

# Safety, $\beta$ -Sarcoglycan Expression, and Functional Outcomes From Systemic Gene Transfer of rAAVrh74.MHCK7.hSGCB in LGMD2E/R4

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# SRP-9003: Investigational gene therapy for limb girdle muscular dystrophy type 2E/R4

- LGMD2E/R4 is caused by mutations in the  $\beta$ -sarcoglycan (*SGCB*) gene<sup>1,2</sup>
- Adeno-associated virus (AAV)–mediated gene transfer therapy to express full-length *SGCB* has the potential to treat LGMD2E/R4

## SRP-9003: Self-Complementary AAV Vector

### rAAVrh74



*Efficient skeletal and cardiac muscle transduction*<sup>3</sup>

### MHCK7 Promoter



*Optimized for expression in skeletal and cardiac muscle*<sup>4-6</sup>

### hSGCB cDNA



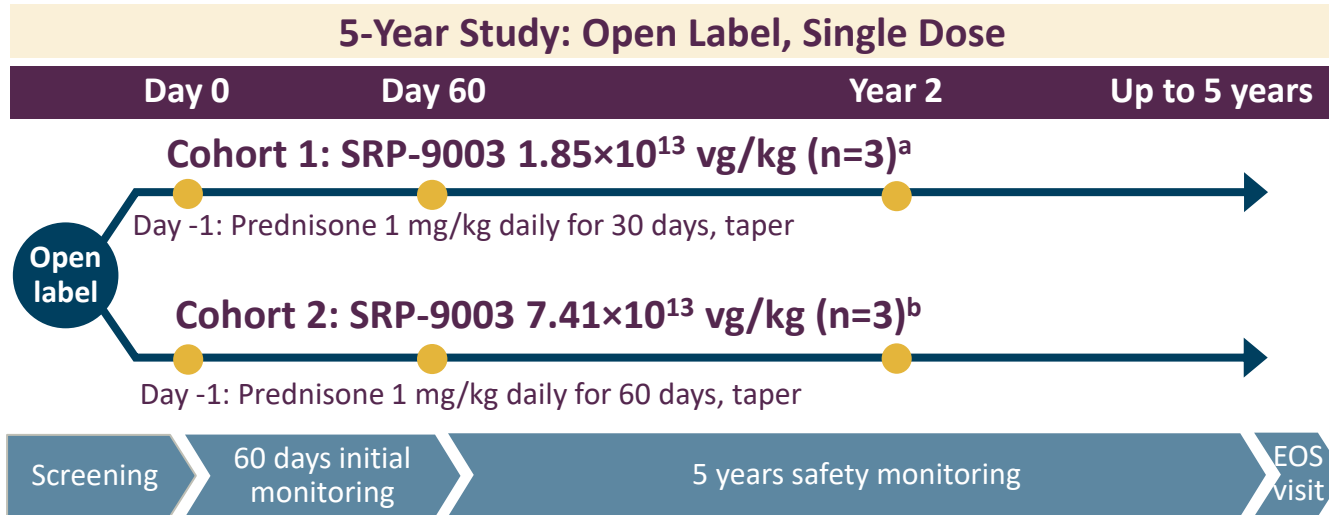
*Full-length hSGCB gene transfer*

**Objective: To report the interim findings of an ongoing phase 1/2 clinical gene transfer trial delivering SRP-9003 to patients with LGMD2E/R4 (Study SRP-9003-101; NCT03652259)**

*hSGCB*=human  $\beta$ -sarcoglycan. LGMD2E/R4, limb-girdle muscular dystrophy type 2E/R4.

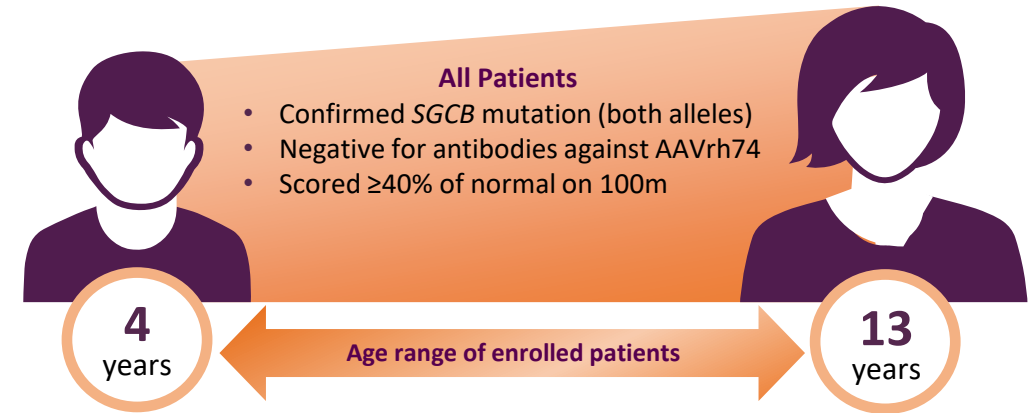
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# Study design: First-in-human, open-label, phase 1/2 study



