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ABSTRACT

Background: Galcanezumab, a monoclonal antibody to calcitonin gene-related peptide, was found to be safe and efficacious for the preventive treatment of chronic migraine based on the randomized, placebo-controlled double-blind period of the REGAIN study. Long-term safety and efficacy were assessed in an open-label extension.

Methods: Patients 18-65 years old with chronic migraine completing the 3-month double-blind period of REGAIN could enter a 9-month open-label extension (OLE; months 4-12). Upon entering the OLE, patients received a 240-mg galcanezumab loading dose, then 120 mg at the next month, with flexible dosing thereafter (120 or 240 mg/month). The primary efficacy measure was the mean change in the number of monthly migraine headache days from double-blind baseline to month 12. Other endpoints included response rates (based on percent reduction in monthly migraine headache days from double-blind baseline to month 12), safety and tolerability.

Results: Of patients who completed double-blind treatment, 1022 (99%) entered the OLE, with 81% completing month 12. From a baseline of 19.4 monthly migraine headache days at the beginning of the double-blind period, patients at month 12 in the previous placebo, 120-mg, and 240-mg galcanezumab groups had a mean change of -8.5, -9.0, and -8.0, respectively (SE = 0.43 to 0.55, within-group p's < .001). At month 12, the percentage of patients with \ge 50% response was 57%, 57%, and 53%, respectively. Percentage with >75% response was 32%, 31%, and 30%, respectively. Percentage with 100% response was 8%, 6%, and 6%, respectively. There were no significant new safety findings during the open-label period. The incidence of discontinuation from the OLE due to adverse events was 5%. Conclusion: Galcanezumab was effective, safe, and well-tolerated, with high adherence, for up to 12 months of treatment in patients with chronic migraine.

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Introduction

Chronic migraine (CM) is a disabling neurological disorder characterized by 15 or more headache days per month, of which at least 8 are migraine¹. CM has a prevalence of approximately 1-2% and carries a significantly higher disease burden marked by greater severity of illness, more missed time from work, greater impact to the quality of life, and greater healthcare resource utilization compared with migraine that occurs with episodic frequency^{2,3}. Because patients with CM typically require long-term pharmacologic preventive treatments to manage their illness⁴⁻⁶, such treatments need to be not only effective and safe but also well-

tolerated and easy to adhere to. However, adherence to previous standard-of-care treatments, most of which were not developed specially for the treatment of migraine, has typically been poor. Patients with CM who receive prescription migraine preventive medication have been found to have adherence rates of 29% at 6 months and 20% at 12 months in the US⁷. Although reasons for nonadherence are frequently unknown, particularly in claims database studies, inadequate efficacy and/or tolerability likely play a role^{7–10}. Thus, longer-term studies are necessary for evaluating the true utility of preventive medication for CM. Because of the high burden of illness associated with CM, it can be difficult to conduct placebo-controlled trials of any considerable

length. Therefore, open-label extension (OLE) data become critical to the understanding of the long-term effectiveness, safety, and tolerability of migraine preventive medications in this population.

Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) has been implicated in the pathophysiology of migraine^{11,12}, and several monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) that target the CGRP pathway have been developed and approved for the prevention of migraine in adults^{13–19}, including galcanezumab^{20–22}. These CGRP mAbs selectively bind to either the CGRP ligand or receptor and are large molecules that must be injected²³. Treatment with CGRP mAbs has demonstrated safety and tolerability in year-long studies^{24–26}.

Galcanezumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody that binds to the CGRP ligand, which prevents its binding to the receptor²⁷. Phase 3 studies of 3- to 6-month durations have demonstrated the efficacy and safety of monthly subcutaneous injections of galcanezumab for preventive treatment of episodic migraine^{20,21} and CM²². The REGAIN study demonstrated that galcanezumab at doses of 120 mg or 240 mg/ month was superior to placebo in the reduction of monthly migraine headache days during a 3-month, randomized, double-blind treatment period in patients with CM²². We now present the results of the REGAIN study through month 12. with a focus on the 9-month OLE that followed the 3-month double-blind treatment period. The objective was to assess the long-term effectiveness and safety of galcanezumab for up to a total of 12 months in adult patients with CM.

Methods

Study design, treatment, and patients

REGAIN (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT02614261) was a phase 3, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial comprised of 5 periods: (1) screening and washout; (2) a 1-month prospective baseline period; (3) a 3-month double-blind treatment period; (4) a 9-month OLE; and (5) a 4-month post-treatment follow-up period (Figure 1). The trial was conducted at 116 sites in 12 countries. Detailed procedures have been previously reported²². This trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT02614261) and was conducted according to Good Clinical Practice and the Declaration of Helsinki. The protocol was approved by the ethical/institutional review boards at all participating sites. Patients provided written informed consent prior to all studv and treatments.

After screening/washout and completion of the prospective baseline period, eligible patients were randomly assigned (2:1:1) to receive subcutaneous injections of placebo, 120 mg/month galcanezumab (with a 240-mg loading dose), or 240 mg/month galcanezumab in the double-blind treatment phase²². Patients who completed the double-blind treatment period at month 3 could then enter the OLE. However, study sites and patients remained blinded throughout the study to the patients' previous double-blind treatment assignment.

