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 foodtype or timing restrictions.
- Top-line results of the phase 3b, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled, 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 ≥50×10⁹/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: <55kg in Cohort 1, <33kg in Cohort 2, <18kg in Cohort 3)].

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 ± SD)	8.9 ± 4.4	9.9 ± 4.1		
Race, n (%) White Asian	48 (88.9) 3 (5.6)	15 (71.4) 1 (4.8)		
Platelet count ≤15 × 10 ⁹ /L, n (%)	45 (83.3)	17 (81.0)		
Platelet count (mean ± SD)	12.0 ± 6.8	11.2 ± 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 Grade 2	36 (66.7) 3 (5.6)	14 (66.7) 2 (9.5)		

Grade 2	3 (3.0)	2 (3.3)
Time from primary ITP diagnosis to first dose, weeks (mean ± SD)	202 ± 164	225 ± 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)

17 (42.5)

2 (3.7)

3 (20.0)

2 (9.5)

Figure 1: Phase 3b Study Design

Participants

- Children and adolescents aged ≥1 and <18 years with a diagnosis of primary ITP for ≥6 months
- Average of 2 platelet counts <30 × 10⁹/L with no single count $>35 \times 10^9/L$
- Previous therapy with immunoglobulins (IVIg and anti-D) or corticosteroid rescue therapy completed ≥14 days prior to Day 1; with cyclophosphamide and vinca alkaloid completed ≥30 days prior to Day 1; with rituximab or splenectomy completed ≥90 days prior to Day 1

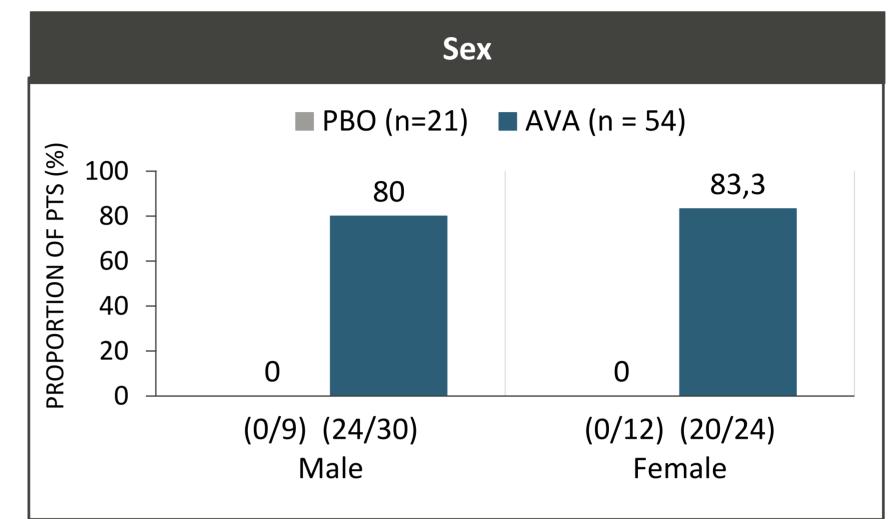
Screening		Core phase 12 weeks	Extension phase 2 years
	3:1	Non-response in core phase	>
Cohort 1	R	Avatrombopag oral tablet 20 mg/day	
≥12 to <18 years		Placebo oral tablet	Open-label
Cohort 2	3:1 R	Avatrombopag oral tablet 20 mg/day	avatrombopag
≥6 to <12 years		Placebo oral tablet	
Cohort 3 ≥1 to <6 years	3:1 R	Avatrombopag oral suspension 10 mg/day Placebo oral suspension	

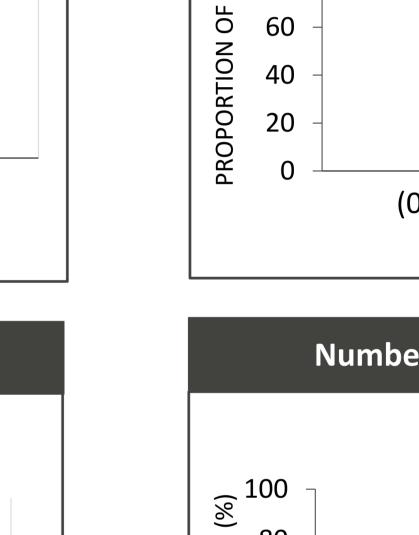
Prior TPO-RA response, n (%)

