



VITAL THERAPIES®

TARGETING LIVER DISEASE

Vital Therapies, Inc. (VTL:NASDAQ)

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May 2017

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VTL: Focused on Saving Lives

80,000 people suffer from acute forms of liver failure each year in the US and Europe with up to 50% mortality

Our goal is to save their lives

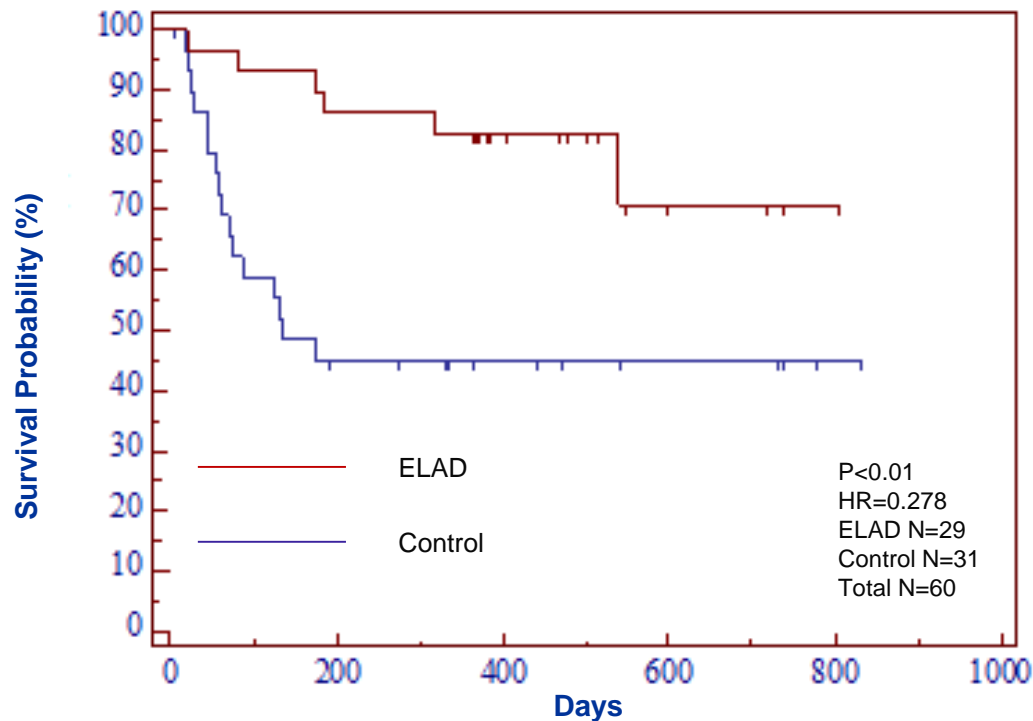
Our technology seeks to use the power of human liver-derived cells to promote liver recovery

Phase 3 trial underway driven by large clinical data set from prior trial with topline results expected around mid-2018

A multi-billion orphan market opportunity where transplant is generally not available

VTL: Current Focus is VTL-308 Trial

Ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial in the US and EU seeking to confirm the findings of prior clinical trial (VTI-208) conducted in severe Alcoholic Hepatitis (sAH). Target population: younger subjects without evidence of multi-organ failure. Overall survival based on post-hoc analysis (combination of pre-specified parameters) of VTI-208 trial is as follows:

