



# Xenpozyme™ (olipudase alfa-rpcp) approved by FDA as first disease-specific treatment for ASMD (non-CNS manifestations)

Paris, August 31, 2022. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Xenpozyme™ (olipudase alfa-rpcp) for the treatment of non-central nervous system (non-CNS) manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) in adult and pediatric patients.

Xenpozyme is the first therapy indicated specifically for the treatment of ASMD, and is currently the only approved treatment for this disease.

Bill Sibold

Executive Vice President, Head, Specialty Care at Sanofi

“Sanofi teams have been dedicated to bringing hope to patients living with ASMD and their families. This is a devastating and extremely rare disease that affects both children and adults. The approval of Xenpozyme represents the culmination of bold work done in research and development, and our unwavering commitment to this historically overlooked community.”

ASMD, historically known as Niemann-Pick disease types A, A/B, and B, is an extremely rare, progressive genetic disease with significant morbidity and mortality. It has been estimated that there are fewer than 120 patients diagnosed with ASMD in the U.S. Approximately two-thirds of patients with ASMD in the U.S. are pediatric. Signs and symptoms of ASMD can present in infancy, childhood, or adulthood, and may include enlarged spleen or liver, difficulty breathing, lung infections, and unusual bruising or bleeding, among other disease manifestations. Until now, management of ASMD included supportive care to address the impact of individual symptoms and careful monitoring to detect potential disease complications.

David Guy

Parent to Kaila, age 16, living with ASMD

“As young parents, it was initially devastating to me and my wife when our daughter, Kaila, received her diagnosis of ASMD. We faced so many unknowns when we first heard the diagnosis: what does this mean, how will this affect her, and most importantly what hope is there for a treatment option? We were grateful to find hope when we enrolled Kaila in the clinical trials for olipudase alfa.”

In the U.S., Xenpozyme received Breakthrough Therapy designation, which expedites the development and review of drugs intended to treat serious or life-threatening diseases and conditions. The FDA evaluated Xenpozyme under Priority Review, which is reserved for medicines that represent potentially significant improvements in efficacy or safety in treating serious conditions. In March 2022, Xenpozyme was approved in Japan under the SAKIGAKE (or “pioneer”) designation, marking the first approval for olipudase alfa anywhere in the world. In June 2022, the European Commission (EC) approved Xenpozyme for use in Europe.

ASMD represents a spectrum of disease, with two types that may represent opposite ends of a continuum referred to as ASMD type A and ASMD type B. ASMD type A/B is an intermediate form that includes varying degrees of central nervous system (CNS) involvement.

ASCEND and ASCEND-Peds clinical trials showed that Xenpozyme improved lung function and reduced spleen and liver volumes in adults and children

The approval is based on positive data from the ASCEND and ASCEND-Peds clinical trials, in which Xenpozyme showed clinically relevant improvement in lung function (as measured by diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide, or DLco) and platelet count, and reduction of spleen and liver volumes, with a demonstrated safety profile.

Melissa Wasserstein

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"ASMD is an extremely rare, progressive, and potentially fatal genetic disease that impacts children and adults around the world. Until now, those living with ASMD have had no FDA-approved treatment to combat this devastating condition. I'm proud of the work that has been done and look forward to witnessing the impact that this treatment may have on those living with ASMD."

The ASCEND trial evaluated the efficacy and safety of Xenpozyme; 31 adult patients with ASMD type A/B or type B were randomized to receive Xenpozyme or placebo for 52 weeks (primary analysis). In the trial, Xenpozyme improved lung function, assessed as the percent change from baseline to Week 52 in predicted diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide (DLco), and reduced spleen volume, evaluated as percent change from baseline in multiples of normal (MN).

