



# ENCORE-PH

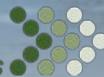
## Top-line Results

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# Emricasan – Positioned for Success in NASH and Beyond

## Profile

**First-in-class pan-caspase inhibitor ideally suited to treat liver disease**

Orally administered

Actively transported into the liver

Not metabolized in the liver

Addresses all etiologies of cirrhosis

## Efficacy

**Potent mechanism with multiple disease intervention points**

Confirmed activity across broad spectrum of chronic liver disease

Signal of anti-fibrotic treatment effect using a histology endpoint in HCV

Clinically meaningful reductions in relevant cirrhosis endpoints

## Safety

**Administered to ~700 subjects (~500 with liver disease) across 17 clinical trials**

Well tolerated with over 150 patient-years of exposure

Serious adverse event and adverse event profiles similar in placebo and emricasan treated patients

# Portal Hypertension Is an Important, Significant Problem

**Severe portal hypertension (HVPG  $\geq 12$  mmHg) is the main driver of decompensation in cirrhosis including variceal bleeding, ascites, hepatic encephalopathy, and liver-related mortality\***

It is manifested through a combination of intrahepatic and extrahepatic pathology

The emricasan mechanism of action has the potential to positively impact both

**HVPG is an objective measure of portal hypertension\***

Decreasing HVPG in patients with severe portal hypertension is predictive of clinical benefit

HVPG may be an appropriate surrogate endpoint for accelerated approval in severe portal hypertension

**Emricasan has already demonstrated improvements in severe portal hypertension in patients with compensated cirrhosis**

**All 263 patients in ENCORE-PH presented with severe portal hypertension due to NASH at baseline**

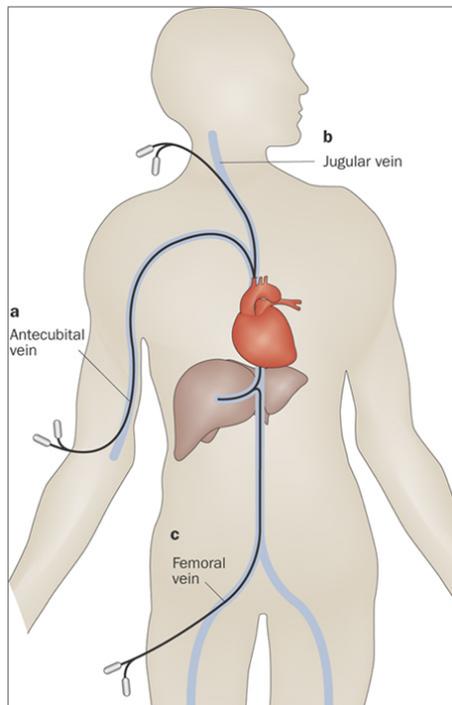
The primary endpoint for the study is the mean change in HVPG after 24 weeks of dosing

Positive results from ENCORE-PH further demonstrate emricasan's potential to benefit NASH cirrhosis patients

\*Bosch J. *et al.* Nat. Rev. Gastroenterol. Hepatol. 6 (2009), 573–582.

# Quantifying Portal Hypertension

## Hepatic Venous Pressure Gradient (HVPG)



**HVPG** is the measurement of the difference in pressure inside a hepatic vein with a balloon catheter inflated vs. deflated. This measurement provides a good estimate of the elevation in pressure inside the portal vein, especially in patients with cirrhosis.

- ✓ HVPG >5 mmHg defines the condition of portal hypertension.
- ✓ HVPG  $\geq$ 10 mmHg defines clinically significant portal hypertension.
- ✓ HVPG  $\geq$ 12 mmHg defines severe portal hypertension with increased risk of blood vessel rupture.
- ✓ HVPG  $\geq$ 16 mmHg predicts a higher risk of clinical events and death.\*

HVPG is an objective measure of portal hypertension  
which is linked directly to clinical complications

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# Phase 2b ENCORE-PH Trial

In NASH Cirrhosis Patients with Severe Portal Hypertension

EmricasaN, a Caspase inhibitOR, for Evaluation in Portal Hypertension

## Design

~240 patients at ~70 sites across US and EU. Randomized 1:1:1:1 to receive placebo or emricasan at 5mg, 25mg, or 50mg BID

NASH cirrhosis and severe portal hypertension (HVPG  $\geq$  12 mmHg)

Double-blind, placebo-controlled

## Primary Endpoint

Change from baseline to Week 24 in mean HVPG in each dosing group compared with placebo