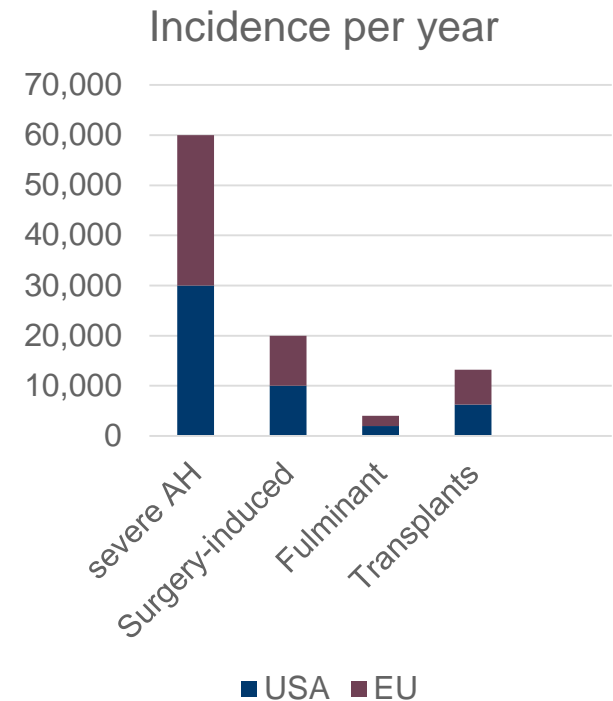


Management & Board: Proven Record of Success

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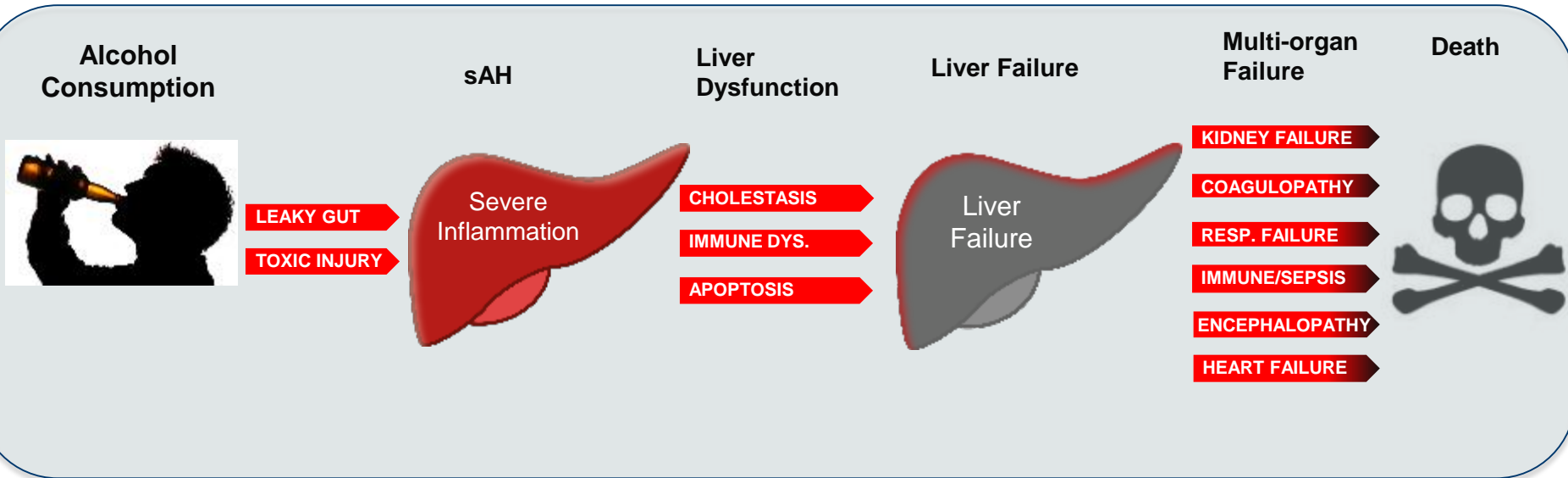
Acute Forms of Liver Failure Have High Mortality

- Life-threatening crises
 - But liver can regenerate to complete recovery
- Transplant is only therapy proven to increase survival
 - Severely limited by cost and donor availability
 - >90% adult transplants are in chronic patients
- Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis (sAH) is lead clinical target:
 - Rapid onset of jaundice and liver failure caused by binge drinking
 - Inflammatory disease of the liver
 - Very different from cirrhosis (scar formation)
 - About 50% mortality



Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis (sAH)

- Associated with binge drinking
- Severe liver inflammation
 - Swelling leading to obstruction of bile flow and jaundice
 - Increased oxidative stress
 - Decreased hepatocyte function
- Can progress through increasing morbidity to death



Recovery from sAH is Possible

Stabilization



- REDUCE INFLAMMATION
- PROMOTE CELL SURVIVAL/REGENERATION
- IMPROVE HOMEOSTASIS/ IMMUNE FUNCTION
- IMPROVE BILE FLOW
- PROVIDE METABOLIC SUPPORT

