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# Projecting the Future for Resmetirom

## *We believe that ...*

- Based on our strong Phase 2 and extension study results and the powering of both Phase 3 studies, we have a high degree of confidence that:
  - In MAESTRO-NASH, we will achieve:
    - The primary endpoint of NASH resolution; and
    - The key secondary endpoints of at least a 1-stage improvement in fibrosis and statistically significant LDL-cholesterol lowering
- In MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 (non-invasively diagnosed NASH), we will generate:
  - Sufficient additional safety data to support an accelerated approval filing for NASH;
  - Convincing data for noninvasively diagnosing and evaluating improvements in NASH resulting from resmetirom therapy; and
  - Further evidence supporting the potential for resmetirom to clear the liver of fat, reduce fibrosis and provide cardio-protection via lowering of LDL-C and multiple atherogenic lipids
- There is a high unmet need for approved NASH drugs based on published literature and supported by Madrigal's recent market research with physicians and payers
- Resmetirom has the potential to be first-to market in NASH; Madrigal is building the strategy, organization and infrastructure to commercialize resmetirom

# Phase 3 NASH Clinical Trials, Ongoing: MAESTRO-NASH and MAESTRO-NAFLD-1

Compound/ Indication	Clinical Trial	Pre-Clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Description
<b>Resmetirom</b> (MGL-3196) Thyroid Hormone Receptor- $\beta$ (THR- $\beta$ ) Agonist  <b>Treatment of Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)</b>	<b>Phase 2</b> <b>MGL-3196-05</b> NCT02912260	Completed				■ MRI-PDFF, liver biopsy: endpoints achieved <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36 week with 36 week open-label extension</li> </ul>
	<b>Phase 3</b> <b>MAESTRO-NASH</b> NCT03900429	Recruiting				■ Treatment of NASH with Fibrosis Stage 2-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serial liver biopsy</li> <li>52 week Phase 3; 54 month outcomes</li> </ul>
	<b>Phase 3</b> <b>MAESTRO-NAFLD-1</b> (presumed NASH) NCT04197479	Ongoing				■ Treatment of NASH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety, Lipids and NASH biomarker and imaging study</li> <li>52 week</li> <li>Enrollment of double-blind arms completed</li> <li>Open label 100 mg arm; includes NASH cirrhotics</li> </ul>

*MAESTRO Phase 3 trials provide a comprehensive data set to support efficacy and safety, consistent with regulatory requirements to support accelerated approval of resmetirom for treatment of patients with NASH with significant liver fibrosis*

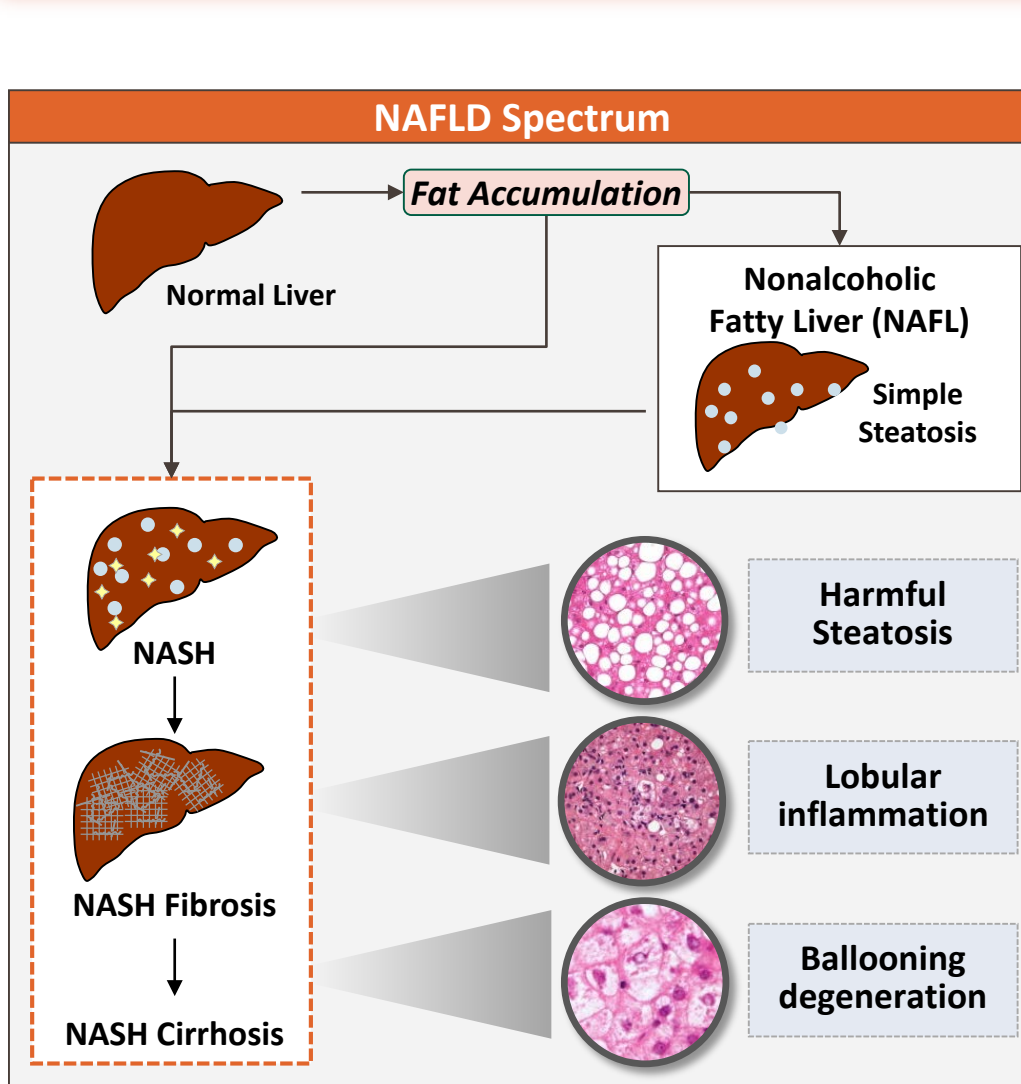
<sup>1</sup>MRI-PDFF, magnetic resonance imaging proton density fat fraction; a highly accurate measurement to diagnose fatty liver disease

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# Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Ranges from Simple Steatosis (NAFL) to NASH, a Progressive Form of Liver Disease



## DISEASE

- NAFLD results from accumulation of excess fat within the liver (steatosis) unrelated to alcohol use
- Some patients with NAFLD have NASH (nonalcoholic steatohepatitis)

## INCIDENCE

- 25 – 30% of all adults in Western countries have NAFLD
- NASH afflicts 3 – 12% of the U.S. population. In certain populations such as type 2 diabetics, fat in the liver is virtually always NASH.

