

Initial safety data from ELIMINATE-B, the first clinical trial of a gene editing treatment for chronic hepatitis B.

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Chronic Hepatitis B: High Global Burden with No Curative Options



Disease Burden

- Over **300 million people globally** have chronic hepatitis B infection¹ (cHBV)
- Mortality from cHBV has risen with **1.1M deaths in 2022**, an increase of 24% from 2018²
- cHBV is the **leading global cause** of liver cancer deaths³



Current Standard of Care

- Current SOC therapies (nucleos(t)ide analogs, NAs) provide safe and efficacious viral suppression, but **do not target cccDNA or integrated HBV DNA**, the root cause of HBV
- Lifelong therapy with NAs **reduce the risk of progression to cirrhosis and HCC** but **do not eliminate it**
- **Within 5 years up to 15% of cirrhotic patients on NA's may progress to HCC⁴**, with validated risk models projecting a **60% risk of HCC after 10 years⁵** for high-risk patients



Unmet Medical Need

- **Therapies that target cccDNA and integrated HBV DNA**, the root cause of cHBV are the **only path to sterilizing cure** for HBV
- **Sterilizing cure offers the best opportunity to eliminate the risk of HCC** for cHBV patients
- **PBGENE-HBV is the first therapy in clinic to target cccDNA elimination and inactivation of integrated HBV DNA** for potentially sterilizing cure

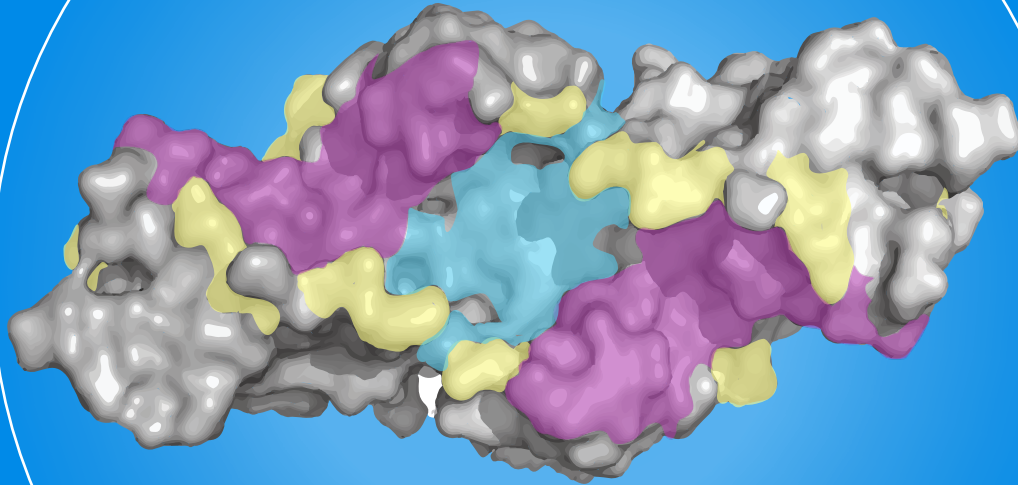
Novel, finite therapies that target the root cause of HBV are urgently needed to eliminate cHBV-related mortality



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PBGENE-HBV:

First in Class Gene Editor Designed To Eliminate cccDNA and Inactivate Int. HBV DNA



