

**Longer Overall Survival in the CENTAUR Trial:** 

A Rank Preserving Structural Failure Time Model Adjusts for Crossover from Placebo to PB/TURSO

**Applying Lessons from Oncology** 

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# The CENTAUR Trial Was Done in Partnership With the ALS Community











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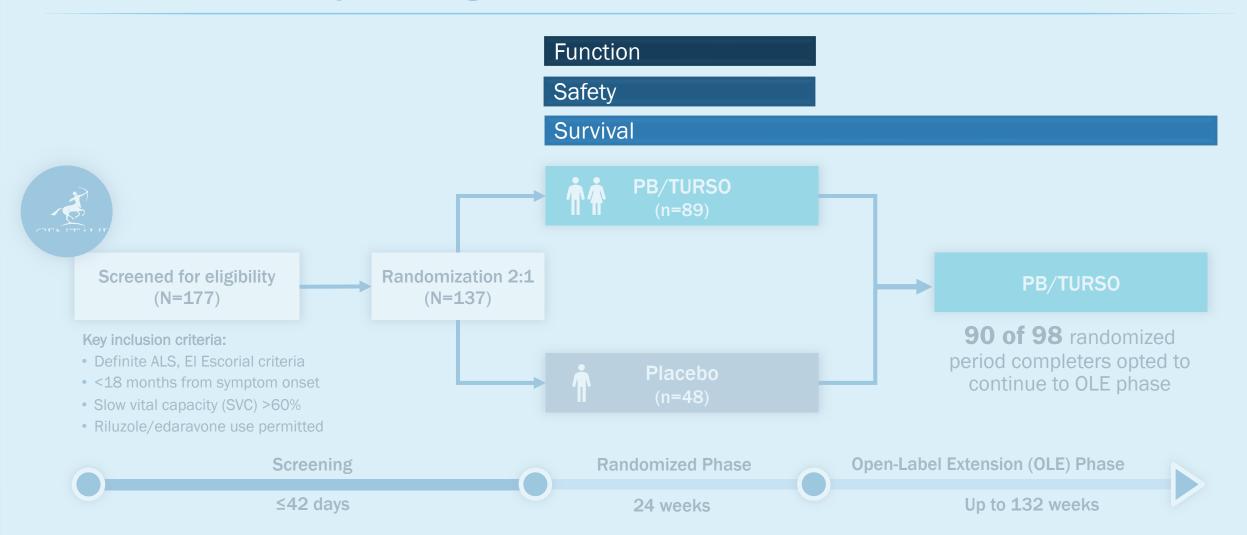


## **Context for Today's Presentation**



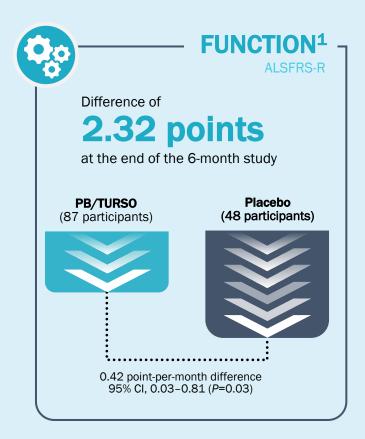
- Submission will be supported with safety, function, and long-term survival data from the CENTAUR trial
  - Encompasses a 6-month randomized placebocontrolled phase and an open-label long-term follow-up phase
- Today's Focus: How lessons from oncology informed patient-centric study design and analysis methods in the CENTAUR trial (and how they can be applied to future ALS trials)

# **CENTAUR Study Design<sup>1,2</sup>**



<sup>1.</sup> Paganoni S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;383:919-930. 2. Paganoni S, et al. Muscle Nerve. 2021;63:31-39.doi:10.1002/mus.27091.

# **CENTAUR Results Summary<sup>1</sup>**





#### SAFETY<sup>1</sup>

While there were similar rates of adverse events and discontinuations recorded in the PB/TURSO and placebo groups during the 24-week randomized phase, GI events occurred with greater frequency (≥2%) in the AMX0035 group

GI events included diarrhea, nausea, salivary hypersecretion, and abdominal discomfort

77% of participants were on riluzole or edaravone at or prior to study entry<sup>1</sup>

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# **Challenge 1**



Collecting robust survival data in a 6-month randomized phase

## **Lesson 1: Participant Locating Service**



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Oncology Lesson:
Utilize a participant locating service to collect long-term survival data on all participants

