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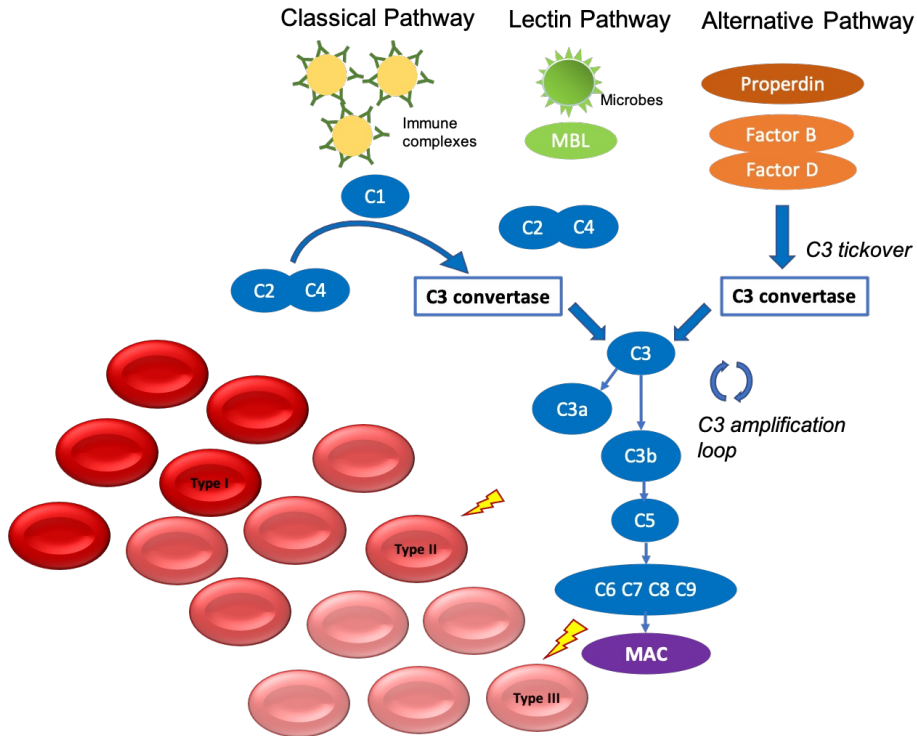




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Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria: bone marrow failure and hemolysis



- Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) is characterized by the acquisition of the somatic mutation of *PIGA* gene encoding for GPI-anchor.
- GPI-anchored molecules include the complement inhibitors CD55 and CD59 that will be therefore deficient on GPI-negative cells.
- GPI-neg erythrocytes are sensitive to complement mediated lysis.

