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## » EFX: Potential Best-in-Class MASH Drug with Near-Term Milestones



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### Potential to Treat Pre-Cirrhotic MASH (F2-F3)

- HARMONY: 96-wk Ph2b study
- Week 96 data provided strongest reported efficacy data to date across MASH field:
  - ≥1 stage fibrosis improvement
  - 2 stage fibrosis improvement
  - MASH resolution
  - Fibrosis improvement and MASH resolution

Unprecedented Fibrosis Improvement  
After 96 Weeks of Treatment

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### Potential to Treat MASH Due to Cirrhosis (F4, compensated)

- SYMMETRY: 96-wk Ph2b study
- Week 36 data provided encouraging evidence of activity in difficult-to-treat population
- Statistically significant MASH resolution
- Opportunity to build on fibrosis improvement observed at Week 36

SYMMETRY Week 96 Readout with  
Histology Expected Q1'25

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### Global Phase 3 SYNCHRONY Program Underway (F1-F4, compensated)

- Phase 3 SYNCHRONY program comprised of three clinical trials
  - *Histology* (F2-F3)
  - *Real-World* (F1-F3), non-invasive tests only
  - *Outcomes* (F4, compensated)

First Patients Enrolled in  
SYNCHRONY *Histology* and *Real-World*



## Extensive Development and Commercialization Experience Involved in 20+ Medicine Approvals



**Andrew Cheng, MD, PhD** | President & CEO

- 19 years at Gilead
- Chief Medical Officer & HIV Division Head
- Major role in 11 NDA/MAA approvals



**Kitty Yale** | Chief Development Officer

- Over 25 years at Gilead, Roche, Pfizer
- VP, Gilead Worldwide Clinical Operations
- Major role in 8 global approvals NDA, MAA, JNDA and CFDA



**Tim Rolph, D.Phil** | Co-Founder & Chief Scientific Officer

- Over 30 years at Pfizer & Glaxo
- CSO of Pfizer's cardiovascular and metabolic disease unit
- Head of Groton & UK Discovery Research, Pfizer
- Major role in discovery and early clinical evaluation of two medicines: Selzentry (HIV) and Steglatro (Diabetes)



**Patrick Lamy** | SVP, Commercial Strategy

- Over 20 years of commercial experience at Gilead, Iovance and other small biotech
- Most Recently, VP Commercial at Iovance
- Five product launches in liver disease including global launch lead for Gilead's HCV franchise



**Jonathan Young, PhD, JD** | Co-Founder & COO

- Over 15 years in biotechnology product development, law and regulatory policy
- General Counsel and VP Policy, Braeburn
- Partner and General Counsel, FoxKiser



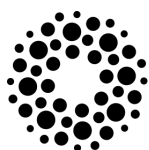
**William White** | CFO & Head of Corporate Development

- 18 years in life sciences investment banking at Goldman Sachs, Citigroup and Deutsche Bank
- Most recently, Head of US Life Sciences Investment Banking at Deutsche Bank
- Advised on more than \$70bn in M&A and \$25bn in financing transactions

## » Providing a Potentially Effective Treatment for MASH



**Reducing liver fat**  
is critical to remove  
disease driver



**Peripheral fat**  
is the largest source of  
liver fat in patients with  
MASH



**30 Million**  
US patients with MASH  
expected by 2030



**Insulin resistance** and  
Type 2 Diabetes drives  
liver caloric burden



**Achieving >10% weight  
loss** is challenging for  
patients who are obese

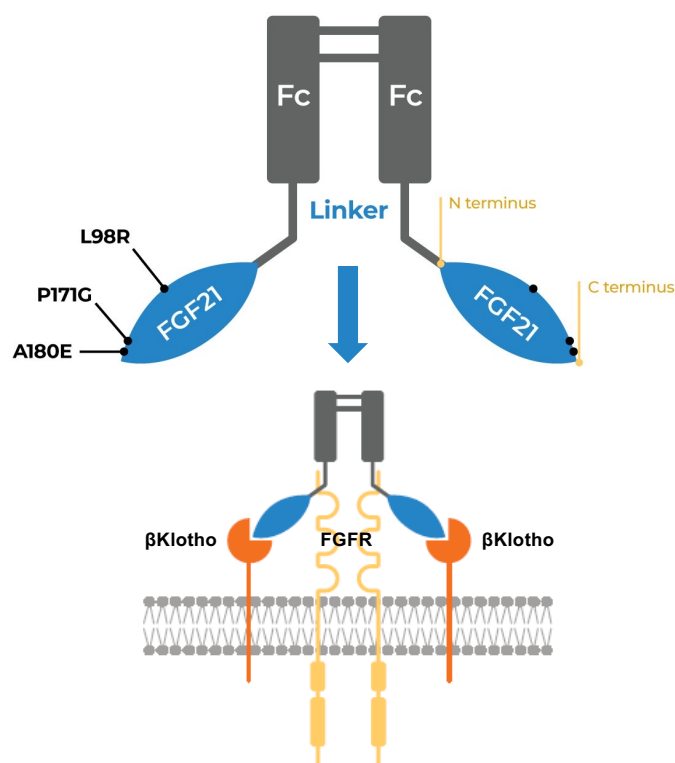


**Reversing fibrosis**  
is key to avoiding  
transplant, cancer, death



**Dyslipidemia** drives  
cardiovascular disease, the #1  
cause of mortality in the US

## » EFX Bivalent Structure Potentially Optimal for MASH Efficacy, With Convenient Once-weekly Dosing



### Bivalent FGF21 Analog Brings:



High  $\beta$ -Klotho  
affinity



High systemic exposure



Maintained agonism of  
FGFRs throughout weekly  
dosing interval



Sustained pharmacodynamic  
effect through week 24 (F2-F3)  
and week 36 (F4, compensated)

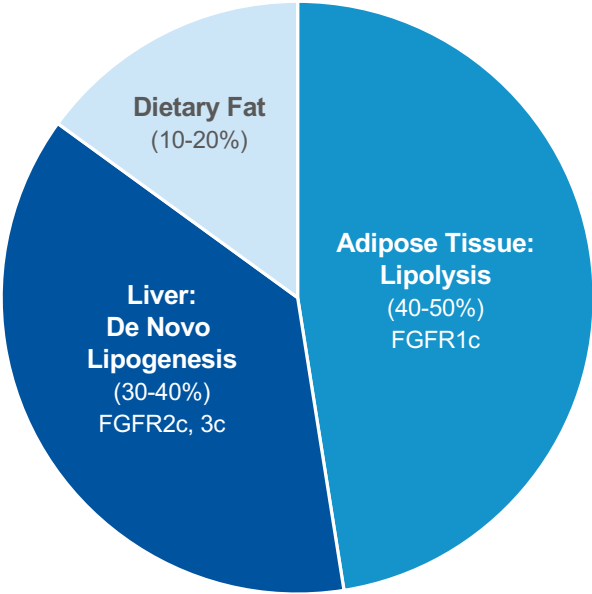
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# EFX Acts on Two Major Sources of Liver Fat With Potential for Optimal Reduction



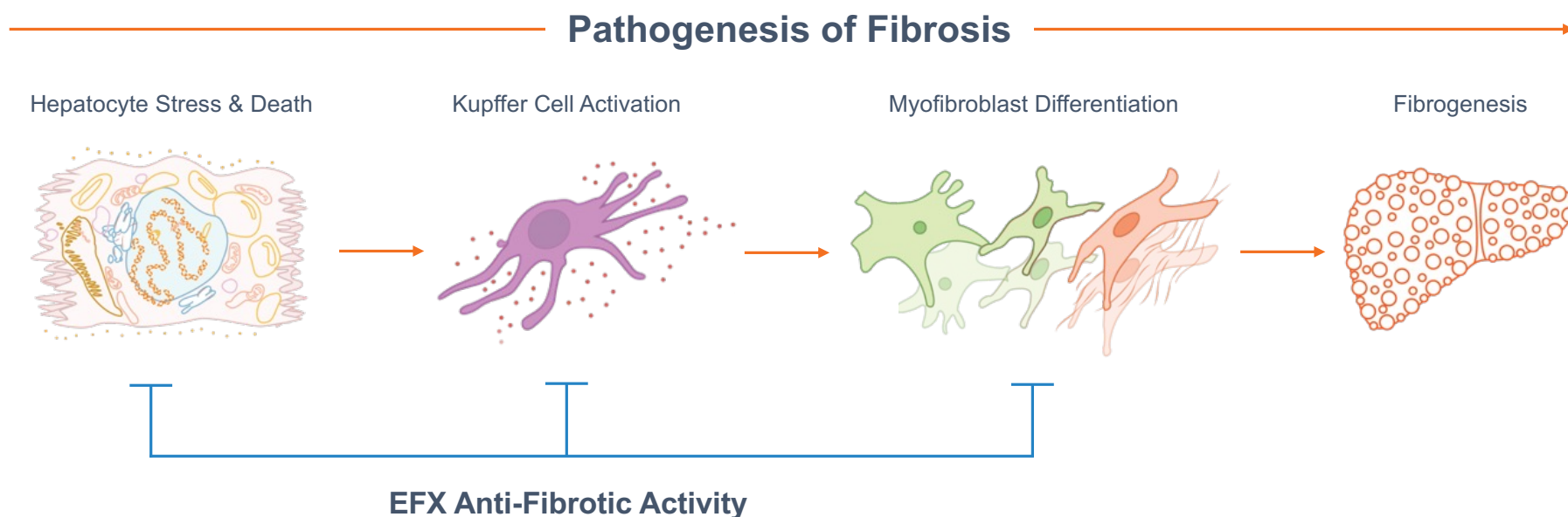
Sources of Fat Flowing into and  
Through Liver for Patients with MASH



Acting on both hepatic and peripheral sources of liver fat is key to optimizing liver fat reduction

Source of Liver Fat	FGF Receptor	EFX Activity
Lipolysis	FGFR1c	✓
De Novo Lipogenesis	FGFR2c FGFR3c	✓

## » EFX Direct And Indirect Anti-fibrotic Effects



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## » Key Regulatory Designations Based on EFX Therapeutic Profile



### Breakthrough Therapy (US FDA - 2022)

- Enables expedited development
- Signifies potential for substantial improvement over available therapy on clinically significant endpoints
- Based on Phase 2b HARMONY data

### Fast Track (US FDA - 2021)

- Enables more frequent regulatory interactions to resolve development issues with potential eligibility for priority review
- Signifies potential to fill an unmet medical need
- Based on Phase 2a BALANCED data

### PRIME (EMA - 2020)

- Enables enhanced regulatory support
- Signifies potential to offer a major therapeutic advantage over existing treatments or benefit patients without treatment options
- Based on Phase 2a BALANCED data

**Efruxifermin was the first investigational MASH drug to receive all three designations**

# HARMONY

STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS AFTER 96 WEEKS

≥1 STAGE  
FIBROSIS  
IMPROVEMENT

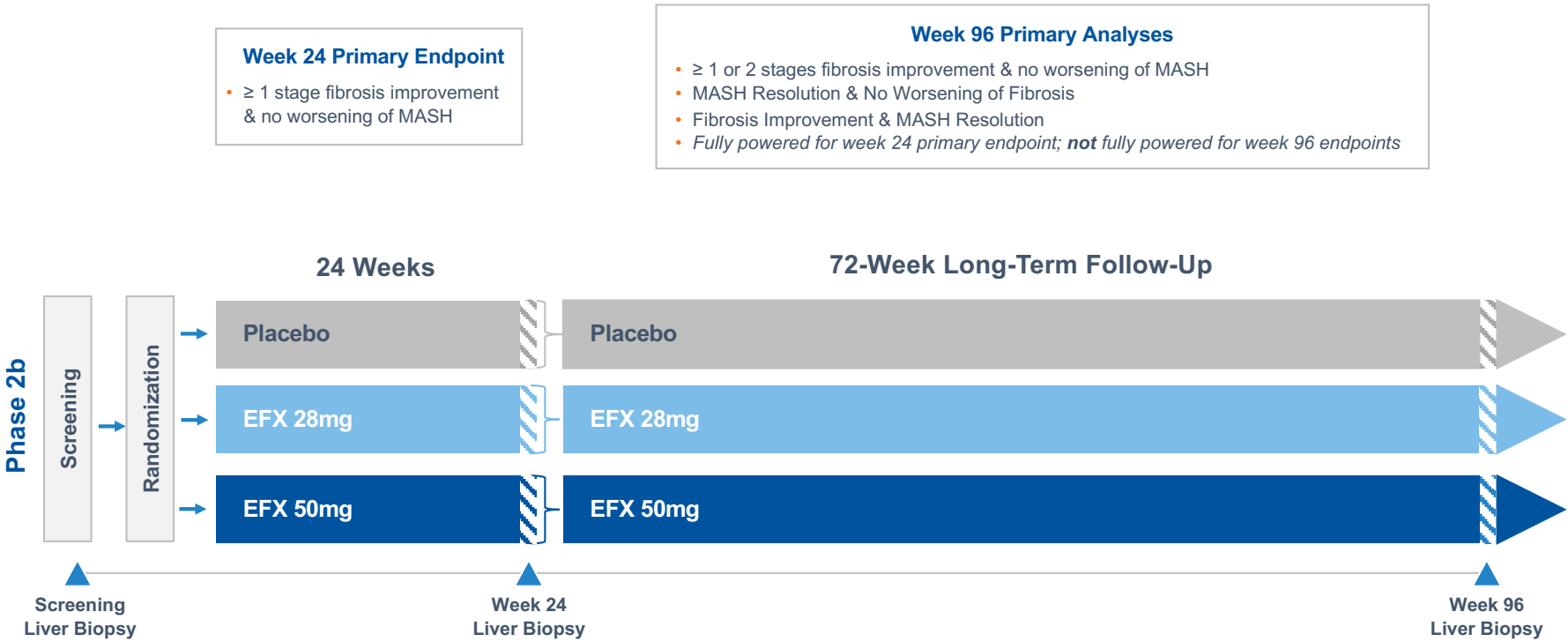
2 STAGE  
FIBROSIS  
IMPROVEMENT

FIBROSIS IMPROVEMENT  
AND  
MASH RESOLUTION

MASH  
RESOLUTION



# HARMONY Trial Design: Pre-Cirrhotic (F2-F3) MASH with Liver Histology at 24 and 96 weeks



## » Analysis Sets

Analysis Set	N	Description
<b>Full Analysis Set</b>	128	All randomized subjects
<b>Safety Set / Modified Full Analysis Set (ITT)</b> <div> <div>Placebo (N=43)</div> <div>28mg (N=40)</div> <div>50mg (N=43)</div> </div>	126	All randomized and dosed subjects <sup>1</sup>
<b>Week 24 Liver Biopsy Analysis Set</b> <div> <div>Placebo (N=41)</div> <div>28mg (N=38)</div> <div>50mg (N=34)</div> </div>	113	All subjects with baseline and Week 24 biopsy results
<b>Week 96 Liver Biopsy Analysis Set</b> <div> <div>Placebo (N=34)</div> <div>28mg (N=26)</div> <div>50mg (N=28)</div> </div>	88	All subjects with completed second on-study biopsy

<sup>1</sup> The Modified Full Analysis Set includes subjects that were randomized and received at least one dose of study drug per the Statistical Analysis Plan.

## » Baseline Demographics

Parameter (Units)	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) <sup>1</sup>	70	64	63
Proportion of Patients Treated with GLP-1 at Baseline (%)	21	18	9
Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) Score	9.8	9.7	9.8
Pro-C3 <sup>2</sup> (µg/L) (GEN 2 ELISA)	125	113	145
Liver Stiffness by VCTE <sup>3</sup> (FibroScan) (kPa)	15	14	16
Hepatic Fat Fraction by MRI-PDFF <sup>4</sup> (%)	17.1	18.5	17.5
MASLD Activity Score (MAS)	5.4	5.1	5.6
Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) (U/L)	62	50	63
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) (U/L)	57	42	52

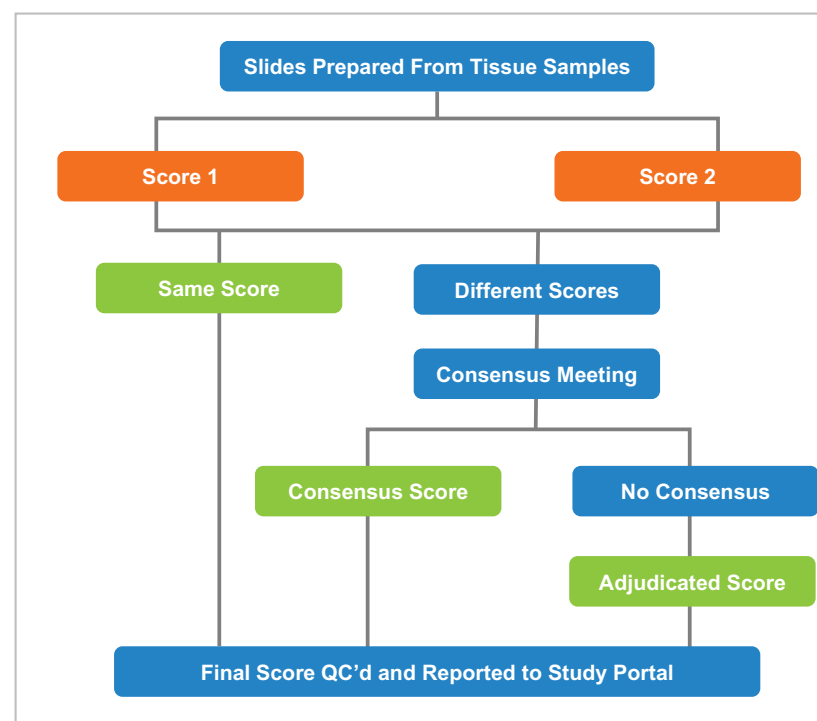
<sup>1</sup> All patients either fibrosis stage 2 (F2) or stage 3 (F3); <sup>2</sup> Procollagen 3 N-Terminal Propeptide; <sup>3</sup> Vibration-controlled transient elastography; <sup>4</sup> Magnetic Resonance Imaging Proton Density Fat Fraction

## 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 MASH-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

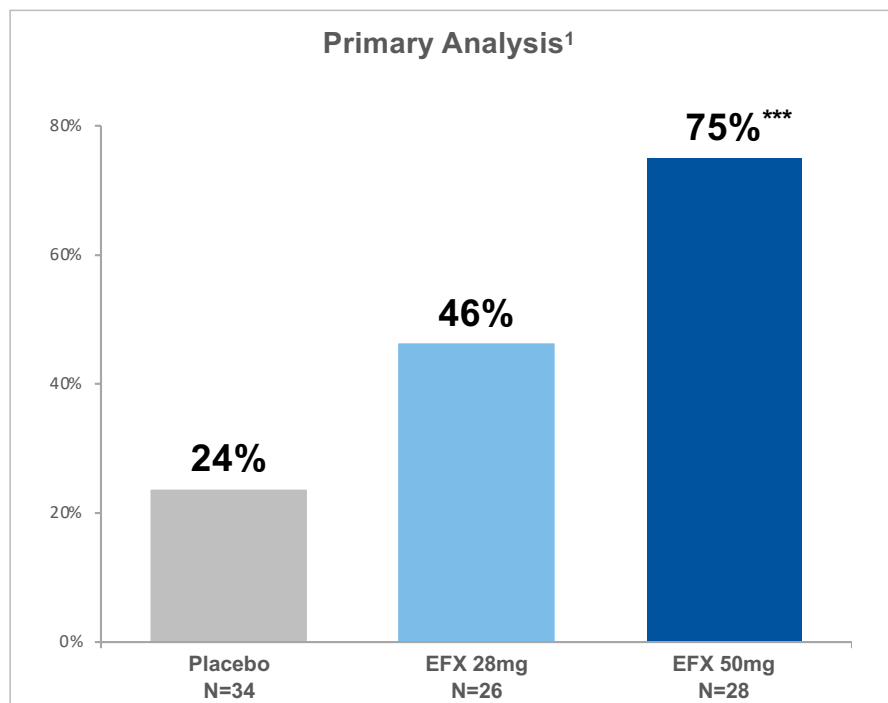




## ≥1 Stage Fibrosis Improvement & No Worsening of MASH: Statistically Significant Response Observed for 50mg EFX at Week 96



