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# Potent HCV Antiviral Activity by Inhibiting Fatty Acid Synthase

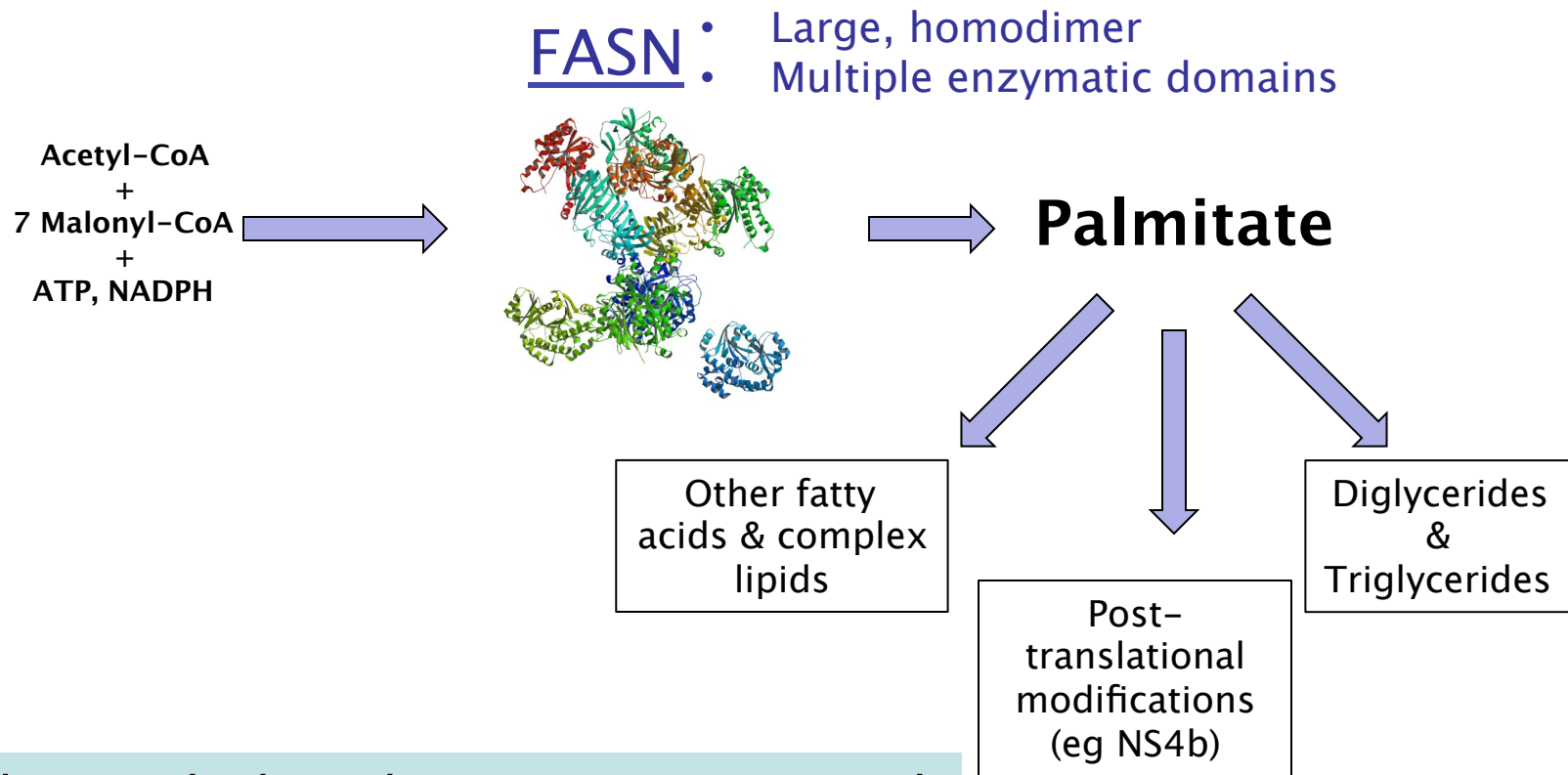
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*Transforming Therapeutics for Infectious Diseases*

