

## **Cellular, Tissue, and Gene Therapies Advisory Committee Meeting**

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# beti-cel & eli-cel Advisory Committee Meeting

## Introduction – June 10, 2022

betibeglogene autotemcel (beti-cel)

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# Proposed Indication

beti-cel is for the treatment of  
**patients with  $\beta$ -thalassemia who require regular  
red blood cell transfusions**

# $\beta$ -thalassemia is a Life-shortening Disease

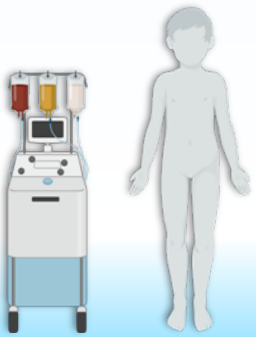
- A rare genetic blood disease caused by **mutations in the  $\beta$ -globin gene (*HBB*)**
- Results in **anemia** due to reduced or absent production of functional adult hemoglobin (HbA)
- For severe anemia, **lifelong regular red blood cell (RBC) transfusions** are required for survival
- Regular transfusions lead to inevitable **accumulation of iron causing end-organ damage**, and shortened lifespan

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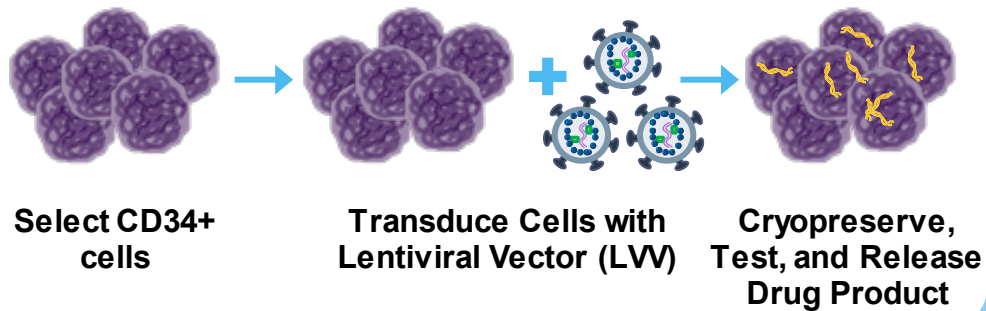
- **First-in-class, one-time, lentiviral vector (LVV) gene therapy**
- **Consists of patient's own blood stem cells that have been genetically modified ex vivo with BB305 LVV**
- **In vivo, these cells differentiate into red blood cells with sufficient functional beti-cel derived HbA to eliminate red blood cell transfusions in most patients**

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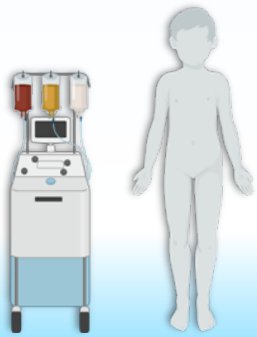
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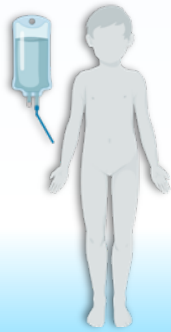
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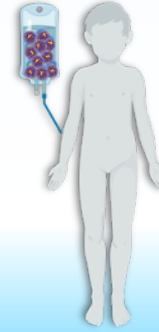
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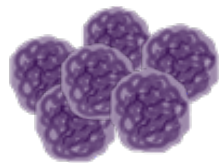
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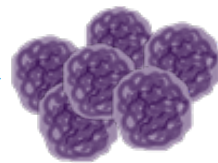
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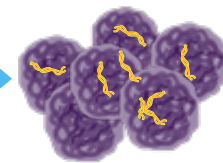
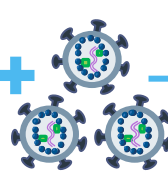
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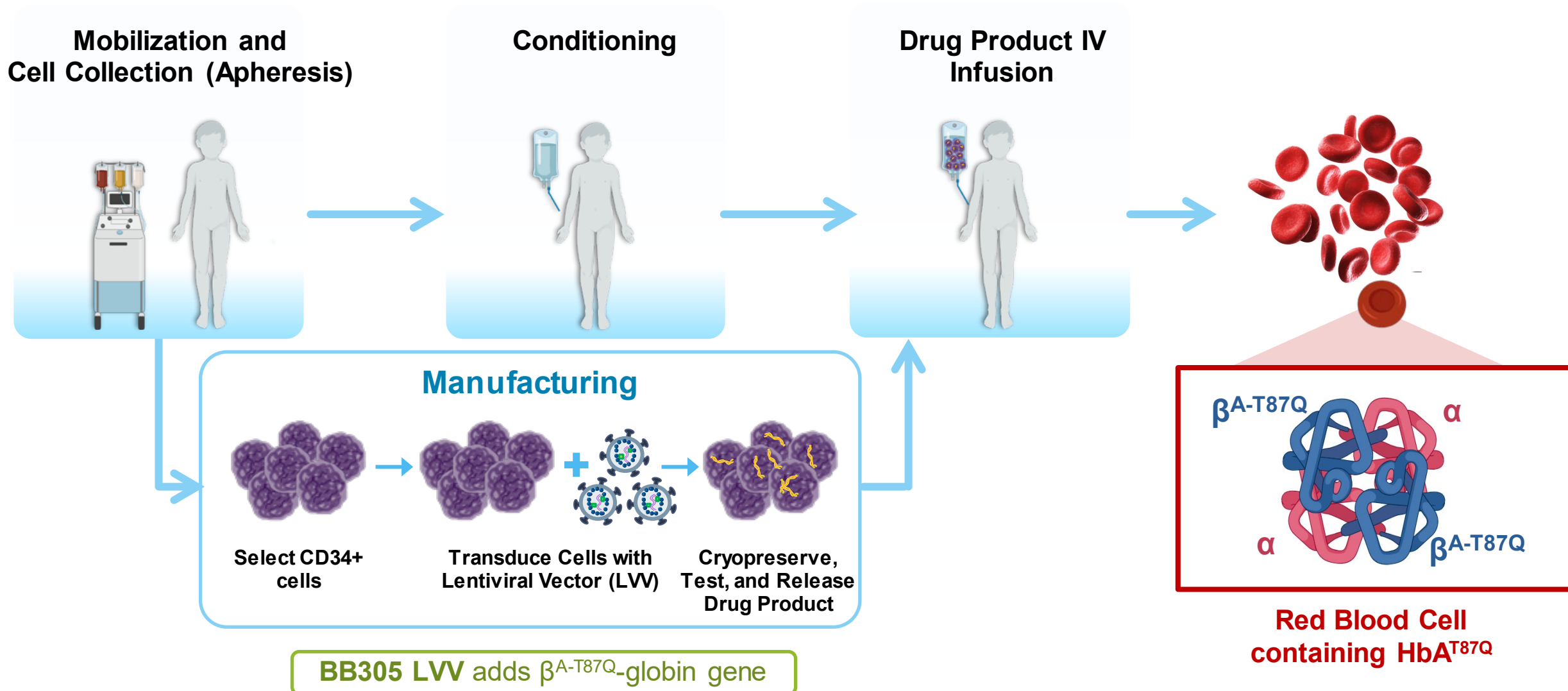
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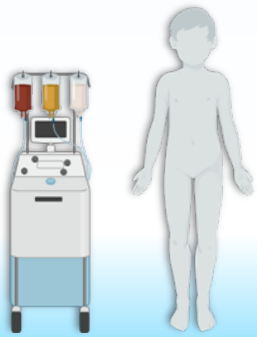
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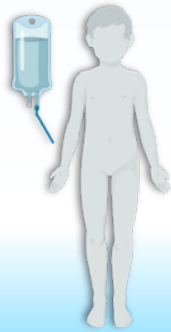


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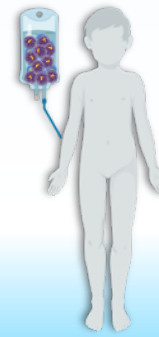
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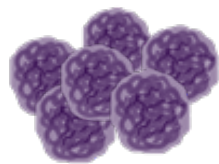
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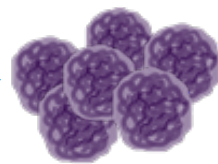
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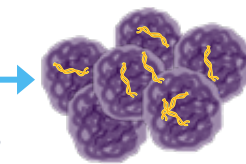
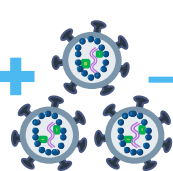
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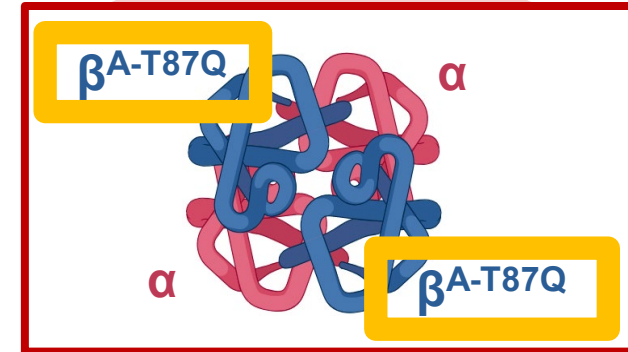


