

# Positive topline results from a 24-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, phase 2 study of the FGF19 analogue aldafermin (NGM282) in patients with nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

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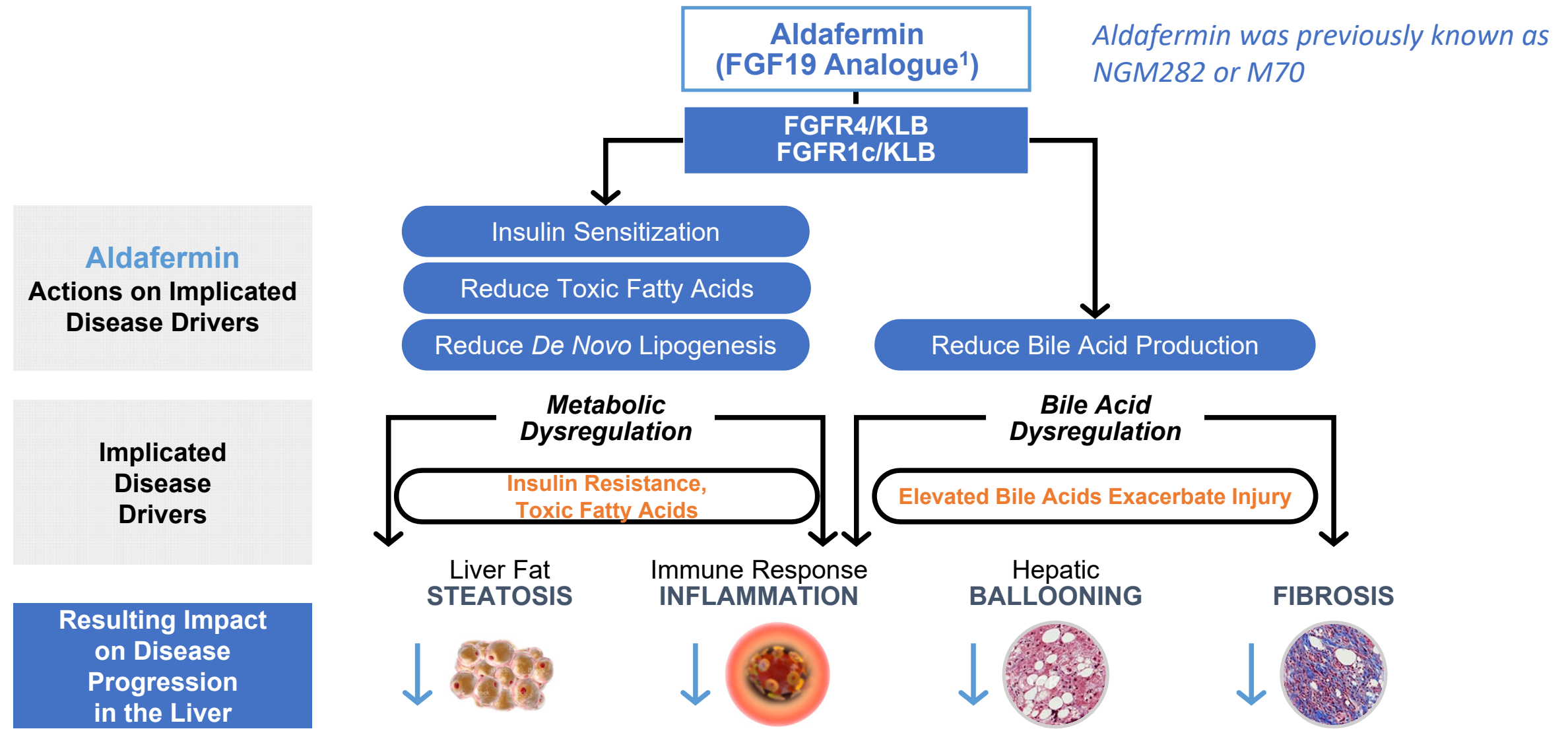
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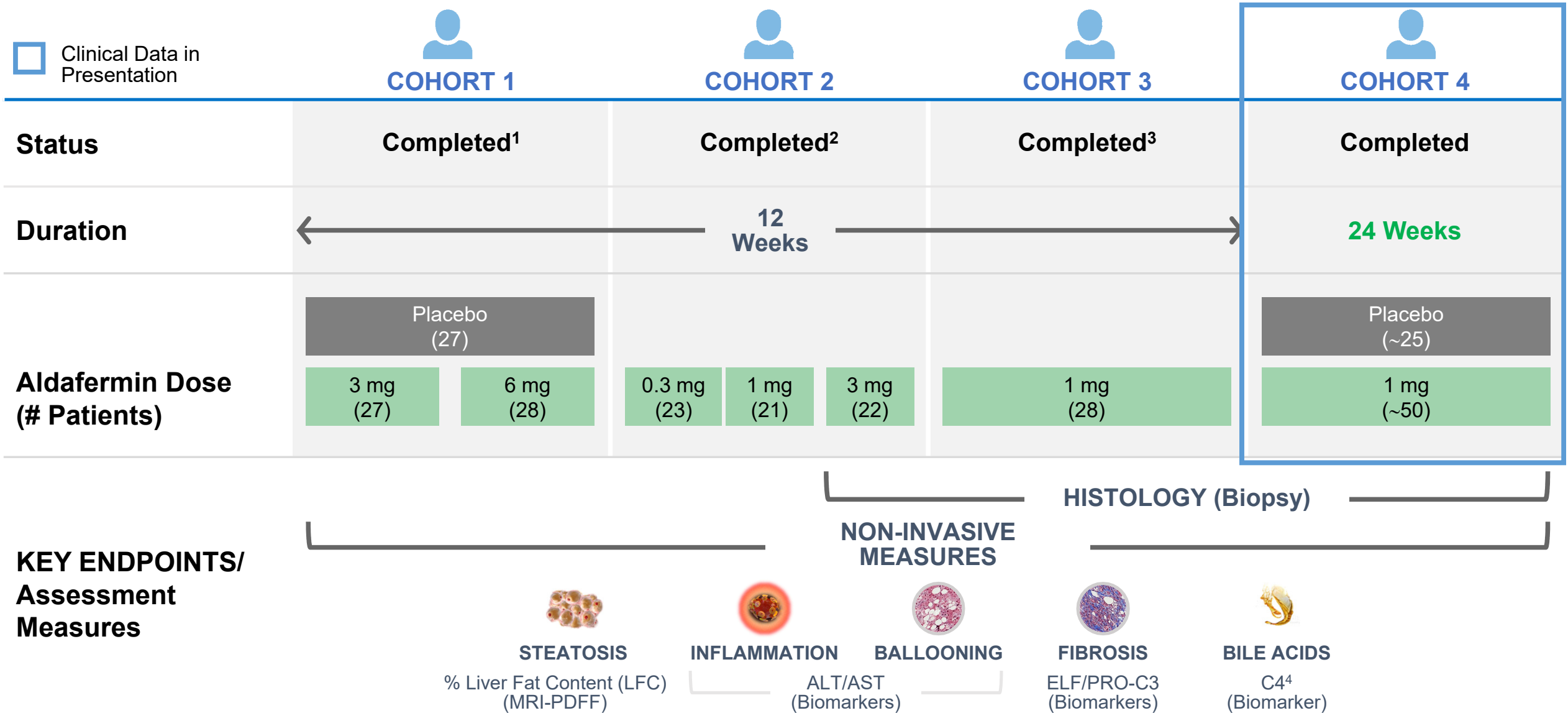
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# Aldafermin, FGF19 analogue, Impacts the Key Mechanisms of NASH Pathogenesis