● Muscle biopsy

- **Primary endpoint:** Safety
- **Secondary endpoint:** SGCB expression at week 8
- **Other endpoints:**
  - Change in creatine kinase from baseline
  - Functional endpoints (NSAD and timed tests: 100m, 10m, 4-stair climb, and time to rise)



## Baseline Characteristics

Cohort	Patient	Age, years	Mutation	Weight, kg	CK, U/L
Cohort 1	1	13	Exon 3 <sup>c</sup>	56.2	10,727
	2	4	Exon 4 <sup>c</sup>	17.7	12,286
	3	13	Exon 3 <sup>c</sup>	53.1	10,985
Cohort 2	4	11	Exon 4 <sup>c</sup>	29.4	6,320
	5	11	Exon 3 <sup>c</sup>	39.5	8,938
	6	8	Exon 1 <sup>d</sup>	27.3	5,743

Baseline visit occurred on Day -1.

<sup>a</sup> $1.85 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg (linear qPCR); <sup>b</sup> $7.41 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg (linear qPCR); <sup>c</sup>Missense mutation; <sup>d</sup>Nonsense mutation.

10m=10-m timed test; 100m=100-m timed test; CK=creatinase; EOS=end of study; NSAD=North Star Assessment for Limb-girdle Type Muscular Dystrophies; qPCR=quantitative polymerase chain reaction; SGCB= $\beta$ -sarcoglycan; vg=vector genome copies.

# Safety results: Treatment-related adverse events (TEAEs)

System organ class preferred term	Cohort 1 (n=3) n (%)	Cohort 2 (n=3) n (%)	Total (N=6) n (%)
<b>Patients with any treatment-related TEAEs<sup>a</sup></b>	2 (66.7)	3 (100.0)	5 (83.3)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	2 (66.7)	3 (100.0)	5 (83.3)
Abdominal pain	0	2 (66.7)	2 (33.3)
Abdominal pain upper	2 (66.7)	1 (33.3)	3 (50.0)
Nausea	0	2 (66.7)	2 (33.3)
Vomiting	1 (33.3)	3 (100.0)	4 (66.7)
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>	0	1 (33.3)	1 (16.7)
Pyrexia	0	2 (66.7)	2 (33.3)
<b>Hepatobiliary disorders</b>	1 (33.3)	0	1 (16.7)
Hepatitis	1 (33.3)	0	1 (16.7)
Hyperbilirubinemia	1 (33.3)	0	1 (16.7)

System organ class preferred term	Cohort 1 (n=3) n (%)	Cohort 2 (n=3) n (%)	Total (N=6) n (%)
<b>Investigations</b>	2 (66.7)	3 (100.0)	5 (83.3)
GGT increased	2 (66.7)	1 (33.3)	3 (50.0)
Neutrophil count decreased	0	1 (33.3)	1 (16.7)
White blood cell count decreased	0	2 (66.7)	2 (33.3)
<b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	2 (33.3)
Decreased appetite	1 (33.3)	0	1 (16.7)
Dehydration	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	2 (33.3)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	2 (66.7)	2 (66.7)	4 (66.7)
Dizziness	2 (66.7)	0	2 (33.3)

<sup>a</sup>TEAEs are defined as all AEs (as of January 18, 2022) that started on or after the study drug administration date. AEs are coded using MedDRA version 22.0. AE=adverse event; GGT=gamma-glutamyl transferase; MedDRA=Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; TEAE=treatment-emergent AE.

