

Treatment with resmetirom for up to two years led to improvement in liver stiffness, fibrosis biomarkers, fibrosis scores and portal hypertension in 122 patients with compensated MASH cirrhosis

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Unmet Need in MASH Cirrhosis

High Risk of Outcomes, No Approved Disease Modifying Therapies



Resmetirom, an oral, once-daily, liver-directed thyroid hormone receptor β (THR- β) agonist, is the only FDA-approved therapy for MASH (as of 2024).



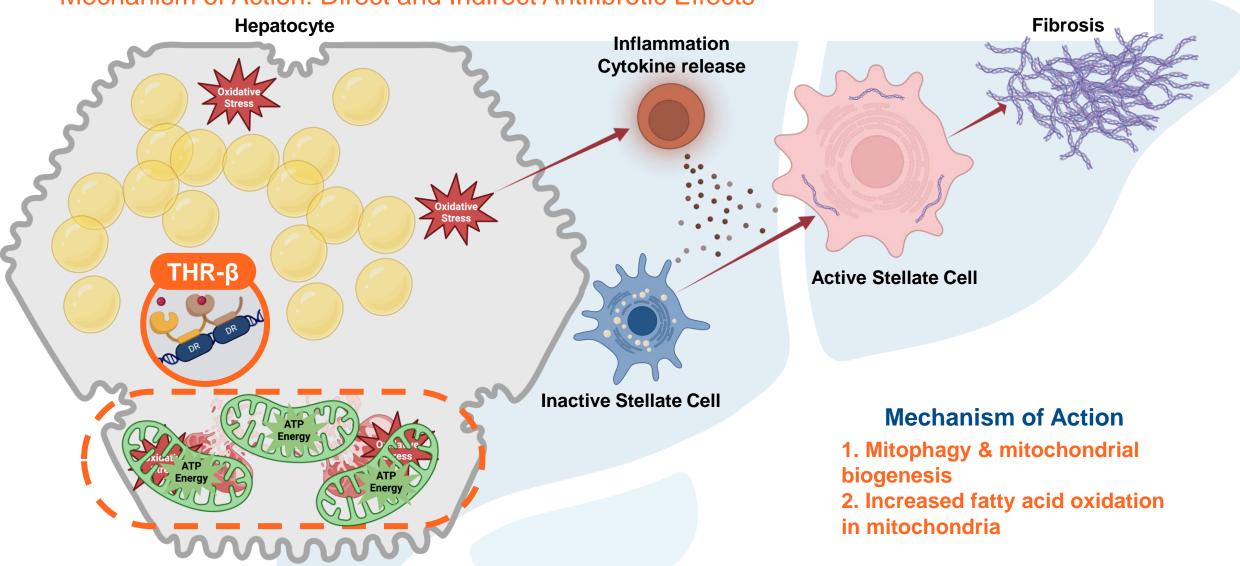
No approved therapies for patients with compensated cirrhosis due to MASH.



Cirrhosis (F4) is highly associated with clinical outcomes including hepatic decompensation events, liver failure, liver transplant and mortality

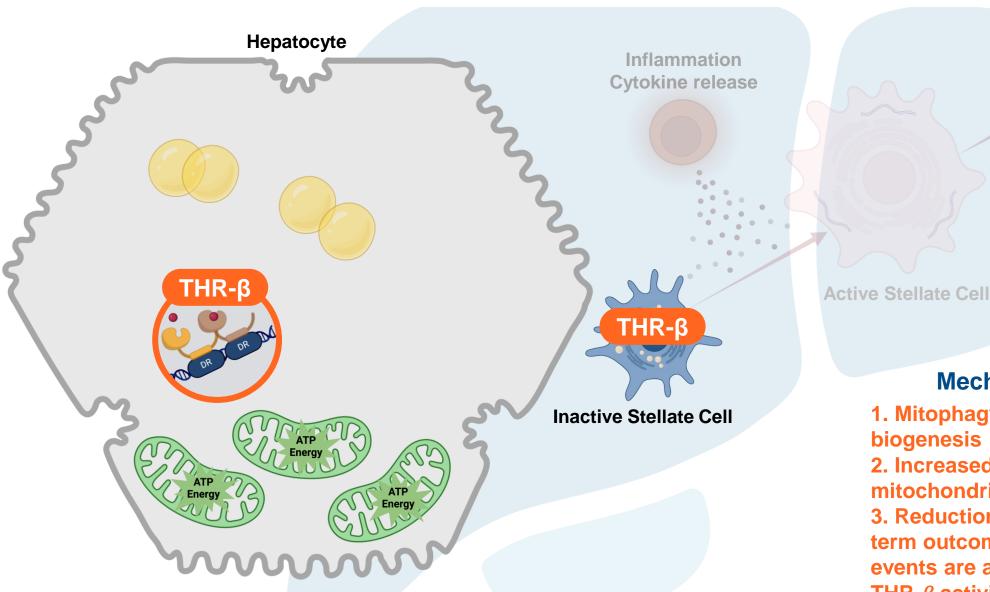
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Fibrosis