The dosing regimen for the OLE started all patients on a 240-mg galcanezumab loading dose (2 injections of 120 mg each) after completing double-blind treatment at month 3. At month 4, all patients then received a maintenance dose of 120 mg galcanezumab (single injection) in order to encourage the use of the lowest possible monthly maintenance dose. However, starting at month 5, dosing was flexible such that patients could receive 1 injection (120 mg) or 2 injections (a total of 240 mg) per month at the investigators' clinical discretion (Figure 1).

Detailed inclusion and exclusion criteria of REGAIN were previously described²². Patients were 18 to 65 years of age with an International Classification of Headache Disorders (ICHD)-3 beta²⁸ diagnosis of CM. During the prospective baseline period, patients must have demonstrated at least 15 headache days per month, of which at least 8 had the features of migraine headache, with at least 1 headache-free day and at least 80% compliance with the use of a daily electronic diary (eDiary) for collection of headache information. Key exclusion criteria included persistent daily headache, cluster headache, or atypical migraine subtypes, and patients with previous efficacy failure to 3 or more adequately dosed standard-of-care migraine preventives from different classes (defined as at least 2 months of treatment at the maximum tolerated dose of medications from 3 or more different classes of migraine preventives with Level-A or Level-B evidence per the American Academy of Neurology guidelines²⁹ or botulinum toxin a or b)²².

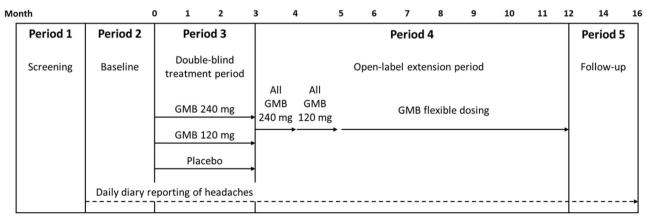


Figure 1. Study diagram. Note: the GMB 120 mg dose group depicted in Period 3 had a 240-mg loading dose. Abbreviations: GMB galcanezumab.

Study procedures

Patients used a handheld eDiary to record daily headache information. Acute headache medication could be used as needed, but opioid- or barbiturate-containing medications could not be used more than 3 days per month, and patients could receive no more than 1 corticosteroid injection for acute migraine treatment during the trial, and only in an emergency setting. Up to one-third of patients could continue migraine prophylactic treatment with either topiramate or propranolol if the patient was on a stable dose for at least 2 months prior to the prospective baseline period. Otherwise, patients discontinued all migraine preventives at least 30 days prior to entering the prospective baseline period²⁰. As reported previously, only 15% of patients elected to remain on topiramate or propranolol during the study²².

Assessments

A migraine headache day was a calendar day with a headache lasting at least 30 min and meeting ICHD-3 beta criteria for migraine or probable migraine^{22,28}. A headache could also qualify as a migraine if the patient believed the headache was a migraine at onset and was relieved by a triptan or ergot²². A headache day was a calendar day with any headache lasting at least 30 min. The primary efficacy measure was the mean change from the double-blind baseline in the number of monthly migraine headache days. Other outcomes measures included the percentage of patients with >30%, >50%, >75%, and 100% reduction from double-blind baseline in monthly migraine headache days (response rates) and mean change from double-blind baseline in other headache parameters (such as headache days and headache hours) and the Patient Global Impression of Severity of Illness (PGI-S). Scores on the Patient Global Impression of Improvement (PGI-I) are also reported. The PGI-S and PGI-I are single-item patient-rated scales based on the clinicianrated versions³⁰; in the present study, patients were asked to rate the level of severity and improvement of their migraine illness. Safety assessments included the collection of adverse events and vital signs at all visits, weight and laboratory analytes every 3 months, electrocardiograms at baseline, month 3, month 6, and month 12, and immunogenicity (anti-drug antibodies) at all visits through month 6 plus months 9 and 12. Note that patients also self-reported on the Migraine-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire (MSQ)³¹ and Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS)³², and those results are available in a separate publication³³.

Statistical analyses

For repeated efficacy measures, data across both the doubleblind and OLE periods were analyzed using the total randomized population that had received at least 1 dose of investigational product in the double-blind period (hereafter referred to as the total population). Only patients with both a baseline and at least one postbaseline assessment were included in analyses. Diary data were considered missing for any month with 50% or fewer entries. Safety analyses were based on the open-label treatment population, which was comprised of all patients who received at least 1 dose of galcanezumab during the OLE. Results are reported by patients' previous double-blind treatment group.

Change from baseline in continuous efficacy variables over 12 months was analyzed using a mixed model repeated measures methodology with fixed categorical effects of treatment, country, baseline medication overuse (yes/no), concomitant migraine preventive use (yes/no), month, and treatment-by-month interaction, as well as the continuous baseline and baseline-by-month covariates of interaction. Change in categorical variables with repeated measures over 12 months was analyzed by a categorical pseudo-likelihood-based repeated measures model for binary outcome employing a generalized linear mixed model with fixed terms for treatment, baseline medication overuse, concomitant preventive use, month, treatment-by-month, and baseline. All efficacy analyses used month 0 as the baseline, also referred to as the 'double-blind baseline.' For analysis of baseline characteristics, groups were compared using Fisher's exact test.

