

**Important information regarding ZOLGENSMA® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) and the attached scientific reprint.**

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**Please note:**

- This is the first publication of the findings of the Phase 3 trial (STR1VE) for ZOLGENSMA. STR1VE was an open-label, single-arm, multicentre trial conducted in the United States
- All patients treated in the study were symptomatic at the time of treatment and <6 months of age
- Results of the trial were consistent with findings from the Phase 1 trial (START), as well as demonstrating a significant improvement in survival and motor function in patients treated with ZOLGENSMA over the untreated natural history of patients with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)
- Adverse events (AEs) were also consistent with the START trial

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# Onasemnogene Abeparvovec Gene Therapy for Symptomatic Infantile-onset Spinal Muscular Atrophy in Patients with Two Copies of *SMN2* (STRIVE): an Open-label, Single-arm, Multicentre, Phase 3 Trial

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A Phase 3 trial of ZOLGENSMA<sup>®</sup> (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) in the United States, also known as STRIVE, evaluated safety and efficacy in symptomatic infants <6 months of age with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)<sup>1</sup>

ZOLGENSMA is the first and only gene therapy indicated for the one-time-only treatment of pediatric patients less than 2 years of age with SMA.<sup>2,3</sup>

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# Study methods

## Study design<sup>1</sup>

STRIVE was an open-label, single-arm, single-dose Phase 3 clinical trial conducted in the United States at 12 hospitals and universities.

## Participants<sup>1</sup>

The study enrolled 22 patients, all of whom met the intent to treat (ITT) population:



Presymptomatic or symptomatic<sup>a</sup>;  
<6 months of age at dosing



Bi-allelic mutations of the *SMN1* gene



One or two copies of the  
backup *SMN2* gene<sup>b</sup>



Able to swallow thin liquids



Up to date on childhood vaccinations

## Patient demographics:



Mean age (months)



Mean age at  
symptom onset (months)



Mean age at  
diagnosis (days)



Mean CHOP INTEND score  
at baseline

<sup>a</sup>Although enrollment of presymptomatic patients was allowed in the study protocol, all patients included in the study were symptomatic at dosing.

<sup>b</sup>No patients with 1 copy of *SMN2* were enrolled, though it was included in the study protocol.

## Procedures<sup>1</sup>

ZOLGENSMA was administered as a one-time intravenous infusion of  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  vector genomes [vg]/kg for 30-60 minutes via a peripheral vein.

All patients received prophylactic prednisolone (1 mg/kg/day) beginning 24 hours before infusion and up to 30 days or more after infusion; tapering schedule was dependent on liver function test results.

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# Study methods (cont'd)

## Outcomes<sup>1</sup>

All endpoints were compared against a cohort of untreated infants with SMA from the Pediatric Neuromuscular Clinical Research Network (PNCN). Developmental milestones were assessed using independent, centrally reviewed video confirmation at any timepoint during the study.

### Primary endpoints:

- Sitting independently for  $\geq 30$  seconds at the 18-months-of-age visit<sup>a</sup>
- Survival at 14 months of age<sup>b</sup>

### Secondary endpoints:

- Ability to thrive at 18 months of age (ability to tolerate thin liquids, lack of nutritional support, and maintaining age-appropriate weight)
- Independence from ventilatory support at 18 months of age based solely on data from the Trilogy BiPAP device

### Exploratory endpoints:

- Achievement of developmental motor milestones
- Sitting independently for 10 seconds or more
- Age at which independent sitting for  $\geq 30$  seconds was achieved
- Improvement of motor function using CHOP INTEND or Bayley scale criteria

<sup>a</sup>Functional, independent sitting for 30 seconds or longer as measured by Bayley-III item 26.

<sup>b</sup>Survival was defined as absence of death or permanent ventilation (tracheostomy or  $\geq 16$  hours of daily noninvasive ventilation support for  $\geq 14$  days in the absence of acute reversible illness or perioperative ventilation).

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## Safety<sup>1</sup>

Safety was assessed through adverse events (AEs), concomitant medications, physical examinations, vital sign assessments, cardiac assessments, and laboratory evaluations.

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# Clinical study results

## Overview<sup>1</sup>

### Primary endpoints

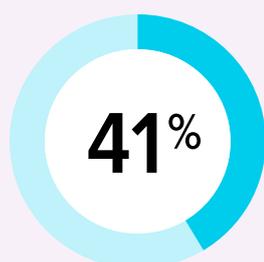


20/22 patients **survived without permanent ventilation** at the 14-months-of-age visit

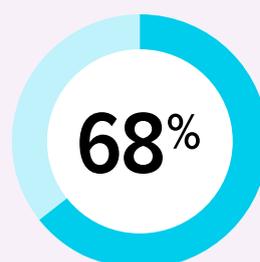


13/22 patients **achieved independent sitting for 30 seconds** at the 18-months-of-age visit

### Secondary endpoints



9/22 patients **maintained the ability to thrive** at 18 months of age



15/22 patients **did not require noninvasive ventilatory support** at any point during the study

4/22 (18%) patients required ventilatory support as assessed by Trilogy BiPAP data alone at 18 months of age

## Survival<sup>1</sup>

20/22 (91%) patients survived without permanent ventilation at 14 months of age.<sup>a,b</sup>

- Compared to 6/23 (26%) patients in the PNCr natural history cohort

## Ventilatory support

15/22 (68%) of patients did not require noninvasive ventilatory support at any point during the study.

