# Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Analysis of ULTOMIRIS® (ravulizumab-cwvz) in Anti-AChR Antibody-Positive gMG

This brochure can only be provided after, or in conjunction with, the detailing of the CHAMPION-MG clinical trial

#### INDICATION

ULTOMIRIS is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody-positive.

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#### WARNING: SERIOUS MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS

ULTOMIRIS, a complement inhibitor, increases the risk of serious infections caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*] Life-threatening and fatal meningococcal infections have occurred in patients treated with complement inhibitors. These infections may become rapidly life-threatening or fatal if not recognized and treated early.

- Complete or update vaccination for meningococcal bacteria (for serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) at least 2 weeks prior to the first dose of ULTOMIRIS, unless the risks of delaying ULTOMIRIS therapy outweigh the risk of developing a serious infection. Comply with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against meningococcal bacteria in patients receiving a complement inhibitor. See *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)* for additional guidance on the management of the risk of serious infections caused by meningococcal bacteria.
- Patients receiving ULTOMIRIS are at increased risk for invasive disease caused by *Neisseria* meningitidis, even if they develop antibodies following vaccination. Monitor patients for early signs and symptoms of serious meningococcal infections and evaluate immediately if infection is suspected.

Because of the risk of serious meningococcal infections, ULTOMIRIS is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

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# ULTOMIRIS<sup>®</sup> (ravulizumab-cwvz) Targets C5 to Inhibit Terminal Complement Activity<sup>1</sup>



• Binding of anti-AChR antibodies to AChR triggers activation of the complement system<sup>5</sup>

- Terminal complement activation results in cleavage of C5 into C5a and C5b<sup>6</sup>
- C5a leads to inflammation, while C5b binds to other complement proteins to form the MAC<sup>5</sup>
- MAC formation results in destruction to the NMJ<sup>5,6</sup>
- ULTOMIRIS is a monoclonal antibody that inhibits C5, preventing cleavage into C5a and C5b<sup>1</sup>
- This prevents formation of the MAC<sup>1</sup>

## The precise mechanism by which ULTOMIRIS exerts its therapeutic effect in gMG patients is not known<sup>1</sup>

Abbreviations: AChR, acetylcholine receptor; gMG, generalized myasthenia gravis; MAC, membrane attack complex; NMJ, neuromuscular junction.

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#### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

• Initiation in patients with unresolved serious *Neisseria meningitidis* infection.

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CHAMPION-MG was a phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter study with an open-label extension to evaluate efficacy and safety of ULTOMIRIS in 175 adults with anti-AChR antibody-positive gMG at 35 sites across 13 countries<sup>7</sup>

# Primary endpoint<sup>7</sup>

Change from baseline to Week 26 in MG-ADL total score

## Key secondary endpoint<sup>7</sup>

#### Key inclusion criteria<sup>1,7</sup> |

- MGFA clinical classification class II-IV
- gMG (diagnosed for at least 6 months) with a positive serologic test for anti-AChR antibodies
- MG-ADL total score of ≥6
- Vaccination against meningococcal infections
- Stable doses of concomitant ISTs, if on a treatment regimen upon study entry

#### Key exclusion criteria<sup>7</sup> X

- time of screening visit or any time before randomization
- IVIg or PE within the 4 weeks before randomization (Day 1)
- Rituximab within the 6 months before screening
- Any previous treatment with complement inhibitors

Abbreviations: AChR, acetylcholine receptor; gMG, generalized myasthenia gravis; ISTs, immunosuppressive therapies; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG, myasthenia gravis; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; MGFA, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America; PD, pharmacodynamics; PE, plasma exchange; PK, pharmacokinetics; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis.

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# Baseline in Patients Treated With ULTOMIRIS<sup>®</sup> (ravulizumab-cwvz) vs Placebo

Change from baseline to Week 26 in QMG total score

#### **Exploratory analysis**<sup>8</sup>

PK/PD properties of ULTOMIRIS were studied as exploratory objectives

• Any active or untreated thymoma or history of thymic carcinoma or thymic malignancy • History of thymectomy, thymomectomy, or any thymic surgery  $\leq 12$  months before screening • Clinical features consistent with MG crisis/exacerbation or clinical deterioration at the



Dosing<sup>1,8</sup>

### **Eligibility**<sup>8</sup>

#### • All 86 patients who received **ULTOMIRIS®** (ravulizumab-cwvz) in the CHAMPION-MG study were included in the PK/PD analysis

