

# Rozanolixizumab for treating antibody-positive generalised myasthenia gravis ID5092

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# Rozanolixizumab (RYSTIGGO®), UCB)

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| <p><b>Marketing authorisation</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rozanolixizumab is indicated as an <b>add-on to standard therapy</b> for the treatment of generalised myasthenia gravis (gMG) in adult patients who are <b>anti-AChR or anti-MuSK antibody positive</b></li> <li>• Licensed dose: ~7 mg/kg</li> <li>• Date of MHRA approval: 7 March 2024</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Administration</b></p>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcutaneous infusion once-weekly for 6 weeks (1 treatment cycle*), based on weight</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Price</b></p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List price: £31.93 per mg</li> <li>• Average cost of £107,285 for a 6-week treatment cycle</li> <li>• There is a confidential patient access scheme for rozanolixizumab</li> </ul>   |

\*1 dose per week for 6 weeks, further treatment cycles dependent on clinical evaluation and vary by patient

# Recommendation and key conclusions from ACM1 (1/2)

**Recommendation:** Rozanolixizumab is not recommended as an add-on to standard treatment for MuSK-Ab+ or AChR-Ab+ generalised myasthenia gravis

| Issue                         | ACM1 preferred assumption/analysis   | Company's response  |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Comparators</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Basket' of standard care consistent with NICE scope (IVIg, PLEX, neither) with corticosteroids and immunosuppressants for all, more reflective of NHS practice</li> <li>• Proportion of people having each treatment could be taken from the efgartigimod EAMS cohort dataset</li> </ul>   | Disagreed; pair-wise comparison with IVIg and PLEX  |
| <b>Rituximab</b>              | Uncertainties about where rituximab is used in the treatment pathway, particularly in relation to those with MuSK antibody-positive gMG; committee concluded more information needed   | Survey carried out; not included in base case as comparator or subsequent treatment   |
| <b>Relative effectiveness</b> | <p>Improved indirect treatment comparison that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• includes IVIg and PLEX</li> <li>• uses outcomes other than MG-ADL response rate to produce estimates of relative effectiveness</li> <li>• accounts and adjusts for the differential placebo response observed in the trials or adjusts for baseline risks with an informative prior</li> <li>• maintains randomisation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated systematic literature review</li> <li>• Bivariate network meta-analysis</li> <li>• Baseline risk-adjusted network meta-analysis</li> </ul> |

# Recommendation and key conclusions from ACM1 (2/2)

| Issue                                | ACM1 preferred assumption/analysis  | Company's response   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Long-term treatment effect</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MG0007 designed to evaluate multiple 6-weekly cycles of rozanolixizumab</li> <li>Committee concluded MG0007 provided some supporting evidence for rozanolixizumab's effectiveness</li> </ul>   | Provided final results   |
| <b>Subsequent treatment</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company model did not include IVIg, PLEX or rituximab as subsequent treatments – only corticosteroids and immunosuppressants</li> <li>Clinical experts would consider using IVIg or PLEX once rozanolixizumab stopped</li> <li>Committee concluded it would like to see subsequent treatments modelled more appropriately in the economic model</li> </ul> | Subsequent treatment modelled as mix of IVIg, PLEX, and standard care with corticosteroids and NSIST |
| <b>Response assessment timepoint</b> | 3 weeks for IVIg and PLEX, 6 weeks for rozanolixizumab  | Agreed – updated model but use 12 weeks for standard basket  |
| <b>Costs</b>                         | Costs of IVIg and PLEX applied every 4 weeks, using NHS reference cost for PLEX administration  | Agreed – updated model   |
| <b>Uncaptured benefits</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee concluded there may be uncaptured benefits of rozanolixizumab that may affect the utility of people who have it</li> <li>Asked company to present scenario analyses to incorporate some of these into modelling</li> </ul>   | Updated base case to include corticosteroid sparing; scenarios for carer and societal costs          |

# Remaining issues for decision making

| Issue                         | ICER impact |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Comparators                   | Large       |
| Indirect treatment comparison | Small       |
| Long-term treatment effect    | Unknown     |
| Use of MSE in the model       | Unknown     |
| Subsequent treatments         | Large       |

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# Consultation comments

- Also considered in slides on [Equality considerations](#) and [Uncaptured benefits](#) of rozanolixizumab

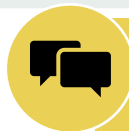
Myaware & Muscular Dystrophy UK (joint submission) and ABN Neuromuscular Advisory Group

- **Unmet need** not being recognised. Living with MG is life changing and brings tremendous burden on patients and their families. People are surviving, not thriving
- Treated with blanket approaches, rather than **targeted therapy**, for a long time
- **Few options** for people with MG uncontrolled, or unable to be treated with, current therapies. ABN asks NICE to consider this subgroup, if rozanolixizumab is not cost effective in whole population
- **Careful approach to implementation** would ensure rozanolixizumab used only when likely to have greatest benefit. Commissioners could ask for suitability to be discussed in regional MDT → only 50% of patients discussed would need escalation of treatment, others need improvement of their diagnosis, optimisation of their comorbidities, and better use of standard therapy

# Equality considerations

Summary of issues raised at scoping, ACM1 and through DG consultation

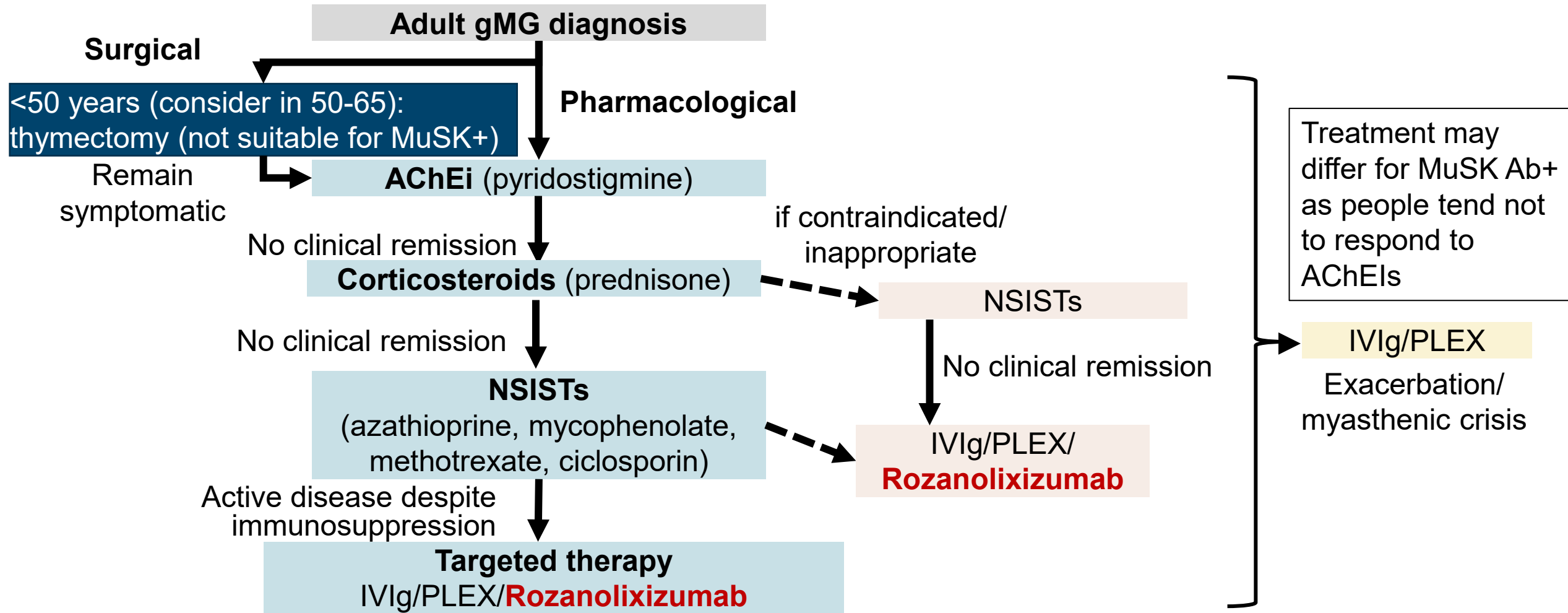
| Potential equality issue raised  | Related considerations  |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Sex, pregnancy and family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gMG more prevalent in women than men, women typically younger at disease onset and have higher mortality</li> <li>• Pregnancy may contraindicate some types of treatment (rozanolixizumab SPC: should only be considered if clinical benefit outweighs the risks)</li> <li>• gMG affects decision to have a family</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differences in prevalence of a disease cannot normally be addressed in a technology appraisal recommendation</li> <li>• Sex and Pregnancy are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010</li> <li>• Human Rights Act 1998 protects right to start a family (Article 12)</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Access to treatment, disability, social and economic factors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variation in access to IVIg and PLEX across NHS specialist centres</li> <li>• Important to avoid need to travel far for treatment given level of disability</li> <li>• People who can't afford to travel, or have caring responsibilities disadvantaged</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to treatments/specialist centres is an implementation issue that cannot be addressed in a technology appraisal recommendation</li> <li>• Disability is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010</li> <li>• Committee can consider frequency and method of treatment dosing and associated impact on equalities</li> </ul> |



