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# **Confirmation of musculoskeletal and cardiac benefit in DMD from deramiocele, an allogeneic cell therapy, in the Phase 3 HOPE-3 study**

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- **Dr. McDonald has received consulting income and clinical trial research grants from Capricor Therapeutics**

# Target PDUFA Date

## 22 August 2026

# Introduction to Deramiocel

- **Cardiosphere derived cells (CDCs) are cardiac tissue derived cells which:**
  - Have anti-fibrotic, immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory activities in human in vitro assays<sup>1</sup>
  - In murine *mdx* models improve both skeletal and cardiac muscle function and reduce cardiac fibrosis<sup>2</sup>
  - Have activities mediated by CDC derived extracellular vesicles and soluble factors<sup>3</sup>
- **Deramiocel is a human GMP manufactured product composed of a CDC cell suspension and intended for allogeneic use by intermittent IV infusion (Quarterly)**
- **Phase 2 studies of deramiocel in DMD suggest a durable clinically and statistically significant benefit in both musculoskeletal and cardiac domains**
  - HOPE-2- randomized, double blind, PBO controlled (n=20)<sup>4</sup>
  - HOPE-2 open label extension (n=16)<sup>5</sup>
- **A Phase 3 study was initiated in 2022 and the primary 12month analysis will be presented today**
  - HOPE-3– randomized, double blind, PBO controlled (n=106)

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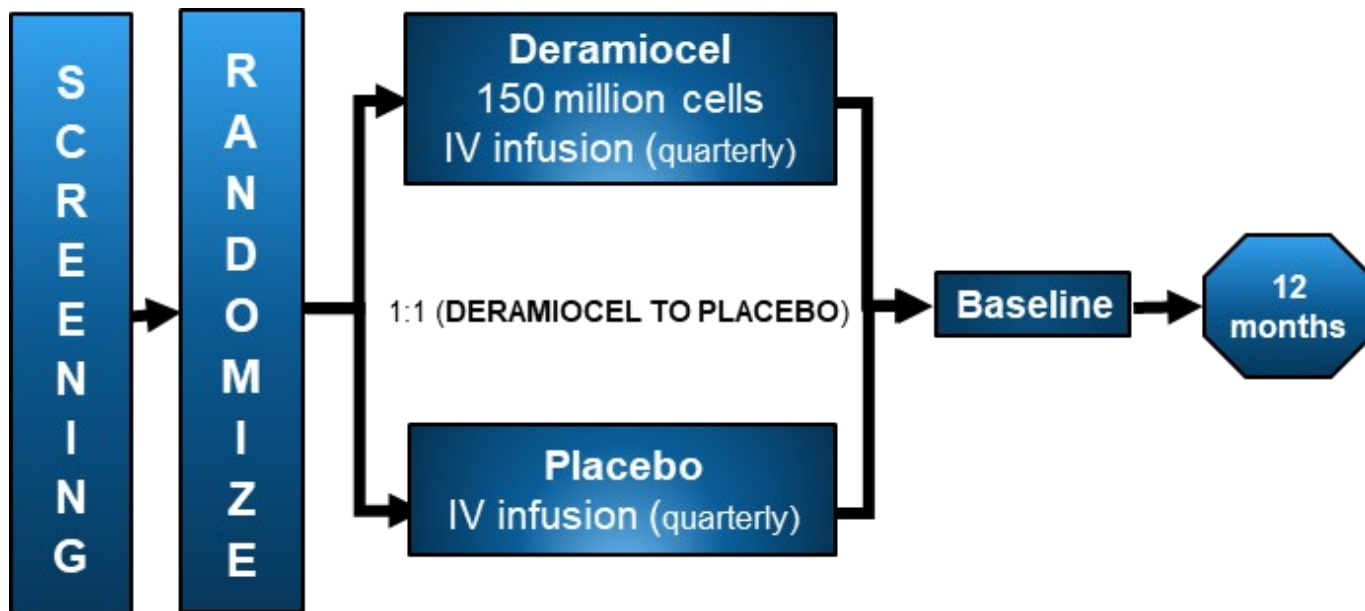
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# HOPE-3 Pivotal Phase 3 Trial

