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FORTIFY: A Phase 3 Study to Evaluate Efficacy & Safety of BBP-418 in Individuals With Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 21, LGMDR9 FKRP-Related (LGMD2I/R9)

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What does FORTIFY mean for the community?

- FORTIFY (NCT05775848) will evaluate the efficacy and safety of BBP-418 in individuals with limb girdle muscular dystrophy type 21, R9 FKRP-related (LGMD2I/R9), a disease for which no approved therapies currently exist.
- Biomarker and clinical endpoints will be measured at 12 months for an interim analysis of BBP-418 efficacy.
- Clinical endpoints and safety will also be measured at 36 months to provide confirmatory clinical data.
- After completion of the study, individuals in FORTIFY will be eligible to enroll into an extension study to assess the long-term safety and efficacy of BBP-418.

Conclusions

- FORTIFY is an ongoing randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of BBP-418, an oral substrate supplementation therapy, in development as a potential therapy for LGMD2I/R9.
- Efficacy and safety will be evaluated through assessments of physical, cardiac, and respiratory function, as well as biomarker endpoints.
- For more information on FORTIFY, visit https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05775848
- Topline data from an interim analysis after 12 months post-dosing is expected to be available in 2025.

Study Objectives

To evaluate the efficacy and safety of BBP-418, as measured by physical, respiratory, and cardiac activity; and glycosylated α DG levels in individuals with LGMD2I/R9.

Study Background

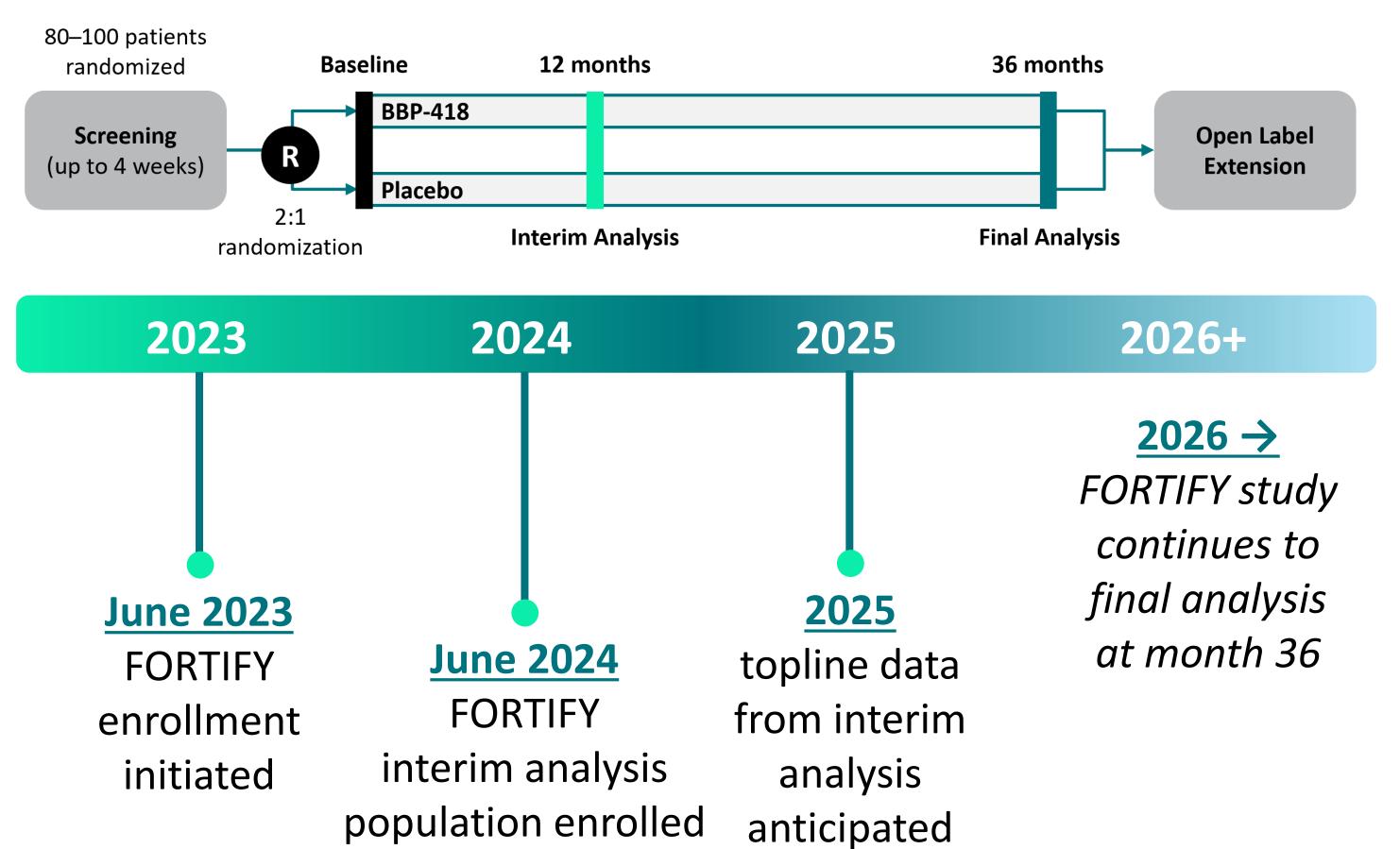
- Oral BBP-418 is substrate supplementation therapy designed to drive residual activity of mutant FKRP in LGMD2I/R9, targeting the disease at its source.
- BBP-418 is an oral therapy dissolved in water for convenient oral dosing twice daily.