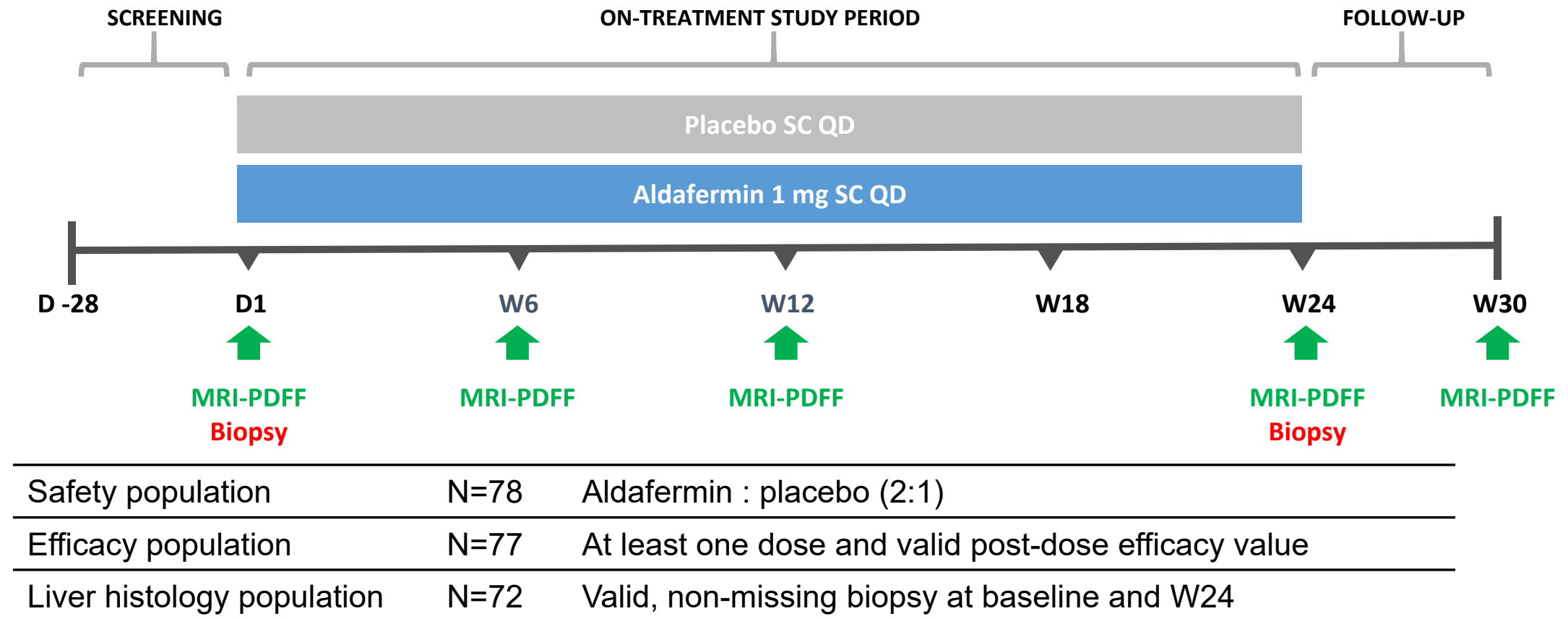
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# Aldafermin Phase 2 NASH Program Overview



<sup>1</sup> Harrison et al., Lancet 2018;391:1174-1185; <sup>2</sup> Rinella et al., J Hepatol 2019;70:735-744; <sup>3</sup> Harrison et al., Hepatology. 2020;71:1198-1212; <sup>4</sup> C4: 7 $\alpha$ -hydroxyl-4-cholesten-3-one

