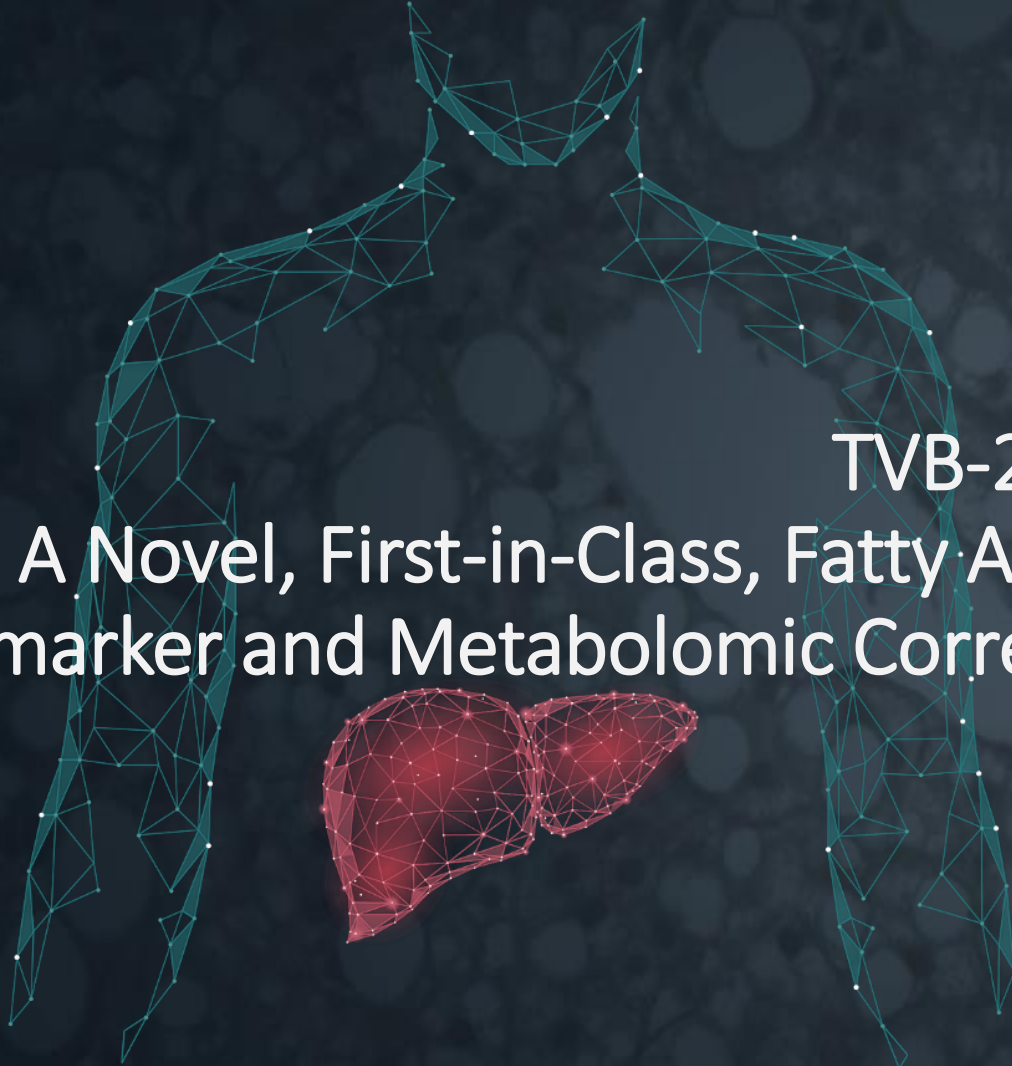




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TVB-2640,  
A Novel, First-in-Class, Fatty Acid Synthase (FASN) Inhibitor,  
Biomarker and Metabolomic Correlations With MRI-PDFF Response

