

Recent progress in gene therapy for severe sickle cell disease: Updated interim results from a phase 1 clinical study of LentiGlobin gene therapy

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HGB-206: study of LentiGlobin gene therapy for severe sickle cell disease



Key Enrollment Criteria

- 18+ years of age
- History of symptomatic SCD
- Adequate organ function
- No previous HSCT or gene therapy

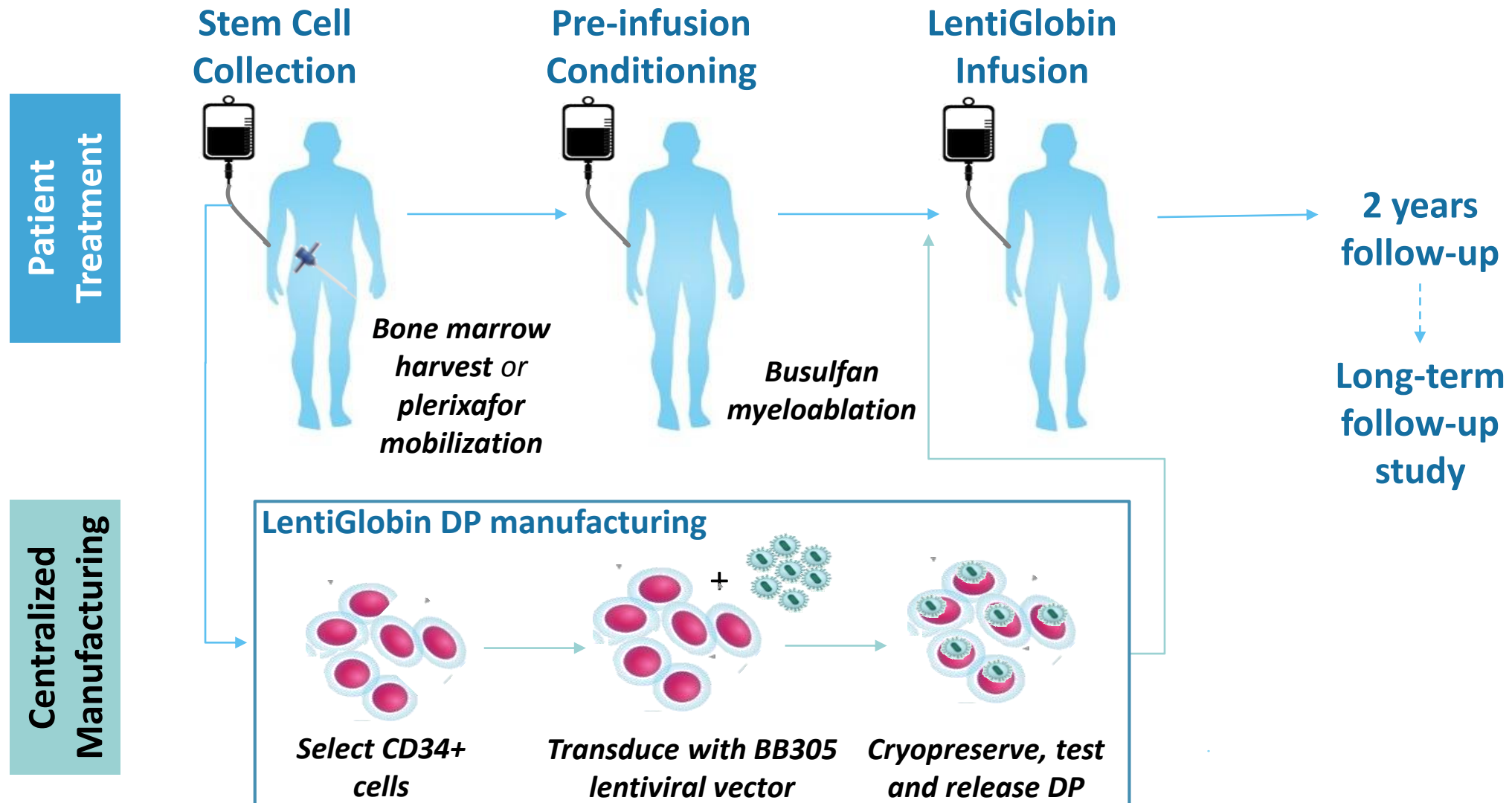
Target enrollment: up to 29

Study Objectives

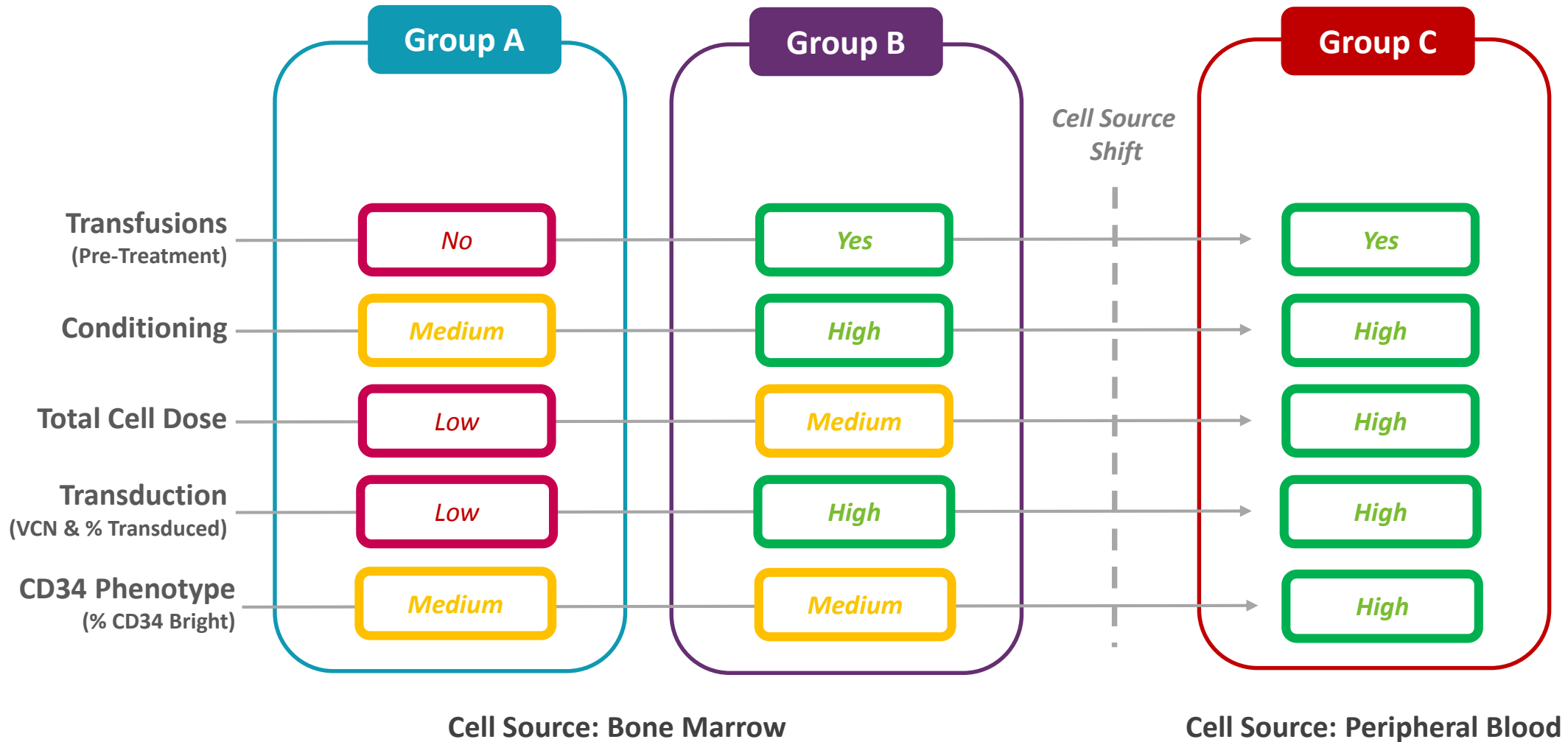
- Primary objective: Safety
