

# GENFIT Pipeline Day *Corporate Presentation*

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# Introduction

## Objective of this PIPELINE Day

*Pascal Prigent, CEO of GENFIT*

- *Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC)*
- **Acute on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)**
- **Hepatic encephalopathy (HE)**
- **Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)**
- **Urea cycle disorder (UCD) & and organic acidemia disorder (OAD)**

**Closing remarks**

# Acute on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)

## Disease state

- *Univ.-Prof. Dr. J. Trebicka, Director Medical Clinic (Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Endocrinology, Clinical infectiology), Münster, GERMANY*



# ACUTE-ON-CHRONIC LIVER FAILURE

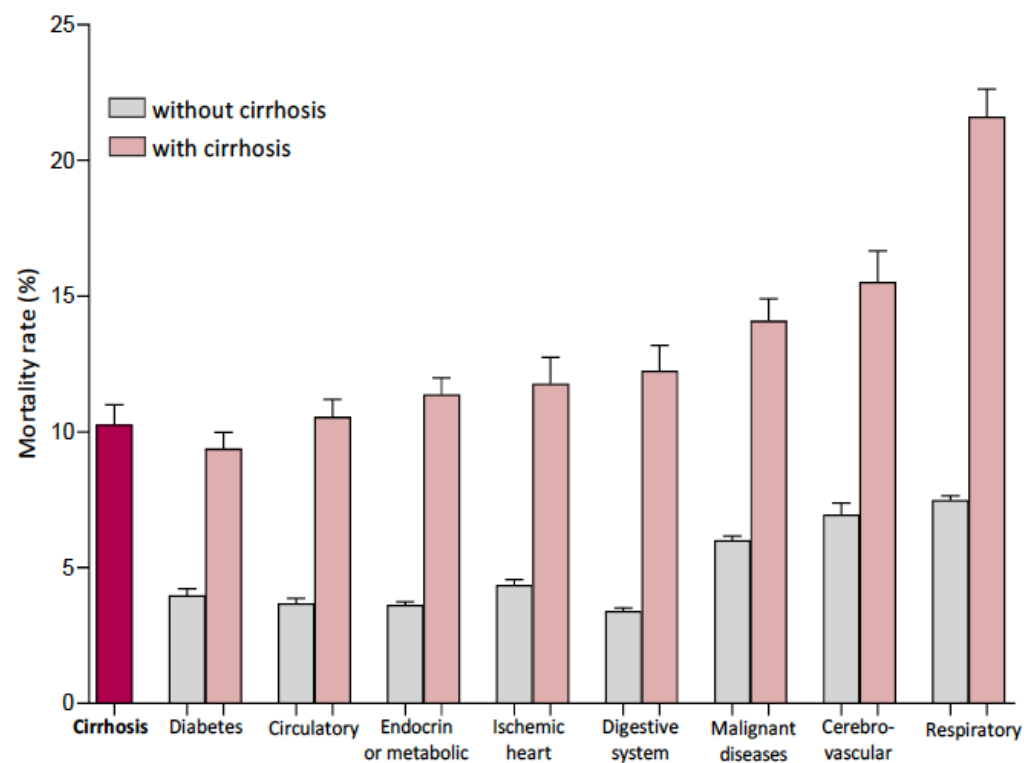
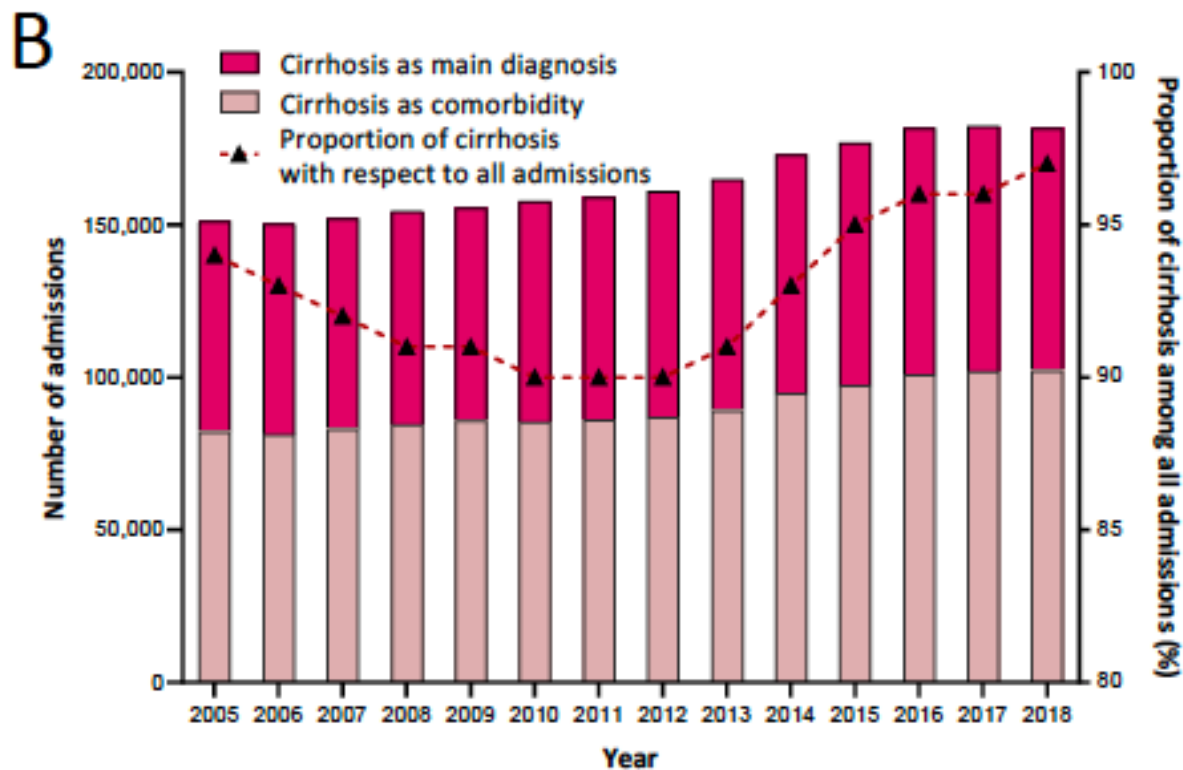
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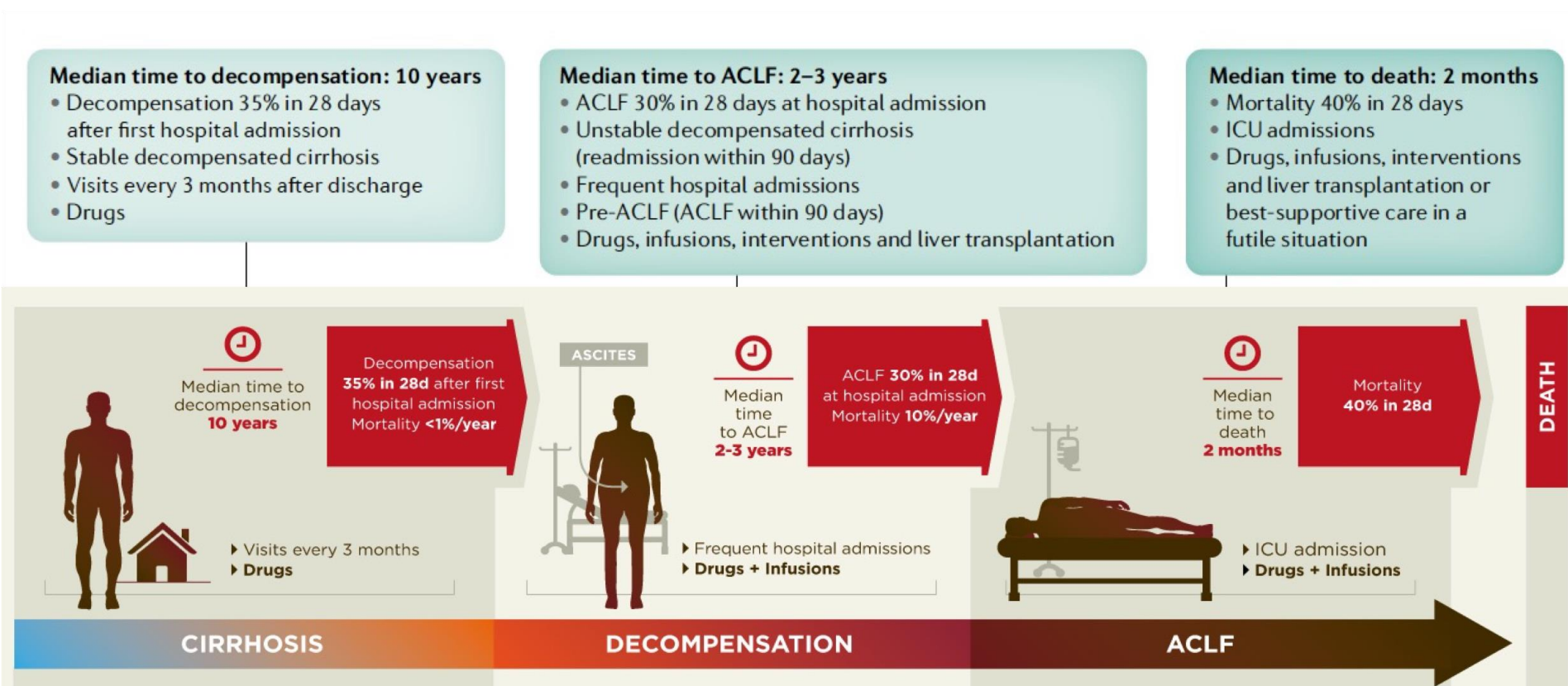
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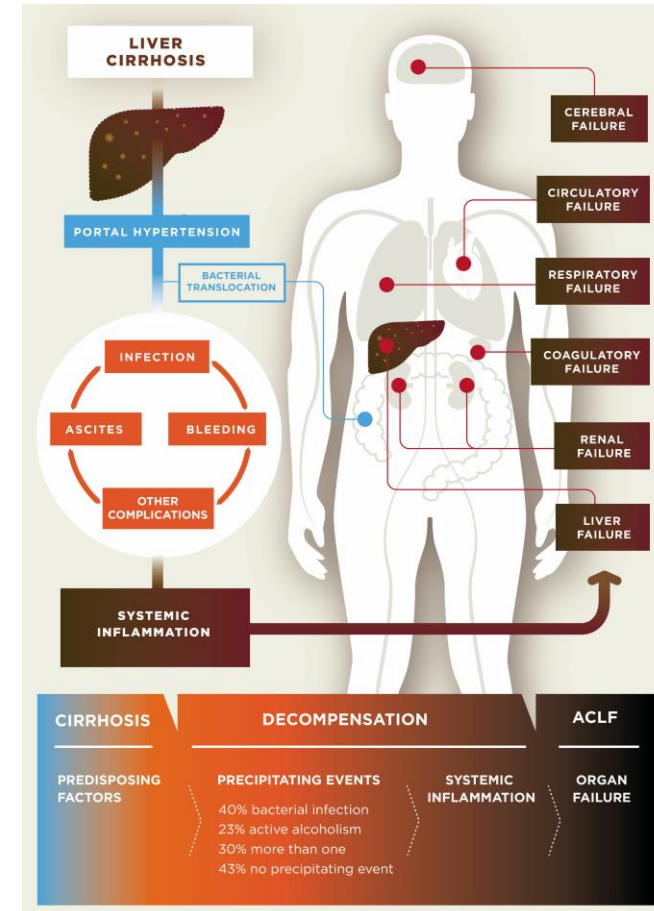




# Natural history of liver cirrhosis



- Diagnosis and grading of ACLF
- Development and precipitants
- Clinical course
- Pathogenesis
- Management



# DIAGNOSIS AND GRADING

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# Diagnosis and grades of ACLF (EASL-CLIF)

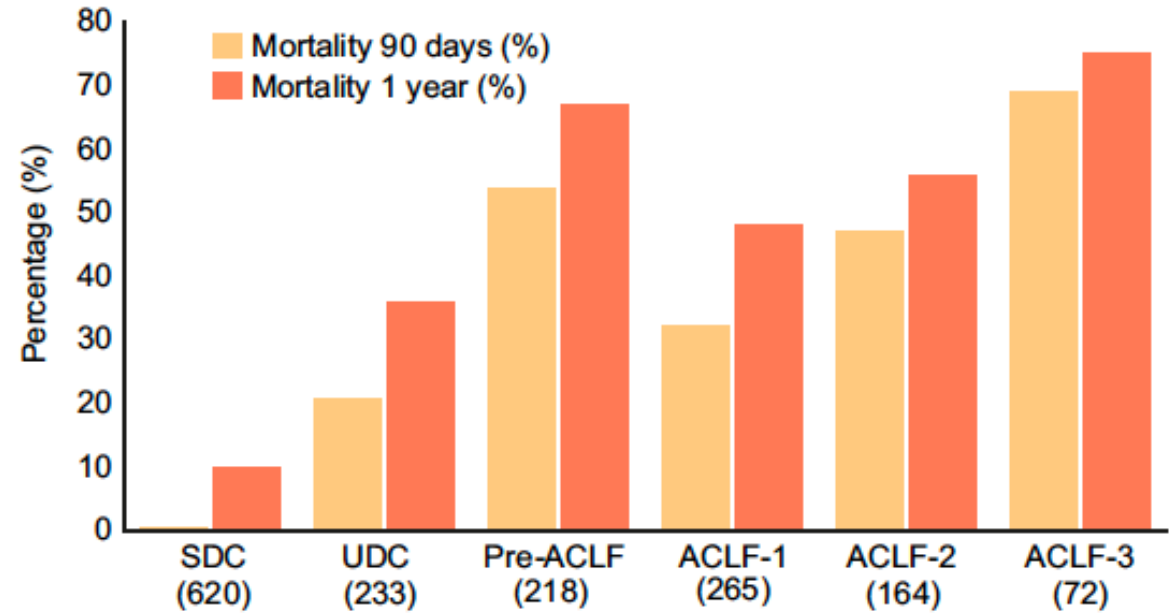
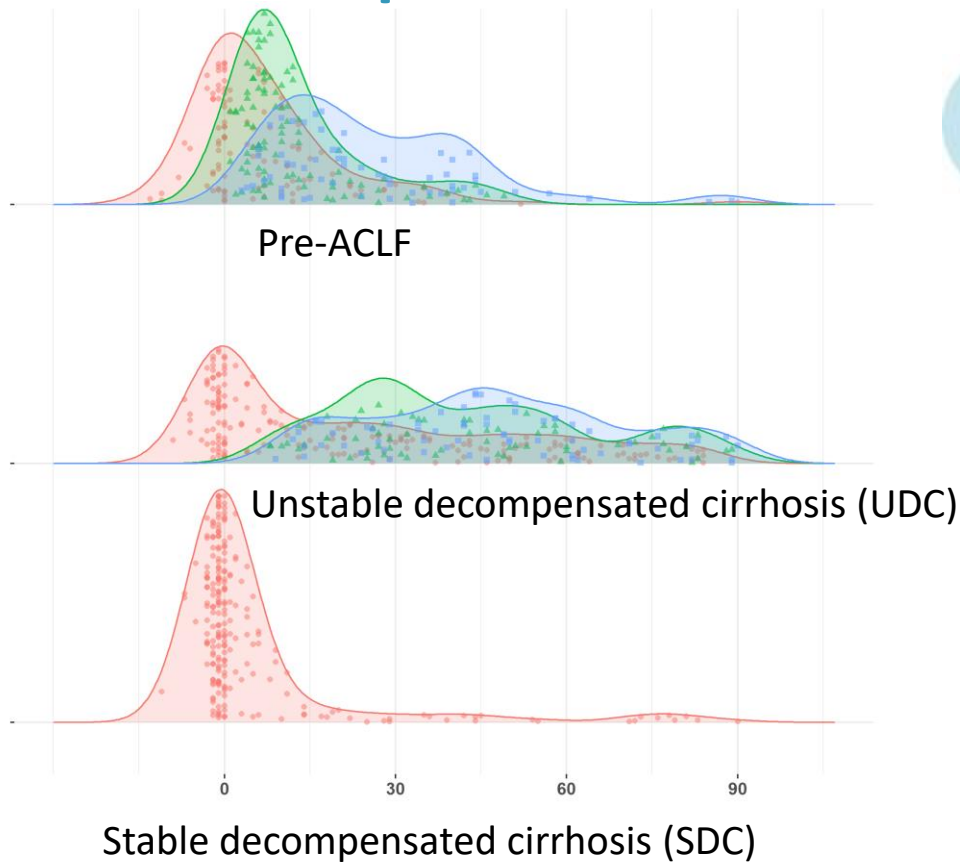
The diagnosis and the grading of ACLF is based on the assessment of organ function as defined by the CLIF-C OF score.

Organ System	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Liver	Bilirubin <6 mg/dl	Bilirubin 6.0–11.9 mg/dl	Bilirubin ≥12 mg/dl
Kidney	Creatinine <1.5 mg/dl Creatinine 1.5–1.9 mg/dl	Creatinine 2.0–3.4 mg/dl	Creatinine ≥3.5 mg/dl or RRT
Brain (West Haven criteria)	Grade 0	Grade 1–2	Grade 3–4
Coagulation	INR <2.0	INR 2.0–2.4	INR ≥2.5
Circulation	MAP ≥70 mm Hg	MAP <70 mm Hg	Vasopressor requirement
Respiration	Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> >300 Spo <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> >357	Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> 201–300 Spo <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> 215–357	Pao <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> ≤200 Spo <sub>2</sub> /Fio <sub>2</sub> ≤214

Patient Group	Prevalence % of patients	28-Day Mortality	Assigned Grade
Absence of OF	68.3	4.4	Absence of ACLF
Single, nonkidney OF without KD or BD	9.9	6.3	
Single KF	6.7	18.6	ACLF-1
Single, nonkidney OF with KD or BD	4.2	27.8	ACLF-1
Two OFs	7.5	32.0	ACLF-2
Three OFs	1.9	68.0	ACLF-3
Four to six OFs	1.4	88.9	ACLF-3

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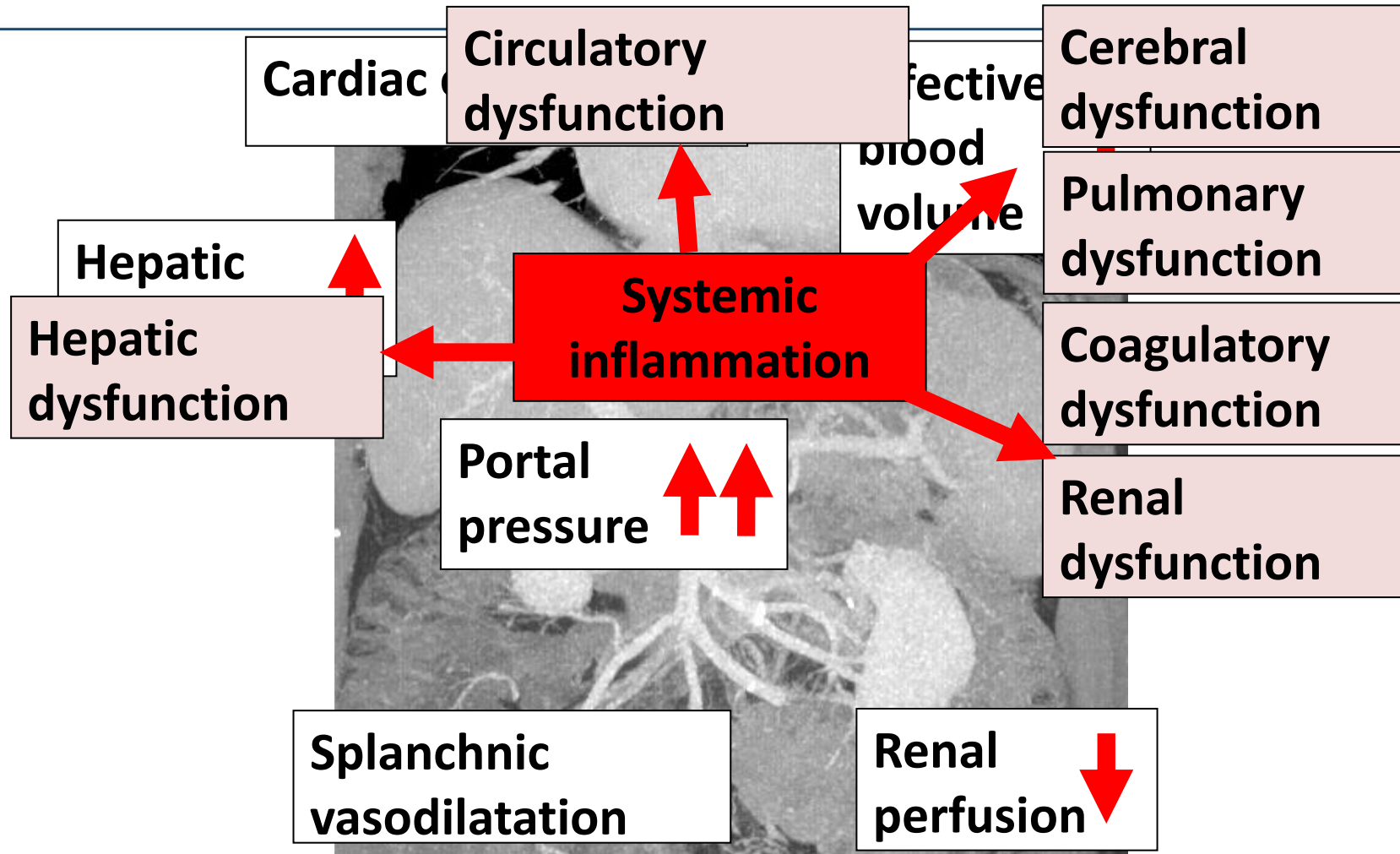
## ACLF development and death within 90 days



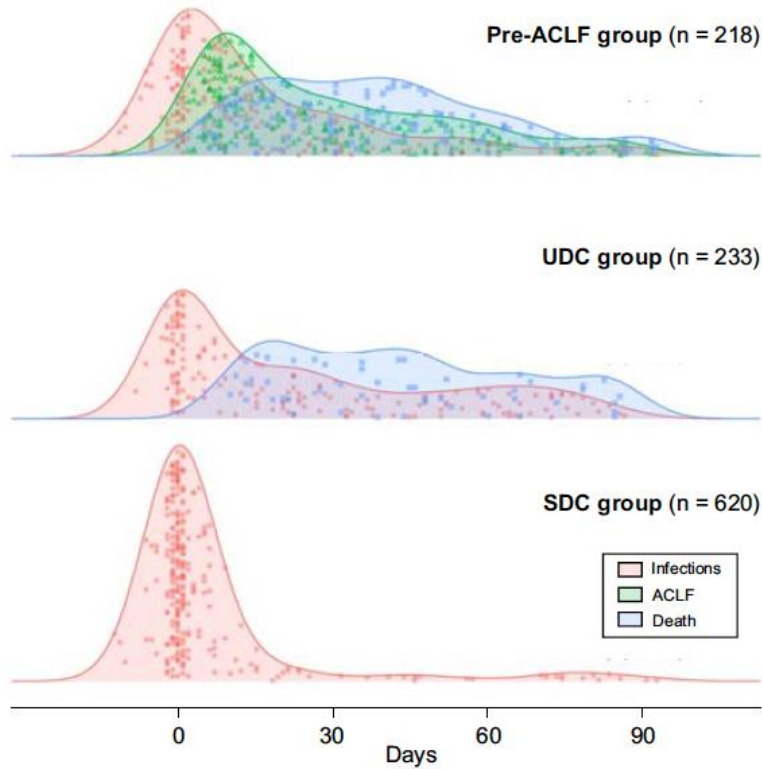
# DEVELOPMENT, PRECIPITANTS

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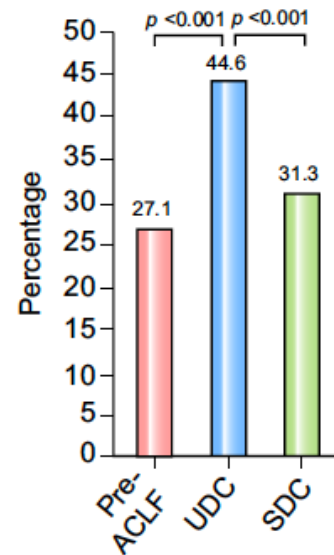
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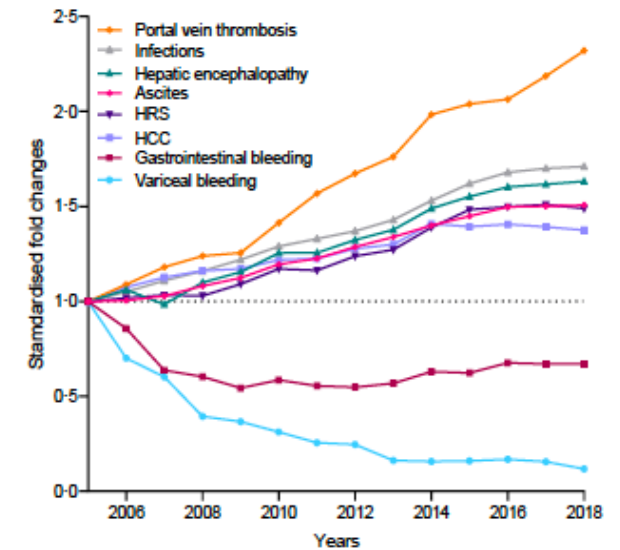
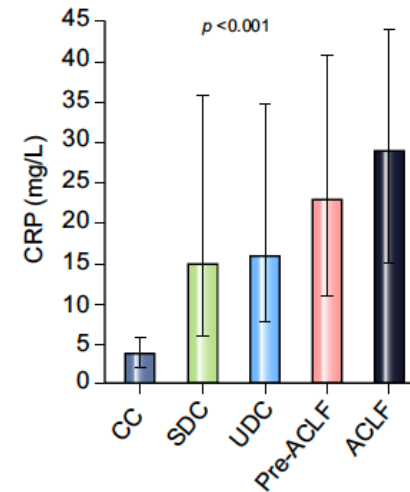
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severe portal hypertension



systemic inflammation





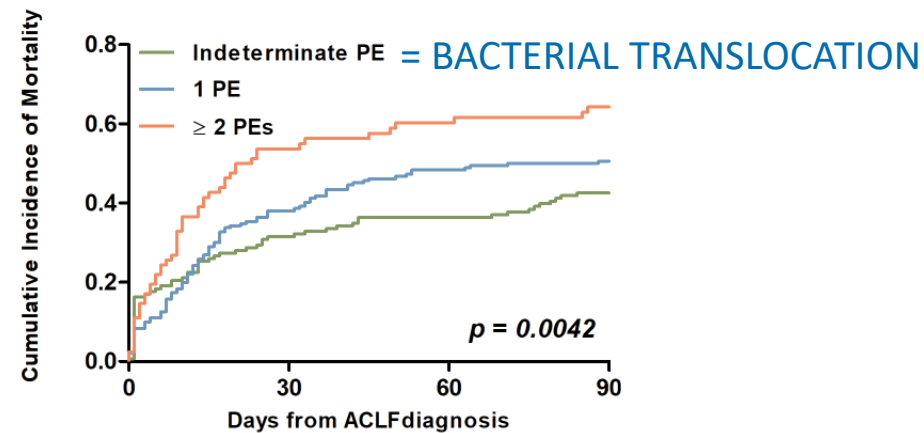
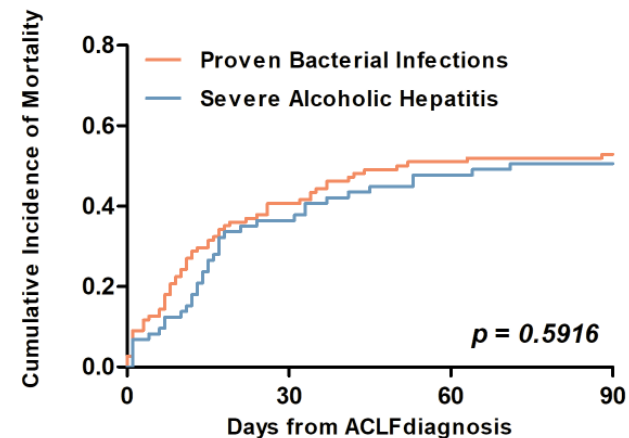
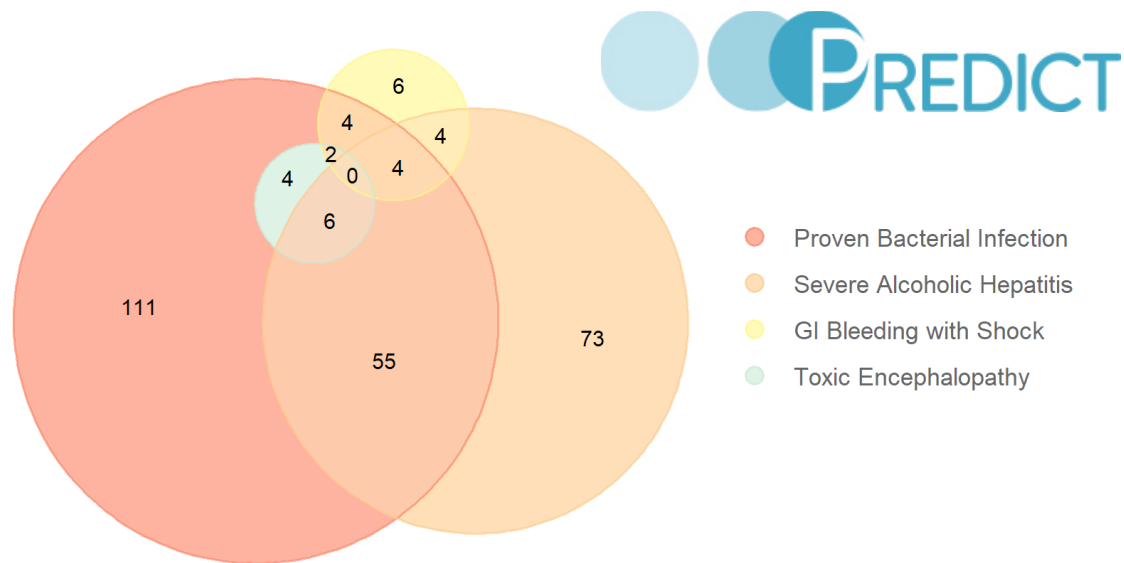
# Precipitating events

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Ascites	533 (61.4)	289 (80.7)	<0.001
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Alcohol	398 (48.5)	233 (58.4)	0.0011
Hepatitis C virus	182 (22.2)	59 (14.8)	0.0024
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Potential precipitating events of ACLF			
Bacterial infection	218 (25.2)	160 (39.1)	<0.001
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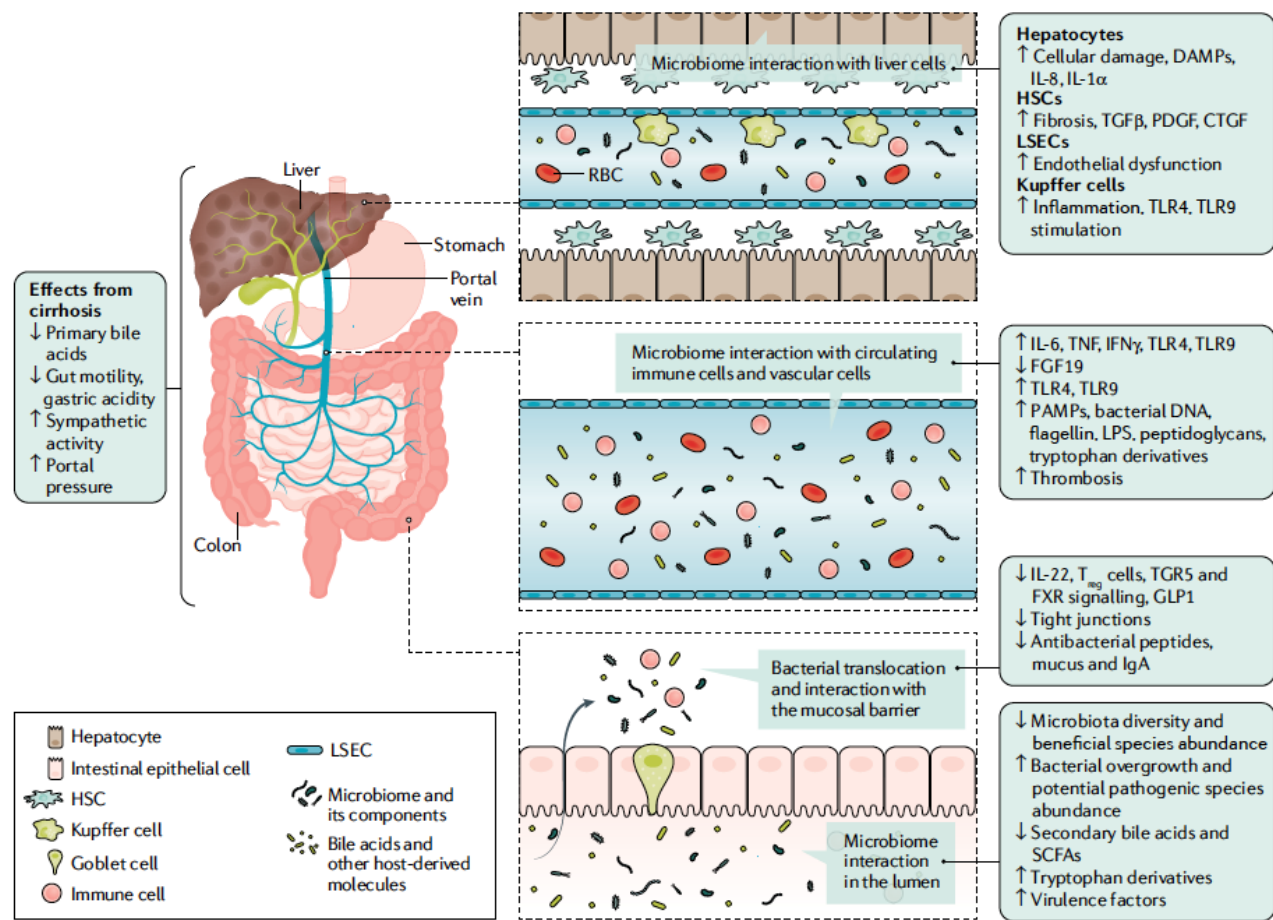
**CANONIC-study**  
**40% bacterial infection**  
**23% active alcoholism**  
**30% more than one**  
**43% no precipitating event**

# PRECIPITANTS AND DRIVERS OF SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION IN ACLF



In 30-60% of cases no precipitant identified.