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# Outline

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FASN background

Phase 2a FASCINATE-1

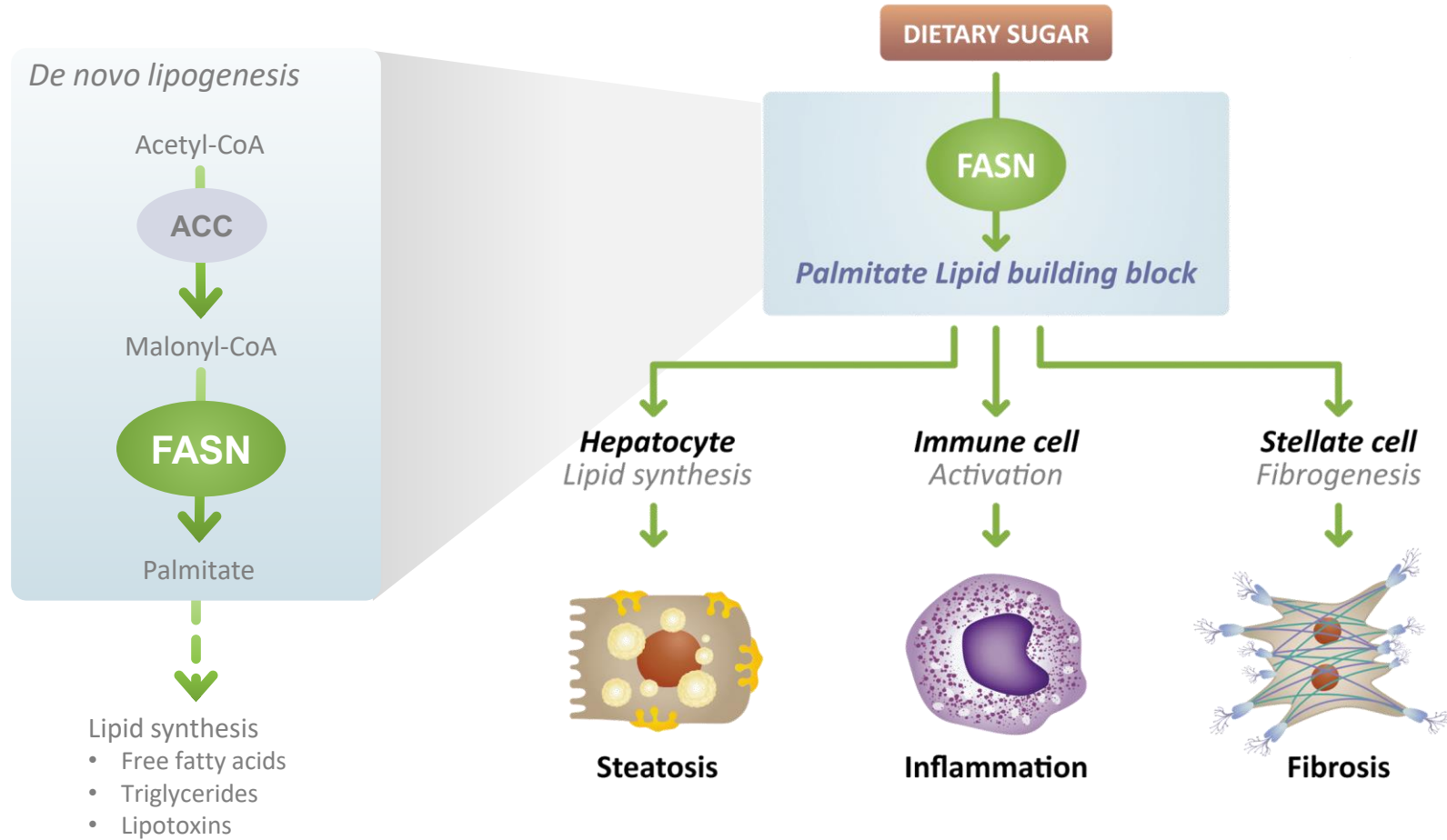
Efficacy

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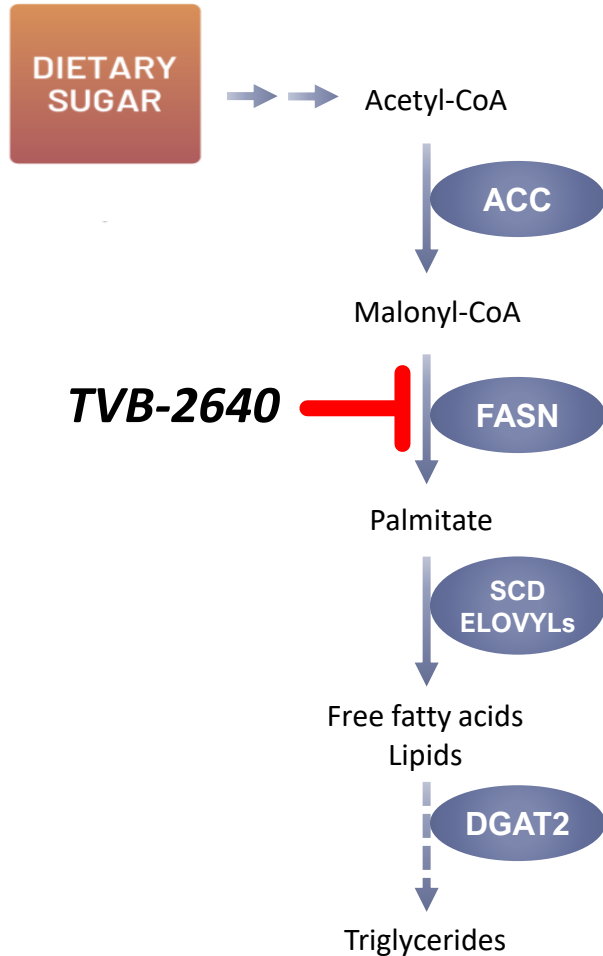
Predictive lipidomics

# FASN is a compelling target in NASH

*Directly involved in 3 key drivers of the disease*



# TVB-2640 is designed to be a potent fat synthesis inhibitor

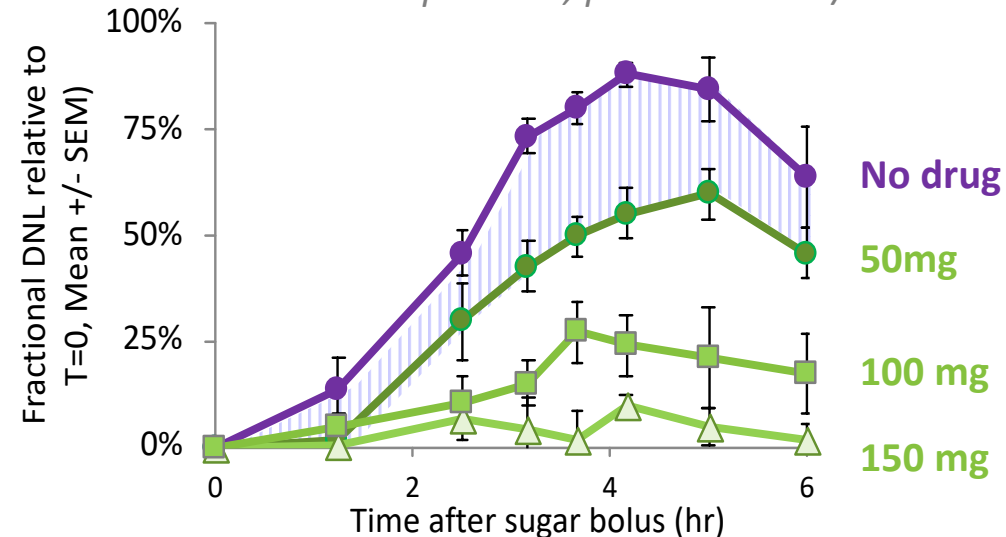


## TVB-2640 – first-in-human FASN inhibitor

- Orally-available small molecule (MW=440)
- Once-daily dosing (10-12 hr half-life in blood)
- Efficacy in preclinical NASH models
  - In vitro stellate cells, pro-inflammatory cells, liver microtissues
  - Diet induced mouse models - Gubra
  - FAT-NASH CCl4 mouse model - Scott Friedman

## TVB-2640 inhibits liver fat synthesis in Phase 1 clinical trial

*Dose-dependent, predictable PK/PD*



# FASCINATE-1 Phase 2a Study Design

Phase 2a, global, multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled trial