### Fibrosis Improvement ≥1 Stage & No Worsening of MASH at Week 96



<sup>1</sup> All subjects with baseline and Week 96 biopsies

\*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo  
(Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel Test [CMH])

### ITT Analysis<sup>2</sup>

Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=40)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
19%	30%	49%**

<sup>2</sup> All missing biopsies are imputed as a non-responder

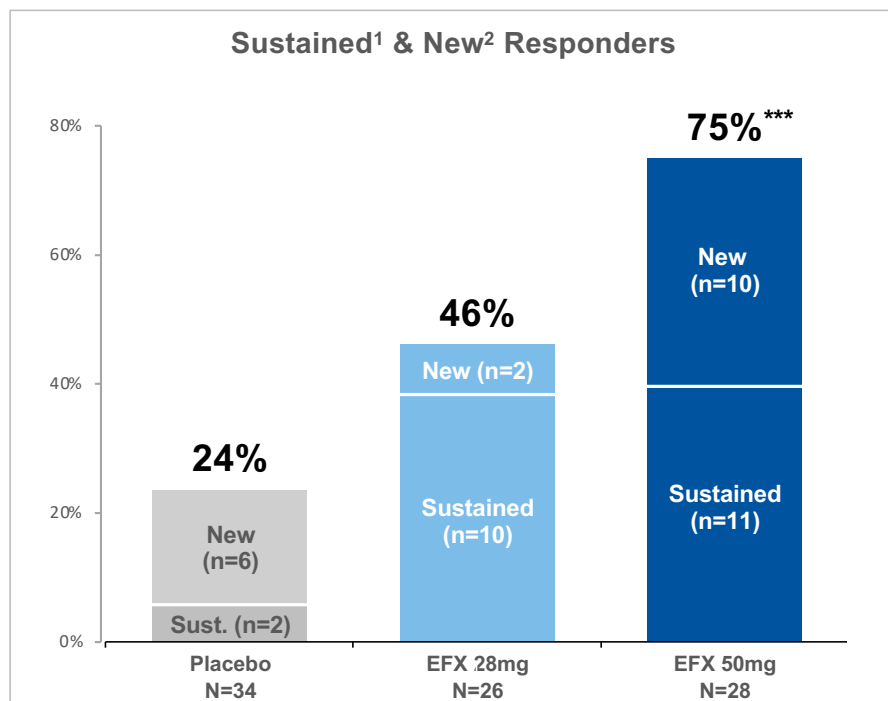
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## ≥1 Stage Fibrosis Improvement & No Worsening of MASH: Sustained, Broad and Durable Response



### Fibrosis Improvement ≥1 Stage & No Worsening of MASH at Week 96



<sup>1</sup> Responder at Weeks 24 & 96; <sup>2</sup> Responder at Week 96

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

### Proportion of Week 24 Responders with Sustained Response at Week 96<sup>3,5</sup>

Placebo (N=5)	EFX 28mg (N=12)	EFX 50mg (N=12)
2 (40%)	10 (83%)	11 (92%)

### Proportion of Week 24 Non-Responders with New Response at Week 96<sup>4,5</sup>

Placebo (N=29)	EFX 28mg (N=14)	EFX 50mg (N=16)
6 (21%)	2 (14%)	10 (63%)

<sup>3</sup> Among Week 24 responders with Week 96 biopsies

<sup>4</sup> Among Week 24 non-responders with Week 96 biopsies

<sup>5</sup> Not analyzed for statistical significance





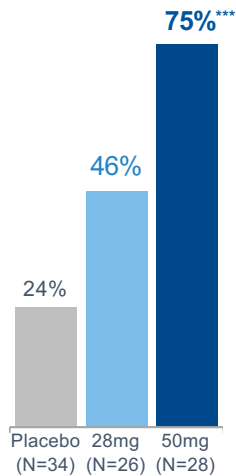
## EFX Fibrosis Improvement in Context: Pre-Cirrhotic MASH: ≥1 Stage Improvement in Fibrosis & No Worsening of MASH



### Efruxifermin

Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
96 Wks / 66% F3  
Consensus Reading

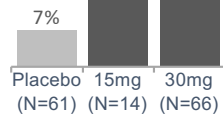
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### Pegozafermin

Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
24 Wks / 65% F3  
Consensus Reading

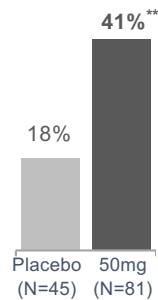
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### Denifanstat

Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
52 Wks / ???% F3  
?? Reading

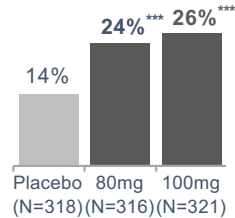
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### Resmetirom

Phase 3 (F1-F3)  
52 Wks / 62% F3  
Statistically Combined

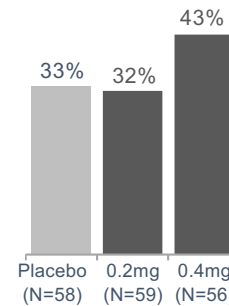
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### Semaglutide

Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
72 Wks / 69% F3  
Consensus Reading

ITT<sup>2</sup>



### Tirzepatide

Ph2b (F2-F3)  
52 Wks / ???% F3

Fibrosis improvement not publicly reported for this GLP-1R/GIPR dual agonist  
All dose groups (N=196)



### Survodutide

Ph 2b (F1-F3)  
48 Wks / ???% F3

Fibrosis improvement not publicly reported for this GLP-1R/GCGR dual agonist  
All dose groups (N=295)

Note: These data are derived from different clinical trials at different points in time, with differences in trial design and patient populations. As a result, cross-trial comparisons cannot be made, and no head-to-head clinical trials have been conducted.

\* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)

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<sup>1</sup> Baseline and end-of-study biopsies available; <sup>2</sup> Missing biopsies imputed as non-responders

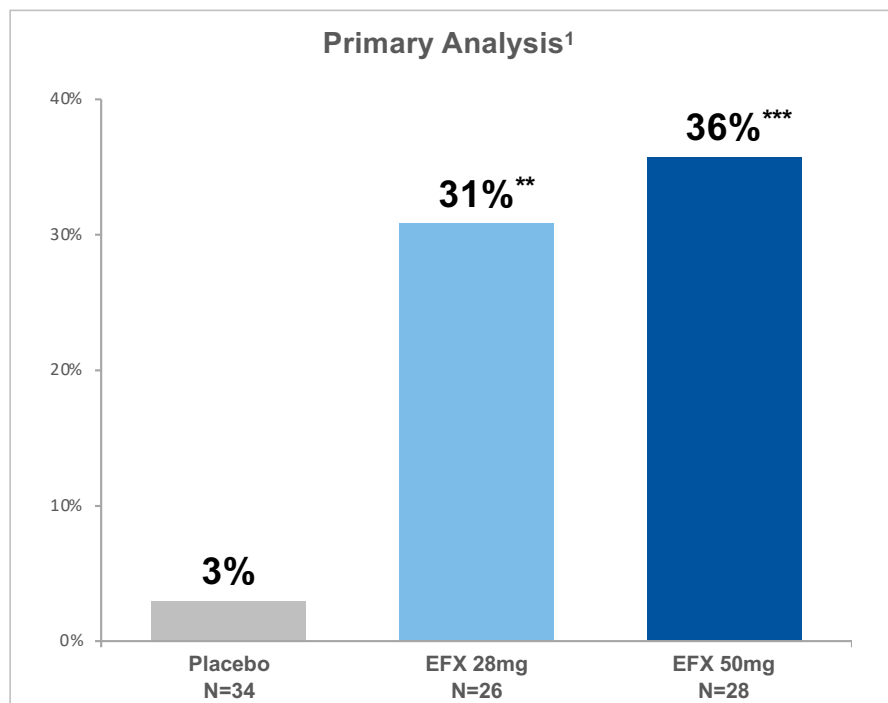
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## 2 Stage Fibrosis Improvement & No Worsening of MASH: Statistically Significant Response Observed for Both EFX Groups



### Fibrosis Improvement 2 Stages & No Worsening of MASH at Week 96



<sup>1</sup> All subjects with baseline and Week 96 biopsies

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

### ITT Analysis<sup>2</sup>

Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=40)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
2%	20% **	23% **

<sup>2</sup> Subjects with missing biopsies are imputed as non-responders


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




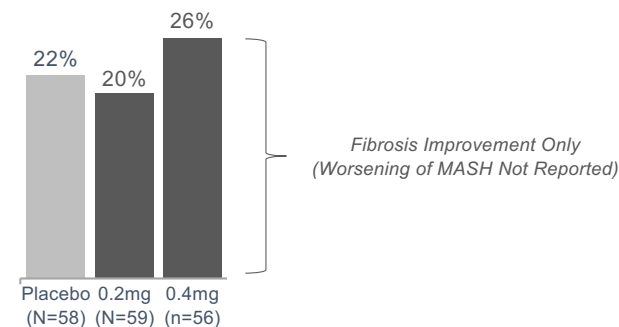
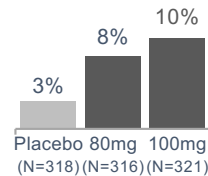
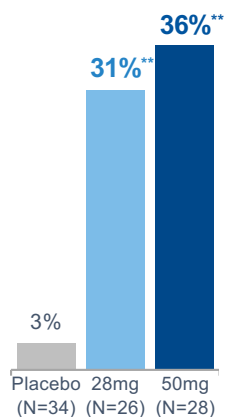
## EFX Fibrosis Improvement in Context: Pre-Cirrhotic MASH: ≥2 Stage Improvement in Fibrosis & No Worsening of MASH



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**Efruxifermin**  
Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
96 Wks / 66% F3  
Consensus Readers  
**Completers<sup>1</sup>**

 **Madrigal**  
**Resmetirom**  
Phase 3 (F1-F3)  
52 Wks / 62% F3  
Two Readers  
**ITT<sup>2</sup>**

 **novo nordisk**  
**Semaglutide**  
Phase 2b (F2-F3)  
72 Wks / 69% F3  
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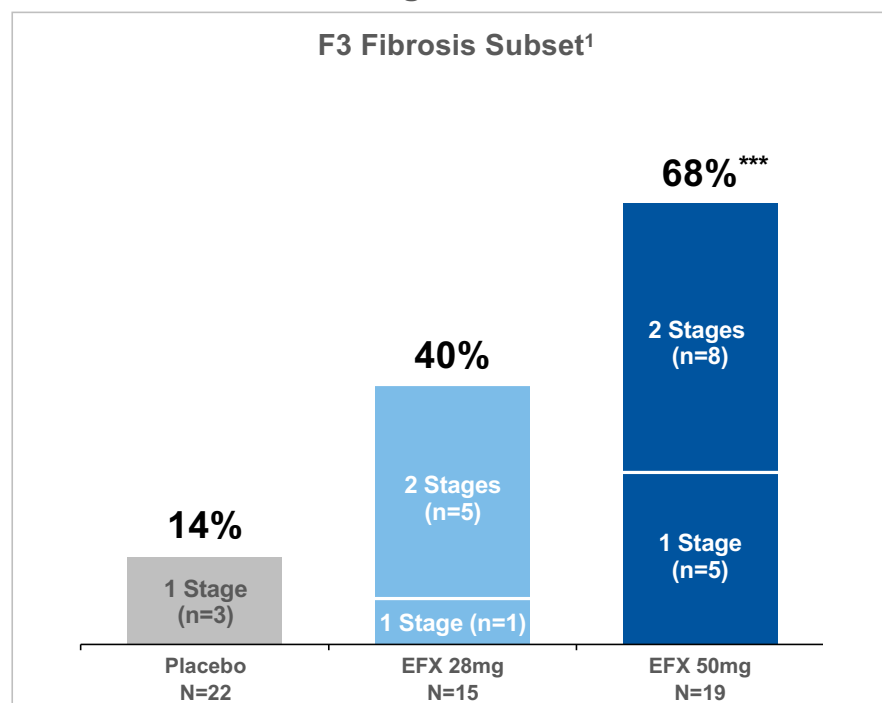
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» **≥1 Stage Fibrosis Improvement & No Worsening of MASH:**  
Statistically Significant Response **Among F3 Patients** Observed for 50mg EFX



**Fibrosis Improvement ≥1 Stage  
& No Worsening of MASH at Week 96**



<sup>1</sup> Patients with F3 at baseline and week 96 biopsies

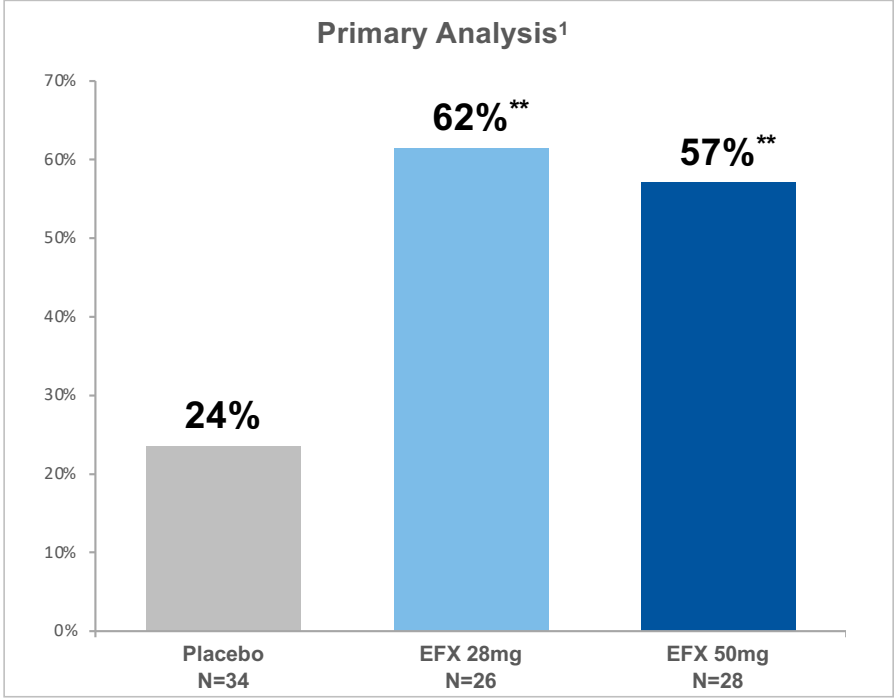
\*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)



# MASH Resolution & No Worsening of Fibrosis: Statistically Significant Response Observed for Both EFX Groups



## MASH Resolution & No Worsening of Fibrosis at Week 96



<sup>1</sup> All subjects with baseline and Week 96 biopsies

\*\* p<0.01, versus placebo (CMH test)

## ITT Analysis<sup>2</sup>

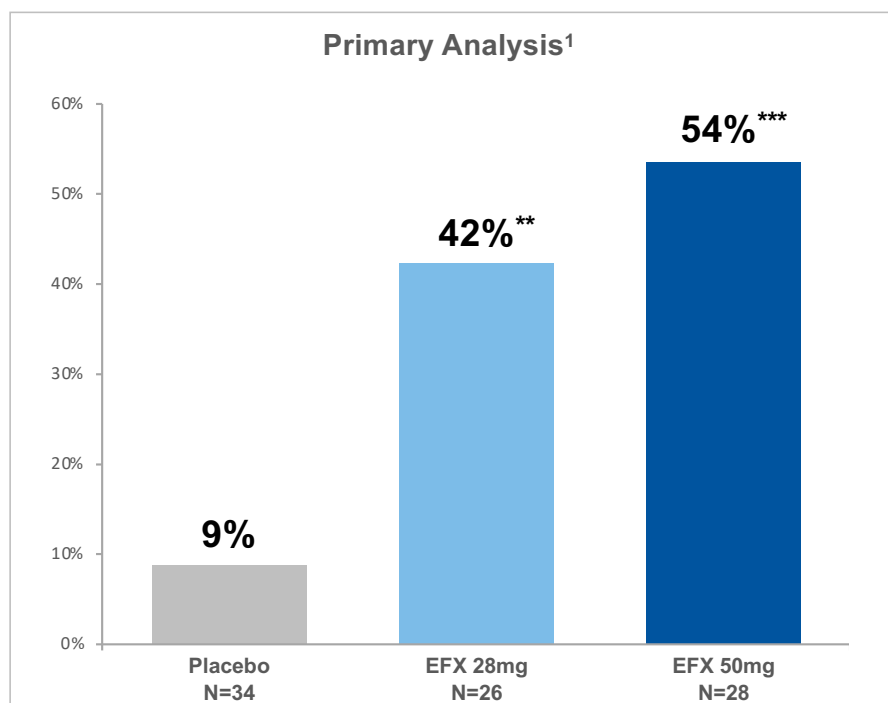
Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=40)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
19%	40%*	37%*

<sup>2</sup> Subjects with missing biopsies are imputed as non-responders

\* p<0.05, versus placebo (CMH test)

» **≥1 Stage Fibrosis Improvement AND MASH Resolution:  
Statistically Significant Response Observed for Both EFX Groups**

**Fibrosis Improvement ≥1 Stage  
AND MASH Resolution at Week 96**



<sup>1</sup> All subjects with baseline and Week 96 biopsies

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

**ITT Analysis<sup>2</sup>**

Placebo (N=43)	EFX 28mg (N=40)	EFX 50mg (N=43)
7%	28%**	35%**

<sup>2</sup> Subjects with missing biopsies are imputed as non-responders

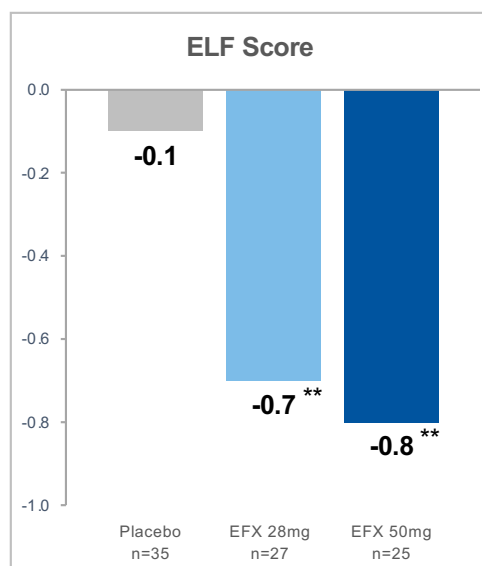
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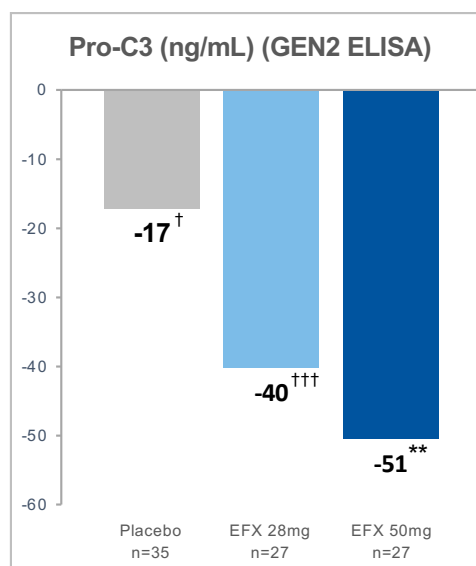
## Statistically Significant Reductions in Non-Invasive Markers Reflect Histological Improvement in Fibrosis



