

ALN-VSP02 Phase 1 Trial Update

Demonstrating RNAi in Man

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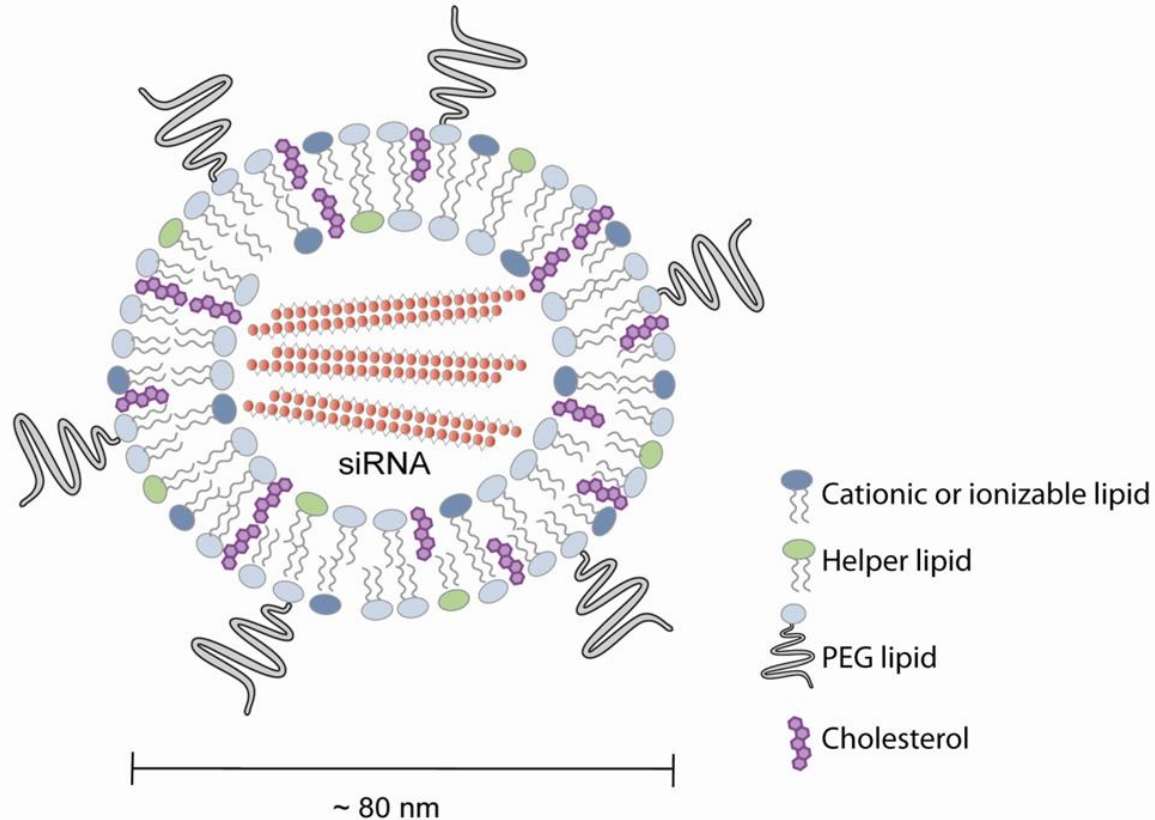
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Lipid Nanoparticles for Systemic Delivery

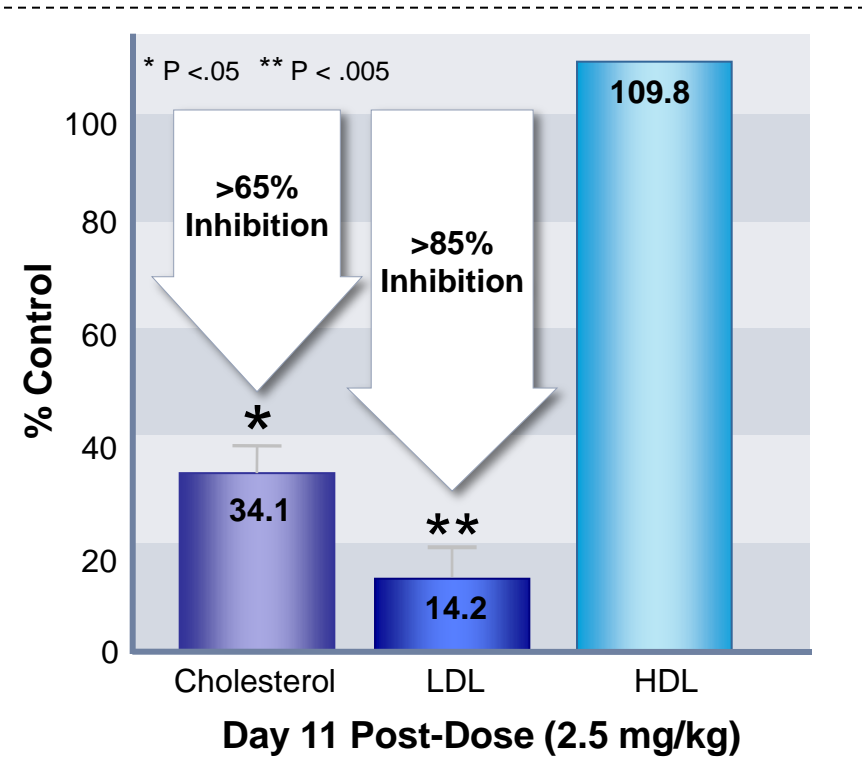
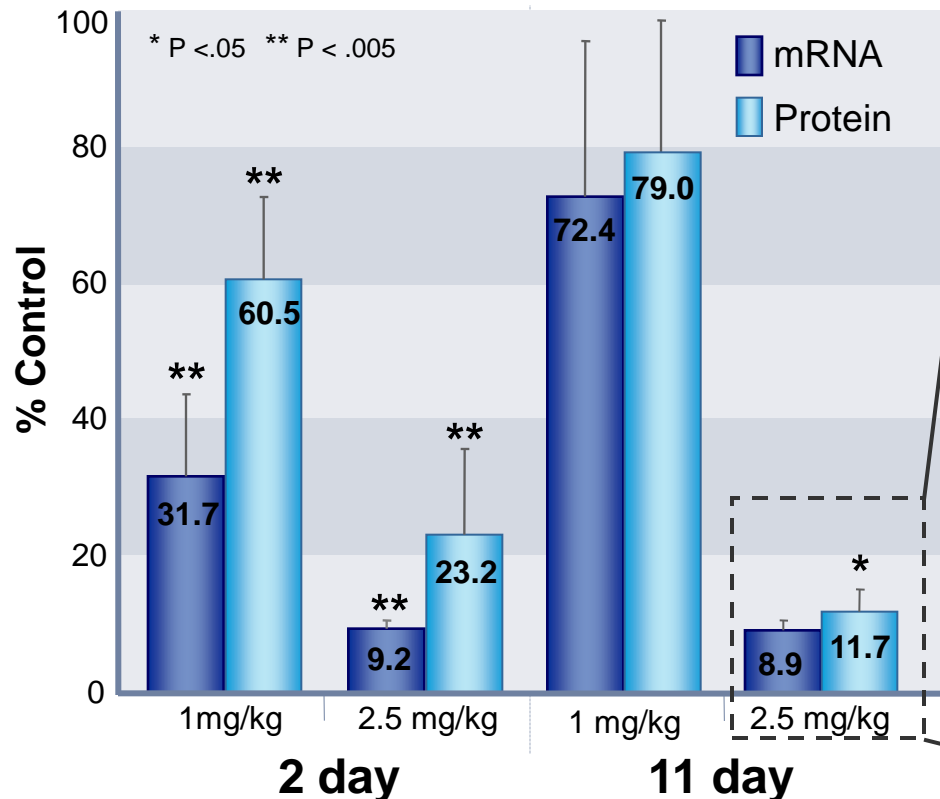