ARCUS protein with DNA interface in color

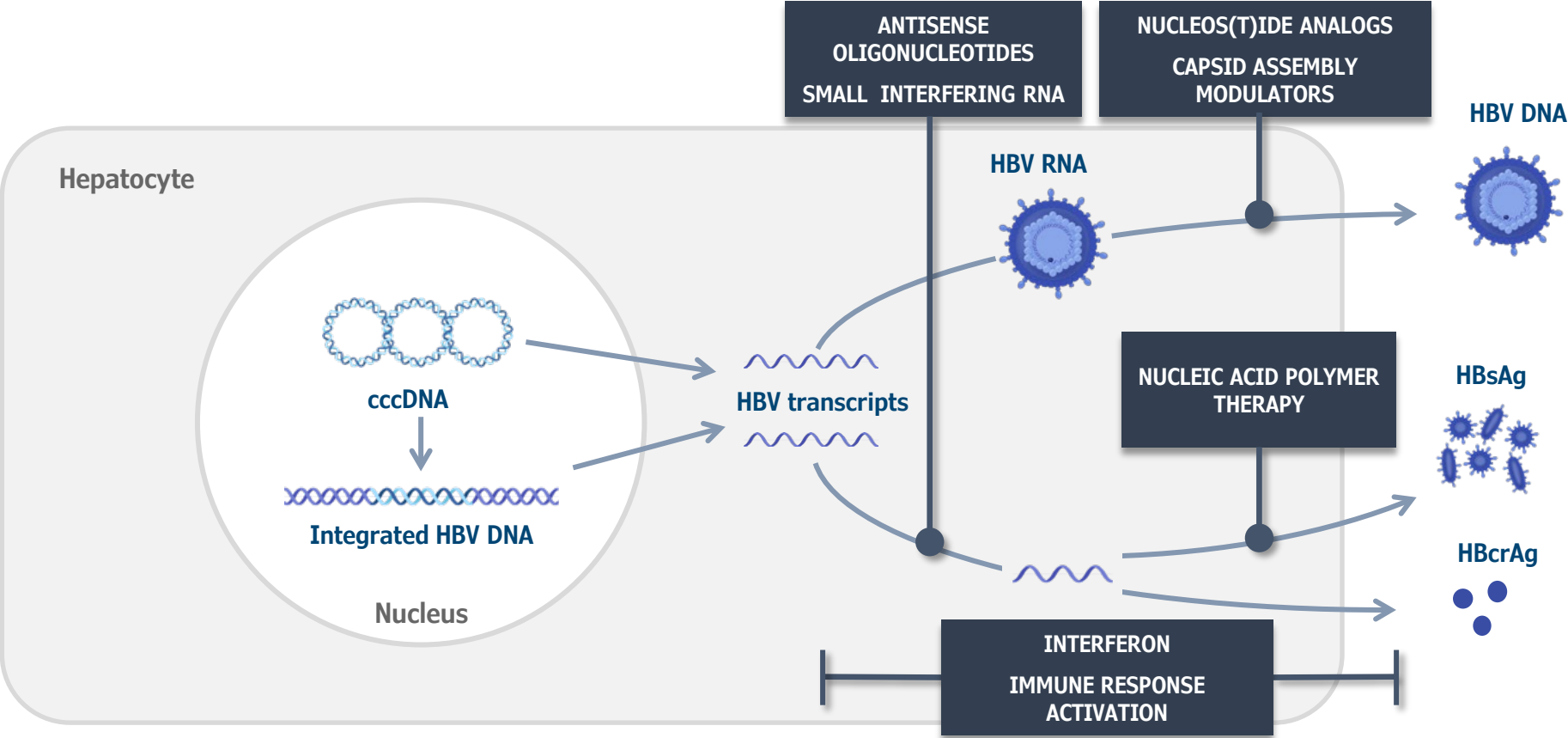
PBGENE-HBV is a lipid nanoparticle (LNP) delivered mRNA encoding an ARCUS gene editing nuclease that uniquely eliminates the root cause of HBV for curative intent

- › PBGENE-HBV specifically recognizes a highly conserved target sequence present in both cccDNA and integrated HBV DNA
- › Proprietary ARCUS gene editing nuclease ideal for HBV
 - Small size for delivery efficiency and accessibility to cccDNA
 - Single component gene editing enabling direct interaction with cccDNA
