TRiM[™] Platform Based RNAi Therapeutics for AATD and Cardiometabolic Diseases

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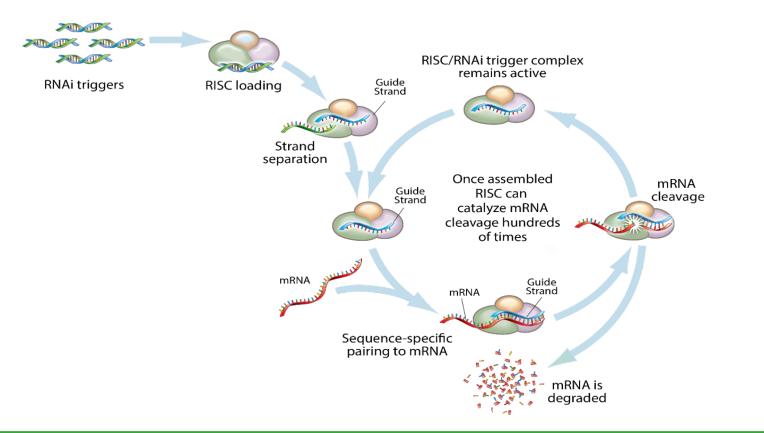




- Arrowhead's Targeted RNAi Molecule (TRiM[™]) platform for targeting hepatocytes
- Discovery and development of Arrowhead clinical candidate
 ARO-AAT
- Discovery and development of ARO-ANG3 for treatment of hyperlipidemia



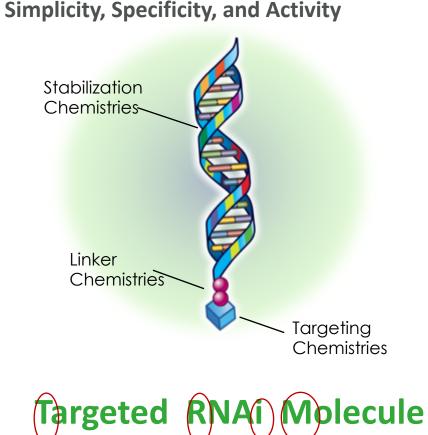
Target the Gene, Silence the Disease



Therapeutic gene silencing with RNA interference is highly precise and efficient



Arrowhead RNAi Platform: TRiMTM



TRiM™ platform

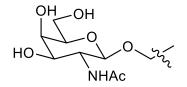
TRiM[™] has rules and algorithms to optimize trigger sequence

- Limit cross reactivity with off target genes
- Maximize activity
- Maximize innate stability
- Rational use and placement of modifying chemistries
- RNAi chemistry insights and expertise have allowed us to see what others have not

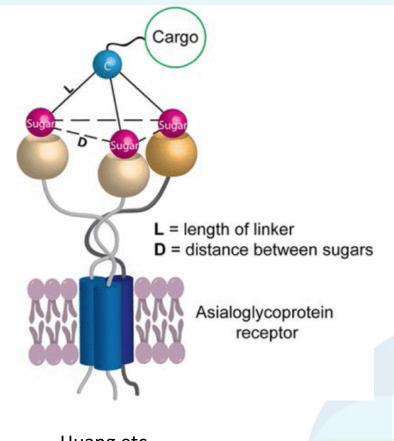


Direct Conjugation for Hepatocyte Delivery

- Asialoglycoprotein receptor (ASGP-R)
 - Tridentate receptor, overly expressed on the surface of hepatic cells, but minimally on extrahepatic cells
 - Recycled every 15 mins
- Natural ligand to ASGP-R
 - N-Acetyl-Galactosamine (NAG)