Oral, once-daily, 12 weeks

## Primary Endpoints

- Liver fat reduction by MRI-PDFF
- Safety

## Secondary Endpoints

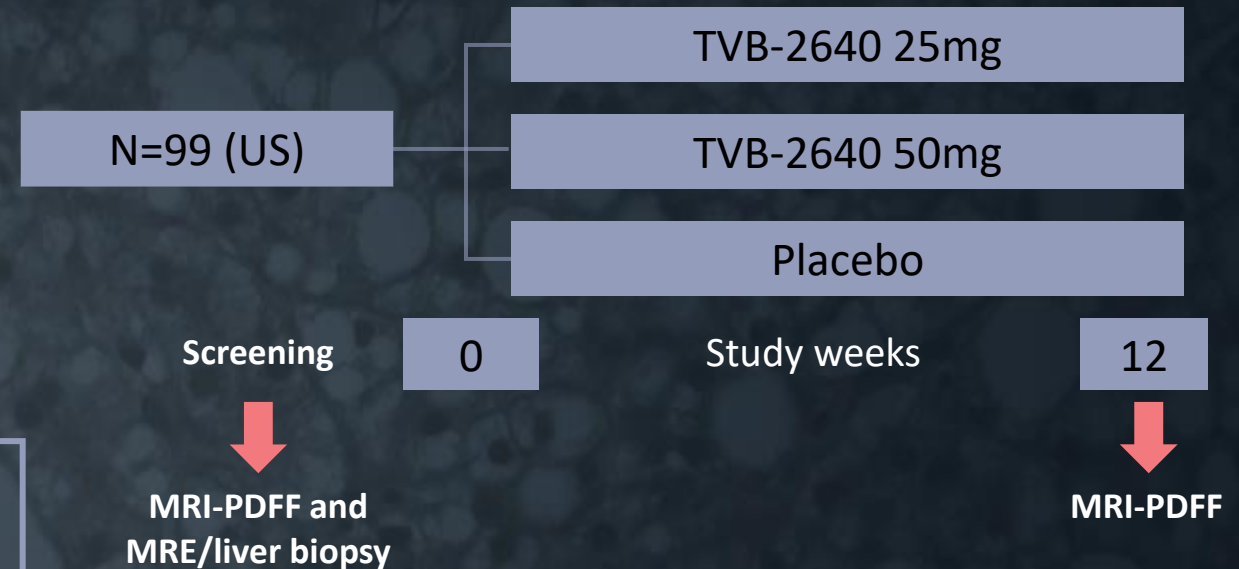
- % pts  $\geq 30\%$  reduction of liver fat
- ALT, AST

## Comprehensive biomarkers in US placebo, 25 mg and 50 mg

- Fibrosis markers
- Inflammation markers
- Lipidomics
- SNPs relevant to NALFD/NASH

## Inclusion criteria

- $\geq 8\%$  liver fat
- MRE  $\geq 2.5\text{kPa}$  or recent biopsy



## Additional cohorts recently completed

- China: placebo vs 50 mg
- US: 75 mg open label in US

Biomarker data not available or not feasible

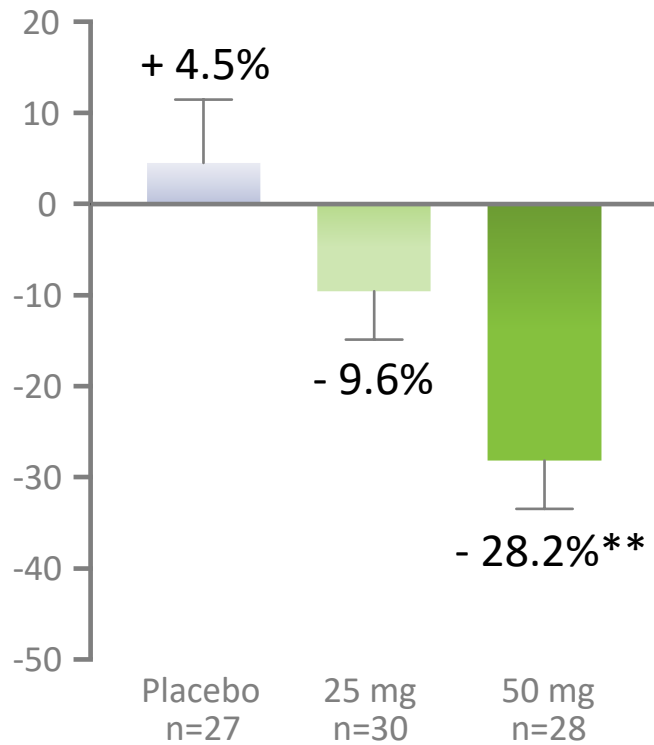
# Demography and baseline characteristics

Median (Q1, Q3)	Placebo (n=31)	25 mg (n=33)	50 mg (n=35)
Age, y	52 (46, 58)	58 (53, 62)	55 (44, 62)
Male, n (%)	14 (45.2)	18 (54.5)	22 (62.9)
T2D, n (%)	17 (54.8)	25 (75.8)	13 (37.1)
Ethnicity/Hispanic, n (%)	25 (80.6)	22 (66.7)	24 (68.6)
Weight, kg	83.7 (74.0, 96.8)	95.4 (84.9, 105.6)	92.0 (83.0, 101.0)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	31.2 (29.3, 35.1)	34.0 (29.7, 38.1)	32.8 (29.6, 35.2)
ALT (U/L)	25 (16, 46)	28 (23, 36)	29 (24, 43)
AST (U/L)	21 (15, 30)	21 (17, 26)	23 (20, 30)
ALP (U/L)	82 (72, 98)	76 (62, 92)	74 (58, 103)
GGT (U/L)	33 (22, 58)	32 (22, 40)	39 (25, 49)
Glucose (fasting) (mg/dL)	108 (86, 167)	152 (103, 187)	98 (80, 124)
HbA1c, %	6.4 (5.9, 8.6)	7.1 (6.2, 8.3)	5.8 (5.5, 6.4)
Insulin (fasting) (μU/mL)	17 (15, 24)	23 (13, 37)	22 (14, 32)
Apolipoprotein B (mg/dL)	100 (84, 126)	109 (90, 117)	104 (89, 124)
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	192 (162, 229)	194 (161, 203)	189 (167, 225)
LDL (mg/dL)	116 (98, 139)	127 (104, 136)	114 (94, 153)
HDL (mg/dL)	43 (39, 53)	40 (36, 54)	44 (37, 51)
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	157 (123, 248)	159 (113, 218)	163 (124, 262)
MRI-PDFF (%)	15.3 (11.8, 22.2)	14.3 (10.4, 22.3)	15.8 (12.3, 19.6)
MRE (kpa)	3.0 (2.7, 3.4)	2.9 (2.7, 3.2)	3.0 (2.8, 3.2)