- Key Secondary Objectives:
 - Frequency of VOCs and ACS
 - HbA^{T87Q} production
 - Total Hb and Hb fractions
 - Vector copies in peripheral blood

Study initiated August 2014

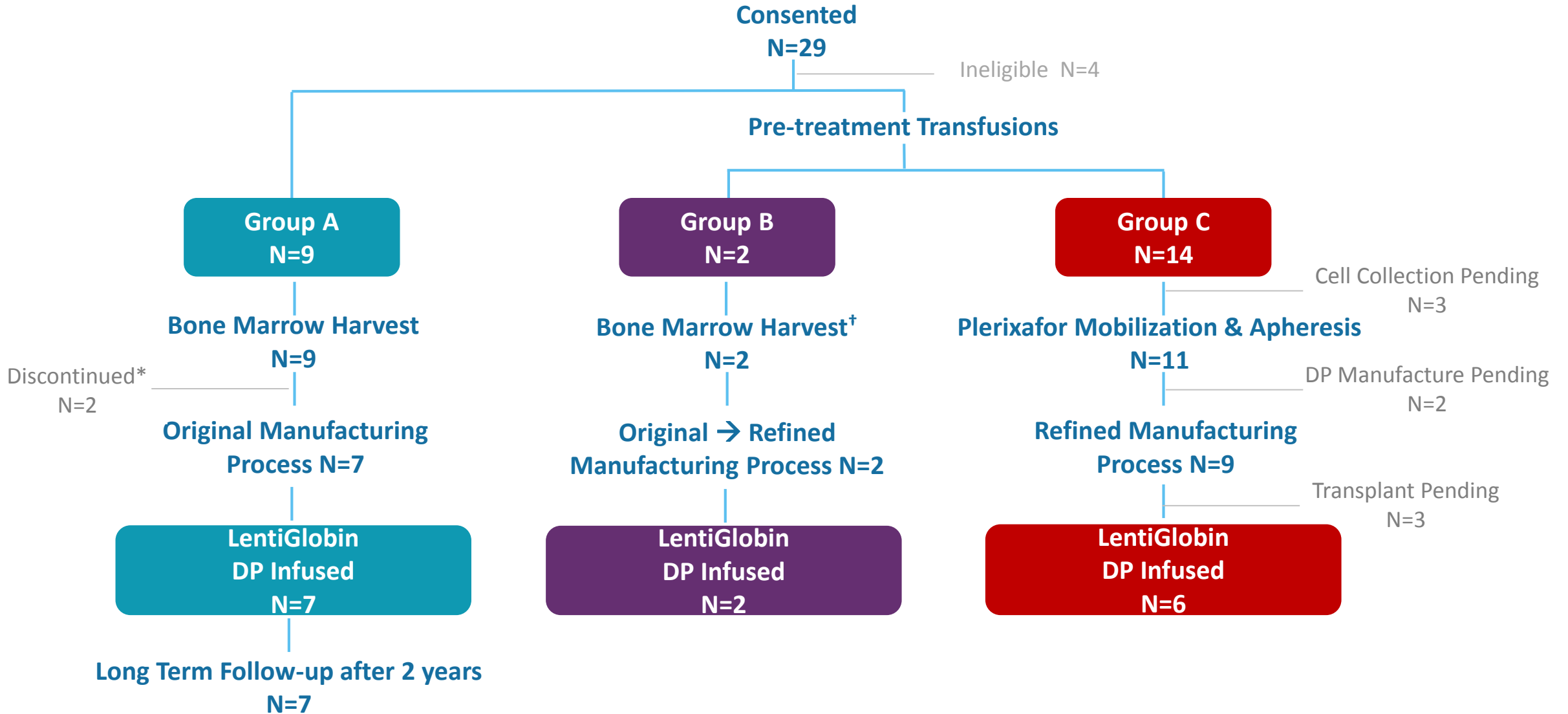
HGB-206: An open-label, multicenter phase 1 study of LentiGlobin gene therapy for severe sickle cell disease



Evolution of HGB-206: Protocol and DP manufacturing changes promise improved outcomes



HGB 206: Study disposition



*1 due to insufficient cell collection, 1 withdrew consent; [†]One patient also received a single mobilization cycle to collect cells for back-up

