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Introduction & Corporate Overview Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch, PhD, JD Chief Executive Officer Vigil Neuroscience



Vigil 2022 ALSP Key Opinion Leader Event – Agenda

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks & Corporate Overview Ivana Magovčević-Liebisch, PhD, JD *Chief Executive Officer Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.*

What is ALSP?

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ALSP History & Diagnosis

Christina Sundal, MD, PhD Chief Executive Officer NeuroClinic Norway Senior Consultant University Hospital, Oslo, Norway 8:30 – 10:00 AM (continued) ALSP Treatment & Unmet Medical Need Troy Lund, MSMS, PhD, MD, FAAP Associate Professor Associate Director Metabolic Program Leukodystrophy Center of Excellence, Division of Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation & Cellular Therapy University of Minnesota, A NORD Rare Disease Center of Excellence

10:00 – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 – 10:45 AM ILLUMINATE Natural History Study: Interim Findings VGL101 Phase 2 IGNITE Trial Design & Objectives Spyros Papapetropoulos, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer Vigil Neuroscience, Inc.

10:45 – 11:30 AM Closing and Q&A



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Vigil Neuroscience is a clinicalstage microglia-focused therapeutics company

Our purpose: to treat rare and common neurodegenerative diseases by restoring the vigilance of microglia, the brain's sentinel immune cells

We are utilizing the tools of modern neuroscience drug development across multiple therapeutic modalities as we seek to deliver precision-based therapies to improve the lives of patients and their families



Vigil's Mission: Restoring Microglial Vigilance to Create Disease-Modifying Treatments for Neurodegenerative Diseases

Discovering and developing novel therapeutics designed to leverage microglial biology breakthroughs that activate and restore microglial function

Precision-based development strategy first in rare microgliopathies with plans to advance into larger patient populations First product candidates target microglial receptor protein TREM2

Evaluating new microglial targets and indications

IPO in January 2022 Raised ~\$315M to-date



Vigil's Precision Medicine Strategy to Target Broad Range of Neurodegenerative Diseases

First Indication Rare Microgliopathy Pipeline Candidates for Genetically Defined Subpopulations in Common Indications

Data Driven Expansion in Other Rare Microgliopathies Further Expansion into Broader Populations in Common Indications

Apply learnings from genetically defined subpopulations to larger indications



Vigil TREM2 Agonists: Differentiated Strategy & Multiple Modalities

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TREM2 mAb in Development for ALSP: VGL101 Small Molecule TREM2 Agonist in Development for Larger Indications

The <u>ONLY</u> targeted drug candidate in development for ALSP The <u>ONLY</u> TREM2 small molecule agonist in development



ALSP: Adult-onset leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids and pigmented glia

Our Pipeline

Vigil Has Exclusive Rights to All Programs

| Discovery | Preclinical | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | | | | |
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| Healthy Volunteer SAD & announced)* | | | | | | | |
| Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept Trial | | | | | | | |
| Preclinical PoC Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Small Molecule TREM2 Agonist Program | | | | | | | |
| IND-Enabling Studies | | | | | | | |
| | Discovery Healthy Volunteer SAD & announced)* Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept Preclinical PoC Evaluation t Program | Discovery Preclinical Healthy Volunteer SAD & MAD Phase 1 Trial (interannounced)* Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept Trial Preclinical PoC Evaluation t Program IND-Enabling Studies | Discovery Preclinical Phase 1 Healthy Volunteer SAD & MAD Phase 1 Trial (interim data announced)* Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept Trial Preclinical PoC Evaluation t Program | | | | |



*SAD: single ascending dose; MAD: multiple ascending dose; Phase 1 completed dosing and interim analysis for certain cohorts ** Additional observational Natural History Study in ALSP is ongoing

VGL101 – Human mAb Agonist of TREM2 with a Compelling Profile

Preclinical proof of concept in human iPSC derived microglia

High TREM2 selectivity; induces microglial genes with subnanomolar potency

Favorable safety & tolerability profile with linear, dose proportional PK in HVs

Dose dependent, robust & durable CNS target engagement in HVs

Established manufacturing competency, strong IP position, and obtained ODD & FTD



Summary of Interim Topline VGL101 Phase 1 Data in Healthy Volunteers*

Demonstrated a favorable safety and tolerability profile

Pharmacokinetics showed linear, predictable characteristics across doses

Half-life supports monthly dosing

Demonstrated proof of target engagement and pharmacological activity

- Dose-dependent, robust and durable reductions in sTREM2, and durable increases in sCSF1R with repeat dosing
- 1st antibody to report durability of TREM2 engagement in a clinical setting

*As of October 7, 2022, and includes doses up to 40 mg/kg SAD and 20 mg/kg MAD

Phase 1 data support VGL101 20 mg/kg as a pharmacologically active dose for Phase 2 proof-of-concept trial in ALSP patients

