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## Dupilumab Long-Term Safety and Efficacy in Patients With Asthma: LIBERTY ASTHMA TRAVERSE

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## **Background and aim**



- Dupilumab, a fully human monoclonal antibody, blocks the shared receptor component for IL-4 and IL-13, key and central drivers of type 2 inflammation in multiple diseases<sup>1–4</sup>
- The efficacy and safety of dupilumab up to 1 year have been demonstrated
  - In the phase 2b DRI (P2b; NCT01854047)<sup>5</sup> and phase 3 QUEST (NCT02414854)<sup>6</sup> studies, add-on dupilumab 200 mg and 300 mg q2w, vs placebo, significantly reduced severe asthma exacerbations and improved pre-BD FEV<sub>1</sub> in patients with uncontrolled, moderate-to-severe asthma with greater treatment effects in patients with elevated type 2 biomarkers at baseline

### Aim

 To evaluate the long-term safety, tolerability, and efficacy of dupilumab in an open-label extension study (NCT02134028) of patients with asthma who completed a previous dupilumab asthma clinical study (P2b, phase 3 QUEST, phase 2a EXPEDITION [NCT02573233], or phase 3 VENTURE [NCT02528214])

## LIBERTY ASTHMA TRAVERSE open-label extension study (NCT02134028) study design





Patient numbers presented for parent studies represent the number of patients who enrolled into and were exposed to treatment in the OLE. <sup>a</sup>Total number of patients enrolled and exposed to treatment in the OLE. <sup>b</sup>Total number of patients who continued to be exposed to treatment beyond 48 weeks. OCS, oral corticosteroid; OLE, open-label extension; q4w, every 4 weeks; SC, subcutaneous.

### Rates of TEAEs in the OLE were similar to those observed in the parent studies<sup>5–7</sup> with no new safety signals identified



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• Rates of TEAEs in the overall ITT populations of the parent studies, P2b, QUEST, and VENTURE, were 75–83%, 81–83%, and 62–64%, respectively<sup>5–7</sup>

| OLE outcomes  | Patients from P2b                           |   | Patients from QUEST                         |   | Patients from VENTURE                      |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | Placebo/dupilumab <sup>a</sup><br>(n = 111) | Dupilumab∕dupilumab <sup>♭</sup><br>(n = 421) | Placebo/dupilumab <sup>a</sup><br>(n = 517) | Dupilumab/dupilumab <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 1,013) | Placebo/dupilumab <sup>a</sup><br>(n = 97) | Dupilumab/dupilumab <sup>b</sup><br>(n = 90) |  |
| Patients with any TEAE  |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| n (%)   | 88 (79.3)                                   | 369 (87.6)                                    | 414 (80.1)                                  | 789 (77.9)                                      | 74 (76.3)                                  | 70 (77.8)                                    |  |
| nP/PY (nP/100 PY) <sup>c</sup>  | 88/72.5 (121.4)                             | 369/228.7 (161.4)                             | 414/293.6 (141.0)                           | 789/613.6 (128.6)                               | 74/57.0 (129.8)                            | 70/53.8 (130.0)                              |  |
| Patients with any treatment-emergent SAE                              |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| n (%)   | 14 (12.6)                                   | 42 (10.0)                                     | 48 (9.3)                                    | 106 (10.5)                                      | 12 (12.4)                                  | 10 (11.1)                                    |  |
| nP/PY (nP/100 PY) <sup>c</sup>  | 14/207.0 (6.8)                              | 42/794.2 (5.3)                                | 48/747.9 (6.4)                              | 106/1457.6 (7.3)                                | 12/125.3 (9.6)                             | 10/119.4 (8.4)                               |  |
| Patients with any TEAE leading to death                               |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| n (%)   | 0   | 3 (0.7)                                       | 0   | 1 (< 0.1)                                       | 0  | 0  |  |
| nP/PY (nP/100 PY) <sup>c</sup>  | 0/222.3                                     | 3/827.6 (0.4)                                 | 0/780.5                                     | 1/1543.4 (< 0.1)                                | 0/137.6                                    | 0/124.8                                      |  |
| Patients with any TEAE leading to permanent treatment discontinuation |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| n (%)   | 3 (2.7)                                     | 19 (4.5)                                      | 12 (2.3)                                    | 31 (3.1)  | 4 (4.1)                                    | 5 (5.6)                                      |  |
| nP/PY (nP/100 PY) <sup>c</sup>  | 3/221.5 (1.4)                               | 19/822.4 (2.3)                                | 12/777.1 (1.5)                              | 31/1534.4 (2.0)                                 | 4/136.4 (2.9)                              | 5/123.5 (4.0)                                |  |

