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## Summary

### Clinical Data on Seroconversions while taking LEN for HIV-1 PrEP

#### **PURPOSE 1 Results**

In the ongoing phase 3 PURPOSE 1 study in cisgender women, at the time of primary analysis, no cases of HIV acquisition were reported among the 2134 participants in the LEN group and therefore no seroconversions were observed.<sup>1</sup>

#### **PURPOSE 2 Results**

In the ongoing phase 3 PURPOSE 2 study in men and gender-diverse persons, 2 of 2179 participants in the LEN group had acquired HIV at the time of primary analysis. Retrospective standard HIV-1 RNA viral load testing of samples obtained at previous visits did not reveal evidence of delay of HIV seroconversion or delayed diagnosis with standard HIV-1 testing. Both participants had the N74D capsid resistance mutation. Neither participant reported symptoms of HIV seroconversion.<sup>2</sup>

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After the time of primary analysis in PURPOSE 1, there were 2 incident cases of HIV acquisition among participants in the LEN arm, one occurring after LEN exposures fell below the target concentration following discontinuation without detected LEN resistance-associated capsid mutations, and one where viral loads were too low for genotyping. There were also 4 cases of HIV at baseline identified after starting LEN, and LEN resistance-associated capsid mutations were detected in 3 of these participants, 2 with N74D and 1 with T107A.

After the time of primary analysis in PURPOSE 2, 1 participant in the LEN arm had acquired HIV and had the Q67H/K70R resistance mutation. There were also 4 cases of HIV at

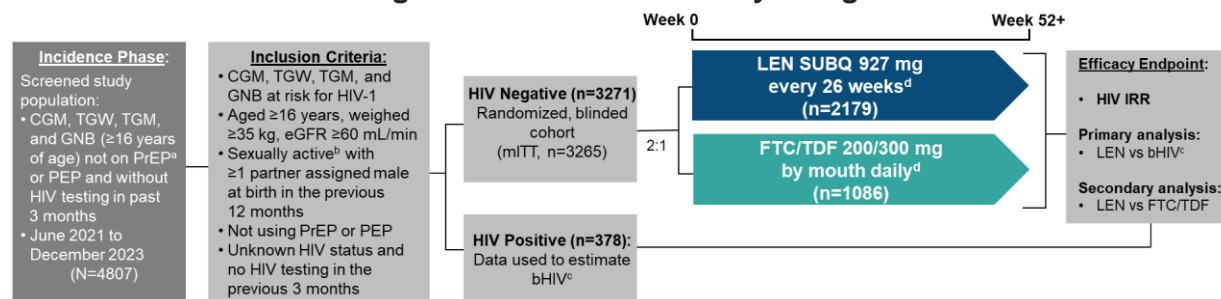
baseline identified after starting LEN, and LEN resistance-associated capsid mutations were detected in 2 of these participants, both N74D.

## Clinical Data on Seroconversions

### PURPOSE 2: LEN for HIV-1 PrEP in Men and Gender-Diverse Persons

PURPOSE 2 ([NCT04925752](#)) is an ongoing, phase 3, double-blind, randomized study evaluating the efficacy and safety of twice-yearly SUBQ LEN and once-daily oral FTC/TDF for HIV-1 PrEP in cisgender gay, bisexual, and other men, TGW, TGM, and GNB individuals aged  $\geq 16$  years in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, Thailand, and the US who have condomless receptive anal sex with partners assigned male at birth (N=3265). Eligible participants were tested for HIV at screening, and those who tested negative were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to SUBQ LEN every 26 weeks plus daily oral FTC/TDF placebo (n=2179) or SUBQ LEN placebo every 26 weeks plus daily oral FTC/TDF (n=1086; Figure 1). Additional testing was performed with samples from participants who tested positive for HIV at screening to determine the recency of the HIV infection, and these data were used to estimate the bHIV that would be expected without PrEP.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 1. PURPOSE 2: Study Design<sup>2,4</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Included oral PrEP use within the last 12 weeks or any prior use of long-acting injectable forms of PrEP.

<sup>b</sup> Condomless receptive anal sex with  $\geq 1$  partner in the previous 12 months and met  $\geq 1$  of the following criteria: condomless receptive anal sex with  $\geq 2$  partners in the previous 12 weeks; history of syphilis, rectal gonorrhea, or rectal chlamydia in the previous 24 weeks; self-reported use of stimulants with sex in the previous 12 weeks.

<sup>c</sup> The bHIV was the incidence of HIV expected without PrEP that would be anticipated in a placebo group. A total of 45 participants (11.9%) were classified as recently acquiring HIV.

<sup>d</sup> All participants received an oral initiation dose of LEN (600 mg) or matching oral placebo on Days 1 and 2. Participants randomly assigned to the SUBQ LEN group received oral placebo FTC/TDF, and participants in the FTC/TDF group received SUBQ LEN placebo.