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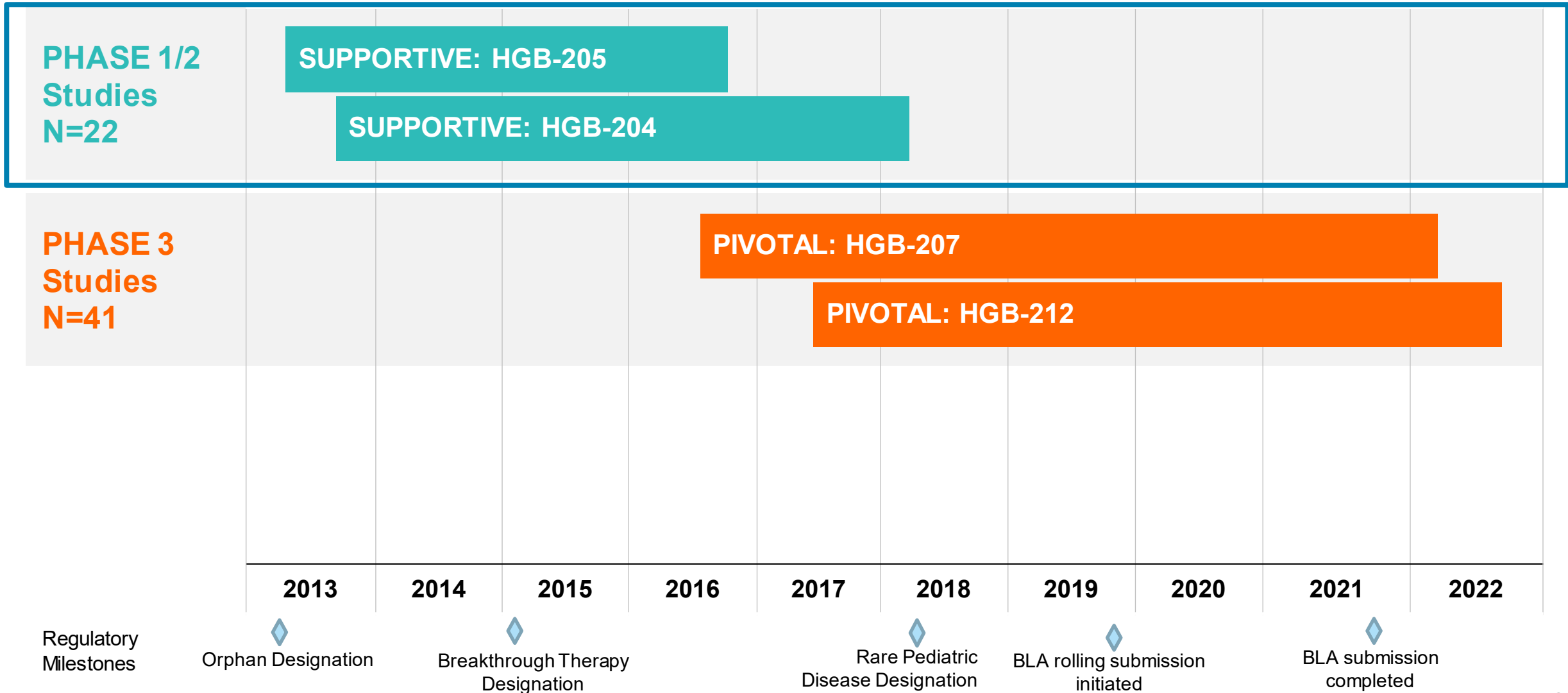
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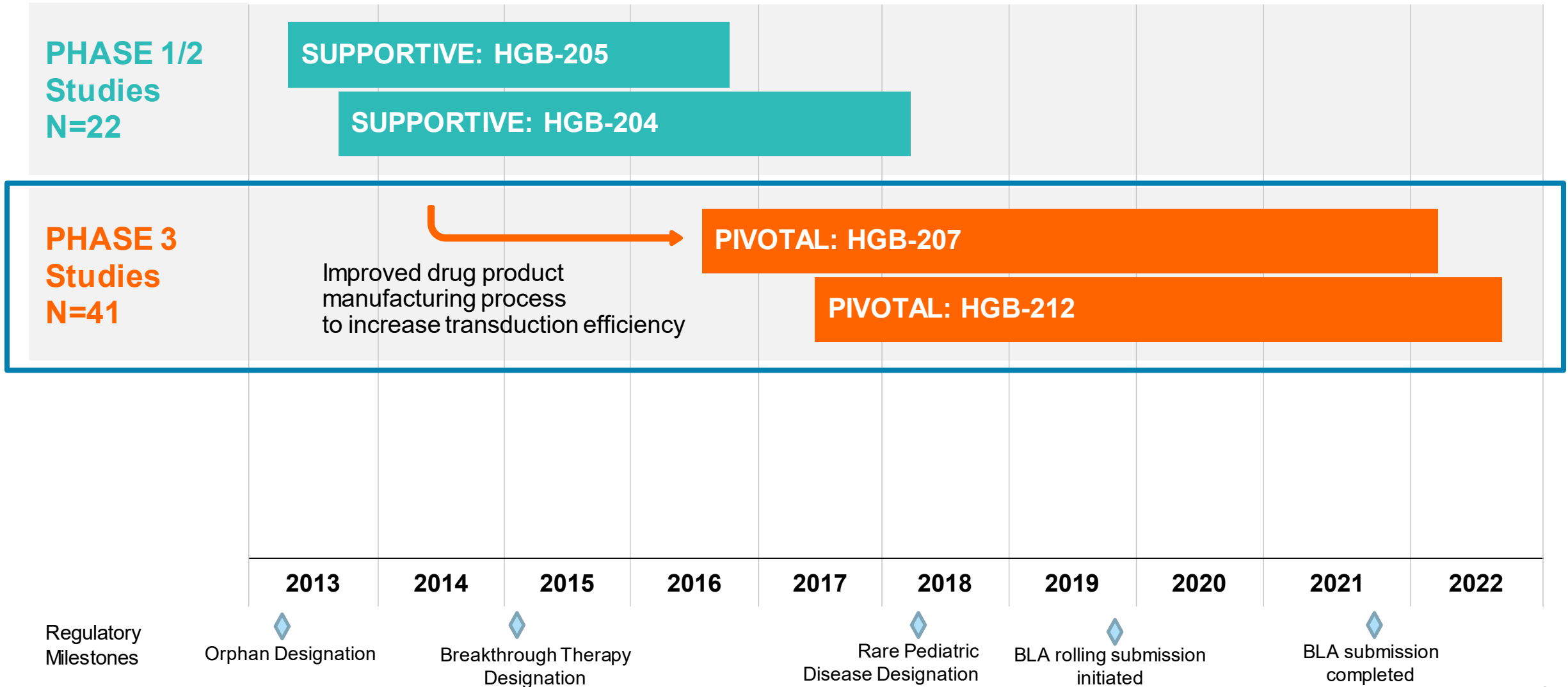


Red Blood Cell  
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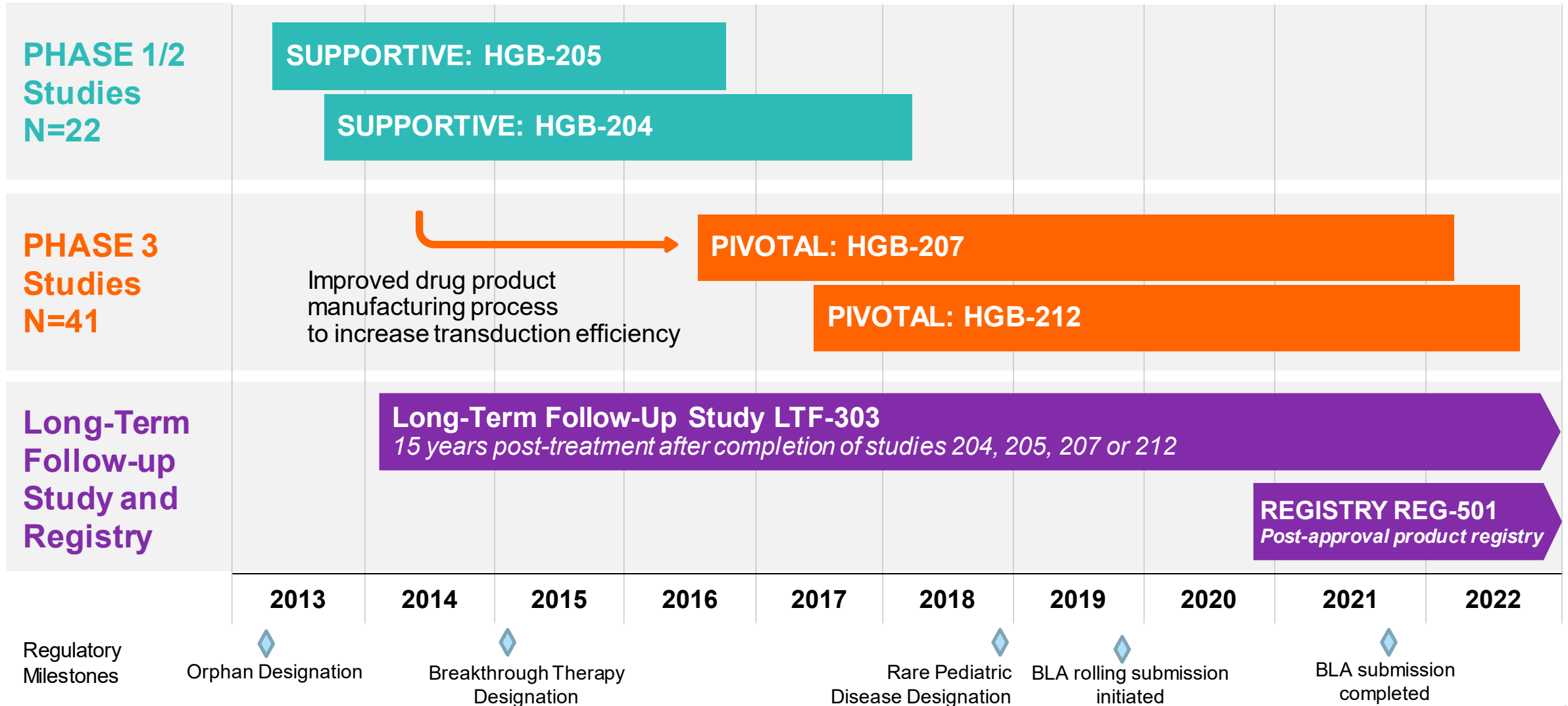
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- **No BB305 LVV mediated safety event**, no malignancy, no death



# Agenda for Sponsor Presentations – June 10, 2022

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Anne-Virginie Eggimann, MSc</b> Chief Regulatory Officer, bluebird bio, Inc.
<b>Unmet Medical Need</b>	<b>Sujit Sheth, MD</b> Chief, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology & Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical Center
<b>Efficacy</b>	<b>Rich Colvin, MD, PhD</b> Chief Medical Officer, bluebird bio, Inc.
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Ajay Singh, MD</b> Vice President Pharmacovigilance, bluebird bio, Inc.
<b>Benefit-Risk</b>	<b>Alexis Thompson, MD, MPH</b> Chief, Hematology Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

# Additional Experts – June 10, 2022

<b>Bone Marrow Assessments</b>	<b>Shunyou Gong, MD, PhD</b> Director of Hematology and Hematopathology Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Associate Professor of Pathology Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
	<b>Robert Hasserjian, MD</b> Professor of Pathology Harvard Medical School
<b>Hematologic Oncology</b>	<b>R. Coleman Lindsley, MD, PhD</b> Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
<b>Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation</b>	<b>Timothy S. Olson, MD, PhD</b> Medical Director, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
<b>Gene Therapy</b>	<b>David A. Williams, MD</b> Chief of Hematology/Oncology at Boston Children's Hospital Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer at Boston Children's Hospital Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School

# Unmet Need in Patients with $\beta$ -Thalassemia who Require Regular Red Blood Cell Transfusions

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Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical Center

