Eptinezumab Demonstrates Early Relief from Episodic and Chronic Migraine: Consistency of Effect Across 4 Clinical Trials

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Early and robust onset of effect is important for optimal preventive migraine treatment

- Effectiveness and speed of onset are considered the most important attributes of preventive migraine treatment (87.3% and 64.4%, respectively), in US patients with migraine¹
- AHS defines success in migraine prevention by several benefits, including:²
 - $\ge 50\%$ reduction in the frequency of headache or migraine, OR
 - Reduction in migraine-related disability and improvement in functioning, OR
 - Improvement in health-related quality of life and reduction in psychological distress
- Maximal preventive treatment benefit can take 2 to 6 months to be evident^{3,4}
 - Benefits of anti-CGRP monoclonal antibodies should be assessed after 3 months for monthly dosing (3 treatments) and 6 months for quarterly dosing (2 treatments)²

AHS, American Headache Society

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Persistence with oral migraine prevention is poor due to low efficacy or intolerable side effects^{1–4}

 Prophylactic discontinuation up to 12 months from initiation¹

 Patient-reported reasons for discontinuing migraine prophylaxis²



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Molecular design and IV delivery of eptinezumab allows for a rapid preventive effect

- Humanized monoclonal antibody designed to selectively target the CGRP ligand blocking activation at any calcitonin receptor¹
- Potent, strong binding (K_D = 4 pM) to CGRP ligand provides sustained interruption of ligand activity²⁻⁴
- Delivered by quarterly IV infusion, providing immediate C_{max} and 100% bioavailability at the end of infusion^{2,5,6}



 $K_{\ensuremath{\text{D}}}$, equilibrium dissociation constant

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Building evidence to support Day 1 as a key clinical trial endpoint in pivotal phase 3 studies of quarterly dosing of eptinezumab



*Included in Series 3 of the decision rule hierarchy of multiplicity procedure, after testing for the primary and subset of key secondary endpoints for 300 mg and 100 mg. Included in Series 2 of the decision rule hierarchy of multiplicity procedure, after testing for the primary and subset of key secondary endpoints for 300 mg. 5 Consistency of rapid onset and sustained preventive effect across trials: Average daily percentage of patients with EM experiencing migraine



*Post hoc analysis. ▲, infusion; BL, baseline (average over the 28-day screening period); Wk, week. Values for Weeks 1 through 4 calculated as the average daily percentage of patients with a migraine during that week

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Conclusion

- 100% bioavailability of eptinezumab occurs at the end of infusion, facilitating the potential for a rapid onset of migraine preventive effect
- Observation of Day 1 effect on migraine activity with eptinezumab in phase 2 trials informed the inclusion of Day 1 migraine occurrence as a prespecified key secondary endpoint in phase 3 trials
- Across 4 migraine prevention trials, eptinezumab consistently demonstrated rapid onset of migraine preventive benefit beginning Day 1 after treatment and maintained each week through Month 1
- The response observed during Month 1 was sustained through the first quarterly infusion, and maintained or further increased through subsequent infusions
 - Please see Podium Presentation 003 (PROMISE-1) and Poster 10-006 (PROMISE-2)