## OUTCOME

- NAFLD leads to an increased risk of morbidity and mortality from:
  - Cardiovascular disease (leading cause of death for NAFLD patients)
  - Liver-related events
- 11% of advanced NASH patients progress to cirrhosis over a 15 year period

# Resmetirom Development Path Across the Spectrum of NAFLD/NASH

## *NASH/NAFLD Spectrum<sup>1</sup>*

*US Patient*

*Numbers*

### Resmetirom CV Benefits

Fatty liver  
LDL-C  
ApoB  
Triglycerides  
Lp(a)

**1.3 million**

**F4**

**2.0 million**

**F3**

**3.4 million**

**F2**

**F1B**

**6.3 million**

**F1**

**3.5 million**

**F0**

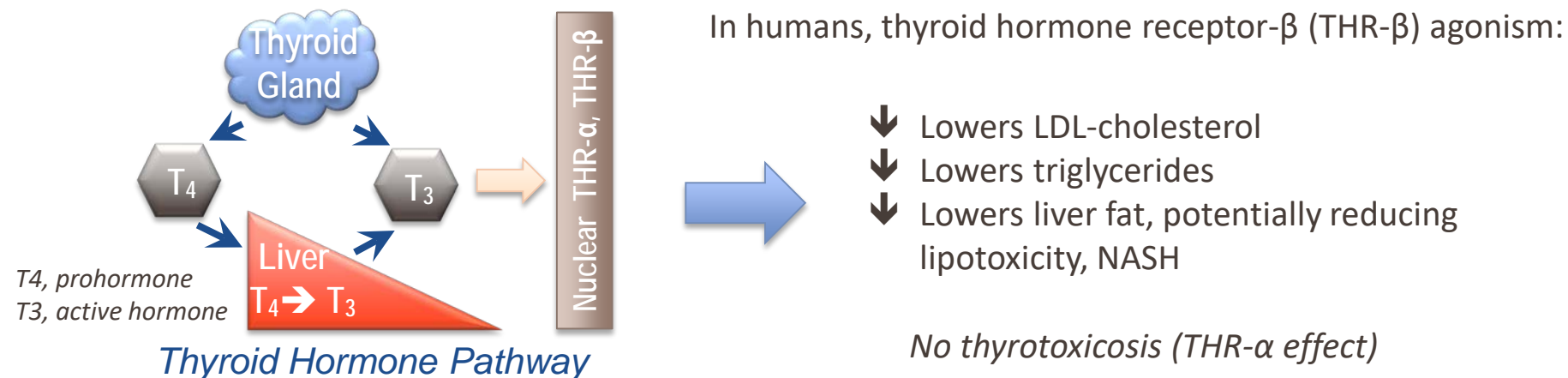
Phase 3 MAESTRO-NASH study: F2/F3 NASH with Metabolic Syndrome  
NASH Resolution (primary), LDL-C, fibrosis (key secondary); Phase 4 (post-approval): cirrhosis and MACE

Phase 3 MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 study:  
F1-F3 NASH with Metabolic Syndrome diagnosed non-invasively (no liver biopsy requirement)  
100 mg Open label arm; cirrhosis arm  
Endpoints; Safety, LDL-C, lipids, MRI-PDFF, PRO-C3

Total US NAFLD:  
(NASH plus NAFL)  
83 million (2015)

***Data show that NASH with fibrosis is associated with highest CV risk<sup>2</sup>***

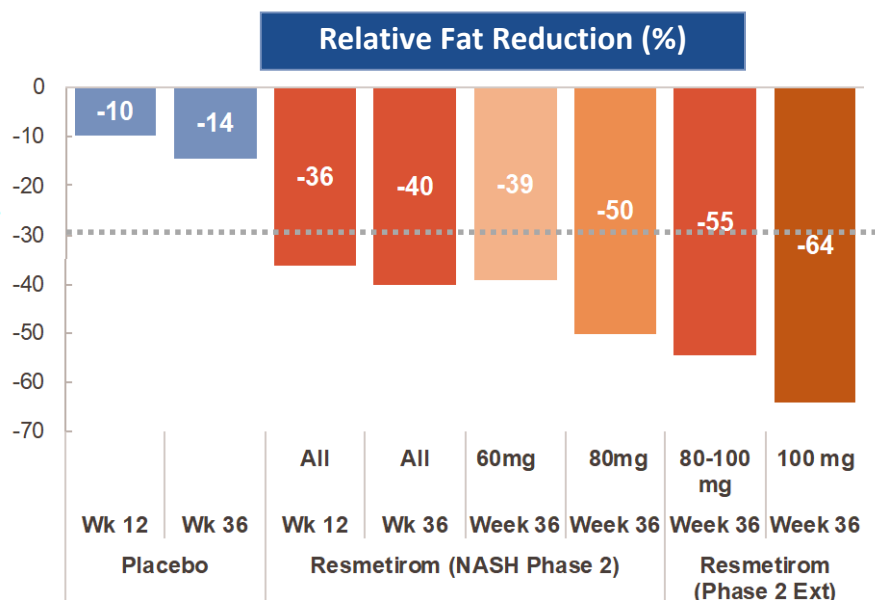
# Mechanism of Action: The Importance of Liver THR- $\beta$ in NASH



## Resmetirom (MGL-3196)

- THR- $\beta$  selective liver targeted molecule, once a day oral, with proven safety and efficacy in more than 500 subjects and patients treated
  - No exposure outside the liver or activity at the systemic THR- $\alpha$  receptor
- Pleiotropic effects in the liver with potential for addressing the underlying metabolic syndrome and hallmark features of NASH: steatosis/lipotoxicity, inflammation, ballooning, fibrosis (both directly and indirectly)
  - Reduction of liver fat through breakdown of fatty acids, normalization of mitochondrial and liver function

