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## KRRO-110, an RNA Editing Oligonucleotide For The Treatment Of Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)

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**Create transformative  
genetic medicines for  
diseases with high  
prevalence**



# Causal Missense Variants Have Been Identified in Both Rare and Common Diseases

**nature genetics**

Genetic variation in *PNPLA3* confers susceptibility to nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

Stefano Romeo<sup>1,8</sup>, Julia Kozlitina<sup>2,3,8</sup>, Chao Xing<sup>1,2</sup>, Alexander Pe Eric Boerwinkle<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan C Cohen<sup>1</sup> & Helen H Hobbs<sup>1,7</sup>

> *Hum Mol Genet.* 2021 Apr 30;30(6):454-466. doi: 10.1093/hmg/ddab058.

**Identification of LRRK2 missense variants in the accelerating medicines partnership Parkinson's disease cohort**

...<sup>1</sup>, Cornelis Blauwendraat<sup>2</sup>, Zhiyong Liu<sup>1</sup>;

> *J Med Genet.* 2022 Sep 30;jmg-2022-108798. doi: 10.1136/jmg-2022-108798. Online ahead of print.

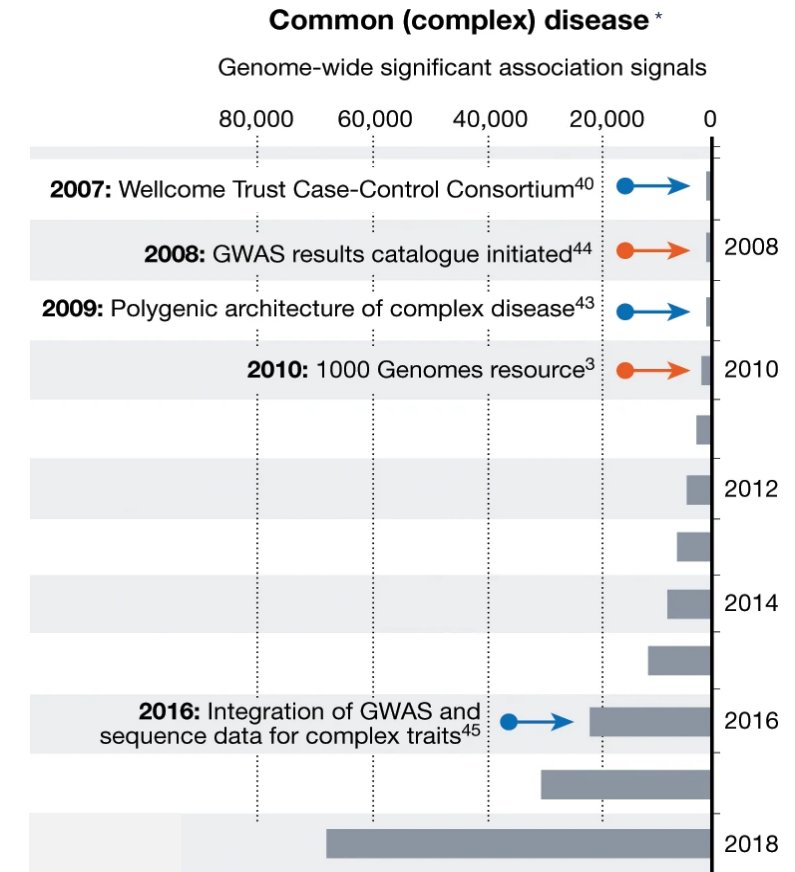
**Identifying the molecular drivers of ALS-implicated missense mutations**

Stephanie Portelli<sup>1 2 3</sup>, Amanda Albanaz<sup>4</sup>, Douglas Edua David Benjamin Ascher<sup>1 2 3</sup>

> *Pain Med.* 2018 May 1;19(5):1010-1014. doi: 10.1093/pm/pnx261.

**Common Missense Variant of SCN9A Gene Is Associated with Pain Intensity in Patients with Chronic Pain from Disc Herniation**

Mateusz Kurzawski<sup>1</sup>, Marcin Rut<sup>2</sup>, Violetta Dziedziejko<sup>3</sup>, Krzysztof Safranow<sup>3</sup>, Anna Machoy-Mokrzynska<sup>1</sup>, Marek Drozdziak<sup>1</sup>, Monika Bialecka<sup>4</sup>



**Need for an approach to transiently edit variants to modify biology and alleviate pathology**

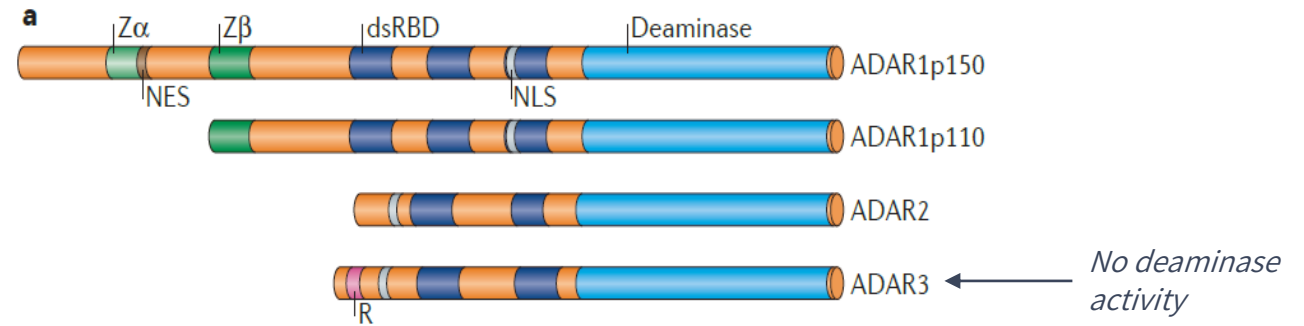
\* Adapted from *Nature* Volume 577, pages 179-189 (2020)

# RNA editing is a ubiquitous and critical natural biochemical function

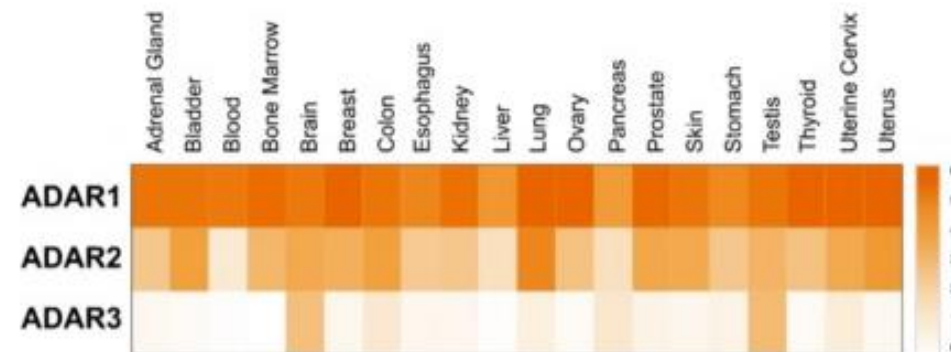
## RNA editing is essential for life

- Deamination of A-to-I; I is read as G during translation
- Ubiquitous post-transcriptional modification
- >1000 RNA edits observed in human transcriptome
- Key biological functions include:
  - Ion channel maturation
  - Immune response
  - Hepatocyte development
  - RNA splicing regulation

