



Apitegromab, a Novel, Investigational, High-Affinity Anti-pro Myostatin Monoclonal Antibody for Treating Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA):

Topline Phase 2 PK/PD Related to Efficacy

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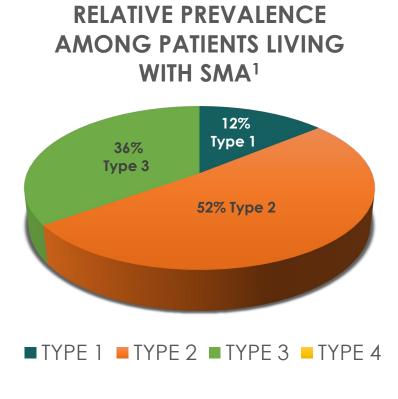


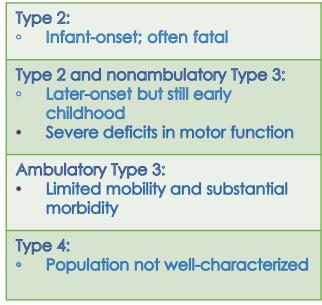


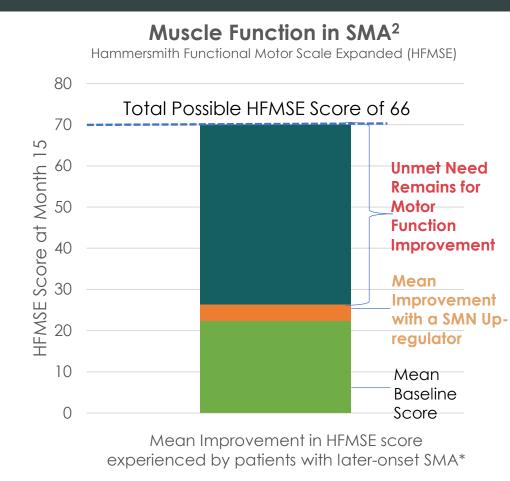


# Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Is a Neuromuscular Disease of Chronic, Lifelong Progressive Pathology With a High Unmet Need Despite Current Foundational Therapy<sup>1-7</sup>

#### Overall Prevalence of SMA: 30,000-35,000 in US and EU<sup>1</sup>







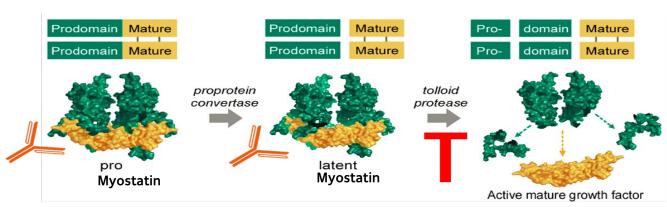
Limitations of existing treatments and specific subpopulations who may be refractory or intolerant to treatment exist.8





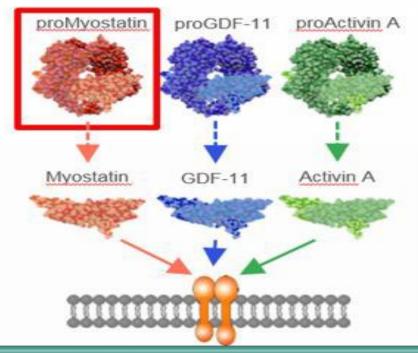


# Myostatin Is An Important Negative Regulator Of Skeletal Muscle Growth Whose Inhibition Leads To Improved Muscle Function In Patients With SMA<sup>1,2</sup>



- Activation of myostatin requires two distinct proteolysis events that generate the active mature growth factor
- ➤ Apitegromab binds to both proMyostatin and latent myostatin and inhibits tolloid-mediated cleavage of latent myostatin

Selective Targeting of proMyostatin, the Myostatin Precursor: Apitegromab does not bind to mature myostatin or any form of GDF11, Activin A, or other TGF-β family members



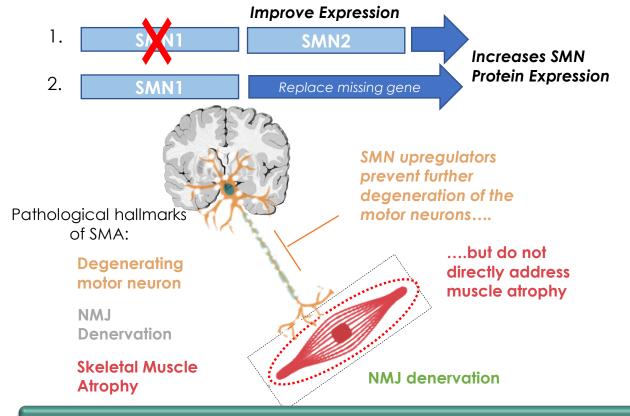
Apitegromab: A Fully Human Monoclonal Antibody That Blocks Cleavage Of The Myostatin Prodomain, Thereby Inhibiting Myostatin Activation<sup>2</sup>

