



# Arrowhead Research

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## NASDAQ: ARWR

Recent price (November 17, 2015) \$5.49

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Shares outstanding (including preferred as converted) 62m

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Market cap \$ 340m

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Cash (6/30/15) \$111 m

Clinical Programs in Hepatitis B and Liver Disease  
associated with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

## Comprehensive RNAi Platform Built Around Delivery

### RNAi Chemistry

- Broad FTO for Canonical siRNA
- Broad FTO for Dicer siRNA
- Broad FTO for Meroduplex siRNA
- Broad FTO for UNAs
- Novel proprietary RNAi triggers
- Intracellular targeting ligands
  - Activity booster
- ALNY IP license for 30 targets





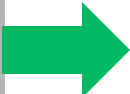

### RNAi Delivery

- Highly Efficient / Potent
- Targetable
- Well tolerated

Technology from:  
Roche, Novartis, Alnylam, Mirus Bio, City of Hope Cancer Center, Marina

**Clinical PoC with HBV and AAT Programs**

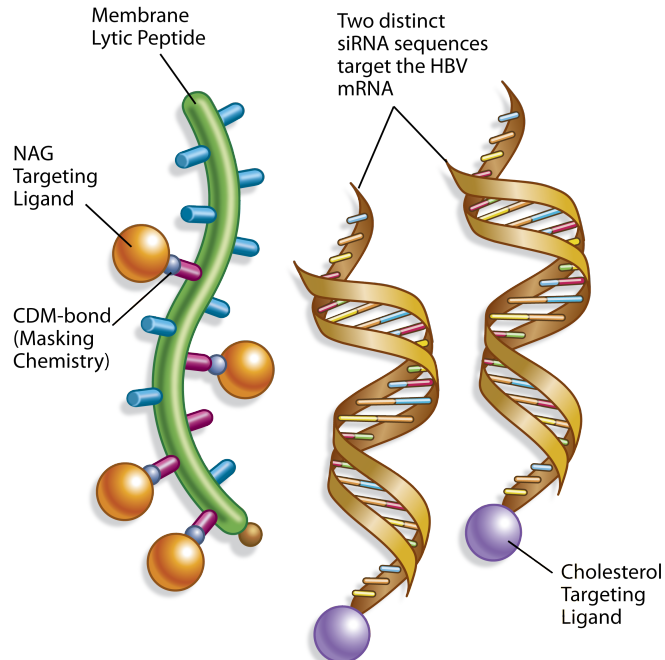


Program	Indication	Discovery	Pre-IND	P1	P2	P3
ARC-520	Chronic Hepatitis B					
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ARC-AAT	AATD Liver Disease					
ARC-F12	HAE and Thrombosis					
ARC-Hif2	ccRCC					
ARC-LPa	Cardiovascular Disease					

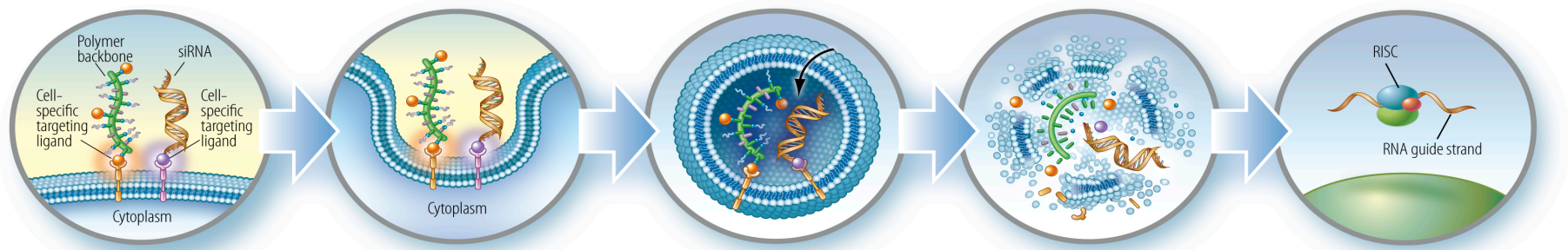
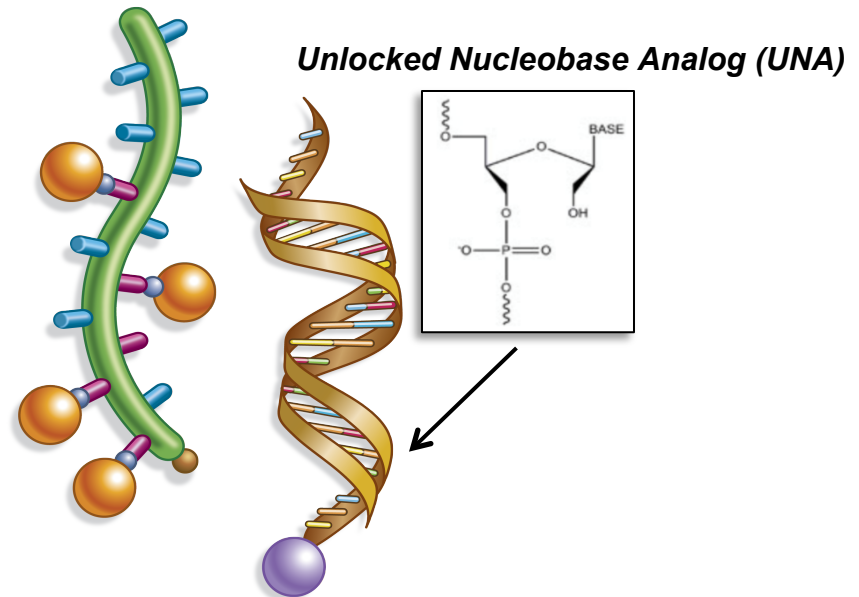
1. RNAi Platform play with attractive clinical candidates
2. Large HBV opportunity with novel first-to-the-clinic approach
  - Clinical data has de-risked ARC-520 **and** platform
3. ARC-AAT: dosing P1 in Australia
4. Deep pipeline

# Delivery: Dynamic PolyConjugate (DPCs)

## ARC-520 for chronic HBV infection



## ARC-AAT for AATD associated liver disease



DPC polymer and siRNA attach to their respective targets on the cell surface.

