



# Narsoplimab for Treatment of COVID-19, HSCT-TMA and Other Endothelial Injury Syndromes

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# Narsoplimab and Regulatory Status

- Narsoplimab is a fully human IgG4 antibody against MASP-2, the effector enzyme of the lectin pathway of complement
- Completed pivotal clinical program in hematopoietic stem cell transplant-associated-TMA (HSCT-TMA)
- Completing rolling BLA for HSCT-TMA - will be submitted soon
- Enrolling 2 additional Phase 3 clinical programs - IgA nephropathy (IgAN) and atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)
- ~250 patients and healthy volunteers have been dosed with narsoplimab
- No significant safety concerns have been observed
- FDA has granted narsoplimab Breakthrough Therapy designation in both HSCT-TMA and IgAN
- Broad therapeutic areas for lectin pathway inhibition:
  - Endothelial injury syndromes
  - Proteinuric diseases
  - Ischemia-reperfusion injury
  - Dysregulation of inflammation (e.g., CNS)





# Potential Advantages of Narsoplimab Over Other Complement Inhibitors

- Narsoplimab designed to leave classical and alternative pathways fully functional
  - Leaves the effector function of adaptive immune response intact
  - Maintains antigen-antibody complex-mediated lytic response and killing of virus-infected cells
  - No evidence of increased infection risk
- In addition to lectin pathway inhibition, narsoplimab observed to have anticoagulation effects, potentially beneficial in COVID-19 patients
  - Inhibits MASP-2-mediated cleavage of prothrombin to thrombin and activation of factor XII to XIIa, blocking thrombus formation
  - No prolongation of PT, aPTT or bleeding time
  - Inhibits MASP-2 activation of kallikrein

***Benefit:risk ratio heavily weighted toward benefit***



# Narsoplimab is a Potential Therapeutic for a Broad Range of Disorders, Including HSCT-TMA and COVID-19



## CLASSICAL PATHWAY

Immune complex

C1q

C1r/C1s

## LECTIN PATHWAY

Tissue injury

MBL, ficolins, collectins

MAASP-2

Factor XII

Factor XIIa

Prothrombin

Thrombin

Coagulation

C4 + C2

C3 convertase

C3

C3a

Inflammation,  
platelet activation,  
leukocyte recruitment,  
endothelial cell activation

C3b

C5 convertases

C5

C5b

C6-9

MAC

Cell lysis

Terminal Pathway  
(C5b-9)

C4 bypass

Factor B

Factor D

pro-Factor D

ALTERNATIVE  
PATHWAY

MAASP-3

## Lectin Pathway Disorders

- COVID-19
- HSCT and TMA-related EIS
  - aGVHD
  - CLS
  - DAH
  - IPS
  - SOS/VOD
  - HELLP/CAPS
- Chronic nephrology/proteinuria diseases
  - IgAN
  - MGN
  - Lupus nephritis
- Oncology
  - Colorectal Cancer
  - Cervical Cancer
  - ESCC
- Acute transplant & surgery-related conditions
  - Delayed Graft Function-solid organ transplant



# Endothelial Injury Plays a Major Role in Pathogenesis of a Wide Range of Diseases

Endothelial injury plays a role  
in the pathogenesis of:



Stroke	Viral infections (e.g. COVID-19)	Chronic kidney disease
Peripheral vascular disease	Stem cell transplant- related complications (e.g., TMA, aGVHD, VOD, DAH, IPS, CLS)	Venous thrombosis
Cancer	Heart disease	Diabetes

Injury to endothelial cells occurs in many ways: physically, chemically, and immunologically

Damage to the vascular endothelium results in a procoagulant state and complement pathway activation

- Lectin pathway is a pattern-recognition system
- Lectin pathway is activated by carbohydrate patterns on microbes and surfaces of damaged cells



# Role of Endothelial Injury in COVID-19 Published Across Numerous Peer-reviewed Journals

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# Endothelial Injury with Complement Activation is Central to Pathophysiology of HSCT-TMA and COVID-19

- Once endothelial injury occurs, pathophysiology of HSCT-TMA and COVID-19 are similar
- Endothelial injury activates the lectin pathway of complement
- In HSCT-TMA, endothelial injury is caused by conditioning regimen, immunosuppressants, GVHD and infection
- In COVID-19, endothelial injury is caused by direct viral infection
- MASP-2, the lectin pathway's effector enzyme, binds the nucleocapsid protein of SARS-CoV-2 and activates the lectin pathway, leading to amplification of underlying cellular injury and inducing cytokine response (e.g., IL-6)
- Viral load has no correlation in COVID-19 patients to clinical status or disease severity

## *Components of COVID-19:*

- *Complement activation*
- *Inflammation*
- *Coagulation*



*Narsoplimab inhibits all 3*





# Parallels Between COVID-19 and HSCT-TMA

Comparator	COVID-19	HSCT-TMA
<b>Lectin-Pathway Activation from Endothelial Damage</b>	✓	✓
<b>Cause of Endothelial Injury</b>	Viral	Conditioning regimen, Immunosuppressants, GVHD, infection
<b>MASP-2 Activation</b>	✓	✓
<b>Multi-Organ TMA</b>	✓	✓

- Approximately 50 patients have been dosed with narsoplimab across the two EIS
- Marked improvement seen in narsoplimab-treated patients in these studies