## Study Design



## Key Entry Criteria

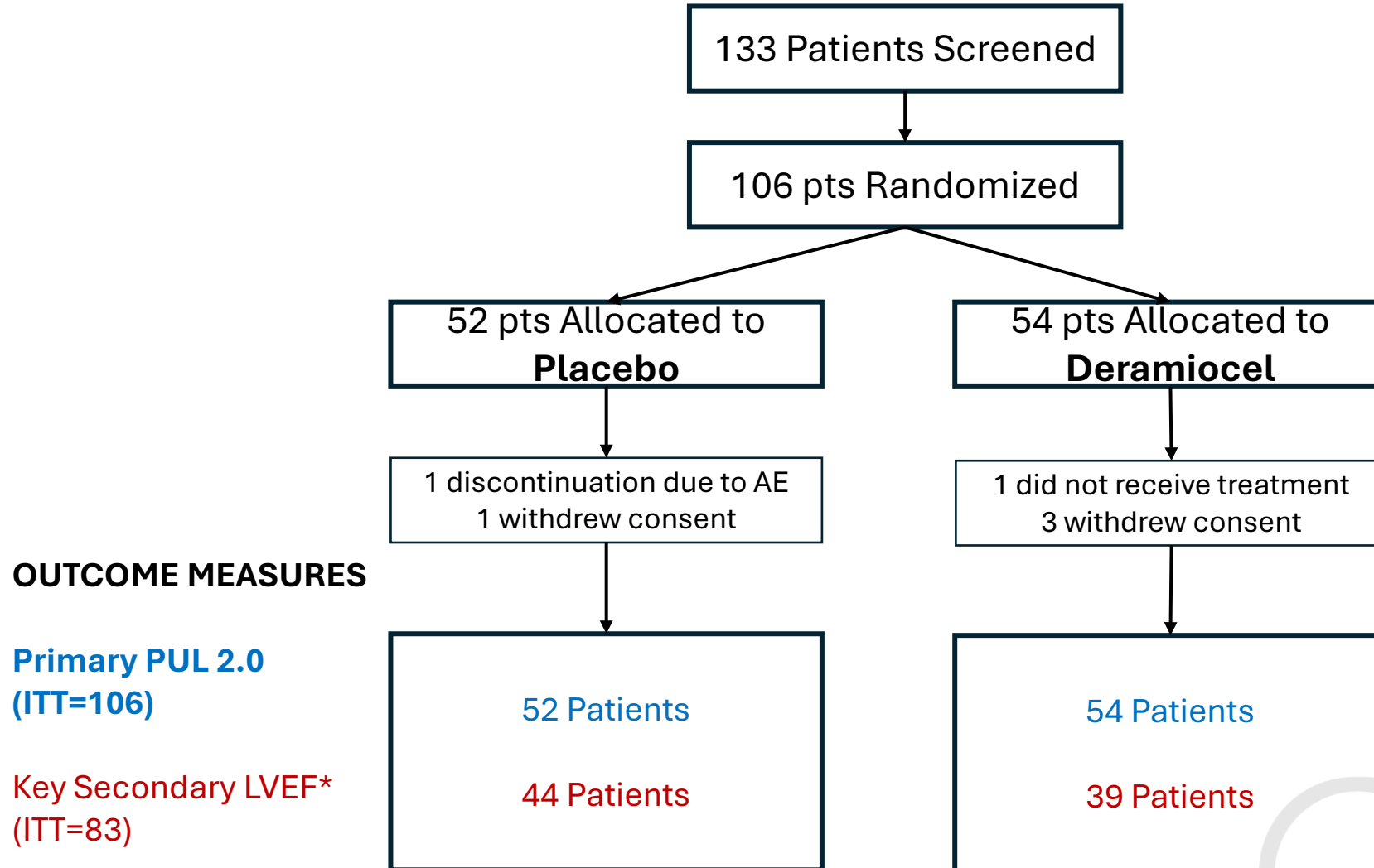
- ❖ Ages  $\geq 10$  who are late or non-ambulatory
- ❖ PUL 2.0 Entry Item Score  $\geq 2$
- ❖ LVEF  $\geq 35\%$
- ❖ All patients on background stable corticosteroid therapy

## HOPE-3 DUCHENNE CLINICAL TRIAL Design & Endpoints

- ❖ Phase 3: randomized (1:1), double-blind, placebo-controlled study
- ❖ **N = 106 subjects randomized**
- ❖ Conducted in the United States at 20 clinical sites
- ❖ **Primary efficacy endpoint<sup>1</sup>:** PUL v2.0 *skeletal muscle assessment*
- ❖ **Key secondary endpoint<sup>1</sup>:** left ventricular fraction (LVEF) *cardiac assessment*
- ❖ **Other secondary endpoints<sup>1</sup>:** mid-level PUL v.2.0, GST and LGE

# HOPE-3 Pivotal Phase 3 Trial

Patient disposition



\*Population for LVEF required centrally analyzable baseline and 12-month images

# Population Demographics

*Well balanced treatment groups*

| Baseline Demographics                       | Placebo<br>(n=52) | Deramiciocel<br>(n=54) | Overall<br>(n=106) <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Age (years)</b>                          |                   |                        |                                 |
| N                                           | 52                | 54                     | 106                             |
| Mean (SD)                                   | 14.6 (2.95)       | 15.4 (3.10)            | 15.0 (3.04)                     |
| Median                                      | 14                | 15                     | 15                              |
| Min, Max                                    | 10, 22            | 10, 22                 | 10, 22                          |
| <b>PUL v2.0 entry item score</b>            |                   |                        |                                 |
| 2,3                                         | 23 (44.2)         | 25 (46.3)              | 48 (45.3)                       |
| 4,5,6                                       | 29 (55.8)         | 29 (53.7)              | 58 (54.7)                       |
| <b>Diagnosed cardiomyopathy<sup>2</sup></b> |                   |                        |                                 |
| No                                          | 14 (26.9)         | 13 (24.1)              | 27 (25.5)                       |
| Yes                                         | 38 (73.1)         | 41 (75.9)              | 79 (74.5)                       |
| <b>Baseline LVEF%</b>                       |                   |                        |                                 |
| n                                           | 46                | 45                     | 91                              |
| Mean (SD)                                   | 59.303 (6.108)    | 55.345 (7.743)         | 57.346 (7.206)                  |
| Median                                      | 59.309            | 55.892                 | 57.532                          |
| Min, Max                                    | 47.395, 73.981    | 36.537, 71.112         | 36.537, 73.981                  |
| <b>Ambulatory status</b>                    |                   |                        |                                 |
| Non-ambulatory                              | 44 (84.6)         | 46 (85.2)              | 90 (84.9)                       |
| Ambulatory                                  | 8 (15.4)          | 8 (14.8)               | 16 (15.1)                       |

<sup>1</sup>One subject enrolled but dropped out prior to baseline assessment (n=105)

<sup>2</sup>Updated as of Feb. 2026; subgroup: 64 of 79 patients with centrally reviewed and evaluable cardiac MRI LVEF assessments at baseline and 12 months