# Results reinforce acceptable safety profile, with no new safety signals since previous data cut (January 2021)

## Y3 Safety for Cohort 1 as of January 18, 2022 (n=3)

- 2 patients had elevated liver enzymes; 1 instance was designated a serious adverse event (SAE) and was associated with transient increase in bilirubin
  - Occurred during or after steroid tapering; resolved within days following supplemental steroid treatment
- 1 patient experienced mild vomiting that resolved within 1 day without treatment

## Y2 Safety Cohort 2 as of January 18, 2022 (n=2)

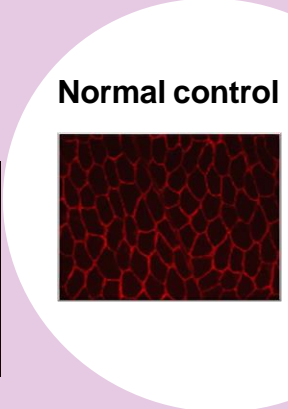
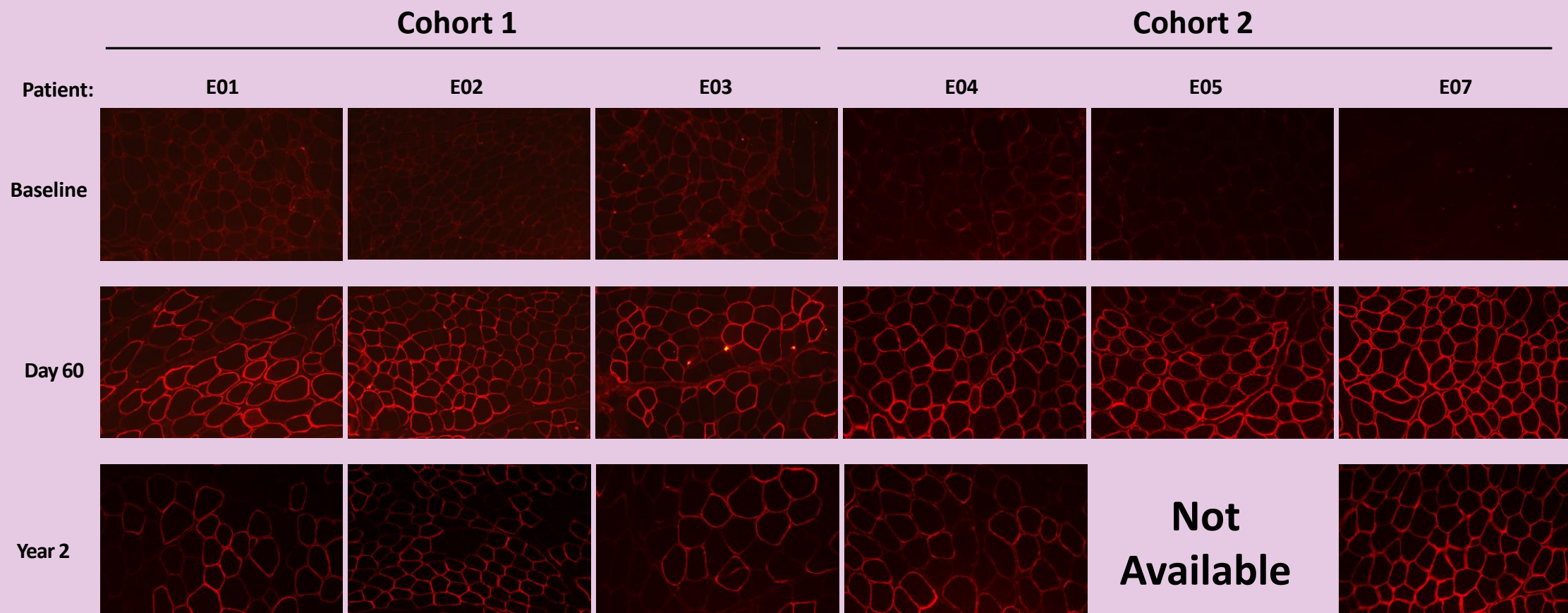
- Majority of AEs were mild to moderate (eg, vomiting, pain in extremity) and resolved
- 1 treatment-related SAE was observed
  - Dehydration resulting from vomiting 3 days after infusion; resolved within 2 days with treatment
- 1 patient had mildly elevated gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT)
  - Returned to within normal limits while on tapering dose of steroids; GGT levels did not increase after steroid treatment
- One of the participants in this trial died due to a recreational accident unrelated to the study

## Both cohorts

- Most common treatment-related AEs were vomiting (4 subjects) and GGT elevation (3 subjects)
- No stopping/discontinuation rules were triggered by AEs
- No other laboratory abnormalities were suggestive of safety concerns
  - No decreases in platelet counts observed outside the normal range
  - No clinical sequelae associated with complement activation

**Results show no new safety signals since previous data cut (January 2021), and treatment-related AEs occurred early and were transient and manageable**