# Compassionate Use of Narsoplimab for COVID-19 Patients in Bergamo, Italy

- 6 patient treated with narsoplimab, each included for presence of ARDS requiring mechanical ventilation (4 on CPAP, 2 intubated)
- Dosing IV twice weekly for 2 to 4 weeks
- All patients fully recovered, survived and were discharged
- 2 patients with massive bilateral pulmonary thromboses that resolved after narsoplimab treatment
- Temporal patterns of laboratory markers (CEC, IL-6, IL-8, CRP, LDH, AST and D-dimer) were consistent with the observed clinical improvement; in particular, CEC counts appear to be a reliable tool to evaluate endothelial damage and treatment response
- All patients received routine supportive care (prophylactic enoxaparin, azithromycin, hydroxychloroquine, darunavir/cobicistat) and, during the study, steroids (patient #1 did not receive steroids and patients 2 and 3 likely received no benefit from steroids given timing of initiation)
- Two control groups with similar entry criteria and baseline characteristics were selected for retrospective comparison showing substantial mortality rates of 32 percent and 53 percent
- Manuscript published in peer-reviewed *Immunobiology*



# Data from the COVID-19 Study in Italy

## Demographics and Treatment Summary

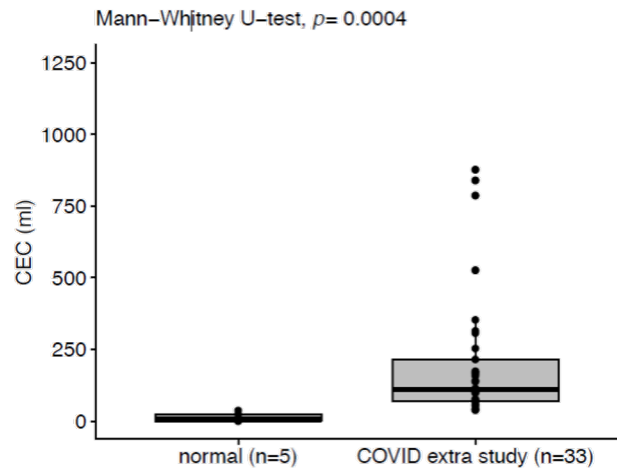
Demographic	Median (range) or n (%)
Age	57 years (47-63)
Male sex	5 (83%)
Weight	86 Kg (82-100 Kg)
Comorbidities	Diabetes (n=1); Hypertension (n=1); Dyslipidemia (n=2); Obese/Overweight (n=6)

Treatment Summary	n (%) or Median (range)
Timing of narsoplimab treatment from start of CPAP oxygen support	
<i>Within 24 hours</i>	4 (67%)
<i>Within 48 hours</i>	2 (33%)
Time from hospital admission to treatment	2 days (1-4)
Duration of follow-up (to date) after first dose	27 days (16-90)

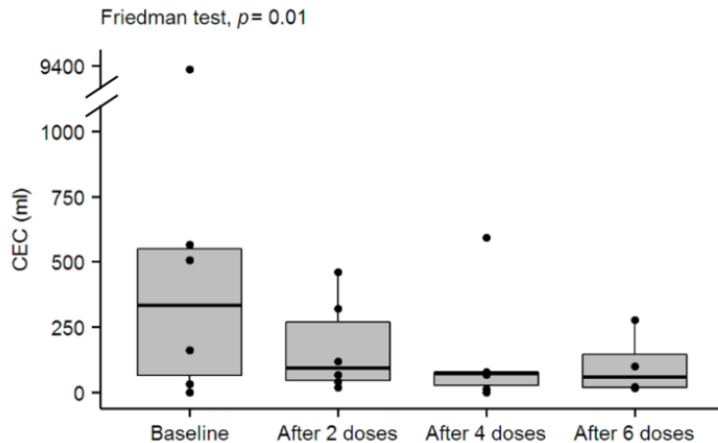


# Data from the COVID-19 Study in Italy

## Evidence of Endothelial Damage (CEC Counts) in COVID-19

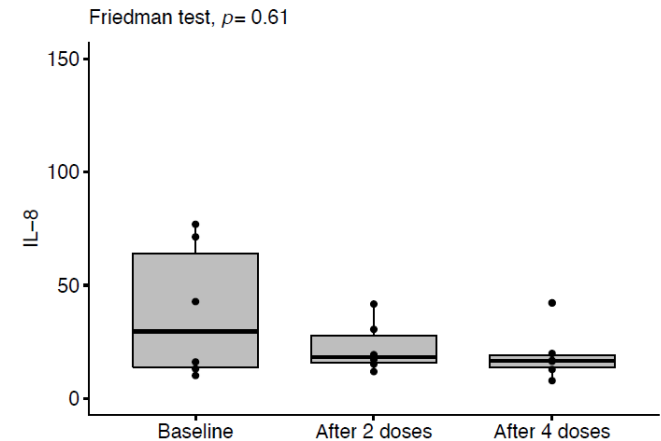
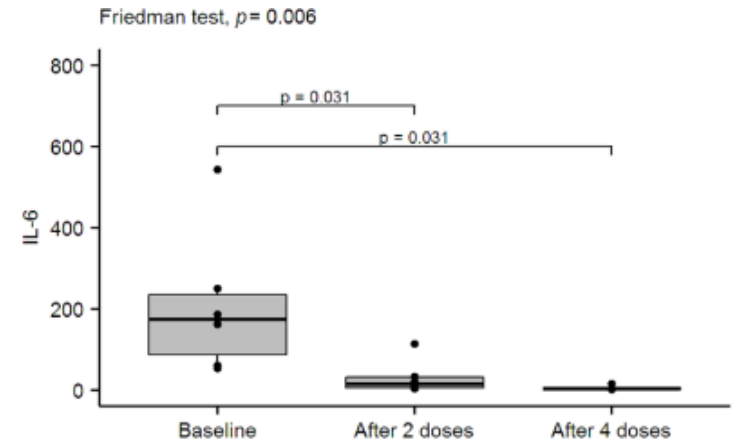