# Cohort 4: A 24-Week Phase 2 Study of Aldafermin in Patients with Biopsy-Proven NASH



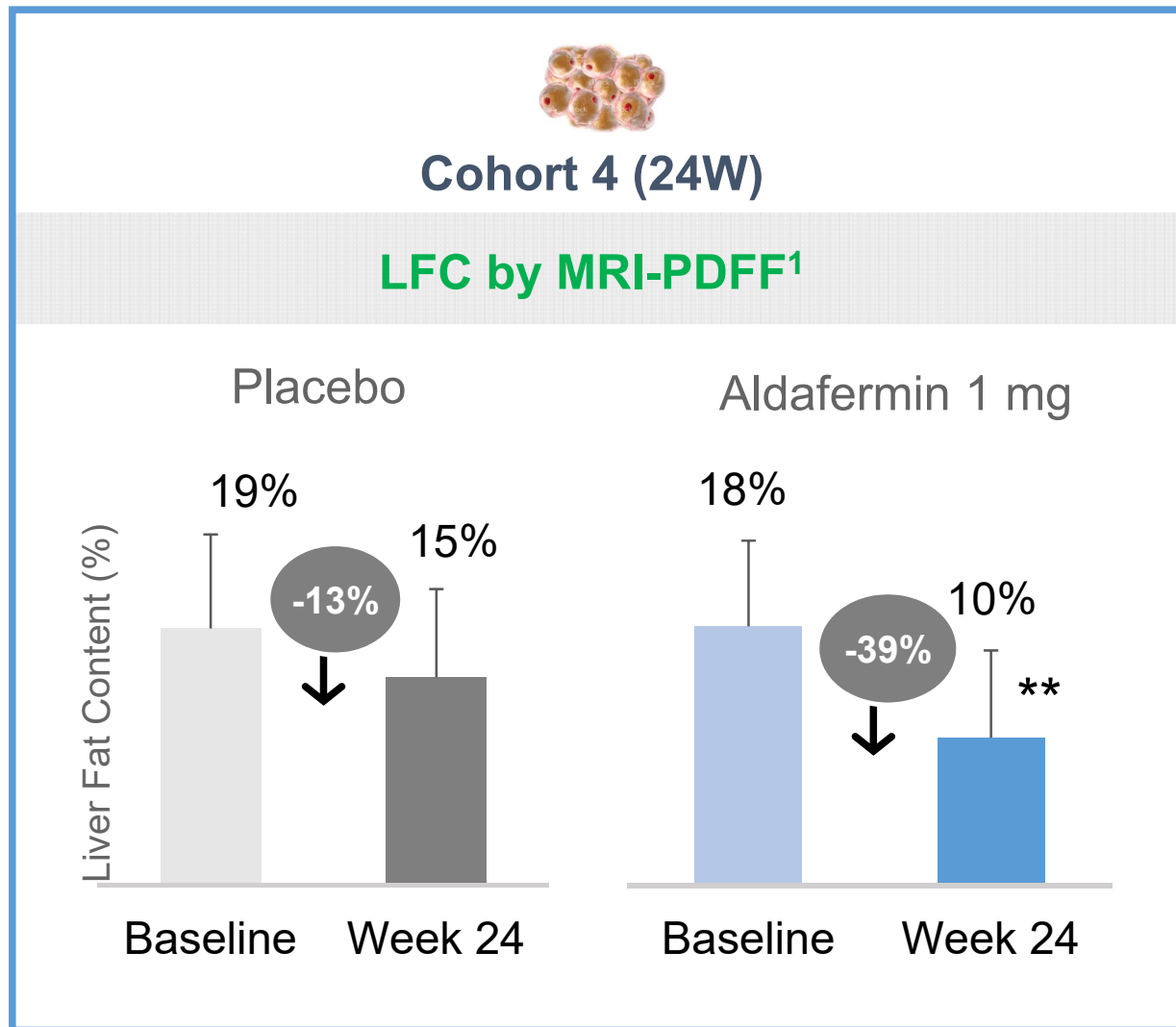
- Key inclusion criteria include:
  - Biopsy-confirmed NASH with NAS  $\geq 4$  (1 point in each component); stage 2 or 3 liver fibrosis (F2 or F3 by NASH CRN criteria)
  - Absolute liver fat content (LFC)  $\geq 8\%$  by MRI-PDFF
  - ALT  $\geq 19$  IU/L in females, ALT  $\geq 30$  IU/L in males
- **Primary endpoint:** change from baseline in absolute LFC (as measured by MRI-PDFF) at W24
- **Secondary and exploratory endpoints** include liver histology, ALT, AST and biomarkers of fibrosis at W24
- Rosuvastatin (ROS 20 mg) started at W2 if low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) rise of 10 mg/dL observed

# Patient Baseline Demographics and Characteristics

Parameters Mean (SD)	Placebo (N=25)	Aldafermin 1 mg (N=52)
Age (years)	54.1 (9.7)	53.0 (12.1)
Sex (Male/Female)	9 / 16	27 / 25
Weight (kg)	102.5 (29.7)	100.1 (21.0)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	36.8 (9.0)	35.8 (6.4)
Waist (cm)	114.3 (17.0)	111.9 (15.4)
Type 2 Diabetes, n (%)	16 (64%)	31 (60%)
NAFLD Activity Score (NAS)	5.4 (1.1)	5.7 (1.1)
Fibrosis stage (F2 / F3) <sup>1</sup>	13 / 9	27 / 23
Liver Fat Content (% by MRI-PDFF)	18.5 (6.8)	18.0 (5.9)
Alanine aminotransferase, ALT (IU/L)	55.1 (29.6)	73.3 (39.6)
Aspartate aminotransferase, AST (IU/L)	44.3 (23.7)	54.5 (27.4)
HDL-C (mg/dL)	34.5 (16.7)	31.7 (12.5)
LDL-C (mg/dL)	95.0 (31.6)	95.1 (31.0)
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	167.7 (119.2)	194.2 (164.3)
Pro-C3 (ng/mL)	17.1 (7.0)	17.5 (8.4)

<sup>1</sup> Liver histology population (aldafermin n=50; placebo n=22)

# Cohort 4 Primary Endpoint Met: Achieved Statistically Significant Reduction in Absolute Liver Fat Content Reduction



## Liver Fat Content (LFC)

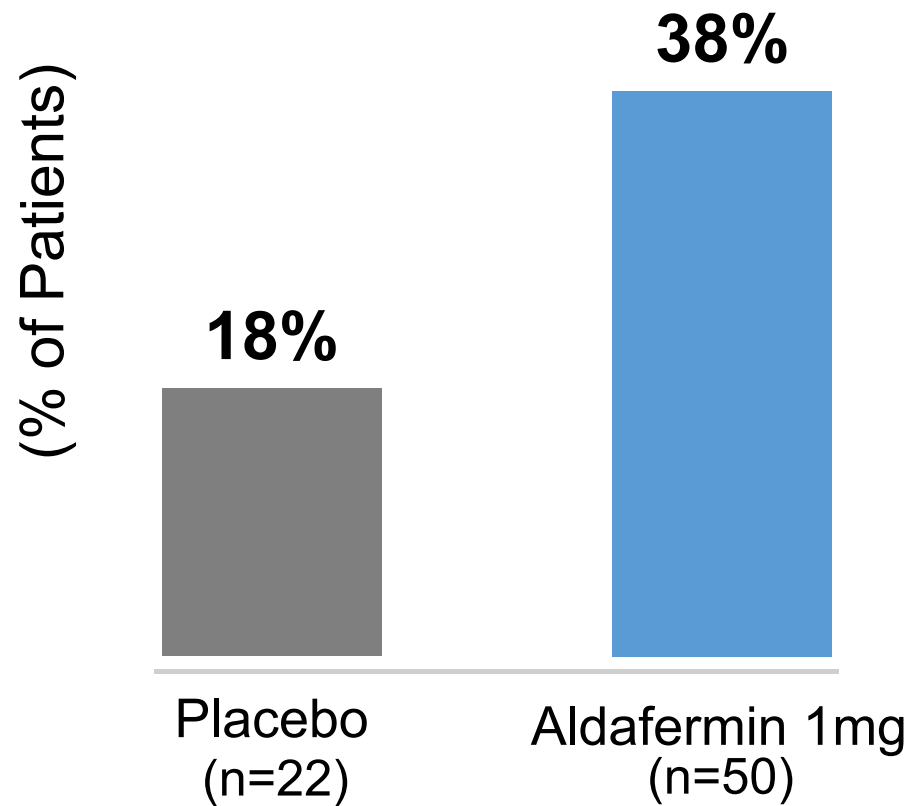
- 68% of aldafermin patients achieved  $\geq 5\%$  absolute LFC reduction vs. 24% placebo (P<0.001)
- 66% of aldafermin patients achieved  $\geq 30\%$  relative LFC reduction vs. 29% placebo (P=0.004)
- Consistent response on LFC across Cohorts 1-4

