

# CRISPR-Based NTLA-2002 Improves Quality of Life in Patients With Hereditary Angioedema

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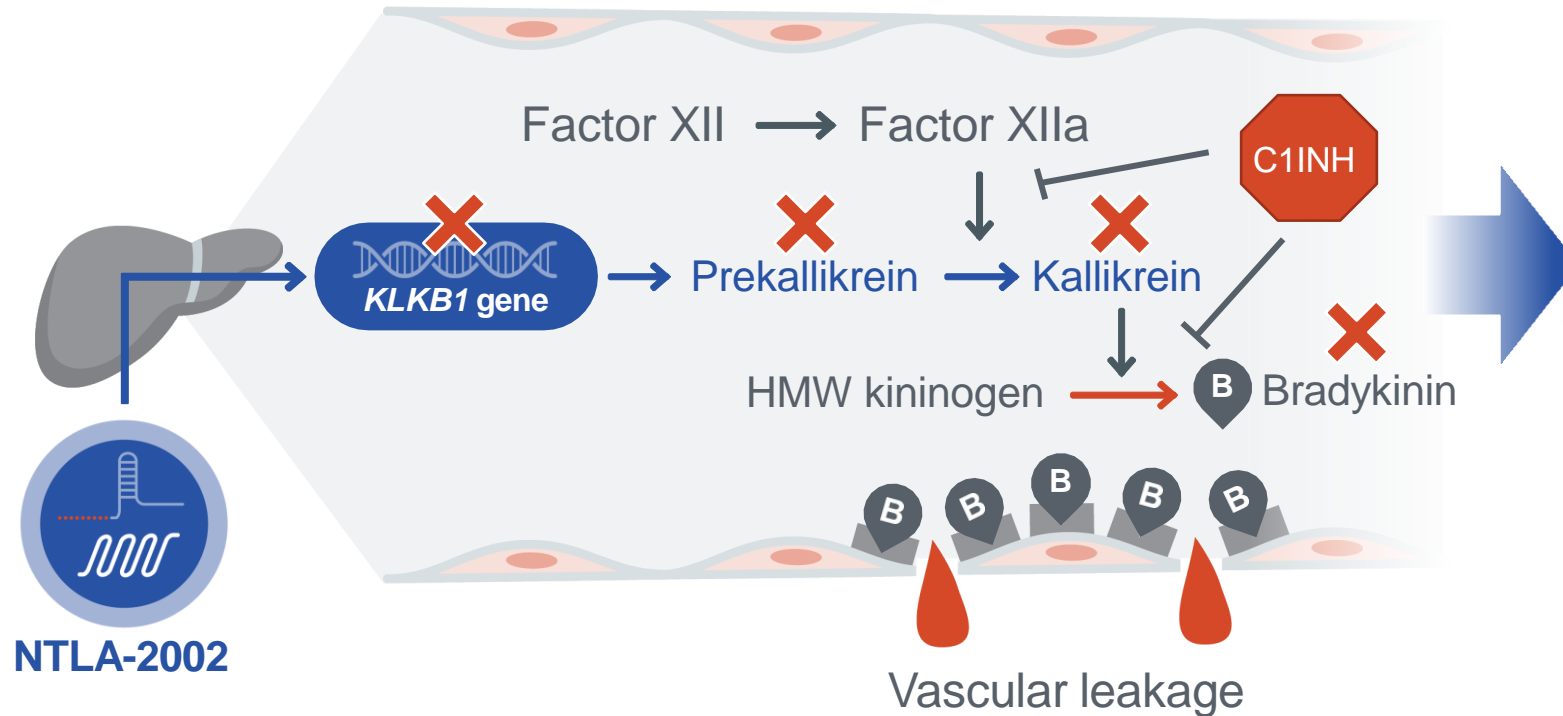