# Drug Profile: Rationale & Approach

- Unique mechanism of action to enable the following:
  - Pan genotype antiviral activity
  - Activity against other classes of drug resistant HCV mutants
  - Well tolerated
  - High barrier to resistance
- Approach
  - Identify a cellular protein that is:
    - required for HCV replication
    - not critical for day to day function of the host
  - Develop proprietary compounds that fit with the evolving SOC

# Fatty Acid Synthase (FASN)



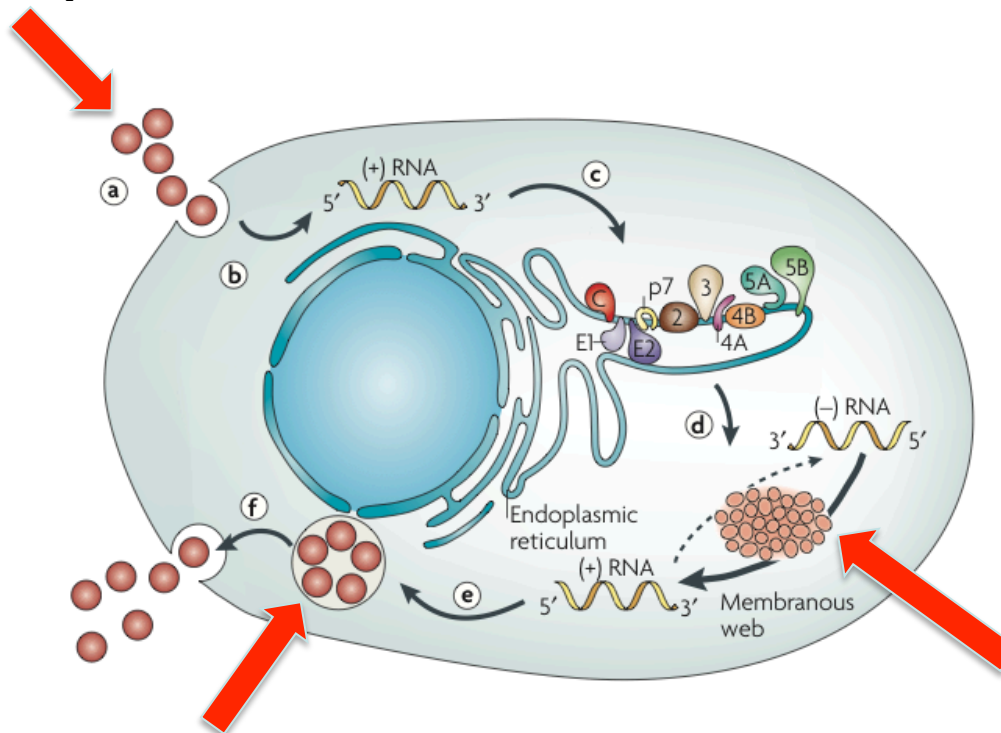
*Adult mice lacking liver FASN are normal*

Maier, et al. *Science*, 2002 PDB ID: 2CF2  
Chakravarthy, et al, *Cell Metabolism*, 2005

# HCV Depends on the FASN Pathway

*FASN and/or its product interact with HCV at multiple points of the viral replication cycle*

**Viral Entry**



**Virus Assembly and Exit**

**RNA Replication**

Yang, et al, *Hepatology*. (2008)

Yu, et al, *J. Virol* (2006)

