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A stylized illustration of a liver, rendered in a wireframe mesh style. The main body of the liver is teal, while the two lobes are highlighted in a darker red color. The background of the slide is a dark blue with a subtle pattern of light blue circles.

**Translation of FASN Inhibitor TVB-2640
from Preclinical MOA to Clinical POC in NASH**

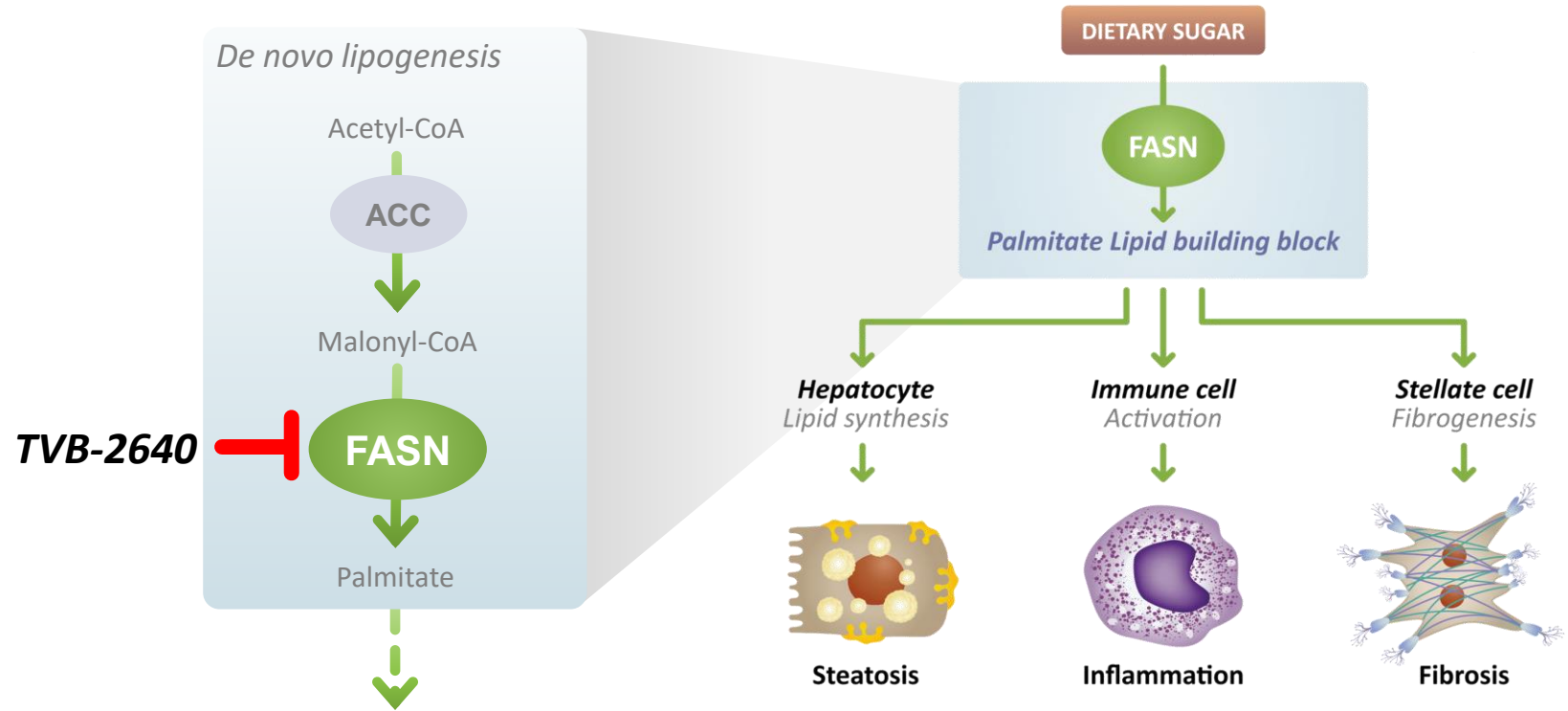
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FASN is a compelling target in NASH: directly involved in 3 key drivers of the disease

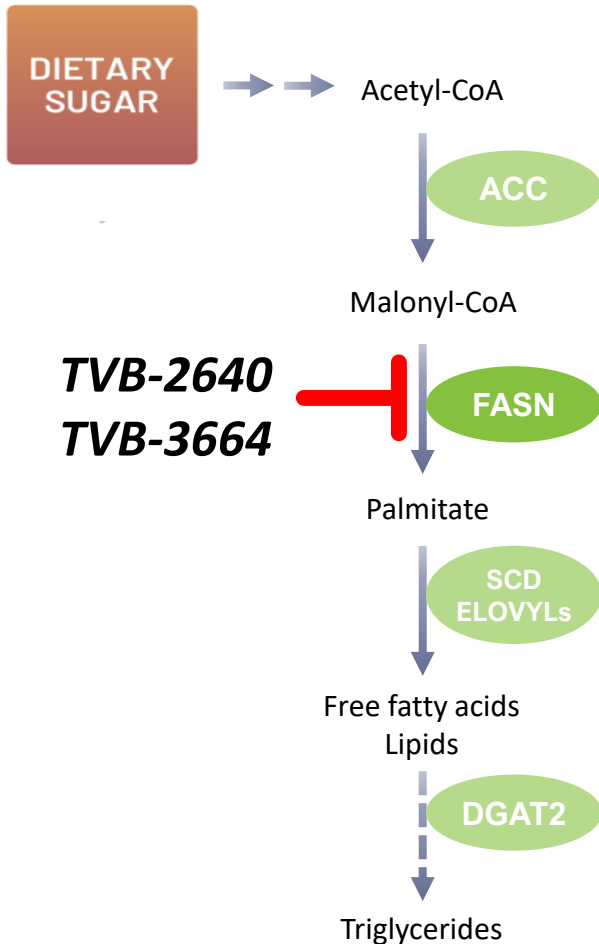


- Lipid synthesis
- Free fatty acids
 - Triglycerides
 - Lipotoxins

FASN in NASH

1. Drives steatosis
2. Activates pro-inflammatory cells
3. Activates stellate cells

TVB-2640 is a potent FASN inhibitor in clinical development



TVB-2640: in clinical development for NASH

- Orally-available small molecule (MW=440)
- Once-daily dosing (10-12 hr half-life in blood)
- Potent (EC50~50 nM)
- Dose-dependent, predictable PK/PD
- Inhibits hepatic de novo lipogenesis, Phase 1b

TVB-3664: used for preclinical efficacy only

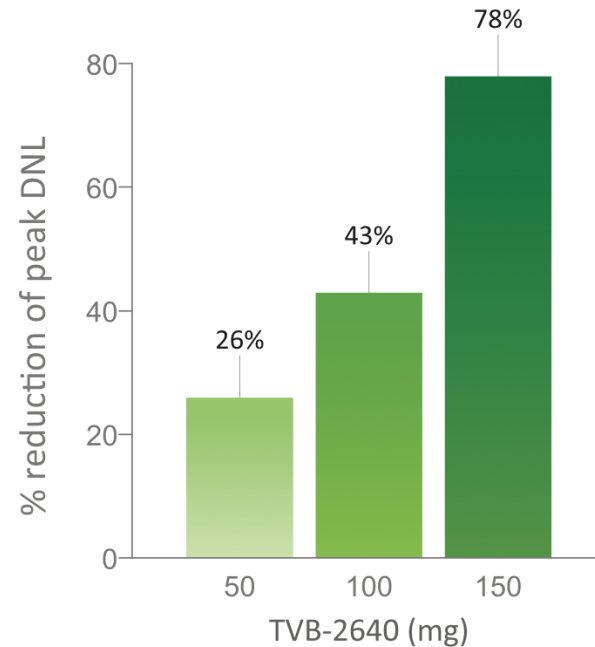
- A related FASN inhibitor with similar human FASN potency¹
- Superior properties for mouse studies than TVB-2640
 - Better mouse PK and higher potency against murine FASN