Results

HGB-206: Patient characteristics

N=22 patients who started cell collection

Parameter	Group A N=9	Group B N=2	Group C N=11
Age at consent median (min – max), years	26 (18 – 43)	24.5 (22 – 27)	25 (18 – 35)
Gender	2 F 7 M	0 F 2 M	5 F 6 M
Genotype β^S/β^S	9	2	11
Prior SCD History			
Hydroxyurea use, n	5	2	6
Recurrent VOCs[*], n Annualized no. of events, median (min – max)	7 4.5 (2.0 – 27.5)	2 10.0 (2.5 – 17.5)	6 7.5 (4.0 – 14.0)
ACS[†], n Annualized no. of events, median (min – max)	1 1	1 1	2 1 (1 – 1)
Any history of stroke, n	2	0	3
Regular pRBC transfusions before study entry, n	1	0	7
TRJV >2.5 m/s, n	1	0	0

* ≥ 2 events/year in preceding 2 years; [†] ≥ 2 episodes in preceding 2 years, with at least one episode in the past year or in the year prior to the initiation of a regular transfusion program

HGB-206: Treatment characteristics

N=15 DP infused patients

Parameter	Group A N=7 Median (min – max)	Group B N=2 Median (min – max)	Group C N=6 Median (min – max)
No. of bone marrow harvests	2 (1 – 4)	2.5 (2 – 3)	NA
No. of mobilization cycles	NA	1 [^]	1 (1 – 2)
Busulfan AUC, $\mu\text{M}\cdot\text{min}^{\dagger}$	4747 (4084 – 5290)	5017, NR	4768 (4608 – 5182)
Follow-up, months	24.2 (22.8 – 32.9)	11.4 (8.5 – 14.3)	3.0 (1.2 – 6.0)
Neutrophil engraftment, days [‡]	22 (17 – 29)	26 (23 – 28)	19 (18 – 20)
Platelet engraftment, days [#]	56 (29 – 63)	46 (31 – 61)	28 (12 – 64) [¶]
Duration of hospitalization, days [§]	37 (29 – 54)	41 (36 – 46)	34 (30 – 65)

[†]Estimated average daily busulfan exposure over 4 days; [‡]Absolute neutrophil count [ANC] ≥ 500 cells/ μL for 3 consecutive days; [#]Unsupported platelet count $\geq 50,000/\mu\text{L}$ for 3 consecutive measures; [§]Initiation of hospitalization from conditioning to discharge post drug product infusion; [^]For research purposes; [¶]Based on data from 4 patients; NA = not applicable; NR = not recorded.

HGB-206: Safety associated with cell collections

- In 26 BMHs in 11[†] patients, 18 grade ≥3 AEs were reported in 6 patients*

Grade ≥ 3 AEs in 11 [†] patients who had BMH	n
Procedural pain ¹	6
Anemia	2
Sickle cell anemia with crisis ²	2
Lymphocyte count increased	1

¹ Considered serious in 1 patient; ² 3 events in 2 patients, all considered serious

- In 25 plerixafor mobilizations / apheresis days in 12[‡] patients, 5 grade ≥3 AEs were reported in 3 patients

Grade ≥ 3 AEs in 12 [‡] patients who had plerixafor mobilizations / apheresis	n
Sickle cell anemia with crisis ¹	3
Hypomagnesaemia	1
Non-cardiac chest pain	1

¹ Considered serious; were consistent with patients' histories of VOs. Patients were hospitalized, or hospitalization was prolonged, for standard management. All 3 patients recovered without sequelae

*Patient could have experienced same AE more than once; [†]9 Group A and 2 Group B; [‡]1 Group B and 11 Group C

HGB-206: Safety profile post DP infusion

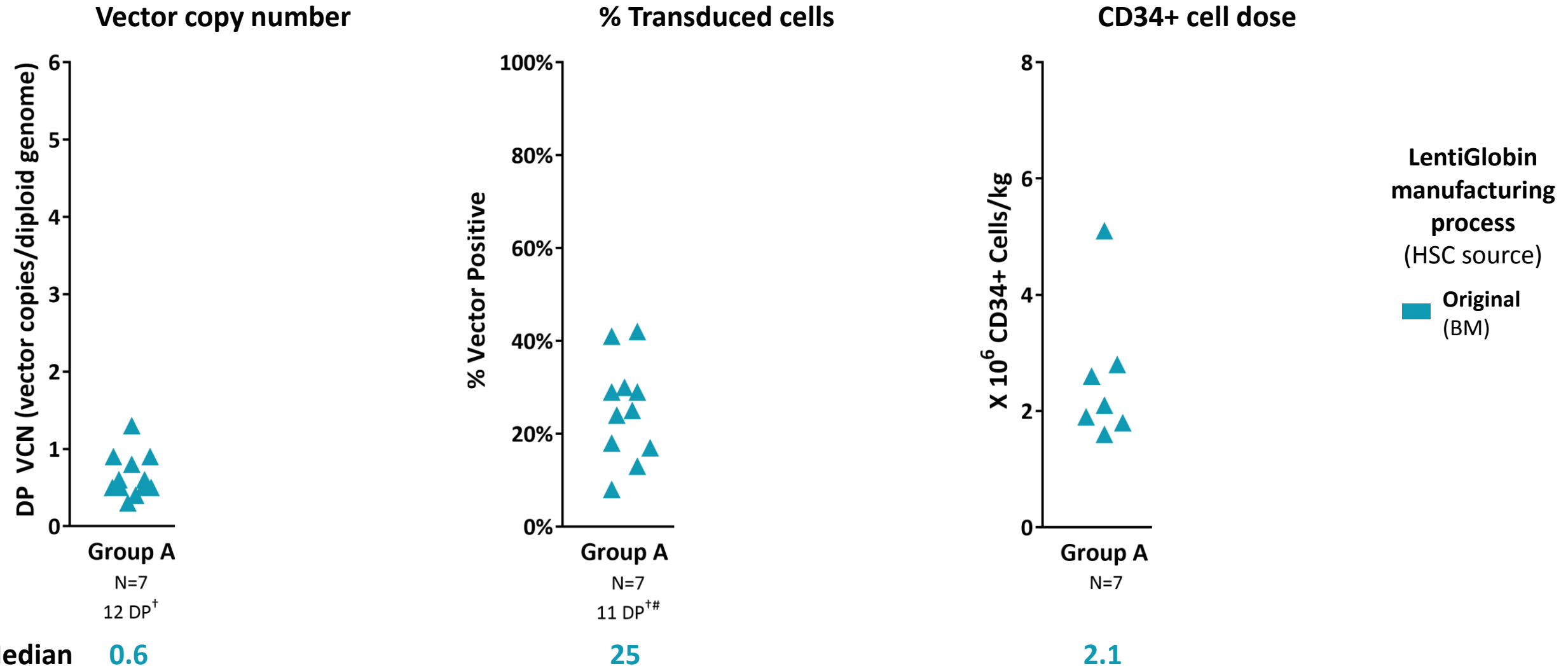
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Non-hematologic* grade ≥3 AEs	n
Post DP infusion reported in ≥2 patients	
Stomatitis	11
Febrile neutropenia	10
Sickle cell anemia with crisis	5
Pharyngeal inflammation	4
Bacteremia	2
Dyspnoea	2
Epistaxis	2
Non-cardiac chest pain	2
Pyrexia	2

