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Late Breaking Abstract - Clinical improvement with ralinepag in a contemporary pulmonary arterial hypertension population: Insights from the ADVANCE Outcomes study

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Background

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is a progressive disease leading to right ventricular failure and death. Treatment options have improved but the mortality rate remains high. Ralinepag is an oral, potent, once-daily prostacyclin (IP) receptor agonist to treat PAH.

Methods

ADVANCE Outcomes was a global, randomized, placebo-controlled, study to assess ralinepag in participants with PAH. The primary end point was the time to first clinical worsening event. Key secondary end points were change in N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP), 6MWD, and clinical improvement (an absence of clinical worsening and at least 2 of 3 criteria [increase in 6MWD by $\geq 10\%$ or ≥ 30 m, improvement to or maintenance of WHO FC I or II, or decrease in NT-proBNP $\geq 30\%$ from baseline]).

Results

687 participants were randomized (350 ralinepag; 337 placebo). Most (79.8%) were receiving dual background therapy and 70.5% were FC II with a mean (SD) 6MWD of 439 (105) m.

The study showed ralinepag reduced the risk of a clinical worsening event by 55% compared with placebo (hazard ratio 0.45, 95% CI [0.33-0.62]; $P < 0.001$). At Week 28, participants had a 47% greater odds of achieving clinical improvement ($P = 0.015$) and ralinepag treatment resulted in significant reductions in NT-proBNP (24.3% over placebo; 95% CI [-36.1%, -10.3%]; $P = 0.001$) and an increase in 6MWD (20.4 m placebo-corrected difference; 95% CI [6.81, 34.02]; $P = 0.003$).

Ralinepag treatment was generally well tolerated, and no new safety signals were observed.

Conclusions

Ralinepag resulted in a significant 55% reduction in the risk of clinical worsening and 47% greater odds of

achieving clinical improvement. The results underscore the durable efficacy of ralinepag in a lower risk, pretreated, and contemporary PAH population.

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