

Analysis of Baseline Influences on Platelet Response to Avatrombopag (AVA) from a Phase 3b Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo (PBO)-controlled, Parallel-group Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of AVA for the Treatment of Pediatric Patients with Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP)

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CONCLUSIONS

A platelet response to AVA was noted across patients with a variety of baseline characteristics. High response rates were noted despite 77% of patients receiving multiple TPO-RAs prior to study entry and 73% with no response to prior TPO-RAs.

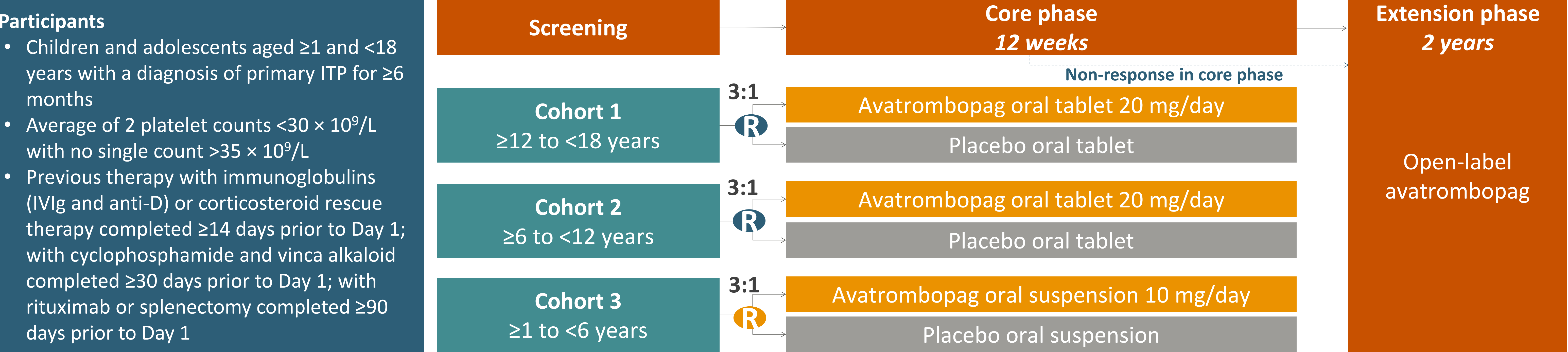
BACKGROUND

- After failure of first-line therapies (e.g. corticosteroids or immunoglobulin) in pediatric immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), treatment options for children include immunosuppressants and thrombopoietin receptor agonists (TPO-RAs).
- The oral TPO-RA AVA could be a desirable option for pediatric patients as AVA does not require an injection in a physician's office, is taken with meals, and does not carry food-type or timing restrictions.
- Top-line results of the phase 3b, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of AVA for the treatment of pediatric patients with immune thrombocytopenia were previously reported¹.
 - The primary endpoint of platelet response (≥ 2 consecutive platelet counts $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ without rescue therapy) was met by 81.5% for AVA versus 0% for placebo ($p < 0.0001$) in a population where 55/75 (73.3%) had failed to respond to a previous thrombopoietin receptor agonist (TPO-RA).
- The aim of this analysis was to evaluate the correlation of baseline characteristics with platelet response to AVA in pediatric ITP.

METHODS

- The phase 3b, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial evaluated the efficacy and safety of AVA for the treatment of pediatric patients with ITP for ≥ 6 months (NCT04516967) (Figure 1).
- These post-hoc analyses evaluate the proportion of patients randomized to AVA with a platelet response based on baseline characteristics [sex, presence of WHO-defined bleeding (Grades ≥ 1), ITP duration, number of prior ITP treatments, prior treatment with TPO-RA, type of prior TPO-RA treatment, response to prior TPO-RA, low weight for age (Low Weight: $< 55\text{kg}$ in Cohort 1, $< 33\text{kg}$ in Cohort 2, $< 18\text{kg}$ in Cohort 3)].

Figure 1: Phase 3b Study Design



RESULTS

- Overall, 75 patients aged 1 to 17 years were enrolled; 54 were randomized to AVA and 21 to PBO (Table 1).

Table 1: Patient Baseline Characteristics		
	AVA (N=54)	PBO (N=21)
Female, n (%)	24 (44.4)	12 (57.1)
Age, years (mean \pm SD)	8.9 \pm 4.4	9.9 \pm 4.1
Race, n (%)		
White	48 (88.9)	15 (71.4)
Asian	3 (5.6)	1 (4.8)
Platelet count $\leq 15 \times 10^9/L$, n (%)	45 (83.3)	17 (81.0)
Platelet count (mean \pm SD)	12.0 \pm 6.8	11.2 \pm 6.6
Bruising or bleeding, n (%)	39 (72.2)	16 (76.2)
WHO bleeding scale for the 7 days prior to baseline, n (%)		
Grade 1	3 (5.6)	2 (9.5)
Grade 2		
Time from primary ITP diagnosis to first dose, weeks (mean \pm SD)	202 \pm 164	225 \pm 181
≥ 3 previous ITP medications received since diagnosis, n (%)	37 (68.5)	14 (66.7)
Prior TPO-RA use, n (%)	40 (74.1)	15 (71.4)
Prior TPO-RA response, n (%)	17 (42.5)	3 (20.0)
Splenectomy, n (%)	2 (3.7)	2 (9.5)