- Twelve (12) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean change in percent predicted DLco from baseline (49.1%) to Week 52 (59.4%). This change represents a 23.9% relative improvement compared to a 3% improvement in DLco from baseline in the 17 patients from the placebo group (48.5%) to Week 52 (49.9%). The difference between the two arms (20.9%) was nominally statistically significant ( $p=0.0003$ ).
- Thirteen (13) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean reduction in spleen volume by 38.9% from baseline (11.5 MN) to Week 52 (7.2 MN) compared to a mean increase by 0.5% for the 17 patients in the placebo group from baseline (11.2 MN) to Week 52 (11.2 MN). The difference between the two arms (39.4%) was nominally statistically significant ( $p<0.0001$ ).
- Twelve (12) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean reduction in liver volume by 26.5% from baseline (1.4 MN) to Week 52 (1.0 MN) compared to a mean decrease of 1.8% for the 17 patients in the placebo group from baseline (1.6 MN) to Week 52 (1.6 MN). The difference between the two arms (24.7%) was nominally statistically significant ( $p<0.0001$ ).
- Thirteen (13) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean improvement in platelet count by 18.3% from baseline ( $109.3 \times 10^9/L$ ) to Week 52 ( $126.4 \times 10^9/L$ ) compared to increase by 2.7% for the 16 patients in the placebo group from baseline ( $115.6 \times 10^9/L$ ) to Week 52 ( $120.2 \times 10^9/L$ ). The difference between the two arms (15.6%) was nominally statistically significant ( $p=0.0280$ ).
- All ASCEND patients treated with Xenpozyme showed improvement in key endpoints (DLco and spleen and liver volume).
- Most frequently reported adverse drug reactions in adults (incidence  $\geq 10\%$ ) were headache, cough, diarrhea, hypotension, and ocular hyperemia.

The single-arm ASCEND-Peds trial studied 8 pediatric patients younger than 12 years of age with ASMD type A/B or type B who all received Xenpozyme, with a primary objective of evaluating the safety and tolerability of Xenpozyme for 64 weeks. All patients completed the study and continued in an extension trial. The ASCEND-Peds trial also explored efficacy endpoints of progressive lung disease, spleen and liver enlargement, and platelet count. After one year of treatment (52 weeks):

- Three (3) patients who were able to perform the test at baseline treated with Xenpozyme had a mean relative improvement of 45.9% in percent predicted DLco from baseline (48.5%) to Week 52 (70.9%) (children over the age of five were assessed if they were able to perform the test).
- Eight (8) patients treated with Xenpozyme had mean reduction in spleen volume by 46.7% from baseline (18.3 MN) to Week 52 (9.5 MN).
- Eight (8) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean reduction in liver volume by 38.1% from baseline (2.5 MN) to Week 52 (1.6 MN).
- Seven (7) patients treated with Xenpozyme had a mean improvement in platelet count by 37.6% from baseline ( $136.7 \times 10^9/L$ ; n=8) to Week 52 ( $184.5 \times 10^9/L$ ).
- Serious adverse reactions of anaphylactic reaction were reported in 2 (25%) Xenpozyme-treated pediatric patients.
- Treatment-related serious adverse reactions, hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, and infusion associated reactions occurred within 24 hours of infusion and were observed in a higher percentage of pediatric patients than in adult patients.
- Most frequently reported adverse drug reactions in pediatric patients (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) were pyrexia, cough, diarrhea, rhinitis, abdominal pain, vomiting, headache, urticaria, nausea, rash, arthralgia, pruritus, fatigue, and pharyngitis.

A scientific innovation for patients living with ASMD

Xenpozyme, a hydrolytic lysosomal sphingomyelin-specific enzyme replacement therapy, is designed to replace deficient or defective acid sphingomyelinase (ASM), an enzyme that allows for the breakdown of the lipid sphingomyelin. In individuals with ASMD, the deficiency in the ASM enzyme leads to sphingomyelin accumulation in various tissues. Xenpozyme is not expected to cross the blood-brain barrier or modulate CNS manifestations of ASMD. Xenpozyme has not been studied in patients with ASMD type A.

Xenpozyme is administered intravenously every two weeks, and its administration requires a dose escalation phase followed by a maintenance phase.

Xenpozyme is expected to be available in the U.S. in the coming weeks. The U.S. list price, or wholesale acquisition cost, of Xenpozyme is \$7,142.00 per vial. Actual patient out-of-pocket costs may be lower, as the list price does not reflect insurance coverage, co-pay support for eligible patients, or financial assistance from patient support programs.

Sanofi is committed to helping eligible U.S. patients access the support they need and to help reduce barriers throughout their treatment journey. As part of its commitment to treatment access and affordability for innovative therapies, Sanofi provides disease education, financial and co-pay assistance programs, and other support services to eligible patients. For more information, patients can call 1-800-745-4447 and select Option 3, contact [Info@CareConnectPSS.com](mailto:Info@CareConnectPSS.com), or visit [www.Xenpozyme.com](http://www.Xenpozyme.com).