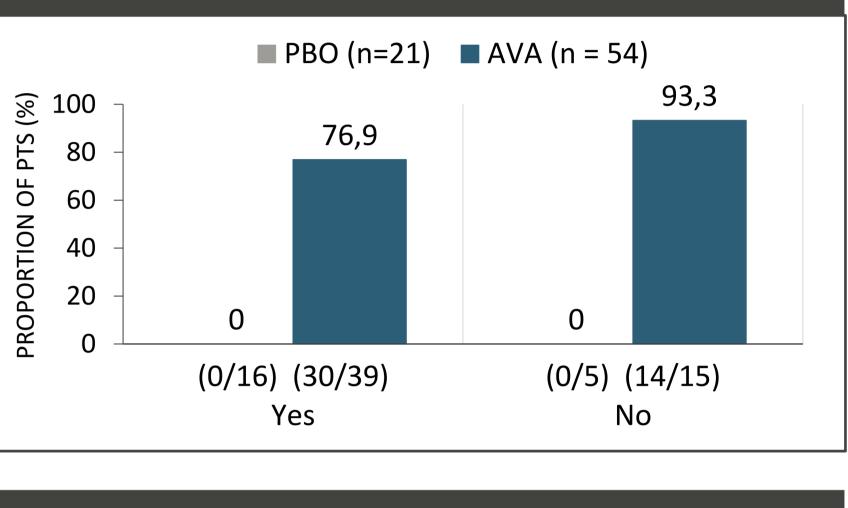
Splenectomy, n (%)

Baseline Characteristic Correlates of Platelet Response* to AVA *achieving at least 2 consecutive PC ≥ 50×10⁹/L without rescue therapy during the 12-week core phase

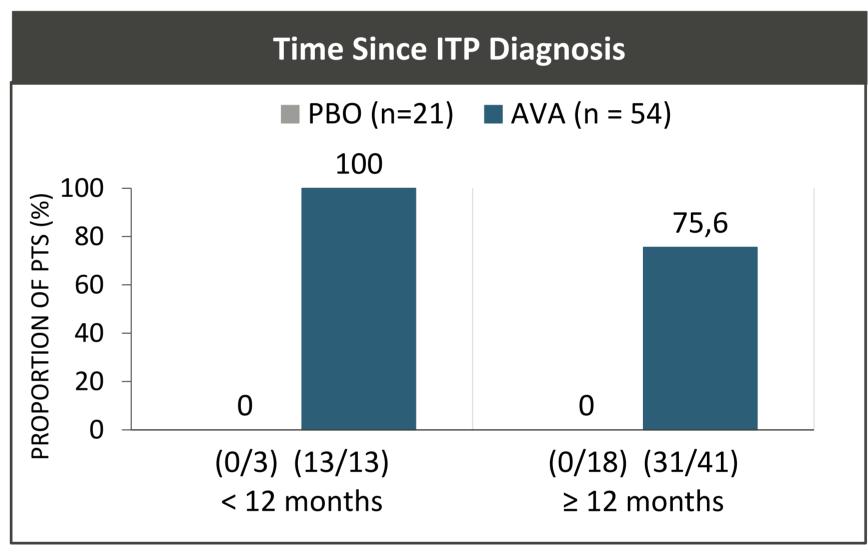
 The baseline characteristics correlating with platelet response to AVA include female sex, no bleeding at enrollment, duration of ITP <12 months, no prior TPO-RA treatment, a response to prior TPO-RA treatment, and low baseline weight