\*\*P=0.002 vs. placebo

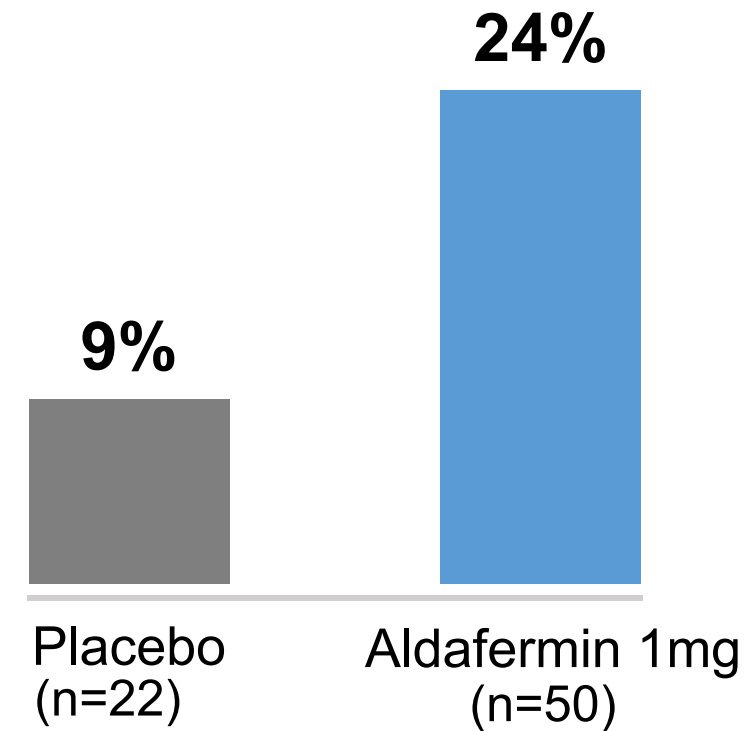
<sup>1</sup> Liver fat content (LFC) as measured by magnetic resonance imaging-proton density fat fraction (MRI-PDFF)

# Cohort 4: Rapid and Consistent Improvement in Fibrosis or NASH Resolution at W24

**Fibrosis Improvement  $\geq 1$  Stage with No Worsening of NASH<sup>1</sup>**



**Resolution of NASH without Worsening of Fibrosis<sup>1</sup>**



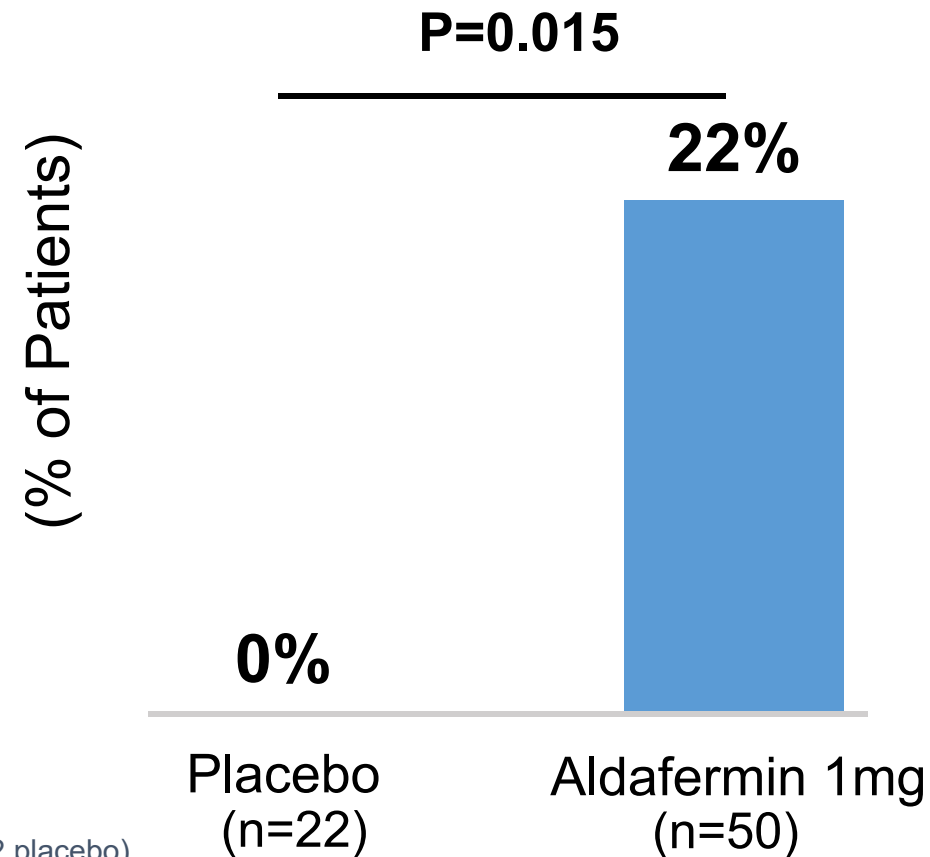
Liver Histology Population (n=50 aldafermin vs. n=22 placebo)

<sup>1</sup> Defined by CRN criteria: all biopsies were read blinded to treatment assignment and patient information



