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### **Summary of Accomplishments**

- Confirmed clinical activity of eteplirsen in an intention-to-treat (ITT) analysis of 6-minute walk test (6MWT) for Study 201/202 vs external control
- Dystrophin production confirmed by each methodology:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> biopsy
    - Reverse-transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
    - Dystrophin intensity
    - % dystrophin-positive fibers
    - Western blot
- Expanded clinical program
- Expanded safety database
- Eteplirsen New Drug Application (NDA) filed for accelerated approval

## **Key Data Included in NDA Filing**

- ITT analysis of 6MWT or Study 201/202 vs external control
  - Intermediate clinical endpoint upon which the eteplirsen NDA filed with FDA
- Pulmonary function
- 4<sup>th</sup> biopsy
- Rescore of % dystrophin-positive fibers
- Safety

### ITT Analysis of 6MWT for Study 201/202 vs External Control

# Establishing an Appropriate External Control Cohort Per FDA Request

- Only two Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) registries contained longitudinal 6MWT data up to 36 months and included:
  - Genetic mutation data
  - Equivalent care standards including steroids
- Prospectively defined filters were used to identify external controls from these registries
  - Age, steroid use, and mutation type
  - External control patients would have been eligible for eteplirsen 201 trial based on baseline characteristics

	Italian DMD Telethon N=97	Leuven Neuromuscular Research Center (NMRC), Belgium N=89	Eteplirsen N=12 (ITT)
Clinical Outcomes	6MWT	6MWT	6MWT, PFT

6MWT, 6-minute walk test; NSAA, North Star Ambulation Assessment; PFT, pulmonary function tests.

# Italian Telethon & Leuven NMRC DMD Natural History Registries

- Investigator-initiated studies, independent of sponsor
- Patients treated according to CDC/TREAT-NMD care standards
  - Steroid use recorded
- Enrolled all patients who met eligibility criteria
  - Attending a participating neuromuscular clinic
  - Genetically confirmed diagnosis of DMD
  - No cognitive impairment that could affect 6MWT performance
- 6MWT administered by trained physical therapists according to modified American Thoracic Society procedure
- Published data in peer-reviewed articles

# Derivation of External Control Groups by Prospectively Defined Filters



N indicates participants at baseline; some patients did not contribute data through 36 months.

# Impact of Baseline Age (<7 or ≥7) on 6MWT Trends for Any Genotype

### PATIENTS <7 SHOW IMPROVED 6MWT PERFORMANCE WHILE PATIENTS ≥7 SHOW DECLINE

- Patients <7 initially improve in walking ability through 24 months and maintain 6MWT above baseline through 36 months
  - 54-meter increase observed in the first 24 months
- It is challenging to show a benefit in 6MWT in ages <7 as patients are improving due to growth & development where growth outpaces the disease



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Difference in mean change from baseline.

# Impact of Baseline Age (<7 or ≥7) on 6MWT Trends in Patients Amenable to Exon Skipping

### SIMILAR TREND OBSERVED IN EXON SKIP AMENABLE PATIENTS

 Patients <7 initially improve in walking ability through 24 months and maintain 6MWT above baseline through 36 months



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Difference in mean change from baseline.

### **Exon 51 Declines More Rapidly Than Other Genotypes**



# Patient Characteristics at Baseline: Eteplirsen and External Control Groups Were Well Matched

Parameter	Pivotal Study	6MWT External Control Groups		
Number of patients	Study 201/202 N=12	Exon 51 N=13	Any Exon N=50	
Age, years Mean (SD)	9.4 (1.18)	9.5 (1.45)	9.7 (1.52)	
6MWT distance, m Mean (SD)	363.2 (42.19)	357.6 (66.75)	355.7 (87.28)	
Deletion mutations represented:	45–50, 48–50, 49–50, 50, 52	45–50, 48–50, 49–50, 50, 52	Skippable mutations	
Steroid use	100%	100%	100%	

# **151-Meter Difference Between Eteplirsen-treated vs** Matched External Controls at 3 Years

ITT ANALYSIS, N=12 FOR ETEPLIRSEN-TREATED PATIENTS AT BASELINE, 12, 24, AND 36 MONTHS

• External controls were steroid-treated, aged ≥7, and amenable to exon 51 skipping



• 2 patients in the historical group did not contribute data to the Month 36 timepoint <sup>†</sup>Difference in mean change from baseline.

