

assessed through study end (18 [2xSMN2] or 24 months [3xSMN2]). Primary outcomes: independent sitting for  $\geq 30$  seconds (18 months [2xSMN2]) or assisted standing (24 months [3xSMN2]). **Results:** From April–September 2018, 7 infants received AVXS-101 (4 female; 6 with 2xSMN2) at ages 8–37 days. Mean baseline CHOP-INTEND score was 41.7 ( $n=6$ ), which increased by 6.8, 11.0, 18.0, and 22.5 points at day 14 ( $n=4$ ), month 1 ( $n=3$ ), 2 ( $n=3$ ), and 3 ( $n=2$ ). Updated data available at the time of the congress will be presented. **Conclusions:** Preliminary data from SPRINT show rapid motor function improvements in presymptomatic SMA patients.

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### AVXS-101 gene-replacement therapy (GRT) in spinal muscular atrophy type 1 (SMA1): long-term follow-up from the phase 1 clinical trial

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**Background:** SMA is a neurodegenerative disease caused by biallelic deletion/mutation of the survival motor neuron (*SMN1*) gene. In the phase 1 trial (NCT02122952), *SMN* GRT onasemnogene abeparvovec (AVXS-101) improved outcomes of 15 symptomatic SMA1 patients (3 at a lower dose [cohort 1] and 12 at the proposed therapeutic dose [cohort 2]). This report describes long-term follow-up study design and data from the phase 1 study. **Methods:** Patients in the phase 1 study could rollover into a long-term follow-up study (NCT03421977). The primary objective is to collect long-term safety data (serious adverse events, hospitalizations, and adverse events of special interest). Annual follow-up will occur for 15 years. Additionally, patient record transfers from local clinician(s) will be requested. Safety assessments include medical history and record review, physical examination, clinical laboratory evaluation, and pulmonary assessments. Efficacy assessments include physical examination to assess developmental milestones. **Results:** As of September 27, 2018, the oldest patients are 59.2 (cohort 1) and 52.1 (cohort 2) months old and free of permanent ventilation. Preliminary data, including survival and developmental milestones, will be presented. **Conclusions:** Patients treated with a one-time dose of AVXS-101 continue to gain strength, develop, and achieve new milestones, demonstrating a long-term, durable response.

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### Quality of my life: perceptions of boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and their parents

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**Background:** To attain the most comprehensive view of the quality of life (QoL) of a child with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), the completion of a pediatric QoL measure by the child and his/her parent and the assessment of QoL and health-related

quality of life (HRQoL) as separate constructs is crucial. Previous QoL research has not assessed HRQoL as a separate construct. By using the Quality of My Life (QoML) questionnaire, our objective was to describe QoL and HRQoL in boys with DMD based on child- and parent-reports. **Methods:** Parent and child dyads identified via the Canadian Neuromuscular Disease Registry received QoML questionnaires (2013–2016). Children and parent-proxy each completed the QoL and HRQoL Visual Analog Scales. Responses were marked on a 10-cm line, with higher scores (max=10) reflecting higher QoL and HRQoL. Descriptive statistics were computed for child- and parent-reports of QoL and HRQoL at three time-points. **Results:** Mean(*SD*) QoL and HRQoL scores for child- and parent-reports were: 1) Baseline ( $n=20$  dyads), 8.32(1.72) vs. 6.73(2.23) and 7.63(2.51) vs. 6.73(2.19); 2) 18-months ( $n=10$  dyads,  $n=9$  dyads), 7.83(2.05) vs 7.66(1.66) and 7.62(2.41) vs 7.41(2.16); 3) 36-months ( $n=15$  dyads) 7.38(2.00) vs. 6.99(1.77) and 7.19(2.70) vs. 6.76(2.26). **Conclusions:** Boys with DMD report higher QoL and HRQoL compared to their parents.

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### Abnormal fatty acid metabolism is a feature of spinal muscular atrophy

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**Background:** Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a children's neuromuscular disorder. Although motor neuron loss is a major feature of the disease, we have identified fatty acid abnormalities in SMA patients and in preclinical animal models, suggesting metabolic perturbation is also an important component of SMA. **Methods:** Biochemical, histological, proteomic, and high resolution respirometry were used. **Results:** SMA patients are more susceptible to dyslipidemia than the average population as determined by a standard lipid profile in a cohort of 72 pediatric patients. As well, we observed a non-alcoholic liver disease phenotype in a preclinical mouse model. Denervation alone was not sufficient to induce liver steatosis, as a mouse model of ALS, did not develop fatty liver. Hyperglucagonemia in *Smn*<sup>2B/-</sup> mice could explain the hepatic steatosis by increasing plasma substrate availability via glycogen depletion and peripheral lipolysis. Proteomic analysis identified mitochondrion and lipid metabolism as major clusters. Alterations in mitochondrial function were revealed by high-resolution respirometry. Finally, low-fat diets led to increased survival in *Smn*<sup>2B/-</sup> mice. **Conclusions:** These results provide strong evidence for lipid metabolism defects in SMA. Further investigation will be required to establish the primary mechanism of these alterations and understand how they lead to additional co-morbidities in SMA patients.