

Safety and Efficacy of Eculizumab in Pediatric Patients With aHUS, With or Without Baseline Dialysis



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Study Design

- Open-label, single-arm, multicenter, multinational, interventional clinical trial
- Pediatric patients with aHUS aged 1 month to <18 years with a body weight \geq 5 kg
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- No requirement for identified complement mutation or antibody
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- Normalization of LDH (LDH < ULN)
- Improvement of renal function (≥25% decrease in SCr from baseline)
- Confirmed by 2 consecutive measurements obtained \geq 4 weeks apart
- Secondary endpoints included:
- Hematologic normalization (platelet count normalization [\geq 150 x 10⁹/L] and LDH normalization [LDH \leq ULN]) sustained for \geq 2 consecutive measurements obtained \geq 4 weeks apart)
- TMA event-free status:
- No decrease in platelet count >25% from baseline, no PE/PI, and no new dialysis
- $\geq 25\%$ decrease in SCr from baseline (sustained for ≥ 2 consecutive measurements obtained ≥4 weeks apart)
- Change from baseline in eGFR
- eGFR improvement \geq 15 mL/min/1.73 m² from baseline sustained for \geq 2 consecutive measurements obtained ≥ 4 weeks apart
- Change in health-related quality of life (as measured by the Pediatric Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy–Fatigue [FACIT-F] questionnaire)

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cohorts (Table 1)

Table 1. Schedule of Eculizumab Dose Administration based on weight					
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≥40 kg	900 mg weekly x 4	1200 mg week 5; 1200 mg q2 weeks			
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10 to <20 kg	600 mg weekly x 1	300 mg week 2; 300 mg q2 weeks			
5 to <10 kg	300 mg weekly x 1	300 mg week 2; 300 mg q3 weeks			

RESULTS

Patient Disposition

Patient Subgroup Demographics and Baseline Laboratory Values

summarized in Table 2

Table 2. Trial C10-003: Subgroup Demographics and Baseline Laboratory Values

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Age at first infusion, mean Age, n (%) 1 month to <23 months ≥23 months to <5 years ≥5 to <12 years \geq 12 to <18 years Female gender, n (%) Patient-reported family hist Identified complement abno Factor H autoantibody (+) C3 (gain-of-function muta Factor H mutation Factor I mutation Membrane cofactor prote Identified DGKE mutation No identified mutation, n (% Duration from aHUS diagno Duration of aHUS clinical m First clinical TMA manifesta No PE/PI during current ma Prior renal transplant, n (Platelet count x 10⁹/L, mear Patients with platelet coun LDH (U/L), mean (SD) LDH >ULN, n (%) Hemoglobin concentration Serum creatinine (µmol/L), eGFR^a mL/min/1.73 m², mea eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m²), n (<15 15–29 30–44 45–59 60–89

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• Fixed doses of eculizumab were administered intravenously based on pre-specified body weight

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• A total of 27 pediatric patients were enrolled and 22 were treated with eculizumab – Of the 22 patients treated, 11 patients required dialysis at baseline and 11 patients did not

• Patient subgroup (with or without dialysis) demographics and laboratory values at baseline are

	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)	P Value
(range), years	5.5 (0.0–17.0)	7.7 (1.0–17.0)	0.2465
			0.2796
	4 (36.4)	1 (9.1)	
	3 (27.3)	2 (18.2)	
	2 (18.2)	6 (54.5)	
	2 (18.2)	2 (18.2)	
	4 (36.4)	6 (54.6)	0.6699
ory of aHUS, n (%)	3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)	NE
ormalities, n (%)			1.0000
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ation)	1 (9.1)	0	
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6)	6 (54.5)	5 (45.5)	NE
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n (SD)	105.6 (34.2)	69.4 (43.3)	0.0878
: <150 x 10 ⁹ /L, n (%)	11 (100.0)	11 (100.0)	1.0000
	1357.2 (1138.3)	2530.2 (2222.1)	0.1486
	8 (72.7)	11 (100.0)	0.6497
(g/L), mean (SD)	77.6 (17.5)	83.1 (13.0)	0.5960
mean (SD)	212.0 (146.1)	107.4 (57.2)	0.0946
ean (SD)	11.2 (3.9)	54.2 (30.0)	<0.0001
(%)			<0.0001
	10 (90.9)	0	
	1 (9.1)	3 (27.3)	
	0	2 (18.2)	
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current manifestation prior to first eculizumab	7 (1.0–36.0) [⊳]	N/A	