Liver Targeting

In Vivo Silencing of ApoB in Non-Human Primates

Efficacy in primates with Systemic RNAi after single IV injection

- Rapid, potent, dose-dependent and durable effects
- RNAi specific and leads to measurable therapeutic benefit
- RNAi mechanism proven *in vivo*



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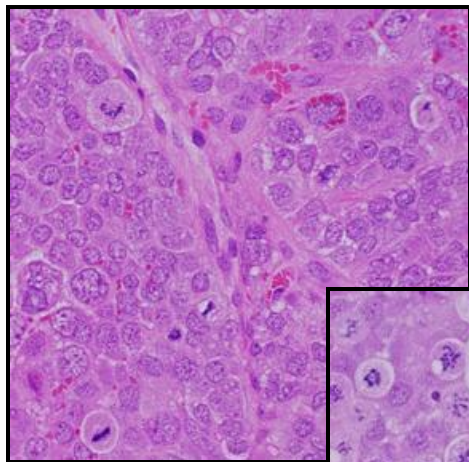
Tumor Targeting

Murine Liver Cancer Model

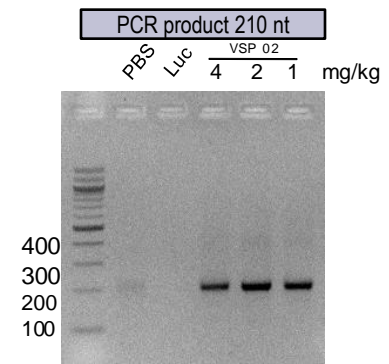
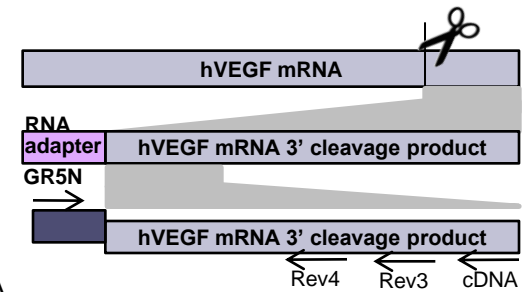
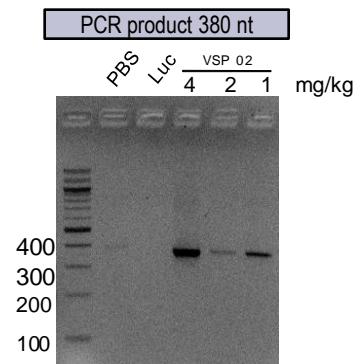
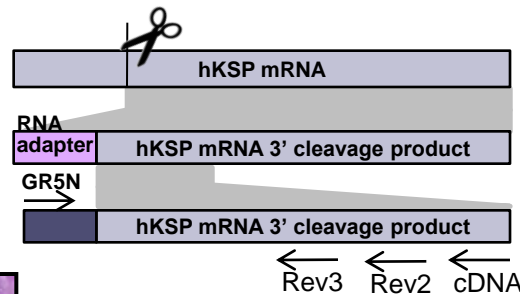
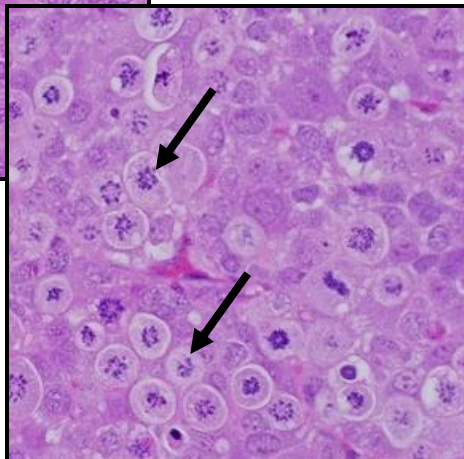
Orthotopic tumor model with intrahepatic Hep3B seeding in SCID mice

- Single IV bolus injection of ALN-VSP or control siRNA
- Mitotic arrest (monoasters) clearly detected in VSP-treated animals
- KSP and VEGF target mRNAs cleaved in tumors confirming RNAi mechanism

Control siRNA



ALN-VSP



Does Animal Pharmacology Translate to Man?

VSP02: First Opportunity to Show RNAi POC/POM in Man with LNP

	VSP02	TTR01
POC	Target kd in humans	•VEGF: DCE-MRI and/or angiogenesis biomarker changes
	Clinical effect of target kd	•Improvement in neuropathy score •Improvement in cardiac imaging
	Improved clinical outcomes with target kd	•Improved PFS
	NDA	•Improved PFS •Improved survival
POM	5'-RACE	• N/A
	Target mRNA kd	• N/A
	Specificity of target kd	• N/A

