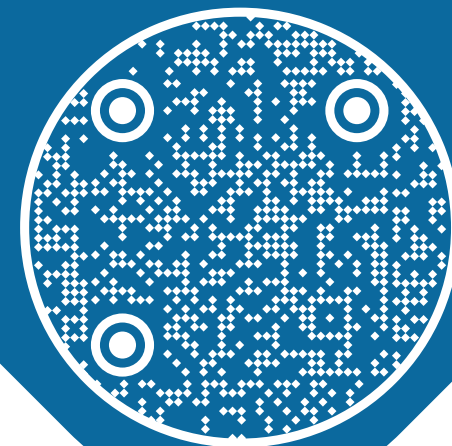




Systematic Literature Review of Recombinant Human C1 Esterase Inhibitor (rhC1-INH) and Other Products for the On-Demand Treatment of Hereditary Angioedema Attacks



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Shifts in trial design and setting complicate cross-trial comparisons

Differences in populations, attack characteristics, prophylaxis use, end point definitions, redosing, rescue therapy, and censoring may alter observed treatment effect

Valid indirect treatment comparisons require end point alignment and adjustment for population differences

BACKGROUND

- HAE is a rare genetic disorder affecting approximately 1 in 50,000 people¹
- Patients with HAE experience recurrent, unpredictable swelling (attacks) affecting various areas, often causing considerable morbidity and impacting QOL¹⁻⁵
- On-demand products to treat HAE attacks include Beriner[®] (C1 esterase inhibitor, human), Firazy[®] (icatibant), Kalbitor[®] (ecallantide), RUCONEST[®] (C1 esterase inhibitor [recombinant]), and sebetralstat (KVD900)

OBJECTIVE

- Through an SLR, this study sought to better understand clinical trial designs, populations, and outcomes for on-demand HAE treatments

METHODS

- A systematic literature search (Table 1) was executed and included:
 - Electronic database searches in MEDLINE and MEDLINE In-Process, Embase, and The Cochrane Library (search dates: inception to October 2024)
 - Hand searches of reviewed of bibliographies of published systematic reviews and meta-analyses as well as ClinicalTrials.gov, accessdata.fda.gov, journal sites, and corporate websites containing relevant publications
 - Grey literature searches of AAAAI, EAACI, and ACAA (search dates: 2022 to 2024)
- Two independent reviewers completed trial selection and data extraction; discrepancies were resolved by a third independent reviewer

TABLE 1 PICOS-T Criteria

CATEGORY	INCLUSION CRITERIA	EXCLUSION CRITERIA
POPULATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with HAE (acute attacks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy volunteers
INTERVENTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RUCONEST Beriner Kalbitor Firazy Sebetralstat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions other than those listed in the inclusion criteria Prophylactic use of an intervention of interest
COMPARATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placebo Best supportive care Any of the above listed interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any nonpharmacologic interventions Comparators other than those listed in the inclusion criteria
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficacy outcome(s) as measured in the study Safety outcomes: AEs, SAEs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trials not reporting outcomes listed in the inclusion criteria
STUDY DESIGN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2-4 RCTs (including their OLE studies) SLRs, meta-analyses, or NMAs of relevant RCTs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other study designs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observational studies Case studies/case reports Economic evaluations Editorials, notes, comments, or letters Narrative or nonsystematic literature reviews Nonhuman studies Pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic studies Phase 1 RCTs
TIME LIMIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database inception to Oct 2024 (articles) 2022 to Oct 2024 (conference abstracts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full text not retrievable Conference abstracts published before 2022
LANGUAGE	English	
COUNTRIES	No restriction on geography	

RESULTS

- A total of 22 unique studies (12 RCTs and 10 OLEs) were reported in 101 publications (Figure S1)

TABLE 2 Trial Design and Attack Criteria Vary Among Trials

IMP	TRIAL	STUDY DESIGN		ATTACK ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	
		DESIGN	SITE	TIME FROM ATTACK ONSET	SEVERITY REQUIREMENT
Beriner [®]	IMPACT-1	Parallel	Center	<6 h	NR
	EDEMA-1	NR	Center	NR	NR
	EDEMA-3	Parallel	Center	<8 h	TOS >0
Kalbitor	EDEMA-4	Parallel	Center	<8 h	MSCS >0
	FAST-1	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥30 mm
	FAST-2	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥30 mm
	FAST-3	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥30 mm
RUCONEST	C1 1304	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥50 mm
	C1 1205	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥50 mm
	C1 1310	Parallel	Center	<6 h	VAS ≥50 mm
Sebetralstat	KVD900-201	Crossover	Center	NR	PGI-S < severe
	KONFIDENT	Crossover	Home	Treat immediately	No criteria

