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# Atacicept potentially *first* and *best-in-class* dual BAFF/APRIL B cell modulator in IgAN, with pipeline-in-a-product opportunity

## IgAN Potential Best-in-Class



- eGFR normalization may suggest functional cure; FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation awarded 2024
- Only program with 2-year data in Phase 2 → potential for commercial differentiation, if approved
- Only investigational drug with at home self admin of 1 mL SC QW and 90% patient retention at 2 years

## Potential Indication Expansion



- B cell modulation represents a treatment paradigm shift for autoimmune diseases
- Progressive expansion in addressable patients: initial autoimmune kidney disease opportunity >200K
- Strong clinical potential in hematologic, rheumatologic, and other indications

## Resourced for Potential Launch



- Currently ~\$677M *pro forma* cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of September 30, 2024<sup>1</sup>
- Management focused on potential for successful commercial launch
- Phase 3 read out on track for Q2 2025; if successful, anticipated PDUFA date 2026

APRIL = A proliferation inducing ligand; BAFF = B cell activating factor; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; IgAN = immunoglobulin A nephropathy; PDUFA = Prescription Drug User Fee Act; QW = once weekly; SC = subcutaneous.  
1. Includes ~\$353M of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of September 30, 2024 and additional ~\$324M in net proceeds from October 2024 follow-on equity offering. This estimate of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of September 30, 2024 has not been audited.

# Cumulative Atacept data to date supports best-in-class potential



## Atacept



## Sibeprenlimab<sup>1</sup>



## Povetacept<sup>2</sup>



## Zigakibart<sup>3</sup>

	Atacept	Sibeprenlimab <sup>1</sup>	Povetacept <sup>2</sup>	Zigakibart <sup>3</sup>
Mechanism	BAFF/APRIL inhibition	APRIL inhibition only	BAFF/APRIL inhibition	APRIL inhibition only
Dosing & Administration	25/75/150 mg SC QW (Phase 2) 150 mg SC QW (Phase 3) 1x1 mL self-administered	2/4/8 mg/kg IV (Phase 2) 400 mg SC QM (Phase 3) 1x2 mL in-clinic injection	80/240 mg SC QM (Phase 1b) 80 mg SC QM (Phase 3) 1xTBD mL in-clinic injection	450 mg IV Q2W (Phase 2) 600 mg SC Q2W (Phase 3) 2x2 mL in-clinic injection
Development Stage	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3
Randomized Controlled Trial Data	✓	✓	✗	✗
Gd-IgA1 Reduction	64% at W36 vs 7% placebo	~60% at W52 vs ~+20% placebo	No placebo controlled data	No placebo controlled data
Hematuria	80% resolution at W36	Reductions at W36 (nonquantifiable)	Not reported	Not reported
UPCR Reduction vs Placebo	Δ 43% (p=0.003) at W36	Δ 43% at W36	No placebo controlled data	No placebo controlled data
eGFR Duration Data	24 months, n=102	12 months, n=145	12 months, n=8	19 months, n=33
Projected Commercial Launch	2026	2026	2027	2027

This data is based on a cross-trial comparison and not a head-to-head clinical trial; such data may not be directly comparable due to differences in study protocols, conditions and patient populations.

Atacept 150 mg data from Phase 2b ORIGIN trial shown for urine protein-creatinine ratio (UPCR), galactose-deficient immunoglobulin A1 (Gd-IgA1), and hematuria.

1. Phase 2 4 mg/kg IV Gd-IgA1 data from Mathur M, et al. NEJM 2023, Phase 2 4 mg/kg IV hematuria data from Barratt J, et al. WCN 2024, WCN24-AB-1799, Phase 2 pooled sibeprenlimab UPCR data from Kooienga ASN 2022, TH-PO991, and eGFR data from Barratt J, et al. ASN 2023, abstr TH-PO1124; 2. Phase 1b 80 mg data from Madan A, et al. ASN 2024, FR-PO854; 3. Barratt J, et al. ASN 2024, FR-PO856.

# Strong Financial Position

**~\$677M**

Cash, cash equivalents,  
and marketable securities  
*(pro forma unaudited as of 9.30.24)*<sup>1</sup>

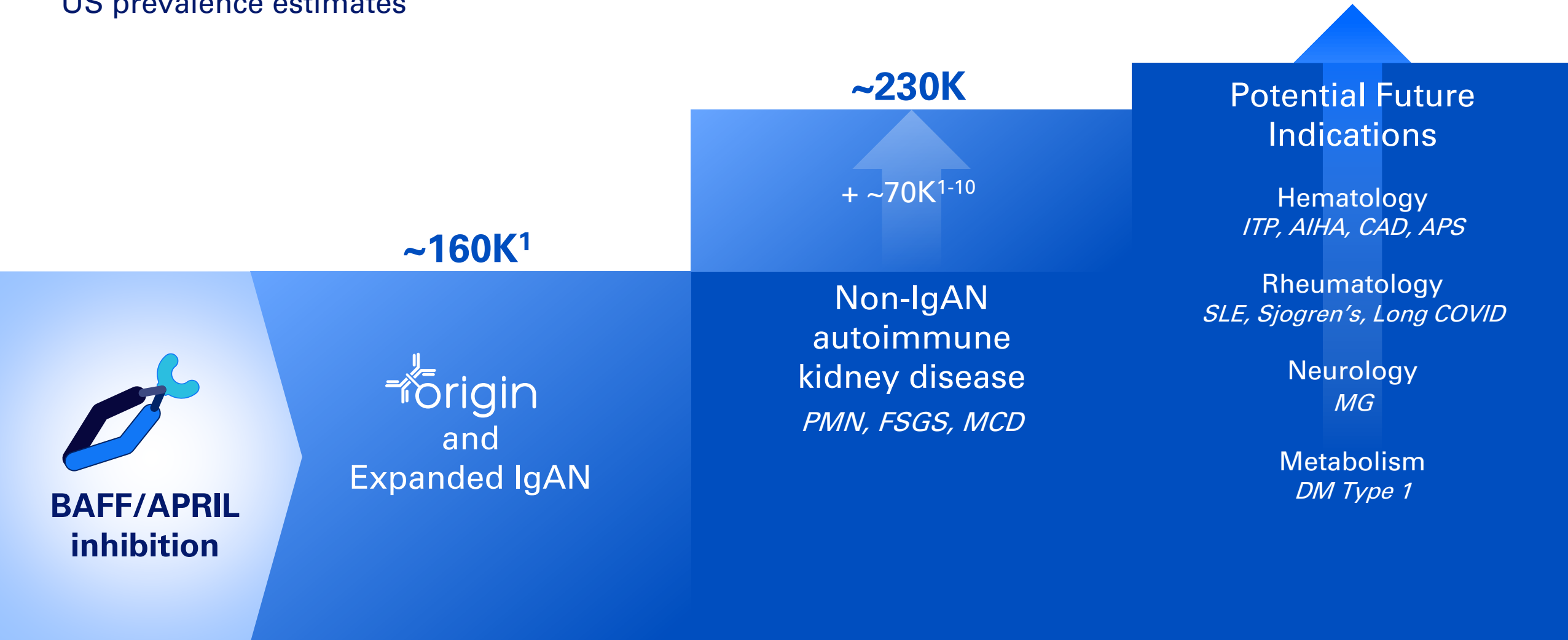
**~63.4M**

Shares outstanding  
*(as of 11.21.24)*

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# Vera optionality to expand in autoimmune kidney disease & beyond

US prevalence estimates



Vera Therapeutics corporate estimates for peak year prevalence based on 1. ClearView Healthcare Partners Analysis; 2. US Census 2023; 3. McGrogan A. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2011; 4. Couser ASN 2017; 5. Beck LH. N Engl J Med 2009; 6. Filler G. Am J Kidney Dis 2003; 7. Troyanov S. J Am Soc Nephrol 2005. 8. Hommos MS. Mayo Clin Proc 2017; 9. Hengel FE. N Engl J Med 2024; 10. Vivarelli M. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2017. PMN = primary membranous nephropathy; FSGS = focal segmental glomerulosclerosis; MCD = minimal change disease; ITP = immune thrombocytopenia; AIHA = autoimmune hemolytic anemia; CAD = cold agglutinin disease; APS = antiphospholipid syndrome; SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus; COVID = Coronavirus disease 2019; MG = myasthenia gravis; DM = diabetes mellitus.