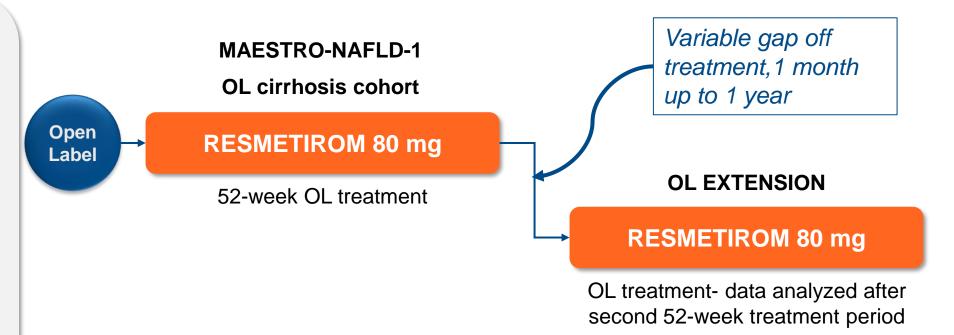
- 1. Mitophagy & mitochondrial biogenesis
- 2. Increased fatty acid oxidation in mitochondria
- 3. Reduction of fibrosis. Poor longterm outcomes and liver related events are associated with low liver THR- β activity¹

Trial Design – Open-Label (OL) 52-Week Cirrhosis Arm of MAESTRO-NAFLD-1 followed by an Extension Trial

Inclusion Criteria

≥3 metabolic risk factors Well-compensated MASH cirrhosis - Child Pugh A:

- F4 fibrosis¹ OR
- Non-invasive clinical assessment (liver stiffness (VCTE, MRE), platelets, ELF)
- Allowed platelet count ≥70,000
- No history of decompensation