## A → G Editing Active Across Numerous Tissues



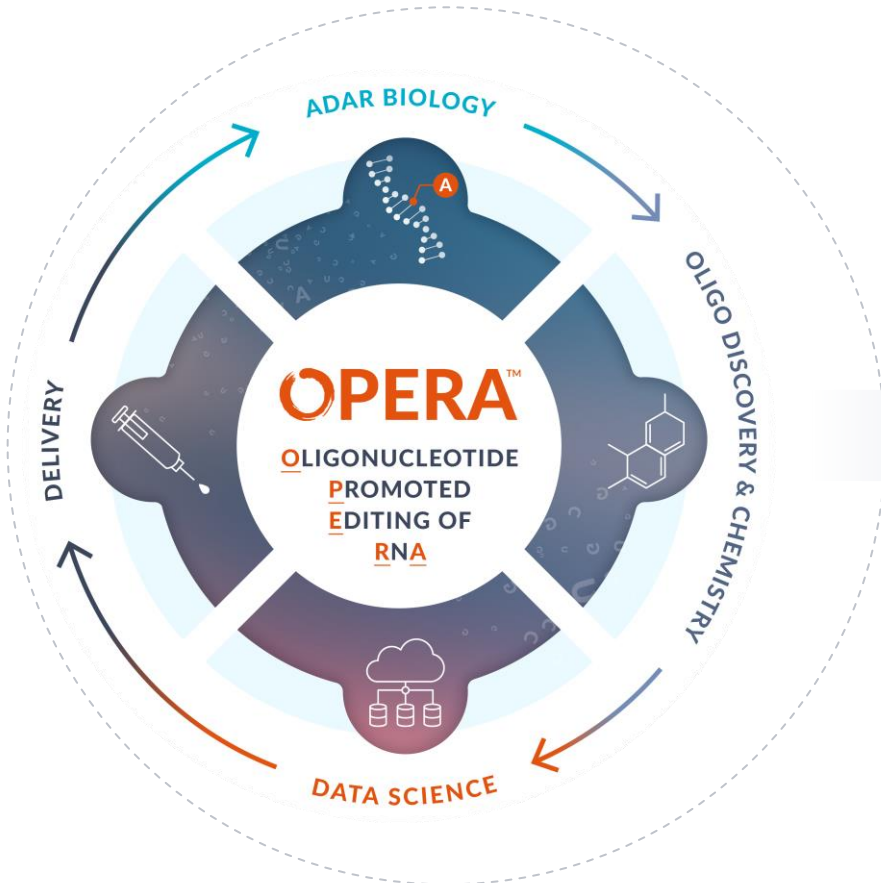
Adapted from Nishikura, *Nat Rev Mol Cell Bio* 2016



Adapted from de Sousa et al., *Int J Mol Sci* 2019

Editing varies by target within tissues, with some natural transcripts edited at nearly 100%

# Customized High-fidelity Oligonucleotides for RNA Deamination (CHORD™)



Designed to have...

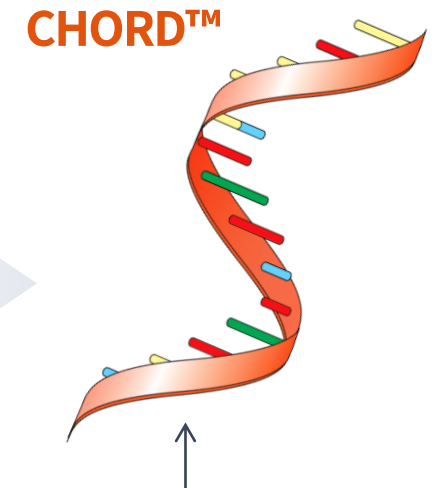
High target efficiency

High target specificity

Computational efficiency

Leveraging chemistry

Leveraging delivery

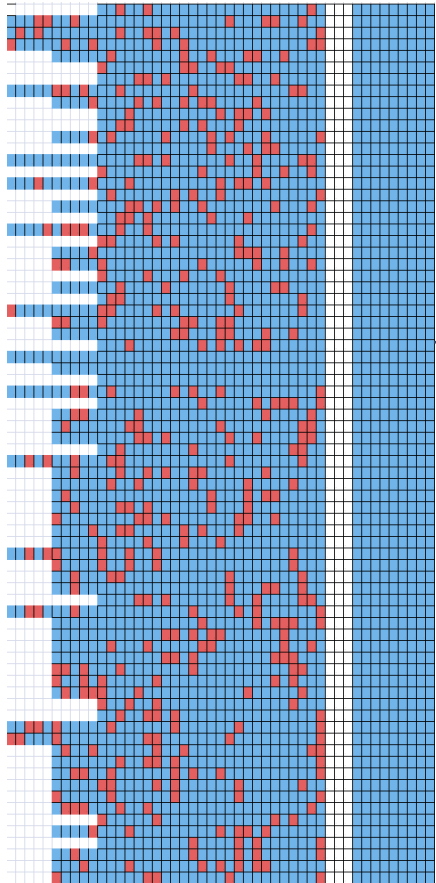


**Gen 1.0:**

A single-stranded, anti-sense oligonucleotide RNA editor

# High Efficiency: Machine Learning-Driven optimal designs across targets

Designed Screening Set & Editing Readout

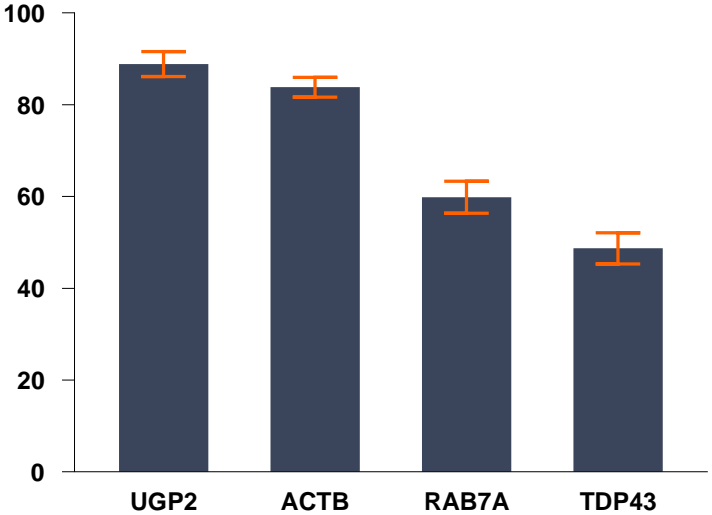
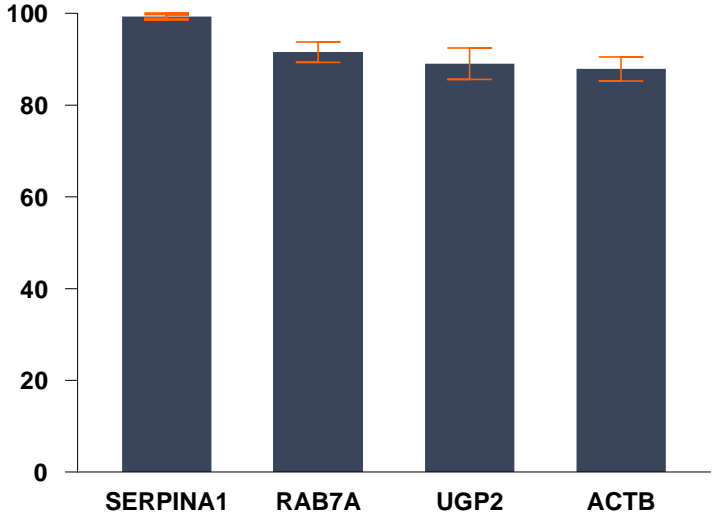