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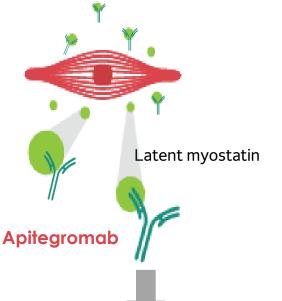


### Apitegromab May Represent A Novel MOA to Possibly Improve and Maintain Neuromuscular Integrity and Function Throughout Life

SMN upregulators directly address motor neuron degeneration but not muscle atrophy<sup>1</sup>



Apitegromab is a potential muscle-directed approach aimed at improving muscle atrophy and motor function<sup>2,3</sup>



- Myostatin is a negative regulator of skeletal muscle growth
- Apitegromab is a fully human, monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to proforms of myostatin, which include promyostatin and latent myostatin, thereby inhibiting myostatin activation

Aim to improve motor function by inhibiting myostatin activation with apitegromab

Safe treatments that stabilize the disease course and prevent further functional losses are valued by SMA patients.<sup>3</sup>



## TOPAZ Trial Design: Three pilot cohorts to identify therapeutic opportunities

All SMA Types 2/3, groups defined by age and present ambulatory status

#### **Ambulatory Cohort**

- Ambulatory Type 3 (age 5-21)
- Monotherapy or with nusinersen Apitegromab (20 mg/kg IV q4w)

#### Non-Ambulatory, Ages 5-21 Cohort

- Type 2/3; Age 5-21; had started SMN upregulator after age 5
- Apitegromab (20 mg/kg IV q4w) + nusinersen

#### Non-Ambulatory > Age 2 Cohort

- Type 2; Age <u>></u> 2; had started SMN upregulator before age 5
- Apitegromab (2 or 20 mg/kg IV q4w) + nusinersen

12-months monthly apitegromab therapy until primary efficacy endpoint

Mean Hammersmith
Score
Change from
Baseline

All Elected to Opt Into 52- Week Extension Period

57 Patients\*

Completed 12-

Month TOPAZ
Trial





### The Data Support That Apitegromab Stabilizes And Improves Motor Function In Patients With Later-onset SMA

#### Ambulatory Cohort: Majority Maintained or Improved RHS Scores from Baseline<sup>1</sup>

Ambulatory Type 3 SMA	Pooled (n=23) Apitegromab (20 mg/kg) + nusinersen or monotherapy	
Mean change from baseline in RHS (95% CI)	-0.3 (-2.1, 1.4)	
# (%) patients achieving ≥0-pt increase in RHS	13/23 (57%)	
# (%) patients achieving ≥1-pt increase in RHS	9/23 (39%)	
# (%) patients achieving ≥3-pt increase in RHS	5/23 (22%)	

- TOPAZ results demonstrate functional stabilization or improvement in ambulatory patients
- Stabilization is defined as a ≥0-point increase, which is the goal of treatment for those with more established disease<sup>2</sup>
- Potential signal of motor function benefit in ambulatory type 3, where natural history suggests decline is common<sup>2</sup>
  - Increases from baseline of up to 8-points observed

#### Nonambulatory; Age 5-21 Cohort: Majority of Patients Attained Increases in HFMSE<sup>1</sup>

Non-Ambulatory; Age 5-21 Cohort Type 2/3	Apitegromab (20 mg/kg) + nusinersen**(n=14)
Mean change from baseline in HFMSE (95% CI)	+0.6 (-1.4, 2.7)
# (%) patients with ≥1-pt increase in HFMSE	9/14 (64%)
# (%) patients with ≥3-pt increase in HFMSE	4/14 (29%)
# (%) patients with ≥5-pt increase in HFMSE	2/14 (14%)

- Majority of patients attained increases in HFMSE
  - Improvements seen even with this difficult to treat older patient population<sup>2</sup>
- Previous SOC data suggest older patients on average observe steeper declines and rarely observe a 3-point increase in HFMSE<sup>3</sup>
  - Relatively larger HFMSE effects in age ≤12 years subgroup
  - 50% of  $\leq$ 12-year old patients experienced  $\geq$ 3-point increase in HFMSE<sup>†</sup>