- Compared to 0/23 (0%) patients in the PNCr natural history cohort
- 4/22 (18%) patients required ventilatory support as assessed by Trilogy BiPAP data alone at 18 months of age
- 5/7 (71%) patients who used ventilatory support had previous use of Trilogy 100; 2 had used other types of noninvasive ventilation

<sup>a</sup>Two patients discontinued treatment before 14 months of age: one patient died at 7.8 months of age because of respiratory failure unrelated to treatment. Another patient withdrew consent at age 11.9 months after meeting the requirements for permanent ventilation.

<sup>b</sup>One patient withdrew because of a serious AE, respiratory distress, at age 18.0 months unrelated to treatment; however, this patient was alive and free of permanent ventilation and was included in study results as having survived without permanent ventilation at 18 months of age.

## Ability to thrive<sup>1</sup>

9/22 (41%) patients met all 3 criteria of ability to thrive at the 18-months-of-age visit.

- Compared with 0/23 (0%) patients in the PNCr cohort
- 14/22 (64%) patients maintained age-appropriate weight
- 12/22 (55%) patients were able to tolerate thin liquids
- 19/22 (86%) patients were feeding orally at the end of the study

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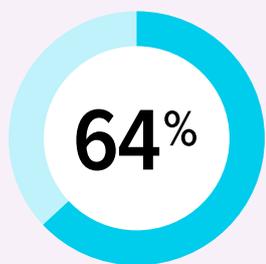
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## Motor milestones and function<sup>1</sup>



14/22 patients achieved sitting independently for 30 seconds at some point during the study.<sup>a</sup>

- Compared with 0/23 (0%) in the PNCR natural history cohort



Patients showed early and sustained improvements in CHOP INTEND assessments.

- 6.9 mean increase from baseline at 1 month post-dosing (N=22)
- 11.7 mean increase from baseline at 3 months post-dosing (N=22)
- 14.6 mean increase from baseline at 6 months post-dosing (n=20)



21/22 patients achieved a CHOP INTEND score of 40.0 points or more.

- 14/22 (66%) achieved a score of 50.0 points or more
- 5/22 (23%) achieved a score of 60.0 points or more
- In natural history, children with SMA Type 1 rarely achieve or maintain CHOP INTEND scores greater than 40 points

<sup>a</sup>One patient achieved this milestone at age 16.0 months; however, this milestone was not reconfirmed at the 18-months-of-age visit.

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# Adverse events<sup>1</sup>



22/22 (100%) patients had adverse events (AEs). The most common AE was pyrexia. A commonly observed AE related to ZOLGENSMA administration was elevations in liver aminotransferase concentrations.

- 12/22 (55%) patients had pyrexia
- 7/22 (32%) patients had elevations in aminotransferase concentrations or aspartate aminotransferase
- Transient increases of aminotransferases were all successfully resolved by the end of the study



Three patients had serious AEs related to ZOLGENSMA.

- 2/22 (9%) patients had elevated hepatic aminotransferases
- 1/22 (5%) patients had hydrocephalus and received ventriculoperitoneal shunt placement



Transient decreases in platelet count occurred in most patients after approximately a week post-dosing.

- All platelet counts returned to normal levels without a change in the prednisolone regimen
- Two patients had decreases in platelet counts that met the criteria for thrombocytopenia, which resolved without clinical sequelae



13/22 (59%) patients had at least one adverse event of special interest within the 4 categories of hepatotoxicity, hematological, cardiovascular, or neurological.



Deaths in 2 patients were reported, which were both deemed unrelated to ZOLGENSMA administration.

- One death was due to respiratory distress. The other occurred at screening, and this patient was not enrolled in the study

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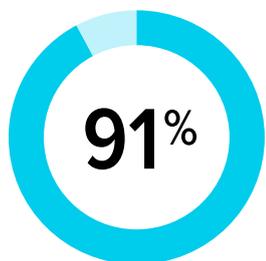
## Authors' conclusions<sup>1</sup>

The STRIVE trial built on the efficacy and safety data of the Phase 1 START trial in symptomatic infants with SMA Type 1 and demonstrated a favorable benefit-risk profile with a larger (N=22 vs n=12), more diverse population (multicentre vs. single site).



13/22 patients—over half—treated in STRIVE achieved the primary endpoint of sitting independently for  $\geq 30$  seconds at the 18-months-of-age visit.

- Several patients achieved other exploratory endpoints, contrasting with the untreated natural history



20/22 patients survived without permanent ventilation at the 14-months-of-age visit.

Patients with SMA may have a predisposition to liver injury.<sup>4</sup>

- Consider hepatic evaluation in children with baseline elevated aminotransferase
- Avoid concomitant use of medications with hepatotoxic AEs

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# Study summary<sup>1</sup>

- 22 patients with SMA Type 1 were enrolled in the Phase 3 study
- ZOLGENSMA showed results consistent with the Phase 1 study (START), as well as significant improvement compared to the PNCR natural history cohort
- Over half of patients reached the primary endpoints of sitting independently for ≥30 seconds at the 18-months-of-age visit and survival without permanent ventilation at the 14-months-of-age visit
- The reported AEs were consistent with results from the Phase 1 trial

The exploratory CHOP INTEND results showed early, rapid, and sustained benefits of ZOLGENSMA<sup>1</sup>

Learn more about the one-time-only treatment for SMA at [ZOLGENSMA-hcp.com](https://www.zolgensma-hcp.com)<sup>2</sup>

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