Edasalonexent, an NF-kB Inhibitor, Slows Disease Progression Compared to Control Period in 4 to 7-Year Old Patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

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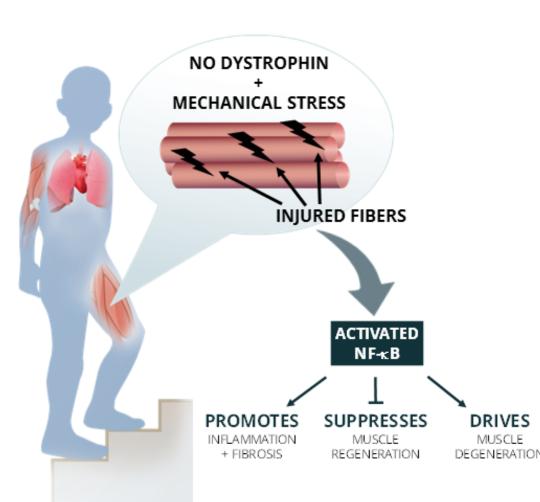


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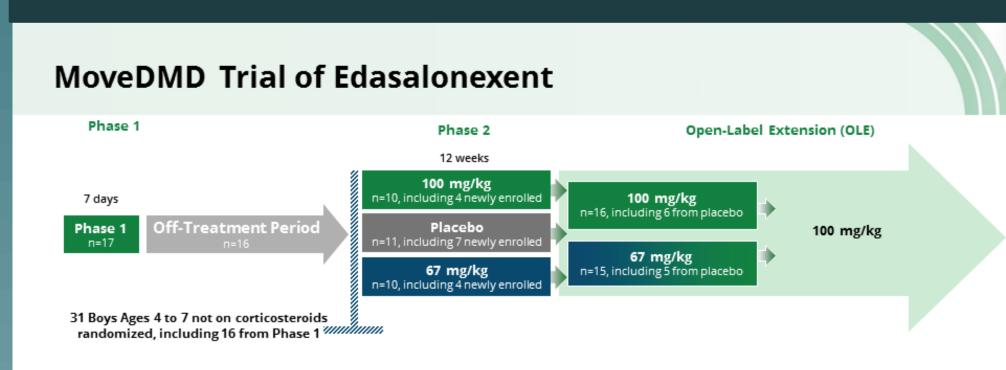
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NF-κB Is a Fundamental Component of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Disease Progression



- NF-kB pathway is the key link between loss of dystrophin and disease manifestation and progression in DMD
- Lack of dystrophin combined with mechanical stress activates NF-kB early in life, which promotes muscle degeneration and suppresses muscle regeneration

Edasalonexent is an oral small molecule that inhibits NF-κB, which improves skeletal, diaphragm and cardiac disease in mouse and dog models of DMD



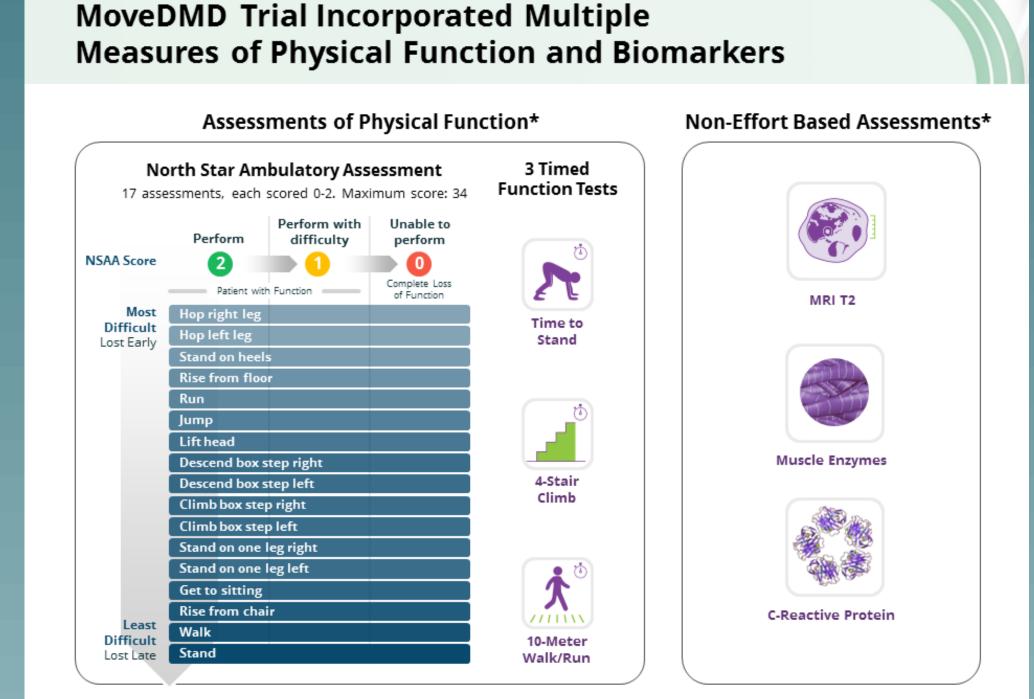
Integrated 3-part trial design to evaluate efficacy, safety, tolerability