Clinical consequences

ANEMIA

Asthenia, fatigue, palor, jaundice, malaise

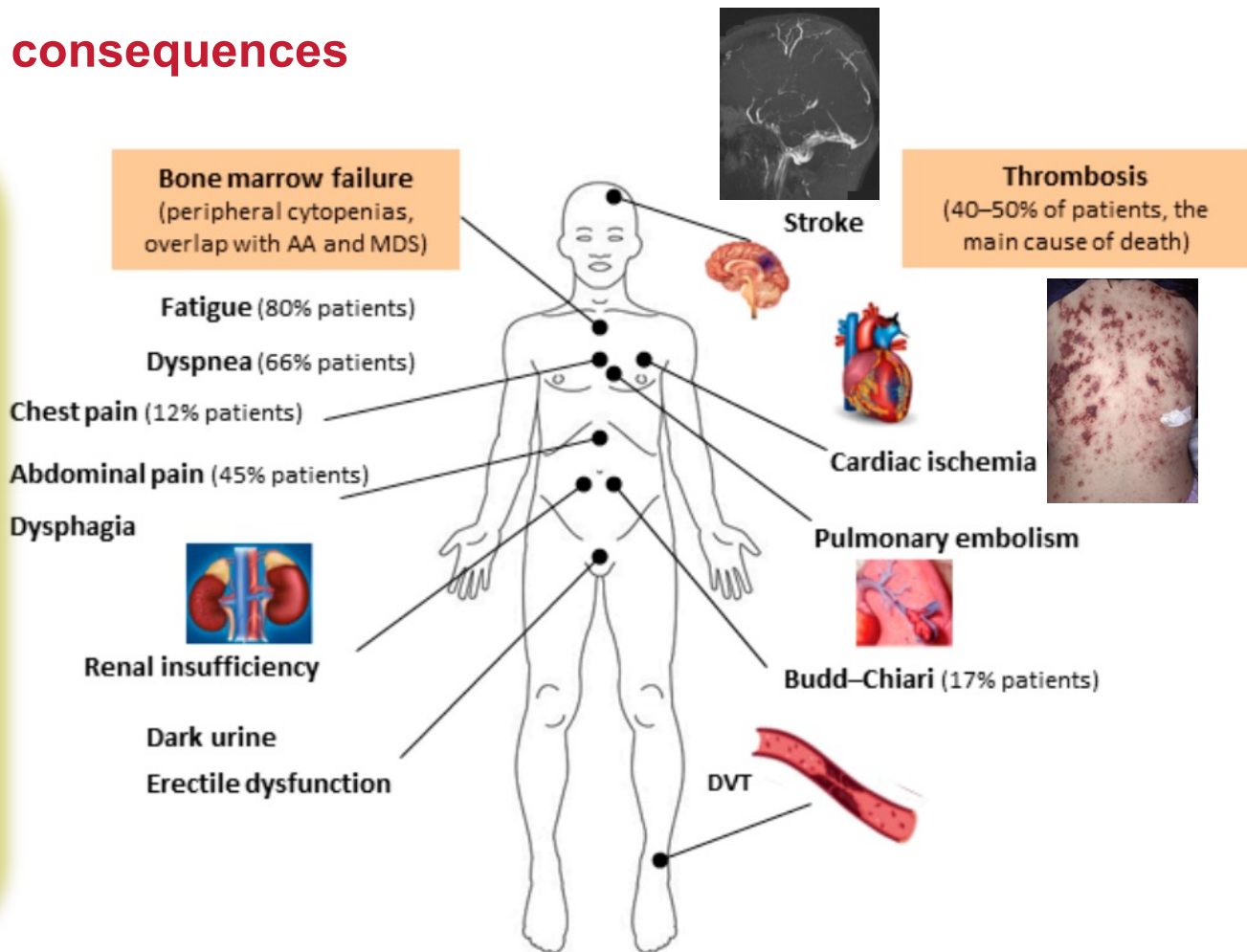
CHRONIC HEMOLYSIS

microthrombi and vasospasms:
Dark urine and abdominal pain, dysphagia, erectile dysfunction, pulmonary hypertension