Strong basis for HVPG as a surrogate endpoint in patients with severe portal hypertension

## Extension

24-week treatment/placebo continuation

Following for liver function and clinical outcomes

Top-line HVPG results reported 4Q18  
Extension results expected mid-19

# ENCORE-PH Top-line Results

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# Phase 2b ENCORE-PH: Study Population Baseline Demographics

## 263 Patients with NASH Cirrhosis

	5 mg BID	25 mg BID	50 mg BID	Placebo
Randomized	65	65	66	67
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	35.3	34.4	35.6	35.9
Compensated	75.4%	75.4%	72.7%	82.1%
Decompensated	24.6%	24.6%	27.3%	17.9%
HVPG (mmHg)	16.88	17.25	16.91	16.81
MELD Score	9.17	9.06	9.24	8.40
Child Pugh Score	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.4
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus	80.0%	80.0%	71.2%	83.6%
On NSBB	43.1%	40.0%	39.4%	40.3%
No/Small Varices	61.5%	63.0%	66.7%	79.1%
Medium/Large Varices	38.5%	37.0%	33.3%	20.9%

# Phase 2b ENCORE-PH: Key Takeaways

## Efficacy

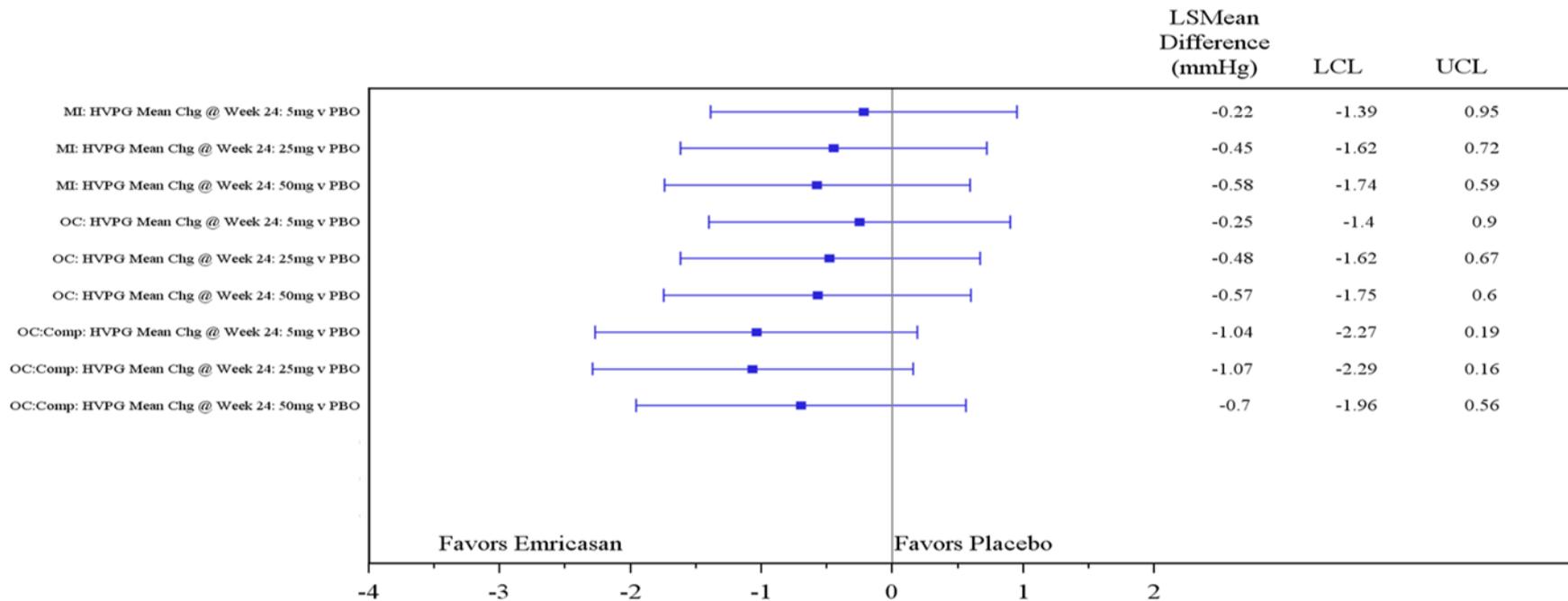
- Emricasan treatment achieved clinically important improvements from baseline and compared with placebo in mean HVPG at Week 24
  - Showed positive trends in both improvement from baseline and differences compared with placebo in mean HVPG in the full study population (patients with compensated or decompensated NASH cirrhosis) but did not meet the primary endpoint
  - Showed improvement compared with placebo in mean HVPG in post-hoc analyses in multiple subgroups of patients with compensated NASH cirrhosis
    - Change from baseline in HVPG in compensated  $\geq 16$  mmHg subgroup showed improvement ( $\geq 2$  mmHg) in all emricasan dose groups vs. placebo
  - Showed responses predictive of clinical benefit ( $\geq 20\%$  decrease in HVPG) in  $\geq 16$  mmHg HVPG subgroup
    - Showed trend toward clinical benefit in total compensated NASH cirrhosis population
  - Showed a general pattern of increasing improvement from baseline in mean HVPG in multiple subgroups of patients with compensated NASH cirrhosis.
    - Mean HVPG in all emricasan dose groups decreased in all compensated cohorts while mean HVPG in the placebo cohort increased
    - All three emricasan dose groups achieved a  $\geq 1$  mmHg mean HVPG improvement over baseline