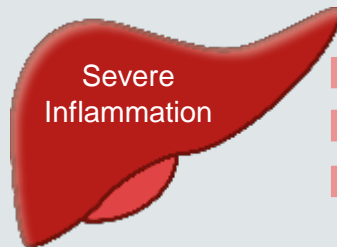


Alcohol Consumption



- LEAKY GUT
- TOXIC INJURY

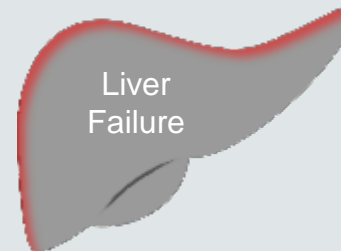
sAH



Liver Dysfunction

- CHOLESTASIS
- IMMUNE DYS.
- APOPTOSIS

Liver Failure



Multi-organ Failure

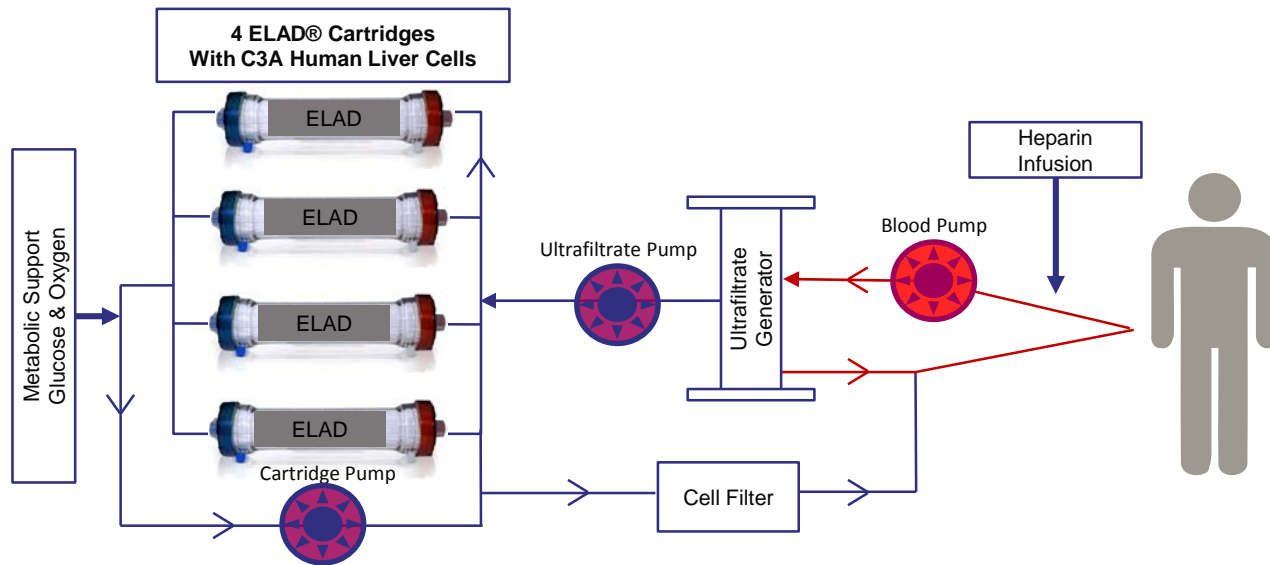
- KIDNEY FAILURE
- COAGULOPATHY
- RESP. FAILURE
- IMMUNE/SEPSIS
- ENCEPHALOPATHY
- HEART FAILURE

Death



The ELAD[®] System: Human-cell Bio-Artificial Liver

- **Bio-artificial liver system designed to improve survival in acute forms of liver failure**
 - Several hundred billion liver-derived cells (about one pound of cells)
 - Continuous treatment for 5 days



- **Allogeneic cellular therapy based on VTL C3A cells**
 - Human No animal safety issues with the cells
 - Scalable Can be grown in large quantities
 - Proprietary VTL owns cell banks

ELAD Uses Human Liver-derived Cells to Support Liver Function

- VTL C3A cells produce a variety of proteins that carry out functions critical to life