Phase 2 IGNITE trial in ALSP initiated



VGL101 is an investigational therapy and has not been reviewed or approved by any regulatory authority

Driving ALSP Awareness via Comprehensive Stakeholder Engagement

Focused on increasing accurate & timely diagnosis

| Building Strong Foundation with Patient Advocacy Groups (PAGs) | Incorporating Patient & Caregiver Insight/Perspectives | Promoting Disease Awareness on Multiple Fronts | Increasing Clinical Trial Awareness Cross- Functionally | |
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| Established relationships with regional & global PAGs across relevant neurodegenerative diseases (including ALSP, leukodystrophies, MS, FTD) | Established Patient & Caregiver Advisory Council Executing Natural History Study in ALSP Enhancing resources on patient journey, & genetic testing & counseling | Launched patient-facing ALSPinfo.com & social media accounts Developed disease education materials Engaging KOLs in diseases ALSP is frequently misdiagnosed (e.g. MS, FTD) | Launched clinical trial websites Provided PAGS with trial awareness materials Collaborating with ALSP KOLs Engaging MS and FTD specialists | |
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Building Toward Success in ALSP Clinical Development



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What is ALSP?

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Adult-onset Leukoencephalopathy with Axonal Spheroids and Pigmented Glia (ALSP)

- An inherited neurodegenerative disorder
- Rare and under-recognized
- Primarily causing degeneration of brain white matter (i.e., an 'Inherited White Matter Disorder' or 'leukoencephalopathy/leukodystrophy')
- The hallmark axonal 'spheroids' (swellings) and pigmented glia give the disorder its name



ALSP

- Has been known by a number of alternative names, largely hangovers from the era before MRI and genetics were widely available
- First described as pigmentary orthochromatic leukodystrophy (POLD) in 1936
- Later, the name hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids (HDLS) became more widely used because of an influential and important report on the disease in 1984
- In recent years, ALSP has become the preferred term as it recognizes the importance of both the axonal spheroids and abnormal microglia



- A progressive, neurodegenerative disorder
- Demyelination (destruction) of white matter in the brain has widespread and devastating effects
- Symptoms can be similar to more widely recognized diseases
 - Cognitive symptoms: similar to Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)
 - Motor symptoms: similar to Progressive MS, Parkinson Disease



- Symptoms most often develop in the 40s but the range is wide (18–86 years)
- Cognitive and 'neuropsychiatric' symptoms are often first to emerge





Cognitive

- Personality change
- New anxiety, depression
- Difficulty in work, decision making
- Inappropriate behavior
- Memory problems
- Word finding and speech problems

As the Disease Progresses, Symptoms Multiply



Motor

- Gait and balance problems
- Stiffness, slowness of movement
- Incoordination, tremor
- Swallowing and speech difficulty

As Symptoms Progress, Patients Become More Immobile to the Point of Being Bedbound and Totally Dependent for Care



ALSP Patient Video





ALSP Progression

Relentlessly Progressive

75% survival for approximately 3 years, 50% for 5 years, 25% for 10 years and < 5% for 30 years





Symptom Overlap with Other Diseases (Misdiagnosis)

- Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD)
- Alzheimer Disease (AD)
- Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS)
- Parkinson Disease (PD)
- Other inherited white matter disorders
 - Mostly Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Arteriopathy with Sub-cortical Infarcts and Leukoencephalopathy (CADASIL)
- Corticobasal Syndrome

ALSP Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Normal MRI



ALSP





ALSP Typical Imaging



UCL

Misdiagnosis



The Direction of Misdiagnosis is the Failure to Recognize ALSP



Neuropathology – Axonal Swellings (Spheroids) and Pigmented Glia





Epidemiology

- Inherited white matter disorders (IWMD) are rare but recognition is growing due to:
 - Better access to genetics
 - Widespread availability of imaging
 - Increased understanding of phenotypes, particularly in adults
- UK has just established first national specialist service for IWMD

>300 Reported Cases globally; Significant Underestimate



Epidemiology – at Least 10–15% of IWMDs



REPORT

Clinical and genetic characterization of leukoencephalopathies in adults

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Genetic Analysis of Inherited Leukodystrophies:

Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in the CSF1R Gene

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RESEARCH PAPER

Hereditary leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids: a spectrum of phenotypes from CNS vasculitis to parkinsonism in an adult onset leukodystrophy series

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Latest Unpublished Data

Queen Square & UCL Institute of Neurology

ALSP 13/76 Most Recent IWMD Diagnoses (17%)



Number of Confirmed/Diagnosed Cases



Genetics

- Autosomal dominant inheritance
- Multiple generations can be affected
- Children and siblings of a patient are at 50% risk of being affected

- De novo cases also occur (children remain at 50% risk)
- Penetrance is incomplete but very high





Genetics

In 2011, the Causative Gene Was Identified

Mutations in the colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (*CSF1R*) cause hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids

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Original Investigation

Genetic Analysis of Inherited Leukodystrophies Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in the *CSF1R* Gene