The role for FASN in liver fat synthesis is well documented and proven

TVB-2640 reduces de novo lipogenesis and liver fat in clinical studies

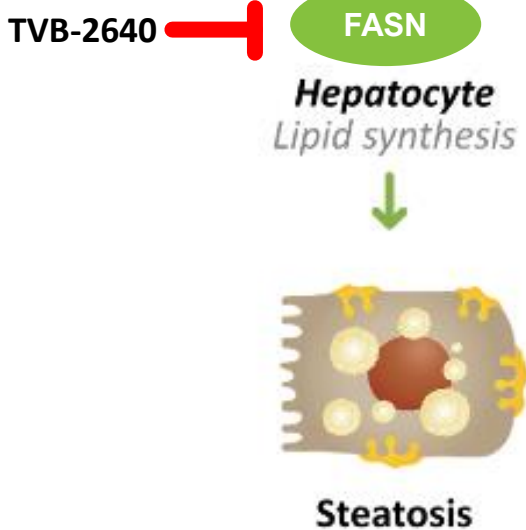
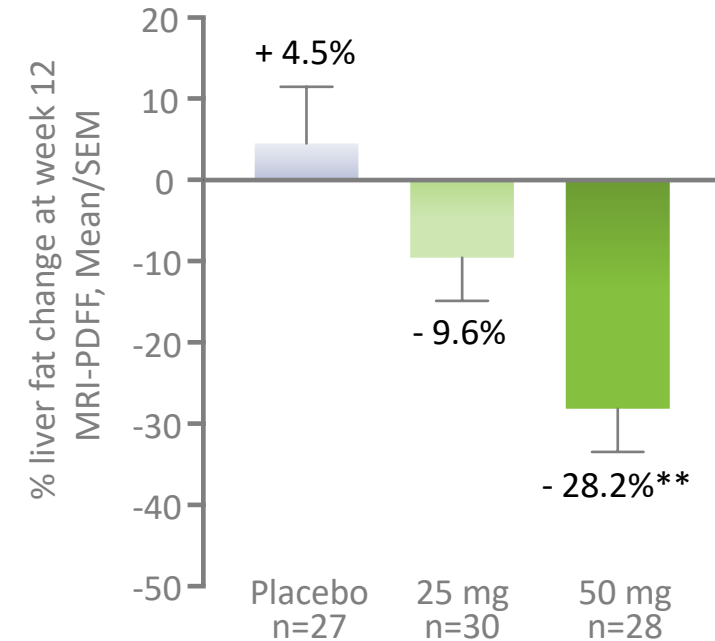
Reduces hepatic DNL in human

- Phase 1b ¹³C-acetate tracer study¹
- 10 days of TVB-2640 treatment



Reduces liver fat in NASH patients

- Phase 2 FASCINATE-1 MRI-PDFF study
- 12 weeks TVB-2640 treatment



¹Syed-Abdul et al, 2020 Hepatology, 72; 103-118. (Fructose challenge initiated 12 hr after the last dose of TVB-2640)

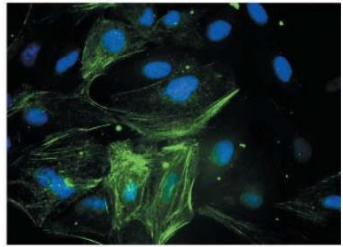
²Loomba et al., Gastroenterology, 2021, Jul 23, doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2021.07.025.

Liver fat reduction is independent of T2D, baseline MRE and baseline liver fat. **p<0.005, ***p<0.001. LSM difference versus placebo. Mean/SEM.

FASN inhibitor decreases fibrogenic gene expression in human hepatic stellate cell line

Direct effect on stellate cell line

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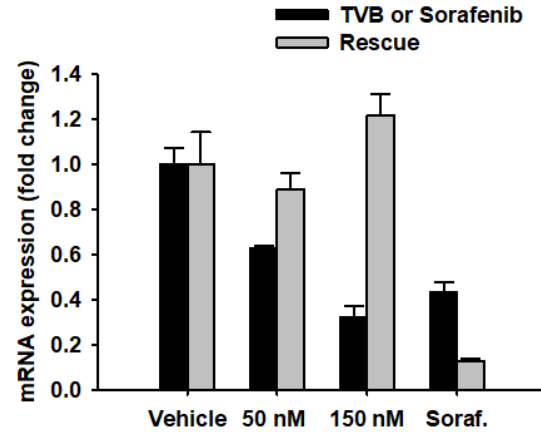


