

Improvement in myasthenia gravis-specific outcome subdomain scores with zilucoplan: RAISE-XT 120-week *post hoc* analysis

UCI 2026, Huntington Beach, CA, USA; May 29, 2026

Introduction

- gMG may affect a range of muscle groups depending on the individual, and treatments may affect these muscle groups differently¹
- In the Phase 3 RAISE study (NCT04115293), zilucoplan, a complement C5 inhibitor, demonstrated clinically meaningful improvements in MG-ADL and QMG total scores versus placebo in adults with anti-AChR Ab+ gMG² that were sustained in the OLE study, RAISE-XT (NCT04225871)^{3,4}
- This *post hoc* analysis assessed mean CFB in MG-ADL and QMG subdomain scores up to Week 120 in patients who were experiencing those symptoms at baseline

Methods

- Patients who completed a qualifying double-blind study (NCT03315130/RAISE) could enter RAISE-XT to self-administer once-daily subcutaneous injections of zilucoplan 0.3 mg/kg (Figure 1)
- Mean changes from double-blind baseline to Week 120 in MG-ADL and QMG subdomain scores (ocular, bulbar, respiratory and limb/gross motor) in patients with baseline scores ≥ 1 in that subdomain were assessed *post hoc* (interim data cut-off: 11 November 2023) (Figure 2)