- Grade ≥3 hematologic AEs were generally consistent with myeloablative busulfan conditioning
- SAEs reported in 11 patients, with sickle cell anemia with crisis (n = 5) as most common
- 1 AE (hot flush, grade 1) considered possibly related to DP
- **No cases of VOD observed to date**
- **No vector-mediated RCL detected to date**
- **Continued highly polyclonal repopulation**

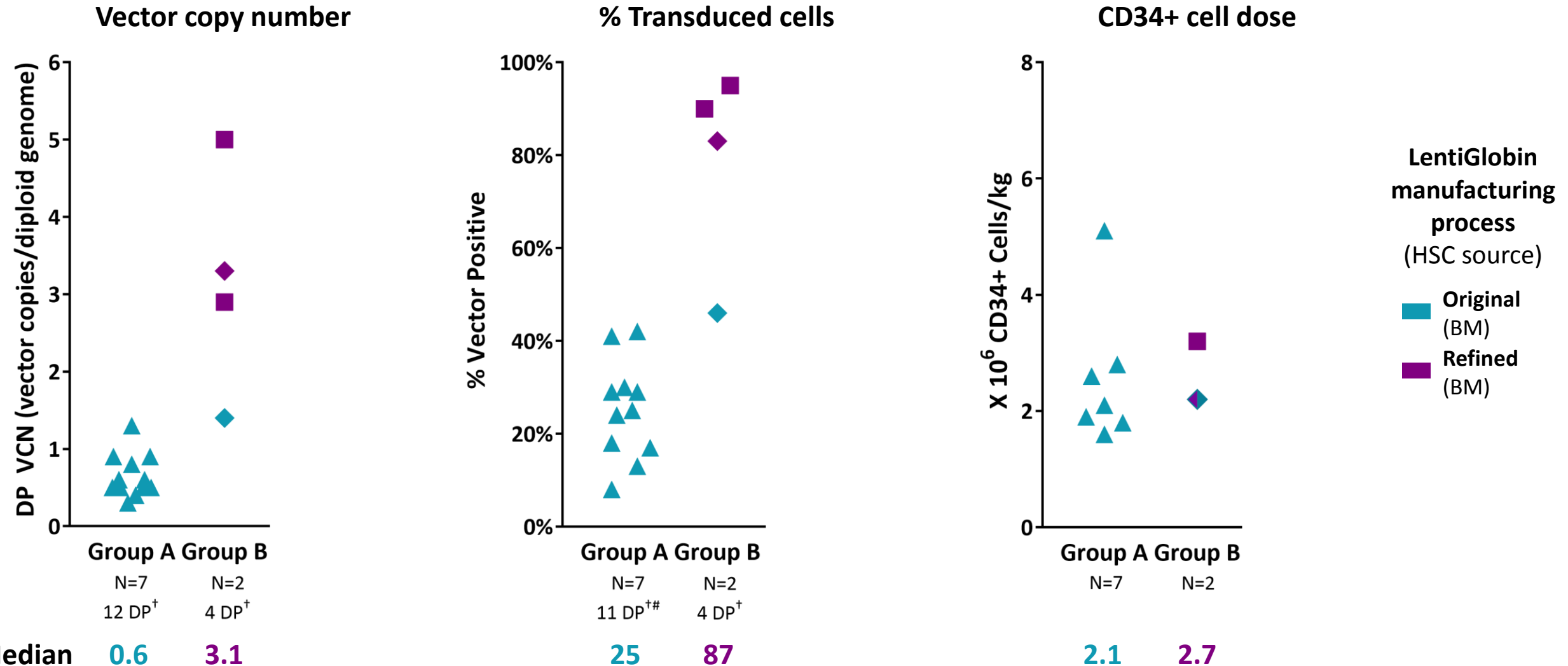
*Hematologic AEs commonly observed post-transplant have been excluded

Refinements to manufacturing and cell harvest lead to improved drug product characteristics