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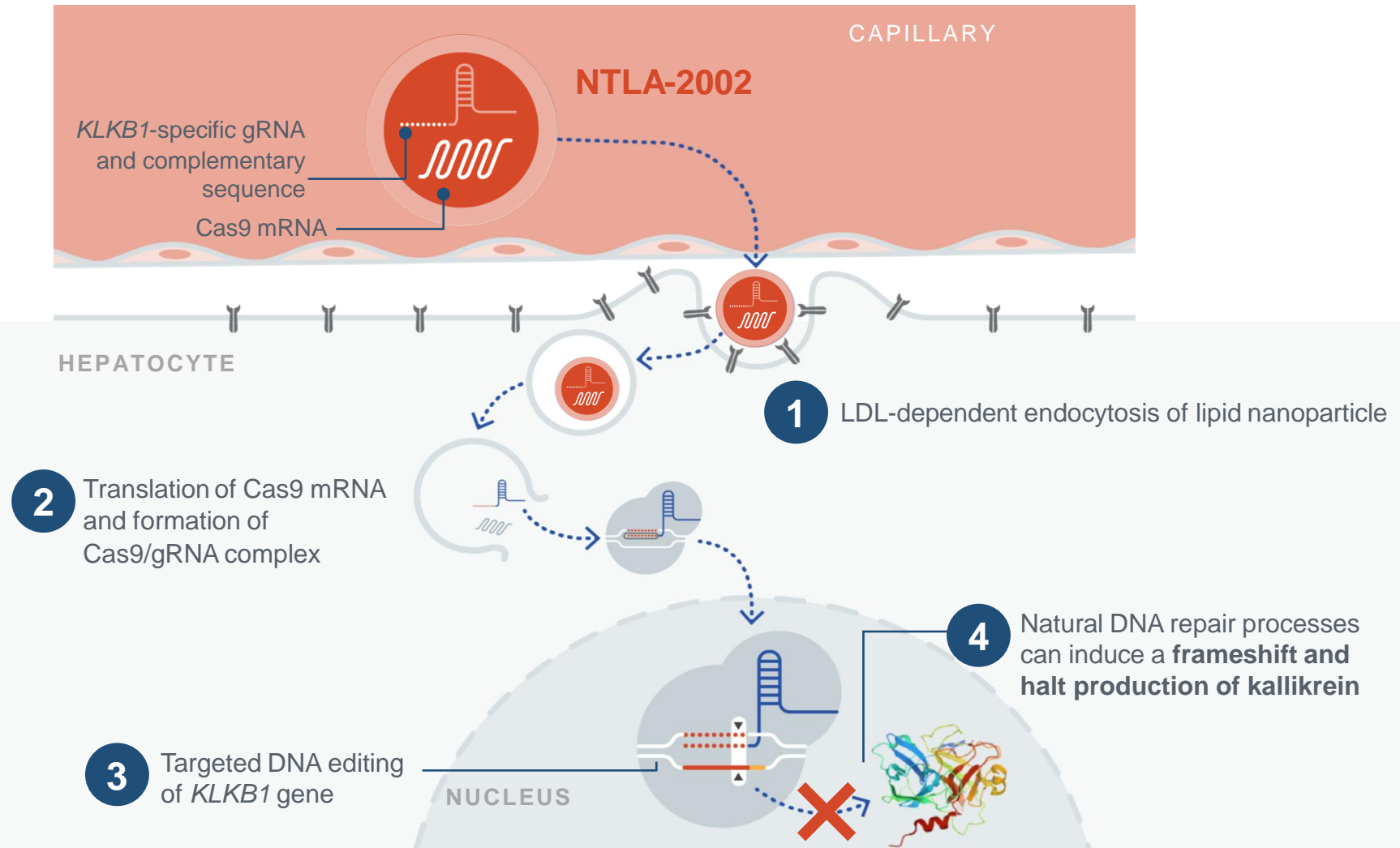
# Targeting *KLKB1* Gene Expression for Long-Term Prophylaxis of HAE Attacks