- Phase 1: 7 days of dosing at 33, 67 and 100 mg/kg demonstrated safety and acceptable pharmacokinetics; effects on NF-kB targeted genes observed at doses of 67 and 100 mg/kg

Muscle function measures and MRI at beginning of Phase 1 enabled an off-treatment control period for planned comparison to on-treatment period (n=16)

- Of the 15 boys newly enrolled in Phase 2, 7 were randomized to placebo so had an off-treatment period, for a total of 23 boys with a control off-treatment period

Phase 2 showed trends towards slowing of disease progression after 12 weeks without safety issues, allowing dose escalation from 67 to 100 mg/kg after average 36 weeks in OLE





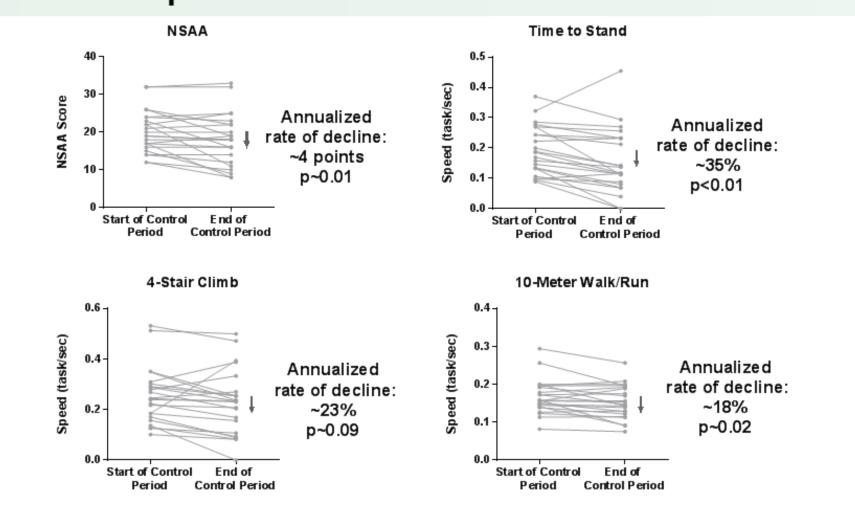
Open-label extension enables assessment of safety and efficacy following treatment to 48 weeks and longer

Current analyses focus on identified dose of 100 mg/kg

*Assessed every 12 weeks during open-label extension

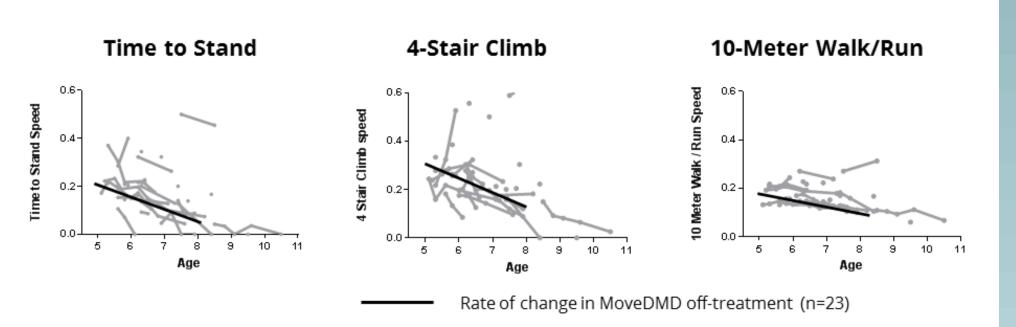
Design

Observations During Off-Treatment Control Period: Declines in Speed of Timed Function Tests and NSAA