STUDY DESIGN

- Among trials reporting design (Table 2), 9 used parallel and 2 used crossover assignment.
- 11 of 12 trials were center-based; 1 was home-based with e-diary data collection

ATTACK RECRUITMENT

- After attack onset, 9 center-based trials required presentation to study site within 5 to 8 hours, whereas the home-based trial instructed immediate treatment (Table 2)
- Only Firazy and RUCONEST trials adjudicated attacks by requiring a minimum VAS score ≥30 mm or ≥50 mm, respectively, without signs of regression

TABLE 3 High Variability in Baseline Attack and Treatment Characteristics Limit Between-Study Comparisons

IMP	TRIAL	IMP	PT/ATTACK, COUNT	ATTACK LOCATIONS		BASELINE ATTACK SEVERITY					TREATMENT REGIMEN AND TIMING		
				ABDOMINAL, n (%)	PERIPHERAL, n (%)	ABOVE THE NECK, n (%)	BASELINE VAS, MEAN (SD)	MILD, n (%)	MODERATE, n (%)	SEVERE, n (%)	VERY SEVERE, n (%)	LTP USE, n (%)	TIME TO TREAT, MEDIAN (IQR), MIN
Beriner [®]	IMPACT-1	C1-INH 10 IU/kg	39	31 (79.5)	NR	8 (20.5) ^a	NR	NR	32 (82.1)	7 (17.9)	NR	NR	NR
		C1-INH 20 IU/kg	43	34 (79.1)	NR	9 (20.9) ^a	NR	NR	27 (62.8)	16 (37.2)	NR	NR	NR
		Placebo	42	33 (78.6)	NR	8 (19.0) ^a	NR	NR	26 (61.9)	16 (38.1)	NR	NR	NR
Kalbitor	EDEMA-3	Ecaltantide 30 mg	36	20 (55.6) ^b	25 (69.4) ^{a,c}	4 (11.1) ^b	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
		Placebo	36	21 (58.3) ^b	21 (58.3) ^{a,c}	9 (25.0) ^b	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	EDEMA-4	Ecaltantide 30 mg	48	18 (37.5) ^b	34 (70.8) ^{a,d}	22 (45.8) ^{a,*}	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
		Placebo	48	27 (56.3) ^b	21 (43.8) ^{a,d}	22 (45.8) ^{a,*}	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Firazy [®]	FAST-1	Icatibant 30 mg	27	13 (48.1)	14 (51.9) ^b	NR	69.3 (NR)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	456 (NR)
		Placebo	29	16 (55.2)	13 (44.8) ^b	NR	67.7 (NR)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	600 (NR)
	FAST-2	Icatibant 30 mg	36	12 (33.3)	24 (66.7) ^b	NR	63.7 (NR)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	630 (NR)
		Tranexamic acid	38	15 (39.5)	23 (60.5) ^b	NR	61.5 (NR)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	414 (NR)
	FAST-3	Icatibant 30 mg	43	17 (39.5)	26 (60.5) ^b	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	390 (NR)
		Placebo	45	19 (42.2)	26 (57.8) ^b	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	330 (NR)
RUCONEST	C1 1304	rhC1-INH 100 IU/kg	16	7 (43.8)	9 (56.3)	2 (12.5) ^b	76.3 (17.4)	NR	NR	NR	NR	8 (50.0)	215 (186-268)
		Placebo	16	6 (37.5)	8 (50.0)	4 (25.0) ^b	78.5 (12.1)	NR	NR	NR	NR	13 (81.0)	235 (195-310)
	C1 1205	rhC1-INH 100 IU/kg	13	5 (38.5)	6 (46.2)	2 (15.4) ^b	82.5 (12.5)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	317 (245-389)
		Placebo	13	5 (41.7)	6 (50.0)	0 ^b	77.6 (14.4)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	347 (299-788)
Sebetralstat	KONFIDENT	Sebetralstat 300 mg	87	35 (40.2) ^b	56 (64.1) ^b	11 (12.6) ^{b,†}	NR	36 (41.4) ^b	35 (40.2) ^b	12 (13.8) ^b	2 (2.3) ^b	19 (21.8)	35 (6-130)
		Sebetralstat 600 mg	93	42 (45.2) ^b	54 (58.1) ^{b,†}	13 (14.0) ^{b,†}	NR	41 (44.1) ^b	34 (36.6) ^b	16 (17.2) ^b	2 (2.2) ^b	21 (22.6)	41 (5-142)
		Placebo	84	37 (44.0) ^b	43 (51.2) ^{b,†}	13 (15.5) ^{b,†}	NR	36 (42.9) ^b	33 (39.3) ^b	10 (11.9) ^b	3 (3.6) ^b	18 (21.4)	51 (6-166)