## Safety

- Emricasan was generally well-tolerated
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# Change from Baseline vs. Placebo in HVPG at Week 24 in Full Study Population Consistently Favors Emricasan vs. Placebo

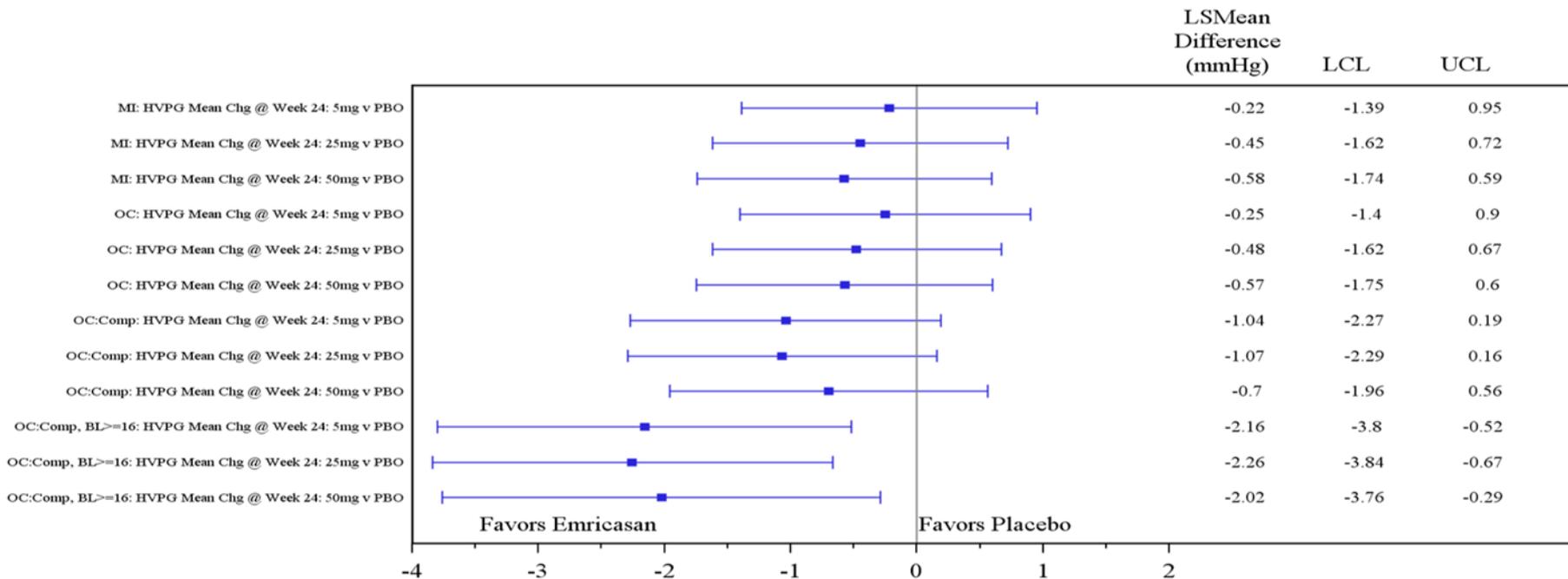
Primary Analysis Datacut: Change from Baseline in HVPG  
Difference in LSMean (95% CI) between Treatment Groups