The response rate at each month was defined as the percentage of patients meeting a pre-defined threshold (≥30%, \geq 50%, \geq 75%, or 100%) in the reduction of monthly migraine headache days from the double-blind baseline. Maintenance of response was evaluated using two different methods. First, among galcanezumab-treated patients who were >50% responders at month 3, we evaluated the percentage who met the criteria for >50% for at least 6 of the 9 months of the OLE. Second, among all OLE patients, we evaluated the percentage of patients who met ≥50% response at any time during the open-label treatment phase and subsequently maintained >40% response for >6 and >9 consecutive months until the patient's OLE endpoint.

Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were defined as reported adverse events (AEs) first occurring or worsening during the OLE compared with the open-label baseline (that is, all visits prior to entering the OLE). The coding of AEs was based on the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) version 21.0. Analyses were conducted using SAS Enterprise Guide 7.0 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC). All comparisons used a two-sided alpha of 0.05.

Results

Patient disposition and demographics

Of the 1113 patients in the total population, 1037 (93%) completed the double-blind treatment period. Of the 1037 patients who completed the double-blind period, 1022 (99%) opted to enter the OLE (501 previous placebo; 259 previous 120 mg galcanezumab; 262 previous 240 mg galcanezumab) (Figure 2). A total of 197 patients (19%) discontinued during the OLE, with 5% of patients in the OLE discontinuing due to an AE and 4% due to lack of efficacy.

Baseline demographics and disease characteristics are presented for the total population in Table 1. Patients were predominantly female (85%) and white (79%), with a mean age

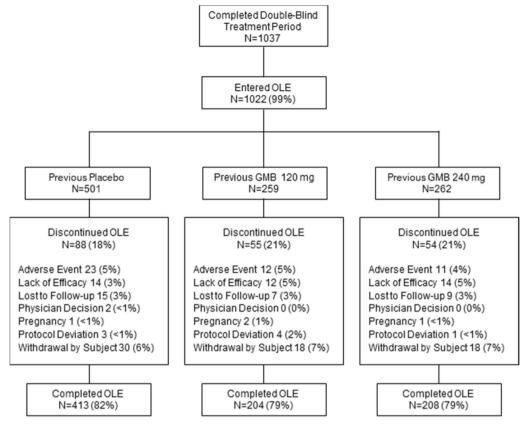


Figure 2. Patient disposition. Abbreviations: N population size, OLE open-label extension.

Table 1. Characteristics of the total population at baseline of the double-blind period.

Characteristic	Previous placebo N = 558	Previous 120 mg GMB N = 278	Previous 240 mg GMB $N = 277$	Total <i>N</i> = 1113
Age (years), mean (SD)	41.6 (12.1)	39.7 (11.9)*	41.1 (12.4)	41.0 (12.1)
Female, n (%)	483 (87)	237 (85)	226 (82)	946 (85)
Race, n (%)				
Asian	26 (5)	13 (5)	14 (5)	53 (5)
Black or African American	39 (7)	16 (6)	17 (6)	72 (6)
White/Caucasian	432 (77)	223 (80)	224 (81)	879 (79)
Multiple/other	61 (11)	26 (9)	21 (8)	108 (10)
Region, n (%)				
North America	321 (58)	161 (58)	159 (57)	641 (58)
Europe	140 (25)	68 (24)	70 (25)	278 (25)
Other	97 (17)	49 (18)	48 (17)	194 (17)
Duration of migraine illness, years, mean (SD)	21.9 (12.9)	20.4 (12.7)	20.1 (12.7)*	21.1 (12.8)
Migraine headache days/month, mean (SD)	19.6 (4.6)	19.4 (4.3)	19.2 (4.6)	19.4 (4.5)
Headache days/month, mean (SD)	21.5 (4.1)	21.2 (4.0)	21.4 (4.1)	21.4 (4.1)
Prior migraine preventive treatment in past 5 years, n (%)	435 (78)	211 (76)	220 (79)	866 (78)
\geq 1 treatment discontinued due to lack of efficacy in past 5 years	274 (49)	130 (47)	145 (52)	549 (49)
\geq 2 treatments discontinued due to lack of efficacy in past 5 years	163 (29)	68 (24)	97 (35)	328 (29)
Concomitant preventive treatment, n (%) ^a	82 (15)	37 (13)	43 (16)	162 (15)
Baseline medication overuse, n (%) ^b	353 (63)	178 (64)	177 (64)	708 (64)
MIDAS total score, mean (SD) ^c	68.7 (57.4)	62.5 (49.5)	69.2 (64.1)	67.2 (57.3)
MSQ Role Function-Restrictive score, mean (SD) ^c	38.4 (17.2)	39.3 (17.3)	38.9 (17.3)	38.7 (17.2)
PGI-S score, mean (SD) ^c	4.9 (1.2)	4.8 (1.2)	4.9 (1.3)	4.9 (1.3)

Abbreviations. *GMB*, galcanezumab, *MIDAS*, Migraine Disability Assessment, *MSQ*, Migraine-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire, *N*, number of intent-to-treat patients with nonmissing demographic measures, *n*, number of patients with each specific category, *PGI-S*, Patient Global Impression of Severity, *SD*, standard deviation.