# Potent, dose-dependent reduction of liver fat

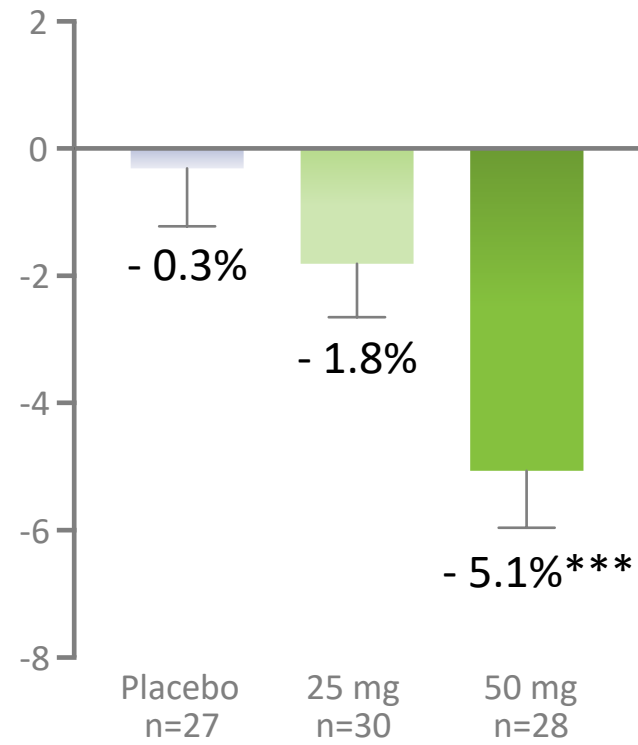
## Mean relative liver fat reduction

MRI-PDFF at week 12



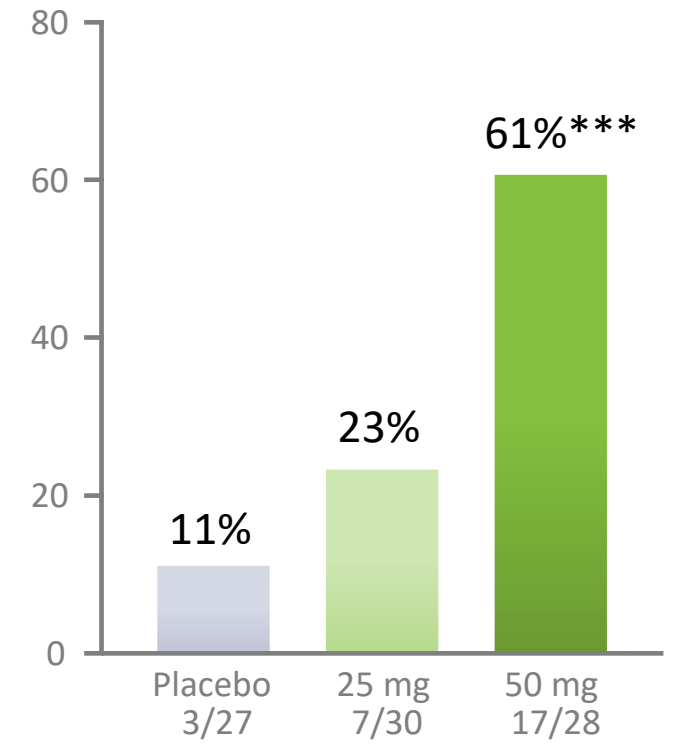
## Mean absolute liver fat reduction

MRI-PDFF at week 12



## Responder frequency

Patients with  $\geq 30\%$  relative reduction



# TVB-2640 was well tolerated

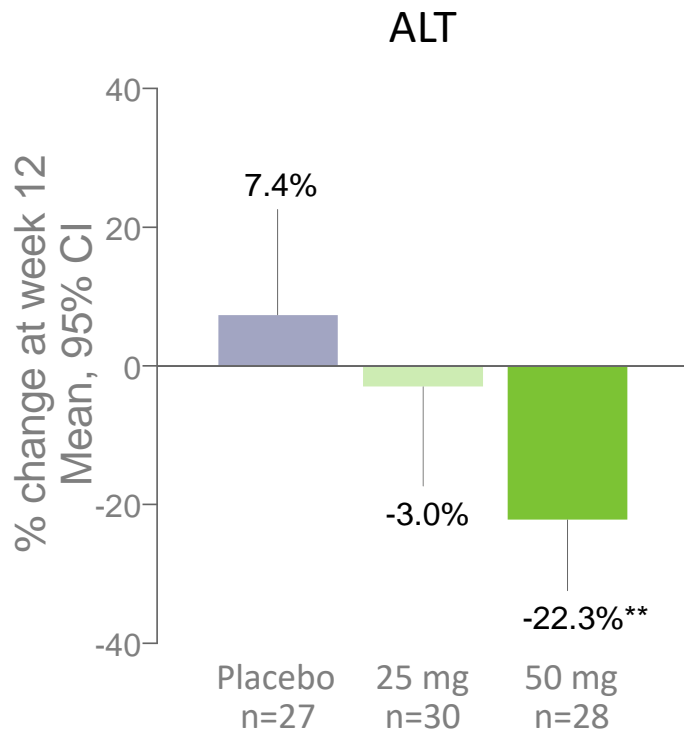
Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE) Classification	US Placebo N=31	US 25mg N=33	US 50 mg N=35
Any TEAE	Gr. 1: 12 (38.7%) Gr. 2: 7 (22.6%)	Gr. 1: 18 (54.5%) Gr. 2: 7 (21.2%)	Gr. 1: 12 (34.3%) Gr. 2: 6 (17.1%)
TEAE leading to drug withdrawal	0	2 (6.1%)	0
Treatment Emergent Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	0	0	0
Drug-related TEAE	Gr. 1: 3 (9.7%) Gr. 2: 1 (3.2%)	Gr. 1: 10 (30.3%) Gr. 2: 2 (6.1%)	Gr. 1: 9 (25.7%) Gr. 2: 1 (2.9%)
TEAE leading to death	0	0	0

- TVB-2640 appears to be well tolerated
- No dose related significant adverse events relative to placebo
- **Majority of AEs were Grade 1; no Grade 3 drug-related AEs were reported**

