

# ACTION-GALACTOSEMIA: April 2020 Trial Results Development of AT-007 for the Treatment of Galactosemia Riccardo Perfetti, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer



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- AT-007 is CNS penetrant important in Galactosemia, which includes significant CNS clinical presentation

### **Efficacy in Galactosemia Patients**

- AT-007 induced rapid and sustained reduction in plasma galactitol, an aberrant, toxic metabolite formed in Galactosemia patients
- 20mg/kg dosing resulted ~50% reduction in plasma galactitol (p<0.01 vs. placebo)
- Positive AT-007 MRI/MRS impact



# **Overview of Galactosemia**



### AT-007 for Treatment of Galactosemia

### **Pathogenesis of Disease**

- Rare genetic metabolic disease caused by inability to break down galactose
- Galactose is a natural sugar formed by metabolism of lactose, but is also produced endogenously by the body
- In patients with Galactosemia, Aldose Reductase converts galactose to galactitol, an aberrant toxic metabolite

### **Standard of Care**

- Mandatory newborn screening and initiation of dairy free diet
- Dietary restriction prevents fatalities, but does not prevent long term consequences of disease
- No approved therapies



### Galactosemia Clinical Presentation

### **Acute Newborn**



- Hepatic and renal failure
- Brain swelling (edema; encephalopathy)
- Potentially life threatening if not identified and managed immediately

### **Chronic/Long-Term**



- CNS complications
  - Low IQ/ intellectual impairment
  - Motor skills
  - Speech/language
  - Learning, behavioral, social impairments
  - Psychiatric problems (anxiety, depression)

- Primary ovarian insufficiency
- Cataracts



# Galactosemia Effects ~2,800 Patients in the US; Potential for Abbreviated Regulatory Approval & Low Burden of Development

- ~2,800 living US patients; ~80 new births per year
- Majority of patients are under the age of 40, as newborn screening was adopted in the 1980s and 1990s
- Regulatory pathway:
  - Galactosemia is a "slowly progressive, low prevalence rare disease" disease
  - Under new FDA guidance, surrogate metabolic biomarkers may be acceptable for demonstration of therapeutic activity
  - Potential low burden of clinical development

### Slowly Progressive, Low-Prevalence Rare Diseases With Substrate Deposition That Result From Single Enzyme Defects: Providing Evidence of Effectiveness for Replacement or Corrective Therapies Guidance for Industry

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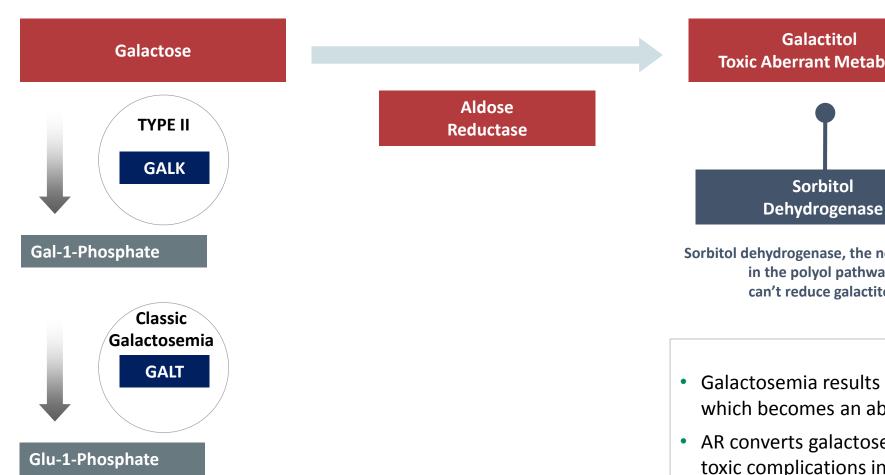
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### Aldose Reductase Activity Causes Toxic Accumulation of Galactitol in Galactosemia



