



SELECTED OPPORTUNITY IN NASH

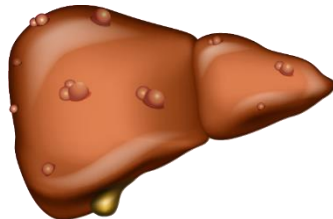
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NASH, AT-A-GLANCE

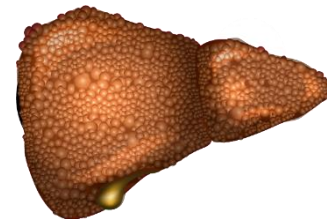
NAFLD



NASH



CIRRHOSIS



Deposits of fat
cause liver
enlargement.



80 Million
Americans



Lifestyle and
dietary rules

Scar tissue forms.
More liver cell
injury occurs.

16 Million
Americans

No treatment
approved

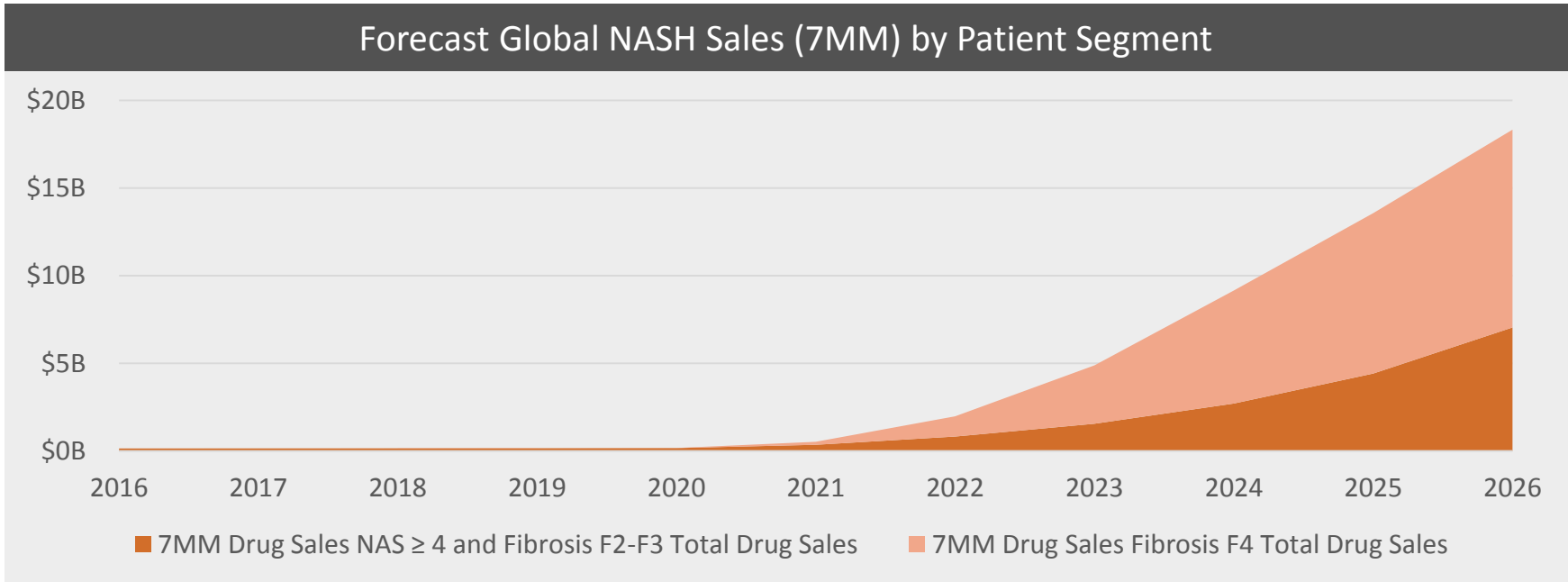
Scar tissue makes
liver hard and unable
to work properly.