^{*}p-value comparison vs. placebo < .05.

^aPatients were on a stable dose of propranolol or topiramate for migraine prevention during the study and for at least 2 months prior to baseline.

^bBaseline medication overuse was based on a number of days of use of different categories of acute headache medication reported in the eDiary during the prospective baseline period. The specific number of days for these cutoffs were based on the ICHD diagnostic criteria (ICHD beta 2013) for the different types of medication overuse headache (ergotamine overuse, triptan overuse, simple analgesic overuse, combination-analgesic overuse, multiple drug class overuse).

 $^{^{}c}N = 546$, 272, 272, and 1090 for the previous placebo, previous 120 mg GMB, previous 240 mg GMB, and total, respectively. MSQ scores can range from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating higher functioning. MIDAS scores can range from 0 to 270, with a score >20 indicating severe disability. PGI-S scores can range from 1 to 7, with a score of 4 indicating moderately ill and 5 indicating markedly ill.

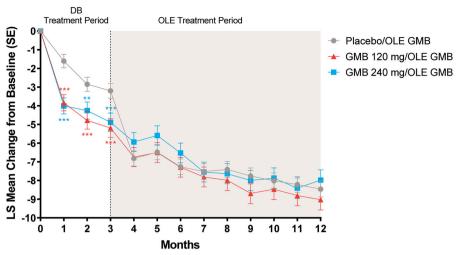


Figure 3. Change from double-blind baseline in the number of migraine headache days. Abbreviations: DB double-blind, GMB galcanezumab, LS least squares, OLE open-label extension, SE standard error. p-value comparisons vs. placebo: **p < .01; *** $p \le .001$.

of 41.0 years. During the prospective baseline period, they had a mean of 19.4 migraine headache days per month, with levels of functioning (MSQ-RFR) and disability (MIDAS) consistent with a severely disabled chronic migraine population. Characteristics were generally similar across the 3 treatment groups.

Double-blind baseline characteristics of the patients who continued into the OLE (N=1022) can be found in Supplement Table 1. Their characteristics did not differ from those of the total population (N = 1113). A total of 15% of patients who entered the OLE (150/1022) continued to use an allowed ongoing concomitant prophylactic migraine medication (topiramate or propranolol). The most frequently used concomitant medications (>5%) among all patients during the OLE were ibuprofen (29%), paracetamol (19%), sumatriptan (13%), topiramate (11%), thomapyrin N (9%), omeprazole (7%), naproxen (7%), diphenhydramine hydrochloride (7%), multivitamin (7%), acetylsalicylic acid (6%), amoxicillin (6%), salbutamol (5%), vitamin D (5%), diclofenac (5%), and loratadine (5%).

Exposure

The majority of galcanezumab exposures in the OLE were to the 240-mg dose regimen. Beginning at the first flexible dosing visit, 64% of patients received the 240-mg dose, increasing to as high as 75% at subsequent dosing visits. The reason for physician dose selection was not captured. Compliance with treatment was high, with only 5 patients missing a dose during the OLE. Adherence to treatment, calculated as the percentage of galcanezumab patients who completed a treatment period, was also high. For the 9month OLE period, adherence was 81% (825/1022; the total number of patients who completed all 9 months of treatment in the OLE divided by the total number of patients who entered the OLE). The 12-month adherence rate was 74% (412/555; the total number of 12-month treatment completers from the randomized 120-mg and 240-mg galcanezumab groups [n = 204 + 208] divided by the total number of patients randomized to galcanezumab who received at least 1 dose of double-blind galcanezumab [n = 278 + 277]).

Efficacy

During the OLE, the previous galcanezumab 120-mg and 240-mg groups generally maintained or improved upon gains from the double-blind treatment period (Figure 3). After the first open-label dose of galcanezumab 240 mg at month 3, the previous placebo group experienced a rapid mean reduction of 6.8 migraine headache days within the first month, catching up with the previous double-blind galcanezumab groups by month 4, and then maintaining that reduction over time. The reduction in migraine headache days ranged from 8.0 to 9.0 at month 12 from the doubleblind baseline of 19.2 to 19.6. A similar trend was seen in headache days; by month 12 the reduction in headache days ranged from 9.1 to 9.7 days (Table 2).

The percentages of patients meeting pre-defined response rates either increased or remained stable during the OLE. A majority of patients achieved at least a 30% reduction from their double-blind baseline for migraine headache days in the first month after beginning open-label treatment. At month 12, 67% in the previous placebo group, 75% in the previous 120-mg galcanezumab group, and 68% in the previous 240mg galcanezumab group had >30% reduction from doubleblind baseline for migraine headache days. The percentage of patients with >50% reduction from their double-blind baseline ranged from 53% to 57% at month 12 (Figure 4A). The percentage of patients with >75% reduction from their double-blind baseline ranged from 30% to 32% at month 12 (Figure 4B). The percentage of patients with 100% reduction from their doubleblind baseline ranged from 6% to 8% at month 12.

Among patients who had achieved >50% response at the end of the double-blind treatment period, the majority (88%) met that response level for at least 6 months in the OLE. Among all patients in the OLE, 40% met the \geq 50% response level and subsequently maintained \geq 40% response for at least 6 consecutive months until their OLE endpoint, while

Table 2. Changes in continuous efficacy variables across the double-blind and open-label treatment periods.