*5 normal (uninfected) and 33 infected patients without Narsoplimab*



*6 infected patients treated with Narsoplimab*

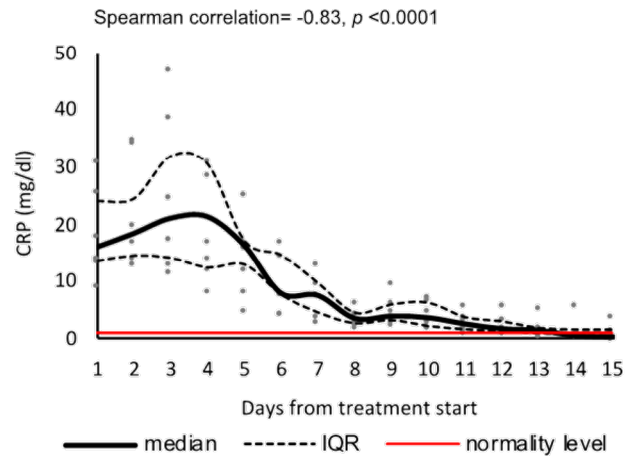
## IL-6 / IL-8 Levels Improved in 6 Patients Treated with Narsoplimab



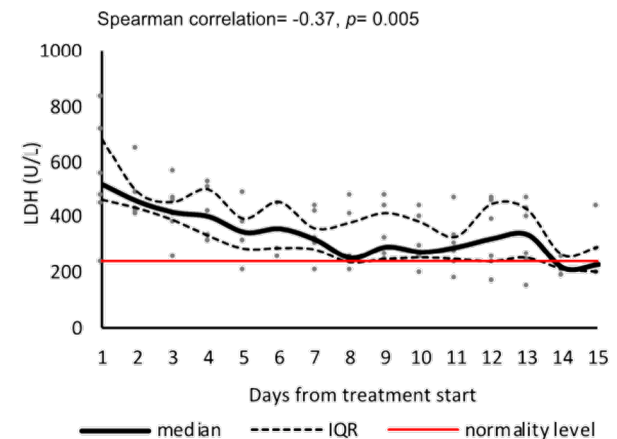


# Data from Narsoplimab-treated COVID-19 Patients

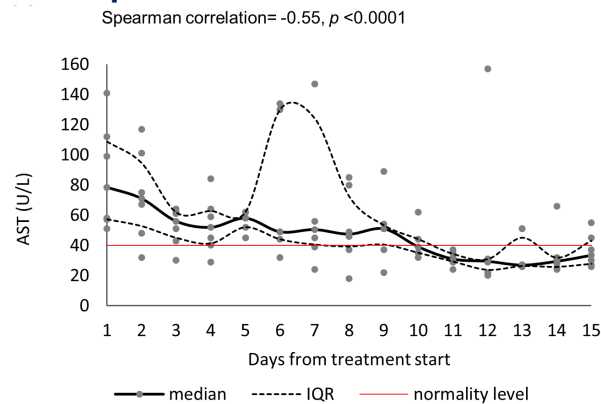
## C-Reactive Protein Improved in all 6 Patients



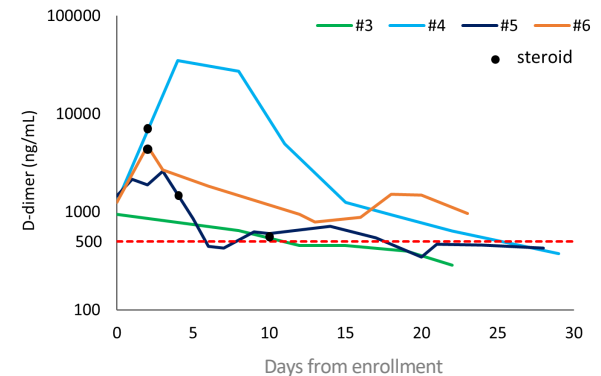
## Lactate Dehydrogenase Improved in all 6 Patients



## Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) Improved in all 6 Patients