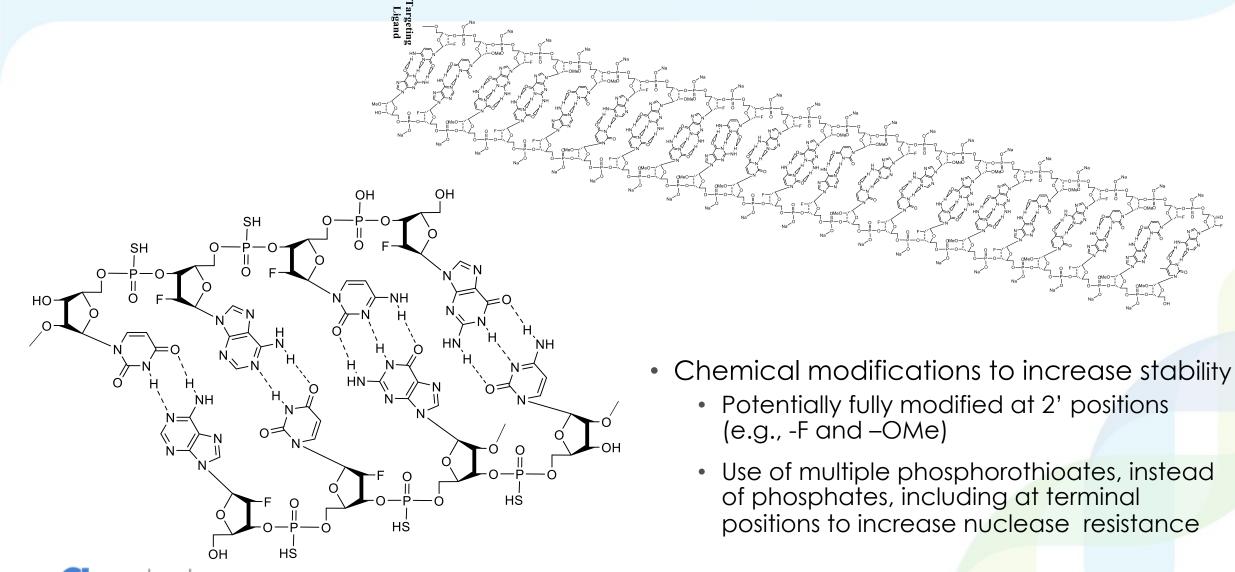
 Binding of NAG to ASGP-R initiates endocytosis



Huang etc. *Bioconjugation,* 2016



Chemical Modifications





ARO-AAT

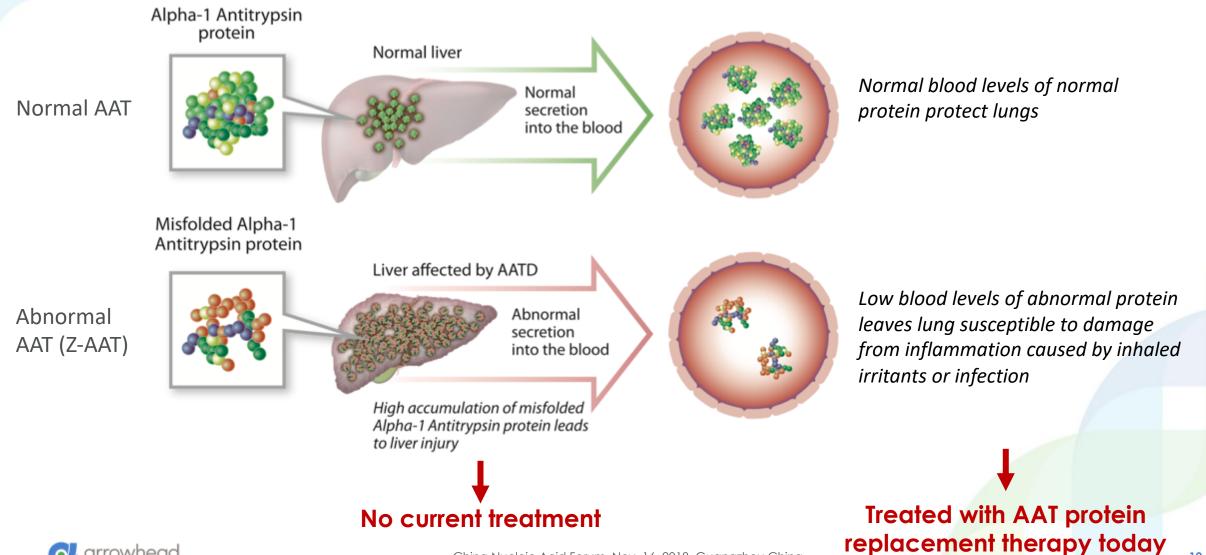


Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)

