



ARO-AAT: An Investigational Therapeutic for AATD Liver Disease

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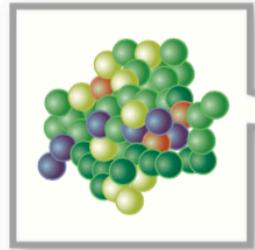


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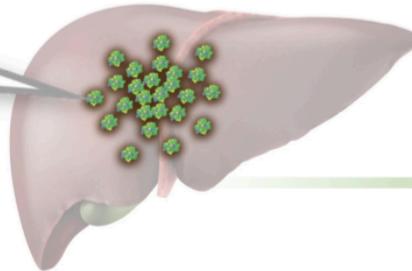
Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin protein

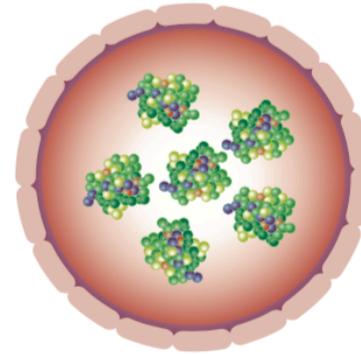


Normal AAT

Normal liver

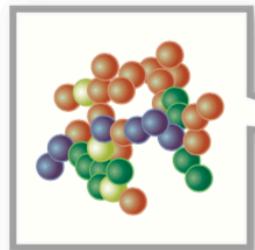


Normal secretion into the blood



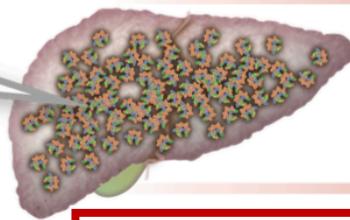
Normal blood levels of normal protein protect lungs

Misfolded Alpha-1 Antitrypsin protein

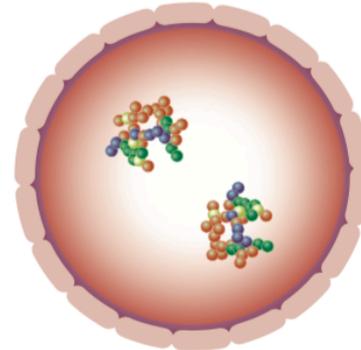


Abnormal AAT (Z-AAT)

