#### Nuove opportunità terapeutiche per l'emofilia

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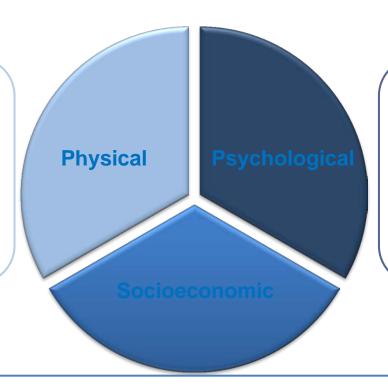
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#### The long-term impacts of haemophilia A

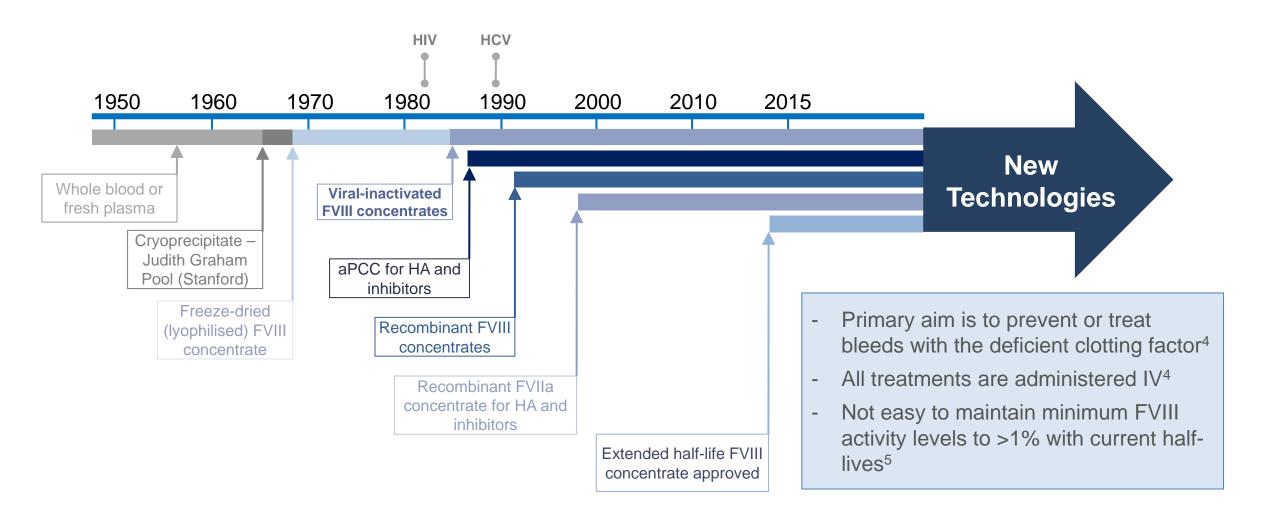
- Development of haemophilic arthropathy can lead to disability <sup>1,2</sup>
- Venous access complications (due to lifelong treatment with IV medication)<sup>3</sup>
- Adult life expectancy 5 years less than non-haemophiliac <sup>4</sup>



- Psychological impacts vary with life stage <sup>5,6</sup>
- Coping strategies and emotional reactions to a life-restricting illness vary by person <sup>7</sup>

- Life-long treatment funding required<sup>8,9</sup>
- Drug costs make up 95% of overall cost<sup>10</sup>
- 60% of non-drug costs are indirect (work lost and caregiver burden)<sup>8</sup>
  - Inhibitor development and comorbidities such as HIV/HCV can hugely increase costs<sup>11</sup>

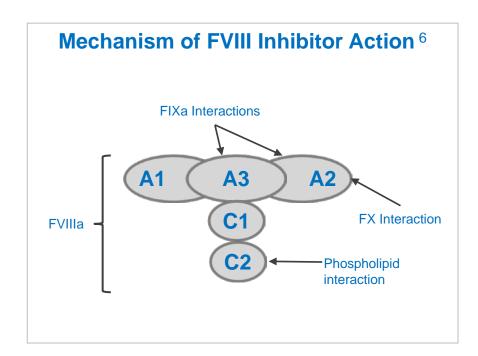
#### Haemophilia A: evolution of modern treatments<sup>1,2,3</sup>