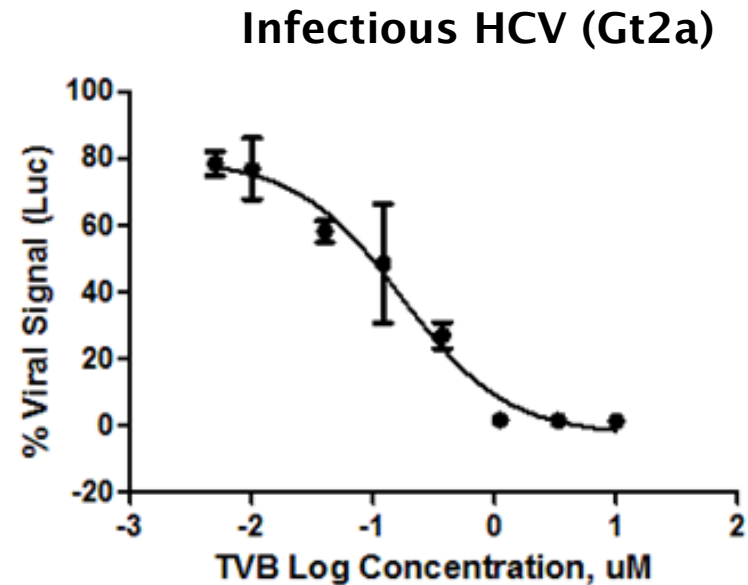
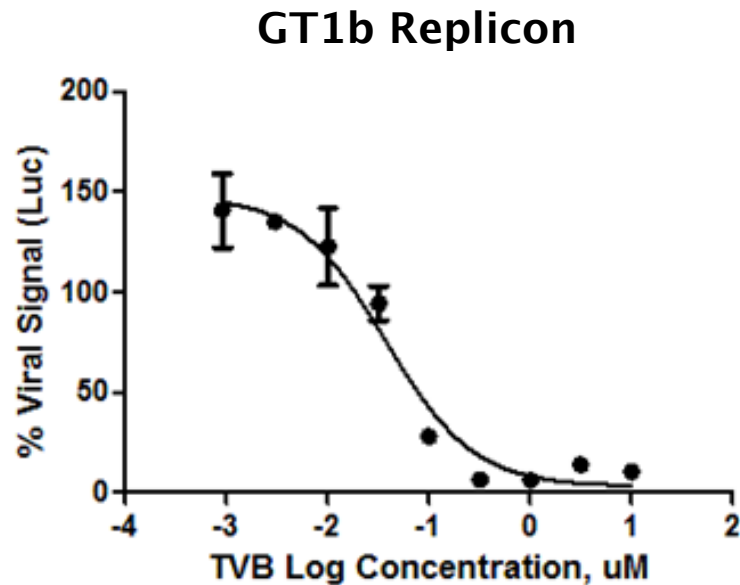
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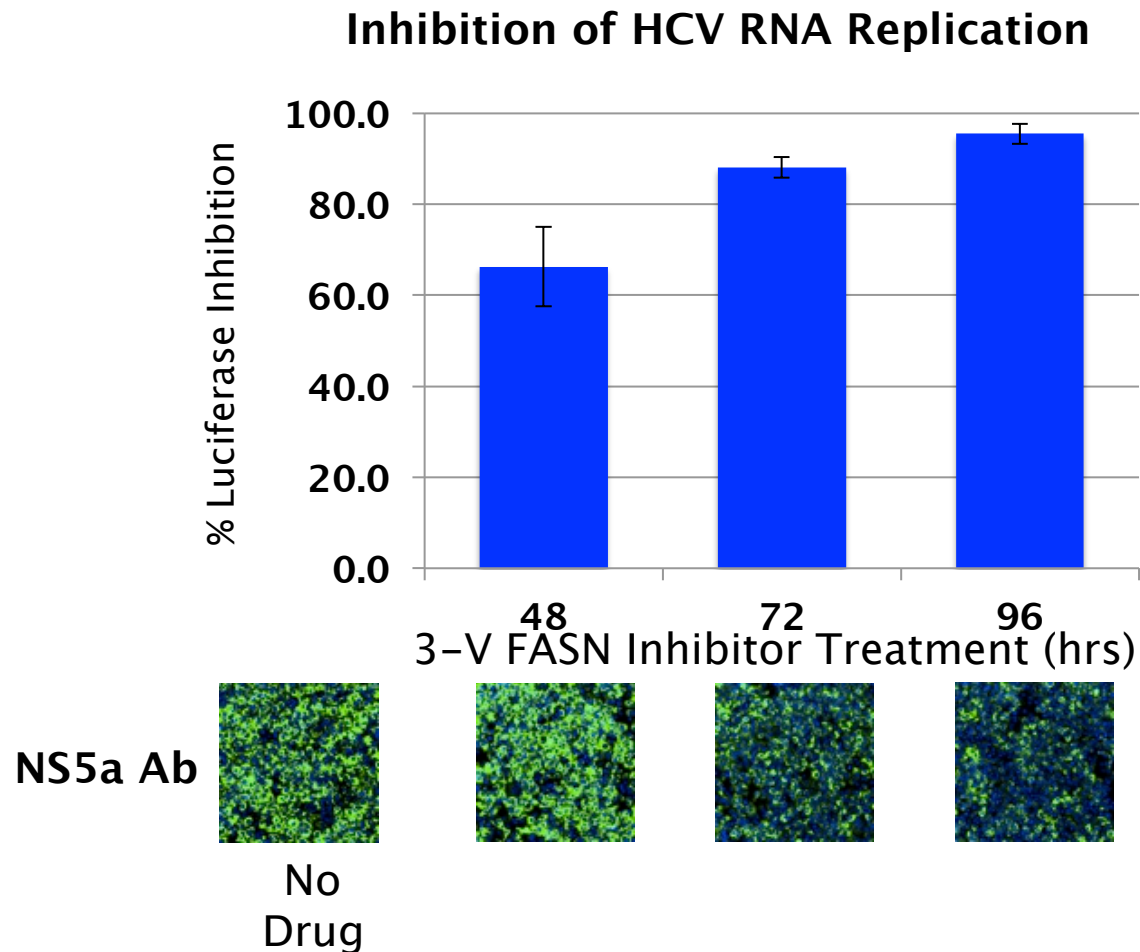
# 3-V Inhibitors Are Potent & Specific