# Atacicept Projected Catalysts

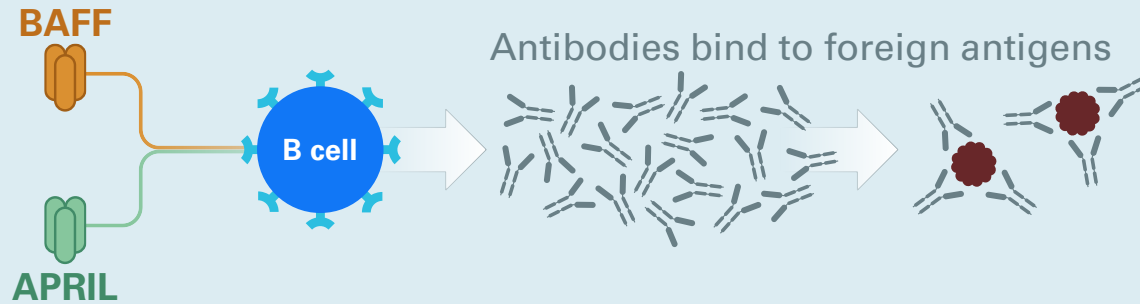
		Catalyst	2025	2026
	IgAN	Phase 3 full enrollment	● 2Q	
		Phase 3 primary endpoint	● 2Q	
		BLA submission	● 2H	
		Projected US launch <sup>1</sup>		●
	IgAN	Initial data	●	
	IgAN, PMN, FSGS, MCD	Initiation	●	
		Initial data	●	

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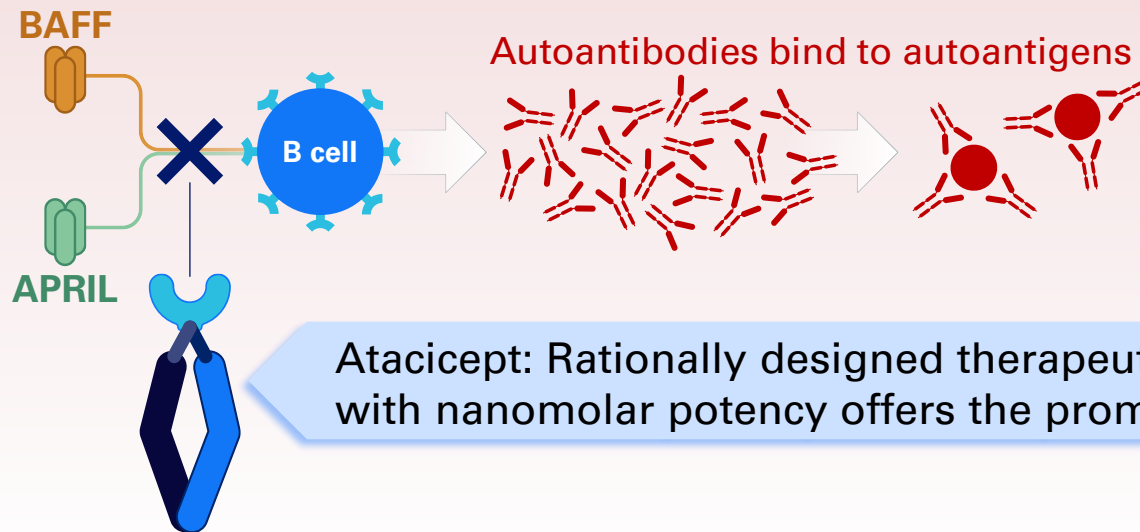
Based on management's current assumptions. 1. Subject to US approval.

# Dual BAFF/APRIL inhibition has broad therapeutic potential to address multiple autoimmune diseases

## Immunity in health



## Autoimmune disease



Autoantigens and autoantibodies mediate autoimmune disease

B cells source of autoantibodies → target cell of interest for therapeutic intervention

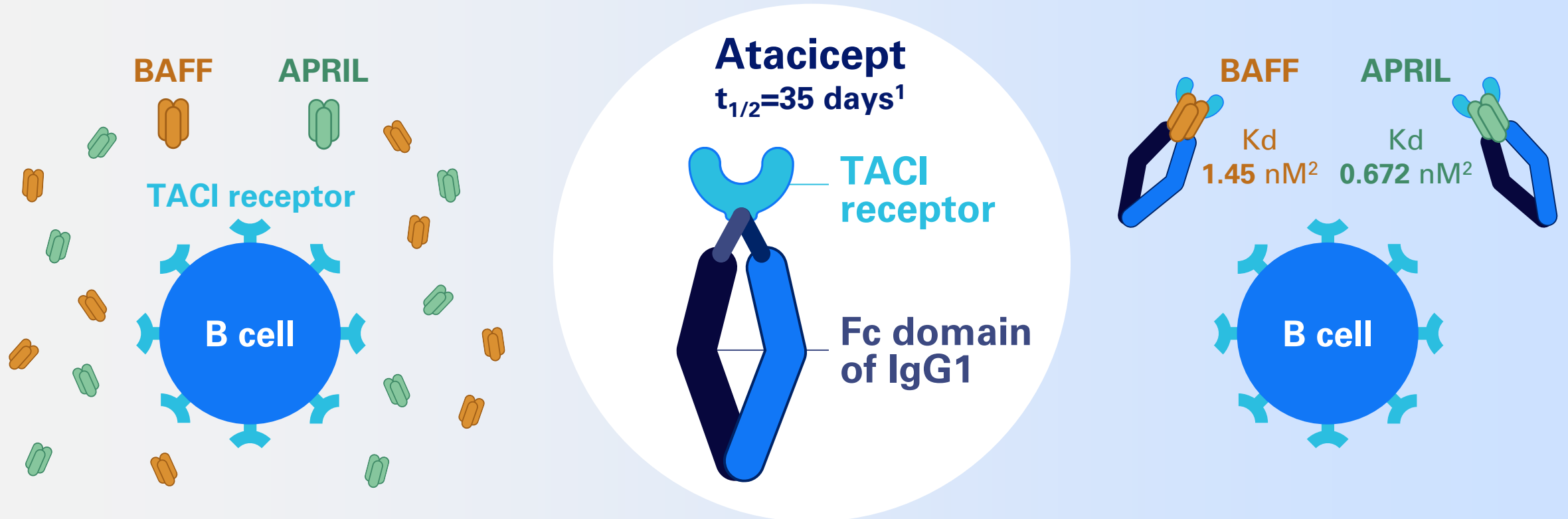
B cells fueled by two cytokines, BAFF and APRIL

Atacicept: Rationally designed therapeutic of modern biotechnology that binds BAFF and APRIL with nanomolar potency offers the promise of precision modulation of B cells and autoantibodies



