# Roche update on GENERATION HD1, the first Phase III Huntingtin-lowering study

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## **Disclosures**

We thank the LIRH Foundation for its request to receive an update on Roche research efforts

This presentation is intended for an international audience. It contains general information about our Huntington's disease programme and is not intended as specific medical advice

Roche is testing an investigational (not approved by health authorities) molecule for the treatment of manifest Huntington's disease. The effectiveness and safety of this molecule are currently being studied

You should talk with your healthcare provider for information and advice about your condition, including any current or potential treatments



# Thank you to our clinical study volunteers

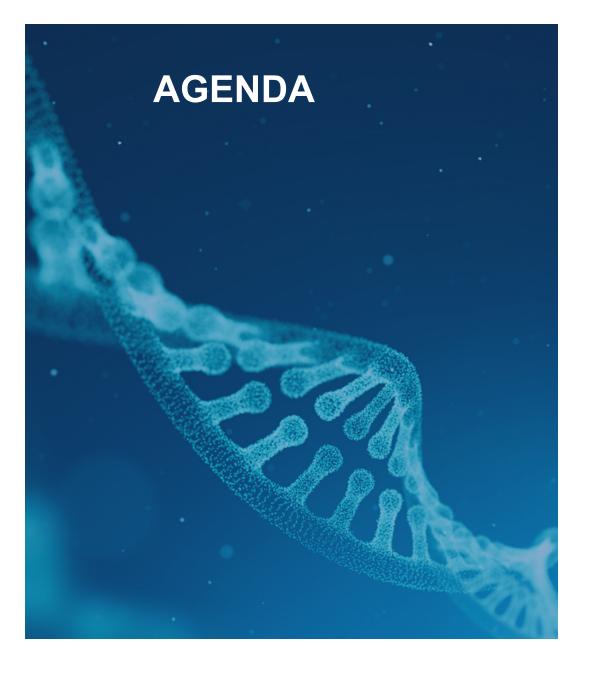
These volunteers are helping progress HD research every day. Our company and the entire HD community support and thank you for your efforts

To clinical study participants in this audience, we should have limited or no knowledge of your personal treatment experience. This helps protect the integrity of the study

We encourage you to **share your experiences**, **both positive and negative**, **with your clinical trial investigator**. It is important that they receive this information so that it can be documented as part of the clinical study

Thank you for helping to advance Huntington's disease research

HD, Huntington's disease.





Roche in Neuroscience: Our mission

Tominersen Clinical Development Program

GENERATION HD1 trial Update and the impact of Covid 19 Pandemic

Q&A



### **Our Neuroscience Portfolio**

## One of the most diverse & promising in the industry



NeuroImmunology

Multiple sclerosis

Neuromyelitis optica
spectrum disorder



NeuroDegeneration
Alzheimer's disease
Huntington's disease
Parkinson's disease



Spinal muscular atrophy
Duchenne muscular
dystrophy

NeuroMuscular

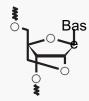


NeuroDevelopment
Autism spectrum disorder
Angelman syndrome

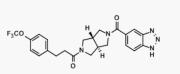
# In neuroscience we are pursuing different modalities, and leveraging digital approaches & data to improve research and disease management



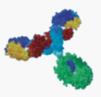
#### **Exploring different therapeutic modalities**



Locked Nucleic Acids (Lna)/Aso



Small Molecules



Monoclonal Antibodies



Brain Shuttle



Digital Therapeutics



Gene Therapy

#### **Measuring what matters**



Remote Monitoring



Biomarkers, both digital and wet



Genetic Data Analysis to Stratify SMA Patients

ASO, Antisense Oligonucleotide

## **Tominersen: 7-year HD programme history**

Continuing to build on strong science and partnerships





#### Roche/Ionis **HD** partnership:

Non-alleleselective candidate selected for development

> **April** 2013



#### First patient in Phase I/IIa study<sup>1</sup>

- Safety, tolerability, PK and PD
- Early manifest **HD** patients

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mHTT assay clinical and digital endpoint development



Completion of the Phase I/IIa study

Roche licenses investigational IONIS-HTT<sub>Rx</sub> (tominersen)