# Microbiome interaction with host in cirrhosis



# CLINICAL COURSE

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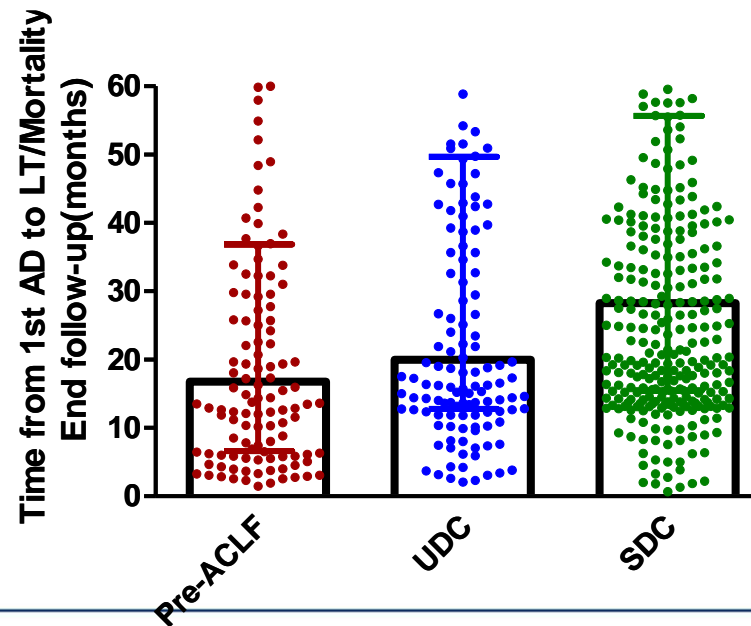
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Organ failures			
Liver	51 (7.9)	156 (39.6)	<0.001
Kidney	0 (0)	196 (49.8)	<0.001
Cerebral	13 (2.0)	87 (22.1)	<0.001
Coagulation	14 (2.2)	122 (31.0)	<0.001
Circulation	10 (1.6)	89 (22.6)	<0.001
Lungs	3 (0.5)	50 (12.7)	<0.001
Kidney dysfunction <sup>f</sup>	68 (7.8)	69 (16.6)	<0.001
Mild-to-moderate hepatic encephalopathy <sup>g</sup>	221 (25.4)	173 (41.6)	<0.001

**Younger**  
**More ascites**  
**More alcoholic cirrhosis**  
**More organ failure**

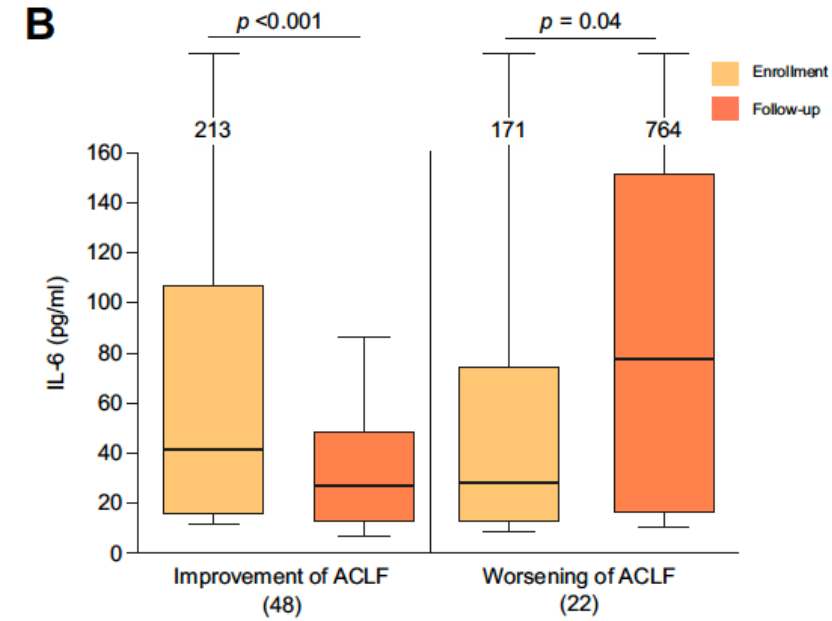
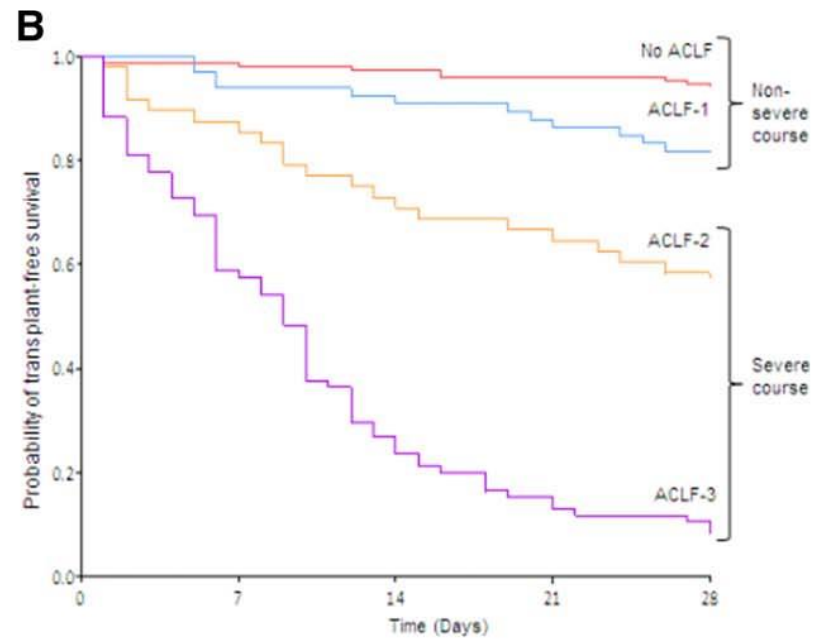
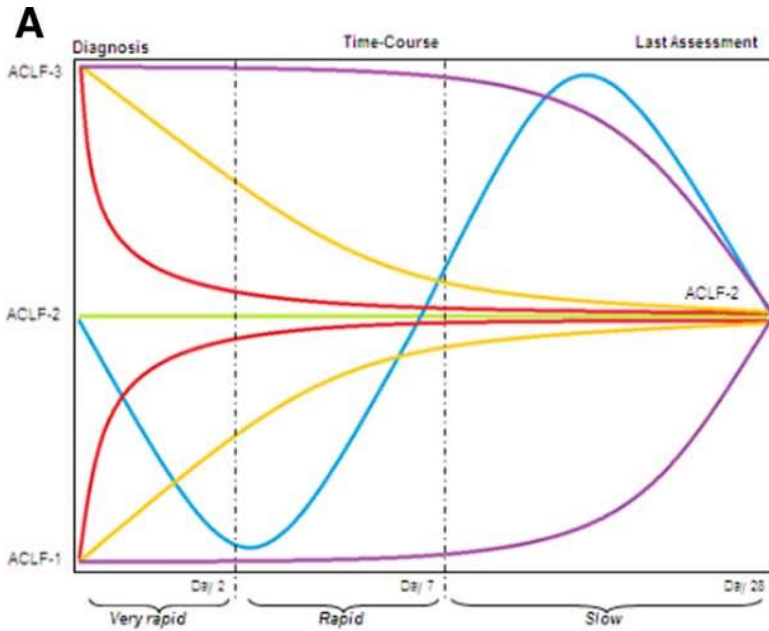
# Role of previous decompensation

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Time from first previous decompensation			
No previous decompensation	237 (29.8)	98 (26.4)	0.2419
Less than 3 months	85 (10.7)	58 (15.6)	0.0967
From 3 to 12 months	139 (17.5)	62 (16.7)	
More than 12 months	334 (42.0)	153 (41.2)	



# Dynamic clinical course of ACLF

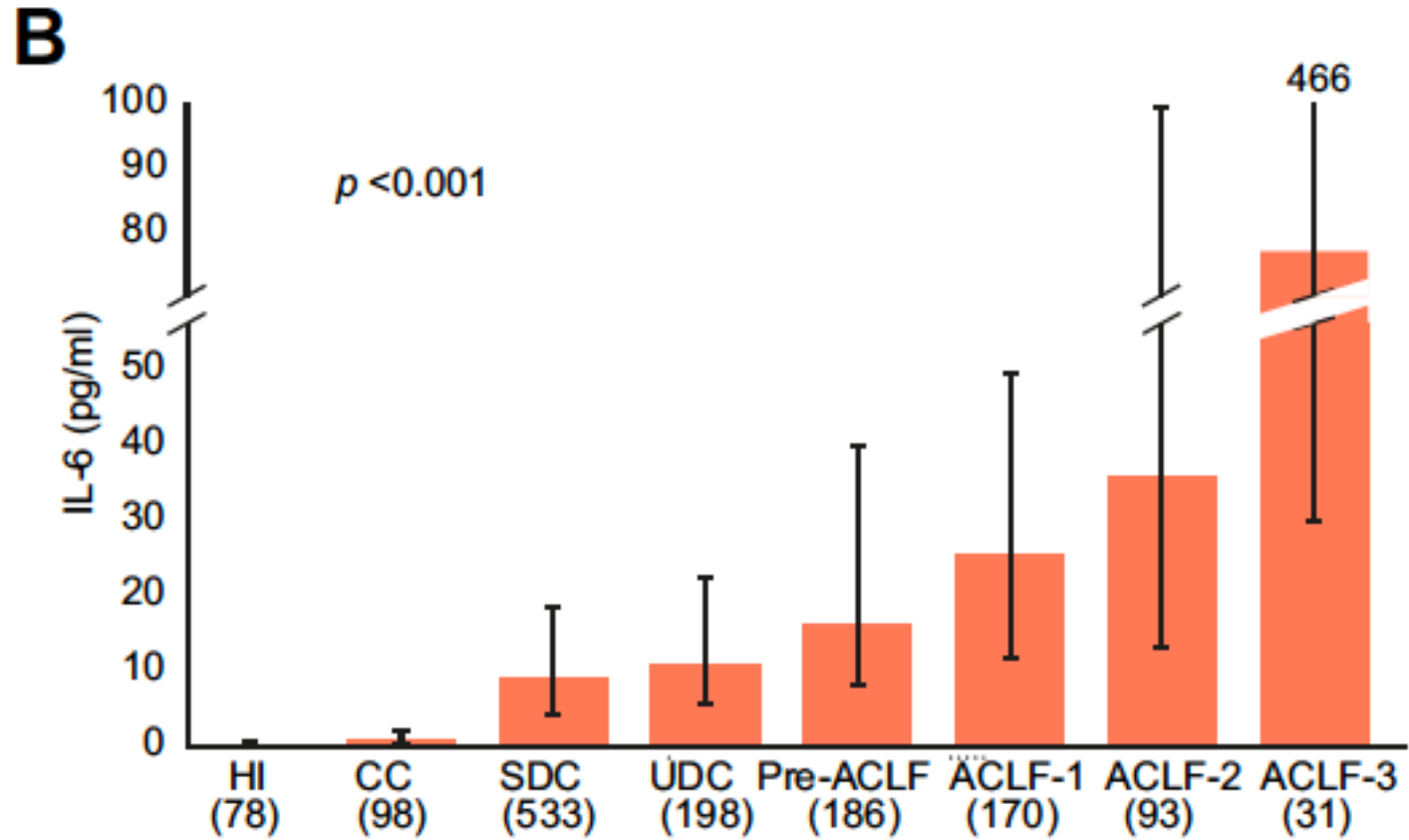


# PATHOGENESIS

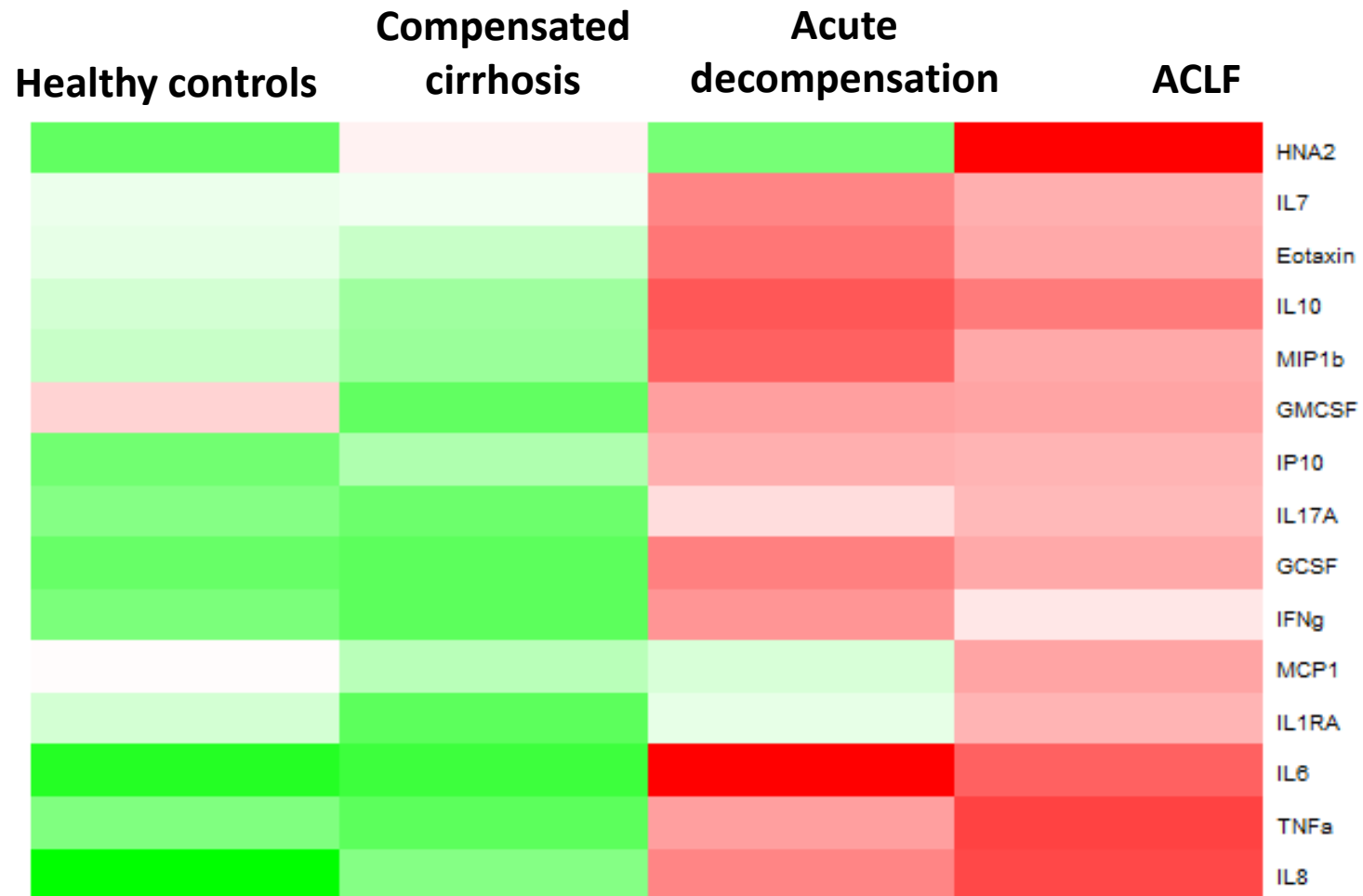
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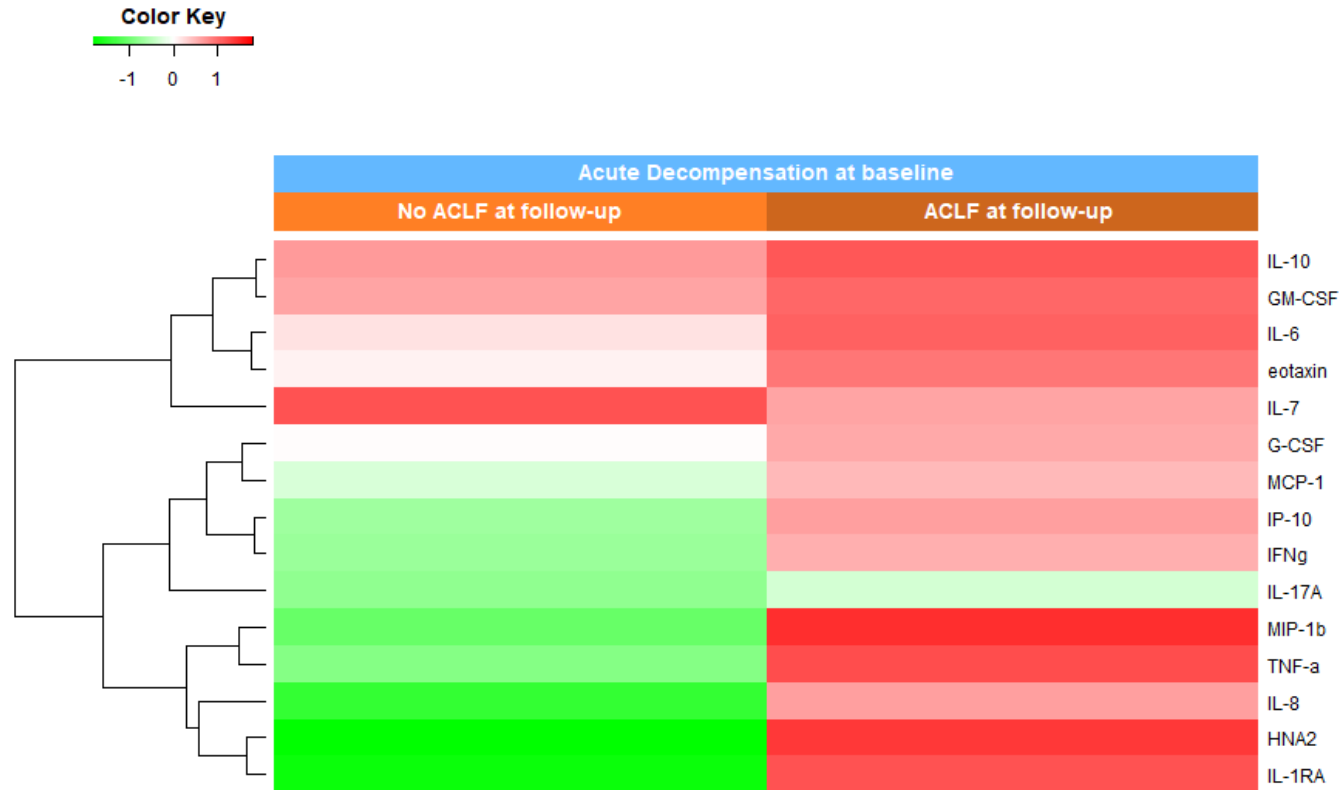
# Systemic inflammation



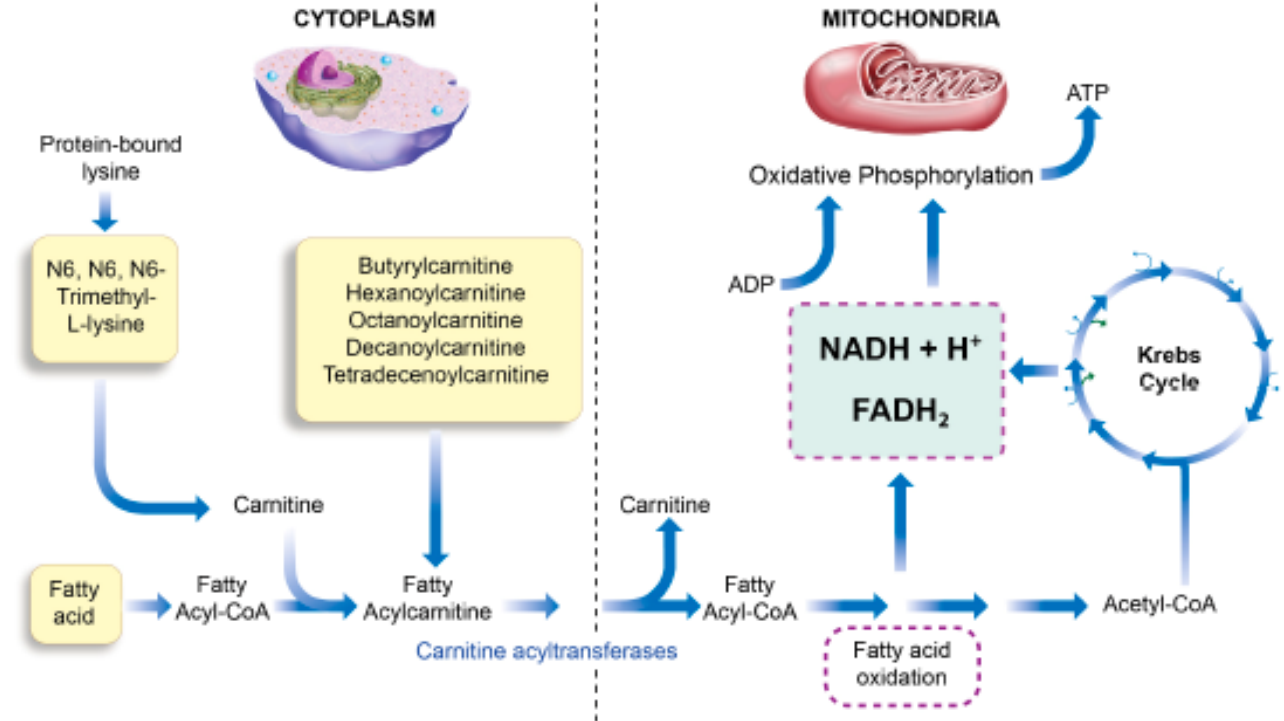
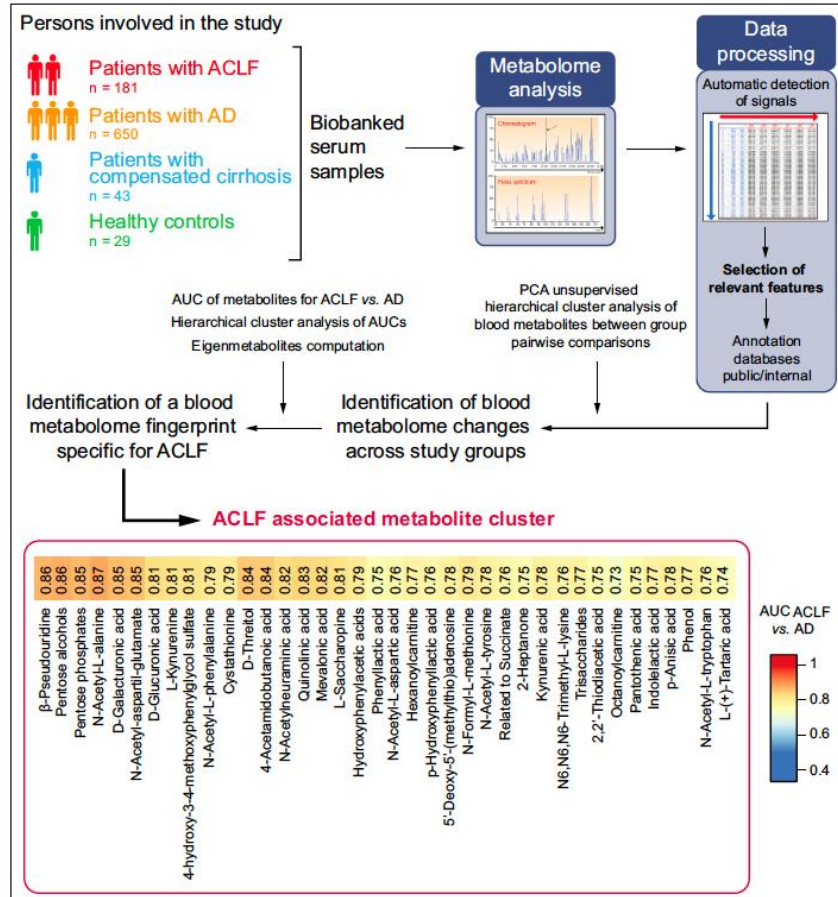
# EXTENT OF SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION IN CIRRHOSIS



# EXTENSIVE SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION LEADS TO ACLF



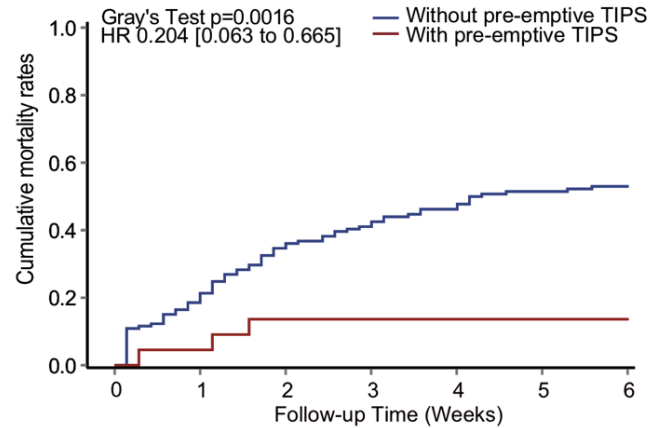
# METABOLOMICS DATA SUGGEST AN ENERGETIC CRISIS



# MANAGEMENT

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## Decreasing portal pressure (TIPS)

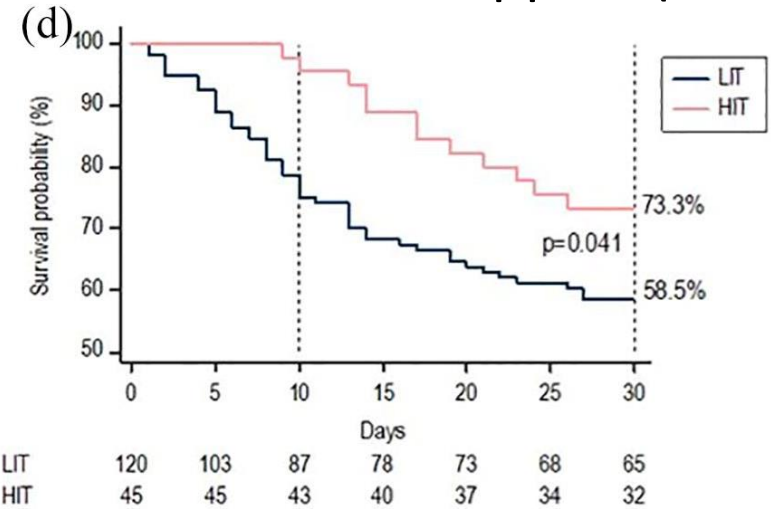


Patients at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
No pTIPS	147	110	86	75	65	59	56
pTIPS	22	20	19	18	17	16	16