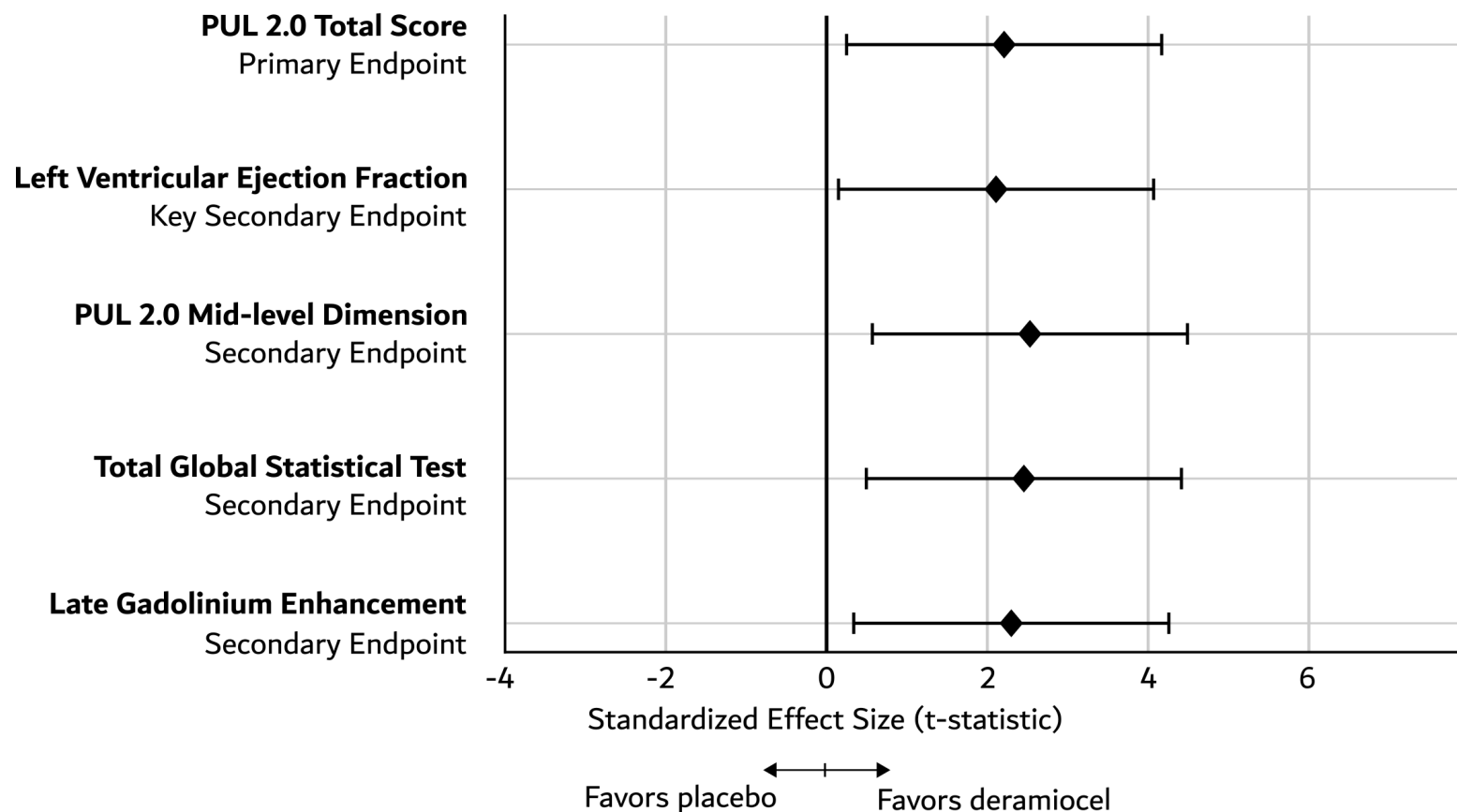
# Safety Results

*Deramiocelel profile is comparable to placebo (which includes DMSO)*

| <b>Overview</b>                                                     | <b>Placebo<br/>(n=52), n (%)</b> | <b>Deramiocelel<br/>(n=53), n (%)</b> | <b>Overall<br/>(n=105<sup>1</sup>), n (%)</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Any TEAEs                                                           | 43 (82.7)                        | 50 (94.3)                             | 93 (88.6)                                     |
| TEAEs related to IP or administration procedure                     | 19 (36.5)                        | 44 (83.0)                             | 63 (60.0)                                     |
| TEAEs related to IP                                                 | 16 (30.8)                        | 44 (83.0)                             | 60 (57.1)                                     |
| TEAEs related to administration procedure                           | 9 (17.3)                         | 23 (43.4)                             | 32 (30.5)                                     |
| TEAEs related to IP or administration procedure by maximum severity |                                  |                                       |                                               |
| Mild (grade 1)                                                      | 15 (28.8)                        | 19 (35.8)                             | 34 (32.4)                                     |
| Moderate (grade 2)                                                  | 3 (5.8)                          | 25 (47.2)                             | 28 (26.7)                                     |
| Severe (grade 3)                                                    | 0                                | 0                                     | 0                                             |
| Life-threatening (grade 4)                                          | 1 (1.9)                          | 0                                     | 1 (1.0)                                       |
| Fatal (grade 5)                                                     | 0                                | 0                                     | 0                                             |
| TEAEs leading to death                                              | 0                                | 0                                     | 0                                             |
| Any serious TEAEs                                                   | 5 (9.6)                          | 1 (1.9)                               | 6 (5.7)                                       |
| Serious TEAEs related to IP or administration procedure             | 1 (1.9)                          | 1 (1.9)                               | 2 (1.9)                                       |