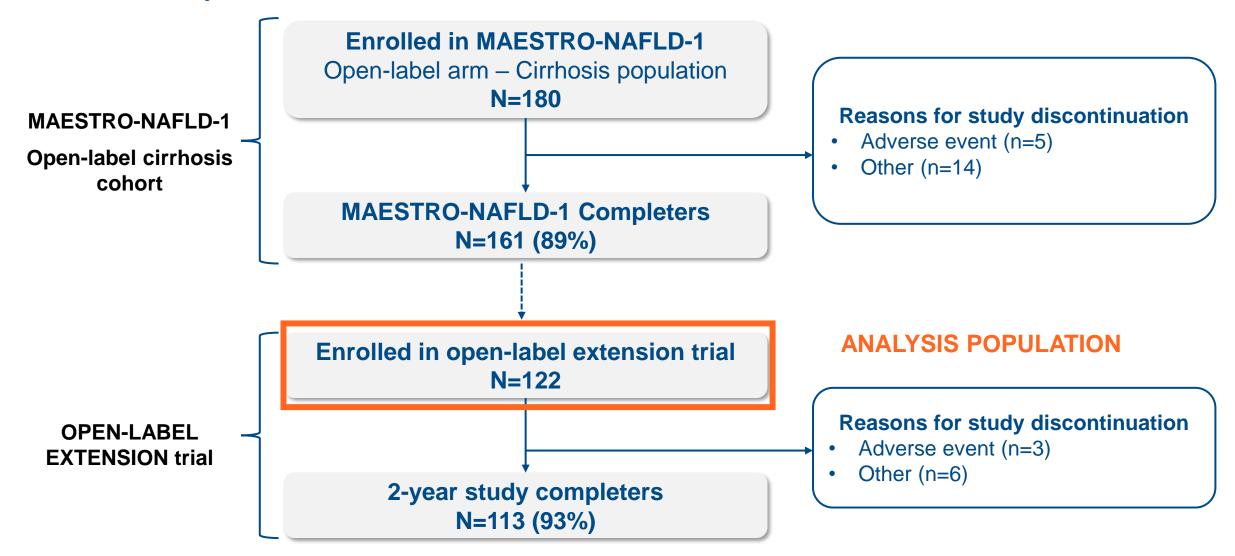
Primary Endpoint

Safety and tolerability of resmetirom in cirrhosis patients

Secondary/Exploratory Endpoints

VCTE, MRE, MRI-PDFF, liver enzymes, biomarkers, lipids, liver and spleen volume

Trial flow – Open-Label Cirrhosis Arm (MAESTRO-NAFLD-1) followed by an Extension Trial



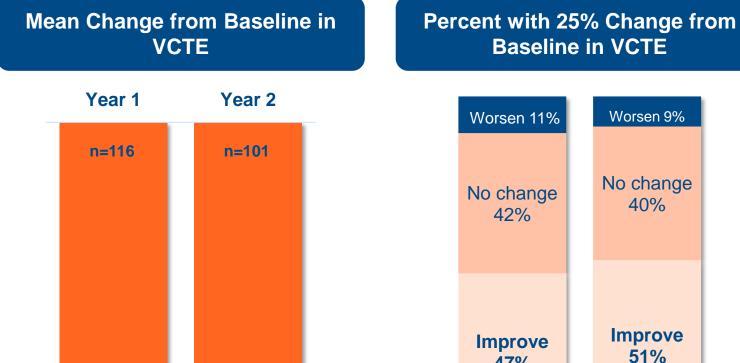
Baseline Characteristics

	BL MRI-PDFF > 5% ¹ N=93	BL MRI-PDFF ≤ 5% N=21		BL MRI-PDFF > 5% N=93	BL MRI-PDFF ≤ 5% N=21
Age, years	61 (56, 68)	63 (61, 67)	ALT, U/L	37 (29, 50)	28 (25, 39)
Sex, Female	51 (55%)	11 (52%)	GGT, U/L	66 (43, 126)	106 (45, 146)
Ethnicity, Hispanic	28 (30%)	4 (19%)	Platelets, 10^9/L	139 (112, 193)	110 (90, 141)
BMI, kg/m ²	34.4 (30.6, 39.1)	33.5 (29.8, 37.9)	Albumin , g/dL	4.2 (4.0, 4.4)	4.2 (4.0, 4.5)
Type 2 Diabetes	63 (68%)	18 (86%)	LDL-C, mg/dL	95 (76, 123)	73 (62, 94)
VCTE, kPa	19.5 (17.1, 29.5)	24.6 (17.1, 39.4)	Triglycerides, mg/dL	140 (103, 181)	114 (87, 122)
CAP, dB/m	331 (302, 372)	291 (249, 329)	FIB-4	2.3 (1.6, 3.6)	3.5 (2.2, 4.0)
MRE, kPa	5.2 (4.0, 6.1)	5.6 (4.9, 7.0)	ELF Score	10.6 (9.9, 11.4)	11.0 (10.7, 11.7)
MRI-PDFF, %	9.5 (7.3, 12.6)	3.9 (3.1, 4.4)	Data are median (Q1, Q3) or %		
Liver Volume, mL	2291 (1903, 2737)	2093 (1649, 2473)			
Spleen Volume, mL	476 (325, 721)	667 (414, 998)			