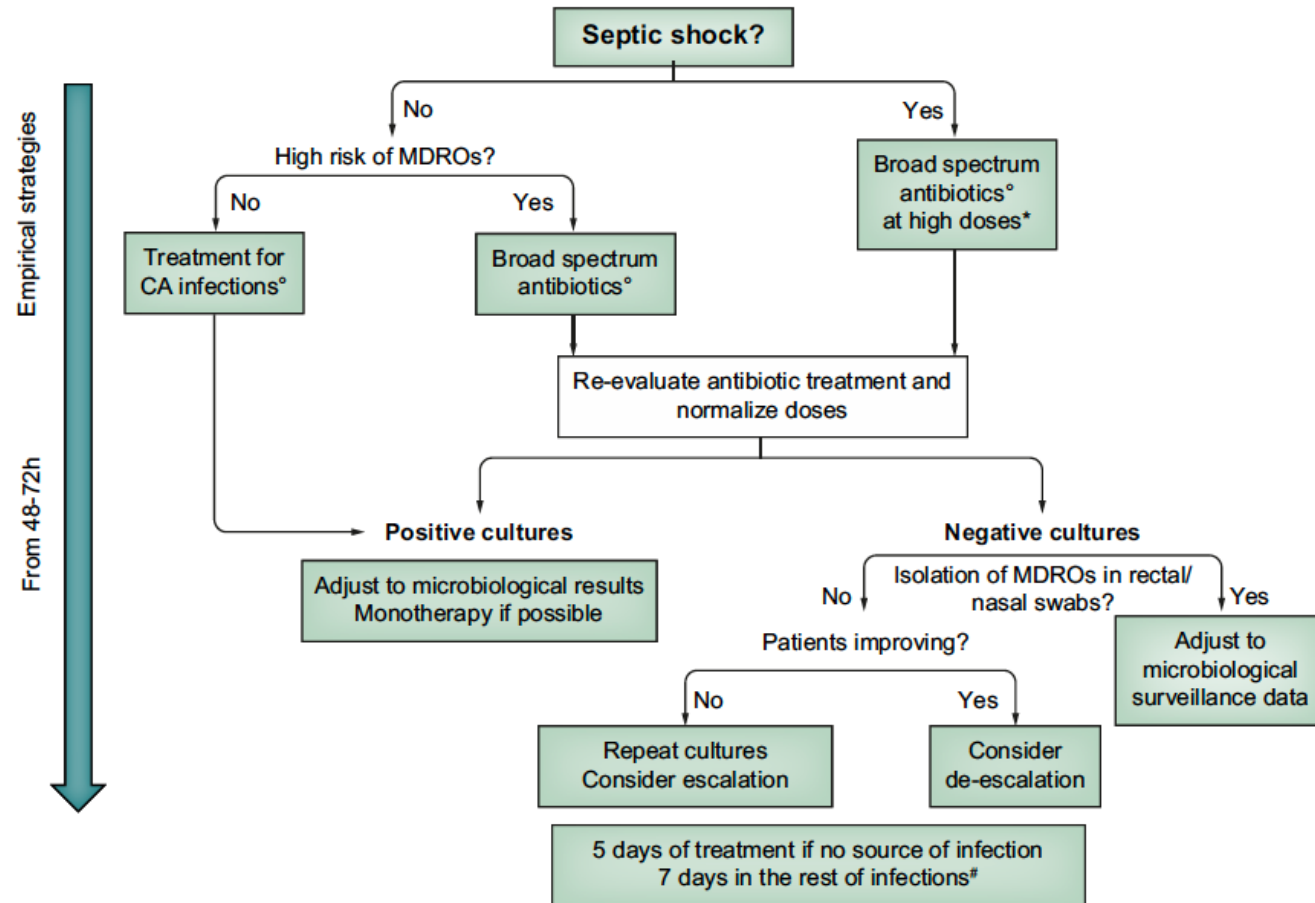
Trebicka et al. J Hepatol 2020

## Artificial liver support (MARS)

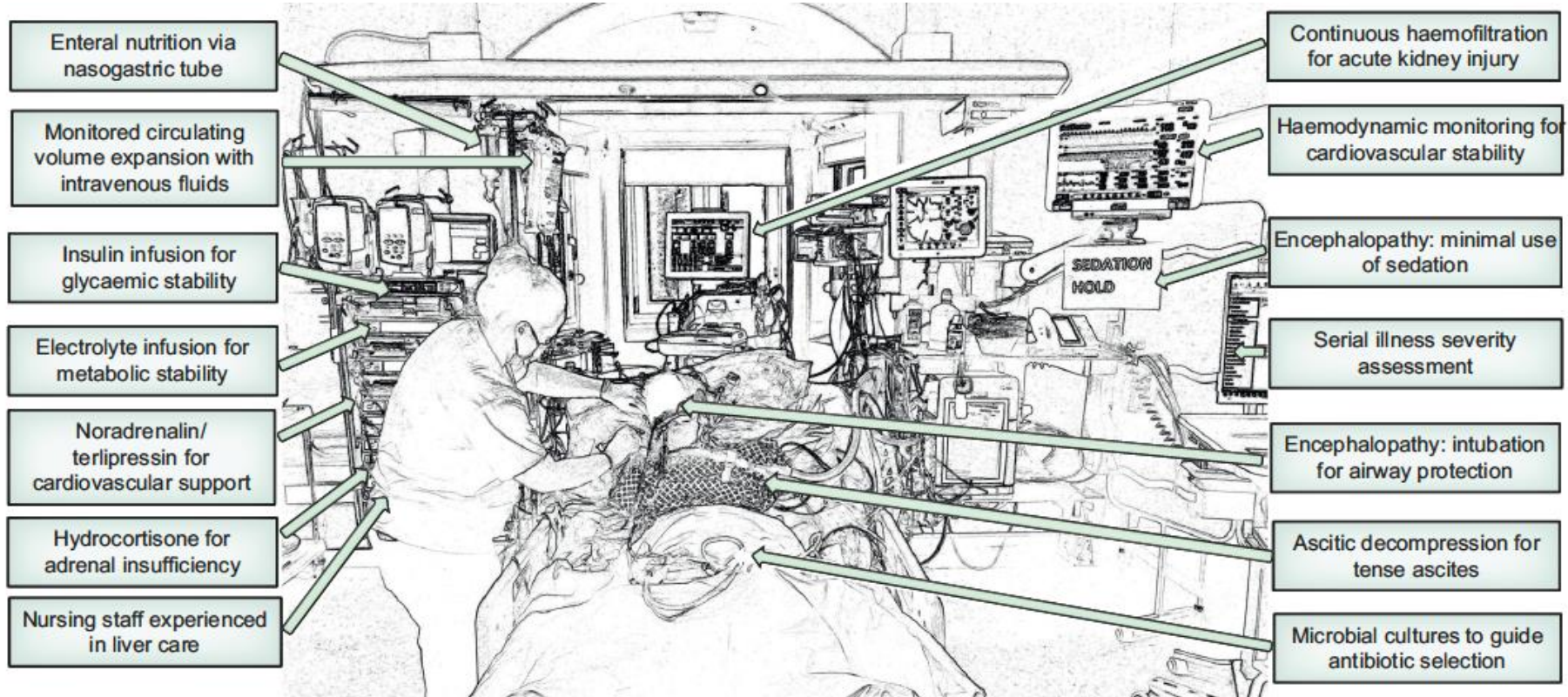


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# Managing bacterial infections

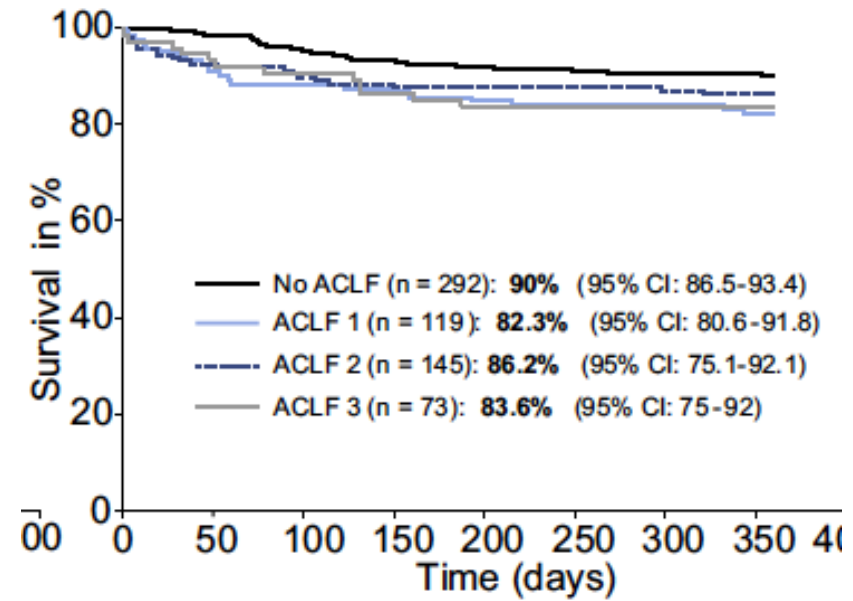
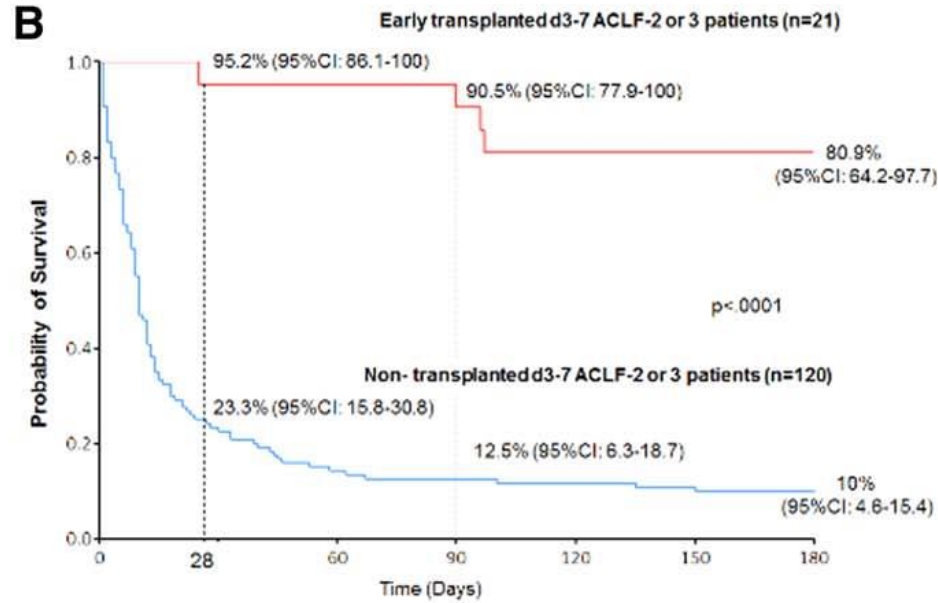


# INTENSIVE CARE





# LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

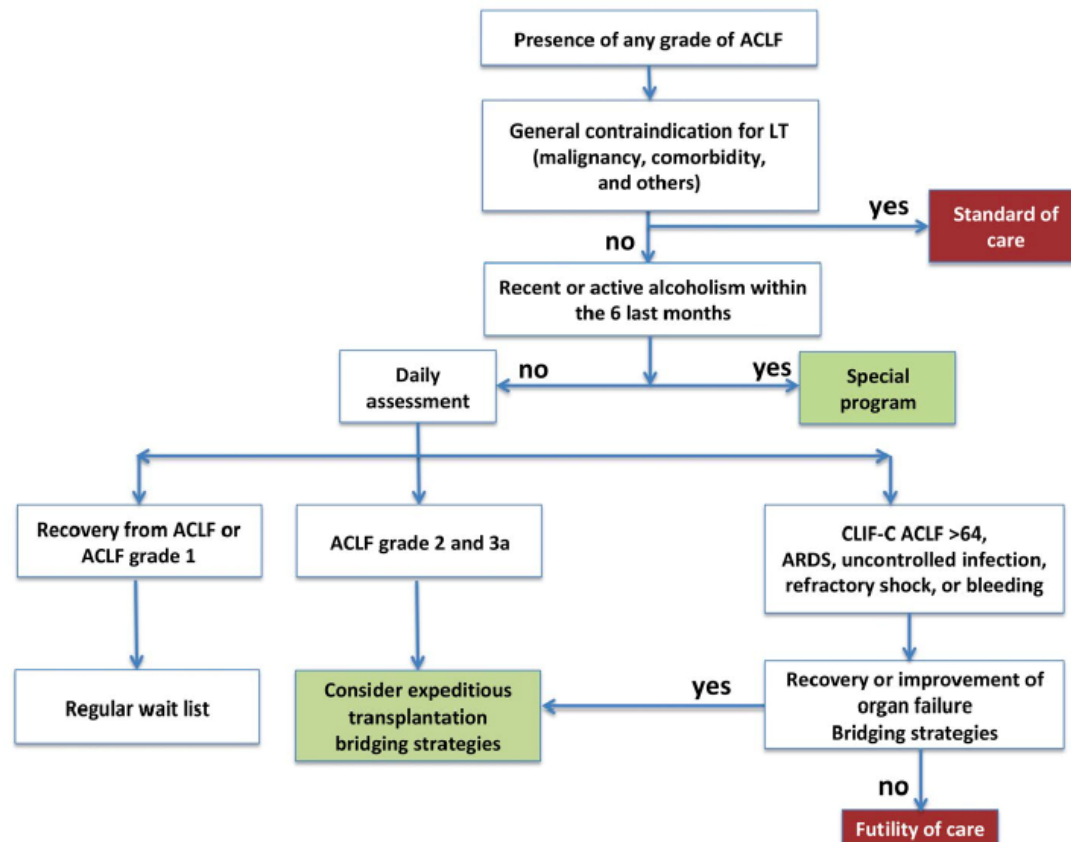


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# SUMMARY

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- ACLF is a **deadly disease** and the common end-stage of all chronic liver diseases
  - ACLF may be **prevented** or **treated** mostly, but more knowledge is necessary
  - Organ failures such as **liver**, **kidney** and **brain** (HE) failures are the most common and deciding on prognosis.
  - **NOVEL STRATEGIES** (PREVENTIVE, ORGAN SUPPORT OR CAUSAL TREATMENTS) ARE REQUIRED !!!
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Questions?

# Acute on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)

## GENFIT's programs

### VS-01-ACLF\*

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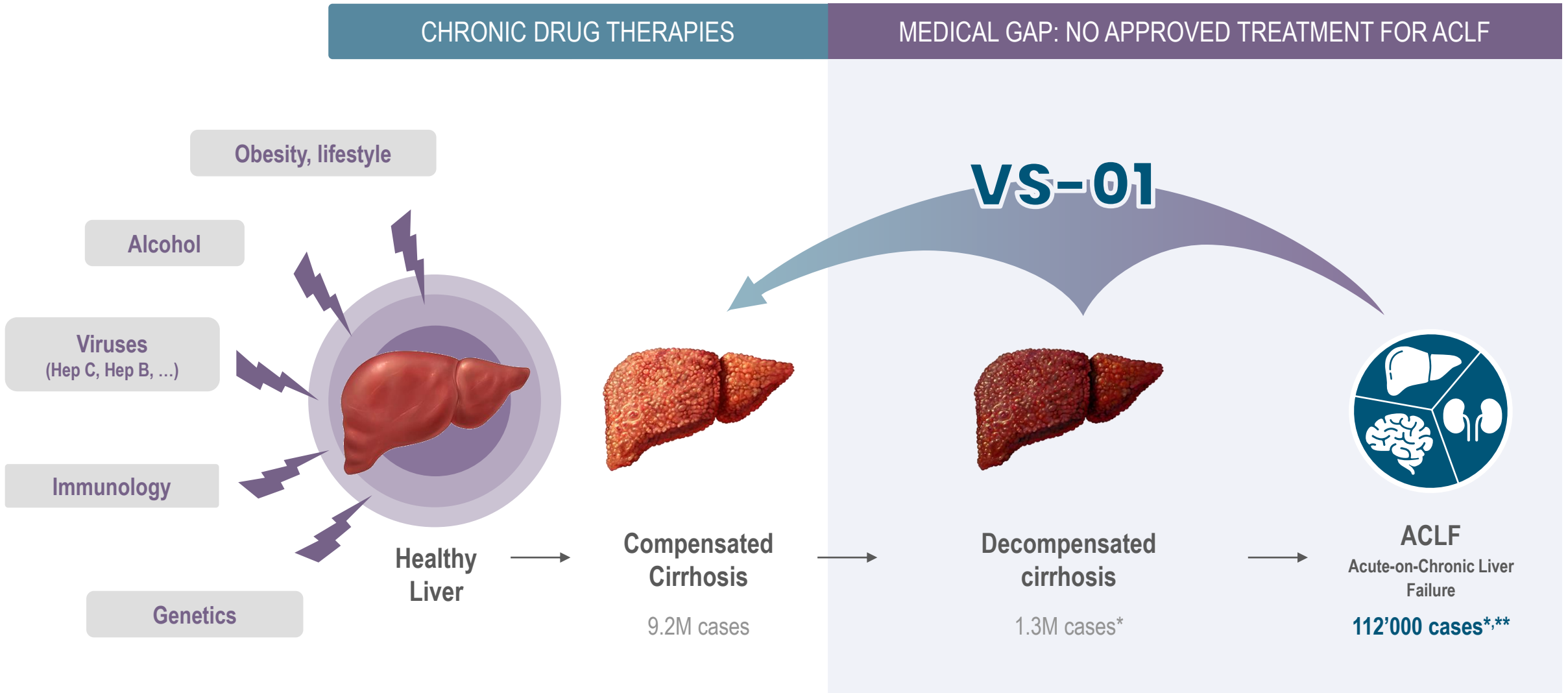
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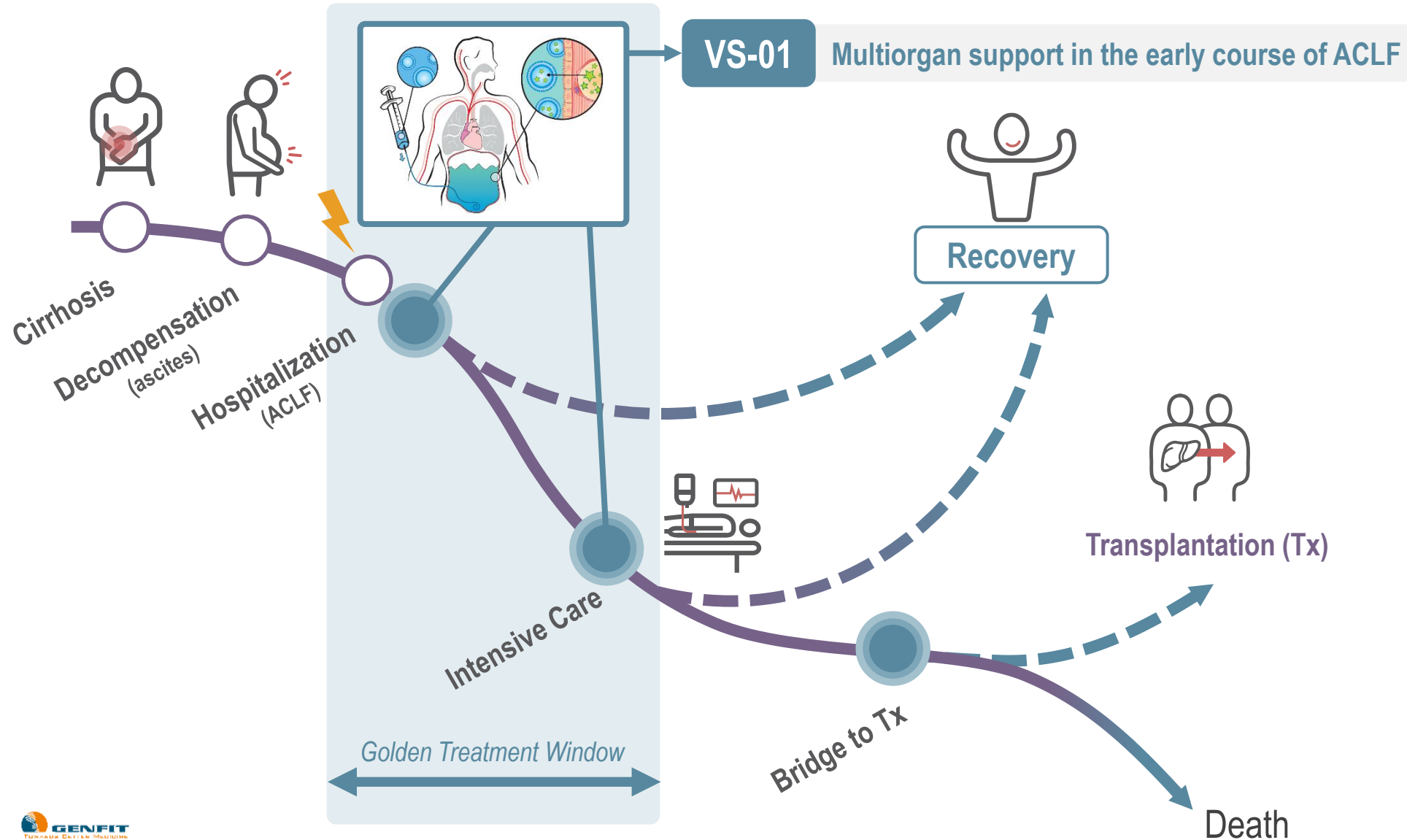
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# VS-01 targets timely reversal of ACLF and reduced mortality



# VS-01 targets first-line treatment of ACLF



## TREATMENT GOALS

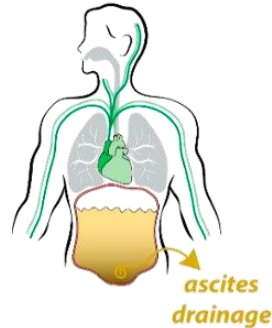
- **R**esolve ACLF
- **I**mprove survival
- **C**hance of liver transplant increased
- **H**ealthcare costs reduced



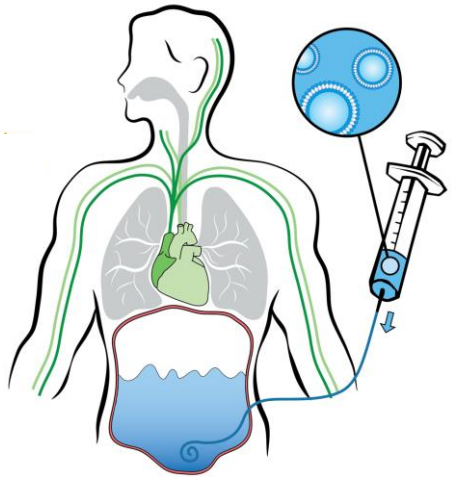


# VS-01 extracts ACLF metabolites failing organs cannot clear

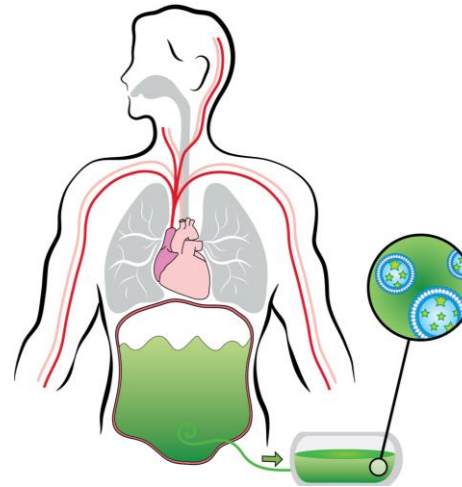
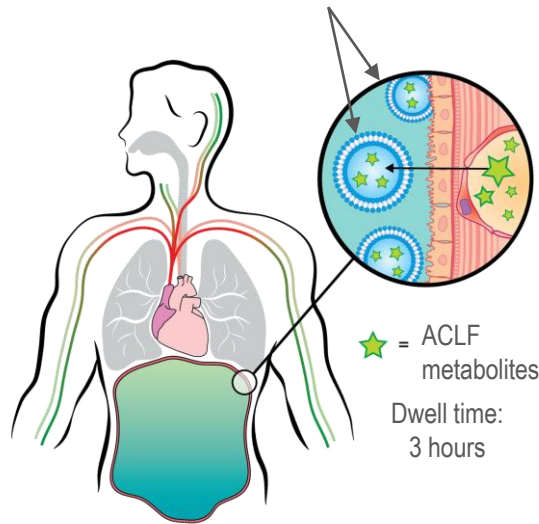
## Standard of care Ascites drainage



## VS-01



## VS-01 scavenging liposomes



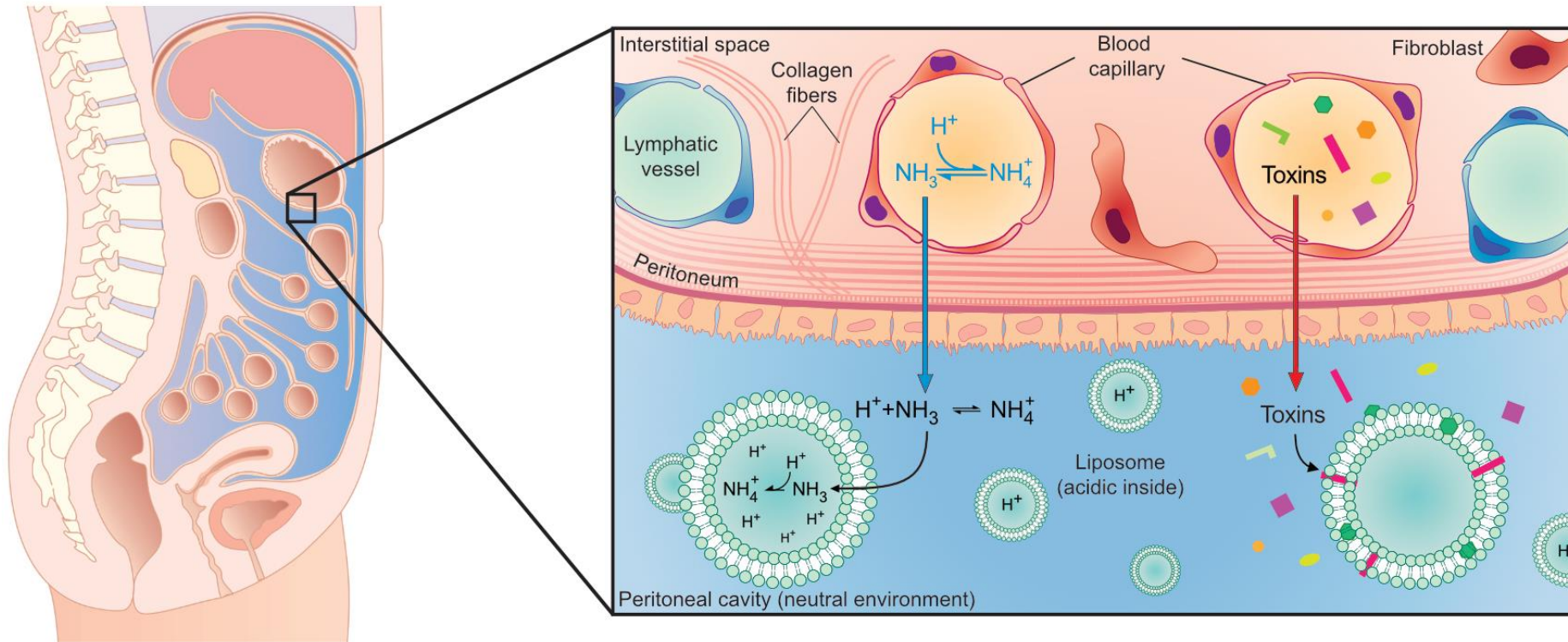
VS-01 drained along with ammonia and ACLF metabolites

Harnesses the intraperitoneal route of administration following paracentesis

- Targets **first-line treatment for ACLF** to **reverse** the disease
- Delivered via **in-place peritoneal access** catheter
- **Treating ACLF early may reduce:**
  - Length of hospital / ICU stay
  - Acute need of transplantation
  - Re-hospitalization
  - Healthcare and hospital costs
- **Favorable safety and tolerability profile** in decompensated cirrhosis as shown in Phase 1b study
- **Targets multiorgan support:** brain, liver, and kidney



# VS-01 supports liver, kidneys and brain by clearing toxins from blood to peritoneal space



**BRAIN**

Specific capture of systemic ammonia into VS-01's liposomes

**LIVER**

Enhanced hepatic toxins clearance

**KIDNEY**

Enhanced uremic toxins clearance

**INFLAMMATION**

Capture of bacterial endotoxins and inflammation mediators



# VS-01 mechanism of action

## 1. UNSPECIFIC BINDING/ADSORPTION

### Protein-bound toxins (renal & liver failure):

Shen Y *et al.* J. Liposome Res. 2020

Shi Y *et al.* Perit. Dial Int 2019

Shi Y *et al.* Artif Organs 2018

### Bacterial toxins (pneumonia):

Laterre PF *et al.* The Lancet Infect Dis 2019

Henry BD *et al.* Nat Biotech 2014

## 3. PASSIVE DIFFUSION

### Uremic, hepatic, inflammatory toxins removed by VS-01:

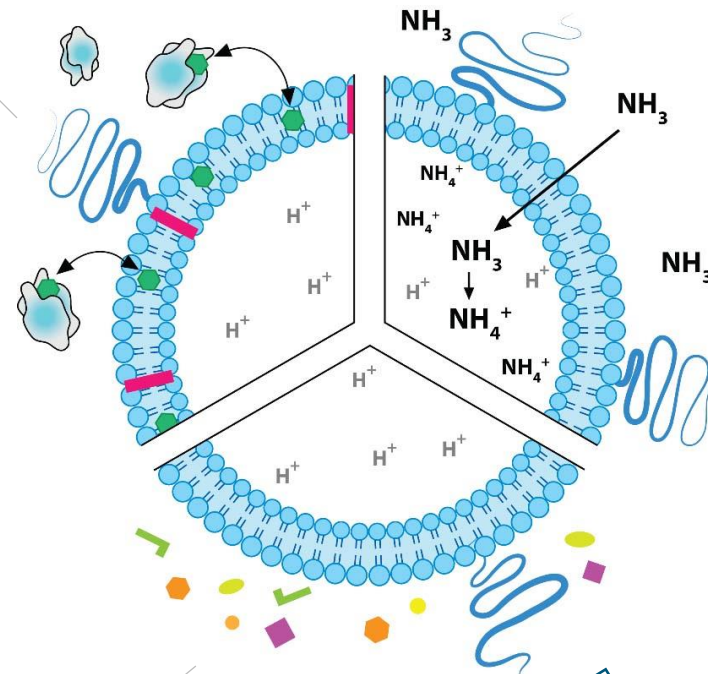
Giocalone G. *et al.*, J Cont Release 2018

### Safety and benefit of peritoneal dialysis (vs hemodialysis) in cirrhotic patients:

Rajora N *et al.*, Am J Kidney Dis 2021. Review on use of PD in patients with ascites

Nader MA *et al.*, Perit Dial Int 2017. Study on 26'135 patients comparing PD vs HD

Chou C-Y *et al.*, Medicine 2016. Study on 420 patients comparing PD vs HD.