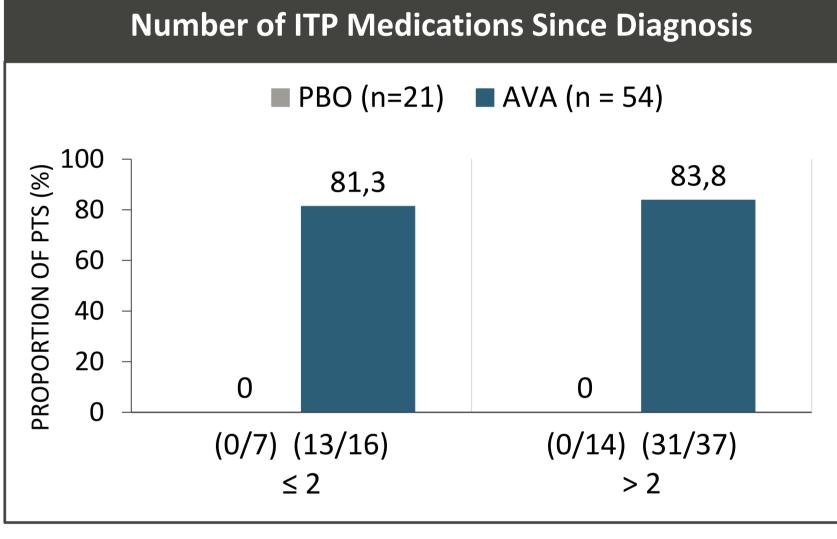


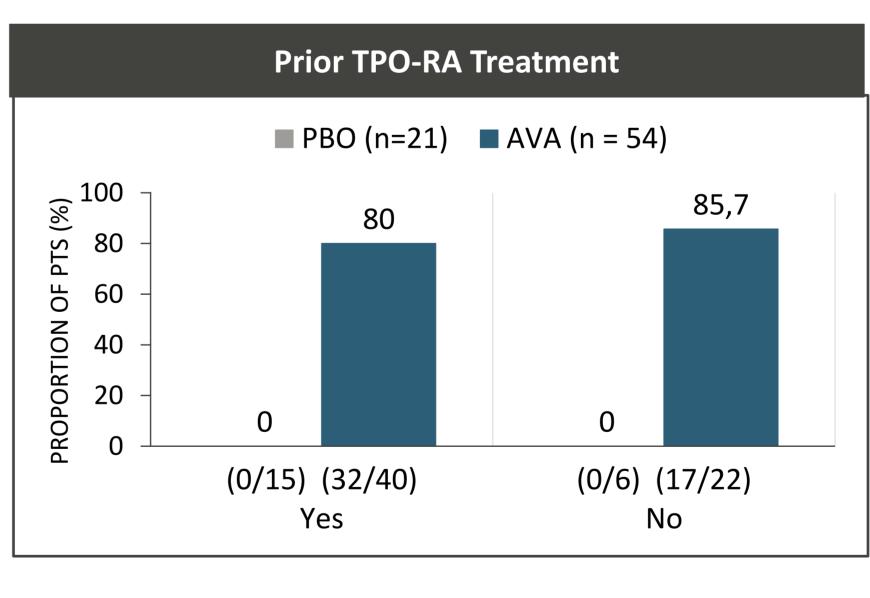


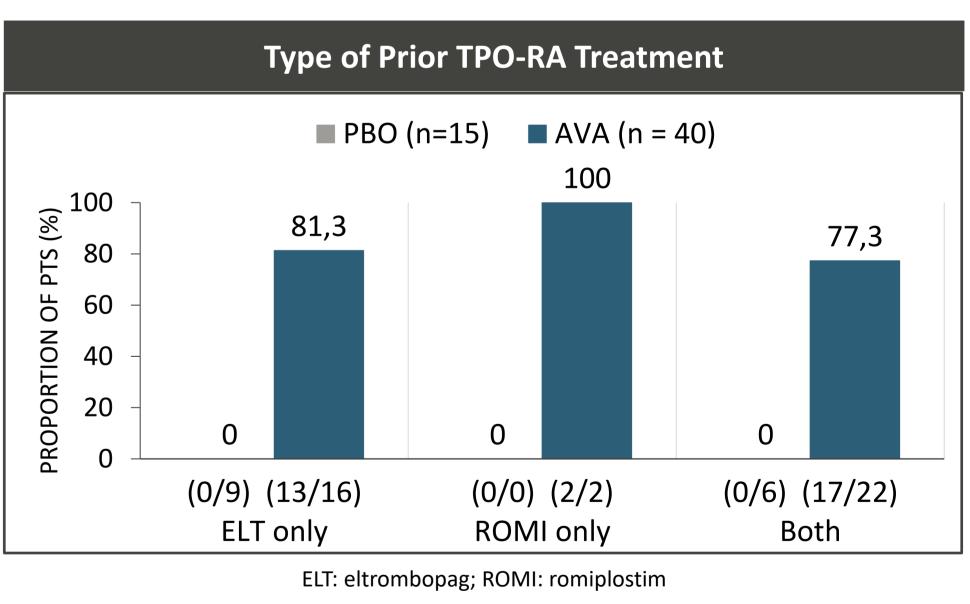


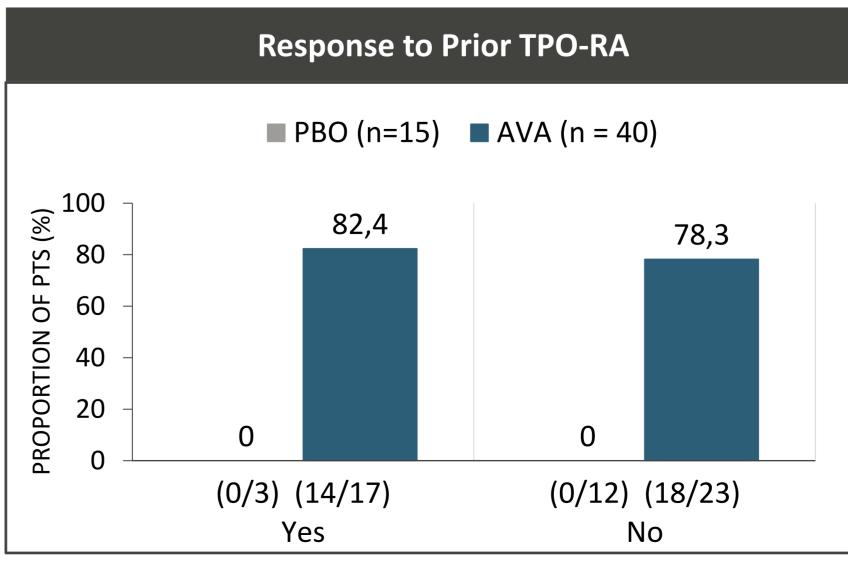
Bleeding at baseline (WHO grades ≥ 1)