¹Only 114/122 patients had baseline MRI-PDFF

In MASH cirrhosis lower hepatic fat is associated with more advanced disease

Sustained Reductions in Liver Stiffness (LSM) after 2-Year Treatment with Resmetirom



¹statistically significant compared to baseline

-6.7 kPa

-6.4 kPa

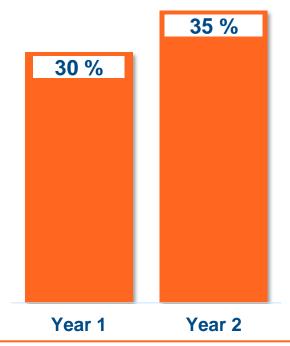
47%

Year 2

Year 1

After 2 years on resmetirom, >50% of patients achieved sustained ≥25% reduction in LSM by VCTE

% with Conversion from F4 to consistent with F3¹



¹Patients with confirmed F4 at baseline (liver biopsy F4 and/or platelets <140/MRE ≥5 with VCTE ≥15) showed a transition from F4 to potential F3 at year 2 (VCTE<15 and ≥25% decrease from baseline)

Improvements in Portal Hypertension Risk Category with Resmetirom

- Clinically significant portal hypertension (CSPH) predicts liver related outcome events such as ascites, variceal hemorrhage and encephalopathy¹
- Modified Baveno (similar to ANTICIPATE²) requires additional evidence for CSPH in MASH patients with VCTE ≥25; confirms CSPH risk

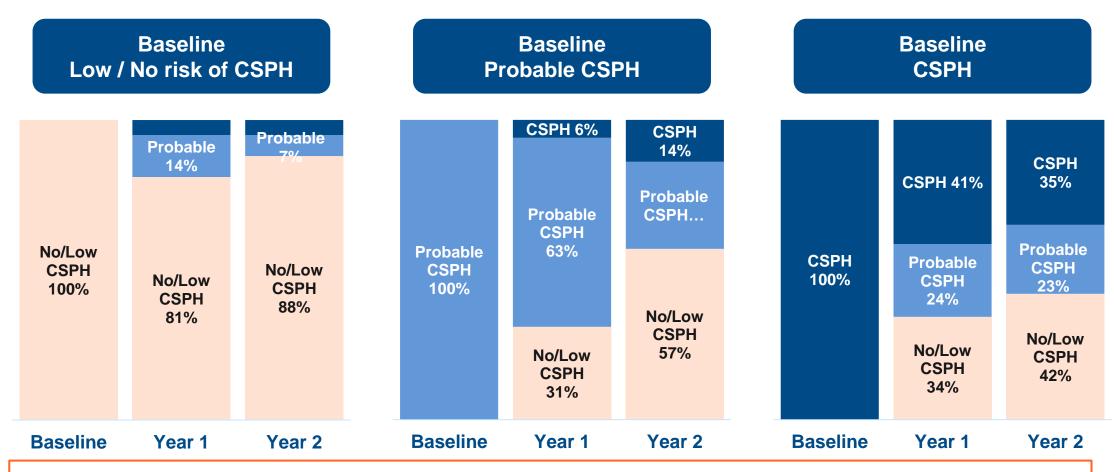
Risk of CSPH	Baveno	Modified Baveno	
СЅРН	VCTE ≥ 25	VCTE ≥ 25 plus any one of: - PLT < 150 - MRE ≥ 5 - ELF ≥ 11.3	
Probable CSPH	20 ≤ VCTE < 25 & PLT < 150 or 15 ≤ VCTE < 20 & PLT < 110		
No/Low CSPH	Not meeting above criteria		

 Overall shift to lower CSPH risk at Year 1 and Year 2 whether Baveno or a modification of Baveno criteria are used

		CSPH	CSPH
	CSPH	17%	15%
	35%		Probable
		Probable CSDU 25%	CSPH 15%
	Probable	CSPH 25%	
Baveno	CSPH 14%		
	No/Low CSPH 51%	No/Low CSPH 58%	No/Low CSPH 70%
	Baseline	Year 1	Year 2
		CSPH	CSPH
	CSPH	16%	13%
	34%		Probable
	3-170	Probable	CSPH 17%
	Probable	CSPH 26%	
Modified Baveno	CSPH 16%		
		No/Low	No/Low CSPH
Bavello	No/Low CSPH 51%	CSPH 58%	70%