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

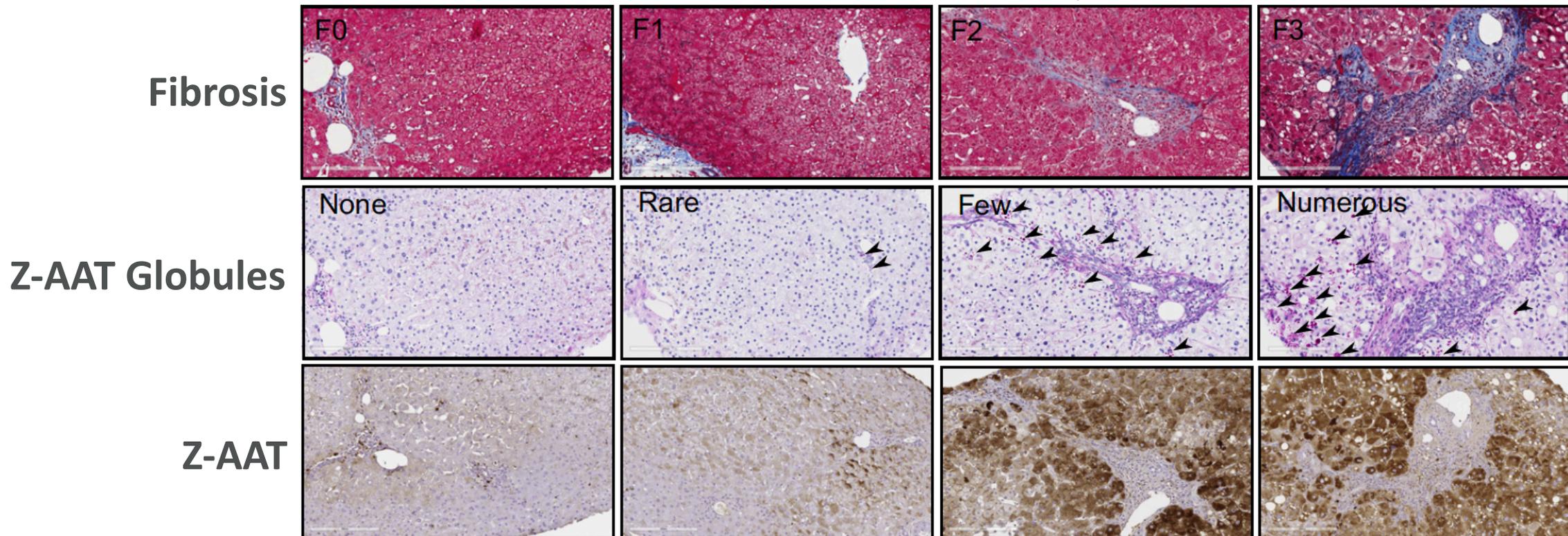
No current treatment

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



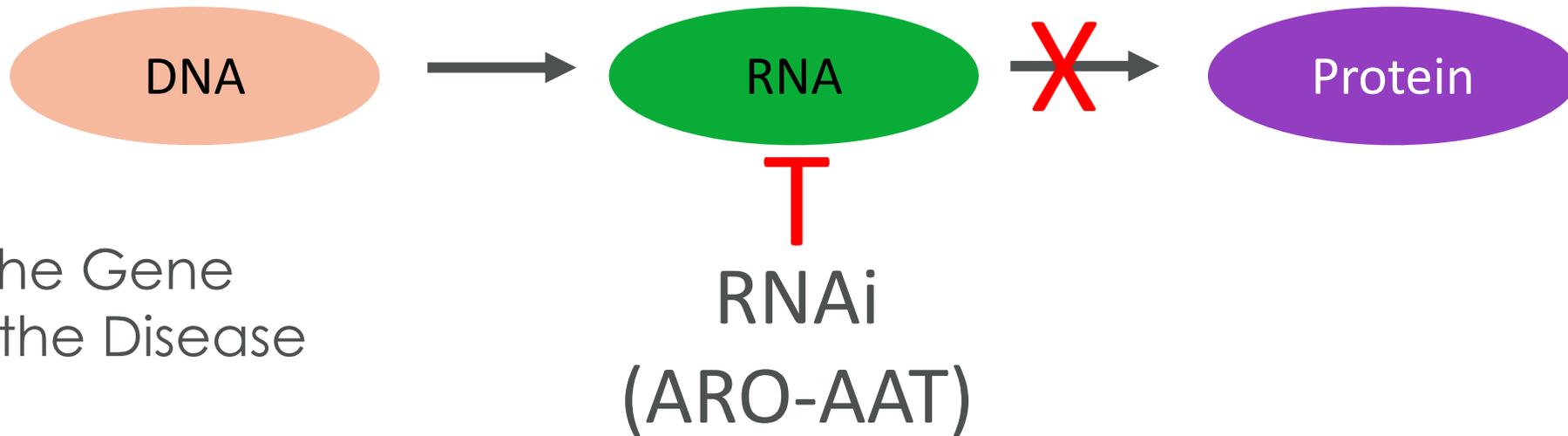
Why is Liver Injury Problematic?

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

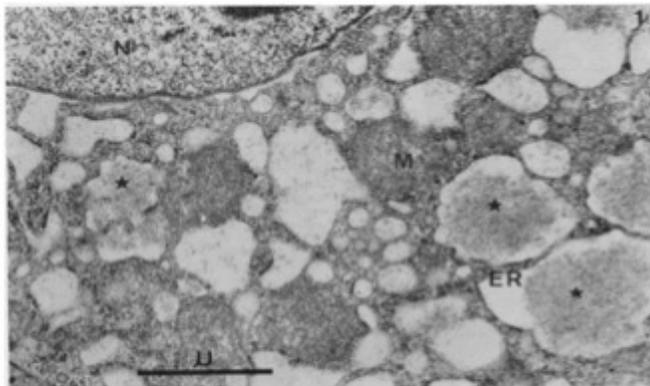
- RNAi silences gene expression so specific protein is not produced
- RNAi triggers can be designed and synthesized to target a specific protein
- **Not gene therapy or gene editing which may actually modify the genome**

