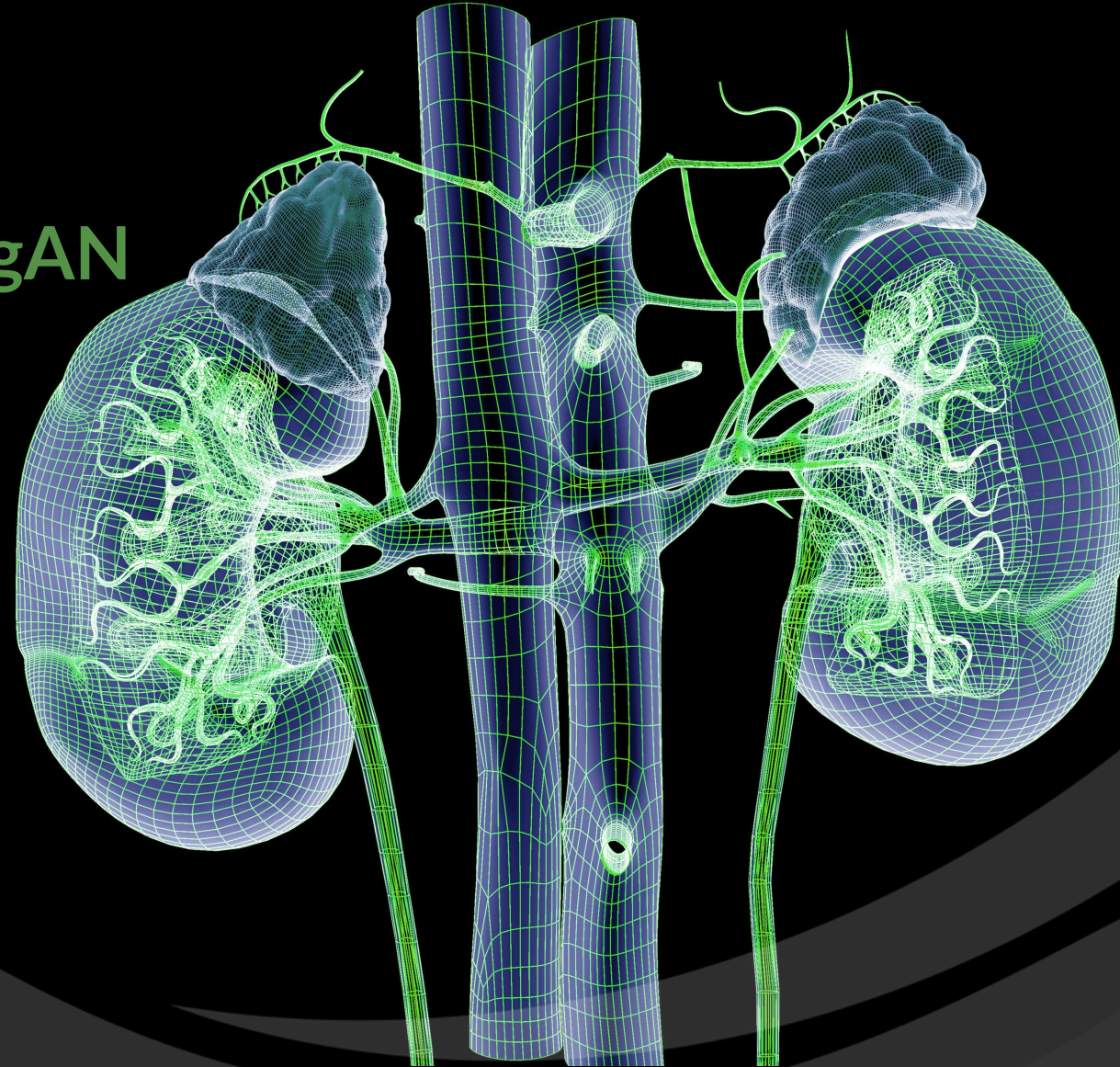
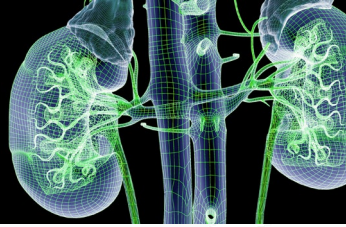


# Accelerating the Development of BION-1301 for the Treatment of IgAN From Proof of Concept to Phase 3

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# Outline



The potentially disease modifying MOA of BION-1301\* in IgAN

BION-1301 clinical development program to IgAN PoC

BION-1301 Phase 3 key trial design elements

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# IgA NEPHROPATHY HAS A LARGE UNMET MEDICAL NEED

IgAN is the most common primary glomerular disease globally and requires chronic treatment

**~150,000** Biopsy-confirmed IgAN patients in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

~45% with >1 g/day<sup>1</sup>

~25% with 0.5 – 1 g/day<sup>1</sup>

Patients with persistent proteinuria despite optimized standard of care RAS inhibition (ACEi or ARB)

**~100,000** Patients remain at high risk for progression (US)

Clear need for **novel strategies** to **directly target** the initiating molecular events in the complex pathogenesis of IgAN

~30-45% of IgAN patients progress to ESKD over 20-25 years<sup>3-6</sup>

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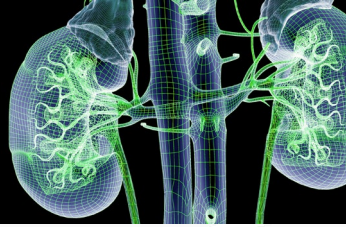
**30%** PROTEINURIA REDUCTION

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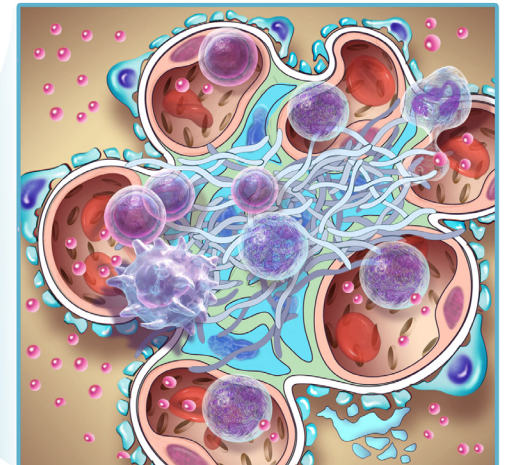
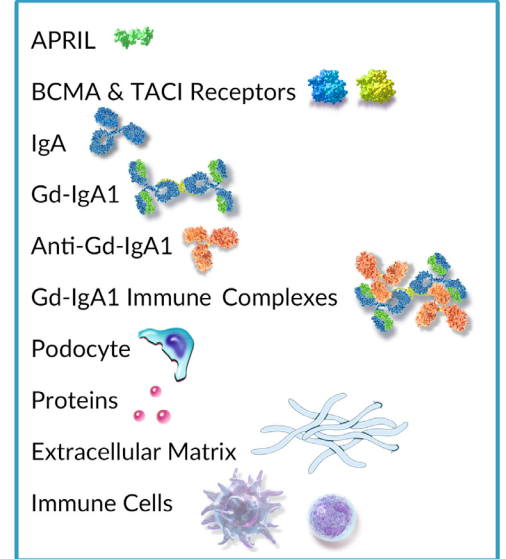
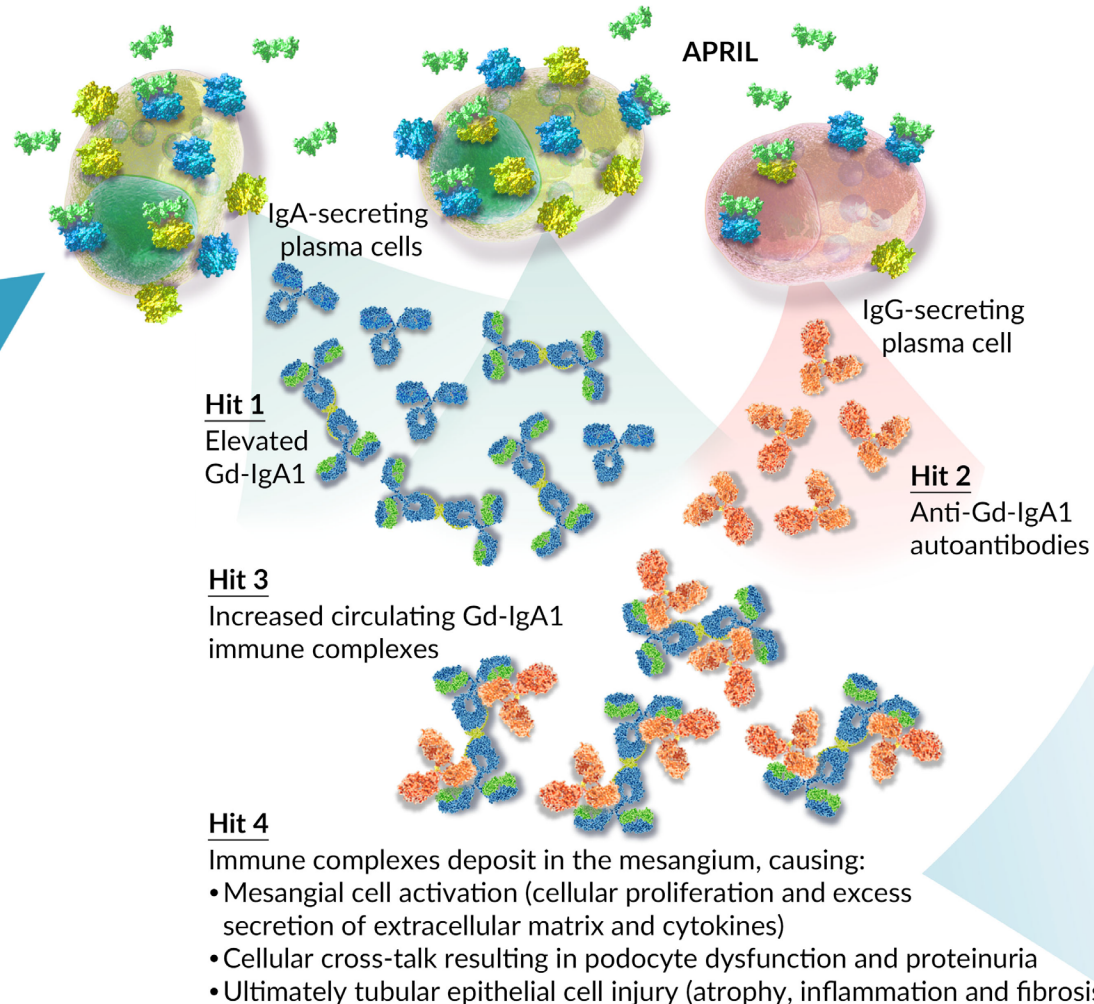
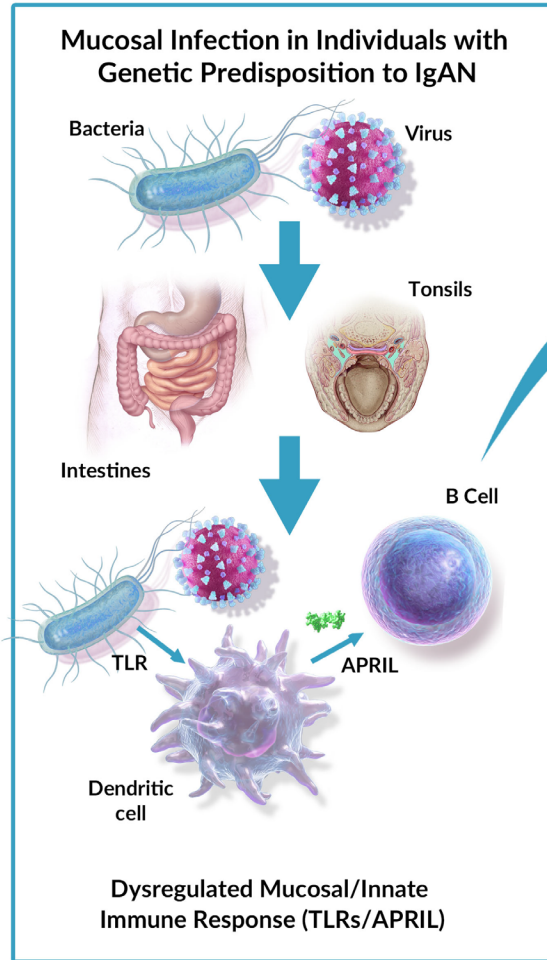
**>10** YEAR DELAY IN TIME TO ESKD<sup>2</sup>