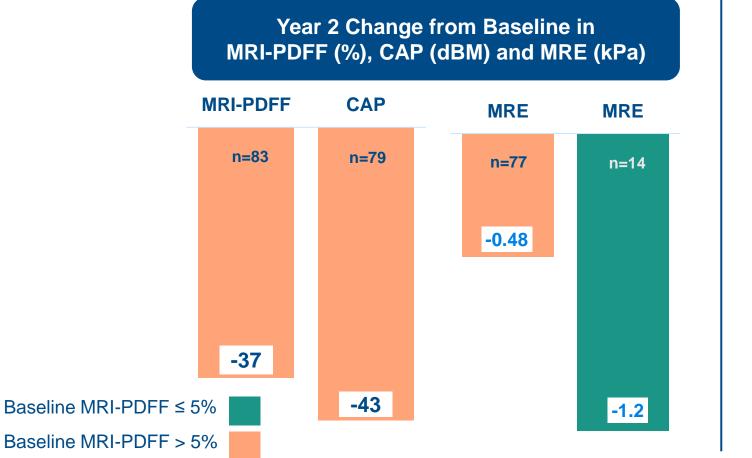
¹ doi: 10.1016/j.jhep.2021.12.022 ²DOI: 10.1002/hep4.2091 CSPH: clinically significant portal hypertension; PLT, platelets; modified Baveo ≥25kPa not meeting additional criteria were considered probable

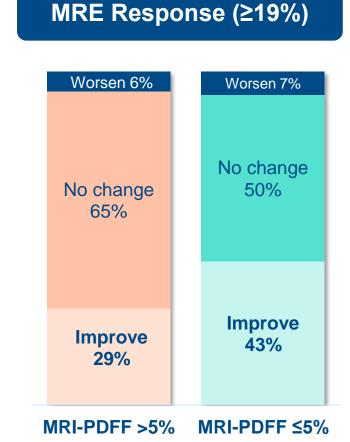
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High, statistically significant, percentage of patients with probable CSPH and CSPH at baseline shift to lower risk category at Year 1 and Year 2 whether Baveno (shown) or modified Baveno criteria for CSPH are used

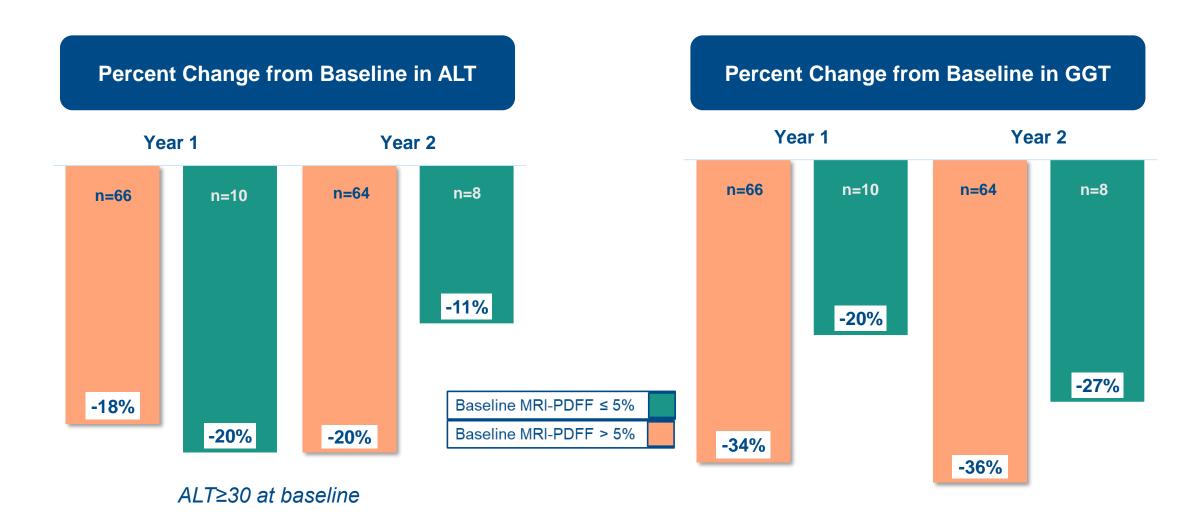
Sustained Reductions in Liver Fat and Liver Stiffness with Resmetirom at 2 Years