Launch of pivotal **GENERATION-**HD1 study; initiation of registrational programme activities; deepen partnership with community



Observational natural history study enrolment complete. **GEN-PEAK** study initiated. Reduced dosing frequency in **GEN-HD1** 



Completed recruitment of Phase III study

2015-2015 2017

End 2017

2018

2019

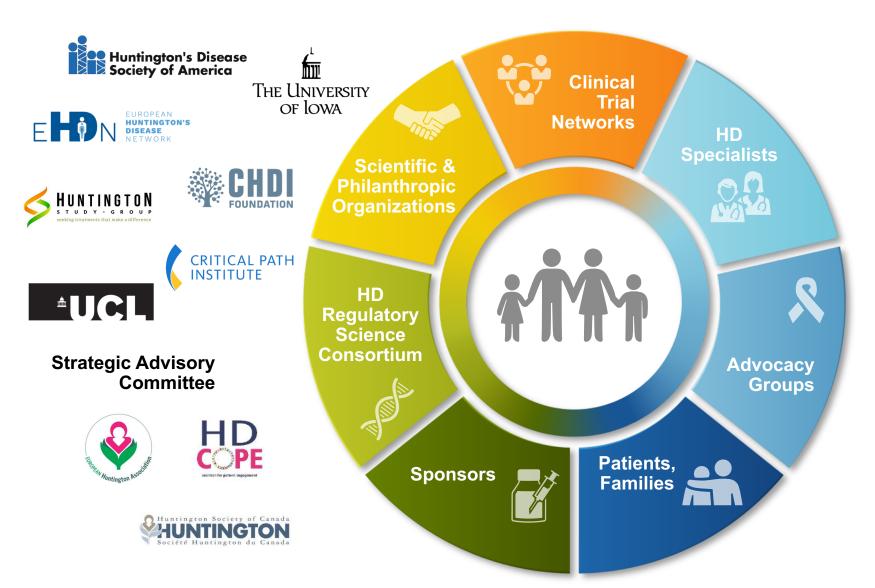
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# Collaboration has been a cornerstone for the programme







HD, Huntington's disease.

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### **Tominersen**

# First treatment to target the underlying cause of HD, lowering CSF mutant HTT protein

Tominersen, a 20-mer synthetic DNA strand with sequence complementary to HTT mRNA, binds both HTT pre-mRNA (in the nucleus) and HTT mRNA (in the cytoplasm), resulting in a complex that is recognised as foreign by the cell, thereby recruiting RNase H1 to mediate degradation of the hybrid ASO–HTT mRNA<sup>1–4</sup>

#### Tominersen sequence<sup>1</sup>

2'-MOE

2'-Deoxy (RNase H1 sensitive)

2'-MOE

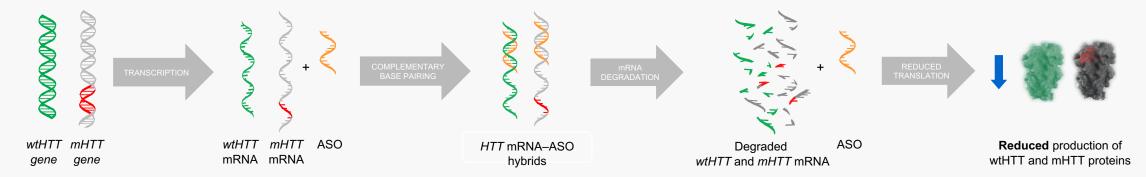


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Backbone of phosphate diester or phosphorothioate diester linkages

#### **Tominersen MoA**



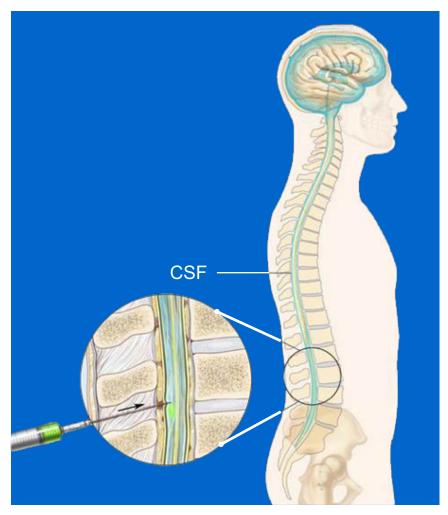
2'-MOE, 2'-O-(2-methoxyethyl); ASO, antisense oligonucleotide; HTT, huntingtin gene; HTT, huntingtin protein; mHTT, mutant HTT; mHTT, mutant HTT; MoA, mechanism of action; wtHTT, wild-type HTT; wtHTT, wild-type HTT.

