

Are We Turning a Blind Eye?

Challenges in Value Assessment of Gene Therapies for Inherited Retinal Disease

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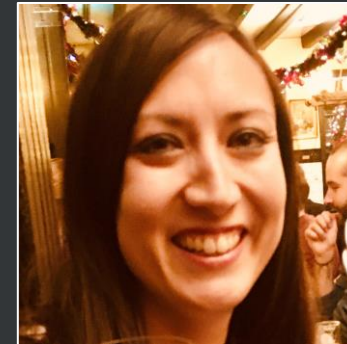
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A patient's
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What is the value and impact of gene therapies for patients living with Inherited Retinal Degenerations.

A Patient Community Perspective

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Gene and Cell Therapy – addressing Europe's challenge?



Gene and Cell therapy has the potential to;

- To **treat** rare, inherited and complex diseases
- To **change lives** and address significant **unmet need**
- **Reduce burden** of disease on **patient and carers**
- Can **improve** the **delivery of care and treatment** by reducing burden
- Address growing societal inequalities
- **Ultimately reduce cost**



Impact of Inherited Retinal Dystrophies - IRDs

- The **prevalence and impact of IRDs** at a national and global level has remained largely undocumented.
- The **socioeconomic burden of IRDs**, in addition to their impact on wellbeing and mental health, has been felt by patients, health advocacy organisations, health care providers, and scientists the world over.
- Studies undertaken by RI to understand the Social and Economic Impact of IRDs on the individuals affected and society at large demonstrated a **significant burden, on wellbeing, mental health, access to education and employment as well as productivity**.
- Yet in the context of **VALUE IRDs** are measured in their cost to the healthcare system, which highlights the challenges this community faces in accessing treatment.

Assessing Value - Looking at the healthcare system alone is not enough.



Experience of the IRD Community:

- Inherited Retinal Dystrophies are unlike other rare conditions- those living with vision impairment are not patients. They are not sick – but live with a degenerative disease that affects their wellbeing,
- Health systems costs are the lowest of cost types when conducting a socio-economic analysis of the impact of vision loss of inherited retinal conditions.

Cost is in Social Care – Social Services – Access to Education, Employment and impacts mental health.

- High rates of depression, anxiety and financial stress.
- Impact on education, employment and productivity losses.
- Impact on caregiver.
- Intangible costs.

This is recognized in other patient communities who do not solely rely on health care to provide support



IRD Counts The Cost.

In 2019 a patient led study on the burden and economic impact of IRDs in the ROI and UK from a societal perspective found that:

- 33.8% (16m Euro) IRE
- 38.4% (138,1 STG) UK

were attributed to **Wellbeing**

- 9.4m Euro
- 114,1m Pounds Stg

were attributed to **Productivity Costs**

50,7% of people living with an IRD in ROI and
40,2% in UK

were **not in paid employment**

In both regions IRDs result in 9.6% loss of **productivity while at work.**



Assessing degenerative disease

- **Adaptations** occur as sight degenerates
- But - does this mean safety?
- The view on **health-related quality of life** from parents and affected individuals differ



Is it possible to 'Prevent' an IRD?

- Where a confirmatory Genetic Test is available it is possible to diagnose and understand how XLRP is likely to progress
- Early intervention has the potential to halt or slow down the degeneration of the retina, leading to longer life with visual function and functional vision resulting in changes that impact the course of a life.
- Preventing disease is a key pillar of national health care systems.

Patients living with XLRP are troubled by questioning the value of preventing a devastating genetic disease.

Thank You.



Outline

XLRP – What is it and what are its distinct properties?



Gene Therapies – Why may HTA be generally challenging?



Deep Dives – Broader Value & Discounting



Lessons learned elsewhere



Audience Poll

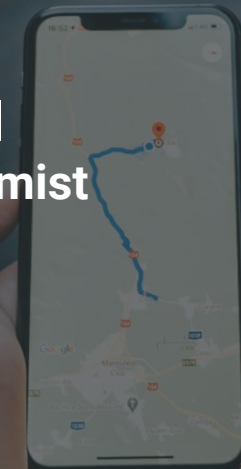


Selected Key Challenges and Considerations when Evaluating Gene Therapies

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XLRP – What is it and what are its distinct properties?