Human hepatic stellate cell line – activated

1. Treat 48 hr
2. RT-qPCR
3. No drug “rescue” 48 hr
4. RT-qPCR

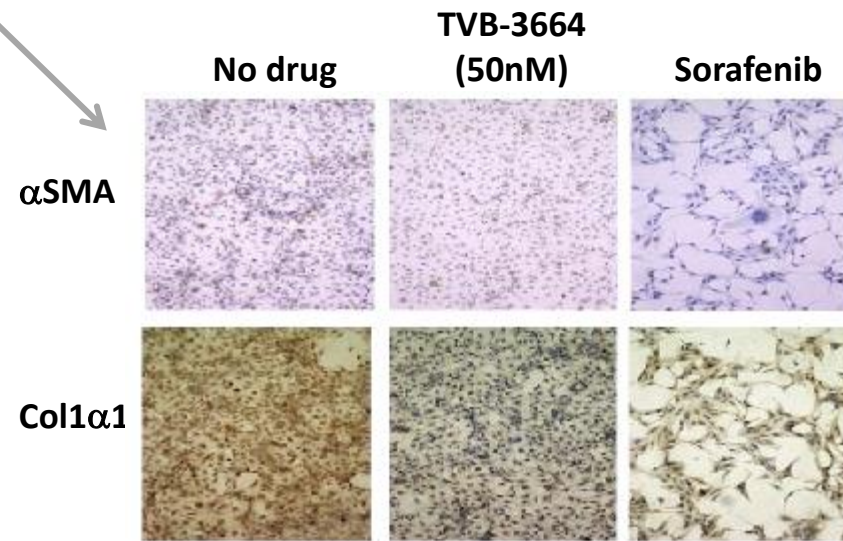
1. Treat 48 hr
2. IHC

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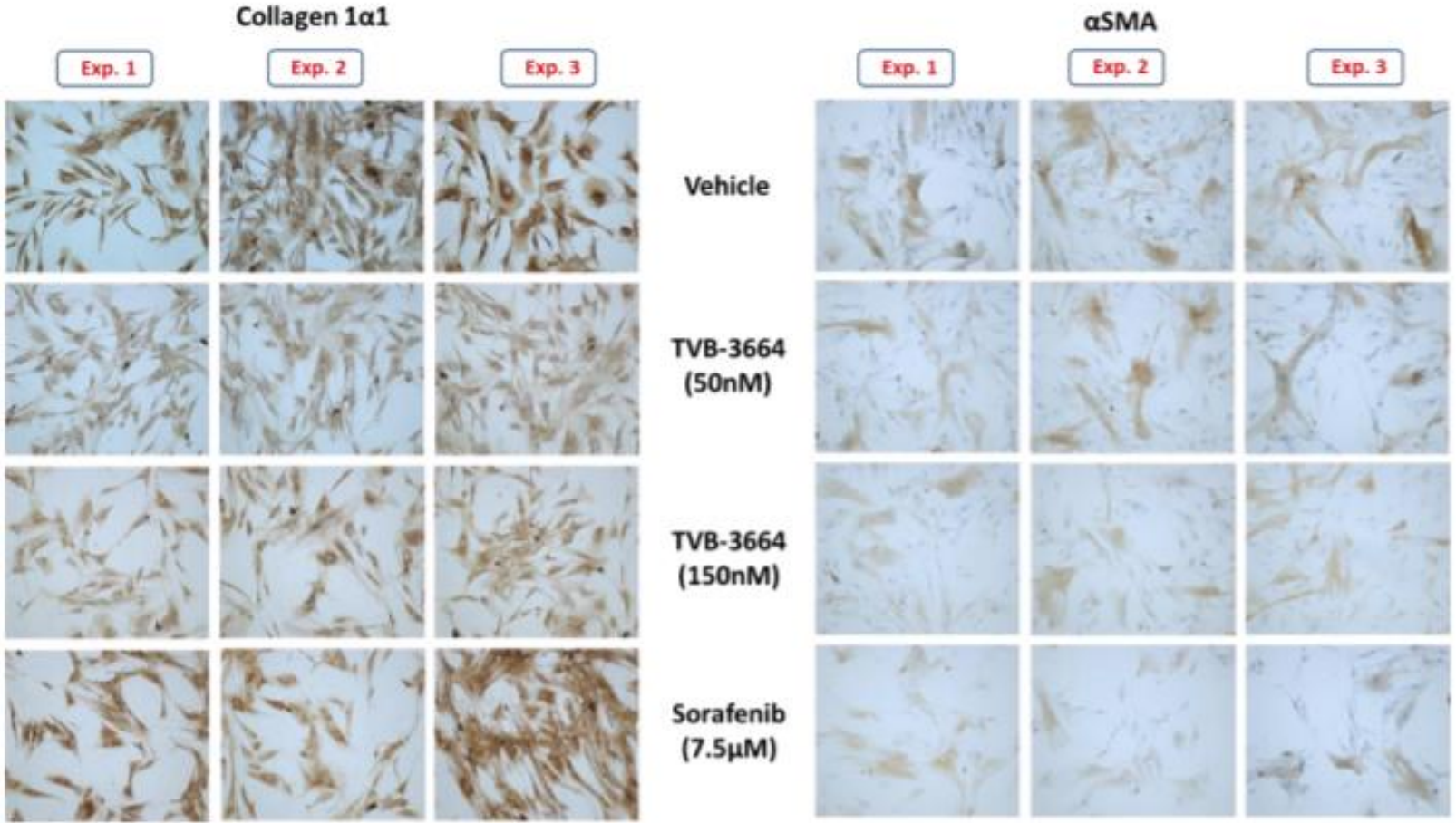
TVB-3664

- Dose dependent
- Rescuable
- Not cytotoxic

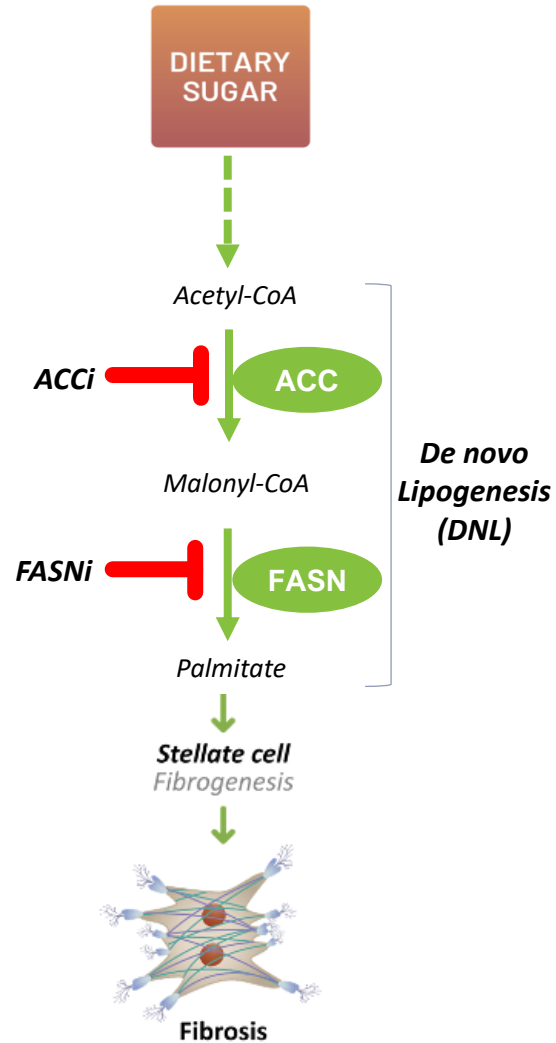


Fibrogenic Gene	Human Hepatic Stellate Cells % downregulation,	
	50 nM TVB-3664	150 nM TVB-3664
Col1a1	37%	68%
aSMA	37%	60%
bPDGF-R	0%	53%
TFGb-R1	0%	54%
TIMP1	19%	8%
TIMP2	12%	24%
MMP2	0%	50%

Decreased collagen and smooth muscle actin expression in primary human hepatic stellate cells

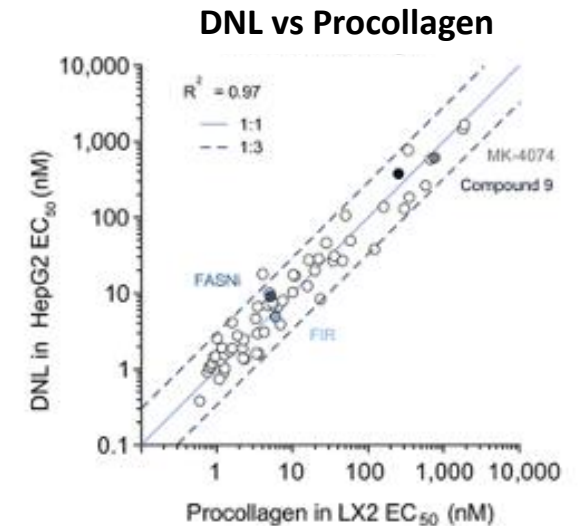
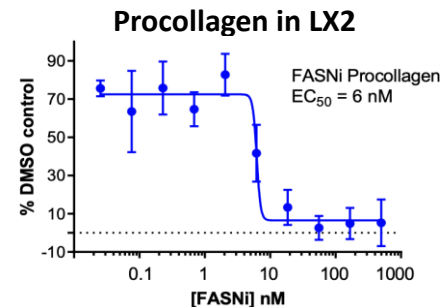
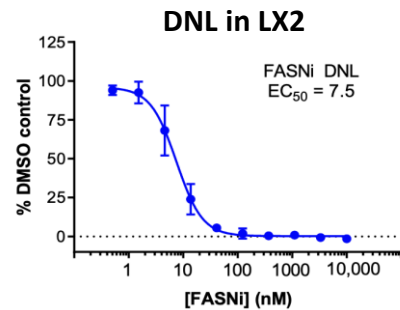
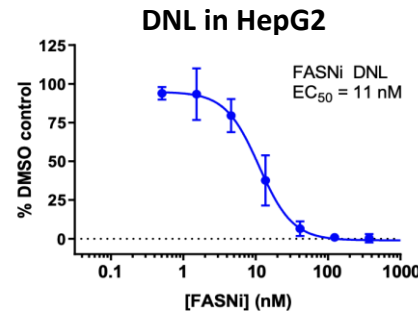