BMF

Infections, bleeding

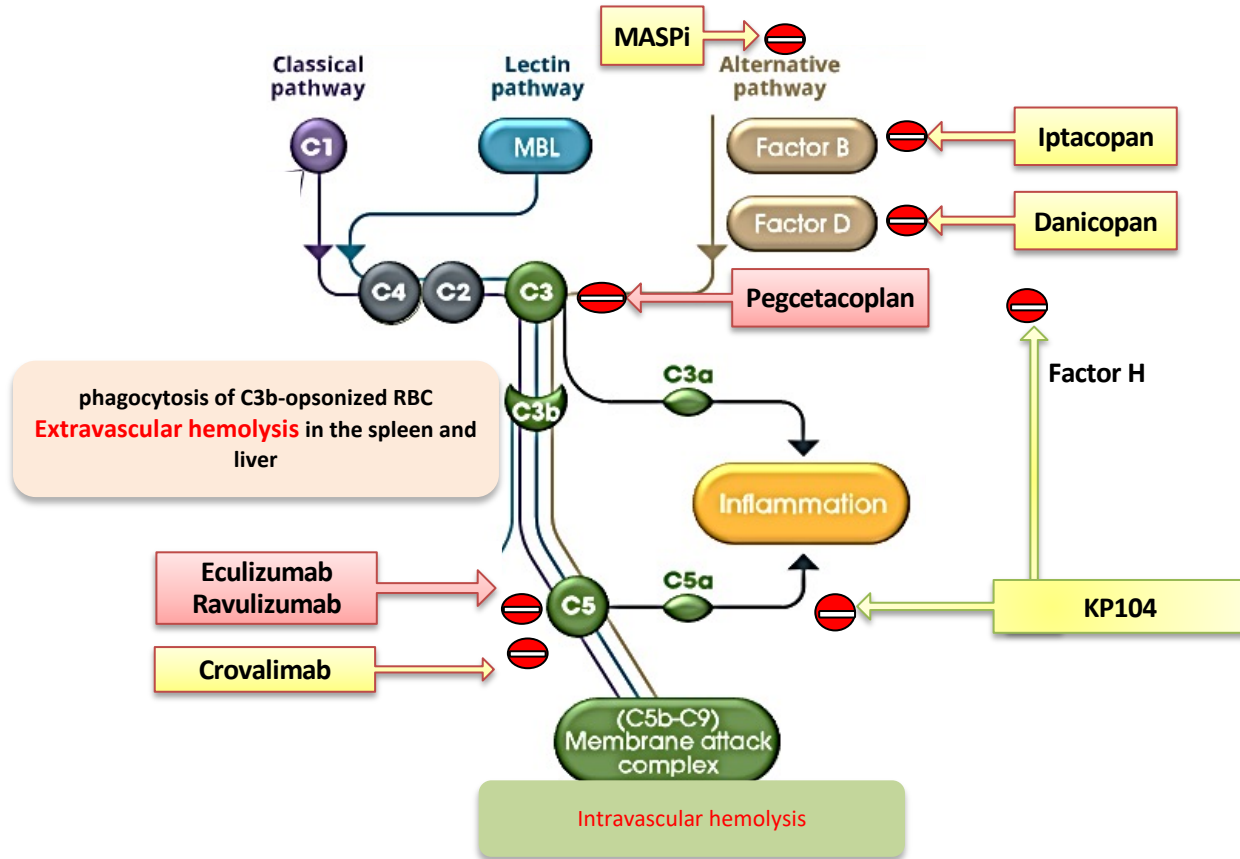
THROMBOSIS



Current PNH therapy in Europe

- **Terminal complement inhibition (C5)** with **eculizumab and ravulizumab**.
- Patients need to receive infusions every 2 weeks or every 8 weeks
- High medicalization, vaccines required
- Not all patients respond due to various causes including
 - ❖ inadequate bone marrow compensation,
 - ❖ **residual C5 activation → BTH,**
 - ❖ C5 polymorphisms,
 - ❖ **persistent extravascular hemolysis due to C3 deposition.**
- **Proximal complement inhibition (C3)** with **pegcetacoplan** for suboptimal responders (*residual anemia after >3 months on C5i*)
- Several novel inhibitors are under investigation in clinical trials in the last 10 years.

The panorama of complement inhibitors involves **terminal** and **proximal** inhibitors