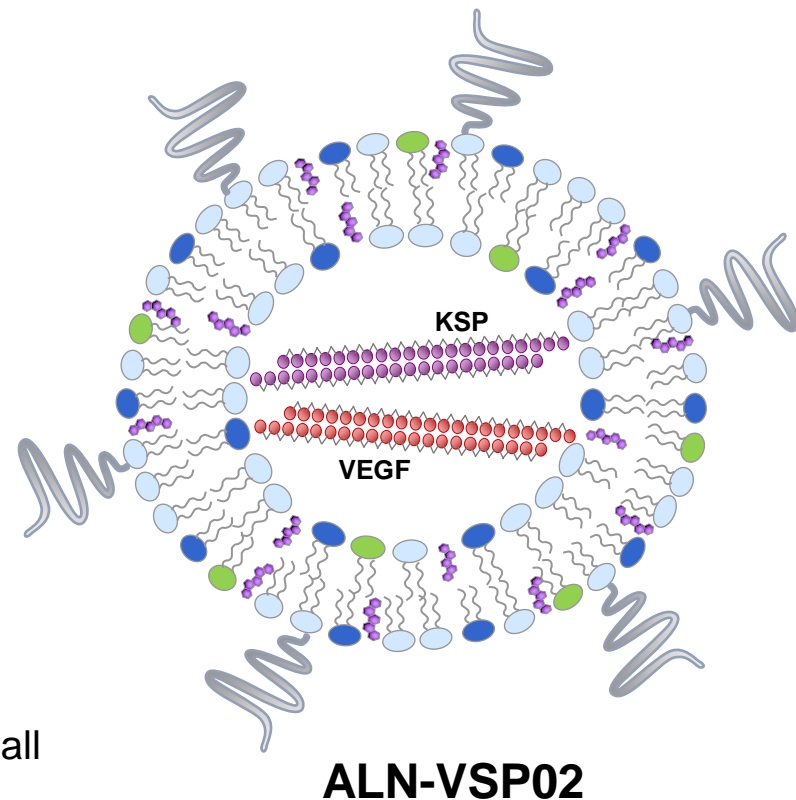


Liver Cancer Program

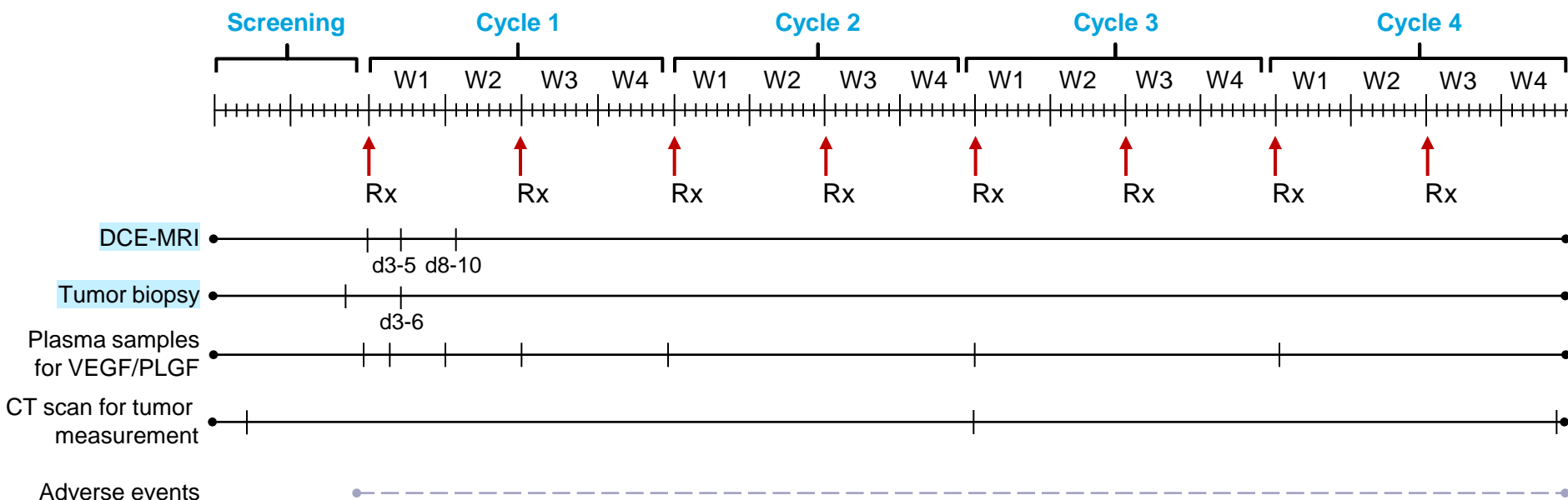
ALN-VSP02

RNAi to treat primary and secondary liver cancers

- Prevalent solid tumor and common site of metastatic disease
 - » ~700,000/yr: Incidence of HCC worldwide
 - » ~500,000/yr: Patients with liver metastasis
- ALN-VSP is first dual-targeted RNAi drug
 - » Targeting 2 pathways with 2 different siRNAs increases potential therapeutic impact
 - Proliferation: Kinesin Spindle Protein (KSP)
 - Angiogenesis: VEGF
 - » Lipid nanoparticle (LNP) formulation
 - From Tekmira Pharmaceuticals
- Preferential biodistribution of LNPs to liver, spleen, tumors
 - » May be able to avoid dose-limiting on-target toxicities associated with systemic delivery of small molecules and antibodies:
 - KSP: myelosuppression, gastro-intestinal toxicity
 - VEGF: Hypertension, bleeding, thrombosis, proteinuria, bowel perforation



ALN-VSP02 Phase I Study Design



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ALN-VSP02 Phase I Study Status

As Reported at Chemotherapy Foundation Symposium

- N=28 Enrolled to date; Cohorts 1-6
- Total of 127 ALN-VSP02 doses administered
 - » Range of doses per patient: 2-13
- Dose escalation ongoing
 - » Current dose 1.25 mg/kg
 - » MTD not yet reached
- Key demographics
 - » Median age 56 yrs (range 34-78)
 - » 13 males, 15 females
 - » Tumor types
 - Colorectal cancer (N=16)
 - Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor (N=1)
 - Papillary renal cell cancer (N=1)
 - Squamous cell cancer of head and neck (N=1)
 - Pancreatic cancer (N=1)
 - Esophageal cancer (N=1)
 - Endometrial cancer (N=2)
 - Angiosarcoma (N=1)
 - Ovarian cancer (N=2)
 - Synovial sarcoma (N=1)
 - Mullerian stromal tumor (N=1)
- All patients treated with multiple prior anti-angiogenic and/or chemotherapy regimens

ALN-VSP02 Phase I Safety Summary

- ALN-VSP02 generally well tolerated to date
 - » 127 doses administered to 28 patients across 6 dose levels
 - » Up to 13 doses given to single patient
- No dose-dependent trends in clinical or laboratory adverse events
- No dose-dependent changes in LFTs
- Human plasma PK showed dose-proportional C_{max} and AUC with no evidence of drug accumulation
 - » Animal PK studies accurately predicted for human
- Two dose-limiting toxicities
 - » 0.7 mg/kg: Liver failure and death after 2 doses (possibly related to study drug) in patient with near complete replacement of liver by tumor and prior partial hepatectomy and splenectomy
 - » 1.25 mg/kg: Grade 3 thrombocytopenia after dose 1 (related to study drug), resolved within 5 days
- Three grade 2 infusion reactions (one each at 0.4, 0.7 and 1.25 mg/kg), all 3 tolerated further treatment with prolongation of infusion duration
- MTD not yet reached, dose escalation continuing

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ALN-VSP02 Pharmacology

Tumor Biopsies

- 17 Tumor biopsies obtained from 9 patients
 - » 3 at 0.4 mg/kg
 - » 2 each at 0.7, 1.0 and 1.25 mg/kg
 - » Liver tumor biopsies in 6 patients
 - » Extrahepatic tumor biopsies in 3 patients
- CT-guided core needle biopsies obtained pre- and post-dose 1
 - » Analyses ongoing:
 - 5' RACE
 - qPCR
 - Drug levels



Drug Levels for All Biopsies to Date

Pt #	Dose mg/kg	Tumor Type (site of metastasis)	siRNA Levels (ng/g)	
			VEGF	KSP
007	0.4	Colorectal (liver)	25.7	12.5
016	0.4	SCC H&N (liver)	N/A	N/A
017	0.4	Ovarian (liver)	28.9	17.2
018	0.7	Pancreatic (liver)	N/A [§]	N/A [§]
019	0.7	Colorectal (liver)	142	73.3
022	1.0	Colorectal (adrenal)	9.8	3.8
025	1.0	Sarcoma (gluteal muscle)	0.45	0.4
026	1.25	Colorectal (liver)	0.32	<LLOQ
031	1.25	Ovarian (peri-umbilical)	4.9	3.6