### Analysis Shows Slower Rate of 6 MWT Decline in Eteplirsen Treated Patients Compared to Multiple Controls



<sup>+</sup>Sample size at baseline.

<sup>‡</sup>Difference at 36 months in mean change from baseline.

# Individual Patient Data for Eteplirsen (N=12) vs External Control (EC)

### DIFFERENCE IN RATE OF DECLINE OBSERVED IN THE MAJORITY OF PATIENTS



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	EC	Etep	EC	Etep	EC	Etep		EC	Etep
% Walking >300 m	85%	<b>92</b> %	62%	83%	46%	67%		23%	58%
% Walking >150 m	100%	100%	92%	83%	77%	83%		46%	75%
% Non-ambulant	0%	0%	8%	17%	23%	17%		46%	17%

External control (age ≥7, on steroids, amenable to exon 51 skipping)

# Eteplirsen-treated Patients (N=12) Showed a Lower Rate of Loss of Ambulation Than External Control

- 6/13 (46%) untreated external controls lost ambulation over 3 years
- 2/12 (17%; all in year 1) eteplirsen patients lost ambulation over 3 years



# **Eteplirsen-treated Cohort Maintains Benefit Through Week 192**

10/12 ETEPLIRSEN-TREATED BOYS REMAIN AMBULANT AT WEEK 192 (MEAN AGE 12.9) – ~160 WEEKS SINCE AN ETEPLIRSEN-TREATED BOY LOST AMBULATION



N=8 at month 48 as the placebo crossover patients (N=4) began treatment at week 25 (wk 25-192) and have not reached 48 months of treatment as other subjects did (wk 1-192) and have only completed 168 weeks of treatment included above. All patients are included (N=12) above in the eteplirsen values from when they started therapy. No new non-ambulant patients or discontinuations.

### **Pulmonary Function**

### Pulmonary Function: Eteplirsen-treated Patients (N=12) Remain Relatively Stable through Week 192



#### NATURAL HISTORY SHOWS STEADY DECLINES OVER TIME IN PULMONARY FUNCTION IN DMD PATIENTS



MEP, maximum expiratory pressure; MIP, maximum inspiratory pressure; FVC, forced vital capacity; BL, baseline. \*Wilson et al. 1984 equations. SLOWER RATE OF DMD PROGRESSION AT 3 YEARS OBSERVED IN STUDY 201/202 ETEPLIRSEN TREATED PATIENTS AS MEASURED BY MULTIPLE FUNCTIONAL ENDPOINTS

- Slowed disease progression at 3 years compared to external controls amenable to exon 51 skipping
  - At 3 years 6MWT  $\Delta$  = 151 m, p< 0.01
  - Decrease in proportion losing ambulation (17% vs 46%)
- Relative stability in % predicted MIP and MEP over 3 years compared to data from the scientific literature

### FOURTH BIOPSY

## **Background on Fourth Biopsy**

- 11/12 patients volunteered for surgical biopsy
  - All protocols designed in collaboration with FDA
- Measurements of mechanism of action
  - RT-PCR
- Measurements of dystrophin expression
  - Percent dystrophin-positive fibers
  - Dystrophin signal intensity
  - Western blot
- Measurements were blinded, randomized, and analyzed by 4 independent pathologists

# Demonstration of Exon Skipping by RT-PCR and Confirmed by Sequencing

- 4<sup>th</sup> Biopsy: All (100%) patients (N=11\*) demonstrated exon 51 skipped mRNA product after 180 weeks of treatment was present
- In-frame mRNA transcripts as a result of exon 51 skipping confirmed by sequencing in all patients



# 100% of patients dosed with eteplirsen in completed clinical studies to date demonstrated exon skipping (N=36)

\*1 boy opted out of the voluntary surgical biopsy.