# Results from Phase 2 Study



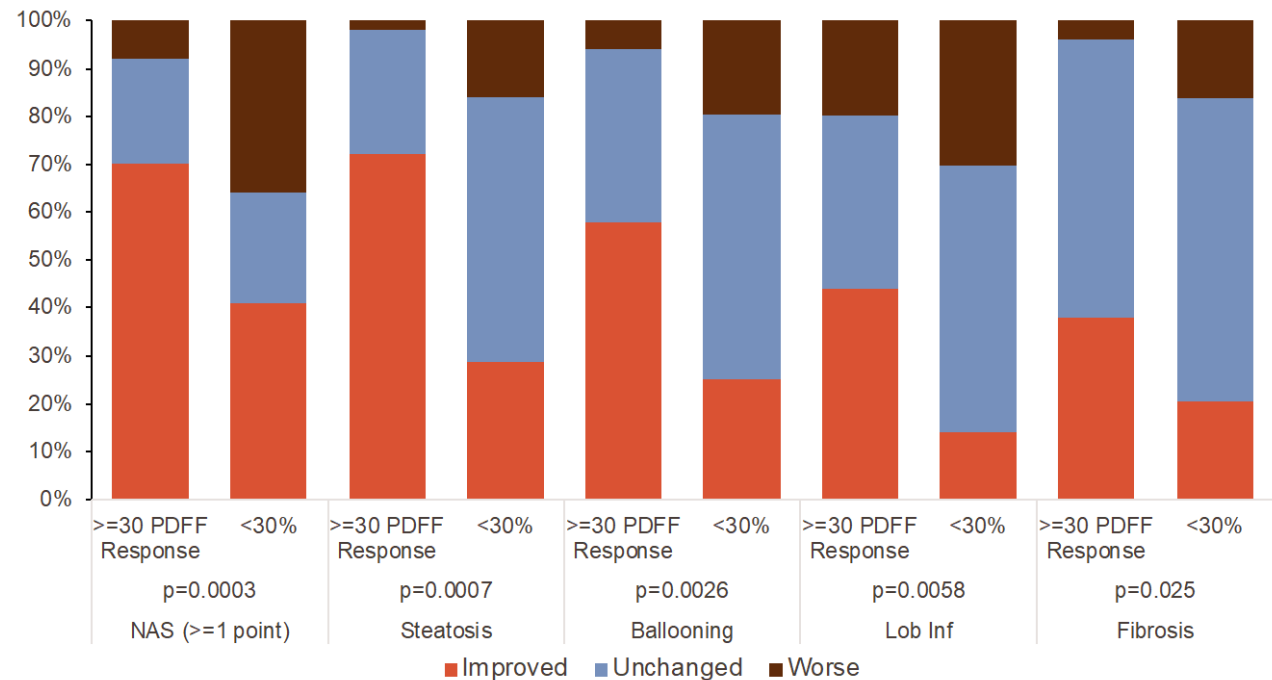
- Primary endpoint achieved, relative reduction in hepatic fat on MRI-PDFF at Week 12
  - Dose dependent 50% reduction of hepatic fat at 80 mg dose and >50% at 100 mg dose in the open label extension (Ext)
- Key secondary and exploratory endpoints achieved
  - Statistically significant reduction and resolution of NASH as compared with placebo
  - Statistically significant reduction in fibrosis biomarkers
  - Statistically significant reduction in liver enzymes
  - Statistically significant reduction in LDL-cholesterol, apolipoprotein B, triglycerides and lipoprotein(a)
- Safety
  - No change in Grade 2 or higher AEs
  - No safety signals related to mechanism of action

*Resmetirom responders with  $\geq 30\%$  PDFF reduction had higher rates of NASH resolution (37%) on Week 36 liver biopsy compared to non-responders (4%) — hypothesis generating*



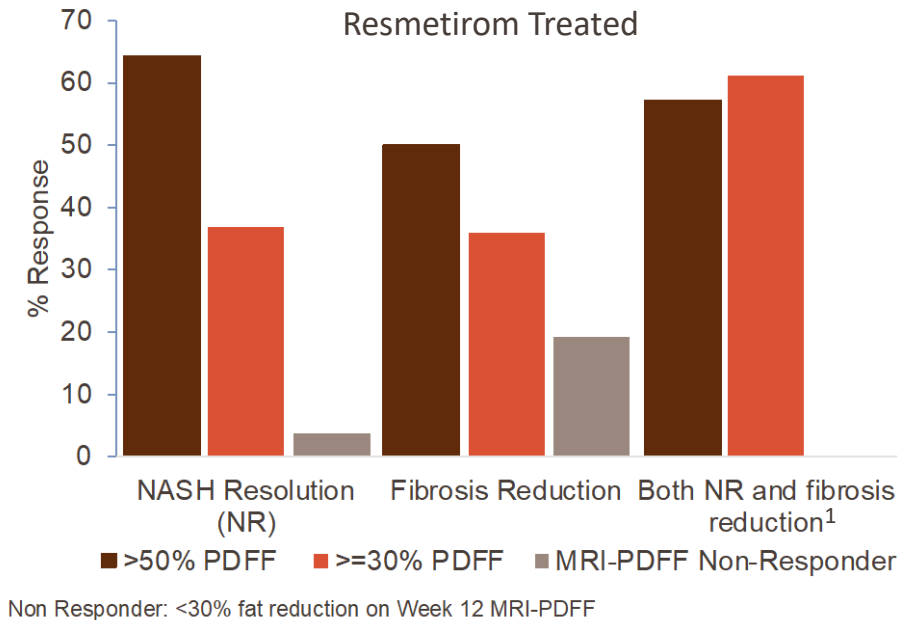
# Relationship of PDFF Reduction to Liver Biopsy Component Response in Resmetirom's Phase 2

- All patients in the study with serial evaluable liver biopsies (baseline and week 36) and PDFFs (baseline and week 12) were included in the analysis
- Statistically significant differences in NASH component response were observed between Week 12 PDFF responders ( $\geq 30\%$  fat reduction) and non-responders
- Improvement and less worsening of all component responses (ballooning, inflammation, steatosis and fibrosis) were observed in PDFF responders

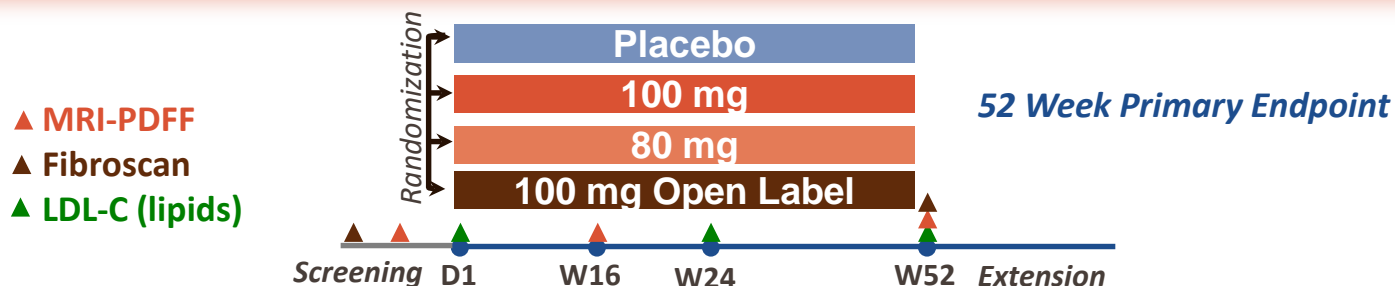


# Association of PDFF Response with NASH Resolution and Fibrosis Reduction - Resmetirom

- Percentages of patients with NASH resolution increased with greater PDFF reduction (agreement between two independent pathologist central biopsy readers)
- In resmetirom-treated patients with  $\geq 50\%$  fat reduction at Week 12, 64% had NASH resolution with a component response driven primarily by ballooning and inflammation
- PDFF reduction  $\geq 30$  and  $\geq 50\%$  at Week 12 was also associated with
  - Fibrosis reduction on subsequent liver biopsy
  - Achievement of both endpoints: NASH resolution and  $\geq 1$  point fibrosis reduction