Alpha-1-Antitrypsin
Complement C3
Ferritin
Gelsolin
Haptoglobin
Intercellular Adhesion Molecule 1
Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist
Interleukin-8

Reduce inflammation

Promote Cell Survival/Regeneration

Improve Homeostasis / Immune Function

Improve Bile Flow

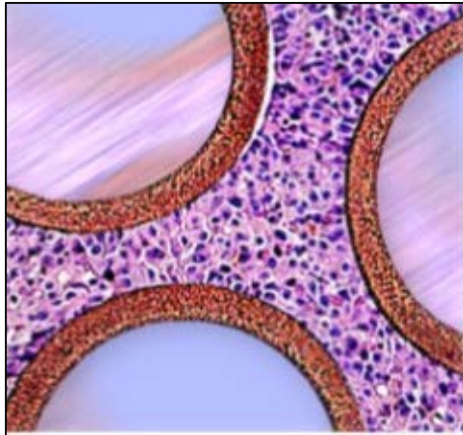
Provide Metabolic Support

Amphiregulin
Heparin-Binding EGF-like Growth Factor
Hepatocyte Growth Factor
Platelet-Derived Growth Factor-BB
Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinases 1
Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinases 2
Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinases 3
Transforming Growth Factor Alpha
Growth/differentiation factor 15 (GDF-15)
Heat-Shock protein 70 (HSP-70)

Albumin
Transferrin
Reduce IL-1 β secretion in macrophages

Decrease conjugated primary bile acids
Increase secondary conjugated bile acids
Reduce circulating bilirubin

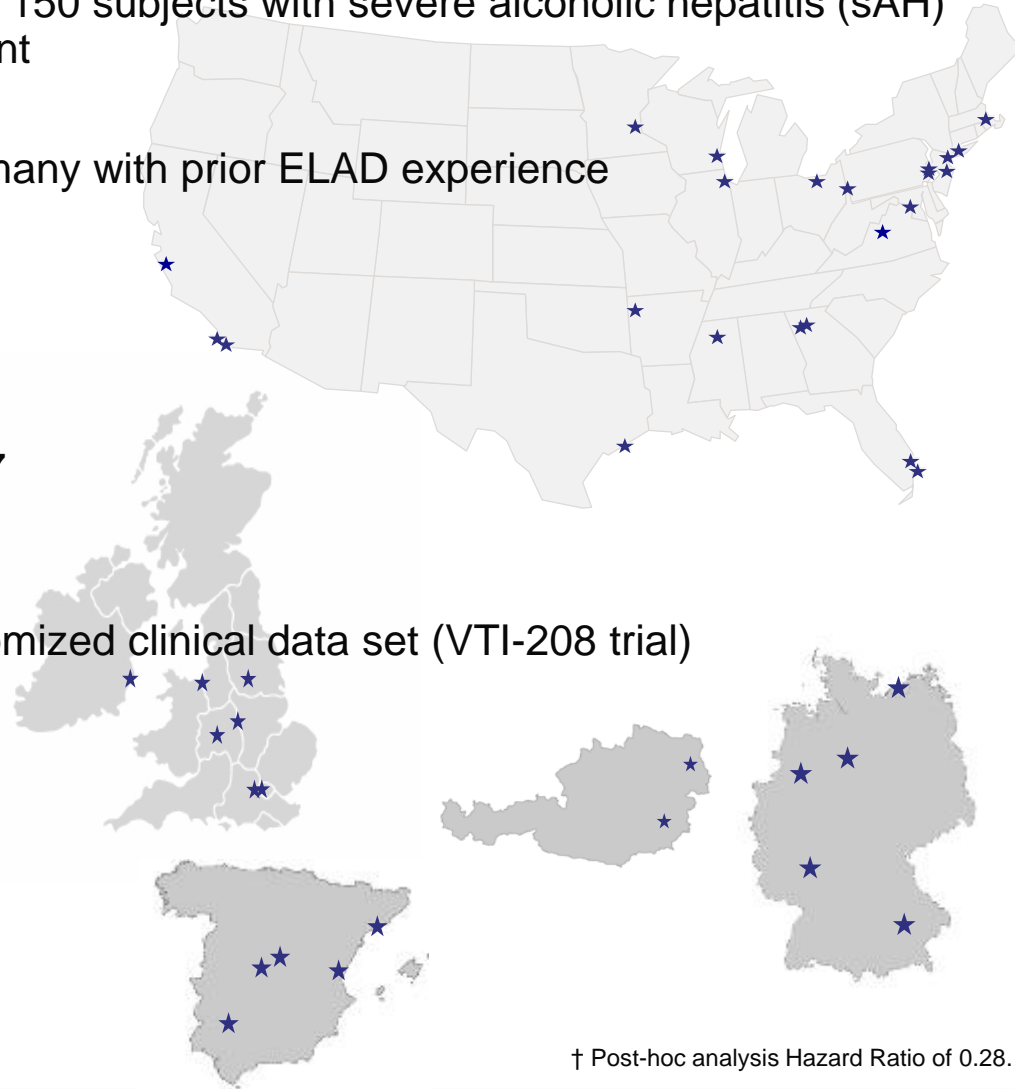
Peroxiredoxin-4 (Prx-IV)
Fatty Acid-Binding Protein (FABP), liver
Creatine phosphate
Provide Cytochrome P-450 activity
Improve amino acid metabolism



