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Safety and tolerability of rozanolixizumab in the randomized Phase 3 MycarinG study

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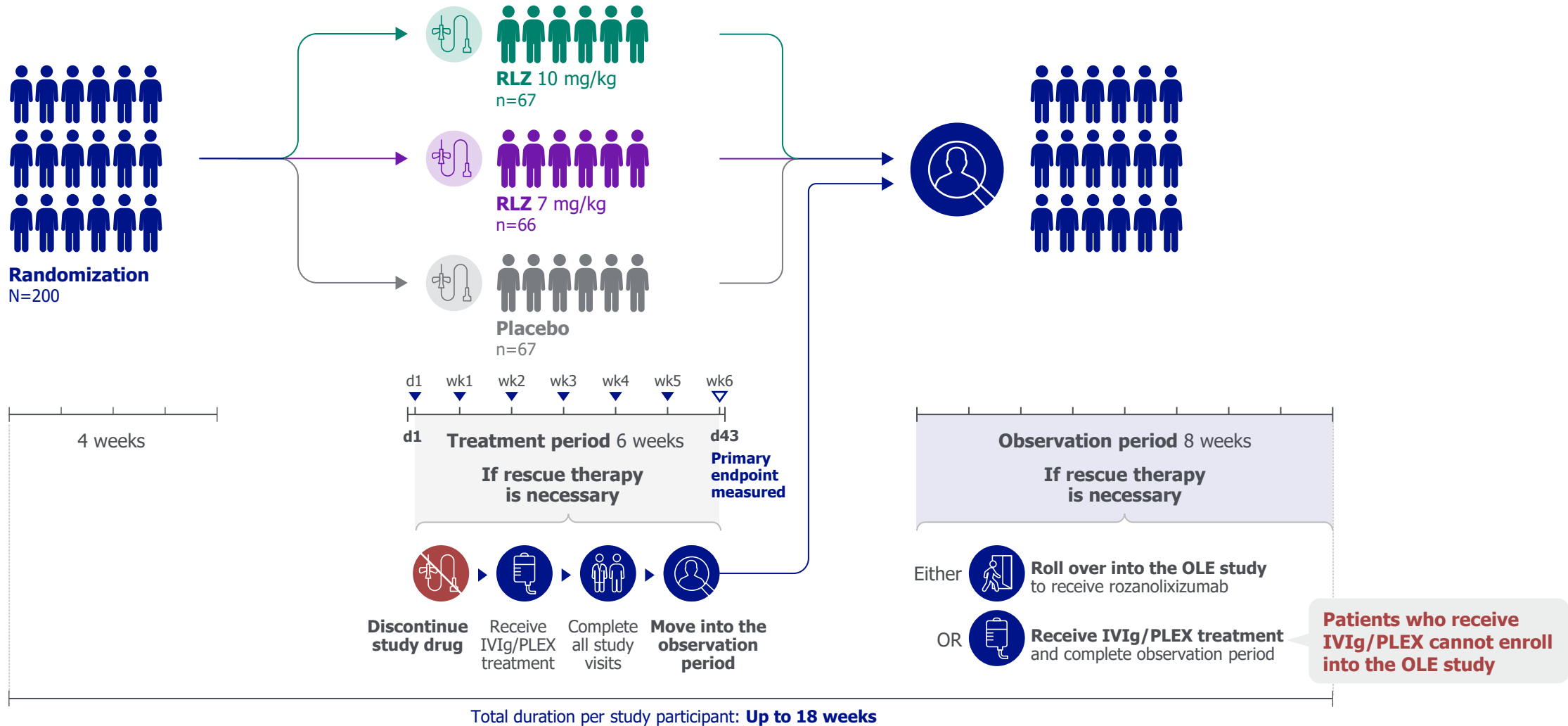
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d, day; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; OLE, open-label extension; PLEX, plasma exchange; RLZ, rozanolixizumab; wk, week. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT03971422. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03971422>. Accessed on 21 July 2022. Rozanolixizumab is an investigational new product and has not been approved by any authority.