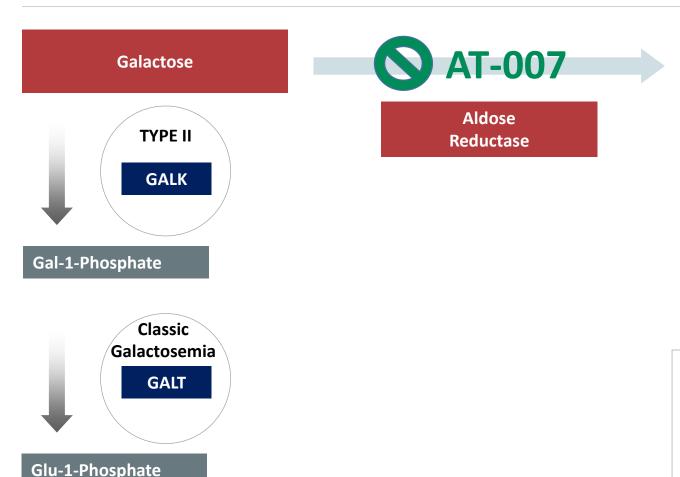


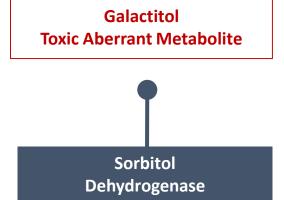
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# AT-007, a CNS-Penetrant Novel Aldose Reductase Inhibitor, Prevents Galactitol Formation and Accumulation





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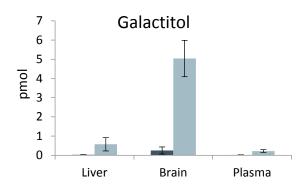
# **Galactosemia Preclinical Data**

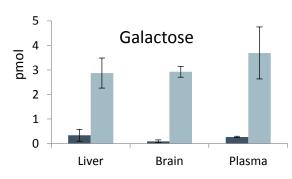


### GALT Deficient Rat Model Closely Mirrors Human Disease

#### **Biochemical Effects**

GALT null rats have exponentially higher levels of galactose and galactitol, as well as Gal1p





### **Tissue Deposition of Galactitol**

All GALT null rats display cataracts (caused by galactitol deposition in the eye) vs. none of the WT rats

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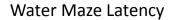
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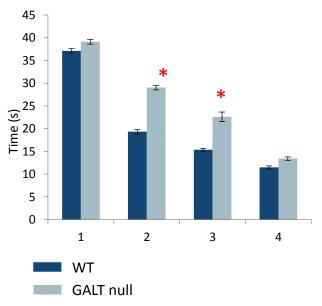




#### **CNS Outcomes**

GALT null rats display deficiencies in learning, cognition, and motor skills as measured by rotarod and water maze



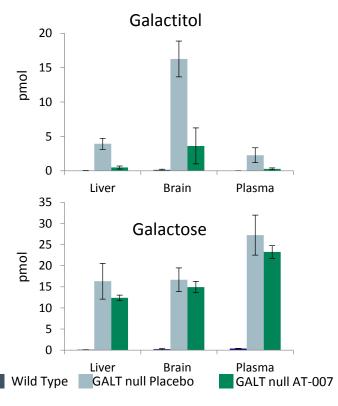




### AT-007 Treatment Corrects All 3 Aspects of Disease in the Galactosemia Rat Model

#### **Biochemical Effects**

AT-007 treatment significantly reduced galactitol levels in all tissues without increasing galactose or Gal1p

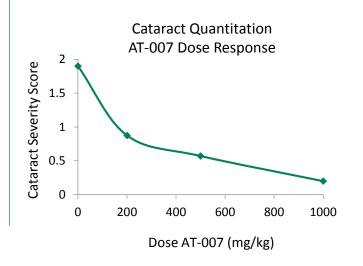


### **Tissue Deposition of Galactitol**

AT-007 treatment prevented galactitol accumulation in tissues, resulting in absence of cataracts

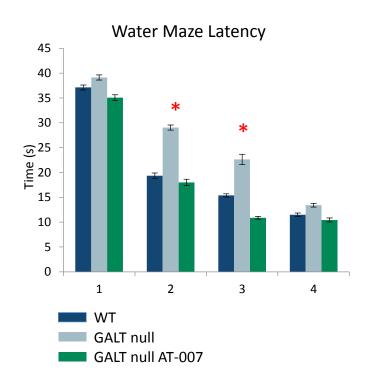


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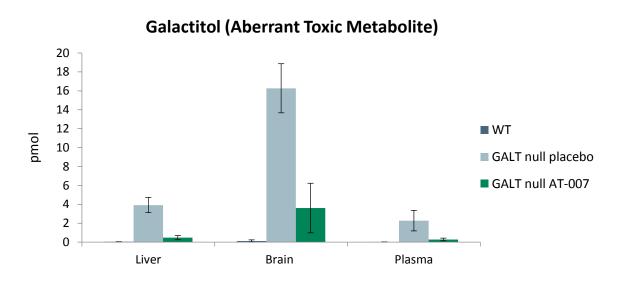
#### **CNS Outcomes**

