

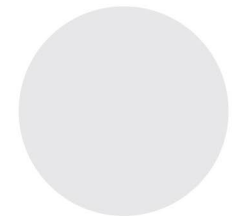


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Phase 2b HARMONY Study Results



September 13, 2022



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STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS AFTER 24 WEEKS

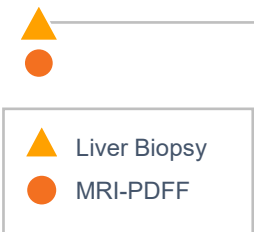
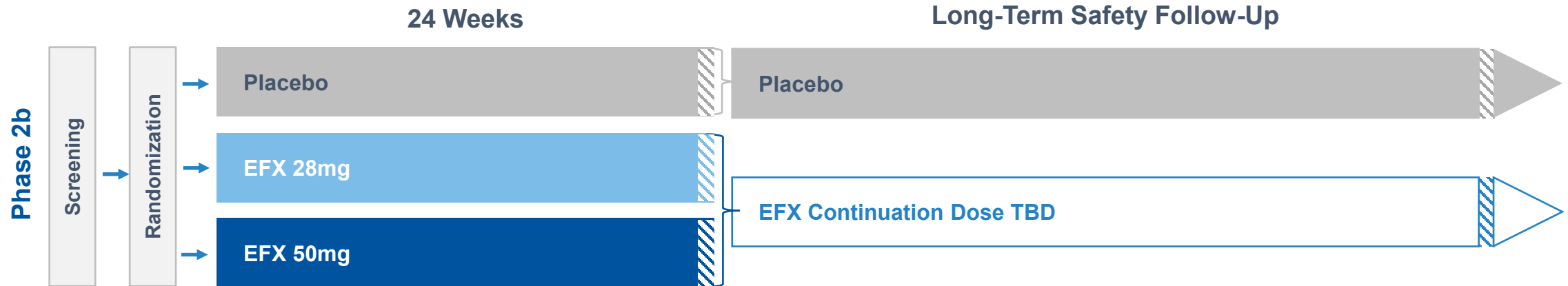
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AND
NASH RESOLUTION

» HARMONY Trial Design: Pre-Cirrhotic (F2-F3) NASH

<p>Key Inclusion Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F2-F3 NASH • NAS ≥ 4 • Liver Fat (MRI-PDFF) $\geq 8\%$ 	<p>Phase 2b Primary Endpoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 1-stage fibrosis improvement without worsening of NASH 	<p>Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASH Resolution & No Worsening of Fibrosis • Fibrosis Markers • Lipoproteins • Glycemic Control • Weight Change • MRI-PDFF • Liver Injury Markers
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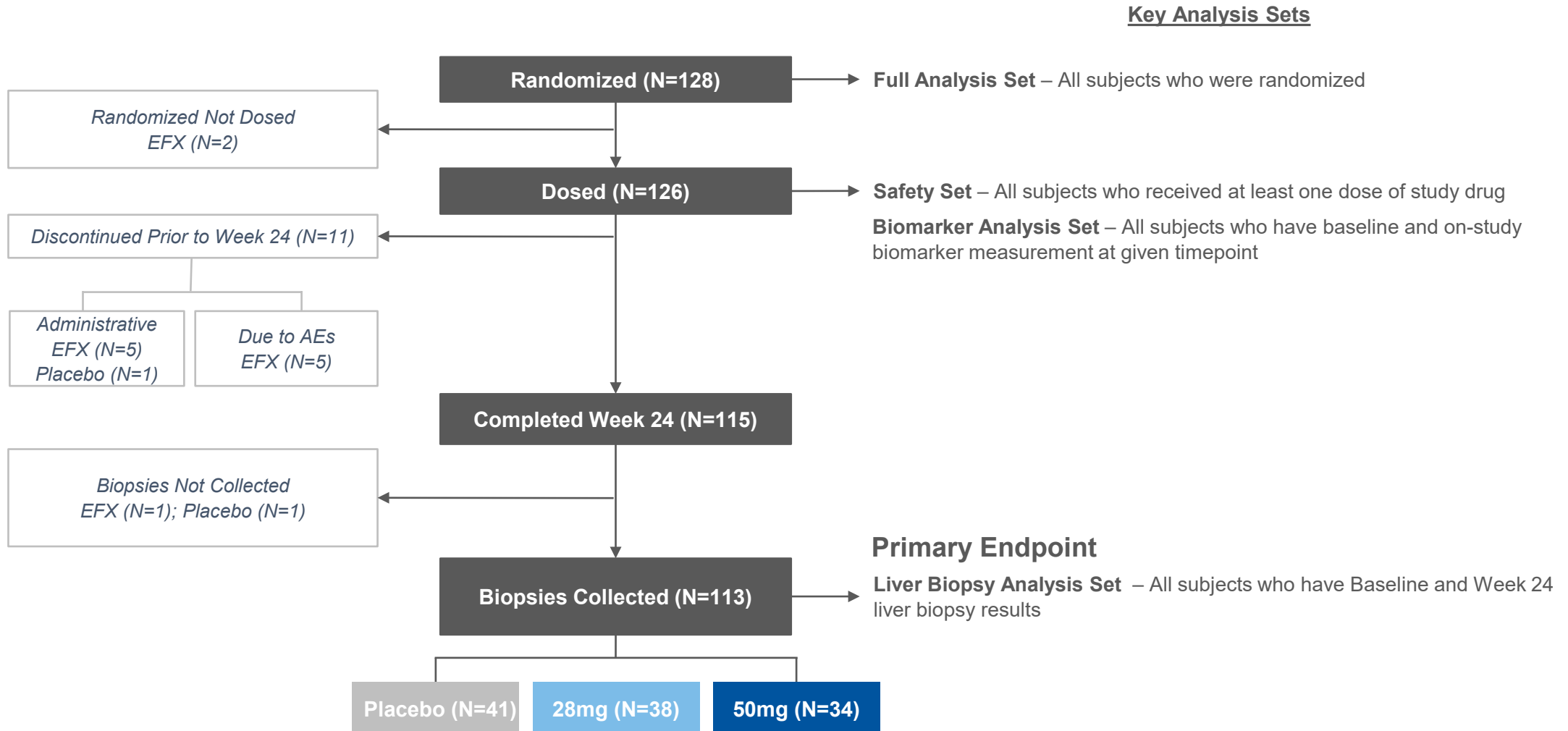
Regulatory Requirements for Phase 3 Trials

- FDA accepts one of two endpoints for Phase 3 registrational trials: (1) Fibrosis improvement ≥ 1 stage & no worsening of NASH or (2) NASH resolution and no worsening of fibrosis¹
- EMA requires both endpoints to be met for marketing approval²

¹FDA Draft Guidance, Noncirrhotic Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis With Liver Fibrosis: Developing Drugs for Treatment (2018)

²EMA, Draft Reflection paper on regulatory requirements for the development of medicinal products for chronic non-infectious liver diseases (PBC, PSC, NASH) (2018)

