

# **Design of Heart-2**

A Phase 1b clinical trial of VERVE-102, an *in vivo* base editing medicine delivered by a GalNAc-LNP and targeting *PCSK9* to durably lower LDL cholesterol

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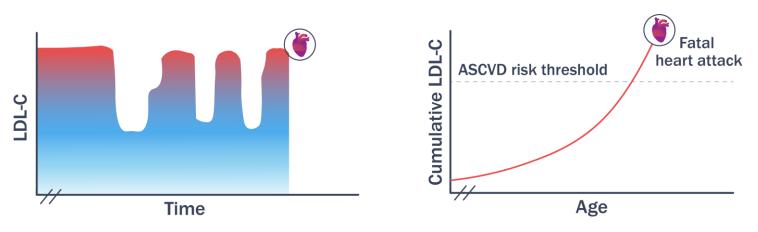
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# How might single-course **base editing medicines** address the limitations of the chronic care model for ASCVD?

#### **Chronic care model**

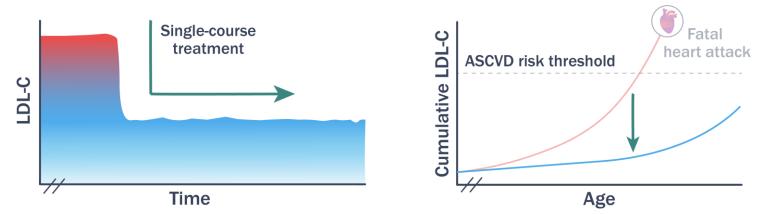
- About 50% of ASCVD patients are not on a statin<sup>1</sup>
- Only about 2% of eligible patients are currently on a PCSK9 agent<sup>2</sup>
- Up to 50% of patients discontinue CVD medications within 12 months<sup>3,4</sup>



#### Poor LDL-C control increases the risk for major CV events



Potential solution: single-course base editing medicine to inactivate cholesterol-raising genes leading to lifelong LDL-C lowering





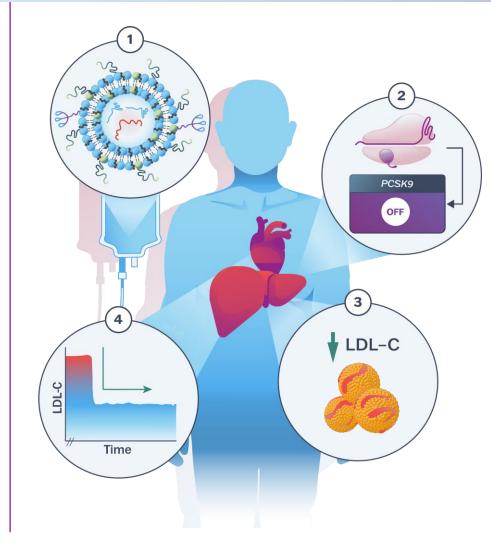
Can we use *in vivo* **base editing medicines** to mimic naturally occurring loss-of-function variants in *PCSK9* that protect against ASCVD?

Naturally occurring gene variants that turn off *PCSK9* result in:

- Lifelong LDL-C lowering
- Protection against ASCVD
- No apparent deleterious effects<sup>1-3</sup>



### Pharmacologic validation of target

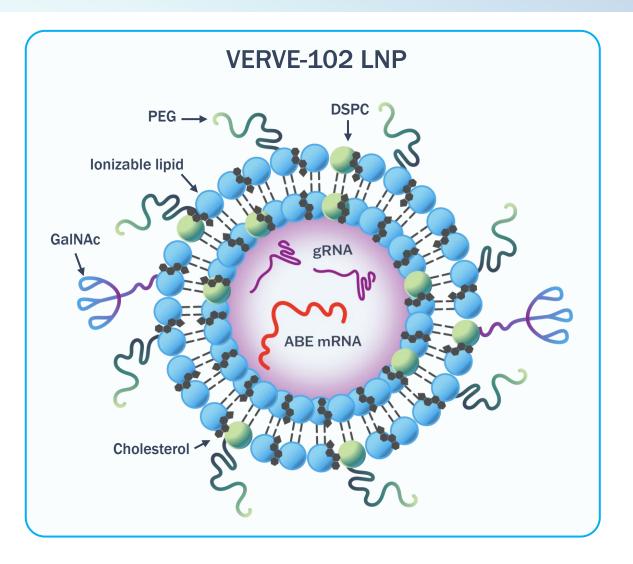


Proposed approach to liver PCSK9 inactivation using in vivo base editing

- 1) IV infusion of lipid nanoparticle (LNP) carrying base editing components
- 2) Base editor delivered to liver inactivates *PCSK*9 with a single DNA base pair change
- 3) Reduction in PCSK9 protein leads to lower LDL-C
- 4) Potentially durable LDL-C response based on permanent *PCSK*9 inactivation

