



# Designing and Manufacturing Medicines with Sustainability at the Core

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## Starting with some numbers....

4-5%

Healthcare contribution to global carbon footprint <sup>1</sup>

~20%

Of healthcare footprint due to disposables <sup>1</sup>

7-35%

Of healthcare footprint due to pharmaceuticals <sup>1</sup>

~10-50%

Due to energy production and consumption <sup>1</sup>

~24 / 124

Kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/hr Surgery <sup>2</sup> / Kg CO<sub>2</sub>e for a cardiac surgery <sup>3</sup>

~50%

Adherence to chronic drug regimens <sup>4</sup>

1. Rodriguez-Jimenez et al. 'The Carbon Footprint of Healthcare Settings: A Systematic Review' J. Adv Nurs 2023, **79** 2380

2. Whiting, et al. 'Surgery and the NHS Carbon Footprint' The Bulletin of the Royal College of Surgeons of England Volume 102, Issue 5 July 2020 168

3. Barratt et al. 'Environmental Impact of Cardiovascular Healthcare' Open Heart 2023;10:e002279. doi:10.1136/openhrt-2023-002279

4. Barayokova et al 'Overcoming Barriers to Patient Adherence: The case for developing innovative drug delivery systems' Nature Reviews Drug Discovery | Volume 22 | May 2023 | 387-409 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41573-023-00670-0>

# Our climate targets

We have set a clear pathway to a net zero impact on climate. By 2030, we aim to reduce carbon emissions by 80% with the remainder offset through investment in high-quality nature-based solutions, and by 2045, we aim to be at the Science Based Target Initiative Net Zero Standard, with carbon emissions reduced by at least 90% and the remainder tackled through high-quality offsets.

## 2025

100% renewable electricity (scope 2)

## 2030

80% reduction in carbon emissions and investment in nature-based solutions for the remaining 20% of our footprint (all scopes)\*

## 2045

Net zero emissions across our full value chain by 2045 (all scopes)

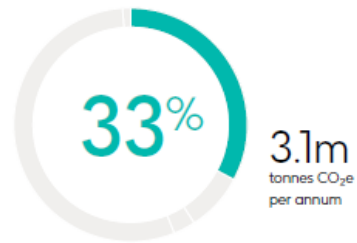
- Our net zero targets cover the full value chain of emissions reductions, from a baseline of 2020
- We have re-submitted our new carbon targets and pathway to the Science Based Targets Initiative to verify that they align to a 1.5° pathway, following the demerger of our Consumer Healthcare business
- We have submitted our 2045 target to the Science based Targets Initiative for verification by their Net Zero Standard
- We disclose progress against these targets annually in our [Annual Report and ESG Performance Report \(2022\)](#)

\* Previously stated as net zero by 2030, and updated to align with the SBTi Net Zero Standard. See page 16 of the [ESG Performance Report](#) for more context.

# GSK's value chain carbon footprint

## Purchased goods and services

Scope 3 emissions from the goods and services that GSK buys from other companies.



Purchased goods 1.8m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Purchased services 0.9m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Capital investments 0.2m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

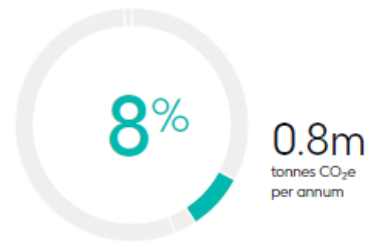
Commuting 0.05m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Business travel 0.05m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Upstream energy 0.1m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

## GSK's operations

Scope 1 and 2 emissions from running our labs, factories and commercial offices.\*



Energy 0.5m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

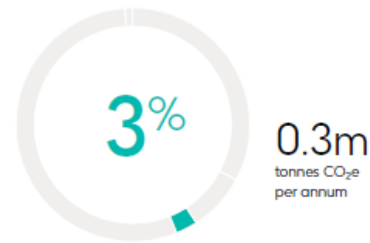
HFA and manufacturing emissions 0.2m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Sales force 0.1m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

\* Scope 1 and 2 market-based emissions

## Logistics

Scope 3 emissions from delivering medicines and vaccines across the globe.