## 2. SPECIFIC CAPTURE

### Ammonia:

Matoori S *et al.*, J Cont Release 2020

Giocalone G *et al.*, J Cont Release 2018

Agostoni V *et al.*, Adv Funct Mater 2016

Forster V *et al.*, Sci Transl Med 2014

### Exogenous toxins (e.g., drugs):

Chapman R *et al.*, J Liposomes Res 2019

Cave G *et al.*, Toxicol Commun 2018

Forster V *et al.*, Sci Transl Med 2014



Leading to  
multiorgan support



# VS-01 is safe and efficacious in small and large animal models

## Extraction of **kidney/liver toxins** <sup>3</sup>

- 185 extracted metabolites, including ACLF-related metabolites & uremic toxins



## EFFICACY



## Decrease brain toxicity

- Removes 20x more ammonia than commercial dialysis in rats <sup>1</sup>
- Reduces ammonemia in rats/pigs
- Decrease brain edema in rats <sup>2</sup>



## Capture of inflammation mediators

- 28 lipophilic compounds identified, including fatty acids and bile acids <sup>3</sup>

## SAFETY

- Safe and well tolerated in healthy and cirrhotic rats during prolonged dwell time >4h <sup>2</sup>
- **No immune reactions + confirmed safety** upon daily injection in healthy pigs for 10 days <sup>2, 4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Forster V. *et al.* *Sci Transl Med* 2014, 6:258ra141

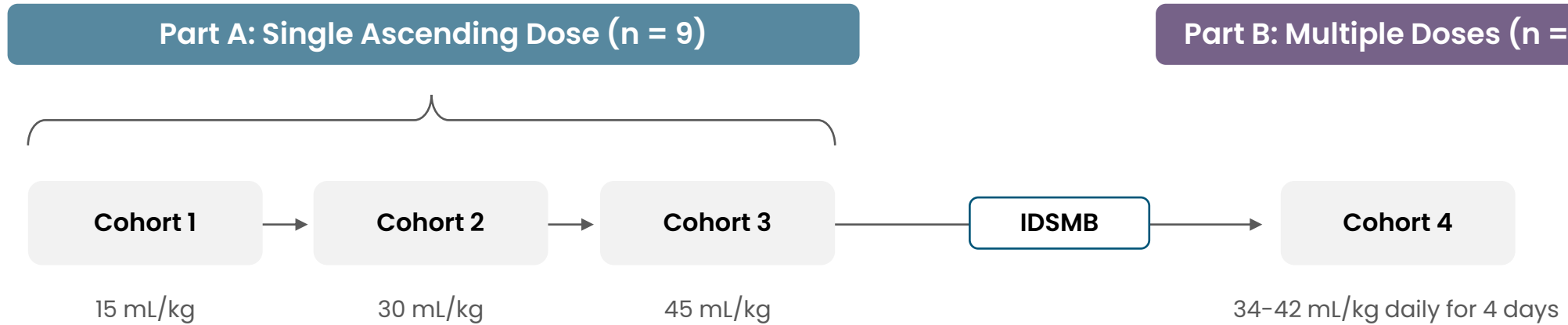
<sup>2</sup> Agostoni V. *et al.*, *Adv Funct Mater* 2016

<sup>3</sup> Giacalone G. *et al.*, *J Cont Release* 2018

<sup>4</sup> Matori S. *et al.*, *J Cont Release* 2020



# Phase 1b First-in-Human study: VS-01 on top of SOC



## DETAILS

- Study population (n=12):
  - Decompensated liver cirrhosis with
    - Ascites
    - Covert hepatic encephalopathy (minimal HE & HE 1)
- Principal investigator: Prof Dr Jonel Trebicka
- Clinical site:



## OUTCOME

- ✓ Generally safe and well tolerated
- ✓ Promising preliminary efficacy results
- ✓ Confirmed ease of *i.p.* administration
- ✓ Data selected for Clinical Hepatology Debrief at AASLD 2021



# Phase 1b safety results

- VS-01 was generally safe and well tolerated following single and multiple doses in patients with decompensated cirrhosis
- No SAEs, no deaths, no AEs leading to discontinuation

## FAVORABLE SAFETY PROFILE

- Citric acid
  - no coagulation dysfunction
- Administration route of VS-01
  - no infections due to paracentesis catheter (left in situ up to 7 days)
  - stable hemodynamics
- Liposomes
  - no allergic reactions or dyslipidemia
- No removal of vital components
  - no salt imbalance
  - no aggravation of malnutrition (albumin)

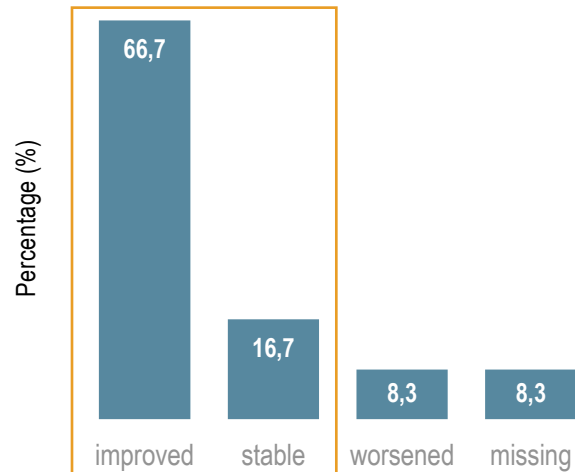


# Phase 1b preliminary efficacy results: liver & brain function

## IMPACT ON OVERALL LIVER DISEASE SEVERITY

e.g., assessed by Child-Pugh Score (CPS)

Improved or stable disease: 83.4%



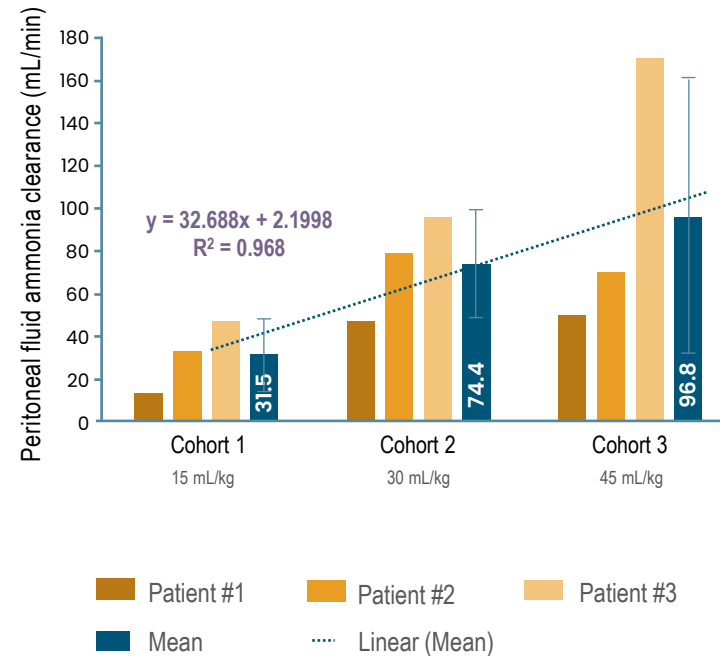
PART A & B

No patients progressed to ACLF



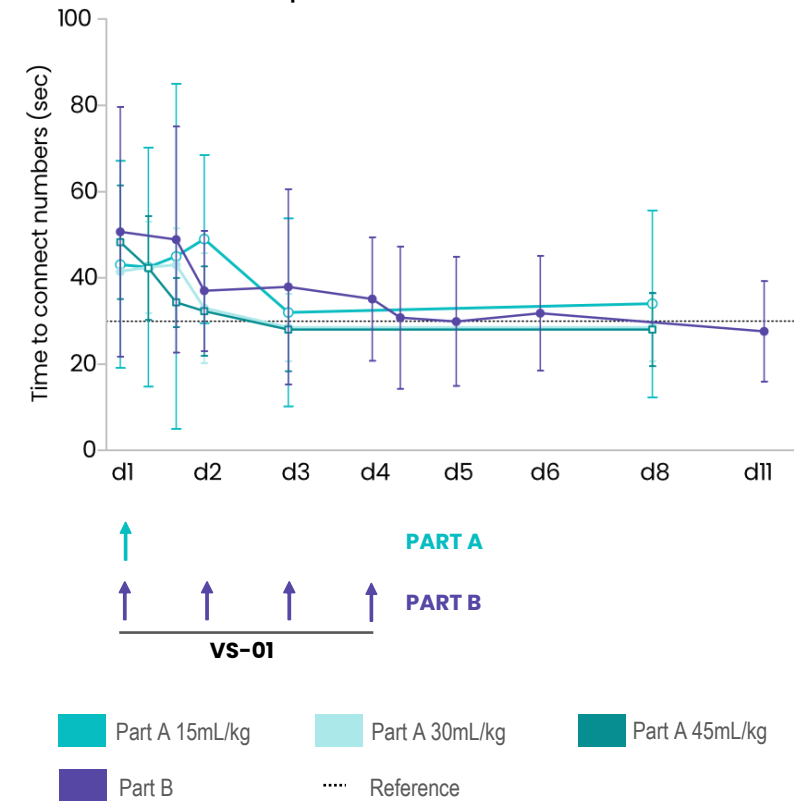
## DOSE-DEPENDENT AMMONIA REMOVAL FROM THE BODY

Ammonia clearance increased with VS-01 dosage in peritoneal fluid



## IMPROVEMENT IN PSYCHOMETRIC TESTS FOR HE

e.g., number connection test was performed faster



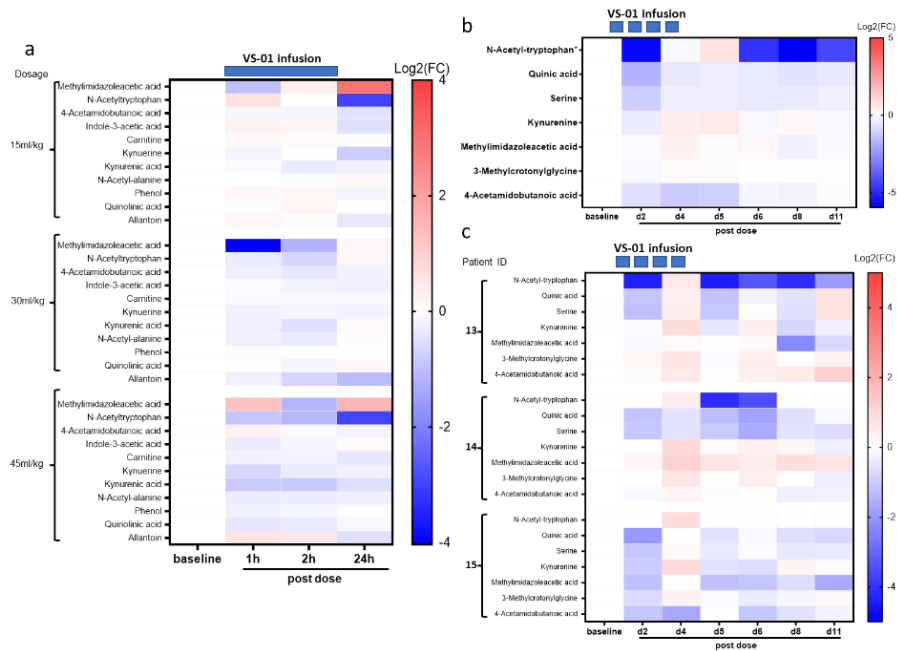
Uschner FE et al, Oral presentation at AASLD 2021, Abstract # 208



# Phase 1b preliminary efficacy results: ACLF metabolites & inflammation

## REDUCTION OF ACLF METABOLITES<sup>1</sup>

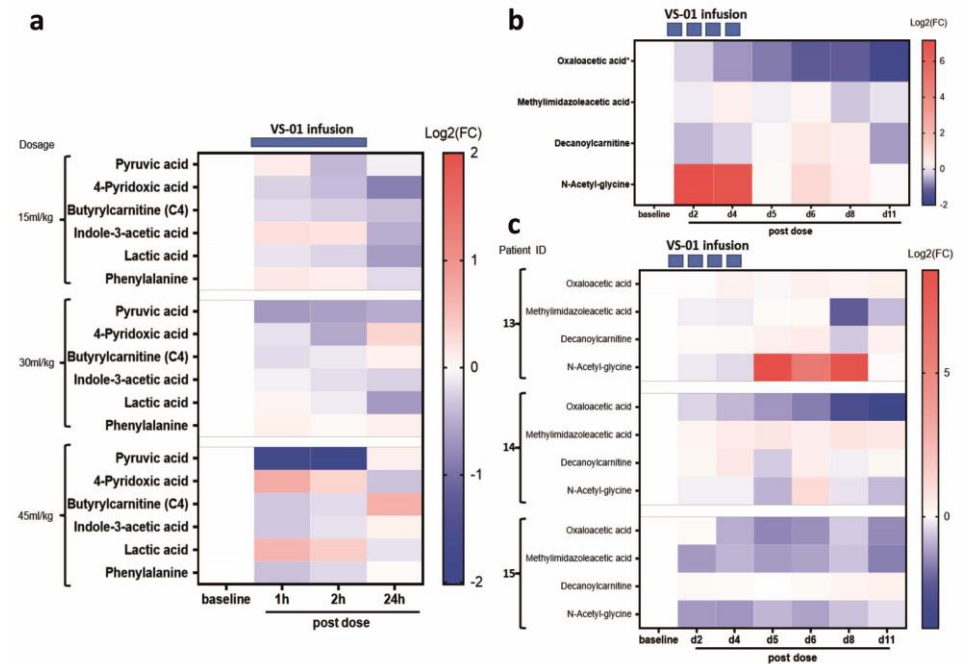
VS-01 reduced plasma metabolites associated with organ failures<sup>2</sup>



- Two abstracts accepted for presentation at EASL-ILC 06/2022
- Abstract selected for 2022 EASL 'Best of International Liver Congress Summit' resource

## REDUCTION OF INFECTION-RELATED METABOLITES<sup>1</sup>

VS-01 reduced plasma metabolites associated with bacterial infection<sup>3</sup>





# VS-01 UNVEIL Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept trial

## UNVEIL

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UNIQUE + VERSANTIS + INTRAPERITONEAL LIPOSOMES

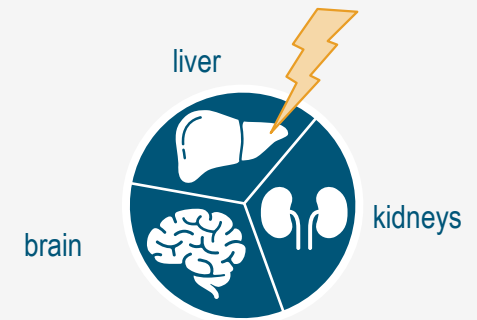
### Study title:

A phase 2, **open-label, randomized, controlled**, multi-center, proof of concept study, to assess the **efficacy, safety and tolerability** of VS-01 on top of standard of care, compared to standard of care alone, in adult patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure (ACLF) grade 1-2 and ascites

**Primary endpoint:** CLIF-C ACLF score on Day 7

## Target population

ACLF grade 1 & 2



(multi-) organ failure

### MULTICENTER STUDY

- Leading EU & US sites and KOLs



### KEY SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Time to death through Day 28 and 90
- Change in ACLF grade

### KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

- ACLF grade 1-2
- Ascites

### KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA

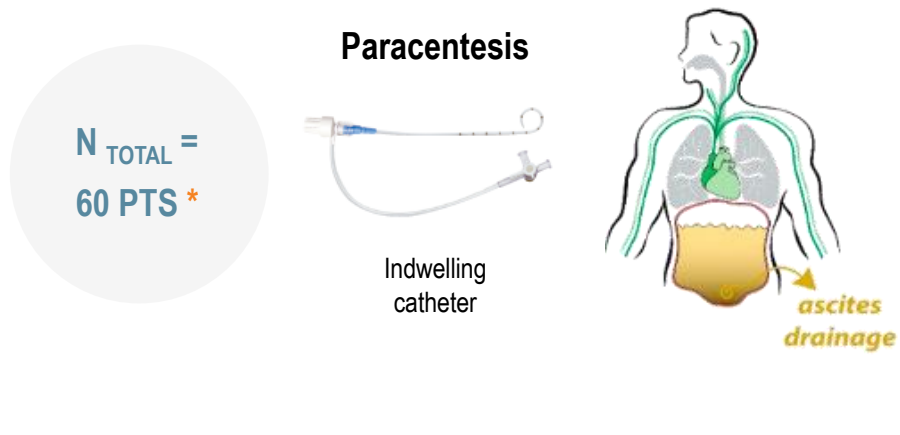
- Respiratory failure
- Severe circulatory failure
- Uncontrolled severe infection



# UNVEIL – study design and key endpoints

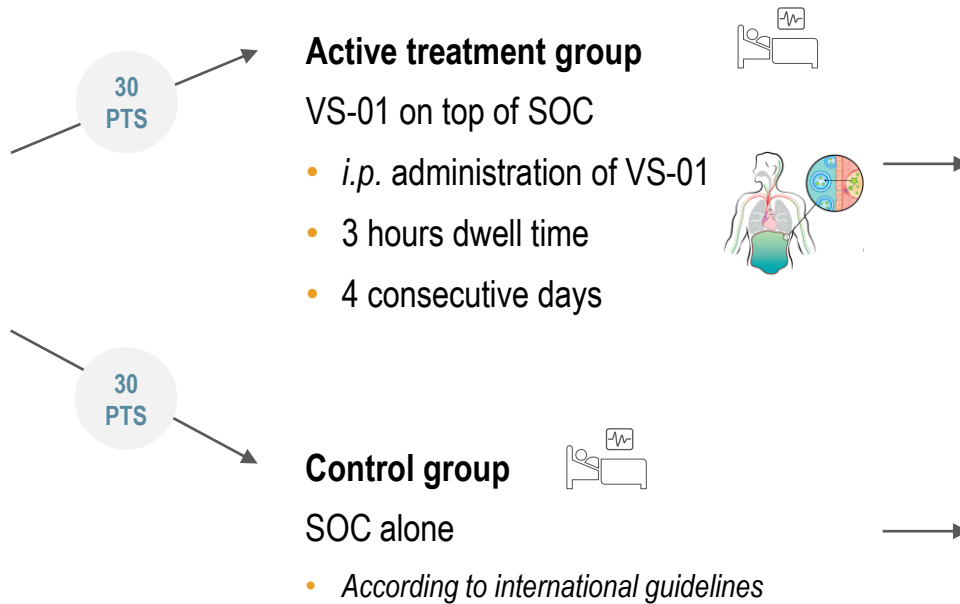


## SCREENING



\* Interim analysis after ≈ 40 pts (H1:2024)  
Effect size ≈ 0.80

## RANDOMIZATION (DAY 1)



## FOLLOW-UP

Day 5-7♦ in-hospital  
Day 14, 28, 90: hospital visits  
Day 90: EOS

Day 5-7♦ in-hospital  
Day 14, 28, 90: hospital visits  
Day 90: EOS

♦ Primary endpoint:  
CLIF-C ACLF score on Day 7



# Acute on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)

## GENFIT's programs

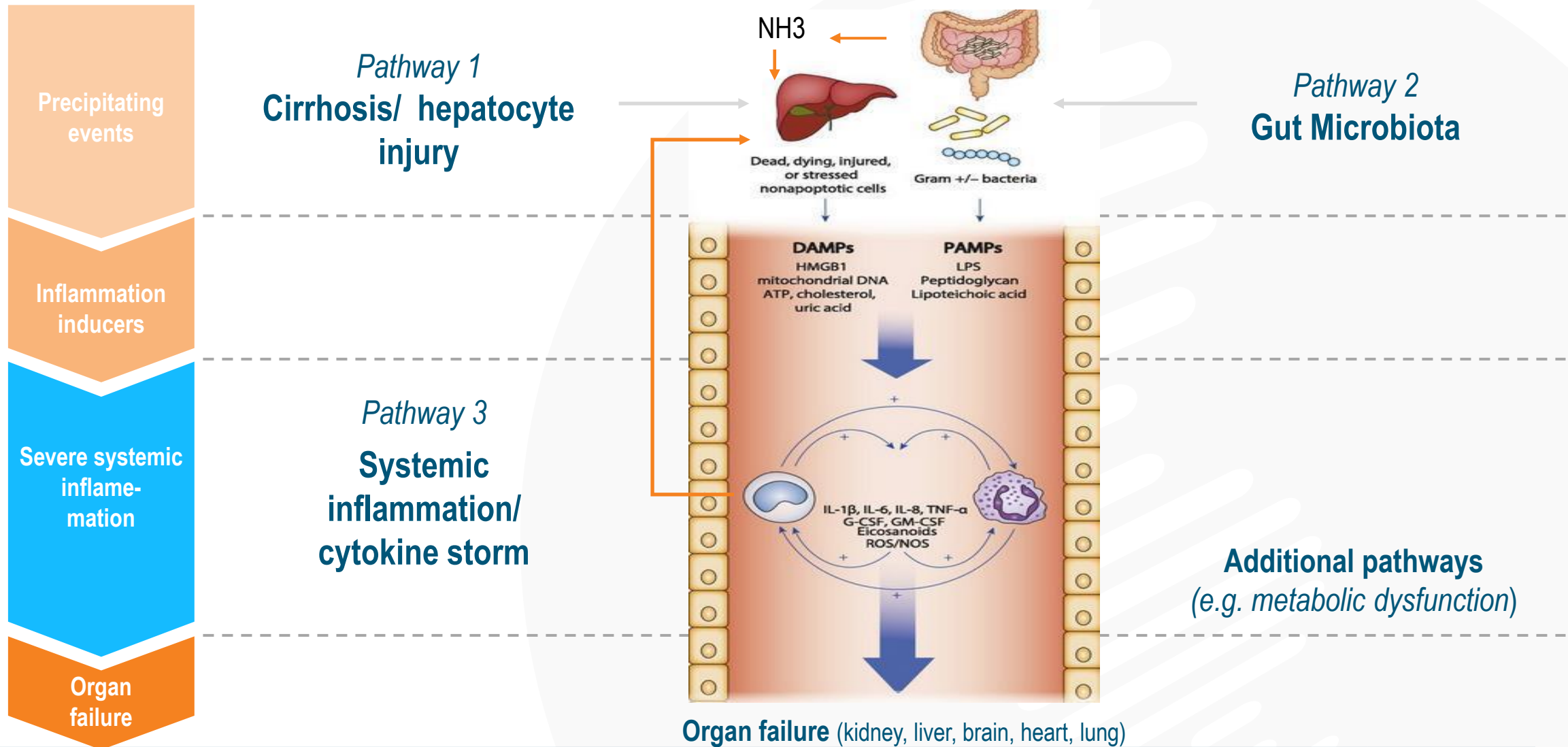
### VS-01-ACLF\*

- *Vincent Forster, PhD, GENFIT, co-founder of VERSANTIS*
- *Meriam Kabbaj, PhD, GENFIT, co-founder of VERSANTIS*

### NTZ\*

- *Dean Hum, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer of GENFIT*
- *Carol Addy, MD, Chief Medical Officer of GENFIT*

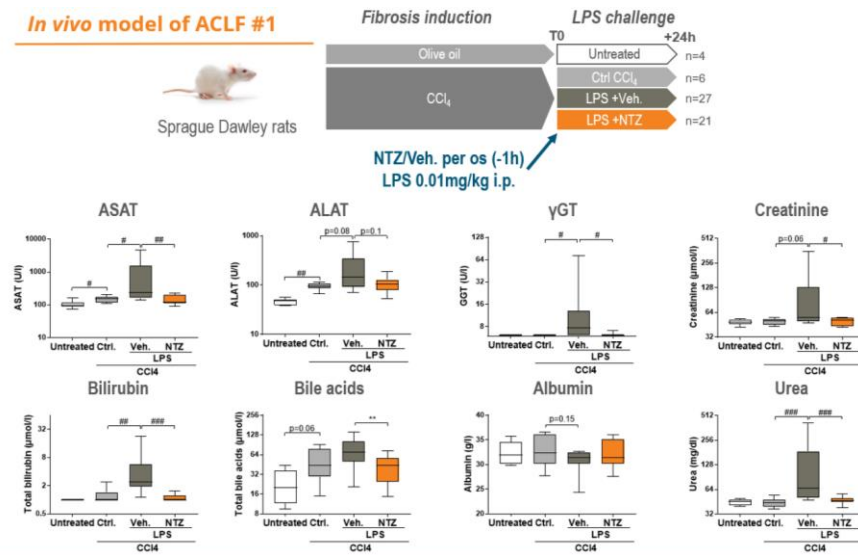
# ACLF pathogenesis – NTZ impacts multiple pathways



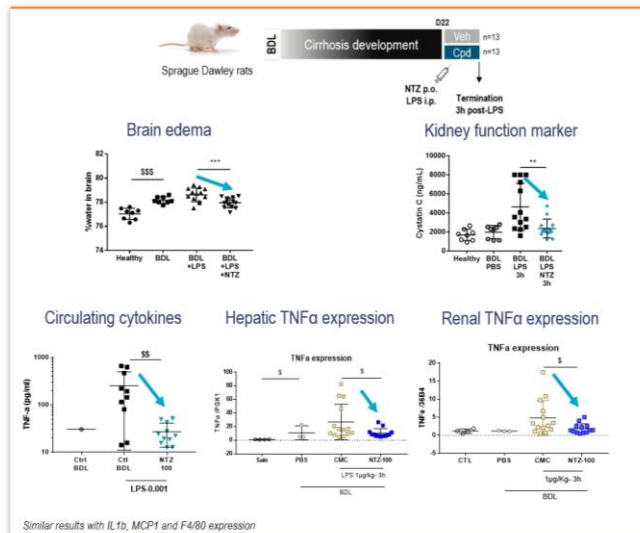
# NTZ preclinical data support ACLF clinical development

- 1 NTZ reduces LPS-induced inflammation in healthy rats\*
- 2 NTZ has beneficial effects on liver function markers (bil, alb) in models of cirrhosis\*
- 3 NTZ reduces brain edema in models of ACLF (BDL)
- 4 NTZ reduces inflammation markers in models of ACLF (BDL)
- 5 NTZ improves survival in treatment models of Sepsis (CLP)

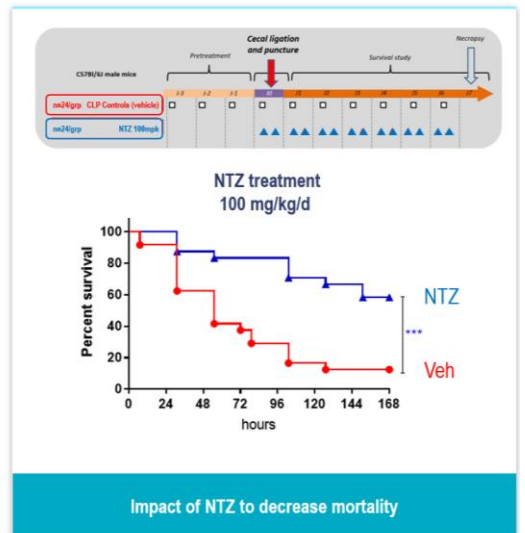
## In vivo model of ACLF #1



## In vivo model of ACLF #2



## In vivo model of sepsis



# NTZ – Ongoing phase 1 studies in subjects with hepatic impairment (HI) and renal impairment (RI)

## An Open-label, Phase 1, Multiple-dose Study to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics and Safety of NTZ 500 mg twice daily for 7 days in Adult Subjects with Moderate & Severe Hepatic Impairment and Adult Healthy Control Subjects

### Design

- Moderate to Severe HI subjects vs healthy subjects
- 6-8 Subjects in each group
- Treatment period 7 days
- PK, safety, pharmacodynamics

Healthy control subjects (n=8)

Moderate hepatic impairment (n=8)

Severe hepatic impairment (n=8)

## An Open-label, Phase 1, Multiple-dose Study to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics and Safety of NTZ 500 mg twice daily for 7 days in Adult Subjects with Mild, Moderate & Severe Renal Impairment and Adult Healthy Control Subjects

### Design

- Mild, Moderate and Severe RI subjects vs healthy subjects
- 8-10 Subjects in each group
- Treatment period 7 days
- PK and safety

Healthy control subjects (n=7-8)

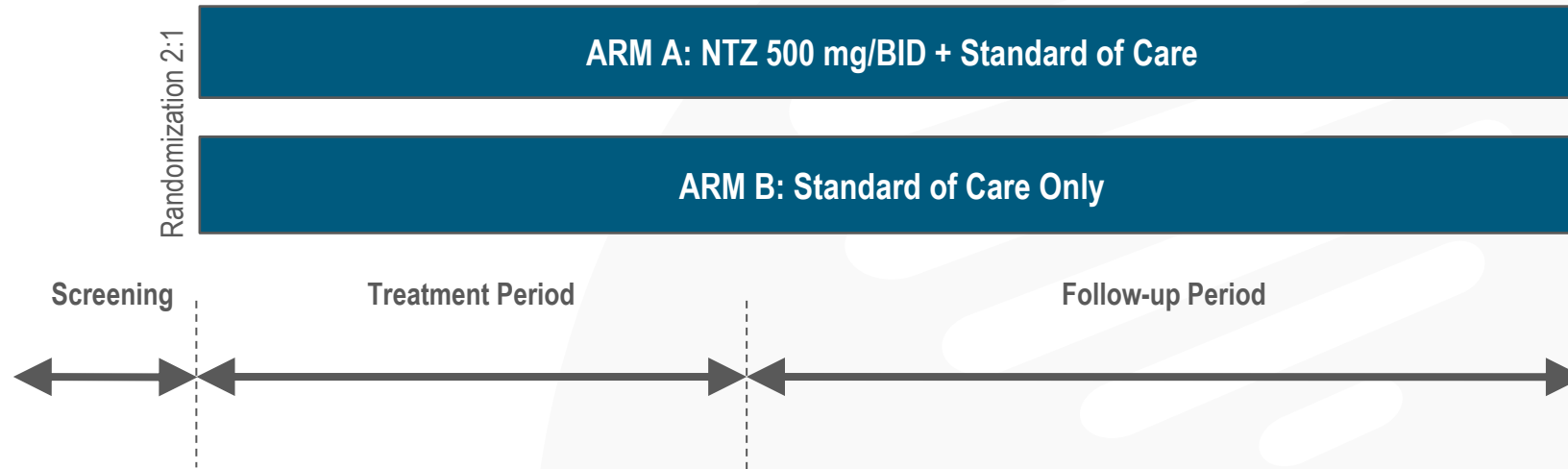
Mild renal impairment (n=7-8)

Moderate renal impairment (n=7-8)

Severe renal impairment (n=7-8)

# NTZ – Phase 2a proof-of-concept currently expected to start in 2023

## A Multicenter, Randomized, Open-label, Controlled, Phase 2a Clinical Study to Evaluate the Safety, Pharmacokinetics, and Efficacy of Nitazoxanide in Patients with Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure



### **Patient Population:**

- Patients with ACLF1 or ACLF2
- ACLF 1 may be outpatient or hospital inpatient

### **Objectives:**

- To evaluate NTZ safety in patient with ACLF
- To evaluate NTZ PK in patients with ACLF
- To evaluate NTZ clinical outcomes in patients with ACLF
- To evaluate NTZ pharmacodynamics in patients with ACLF

Questions?



# Acute on-chronic liver failure (ACLF)

## Market opportunity

- *Stephan Gauldie, PhD, Managing Director, Strategy Consulting at Back Bay Life Science Advisors*
- *Mavra Nasir, PhD, Senior Consultant, Strategy Consulting at Back Bay Life Science Advisors*

Back Bay led a US-focused market assessment of acute-on-chronic liver failure (ACLF) for VS-01 between November 2021 – December 2021

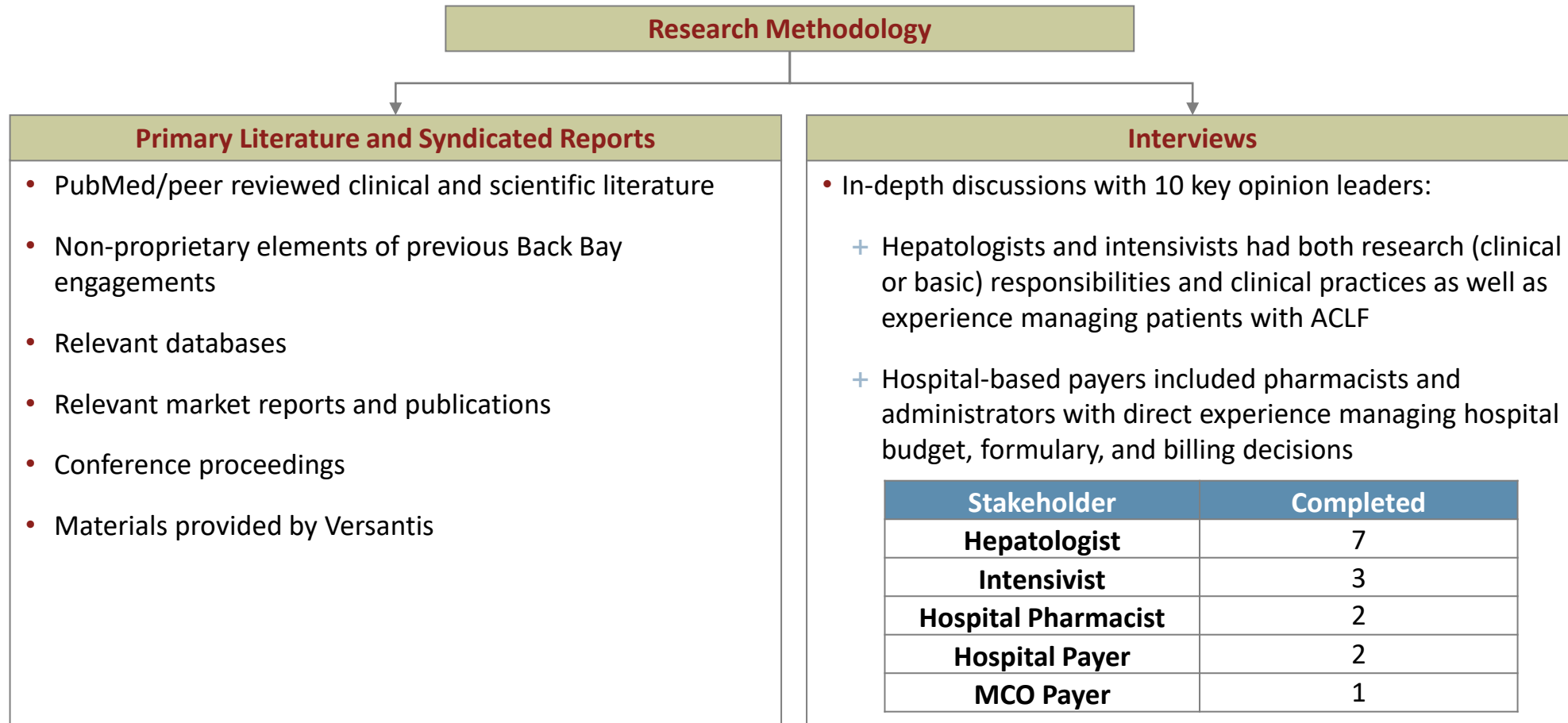
### Project Objectives

#### Key components of the analysis included (but not limited to):

- The degree of unmet need in ACLF, as defined by the literature and hepatologists, including epidemiological review, and definition of key segments
- Pressure testing and refining the perspective on the ACLF addressable market, US payer feedback, and hepatologist expectations regarding VS-01 positioning

*We added an EU4+UK focused total addressable market assessment based on secondary research for this presentation*

Our evaluation included an extensive review of published literature, ten in-depth discussions with key opinion leaders (KOLs) managing patients with ACLF, two hospital pharmacists, two hospital administrators, and one MCO payer in the US



Our model comprises senior-level staff with substantial research and domain-area expertise that are able to create an environment that allows for in-depth discussions within this setting, rather than the typical “script” or “survey” based approach

Given the lack of approved treatments, high in-patient mortality, and the significant cost associated with hospitalization, there is a huge unmet need for efficacious therapies for ACLF

Mortality by Grade, ACLF		
ACLF grade (EASL-CLIF)	Day 28	Day 90
Grade 1	23%	41%
Grade 2	31%	55%
Grade 3	75%	78%

Economic Burden of Chronic Diseases, 2010 (Table 4: Allen et al Hepatology, 2016)				
Chronic Disease	#hospitalizations	LOS (Days)	Inpatient Mortality	Mean Cost Per Hospitalization
Pneumonia	1.1M	5	3.3%	\$7,581
Congestive heart disease	1.0M	5	3.0%	\$8,315
Cerebrovascular disease	1.0M	6	4.7%	\$8,117
Septicemia	808,000	9	16.3%	\$15,467
Cirrhosis	606,288	7	7.5%	\$15,732
<b>ACLF</b>	<b>28,637</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>53.3%</b>	<b>\$54,727</b>

