An Online Survey of Caregivers of Patients with SCN8A-Related Epilepsy

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Background

- XEN901 was developed as a precision medicine to selectively address the etiology of SCN8A-DEE
- Selective inhibition of Na_v1.6 channel
- Does not inhibit other sodium channels
- On Dec. 2, 2019, Neurocrine Biosciences obtained an exclusive license to XEN901 (now known as NBI-921352)

XEN901/NBI-921352: A novel selective sodium channel inhibitor



Survey Objectives and Methods

- A caregiver survey was performed to obtain additional phenotypic information regarding the history of SCN8A-related epilepsy as well as Anti-Seizure Medication (ASM)
- Demographics, comorbidities, seizure onset and frequency, ASM use
- 36 question survey, conducted by Xenon in collaboration with The Cute Syndrome Foundation
- Implemented by M3 Global research and reviewed and approved by Veritas Independent Review Board
- Families recruited by targeted email outreach, social media campaign and an educational webinar
- Survey responses collected over a three-week period in late 2019

Results

Preliminary Demographics and Seizure Burden of Survey Patients

Demographics	
Data available	125 complete responses for analysis; exclusions as follows: 2 non-English speaking origin
Locations (n=123)	USA (93); Canada (12); UK (12) Australia (6)
Patient Age, n (%)	30 (24%) younger than 4 years 93 (76%) older than 4 years
Seizure history, n (%)	8 (7%) report no seizure history 115 (93%) report seizure history
Spectrum of Seizure Onset (for those with onset in the first 2 years; n=107)	Average age of seizure onset was ~4 months Range was 1 day to 24 months
Initial seizure frequency (n=115)	15% had more than 10 seizures per day 30% had between 2-10 seizures per day 12% had 1 seizure per day
Current seizure frequency (n=109)	63% had seizures over past 30 days 71% had seizures over past 90 days 79% had seizures over past 180 days

Results

Spectrum of Clinical Presentation



Results Current ASM Use (reported by ≥4 respondents)



Results

"Best" and "Worst" Medications for Seizure Control*



* Reported as "worst" due to undesirable side effects or lack of efficacy

BACK

Response to Anti-Seizure Medications (Data From Other Studies)



SCN8A Multidisciplinary Clinic

SCN8A Registry

Genetic Diagnosis

Approximate time to diagnosis after first seizure is decreasing



Current Age of Patient

Conclusions

- Survey helps to improve the knowledge of disease course and phenotypic heterogeneity
- Time to genetic diagnosis from first seizure is decreasing over time
- Broad use of ASMs is apparent in this population and survey confirmed observations from previous studies that Levetiracetam (Keppra), although commonly used as a first line treatment, may not be recommended for use in SCN8A-related epilepsy
- Study limitations include retrospective report with possible memory bias

Phase 2 Clinical Planning:

- Survey was informative regarding clinical trial design
- Completed development of a pediatric-specific granule formulation of XEN901/NBI-921352
- Completed juvenile toxicology studies to support pediatric development activities
- PK study in healthy adult volunteers with the new pediatric formulation ongoing
- Neurocrine Biosciences anticipates filing an IND application with the FDA in mid-2020 in order to start a Phase 2 clinical trial in SCN8A-DEE patients in the second half of 2020