Identification of optimal sequences across multiple targets



Primary Mouse Hepatocytes

Patient-derived Neuroblastoma Cells

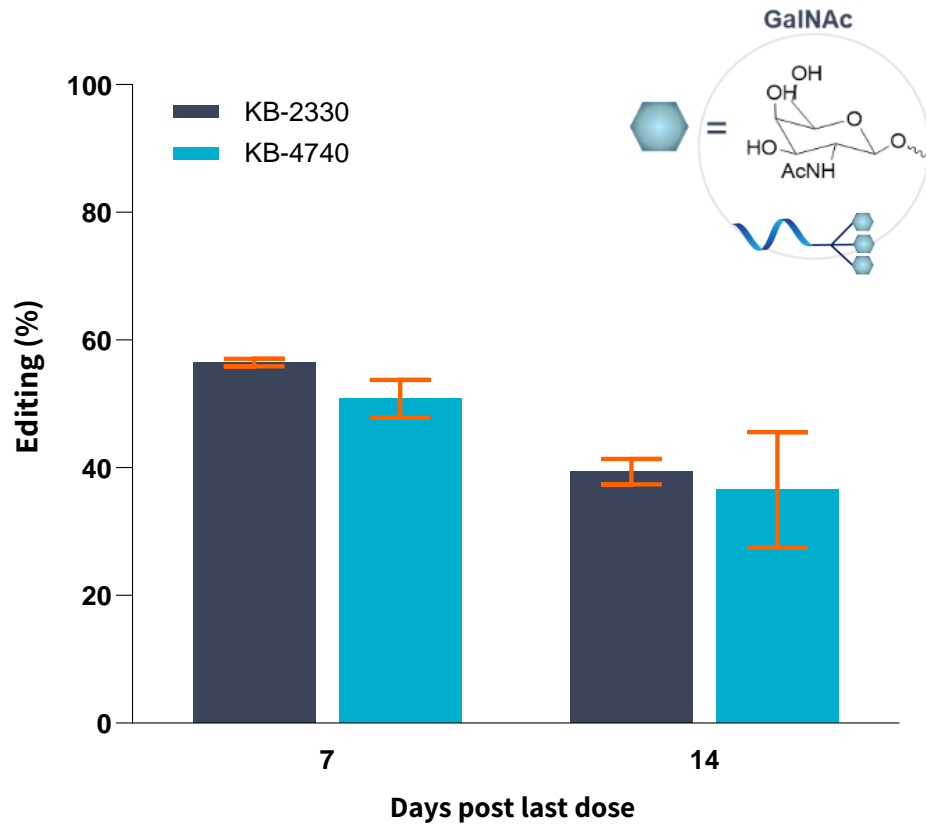


# Leveraging Delivery: Fit-for-Purpose Based on Target Product Profile

## GalNAc (ACTB)



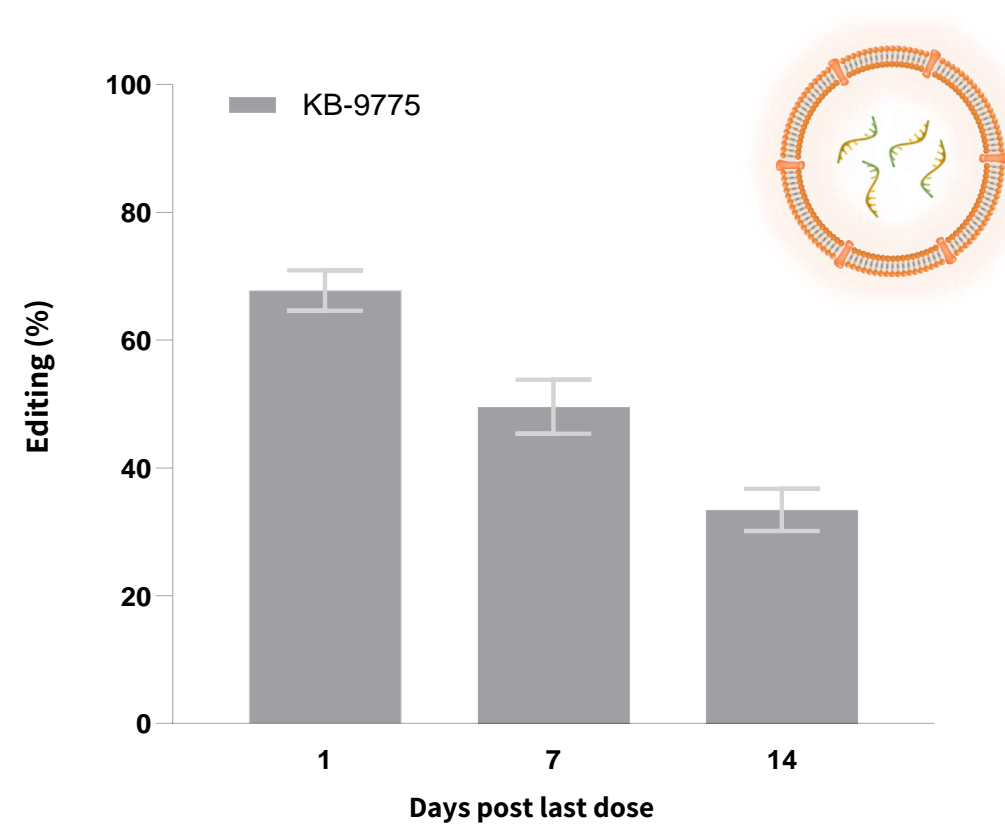
10mg/kg (QDx5); SC administration



## MC3-LNP (RAB7A)



2mg/kg (single dose); IV administration



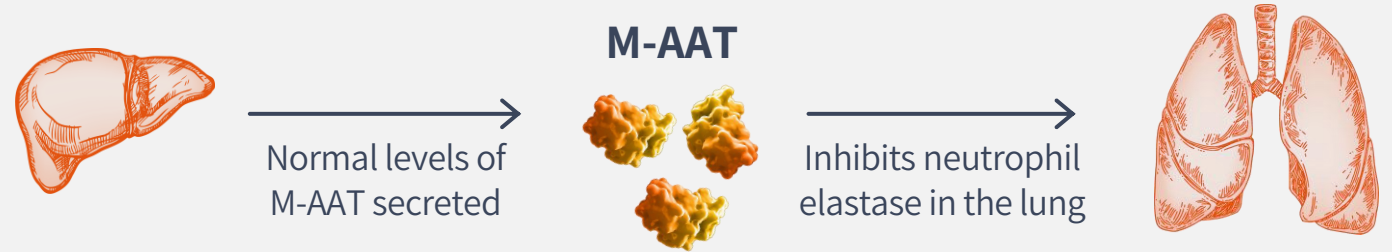


# Alpha 1 Anti-trypsin Deficiency (AATD)

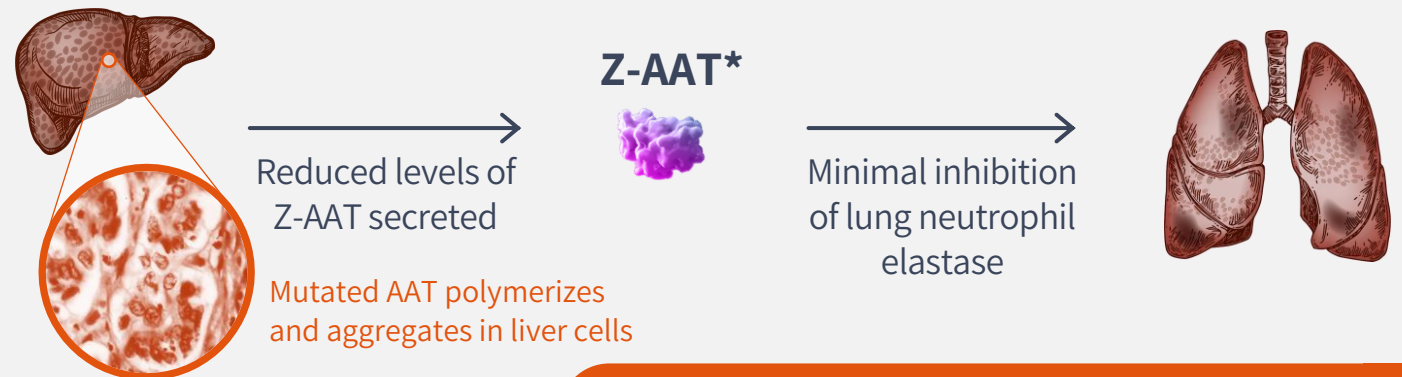
Delivering a Potential Best-in-Class Candidate

