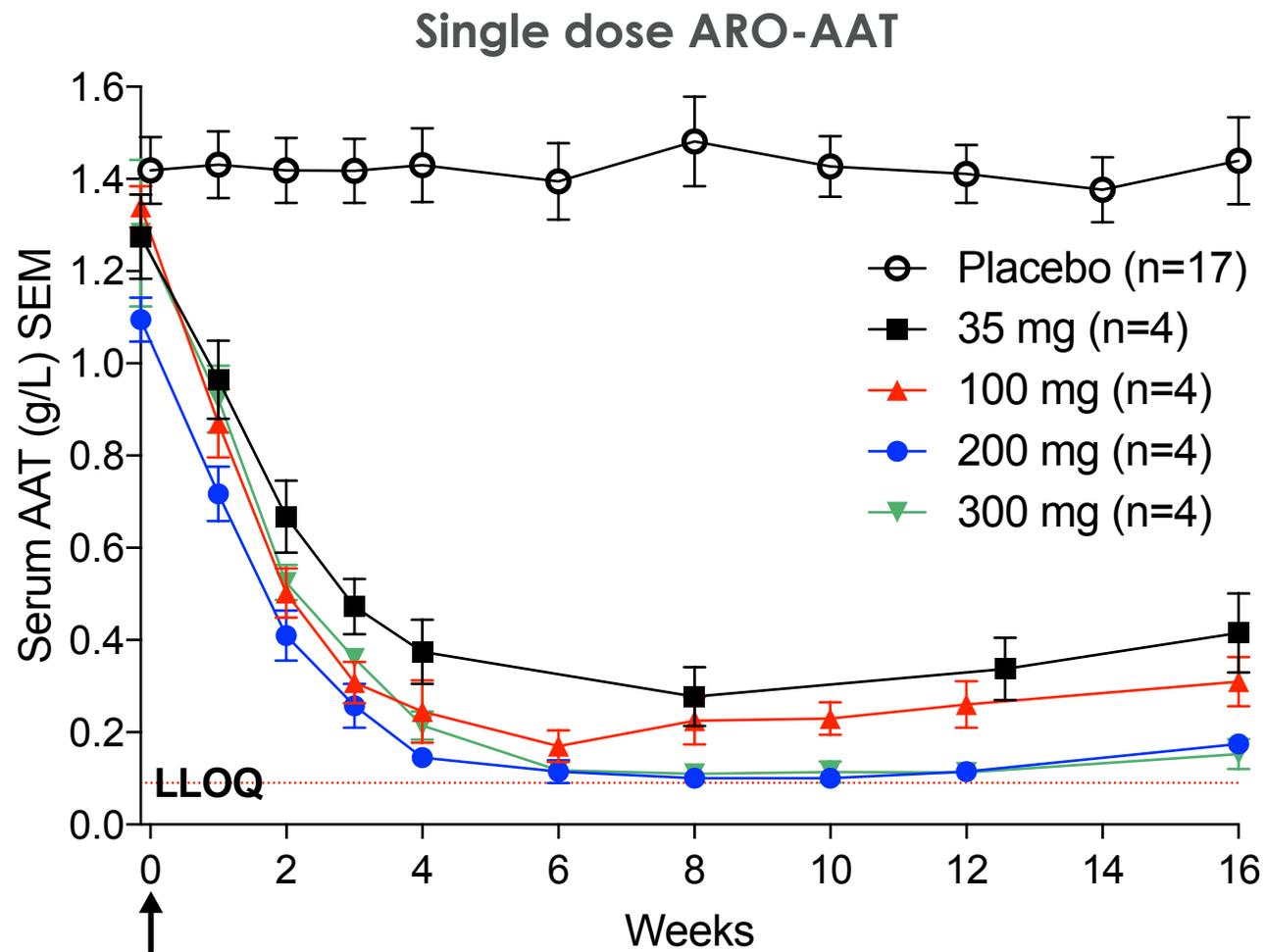
Subcutaneous Injection



# ARO AAT1001 Clinical Study in Healthy Volunteers

- **Subcutaneous Injection**
- Single and Multiple (x3) doses studied in Healthy Volunteers
  - Multiple doses = **monthly**
- Dose levels 35, 100, 200, 300 mg
- Assessments of safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics (drug blood levels) depth and duration of serum AAT reductions
  - All cohorts being followed until serum AAT returns to normal or within 20% of baseline
- **Dosing completed**
- 45 total subjects enrolled (including one replacement: 28 active, 16 placebo)