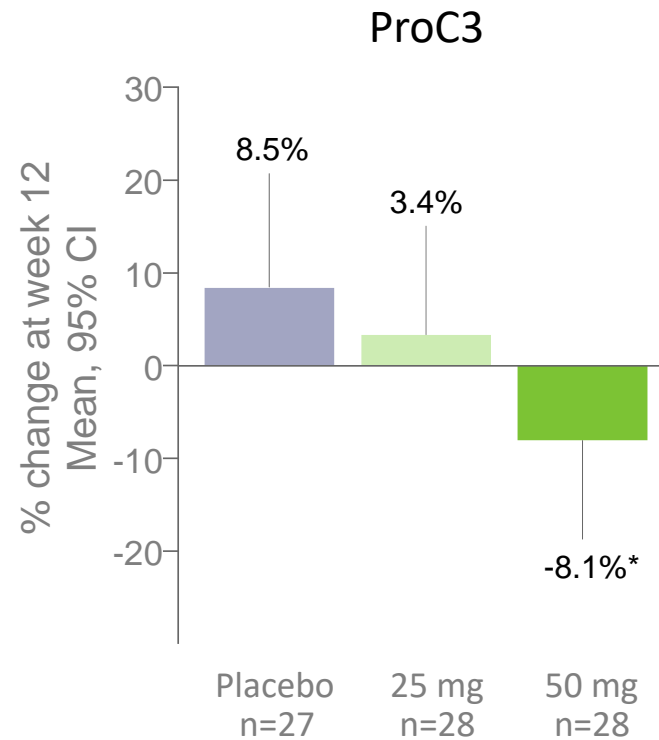


# Improvement consistent across other key drivers of NASH

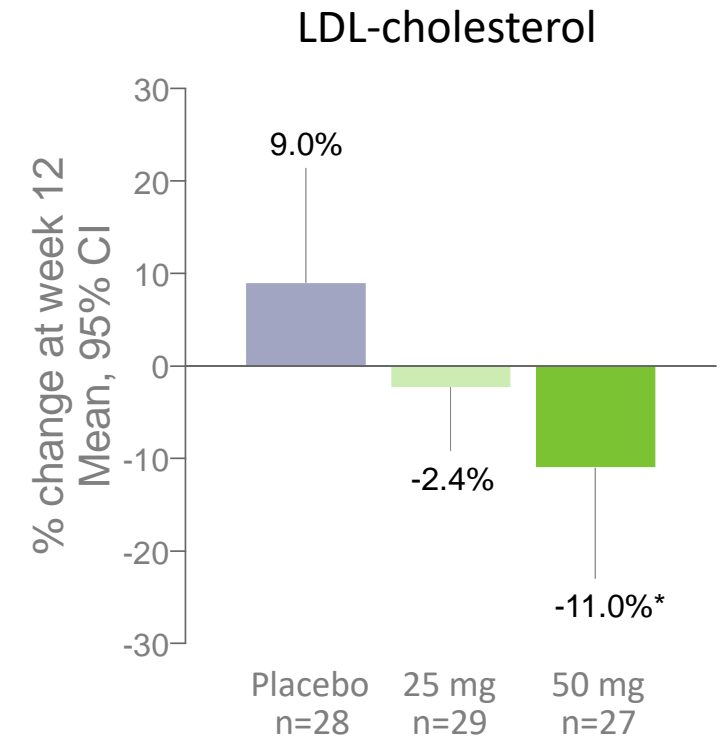
## Inflammation



## Fibrosis

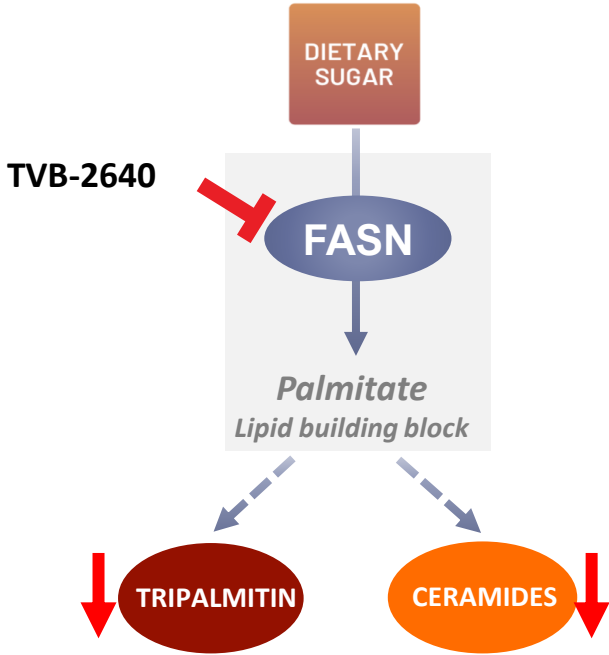
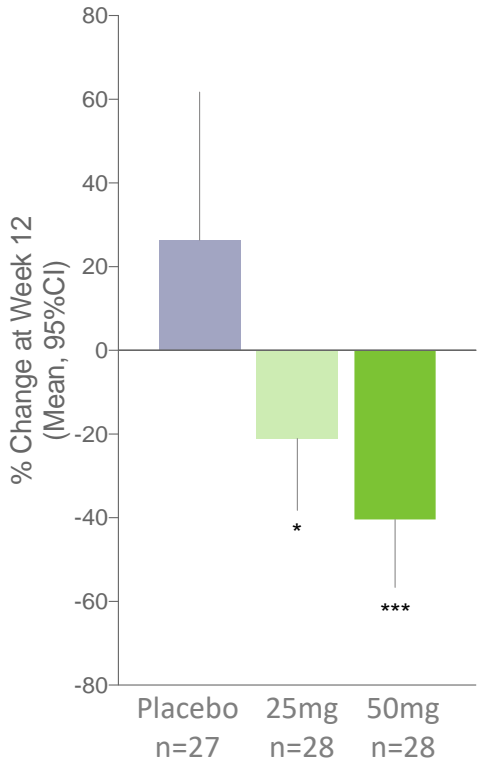