508. Bone Marrow Failure: Acquired: Unraveling the Future of PNH Therapy From Clinical Trials

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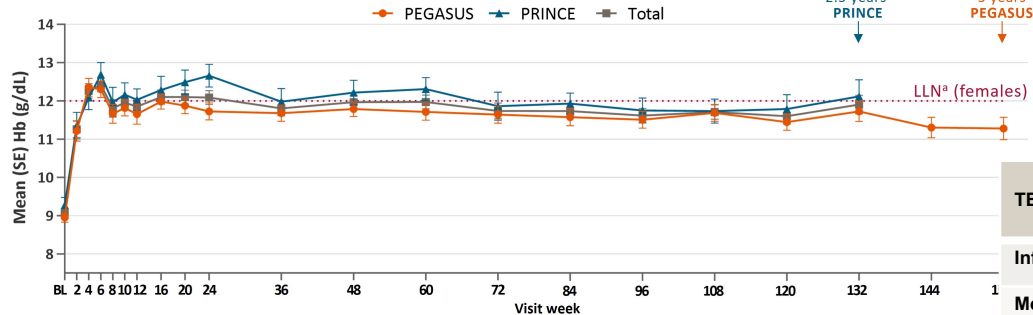
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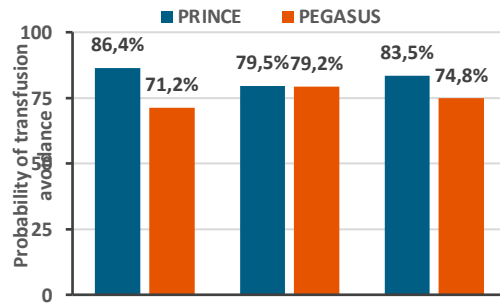


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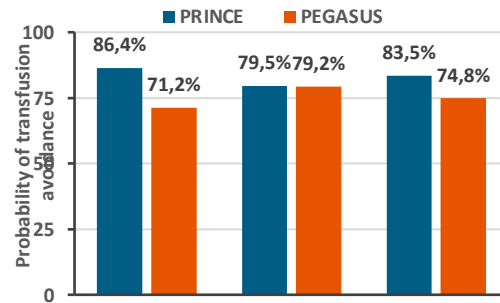
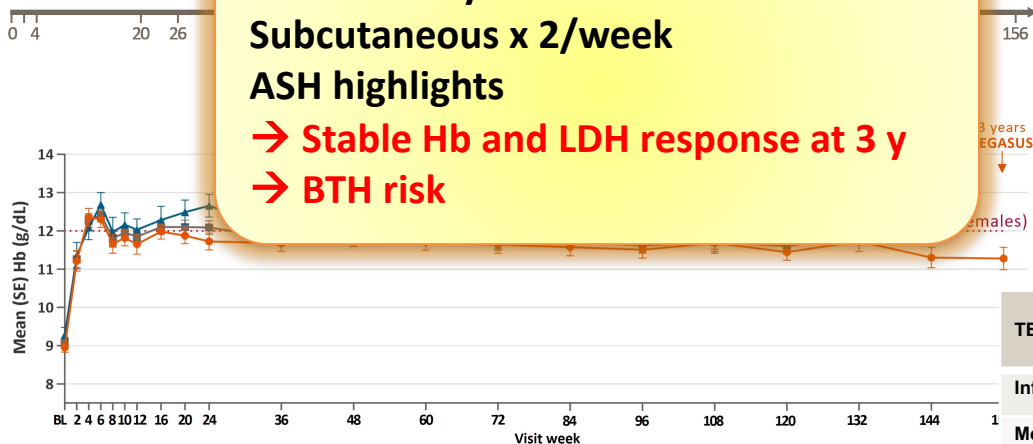
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Subcutaneous x 2/week
ASH highlights

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- Crovalimab is a novel anti-C5 recycling antibody that allows for low-volume, **subcutaneous (SC) self-administration every 4 weeks** (q4w).
- Pooled analysis of phase 3 studies of Crova (377) vs ecu (111) in C5-naïve or treated PNH
- There were **522 adverse events (AEs) per 100 pt years** in crova pts and **583 in ecu pts**. **No meningococcal infections**.
- **18% of crova switched pts developed complexes formed with ECU** → Type III hypersensitivity after a median of **1.6 weeks** (range, 0.7–4.4) and lasting 1.9 weeks (0.4–34.1).
- Most frequently ($\geq 5\%$) **arthralgia (9%) and rash (6%)**; **Grade 3 in 7% of switched pts**.