» Week 24 Patient Disposition & Analysis Sets



» Baseline Demographics

Parameter (Mean)	Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=42)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
Age (Years)	55	57	52
Sex (% Female)	63	69	53
Weight (kg)	108	104	103
Type 2 Diabetes (%)	65	76	70
Fibrosis Stage (% F3) ¹	70	64	63
Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) Score	9.8	9.7	9.8
Pro-C3 ² (µg/L)	16.5	15.3	18.4
Liver Stiffness by VCTE ³ (FibroScan) (kPa)	15	14	16
Hepatic Fat Fraction by MRI-PDFF ⁴ (%)	17.1	18.5	17.5
NAFLD Activity Score (NAS)	5.4	5.1	5.6
Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) (U/L)	62	50	63
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) (U/L)	57	42	52
HbA1c (%)	6.8	6.8	6.7
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	170	158	154
LDL-Cholesterol (mg/dL)	94	96	111

¹ All patients either fibrosis stage 2 (F2) or stage 3 (F3); ² Procollagen 3 N-Terminal Propeptide; ³ Vibration-controlled transient elastography; ⁴ Magnetic Resonance Imaging Proton Density Fat Fraction

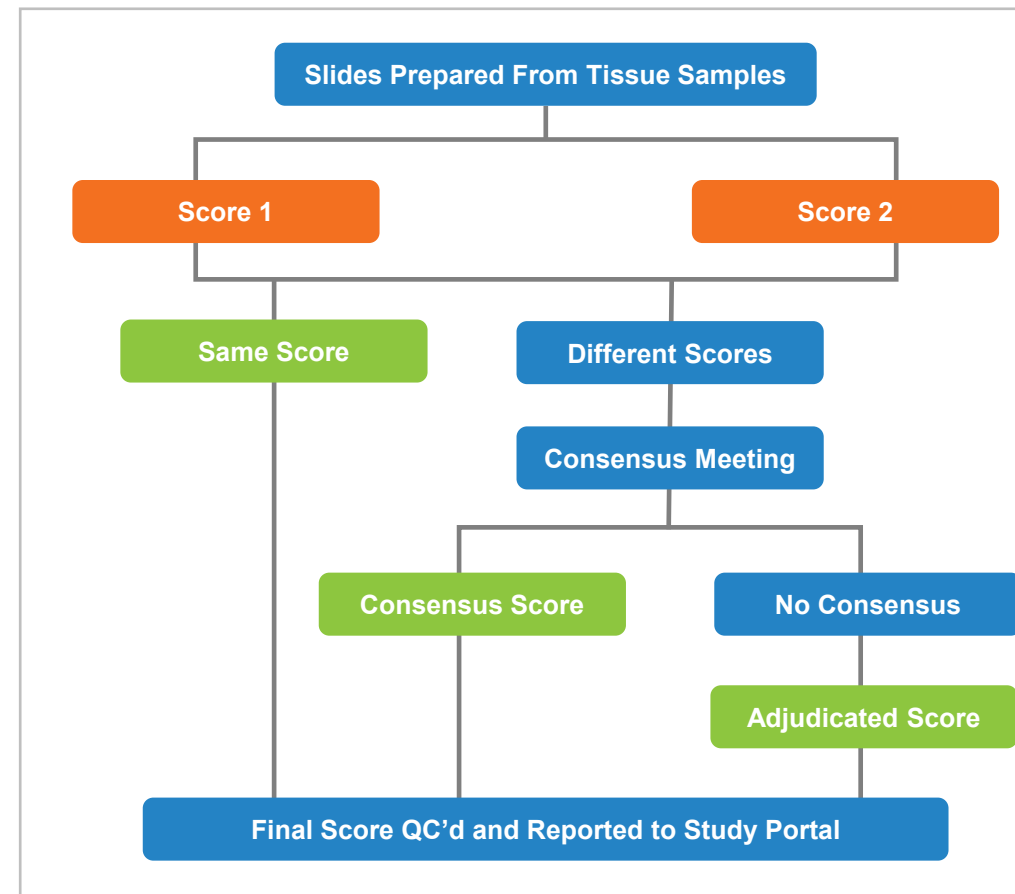


Consensus Reading of Biopsies: Rigorous Approach to Histopathology Based on FDA Input to Minimize Variability

Key Features of EFX Biopsy Analysis Plan

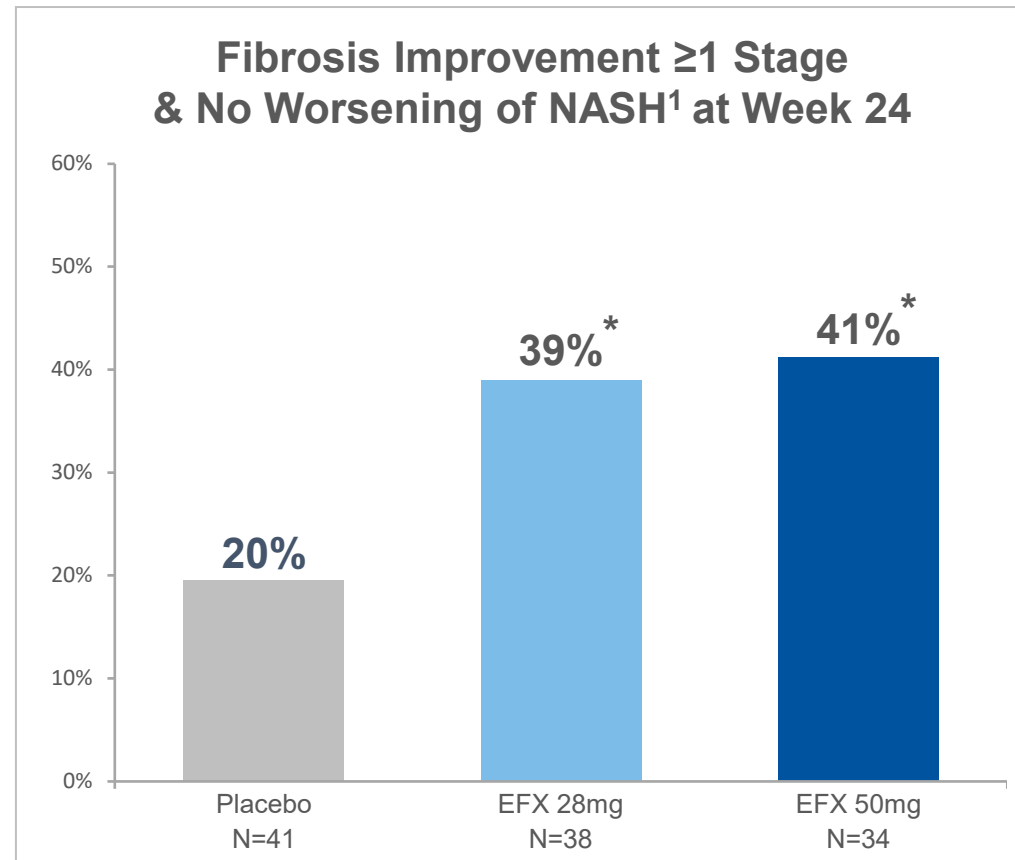
- Biopsies independently scored by two pathologists, with a third pathologist available to adjudicate in absence of consensus
- Pathologists underwent protocol-specific training to align on NASH-CRN scoring interpretation
- Pathologists blinded to subject, treatment, and sequence
- No paired biopsy reads (i.e., pre- and on-treatment biopsies not read side-by-side)