Patient demographics and baseline characteristics

Baseline demographics and disease characteristics were generally balanced between treatment groups

		Placebo (n=67)	RLZ 7 mg/kg (n=66)	RLZ 10 mg/kg (n=67)
Age, years, mean (SD)		50.4 (17.7)	53.2 (14.7)	51.9 (16.5)
Sex, female, n (%)		47 (70.1)	39 (59.1)	35 (52.2)
Geographic region, n (%)	Europe	41 (61.2)	36 (54.5)	43 (64.2)
	North America	21 (31.3)	21 (31.8)	18 (26.9)
	Asia (inc. Japan)	5 (7.5)	9 (13.6)	6 (9.0)
Autoantibody status, n (%)*	AChR Ab+	59 (88.1)	60 (90.9)	60 (89.6)
	MuSK Ab+	8 (11.9)	5 (7.6)	8 (11.9)
Thymectomy, n (%)		31 (46.3)	32 (48.5)	20 (29.9)
Duration of disease, years, mean (SD)		9.4 (9.3)	6.9 (6.8)	9.6 (9.9)
MG-ADL score at baseline, mean (SD)		8.4 (3.4)	8.4 (3.8)	8.1 (2.9)
QMG score at baseline, mean (SD)		15.8 (3.5)	15.4 (3.7)	15.6 (3.7)
Baseline medications, n (%)	Corticosteroids for systemic use	38 (56.7)	43 (65.2)	48 (71.6)
	Immunosuppressants	33 (49.3)	32 (48.5)	38 (56.7)
	Parasympathomimetics (AChEIs)	60 (89.6)	55 (83.3)	57 (85.1)
MGFA disease class at baseline, n (%)	Class IIa/b	23 (34.3)	29 (43.9)	26 (38.8)
	Class IIIa/b	41 (61.2)	34 (51.5)	39 (58.2)
	Class IVa/b [†]	3 (4.5)	3 (4.5)	2 (3.0)

*2 patients were positive for both AChR and MuSK autoantibodies, and 2 had unknown status.

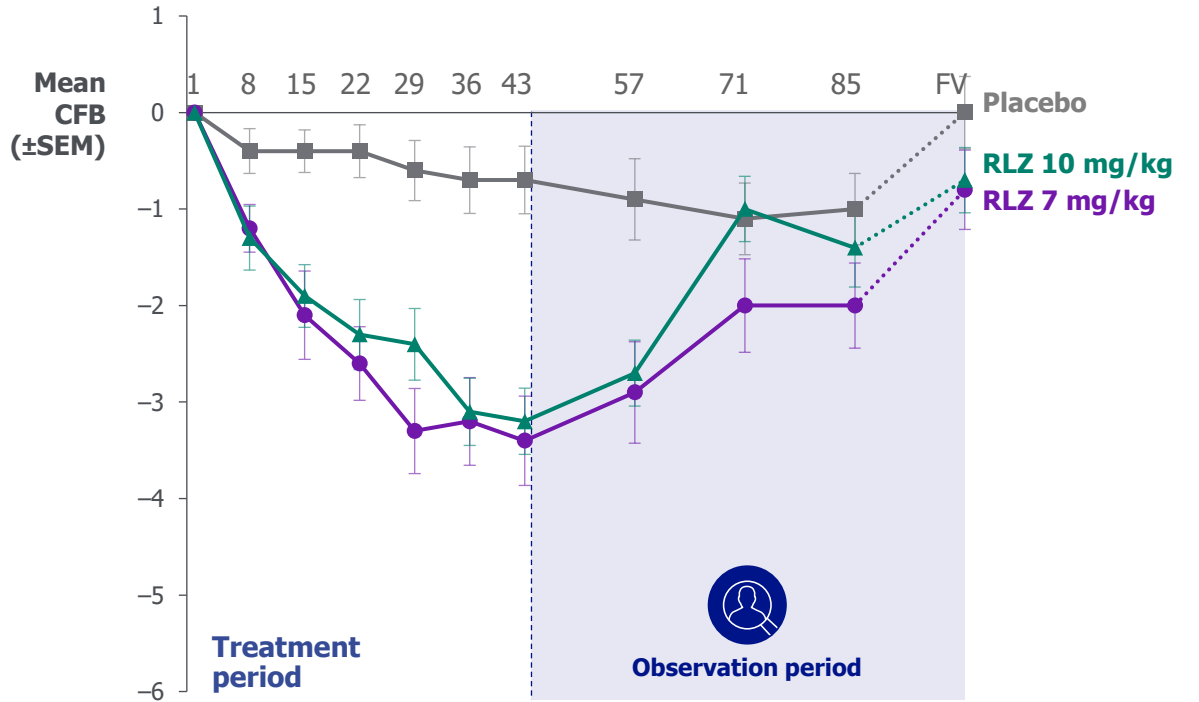
[†]Only 1 patient, who was randomized to the placebo group, had Class IVb disease.

AChEI, acetylcholinesterase inhibitor; AChR Ab+, positive for autoantibodies against the acetylcholine receptor; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; MGFA, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America; MuSK Ab+, positive for autoantibodies against muscle-specific kinase; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis; RLZ, rozanolixizumab; SD, standard deviation.