# AATD Caused by a Single Missense (G-to-A) Mutation in SERPINA1 Gene in the Liver

## MM Genotype (normal liver and lung)



## ZZ Genotype (fibrotic liver and decreased lung function)



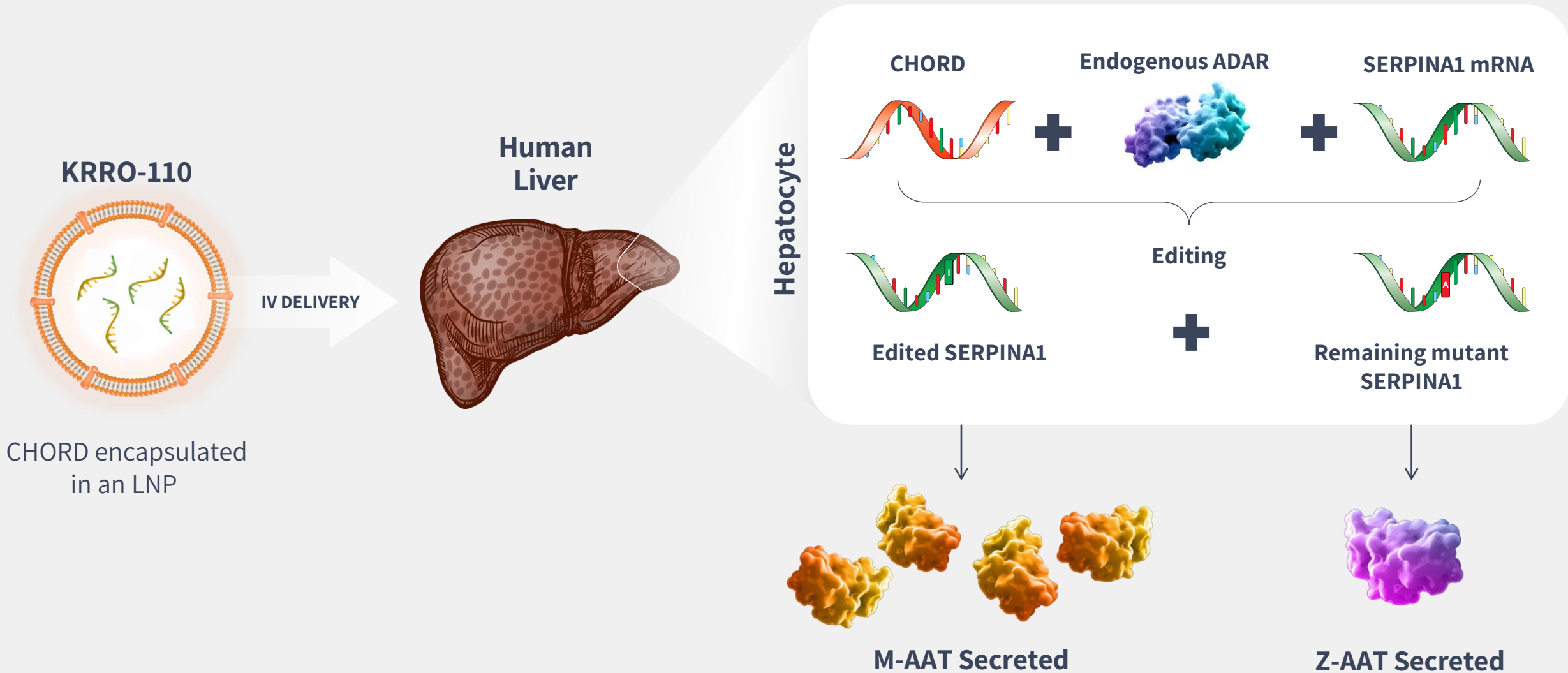
*~100K PiZZ adult patients in U.S.\*\**

Note: AAT protein is encoded by the gene SERPINA1. The E342K mutation (G to A) in SERPINA1 (Z allele) is the most frequent mutation and causes severe lung and liver disease

\*Z-AAT not as active as M-AAT

\*\*Source: Alpha-1 Foundation. Numbers reflected here are carrier of ZZ genotypes