N/A: Assay not performed

[§] Very little tissue available for analysis

LLOQ: lower limit of quantitation



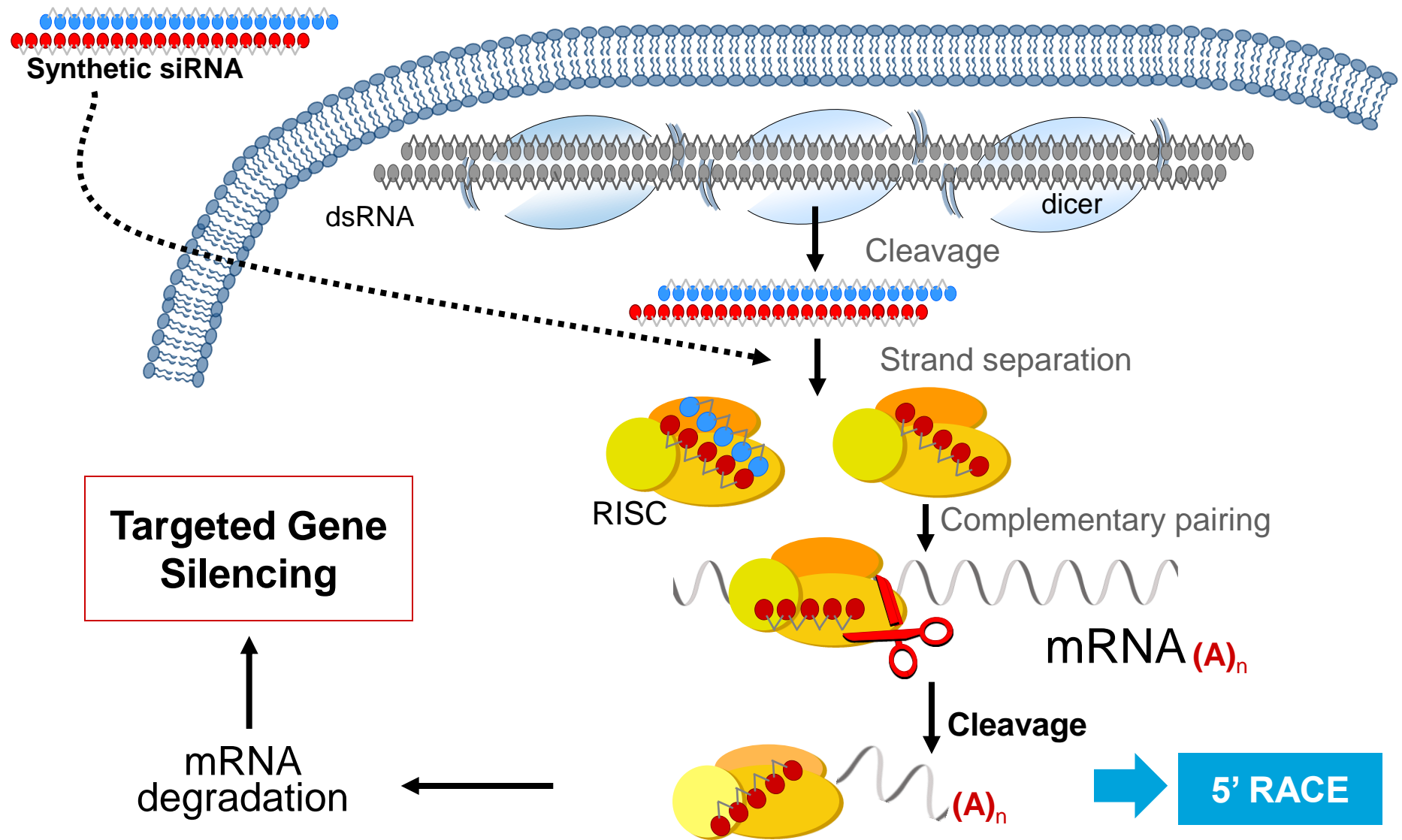
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RNAi Produces Precise Cleavage of Target mRNA



5' RACE Assay

Method for Demonstrating RNAi

RNAi cleavage site



VEGF mRNA

Step I.
In vivo RNAi

RNA adaptor

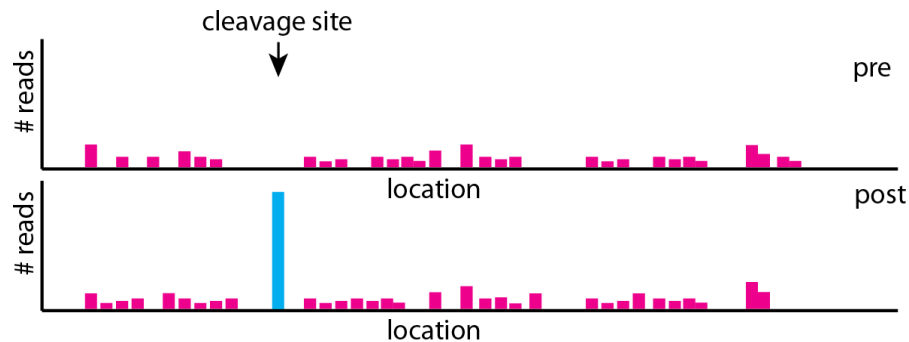
Step II
Ligation of adaptor

GR5N

VEGF Rev2

Step III
Amplification of
RNAi-specific
product

Sequence Analysis

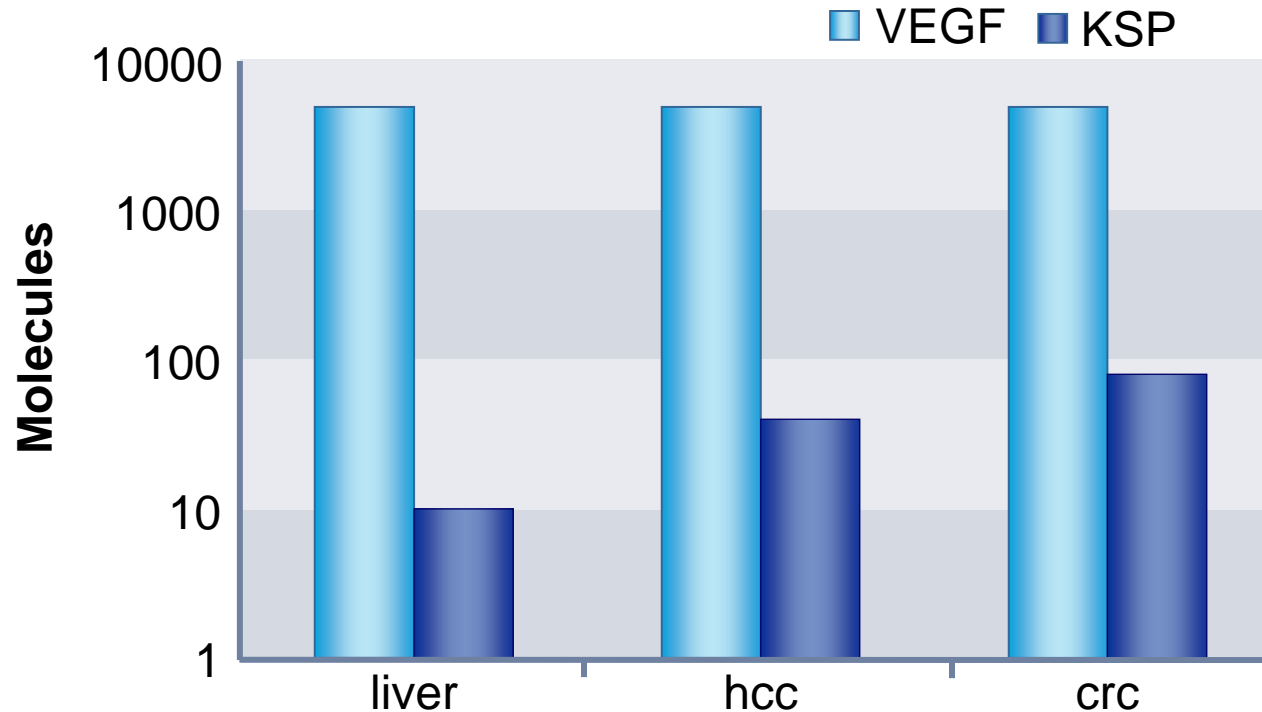


Factors Influencing Ability to Show RNAi By 5' RACE in Tumor Biopsies

- Expression level of target mRNA
- Amount of tissue in biopsy that expresses target



