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Enzyme-Replacement Therapies for Lysosomal Storage Disorders (Excluding Gaucher and Pompe Disease)

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Coverage

Enzyme-replacement therapy when utilized for the treatment of lysosomal storage disorders **may be considered medically necessary** for the specific indications noted under each of the following enzyme-replacements therapies:

Product	Criteria For Use
Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®)	Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) may be considered medically necessary when: • The individual is 2 years of age or older; AND • The individual has a confirmed diagnosis of Fabry disease. Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme) is considered experimental, investigational and/or unproven for the treatment of all other non-Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indications.
Idursulfase (Elaprase®)	Idursulfase (Elaprase®) may be considered medically necessary when: • The individual is 5 years of age or greater; AND • The individual has a diagnosis of Hunter's syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis II [MPS II]). Idursulfase (Elaprase®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for the treatment of all other non-FDA approved indications.
Asfotase alfa (Strensiq®)	Asfotase alfa (Strensiq®) may be considered medically necessary for the treatment of individuals with perinatal/infantile-and juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP). Asfotase alfa (Strensiq®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®)	Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®) may be considered medically necessary for individuals 5 years of age or older with mucopolysaccharidosis type IVA (MPS IVA; Morquio A syndrome). Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Galsulfase (Naglazyme®)	Galsulfase (Naglazyme®) may be considered medically necessary for individuals with Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI; Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome).

	Galsulfase (Naglazyme®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Laronidase (Aldurazyme®)	Laronidase (Aldurazyme®) may be considered medically necessary for individuals 6 months of age or greater with one of the following: • Hurler and Hurler-Scheie forms of Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I); or • Scheie form of MPS I who have moderate to severe symptoms. Laronidase (Aldurazyme®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications, including but not limited to treatment of individuals with the Scheie form of MPS I who have mild symptoms.
Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme®)	Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme®) may be medically necessary for the treatment of non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD). Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj (Elfabrio®)	Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj (Elfabrio®) may be considered medically necessary in adults with a confirmed diagnosis of Fabry disease. Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj (Elfabrio®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Sebelipase alfa (Kanuma®)	Sebelipase alfa (Kanuma®) may be considered medically necessary when: • The individual is one month of age or greater; AND • The individual has a diagnosis of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency (i.e., Wolman's Disease). Sebelipase alfa (Kanuma®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.
Vestronidase alfa-vjbk (Mepsevii®)	Vestronidase alfa-vjbk (Mepsevii®) may be considered medically necessary in individuals with a diagnosis of Mucopolysaccharidosis VII (MPS VII, Sly syndrome) Vestronidase alfa-vjbk (Mepsevii®) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.

Enzyme-replacement therapy when utilized for the treatment of lysosomal storage disorders (LSD) **is considered not medically necessary** as noted below:

Product	Criteria For Use
Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™)	Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™) for the treatment of neurologic manifestations of Hunter syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis type II, MPS II) is considered not medically necessary as a clinical benefit has not been established. Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™) is considered experimental, investigational, and/or unproven for all other non-FDA approved indications.

Policy Guidelines

NOTE 1:

- Refer to RX501.189 for the use of enzyme replacement therapy for Pompe disease.
- Refer to RX501.190 for the use of enzyme replacement therapy for Gaucher disease.

Description

Lysosomal storage disorders (LSD) are a group of inherited metabolic diseases that are characterized by the accumulation of waste products in the body's cells due to an enzyme deficiency. There are more than 70 lysosomal disorders and additional disorders continue to be identified. These individual disorders are rare inborn errors of metabolism, which results in the absence or deficiency of an enzyme which causes cellular deficiency. LSDs affect different parts of the body, including but not limited to the skeleton, brain, skin, heart, and central nervous system. As a group, lysosomal storage diseases are believed to have an estimated frequency of about 1 in 40,000-60,000. Although individual diseases are rare, the group together affects many people globally. (12, 13)

There is no cure for lysosomal storage disorders; however, enzyme-replacement therapy (ERT) can greatly improve the quality of life in select patients. The decision to start enzyme-replacement therapy for lysosomal disorders is based on the patient's symptoms or deterioration of those over time in each affected patient. Early initiation of treatment for mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) type 1, MPS II and MPS VI can also result in clinical benefit for patients with these conditions. Although enzyme-replacement therapy is not effective for neurologic symptoms, it may bring significant improvement in the quality of life of patients with severe clinical forms of MPS I, MPS II and neuronopathic Gaucher disease. (12, 13)

A comprehensive list of lysosomal disorders can be located at the National Organization of Rare Disorders website (<<https://www.rarediseases.org>>) as the descriptions below only address conditions/diseases that specifically apply within the context of this policy.

Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (ASMD)

Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD), also known as Neiman-Pick disease (NPD), is a rare progressive genetic disease resulting from a deficiency of the enzyme acid sphingomyelinase. This enzyme is required to break down or metabolize fatty lipid sphingomyelin. At the severe end of the spectrum is a fatal neurodegenerative disorder that presents in infancy (Niemann-Pick disease type

A). At the mild end of the spectrum, affected individuals have no or only minimal neurological symptoms, and survival into adulthood is common (Niemann-Pick disease type B). Intermediate forms of the disorder exist as well. ASMD is caused by mutations in the *SMPD1* gene and is inherited in an autosomal recessive manner.

Generally, type A causes severe neurodegenerative disease during infancy, while type B is generally not considered to be a neurologic disease. Since there are some cases that fall in between these two extremes, such broad designations can be misleading, therefore, some examiners use ASMD type B to refer to all mild and intermediate forms of the disease, which can include those that have neurological findings. NPD type C is due to disease-causing variants in 1 of 2 different genes and does not involve a deficient enzyme; therefore, it is considered a separate disorder, distinct from NPD types A and B. (14)

ASMD affects males and females equally. It is estimated that 1 in 250,000 individuals in the general population are affected by ASMD. The severe, infantile form (Niemann-Pick type A) can affect different ethnic groups but occurs with greater frequency in individuals of Ashkenazi Jewish descent. Later-onset forms (Niemann-Pick type B) can affect all ethnic groups. (14)

Fabry Disease

Fabry disease is a rare, inherited X-linked lysosomal disorder resulting from the absent or deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme, α -galactosidase A (α -Gal A). The enzyme deficiency causes excessive deposits of glycosphingolipids (GL-3 or Gb3), resulting in cell abnormalities and organ dysfunction affecting small blood vessels, the heart, and the kidneys. (15)

Fabry disease is subdivided into 2 phenotypes:

- Type 1 “classic” phenotype has little or no functional α -galactosidase A (α -Gal A) enzymatic activity (<3% of normal mean activity) and marked accumulation of GL-3/Gb3 and related glycolipids in capillaries and small blood vessels. This accumulation results in acroparesthesias (excruciating pain in the hands and feet with exercise, fevers, stress, etc.), anhidrosis/hypohidrosis (absent or markedly decreased sweating), angiokeratomas (clusters of red to blue rash-like discolorations on the skin), corneal dystrophy (star-burst pattern of the cornea that does not affect vision), and gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., abdominal pain, cramping, frequent bowel movements) in children and adolescents. With increasing age, symptoms progress to cardiac disorders (arrhythmias, left ventricular hypertrophy, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy), renal disorders (progressive proteinuria, renal insufficiency, and renal failure) and cardiovascular conditions (cerebrovascular disease including transient ischemic attacks and strokes). Additional symptoms may include chronic fatigue, dizziness, headache, generalized weakness, nausea, and/or vomiting, delayed puberty, altered hair growth, malformation of the joints of the fingers (rare), and lymphedema.
- Type 2 “later-onset” phenotype has residual α -Gal A activity, lacks GL-3/Gb3 accumulation in capillaries and small blood vessels, and does not exhibit early symptoms like type 1. Individuals typically experience a normal childhood and present with renal and/or cardiac disease within the third to seventh decades of life.

The diagnosis and treatment of Fabry disease can be very challenging. Signs and symptoms may be nonspecific and isolated in different organs, resulting in a difficult and often missed diagnosis.

The diagnosis of both type 1 and 2 males is confirmed by demonstrating the enzyme deficiency and by identifying the specific *GLA* gene mutation. Treatment involves a multidisciplinary approach and should be initiated to minimize irreversible end-organ damage. (15)

Hypophosphatasia (Perinatal/Infantile and Juvenile-Onset)

Hypophosphatasia (HPP), also known as Rathbun disease, is a rare genetic disorder with highly variable clinical severity caused by mutations in the *ALPL* gene. HPP affects males and females equally and is characterized by impaired mineralization (calcification) of bones and teeth making them prone to deformity and fractures. Depending on the specific form, HPP can be inherited in an autosomal recessive (among brothers and sisters) or autosomal dominant (multiple generations) manner. (16)

HPP is classified into categories depending on the age at diagnosis. The severity is based on how much alkaline phosphatase activity resides in the body, with less enzyme activity causing more severe disease. Categories of HPP include (17):

- Perinatal HPP presents clinical features noted prenatally (per ultrasound) or at birth. Typically, clinical exam reveals skeletal abnormalities including chest wall deformities, as well as short or bowed long bones. The skeleton is hypo mineralized, which can be identified by X-ray. This form of HPP was frequently fatal although ERT has altered the progression of the disease resulting in increased survival.
- Infantile HPP characteristics usually become apparent by 6 months of age. Characteristic changes of rickets may be noted on X-rays and fractures are often present. Infants fail to grow, and some will experience vitamin B-6 responsive seizures. Hypercalcemia and nephrocalcinosis are common. Mortality in the infantile form of HPP has been reduced with ERT treatment.
- Childhood HPP is diagnosed when the disease manifests after 6 months of age. Children often exhibit delays in meeting gross motor milestones and static myopathy. A common feature is premature loss of deciduous teeth (before 5 years of age) with intact roots. X-rays reveal changes consistent with rickets and often a radiolucent band extending from growth plate into the metaphysis.
- Adult HPP is characterized by a wide variety of symptoms including non-specific musculoskeletal complaints and slow to heal metatarsal or subtrochanteric femoral fractures. Many adults with HPP will report having had symptoms during childhood, despite formal diagnosis not being made until later in life.
- Odontohypophosphatasia is the least severe form of HPP and is diagnosed when dental abnormalities are present, but no other skeletal diseases such as rickets or osteomalacia are present.

Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency

Lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency is a lipid storage disorder characterized by a genetic defect resulting in a marked decrease or loss of activity of the LAL enzyme. The two rare conditions that may occur due to this enzyme deficiency include (18-20):

- Wolmans disease: This rare, congenital disease typically occurs in early childhood due to the complete absence of the enzyme known as lysosomal acid lipase (LIPA or LAL). This enzyme is needed to metabolize certain lipids in the body. Without this enzyme, lipids may accumulate in the tissues and organs causing persistent vomiting and diarrhea, abdominal distention, jaundice, hepatosplenomegaly, and premature cardiovascular events.

- Cholesteryl ester storage disease (CESD): This condition is less severe and presents later in life compared to Wolmans disease. In CESD, the LIPA gene variant results in some enzyme activity. Symptoms may include hepatosplenomegaly, cirrhosis and malabsorption, and gastrointestinal symptoms.

Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS)

MPS are a group of rare inherited lysosomal storage disorders where there is a deficiency or malfunction of specific lysosomal enzymes. This deficiency leads to an abnormal accumulation of certain complex carbohydrates (mucopolysaccharides or glycosaminoglycans) in the arteries, skeleton, eyes, joints, ears, skin, and/or teeth. These accumulations may also be found in the respiratory system, liver, spleen, central nervous system, blood, and bone marrow. This accumulation eventually causes damage to cells, tissues, and various organ systems. There are several types and subtypes of MPS. These disorders, with one exception, are inherited as autosomal recessive traits. (21)

Several clinical types and subtypes of MPS have been identified. Although each MPS differs clinically, most individuals experience a period of normal development followed by a decline in physical and/or mental function. The subtypes of MPS include, but are not limited to the following conditions (21, 22):

- MPS Type I is caused by a missing or deficient enzyme alpha-L-iduronidase which is needed to break down glycosaminoglycans dermatan sulphate and heparan sulphate. It is subdivided into 3 separate syndromes based on severity of symptoms: Scheie syndrome (MPS I S), Hurler/Scheie syndrome (MPS IH/S) and Hurler syndrome (MPS IH).
 - a. *Scheie syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis type I-S; MPS I-S)*:
The mildest form of MPS. Individuals with Scheie syndrome have a deficiency of alpha-L-iduronidase with an accumulation of dermatan sulfate. Individuals have normal intelligence, height, and life expectancy. Symptoms usually occur around age 5 and include stiff joints, carpal tunnel syndrome, aortic regurgitation, and cataracts that may result in the loss of visual acuity.
 - b. *Hurler-Scheie syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis type I-H/S; MPS-IH/S)*:
The intermediate form of MPS is extremely rare where symptoms usually become apparent between 3 and 6 years of age. Like Scheie syndrome, affected individuals have a deficiency of the alpha-L-iduronidase specific for accumulation of dermatan sulfate. Affected individuals may develop coarse facial features, joint stiffness, short stature, cataracts, hepatosplenomegaly, skeletal and cardiac abnormalities. Intelligence may be normal, or a mild to moderate intellectual disability may develop.
 - c. *Hurler syndrome (mucopolysaccharidosis type 1H; MPS 1H)*:
The most severe form of MPS is characterized by a deficiency of the enzyme alpha-L-iduronidase, resulting in an accumulation of dermatan and heparan sulfates. Symptoms usually become evident between 6 months and 2 years of age. Children usually stop developing between ages 2 and 4 followed by progressive mental decline and loss of physical skills. Affected infants may experience symptoms including but not limited to developmental delays, progressive mental and physical decline, limited language due to hearing loss, feeding difficulties, short stature, multiple skeletal abnormalities, hernias, enlarged organs.
- MPS II (Hunter Syndrome) is a rare inborn error of metabolism that is inherited as an X-linked trait resulting in a deficiency of iduronate sulfatase (IDS) which breaks down the glycosaminoglycans heparin sulfate and dermatan sulfate inside cells. The disease is almost exclusively found in young males. Children with a less severe form of MPS II are often diagnosed

in the second decade of life. Intellect and social development are not affected. Physical characteristics in these children are less obvious and progress at a much slower rate, and skeletal problems may be less severe. Individuals with less severe MPS II may live into their 50s or beyond, although respiratory and cardiac complications can contribute to premature death. Children with the more severe form of MPS II share many of the neurological and physical features associated with severe MPS I, but with milder symptoms. Onset of symptoms usually start between the ages of 2 and 4. Developmental decline is usually observed between the ages of 18 and 36 months, followed by progressive loss of motor skills. Other symptoms may include but are not limited to increased intracranial pressure, joint stiffness, retinal degeneration, macrocephaly, and progressive hearing loss.

- MPS IV (Morquio Syndrome) occurs because of a deficiency of the enzyme N-acetyl-galactosamine-6-sulfatase (type A) and beta-galactosidase (type B) resulting in the accumulation of keratan and chondroitin sulfate (type A) and keratan sulfate (type B). A deficiency of either enzyme leads to the buildup of MPS in the body resulting in abnormal skeletal development. Typically, onset is between ages 1 to 3. The clinical features of MPS IV B are usually fewer and milder than those associated with MPS IV A. Clinical symptoms include but are not limited to, progressive skeletal changes (i.e., odontoid hypoplasia, protruded sternum, curvature of the spine, knock knees), joint stiffness, restricted breathing, heart disease, hearing loss and cloudy corneas. In most cases, intelligence is normal unless hydrocephalus develops and is untreated.
- MPS VI (Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome, mucopolysaccharidosis type VI) is characterized by a deficiency of the enzyme N-acetylgalactosamine-4-sulfatase, resulting in the accumulation of dermatan sulfate. Symptoms of MPS VI vary significantly among affected individuals and range from mild to severe. Clinical symptoms mimic other lysosomal disorders but also may include progressive skeletal changes, neurological symptoms due to thickening of the dura, deafness, ocular conditions (i.e., glaucoma, clouded cornea, optic nerve edema/degeneration) and heart disease. Growth is initially normal but usually ceases by age 8. In most cases, intelligence is normal.
- MPS VII (Sly syndrome, mucopolysaccharidosis type VII) is an inherited, rare genetic disorder that is caused by a deficiency of the enzyme beta-glucuronidase, resulting in the accumulation of three glycosaminoglycans: dermatan sulfate, heparan sulfate and chondroitin sulfate. Some clinical manifestations include mild to severe intellectual disability, skeletal abnormalities restricting movement, short stature, heart disease, hernias, hydrocephalus, hepatosplenomegaly, cloudy corneas, and a history of pneumonia. In rare cases, the infant or newborn may develop hydrops fetalis, an abnormal accumulation of fluid in various tissues of the body.

Regulatory Status

The following enzyme-replacement therapies are U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for the treatment of specific lysosomal storage disorders:

- Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®) was approved in 2003 by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of adult and pediatric individuals 2 years of age and older with confirmed Fabry disease. The safety and effectiveness of Fabrazyme has not been established in individuals less than 2 years of age. (1)
- Idursulfase (Elaprase®) was approved in 2006 by the U.S. FDA for the treatment for Mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II, Hunter syndrome) based on clinical studies on children 5 years of age or older. (2)

- Asfotase alfa (Strensiq®) was approved in 2015 by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of individuals with perinatal/infantile and juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP). (3)
- Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®) is the first orphan drug approved by the U.S. FDA (2014) to treat individuals with Mucopolysaccharidosis type IVA (MPS IVA), also known as Morquio A syndrome. Safety and efficacy have not been established in patients below 5 years of age. (4)
- Naglazyme® (Galsulfase) was U.S. FDA approved in 2005 for the use in individuals with Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI; Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome). (5)
- Laronidase (Aldurazyme®) was originally U.S. FDA approved in 2003 and is indicated for adult and pediatric individuals with Hurler and Hurler-Scheie forms of mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I) and for individuals with the Scheie form of MPS I who have moderate to severe symptoms. Pretreatment with antipyretics and/or antihistamines is recommended prior to the infusion. The FDA approval was based on clinical trials on individuals 6 months of age and greater. Laronidase has not been evaluated for effects on the central nervous system manifestations of the disorder. (6)
- Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme®) was approved by the U.S. FDA in August 2022 to treat pediatric and adult individuals with non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD). (7)
- Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj (Elfabrio®) was U.S. FDA approved on May 9, 2023, for adults with a confirmed diagnosis of Fabry disease. The safety and effectiveness of Elfabrio has not been established in pediatric patients. (8)
- Sebelipase alfa (Kanuma®) was U.S. FDA approved in December 2015 for individuals with a diagnosis of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency. The FDA approval was based on clinical trials with individuals greater than 1 month of age. (9)
- Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™) was approved in March 2026 for the treatment of neurologic manifestations of Hunter syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis type II, MPS II) when initiated in presymptomatic or symptomatic pediatric patients weighing at least 5 kg prior to advanced neurologic impairment. This indication was FDA approved under an accelerated approval based on a reduction of cerebrospinal fluid heparan sulfate observed in individuals treated with Avlayah. Per the FDA label, continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in confirmatory trial(s). (11)
- Vestronidase alfa-vjbk (Mepsevii®) was approved by the U.S. FDA in November 2017 for pediatric and adult individuals for the treatment of Mucopolysaccharidosis VII (MPS VII, Sly syndrome). The effect of Mepsevii on the central nervous system manifestations of MPS VII has not been determined. (10)

NOTE 2: Per the FDA labels, when receiving ERT for lysosomal disorders, individuals should be monitored closely for hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis. Appropriate medical monitoring and support measures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment, should be readily available when ERT is administered. Please refer to the U.S. FDA label for precautions for each individual ERT therapy.

Rationale

This policy is based on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeled indications for enzyme replacement therapy for lysosomal storage disorders (excluding Gaucher and Pompe disease).

Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®)

The safety and efficacy of Fabrazyme were assessed in four clinical studies in patients with Fabry disease and one matched analysis based on data from observational studies.

Study 1 was a randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled, multinational, multicenter study of 58 patients with Fabry disease (56 males and 2 females), ages 16 to 61 years, all naïve to enzyme replacement therapy (ERT). Patients were randomized 1:1 to receive either Fabrazyme 1 mg/kilogram (kg) every 2 weeks or placebo for 20 weeks. Patients had a median age of 24 years in the placebo group and 33 years in the Fabrazyme group at baseline. At baseline, all patients had plasma αGAL (alpha-galactosidase A) activity below the detection limit and 79% had leukocyte αGAL activity below the detection limit. The median plasma GL-3 at baseline was 14.4 ng/uL in the placebo group and 14.7 ng/uL in the Fabrazyme group with the overall range of <1.2 to 36 ng/uL. The median estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) at baseline was 98.5 mL/hr in the placebo group and 83.0 mL/hr in the Fabrazyme group (overall range 24 to 153 mL/hr). All patients were pretreated with acetaminophen and antihistamine. Oral steroids were an additional option to the pretreatment regimen for patients who exhibited severe or recurrent infusion-associated reactions. (1)

Tissue biopsy specimens (kidney, heart, skin) were evaluated at baseline and at week 20 by light microscopy for the presence and number of GL-3 inclusions using a semi-quantitative methodology. Renal interstitial capillaries were scored based on the number of GL-3 (globotriaosylceramide) inclusions on a scale of 0 to 3 (0 defined as “nearly none” or “trace,” 1 defined as “mild,” 2 defined as “moderate,” and 3 defined as “severe”). The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients in either group with a renal capillary GL-3 inclusion score of zero at week 20. In the Fabrazyme group, 20 of 29 (69%) patients achieved a score of zero while 0 of 29 placebo treated patients achieved a score of zero ($p<0.001$). Similar reductions in GL-3 inclusions were observed in the capillary endothelium of the heart and skin (Table 1). All 58 patients who completed Study 1 were subsequently treated with Fabrazyme 1 mg/kg every two weeks in an open-label extension study. After six months of open-label treatment, most patients with available biopsy data achieved a GL-3 inclusion score of 0 in capillary endothelium (Table 1).

Table 1. Proportion of Patients with Tissue GL-3 Inclusion Score of Zero (Study 1 and open-label treatment)

	20 weeks of randomized treatment in Study 1		6 months of Fabrazyme open-label treatment	
	Placebo (n=29)	Fabrazyme (n=29)	Placebo/ Fabrazyme (n=29)*	Fabrazyme/ Fabrazyme (n=29)*
Kidney	0/29	20/29	24/24	23/25
Heart	1/29	21/29	13/18	19/22
Skin	1/29	29/29	25/26	26/27

* Results reported where biopsies were available.

Study 2 was a randomized (2:1 Fabrazyme to placebo), double-blind, placebo-controlled, multinational, multicenter study of 82 patients (72 males and 10 females) with Fabry disease, all naïve to enzyme replacement therapy. Of the 82 enrolled patients, 51 and 31 patients were randomized to the Fabrazyme and placebo groups, respectively. Patients were 20 to 72 years of age

with a median age of 45 years at baseline, a median age of 36 years at Fabry disease diagnosis, and a median of 10 years at symptom onset. The median plasma GL-3 at baseline was 9.3 ug/mL in the placebo group and 8.9 ug/mL in the Fabrazyme group with the overall range of 2.8 to 18.9 ug/mL. At baseline, patients had median plasma αGAL activity 1.5 nmol/hour/mL (range: 0 to 1.5), leukocyte αGAL activity 1.8 nmol/hour/mL (range: 0 to 4.0), eGFR 52 mL/min/1.73 m² (range: 25 to 113), and protein to creatinine ratio 0.9 mg/mg (range: 0 to 7.3). Patients received either 1 mg/kg Fabrazyme intravenous (IV) or placebo every two weeks for up to 35 months (median follow-up 18.5 months). The primary efficacy endpoint was the time to first occurrence of a clinically significant event (renal, cardiac, or cerebrovascular event, or death). A total of 14 of 51 (28%) Fabrazyme-treated patients and 13 of 31 (42%) placebo-treated patients experienced a clinically significant event (hazard ratio [HR] 0.57, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.27, 1.22).