1. Kordasiewicz HB, et al. *Neuron*. 2012; 74:1031–1044; **2.** Southwell AL, et al. Sci Transl Med. 2018;10 *pii*: eaar3959; **3.** Lane RM, et al. *Methods Mol Biol*. 2018; 1780:497–523; **4.** Liang XH, et al. *Mol Ther*. 2017; 25:2075–2092.

# Antisense drugs

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## Delivery to the central nervous system



## **Intrathecal injections**

- This procedure is commonly called a lumbar puncture
- The drug is injected into the lower back in the space around the spinal cord (an intrathecal injection) and travels to the brain in the CSF
- CSF is a clear fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord

Image adapted from www.cancer.gov



# **HTT-lowering therapy** approach

# **ASO** design considerations



Ability to broadly screen the entire *HTT* to identify a potent ASO



Potential to treat all patients with HD regardless of individual genetic background



Dose-dependent lowering of HTT



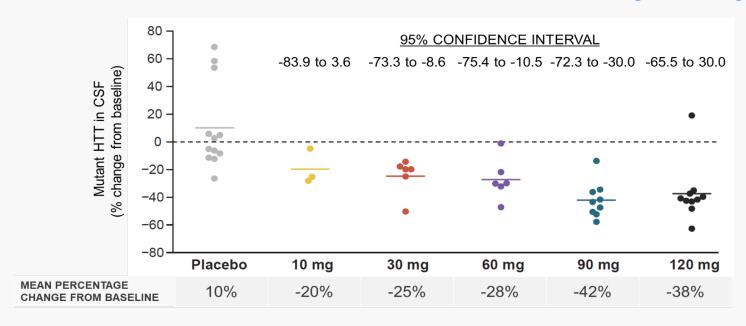
Data to support safety and tolerability in animals and humans



## **Tominersen**

# Tominersen treatment resulted in a dose-dependent reduction in the concentration of mutant huntingtin in CSF in a phase 1-2a trial

# Percentage change in CSF concentration of mutant HTT, according to dose group



Dose-dependent reduction in CSF concentration of mutant HTT protein (phase 1-2a trial)<sup>3</sup>

CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; HD, Huntington's disease; HTT, huntingtin.

Tominersen/RG6042 is an investigational medication and has not yet received regulatory approval in any country.

<sup>1.</sup> Nopoulos PC. Dialogues Clin Neurosci. 2016;18:91-98. 2. Kordasiewicz HB, et al. Neuron. 2012;74(6):1031-1044. 3. Tabrizi SJ, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019;380(24):2307-2316.

## The tominersen Clinical Development Programme is contributing further data to evaluate the efficacy and safety of tominersen



#### **Clinical Development Programme**

#### Phase I/IIa N=46<sup>1,2</sup>

- First-in-human study<sup>3</sup>
- Safety, tolerability, PK and PD<sup>1,2</sup>
- Early manifest HD patients<sup>1,2</sup>



Complete



Complete, final analysis ongoing



Ongoing, recruitment complete



Ongoing, recruiting



Includes digital monitoring platform

#### OLE N=464,5





Early manifest HD patients<sup>6</sup>



## **HD Natural History Study N=95**<sup>7</sup>





15 months (no treatment)8

#### **GEN-EXTEND N~1.050<sup>†14</sup>**

- · Roll-over study for participants in previous tominersen studies<sup>13</sup>
- Manifest HD patients<sup>14</sup>
- Up to 5 years<sup>13</sup>



#### GENERATION HD1 N=791\*9

- Pivotal, long-term efficacy and safety<sup>9</sup>
- Manifest HD patients9
- 25 months (plus follow-up)<sup>10</sup>



#### GEN-PEAK N≤20<sup>12</sup>

- PK/PD in CSF and plasma<sup>11</sup>
- Manifest HD patients<sup>12</sup>
- 7 months (including follow-up)<sup>12</sup>



