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**CTX320: An Investigational *In Vivo*  
CRISPR-Based Therapy Efficiently  
And Durably Reduces Lipoprotein(a)  
Levels In Non-Human Primates After  
A Single Dose**

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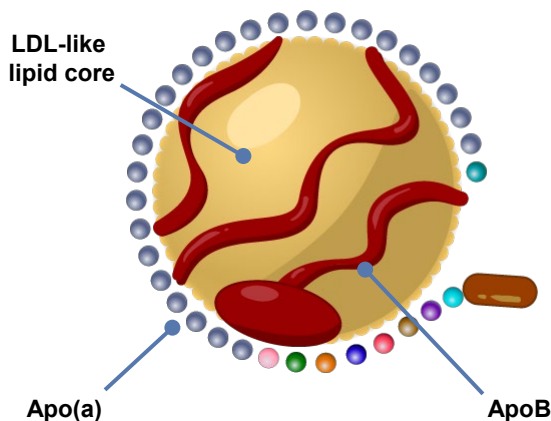
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# Lipoprotein(a): An Independent Risk Factor for ASCVD

Lp(a) contains a single apo(a) molecule covalently bound by a disulfide bridge to ApoB



Apo(a) is encoded by the *LPA* gene and determines plasma Lp(a) levels

- Lp(a) is an LDL-like lipoprotein synthesized and secreted by hepatocytes
- Epidemiologic, Mendelian randomization, and genome-wide association studies have shown that elevated Lp(a) levels increase ASCVD risk<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- Over 20% of the global population have circulating Lp(a) concentrations greater than ~125 nmol/L and 5-10% have levels above ~200 nmol/L<sup>4,5</sup>
- In contrast, low expression of Lp(a) (~12.5 nmol/L) is associated with better cardiometabolic outcomes, including 29% reduced risk of coronary heart disease and 37% reduced risk of aortic valve stenosis<sup>6,7</sup>
- Despite the clear association with ASCVD, apheresis is the only proven option for lowering Lp(a) to date
- A one-time, CRISPR-based therapy could recapitulate the protective effect of naturally occurring variants in *LPA* that result in low Lp(a) levels

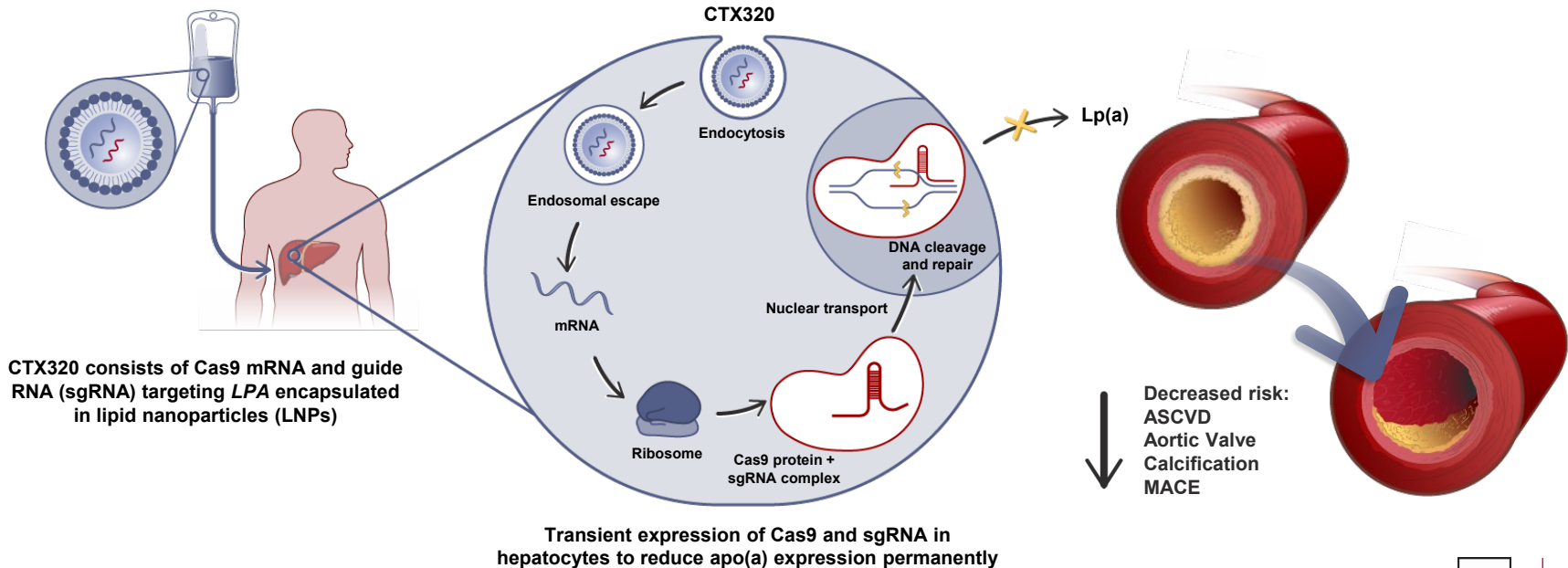
<sup>1</sup>Enas *et al.* 2019; <sup>2</sup>Gurdasani *et al.* 2012; <sup>3</sup>Laschkolnig *et al.* 2014; <sup>4</sup>Nordestgaard *et al.* 2010; <sup>5</sup>Varvel *et al.* 2016; <sup>6</sup>Langsted *et al.* 2021; <sup>7</sup>Emdin *et al.* 2016

