

# **EFFECT OF APITEGROMAB ON MOTOR FUNCTION AND PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES AT 36 MONTHS IN PATIENTS AGED 2–21 YEARS WITH SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY**

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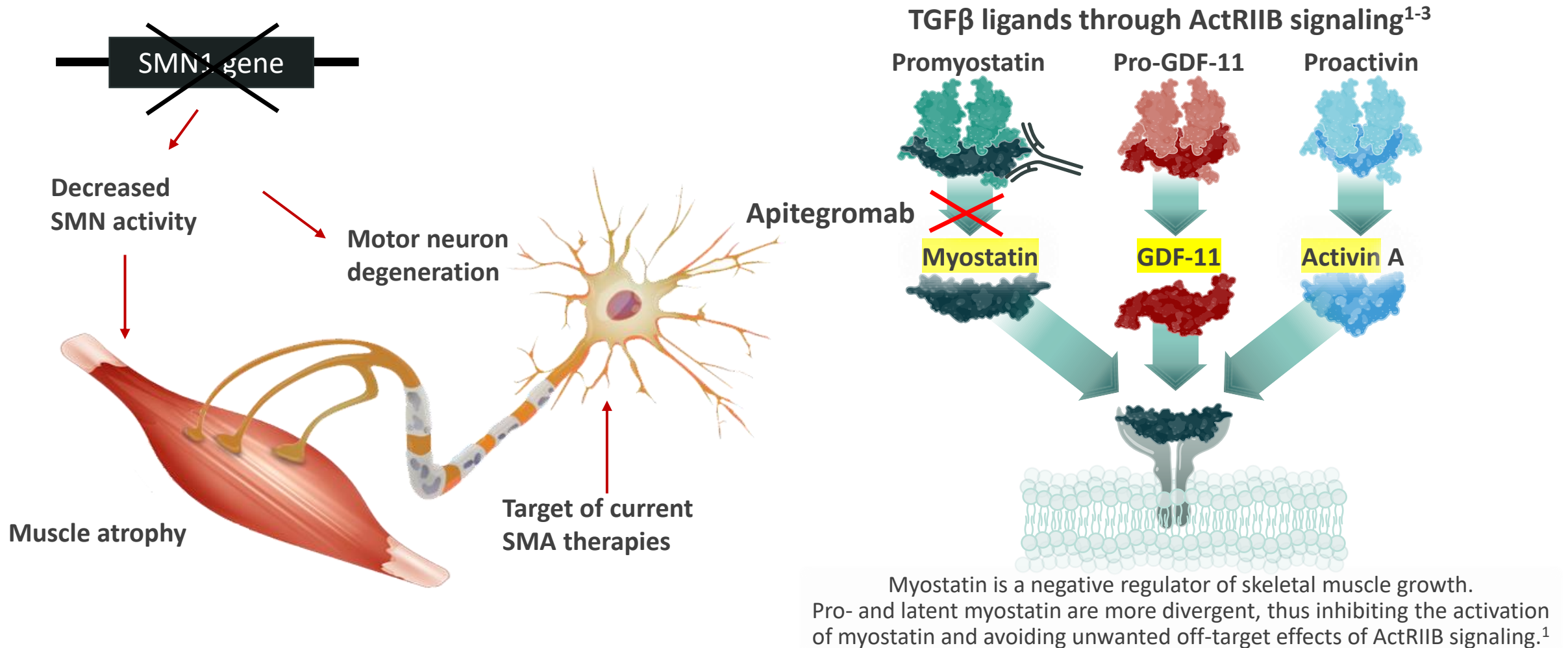
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# Apitegromab is a fully human monoclonal antibody that targets muscle to improve motor function in SMA<sup>1-3</sup>



ActRIIB, activin receptor type IIB; GDF, growth differentiation factor; SMA, spinal muscular atrophy; SMN, survival motor neuron; TGFβ, transforming growth factor beta.

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# TOPAZ Phase 2 trial design<sup>1,2</sup>

## Nonambulatory patients aged at least 2 years (Cohort 3)

- Type 2; started SMN targeted therapy before age 5 years
- Apitegromab (2 or 20 mg/kg IV q4w) and nusinersen

## Nonambulatory patients aged 5-21 years (Cohort 2)

- Types 2 & 3; started SMN targeted therapy at or after age 5 years
- Apitegromab (20 mg/kg IV q4w) and nusinersen

