

# MSE and Associated Outcomes in AChR-Ab+ Participants With gMG Receiving Efgartigimod in ADAPT/ADAPT+

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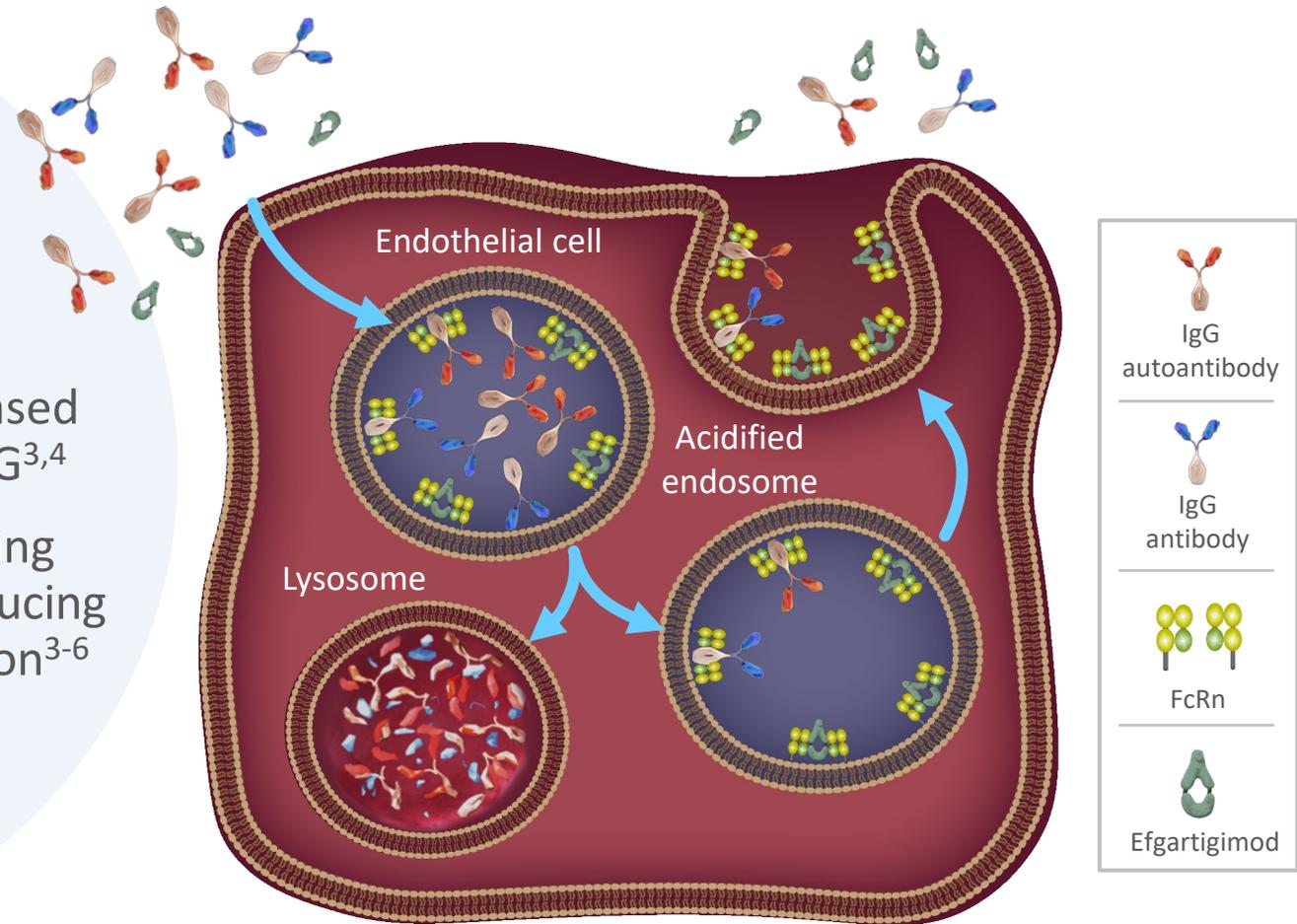
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# Efgartigimod Effectively Blocks FcRn and Reduces IgG Levels