# CTX320: A Single-Dose Approach to Reduce Lp(a) Levels

Intravenous delivery to the liver

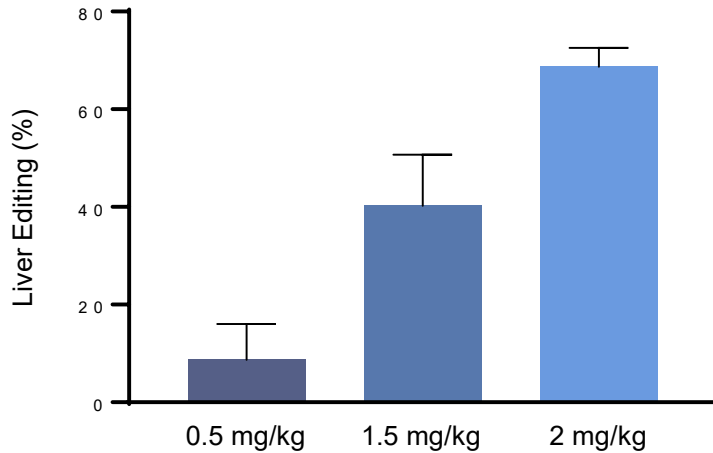
CRISPR/Cas9-based editing of *LPA*

Reduced plasma Lp(a) levels

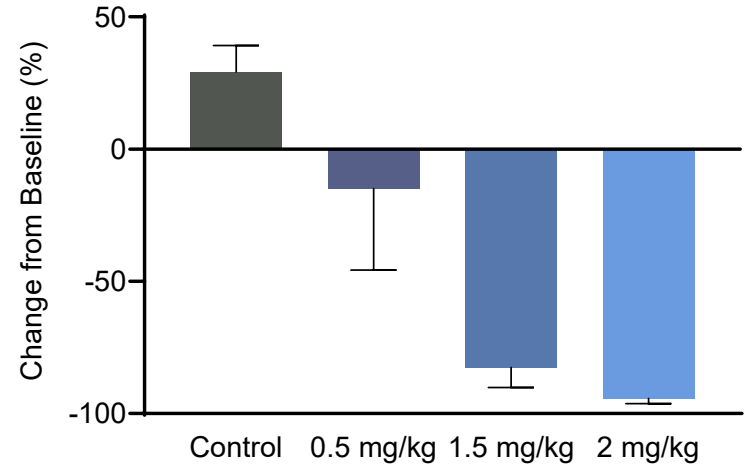


# Dose-Dependent Reduction of Lp(a) Observed in Non-Human Primates (NHPs)

~70% editing of *LPA*



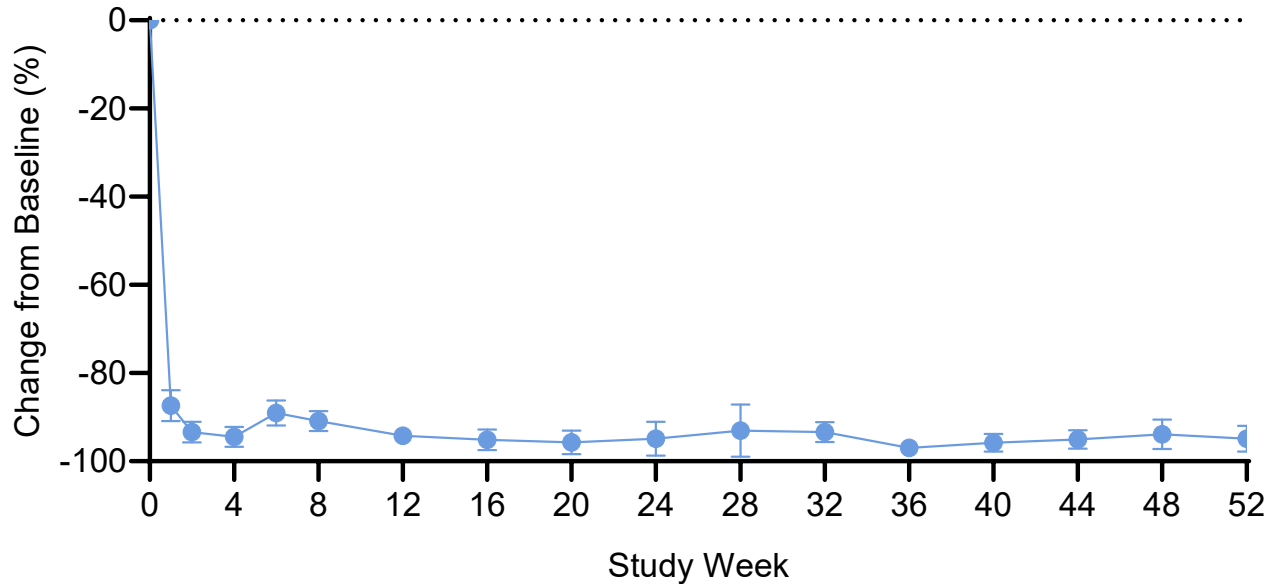
>90% reduction in plasma Lp(a)



Single dose of CTX320 administered to NHPs (N=2 for control, N=4 per treated group) on Day 1; editing for 2 mg/kg assessed at 12 months, all other measurements assessed at 3 months; dose levels reflect mg total RNA

# A Single Dose of CTX320 Resulted in Durable Reduction in Lp(a)

~95% reduction in plasma Lp(a) sustained at 1 year in NHPs



Single dose of CTX320 (2 mg/kg) administered to NHPs (N=4) on Day 1; study ongoing