^aOne patient in the IMPACT-1 study was originally randomized with a facial attack, which was later reassessed as a laryngeal attack. The treatment group of this patient was not specified. ^bAn attack may be reported in more than one location. ^cThis includes attacks in the genital or buttocks, external head or neck, or ocular locations. ^dReported as ocular attack locations. ^{*}This includes attacks classified as occurring in the oropharyngeal headneck and nonoropharyngeal head and neck locations. [†]This includes attacks classified as occurring in the OFPL location. [‡]The sample size of the ITT population of the rhC1-INH 50 IU/kg arm in C1 1205 is 13, but only 12 patients were evaluated. [§]This includes attacks classified as occurring in the facial or oropharyngeal/laryngeal locations. ^{||}This includes attacks in the arms, hands, legs, feet, or torso. [¶]This includes attacks classified as occurring in the head, face, neck, torso, or throat. ^{||}The severity of attack was determined using the PGI-S (0=mild; 1=moderate; 2=severe; 3=severe; 4=very severe).

PATIENT TREATMENT REGIMEN AND TIMING	ATTACK LOCATIONS AND BASELINE SEVERITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophylaxis: In C1 1304, C1 1310, and KONFIDENT trials, 50%, 50%, and 21.8% to 22.6% of patients received prophylaxis in IMP arms, respectively (Table 3) Time to treat: The KONFIDENT trial was conducted in the home setting, and patients were instructed to treat immediately, which may have led to the substantially faster treatment times (median, 35-51 min). The remaining trials were conducted in treatment centers with time to treat ranging from 215-630 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack locations: Locations varied substantially among trials, with abdominal attacks ranging from 23.1% to 79.5% and peripheral attacks from 23.1%-70.8%. Multiple locations per attack were reported in EDEMA and KONFIDENT trials, whereas others reported either the primary or most severe location (Table 3) Attack severity: All attacks in IMPACT-1 were moderate (68.5%) or severe (31.5%), whereas most patients in KONFIDENT experienced mild (42.8%) to moderate mild (38.6%). Mean VAS scores for RUCONEST trials ranged from 73.5 to 82.5, indicating patients had more severe attacks at baseline compared with Firazy (61.5-69.3)

TABLE 5 Variability in End Point Definitions Limit Comparability of Trial Results