# Cohort 4: Achieved Statistical Significance in Both Fibrosis Improvement AND Resolution of NASH

**Both Fibrosis Improvement  $\geq 1$  stage  
AND Resolution of NASH<sup>1</sup>  
at W24**

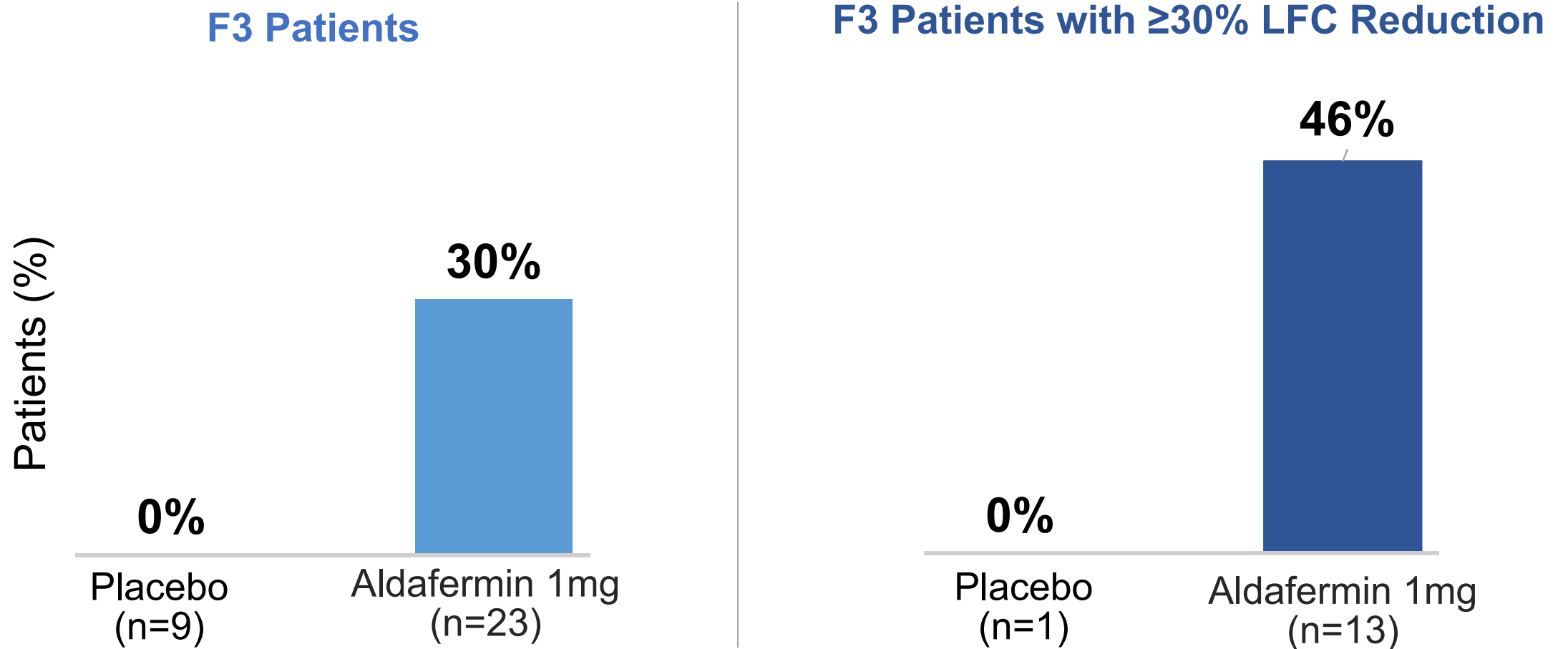


Liver Histology Population (n=50 aldafermin vs. n=22 placebo)

<sup>1</sup> Defined as patients who have an improvement in liver fibrosis by  $\geq 1$  stage AND have a NAS score of 0 or 1 for inflammation and 0 for ballooning at W24 (not powered for statistical significance);

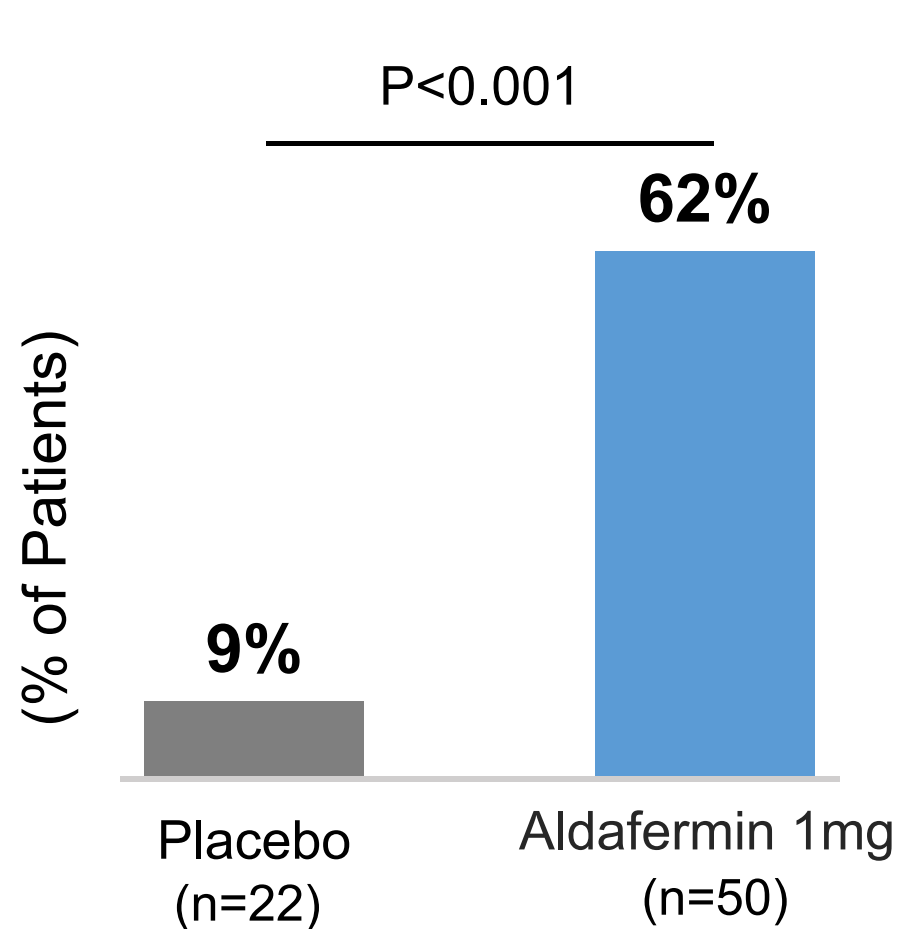
# Cohort 4: Higher Fibrosis Improvement in Patients with Baseline Stage 3 Fibrosis and LFC reduction $\geq 30\%$

**Fibrosis Improvement  $\geq 1$  Stage with No Worsening of NASH<sup>1</sup> at W24**



<sup>1</sup> Defined as patients who have an improvement in liver fibrosis by  $\geq 1$  stage with no worsening of NASH (no worsening of steatosis, lobular inflammation or hepatocyte ballooning grade) from baseline to W24 (not powered for statistical significance); LFC, liver fat content