# Phase 3 MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 (presumed NASH) Study Design: Randomized, Double-Blind, PBO Controlled



## Comparator/Arms

- 1:1:1:1 resmetirom 80, 100 mg , placebo, open label 100 mg
- ~1200 NASH patients enrolled in the USA (~65 sites)

## Inclusion/Exclusion

- Requires 3 metabolic risk factors (Metabolic Syndrome)
- Fibroscan kPa $\geq$  F1, CAP $\geq$ 280, except where eligible for MAESTRO-NASH; includes MAESTRO-NASH patients who screen fail at the biopsy stage
- $\geq$ 8% liver fat on MRI-PDFF
- Open label arm, >100 patients
  - NASH patients on 100 mg resmetirom to assess non-invasive measure of safety and efficacy
  - Open-label treatment of special safety population, e.g. compensated cirrhosis

## Endpoints

- Primary safety objective: to evaluate the safety and tolerability of once-daily, oral administration of 80 or 100 mg resmetirom versus matching placebo as measured by: Incidence of Adverse Events [ Time Frame: 52 weeks ]
- Key efficacy objectives: percent change from baseline in LDL-C; percent change from baseline in ApoB; percent change from baseline in hepatic fat fraction by MRI-PDFF; percent change from baseline in triglycerides; change in PRO-C3

*A “Real-life” NASH Study with Non-invasive Monitoring of Patient Response*

# MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 Phase 3 Open Label Arm-100 mg dose

	All	SHBG (high)
<b>MRI-PDFF (%)</b>		
Baseline (%)	17.6	17.9
Relative % Change	-53%	-62%
p-value	<0.0001	<0.0001
<b>MRE (kPa)</b>		
Baseline (≥2.9)	3.5	3.5
Absolute Change	-0.34	-0.46
p-value	0.003	0.003

## *Week 16 MRI-PDFF (%) and MRE (kPa) Changes from Baseline*

- MRI-PDFF reduction of 53% fat fraction overall, and MRE (-0.34) were observed at Week 16
- MRE, unlike other elastography techniques, provides a stiffness map (elastogram)
  - The volume of liver parenchyma assessed with a single slice of MRE is about 250 cm<sup>3</sup><sup>1</sup>

LSM	Fibrosis stage
<2.5kPa	Normal
2.5 to 2.93 kPa	Normal or inflammation
2.93 to 3.5 kPa	Stage 1–2 fibrosis
3.5 to 4.0 kPa	Stage 2–3 fibrosis
4.0 to 5.0 kPa	Stage 3–4 fibrosis
>5.0 kPa	Stage 4 fibrosis

*Average MRE by fibrosis stage<sup>2</sup>*

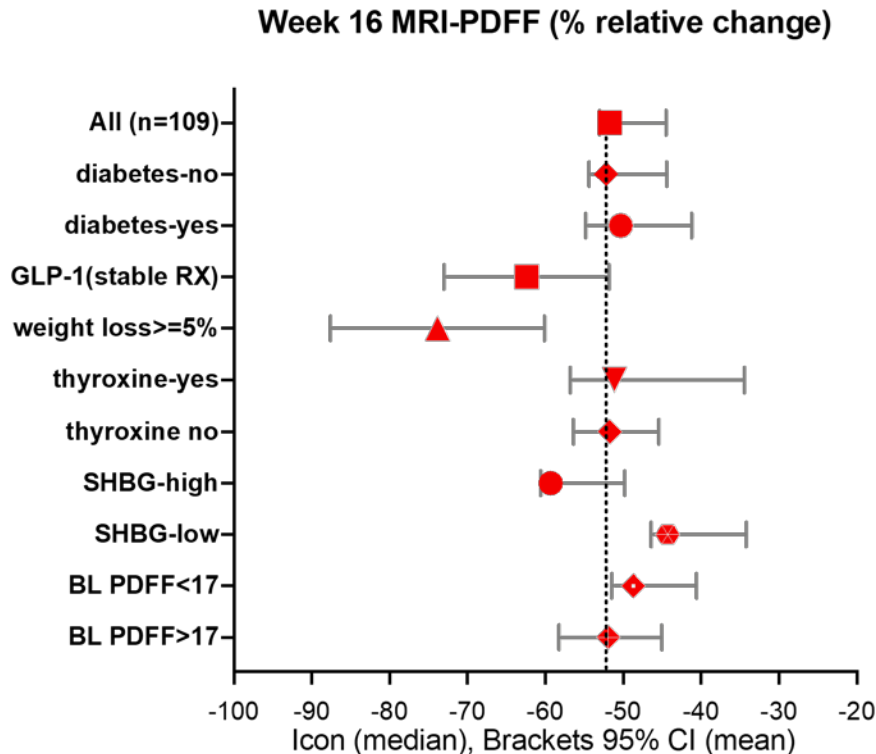
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<sup>1</sup>Top Magn Reson Imaging. 2018 October ; 27(5): 319–333. doi:10.1097

<sup>2</sup>Abdom Radiol (NY). 2018 July ; 43(7): 1590–1611. doi:10.1007/s00261-017-1383-12

# MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 Phase 3 Open Label Arm-100 mg dose

## Week 16 MRI-PDFF Relative % Change from Baseline)

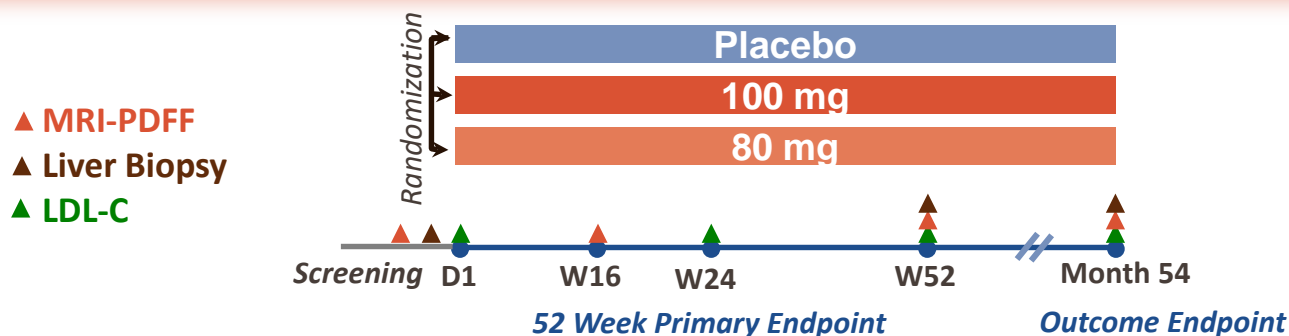


*Resmetirom is effective across multiple subgroups and in combination with other diabetes therapies*

- PDFF reduction of  $\geq 60\%$  was observed in subgroups: stable GLP-1 (no weight loss),  $\geq 5\%$  weight loss, or high SHBG response (reflects resmetirom liver levels)
- Well-tolerated, no safety signals

# Phase 3 MAESTRO-NASH Study Design:

## Randomized, Double-Blind, PBO Controlled: Serial Liver Biopsy Study



### Comparator/Arms

- 1:1:1 MGL-3196 80, 100 mg , placebo
- 900 F2/F3 patients enrolled in USA, Europe for primary Week 52 analysis, ~200 F1 patients
- Up to 2000 patients total enrollment for Phase 4 including first 900
- >150 centers, world-wide

### Key Inclusion/Exclusion

- Requires 3 metabolic risk factors (Metabolic Syndrome); Fibroscan kPa consistent with F2-F3, CAP $\geq$ 280
- NASH on liver biopsy: NAS $\geq$ 4 with fibrosis stage 1A (up to 3%) 1B, total F1 up to 15%; F3, at least 50%, the rest F2
- $\geq$ 8% liver fat on MRI-PDFF

### Primary Endpoints

- Resolution of NASH at Week 52 with at least 2 point reduction in NAS
  - Key secondary endpoints LDL-C lowering at Week 24, reduction in fibrosis stage Week 52 biopsy
- Composite liver-related outcome at 54 months [histologic evidence of cirrhosis on biopsy, MELD $\geq$ 15, hepatic decompensation, liver transplant, all cause mortality]

<https://clinicaltrials.gov>, NCT03900429

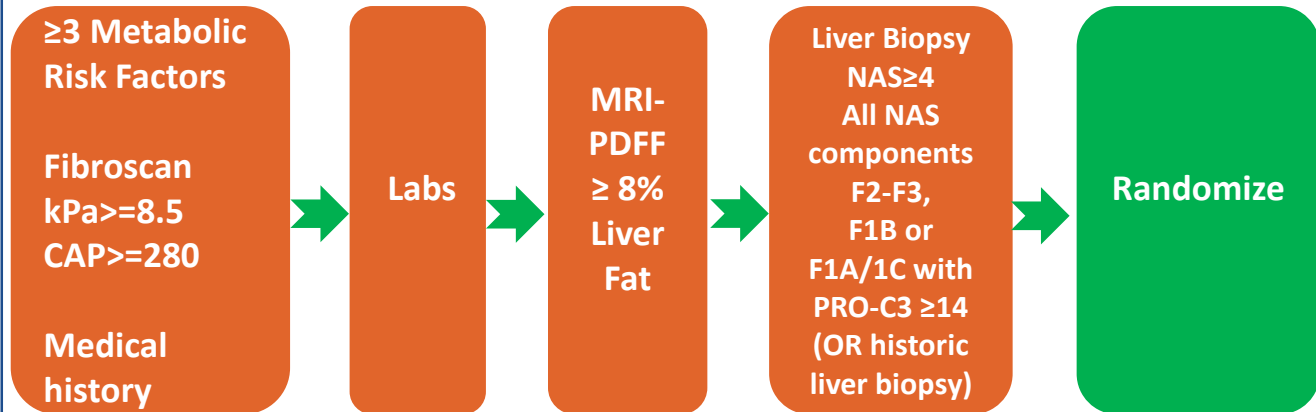
# Phase 3 MAESTRO-NASH Screening Algorithm

## RISK FACTORS for NASH

- > Age >50
- > BMI >30
- > Elevated Liver enzymes (AST >20 U/L, AST/ALT ≥1)
- > Type 2 Diabetes
- > Hypertension
- > Dyslipidemia
- > Metabolic Syndrome
- > Historical Fibroscan >8.5 kpa, CAP ≥280 dB/M (Ideally 300)

*Enrolling NASH fibrosis studies is particularly challenging because most patients at the time of screening do not have a definitive diagnosis of NAFLD (or NASH) and their fibrosis stage is unknown*

## MAESTRO-NASH 8 Week Screening Process



*Using this screening paradigm, more than 80% of screened patients have had definitive NASH with significant fibrosis on liver biopsy*

# Strong Positioning in NASH Landscape

Target class <sup>1</sup>	Stage	NASH res	Fibrosis	Liver Fat	Insulin Sensitivity	LDL	TGs	CV risk	SC or oral	Side Effects <sup>2</sup>
FXR	Ph 3	✓	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓	—	↑↑	↓	↑LDL-C	oral	Pruritus, ↑LDL-C
GLPs (GLP/GIP; GLP/Glucagon)	Ph 2	✓	X	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	SC	Nausea, vomiting; (requires titration; low adherence)
FGF-19 or FGF-21	Ph 2	✓	✓	✓	— or ✓	↑↑ or ✓	↓	?	SC	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
PPARαδ	Ph 2	✓	X	—	✓	↓	↓	PPAR	oral	Well-tolerated
PPARγ (pioglitazone)	Ph 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	↓	↓	PPAR	oral	CHF, ↓ bone, weight gain
Anti-steatotic (ACC; DGAT)	Ph 2	✓	X	✓	—	—	— or ↑↑	?	oral	Multiple mechanisms
Anti-fibrotic	Ph 0	—	?	—	—	—	—	?	?	Unknown
<b>Resmetirom (THR-β)</b>	<b>Ph 3</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>— ✓</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>CV Benefit</b>	<b>oral</b>	<b>Well-tolerated</b>

- Once a day oral medication, pleiotropic and cardio-beneficial actions position resmetirom as potential best-in-class, first-to-market NASH therapeutic
- Differentiated from other NASH agents
- Can be used in combination with existing diabetic and lipid medications AND/OR add-on anti-fibrotic, anti-steatotic and/or anti-inflammatory NASH agents