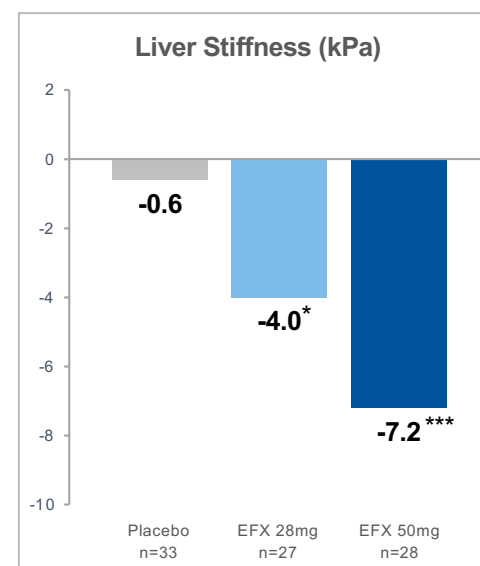
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 96



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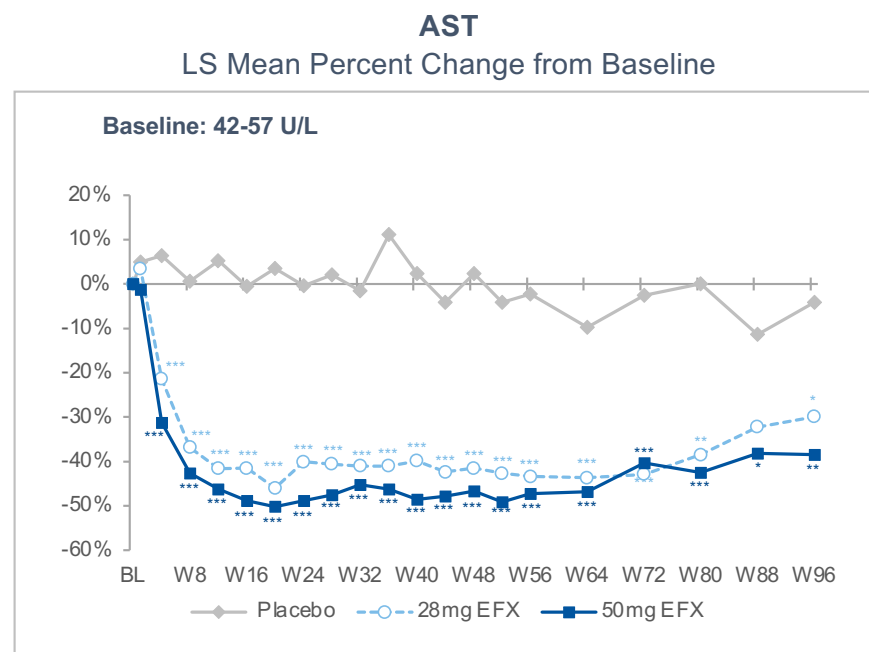
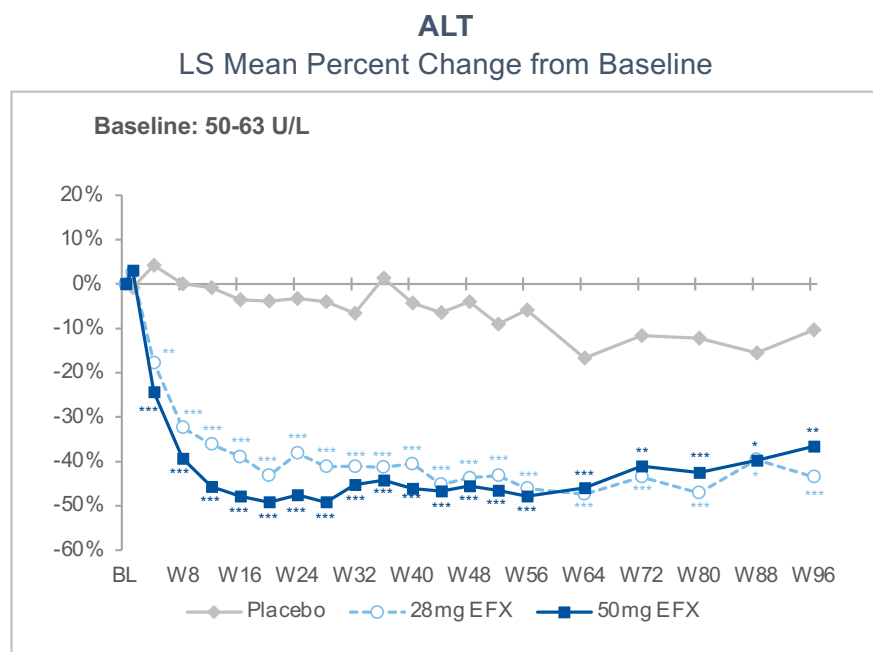


\*\* p<0.01, versus placebo (MMRM)  
† p<0.05, ††† p<0.001, versus baseline (MMRM)



\* p<0.05, \*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo  
(MMRM)

## » Statistically Significant Improvements in Markers of Liver Injury Sustained Through Week 96





## » Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (TEAE) From Baseline through Week 96

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 Events (SAEs)	0 (0%)	1 (2%) <sup>a</sup>	1 (2%) <sup>b</sup>
Non-drug-related SAEs	4 (9%) <sup>c</sup>	3 (8%) <sup>d</sup>	6 (14%) <sup>e,f</sup>
Drug-Related TEAE Leading to Discontinuation	0 (0%)	4 (10%) <sup>g,h</sup>	3 (7%) <sup>i,j</sup>
Non-drug-related TEAE Leading to Discontinuation	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (5%) <sup>k,l</sup>
Most Frequent (≥15%) Drug-Related TEAEs	Placebo	EFX 28mg	EFX 50mg
Diarrhea	7 (16%)	16 (40%)	16 (37%)
Nausea	5 (12%)	12 (30%)	14 (33%)
Increased Appetite	3 (7%)	7 (18%)	10 (23%)
Injection Site Erythema	6 (14%)	8 (20%)	7 (16%)
Injection Site Bruising	2 (5%)	6 (15%)	3 (7%)

<sup>a</sup> 28mg EFX, drug-related SAE (post week 24): pancreatitis (not confirmed on imaging and discharged within 24 hours)

<sup>b</sup> 50mg EFX, drug-related SAE (previously reported): esophagitis

<sup>c</sup> Placebo, non-drug-related SAEs (post week 24): (1) appendicitis; (2) osteoarthritis; (3) chest pain; non-cardiac; (4) hypoxia

<sup>d</sup> 28mg EFX, non-drug-related SAEs (post week 24): (1) gastritis; (2) ankle fracture; lower limb fracture (car accident); (3) coronary arteriospasm; panic attack

<sup>e</sup> 50mg EFX, non-drug-related SAEs (previously reported): (1) COVID-19 viral infection; (2) edema, face; (3) acute necrotizing pancreatitis

<sup>f</sup> 50mg EFX, non-drug-related SAEs (post week 24): (1) atypical chest pain (non-cardiac) radiation to the back; (2) acute chest pain; (3) acute respiratory failure

<sup>g</sup> 28mg EFX, drug-related AEs leading to discontinuation (previously reported): (1) increased appetite & weight gain; (2) diarrhea;

<sup>h</sup> 28mg EFX, drug-related AEs leading to discontinuation (post week 24): (1) pancreatitis (SAE reported above); (2) diarrhea

<sup>i</sup> 50mg EFX, drug-related AEs leading to discontinuation (previously reported): (1) esophagitis & vomiting; (2) nausea

<sup>j</sup> 50mg EFX, drug-related AE leading to discontinuation (post week 24): (1) diarrhea

<sup>k</sup> 50mg EFX, non-drug-related AE leading to discontinuation (previously reported): (1) lymphadenopathy

<sup>l</sup> 50mg EFX, non-drug-related AE leading to discontinuation (post week 24): (1) acute necrotizing pancreatitis

### **Blood Pressure**

- No statistical difference versus placebo in systolic & diastolic BP at week 96

### **Markers of Liver Function and Hemostasis**

- Remained stable, including platelets, bilirubin, INR<sup>1</sup>, MELD<sup>2</sup> and CP<sup>3</sup> score

### **Progression to Cirrhosis**

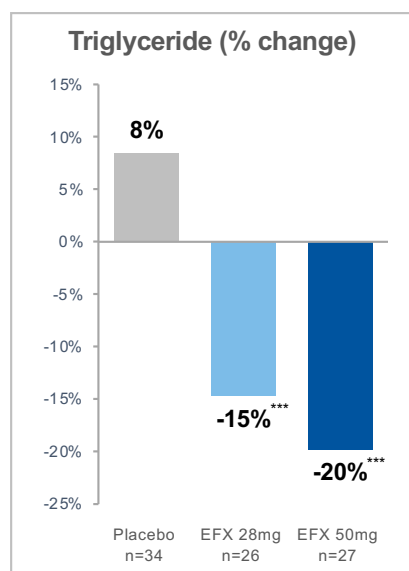
- Balanced across dose groups

### **Bone Mineral Density (BMD)**

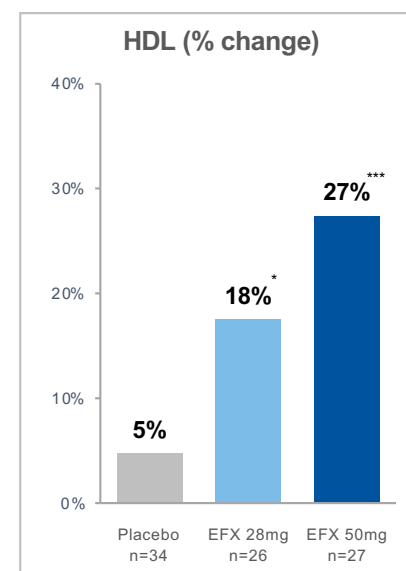
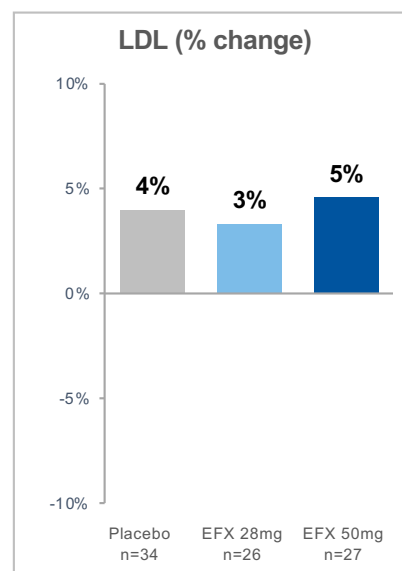
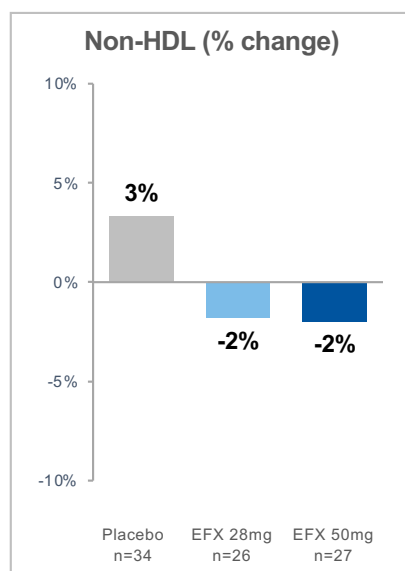
- Majority of patients in HARMONY were of post-menopausal age, among whom annual loss of BMD is generally expected to be 1 to 1.5%
- At week 48, no significant changes versus placebo for lumbar spine and femoral neck regions
- The placebo group experienced an approximately 1% increase in lumbar spine BMD by week 96
- At week 96, significant reductions versus placebo for lumbar spine (3-4%, both EFX groups) and femoral neck regions (< 3%, 50mg EFX only)
- One vertebral fracture (L1) observed in placebo group; no vertebral fractures observed in EFX groups

## » Improvement in Lipoprotein Profile After 96 Weeks

LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 96 (%)



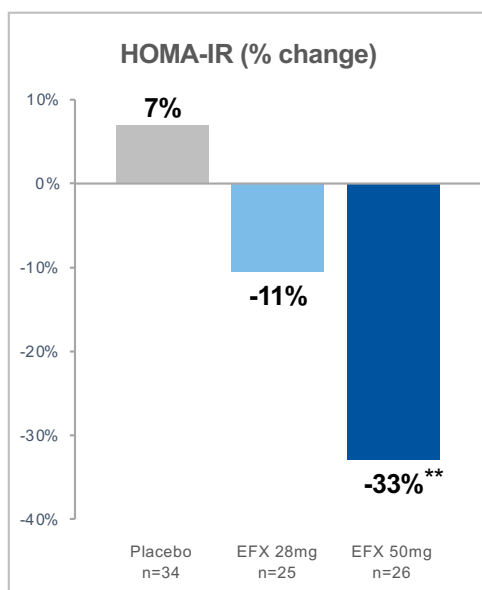
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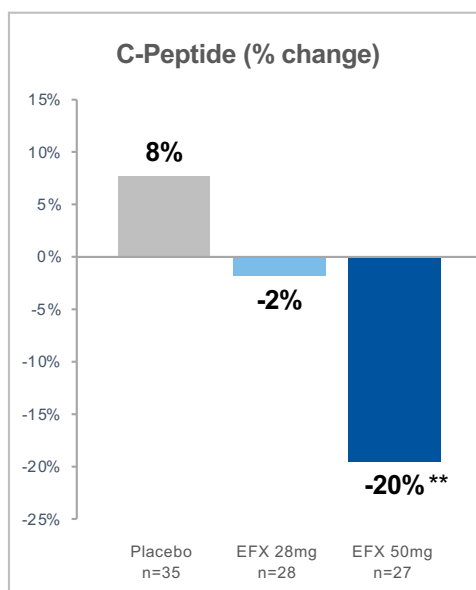
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## » Insulin Sensitivity Remains Significantly Improved after 96 Weeks of Treatment with 50mg EFX

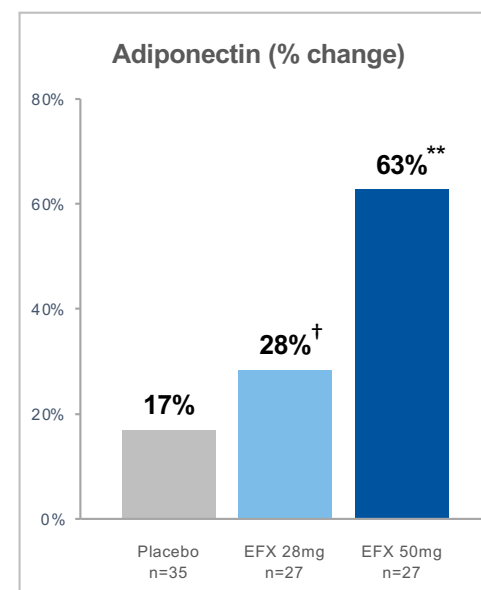
LS Mean Percentage Change From Baseline to Week 96



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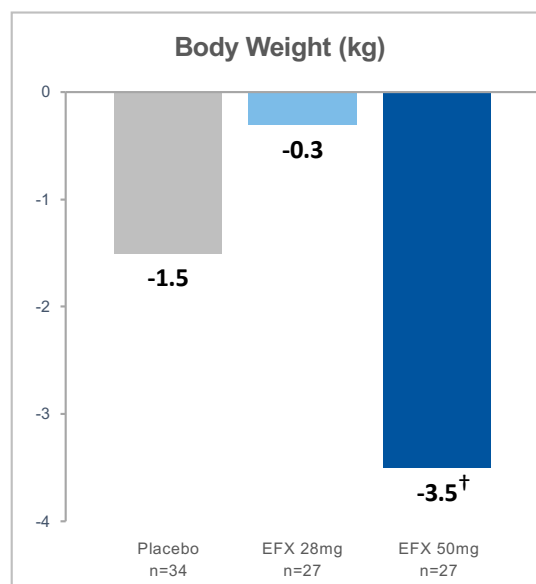


\*\* p<0.01, versus placebo (MMRM)

† p<0.05, versus baseline (MMRM)

## » Trend to Loss of Body Weight Maintained Over 96 Weeks of Treatment with 50mg EFX

LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 96



<sup>†</sup> p<0.05, versus baseline (MMRM)

## » HARMONY Take-Aways: 50mg EFX After 96 Weeks

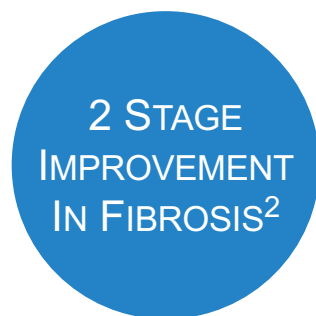


### Unprecedented



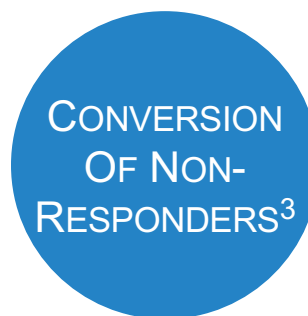
**75%\*\*\* vs. 24%**  
(50mg EFX vs. Placebo)

### Deep



**36%\*\*\* vs. 3%**  
(50mg EFX vs. Placebo)

### Broad



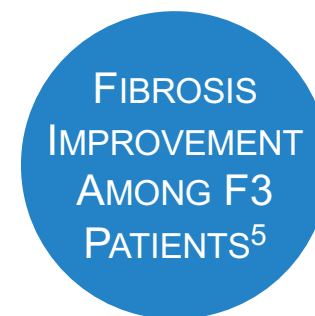
**63% vs. 20%<sup>6</sup>**  
(50mg EFX vs. Placebo)