- There are no FDA approved treatments for ACLF, and short-term mortality can range from 23-75% depending on ACLF grade
- Compared to other chronic diseases managed in the in-patient setting, management of ACLF represents a substantial economic burden
  - + In 2010, the cost per hospitalization for ACLF was 3.5x higher than cirrhosis (\$54,727 versus \$15,732)

LOS: length of hospital stay

Sources: BBSA prior work, BBSA physician interviews (n = 10), Arroyo V et al 2016 Nature Review Disease Primers 2, 16041, Allen et al Hepatology. 2016 Dec;64(6):2165-2172

The greatest unmet need in the treatment of ACLF is lack of available therapies that can prevent disease progression and reduce mortality

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### Targeted treatments to prevent progression and reduce mortality

**There is a high unmet need to reverse or slow down the course of ACLF**

- The care of ACLF patients is resource intensive, with hospital stays of ~13-16 days
- With a lack of available therapies, the progression of ACLF can be rapid and quickly render patients too sick to be eligible for transplant
- Due to the serious complications that arise from systemic inflammation in ACLF, **treatments that can address the underlying systemic inflammation are highly desirable**

*“If the liver is not completely fibrotic, any treatment that can give the liver a little bit of time to recover from acute insult would be good” – US Intensivist*

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### Generalizing definitions & developing evidence-based guidelines

**There is a need to simplify definitions to improve generalizability**

- Educating physicians about ACLF especially in non-academic settings and understanding the burden of ACLF in transplant and non-transplant centers was also cited as key area of future research
- While some prognostic metrics have been used to identify patients at high risk for mortality (e.g., CLIF- C ACLF score), their use has yet to become standardized and **physicians are seeking markers that can predict onset of ACLF**

*“Physicians don’t really assign a grade to a patient, you know how sick someone is based on how many organs are failing” – US Hepatologist*

3



### Prevention of insult & organ failures

**Better understanding of the pathogenesis of ACLF to prevent onset**

- Understanding the disease pathophysiology remains an active but nascent area of research
- Researchers are evaluating the use of serum, urine metabolomics and stool microbiome from cirrhotic patients with acute decompensation ± ACLF to identify a prognostic fingerprint

*“It would be ideal to be able to prevent ACLF or predict who is at high-risk of developing ACLF rather than diagnosing” – US Hepatologist Intensivist*

There are currently three therapies in active clinical development for ACLF in the US, with one agent (plasma exchange with human serum albumin/Grifols) in pivotal trials

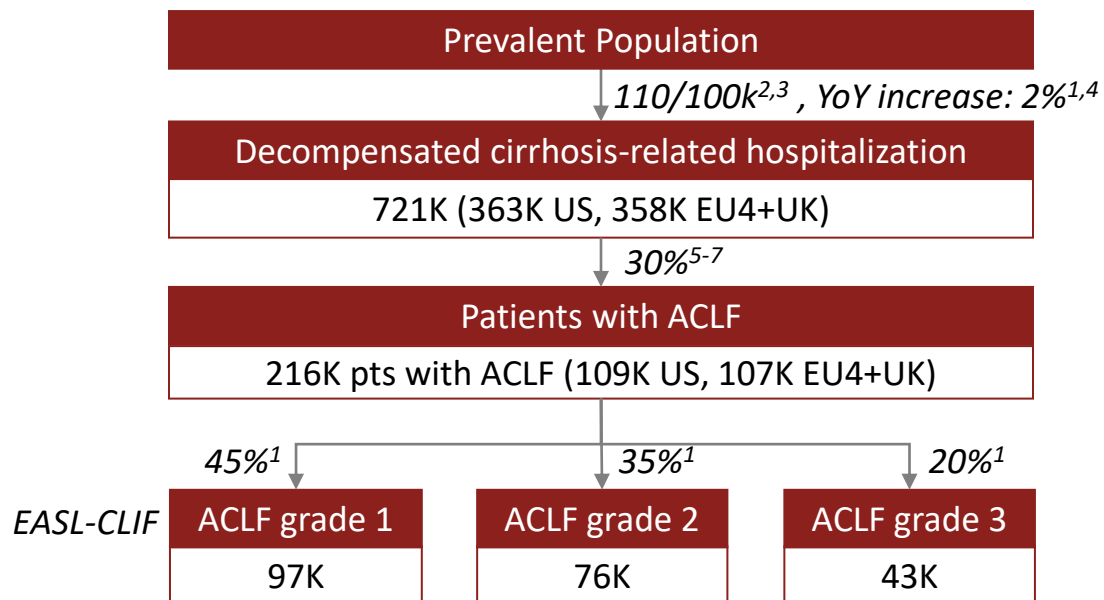
Mechanism	Product, Company	Status	RoA	Patient population	Trial Design
Plasma exchange with human serum albumin 5%	human serum albumin 5% <b>GRIFOLS</b>	Ph 3 ongoing	IV	ACLF-1b ACLF-2 ACLF-3a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NCT03702920 (APACHE)</b>: Open label, albumin 5% vs SMT</li> <li>• <b>Primary endpoint</b>: Time to death through day 90</li> <li>• <b>Expected enrollment</b>: 380 participants – as of April 2021, 90 (29%) of participants had been randomized</li> <li>• <b>Est. primary completion date</b>: Oct 2026</li> </ul>
Human allogeneic liver-derived progenitor cell therapy	HepaStem® 	Ph 2b ongoing	IV	ACLF 1 ACLF 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NCT04229901 (DHELIVER)</b>: double-blinded, randomized placebo-controlled</li> <li>• <b>Primary endpoint</b>: Overall survival proportion 90 days post-first infusion</li> <li>• <b>Expected enrollment</b>: 363 participants</li> <li>• <b>Est. primary completion date</b>: Jan 2023</li> <li>• Expected approval (company deck): 2027</li> </ul>
Toll-like receptor 4 antagonist	Resatorvid (TAK-242) 	Ph 2 preparation ongoing	IV	ACLF 1 ACLF 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet listed on clinicaltrials.gov</li> <li>• Company website indicates preparations for a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled pan-European study are underway</li> <li>• 28-day survival rates and changes in key biomarkers are listed as key endpoints</li> </ul>

RoA: route of administration, IV: intravenous, SMT: standard medical treatment

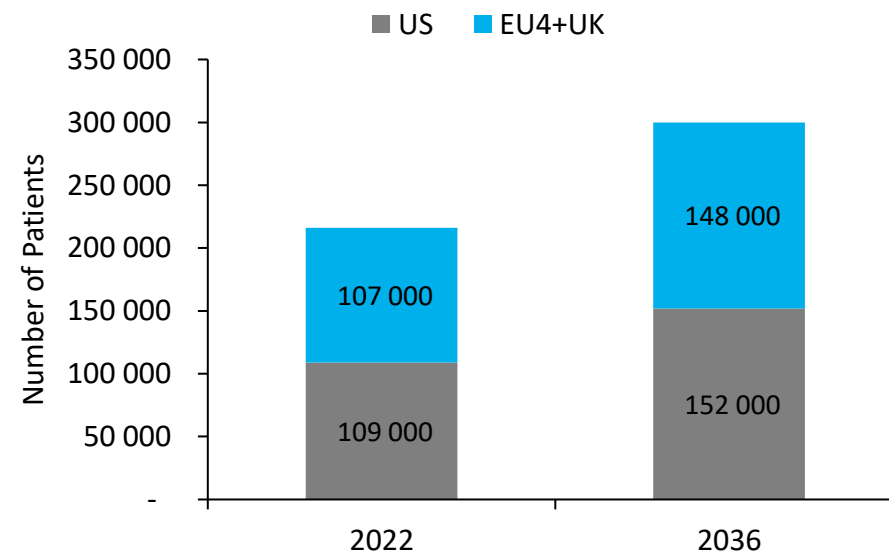
***VS-01 was viewed as a complementary approach to the above therapies given its MoA, positioning (ACLF grade 1 and 2 pts with ascites), and differentiated RoA (complementary to integration with current workflow)***

Based on our conservative estimates, the current total addressable market for ACLF is ~215K across the US and EU4+UK and is expected to grow to ~300K by 2036

**2022 Estimates**



**Total Addressable ACLF Market, US & EU4+UK**



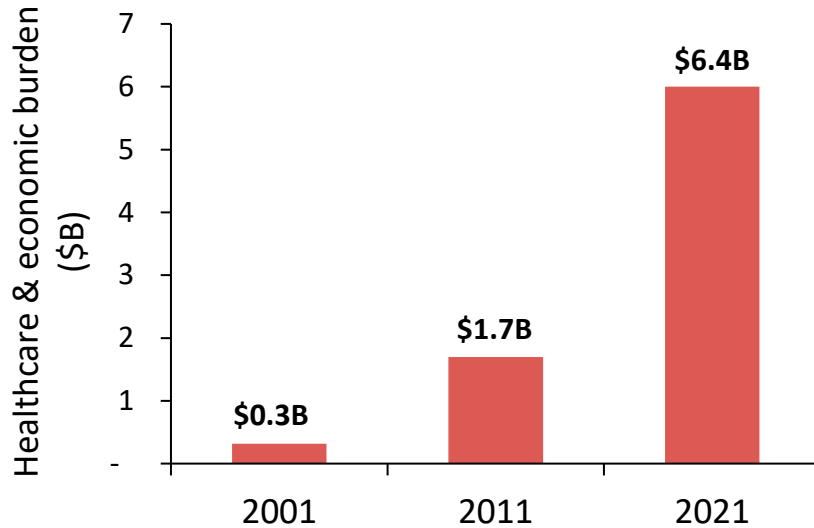
**Key Considerations**

- Growth in total addressable ACLF market is driven by increase in liver cirrhosis rates due to increasing prevalence of alcoholic liver disease, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease and hepatocellular cancer
- EU4+UK estimates are conservative and based on US data – potential for a larger addressable patient pool in key European markets given data from the GBD 2017 cirrhosis study<sup>2</sup> indicates an average decompensated cirrhosis related hospitalization rate of 175/100k across Germany, Spain, Italy, France and UK

Sources: 1) BBLSA physician interviews (n = 10), 2) GBD 2017 cirrhosis collaborators, Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2020 Mar;5(3):245-266 (supplementary appendix table 5), 3) Desai et al, Clin Transl Gastroenterol. 2019 Jul;10(7):e00062, 4) Hirode et al JAMA Netw Open. 2020 Apr; 3(4): e201997, 5) Hernaez et al, J Hepatol. 2019 Apr;70(4):639-647, 6) Mezzano et al, Gut 2022 Jan;71(1):148-155, 7) Moreau et al, Gastroenterology. 2013 Jun;144(7):1426-37, 1437.e1-9.

ACLF represents a clear and growing economic burden; hospitals bear a large proportion of patient costs and are looking for ways to expand reimbursement and reduce costs, particularly the number of patients requiring high-intensity care

ACLF Economic Burden<sup>1</sup> (\$), US



**ACLF represents a large health care and economic burden in the US**

- Cost to the system grew 5-fold from 2001-2011 and nearly 4-fold during 2011-2021

**Reimbursement and payer dynamics mean hospitals bear a significant proportion of treatment expense**

- Institutions are actively looking for ways to improve reimbursement and cut costs for ACLF patients

**Variable reimbursement from private payers**

- Hospitals are typically reimbursed ~\$10k-\$17k for Medicare ACLF patients and \$50k-\$75k for privately insured ACLF patients
- Reducing escalation to higher intensity care is key to cost containment as ICU beds can cost ~\$6-\$7k more per night and rapidly erodes DRG margins

**Hospitals are pushing for fee-for-service agreements with private payers for enhanced reimbursement**

- Institutions can receive \$80k-90k for privately insured ACLF patients; represents a significant profit over patients with bundled payment
- Hospitals will receive additional reimbursement beyond the agreed upon DRG bundled payment for products that receive NTAP status

*“I would say we are taking a loss on Medicaid, breaking even on Medicare, and making a 20-30% profit on privately insured patients” – US Hospital Payer*

*“At my institution ACLF patients would fall under a fee-for-service agreement for private payers. The payer would pay a base facility fee of \$37k-\$45k and additional fees per procedure” – US Hospital Payer*

Sources: 1) Allen et al Hepatology. 2016 Dec;64(6):2165-2172; 2021 estimate extrapolated based on mean hospitalization cost applied to 2021 estimated patient population; KOL and hospital payer interviews



Overall, experts were optimistic with the VS-01 profile, and particularly liked the ease of administration and the potential to eliminate pro-inflammatory metabolites

	Base Case	Best Case
Primary endpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of HE by at least 1 grade or recovery from overt HE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change from baseline in mean CLIF-C ACLF score on Day 7 (a 4-point difference in CLIF-C-ACLF between arms is assumed to correspond to a 10% difference in mortality at Day 28)</li> <li>Effect on mortality on Day 28</li> </ul>
Secondary endpoint(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety and tolerability of Product X in ACLF patients</li> <li>Additional ACLF parameters such as change from baseline in mean CLIF-C ACLF score on Day 5, evolution of ACLF grade from baseline to Day 5 and Day 7, effect on organ dysfunction using the CLIF-SOFA score, effect on organ failure using the CLIF-C OF score and effects on Child Pugh, MELD, and MELD-Na scores</li> <li>Effect on HE will be assessed by West Haven criteria, Glasgow Coma Scale, Animal Naming Test, Psychometric Hepatic Encephalopathy Score (PHES), and Stroop Test</li> </ul>	
Key exploratory endpoint(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effect on circulation and lung failure/dysfunction</li> <li>Effect on renal function and liver function</li> <li>Effect on serum inflammatory biomarkers, serum CRP, procalcitonin and plasma lactate</li> <li>Effect on duration of hospitalization and/or stay in ICU</li> <li>Effect on hospital readmission rate</li> <li>Effect on in-hospital / ICU mortality up to Days 14, 28 and 90</li> <li>Effect on transplant-free survival up to Days 14, 28 and 90</li> </ul>	

VS-01 Feedback

*“If you can address and remove the inflammatory markers of ACLF, you are not only **addressing the pathophysiology of ACLF, but also the physiology of ammonia production** – both of which are positive” – US Hepatologist*

*“The **motivation to enroll patients in a trial with this product would be high, as this is a high-risk population**” – US Hepatologist*

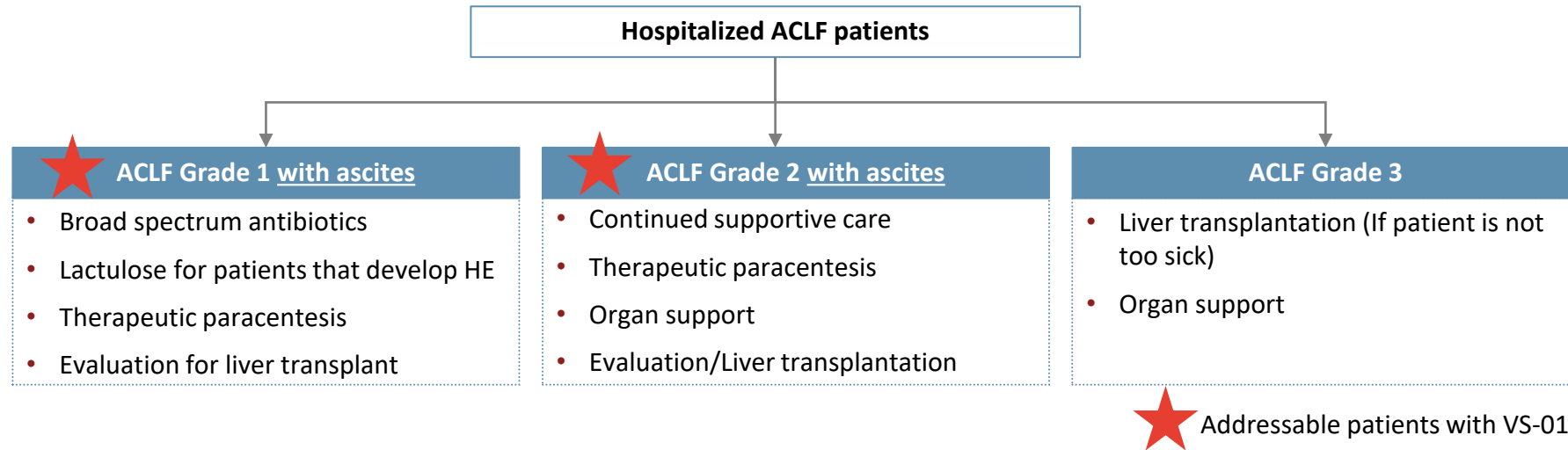
*“**This is much more attractive to me than the use of extracorporeal dialysis machines**” – US Hepatologist*

*“I know **some people will have an issue with an indwelling catheter, but I have left catheters in the peritoneum before, and I don’t think it is harmful if done correctly**” – US Hepatologist*

*“It would be like **an explosion went off if you could prove mortality benefit. But, if you can improve ACLF score for a proof of concept trial, that is pretty good**” – US Hepatologist*

*“Wow, this is pretty cool. I guess it is sort of like peritoneal dialysis. With the right training and precautions, **doing this sterilely shouldn’t be a problem**” – US Intensivist*

Physicians would use VS-01 in patients with ACLF Grade 1 and 2 who have ascites in conjunction with standard of care

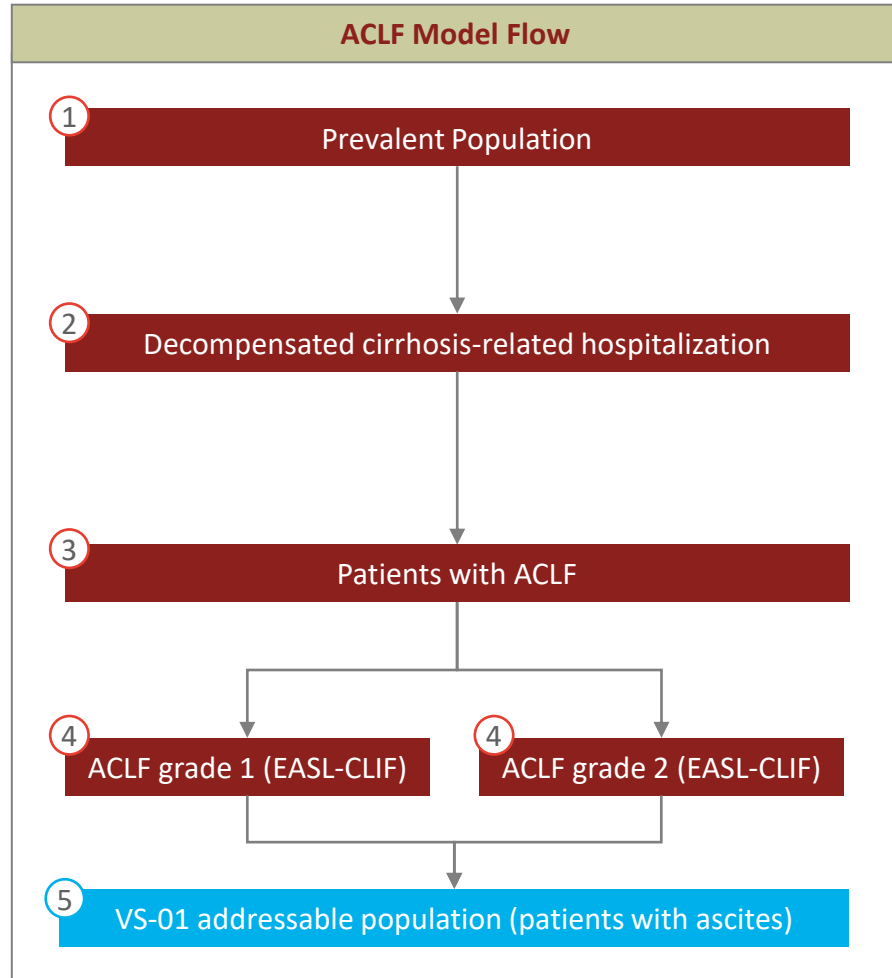


**VS-01 Positioning Considerations**

**Given that the peritoneal drainage traditionally occurs with 24-48 of hospital admittance, VS-01 would likely be initiated early in the treatment course of ACLF**

- With the lack of available treatments for ACLF, physicians indicated that they would be interested in using VS-01 to prevent possible disease progression of ACLF
- Experts would use VS-01 concurrently with standard medical treatment
- Integration into workflow was not cited as a major barrier - the preferred indwelling catheter for paracentesis (commonly referred to as a “pig tail catheter”) would most likely be implanted by an interventional radiologist

The current addressable market for VS-01 if targeting ACLF grade 1 and 2 patients presenting with ascites is ~130K across the US and EU4+UK



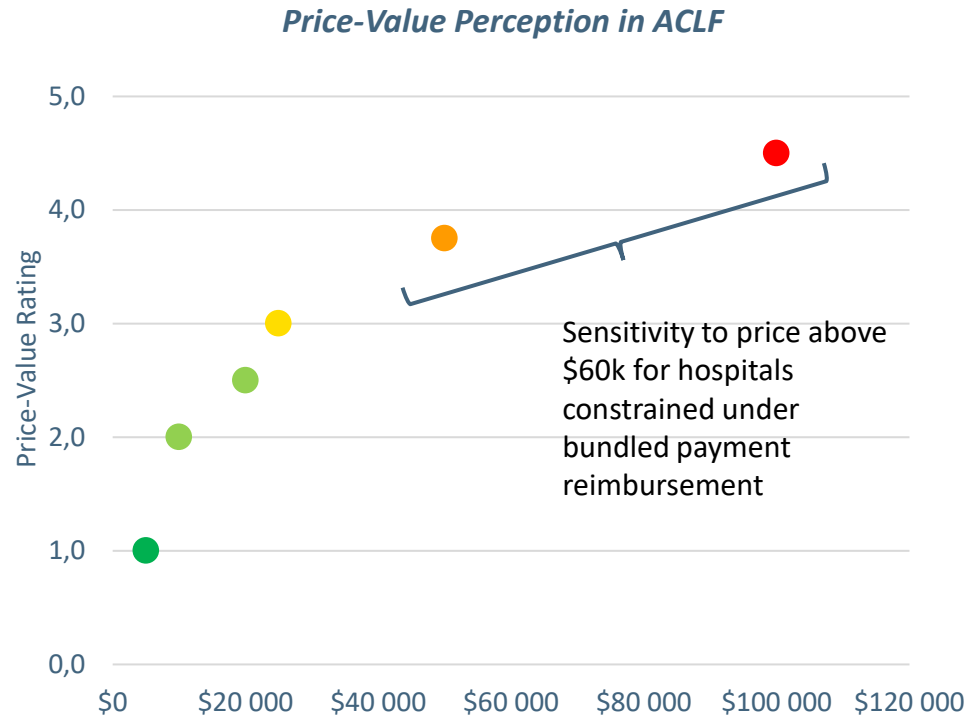
Variable	Assumptions	Rationale & Source(s)
1 Prevalent population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US: 330M; YoY growth: 0.4%</li> <li>EU4+UK: 325M; YoY growth: 0.3%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US census data</li> <li>EU country specific census data</li> </ul>
2 Hospitalization due to decompensated cirrhosis, per 100k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average (range): 110/100k (105/100k-113/100k)</li> <li>YoY increase: Base: 2%, Upside: 5%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GBD 2017 cirrhosis collaborators, Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2020 Mar;5(3):245-266 (supplementary appendix table 5)</li> <li>Desai et al, Clin Transl Gastroenterol. 2019 Jul;10(7):e00062</li> <li>Hirode et al JAMA Netw Open. 2020 Apr; 3(4): e201997</li> </ul>
3 ACLF prevalence (%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average (range): 30% (26-35%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hernaez et al, J Hepatol. 2019 Apr;70(4):639-647</li> <li>Mezzano et al, Gut 2022 Jan;71(1):148-155</li> <li>Moreau et al, Gastroenterology. 2013 Jun;144(7):1426-37, 1437.e1-9.</li> </ul>
4 ACLF grade 1 and 2 (%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACLF grade 1: 45% (40-50%)</li> <li>ACLF grade 2: 35% (30-40%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KOL feedback</li> <li>Hernaez et al, J Hepatol. 2019 Apr;70(4):639-647</li> <li>Gustot et al Hepatology. 2015 Jul;62(1):243-52</li> </ul>
5 ACLF grade 1 and 2 pts with ascites (%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ascites prevalence: 75% (60-90%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KOL feedback</li> </ul>

Hospital pharmacists and administrators appreciated that VS-01 addresses a patient population with high unmet need and could provide additional cost-savings

Topic	Key Considerations	Quotes
<p><b>Target Population</b></p>	<p><b>Payers understand that ACLF patients have high unmet treatment needs and are generally unprofitable due to extended length of stays and intensive level of care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treating ACLF Grade 1 and 2 patients early with VS-01 to slow disease progression, reduce overall length of stay, and reduce number of ICU admissions is very attractive to hospital payers</li> </ul>	<p><i>“It seems like this product would have significant demand – <b>based on what I have seen, this is an ideal patient population to target</b>” – US Hospital Payer</i></p>
<p><b>Workflow Considerations</b></p>	<p><b>No significant changes to workflow are needed to accommodate VS-01</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some hospitals may require the use of a high-level procedure room for the administration of VS-01 due to concerns of sterility</li> <li>• An added step in patient workflow will likely be scheduling an interventional radiologist to place the indwelling catheter by ultrasound prior to paracentesis and subsequent administration of VS-01</li> </ul>	<p><i>“We would look at this as a <b>procedure event</b> – the patient would be in paracentesis procedure room and then pharmacy would receive the order and not start preparing until the doctor confirms they are ready for procedure” – US Hospital Payer</i></p>
<p><b>HEOR Metrics</b></p>	<p><b>Hospital payers will be focused on VS-01’s impact on length of stay, time in ICU, and readmission rates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals will continuously collect and monitor data on utilization of the product and likely reevaluate VS-01 ~12-24 months after adoption</li> <li>• Early demonstration of reduction in LOS and ICU admissions in clinical trials will have a positive impact on early adoption of VS-01</li> </ul>	<p><i>“When evaluating a new drug, we do <b>routinely look at the current average stay cost compared with the cost of the novel therapy</b>” – US Hospital Payer</i></p>

Sources: 1) BBLSA payer interviews (n = 4)

Payers view a treatment cost in the range of ~\$30-\$50k per patient to be reasonable given the high level of unmet need and extended hospital stays



**Price-Value Rating**

- **1:** The value of this product could support an even higher price
- **2:** The price and the value of this product are aligned
- **3:** The price is reasonable for the value offered
- **4:** Given the value of the product, the price is starting to push the limit
- **5:** The value of the drug does not support the price that is being charged

**Key Takeaways**

**Payers acknowledged that the target patient population has little treatment and there is a high potential for significant cost savings on reduced ICU admissions and length of hospital stay**

- Payers were wary of treatment prices **greater than \$60k**, unless **significant reduction in healthcare resource utilization is demonstrated for this patient population**. Additional positive **clinical data** and exploratory endpoints (**lengths of stay, readmissions rate, mortality, etc.**) could help justify a **higher price**
- Without that data, substantial restrictions would likely be placed for any therapy above \$60k, for example restricted to use by hepatologist attending physician or after failure of other cheaper symptom management options

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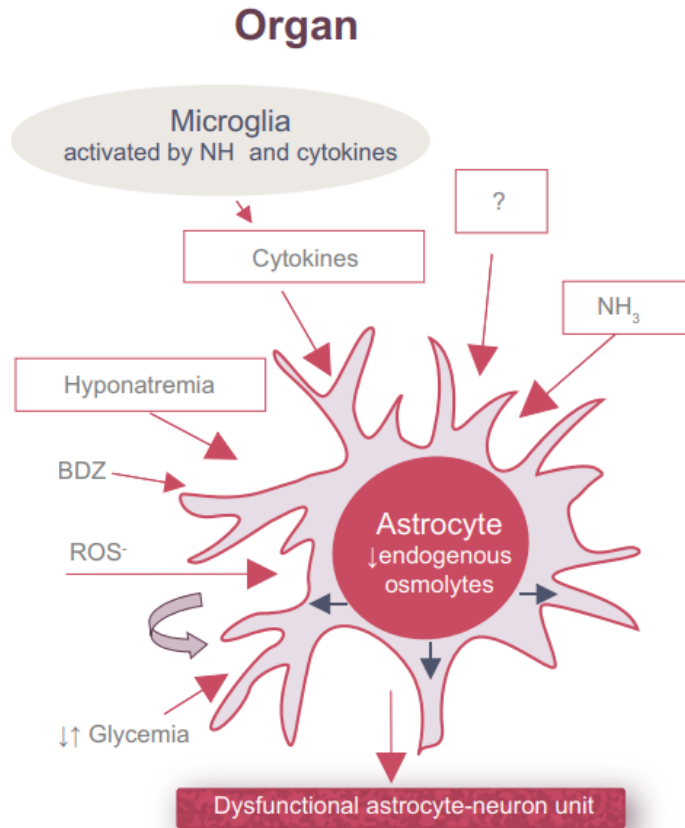


# Hepatic encephalopathy (HE)

## Disease state

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# PATHOGENESIS OF HE



**Table 4. Differential Diagnosis of HE**

*Overt HE or acute confusional state*

- Diabetic (hypoglycemia, ketoacidosis, hyperosmolar, lactate acidosis)
- Alcohol (intoxication, withdrawal, Wernicke)
- Drugs (benzodiazepines, neuroleptics, opioids)
- Neuroinfections
- Electrolyte disorders (hyponatremia and hypercalcemia)
- Nonconvulsive epilepsy
- Psychiatric disorders
- Intracranial bleeding and stroke
- Severe medical stress (organ failure and inflammation)

*Other presentations*

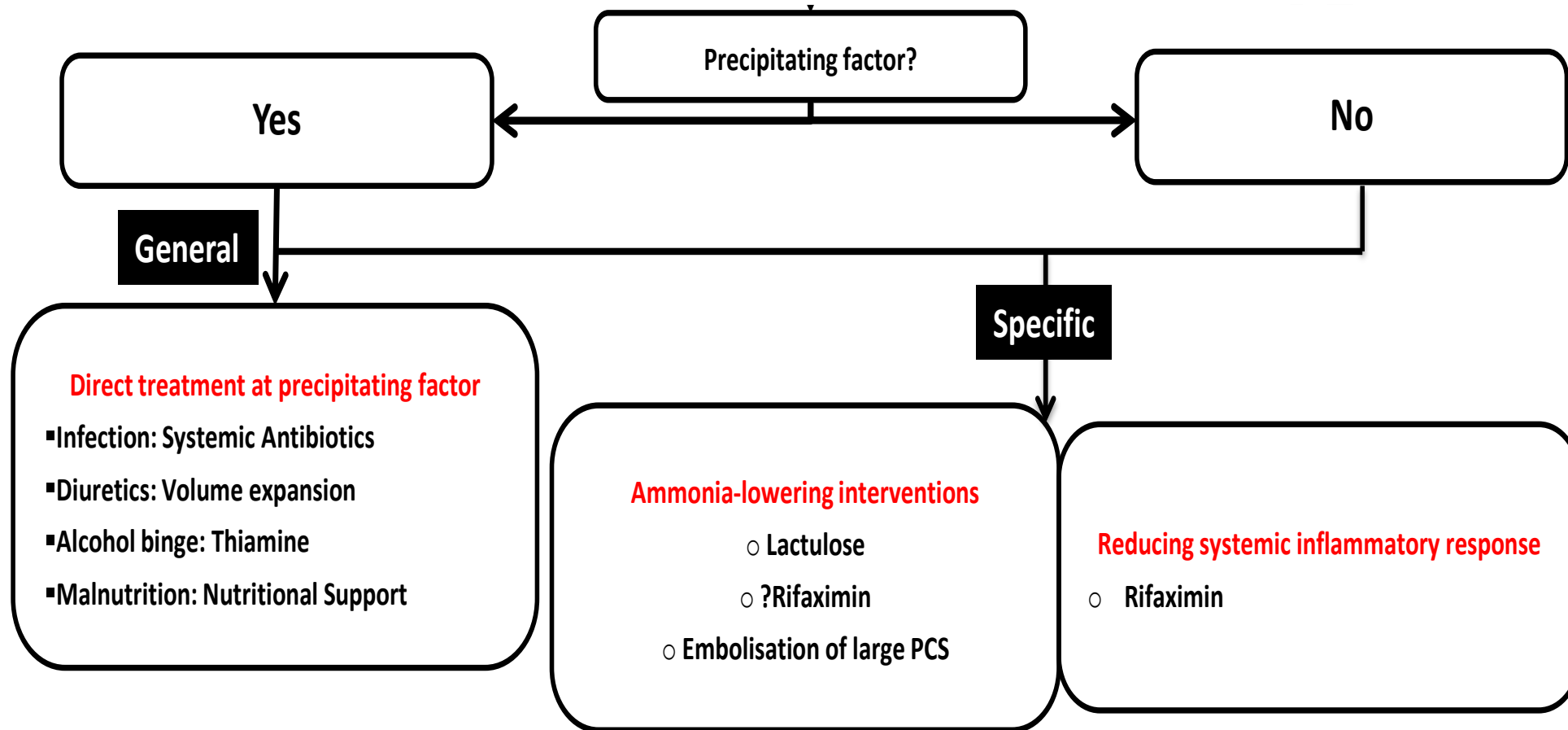
- Dementia (primary and secondary)
- Brain lesions (traumatic, neoplasms, normal pressure hydrocephalus)
- Obstructive sleep apnea



