

Background

- Developmental and epileptic encephalopathies (DEEs) are devastating neurological disorders presenting in infancy and early childhood characterized by severe, frequent seizures and increased early mortality.
- Certain pathogenic variants in voltage-gated sodium channel (Na_v) genes can increase Na_v activity leading to the neuronal hyperexcitability observed in severe DEEs.
- Relutrigine (PRAX-562) is a next-generation, functionally selective, precision Na_v modulator, in development for the treatment of DEEs, with demonstrated superior selectivity for disease-state Na_v hyperexcitability.
- Preclinical and emerging clinical data suggest a wide therapeutic window and potential for superior safety and efficacy over current standard-of-care for DEEs.
- The EMBOLD study is a Phase 2 randomized clinical trial designed to explore the safety, tolerability, efficacy, and pharmacokinetics of relutrigine in pediatric participants with seizures associated with early onset SCN2A-DEE and SCN8A-DEE.
- > Findings demonstrate relutrigine is poised to be a first-line, best-in-class treatment for DEEs, with topline data in SCN2A-DEE and SCN8A-DEE showing well-tolerated, robust, short- and long-term improvement in motor seizures alongside marked seizure freedom.

Methods

EMBOLD Study Design

- EMBOLD (NCT05818553) is a multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized study, followed by open-label extension (OLE), which enrolled 16 eligible male and female participants aged 2-18 years, inclusive, with a diagnosis of early onset SCN2A-DEE or SCN8A-DEE.
- Participants were randomized (1:1) to receive relutrigine QD for 16 weeks, or relutrigine QD for 12 weeks and matching placebo QD for 4 weeks, with timing of placebo administration blinded for both participants and investigator.
- Dose was administered orally or via gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube (G/J-tube), with dose adjustment permitted from initial dose of 0.5mg/kg/day to a maximum of 1.0 mg/kg/day and a minimum of 0.25 mg/kg/day.
- The randomized, double-blind portion consisted of the following periods: Screening, Double-Blind Treatment, and Safety Follow-up.
- The open-label extension is ongoing.
- Participants had the option to be enrolled to undergo the study assessments in a hybrid fashion (with in-clinic and at-home visits) or with at-home visits only (fully decentralized).



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Relutrigine Demonstrates Robust Seizure Reduction and Seizure Freedom in DEEs: Results from the EMBOLD Study

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Clinical and Caregiver Global Impression

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