# Cohort 4: Statistically Significant Proportion of Patients Achieved NAS Reduction of $\geq 2$ Points



**Improvement of NAS by  $\geq 2$  Points without Worsening of Fibrosis<sup>1</sup> at W24**

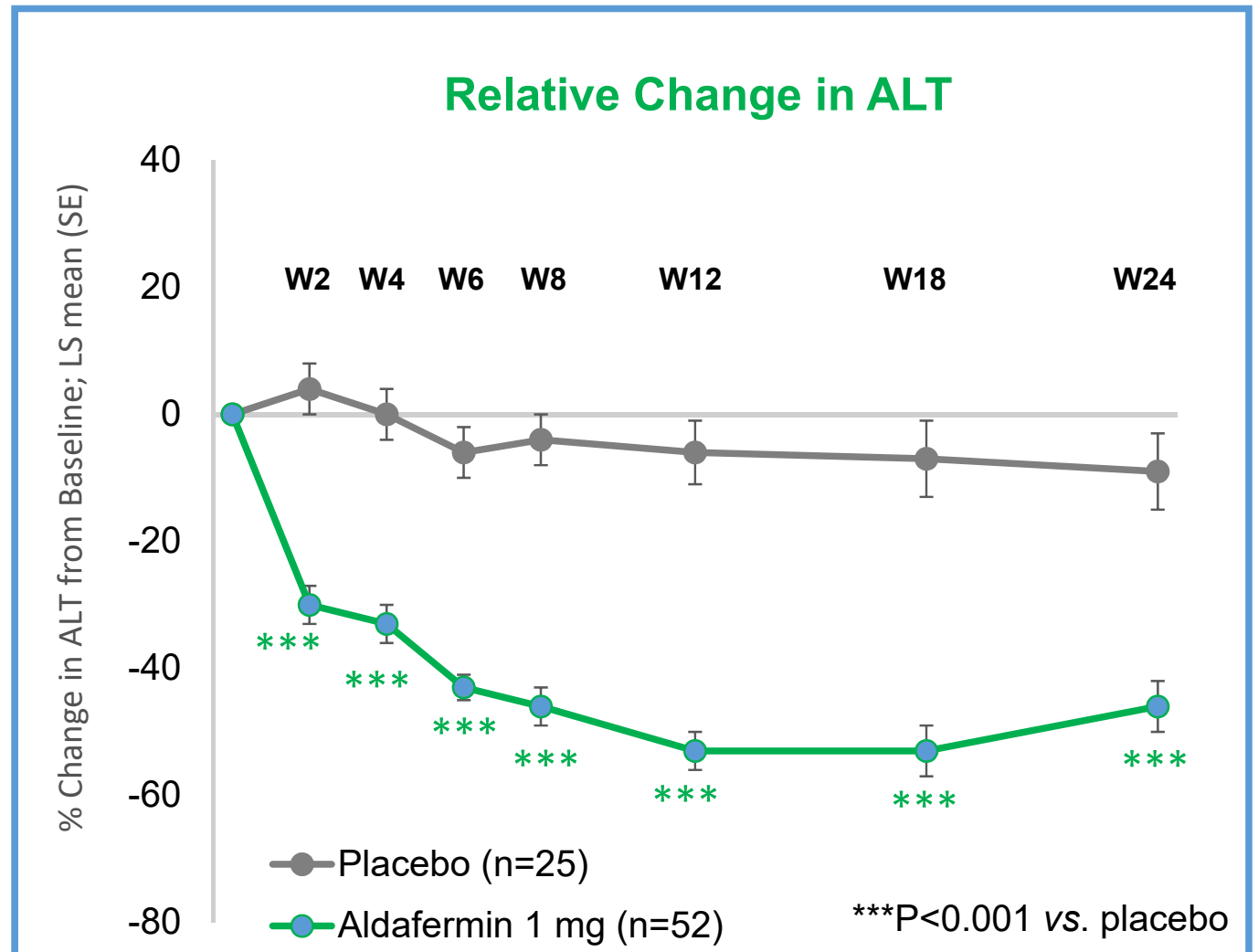
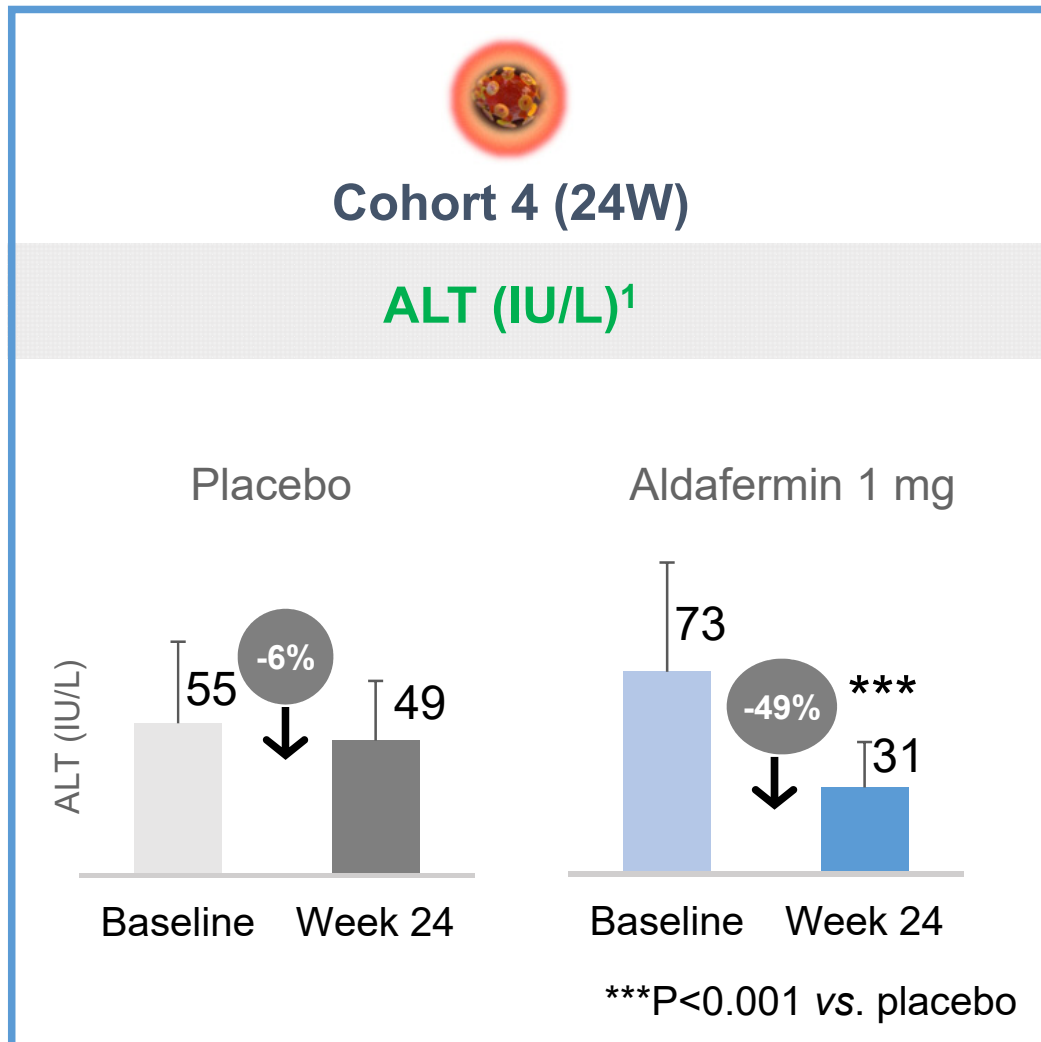
**Statistically significant improvements in each NAS component of:**