# DIAGNOSIS OF HE

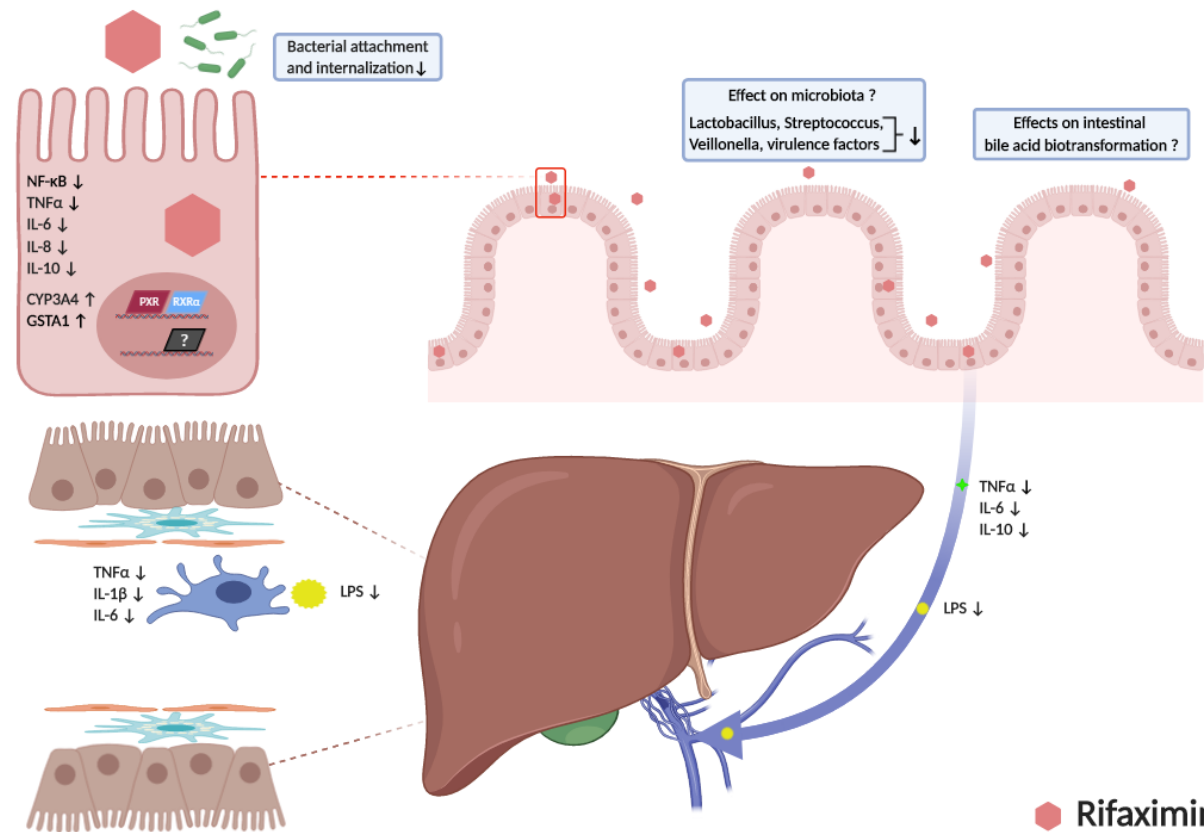
WHC Including MHE	ISHEN	Description	Suggested Operative Criteria
Unimpaired		No encephalopathy at all, no history of HE	Tested and proved to be normal
Minimal	Covert	Psychometric or neuropsychological alterations of tests exploring psychomotor speed/executive functions or neurophysiological alterations without clinical evidence of mental change	Abnormal results of established psychometric or neuropsychological tests without clinical manifestations
Grade I		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trivial lack of awareness</li> <li>• Euphoria or anxiety</li> <li>• Shortened attention span</li> <li>• Impairment of addition or subtraction</li> <li>• Altered sleep rhythm</li> </ul>	Despite oriented in time and space (see below), the patient appears to have some cognitive/behavioral decay with respect to his or her standard on clinical examination or to the caregivers
Grade II	Overt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lethargy or apathy</li> <li>• Disorientation for time</li> <li>• Obvious personality change</li> <li>• Inappropriate behavior</li> <li>• Dyspraxia</li> <li>• Asterixis</li> </ul>	Disoriented for time (at least three of the followings are wrong: day of the month, day of the week, month, season, or year) $\pm$ the other mentioned symptoms
Grade III		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Somnolence to semistupor</li> <li>• Responsive to stimuli</li> <li>• Confused</li> <li>• Gross disorientation</li> <li>• Bizarre behavior</li> </ul>	Disoriented also for space (at least three of the following wrongly reported: country, state [or region], city, or place) $\pm$ the other mentioned symptoms
Grade IV		Coma	Does not respond even to painful stimuli

# CORRECTION OF PRECIPITANTS AND TREATMENT



# Rifaximin

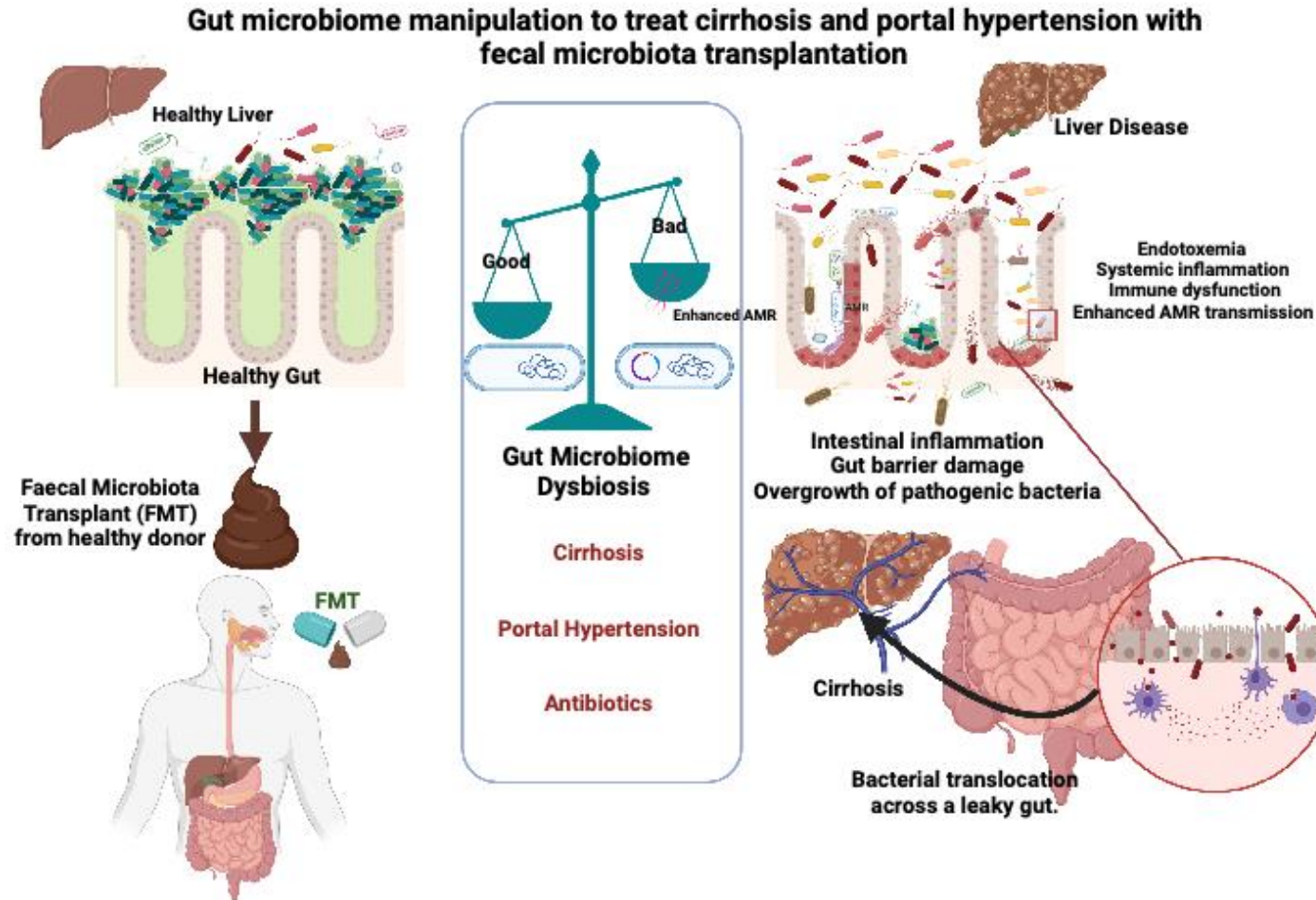
## Putative effects of Rifaximin on the gut-liver axis



# FECAL MICROBIAL TRANSPLANT (FMT) IN CIRRHOSIS AND HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

Study	Study design	Number of patients	Route and duration of FMT	Outcomes
Kao et al. Hepatology 2016 <sup>1</sup>	Case report	1 patient with HE	1 FMT delivered via colonoscopy followed by 4 weekly enemas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subjective and objective improvement in symptoms, and improvement in cognitive function</li> <li>Alteration in microbiota towards donor composition, which reversed upon discontinuation</li> </ul>
Bajaj et al. Hepatology 2018 <sup>2</sup>	Open label, randomised trial	Recurrent HE. 10 patients FMT (with antibiotic pre-treatment) vs. 10 patients Standard of Care	Single enema delivery (following 5 days antibiotics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement in cognitive scoring</li> <li>Significant microbiota compositional change (increased beneficial taxa)</li> <li>Fewer hospital admissions and HE episodes</li> </ul>
Mehta et al. Indian J Gastroenterol 2018 <sup>3</sup>	Case series	10 patients with HE	1 FMT delivered via colonoscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustained clinical response from recurrent HE in six patients at week 20</li> <li>Reduction in arterial ammonia, Improvements in CTP and MELD score</li> </ul>
Bajaj et al. Gastroenterology 2019 <sup>4</sup>	Extended analysis of prior randomised trial	17 patients from earlier trial	Single enema delivery (following 5 days antibiotics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long term safety and sustained improvement in clinical and cognitive function parameters</li> <li>Improvement in all-cause hospitalisations in FMT group</li> </ul>
Bajaj et al. Hepatology 2019 <sup>5</sup>	Randomised, placebo-controlled, single blind phase1 trial	Recurrent HE. 10 patients FMT vs 10 patients placebo	Single oral administration of 15 FMT capsules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fewer hospital admissions and improved cognitive performance in FMT group</li> <li>FMT associated with improvement in mucosal diversity and dysbiosis</li> <li>Oral capsules safe and well tolerated</li> </ul>
Bajaj et al. Hepatology 2021 <sup>6</sup>	Phase 1 double blind, randomised controlled trial	20 men with alcohol use disorder (AUD) related cirrhosis. 10 patients FMT vs 10 patients SOC	Single enema delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long term reduction in AUD related hospitalisations over 6 months</li> <li>Favourable microbial changes and increased diversity</li> </ul>
Bloom et al. Hepatology Communications 2022 <sup>7</sup>	Open label, non-randomised study	10 patients with history of overt HE	Five doses of FMT capsules delivered over 3 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement in cognitive function testing 4 weeks post final dose</li> <li>Only one patient experienced an episode overt HE over six months follow up</li> </ul>

# FMT IN CIRRHOSIS AND HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY



# Hepatic encephalopathy (HE)

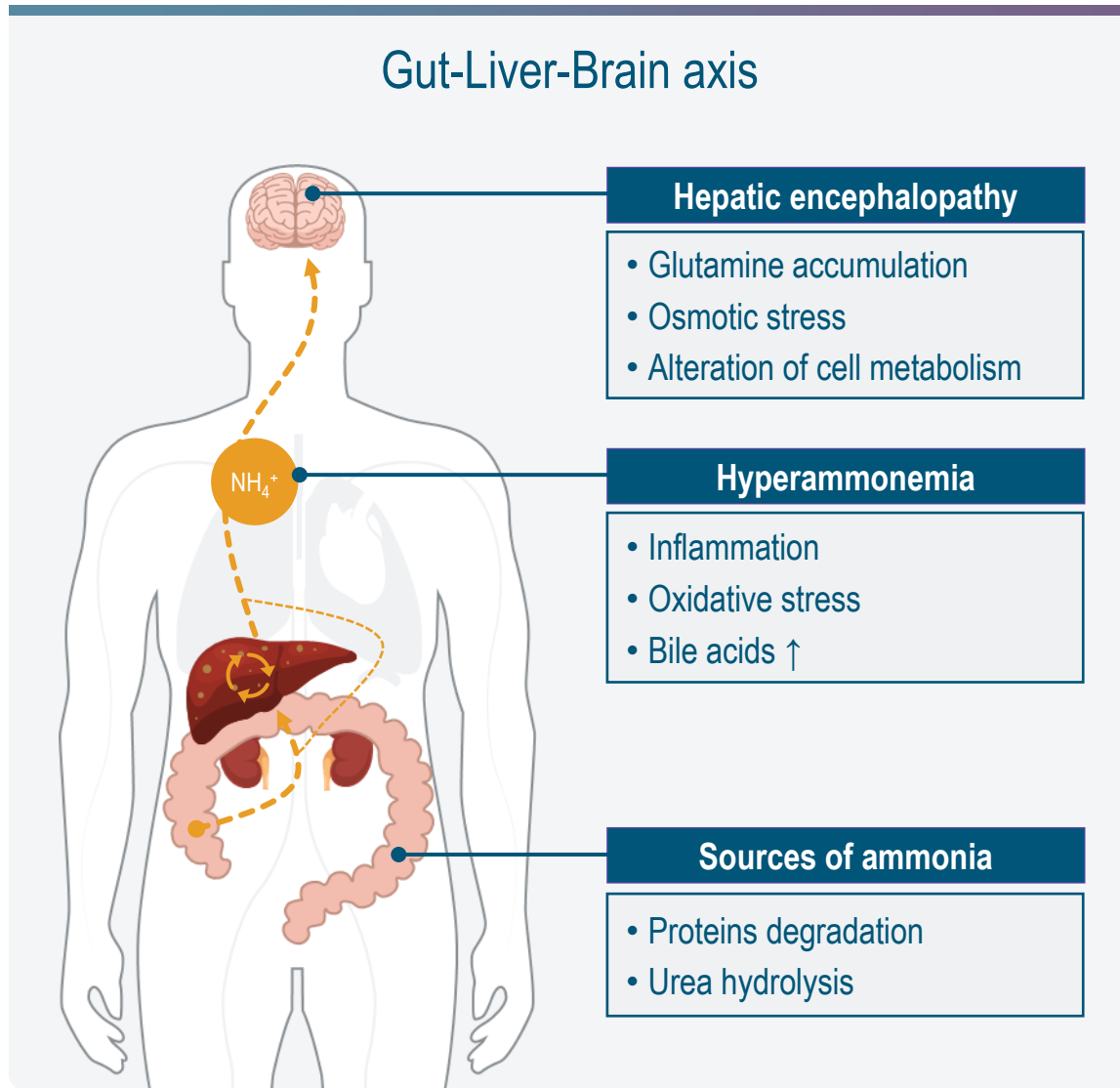
## **GENFIT's program: VS-02-HE\***

- *Vincent Forster, PhD, co-founder of VERSANTIS*
- *Meriam Kabbaj, PhD, co-founder of VERSANTIS*

# VS-02: novel oral investigational treatment for chronic hepatic encephalopathy



# Hepatic encephalopathy (HE) is associated with elevated ammonia levels



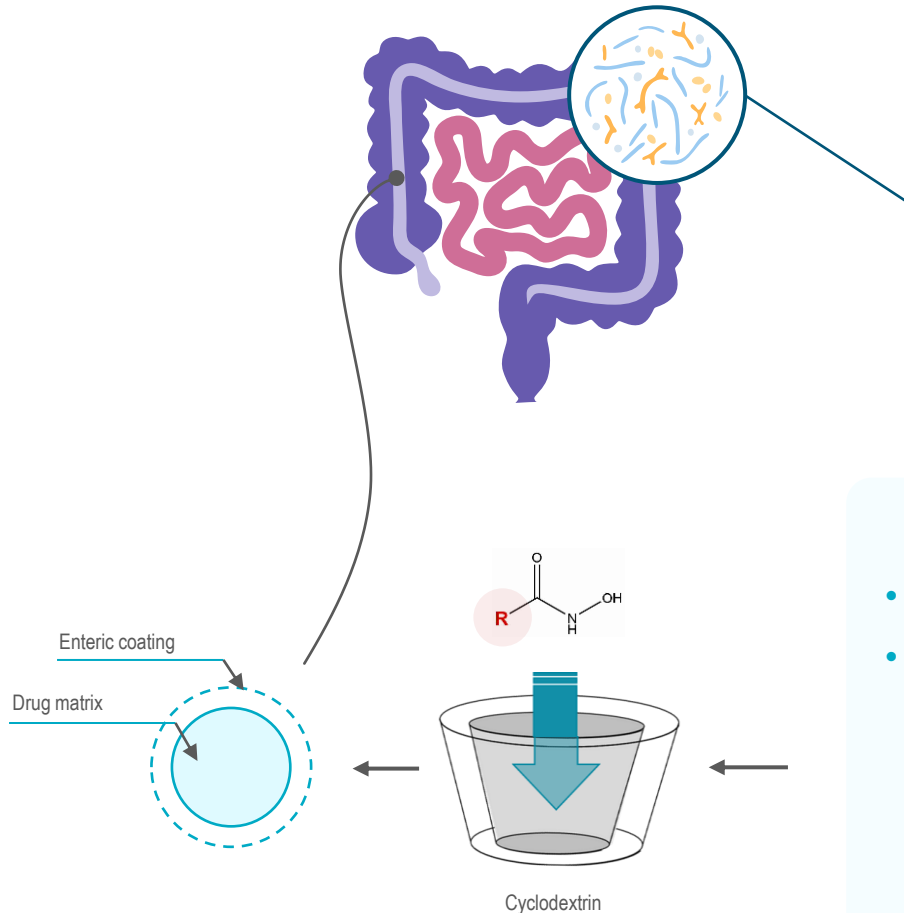
### HE in brief

- Major & serious complication of liver cirrhosis affecting 30-45% of patients <sup>1,2</sup>
- In U.S.
  - 2M patients at risk to develop Overt HE; **200k patients hospitalized yearly** <sup>3</sup>
  - Estimated annual economic burden of HE: \$7.2 <sup>4</sup> in 2009 - **\$11.9+ billion** in 2014 <sup>4</sup>
- Associated with increased hospitalizations, recurrences, healthcare costs and mortality
- Largely underdiagnosed and undertreated → poor quality of life
- Current treatments associated with side effects and moderate efficacy.  
Their goal: **lowering ammonia levels**



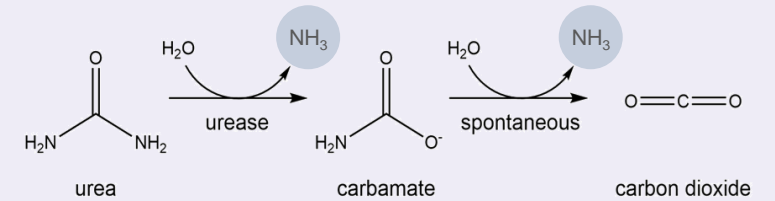


# Urease inhibitors as treatment for HE



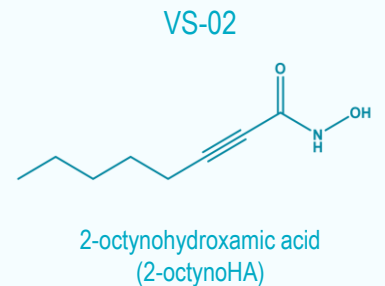
## Urea hydrolysis by urease-producing bacteria

- Urea is secreted and actively transported into the intestine
- Gut bacteria produce urease to hydrolyze urea into ammonia
- 30% of all urea produced is hydrolyzed by gut microbiota, making it one of the **main sources of ammonia**<sup>1</sup>



## Hydroxamic acids (HAs)

- Inhibit ureases by binding to nickel atoms in their active site<sup>2</sup>
- Hydroxamic acids today:
  - AcetoHA (Lithostat®) used for chronic urea-splitting urinary infection<sup>3,4</sup>.
  - OctanoHA tested in patients with liver disease<sup>5</sup>
  - × Lack of potency
  - × Insufficient concentration in the colon
- **2-octynoHA is +10-fold more potent** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.038 mM) and can be delivered to the colon via colonic formulation as novel treatment for HE



# VS-02\* has the potential to offer positive upsides vs standard of care

Drug	Technology	Indication	Limitations
<b>Lactulose</b> Various brands (global)	Laxative Route: oral MoA: reduce ammonia via bowel movements	Chronic HE Supportive for acute HE	- Poor compliance due to significant side effects (diarrhea & GI issues)
<b>Rifaximin</b> Xifaxan® (US, EU) Rifaxima® (JP)	Antibiotic Route: oral MoA: reduce ammonia via removal of gut bacteria	Recurrent HE	- Significant side effects and GI issues - Restricted to severe patients - Questionable safety of chronic antibiotherapy. Not for long-term use.
<b>LOLA</b> <sup>1</sup> Hepa-Merz® (EU)	Ammonia scavenger Route: oral and <i>i.v.</i> MoA: reduce ammonia via urea cycle support	Chronic & acute HE	- Not approved in the US - Effectiveness remains to be demonstrated and currently not recommended by guidelines <sup>2</sup>



## VS-02 treatment goals

- Reduce hyperammonemia & stabilize blood ammonia at physiological level
- Prevent recurrence of overt HE and rehospitalizations
- Replace current standard of care associated with poor patient compliance due to side effects
- Increase access to care. HE remains largely underdiagnosed and undertreated<sup>3</sup>

\*VS-02 is an investigational drug that is not approved by any Health Authority



# Conclusions and forthcoming milestones

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## PROOF OF CONCEPT TO DATE

- VS-02 demonstrated superior urease inhibitory activity *in vitro* over +15 screened hydroxamic acid derivatives
- Synthesis of lead candidate optimized and straightforward
- *In vitro* and *in vivo* data planned **to be presented at EASL** and incorporated into a **peer-review publication** in H1:2023:
  - Cytotoxicity and mutagenicity assessment
  - *In vivo* efficacy to significantly reduce plasmatic ammonia and brain glutamine in bile duct-ligated rats
  - Preliminary *in vivo* pharmacokinetic assessment in dogs

## FORTHCOMING MILESTONES

- Formulation optimization: colonic delivery capsules, stability assessment
- Manufacturing scale up
- IND-enabling nonclinical studies targeted for completion in 2025



# Hepatic encephalopathy (HE)

## Market opportunity

- *Pascal Caisey, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer of GENFIT*

# Estimated<sup>1</sup> market opportunity in Hepatic Encephalopathy

## Market opportunity

- Hepatic encephalopathy is a serious and potentially fatal complication of both acute and chronic liver failure
- It affects 30 to 40% of cirrhotic patients
- HE is probably one of the most frequent complication of cirrhosis that leads to hospitalizations and repeated re-admissions
- US
  - 2M patients at risk to develop HE
  - 200k hospitalized yearly.
  - Annual economic burden of HE hospitalizations: >\$12bn
- EU
  - Incidence of HE close to 1M
- Market estimates<sup>2</sup>
  - Global market of \$4.1bn by 2026

1: DelveInsight's "Hepatic Encephalopathy - Market Insights, Epidemiology, and Market Forecast-2030"

2: Hepatic Encephalopathy Market Report by Coherent Market Insights



Questions?

# Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)

## Disease state

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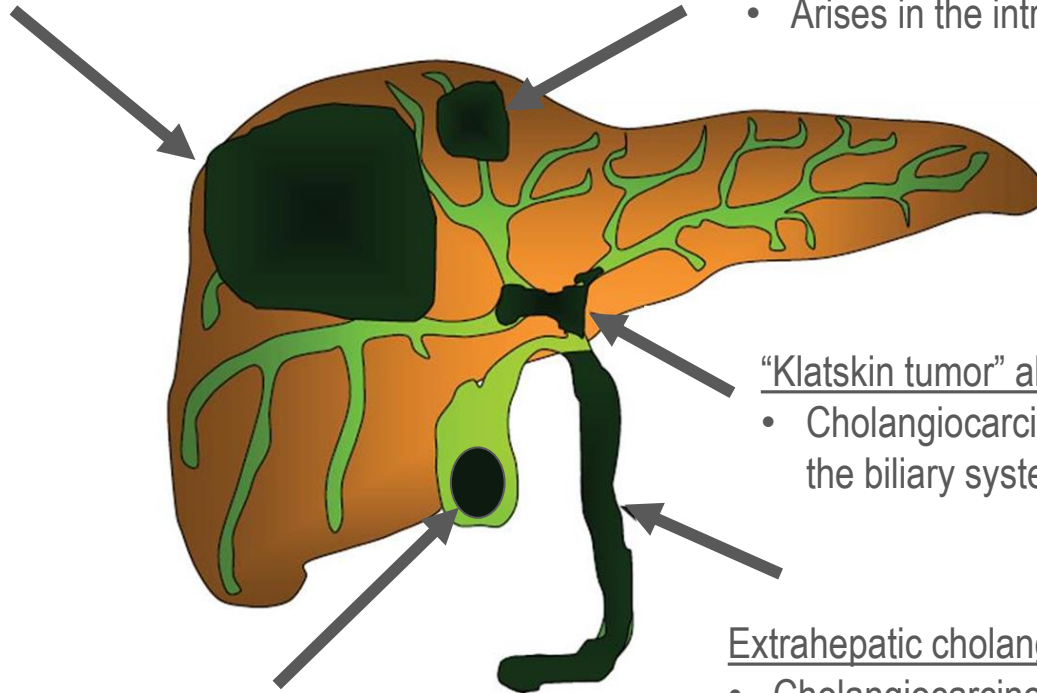




# What is Cholangiocarcinoma?

## Hepatocellular carcinoma

- Arises from hepatocytes



## Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

- Arises in the intrahepatic bile ducts

## “Klatskin tumor” also called “hilar cholangiocarcinoma”

- Cholangiocarcinoma that arises at the bifurcation of the biliary system

## Extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

- Cholangiocarcinoma that arises in the extra-hepatic bile ducts

## Gallbladder cancer

- Cancer that arises in the gallbladder

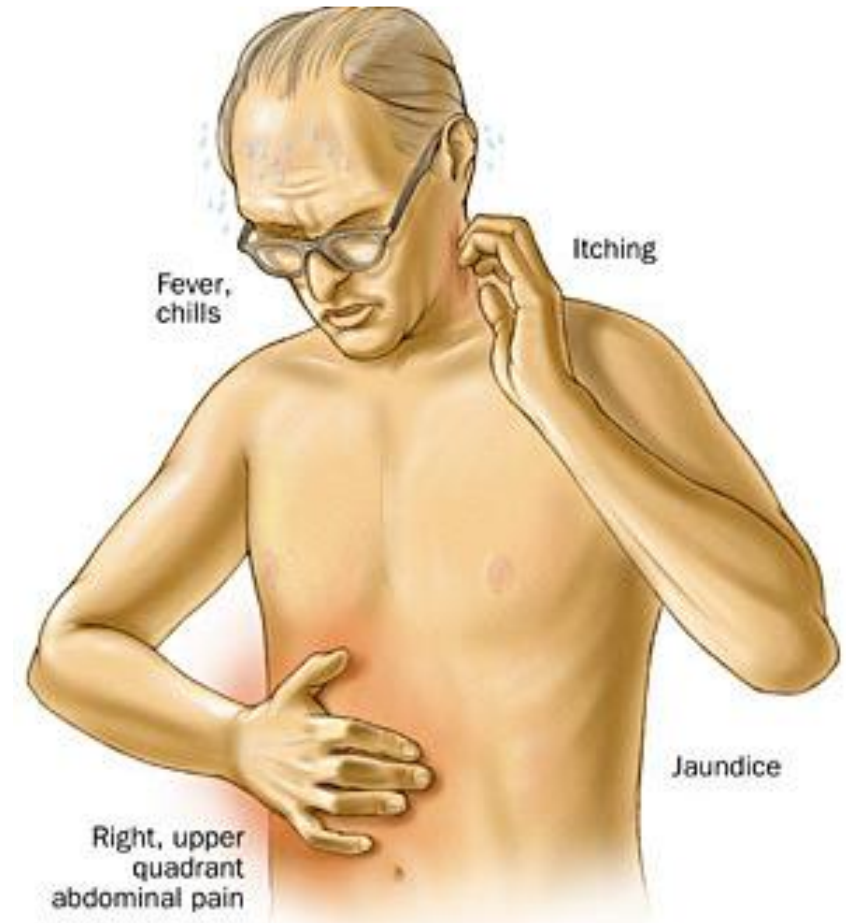


# Etiology of Cholangiocarcinoma

- ▶ Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma shares risk factors with HCC
  - ▶ Cirrhosis/hepatitis from any cause
- ▶ Anything that chronically inflames the biliary tract
  - ▶ Primary sclerosis cholangitis (PSC)/Ulcerative colitis
  - ▶ Cholelithiasis (particularly gallbladder cancer)
  - ▶ Cystic fibrosis
  - ▶ Toxic exposures (strongly associated with chemical exposure and occupational hazards)
  - ▶ Parasitic infections (Liver flukes, especially in Southeast Asia)
  - ▶ Obesity/metabolic syndrome
- ▶ Lynch syndrome and BAP1 tumor pre-disposition syndrome

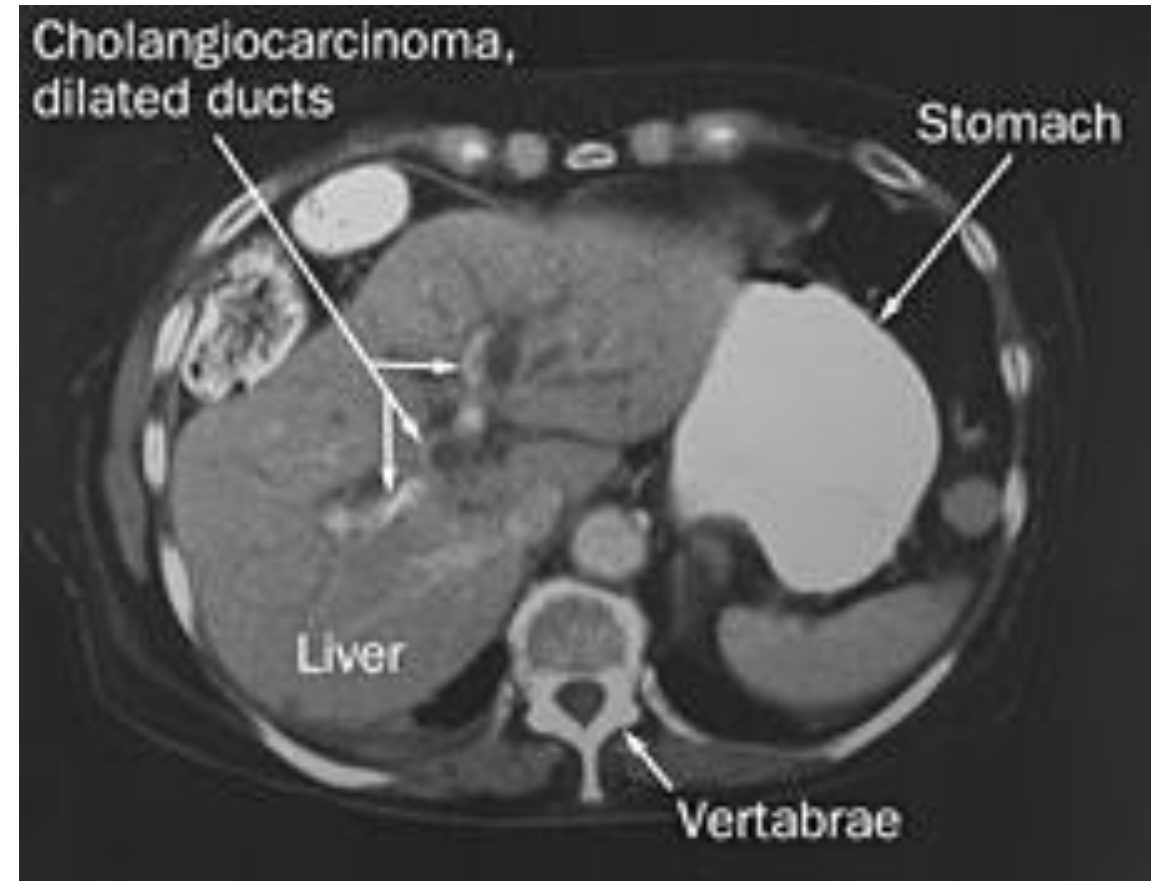
# Clinical presentation

- The clinical presentation of cholangiocarcinoma depends on the anatomic location of the tumor(s).
- Patients with hilar cholangiocarcinoma, (tumor located in the area of confluence of right and left hepatic ducts) most commonly present with jaundice, pruritus, abdominal pain, fever, weight loss and/or progressive weakness
- Patients with peripheral cholangiocarcinoma (tumor originating from small intrahepatic ducts) may present only with vague abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss, weakness and worsening fatigue. Jaundice and pruritus may not be apparent until very late in the disease course, when there is occlusion of segmental bile ducts.
- Patients with distal cholangiocarcinoma (tumors involving extrahepatic bile ducts) usually have early onset of jaundice and pruritus without abdominal pain.
- Upon physical examination, these patients usually have a palpable distended gallbladder (Courvoisier's sign).



# Diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma

- **Laboratory tests**
  - Biochemical tests of liver function may reveal a cholestatic picture with **elevated total bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase**.
  - **Carcinoembriogenic antigen (CEA) and CA 19-9** are blood tests for **non-specific markers** of underlying gastrointestinal malignancies. These tests are positive in more than 40% of patients with cholangiocarcinoma, but usually only in late stages of the tumor.
  - **Alpha-Fetoprotein (AFP)** is another blood test commonly used to identify markers of possible hepatobiliary malignancy.
- **Imaging/Radiographic Tests/Biopsy**
  - Ultrasound
  - CT scan
  - MRI
  - Endoscopy
  - ERCP
  - Endoscopic ultrasound
  - Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography





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# Treatment

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# Treatment options – Surgery

- **Surgical excision** of biliary tract tumors is the **treatment of choice** in cholangiocarcinoma as it is the only therapeutic option that offers the **potential for cure**.
- Curative treatment is dependent upon aggressive excision, which involves a major liver resection to completely remove the tumor and biliary drainage.
- Surgical management provides improved survival rates and quality of life.
- Surgery remains the primary treatment of cholangiocarcinoma, even for advanced stages of the tumor. Resectability of the tumor and **survival rates in patients with cholangiocarcinoma depend on location of the tumor and spread of the disease** at the time of presentation.
- Survival rates are higher in specialized institutions where a multidisciplinary team, including surgeon, oncologist, endoscopist, interventional radiologist and supporting staff are involved.
- **Five-year survival rates** for resected peripheral, hilar and distal cholangiocarcinoma were 44%, 11% and 28%, and median survival rates were 26, 19, and 22 months, respectively.



# Non-surgical treatment options

- In the advanced setting, the **SoC for first line therapy** is a combination of gemcitabine and platinum-based **chemotherapy**; other gemcitabine- or fluoropyrimidines-based regimens are also commonly used
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved **durvalumab in combination with chemotherapy** as a new standard of care for cholangiocarcinoma (CCA) patients in the US
- Increasing interest in understanding the **molecular mechanisms** involved in the pathogenesis of CCA and in identifying new targets for therapy
- At time of relapse, patients whose tumor displays **FGFR2 alterations or IDH-1 mutation may receive approved therapies that target these specific alterations**
- Taken together, there is a **clear need for improved therapies** for patients with advanced CCA



# Overall summary of Treatment

Resectable

**Adjuvant Capecitabine**  
*Better than placebo*

*Chemoradiotherapy is  
also sometimes used  
for R1 resection or  
extrahepatic cholangio*

Unresectable

**Gemcitabine/cisplatin/  
durvalumab**  
*Better than gem/cis*

**Gem/cis/Nab-paclitaxel**  
*Looks promising but no  
randomized data yet to  
support*

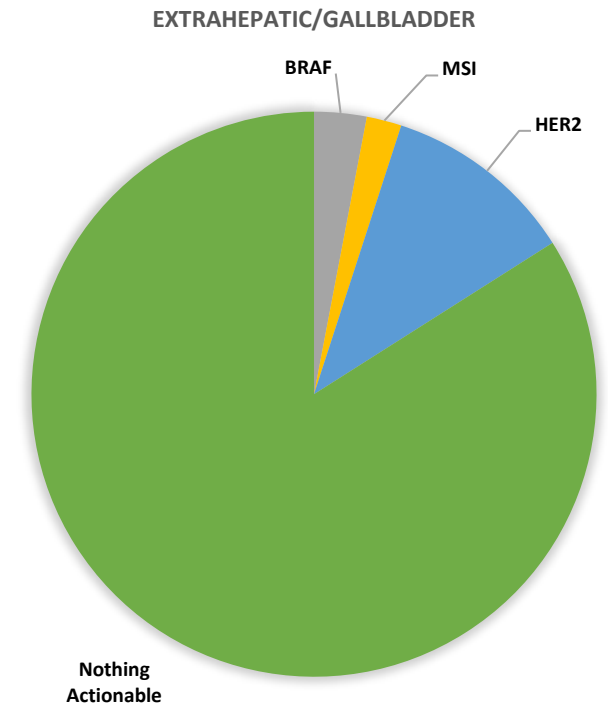
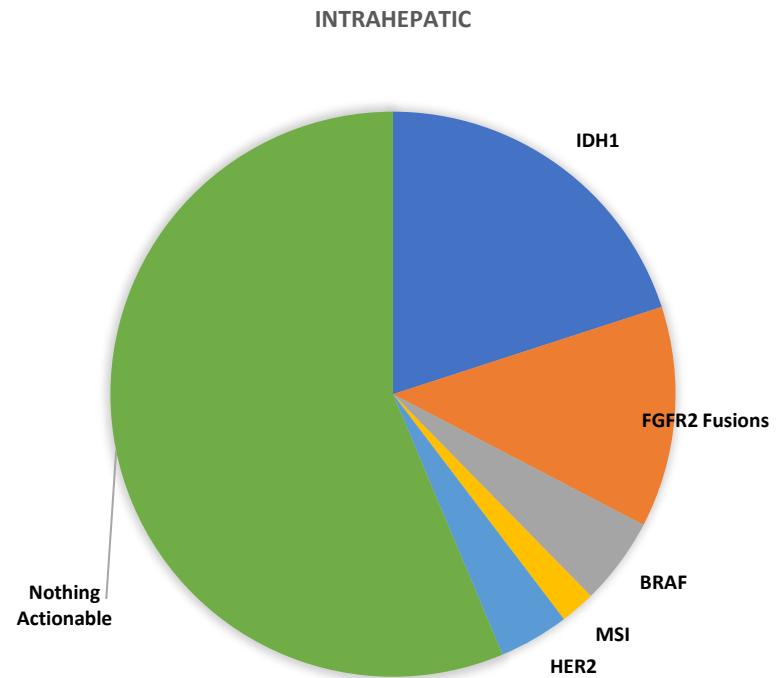


**Molecular Testing**  
**5FU+Liposomal irinotecan**  
**FOLFOX**



# Targets for Personalized Intervention

- ▶ Approximately half of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinomas and some extrahepatic cholangiocarcinomas have (potentially) targetable mutations
- ▶ IDH1 mutations, FGFR2 fusions, BRAFV600E, MSI, HER2, NTRK all possible



# Summary

- ▶ Unmet needs in CCA
- ▶ Opportunities for new targeted therapies
- ▶ Opportunities for new mechanisms of action/combinations

# Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)

## GENFIT's program: GNS561\*

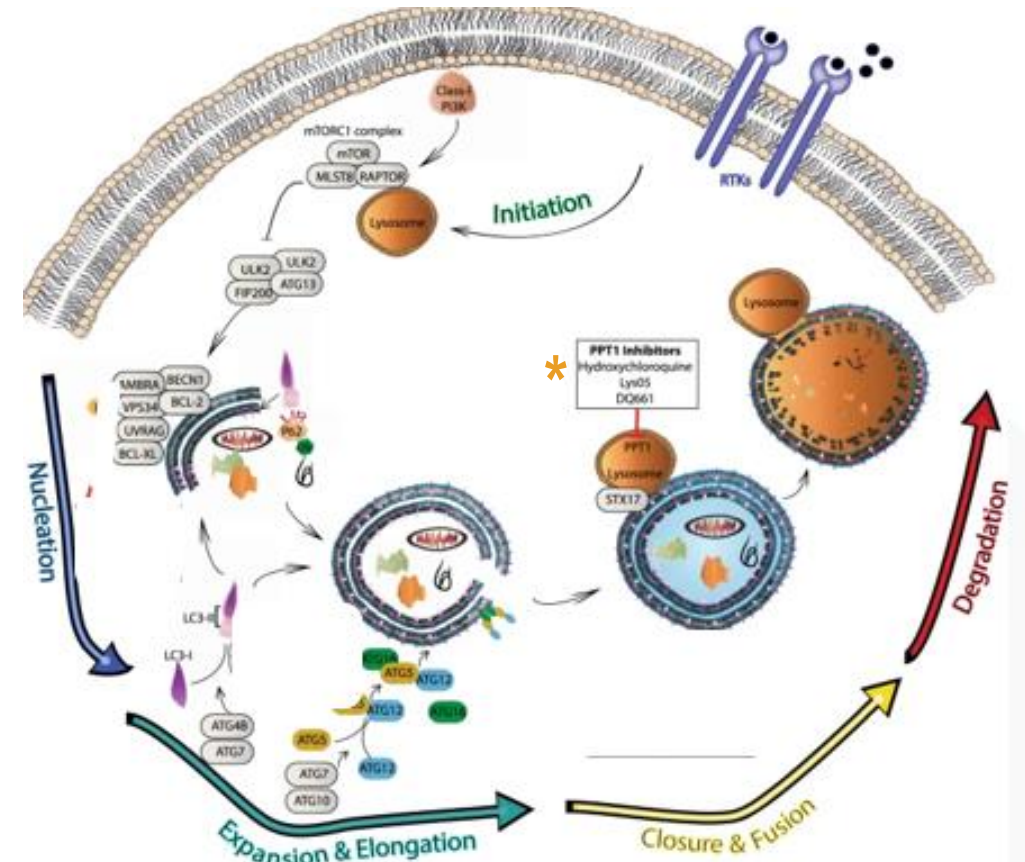
- *Dean Hum, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer of GENFIT*
- *Carol Addy, MD, Chief Medical Officer of GENFIT*

# Autophagy and GNS561

Autophagy is a process that maintains cellular homeostasis and confers adaptation to environmental stresses, preventing cellular damage, and promoting cell survival.

In established tumors, autophagy facilitates development by promoting cancer cell proliferation and tumor growth.<sup>1</sup>

GNS561 is a **PPT1 inhibitor**<sup>\*</sup>, a small molecule that blocks cancer cell proliferation by inhibiting late-stage autophagy leading to cell death.<sup>3</sup>

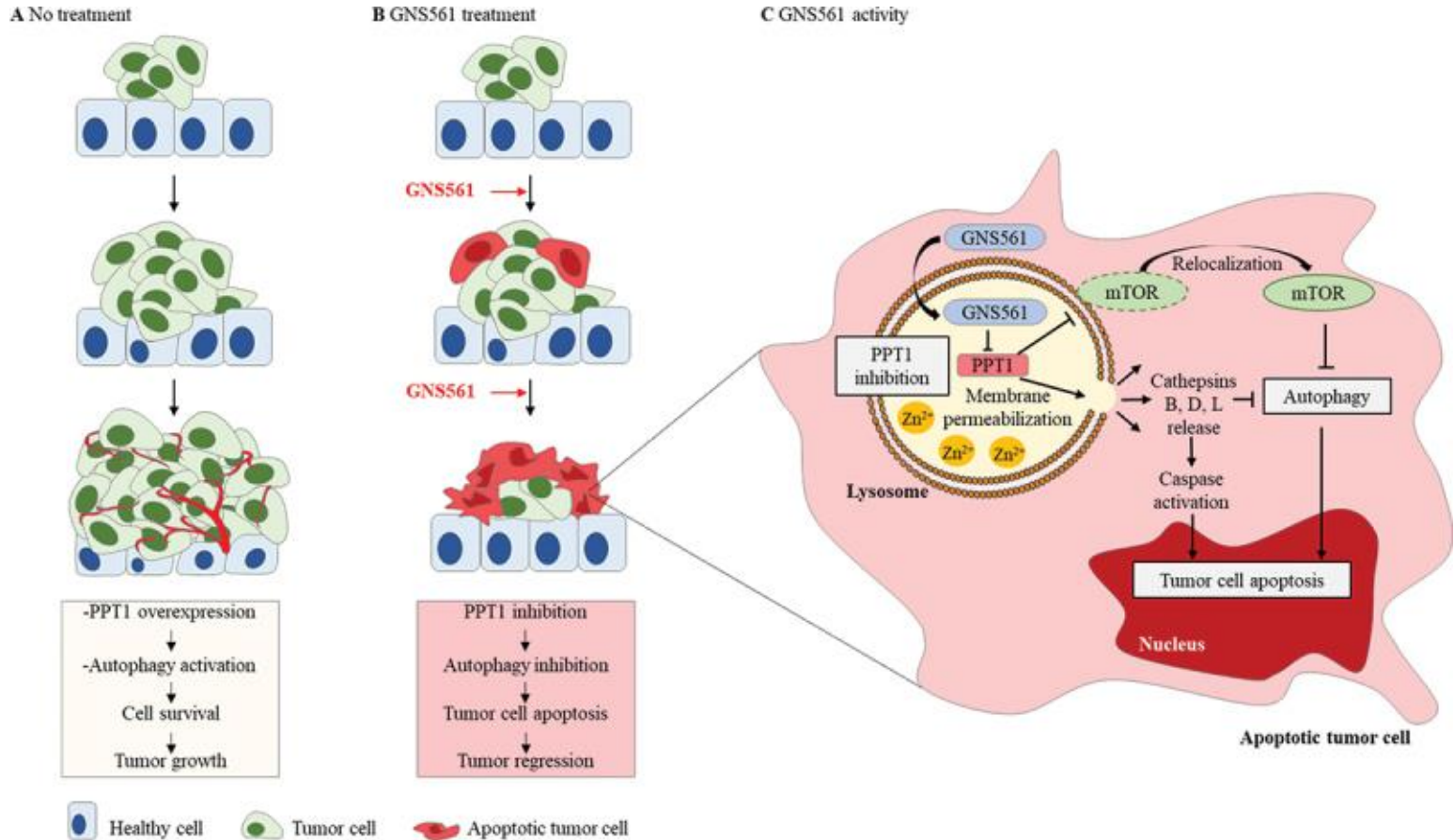


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# GNS561 Mechanism of Action



GNS561 localizes in lysosomes where it binds and **inhibits PPT1** resulting in:

- lysosomal unbound Zn<sup>2+</sup> accumulation,
- impairment of cathepsin activity,
- autophagic flux inhibition,
- altered location of MTOR,
- lysosomal membrane permeabilization<sup>1</sup>

All these events induce caspase activation and **tumor cell apoptosis (cell death)**<sup>1</sup>

Genetic suppression of PPT1 impairs tumor growth and PPT1 levels are elevated in cancer and associated with poor survival<sup>2</sup>

Schematic representation of molecular and cellular mechanisms involved in the antitumoral activity of GNS561<sup>1</sup>

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# GNS561 has antitumor activity in human cancer cell lines and HCC\* patient derived cells

**Table 1.** In vitro activity of GNS561 and HCQ in human cancer cell lines (left, IC<sub>50</sub> ± SD, μM) and in vitro activity of GNS561 and sorafenib in primary HCC\* patient-derived cells (right, IC<sub>50</sub>, μM).

Cancer type	Cell lines	Mean IC <sub>50</sub> ± SD (μM)		Primary HCC patient-derived cells	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	
		GNS561	HCQ		GNS561	sorafenib
Colon Carcinoma	HCT-116	1.22 ± 0.15	14.41 ± 1.5	LI0050	3.54	9.12
	HT-29	1.35 ± 0.04	24.18 ± 5.14	LI0574	2.41	8.65
Renal Cell Carcinoma	786-O	1.72 ± 0.17	21.65 ± 3.15	LI0612	6.93	17.94
	CAKI-1	1.10 ± 0.19	17.69 ± 1.29	LI0752	0.49	6.34
Ovarian Cancer	NIH:OVCAR3	7.27 ± 1.71	98.01 ± 12.75	LI0801	2.07	5.7
Melanoma	A375	1.2 ± 0.13	12.27 ± 2.8	LI1005	3.16	14.49
	SK-MEL-28	1.81 ± 0.5	22.78 ± 2.65	LI1098	6.95	10.85
Breast Cancer	MDA-MB-231	2.17 ± 0.14	14.13 ± 3.06	LI1646	1.44	10.33
Prostate Cancer	DU-145	1.09 ± 0.18	45.74 ± 0.55	<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.37 ± 2.40</b>	<b>10.43 ± 4.09</b>
	PC-3	2.56 ± 0.23	43.43 ± 6.04			
Lung Cancer	A549	1.69 ± 0.34	14.33 ± 1.59			
	NCI-H358	2.54 ± 0.34	54.07 ± 14.19			
HCC	HepG2	0.47 ± 0.15	11.55 ± 1.52			
	Huh7	0.88 ± 0.31	13.62 ± 0.71			
Glioblastoma	LN-229	0.60 ± 0.24	10.87 ± 1.23			
	LN-18	0.22 ± 0.06	5.27 ± 0.74			
Acute Myeloid Leukemia	KG-1	5.86 ± 1.64	43.92 ± 2.76			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>1.99 ± 1.86</b>	<b>27.52 ± 23.28</b>			

\*HCC Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- GNS561 displays **activity against human cancer** cell lines and HCC patient-derived cells
- GNS561 was at least **10-fold more effective** than HCQ in tested cancer cell lines
- GNS561 displayed activity in primary HCC patient-derived cells and was on average **3-fold more potent** than sorafenib, a reference drug in HCC treatment

# GNS561 has antitumor activity in iCCA cell lines and iCCA patient-derived cells

**Table 1** Mean IC<sub>50</sub> ± SD of GNS561, gemcitabine and cisplatin in two human iCCA cell lines after 72 h of incubation

Cell lines	Mean IC <sub>50</sub> ± SD (μM)		
	GNS561	Cisplatin	Gemcitabine
HuCCT1	1.5 ± 0.2	16.5 ± 0.5	75% max inhibition at 15 μM
RBE	1.7 ± 0.1	8.2 ± 1.2	60% max inhibition at 6 μM

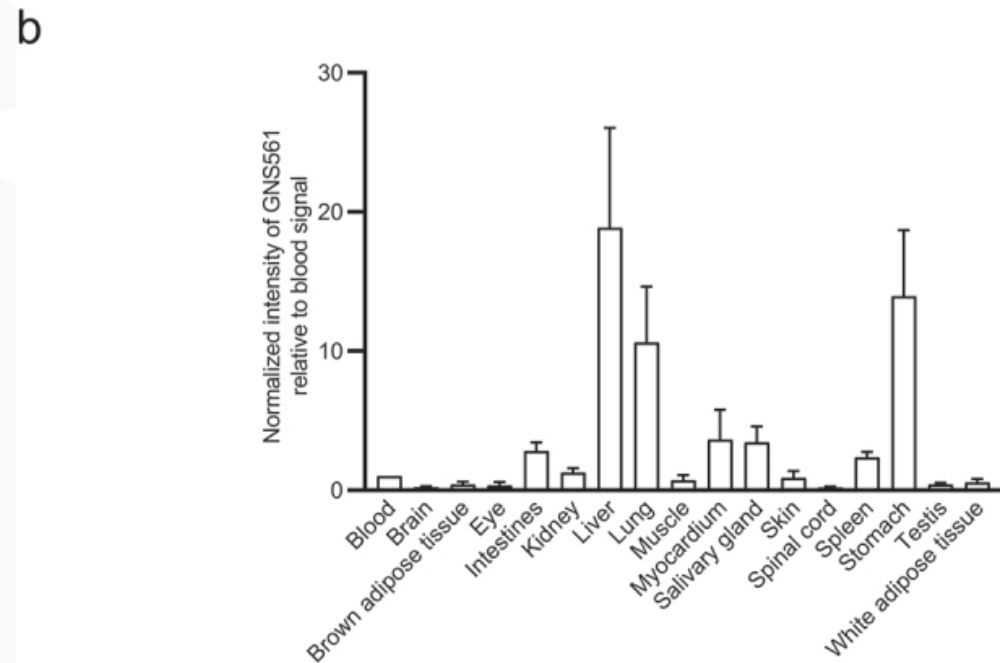
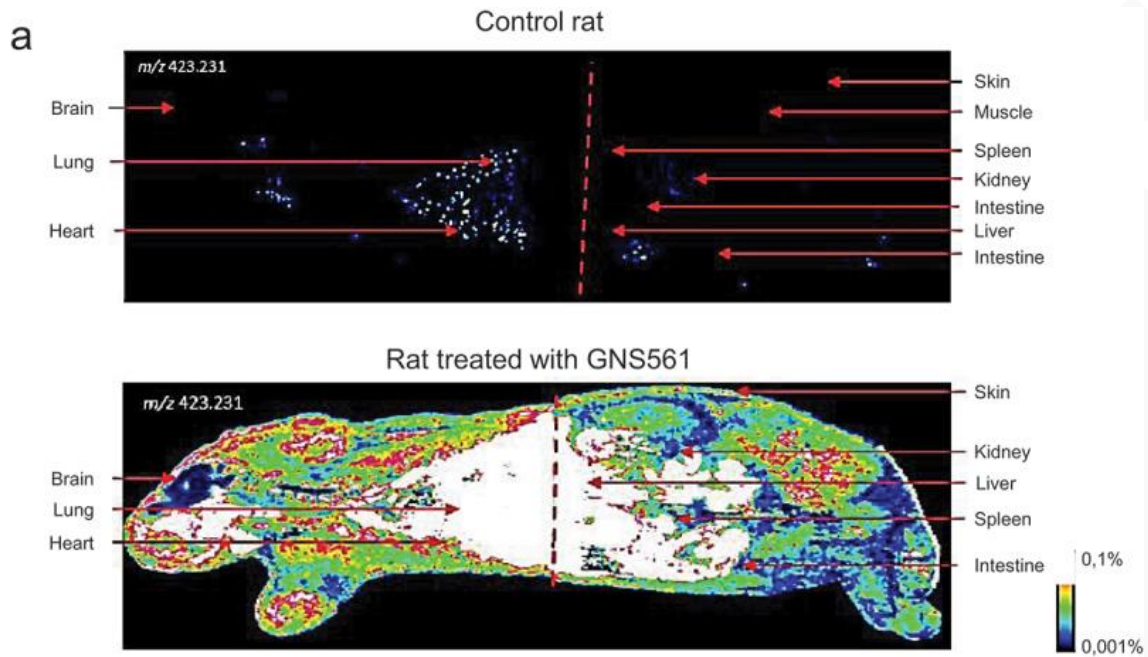
GNS561 significantly **reduced cell viability** in two iCCA cell lines (IC<sub>50</sub> of 1.5 ± 0.2 μM in HuCCT1 and IC<sub>50</sub> of 1.7 ± 0.1 μM in RBE cells (Table 1).

Model name	GNS561		Gemcitabine		Cisplatin	
	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	Maximal inhibition	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	Maximal inhibition	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	Maximal inhibition
CC6205	1.56	99.93%	0.026	86.37%	1.62	99.53%
CC6638	0.86	99.98%	> 10	49.16%	10.54	93.48%
CC6279	1.48	99.96%	0.010	83.73%	6.17	98.79%
CC6625	1.14	99.97%	13.61	52.57%	1.89	98.19%
CC6658	1.23	100.00%	0.53	89.98%	0.85	99.81%

GNS561 was **more potent** than cisplatin or gemcitabine in 2 models (CC6638 and CC6279, and CC6638 and CC6625, respectively). GNS561 was as effective as cisplatin in 3 out of 5 iCCA patient-derived cell line models (CC6205, CC6625 and CC6658).

GNS561 always induced a **complete tumor inhibition** in all models contrary to gemcitabine which did not in any model, suggesting that **GNS561 may be efficient in models with low sensitivity to gemcitabine.**

# GNS561 mainly accumulated in the liver, stomach and lung



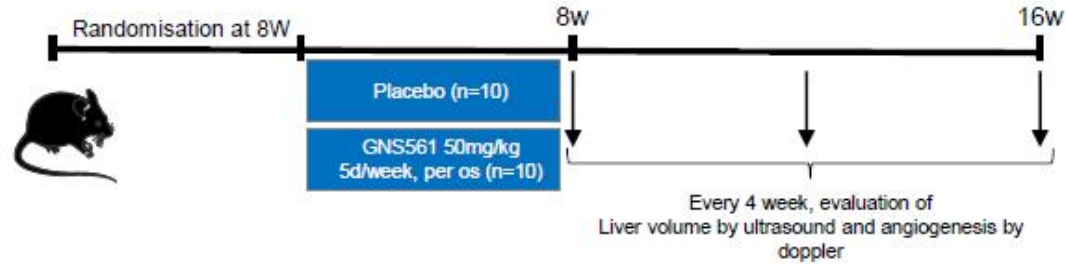
## Whole body tissue distribution of GNS561.

Mass spectrometry imaging of a control rat (top) and a rat treated with GNS561 (bottom) at a dose of 40 mg/kg/day for 28 days.



# GNS561 decreases tumor number and size in transgenic HCC mouse model

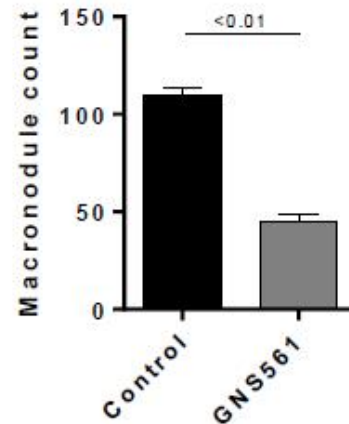
## ASV-B HCC transgenic model (C57BL/6J)



Vehicle



GNS561

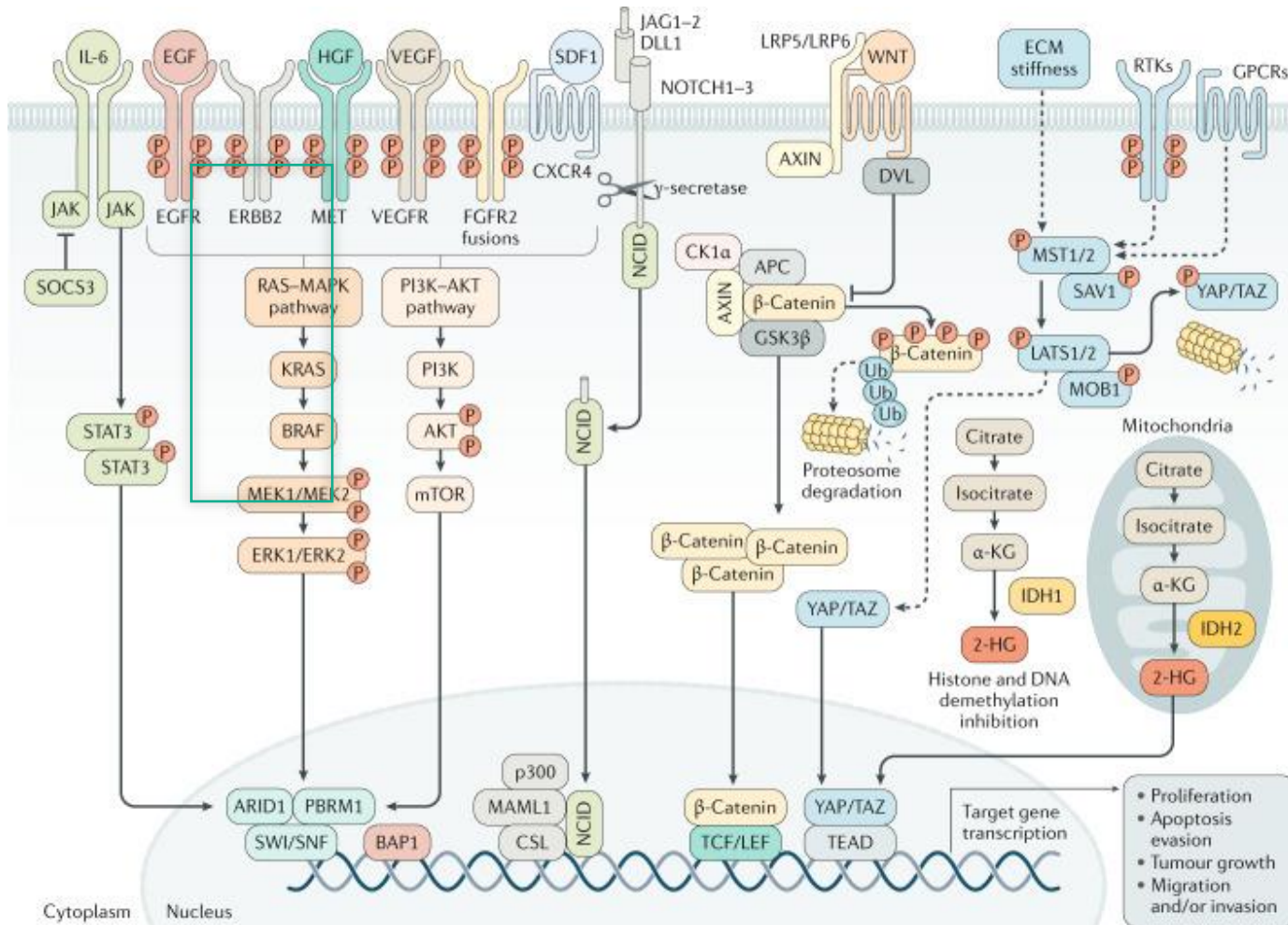


→ GNS561 decreases tumor macronodule number



# Therapeutic approach in CCA

## Signalling pathways involved in CCA development and progression<sup>1</sup>



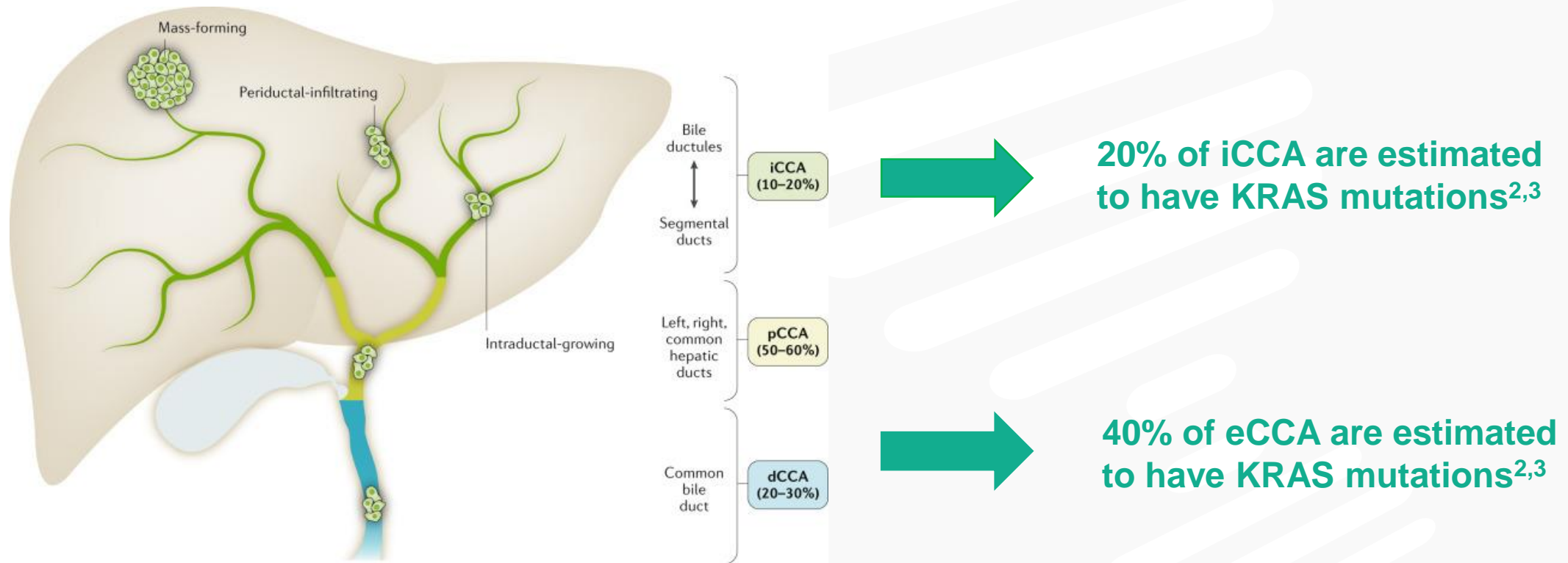
- CCA identified as **RAS driven cancer** with important role of MAPK pathway activation<sup>1</sup>
- Evidence for targeting autophagy, through the concomitant blocking of MAP kinase pathway (activated in KRAS CCA) to create synergistic inhibition in pancreatic cancer<sup>2</sup>
- Combination with MEK inhibitor and autophagy inhibitor **relevant in KRAS mutated CCA** population

