

Sparsentan (SPAR) vs Irbesartan (IRB) in Patients With Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS): Results From the Phase 3 DUPLEX Trial

Background

- SPAR is a dual endothelin angiotensin receptor antagonist (DEARA) that reduced proteinuria in patients with FSGS in a phase 2 trial¹⁻³
- The phase 3 DUPLEX trial (NCT03493685) evaluated the efficacy and safety of SPAR vs the active control IRB in patients with FSGS

Methods

Patients with FSGS were randomized 1:1 to receive SPAR (target dose, 800 mg/day) or IRB (target dose, 300 mg/day) for 108 weeks



SPAR, n=184
IRB, n=187

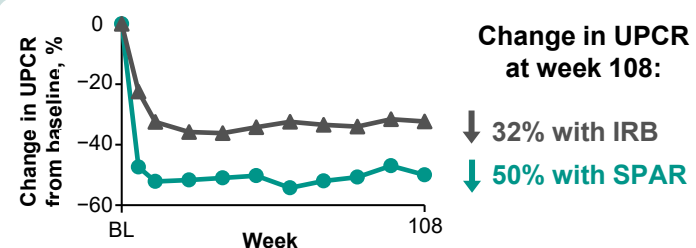
Eligibility criteria

- Ages 8-75 years
- No secondary causes of FSGS
- UPCR ≥ 1.5 g/g
- eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²

Proteinuria



SPAR reduced proteinuria, an effect that was sustained over the 108-week DB period



At the 36-wk interim analysis



FPRE* was achieved by:



vs



with SPAR

with IRB

At the final analysis (108-wk DB period)



complete remission† was achieved by:



vs



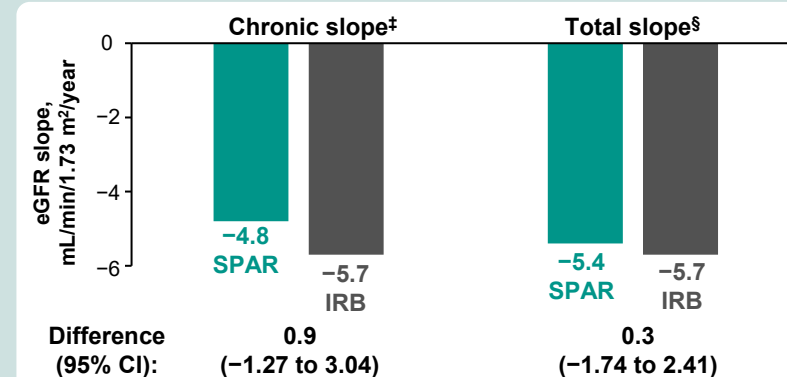
with SPAR

with IRB

eGFR Slope



eGFR slopes were lower with SPAR vs IRB, but differences were not statistically significant



Safety



SPAR had a safety profile that was comparable to IRB

Heart failure, drug-induced liver injury, and clinically meaningful fluid retention/edema were not identified as safety concerns

Conclusion

Patients with FSGS who received SPAR achieved a **clinically meaningful reduction in proteinuria** over the 2-year study period, although differences in eGFR slope vs IRB were not statistically significant. The safety profile of SPAR (800 mg/day) was comparable to that of IRB

BL, baseline; DB, double blind; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FPRE, FSGS partial remission endpoint; UPCR, urine protein-to-creatinine ratio. *UPCR ≤ 1.5 g/g and $>40\%$ reduction from baseline.

†UPCR <0.3 g/g at any time during the study. ‡Chronic slope was assessed from week 6 to 108. §Total slope was assessed from day 1 to week 108.

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