### Durable



**92% vs. 40%<sup>6</sup>**  
(50mg EFX vs. Placebo)

### Advanced



**68%\*\*\* vs. 14%**  
(50mg EFX vs. Placebo)

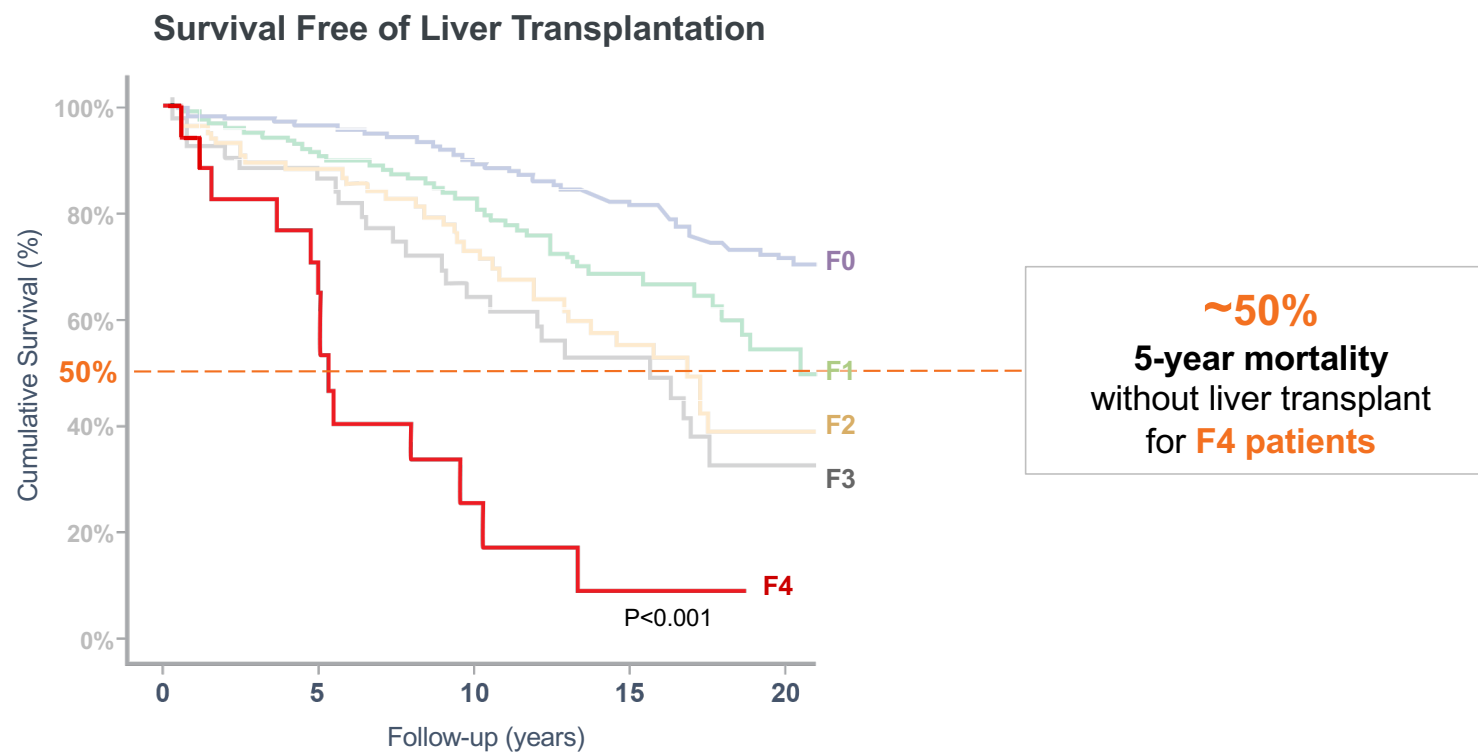
\*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo (CMH)

<sup>1</sup> ≥1 stage improvement in fibrosis without worsening of MASH; <sup>2</sup> 2 stages improvement in fibrosis without worsening of MASH; <sup>3</sup> proportion of Week 24 non-responders who converted to week 96 responders;

<sup>4</sup> proportion of Week 24 responders who were also week 96 responders; <sup>5</sup> ≥1 stage improvement in fibrosis without worsening of MASH among patients with week 96 biopsies and F3 fibrosis at baseline;

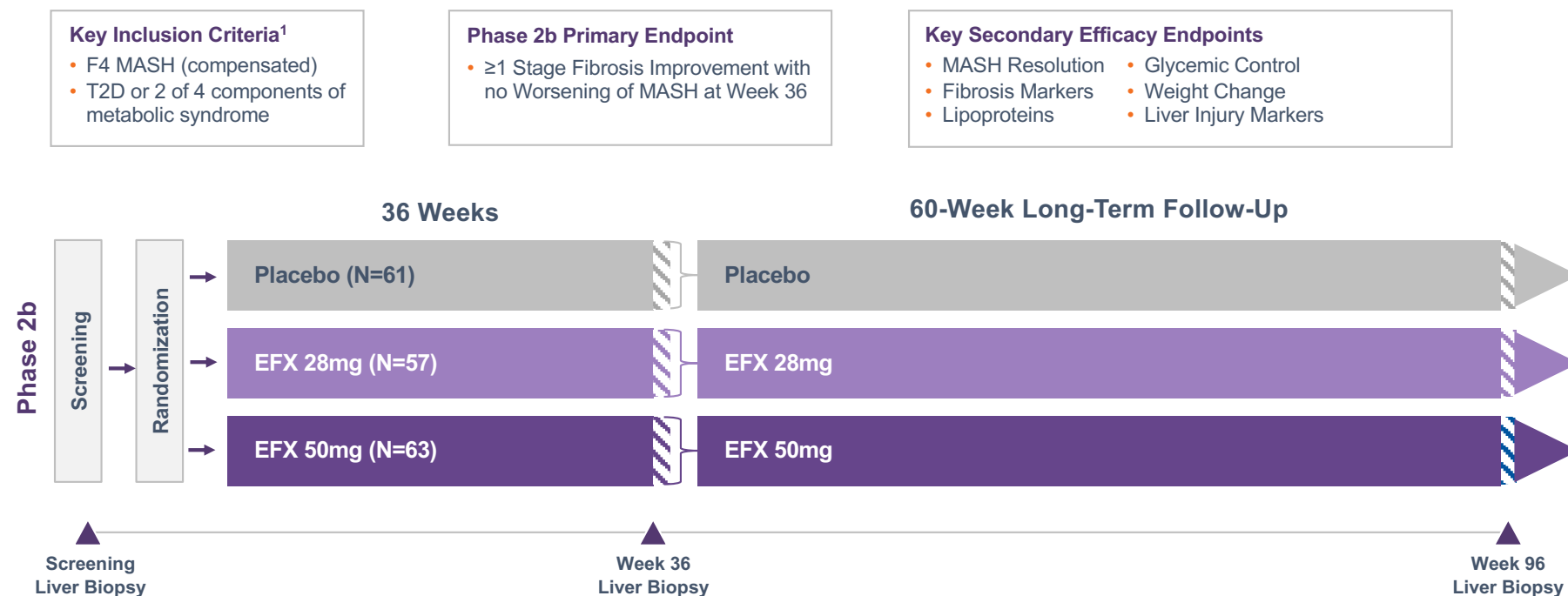
<sup>6</sup> Not evaluated for statistical significance

## » High Risk of Mortality Associated with Cirrhosis Due to MASH





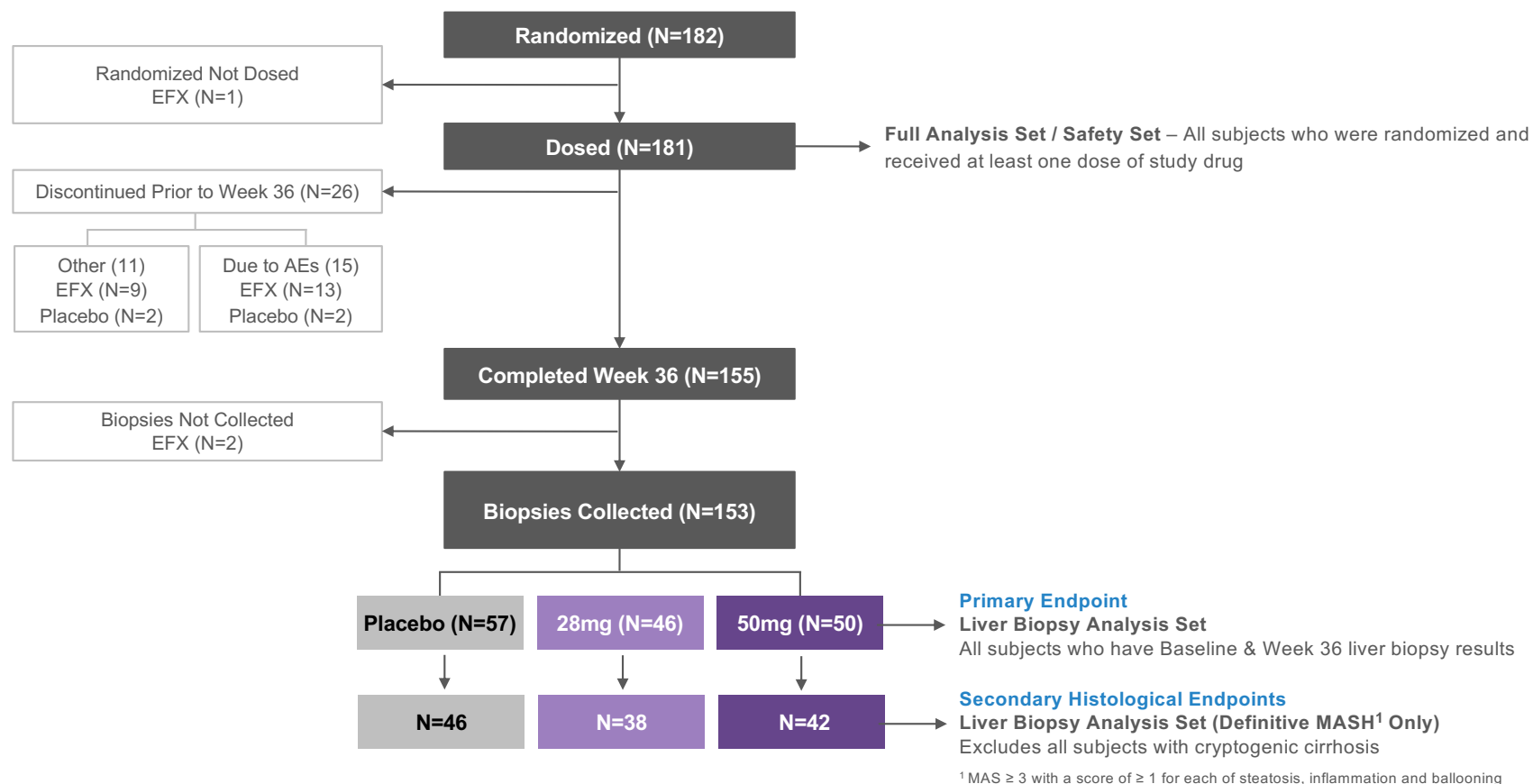
## SYMMETRY Trial Design: Compensated Cirrhosis Due to MASH (F4) with Liver Histology at 36 and 96 weeks



<sup>1</sup> All patients had biopsy-proven compensated cirrhosis (fibrosis stage 4) due to definitive MASH or cryptogenic cirrhosis presumed secondary to MASH. Subjects with cryptogenic cirrhosis were limited to approximately 20% of the total study population.



## » SYMMETRY Week 36 Patient Disposition & Key Analysis Sets



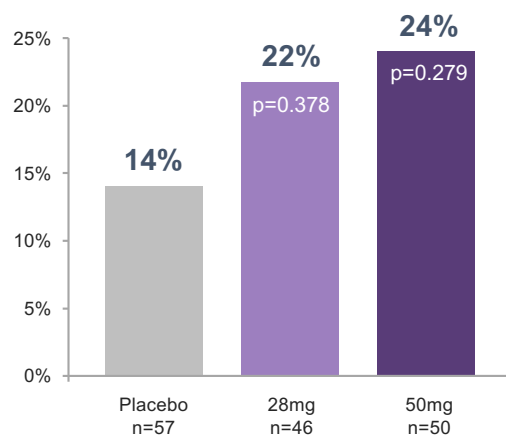
## » SYMMETRY Baseline Demographics

Parameter (Mean)	Placebo (N=61)	EFX 28mg (N=57)	EFX 50mg (N=63)
Age (Years)	61	62	59
Sex (% Female)	62	68	70
Definitive MASH (%) / Cryptogenic Cirrhosis (%)	74 / 26	79 / 21	83 / 17
Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) Score	10.4	10.6	10.5
Pro-C3 (µg/L) (Generation 2 ELISA)	132	142	147
Liver Stiffness by VCTE (FibroScan) (kPa)	24.7	24.1	24.5
FAST Score	0.60	0.60	0.62
Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) (U/L)	40.3	40.1	38.4
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) (U/L)	35.5	37.1	37.5
Type 2 Diabetes (%)	82	81	78
HbA1c (%)	6.8	6.8	6.6
Baseline Use of GLP-1 (%) / Sulfonylurea / (%) Insulin (%)	28 / 20 / 16	21 / 21 / 11	32 / 30 / 21
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	143	148	159
Statin Use (%)	52	46	43
Weight (kg)	102	99	95

## » Summary of Week 36 SYMMETRY Liver Histology

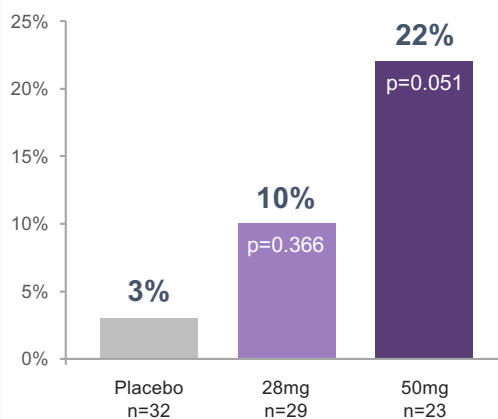
### Fibrosis Improvement $\geq 1$ Stage Without Worsening of MASH at Week 36

All Patients with Baseline and Week 36 Biopsies (Primary Endpoint) (N=153)



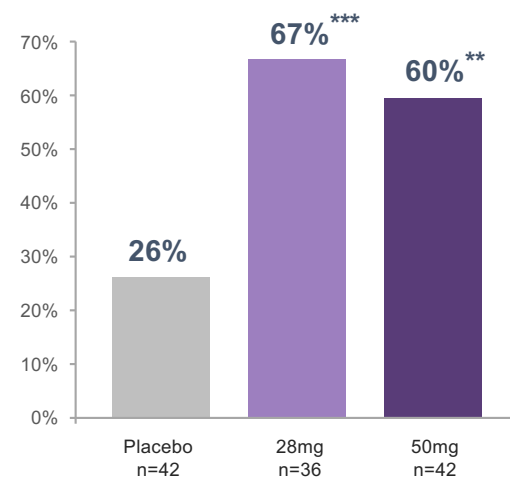
Statistically significant fibrosis improvement without worsening of MASH in patients with cirrhosis has not been reported for any investigational drug to date.

Subgroup: Cirrhosis Diagnosed  $\geq 6$  Months or Cryptogenic Cirrhosis (N=84)



Longer duration of cirrhosis at baseline may increase proportion of liver with features of F4 cirrhosis versus F3, thus reducing probability of reversal to F3 for placebo patients.

### MASH Resolution at Week 36



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

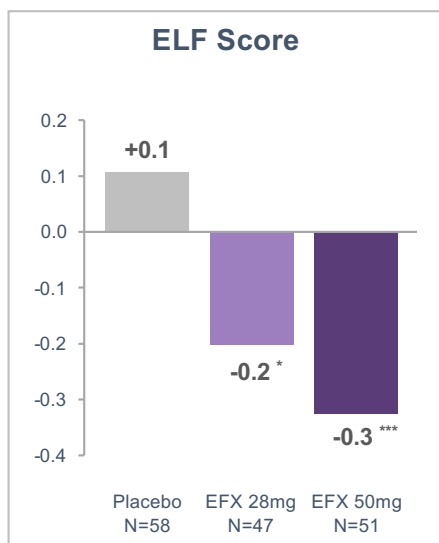
The Phase 2b SYMMETRY study is the first known report of statistically significant response rates for MASH resolution.

4 patients experienced 3 stage or 2 stage fibrosis improvement without worsening of MASH at Week 36

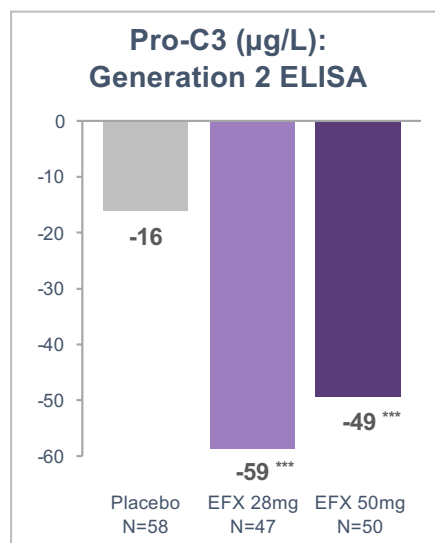
# » SYMMETRY Evidence of Anti-Fibrotic Activity: Analysis of Noninvasive Fibrosis Markers



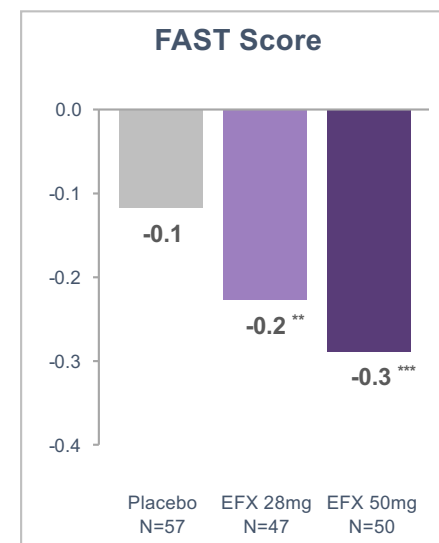
Change<sup>1</sup> From Baseline to Week 36



\* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, versus placebo  
(Mixed Model Repeated Measures [MMRM])



\*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo (MMRM<sup>1</sup>)



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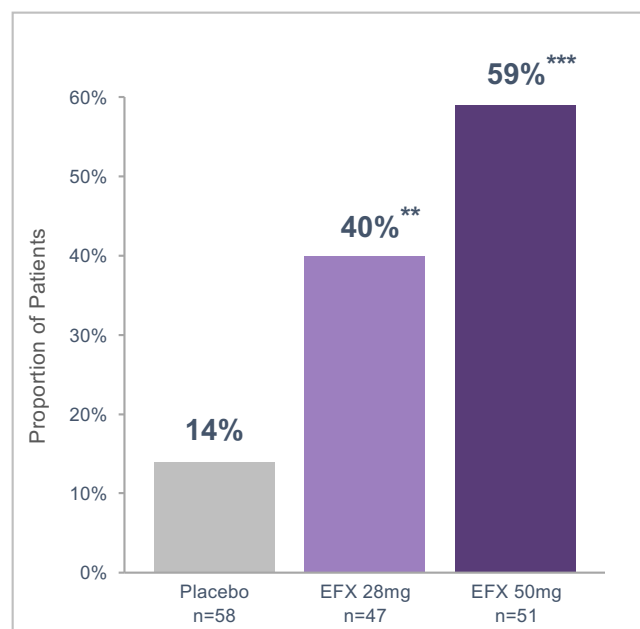
<sup>1</sup> LS Mean (ELF Score, Pro-C3 and FAST Score); Arithmetic Mean (Liver Stiffness); <sup>2</sup> Measured by FibroScan