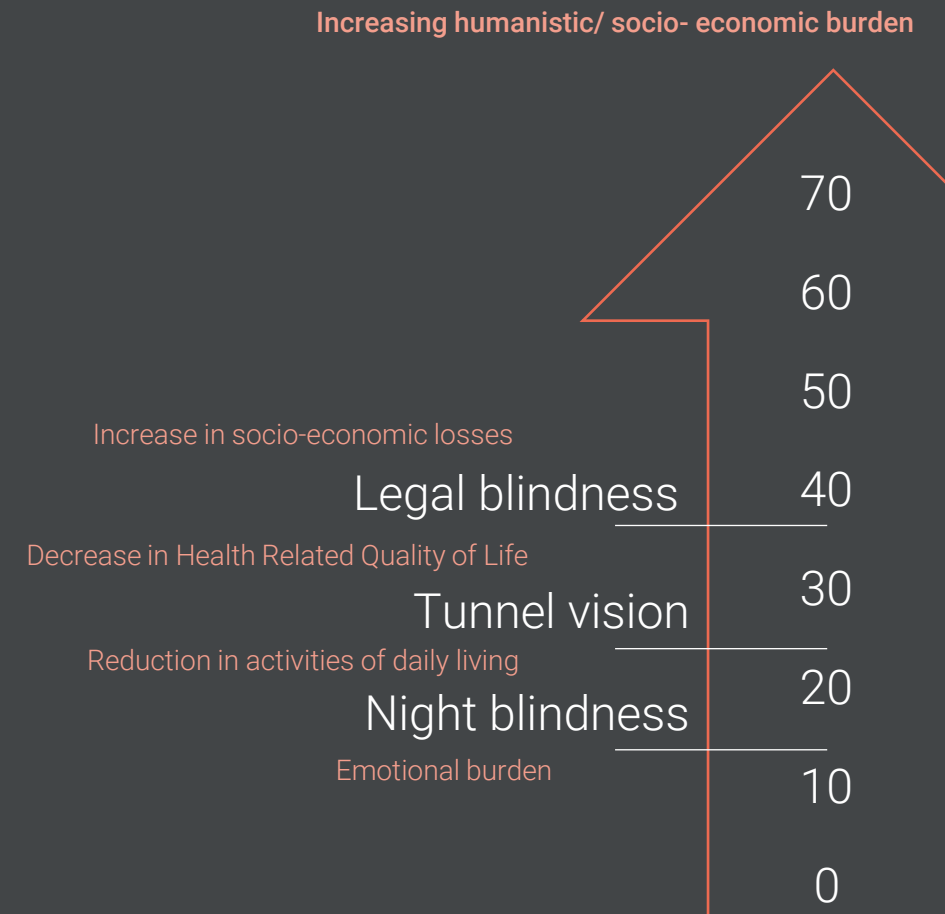
The distinct properties of X-linked retinitis pigmentosa (XLRP)

INCURABLE | RARE | CAUSES BLINDNESS

- ✓ Severe form of retinitis pigmentosa (RP), an inherited retinal degenerative disorder
- ✓ Affects ~ 1 in 15,000 people
- ✓ Defect in RPGR gene (located on the X-chromosome) causes retinal cells die over time, primarily in males
- ✓ Results in a progressive degeneration of the retina and consequent loss of vision