# Overview of All Type-I Error-Controlled Endpoints

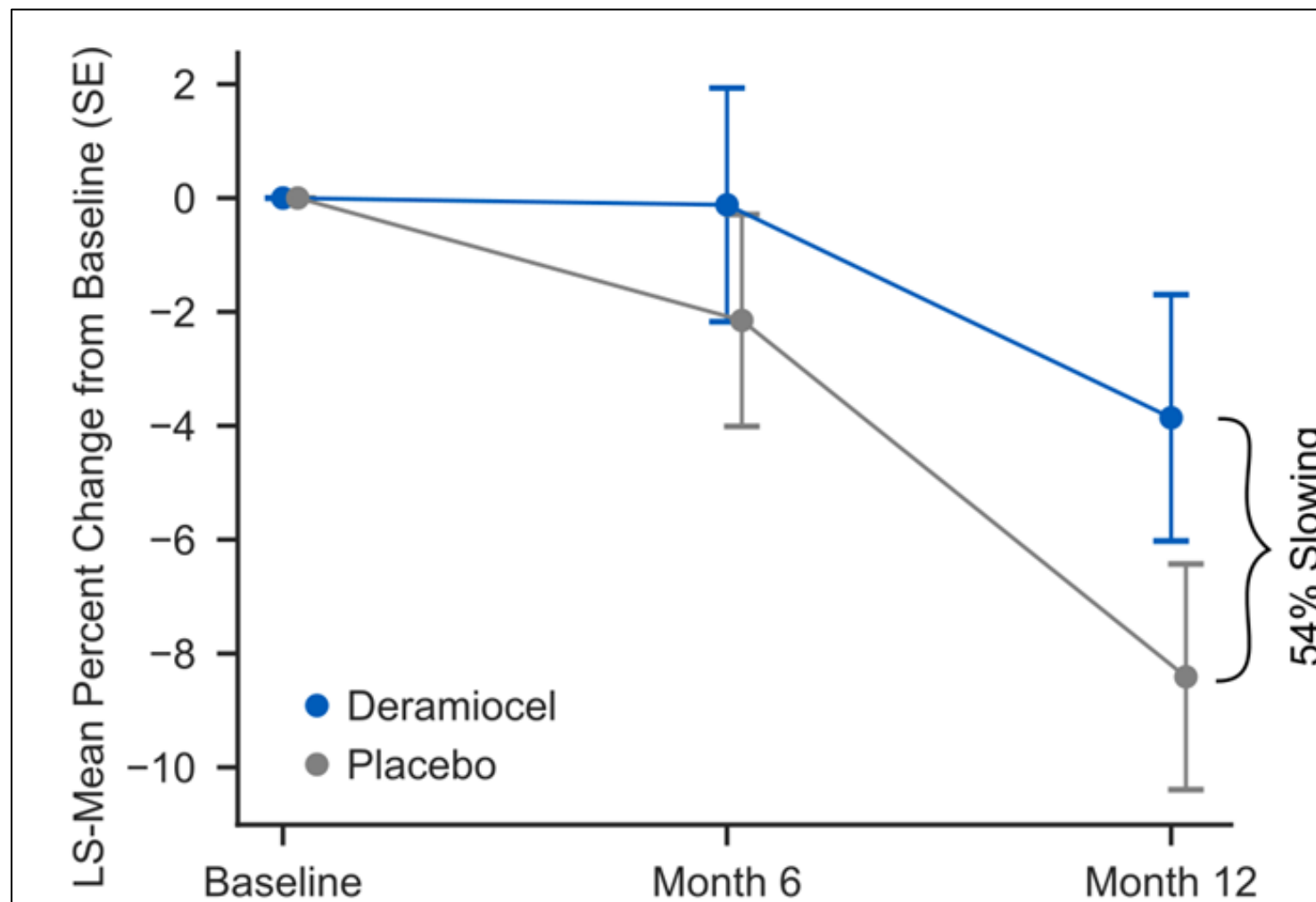
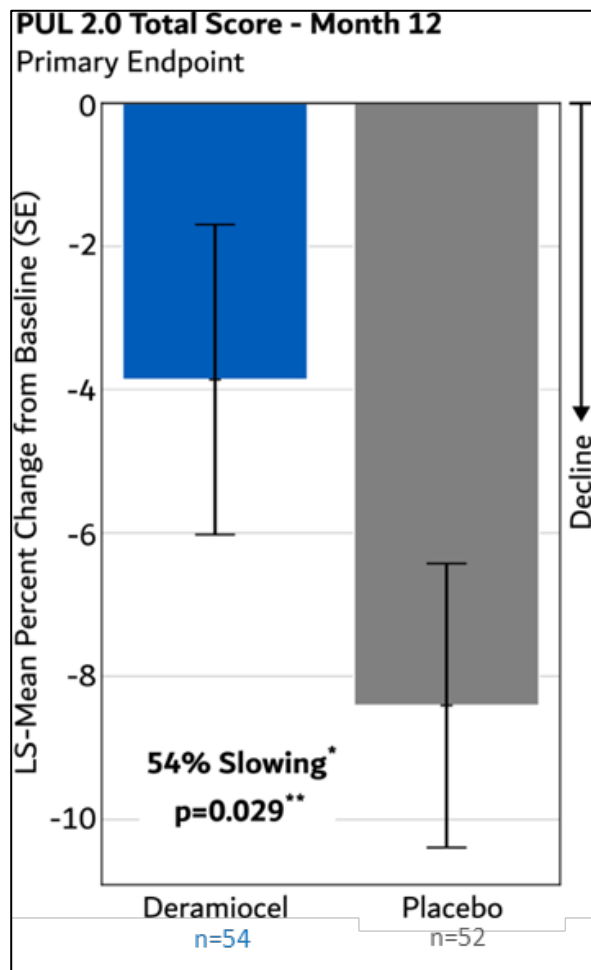
HOPE-3 Type-1 Error Controlled Endpoints - Deramioceol vs. Placebo



| n   | Treatment Difference | p-value |
|-----|----------------------|---------|
| 106 | 1.2 pts              | 0.029   |
| 83  | 2.4 % pts            | 0.041   |
| 106 | 1.0 pts              | 0.008   |
| 103 | 2.5 (t-statistic)    | 0.017   |
| 22  | -3.0 segments        | 0.022   |