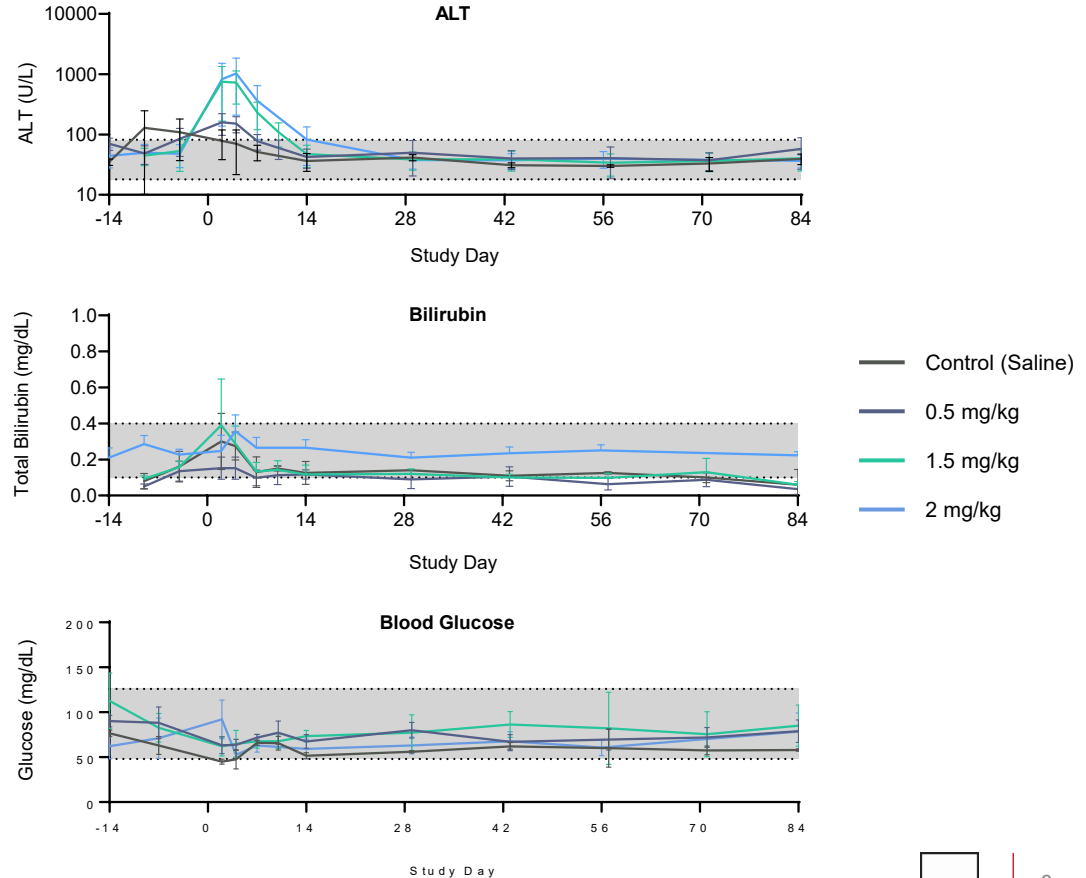
# CTX320 Demonstrated an Acceptable Safety Profile in NHPs

## Transient liver enzyme elevations commonly seen with LNP delivery to NHPs

- At anticipated clinical dose levels, one-time, dose-dependent elevations in liver enzymes observed, which resolve fully
- After transient elevation, liver enzymes remain in normal range out to 12 months
- Clinical studies with LNP-based therapies indicate that humans experience low or no enzyme elevations at comparable doses

## No adverse effects observed due to LPA editing

- No related changes in histopathology, clinical signs, body weight, or safety pharmacology evaluations (ocular, neurologic, respiratory)
- No related changes in hematology, including coagulation
- No changes to blood glucose