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# Treatment pathway for generalised myasthenia gravis



**Company proposed positioning:** Rozanolixizumab as an add-on to standard care (corticosteroids and NSISTs) for refractory AChR+ or MuSK+ gMG

# Company response: comparators (1/4)

Company disagrees with basket approach – argues IVIg and PLEX only relevant comparators

## ACM1

- IVIg/PLEX/standard care ‘basket’ consistent with NICE scope, reflects NHS practice more
- Proportion of people having each treatment could be taken from the efgartigimod EAMS cohort dataset

| Base case                       | Preferred comparators   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Company ACM1                    | <b>Efgartigimod, zilucoplan, IVIg and PLEX</b> (with corticosteroids and non-steroidal immunosuppressants as background therapy for all treatments)   |
| EAG                             | <b>‘Basket’ of standard care</b> 1) <b>IVIg plus corticosteroids and immunosuppressants</b> 2) <b>PLEX plus corticosteroids and immunosuppressants</b> 3) <b>corticosteroids and immunosuppressants only</b> in line with efgartigimod EAMS population  |
| Company draft guidance response | <b>IVIg and PLEX</b> based on clinical expert opinion, ABN 2025 guidelines, expert elicitation, market data on switches to unapproved targeted therapies, German claims data, information from 30 neuroscience centres (all have access to IVIg, 25 to PLEX) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>People who will never receive IVIg/PLEX:</b> not target population for rozanolixizumab</li> <li>• <b>Treatment break:</b> 2 scenarios modelled for people who may be temporarily off first-line IVIg, PLEX or rozanolixizumab [<a href="#">further company rationale</a>]</li> </ul> |

# Company response: comparators (2/4)

## Uncertainty over place of rituximab in treatment pathway

**ACM1** Uncertainties about where rituximab is used in the treatment pathway, particularly in relation to MuSK antibody-positive generalised MG; committee concluded more information needed

### Company draft guidance response

Rituximab not included in updated base case as a comparator or [subsequent treatment](#); no consensus on use as subsequent treatment in survey of 11 clinical experts from specialist generalised MG centres in the UK

- Rituximab widely used: all experts use it for MuSK-Ab+ generalised MG, and 10 use it for AChR-Ab+ generalised MG; proportion varied across centres
- Typically used before targeted maintenance treatment with IVIg and PLEX where rozanolixizumab is positioned; some would consider rituximab as subsequent treatment but no clear consensus
- Scenarios with rituximab as part of basket comparator and as subsequent treatment

### Clinicians who would use rituximab as a second line treatment

| First line treatment | AChR Ab+ | MuSK Ab+ |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| IVIg                 | 5 of 11  | 7 of 11  |
| PLEX                 | 5 of 7   | 6 of 8   |
| FcRn inhibitor       | 5 of 8   | 7 of 8   |

**ABN guidelines 2025:** Evidence supports early use of rituximab; evidence less robust, but likely to be useful, in established treatment-refractory MG; MuSK-MG often refractory to most conventional MG treatments but highly responsive to rituximab

**Consultation comment from MG specialist:** Rituximab increasingly used early in treatment pathway, when unable to reduce steroid without relapse; not being used instead of IVIg or PLEX – these are used to keep people out of hospital

# Company response: comparators (3/4)

Company: EAMS population does not reflect those who would be eligible for rozanolixizumab

## Company draft guidance response

- EAMS population includes non-refractory patients and excluded MuSK-positive gMG
- Only 77% (n=37/48) had refractory gMG; 3 had no treatment, 10 on corticosteroids only
- EAG's IVIg and PLEX proportions based on the full cohort, not just refractory patients
- MycarinG trial more representative of real-world refractory gMG patients eligible for rozanolixizumab
- Revised EAMS population (n=37 refractory; 21 IVIg, 7 PLEX, 9 corticosteroids and/or NSISTs only) for scenario with 'basket' comparator including standard care and [subsequent treatment](#) proportions

**ACM1** EAG: refractory defined slightly differently but comparable to population who would have rozanolixizumab in the NHS

**Proportions of people on IVIg, PLEX or standard care only: efgartigimod EAMS population (n=48) vs company's revised population (n=37)**

| Long-term treatment  | EAMS (%) | Revised EAMS (%) |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|
| IVIg (+CS and NSIST) | 43.8     | 56.7             |
| PLEX (+CS and NSIST) | 14.6     | 18.9             |
| CS and NSIST only    | 41.6     | 24.4             |

# Company response: comparators (4/4)

EAG prefers basket of standard care excluding rituximab as comparator

## EAG comments

- Used standard basket, excluding rituximab, as comparator in EAG base case using unrevised EAMS population to inform proportions
- Notes composition of standard basket affects efficacy and cost outcomes because these parameters are calculated as weighted averages based on the treatment composition of the basket
- Scenario varying frequency of PLEX sessions (frequency may vary based on individual needs and treatment response): from 5 sessions every 4 weeks (company and EAG base case) to 4.6 sessions every 4 weeks – **very large effect on the ICER**
- Scenario with 2% of basket on rituximab – based on clinical advice to EAG that 2% in UK are MuSK positive (vs company scenario with 10.5% based on MycarinG)



- Is the basket comparator of IVIg, PLEX, or standard care only appropriate and reflective of NHS practice?
- Is the full or revised EAMS population more relevant to inform the proportion of IVIg, PLEX, and NSISTS + CS only?
- Is rituximab a relevant comparator to be included in the basket? If so, in what proportion?