# Primary Endpoint: PUL 2.0 at 12 Months

*Deramiocel treatment difference = 1.2 points (54% slowing); p=0.029*

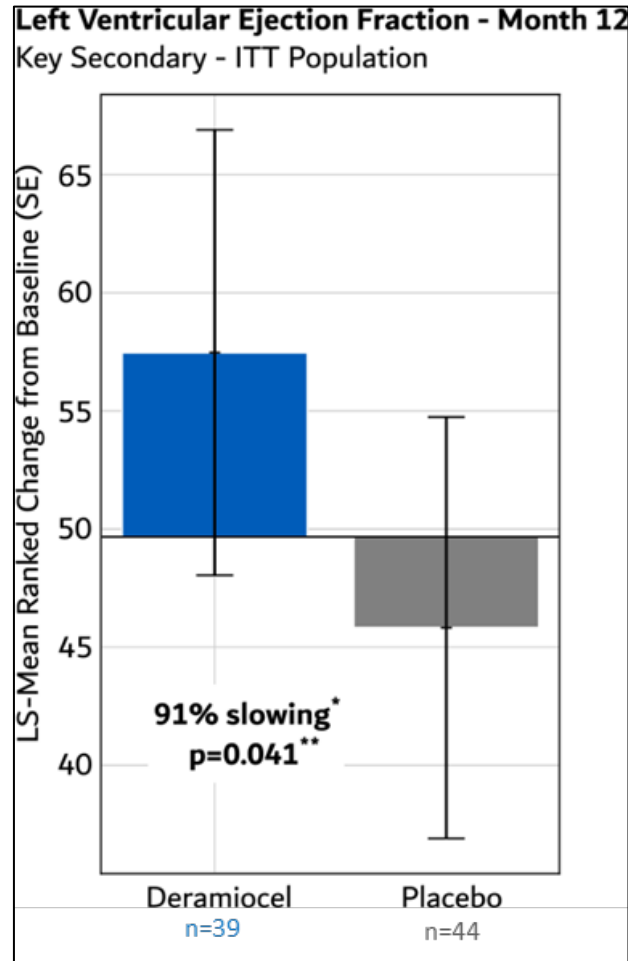


\*LS-Mean difference = 4.55 percentage point (1.2 -point difference on the PUL scale)

\*\* Based on prespecified repeated measures model using percent change from BL

# Key Secondary Endpoint: LVEF at 12 Months

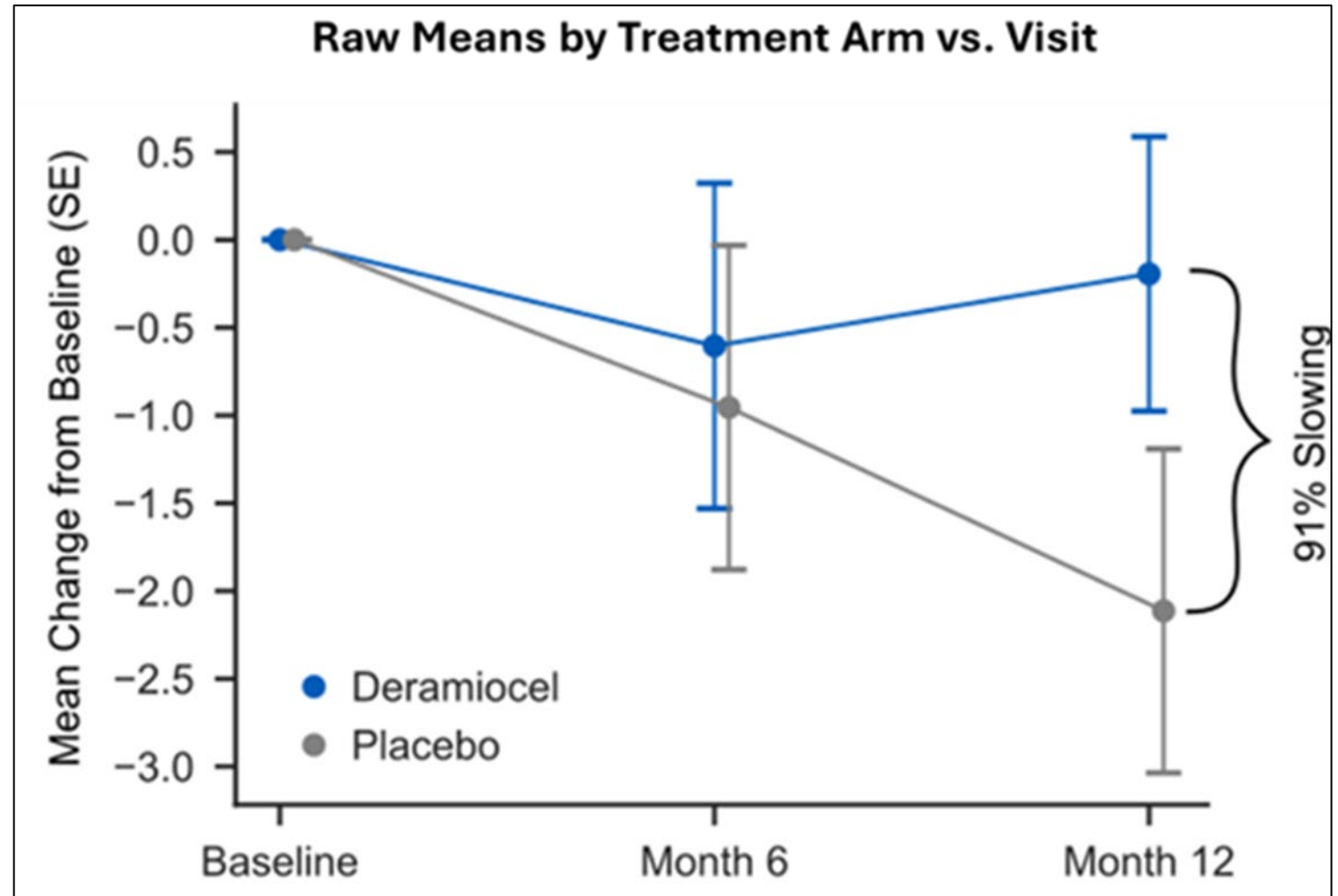
Deramiocel treatment difference = 2.4% pts on LVEF (91% slowing);  $p=0.041$  for ranked comparison



