Seven-year follow-up of valoctocogene roxaparvovec gene therapy for hemophilia A

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Introduction

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- Valoctocogene roxaparvovec (AAV5-hFVIII-SQ) is an adeno-associated virus serotype 5 (AAV5)-mediated gene therapy that transfers a factor VIII (FVIII) coding sequence to increase endogenous FVIII expression in individuals with severe hemophilia A (FVIII activity level, ≤1 international unit [IU]/dL)¹⁻⁵
- Here, we present the updated safety and efficacy results of valoctocogene roxaparvovec up to 7 years after dosing in a phase 1/2 clinical study (NCT02576795)

Figure 1. Valoctocogene roxaparvovec gene transfer of FVIII coding sequence



- Two participants from the 6x10¹³ vg/kg cohort returned to prophylaxis (FVIII and emicizumab) during year 7 and continued through the cutoff
 - Five 6x10¹³ vg/kg cohort participants chose to remain off FVIII prophylaxis
- All 5 remaining participants in the 4x10¹³ vg/kg cohort have chosen to remain off prophylaxis

Figure 4. Sustained reduction in annualized FVIII infusion rate



Assessments

Methods

- Safety was evaluated with laboratory assessments and adverse events (AEs)
- Annualized treated bleeding rates (ABRs) and FVIII infusion rates were calculated as described previously^{1,2}
- FVIII activity was assessed via chromogenic substrate assay (CSA) and the one-stage assay (OSA)¹⁻⁴
- Liver ultrasounds were performed at the time of screening, at year-end visits starting at year 5, and at the discretion of the physician⁴

Statistics

- Data were summarized with descriptive statistics; missing data were not imputed
- Yearly rate of change in FVIII activity was determined using a linear regression model (FVIII activity = intercept + [slope × week], with random intercept and slope)

Results

As previously reported, males aged ≥18 years with severe hemophilia A (FVIII ≤1 IU/dL) who were previously receiving exogenous FVIII received valoctocogene roxaparvovec treatment and were followed for 7 (6x10¹³ vg/kg; n = 7) and 6 (4x10¹³ vg/kg; n = 6) years¹⁻⁴

Figure 2. Dosing schema

15 participants enrolled and dosed in 4 cohorts									
		1 participant in the 6×10 ¹² vg/kg dose cohort							
_		1 participant in the 2×10 ¹³ vg/kg dose cohort							
- [7 participants in the 6×10 ¹³ vg/kg dose cohort							
		6 participants in the 4×10 ¹³ vg/kg dose cohort							

Prior to infusion, all but 1 participant in the 6x10¹³ dose cohort were receiving FVIII prophylaxis; the participant who was not on prophylaxis was using FVIII on-demand. FVIII, factor VIII; vg, vector genomes.

Table 1. Baseline demographics and rates of bleeding and FVIII infusion

	6x10 ¹³ vg/kg cohort	4x10 ¹³ vg/kg cohort
Baseline characteristics	(n = 7)	(n = 6)
Age, y		
Mean (SD)	30.4 (5.8)	31.3 (9.6)
Median	30.0	30.5
Min, max	23.0, 42.0	22.0, 45.0
Race, n (%)		
Asian	1 (14.3)	0
Black	0	1 (16.7)
White	6 (85.7)	5 (83.3)
Baseline annualised number of FVIII infusions, infusions/y		
Mean (SD)	120.1 (45.9)	142.8 (48.8)
Median	121.4	155.8
Min, max	27.4, 158.5	53.8, 184.3
Baseline ABR (treated bleeds), bleeds/y		
Mean (SD)	17.6 (14.7)	12.2 (15.4)
Median	24.0	8.0
Min, max	0, 40.0	0, 41.0

	Infusion rate k	by reason after	week 4 (n = 7)		Infusion rate by reason after week 4 (n = 6)						
no./y	Treatment for bleed	Usual prophylaxis	Surgery/ procedures	One-time prophylaxis		no./y	Treatment for bleed	Usual prophylaxis	Surgery/ procedures	p	
Mean	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.0		Mean	3.5	0.7	2.5		
Median	0.6	0	1.0	0		Median	2.1	0	0.7		

*Six of the 7 participants were receiving regular FVIII prophylaxis at baseline (1 participant was receiving on-demand FVIII prophylaxis and was excluded). Baseline (n = 6) mean and median AFR were 135.6 infusions/y and 136.6 infusions/y, respectively, and the mean AFR over the entire study period was 7.2 infusions/y, representing a 95% reduction from baseline. AFR, annualized FVIII infusion rate; FVIII, factor VIII; no., number; Y, year.

One-time

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Figure 5. FVIII activity rate of change over time



Values from participants who returned to prophylaxis were excluded after they returned to prophylaxis to reflect the true treatment effect by removing the impact from resuming prophylaxis. Missing data were not imputed. Slope (95% CI) is for FVIII activity per CSA.