## Metabolic health

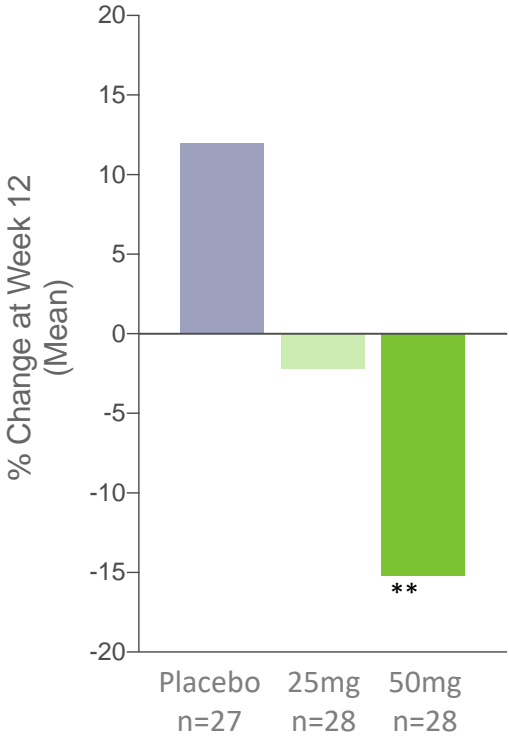


# TVB-2640 reduces tripalmitin and significantly reduces lipotoxic ceramides

## Tripalmitin Proof of mechanism

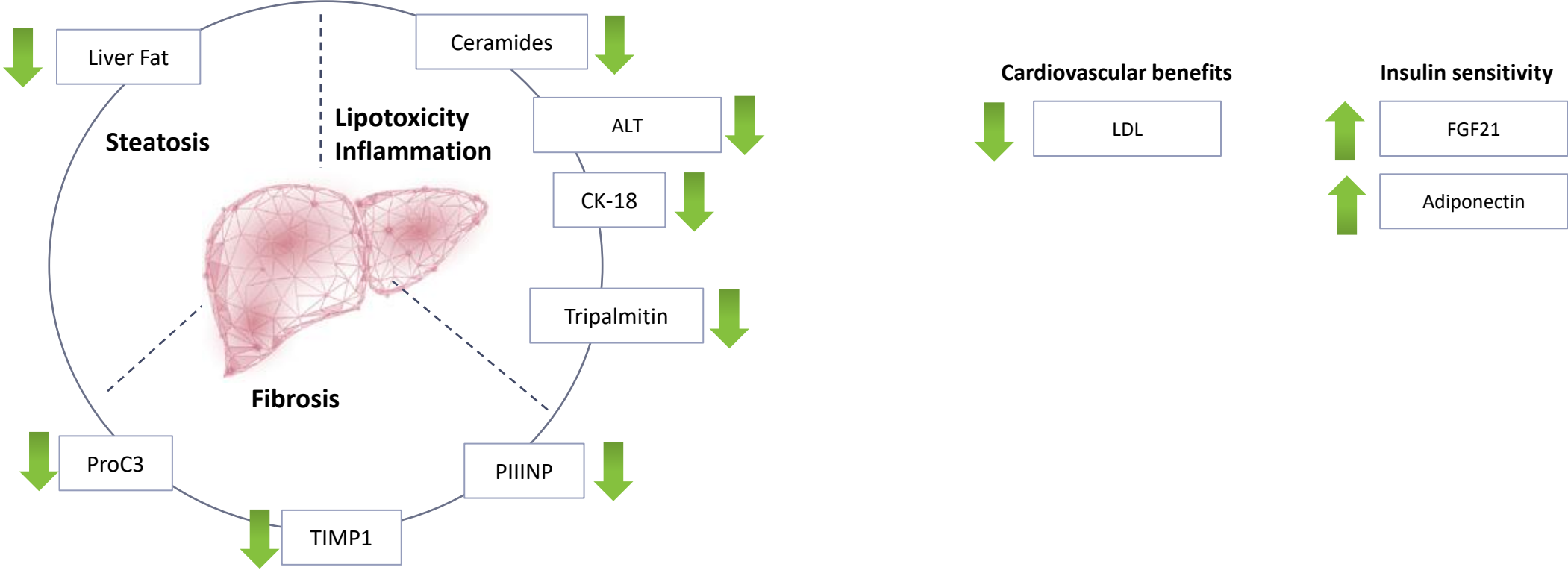


## Ceramide C18:1/16:0 Decreased lipotoxins



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

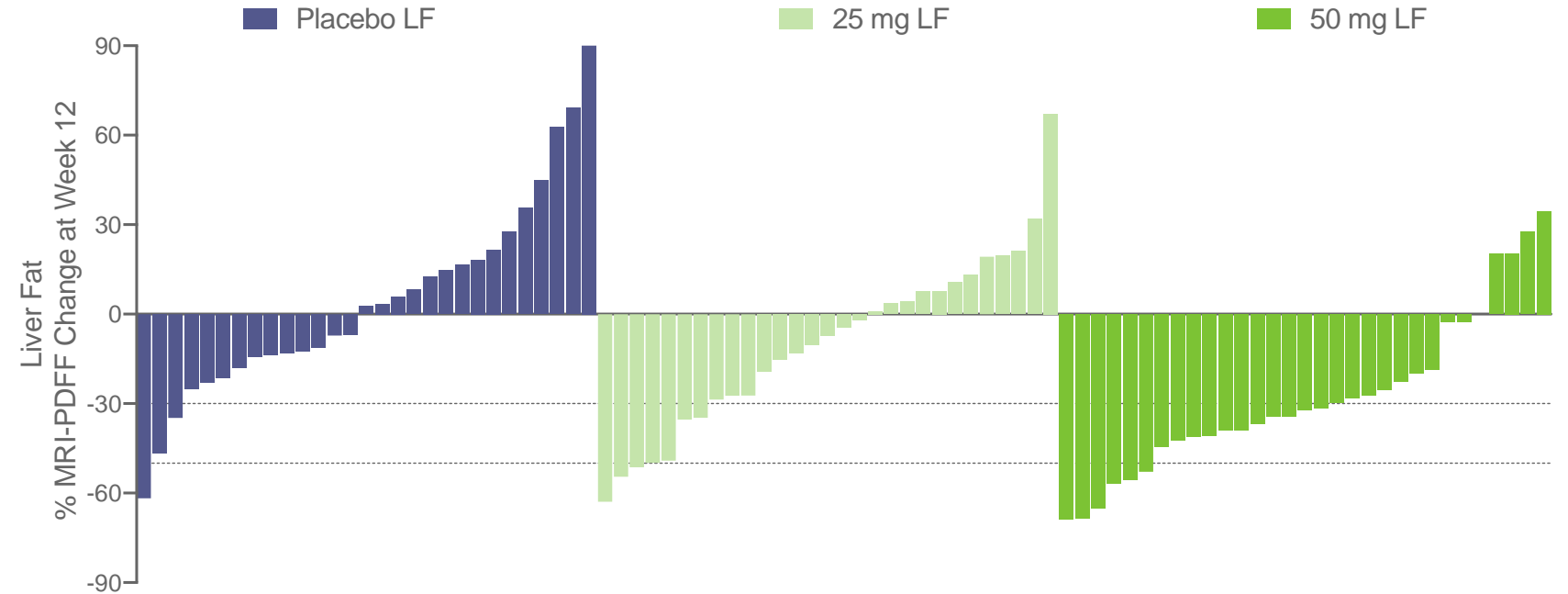
# TVB-2640 showed biomarker improvements in key NASH pathways