IMP	TRIAL	PRO	END POINT DETAILS					PRO DIMENSIONS				
			END POINT	QUESTION STRUCTURE	RESPONSE OPTIONS	SUCCESS CRITERIA	LOCATION	SYMPTOMS	GLOBAL	SUSTAINED	IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS	PERSISTENT
Beriner [®]	IMPACT-1	NR	NR	Taking into account all of the symptoms you experienced with this HAE attack, are you confident that it is starting to improve?	Yes, no	Answer "yes"	No	No	Yes	Yes	NR	NR
			VAS*	The subject should draw a vertical line at the point along the scale that represents the current status of the measured symptom	0 mm, no symptom; >100 mm, worst possible symptom	30% reduction in score	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Firazy [®]	FAST-1 and FAST-2	NR	VAS*	The subject should draw a vertical line at the point along the scale that represents the current status of the measured symptom	Mean scores for skin swelling, skin pain, and abdominal pain, VAS-3	50% reduction in score	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
			VAS-3 ^b	The subject should draw a vertical line at the point along the scale that represents the current status of the measured symptom	Mean scores for skin swelling, skin pain, and abdominal pain, VAS-3	50% reduction in score	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
RUCONEST	C1 1310	TOSR	TEQ	Q1: To what extent has the overall severity of your [attack location] HAE attack changed since you received the infusion? Q2: Overall, has the intensity of your [relevant attack location] HAE attack symptoms begun to decrease noticeably since you received the infusion?	Q1: Much worse, Worse, A little worse, No change, A little better, Better, Much Better Q2: Yes, no	Q1: Answer "a little better" or more Q2: Answer "yes" to Q2	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
			VAS	How severe are the angioedema symptoms now for this location?	0 mm meaning "no symptoms at all" and 100 mm meaning "extremely disabling"	≥ 20-mm reduction from baseline	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sebetralstat	KONFIDENT	TTRS	PGI-C	How would you describe your overall HAE symptoms right now, compared to how you were when you took the trial medication?	Much worse, worse, a little worse, no change, a little better, better, much better	Rating of at least "a little better" within 12 h	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
			PGI-S	What is your overall HAE attack severity right now?	None, mild, moderate, severe, very severe	1-point decrease from baseline within 12 h	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
RUCONEST	C1 1310, C1 1205, and C1 1304	TTMS	TEQ	Q3: At this moment, are your HAE attack symptoms minimal [barely noticeable]?	Yes, no	Answer "yes"	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
			VAS	How severe are the angioedema symptoms now for this location?	0 mm meaning "no symptoms at all" and 100 mm meaning "extremely disabling"	Achieve score < 20 mm	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Beriner [®]	IMPACT-1	NR	NR	Have all symptoms of the HAE attack resolved completely?	Yes, no	Answer "yes"	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
			VAS	The subject should draw a vertical line at the point along the scale that represents the current status of the measured symptom	0 mm, no symptom; >100 mm, worst possible symptom	Achieve score <10 mm at all symptoms/locations	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Kalbitor	EDEMA-3/EDEMA-4	NR	MSCS	Describe the severity of the following [symptom complex] at this time?	Normal [0], mild [1], moderate [2], and severe [3] averaged over select locations	Change from baseline MSCS ranging from +2 to -3 at 4 h	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
			NR	What [symptom complex(es)] are you experiencing? Describe the severity and level of improvement of [symptom complex] at this time.	Severity = normal [0] to severe [3]; significant improvement/worsening [100 to >100]	Change from baseline TOS at 4 h	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

*Most severe symptom was chosen by assessing the most severe "cutaneous swelling" or "pain (skin)"; if these were equal, pain was used. For abdominal attacks, pain was used. ^bComposite of skin pain, skin swelling, and abdominal pain.

END POINT REPORTING	END POINT DEFINITIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary end point reporting: 8 of 12 studies reported TOSR as the primary end point (Table 5) PRO Instruments: 5 different PRO instruments were used across these 8 studies, each with varying criteria for success (Table 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beriner and sebetralstat trials: These trials used PRO instruments with global dimensions (Table 5) Kalbitor and Firazy trials: These trials used PRO instruments with both location- and symptom-specific dimensions RUCONEST trials: These trials used PRO instruments that had location-specific dimensions, but not symptom-specific dimensions

ABBREVIATIONS

AAAAI, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology; ACAA, American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; AE, adverse event; C1-INH, C1 esterase inhibitor; EAACI, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; HAE, hereditary angioedema; IMP, investigational medicinal product; IQR, interquartile range; LTP, long-term prophylaxis; MSCS, mean symptom complex severity; NMA, network meta-analysis; NR, not reported; OLE, open-label extension; OFPL, orofacial, pharyngeal, laryngeal; PGIC, Patient Global Impression of Change; PGI-S, Patient Global Impression of Severity; PICOS-T, populations, interventions, comparisons, outcomes, study design, and time; PRO, patient-reported outcome; PT, patient; Q, question; QOL, quality of life; RCT, randomized control trial; rhC1-INH, recombinant human C1 esterase inhibitor; SAE, serious adverse event; SLR, systematic literature review; TEQ, treatment effect questionnaire; TOS, treatment outcome score; TOSR, time to beginning of symptom relief; TTCR, time to complete resolution; TTMS, time to minimal symptoms; TTRS, time to reduced severity; VAS, visual analog scale.