Greater proteinuria reductions are associated with greater clinical benefit

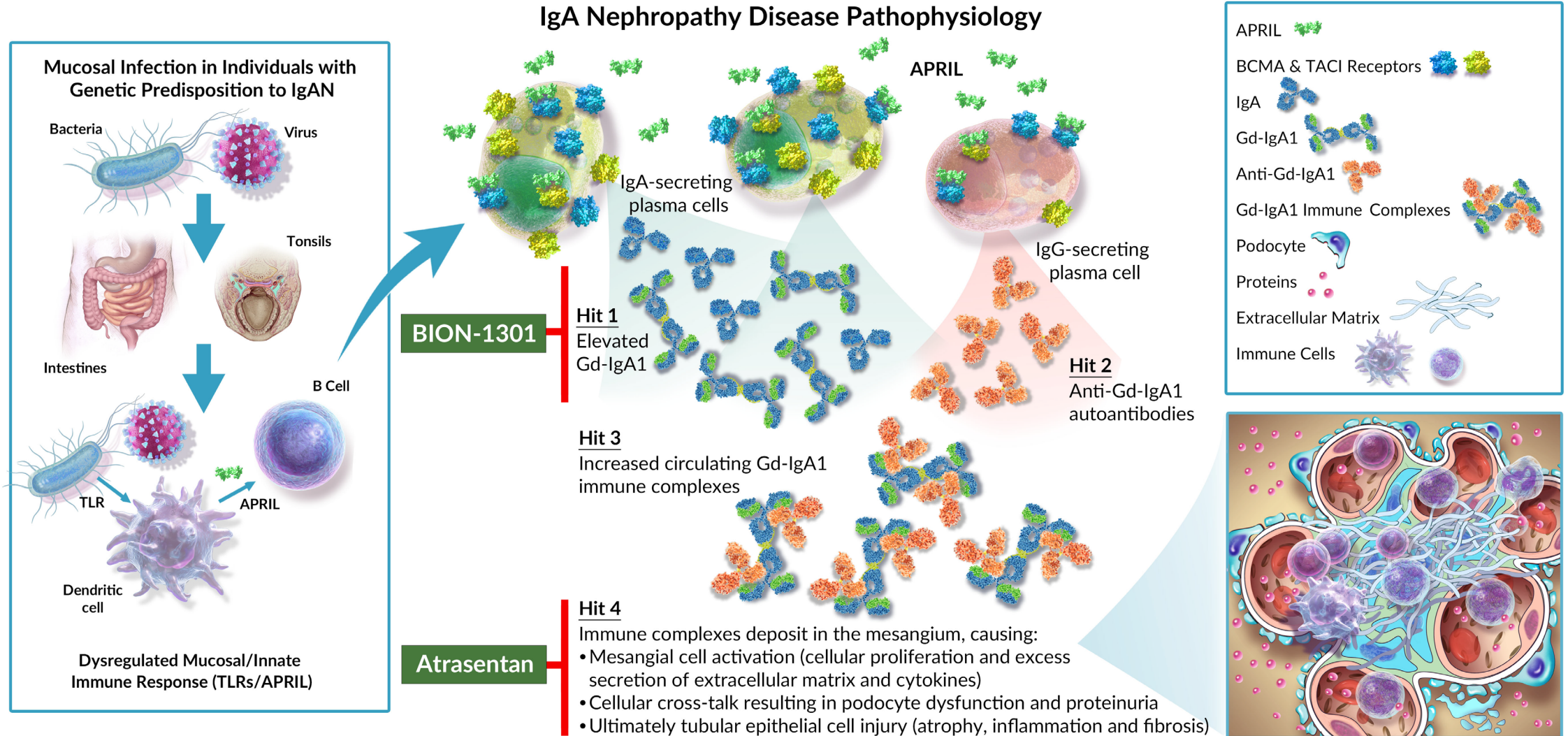
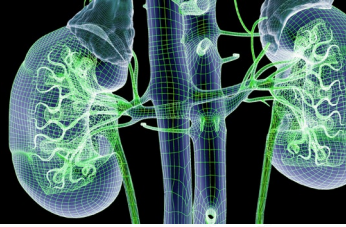
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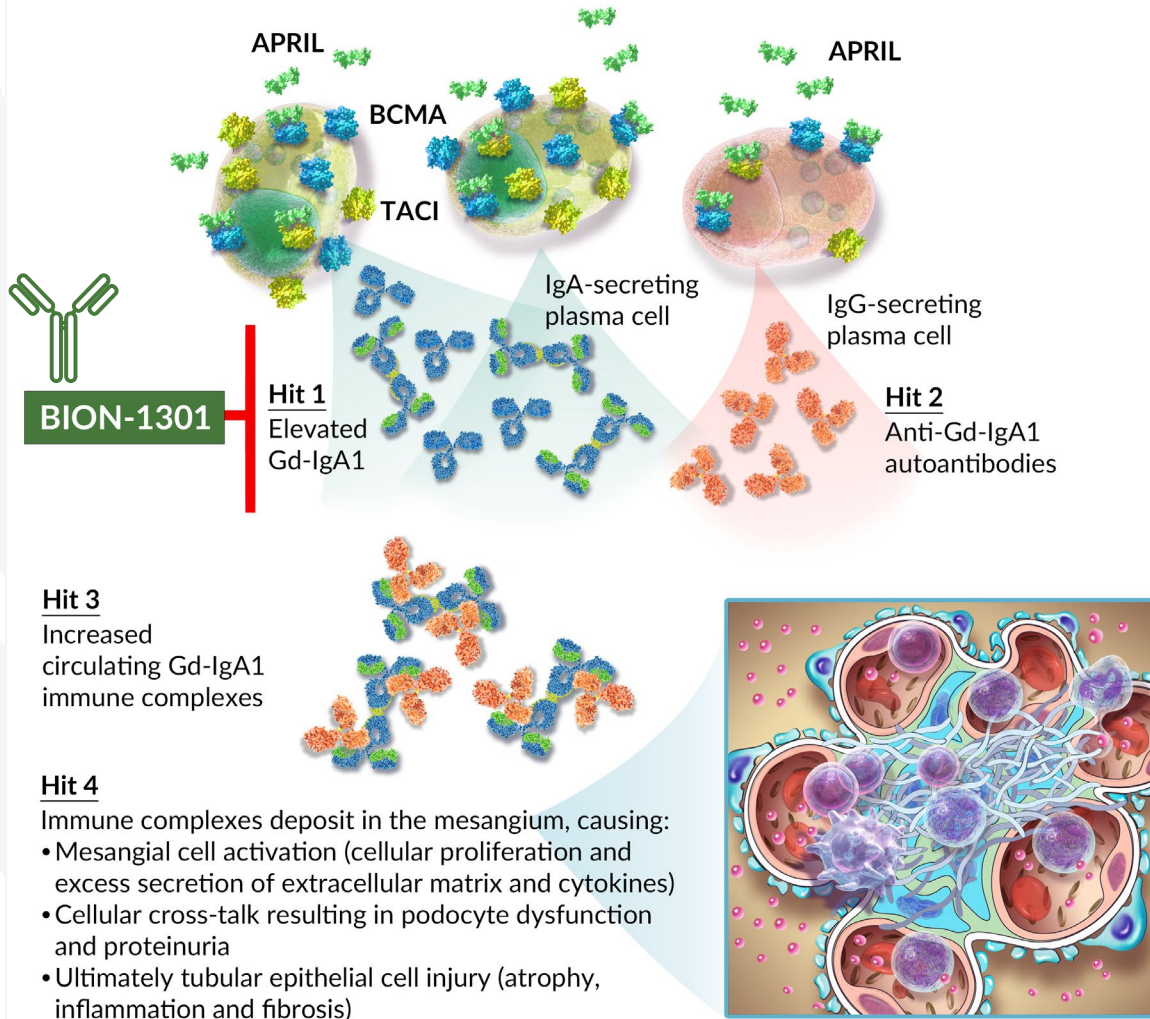
## IgA Nephropathy Disease Pathophysiology