- 1 Knocking out *KLKB1* gene is intended to prevent production of kallikrein
- 2 Decreasing kallikrein rebalances pathway by reducing bradykinin production
- 3 Reducing bradykinin is intended to prevent HAE attacks

**Kallikrein is a clinically validated therapeutic target for preventing HAE attacks**

# Mechanism of Action of NTLA-2002



**NTLA-2002 aims to disrupt *KLKB1* to permanently rebalance the disease pathway and prevent angioedema attacks in patients**

Cas9, CRISPR-associated protein 9; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; gRNA, guide RNA; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; mRNA, messenger RNA.  
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# NTLA-2002 Global Phase 1/2 Study Design and Eligibility Criteria: Two-Part, Multicenter Study in Adults With HAE Types 1 and 2



## Intervention

Single dose administered via an IV infusion

## PHASE 1 Open-label, single-ascending dose

25 mg (n=3)

50 mg (n=4)

75 mg (n=3)

## PHASE 2 Expansion study to confirm recommended dose

Randomized 2:2:1

N=25

25 mg (n=10)

50 mg (n=10)

Placebo (n=5)

## KEY PH2 INCLUSION CRITERIA

- ✓ Documented diagnosis of HAE-C1INH-Type1 or HAE-C1INH-Type2
- ✓ At least 3 investigator-confirmed HAE attacks during the 90 days prior to screening, and at least 2 investigator-confirmed HAE attacks during the screening period
- ✓ Access to acute therapies to treat HAE attacks

## KEY PH2 EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- ✗ Concomitant use of LTP within 5 half-lives prior to the start of screening and through the end of the 16-week primary observation period

## PRETREATMENT REGIMEN

Day -1: Oral glucocorticoid<sup>a</sup>

Day 1: Glucocorticoid,<sup>b</sup> H1 blocker, and H2 blocker; C1INH at bedside

## PRIMARY PH2 ENDPOINT

- Number of angioedema attacks per month during primary observation period (Weeks 1-16)
  - Primary analysis occurred when the 25th patient reached Week 16

## REPORTED SECONDARY PH2 ENDPOINTS

- Safety
- Number of angioedema attacks per month (Weeks 5-16)
- Change from baseline in total plasma kallikrein level

## EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

- Change from baseline in QoL parameters, as measured by MOXIE AE-QoL and WPAI-GH

<sup>a</sup>Oral dexamethasone 8 mg or equivalent, 8-24 hours prior to study drug administration. <sup>b</sup>IV steroid (eg, dexamethasone, 10 mg or equivalent).

AE-QoL, angioedema quality of life questionnaire; C1INH, C1 inhibitor; H1, histamine receptor 1; H2, histamine receptor 2; HAE, hereditary angioedema; IV, intravenous; LTP, long-term prophylaxis;

QoL, quality of life; WPAI-GH, Work Productivity and Activity Impairment General Health questionnaire.

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# Patient Demographics and Characteristics

| Characteristic  |                      | NTLA-2002 25 mg<br>(n=10) | NTLA-2002 50 mg<br>(n=11) | Placebo<br>(n=6) |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Median age (range), years   |                      | 48.5 (34-62)              | 44.0 (18-61)              | 47.0 (31-76)     |
| Sex, n (%)  | Male                 | 7 (70.0)                  | 5 (45.5)                  | 2 (33.3)         |
| Median weight (range), kg   |                      | 89 (58-133)               | 78 (56-107)               | 79 (50-92)       |
| HAE type, n (%)   | HAE-C1INH-Type1      | 8 (80.0)                  | 10 (90.9)                 | 5 (83.3)         |
|   | HAE-C1INH-Type2      | 2 (20.0)                  | 1 (9.1)                   | 1 (16.7)         |
| Prior use of long-term prophylaxis, n (%)   |                      | 6 (60.0)                  | 6 (54.5)                  | 5 (83.3)         |
| Long-term prophylaxis prior to study entry, n (%)   | Lanadelumab          | 2 (20.0)                  | 2 (18.2)                  | 1 (16.7)         |
|   | Attenuated androgens | 2 (20.0)                  | 1 (9.1)                   | 2 (33.3)         |
|   | Berotrastat          | 1 (10.0)                  | 2 (18.2)                  | 1 (16.7)         |
|   | C1INH                | 1 (10.0)                  | 0                         | 1 (16.7)         |
|   | Tranexamic acid      | 0                         | 1 (9.1)                   | 0                |
| Median no. of angioedema attacks during the historical attack period (range) <sup>a</sup> |                      | 6.5 (3-24)                | 4.0 (3-11)                | 5.5 (3-9)        |
| Typical attack severity, n (%)  | Mild                 | 1 (10.0)                  | 0                         | 1 (16.7)         |
|   | Moderate             | 6 (60.0)                  | 9 (81.8)                  | 4 (66.7)         |
|   | Severe               | 3 (30.0)                  | 2 (18.2)                  | 1 (16.7)         |
| Mean baseline monthly attack rate, n  |                      | 3.6                       | 3.6                       | 3.7              |