AT-007 treatment normalized CNS outcomes on both water maze and rotarod

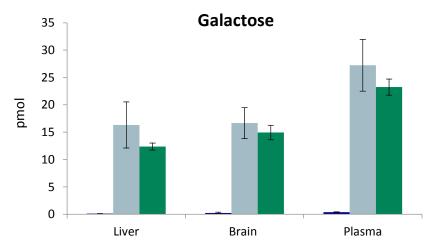


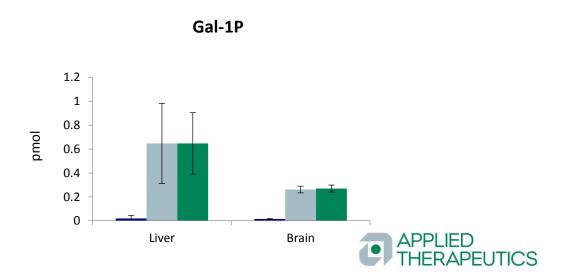


# A Closer Look: AT-007 Significantly Reduces Galactitol Levels in all Target Tissues Without Increasing Galactose or Gal-1P



- AT-007 treatment from neonatal Day 1 to Day 10 significantly reduced galactitol in liver, brain and plasma
- AT-007 treatment did not increase galactose or Gal1P levels; similar results seen at Day 22 and age 5 months



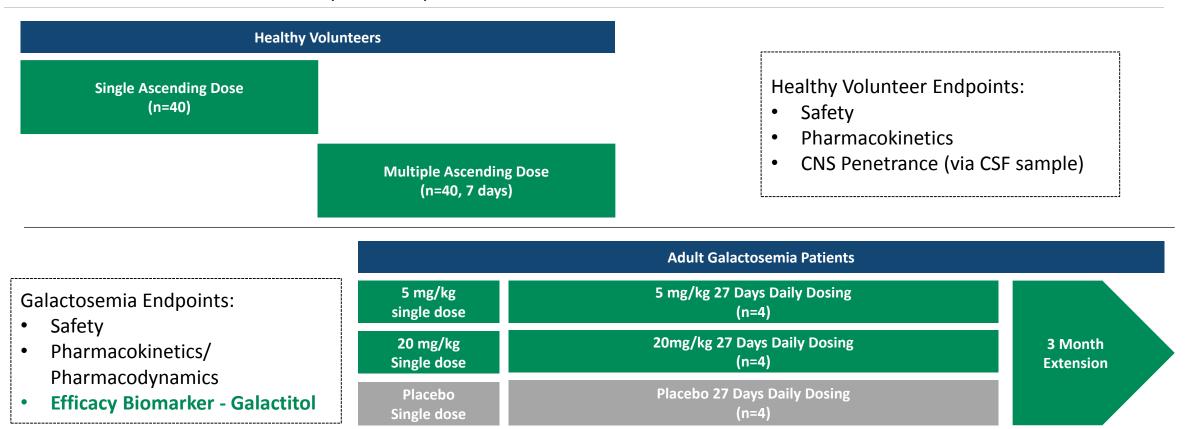


# Clinical Program: ACTION-Galactosemia Trial April 2020 Data



### Galactosemia Phase 1/2 Registrational Study (ACTION-Galactosemia)

Multi-Center Placebo-Controlled Study in Healthy Volunteers & Adult Galactosemia Patients