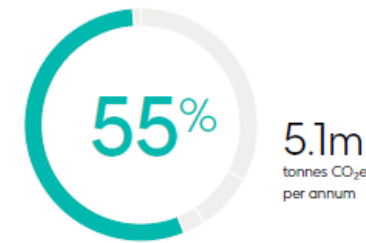


Upstream logistics 0.2m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Downstream logistics 0.1m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

## Patient use

Scope 3 emissions from patients using our products.

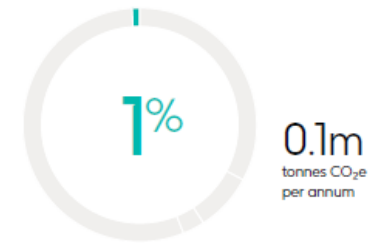


Use of metered dose inhalers 5.0m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

Use of other products <0.1m tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum

## Disposal

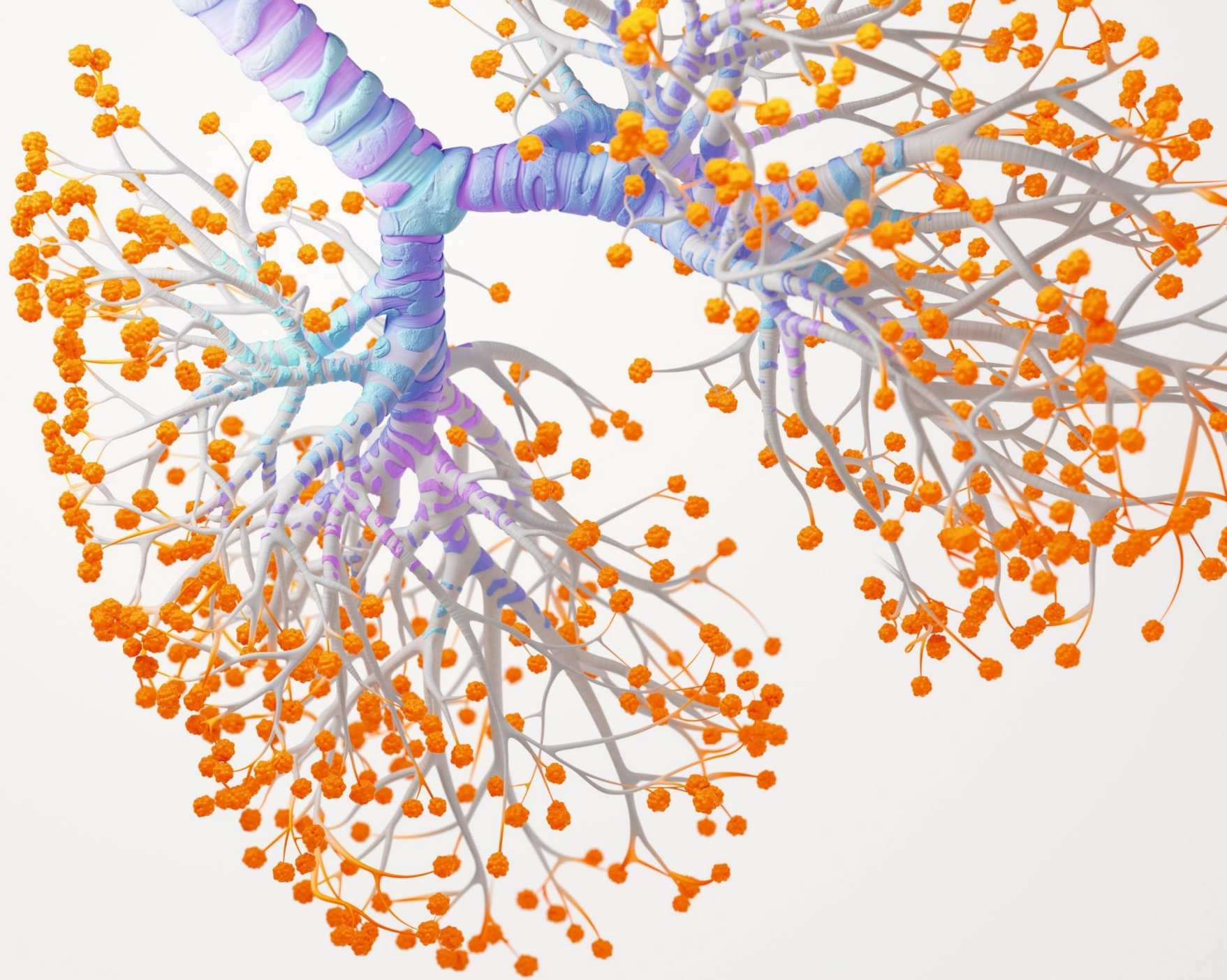
Scope 3 emissions from the disposal of our products by GSK patients.