Study 3 (Pediatric Study) was an open-label, single-arm, multinational, multicenter study in 16 pediatric patients with Fabry disease (14 males, 2 females), aged 8 to 16 years (median 12 years). At baseline, patients had median plasma αGAL activity 0.2 nmol/hour/mL (range: 0.0, 2.0) and median leukocyte αGAL activity 0.5 nmol/hour/mg (range: 0.0, 12.5). All 14 males had elevated plasma GL-3 levels (i.e., >7.03 μg/mL) at baseline, whereas the two females had normal plasma GL-3 levels. Median eGFR was normal (112.1 mL/min/1.73 m²) at baseline and did not change during treatment, and median urinary protein was 151.0 mg/24 hr (range: 70.0, 431.0). All patients received Fabrazyme 1 mg/kg every two weeks for up to 48 weeks.

Study 5 was a long-term, observational study assessing the rate of decline in renal function (eGFR slope) in 122 patients with Fabry disease aged 16 years and older treated with Fabrazyme. Treated patients were matched 1:1 based on age (at Fabrazyme initiation), sex, Fabry disease subtype (classic or non-classic), and baseline eGFR to a historical cohort of untreated patients with Fabry disease. The median follow-up time was 3 years in the untreated group and 4.5 years in the treated group (maximum follow-up time was 5 years in both groups). In the matched cohort, the median age (at Fabrazyme initiation) was 35 years, 72% of patients were male, 84% of patients had the classic Fabry disease subtype, and the median baseline eGFR was 93 mL/min/1.73 m². The estimated mean eGFR slope was -1.5 mL/min/1.73 m²/year in the Fabrazyme-treated group and -3.2 mL/min/1.73 m²/year in the untreated group (eGFR slope difference: 1.7 mL/min/1.73 m²/year; 95% CI: 0.5, 3.0).

Use in the Pediatric Population

The safety and effectiveness of Fabrazyme have been established in pediatric patients based on adequate and well-controlled studies in adults, a single-arm, open-label study in 16 pediatric patients with Fabry disease aged 8 to 16 years, and additional data in 24 patients with Fabry disease aged 2 to 7 years. The overall safety profile of Fabrazyme was similar between the pediatric and the adult population. Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients less than 2 years of age.

Idursulfase (Elaprase®)

Clinical Trials in Patients 5 Years and Older

The safety and efficacy of Elaprase were evaluated in a 53-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial of 96 patients with Hunter syndrome. The trial included patients with deficiency in iduronate-2-sulfatase enzyme activity and a percent predicted forced vital capacity (% predicted FVC) less than 80%. The ages of patients ranged from 5 to 31 years. Patients received

Elaprase 0.5 mg/kg once per week (n=32), Elaprase 0.5 mg/kg once every other week (n=32), or placebo (n=32).

The primary efficacy outcome assessment was a two-component composite score based on the sum of the ranks of the change from baseline to Week 53 in distance walked in six minutes (6-MWT) and the ranks of the change in %-predicted FVC. This two-component composite primary endpoint differed statistically significantly between the three groups, and the difference was greatest between the placebo group and the once weekly treatment group (once weekly Elaprase versus placebo, $p=0.0049$).

Examination of the individual components of the composite score showed that, in the adjusted analysis, the weekly Elaprase-treated group experienced a 35-meter greater mean increase in the distance walked in six minutes compared to placebo. The changes in %-predicted FVC were not statistically significant (Table 2). (2)

Table 2. Clinical Trial Results

	Elaprase Weekly n=32*			Placebo n=32*			Elaprase Once Weekly-Placebo
	Baseline	Week 53	Change†	Baseline	Week 53	Change†	Difference in Change
Results from the 6-Minute Walk Test (Meters)							
Mean ± SD	392 ± 108	436 ± 138	44 ± 70	393 ± 106	400 ± 106	7 ± 54	37 ± 16‡ 35 ± 14§ (p=0.01)
Median	397	429	31	403	412	-4	
Percentiles (25 th , 75 th)	316, 488	365, 536	0, 94	341, 469	361, 460	-30, 31	
Results from the Forced Vital Capacity Test (% of Predicted)							
Mean ± SD	55.3 ± 15.9	58.7 ± 19.3	3.4 ± 10.0	55.6 ± 12.3	56.3 ± 15.7	0.8 ± 9.6	2.7 ± 2.5‡ 4.3 ± 2.3§ (p=0.07)
Median	54.9	59.2	2.1	57.4	54.6	-2.5	
Percentiles (25 th , 75 th)	43.6, 69.3	44.4, 70.7	-0.8, 9.5	46.9, 64.4	43.8, 67.5	-5.4, 5.0	

SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error.

* One patient in the placebo group and one patient in the Elaprase group died before Week 53; imputation was by last observation carried forward in the intent-to-treat analysis.

† Change, calculated as Week 53 minus Baseline

‡ Observed mean ± SE

§ ANCOVA model-based mean ± SE, adjusted for baseline disease severity, region, and age.

Pharmacodynamic assessments included urinary glycosaminoglycans (GAG) levels and changes in liver and spleen size. Urinary GAG levels were elevated in all patients at baseline. Following 53 weeks of treatment, mean urinary GAG levels were reduced in the Elaprase once weekly group, although GAG levels remained above the upper limit of normal in half of the Elaprase treated patients.

Urinary GAG levels remained elevated and essentially unchanged in the placebo group. Sustained reductions in both liver and spleen volumes were observed in the Elaprase once weekly group through Week 53 compared to placebo. There were essentially no changes in liver and spleen volumes in the placebo group.

Extension Trial

Patients who participated in the placebo-controlled trial were eligible to continue treatment in an open-label extension trial. During the extension trial, all patients received Elaprase 0.5 mg/kg once weekly for 24 months.

Patients who were treated with Elaprase once weekly and every other week in the placebo-controlled trial demonstrated improvement in distance walked in the 6-MWT for an additional 8 months of treatment in the extension trial. There was no change in mean %-predicted FVC in all Hunter syndrome patients after 6 months of treatment in the extension trial; however, a slight decrease in mean %-predicted FVC was demonstrated through month 24 of the extension trial. The long-term effect of Elaprase on pulmonary function in Hunter syndrome patients is unclear.

There were no further reductions in mean urinary GAG levels in patients initially treated with Elaprase once weekly; however, the patients treated with Elaprase every other week during the placebo-controlled trial experienced further reductions in mean urinary GAG levels after changing to a more frequent dosing regimen during the extension trial. The persistence of reduced urinary GAG levels did not correlate with the long-term effect demonstrated by the 6-MWT distance or %-predicted FVC.

Clinical Trial in Patients 7 Years and Younger

A 53-week, open-label, multicenter, single-arm trial was conducted to assess the safety, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of Elaprase 0.5 mg/kg once weekly in male Hunter syndrome patients aged 7 years and younger. Safety results demonstrated that patients with complete gene deletion or large gene rearrangement mutations are more likely to develop antibodies, including neutralizing antibodies, and to experience hypersensitivity reactions with Elaprase administration. In patients who remained antibody negative, the pharmacokinetic profile, reduction in urinary GAG excretion levels, and reduction in spleen volume were similar to those of adults and children 5 years and older. In patients who were persistently antibody positive, the presence of anti-idursulfase antibody was associated with reduced systemic exposure of idursulfase and a less pronounced decrease in urinary GAG levels.

Use in the Pediatric Population

Clinical trials with Elaprase were conducted in 96 patients with Hunter syndrome, ages 5 to 31 years old, with the majority of the patients in the pediatric age group (median age 15 years old). In addition, an open-label, uncontrolled clinical trial was conducted in 28 patients with Hunter syndrome, ages 16 months to 7.5 years old. Patients 16 months to 5 years of age demonstrated a reduction in spleen volume that was similar to that of adults and children 5 years and older. However, there is no data to support improvement in disease-related symptoms or long-term clinical outcome in patients 16 months to 5 years of age.

The safety and effectiveness of Elaprase have not been established in pediatric patients less than 16 months of age.

Asfotase alfa (Strensiq®) (3)

Perinatal/Infantile-Onset Hypophosphatasia

Study 1 was a 24-week prospective single-arm trial in 11 patients with severe perinatal/ infantile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP). In this study, 7/11 (64%) were female and 10/11 (91%) patients were White, and age ranged from 3 weeks to 39.5 months. Severe perinatal/infantile-onset HPP was defined as biochemical, medical history and radiographic evidence of HPP as well as the presence of any of the following: rachitic chest deformity, vitamin B6-dependent seizures, or failure to thrive. Ten of 11 patients completed the 24-week trial and continued treatment in the extension phase. Nine patients have been treated for at least 216 weeks (54 months) and 4 patients have been treated for over 240 weeks (60 months). Patients received subcutaneous Strensiq 3 mg/kg per week for the first month; subsequently, dose increases up to 9 mg/kg per week were allowed for changes in weight and/or for lack of efficacy. All 10 patients required dose increases up to 6 mg/kg per week or higher; 9 patients increased between 4 and 24 weeks after starting treatment and 1 patient increased after 70 weeks due to suboptimal clinical response. One patient's dose was decreased from 9 mg/kg per week to 6 mg/kg per week based on pharmacokinetic (PK) data.

Study 2 was a prospective open-label study in 59 patients with perinatal/infantile-onset HPP. In this study, 32/59 (54%) were female, 46/59 (78%) were White, and age ranged from 1 day to 78 months. Patients received subcutaneous Strensiq at 6 mg/kg per week for the first 4 weeks. Ten patients received dose increases higher than 6 mg/kg per week due to suboptimal clinical response, with dose increases occurring between 8 and 24 weeks after starting treatment. The recommended dosage regimen of Strensiq for the treatment of perinatal/infantile-onset HPP is up to 9 mg/kg per week administered subcutaneously as 3 mg/kg three times per week.

Forty-one patients were treated for at least 24 weeks (6 months), and 15 patients were treated for at least 96 weeks (24 months).

Survival and Ventilation-Free Survival in Perinatal/Infantile-Onset HPP

Survival and invasive ventilation-free survival were compared in Strensiq-treated patients (Studies 1 and 2) with a historical cohort of untreated patients with similar clinical characteristics (Table 3).

Table 3. Survival and Invasive Ventilation-Free Survival in Strensiq Treated versus Historical Control Patients with Perinatal/Infantile Onset HPP (Pooled Studies 1 and 2)

	Strensiq Treated	Historical Controls
<i>Survival</i>	n = 68	n = 48
• Alive at Point of Last Contact (%)	91	27
• Hazard Ratio (Strensiq/Historical Control), 95% Confidence Interval*	0.14 (0.05, 0.39)	
• Kaplan-Meier Estimate and Alive at Age 1 Year (Week 48) (%)	97	42
<i>Invasive Ventilation-Free Survival**</i>	n = 54	n = 48
• Alive and Not on Ventilation at Point of Last Contact (%)	85	25
• Hazard Ratio (Strensiq/Historical Control), 95% Confidence Interval*	0.21 (0.09, 0.51)	

Kaplan-Meier Estimate of Alive and Not on Ventilation at Age 1 Year (Week 48) (%)	96	31
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HPP: hypophosphatasia.