- › Iterative optimization process identified ideal construct with enhanced activity and specificity
- › LNP product with a favorable safety profile compared to other gene editing LNP programs



Majority of Modalities in Development Target HBV Downstream to Disrupt the Viral Lifecycle but Leave the Root Cause of Disease Intact

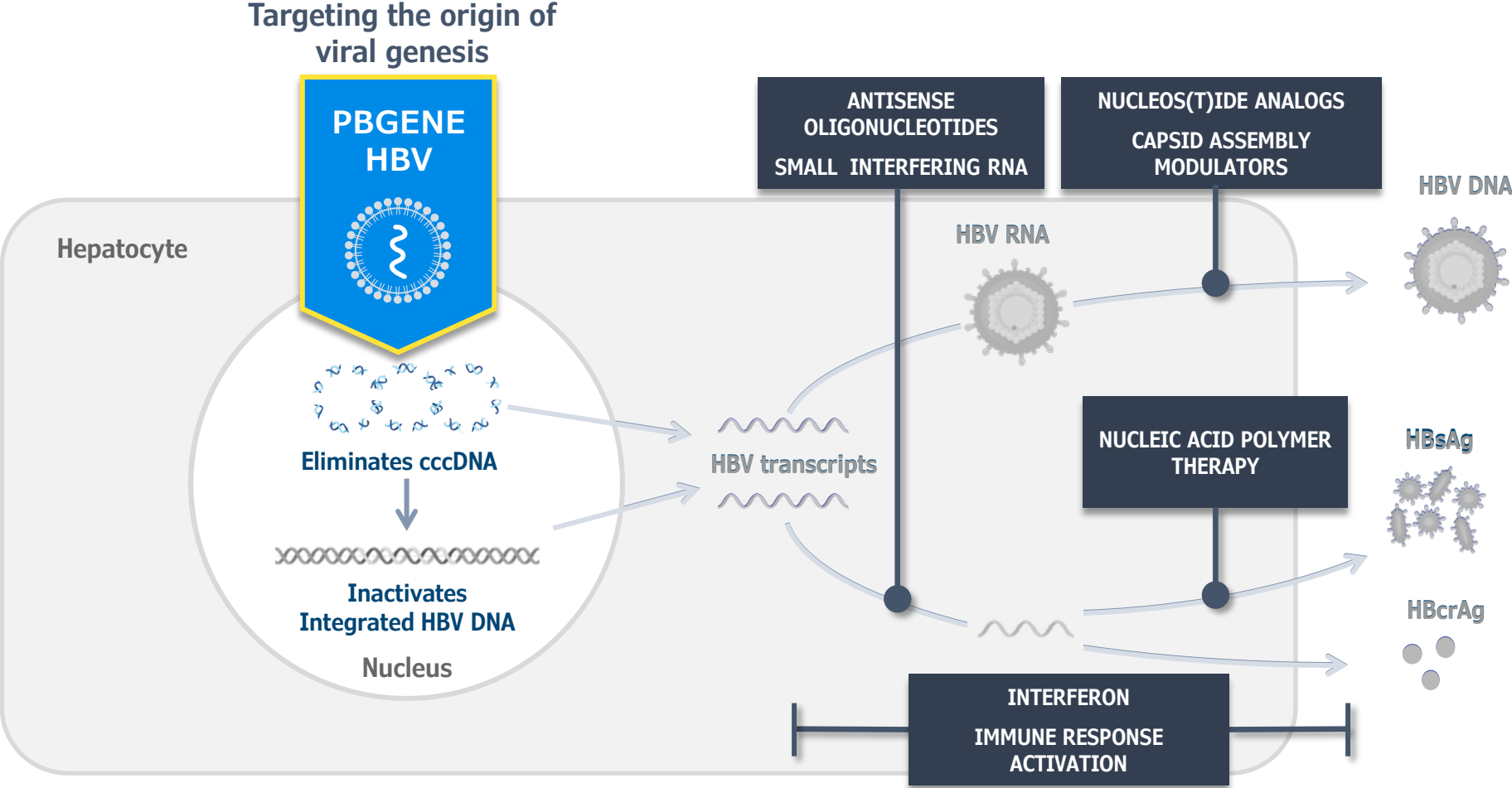
No therapies today target the root cause of disease by eliminating the cccDNA and inactivating the integrated HBV DNA