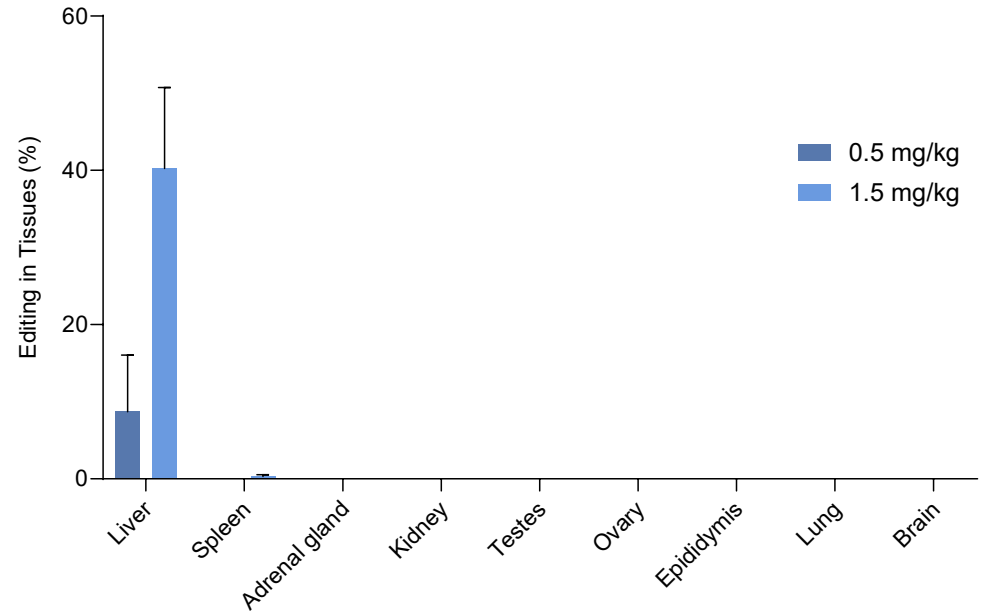


Graphs: Shaded areas indicate normal range

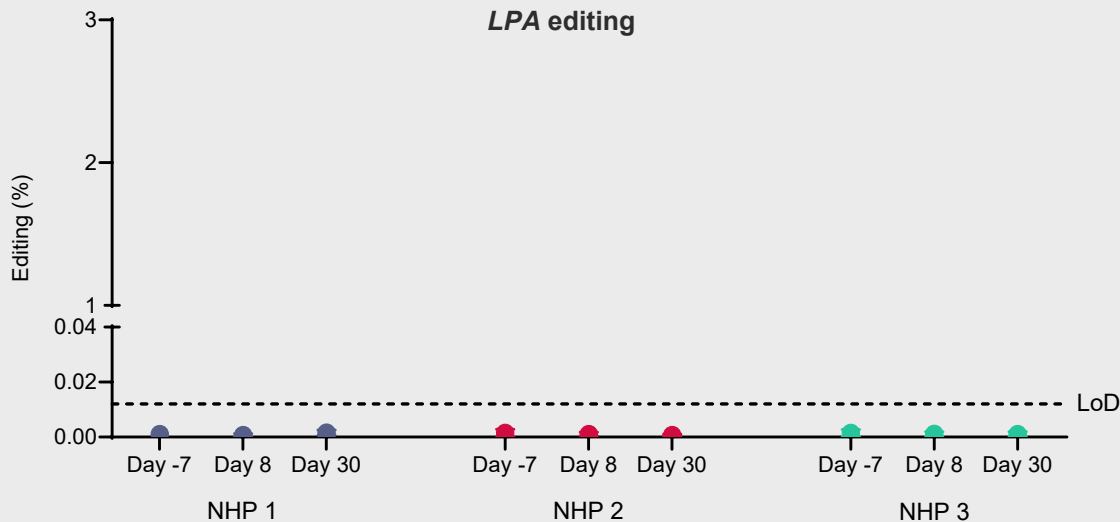


# CTX320 Is Highly Directed to the Liver

- No editing above limit of detection (0.012%) observed in most extrahepatic tissues
- No adverse events related to extrahepatic editing observed