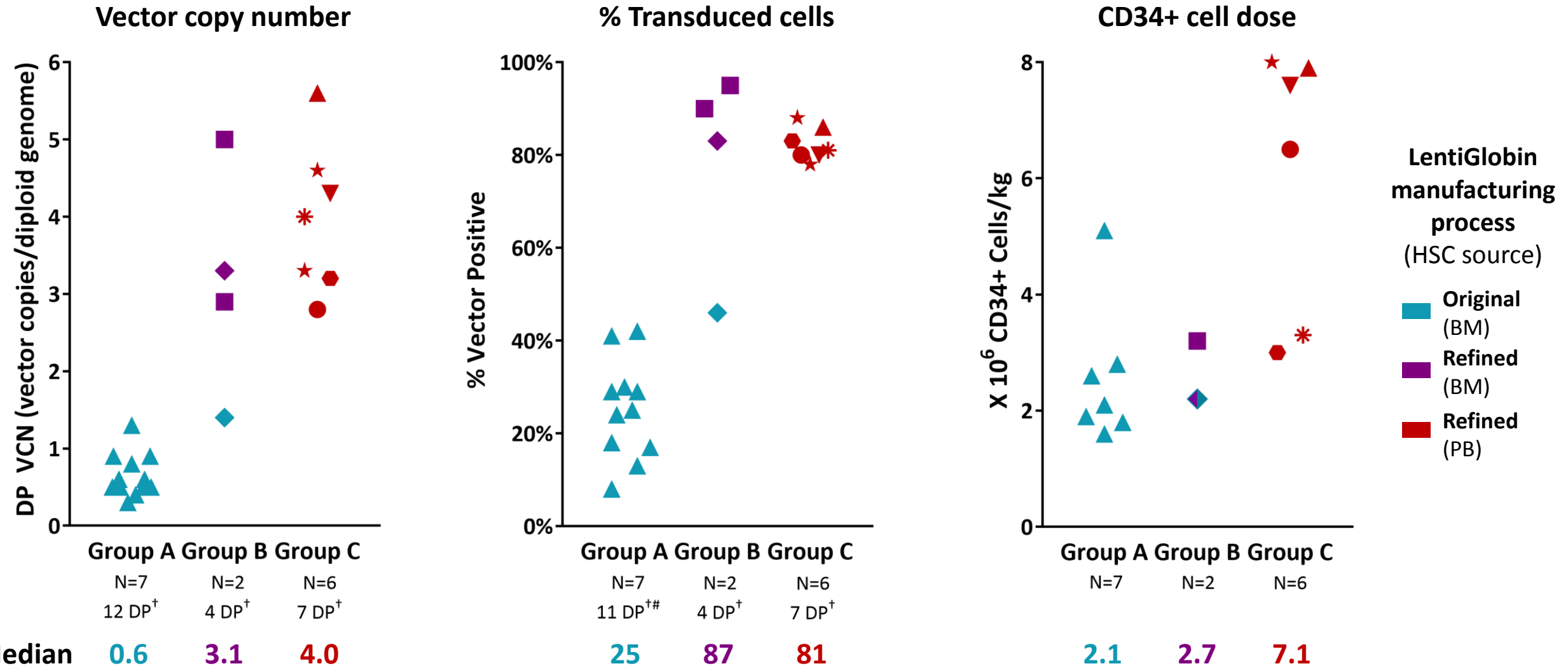
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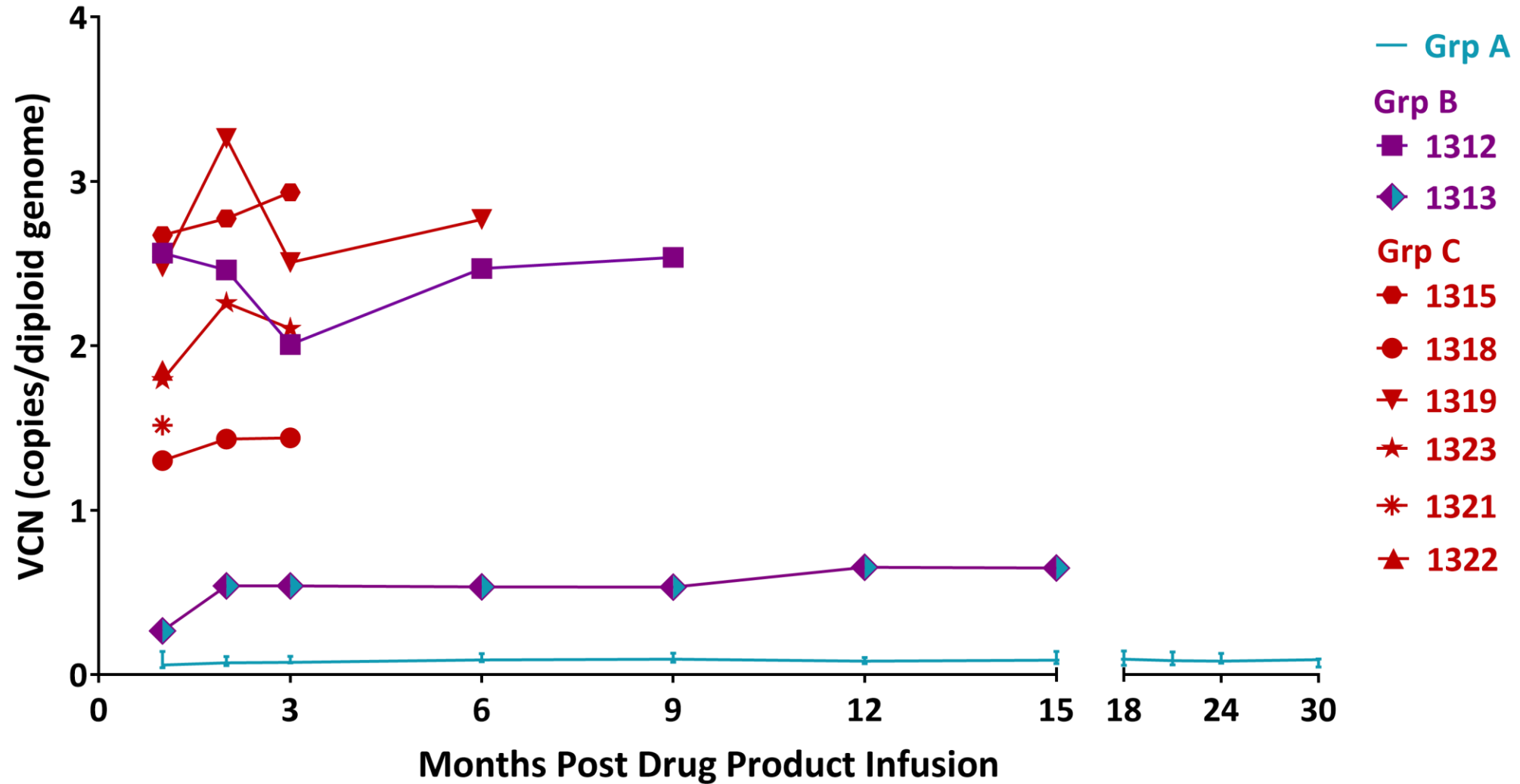
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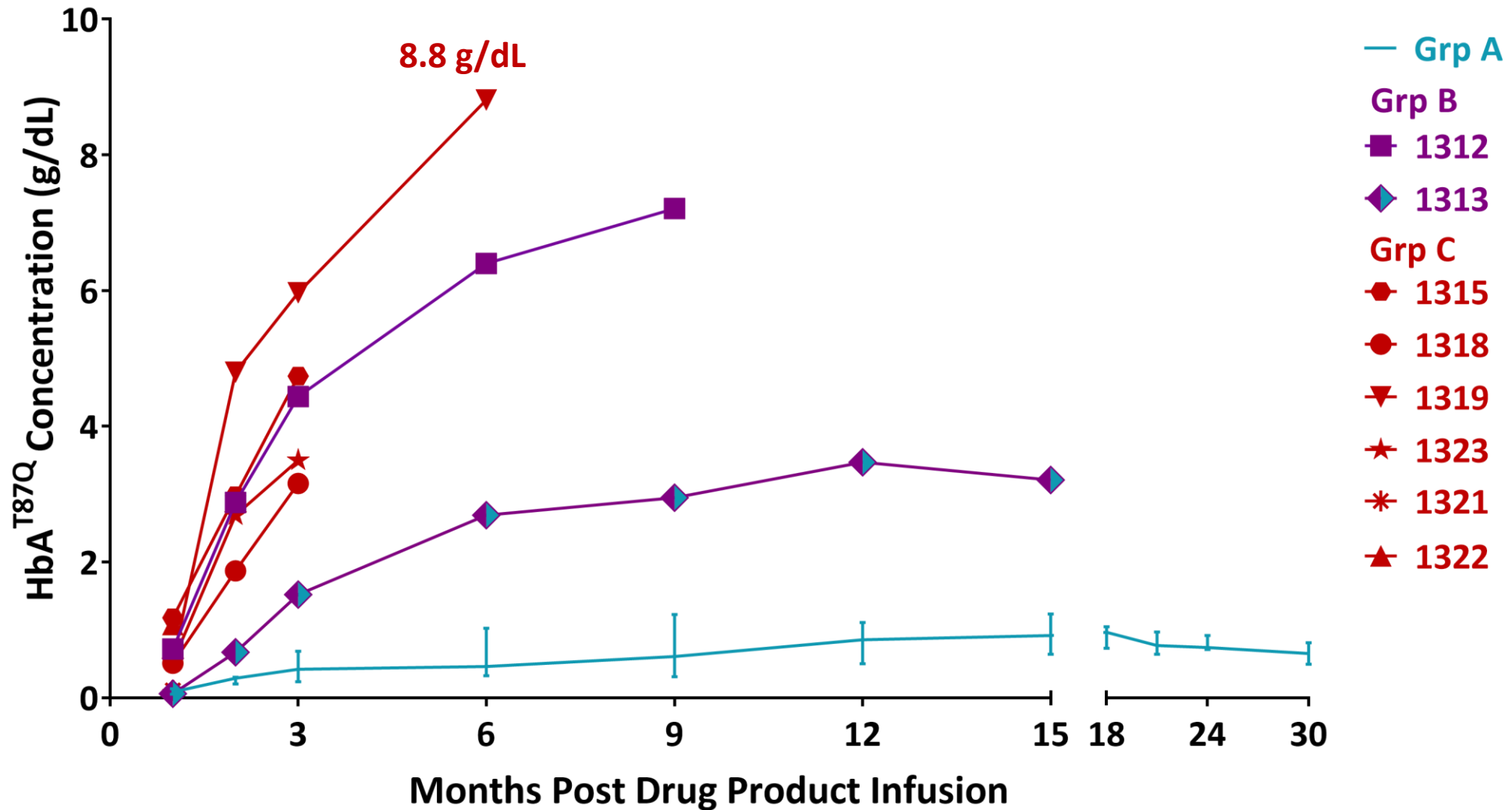