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Efficacy Outcomes

Primary Outcome: Complete TMA Response at 26 Weeks

- Complete TMA response was achieved in 6 of 11 (54.5%; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 23.4–83.3) patients with, and 8 of 11 (72.7%; 95% CI: 39.0–94.0) patients without baseline dialysis (P=0.6594) (Figure 1)
- Median (range) time to complete TMA response was 103.0 (35.0-153.0) and 36.5 (7.0-83.0) days respectively (P=0.0141)

TMA and Hematologic Outcomes at 26 Weeks

- Eleven of 11 (100.0%) and 10 of 11 patients (90.9%) with and without baseline dialysis, respectively, achieved TMA event-free status
- Hematologic normalization was observed in 9 of 11 patients (81.8%; 95% CI: 48.2–97.7) (Figure 1) with and without baseline dialysis, respectively (P=1.000)
- Platelet count normalization was achieved in all 11 (100.0%; 95% CI: 71.5–100.0) and 10 of 11 (90.9%; 95% CI: 58.7–99.8) patients with and without baseline dialysis (P=1.000) (Figure 1)
- Eculizumab significantly improved mean (SD) platelet count (x 10⁹/L) change from baseline in patients with (149.8 [101.0]) and without (180.2 [34.9]) baseline dialysis (P=0.0150 and P=0.0003, respectively) (Figure 2)
- Nine of 11 (81.8%; 95% CI: 48.2–97.7) patients with and without baseline dialysis, respectively, achieved LDH normalization from baseline to 26 weeks of eculizumab treatment (P=1.00) (Figure 1)
- Of 10 patients on PE/PI at baseline (5 in each subgroup), all (100.0%) discontinued by the end of the 26-week study

Figure 1. Proportion of Patients in Each Subgroup Achieving Complete TMA **Response and Hematologic, Platelet Count, and LDH Normalization at 26 Weeks**



LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; TMA, thrombotic microangiopathy.

Figure 2. Mean Platelet Count Improvement Over 26 Weeks



nt assessment occurred at Week 27 P values were generated by statistical comparisons between values at 27 weeks and at baseline.

Renal Outcomes at 26 Weeks

• Nine of 11 (81.8%) and 10 of 11 patients (90.9%) with and without baseline dialysis had eGFR improvement \geq 15 mL/min/1.73 m² from baseline to Week 26 (**Table 3, Figure 3**)

- Of the 11 patients on dialysis at baseline, 9 (81.8%) discontinued during the 26-week study period (Table 3)
- Mean (range) time to discontinuation of dialysis after eculizumab initiation was 7 (4.0–15.0) days
- Two of 11 patients were on dialysis at Week 26
- Of the 11 patients not on dialysis at baseline, all 11 (100.0%) remained dialysis-free during 26 weeks
- Thus, 2/22 (9%) of pediatric patients were on dialysis at 26 weeks - These patients received dialysis for 7 and 36 days before initiation of eculizumab

Table 3. Summary of Renal Outcomes

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Parameter	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)	<i>P</i> Value
eGFR change from baseline (mL/min/1.73 m ²), mean (SD) ^a	+57.7 (57.3) <i>P</i> =0.0568°	+70.3 (37.1) <i>P</i> =0.0056°	0.0759 ^b
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²), mean (SD)	69.8 (59.1)	124.6 (24.6)	NE
eGFR improvement from baseline \geq 15 mL/min/1.73 m ² , n (%)	9 (81.8)	10 (90.9)	1.0000 ^b
Serum creatinine decrease ≥25%, n (%)	7 (63.6)	9 (81.8)	0.6351 ^b
CKD improvement \geq 1 stage from baseline, n (%)	9 (81.8)	8 (88.9)	1.0000 ^b
Patients on dialysis at baseline who discontinued dialysis during the study, n (%)	9 (81.8)	N/A	
Time to discontinuation of dialysis after eculizumab initiation, mean (range), days	7 (4.0–15.0) ^d	N/A	

CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; N/A, not applicable; NE, not evaluated; SD, standard deviation. Endpoint assessment occurred at Week 27.

