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Persistence of Growth Promoting Effects in Infants and Toddlers with Achondroplasia: Results in Children Aged Over 2 Years Old from a Phase II Extension Study with Vosoritide

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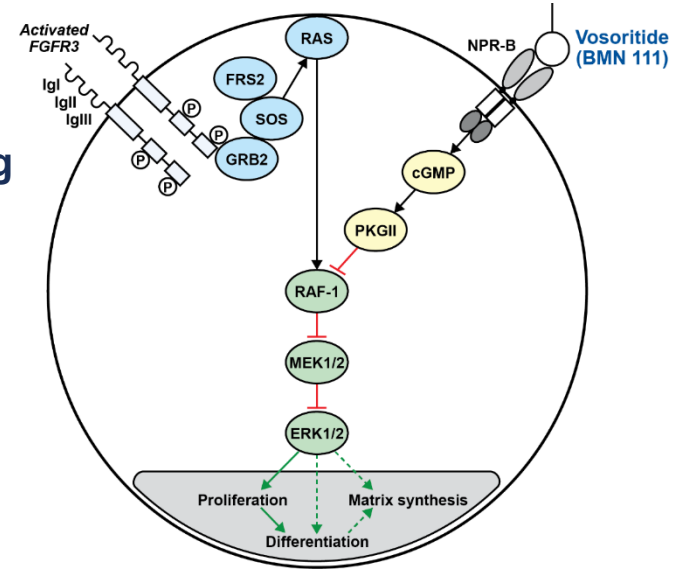
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# Vosoritide: Targeted therapy for achondroplasia

- Achondroplasia (ACH) is the most common form of disproportionate short stature (approx. **1:25,000 live births**)<sup>1,2</sup>
- ACH is caused by a pathogenic variant in *FGFR3* that **constitutively activates the downstream inhibitory signaling** pathway in chondrocytes, leading to impaired endochondral bone growth and multiple complications<sup>1,2</sup>
- CNP down-regulates aberrant FGFR3 signaling** in chondrocytes by inhibiting the MAPK-ERK pathway<sup>3,4</sup>
- Vosoritide is based on naturally-occurring CNP** engineered to resist degradation and increase the half-life<sup>5</sup>



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# Increase in growth has been demonstrated with vosoritide in clinical trials in ACH

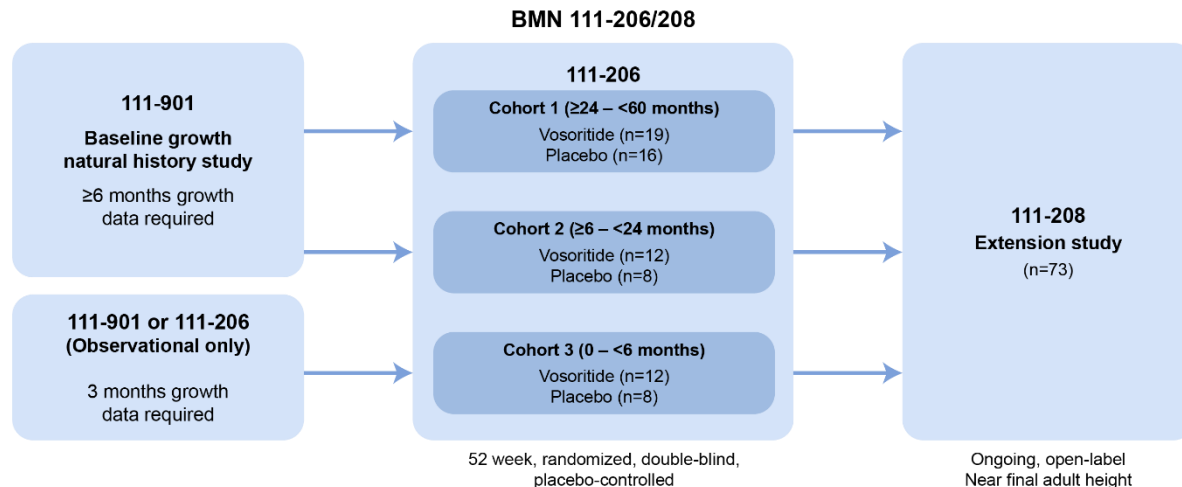
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- An open-label, 52-week phase 2 trial (BMN 111-202) and its extension study (BMN 111-205) in children with ACH aged  $\geq 5$  years showed that vosoritide treatment resulted in **sustained increases in annualized growth velocity (AGV)** for over 7 years<sup>1,2</sup>
- A phase 3 randomized placebo-controlled trial (BMN 111-301) in children with ACH aged  $\geq 5$  years showed a **statistically significant improvement in AGV with vosoritide after 52 weeks compared to placebo**<sup>3</sup>; AGV improvement sustained after 3 years of vosoritide treatment in extension study BMN 111-302<sup>4,5</sup>
- In children with ACH 0-5 years of age, improvement in height Z-score was seen with vosoritide compared to placebo after 52 weeks (111-206)<sup>6</sup>
- Vosoritide is approved for use in children with ACH and open epiphyses aged  $\geq 5$  years in the USA,  $\geq 2$  years in EU, Brazil and Australia, and from birth in Japan