# Company response: indirect treatment comparison (1/4)

Company provided new systematic literature review and NMAs

## ACM1

- NMA vs IVIg did not analyse MG-ADL score change or response (outcome used in model); no ITC provided for PLEX; did not adjust for heterogeneity or baseline risk of populations across studies
- Committee concluded that company's ITCs not appropriate for decision making
- Asked for more evidence on IVIg or PLEX and MG-ADL or other outcomes and explore other ITC methods to inform relative treatment effects and adjust for potential placebo effects

## Company draft guidance response

- Updated systematic literature review including randomised controlled trials and observational studies
- 2 new indirect treatment comparison methodologies (bivariate NMA and baseline risk-adjusted NMA)
- 2 outcomes:
  - change from baseline in MG-ADL and QMG scores
  - responder rates for MG-ADL (2-point improvement) and QMG ( $\geq 3$  point improvement)
- Uses correlation between 2 outcomes to 'borrow' information – helps make better use of all available data and reduces uncertainty
- Used patient-level data from MycarinG to measure how closely MG-ADL and QMG outcomes are related
- Used non-informative priors

Abbreviations: ACM, appraisal committee meeting; ICER, incremental cost effectiveness ratio; ITC, indirect treatment comparison; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; NMA, network meta-analysis; PLEX, plasma exchange; QMG, quantitative myasthenia gravis; RCT, randomised controlled trial

# Company response: indirect treatment comparison (2/4)

EAG disagrees with new studies included in NMA - response rates same whether observational studies included or not; new studies do not reduce uncertainty

## New studies on IVIg and PLEX included in NMAs

| Study   | Outcomes                | Comparators   | Used in                                     |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|
| Barnett et al., 2017 (prospective, non-RCT, Canada) | MG-ADL CFB<br>QMG CFB   | Control (n=54)<br>Prednisone (n=50)<br>IVIg/PLEX (n=45) | Bivariate<br><br>Baseline risk adjusted NMA |
| Duan et al., 2023 (retrospective, non-RCT, China)   | QMG response<br>QMG CFB | PLEX (n=62)<br>LPE (n=62)                               | Bivariate                                   |
| Leng et al., 2024 (retrospective, non-RCT, China)   | QMG CFB                 | PLEX (n=3)<br>Protein A (n=4)                           | Bivariate                                   |

### [EAG comments on limitations of new studies](#)

# Company response: indirect treatment comparison (3/4)

Bivariate NMA shows rozanolixizumab more effective than IVIg and PLEX

Results from bivariate NMA (used in company model)

Response:  $\geq 2$  point improvement in MG-ADL score

| Intervention (vs placebo) | Response probability (%) | MG-ADL change from baseline | MG-ADL change from baseline 95% credible interval |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Rozanolixizumab 7 mg      | █                        | █                           | █   |
| IVIg                      | █                        | █ [0 assumed]               | █   |
| PLEX                      | █                        | █                           | █   |

## EAG comments

- Believes all relevant studies for PLEX and IVIg have likely been identified
- **Limitations of the NMAs**
  - Placebo response heterogeneity: bivariate NMAs did not account for differences in placebo response across studies – baseline risk-adjusted NMAs did account for this but no statistically significant results
  - Uncertainty remains about impact of placebo response heterogeneity (although company has investigated as thoroughly as possible)
- **Study quality and bias:** credible intervals for response rates not reported or used in the cost-effectiveness model so uncertainty in response rates not reflected in the economic analysis; PSA drew probabilistic values from beta probability distribution
- **General uncertainty:** all results affected by unclear heterogeneity in study characteristics, unreported or high risk of bias in included studies; scenario analysis (rozanolixizumab response rate = standard care [█]) shows that **response rates not a key driver of economic model**

# Company response: indirect treatment comparison (4/4)

## NMA results for MG-ADL response

| Analysis  | MG-ADL response $\geq 2$ points, odds ratio vs placebo (95% CrI) |             |             |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
|   | Rozanolixizumab 7 mg   | IVIg        | PLEX        |
| Original NMA (original submission)                            |  | Not done    | Not done    |
| Conventional NMA (RCTs)                                       |  |             |             |
| Bivariate NMA (RCTs)  |  |             |             |
| <b>Bivariate NMA (RCTs + non-RCTs; used in updated model)</b> |  |             |             |
| BLRA NMA (common covariate model)                             |  | NA (NA, NA) | NA (NA, NA) |
| BLRA NMA (exchangeable covariate model)                       |  | NA (NA, NA) | NA (NA, NA) |

## NMA results for MG-ADL change from baseline

| Analysis                                | MG-ADL change from baseline, difference vs placebo (95% CrI) |          |          |
|---|--|----------|----------|
|   | Rozanolixizumab 7 mg   | IVIg     | PLEX     |
| Original NMA (original submission)      |  | Not done | Not done |
| Conventional NMA (RCTs)                 |  |          |          |
| Conventional NMA (RCTs + non-RCTs)      |  |          |          |
| Bivariate NMA (RCTs)                    |  |          |          |
| Bivariate NMA (RCTs + non-RCTs)         |  |          |          |
| BLRA NMA (common covariate model)       |  |          |          |
| BLRA NMA (exchangeable covariate model) |  |          |          |

Does the company analysis appropriately adjust for heterogeneity, baseline risk? Has uncertainty been adequately accounted for?

- Are the updated NMAs appropriate for decision making? Does committee have a preference for the bivariate NMA, BLRA NMA or conventional NMA?

Abbreviations: BLRA, baseline risk-adjusted; CrI, credible interval; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; NA, not applicable (no relevant studies); NMA, network meta-analysis; PLEX, plasma exchange; RCT, randomised controlled trial

# Company response: long-term treatment effect

Company: final results from open-label extension study (MG0007) show consistent efficacy in AChR- and MuSK-positive generalised MG

**ACM1** MG0007 (n=█████; █████ ~7 mg/kg, █████ ~10 mg/kg [unlicensed]); committee conclusion: some supporting evidence for rozanolixizumab's effectiveness


## Company draft guidance response


- Final results (██████████): meaningful improvements in each treatment cycle
- Responses (≥2-point reduction in MG-ADL score) from day █ of each treatment cycle, with a median time to MG-ADL response of █████ in the first █████ 6-week treatment cycles; MG-ADL scores plateaued at around █████ compared with baseline after repeated cycles ([MG0007 long-term results](#))

## EAG comments

Data supports ongoing efficacy of rozanolixizumab; but limitations in study completion and discontinuation:

- █████ participants in the 7 mg arm completed the study
- by cycle █, █ participants remained in the 7 mg arm for MSE data
- █████ total participants completed the study
- █████ discontinued for reasons listed as 'other' - not clearly explained
- important to understand subsequent treatments - gMG is chronic, rozanolixizumab is not curative

 Is committee satisfied that the open-label extension study (MG0007) shows rozanolixizumab's long-term efficacy?

 For company: why did a substantial proportion of people discontinue treatment?

# Company's model overview

**ACM1:** Model could be appropriate for decision making if it accounted for subsequent treatment use

- Primary treatment response: decrease of  $\geq 2$  in MG-ADL
- Responders separate into 1 of 3 response subgroups at the response assessment timepoint but cannot move between 3 response subgroups