- AAT is an abundant serum protein
 - Primarily synthesized in the liver, about 10% made extrahepatically
- Physiological function includes:
 - Inhibition of neutrophil proteases to protect host tissues during inflammation
 - Especially important in the lung
- Mutation in AAT gene (Z-AAT) leads to mis-folding of the protein and poor export from hepatocytes: low levels in circulation and accumulation in liver



Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency



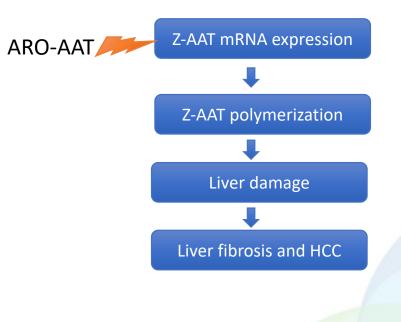


ARO-AAT: Mechanism of Action

- ARO-AAT designed to stop Z-AAT production by silencing AAT gene via cleavage of mRNA to
 - Prevent production and accumulation of disease-causing protein in liver
 - Prevent repeated cycles of cellular damage
 - Allow clearance of accumulated protein
 - Reverse fibrosis associated with prior damage

AATD is a large scale orphan disease

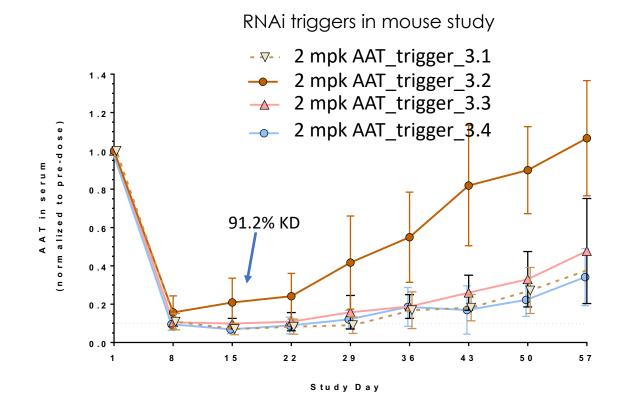
- > Alpha-1 Foundation estimates 100,000+ in the US
- > Approximately 100,000+ in Europe





Lead Optimization Leads to ARO-AAT

- 91% serum AAT knockdown achieved with one 2 mpk dose
- Knockdown sustained for 3 weeks with one 2 mpk dose

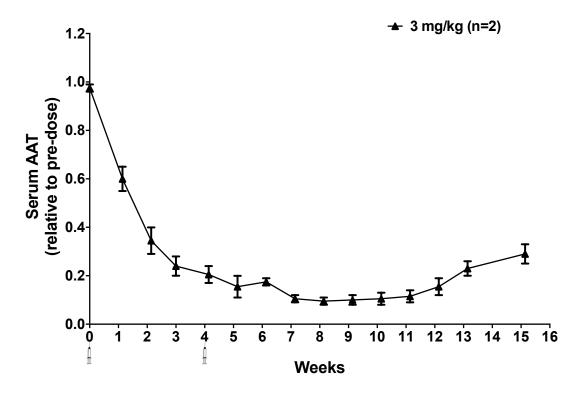


Chemical modifications led to deep reduction of AAT protein and long duration at dose of 2mg/kg



ARO-AAT Provides Durable AAT knockdown in NHP Multi-dose in NHP, dosed subcutaneously