Consensus Biopsy Analysis Flow Chart





Both EFX Doses Achieved Statistical Significance on Primary Endpoint (Fibrosis Improvement)



¹ Improvement in liver fibrosis greater than or equal to one stage and no worsening of NASH (defined as no increase in NAS for ballooning, inflammation, or steatosis)

* p<0.05, versus placebo (Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test [CMH])

EFX Fibrosis Improvement in Context: Pre-Cirrhotic NASH (≥1 Stage Improvement in Fibrosis and No Worsening of NASH)



Efruxifermin
Phase 2b (F2-F3)
66% F3
24 Wks / Completers¹
Consensus Readers



Lanifibranor
Phase 2b (F1-F3)
% F3 Not Reported
24 Wks / Completers²
Single Reader



Obeticholic Acid
Phase 3 (F2-F3)
54% F3
72 Wks / ITT³
Consensus Readers



Semaglutide
Phase 2b (F2-F3)
69% F3
72 Wks / ITT³
Consensus Readers

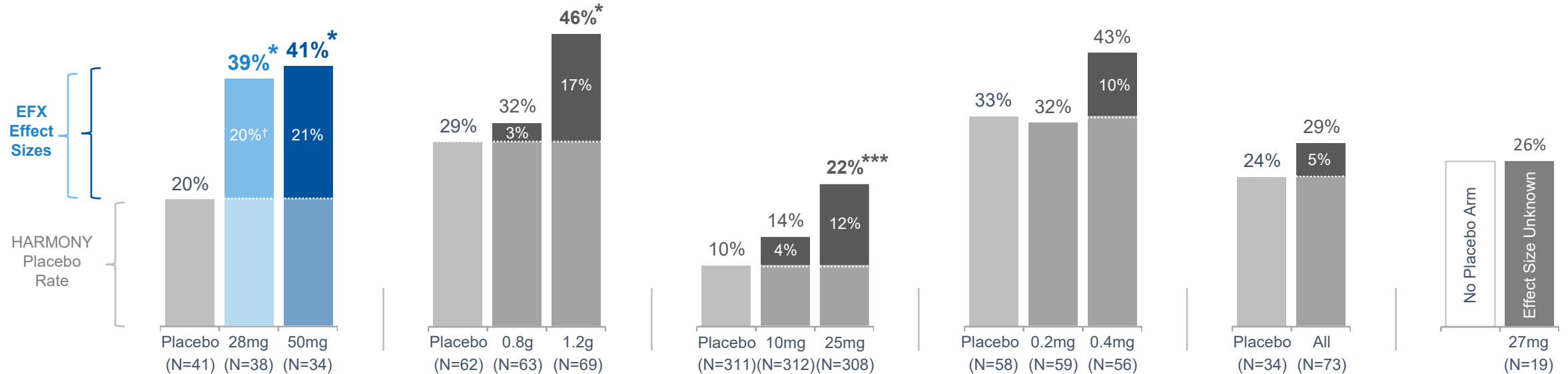


Resmetirom
Phase 2 (F1-F3)
20% F3
36 Wks / Completers⁴
Single Reader



Pegozafermin
Phase 1b/2a (F2-F3)
65% F3
20 Wks / Completers⁵
Single Reader

By Reported Effect Size (Treatment Minus Placebo)



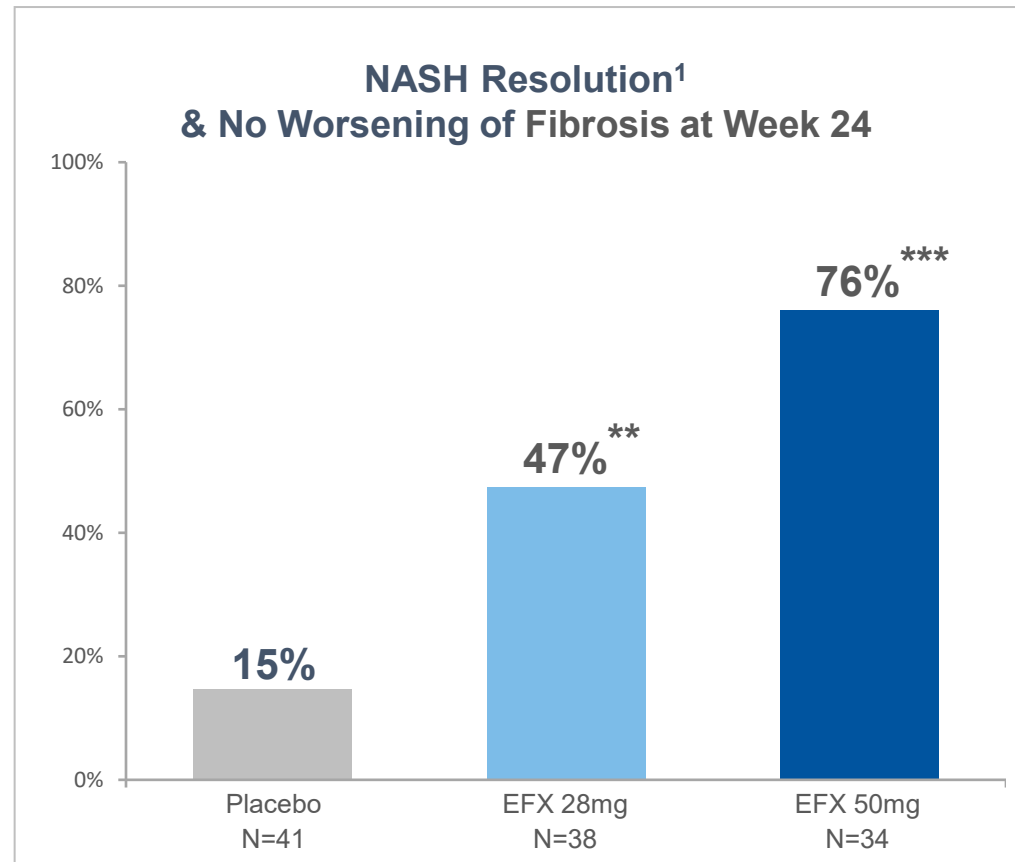
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¹ Baseline and Week 24 biopsies available; ² End-of-study biopsy available with no major protocol deviations; ³ Missing biopsies were imputed as non-responders; ⁴ Completed 36 weeks of treatment and had end-of-study biopsy; ⁵ End-of-study biopsy available.