DNL pathway is required for stellate cell activation, production of collagen and fibrogenic activity



FASN inhibitor decreased DNL and procollagen in stellate cells

Strong correlation across large panel of FASN & ACC inhibitors



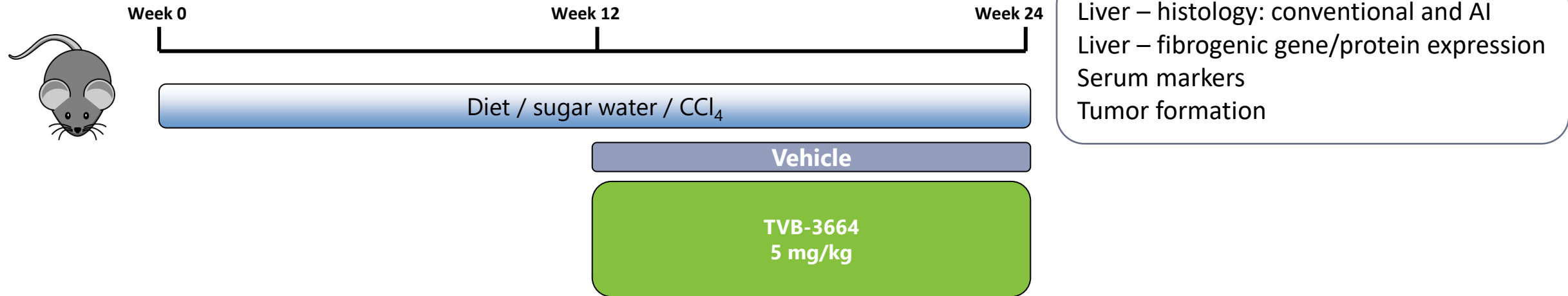
HSCs became quiescent with suppressed glycolysis and mitochondrial oxidation

Data from Bates et al., 2020.
J Hepatol, 20;30281-6

FASN inhibitor TVB-3664 tested in the CCl₄ liver fibrosis model

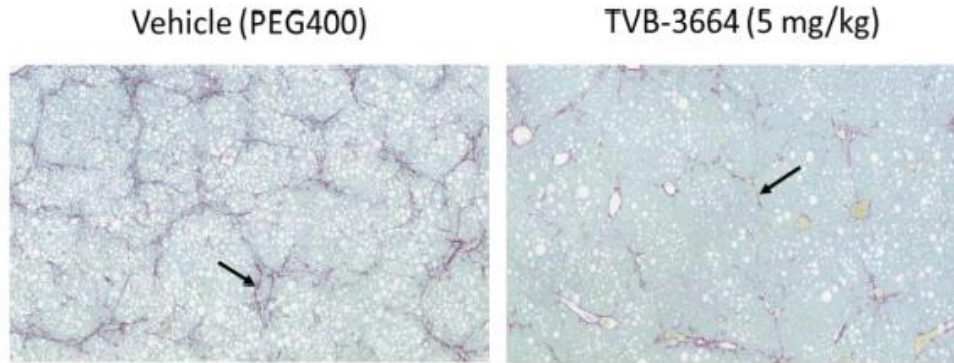
Murine model developed by Dr. Scott Friedman

- Western diet, sugar water, weekly CCl₄ injection
- Initiate treatment after 12 weeks
- At 24 weeks, control animals have developed cirrhosis & hepatocellular carcinoma



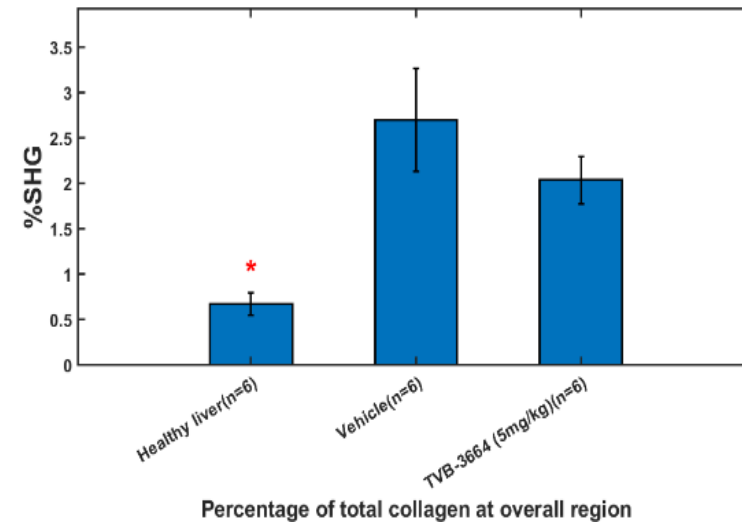
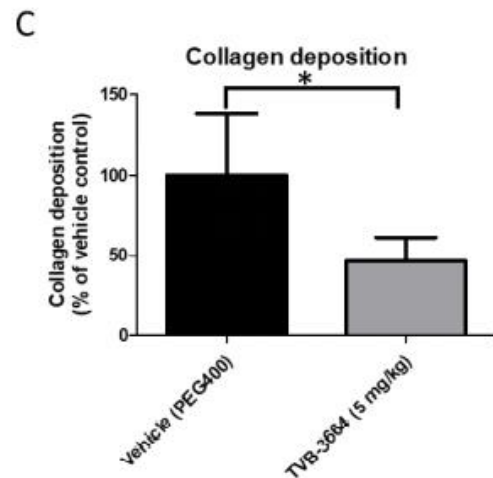
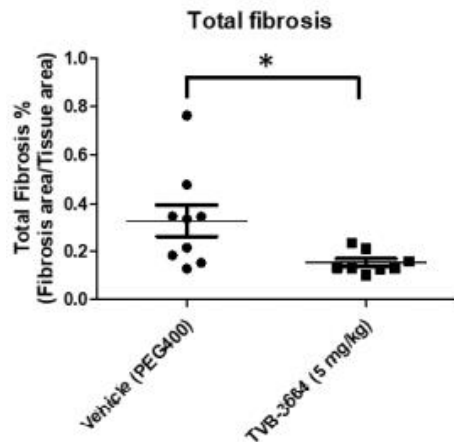
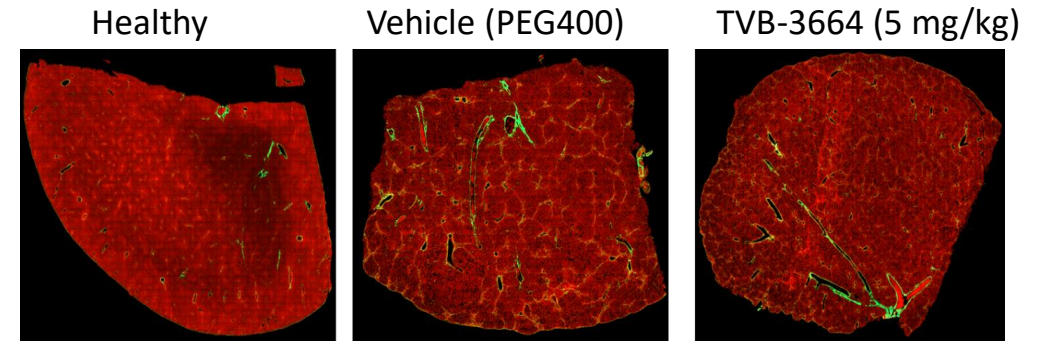
TVB-3664 reduces established fibrosis and HCC in the CCl4 liver fibrosis model