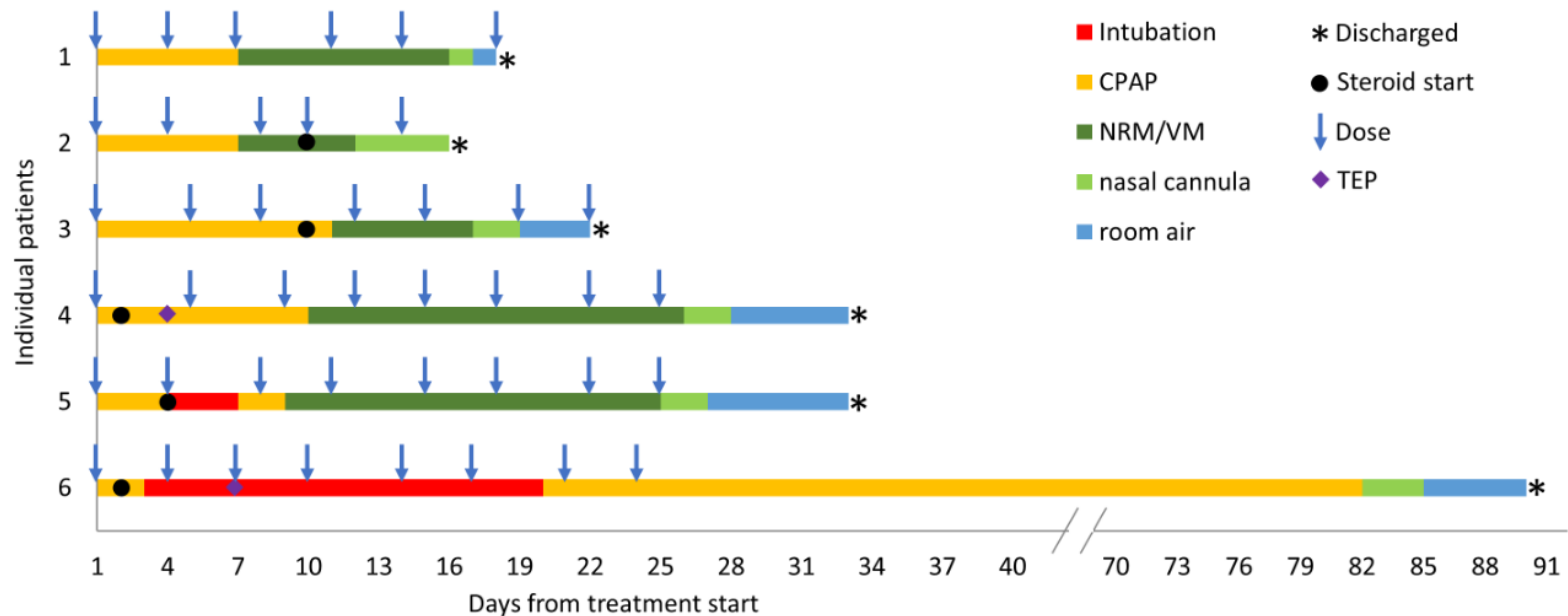


## D-Dimer Improved in all Assessed Patients





# Clinical Outcomes of COVID-19 Patients Treated with Narsoplimab



- The bar colors indicate the different oxygen support (CPAP = yellow; mechanical ventilation with intubation = red; non-rebreather oxygen mask/Venturi mask = green; low-flow oxygen by nasal cannula = light green; room air = blue)
- Narsoplimab doses are marked by blue arrows
- Black circle indicates the beginning of steroid treatment
- CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure; NRM = non-rebreather oxygen mask; VM = Venturi mask; TEP = pulmonary thromboembolism



# At 5-6 Month Follow-Up, All 6 Patients Are Without Clinical or Laboratory Evidence of Sequelae

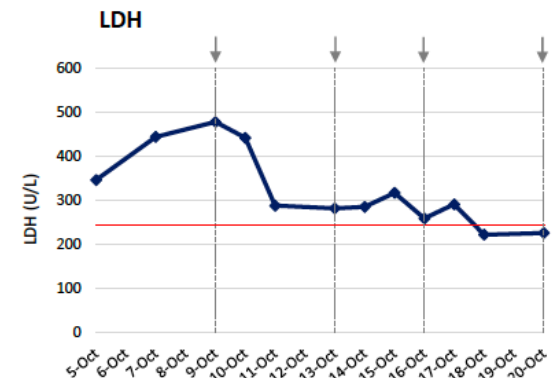
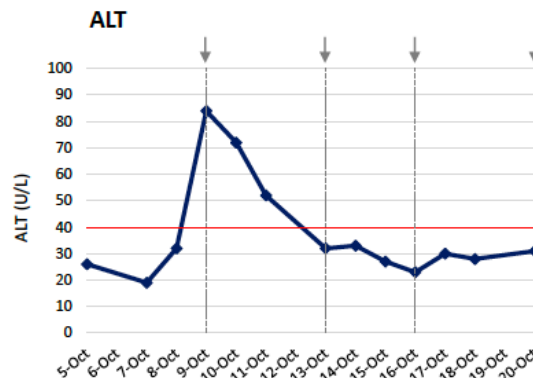
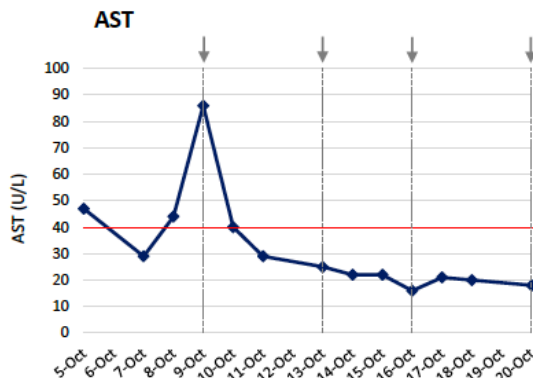
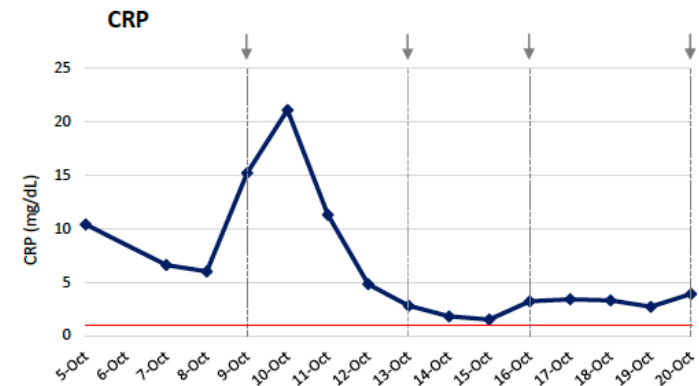
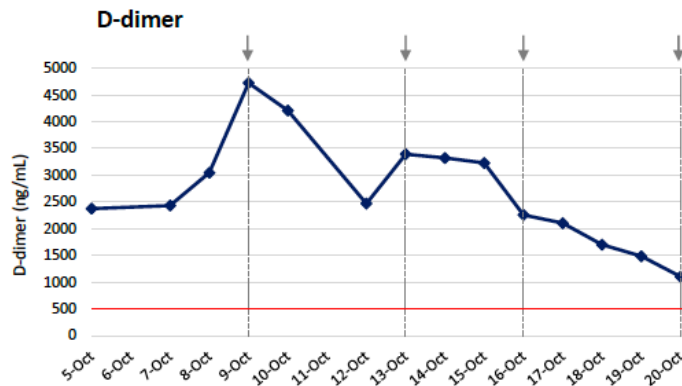
Laboratory Findings	Baseline	Last Evaluation (5-6 Mos. Post-Discharge)
White cell count - per mm <sup>3</sup> , median (range)	8335 (6420-10,120)	7320 (3200-8770)
> 10,000 per mm <sup>3</sup> - no. (%)	2 (33)	0 (0)
< 4000 per mm <sup>3</sup> - no. (%)	0 (0)	1 (17)
Lymphocyte count - per mm <sup>3</sup> , median (range)	875 (410-1290)	2815 (810-3780)
Platelet count - x 10 <sup>3</sup> per mm <sup>3</sup> , median (range)	282 (199 -390)	238 (170-354)
Hemoglobin - g/dL, median (range)	13.4 (13.2-14.1)	14.8 (13.4-15.8)
Distribution of other findings (laboratory reference ranges)		
C-reactive protein (0.0-1.0 mg/dL)	14 (9.5-31.3)	0.15 (0-0.5)
Lactate dehydrogenase (120/246 U/L)	518.5 (238-841)	212 (119-249)
Aspartate aminotransferase (13-40 U/L)	78.5 (51-141)	18 (12-29)
Alanine aminotransferase (7-40 U/L)	73 (37-183)	22.5 (20-67)
Creatinine (0.3-1.3 mg/dL)	0.85 (0.38-1.33)	0.94 (0.51-1.07)
D-dimer (< 500 ng/mL)		
< 190 - no. (%)	0 (0)	3 (50)
> 190 - median (range)	1250.5 (943-1454)	324 (202-390)