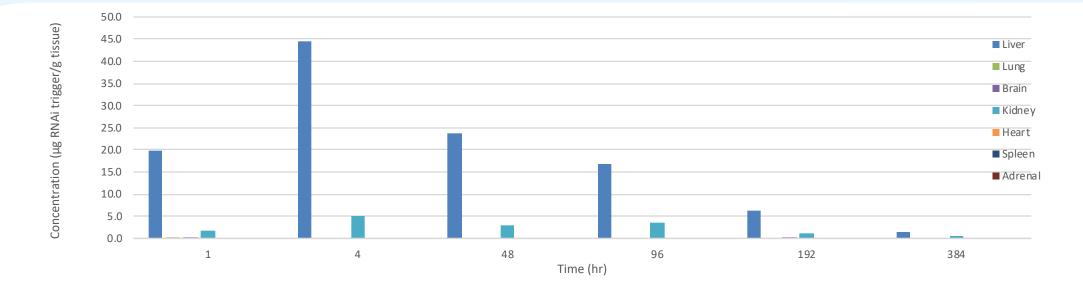
- 92% maximum serum AAT knockdown achieved in cynomolgus monkeys
- Knockdown sustained for 7+ weeks following second dose



Durable knockdown supports once monthly or less frequent dosing



ARO-AAT Biodistribution 3mpk SubQ Administration



	Average Concentration of ARO-AAT (µg/g tissue)						
Time (h)	Liver	Kidney	Lung	Brain	Heart	Spleen	Adrenal
1	19.9	1.8	0.3	0.1*	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ
4	44.4	5.1	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ
48 (Day 2)	23.7	2.9	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ
96 (Day 4)	16.8	3.5	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ
192 (Day 8)	6.4	1.2	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ
384 (Day 16)	1.4	0.5	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ	BLQ

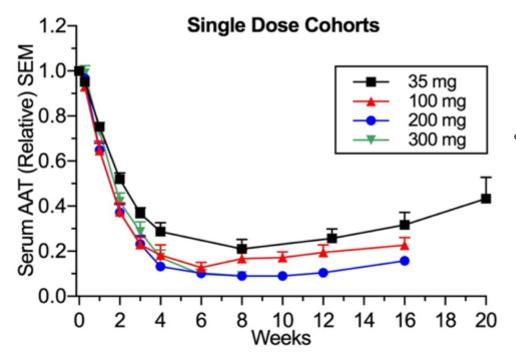
*Only one rat showed quantifiable concentration other two were below limit of quantitation (BLQ).



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ARO-AAT Clinical Data Shows Platform Profile

• Open Label AAT Plasma Data: Single Dose, Healthy Volunteers



Potency, efficacy, durability

- 93%: Maximum Serum AAT reduction achieved 6weeks following a single dose
- 87%: Mean maximum serum AAT reduction achieved 6-weeks following a single dose
- Safety
 - No Severe AEs
 - Most AEs reported as mild (one moderate gastroenteritis)
 - Mild injection site AEs occasionally reported
 - No clinically meaningful adverse changes in BUN, creatinine, ALT, AST or total bilirubin or pattern of adverse laboratory changes seen



ARO-ANG3



Angiopoietin-like 3 (ANGPTL3)

- A key regulator of LDL-C, HDL-C and triglycerides metabolism
 - Inhibitor of lipoprotein lipase and endothelial lipase
- Homozygous and heterozygous loss-of-function in ANGPTL3 lead to low plasma levels of LDL-C, HDL-C and triglycerides
 - Reduced risks of cardiovascular disease
- ANGPTL3 is primarily synthesized in hepatocytes

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BRIEF REPORT	ORIGINAL ARTICLE		
Exome Sequencing, ANGPTL3 Mutations, and Familial Combined Hypolipidemia	Genetic and Pharmacologic Inactivation of ANGPTL3 and Cardiovascular Disease		



Potential Clinical Indications for ARO-ANG3

Rare diseases:

- Familial hypercholesterolemia non LDL receptor mechanism
- Familial partial lipodystrophy

Polygenic causes of elevated triglycerides:

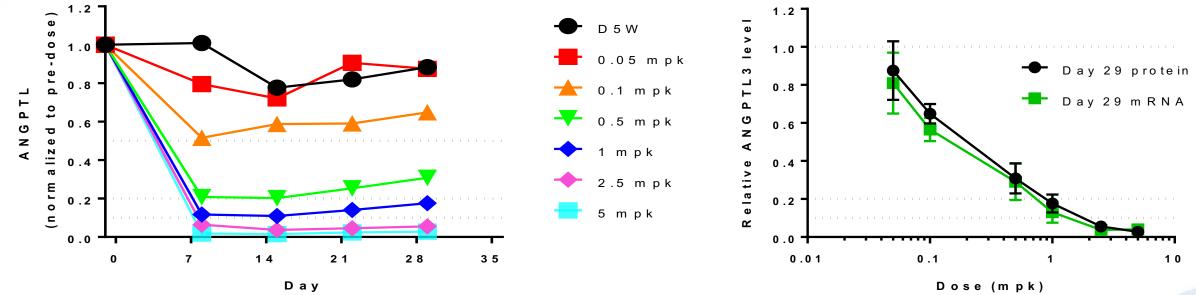
- Moderate to severely elevated TGs with history of pancreatitis
- Secondary prevention for residual CVD risk following maximized LDL lowering



ARO-ANG3 Dose Response in WT mice





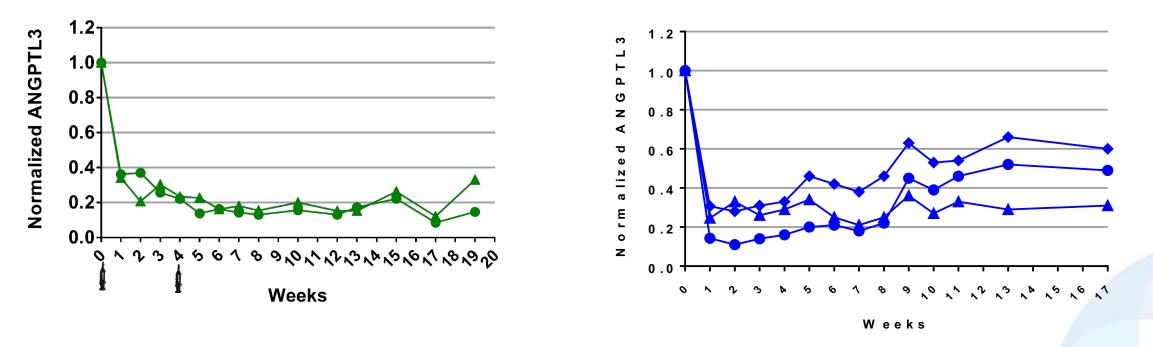


- Protein reduction of ~80% at 0.5 mpk, ~90% at 1 mpk on day 15
- Over 95% KD at 2.5 and 5 mpk
- Long duration
- Excellent correlation between serum ANGPTL3 and liver mRNA levels



ARO-ANG3 in Lean Cynos

4 mpk 2x q4w



3 mpk single dose

- Multi-dose: 2 doses of 4 mpk maintained ~80% reduction for 13 weeks
- Single dose: single dose of 3 mpk gave average 75% reduction for 4 weeks



ARO-ANG3 in Dyslipidemic Preclinical Models

- Mouse models:
- LDLr KO mice
- Diet induced obese mice
- Obese db/db mice

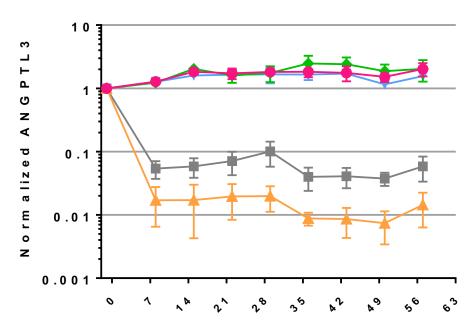
NHP model:

• High fructose diet-induced dyslipidemic rhesus monkeys



ANGPTL3 Protein Reduction in LDLr^{-/-} Mice with Treatment of ARO-ANG3

- 🔶 Western Diet D 5 W
- 📥 Western Diet 3 mpk ARO-AN3
- ↔ Western Diet 3 mpk Control trigger
- ➡ NormalChow D5W
- 📕 Normal Chow 3 mpk ARO ANG 3



SQ 3 mpk dose on day 1 and 29

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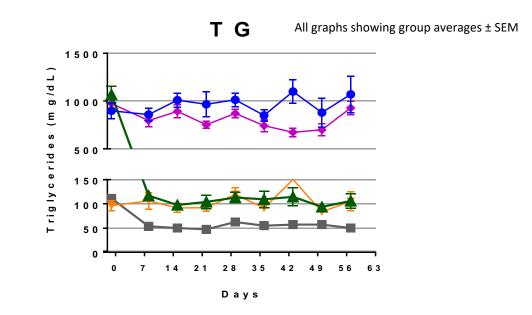
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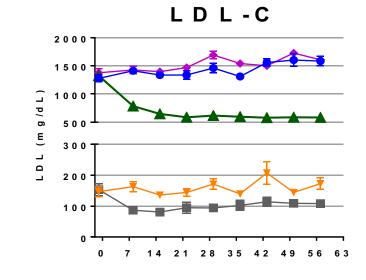
Diet with Treatment	Reduction 1 st dose	Reduction 2 nd dose
Normal Chow with ARO-ANG3	94.6%	96.2%
Western diet with ARO-ANG3	98.3%	99.3%

- Liver mRNA knockdown 96-97% at all time points tested (relative to saline group)
- Long duration
- No effects on serum ANGPTL3 in saline or control trigger treated groups

ARO-ANG3 on Serum Lipids in Dyslipidemic LDLr KO mice

- 🕈 W estern Diet, Saline
- 🛨 Western Diet, 3 mg/kg ARO-ANG3
- ↔ Western Diet, 3 mg/kg Control trigger
- 푹 Standard Chow, Saline
- 🖶 Standard Chow, 3 mg/kg ARO-ANG3





Days

- Reductions in LDL-C via a non-LDLr mechanism
 - Mice on both Western diet and Standard chow had elevated serum lipids compared to wild-type normal mice (TGs: 35-45 mg/dL, LDL-C: 10-15 mg/dL)

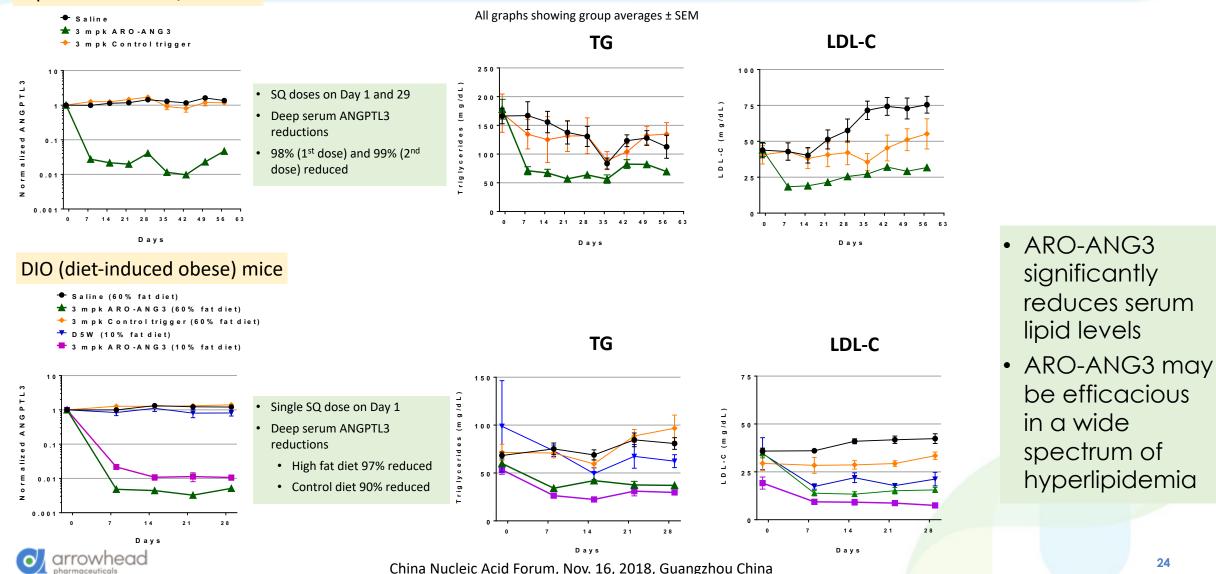
Western diet with ARO-ANG: maximum TG reduction 90% Standard chow with ARO-ANG3 : maximum TG reduction 49%