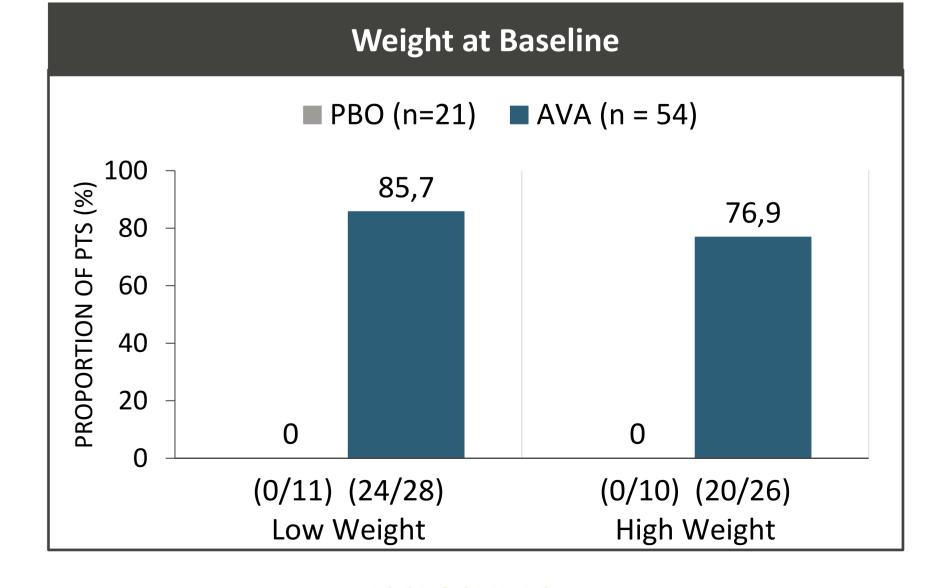












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DISCLOSURES

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