From origin to disease drivers



However, PBGENE-HBV Directly Targets Root Cause of Disease



Designed to target the source to eliminate the origin of the disease



Robust Preclinical Data Demonstrates Safety with Repeat Dosing



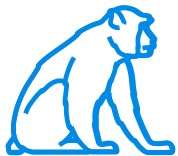
Robust and thorough specificity pipeline demonstrated **high degree of specificity for PBGENE-HBV** with no increased risks of translocations or integrations with additional administrations



PBGENE-HBV **does not distribute to germ cells**, with no risk of heritable edits with multiple administrations



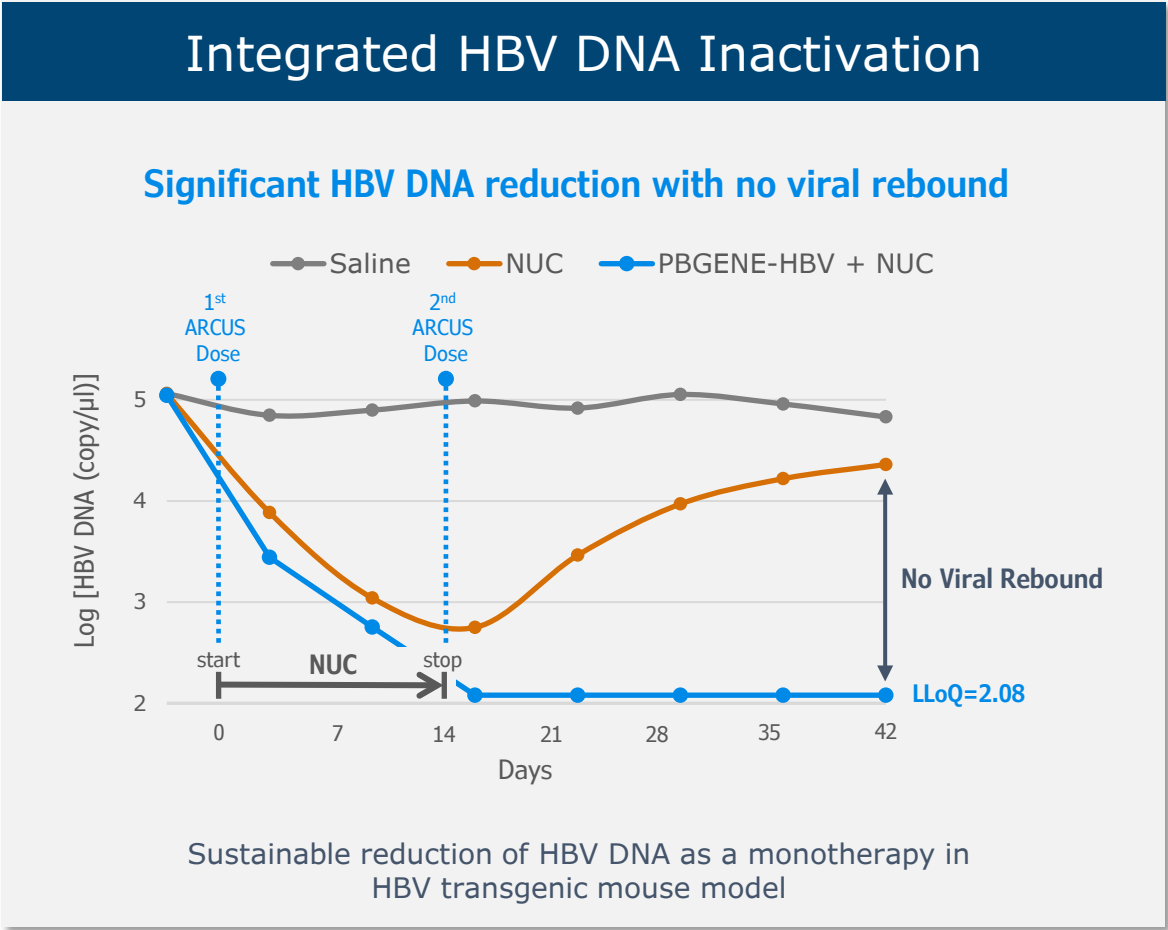
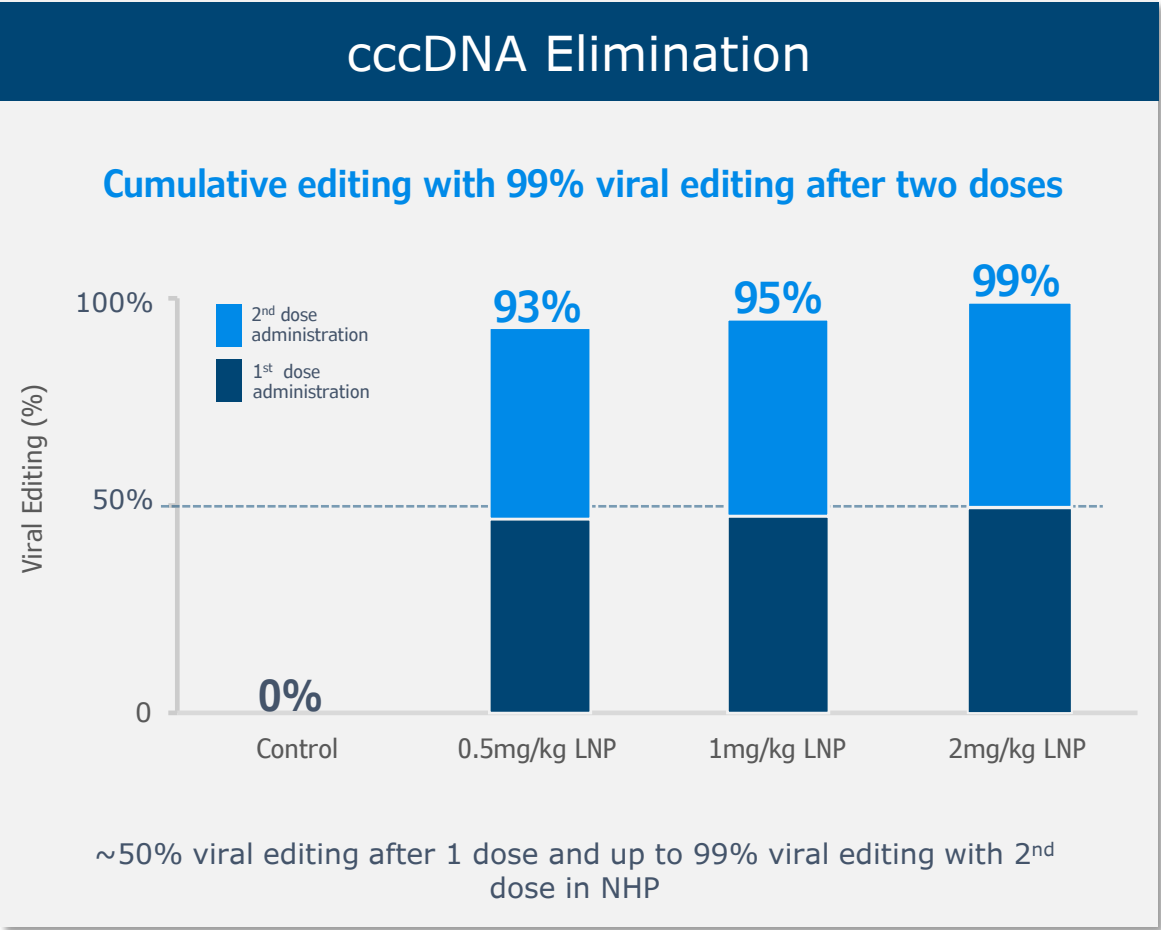
PBGENE-HBV was **well tolerated** in NHPs **over multiple administrations** with rapid clearance after each dose administration



Across 3 dose levels and with 3 administrations, there were no adverse changes in blood parameters, organ weights, or macroscopic/microscopic findings