## Continued response

**Original model:** drop of  $\geq 2$  points in MG-ADL from baseline, and ongoing improvement ( $\geq 2$  points)

**Updated model:** patients have reached MSE (MG-ADL score of 0 or 1 – free/nearly free of symptoms)

## Stable response

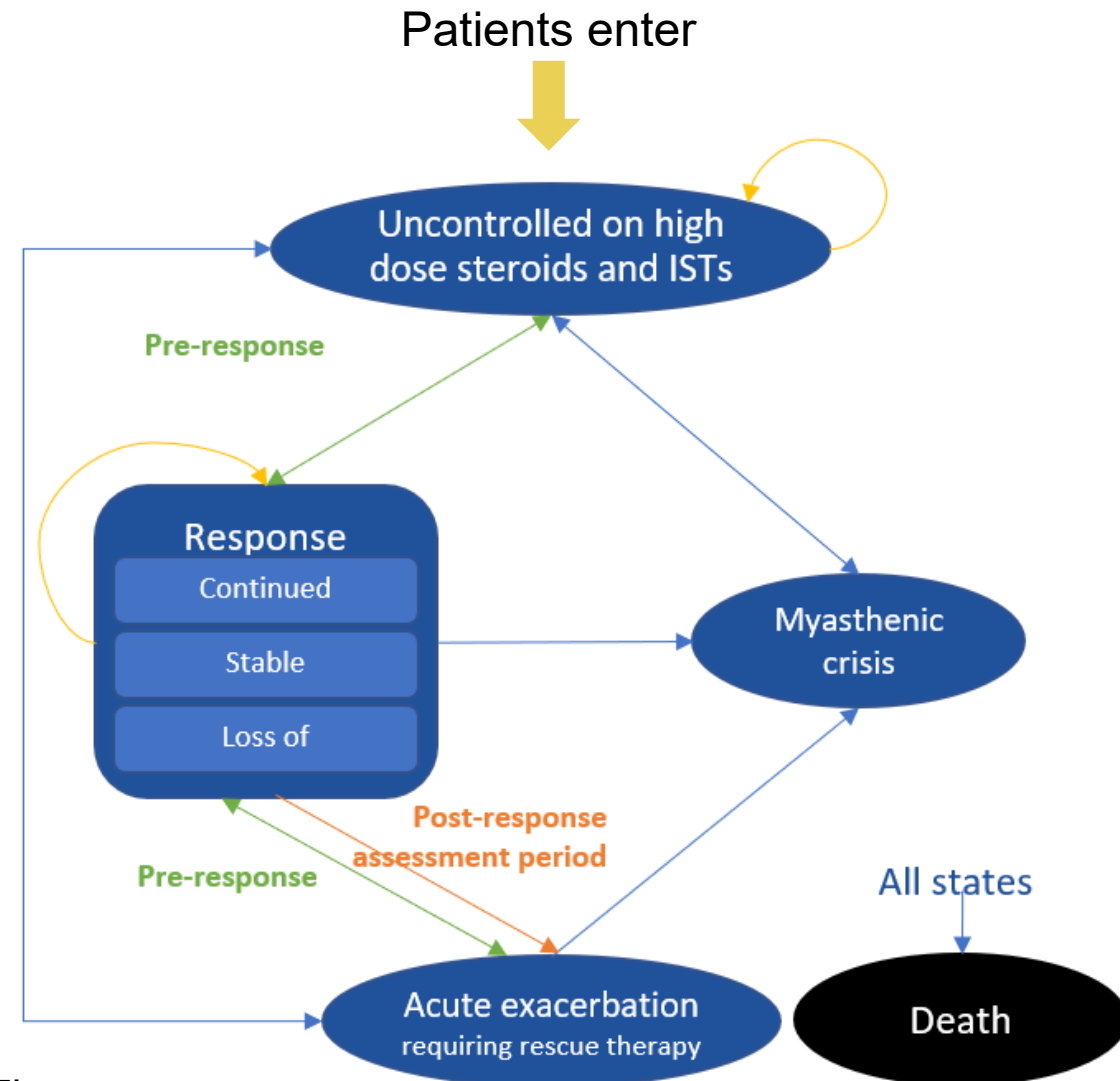
**Original model:** drop of  $\geq 2$  points in MG-ADL from baseline, no ongoing improvement ( $\geq 2$  points)

**Updated model:** proportion = 1 minus the other 2 states

## Loss of response

**Original model:** drop of  $\geq 2$  in MG-ADL from baseline, and a worsening in score until it returns to baseline

**Updated model:** no change



**NICE** ACM, appraisal committee meeting; IST, immunosuppressant; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; MSE, minimum symptom expression

# Company response: use of MSE in the updated model (1/2)

Company updated model with data on MSE from MG0007 and MycarinG

## Company draft guidance response

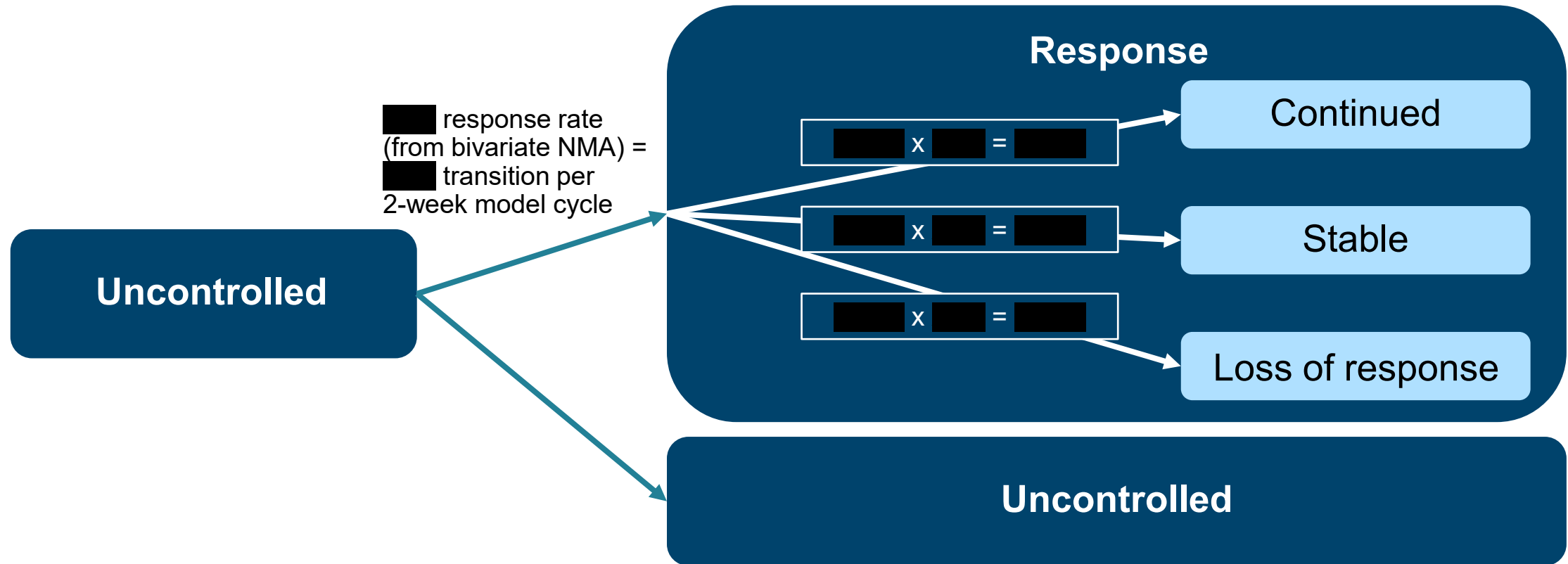
- Proportion with MSE from MG0007 used for continued response state: rozanolixizumab average [REDACTED]% (range [REDACTED]% to [REDACTED]%) across all cycles
- Loss of response [REDACTED]% based on expert opinion
- Stable response is 1 minus the other 2 states
- Other treatment MSE rates based on expert elicitation: IVIg [REDACTED]% PLEX [REDACTED]% standard care (scenario only) [REDACTED]%

## EAG comments

- MSE is a clinically relevant outcome
- Uncertainty in this measure has not been fully reported; for example, response includes people with response in any cycle and proportions with transient or more sustained MSE not known
- More details about distribution of MSE events among patients and treatment cycles would help reduce uncertainty

# Company response: use of MSE in the updated model (2/2)

Distribution of people whose myasthenia gravis responds to first-line treatment with rozanolixizumab



❏ What is committee's view on using MSE to inform the continued response state?  
 Is it appropriate to use MSE from MG0007 to inform continued response for rozanolixizumab and expert elicitation to inform continued response for IVIg, PLEX, and standard care?