	Previous Placebo (N = 558)		Previous GMB 120mg (<i>N</i> = 278)		Previous GMB 240 mg (N = 277)	
	Baseline	LS Mean change (SE)	Baseline	LS Mean change (SE)	Baseline	LS Mean change (SE)
Monthly migraine	headache days					
Month 0	19.6 (4.6)		19.4 (4.3)		19.2 (4.6)	
Month 3		-3.2 (0.4)		-5.2 (0.5)***		-4.9 (0.5)***
Month 6		-7.3 (0.4)		-7.3 (0.5)		-6.5 (0.5)
Month 12		-8.5 (0.4)		-9.0 (0.6)		-8.0 (0.6)
Monthly headache	e days					
Month 0	21.5 (4.1)		21.2 (4.0)		21.4 (4.1)	
Month 3		-3.7 (0.4)		-5.4 (0.5)**		-5.2 (0.5)**
Month 6		-8.0 (0.4)		-7.9 (0.5)		-7.3(0.5)
Month 12		-9.5 (0.4)		-9.7 (0.6)		-9.1 (0.6)
Monthly migraine	headache hours					
Month 0	136.7 (91.0)		136.0 (79.5)		134.7 (86.6)	
Month 3		-15.0 (4.2)		-35.6 (5.3)***		-30.4 (5.2)**
Month 6		-47.2 (4.4)		-50.9 (5.6)		-39.9(5.5)
Month 12		-48.7 (4.8)		-59.0 (6.2)		-47.2(6.1)
Monthly headache	hours					
Month 0	145.1 (95.1)		144.7 (85.4)		145.9 (93.4)	
Month 3		-15.3 (4.3)		-35.6 (5.4)***		-31.6 (5.4)**
Month 6		-48.3 (4.5)		-54.2 (5.7)		-42.4 (5.6)
Month 12		-50.4 (4.9)		-60.4 (6.4)		-51.4 (6.3)
Monthly migraine	headache days with ac	ute medication use				
Month 0	15.5 (6.6)		15.1 (6.3)		14.5 (6.3)*	
Month 3		-2.6 (0.4)		-4.9 (0.4)***		-4.2 (0.4)***
Month 6		-6.3 (0.4)		-6.4 (0.5)		-5.6 (0.5)
Month 12		-7.0 (0.4)		-7.6 (0.5)		-6.8 (0.5)
Patient Global Imp	oression of Severity					
Baseline	4.9 (1.2) ^a		4.8 (1.2) ^b		4.9 (1.3) ^b	
Month 3		-0.6 (0.1)		-0.7 (0.1)		-0.9 (0.1)**
Month 6		-1.3 (0.1)		-1.1 (0.1)		-1.1 (0.1)
Month 12		−1.5 (0.1)		-1.4 (0.1)		-1.4(0.1)
Patient Global Imp	oression of Improvemen	t ^c				
Month 3	3.4 (0.1)		3.0 (0.1)***		3.0 (0.1)***	
Month 6	2.5 (0.1)		2.6 (0.1)		2.6 (0.1)	
Month 12	2.2 (0.1)		2.2 (0.1)		2.4 (0.1)	

Abbreviations. GMB, galcanezumab, LS, least squares, SE, standard error.

p-value comparisons vs. placebo: *p < .05; **p < .01; *** $p \le .001$.

Note: No statistically significant differences between previous GMB groups except for PGI-I at month 12 (p = .046). All within-group p-values < .001 for all treatment groups at months 3, 6, and 12.

30% met the ≥50% response level and subsequently maintained >40% response for all 9 months of the OLE.

Mean changes in other secondary headache measures based on the eDiary data also showed improvement or maintenance of improvement during the OLE (Table 2). On average, patients had 50-60 fewer headache hours per month by month 12 (Figure 5), 4.3-4.8 fewer migraine headache days with nausea or vomiting per month (Figure 6A), and 5.8-7.1 fewer migraine headache days with photophobia and phonophobia per month (Figure 6B). Mean changes in all secondary headache measures showed a similar pattern of rapid response in the previous placebo group after the first month of open-label treatment with galcanezumab, essentially catching up with the previous galcanezumab groups by month 4.

Mean changes in Patient Global Impression of Severity (PGI-S) rating are also shown in Table 2 and indicated that patients went from an average severity rating of "markedly severe" to an average rating of "mild" to "moderate" severity at month 12. The average Patient Global of Impression of Improvement (PGI-I) score at month 12 indicated that patients rated their migraine illness as "much better" (Table 2).

Safety

A total of 70% of patients reported >1 TEAE during the OLE. The percentage of patients with ≥ 1 TEAE considered treatment-related by the investigator during the OLE was 23% (Table 3). The most common TEAEs in the OLE were: nasopharyngitis (10%), upper respiratory tract infection (6%), and injection-site reaction (6%). Most TEAEs were mild or moderate in severity. There were no deaths. Serious adverse events (SAEs) were reported in 33 patients (3%). Five SAEs in 4 patients (urticaria, seizure, migraine, diverticulitis, and upper abdomen pain) were considered by the investigator to be related to the open-label treatment; the patient with seizure had a previous history of seizures. The incidence of discontinuations due to AEs was 5%. Of the 46 patients who discontinued due to an AE, 7 patients discontinued due to urticaria, and 2 patients each discontinued due to back pain, dyspnea, headache, increased hepatic enzymes, and rash.