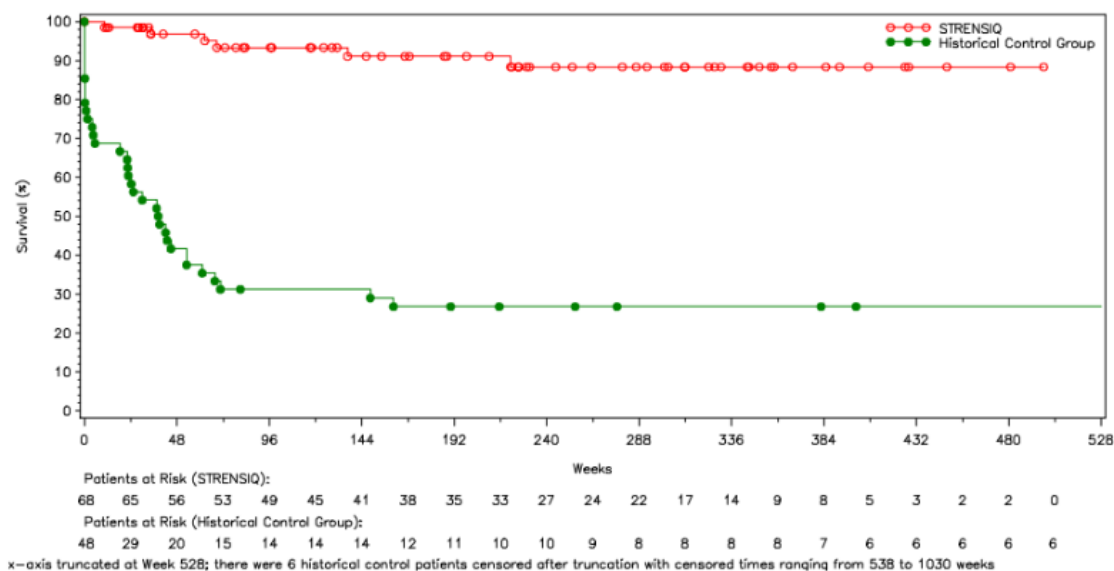
* Adjusted for year of diagnosis.

** Alive and not initiating invasive ventilation after start of Strensiq treatment. Strensiq-treated patients on invasive ventilation at baseline were excluded from this analysis.

In patients who required any form of respiratory support, 21 of 26 (81%) of the treated patients survived through their last assessment (median age at last assessment was 3.2 years of age), versus 1 of 20 (5%) of historical controls.

Figure 1. Overall Survival in Strensiq-Treated versus Historical Control Patients with Perinatal/Infantile-Onset HPP (Pooled Studies 1 and 2)

Figure 1: Overall Survival in STRENSIQ-Treated versus Historical Control Patients with Perinatal/ Infantile-Onset HPP (Pooled Studies 1 and 2)



Skeletal Manifestations in Perinatal/Infantile-Onset HPP

Radiographs from 68 Strensiq-treated perinatal/infantile-onset HPP patients, including 64 patients in Studies 1 and 2, and 4 patients in Study 3, were examined to assess HPP-related rickets using the 7-point Radiographic Global Impression of Change (RGI-C) scale. Patients with a minimum RGI-C score of +2 were defined as “responders.” Radiologic improvements could be seen by Month 24; at last assessment, 50/68 [74%] treated patients were rated as RGI-C responders. No comparative data was available from historical controls. The mean time interval between the baseline and last RGI-C assessment was 24 months (range was 1 month to 67 months).

Eighteen perinatal/infantile-onset HPP patients experienced fractures during the course of treatment. There were insufficient data to determine the effect of Strensiq on fractures.

Growth in Perinatal/Infantile-Onset HPP

Height and weight measurements (as measured by Z-scores) were available post treatment for 72 perinatal/infantile-onset HPP patients, including 68 patients enrolled in Studies 1 and 2, and 4 patients enrolled in Study 3 (Table 4).

Table 4. Perinatal/Infantile-Onset Height and Weight Measurements as Measured by Z-Score (Studies 1 and 2)

	Height Z-score				Weight Z-score			
	Baseline		Last Assessment		Baseline		Last Assessment	
	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max
Studies 1 and 2* (N=68)	-3.3	-10.1, 0.9	-2.9	-10.6, 0.4	-3.2	-23.8, 0	-2.4	-20.9, 1.1
Study 3 (N=4)**	-2.6	-6.6, -0.7	-1.5	-5.8, 0.4	-2.5	-8.2, -1.0	-1.5	-5.4, 0.5

* The mean time interval between baseline and last assessment was 21 months (range was 1 month to 72 months).

** The mean time between baseline and last assessment was 56 months (range was 53 months to 60 months).

Long-Term Extension Trials in Perinatal/Infantile-Onset HPP

Long term data was collected in 68 Strensiq treated patients with perinatal/infantile onset HPP in both Study 1 and Study 2 with an additional 10 patients in Study 2. The longest duration of follow up in the 78 patients was 7 years (84 months). At point of last contact, 69/78 (88%) Strensiq-treated patients had survived.

Juvenile-Onset Hypophosphatasia

Study 3 was a prospective open-label 24-week trial that included 8 juvenile-onset HPP patients and 5 perinatal/infantile-onset HPP patients; 11/13 (85%) were male and 12/13 (92%) were White. On study entry, patients were 6 to 12 years of age. All 8 juvenile-onset patients entered the extension study and were treated for at least 48 months. At trial entry, patients were randomized to receive subcutaneous Strensiq 6 mg/kg per week or 9 mg/kg per week. Two patients received dose reductions during the primary treatment period, including one patient who experienced a decrease in vitamin B6 levels and one patient who experienced recurrent injection site reactions. During the extension phase, the dosing regimen for all patients was initially changed to 3 mg/kg per week. Dosing was subsequently increased to 6 mg/kg per week, with no patients requiring doses higher than 6 mg/kg per week. The recommended dosage regimen of Strensiq treatment of juvenile-onset HPP is 6 mg/kg per week.

Growth in Juvenile-Onset HPP

Height and weight measurements (as measured by Z-scores) in 8 Strensiq-treated juvenile-onset HPP patients were compared with a historical cohort of 32 untreated patients with similar clinical characteristics (Table 5). Height and weight data for historical patients were collected from medical records.

Table 5. Juvenile-Onset Height and Weight Measurements as Measured by Z-Score (Study 3)

	Height Z-score				Weight Z-score			
	Baseline		Last Assessment		Baseline		Last Assessment	
	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max	Mean	Min, Max
Strensiq (N=8)*	-1.5	-3.8, 0	-0.9	-2, 0	-1.1	-3.5, 2.3	0	-1.3, 2.2
Control (N=32)**	-1.1	-4.9, 2.6	-1.1	-4.9, 1.8	-1.2	-5, 2.1	-1	-5.7, 2.1

* The mean time interval between baseline and last assessment was 55 months (range was 53 months to 60 months).

** The mean time interval between baseline and last assessment was 61 months (range was 19 months to 109 months).

Skeletal Manifestations in Juvenile-Onset HPP

Radiographs from 8 Strensiq treated juvenile-onset HPP patients, and 32 historical controls were compared to assess HPP-related rickets using the 7-point RGI-C (Radiographic Global Impression of Change) scale. Patients who achieved an RGI-C score of 2 or higher (corresponding to substantial healing of rickets) were classified as being responders to treatment. All 8 treated patients were rated as responders by Month 54 of treatment. The mean duration between the baseline and last RGI-C assessments for control patients was 56 months (range was 8 to 95 months). At last assessment, 2/32 (6%) of control patients were rated as responders.

Eight of 20 (40%) patients with juvenile-onset HPP experienced new fractures during the course of treatment. There were insufficient data to assess the effect of Strensiq on fractures.

Gait/Mobility in Juvenile-Onset HPP

Gait was assessed using a modified Performance Oriented Mobility Assessment-Gait (MPOMA-G) scale in 8 Strensiq-treated juvenile-onset HPP patients at 6-month intervals out to 36 months. Mobility was also assessed using the 6-MWT in 7 of the 8 patients. Step length improved by at least 1 point in either foot in 6/8 patients compared to 1/6 (17%) control patients. The proportion of patients who had 6-MWT percent predicted values within the normal range for age, sex, and height matched peers increased from 0/8 patients at baseline to 6/6 patients (100%) by Month 48 and all 6 were also able to walk longer distances at this time point compared to baseline.

Long-Term Extension Trials in Juvenile-Onset HPP

Long term data was collected in 8 patients with juvenile-onset HPP treated with Strensiq for at least 6 years (72 months). At last assessment, 7 patients with available 6MWT results had maintained improvements in gait/mobility.

Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®) (4)

The safety and efficacy of Vimizim were assessed in a 24-week, randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial of 176 patients with Mucopolysaccharidosis Type IVA (MPS IVA). The age of patients ranged from 5 to 57 years. Most of the patients (82%) presented with a medical history of musculoskeletal conditions, which includes knee deformity (52%), kyphosis (31%), hip dysplasia (22%), prior spinal fusion surgery (22%) and arthralgia (20%). At baseline, all enrolled patients could walk more than 30 meters (m) but less than 325 m in 6 minutes.

Patients received Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week (n=58), Vimizim 2 mg/kg once every other week (n=59), or placebo (n=59).

The primary endpoint was the change from baseline in the distance walked in six minutes (6-MWT) at Week 24. The other endpoints included changes from baseline in the rate of stair climbing in 3 minutes (3-minute stair climb test, 3-MSCT) and changes from baseline in urine keratan sulfate (KS) levels at Week 24. The treatment effect in the distance walked in 6 minutes, compared to placebo, was 22.5 m (CI 95, 4.0, 40.9; p=0.0174) in patients who received Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week. There was no difference in the rate of stair climbing between patients who received Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week and those who received placebo. Patients who received Vimizim 2 mg/kg once every other week performed similarly in the 6-MWT and 3-MSCT as those who received placebo. The reduction in urinary KS levels from baseline, a measure of pharmacodynamic effect, was greater in the Vimizim treatment groups compared to placebo. The relationship between urinary KS and other measures of clinical response has not been established.

Table 6. Results from Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trial

	Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week			Placebo			Vimizim versus Placebo
	Baseline	Week 24	Change	Baseline	Week 24	Change	Mean Difference in Changes
N	58	57*	57	59	59	59	
Six-Minute Walk Test (Meters)							
Mean ± SD	203.9 ± 76.32	243.3 ± 83.53	36.5 ± 58.49	211.9 ± 69.88	225.4 ± 83.22	13.5 ± 50.63	23.0 [†] (CI 95, 2.9, 43.1)
Median	216.5	251.0	20.0	228.9	229.4	9.9	22.5 [‡]
Min, Max	42.4, 321.5	52.0, 399.9	-57.8, 228.7	36.2, 312.2	50.6, 501.0	-99.2, 220.5	(CI95, 4.0, 40.9) (p=0.0174) ^{‡,§}

CI: confidence interval; SD: standard deviation; mg/kg: milligrams per kilogram

* One patient in the Vimizim group dropped out after 1 infusion.

[†] Observed Vimizim mean change – Placebo mean change.

[‡] ANCOVA Model-based Vimizim mean change – Placebo mean change, adjusted for baseline 6MWT categories (less than or equal to 200 meters, greater than 200 meters) and age groups (5-11, 12-18, 19 or older).

[§] p-value based on the model-based difference in means.

Extension Trial

Patients who participated in the placebo-controlled trial were eligible to continue treatment in an open-label extension trial. One hundred seventy-three of 176 patients enrolled in the extension trial in which patients received Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week (n=86) or Vimizim 2 mg/kg once every other week (n=87). In patients who continued to receive Vimizim 2 mg/kg once per week for another 48 weeks (for a total 72-week exposure), walking ability showed no further improvement beyond the first 24 weeks of treatment in the placebo-controlled trial.

Galsulfase (Naglazyme®) (5)

A total of 56 patients from age 5 years to 29 years with Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI; Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome) were enrolled in four clinical studies. The majority of patients had severe manifestations of the disease as evidenced by poor performance on a test of physical endurance.

In the randomized, double-blind, multicenter, placebo-controlled clinical trial, 38 patients with MPS VI received 1 mg/kg Naglazyme or placebo, once-weekly for 24 weeks. The patients' ages ranged from 5 to 29 years. Enrollment was restricted to patients with a 12-MWD of 5 to 400 meters. All patients were treated with antihistamines prior to each infusion.

The Naglazyme-treated group showed greater mean increases in the distance walked in 12 minutes (12-minute walk test, 12-MWT) and in the rate of stair climbing in a 3-minute stair climb test, compared with the placebo group (Table 7).