<sup>1</sup>Based on Phase 3 data for obeticholic acid; unknown or not observed for other FXR agonists

<sup>2</sup>Adverse events (AEs) leading to increase in discontinuation rate and/or increase in at least Grade 2 (moderate) AEs



# Non-cirrhotic NASH with Liver Fibrosis is a Large, Underserved Market



**>10M**

*Estimated Prevalence  
in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>*



**~11%**

*Current diagnosis  
rate estimate<sup>2</sup>*



**20-25%**

*Current off-label Rx  
treatment rate  
reported by  
Physicians<sup>3</sup>*



*NASH patients already  
identified could be  
immediate candidates for  
FDA approved drugs*

- Prevalence expected to nearly double over this decade<sup>1</sup>
- Diagnosis and treatment rates may increase substantially over time to levels seen in T2D/Dyslipidemia (60-80%) as NASH specific drugs enter market
- Similar market dynamics in EU-5 & Japan<sup>1,4</sup>



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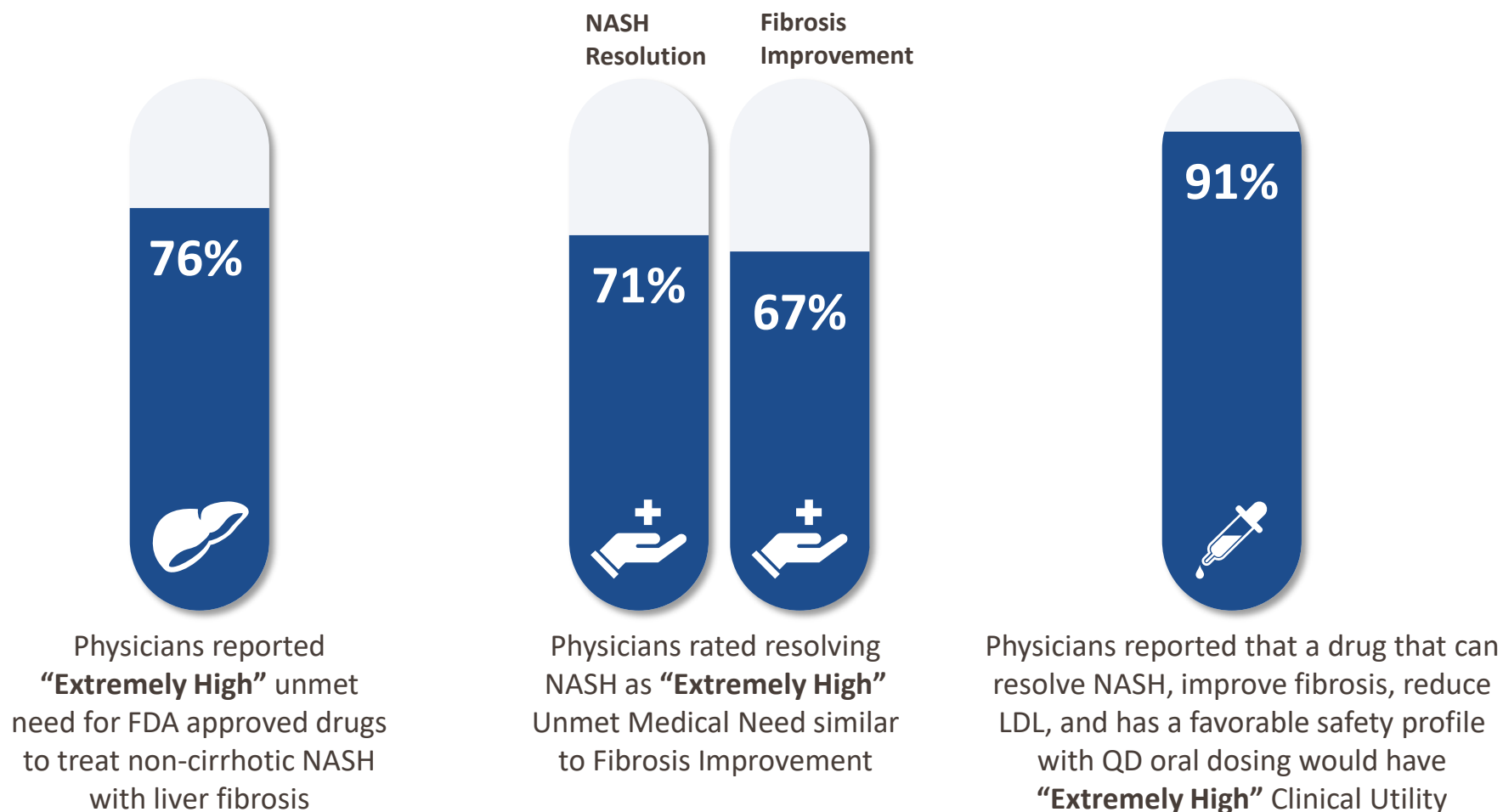
1: Estes et al. (2018)

2: Edison Group, Cowen, Kepler Chevreux, Morningstar

3: Madrigal US primary market research, Heps/GIs/Endos (n=127), Q4 2020

4: Madrigal EU-5/Japan primary market research, Heps/GIs/Endos (n = 336), Q1 2021

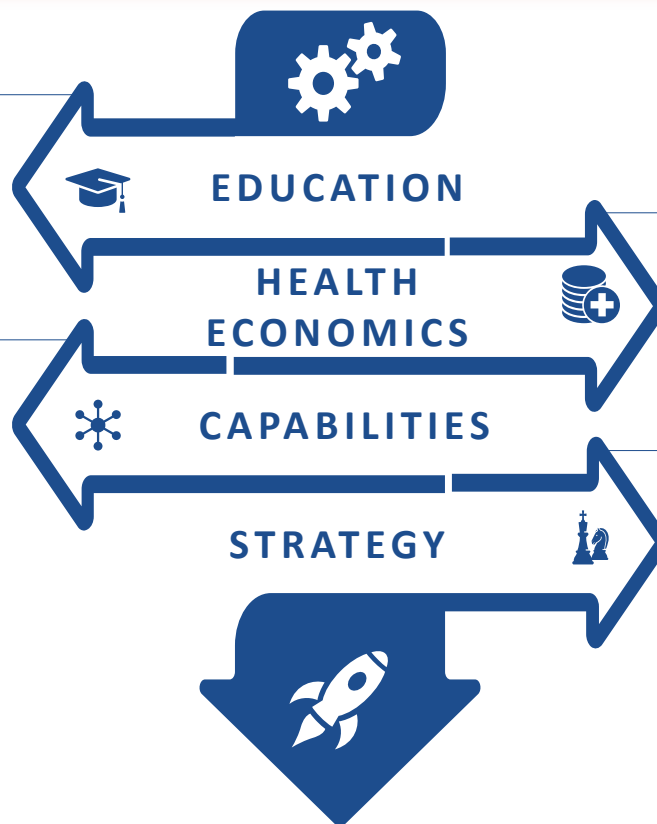
# U.S. Commercial Opportunity is Primed for a Fit-for-purpose NASH Drug