# Complex Multi-Hit Pathogenesis of IgAN Provides Potential for Targeted Therapeutic Strategies



# BION-1301: Potentially Disease-Modifying Anti-APRIL mAb in IgAN



## APRIL

TNF-family cytokine involved in B-cell signaling<sup>1</sup>

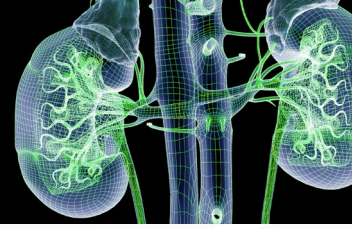
- **Drives IgA production** and survival of IgA-secreting plasma cells<sup>2</sup>
- Shown to **increase Gd-IgA1 secretion**<sup>3</sup>
- Higher APRIL levels in IgAN patients correlated with **higher Gd-IgA1 and proteinuria** and **lower eGFR**<sup>3</sup>
- APRIL gene variants confer **increased risk of IgAN**<sup>4</sup>

## BION-1301

Humanized IgG4 monoclonal antibody that blocks APRIL binding to its receptors

- **Potently binds recombinant human and cynomolgus APRIL** (but does not bind rodent APRIL)
- **Functional blocking** of APRIL at **BCMA** and **TACI** receptors
- **Does not induce cytokine release** in human PBMCs

# BION-1301 Development Program: HV, POM and POC in IgAN



## ADU-CL-19

### Phase 1/2: HV & IgAN Patients

- **Part 1:** Single Ascending Dose, Healthy Volunteers
- **Part 2:** Multiple Ascending Dose, Healthy Volunteers
- **Part 3:** Proof of Mechanism / Proof of Concept, IgAN Patients

## Other

### Additional HV Studies

- **SC Bioavailability:** Single Dose IV/SC, Healthy Volunteers
- **Japanese HV:** Single Ascending Dose, Healthy Volunteers (in progress)
- **Chinese HV:** Single Ascending Dose, Healthy Volunteers (planned)

# Phase 1 Study in Healthy Volunteers (HVs): Study Design, Safety and Pharmacokinetics (PK)



## Primary Objective

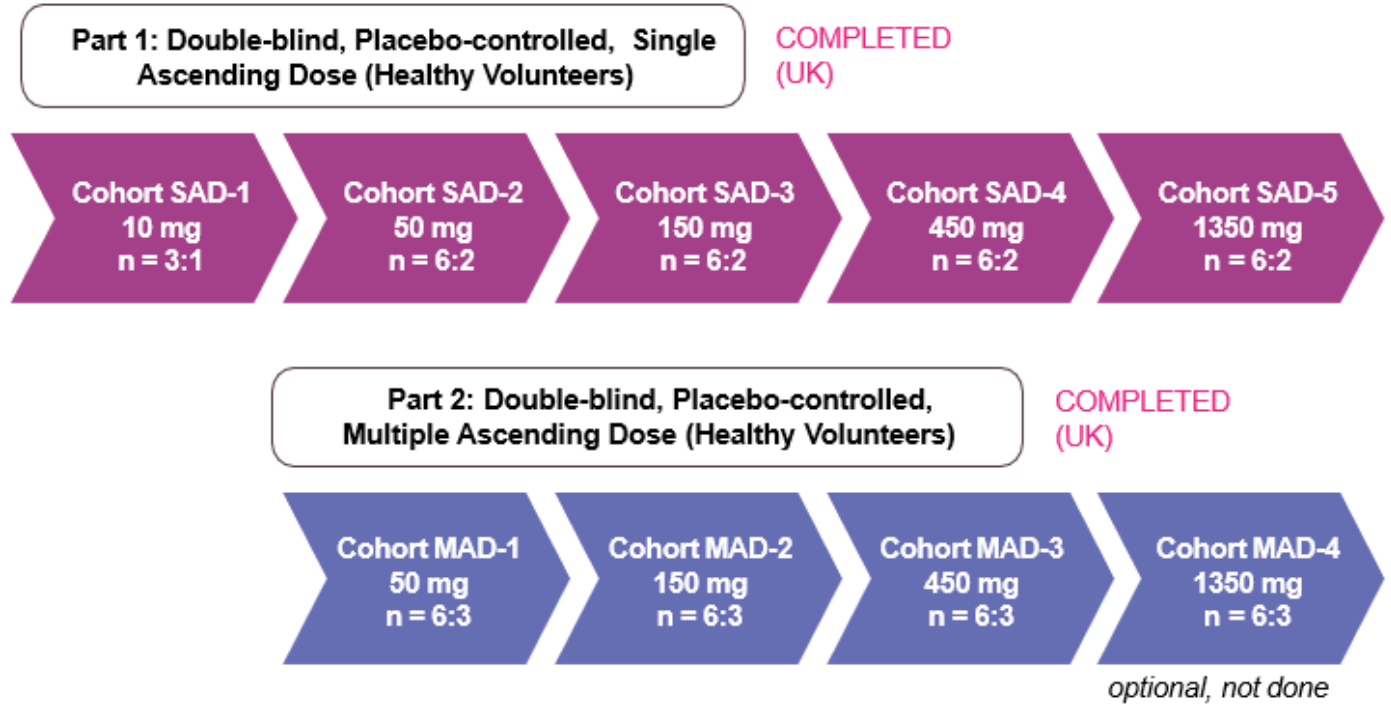
- Assess safety and tolerability

## Secondary Objective

- Characterize PK/PD and immunogenicity of BION-1301 administered by IV infusion

## Exploratory Objectives

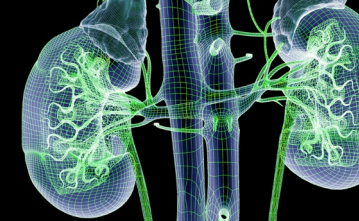
- Characterize select biomarkers of pharmacodynamic (PD) activity



- **BION-1301 was well-tolerated in HVs; no SAEs, treatment discontinuations or events meeting stopping criteria**
- **PK of BION-1301 was well behaved, generally dose-proportional,  $T_{1/2} \sim 33$  days; low incidence of non-neutralizing ADAs**

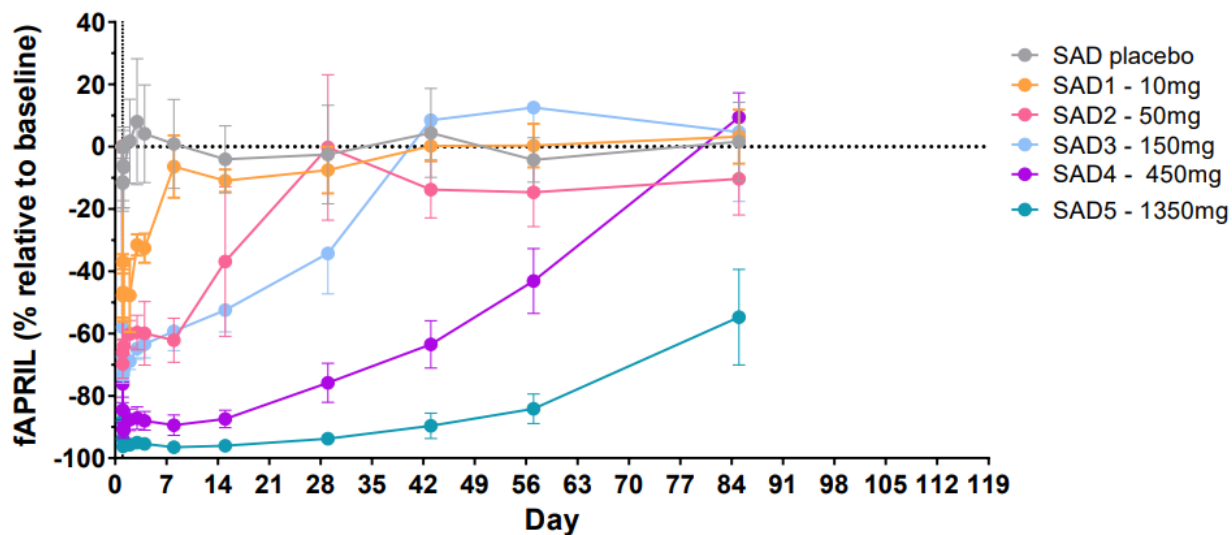


# Phase 1 Study in Healthy Volunteers (HVs): Target Engagement



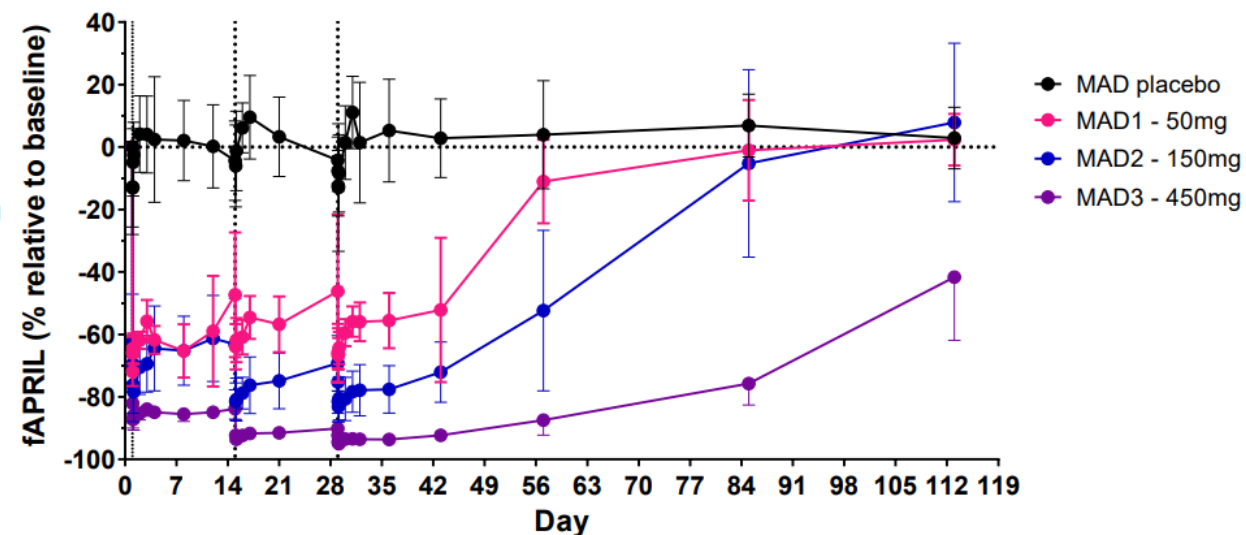
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Free APRIL (fAPRIL) Reduction



