Pharmacodynamic effect of ARO-ANG3, an investigational RNA interference therapeutic targeting hepatic angiopoietin-like protein 3, in patients with dyslipidemia

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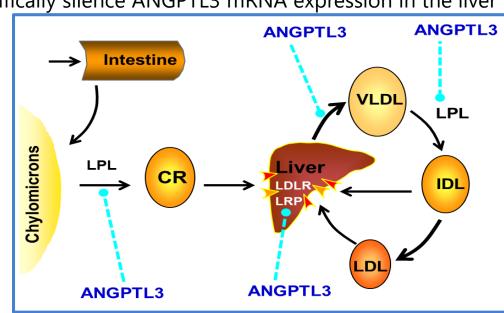
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INTRODUCTION

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Dyslipidemia is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease (CVD), and **residual risk of CVD** persists even with current standard of care (including PCSK9 inhibitors)

- ANGPTL3 is a key regulator of lipid and lipoprotein metabolism with multiple potential nodes of action, including inhibition of Lipoprotein Lipase (LPL) and Endothelial Lipase (EL) (see figure below)
- Loss-of-function mutations in *ANGPTL3* lead to enhanced LPL and EL activity, resulting in:
 - Low TG, LDL-C, VLDL-C, and HDL-C
 - Reduced risk of CVD, and
 - No known adverse phenotype associated with genetic deficiency in ANGPTL3
- **ARO-ANG3** is an investigational synthetic, double-stranded, hepatocyte-targeted RNA interference (RNAi) trigger designed to specifically silence ANGPTL3 mRNA expression in the liver
- AROANG1001 is a phase 1 study designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and pharmacodynamic effects of ARO-ANG3 on healthy volunteers and patients with dyslipidemia



STUDY ENDPOINTS

Safety (Primary):

• Incidence and frequency of adverse event

Key Pharmacodynamic and Lipid Parameters:

- Change from baseline over time in ANGPTL3
- Change from baseline over time in the following parameters: fasting Triglycerides, LDL-C, non-HDL-C, and HDL-C

Patient Populations

- **HeFH** Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) patients genetically confirmed or Dutch lipid clinic network score ≥ 6
- Non-FH Patients on stable statin regimen that are not at LDL-C goal (LDL-C > 70 mg/dL)
- HTG Hypertriglyceridemia patients with TG > 300 mg/dL at screening

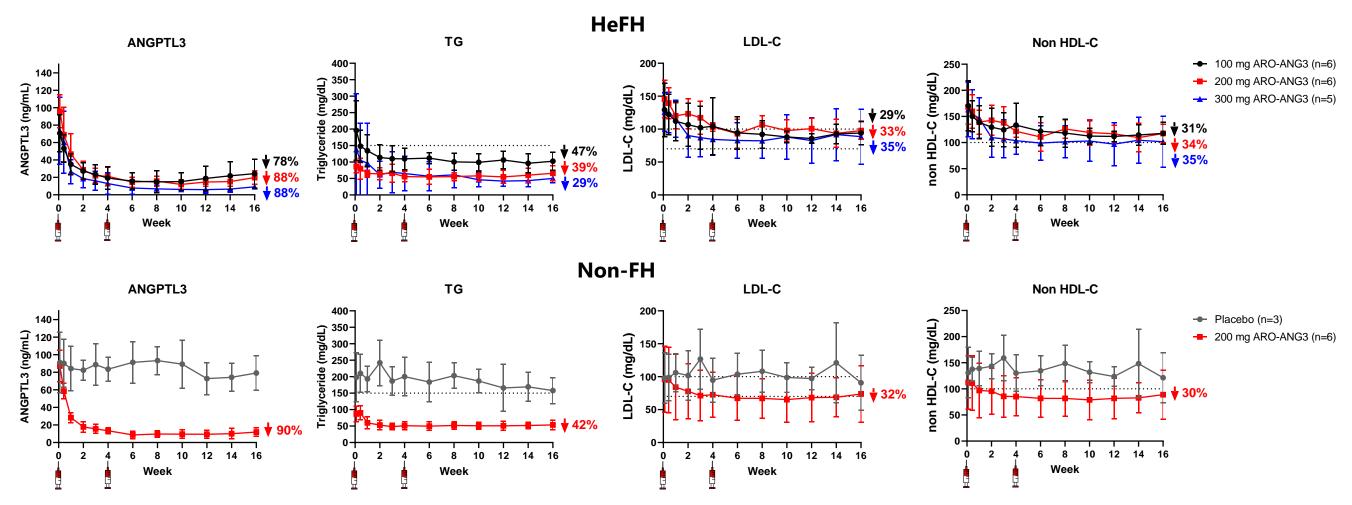
Baseline characteristics of HeFH, Non-FH and HTG patient cohorts