PBGENE-HBV Preclinical Data Demonstrates Efficacy at the Root Cause



PBGENE-HBV shows cccDNA elimination and integrated HBV DNA inactivation

KEY ELIGIBILITY

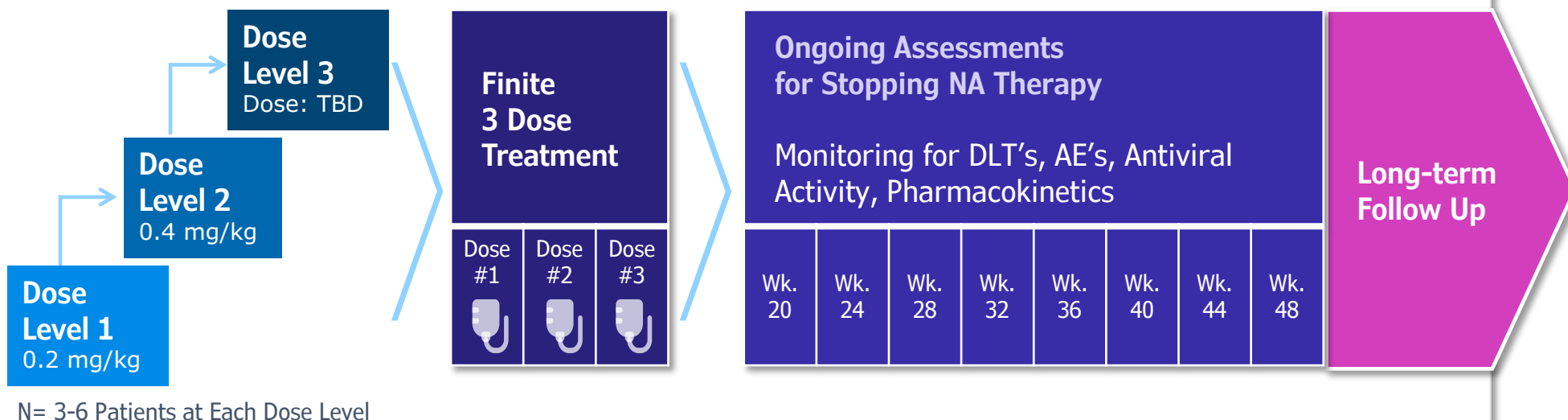
HBeAg-negative cHBV patients controlled on nucleos(t)ide analogs

GLOBAL CLINICAL TRIAL SITES

- › Hong Kong*
- › Moldova*
- › New Zealand*
- › United States
- › United Kingdom

*Currently enrolling

PART 1: Multiple Ascending Dose Escalation



Objective: Determine dose level, number of dose administrations, and interval of dose administrations for expansion to phase 2.

Key Endpoints

Safety determined by:

Frequency and severity of dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs)

DLT Definition

A **DLT** is any clinically significant, organ-specific, treatment-emergent adverse event (AE) \geq Grade 3 that does not decrease to \leq Grade 2 within 7 days and is related to study medication.

DLT Period: 28 days post dose administration.

Efficacy determined by:

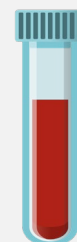
Antiviral activity through fixed duration PBGENE-HBV treatment

Monitoring Biomarkers

Reduction/Negativity in HBsAg:

Change from baseline in HBsAg and anti-HBs levels

— Proportion of participants with **undetectable HBsAg levels** at each study visit



Tested using blood sample

- HBsAg
- HBcrAg
- HBV DNA & HBV RNA
- Anti-HBs

Additional readouts

- Liver biopsy

Baseline Participant Characteristics

Cohort 1 (0.2 mg/kg) and **Cohort 2** (0.4 mg/kg)

	Cohort 1			Cohort 2
	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3	Participant 4
Sex	Male	Male	Male	Male
Age (yrs.)	40	39	44	50
Ethnicity/Race	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Asian
Region of Origin	Eastern Europe	Eastern Europe	Eastern Europe	Asia
Time with HBV (yrs.)	9	39	8	34
Time on NA (yrs.)	6	7	7	25
Baseline HBsAg	561.7	11813	788.4	1402
HBV Tx	TDF	TDF	TDF	TDF
Medical History	Gilbert Syndrome*	None	None	Liver cyst and hemangioma



*Participant 1 has Gilbert's Syndrome-a common, benign genetic disorder where the liver processes bilirubin, more slowly than usual, leading to slightly elevated levels in the blood
TDF=Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate

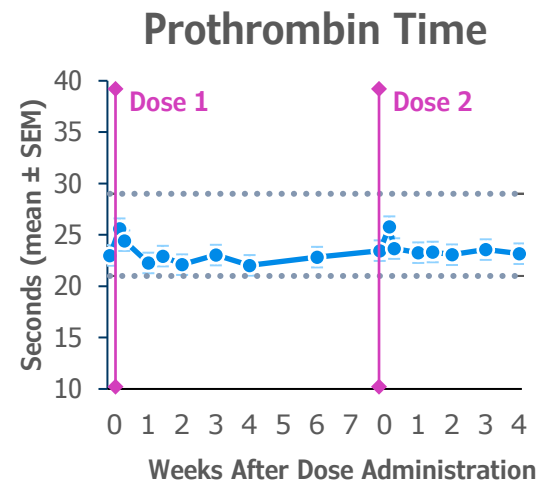
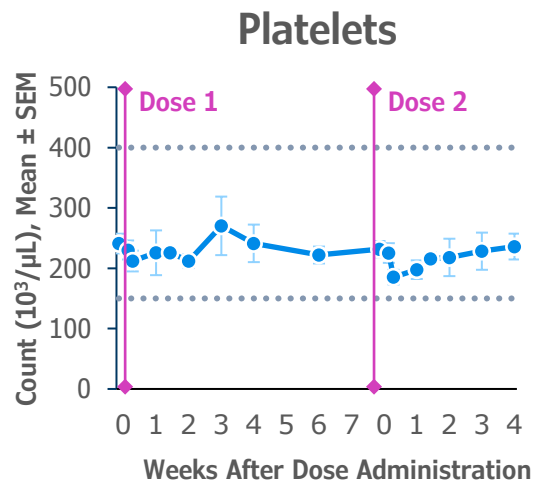
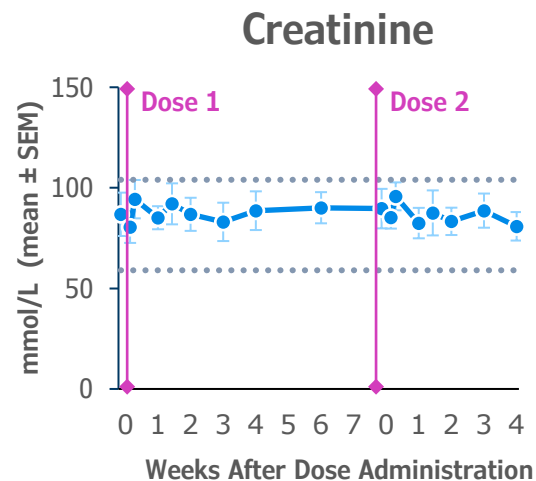
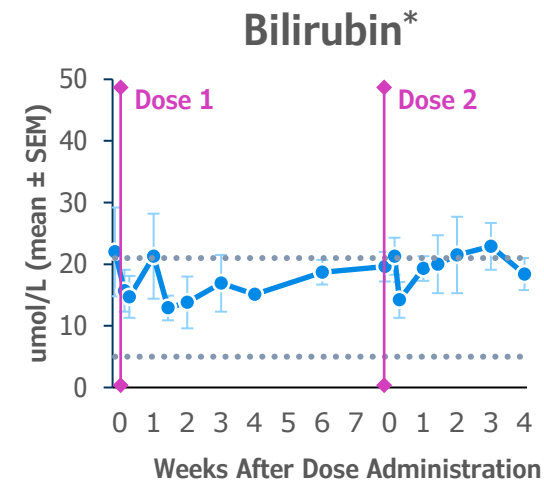
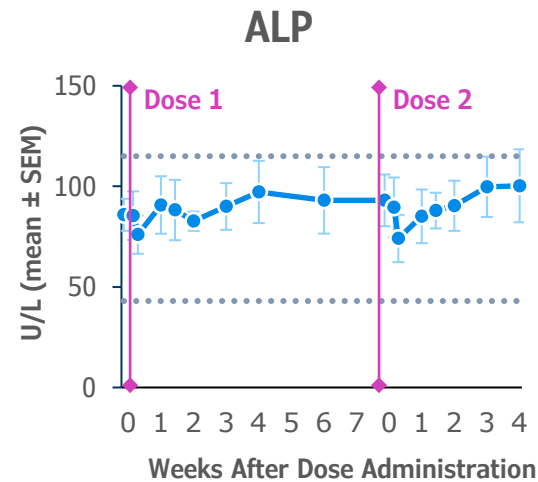
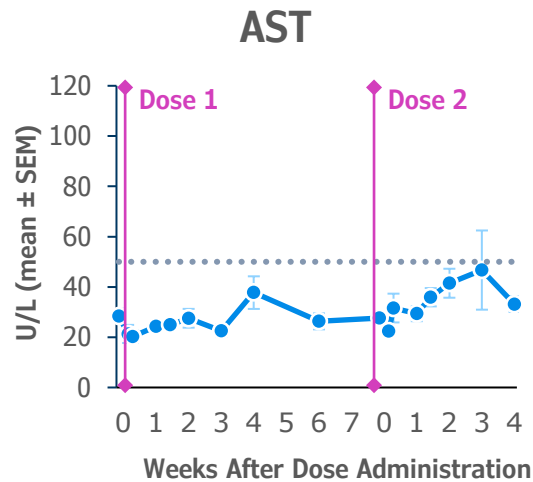
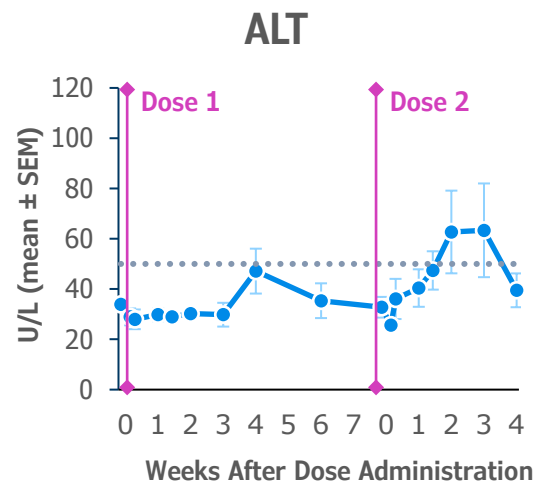
Treatment-Related and Possibly Treatment-Related Adverse Events (AEs)