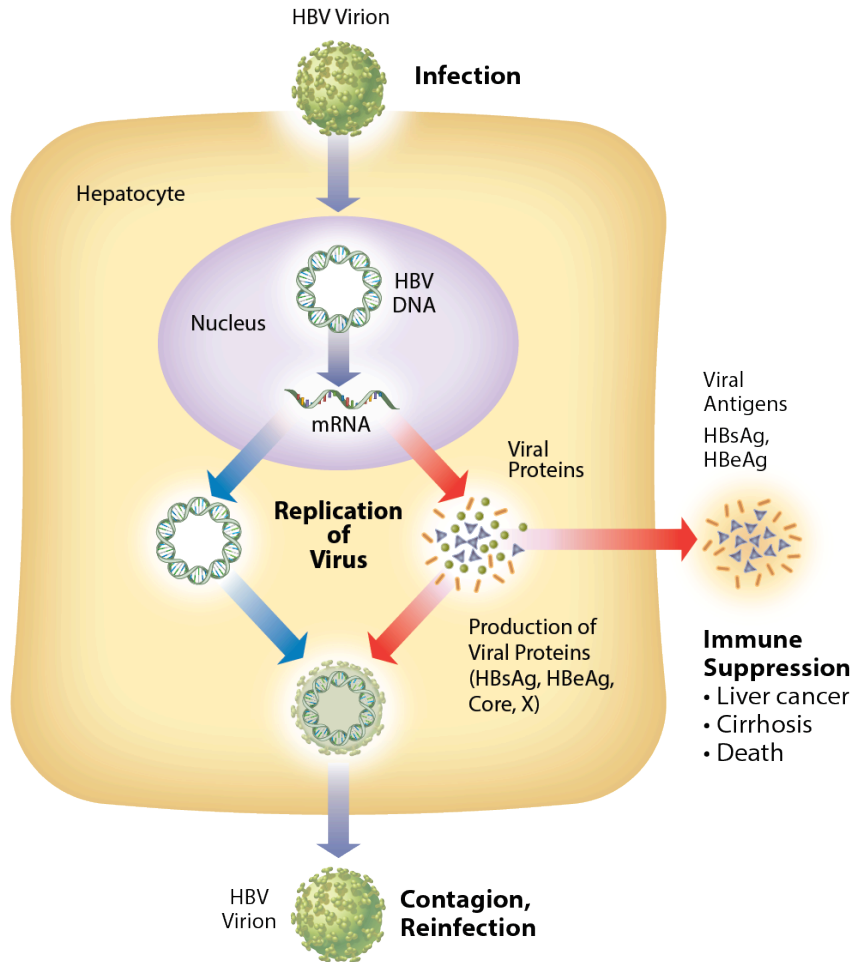
DPC polymer and siRNA are taken up.

DPC polymer and siRNA are enclosed in an endosome. Low pH results in polymer unmasking.

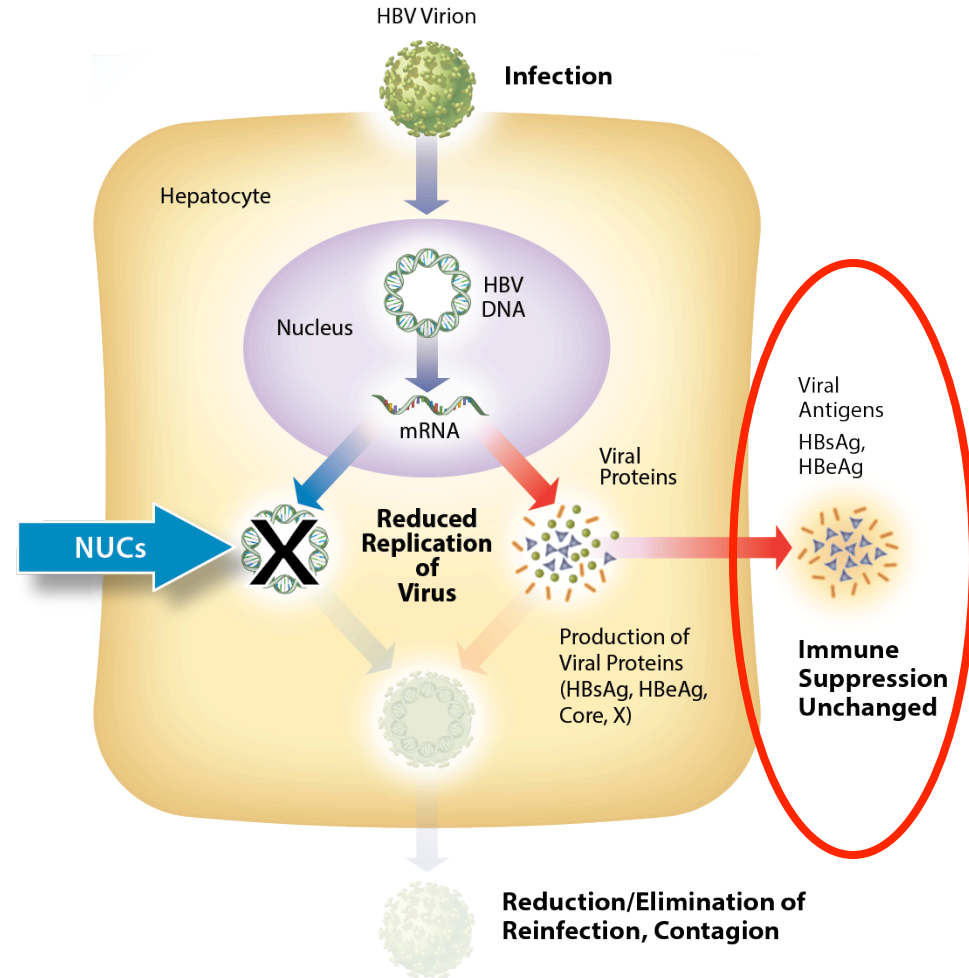
Polymer induces endosomolysis and release of siRNA payload into the cell cytoplasm.

siRNA engages the cell's interference machinery, resulting in knockdown of target gene expression.

