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# Anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic effects of a novel long-acting Glucagon/GIP/GLP-1 triple agonist, HM15211, in TAA induced mouse model of liver injury and fibrosis

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## Biologic effects of incretins in NASH an fibrosis



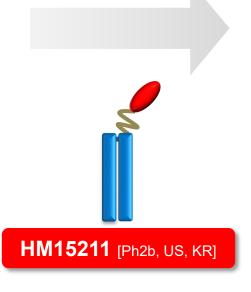
#### GLP-1

#### **GIP**

- > Insulin resistance improvement
- Glycemic control
- Weight loss by appetite regulation
- Anti-inflammation

May be indirect benefits

- → NASH resolution
- → Fibrosis improvement
- Off-set blood glucose elevation





### Glucagon

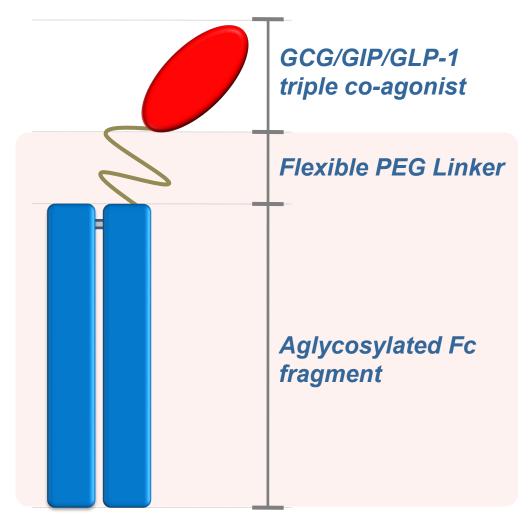
- Glucose production
- Weight loss by energy expenditure

#### [Liver targeting]

- > Favorable lipid metabolism reprograming
- ➤ Bile acid production ↓
- > Anti-inflammation
- → Lipotoxicity and liver injury ↓
- > TGF-β production \
- **>** Smad signaling ↓ in HSC
  - → HSC activation and fibrogenesis ↓

# What is long-acting Glucagon/GIP/GLP-1 triple co-agonist?





LAPSCOVERY : Long Acting Peptide/Protein DiSCOVERY Technology

Hanmi's Glucagon/GIP/GLP-1 triple co-agonist (HM15211) is conjugated with a human IgG Fc fragment *via* flexible linker

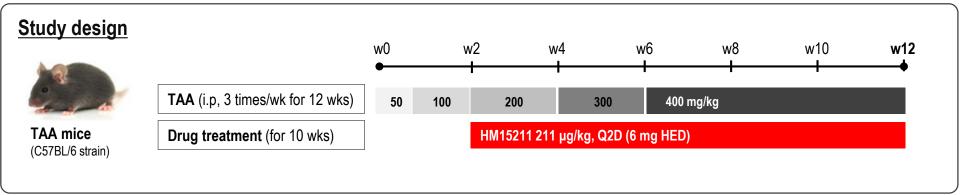
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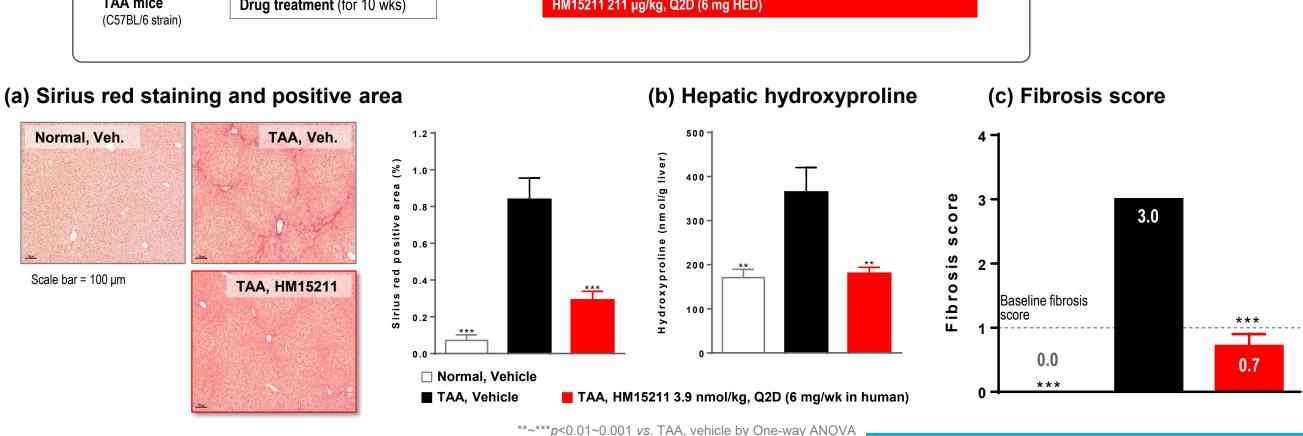
- Single drug moiety with triple activity
- Extended half-life allows once weekly dosing
- Rationally designed triple agonist optimized for liver targeting
- Rapid & potent liver fat reduction both in animal and human (\*12 weeks MAD trial results in obese NAFLD subjects presented at 2020 EASL)
- Multiple MoAs exist for managing inflammation and fibrosis
- On-going for P2b study in biopsy-proven NASH subjects