## Ambulatory patients aged 5-21 years (Cohort 1)

- Type 3
- Apitegromab alone or apitegromab (20 mg/kg IV q4w) and nusinersen

### Primary efficacy endpoint:

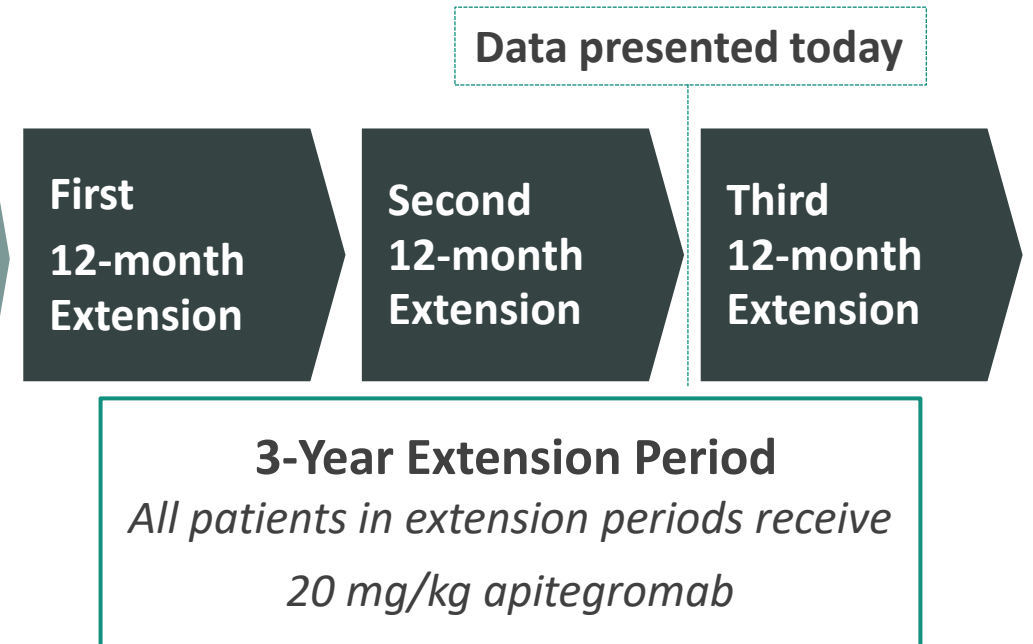
Mean HFMSE change from baseline at 12 months (Cohorts 2 and 3)

Mean RHS change from baseline at 12 months (Cohort 1)

Cohorts defined by age and present ambulatory status at time of enrollment.

HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale–Expanded; IV, intravenous; q4w, every 4 weeks; RHS, Revised Hammersmith Scale; SMN, survival motor neuron.

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# TOPAZ Phase 2 trial baseline characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

	Nonambulatory Aged at least 2 years (Cohort 3)			Nonambulatory, Aged 5-21 years (Cohort 2)	Ambulatory Aged 5-21 years (Cohort 1)		
	20 mg/kg with nusinersen	2 mg/kg with nusinersen	Pooled	20 mg/kg with nusinersen	20 mg/kg alone	20 mg/kg with nusinersen	Pooled
<b>N</b>	10	10	20	15	11	12	23
Mean age (min, max)	4 (2, 6)	4 (2, 6)	4 (2, 6)	12 (8, 19)	12 (7, 19)	13 (7, 21)	13 (7, 21)
Mean RHS (min, max)					48 (26, 63)	51 (43, 62)	50 (26, 63)
Mean HFMSE (min, max)	24 (14, 42)	26 (12, 44)	25 (12, 44)	23 (13, 39)			
Prior nusinersen, months Mean (min, max)*		24 (10, 34)		25 (12, 39)	N/A	20 (12, 28)	N/A
No. of patients with 2, 3, or 4 <i>SMN2</i> copies*	1, 8, 0	1, 8, 1	2, 16, 1	0, 11, 2	1, 4, 4	0, 9, 1	1, 13, 5

\**SMN2* copy numbers were not available for all patients. All discontinuations were for reasons unrelated to study drug.

HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale–Expanded; max, maximum; min, minimum; RHS, Revised Hammersmith Scale; SMN, survival motor neuron.

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# Improved HFMSE at 12 months in Phase 2 TOPAZ study

*Post hoc analysis of nonambulatory groups*

## Type 2 & nonambulatory Type 3 SMA

(Apitegromab 20 mg/kg)

## Aged 2-12 years

(n=16\*)

Primary efficacy endpoint at 12 months:

Mean HFMSE change from baseline, (95% CI)

**+4.4 (1.3, 7.4)**

Participants with  $\geq 1$ -point increase in HFMSE, n (%)

**13 (81%)**

Participants with  $\geq 3$ -point increase in HFMSE, n (%)

**9 (56%)**

**HFMSE gains also notable in individuals who started nusinersen at  $\geq 5$  years old:**

- 75% (6/8) with  $\geq 1$ -point increase
- 50% (4/8) with  $\geq 3$ -point increase

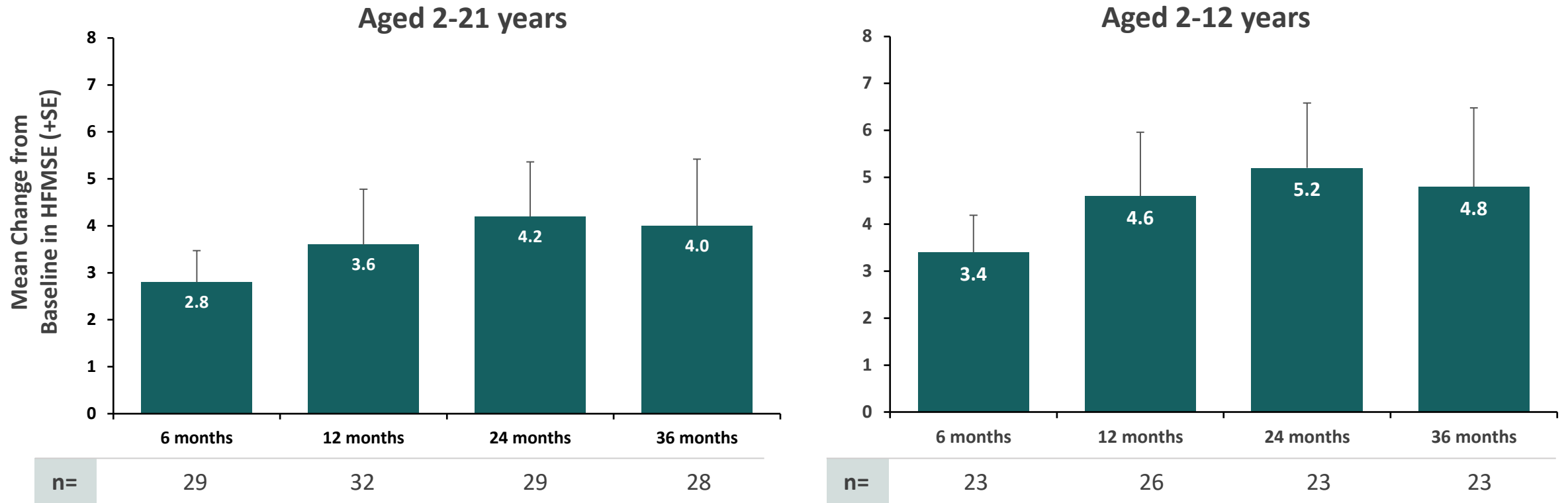
\*For 12-month endpoint, if participants skipped 3 consecutive doses due to site restrictions caused by COVID-19, records after dose skipping were excluded from analysis. The last observation carried forward was used for other missing data.