*Proteins may have multiple roles depending on concentration and targeted cell type. MOA theories are based on laboratory studies and need correlation with in vivo studies and patient outcomes.

Pivotal VTL-308 Trial Underway

- Randomized, controlled trial in at least 150 subjects with severe alcoholic hepatitis (sAH) with overall survival as primary endpoint
- Target of 50 sites in US and Europe, many with prior ELAD experience
- Timeline:
 - FDA written guidance received Q4:2015
 - First subject enrolled in Q2:2016;
 - **67 subjects enrolled as of May 8, 2017**
 - Topline data expected around mid-2018
- VTL-308 criteria guided by large randomized clinical data set (VTI-208 trial)
- Powering at various hazard ratios:
 - ~ 99% for 0.30 †
 - > 95% for 0.40
 - > 85% for 0.50



† Post-hoc analysis Hazard Ratio of 0.28.

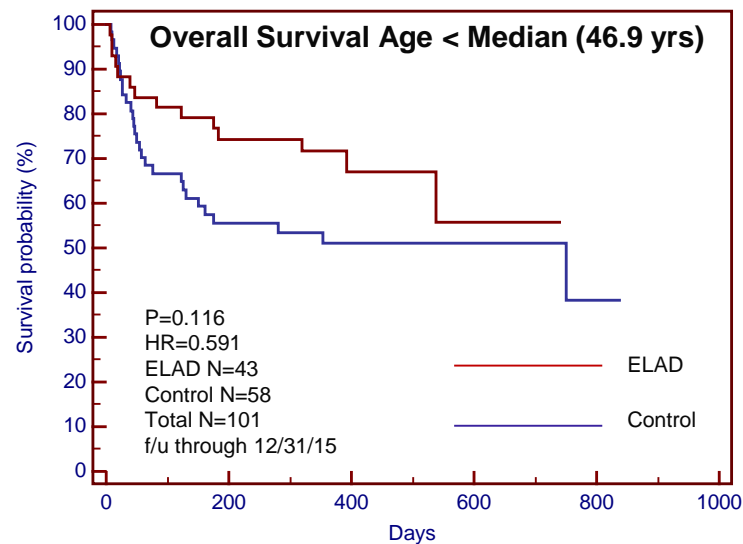
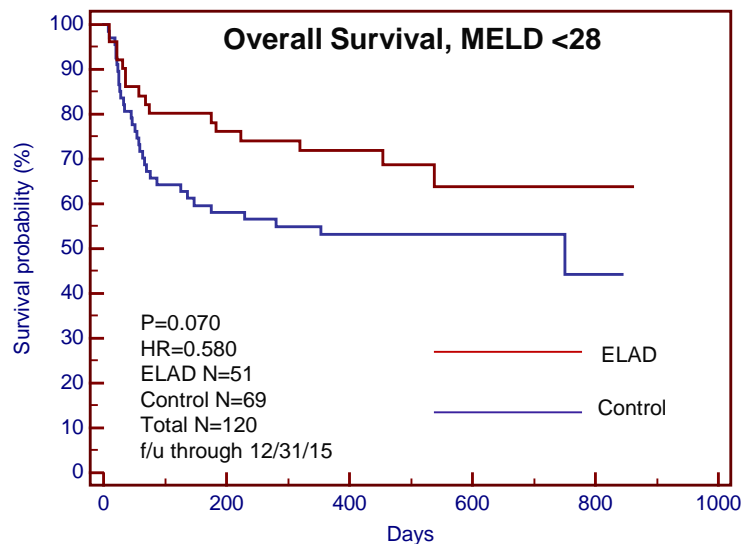
Large Data Set from Prior Trial Drives VTL-308