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CSF1R

- Colony stimulating factor-1 receptor gene
- Encodes a cell surface receptor highly expressed on myeloid cells including brain microglia
- Microglia are critically important immune cells with diverse functions
- ALSP is a *microgliopathy*

CSF1R

- Majority of mutations affect tyrosine kinase activity → loss of function
- No genotype/phenotype correlation





CSF1R Activation

- Ligand binding leads to
 - Receptor homodimerization
 - Tyrosine kinase domain (TKD) autophosphorylation
 - Downstream signaling for microglial proliferation, survival and differentiation
- Inhibition of CSF1R rapidly depletes the brain of microglia




CSF1R LoF Leads to Microglial Loss and Dysfunction in ALSP



1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids – previously used to describe ALSP; WM: white matter; * p < 0.05



Microglial Loss and Dysfunction in ALSP





1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids - previously used to describe ALSP; GM: grey matter; WM: white matter



Genetic Diagnosis

- The cost of sequencing has plummeted in recent years
- Diagnostic rates for genetic disorders are improving
- Most clinicians are using panels of many genes
- Diagnosis can be made even without a high suspicion of ALSP



ALSP Diagnosis

- Referrals come from a variety of sources
 - Cognitive clinics
 - MS clinics
 - Movement Disorders
 - Clinical/Neurogenetics
 - Neuroradiology



Summary

- ALSP is rare but under-recognized
- It is a devastating neurodegenerative disorder
- ALSP is a microgliopathy
- Diagnostic rates are rapidly improving due to advances in genetic technology



ALSP History and Diagnosis

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Background

Leukoencephalopathy

Encompasses a heterogenous group of disorders that predominantly affect the brain's white matter (WM), regardless if myelin damage is primary or secondary, and irrespective of a molecular cause (Van der Knaap)

Leukodystrophy

(Leuko-white, Dystrophy-defective Nutrition): Progressive, inherited demyelinating disorders (Van der Knaap)

Neuroaxonal Degeneration

WM damage is secondary to axonal pathology (Van der Knaap)



Hereditary Leukoencephalopathies



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Adult Hereditary Leukoencephalopathies

Leukodystrophies:

- Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease (PMD)
- Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD)
- Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD)
- Krabbe disease

Other 2. Leukodystrophies:

• Alexander disease

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- Vanishing White Matter (VWM)
- Adult-onset Autosomal Dominant Leukodystrophy (ADLD)
- Leukoencephalopathy with Brainstem and Spinal Cord Involvement (LBSL)

Neuroaxonal Degeneration:

- ALSP
- Nasu-Hakola disease

STROKE-LIKE Symptoms/Small Vessel Disease

- Fabrys
- Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Artenopathy with Subcortical Infarcts and Leptomcephalopathy (CADASIL)
- Multi-Infarct Dementia (MIDS)
- Mitochondrial disorders



Swedish ALSP Family





ALSP

14 Families Studied



Neuropathological Examination

Dr. Dennis Dickson, neuropathologist at the Mayo Clinic confirmed the presence of axonal spheroids embedded in the abnormal white matter, consistent with the original Swedish HDLS/ALSP cases



The Sahlgrenska Academy Rademakers et al . Nat Genet. 2012

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Rademakers et al . Nat Genet. 2012

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✓ Misdiagnosed:

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Rademakers et al . Nat Genet. 2012

Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease, CADASIL, Atypical Parkinson's Disease, Neuromyelitis Optica, other neurodegenerative disorders

✓ Average age of symptom onset: 44 years (range: 36-52)

- ✓ Average disease duration: 6 Years (range: 3-11)
- ✓ Average age of death: 48 years (range: 40-63)
- ✓ Initial symptoms: Frontal lobe syndrome, gait problems
- ✓ Advanced stage: Multifocal neurological deficits



CSF1R Mutation



Rademakers et al . Nat Genet. 2012

Cross Talk: CSF1R-TREM2/DAP12



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Sundal C. Hereditary Diffuse Leukoencephalopathy with Spheroids ; Insights into an adult onset neurodegenerative disease , PhD dissertation 2013

ALSP Carrier/Patient Journey



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Diagnostic Criteria for ALSP



ALSP Clinical Course

- ✓ Psychiatric disorders
- ✓ Cognitive impairments
- ✓ Behavioral/Personality changes
- Dementia
- ✓ Paresis
- ✓ Parkinsonian signs/Movement disorders
- ✓ Seizure
- End stage: urinary incontinence, dysphagia/aphasia, weight loss
- ✓ Death: Aspiration pneumonia

Multisystem Encephalopathy





What Do You See on the Brain MRI?

