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Top-line 12-month Results from the SCiStar Study - A Phase 1/2a Trial of Human Embryonic Stem Cell-Derived Oligodendrocyte Progenitor Cells (OPC1) in Patients with Subacute Cervical Spinal Cord Injury

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## **OPC1: hESC-Derived Oligodendrocyte Progenitor Cells**

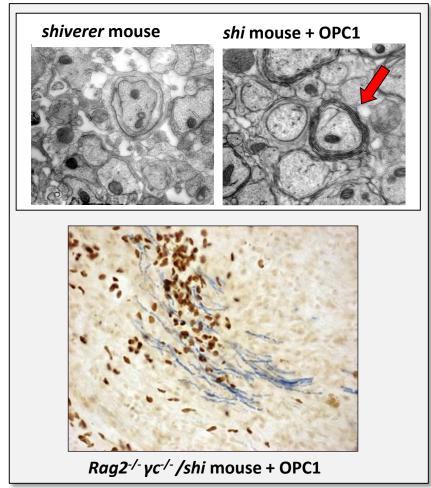


## <u>OPC1</u>

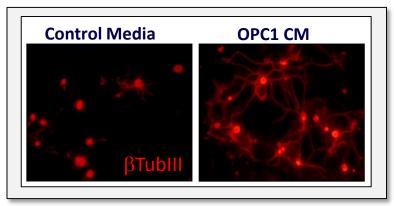
- Cryopreserved Allogeneic Cell Population
- Derived from an NIH-Registered Human Embryonic Stem Cell line (hESC)
- Characterized Composition of Cells:
  - Oligodendrocyte progenitors
  - Neural progenitors
  - > Infrequent mature neural cells and
  - > Rare other characterized cell types
- Three identified functions
  - Produces neurotrophic factors
  - Induces remyelination
  - Induces vascularization
- "Off the shelf" administration
- First indication: spinal cord injury
- Potential line extensions in other neurodegenerative diseases

## **OPC1:** Three Major Physiologically Relevant Functional Activities

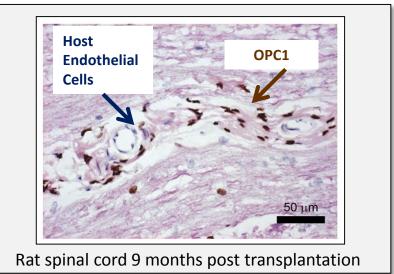
## 1. Wraps host neurons and forms compact myelin sheaths\*



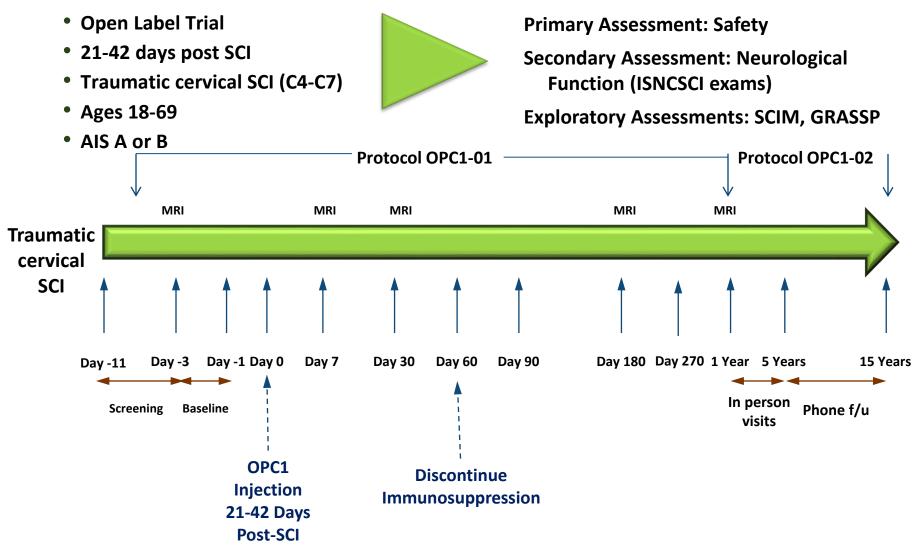
2. Produces neurotrophic factors and stimulates neurite outgrowth\*\*



