

## EDIT-301 Shows Promising Preliminary Safety and Efficacy Results in the Phase I/II Clinical Trial (RUBY) of Patients With Severe Sickle Cell Disease Using Highly Specific and Efficient AsCas12a Enzyme

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## SCD Is an Inherited Life-Threatening Hematological Disorder Manifesting Shortly After Birth

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HBB, β-globin gene; HbSS, homozygous for the sickle cell mutation; HCT, hematopoietic cell transplantation; RBC, red blood cell; SCD, sickle cell disease; VOE, vaso-occlusive event. 1. Kato GJ *et al. Nat Rev Dis Primers* 2018; 4: 18010. 2. Williams TN *et al. Annu Rev Genomics Hum Genet* 2018; 19: 113–147. 3. Platt OS *et al. NEJM* 1994;330:1639–44. 4. Sickle Cell Disorders. Available at: https://www.thelancet.com/pb-assets/Lancet/gbd/summaries/diseases/sickle-cell-disorders.pdf. Accessed June 2023. 5. Wastnedge E *et al. J Glob Health* 2018; 8 (2): 021103. 6. Sickle Cell Disease. Available at: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/sickle-cell-disease. Accessed June 2023.

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## EDIT-301 Employs AsCas12a to Edit HBG1 and HBG2 Promoters, Leading to HbF Induction



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AsCas12a, Acidaminococcus sp CRISPR-associated protein 12a; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; *HBB*, β-globin gene; *HBD*, δ-globin gene; *HBE*, embryonic hemoglobin; gene; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; *HBG*, γ-globin gene; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; HPFH, hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin; HS, hypersensitive site; LCR, locus control region; SCD, sickle cell disease. 1. Zhang L *et al.* Nat Commun 2021; 12 (1): 4500. 2. Canver MC *et al.* Blood 2016; 127 (21): 2536–2545. 3. Powars DR et al. Blood 1984; 63 (4): 921–928.

# **Ruby Study of EDIT-301 in Patients With Severe SCD**



#### Design

- Phase 1/2
- International, multicenter
- Open-label, single-arm study
- 24 months of follow-up post-EDIT-301 infusion



#### Key Inclusion Criteria

- ~40 patients between 18–50 years of age
- Diagnosis of severe SCD (β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>S</sup>, β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>0</sup>, or β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>+</sup>)
- History of ≥2 severe VOEs per year in previous 2 years

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#### Key Exclusion Criteria

- Available geneticallymatched (10/10 HLA) related donor
- Previous or current malignancy or immunodeficiency disorder
- Unable to tolerate stem cell therapy or receive RBC transfusion



#### Key Endpoints

- Proportion of patients achieving complete resolution of severe VOEs
- Safety and tolerability of EDIT-301



β, β-globin allele; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; RBC, red blood cell; SCD, sickle cell disease; VOE, vaso-occlusive event. ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04853576. Available at: https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04853576. Accessed May 2023.

### Patient Journey in the Ruby Study





AsCas12a, Acidaminococcus sp CRISPR-associated protein 12a; CD, cluster of differentiation; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; *HBG*, γ-globin gene; HSPC, hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells.

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### **Demographics and Baseline Characteristics**

EDIT-301 (N = 4) **DEMOGRAPHICS** Genotype, n β<sup>s</sup>/β<sup>s</sup> 4 Sex, n Male 2 Female 2 Age (years), median (min-max) 27.5 (25-31) VOEs pre-study annual rate, median (min-max) 4.8 (3-6) LIC (mg/g of liver), median (min-max) 4.2 (2.5-14.9)

Treated patients are homozygous for the HbS mutation and have a high pre-enrollment annual rate of VOEs



Data cutoff May 2023.  $\beta,\beta$ -globin allele; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; LIC, liver iron concentration; VOE, vaso-occlusive event. Editas Medicine. Data on file.