ARO-AAT: Mechanism of Action

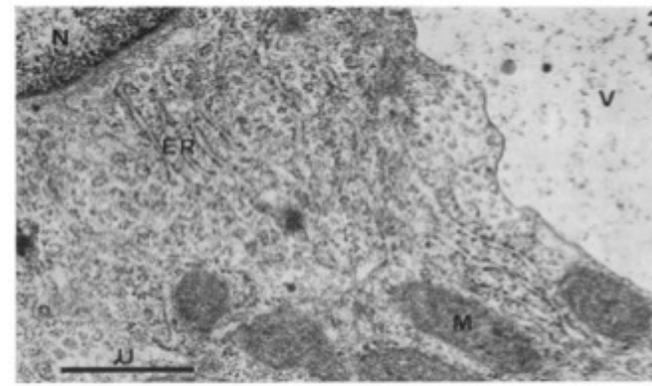
ARO-AAT designed to stop Z-AAT production by silencing AAT gene expression to:

- 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)



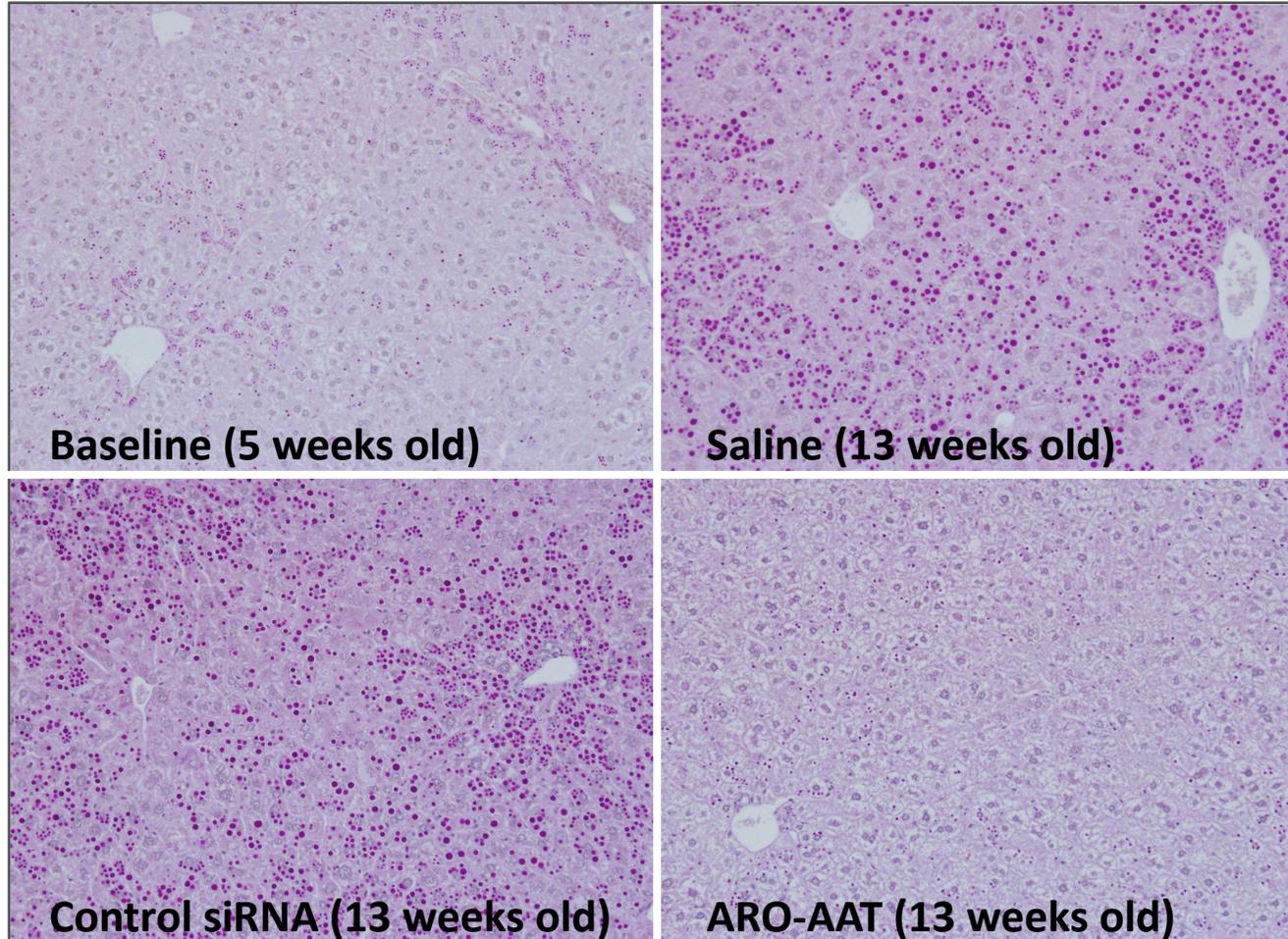
Pi null phenotype (normal liver)