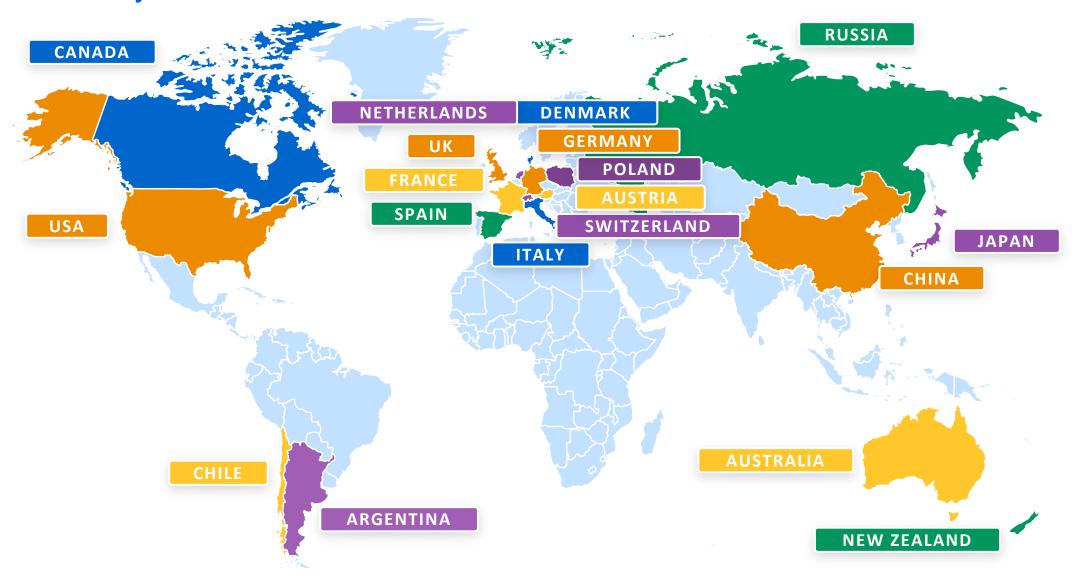
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<sup>\*</sup> China extension study still recruiting. † According to projected enrolment. CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; HD, Huntington's disease; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; SAE, serious adverse event. See slide notes for references.

# **GENERATION HD1: Phase III pivotal Study**



A global study at 100+ sites in 19 countries



## **GENERATION HD1 – Study inclusion criteria**

Focus on early stages of HD where patients can plausibly benefit and symptoms are measurable



#### **Premanifest** Manifest **Presymptomatic Prodromal Early Moderate Advanced** Cognitive/behavioural symptoms ~10 Individuals are able to live at home, but may also years before motor onset have minor difficulties with activities of daily living **CONTINUUM OF HD** AGE OF ONSET Juvenile-**Late-onset** onset HD **Adult onset** (≤60 years) (average age of motor onset is ~30–50 years) (≤ 20 years) **Paediatric HD**

#### Inclusion criteria

- Clinically diagnosed HD (DCL=4)
- Independence scale ≥70

- Age 25–65 years
- CAP score >400\*

(<18 years)

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# **GENERATION HD1** first study protocol revision, March 2019



Protocol changes that make study participation less demanding for participants and HCPs

Data from the ongoing tominersen OLE study supports the continued development of tominersen

In March 2019, the GENERATION HD1 study protocol was revised to be less demanding for patients, their families and HCPs

#### **Original GENERATION HD1 protocol**

All patients undergo LP procedures **monthly** and are randomised to one of the study arms below

Tominersen 120 mg Q4W (Q4W IT bolus)

#### Tominersen 120 mg Q8W

(Q4W tominersen 120 mg for Doses 1–2, thereafter, tominersen 120 mg alternating with placebo Q4W IT bolus)

Placebo Q4W (Q4W IT bolus)



#### Revised GENERATION HD1 protocol, March 2019

All patients undergo LP procedures **every two months** and are randomised to one of the study arms below

#### Tominersen 120 mg Q8W

(Q4W tominersen 120 mg for Doses 1–2, thereafter, tominersen 120 mg Q8W IT bolus)

