

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

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### Background

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

- NF-κB 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-κB 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

Kumar, et al. FASEB J 2003; 17(13):17-36; 96-96; Peterson, et al. Curr Top Dev Biol 2011; 98: 85-119; Hammers, et al. JCI Insight 2016; 1:e93541.

### Design

#### MoveDMD Trial of Edasalonexent

- 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-κB 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**

### MoveDMD Trial Incorporated Multiple Measures of Physical Function and Biomarkers

#### Assessments of Physical Function\*

North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA) 17 assessments, each scored 0-2. Maximum score: 34

3 Timed Function Tests: Time to Stand, 4-Stair Climb, 10-Meter Walk/Run

#### Non-Effort Based Assessments\*

MRI T2, Muscle Enzymes, C-Reactive Protein

\*Assessed every 12 weeks during open-label extension

### Baseline Observations

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

- NSAA: Annualized rate of decline: -4 points, p<0.01
- Time to Stand: Annualized rate of decline: -36%, p<0.01
- 4-Stair Climb: Annualized rate of decline: -23%, p<0.09
- 10-Meter Walk/Run: Annualized rate of decline: -19%, p<0.02

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

#### 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 ImagingDMD natural history study.

#### MoveDMD Population Reflects Broad Range of Mutations and Established Disease

- 26 Distinct Dystrophin Mutations in Boys Enrolled**
- Average Age in Trial**
  - At beginning of control period: 6.0 years (range 4.5-8.1)
  - At beginning of active treatment: 6.2 years (range 4.8-8.2)
  - As of data cut: 7.5 years (range 5.8-9.5)
- 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

### Results

#### North Star Ambulatory Assessment Score Stabilized with Edasalonexent Treatment

Disease progression on edasalonexent improved compared with rate of change during off-treatment control period

\*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

#### All Timed Function Tests Speed Stabilized with Edasalonexent Treatment

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#### Edasalonexent Treatment Showed a Positive Dose Response

- 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
- Data from preclinical studies support efficacy driven by time above exposure threshold achieved by more frequent dosing rather than total dose<sup>8</sup>

\*10 last treatment visit; \*Presented at the Action Duchenne International Conference, 2017

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

- MRI T2 increases over time in DMD and is highly correlated with worsening timed function tests<sup>9</sup>
- Rate of change for the composite of 5 lower leg muscles MRI T2 on active treatment improved significantly compared to each individual's rate of change during the off-treatment control period
- 12-week Phase 2 MRI T2 primary endpoint for treated boys compared to boys in the placebo group was directionally positive although not statistically significant

Means ± SEM shown; \* p<0.05 for comparison with off-treatment period; \*\* p<0.01 for comparison with pre-treatment baseline measurement; † Anderson et al., 2017; Pediatric Cardiology

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

- C-reactive protein (CRP) is a well-characterized 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<sup>1</sup>
- 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 ± 0.7 to 9.7 ± 0.8)

Means ± SEM shown; \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01 for comparison with pre-treatment baseline measurement; † Anderson et al., 2017; Pediatric Cardiology

#### 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 change from baseline after 12 weeks

### Safety

#### Edasalonexent Was Well Tolerated with No Safety Signals

- No safety signals in MoveDMD trial to date
- 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
- ECG heart rate decreased toward age-normative values

### 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

- Key enrollment criteria**
  - Age 4 to 7<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Able to complete timed function tests
  - Not on corticosteroids for at least 6 months
  - Not on other investigational therapies for at least 1 month, can be on stable eteplirsen
- 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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