 The most common TEAEs occurring in any treatment group during OLE were nasopharyngitis and injection-site erythema, 9–13% of patients experienced SAEs, the number of patients with TEAE leading to permanent discontinuation was low and 4 deaths occurred (metastatic lung cancer, adenocarcinoma gastric, craniocerebral injury, and respiratory failure)

<sup>a</sup>Patients who had been in the placebo arms of the parent studies and then exposed to dupilumab 300 mg q2w in the OLE. <sup>b</sup>Patients who had been in the dupilumab arms of the parent studies and exposed to dupilumab 300 mg q2w in the OLE. <sup>c</sup>For patients with event, PY are calculated up to the date of the first incidence; for patients without event, PY correspond to the length of study observation period.

ITT, intent-to-treat; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; n (%), number and percentage of patients with  $\geq$  1 TEAE; nP, number of patients with any event; nP/100 PY, number of patients with  $\geq$  1 event per 100 patient-years; PY, patient-years; SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

In non-OCS dependent patients, the low unadjusted annualized exacerbation rate observed in the parent studies<sup>5–7</sup> were sustained during the OLE



- At parent study baseline for P2b and QUEST, mean number of exacerbations in the past year across treatment groups in the overall ITT populations were 1.85–2.37 and 2.02– 2.31, respectively<sup>5,6</sup>
- At end of parent study treatment, unadjusted AER for placebo- and dupilumab-treated patients were 1.07 and 0.31–0.69 for P2b and 0.98–1.09 and 0.48– 0.56 for QUEST, respectively
- During the OLE, unadjusted AER ranged from 0.31–0.35 in the non-OCS dependent population



# In non-OCS dependent patients, improvements in FEV<sub>1</sub> observed in the parent studies<sup>5–7</sup> were sustained during the OLE



- At parent study baseline for P2b and QUEST, mean FEV<sub>1</sub> across treatment groups in the overall ITT populations was 1.79–1.86 and 1.75–1.78 L, respectively<sup>5,6</sup>
- At end of parent study treatment, mean FEV<sub>1</sub> for placebo- and dupilumab-treated patients was 1.99 and 2.11–2.15 L for P2b and 1.89–1.94 and 2.13 L for QUEST, respectively<sup>5,6</sup>
- At Week 96 of the OLE, mean FEV<sub>1</sub> was 2.02–2.12 L (13%–22% mean percent change from parent study baseline) in the non-OCS dependent population



BL represents the baseline of the parent study, Week 0 represents the start of the OLE, and Weeks refer to the time in OLE without regard to any time in any parent study. BL, baseline; SE, standard error.

### Conclusions



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- Long-term treatment of adult and adolescent moderate-to-severe asthma patients with dupilumab 300 mg q2w was generally well tolerated, with a long-term safety profile that was consistent with that seen in the shorter duration parent studies, P2b, QUEST and VENTURE<sup>5-7</sup>
- Long-term treatment of adult and adolescent, non-OCS dependent, moderate-tosevere asthma patients with dupilumab demonstrated maintenance of the clinical efficacy that was observed in the parent studies, P2b and QUEST,<sup>5,6</sup> including a persistently low exacerbation rate and sustained improvements in lung function up to 96 weeks

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