CI, confidence interval; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale–Expanded; SMA, spinal muscular atrophy.

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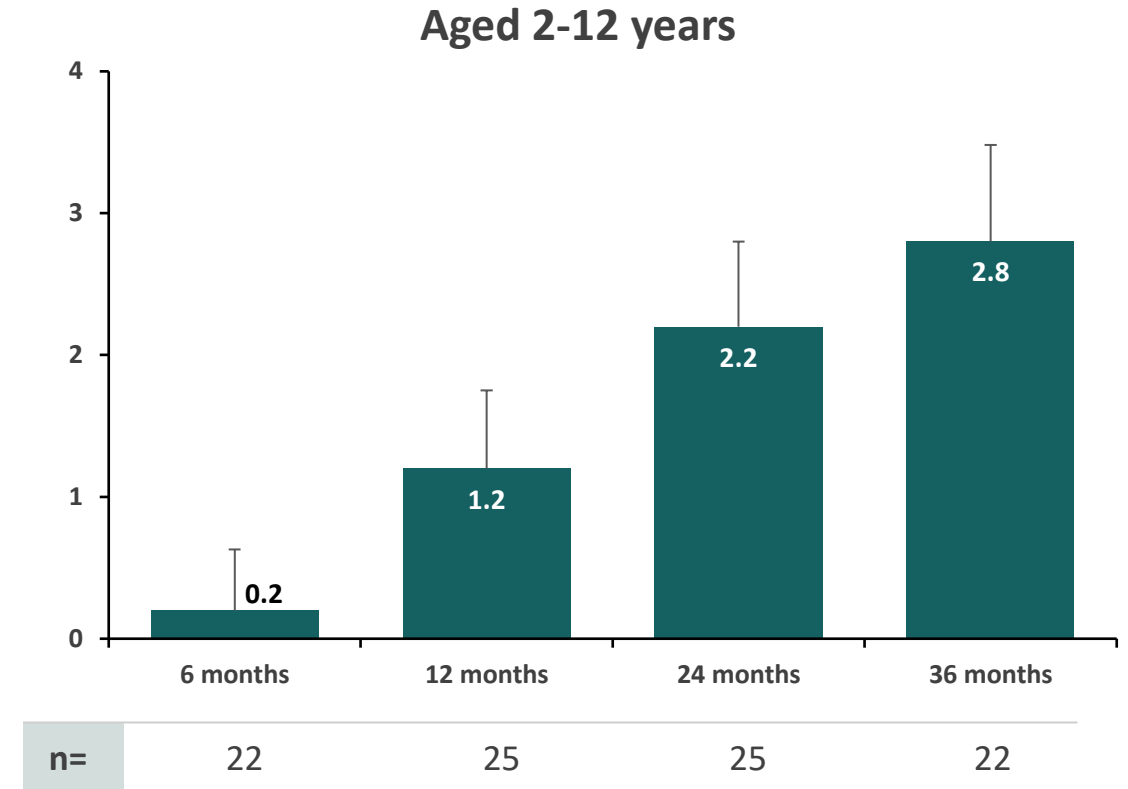
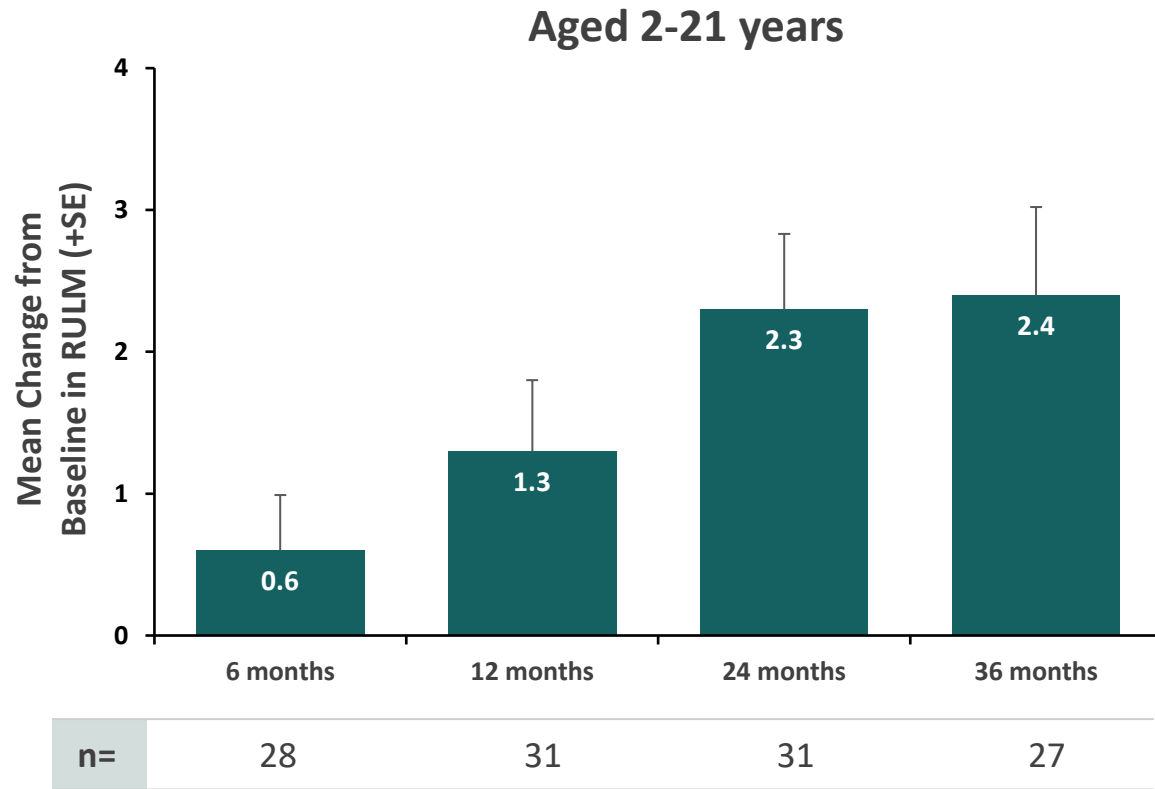
# Improvements in motor function outcomes by HFMSE scores were sustained over 36 months