\* LS-mean difference = 11.65 ranks (2.4 percentage point difference in LVEF)

\*\* Based on prespecified rank ANCOVA model

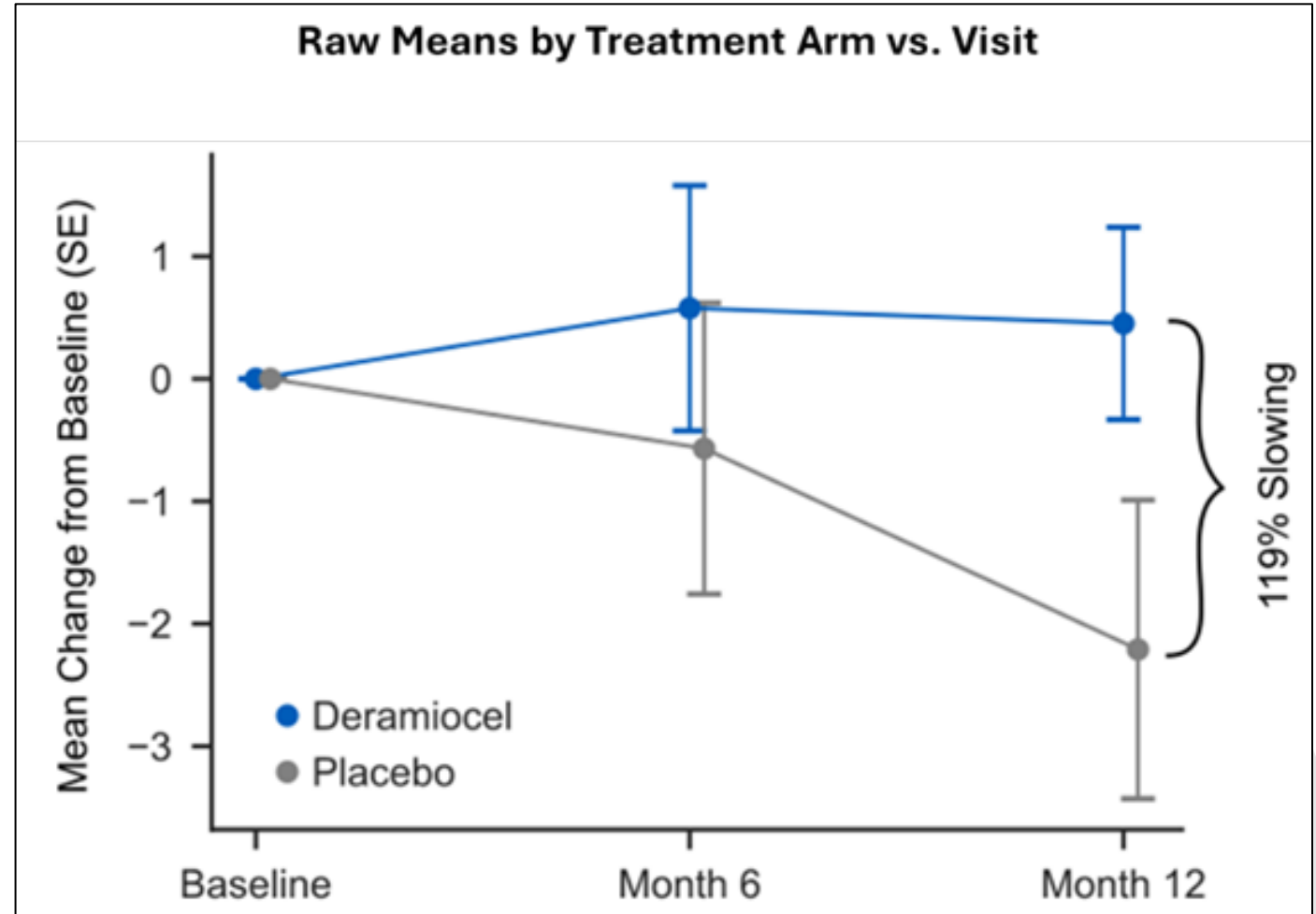
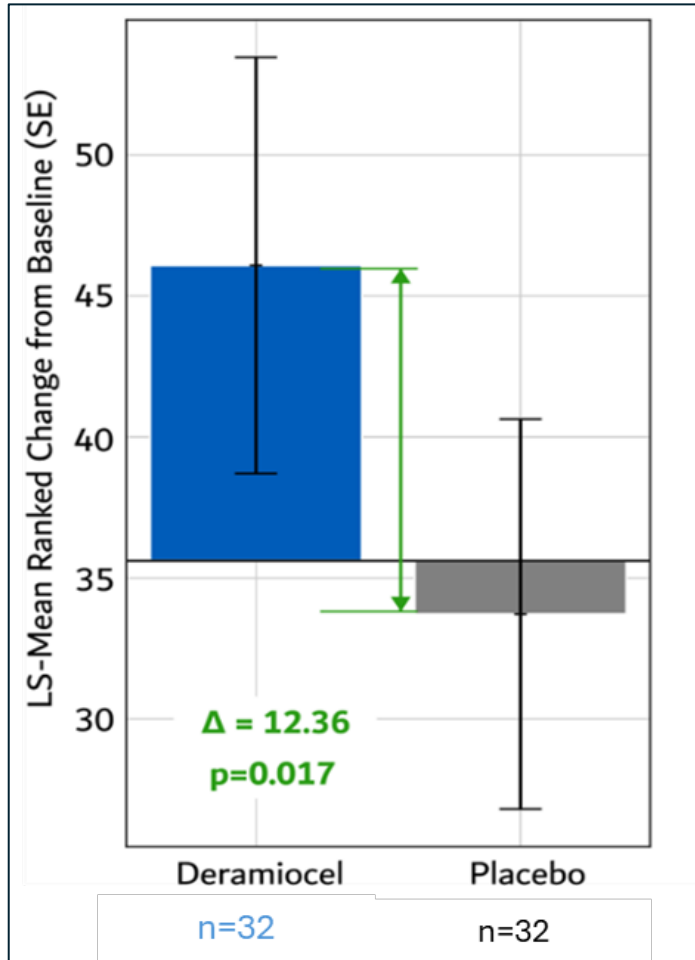
LVEF: n reflects the number of patients in the ITT population with centrally reviewed and evaluable cardiac MRI LVEF assessments at baseline and 12 months (n=83)