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# BMN 111-206/208 Study Design

- **111-206:** Phase 2 52-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of children with ACH **aged 0 - < 5 years**
- **111-208:** Phase 2 ongoing open-label extension study
- **Primary objectives**
  - Evaluate safety and tolerability of vosoritide in children with ACH
  - Evaluate effect of vosoritide on height/body length Z-scores
- **Secondary objectives** include evaluating effect of vosoritide on height, AGV, Upper:Lower body segment ratio



# CLARITY: Natural history study for comparison with vosoritide data

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- **CLARITY<sup>1</sup> (AchNH)** is a **multicentre retrospective study of ACH in the USA**
- **1374 participants** with **14123 height assessments** included
  - Molecular or clinical diagnosis of ACH
  - All available medical records for past and present clinical patients
  - Cross sectional and longitudinal patient level height data
- **Age range**
  - Spanning the entire pediatric age-range with some data beyond adult height
  - High data density in pediatric growth period
- **Study quality**
  - Four large US skeletal dysplasia centres with expertise in ACH and anthropometry
  - REDCap database with audit trail
  - Data collected to a common protocol using standardized methodologies

# Statistical methodology for comparative analyses

## Active arm: 111-206/208

- All subjects with at least **one year of follow-up** at data cut-off (December 19th 2022)
- All data **from first dose of vosoritide** in either study 111-206 or 111-208

## Two independent external controls

- **AchNH**: natural history controls derived from **CLARITY** (Hoover-Fong J et al. *Orphanet J Rare Dis.* 2021)
- **Observational/Placebo**: untreated data from study **111-901** and from **placebo arms of studies 111-301/111-206**

## Two statistical approaches

### • Cross sectional analyses

- Subjects from NH source matched to each treated subject by sex and age ( $\pm 1$  month). T test to determine treatment gain at follow-up time point adjusted by subtracting the difference at baseline

### • Longitudinal analyses

- Subjects from AchNH source matched to each treated subject at baseline by sex, age ( $\pm 1$  month), height Z-score ( $\pm 1$ SD), height ( $\pm 5$  cm)
- Subjects from Observational/Placebo data source included in control arm based on age and sufficient follow-up. No matching.
- ANCOVA models provide LS mean difference for change from baseline at follow-up time point

## Three endpoints

- Height Z-score, Height, Upper:Lower Body Ratio (only using the observational/placebo control)

## Four time points

- Year 1,2,3 and 4 (only for  $\geq 2$  years)

# Subject disposition

Number of participants							
Age at start of vosoritide	Total	Treatment started in 111-206	Treatment started in 111-208 <sup>a</sup>	Comparative Analysis population			
				1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years
≥2 years	34	19	15	34	30	22	9
<2 years	33	23	10	32	25	14	0