3. Stimulates neovascularization\*

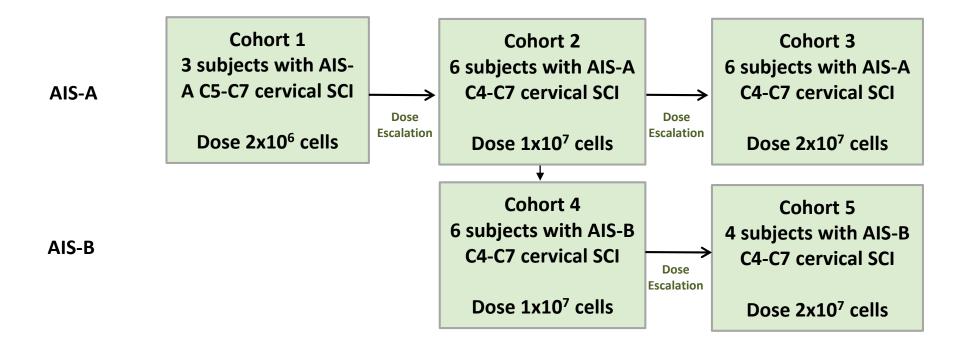


# SCiStar Study Schema





## SCiStar Study Enrollment & Cohort Progression



## **Follow-Up Status for SCiStar Study**

Cohort	# Subjects Administered OPC1	# Subjects with 12 Months Follow-Up	# Subjects with 2 Years LTFU	# Subjects with 3 Years LTFU
Safety Cohort 1 AIS-A 2x10 <sup>6</sup> Dose	3	3	3	3
Safety and Efficacy Cohort 2 AIS-A 1x10 <sup>7</sup> Dose	6	6	6	2
Safety and Efficacy Cohort 3 AIS-A 2x10 <sup>7</sup> Dose	6ª	6	2	-
Safety and Efficacy Cohort 4 AIS-B 1x10 <sup>7</sup> Dose	6	6	2	-
Safety and Efficacy Cohort 5 AIS-B 2x10 <sup>7</sup> Dose	4 <sup>b</sup>	4	-	-

<sup>a</sup> One subject enrolled in Cohort 3 received only the 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> dose due to an error during dose preparation <sup>b</sup> One subject enrolled in Cohort 5 received only the 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> dose due to a very small spinal cord lesion

## **OPC1 Injection Procedure**

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#### **Rush University**



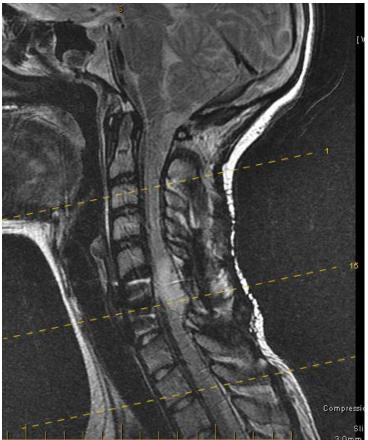


- Injections performed using a table-mounted syringe positioning device (SPD)
- Direct intraparenchymal injection into the spinal cord lesion
- Single 50µL injection for both the 2M & 10M doses; Two injections for the 20M dose
- No intraoperative complications

## 12 Month MRI Results Support Durable Engraftment of OPC1 Cells

- Cavitation is estimated to occur in ~80% of spinal cord injury patients meeting SCiStar Study inclusion criteria
- 96% (24/25) of subjects had serial MRI scans at 12 months that indicated no sign of a lesion cavity
- The MRI results are consistent with formation of a tissue matrix at injury site, which we believe is supportive evidence showing that OPC1 cells have durably engrafted to help prevent cavitation at the injury site<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Cohort 2 subject 365 Day T2 –weighted sagittal MRI



## Some Lesions May Be Too Severe for OPC1 Cell Survival

#### **Pre-Injection Baseline**



#### **Day 365 Post-Injection**



Failed graft with lesion cavity formation

- Large hematoma in spinal cord
- Most severe lesion at baseline
- > Least favorable environment for survival of OPC1 cells

## SCiStar Study Primary Endpoint: Safety Tolerability Also Assessed

- SCiStar Study primary endpoint was met:
  - Safety assessed by the frequency and severity of adverse events (AE) related to OPC1, the injection procedure, and immunosuppression with short-term, low-dose tacrolimus
- > No concerning safety issues have been noted
- No intraoperative complications
- Immunosuppression with tacrolimus was well-tolerated
- > No serious adverse events (SAEs) related to OPC1
- > No subjects had worsening of neurological function post-injection
- > No adverse findings on follow-up MRI scans

# SCiStar Study Summary of Adverse Events

#### > Majority of SCiStar Study adverse events were mild to moderate in severity

All Treated Subjects (n=25)	AEs	SAEs
Total	534	29
Mild (Grade 1)	343	0
Moderate (Grade 2)	161	15
Severe (Grade 3)	30	14
Life threatening (Grade 4)	0	0
Death (Grade 5)	0	0
Related to OPC1*	1	0
Related to Injection Procedure	20	1
Related to Tacrolimus	11	1

\* The AE that was possibly related to OPC1 was a Grade 2 dysesthesia (unpleasant, abnormal sensation) that began 47 days post-injection and resolved by the Year 2 follow-up visit