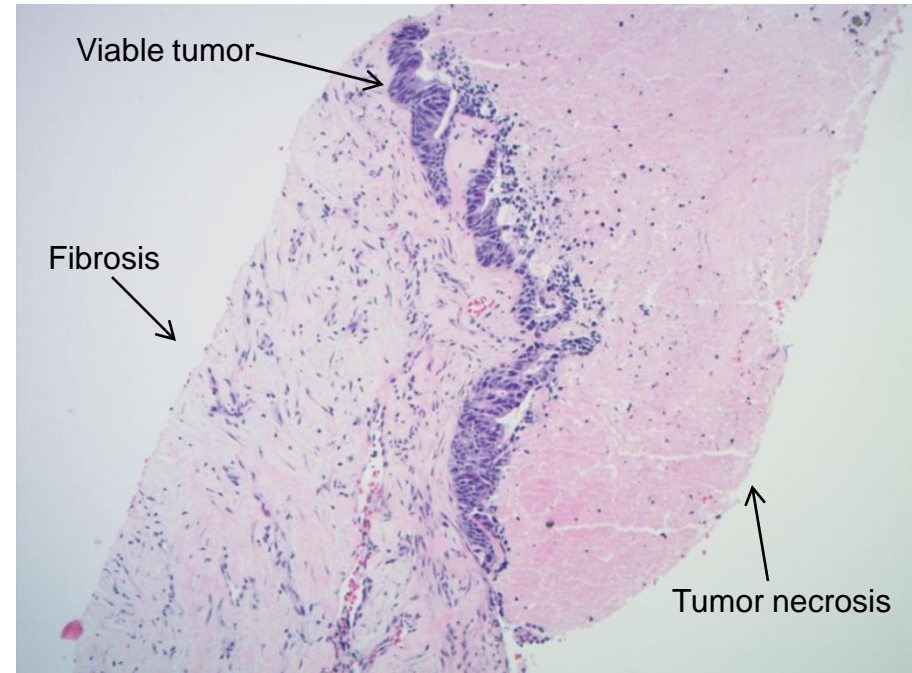
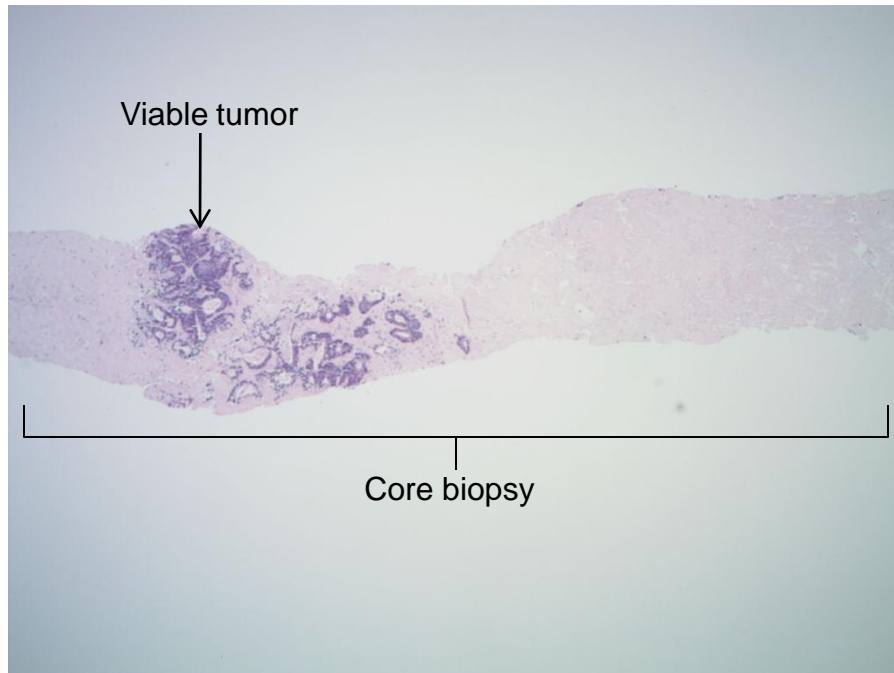
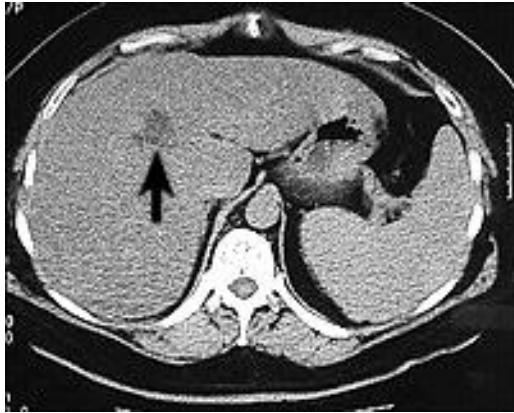
VEGF-A and KSP mRNA Levels in Normal Liver and Tumors