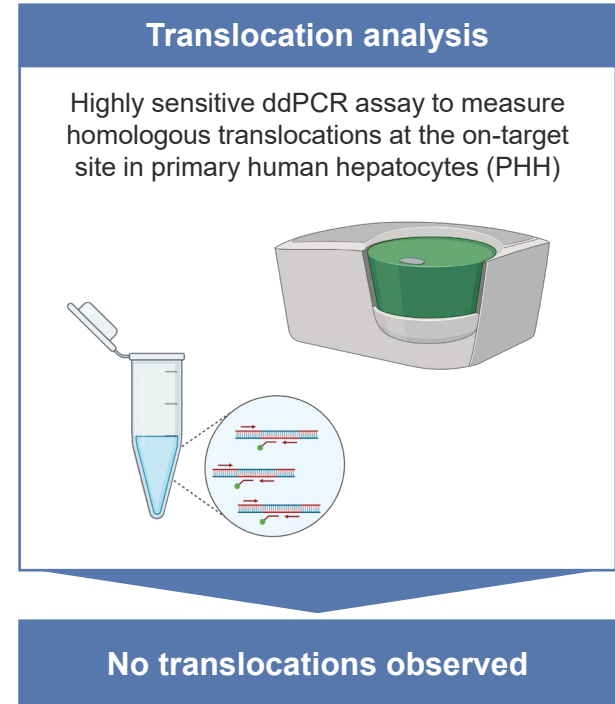
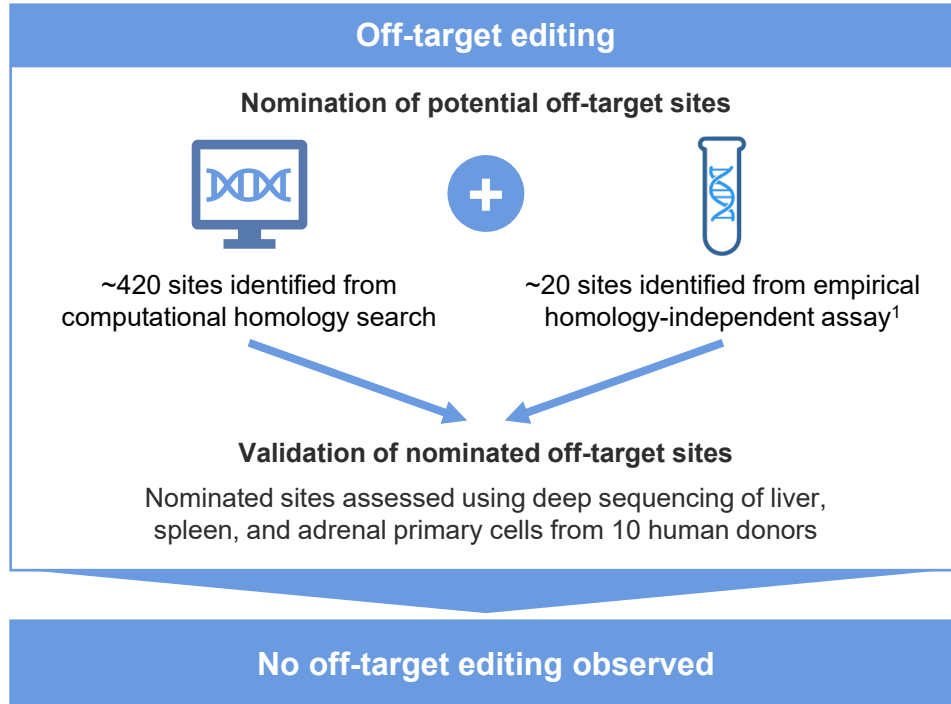
# No Germline Editing Observed in Sexually Mature Male NHPs



- Assessment of CTX320 on-target editing in male sperm from a pharmacology study of CTX320 in cynomolgus monkeys
- No editing above the limit of detection observed to date

Single dose of CTX320 (1 mg/kg) administered to sexually mature (>10 years old) male NHPs (N=3) on Day 1; n=5 technical replicates per sample; Limit of Detection (LoD) = 0.012%; study ongoing

# No Unintended Genomic Alterations Observed Following Extensive Assessment



*Follows framework highlighted in the FDA Advisory Committee meeting on October 31, 2023*

<sup>1</sup>Digenome-seq

# Phase 1 Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of CTX320



## Phase 1: Single ascending dose escalation to identify optimal biological dose

Dose level 4

Dose level 3

Dose level 2

Dose level 1

### Key eligibility criteria

- Age  $\geq 18-65$  years
- Elevated levels of Lp(a) and CVD
- Adequate renal, liver, cardiac, and pulmonary organ function
- No significant co-morbidities

### Primary endpoints

- Incidence of adverse events, defined as DLTs

### Key secondary endpoints

- Change in Lp(a) compared to baseline
- Pharmacokinetics

## Phase 2

- Patients with elevated levels of Lp(a)
- Phase 2 dose informed by Phase 1

# Summary

- Lp(a) is an atherogenic lipoprotein associated with an **increased risk of ASCVD and MACE**; there are currently **no therapies approved for lowering Lp(a)**
- **CTX320 is an investigational CRISPR-based gene editing therapy designed to reduce expression of LPA**
- A single dose of CTX320 leads to **efficient editing and durable reductions in plasma Lp(a) in NHPs** in a dose-dependent manner
- **Extensive preclinical analysis of CTX320 supports the safety of a CRISPR/Cas9-based therapeutic to lower Lp(a)**
- CTX320 has the potential to permanently reduce Lp(a) following a one-time treatment, which could **address the significant unmet need for patients with high levels of Lp(a)**
- **A Phase I trial evaluating CTX320 is on track to start in 2024** for the treatment of patients with elevated Lp(a)

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