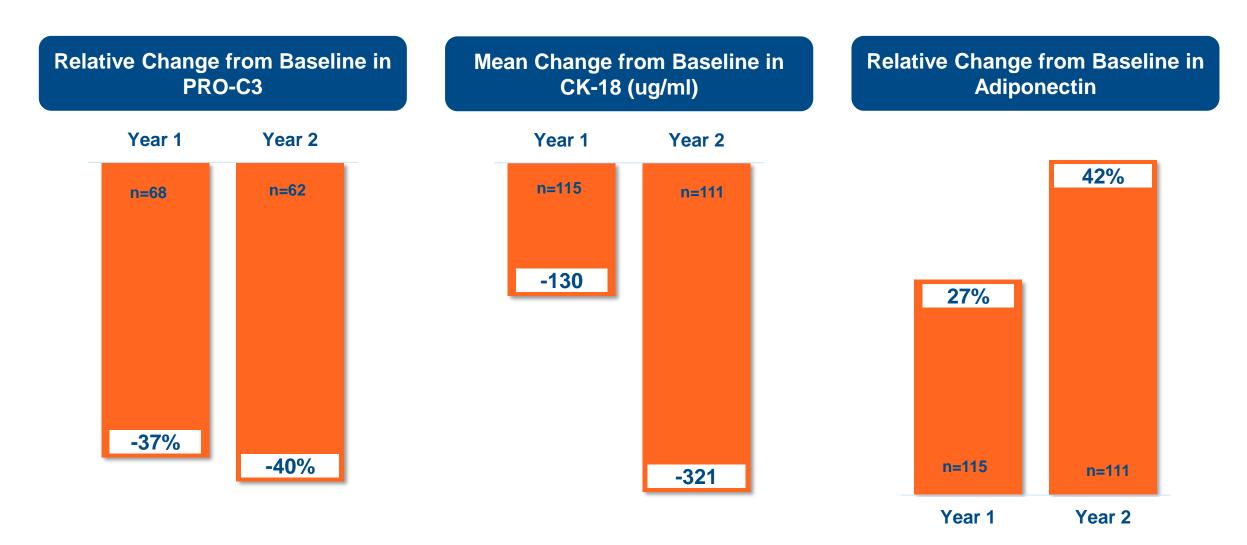


Statistically significant improvements in MRI-PDFF, CAP and MRE at 2 Years

Sustained Statistically Significant Improvements in ALT and GGT

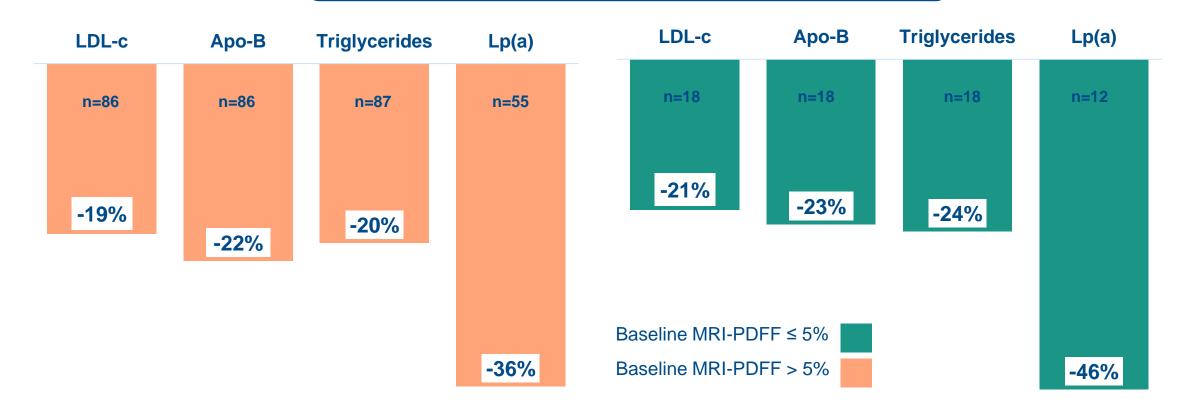


Reductions in Fibrosis and Liver Injury Biomarkers at 2 Years



Results: Sustained Reductions in Atherogenic Lipids with Resmetirom at 2 Years

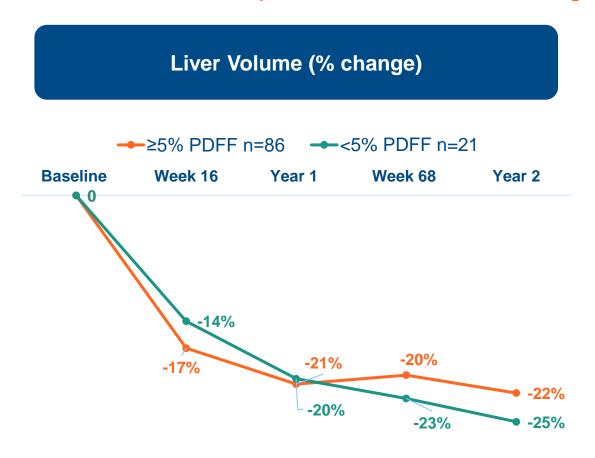
Percent Change from Baseline in Lipid Parameters at Year 2



Statistically significant atherogenic lipid reductions consistent with non-cirrhotic MASH, independent of liver fat content

MRI-Based Liver and Spleen Volume Assessments

Baseline liver fat independent reduction of enlarged MASH cirrhotic livers



- Liver volumes are increased in compensated MASH cirrhosis by approximately 40% relative to expected liver size
- Liver volume (mean) decrease of 22 to 25% by resmetirom was independent of baseline MRI-PDFF
- MRI was used to measure spleen volume. Platelets and spleen volume, both surrogates of portal hypertension, are inversely correlated (CC= -0.6)
- Mean spleen volume was reduced by resmetirom at years 1 and 2 in patients with baseline platelets>100K. Spleen volume change correlated with change in platelets (CC= -0.39) and change in VCTE (CC= 0.32)

Safety Summary after 2-year Open-Label Treatment with Resmetirom

Summary AEs (2 years of treatment)	Resmetirom (n=122)
Any TEAE	113 (93%)