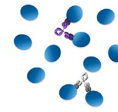
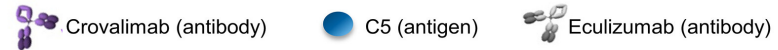
C5i = efficacy ECU

Subcutaneous/4 weeks

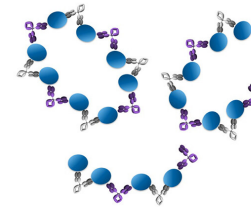
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→ **same safety as ECU**

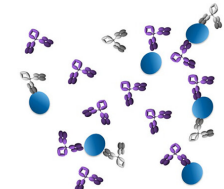
→ **drug-target-drug syndrome**



Antigen excess
Crovalimab and eculizumab are both most likely to be bound to two C5 molecules



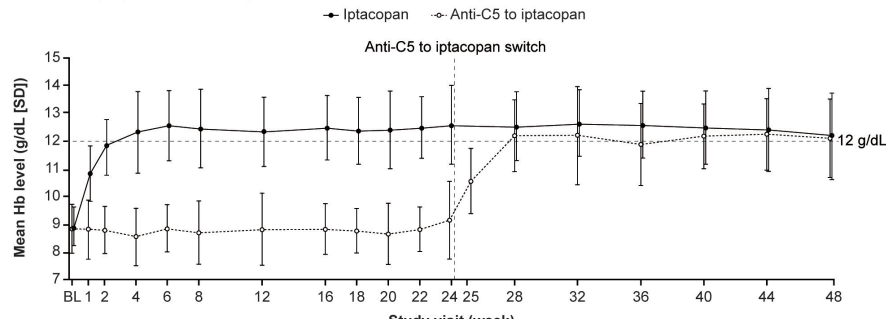
Antigen-antibody equilibrium
High probability of crovalimab and eculizumab binding to different epitopes of the same C5 molecule → large complexes formed



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Figure. Mean Hb level (SD) over time during the entire 48-week treatment period of APPLY-PNH



Pts with available data																			
	BL	1	2	4	6	8	12	16	18	20	22	24	25	28	32	36	40	44	48
Iptacopan	62	61	59	60	59	59	60	59	59	59	57	61	—	56	59	59	57	57	59
Anti-C5 to iptacopan	35	29	27	32	32	31	33	28	34	32	32	34	27	28	32	31	29	30	30

- Mean Hb levels at Wk 48 were 12.2 and 12.1 g/dL in the iptacopan and anti-C5-to-iptacopan arms
- Transfusion avoidance 93.5 and 94,1%
- 6/62 pts on iptacopan arm had BTH
- 3 pts had major adverse vascular events: 2 TIAs and 1 portal vein thrombosis
- Most frequent TEAEs were COVID-19 (29.0% of pts), headache (19.4%), diarrhea (16.1%) and nasopharyngitis (14.5%).
- No deaths, nor infectious TEAEs

Table. Summary of efficacy parameters after the entire 48-week treatment period of APPLY-PNH, including comparison of data at Week 48 vs Week 24

Parameter	Arm		Adjusted mean change from baseline (95% CI) at Week 48	Adjusted mean difference in change from baseline (95% CI): Week 48 vs Week 24
	Iptacopan N=62	Anti-C5 to iptacopan N=35		
Change from baseline* in Hb level (g/dL) [†]	Iptacopan		+3.35 (3.03, 3.66)	-0.41 (-0.80, -0.01)
	Anti-C5 to iptacopan		+3.36 (2.93, 3.79)	+3.02 (2.48, 3.56)
Change from baseline [‡] in FACIT-F score	Iptacopan		+9.80 (8.04, 11.56)	+0.73 (-1.14, 2.60)
	Anti-C5 to iptacopan		+10.96 (8.58, 13.34)	+10.79 (8.12, 13.47)

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Oral x 2/day

ASH highlights

→ Efficacy/safety at 48w

→ Same benefit in switch arm

Doctor, no more dark urine and jaundice with novel drugs?