### Dystrophin-positive Fibers Visibly Present in Eteplirsen-treated Patients' 4<sup>th</sup> Biopsies Compared to DMD Exon 51 Skip Amenable Control Biopsies

DYSTROPHIN DETECTED IN 10/11 BIOPSIES vs NO DYSTROPHIN-POSITIVE FIBERS IN ANY DMD 51 CONTROLS

Etep	Untreated Exc		
PT #1	PT #5	PT #9	DMD #1
PT #2	PT #6	PT #10	DMD #2 DMD #3
PT #3	PT #7	PT #11	
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PT #4	PT #8	One (1) eteplirsen subject declined the optional 4 <sup>th</sup> surgical biopsy	DMD #

on 51 DMD Controls

**DMD #5** 

**DMD #6** 

**DMD #7** 

**DMD #8** 

### Patient #11: All 4<sup>th</sup> Biopsy Images Compared to Exon 51 DMD Skip Amenable Controls at Week 180

SUBJECT 11: EVERY IMAGE OF 4<sup>TH</sup> BIOPSY SHOWN BELOW TO SHOW MULTIPLE LAYERS OF BIOPSY



### **Statistically Significant Increase in Percent Positive Fibers Observed in Treated vs. Control**

### PROTOCOL REVIEWED BY FDA PRIOR TO EVALUATION OF TISSUE BY 4 BLINDED PATHOLOGISTS



### Mean Fluorescence Intensity Demonstrated a Statistically Significant Increase in Treated vs Controls



### **Role of Western Blot**

- Primary diagnostic tool prior to the introduction of genetic testing
  - Absence of band confirmed DMD
  - Presence of band confirmed BMD
- Nine of 11 eteplirsen-treated patients had an observable dystrophin band
- Nine untreated DMD controls amenable to skipping exon 51 used as comparator group
- One out of 9 controls had an observable band

### Western Blot Results vs Baseline Patient A

### WESTERN BLOT





**Dystrophin Band (DYS1): Present** 

Consistent 50 µg total protein per lane loaded Exposure time 30 minutes per gel

### Western Blot Results vs Baseline Patient B

### WESTERN BLOT





**Dystrophin Band (DYS1): Present** 

Consistent 50 µg total protein per lane loaded Exposure time 30 minutes per gel

# Fourth Biopsy Summary: Following Eteplirsen Treatment, Increased Dystrophin Expression Confirmed by All Quantification Methods

• RT-PCR - Exon skipping in 100% of patients and all confirmed by sequencing

**Eteplirsen-treated vs Untreated Exon 51-amenable DMD Controls:** 

- Dystrophin Intensity (*p*<0.001)
  - Automated quantification of dystrophin intensity at the sarcolemma using BIOQUANT<sup>®</sup> software confirmed statistical significant increases
- % Dystrophin-positive Fibers (*p*<0.001)
  - 4 blinded pathologists independently scored and confirmed statistically significant increases in dystrophin-positive fibers compared to DMD control biopsies
- Western Blot
  - Presence of dystrophin protein confirmed in 9 of 11 (82%) of eteplirsen patients at Week 180 vs 1 of 9 (11%) in the DMD control biopsies

## Rescore of Percent Dystrophin-positive Fibers in Study 201

### **Original assessment of dystrophin-positive fibers in Study 4658-201:**

- Scored by one blinded pathologist
- Met primary endpoint
  - Statistically significant increase in % dystrophin-positive fibers of eteplirsen-treated patients at Week 24 compared to baseline

### **Re-assessment of dystrophin-positive fibers in Study 4658-201:**

 Scored by 3 independent blinded pathologists, plus blinded nationwide pathologist (total 4)

### **3 Independent Pathologists Confirmed Statistically Significant Change in Dystrophin-positive Fibers From Baseline**

- 30 mg/kg: Statistically significant increase of dystrophin-۲ positive fibers from baseline at Week 24, which confirms previously announced result
- 50 mg/kg: No significant change from baseline at ۲ Week 12, which demonstrates a delay in production as expected
- Placebo: No significant change from baseline at Weeks ۲ 12 and 24, which confirms previously announced result



Placebo

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Inter-rater reliability (ICC = 0.793) and intra-rater reliability (ICC = 0.944) showed excellent level of concordance among 3 independent pathologists for all treatment groups

## Safety

Study & Description	Dose (mg/kg)	Route	Duration of Dosing	Ν
<b>Study 33</b> Proof-of-concept	0.09, 0.9	IM	Single dose	7
<b>Study 28</b> Dose ranging	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 10, 20	$IV^{\dagger}$	12 weeks	19
<b>Study 201/202</b> Double-blind, placebo-controlled/ open-label extension	30, 50	IV <sup>+</sup>	~3 years	12
Studies 301 & 204	30	$IV^{\dagger}$	12-24 weeks	12
Recently initiated	30	$IV^{\dagger}$	<12 weeks	22
ALL ETEPLIRSEN TREATED PATIENTS				