# Figure 1. HM15211 effect on hepatic fibrosis in TAA mice



➤HM15211 treatment led to histological improvement of liver fibrosis in TAA mice. Reduction effect of fibrosis score is correlated with that of Sirius red positive area and hepatic hydroxyproline

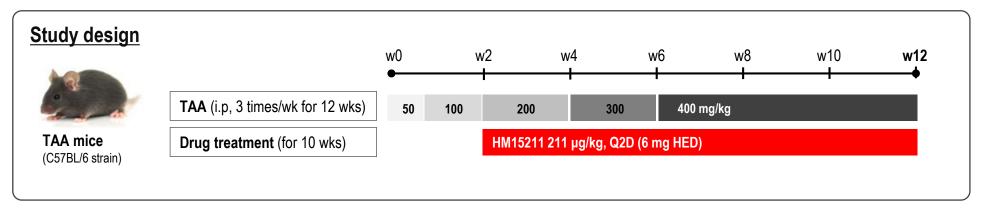


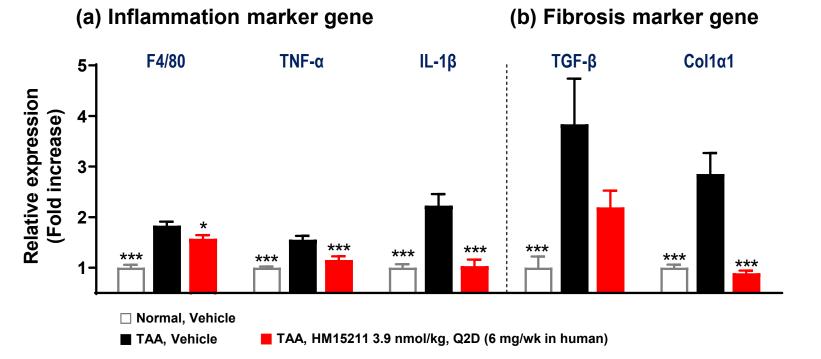


## Figure 2. HM15211 effect on surrogate markers in TAA mice

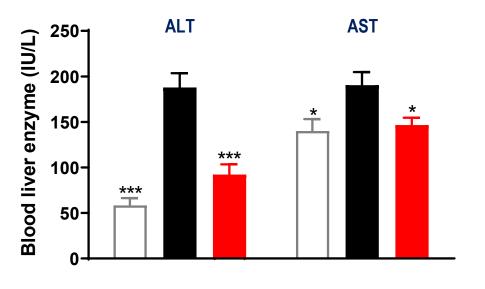


➤ Consistent with histologic results, robust improvement effects of HM15211 were observed for efficacy surrogate measurement such as hepatic marker gene expression and blood liver enzyme level