SLOWLY PROGRESSING | SIGNIFICANT HUMANISTIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC BURDEN

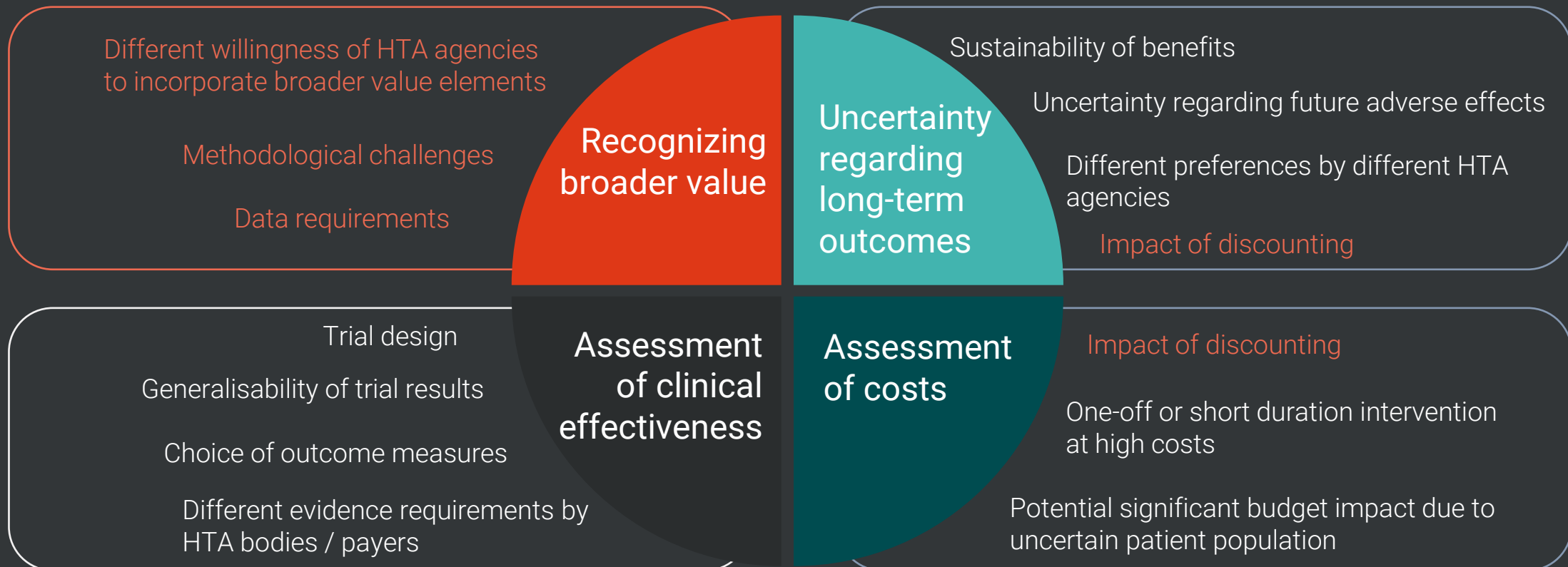
- ✓ First symptoms present itself in first decade of life
- ✓ Symptoms gradually worsen until subjects are declared legally blind in fourth decade of life






Gene Therapies – Why may
HTA be generally challenging?

Overview of challenges for HTA of gene therapies





Deep Dives – Broader Value & Discounting

Deep Dive

Challenges in recognising the broader value of a gene therapy targeting XLRP



The Value Generation-Recognition Gap for Novel Gene Therapies in European HTA Systems using X-linked Retinitis Pigmentosa as a Case Study



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Table 2. Value generation-recognition gap for a gene therapy for XLRP

Country	Patient quality of life	Patient length of life ¹	Net health care costs ²	Carer quality of life	Patient productivity	Carer productivity	Disease severity ³	Insurance value	Scientific spillovers	Value of hope ⁴
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Note: ¹XLRP has a limited impact on life expectancy (see table 1), ²Uncertainty about pricing and long-term health service use by XLRP patients makes the impact on net costs too uncertain to assess its importance as a value driver/detractor, ³The severity modifiers used by NICE and ZIN are both based partly on proportional QALY shortfall (PS) but there are no estimates of the PS for XLRP patients so it is unclear how the severity of XLRP would be operationalised if at all

Recommended for reference/base case economic evaluation
 Recommended for sensitivity analysis
 Not recommended in economic evaluation but could potentially be considered deliberately
 The number of diamonds indicates the importance of each element as a value driver for an XLRP gene therapy. One, two, and three diamonds represent limited, moderate, and significant value drivers respectively.

VALUE ELEMENTS INCONSISTENTLY CONSIDERED

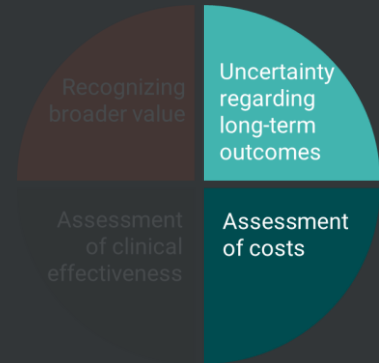
- ✓ Potentially large losses in patient & carer productivity not captured with health system perspective
- ✓ Carer QoL losses often not captured and challenges who's QoL matters
- ✓ Unclear if existing mechanisms to capture severity of disease would be triggered