# **$\beta$ -Thalassemia is an Inherited, Life-long Condition**

**High burden of disease and complications**

**Early initiation of regular transfusions, chelation, monitoring**

**Very cumbersome, hospital time-intensive, expensive treatment**

**Negative impact on survival and quality of life**

**Huge unmet need for curative options**

# Genotypic Classification

- Nearly 350 mutations have been identified that may cause  $\beta$ -thalassemia<sup>1</sup>
- Mutations may be

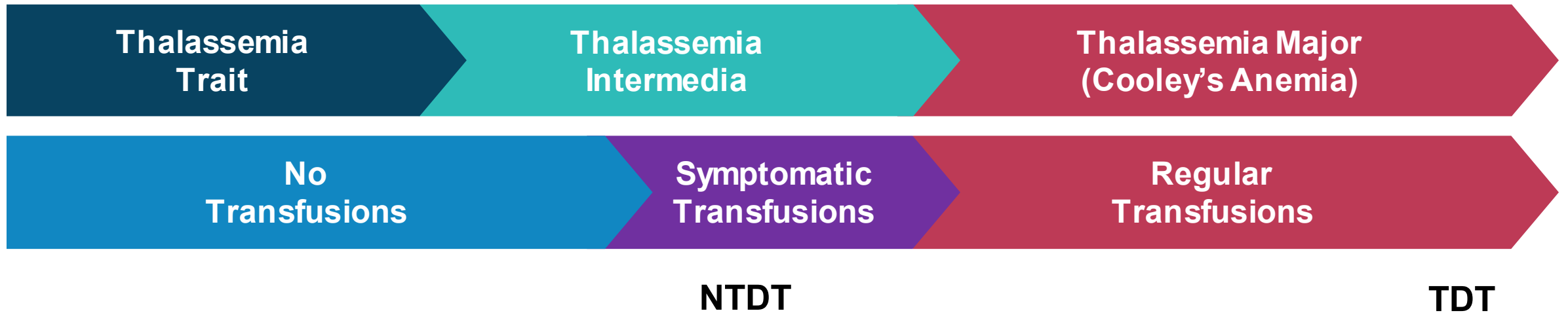
$\beta^0$	No functional $\beta$ -globin production <sup>1,2</sup>
$\beta^+$	Reduced functional $\beta$ -globin production <sup>1,2</sup>
$\beta^E$	Reduced functional $\beta$ -globin production (primarily found in Southeast Asia) <sup>1,2</sup>

- Broadly classified as  $\beta^0/\beta^0$  or non- $\beta^0/\beta^0$

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# Phenotypes - Clinical Spectrum of Disease



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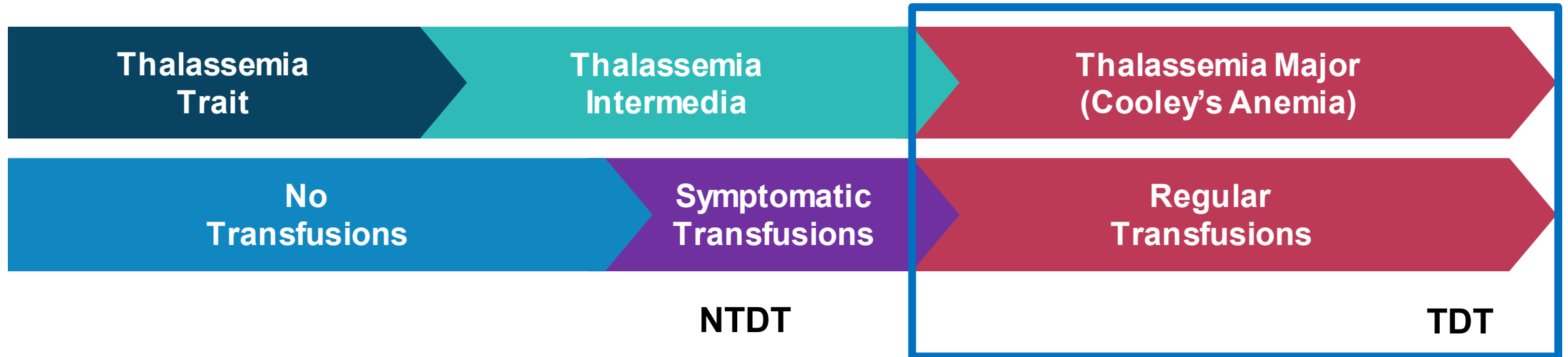
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# Current Treatment Options are Limited

## Chronic Therapy



### All TDT Patients Blood transfusions and iron chelation therapy<sup>1,2</sup>

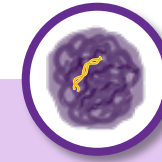
- Standard of care
- Transfusions required every 2-5 weeks
- Monitoring for disease and treatment-related complications



### TDT Patients ≥18 Years luspatercept<sup>1,3</sup>

- Addition to standard of care
- Dosing every 3 weeks subcutaneously by HCP
- Goal - reduce transfusion requirement

## Potentially Curative Therapy



### Allogeneic HSCT<sup>1,2</sup>

- Primarily offered to children and young adolescents with TDT
- Option available to ~25% with matched sibling donor
  - Overall thalassemia free survival is ~90%<sup>4</sup>
- Best results when done early before
  - Alloimmunization
  - Iron related organ damage

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# Allo-HSCT is a Potentially Curative Option for Limited Patient Population

## Marked Improvement Post-Transplant



No more transfusions, chelation discontinued once iron levels “normalized”



Marked improvement in quality of life

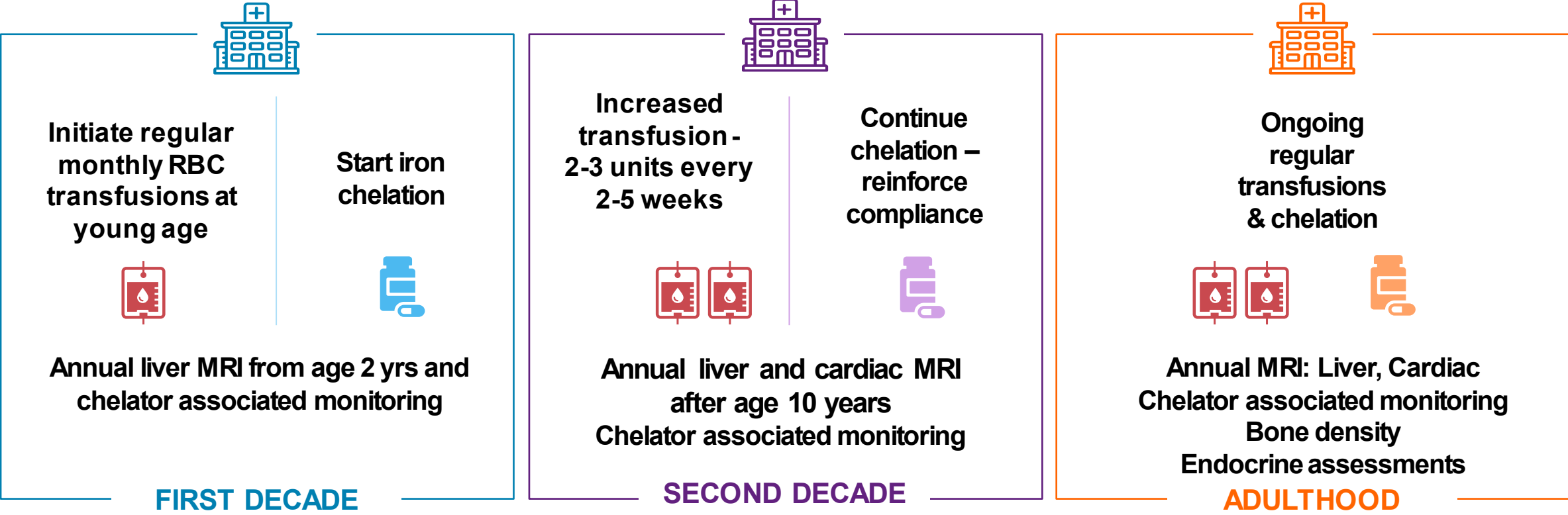
**Potential risks:** Mortality, GvHD, graft failure, graft rejection – higher risk with mismatched donor

**Accepted** as part of the treatment paradigm

**Limited accessibility** based on donor availability in only 25% of patients

**Underscores need for curative therapy available to all**

# Typical Journey of a Patient with TDT



## Iron Overload Complications

**Delayed Growth**

**Delayed puberty**  
**Diabetes**  
**Other endocrinopathies**  
**Heart failure**

**Secondary amenorrhea**  
**Infertility**  
**Osteoporosis and fractures**  
**Liver disease**

TDT: transfusion-dependent  $\beta$ -thalassemia; RBC: red blood cells; MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

# $\beta$ -Thalassemia is Characterized by Ineffective Erythropoiesis and Hemolysis that can Lead to Several Clinical Complications<sup>1-3</sup>