- **Age group ≥2 years:** subjects aged 2 - < 5 years at start of vosoritide (in either study 111-206 or 111-208)
- **Age group <2 years:** subjects aged 3 months to <2 years at start of vosoritide (in either study 111-206 or 111-208)

Comparative analysis population comprises only subjects with at least 1 year of treatment follow-up as of December 19th 2022



# Subject demographics and growth characteristics at start of vosoritide treatment

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	≥2 years (N=34)	<2 years (N=32)
<b>Age (months)</b>		
Mean (SD)	42.30 (10.11)	13.38 (6.75)
Median (Min, Max)	42.46 (25.4, 59.8)	15.39 (4.5, 23.4)
<b>Sex (%)</b>		
Males	19 (55.9)	15 (46.9)
Females	15 (44.1)	17 (53.1)
<b>Height Z-score</b>		
Mean (SD)	-4.72 (1.04)	-3.56 (0.84)
Median (Min, Max)	-4.41 (-6.8, -3.1)	-3.65 (-5.7, -2.1)
<b>Height (cm)</b>		
Mean (SD)	79.72 (4.87)	64.71 (6.76)
Median (Min, Max)	78.38 (69.6, 89.3)	65.30 (54.5, 79.2)
<b>AGV (cm/year)</b>		
Mean (SD)	5.49 (1.78)	14.55 (6.68)
Median (Min, Max)	5.41 (0.6, 10.5)	13.27 (3.9, 30.2)

# Overview of adverse events in children $\geq 2$ years at start of treatment (as of February 25th 2023)

	Age at start of vosoritide $\geq 2$ years (N=34; Total exposure: 113.59 person-years)	
Subjects with	n (%)	n (rate per person-year)
AE	33 (97.1)	858 (7.6)
AEs leading to drug interruption	12 (35.3)	46 (0.4)
AEs leading to study drug discontinuation	0	0
SAE	5 (14.7)	5 (0.0)
Treatment-related AE	8 (23.5)	115 (1.0)
Treatment-related SAEs	0	0
AE of CTCAE grade $\geq 3$	2 (5.9)	2 (0.0)
AEs leading to deaths, n (%)	0	0
Injection site reactions CTCAE grade $\geq 2$ or (excluding bruising) lasting >24 hours	5 (14.7)	111 (1.0)
Injection site reactions CTCAE grade $\geq 2$	0	0
Hypotension	1 (2.9)	1 (0.0)
Heart rate change	0	0
Hypersensitivity (SMQ Narrow Terms)	13 (38.2)	23 (0.2)
Avascular necrosis or osteonecrosis	0	0
Slipped capital femoral epiphysis	0	0
Fractures	1 (2.9)	1 (0.0)

# Overview of adverse events in children <2 years at start of treatment (as of February 25th 2023)

	Age at start of vosoritide <2 years (N=33; Total exposure: 86.52 person-years)	
Subjects with	n (%)	n (rate per person-year)
AE	33 (100.0)	857 (9.9)
AEs leading to drug interruption	21 (63.6)	87 (1.0)
AEs leading to study drug discontinuation	1 (3.0)	1 (0.0)
SAE	8 (24.2)	12 (0.1)
Treatment-related AE	9 (27.3)	31 (0.4)
Treatment-related SAEs	0	0
AE of CTCAE grade $\geq 3$	6 (18.2)	8 (0.1)
AEs leading to deaths, n (%)	0	0
Injection site reactions CTCAE grade $\geq 2$ or (excluding bruising) lasting >24 hours	9 (27.3)	30 (0.3)
Injection site reactions CTCAE grade $\geq 2$	0	0
Hypotension	1 (3.0)	1 (0.0)
Heart rate change	0	0
Hypersensitivity (SMQ Narrow Terms)	15 (45.5)	25 (0.3)
Avascular necrosis or osteonecrosis	0	0
Slipped capital femoral epiphysis	0	0
Fractures	0	0