**9.39m**  
Total estimated GSK emissions  
tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum\*

\* based on data from 2021

# Asthma



# Asthma Treatment

Pre- 2000s

Ventolin CFC

CFC 11/12 Mixtures  
~ 100s kg/CO<sub>2</sub>e / month



Today



**Ventolin HFA**  
(albuterol sulfate  
inhalation aerosol)

HFA-134A  
~ 10s kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / month



Post 2025?

**GSK announces major step towards sustainability ambitions with advancement of low carbon *Ventolin* programme to Phase III trials**

- Next-generation propellant technology has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from *Ventolin* (salbutamol) inhaler by approximately 90%
- Current propellant accounts for 49% of GSK's carbon footprint
- The inhaler is currently prescribed to approximately 35 million patients
- Successful phase III trials to support regulatory submissions in 2025

HFA-152A – potentially single digit kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / month

Treatment Approach

Footprint<sup>1</sup>

MDI (HFC gas)

10-36.5 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / month / patient

DPI (no gas)

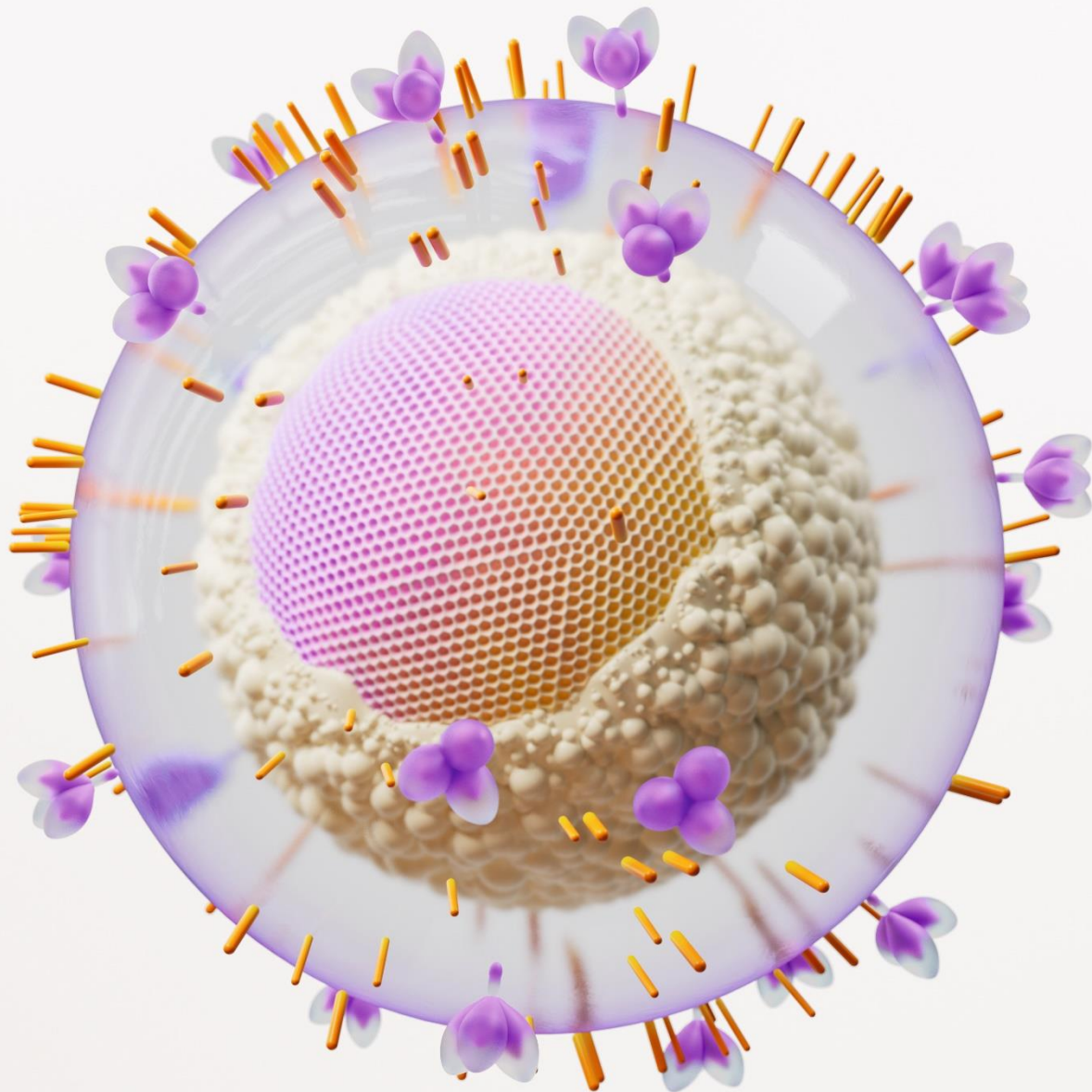
< 1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/month /patient