VALUE ELEMENTS RARELY, IF EVER CONSIDERED

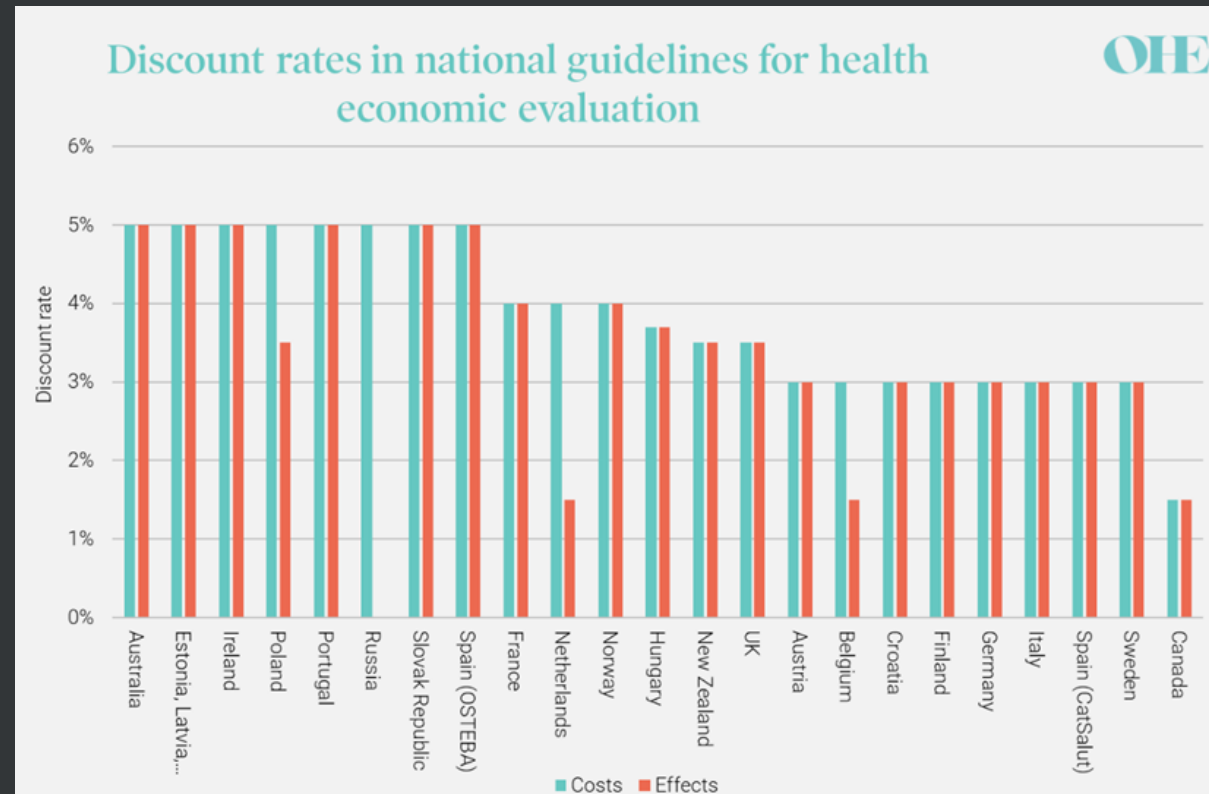
- ✓ Potential insurance value due to genetic nature of disease
- ✓ Uncertainty regarding scientific spillovers
- ✓ Debate around importance of value of hope (Peasgood et al. 2022)

Deep Dive

The effect of discounting on a gene therapy targeting XLRP



- Large effect expected due to long delay between intervention and prevention of main outcome
- Experience Luxturna (Huygens et al. 2021):
 - NICE: lowering the discount rate from 3.5% to 1.5% reduced ICER by 43%.
 - ZIN: Using a discount rate of 4% for both costs and effects as opposed to 4% for costs and 1.5% for effects increases the ICER by 81%
- Alternative discounting approaches as solutions?
 - Equal vs. Differential
 - Constant vs. Stepwise vs. Hyperbolic vs. Time-shifted



Lessons learned elsewhere

Programme

Project Hercules

- a **multinational collaboration** (e.g. patient organisations, clinicians, academics, pharmaceutical companies, Health Technology Assessment agencies) **to build a better evidence base** for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).