- Because the off-treatment control period varied from 3 to 13 months, the rate of decline for each boy was determined to obtain an average rate of change (n=23)
- There were clinically meaningful annual rates of decline across all measures of muscle function for boys in the MoveDMD trial over an off-treatment control period p-values for baseline to endpoint comparison

Baseline Observations Natural History of Boys not on Corticosteroids Showed Declines Similar to Those Seen in the MoveDMD Study

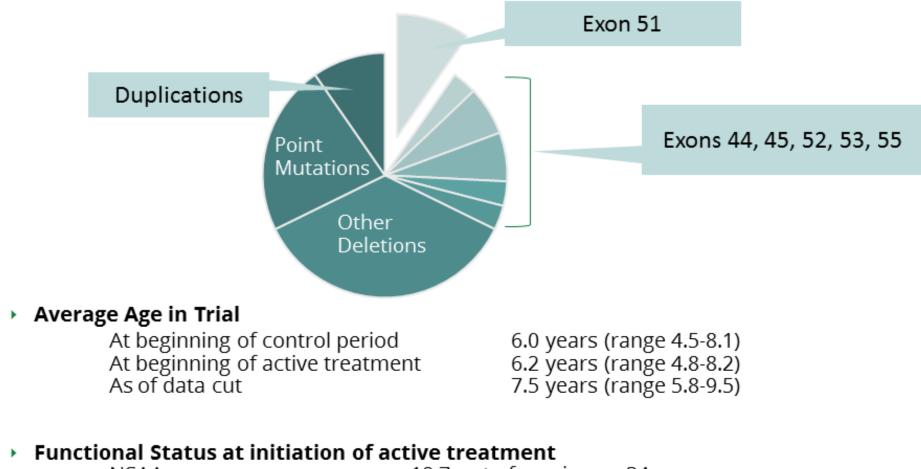


- In the ImagingDMD natural history study, annual timed function tests were performed (Willcocks et al., 2014). Gray lines and symbols are assessments in boys initially from 5 to 8.5 years not on corticosteroids (n=28).
- ImagingDMD natural history study and MoveDMD study were performed at the same sites with the same guidelines.
- Black line shows average rate of change for boys in MoveDMD study (n=23).
- Boys enrolled in the MoveDMD study generally had absolute functional abilities and declines consistent with observations in the Imaging DMD natural history study.

Results

MoveDMD Population Reflects Broad Range of Mutations and Established Disease



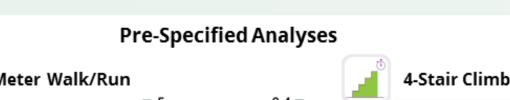


Functional Status at Initiation of active treatment	
NSAA	18.7 out of maximum 34
Time to stand	9.6 s vs ~2 s for unaffected boys
4-stair climb	6.1 s vs ~3 s for unaffected boys
10-meter walk/run	6.9 s vs ~2 s for unaffected boys
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North Star Ambulatory Assessment Score Stabilized with Edasalonexent Treatment