A total of 3271 participants were randomly assigned and received  $\geq 1$  dose of study drug; 6 participants were diagnosed with HIV on Day 1 and were excluded from the efficacy analysis (mITT, n=3265). Baseline demographics were balanced between randomized groups (Table 1).<sup>2</sup>

**Table 1. PURPOSE 2: Select Baseline Demographics and Disease Characteristics<sup>2</sup>**

Key Demographics and Characteristics		LEN (n=2183)	FTC/TDF (n=1088)
Age	Median (range), years	28 (17–74)	29 (17–73)
	16 to ≤25 years, n (%)	752 (34.4)	344 (31.6)
Country, n (%)	Brazil	769 (35.2)	396 (36.4)
	United States	440 (20.2)	235 (21.6)
	Peru	309 (14.2)	138 (12.7)
	Thailand	250 (11.5)	139 (12.8)
	South Africa	246 (11.3)	112 (10.3)
	Argentina	161 (7.4)	64 (5.9)
	Mexico	8 (0.4)	4 (0.4)
Race or ethnicity, n/N (%)	Hispanic or Latine	1378/2182 (63.2)	675/1088 (62)
	Black <sup>a</sup>	811/2175 (37.3)	420/1086 (38.7)
	White	722/2175 (33.2)	344/1086 (31.7)
	Indigenous or Indigenous ancestry <sup>b</sup>	341/2175 (15.7)	156/1086 (14.4)
	Asian	269/2175 (12.4)	144/1086 (13.3)
	Other and other multiracial <sup>c</sup>	32/2175 (1.5)	22/1086 (2)
Gender identity, n (%)	Cisgender man	1697 (77.7)	846 (77.8)
	Transgender woman	315 (14.4)	161 (14.8)
	Gender nonbinary <sup>d</sup>	136 (6.2)	63 (5.8)
	Transgender man	29 (1.3)	14 (1.3)
	Other <sup>e</sup>	6 (0.3)	4 (0.4)
Sexually transmitted infections, <sup>f</sup> n (%)	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	253 (11.6)	126 (11.6)
	<i>Neisseria gonorrhea</i>	193 (8.8)	115 (10.6)
	Syphilis	84 (3.8)	43 (4)
No history of HIV test, n (%)		597 (27.3)	306 (28.1)
Any history of PrEP use, n (%)		515 (23.6)	249 (22.9)
Self-reported use of stimulants with sex in last 12 weeks, n (%)		491 (22.5)	271 (24.9)

<sup>a</sup> Included all participants who identified as Black/of Black ancestry: Black, Black/White, Black/Pardo (a specific racial category in Brazil), Black/Brown (Brazil), Black/Colored (a specific racial category in South Africa), Black/American Indian or Alaskan Native, Black/Asian, and Black/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

<sup>b</sup> Included all participants who identified as American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, White/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and White/American Indian or Alaskan Native

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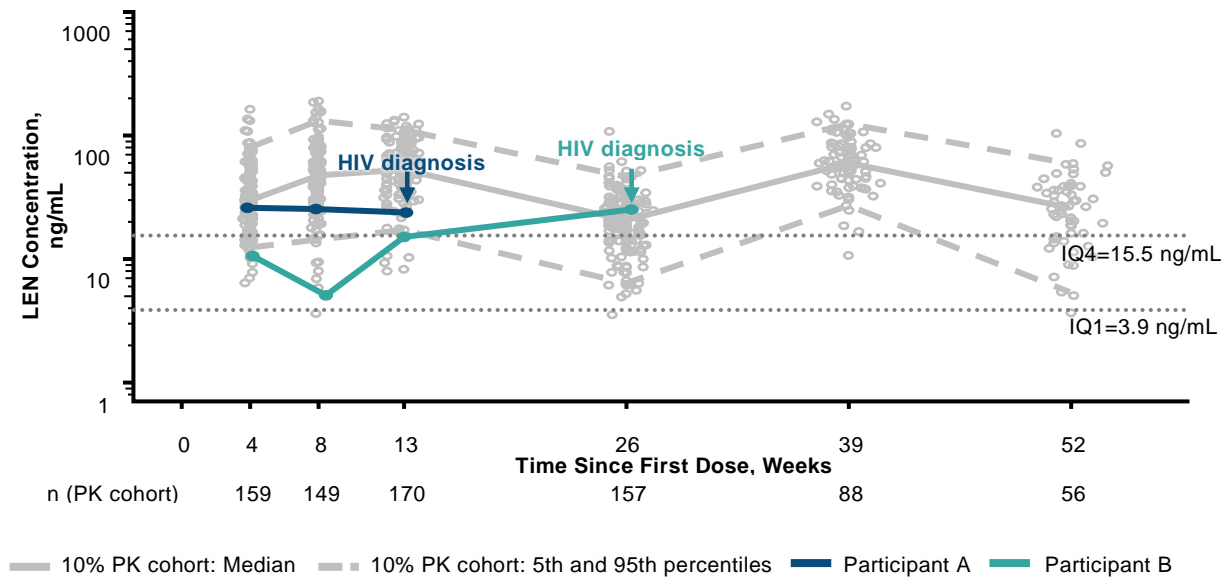
<sup>d</sup> Included 122 participants (89.7%) in the LEN group and 53 participants (84.1%) in the FTC/TDF group assigned male at birth.