Feldmann G et al., *Gut* 1975

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

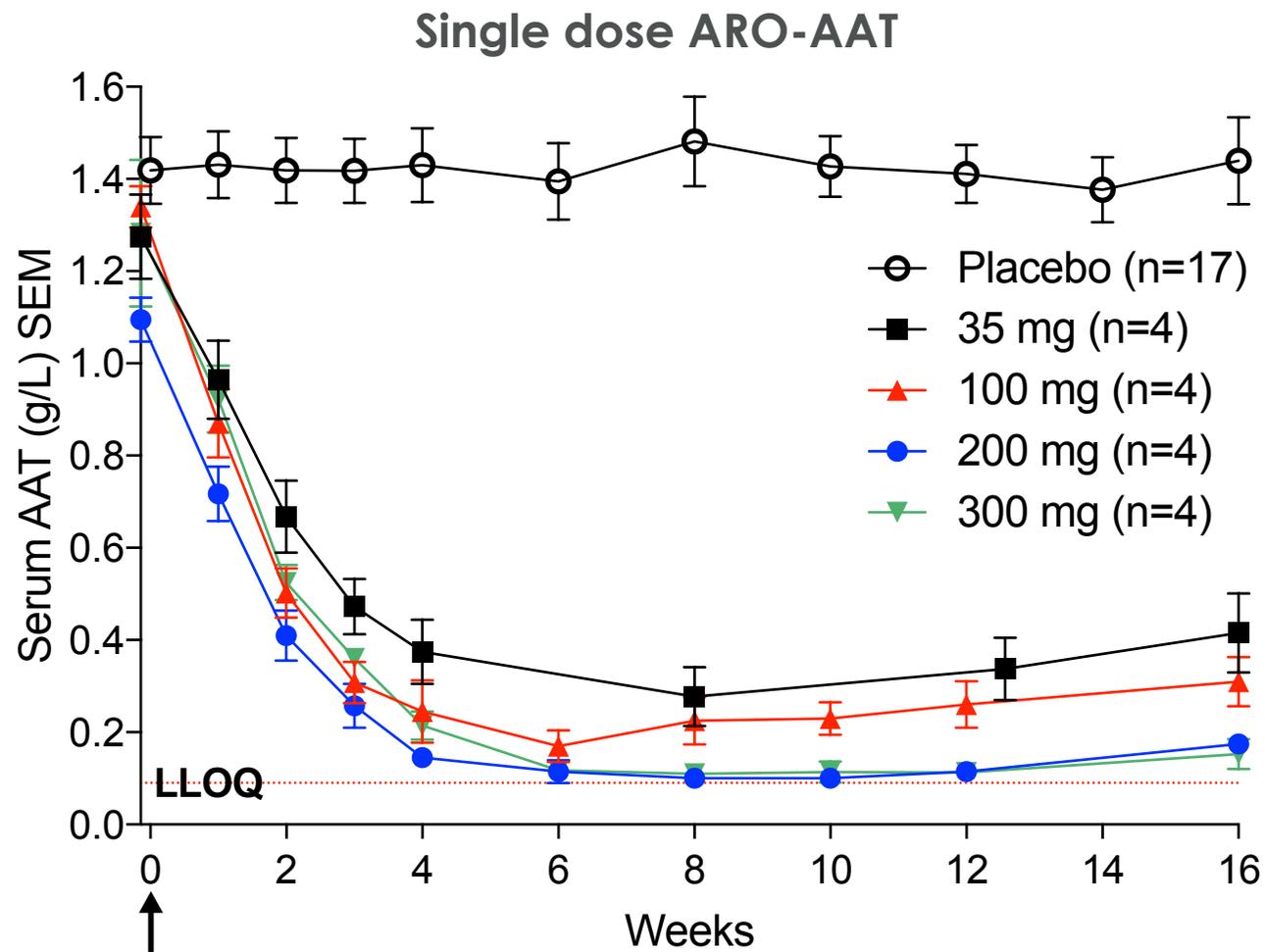
Subcutaneous Injection



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)