MI=multiple imputation; ANOVA model adjusting for baseline compensation status, NSBB use, and baseline HVPG.  
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# Change from Baseline vs. Placebo in HVPG at Week 24 in Compensated $\geq 16$ mmHg Subgroup Showed Meaningful Improvement with Emricasan

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# Consistent Differences in Mean HVPG vs. Placebo with Emricasan in Compensated Patient Subpopulations

Difference in Adjusted mean HVPG (p value)\*

Compensated Patient Subpopulation			
Patient Baseline HVPG	Emricasan 5 mg BID	Emricasan 25 mg BID	Emricasan 50 mg BID
≥12mmHg	-1.0 (p=0.098)	-1.1 (p=0.087)	-0.7 (p=0.275)
≥13mmHg	-1.4 (p=0.047)	-1.4 (p=0.040)	-1.5 (p=0.037)
≥14mmHg	-1.5 (p=0.037)	-1.8 (p=0.015)	-1.6 (p=0.032)
≥15mmHg	-1.4 (p=0.074)	-1.6 (p=0.035)	-2.0 (p=0.017)
≥16mmHg	-2.2 (p=0.010)	-2.3 (p=0.006)	-2.0 (p=0.023)
≥17mmHg	-2.6 (p=0.009)	-2.8 (p=0.005)	-2.5 (p=0.015)
Overall Compensated and Decompensated Patient Population			
HVPG ≥12mmHg	-0.3 (p=0.666)	-0.5 (p=0.416)	-0.6 (p=0.337)

\*Post-hoc analyses based on ANOVA model adjusted for baseline HVPG

# Clinically Meaningful Benefit Observed in $\geq 16$ mmHg Subgroup with a Trend Predictive of Clinical Benefit in Total Compensated Population

Responder Analysis in Compensated NASH Cirrhosis Patients (p value)\*

<b><math>\geq 20\%</math> Responders (from Baseline) in Compensated Population Subgroups</b>				
<b>Baseline HVPG</b>	<b>Emricasan 5mg BID</b>	<b>Emricasan 25mg BID</b>	<b>Emricasan 50mg BID</b>	<b>Placebo BID</b>
<b><math>\geq 16</math> mmHg</b>	22% (p=0.023) (7%, 39%) (n=6/27)	13% (p=0.110) (1%, 26%) (n=4/30)	20% (p=0.013) (6%, 42%) (n=5/25)	0% (n=0/26)
<b><math>\geq 12</math> mmHg</b>	15% (p=0.379) (-7%, 19%) (n=7/46)	19% (p=0.162) (-4%, 23%) (n=9/47)	19% (p=0.176) (-4%, 24%) (n=8/42)	9% (n=5/53)

\*Post-hoc chi-square test for assessing difference in response rates (95%CI of risk difference)

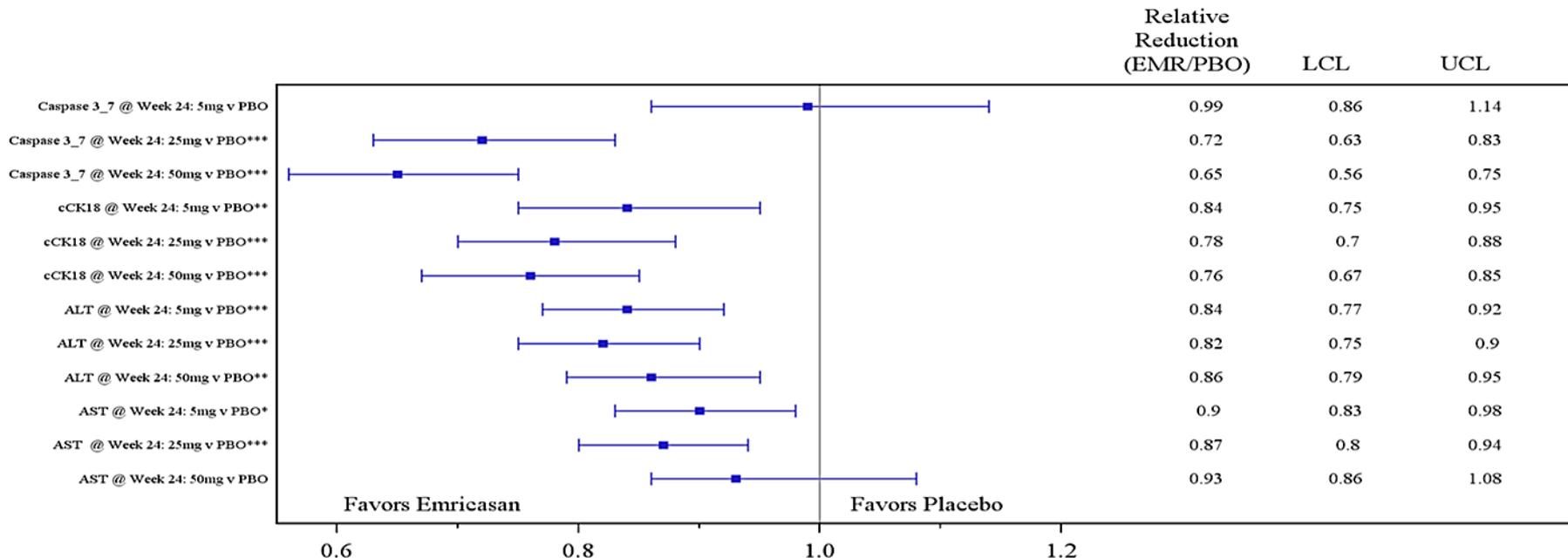
# Clinically Important Reductions in Mean HVPG vs. Baseline with Emricasan with Consistent Decreases in Emricasan Groups vs. Consistent Increases with Placebo