Source Data: Week 36 Interim Full Analysis Set (non-missing values only, no imputation); Topline preliminary data



## Substantially More EFX-Treated Patients Achieved Clinically Meaningful Reductions of ELF and Pro-C3

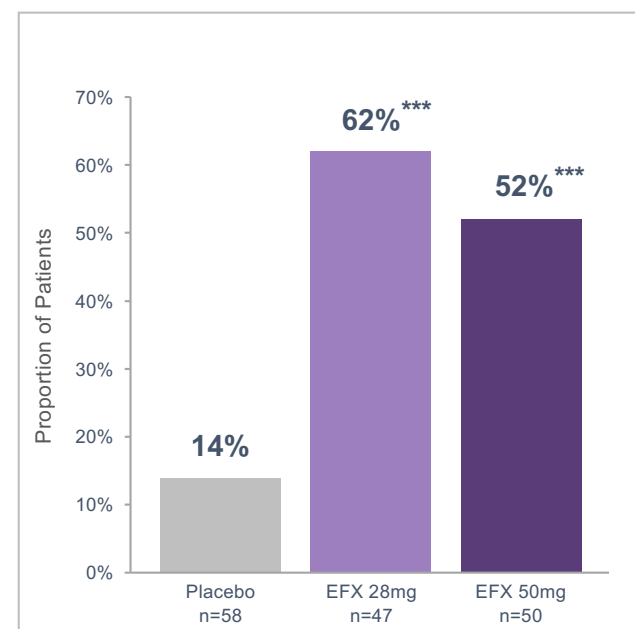
ELF Reductions of  $\geq 0.5$  Points



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

Reductions of 0.5 in ELF Score and  $\geq 20\%$  in Pro-C3 (GEN1) have each been reported to correlate with a 1 stage improvement in fibrosis

Pro-C3 (GEN2) Reductions of  $\geq 35\%$



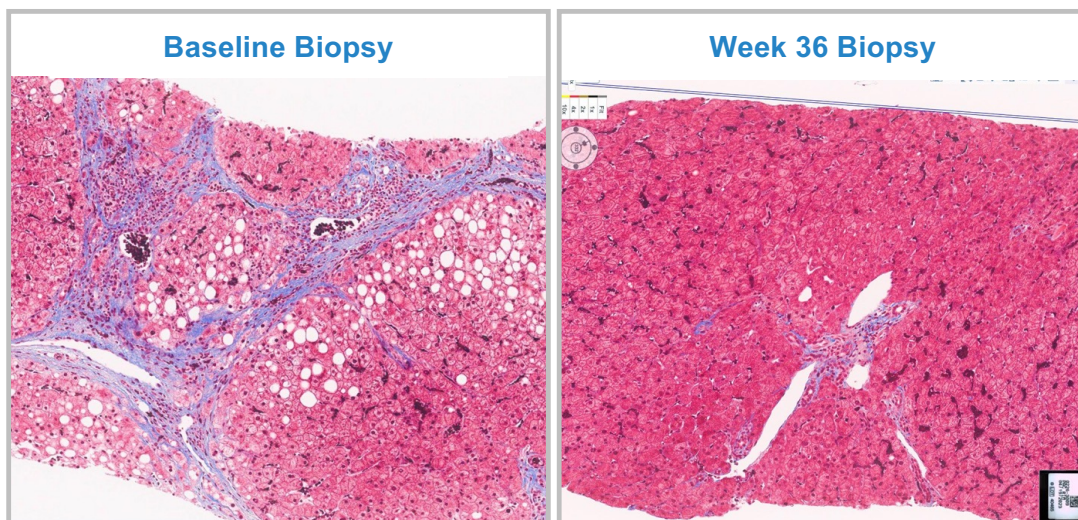
\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , versus placebo (CMH)

## » Case Study: 3 Stage Fibrosis Improvement & MASH Resolution Histological Observations Consistent with Noninvasive Tests

### Patient Background & Weight Loss During Study

69-year-old female; T2D; cirrhosis diagnosed 17.4 months prior to first dose; no GLP-1 use at baseline; weight loss of 2 Kg (-3%) at Week 36

### Comparison of Biopsy Features



### Comparison of Histology and Fibrosis Markers

#### Fibrosis Stage

Measure	Baseline	Week 36	Change
Fibrosis Stage	4	1	-3

#### MASLD Activity Score

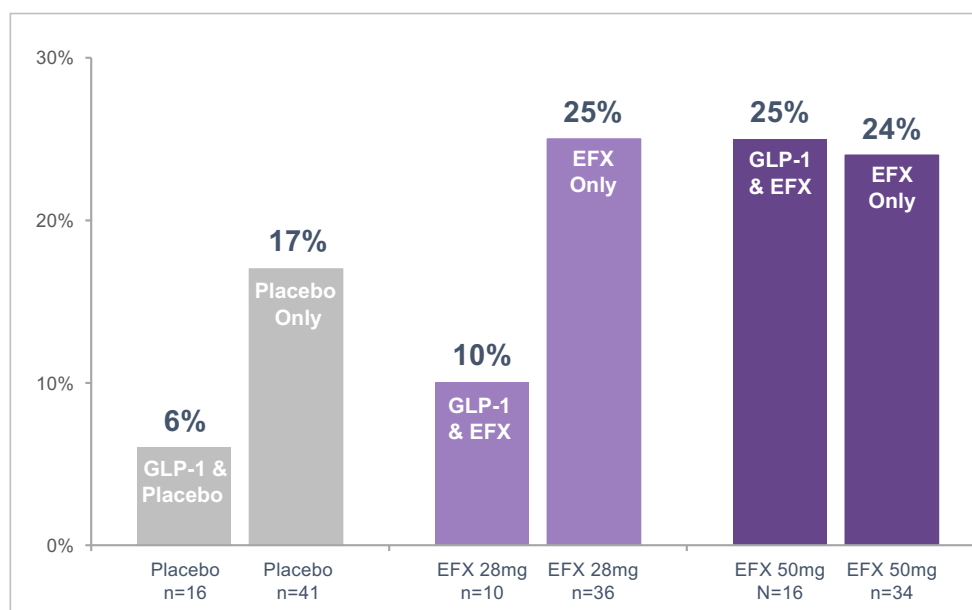
Measure	Baseline	Week 36	Change
Total Score	5	0	-5
Steatosis	1	0	-1
Ballooning	2	0	-2
Lobular Inflammation	2	0	-2

#### Non-Invasive Fibrosis Markers

Measure	Baseline	Week 36	Change
ALT (U/L)	29	14	-52%
AST (U/L)	32	20	-38%
Pro-C3 (µg/L)	73	54	-26%
ELF Score	10.57	9.44	-1.13
FAST Score	0.45	0.15	-0.30

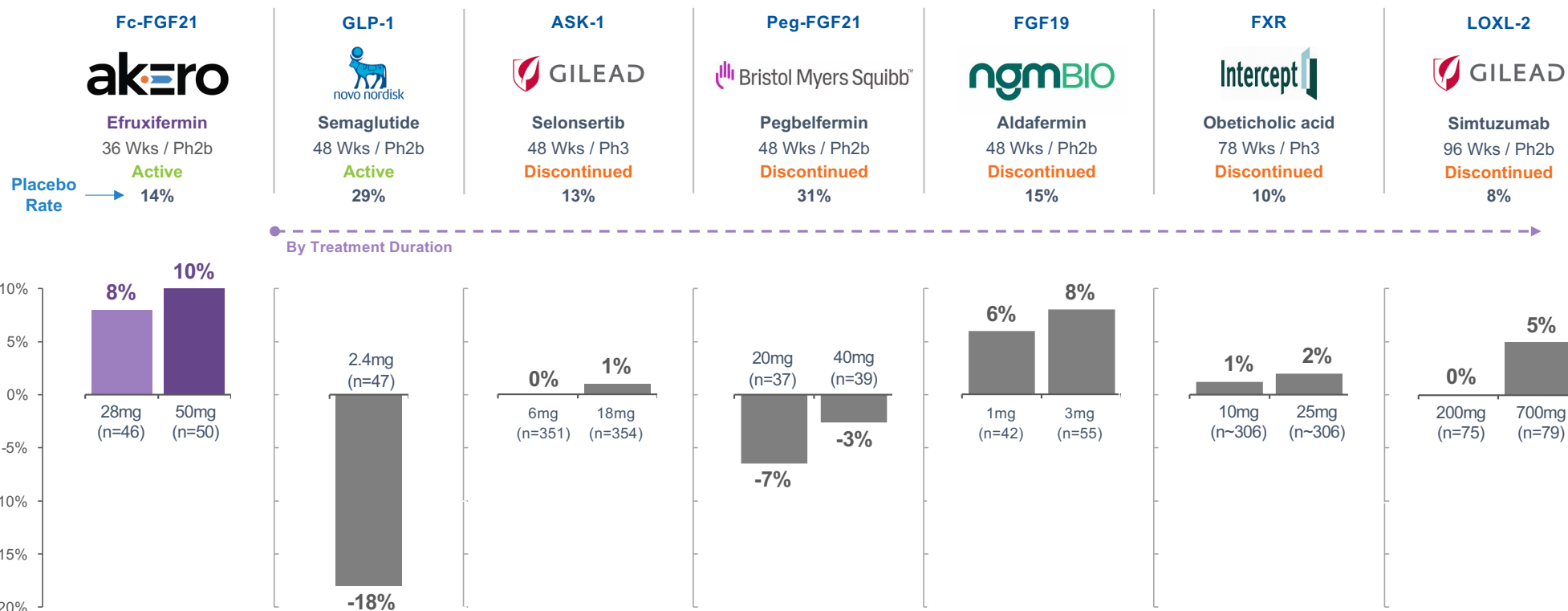
## » Concomitant Use of GLP-1 with EFX Does Not Appear to Contribute to Fibrosis Improvement Response Rates

**Fibrosis Improvement  $\geq 1$  Stage Without Worsening of MASH at Week 36:  
Baseline GLP-1 Use vs. No Baseline GLP-1 Use**



- If GLP-1 agonist therapy was responsible for histological treatment response, we would expect to observe higher response rates for the subgroups receiving GLP-1 therapy at baseline
- Smaller proportions of patients treated with GLP-1 & placebo or GLP-1 & EFX 28mg experienced fibrosis improvement without worsening of MASH than those treated with placebo or EFX 28mg alone
- Patients treated with GLP-1 & EFX 50mg experienced fibrosis improvement without worsening of MASH at about the same rate as patients treated with EFX 50mg alone

# » Landscape for Cirrhosis Due to MASH: Placebo-Corrected Fibrosis Improvement With No Worsening of MASH



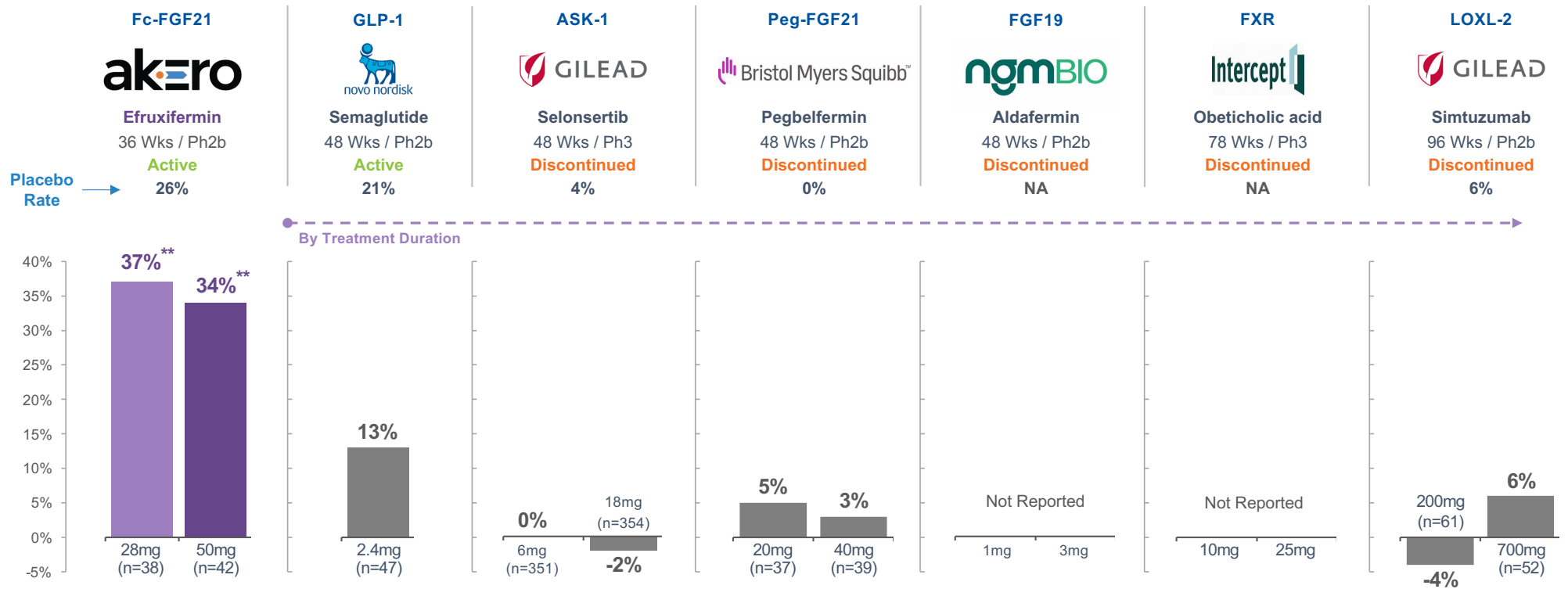
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## » Landscape for Cirrhosis Due to MASH: Placebo-Corrected MASH Resolution



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

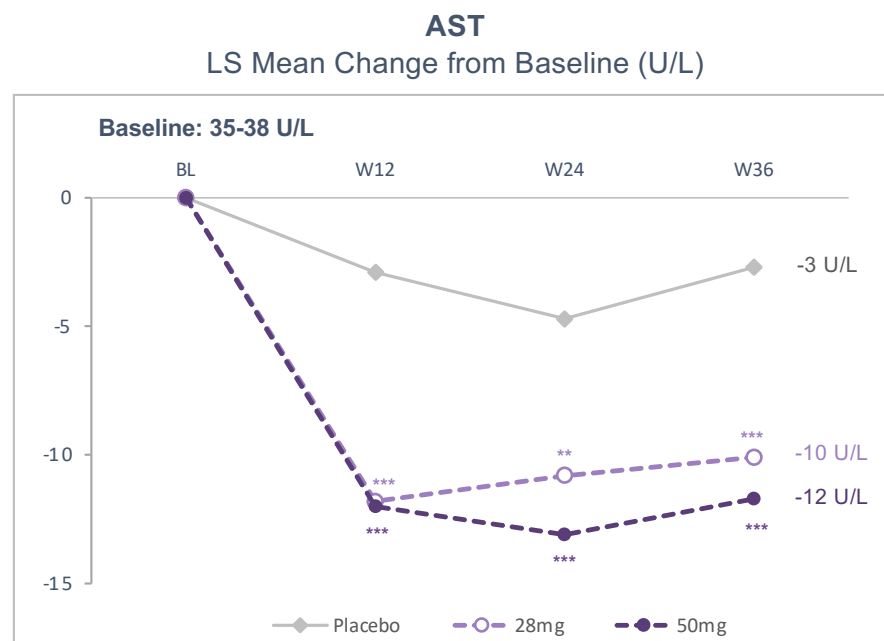
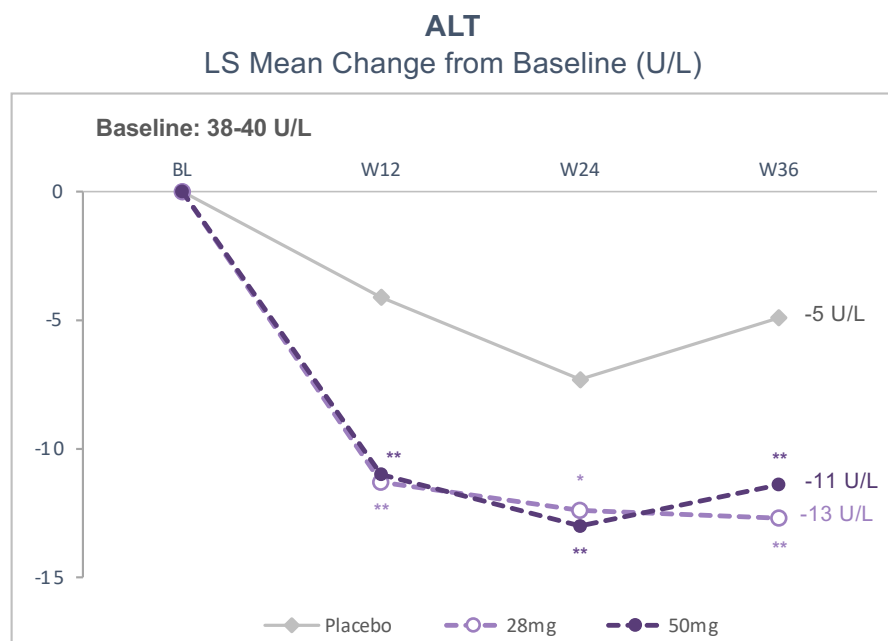
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## » SYMMETRY: Early and Sustained Statistically Significant Improvements in Markers of Liver Injury



Statistically significant improvements from baseline observed for platelet counts for both EFX groups

## » Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events

TEAE Overview	Placebo (N=61)	EFX 28mg (N=57)	EFX 50mg (N=63)
TEAE Leading to Death	1 (2%) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Drug-Related Serious Adverse Events (SAE)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-drug-related SAEs	6 (10%) <sup>b</sup>	9 (16%) <sup>c</sup>	6 (10%) <sup>d</sup>
Drug-related TEAEs Leading to Discontinuation	1 (2%) <sup>e</sup>	3 (5%) <sup>f</sup>	8 (13%) <sup>g</sup>
Non-drug-related TEAEs Leading to Discontinuation	1 (2%) <sup>h</sup>	2 (4%) <sup>i</sup>	0 (0%)
Most Frequent (≥15%) Drug-Related TEAEs	Placebo (N=61)	EFX 28mg (N=57)	EFX 50mg (N=63)
Diarrhea, n (%)	9 (15%)	10 (18%)	19 (30%)
Nausea, n (%)	7 (11%)	11 (19%)	18 (29%)
Increased appetite, n (%)	3 (5%)	7 (12%)	17 (27%)
Injection site erythema, n (%)	5 (8%)	8 (14%)	13 (21%)

<sup>a</sup> Placebo, TEAE leading to death: Pneumonia

<sup>b</sup> Placebo, non-drug-related SAEs: (1) angina unstable; (2) hemobilia; (3) hematoma infection; (4) post procedural hemorrhage; (5) maxillofacial sinus neoplasm; (6) nephrolithiasis