# SGCB expression: Robust expression and sarcolemmal localization of SGCB at day 60 post infusion sustained for 2 years in both cohorts



# SGCB expression at 60 days post infusion was sustained for 2 years in both cohorts

**Cohort 1**  
( $1.85 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg<sup>a</sup>)

Time point	Western blot (% NC)	% SGCB+ fibers (% NC)	SGCB intensity (% NC)	Vector copies per nucleus (ddPCR) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Day 60 (n=3)</b>	36 (2.7)	51 (10.6)	47 (9.5)	---
<b>Year 2 (n=3)</b>	54 (16.1)	47 (21.3)	35 (22.9)	0.46 (0.4)

**Cohort 2**  
( $7.41 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg<sup>b</sup>)

Time point	Western blot (% NC)	% SGCB+ fibers (% NC)	SGCB intensity (% NC)	Vector copies per nucleus (ddPCR)
<b>Day 60 (n=3)</b>	62 (8.7)	72 (6.2)	73 (21.8)	2.26 (0.9)
<b>Year 2 (n=2<sup>d</sup>)</b>	60 (21.4)	63 (21.6)	44 (33.2)	0.52 (0.3)

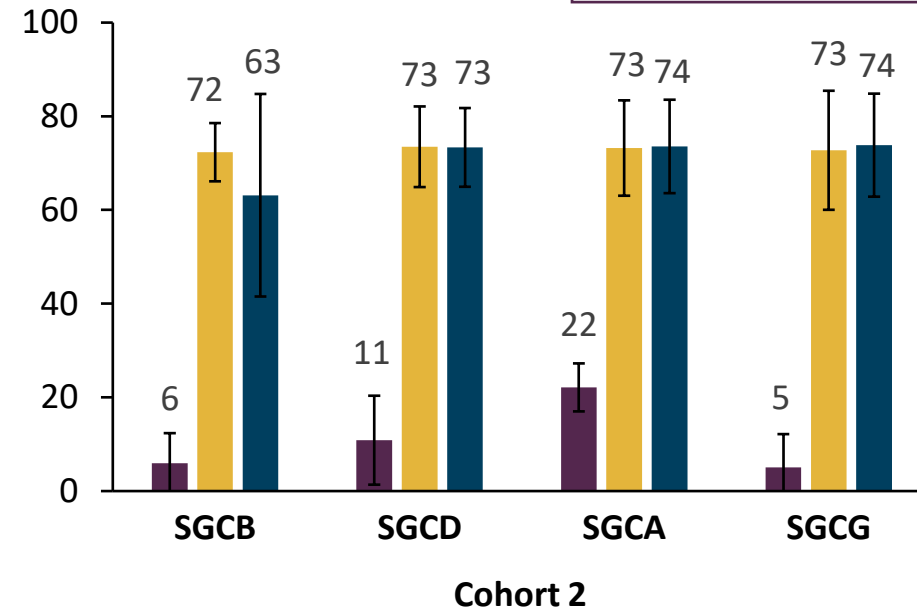
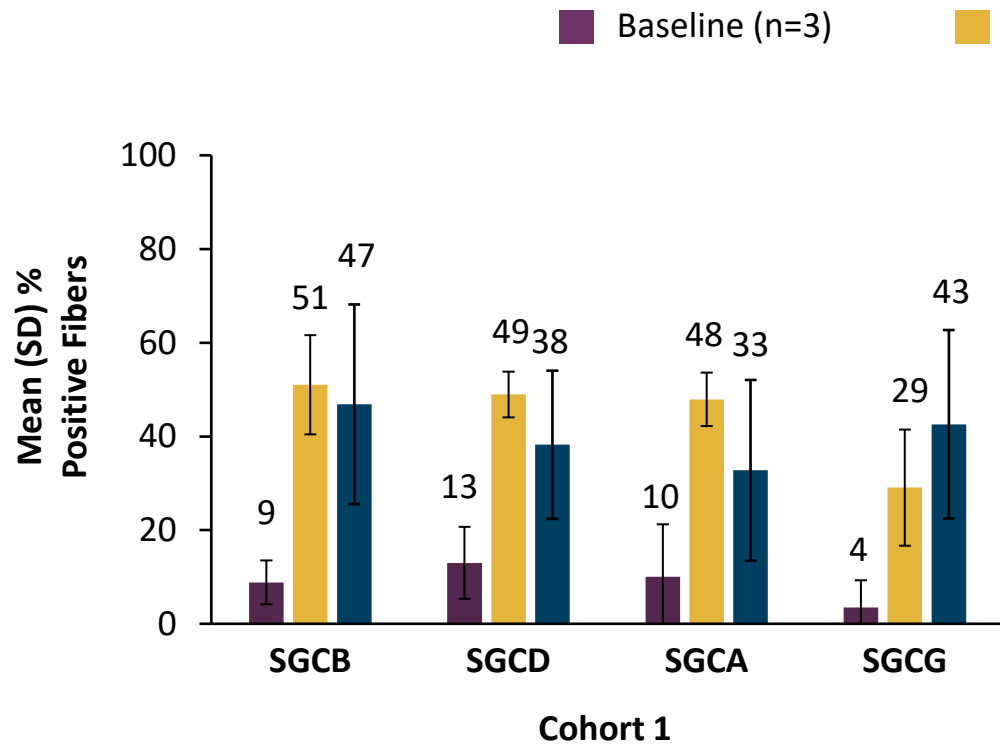
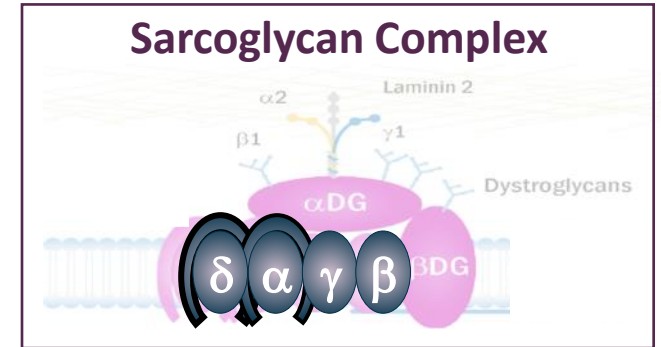
**A dose response in full-length SGCB protein expression was observed at day 60 and sustained at 2 years**