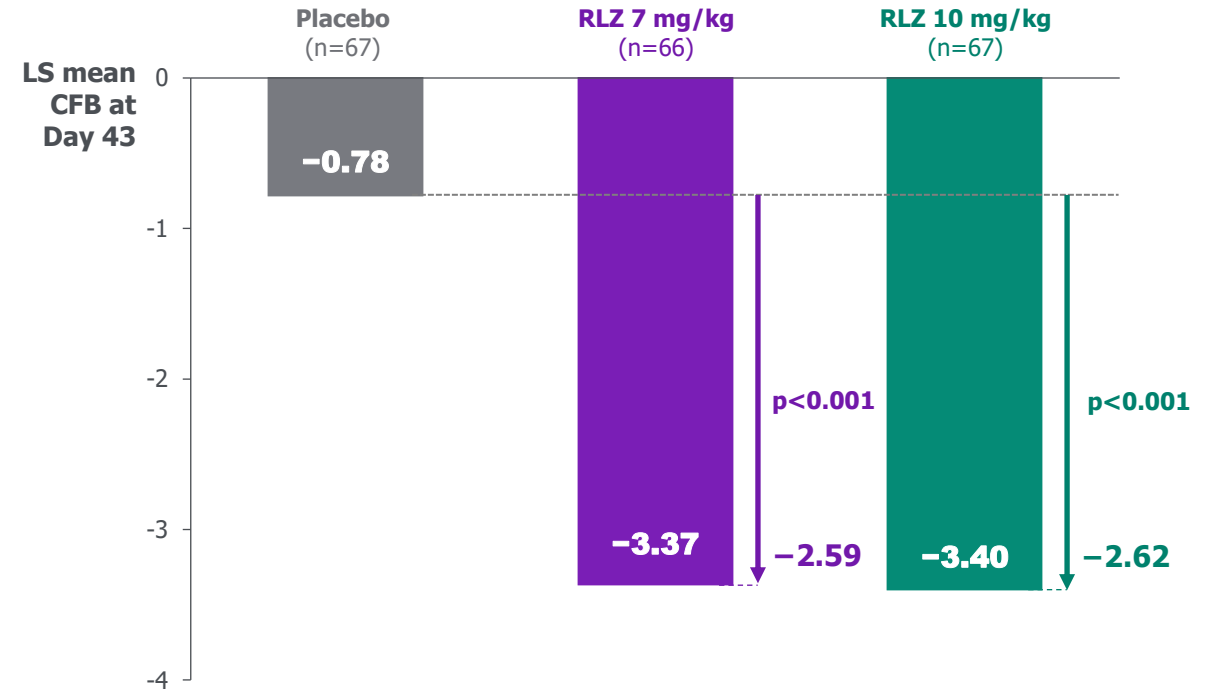
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Change from baseline in MG-ADL

Improvements from baseline with rozanolixizumab 7 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg were both clinically meaningfully and highly statistically significantly different compared with placebo at Day 43 ($p < 0.001$ for both doses).



1	8	15	22	29	36	43	57	71	85	FV	Day of visit
67	67	66	65	64	61	64	54	49	46	64	Placebo, n
66	66	62	62	63	63	64	55	52	43	64	RLZ 7 mg/kg, n
67	66	64	64	61	60	62	63	59	47	64	RLZ 10 mg/kg, n



LS mean difference vs placebo (95% CI)

RLZ 7 mg/kg	-2.59 (-4.09, -1.25)
RLZ 10 mg/kg	-2.62 (-3.99, -1.16)

CFB, change from baseline; CI, confidence interval; FV, final visit (could occur up to Day 99); LS, least squares; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; RLZ, rozanolixizumab; SEM, standard error of the mean.

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Overview of TEAEs

Most TEAEs were mild to moderate in severity

Preferred term	Placebo (n=67) % (n)	RLZ 7 mg/kg (n=64) % (n)*	RLZ 10 mg/kg (n=69) % (n)*
Any TEAE	67.2 (45)	81.3 (52)	82.6 (57)
Serious TEAEs	9.0 (6)	7.8 (5)	10.1 (7)
Treatment withdrawal due to TEAEs	3.0 (2)	3.1 (2)	5.8 (4)
Treatment-related TEAEs [†]	32.8 (22)	50.0 (32)	56.5 (39)
Severe TEAEs	4.5 (3)	4.7 (3)	18.8 (13)
All deaths (AEs leading to death)	0	0	0

- In the placebo group, one patient discontinued due to a TEAE of MG, and one patient discontinued due to a TEAE of MG crisis
- In the 7 mg/kg rozanolixizumab group, the two withdrawals were due to arthralgia and headache
- In the 10 mg/kg rozanolixizumab group, one patient discontinued due to diarrhea; one patient withdrew due to upper abdominal pain and vomiting; one patient withdrew due to oral herpes, MSCC, and DVT; and one patient discontinued due to pruritus

*Two patients in the 7 mg/kg group who incorrectly received 10 mg/kg were analyzed in the 10 mg/kg group for PK/PD and safety analyses.