North Star Ambulatory Assessment

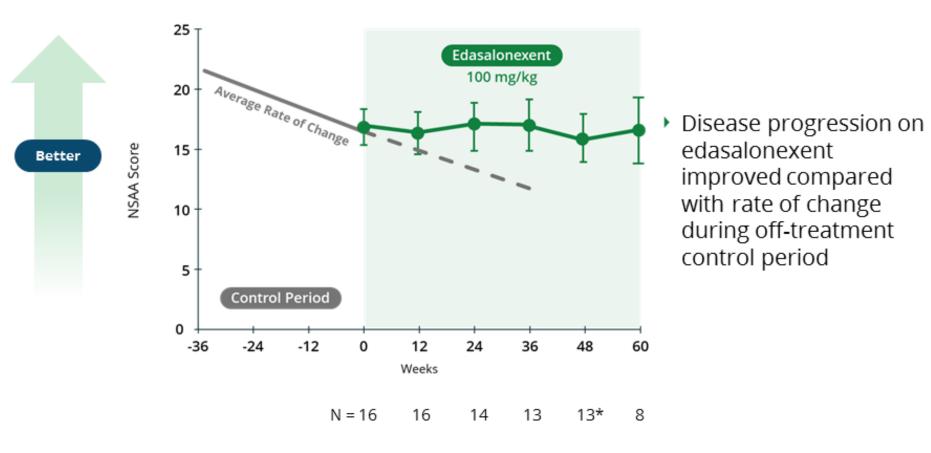




Edasalonexent Treatment Showed a Positive Dose Response

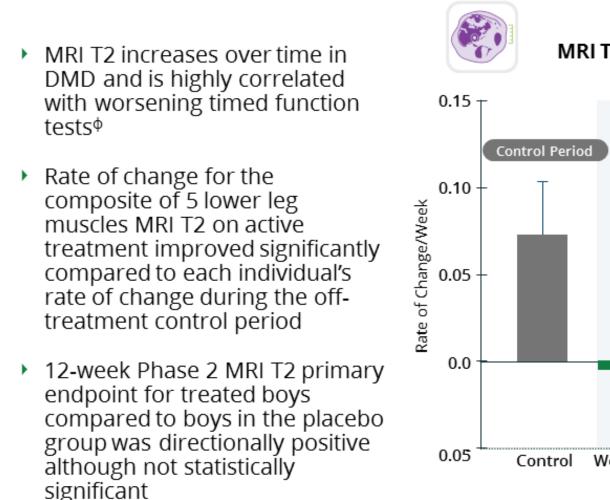


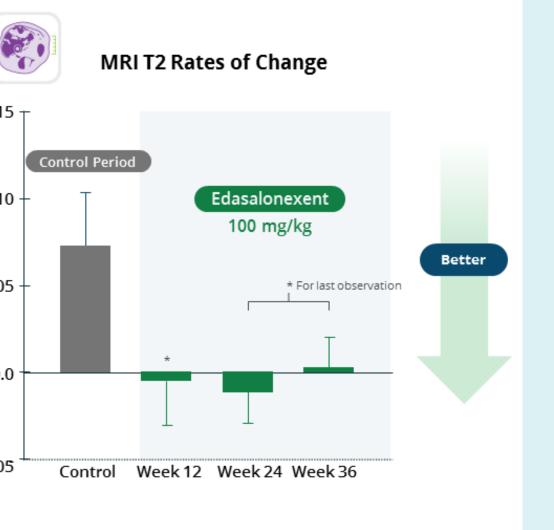


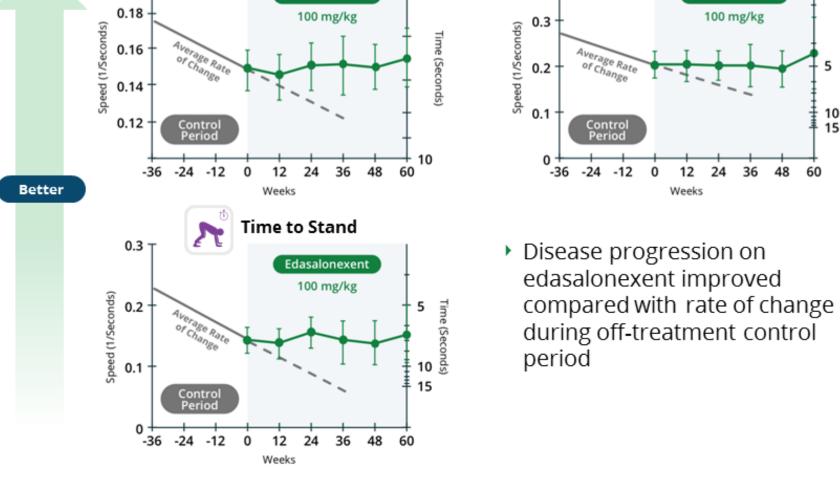


*3 discontinued for steroid use (n=2) or no reason given (n=1); all patient completed >48 weeks after initiation of therapy, and those who reached 60 weeks as of data cut-off are included Means ± SEM shown; p NS

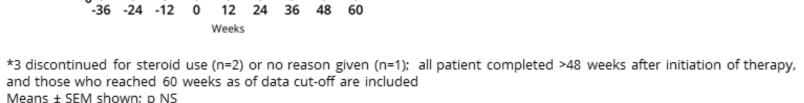
Edasalonexent Significantly Improved Rate of Change of MRI T2 Compared with Pre-Specified Control Period