Values are mean (SD). <sup>a</sup> $1.85 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg (linear qPCR;  $5 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg supercoiled qPCR equivalent); <sup>b</sup> $7.41 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg (linear qPCR;  $2 \times 10^{14}$  vg/kg supercoiled qPCR equivalent); <sup>c</sup>Mean (SD) qPCR value of day 60 cohort 1 was 0.59 (0.4); <sup>d</sup>Cohort 2 year 2, n=2. ddPCR=droplet digital PCR; NC=normal control; PCR=polymerase chain reaction; qPCR=quantitative PCR; SGCB= $\beta$ -sarcoglycan.



# Cohort 1 and 2: SGCB expression results in reconstitution of the sarcoglycan complex up to year 2

Expression of the Sarcoglycan Complex by Immunofluorescence

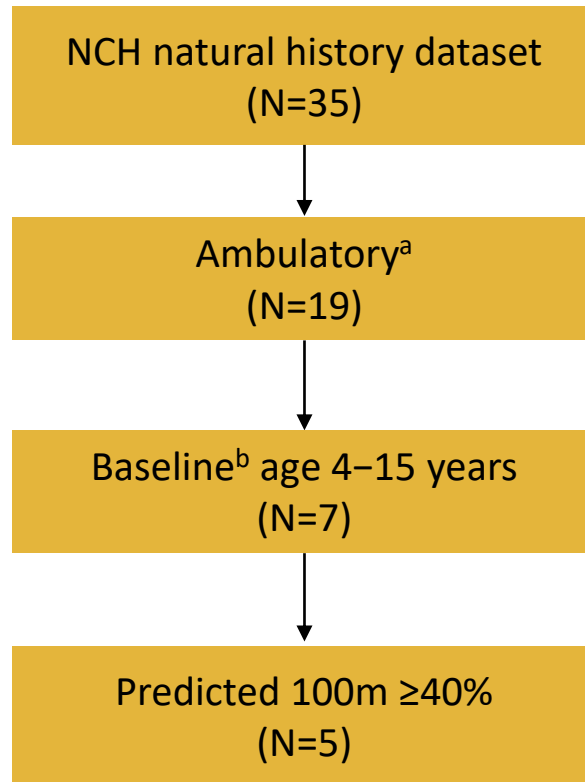


<sup>a</sup>Cohort 2 year 2, n=2.  
SGCA=α-sarcoglycan; SGCB=β-sarcoglycan; SGCD=δ-sarcoglycan; SGCG=γ-sarcoglycan.