As of April 4, 2024, median (range) follow-up was 8.2 months (4.4-11.8) in the 25-mg group, 5.6 months (2.9-11.5) in the 50-mg group, and 6.9 months (1.9-12.5) in the placebo group

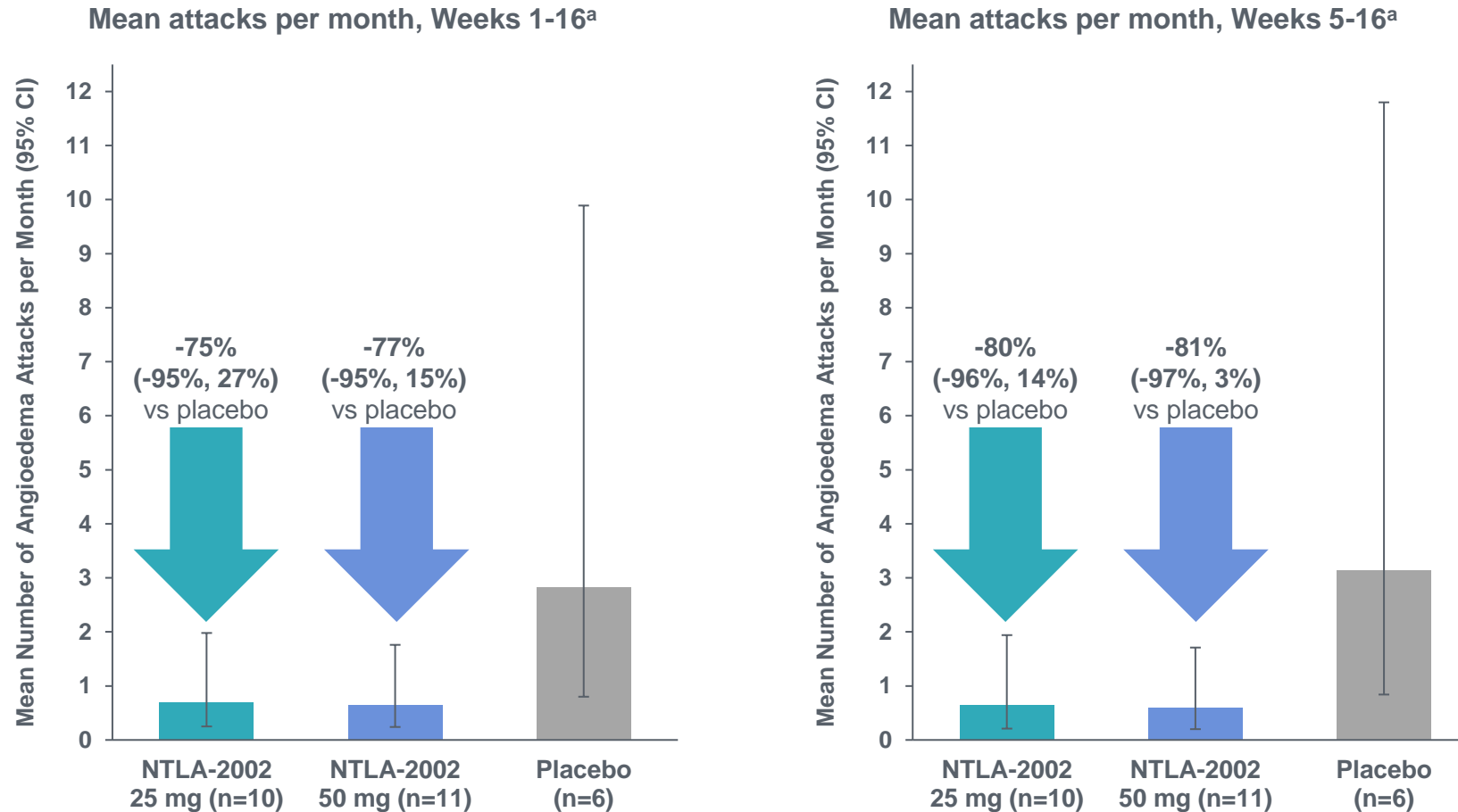
<sup>a</sup>The historical attack period is defined as the 90 days before the screening period, which coincided with washout of any long-term prophylaxis by a patient prior to study entry.