Table 7. Results from Placebo-Controlled Clinical Study

	Naglazyme			Placebo			Naglazyme vs Placebo
	Baseline	Week 24	Change	Baseline	Week 24	Change	Difference in Changes
N	19	19	19	20	19*	19	
Results from the 12-Minute Walk Test (Meters)							
Mean ± SD	227 ± 170	336 ± 227	109 ± 154	381 ± 202	399 ± 217	26 ± 122	83 ± 45 [†] 92 ± 40 [‡] (p=0.025) ^{‡,§}
Median Percentiles (25 th , 75 th)	210 90, 330	316 125, 483	48 7, 183	365 256, 560	373 204, 573	34 -3, 89	
Results from 3-Minute Stair Climb Test (Stairs/Minute)							
Mean ± SD	19.4 ± 12.9	26.9 ± 16.8	7.4 ± 9.9	31.0 ± 18.1	32.6 ± 19.6	2.7 ± 6.9	4.7 ± 2.8 [†] 5.7 ± 2.9 [‡] (p=0.053) ^{‡,§}
Median Percentiles (25 th , 75 th)	16.7 10.0, 26.3	22.8 14.8, 33.0	5.2 2.2, 9.9	24.7 18.1, 51.5	29.0 14.2, 57.9	4.3 1.0, 6.2	

SD: standard deviation

* One patient in the placebo group dropped out after 4 weeks of infusion.

[†] Observed mean of Naglazyme - Placebo ± SE.

[‡] Model-based mean of Naglazyme - Placebo ± SE, adjusted for baseline.

[§] p-value based on the model-based mean difference.

Following the 24-week placebo-controlled study period, 38 patients received open-label Naglazyme for 72 weeks. Among the 19 patients who were initially randomized to Naglazyme and who continued to receive treatment for 72 weeks (total of 96 weeks), increases in the 12-MWT distance and in the rate of stair climbing were observed compared to the start of the open-label period (mean [± SD] change): 72 ± 116 meters and 5.6 ± 10.6 stairs/minute, respectively). Among the 19

patients who were randomized initially to placebo for 24 weeks, and then crossed over to treatment with Naglazyme, the increases after 72 weeks of Naglazyme treatment compared to the start of the open-label period, (mean [$\pm$ SD] change): were 118 ± 127 meters and 11.1 ± 10.0 stairs/minute, for the 12-MWT and the rate of stair climbing, respectively.

Bioactivity was evaluated with urinary GAG concentration. Overall, 95% of patients showed at least 50% reduction in urinary GAG levels after 72 weeks of treatment with Naglazyme. No patient receiving Naglazyme reached the normal range for urinary glycosaminoglycan (GAG) levels.

In an additional open-label extension study, patients receiving Naglazyme showed maintenance of initial improvement in endurance for approximately 240 weeks.

Use in the Pediatric Population

Per the FDA label, clinical studies with Naglazyme were conducted in 56 patients, ages 5 to 29 years, with the majority of these patients in the pediatric age group. In addition, an open-label study was conducted in four infants (3 months to 12.7 months) treated with 1 mg/kg (n = 2) or 2 mg/kg (n = 2) of Naglazyme. Safety results in infants were consistent with results observed in patients 5 to 29 years old.

Laronidase (Aldurazyme®) (6)

Clinical Studies in Patients 6 Years and Older

Study 1 (NCT00912925) was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 45 patients with MPS I, including 1 patient with the Hurler form, 37 patients with Hurler-Scheie form, and 7 patients with Scheie form of MPS I. Among the 45 patients who completed Study 1, 22 (49%) were male and 23 (51%) were female ranging in age from 6 to 43 years with a mean age of 15.5 years. Thirty-seven (82%) were White, 2 (4%) were Asian, 6 (13%) were Other and no patients were Black or African American. For ethnicity, 4 (9%) were Hispanic. All patients had a baseline percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) less than or equal to 77%. Patients received Aldurazyme IV at 0.58 mg/kg of body weight once weekly or placebo once weekly for 26 weeks. All 45 randomized patients completed the study.

The primary efficacy outcome assessments were percent predicted FVC and distance walked in 6 minutes (6-MWT). After 26 weeks, patients treated with Aldurazyme showed improvement in percent predicted FVC and in 6-MWT compared to placebo-treated patients (Table 8).

Table 8. Change from Baseline in FVC¹ and 6 Minute Walk Distance in Aldurazyme or Placebo Treated Adult and Pediatric Patients with MPS I over 26 Weeks (Study 1)

		Aldurazyme (N=22)	Placebo (N=23)
Forced Vital Capacity (percent of predicted normal)			
Pretreatment Baseline	Mean $\pm$ s.d.	48 ± 15	54 ± 16
Week 26	Mean $\pm$ s.d.	50 ± 17	51 ± 13
Change from Baseline to Week 26	Mean $\pm$ s.d.	1 ± 7	-3 ± 7
	Median	1	-1
Difference in Change from Baseline	Mean	4	
	Median (95 CI)	2 (0.4, 7), p=0.02*	

Between Groups			
6-Minute Walk Distance (meters)			
Pretreatment Baseline	Mean ± s.d.	319 ± 131	367 ± 114
Week 26	Mean ± s.d.	339 ± 127	348 ± 129
Change from Baseline to Week 26	Mean ± s.d.	20 ± 69	-18 ± 67
	Median	28	-11
Difference in Change from Baseline to Week 26 Between Groups	Mean	38	
	Median (95% CI)	39 (-2, 79), p=0.07*	

CI: confidence interval; s.d.: standard deviation; MPS I: Mucopolysaccharidosis I

*By Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test

¹ Forced Vital Capacity

Evaluations of bioactivity were changes in liver size and urinary GAG levels. Liver size and urinary GAG levels decreased in patients treated with Aldurazyme compared to patients treated with placebo. No patient in the group receiving Aldurazyme reached the normal range for urinary GAG levels during this 6-month study.

Study 2 (NCT00146770) was a 182-week, open-label, uncontrolled extension study of all 45 patients who completed Study 1. Patients received Aldurazyme IV at 0.58 mg/kg body weight once weekly. Forty (89%) patients completed the study through Week 182. Five (11%) patients, all of whom received placebo in Study 1 and subsequently received Aldurazyme in Study 2, discontinued prematurely. Of these, 2 patients discontinued due to an adverse event, 2 patients due to patient wishes, and 1 patient due to pregnancy. For patients treated with Aldurazyme, the mean increase in 6-MWT distance was maintained for an additional 182 weeks through completion of Study 2.

At the end of Study 2, the decrease in mean urinary GAG was similar to the decrease in urinary GAG reported in Aldurazyme treated patients at the end of Study 1. The relationship of urinary GAG to other measures of clinical response has not been established.

Clinical Studies in Patients 6 Years and Younger

Study 3 (NCT00146757) was a 52-week, open-label, uncontrolled clinical study in 20 pediatric patients with MPS I, including 16 patients (80%) with the Hurler form and 4 patients (20%) with the Hurler-Scheie form. Among the 20 patients who participated in Study 3, 12 (60%) were male and 8 (40%) were female ranging in age from 6 months to 5 years old with a mean age of 2.9 years. Eighteen (90%) were White, 1 (5%) were Black or African American, and 1 (5%) were Other. A total of 18 patients completed the study. All 20 patients received Aldurazyme IV at 0.58 mg/kg of body weight once weekly for 26 weeks. After 26 weeks of treatment, 16 patients continued to receive 0.58 mg/kg of body weight once weekly through Week 52, and 4 patients received 1.16 mg/kg of body weight once weekly from Week 26 through Week 52.

Reduction in mean urinary GAG was demonstrated at Week 13 and was maintained through Week 52. No patient receiving Aldurazyme reached the normal range for urinary GAG levels during this 52-week study. Changes in urinary GAG levels in children 6 years and younger were similar to changes

reported in older patients in Studies 1 and 2 (6 through 43 years old). The relationship of urinary GAG to other measures of clinical response has not been established.

Use in the Pediatric Population

Per the FDA label, the safety and effectiveness of Aldurazyme have been established for the treatment of pediatric patients with Hurler and Hurler-Scheie forms of MPS I and the treatment of pediatric patients with the Scheie form of MPS I who have moderate to severe symptoms. The safety and effectiveness of Aldurazyme for the treatment of mildly affected pediatric patients with the Scheie form has not been established. Use of Aldurazyme for these indications is supported by evidence from an adequate and well controlled clinical study (Study 1) with an open label extension (Study 2) in adult and pediatric patients with MPS I, and from an open label, uncontrolled clinical study in pediatric patients with MPS I, 6 months to 5 years of age (Study 3). The safety and effectiveness of Aldurazyme in pediatric patients 6 months of age to 5 years of age was found to be similar to pediatric patients 6 to 18 years of age and adults for these indications.

The FDA label offers the following black box warnings:

- Appropriate medical monitoring and support measures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment, should be readily available. If a severe hypersensitivity reaction occurs, discontinue Aldurazyme immediately and initiate appropriate medical treatment.
- Patients with compromised respiratory function or acute respiratory disease may be at risk of serious acute exacerbation of their respiratory compromise due to infusion reactions and require additional monitoring. Appropriate respiratory support should be available during infusion.

Aldurazyme has been shown to improve pulmonary function and walking capacity. Currently, the risks and benefits of treating mildly affected patients with the Scheie form of MPS I have not been established. In addition, Aldurazyme has not been evaluated for effects on central nervous system manifestations of the disorder.

Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme®)

The efficacy of Xenpozyme for the treatment of non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) has been evaluated in 3 clinical trials involving a total of 61 patients with ASMD (7):

- Trial 1 in adult patients (NCT02004691),
- Trial 2 in pediatric patients (NCT02292654), and
- Trial 3 is a long-term trial in pediatric patients (NCT02004704).

Adult Patients with ASMD

Trial 1 was a multicenter, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, repeat-dose phase II/III trial in adult patients with ASMD (clinical diagnosis consistent with ASMD type B and A/B). In this trial, patients received either Xenpozyme or placebo. Treatment was administered in both groups as an IV infusion once every 2 weeks. Xenpozyme was dosed as follows: 0.1 mg/kg (Day 1, Week 0), 0.3 mg/kg (Weeks 2 and 4), 0.6 mg/kg (Weeks 6 and 8), 1 mg/kg (Week 10), 2 mg/kg (Week 12), and then a maintenance dose of 3 mg/kg (Week 14 onwards). The trial was divided into 2 consecutive periods: a randomized placebo-controlled, double-blinded primary analysis period (PAP) which lasted to Week 52, followed by an extension treatment period (ETP) for up to 4 years. Patients randomized to

the placebo arm in the PAP crossed over to receive Xenpozyme treatment in the ETP to reach the targeted dose of 3 mg/kg, while patients in the original Xenpozyme arm continued treatment.

Patients enrolled in the trial had a diffusion capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide (DLco) $\leq 70\%$ of the predicted normal value and a spleen volume ≥ 6 multiples of normal (MN) measured by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The trial population included 87% White, 7% Asian and 7% other; for ethnicity, 32% identified as Hispanic/Latino, 65% as non-Hispanic/ Latino, and 3% were not reported.

Five males and 13 females with a median age of 34 years (range: 18 to 66) were included in the placebo arm and 8 males and 5 females with a median age of 34 years (range: 20 to 59) were included in the Xenpozyme arm. The Xenpozyme and placebo groups included 1 patient (8%) and 2 patients (11%) with mild renal impairment ($60 \text{ mL/minute} \leq \text{creatinine clearance} < 90 \text{ mL/minute}$), respectively. There were no patients with moderate or severe renal impairment.

Key efficacy endpoints included assessment of % predicted DLco, spleen volume, liver volume, and platelet count.

At Week 52 during the PAP, an increase of 21% in the mean percent change in % predicted DLco was observed in the Xenpozyme-treated patients compared to placebo-treated patients (Table 9). A reduction in spleen volume of 39% was observed in the Xenpozyme-treated patients compared to the placebo-treated patients. The changes in % predicted DLco and spleen volume were noted at Week 26 of treatment, the first post-dose endpoint assessment (Figures 2 and 3).

A decrease in mean liver volume and an increase in mean platelet count were noted in the Xenpozyme-treated patients compared to the placebo-treated patients at Week 52 (Table 9).

