

Preliminary Findings From the Phase 2 EPPIK Study of Sparsentan in Pediatric Patients With Selected Proteinuric Glomerular Diseases

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CONCLUSIONS

In pediatric patients with a range of proteinuric glomerular diseases, sparsentan treatment resulted in proteinuria reductions over the initial 12 weeks

Sparsentan had a safety profile consistent with that observed in studies of adults with IgAN or FSGS,¹⁻⁴ and the oral suspension formulation was generally well tolerated

Enrollment for the EPPIK trial (NCT05003986) is ongoing, and further follow-up over the full study period will evaluate the long-term efficacy and safety, as well as pharmacokinetics and palatability, in children with rare proteinuric glomerular diseases

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RESULTS

- Baseline characteristics of the 23 patients who had received ≥ 1 dose of sparsentan at data cutoff (April 5, 2023) are shown in **Table 1**

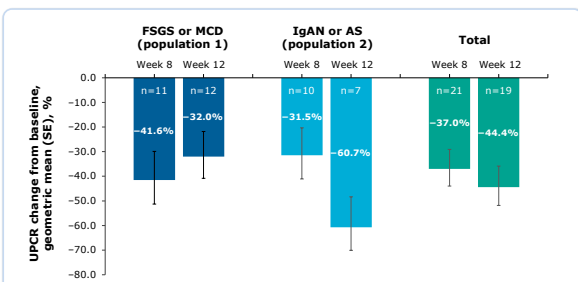
Table 1. Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Population 1: MCD or FSGS (n=13)	Population 2: IgAN or AS (n=10)	Total (N=23)
Diagnosis, n (%)			
MCD	8 (61.5)	0	8 (34.8)
FSGS	5 (38.5)	0	5 (21.7)
IgAN	0	3 (30.0)	3 (13.0)
AS	0	7 (70.0)	7 (30.4)
IgAVN	0	0	0
Male, n (%)	8 (61.5)	8 (80.0)	16 (69.6)
Age, median (IQR), years^a	8 (6-13)	13 (12-14)	12 (7-14)
White, n (%)	12 (92.3)	6 (60.0)	18 (78.3)
UPCR, median (IQR), g/g	3.0 (2.5-5.7)	2.5 (2.1-3.2)	2.8 (2.3-5.0)
Nephrotic-range proteinuria (UPCR ≥ 2 g/g), n (%)	12 (92.3)	8 (80.0)	20 (87.0)
eGFR, mean (SD), mL/min/1.73 m²	106.1 (50.0)	87.3 (27.4)	97.9 (42.0)
Immunosuppressant use at baseline, n (%)	8 (61.5)	1 (10.0)	9 (39.1)
Blood pressure, systolic/diastolic, mean (SD), mm Hg	115.0 (61.1)/69.3 (11.3)	116.2 (10.0)/69.1 (8.4)	115.5 (13.5)/69.2 (9.9)

AS, Alport syndrome; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FSGS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis; IgAN, immunoglobulin A nephropathy; IgAVN, immunoglobulin A vasculitis nephritis; MCD, minimal change disease; UPCR, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio.

- Proteinuria decreased from baseline over 12 weeks of treatment (**Figure 3**)

Figure 3. Geometric Mean Percent Change From Baseline in UPCR Over 12 Weeks of Sparsentan Treatment



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- Sparsentan, a novel dual endothelin angiotensin receptor antagonist (DEARA), is approved to treat adults with immunoglobulin A (IgA) nephropathy (IgAN) in the US based on data from the phase 3 PROTECT trial^{1,2}

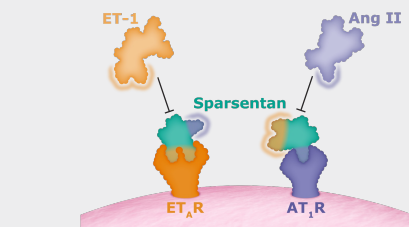
- The ongoing DUPLEX phase 3 trial is studying sparsentan treatment for focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)^{3,4}

- Dual endothelin type A receptor and angiotensin II type 1 receptor antagonist has anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, and antifibrotic actions of therapeutic potential in addition to hemodynamic benefits (**Figure 1**)

- The ongoing, phase 2, open-label EPPIK (Evaluating Problematic Proteinuria in Kids; NCT05003986) study is examining an oral suspension formulation of sparsentan in pediatric patients with IgAN, FSGS, minimal change disease, IgA vasculitis nephritis, or Alport syndrome

- To assess the preliminary efficacy, safety, and tolerability of the oral suspension formulation of sparsentan after 12 weeks of treatment in the EPPIK study