- FcRn recycles IgG to extend its half-life and maintain its high serum concentration<sup>1</sup>
  - FcRn is additionally involved in other cellular processes such as IgG-dependent phagocytosis and antigen presentation<sup>2</sup>
- Efgartigimod is a human IgG1 Fc fragment, a natural ligand of FcRn, engineered to have increased affinity for FcRn and outcompete endogenous IgG<sup>3,4</sup>
- Efgartigimod binding to FcRn prevents IgG recycling and promotes its lysosomal degradation, thus reducing IgG levels without directly impacting IgG production<sup>3-6</sup>
  - Targeted reduction of all IgG subtypes<sup>3,5</sup>
  - No impact on IgM, IgA, IgE, or IgD<sup>3,6</sup>
  - No reduction in albumin or increase in cholesterol levels<sup>5-8</sup>



FC, crystallizable fragment; FcRn, neonatal Fc receptor; Ig, immunoglobulin.

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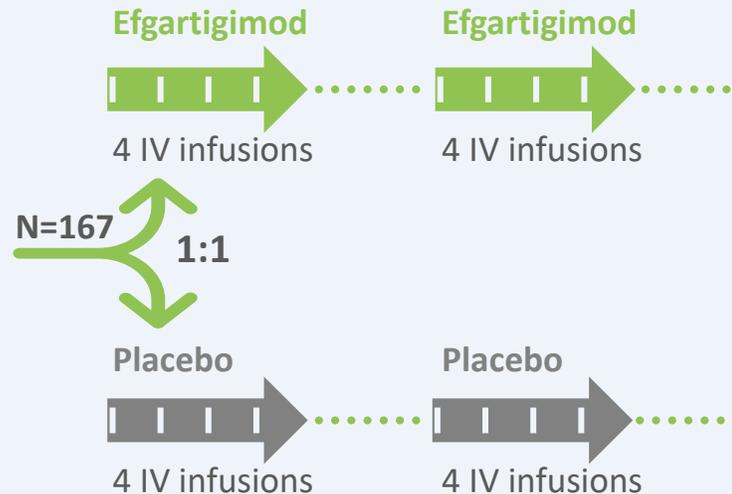
# ADAPT Study Design

## ADAPT

Placebo-controlled phase 3 study  
(26 weeks total; ≤3 cycles)

### Inclusion Criteria

- MGFA Class II, III, IV
- AChR-Ab+ or –
- MG-ADL score ≥5 (>50% nonocular)
- On ≥1 stable gMG treatment
- IgG ≥6 g/L



### Initiation of new treatment cycle based on:

- ✓ ≥5 weeks between cycles in ADAPT (≥4 weeks in ADAPT+)
- ✓ MG-ADL score ≥5 (>50% of the total score due to nonocular items)
- ✓ MG-ADL score within 2 points of baseline

**ADAPT+ OLE study**  
(≤3 total years; ≤19 cycles)

### Minimal Symptom Expression (MSE)

Total score of 0 or 1 on MG-ADL scale

### Objectives

- Comparison of baseline demographics and characteristics of AChR-Ab+ participants who achieved MSE during ADAPT vs those who did not achieve MSE
- Assess changes in other disease-specific and HRQoL measures among AChR-Ab+ participants who achieved MSE
- Characterize rate of MSE in ADAPT and ADAPT+ (OLE of ADAPT)