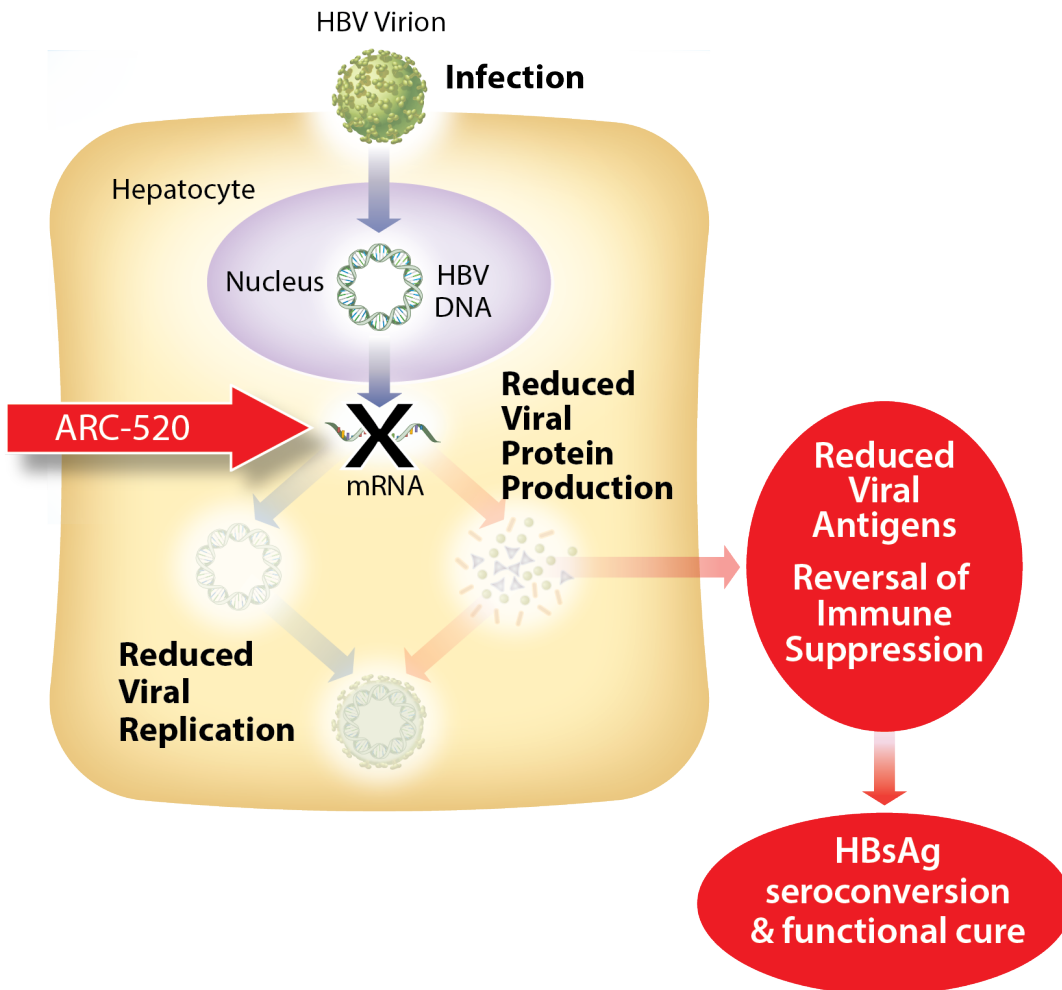
## Untreated



## Nucleoside/tide Analogs



NUCs require life-long therapy: not curative



## Silence Entire HBV Genome

### 1. “HBsAg Theory”

- Reducing HBsAg enables host immune system de-repression and long term control of virus

### 2. Destabilizing Viral Function

- Silencing all antigens could destabilize normal viral function and enable host immune system de-repression and long term control of virus

**Enable a Functional Cure**

Long term study in CHB  
chimps started to read out

Single dose ARC-520 studies  
in patients read out



## **Analyst Day September 24, 2015**

ARC-520 de-risked

Platform de-risked

Changed the HBV textbooks

Expanded program: additional candidate

## 1. ARC-520 leads to deep HBsAg reduction

HBeAg status	HBsAg mean peak KD
HBeAg(+): 4 chimps	99% (2 log)
HBeAg(-): 4 chimps	81% (0.7 log)
HBeAg transitional: 1 chimp	87.4% (0.9 log)

2. Evidence of immune reactivation in 2 of the 4 HBeAg(+) chimps and 1 achieved sustained virologic effect off therapy

3. We concluded that different responses due to decrease of cccDNA during lifecycle of virus: HBsAg increasingly expressed by integrated DNA

Deep KD with ARC-520 and new paradigm for lifecycle of virus

- 84 humans have had single doses (or 2x2 mg/kg 2 weeks apart in six patients)
  - No AEs rated as serious or severe
  - No signs of end organ toxicity
  - No discontinuations due to AEs
- 9 chimps received 6 - 11 monthly doses ARC-520
  - No signs of any toxicity

ARC-520 has been very well tolerated

**Think of the groups as quadrants  
Defined by HBeAg status and NUC experience**

NUC Naïve	Naïve HBeAg+	Naïve HBeAg-
NUC Experienced	Experienced HBeAg+	Experienced HBeAg-
	HBeAg+	HBeAg-