- Steatosis
- Lobular Inflammation
- Ballooning

Liver Histology Population (n=50 aldafermin vs. n=22 placebo)

<sup>1</sup> Defined as subjects having a NAS reduction of  $\geq 2$  points with no worsening of fibrosis (no progression of NASH CRN fibrosis stage) from baseline to W24 (endpoint not powered for statistical significance)

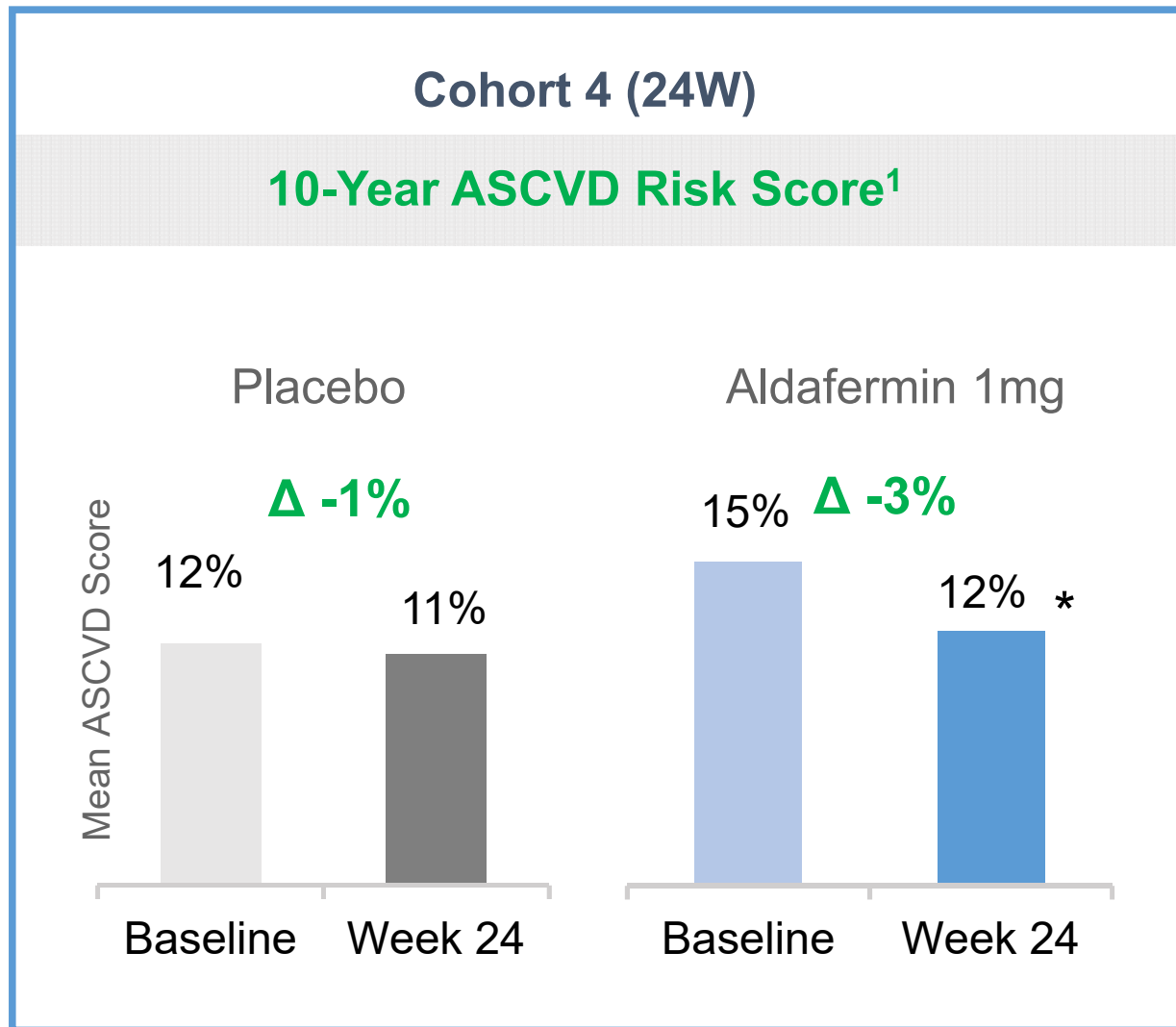
# Cohort 4: Rapid and Sustained Decrease in ALT to Near Normal Levels with Aldafermin



- Statistically significant reductions vs. placebo also observed with AST and PRO-C3