#### Tominersen 120 mg Q16W

(Q4W tominersen 120 mg for Doses 1–2, thereafter, tominersen 120 mg alternating with placebo Q8W IT bolus)

#### Placebo Q8W

(Q4W for Doses 1–2, thereafter, Q8W IT placebo bolus)

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# Recruitment of GENERATION HD1 is now complete, study is currently ongoing



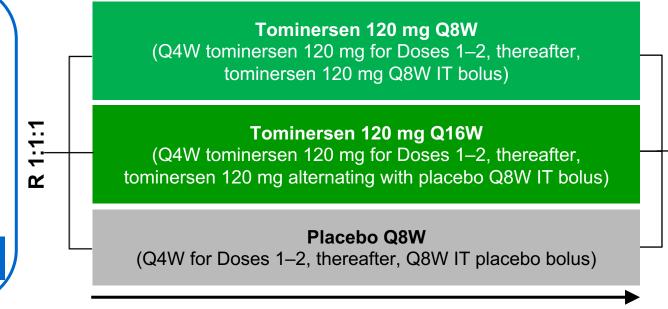
Objective: Evaluate efficacy and safety of intrathecally administered Countries: ~100 sites in 19 countries (including China)

Randomised, multicentre, double-blind, placebo-controlled study<sup>1,2</sup>

#### **Key inclusion criteria:**

- clinically diagnosed manifest HD (DCL=4)
- aged 25–65 years
- CAP>400\*
- Independence Scale ≥70
- ambulatory, verbal

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GEN-EXTEND<sup>3</sup>
(OLE)

(optional)†

Tominersen Q8W or Q16W

25 months (plus follow-up)

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Transforming clinical practice the data for tominersen support continued development and the study is approved by Authorities and Ethics Committees/Investigational Review Boards. CAP, CAG-age product; cUHDRS, composite Unified HD Rating Scale; DCL, diagnostic confidence level; HD, Huntington's disease; IT, intrathecal; OLE, open-label extension; Q8W, every 2 months; Q16W, every 4 months; R, randomised; TFC, Total Functional Capacity.

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1. Clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT03761849 (Accessed October 2019); 2. Schobel S, et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2018; 89(Supp 1):A98; 3. Clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT03842969 (Accessed May 2020).

# **GENERATION HD1** second study protocol revision, October 2019



Protocol changes that increase the statistical power and the diversity of the study

#### In October 2019, the GENERATION HD1 study protocol was revised to include additional patients and study sites

- An additional 141 patients will be recruited, bringing the total target study population to 801\*
  - In order to increase the statistical power of the study to equally evaluate the benefit—risk profile of both Q8W and Q16W dosing regimens
- The increase in the number of study participants was informed by an updated evaluation of the data from the ongoing, OLE of the Phase I/IIa study of tominersen in HD
- Sites in China will also be included to add further diversity to the study
- The protocol was revised to support the development of tominersen and the exploration of the Q8W and Q16W dosing regimens in GENERATION HD1





# **Impact of COVID-19**





# Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the tominersen Clinical Development Programme

- COVID-19 has been an unprecedented challenge for all clinical trial programmes worldwide
- Roche is actively managing the situation by:



• Fortunately, GENERATION HD1 is a particularly **robust study** due to its **large** sample size and **geographic diversity**; missed doses do not mean discontinuation from the study

COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019.



# **Summary**



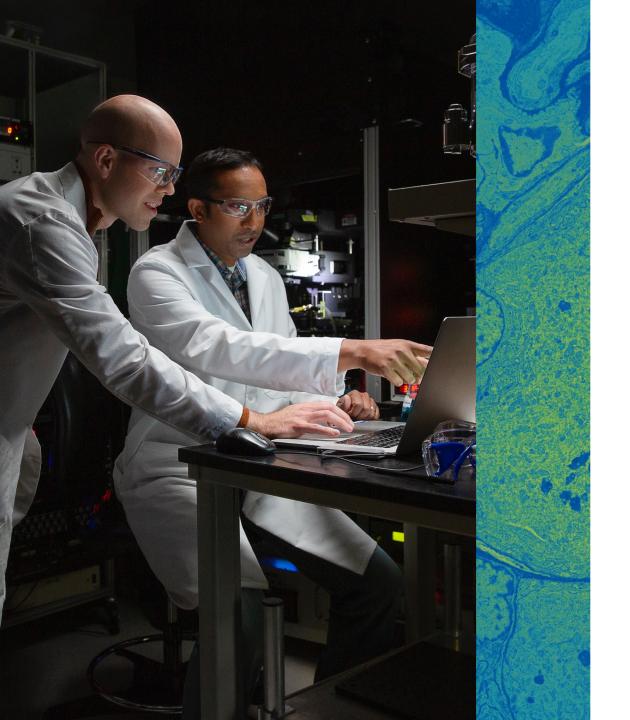
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**GENERATION HD1 study is now fully recruited with 791 participants** 



