

# Reduction of blood phenylalanine in participants enrolled in OPAL, an observational study, mirror findings from the US-based PRISM population

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## Introduction

- Phenylketonuria (PKU) is an inborn error of amino acid metabolism characterized by chronic elevations of blood phenylalanine (Phe). Elevated Phe is toxic to the brain and tissues<sup>1</sup>
- While dietary management is historically the standard of care<sup>1</sup>, Adults with PKU (AwPKU) are often unable to achieve and sustain guideline recommended blood Phe levels with this approach<sup>2</sup>, creating an unmet need for treatment options that can reduce blood Phe
- US guidelines<sup>3</sup> recommend an upper treatment target of 360  $\mu$ mol/L for all ages while European (EU) guidelines<sup>1</sup> recommend maintenance of blood Phe levels between 120-600  $\mu$ mol/L for individuals with PKU  $\geq$  12 years of age
- Pegvaliase is a blood Phe lowering enzyme substitution therapy approved for AwPKU ( $\geq$ 18y in US<sup>4</sup>;  $\geq$ 16y in EU<sup>5</sup>) with Phe  $\geq$ 600  $\mu$ mol/L, and adults ( $\geq$ 15y) in Japan<sup>6</sup>
- The safety and efficacy of pegvaliase is well characterized from the clinical trial program<sup>7-9</sup>, but further insight on the ability to lower blood Phe in a real-world setting is needed
- OPAL is a currently enrolling Phase 4 multicenter observational study recruiting in Germany, the US, and Italy, with planned enrollment of 100 participants
- Herein we compare blood Phe reduction from a Phase 3 PRISM study cohort which most closely followed the labeled dosing schedule, to an interim analysis of patients enrolled from Europe (EU) in OPAL in the real-world setting

## Methods

- AwPKU who are either currently receiving (Prevalent) or have been recommended to receive pegvaliase (Incident) with blood Phe  $\geq$ 600  $\mu$ mol/L are eligible to enroll in OPAL
- The OPAL modified full analysis set (mFAS) includes individuals who had a baseline Phe at enrollment and who were on study for at least 24 weeks at the time of the interim analysis in December 2022
- The US label maintenance dosing subgroup (n=118, referred to as the PRISM 118 population) is defined as individuals enrolled in PRISM with a baseline blood Phe  $\geq$ 600  $\mu$ mol/L who were randomized to and received at least 1 dose of pegvaliase 20 mg once daily, before titrating to higher maintenance doses
- Blood Phe was collected monthly in PRISM and as per local standard of care in OPAL