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# Rate of KRAS mutation in CCA is frequent: estimated between 20% (iCCA) and 40% (eCCA)



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# Combination of existing therapy with GNS561 (inhibition of autophagy) to synergistically decrease cancer cell survival and tumor growth

## Anti-cancer Therapies

- Chemotherapeutic agents
- MAP Kinase pathway targeted therapies
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors (anti-PD-1/PD-L1)



✓ Beneficial anti-cancer effects

↓ cancer cell survival

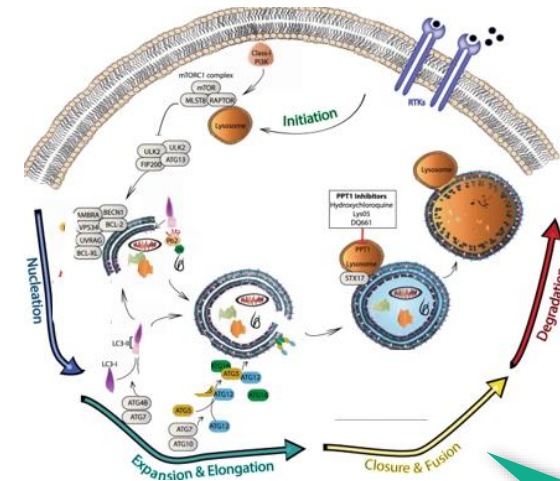
↓ cancer growth

Cancer cells  
Survival mechanisms

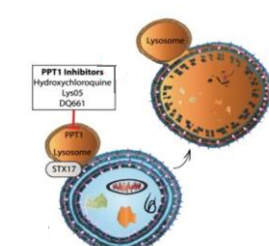


↑ autophagy

Promotes cancer cell survival, tumor growth and resistance to treatment



Five stages of autophagy. Adapted from Levy et al., 2020



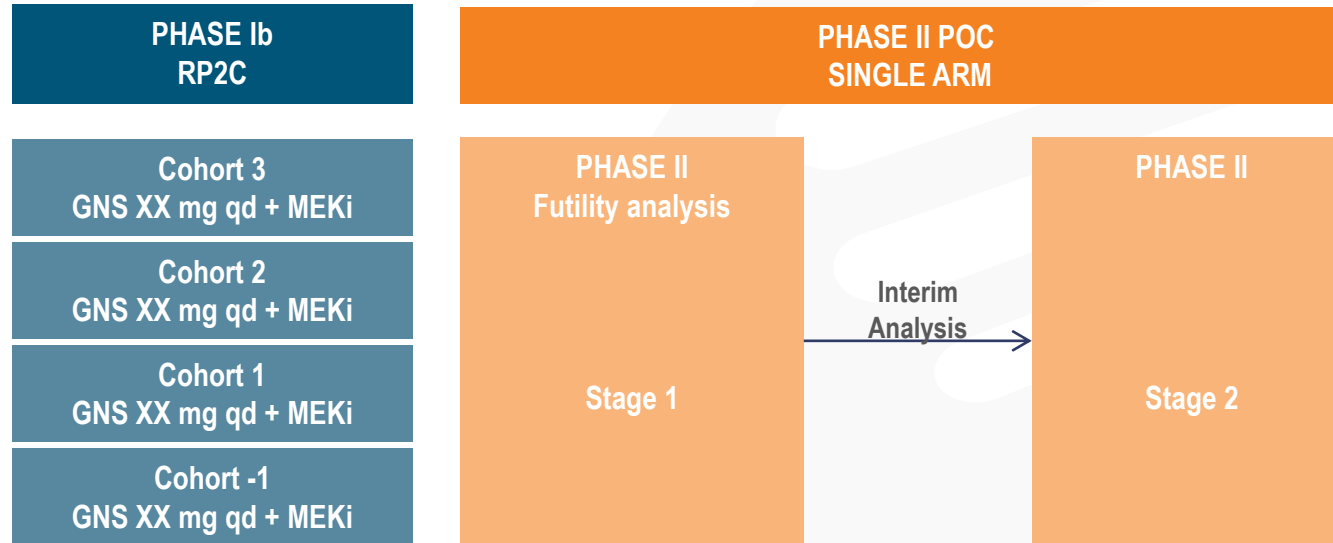
GNS561 (PPT1 inhibitor)

Blocks cancer cell survival by inhibiting late-stage autophagy



# GNS561 Phase 1b/2a study design

Patients with **KRAS mutated cholangiocarcinoma** who have failed treatment with 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment and who do not have an actionable mutation (e.g., IDH1, FGFR2)



## Endpoints:

Efficacy – objective response rate, progression free survival

Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacodynamics

Safety and tolerability



# Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)

## Market opportunity

- *Pascal Caisey, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer of GENFIT*

# Estimated market opportunity in Cholangiocarcinoma

## Market opportunity

- Epidemiology (*source: IQVIA*)
  - 9,000 new diagnosed patients / y in US
  - 10,000 new diagnosed patients / y in EU5
  - > 66,000 cases/year in the 9MM in 2030
- Market (*source: Olympus Research Global*)
  - Global market of \$1.2bn in 2021
  - CAGR expected to reach 12.5% to reach \$3.2bn in 2030
- Competitive landscape :
  - Need for new therapy
  - The standard first-line systemic therapy for advanced CCA is a combination of cisplatin + gemcitabine with a median progression-free survival (PFS) 8.0 vs. 5.0 months
  - No approved treatment for KRAS mutation

## GNS561 business potential

- Licensing In for GNS561 in US + EU
- GNS561 has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the US by the FDA
- Several factors could facilitate a shorter time to approval
  - Accelerated approval opportunity given high level of unmet need
  - Single arm study
  - Inclusion of all CCA with KRAS + other mutations
  - Short patient follow up duration





Questions?



# Urea cycle disorder (UCD) and organic acidemia disorder (OAD)

## Disease state

- *Vincent Forster, PhD, GENFIT, co-founder of VERSANTIS*

# Overview of hyperammonemic crises in inborn errors of metabolism

## Hyperammonemic Crisis Presence

### Urea Cycle Disorders

Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD)  
Argininosuccinate Lyase Deficiency (ASLD)  
Argininosuccinate Synthetase Deficiency (ASSD)  
Carbamoylphosphatesynthetase 1 deficiency (CPS1D)  
Arginase 1 Deficiency (ARG1D)  
N-Acetylglutamate Synthase Deficiency (NAGSD)  
Hyperornithinemia-hyperammonemia-homocitrullinuria (HHH) syndrome

Propionic Acidaemia (PA)

Methylmalonic Acidaemia (MMA)

Isovaleric Acidaemia (IVA)

### Organic Acidemia

Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)

Alkaptonuria

Isolated 3-methyl crotonyl CoA carboxylase deficiency

3 methyl glutaconic aciduria

HMG CoA lyase deficiency

Mevalonic aciduria

2 keto adipic aciduria

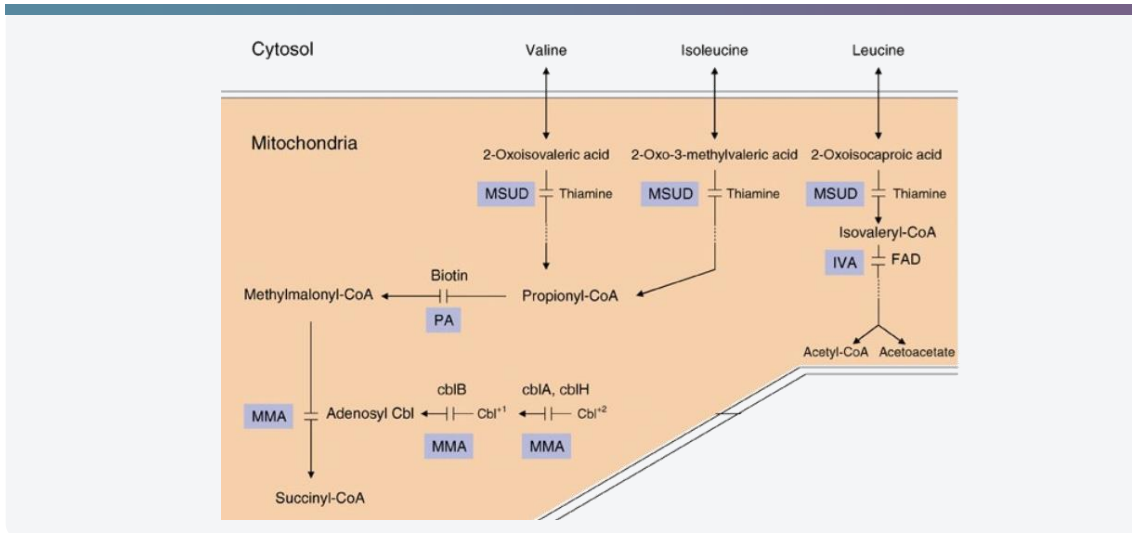
Glutathione synthetase deficiency



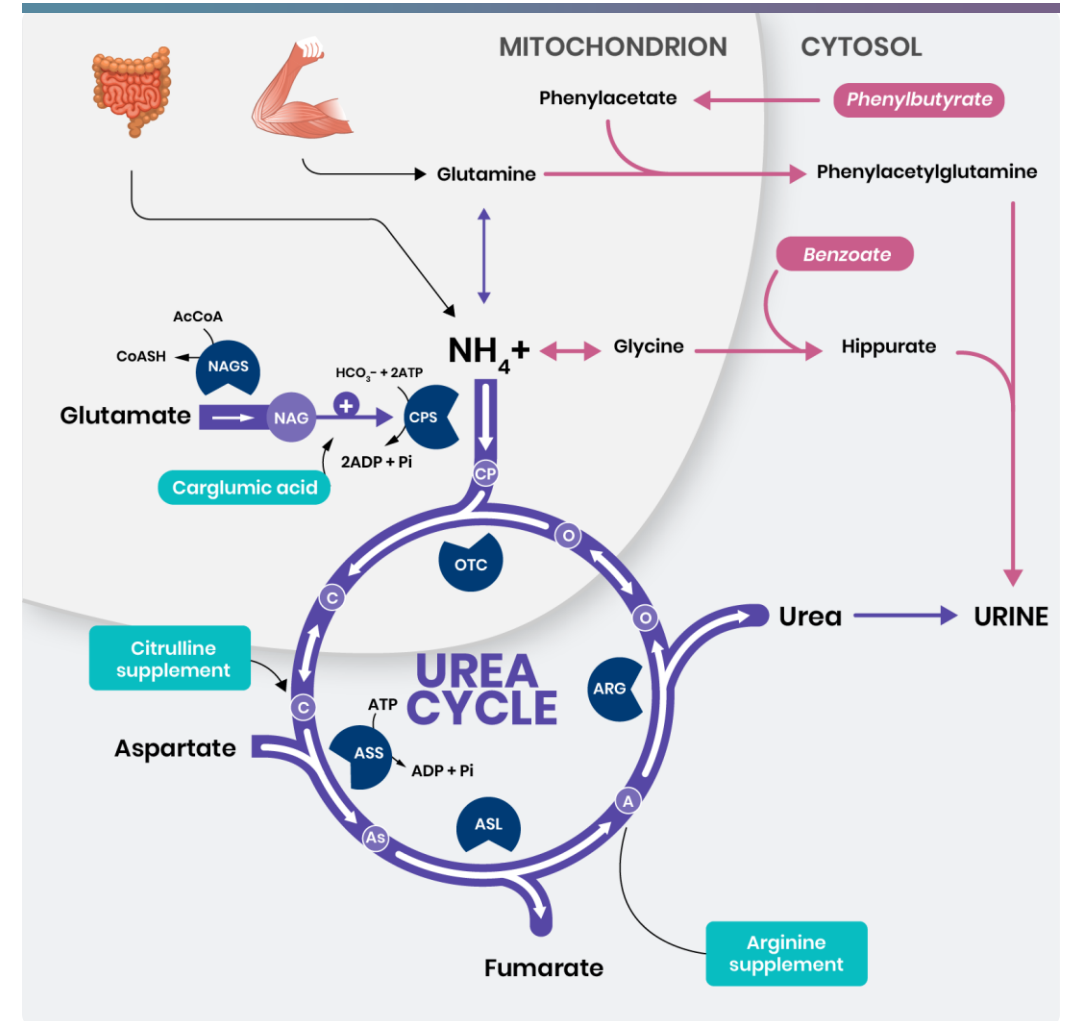
# Urgent unmet needs in the treatment of acute hyperammonemic crises (HAC)

- Ultra-rare disease: **1,900 HAC** in children in US + EU5 per year <sup>1,2,3</sup>
- High mortality (75% at 5 years); survivors often have severe brain injuries
- No acute treatment available for early onset crises
- Neonatal hemodialysis is risky, widely unavailable and highly invasive
  - Delays timely critical medical care
  - Ammonia levels rapidly rise

## “Classic” Organic Acidemia



## Urea Cycle



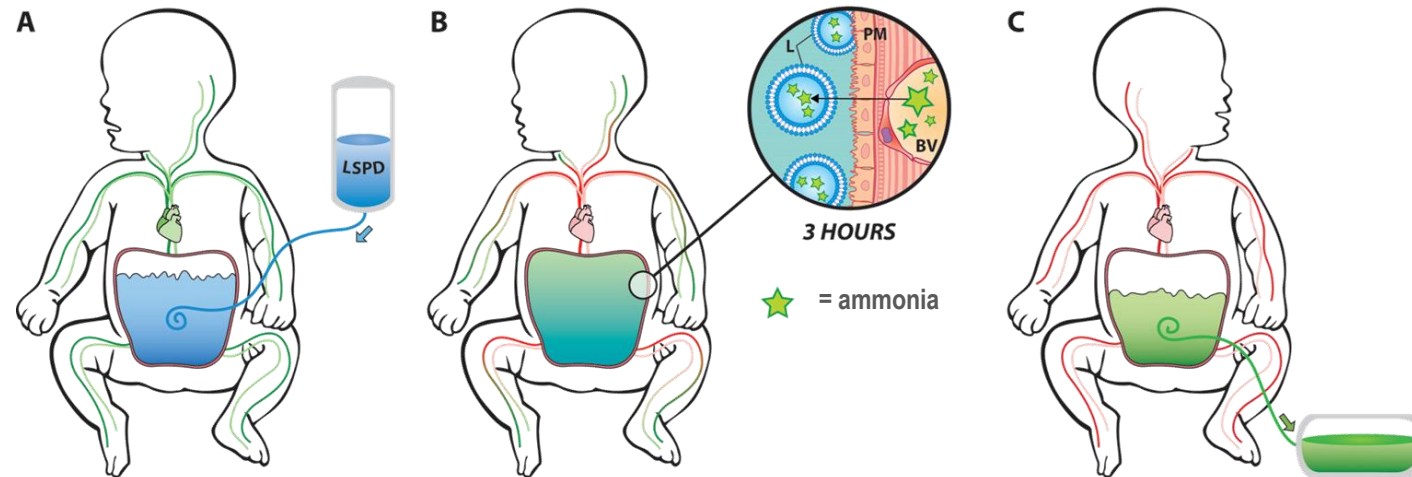
# Urea cycle disorder (UCD) and organic acidemia disorder (OAD)

## GENFIT's programs: VS-01\*

- *Vincent Forster, PhD, GENFIT, co-founder of VERSANTIS*

# VS-01 is a potential first-line lifesaving treatment for acute hyperammonemic crises (HAC)

- Optimal treatment setup
  - Peritoneal route is well adapted to pediatric patients
  - Rapid treatment onset in all hospitals
  - Complementary to other therapeutical approaches
- Promising data generated via ACLF program
  - VS-01 is optimized for best ammonia removal
  - Consistent efficacy throughout species and from animals to humans
- Regulatory
  - Orphan drug & rare pediatric disease designated (FDA)
  - Projected timelines: IND-ready in 2024
  - Potentially eligible for FDA priority review voucher upon approval



## VS-01 ammonia clearance vs. current dialysis modalities

TYPE OF DIALYSIS	BLOOD FLOW (ML/MIN)	DIALYSATE FLOW (ML/MIN)	AMMONIA CL (ML/MIN)	DIALYSIS DURATION (H)	REFERENCES
<b>CPD</b>	NA	NA	1.4 ± 1.1	59 ± 87.2	Arbeiter et al., 2010
<b>CAVHD</b>	16	8.3	2.86	33	Picca et al., 2001
<b>HD</b>	10	500	9.5	9	Picca et al., 2001
<b>HD</b>	15	500	14.4	7.5	Picca et al., 2001
<b>CVVHD</b>	40	33.3	21.5	5.5	Picca et al., 2001
<b>CVVHD</b>	-	-	18.9 ± 7.7	42 ± 30.4	Arbeiter et al., 2010
<b>VS-01 ~ 300 mL</b> (Minipigs 30 mL/kg)	NA	NA	6.0 ± 2.8 – 8.0 ± 3.9	3	Matoori et al., 2020
<b>VS-01 ~ 1 L</b> (Patients 15 mL/kg)	NA	NA	<b>31.5 ± 16.7</b>	2	2021 AASLD abstract
<b>VS-01 ~ 2 L</b> (Patients 30 mL/kg)	NA	NA	<b>74.4 ± 25.0</b>	2	2021 AASLD abstract
<b>VS-01 ~ 3 L</b> (Patients 45 mL/kg)	NA	NA	<b>96.8 ± 64.3</b>	2	2021 AASLD abstract

CAVHD: Continuous Arteriovenous Hemodialysis | HD: Hemodialysis | CVVHD: Continuous Venovenous Hemofiltration | CPD: Continuous Peritoneal Dialysis

Based on CVVHD (Picca *et al.*), ~3 sessions of VS-01 15 mL/kg would be required to decrease ammonemia from 1334 to 139 µg/dL

Sources: Picca *et al.*, *Pediatr Nephrol* 2001 | Arbeiter *et al.*, *Nephrol Dial Transplant* 2010 | Matoori S *et al.*, *Journal of Controlled Release* 2020

# KOLs feedback on VS-01 anticipated commercial advantages

- Potential **first-line treatment** for acute hyperammonemic crises
- **Fast implementation** – shorter lead time vs. SOC (extracorporeal hemodialysis)
- **Gentle** as less hemodynamic disturbances and no vascular access damage
- Administered outside the dialysis and intensive care units
- Ease of administration to children, allowing **broader access** to peripheral hospitals

*“If efficacy of VS01 to reduce hyperammonemia is **at least equal to superior to current hemofiltration options**, we will switch to VS01 in our neonatology department because of **easier implementation and less hemodynamic** impact on child”– FR Pediatrician*

*“VS01 novel approach is important, very interesting and **fulfils the indication for acute hyperammonemia treatment**. No obstacle to use PD in urgent cases. **PD is a routine technique in ICU for children**”  
– BE Pediatrician*










*“There’s **definitively a space for a VS01** liposomes-based formulation for acute pediatric congenital HA treatment in our center but **also in peripheral centers** (not equipped with HD)”  
– FR Pediatrician*

*“A key element will be the **speed of action of VS01 to reduce ammonia, compared to hemodiafiltration**. After **30 minutes** of VS01 administration, there’re already some significant results. If so, **there’s a big potential here!** For child with severe HA, it cannot take days to reduce HA. It’s a question of hours to avoid or limit brain damage”  
– BE Pediatric Head Department*

*“The **closer your clearance is to HD and the lower the complication rate** is with this new liposome-supported therapy, **the more likely I would be to use this therapy rather than HD despite of PD administration**” – USA Children’s National Hospital Director*



# Competitive landscape

Approved drugs	Company	Technology	Population	Limitations
Buphenyl® (US), Ammonaps® (EU), Pheburane® (EU) (Sodium phenylbutyrate)	 HORIZON (US)  acertherapeutics (US)  sobi (EU)  LUCANE pharma (EU)	Ammonia scavenger	UCDs	- Not approved/effective for acute hyperammonemia
Ammonul® (US) (Sodium phenylacetate and sodium benzoate)	 BAUSCH Health (US)  sobi (EU)	Ammonia scavenger	UCDs	- Associated HE - Insufficient efficacy for acute hyperammonemia (additional hemodiafiltration high flow rate required)
Ravicti® (US, EU) (Glycerol phenylbutyrate)	 HORIZON (US)  sobi (EU)	Ammonia scavenger	UCDs	- Not approved for acute hyperammonemic events
Carbaglu® (US, EU) (Carglumic acid)	 ORPHAN EUROPE (EU) RECORDATI GROUP	Ammonia cycle supplement	UCDs (NAGS deficiency)	- Targets very specific metabolic disorder

## Emerging clinical- and preclinical-stage opportunities:

- Ultragenyx (Ph2), aeglea (Ph3), Arcturus therapeutics (Ph2), Boehringer Ingelheim (preclinical),...
- Mostly based on gene therapies and focusing on chronic UCD treatment





# Conclusions and forthcoming milestones

## VS-01 in HAC

- Demonstrated **superior ammonia clearance** than commercial peritoneal dialysis *in vivo*<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>. Ammonia clearance in adult patients with decompensated cirrhosis at least comparable with hemodialysis<sup>5</sup>
- Received **Rare Pediatric Diseases Designation** and **Orphan Drug Designation** from FDA, for the treatment of urea cycle disorders and hyperammonemia in inborn errors of metabolism. VS-01 could be eligible for a priority review voucher upon its approval by FDA
- Benefits from easier implementation and less hemodynamic impact on child
- Can be swiftly implemented in reference as well as in peripheral centers, hence potentially filling the treatment gap in the emergency treatment of hyperammonemic crises

## FORTHCOMING MILESTONES

- Formulation optimization for specific pediatric implementation
- IND-enabling nonclinical studies targeted for completion by 2024



# Urea cycle disorder (UCD) and organic acidemia disorder (OAD)

## Market opportunity

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# Estimated\* market opportunity for Hyperammonemic Crisis (HAC) in Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM)

## Market opportunity

- Epidemiology
  - HAC occurs in babies suffering from 2 diseases
    - Urea Cycle Disorder (UCD)
      - 157 babies with UCD / year
      - 2,826 patients with HAC potential up to 18 years old
      - Untreated patients: 45%
    - Organic Acidemia Disorders (OAD)
      - 130 babies with OAD / year
      - 520 patients with HAC potential up to 4 years old
      - No approved drug
- Emergency treatment required during acute crisis
- Global market: \$1.5bn in 2021
- Competitive landscape
  - Buphenyl® (US): ~\$300k per patient per year / Ammonia scavenger / Patients' population: UCD / Not approved for acute hyperammonemia
  - Ravicti® (US, EU): \$950k per patient per year / Ammonia scavenger / Patients' population: UCD / Not approved for acute hyperammonemia

## VS01 business potential

- Each year, 1,898 patients could potentially be treated with VS-01 for Hyperammonemia Crisis (HAC)
- VS-01 was granted Rare Pediatric Diseases Designation and Orphan Drug Designation from the FDA for the treatment of urea cycle disorders and hyperammonemia in inborn errors of metabolism
- VS-01 could be eligible for a priority review voucher upon its approval by FDA



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# Closing remarks

## Take home messages

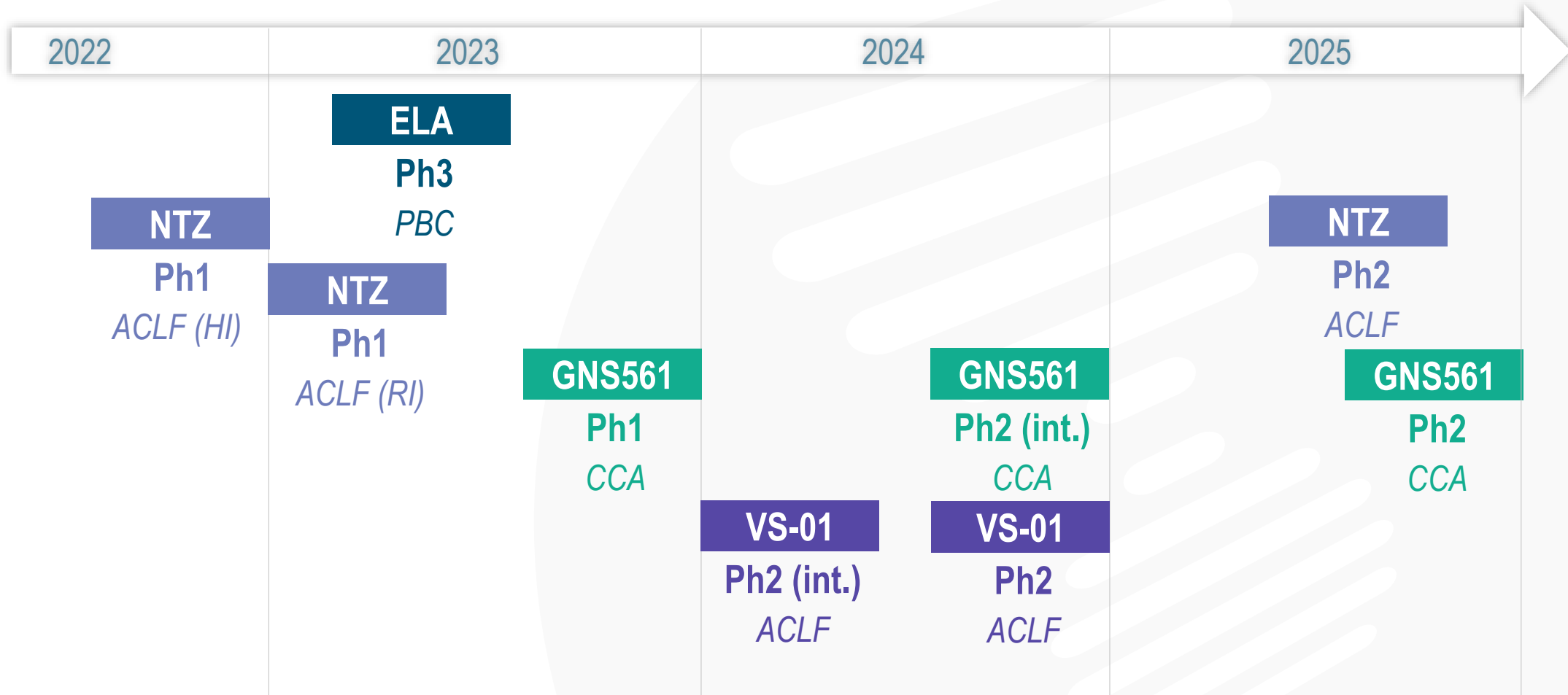
- *Pascal Prigent, CEO of GENFIT*

## 5 main indications and 6 programs across a variety of development stages (PC/Ph1/2/3)

CHOLESTATIC DISEASES		ACLF		UCD	HE	DIAGNOSIS	
CCA	PBC	NTZ	VS-01	VS-01	VS-02	NASH	AMMO-NIEMIA
GNS561 <i>Ph1b/2 start Q4 2022</i>	ELA <i>Ph3 data Q2 2023</i>	<i>Ph1 data Ph2 start Q4 2022</i>	<i>Ph2 start Q4 2022</i>	<i>Preclinical</i>	<i>Preclinical</i>	<i>Commercialization as NASH Next®</i>	<i>TS-01 Prototype</i>

- ➔ **Expanded pipeline**, including assets with **diversified** mechanisms of action
  - 3 programs in Phase 2 in 2023 (NTZ and VS-01 in ACLF, GNS561 in CCA)
  - 1 Phase 3 readout in 2023 (ELA in PBC)
  - Several research focus in different indications
- ➔ Two-fold component: **therapeutics + diagnostic**

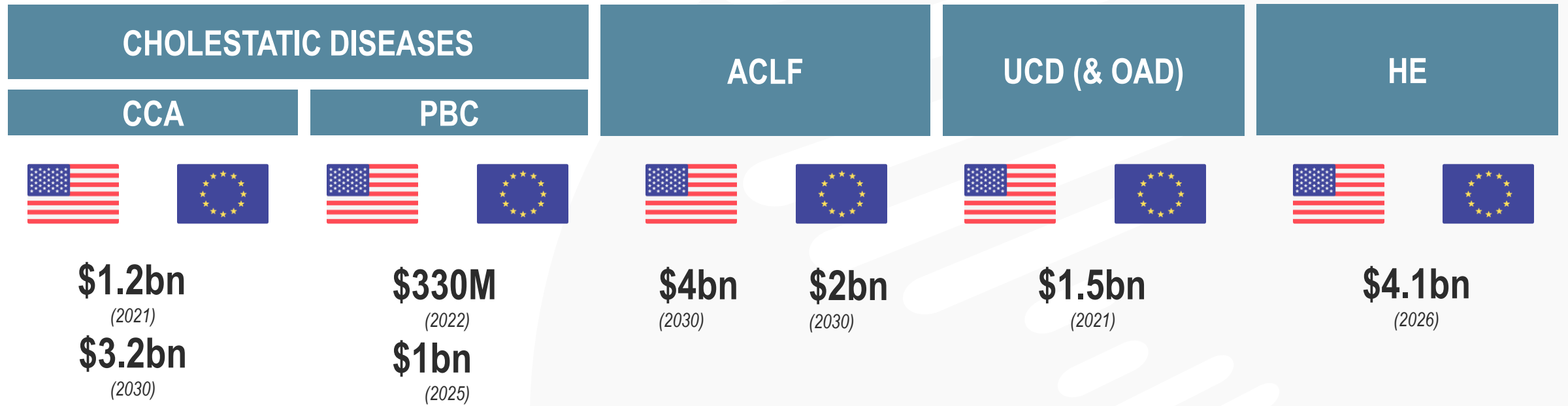
# A regular newsflow expected for the next 4 years, with several inflexion points (clinical data)



Estimated timelines



# Significant opportunities in all therapeutic indications



(Total market size estimates  
Source: Olympus Research Global)

(Total 2L market size estimates  
Source: Intercept Pharmaceuticals  
Source: Iqvia Commercial Opportunity Presentation)

(Total market size estimates. Source: extrapolated from 'Time trend in the  
healthcare burden and mortality of ACLF in the US' – Hepatology 2016)

(Total market estimates  
Source: company)

(Total market size estimates / Source: Hepatic  
Encephalopathy Market Report by Coherent Market Insights)





**Thank you**