# Baseline Demographics and Disease Characteristics for ADAPT and ADAPT+

Characteristics	ADAPT		ADAPT+
	Placebo (n=83)	Efgartigimod (n=84)	Efgartigimod (n=145)
<b>Age, y, mean (SD)</b>	48.2 (15.0)	45.9 (14.4)	47.0 (14.8)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>			
Female	55 (66.3)	63 (75.0)	103 (71.0)
Male	28 (33.7)	21 (25.0)	42 (29.0)
<b>Race, Japanese, n (%)</b>	7 (8.4)	8 (9.5)	10 (6.9)
<b>Time since gMG diagnosis, y, mean (SD)</b>	8.8 (7.6)	10.1 (9.0)	9.7 (8.2)
<b>MGFA class at screening, n (%)</b>			
II	31 (37.3)	34 (40.5)	55 (37.9)
III	49 (59.0)	47 (56.0)	86 (59.3)
IV	3 (3.6)	3 (3.6)	4 (2.8)
<b>AChR-Ab+, n (%)</b>	64 (77.1)	65 (77.4)	111 (76.6)
<b>Total MG-ADL score, mean (SD)</b>	8.8 (2.3)	9.2 (2.6)	9.8 (3.2)
<b>Total QMG score, mean (SD)</b>	15.5 (4.6)	16.2 (5.0)	15.4 (5.7)
<b>Commonly prescribed therapies, n (%)</b>			
NSIST	51 (61.4)	51 (60.7)	89 (61.4)
Steroid	67 (80.7)	60 (71.4)	111 (76.6)

# Summary of TEAEs

	ADAPT				ADAPT+	
	Placebo (n=83) [34.5 PY]		Efgartigimod (n=84) [34.9 PY]		Efgartigimod (n=145) [229.0 PY]	
	ER <sup>a</sup>	n (%)	ER <sup>a</sup>	n (%)	ER <sup>a</sup>	n (%)
<b>TEAEs<sup>b</sup></b>	7.83	70 (84)	7.23	65 (77)	3.53	124 (86)
<b>SAEs</b>	0.29	7 (8)	0.11	4 (5) <sup>c</sup>	0.24	36 (25) <sup>c</sup>
<b>≥1 Infusion-related reaction event</b>	0.26	8 (10)	0.09	3 (4)	0.09	15 (10)
<b>Infection TEAEs</b>	1.22	31 (37)	1.61	39 (46)	0.73	80 (55)
<b>Discontinued due to TEAEs</b>	0.09	3 (4)	0.20	3 (4)	0.06	12 (8)
<b>Severe TEAEs (grade ≥3)</b>	0.35	8 (10)	0.29	9 (11)	0.33	40 (28)
<b>Death<sup>d</sup></b>	-	0 (0)	-	0 (0)	0.02	5 (3)
<b>Most frequent TEAEs</b>						
Nasopharyngitis	0.49	15 (18)	0.34	10 (12)	0.10	20 (14)
Upper respiratory tract infection	0.14	4 (5)	0.32	9 (11)	0.03	6 (4)
Urinary tract infection	0.12	4 (5)	0.26	8 (10)	0.08	13 (9)
Headache	1.13	23 (28)	1.15	24 (29)	0.45	36 (25)
Nausea	0.43	9 (11)	0.20	7 (8)	0.06	9 (6)
Diarrhea	0.41	9 (11)	0.17	6 (7)	0.08	14 (10)
COVID-19 <sup>e</sup>	-	0 (0)	-	0 (0)	0.10	23 (16) <sup>f</sup>

ER, event rate; PY, participant-year; SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

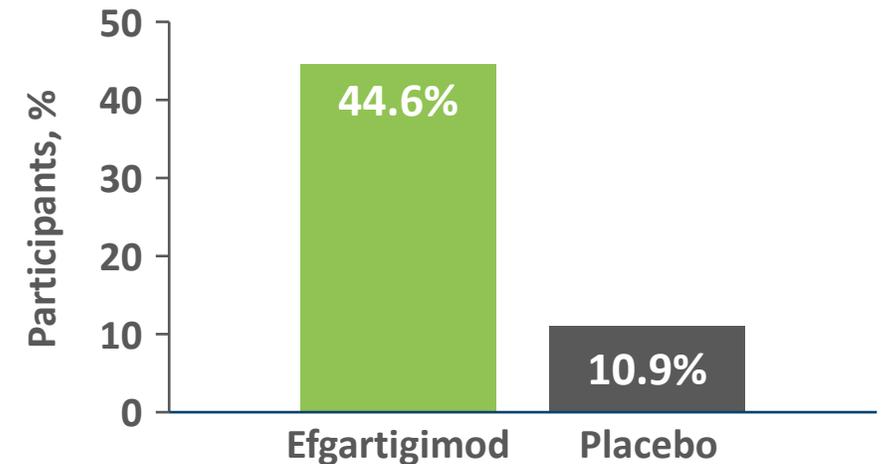
<sup>a</sup>ER was calculated as number of events per total PY of follow-up. <sup>b</sup>TEAEs were predominantly mild or moderate. <sup>c</sup>Only 1 SAE was considered treatment related per investigator.