<sup>c</sup> 28mg EFX, non-drug-related SAEs: (1) cardiac failure acute & pleural effusion; (2) cardiac failure; (3) generalized edema & acute myocardial infarction; (4) obstructive pancreatitis; (5) non-cardiac chest pain; (6) cholecystitis acute; (7) cellulitis & joint swelling; (8) intervertebral disc degeneration; (9) renal artery stenosis

<sup>d</sup> 50mg EFX, non-drug-related SAEs: (1) angina unstable; (2) postoperative wound infection; (3) gastroenteritis; (4) exostosis; (5) pulmonary thrombosis & thrombosis; (6) arteriosclerosis

<sup>e</sup> Placebo, drug-related AE leading to discontinuation: (1) diarrhea

<sup>f</sup> 28mg EFX, drug-related AE leading to discontinuation: (1) diarrhea & abdominal distension; (2) retching & vomiting; (3) palpitations & feeling jittery

<sup>g</sup> 50mg EFX, drug-related AE leading to discontinuation: (1-5) diarrhea (one of five patients also had night sweats); (6) injection-site macule; (7) hypersensitivity; (8) soft feces & nausea

<sup>h</sup> Placebo, non-drug-related AE leading to discontinuation: (1) pneumonia (death reported above)

<sup>i</sup> 28mg EFX, non-drug-related AE leading to discontinuation: (1) cardiac failure; (2) drug hypersensitivity

### ECGs and Vital Signs

- No clinically significant changes in ECGs, heart rate or diastolic BP
- Increases of 4-7 mmHg noted in systolic BP at Week 36

### Markers of Liver Function and Hemostasis

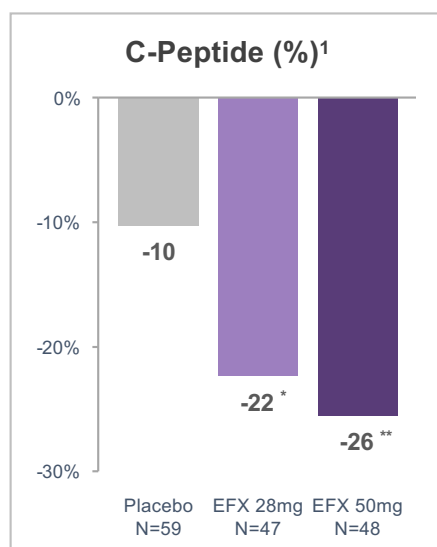
- Remained stable, including INR, bilirubin, MELD, and CP score

### Bone Mineral Density

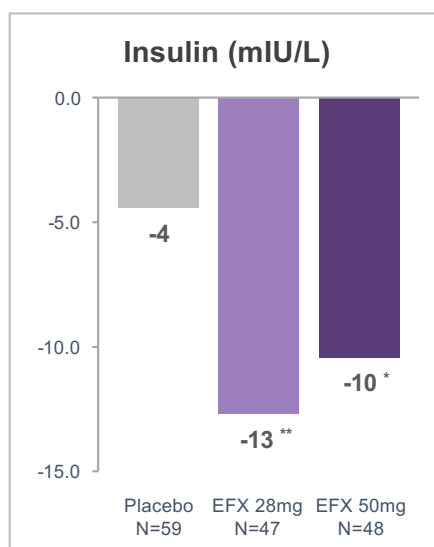
- Cirrhosis has been associated with poor bone health
- Relative reductions in the lumbar spine region ( $\leq 1\%$ ) and the femoral neck region (2-3%) were observed for the EFX dose groups at Week 36
- Concomitant medications, including oral corticosteroids, may have confounded observed changes

## » SYMMETRY: Statistically Significant Improvements Observed in Insulin Sensitivity

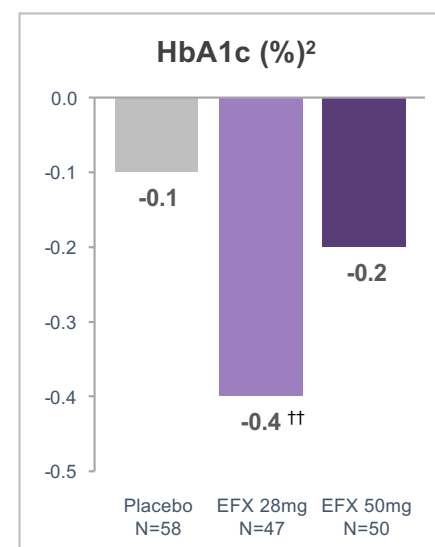
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 36



<sup>1</sup> Relative percent change from baseline  
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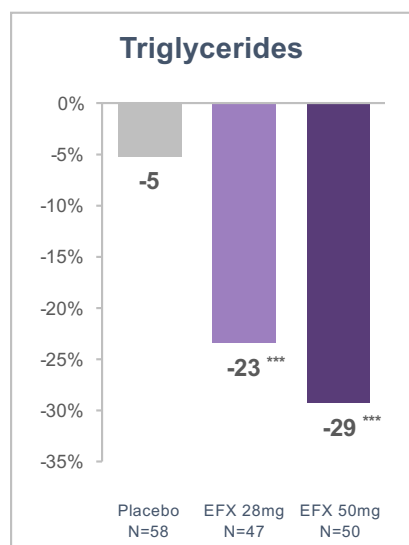
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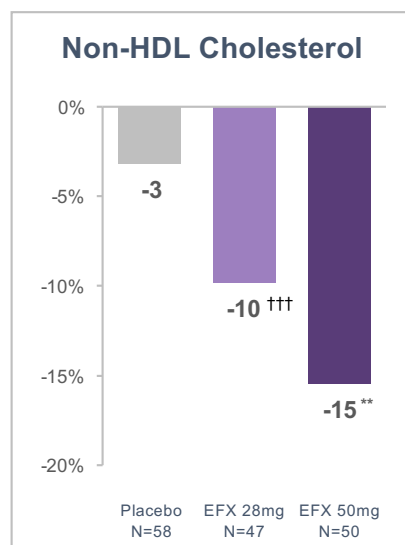
<sup>2</sup> Absolute change from baseline, %  
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## » SYMMETRY: Statistically Significant Improvements Observed in Lipoprotein Profile

LS Mean Percent Change From Baseline to Week 36

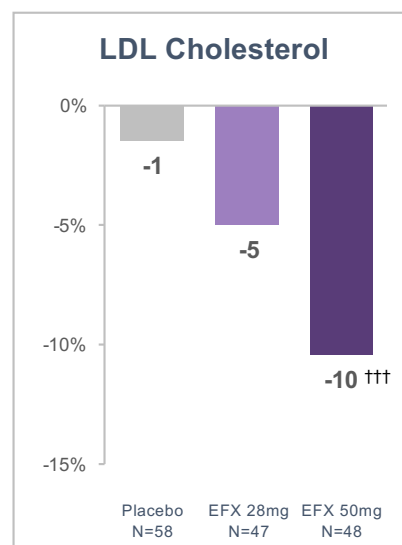


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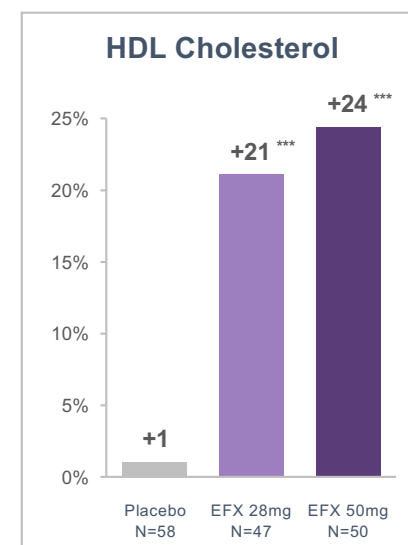


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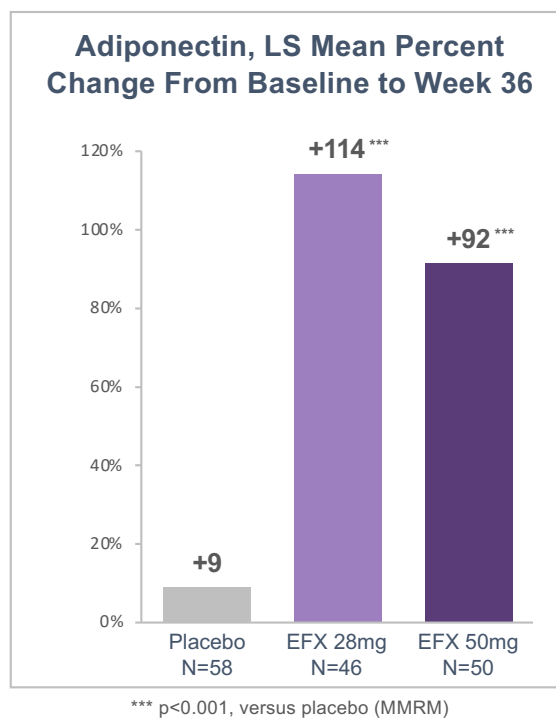


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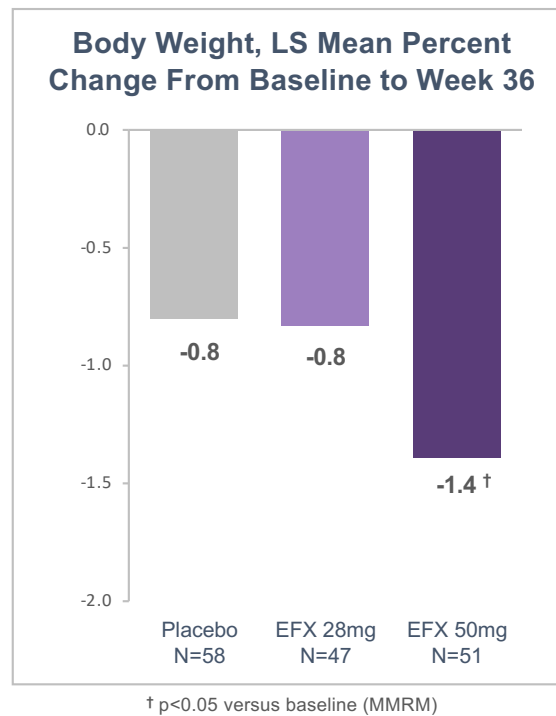


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» SYMMETRY: Significant Increases Observed in Adiponectin,  
PD Marker for EFX's Action on Adipose Tissue

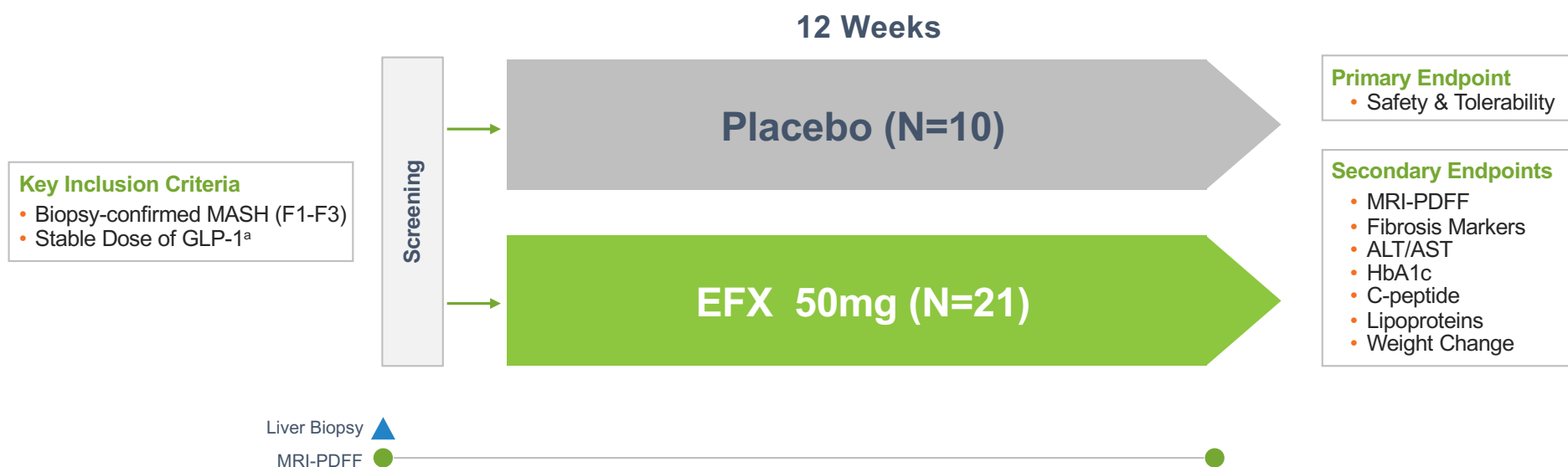


## » SYMMETRY: Trend Toward Weight Loss for 50mg EFX Dose Group



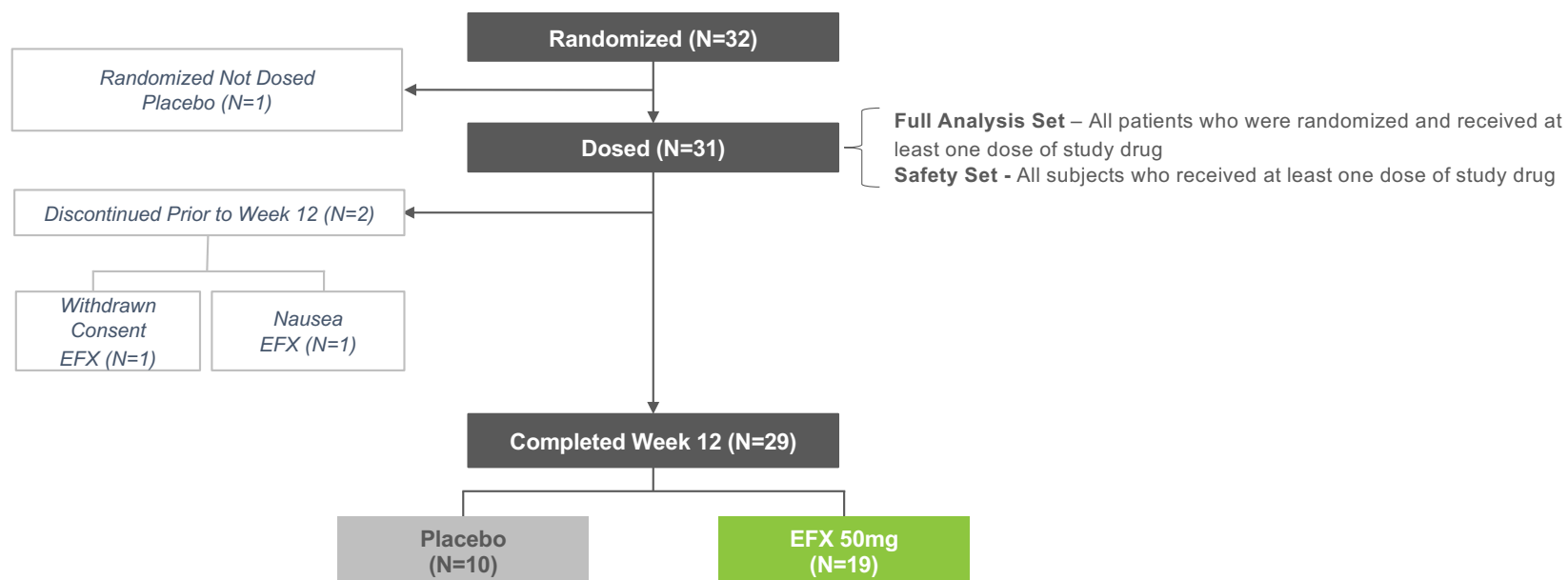


» Cohort D Trial Design:  
EFX in Combination with GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy (GLP-1) at Diabetic Doses



<sup>a</sup> Approximately two-thirds of randomized patients were on a stable dose of GLP-1 for more than one year; all patients were on a stable dose for at least three months.

## » Cohort D: Week 12 Patient Disposition & Key Analysis Sets



## » Cohort D: Baseline Demographics

Parameter (Mean)	Placebo (N=10)	EFX 50mg (N=21)
Age (Years)	55	59
Sex (% Female)	90	43
Weight (kg)	96	101
Fibrosis Stage (% F1 / F2 / F3)	40 / 10 / 50	38 / 33 / 29
Hepatic Fat Fraction by MRI-PDFF <sup>1</sup> (%)	15	11
Pro-C3 <sup>2</sup> (µg/L)	34	33
Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) Score	9.6	9.2
Liver Stiffness by VCTE <sup>3</sup> (FibroScan) (kPa)	12	10
Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) (U/L)	31	35
Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) (U/L)	24	26
HbA1c (%)	6.5	7.0
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	171	163
LDL-Cholesterol (mg/dL)	98	73
Statin Use (%)	50	81

<sup>1</sup> Magnetic Resonance Imaging Proton Density Fat Fraction; <sup>2</sup> Procollagen 3 N-Terminal Propeptide; <sup>3</sup> Vibration-controlled transient elastography

## » Cohort D: Concomitant Diabetic Medications at Baseline

GLP-1s	Placebo (N=10)	EFX 50mg (N=21)
Semaglutide	60%	43%
Dulaglutide	30%	52%
Liraglutide	10%	5%
Tirzepatide <sup>1</sup>	0%	0%
Other Diabetic Medications	Placebo	EFX 50mg
Metformin	70%	76%
Insulin	30%	48%
SGLT-2	20%	33%
Sulfonylureas	20%	24%
DPP-IV	0%	10%

<sup>1</sup> With one exception, all patients remained on their baseline GLP-1 therapy through Week 12; one patient entered treatment on a stable dose of semaglutide but switched to tirzepatide after the Week 10 visit due to unavailability of semaglutide.



## Cohort D Primary Endpoint: Comparable Safety and Tolerability Across Both Treatment Groups



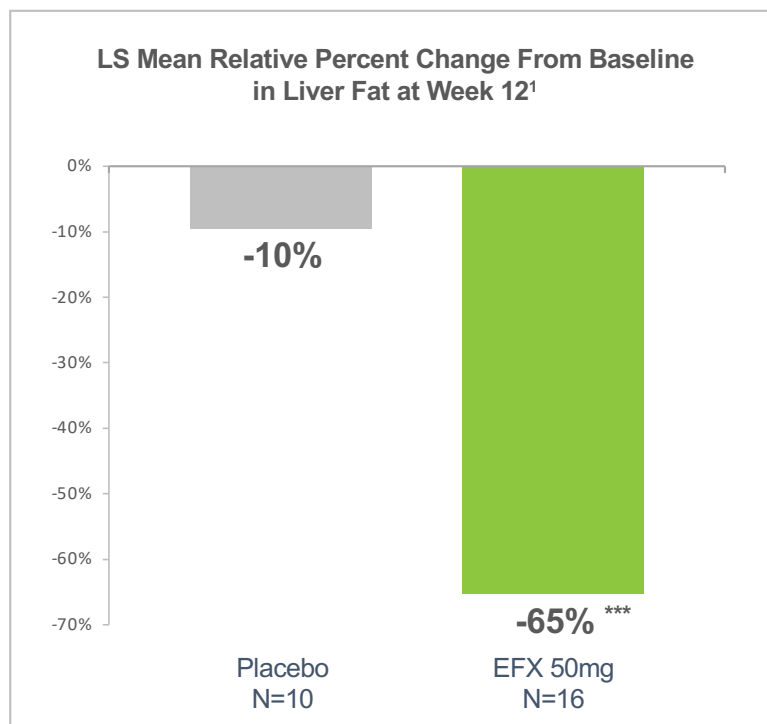
Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE) Overview	Placebo (N=10)	EFX 50mg (N=21)
TEAE Leading to Death	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Drug-Related Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	0 (0%)	0 (0%) <sup>a</sup>
Drug-Related TEAE Leading to Discontinuation	0 (0%)	1 (5%) <sup>b</sup>
Most Frequent (≥15%) Drug-Related TEAEs	Placebo	EFX 50mg
Diarrhea	3 (30%)	4 (19%)
Nausea	1 (10%)	7 (33%)
Increased Appetite	0 (0%)	5 (24%)
Decreased Appetite	2 (20%)	3 (14%)

<sup>a</sup> Two SAEs in the EFX group were not drug related: post-procedural hemorrhage and uterine cancer.