# Atacicept is an example of rational drug design

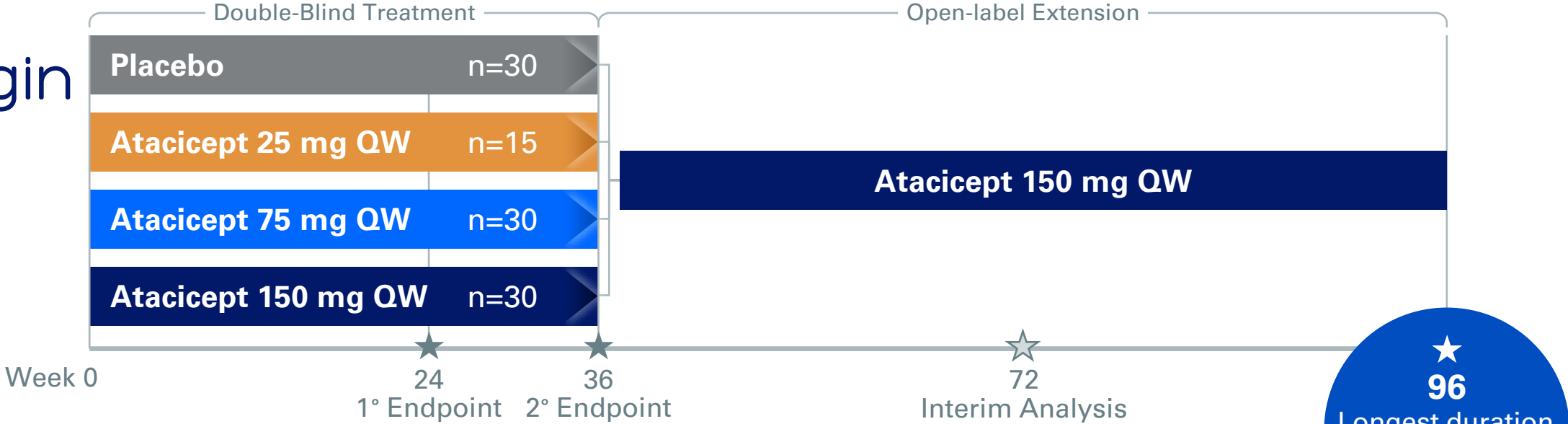
Native TACI-Fc fusion: Soluble protein binds both BAFF and APRIL with nanomolar potency



Fc = fragment crystallizable; IgG1 = immunoglobulin G1; Kd = dissociation constant; TACI = transmembrane activator and calcium-modulator and cyclophilin ligand.

1. Willen D, et al. Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet 2020;45(1):27-40; 2. Vera data on file.

# ORIGIN Phase 2b long-term data revealed in late breaking oral presentation at ASN Kidney Week and JASN manuscript



### Inclusion Criteria

- Participants ≥18 years old with biopsy-proven IgAN and high risk of disease progression
- Stable and optimized RAASi for ≥12 weeks
- Use of SGLT2i allowed
- UPCR-24h >0.75 g/g or UP >0.75 g per 24h
- eGFR ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Blood pressure ≤150/90 mmHg

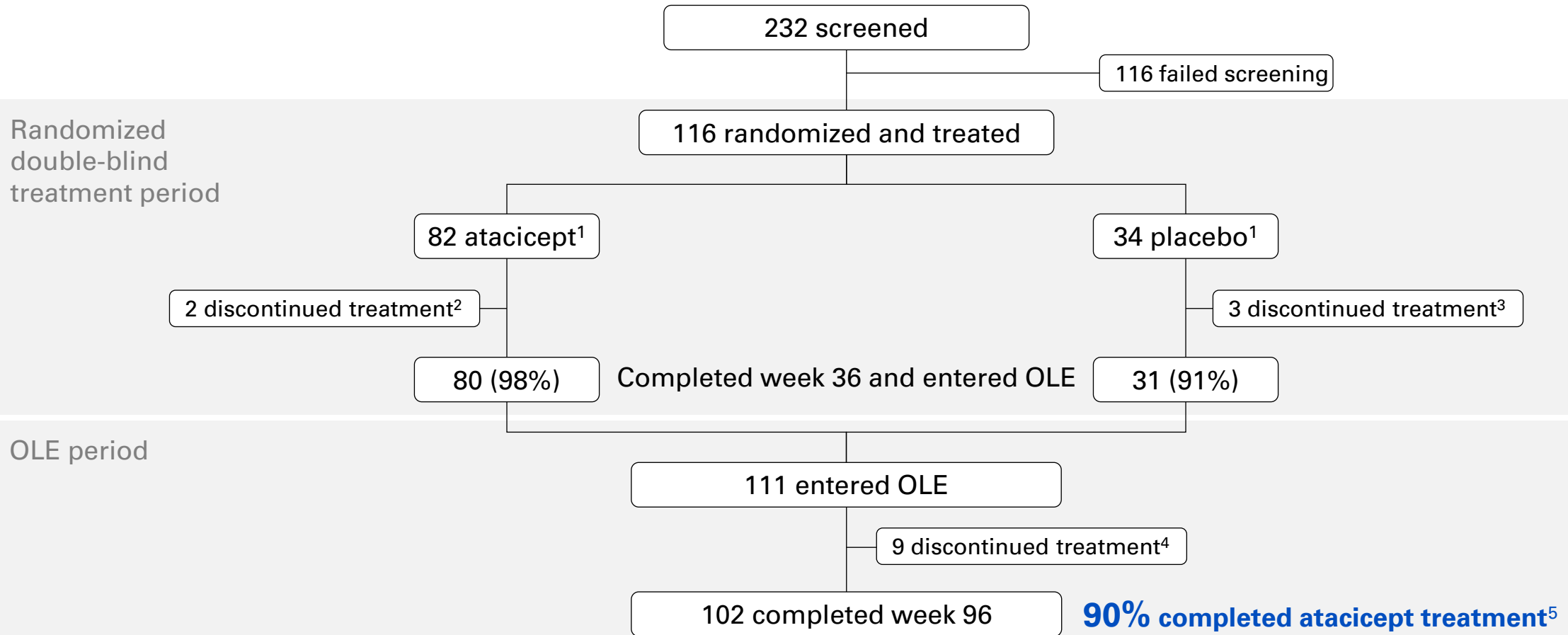
### Endpoints

- Primary efficacy: UPCR-24h at week 24 ★
- Key secondary: UPCR-24h at week 36 ★
- eGFR change up to week 96 ★
- Gd-IgA1 change
- Hematuria change
- Safety

ET = end of treatment; RAASi = renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system inhibitor; SGLT2i = sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor.



# 90% of participants completed atacicept treatment through 2 years



OLE = open-label extension.