**RAVU reduced PK BTH
but PD BTH may still occur even with novel drugs**



Letters to Blood

TO THE EDITOR:

COVID-19 vaccines induce severe hemolysis in paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria

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Breakthrough Hemolysis Associated With COVID-19 Vaccination and Active COVID-19 Infection in a Patient With Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria Maintained on Pegcetacoplan: A Case Report

Mitchell C. Boshkos¹, Kaila R. Fives², Davong D. Phrathep³, Kevin D. Healey², Miten Patel⁴

- PEGCETACOPLAN → 10% in phase 3, 30% after 3 year
- IPTACOPAN → 0% in phase 1-2, 10% in phase 3 48 w
- DANICOPAN → 17% in phase 2

With proximal inhibitors

> % PNH-RBCs are spared

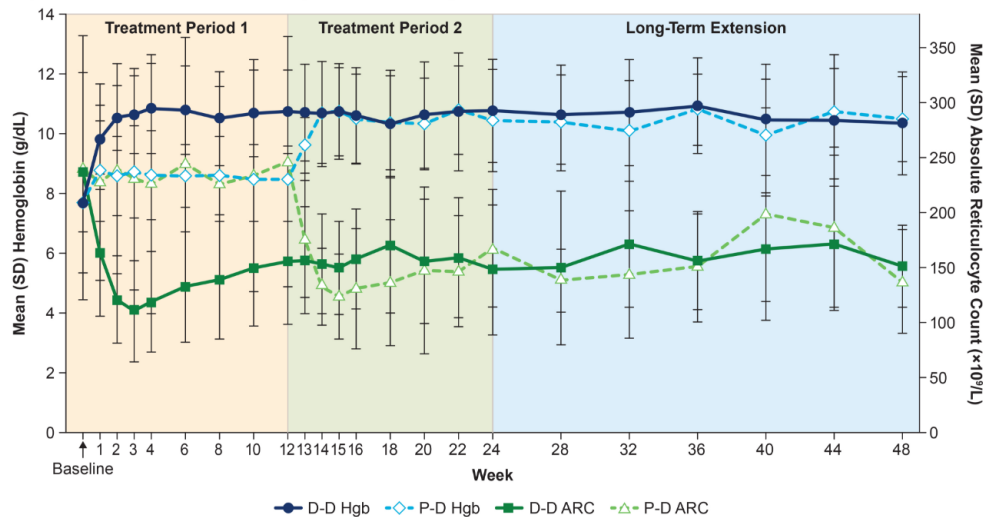
If blockade is incomplete activation is exponential → possible severe BTH

How to manage? Combination therapy?

Boshkos et al, Cureus, 2023
Hillmen et al, NEJM 2021
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Jang et al, Blood Adv 2022
Kulasekararaj et al, Blood 2022
Notaro & Luzzatto NEJM 2022