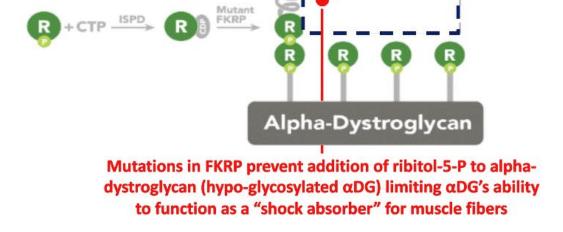
Figure 1. Overview of BBP-418 Mechanism in the Context of LGMD2I/R9

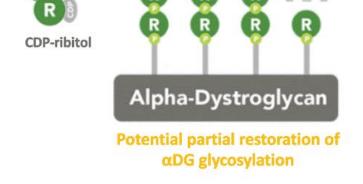
	LGMD2I/R9 Disease Mechanism	Proposed BBP-418 Therapeutic Approach		
	FKRP glycosylates alpha-dystroglycan (αDG) which stabilizes myocytes by binding extracellular ligands to act as a "shock absorber" for muscle fibers	Supply supraphysiological levels of synthesized, pharmaceutical-grade ribitol upstream aiming to drive residual activity of mutant FKRP enzyme and increase αDG glycosylation levels		
8	Partial loss of function mutation in FKRP results in dysfunctional, hypo-glycosylated αDG in myocytes which increases susceptibility to damage	Orally-administered BBP-418 (synthesized, pharmaceutical- grade ribitol)		
	Endogenous CDP-ribitol ribitol	R R BBP-418 Image: Comparison of the compari		

Study Design

Figure 3. FORTIFY Study Design Schematic







Study Endpoints

Primary Endpoint

Efficacy

– Change from baseline in NSAD at 36 months

Safety

- Frequency and severity of TEAEs and treatment-emergent SAEs
- Results of physical examinations including vital signs
- Chemistry and hematology laboratory analyses
- 12-lead ECG, including QTc intervals

Secondary Endpoints

- Change from baseline in 100mTT at 36 months
- Change from baseline in 10MWT (velocity) at 36 months
- Change from baseline in FVC (% predicted, performed sitting) at 36 months
- Change from baseline in PUL2.0 at 36 months

Key Biomarker Objectives

- Change from baseline in total glycosylated αDG
- Change from baseline in glycosylated α DG/total α DG ratio
- Change from baseline in pre-functional assessment serum CK

ML Bio has conducted a natural history study in individuals with LGMD2I/R9. Oral BBP-418 has also been evaluated in several clinical studies in unaffected individuals and in a clinical study in individuals with LGMD2I/R9.

Figure 2. Summary of Clinical Trials of BBP-418

Study	Phase	Description	Key Takeaways
1 MLB-01-002 MLB-01-004	Phase 1 (N=109)	 Two US Phase 1 studies in unaffected individuals to evaluate the safety and pharmacokinetics of BBP-418 	 No serious adverse events or discontinuations due to adverse events related to BBP-418 Pharmacokinetics of BBP-418 with and without food defined
2 MLB-01-001 NCT04202627	Natural History (N=101)	 Large natural history in US and Denmark study to define LGMD2I/R9 phenotypes Validate muscle biomarker for LGMD2I/R9 to support therapeutic development 	 Defined disease trajectory over ~1 year Muscle biomarker reflected genotype/phenotype in LGMD2I/R9 Defined natural variability of muscle biomarker over ~1 year
3 MLB-01-003 NCT04800874	Phase 2 (N=14)	 Open label, dose-finding US study to evaluate safety and tolerability of BBP- 418 in LGMD2I/R9 	 Encouraging safety profile in individuals with LGMD2I/R9 Bioassay data suggest BBP-418 impacts disease at the molecular level Encouraging data supporting clinical activity

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- The primary endpoint and key secondary endpoints in this study will each be analyzed using mixed models for repeated measures.

Statistical Analyses

- Given the impact of genetic mutation (L276I homozygous vs other pathogenic genotype), the study is stratified by genotype and analyses will be conducted for these subgroups to determine the impact on treatment effect.
- The PK parameters will be assessed using non-compartmental and population PK analysis methods.
- Safety analyses will be descriptive in nature and assessed based on the evaluation of AEs, SAEs, physical examination, clinical laboratory test results, ECG parameters, echocardiogram, and vital signs. Safety data will be summarized by treatment group.
- Interim analysis is planned which will assess change in glycosylated α DG levels and other selected clinical and laboratory markers. Safety will also be assessed.

Abbreviations

10MWT, 10-meter walk test; 100MTT, 100-meter timed test; aDG, alpha dystroglycan; AUS, Australia; CK, creatine kinase; ECG, electrocardiogram; EU, European Union; FKRP, fukutin-related protein; FVC, forced vital capacity; LGMD2I/R9, Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy type 2I, R9 FKRP-related; NSAD, North Star Assessment for Dysferlinopathy (also referred to as the North Star Assessment for Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy); PK, pharmacokinetics; PUL2.0, Performance of Upper Limb 2.0; QTc, corrected QT interval; SAEs, serious adverse events; TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events; UK, United Kingdom; US, United States