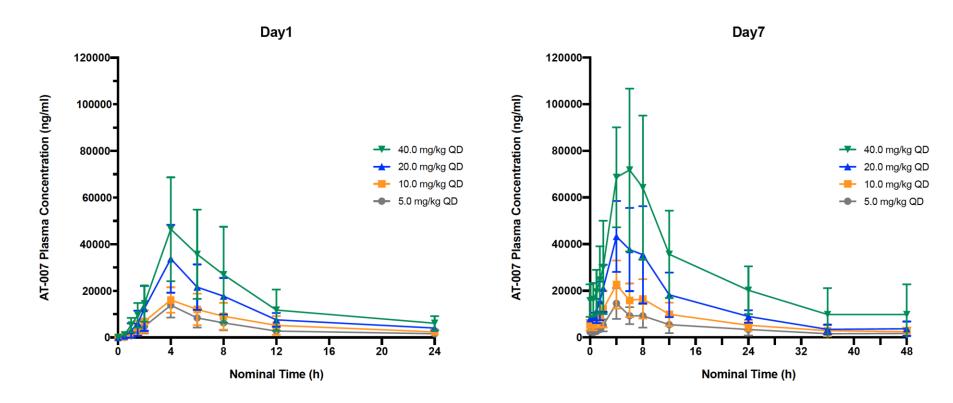


Based on initial topline data from Jan 2020, the study was expanded to include a 40mg/kg dose in healthy volunteers and then Galactosemia patients



# Healthy Volunteer Data AT-007 Was Safe and Well Tolerated; PK Supports Once-Daily Dosing

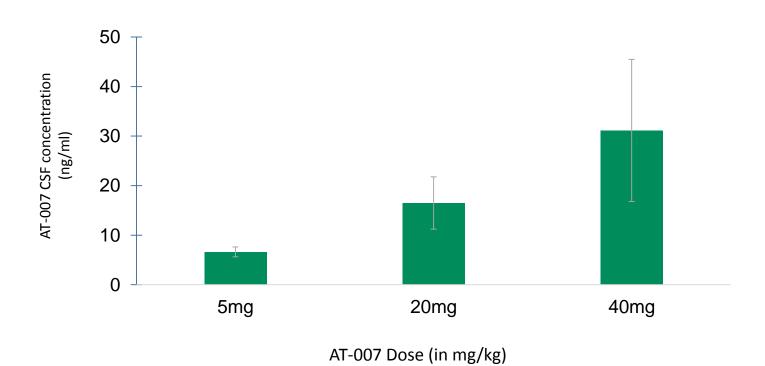
- AT-007 was safe and well tolerated at all doses, including 40mg/kg
- No treatment-related discontinuations
- Dose-dependent increase in exposure
- PK results supportive of once daily oral dosing





# AT-007 is Brain Penetrant Important in Galactosemia Given CNS Complications

# Dose-Dependent Increase in CSF Concentration in Healthy Volunteers (via lumbar puncture)





# ACTION-Galactosemia Trial Data Adult Galactosemia Patient Baseline Demographics



### Baseline Demographic and Diagnostic Characteristics (n=11\*) Broad Age Range, Multiple Genetic Mutations Represented

Subject	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	вмі	Gene mutation	Urine galactitol (mM/urine creatine mol/L) Baseline	Plasma galactitol (ng/ml) Baseline	GALT enzyme activity (Mmol/h/mg)
2003-101	33	M	Caucasian	24.3	Q188R/Q188R	208	2630	0
2003-102	51	M	Caucasian	21.7	Q188R/Q188R	123	2390	0
2003-104	19	M	Caucasian	21.6	Q188R/Q188R	137	2150	0
2003-105	22	F	Caucasian	22.7	Q188R/Q188R	255	2860	0
2004-001*	37	M	Caucasian	21.3	Q188R/Q188R	152	2700	0
2004-004	40	M	Caucasian	32.7	N314D/ c119-116 deletion	102	2500	0
2004-005	24	F	Caucasian	23.1	Q188R/Q188R	142	2210	0
2002-002	19	F	Caucasian	23.9	K285N/c119-116 deletion	139	2500	0
2004-007	19	F	Caucasian	21.4	Q188R/Q188R	133	2450	0
2004-008	22	M	Caucasian	17.4	Q188R/Q188R	130	1930	0
2004-009	28	M	Caucasian	20.5	Q188R/Q188R	99	2630	0
Summary	28.55 ± 10.5	4F and 7M	Caucasian	22.78 ± 3.8	9 Q118R homozygous and 2 compound heterozygous	147.27 ± 45.8	2450 ± 268.7	0