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# Improvements in motor function outcomes by RULM scores were sustained over 36 months



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# New WHO development milestones achieved

## WHO Development Milestones



Hands and knees crawling



Standing with assistance



Walking with assistance



Standing alone



Walking alone

- Over 36 months, 86% (30/35) of patients improved or maintained WHO motor milestones that they had achieved at baseline
- Excluding those who had scoliosis surgery, 93% (27/29) of participants improved or maintained baseline WHO motor milestones
  - Of 20 patients receiving nusinersen earlier than 5 years of age, 6 gained new WHO motor milestones, including 2 who were able to walk independently

### Proportion of patients gaining new milestones

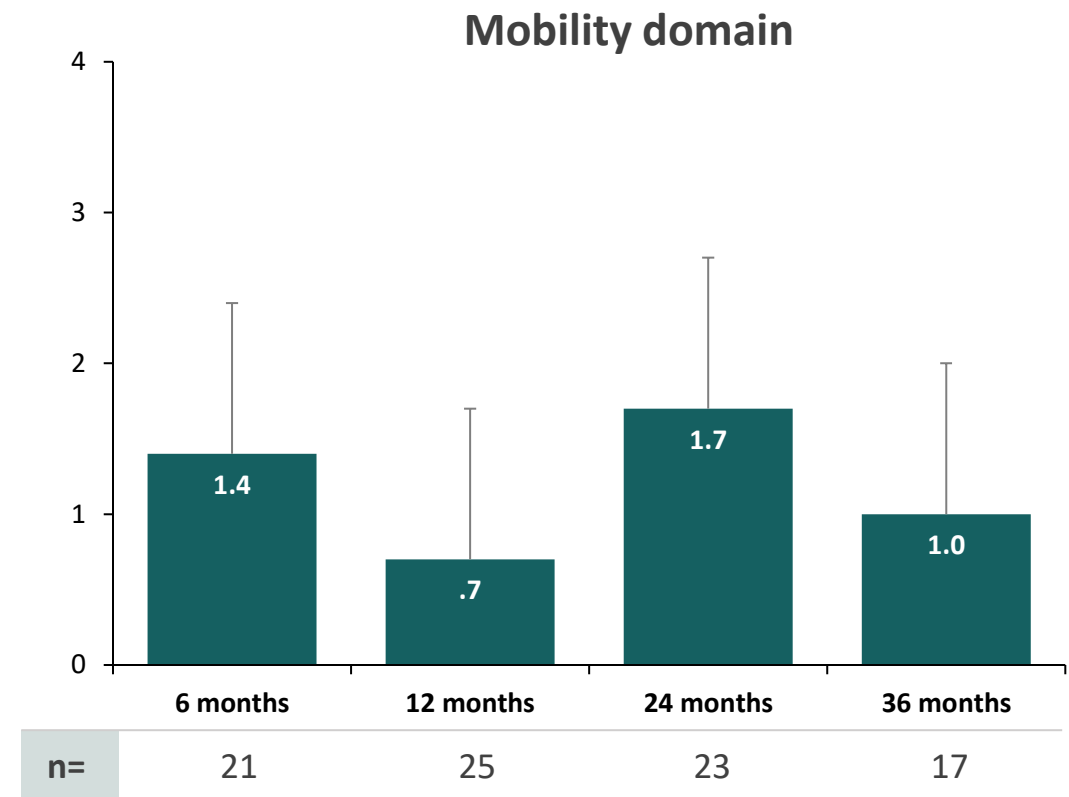
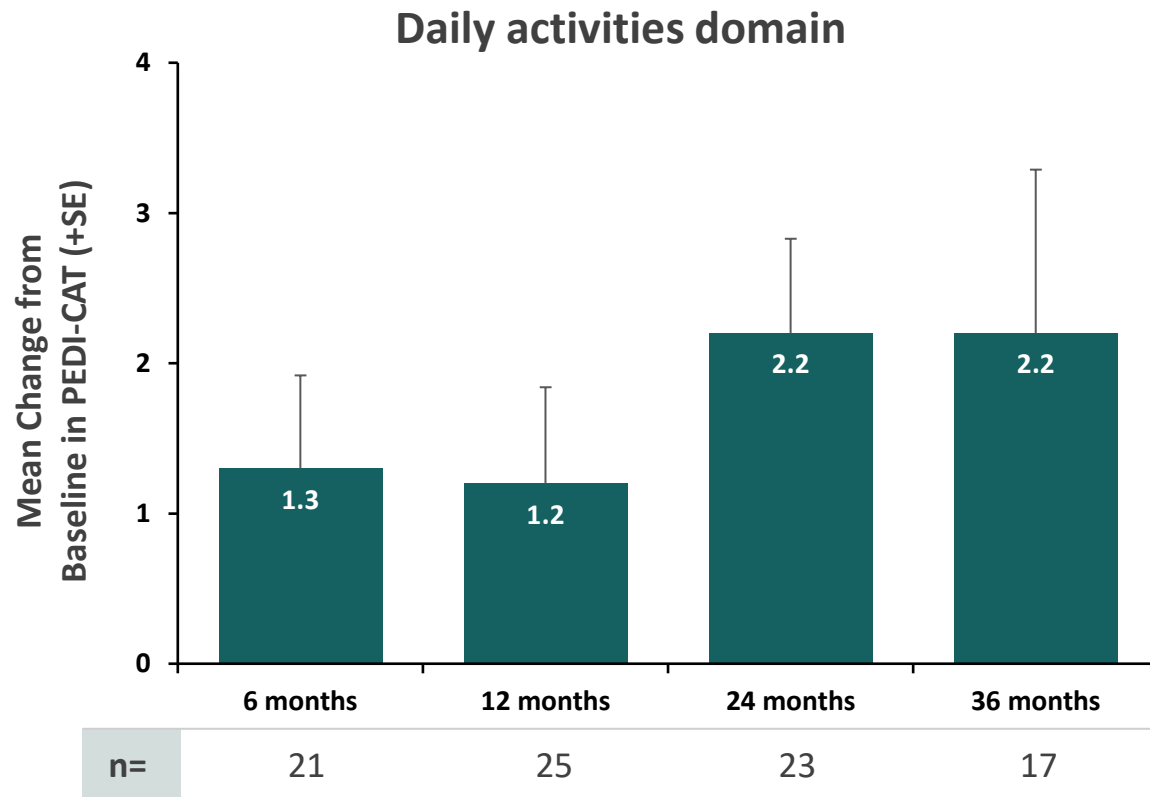
**Cohort 2:** 12 months (20%), 24 months (7%), 36 months (0%); **Cohort 3: All doses:** 12 months (24%), 24 months (26%), 36 months (30%);

**Cohort 3:** Randomized to 20 mg/kg dose: 12 months (25%), 24 months (33%), 36 months (40%).

WHO, World Health Organization.