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Western diet with ARO-ANG3: maximum LDL-C reduction 48% Standard chow with ARO-ANG3: maximum LDL-C reduction 43%

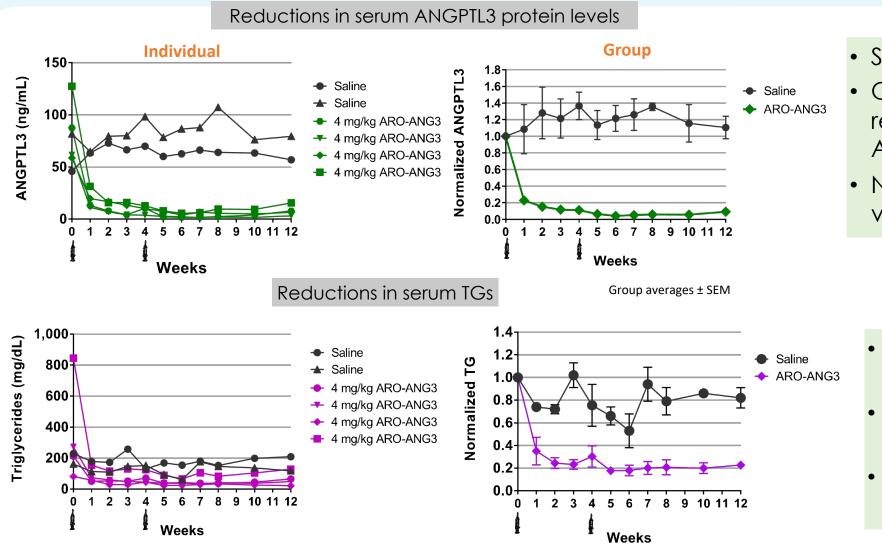
Similar Responses in Obese (db/db) or DIO Dyslipidemic Mouse Models

Leptin deficient db/db mice



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ARO-ANG3 in High Fructose Diet-induced Dyslipidemic Rhesus Monkeys



- SQ doses on Day 1 and 29
- Over 95% maximum reductions in serum ANGPTL3 protein levels
- Normalized to pre-dose values

- Animals on fructose diet for 6 weeks
- Variable diet-induced dyslipidemia
- 80% maximum mean reductions in TGs



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Summary

- Arrowhead TRiM[™] platform demonstrates consistent activity towards target mRNA
- Subcutaneous dosing, monthly or less frequent
- Wide therapeutic index
- ARO-AAT: Powerful AAT reduction in preclinical species and in phase 1 clinical studies with no SAEs
- ARO-ANG3:
 - Deep and persistent reductions in serum ANGPTL3 and liver mRNA
 - Reductions in serum triglycerides, LDL in multiple pre-clinical dyslipidemic animal models
 - GLP toxicology completed in rodent and NHP
 - CTA filed Oct. 2018

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