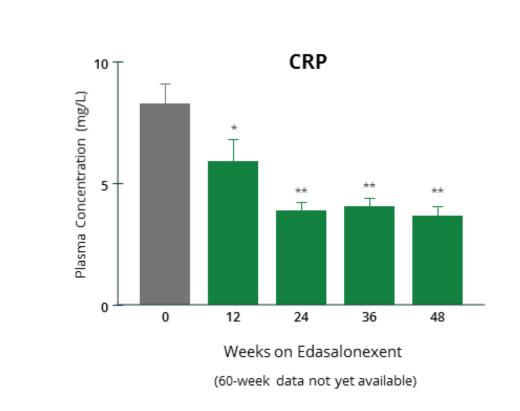


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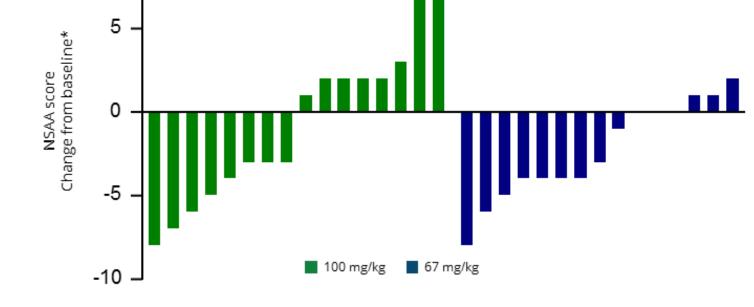


Edasalonexent Significantly Reduced Plasma C-Reactive **Protein Compared with Pretreatment Baseline**

- C-reactive protein (CRP) is a wellcharacterized blood test marker that provides a global assessment of inflammation
- CRP is elevated in DMD CRP approximately 3-fold higher in boys affected by DMD compared to unaffected boys[†]
- In MoveDMD, CRP significantly decreased from baseline through 48 weeks of 100 mg/kg edasalonexent - No change in CRP following 12 weeks of placebo (8.3 \pm 0.7 to 9.7 \pm 0.8)



100 mg/kg



- MoveDMD trial evaluated 33 mg/kg BID (67 mg/kg/day) and 33 mg/kg TID (100 mg/kg/day)
- Overall more favorable response with 100 mg/kg than 67 mg/kg

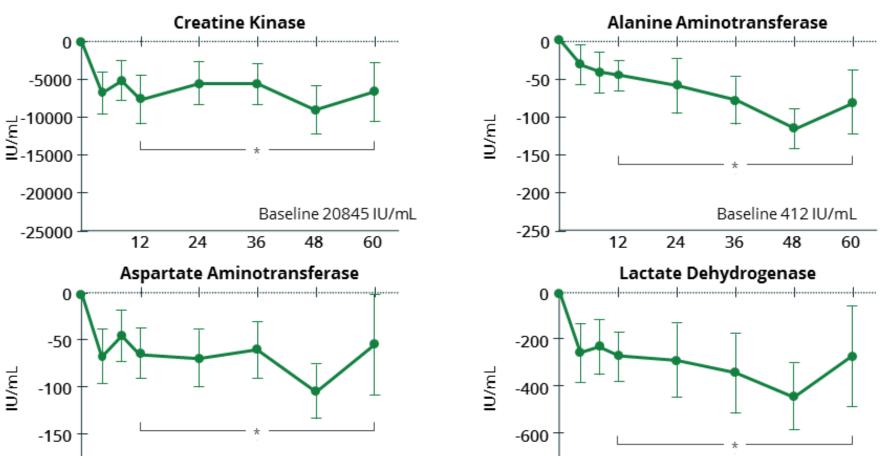
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 Data from preclinical studies support efficacy driven by time above exposure threshold achieved by more frequent dosing rather than total dose[¥]

*to last treatment visit * Presented at the Action Duchenne International Conference, 2017

Muscle Enzymes Significantly Decreased from Baseline on Edasalonexent

Plasma muscle enzymes are elevated 10 to 100 fold in DMD, indicative of leakage from damaged myocytes Decrease is consistent with positive impact on muscle and supportive of an edasalonexent benefit



Means ± SEM shown; * p≤0.05 for comparison with off-treatment period * Willcocks et al, 2016, Ann. Neurol., Willcocks et al, 2014, Ann. Neurol.