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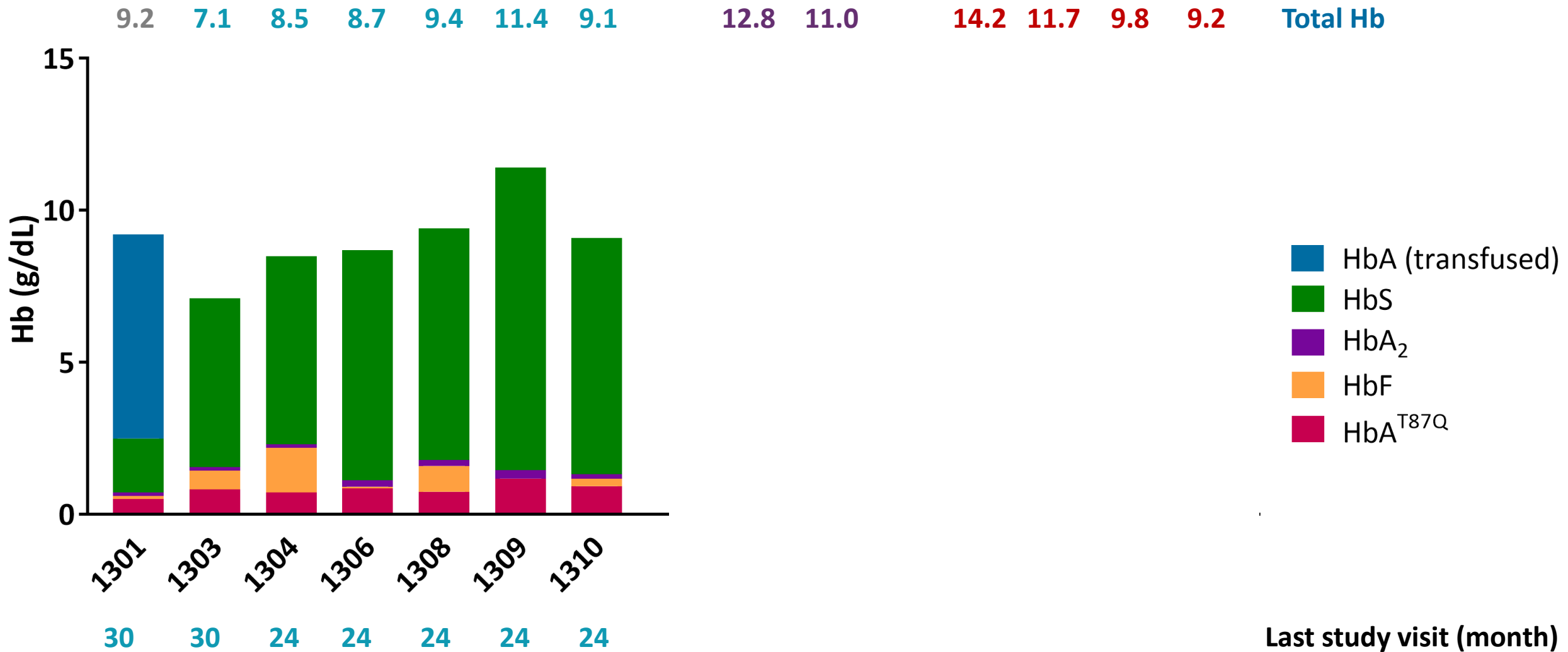
Peripheral blood VCN is higher in patients in Group B and C