VTL-208 – 1:1 randomized, controlled data set with 203 subjects followed up to 800 days

- Did not reach primary endpoint in ITT population
- Trend to improved survival in less advanced and younger subjects

91 day survival – Pre-specified parameters:	ELAD Survival	Control Survival	Relative Improvement	Absolute Improvement	P value*	N
MELD<28	80.4%	65.2%	23.3%	15.2%	0.068	120
Younger (under 46.9)	81.4%	67.2%	21.1%	14.2%	0.112	101

* Pearson's chi-squared test, ELAD vs. Control



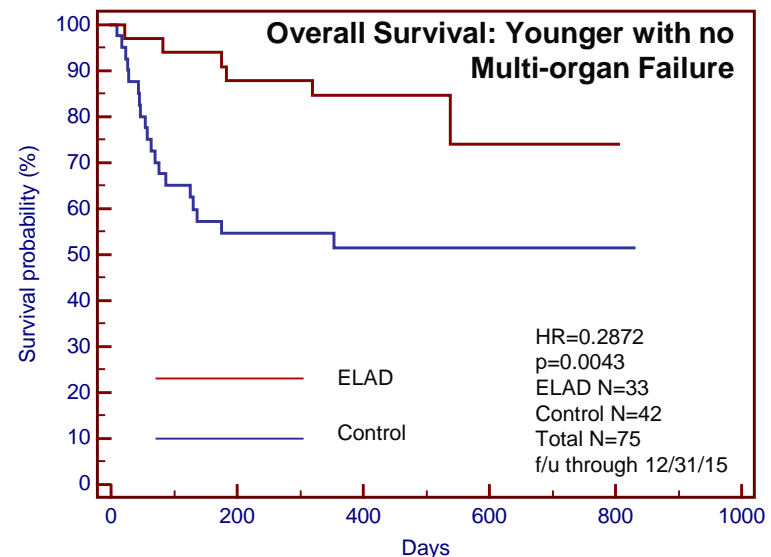
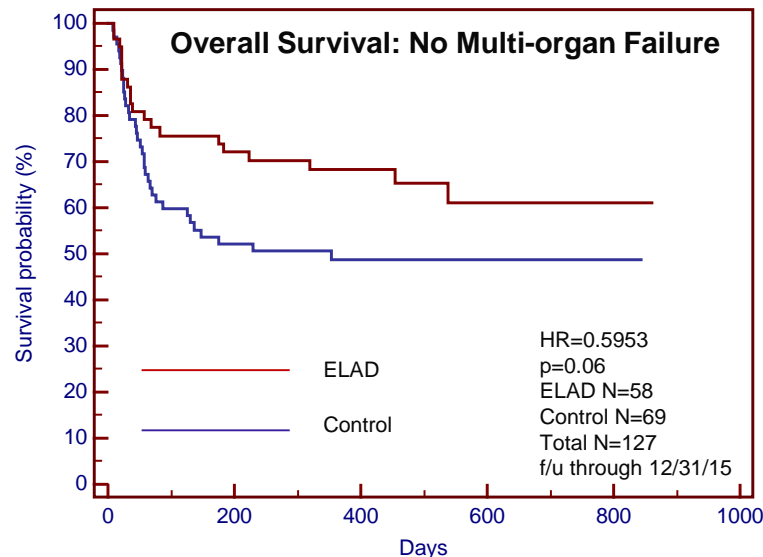
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- Trend in improved survival in younger subjects with no multi-organ failure