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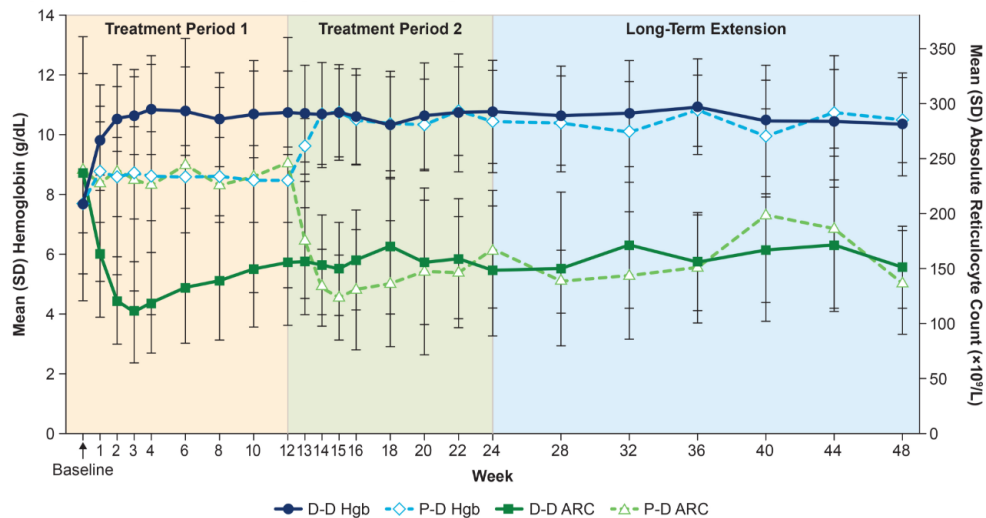
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- Primary endpoint was change from baseline (CFB) at wk 12 in Hgb.
- Secondary endpoints: Hgb ≥ 2 g/dL and transfusion avoidance through wk 24
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- **Hgb ≥ 2 g/dL was 46% in Dan-Dan and 35% in the Pbo-Dan**
- **Transfusion avoidance was 78% in Dan-Dan and 90% in Pbo-Dan.**
- **compliance was 98.8%**
- No deaths, meningococcal infections
- **4 BTH, only 1 with LDH $>2 \times$ ULN related to COVID-19.**

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FDi > efficacy ECU on EVH but >BTH
Oral x 3/day + ECU/RAVU

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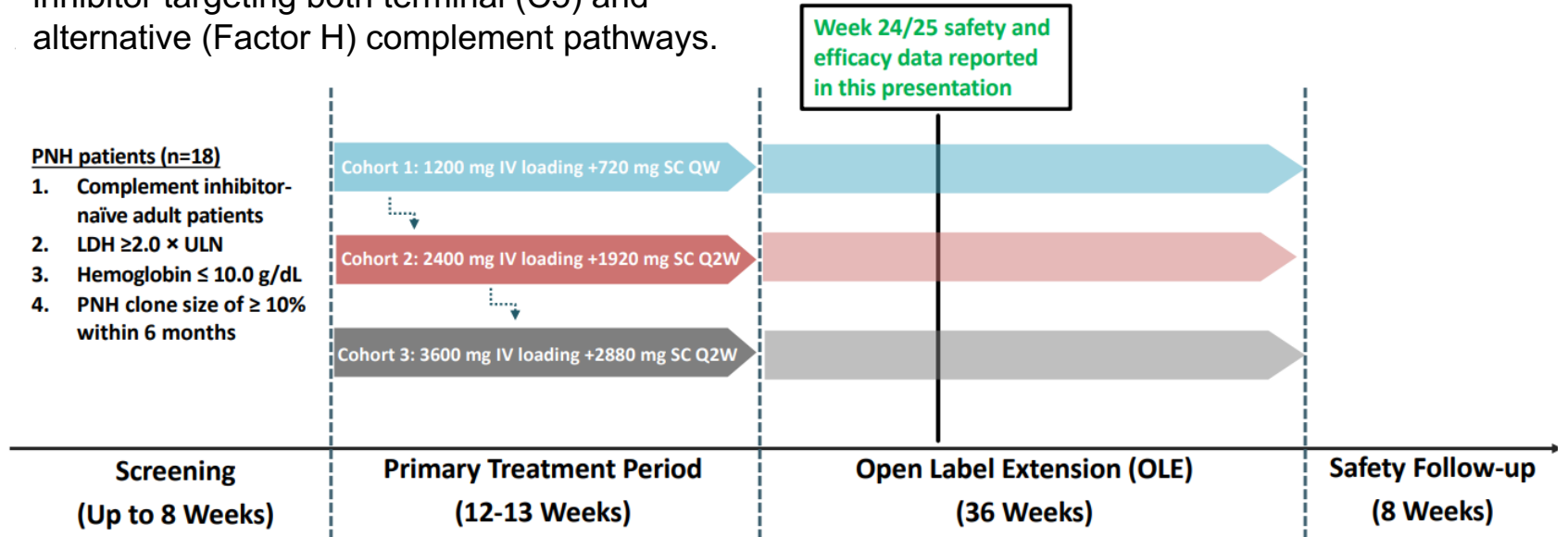
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KP104 is a potent, first-in-class bifunctional inhibitor targeting both terminal (C5) and alternative (Factor H) complement pathways.




