# Dose-Related Reductions in Blood Pressure with a RNA Interference (RNAi) Therapeutic Targeting Angiotensinogen in Hypertensive Patients: Interim Results from a First-In-Human Phase 1 Study of ALN-AGT01

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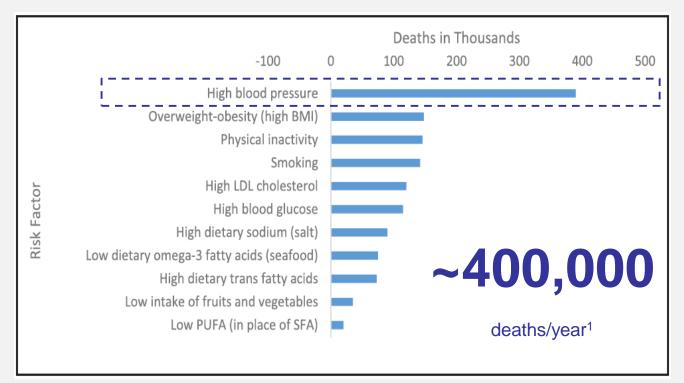
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# **BACKGROUND**

# Hypertension remains the leading cause of death and disability-adjusted life-years worldwide<sup>1-4</sup>...



...but treatment of hypertension remains suboptimal despite availability of effective antihypertensives<sup>1–4</sup>

Approx. half of all patients with hypertension are not controlled to guideline-recommended targets



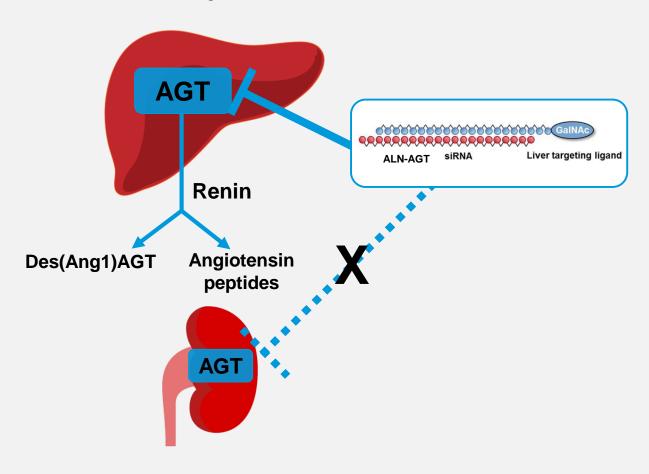
>50% of patients are nonadherent or suboptimally adherent to antihypertensive treatment



Adapted from McClellan et al., 20191

# **ALN-AGT01 THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHESIS**

# **Liver-specific AGT Knockdown**



## **Potential Mechanistic Advantages**

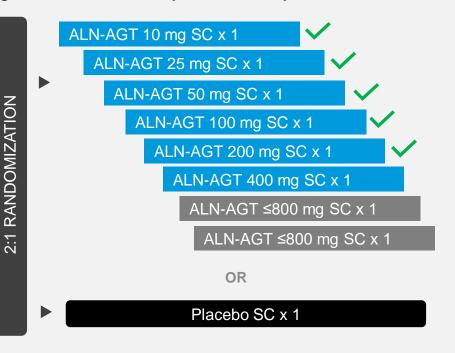
- Liver-specific silencing of AGT
- Prolonged duration of action
  - Consistent and durable BP response
  - Potential for improved adherence
  - Infrequent dose administration

# ALN-AGT01 FIRST-IN-HUMAN SINGLE ASCENDING DOSE STUDY

- A total of 60 patients with hypertension completed treatment as of 16-September-2020
- Patients received either placebo (n=4 per cohort) or ALN-AGT01 (n=8 per cohort)
- Study conducted in outpatient setting with usual activity and dietary sodium intake

# Patient Population (N=12 / dose cohort)

- Adults 18 to 65 years of age
- SBP >130 and ≤165 mmHg without antihypertensive meds
- 24h ABPM SBP ≥130 mm Hg
- BMI ≥18 and ≤35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Exclude secondary hypertension
- Treatment naïve or had prior antihypertensives washed out before enrollment<sup>a</sup>



#### **Primary Endpoint**

Safety and tolerability

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

- Change from baseline in serum AGT
- Plasma & Urine PK

#### **Exploratory Endpoints**

 Change from baseline in SBP/DBP by 24hr ABPM

- Additional cohorts planned to evaluate the use of ALN-AGT01:
  - Controlled salt intake: tolerability in salt depletion, recovery of BP with high salt
  - Obese patients: PK/PD and effect of ALN-AGT01 on BP and body composition
  - Addition of ARB in background of ALN-AGT01: safety and tolerability

= completed cohorts
= optional dose cohorts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Patients previously taking medication for hypertension must be without antihypertensives for ≥2 weeks prior to screening ABPM, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring; ARB, angiotensin II receptor blocker; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SC, subcutaneous

# DEMOGRAPHICS AND BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

			ALN-AGT01 Dose Cohort							
		Placebo (N=20)	10 mg (N=8)	25 mg (N=8)	50 mg (N=8)	100 mg (N=8)	200 mg (N=8)			
Age, years; median (range)		52 (36-64)	53 (37-60)	56 (47-63)	41 (35-64)	56 (35-65)	56 (43-64)			
Gender	Male	9	7	2	7	3	5			
	Female	11	1	6	1	5	3			
Race	White	14	6	4	3	4	6			
	Black	5	1	4	4	2	2			
	Asian	0	1	0	0	2	0			
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Blood Pressure	24h ABPM SBP median (range)	141 (126,153)	139 (130, 147)	140 (132, 157)	135 (113, 144)	136 (131, 152)	139 (129, 154)			
	24h ABPM DBP median (range)	87 (72-102)	83 (76, 93)	91 (75, 103)	84 (74, 91)	86 (80, 90)	83 (75, 95)			