Loomba et al, Gastroenterology, 2021  
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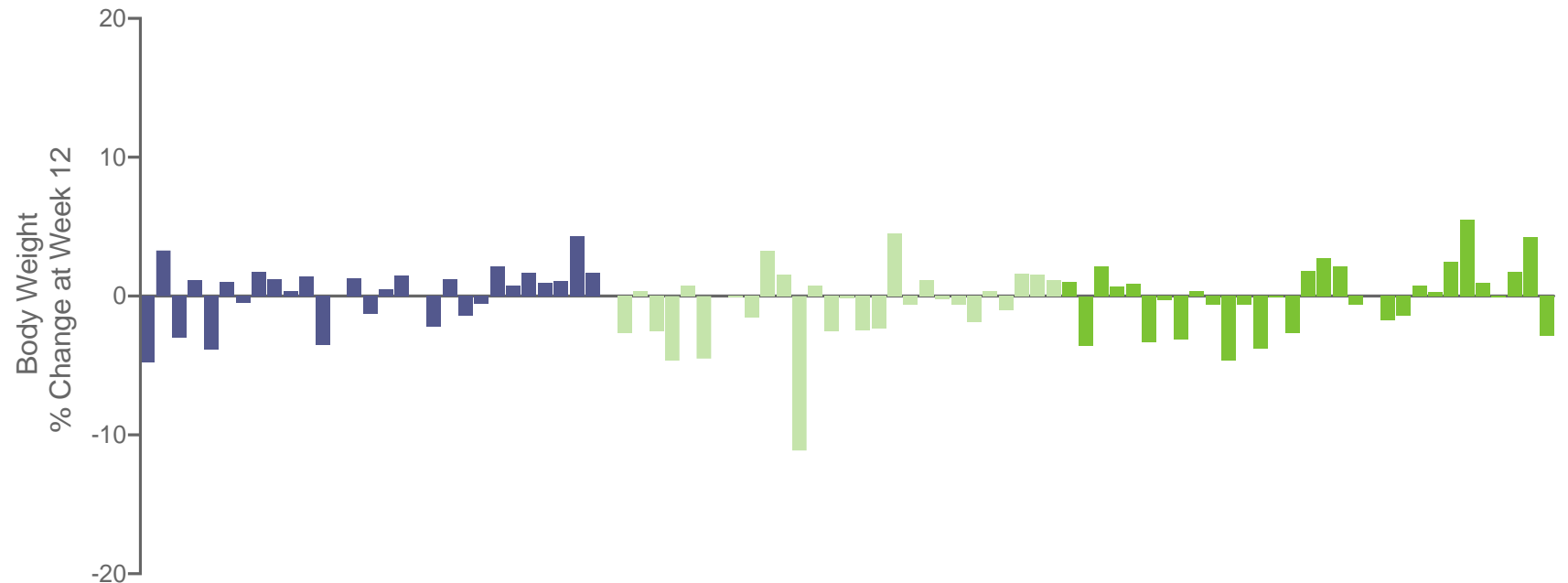
## Liver fat

- Dose-dependent response



## Body weight

- No meaningful change with treatment (median change at 50 mg of 0.2 kg)
- No correlation with liver fat change
- Indicates direct effect of TVB-2640 on liver fat as expected



# Correlations between liver fat response and other biomarkers

	Placebo		TVB-2640 25mg group				TVB-2640 50mg group			
	Non-Responders		Responders		Non-Responders		Responders		Non-Responders	
	%Change	p-value	%Change	p-value	%Change	p-value	%Change	p-value	%Change	p-value
ALT (U/L)	-7%	0.61	-36%	0.016	3%	0.69	-21%	0.003	-13%	0.1
Adiponectin (ug/ml)	-1%	0.63	0%	1	-1%	0.86	19%	0.15	19%	0.13
BW (kg)	1%	0.21	-3%	0.16	0%	0.73	0%	0.6	0%	0.58
ELF Score	-1%	0.96	-6%	0.036	2%	0.24	-3%	0.08	-4%	0.08
FGF21 (pg/ml)	-3%	0.99	-29%	0.31	35%	0.017	34%	0.045	89%	0.007
HA (ng/ml)	1%	0.74	-30%	0.08	27%	0.016	-16%	0.039	-17%	0.16
IP10 (ng/ml)	-1%	0.24	-29%	0.031	1%	0.49	-1%	0.89	-10%	0.17
PIIINP (ng/ml)	4%	0.39	-22%	0.08	2%	0.95	-11%	0.44	-10%	0.54
ProC3 (ng/ml)	7%	0.21	-1%	0.84	8%	0.28	-8%	0.46	-25%	0.019
TIMP1 (ng/ml)	-3%	0.99	-25%	0.016	1%	0.59	-15%	0.044	-22%	0.027
Tripalmitin	25%	0.56	-53%	0.016	-9%	0.37	-57%	6.56E-04	-63%	0.002
Linoleic acid	-1%	0.75	28%	0.47	-1%	0.93	-10%	0.31	19%	0.032
Palmitic acid	-5%	0.82	-5%	0.81	-1%	0.99	-10%	0.16	-2%	0.32
Palmitoleic acid	2%	0.99	9%	0.69	15%	0.33	-18%	0.22	20%	0.52
TIMP1 (ng/ml)_excluding 101131	-3%	9.88E-01	-25%	1.56E-02	1%	5.95E-01	-18%	4.79E-02	-22%	2.73E-02