 $^{^{2}}N = 546$ at baseline.

 $^{^{}b}N = 272$ at baseline.

^cPatient Global Impression of Improvement not collected at baseline; results represent rating scores and not change values.

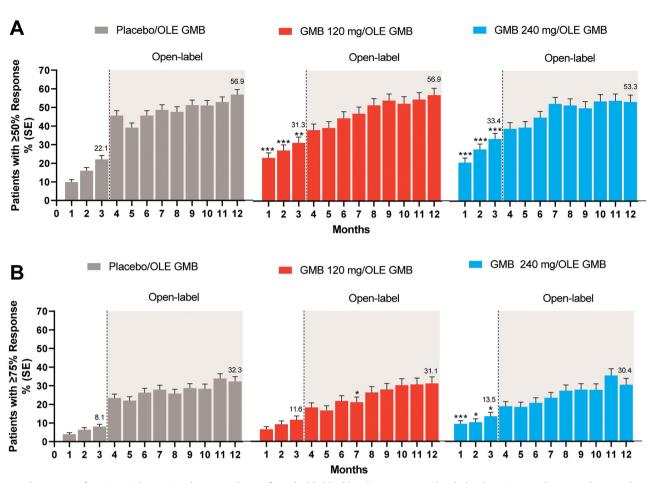


Figure 4. Percentage of patients with \geq 50% and \geq 75% reduction from double-blind baseline in migraine headache days. A. \geq 50% Response. B. \geq 75% Response. Abbreviations: GMB galcanezumab, OLE open-label extension, PBO placebo, SE standard error. p-value comparisons vs. placebo: * $p \leq$.05; *** p < .01; ***p < .001.

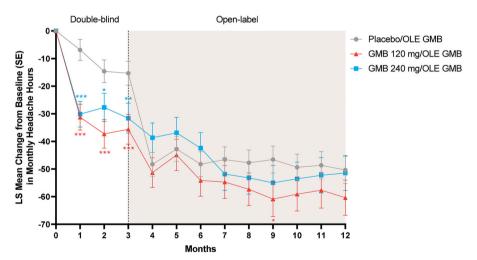


Figure 5. Mean change from double-blind baseline in monthly headache hours. Abbreviations: GMB galcanezumab, LS least squares, SE standard error, OLE open-label extension. p-value comparisons vs. placebo: *p < .05; *** p < .01; ****p < .001.

All other AEs causing discontinuation were reported by 1 patient each. Of the 7 patients who discontinued due to urticaria, one patient experienced a serious event of urticaria that occurred all over the body and was considered related to the investigational product. The other 6 events were of moderate severity, of which 5 events were possibly related to open-label treatment.

Pooling all AE terms related to injection sites indicated that 14% of patients had an injection site-related TEAE during the OLE (11%, 17%, and 16% of patients in the previous placebo, galcanezumab 120-mg, and galcanezumab 240-mg treatment groups, respectively). The most frequent types of injection site-related TEAEs were injection site reaction (6%), injection site erythema (3%), and injection site pain (2%).



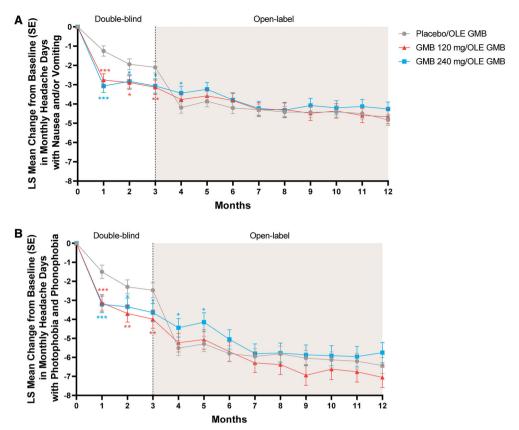


Figure 6. Mean change from double-blind baseline in migraine headache days with nausea and/or vomiting (A) and migraine headache days with photophobia and phonophobia (B). Abbreviations: GMB galcanezumab, $\bar{L}S$ least squares, OLE open-label extension, SE standard error. p-value comparisons vs. placebo: *p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001.

Table 3. Treatment-emergent adverse events during the open-label period.

Event	Previous Placebo N = 501 n (%)	Previous 120 mg GMB N = 259 n (%)	Previous 240 mg GMB N = 262 n (%)	Total N = 1022 n (%)
Patients with \geq 1 TEAE	350 (70)	185 (71)	184 (70)	719 (70)
TEAEs related to study treatment ^{a,b}	112 (22)	63 (24)	64 (24)	239 (23)
SAEs ^b	18 (4)	6 (2)	9 (3)	33 (3)
DCAEs ^b	23 (5)	12 (5)	11 (4)	46 (5)
Deaths ^b	0	0	0	0
TEAEs ≥ 5% in any treatment group				
Nasopharyngitis	46 (9)	25 (10)	27 (10)	98 (10)
Upper respiratory tract infection	27 (5)	18 (7)	18 (7)	63 (6)
Injection site reaction	20 (4)	22 (9)	18 (7)	60 (6)
Urinary tract infection	31 (6)	8 (3)	5 (2)	44 (4)
Influenza	14 (3)	17 (7)	12 (5)	43 (4)
Back pain	12 (2)	14 (5)	13 (5)	39 (4)

Abbreviations. DCAE, discontinuation from treatment due to an adverse event, GMB, galcanezumab, N, number of subjects, n, number of subjects within each specific category, SAE, serious adverse event, TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. ^alncludes events that were considered related to study treatment as judged by the investigator.