- Adult-onset Leukoencephalopathy with Axonal spheroids and Pigmented Glia (ALSP)
- X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)
- Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD)
- Krabbe disease
- Alexander disease
- Adult-onset Autosomal Dominant Leukodystrophy (ADLD)
- Vanishing white matter (VWM)
- Leukoencephalopathy with Brainstem and Spinal Cord Involvement (LBSL)
- Nasu-Hakola Disease (NHD)
- Mitochondrial diseases (Leigh, MELAS, MNGIE)
- Inborn error of metabolism
- Small vessel diseases (CADASIL, MIDS)
- Multiple sclerosis
- Susac's syndrome
- Others

Inheritable

Sporadic





WML: white matter lesion; WMD: white matter diseases

MRI of ALSP











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MRI's Role in Diagnosis and ALSP Research

- All WML bilateral, asymmetric; predominantly frontal
- Grey matter signal intensity changes absent
- ✓ No brain stem atrophy
- ✓ Corticospinal tracts involved later
- ✓ No enhancement
- ✓ Minimal cerebellar pathology





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Qualitative MRI Measures

| Qualitative MRI Severity Score | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| White Matter Signal | Max Score | Atrophy | Max Score |
| Frontal | 7 | Frontal | 2 |
| Parietal | 7 | Parietal | 2 |
| Temporal | 7 | Temporal | 2 |
| Occipital | 7 | Occipital | 2 |
| Corpus Collosum | 6 | Central | 2 |
| Projection fibers | 6 | Corpus Collosum | 1 |
| Brainstem | 1 | Brainstem | 1 |
| Cerebellum | 1 | Cerebellum | 1 |
| WML Score | 42 | Atrophy Score | 13 |
| Basal Ganglia | 1 | MRI Severity Score (0-57) | |
| Thalamus | 1 | | |
| Deep Gray Matter | 2 | | |



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MRI Severity Score

Based on 15 patients with CSF1R mutations in 2012

Mild Disease (Score 1-6; n = 1)

Score: 4 (Figure A) Stable disease course

Moderate Disease (Score 7-15; n = 4)

Mean Score: 12.7 [range 10-15] (Figures B, E & F Mean disease duration of 6.7 years (range, 5.0 -9.8)

Severe Disease (Score 16-57; n = 10)

Mean Score: 20.5 [range 16.5-33.5] (Figures C, D, G & H) Mean disease duration of 5.2 years (range, 3.0-11.0)

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Quantitative MRI Measures

Disease burden on MRI can be quantified by measures of brain region volume e.g.

• Frontal, parietal, corpus callosum, ventricle and lesion volumes





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Quantitative and Qualitative MRI Measures



Vigil retrospective chart review data

Lesion Volume: 81 mL



Longitudinal MRI Follow-up on CSF1R Mutation Patient

Every 6 months



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MRI Summary

Indicators of Progressive Disease

- ✓ Disease onset before 45 years
- ✓ Female

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- WMLs extending beyond the frontal regions (MRI Scoring System & volumetric analysis)
- ✓ MRI severity score greater than 15 points

 Most recognizable in the middle stages of the disease

MRI Characteristic Pattern

MRI volumetric measures and Severity Score are valuable for monitoring disease progression and evaluating efficacy of potential treatments



NfL as Disease Biomarker for ALSP

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Hayer et al, Neurology 2018.



Controls: healthy individuals; ALSP : symptomatic ALSP patients; MS: multiple sclerosis patients; Mutation Carriers: pre-symptomatic individuals with CSF1R mutations; **p < 0.005, ***p < 0.0005, ****p < 0.0001



Combining the Results

| Disorder | ALSP | Neurodegenerative disorders | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| MRI | Distinct distribution | Depending on disorder | |
| CSF | NfL ↑↑↑ | Depending on disorder | |
| Neuropathology | Many Spheroids Thin layer of Myelin surrounding some Spheroids | Depending on disorder | |
| CSF1R gene mutation | Yes | No | |

Primary Neuroaxonal Degeneration

Summary on ALSP Diagnosis

- Clinical symptoms to provide clues
- MRI to guide diagnosis
- CSF1R genetic testing to confirm diagnosis





Current Challenges of Correctly Diagnosing ALSP

- Awareness of adult onset hereditary leukoencephalopathies
- Leukodystrophies/Neuroaxonal dystrophies (degeneration)
- MRI: Pattern recognition
- Gene testing: CSF1R



Differential Diagnosis to ALSP



AD: Alzheimer's Disease; CBD: Corticobasal Degeneration; PSP: Progressive Supranuclear Palsy; PML: Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy; PPMS: Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis; CJD: Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease; SVD: Small Vascular Disease, NPH: Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus

Phenotypic Variation





Misdiagnosis of ALSP



Hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with axonal spheroids (HDLS): A misdiagnosed disease entity

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Awareness of ALSP



Misdiagnosis of ALSP

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Severe Cognitive Impairment**

Treatable Neurological Disorders Misdiagnosed as Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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*Ann Neurol. 2011;70:437–444. **Arch Neurol. 2009; 66(9):1139–1143
Misdiagnosis of ALSP

Misdiagnosis highlights importance of early genetic testing and increased disease awareness