- Clinical status at last evaluation of all 6 patients - no evidence of post-COVID sequelae



# Bergamo Patient #7 Undergoing Narsoplimab Treatment

- 74-year-old man
- High-risk: diabetic, obese, long history of smoking/COPD, prostate cancer
- Rapidly deteriorating pulmonary status: nasal cannulae → mask → CPAP → intubation
- Began treatment with narsoplimab following intubation; extubated around the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose



\* Gray arrows denote dosing; Red lines denote normal value threshold



## Narsoplimab in HSCT-TMA



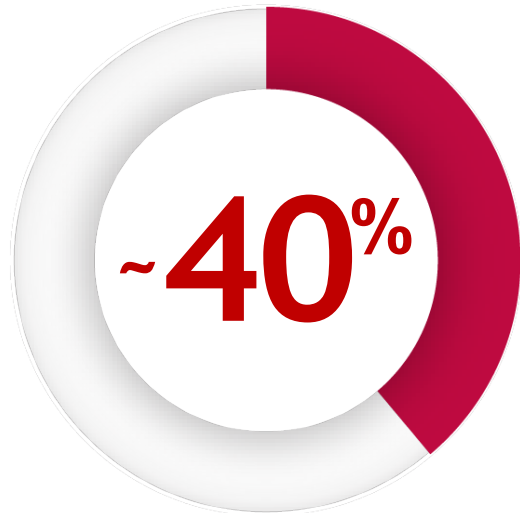
# HSCT-TMA - Serious and Potentially Fatal Complication of HSCT Caused by Endothelial Injury

**25,000 - 30,000**

annual allogeneic HSCT in the US and EU



No approved therapies  
in HSCT-TMA



**incidence**  
of TMA in allogeneic HSCT

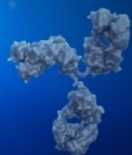


of patients with  
HSCT-TMA display  
at least one  
**high-risk**  
feature



of severe cases of  
HSCT-TMA can be  
**fatal**





# Narsoplimab In HSCT-TMA: Pivotal Study

## Study Population

- Single-arm, open-label study of **high-risk HSCT-TMA patients**
- Protocol specified that patients receive narsoplimab once weekly for  $\geq 4$  weeks
- 93% of the trial population had multiple risk factors for poor outcomes

Demographics	N=28
Mean & median age (years)	48
Male Gender, n (%)	20 (71.4%)
Malignant underlying disease	27 (96.4%)
Risk factors:	
Presence of GVHD, n (%)	19 (67.9%)
Significant infection, n (%)	24 (85.7%)
Pulmonary dysfunction (%)	5 (17.9%)
Neurological dysfunction, n (%)	16 (57.1%)
Renal dysfunction	21 (75.0%)
Multi-organ involvement, n (%)	14 (50.0%)

## Efficacy Measures

- Primary Endpoint:** Response as assessed by clinically meaningful improvement in TMA laboratory markers and organ function
  - 15% complete response rate is the FDA-agreed threshold for primary endpoint**
- Secondary Endpoints:** 100-day survival and change from baseline in TMA lab measures