<sup>\*</sup>One placebo patient in cohort 1 crossed over to active for total of n=12



### Galactosemia Patient Baseline Clinical & Descriptive Characteristics (n=11\*)

### **Clinical Characteristics**

CNS Disorders	Psychiatric Disorders
Seizures (n=5)	Anxiety (n=4)
Dementia (n=1)	Depression (n=3)
Encephalopathy (n=1)	ADHD (n=3)
Tremor	

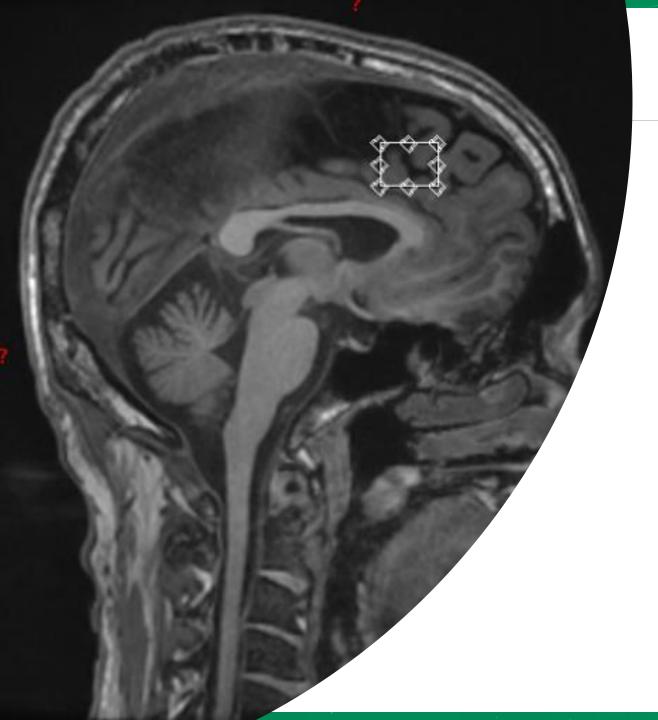
Endocrine Disorders					
Primary ovarian insufficiency (All Females)	Short stature (n=1)				
Gynecomastia (n=1)	Osteopenia (n=2)				
Erectile dysfunction (n=1)	Vitamin D deficiency (n=6)				
Hypothyroidism (n=1)					

### **Descriptive Characteristics**

Patient Quality of Life
Living with family members or proximity of caregiver (all, n=11)
Able to travel only with caregiver (n=9)
Unemployed and/or not in school (n=5)
Employed (primarily manual employment, unskilled labor n=6)
Secondary education (n=2)



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### MRI/MRS Baseline Characteristics

- Brain morphology changes caused by galactitol-induced osmotic dysregulation
- Galactitol was present and quantifiable in the brain of all adult Galactosemia patients (absent in healthy adults)
- N-acetyl-aspartate, a marker of neuronal health, was markedly decreased (-75%) in all Galactosemia patients



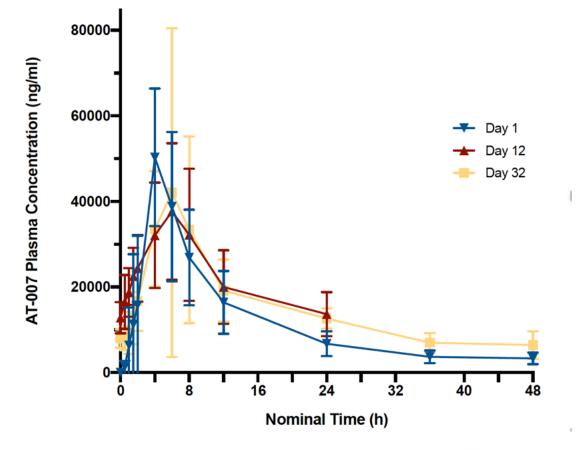
# ACTION-Galactosemia Trial Data AT-007 Pharmacokinetics and Safety Data in Galactosemia Patients



# Pharmacokinetic Results Support Once Daily Dosing in Galactosemia Patients

- Plasma PK parameters of AT-007 support once daily oral dosing
- PK profile in Galactosemia patients was similar to healthy volunteers, suggesting similar drug metabolism and clearance
- PK profile suggests no first pass clearance or other PK effects (desensitization or induction)