[†]Treatment-related TEAEs as assessed by investigators. Assessed in the safety set.

AE, adverse event; DVT, deep vein thrombosis; MG, myasthenia gravis; MSCC, metastatic squamous cell carcinoma; PK/PD, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics; RLZ, rozanolixizumab; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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Most common TEAEs

Preferred term	Placebo (n=67) % (n)	RLZ 7 mg/kg (n=64) % (n)*	RLZ 10 mg/kg (n=69) % (n)*
Any TEAE	67.2 (45)	81.3 (52)	82.6 (57)
Headache†	19.4 (13)	45.3 (29)	37.7 (26)
Diarrhea	13.4 (9)	25.0 (16)	15.9 (11)
Pyrexia	1.5 (1)	12.5 (8)	20.3 (14)
Nausea	7.5 (5)	7.8 (5)	11.6 (8)
Arthralgia	3 (2)	6.3 (4)	7.2 (5)
Nasopharyngitis	4.5 (3)	1.6 (1)	7.2 (5)
Myalgia	1.5 (1)	3.1 (2)	5.8 (4)
Vomiting	1.5 (1)	3.1 (2)	5.8 (4)
Hypertension	0	7.8 (5)	0
Urinary tract infection	6 (4)	3.1 (2)	2.9 (2)

- No patients experienced TEAEs related to effects on lipids or reduction in albumin

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†There were no requirements for analgesic headache prophylaxis in the study protocol.

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MycarinG selected adverse events of focus

AEOF category	Placebo (n=67) % (n)	RLZ 7 mg/kg (n=64) % (n)*	RLZ 10 mg/kg (n=69) % (n)*
Any headache	19.4 (13)	45.3 (29)	37.7 (26)
Serious headache	0	0	1.4 (1)
Severe headache	0	1.6 (1)	8.7 (6)
Anaphylactic/serious hypersensitivity reactions	0	0	0
Any infection or infestation	19.4 (13)	15.6 (10)	30.4 (21)
Nasopharyngitis	4.5 (3)	1 (1.6)	7.2 (5)
Oral herpes	0	0	4.3 (3)
Urinary tract infections	6.0 (4)	3.1 (2)	2.9 (2)
URTI	1.5 (1)	3.1 (2)	1.4 (1)
Serious infection or infestation	1.5 (1)	0	0
Any injection-site reaction	3.0 (2)	6.3 (4)	5.8 (4)
Serious injection-site reaction	0	0	0

- Most cases were mild or moderate
- Headaches occurred most frequently after the first infusion
- No patients in MycarinG experienced a recurrence of severe headaches
- Generally, severe headache was well managed with non-opioid analgesics
- One patient in the 7mg/kg group discontinued the study due to headaches

- No TEAEs suggestive of anaphylactic or serious hypersensitivity reactions

- Infections were mainly mild or moderate
 - Nasopharyngitis, oral herpes, and URTI were the most frequent infections in RLZ groups with incidence higher than in placebo
 - No severe or serious infections in rozanolixizumab groups

- The incidence of injection-site reactions was low and similar in all groups, with no serious injection-site reactions

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Summary and conclusions

- The results of MycarinG indicate that rozanolixizumab has an acceptable safety profile and is generally well tolerated in patients with gMG
- The incidence of TEAEs and treatment-related TEAEs was higher in the rozanolixizumab groups than in the placebo group, but comparable between the rozanolixizumab groups
 - Most TEAEs were mild to moderate in severity
- The most frequently reported TEAEs were headache, pyrexia, diarrhea and nausea
 - A higher incidence of headache was reported in the rozanolixizumab groups versus placebo, with most cases mild to moderate; generally, severe cases were well managed with non-opioid analgesics
- There were no severe or serious infections in the rozanolixizumab groups
 - Nasopharyngitis, oral herpes, and upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently in the rozanolixizumab groups than in the placebo group
- Treatment withdrawal due to TEAEs was low; the rate was similar in the rozanolixizumab 7 mg/kg and placebo groups and higher in the rozanolixizumab 10 mg/kg group