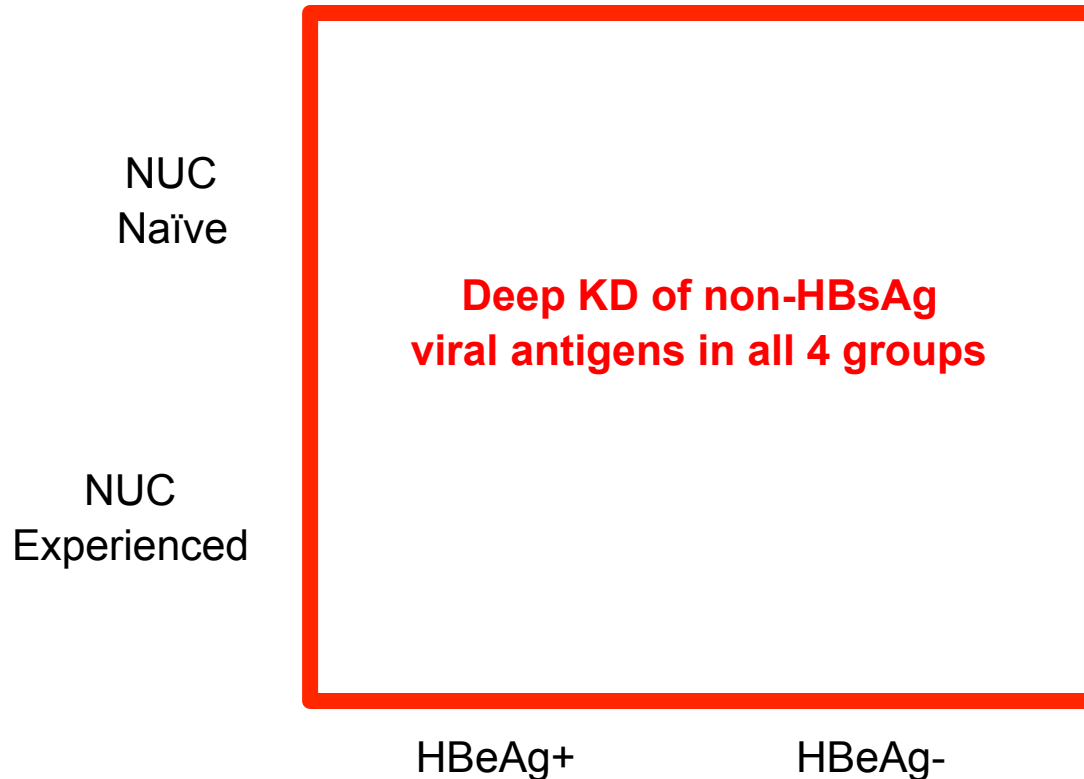


Cohort	Prior ETV	Pat Type	ARC-520 dose	Active / Placebo	Status
1	Yes	HBeAg neg	1.0 mg/kg	6/2	Complete
2	Yes	HBeAg neg	2.0 mg/kg	6/2	Complete
3	Yes	HBeAg neg	3.0 mg/kg	6/2	Complete
4	Yes	HBeAg neg	4.0 mg/kg	6/2	Complete
5	Yes	HBeAg pos	4.0 mg/kg	6/2	Complete
6	Yes	HBeAg pos	2 x 2.0 mg/kg	6/0	Complete
7	No	HBeAg pos HBeAg neg	4.0 mg/kg	6/0 6/0	Ongoing

## Groups distinguished by lifecycle of the virus: cccDNA vs viral DNA integrated into host genome

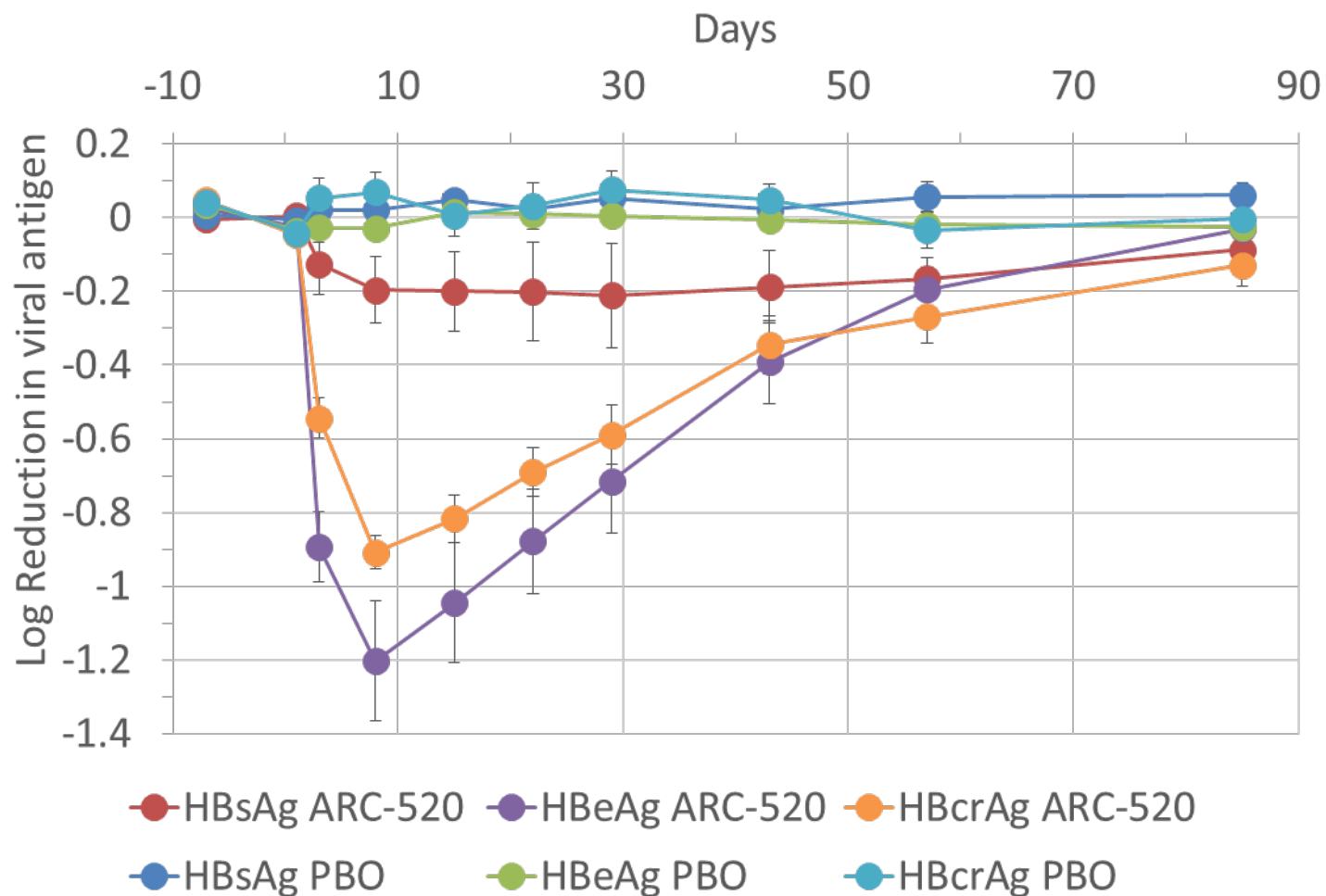
- Long-term NUC therapy decreases amount of viral cccDNA
- cccDNA decreases with transition from HBeAg+ to HBeAg-