- Rate of initial misdiagnosis significant in ALSP
- Accurate initial diagnosis is observed in only 31.5% of ALSP patients
- Misdiagnosis involved broad spectrum of neurodegenerative, neuroimmune and vascular disorders
- Clinics of initial consultation include dementia, psychiatry, leukodystrophy, multiple sclerosis and movement disorders clinics

| Initial Misdiagnosis in ALSP | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Initial Diagnosis | Number of Patients (Percent) | | | |
| CSF1R-ALSP | 92 (31.5%) | | | |
| Alzheimer's Disease/ Frontotemporal Dementia | 47 (16.1%) | | | |
| Multiple Sclerosis | 23 (7.9%) | | | |
| Adult-Onset Leukodystrophy | 20 (6.8%) | | | |
| Familial Leukoencephalopathy | 20 (6.8%) | | | |
| Vascular Disease | 10 (3.4%) | | | |
| Other | 8 (2.7%) | | | |
| Missing | 72 (24.7%) | | | |



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How Can We Improve ALSP Diagnosis

- Definitive diagnosis through genetic testing for CSF1R mutations
- Need to increase awareness of ALSP to drive earlier referrals of potential patients for definitive genetic testing

Overall Conclusion on ALSP

- ✓ Distinct disease entity
- ✓ Divergent clinical courses
- ✓ Initial symptoms
- ✓ Later symptoms
- ✓ CSF1R gene mutation
- ✓ MRI pattern recognition
- Advanced neuroimaging
- Primary neuroaxonal degeneration
- ✓ Misdiagnosed disease



ALSP: Devastating Adult-onset Neurodegenerative Disease

Wide Geographic Distribution

Diagnostic Clues

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CSF1Rrelated ALSP

The Swedish ALSP Research Team:





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Current ALSP Treatment Options

- No approved therapies for ALSP
- Most off-label treatments focus on symptom alleviation
 - Minimal to modest QoL improvements
 - No effect on underlying disease process or progression
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) has been provided as a treatment option by very few institutions
 - HSCT is a treatment for certain leukodystrophies including ALD, MLD and Krabbe disease
 - HSCT serves to attenuate (or halt) progression through an unclear mechanism
- Limited information is available on treatment outcome of HSCT in ALSP
 - Clinical benefit and patient suitability unclear
 - Significant morbidity and mortality risks

HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 1

- 44 year-old female
- CSF1R mutation: Q642X
- Memory problems, disinhibition, "early onset dementia"
- Noted on exam: patient showed intermittent tongue and lip movements, resembling tics
- MRI showed confluent, frontal-predominant white matter T2 hyperintensities
- Other past medical information:
 - History of deep vein thrombosis (DVTs)
 - Heterozygous for factor V Leiden, and mutations in prothrombin (PT) gene and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) genes
 - Genes involved in blood clotting

Patient 1: Post-HSCT Complications with Cognitive Worsening

- Unrelated donor (URD) marrow (HLA match = 12/12)
- Transplant related morbidity (TRM): mild gastrointestinal graft-vs-host disease (GvHD) and cystitis
 - Potential GCSF neurologic exacerbations?
- Through 27 months post HSCT:
 - Went to transition care unit for aggressive rehab and nutrition
 - Worsening of cognitive deficits without motor or sensory abnormalities
 - Score of 11/38 on the Short Test of Mental Status (STMS)
- Subsequent radiological assessments showed stabilization of MRI Sundal Severity Scale (SSS) on MRI with stable white matter subscores, but incremental worsening of atrophy subscores
- Some substantial improvements in behavior and recovery with physical/ occupational therapy (PT/OT)
- Said to have "good" QoL

Patient 1 MRI: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion and Ventricular Increase



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HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 2

- 46 year-old female
- CSF1R mutation: W893R
- With rapidly progressively gait deterioration over a 4-month period, resulting in loss of employment
- Neurological examination showed global hyperreflexia, parkinsonism, and gait impairment requiring a wheelchair
- Neuropsychological evaluation showed impairment of visually mediated processing, executive functioning, cognitive speed, nonverbal learning, and psychomotor speed

Patient 2: Post-HSCT Stabilization; Still Dependent on Care

- Received matched sibling bone marrow
- Neuropsychological evaluation 4 months post-HSCT showed declines in some aspects of attention, executive function, and processing speed but with improvements in verbally mediated tasks, including naming and fluency
- Neurological examination at 9 months post-HSCT was unchanged from pre-HSCT exam
- Patient successfully resumed her role in managing family's finances
- At 2 years post-HSCT, patient walking 1-2 miles per day, dressing herself, makes breakfast

Patient 2: Post-HSCT MRI Stabilization



HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 3

- 44 year-old female
- *CSF1R* mutation: p.R782H
- 2 years of progressive personality changes resulting in employment termination
- Associated with memory decline, perseveration, spelling difficulties, and falls
- Also, patient was losing objects and having difficulty clothing herself
- An acute episode of language disturbance resulted in a hospital evaluation including a brain MRI
- Anxiety and irritability were also increasing
- Scored 27/38 on the STMS