# Baseline comparison of SRP-9003–treated patients vs natural history cohort

Comparison cohort was selected from NCH natural history dataset, based on the same key inclusion criteria as in Study SRP-9003-101

## NCH LGMD2E/R4 Natural History Cohort



## Baseline Characteristics Comparison

	SRP-9003-101 (N=6)	NCH (N=5)
Age, years	10.0 (3.5)	9.8 (3.2)
Male, n (%)	3 (50)	3 (60)
NSAD score	41.2 (3.7)	49.0 (3.9)
100m, sec	51.4 (10.5)	38.9 (3.9)
10m, sec	5.1 (0.9)	4.4 (0.3) <sup>c</sup>

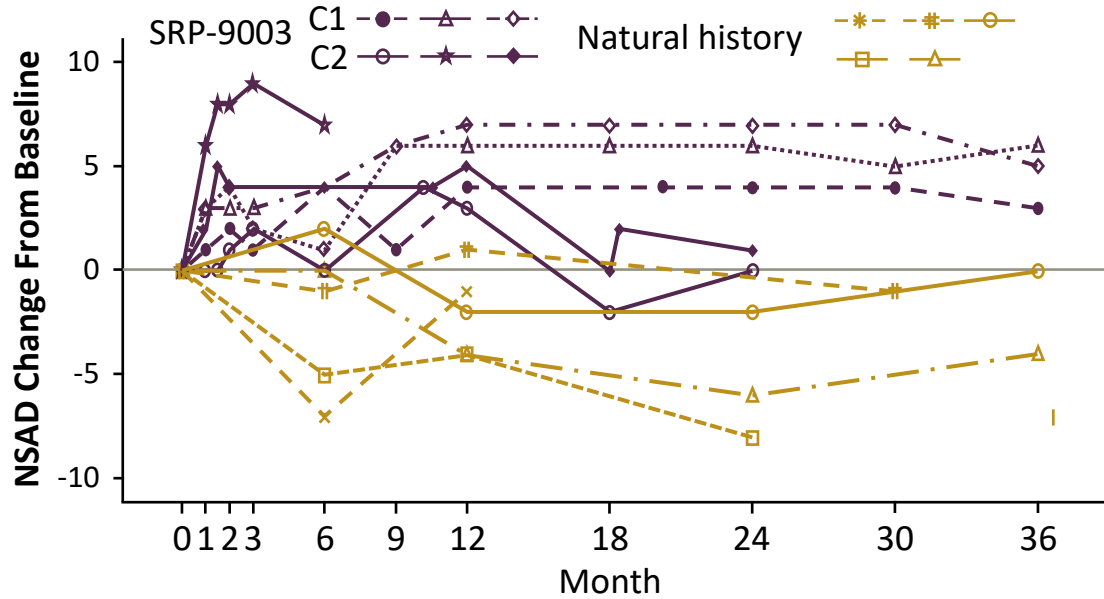
Values are mean (SD) unless noted otherwise.

<sup>a</sup>ambulatory defined as presence of 10m timed test value; <sup>b</sup>Baseline was defined as the first time point where both 100m and NSAD were nonmissing; <sup>c</sup>N=4.

10m=10-meter timed test; 100m=100-meter timed test; LGMD2E/R4=limb-girdle muscular dystrophy type 2E/R4; NCH=Nationwide Children’s Hospital; NSAD=North Star Assessment for Limb-girdle Type Muscular Dystrophies.