# KD profiles in the 4 HBV groups



ARC-520 targets cccDNA; all non-HBsAg antigens are *only* expressed by cccDNA

# Deep HBeAg and HBcrAg KD: Cohort 5



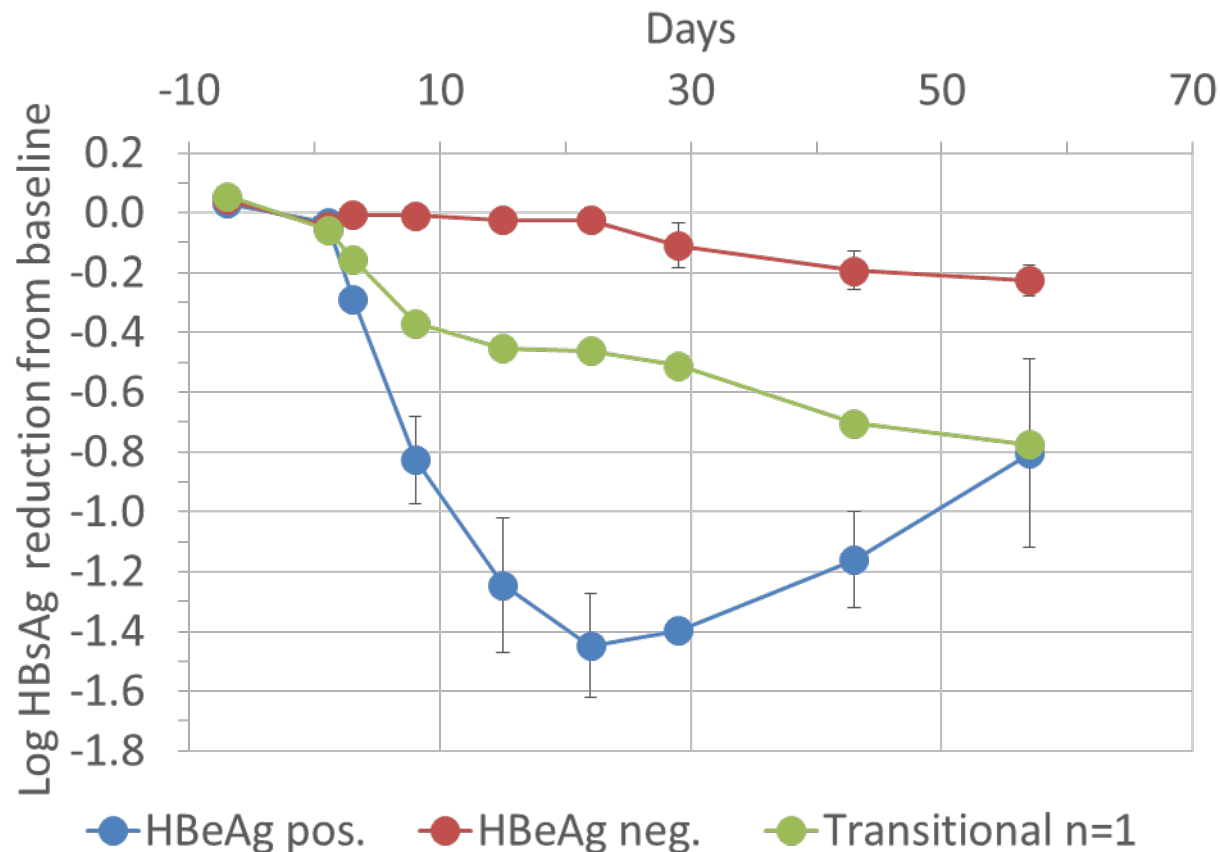
Platform and drug validation

# KD profiles in the 4 HBV groups

NUC Naïve	Deepest HBsAg KD	Moderate HBsAg KD
NUC Experienced	Moderate HBsAg KD	Moderate HBsAg KD
	HBeAg+	HBeAg-

HBsAg is expressed by ***both*** cccDNA ***and*** integrated DNA:  
NUC-naïve HBeAg+ patients are richest in cccDNA so  
demonstrate deepest HBsAg KD

# Deep and Durable HBsAg KD: Naïve patients



Transitional patient was HBeAg-pos. at baseline and HBeAg negative at days 3 to 43

More validation: deepest single dose KD ever demonstrated in humans with RNAi

- Well tolerated
- Deep HBsAg KD in treatment-naïve HBeAg+ patients
  - Max 99% HBsAg KD (1.9 log); mean nadir 97% (1.5 logs)
  - Speaks to “HBsAg theory” of achieving functional cure
- Clearly disrupts virus in NUC-experienced and HBeAg- patients
  - >1 log KD of HBeAg, HBcrAg, and presumably others
  - ARC-520 intended for multi-dose therapy: sustained measurable HBsAg KD and very deep KD of **all** other antigens could be important to reaching functional cure
  - Could be important beyond “HBsAg theory”

ARC-520 is very potent at silencing cccDNA: could be key component in achieving functional cure

# What if the “HBsAg Theory” is Dominant?

**NUC-naïve HBeAg(+) patients  
will experience greatest HBsAg KD:**

Large segment of the chronic HBV population

In U.S.  
95% of estimated CHB are naïve

~50% estimated to be HBeAg(+)

In W. Europe  
90% of estimated CHB are naïve

~33% estimated to be HBeAg(+)

We have developed an additional candidate to:

- (1) Ensure broader coverage of entire market;
- (2) Provide 2 shots on goal

## ARC-520

- Optimized for cccDNA KD
  - Clarity on KD and safety
- >1log KD in all antigens studied
- Began multi-dose studies
- Combo studies starting in Q4  
with first IRB/regulatory  
approvals in hand

## ARC-521

- Safety expected = ARC-520
- Optimized to include integrant KD
- Validated in chimps
  - Multi-log KD
- Complement to ARC-520
- IND or equivalent by June 2016

De-risked program with safety/activity of ARC-520, increased exposure to additional patient populations



## HBV Program Next Steps

- **ARC-520 multiple dose P2b studies underway**
  - Some open label, so flexibility in data release
- **ARC-520 Monarch combination studies start by EOY 2015**
  - Initial regulatory approval in hand
  - Open label, so flexibility in data release
- **ARC-521 in clinic in 2016**
  - GLP tox underway
  - Expect IND or equivalent by June 2016

Potentially important data coming out of multiple dose and combination studies

- AATD is a large scale orphan disease
  - Alpha-1 foundation estimates 100,000 in the US
- Mutation in AAT gene leads to mis-folding of the protein and poor export from hepatocytes: low levels in circulation and accumulation in liver