# KRRO-110 Designed to Correct the Pathogenic Z-AAT Protein to M-AAT Protein in Preclinical Models

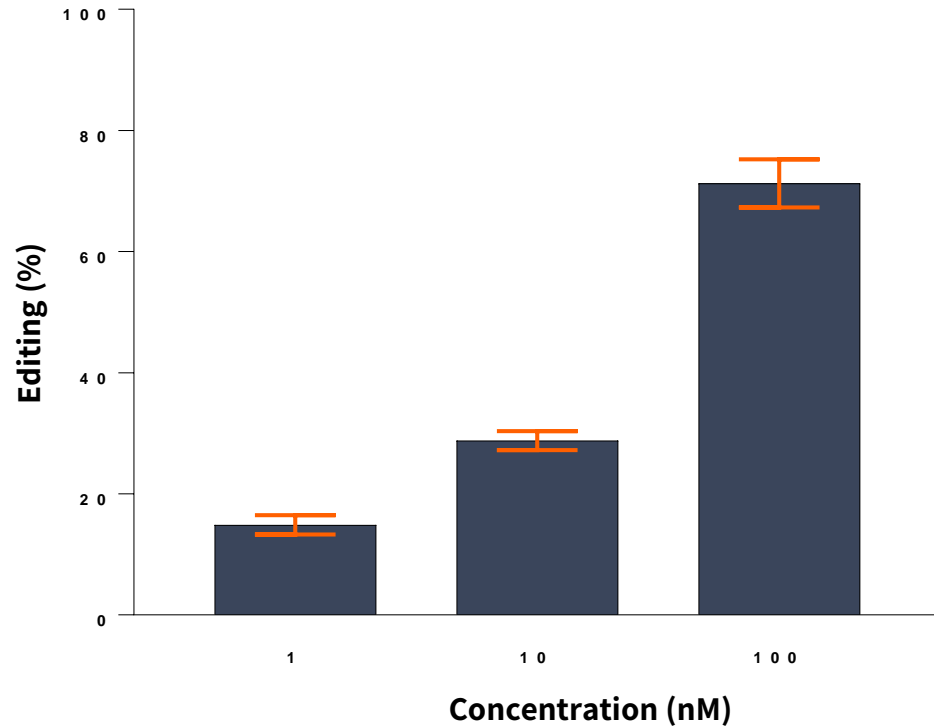


CHORD encapsulated in an LNP

# KRRO-110 Demonstrated >50% Editing in *In Vitro* Systems with the Z Genotype

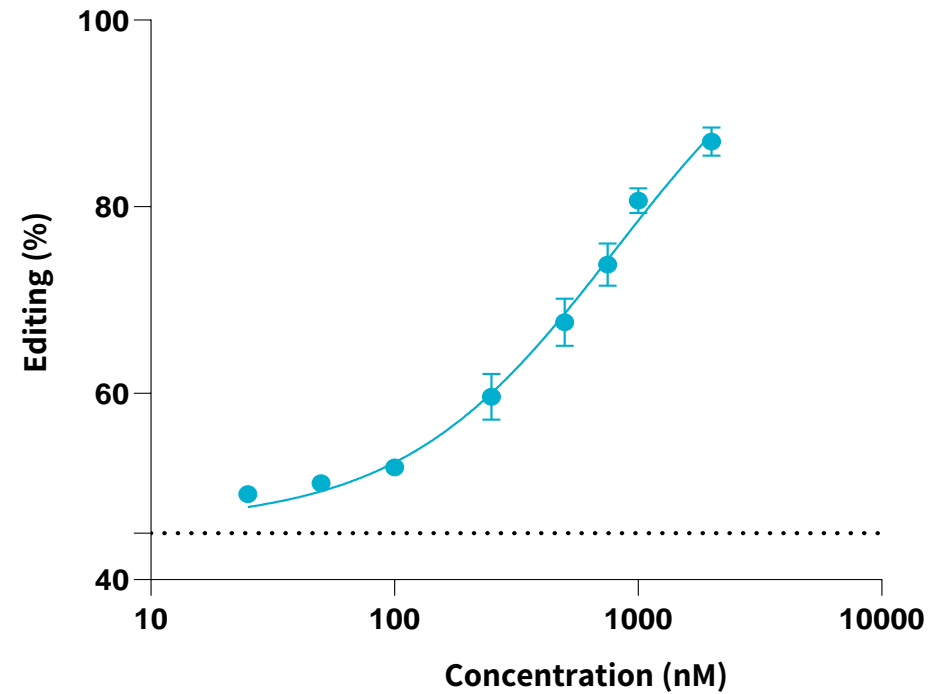
## Editing in hepatocyte like cells (HLCs)<sup>1</sup>

Transfection +IFN



## Editing in human MZ hepatocytes<sup>2</sup>

KRRO-110 uptake



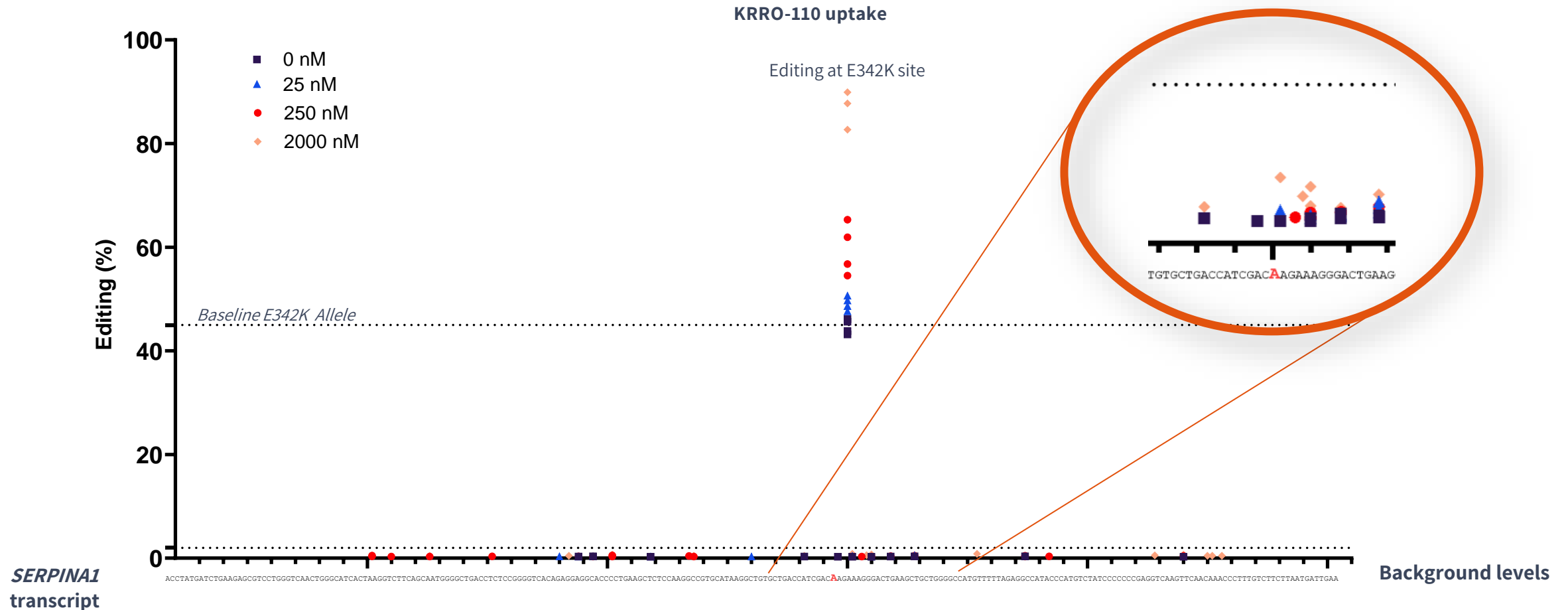
Note: Data represented as average values +/- SEM