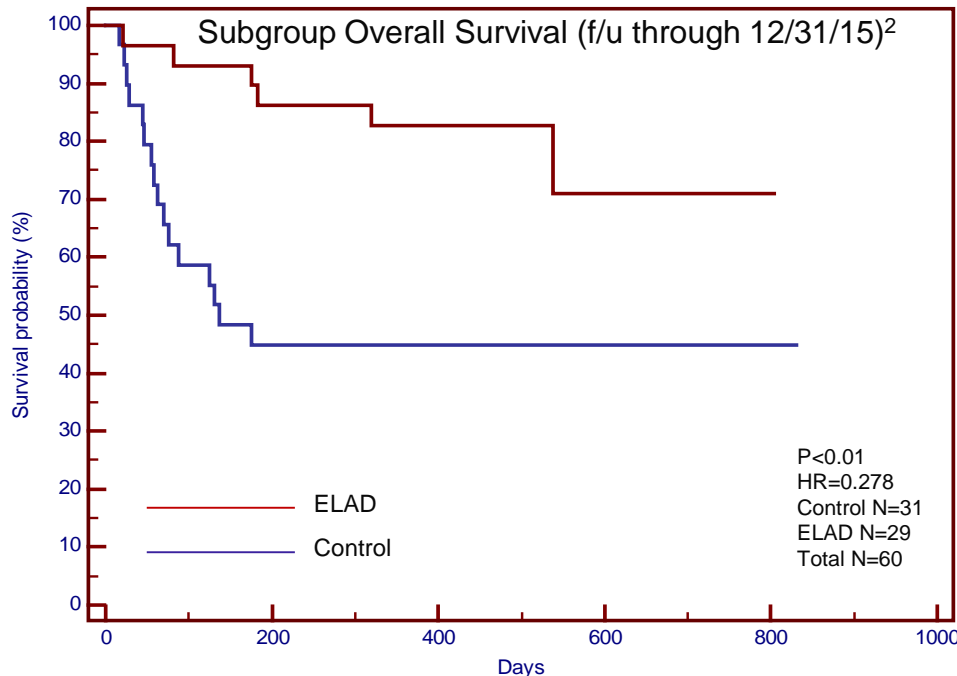
91 day survival – Combination of Pre-specified parameters	ELAD Survival	Control Survival	Relative Improvement	Absolute Improvement	P value*	N
No multi-organ failure (Creatinine<1.3 mg/dL, INR≤2.5)	75.9%	60.9%	24.6%	15.0%	0.072	127
Younger with no multi-organ failure (Age<50, creatinine<1.3 mg/dL, INR≤2.5)	93.9%	66.7%	40.8%	27.2%	0.004	75

* Pearson's chi-squared test, ELAD vs. Control



Phase 3 Trial Targets sAH with No Other Organ Failures

VTI-208 Subgroup: Age <50; INR ≤2.5; creatinine <1.3 mg/dL; and bilirubin ≥16 mg/dL¹



Baseline	ELAD Treatment (N=29)	Control (N=31)
Age	39.6±5.07	40.5±6.38
MELD	25.3±2.18	25.8±2.08
Creatinine	0.66±0.23	0.75±0.27
Bilirubin	26.6±7.2	26.7±5.6
INR	1.84±0.36	1.88±0.30
Sodium	133.1±5.6	133.7±4.2

60 subjects with hazard ratio of 0.28; p < 0.01

- 91-day survival: **ELAD 93% versus Control 61%**
- 180-day survival: **ELAD 89% versus Control 48%**
- 365-day survival: **ELAD 82% versus Control 41%**³

¹ Bilirubin minimum added to increase mortality in both ELAD and control arms.

² There were no transplants in this subgroup.

³ Excludes from calculation 1 ELAD-treated subject and 4 control subjects who had not reached 365 days as of 12/31/15.