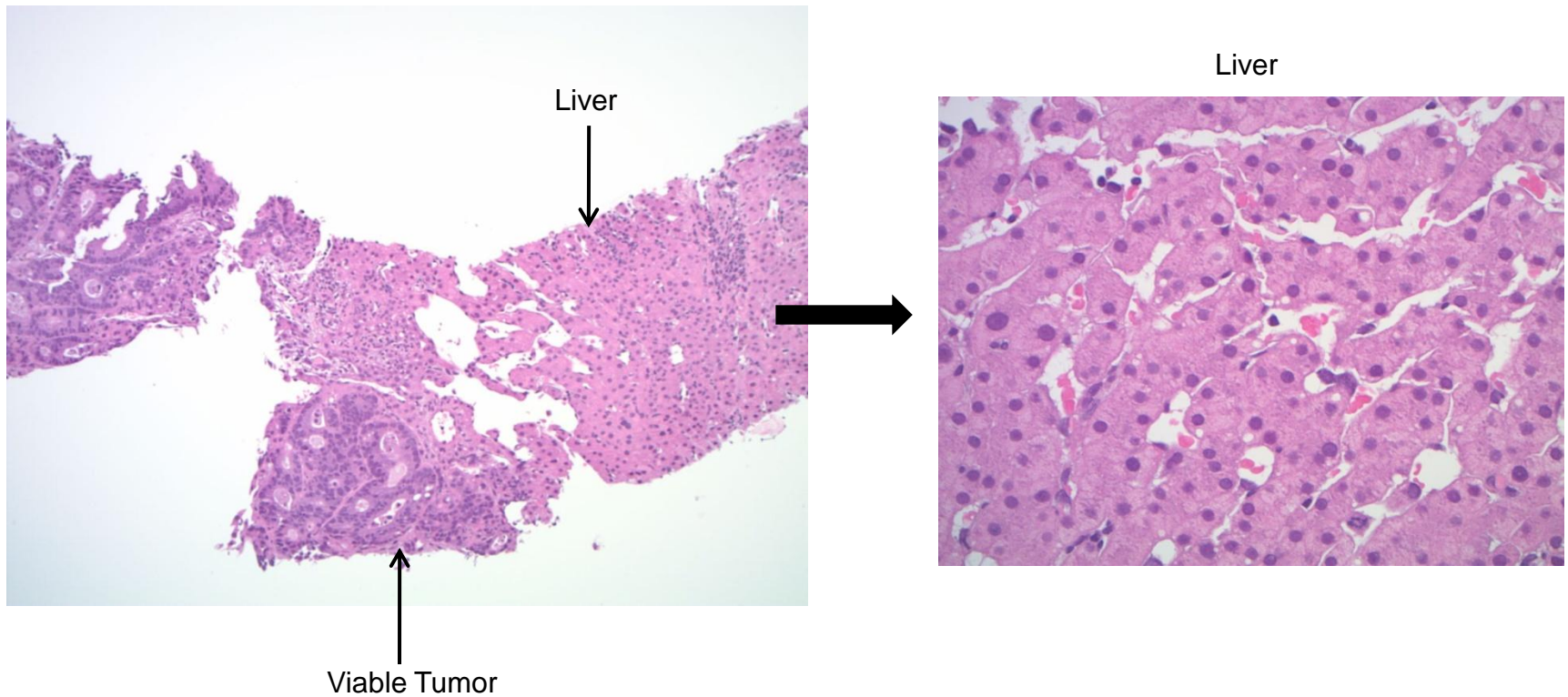
- Very low expression of KSP mRNA in normal liver and tumors
- Relatively abundant expression of VEGF-A mRNA in both normal liver and tumor

Tumor Core Biopsies

CT-guided Core Needle Biopsy



Tumor Core Biopsies



Tissue Components of Biopsies Analyzed to Date

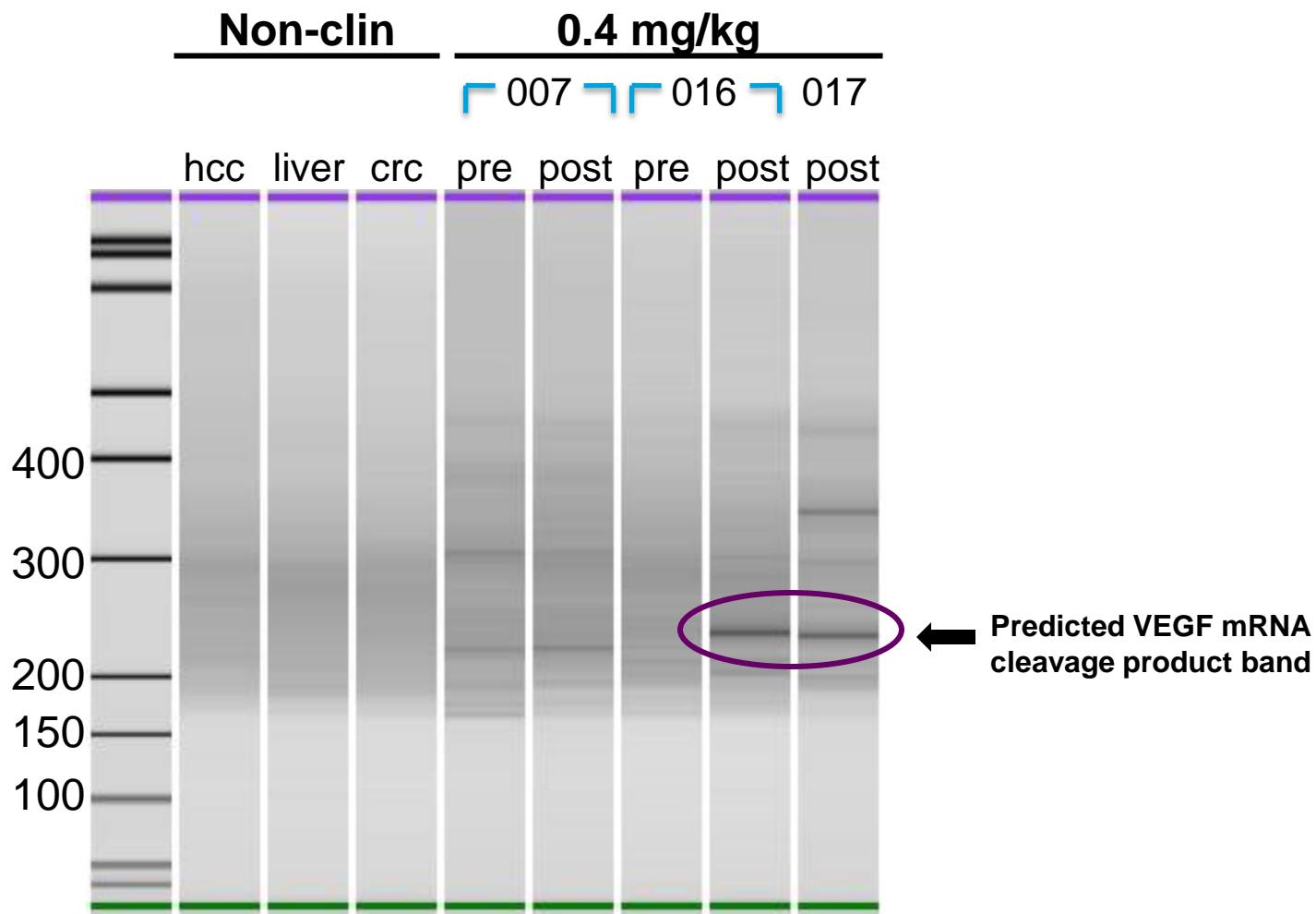
Pt#	Dose mg/kg	Tumor Type site of metastasis	Pre-Treatment Biopsy (%)			Post-Treatment Biopsy (%)		
			Tumor	Liver	Necrosis	Tumor	Liver	Necrosis
007	0.4	Colorectal (liver)	14	0	86	17	80	3
016	0.4	SCC H&N (liver)	10	0	90	0	100	0
017	0.4	Ovarian (liver)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	95	0
018	0.7	Pancreatic (liver)	40	0	0	8	5	52
019	0.7	Colorectal (liver)	0	100	0	20	5	60

N/A: Biopsy not performed

- Tumor biopsies from liver very heterogeneous with regards to amounts of tumor, normal liver, and dead tissue
- Post-treatment biopsies from 3 patients at 0.4 mg/kg:
 - » Little to no tumor, abundant normal liver
 - » Can be used for VEGF 5' RACE, since robust VEGF expression in liver
 - » Not informative for KSP 5' RACE, as very little expression in normal liver
- Post-treatment biopsies from 2 patients at 0.7 mg/kg:
 - » Little tumor, very little normal liver
 - » Not informative for either VEGF or KSP 5' RACE