# Company response: updated model efficacy assumptions and inputs

## Bivariate NMA informed updated company model

### Primary response rate and response assessment timepoint

| Treatment             | Response rate used in the model | Response assessment timepoint used in the model (weeks) | Source        |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Rozanolixizumab       | █                               | 6   | Bivariate NMA |
| IVIg                  | █                               | 3   | Bivariate NMA |
| PLEX                  | █                               | 3   | Bivariate NMA |
| Standard care basket* | █                               | 12  | Bivariate NMA |

### Response distribution

| Treatment             | Continued response | Loss of response | Stable response | Source for proportion in continued response  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Rozanolixizumab       | █                  | █                | █               | MSE rate for rozanolixizumab from MycarinG and MG0007  |
| IVIg                  | █                  | █                | █               | MSE rate estimated by expert elicitation   |
| PLEX                  | █                  | █                | █               | MSE rate estimated by expert elicitation   |
| Standard care basket* | █                  | █                | █               | Weighted average of placebo MSE data from MycarinG and IVIg and PLEX from expert elicitation |

### Treatment-specific MG-ADL score change from baseline (source: bivariate NMA)

| Treatment             | Continued response | Loss of response | Stable response |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Rozanolixizumab       | █                  | █                | █               |
| IVIg                  | █                  | █                | █               |
| PLEX                  | █                  | █                | █               |
| Standard care basket* | █                  | █                | █               |

\*Using revised EAMS population; abbreviations: IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; MSE, minimum symptom expression; NMA, network meta-analysis; PLEX, plasma exchange

# Company response: subsequent treatments (1/2)

Updated company model includes IVIg, PLEX and standard care in subsequent treatments

## ACM1

- Company model did not include IVIg, PLEX or rituximab as subsequent treatments – only corticosteroids and immunosuppressants
- Clinical experts would consider IVIg or PLEX once rozanolixizumab stopped
- Committee concluded it would like to see subsequent treatments in the economic model

## Company draft guidance response

- Uncertain how many subsequent treatments lines needed, what follows IVIg/PLEX, and if non-response is a treatment effect modifier
- Updated model included costs and a reduced treatment benefit for subsequent treatments; assumed to be stable but reflects people moving between treatment with IVIg/PLEX and standard care
- Estimates of subsequent treatments informed by Delphi panel and applied to company's revised EAMS cohort standard basket to estimate subsequent treatment proportions in the model
- 4 scenarios, one with rituximab included

**NHS England from zilucoplan final draft guidance [ID4008]:** using PLEX after IVIg for maintenance treatment is fairly infrequent, and using IVIg after PLEX is also very rare and only for people who are seriously ill

**ABN guidelines 2025:** role and dose of rituximab beyond 12 months unclear but currently not supported by trial evidence

# Company response: subsequent treatments (2/2)

EAG preferred to use unrevised EAMS cohort to model subsequent treatments

**EAG comments**

- Unable to reproduce estimates in model; unclear how [Delphi panel data](#) used
- If use unrevised EAMS cohort, around 75% of people on IVIg switch to PLEX and nearly everyone on PLEX switches to IVIg: disagrees with Delphi panel clinical expert estimates
- EAG base case subsequent treatment proportions informed by:
  - unrevised EAMS proportions and Delphi panel estimates (comparator arm)
  - unrevised EAMS basket (rozanolixizumab arm)
- EAG scenario analyses show varying proportions of IVIg and PLEX has a **very large effect on the ICER**

**Mean of subsequent treatment proportions from Delphi panel**

| First treatment | Subs. treatment | Mean |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| IVIg + SC       | PLEX + SC       | 62%  |
| IVIg + SC       | IVIg + SC       | 6%   |
| PLEX + SC       | IVIg + SC       | 56%  |
| PLEX + SC       | PLEX + SC       | 4%   |

**Note:** wide range in clinical expert estimates

## EAMS cohort and modelled subsequent treatment proportions

| Treatment       | Company revised EAMS | Unrevised EAMS | Company subs. treatment | EAG subs. treatment |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| IVIg            | 56.7%                | 48.3%          | 14.05%                  | 8.2%                |
| PLEX            | 18.9%                | 14.6%          | 35.73%                  | 29.9%               |
| SC (CSs/NSISTs) | 24.4%                | 41.6%          | 50.22%                  | 61.9%               |

- Should subsequent treatments be modelled as a basket of IVIG, PLEX and SC? Full or revised EAMS?
- If so, what proportion of switching to IVIG and PLEX and SC is reflective of NHS practice?
- Is rituximab relevant as a subsequent treatment? If so, for what subgroup?

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# Uncaptured benefits

## Stakeholder\* submissions on uncaptured benefits and new evidence presented by company

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>SC administration</b>                              | Quicker, more convenient, and preferred by patients over IVIg and PLEX   |
| <b>Fatigue</b>  | Underreported EQ-5D, despite affecting most gMG patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key trials showed rozanolixizumab <b>improves fatigue</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Side effects of steroids and immunosuppression</b> | Reduces steroid burden and long-term impact of steroids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company used proxy data from lupus and asthma studies to estimate utility decrement and costs for corticosteroid-related AEs; <b>incorporated into model</b> to reflect benefits of corticosteroid sparing</li> </ul> |
| <b>Travel and administration time</b>                 | Reduces hospital time for patients and carers, improving work-life balance and reducing caregiver burden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company <b>micro-costing exercise</b> showed substantially less admin time for rozanolixizumab than IVIg and PLEX</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Healthcare costs</b>                               | Reduced hospital/critical care admission associated with delayed IVIg/PLEX access  |
| <b>Carer costs and disutilities</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company included time caring for someone with gMG by MG-ADL range including costs and disutilities, as <b>option in updated model and as a scenario</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Societal benefits</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company included societal costs for patients (work time lost) by MG-ADL range as an <b>option in updated model</b></li> </ul>   |

\*Includes submissions from company, Myaware and MDUK, ABN and web comments

**NICE** Abbreviations: AEs, adverse events; EQ-5D, EuroQol-5 dimension; gMG, generalised myasthenia gravis; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis-activities of daily living; PLEX, plasma exchange; QoL, quality of life; SC, subcutaneous

# Rozanolixizumab for treating antibody-positive generalised myasthenia gravis

- ❑ Recap from first appraisal committee meeting
- ❑ Consultation comments
- ❑ Company response and EAG critique
- ❑ Other considerations
- ✓ **Summary**

# Cost-effectiveness results

All ICERs are reported in PART 2 slides  
because they include confidential  
comparator PAS discounts

Key drivers of the ICER:

- using the revised or full EAMS population to inform the comparator basket
- number of infusions of rozanolixizumab
- number of PLEX sessions
- proportions of IVIg and PLEX in subsequent treatments basket

# Summary of company and EAG base case assumptions at ACM2 (1/2)

| Assumption  | Company base case ACM1                   | Revised company base case                                 | Revised EAG base case   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Comparator</b>   | IVIg and PLEX                            | IVIg and PLEX; standard care basket as scenario           | Standard care basket  |
| <b>Rituximab included as comparator</b>                   | No                                       | No – scenario   | No – scenario   |
| <b>EAMS cohort</b>  | N/A                                      | Revised   | Unrevised   |
| <b>Source of data for response</b>                        | MG-ADL change from baseline from NMAs    | bvNMA; MSE from MG0007 to inform continued response state | bvNMA; MSE from MG0007 to inform continued response state             |
| <b>Response assessment time point for standard basket</b> | N/A                                      | 12 weeks  | 3 weeks   |
| <b>IVIg and PLEX admin costs frequency</b>                | IVIg every 3 weeks<br>PLEX every 4 weeks | Both every 4 weeks<br>PLEX cost set to £0 in model        | Both every 4 weeks<br>PLEX cost of £2,482.50 per model cycle included |

EAG, external assessment group; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; MSE, minimum symptom expression; N/A, not applicable; PLEX, plasma exchange