Patient 3: Post-HSCT Neurological Decline

- Received matched sibling bone marrow
- Post-HSCT complications: GvHD of the gut, acute kidney injury, strep mitis of the blood, pulseless electrical activity (cardiac arrest)
 - Patient was resuscitated and extubated but quickly deteriorated from a neurological standpoint
- Day 81 post-HSCT brain MRI showed an SSS of 25 without evidence of stroke or severe hypoxic injury
- Given the patient's substantial neurological deterioration, her family transitioned her to comfort care, and she died on Day 88 post-HSCT

Patient 3: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion Increase



HSCT

2 Months Post HSCT

HSCT Case Report in ALSP – Patient 4

- 41 year-old male
- *CSF1R* mutation: NM_005211.3; c.2381T>C (p.Ile794Thr)
- 1-2 years with some lower leg weakness, some memory problems, and losing track of conversation
 - His wife filled in many of the gaps and answered many of the questions
- 1-2 years of depression and anxiety
 - He was losing his temper easily
- T2 signal changes in the frontotemporal lobe

Patient 4: Post-HSCT Mobility Gain but Has Cognitive Decline

- 8/8 URD, 100% engrafted
- Complications include pseudomonas pneumonia, *Burkholderia* infection, sinusitis, weight loss requiring G-tube, possible idiopathic pneumonia syndrome (IPS)
- Progressive dementia
- Became very weak and lost a lot of physical conditioning
- After 1-year post-HSCT, patient regained weight with continued gains in mobility
- Had to move to a care facility for part-time to full care

Patient 4: Post-HSCT White Matter Lesion Increase and Atrophy



Case Reports from Limited HSCT in ALSP

- These case reports represent a broad spectrum of post-HSCT outcomes on clinical measures and MRI, and show that:
 - HSCT appears to have variable impact on ALSP which is yet to be fully characterized
 - Risks of HSCT come from being an adult and possibly poor mobility
 - Post-HSCT disease progression can be terrible and require full-time (permanent) care of the adult patient
- HSCT timing can be critical
 - HSCT performed "too late" is very problematic earlier would be better and allow for improved outcomes

High Unmet Need for ALSP Disease Modifying Treatments

No Approved Treatments for ALSP

- Symptomatic treatments provide transient and limited benefit to ALSP patients
- Allogeneic HSCT:
 - Limited experience with HSCT
 - Case reports show mixed outcomes
 - HSCT in ALSP is associated with significant morbidity and mortality
 - Main risks of HSCT come from being an adult and possibility poor mobility status
 - Progression after HSCT can be unfavorable and require full-time (permanent) care of the adult patient

Safe and efficacious treatments with patient-friendly administrations which modify underlying disease biology needed

CSF1R Mutations Lead to Microglia Loss & Dysfunction in ALSP





1. HDLS: hereditary diffuse leukoencephalopathy with spheroids – previously used to describe ALSP; WM: white matter; * p < 0.05

VGL101 Rescued Microglial Viability under CSF1R Deficiency

CSF1R Deficiency in iMGL Caused by PLX5622 Inhibition or CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal

Inhibition by PLX5622 & Rescue by VGL101

CSF1/IL34 Withdrawal & Rescue by VGL101



iMGL: human Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) derived microglia; PLX5622 – known small molecule inhibitor of CSF1R; P-values are as determined by Ordinary One-Way ANOVA with Multiple Comparisons: ns: not statistically significant; **p < 0.0005; ****p < 0.00005

VGL101 Reduced Microglial Apoptosis under CSF1R Deficiency

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VGL101 Restored Microglial Morphology under CSF1R Deficiency

CSF1R Deficiency in iMGL Caused by PLX5622 Inhibition



iMGL – human Induced pluripotent stem cells derived microglia; PLX5622 – known small molecule inhibitor of CSF1R

Cell Eccentricity – degree of cellular processes emanating from longitudinally imaged human microglia, quantified by optical loss of eccentricity using a commercially available analytical software (Incucyte Live-Cell®)

P-values are as determined either using Ordinary One-Way ANOVA with multiple comparisons, or using two-tailed, paired T-tests: ns: not statistically significant; ** p < 0.005, ****p < 0.00005

VGL101 as Potential Disease Modifying Therapy for ALSP via TREM2 Agonism

- VGL101 demonstrated ability to restore microglia numbers and function in human microglia cultures (Larson *et al.* Keystone Symposium 2022)
- Represents a potential disease modifying therapeutic for ALSP with monthly IV administration
- Clinical trials are needed to show proof-of-concept, safety/tolerability and efficacy in ALSP patients
- If VGL101 shows a compelling clinical profile and is approved, it may be considered as a first-line treatment for ALSP