Mechanism of Coordinated Access (MoCA) initiative

- a **mechanism** for European countries **to collaborate on access for patients** with rare diseases to OMPs via a voluntary, dialogue-based approach, with flexible interactions between key stakeholders to agree on the value of OMPs

HTA for Immunization Programs

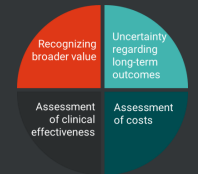
- Research on pros and cons **for inclusion of broader value**
- Impact of discounting
- Flexibility

NICE AMR Pilot

- **Willingness** to (try to) assess different value elements
- **Pragmatism** through deliberative decision making

Technologies

Multiple (must target) DMD



Orphan Drugs



Vaccines



Antibiotics



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Industry perspective

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What are the opportunities for gene therapies and how can we make gene therapies a reality in Europe and ensure patient access?

**The
opportunity
of gene
therapies**

- Transformational field of therapy
- Paradigm shift for healthcare systems
- Impacts beyond direct health care system



**Making gene
therapies a
reality in
Europe**

- Policy frameworks and HTA methodologies to be updated
- New national and EU policy solutions
- Innovative approaches to reimbursement and payment models

Multiple challenges exists in value assessment frameworks of gene therapies for inherited retinal diseases, including XLRP

Perceived high



StickerPrice™

..as it's a one-time treatment

How to demonstrate



QUALITY OF LIFE

..as XLRP is slow progressing with little change expected; benefits are likely to be seen by carers



COST

QALY



Social care

Minor cost offsets in healthcare sector – mostly wider societal benefits



Discount Rate

Why discount benefits as the benefit increases with age?



But how can this be the case, when the goal is to stop people from losing their vision, even before they become symptomatic? Would society not value this goal?



Assessing patient QoL and carer QoL and carer costs for XLRP is challenging but is the key value element



Patient QoL

- XLRP is a slowly progressive disease
- Deteriorating visual impairment impacting daily life, increased risk of injuries
- Impact on educational, family and life planning



Carer QoL and carer costs

- XLRP impacts the QoL of carers, their earnings and productivity
- If child/adolescent with XLRP - large burden on parents and later a potential spouse



Assessing QoL

- Due to slow progress, patients attenuate to their condition
- Currently available general HRQoL measures are inadequately sensitive

Industry role



Develop new, adequately sensitive PROs including HRQoL measures in collaboration with patients, clinical experts, academia and regulators



If PROs including adequately sensitive HRQoL not timely available, generate utility data using robust study approaches

Life-long durability of effect of one-off gene therapies is challenging to demonstrate at launch

Patient access

- Patient access to a therapy benefitting patients, carers, healthcare systems, and broader society life-long



Further data collection

- Further RWD collection
- Long-term follow-up from trials continued



Optimize data-package at launch

- Natural history studies + long-term trial follow-up
- Develop and validate relevant surrogate endpoints



Clinical trial data

- Limited long-term clinical trial data in the younger, asymptomatic population at launch, given that regulators such as EMA require evidence of a treatment effect in the older, symptomatic population in order to achieve regulatory approval