# PRIMARY ENDPOINT: SAFETY & TOLERABILITY

# **ALN-AGT01 Was Generally Well-Tolerated Supporting Continued Development**

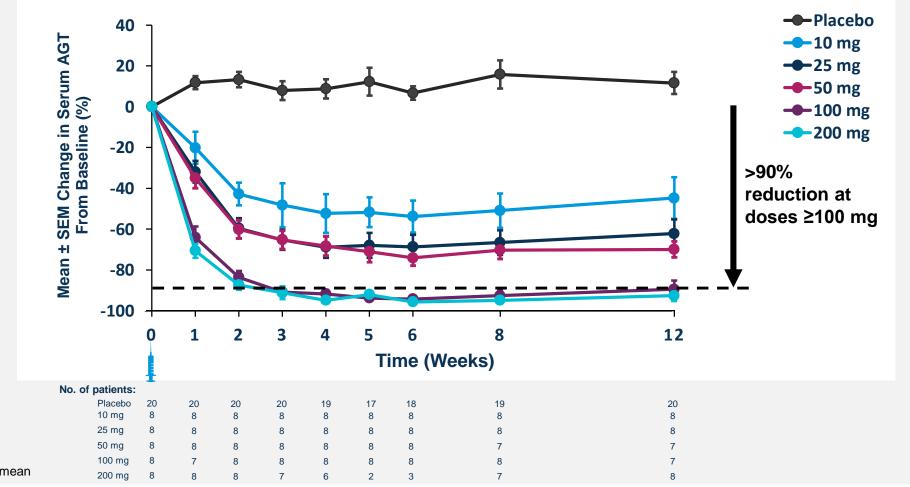
Patients Reporting an Adverse Event (AE), N (%)	Placebo (N=20)	10 mg (N=8)	25 mg (N=8)	50 mg (N=8)	100 mg (N=8)	200 mg (N=8)
At least 1 Adverse Event	17	5	7	6	7	7
At least 1 Serious Adverse Event	1	0	0	0	0	1
At least 1 Severe Adverse Event	1	0	0	0	0	1

- Most AEs mild or moderate in severity and resolved without intervention
- No deaths or AEs leading to study withdrawal
- No treatment-related Serious AEs (SAEs)
  - Severe and serious AE of prostate cancer reported in 1 patient who received 200 mg ALN-AGT01, based upon
    a biopsy that was performed in the screening period and reported as positive after dosing
- No patient has required intervention for low blood pressure
- No clinically significant elevations in serum ALT, serum creatinine, or serum potassium
- 5 patients with injection site reactions, all mild and transient

# SECONDARY ENDPOINT: DOSE-DEPENDENT AGT LOWERING

# Durable Reduction of Serum AGT >90% Sustained for 3 Months After Higher Single Doses of ALN-AGT01

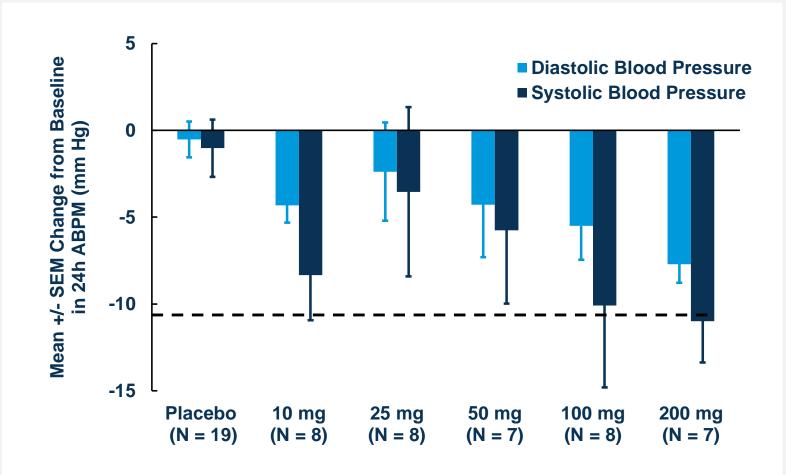
- Mean reduction in serum AGT at 8 weeks was 95 +/- 2% after 200 mg dose
- Maximum AGT reductions of 98% observed in individual patients after 200 mg dose



# EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS: DOSE-DEPENDENT REDUCTIONS IN SBP AND DBP

### 24h SBP Reduction >10 mm Hg at 8 Weeks After Higher Single Doses of ALN-AGT01

- Mean reductions in BP at 8 weeks were 11 +/- 2 mm Hg for systolic and 8 +/- 1 mm Hg for diastolic after 200 mg dose
- Maximum reductions of 19 mm Hg for systolic BP and 12 mm Hg for diastolic BP observed in individual patients after 200 mg dose



# CONCLUSION

- Single subcutaneous doses of investigational ALN-AGT01 were generally well-tolerated in patients with mild to moderate hypertension supporting continued development, with no treatment-related serious adverse events
- ALN-AGT01 led to a dose-dependent and durable reduction of serum AGT
- Serum AGT reductions >90% after higher single doses of ALN-AGT01 sustained for 3 months, supporting potential for infrequent dosing interval
- BP reductions mirror AGT knockdown, with >10 mm Hg reduction in 24h SBP observed at 8 weeks after single doses of 100 mg or higher
- This ongoing single ascending dose study will characterize maximum effect of ALN-AGT01 and potential durability of effect in lowering AGT beyond 3 months

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