	Body weight	Loading	Maintenance	Minimum infusion timeª		Dosing
ĥ	range	dose, mg	dose, mg	Loading dose, min	Maintenance dose, min	interval
	40 kg (88 lb) to <60 kg (132 lb)	2400	3000	48	54	Every 8 weeks, starting 2 weeks after initial loading dose
	60 kg (132 lb) to <100 kg (220 lb)	2700	3300	36	42	
	≥100 kg (220 lb)	3000	3600	24	30	

<sup>a</sup>If an adverse reaction occurs during the administration of ULTOMIRIS, the infusion may be slowed or stopped at the discretion of the physician.<sup>1</sup>

#### Follow-up<sup>8</sup>

- At baseline and weeks 2, 10, 18, and 26, blood samples were obtained within 30 minutes before infusion to measure baseline and trough levels of antidrug antibodies, serum free C5, and serum ULTOMIRIS
- For **peak posttreatment** PK/PD analysis, blood samples were obtained within 30 minutes after infusion at baseline and weeks 2, 10, 18, and 26

Abbreviations: MG, myasthenia gravis; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics.

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#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### **Serious Meningococcal Infections**

ULTOMIRIS, a complement inhibitor, increases a patient's susceptibility to serious, life-threatening, or fatal infections caused by meningococcal bacteria (septicemia and/or meningitis) in any serogroup, including nongroupable strains. Life-threatening and fatal meningococcal infections have occurred in both vaccinated and unvaccinated patients treated with complement inhibitors.

Revaccinate patients in accordance with ACIP recommendations considering the duration of ULTOMIRIS therapy. Note that ACIP recommends an administration schedule in patients receiving complement inhibitors that differs from the administration schedule in the vaccine prescribing information. If urgent ULTOMIRIS therapy is indicated in a patient who is not up to date with meningococcal vaccines according to ACIP recommendations, provide antibacterial drug prophylaxis and administer meningococcal vaccines as soon as possible. Various durations and regimens of antibacterial drug prophylaxis have been considered, but the optimal durations and drug regimens for prophylaxis and their efficacy have not been studied in unvaccinated or vaccinated patients receiving complement inhibitors, including ULTOMIRIS. The benefits and risks of treatment with ULTOMIRIS, as well as those associated with antibacterial drug prophylaxis in unvaccinated or vaccinated patients, must be considered against the known risks for serious infections caused by Neisseria meningitidis.

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## **Serum Free C5** Concentration



- Pharmacodynamics (PD) is the study of the effect of a drug on body processes9
- Measured via validated microfluidics assay with fluorescence detection using ULTOMIRIS to capture free C5, with an LLOQ of 0.0183 µg/mL<sup>8</sup>
- Serum free C5 concentration <0.5 μg/mL</li> represents complete terminal complement inhibition<sup>8</sup>

Abbreviations: LLOQ, lower limit of quantification; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics.

#### **SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Continued

Serious Meningococcal Infections, Continued Vaccination does not eliminate the risk of serious meningococcal infections, despite development of antibodies following vaccination.

Closely monitor patients for early signs and symptoms of meningococcal infection and evaluate patients immediately if infection is suspected. Inform patients of these signs and symptoms and instruct patients to seek immediate medical care if they occur. Promptly treat known infections. Meningococcal infection may become rapidly life-threatening or fatal if not recognized and treated early. Consider interruption of ULTOMIRIS in patients who are undergoing treatment for serious meningococcal infection depending on the risks of interrupting treatment in the disease being treated.

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### **Patient Characteristics**

Characteristics <sup>7,8</sup>	Data value		
Age at MG diagnosis, mean (SD)	48.6 (18.5)		
Age at first study dose, mean (SD), years	58.0 (13.8)		
Weight, mean (SD), kg	91.6 (23.4)		
Baseline MG-ADL score, mean (SD)	9.1 (2.6)		
Baseline QMG score, mean (SD)	14.8 (5.2)		
Race, n (%)			
White	67 (78)		
Asian	15 (17)		
African American	2 (2)		
Unreported	2 (2)		

At CHAMPION-MG study entry, the majority of patients were receiving ISTs<sup>7,8</sup>

Abbreviations: ISTs, immunosuppressive therapies; MG, myasthenia gravis; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; SD, standard deviation; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis.