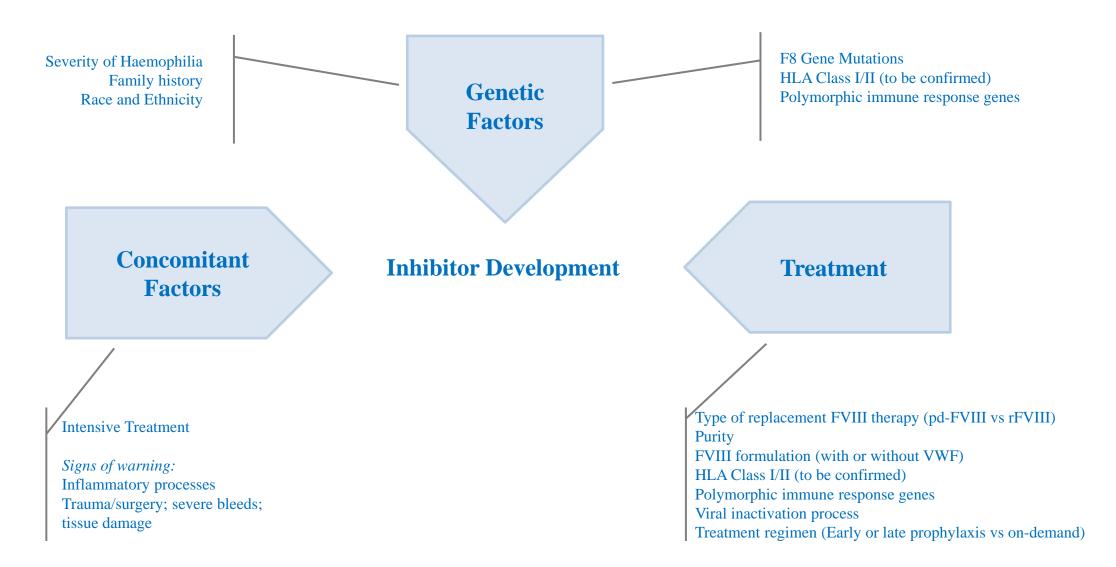
#### **Inhibitor development:**

the most serious complication of current FVII replacement therapies

- Therapy with purified FVIII may lead to the development of neutralising anti-FVIII antibodies (inhibitors) 1,2
- Inhibitors bind to FVIII and significantly <u>reduce the effectiveness</u> of FVIII treatment<sup>3</sup>
- Cumulative incidence (i.e. lifetime risk) of inhibitor development is 20-30% in severe disease and 5-10% in moderate or mild disease<sup>4</sup>
  - Median age of inhibitor development: 3 years or less (severe disease) <sup>4</sup>
  - The majority of inhibitors develop within the first 50 days of treatment 5



#### Risk Factors for development of FVIII inhibitors<sup>1,2</sup>



#### Treatment approaches in patients with inhibitors<sup>1</sup>

	BLEEDING CONTROL	INHIBITORS ERADICATION (Immune Tolerance Induction)
Product	<ul> <li>High dose of factor FVIII replacement therapy</li> <li>Porcine factor FVIII</li> <li>Bypassing agents         <ul> <li>Prothrombin complex concentrates (aPCC)</li> <li>Recombinant factor VIIa (rFVIIa)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High dose of purified FVIII or VWF-containing FVIII concentrates
Aim	<ul> <li>To manage bleeding episodes → on demand</li> <li>To decrease frequency of bleeding episodes and improve QoL → prophylaxis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To render the immune system tolerant to exogenous FVIII</li> <li>Successful in 70–80% of hemophilia A patients <sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

#### Bypassing agents in patients with inhibitors 1,2

aPCC
Source: pooled human plasma

→ containing activated FII, FVII, FIX, FX and small amounts of FVIII

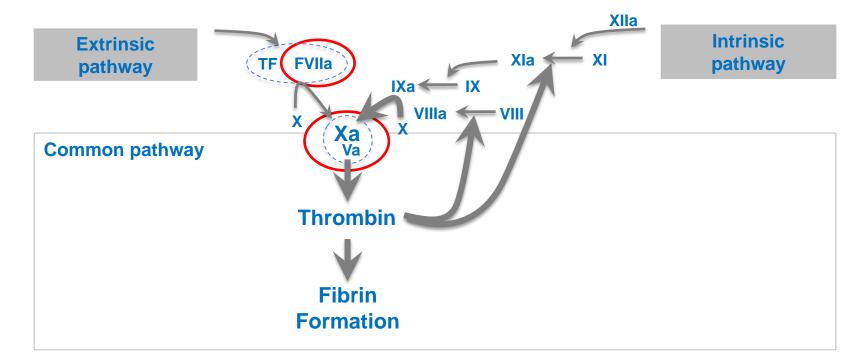
→ Varying half-life for the single components

Source: recombinant FVIIa

→ activates factors IX and X, which leads to the formation of small initial amount of thrombin

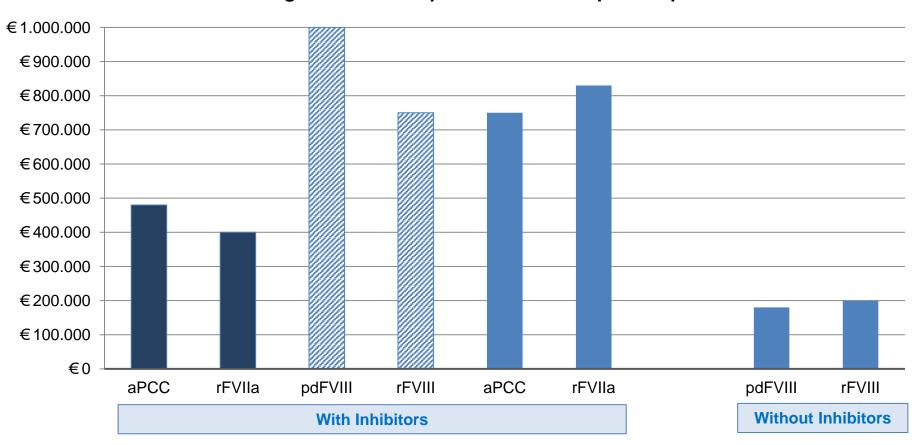
→ Half-life 2.3 h (range 1.7–2.7)