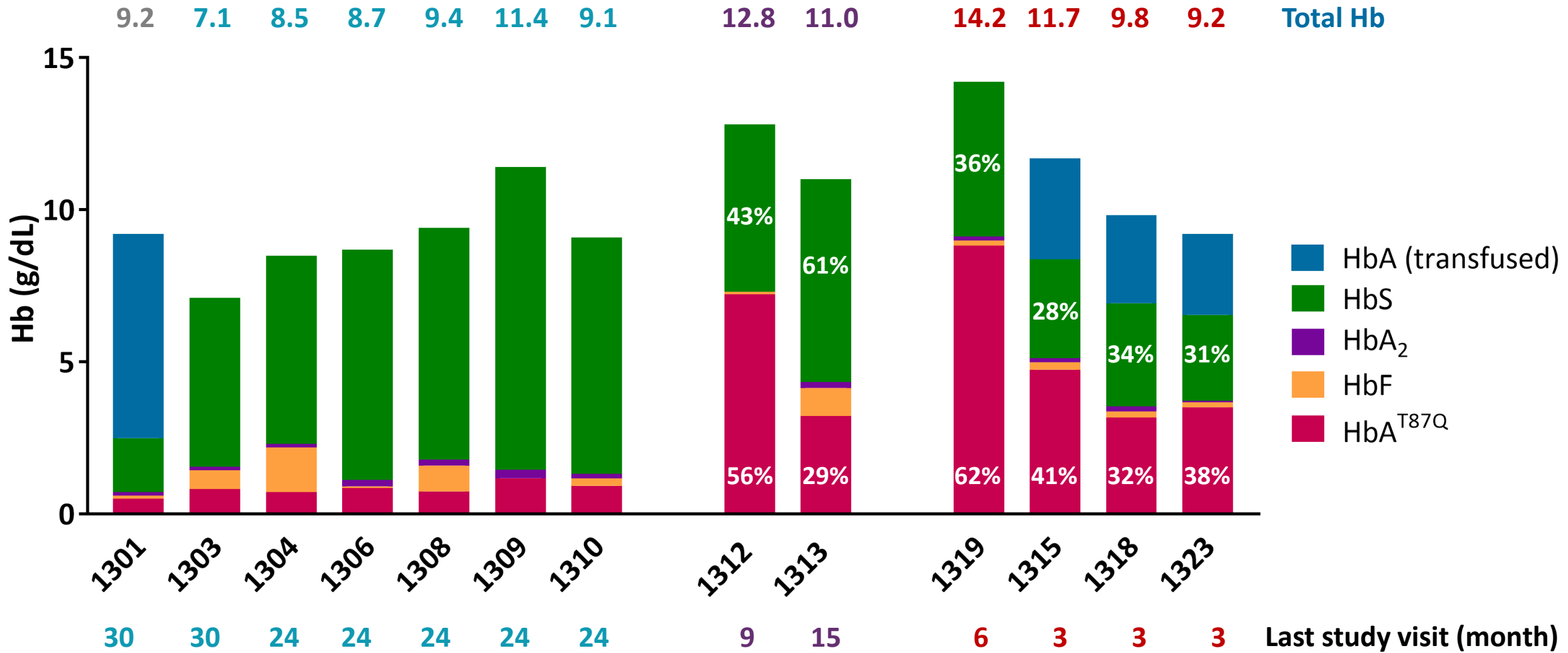
Patients in Group B and C demonstrate higher HbA^{T87Q} production



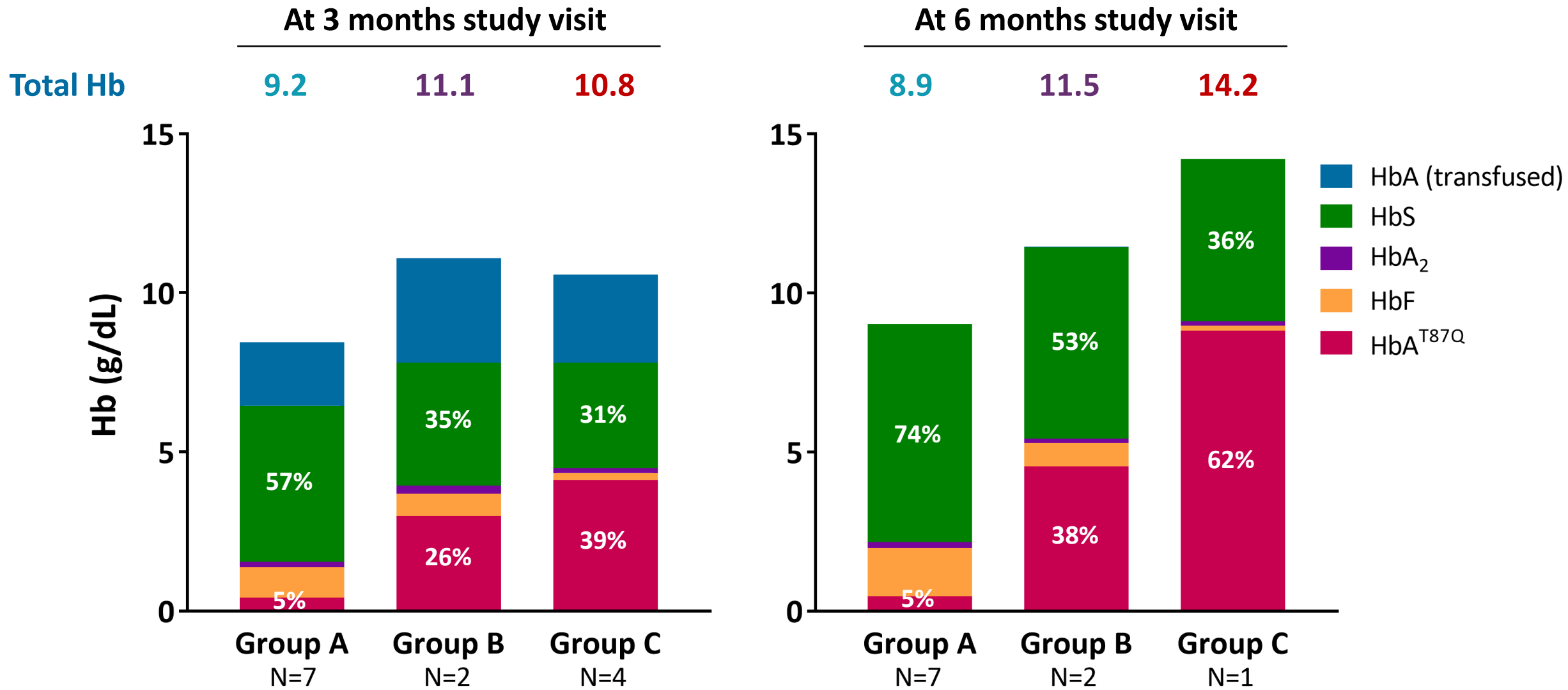
Vector-derived hemoglobin in treated patients