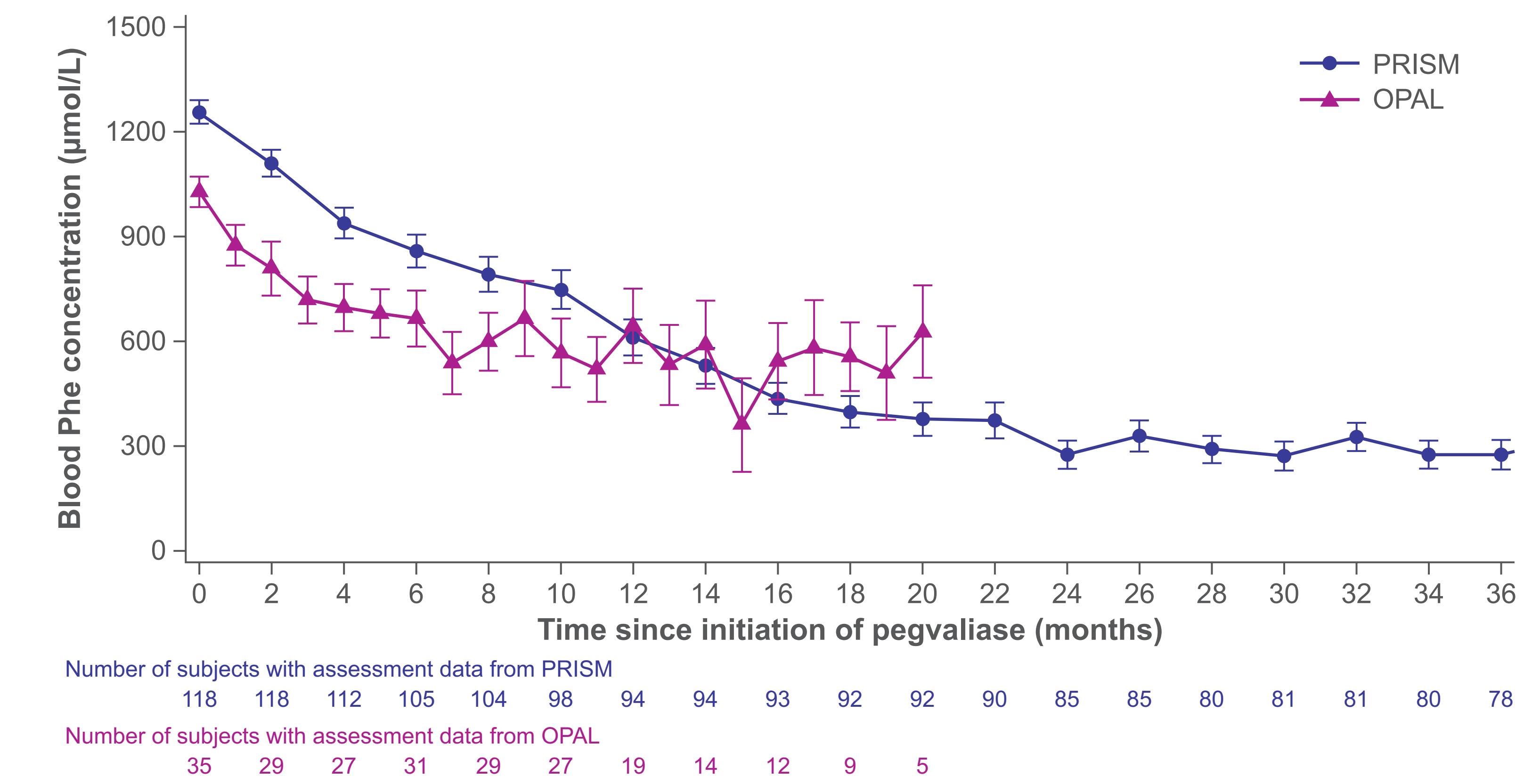
## Results

- At the time of the interim data cut in December 2022, 26 Incident and 20 Prevalent patients had been enrolled in Germany with a mean  $\pm$  SD age of  $32.2 \pm 10.6$  and  $27.8 \pm 10.6$  yrs respectively
- Baseline demographics of the OPAL mFAS and PRISM 118 population are reported in **Table 1**
- In the OPAL mFAS (n =35) mean  $\pm$  SD Phe was  $1055.9 \pm 253.8$   $\mu$ mol/L at enrollment baseline. At 24 (n=31) and 52 (n=16) weeks of follow-up mean blood Phe was reduced to  $665.5 \pm 444.76$  and  $532.6 \pm 456.81$   $\mu$ mol/L, respectively
- In comparison to the PRISM (n=118) population the mean blood Phe was  $1269.8 \pm 375.4$   $\mu$ mol/L at baseline and reduced to  $886.8 \pm 483$  at 24 weeks of treatment (n=104) and  $574.5 \pm 539.7$  at 52 weeks (n=86) in PRISM
- Mean Phe reduction of each population since initiation of pegvaliase is shown in **Figure 1**
- Duration of treatment and dosing information is reported in **Table 2**

**Table 1. Baseline Demographics**

	OPAL mFAS (n=35)	PRISM 118
Blood Phe, $\mu$ mol/L (mean, SD)	1055.9 (253.8)	1269.8 (375.4)
Age at enrollment, years (mean, SD)	29.6 (10.5)	30.3 (8.8)
Sex (% female)	37.1%	47.5%
Race (% white)	97.1%	99.2%

**Figure 1. Mean Phe Reduction PRISM 118 vs. OPAL mFAS**



Study weeks in OPAL were converted to months to align with PRISM (divided by 4; 48 weeks = 12 months).

**Table 2. OPAL Dosing information**

		Overall (n=35)	Incident (n=17)	Prevalent (n=18)
Duration of treatment at IA-1, weeks	Mean (SD)	62.1 (42.4)	46.2 (25.9)	77.1 (49.7)
Dose (mg/day) at 24 weeks of follow-up	Mean (SD) (n=24)	24.2 (8.8) (n=12)	24.2 (8.6) (n=12)	24.3 (9.3) (n=12)
	Median	20.0	20.0	20.0
Dose (mg/day) at 52 weeks of follow-up	Mean (SD) (n=16)	37.7 (13.8) (n=6)	38.3 (18.4) (n=6)	37.4 (11.42) (n=10)
	Median	40.0	35.0	40.0

## Conclusions

- Early results from the first interim analysis of the OPAL mFAS demonstrate that pegvaliase produced substantial reductions in blood Phe levels. These effects in the real-world OPAL population are consistent with the US-based Phase 3 PRISM clinical trial program
- Future analyses are planned to explore the impact of blood Phe level on participant well-being and health related quality of life
- The results of OPAL will provide meaningful insight into the real-world use of pegvaliase

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