#### Inhibitors development can hugely increase costs<sup>1</sup>

#### **Average Annual Cost per Severe Haemophilia A patient**



Bypassing agents on demand ITI
Prophylaxis

#### Unmet needs with current Haemophilia A therapies

# PwHA with inhibitors Burden of treatment (IV administration; frequent dosing)<sup>1,2</sup> High ABR, even in prophylaxis <sup>3,4,5</sup> Bleeding episodes more difficult to treat<sup>6,7</sup> Limited options for prophylaxis<sup>6,7</sup> Long-term disability due to repeated joint bleeds<sup>10</sup> PwHA without inhibitors Reduced protection during 'troughs'<sup>8</sup> Risk of developing FVIII inhibitors<sup>9</sup> Not easy to maintain trough FVIII activity levels to >1% with current treatments<sup>8</sup>

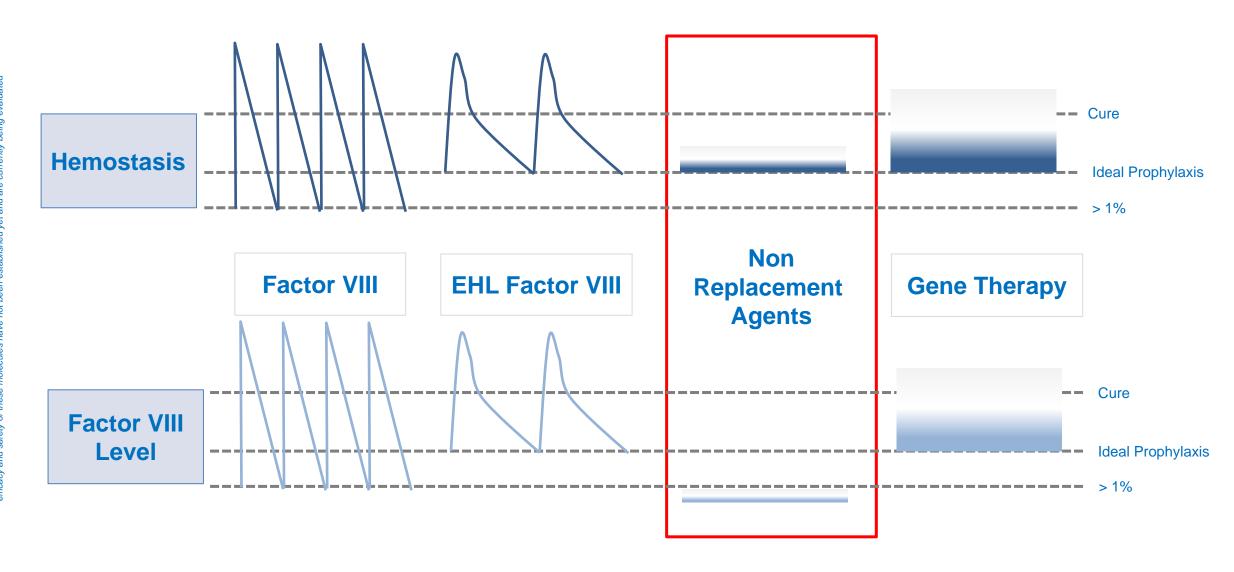
ITI complications (i.e. CVAD infections) 11