Figure 1 Study design

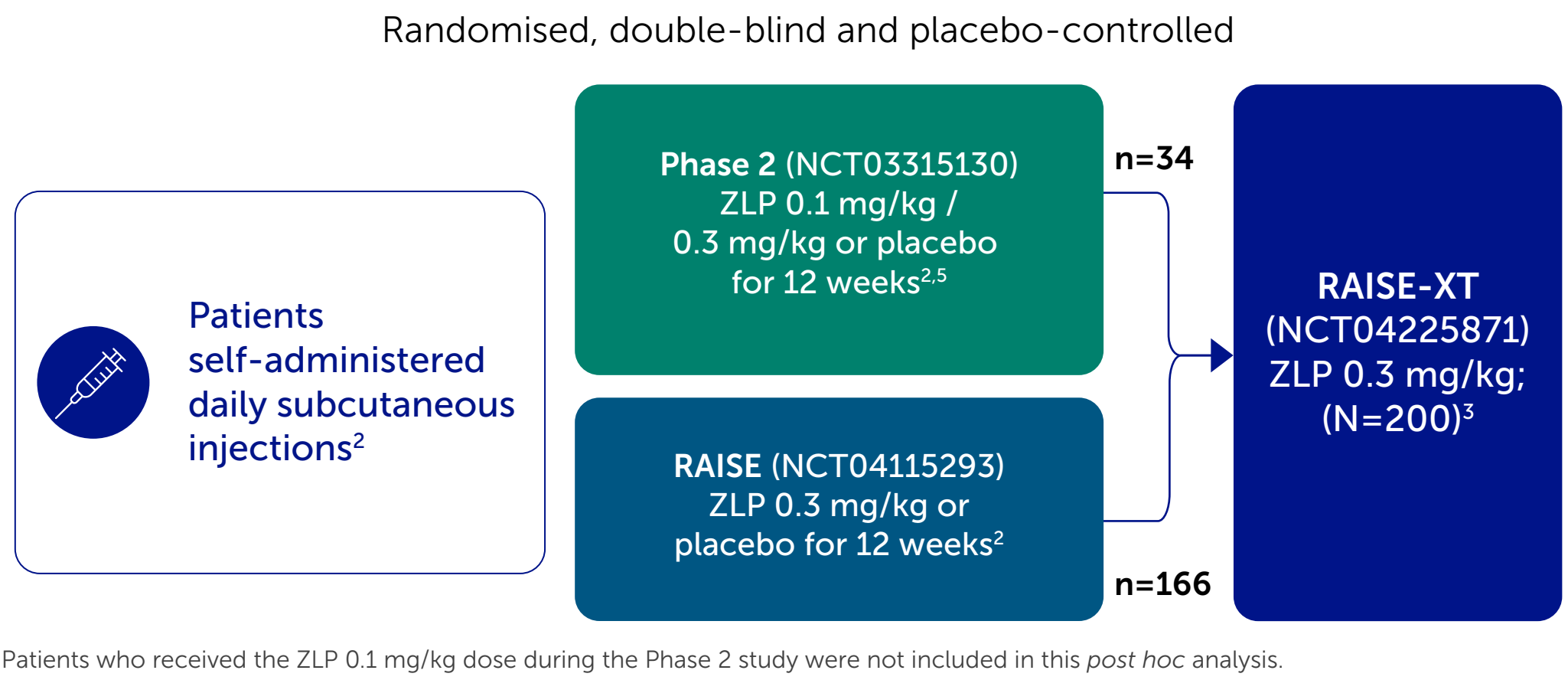
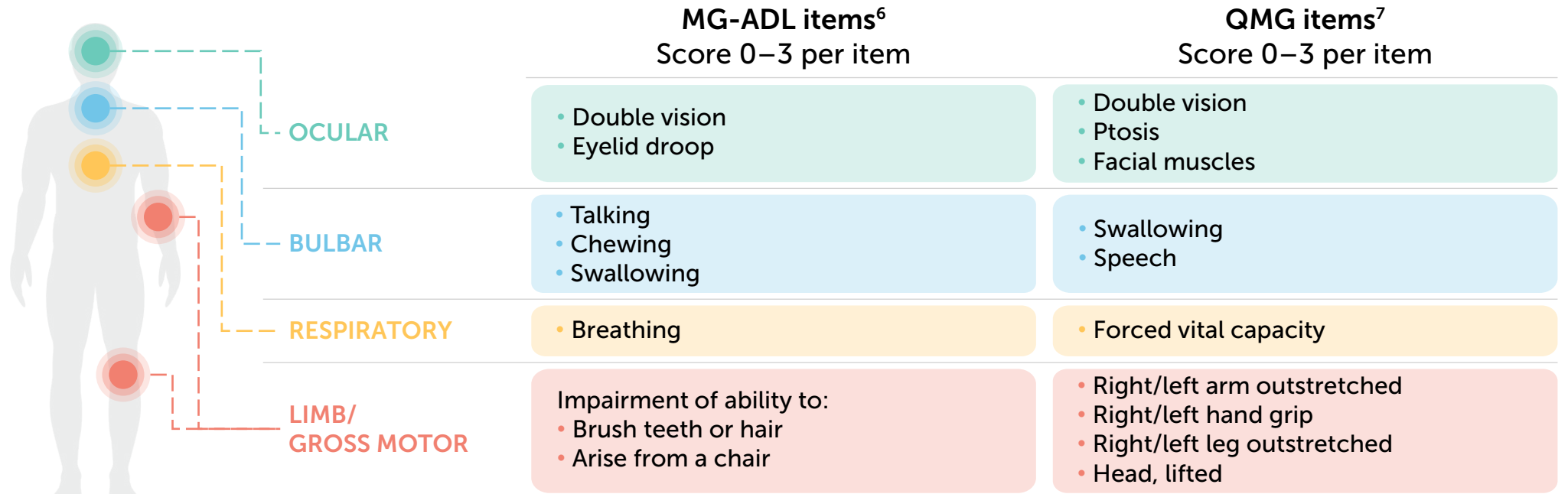


Figure 2 MG-ADL and QMG total scores each comprise four subdomain scores



Results

- Overall, 200 patients entered RAISE-XT; 183 received placebo or zilucoplan 0.3 mg/kg in the double-blind studies
- At Week 120, mean SE CFB was -7.14 (0.44; $n=86$) for MG-ADL and -9.84 (0.65; $n=83$) for QMG total scores
- Mean (SE) CFB in MG-ADL subdomain scores were: ocular, -1.37 (0.27; $n=41$) (Figure 3a); bulbar, -1.32 (0.32; $n=22$) (Figure 4a); respiratory, -0.07 (0.11; $n=30$) (Figure 5a); and limb/gross motor, -0.87 (0.17; $n=39$) (Figure 6a)
- Mean (SE) CFB in QMG subdomain scores were: ocular, -2.52 (0.30; $n=52$) (Figure 3b); bulbar, -1.00 (0.45; $n=16$) (Figure 4b); respiratory, -0.06 (0.18; $n=33$) (Figure 5b); and limb/gross motor, -4.27 (0.43; $n=79$) (Figure 6b)

These data were previously presented at EAN 2025 (June 21–24, 2025) in Helsinki, Finland.