<sup>e</sup> Included individuals who identified as Travesti (LEN, n=3; FTC/TDF, n=3) or as an “Other” gender (LEN, n=3; FTC/TDF, n=1).

<sup>f</sup> *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhea* were diagnosed based on testing pharyngeal, rectal, and urethral (urine) samples by central and local laboratories. Syphilis was diagnosed by testing blood and was performed locally by local testing protocols.

Among 2179 participants in the LEN group, 2 acquired HIV. There was no evidence of delay of HIV seroconversion or delayed diagnosis with standard HIV-1 testing. Neither participant reported symptoms of HIV seroconversion. Both participants had the N74D capsid resistance mutation found at their HIV diagnosis visit. LEN concentrations for these 2 participants and the pharmacokinetics cohort (10% random subset of participants) were measured (Figure 2) in addition to HIV test results (Table 2).<sup>2,5</sup>

Figure 2. LEN Plasma Concentrations in the 10% PK Cohort<sup>a</sup> and Preceding HIV Diagnosis<sup>2</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Randomly preselected, representative sample of 10% of participants. IQ was defined as the protein-adjusted 95% effective concentration in MT-4 cells, and IQ4 as 4 times the protein-adjusted 95% effective concentration *in vitro*.

Table 2. HIV Test Results in Participants Receiving LEN Who Were Diagnosed with HIV-1<sup>5</sup>

Participant A					HIV diagnosis
Week	0	4	8	13	
Rapid Ag/Ab <sup>c</sup>	(-)	(-)	(-)	(+)	
Central Ag/Ab <sup>d</sup>	(-)	(-)	(-)	(+)	
HIV-1/2 Ab diff <sup>e</sup>				(HIV-1+ / HIV-2-) <sup>a</sup>	
Qualitative RNA				(+)	
VL <sup>g</sup> , c/mL	ND	ND <sup>b</sup>	ND <sup>b</sup>	934,000	
SCA <sup>h</sup> , c/mL	ND <sup>b</sup>	ND <sup>b</sup>	4.8 <sup>b</sup>		

Participant B						HIV diagnosis
Week	0	4	8	13	26	
Rapid Ag/Ab <sup>c</sup>	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	
Central Ag/Ab <sup>d</sup>	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(+)	
HIV-1/2 Ab diff <sup>e</sup>					(HIV-1+ / HIV-2-) <sup>a</sup>	
Qualitative RNA					(+)	
VL <sup>g</sup> , c/mL	ND			ND <sup>b</sup>	14,100	

SCA <sup>h</sup> , c/mL	ND <sup>b</sup>	ND <sup>b</sup>	ND <sup>b</sup>	ND <sup>b</sup>
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- <sup>a</sup> Antibody differentiation intermediate for HIV-1, negative for HIV-2. HIV-1 confirmed by Qualitative RNA and Quantitative RNA.
- <sup>b</sup> Tests run from archived samples after HIV diagnosis. ND denotes no HIV-1 RNA detected.
- <sup>c</sup> Rapid Ag/Ab denotes local rapid HIV-1/2 antibody/antigen test.
- <sup>d</sup> Central Ag/Ab denotes central laboratory fourth-generation antigen/antibody test.
- <sup>e</sup> HIV-1/2 Ab diff denotes HIV-1/2 antibody differentiation assay.
- <sup>g</sup> VL denotes HIV-1 RNA quantitative viral load; blank denotes test not done.
- <sup>h</sup> SCA denotes HIV-1 RNA single-copy assay.

Participant A was a transgender woman who had undiagnosed syphilis that was detected and treated at the start of the study. She engaged in transactional sex and was diagnosed with HIV at Week 13. Participant B was a cisgender gay man who had rectal chlamydia that was treated during the screening process. He was diagnosed with HIV at Week 26. For both Participant A and Participant B, their LEN concentration levels were within the normal range observed in the pharmacokinetic cohort of the study.<sup>2</sup>

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## Abbreviations

Ab=antibody	GNB=gender non-binary	SUBQ=subcutaneous
Ag=antigen	IQ4=inhibitory quotient 4	TDF=tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
bHIV=background HIV incidence	LEN=lenacapavir	TGM=transgender men
CGM=cisgender men	mITT=modified intent-to-treat	TGW=transgender women
FTC=emtricitabine	PK=pharmacokinetic(s)	
	PrEP=pre-exposure prophylaxis	

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