## **Lesson 1: Participant Locating Service**



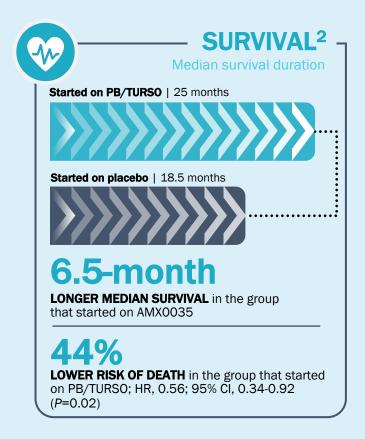
A search of public records by participant locating service OmniTrace successfully confirmed vital status for all but **2** (135/137) participants as of July 2020<sup>a</sup>

#### How it works<sup>2</sup>

- Searching publicly available records and databases
- Appropriate protocol language / patient consent required
- In the United States, search turnaround time can be as little as 24-48 hours

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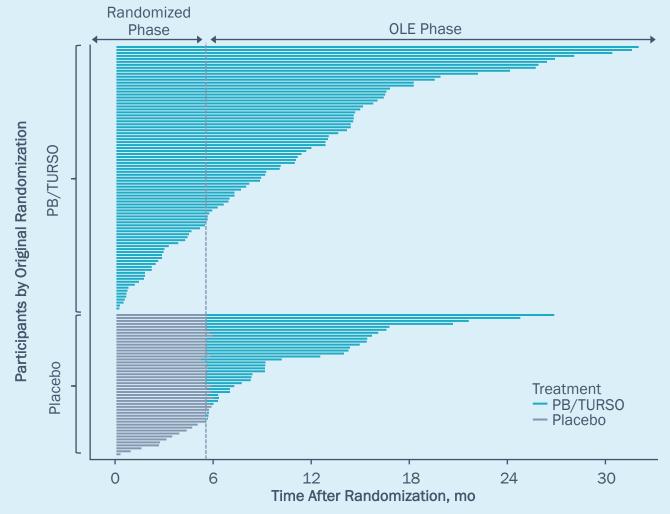
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# The Majority of Participants Starting on Placebo in CENTAUR Received PB/TURSO During the OLE Phase

- In CENTAUR, the pre-specified overall survival analysis was not designed to evaluate if participants that started on placebo and switched to PB/TURSO in the OLE phase received any survival benefit<sup>1</sup>
  - 71% (34/48) of participants starting on placebo switched to PB/TURSO during the OLE phase

#### **Duration of AMX0035 Exposure for Each Randomized Participant**



## **Challenge 2**



Accounting for placebo participants switching to PB/TURSO during the open label extension phase

## **Lesson 2: Analysis Methods**



Accounting for placebo participants switching to PB/TURSO during the open label extension phase

Oncology Lesson:

Model overall survival to reflect result had placebo participants not received PB/TURSO in the open label extension phase

## **Lesson #2: Adjusting Survival Analysis**

- In oncology trials, participants in the placebo arm are frequently provided the option to receive experimental therapy either after disease progression or at study end<sup>1</sup>
- Treatment effect on overall survival may be underestimated<sup>1</sup>
  - Can impact both clinical decision-making and health economic assessments
- Statistical models are available to account for this crossover and to model the overall survival result in the absence of the placebo group switching over to receive active treatment<sup>1</sup>
  - Models are accepted by reimbursement agencies

Rank Preserving Structural
Failure Time Model (RPSFTM)
allows a direct comparison of randomization groups by adjusting the overall survival of participants who cross over so that it reflects the overall survival had they not received the investigational therapy<sup>1</sup>

Sunitinib in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors: updated progression-free survival and final overall survival from a phase III randomized study HR 0.73 (95% CI: 0.50-1.06) P = 0.094ITT Analysis — Sunitinib 85 29.1 (16.4-36.8) 85 13.2 (9.2-38.5) **RPSFTM** 0.3 0.2