# All Treated Patients Successfully Engrafted and Have No VOEs

		PATIENT 1	PATIENT 2	PATIENT 3	PATIENT 4
EDIT-301	rotal CD34⁺ (10 <sup>6</sup> /kg)	10.0	4.0	4.1	3.7
Neutrophil	Engraftment (day)*	23	29	23	24
Platelet En	graftment (day) <sup>†</sup>	19	37	23	28
Follow-up I	Duration (months)	10	6	3	2
VOEs Post	EDIT-301 Infusion	None	None	None	None

Data cutoff May 3, 2023.

\*Three consecutive measurements with absolute neutrophil count (ANC) ≥0.5 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L. †Three consecutive measurements with platelet count ≥50 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L starting at least 7 days after the last platelet transfusion, and 10 days after thrombopoietin.

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CD, cluster of differentiation; VOE, vaso-occlusive event. Editas Medicine. Data on file.

# Safety Profile of EDIT-301 Is Consistent With That of HSCT and Myeloablative Conditioning With Busulfan

- Majority of TEAEs (E = 26) occurred within first 30 days after EDIT-301 infusion
- No TEAEs were reported as related to EDIT-301
- No TESAEs occurred after EDIT-301 infusion

	- EDIT-301 (N = 4) $-$		
	Number of patients	Number of events	
Any TEAE	4	43	
Any TESAE	0	0	
Any TEAE related to EDIT-301	0	0	
Any TEAE related to busulfan	4	19	
Any EDIT-301-related TEAE leading to discontinuation of EDIT-301	0	0	
Any EDIT-301-related TEAE leading to discontinuation of study	0	0	
Any TEAE leading to death	0	0	

Data cutoff May 2023.





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# Patients Show Clinically Meaningful Improvements in HbF Levels With Total Hb Returning to the Normal Range in as Early as 4 Months



Markers of hemolysis (reticulocyte count, indirect bilirubin, lactate dehydrogenase, and haptoglobin) displayed a trend of **improvement** or have **normalized** in treated patients

Bars show mean Hb (g/dL). Labels inside / to the right of the bars indicate mean proportion of HbF as a percentage of total Hb. Mean total Hb concentrations are shown directly above bars. Data cutoff May 3, 2023 for all timepoints except Month 3 for Patient 3, which was retrieved on May 12, 2023.



Hb, hemoglobin; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; HbA, adult hemoglobin; RBC, red blood cell.

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#### Patients Show Pancellular Expression of HbF in RBCs and High Levels of Editing in Peripheral Blood Nucleated Cells Post-EDIT-301 Infusion



An increasing percentage of F-cells indicates that more RBCs are protected from sickling for potential clinical benefit

Patient 1 — Patient 2 — Patient 3 — Patient 4



Data cutoff May 3, 2023.

\*Data for Patient 2 at Month 3 post-EDIT-301 infusion are not available due to sample quality (hemolyzed sample). HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HSPC, hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells; RBC, red blood cell.

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Persistent, high levels of editing in peripheral blood nucleated cells indicate robust editing of HSPCs, predicting durable clinical benefit

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# **Summary**



EDIT-301 is a gene-edited autologous hematopoietic stem cell medicine with a **unique genomic** modification at the y-globin gene (HBG1 and HBG2) promoters, mimicking the natural mechanism of HPFH

EDIT-301 was well-tolerated by the first 4 patients treated

- Safety profile of EDIT-301 is consistent with that of myeloablative conditioning with busulfan and autologous HSCT
- No TEAEs were reported to be related to EDIT-301
- No TESAEs occurred after EDIT-301 treatment

#### Robust and clinically meaningful improvements were observed after treatment with EDIT-301

- All treated patients exhibited successful engraftment and have had no VOEs since treatment
- All treated patients exhibited increases in HbF; HbF was >40% starting at Month 4 post-EDIT-301 infusion in the first two patients treated
- Physiological normalization of hemoglobin in the non-anemic range started as early as Month 4
- Markers of hemolysis improved or normalized in treated patients

Initial clinical data from treated patients confirm proof of concept



HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HBG, γ-globin gene; HPFH, hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TESAE, treatmentemergent serious adverse event; VOE, vaso-occlusive event





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