Sizeable Orphan Market

- Approximately 80,000 patients per year across US and EU

	Severe Alcoholic Hepatitis	Fulminant Hepatic Failure	Surgery-induced Acute Liver Failure	TOTAL
United States	30,000 validated	2,000 validated	10,000+ <i>estimated</i>	40,000+
Europe [†]	30,000+ <i>estimated</i>	2,000+ <i>estimated</i>	10,000+ <i>estimated</i>	40,000+

- sAH is lead indication, but potential addressable market includes all acute and sub-acute forms of liver failure

[†] *Estimated based on US data and relative population sizes.*

Blockbuster Opportunity

- Expert consultant (MME) recommended price range from \$150 to \$275K for ELAD:
 - Substantial pricing precedence with orphan therapies

Product	Company	Approval		Indication	US Disease Prev	US Annual WAC	EU Annual ex-Factory Price Range
		FDA	EMA				
Soliris	Alexion	2007	2007	PNH	4,000	\$444K ²	\$345K to 482K ²
Cinryze	ViroPharma	2008	2011	HAE	6K to 10K	\$392K ²	\$171K to 334K ²
Carbaglu	Orphan Europe	2010	2003	NAGS deficiency	300	\$635K ¹	\$373K to 497K ¹
Kalydeco	Vertex	2012	2012	CF	30,000	\$297K ²	\$238K to \$349K
Juxtapid	Aegerion	2012	N/A	HoFH	300	\$235-\$295K ²	N/A
Gattex	NPS	2012	N/A	Short Bowel Syndrome	10K – 20K	\$284K ²	N/A

1. 25kg patient; 2. Fixed dose

- Compelling value proposition:
 - Penetration of 20-30% suggests multi-billion dollar market opportunity
 - If VTL-308 is successful, ELAD will have shown durable improvement in overall survival
 - In a market that is concentrated and lacks competition
 - Anticipate attractive gross margins at commercial volume and a modest sales force targeting up to 200 centers in each of the US and EU
 - Could it become a frontline therapy and standard of care?

ROW Also Presents Large Opportunity

- ELAD market in ROW anticipated to focus on future indications:
 - Acute flares of hepatitis B (see VTIC-301 for clinical data)
 - Supporting resections of liver cancer (anecdotal evidence from compassionate use; formal trial would likely be required)
- Large patient populations highlight the significant need and even a small % of ROW represents a multi-billion dollar opportunity
 - ELAD may be an effective therapy in subgroups of these populations:

	Hepatitis B	Liver Cancer
China	130M (estimated to result in 2M acute hepatocellular dysfunction/liver failure cases per year)	395,000
India	40M+	27,000
Russia	2-7% of pop. (~3-10M)	7,000
Brazil	2% of pop. (~4M)	10,000
Middle East	2-5% of pop. (~8-19M)	25,000
Japan	2% of pop. (~2.5M)	36,000
Worldwide	2B have been infected in lifetime. 10 - 50 million new cases per year 350-400 million chronic carriers; 75% in Asia	750,000 new cases/yr 6 th most common cancer 3 rd leading cause of cancer death

Cash Position and Capitalization

Cash and Equivalents: **\$86.6 million as of March 31, 2017**

Capitalization: As of March 31, 2017

Common shares outstanding 42.2M

Options outstanding 4.9M

Total **47.1M**

Cash Runway: Anticipate current cash position could provide funding through Q1 2019

Other:

Options available for grant 0.1M

Warrants (exercise price of \$92.99 expiring September 2019) 0.2M

World-Class Clinical Advisory Board

Michael Millis, MD, Chief of Transplant, University of Chicago – CHAIRMAN

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Russ Wiesner, MD, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

Win Williams, MD, Nephrologist, Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard)

Investment Summary

- **Orphan cellular therapy designed to improve survival in acute forms of liver failure**
- **New phase 3 trial underway directed by data from prior VTI-208 trial**
 - **Topline results expected around mid-2018**
- **Unique market position and strong IP:**
 - **No other known bio-artificial liver in clinical trials in US or EU**
- **Multi-billion dollar market opportunity in each of US, EU and ROW**
 - **Orphan pricing and biologic margins lead to high value**
- **Plan to capture benefit in US and EU without partnership:**
 - **VTL owns all rights**