Disease-related, if NTDT or transfusion delayed

Ongoing ineffective erythropoiesis

Chronic anemia

Extramedullary hematopoiesis

Bone deformity, osteopenia

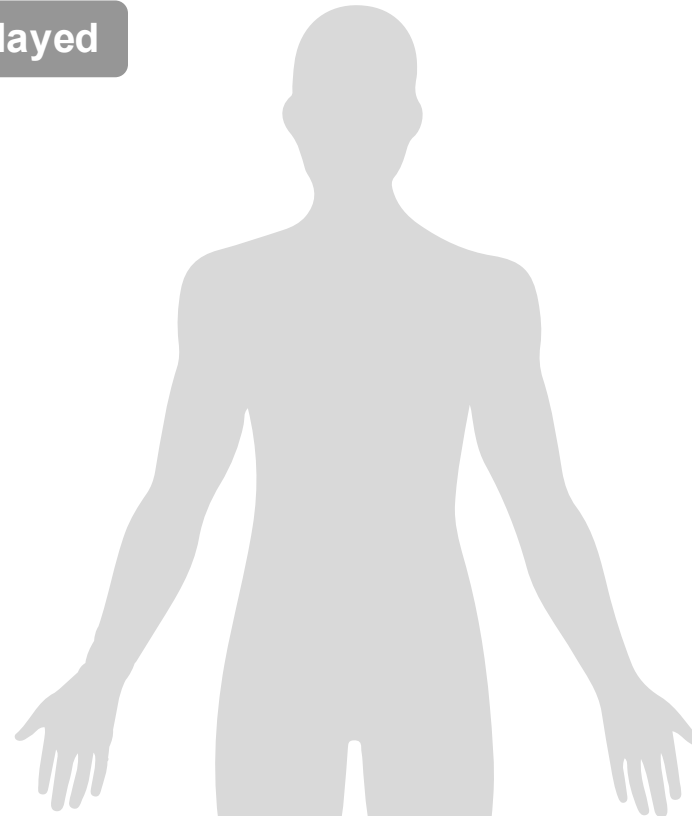
Impaired growth & development

Vascular disease

Cerebral infarcts

Pulmonary hypertension

Iron overload



QoL / Mental health issues

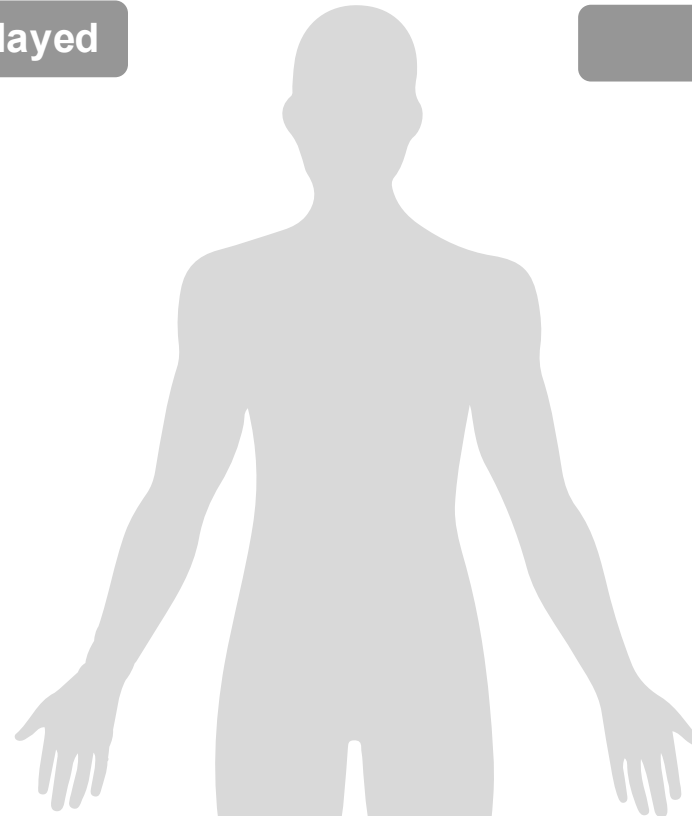
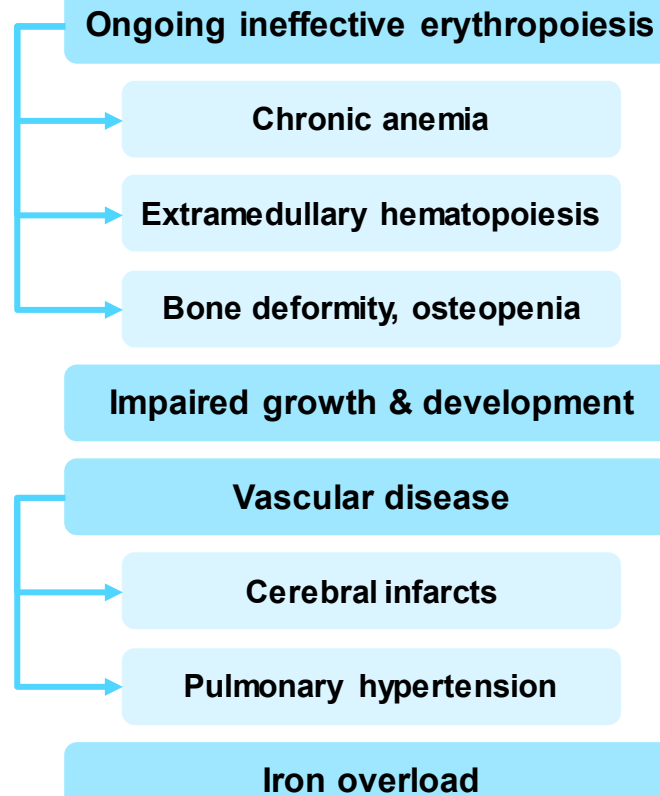
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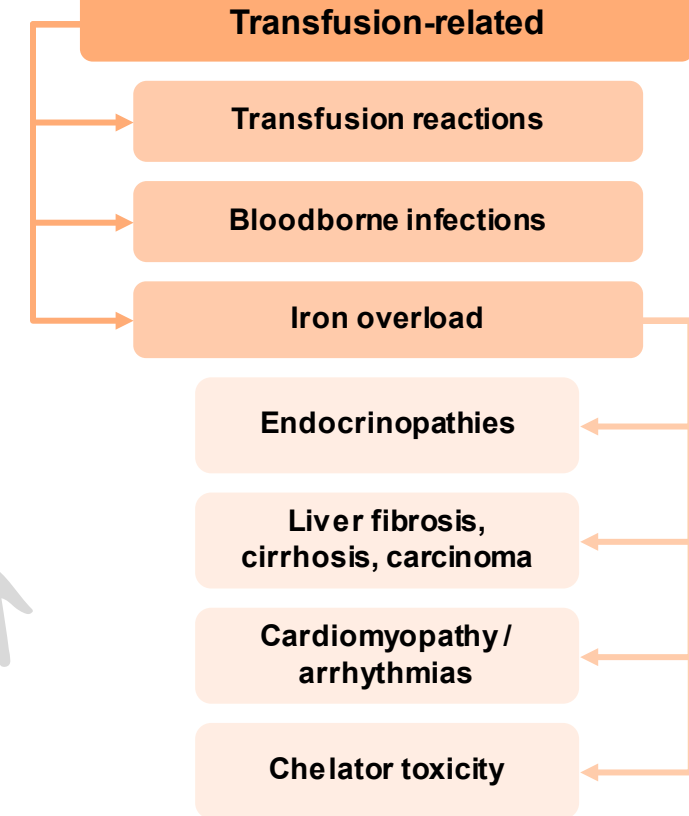
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## Treatment-related

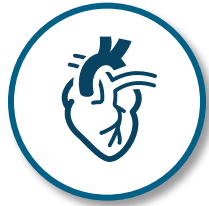


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# Causes of Mortality



## CARDIOVASCULAR COMPLICATIONS

**As a result of iron overload remain a leading cause of death<sup>1,2</sup>**



## OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH

**Include liver disease, infections, and vascular events<sup>1,2</sup>**

2022 analysis from Cooley's Anemia Foundation (CAF) database<sup>3</sup> :

- 792 patients with TDT
- 50 deaths reported between 2011 and 2021
- **Median age of death was 37 years (range: 6 mo – 58 yrs)**

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# Patients Require Comprehensive Life-long Monitoring for Disease and Treatment-Related Complications

## Every 3 Months

- Serum ferritin
- Liver and kidney function
- Height and weight (pediatrics)

## Every 6 Months

- Vitamin D
- Growth velocity and Tanner Stage (pediatrics)
- RBC transfusion volume

## Every 12 Months

- Liver MRI, ultrasound
- Cardiac T2\* (MRI), ECG, echocardiogram
- Hepatitis A, B, C serology
- Audiology evaluation
- Ophthalmology evaluation
- Examination in adults:
  - T3, fT4, TSH, PTH
  - Testosterone/ Estrogen
  - Oral Glucose tolerance

## Every 24 Months

- Bone mineral densitometry
- Fibroscan

## Regular assessment of quality of life

ECG, electrocardiogram; fT4, free T4 hormone; Hb, hemoglobin; LFT, liver function test; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PTH, parathyroid hormone; RBC, red blood cell; T2\*, magnetic resonance imaging of cardiac T2; T3, triiodothyronine; TDT, transfusion-dependent  $\beta$ -thalassemia; TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone.

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# Patients Experience Life-Long High Treatment-Related Burden

Patients are tethered life-long to the healthcare system

Yearly Burden of 48 Blood Bags for a Patient Receiving 2 RBC Units Every 2 Weeks



15-25 RBC transfusion episodes/year<sup>1-3</sup>



Requires 9+ hours of TDT management on transfusion days<sup>4</sup>, longer if alloantibodies or have reactions



Anxiety, Pain & Fatigue experienced leading up to each transfusion day<sup>4</sup>

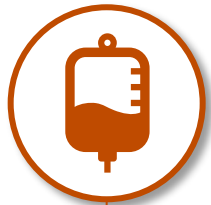


High healthcare resource utilization and impaired work productivity<sup>5,6</sup>

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# There is a Significant Need for a More Widely Available Curative Treatment Option



**Regular transfusion and more effective iron chelation have played a central role in extending life expectancy for patients with  $\beta$ -thalassemia<sup>1,2</sup>**

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**Allogeneic HSCT is a potentially curative option in limited number of patients<sup>3,4</sup>**

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**However, these treatments and their potential complications continue to have a significant impact on lives of patients and their families**

HSCT: hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

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# Efficacy

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## HGB-205 Completed

- Non- $\beta^0/\beta^0$
- N=4:  $\geq 12$  years

## HGB-204 Completed

- Non- $\beta^0/\beta^0$  and  $\beta^0/\beta^0$
- N=18: 15 patients  $\geq 18$  years  
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3 patients  $\geq 12$  and  $< 18$  years

## HGB-207 Ongoing

- Non- $\beta^0/\beta^0$
- Cohort 1: N=15:  $\geq 12$  years
- Cohort 2: N=8:  $< 12$  years

## HGB-212 Ongoing

- $\beta^0/\beta^0$ ,  $\beta^{+IVS-1-110}/\beta^{+IVS-1-110}$ , and  $\beta^0/\beta^{+IVS-1-110}$
- N=18: 5 patients  $\geq 18$  years  
13 patients  $< 18$  years

# Overview of Clinical Development of beti-cel



# Key Characteristics of Phase 3 Studies

## Key Eligibility Criteria

### Transfusion-dependent $\beta$ -thalassemia

- $\geq 100$  mL/kg/year of packed red blood cells (pRBC)  
OR  
•  $\geq 8$  pRBC transfusions/year

### GENOTYPES

- HGB-212:  $\beta^0/\beta^0$ ,  $\beta^{+IVS-1-110}/\beta^{+IVS-1-110}$ ,  $\beta^0/\beta^{+IVS-1-110}$
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### AGE

- $\leq 50$  years

# Key Characteristics of Phase 3 Studies

## Key Eligibility Criteria

### Transfusion-dependent $\beta$ -thalassemia

- $\geq 100$  mL/kg/year of packed red blood cells (pRBC)  
OR  
•  $\geq 8$  pRBC transfusions/year

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## Primary Endpoint

### Proportion of patients meeting transfusion independence

- Weighted average hemoglobin (Hb)  $\geq 9$  g/dL without pRBC transfusions for  $\geq 12$  months