46 patients (46 patient-years) exposed to ≥30 mg/kg proposed clinical dose

### **Enhanced Safety Database Submitted in the NDA**

- NDA submitted with 72 total patients with 46 patient years of experience at ≥30mg/kg with >2600 doses provided in the NDA
  - 12 patients treated for over 3 years
  - 12 patients treated for 3–6 months
  - 114 patients to be included in next safety data cut (120-day update)
- Most common adverse events were mild and unrelated to study drug similar to 201/202
- Adverse drug reactions include flushing, erythema, and mild temperature elevation
- No drug-related serious adverse events
  - No evidence of drug-related renal, hepatic, coagulation, or severe cutaneous AESIs\*
    - No elevated GGT, glomerular nephritis, hepatocellular injuries
    - No clinically significant infusion-site reactions with associated ulcers
    - No thrombocytopenia, intra cranial venous sinus thrombosis, intracranial hypertension
    - No drug related alopecia

\*AESI, adverse event of special interest observed with phosphorothioate anti-sense oligonucleotides

## Week 192 Safety Update: No Missed Doses Due to Drug-related Adverse Events Through Week 192

- Total doses administered >2300 at Week 192
- Majority of missed doses due to planned family vacations
- No missed doses due to eteplirsen-related adverse events (AEs)
- No eteplirsen-related serious AEs
- No intermittent dosing needed
- No drug holidays, no dose reductions, no discontinuations
- No hospitalizations due to drug-related AEs
- Most common AEs were mild and unrelated to study drug (201/202)
- Adverse drug reactions to Eteplirsen include flushing, erythema, and mild temperature elevation

# Mean Ejection Fraction Through 192 Weeks (ITT; N=12)



### NATURAL HISTORY SHOWS CARDIAC HEALTH DECREASES OVER TIME AS BOY AGES AND DISEASE PROGRESSES

Mean Change From Baseline to Week	192
Mean All Groups	1.49%

No evidence of declining left ventricular ejection fraction at Week 192 of eteplirsen treatment

## Summary of Key Results: Totality of the Data

Clinical Efficacy	<ul> <li>151-meter advantage in 6MWT of eteplirsen-treated patients compared to external control at 3 yrs (<i>p</i>&lt;0.01)</li> <li>Pulmonary stability</li> </ul>
Biochemical Efficacy (Supportive Efficacy)	<ul> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Biopsy (Voluntary: 11 patients) at week 180 <ul> <li>RT-PCR: 100% of patients demonstrated exon skipping, mechanism of action confirmed</li> <li>Dystrophin intensity: <i>p</i>&lt;0.001 compared to DMD controls</li> <li>% dystrophin-positive fibers: <i>p</i>&lt;0.001 vs DMD controls</li> <li>Western blot: protein production confirmed in 9 of 11 patients</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rescore of Weeks 12 &amp; 24 <ul> <li>30 mg/kg: Statistically significant increase of dystrophin-positive fibers from baseline at Week 24, which confirms previously announced result <i>p</i>&lt;0.007</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Safety	<ul> <li>Drug continues to remain well tolerated after &gt;2300 doses in 201/202</li> <li>No injection-site reactions, thrombocytopenia, coagulation, pulmonary embolisms, or renal and hepatic impairment</li> <li>No hospitalizations due to drug-related adverse events</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>No decrease in ejection fraction</li> </ul>

#### **OUR MISSION IS TO FIND A TREATMENT FOR EVERY BOY WITH DMD: EVERY MINUTE MATTERS**

- We are committed to developing therapies for patients with DMD regardless of underlying mutation
  - Eteplirsen for exon 51 skipping under FDA review and is the key for PMO exon skipping in DMD
    - Four clinical trials ongoing, over 100 patients will be receiving eteplirsen once trials fully enroll
      - Meeting with EMA and hiring key personnel in 2016 for EU strategy
- Exons 53 & 45
  - Clinical trials underway in US and EU, will enroll over 100 patients
- Our goal is to develop treatments for 8 exons by 2018
  - Working collaboratively with the FDA & EMA to determine an approval path in rarer mutations
  - Working internally on exons 55, 52, 50, 35, 8, and beginning collaboration on exon-2 duplication
- Evaluating approaches beyond exon skipping to bring disease-modifying treatments to all patients with DMD

PMO, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomer; EMA, European Medicines Agency.

### **Panel Discussion**

### Thank you

Line open for questions