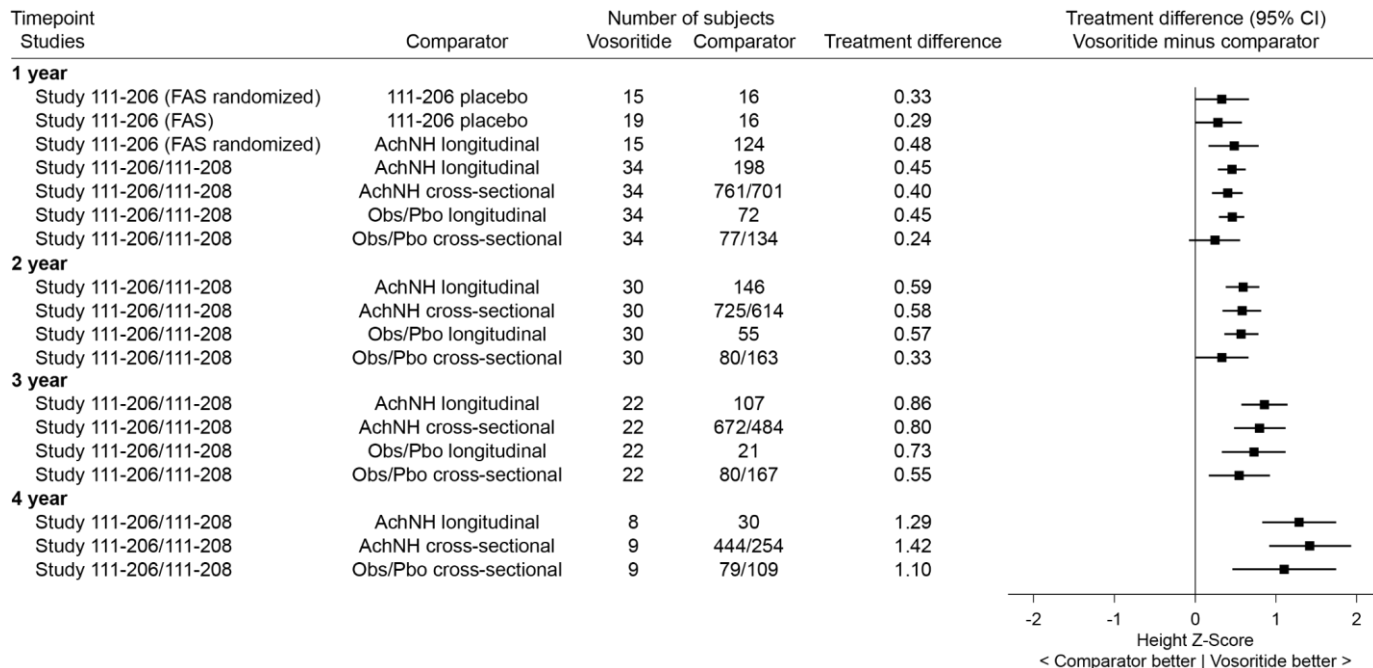
# Safety summary of all subjects from first dose of vosoritide

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- No significant difference in the nature and pattern of AEs in <2 years vs  $\geq 2$  years
- Nature and pattern of injection site reactions were comparable across the age groups and no evidence of long-term sequelae at injection site with daily administration of vosoritide
- Hypotension events were generally mild, asymptomatic, transient and self-limiting with no difference in trends of events reported across the younger and older children
- No events of grade 3 hypersensitivity, anaphylaxis, slipped capital femoral epiphysis, fractures, avascular necrosis or osteonecrosis were reported

