

# Improvement of ocular subdomain scores with zilucoplan in patients with generalized myasthenia gravis in RAISE and RAISE-XT studies

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## Introduction

- Ocular symptoms are burdensome for people with gMG and can negatively impact their quality of life<sup>1</sup>
- In the pivotal Phase 3 RAISE study (NCT04115293), zilucoplan, a complement C5 inhibitor, demonstrated clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvements in MG-ADL and QMG total scores in patients with anti-AChR Ab+ gMG<sup>2</sup>
- The objective of this analysis was to evaluate the effect of zilucoplan on ocular symptoms in patients with gMG in RAISE and RAISE-XT (NCT04225871), an ongoing, Phase 3, open-label extension study

## Methods

- In RAISE, adults with anti-AChR Ab+ gMG were randomized to self-administer either subcutaneous zilucoplan 0.3 mg/kg or placebo once daily for 12 weeks
- Patients who completed RAISE or a Phase 2 study (NCT03315130) entered RAISE-XT to receive zilucoplan 0.3 mg/kg
  - The primary outcome of RAISE-XT was incidence of TEAEs

- We assessed (*post hoc*) CFB in MG-ADL, QMG and MG-QoL 15r ocular subdomain scores at Week 12 of RAISE and Week 120 of RAISE-XT in patients with baseline scores  $\geq 1$  in that subdomain, as well as in individual ocular items for each scale at Week 120 (**Table 1**)
- The interim data cut-off date for RAISE-XT was 11 November 2023

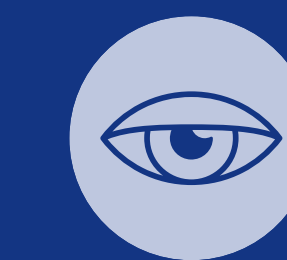
## Results

- Overall, 174 patients enrolled in RAISE (zilucoplan, n=86; placebo, n=88)
- At Week 12 of RAISE, mean CFB in ocular subdomain scores across MG-ADL, QMG and MG-QoL 15r was greater for zilucoplan than placebo (**Figure 1**)
- In total, 200 patients enrolled in RAISE-XT
- The improvements observed in the ocular subdomain scores of these assessments were sustained through to Week 120 in RAISE-XT (**Figure 2**)
  - Similar improvements were also observed in patients' scores on individual ocular items for these assessments (**Figure 3**)
- In RAISE-XT, TEAEs occurred in 97.0% (194/200) of patients
  - Overall, 40.5% (81/200) of patients experienced a serious TEAE, of whom 2.5% (5/200) experienced a serious treatment-related TEAE

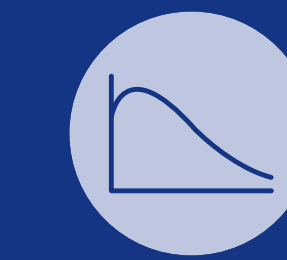
## Summary and conclusions



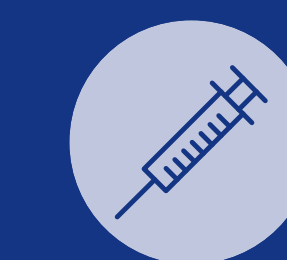
This *post hoc* analysis evaluated the effect of zilucoplan on ocular symptoms in patients with gMG in RAISE and RAISE-XT



Treatment with zilucoplan led to improvements in MG-ADL, QMG and MG-QoL 15r ocular subdomain scores versus placebo in the RAISE study



The improvements in ocular subdomain scores were sustained with long-term use of zilucoplan, through to Week 120