Most injection site-related AEs were mild or moderate in severity. Four patients (0.4%) discontinued treatment due to an AE related to the injection site.

A total of 9% of patients experienced likely hypersensitivity events during the OLE (9% in the previous placebo group, 10% in the previous galcanezumab 120-mg group, and 10% in the previous galcanezumab 240-mg group), with the most frequent type being rash (2%). There were no cases of an anaphylactic reaction.

A total of 15 patients (1%) reported treatment-emergent constipation during the OLE (2% in the previous placebo, <1% in previous galcanezumab 120-mg group, and 2% in previous galcanezumab 240-mg group). Most cases were mild (11 patients) or moderate (3 patients) in severity. No patients discontinued due to constipation.

A total of 11 patients (1%) had hypertension reported as a treatment-emergent adverse event during the OLE (1% in the previous placebo, 1% in previous galcanezumab 120-mg

^bSubjects may be counted in more than 1 category.

group, and 2% in previous galcanezumab 240-mg group). All cases were mild (5 patients) or moderate (6 patients) in severity, and no patients discontinued due to hypertension.

A total of 7 patients became pregnant during treatment with galcanezumab (2 during double-blind exposure and 5 during open-label exposure). Of these, 3 resulted in normal births, 2 were lost to follow-up, and 2 were electively terminated. For comparison, 3 patients receiving placebo became pregnant during the double-blind period (1 normal birth, 1 premature birth, and 1 trauma-induced miscarriage).

There were no clinically meaningful mean changes in laboratory analyses, vital signs, weight, or electrocardiograms. There was also no signal with respect to treatment-emergent abnormalities on any of the safety parameters.

Assessment of anti-drug antibodies (ADA) to galcanezumab indicated that 11% of patients developed treatmentemergent ADA during treatment with galcanezumab in either the double-blind or OLE periods. However, no meaningful relationship was found between the presence of ADA and the effectiveness of galcanezumab nor any clinical sequelae.

Safety and efficacy in patients on concurrent prophylaxis

A total of 162 patients (15%) elected to remain on either concurrent topiramate (115/162, 71%) or concurrent propranolol (48/162, 30%) for migraine prevention during the study (note that 1 patient inadvertently remained on both). See Supplemental Table 2 for details regarding the baseline characteristics and study disposition of this subgroup of patients. Patient characteristics in this subgroup were generally similar to those of the patients who did not remain on concurrent prophylaxis during the study except for a slightly higher mean age and duration of migraine illness as well as having an average of 1 greater comorbid illness relative to the patients without concurrent prophylaxis. Two of these patients had protocol deviations related to changing or stopping the concurrent prophylaxis (1 switched from propranolol to atenolol during the baseline period and 1 discontinued their propranolol at month 1); otherwise, all concurrent prophylaxis patients continued their topiramate or propranolol throughout their double-blind period participation, with only 6 patients stopping their concurrent prophylaxis at some point during the OLE, which was allowed per protocol.

The study was not powered to detect a difference between treatment arms within the concurrent prophylaxis subgroup, and only the 120-mg galcanezumab group showed numeric superiority to placebo on the primary outcome measure of monthly migraine headache days. The mean change from double-blind baseline to month 3 in monthly migraine headache days (SE) among concurrent prophylaxis patients was -2.6 (1.1) for placebo, -2.9 (1.3) for galcanezumab $120 \,\mathrm{mg}$, and $-1.9 \,(1.3)$ for galcanezumab 240 mg. Once all concurrent prophylaxis patients began open-label treatment with galcanezumab, monthly migraine headache days continued to decrease: -5.0 (1.1), -6.9 (1.4),

and -4.4 (1.4) at month 6, and -6.8 (1.1), -9.5 (1.5), and -6.4 (1.5) at month 12 for the previous placebo, previous galcanezumab 120 mg, and previous galcanezumab 240 mg groups, respectively.

Similar to the general study population, a total of 72% of concurrent prophylaxis patients experienced at least 1 treatment-emergent AE in the OLE, with the most common of these being nasopharyngitis (8%), bronchitis (7%), upper respiratory tract infection (7%), and injection-site reaction (6%). There were no meaningful differences between the concurrent prophylaxis patients and the no concurrent prophylaxis patients with respect to safety parameters.

Discussion

The REGAIN study was an international, phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 3-month study followed by a 9-month OLE in adults with CM. Results from the OLE extend and support the findings of efficacy and safety previously reported for the double-blind treatment period²². Adherence to treatment was high, with 81% of all patients who entered the OLE (825/1022) completing the 9month treatment period. Among patients in the randomized galcanezumab groups, who had an opportunity to receive a full 12 months of galcanezumab treatment, adherence at 12 months was 74% (412/555).