^bP values were generated by statistical comparisons between subgroups

^cP values were generated by statistical comparisons between values at 27 weeks and baseline ^dn=8. One patient discontinued dialysis before the first dose of eculizumab and received no new dialysis. Two additional patients were still on dialysis at Week 26.



Figure 3. Mean Improvement in eGFR Over 26 Weeks

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate P values were generated by statistical comparisons between values at 27 weeks and at baseline.

Improvement in Health-Related Quality of Life

• The Pediatric FACIT-F mean change from baseline to 27 weeks was 28.66 (range, 16.91–45.00) for patients with baseline dialysis and 20.50 (range, 2.00–32.00) for patients without a history of dialysis (P=0.2394)

Eculizumab Was Safe and Well Tolerated Over the 26-Week Study Period

- There were no deaths or meningococcal infections reported during the study period
- Most treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were mild or moderate in severity (Table 4)
- The most common TEAEs (frequency $\geq 20\%$) were abdominal pain, catheter site infection, cough, diarrhea, headache, hypertension, muscle spasms, nasopharyngitis, oropharyngeal pain, pyrexia, upper respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection, and vomiting
- Thirteen of 22 patients (59%) reported at least 1 serious TEAE, including 9 patients (82%) with baseline dialysis and 4 patients (36%) without dialysis (Table 5)
- One patient (on baseline dialysis) discontinued due to agitation, a serious TEAE
- One patient (on baseline dialysis) had a human anti-human antibody response, and continued eculizumab treatment without apparent adverse effect and with no apparent impact on clinical response to eculizumab treatment



Table 4. Safety of Eculizumab Treatment and Summary of TEAEs

Category	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)
TEAEs (frequency ≥15%), n (%)		
Abdominal pain	3 (27.3)	4 (36.4)
Acute tonsillitis	_	2 (18.2)
Catheter site infection	3 (27.3)	_
Cough	4 (36.4)	4 (36.4)
Dermatitis diaper	2 (18.2)	—
Diarrhea	3 (27.3)	4 (36.4)
Dyspepsia	2 (18.2)	—
Headache	3 (27.3)	—
Hypertension	3 (27.3)	—
Lymphadenopathy	—	2 (18.2)
Muscle spasms	—	3 (27.3)
Nasopharyngitis	2 (18.2)	4 (36.4)
Neck pain	—	2 (18.2)
Oropharyngeal pain	—	3 (27.3)
Pleural effusion	2 (18.2)	—
Pyrexia	6 (54.5)	5 (45.5)
Rash	2 (18.2)	—
Upper respiratory tract infection	4 (36.4)	3 (27.3)
Urinary tract infection	3 (27.3)	—
Vomiting	3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)
TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.		

Table 5. Serious TEAEs During Eculizumab Treatment

ategory	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)
atients with any serious TEAE, n (%)	9 (81.8)	4 (36.4)
elationship to eculizumab treatment, n (%)		
Unrelated	6 (54.5)	4 (36.4)
Possible	3 (27.3)	0
AEs occurring in 2 or more patients, n (%)		
Fever	2 (18.2)	0
Gastroenteritis viral	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)
Upper respiratory tract infection	2 (18.2)	0
Hypertension	2 (18.2)	0

SAEs, serious adverse events; TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.