# HGB-207 and HGB-212: Patient Characteristics at Enrollment

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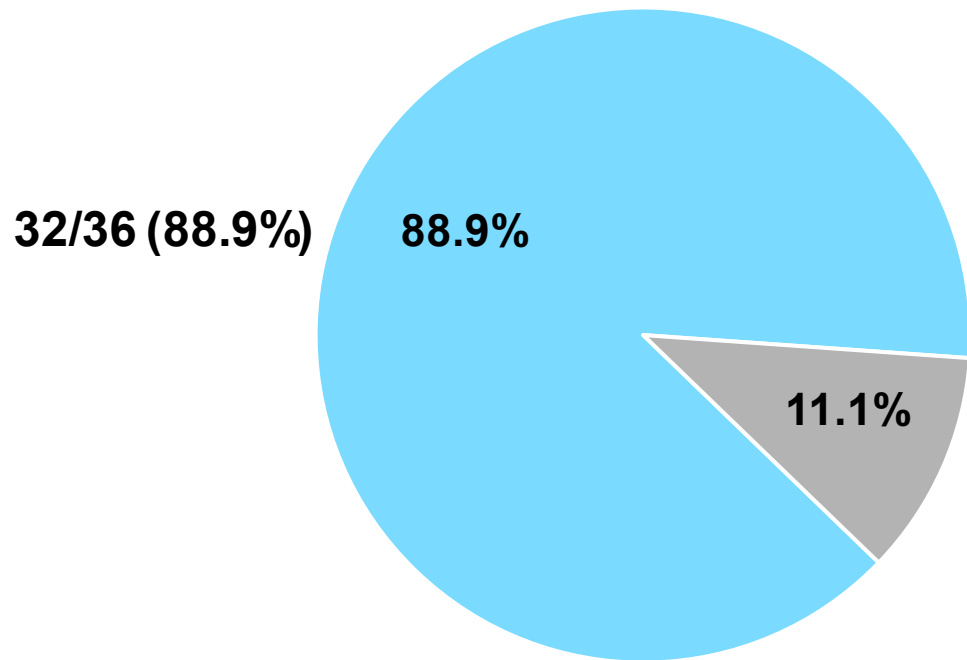
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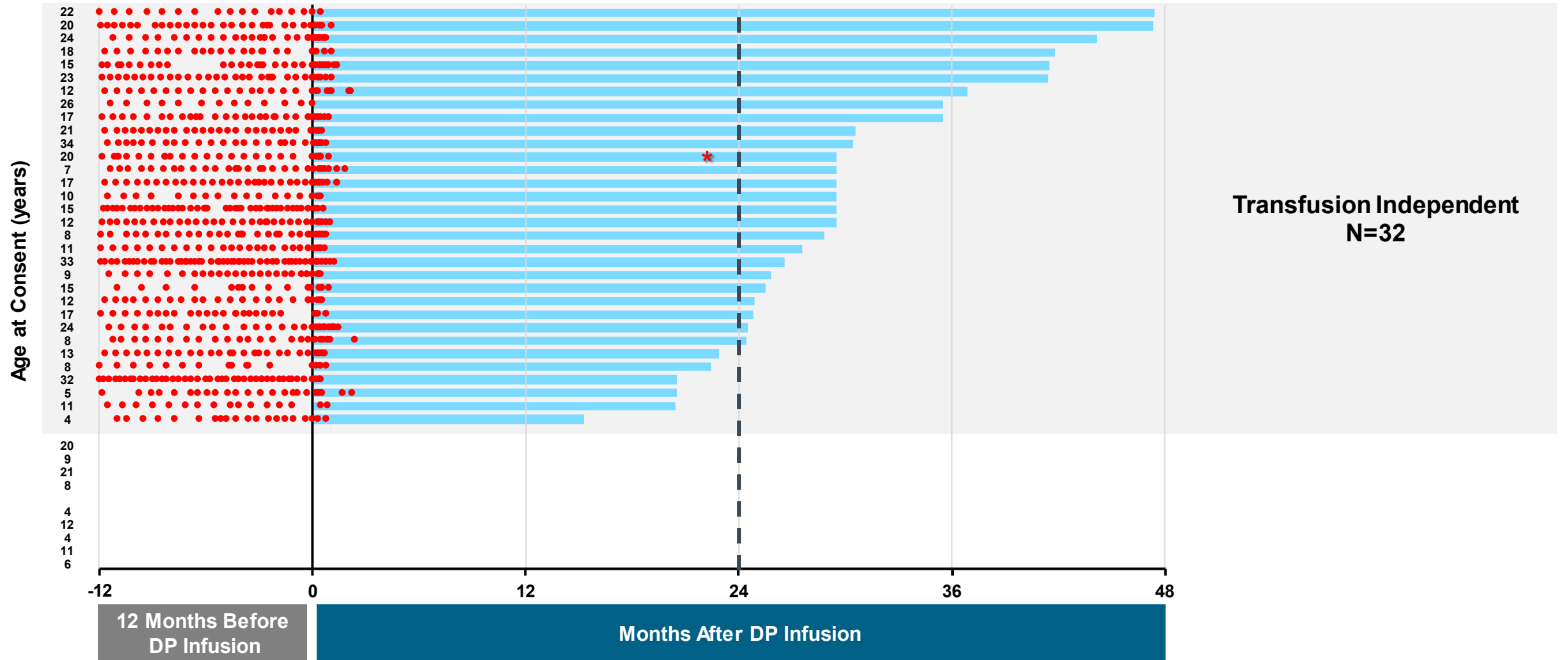
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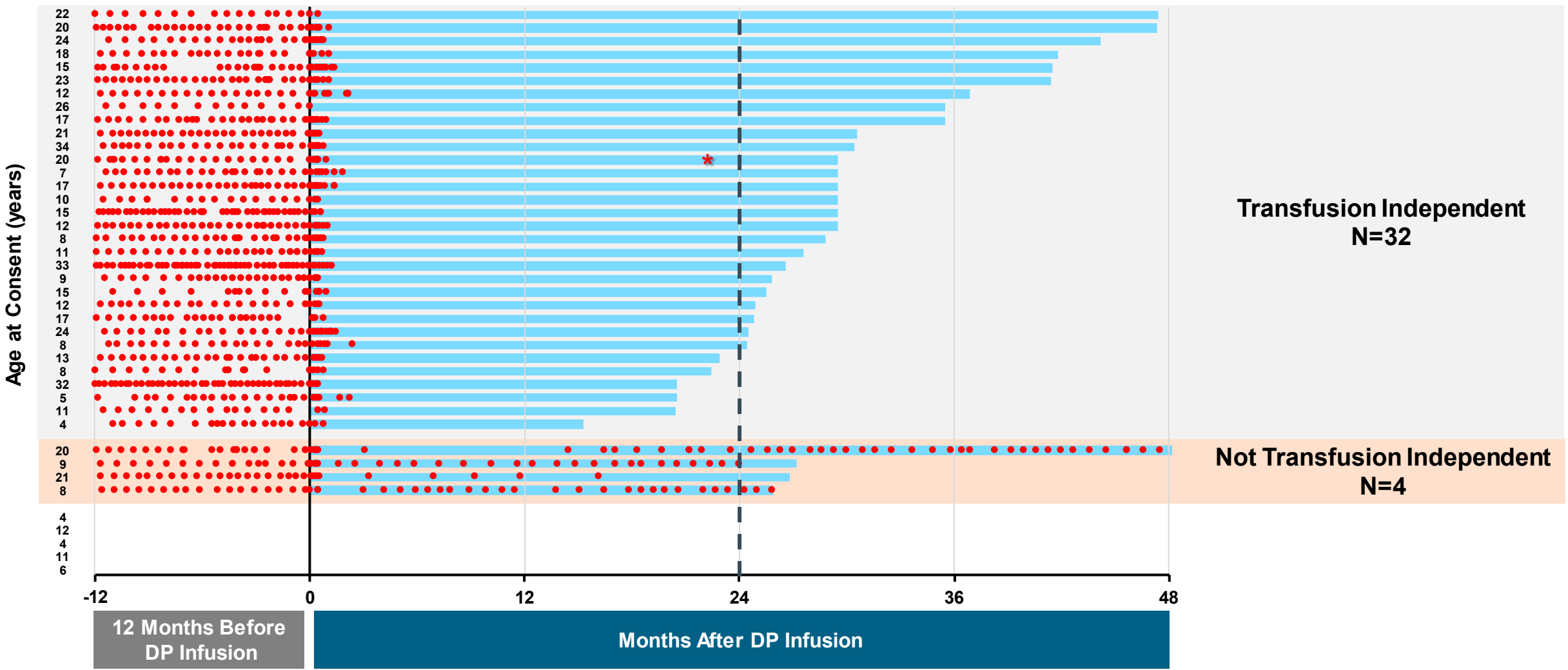
**Both Phase 3 Studies Met Primary Endpoint Success Criteria**