#### Mean AT-007 Plasma Concentrations at 20mg/kg by Day





# Detailed Safety Findings AT-007 Safe and Well-Tolerated: No Drug-Related Adverse Events

	NUMBER (%) OF PATIENTS, NUMBER OF EVENTS					
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS PREFERRED TERM	Placebo N=4	AT-007 (5 mg/kg) N=4	AT-007 (20 mg/kg) N=4	Overall N=12*	Significance	
Any Adverse Event	1 (25.0), 3	3 (75.0), 6	2 (50.0), 2	6 (50.0), 11	Not Significant	
Cardiac Disorders	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Tachycardia	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Ear and Labyrinth Disorder	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Ear discomfort	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Gastrointestinal Disorders	1 (25.0), 1	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	2 (16.7), 2	Not Significant	
Dyspepsia	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Abdominal Discomfort	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
General Disorder and Administration site conditions	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Feeling hot	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Infections	0 (0.0), 0	2 (50.0) 2	0 (0.0), 0	2 (16.7) 2	Not Significant	
Upper respiratory tract infection	0 (0.0), 0	2 (50%) 2	0 (0.0), 0	2 (17%) 2	Not Significant	
Injury/ Procedural Complications	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Contusion	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Mobility decreased	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Psychiatric Disorder	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Anxiety	0 (0.0), 0	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	
Pruritus	0 (0.0), 0	1 (25.0), 1	0 (0.0), 0	1 (8.3), 1	Not Significant	



## Detailed Laboratory Findings No Drug-Related Changes in Hepatic or Renal Function

PARAMETER/VISIT	Placebo N=4	AT-007 5 mg/kg N=4	AT-007 20 mg/kg N=4	Significance
ALT (U/L) – Mean (SD)				
Baseline	21.50 (7.00)	17.75 (9.0)	18.25 (9.07)	Not Significant
Post-Dosing (Day 32)	23.00 (10.15)	14.5 (8.39)	22.00 (6.38)	Not Significant
AST (U/L) – Mean (SD)				
Baseline	22.00 (2.58)	19.25 (6.70)	21.75 (9.43)	Not Significant
Post-Dosing (Day 32)	21.33 (4.04)	17.25 (7.14)	23.33 (5.51)	Not Significant
Bilirubin (mg/dL) – Mean (SD)				
Baseline	0.44 (0.18)	0.51 (0.14)	038 (0.19)	Not Significant
Post-Dosing (Day 32)	0.38 (0.21)	0.44 (0.12)	0.5 (0.28)	Not Significant
GFR (mL/min/1.73/m <sup>2</sup> ) – Mean (SD)				
Baseline	116.50 (27.40)	98.75 (12.04)	109.75 (22.65)	Not Significant
Post – Dosing (Day 32)	108.67 (17.79)	88.50 (3.87)	115.25 (28.30)	Not Significant



### Safety and PK Summary in Galactosemia Patients

#### **Pharmacokinetics**

- PK supports once-daily dosing
- Linear increase in AT-007 dose-dependent plasma concentration
- Similar exposure levels in Galactosemia patients and healthy volunteers

### Safety

- AT-007 was safe and well-tolerated
- No treatment-related discontinuations
- No treatment-related Adverse Events
- No treatment-related lab abnormalities

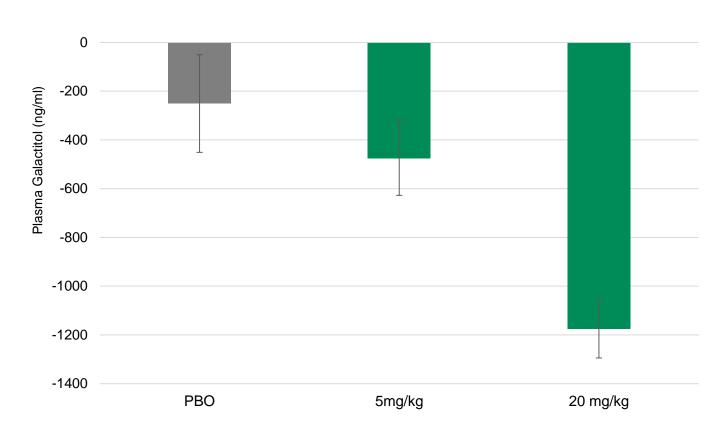


# ACTION-Galactosemia Trial Data AT-007 Efficacy Results in Galactosemia Patients



# AT-007 Treatment Significantly Reduced Plasma Galactitol Levels in Adult Galactosemia Patients in a Dose-Dependent Fashion