CONCLUSIONS

- In this post hoc analysis, eculizumab produced significant and clinically meaningful improvements in hematologic and renal parameters in patients with and without dialysis at baseline
- No patients not on dialysis at baseline required dialysis after eculizumab initiation, and 82% of those on dialysis at baseline were free of dialysis during eculizumab therapy
- There were no meningococcal infections or new safety concerns reported
- Together, these data provide additional support that sustained treatment is effective and well tolerated in pediatric patients with aHUS, regardless of dialysis status at baseline

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Age at first infusion, mean (range), years	5.5 (0.0–17.0)	7.7 (1.0–17.0)	0.2465
Age, n (%)			0.2796
1 month to <23 months	4 (36.4)	1 (9.1)	
≥23 months to <5 years	3 (27.3)	2 (18.2)	
≥5 to <12 years	2 (18.2)	6 (54.5)	
≥12 to <18 years	2 (18.2)	2 (18.2)	
Female gender, n (%)	4 (36.4)	6 (54.6)	0.6699
Patient-reported family history of aHUS, n (%)	3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)	NE
Identified complement abnormalities, n (%)			1.0000
Factor H autoantibody (+)	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)	
C3 (gain-of-function mutation)	1 (9.1)	0	
Factor H mutation	2 (18.2)	0	
Factor I mutation	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)	
Membrane cofactor protein (MCP)	0	3 (27.3)	
Identified DGKE mutation, n (%)	NE	NE	
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Prior renal transplant, n (%)	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)	1.0000
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60–89	0	2 (18.2)	
≥90	0	2 (18.2)	
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TMA and Hematologic Outcomes at 26 Weeks

- Eleven of 11 (100.0%) and 10 of 11 patients (90.9%) with and without baseline dialysis, respectively, achieved TMA event-free status
- Hematologic normalization was observed in 9 of 11 patients (81.8%; 95% CI: 48.2–97.7) (Figure 1) with and without baseline dialysis, respectively (*P*=1.000)
- Platelet count normalization was achieved in all 11 (100.0%; 95% CI: 71.5–100.0) and 10 of 11 (90.9%; 95% CI: 58.7–99.8) patients with and without baseline dialysis (P=1.000) (Figure 1)
- Eculizumab significantly improved mean (SD) platelet count (x 10⁹/L) change from baseline in patients with (149.8 [101.0]) and without (180.2 [34.9]) baseline dialysis (P=0.0150 and P=0.0003, respectively) (Figure 2)
- Nine of 11 (81.8%; 95% CI: 48.2–97.7) patients with and without baseline dialysis, respectively, achieved LDH normalization from baseline to 26 weeks of eculizumab treatment (P=1.00) (Figure 1)
- Of 10 patients on PE/PI at baseline (5 in each subgroup), all (100.0%) discontinued by the end of the 26-week study

Figure 1. Proportion of Patients in Each Subgroup Achieving Complete TMA Response and Hematologic, Platelet Count, and LDH Normalization at 26 Weeks



LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; TMA, thrombotic microangiopathy.



Figure 2. Mean Platelet Count Improvement Over 26 Weeks

P values were generated by statistical comparisons between values at 27 weeks and at baseline.

Renal Outcomes at 26 Weeks

Nine of 11 (81.8%) and 10 of 11 patients (90.9%) with and without baseline dialysis had eGFR improvement ≥15 mL/min/1.73 m² from baseline to Week 26 (Table 3, Figure 3)

- Of the 11 patients on dialysis at baseline, 9 (81.8%) discontinued during the 26-week study period (Table 3)
 - Mean (range) time to discontinuation of dialysis after eculizumab initiation was 7 (4.0-15.0) days
 - Two of 11 patients were on dialysis at Week 26
- Of the 11 patients not on dialysis at baseline, all 11 (100.0%) remained dialysis-free during 26 weeks
- Thus, 2/22 (9%) of pediatric patients were on dialysis at 26 weeks
 - These patients received dialysis for 7 and 36 days before initiation of eculizumab

Table 3. Summary of Renal Outcomes

Parameter	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)	<i>P</i> Value
eGFR change from baseline (mL/min/1.73 m^2), mean (SD)*	+57.7 (57.3) <i>P</i> =0.0568°	+70.3 (37.1) <i>P</i> =0.0056°	0.0759 ^b
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²), mean (SD)	69.8 (59.1)	124.6 (24.6)	NE
eGFR improvement from baseline \geq 15 mL/min/1.73 m ² , n (%)	9 (81.8)	10 (90.9)	1.0000 ^b
Serum creatinine decrease ≥25%, n (%)	7 (63.6)	9 (81.8)	0.6351 ^b
CKD improvement \geq 1 stage from baseline, n (%)	9 (81.8)	8 (88.9)	1.0000 ^b
Patients on dialysis at baseline who discontinued dialysis during the study, n (%)	9 (81.8)	N/A	
Time to discontinuation of dialysis after eculizumab initiation, mean (range), days	7 (4.0–15.0) ^d	N/A	

CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; N/A, not applicable; NE, not evaluated; SD, standard deviation

Endpoint assessment occurred at Week 27. ¹/² values were generated by statistical comparisons between subgroups. ² values were generated by statistical comparisons between values at 27 weeks and baseline. ⁴n=8. One patient discontinued dialysis before the first dose of eculizumab and received no new dialysis. Two additional patients were still on dialysis at Week 26.

Figure 3. Mean Improvement in eGFR Over 26 Weeks



ons between values at 27 weeks and at baseline

Improvement in Health-Related Quality of Life

• The Pediatric FACIT-F mean change from baseline to 27 weeks was 28.66 (range, 16.91-45.00) for patients with baseline dialysis and 20.50 (range, 2.00-32.00) for patients without a history of dialysis (P=0.2394)

Eculizumab Was Safe and Well Tolerated Over the 26-Week Study Period

- · There were no deaths or meningococcal infections reported during the study period
- Most treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were mild or moderate in severity (Table 4)
 - The most common TEAEs (frequency ≥20%) were abdominal pain, catheter site infection, cough, diarrhea, headache, hypertension, muscle spasms, nasopharyngitis, oropharyngeal pain, pyrexia, upper respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection, and vomiting
- Thirteen of 22 patients (59%) reported at least 1 serious TEAE, including 9 patients (82%) with baseline dialysis and 4 patients (36%) without dialysis (Table 5)
 - One patient (on baseline dialysis) discontinued due to agitation, a serious TEAE
 - One patient (on baseline dialysis) had a human anti-human antibody response, and continued eculizumab treatment without apparent adverse effect and with no apparent impact on clinical response to eculizumab treatment

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Category	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)
TEAEs (frequency ≥15%), n (%)		
Abdominal pain	3 (27.3)	4 (36.4)
Acute tonsillitis	_	2 (18.2)
Catheter site infection	3 (27.3)	-
Cough	4 (36.4)	4 (36.4)
Dermatitis diaper	2 (18.2)	-
Diarrhea	3 (27.3)	4 (36.4)
Dyspepsia	2 (18.2)	_
Headache	3 (27.3)	_
Hypertension	3 (27.3)	-
Lymphadenopathy	-	2 (18.2)
Muscle spasms	-	3 (27.3)
Nasopharyngitis	2 (18.2)	4 (36.4)
Neck pain	-	2 (18.2)
Oropharyngeal pain	-	3 (27.3)
Pleural effusion	2 (18.2)	-
Pyrexia	6 (54.5)	5 (45.5)
Rash	2 (18.2)	_
Upper respiratory tract infection	4 (36.4)	3 (27.3)
Urinary tract infection	3 (27.3)	_
Vomiting	3 (27.3)	3 (27.3)
FEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.		

Table 5. Serious TEAEs During Eculizumab Treatment

Category	Dialysis (n=11)	No Dialysis (n=11)
Patients with any serious TEAE, n (%)	9 (81.8)	4 (36.4)
Relationship to eculizumab treatment, n (%)		
Unrelated	6 (54.5)	4 (36.4)
Possible	3 (27.3)	0
SAEs occurring in 2 or more patients, n (%)		
Fever	2 (18.2)	0
Gastroenteritis viral	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)
Upper respiratory tract infection	2 (18.2)	0
Hypertension	2 (18.2)	0

SAEs, serious adverse events; TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.

CONCLUSIONS

- In this post hoc analysis, eculizumab produced significant and clinically meaningful improvements in hematologic and renal parameters in patients with and without dialysis at baseline
- No patients not on dialysis at baseline required dialysis after eculizumab initiation, and 82% of those on dialysis at baseline were free of dialysis during eculizumab therapy
- There were no meningococcal infections or new safety concerns reported
- Together, these data provide additional support that sustained treatment is effective and well tolerated in pediatric patients with aHUS, regardless of dialysis status at baseline

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