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## Efficacy and safety of Aldafermin (NGM282) in reducing liver fibrosis in patients with NASH: a systematic evaluation and meta-analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

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**Rationale:** NASH is currently the leading cause of chronic liver disease worldwide with no well-established effective pharmacological treatment options, The clinically applicable drug Aldafermin (an engineered FGF19 analogue NGM282) presented here is still in clinical trials, There

are now some experimental proofs It has the ability to inhibit bile acid synthesis, and it has a significant effect on the reduction of liver fat content.

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## METHODS

**Search strategy:** Pubmed: # 1 (((((((((((Non alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease) OR (NAFLD)) OR (Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease)) OR (Fatty Liver, Nonalcoholic)) OR (Fatty Livers, Nonalcoholic)) OR (Liver, Nonalcoholic Fatty)) OR (Livers, Nonalcoholic Fatty)) OR (Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver)) OR (Nonalcoholic Fatty Livers)) OR (Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis)) OR (Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitides)) OR (Steatohepatitides, Nonalcoholic)) OR (Steatohepatitis, Nonalcoholic) (38143)  
 # 2 Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease[MeSH Terms] (20834)  
 #3 NGM282 (33)  
 #4 aldafermin (18)  
 (#1 OR #2) AND (#3 OR #4) (22)  
 Embase:  
 #1 'nonalcoholic fatty liver'/exp (61015)  
 #2 'ngm282'/exp OR ngm282 (227)  
 #1 AND #2 (148)  
 Cochrane:  
 #1Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (2706)  
 #2 NGM282 (53)  
 #1 AND #2 (4)  
 others:  
 Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease AND NGM282 (13).

**Participant or population:** Phase 2b study (ALPINE 2/3) in patients with biopsy-confirmed NASH and stage 2 or 3 fibrosis.

**Intervention:** The experimental group used different doses of NGM283.

**Comparator:** NGM282 (a drug) as an intervention.

**Study designs to be included:** Randomised controlled trial.

**Eligibility criteria:** (1) randomized controlled trials (RCTs) or clinical trials; (2) interventions using aldafermin where the control group was placebo; (3) studies involving liver histology or fibrosis measurements such as LFC by MRI-PDFF imaging, Pro-C3,ELF, C4 ALT, NAS activity score, etc. The Data were used to calculate the corresponding statistics. Animal studies, review articles and conference abstracts were not included.

**Information sources:** Cochrane Library, PubMed database, Embase database, and the ClinicalTrials.gov.

**Main outcome(s):** It has a Significant decreases in liver fibrosis markers such as pro-c3 (N-terminal type III collagen pro-peptide) and ELF (enhanced-liver-fibrosis ) scores were measured in NASH patients after 12 to 24 weeks.

**Additional outcome(s):** After 12 to 24 weeks There are significant changes in the serological parameters of the liver,such as ALT (alanine aminotransferase) 、 C4 (7 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-4-cholesten-3-one) and LFC (Liver fat content) .

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** The quality of the studies involved in this meta-analysis was assessed using Cochrane criteria to determine selection bias, implementation bias, measurement bias, and reporting bias for each trial. Individual articles were next assessed to determine the level of bias in the defined domains.

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**Strategy of data synthesis:** Statistical analyses were performed using RevMan software (version 5.4, Cochrane, Oxford, UK). Outcomes were assessed quantitatively using the Higgins index (I<sup>2</sup>) using either a fixed-effects model or a combination of random-effects models, depending on the level of heterogeneity between studies.

**Subgroup analysis:** No.

**Sensitivity analysis:** No.

**Language restriction:** Only English.

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