A Multicenter Study Is Evaluating Zilganersen, an Investigational RNA-Targeted Medicine, for People With Alexander Disease (AxD)

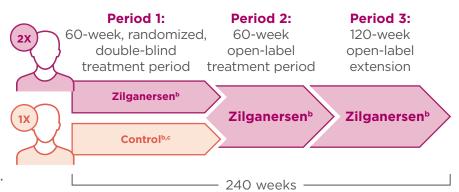


The Phase 1-3, double-blind, randomized, controlled clinical trial is currently underway^a



Study objective:

Study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational RNA-targeted antisense medicine, zilganersen, in improving or stabilizing gross motor function across the affected domains in patients with AxD.



This is a multicenter, double-blind, controlled multiple-ascending dose, two-part study of zilganersen. **Period 1** consists of participants who will be randomized in a 2:1 ratio to receive zilganersen or control^c for a period of 60 weeks, followed by **Period 2**, which consists of an open-label period where all participants will receive zilganersen for a period of 60 weeks. This is followed by **Period 3**, a 120-week open-label extension. Multiple dose cohorts will be evaluated in the study.

Select inclusion criteria:

- Clinical phenotype and brain imaging consistent with a diagnosis of AxD
- People aged ≥2-65 years^{a,d,e}
- Documented genetic mutation in GFAP

For complete study information and inclusion/exclusion criteria scan here:



Table: Key Clinical Endpoints	
Primary Endpoint	Change from Baseline (Day 1) through Study Week 60 in Part 1 in 10MWT ^f
	Change from Baseline in Most Bothersome Symptom Change from Baseline in GMFM-88 and PedsQL GI Scores
Secondary Endpoints ⁹	Change from Baseline in CGIC and CGIS Scores Change from Baseline in AxD-PDIC and AxD-PDIS Scores Change from Baseline in 9-HPT Change from Baseline in In-Clinic Vineland-3 and Vineland-3 ABC Scores
	Change from Baseline in COMPASS-31 Score Change from Baseline in CSF GFAP Concentration



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^aParticipants <2 years of age will be included in a separate optional, open-label, sub-study, which is only available at select sites, and which will have a different clinical trial design and endpoints than the study for individuals ≥2 years of age. ^bAdministered by lumbar IT bolus injection. ^cIT placebo will continue ex-United States, and lumbar puncture control will replace IT placebo in the United States. ^cAt the time of informed consent. ^cPatients <18 years old at screening must have a trial partner (parent, caregiver, or other). ^cPercent change over time from baseline to Week 61. ^cList is not comprehensive. Select endpoints in adult or pediatric populations only. Secondary endpoints are specific to part 1.

9-HPT, 9-Hole Peg Test; 10MWT, 10-Meter Walk Test; AxD-PDIC, AxD Patient Domain Impression of Change; AxD-PDIS, AxD Patient Domain Impression of Severity; CGIC, Clinical Global Impression of Change; CGIS, Clinical Global Impression of Severity; COMPASS-31, Composite Autonomic Symptom Score 31; CSF, cerebrospinal spinal fluid; GFAP, glial fibrillary acid protein; GMFM-88, Gross Motor Function Measure-88; IT, intrathecal; PedsQL GI, Pediatrics Quality of Life Inventory Gastrointestinal Symptoms Scale; Vineland-3 ABC, Vineland Adaptive Behavior Composite, Third Edition; Vineland-3, Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Third Edition.

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Zilganersen Is an Investigational RNA-Targeted Medicine (RTM) That Has Been Designed to Reduce CNS Expression of GFAP¹⁻⁵



Proposed Zilganersen-Mediated Downregulation of GFAP¹⁻⁵

GFAP dsDNA



RNA-targeted medicine Target RNA sequence

Transcription



Cleaved (Pre-)mRNA



Reduces GFAP Production

Gfap-targeting antisense oligonucleotide administration in animal models lowered levels of wild-type and mutant GFAP in the CNS, restored myelination, and reduced the

concentration of Rosenthal fibers, the pathological hallmark of the disease.^{4,5}

Preclinical animal models have also demonstrated improved biochemical signs and symptoms of disease.^{4,5}



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CNS, central nervous system; dsDNA, double-stranded DNA; GFAP, glfal fibrillary acidic protein; mRNA, messenger RNA.

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