ITI not successful in all cases<sup>13</sup>

Adherence issues with prophylactic FVIII<sup>12</sup>

#### How is clinical research trying to solve these unmet needs?

#### **New strategies for Haemophilia A**<sup>1</sup>

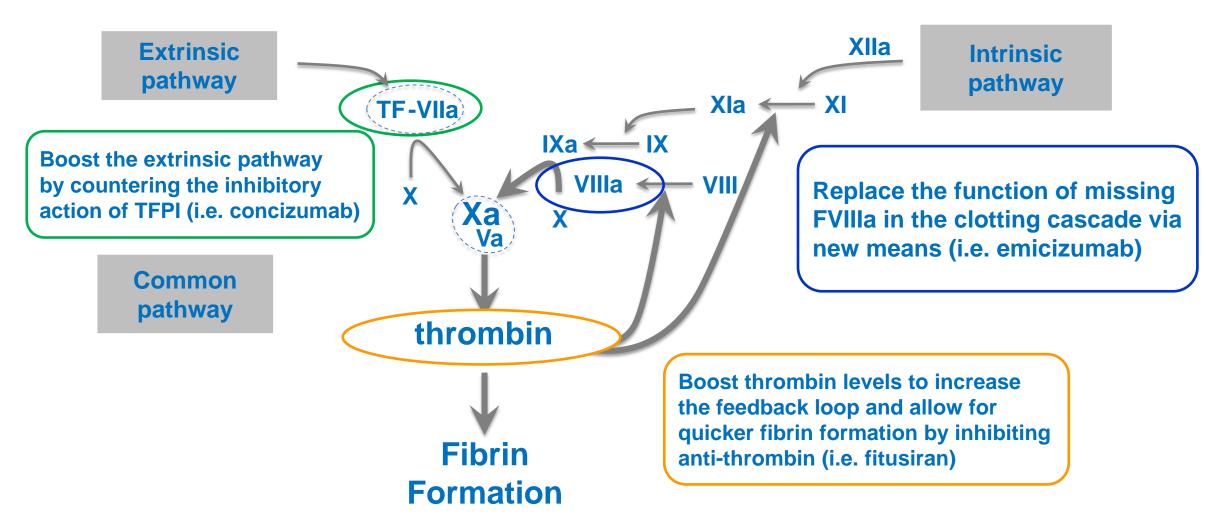


#### New non-factor replacement therapy for haemophilia

	Product			
	Emicizumab	Fitusiran	Concizumab	
Manufacturer	Chugai Pharmaceutical/ Hoffman-La Roche	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	Novo Nordisk	
Technology	Chimeric bispecific humanised antibody	siRNA	Humanised monoclonal antibody	
Mechanism of action	FVIIIa-mimetic	Antithrombin inhibition	TFPI inhibition	
Dosing frequency	Weekly	Weekly to monthly	To be determined	
Route of administration	SC	SC	SC	
Stage of development	FDA approved	Phase II-III	Phase II	

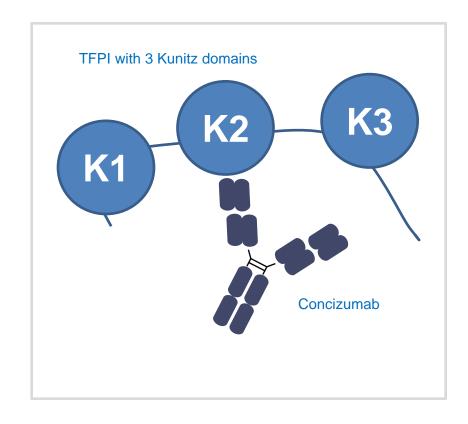
siRNA: short interfering RNA; TFPI: tissue factor pathway inhibitor; SC: subcutaneous; IV: intravenous; FDA: Food and Drug Administration.

#### Non-replacement approaches for Haemophilia A 1

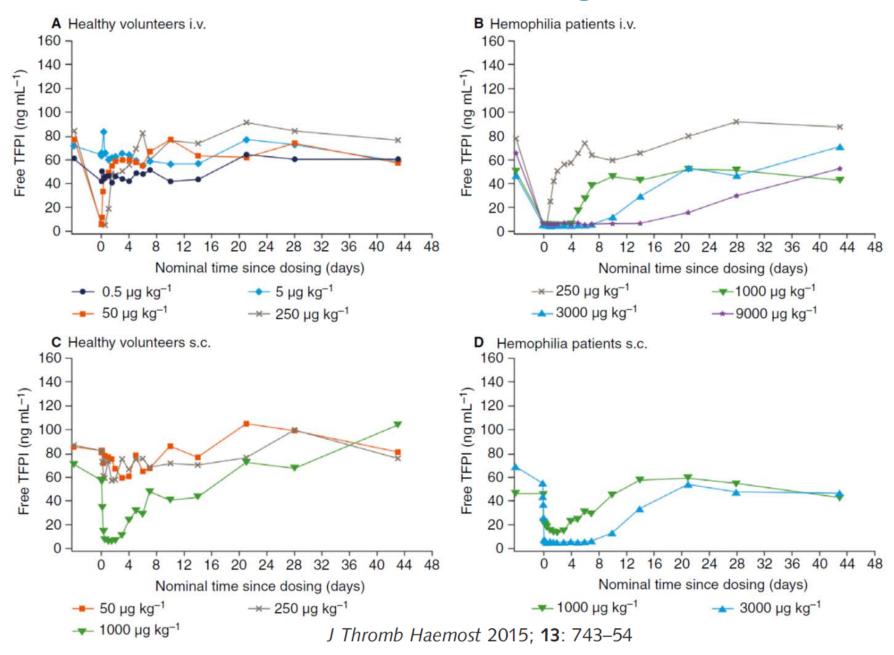


#### Concizumab: a mAb against TFPI

- Humanized monoclonal antibody
  - High-affinity for the KPI-2 domain of TFPI 1
- Blockage of the KPI-2 domain prevents TFPI binding to FXa and FVIIa/TF
  - downregulation of TFPI inhibition of the coagulation cascade that allows thrombin generation via FXa/TF/FVIIa<sup>2</sup>
- Phase I data (Explorer<sup>TM</sup> 3):
  - no safety concerns preventing further development, confirmation of PK/PD relationship for Concizumab dose, unbound plasma TFPI and TG<sup>3</sup>
- Currently under investigation, daily SC administration <sup>4,5</sup>



#### Concizumab: a mAb against TFPI

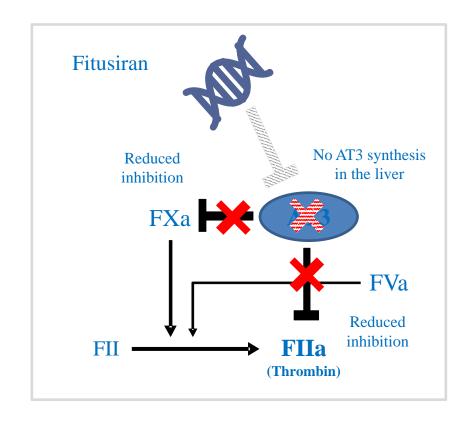


#### Concizumab: a mAb against TFPI

Two phase II trials evaluating the safety and efficacy of prophylactic administration of concizumab in haemophilia A and B with (Explorer<sup>TM</sup>4, NCT03196284) and without (Explorer<sup>TM</sup>5,NCT03196297) inhibitors are currently ongoing.