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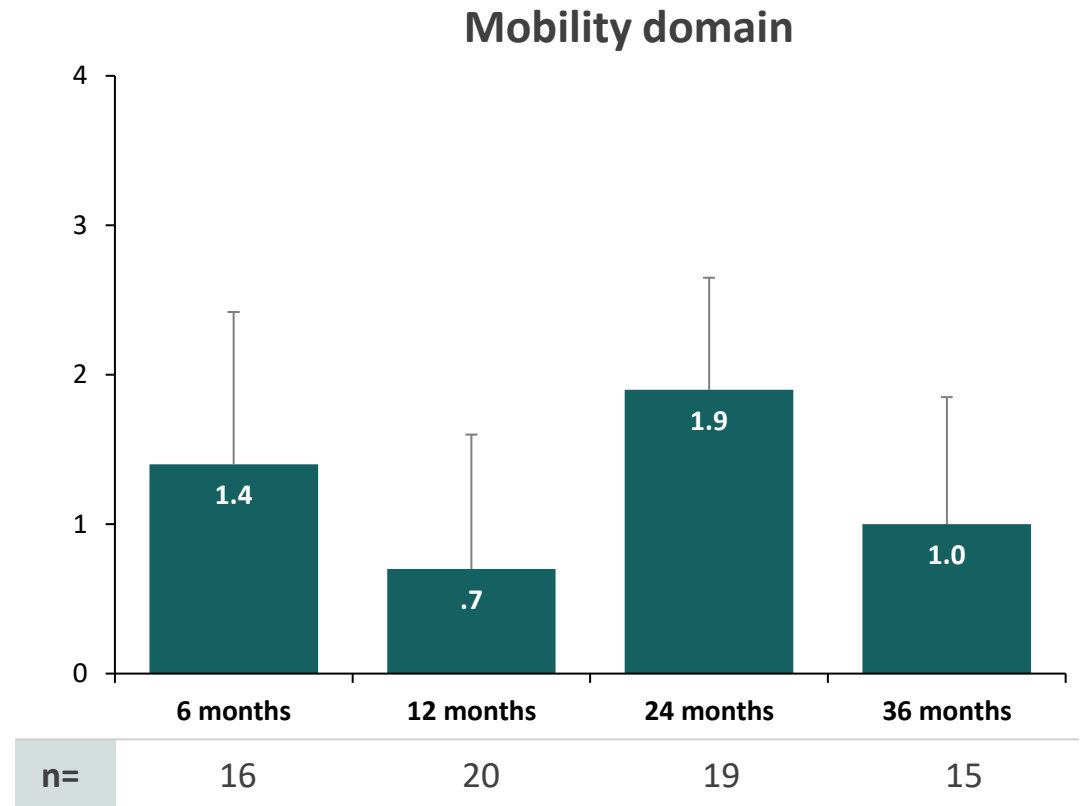
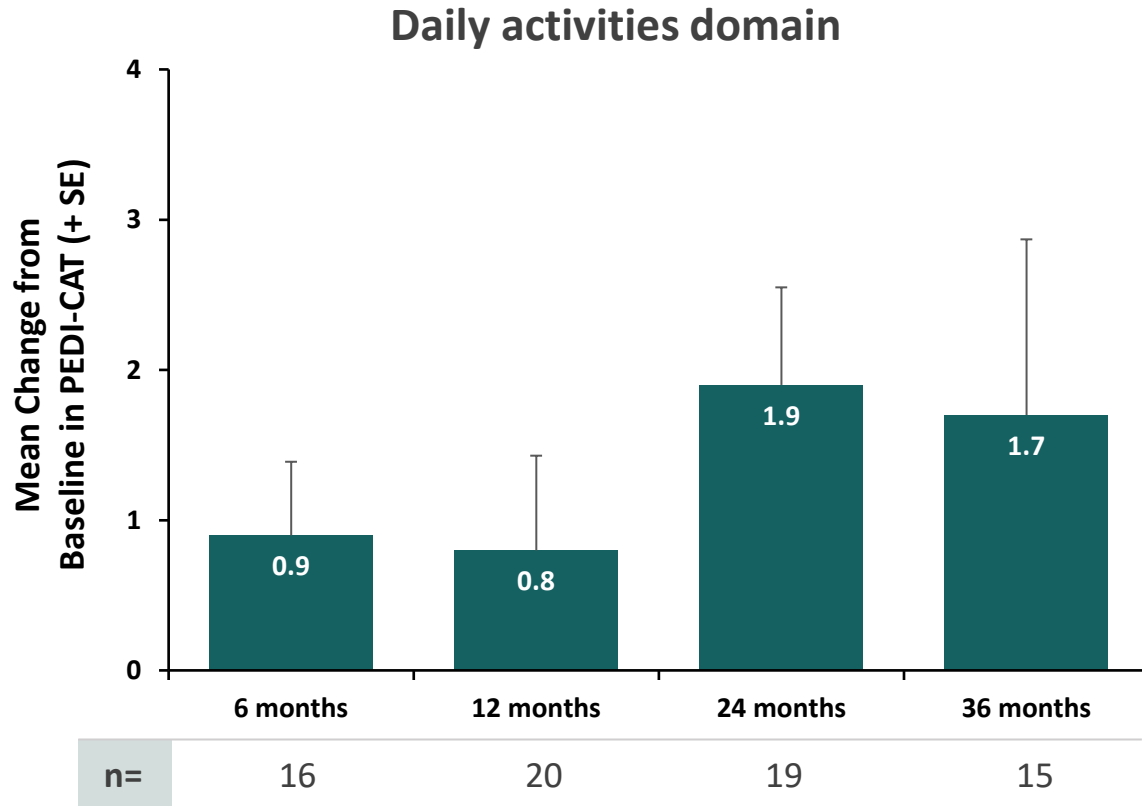
# PEDI-CAT assessment of daily activities and mobility domains showed sustained improvement over 36 months in patients aged 2-21 years



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PEDI-CAT, Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory-Computer Adaptive Test; SE, standard error.