C1INH, C1 inhibitor; HAE, hereditary angioedema.

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# A Single Dose of NTLA-2002 Led to Reductions in Attacks Per Month

## Mean Number of Investigator-Confirmed Attacks Per Month



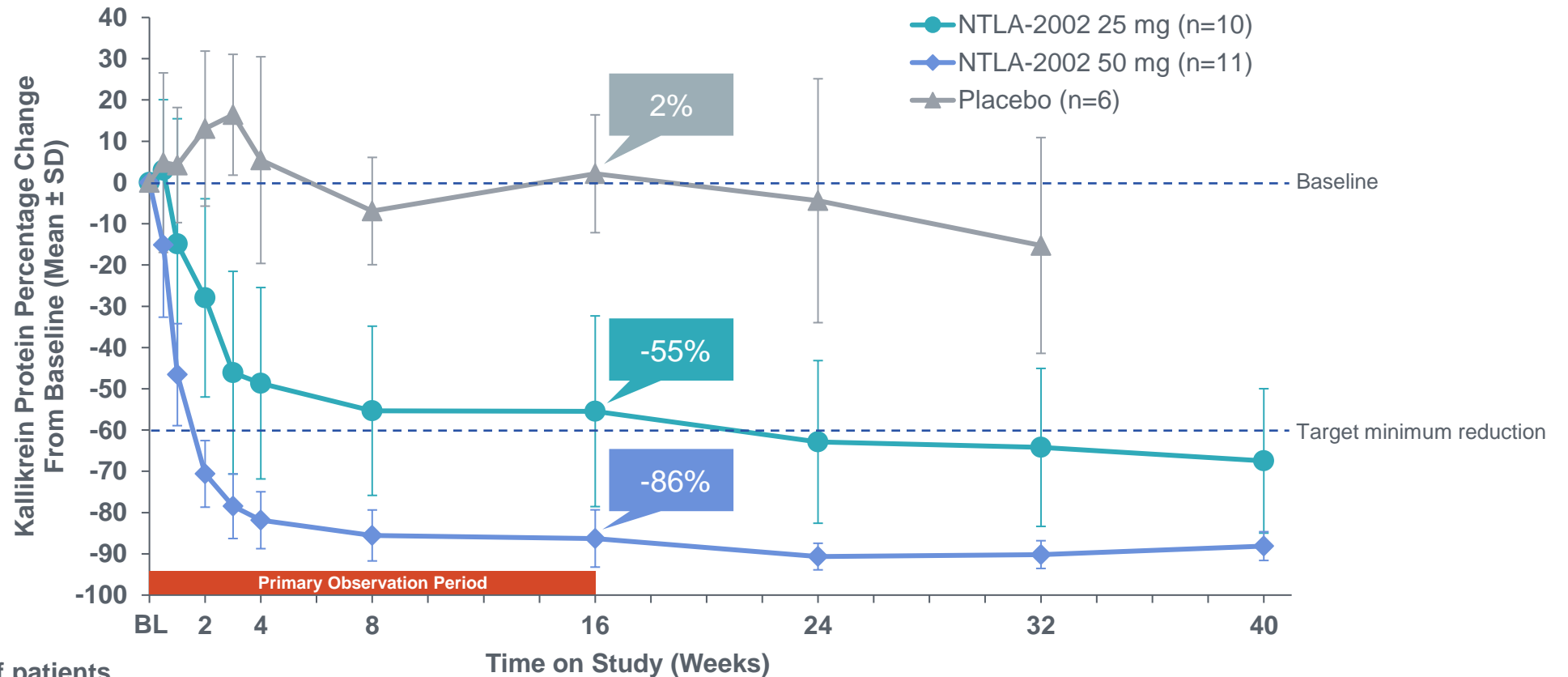
**In the NTLA-2002 50-mg group, 10 of 11 were without LTP and 8 of 11 patients were attack-free with no additional treatments after a median of 24.4 weeks (range, 12.6-50.0) follow-up**

<sup>a</sup>The mean number of angioedema attacks per month was estimated using a negative binomial model with treatment arm and baseline attack rate as independent variables. Baseline is defined as the time from date of informed consent to randomization. A month is defined as 28 days.

LTP, long-term prophylaxis.