<sup>1</sup> HLCs derived from ZZ patient, transfected with RNAiMAX with 1U/uL of IFN, editing measured 48-hours post transfection via amplicon-seq

<sup>2</sup> Primary hepatocytes from MZ donor, free-uptake of LNP, editing measured 48-hours post uptake via amplicon-seq

# Negligible *In Vitro* Cis Off-Target Editing Observed for KRRO-110 in MZ Hepatocytes

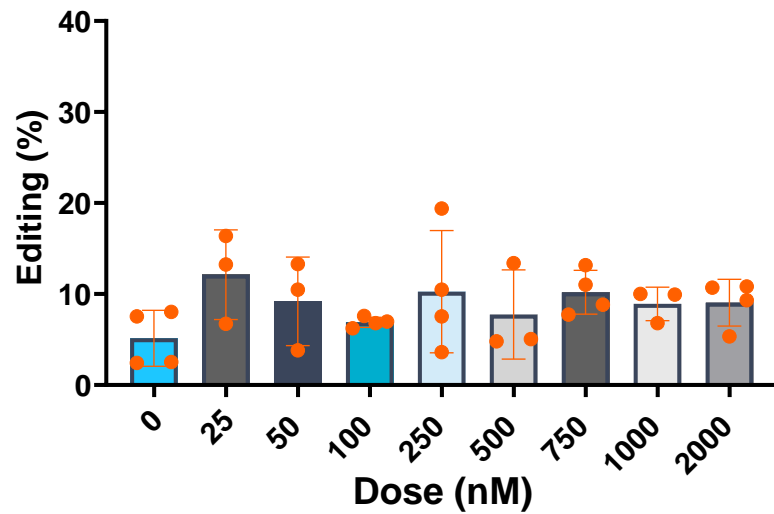
MZ Primary Human Hepatocytes\*



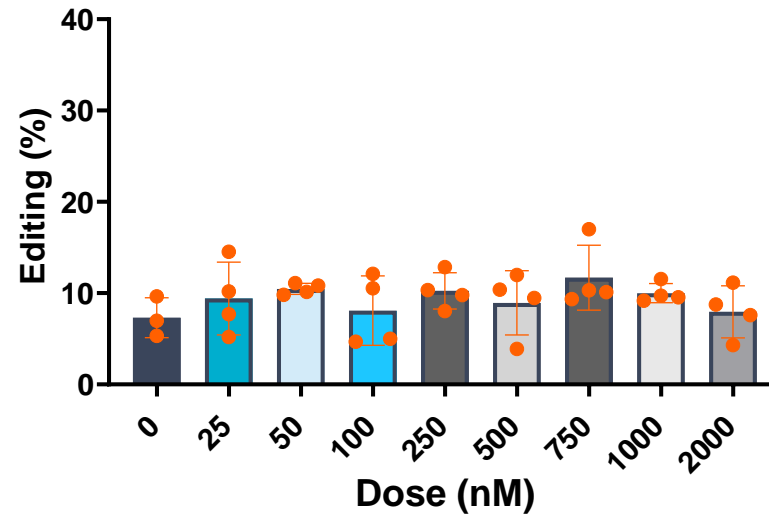
\*Note: Each data point represents one experimental replicate with statistically significant editing above sequencing error