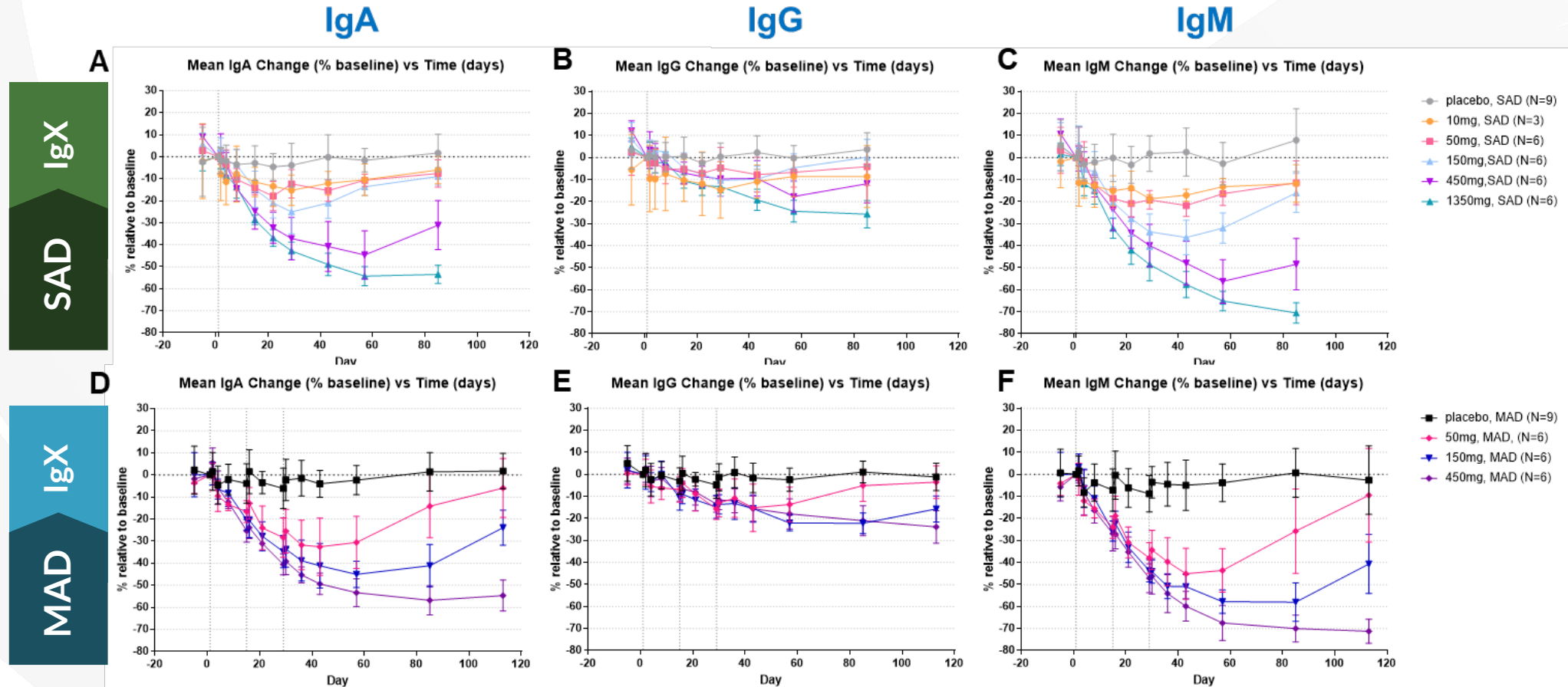
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Free APRIL (fAPRIL) Reduction



**Immediate, dose-dependent and sustained neutralization of APRIL**

# Phase 1 Study in Healthy Volunteers (HVs): PD Responses

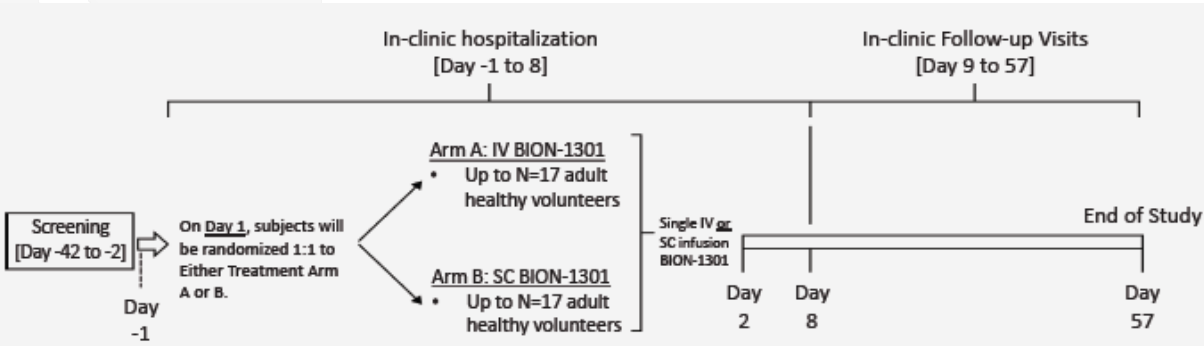


- Dose-dependent and durable reductions in IgA & IgM, with lesser effects on IgG
- Offers a pharmacodynamic window to exploit IgA reduction while minimizing impact on IgG

# Phase 1 SC Bioavailability Study in HVs: Supports Transition to SC Administration of BION-1301



A Phase 1, Open Label, Randomized, Single Dose, Parallel Group Safety and Bioavailability Study of BION-1301 Administered by Intravenous (IV) and Subcutaneous (SC) Routes



The PK profile of BION-1301 was consistent with previous clinical studies and minimal differences in drug concentration were observed between administration routes after 1 week

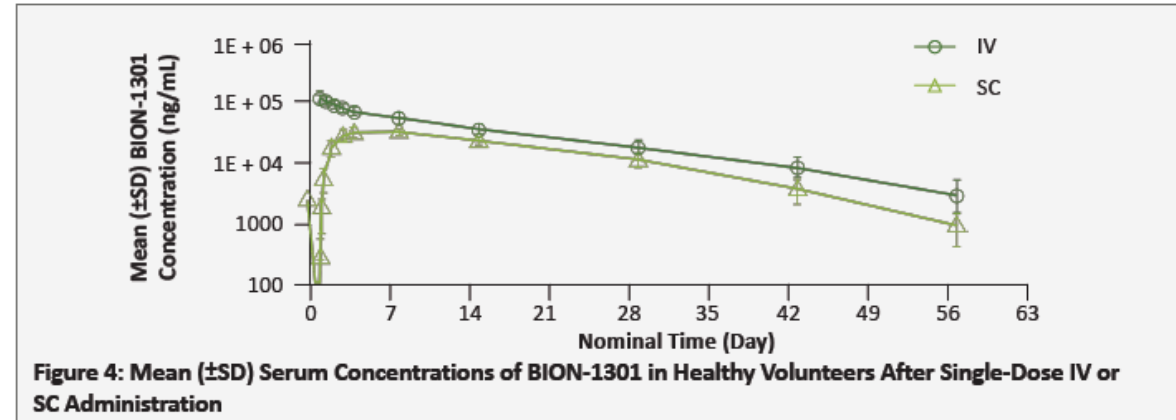


Figure 4: Mean (±SD) Serum Concentrations of BION-1301 in Healthy Volunteers After Single-Dose IV or SC Administration

Comparable reductions in serum fAPRIL

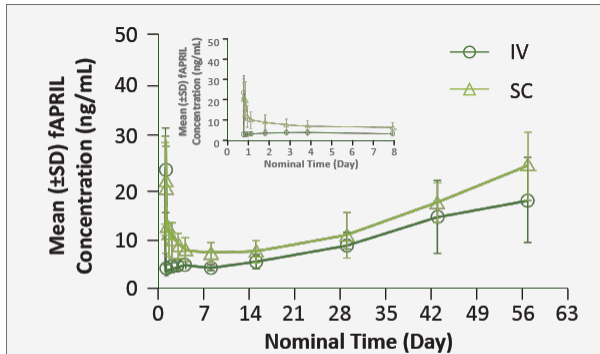


Figure 5: Mean (±SD) fAPRIL Concentrations After Single-Dose IV or SC Administration

A single 300mg SC or IV dose of BION-1301 provides similar reductions in immunoglobulins

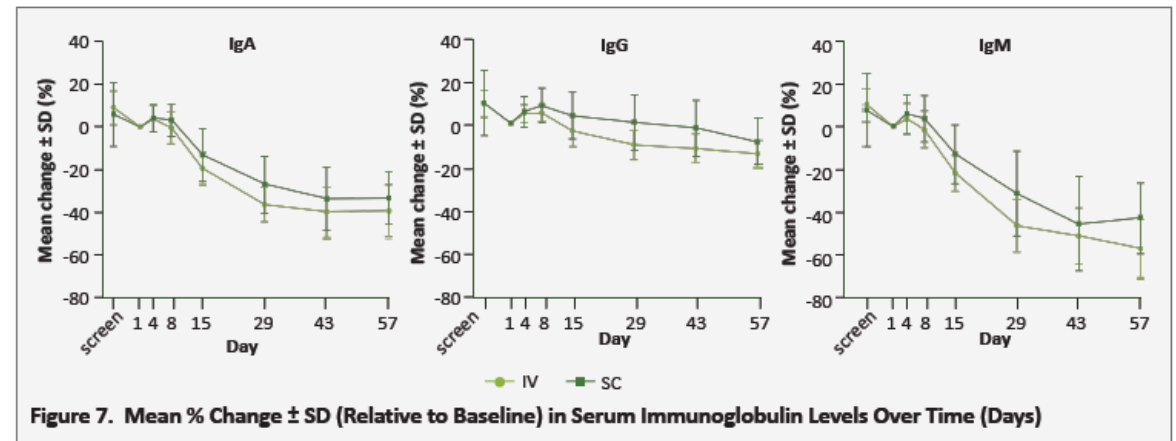
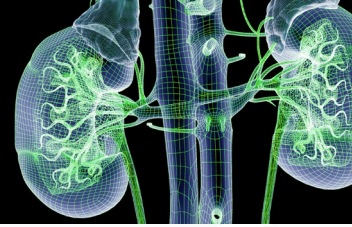