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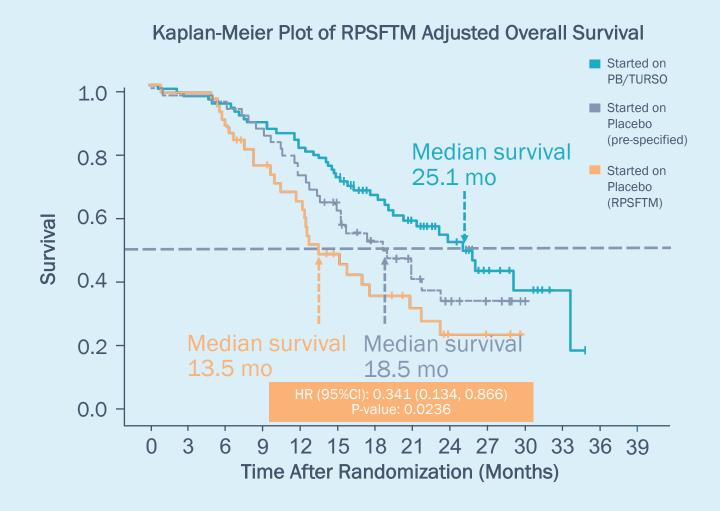
Figure 2 Kaplan—Meier estimates of overall survival in the intent-to-treat (ITT) population (A) without adjustment for crossover and (B) both with and without adjustment for crossover in the placebo arm. Cl, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; mOS, median overall survival; RPSFT, rank-preserving structural faillure time.

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## **Methods**

- Exploratory analysis used a RPSFTM on the randomized population (N=137)
  - Adjusted the overall survival of participants who started on placebo and then switched to PB/TURSO in the OLE phase to reflect their overall survival in the absence of receiving PB/TURSO
- Kaplan Meier curves were produced for the observed survival in the started on PB/TURSO arm and the adjusted survival in the started on placebo arm
  - Hazard ratios (HRs) were estimated using a Cox proportional hazards model with covariates of prebaseline ALSFRS-R slope, baseline ALSFRS-R, and age

# RPSFTM Analysis: Increased Survival Benefit for Group Starting on PB/TURSO

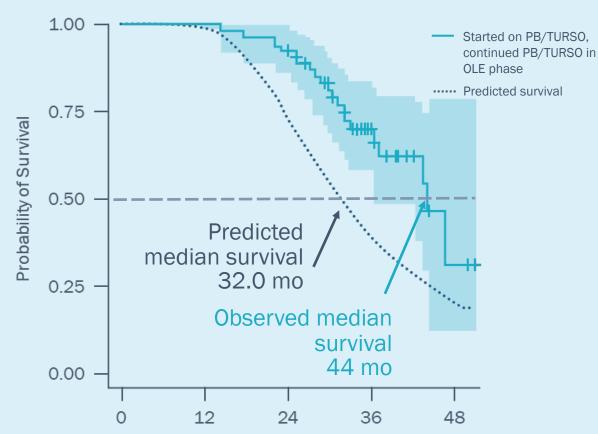


- Model shows an up to
   11.6 month longer median survival in the group starting on PB/TURSO
  - Compared to a 6.5 month difference in pre-specified analysis

## Predictive Model Analysis: Increased (and consistent) Survival Benefit for Group Starting on PB/TURSO

#### Predicted vs Observed Survival Duration from Symptom Onset

Started on PB/TURSO, continued PB/TURSO in OLE phase subgroup



#### Time Since Symptom Onset (Months)

Note - this is time from symptom onset, not time from randomization like previous graphs

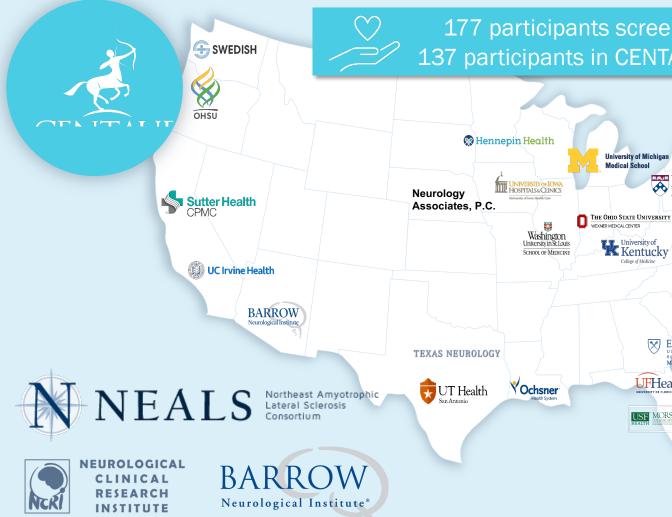
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- ENCALS survival prediction model
  - Exploratory analysis applied model to CENTAUR population
  - Comparison of predicted survival to observed survival
- In the subgroup of participants originally randomized to PB/TURSO who continued into the OLE phase (n=56), median observed survival duration exceeded predicted survival duration by 12 months

## **Take Home Points**

- Robust survival data can be collected while implementing patient-centric trial design
  - Short (6-month) randomized phase + open label extension phase
- Incorporate novel methods
  - Participant locating service
  - RPSFTM and prediction modeling

## Thank you!



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