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Both EFX Doses Achieved Statistical Significance on Key Secondary Endpoint (NASH Resolution)



¹ NAS score of 0 or 1 for lobular inflammation and a score of 0 for ballooning

** p<0.01, *** p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)

EFX NASH Resolution in Context: Pre-Cirrhotic NASH (NASH Resolution and No Worsening of Fibrosis)



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Efruxifermin
 Phase 2b (F2-F3)
 66% F3
 24 Wks / Completers¹
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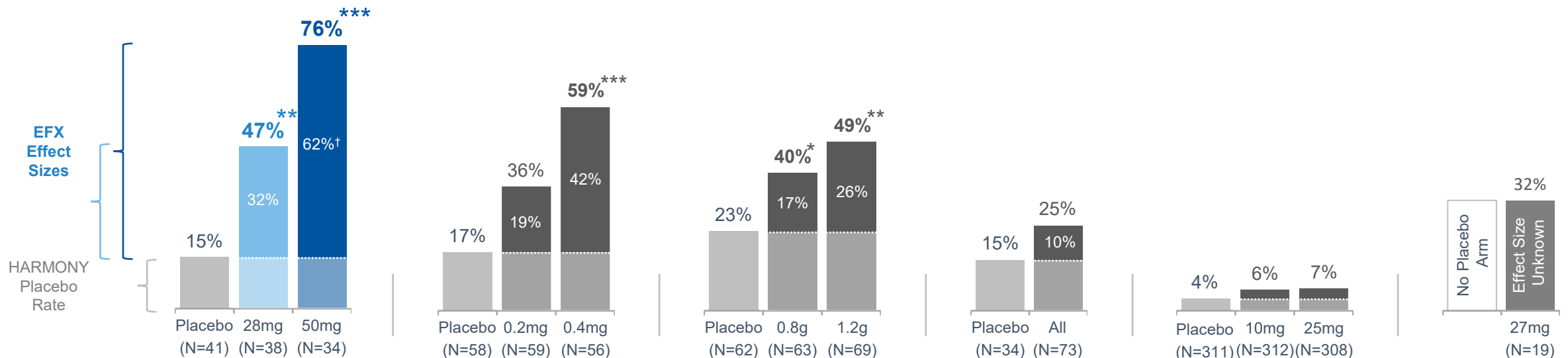
inventiva
Lanifibranor
 Phase 2b (F1-F3)
 % F3 Not Reported
 24 Wks / Completers³
 Single Reader

Madrigal Pharmaceuticals
Resmetirom
 Phase 2 (F1-F3)
 20% F3
 36 Wks / Completers⁴
 Single Reader

Intercept
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 54% F3
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By Reported Effect Size
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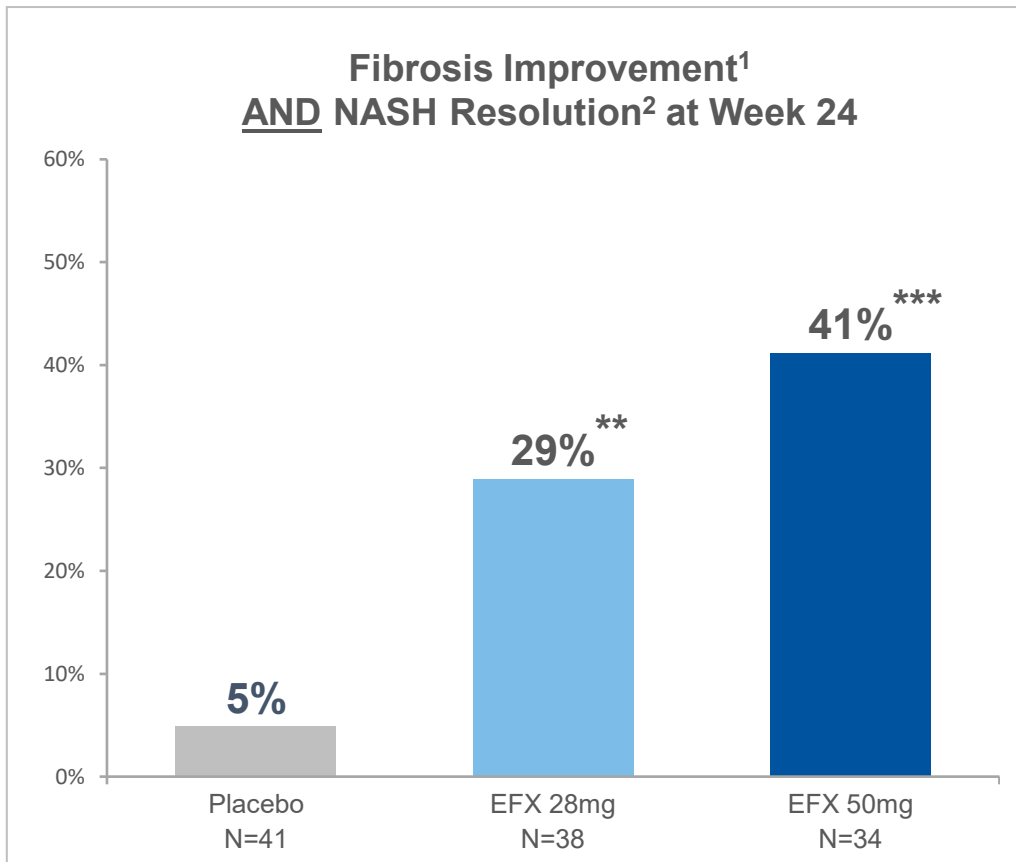
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Both EFX Doses Achieved Statistical Significance on Composite Endpoint (Fibrosis Improvement and NASH Resolution)



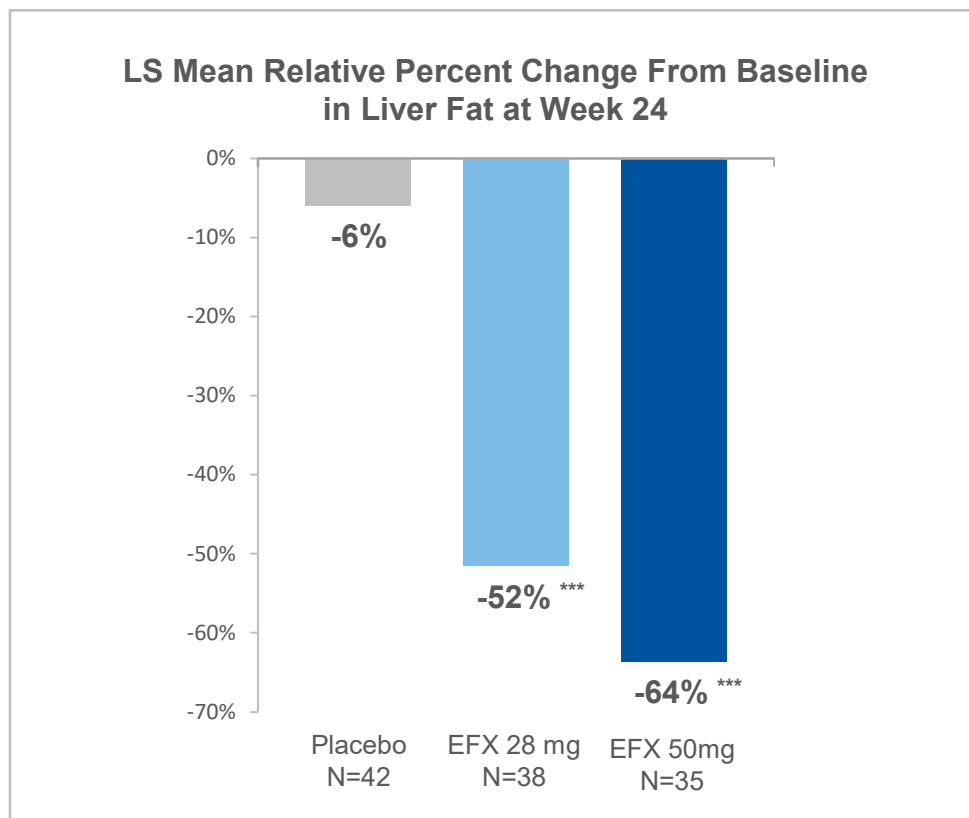
¹ Improvement in liver fibrosis greater than or equal to one stage
² NAS score of 0 or 1 for lobular inflammation and a score of 0 for ballooning
 ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)