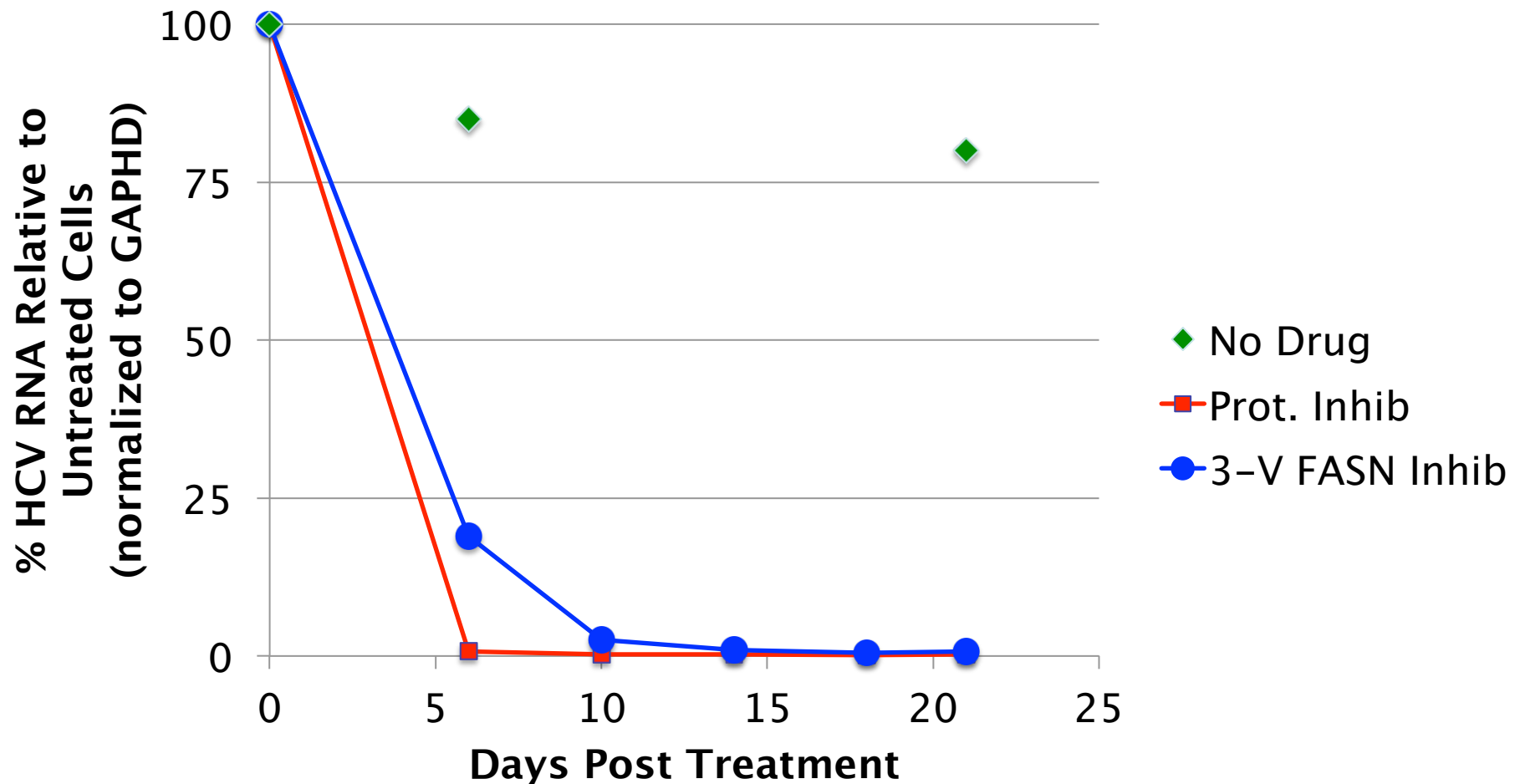
Inhibitory (50%) Concentration			
FASN Enzyme <i>in vitro</i>	FASN Enzyme in cells	GT1b Replicon*	GT2a Virus*
50 nM	40 nM	60 nM	41 nM