# Secondary Endpoint<sup>1</sup>: LVEF at 12 Months

Patients with Cardiomyopathy<sup>2</sup> at Baseline

Deramiocelel treatment difference = 3.3% pts on LVEF (>100% slowing);  $p=0.017$  for ranked comparison



\* LS-mean difference = 12.36 ranks (3.3 percentage point difference in LVEF)

\*\* Based on prespecified rank ANCOVA model

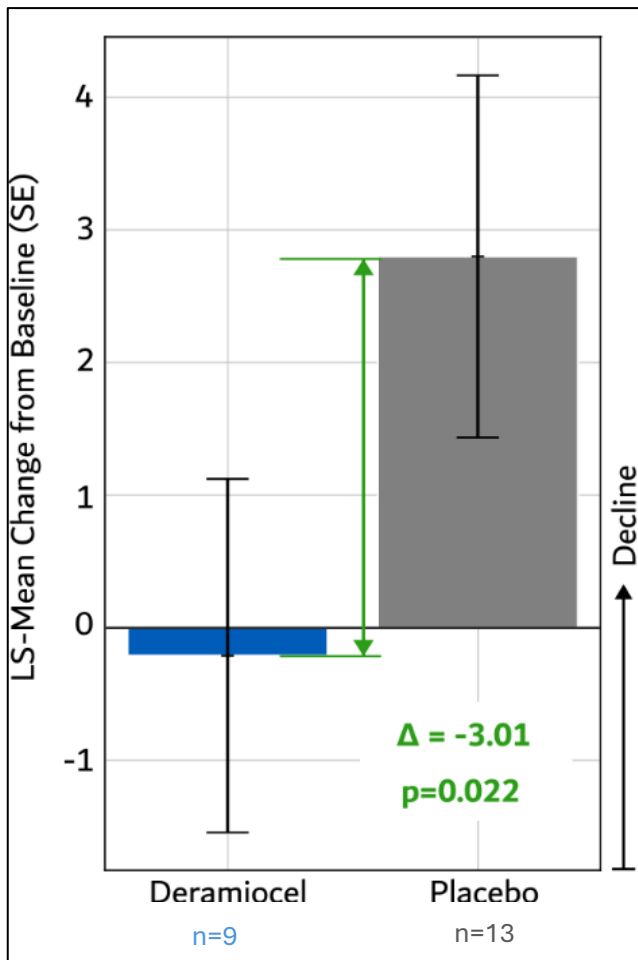
LVEF: n reflects the number of patients in the ITT population with centrally reviewed and evaluable cardiac MRI LVEF assessments at baseline and 12 months (n=64)

1 – Prespecified endpoint not TYPE-I error controlled

2 – Cardiomyopathy is defined as having clinical diagnosis, LVEF<55%, or LGE >0 myocardial segments

# Secondary Endpoint: Late Gadolinium Enhancement

*Deramioceol treatment difference =  $\Delta$  3 Segments;  $p=0.022$ ; LS Mean Change at 12 Months*

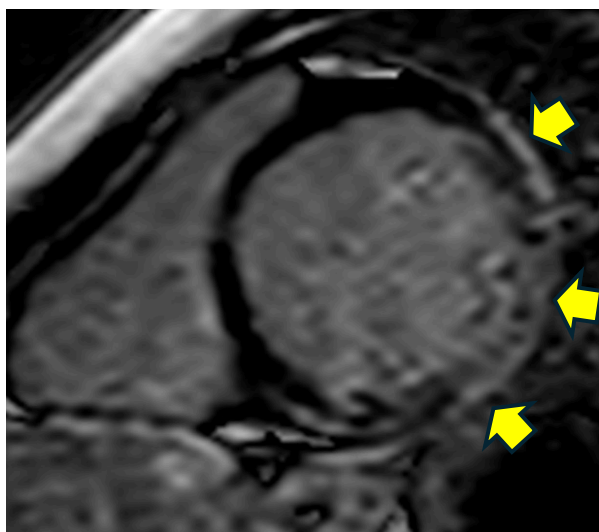
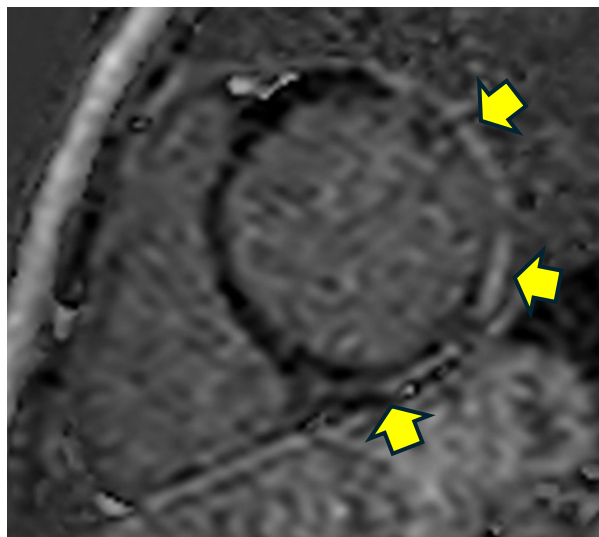


n reflects the number of patients in the ITT population with centrally reviewed and evaluable cardiac MRI LGE images at baseline and 12 months (n=22)