## Opportunities

- DPI substitution for MDI where therapeutically possible
- Rapid switch to less impactful MDIs
- Longer acting control therapies

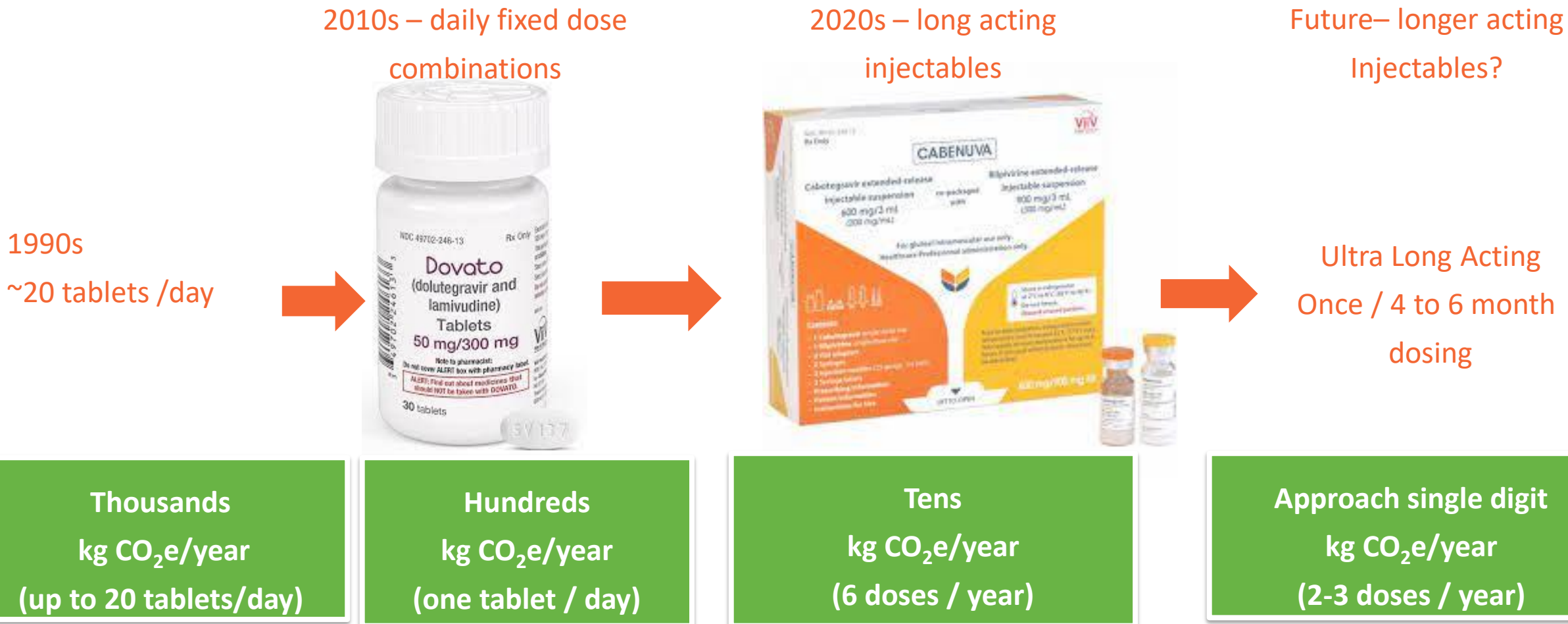
<sup>1</sup>Wilkinson A, Woodcock A. The environmental impact of inhalers for asthma: A green challenge and a golden opportunity. *Br J Clin Pharmacol*. 2022; 88(7):3016-3022. doi:10.1111/bcp.15135