Table 9. Observed Value and Percentage Change from Baseline to Week 52 in Key Endpoints in Adult Patients with ASMD Type B, A/B on Xenpozyme or Placebo (Trial 1)

	Placebo	Xenpozyme	Difference [95% CI]
DLco			
n	18	13	
Mean % predicted DLco at baseline (SD)	48.5 (10.8)	49.1 (9.7)	NA
n	17	12	
Mean % predicted DLco at Week 52 (SD)	49.9 (11.1)	59.4 (9.6)	NA
n	17	12	
LS Mean Percent change in % predicted DLco at Week 52 (SE)	3.0 (3.3)	23.9 (3.8)	20.9 (5.0)* [10.6, 31.2]
Spleen volume			
n	18	13	
Mean spleen volume (MN) at baseline (SD)	11.2 (3.8)	11.5 (4.7)	NA
n	17	13	
Mean spleen volume (MN) at Week 52 (SD)	11.2 (4.2)	7.2 (3.9)	NA
n	17	13	
LS Mean Percent change in Spleen Volume (in MN) at Week 52 (SE)	0.5 (2.62)	-38.9 (3.0)	-39.4 (4.0)† [-47.6, -31.2]

Liver volume			
n	18	13	
Mean liver volume (MN) at baseline (SD)	1.6 (0.5)	1.4 (0.3)	NA
n	17	12	
Mean liver volume (MN) at Week 52 (SD)	1.6 (0.5)	1.0 (0.2)	NA
n	17	12	
LS Mean Percent change in Liver volume from baseline to Week 52 (SE)	-1.8 (2.7)	-26.5 (3.2)	-24.7 (4.2)† [-33.4, -16.1]
Platelet count			
n	18	13	
Mean platelet count (10 ⁹ /L) at baseline (SD)	115.6 (36.3)	109.3 (30.6)	NA
n	16	13	
Mean platelet count (10 ⁹ /L) at Week 52 (SD)	120.2 (43.2)	126.4 (29.0)	NA
n	16	13	
LS Mean Percent change in Platelet Count from baseline to Week 52 (SE)	2.7 (4.5)	18.3 (5.0)	+15.6 (6.7)‡ [1.8, 29.4]

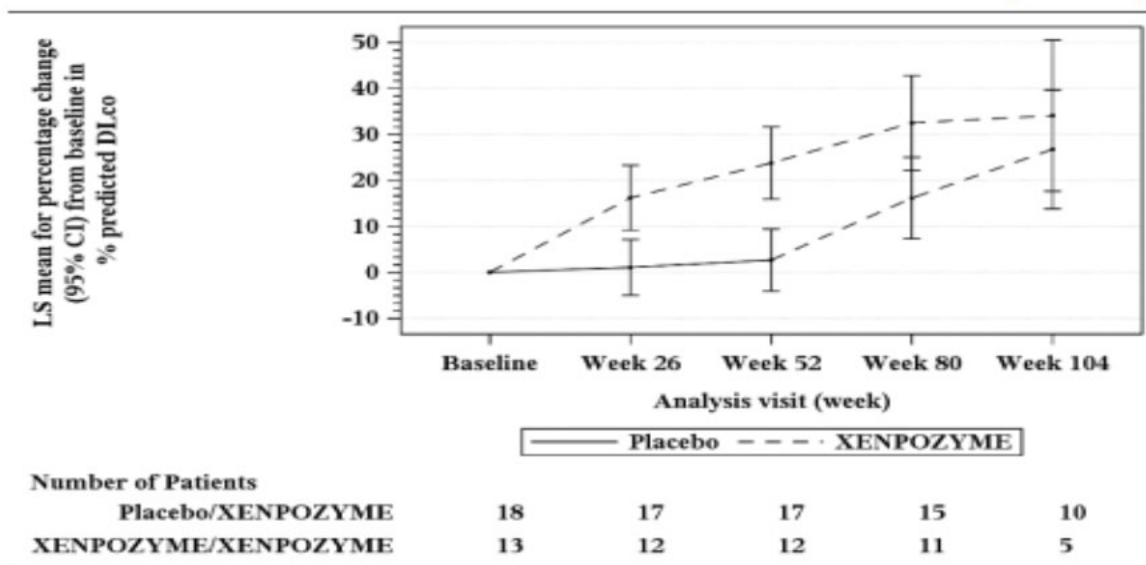
ASMD: acid sphingomyelinase deficiency; CI: confidence interval; DLco: diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; LS: Least squares; MN: multiple of the normal volume; NA: non-applicable; SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error.

Nominal p value: *p value = 0.0003; † p value <0.0001; ‡ p value= 0.0280.

Seventeen of 18 patients previously receiving placebo and 13 of 13 patients previously treated with Xenpozyme for 52 weeks (in the PAP) started or continued treatment with Xenpozyme, respectively, for up to 4 years. At Week 104, patients initially randomized to placebo had received Xenpozyme for 52 weeks and demonstrated the following LS mean (SE) percent changes in clinical parameters from baseline (before first administration of Xenpozyme: increase in % predicted DLco was 26.8% (6.2); reduction in spleen volume (MN) was 36.5% (2.5); reduction in liver volume (MN) was 29.5 (2.6); and increase in platelet count was 19.5 (6.7).

Patients in the previous Xenpozyme group demonstrated improvement from baseline to Week 104 in the following parameters: LS mean (SE) percent increase in % predicted DLco was 34.1%(7.9); LS mean (SE) percent reduction in spleen volume (MN) was 48.3 (2.9); LS mean (SE) percent reduction in liver volume (MN) was 31.7 (2.9); LS mean (SE) percent increase in platelet count was 24.0 (8.2).

Figure 2. Plot of the LS Means (95% CI) of the Percentage Change in DLco (% predicted) From Baseline to Week 104 in Adult Patients with ASMD (Trial 1)

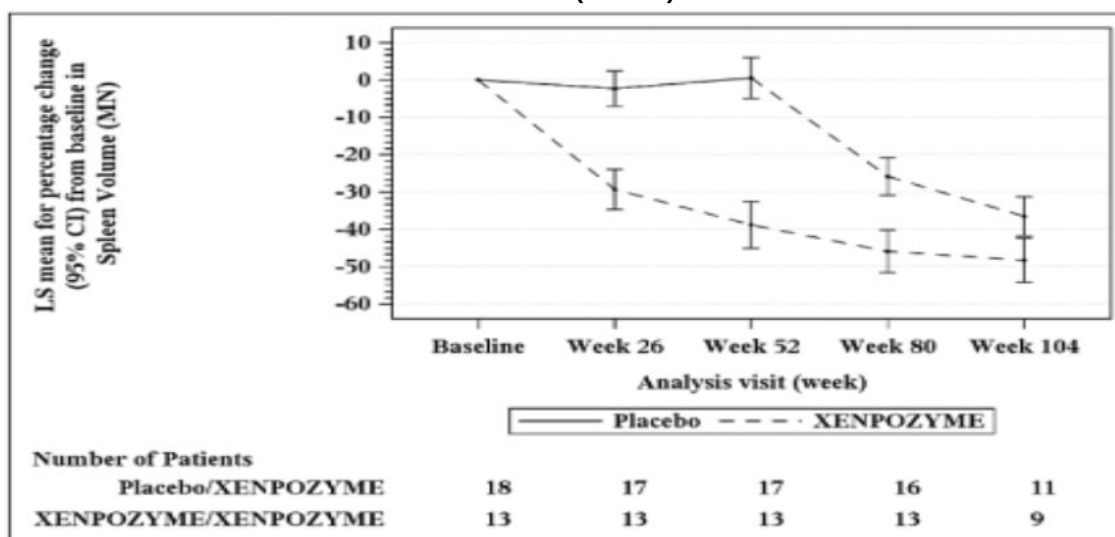


ASMD: acid sphingomyelinase deficiency; CI: confidence interval; DLco: diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; LS: Least squares.

The vertical bars represent the 95% CIs for the LS means.

The LS means and 95% CIs are based on a mixed model for repeated measures approach, using data up to Week 104. Patients in placebo/Xenpozyme group received placebo by Week 52 and switched to Xenpozyme thereafter.

Figure 3. Plot of the LS Means (95%CI) Of the Percentage Change in Spllen Volume (MN) From Baseline to Week 104 in Patients with ASMD (Trial 1)



ASMD: acid sphingomyelinase deficiency; CI: confidence interval; DLco: diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; LS: Least squares.

The vertical bars represent the 95% CIs for the LS means.

The LS means and 95% CIs are based on a mixed model for repeated measures approach, using data up to Week 104. Patients in placebo/Xenpozyme group received placebo by Week 52 and switched to Xenpozyme thereafter.

Clinical Trial in Pediatric Patients with ASMD

Trial 2 was a multi-center, open-label, repeated-dose trial of Xenpozyme administered IV once every 2 weeks via infusion for 64 weeks in pediatric patients aged <18 years with a clinical diagnosis consistent with ASMD type B and A/B. Exploratory efficacy endpoints related to organomegaly, pulmonary and liver functions, and linear growth were evaluated at Week 52. Xenpozyme was dosed as follows: 0.03 mg/kg (Day 1, Week 0), 0.1 mg/kg (Weeks 2), 0.3 mg/kg (Weeks 4 and 6), 0.6 mg/kg (Week 8 and 10), 1 mg/kg (Week 12), 2 mg/kg (Week 14) and then a maintenance dose of 3 mg/kg (Week 16 onwards).

In Trial 2, 8 patients (7 patients from 2 to <12 years old, and 1 patient <2 years old) received an initial dose of 0.03 mg/kg Xenpozyme and all but one completed the dose escalation up to the maintenance dose of 3 mg/kg within 22 weeks. All patients were White and of non- Hispanic/ Latino ethnicity.

Patients enrolled in the trial had a spleen volume ≥ 5 MN measured by MRI. Age of patients treated with Xenpozyme ranged from 1 to 10 years old, with both sexes equally represented.

Treatment with Xenpozyme resulted in improvements in mean percent change in % predicted DLco, spleen and liver volumes, platelet counts, and linear growth progression (as measured by height Z-scores) at Week 52 as compared to baseline (Table 10).

Table 10. Efficacy Results in Xenpozyme-Treated Pediatric Patients with ASMD (Trial 2)

	Baseline Values	Week 52 Values
Mean % predicted DLco (SD) LS mean Percent change in % predicted DLco* (SE) 95% CI	(n=3) 48.5 (8.1)	(n=3) 70.9 (13.7) 45.9 (22.7) -12.5, 104.3
Mean spleen volume (MN) (SD) LS Mean Percent change in Spleen Volume (in MN) (SE) 95% CI	(n=8) 18.3 (5.6)	(n=8) 9.50 (2.4) -46.7 (3.6) -55.5, -37.9
Mean liver volume (MN) (SD) LS Mean Percent change in Liver Volume (in MN) (SE) 95% CI	(n=8) 2.5 (0.5)	(n=8) 1.6 (0.3) -38.1 (2.9) -44.1, -32.0
Mean platelet count ($10^9/L$) (SD) LS Mean Percent change in Platelet Count (SE) 95% CI	(n=8) 136.7 (33.2)	(n=7) 184.5 (54.2) 37.6 (13.7) 8.5, 66.7
Mean height Z-scores (SD) LS Mean Change in height Z-scores (SE)	(n=8) -1.9 (0.8)	(n=7) -1.5 (1.0) 0.5 (0.1)

95% CI		0.2, 0.8
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ASMD: acid sphingomyelinase deficiency; CI: confidence interval; DLco: diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; LS: Least squares; MN: multiples of normal; SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error of the mean.

Extension Trial in ASMD Pediatric Patients

The 8 pediatric patients 2 to <12 years of age from Trial 2 continued treatment in an open label long term trial (Trial 3) and were treated with Xenpozyme for 2.5 to 3.2 years.

Efficacy analyses showed continued improvements in the 3 patients evaluated for % predicted DLco, 6 patients evaluated for platelet counts, and all 8 patients evaluated for spleen and liver volumes, compared to baseline, during the additional 6 months extension. In addition, the height Z-score increased by 1.3 from baseline when evaluated through 24 months of Xenpozyme treatment. Bone age, as assessed by hand x-ray, was delayed by a mean of 26.4 months at baseline in the 7 pediatric patients enrolled in Trial 2 with a bone age measured at Month 24 in Trial 3. The bone age improved to within a mean of 12 months of the chronological age when assessed at Month 24 in these 7 patients.