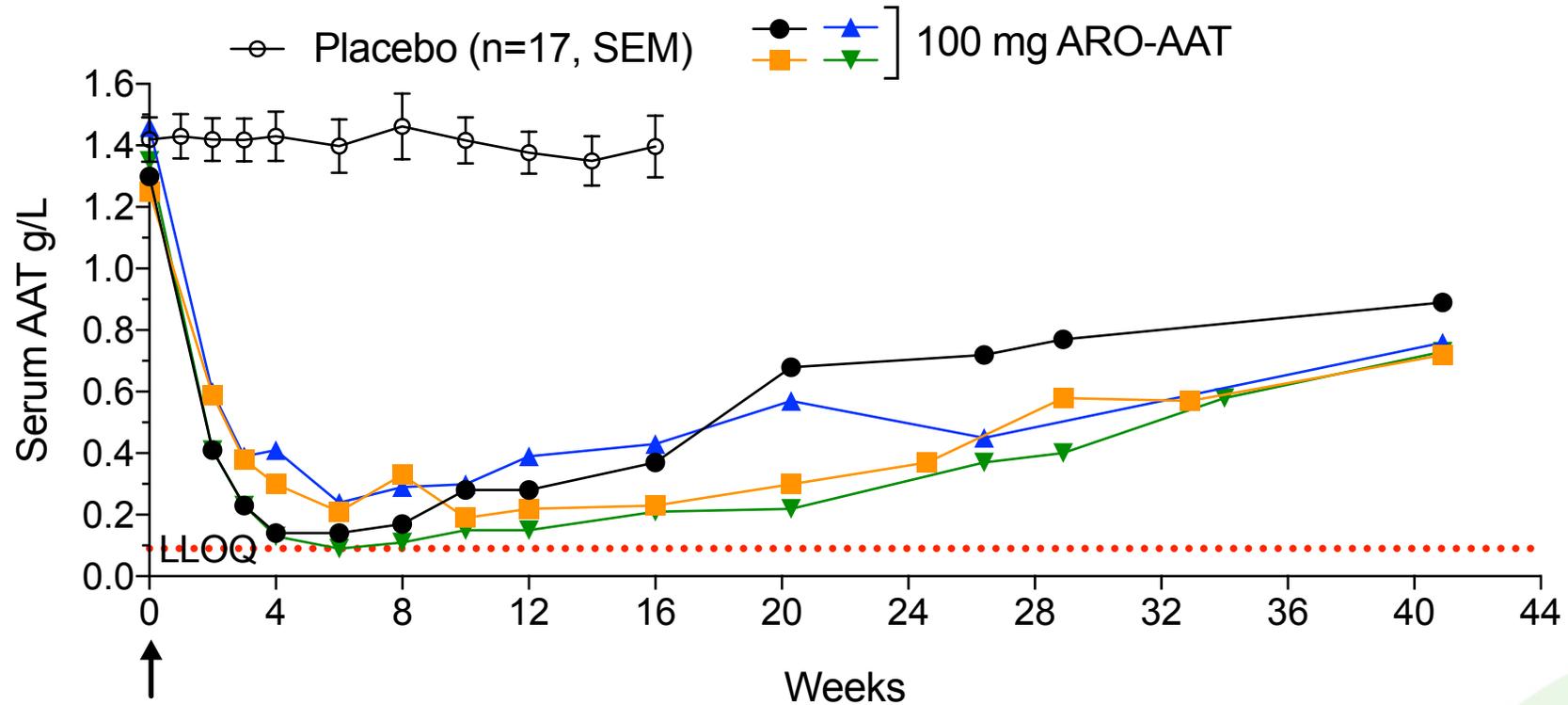
# ARO AAT1001 Serum AAT Dose-Response



Supports quarterly or less frequent dosing

# ARO AAT1001 Serum AAT Reduction Duration

## Single dose ARO-AAT



# Current Clinical Studies

## AROAT2001 SEQUOIA

- Phase 2/3 adaptive design study
- # of ZZ Patients planned=120
- **Location:** Multiple sites in **UK**, EU, US and Canada
- Duration: 2-year minimum treatment
- Subcutaneous injection every 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- Biopsy required
- Placebo controlled
- At end of study all placebo will have the option to receive active in an extension study
- Part A Objective: to select a dose level for Part B
- Part B Objective: To evaluate efficacy based on biopsy
- Status: Currently Enrolling

## AROAT2002

- Phase 2 study
- # of ZZ patients planned=12
- **Location: UK**, Germany, Austria
  - **Birmingham, Edinburgh, Cambridge**
- Duration: 6 to 24 month treatment
- Subcutaneous injection every 3 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- Biopsy required
- No Placebo
- Objective: To assess changes in liver disease activity scale based on biopsy
- Status: Expect to be recruiting by end of year (2019)

# In Conclusion.....

- Liver Disease is the silent killer in AATD
- Thanks largely to the Alpha 1 Foundation and Physician/Research Community it is now coming out of the shadows
- ARO-AAT is a RNAi drug designed to halt liver production of AAT in the liver with infrequent, subcutaneous injection
- The SEQUOIA trial (AROAAT2001) is the first trial designed to potentially serve as a pivotal trial for approval
- For more information on ARO-AAT studies, please visit [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) (enter key word: ARO-AAT) and/or speak to your physician