Roche is actively managing the COVID-19 situation, formulating strategies to mitigate any effects it may have on their ongoing trials



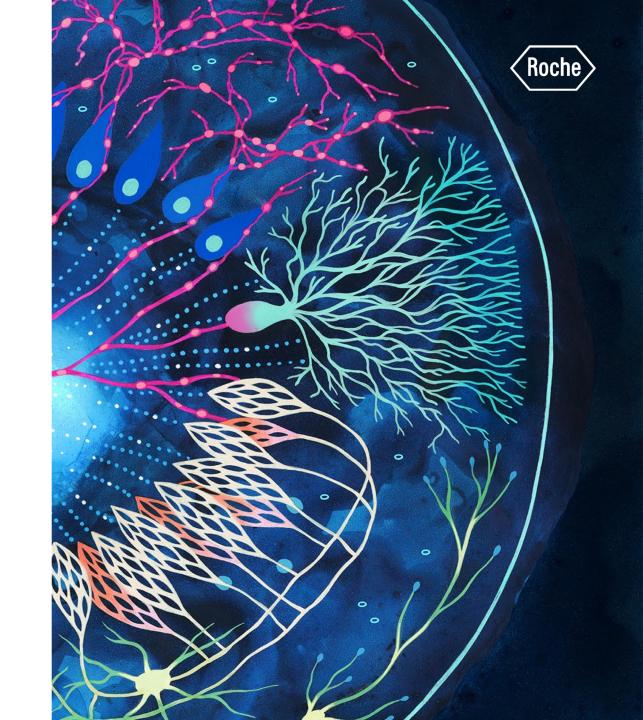
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Our hope is to create a tomorrow where neurological disorders no longer limit human potential — to preserve what makes people who they are

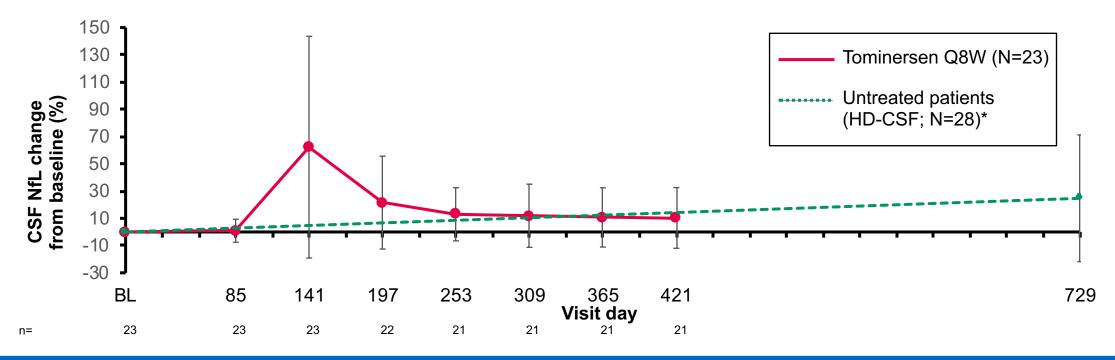
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# **Q & A**



# CSF NfL levels in the Q8W arm decrease to within expected natural history range at 15 months

CSF NfL change in the Q8W arm compared with untreated early HD patients in HD-CSF



- NfL increases expected in untreated HD (estimated ~15% median increase at 15 months [HD-CSF])
- Roche HD natural history study data will provide comparator in matched sample with equal follow-up
- The mechanism underlying the NfL increases are currently under further investigation