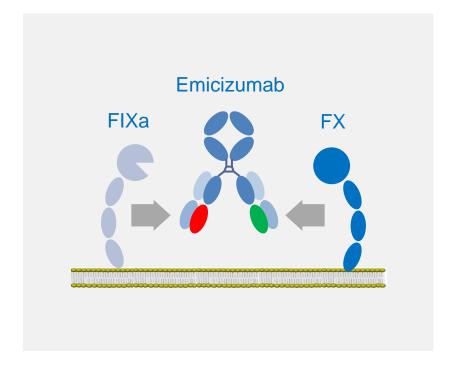
#### Fitusiran: an RNAi agent targeting antithrombin

- Investigational RNA interference (RNAi) agent
  - Designed to suppress liver production of antithrombin;
  - Targets antithrombin messenger RNA (encoded by SERPINC1)<sup>1,2</sup>
- Phase I/II study (OLE) exploratory post-hoc analysis of bleed events<sup>3</sup>
  - Median ABR: 1 (pts. without inhibitors)
  - Median ABR: 0 (pts. with inhibitors)
  - Majority of AEs mild or moderate, asymptomatic ALT increases in HCV Ab+ patients; chronic HCV patients not included in Phase III program unless cured
- Company has recently communicated the suspension of Fitusiran dosing due to a thrombotic event <sup>4</sup>

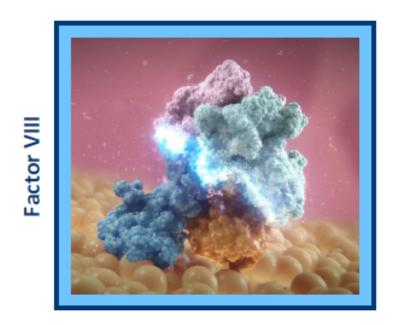


#### Emicizumab: a humanised bispecific antibody

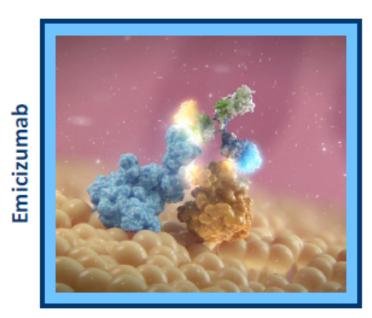
- Designed to bridge FIXa and FX <sup>1</sup>
- Promotes the coagulation by replacing the haemostatic function of missing FVIIIa <sup>1</sup>
- Half-life of 4–5 weeks <sup>2</sup>
- Administered by weekly subcutaneous injection or less frequently <sup>2, 3</sup>
- Not neutralised by anti-FVIII antibodies (inhibitors)<sup>4</sup>



#### **Emicizumab MoA compared with FVIII**



- Where sufficient FVIII is present, it will bind with thrombin to become activated (FVIIIa)
- This FVIIIa then binds with FIXa to form the tenase complex on the surface of platelets
- The complex then binds with FX to allow its activation by FIXa
  - this part of the coagulation cascade can not occur in the absence of FVIII



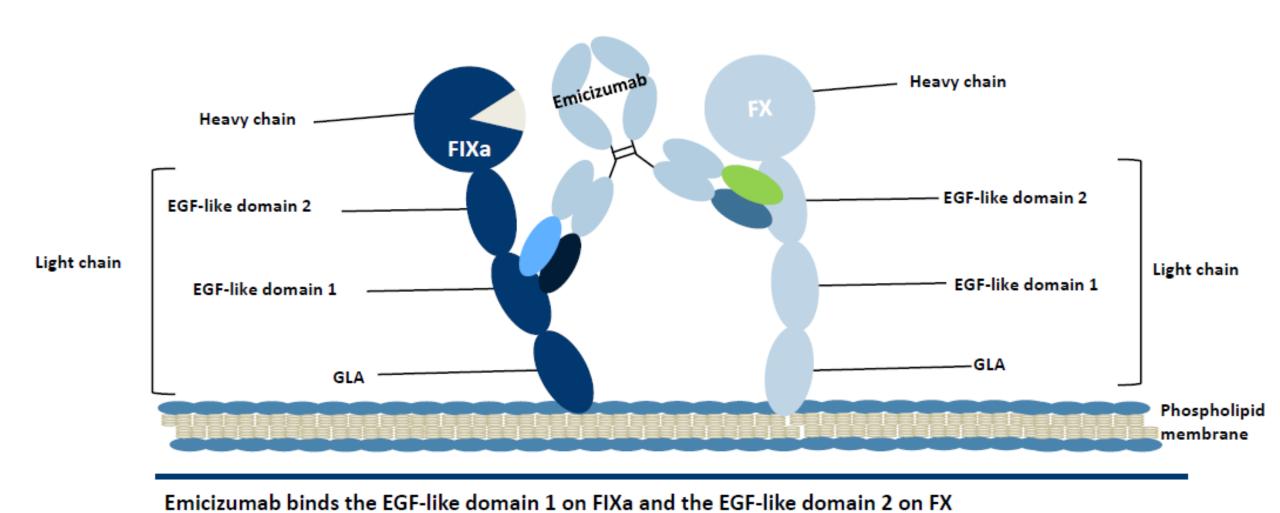
- As a bispecific, monoclonal antibody, emicizumab replaces the haemostatic function of FVIII by binding to FIXa and FX, which allows the coagulation cascade to continue normally
- FVIII inhibitors do not bind to or neutralise emicizumab, therefore have no impact on its haemostatic activity