HIV



# Changing the HIV Treatment Paradigm

The benefits of long acting regimens

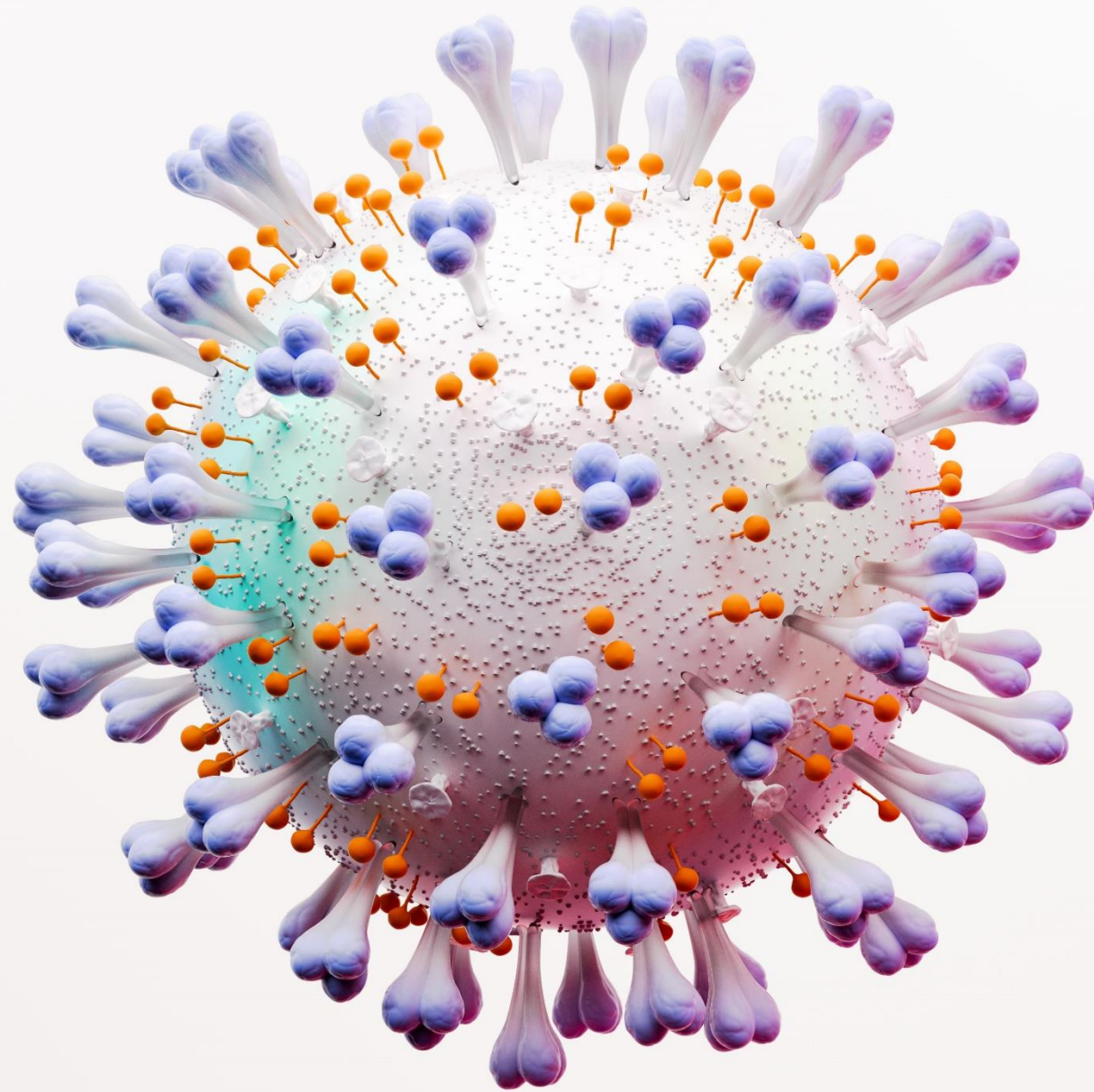


‘98% of people with no previous CABENUVA use preferred injections every other month over daily starter pills, 1% preferred daily starter pills, and <1% reported no preference’

Ref: Clinical Studies | CABENUVA (cabotegravir; rilpivirine)

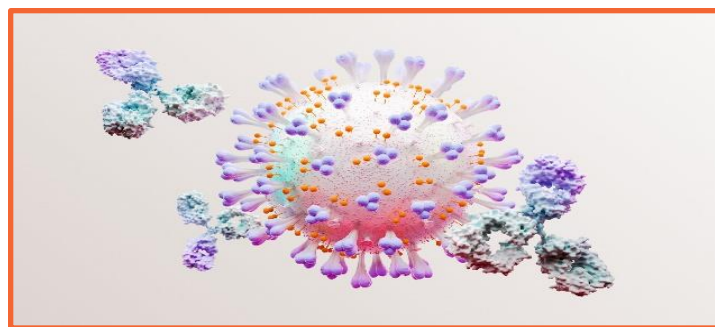


COVID



# COVID Therapy Carbon Footprint Paradigms

mRNA therapies offer several opportunities for global footprint reduction



CO<sub>2</sub> estimates for carbon footprint of an mRNA Vaccine<sup>1</sup>

CO <sub>2</sub> Source	% Contribution
Transport (air and ground)	94%
mRNA Process	<< 1%
Packaging (incl glass, syringe, cardboard)	2.9%
Storage (at HCP)	1.4%
Waste (incineration of plastics)	1.7%
<b>Total up to 0.2 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / dose</b>	

Typical mab carbon footprint ranges:

2000 – 10000 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / kg mab<sup>2,3,4</sup>

Covid Antibody Doses: 500 – 1200 mg mab / patient

Carbon footprint of dosing an order of magnitude higher than mRNA dosing -on order of 10 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / treatment (not including infusion room energy!)

## Future Opportunities

- Combination mRNA vaccines (reduce cold chain costs)
- Thermostable vaccines
- Higher potency mabs with the high process productivities

<sup>1</sup>Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2021 Jul; 18(14): 7425. "The Ecological Footprint of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines: Estimating Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Germany"

<sup>2,2</sup>Eri Amasawa e al. ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering 2021 9 (42), 14012-14021DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.1c01435

<sup>3</sup>Bunnak et al. 'Life-Cycle and Cost of Goods Assessment of Fed-Batch and Perfusion-Based Manufacturing Processes for mAbs' Biotechnol. Prog., 2016, Vol. 32, No.54.