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ILLUMINATE Natural History Study in ALSP Spyros Papapetropoulos, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer Vigil Neuroscience

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Compelling Rationale for ALSP as Initial Indication for VGL101



ALSP Natural History Study Design



| Screening | ₃⇒ | 24-month Observation Period | | | | | | |
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| Jp to 28 day | ys | | | /1// | | | | |
| Scr | reening/Baseliı | ne 6 Months | 12 Months | 18 Months | 24 Months | | | |
| | MRI | MRI | MRI | MRI | MRI | | | |
| | Biomarkers in blood | Biomarkers in blood | Biomarkers in blood | | Biomarkers in blood | | | |
| | CSF* | | CSF* | | CSF* | | | |
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Assessments at each clinic visit: cognition, motor function, psychiatric status, severity of illness, activities of daily living, caregiver burden, adverse events; and review of concomitant medications/procedures

* - Optional sub-study

The Illuminate Study

- Natural history study of ALSP patients with CSF1R gene mutation
- Sample size up to 36 subjects (global)

Objectives:

- Characterize biomarkers & clinical measures of disease progression in ALSP
- Possibility for contemporaneous external comparator arm
- Observation period: 24 months
- Key assessments:
 - MRI at baseline & every 6 months
 - CSF biomarkers at baseline, 12- & 24-months
 - Clinical assessments at baseline & every 6 months



ALSP Natural History Study – Current Status



- Study Timeline: first patient enrolled in Q3 2021
 - Enrollment ongoing in US and ex-US
- Current Locations:
 - US: Jacksonville, FL; Boca Raton, FL; San Francisco, CA; Englewood, CO
 - Canada: London, Ontario
 - Germany: Leipzig; Tübingen
 - Netherlands: Amsterdam
 - UK: London





Natural History Study – Interim Dataset



- Interim data includes participants enrolled as of October 1, 2022
- 29 participants enrolled at 6 sites comprising
 - 18 symptomatic and 11 prodromal* participants

| Baseline Demography | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Clinical stage | N | Age (years; mean ± sd) | Gender (% Female / % Male) | MoCA (mean ± sd) | | | |
| Prodromal | 11 | 46.3 ± 17.8 | 54.5% / 45.5% | 27.6 ± 1.7 | | | |
| Symptomatic | 18 | 46.5 ± 9.7 | 44.4% / 56.6% | 20.3 ± 6.4 | | | |

- 18 participants completed 6-month MRI visit
 - 9 symptomatic and 9 prodromal participants



Quantifying MRI Features of ALSP

Brain Atrophy and White Matter Lesions Are Key Radiological Features of ALSP



Disease Burden on MRI Was Assessed by Quantitative MRI Measures of Brain Region Volume



Greater Baseline Disease Burden for Symptomatic illuminate **vs Prodromal Participants**

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Baseline volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Burden Associated with Lower Brain Tissue Volume





1. Volume estimated from the MNI-ICBM152 template which was derived from 152 normative young adult population (Mazziotta et al Phil Trans R Soc Lond. 2001)

illuminote **Greater Baseline Disease Burden for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants**

HISTORY with Axonal Spheroids and Pigmented STUDY OF

Baseline volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Burden Associated with Higher Lesion and Ventricle Volume




Greater Disease Progression for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants at 6 Months



6-month volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Progression Based on Greater Reductions in Brain Tissue Volume



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Greater Disease Progression for Symptomatic vs Prodromal Participants at 6 Months



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6-month volumetric MRI findings

Greater Disease Progression Based on Greater Increases Lesion and Ventricular Volume



Radiographic Progression Measurable at Month 6

Case Example #1: 31 year | Male | CSF1R mutation | Symptomatic ALSP | MoCA at Baseline / 6 month: 15 / 12



- Increased white matter lesion
- Increased atrophy

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→ Increased ventricular volume



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Radiographic Progression Measurable at Month 6

Case Example #2: 37 year | Female | *CSF1R* mutation | Symptomatic ALSP | MoCA at baseline / 6 month: 15 / 9



Increased white matter lesion → Increased ventricular volume

Increased white matter lesion



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HISTORY

Patients with Adult-Onset Leukoen

STUDY OF with Axonal Spheroids and Pigmented Glia

Fluid Biomarker Baseline Levels Altered in ALSP Individuals

A NATURAL HISTORY STUDY OF Patients with Adult-Onset Leukoencephalopathy with Axonal Spheroids and Pigmented Glia (ALSP)



Healthy: healthy volunteers from Vigil's VGL101 Phase 1 trial; Prodromal: participants with confirmed CSF1R mutation and MRI findings in Vigil's Natural History Study; Symptomatic: subjects with CSF1R mutations and ALSP symptoms in Vigil's Natural History Study; no. of samples for all CSF analyses: 25 (Healthy); 3 (Prodromal); 6 (Symptomatic); No. of samples for serum analysis: 67 (Healthy); 10 (Prodromal); 11 (Symptomatic); all biomarker values are in mean <u>+</u> standard error of mean (SEM)