Treatment effectiveness

With respect to treatment effectiveness in the OLE, patients in the previous placebo group showed a rapid mean improvement on all efficacy measures after the first openlabel dose of galcanezumab, which paralleled the rapid response seen in the galcanezumab-treated groups during the double-blind treatment period. Although results should be interpreted with caution due to the open-label nature of this portion of the study, this parallel slope in the reduction of migraine headache days in the first month of treatment suggests the presence of a rapid and robust drug effect. Additionally, patients in the previous 120-mg or 240-mg galcanezumab groups continued to show mean improvements or maintenance of these responses during the OLE. Thus, results from the OLE demonstrated a sustained effect of galcanezumab in the preventive treatment of migraine in this CM population. At the end of the 9-month OLE, the change in monthly migraine headache days ranged from -8.5 to -9(Table 2), with results starting to plateau. This finding is generally consistent with results over a similar timeframe from open-label studies of erenumab and fremanezumab in patients with chronic migraine^{24,25}.

Other measures of treatment effectiveness indicated that many patients who had already received double-blind galcanezumab continued to improve in the OLE, with almost onethird of patients experiencing a 75% or more reduction from baseline in monthly migraine headache days. Reductions in headache hours and symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, phonophobia, and photophobia also point to important clinical gains over time. These clinically important changes are



mirrored in the finding of substantial reductions in migrainerelated disability and improvements in day-to-day functioning based on results from the MIDAS and MSQ measured throughout the study³³.

Interestingly, efficacy appeared slightly lower among patients who elected to remain on concurrent topiramate or propranolol for migraine prophylaxis during the study. Comparison of baseline severity indicators for this subgroup relative to those who washed out of their concurrent prophylaxis was most notable for the similarity between the subgroups despite the fact that these patients were still receiving a standard-of-care migraine preventive treatment (i.e. one might have expected their illness severity to be slightly lower at baseline relative to the other patients). Although the reasons for the choice to remain on concurrent prophylaxis rather than risk washing out of the medication were not reported, it is possible that these reasons may have created a selection bias that influenced the efficacy outcomes in this subgroup. Data from a double-blind study of fremanezumab in chronic migraine which also allowed concurrent prophylaxis in a limited number of patients similarly showed a numerically greater reduction in monthly headache days in the patients who were not receiving a concurrent preventive 16.

Tolerability and safety

Among all patients, the incidence of discontinuation due to AEs in the open-label period was low (5%) and similar to the incidence found in another 1-year galcanezumab study (5%)²⁶. Incidence of TEAEs related to injection site appeared to be generally manageable, with most being mild or moderate in severity and only a few leading to treatment discontinuation. Incidence of constipation in the OLE (1%) did not appear to differ from the incidence occurring in the placebo group during the double-blind period (0.5%) when accounting for the 3-times longer duration of the OLE relative to the double-blind period. The use of concurrent topiramate or propranolol did not appear to affect the safety profile for galcanezumab based on the 15% of patients who continued to use one of those medications during the trial.

Accounting for the longer exposure time, results from the REGAIN OLE indicated a safety profile for galcanezumab, which was generally consistent with the findings previously observed in the 3-month double-blind treatment period²², as well as another open-label galcanezumab study²⁶. The 1-year study completion rate was high (81%), which was consistent with the 78% completion rate previously observed in the other 1-year open-label galcanezumab study in patients with EM or CM²⁶. This high level of treatment persistence compares favorably with the existing oral standard-of-care migraine prevention treatments given that the majority of patients treated with a standard-of-care preventive medication were shown to be non-adherent after 6 months with discontinuation rates of 73% for antidepressants, 70% for antiepileptics, and 68% for beta-blockers when used as migraine preventives³⁴.

Limitations

During the OLE, both investigators and patients were not blinded to galcanezumab dosages. This may have affected patients' response to treatment and reporting of subjective events. Furthermore, because a loading dose (2 injections of 120 mg each) was re-instituted at the beginning of the OLE, patients in the previous 120-mg group essentially received a temporary dose increase. At the next visit, however, all patients had their dose decreased to a single injection (120 mg). This fixed dose of 120 mg at month 4 represented a dose decrease for patients previously receiving the 240 mg dose. Also, the visible switch from 2 injections to 1 may have had a psychological effect on all groups' responses and may account for the small, transient bump seen in the efficacy figures at month 5. This real and/or perceived dose decrease may have had an impact not only on patients' response in the month 4-5 timeframe but also may have had an impact on the dosing decision of the following visits. During the flexible dosing period, the higher dose may have been used in an attempt to achieve better efficacy results, especially when AEs were tolerable. However, based on the doubleblind data, there is no indication that the use of the 240-mg dose provides significantly different results relative to the 120-mg dose with respect to efficacy²².

Conclusions

Galcanezumab was effective for the preventive treatment of chronic migraine during this 1-year clinical trial. Patients had substantial and sustained reductions in the number of monthly migraine headache days and other important indicators of efficacy such as headache hours and days with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, phonophobia, and photophobia. Galcanezumab was well tolerated, with low rates of discontinuation and a favorable safety profile. No new safety findings were identified with longer exposure.

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