Patients Achieving Fibrosis Improvement ≥ 2 Stages and No Worsening of NASH at Week 24

Placebo (N=41)	EFX 28mg (N=38)	EFX 50mg (N=34)
5%	16%	15%



Magnitude of Reduction and Normalization of Liver Fat Comparable to Phase 2a BALANCED Study¹



*** p<0.001, versus placebo (ANCOVA)

Proportion of Patients Achieving Fat Reduction Thresholds at Week 24

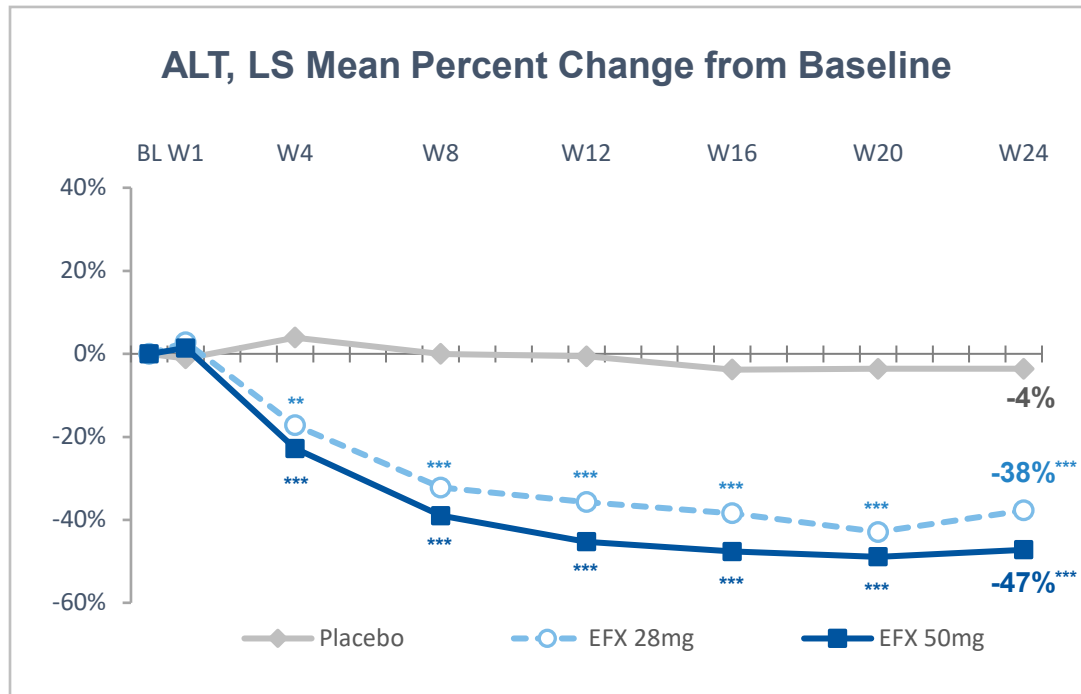
Endpoint	Placebo (N=42)	EFX 28mg (N=38)	EFX 50mg (N=35)
Relative Reduction in Liver Fat			
≥50%	2%	63% ***	77% ***
Normalization of Liver Fat Content			
≤5%	2%	34% ***	51% ***

*** p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)

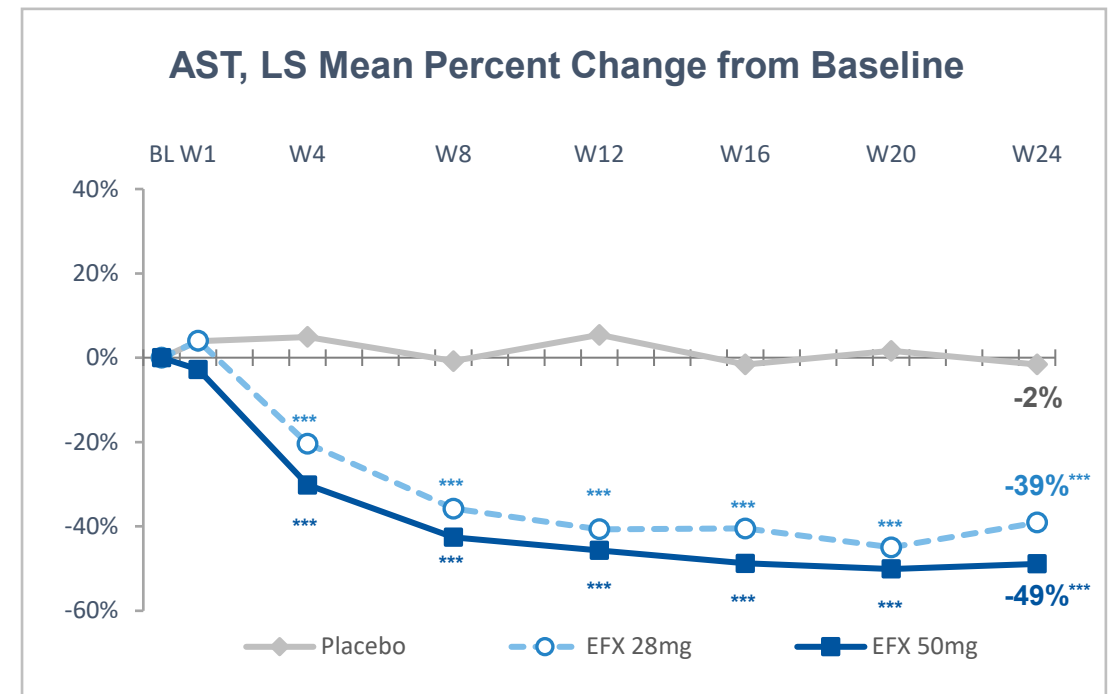
¹ The Phase 2a BALANCED study was a 12-week randomized clinical trial in patients with F1-F3 NASH



Rapid and Sustained Statistically Significant Improvements in Markers of Liver Injury