<sup>d</sup>None of the deaths in ADAPT+ were related to efgartigimod administration per the principal investigator. <sup>e</sup>Includes all preferred terms of COVID-19, COVID-19 pneumonia, coronavirus infection, exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and SARS-CoV-2 test positive. <sup>f</sup>Among participants reporting COVID-19 during ADAPT+, 83% had not received prior COVID-19 vaccination.

# Baseline Characteristics of AChR-Ab+ Participants in ADAPT Treated With Efgartigimod Who Achieved MSE

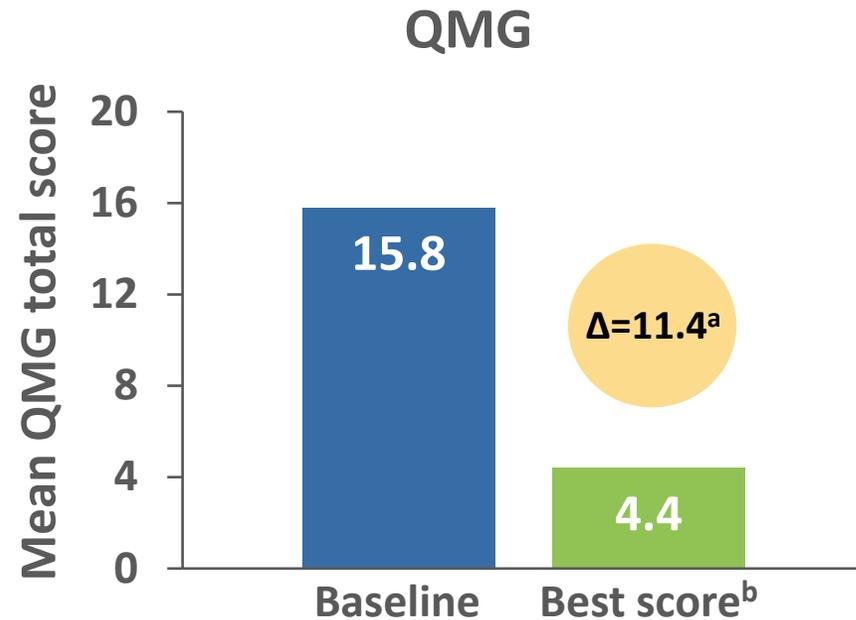
	MSE (n=29)	Non-MSE (n=36)
Age, y, mean (SD)	42.4 (15.5)	46.5 (14.5)
Sex, n (%)		
Female	21 (72.4)	25 (69.4)
Male	8 (27.6)	11 (30.6)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	26.3 (5.0)	29.6 (9.7)
Time since gMG diagnosis, y, mean (SD)	9.0 (6.8)	10.2 (9.3)
MGFA class at screening, n (%)		
II	11 (37.9)	17 (47.2)
III	18 (62.1)	17 (47.2)
IV	0	2 (5.6)
Previous thymectomy, n (%)	22 (75.9)	23 (63.9)
Total MG-ADL score, mean (SD)	8.2 (1.8)	9.7 (2.7)*
Total QMG score, mean (SD)	15.8 (4.9)	16.2 (5.4)
Total MG-QoL15r score, mean (SD)	14.8 (5.8)	16.4 (6.6)
Total MGC score, mean (SD)	18.2 (5.7)	18.9 (6.4)
Commonly prescribed therapies, n (%)		
NSIST	19 (65.5)	21 (58.3)
Steroid	21 (72.4)	25 (69.4)

MSE rate during ADAPT (any timepoint in ≤3 cycles)