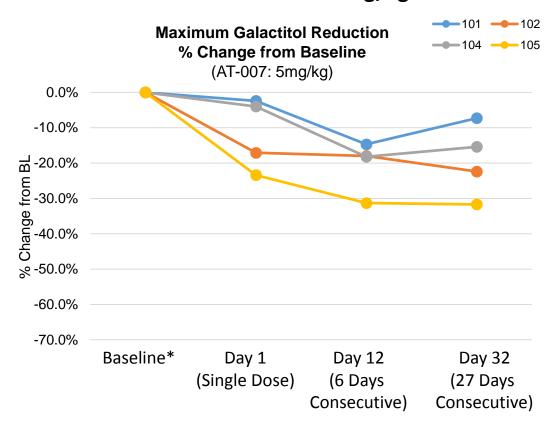
#### **Maximum Galactitol Reduction**



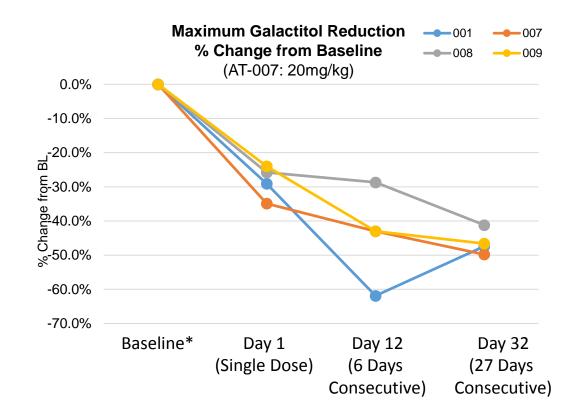


# AT-007 Decreased Galactitol Levels in All Treated Patients Galactitol Reduction Was Rapid and Sustained

### Reduction in Galactitol at 5mg/kg ~20%



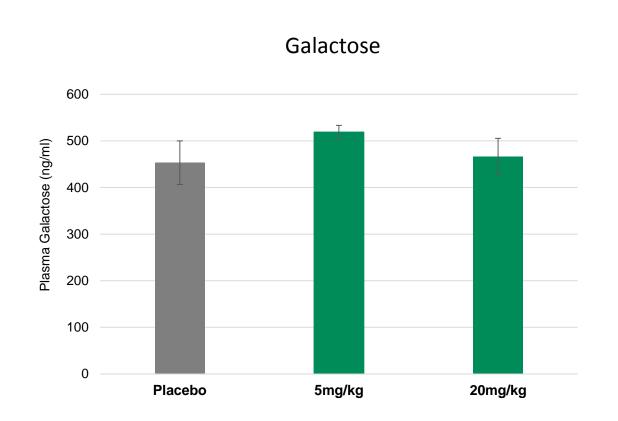
### Reduction in Galactitol at 20mg/kg ~50%