Asthma Pt 2

# Eosinophilic Asthma Treatment Paradigms

## Pre- 2015

- Corticosteroids
- Long and short acting beta agonists
- Leukotrienes



## Current State

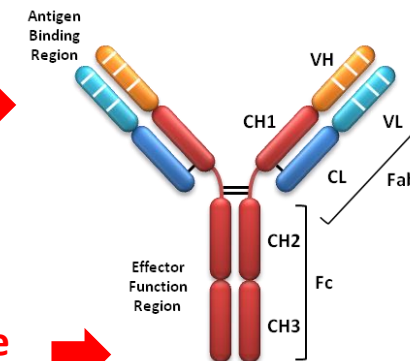


## Post 2025?

Improved affinity



YTE to extend Serum half-life



Depemokimab (currently in Ph 3 trials)

Multiple once daily  
Approaching 1000s kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year

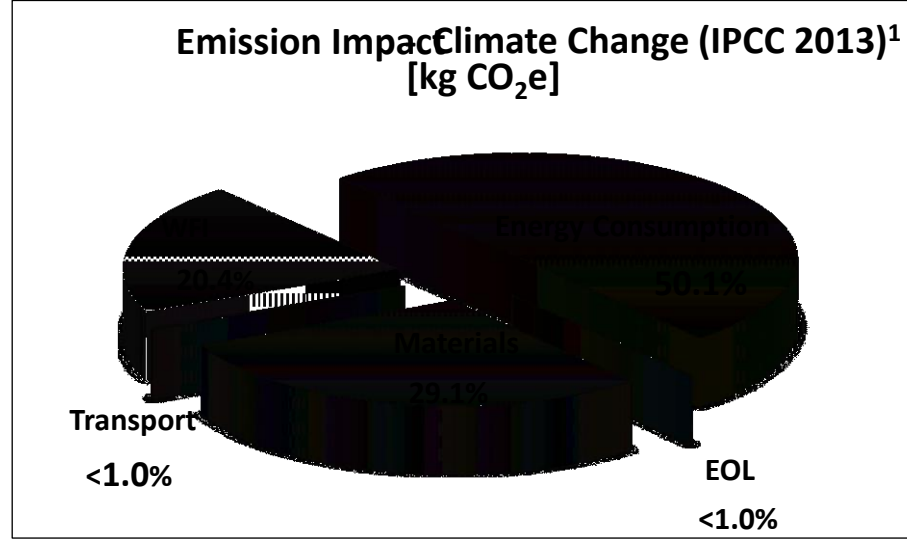
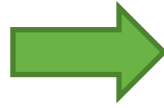
Once per 4 weeks  
100s kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year  
Lifecycle improvements can reduce to 10s kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/year

Once per 6 months  
Approaching < 10 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year  
order of magnitude

## Future Opportunities

- Long-acting biologicals that impact a broader range of asthma patients
- Ambient temperature stability biologics to support this patient class

# More on manufacturing....



How to impact energy??

- SUS vs SS?
- Perfusion vs Fed Batch?
- Continuous?

**SUB vs SS<sup>2</sup>** BUT.... SS would be better if the comparison was 3x 2K SUB vs 6K SS

2K Sub vs 2K SS	% Difference
Ecosystem	~34 (driven by climate change- CIP/SIP, WFI)
Human Health	~32
Resources	~34 (Fossil depletion)

## Perfusion vs Fed-Batch

**Carbon Footprint**

17.4% better for FB (4 day perfusion pooling)

Closer to parity with 8 day pooling period

## Continuous vs Batch

Facility Cost – > 60% less (due to footprint)<sup>4,5</sup>

Up to 68% reduction in consumable cost<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> D'Aquila "An Approach to Ecodesign for Development of more Sustainable Products, Processes, Packaging and Devices, 2023 ISPE Annual Meeting & Expo, October 15-18

<sup>2</sup> Pieterzykowski, M. et al. "An environmental life cycle assessment comparison of single-use and conventional process technology for the production of monoclonal antibodies" *Journal of Cleaner Production* Volume 41, February 2013, Pages 150-162

<sup>3</sup> Bunnak, et al. 'Life-Cycle and Cost of Goods Assessment of Fed-Batch and Perfusion-Based Manufacturing Processes for mAb' *Biotechnol. Prog.*, 2016, Vol. 32, No. 5

<sup>4</sup> Yang, et al. 'Comparison between Batch and Continuous Monoclonal Antibody Production and Economic Analysis' *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* 2019, 58, 5851–5863