1 to 3 Million
Americans

Transplantation

NASH is a leading cause of liver transplantation (US + Europe)

NASH MARKET



Key Global Metrics (2026)

1,42M	\$11,3B	62%
Number of F4 NASH patients to be prescribed a therapeutic	Projected sales for NASH F4	Projected total proportion of sales for F4 patients

*Global Data (September 2018), 7MM = US, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, UK and Japan

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Product factsheet

PoC in vivo

▶ Target:

- ◆ IRE1 α (endoribonuclease activity)

▶ Product:

- ◆ STF03010 (tool compound)

▶ Application:

- ◆ Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), fibrotic NASH or liver cancer

▶ Technology:

- ◆ Peptides, peptidomimetic, small molecule

▶ Rational / POC:

- ◆ Endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress is activated in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease;
- ◆ B-cell lymphoma 2 (BCL2)-associated X protein (Bax) inhibitor-1 (BI-1) is a negative regulator of the ER stress sensor, inositol-requiring enzyme 1 alpha (IRE1 α);
- ◆ In livers of tunicamycin-treated BI-1 $^{-/-}$ mice a IRE1 α -dependent NLRP3 inflammasome activation, a hepatocyte death, a fibrosis and a dysregulated lipid homeostasis that led to liver failure within a week are observed;
- ◆ Human NAFLD liver biopsies revealed that BI-1 downregulation parallel to the upregulation of IRE1 α RNase signaling;
- ◆ The pharmacological inhibition of IRE1 α endoribonuclease activity counteracted IRE1 α endoribonuclease activity, improving glucose tolerance and rescuing from NASH in BI-1 $^{-/-}$ mice.
- ◆ Thus, targeting IRE1 α -dependent NLRP3 inflammasome signaling with pharmacological agents or via BI-1 may represent a tangible therapeutic target for NASH.

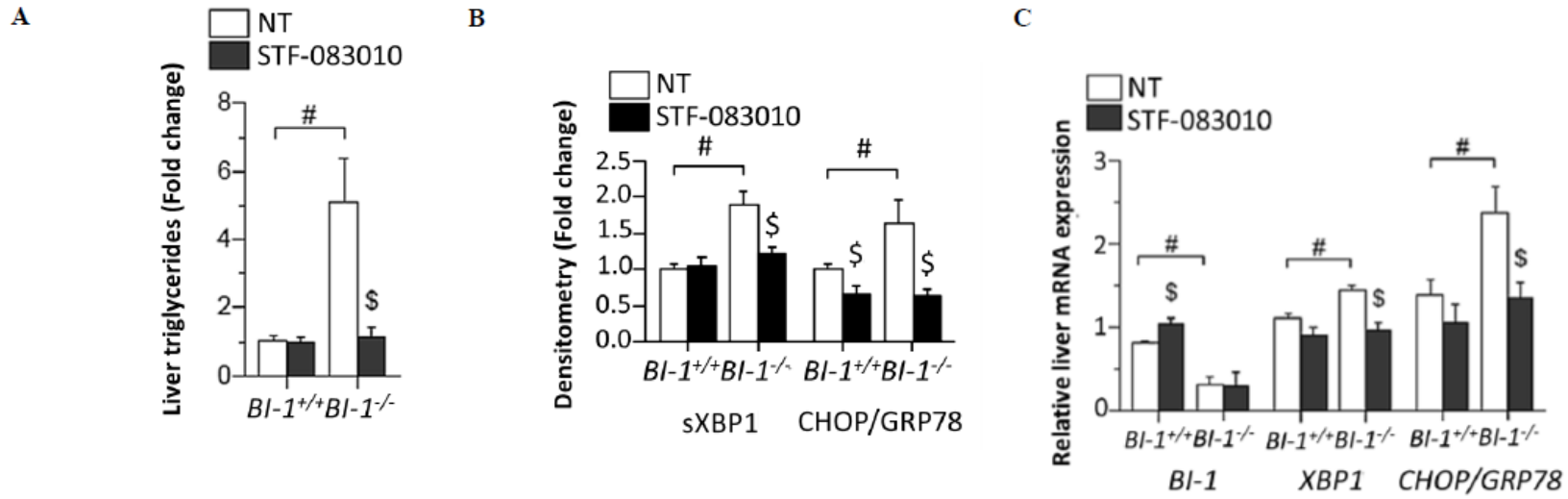
▶ Patent and publication:

- ◆ PCT/EP2019/053807: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING LIVER DISEASES
- ◆ Lebeau C, Vallée D, Rousseau D, Patouraux S, Bonnafous S, Adam G, Luciano F, Luci C, Anty R, Iannelli A, Marchetti S, Kroemer G, Lacas-Gervais S, Tran A, Gual P, Bailly-Maitre B. *Bax inhibitor-1 protects from nonalcoholic steatohepatitis by limiting inositol-requiring enzyme 1 alpha signaling in mice*. Hepatology. 2018 Aug;68(2):515-532.