Reduces fibrosis: Conventional histology



Sirius red

Reduces fibrosis: AI-based SHG analysis (HistoIndex)

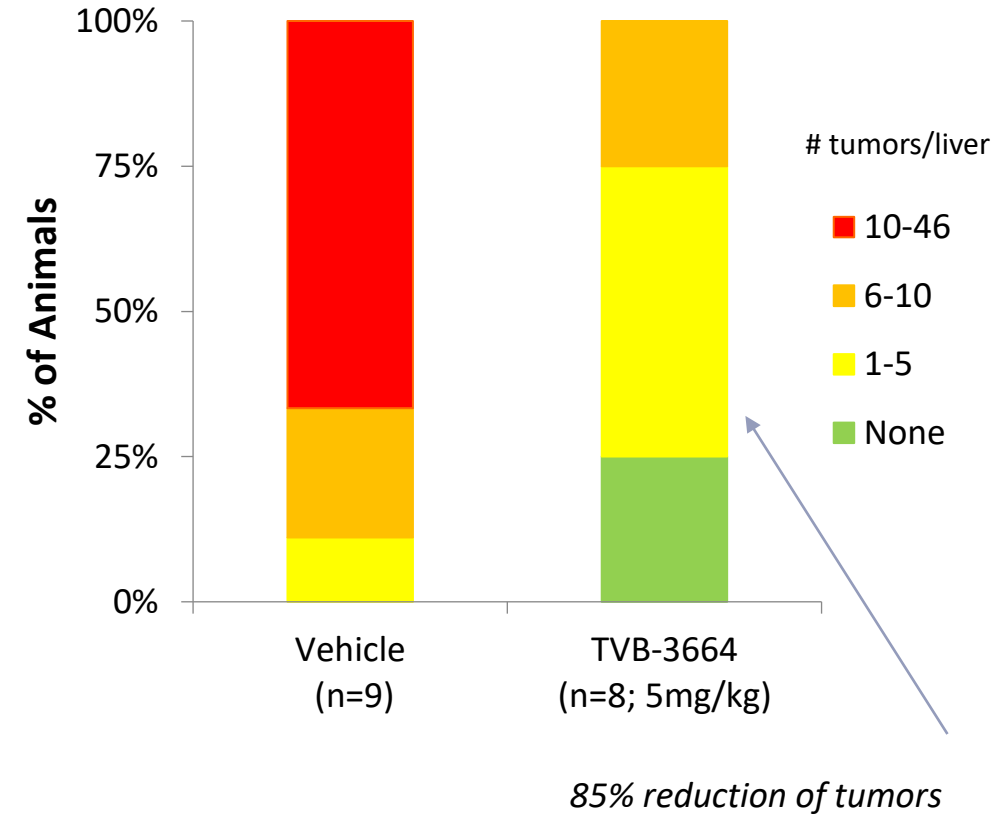


TVB-3664 reduced hepatic fibrosis and formation of liver tumors

Decreased fibrogenic gene expression, ALT and TGs

Assay	Parameter	Vehicle	TVB-3664 5mg/kg
mRNA expression (fold-change)	Col1α1	1 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.05*
	αSMA	1 ± 0.09	0.5 ± 0.02*
	βPDGFR	1 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.03*
	TGFβR1	1 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.04
	TIMP1	1 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.02*
	TIMP2	1 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.02*
	MMP2	1 ± 0.2	0.2 ± 0.03*
Protein expression (fold-change)	Col1α1	100.0 ± 18.3	50.6 ± 11.4*
	αSMA	100.0 ± 20.8	63.6 ± 9.64
Liver enzyme & lipid panel (fold-change)	AST	100.0 ± 12.9	79.5 ± 16.2
	ALT	100.0 ± 12.01	50.8 ± 5.9*
	Chol	100.0 ± 10.6	89.6 ± 8.6
	TriG	100.0 ± 11.9	68.6 ± 5.1*

Blocked tumor formation

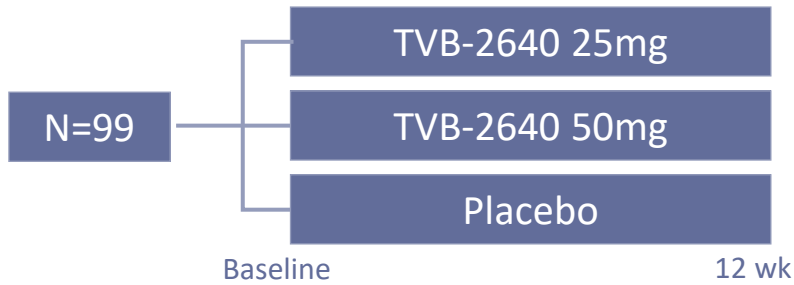


Ph2a study FASCINATE-1

FASN inhibitor TVB-2640 showed potent, dose-dependent reduction of liver fat, with high responder rate

FASCINATE-1

A multi-center, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 2 trial



TVB-2640

- FASN inhibitor
- Once daily oral small molecule

Primary

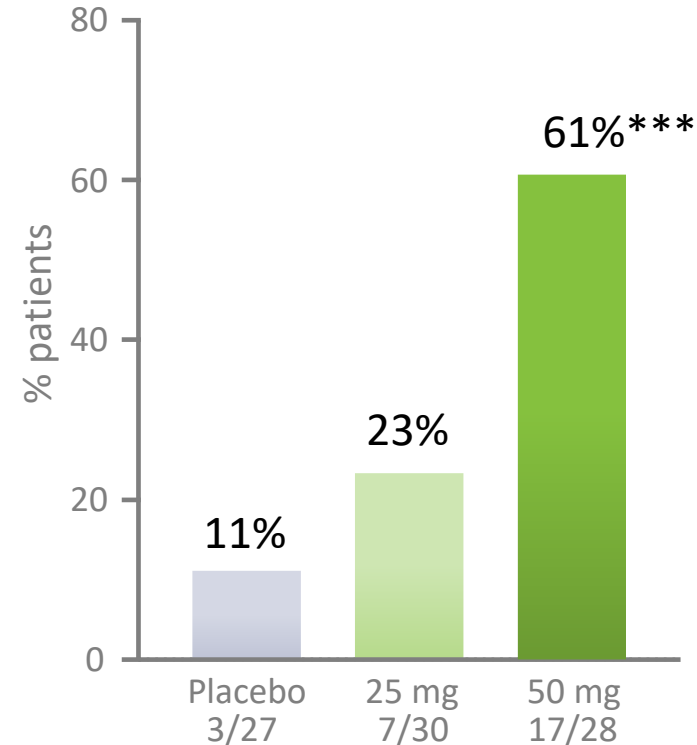
- Liver fat reduction by MRI-PDFF
- Safety