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Emerging ILLUMINATE Data Support IGNITE Design

- Symptomatic ALSP patients exhibit greater baseline disease burden based on MRI vs healthy and prodromal individuals
 - Lower brain volume
 - Greater white matter lesion and ventricular volumes
- Measurable MRI changes observed at 6 months indicating disease progression in symptomatic ALSP patients
 - Reduction in brain volume
 - Increase in white matter lesion and ventricular volumes
- Symptomatic ALSP patients also exhibit significantly higher NfL levels at baseline vs healthy and prodromal individuals
- Emerging 6-month data from ongoing ILLUMINATE NHS support the rationale of IGNITE Phase 2 secondary measures of MRI and NfL as imaging & fluid biomarkers for efficacy



VGL101 IGNITE Phase 2 Design & Objectives

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VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Open-label Proof-of-Concept Trial Design



VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Patient Population

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Key Clinical Inclusion Criteria

Key Clinical Exclusion Criteria

- Documentation of a CSF1R gene mutation
- Clinical symptoms consistent with ALSP
- MRI findings consistent with ALSP
- Mild and early-moderate stages defined by cognitive and ambulation status

- Any neurological disease that poses a risk to the participant or produces symptoms like ALSP
- Patients unable to complete study procedures
- Comorbidities not permitting safe study participation



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VGL101 ALSP Phase 2 Objectives & Outcomes

| Primary Outcome | To evaluate safety & tolerability of VGL101 in ALSP Nature and frequency of AEs, discontinuations due to AEs Safety lab tests, vital sign measurements, ECG |
|-------------------------|--|
| Secondary Outcomes | To evaluate effects of VGL101 on imaging & biomarkers of neurodegeneration & target engagement in ALSP Changes from baseline in volumetric MRI measures, MRI ALSP severity score, NfL level in CSF and blood, and sCSF1R level in CSF |
| Exploratory Outcomes | To evaluate clinical efficacy & PK of VGL101 in ALSP Change from baseline in clinical outcome measures: Cognitive Assessments including MoCA, CDR®+NACC-FTLD Motor Assessments including 2 Minute Walk Test, Timed Up & Go Test Functional, psychiatric, and patient- and caregiver-reported assessments Serum and CSF concentrations of VGL101 |

Primary analysis conducted after 6 months treatment period; additional analysis of outcome measures after 12 months

AE: adverse event; ECG: electrocardiogram; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging; NfL: Neurofilament Light Chain Protein; sCSF1R: soluble colony-stimulating factor 1 receptor; CSF: cerebrospinal fluid; MoCa: Montreal Cognitive Assessment; CDR[®]+NACC-FTLD: Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR[®]) for evaluation of patients with frontotemporal lobar degeneration

Closing Remarks

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Unmet Need & Clinical Trial Readiness Support Development of VGL101 in ALSP

- ALSP is a rare devastating, progressive and fatal microgliopathy that is significantly under-recognized
 - Significant portion of patients initially misdiagnosed with other neurodegenerative diseases
- Advances in MRI and genetic testing can enable correct diagnosis
- Increasing disease awareness amongst physicians and patients is key in driving correct diagnosis early
- ALSP has high unmet medical need
 - Current off-label symptomatic treatments have no impact on underlying disease biology
 - HSCT remains experimental with unclear effects on ALSP patients and significant morbidity/mortality



Unmet Need & Clinical Trial Readiness Support Development of VGL101 in ALSP

- VGL101 represents a potential disease modifying therapeutic for ALSP
 - Phase 1 data in healthy volunteers support entry into Phase 2 proof-of-concept trial in ALSP patients
- Emerging ILLUMINATE NHS data support exploring imaging and fluid biomarkers on efficacy in Phase 2 IGNITE trial for VGL101
- Vigil continues to actively partner and engage with the ALSP community to drive disease awareness among physicians, patients and caregivers



2022–2023 Anticipated Milestones



Announce topline data for Phase 1 clinical trial with VGL101 in healthy volunteers*



Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial with VGL101 in ALSP

Establish Phase 2 proof of concept in ALSP

Q4 2022

Q4 2022

2023

Submit IND and initiate clinical development for small molecule TREM2 agonist 2023



*The healthy volunteer single and multiple ascending dose trial is a first-in-human Phase 1 clinical trial, principally to evaluate VGL101's safety and tolerability. The trial, depending on the safety and tolerability results, is expected to provide a basis for conducting subsequent clinical trials in ALSP, AD and other rare CNS indications.

Vigil is Well-positioned to Execute on Our Mission

Microglial biology is rapidly becoming a new frontier for CNS drug discovery

TREM2 deficiency leads to microglial dysfunction and drives neurodegeneration We are an experienced and passionate team of innovators

Our vision is a brighter tomorrow for people with devastating neurodegenerative diseases





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