

#### BACKGROUND

- *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. difficile*) is an opportunistic pathogen that causes an estimated 500,000 infections per year in the United States<sup>1</sup>
- Microbiota-based treatments have shown promise in reducing recurrent *C. difficile* infection (rCDI)<sup>2</sup>
- RBX2660 is a standardized, microbiota-based live biotherapeutic product being investigated as a treatment option for rCDI<sup>2,3</sup>
- RBX2660 is administered rectally as a single dose, without the need for sedation, colonoscopy, or bowel preparation
- We present a subgroup analysis on the long-term efficacy and safety of RBX2660 in participants with rCDI in PUNCH CD Open-Label (NCT02589847), a prospective, multicenter, open-label, phase 2 trial<sup>3</sup>

#### METHODS

- PUNCH CD Open-Label participants enrolled were  $\geq 18$  years old with either  $\geq 2$  episodes of rCDI treated with standard-of-care antibiotic therapy after a primary CDI episode, or  $\geq 2$  episodes of severe CDI requiring hospitalization
- Participants were required to have a positive stool test for *C. difficile* toxins A/B or toxin gene expression by nucleic acid amplification within 60 days before enrollment and were on antibiotics to treat CDI at the time of enrollment
- Participants received up to 2 doses of RBX2660 rectally administered  $7 \pm 2$  days apart
- The primary endpoint, treatment success, was defined as the absence of CDI diarrhea without the need for CDI retreatment for 8 weeks after completing study treatment
- Sustained response was evaluated at 6, 12, and 24 months in participants who experienced treatment success at 8 weeks
- Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were defined as events with onset dates on or after the start of study treatment and were collected through 6 months
- Long-term safety data, TEAEs and serious TEAEs were recorded at 6 and 12 months after treatment; events between 12 and 24 months were recorded during the study exit interview and intended to capture serious TEAEs after the last dose of RBX2660
- In this post hoc subgroup analysis, we report the 6-, 12-, and 24-month outcomes of 8-week responders by age, sex, race, and number of prior CDI episodes

#### RESULTS

- Among the 149 participants treated with RBX2660 in the full analysis set, 91% were White, 64% were female, 58% were  $\geq$ 65 years of age, and 50% had  $\geq$ 4 prior episodes of CDI<sup>3</sup>
- 78.9% (112/142) of RBX2660-treated participants had treatment success at 8 weeks<sup>3</sup>
- Sustained response rates were 97% (109/112), 95% (101/106), and 91% (88/97) at 6, 12, and 24 months, respectively<sup>3</sup>

# 24-Month Sustained Clinical Response and Safety of RBX2660 in Participants With Recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* Infection: Subgroup Analysis

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## **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

Across demographic subgroups, the majority of RBX2660 responders showed a sustained clinical response, remaining free of CDI recurrence up to 2 years after treatment



### Table 1. Demographics and Baseline Characteristics by Age, Sex, Race, and Number of Prior CDI Episodes (FAS<sup>a</sup>)

	Age		Sex		Race		Number of Prior CDI Episodes	
	<65 Years (n=62)	≥65 Years (n=87)	Female (n=95)	Male (n=54)	White (n=136)	Non-White (n=13)	2 or 3 (n=74)	≥4 (n=75)
Age, mean (SD), years	46.4 (13.5)	78.4 (8.4)	63.7 (19.6)	67.5 (18.2)	65.0 (19.1)	66.7 (21.1)	63.9 (20.1)	66.3 (18.3)
Age <65 years, n (%)	62 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	46 (48.4)	16 (29.6)	57 (41.9)	5 (38.5)	31 (41.9)	31 (41.3)
Sex (female), n (%)	46 (74.2)	49 (56.3)	95 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	87 (64.0)	8 (61.5)	41 (55.4)	54 (72.0)
Race (White), n (%)	57 (91.9)	79 (90.8)	87 (91.6)	49 (90.7)	136 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	69 (93.2)	67 (89.3)
Number of prior CDI episodes, mean (SD)	3.7 (1.0)	4.0 (1.7)	3.9 (1.4)	3.7 (1.4)	3.7 (1.1)	5.0 (2.9)	2.9 (0.3)	4.8 (1.5)

CDI. *Clostridioides difficile* infection: FAS, full analysis set: N. number of participants: n. number of participants with observation

<sup>a</sup>The FAS (N=149) includes the RBX2660 safety population, excluding screen failures. The evaluable population (N=142) includes the FAS population that remained evaluable at the primary efficacy end point.