Secondary

- % pts $\geq 30\%$ reduction of liver fat
- ALT, AST
- Serum biomarkers

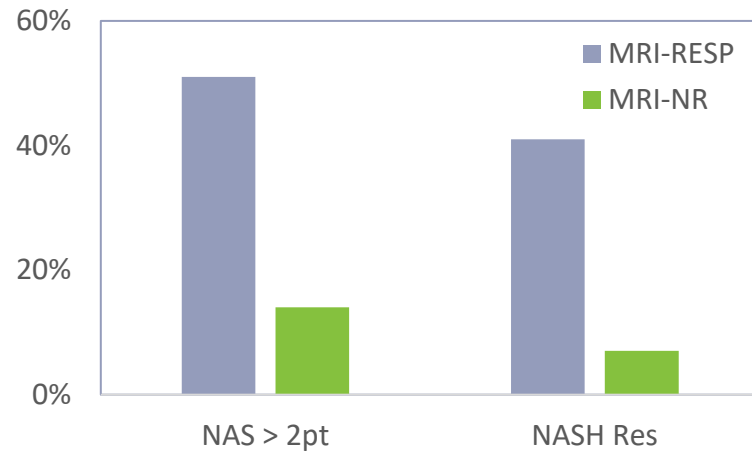
Liver fat responder frequency

$\geq 30\%$ relative reduction at week 12



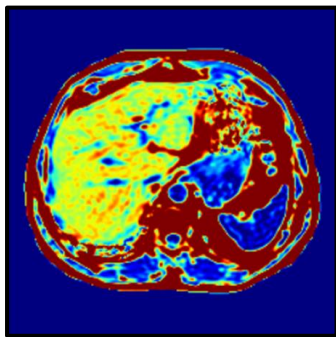
≥30% reduction of liver fat predicts critical biopsy endpoints

MRI responders have improved liver tissue at biopsy

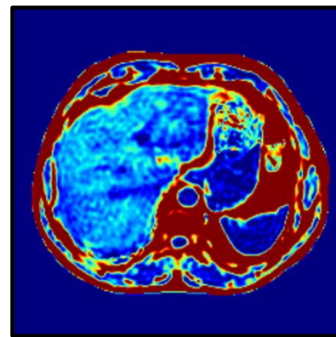


Biopsy endpoints correlated with MRI-PDFF response

- ≥2-point improvement in NAFLD Activity Score (NAS)
 - NASH resolution
 - Fibrosis improvement
- } FDA accelerated approval

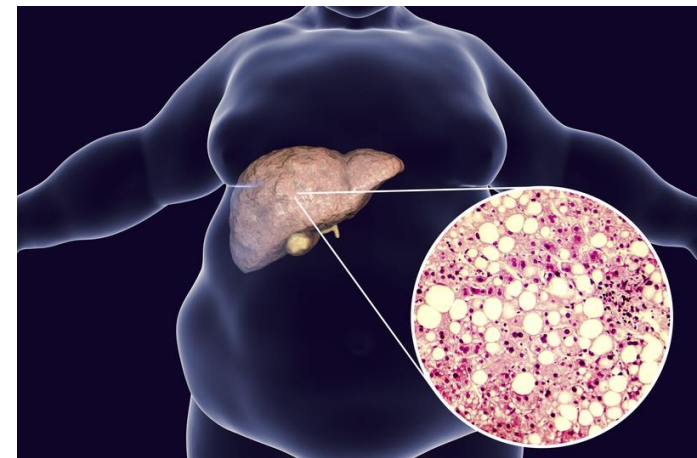


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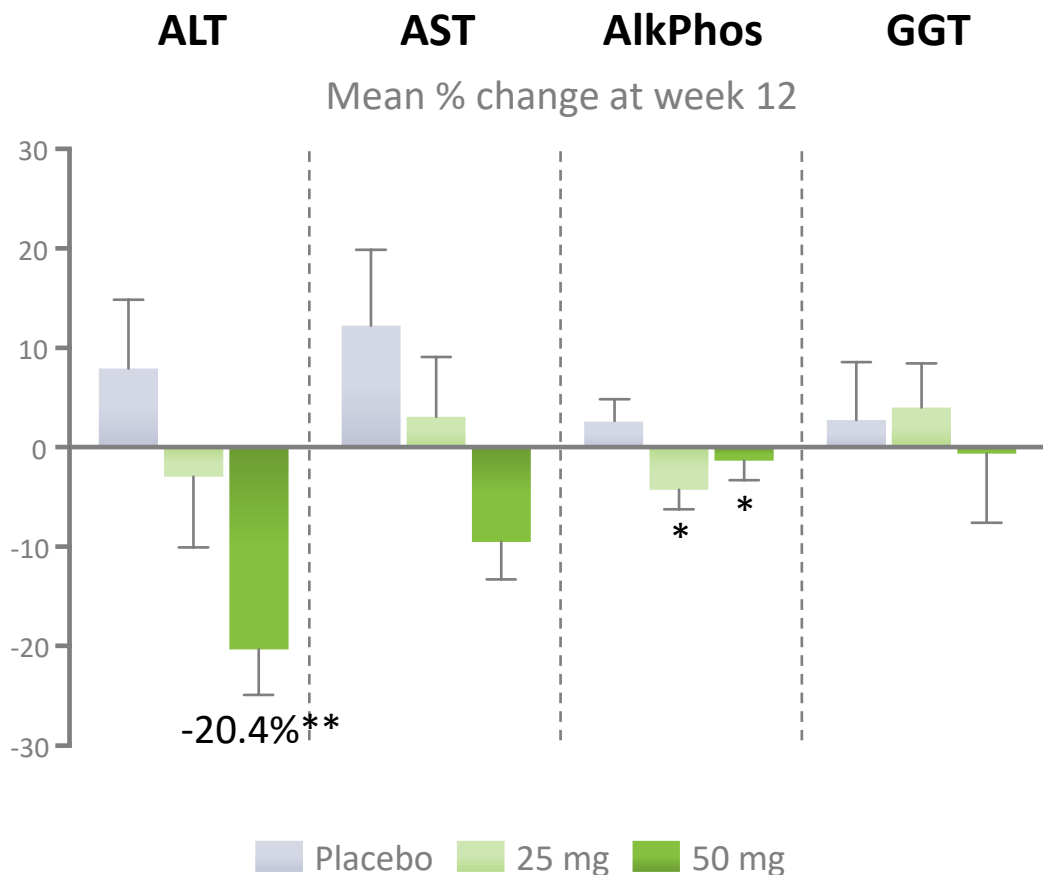
Week 12

Correlation demonstrated across 7 studies



Dose-dependent improvement in liver health markers

Normalization achieved in up to 58% of patients with ALT > ULN



Baseline median ALT 28 U/L (range 8-163)

**p<0.005, *p<0.05. Mean ±SEM. LSM difference versus placebo

Patients with baseline >ULN ALT only ¹

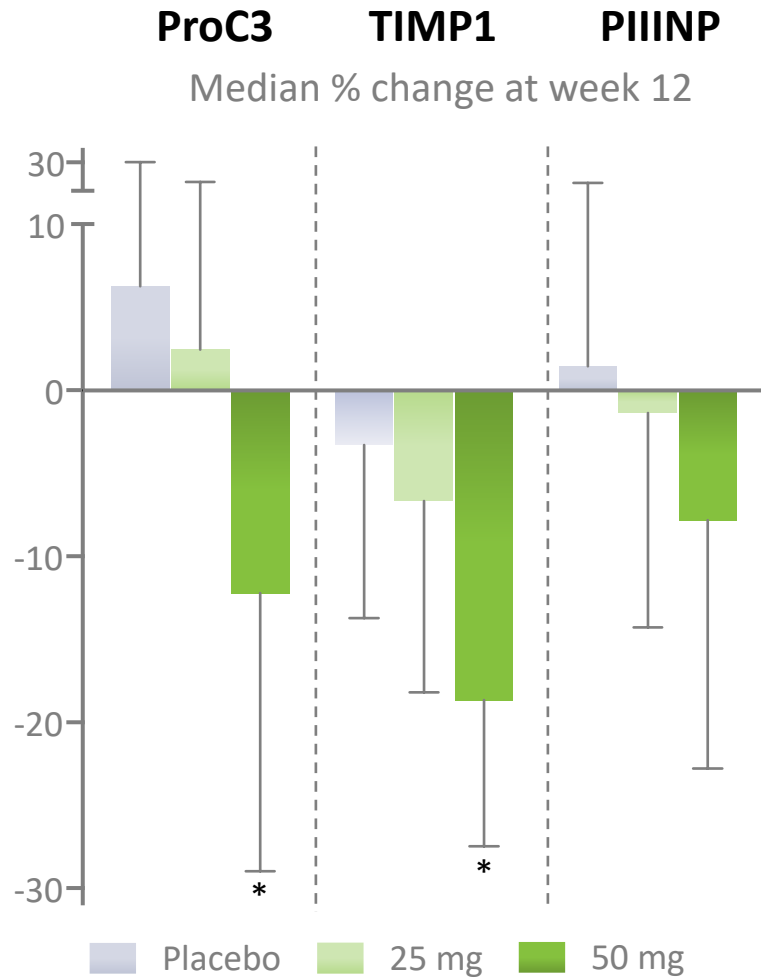
	Mean ALT change at week 12		≥17 U/L decrease at week 12		Normalization at week 12	
	n	%, absolute	N	% pts	n	% pts
placebo	11	+15%, +10 U/L ²	2/11	18%	3/11	27%
25 mg	9	-16%, -6 U/L	3/9	30%	3/9	33%
50 mg	12	-24% , -19U/L	6/12	50%	7/12	58%