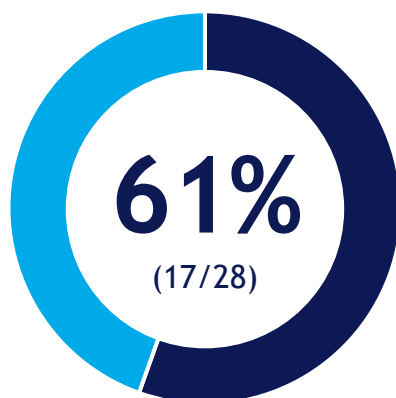
## Key Findings

- Most narsoplimab-treated patients achieved a complete response, exceeding the targeted threshold for the primary efficacy endpoint
- 100-day survival was similarly impressive across all groups (responders, per-protocol, and intent-to-treat)
- Narsoplimab was well tolerated in this very sick population with multiple comorbidities
- No safety signal observed: observed adverse events were comparable to those typically seen in post-transplant population
- 21% of patients died during the trial due to causes common in HSCT



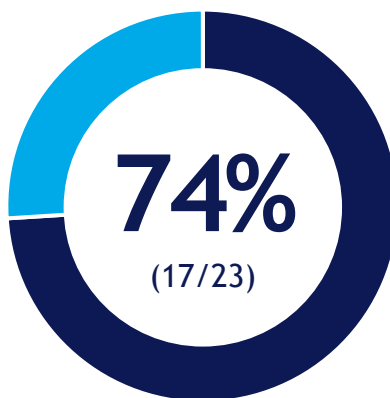
# Complete Response Rate (%)

All treated  
patients (N=28)  
(95% CI)



(40.6% to 78.5%)  
 $p < 0.0001^*$

Patients treated  
per protocol  
( $\geq 4$  weeks of dosing) (n=23)  
(95% CI)



(51.6% to 89.8%)  
 $p < 0.0001^*$

- 15% is the FDA-agreed efficacy threshold for the primary endpoint (i.e., the complete response rate) in the clinical trial Complete Response Rate %

\* Exact two-sided p-value for testing response rate equal to 15%



# Complete Response by Subgroup

## Responders<sup>a</sup>

Total (N=28) n/m<sup>b</sup> (%)

### Age (years)



### Sex



### Acute graft-versus-host disease



<sup>a</sup> A responder is defined as achieving improvement in TMA markers and either improvement in organ functions or freedom from transfusion. Patients whose response cannot be determined are considered non-responders.

<sup>b</sup> m is the number of patients in the corresponding subgroup.



# Responders by Subgroup

## Responders<sup>a</sup>

Total (N=28) n/m<sup>b</sup> (%)

### Significant infection



### Multiple organ TMA involvement



### Mismatched donor



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# Complete Response by Subgroup

## Responders<sup>a</sup>

Total (N=28) n/m<sup>b</sup> (%)

### Baseline platelet counts (10<sup>9</sup>/L)



### Renal dysfunction at baseline



### Pulmonary dysfunction at baseline



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# Complete Response by Subgroup

## Responders<sup>a</sup>

Total (N=28) n/m<sup>b</sup> (%)

### Neurological dysfunction at baseline



### Gastrointestinal dysfunction at baseline



### Transfusions within two weeks prior to or on the first narsoplimab dose date



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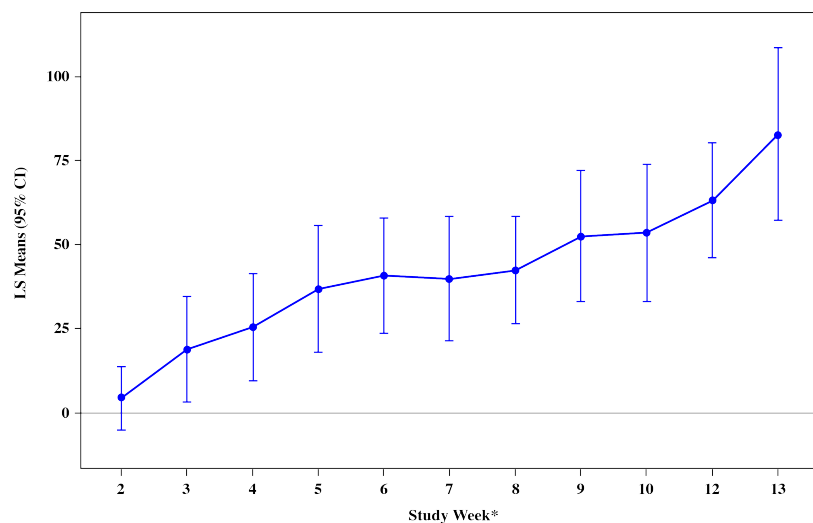
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# Platelet Count and Hemoglobin Change from Baseline Over Time in Full Analysis Set

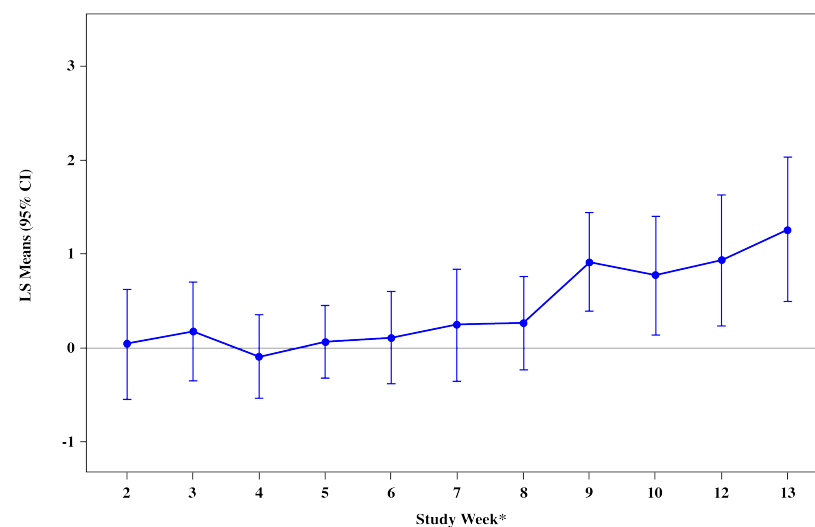
## Least Squares Means of Platelet Count ( $10^9/L$ ) Change from Baseline for HSCT-TMA