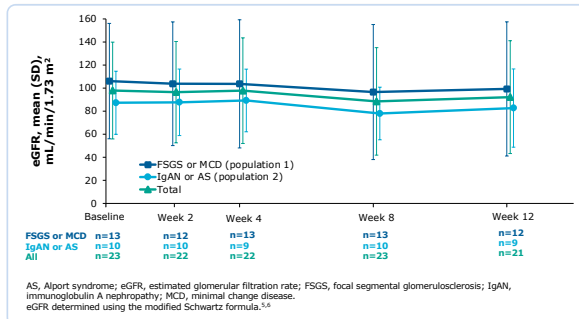
Figure 1. Sparsentan Mechanism of Action



Ang II, angiotensin II; AT₁R, angiotensin II type 1 receptor; ET₁R, endothelin type A receptor; ET-1, endothelin-1.

- Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) was broadly stable during the first 12 weeks of treatment (**Figure 4**)

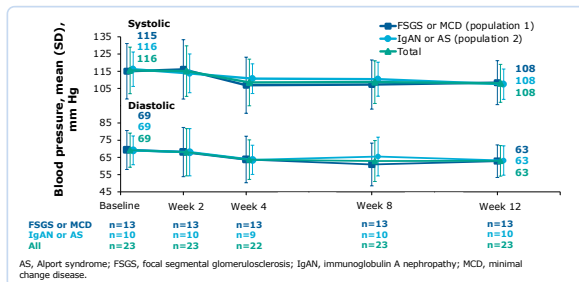
Figure 4. Mean eGFR Change From Baseline Over 12 Weeks of Sparsentan Treatment



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- Effect of sparsentan on blood pressure during the first 12 weeks of treatment is shown in **Figure 5**

Figure 5. Mean Blood Pressure Change From Baseline Over 12 Weeks of Sparsentan Treatment



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- Sparsentan was generally well tolerated over the 12-week treatment period (**Table 2**)
- Occurrences of other treatment-emergent adverse events such as edema, aspartate aminotransferase increase, fluid retention, hyperkalemia, and hypotension each occurred in 1 patient only
- 1 patient discontinued study treatment due to worsening of nephrotic syndrome

Table 2. TEAEs Over 12 Weeks of Sparsentan Treatment

Patients, n (%)	FSGS or MCD: population 1 (n=13)	IgAN or AS: population 2 (n=10)	Total (N=23)
TEAE	11 (85)	7 (70)	18 (78)
Most common TEAEs (≥ 3 patients in either population)			
Pyrexia	3 (23)	1 (10)	4 (17)
Vomiting	3 (23)	1 (10)	4 (17)
Headache	3 (23)	1 (10)	4 (17)
Blood creatinine increase	3 (23)	-	3 (13)
Any serious TEAE	4 (31)	2 (20)	6 (26)
Acute kidney injury	0	1 (10.0)	1 (4.0)
Nephrotic syndrome	1 (8.0)	0	1 (4.0)
Hypotension	1 (8.0)	0	1 (4.0)
Fluid retention	1 (8.0)	0	1 (4.0)

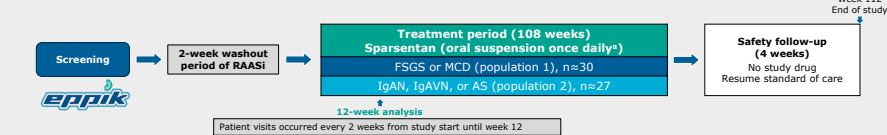
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INTRODUCTION

METHODS

- EPPIK is an open-label, single-arm, descriptive, multicenter trial enrolling ≈ 57 pediatric patients (**Figure 2**)

Figure 2. Study Design



- Key eligibility criteria**
- All patients: eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m² at screening
- Population 1 (FSGS or MCD): ≥ 1 to <18 years and UPCR ≥ 1.5 g/g
- Population 2 (IgAN, IgAVN, or AS): ≥ 2 to 18 years and UPCR ≥ 0.6 g/g
- Patients taking any chronic immunosuppressive medication without a stable dose for ≥ 1 month were excluded

- Endpoints**
- Primary**
 - Safety (adverse events)
 - UPCR changes from baseline through week 108
- Other**
 - eGFR changes from baseline through week 112
 - Changes in vital signs (eg, blood pressure)

AS, Alport syndrome; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FSGS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis; IgAN, immunoglobulin A nephropathy; IgAVN, immunoglobulin A vasculitis nephritis; MCD, minimal change disease; RAASI, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system inhibitor; UPCR, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio. ¹Target exposure is equivalent to 800 mg (FSGS or MCD) or 400 mg (IgAN, IgAVN, or AS) in adults.