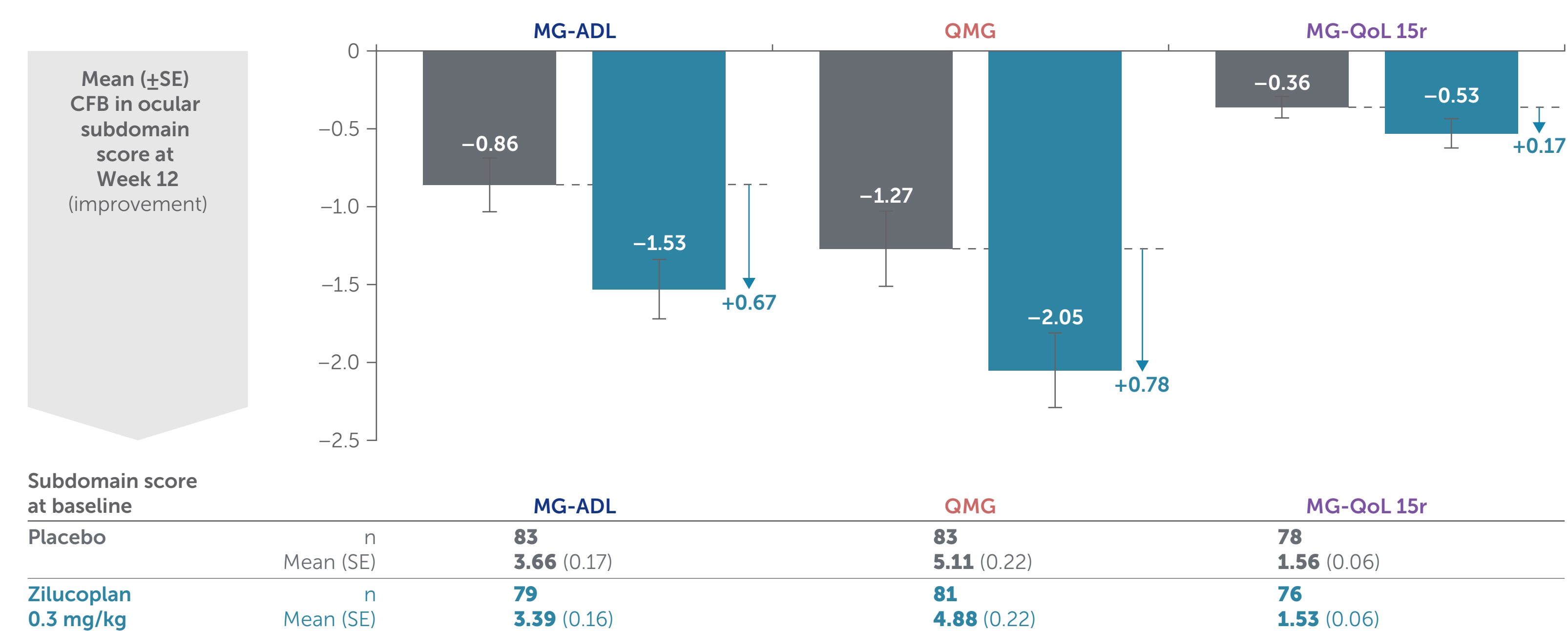


These data further support zilucoplan as a treatment option for patients with gMG, including those with ocular symptoms