Angelina Maniaol,¹ Saskia Bresch,² Channa Hewamadduma,^{3,4} M. Isabel Leite,⁵ Marek Śmitowski,⁶ Kimiaki Utsugisawa,⁷ Michael D. Weiss,⁸ Babak Boroojerdi,⁹ Fiona Grimson,¹⁰ Natasa Savic,¹¹ James F. Howard Jr.¹² on behalf of the RAISE-XT study team

¹Department of Neurology, Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway; ²Service de Neurologie, Hospital Pasteur, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Nice, Nice, France; ³Academic Neuromuscular Unit, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Sheffield, UK; ⁴Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN), University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK; ⁵Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK; ⁶Department of Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Medical University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland; ⁷Department of Neurology, Hanamaki General Hospital, Hanamaki, Japan; ⁸Department of Neurology, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, USA; ⁹UCB, Monheim, Germany; ¹⁰UCB, Slough, UK; ¹¹UCB, Bulle, Switzerland; ¹²Department of Neurology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, USA

Figure 3 Improvements in MG-ADL and QMG ocular subdomain scores were sustained through to Week 120*

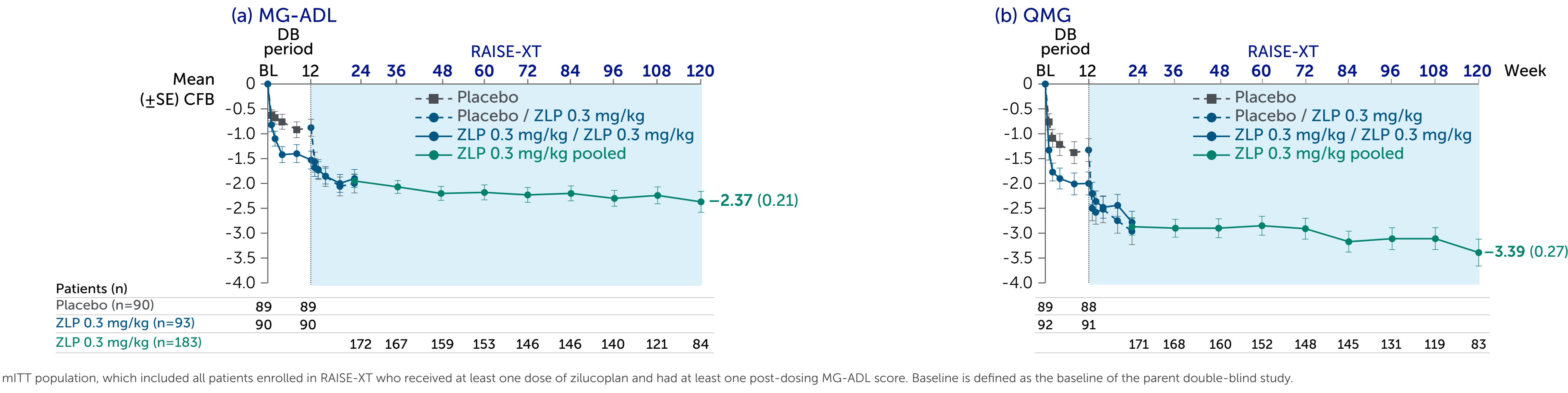


Figure 4 Improvements in MG-ADL and QMG bulbar subdomain scores were sustained through to Week 120*