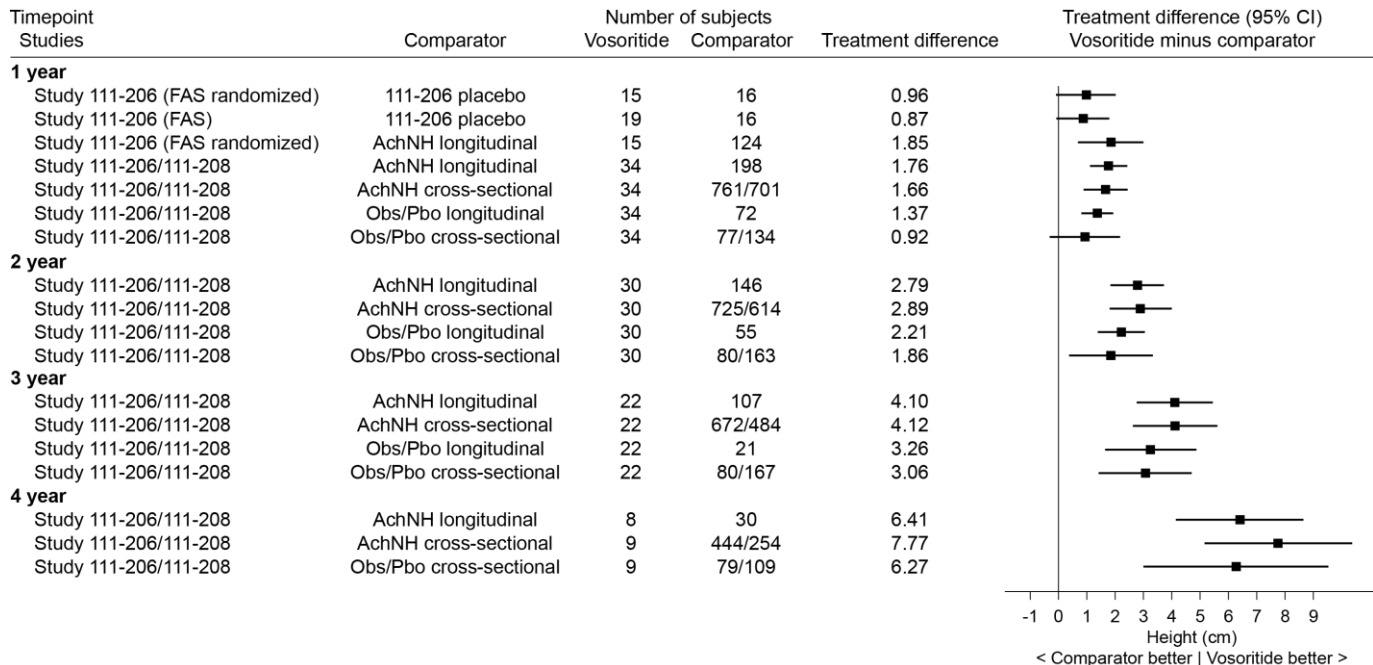
# In treated children aged $\geq 2$ years, height Z-score consistently increased over 4 years of treatment compared to controls