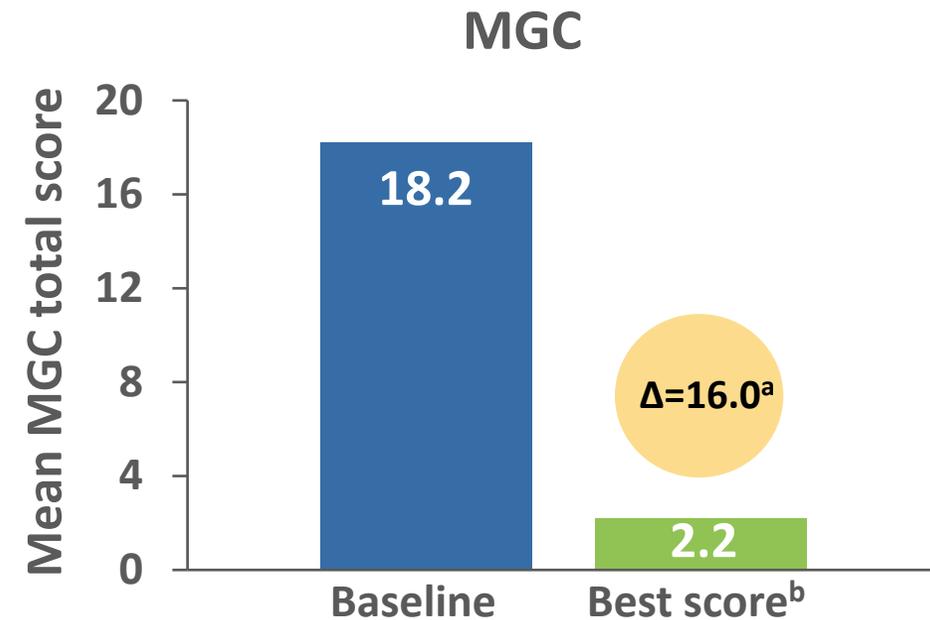


**\*Baseline MG-ADL was the only characteristic with a significant between-group difference ( $P=.0084$ ), although the difference (1.5) was small**

# Change in QMG and MGC Among AChR-Ab+ Participants Who Were Treated With Efgartigimod and Achieved MSE (n=29)



MCID in QMG<sup>1</sup>: **3-point reduction**



MCID in MGC<sup>1</sup>: **3-point reduction**

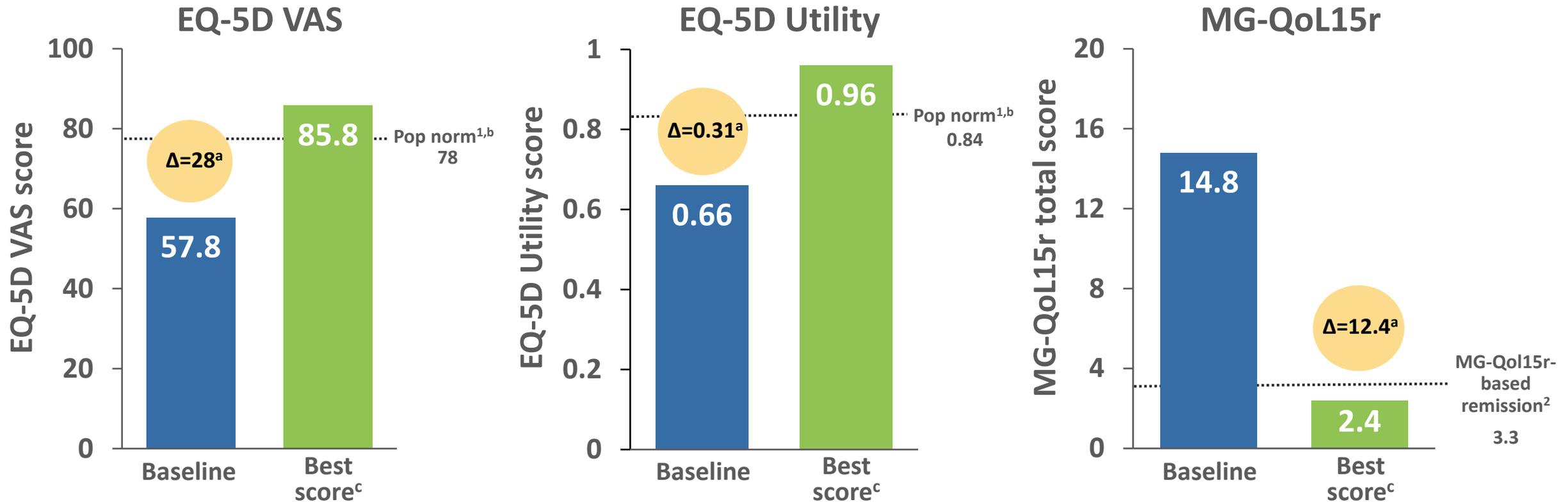
**Achieving MSE resulted in substantial symptom improvements across multiple disease-specific measures**