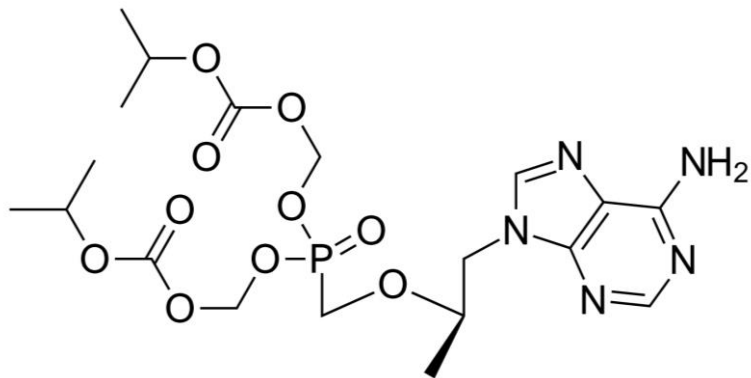
<sup>5</sup> GSK internal data

# Hepatitis B



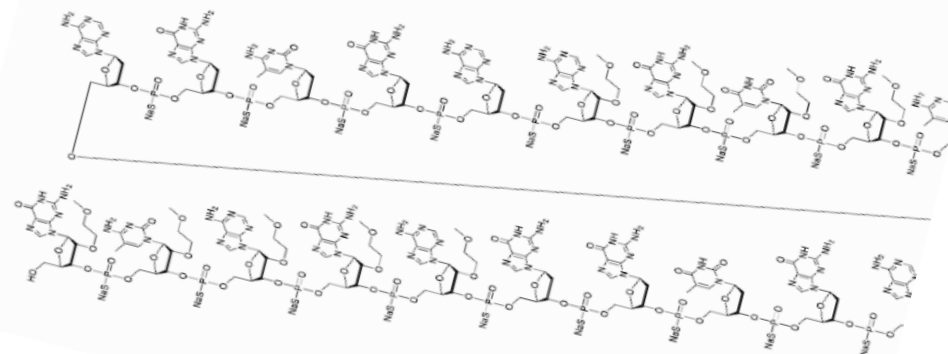
# Hepatitis B Therapy Paradigms

Today



Once daily tenofovir disoproxil fumarate at 245 mg / day  
Entecavir once daily at 0.5 mg / day  
> 1000 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e over 20 years treatment<sup>1</sup>

Post 2025?



Bepirovirsen, approx. 300 mg for 24 weeks, loading dose  
100s kg CO<sub>2</sub>e for potential treatment regimen

- Future Opportunities
  - Vaccination!!! 2-3 orders of magnitude lower footprint
  - Improvements in oligonucleotide synthesis<sup>2</sup>
  - Improvements in oligonucleotide selectivity / delivery<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Tao, et al. Environmental Sustainability of the Globalized Pharmaceutical Supply Chains: The Case of Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering* 2023 11 (17), 6510-6522 DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.2c06518

<sup>2</sup>Sustainability Challenges and Opportunities in Oligonucleotide Manufacturing; Benjamin I. Andrews, Firoz D. Antia, Shawn B. Brueggemeier, Louis J. Diorazio,

<sup>3</sup>Stefan G. Koenig, Michael E. Kopach, Heewon Lee, Martin Olbrich, and Anna L. Watson *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* 2021 86 (1), 49-61 DOI: 10.1021/acs.joc.0c02291  
Roberts, T.C., Langer, R. & Wood, M.J.A. Advances in oligonucleotide drug delivery. *Nat Rev Drug Discov* 19, 673–694 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41573-020-0075-7>

## Conclusions

- Great progress has been made over the past few decades to improve not just the standard of care but also the carbon footprint of patient therapy
- Prevention always trumps treatment for carbon footprint reduction
  - Vaccines / Long acting medications
- Innovation in medicines for patient benefit nearly always have sustainability benefits
  - Improve adherence
  - Better molecules
- Manufacturing innovations are still required – mab, oligonucleotide, cell therapies
- **Eco-Design benefits not just the environment, but also patients...**

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