Figure 7. Mean % Change ± SD (Relative to Baseline) in Serum Immunoglobulin Levels Over Time (Days)

- BION-1301 was generally well tolerated:
  - No SAES or early terminations
  - No ISRs
  - No ADAs in the SC cohort

# IgAN POC: Study Design



ADU-CL-19 (Part 3) is an ongoing phase 1/2 trial investigating BION-1301 in patients with IgAN (NCT03945318)

Cohort 1 (n=10)

450 mg Q2W IV → 600 mg Q2W SC,  
up to 104 weeks <sup>||†</sup>

Ongoing

<sup>†</sup>Patients transitioned to SC at ≥24 weeks

Cohort 2 (n=30)

600 mg Q2W de novo SC,  
up to 104 weeks <sup>||</sup>

Ongoing

<sup>||</sup> An optional 1-year treatment extension is available to both cohorts

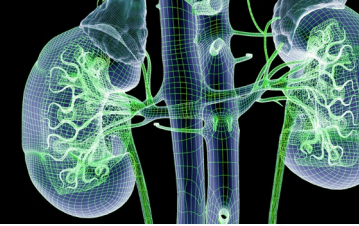
## Objectives

- Safety, tolerability, PK, immunogenicity, biomarker effects, and preliminary effect on proteinuria in patients with IgAN
- Proof of mechanism
- Proof of concept
- Explore dose/schedule, IV and SC administration

## Key Eligibility Criteria, Cohort 2

- Biopsy-proven IgAN diagnosis within past 10 years
- Total protein excretion ≥ 0.5 g/24h OR UPCR ≥ 0.5 g/g based on 24-hour urine collection at screening
- eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Stable/optimized dose of RASi for ≥ 3 months prior to screening (or intolerant to RASi)

# Demographics and Baseline Characteristics



## Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Demographics	Cohort 1 (n=10 <sup>**</sup> ) 450 mg IV → 600mg SC	Cohort 2 (n=24) 600 mg de novo SC
Age, years, mean (min, max)	42 (27, 59)	40 (21, 74)
Sex, male, n (%)	9 (90)	15 (63)
Race, White, n (%)	10 (100)	11 (46)
Asian, n (%)	0	11 (46)
Black, n (%)	0	1 (4)
Missing, n (%)	0	1 (4)
Ethnicity, Hispanic, n (%)	2 (20)	2 (8)
Country, US, n (%)	10 (100)	16 (67)
Baseline characteristics	Median (min, max)	Median (min, max)
Time from biopsy, years	2.1 (0.3, 7.7)	3.3 (0.1, 7.6)
Blood pressure (mmHg), Systolic	127 (113, 133)	127 (110, 147)
Diastolic	83 (69, 88)	79 (57, 88)
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>§</sup>	69 (30, 122)	75 (37, 131)
24-hour urine protein excretion (g/day)	1.2 (0.7, 6.5)	1.0 (0.6, 2.7)
24-hour UPCR (g/g)	0.5 (0.4, 4.6)	0.8 (0.2, 3.2)
Renin-angiotensin system inhibitor use (%)	100%	100%

### Cohort 1 enrollment and treatment duration:

- 10 patients enrolled; 8 patients continued to SC
- Mean treatment duration of 64 weeks (range 0.1 to 106 weeks)
  - Mean treatment duration of 450 mg IV prior to transition to SC was 37 weeks
  - Mean treatment duration after transition to 600 mg SC was 40 weeks

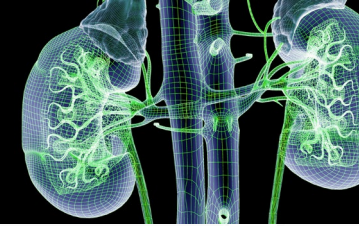
### Cohort 2 enrollment and treatment duration:

- 24 patients enrolled (enrolling up to 30 patients)
- Mean treatment duration of 17 weeks (range 2 to 30 weeks)

<sup>§</sup> eGFR by CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration

<sup>\*\*</sup> Two patients withdrew from study for reasons unrelated to study drug

# Safety and Tolerability

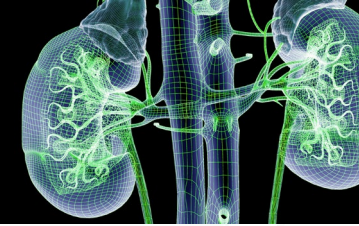


## In Cohort 1 and Cohort 2:

- BION-1301 is generally well tolerated in IgAN patients, with no reported deaths, SAEs, or AEs leading to discontinuation of study drug to date
- All infections in patients with IgAN have been Grade 1 or 2 in severity and only one infection, which was Grade 1 in severity, was assessed as treatment-related
- Injection site reactions have all been Grade 1 or Grade 2 in severity
- IgG level below the study defined threshold (< 3 g/L) occurred in one patient in Cohort 1, requiring protocol-mandated withholding of study drug. There have been no infections reported in this patient

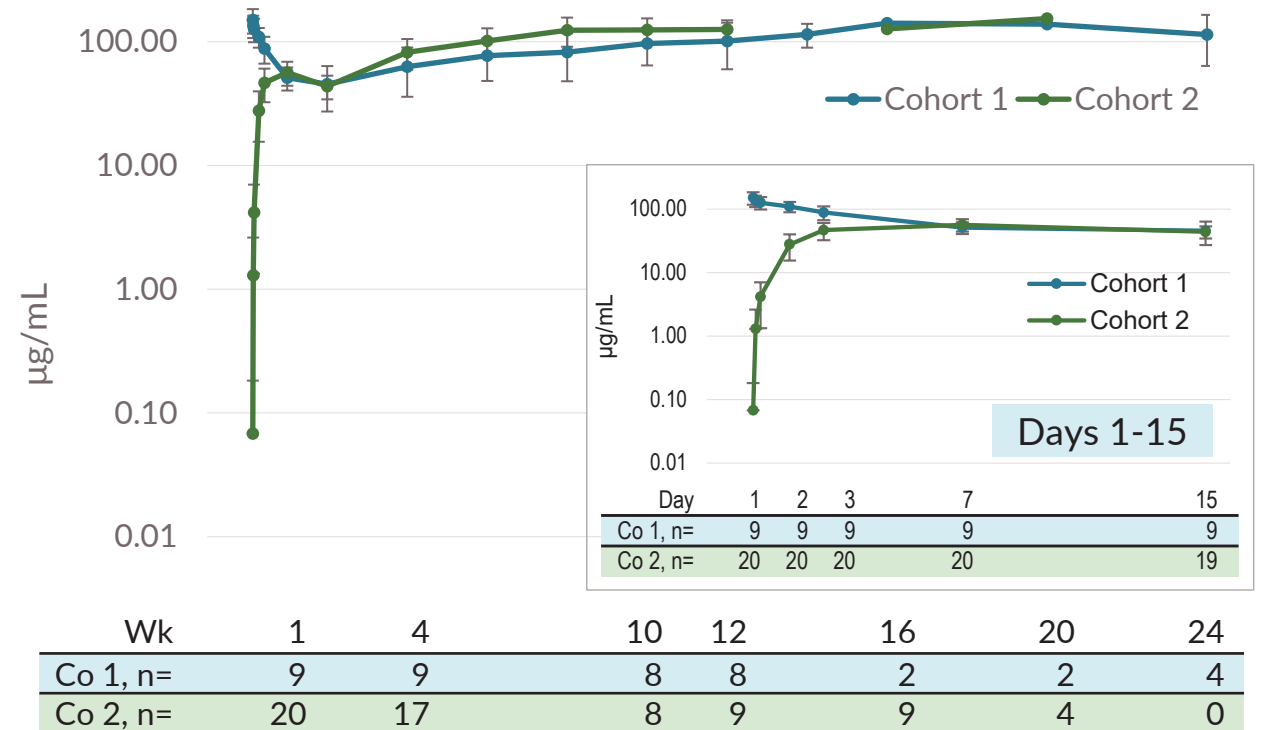
AE Category (N=34)		n (%)
Treatment emergent AEs (TEAEs)	Patients with any TEAE	23 (67.6)
	Patients with Infection TEAE (Grades 1 or 2)	17(50.0)
	Infection TEAE occurring in N>1 patient	
	COVID-19	8 (23.5)
	Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3 (8.8)
	Asymptomatic COVID-19	2 (5.9)
	Sinusitis	2 (5.9)
	Urinary Tract Infection	2 (5.9)
Treatment-related AEs	Patients with any treatment-related AE	8 (23.5)
	Related AEs occurring in N>1 patient	
	Fatigue	3 (8.8)
	Injection site erythema	3 (8.8)

# Pharmacokinetics



- Low inter-individual variability in BION-1301 serum concentrations following IV and SC administrations
- Trough concentrations of BION-1301 following 600 mg SC Q2W (Cohort 2) are consistent with trough concentrations observed following 450 mg IV Q2W (Cohort 1)
- No anti-drug antibodies observed in patients with IgAN to date

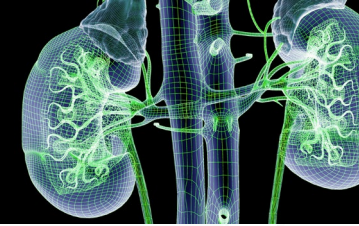
## BION-1301 Serum Concentrations



Mean ( $\pm$  SD) BION-1301 serum concentrations following IV (Cohort 1) or SC (Cohort 2) administration Q2W<sup>‡</sup>. Data points after Day 7 are trough concentrations.