# KRRO-110 does not impact editing of natural ADAR sites

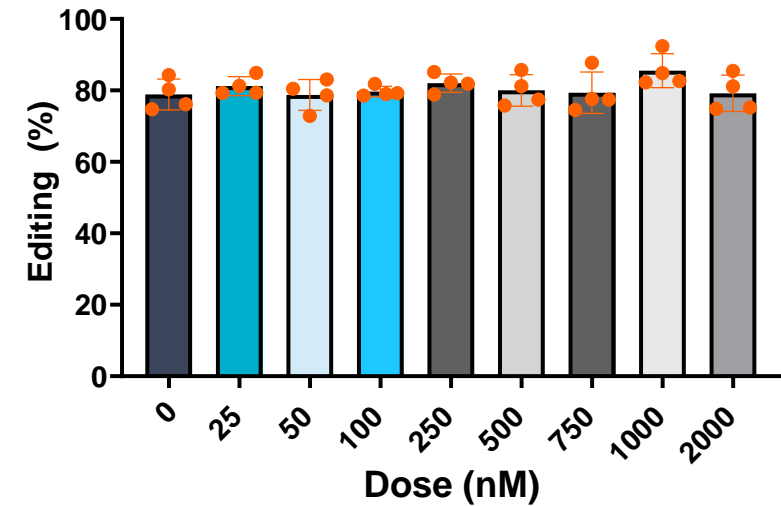
Endogenous site: COG



Endogenous site: COPA

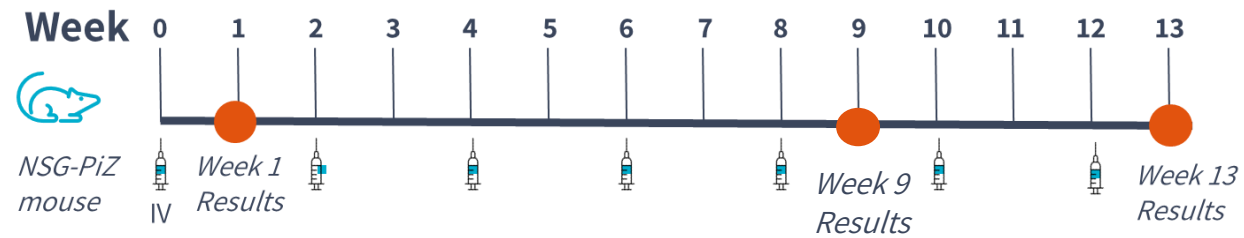


Endogenous site: AJUBA

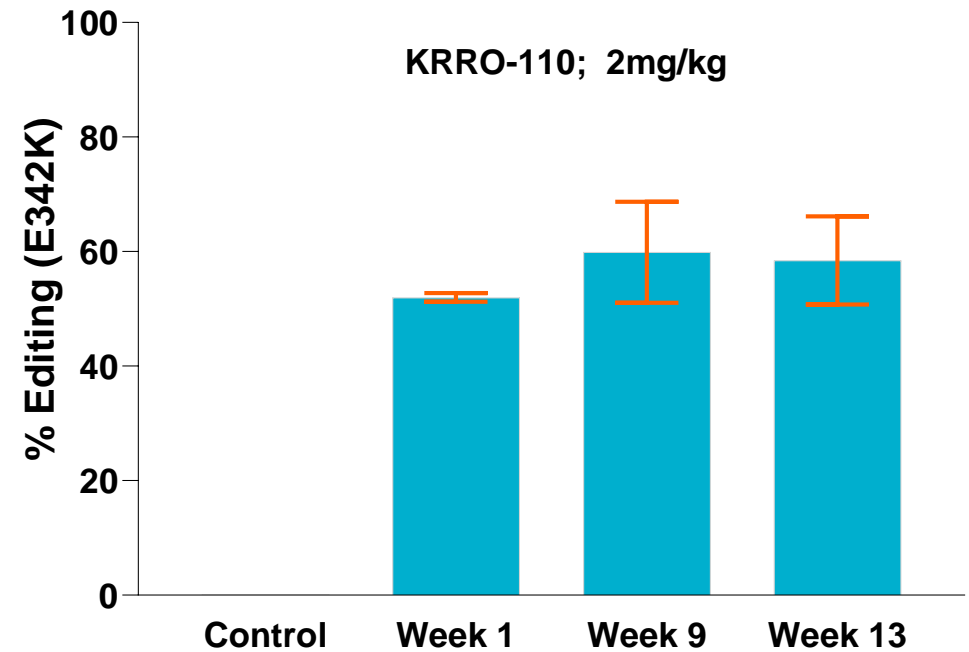


# Achieved >50% Editing in Human Transgenic Mouse Model of Z Genotype with a Single Dose

## Study design

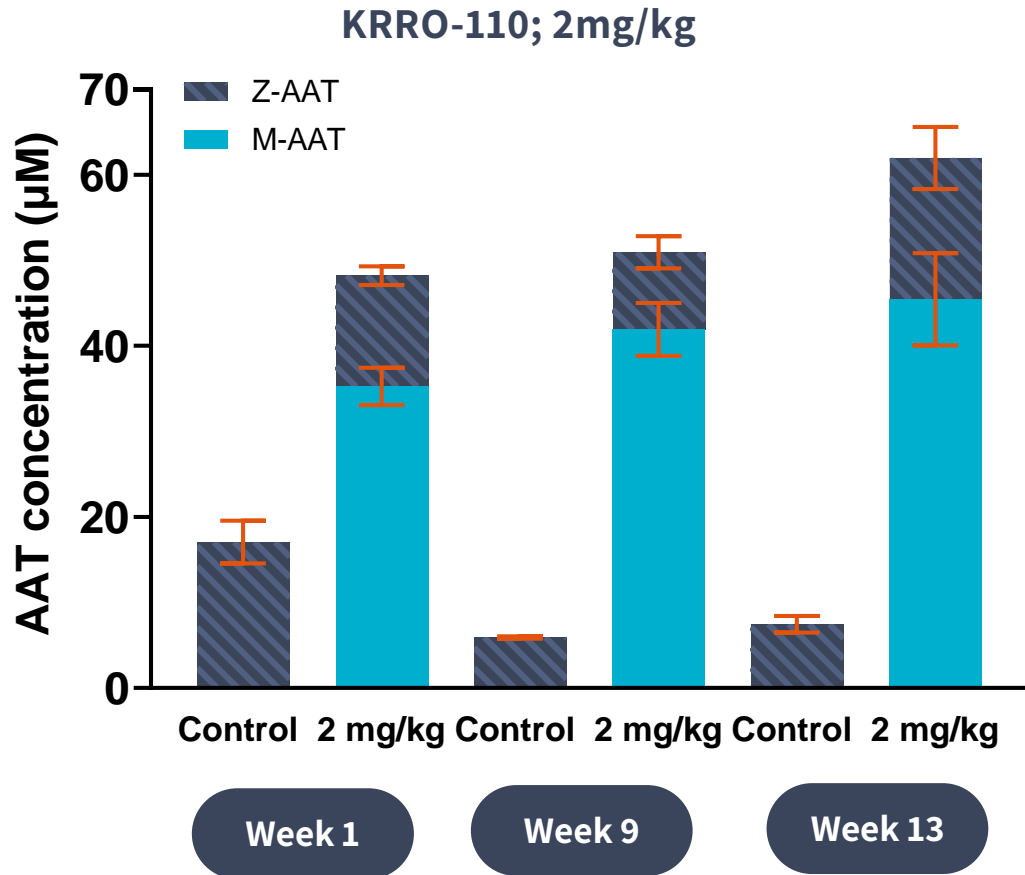


## RNA Editing in NSG-PiZ mouse

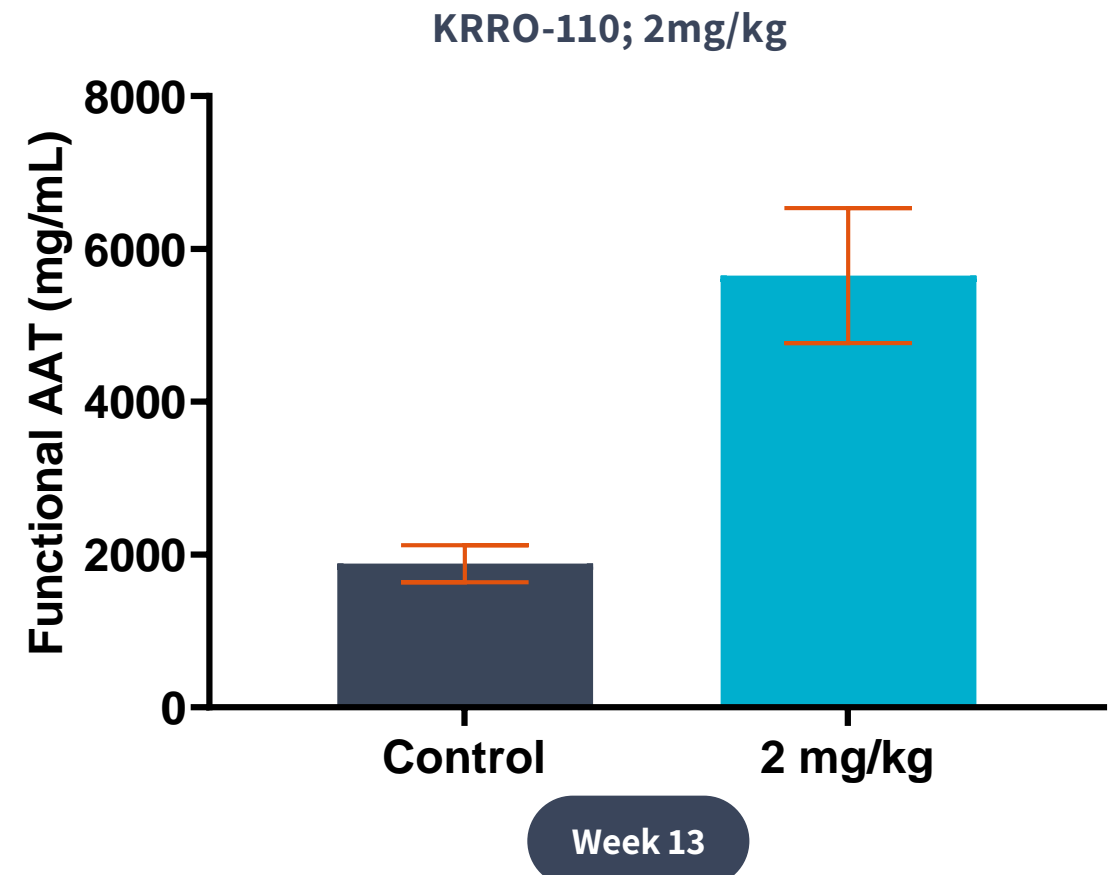


# Achieved greater than 60uM total AAT protein and 45uM of M-AAT levels at week 13

## Serum human-AAT concentration



## NSG-PiZ mouse functional AAT concentration





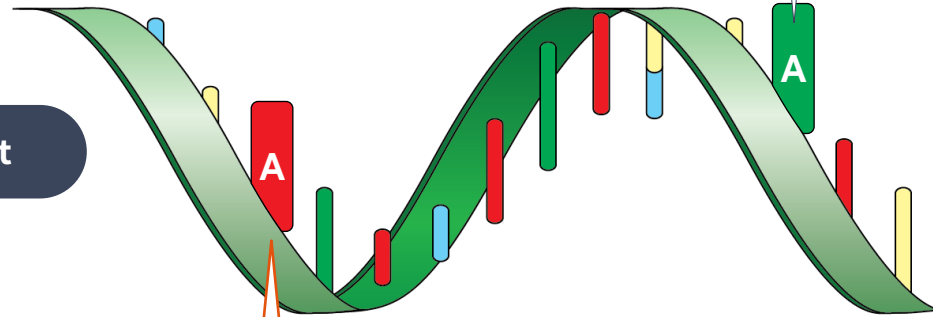
# Editing *De Novo* Adenosine on SERPINA1 to Elucidate Editing in NHP's

E342K target site for  
KRRO-110

Utility in PiZ mouse

Edited (M-AAT) protein detected

SERPINA1 transcript



>98% homology  
of human ADAR  
and cyno ADAR

Surrogate target site to induce  
amino acid change for KB-1494-GVT1  
(different construct with similar chemistry)

Utility in PiZ mouse and in NHPs

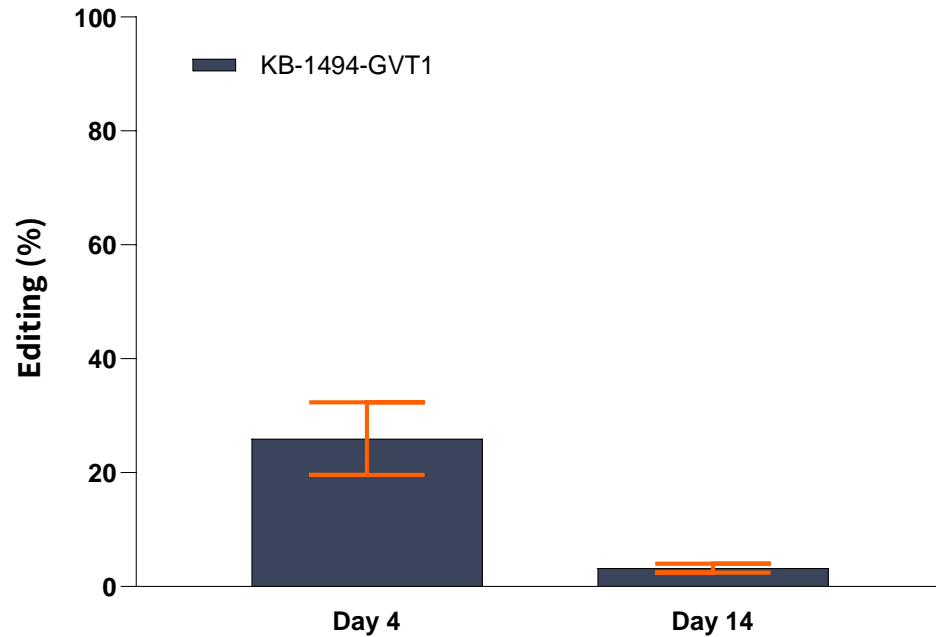
Edited protein detected

# Editing at Surrogate Target Site in AATD Mouse Model Translated to Higher Species

Editing in C57BL/6-PiZ mice (%)



2mg/kg (single dose)