\*No toxicity observed at highest concentration tested (10,000 nM)

# FASN Inhibition Blocks HCV RNA Replication & Protein Expression

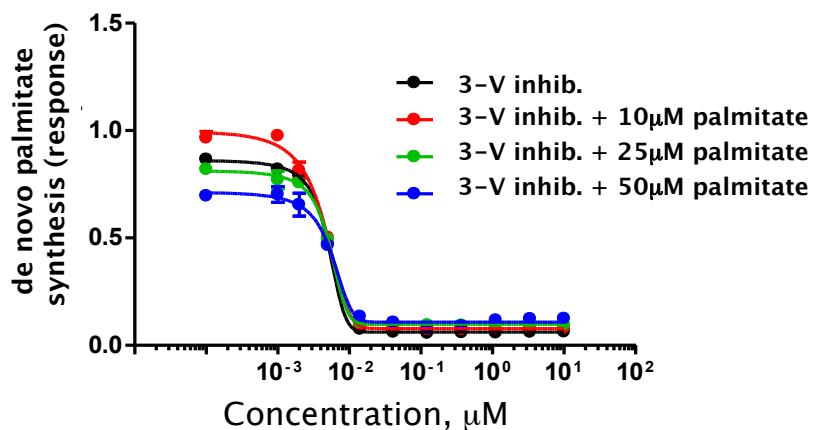
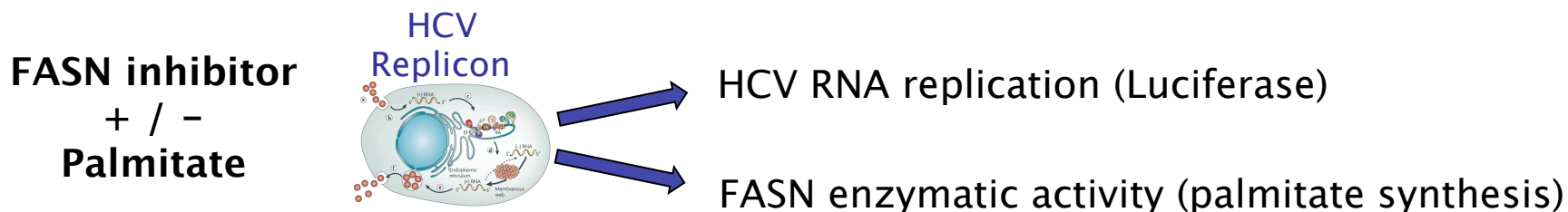