Full Analysis Set Population



## Least Squares Means of Hemoglobin (g/dL) Change from Baseline for HSCT-TMA

Full Analysis Set Population



\* No patient data were censored; all available data were included

\*\* p-values from time-weighted average change-from-baseline using one-sample t test

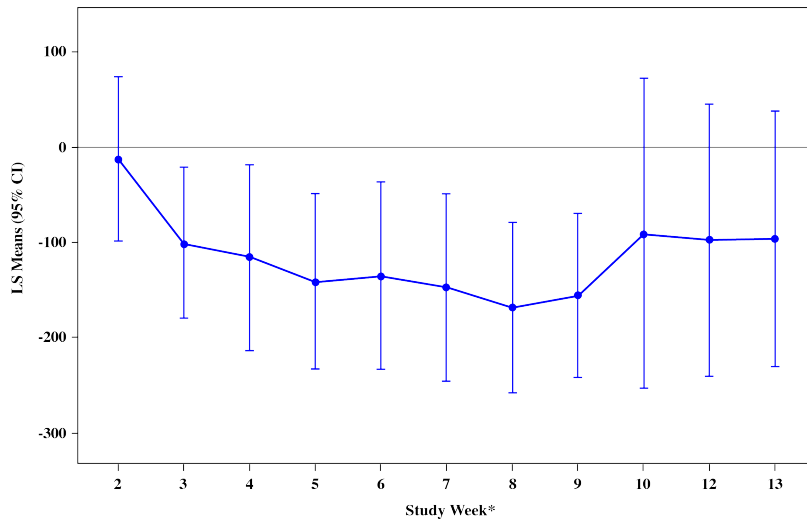


# LDH and Haptoglobin

## Change from Baseline Over Time in Full Analysis Set

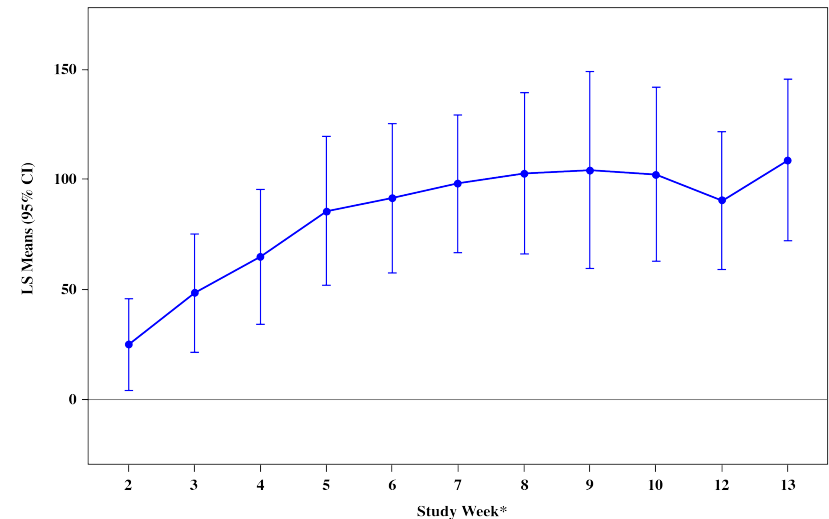
### Least Squares Means of LDH (U/L) Change from Baseline for HSCT-TMA

Full Analysis Set Population



### Least Squares Means of Haptoglobin (mg/dL) Change from Baseline for HSCT-TMA

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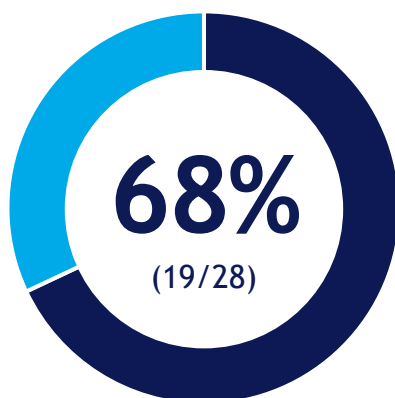
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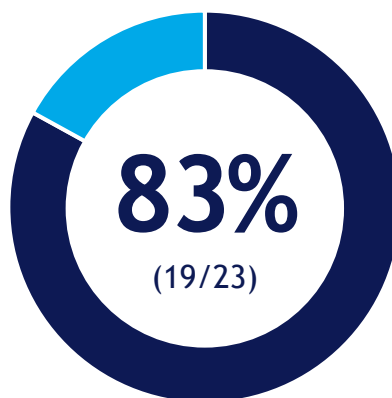


# 100-Day Survival Following HSCT-TMA Diagnosis

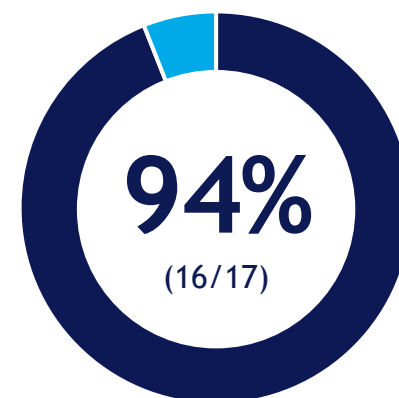
All treated  
patients (N=28)