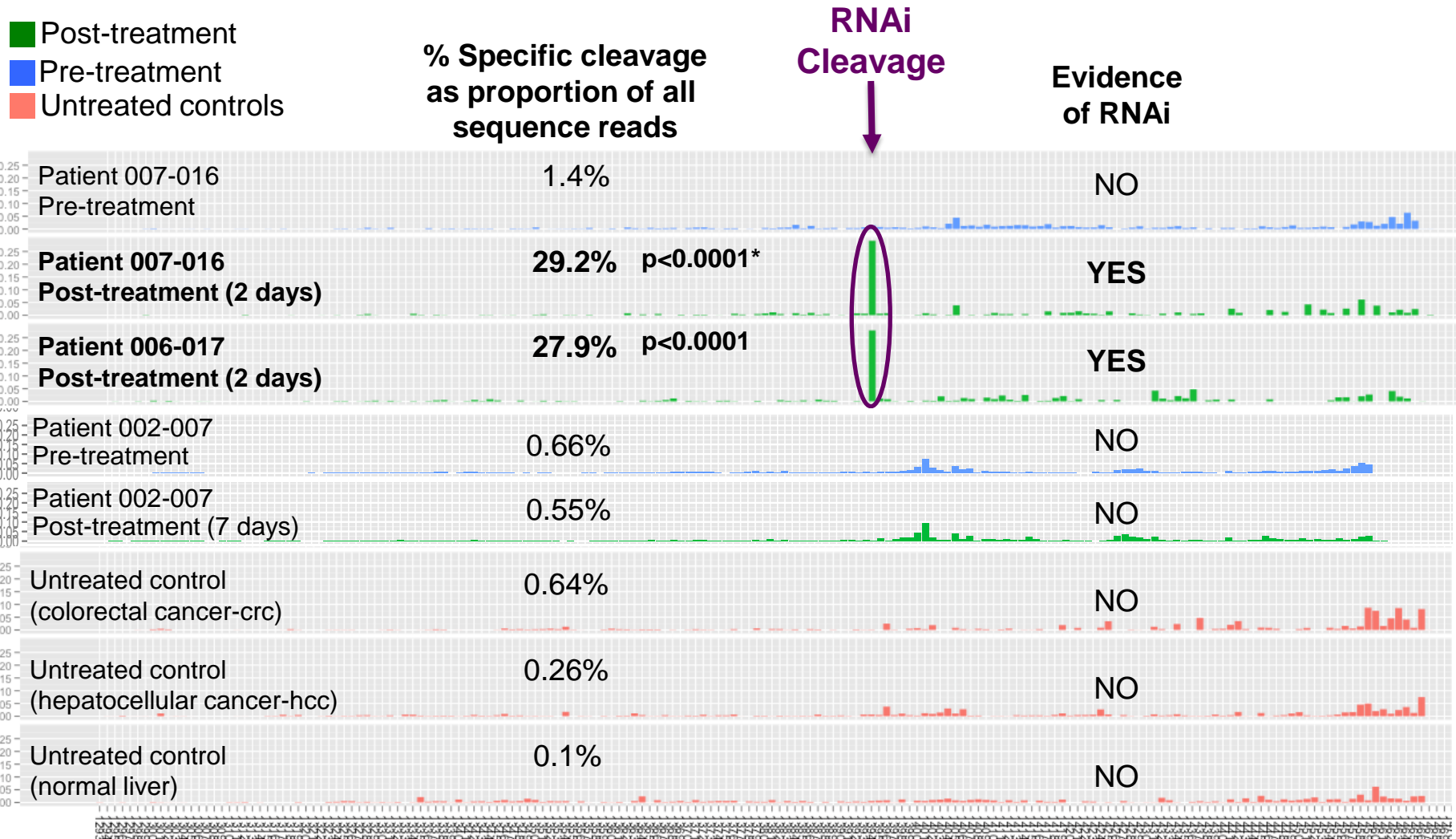


Dominant Band Seen in 5' RACE for VEGF in Two Post-Dose Clinical Samples



Human RNAi Proof of Mechanism

Results from Blinded Molecular Analysis of Human Biopsy Samples



*T-test

5' --- Location along VEGF Transcript --- 3'

5' RACE Tumor Biopsy Data

Conclusions

- In first 5 patients analyzed, 3 had abundant normal liver/total mRNA that permitted VEGF 5' RACE analysis
- Predicted VEGF mRNA cleavage product seen post-treatment in livers of 2/3 patients
 - » $p < 0.0001$
 - » Biopsy from negative patient was obtained 7 days post treatment
- First demonstration of RNAi in man with LNP-formulated siRNA

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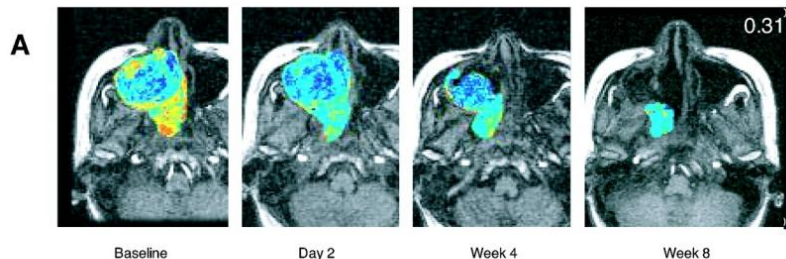
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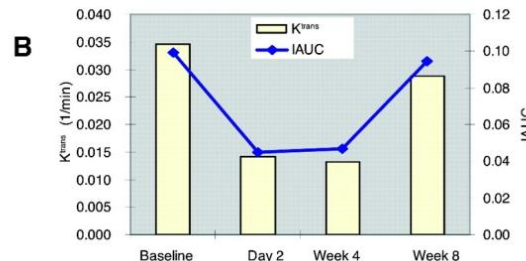
DCE-MRI

- DCE-MRI (dynamic contrast-enhanced MRI) established as radiologic test for assessing anti-VEGF effect of novel drugs in clinical trials
- Ktrans is key parameter
 - » Measure of blood flow and blood vessel permeability in tumors
 - » 40% or greater drop in Ktrans post-treatment considered a significant drop in tumor blood flow