1. Full analysis set and safety population.

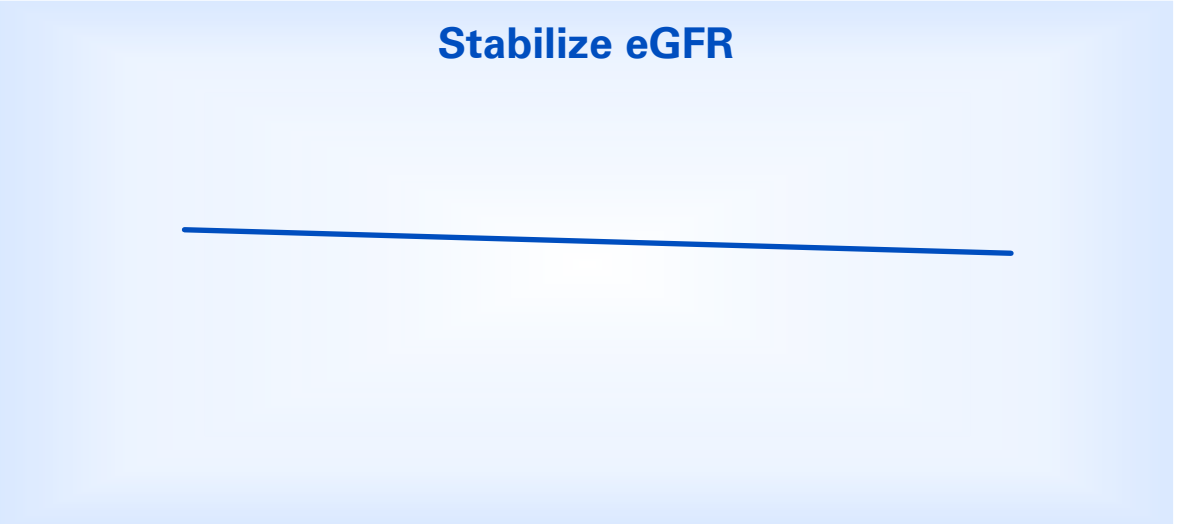
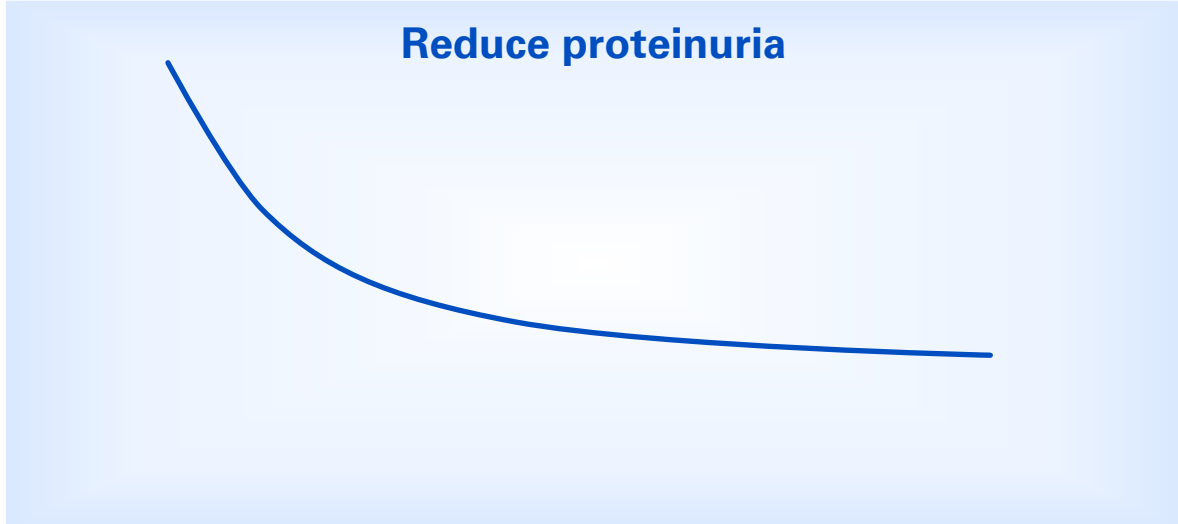
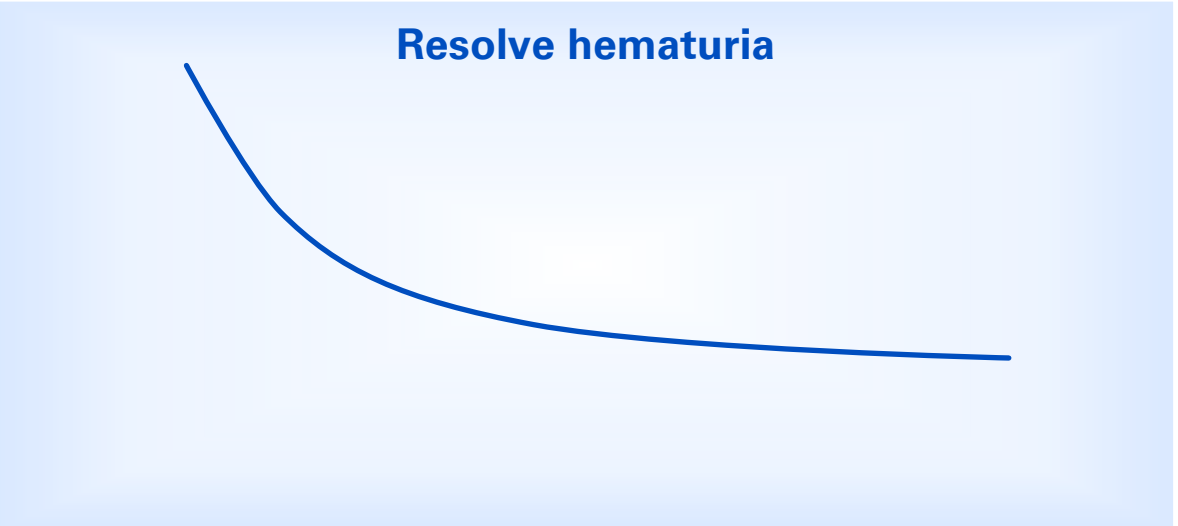
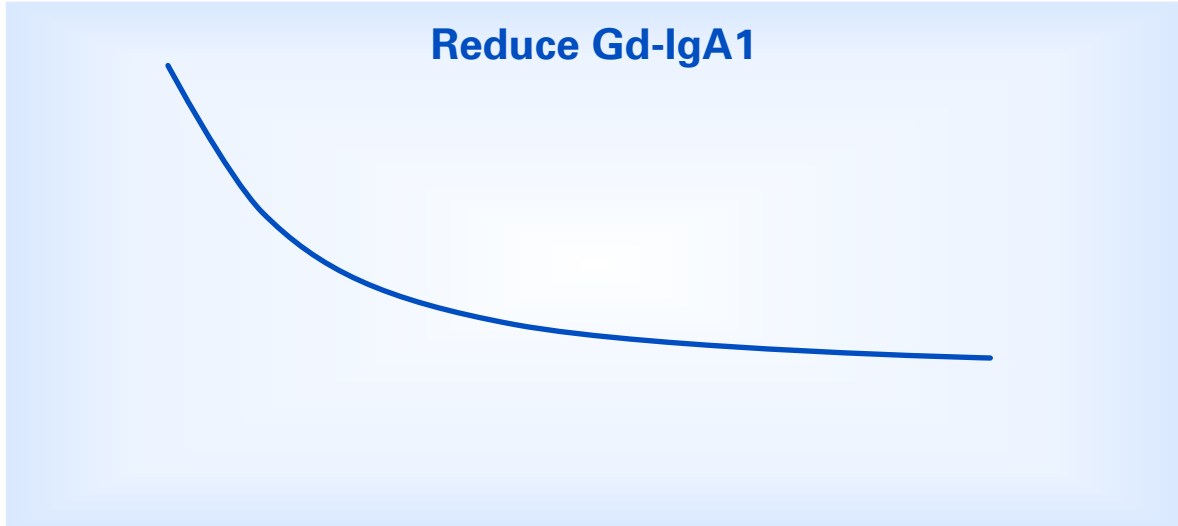
2. Discontinued to pursue elective surgery (n=1), and discontinued due to positive hepatitis B DNA and adverse event (n=1).

3. Initiated prohibited medication for concomitant disease (n=1), discontinued due to plan to start prohibited medication for concomitant disease (n=1) and adverse event (n=1).

4. Discontinued due to investigator decision (n=1), pregnancy (n=2), participant withdrawal (n=2), surgery (n=1), serious adverse event of pneumonia in a heavy smoker, resolved (n=1), adverse event of worsening alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase (n=1), and medical monitor criteria (n=1).

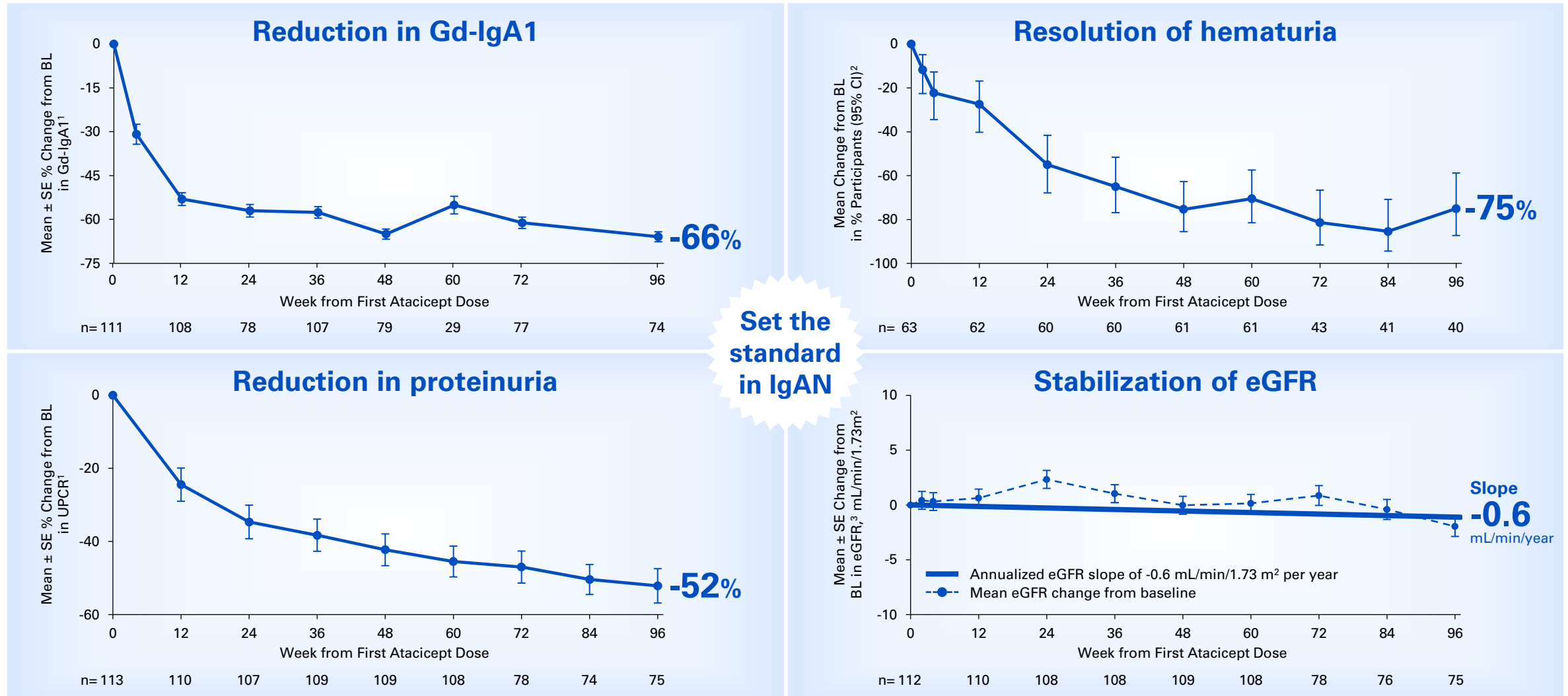
5. 90% = 102/113 (out of the 116 randomized and treated participants, 3 discontinued placebo prior to week 36).