Cohort 1 (0.2 mg/kg) and Cohort 2 (0.4 mg/kg)

Number of participants experiencing:	0.2 mg/kg, (n=3) Two dose administrations	0.4 mg/kg, (n=1) One dose administration
Grade 1 AEs		
Arthralgia	1	0
Chills	1	0
Fever	1	1
Myalgia	2	0
Sinus Tachycardia	1	0
Infusion Site Reaction	0	1
Grade 2 AEs		
Fever	1	0
Headache	1	0
No Grade ≥ 3 AEs / SAEs		
No DLTs		

After two dose administrations at 0.2 mg/kg and a single dose administration at 0.4 mg/kg, no SAE's or DLT's were experienced.

Adverse Events were generally mild and resolved within 1-7 days with most events under 12 hours.

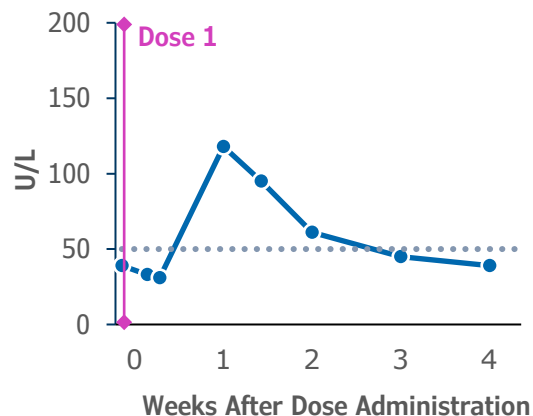


Key Safety Summarized

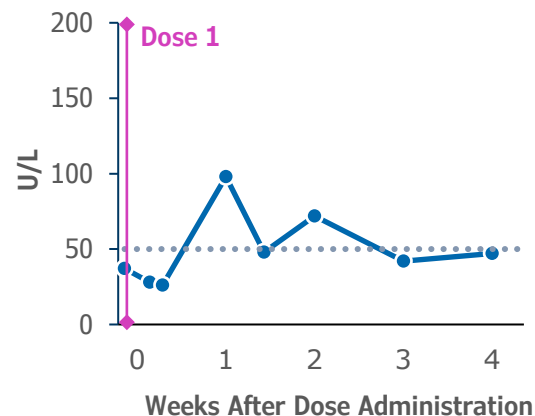
- › No clinically significant laboratory abnormalities after 2 dose administrations at 0.2 mg/kg.
- › Transient ALT elevations were considered clinically insignificant.
- › Platelets remained within normal limits.