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#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Continued

#### **ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS**

Due to the risk of serious meningococcal infections, ULTOMIRIS is available only through a restricted program called ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS.

Prescribers must enroll in the REMS, counsel patients about the risk of serious meningococcal infection, provide patients with the REMS educational materials, assess patient vaccination status for meningococcal vaccines (against serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) and vaccinate if needed according to current ACIP recommendations two weeks prior to the first dose of ULTOMIRIS. Antibacterial drug prophylaxis must be prescribed if treatment must be started urgently, and the patient is not up to date with both meningococcal vaccines according to current ACIP recommendations at least two weeks prior to the first dose of ULTOMIRIS. Patients must receive counseling about the need to receive meningococcal vaccines and to take antibiotics as directed, signs and symptoms of meningococcal infection, and be instructed to carry the Patient Safety Card at all times during and for 8 months following ULTOMIRIS treatment.

Further information is available at www.UltSoIREMS.com or 1-888-765-4747.

#### **Other Infections**

Serious infections with Neisseria species (other than Neisseria meningitidis), including disseminated gonococcal infections, have been reported.

ULTOMIRIS blocks terminal complement activation; therefore, patients may have increased susceptibility to infections, especially with encapsulated bacteria, such as infections caused by Neisseria meningitidis but also Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae, and to a lesser extent, Neisseria gonorrhoeae. Patients receiving ULTOMIRIS are at increased risk for infections due to these organisms, even if they develop antibodies following vaccination.

#### **Thromboembolic Event Management**

The effect of withdrawal of anticoagulant therapy during treatment with ULTOMIRIS has not been established. Treatment should not alter anticoagulant management.

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Note: No inferences of efficacy or safety can be made from this data. • Administration of ULTOMIRIS achieved immediate and complete terminal complement inhibition

- (serum free C5 < 0.5  $\mu$ g/mL)

• Free C5 concentrations below LLOQ were analyzed as 0.00915 µg/mL • Mean baseline serum free C5 concentration (pre-dose) was 153.6 (SD 37.0) µg/mL ADA titers were low and transient, with no apparent effect on PK or PD Abbreviations: ADA, antidrug antibody; LLOQ, lower limit of quantification; MG, myasthenia gravis; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; SD, standard deviation.

#### SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS. Continued Infusion-Related Reactions

Administration of ULTOMIRIS may result in systemic infusion-related reactions, including anaphylaxis and hypersensitivity reactions. In clinical trials, infusion-related reactions occurred in approximately 1 to 7% of patients, including lower back pain, abdominal pain, muscle spasms, drop or elevation in blood pressure, rigors, limb discomfort, drug hypersensitivity (allergic reaction), and dysgeusia (bad taste). These reactions did not require discontinuation of ULTOMIRIS. If signs of cardiovascular instability or respiratory compromise occur, interrupt ULTOMIRIS and institute appropriate supportive measures.

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#### **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Most common adverse reactions in adult patients with gMG (incidence  $\geq 10\%$ ) were diarrhea and upper respiratory tract infection. Serious adverse reactions were reported in 20 (23%) of patients treated with ULTOMIRIS and in 14 (16%) patients receiving placebo. The most frequent serious adverse reactions were infections reported in at least 8 (9%) patients treated with ULTOMIRIS and in 4 (4%) patients treated with placebo. Of these infections, one fatal case of COVID-19 pneumonia was identified in a patient treated with ULTOMIRIS and one case of infection led to discontinuation of ULTOMIRIS.

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

#### Plasma Exchange, Plasmapheresis, and Intravenous Immunoglobulins

Concomitant use of ULTOMIRIS with plasma exchange (PE), plasmapheresis (PP), or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) treatment can reduce serum ravulizumab concentrations and requires a supplemental dose of ULTOMIRIS.

#### Neonatal Fc Receptor Blockers

Concomitant use of ULTOMIRIS with neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) blockers (e.g., efgartigimod) may lower systemic exposures and reduce effectiveness of ULTOMIRIS. Closely monitor for reduced effectiveness of ULTOMIRIS.

#### **USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

#### Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to ULTOMIRIS during pregnancy. Healthcare providers and patients may call <u>1-833-793-0563</u> or go to <u>www.UltomirisPregnancyStudy.com</u> to enroll in or to obtain information about the registry.



To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at <u>1-844-259-6783</u> or FDA at <u>1-800-FDA-1088</u> or <u>www.fda.gov/medwatch</u>.

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