# We believe an ideal IgAN disease modifying therapy would be expected to...



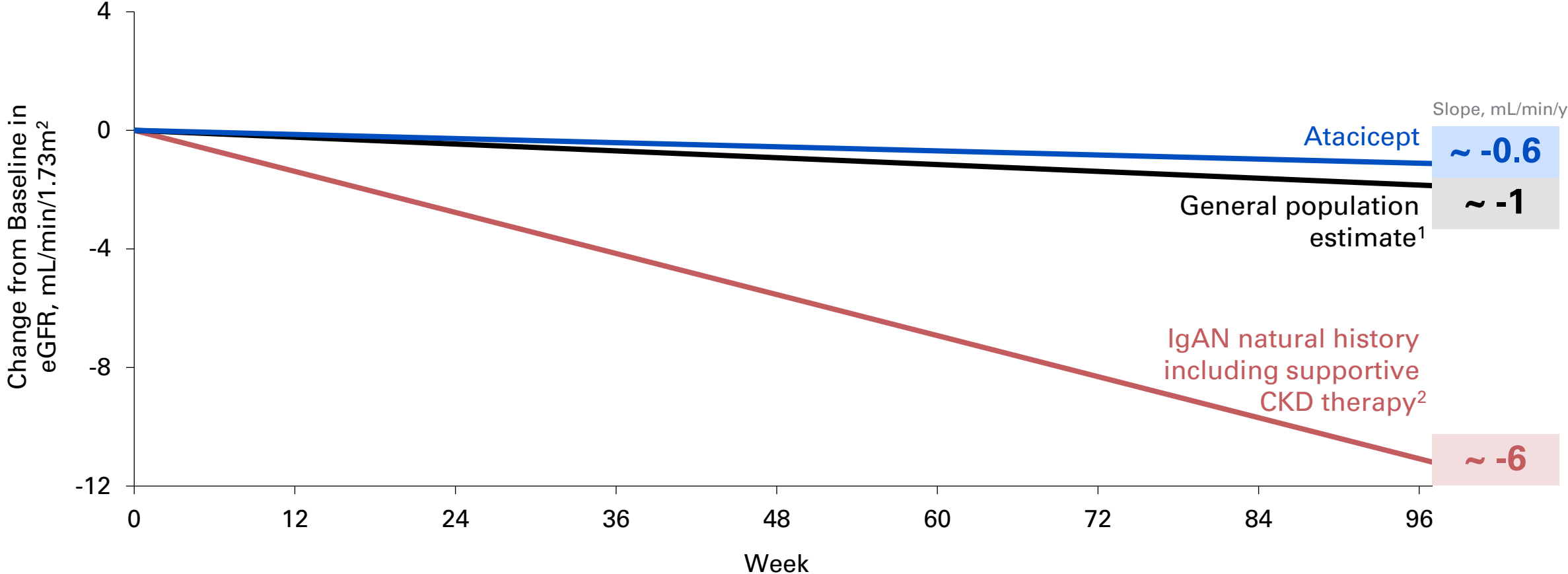
# ORIGIN Phase 2b 96-week results consistent with IgAN disease modification

Including eGFR profile consistent with the general population of -1 mL/min/year



Atacept group includes all participants receiving any atacept dose at each timepoint, with baseline (BL) defined as the last available measurement prior to the first dose of atacept. Data from weeks 0 to 60 includes participants who switched from placebo to atacept. 1. Percentage changes from BL computed using FDA-endorsed mixed-effects modeling; 2. Percentages represent change from BL in number of participants with hematuria at each visit divided by number with BL hematuria; 3. Changes from BL in eGFR were analyzed using MMRM analysis and LS estimation and SE were estimated from the model directly; eGFR slope was analyzed using mixed-effects model with random intercept and random slope and mean slope and SE were estimated from the model directly.

# Atacicept treated participants have eGFR slope profile consistent with general population without kidney disease



This data is based on a cross-trial comparison and not a head-to-head clinical trial; such data may not be directly comparable due to differences in study protocols, conditions and patient populations. Projected eGFR trajectories for general population and IgAN natural history do not represent clinical data and assume a constant eGFR slope over time. CKD = chronic kidney disease.  
 1. Slope estimate from Baba M, et al. PLOS ONE 2015; 2. Average historical placebo slope from 9 clinical trials<sup>3-11</sup>; 3. Lafayette R, et al. Lancet 2023; 4. Rovin BH, et al. Lancet 2023; 5. Li PK-T, et al. Am J Kidney Dis 2006; 6. Manno C, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2009; 7. Lv J, et al. JAMA 2017; 8. Wheeler DC, et al. Kidney Int 2021; 9. Lv J, et al. JAMA 2022; 10. Zhang H, et al. ASN Kidney Week 2023, poster TH-PO1123; 11. Mathur M, et al. N Engl J Med 2023.



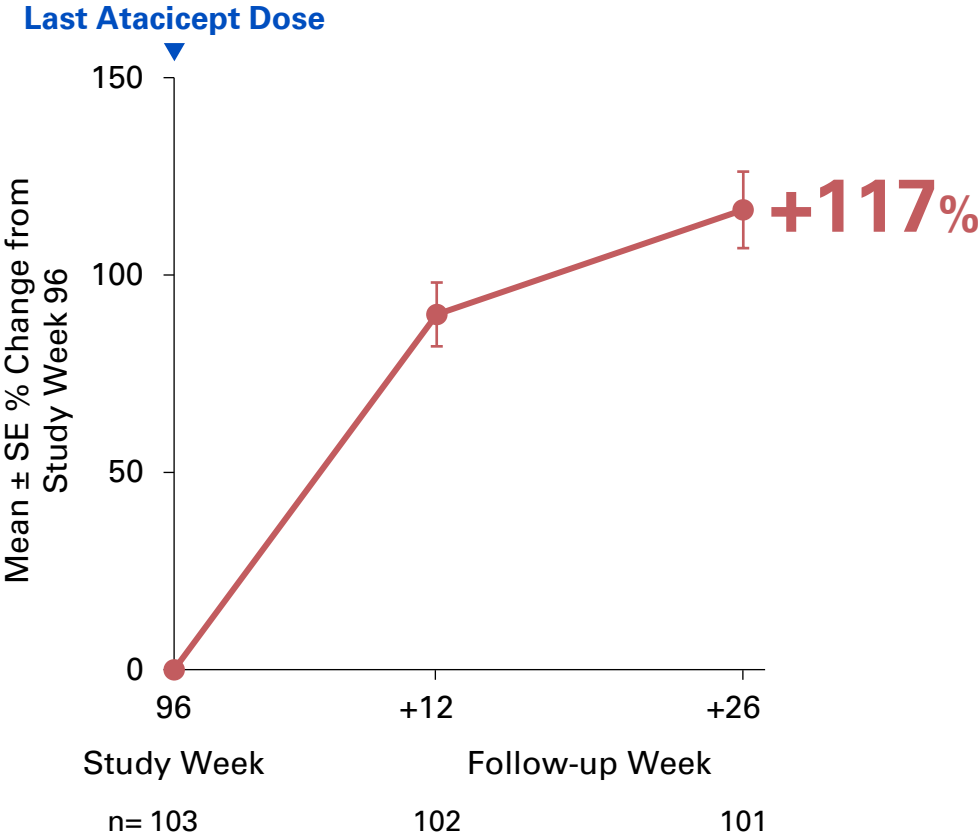
# 2024 Draft KDIGO IgAN guidelines call for target eGFR slope $\leq -1$ mL/min/year