Patients treated  
per protocol  
( $\geq 4$  weeks of dosing) (n=23)



Complete  
responders (n=17)





# Patient Survival with Narsoplimab

## Kaplan-Meier Plot of Overall Survival for HSCT-TMA

Median survival for the full analysis population was 274 days

(95% CI) (103, NE)

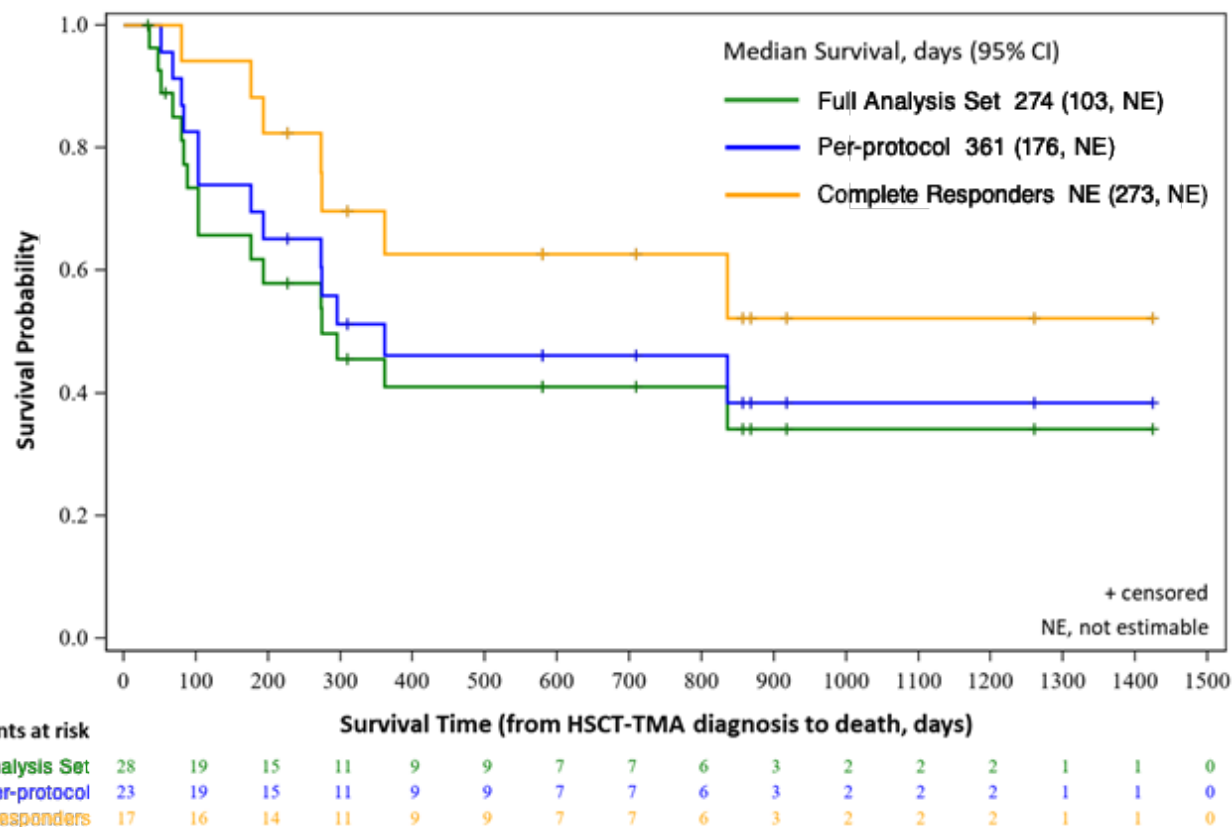
Median survival for the per-protocol population was 361 days

(95% CI) (176, NE)

Median survival for the responder population was not estimable

(95% CI) (273, NE)

Median survival is estimated by Kaplan-Meier method. 95% confidence interval for median survival is calculated using complementary log-log transformation.







# Safety and Tolerability: Most Common Adverse Events in >15% of Patients

- Narsoplimab was well tolerated in this very sick population with multiple comorbidities
- The most commonly reported adverse events were nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hypokalemia, neutropenia and fever
- The observed adverse events are comparable to those typically seen in the post-transplant population
- 17.9% of patients died during the trial due to causes common in HSCT

Preferred Term, n (%)	(N = 28)
Any Event	27 (96.4)
Pyrexia	10 (35.7)
Diarrhea	9 (32.1)
Vomiting	9 (32.1)
Nausea	7 (25.0)
Neutropenia	7 (25.0)
Fatigue	6 (21.4)
Hypokalemia	6 (21.4)
Back pain	5 (17.9)





# HSCT-TMA Summary

- Narsoplimab is a fully human IgG4 antibody against MASP-2, the effector enzyme of the lectin pathway of complement
- Study patients were at high risk for poor outcomes
- Most narsoplimab-treated patients achieved a complete response with a significant improvement in laboratory markers and in clinical status
- 100-day survival was similarly impressive across all groups (responders, per-protocol, and full analysis)
- Robust response was seen in all patient subgroups defined by baseline characteristics, transplant characteristics, and transplant complications
- No safety signal was observed
- Data from the compassionate-use program are highly consistent with the clinical trial data
- Submitting rolling Biologics Licensing Application to FDA for HSCT-TMA
- European Marketing Authorization Application in preparation for same indication





# Next-Generation Therapeutics Transforming Patient Care Today