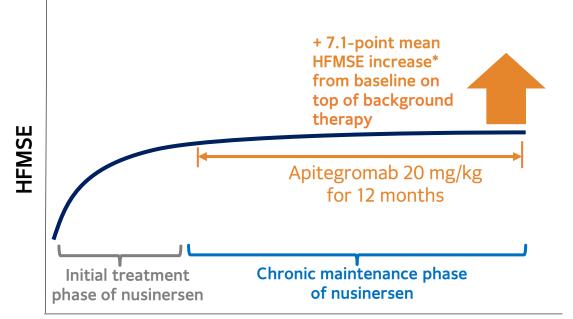
A 3-point change on the HFMSE is agreed upon by experts to represent a clinically meaningful two or three skills change.<sup>4</sup> A 6-point improvement reflects achievements in three to six motor skills.<sup>4</sup>





#### Non-ambulatory > 2 years SMA Patients: Significant HFMSE Increases Attained with Apitegromab<sup>1</sup>

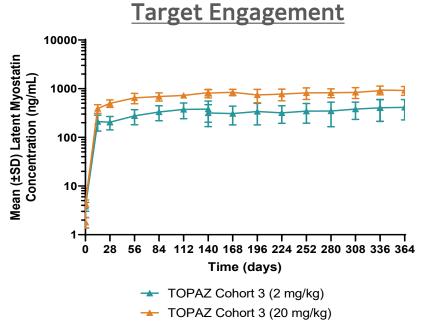
Non-ambulatory <u>&gt;</u> 2 Years Type 2 SMA*	Apitegromab 20 mg/kg + nusinersen (n=8)	Apitegromab 2 mg/kg + nusinersen (n=9)	Pooled (n=17)
Mean change from baseline in HFMSE (95% CI)	+7.1 (1.8, 12.5)	+5.3 (-1.5, 12.2)	+6.2 (2.2, 10.1)
# (%) patients achieving ≥1-pt increase in HFMSE	7/8 (88%)	7/9 (78%)	14/17 (82%)
# (%) patients achieving ≥3-pt increase in HFMSE	5/8 (63%)	5/9 (56%)	10/17 (59%)
# (%) patients achieving ≥5-pt increase in HFMSE	5/8 (63%)	5/9 (56%)	10/17 (59%)



- This magnitude of increase not seen with other therapies at this stage and have demonstrated a plateau effect during chronic maintenance phases<sup>2</sup>
- Previous studies suggest significant HFMSE increases do not occur in younger patients with non-ambulatory Type 2/3 SMA following first vear of nusinersen treatment<sup>2</sup>
  - 63% experienced >5-point gains in HFMSE with apitegromab
  - 38% of the 20 mg/kg arm showed >10-point gain in HFMSE

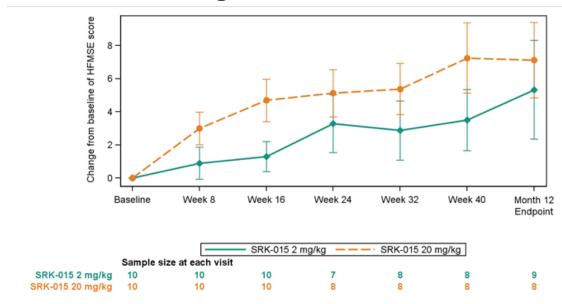


### Non-Ambulatory > 2 Years SMA Cohort: Dose Response Observed in Pharmacodynamic & Efficacy Data<sup>1</sup>



- Both 2 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg doses yielded high levels of target engagement (>100-fold increase from baseline)
- 20 mg/kg dose offers relatively higher magnitude of target engagement than 2 mg/kg dose
- The largest fold-change in latent myostatin from baseline was observed in the Younger NonAmbulatory high dose Type 2 Cohort

#### Mean (±SEM) change from baseline in HFMSE scores

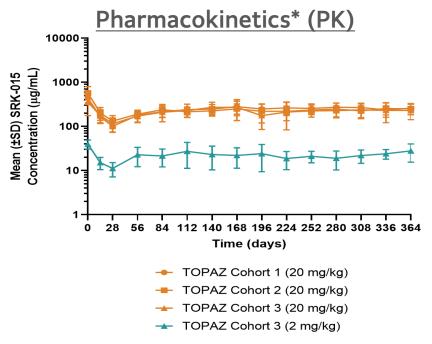


- Both 2 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg doses had sizable dose dependent HFMSE increases already on chronic maintenance nusinersen
- 20 mg/kg dose numerically offered greater HFMSE increases than 2 mg/kg dose across all timepoints
- Continuous and durable improvements observed through 12 months