<sup>b</sup> Nausea



## Cohort D: Significantly Greater Relative Reductions in Liver Fat by MRI-PDFF for EFX Combined with GLP-1 than GLP-1 Alone



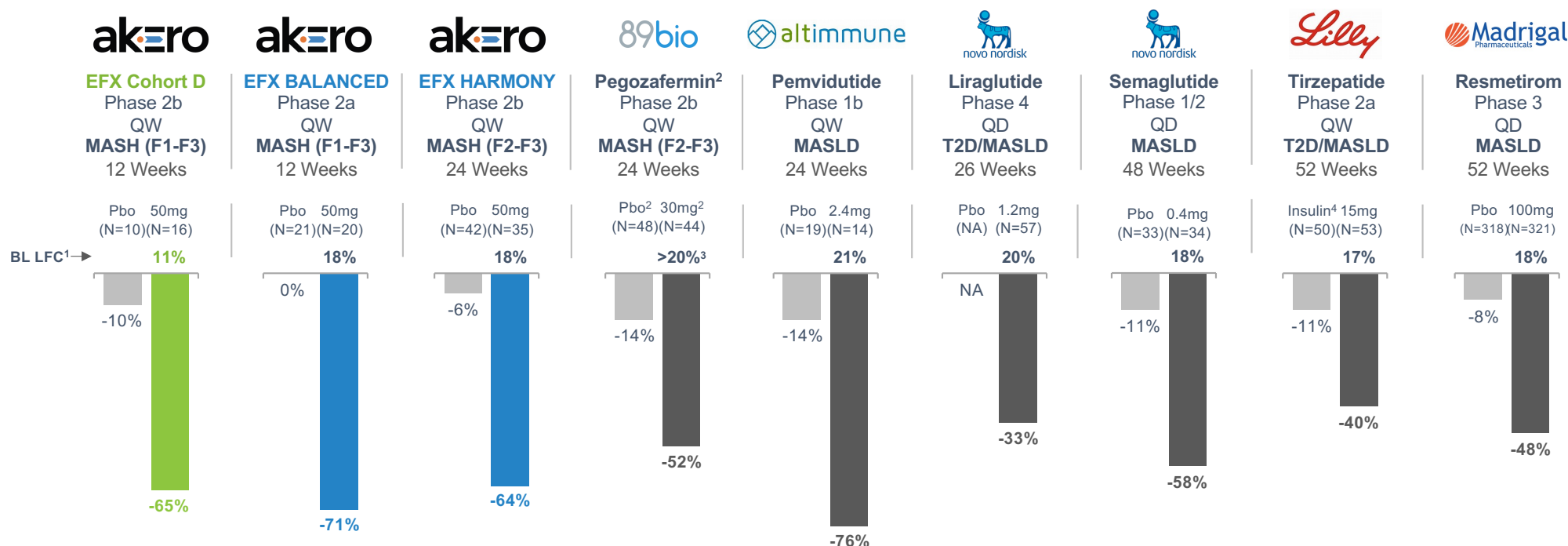
\*\*\* p<0.001, versus placebo (Analysis of Covariance [ANCOVA])

<sup>1</sup> Including the baseline MRI-PDFF measurements for three subjects with baseline MRI-PDFF measurements after the first dose lowers the LS Mean result for the EFX group from -65.3% to -63.2% (N=19) and the placebo group from -9.6% to -9.0% (N=10)

Source Data: MRI-PDFF Analysis Set (all subjects with pre-dose baseline and on-study measurement assessed by MRI-PDFF [N=16]); Topline preliminary data

## » EFX Liver Fat Reduction in Context: MASLD & Pre-Cirrhotic MASH

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<sup>1</sup> Baseline Liver Fat Content

*Note: These data are derived from different clinical trials at different points in time, with differences in trial design and patient populations. As a result, cross-trial comparisons cannot be made, and no head-to-head clinical trials have been conducted.*

<sup>2</sup> Reported reductions only for subset of patients with liver fat content  $\geq 10\%$  at baseline

<sup>3</sup> Estimated for subset of patients with LFC  $\geq 10\%$  at baseline

<sup>4</sup> Insulin Degludec

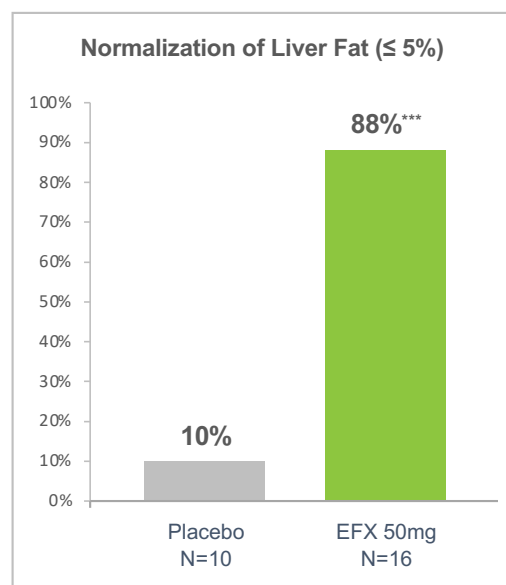
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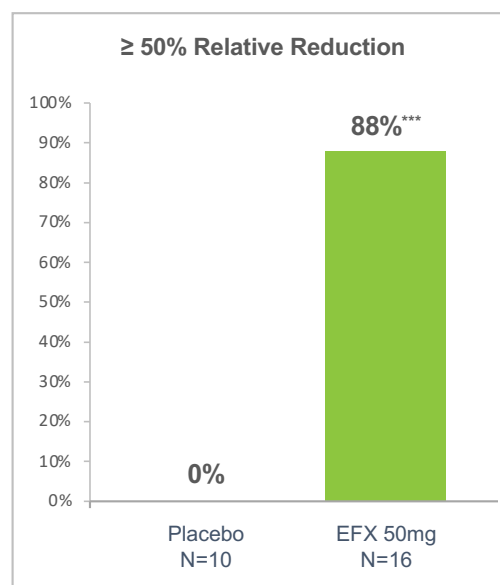
## More Patients Treated with EFX Combined with GLP-1 Met Higher Thresholds of Liver Fat Reduction and Normalization than GLP-1 Alone



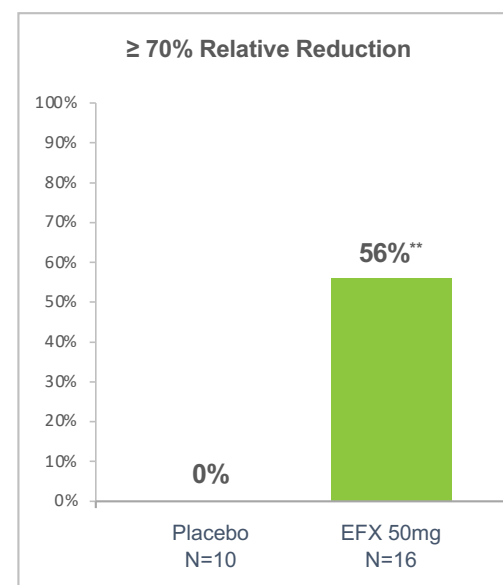
Proportion of Patients Achieving Liver Fat Reduction Thresholds at Week 12<sup>1</sup>



\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , versus placebo (CMH<sup>2</sup>)



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



\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , versus placebo (CMH)

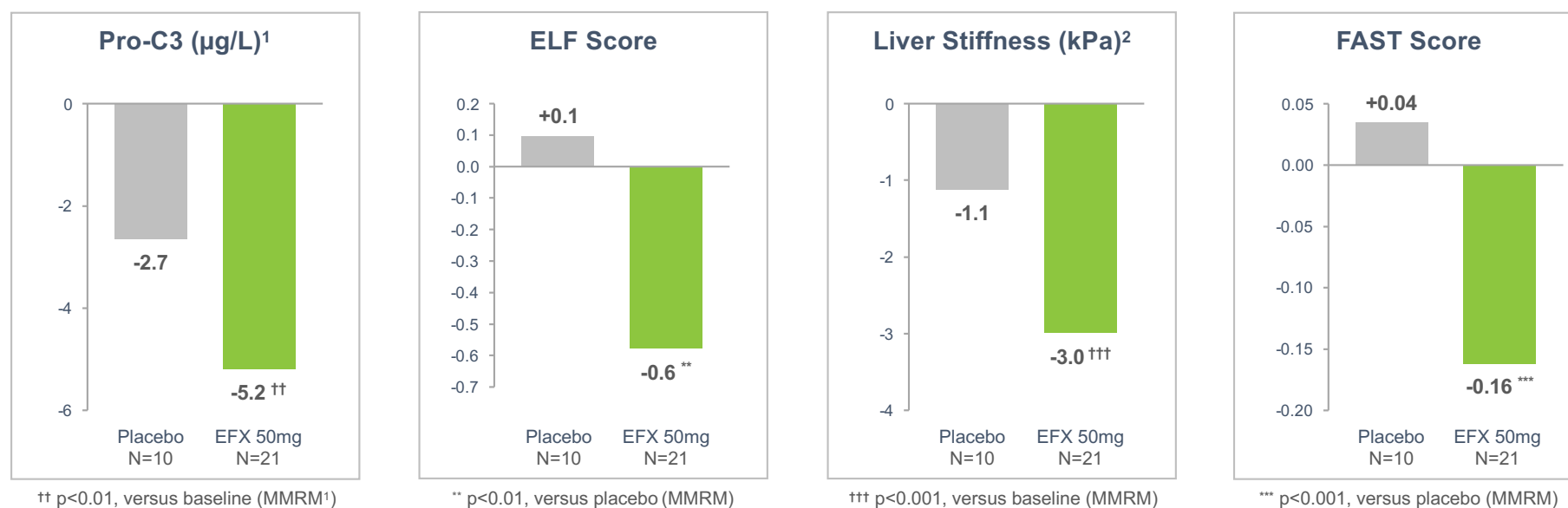
**In the HARMONY Study, patients whose liver fat was normalized had 3-fold higher odds of achieving MASH Resolution and Fibrosis Improvement**

<sup>1</sup> When three EFX-treated patients with baseline measurements after the first dose are included in liver fat analyses, normalization of liver fat increased from 87.5% (14 of 16) to 89.5% (17 of 19) and the proportion of patients achieving  $\geq 50\%$  and  $\geq 70\%$  relative reduction in liver fat decreased, respectively, to 84.2% (16 of 19) and 52.6% (10 of 19); <sup>2</sup> Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test



## » Greater Reductions in Markers of Fibrosis for EFX Combined with GLP-1 than GLP-1 Alone

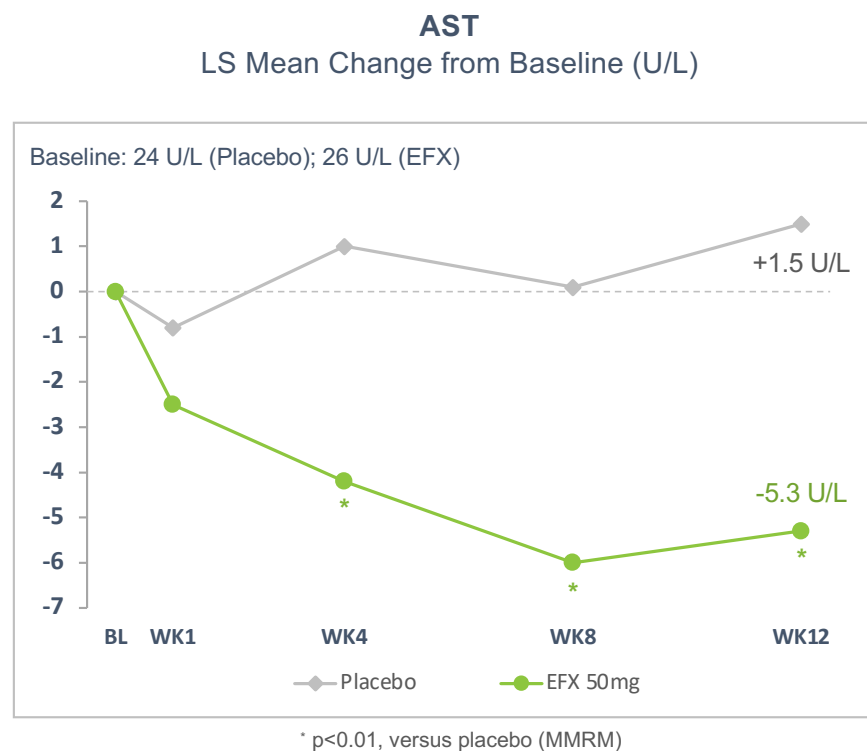
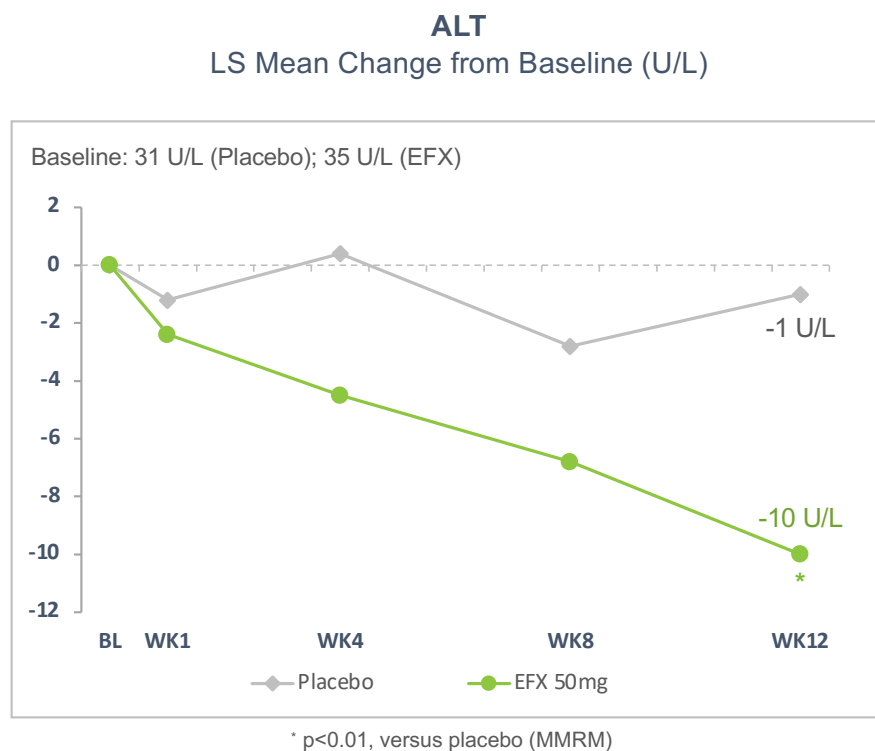
LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 12



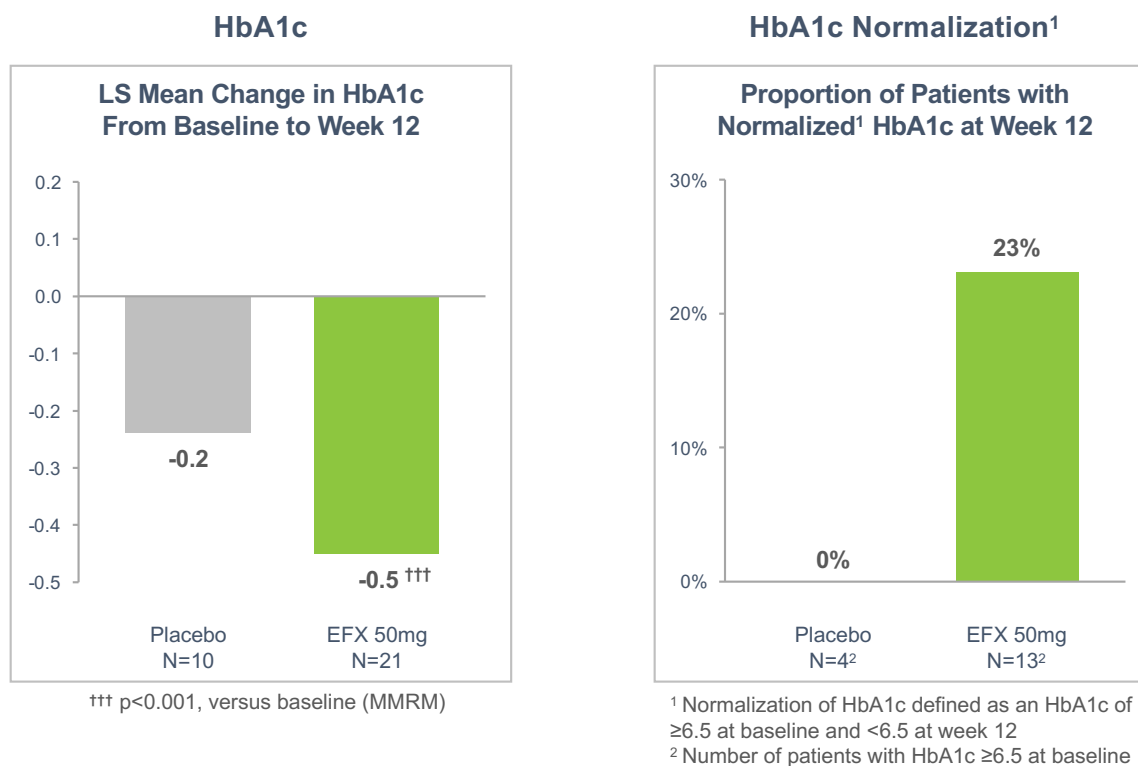
<sup>1</sup> Mixed Model Repeated Measures; <sup>2</sup> Measured by FibroScan

Source Data: Full Analysis Set; Topline preliminary data

» Greater Reductions in Markers of Liver Injury for EFX Combined with GLP-1 than GLP-1 Alone