## SCiStar Study Most Common SAEs

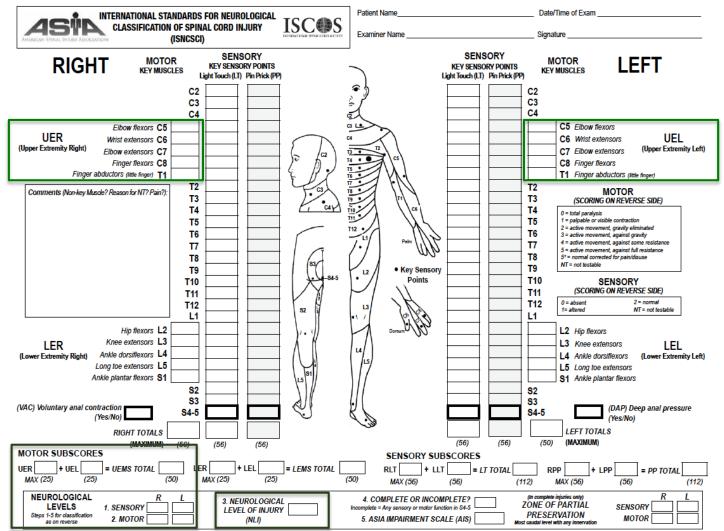
All Treated Subjects (N=25)	SAE #	Causality
Total	29	27 not related
UTI	7	Not related
Urinary Sepsis	2	Not related
Pulmonary Embolus	2	Not related
Mental Status Changes	2	Not related
CSF Fluid Leak	1	Related to Injection Procedure
Infected Epidural Fluid	1	Related to Tacrolimus



All Treated Subjects (N=25)	AE #	Causality*
Total	534	402 not related AEs
UTI	60	60 not related
Decubitus Ulcer	37	37 not related
Hypokalemia	24	24 not related
Hypomagnesemia	16	8 related to tacrolimus
Headache	15	2 related to injection procedure

- \*Related to either OPC1 or injection procedure or tacrolimus
- Majority of AEs were mild to moderate in severity

Neurological Function Assessment: International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury (ISNCSCI)



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	+2 Mo	tor Levels	UEMS Improvement		
	6 Months	12 Months	6 Months	12 Months	
Cohort 2	2/6	4/6	9.7	12.3	
Cohort 3	1/6	1/6	6.0	9.2	
Cohort 4	1/6	1/6	5.5	6.7	
Cohort 5	0/4	1/4	5.8	6.8	
Cohorts 2-5	4/22	7/22	6.8	8.9 +/- 4.2	

Next step was to look all 22 subjects ranked by UEMS improvement

# Subjects with the Least Motor Recovery (Cohorts 2-5)

Subject	UEMS Change from Baseline to 12 mo		Cohort	Dose	Lot	Age	Injection Date Days from Injury	Baseline AIS	NLI Baseline
<mark>2207</mark>	7	N	5	20 million	M22	62	37	В	C4
2203	6	N	3	20 million	M25	45	31	А	C6
<mark>2105</mark>	6	N	3*	10 million	M25	19	20	А	C4
2004	5	N	4	10 million	M25	21	25	В	C6
<mark>2007</mark>	4	Ν	4	10 million	M22	55	38	В	C4
2307	4	Ν	5*	10 million	M22	19	38	В	C5
2303	3	N	4	10 million	M25	22	35	В	C6

- \* As previously noted on Slide 7, these two subjects received 10 million cells rather than the planned 20 million cells for cohorts 3 and 5
- Two subjects had cord compression after OPC1 injection (Subject 2307 at Day 7; Subject 2303 at Day 30)
- Subjects 2207, 2105, & 2007 had a C4 NLI (lowest intact neurological level) at Baseline
- Subject 2105 also had hematoma in spinal cord at baseline & failed OPC1 graft
- Subject 2004 focused on lower extremity rehab; regained normal bowel function

# SCiStar Study Preliminary Subset Analysis

Cohort	N	2 ML Gain	Mean UEMS Gain	Comments
Cohort 2	6	4	12.3	
Cohort 3	5	1	8.8	2105 had C4 NLI*, severe lesion and failed graft
Cohort 4	4	1	8.0	2303 had cord compression at Day 30 2007 had C4 NLI
Cohort 5	2	1	8.5	2307 had cord compression at Day 7 2207 had C4 NLI
Total	17	7	10.2 +/- 3.9	Mean is still 10.2 even if 2103 (C4 NLI in Cohort 2) is excluded

\* Neurological Level of Injury (NLI) is the lowest level with intact motor and sensory function