# Launch Preparation Is Underway

- Medical Science Liaison team deployed for physician education
- Payer engagements targeted to start H2-2021

- Building infrastructure and organization in the U.S. with initial focus on Medical Affairs, Market Access, Data/Analytics, Marketing
- Seek to commercialize ex-US through strategic partners



- Select Health Economics and Outcomes Research studies to initiate in 2021
- Clear product positioning and messaging
- Market access for labelled- patient population
- Support physicians in identification of priority patients via non-invasive techniques

**Madrigal believes that U.S. Launch of Resmetirom with 15-20K Hepatologists/Gastroenterologists & Endocrinologists will occur in 2023**

**POTENTIAL FIRST TO MARKET**

# Expectations for Development Timing and Data

2019

2020

2021

## Completed Milestones:

- ✓ Completion of 36 Week Phase 2 NASH Extension Study
- ✓ Initiation of Phase 3 Study MAESTRO-NASH
- ✓ Initiation of Phase 3 Study MAESTRO-NAFLD-1
- ✓ Phase 2 NASH publication, Lancet

- ✓ Completion of enrollment of MAESTRO-NAFLD-1
- ✓ Data from open label arm MAESTRO-NAFLD-1
- ✓ Ongoing milestones from MAESTRO-NASH

- ✓ Publication of Extension study in Hepatology
- ✓ Data from open label arm MAESTRO-NAFLD-1
- Meeting presentations of open-label patients; publications
- Completed enrollment of Phase 3 population for accelerated approval, MAESTRO-NASH
- Year-end topline data from blinded arms MAESTRO-NAFLD-1



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## Back-up Slides

# AASLD 2020 #1707, TREATMENT WITH RESMETIROM IN PHASE 3 MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 NASH STUDY OPEN LABEL ARM: EFFECTS ON BIOMARKERS AND IMAGING

- An exploratory evaluation of safety, imaging and biomarkers was conducted in patients enrolled in the open label 100 mg active treatment arm of MAESTRO-NAFLD-1
- Typically ~20% of the overall NASH population are on thyroxine for the treatment of hypothyroidism. Thyroxine has equal activity at the thyroid receptor alpha and beta receptors
  - In order to assess the effects of resmetirom in NASH patients on thyroxine, a subgroup of the open label arm included patients on stable thyroxine (patients on thyroxine are also enrolled in the double-blind arms)
  - More females were on thyroxine as a percentage of enrolled open label patients (49.4% versus 19.4% male)
- Data analysis
  - Group included open label patients that had completed at least 16 weeks of dosing
  - MRI-PDFFs and MREs were assessed in patients who had both baseline and Week 16 MRI-PDFFs and MREs

# Baseline Characteristics

Parameter	
Mean age, years (SD)	55.7(11.3)
Male, n (%)	36(29%)
Female, n (%)	87(71%)
Hispanic/Latino, n (%)	32(26%)
Mean Body weight (SD) (kg)	99.3(19.8)
BMI mean (SD) (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	36.2(6.2)
Hypertension, n (%)	79(64%)
Hypothyroid <sup>#</sup> , n (%)	50(41%)
T2D, n (%)	50(41%)
T2D Yrs since diagnosis mean (SD)	10.1(7.5)
ASCVD score mean (SD)	11.1%(11.7%)
Fibroscan TE mean (SD) (kPa)	7.4(2.9)
Fibroscan CAP mean (SD)	341(35.0)
MRI-PDFF mean (SD) (%FF)	18.0%(6.9%)
MRE mean (SD) (kPa)	2.67(0.73)
PRO-C3 mean (SD) (ng/ml)	12.8(5.6)
HbA1c mean (SD) (%)	6.3(1.0)
HOMA-IR mean (SD)	8.9(8.9)
Statin use (n, %)	56(46%)
GLP-1s (n, %)	15(12.2%)
SGLT2s (n, %)	16(13.0%)

Other lab parameters, mean (SD)	
MELD	7.0(1.6)
NAFLD fibrosis score	-1.2(1.3)
Fib-4	0.99(0.50)
Total Cholesterol mean (SD) (mg/dL)	190.2(49.2)
TG mean (SD) (mg/dL)	186.9(85.5)
Lp(a) mean (SD) (nmol/L)	46.1(64.3)
ApoB mean (SD) (mg/dL)	102.9(29.6)
LDL-C mean (SD) (mg/dL)	117.7(42.5)
HDL-C mean (SD) (mg/dL)	44.2(11.9)
ALT (IU/L)	36.6(23.7)
AST (IU/L)	25.5(12.4)
GGT (IU/L)	44.1(46.5)
CK (IU/L)	121.2(111.6)
ALP (IU/L)	83.6(26.5)
Total bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.55(0.21)
Direct bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.10(0.04)
Platelet count	263(67)
Albumin (g/dL)	4.3(0.3)
INR	1.1(0.3)
CDT (%)	1.62(0.23)

- Demographics include
  - Mean age 55.7,
  - female 71%,
  - BMI 36.2,
  - diabetes 41%,
  - hypertension 64%,
  - dyslipidemia >70%,
  - hypothyroid 41%
  - mean ASCVD score 11.1%
- Fibroscan (kPa 7.4) and mean MRI-PDFF 18% are consistent with, on average, F2-stage NASH
  - Comparatively, MAESTRO-NASH fibroscan mean is consistent with F3