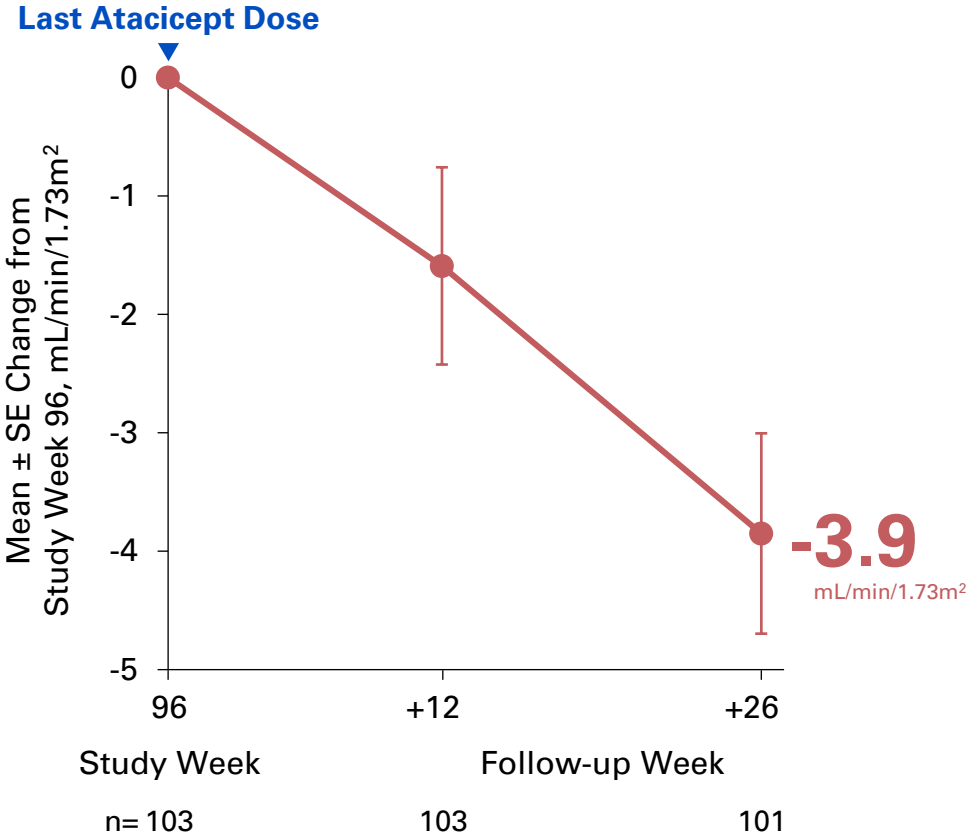
1. Adapted from Pitcher D, et al. CJASN 2023. eGFR slope data from approved therapies: 2. Rovin BH, et al. Lancet 2023; 3. Wheeler DC, et al. Kidney Int 2021; 4. Lafayette R, et al. Lancet 2023; 5. Average historical placebo (including chronic kidney disease standard of care) data from 9 clinical trials: Li PK-T, et al. Am J Kidney Dis 2006; Manno C, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2009; Lv J, et al. JAMA 2017; Wheeler DC, et al. Kidney Int 2021; Lv J, et al. JAMA 2022; Zhang H, et al. ASN Kidney Week 2023, poster TH-PO1123; Mathur M, et al. N Engl J Med 2023; Lafayette R, et al. Lancet 2023, Rovin BH, et al. Lancet 2023.

# Discontinuation of Atacicept resulted in pronounced increase in Gd-IgA1 and decrease in eGFR, potentially supporting a paradigm of chronic treatment

### Gd-IgA1 % Change



### eGFR Change



Analysis includes participants treated with atacicept who had a last on-treatment Gd-IgA1 or eGFR value in the study week 96 analysis window and at least one measure in the follow-up period, with the study week 96 values reset as the new baseline and analyzed along with the follow-up week 12 and 26 data. Gd-IgA1 % changes were computed using FDA-endorsed mixed-effects modeling. eGFR changes were analyzed using MMRM analysis and LS estimation and SE were estimated from the model directly.



# Consistency with ORIGIN 2b instills confidence in ORIGIN 3



## Key Inclusion Criteria

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- Stable and optimized RASi for  $\geq 12$  weeks, use of SGLT2i allowed
- UPCR-24h  $\geq 1.0$  g/g or UP  $\geq 1.0$  g per 24h
- eGFR  $\geq 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Blood pressure  $\leq 150/90$  mmHg

## Key Endpoints

- Primary efficacy: UPCR-24h at week 36 ★  
to support potential accelerated approval
  - >90% power at week 36
- Key secondary: eGFR change up to week 104 ★
  - 90% power for eGFR  $\Delta 4$  mL/min at week 104
- Safety

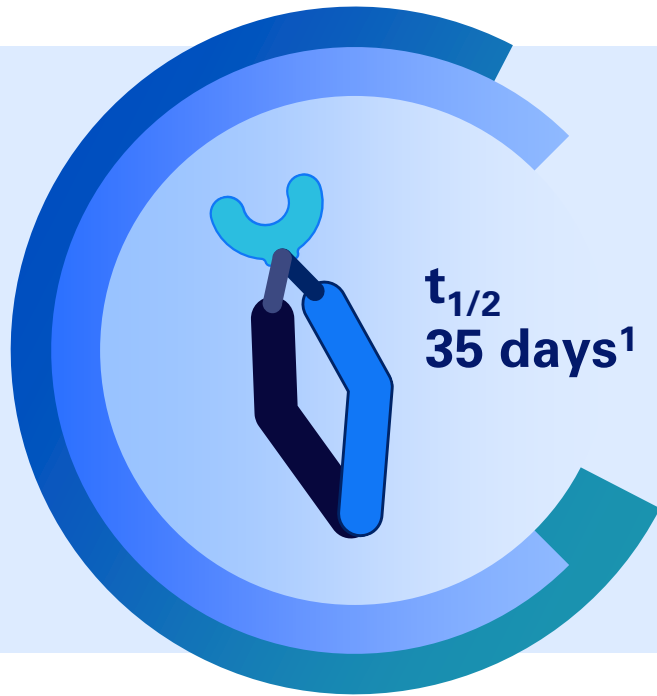
- Operational efficiency leveraging similar trial design and worldwide sites as ORIGIN 2b
- Same self-administered SC formulation and dose as used in ORIGIN 2b

# ORIGIN Extend: Commitment to providing long-term access to atacicept for all ORIGIN participants



- Phase 2 extension study in participants who complete ORIGIN 2b/3
- Objectives:
  1. Provide patients with extended access to atacicept prior to commercial availability in their country/region
  2. Capture longer-term data for research purposes
  3. Generate data from reinitiation of atacicept treatment following off-treatment period