Safety

Edasalonexent Was Well Tolerated with No Safety Signals

No safety signals in MoveDMD trial to date

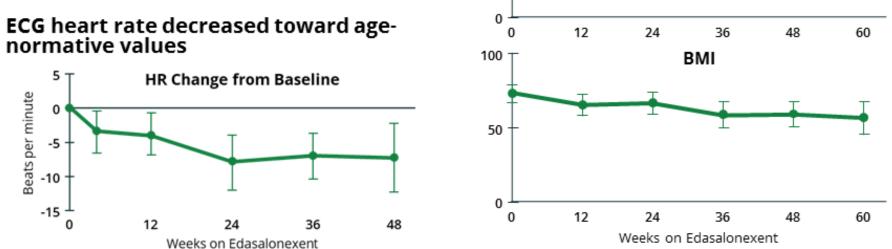
Percentiles Compared to CDC Growth Charts

Height

Well tolerated, with majority of adverse events being mild in nature, mostly gastrointestinal

- Most common treatment-related adverse events were mild diarrhea No serious treatment-related adverse events or dose reductions
- No adverse trends in hematology, chemistry, renal or adrenal function, calcium and phosphate
- Growth: Age appropriate increases in weight and height





Means ± SEM shown; * p≤0.05, ** p≤0.001 for comparison with pre-treatment baseline measurement [†] Anderson et al, 2017, Pediatric Cardiology

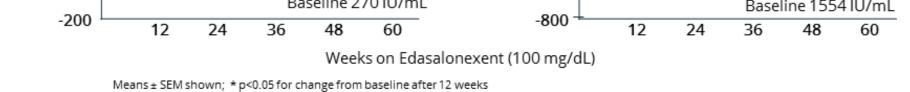
Conclusions

MoveDMD Open-Label Extension: Edasalonexent Substantially Slowed DMD Disease Progression

- Clinically meaningful slowing of disease progression on edasalonexent compared to off-treatment control period
- North Star Ambulatory Assessment stabilized
- All timed function tests stabilized (10-meter walk/run, 4-stair climb and time to stand)
- Additional measures of muscle health support positive edasalonexent treatment effects
- Muscle MRI T2 significantly improved versus off-treatment control period progression
- Muscle enzymes significantly decreased compared to baseline
- CRP, a marker of systemic inflammation, significantly decreased

No safety signal and well tolerated

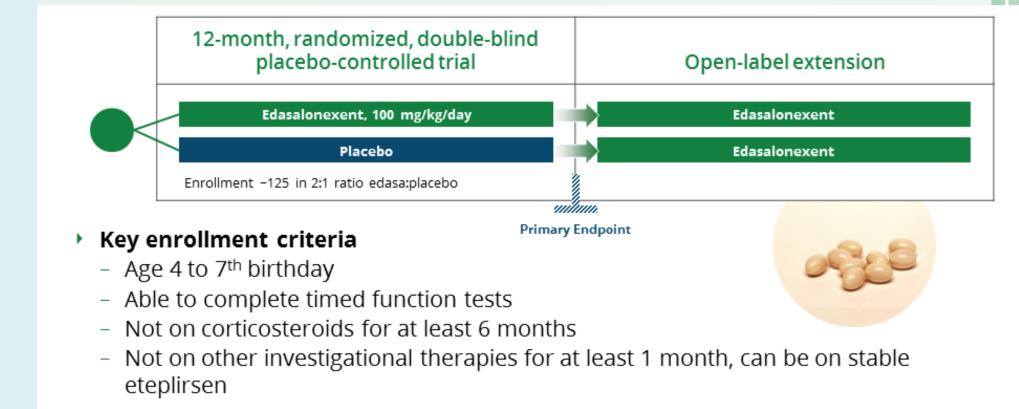
- Height, weight and BMI growth patterns continued to be similar to unaffected boys
- Phase 3 clinical trial initiation planned in H1 2018



Next Steps

Positive MoveDMD Data Support Planned Global Phase 3 Trial for Edasalonexent

Baseline 270 IU/ml



Visits / key assessments every 3 months

- North Star Ambulatory Assessment, Timed Function Tests, Muscle Strength, PODCI
- Safety measures
- Assessments of growth, ambulatory heart rate monitoring and bone health
- Locations: US, Canada, Europe and Australia specific sites to be determined

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