** p<0.01, *** p<0.001, versus placebo (MMRM¹)



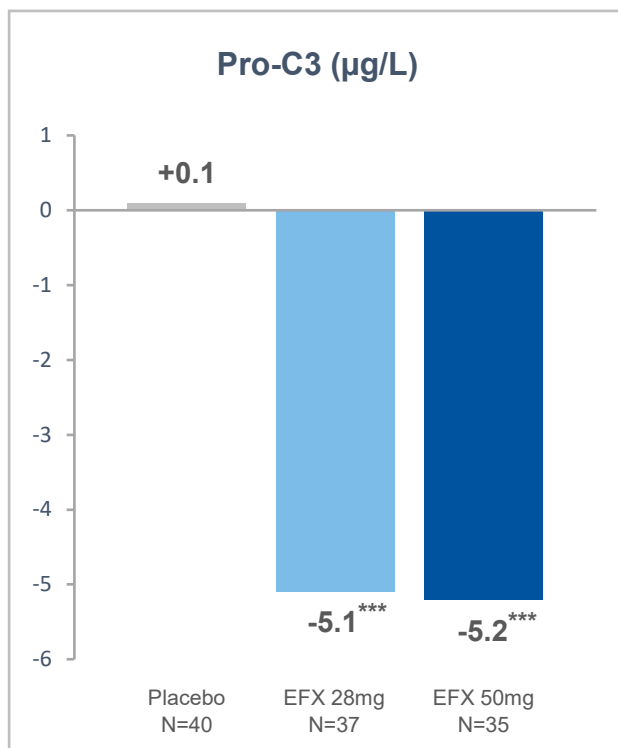
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¹ Mixed Model Repeated Measures

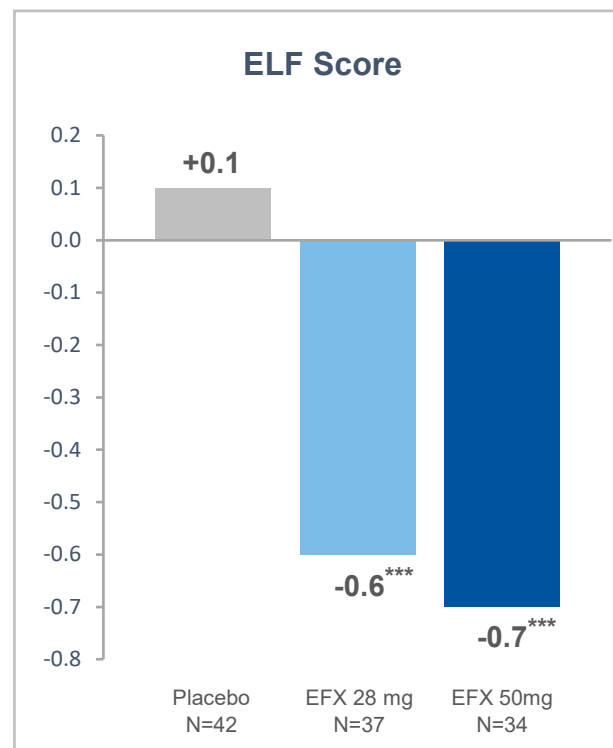


Statistically Significant Reductions in Non-Invasive Markers Reflect Histological Improvement in Fibrosis

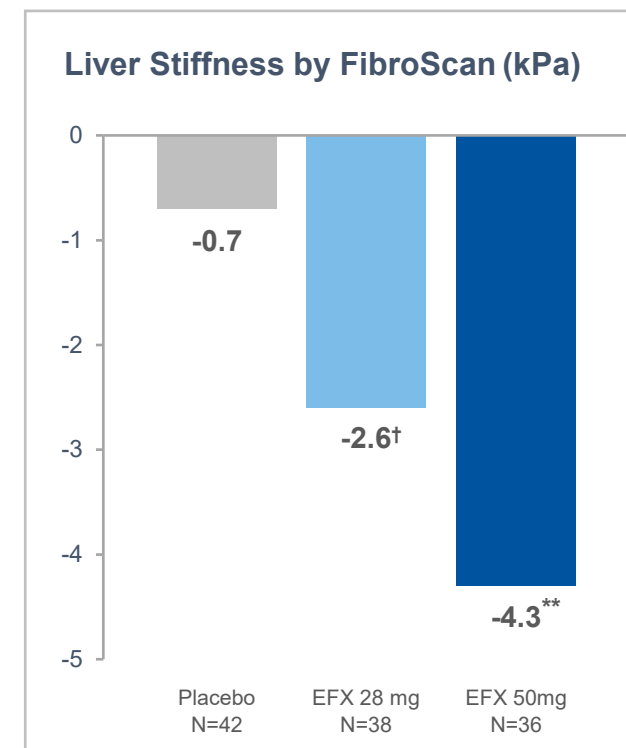
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 24



*** p<0.001, versus placebo (MMRM¹)



*** p<0.001, versus placebo (MMRM¹)



** p<0.01, versus placebo (ANCOVA¹)
† p<0.01, versus baseline (ANCOVA)

¹ Analysis of Covariance

» Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (TEAE)

TEAE Overview	Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=40)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
TEAE Leading to Death	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Drug-Related Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%) ^{a,b}
TEAE Leading to Discontinuation	0 (0%)	2 (5%) ^c	3 (7%) ^d
Most Frequent (≥15%) Drug-Related TEAEs	Placebo	EFX 28mg	EFX 50mg
Diarrhea	6 (14%)	14 (35%)	14 (33%)
Nausea	5 (12%)	10 (25%)	14 (33%)
Increased Appetite	2 (5%)	7 (18%)	10 (23%)
Frequent Bowel Movements	1 (2%)	8 (20%)	0 (0%)
Injection Site Erythema	5 (12%)	6 (15%)	7 (16%)
Injection Site Bruising	1 (2%)	6 (15%)	3 (7%)

^a (1) Esophagitis

^b There were three additional non-drug-related SAEs: (1) Edema; (2) Covid-19; (3) Pancreatitis

^c (1) Increased appetite & weight gain; (2) diarrhea

^d (1) Esophagitis & vomiting; (2) Nausea; (3) Lymphadenopathy (not drug-related)

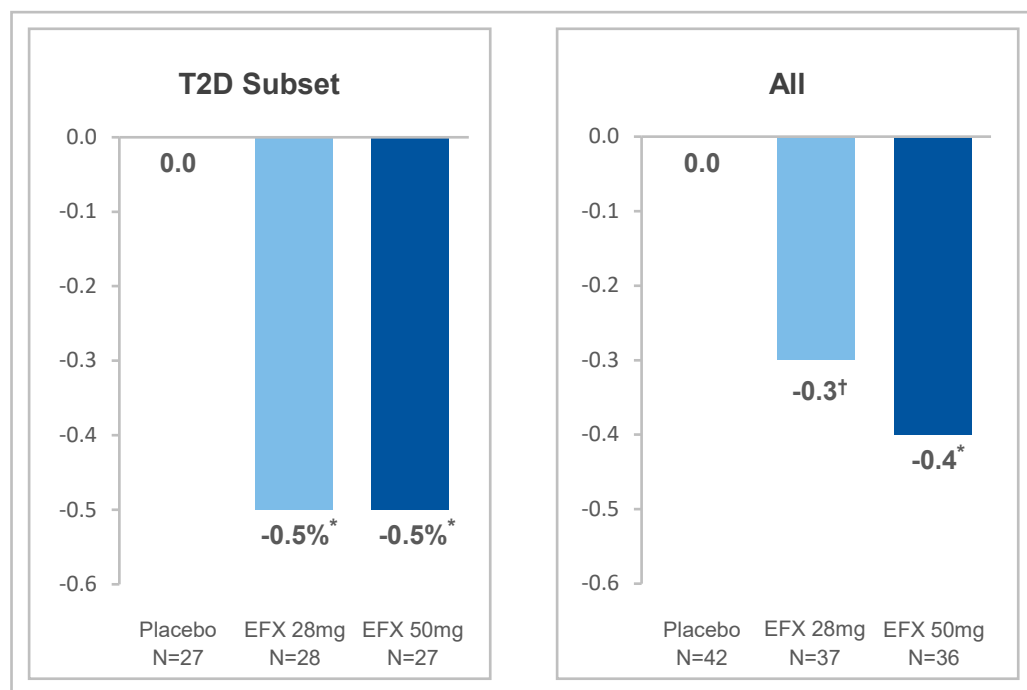


Clinically Meaningful Improvements Observed in Glycemic Control and Insulin Sensitivity, Particularly in Patients with T2D