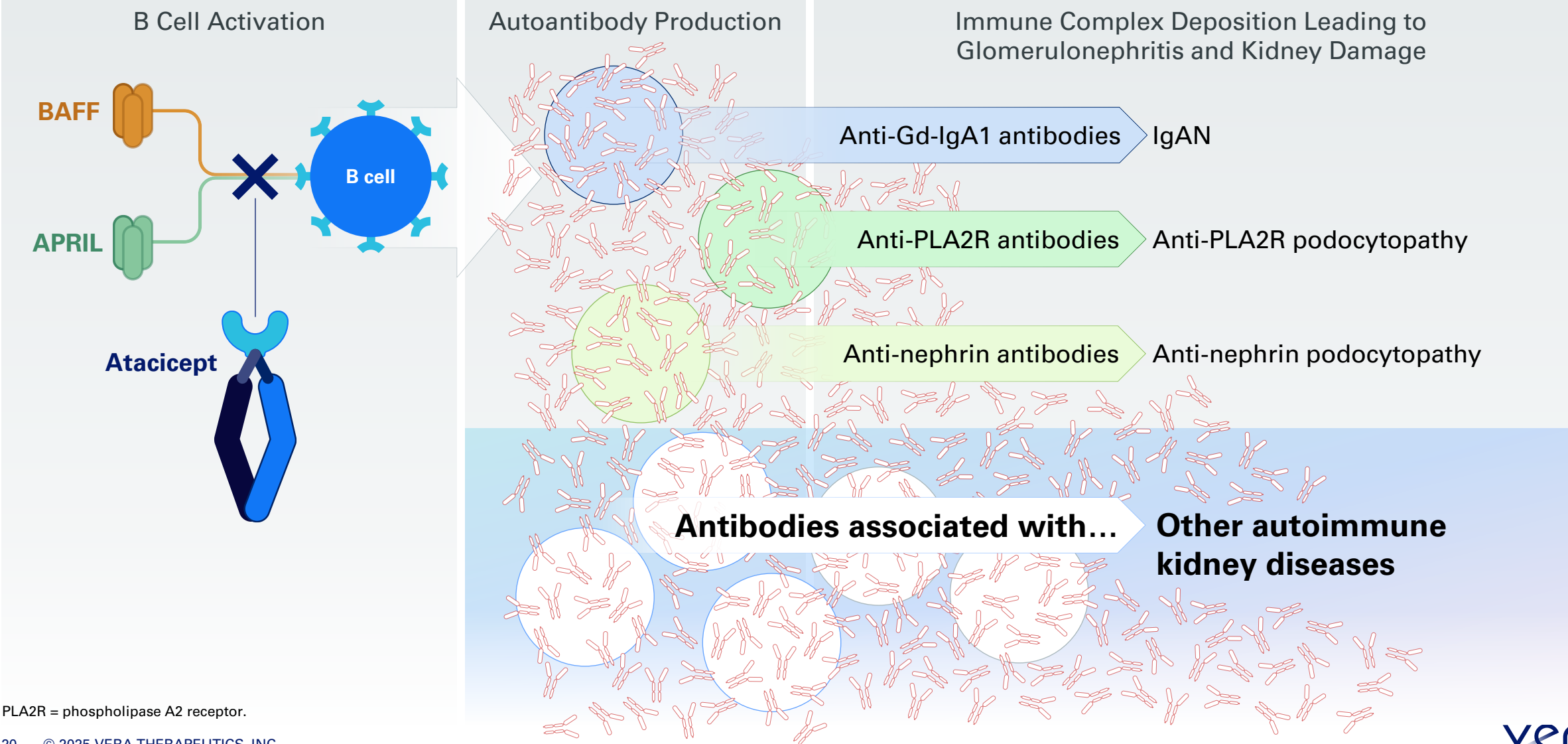
# Atacicept at home, self-administered QW dosing highly attractive; QM program under way in 2025



- Biologic therapies utilizing at home, self-administered, SC 1 mL QW dosing have shown high compliance
- This dosing paradigm has the potential to support atacicept as a foundational therapy for IgAN
- Atacicept's half life also supports evaluation of extended dosing
- QM dose finding study in 2025

1. Willen D, et al. Eur J Drug Metab Pharmacokinet 2020;45(1):27-40.

# Targeting B cell production of autoantibodies against glomerular antigens offers the potential of additional kidney indications



PLA2R = phospholipase A2 receptor.

# PIONEER: Phase 2 basket trial in expanded IgAN and anti-PLA2R & anti-nephrin podocytopathies



Population 1, n ≤120  
Expanded IgAN populations<sup>1</sup>

Population 2, n ≤20  
Anti-PLA2R podocytopathy  
(Membranous Nephropathy)

Population 3, n ≤20  
Anti-nephrin podocytopathy  
(Minimal Change Disease/FSGS)

**Atacicept 150 mg QW**



## Key Endpoints

- Primary: UPCR change at week 36
- Key secondary: eGFR change at weeks 36, 52
- Exploratory:
  - Gd-IgA1 change at weeks 36, 52
  - Change in percentage of participants with hematuria at weeks 36, 52
  - Change in anti-PLA2R antibodies
  - Change in anti-nephrin antibodies
- Safety

1. 6 cohorts: adult IgAN with eGFR 20 to <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, n ≤20; adult IgAN with UPCR <1.0 g/g, n ≤50; adult IgAN with UPCR ≥5.0 g/g, n ≤20; adolescent (≥15 y) IgAN with UPCR ≥0.3 g/g, n ≤10; Adult recurrent IgAN post kidney transplant, n ≤10; adolescent and adult IgA vasculitis nephritis, n ≤10.

# Established leadership in B cell modulation and expanded breadth of expertise positions Vera for further innovation

## R&D Accomplishments

- Jan 25 R&D Day: 72-week results
- ERA best abstract
- FDA BTD for ataccept in IgAN
- 96-week disease modification presented in ASN LB oral and JASN manuscript
- Primary endpoint cohort enrolled
- Study initiated
- Ataccept indication expansion to broader IgAN cohort, PMN, FSGS, MCD

**ORIGIN  
2b**

**ORIGIN  
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**ORIGIN  
Extend**

**PIONEER**



## Corporate Growth

- Research & discovery
- Bioassay and biomarkers
- Clinical pharmacology
- Translational medicine
- Preclinical development
- Pharmacovigilance
- Field Medical Directors
- Health economics & outcomes research
- Commercial
- Two transformative financings leading to ~\$677M *pro forma* cash position<sup>1</sup>

**New talent  
& functional  
expertise**

**Strong  
financial  
position**

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# Opportunity to innovate and extend leadership in B cell modulation