## U.S. INDICATIONS AND USAGE

XENPOZYME™ (olipudase alfa-rpcp) is indicated for treatment of non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) in adult and pediatric patients.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### WARNING: SEVERE HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS

#### Hypersensitivity Reactions Including Anaphylaxis

Hypersensitivity reactions, including severe reactions known as anaphylaxis, may occur during and after XENPOZYME treatment. You should seek immediate medical care if hypersensitivity reactions (including anaphylaxis) occur. If a severe hypersensitivity reaction occurs, your doctor may decide to discontinue XENPOZYME immediately and provide appropriate medical care. Appropriate medical support measures may be administered, and you may require close observation during and after XENPOZYME administration.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### Hypersensitivity Reactions Including Anaphylaxis

Your doctor may decide to give you antihistamine, anti-fever, and/or steroid medications before your infusions.

- If a severe hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) occurs, your doctor should discontinue XENPOZYME immediately and initiate appropriate medical treatment.
- If a mild or moderate hypersensitivity reaction occurs, your doctor may adjust or temporarily withhold your infusion rate or dose of XENPOZYME.

Hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, have been reported in olipudase alfa-treated patients.

- Signs of hypersensitivity reactions in adults included hives, itchy skin, skin redness, rash, swelling underneath the skin, and tender bumps under the skin.
- Hypersensitivity reactions in pediatric patients included hives, itchy skin, rash, and localized swelling.

#### Infusion-Associated Reactions

Your doctor may decide to give you antihistamine, anti-fever, and/or steroid medications before your infusions to reduce the risk of infusion-associated reactions (IARs). However, IARs may still occur after receiving these medications.

- If severe IARs occur, your doctor should discontinue XENPOZYME immediately and initiate appropriate medical treatment.
- If a mild or moderate IAR occurs, your doctor may adjust or temporarily withhold your infusion rate or dose of XENPOZYME.

The most frequent IARs in:

- adult patients were headache, rash, vomiting, and hives;
- pediatric patients were hives, swelling, headache, nausea, fever, and vomiting.

An acute phase reaction (APR), an acute inflammatory response accompanied by elevations in inflammatory protein concentrations from blood tests, was observed.

- Most of the APRs occurred at 48 hours post infusion during the dose escalation period.
- The most common symptoms of APRs were fever, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Your doctor can manage APRs like other IARs you may experience.

#### Elevated Transaminases Levels

XENPOZYME may be associated with elevated liver enzymes, known as transaminases, within 24 to 48 hours after infusion.

- Elevated transaminase levels were reported in patients during the XENPOZYME dose escalation phase in clinical trials.

To manage the risk of elevated transaminase levels, your doctor should check your liver enzyme levels with a blood test:

- within one month before starting XENPOZYME;
- within 72 hours before any infusion during the dose escalation phase, or before your next scheduled XENPOZYME infusion if you missed a dose.

Based on the levels of transaminases from your blood tests, your doctor may make changes to your dose or infusion schedule.

Upon reaching the recommended maintenance dose, transaminase testing is recommended to be continued as part of routine clinical management of ASMD.

#### Risk of Fetal Malformations During Dosage Initiation or Escalation in Pregnancy

XENPOZYME dosage initiation or escalation, for a female at any time during her pregnancy, is not recommended as it may increase risk of defects in the fetus. The decision to continue or discontinue XENPOZYME maintenance dosing, if you are a pregnant female, should be determined by you and your doctor and should consider your need for XENPOZYME, the potential drug-related risks to the fetus, and the potential risks due to untreated maternal ASMD disease.

If you are a female of reproductive potential, your doctor will verify your pregnancy status before you start treatment with XENPOZYME. You should use effective contraception during XENPOZYME treatment and for 14 days after your last dose if XENPOZYME is discontinued.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Most frequently reported adverse drug reactions in adults (incidence  $\geq 10\%$ ) were headache, cough, diarrhea, low blood pressure, and redness in the eye.

- Most frequently reported adverse drug reactions in pediatric patients (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) were fever, cough, diarrhea, runny nose, abdominal pain, vomiting, headache, hives, nausea, rash, joint pain, rash, fatigue, and sore throat.

Please see full [Prescribing Information](#), including Boxed WARNING, for Xenpozyme.

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