AChR-Ab, acetylcholine receptor antibody; MCID, minimal clinically important difference; MGC, Myasthenia Gravis Composite; MSE, minimum symptom expression; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis.

<sup>a</sup>Change ( $\Delta$ ) reported is maximum change from study baseline across postbaseline visits of any treatment cycle of ADAPT. <sup>b</sup>Best score is reported as minimal score/maximal reduction from study baseline across postbaseline visits at any cycle.

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# Change in HRQoL Outcomes Among AChR-Ab+ Participants Who Were Treated With Efgartigimod and Achieved MSE (n=29)



**Achieving MSE resulted in substantial HRQoL benefits, with scores that were comparable to healthy populations**

EQ-5D, EuroQoL 5-Dimension; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; MG-QoL15r, Myasthenia Gravis Quality of Life 15-Item Questionnaire, Revised; MSE, minimum symptom expression; Pop norm, general population norm; VAS, visual analog scale.

<sup>a</sup>Change ( $\Delta$ ) reported is maximum change from study baseline across postbaseline visits of any treatment cycle of ADAPT. <sup>b</sup>Population normal values were derived from an age-matched cohort with individuals aged 35 to 44 years. <sup>c</sup>Best score is reported as maximal score/change from study baseline across postbaseline visits at any cycle.

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# Sustained Benefit Across Disease-Specific and QoL Measures in Participants Who Achieved MSE in ADAPT (n=29)