Use in the Pediatric Population

The safety and effectiveness of Xenpozyme for the treatment of non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) have been established in pediatric patients down to birth. Use of Xenpozyme for this indication is supported by evidence from an adequate, and well controlled trial (Trial 1) in adults with supportive efficacy, safety, and tolerability data in pediatric patients (Trial 2 and Trial 3). Compared to adults, a higher percentage of pediatric patients experienced treatment related serious adverse reactions, anaphylaxis, hypersensitivity reactions, and infusion-associated reactions that occurred within 24 hours of infusion. Two pediatric patients, an 18-month-old receiving Xenpozyme and a 16-month-old with ASMD type A that received a version of olipudase alfa-rpcp manufactured from a different process developed anaphylaxis.

Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj (Elfabrio®)

Trial 1 was an open-label dose-ranging trial in adults diagnosed with Fabry disease (NCT01678898). Patients received Elfabrio at 0.2 mg/kg, 1 mg/kg, or 2 mg/kg given IV every other week for 52 weeks. The 0.2 mg/kg and 2 mg/kg dosage regimens are not approved and are not recommended. (8)

Trial 1 enrolled 18 patients who were enzyme replacement therapy (ERT)-naïve or who had not received ERT for more than 26 weeks and had a negative test for anti-pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj IgG antibodies prior to enrollment. Two patients in the 1 mg/kg treatment group discontinued the trial after their first infusion; one discontinued due to a severe hypersensitivity reaction. Among the remaining 16 patients who completed Trial 1, 9 (56%) were males and 7 (44%) were females ranging in age from 17 to 54 years with a median age of 30 years. Twelve patients were White (75%) and 3 were Black or African American (19%). Three patients were Hispanic/Latino and 13 patients were non-Hispanic/Latino. Of the 9 males, 7 (78%) had the classic phenotype. The median baseline eGFR and proteinuria was 115 mL/min/1.73 m² and 0.11 g/g respectively. Among the male patients, the median value of residual alpha-galactosidase A activity was 2.4% (range: 0.0%-9.3%) in plasma and 1.3% (range: 0.0%-3.4%) in leukocytes.

The average number of globotriaosylceramide (Gb3) inclusions per renal peritubular capillary (PTC) in renal biopsy specimens of patients was assessed by light microscopy using the quantitative Barisoni Lipid Inclusion Scoring System (BLISS). Evaluable renal biopsies were obtained at baseline and at 26 weeks of treatment in 14 of the 16 patients who completed Trial 1.

Table 11 shows the changes from baseline to 26 weeks in the BLISS score (average number of Gb3 inclusions per renal PTC) for these 14 Elfabrio treated patients.

Table 11. Summary of the Renal Biopsy BLISS Score¹ of Gb3 Inclusions at Baseline and after 26 Weeks of Elfabrio Treatment in Adults with Fabry Disease (Trial 1)

	All Patients (N = 14)	Males (N = 8)	Females (N = 6)
Median (range)			
Baseline	3.2 (0.4, 9.0)	6.8 (0.4, 9.0)	1.2 (0.8, 3.3)
Week 26	0.7 (0.3, 2.5)	0.7 (0.3, 2.5)	0.7 (0.3, 1.4)
Change at Week 26	-2.5 (-8.5, 0.5)	-5.3 (-8.5, 0.5)	-0.7 (-2.5, 0.1)
Mean Change at Week 26 (95% CI)	-3.1 (-4.8, -1.4)	-4.7 (-7.1, -2.3)	-1.0 (-2.1, 0.1)

BLISS: Barisoni Lipid Inclusion Scoring System; CI: confidence interval; Gb3: globotriaosylceramide; N: number.

¹ The BLISS methodology counts the number of Gb3 inclusions in each renal peritubular capillary (PTC) contained in a biopsy specimen. For each biopsy specimen (slide), approximately 300 renal PTCs were scored, and the final biopsy score for each patient was determined as the average number of Gb3 inclusions per PTC.

Trial 2 was a randomized, double-blind, and active-controlled trial (NCT03566017) in ERT-experienced adults diagnosed with Fabry disease. Eligible patients were treated with agalsidase beta for at least 1 year prior to trial entry (the mean duration of agalsidase beta treatment prior to enrollment was 5.7 years). Patients were randomized 2:1 to receive Elfabrio (1 mg/kg IV infusion) or agalsidase beta (1 mg/kg IV infusion) every 2 weeks for 104 weeks.

A total of 77 patients were randomized and received at least one dose of Elfabrio (N = 52, 68%) or agalsidase beta (N = 25, 32%). Of these patients, 47 (61%) were males and 30 (39%) were females. Patients were 18 to 60 years of age with a median age of 46 years at baseline; 72 (94%) were White, 3 (4%) were Black or African American, and 2 (3%) were Asian. Two patients were Hispanic/Latino, and 75 patients were non-Hispanic/Latino. Forty-one (53%) patients had the classic phenotype. The median baseline eGFR and proteinuria was 75 mL/min/1.73 m² and 0.11 g/g, respectively.

The primary efficacy endpoint was the annualized rate of change in eGFR (eGFR slope) assessed over 104 weeks. The estimated mean eGFR slope was -2.4 and -2.3 mL/min/1.73 m²/year on Elfabrio and agalsidase beta respectively. The estimated treatment difference was -0.1 (95% CI: -2.3, 2.1) mL/min/1.73 m²/year.

Sebelipase alfa (Kanuma®)

Infants with Rapidly progressive LAL Deficiency Presenting within the First 6 Months of Life

A multicenter, open-label, single-arm clinical study of Kanuma was conducted in 9 infants with lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency who had growth failure or other evidence of rapidly progressive disease prior to 6 months of age. The age range at entry was 1 to 6 months. Patients received Kanuma at 0.35 mg/kg once weekly for the first 2 weeks and then 1 mg/kg once weekly. Due to suboptimal clinical response, doses in all 6 surviving patients were escalated to 3 mg/kg once weekly, between 4 and 88 weeks (median 11 weeks) after starting treatment at 1 mg/kg. (9)

The efficacy of Kanuma was assessed by comparing the survival of the 9 Kanuma-treated patients (followed in the open-label, single-arm trial) at 12 months of age to the survival in an untreated, historical cohort of 21 patients with a similar age at disease presentation and clinical characteristics. Of the 9 Kanuma-treated patients, 6 patients survived beyond 12 months of age, compared to 0 of 21 patients who survived in the historical cohort, all of whom had died by 8 months of age. The median age of the 6 surviving Kanuma-treated patients was 18.1 months (range 12 to 42.2 months).

Following initiation of treatment with Kanuma 1 mg/kg once weekly: weight for age (WFA) z-scores improved in 3 of 5 surviving patients with growth failure, and all 6 surviving patients demonstrated improvements in WFA z-scores following dose escalation to 3 mg/kg once weekly.

Continuation Treatment

Across Study 1 and another study, Study 3, in infants with rapidly progressive LAL Deficiency, 9 patients received successive dose escalations up to 5 mg/kg once weekly due to suboptimal clinical response. The median duration of exposure to 5 mg/kg for the 9 patients whose doses were escalated to 5 mg/kg once weekly was 33 months (range 27 to 39 months) for patients in Study 1 and 15 months (range 5 to 24 months) in Study 3.

Of the 9 patients whose Kanuma dose was escalated to 5 mg/kg once weekly, 6 were alive at their last follow up at 3 years, and 2 were alive at their last follow up at 5 years. Of these 9 patients, 6 experienced normalization of Alanine transaminase (ALT) and/or Aspartate transaminase (AST) which had remained abnormal on the lower Kanuma dose.

Pediatric and Adult Patients with LAL Deficiency

The safety and efficacy of Kanuma were assessed in 66 pediatric and adult patients with LAL deficiency, aged 4 to 58 (71% were less than 18 years old), in a multicenter, double blind, placebo-controlled trial. Patients were randomized to receive Kanuma at a dose of 1 mg/kg (n=36) or placebo (n=30) once every other week for 20 weeks in the double-blind period. Sixty-two of the 66 patients (94%) had low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c) of 130mg/dL or greater at study entry. The majority of patients (58%) had LDL-c above 190 mg/dL at study entry, and 24% of patients with LDL-c above 190 mg/dL remained on lipid lowering medications.

At the completion of the 20-week double-blind period of the trial, statistically significant improvement in percent change from baseline in LDL-c was observed in the Kanuma treated group as compared to the placebo group (mean difference and 95% CI: -22%, [-33%, -15%]; $p < 0.0001$). LDL-c less than 130 mg/dL was achieved in 13 of 32 (41%; 95% C.I.: [24%, 58%]) Kanuma treated patients and in only 2 of 30 (7%; 95% CI: [0%, 16%]) placebo treated patients with a baseline LDL-c of less than 130 mg/dL or greater. A statistically significant improvement in percentage change from baseline at 20 weeks was also noted in the Kanuma treated group

compared to the placebo group for other parameters related to LAL deficiency, including decreases in non-HDL-c (mean difference and 95% CI: -21%, [-30%, -15%]; $p<0.0001$) and triglycerides (mean difference and 95% CI: -14%, [-28%, -1%]; $p=0.0375$), and increases in HDL-c (mean difference and 95% CI: 20%, [12%, 26%]; $p<0.0001$). The effect of Kanuma on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been established.

Patients treated with Kanuma had larger reductions from baseline in ALT values and liver fat content (measured by MRI), compared to patients treated with placebo. The significance of these findings as they relate to the progression of liver disease in LAL deficiency has not been established.

Open Label Treatment

Pediatric and adult patients who participated in the randomized, placebo-controlled trial were eligible to continue treatment in an open label extension. Sixty-five of the 66 patients entered the open-label extension and were treated with Kanuma at a dosage of 1 mg/kg once every other week. During the open-label extension, patients treated with Kanuma for up to 36 months demonstrated improvements in lipid parameters, including LDL-c and HDL-c levels, and ALT.

Continuation of Treatment

Across Study 2 and another study, Study 4, in children and adults with LAL Deficiency, 23 of 97 patients received dose escalations from the protocol-defined starting dose of 1 mg/kg every other week (12 patients in Study 2 and 11 patients in Study 4). The median duration of exposure to the 3 mg/kg every other week regimen was 28 months (range 6 to 33 months) for patients in Study 2 and 12 months (range 3 to 27 months) in Study 4. Before being escalated to 3 mg/kg every other week, patients were on 1 mg/kg every other week for a median of 19 months (range 6 to 33 months), and most dose escalations were initiated in response to an increase in serum transaminase levels, an increase in serum lipids, or a decrease in WFA z-cores in children.

Of the 23 patients whose Kanuma dose was escalated to 3 mg/kg every other week, 20 were children. After the dose escalation, 14 of the 23 patients experienced normalization of one or more of the following biomarkers which had remained abnormally high on the lower Kanuma dose: serum transaminases, triglycerides, and/or LDL-c.

Use in the Pediatric Population

The safety and effectiveness of Kanuma has been established in pediatric patients aged 1 month and older. Clinical trials with Kanuma were conducted in 56 pediatric patients (range 1 month to <18 years old).

Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™)

Tividenofusp alfa-eknm (Avlayah™) is FDA approved for the treatment of neurologic manifestations of Hunter syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis type II, MPS II) when initiated in presymptomatic or symptomatic pediatric patients weighing at least 5 kg prior to advanced neurologic impairment. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on reduction of cerebrospinal fluid/heparan sulfate observed in patients treated with Avalah. Per the FDA label, continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial(s). (11)

Trial 1 (NCT04251026) was a Phase 1/2 multi-center, international, multi-cohort, single-arm,

open-label trial of Avlayah in 47 pediatric patients with Hunter syndrome including 44 patients with neuronopathic Hunter syndrome and 3 patients with non-neuronopathic Hunter syndrome. Of the 47 patients enrolled, 46 patients completed part 1 of the study (up to Week 24) and 1 patient discontinued the study due to an adverse reaction prior to Week 24. In part 1 of Trial 1, patients received a starting dosage of Avlayah ranging from 3 mg/kg to 15 mg/kg weekly and a maximum dosage ranging from 3 mg/kg to 30 mg/kg weekly (0.2 to 2 times the approved recommended maintenance dosage). Patients who received 30 mg/kg weekly dosage (2 times the approved recommended maintenance dosage) did not show additional reductions from baseline in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or urine heparan sulfate (HS) concentration compared to patients who received 15 mg/kg weekly. The most common Avlayah dosage (57% of the patients) in Trial 1 was 15 mg/kg administered once weekly.