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Proof of concept

Early into HFD feeding, limiting the ER stress response by inhibiting IRE1 α RNase activity protects from steatosis and hyperglycemia

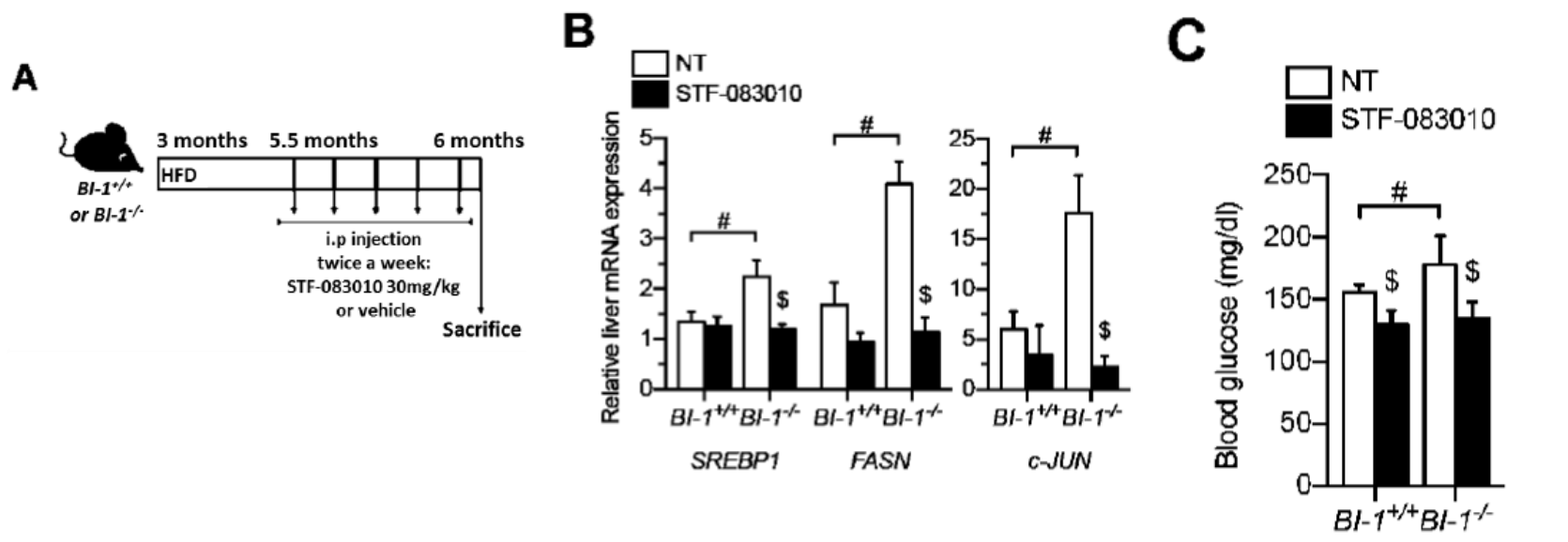


Starting 2.5 months after HFD feeding, BI-1^{+/+} and BI-1^{-/-} mice were treated with STF-083010 (30 mg/kg) or vehicle (NT, Kolliphor 16%) twice a week for 2 weeks before sacrifice. (A) Relative liver triglyceride levels. Analysis of ER stress markers by (B) immunoblot with respect to the loading control HSP90, and (C) qPCR, genes significantly (#p < 0.05) different in expression comparing NT HFD-fed BI-1^{+/+} and BI-1^{-/-} mice. n = 6; \$p < 0.05 when comparing treated to untreated counterpart.

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Blocking IRE1 α RNase activity in HFD-fed mice limits lipogenesis priming, hyperglycemia and collagen accumulation in livers of BI-1-deficient mice and does not affect liver appearance in ND-fed mice.



(A) Protocol timeline for vehicle (NT, Kolliphor 16%) or STF-083010 (30 mg/kg) injections in HFD-fed BI-1^{+/+} and BI-1^{-/-} mice. (B) qPCR analysis of hepatic genes involved in lipid synthesis and metabolism (n = 3). Genes are significantly (#p < 0.05) different in expression comparing NT HFD-fed BI-1^{+/+} and BI-1^{-/-} mice. \$p < 0.05 when comparing treated to untreated counterpart. (C) Blood glucose concentrations in fed BI-1^{+/+} and BI-1^{-/-} mice (n = 6).