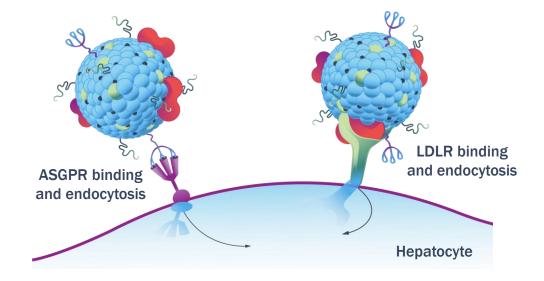


VERVE-102 is an investigational *in vivo* **base editing medicine** that is delivered by a GaINAc-LNP and inactivates *PCSK9* with a single A-to-G DNA change



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After IV infusion of the GalNac-LNP, VERVE-102 enters hepatocytes through LDLR or ASGPR



The translated adenine base editor (ABE) pairs with the gRNA to target and inactivate *PCSK9* with precise DNA edit



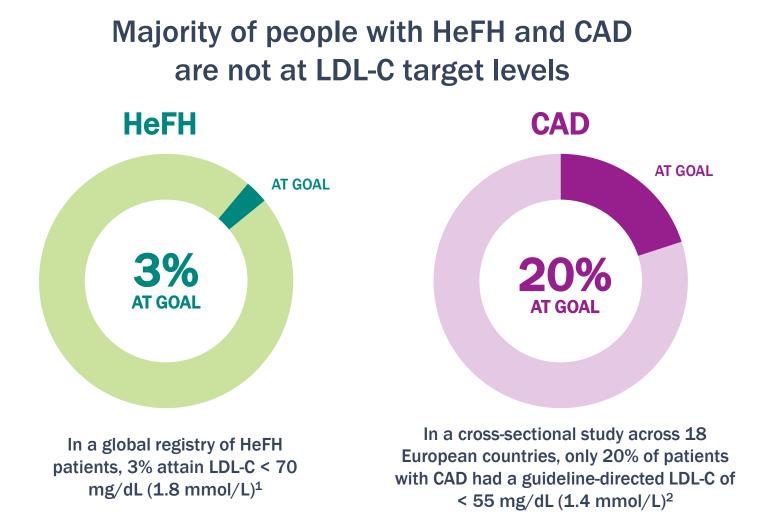


Heart-2 is a Phase 1b, first-in-human, open-label trial of VERVE-102 in adults with HeFH or premature coronary artery disease (CAD)



## Study population summary

- Males and females (age 18 to 70)
- HeFH or premature CAD
- Require additional lipid lowering
- On maximally tolerated oral lipid-lowering therapy
- Not currently taking a PCSK9 inhibitor



Clinical trial registration: NCT06164730; Women of childbearing potential are excluded from the study; HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia 1. EAS Familial Hypercholesterolemia Studies Collaboration (FHSC). Lancet. 2021; 2. Ray KK, et al. Eu J Prev Cardiol. 2021.



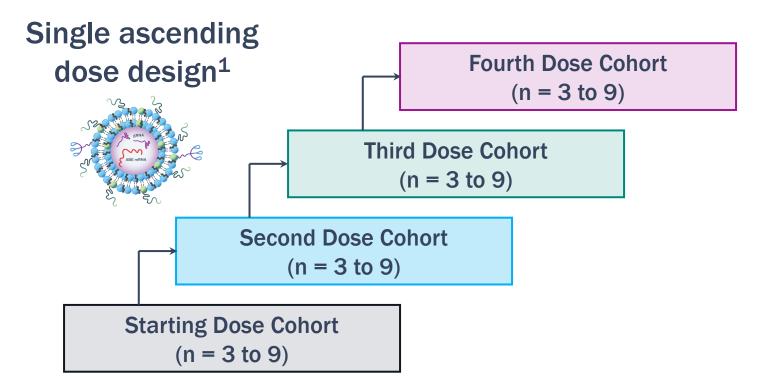
Heart-2: single ascending dose design to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of VERVE-102



### **Trial Endpoints**

- Primary: Safety and tolerability
- Pharmacokinetics of VERVE-102
- Changes in blood PCSK9 and LDL-C

Study duration 1 year with longterm follow-up for another 14 years in a separate trial



- Each participant receives a single IV infusion of VERVE-102
- Decisions to dose escalate are made in consultation with the independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB)



Heart-2 is a first-in-human study to assess the safety and LDL-C lowering potential of VERVE-102



- Dosing complete in 7 participants in first two dose cohorts, 0.3 mg/kg and 0.45 mg/kg
- VERVE-102 has been welltolerated; no serious adverse events and no clinically significant laboratory abnormalities
- Dosing ongoing with regulatory clearances in UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Israel

## Conclusions

- **1**. The chronic care model for LDL-C lowering leads to poor real-world LDL-C control
- 2. VERVE-102 is designed to inactivate *PCSK9* in the liver to provide durable LDL-C reduction after a single infusion
- **3.** Results from Heart-2 will be used to inform clinical trial dose selection
- 4. Initial pharmacodynamic data from Heart-2 are expected in the first half of 2025