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# A Single Dose of NTLA-2002 Continues to Show Dose-Dependent and Durable Reductions in Plasma Kallikrein Protein Over Time



## Number of patients

|                 | BL | 2  | 4  | 8  | 16 | 24 | 32 | 40 |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| NTLA-2002 25 mg | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6  | 6  | 4  |
| NTLA-2002 50 mg | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 5  | 5  | 3  |
| Placebo         | 6  | 6  | 6  | 5  | 5  | 4  | 3  |    |

For postbaseline assessments, only scheduled visits completed by at least 3 patients in each arm are presented. Dashed line represents targeted minimum reduction.

BL, baseline; SD, standard deviation.

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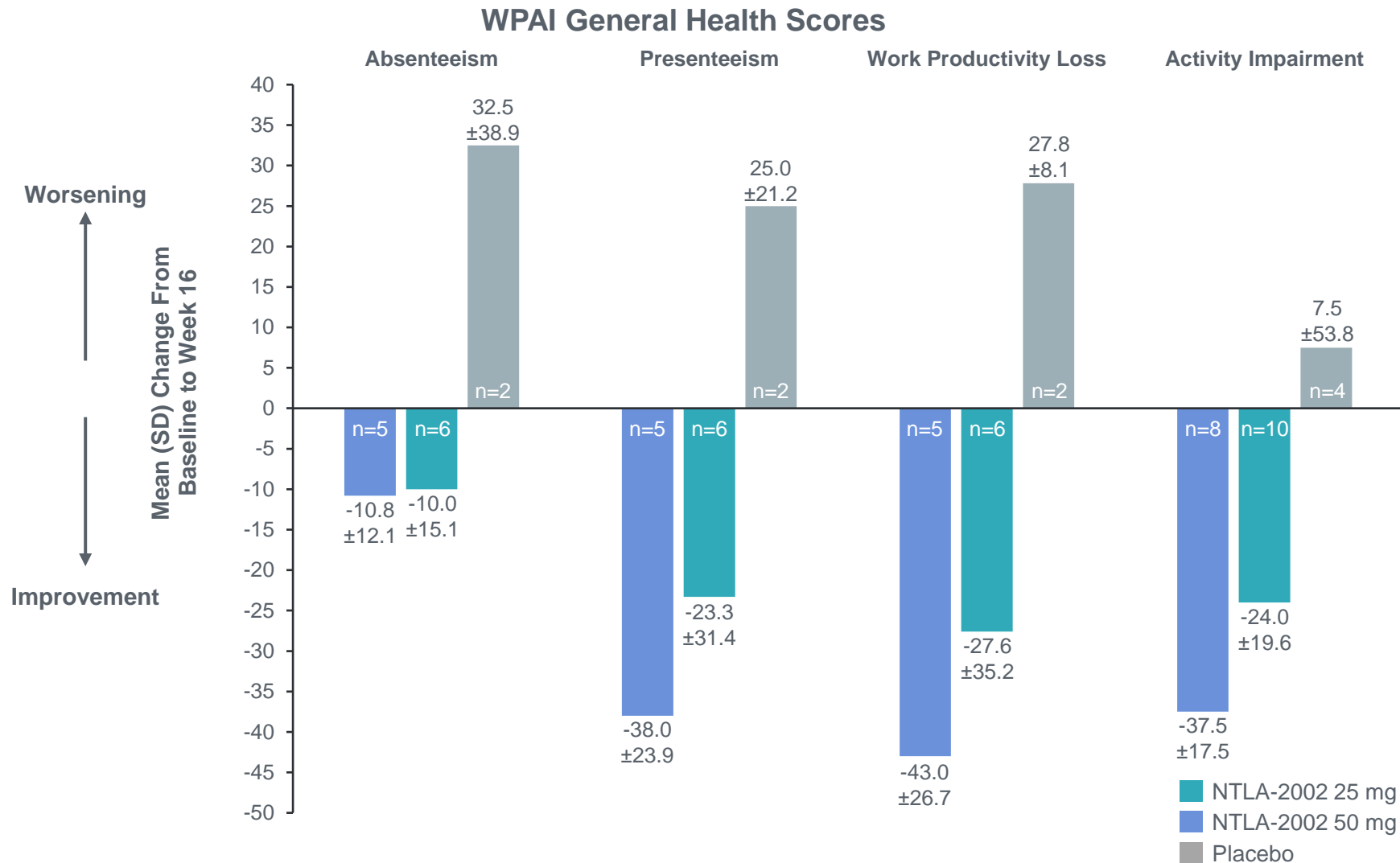
# A Single Dose of NTLA-2002 50 mg Demonstrated Notable Improvement in Mean AE-QoL Across All Domains