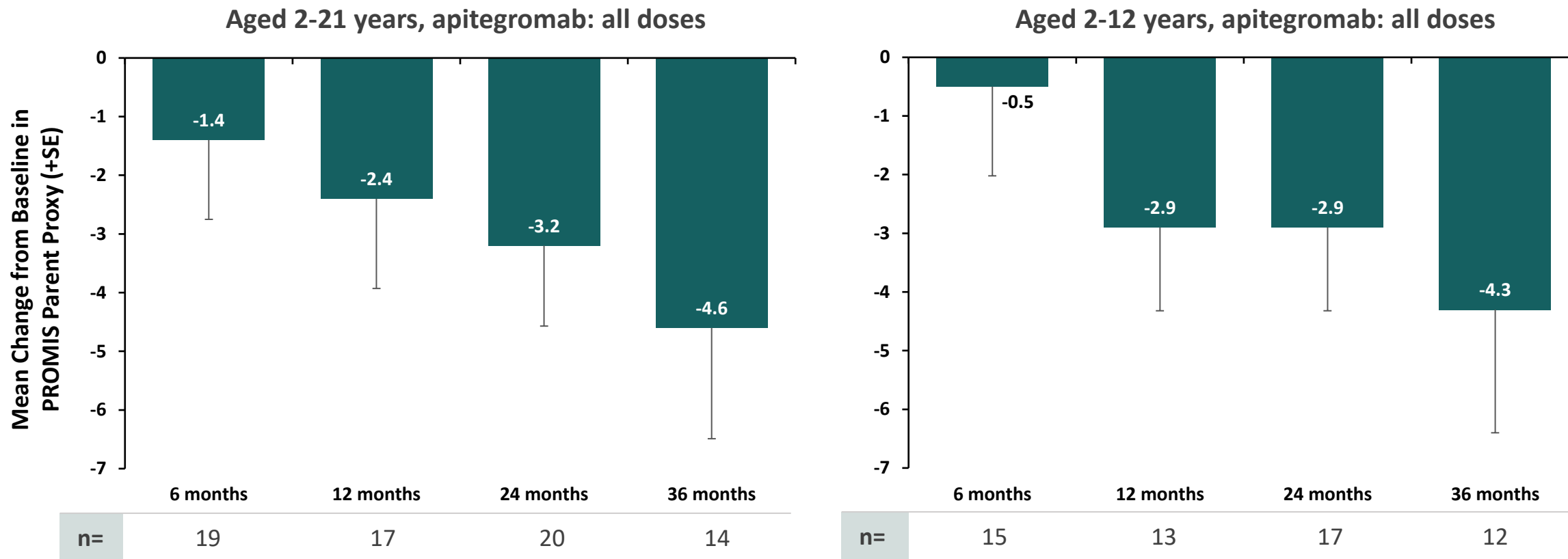
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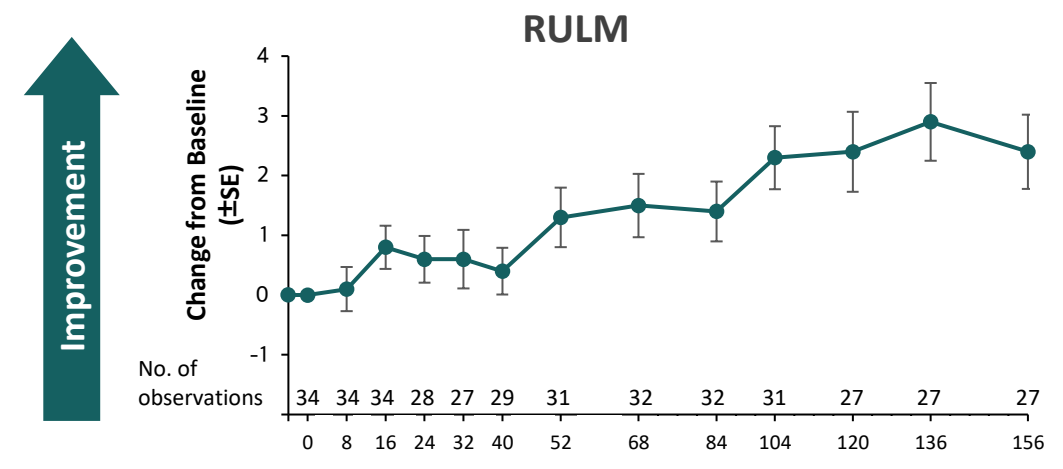
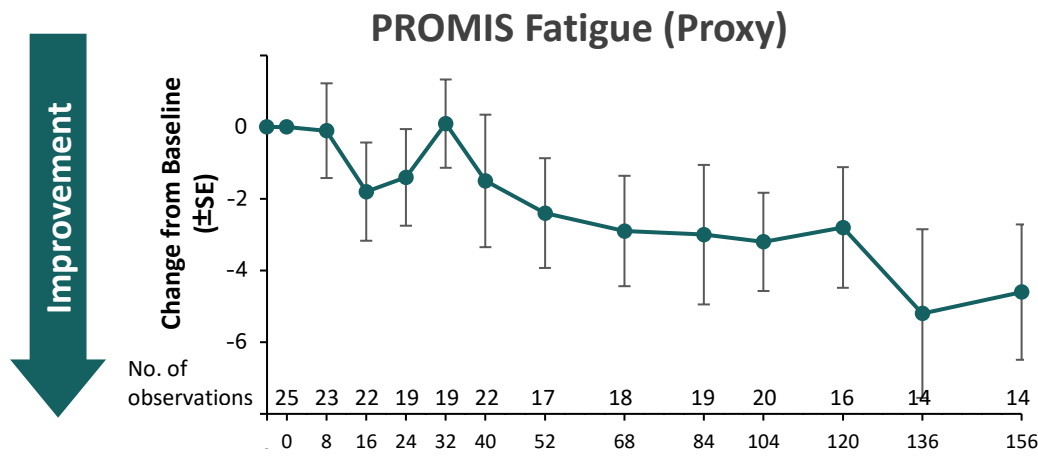