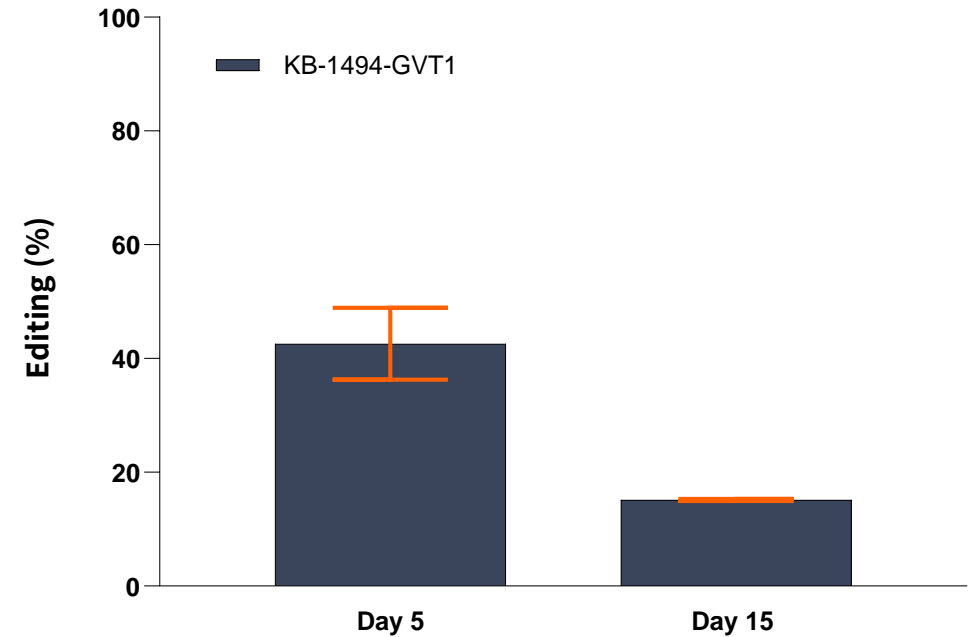


Surrogate Target Site: SERPINA1

Editing in NHPs (%)



2mg/kg (single dose)



Surrogate Target Site: SERPINA1

# KRRO-110 Has Potential for Best-in-Class Profile for AATD Patients

## Efficacy

- ✓ Achieved AAT levels between MM and MZ in rodents as early as Week 1
- ✓ Secreted functional AAT and inhibits neutrophil elastase
- ✓ Rapid reduction in Z-aggregates and Z-AAT protein



## Safety

- ✓ No off-target effect observed to date
- ✓ No effect on endogenous ADAR activity observed to date
- ✓ Well tolerated in non-GLP safety studies (mice, NHP)



## Translation to higher species

- ✓ Ability to edit in human cells
- ✓ Translation to NHP with surrogate oligo

**Preclinical data package supports goal to submit regulatory filing in 2H 2024 and enable FIH study**

# Creating *De Novo* Protein Variants to Modulate Protein Function

Single amino acid changes can have a dramatic effect on disease biology

Disrupting protein-to-protein interactions

Increasing protein expression / half-life

Preventing protein aggregation

Disrupting aggregation of pathogenic protein yet maintaining downstream function

Modulating ion channels

Changing electrical activity within ion channels to within physiological levels

# Thank you to the entire Korro team