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CONCLUSIONS

- HAE on-demand treatments have been evaluated in 12 trials over the past 15 years
- Variations in methodologies of these 12 trials—including trial design (crossover vs parallel), setting (site vs home), baseline attack characteristics, and use of prophylactic therapies—limit the comparability among studies
- Inconsistencies in protocols for redosing and rescue medication use may have modified observed treatment effects
- Different criteria and high rates of censoring may introduce challenges with interpreting the results of final analyses
- End point definitions across the 12 trials differed considerably and used different PRO instruments with different criteria for success
- Overall, results from these 12 trials remain difficult to compare without further research in mapping studies to connect the dimensions of 2 PRO end points, reanalysis of results using similarly defined end point criteria, and population adjustment for clinically validated effect modifiers across trial populations

TABLE 4 Redosing, Rescue Therapy, and Censoring Are Inconsistent Among Trials

NR	Data are not reported, missing, or could not be found				REDOSE AND RESCUE BY IMP						CENSORING DETAIL BY IMP				
IMP	TRIAL	INTERVENTION	PT/ATTACK, COUNT	REDOSE ALLOWED?	RESCUE ALLOWED?	REDOSE GIVEN	REDOSE, n (%)	RESCUE, n (%)	END POINT CUTOFF	RESCUE	REDOSE	LOST OR END OF FOLLOW-UP	CENSORED, ^a n (%)		
Beriner [®]	IMPACT-1	C1-INH 10 IU/kg	39			C1-INH 10 IU/kg	13 (33.3)	NR					NR		
		C1-INH 20 IU/kg	43	Yes	Yes	Placebo	8 (18.6)	NR	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13 (30.2)		
		Placebo	42			C1-INH 20 IU/kg	24 (57.1)	NR					23 (54.8)		
Kalbitor	EDEMA-3	Ecaltantide 30 mg	36	Yes	Yes	Ecaltantide 30 mg	2 (5.6)	5 (13.9)	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	NR		
		Placebo	36			Ecaltantide 30 mg	1 (2.8)	13 (36.1)					NR		
	EDEMA-4	Ecaltantide 30 mg	48	Yes	Yes	Ecaltantide 30 mg	15 (31.2)	16 (33.3)	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	1 (2.1)		
		Placebo	48			Ecaltantide 30 mg	22 (45.8)	24 (50)					6 (12.5)		
Firazyr	FAST-1	Icatibant 30 mg	27		Yes	NR	NR	6 (22)				Yes	1 (3.7)		
		Placebo	29	No		NR	NR	14 (48)	No	No	No	Yes	1 (3.4)		
	FAST-2	Icatibant 30 mg	36		Yes	NR	NR	7 (19)					0		
		Tranexamic acid	38	No		NR	NR	12 (32)	No	No	No	Yes	2 (5.3)		
	FAST-3	Icatibant 30 mg	43		Yes	NR	NR	3 (7.0)				Yes	0		
		Placebo	45	No		NR	NR	18 (40)	No	No	No	Yes	3 (6.7)		
RUCONEST	C1 1304	rhC1-INH 100 U/kg	16	No	Yes	NR	NR	1 (5.9)	No	No	No	Yes	0		
		Placebo	16			NR	NR	9 (56)					1 (5.9)		
	C1 1205	rhC1-INH 100 U/kg	13			NR	NR	0					0		
		rhC1-INH 50 U/kg	12 ^c	No	Yes	NR	NR	0	No	No	No	Yes	0		
			Placebo	13			NR	NR	1 (7.7)				0		
	C1 1310	rhC1-INH 50 U/kg	44		Yes	rhC1-INH 50 U/kg	5 (11.4)	4 (9)		Yes	Yes	Yes	8 (18)		
	Placebo	31	Yes		rhC1-INH 50 U/kg	13 (41.9)	2 (6)	No				14 (45)			
Sebetralstat	KVD900-201	Sequence 1	55	No	Yes	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
		Sequence 2	58			NR	NR	NR					NR		
	KONFIDENT	Sebetralstat 300 mg	87			Sebetralstat 300 mg	34 (39.1)	12 (13.8)					21 (24.1)		
		Sebetralstat 600 mg	93	Yes	Yes	Sebetralstat 600 mg	37 (39.8)	8 (8.6)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	22 (23.7)		
		Placebo	84			Placebo	47 (56.0)	21 (25)					43 (51.2)		