- A single dose of NTLA-2002 showed dose-dependent improvements in mean AE-QoL scores
- Greatest improvements were seen in functioning and fear/shame domains after a single administration of NTLA-2002 50 mg

Only patients with both baseline and Week 16 AE-QoL assessments were included in the analysis. AE-QoL, angioedema quality of life questionnaire; SD, standard deviation. Cohn DM, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2025;392:458-467.

# Dose-Dependent Improvements Were Observed Across all WPAI Domains After a Single Dose of NTLA-2002



- Patients who received NTLA-2002 50 mg experienced substantial improvements in all WPAI domains, especially in presenteeism and overall activity impairment

Absenteeism: percent of work time missed. Presenteeism: percent of work time spent with impairment. Work productivity loss: percent of total impairment calculated as addition of absenteeism and presenteeism. Activity impairment: percent of impairment in activities other than work. SD, standard deviation; WPAI, work productivity and activity impairment.

# NTLA-2002 Continues to Be Well Tolerated Across All Dose Levels

| TEAEs in ≥2 Patients After NTLA-2002 Administration (pooled), n (%) | NTLA-2002 25 mg (n=10) | NTLA-2002 50 mg (n=11) | Placebo (n=6) |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Any TEAE  | 10 (100)               | 11 (100)               | 6 (100)       |
| Headache  | 4 (40)                 | 4 (36)                 | 1 (17)        |
| Fatigue   | 3 (30)                 | 3 (27)                 | 2 (33)        |
| Nasopharyngitis   | 3 (30)                 | 3 (27)                 | 2 (33)        |
| Back pain   | 3 (30)                 | 2 (18)                 | 0             |
| Upper respiratory tract infection                                   | 3 (30)                 | 2 (18)                 | 1 (17)        |
| Cough   | 3 (30)                 | 1 (9)                  | 0             |
| Infusion-related reaction   | 1 (10)                 | 3 (27)                 | 1 (17)        |
| COVID-19  | 2 (20)                 | 1 (9)                  | 1 (17)        |
| Ear infection   | 2 (20)                 | 0                      | 0             |
| Epistaxis   | 0                      | 2 (18)                 | 1 (17)        |
| Influenza-like illness  | 1 (10)                 | 1 (9)                  | 0             |
| Oropharyngeal pain  | 1 (10)                 | 1 (9)                  | 1 (17)        |
| Pyrexia   | 0                      | 2 (18)                 | 0             |
| Sinusitis   | 1 (10)                 | 1 (9)                  | 0             |

- All TEAEs were Grade 1 or 2 in severity<sup>a</sup>
- No SAEs in patients treated with NTLA-2002
- 4 IRRs with NTLA-2002; 2 led to temporary interruption of study drug
  - Each instance resolved without sequelae and both patients received the full dose
- No clinically significant laboratory abnormalities
  - 1 patient had transient Grade 2 increase in ALT on Day 22

<sup>a</sup>Grading per Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events.

ALT, alanine aminotransferase; IRR, infusion-related reaction; SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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## Phase 2 Data Reinforce the Potential of NTLA-2002 to Be a Functional Cure With Favorable Impact on Quality of Life in Patients With HAE

- NTLA-2002 is the first CRISPR-based treatment to demonstrate robust and durable attack rate reductions compared with placebo, with notable improvements in health-related QOL in patients with HAE
- Greater improvement in specific domains of AE-QoL and WPAI assessments suggests patients may be able to achieve normalization of their lives, with a majority of patients treated with NTLA-2002 50 mg remaining without LTP through the follow-up period
- NTLA-2002 resulted in deep, dose-dependent, and durable reductions in plasma kallikrein protein, which have remained stable for the duration of follow-up
- NTLA-2002 continues to be well tolerated with an acceptable safety profile
- Based on these results, efficacy, safety, and QOL of patients treated with NTLA-2002 50 mg are currently being assessed in the randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 HAELO trial (NCT06634420)

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