#### **Emicizumab MoA**



- As a bispecific monoclonal antibody, emicizumab replaces the action of FVIIIa by binding with both FIXa
  and FX to bring them close enough to allow the activation of FX by FIXa
- This triggers the activation of the rest of the coagulation cascade, restoring normal clotting function

#### **Emicizumab MoA: binding sites**



#### Emicizumab: Clinical Development Plan in Haemophilia A<sup>1,2</sup>

**ACE001JP** – Phase I, cohort A+B healthy Volunteers (N=40) single dose ACE001JP + ACE002JP - Phase Ib/II, cohort C and extension PwHAwI + PwHA (N=18) **NON INTERVENTIONAL STUDY** – Patients  $\geq 2$  years (N=221) prospective. Standard of Care <sup>3</sup> **HAVEN 1** – Patients  $\geq$  12 years (**N=113**) weekly dosing <sup>4</sup> program **HAVEN 2** – Children <12 years (**N=60**) weekly dosing <sup>5</sup> Phase | **HAVEN 3** – Patients  $\geq$  12 years (**N=145**) weekly + every 2 weeks dosing **HAVEN 4** – Patients  $\geq$  12 years (**N=48**) monthly dosing study STASEY - Patients ≥ 12 years (planned N=200) weekly dosing







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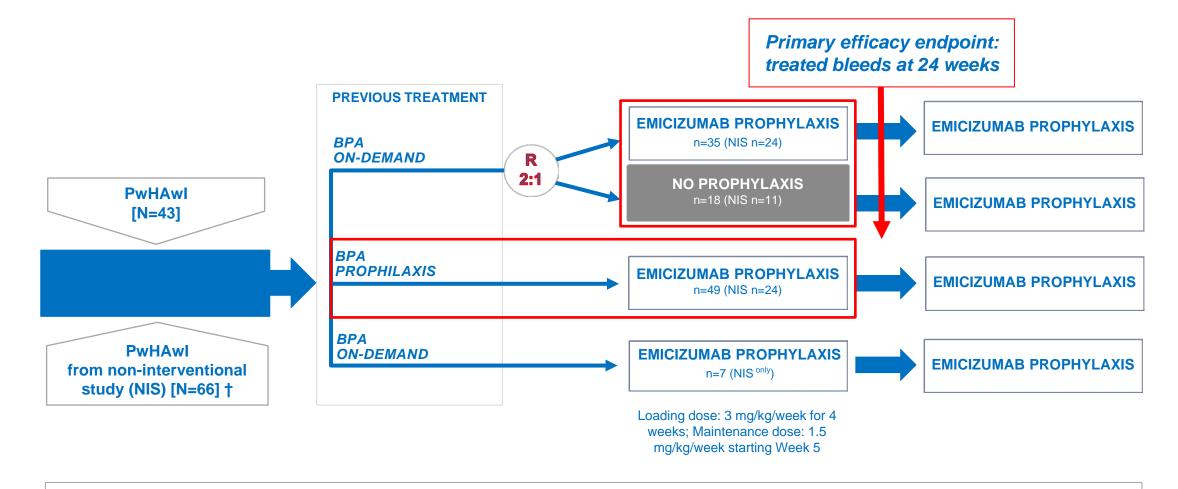
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#### Emicizumab Prophylaxis in Hemophilia A with Inhibitors

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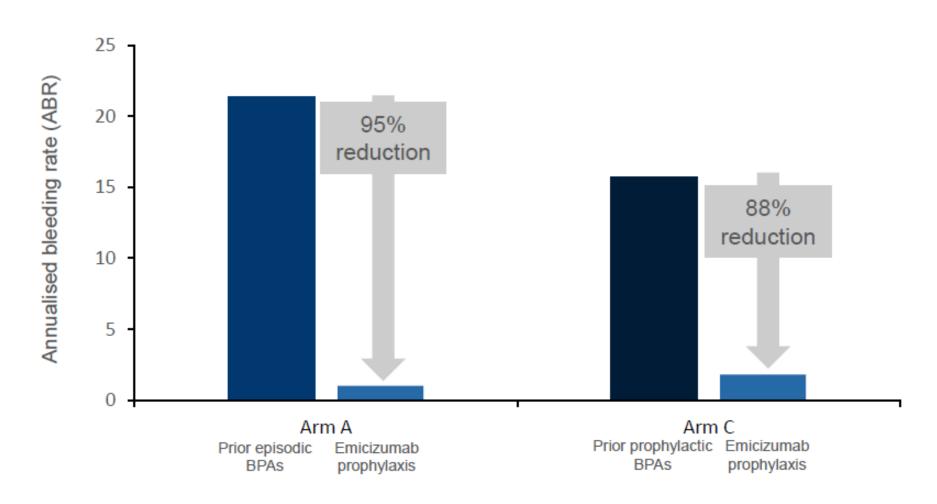
#### **HAVEN 1**1,2