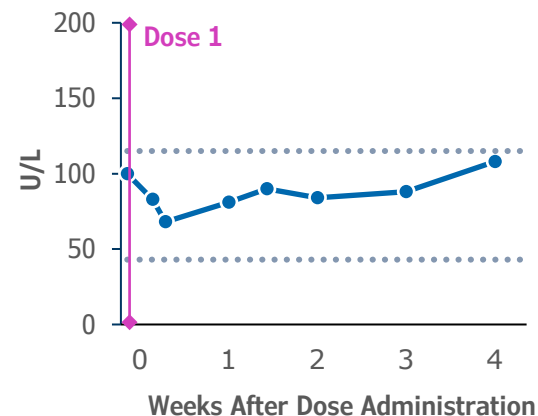
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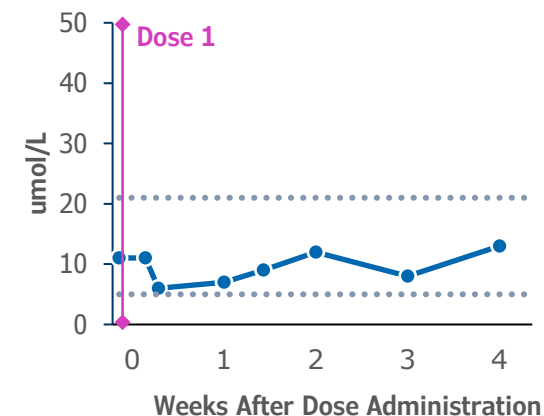
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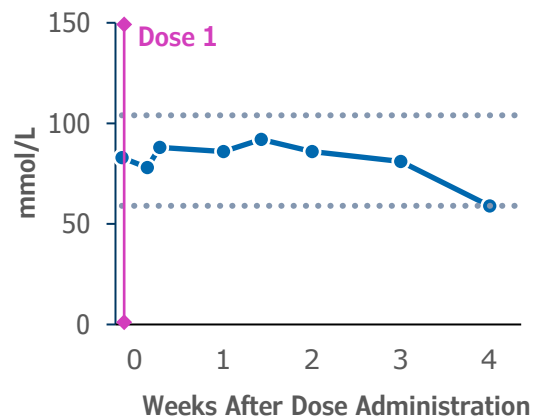
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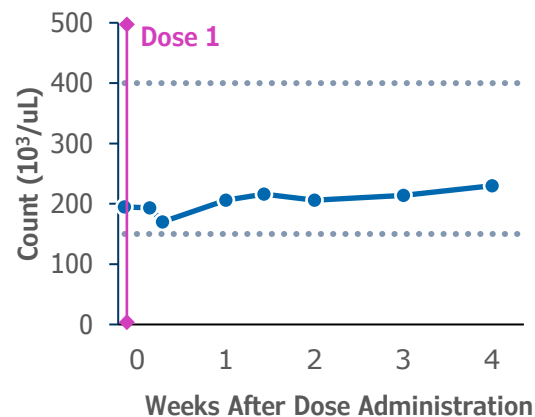
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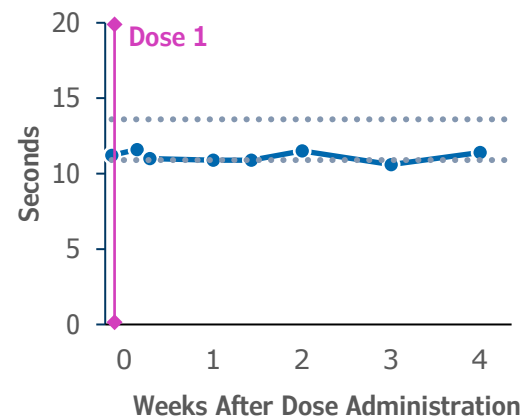
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Platelets



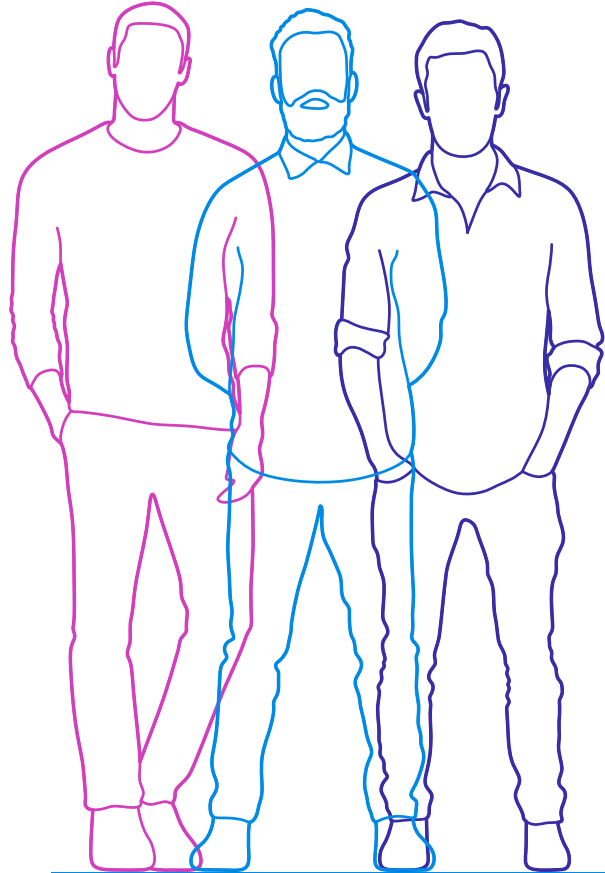
Prothrombin Time



Key Safety Summarized

- › No clinically significant laboratory abnormalities after 1 dose administrations at 0.4 mg/kg.
- › Transient ALT, AST elevations were considered clinically insignificant.
- › Platelets remained within normal limits.

PBGENE-HBV Has Been Well-Tolerated With Repeat Dosing in People with Chronic Hepatitis B



The first clinical stage therapeutic designed and developed to eliminate cccDNA and inactivate integrated HBV DNA

- › ELIMINATE-B, the Phase 1 clinical trial was initiated in December 2024 and is currently recruiting at 3 global sites
- › PBGENE-HBV has been well tolerated in 3 participants receiving 2 dose administrations at the 0.2 mg/kg level and one participant receiving 1 dose administration at the 0.4 mg/kg level

No SAE's and
no DLT's

Adverse events
have been
generally mild
and transient in
nature

No cumulative
adverse events
with 2nd dose
administration

No clinically
significant
laboratory
abnormalities

These data support the continued evaluation of multiple dose administrations per dose cohort and higher dose level cohorts of PBGENE-HBV, with the goal of achieving HBV cure.

Antiviral data from the initial cohort will be shared after completion of all dose administrations.





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