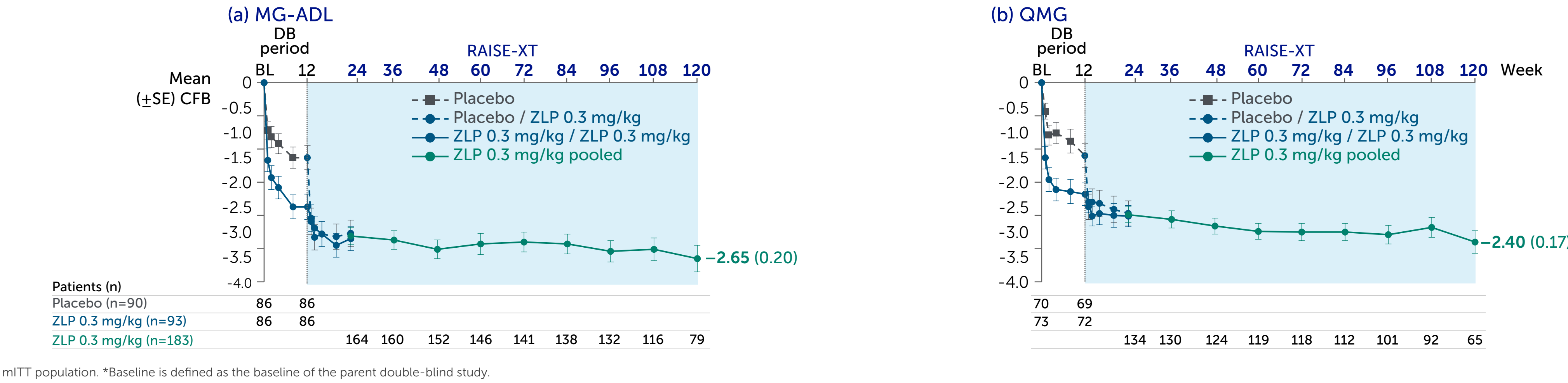


Figure 5 Improvements in MG-ADL and QMG respiratory subdomain scores were sustained through to Week 120*

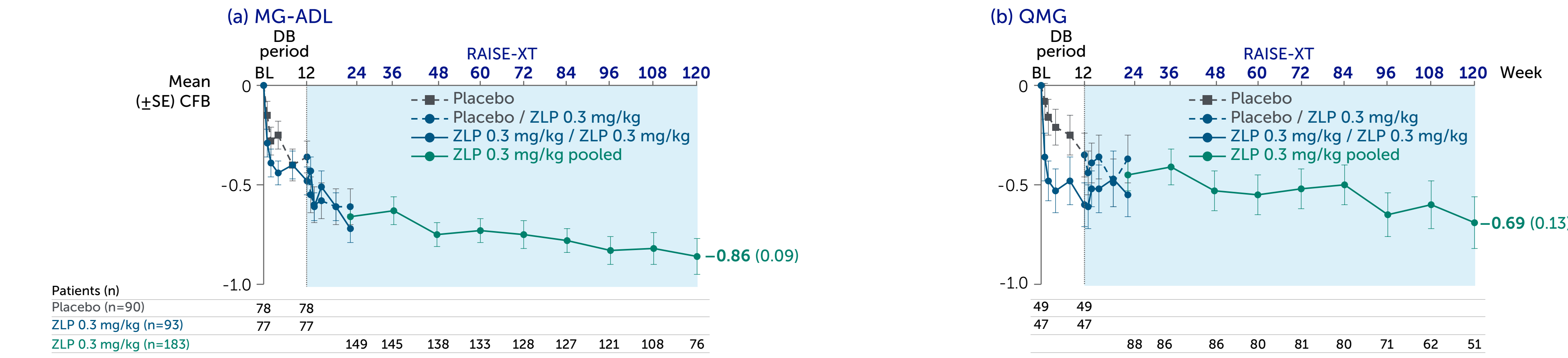
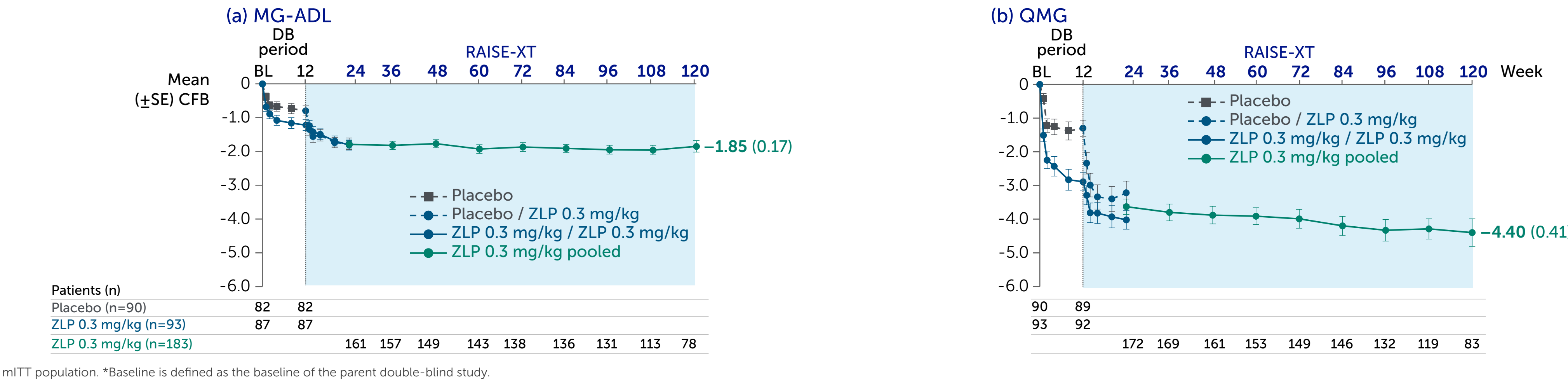