## SCiStar Study Evaluation of Change in UEMS (12 Months Post-Injection Versus Key Variables)

 Analysis performed for all 22 subjects in Cohorts 2-5 (except for Baseline NLI, which was only analyzed for subjects with a baseline NLI of C5, C6 or C7)

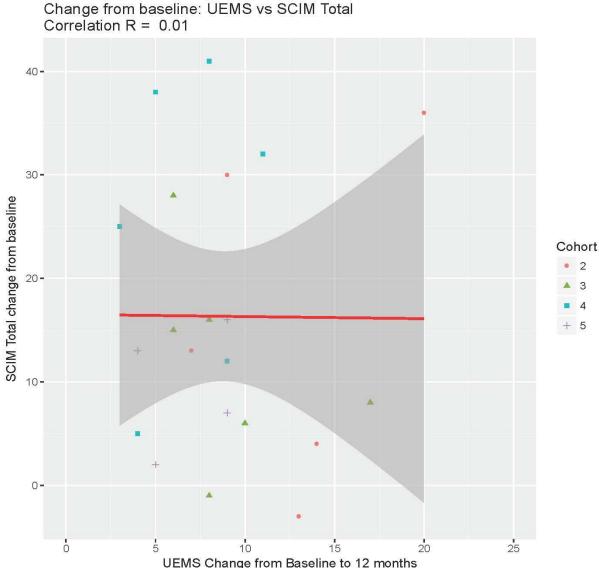
Key Variable	Correlation with UEMS Change from Baseline to 12 months
Age	p = 0.95
Gender	P = 0.86
Baseline AIS Grade	P = 0.02 (Better for AIS-A due to Cohort 2)
Baseline NLI (C5-C7)	C5: P = 0.22 C6: p = 0.39 C7: p = 0.13
Dose (10M or 20M cells)	P = 0.94
Number of days from SCI to OPC1 injection	P = 0.25
Manufacturing Lot of OPC1 (21 of 22 subjects received cells from Lot A or Lot B)	Lot A (n=7): P = 0.41 Lot B (n=14): P = 0.76

# Exploratory Assessment: Spinal Cord Independence Measure (SCIM)

- SCIM is a "global" functional activities exam within the activity/function domain (does not cover pain, spasticity, or autonomic functions)
- Maximum score of 100 comes from 3 sub-scales within SCIM (self-care = 20 points, respiration and sphincter management = 40, mobility = 20)
- SCIM Self-care sub-score focuses on upper extremity activities and is therefore linked to assessments of cervical SCI
  - Feeding (3 pts)
  - Bathing: Upper body (3 pts), Lower body (3 pts)
  - Dressing: Upper body (4 pts), Lower body (4 pts)
  - Grooming (3 pts)

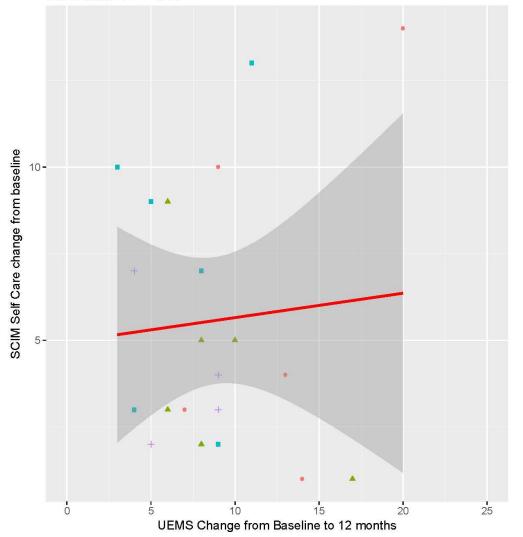


# Change in SCIM Total Score did not correlate with UEMS



## Change in SCIM Self-Care Subscore is Poorly Correlated with UEMS

Change from baseline: UEMS vs SCIM Self Care Correlation R = 0.08



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 Will review with reordered SCIM data per the Rasch analysis used to develop the Spinal Cord Ability Ruler (SCAR)\* outcome measure to assess utility of SCIM in subsequent trials

# Summary

- The overall safety profile of OPC1 to date is excellent, and immunosuppression with tacrolimus was well-tolerated
- MRI scans are consistent with a very high rate (96%) of durable engraftment through 1 year post-injection
- Majority of subjects who received 10M or 20M OPC1 cells exhibited robust motor recovery in the upper extremities
  - In addition, 21/22 (95%) of subjects in Cohorts 2-5 improved at least 1 motor level on at least 1 side
- Two issues (C4 NLI; postop cord compression) that may negatively impact motor recovery are believed to be addressable in future studies
- These encouraging engraftment & motor recovery data warrant further evaluation in randomized, controlled studies
- Data from the SCiStar Study will help inform the design of future randomized studies with respect to inclusion/exclusion criteria, dose, and timing of administration

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