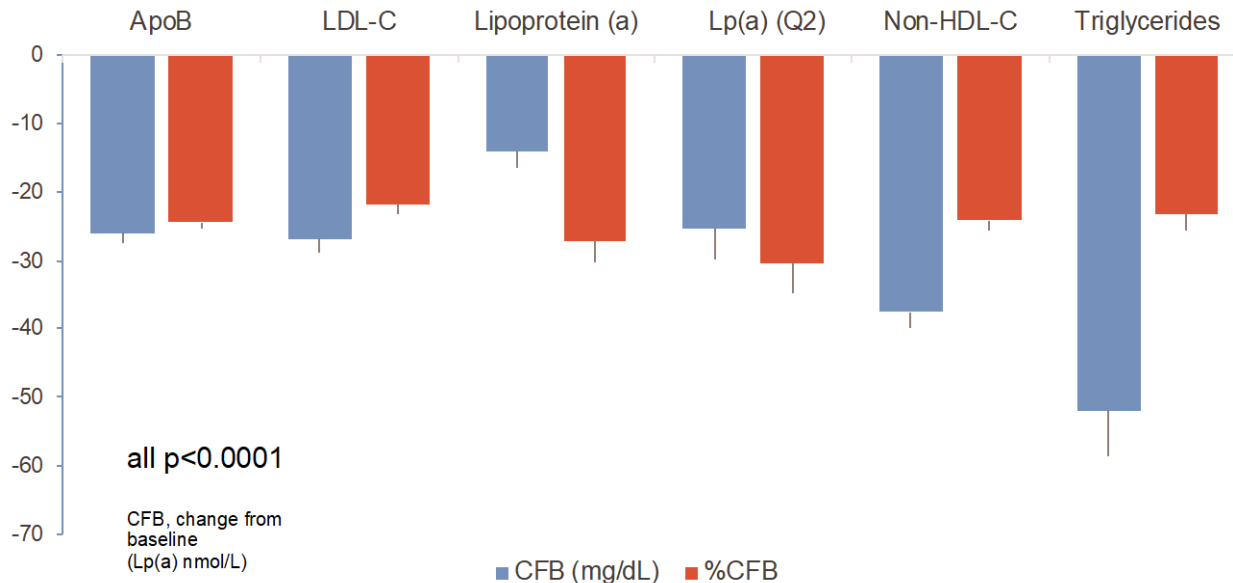
# Inflammatory and Fibrosis Biomarker Responses

Biomarker*	Baseline	SD	Post-Baseline*	SD	CFB	P value
ALT (BL >34 U/L)	58.3	47.4	38.9	16.1	-17.7	<0.0001
AST (BL >26 U/L)	39.3	12.2	31.8	11.3	-6.9	0.0060
GGT (BL >30 U/L)	70.2	58.3	54.6	47.8	-16.2	0.0015
Adiponectin (ug/mL)	5.0	3.5	5.9	1.6	0.9	<0.0001
Reverse T3 (ng/dL)	17.7	5.4	12.4	4.8	-5.3	<0.0001
PRO-C3 (BL ≥14) (ng/L)	19.2	4.9	16.0	3.5	-3.4	0.019
hsCRP (mg/L)	4.9	(1.9-8.4)	3.3	(1.5-6.2)	-1.1	0.027

- At weeks 12-24, decreases from baseline in ALT, AST, GGT occurred to the normal range in most patients; statistically significant reductions in inflammatory and fibrosis biomarkers PRO-C3, hsCRP and reverse T3 were observed
- Liver enzyme and biomarker responses were consistent with Phase 2 data

\*Biomarkers were assessed at Weeks 12 or 24; LE at Week 20; median is shown for hsCRP

# Reduction in Lipids and Lipoproteins



- LDL-C, apolipoprotein-B (-24%), triglycerides (23%), and lipoprotein(a) (-27%) were statistically significantly reduced ( $p < 0.0001$ ) compared to baseline
- The magnitude of atherogenic lipid and lipoprotein reductions was similar to reductions observed in Phase 2
- Lipid baselines and reductions with resmetirom were comparable in patients on thyroxine or not on thyroxine (not shown)

# Safety

AEs	N=123
Patients with treatment-emergent adverse Events, n (%)	75 (61)
Severe	0 (0)
Moderate	36 (29)
Mild	61 (50)
Patients with SAEs	1 (0.7)
Patients with drug-related SAEs	0 (0)

Vital signs	BL	SD	CFB	p-value
Blood pressure, systolic (mm Hg)	127.7	16.4	-3.8	0.0003
Blood pressure, diastolic (mm Hg)	80.4	10.3	-2.9	0.0022
Heart rate (bpm)	72.5	11.9	-2.8	0.015

- Resmetirom was well-tolerated with loose stools lasting <2 weeks in 6.5%
- No other AEs above historic placebo rates
- No changes in thyroid axis, thyroid pathway effects, irrespective of thyroxine treatment, or safety flags were observed

# Biopsy Success Rate in MAESTRO-NASH

Qualifying Liver Biopsies with NAS $\geq$ 4, all components, F1-F3	%	Total
Fibrosis stage F2-F3	60.3%	
Fibrosis stage F1B or F1A/C with PRO-C3>14 ng/mL	10.3%	
<b>Total Qualifying Biopsies</b>		<b>70.6%</b>
Non-qualifying Biopsies with NASH, F1-F4		
NAS, $\geq$ 3 (<4) with F2-F3 fibrosis	3.2%	
F1 NAS=3, all components	1.8%	
F4 NASH cirrhosis	2.2%	
NAS $\geq$ 4 F1A/C with PRO-C3<14 ng/mL	3.2%	
<b>Total non-qualifying biopsies with NASH</b>		<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Total biopsies with NASH</b>		<b>81.1%</b>
<b>Total biopsies without definite NASH or with F0 NASH</b>		<b>18.8%</b>

NAS: NAFLD Activity Score

- ~70% of biopsies met eligibility requirements
- ~80% had NASH, some with NASH cirrhosis, or advanced NASH (F2-F3) with NAS<4

# FDA: Recent Statements on Accelerated Approval of NASH drugs

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### Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis: Current Thinking from the Division of Hepatology and Nutrition at the Food and Drug Administration

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*"The accelerated approval pathway for drugs intended to treat NASH with liver fibrosis is appropriate because of the seriousness of the condition. Accelerated approval relies on adequate and well-controlled clinical trials establishing that the drug affects a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict clinical benefit. A post-marketing clinical outcomes trial to verify the drug's clinical benefit should be under way before the phase 3 trial data is submitted for review. The outcomes trial must also be adequate and well controlled and carried out with due diligence (2)."*

## FDA also held a public webinar (Jan-2021)



### Drug Development for Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) with Fibrosis: A Regulatory Perspective

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### Histology Based Surrogate Efficacy Endpoints to Support Accelerated Approval



- Resolution of steatohepatitis on overall histopathological reading AND no worsening of liver fibrosis on NASH CRN fibrosis score
- OR
- At least one stage improvement in liver fibrosis AND no worsening of steatohepatitis
- OR
- Both resolution of steatohepatitis and improvement in fibrosis

#### Liver Biopsies

- Fibrosis stage
- Inflammation
- Ballooning
- Steatosis
- Other histopathology endpoints

Source: Noncirrhotic Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis Liver Fibrosis: Developing Drugs for Treatment—Guidance for Industry

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