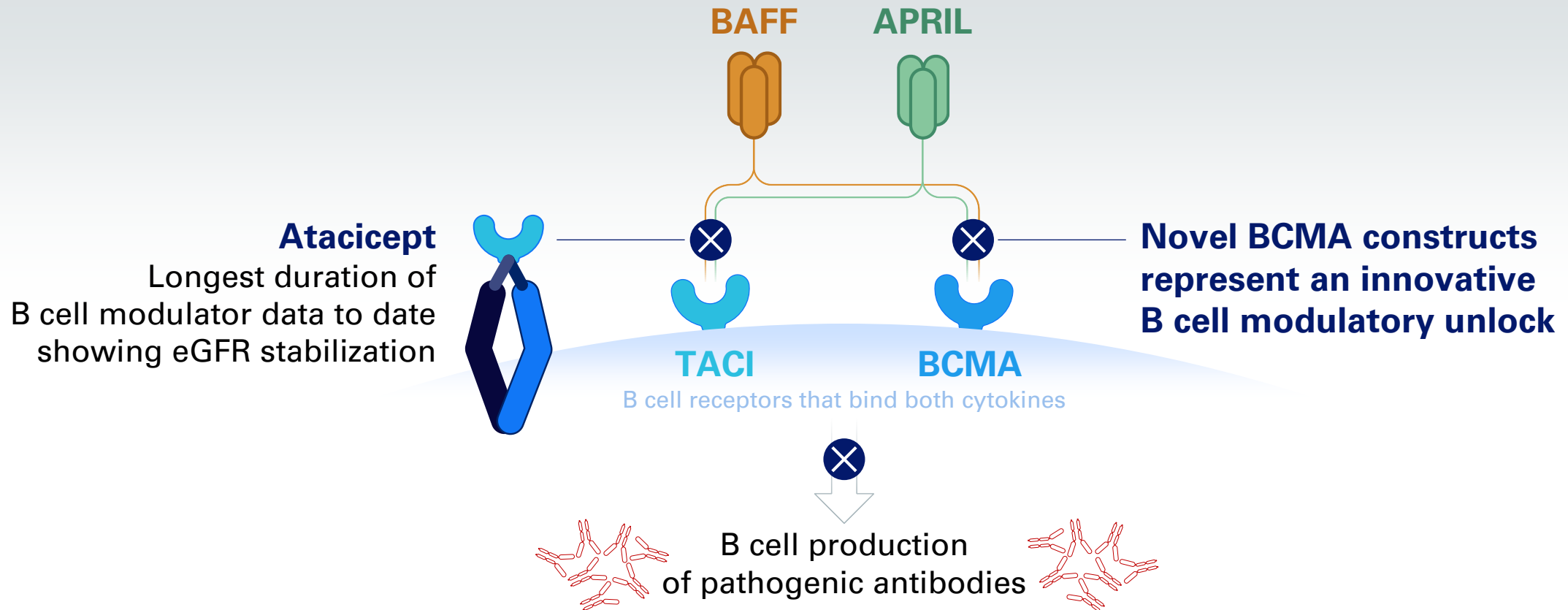
Current landscape of B cell modulators



Monoclonal antibodies binding either BAFF or APRIL alone



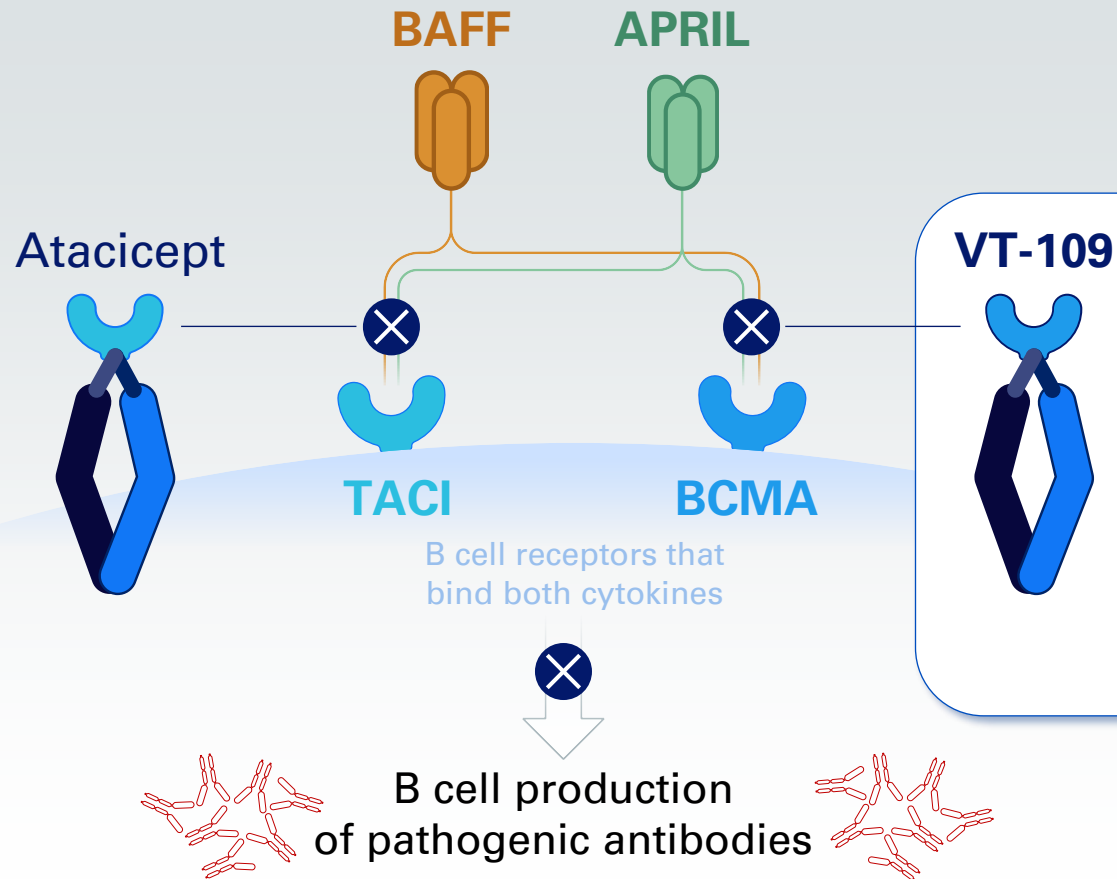
Fc fusion proteins containing TACI or TACI variants



BCMA = B cell maturation antigen.

# Novel, next-generation dual BAFF/APRIL inhibitor

Potential for additional patient benefit across diseases and populations



- Novel molecule engineered by team at Stanford University
- Picomolar binding affinity for BAFF and APRIL, attractive PK and half-life
- Novel composition may offer differentiation on

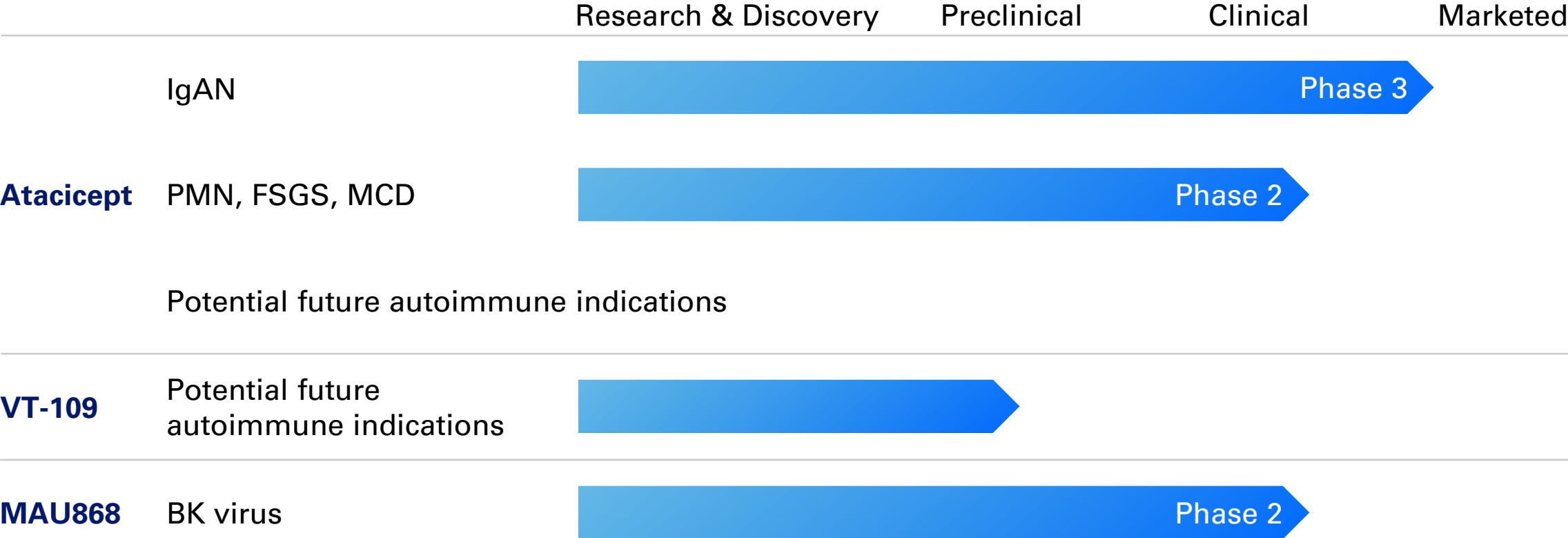
Frequency of administration

Route of administration

Other characteristics of molecule



# Vera Pipeline



**Vera holds worldwide, exclusive rights to develop and commercialize atacicept, VT-109, and MAU868**



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