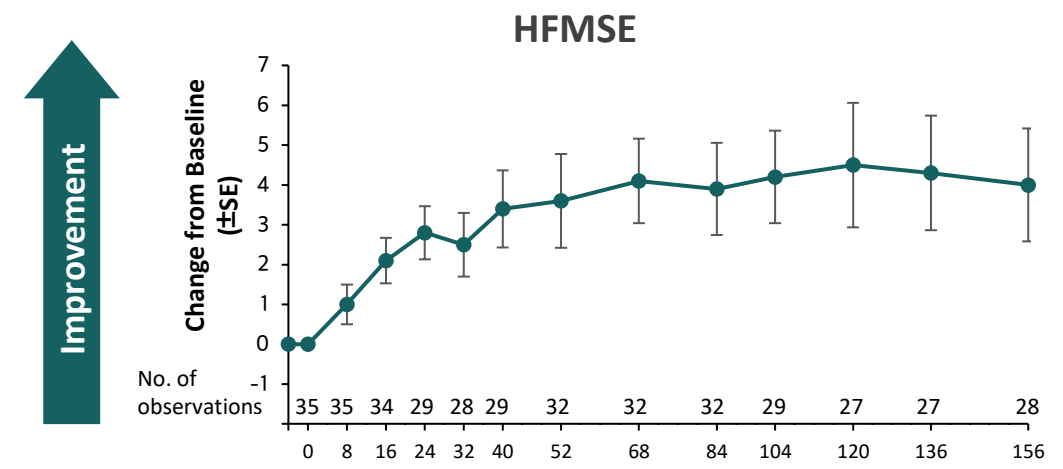
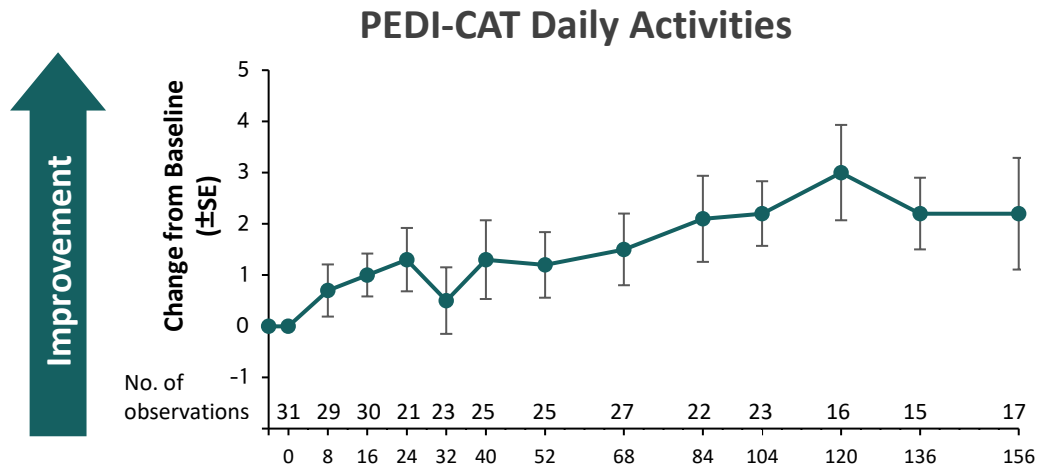
# Improvement in PROMIS fatigue questionnaire scores (caregiver proxy) were observed over 36 months