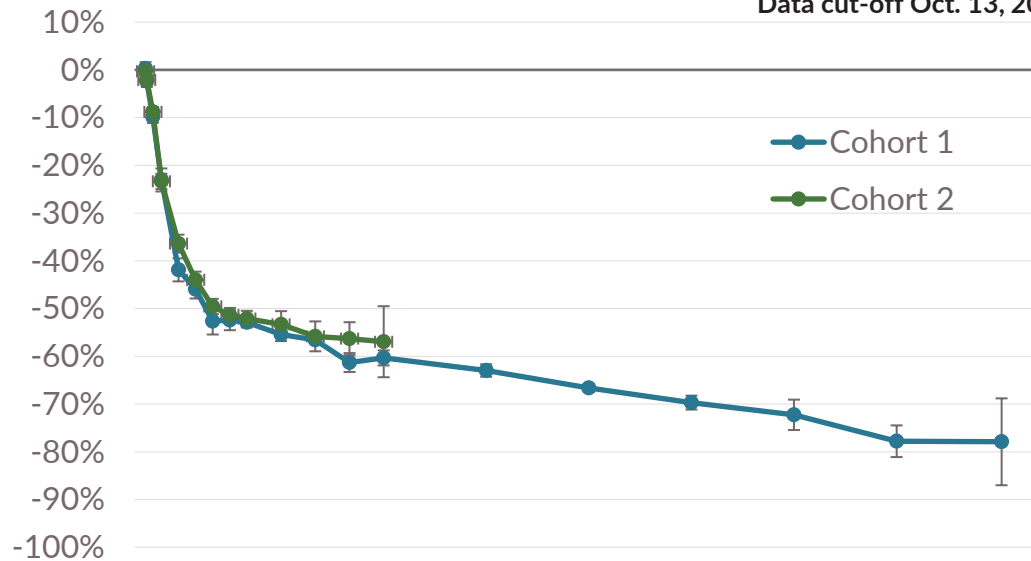
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# BION-1301 Results in Rapid and Durable Reduction in IgA and Gd-IgA1



## IgA % Change from Baseline (Mean ± SE)

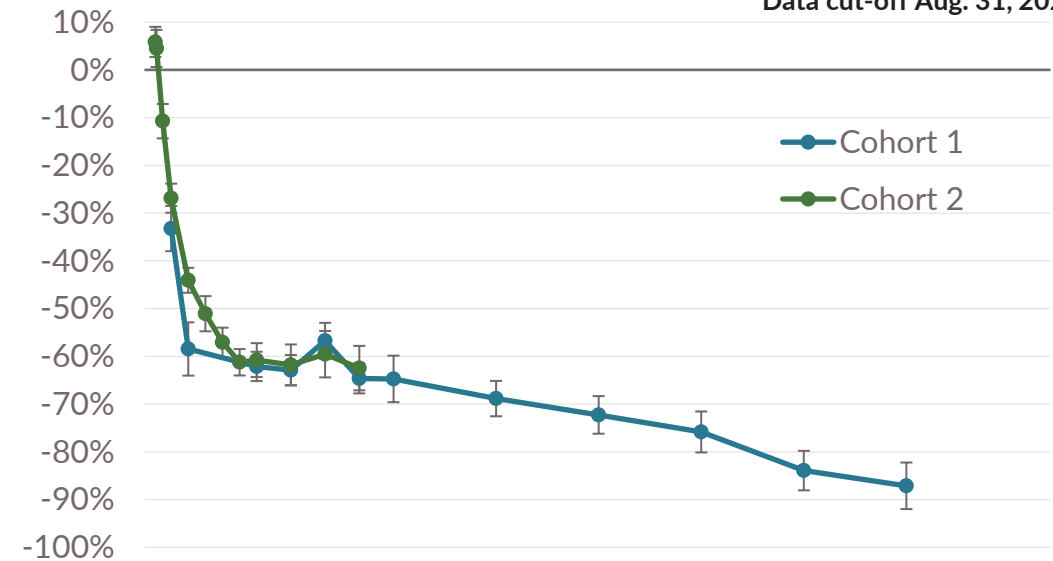
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Wk	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	40	52	64	76	88	100
Co 1, n=	8	8	8	8	2	5	6	8	7	7	4	3	2
Co 2, n=	23	18	15	10	10	9	3						

## Gd-IgA1 % Change from Baseline (Mean ± SE)

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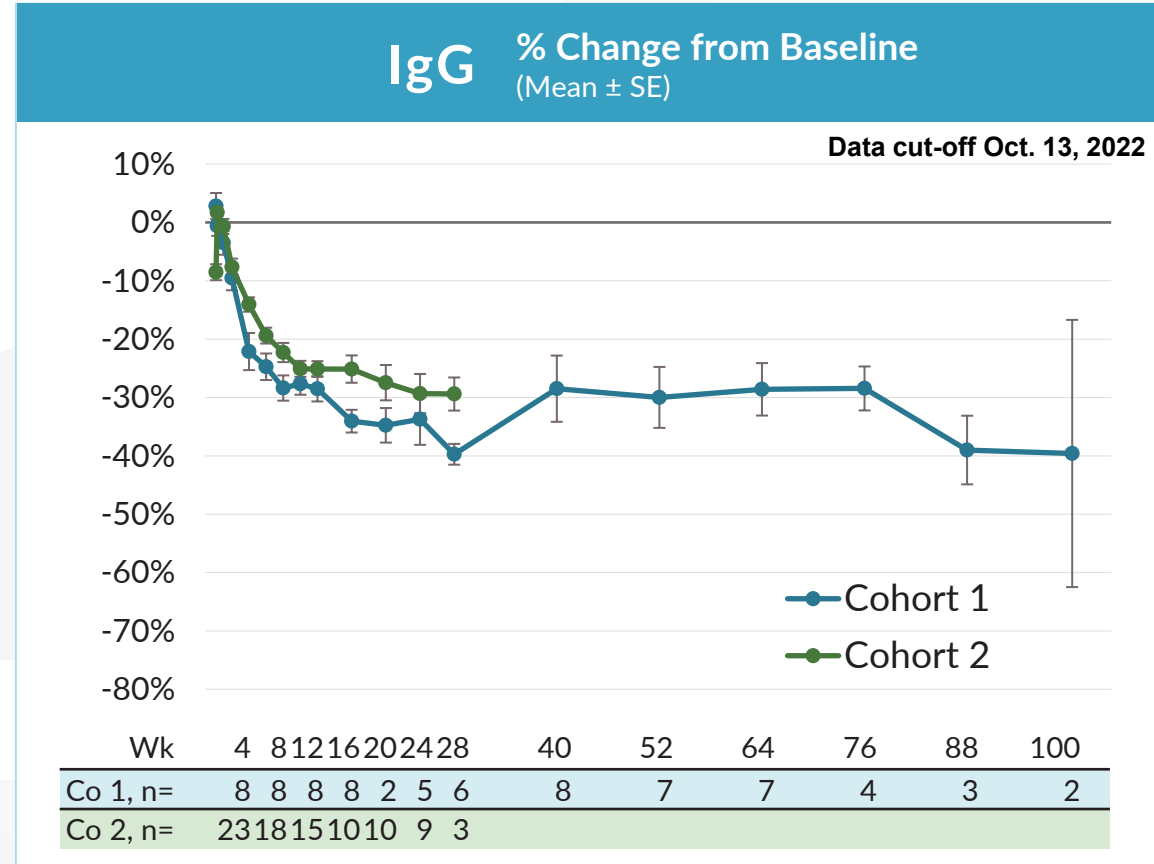
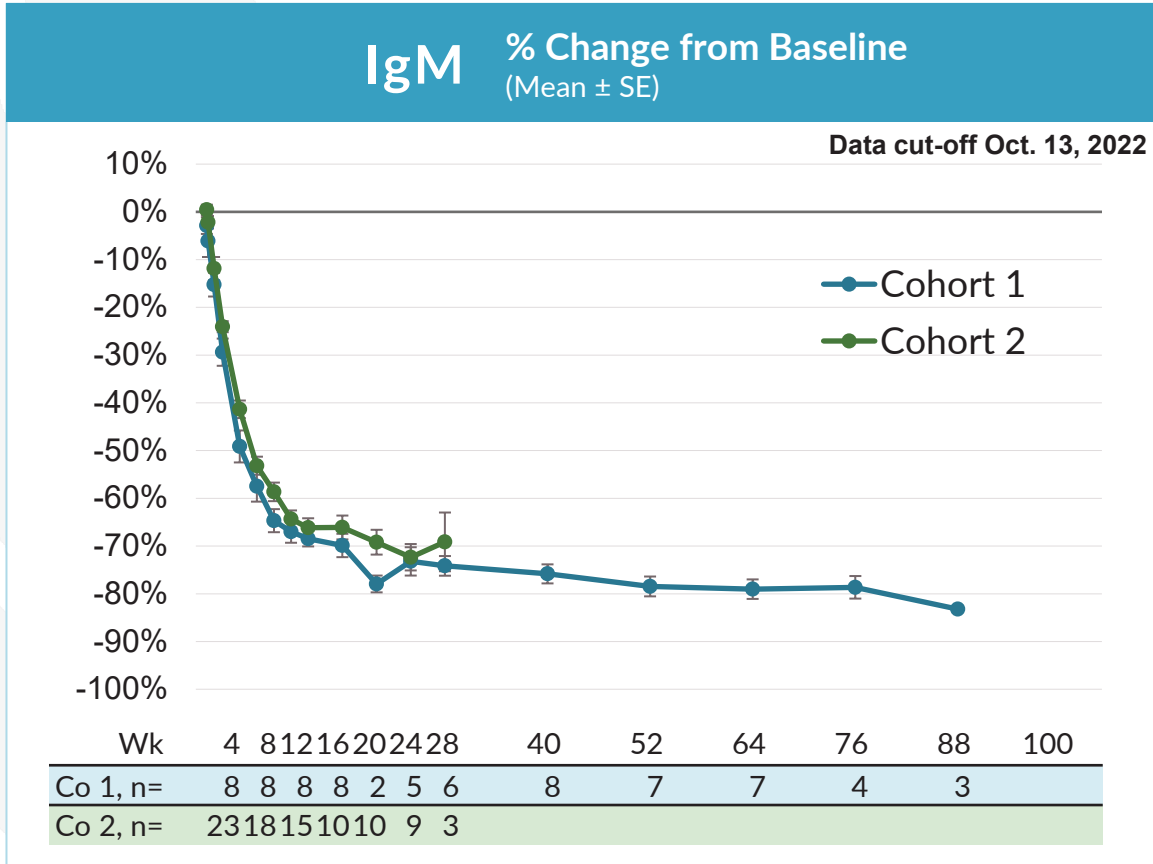
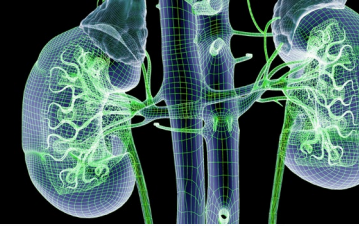