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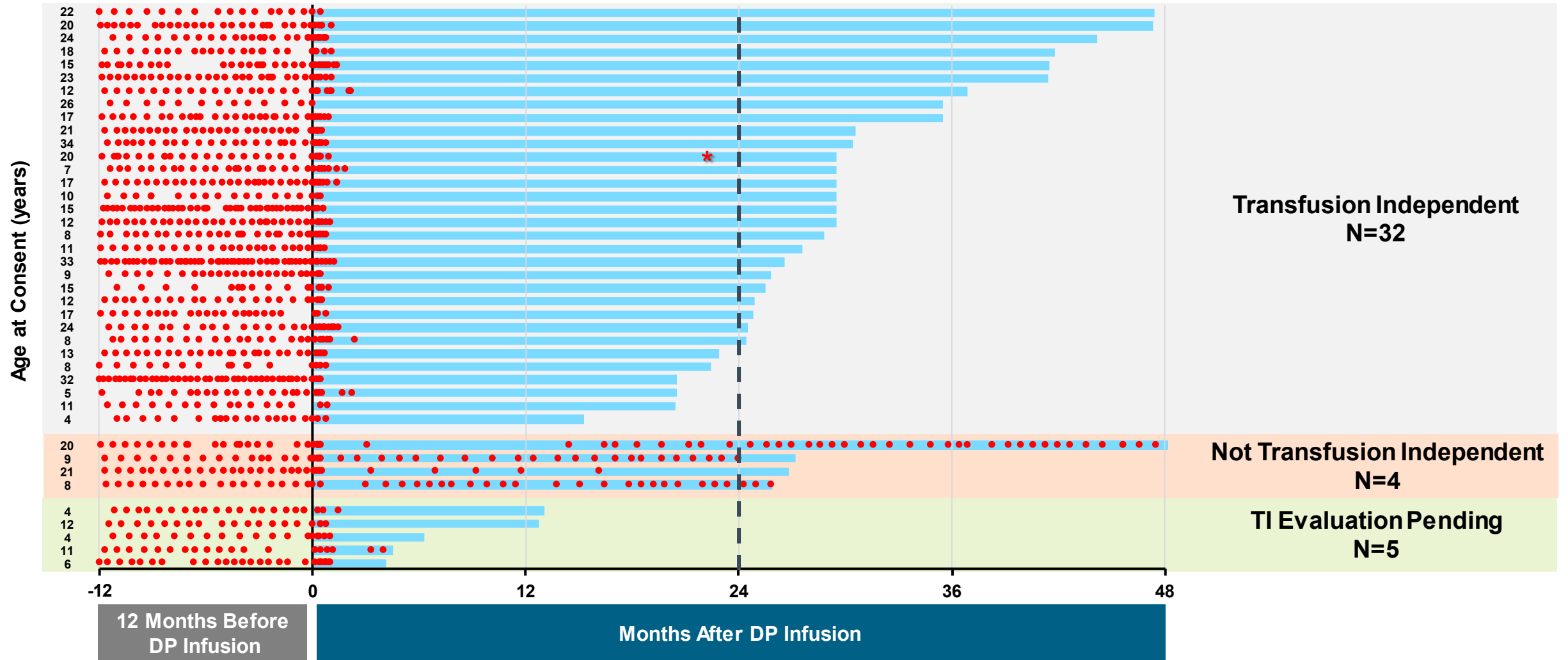
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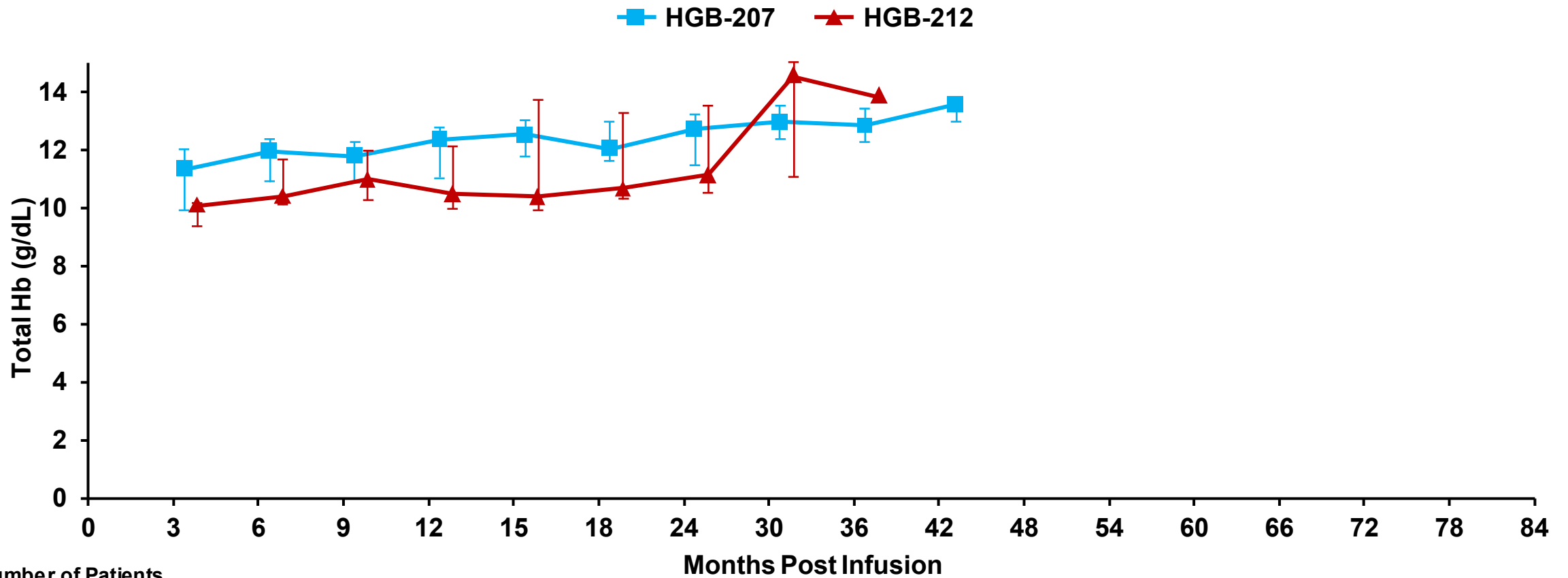


# Phase 3 Studies: TI for Up to 4 Years of Follow-up



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# Hemoglobin Durable Up To 7 Years in TI Patients



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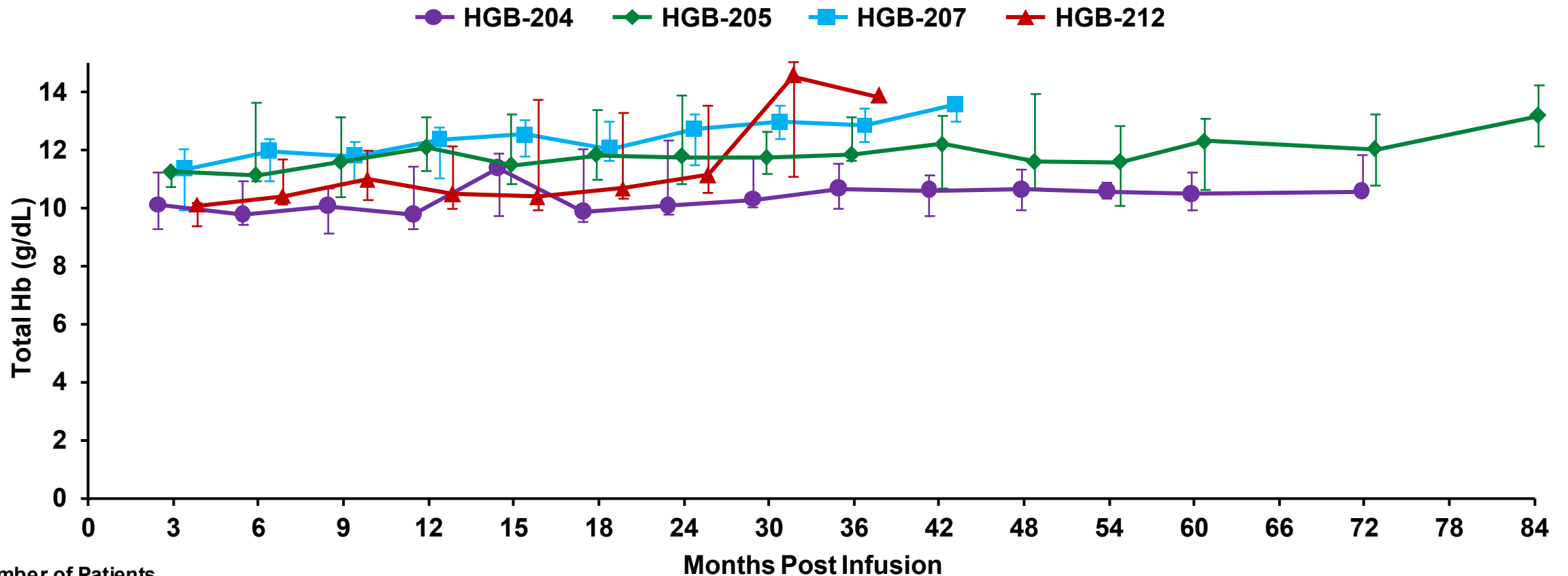
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<b>Study HGB-207</b>	12	20	20	19	19	18	17	15	8	5
<b>Study HGB-212</b>	8	12	12	12	9	11	9	3	1	-

Median (Q1, Q3) Depicted.

TI: transfusion independence; Hb: hemoglobin; RBC: red blood cell

Unsupported Total Hb represents those without any acute or chronic RBC transfusions within 60 days prior to the measurement

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	3	6	9	12	15	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84
Study HGB-204	6	9	12	12	9	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	-	5	-	-
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# Most TI Patients Stopped Chelation Therapy

- **Chelation is at physician discretion**
- **To date, over half (30/47, 63.8%) of the patients stopped iron chelation/phlebotomy therapy for at least 6 months post-drug product infusion, of these 30 patients:**
  - Median (min, max) time from stopping chelation to last follow-up was 27.1 (6.0, 56.4) months
  - 12 never restarted chelation, 18 restarted and stopped at a later time
- **11/47 (23.4%) patients had phlebotomy to remove excess iron**

# Summary of Clinical Efficacy

## Transfusion Independence

- ~90% of patients achieved near-normal or normal levels of Hb
- Weighted average Hb of 11.5 g/dL without transfusion support
- Adult and pediatric patients of all genotypes
- Durable, expected to be lifelong

# Benefits of beti-cel Therapy

- **Eliminates risk from chronic blood transfusion**
- **Minimizes reliance on hospital-based transfusions**
- **Improves erythropoiesis**
- **Allows patients to stop chelation**
- **Normalizes iron burden and reduces the potential for organ damage**

# Safety

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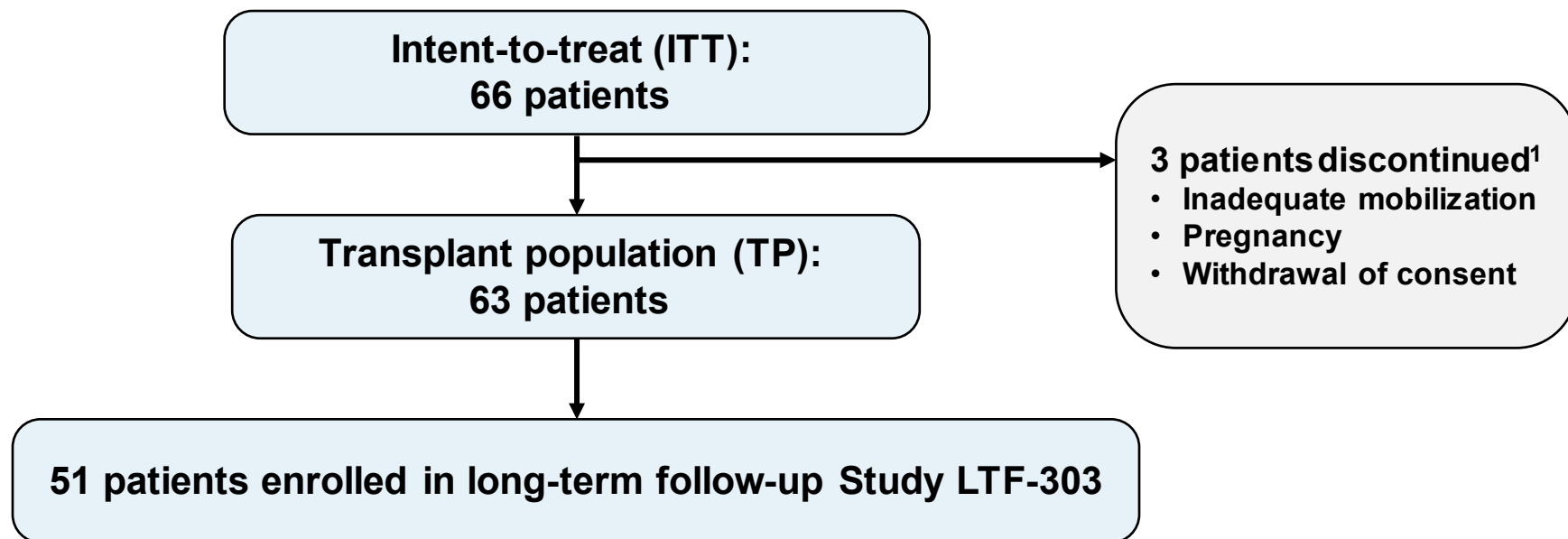
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# 63 Patients Contributed to 221.1 Patient-Years of Overall Exposure