A randomized phase III study in people with Haemophilia A with Inhibitors (≥ 12 years)



†patients previously in the NIS (NCT02476942) and entering Arms A or C of HAVEN 1 permitted an intra-individual comparison of outcomes on emicizumab prophylaxis vs their prior BPA treatment (episodic for Arm A, prophylactic for Arm C);

### Comparison of ABR vs prior BPA treatment\* (September 8 2017 cut-off)



<sup>\*</sup>Comparison with data obtained from the NIS BPAs, bypassing agents; NIS, non-interventional study

## Health-related quality of life and health status: randomised comparison<sup>1</sup>

Measure	Number of patients (Arm B/Arm A)	Clinically meaningful difference <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Difference in adjusted means (95% CI) (Arm B vs Arm A)	P-value
Haem-A-QoL (in patients aged	≥18 years)			
Total score	14/25	+10 points	14.01 (5.56; 22.45)	0.0019
Physical health score	14/25	+7 points	21.55 (7.89; 35.22)	0.0029
EQ-5D-5L				
Visual analogue scale	16/30	-7 points	-9.72 (-17.62; -1.82)	0.0171
Index utility score	16/30	-0.07 points	-0.16 (-0.25; 0.07)	0.0014

Statistically significant, clinically meaningful improvements in HRQoL and health status with emicizumab prophylaxis vs no prophylaxis.

#### **HAVEN 1: overall safety with emicizumab (all arms)**

	Total (N=103)
Total number of adverse events (AEs), n	198
Total patients with ≥1 AE, n (%)	73 (70.9)
Serious AE*	9 (8.7)
Thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA)**	3 (2.9)
Thrombotic event	2 (1.9)
Death**	1 (<1)
AEs leading to withdrawal	2 (1.9)
Grade ≥3 AE	8 (7.8)
Related AE	23 (22.3)
Local injection site reaction	15 (14.6)

<sup>\*</sup>Additional serious AEs included one event each of: iron deficiency anaemia, sepsis, haemarthrosis, muscle hemorrhage, gastric ulcer hemorrhage, headache and hematuria.
\*\*TMA/thrombotic events only occurred with aPCC treatment averaging >100 U/kg daily for ≥24 hours

- aPCC contains activated and non-activated coagulation factors, including FII, FVII, FIX and FX, which can accumulate with repeat dosing
- Risk may be mitigated with clear dosing guidance
- No further SAEs of TE/TMA in >350 patients treated in emicizumab development program to date
- Third TMA event occurred after primary data cut-off; patient also experienced fatal rectal hemorrhage, considered unrelated to emicizumab, patient refused blood products and TMA was resolving at the time of aPCC cessation.

Two additional withdrawals not related to AEs; one withdrawal by patient, one withdrawal due to physician decision

#### **HAVEN 1: Study Conclusions**<sup>1</sup>

#### Primary and secondary endpoints were met

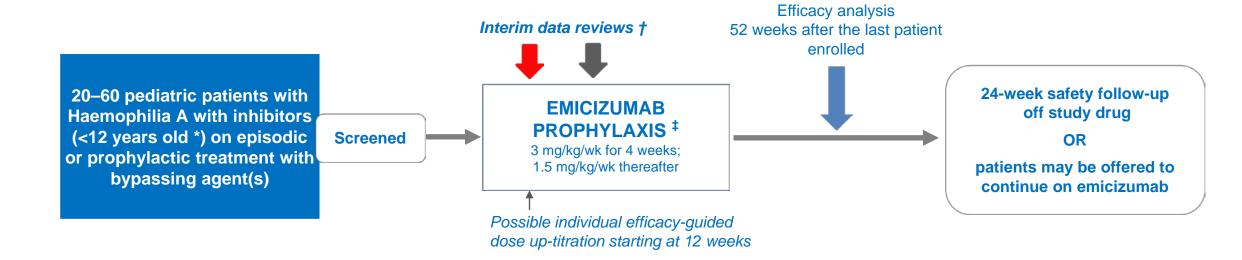
- Reduction in bleed rates of 87% vs no prophylaxis (Arm A vs Arm B)
- Majority of patients (67.3%) on emicizumab prophylaxis had zero treated bleeds
- Intra-patient comparison showed a 79% reduction in bleed rates vs prior prophylactic BPAs (Arm C)
- Significant reductions in bleed rates for all bleeds as well as treated spontaneous, joint, and target joint bleeds
- Clinically meaningful benefits on patients' HRQoL and health status