Wk	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	40	52	64	76	88	100
Co 1, n=	8	0	8	8	2	5	7	8	6	6	4	2	
Co 2, n=	20	13	9	10	8	2							

Mean Gd-IgA1 are not available at week 100

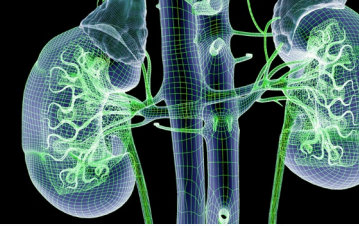


# Reductions in IgM, and to a Lesser Extent IgG, Were Also Observed



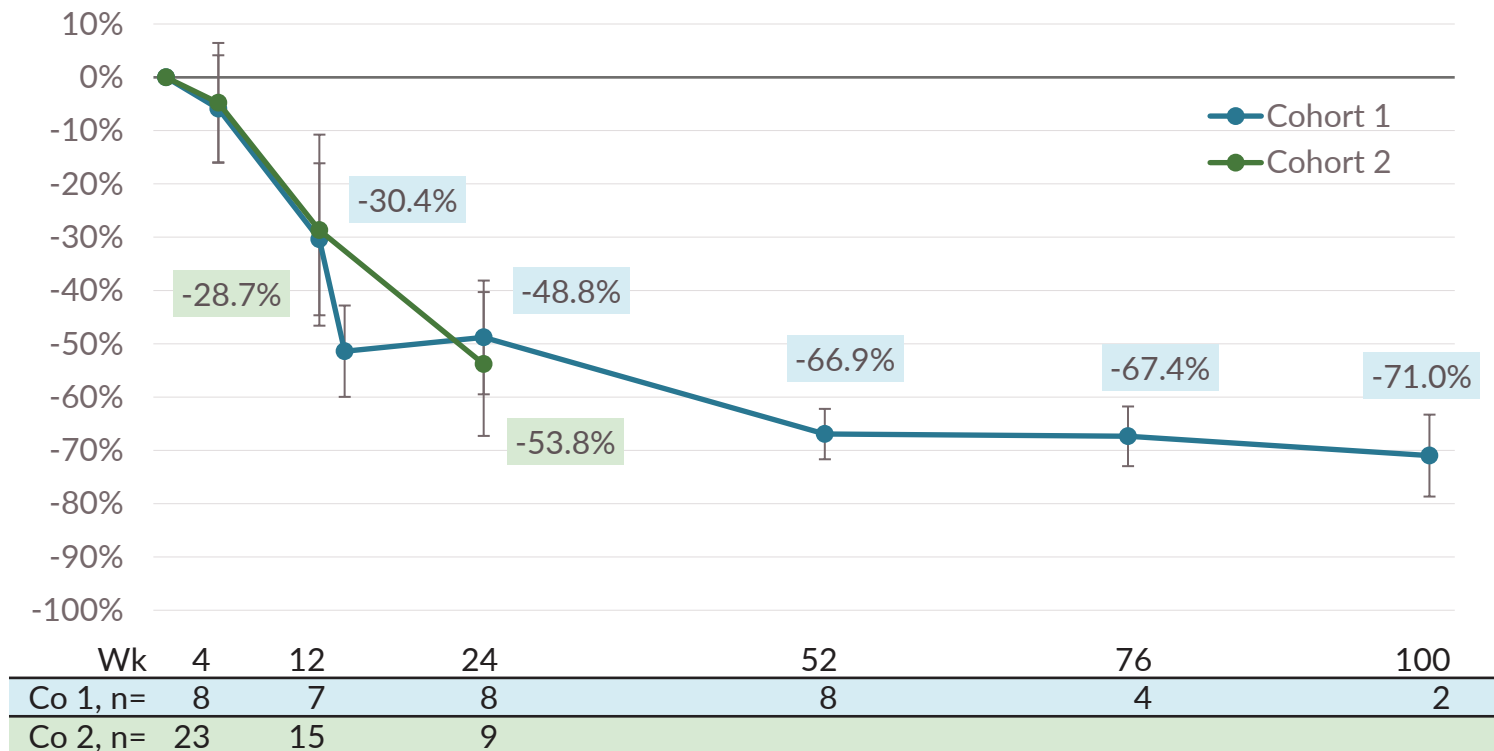
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# BION-1301 Treatment Results in Sustained, Clinically Meaningful Proteinuria Reductions



## UPCR % Reduction (Geometric Mean ± SE)

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Median (range) baseline protein excretion: Cohort 1, 1.2 (0.7, 6.5) g/day ; Cohort 2, 1.0 (0.6, 2.7) g/day

### COHORT 1 (IV → SC)

- Clinically meaningful reductions in UPCR were seen in patients with IgAN across a wide range of baseline proteinuria levels
- UPCR continued to decline through one year and was maintained through two years, providing evidence of sustained efficacy
- At Week 52, 7/8 evaluable patients demonstrated >50% reductions in UPCR

### COHORT 2 (de novo SC)

- Mean reduction in UPCR of >50% at 24 weeks in Cohort 2 with de novo SC administration is consistent with Cohort 1

# BION-1301

## MOVING FORWARD

Plan to advance cohort 2 dose/schedule in pivotal trial, given strong clinical data

### STATUS

**Cohort 1  
in IgAN**

450 mg IV → 600 mg SC q2w  
Enrollment of 10 Patients Completed

**Cohort 2  
in IgAN**

600 mg SC q2w  
Enrollment of 30 Patients Completed

### NEXT STEPS



Align with global health authorities (*ongoing*)



Conduct site and country feasibility (*ongoing*)



Initiate pivotal trial in mid-2023

# Leveraging Population PK/PD Modeling and Simulations to Support Phase 3



**PopPK/PD** Model Framework and Modules

**Simulations** Phase 3 Dose and Schedule

Preliminary IV PopPK Model HV IV

Test Patient Status on IV PopPK model IgAN



Virtual Patient Populations  
Simulations of 1000 Subjects

Final IV + CC PopPK model IgAN

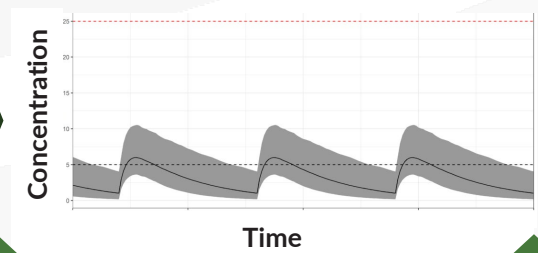
IV + SC PoPK HV SC

Exposure Variability

Response Variability

ER Models → IgG → IgA → UPCR

DOSE



Efficacy (IgA)

Safety (IgG)

PK

PD

Target optimal IgA reduction for max UPCR effect

# BION-1301 600 mg SC Q2W: Simulations

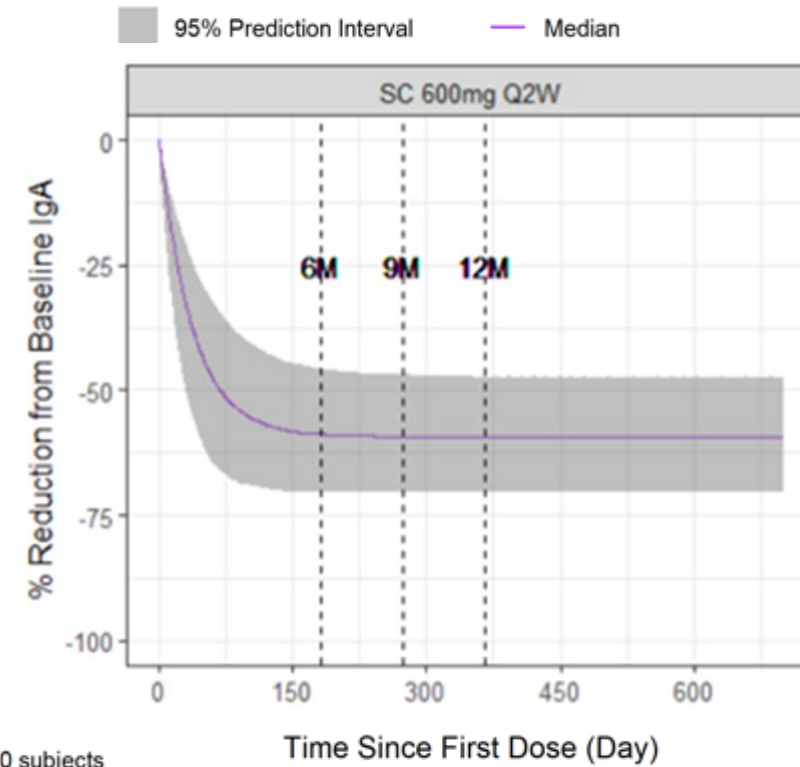
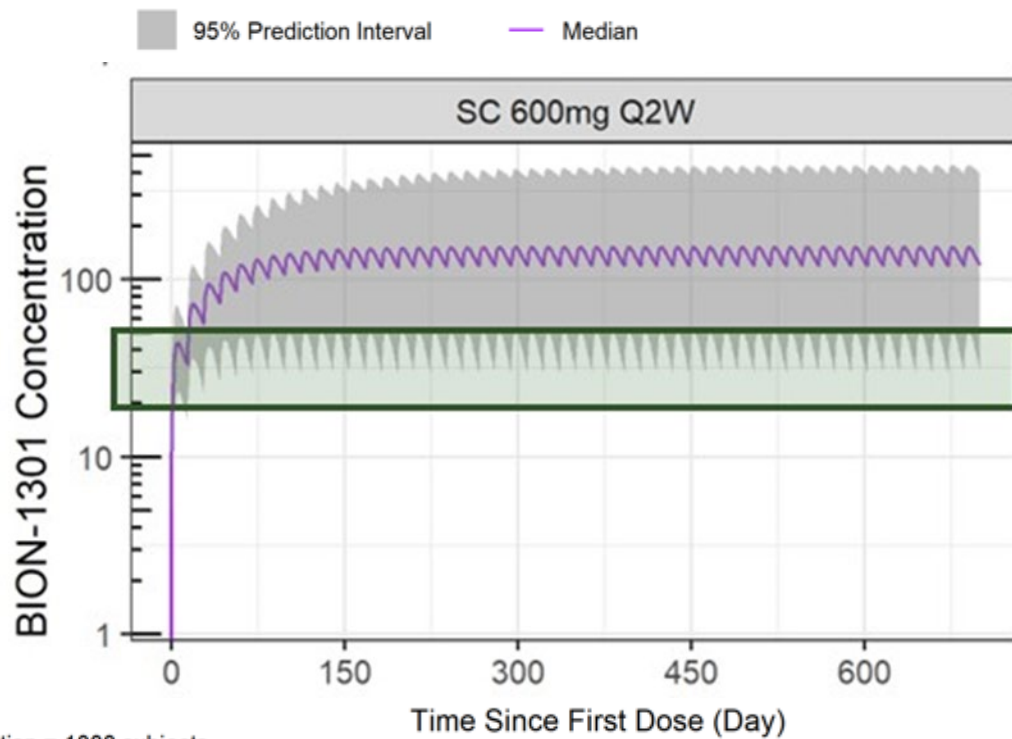