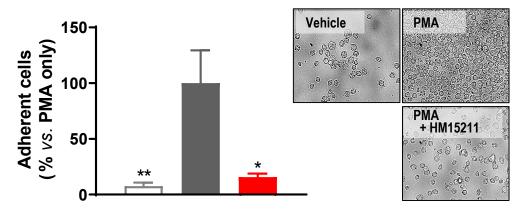
\*~\*\*\*p<0.05~0.001 vs. TAA, vehicle by One-way ANOVA

## Figure 3. MoAs for anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic effects

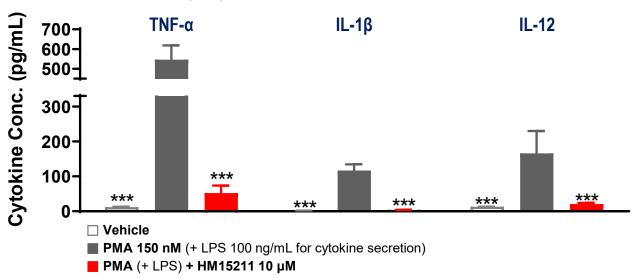


➤ Inhibitory effects on activation of macrophage and HSC demonstrate direct anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic effects of HM15211

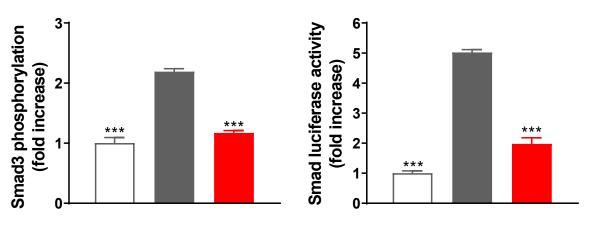
# (a) PMA-induced cell adhesion in THP-1 cells (monocyte to macrophage differentiation)



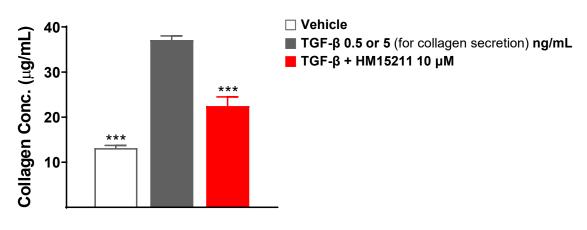
#### (b) Inflammatory cytokine secretion (M1 polarization)



#### (c) TGF-β-induced Smad3 activation of LX-2 cells



#### (d) Collagen secretion



\*~\*\*\*p<0.05~0.001 vs. Stimulation by One-way ANOVA

# **Summary & Conclusions**



- HM15211 is Glucagon/GIP/GLP-1 triple agonist with unique activity features designed to treat
  NASH and fibrosis by targeting multiple aspects of this disease
- In previous studies, robust therapeutic benefits were observed in animal models of NASH and/or liver fibrosis (e.g. MCD mice, CDAHFD mice, AMLN mice, and BDL mice)
- In the current study, direct anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic effects of HM15211 were further confirmed in TAA mice
- In vitro mechanistic studies revealed that HM15211 could inhibit monocyte differentiation and M1 polarization (pro-inflammation cytokine secretion), and HSC activation (collagen secretion)

HM15211 might provide improved efficacy for the treatment of NASH and fibrosis Fast-track granted and P2b clinical study is on-going in biopsy-proven NASH subjects (US, KR)

#### Please note oral presentation reporting more information about HM15211:

#838: Anti-fibrotic potential of a novel long-acting Glucagon/GIP/GLP-1 triple agonist (HM15211) in preclinical models of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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