#### Emicizumab had an acceptable safety profile

- Most AEs were mild to moderate, with injection site reactions being the most common AE
- Commonality between all cases of thromboembolic events and TMA is that they occurred in people who were on emicizumab prophylaxis and received more than 100 U/kg/day of the BPA aPCC on average for 24 hours or more before the onset of the event
- Neither thromboembolic event required anti-coagulation therapy and one individual restarted emicizumab. The cases of TMA observed were transient, and one patient restarted emicizumab
- No neutralizing ADAs were detected

#### **HAVEN 2**, preliminary results <sup>1</sup>

A single-arm phase III study in people with Haemophilia A with Inhibitors (<12 years)



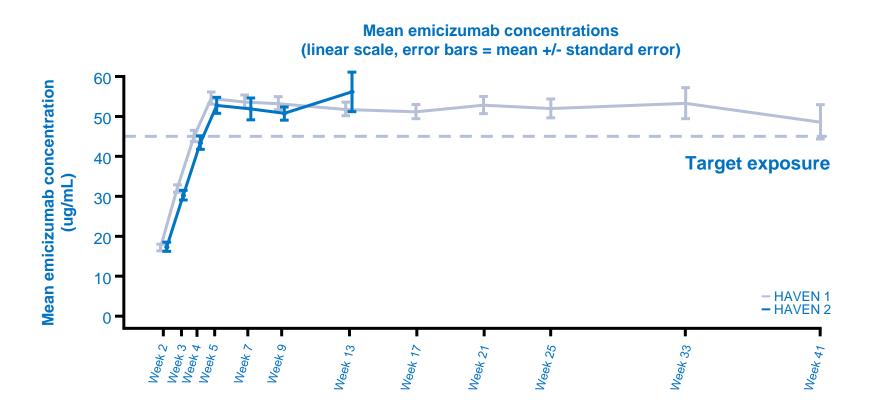
Study objectives	No formal hypothesis testing
Efficacy	Bleeding Rate (treated, all, treated spontaneous, treated joint and treated target joint); intra-patient bleed rate comparison (vs NIS); HRQoL; aspects of caregiver burden
PK	Emicizumab exposure characterisation

<sup>\*</sup>With allowance of patients 12–17 years old who weigh <40 kg;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For evaluation of starting dose (first 20 patients) and determination of whether dose modification is needed;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Paediatric dosing regimen selected to target a similar C<sub>trough</sub> to adult population with uncertainty of maintenance dose due to potential effects of body weight and clearance maturation. Loading dose: 3 mg/kg/week for 4 weeks; Maintenance dose: 1.5 mg/kg/week starting Week 5

#### PK analysis: HAVEN 1 and HAVEN 2

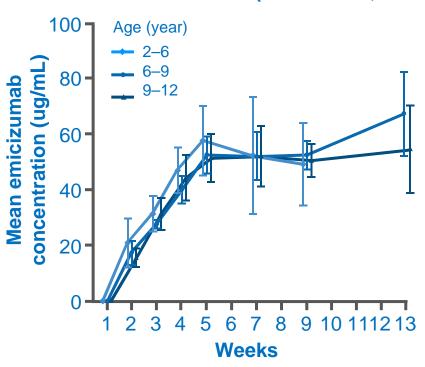


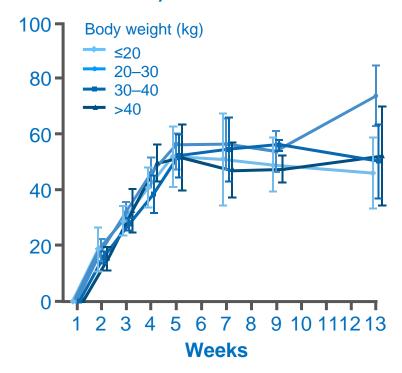
- No effect of body weight or age on PK was seen in paediatric study
- Only two patients up-titrated in HAVEN 1; none in HAVEN 2
- Target exposure achieved at 50 μg/mL in adult and paediatric population (>2 years old)

PK, pharmacokinetics.
Young G, et al. ISTH 2017.

#### **HAVEN 2 PK profiles by age and body weight**

#### Mean emicizumab concentrations (linear scale, error bars = mean +/- standard error)





Mean trough emicizumab concentrations in plasma were consistent across age groups and body weight\*

#### **HAVEN 2 – summary of preliminary results**

 At 12-week follow-up, efficacy results are promising and clinically meaningful in pediatric PwHA with inhibitors

 Safety profile of emicizumab was favorable, with no thromboembolic or thrombotic microangiopathy events reported

 PK profile consistent with the adolescent/adult population, thus confirming the pediatric dose for emicizumab is the same as the adult dose

PwHA, people with haemophilia A Young G, et al. ISTH 201

#### How could clinical practice potentially evolve?

- New technologies with different mechanisms of action
- Better treatment outcome with achievable prophylaxis even in PwHAwI
- Improved Patients' Quality of Life
- Less organizational burden at Haemophilia Sites
- Impact on laboratory practice



- Education will be needed (→ clinicians, patients & caregivers)
- Long term Real World Data (effectiveness & safety) will be crucial

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