Patients with high baseline ALT show clear decrease with TVB-2640

¹ ALT ULN: male 41 U/L, female 33 U/L

² median placebo change of -5% and +1U/L

Decreased levels of fibrosis markers

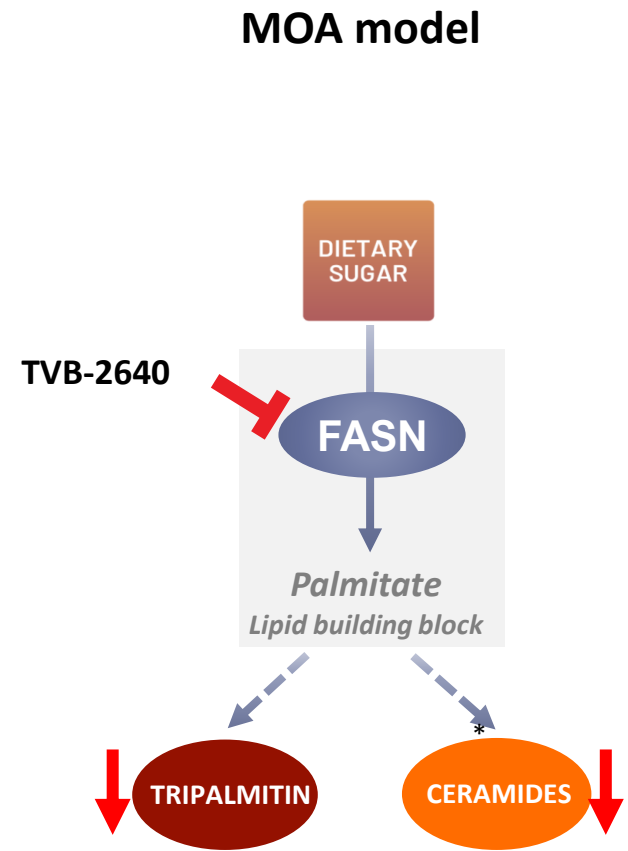
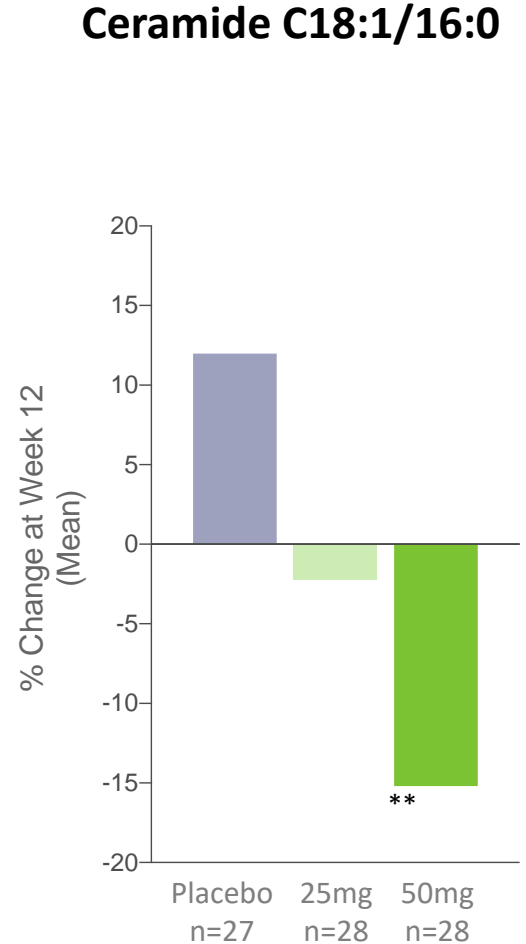
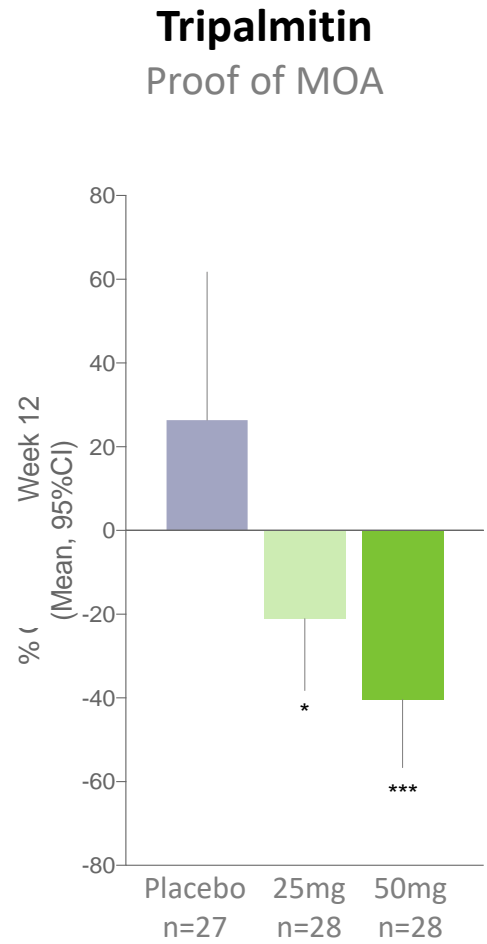
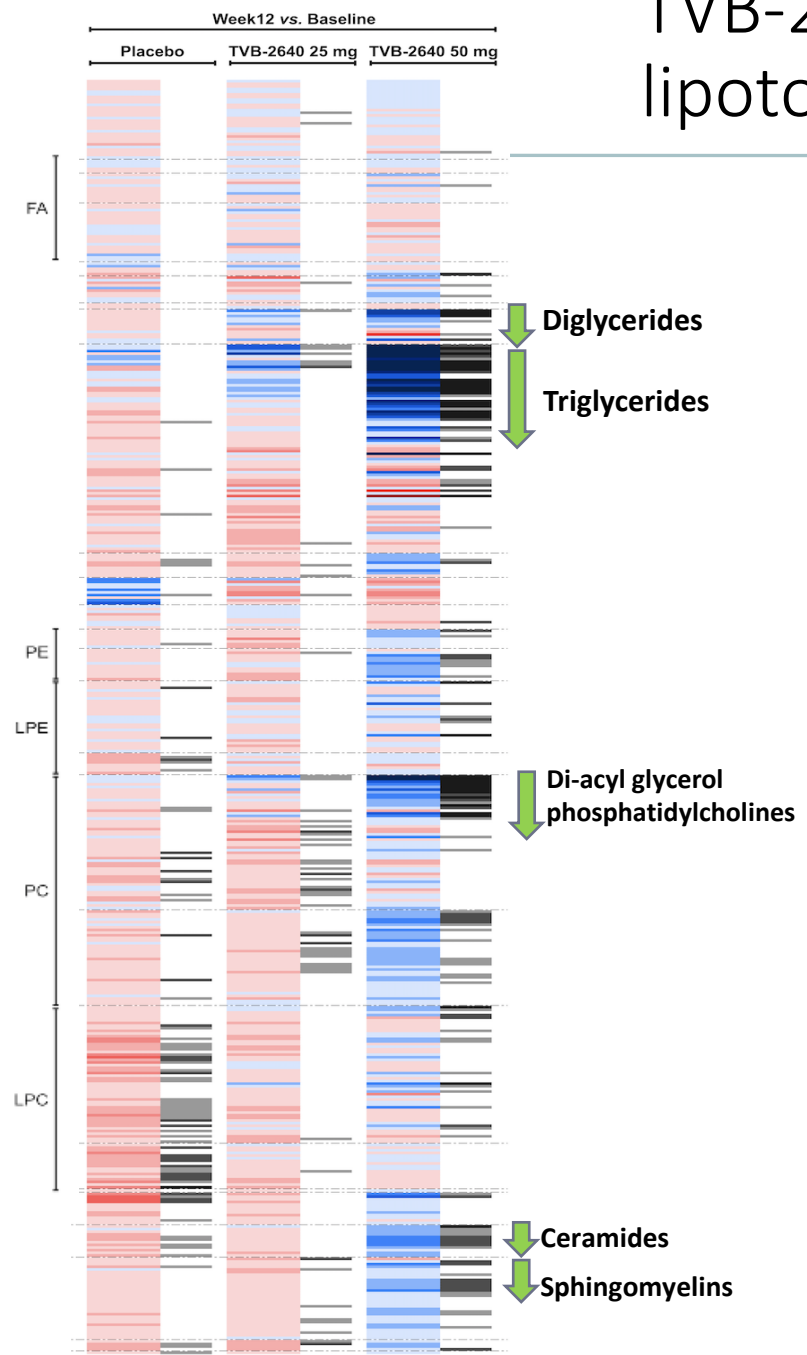