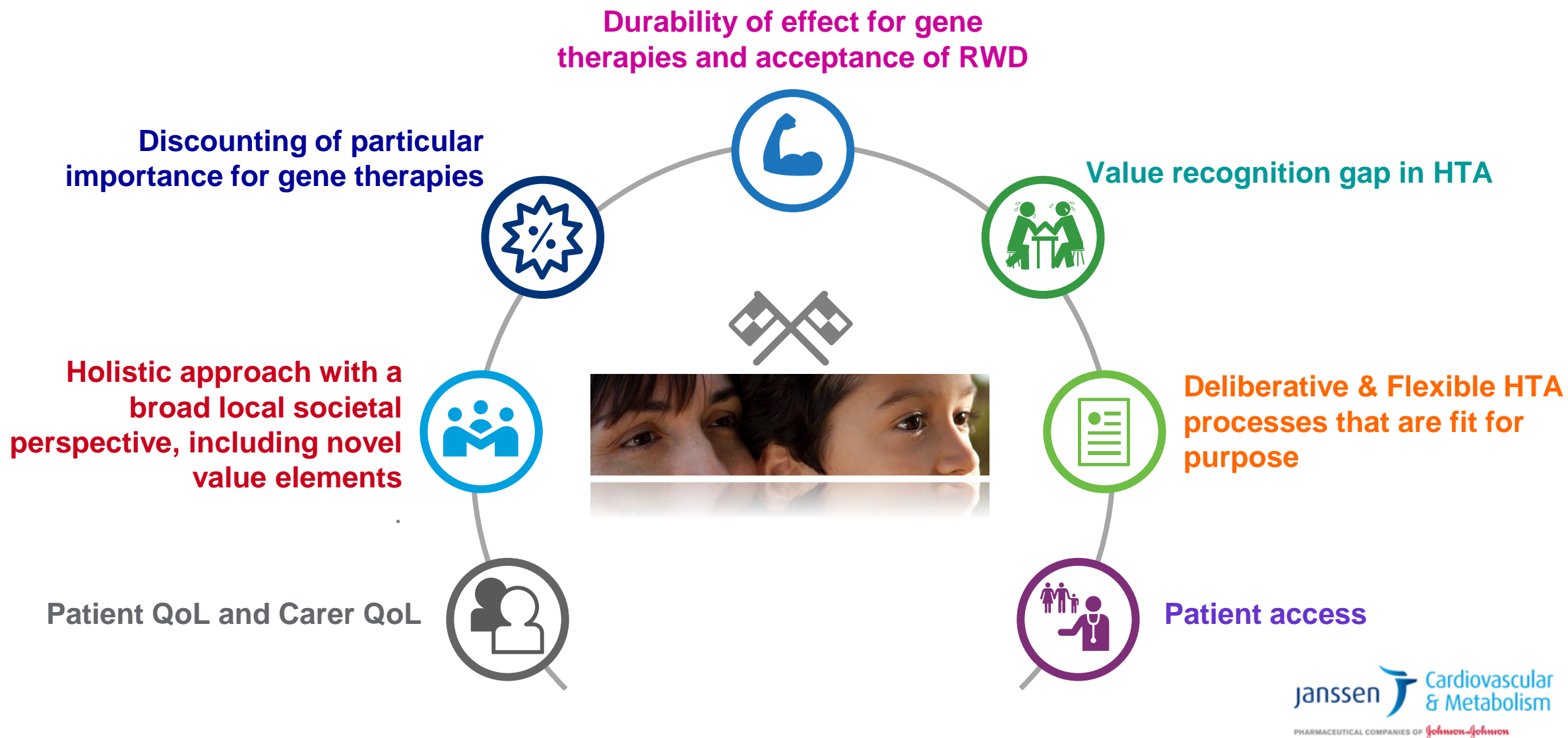


A gene therapy for XLRP

- XLRP is a rare slow progressing disease with first visual impairment symptoms in childhood developing into legal and full blindness decades later



Conclusion



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Cell and gene therapies recommendations by NICE to date

Technology	NICE recommendations
Talimogene laherparepvec (Imlygic)	TA410: Recommended with PAS
Autologous human corneal epithelial cells containing stem cells (Holoclar)	TA467: Recommended with PAS
Autologous chondrocytes	TA477 & TA508: Recommended
Darvadstrocel (Alofisel)	TA556: Not recommended
Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah)	TA554 & TA567: Recommended within the CDF
Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta)	TA559: Recommended within the CDF (review ongoing)
Autologous anti-CD19-transduced CD3+ cells (Tecartus)	TA677: Recommended within the CDF
Strimvelis	HST7: Recommended
Voretigene neparvovec (Luxturna)	HST11: Recommended with commercial arrangement
Onasemnogene abeparvovec (Zolgensma)	HST15: Recommended with managed access agreement
Atidarsagene autotemcel (Libmeldy)	HST18: Recommended with commercial arrangement