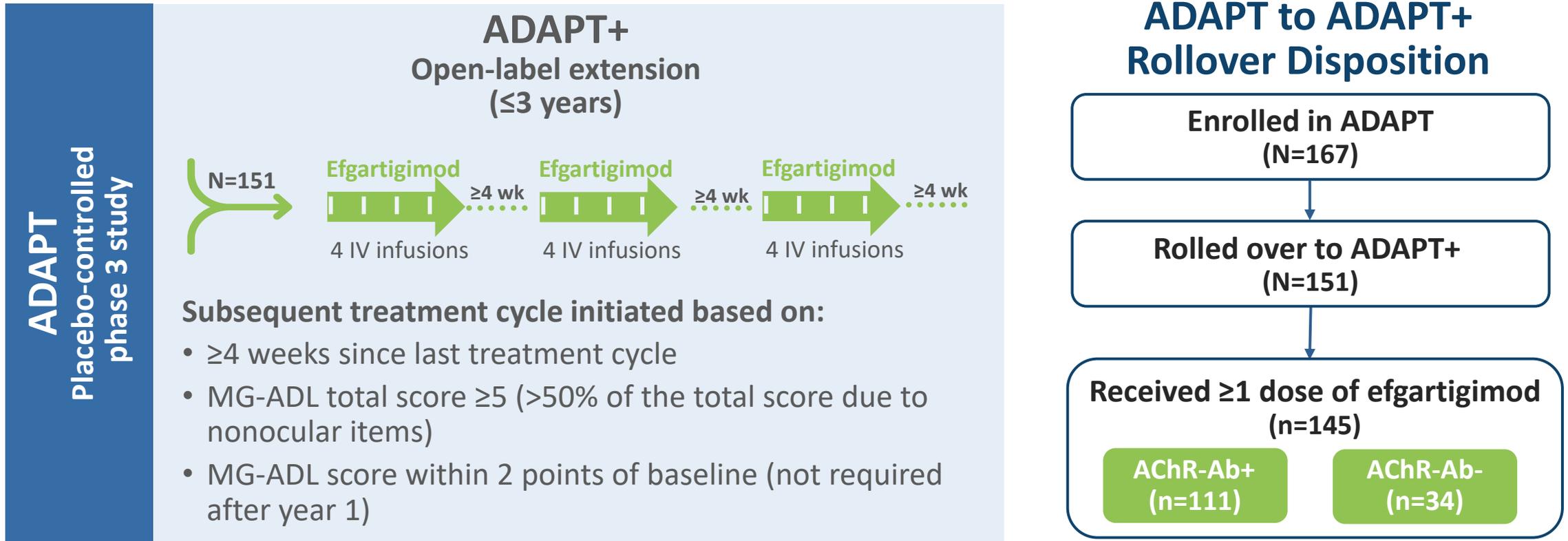
	Participants Treated With Efgartigimod Who Achieved MSE
<b>Change in QMG from baseline</b>	
% visits with improvement in QMG $\geq 3$	77.1% $\pm$ 5.07%
% visits with improvement in QMG $\geq 5$	64.7% $\pm$ 5.49%
<b>Change in MGC from baseline</b>	
% visits with improvement in MGC $\geq 3$	84.8% $\pm$ 3.10%
% visits with improvement in MGC $\geq 5$	75.2% $\pm$ 4.46%
<b>Absolute QoL benefit<sup>a</sup></b>	
% visits with MG-QoL15r $\leq 8$	63.4% $\pm$ 5.80%
% visits with EQ-5D utility $\geq 0.84$	61.7% $\pm$ 6.28%
% visits with EQ-5D VAS $\geq 78$	39.5% $\pm$ 5.28%

EQ-5D, EuroQoL 5-Dimension; MGC, Myasthenia Gravis Composite; MG-QoL15r, Myasthenia Gravis Quality of Life 15-Item Questionnaire, Revised; MSE, minimal symptom expression; PASS, patient-acceptable symptom states; QoL, quality of life; QMG, Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis; VAS, visual analog scale.

<sup>a</sup>MG-QoL15r threshold of  $\leq 8$  is based upon the PASS threshold for MG-QoL15 in Mendoza 2020.<sup>1</sup> EQ-5D Utility and EQ-5D VAS thresholds based on population normal values for individuals aged 35 to 44 years.<sup>2</sup>