Example of Ktrans drop in patient treated with oral anti-VEGFR drug AG-013736

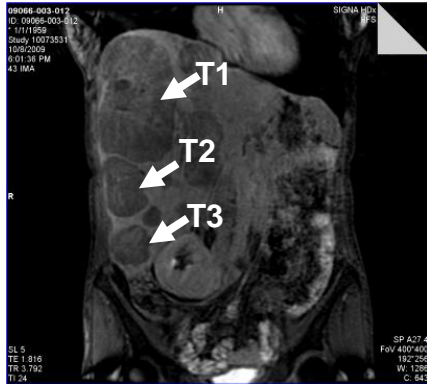
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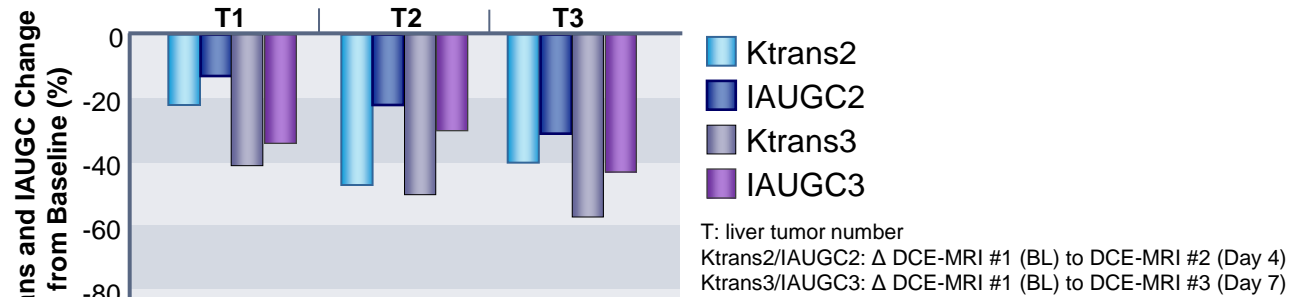
DCE-MRI Result at 0.7 mg/kg

Patient 012: Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor

Baseline MRI, coronal view

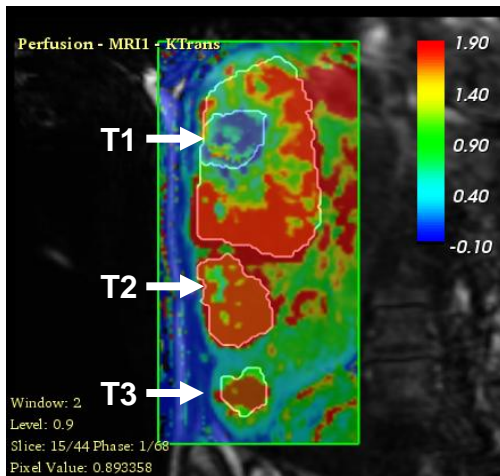


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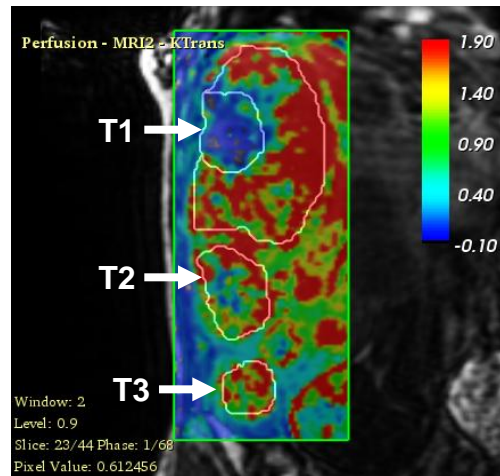


Ktrans

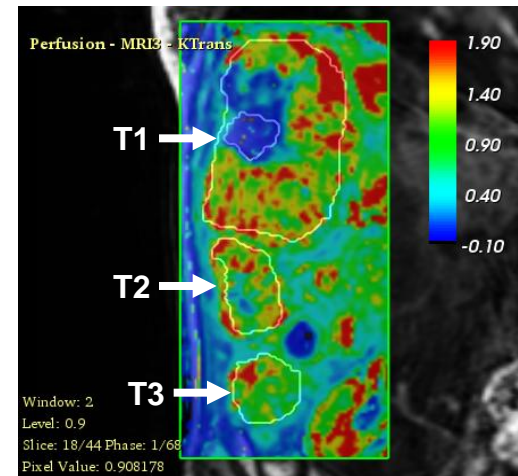
Baseline (BL) Pre-Dose



Day 4 Post-Dose 1

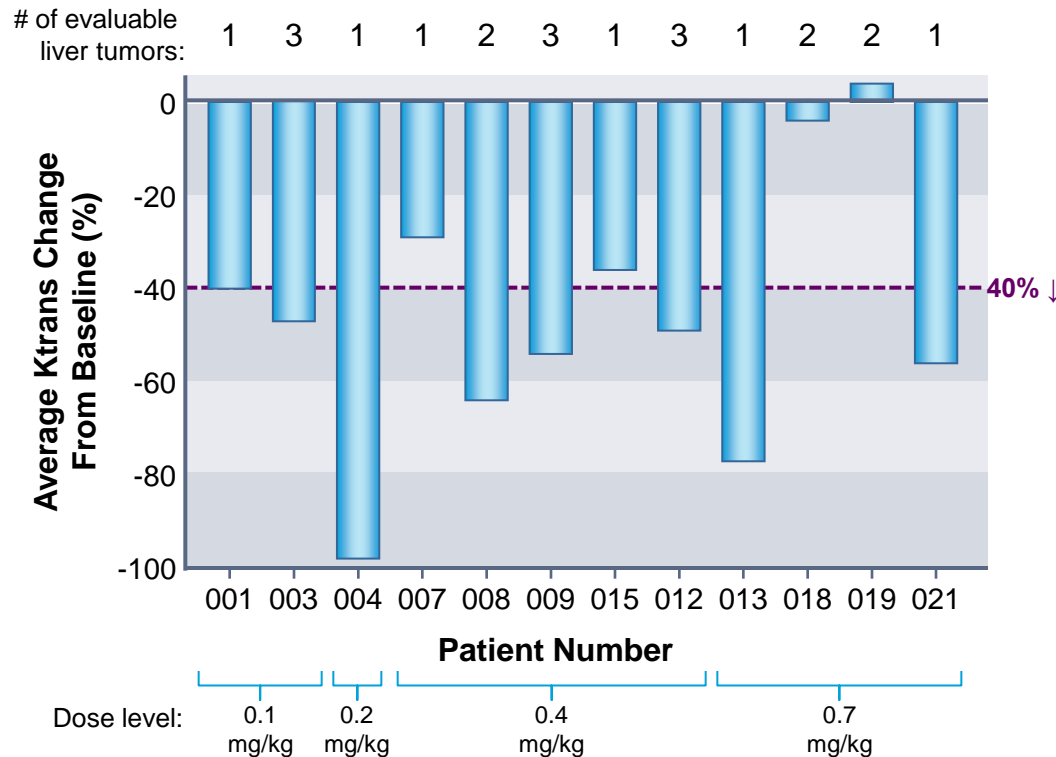


Day 7 Post-Dose 1



DCE-MRI Results

Summary of Cohorts 1-4



- » 21 evaluable liver tumors in 12 patients
- » 19/21 tumors (90%) showed decline in Ktrans
- » 13 of 21 tumors (62%) had \downarrow Ktrans of $\geq 40\%$
- » 8 of 12 patients (67%) had average \downarrow Ktrans of $\geq 40\%$

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- Safety of LNP delivery to liver established in ALN-VSP02 Phase 1 liver cancer trial
- Liver delivery and VEGF mRNA target engagement with LNP-formulated siRNA demonstrated through 5' RACE assay on liver tumor biopsies
 - » Clear proof of RNAi activity in man
- Preliminary DCE-MRI data from imaged liver tumors further supportive of anti-VEGF pharmacology with ALN-VSP02
- Translatability of safety and pharmacology from NHP to man greatly de-risks the LNP delivery platform
 - » Also highlights potential of liver-directed programs currently in development including ALN-TTR and ALN-PCS



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