CI, confidence interval; CSA, chromogenic substrate assay; FVIII, factor VIII; IU, international unit; NA, not applicable; OSA, one-stage assay; Y, year.

Figure 6. Individual participant FVIII activity per CSA



All participants were male and not Hispanic or Latino. Eligible participants had no history of FVIII inhibitors or anti-AAV5 antibodies, and exclusion criteria included significant liver dysfunction, significant liver fibrosis, and liver cirrhosis.¹⁻⁴

AAV5, adeno-associated virus serotype 5; ABR, annualized bleeding rate; FVIII, factor VIII; max, maximum; min, minimum; SD, standard deviation.

Safety

- No alanine aminotransferase (ALT) elevations reported in the last year
- In the last year, 1 participant in each cohort reported grade 1 treatment-related AEs:
 - Hepatomegaly: one 6x10¹³ cohort participant
 - Splenomegaly and hepatic steatosis: one 4x10¹³ cohort participant
- No treatment-related serious AEs (SAEs) occurred after year 1
- One non-treatment-related SAE occurred in the past year:
 - Grade 4 internal carotid artery (ICA) bleed: one 6x10¹³ cohort participant

Table 2. Safety over 7 years

	6x10 ¹³ vg/kg cohort (n = 7)							4x10 ¹³ vg/kg cohort (n = 6)						
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
Any AE	7 (100)	6 (85.7)	7 (100)	7 (100)	7 (100)	5 (71.4)	5 (71.4)	6 (100)	5 (83.3)	5 (83.3)	4 (66.7)	6 (100)	4 (66.7	
Any SAE	0	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	0	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)†	1 (16.7)	0	1 (16.7)	1 (16.7)	1 (16.7)	0	
Any treatment-related AE	6 (85.7)	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	2 (28.6)	1 (14.3)	0	1 (14.3) [¥]	6 (100)	0	0	0	1 (16.7)	1 (16.7)	
Any treatment-related SAE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (16.7)*	0	0	0	0	0	
AEs of special interest														
ALT elevation [§]	6 (85.7)	0	0	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	0	0	4 (66.7)	0	1 (16.7)	0	0	0	
AEs of liver dysfunction#	6 (85.7)	1 (14.3)	0	1 (14.3)	1 (14.3)	0	0	5 (83.3)	0	1 (16.7)	0	0	0	
Infusion-related reactions	3 (42.9)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 (66.7)	0	0	0	0	0	

Data are presented as n (%).

Pyrexia on study day 2. [†]Grade 4 SAE of spontaneous ICA bleeding during Y7. ^{}Grade 1 hepatomegaly during Y7. [£]Grade 1 splenomegaly, in addition to a worsening of hepatic steatosis during Y6. [§]Defined as ALT \geq 1.5x ULN or ALT \geq 1.5x baseline. [#]Identified with a MedDRA search strategy using the high-level term "liver function analyses."

AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; ICA, internal carotid artery; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; SAE, serious AE; ULN, upper limit of normal; Y, year.

*Participant 13 lost to follow-up.

CSA, chromogenic substrate assay; FVIII, factor VIII; IU, international unit.

Figure 7. Individual FVIII activity, ABR, and FVIII infusion rates



Participants 6 and 8 resumed FVIII prophylaxis during Y7.

FVIII activity is for week 364 for the 6x10¹³ vg/kg cohort and week 312 for the 4x10¹³ vg/kg cohort (week 286 for participant 13).

*Participant 13 lost to follow-up after week 286.

ABR, annualized bleeding rate; CSA, chromogenic substrate assay; FVIII, factor VIII; LLOQ, lower limit of quantitation; OSA, one-stage assay; Y, year.

Conclusions

- Over the course of 7 and 6 years, safety outcomes following respective doses of 6x10¹³ and 4x10¹³ vg/kg of valoctocogene roxaparvovec remained consistent with previous reports
- No long-term sequalae were observed as a result of corticosteroid treatment, and no participants experienced thrombotic events
- No participants developed FVIII inhibitors
- Two participants returned to prophylaxis to treat bleeding events; the remaining participants chose not to resume FVIII prophylaxis

Efficacy

Figure 3. Sustained reduction in annualized treated bleeding rate



*Six of the 7 participants in the 6x10¹³ vg/kg cohort were receiving regular FVIII prophylaxis at baseline (1 participant was receiving on-demand FVIII prophylaxis and was excluded). Baseline (n = 6) mean and median ABR were 16.3 bleeds/y and 16.5 bleeds/y, and the mean ABR over the entire study was 0.8 bleeds/y, representing a 95% decrease from baseline. ABR, annualized bleeding rate; FVIII, factor VIII; Y, year. Despite the slow decline in FVIII levels, valoctocogene roxaparvovec continues to support hemostasis for the majority
of the trial population

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