- **Primary Endpoints:** safety, tolerability, and efficacy (% subjects achieving ≥ 2 g/dL increase in hemoglobin (Hgb) level from baseline in the absence of RBC transfusion through the treatment period)
- **Secondary Endpoints:** change from baseline in LDH and Hgb levels, transfusion avoidance, and FACIT-Fatigue score

KP104 Met All the Pre-specified Key Clinical Efficacy Endpoints Across All Three Cohorts (N=18) at the End of 24/25 Weeks of Treatment Period

 Hb Increase of ≥ 2 g/dL from baseline (18/18) 100%



 Hb Normalization ≥ 12 g/dL (10/18) 56%




 LDH $< 1.5 \times$ ULN (15/18) 83%



 LDH $< 1 \times$ ULN (13/18) 72%



 RBC Transfusion Avoidance (18/18) 100%




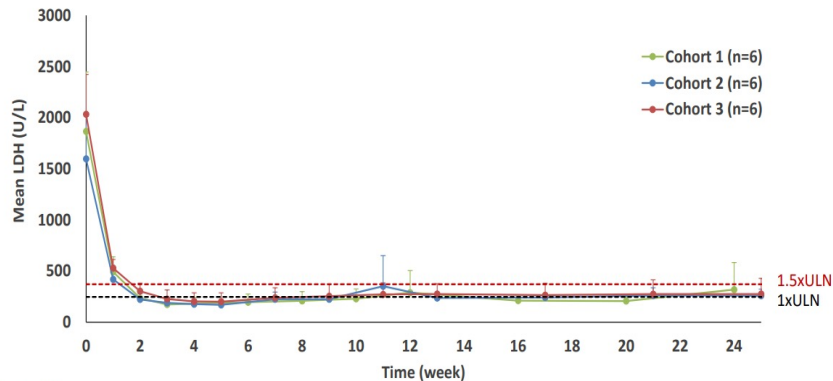
 FACIT-Fatigue Score Clinically Meaningful Improvement (18/18) 100%



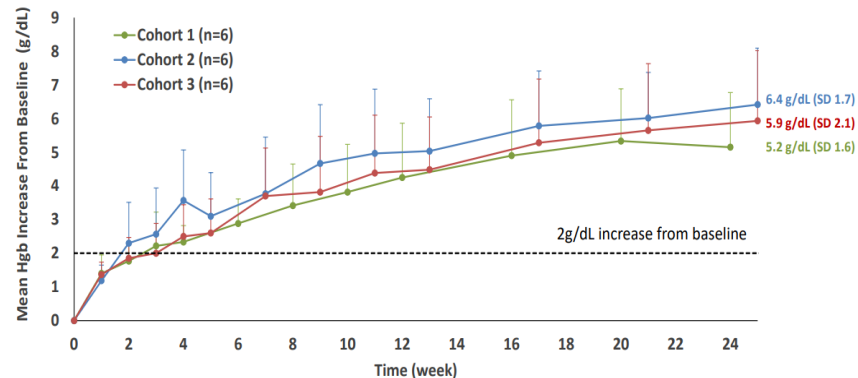
 Free of BTH (17/18) 94%



 Safe and well-tolerated without \geq Grade 3 TEAEs (18/18) 100%



Patients with available data: 18



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Emerging Treatments for PNH

Complement Pathways and Inhibitors



Thank You!



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