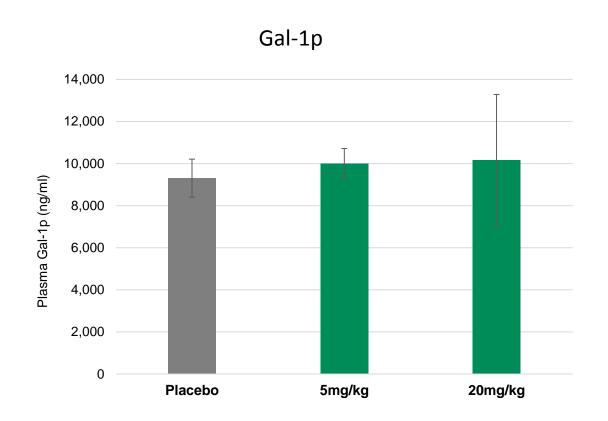




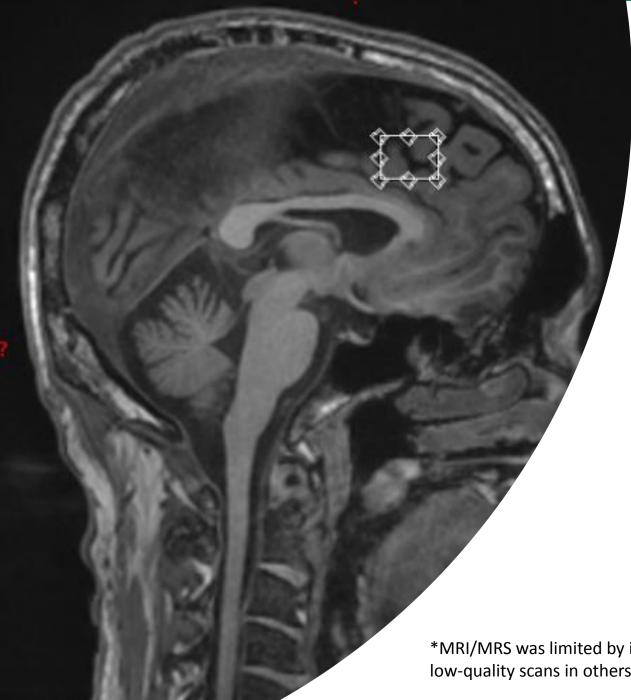
# Treatment with AT-007 Does Not Significantly Increase Galactose or Gal-1p No Derangement of Galactose Pathway Metabolites

### No significant changes were seen in galactose or Gal-1p levels at steady state









# MRI/MRS Results

### MRI

 AT-007 treated patients demonstrated a trend towards decreased ventricular volume, a measure of edema (brain swelling)

### **MRS**

- AT-007 treated patients (4 out 6)\*
   demonstrated decreased galactitol levels in
   the brain
- AT-007 treated patients (4 out of 6)
   demonstrated an improvement in N-acetylaspartate (NAA, a marker of neuronal health)

\*MRI/MRS was limited by inability of some patients to withstand MRI (anxiety) and low-quality scans in others (due to tremor/ movement)



### A Closer Look at Seizures

#### Seizures

- 5 patients had a history of seizures (generalized onset)
- All 5 patients were maintained on antiepileptic medications
- 4 patients had < 1 seizure per year</li>
- 1 patient had >1 seizure per month
- Due to the low frequency of seizures in the majority of patients, no significant changes in seizure frequency during the ACTION-Galactosemia core study (1 month treatment) could be assessed



# ACTION-Galactosemia Trial Data AT-007 for Treatment of Galactosemia: Future Development Plans



### AT-007 Extension Study: Designed to Confirm Long-Term Safety

- 90 Day Safety Extension
- Open to those who participated in 28-day core study and new patients
- Safety monitoring & biomarker assessments (as conducted in core study)
- Revised to primarily at-home visits (limited to no travel required) to address burden of travel to sites/ impact on families and COVID-19 concerns
- Study remains on track despite COVID-19



# Adult European Study Cohort to Recruit GALK-Deficient Patients and Support EU Approval

- Primarily designed to recruit GALK deficient patients
  - More prevalent in Europe, but still extremely rare
  - Display similar CNS complications to Classic Galactosemia (GALT-deficient) patients
- Secondary objective to include European patients to support EU approval
- UK site (University College London)
  - One cohort of patients (~6) planned at UK site, but large pool of patients exists (~70 at single site)



Czech Republic alternative site for GALK deficient patients (given incidence in Romani/ Irish Traveler population)





### Proposed AT-007 Pediatric Study (Under Discussion with FDA)

### **Proposed Study Design**

- 2-Part Multiple Dose Study
- Several age groups investigated
  - $\geq 2-6$
  - $\geq 7 12$
  - ≥ 13 < 18
  - Children 2 months 2 yrs may be added following initial safety data (newborns/ infants)

### **Study Objectives**

- Safety
- Dose determination (via PK/PD)
- Efficacy biomarker effects (plasma galactitol)
- Exploratory: MRI/MRS effects
  - Galactitol quantitation
  - Brain morphometry & cerebral edema
  - NAA concentration (neuronal health biomarker)



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