Patients with a variety of *HBB* genotypes, sex, and ages across all beti-cel studies were included in the safety analysis



Patients were followed for a median (min, max) of 35.48 (4.1, 86.5) months

Overall exposure: 221.1 patient years



# Overview of Safety Presentation

- **Summary of overall safety**
- **Platelet engraftment and recovery**
- **Bone marrow findings**
  - Including cases of interest from sickle cell disease program
- **Recapitulation of vector safety**
- **Observations in FDA briefing book**
- **Plans for pharmacovigilance oversight and long-term follow-up**

# Summary of Overall Safety

- **100% overall survival**
- **No cases GVHD**
- **Adverse event profile of regimen:**
  - Largely reflective of conditioning and mobilization/apheresis related events
- **Adverse events related to beti-cel:**
  - Cytopenias and infusion-related events
- **To date no cases of hematologic malignancies**
- **Safety profile similar across genotype and age**
  - Longer engraftment time observed in younger patients

# All Patients Successfully Engrafted

## Neutrophil Engraftment Status

Parameter	TP N=63
Achieved neutrophil engraftment, n	63
Time to neutrophil engraftment, median (min, max) days	23.0 (13, 39)

## Platelet Engraftment Status

Parameter	TP N=63
Achieved platelet engraftment, n	63
Time to platelet engraftment, median (min, max) days	45.0 (19, 191)

Neutrophil Engraftment (NE): The first of 3 consecutive absolute neutrophil count (ANC) laboratory values obtained on different days  $\geq 0.5 \times 10^9/L$  after a post-transplant value of  $< 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ . Per protocol, NE was considered successful if it occurred by 42 days after drug product infusion (by Day 43)

Platelet Engraftment (PE): Three consecutive platelet values  $\geq 20 \times 10^9/L$  obtained on different days after a post-transplant value of  $< 20 \times 10^9/L$ , with no platelet transfusions administered for 7 days immediately preceding and during the evaluation period

TP: transplant population

# Longer Time to Engraftment as Compared to Allo-HSCT in $\beta$ -Thalassemia

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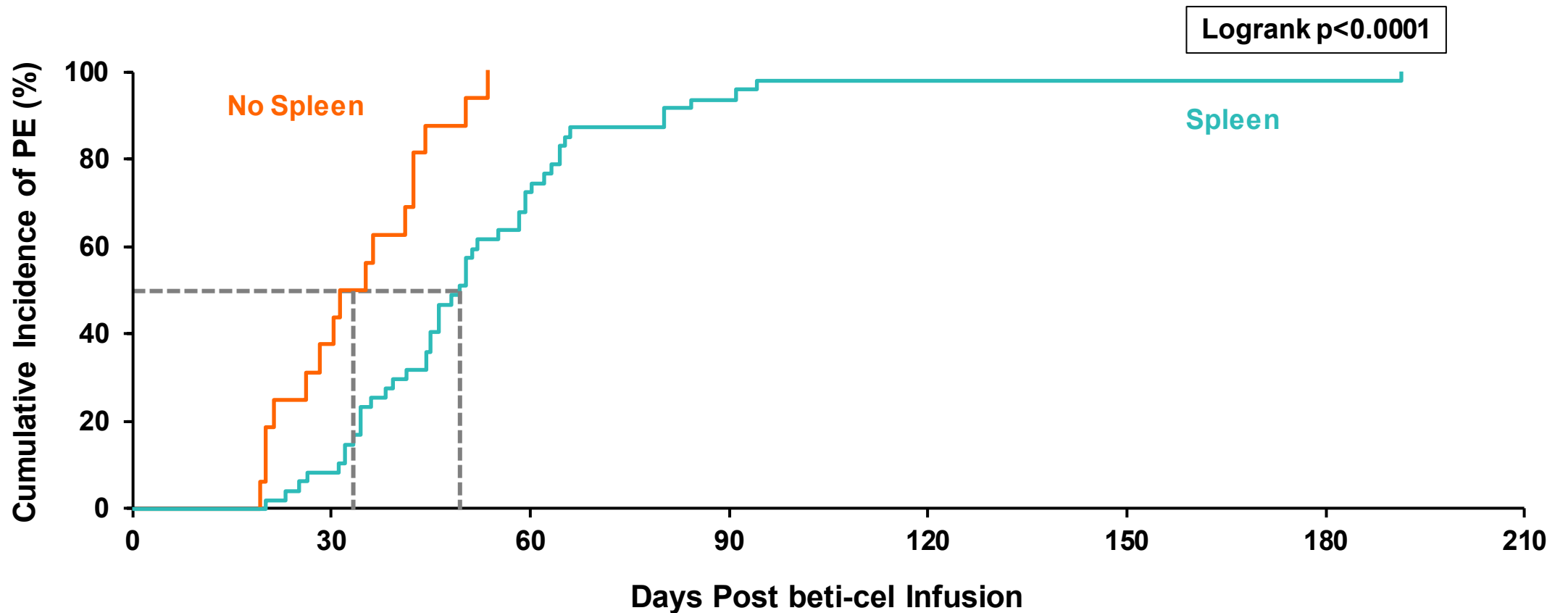
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# Patients with Spleen had Longer Engraftment Time



## Patients at Risk

Spleen	47	43	13	3	1	1	1	0
No Spleen	16	10	0					

Cumulative incidence of platelet engraftment are obtained using the Kaplan-Meier method, where the event is platelet engraftment. Patients who do not have platelet engraftment (PE) are censored at their last contact date (all patients reached PE).

The turquoise line represents median time to PE (for patients without a spleen = 33 days, for patients with spleen = 49 days).

# Slower Recovery to Lower Limit of Normal Observed in Patients with Spleen

	<b>Splenectomy N=16</b>	<b>No Splenectomy N=47</b>	<b>TDT N=63</b>
<b>Number of patients whose platelet level returned to lower limit of normal</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Time to platelet return to lower limit of normal, median (min, max) days</b>	<b>60.5 (20, 283)</b>	<b>199.0 (46, 2170)</b>	<b>145.5 (20, 2170)</b>

# Intact Spleen led to Longer Platelet Engraftment Time in Allo-HSCT $\beta$ -Thalassemia Patients

	Time to Platelet Engraftment (days)	
	Splenectomy	No Splenectomy
<b>beti-cel, median</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Allo-HSCT in <math>\beta</math>-Thalassemia (Mathews et al.), mean</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>32.5</b>

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# Delayed Platelet Engraftment is an Identified Risk for beti-cel

- **Time to platelet engraftment is prolonged compared to allo-HSCT**
- **Mechanism is not fully elucidated**
  - Patients with spleen have sluggish recovery of platelets
  - Cryopreservation may impact platelet engraftment times<sup>1</sup>
- **Clinical consequences were limited**
  - One serious case of epistaxis
- **No relation between time to platelet engraftment with bone marrow abnormalities**

# Bone Marrow Collected Routinely in Studies HGB-207 and HGB-212

- **Protocol mandated evaluations**
  - Baseline, Month 12 and Month 24
- **Baseline samples critical**
  - Not routinely collected in  $\beta$ -thalassemia patients
- **Ineffective erythropoiesis in  $\beta$ -thalassemia has been well described**
  - Increase in early erythroid precursors
  - Accelerated erythroid differentiation
  - Maturation blockade at polychromatophilic stage
  - Increase in apoptosis of erythroid precursors

# Stress Hematopoiesis at Baseline in beti-cel Patients

- **Variable amounts of erythroid hyperplasia**
  - M:E ratio of 0.3-0.7
- **Erythroid precursors with dysplastic features**
- **Cytoplasmic hemoglobin  $\alpha$ -chain inclusions**
- **Ring sideroblasts in variable amounts**
  - Not all baseline samples had iron staining
- **Dysmegakaryopoiesis**

# Improvement in Erythroid Hyperplasia Following beti-cel Treatment

- **Clear improvement in degree of erythroid hyperplasia**
  - M:E ratio of 0.4-1.2
- **Marked reduction of cytoplasmic inclusions**
- **Morphologic abnormalities**
  - Noted after beti-cel therapy
  - Some improvement in severity of findings

# Pathology Consistent with Stress Erythropoiesis

- **Overall improvement in erythroid hyperplasia**
- **Evidence of erythroid dysplasia at baseline**
  - No increase after beti-cel infusion
- **No evidence of granulocyte dysplasia**
- **Dysmegakaryopoiesis noted**
  - Noted at baseline (likely reflective of proliferative stress)
  - Similar frequency noted after beti-cel infusion
- **No evidence of MDS or emerging MDS**

# Vector-related Safety

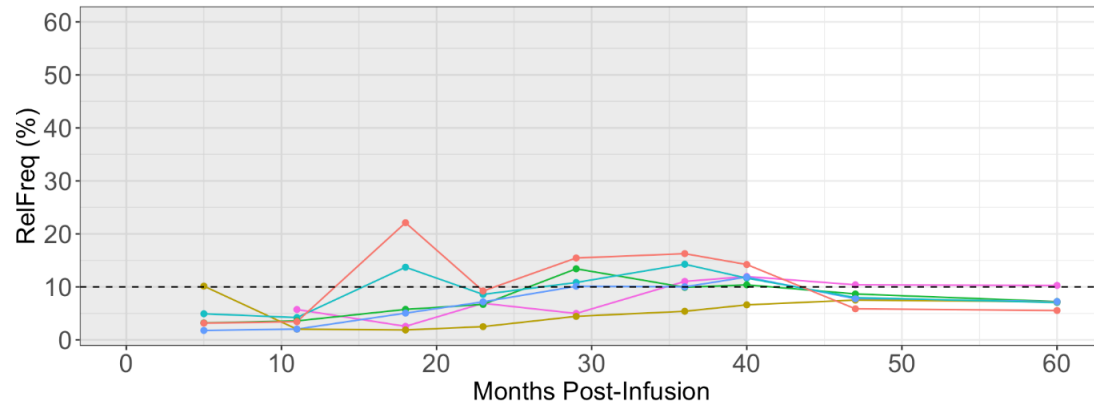
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<b>Patients with ISA results</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Polyclonal reconstitution</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Persistent oligoclonality</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Oligoclonality last visit</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Patients with RCL results</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Tested positive for RCL</b>	<b>0</b>