p<0.05

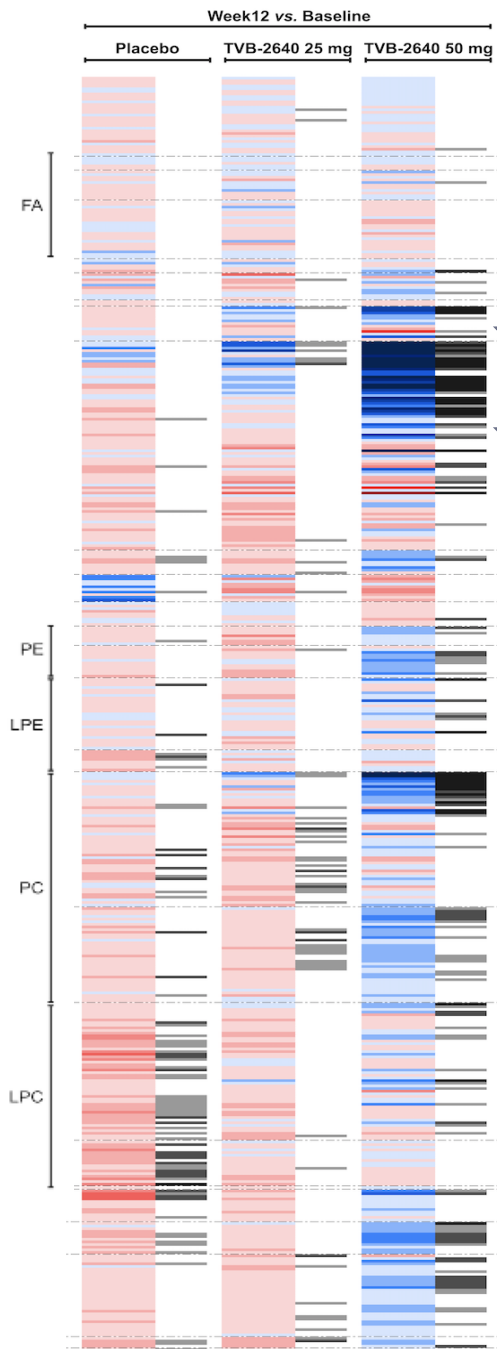
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p<0.001

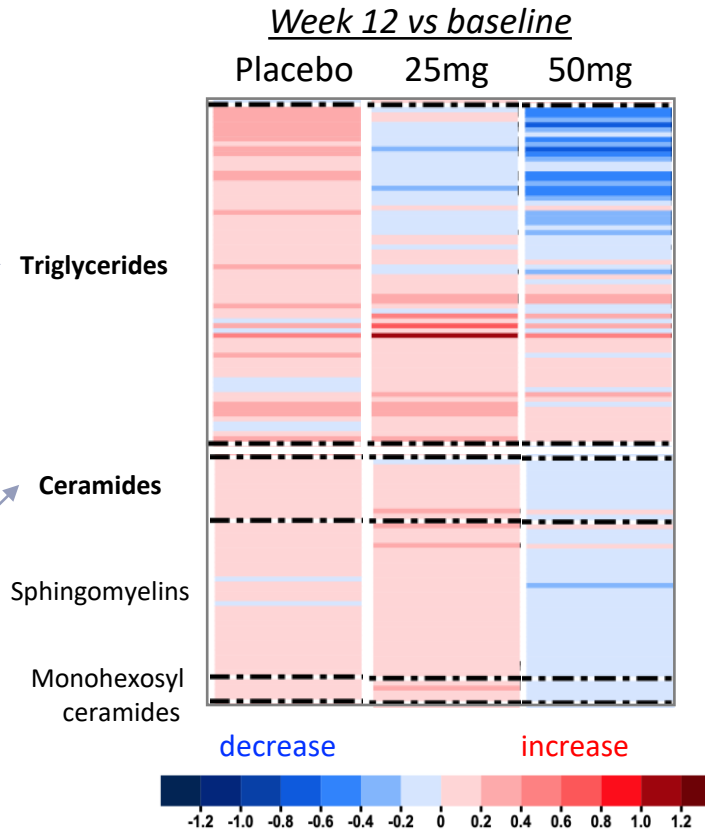
- Follow up analysis – liver fat as a continuous variable
- Expand to additional markers

Paired Wilcoxon signed-rank test p-values are indicated. LF decrease  $\geq 30\%$  are “responders”. For LF decrease  $\geq 30\%$ / $<30\%$ , n of 7/20 (25 mg), 17/11 (50 mg) and 23 (placebo). Placebo  $>30\%$  LF decrease not included as insufficient number of patients). Greyscale indicates significance.

# Lipotoxic species decreased with TVB-2640 treatment



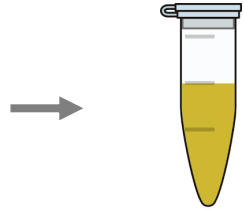
## Ceramides and other lipid classes Lipotoxic inflammatory molecules



*TGs: decreased shorter chain saturated or monounsaturated fa, while some polyunsaturated increased*

# Lipidomics approach initiated to identify predictive response markers

FASCINATE-1  
50mg cohort  
N=28 samples



Pre-treatment  
serum

Lipidomic  
profiling

OWL platform  
467 metabolites

Bioinformatics

Two machine learning models

- Random Forest Model (RFM)
- Support Vector Model (SVM)

cross-validation process for small  
sample size

Developed algorithm on “training cohort” (14)  
Tested algorithm on “validation cohort” (14)  
Used liver fat as a continuous variable

## Metabolite panel

Ursodeoxycholic acid  
DL-2-Aminocaprylic acid  
Sarcosine  
Glycoursodeoxycholic acid  
D(-)-2-Aminobutyric acid  
PC (0-18:0/22:4)





# Components of predictive signature suggest role for gut-liver axis

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Marker	Class	Function
Ursodeoxycholic acid	<i>Bile acid derivative</i>	Secondary bile acid made from chenodeoxycholic acid via epimerization of the 7- $\alpha$ to 7- $\beta$ -hydroxy group by gut bacteria
Glycoursodeoxycholic acid	<i>Bile acid derivative</i>	Glycine conjugated secondary bile acid
DL-2-Aminocaprylic acid	<i>Alpha Amino Acid Derivative</i>	Aminooctanoic acid
Sarcosine	<i>Alpha Amino Acid Derivative</i>	N-methyl glycine, naturally found in muscles and other body tissues; intermediate in metabolism of choline to glycine.
D(-)-2-Aminobutyric acid	<i>Alpha Amino Acid Derivative</i>	Function not well defined –can activate AMPK, modulates glutathione homeostasis
PC(O-18:0/22:4)	<i>Glycerophospholipid</i>	Function in membranes, metabolism, signaling

# Summary

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- **Demonstrated proof-of-concept in robust FASCINATE-1 Ph2a program**
  - Liver fat relative reduction of 28% over 12 weeks
  - 61% patients achieved  $\geq 30\%$  reduction
- **Biomarker improvement in several key NASH pathways**
  - Validates expected mechanism of action: impacts steatosis, inflammation/lipotoxicity and fibrosis
- **Biomarker for patient selection**
  - Preliminary serum metabolite signature correlated to liver fat change at 50 mg
- **FASCINATE-2 Ph2b biopsy study recently initiated**
  - Expand biomarker analyses and extend to histology endpoints
- **TVB-2640 has potential to be a foundational NASH therapy**

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