Subretinal AGTC-501 Gene Therapy for XLRP: 12-Month Interim Safety & Efficacy Results of the Phase 2 SKYLINE Trial

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X-Linked Retinitis Pigmentosa

Progressive photoreceptor degeneration that leads to blindness with no treatment options



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AGTC-501 Targets XLRP

Delivering functional copy of *RPGR* gene using a sub-retinally administered AAV vector



Potential Therapeutic Benefits of Using Full-Length RPGR

AGTC-501 is expected to restore the natural function of photoreceptors

Beacon uses a stable, full-length RPGR^{ORF15} gene therapy vector, not a truncated RPGR^{ORF15}

AGTC-501 expresses the full-length RPGR protein and undergoes full glutamylation during posttranslational modification

As a full-length RPGR gene therapy, AGTC-501 therefore has a higher probability of restoring the natural function of cone photoreceptors, possibly yielding greater visual improvement^{1,2}



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AGTC-501 Clinical Development Program

	Name	Status	Phase	Patients	Data availability	Conclusions	
ONGOING	HORIZON	• Ongoing – enrollment complete (since Apr-18)	• Phase 1/2 Dose escalation	• 29 patients	 >24-month data available 	 Favorable safety profile (no SUSARs / SAEs) Enabled dose selection for Skyline 	
	SKYLINE	• Ongoing – enrollment complete (since Apr-21)	• Phase 2	 14 patients 	 12-month data available 	 Endpoints of microperimetry, mobility maze test, FST, and visual acuity all met 	
	DAWN	• Ongoing - enrolling	• Phase 2 Open label dose confirmation study	 Patients previously treated in full length RPGR gene therapy study 	N/A	N/A	
PLANNED	VISTA	Planned	• Phase 2/3 US & EU	 XLRP patients 	N/A	N/A	

Phase 2 SKYLINE Study Design

Randomized, Controlled, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Safety, Efficacy, and Tolerability of AGTC-501 in Patients with XLRP caused by *RPGR* mutations



diopters or pathologic myopia in study eye

*All patients centrally dosed

CFB = Change from Baseline; ETDRS = Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy Study; BCVA = Best Corrected Visual Acuity; MAIA = macular integrity assessment; VNC = Visual Navigation Challenge ⁷

Phase 2 SKYLINE Endpoints

Primary Efficacy Endpoint

- Proportion of response by microperimetry between study and fellow eye at Month 12:
 - Response defined as ≥ 7 dB improvement in ≥ 5 loci (microperimetry via MAIA)

Secondary Endpoints

- Change from baseline (CFB) at Month 12 in:
 - Mean sensitivity by microperimetry (MAIA)
 - Full-field light sensitivity Threshold (FST) White, Red and Blue
 - Maze (mobility score assessed by the Ora-VNC[™] mobility course)
 - defined as "improvement of ≥2 luminance levels"
 - BCVA (ETDRS)
- Safety





Phase 2 SKYLINE Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Groups were Well Matched

N = 14



	Low I	Dose	High Dose		
	(N:	=6)	(N=8)		
Endpoints	SE	FE	SE	FE	
BCVA (ETDRS letters)	68.3 (3.20)	73.2 (1.72)	66.5 (6.52)	71.1 (5.14)	
	63, 73	71, 75	57, 74	64, 77	
Ora-VNC Mobility Passing Score (1-16)	13.2 (2.56)	13.8 (2.48)	11.4 (2.62)	11.5 (1.20)	
	10, 16	11, 16	6, 14	9, 13	
Mean Sensitivity (whole grid)¹	5.23 (2.608)	4.94 (2.902)	4.05 (2.279)	3.97 (2.073)	
(dB)	2.6, 10.0	2.1, 10.5	1.5, 7.6	2.1, 8.1	
Full-Field Light Sensitivity Threshold	-41.72 (12.748)	-42.48 (11.968)	-21.75 (9.423)	-26.29 (11.332)	
(FST) - White (dB)	-52.0, -17.4	-50.7, -19.9	-31.2, -8.3	-39.8, -11.4	
Statistics presented are mean (SD), range					