Business Opportunity

▶ Collaboration:

- ◆ Test your Ire1-Alpha inhibitor in NASH model.

▶ Licensing:

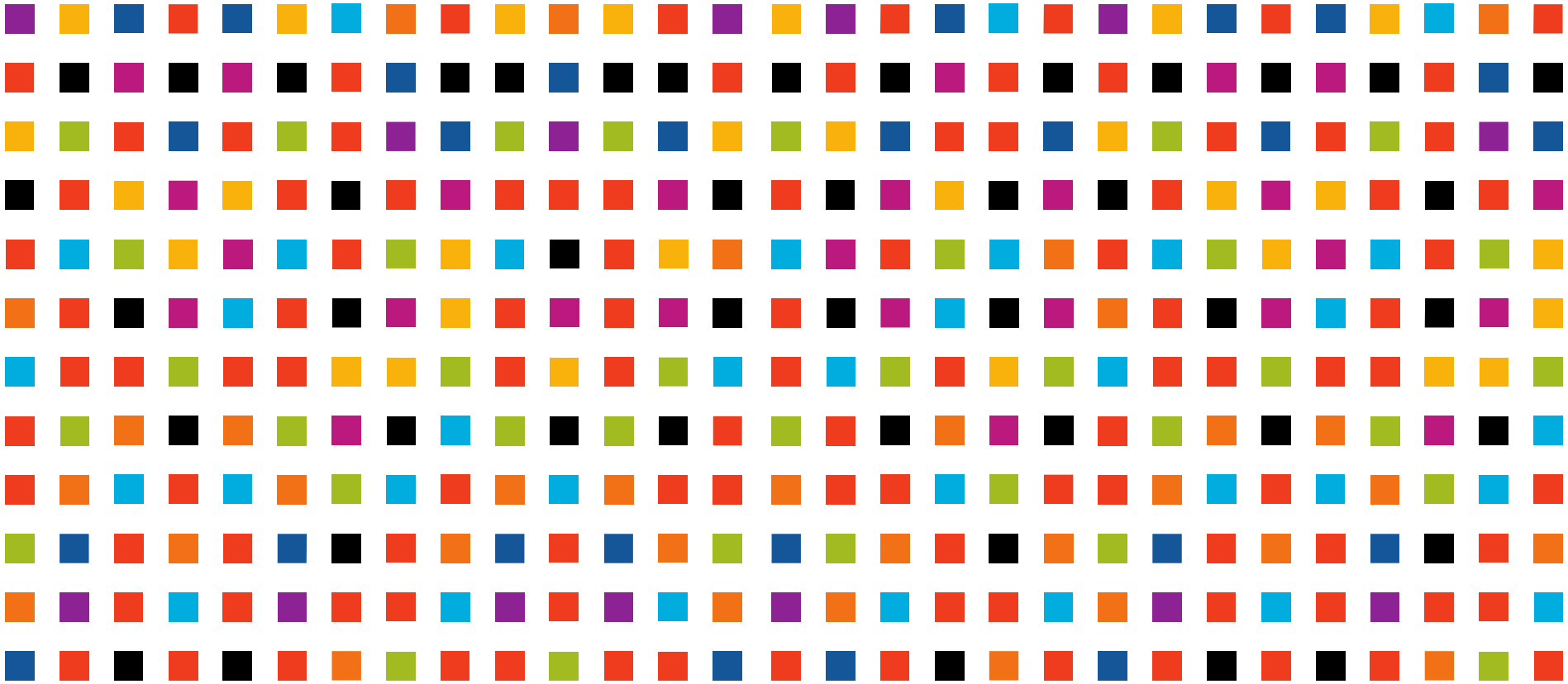
- ◆ Develop your Ire1-Alpha inhibitor in NASH indication.

▶ Team:

- ◆ Work with Dr. Bailly-Maitre, member of Philippe Gual's team "Hepatic Complications in obesity (NAFLD)" at C3M-Nice (UMR1065).
- ◆ <http://www.unice.fr/c3m/index.php/research-teams/philippe-gual-albert-tran/>

▶ Interest:

- ◆ Extend the scope of your drug.



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