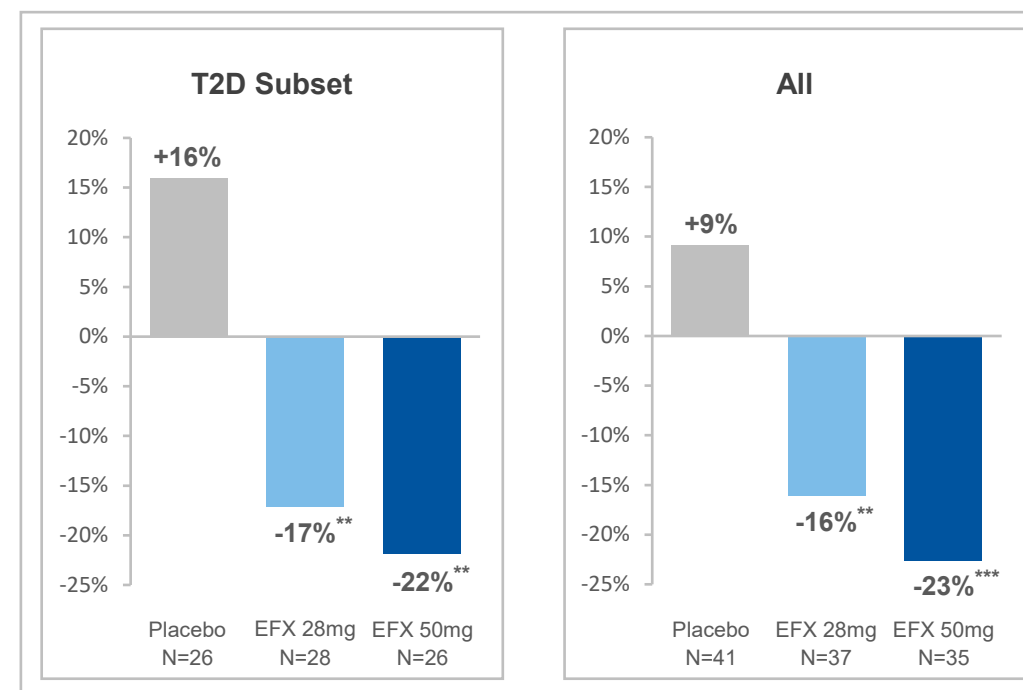
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 24²

HbA1c(%)¹



* p<0.05, versus placebo (MMRM); † p<0.05, versus baseline (MMRM)

C-Peptide³

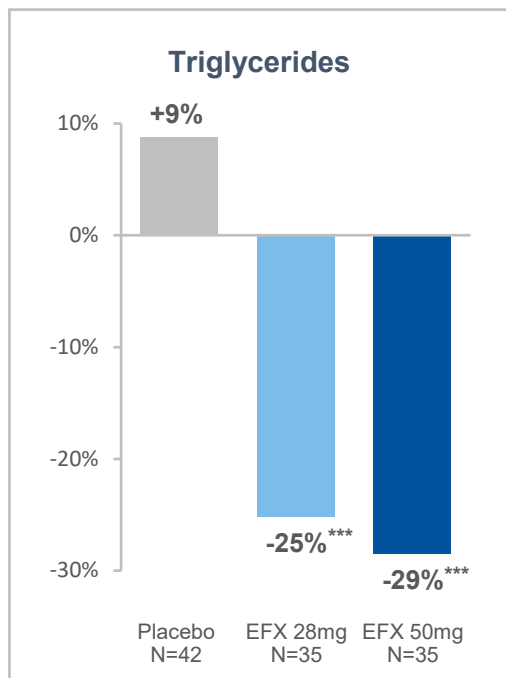


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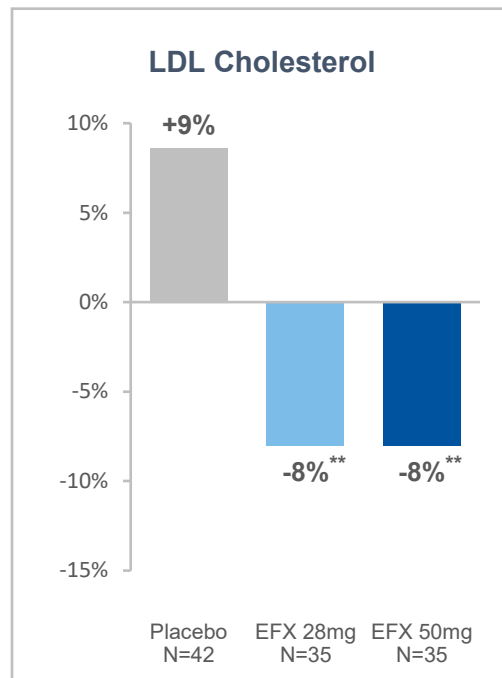
¹ Absolute change from baseline, %; ² Patients remained on diabetic medications; ³ Relative percent change from baseline

» Significant Improvements Observed in Lipoprotein Profile

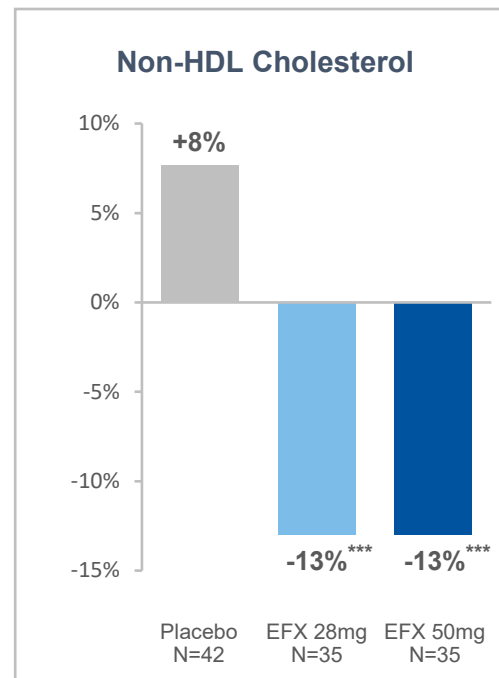
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 24 (%)