Figure 6 Improvements in MG-ADL and QMG limb/gross motor subdomain scores were sustained through to Week 120*



Abbreviations: Ab+, antibody positive; AChR, acetylcholine receptor; BL, baseline; C5, component 5; CFB, change from baseline; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; DB, double-blind; gMG, generalised myasthenia gravis; MG, myasthenia gravis; MG-ADL, Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living; miTT, modified intent-to-treat; OLE, open-label extension; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis; SE, standard error; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; URTI, upper respiratory tract infection; UTI, urinary tract infection; ZLP, zilucoplan.

Acknowledgements: This study was funded by UCB. Statistical analyses were run by UCB. Medical writing support was provided by Ilaria Esposito, PhD, of Lucid US, which was funded by UCB. The authors thank the patients and their caregivers, in addition to the investigators and their teams who contributed to this study.

Author disclosures: Angelina Maniaol has received payment for travel, meeting attendance, consulting honoraria or advisory board participation from Alexion Pharmaceuticals, argenx, Biogen, Bristol Myers Squibb, Merck, Roche, Sandoz, Sanofi Genzyme (now Sanofi) and UCB. Channa Hewamadduma has received funding for consultancy or educational advisory boards for argenx, Biogen, Lupin, Roche and UCB, and has received an investigator-led research grant from UCB. His study activities were supported by a Sheffield NIHR BRG UK centre grant. He is a trustee of the myasthenia gravis patient organisation Myaware. M. Isabel Leite is funded by the NHS (Myasthenia and Related Disorders Service and National Specialised Commissioning Group for Neuromyelitis Optica, UK) and by the University of Oxford, UK. She has been awarded research grants from UK associations for patients with myasthenia and with muscular disorders (Myaware and Muscular Dystrophy UK, respectively) and the University of Oxford. She has received speaker honoraria or travel grants from Biogen, the GUTHY-Jackson Charitable Foundation, Novartis and UCB. She serves on scientific or educational advisory boards for argenx, Horizon Therapeutics (now Amgen) and UCB. Marek Śmitowski has nothing to disclose. Kimiaki Utsugisawa has served as a paid Consultant for argenx, Chugai Pharmaceutical, HanAll Biopharma, Janssen Pharmaceuticals (now Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine), Merck, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma, UCB and Viela Bio (now Amgen); he has received speaker honoraria from Alexion Pharmaceuticals, argenx, the Japan Blood Products Organization and UCB. Michael D. Weiss has received honoraria for serving on scientific advisory boards for Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Amlyx Pharmaceuticals, argenx, Biogen, Immunovant, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma and Ra Pharmaceuticals (now UCB), consulting honoraria from CSL Behring and Cytokinetics, and speaker honoraria from Soleo Health and UCB. He is currently a paid medical monitor for a NeuroNext study. He also serves as a special government employee for the Food and Drug Administration. Babak Boroojerdi, Fiona Grimson and Natasa Savic are employees and shareholders of UCB. James F. Howard Jr. has received research support (paid to his institution) from Ad Scientiam, Alexion/AstraZeneca Rare Disease, argenx, Cartesian Therapeutics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, the National Institutes of Health, NMD Pharma and UCB; has received honoraria/consulting fees from AcademicCME, Alexion/AstraZeneca Rare Disease, Amgen, argenx, Biohaven Ltd, Biologix Pharma, CheckRare CME, CorEvitas, Curie Bio, Hansa Biopharma, Medscape CME, Merck EMD Serono, Novartis, PeerView CME, Physicians' Education Resource (PER) CME, PlatformQ CME, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Sanofi US, TG Therapeutics, Tolanzia AB and UCB, and has received non-financial support from Alexion/AstraZeneca Rare Disease, argenx, Biohaven Ltd, Cartesian Therapeutics, Tolanzia AB and UCB Pharma and Vor Biopharma.