# FASN Inhibition Reduces HCV RNA In Passaged Cell Lines

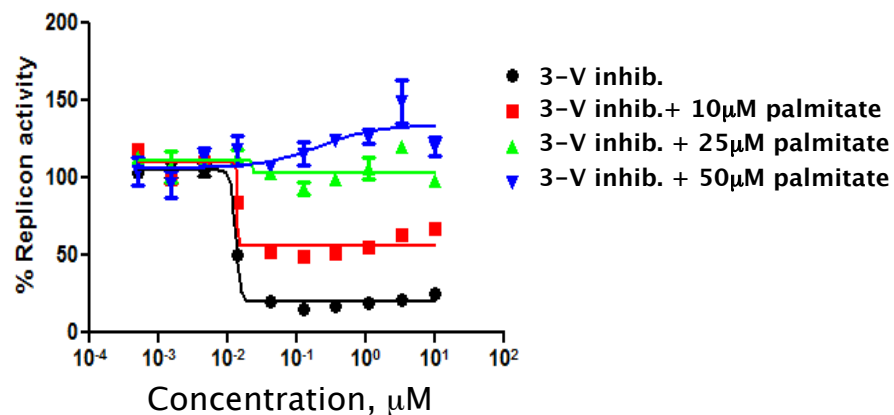


# Targeted Inhibition of FASN

*Palmitate add-back demonstrates on-target mechanism*



*FASN is inhibited*



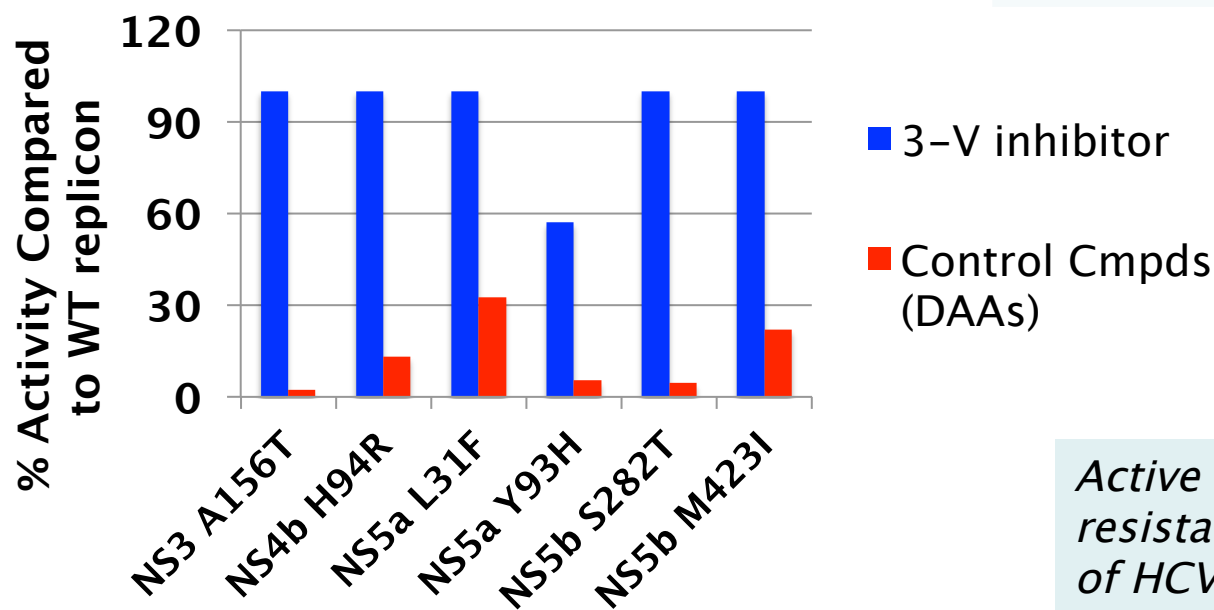
*HCV RNA repl is restored*



# 3-V FASN inhibitors active against a range of HCV variants

*Active across genotypes*

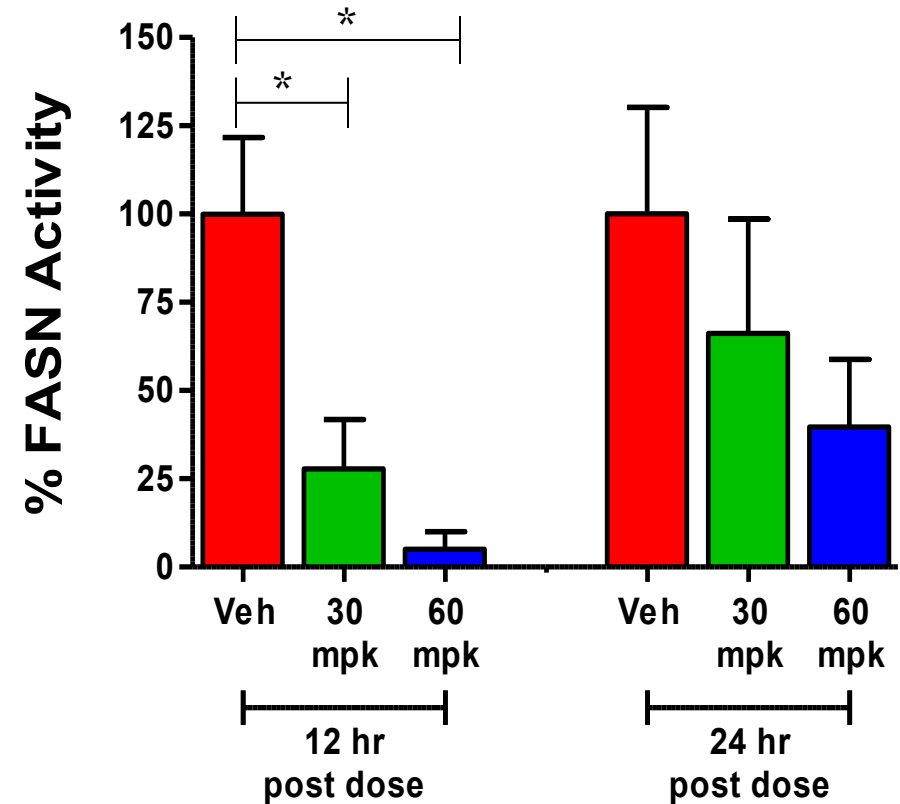
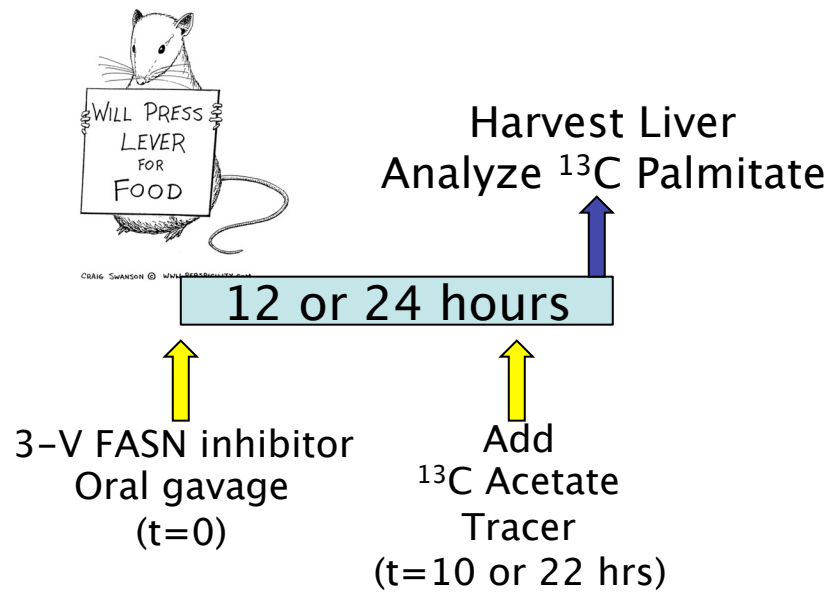
Median Effectiveness Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )		
Gt1a	Gt1b	Gt2
0.06	0.06	0.10



**Drug Resistant Mutation in Gt1b Replicon**

*Active against replicons resistant to other classes of HCV drugs*

# FASN inhibited in rats following oral administration



P < 0.05 Mann-Whitney

# Profile of 3-V's FASN inhibitors

- Attractive compounds with unique mechanism of action
  - On-target activity confirmed
  - Potent ( $EC_{50}$ 's < 100nM)
  - Pan genotype antiviral activity
  - Active against HCV mutants resistant to various classes of DAAs
  - Well tolerated following multiple day dosing at levels that suppress liver FASN in rats
- IND enabling studies underway
- Phase 1 and proof of concept in HCV patients in 2013



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