# Summary of company and EAG base case assumptions at ACM2 (2/2)

| Assumption   | Company base case ACM1   | Revised company base case   | Revised EAG base case   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Subsequent treatments</b>   | No subsequent treatment with IVIg or PLEX – standard care only | Revised EAMS cohort Delphi panel used to inform subsequent treatment proportions of IVIg, PLEX and standard care  | Unrevised EAMS cohort EAG-calculated treatment proportions used to inform subsequent treatment proportions of IVIg, PLEX and standard care  |
| <b>MSE proportion used to inform ‘uncontrolled off initial treatment’ health state</b> | N/A  | Standard basket   | Use standard care (CSs and NSISTs only) MSE proportion  |
| <b>CS disutility</b>   | Not included   | Included  | Not included (in line with ID4008)  |
| <b>CS resource use costs</b>   | N/A  | Costs from Stirnadel-Farrant et al. (2023) – systemic lupus erythematosus<br>Costs of managing CS <b>differ</b> for IVIg and PLEX, and rozanolixizumab MSE/continued response health states | Costs from Lee et al. (2018) – gMG, as per ID4008<br>Costs of managing CS <b>same</b> for IVIg and PLEX, and rozanolixizumab MSE/continued response health states ( <a href="#">Source of corticosteroid management costs</a> ) |

Abbreviations: ACM, appraisal committee meeting; CS, corticosteroid; EAG, external assessment group; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; gMG, generalised myasthenia gravis; MSE, minimum symptom expression; N/A, not applicable; NSIST, non-steroidal immunosuppressant; PLEX, plasma exchange

# Effect on ICER of EAG preferred model assumptions

Greatest impact on ICER: response assessment time point 3 weeks for standard basket; 6 weeks for rozanolixizumab

## Deterministic cumulative ICERs

| No.       | Scenario (applied to company base case)  | Effect on incremental cost | Incremental QALY | ICER (£/QALY) vs standard care basket |
|-----------|--|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>0</b>  | <b>Company updated base case (using scenario vs revised EAMS population standard basket as comparator)</b> | –                          | 0.127            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>1</b>  | Exclude the disutility associated with corticosteroid use  | No change                  | 0.119            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>2</b>  | Use the original EAMS cohort for the standard basket comparator (43.8% IVIg, 14.6% PLEX, 41.6% SC)         | Increased                  | 0.130            | Over £30,000                          |
| <b>3</b>  | Use a response assessment time point of 3 weeks for the standard basket; 6 weeks for rozanolixizumab       | Increased                  | 0.136            | Over £30,000                          |
| <b>4</b>  | Apply PLEX admin and treatment costs for 5 PLEX sessions every 4 weeks                                     | Decreased                  | 0.136            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>5</b>  | Subsequent treatment: unrevised EAMS cohort post-rozanolixizumab   | Decreased                  | 0.136            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>6</b>  | Subsequent treatment: EAG-calculated proportions for the standard basket                                   | Increased                  | 0.168            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>7</b>  | Costs for corticosteroid management from Lee et al.  | Decreased                  | 0.168            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>8</b>  | Use the same corticosteroid resource use costs for MSE in both arms  | Decreased                  | 0.168            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>9</b>  | Use SC MSE proportion to inform the ‘Uncontrolled off initial treatment’ health state                      | No change                  | 0.190            | Under £20,000                         |
| <b>10</b> | <b>EAG base case</b>   | No change                  | 0.190            | Under £20,000                         |

# EAG base case: EAG deterministic scenario analyses – effect on ICER

Deterministic scenarios on EAG base case, rozanolixizumab vs unrevised standard basket

| No. | Scenario  | ICER (£/QALY) |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 1   | Company's revised EAMS cohort as standard basket in comparator arm              | No change     |
| 2   | Include rituximab (2% of patients) in EAG standard basket                       | No change     |
| 3   | Response assessment timepoint for standard basket = 12 weeks                    | No change     |
| 4   | Apply PLEX admin and treatment costs for 4.6 PLEX sessions every 4 weeks        | Increased     |
| 5   | Subsq Tx: Company's base case proportions, for both arms                        | Increased     |
| 6   | Subsq Tx basket, rozanolixizumab: ↑ proportion on IVIg (44.8%) and PLEX (15.6%) | Increased     |
| 7   | Subsq Tx, standard basket: ↓ proportion on IVIg (7.2%) and PLEX (28.9%)         | Increased     |
| 8   | Use annualised number of cycles for rozanolixizumab treatment                   | Increased     |
| 9   | Use IVIg change from baseline in MG-ADL score from bvNMA                        | No change     |
| 10  | Set rozanolixizumab response rate same as SC (CS and NSISTs)                    | No change     |

Abbreviations: bvNMA, bivariate network meta-analysis; CS, corticosteroid; EAG, external assessment group; EAMS, Early Access to Medicines Scheme; ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis-activities of daily living; NSIST, non-steroidal immunosuppressant; QALY: quality adjusted life year; SC, standard care; subsq Tx, subsequent treatment;

# Remaining issues for decision making

- [Comparators](#)
- [Indirect treatment comparison](#)
- [Long-term treatment effect](#)
- [Use of MSE in the model](#)
- [Subsequent treatments](#)

# Thank you

# Supplementary appendix

# Company response: comparators

Company provided further rationale for why it considers standard care-only treatment option inappropriate

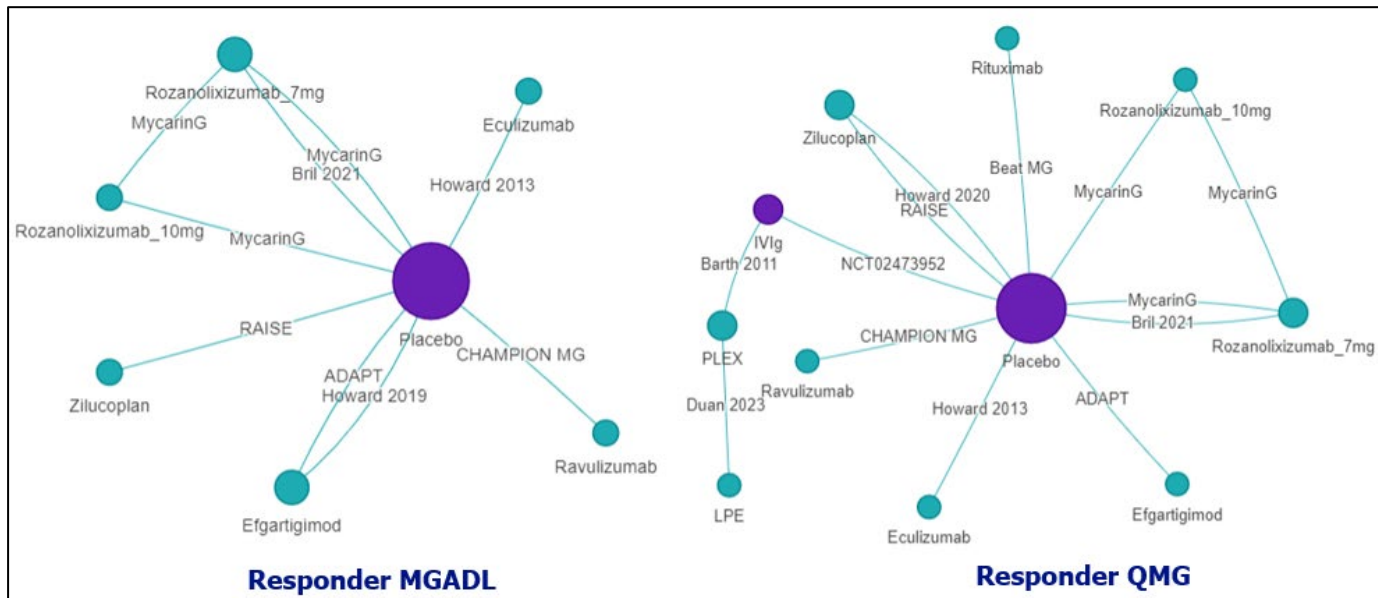
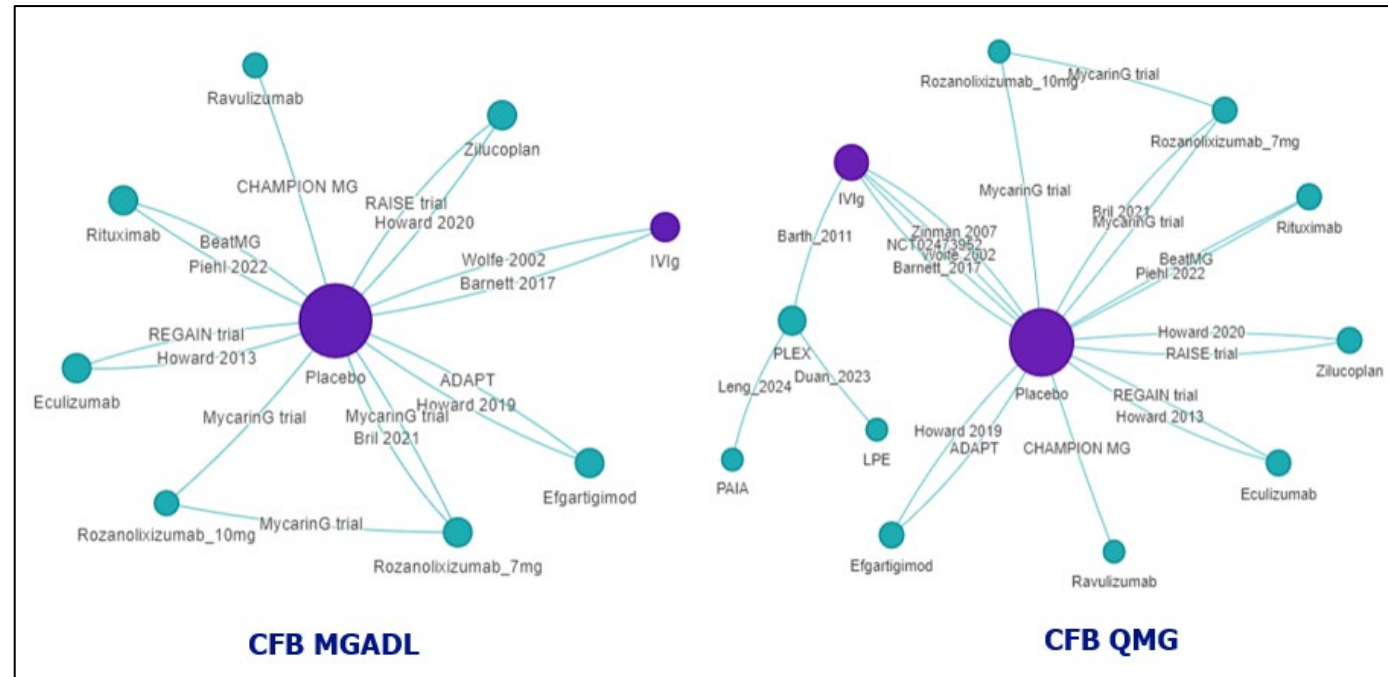
## Company draft guidance response