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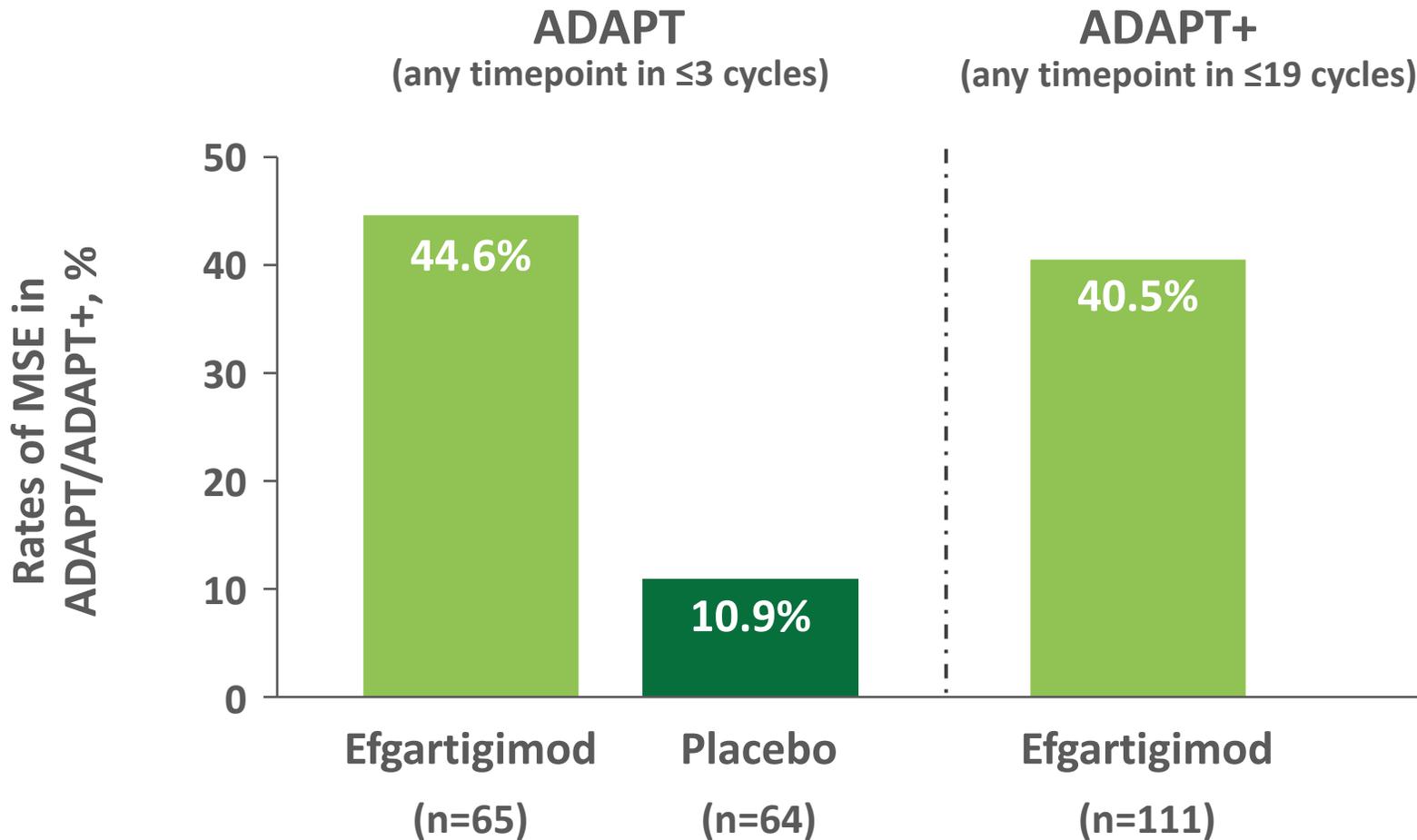
# ADAPT+ Study Design



## Key differences between ADAPT and ADAPT+:

- MG-ADL administered in ADAPT at baseline (week 0) and weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10
- MG-ADL administered in ADAPT+ at baseline (week 0) and weeks 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11
- Time between initiating subsequent treatment cycles was ≥5 weeks in ADAPT and ≥4 weeks in ADAPT+

# Rates of MSE in AChR-Ab+ Participants in ADAPT and ADAPT+



## Rates of MSE were consistent across both studies

- 40.5% of participants enrolled in ADAPT+ achieved MSE, which is comparable to the MSE rate observed in ADAPT (44.6%)
- 21 of 26<sup>a</sup> participants (81%) from the efgartigimod arm who achieved MSE during ADAPT also achieved MSE during ADAPT+
- 8 of 35<sup>a</sup> participants (23%) from the efgartigimod arm who did not achieve MSE in ADAPT achieved MSE during ADAPT+

AChR-Ab, acetylcholine receptor antibody; MSE, minimal symptom expression.

<sup>a</sup>61 of the 65 AChR-Ab+ participants treated with efgartigimod in ADAPT rolled over into ADAPT+.

## Summary

**MSE is an important treatment goal in gMG**

**In ADAPT, participants who achieved MSE had comparable baseline disease severity and symptom burden to those who did not achieve MSE**

**Participants who achieved MSE during ADAPT had minimal disease symptoms across multiple disease measures and substantial improvements in HRQoL**

**Efgartigimod was well tolerated; adverse events, including infections, were predominantly mild to moderate and did not increase in frequency during long-term treatment in ADAPT+**

**MSE rate in ADAPT+ was comparable to MSE rate in ADAPT**