



SMALL MOLECULE FOR CURING CHRONIC HEPATITIS B VIRUS INFECTION

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Unmet Need

Chronic Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection remains a major global public health burden, impacting ~300 million people worldwide. Chronic HBV is a leading cause of liver diseases, including **hepatocellular carcinoma, cirrhosis & liver failure**, resulting in over 1 million deaths each year. There are currently no approved drugs to cure chronic HBV. Achieving a complete cure will require inactivating and eliminating the source of its persistence - the HBV covalently closed circular DNA, or cccDNA.

Market Opportunity

SOM (U.S) \$600M 14,000 new patients/yr at \$42K	SAM (U.S) \$67B 1.6M people at \$42K
TAM (Global) \$6.3T 300M people at \$21K per course of treatment	

Value Proposition

Jericho Sciences is developing a lead small molecule of a **new drug class & mechanism of action** with a good preclinical safety profile useful for **curing chronic HBV** infection by inactivating & reducing the HBV cccDNA responsible for its persistence.

Solution

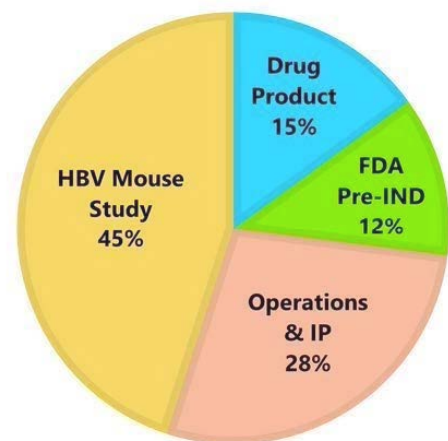
HBV cccDNA is the primary obstacle to achieving a cure and is refractory to current standard of care therapies. **JS103, our lead small molecule**, demonstrates curative antiviral activities in primary HBV-infected human liver cells, with a safety margin > 50 (CC50/EC50).

Competition

Currently available drugs are **not curative** & only limit new virus production. Approaches in clinical testing to cure HBV infection include combinations of antibodies, immunomodulators, oligotherapies and gene-editing therapies that have not achieved curative outcomes for regulatory approval.

Traction

- Patent Filed 2023; Inventor & Assignee
- \$4M Non-Dilutive NIH/SBA Support
- Supportive Preclinical Safety Data
- New 2-Yr NIH Small Business Grant 2025
- **\$1.2M Seed Round Use Of Funds**



Exit Strategy

License following Phase 1b/2a clinical studies within 4 years. Qualifying **Fast Track** FDA INDA with **Breakthrough Therapy** Designation marketable after Phase 2b and FDA approval.

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