ProC3 correlates with NASH fibrosis stage

- Marker of active type III collagen formation
- Baseline 17ng/mL (median) – F2-F3

Changes in fibrosis markers consistent with preclinical results

TVB-2640 reduces tripalmitin and significantly reduces lipotoxic ceramides

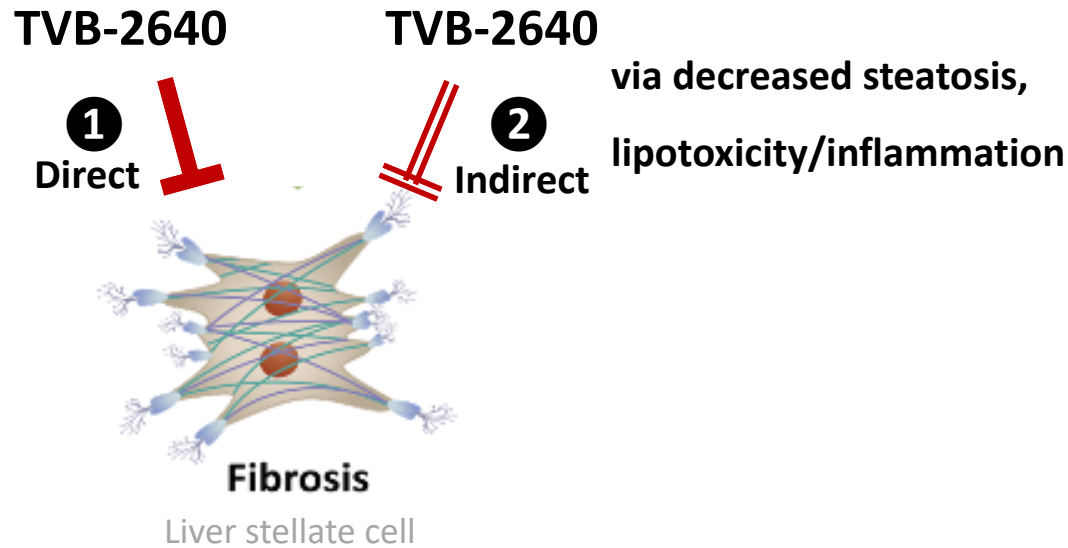


* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$, *** $p < 0.001$. Mann Whitney U test vs placebo for tripalmitin. Wilcoxon signed rank test for ceramide.

Preclinical and clinical results support FASN as a compelling target in NASH

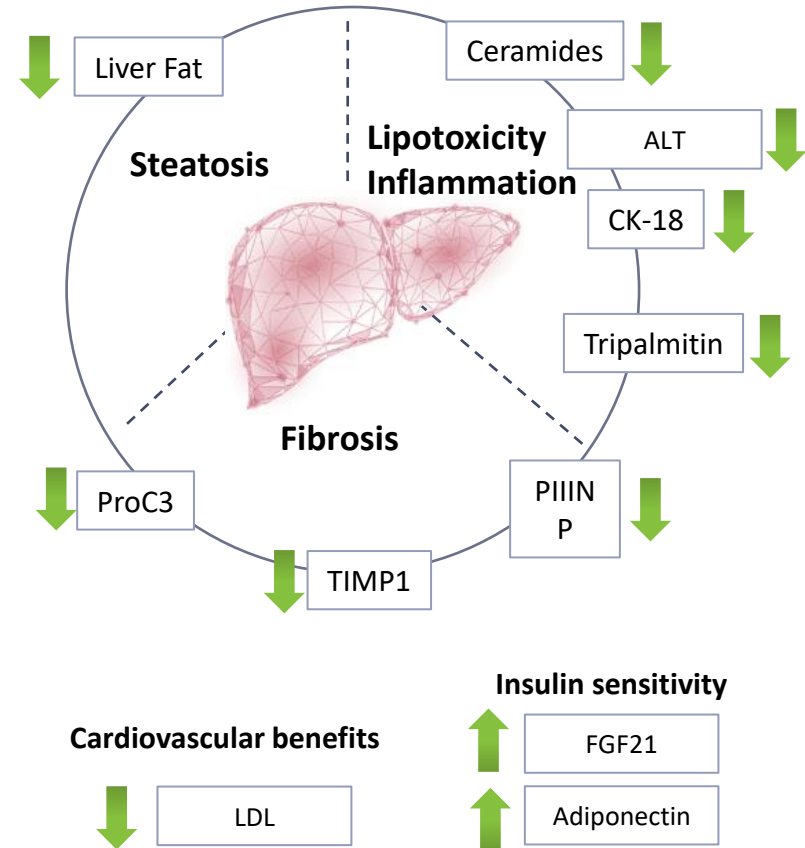
Mechanistic Studies

- Directly reduces hepatic de novo lipogenesis
- Direct inhibition of hepatic stellate cells and efficacy in mouse CCl4 NASH model with severe fibrosis
- Directly reduces inflammatory activity and Th17 cell development (earlier publications)



Ph2a FASCINATE-1 results

- FASNi therapy affects steatosis, markers of lipotoxicity/inflammation, fibrosis and metabolism



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