- **Marketing authorisation:** add on to standard care with corticosteroids and immunosuppressants (not with IVIg or PLEX); people on IVIg or PLEX usually also have standard therapy, so fair to compare rozanolixizumab with IVIg or PLEX as alternative add-on options when standard care alone not enough
- **People who will never receive IVIg/PLEX:** not target population for rozanolixizumab
- **Treatment break:** 2 scenarios modelled for people who may be temporarily off first-line IVIg, PLEX or rozanolixizumab
- **Analysis to show perversity of outcomes vs blended basket comparator:** scenario with hypothetical IVIg or PLEX (10% cheaper and 10% more effective) still results in ICERs above NICE thresholds – better treatments could be rejected, leaving patients with less effective, more costly options

[Company response:  
comparators](#)

# Bivariate NMA outcome network

Change from baseline MG-ADL and QMG



Responder MG-ADL and QMG

Company response: indirect treatment comparison

# Time on treatment

| Intervention    | Time on treatment (years)        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Rozanolixizumab | ████                             |
| IVIg            | ████                             |
| PLEX            | ████                             |
| Standard basket | ████ (████ in company base case) |

- Inclusion of MSE to inform the proportion of patients in the continued response state does not affect time on treatment → proportion in 'loss of response' state remains the same (████), proportions in 'continued' and 'stable' response states are on treatment
- The time on treatment is only dependent on the overall response rate and response assessment timepoint
- The model calculates costs/utilities for 100% of patients who stay in their response state until a clinical event (exacerbation/crisis)
  - changing the initial proportions in the continued and stable response states affects costs and utilities but not time on treatment

# Company response: indirect treatment comparison

## New studies on IVIg and PLEX included in NMAs

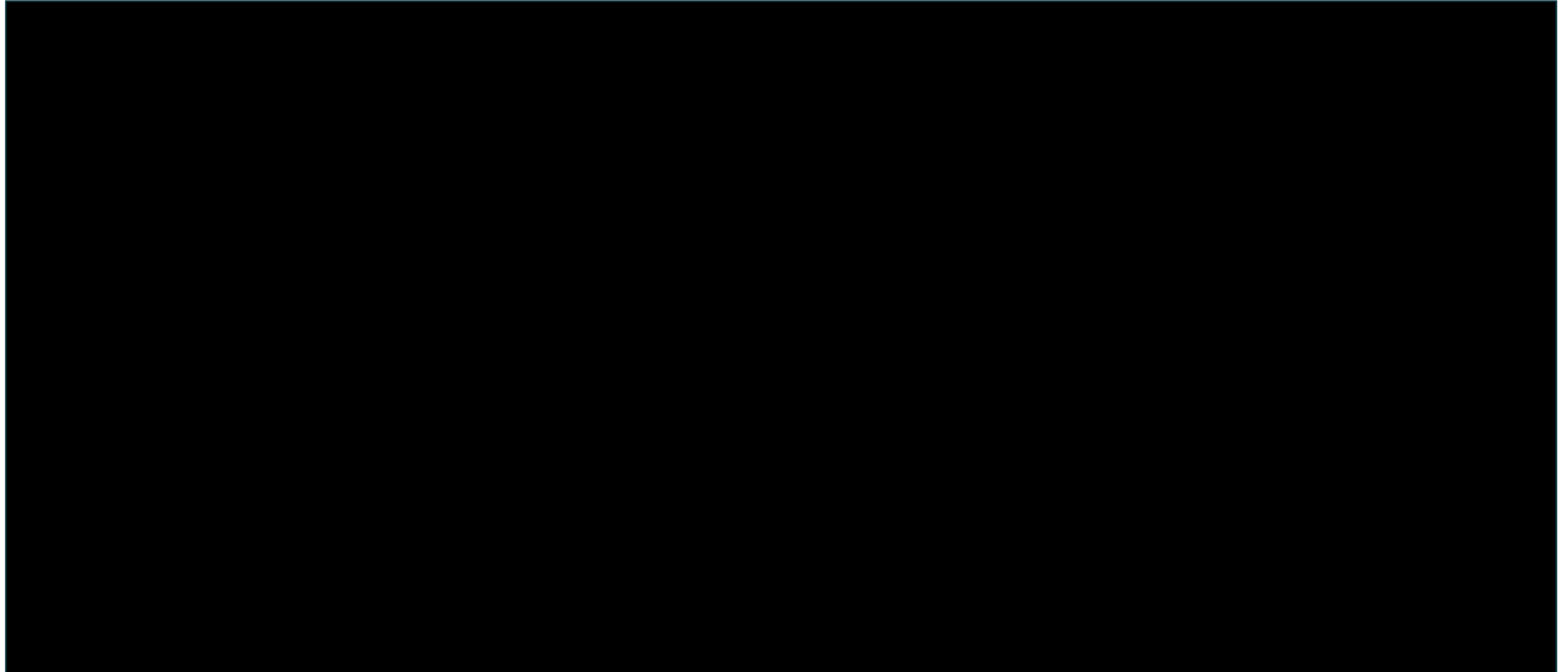
| Study  | Outcomes                   | Comparators   | Used in                                       | EAG comments  |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Barnett et al., 2017<br>(prospective, non-RCT, Canada) | MG-ADL<br>CFB<br>QMG CFB   | Control (n=54)<br>Prednisone (n=50)<br>IVIg/PLEX (n=45) | Bivariate<br>Baseline<br>risk adjusted<br>NMA | No outcomes reported for control group, so can't be used<br>Prednisone treated as placebo in evidence network but appropriateness uncertain because study does not report background treatments for each group<br>IVIg and PLEX combined into 1 group – impossible to assess individual effects<br>IVIg/PLEX group treated as IVIg only in NMA – adds uncertainty |
| Duan et al., 2023<br>(retrospective, non-RCT, China)   | QMG<br>response<br>QMG CFB | PLEX (n=62)<br>LPE (n=62)                               | Bivariate                                     | No discussion on how treatment groups selected – concerns about bias<br>Includes PLEX arm but no common comparator to link PLEX to rest of evidence network, instead adds LPE – not relevant to this appraisal  |
| Leng et al., 2024<br>(retrospective, non-RCT, China)   | QMG CFB                    | PLEX (n=3)<br>Protein A (n=4)                           | Bivariate                                     | Only 3 patients with gMG in PLEX group<br>No common comparator to link PLEX to rest of network – instead adds Protein A immunoadsorption (PAIA) – not relevant to this appraisal<br>May share patients or data with the Duan study  |