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PROMIS, Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System; SE, standard error.

# Change in PEDI-CAT and PROMIS outcomes were consistent with change in motor function measures over 36 months in patients aged 2-21 years



HFMSE, Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale–Expanded; PEDI-CAT, Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory–Computer Adaptive Test; PROMIS, Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System; RULM, Revised Upper Limb Module; SE, standard error.

# TOPAZ safety summary over 36 months

Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)*	Apitegromab 2 mg/kg n=10 n (%)	Apitegromab 20 mg/kg n=48 n (%)	Total N=58 n (%)
Any TEAE	10 (100)	46 (95.8)	56 (96.6)
Any serious TEAE	5 (50.0)	16 (33.3)	21 (36.2)
Any TEAE leading to study drug discontinuation	0	1 (2.1)	1 (1.7)
Any grade 3 (severe) or higher TEAE	4 (40.0)	16 (33.3)	20 (34.5)

- TEAEs were consistent with previous reports with no new findings after 198 patient-years of exposure
  - Most frequently reported TEAEs: headache (38%), pyrexia (38%), COVID-19 (36%), nasopharyngitis (36%), and upper respiratory tract infection (33%)
  - TEAEs were mostly mild to moderate in severity and generally consistent with the underlying patient population and nusinersen therapy
- No deaths or suspected unexpected serious adverse reactions or hypersensitivity reactions to apitegromab were reported
- Three patients tested positive for the presence of anti-apitegromab antibodies (ADA), but confirmatory test showed titers were below the level of sensitivity, therefore interpreted as negative

\*Defined as AEs that start after the first dose of study drug or start prior to the administration of study drug and worsen in severity/grade or relationship to investigational medication after the administration of study drug. % = 100 x n/N; % at 12 months.  
 ADA, anti-drug antibody; AE, adverse event; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019.



# Summary

- Improvements in motor function outcomes were sustained over 36 months with apitegromab treatment in Type 2 and nonambulatory Type 3 SMA
- Results on caregiver-reported outcomes are consistent with improvements in motor function as assessed by the HFMSE and RULM
- Majority of patients improved or maintained WHO motor milestones that they had achieved at baseline
- The safety profile was consistent with previous reports
- A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 clinical trial, assessing the efficacy and safety of apitegromab is ongoing

# Concluding lay slide

**Apitegromab was studied in patients 2–21 years old for the treatment of SMA.**

**Treatment with apitegromab was shown to be safe for over 3 years and patients showed improvement in movement, daily tasks, and fatigue.**

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