**Age group  $\geq 2$  years:** Forest plot of differences in mean change from baseline in **height Z score**



# Treated children aged $\geq 2$ years consistently demonstrated greater height gain over 4 years compared to controls

**Age group  $\geq 2$  years:** Forest plot of differences in mean change from baseline in **height**



Consistent and sustained treatment effect with height gain > 6 cm over 4 years

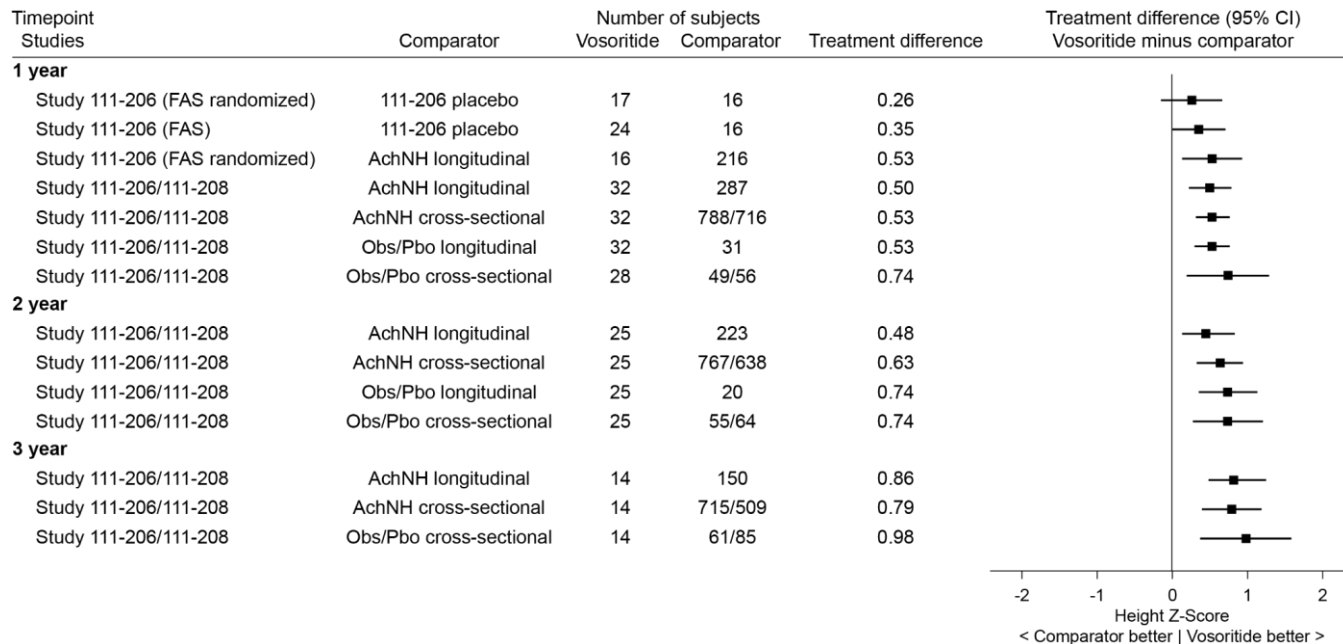
# Height restoration in treated children aged $\geq 2$ years vs controls

**Age group  $\geq 2$  years**

	Height Gain (cm) After x-Year Follow-up					
	After 4 Years		After 3 Years		After 2 Years	
	Vosoritide	AchNH	Vosoritide	AchNH	Vosoritide	AchNH
	(N=9)	(N=30)	(N=22)	(N=107)	(N=30)	(N=146)
Average Stature	26.21	26.36	20.43	20.47	13.89	13.94
ACH	23.71	17.31	17.59	13.49	11.99	9.21
% Height gain ACH vs Average Stature	90.45	65.66	86.10	65.90	86.29	66.08