# ISA Showing Stable Persistent Oligoclonality

## Patient 204-13

204-103-1119  
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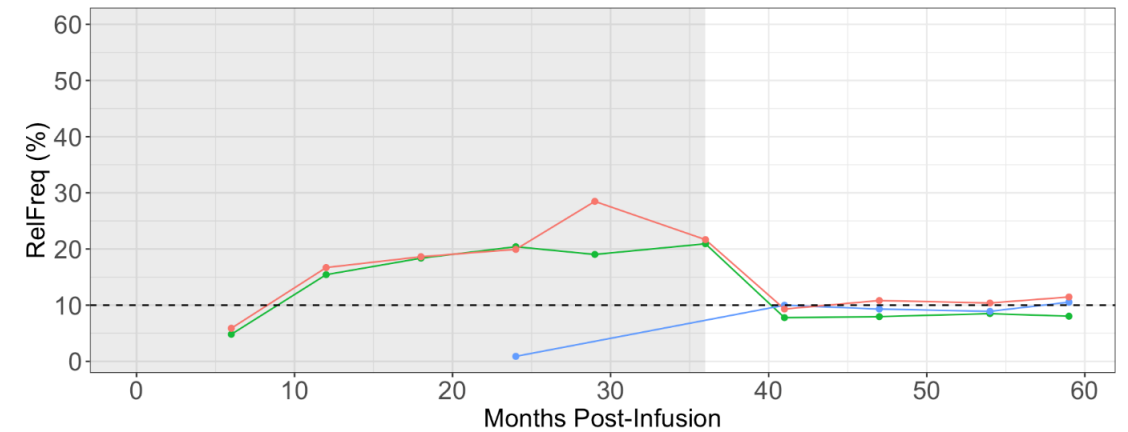
### Background/Labs/AEs

<b>Spleen status</b>	Present
<b>NE</b>	Day 18 (neutrophil count $0.632 \times 10^9$ cells/L)
<b>PE</b>	Day 91 (platelet count $23 \times 10^9$ cells/L)
<b>Recent CBC (Month 60)</b>	Hb: 10.1 g/L Platelet count: $110 \times 10^9$ /L Leukocytes: $6.3 \times 10^9$ /L

## Patient 204-14

204-111-1117  
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### Background/Labs/AEs

<b>Spleen status</b>	Present
<b>NE</b>	Day 24 (neutrophil count $0.837 \times 10^9$ cells/L)
<b>PE</b>	Day 191 (platelet count $22 \times 10^9$ cells/L)
<b>Recent CBC (Month 60)</b>	Hb: 10.9 g/L Platelet count: $138 \times 10^9$ /L Leukocytes: $4.9 \times 10^9$ /L

# No Reports of Insertional Oncogenesis Following Treatment with beti-cel

- **No cases suggestive of LVV-mediated insertional oncogenesis**
- **No other hematologic malignancies**
  - Leukemia
  - Lymphoma
  - Myelodysplastic syndrome



# Bone Marrow in SCD Patients Consistent with Stress Erythropoiesis

- **Two patients treated with lovotibeglogene autotemcel**
- **Both  $\beta^S/\beta^S$  with two  $\alpha$ -globin gene deletions**
- **Both presented with anemia, one patient also presented with neutropenia (transient grade 2)**
- **Morphologic abnormalities in erythroid line (dysplasia/dyserythropoiesis) noted**
  - Raised possibility of MDS
- **Transient gain of chromosome 8 by FISH, normal karyotype**
- **No driver mutations on NGS**

# Clinicopathological Picture Does Not Suggest MDS in SCD Patients with Two $\alpha$ -Globin Gene Deletions

- **No evidence of clonal process**
  - ISA: highly polyclonal reconstitution
  - NGS: unremarkable
- **Pathology evaluation**
  - Stress erythropoiesis
  - Not suggestive of MDS
- **Overall picture: similar to patients with  $\beta$ -thalassemia**
  - $\alpha/\beta$ -globin imbalance
- **Patients are clinically stable**

# Overall Summary of Key Safety Issues

Safety Issue	Comments
Delayed platelet engraftment	Key role of spleen Cryopreservation: theoretical contribution
No evidence of hematologic malignancy	Bone marrow evaluations consistent with underlying $\beta$ -thalassemia
No evidence of insertion oncogenesis	beti-cel (N=63) BB305 LVV (N=113)
Majority patients had polyclonal reconstitution	VAMP4: common insertion site (Rel freq <0.25%) Not an identified proto-oncogene Not associated with cell proliferation or survival

# Overall Assessment and Risk Mitigation

Safety Issue	Comments/Risk Mitigation
<b>Key Safety Topics</b>	
Delayed platelet engraftment	Identified risk Communication: Labeling and qualified treatment centers education
Bone marrow abnormalities	Consistent with stress erythropoiesis in $\beta$ -thalassemia
Vector safety	Patients with oligoclonality: enhanced surveillance bluebird bio: facilitate ISA, as clinically indicated, post-marketing and routinely in registry
<b>Potential Risks Based on Mechanism of Action</b>	
Insertional oncogenesis	No cases: continued surveillance required
<b>Other Risks</b>	
Long term risks of interest for gene therapy	No cases of interest: continued surveillance required

# bluebird bio has Robust Long-Term Follow-up Measures

	Long Term Follow-up Study (LTF-303)	Registry Study (REG-501)
<b>Patient population</b>	<b>Patients treated in all clinical trials</b>	<b>Patients treated in post-marketing setting</b>
<b>Type of study</b>	<b>Interventional</b>	<b>Non-interventional</b>
<b>15-Year follow-up post infusion</b>	✓	✓
<b>Adverse events including malignancy<sup>1</sup></b>	✓	✓
<b>CBCs</b>	✓	✓
<b>ISA</b>	✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>
<b>RCL</b>	<b>Event-driven</b>	<b>Event-driven</b>
<b>Transfusions</b>	✓	✓

<sup>1</sup> Serious adverse events, adverse events of interest, and drug product related adverse events.

<sup>2</sup> Requested, not mandated.

CBCs: complete blood counts; ISA: integration site analysis; RCL: replication competent lentivirus

# Overall Safety Conclusion

- **Safety profile, to date, supports favorable benefit/risk for beti-cel**
- **bluebird bio remains fully committed**
  - Ensuring transparent communication of identified and emerging risks
  - Robust long term pharmacovigilance activities to provide FDA and prescribers with valuable long term safety data

# Benefit:Risk

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# Unmet Need for a Potentially Curative Treatment Option for Patients



## **STOP**

transfusions with  
near-normal or  
normal total  
hemoglobin levels



## **PREVENT**

the life-shortening  
complications of  
 $\beta$ -thalassemia



## **REDUCE**

need for life-long  
disease-specific  
monitoring



# Why beti-cel?

- **beti-cel appears to be an important option with a positive benefit:risk profile**
  - Achieve transfusion independence, reduce iron load and improves quality of life
  - No risk for GVHD, graft failure, and graft rejection
- **beti-cel is intended for patients who are suitable for transplant irrespective of age and donor status, thus expanding treatment options to a broader patient population**

# Clear and Clinically Meaningful Benefit

- **Great majority of patients achieved transfusion independence, across all phases of clinical studies, all ages, and all genotypes**
  - 88.9% have achieved TI in Phase 3
  - The median weighted average Hb during TI was 11.52 (9.3, 13.7) g/dL in Phase 3
  - Durable TI with up 7 years of follow-up across all studies
- **Trends of erythropoiesis improvement were observed**
  - Myeloid to erythroid ratios improved
  - Bone marrow morphology improved
  - Markers of anemia improved
- **Some patients have used phlebotomy after beti-cel infusion and many patients have stopped iron chelation**

# Safety Profile

- **63 patients were treated with beti-cel and followed for 4 months to 7 years, with overall exposure of 221 patient-years**
- **The safety profile of the overall treatment regimen (i.e., mobilization, conditioning, and beti-cel infusion) largely reflects known effects of plerixafor, G-CSF, and busulfan**
- **No immunological complications typical of allo-HSCT were seen**
- **Malignancy, including LVV-mediated insertional oncogenesis, and vector-derived RCL were not observed**

# Patient and Family Considerations

- **Benefits of treatment**
  - May achieve lifelong transfusion independence and Hb levels near-normal or normal
  - May discontinue chelation therapy
- **Potential risks associated with treatment**
  - Delayed platelet engraftment
  - Insertional oncogenesis and malignancy
  - Infertility due to myeloablative conditioning
- **Long-term follow-up recommended in the commercial setting, including in drug product registry REG-501**

# Case History with beti-cel #1

## 18-year-old with HbE $\beta$ -thalassemia

### Before beti-cel

- Started transfusions late (>10 years of age) after developing growth delay and early bony changes
- Did not have suitable HLA donor

### After beti-cel

- Transfusion independent 7+ years
- Completing PhD in biomedical engineering
- International travel

# Case History with beti-cel #2

## 4-year-old with $\beta^0/\beta^0$ $\beta$ -thalassemia

### Before beti-cel

- Diagnosed by newborn screening, began chronic transfusions at 6 months of age
- Parents almost immediately inquired about curative options
- Preimplantation genetic diagnosis and *in vitro* fertilization used to conceive healthy sibling, not HLA-matched

### After beti-cel

- Last transfusion at Day +30
- HbA<sup>T87Q</sup> and Total Hb at Month 6: 9.3 and 10.5 g/dL
- Completed kindergarten, currently in first grade

# Potential to Cure Patients with $\beta$ -Thalassemia who Require Regular RBC Transfusions



**beti-cel has the potential to cure patients with  $\beta$ -thalassemia who require regular RBC transfusions**

**ACROSS**

→ **All ages**

→ **Non- $\beta^0/\beta^0$  and  $\beta^0/\beta^0$  genotypes**

→ **Sex**

→ **Race**

**by increasing functional HbA and total Hb to near normal or normal levels and eliminating dependence on chronic RBC transfusion**

**beti-cel clinical studies demonstrate clear and clinically meaningful benefit with an acceptable safety profile for patients**