Any SAE	27 (22.1%)
TEAE leading to Trial Discontinuation	3 (2.5%)
Death ¹	2 (1.6%)
Common AEs ²	Resmetirom (n=122)
AE occurring in >15% of patients	
Diarrhea	46 (38%)
Covid-19	38 (31%)
Nausea	38 (31%)
Urinary Tract Infection	33 (27%)
Headache	21 (17%)
Arthralgia	19 (16%)
Fatigue	19 (16%)
Pruritus	20 (16%)
Vomiting	18 (15%)

- Safety data were consistent with previous studies
- Resmetirom was well-tolerated in this high risk population, low discontinuation rate
 - All SAEs unrelated to study drug
- Overall, 6/122 patients experienced decompensation events through two years of treatment
 - 5/6 had either elevated baseline MELD and/or baseline platelets <100k

^{1.} Deaths are Covid and metastatic cancer. 2. Common AE safety data extended beyond two years in some patients.

Summary

Resmetirom was well tolerated over 2 years in patients with well-compensated cirrhosis.

>50% of patients achieved a sustained ≥25% reduction in LSM

Lower VCTEs are associated with less progression to decompensation

Reduced clinically significant portal hypertension risk score based on Baveno and modified Baveno criteria

Clinically significant portal hypertension predicts progression to decompensation

Multiple biomarker and imaging evidence of improvement

Results support the potential clinical benefit of resmetirom in MASH cirrhosis that is being evaluated in the fully enrolled, ongoing MAESTRO-NASH-OUTCOMES trial (n = 845)