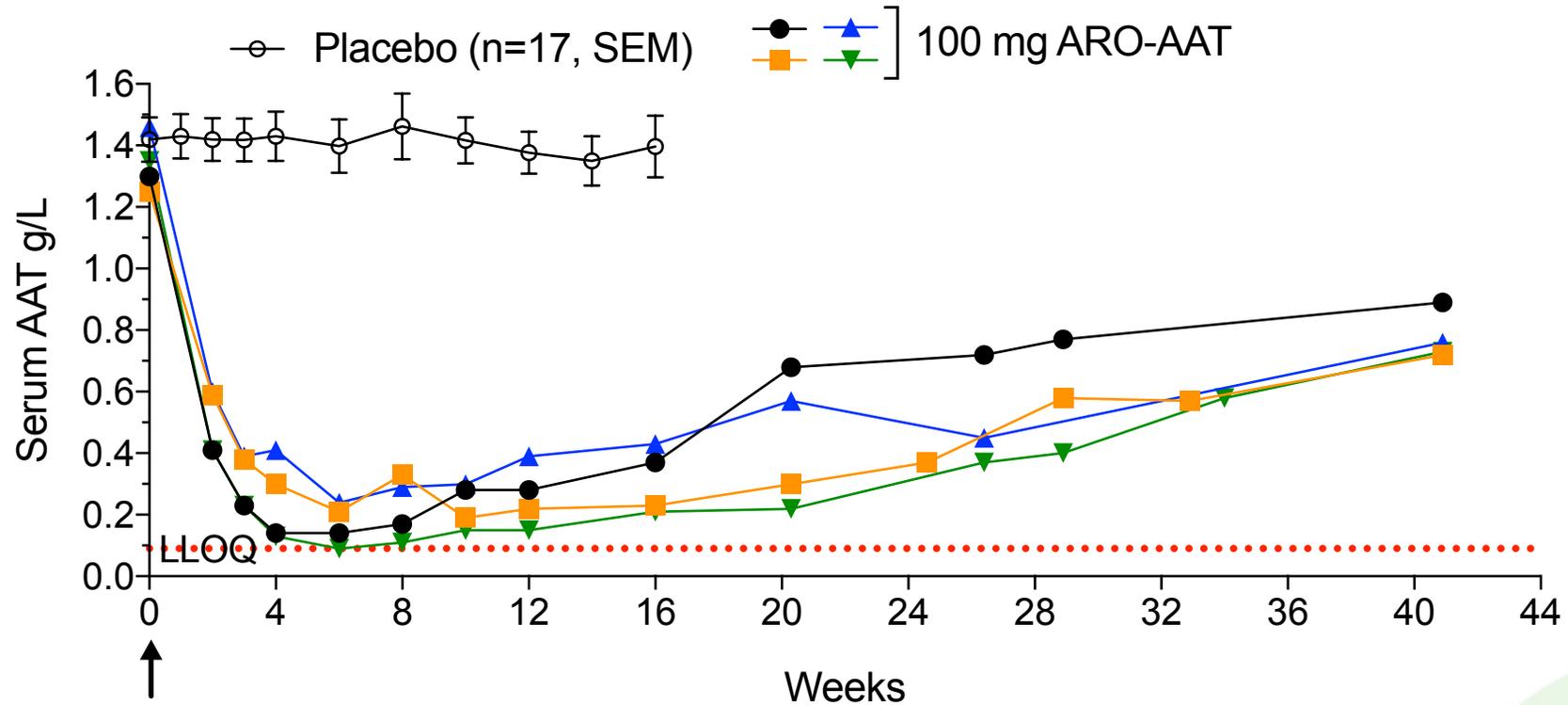
ARO AAT1001 Serum AAT Dose-Response



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 2nd 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 2nd 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 (enter key word: ARO-AAT) and/or speak to your physician