# In treated children aged <2 years, height Z-score consistently increased over 3 years compared to controls

**Age group <2 years:** Forest plot of differences in mean change from baseline in **height Z score**

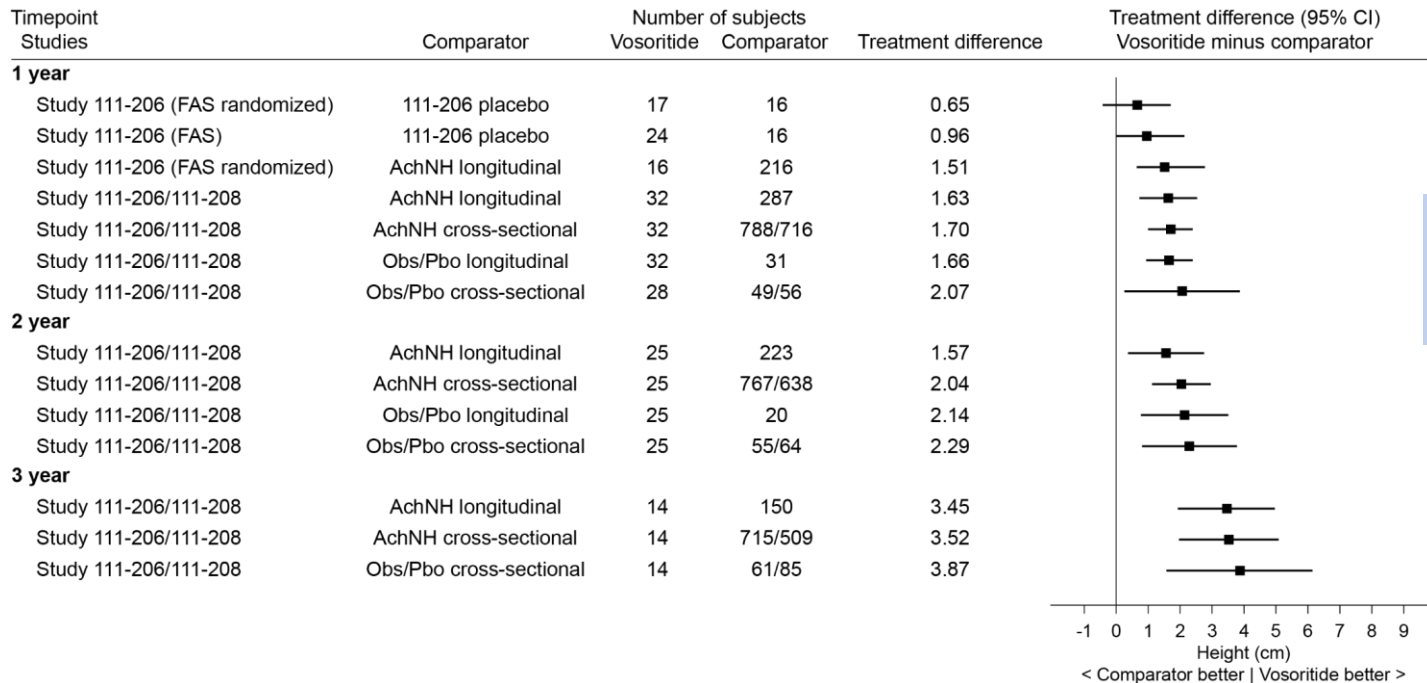


**Consistent and sustained  
treatment effect with mean  
height Z-score gain > 0.79  
SDS over 3 years**



# In treated children aged <2 years, height consistently increased over 3 years compared to controls

**Age group <2 years:** Forest plot of differences in mean change from baseline in **height**



# Height restoration in treated children aged <2 years vs controls

## Age group <2 years

	Height Gain (cm) After x-Year Follow-up					
	After 3 Years		After 2 Years		After 1 Year	
	Vosoritide	AchNH	Vosoritide	AchNH	Vosoritide	AchNH
	(N=14)	(N=150)	(N=25)	(N=223)	(N=32)	(N=287)
Average Stature	26.37	26.46	20.77	20.81	11.78	11.70
ACH	21.10	17.66	15.30	13.74	9.45	7.81
% Height gain ACH vs Average Stature	80.02	66.74	73.68	66.02	80.21	66.73

# Upper:lower body segment ratio

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- No worsening in upper:lower body segment ratio was observed over time
- Cross-sectional analyses show consistent improvement in upper:lower body segment ratio over time in treated children aged  $\geq 2$  years
  - Improvement with vosoritide vs observational/placebo control after 4 years of treatment
    - Mean (95% CI) decrease from baseline = -0.10 (-0.19, -0.00)
- No consistent trend observed in treated children aged  $< 2$  years
  - May reflect challenges of obtaining accurate anthropometric measurements in very young children

# Conclusions

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- Daily injections of vosoritide were well tolerated with no treatment limiting adverse events, and no new safety issues were observed in these young children receiving vosoritide for up to 4 years
- Most common adverse events observed were mild and self-limiting injection site reactions
- Consistent and durable treatment effect of vosoritide on growth in young children who started treatment before age 5 years, demonstrating benefit of early treatment initiation
- No worsening in body proportions over time

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