## Pathophysiology

### Lung

Tissues susceptible to damage by neutrophil proteases: COPD



Controlled with enzyme replacement therapy

### Liver

Accumulation of mutant Z protein causes clinical liver disease

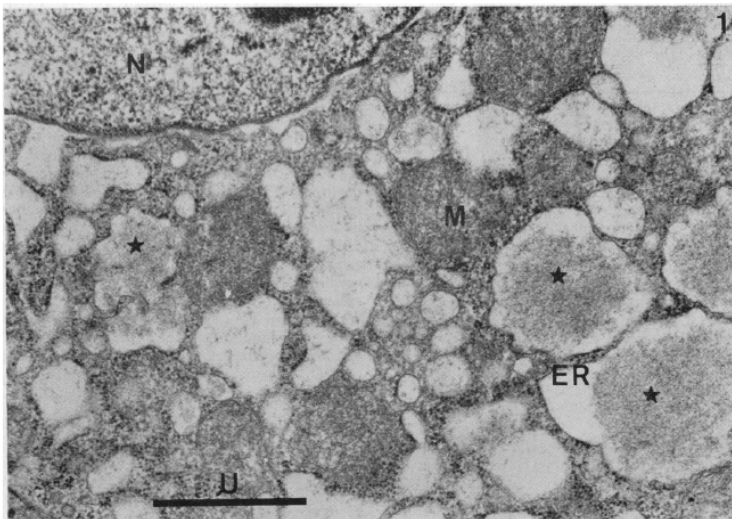


No current treatment

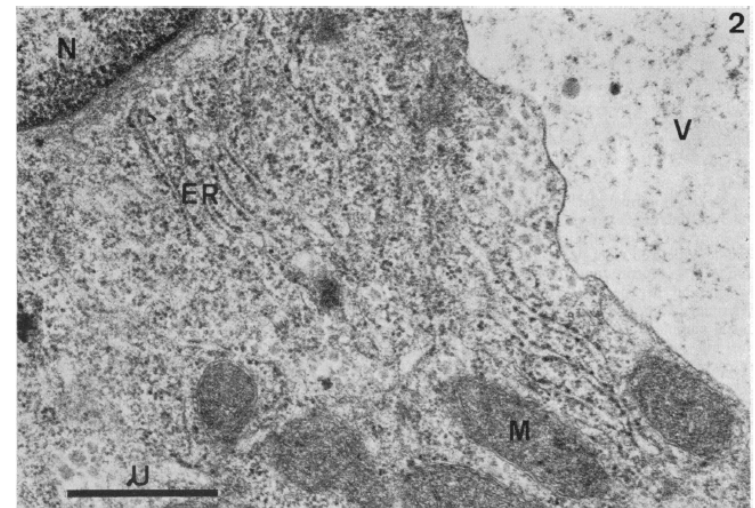
ARC-AAT designed to stop Z-AAT production by silencing AAT gene to:

- Prevent accumulation of disease causing protein
- **Allow** clearance of accumulated protein
- **Prevent** repeated cycles of cellular damage and tissue repair.
- **Reverse** fibrosis associated with prior damage by allowing repair

PiZZ phenotype (diseased)

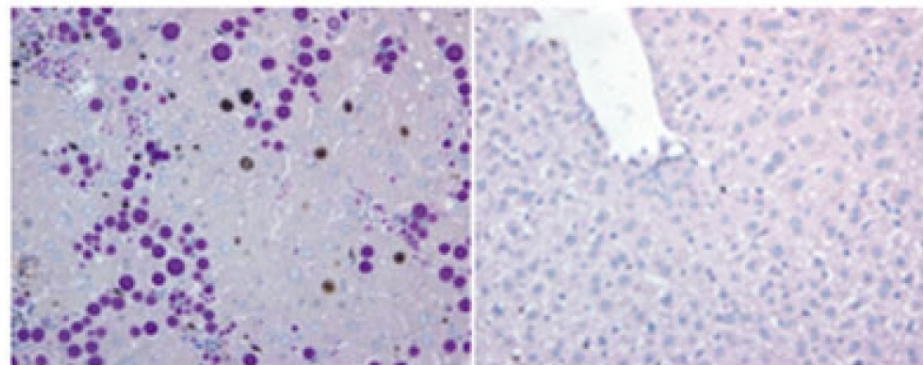


Pi null phenotype (normal)



**The transgenic PiZ mouse model expresses the human Z-mutant AAT gene (Z-AAT) and recapitulates the human AATD-associated liver phenotype:**

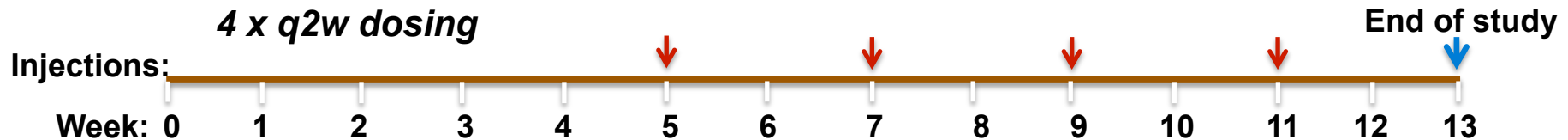
- Hepatocytes produce high levels of human Z-AAT
- Hepatocytes are unable to efficiently process and secrete the Z-AAT
- Z-AAT forms polymers that accumulate in large “globules” within the hepatocytes.
- These globules stress the hepatocytes, eventually leading to fibrosis and hepato-cellular carcinoma.