SE = Study eye (treated); FE = Fellow eye (untreated); ETDRS = Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy Study;

BCVA = Best Corrected Visual Acuity; VNC = Visual Navigation Challenge

1. Microperimetry by MAIA

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Ocular SAEs were Deemed Related to AGTC-501

Ocular Serious Adverse Events (SAE)	Low Dose (n=6) N		High Dose (n=8) n		All Patients (n=14) n	
	Study Eye	Fellow Eye	Study Eye	Fellow Eye	Study Eye	Fellow Eye
# of Patients with Any SAE	2	0	0	0	2	0
Glaucoma*	1	0	0	0	1	0
Visual impairment**	1	0	0	0	1	0

*Related to protocol required corticosteroids; severe; treated with medication; resolved by Study Day 181 **Related to injection procedure; ongoing

Ocular Treatment-emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) Related to AGTC-501 at Month 12

Ocular Treatment-emergent Adverse Event (TEAE)	Low Dose (n=6)		High Dose (n=8)		All Patients (n=14)	
	Study Eye	Fellow Eye	Study Eye	Fellow Eye	Study Eye	Fellow Eye
# of Patients with Any Ocular TEAE Related to AGTC-501	3	0	2	0	5	0
Vitritis	1	0	2	0	3	0
Eye pain	1	0	0	0	1	0
Metamorphopsia	1	0	0	0	1	0
Photopsia	1	0	0	0	1	0
Visual acuity reduced	1	0	0	0	1	0

- Ocular treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were mostly non-serious, mild or moderate in severity, and rates were similar between high dose and low dose groups
- All ocular TEAEs related to AGTC-501 were considered mild or moderate in severity
 - Most ocular TEAEs related to the injection procedure were considered mild or moderate in severity

Phase 2 SKYLINE Efficacy Summary at Month 12

Significant Improvement in Retinal Sensitivity Demonstrated

- 1. Within the high dose group, between study eye and fellow eye
- 2. Between high dose and low dose groups

Responder Rate Month 12





Change from Baseline Mean Sensitivity (Whole Grid)



Microperimetry mean sensitivity is an agreed upon registrational endpoint for Europe

SE = Study eye (treated); FE = Fellow eye (untreated) Mean Sensitivity = Microperimetry by MAIA

Example 1: Responding Eye per Microperimetry



≥7 dB in ≥5 loci

CFB = Change from Baseline; SE = Study eye (treated); FE = Fellow eye (untreated)

Example 2: Responding Eye per Microperimetry



≥7 dB in ≥5 loci

CFB = Change from Baseline; SE = Study eye (treated); FE = Fellow eye (untreated)

Secondary Efficacy Endpoint: Mean CFB in Full-Field Light Sensitivity Threshold (FST) at Month 12

Strong Trends in High Dose Group in Full-Field Light Sensitivity (FST)



- Red and White light FST showed statistically significant improvement in the high dose treated eyes compared to both the low dose and the untreated control eyes, while blue light FST showed a strong trend
- This is also consistent with the results obtained with the multi-luminance mobility maze

Secondary Efficacy Endpoint: Mean CFB in Mobility Maze Score at Month 12 Positive trends in High Dose Group

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- Mobility maze test demonstrates positive trends
 - 9/14 treated eyes showed at least one level improvement in maze test
 - 0/14 of the untreated eyes showed at least one level improvement and 5/14 of the untreated eyes showed at least one level worsening

n=14 patients, 25 eyes

SE, study eye (treated); FE, fellow eye (untreated); LCVNC, Low-Contrast Visual Navigation Challenge; HCVNC, High-Contrast Visual Navigation Challenge; CFB = Change from Baseline

Conclusions SKYLINE 12-month Analysis

Data show robust improvements in visual function

AGTC-501 was generally safe and well-tolerated

- To date, AGTC-501 data show robust improvements in visual function including retinal sensitivity as assessed by MAIA microperimetry and full-field stimulus threshold (FST)
- The benefit-risk profile is favorable and supports continued clinical development for the treatment of patients with XLRP caused by RPGR mutations