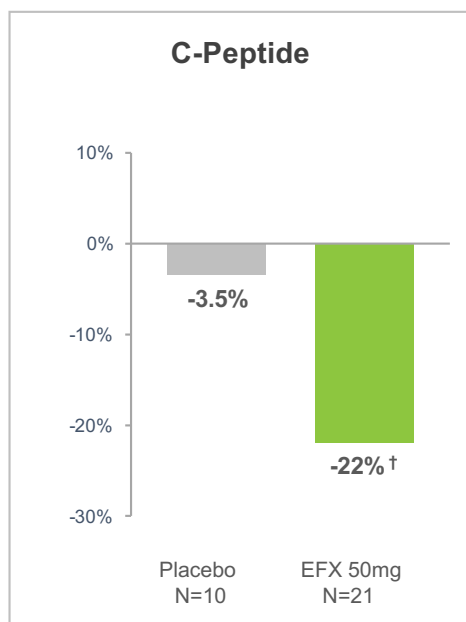


## » Clinically Meaningful Improvements in HbA1c after Only 12 Weeks

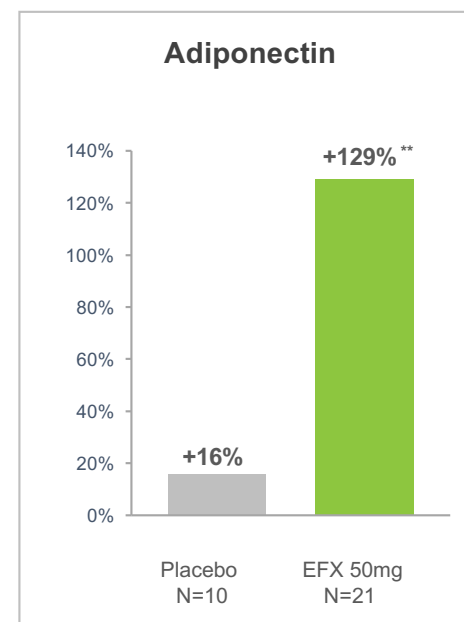
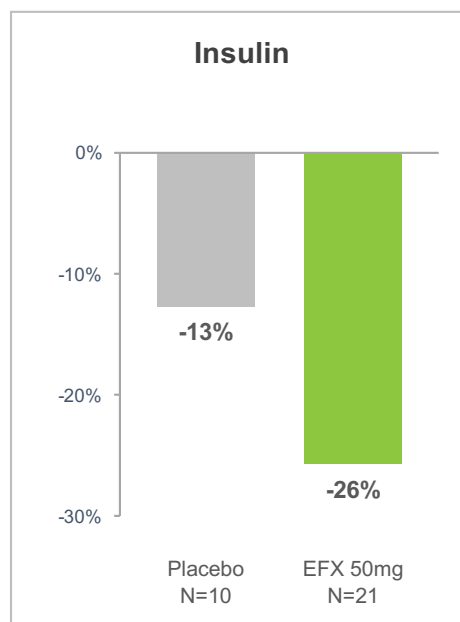


## » EFX Complements GLP-1 by Increasing Sensitivity to Insulin

LS Mean Change From Baseline to Week 12



<sup>†</sup> p<0.001, versus baseline (MMRM)

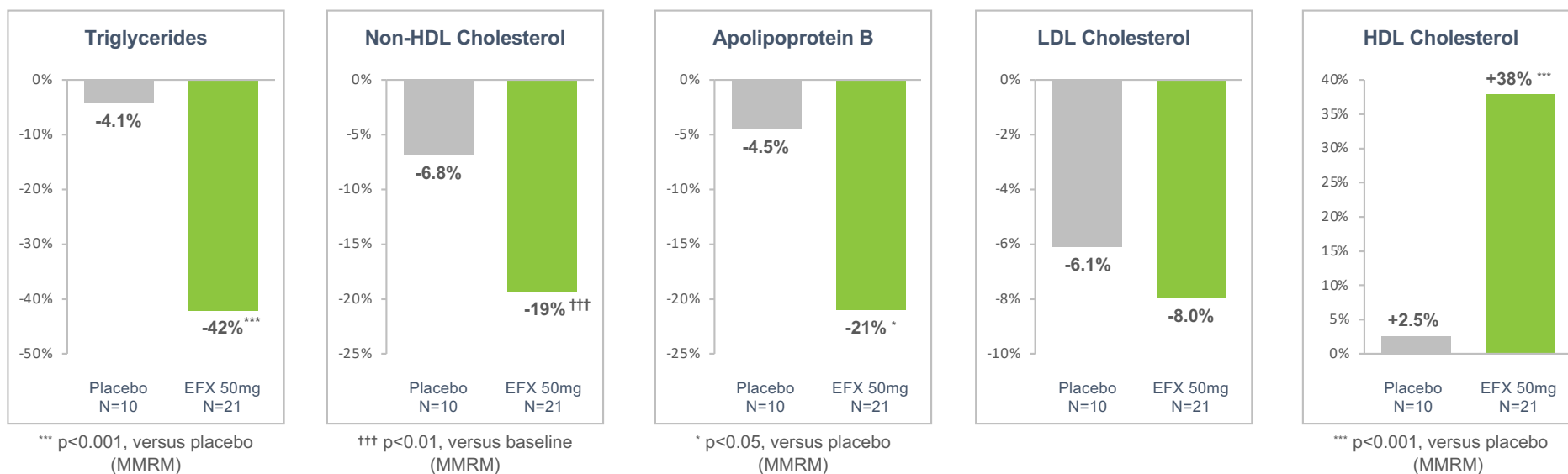


<sup>\*\*</sup> p<0.01, versus placebo (MMRM)

» Much Greater Improvements in Lipids for Patients Treated with EFX  
in Combination with GLP-1 than GLP-1 Alone



LS Mean Percent Change From Baseline to Week 12



## » Weight Loss Maintained for EFX Combined with GLP-1



## » Cohort D Adds to a Growing Body of Evidence for EFX's Potential as a Cornerstone MASH Treatment



### Key Take-Aways

- ❖ EFX and GLP-1 have complementary mechanisms of action.
- ❖ Addition of EFX to GLP-1 in patients with MASH and type 2 diabetes was well tolerated, without additive GI side effects.
- ❖ EFX with GLP-1 showed multiple benefits over GLP-1 alone: reduced markers of liver steatosis, injury and fibrosis with improved glycemic control, dyslipidemia and weight loss maintained.
- ❖ The Cohort D EFX profile was comparable to that seen in the previous BALANCED and HARMONY studies with EFX.

### Complementing GLP-1

Potential for EFX on Top of GLP-1 to be More Effective than GLP-1 Alone



» Phase 3 SYNCHRONY Trial Designs:  
Histology (F2-F3) and Real-World (F1-F3)



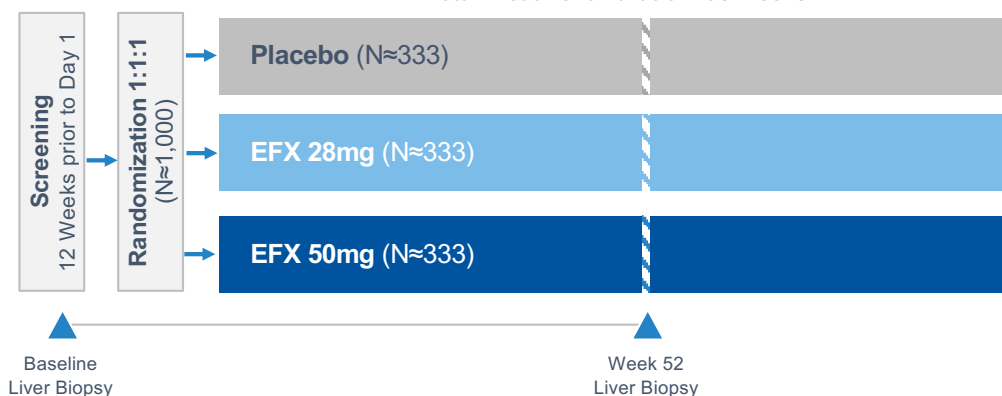
**Patient Population**

Biopsy-confirmed F2-F3 MASH

**Primary Endpoint**

≥ 1 stage fibrosis improvement and  
MASH resolution at Week 52

Total Treatment Duration: 96 Weeks



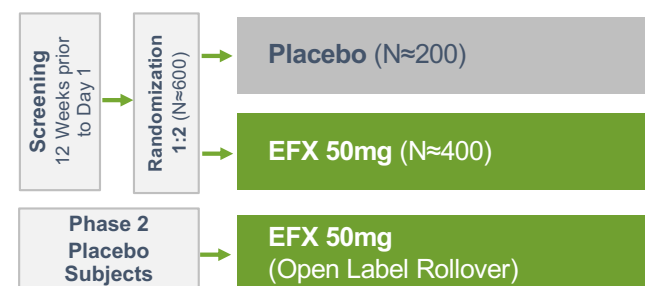
**Patient Population**

Non-invasively diagnosed  
MASH/MASLD

**Primary Endpoint**

Safety & Tolerability

Treatment Duration: 52 Weeks



- Non-invasively diagnosed MASH/MASLD

**Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints for Both Phase 3 Studies**

- Fibrosis Markers
- Lipoproteins
- Glycemic Control
- Weight Change
- Liver Injury Markers



## » Supplying API and Drug Product/Device for Phase 3

### Drug Substance (API)



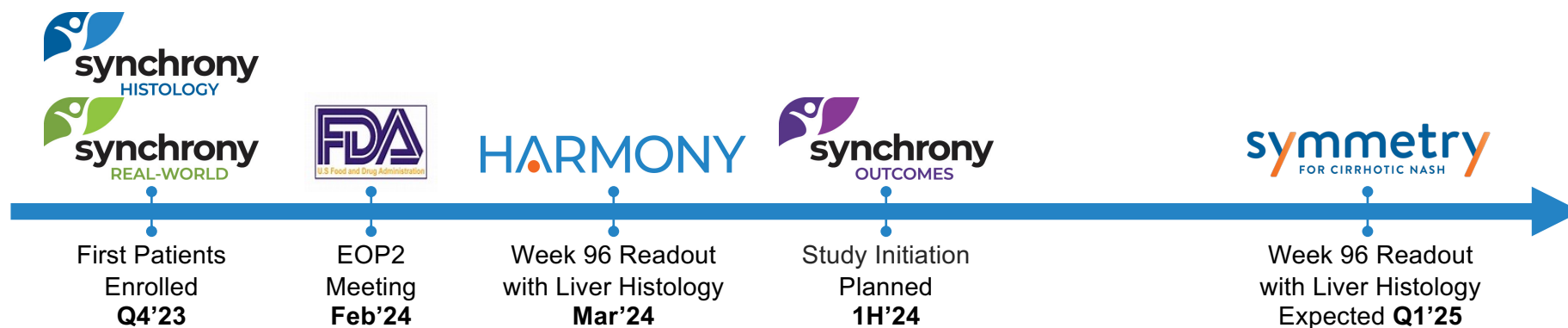
- ✓ Commercial scale
- ✓ Released for Phase 3
- ✓ Comparability demonstrated

### Drug Product/Device Combination



- ✓ Commercially precedented
- ✓ Released for Phase 3
- ✓ 1 mL SC weekly injection
- ✓ Self-administered, stable at 2-8°C

## » Recent Progress & Near-Term Milestones

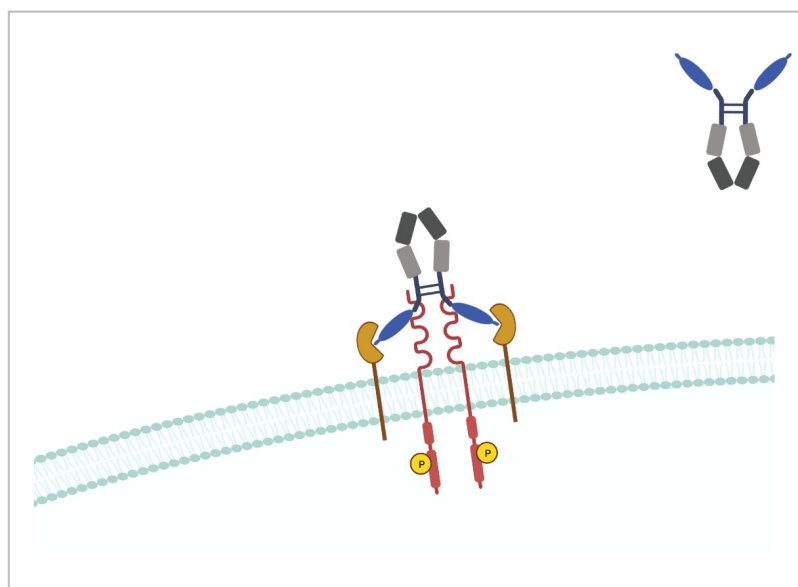


Cash runway into 2026, with ~\$569M cash on hand<sup>1</sup> as of December 31, 2023

# Backup Slides

» EFX's Four Attachment Points to Cellular Surface May Contribute to Stronger Receptor Binding and Enhanced Efficacy

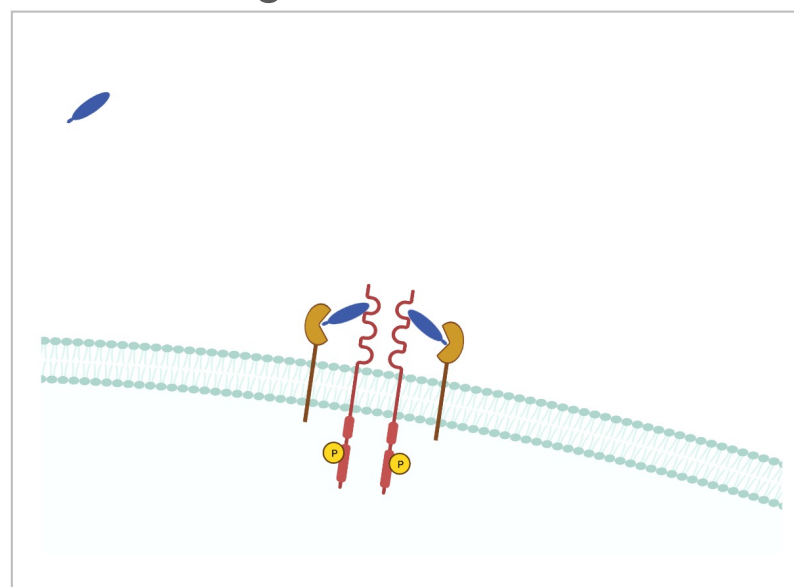
EFX



Dimer structure may enable cooperative binding and enhance avidity effects

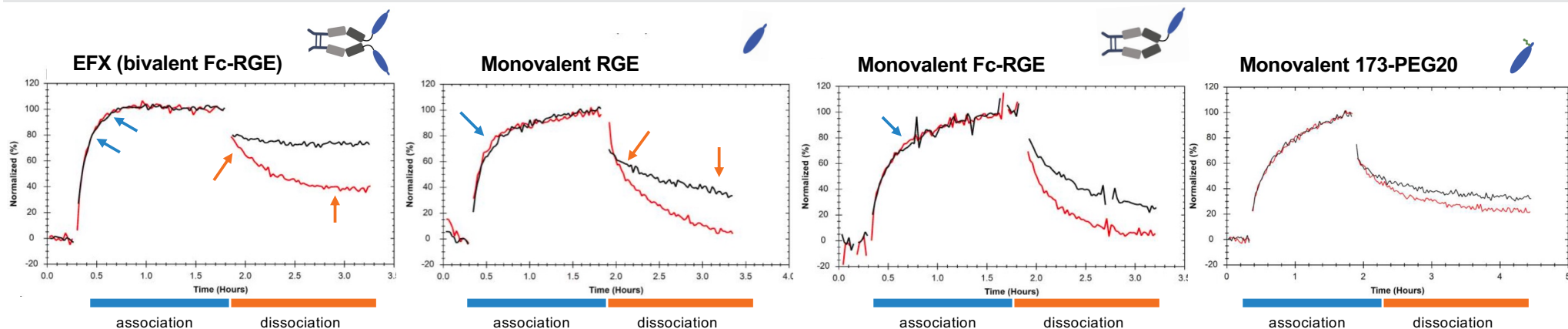
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Single-chain FGF21



Two independent binding events preclude cooperative binding or avidity effects

## » Supportive Evidence for EFX's Cooperative Binding to Cell Surface



— No chase (labeled ligand removed)  
— Chase with 10x unlabeled excess

Single-chain FGF21 has slower association, faster and more complete dissociation

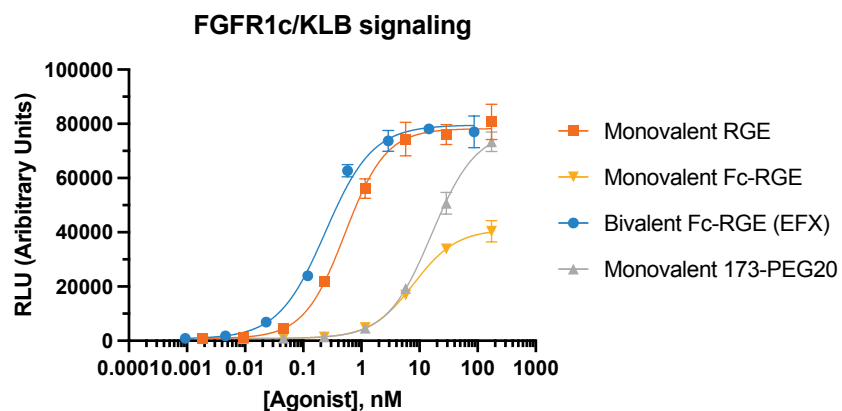
Addition of Fc or 20 kDa PEG to single-chain FGF21 analog further slows association

FGF21 Analog	$k_a$ (1/[M*s])	$k_d$ (1/s)	$K_D$ (M)
EFX	$1.8 \times 10^5$	$3.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11}$
Monovalent RGE	$4.7 \times 10^4$	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-9}$
Monovalent Fc-RGE	$2.1 \times 10^4$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.4 \times 10^{-9}$
Monovalent 173-PEG20	$1.7 \times 10^4$	$8.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-9}$

>100-fold tighter binding ( $K_D$ ) of EFX vs. all monovalent analogs, i.e., RGE, Fc-RGE, or 173-PEG20:

- faster rate of association [ $k_a$ ] AND
- much slower rate of dissociation [ $k_d$ ]

» Single FGF21 chain analogs fused to “half-life extenders” are **15- to 30-Fold Less Potent** than EFX with two FGF21 chains’ or “unmodified FGF21”



	Bivalent Fc-RGE (EFX)	Monovalent RGE	Monovalent Fc-RGE	Monovalent 173-PEG20
Half-life extension	Fc-fusion	minimal	Fc-fusion	20 kDa PEG at residue 173
FGF21-receptor hindrance	N-terminus linked to IgG1 Fc	none	N-terminus linked to IgG1 Fc	20 kDa PEG at residue 173
mol. FGF21 / mol. analog	2	1	1	1
K <sub>D</sub> (affinity) on live cells	<b>.018 nM</b>	3 nM	5.4 nM	4.8 nM
EC <sub>50</sub> (potency), cell-based bioassay	0.24 nM	0.52 nM	7.93 nM	16.2 nM

- Monovalent Fc-RGE is **less potent** (higher EC<sub>50</sub>) and a **partial agonist** (smaller fold induction) than Monovalent RGE
  - *Likely steric hindrance effect due to Fc*
- Adding a second FGF21(RGE) to monovalent Fc-RGE, forming bivalent Fc-RGE (EFX) restores **full agonism** and is **much more potent** (lower EC<sub>50</sub>)
  - *More than overcomes steric hindrance of Fc*
- Addition of 20 kDa PEG at residue 173 appears to maintain **full agonism** but is associated with **lower potency** (higher EC<sub>50</sub>)



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