Pop PK

Pharmacokinetics

Pop PD

Serum IgA



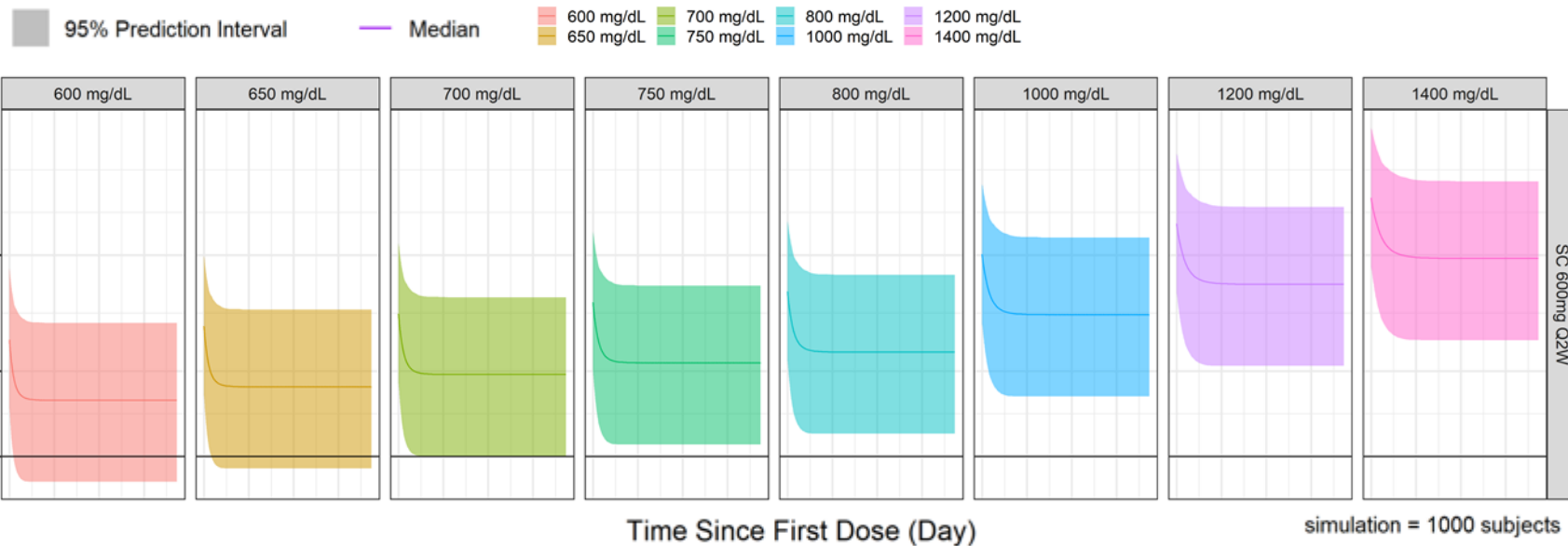
**600 mg SC Q2W provides broad coverage  $IgA > EC_{95}$  accounting for simulated PK variability**

# BION-1301 600 mg SC Q2W: Simulations



Pop PD

Simulated IgG Reductions Across a Range of Population Mean [IgG]

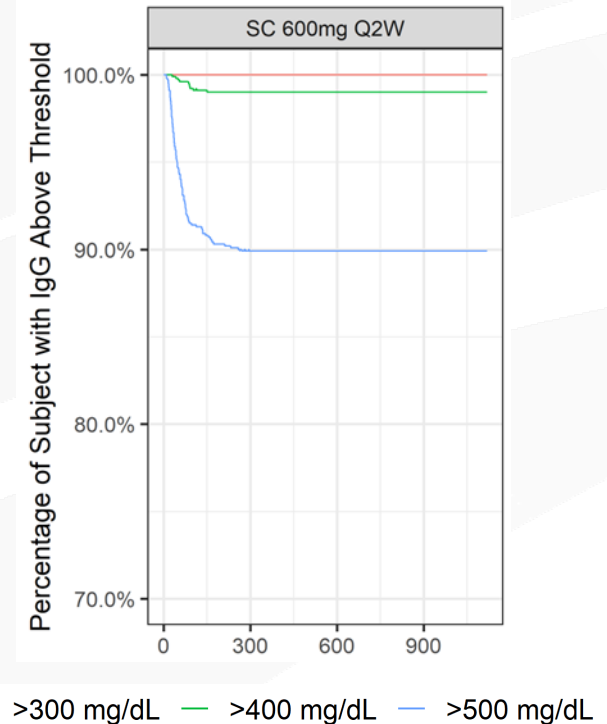


- Average baseline IgG in IgAN patients in ADU-CI-19 ~ 10 g/L
- IgG <3 g/L, arbitrary safety threshold to minimize immunosuppression

**Simulations support Phase 3 dose selection to optimize IgA reduction accompanied by only modest IgG reductions and support I/E criteria as an added safety measure**

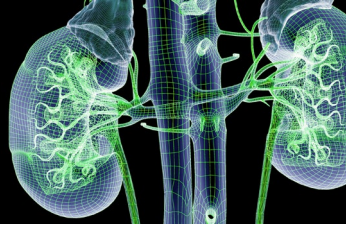
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IgG Thresholds



**Exclude Baseline IgG < 6g/L**

# A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study of BION-1301 in Adults with IgAN



## Phase 3 Targeting IgAN Patients at Risk for Disease Progression

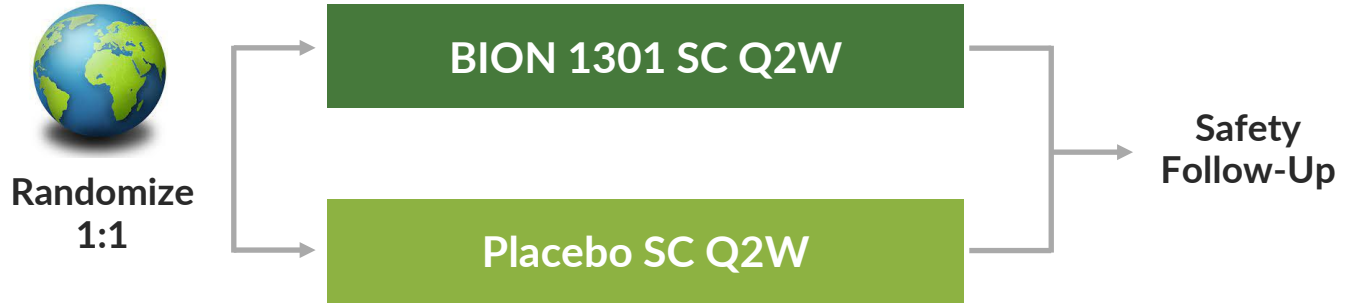
### Key Inclusion Criteria

- Biopsy-proven IgAN
- Patients on maximally-tolerated, optimized and stable dose of RASi ( $\geq 12$ w), or RASi intolerant
- Background optimized and stable dose ( $\geq 12$ w), of SGLT2i or ERA (if approved) allowed
- Proteinuria  $> 1$  g/day; eGFR  $> 30$  ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

### Key Exclusion Criteria

- Secondary IgAN, IgA vasculitis, other CKD, RPGN
- Recent immunosuppressant use, immune-deficient state, current severe infection, IgG  $< 6$ g/L

**Exploratory cohort eGFR 20 to  $< 30$  ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> (n~20)**



**Primary Endpoint**

UPCR  
@ 9 mos (40wks), n= 204

**Key Secondary Endpoint**

eGFR (change from baseline)  
@ 2 yrs (104 wks), n=272

**Additional Secondary Endpoints**

Composite 30% or 40% reduction in eGFR, eGFR  $< 15$  mL, dialysis, kidney transplantation or all-cause mortality

Percent of subjects achieving a  $\geq 25\%$  reduction of UPCR to  $< 1.0$  g/day at week 40

**Safety Endpoints**

Type, incidence and severity of AEs and AESIs

**Exploratory Endpoints**

Characterize PK, exposure response, immunogenicity, QOL, MOA

**Stratification Factors** Proteinuria ( $\geq 2$  g/day vs.  $< 2$  g/day), eGFR ( $\leq 45$  v  $> 45$  mL/min , Region (Asia v ROW)

# Summary: BION-1301 From Proof of Concept to Phase 3

## Disease Modifying Potential of APRIL Neutralization in IgAN

- APRIL is a cytokine that drives IgA class switching, survival of IgA-secreting plasma cells and the excess secretion of GdIgA1
  - Potential for APRIL blockade to directly target the events initiating IgAN and prevent immune complex formation

## Proof-of-concept for BION-1301 in IgAN to:

- ✓ deplete pathogenic Gd-IgA1 in patients with IgAN
- ✓ reduce proteinuria in patients with IgAN who remain at risk for progression with residual proteinuria despite optimized standard-of-care treatment

## Efficient advancement of BION-1301 from POC to Phase 3 enabled by:

- ✓ biomarker rich Phase 1 HV SAD/MAD study enabling PopPK/PD modelling and simulations to support Phase 3 dose selection
- ✓ open label Phase 1/2 POC study in IgAN allowing interim data cuts with disease specific biomarkers assessments and demonstration of clinically meaningful reduction in proteinuria





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