# SRP-9003–treated patients display an improvement in total NSAD score vs natural history

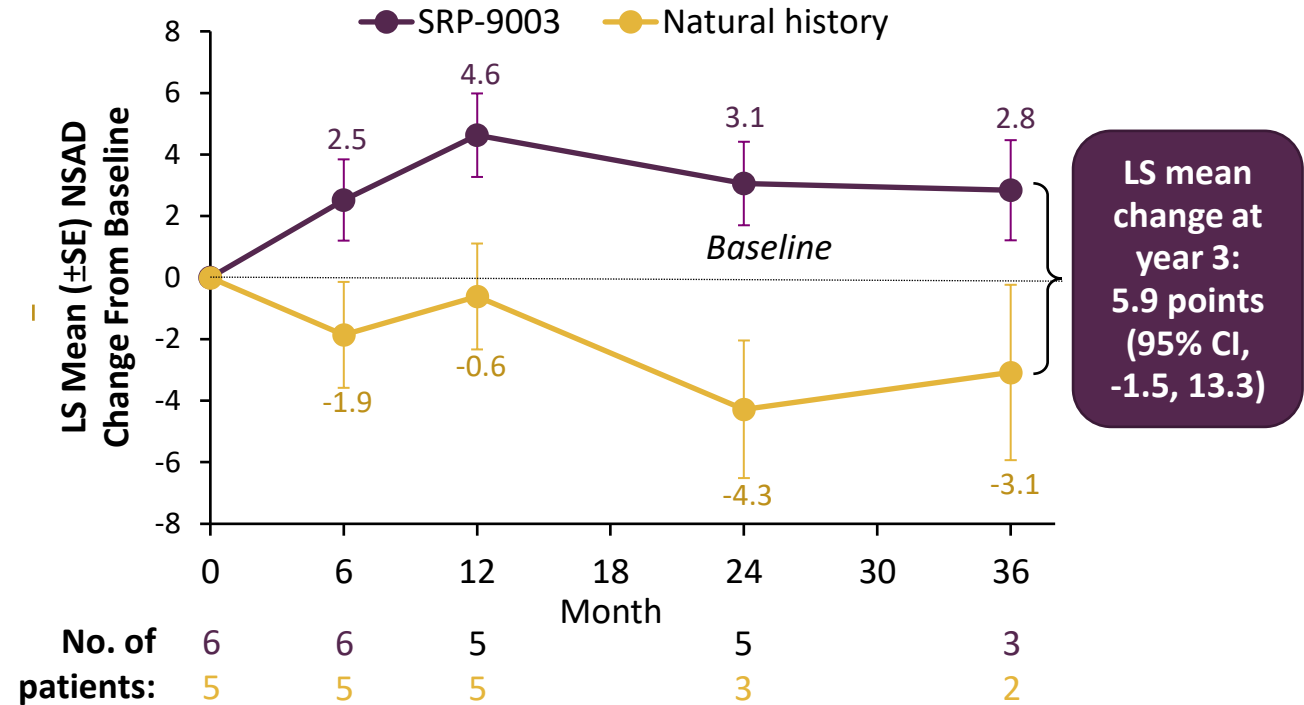
NSAD Change From Baseline: Individual Patient Data



Mean (SD) NSAD score vs baseline (BL):

- C.1: 48 (5.7) Y3 vs 43 (4.4) BL
- C.2: 41 (0) Y2 vs 39 (2.1) BL

NSAD Change From Baseline: LS Means by Cohort



Month	6	12	24	36
No. of patients:	6	5	5	3
	5	5	3	2

**Patients treated with SRP-9003 demonstrated clinically meaningful improvements in functional outcomes in an exploratory comparison vs an LGMD2E/R4 natural history cohort, as measured by NSAD**

# SRP-9003 treatment resulted in sustained improvements in timed function tests

Mean (SD) change from baseline, sec	Cohort 1 ( $1.85 \times 10^{13}$ vg/kg) <sup>a</sup>				Cohort 2 ( $7.41 \times 10^{13}$ vg/kg) <sup>b</sup>		
	6 months (n=3)	12 months (n=3)	24 months (n=3)	36 months (n=3)	6 months (n=3)	12 months (n=2)	24 months (n=2)
Time to rise	-0.2 (0.8)	-0.8 (0.4)	-0.6 (0.2)	-0.3 (0.3)	-1.3 (0.9)	-1.1 (1.1)	-0.7 (0.4)
4-stair climb	-0.5 (0.4)	-0.5 (0.3)	-0.3 (0.4)	-0.2 (0.6)	-0.4 (0.3)	-0.4 (0.0)	-0.3 (0.3)
100m	-3.8 (2.9)	-5.3 (3.2)	-2.8 (6.4)	+2.6 (13.0)	-6.3 (6.7)	-7.9 (5.4)	-2.9 (9.7)
10m	-0.6 (0.3)	-0.6 (0.2)	-0.2 (0.5)	0 (0.9)	-0.6 (0.6)	-0.6 (0.2)	-0.3 (0.9)

Negative numbers correspond to faster test times.