- Across demographic subgroups, treatment success was achieved by 67% to 85% of RBX2660-treated participants
- 83% of participants who had experienced 4 or more prior CDI episodes remained free of CDI recurrence through 8 weeks after RBX2660 treatment

#### Figure 1. RBX2660 Treatment Success Across Demographic Subgroups (8 Weeks; Evaluable Population)



CDI, *Clostridioides difficile* infection.

The evaluable population (N=142) includes the FAS population that remained evaluable at the primary efficacy end point. Success was defined as the absence of CDI diarrhea without the need for retreatment for 8 weeks after completing study treatment.

Long-term safety data reinforce that RBX2660 is well tolerated



No evidence of development of new disease associated with RBX2660 with up to 2 years of follow-up

- Most TEAEs occurred within the first 4 weeks after treatment
- Similar percentages of TEAEs were reported in RBX2660-treated participants across demographic subgroups between 6 and 12 months (range, 31%-43%) and 12 and 24 months (range, 23%-37%) after treatment with RBX2660

#### Figure 2. Sustained Clinical Response in Patients With 8-Week RBX2660 Treatment Success Across Demographic Subgroups Through 2 Years After RBX2660 Treatment



CDI. *Clostridioides difficile* infection.

Numbers at top of the bars are the percentage of participants with sustained response. Numbers below the bars are the total number of assessed participant with follow-up through specified time points

Between 6 and 24 months. 35 participants discontinued the study (withdrawal by subject [n=10], death [n=16], lost to follow-up [n=5], administrative closure [n=2], site terminated by sponsor [n=1], adverse event [n=1]).

- 98.0%, 97.9%, and 93.5% of participants <65 years of age and 96.8%, 93.1%, and 88.0% of participants  $\geq$ 65 years of age showed sustained treatment success from week 8 through 6, 12, and 24 months after treatment, respectively
- Similar sustained response rates were demonstrated in participants categorized by sex, race, and number of prior CDI episodes

#### Figure 3. Summary of TEAEs by Onset Interval Across Demographic Subgroups **Through 2 Years After RBX2660 Treatment**



CDI, Clostridioides difficile infection; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event

TEAEs and serious TEAEs were collected at 6 and 12 months of follow-up; events between 12 and 24 months were collected during the study exit interview and intended to capture serious TEAEs after the last dose of RBX2660.

#### Table 2. Summary of Adverse Events Across Demographic Subgroups Through 2 Years After RBX2660 Treatment

	Participants, n (%)										
	Age		Sex		Race		Number of Prior CDI Episodes				
Severity	<65 Years (n=62)	≥65 Years (n=87)	Female (n=95)	Male (n=54)	White (n=136)	Non-White (n=13)	2 or 3 (n=74)	≥4 (n=75)			
Mild	19 (30.6)	12 (13.8)	21 (22.1)	10 (18.5)	30 (22.1)	1 (7.7)	17 (23.0)	14 (18.7)			
Moderate	22 (35.5)	27 (31.0)	41 (43.2)	8 (14.8)	43 (31.6)	6 (46.2)	21 (28.4)	28 (37.3)			
Severe	7 (11.3)	17 (19.5)	11 (11.6)	13 (24.1)	24 (17.6)	0 (0.0)	11 (14.9)	13 (17.3)			
Potentially life-threatening	2 (3.2)	17 (19.5)	8 (8.4)	11 (20.4)	16 (11.8)	3 (23.1)	8 (10.8)	11 (14.7)			

Percentages represent the number of participants in the FAS: TEAEs and serious TEAEs were collected at 6 and 12 months of follow-up; events between 12 and 24 months were collected during the study exit interview and intended to capture serious TEAEs after the last dose of RBX2660.

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