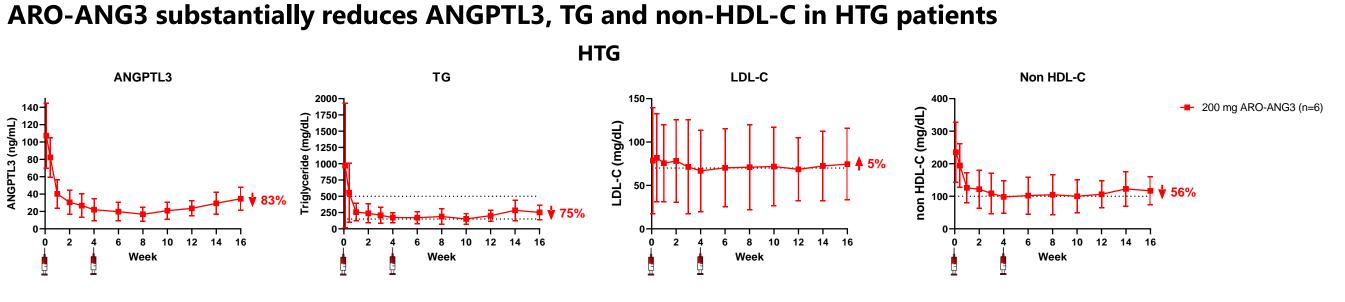
	HeFH Patients			Non-FH Patients		HTG Patients			
Mean (range) Fasting values	100 mg ARO- ANG3 (n=6)	200 mg ARO- ANG3 (n=6)	300 mg ARO- ANG3 (n = 5)	200 mg ARO- ANG3 (n=6)	Placebo (n=3)	200 mg ARO- ANG3 (n=6)			
Age (years)	43.5 (19-61)	49.3 (25-65)	45.2 (20-70)	51.7 (31-62)	58.7 (51-63)	62.8 (51-69)			
Male (%)	50	50	60	83	67	67			
BMI (kg/m²)	29.9 (25.1-35.0)	28.0 (21.0-36.9)	25.6 (19.4-29.8)	26.8 (21.5-36.4)	28.8 (28.0-29.5)	31.2 (27.8-36.9)			
ANGPTL3 (ng/mL)	71 (45-91)	96 (76-127)	74 (36-134)	87 (59-112)	91 (69-131)	107 (68-161)			
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	196 (94-360)	86 (66-118)	138 (38-441)	87 (68-130)	198 (121-271)	973 (189-2743)			
LDL-C (mg/dL) (direct assay)	129 (95-191)	146 (91-171)	126 (96-174)	96 (68-198)	98 (56-132)	79 (13-179)			
Non-HDL-C (mg/dL)	171 (121-229)	168 (109-207)	163 (105-230)	112 (84-217)	131 (83-180)	236 (141-385)			
HDL-C (mg/dL)	45 (32-59)	60 (46-86)	44 (30-57)	43 (34-53)	57 (54-61)	37 (10-75)			
ApoB (mg/dL)	132 (88-202)	106 (73-138)	100 (75-135)	78 (64-133)	87 (60-124)	106 (71-149)			

Phase 1 Study to evaluate the effect of ARO-ANG3 in patients with dyslipidemia NCT03747224 Repeat Dose (Day 1 and Day 29) Single Dose Heterozygous **Triglycerides NAFLD Patients** Familial **Population** on Stable Statin (Liver Fat ≥ 10%) ≥ 300 mg/dL Hypercholesterolemia (Non-FH) Open-Open-_ Randomized Randomized [Unblinded to [Unblinded to label [Unblinded to 6 active, 4 PBO 100 mg Cohort 2 00 mg Cohort 2b: 4 active 6 active, 4 PBC 200 mg Cohort 3 00 mg Cohort 200 mg Cohort 3 6 active, 4 PBC 4 active 300 mg Cohort 4 00 mg Cohort 4b 4 active

Data cutoff: 30 Apr 2020 **RESULTS**

ARO-ANG3 substantially reduces ANGPTL3, TG, LDL-C and non-HDL-C in HeFH and non-FH patients





Mean values +/- SD are plotted for each cohort; % values are maximum mean reductions for each cohort (n>1 subject at a visit date)

RESULTS

Summary of interim safety data

	HeFH	Non-FH		HTG	
TEAEs Reported in > 2 subjects, AE Term (MedDRA Preferred Term)	All Doses n = 17	200 mg Active n=6	Placebo n=3	200 mg n=6	Total Active n = 29
Headache	4 (23.5%)	0	1 (33%)	1 (17%)	5 (17%)
Contusion	4 (23.5%)	0	0	0	4 (14%)
Oropharyngeal pain	3 (18%)	0	0	1 (17%)	4 (14%)
Vascular access site bruising/hematoma	2 (12%)	1 (17%)	0	1 (17%)	4 (14%)
Injection site erythema, bruising, pain, swelling	3 (18%)	0	1 (33%)	0	3 (10%)
Dizziness	2 (12%)	1 (17%)	1 (33%)	0	3 (10%)
Muscle spasm	1 (6%)	0	0	2 (33%)	3 (10%)
Presyncope, Syncope	3 (18%)	0	0	0	3 (10%)
Upper respiratory tract infection, Respiratory tract infection	1 (6%)	2 (33%)	1 (33%)	0	3 (10%)

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- Two subjects reported SAEs (1 case of ketosis related to dapaglifozin and dehydration, 1 case of syncope with fibula fracture), both cases not related to ARO-ANG3.
- Two AEs of ALT elevation were reported. One case was asymptomatic (baseline 34 U/L, peak 91 U/L). The other (baseline 30 U/L, peak 238 U/L Day 29, 68 U/L Day 43 and 34 U/L at Day 113/EOS) was transient and associated with gastroenteritis. Neither associated with clinically significant elevations in total bilirubin.
- No clinically significant adverse changes in platelets
- No drug discontinuations
- Contusion AEs (n=4)
 - •2 events related to mechanical fall
 - •1 event related to NSAID treatment

CONCLUSIONS

- ARO-ANG3, an investigational RNAi therapeutic targeting ANGPTL3 mRNA transcripts results in sustained favorable lipid changes
- ARO-ANG3 maintained reductions in these lipid parameters for >12 weeks post second dose, regardless of patient population
- ARO-ANG3 had a **favorable safety and tolerability** profile
- ARO-ANG3 produces a substantial and prolonged reduction of LDL-C, non-HDL-C and TGs, and may prove useful as a therapeutic option in patients with dyslipidemia

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