<sup>1</sup>Relative values are calculated as mean percent change from baseline

# Cohort 4: Reduction in 10-Year ASCVD Risk Score and Optimized Lipid Management in NASH Patients



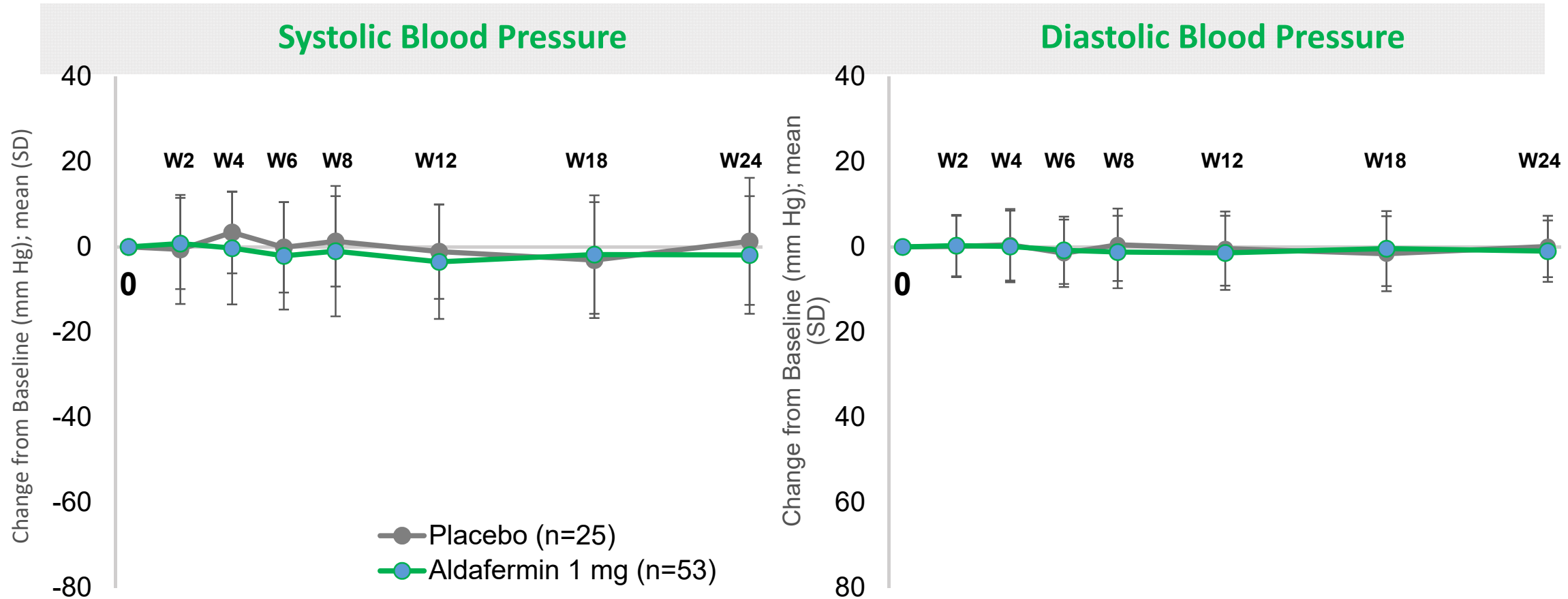
## ASCVD Risk

- Optimal lipid management and reduction of ASCVD risk with rosuvastatin in this trial, including mitigating LDL increase from aldafermin
- At baseline, approx. 61% of NASH subjects had diabetes and qualified for statin use based on guidelines
- Only 32% of subjects on a statin at baseline
- In-trial lipid optimization with rosuvastatin at week 2 if LDL-C rise >10 mg/dL from baseline

\*P=0.032 vs. placebo

<sup>1</sup> 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) risk calculator at: <http://tools.acc.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator-Plus/#!/calculate/estimate/>

# Cohort 4: No Changes in Blood Pressure or Heart Rate with Aldafermin



- No increase in heart rate with aldafermin throughout the study

# Cohort 4: Aldafermin Well Tolerated and Adverse Events Generally Comparable to Placebo

TEAE Classification	Placebo (N=25)	Aldafermin 1 mg (N=53)
Any TEAE	22 (88.0%)	46 (86.8%)
TEAE Leading to Drug Withdrawal	1 (4.0%)	0
Serious Adverse Event (SAE) <sup>1</sup>	3 (12.0%)	2 (3.8%)
Drug-Related TEAE	11 (44.0%)	27 (50.9%)
TEAE Leading to Death	0	0

- All SAEs were deemed to be not related to treatment by site investigator

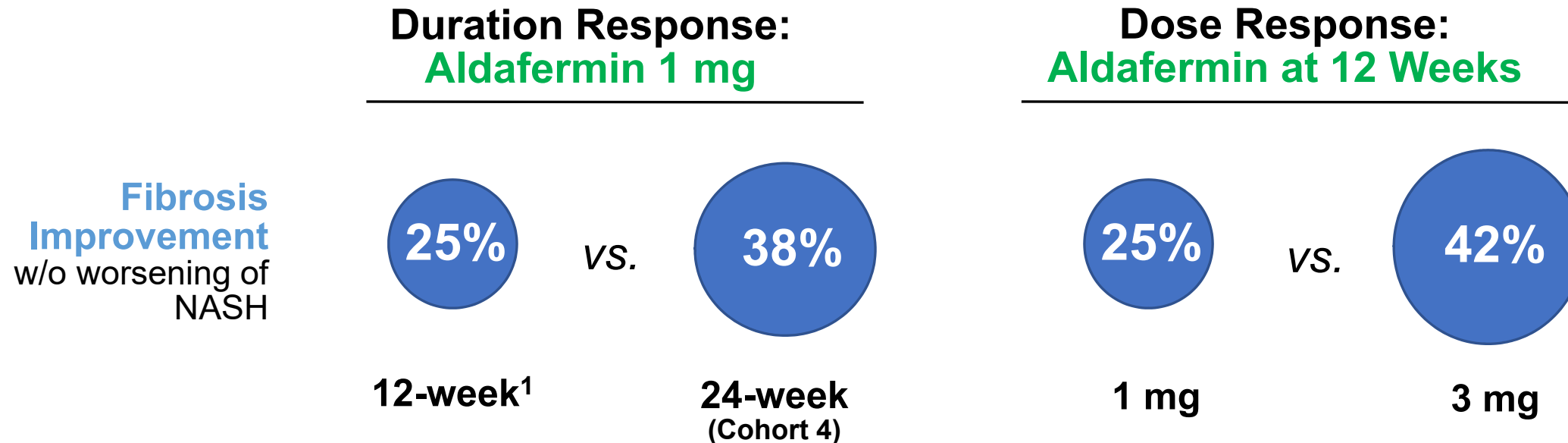
Most Common (>10%) Adverse Events	Placebo (N=25)	Aldafermin 1 mg (N=53)
Diarrhea	6 (24.0%)	15 (28.3%)
Nausea	6 (24.0%)	5 (9.4%)
Headache	9 (36.0%)	7 (13.2%)
Fatigue	4 (16%)	3 (5.7%)
Abdominal Distension	3 (12.0%)	7 (13.2%)
Diabetes Mellitus	5 (20.0%)	2 (3.8%)
Peripheral Edema	3 (12.0%)	2 (3.8%)

## Aldafermin Safety

- No increase in gastrointestinal adverse events
- No increase in pruritus (4% aldafermin vs. 8% placebo)

<sup>1</sup> SAEs: Placebo (mental status changes; appendicitis; anxiety); Aldafermin (rectal bleeding; liver biopsy procedure-related complication)

# Consistently Higher Efficacy Response Rates with Aldafermin in Both Duration and Dose Response Demonstrated in Phase 2 Trial Cohorts



Understanding of dose and duration relationship from NGM Phase 2 Trial (N=251) improves the chance of success in Phase 3

Awaiting ALPINE 2/3 trial results to understand aldafermin 3 mg response at 24 weeks (expected in first half of 2021)



# Summary of Aldafermin (NGM282) Cohort 4 Results

## 24 Week Study of 1 mg Aldafermin vs. Placebo

- **Primary endpoint met:** significant reduction in liver fat content vs. placebo
- **Clinically significant improvements in histology regulatory endpoints:** fibrosis improvement, resolution of NASH and the composite endpoint requiring achievement of both
- Cohort 4 data suggest that the histological effects previously observed at 12 weeks are **durable and potentially amplified with extended treatment**
- **Favorable tolerability profile:** well tolerated and appears to be safe up to 24 weeks
  - most common adverse events occurred with similar frequency in placebo and aldafermin arms

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