Challenges in ATMP evaluations



General uncertainty in the evidence



Costs of service delivery

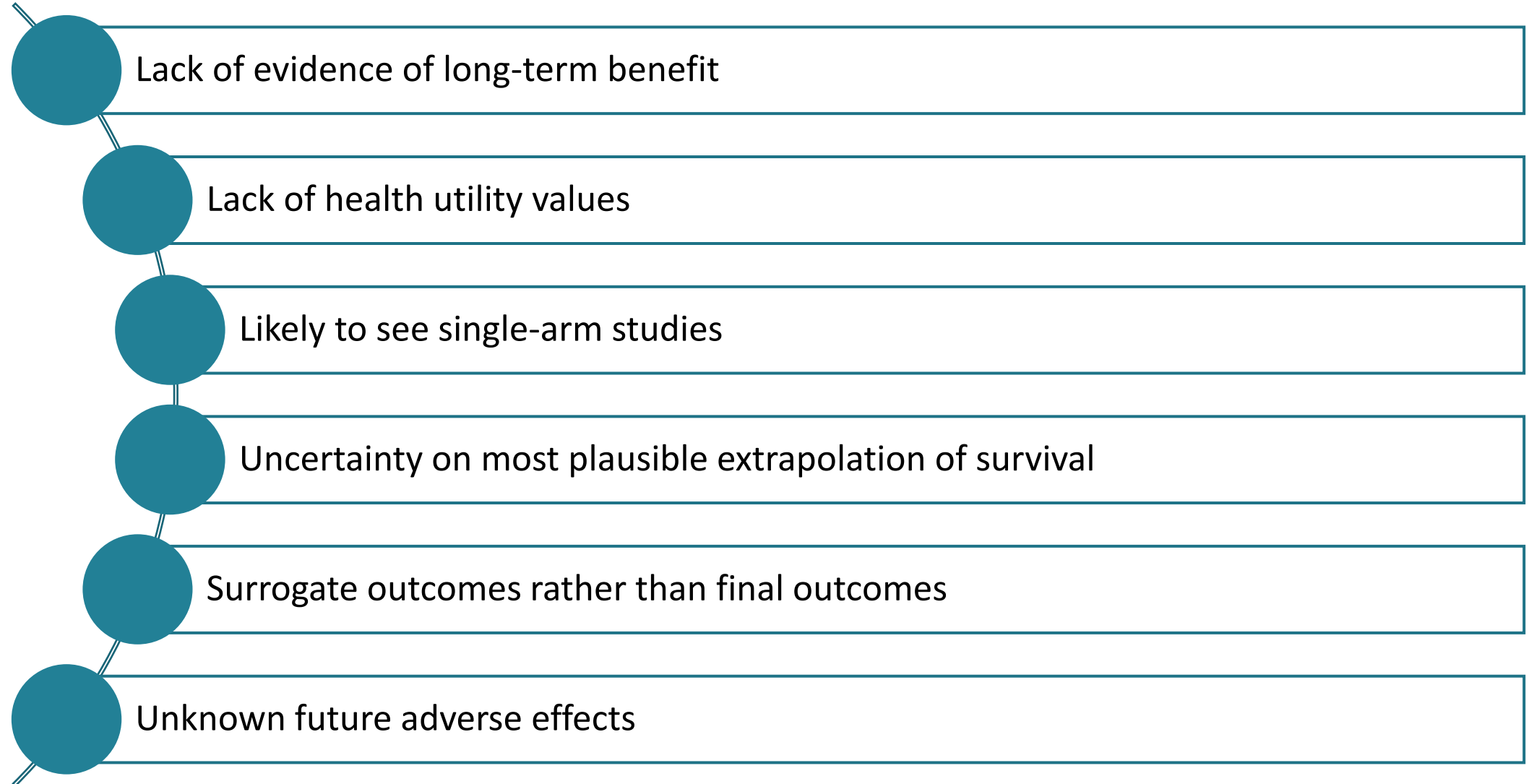


Identifying the appropriate comparator



Concerns over adverse events

Evidence uncertainty in ATMP evaluations



How to address the challenges



Methods review did not find features that are unique to ATMPs

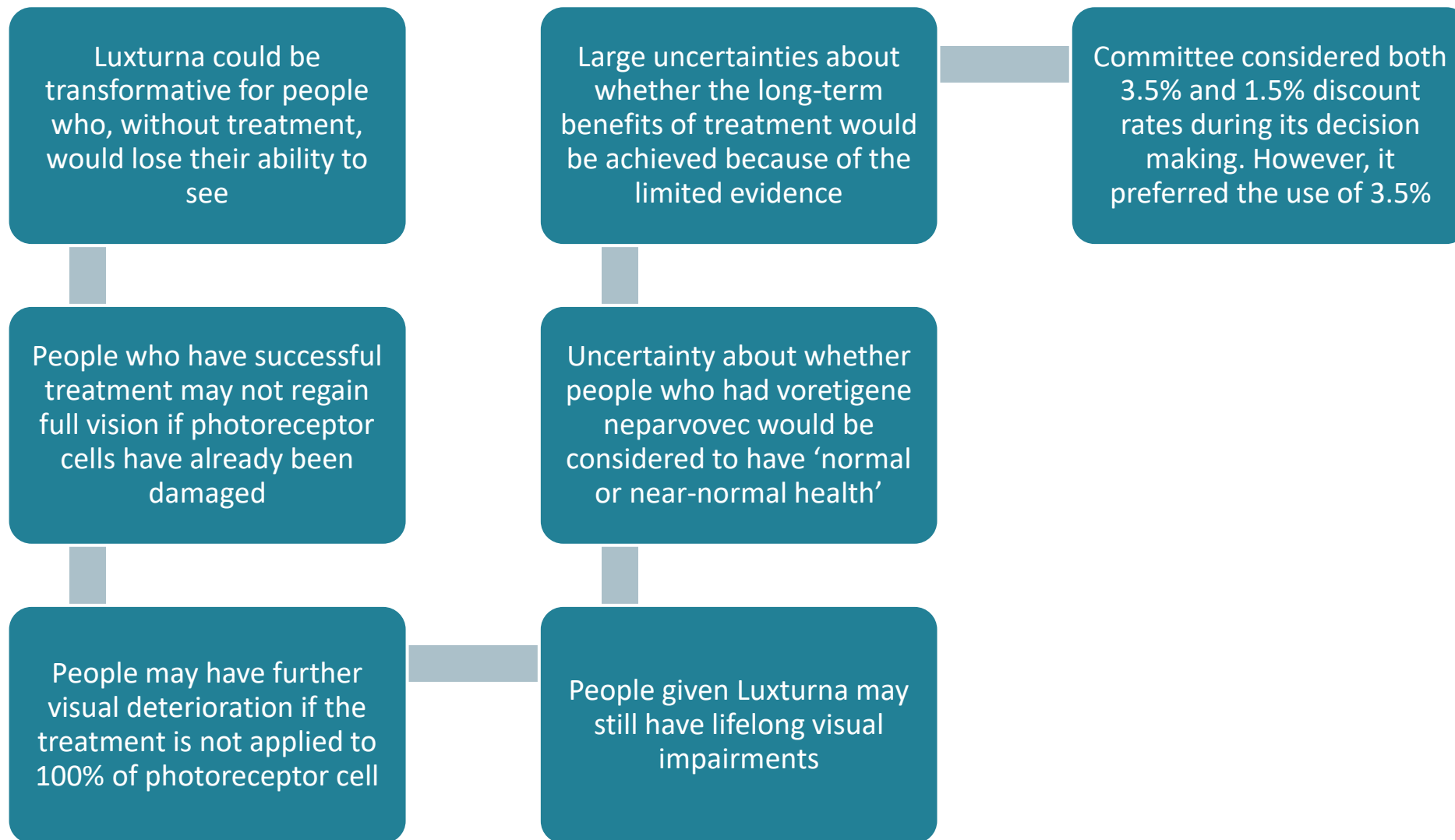


But challenges are more commonly seen with these types of technologies

- **Changes in NICE's methods:**
 - Severity modifier
 - Better characterisation of uncertainty
 - Use of additional type of evidence beyond randomised controlled trial
 - Cure proportion modelling considered as an option
 - Apportioning costs

HST11: Voretigene neparvovec (Luxturna) for treating inherited retinal dystrophies caused by RPE65 gene mutations

HST11 Voretigene neparvovec: discount rate



Voretigene neparvovec: Other factors

Very large **emotional effect** of RPE65-mediated IRD on families and carers. It noted that there is a substantial financial impact on families in which parents have to give up work to provide care and because of the costs of home adaptation.

With sustained vision, children would be able to **attend mainstream school**, retain their independence, take part in social activities and achieve their full potential.

Treatment with Luxturna would **reduce the expenditure incurred by non-NHS government departments** that provide support for families affected by vision loss.

There was a **high unmet need** in people with RPE65-mediated IRD, and that Luxturna is a step change in the treatment of this condition.

Support initiatives for ATMPs



Accelerated Access Collaborative

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- Unique partnership
- Designation supporting rapid national uptake

NICE
Scientific
advice

NICE Office
for Market
Access



MHRA
Regulating Medicines and Medical Devices

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

Healthcare Improvement Scotland

SMC
Advice on new
medicines

Innovative Licensing and Access
Pathway (ILAP)

- Aims to accelerate the time to market,
facilitating patient access to medicines

Patient
engagement

Managed
access

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