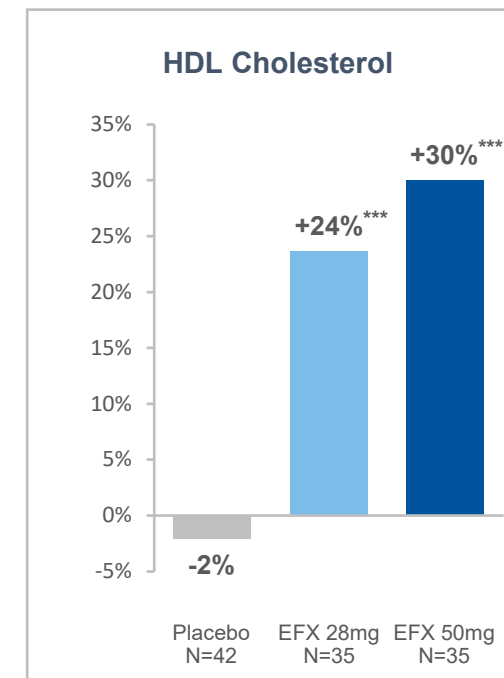
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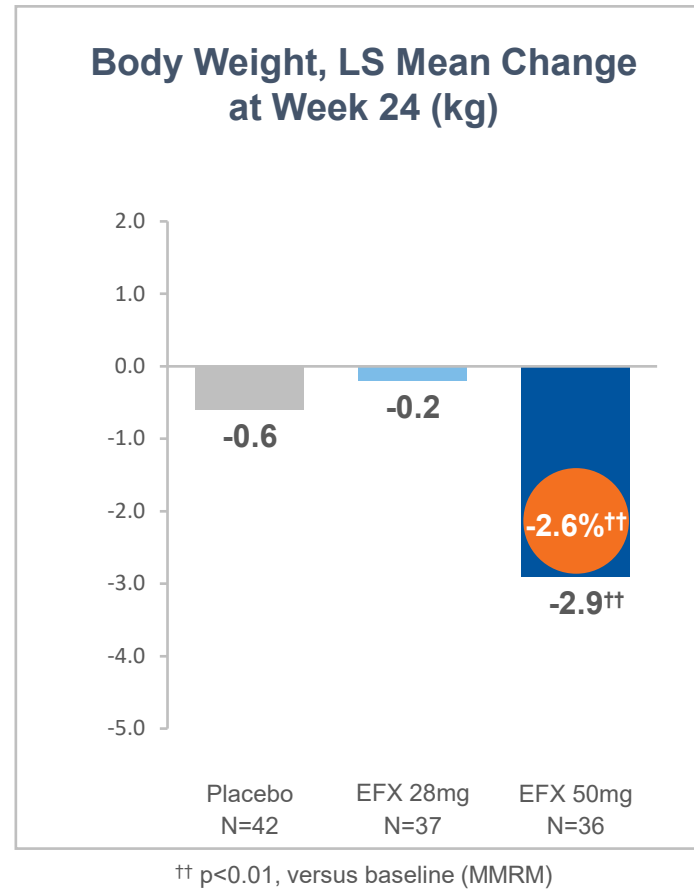


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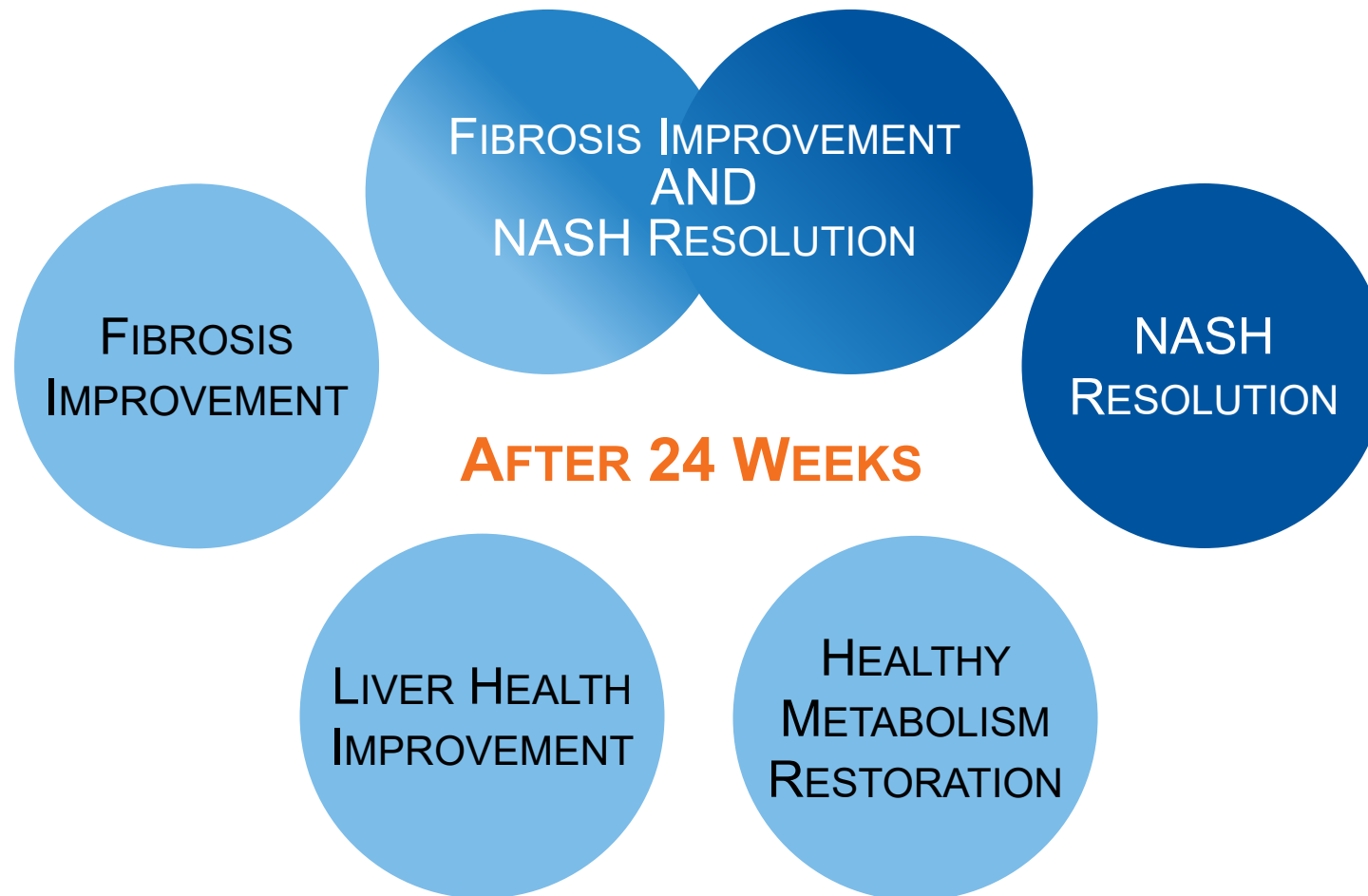
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» Weight Loss Observed for 50mg EFX Dose Group



» EFX: A Potentially Foundational NASH Therapy

ADDRESSING ALL CORE ASPECTS OF NASH PATHOGENESIS IN A SINGLE TREATMENT





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