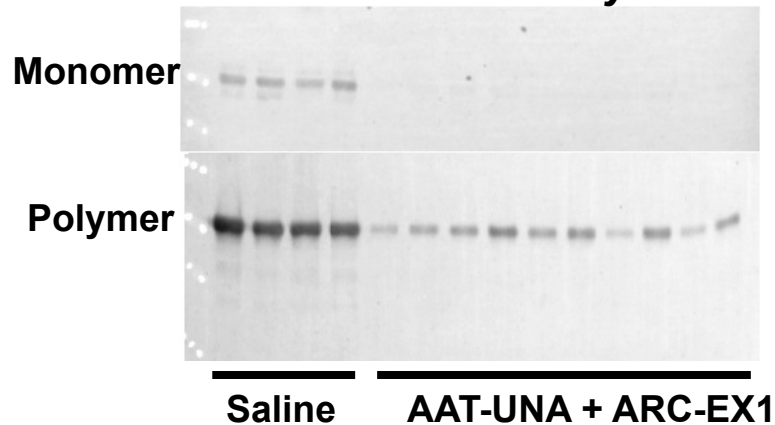
**Male Piz**

**Male WT**

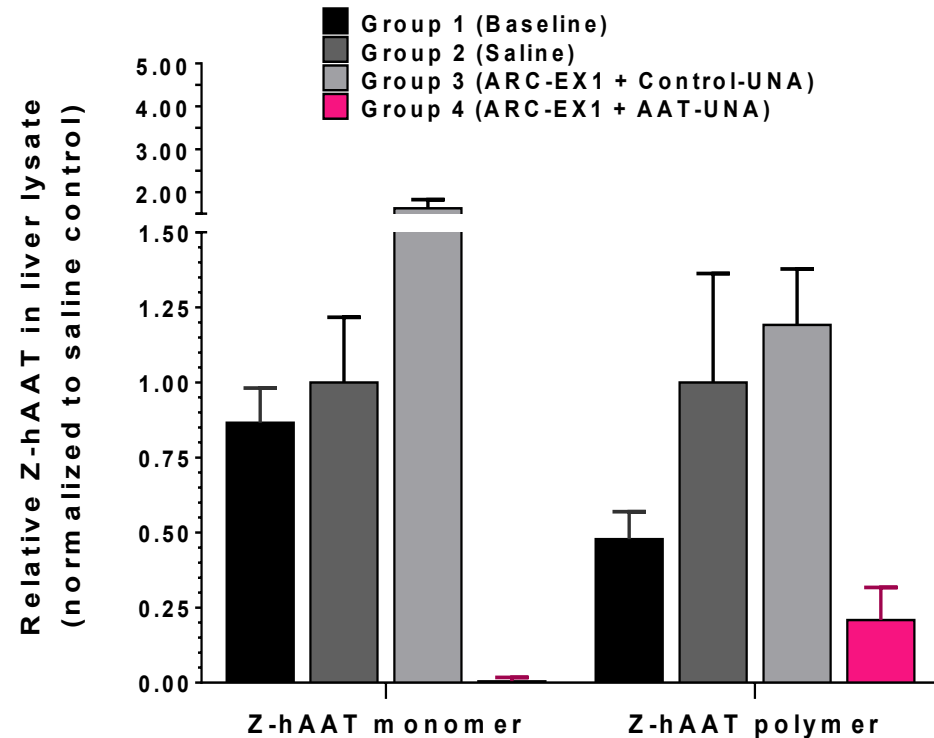
# Reduction of Z-hAAT aggregates



## Western blot – liver lysate



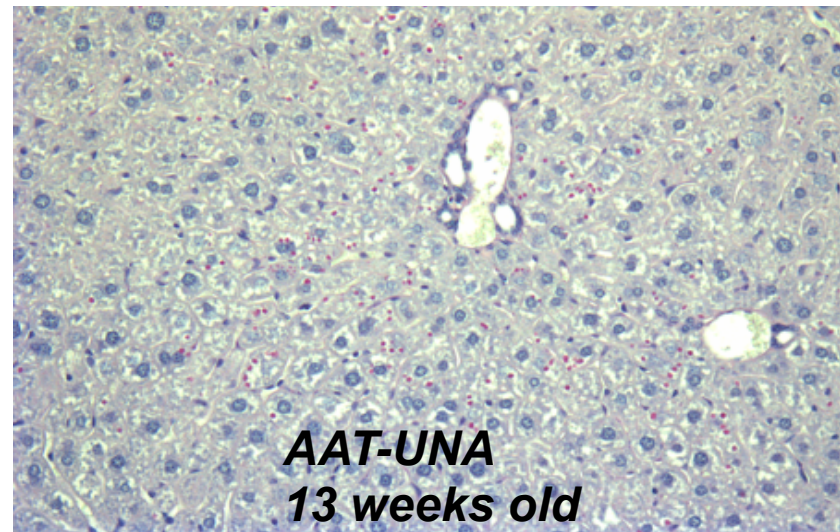
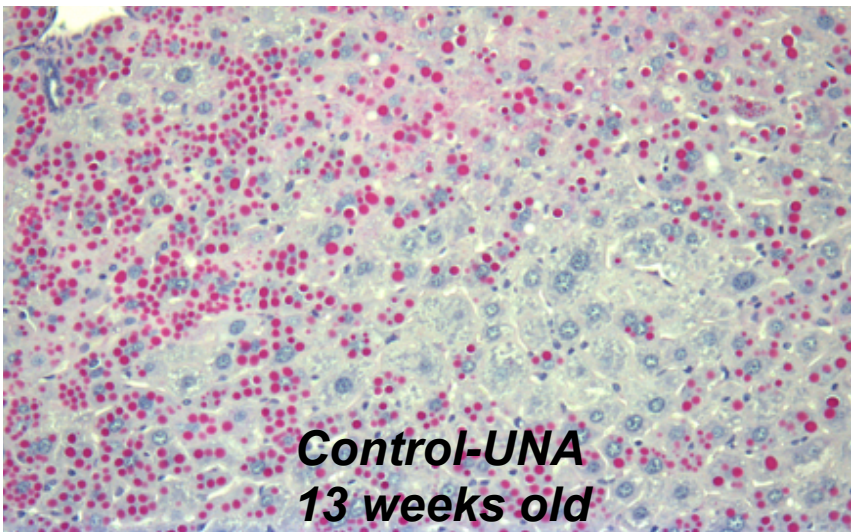
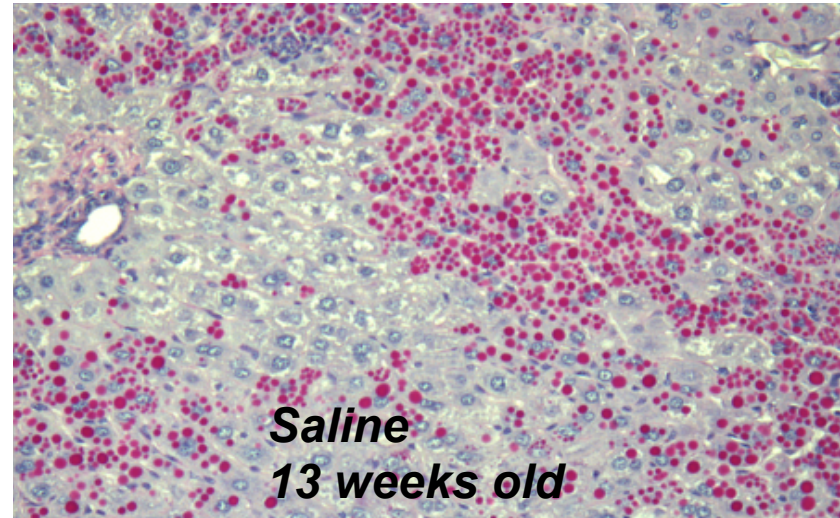
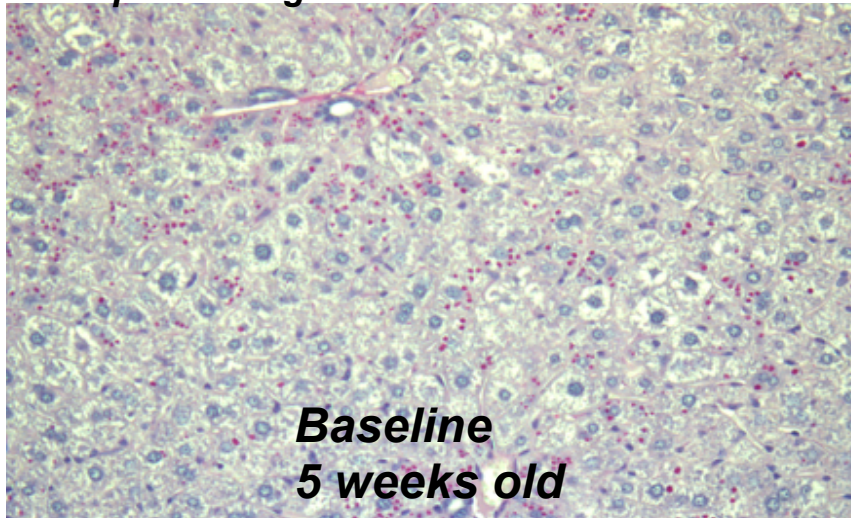
**99% less soluble (monomer) Z-hAAT**  
**79% less insoluble (polymer) Z-hAAT**