Difference in Adjusted mean HVPG

Compensated Patient Subpopulations				
Baseline HVPG	Emricasan 5 mg BID	Emricasan 25 mg BID	Emricasan 50 mg BID	Placebo BID
≥12 mmHg	-0.8 (n=46)	-0.8 (n=47)	-0.4 (n=42)	+0.2 (n=53)
≥13 mmHg	-0.9 (n=39)	-0.9 (n=46)	-1.0 (n=37)	+0.5 (n=44)
≥14 mmHg	-1.0 (n=35)	-1.3 (n=38)	-1.1 (n=31)	+0.5 (n=39)
≥15 mmHg	-1.2 (n=30)	-1.3 (n=35)	-1.7 (n=25)	+0.3 (n=35)
≥16 mmHg	-1.6 (n=26)	-1.7 (n=30)	-1.5 (n=21)	+0.5 (n=26)
≥17 mmHg	-1.7 (n=23)	-1.9 (n=25)	-1.6 (n=19)	+0.9 (n=20)
Overall Compensated and Decompensated Patient Population				
≥12 mmHg	-0.5 (N=61)	-0.7 (N=62)	-0.8 (N=56)	-0.2 (N=64)

# Consistent Improvement in Mechanism Related Biomarkers at Week 24

Primary Analysis Datacut: Relative Reduction in Biomarkers  
Difference in LSMMeans (95% CI) between Treatment Groups



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\*<0.05; \*\*<0.01; \*\*\*<0.001; dunnett's adjusted p-values

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## KOL Perspectives

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“... Post-hoc analyses from the ENCORE-PH trial showing that, compared to placebo, emricasan is associated with clinically meaningful incremental reductions in HVPG with worsening baseline HVPG levels, strongly suggest that emricasan has the potential of providing patient benefit.”

– Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, M.D.  
Yale School of Medicine  
Yale Liver Center  
VA-CT Health Care System

“... the findings ... support additional investigation of this compound for those with compensated cirrhosis due to NASH and ... at greatest risk of clinical decompensation for whom there are no alternate approved therapies.”

– Arun Sanyal, M.B.B.S., M.D.  
VCU School of Medicine  
NIH NASH CRN  
The Liver Forum

# Emricasan: Robust NASH Clinical Pipeline Across the Spectrum of Liver Disease

Target Population	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Milestone
ENCORE-PH (NASH Cirrhosis)	263 patients at 75 sites in the US and EU		Liver Function, Clinical Endpoint	Phase 2b Extension data expected mid-19
ENCORE-NF (NASH Fibrosis)	~330 patients at ~100 sites in the US and EU		Biopsy Endpoint	Phase 2b top-line data expected 1H19
ENCORE-LF (NASH Cirrhosis)	~210 patients at ~90 sites in the US		Clinical Endpoint	Phase 2b top-line data expected mid-19

Three Phase 2b NASH clinical trials designed with endpoints tailored to each patient population provide multiple independent paths forward

# Conatus at a Glance



Lead compound emricasan has the potential to modify liver disease outcome



Capital sufficient through remaining data readouts and through 2019



Multiple pathways to significant fibrosis and cirrhosis markets



Three ongoing Phase 2b NASH trials reading out over the next 9 months



Novartis partnership fully funds remaining emricasan development





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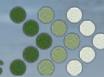
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