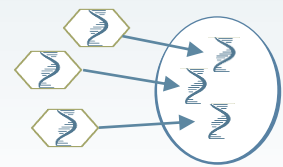
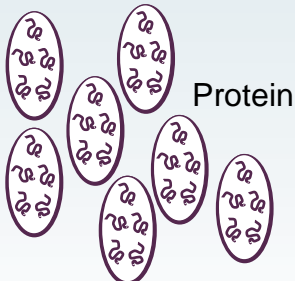
**Patients treated with SRP-9003 demonstrated improvements over baseline in timed function tests, which were generally sustained for 3 years in cohort 1 and 2 years in cohort 2**

<sup>a</sup> $1.85 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg measured using linear reference plasmid DNA qPCR, supercoiled reference DNA equivalent is  $5 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg; <sup>b</sup> $7.41 \times 10^{13}$  vg/kg measured using linear reference plasmid DNA qPCR, supercoiled reference DNA equivalent is  $2 \times 10^{14}$  vg/kg. 10m=10-m timed test; 100m=100-m timed test, qPCR, quantitative polymerase chain reaction.

# SRP-9003-101: Summary

QUESTION<sup>1</sup>

EXPERIMENT

	1	2	3	4	5
	What was the safety and tolerability experience with SRP-9003?	Is the transgene DNA inside muscle cells?	Is the desired protein made?	Is the protein at the cell membrane?	Is muscle function improved?
	SAFETY	VECTOR GENOME COPIES/NUCLEUS (ddPCR)	WESTERN BLOT	IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE	FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systemic administration of SRP-9003 is well tolerated to date with up to 3 years of follow-up for Cohort 1 and 2 years for Cohort 2</li> <li>No unexpected immunologic responses in these patients</li> </ul> 	<p><b>At Day 60:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: - copies per nucleus<sup>a</sup></li> <li>C.2: <b>2.26</b> copies per nucleus</li> </ul> <p><b>At Year 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: <b>0.46</b> copies per nucleus</li> <li>C.2: <b>0.52</b> copies per nucleus</li> </ul>  <p>Transgene in nucleus</p> <p>Vector + transgene</p>	<p><b>SGCB expression</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: <b>D60 36%; Y2 54%</b></li> <li>C.2: <b>D60 62%; Y2 60%</b></li> </ul>  <p>Protein</p>	<p><b>Percentage of cells with protein</b></p> <p>Percentage of SGCB-positive fibers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: <b>D60 51%; Y2 47%</b></li> <li>C.2: <b>D60 72%; Y2 63%</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Intensity of fluorescent signal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: <b>D60 47%; Y2 35%</b></li> <li>C.2: <b>D60 73%; Y2 44%</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Rescue of membrane localization of SGCA, SGCG, and SGCD proteins and reconstitution of the sarcoglycan complex within the DAPC</b></p>	<p><b>NSAD and TFTs</b></p> <p>Mean (SD) NSAD score vs BL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C.1: 48 (5.7) Y3 vs 43 (4.4) BL</li> <li>C.2: 41 (0) Y2 vs 39 (2.1) BL</li> </ul> <p>LS mean change from baseline of treated patients compared with natural history cohort at Y3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5.9-point difference</b> (95% CI, -1.5, 13.3)</li> </ul>

SRP-9003 is investigational and has not been FDA reviewed or approved.

<sup>a</sup>Mean (SD) qPCR value of day 60 cohort 1 was 0.59 (0.4).  
 BL, baseline; C.1=Cohort 1; C.2=Cohort 2; CK=creatine kinase; D=day; DAPC=dystrophin-associated protein complex; ddPCR=droplet digital PCR; LS=least squares; NSAD=North Star Assessment of Limb-girdle type Muscular Dystrophies; SGCA=α-sarcoglycan; SGCB=β-sarcoglycan; SGCD=δ-sarcoglycan; SGCG=γ-sarcoglycan; TFT=timed function test; Y=year.  
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# Conclusions

- This interim analysis reinforces the acceptable safety profile of systemically administered SRP-9003
- SRP-9003 showed efficient transduction and drove robust, dose-dependent SGCB protein expression in all patients at day 60, resulting in reconstitution of the sarcoglycan complex; SGCB expression was sustained for up to 2 years
- Patients treated with SRP-9003 demonstrated persistent stabilization at or over baseline in NSAD that were sustained for up to 3 years in cohort 1 and 2 years in cohort 2; results were similar for timed function tests
- Exploratory post hoc analysis showed that SRP-9003–treated patients had clinically important improvements in functional outcomes, as measured by NSAD, compared with a natural history cohort for up to 3 years
- The observed durable treatment effect provides proof of concept and supports further clinical assessment of SRP-9003 gene transfer therapy in patients with LGMD2E/R4

## Key Takeaway:

**Persistence of SRP-9003 in transduced muscle continues to drive meaningful levels of SGCB expression over time, leading to sustained functional improvements**

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