References: 1. de Meel RHP. *Lancet Neurol.* 2018;17(3):204–205; 2. Howard JF Jr, et al. *Lancet Neurol.* 2023;22(5):395–406; 3. Howard JF Jr, et al. *Ther Adv Neurol Disord.* 2024;17:1–16; 4. Howard JF Jr, et al. Long-term safety and efficacy of zilucoplan in generalized myasthenia gravis: 120-week interim analysis of RAISE-XT. AANEM 2024. Poster 192; 5. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT03315130. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT03315130> Accessed May 2025; 6. Wolfe GJ, et al. *Neurology.* 1999;52(7):1487–1489; 7. Barohn RJ, et al. *Ann N Y Acad Sci.* 1998;841:769–772.

Summary and conclusions



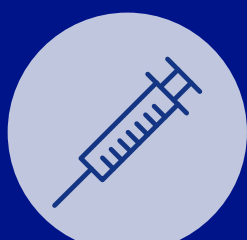
gMG may affect a range of muscle groups depending on the individual, and treatments may affect these muscle groups differently¹



In this *post hoc* analysis, zilucoplan led to improvements in all MG-ADL and QMG subdomain scores, which were sustained for up to 120 weeks of treatment



Zilucoplan demonstrated a favourable safety profile and was well tolerated



These data support zilucoplan as a long-term treatment option for patients with gMG across a broad range of symptom patterns

Table 1 Most TEAEs were mild or moderate in severity

	All zilucoplan (N=200)
Duration of exposure, years, median (range)	2.2 (0.1–5.6)
Any TEAE, n (%)	194 (97.0)
Treatment-related TEAE, n (%)	73 (36.5)
Serious TEAE, n (%)	81 (40.5)
Treatment-related serious TEAE,* n (%)	5 (2.5)
Severe TEAE, n (%)	72 (36.0)
TEAE resulting in permanent withdrawal from study drug, ¹ n (%)	21 (10.5)
TEAEs leading to death, ¹ n (%)	4 (2.0)
Most common TEAEs, n (%)	
COVID-19	71 (35.5)
MG worsening	59 (29.5)
Headache	44 (22.0)
Nasopharyngitis	42 (21.0)
Arthralgia	36 (18.0)
Diarrhoea	34 (17.0)
URTI	34 (17.0)
UTI	33 (16.5)
Nausea	32 (16.0)
Fatigue	31 (15.5)

Safety set, which included all patients who received at least one dose of the study drug in RAISE-XT. The individual most common TEAEs reported are those occurring in $\geq 15\%$ of patients overall. *Treatment-related serious TEAEs were one event each of oesophagitis, injection-site infection (occurring on the right inner thigh, which is not a recommended injection site), colonic abscess and cellulitis in one patient each and headache and photophobia in the same patient. Includes all deaths. No deaths were considered treatment related. TEAEs leading to death included cardiac arrest (n=2), accidental head injury (n=1) and death from an unknown cause (n=1).



Please use this QR code to download a PDF of the poster.