All 47 patients in Trial 1 were male, with a baseline median age of 5 years (range: 3 months to 13 years of age). The patient population consisted of 27 White (57%), 4 Black or African American (9%), 4 Asian (9%), 3 who were more than one race (6%), 1 of another race (2%), and 8 of an unknown race (17%). Ethnicity consisted of 7 patients who were Hispanic or Latino (15%), 38 who were Not Hispanic or Latino (81%), and 2 of an unknown ethnicity (4%). Of the 47 patients, 15 patients were enzyme replacement therapy (ERT)-naïve, and 32 patients were ERT-experienced, 2 of whom had a history of prior treatment for Hunter syndrome with hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), and 2 of whom had a history of prior treatment for Hunter syndrome with gene therapy. The median duration of previous ERT treatment was 26 months (range: 1 to 134 months).

In Trial 1, treatment with Avlayah resulted in a significant reduction of CSF HS. For the 44 patients who had measurements at Week 24, the CSF HS mean percent reduction from baseline was 91% (95% CI: 89%, 92%); the minimum and maximum percent change in CSF HS from baseline were 72% and 98%, respectively. At baseline, 0% (0 of 47) of patients had CSF HS levels below the upper limit of normal (ULN). At Week 24, 93% (41 of 44) of Avlayah-treated patients had CSF HS levels below the upper limit of normal (ULN).

The safety and effectiveness of Avalah have not been established in pediatric patients weighing less than 5 kg.

Vestronidase alfa-vjbk (Mepsevii®)

The clinical program for Mepsevii included 23 patients with MPS VII, 17 of whom were evaluable for efficacy, 20 for safety, and 23 for immunogenicity. Patients were enrolled in clinical trials and expanded access protocols receiving treatment at doses up to 4 mg/kg once every two weeks for up to 187 weeks. The patients ranged in age from 5 months to 25 years. Sixteen patients were younger than 18 years of age. (10)

Studies 301 and 202

Study UX003-CL301 (referred to as Study 301, NCT02230566) was a randomized start trial of Mepsevii 4 mg/kg every two weeks in patients with MPS VII. Twelve patients were randomized to one of four placebo durations before crossing over to active treatment. Three patients received Mepsevii immediately for a duration of 48 weeks, 3 patients received placebo for 8 weeks then Mepsevii for 40 weeks, 3 patients received placebo for 16 weeks then Mepsevii for 32 weeks, and 3 patients received placebo for 24 weeks then Mepsevii for 24 weeks. Of the 12 patients enrolled in the trial, 4

were male and 8 were female and ranged in age from 8 to 25 years (median 14 years). Nine patients were younger than 18 years of age. The majority of the patients were White (75%), with 50% of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity. Patients who were enrolled in Study 301 were eligible to roll over to Study UX003-CL202 (referred to as Study 202, NCT02432144), an open-label extension trial in which patients received additional doses of Mepsevii at 4 mg/kg IV every other week for up to 144 weeks. Ten patients rolled over directly from the end of Study to Week 0 of Study 202, while 2 patients (17%) had treatment gaps before enrolling in Study 202.

In Study 301, motor function, forced vital capacity, and visual acuity were assessed after 24 weeks of Mepsevii treatment and measured against pre-specified minimal important differences. The extremely small population of patients with MPS VII globally necessitated the enrollment of all patients able to participate, resulting in a highly heterogeneous group. Clinical endpoints were not assessable in some patients due to their extent of disease, age or level of cognition. Repeated assessments of the 6-MWT were feasible in ten of 12 patients and are described further below. Of the three patients who improved on their 6-MWT, two also were noted to have improvement in balance and gross motor proficiency as assessed by the Bruininks Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency (BOT-2).

In this trial, the mean difference in 6MWT distance between Mepsevii and placebo treatment periods in patients able to perform the test at baseline and subsequent visits through Week 24 is shown in Table 12. The mean difference in 6-MWT distance increases with increased treatment duration. However, due to the small size of the trial, standard errors are large.

Table 12. Mean Difference in 6MWT Distance (meters) Between Mepsevii and Placebo Treatment (Study 301) in Patients with MPS VII

Duration of MEPSEVII Treatment	LS mean 6MWT (meters) (± Standard Error)*	Number and Treatment Assignment of Patients Included in Analysis**
8 weeks	-11 (± 24)	5 placebo period; 8 Mepsevii period
16 weeks	13 (± 32)	5 placebo period; 8 Mepsevii period
24 weeks	18 (± 33)	5 placebo period; 8 Mepsevii period

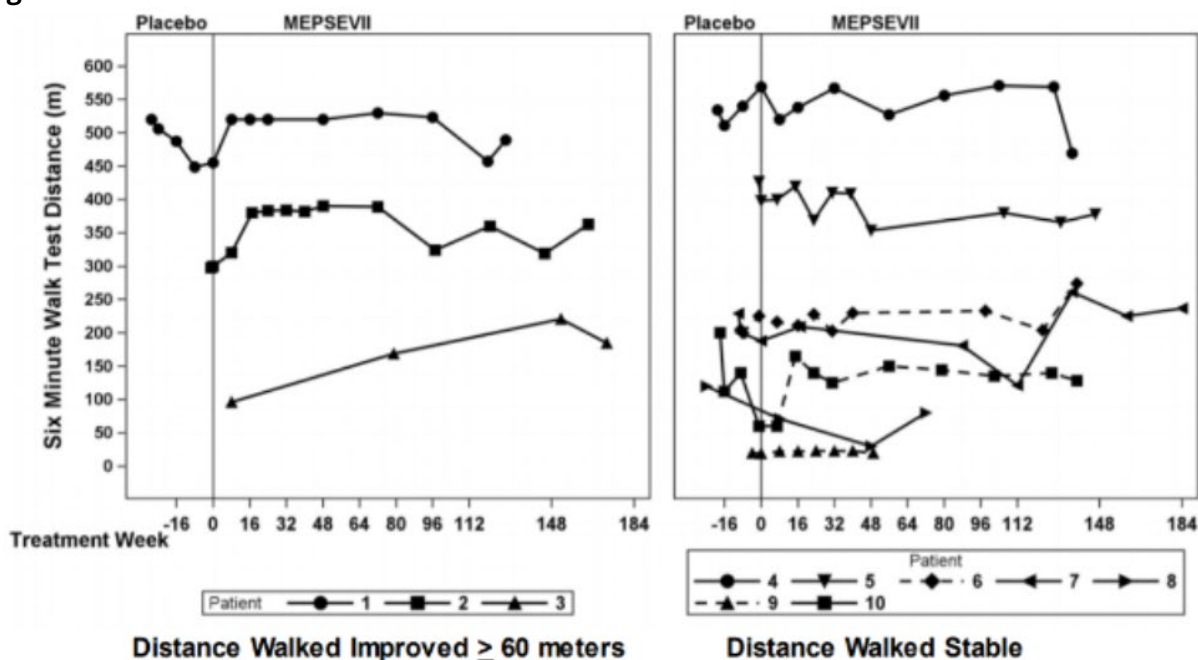
6-MWT: 6-minute walk test; MPS: mucopolysaccharidosis.

*ANCOVA analysis of change from baseline in least squares (LS) mean between placebo and Mepsevii for different periods, after adjusting for study cohort, age, and baseline 6-MWT distance. Patients who used assistive devices were imputed as zeros in the analysis.

**Number and treatment assignment of patients included in the analysis was based upon a randomized start trial design and patient ability to complete testing. Due to no placebo period for the three patients who received 48 weeks of Mepsevii in the first cohort of the randomized start design, more data were available for analyses during the treatment period (n=8) than during the placebo period (n=5). While data from 8 participants were available at each time point, due to missing observations, the 8 participants were not the same across all time points.

The observed individual 6-MWT distances for the 10 patients who could perform the test in Study 301 and Study 202 through Week 184 are presented in Figure 4. The course of three patients with improvement in distance walked of at least 60 meters during the 301 Study compared to the start of Mepsevii treatment (Week 0) is shown in the left panel; the relatively stable course in the remaining seven patients, including those who used assistive devices, is shown in the right panel.

Figure 4. 6-MWT Distance for MPS VII Patients in Studies 301 and 202



6-MWT: 6-minute walk test; MPS VII: Mucopolysaccharidosis type VII.

Patient 10 did not use an assistive device at baseline but started using an assistive device postbaseline from Treatment Week 8. Patients 6 and 9 consistently used an assistive device at all visits. A solid line indicates the unassisted assessments and a dotted line indicates the assisted assessments.

Liver and Spleen Volume

In Study 301, imaging by MRI or ultrasound to assess liver and spleen volume was performed in seven of the 12 patients. Most liver volumes were normal or below normal size at baseline (mean 1,591 mL, range 742 to 2,207 mL), and on average were unchanged after treatment (mean 1,459 mL, range 876 to 1,851 mL).

Spleen volumes generally were normal or below normal size at baseline (mean 325 mL, range 131 to 491 mL) and on average were unchanged after treatment (mean 360 mL, range 200 to 582 mL).

Study 203

UX003-CL203 (referred to as Study 203; NCT02418455) was an open-label, uncontrolled single arm study that enrolled 8 patients less than 5 years of age who received Mepsevii at a dose of 4 mg/kg every two weeks for 48 weeks of treatment and up to an additional 240 weeks during an optional continuation period. The study evaluated urinary GAG excretion, growth, and hepatosplenomegaly. With long-term treatment, urinary GAG levels remained decreased upon exposure to Mepsevii. At baseline, all 8 patients had impaired growth, and height remained near the 5th percentile relative to age-matched gender norms throughout the trial. No significant changes in hepatosplenomegaly were observed.

Other Investigations

Study UX003-CL201 (referred to as Study 201, NCT01856218) was a single arm, open-label, dose exploration trial completed outside the United States that enrolled three MPS VII patients, ranging in age from 5 years to 25 years. Two patients were male; two patients were white and one was Asian. After 120 weeks of exposure to Mepsevii, one patient demonstrated a 21% improvement over baseline in forced vital capacity (FVC % predicted) on pulmonary function testing in addition to a 105-meter improvement in the 6-MWT. Two other patients with baseline hepatosplenomegaly had a reduction in liver volume (24% and 53%) and spleen volume (28% and 47%) after 36 weeks of Mepsevii treatment.

Expanded access to Mepsevii treatment was provided to a pediatric patient with MPS VII who required continuous ventilatory support at the start of treatment and was subsequently able to tolerate 9 hours daily off ventilator support after 164 weeks of Mepsevii treatment.

Coding

Procedure codes on Medical Policy documents are included **only** as a general reference tool for each policy. **They may not be all-inclusive.**

The presence or absence of procedure, service, supply, or device codes in a Medical Policy document has no relevance for determination of benefit coverage for members or reimbursement for providers. **Only the written coverage position in a Medical Policy should be used for such determinations.**

Benefit coverage determinations based on written Medical Policy coverage positions must include review of the member's benefit contract or Summary Plan Description (SPD) for defined coverage vs. non-coverage, benefit exclusions, and benefit limitations such as dollar or duration caps.

CPT Codes	None
HCPCS Codes	C9399, J0180, J0218, J1322, J1458, J1743, J1931, J2508, J2840, J3397, J3490, J3590

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Policy History/Revision	
Date	Description of Change
7/21/2026	New medical document. Enzyme-replacement therapy when utilized for the treatment of lysosomal storage disorders may be considered medically necessary for the specific indications noted in Coverage under each of the enzyme-replacements therapies listed.