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Vector-derived hemoglobin at 3 and 6 months



Summary: Updated interim results from Phase 1 study of LentiGlobin gene therapy in patients with severe SCD

- Evolution of the HGB-206 protocol yielded improved drug product characteristics
- Patients in Group C are making 3 – 6 g/dL of HbA^{T87Q} at 3 months
- At 6 months, 1 patient in Group C is making 8.8 g/dL (62%) HbA^{T87Q} with 36% HbS and 14.2 g/dL total Hb
- Steady levels of LentiGlobin vector and HbA^{T87Q} maintained through ≥ 2 years of follow-up in initial study cohort (Group A)
- Safety profile remains consistent with myeloablative conditioning
- Study experience continues to demonstrate feasibility of plerixafor mobilization and apheresis
- Additional data and longer follow-up in Group C will establish clinical impact of higher HbA^{T87Q} levels

HGB-206 Study sites and investigators

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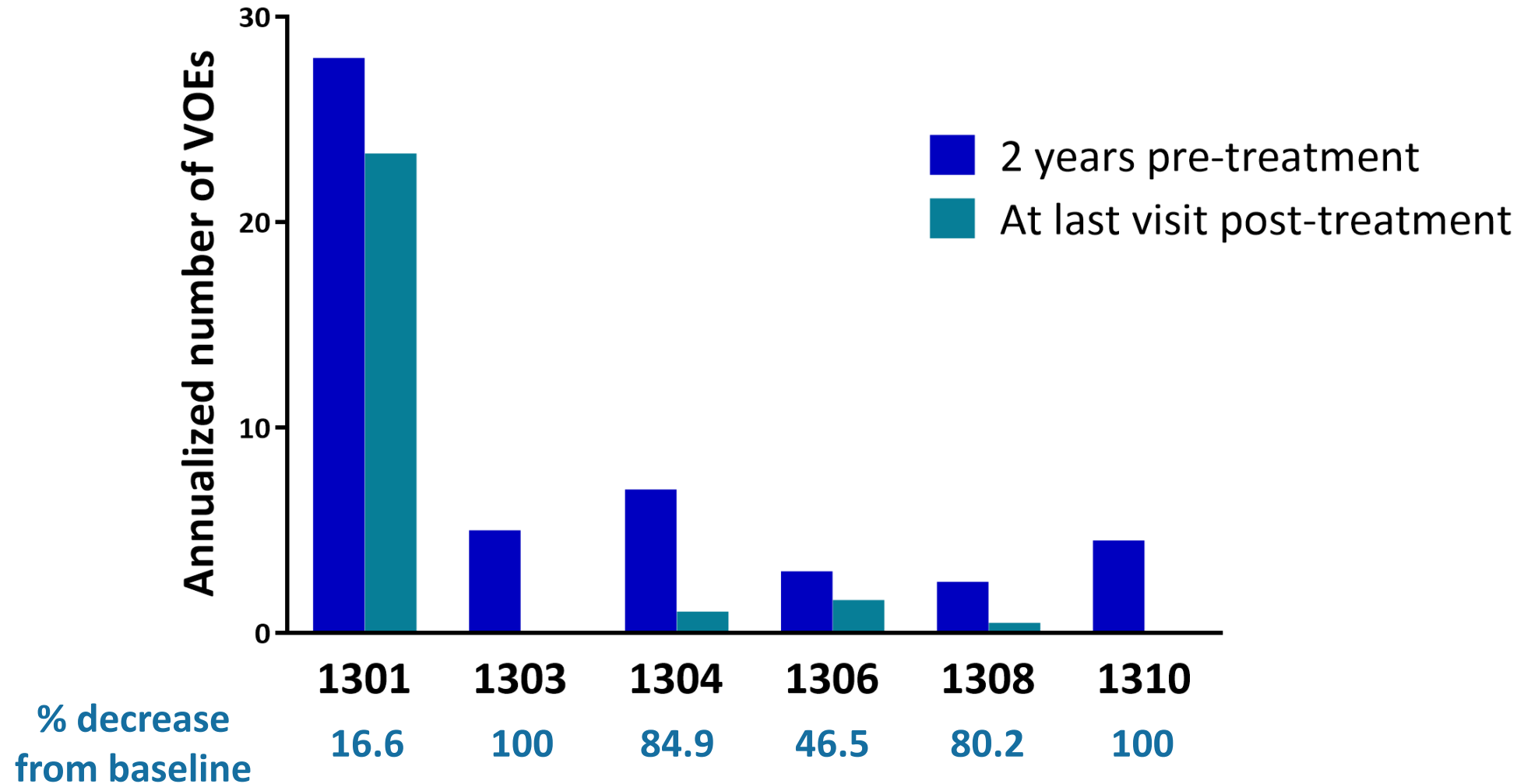
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Back-up

Patients in Group A with >24 months follow-up have decreased rate of annualized VOs post-transplant



VOEs include VOCs or ACS, with VOC described as pain episode lasting ≥ 2 hours and requiring care at medical facility, and ACS defined as an acute event with pneumonia-like symptoms and the presence of a new pulmonary infiltrate; Patient 1309 excluded from this analysis since on pre-treatment RBC transfusions