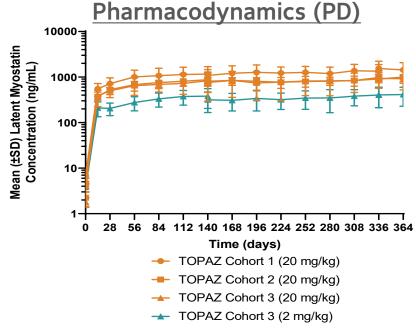
Both doses demonstrated activity, with greater target engagement and efficacy observed with 20 mg/kg

### Target Engagement Was Achieved With Durability Of Effect Observed Through 12-month Treatment Timeframe Across All Cohorts

Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Data are Supportive of Clinically Observed Dose Response



Dose-proportional and sustained drug exposure following chronic administration of apitegromab



- Both 2 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg doses yielded high levels of target engagement (>100-fold increase from baseline) assessed by serum latent myostatin levels
- 20 mg/kg dose offers higher levels of target engagement than 2 mg/kg dose
- The Ambulatory cohort had the highest average baseline latent myostatin concentrations

High dose (20 mg/kg) yielded higher levels of drug exposure and target engagement than low dose (2 mg/kg)





## Safety Results from TOPAZ 12-Month Top-Line Analysis Support Evaluation of Apitegromab in Phase 3 Trial<sup>1</sup>

Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)	Apitegromab 2 mg/kg (n=10)	Apitegromab 20 mg/kg (n=48)	Total (n=58)
Any TEAE	9 (90.0%)	44 (91.7%)	53 (91.4%)
Any Serious TEAE	1 (10.0%)	4 (8.3%)	5 (8.6%)
Any TEAE leading to study drug discontinuation	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.1%)	1 (1.7%)
Any Grade 3 (severe) or higher TEAE	0 (0.0%)	3 (6.2%)	3 (5.2%)

- SAEs, Grade 3 AEs and AE leading to early study discontinuation were all assessed by investigators as unrelated to study drug
- Five most frequently reported TEAEs\*: headache (24%), pyrexia (22%), upper respiratory tract infection (22%), cough (22%), and nasopharyngitis (21%).
- Antidrug antibodies (ADA) were present at low titers following apitegromab treatment in 3 out of 58 enrolled patients. No apparent impact on drug exposure was observed and was not associated with any hypersensitivity reactions.

Incidence and severity of AEs were consistent with the underlying patient population and background therapy



### TOPAZ Topline Results Demonstrate that Apitegromab Improves Motor Function in Patients with Later-Onset SMA<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Non-Ambulatory; ≥ 2 Years, SMA Type 2 Cohort: HFMSE improvement in both high- and low-dose arms; dose response demonstrated
  - Mean +7.1-point increase in HFMSE on top of SOC with high dose (20 mg/kg dose)
  - High dose led to higher drug exposure and target engagement than low dose (2 mg/kg)
- ✓ Non-Ambulatory; Ages 5-21, SMA Type 2/3 Cohort: Increases in HFMSE Scores in a subset of patients
  - 64% of patients showed improvement ≥1-pt increase in HFMSE,
  - Relatively larger improvements in age <12 years subgroup (50% with a >3-point increase)
- ✓ Ambulatory, SMA Type 3 Cohort: RHS scores maintained or improved in subsets of patients in both the monotherapy and add-on to nusinersen groups
- ✓ No safety signals nor concerns have been identified from 12-month topline results
- ✓ PK: Dose-proportional and sustained drug exposure; PD: Dose-dependent and sustained target engagement
- ✓ Anti-drug antibodies were present in postdose samples in 3/58 total subjects at low titers (>1:64); no impact on PK/PD
- √ The 12-month topline results support further evaluation of apitegromab in a Phase 3 trial
- ✓ Topline results highlight therapeutic potential of apitegromab in patients with SMA
- ✓ Fast Track Designation granted for the treatment of patients with SMA; having previously received Orphan Drug and Rare Pediatric Disease designations from the FDA and priority medicines, PRIME, and Orphan Medicinal Product designations from the EMA for the treatment of SMA²
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