**Table 1** Ocular items in MG-ADL, QMG and MG-QoL 15r assessments

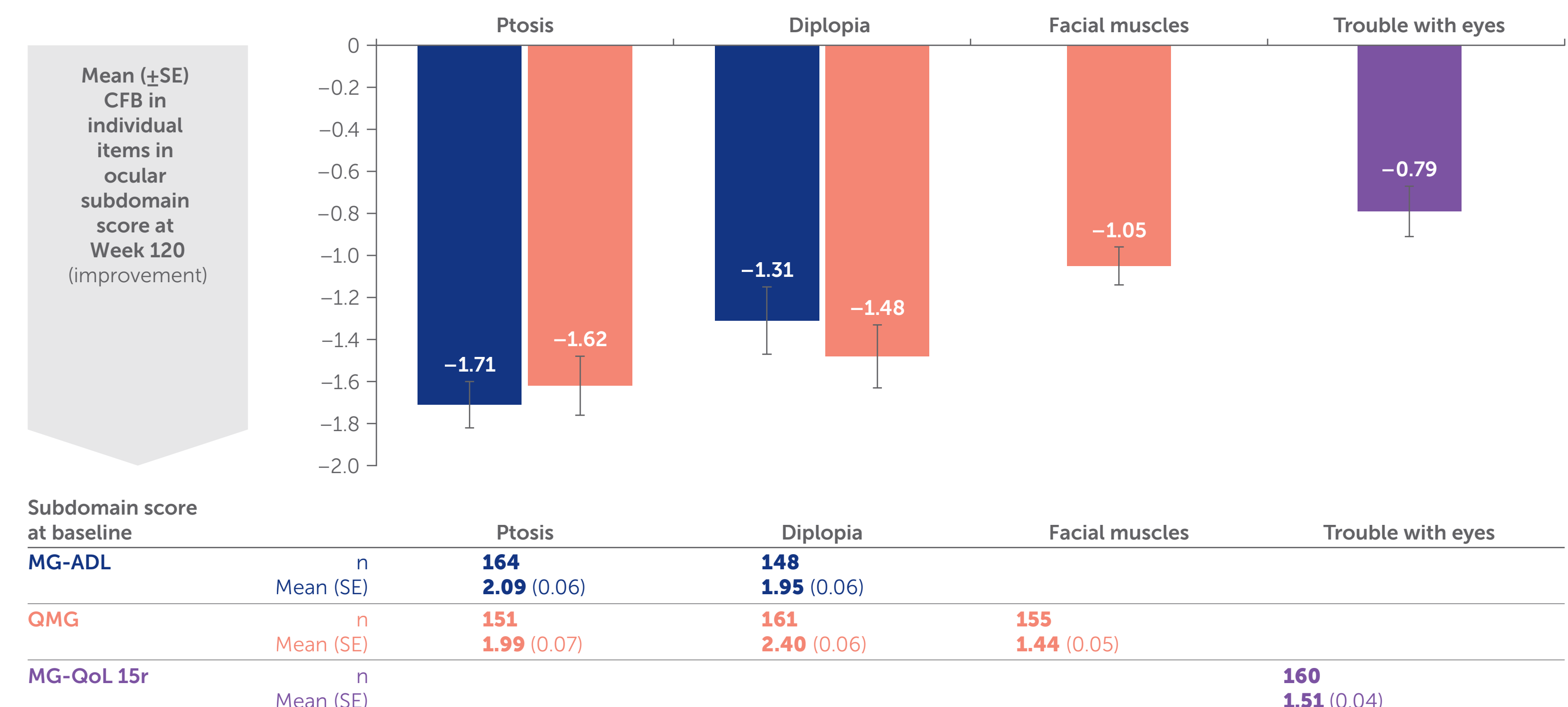
	Ptosis	Diplopia	Facial muscles	Trouble with eyes	Total ocular score
<b>MG-ADL</b>	Eyelid droop (score 0–3)	Double vision (score 0–3)	–	–	6
<b>QMG</b>	Ptosis (upward gaze)(score 0–3)	Double vision on lateral gaze (score 0–3)	Facial muscles (score 0–3)	–	9
<b>MG-QoL 15r</b>	–	–	–	I have trouble with my eyes because of my MG (e.g. double vision) (score 0–2)	2

**Figure 1** In patients who were experiencing ocular symptoms at baseline, improvement in ocular subdomain scores at Week 12 was greater with zilucoplan than placebo



mITT population, which included all patients who received at least one dose of zilucoplan and had at least one post-dosing MG-ADL score. CFB assessed in patients with ocular subdomain scores  $\geq 1$ .

**Figure 3** Improvements were observed in patients' scores on all individual ocular subdomain items at Week 120 in patients with a baseline ocular subdomain score  $\geq 1$



mITT population. Scoring scales range from 0 to 3 for each individual item for MG-ADL and QMG, and 0 to 2 for MG-QoL 15r.

**Figure 2** Improvements in ocular subdomain scores for a) MG-ADL, b) QMG and c) MG-QoL 15r were sustained through to Week 120 in patients with a baseline ocular subdomain score  $\geq 1$



mITT population.

**Abbreviations:** Anti-AChR Ab+, anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody positive; C5, component 5; CFB, change from baseline; gMG, generalised myasthenia gravis; MG, myasthenia gravis; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; MG-QoL 15r, Myasthenia Gravis Quality of Life 15-item revised; mITT, modified intention to treat; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis; SE, standard error; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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