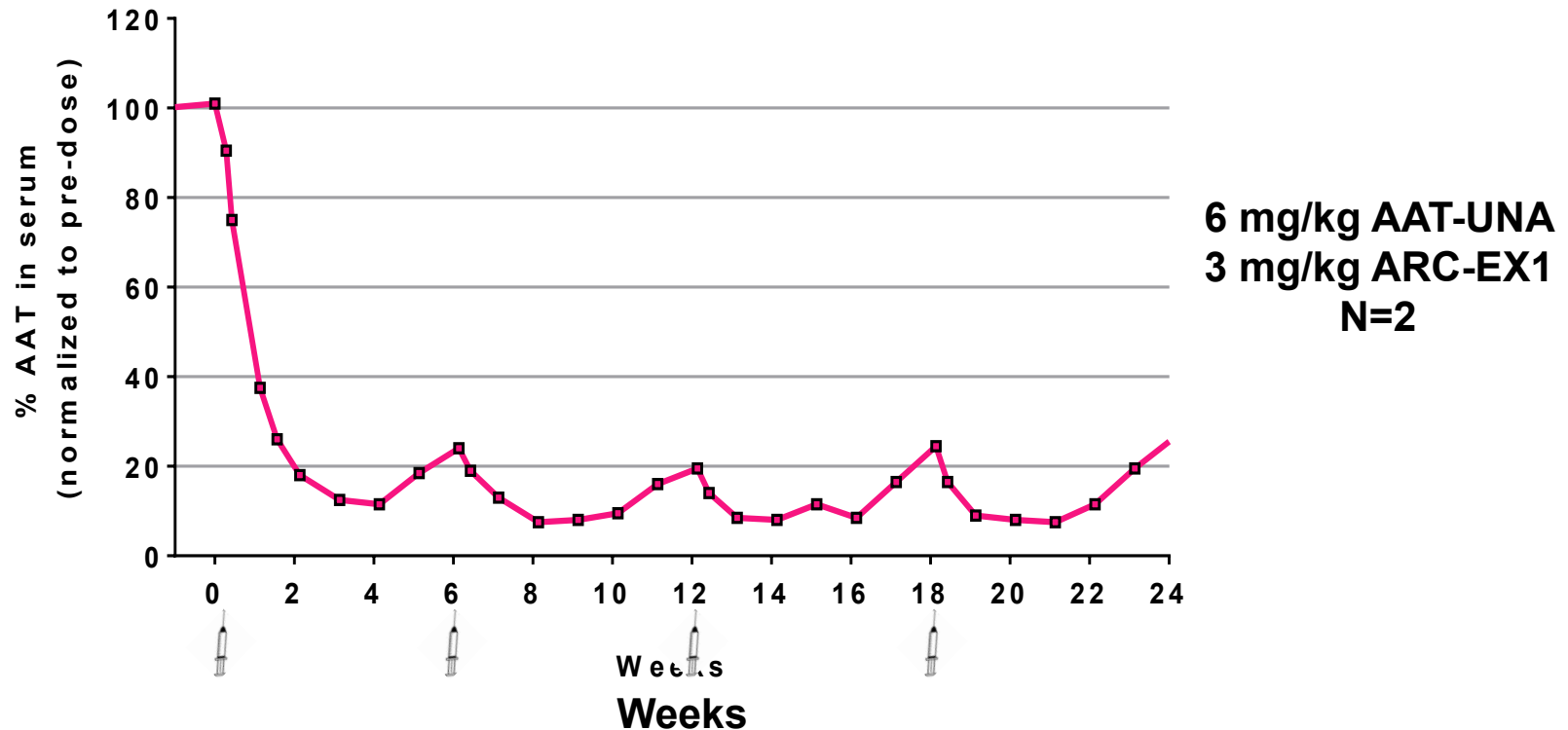
# Reduction in Z-AAT Liver Globules

*4 x q2w dosing*



**Liver globule burden is reduced after just two months of ARC-AAT treatment**

# Repeat dosing in NHPs



~90% reduction of serum AAT after first injection of ARC-AAT

Long duration of effect: ~80% reduction at 6 weeks

Sustained reduction of AAT with q6w dosing

Safety: no changes in clinical chemistry (ALT, AST, BUN, Creatinine)

- Single ascending dose P1 study ongoing in Australia
- Healthy volunteers and AATD patients
- **Primary Objectives:**
  - Determine the safety and tolerability of escalating doses of ARC-AAT
  - Evaluate the pharmacokinetics of different doses
- **Secondary Objectives:**
  - Evaluate the depth and duration of decline in serum total alpha-1 antitrypsin levels
  - Time for serum alpha-1 antitrypsin levels to return to baseline



- **Broad and powerful set of platforms led by DPC-enabled delivery**
  - Engineered endosomal escape enables deep KD
- **ARC-520 has lead in the clinic for novel treatment of HBV**
  - Well-tolerated antigen reduction in patients
- **ARC-AAT first pipeline expansion**
  - Clear unmet medical need for liver disease associated with AATD
  - De-risked by ARC-520: same DPC already showed well-tolerated KD
- **Deep Pipeline**
  - ARC-521 in the clinic in 2016
  - ARC-F12 in the clinic in 2016
  - ARC-LPa in the clinic in 2017
  - ARC-Hif2 in the clinic in 2017
  - Additional candidates coming

**Thank you for your interest**