[Company response: indirect treatment comparison](#)

**NICE** EAG, external assessment group; CFB, change from baseline; ICER, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio; IVIg, intravenous immunoglobulin; LPE, lymphoplasmaapheresis; MG-ADL, myasthenia gravis activities of daily living; NMA, network meta-analysis; PLEX, plasma exchange; QMG, quantitative myasthenia gravis; RCT, randomised controlled trial

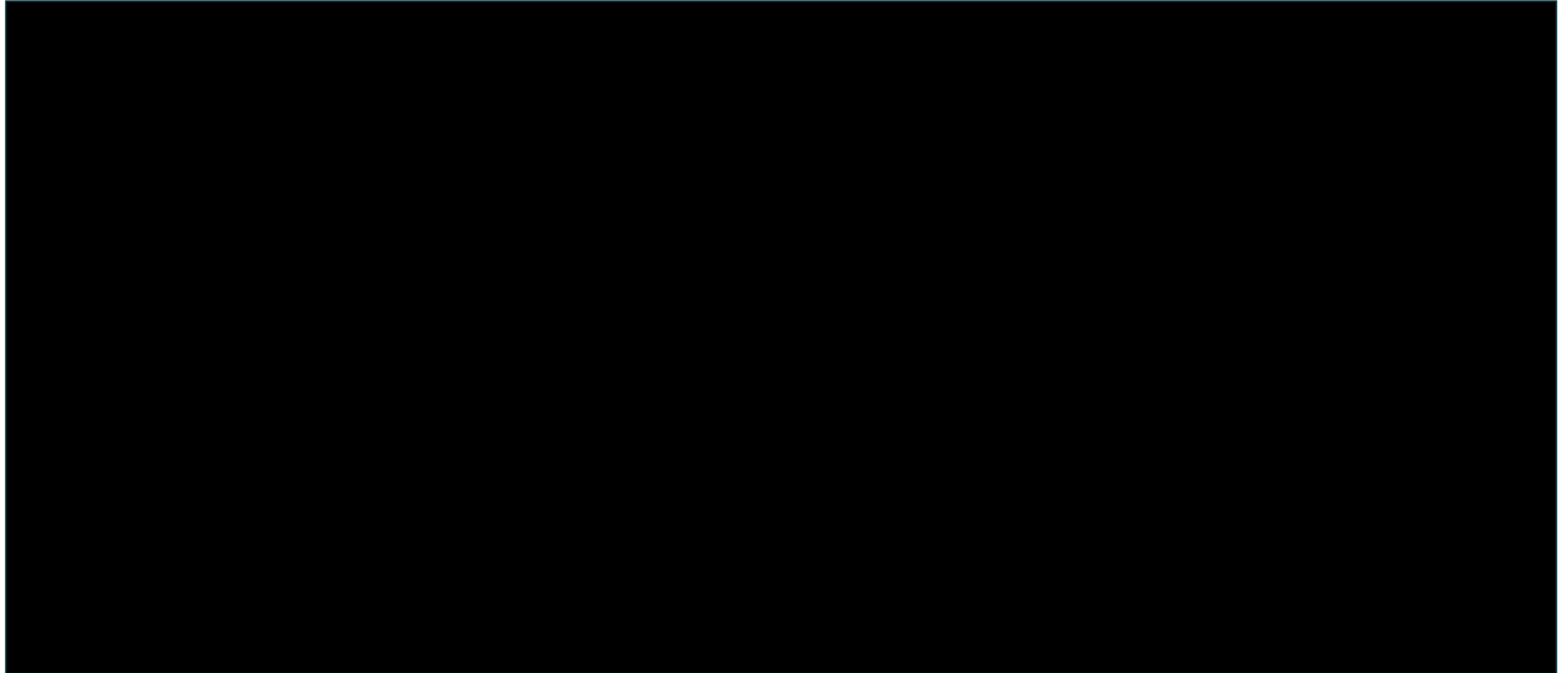
# MG0007 efficacy outcomes

Change from baseline to day 43 in MG-ADL score during each treatment cycle



# MG0007 long-term results

MG-ADL score stabilised at around -3 compared with baseline



# Delphi survey report subsequent treatment proportions

Subsequent treatment proportions based on clinical expert survey used to inform model

| Subsequent treatment                       | Expert 1 | Expert 2 | Expert 3 | Expert 4 | Expert 5 | Expert 6 | Expert 7 | Expert 8 | Expert 9 | Mean       |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| After IVIg + SC failed: <b>PLEX + SC</b>   | 25%      | 0%       | 100%     | 33%      | 84%      | 43%      | 89%      | 80%      | 100%     | <b>62%</b> |
| After IVIg + SC failed: <b>IVIg + PLEX</b> | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       | 33%      | 0%       | 21%      | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       | <b>6%</b>  |
| After PLEX + SC failed: <b>IVIg + SC</b>   | 14%      | 50%      | 90%      | 33%      | 83%      | 74%      | 0%       | 60%      | 100%     | <b>56%</b> |
| After PLEX + SC failed: <b>PLEX + SC</b>   | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       | 33%      | 0%       | 5%       | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       | <b>4%</b>  |

[Company response: subsequent treatments](#)

# Source of corticosteroid management costs

EAG preferred alternative source of costs for the model

[Summary of company and EAG base case assumptions at ACM2](#)

## Source of corticosteroid management costs

| Health state                             | Company base case:<br>Stirnadel-Farrant et al. 2023 | EAG base case:<br>Lee et al. 2018 |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Uncontrolled                             | █   | █                                 |
| Stable response                          | █   | █                                 |
| MSE/continued response – rozanolixizumab | █   | █                                 |
| MSE/continued response – IVIg and PLEX   | █   | █                                 |

**Company draft guidance response**

Limitations of Lee et al:

- no data on adverse events for people not having corticosteroids
- does not specify severity of AEs
- costs according to dose not included

**EAG comments**

- Lee et al. accepted by committee in zilucoplan appraisal ID4008
- Study in generalised myasthenia gravis – Stirnadel-Farrant is in systemic lupus erythematosus
- Costs of managing corticosteroids differ for IVIg and PLEX, and rozanolixizumab MSE/continued response health states – costs should be the same

Which is more appropriate source of corticosteroid management costs: Stirnadel-Farrant et al. or Lee et al.? Should costs for CS management be the same for the rozanolixizumab and IVIg and PLEX model arms?