Baseline

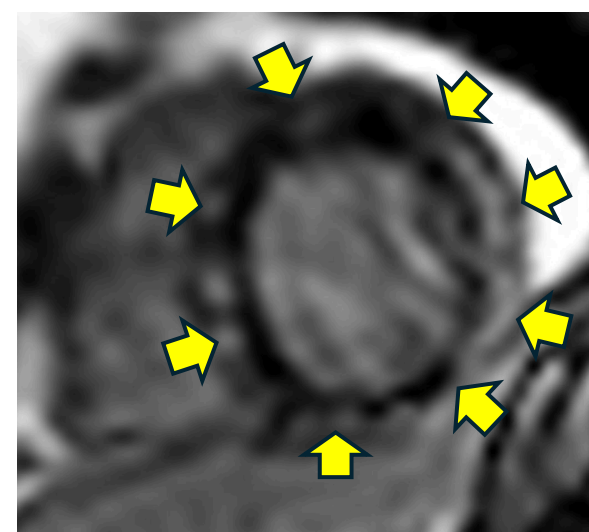
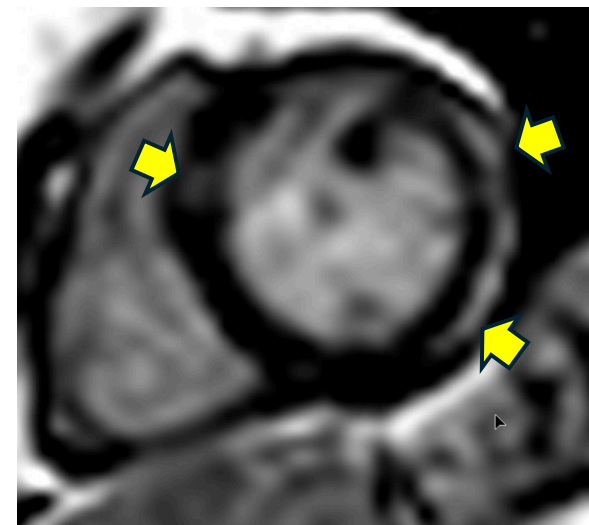
Month 12

Deramioceol



LGE stabilization with treatment of Deramioceol

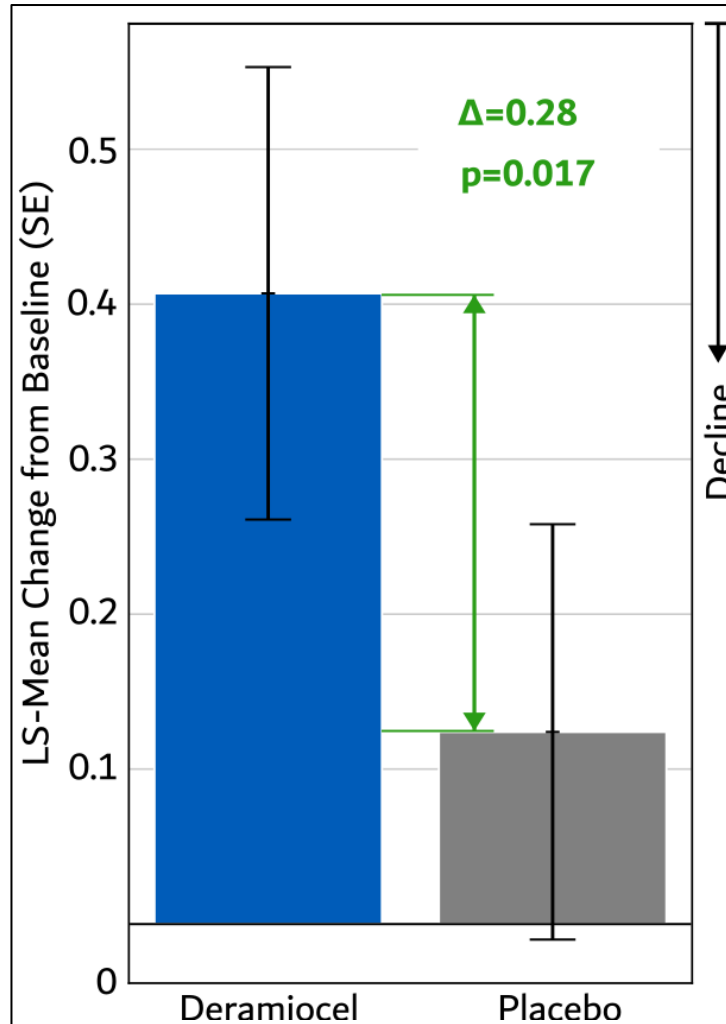
Placebo



LGE progression in non-treated patients

# Secondary Endpoint: Global Statistical Test

Deramiocel treatment difference =  $\Delta$  0.28;  $p=0.017$ ; LS Mean Change at 12 Months



**GST is a patient-Level composite outcome to incorporate clinically relevant components of:**

- Performance of Upper Limb 2.0 Total Score (PUL 2.0)
- Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF)
- Patient Global Impression – Severity (PGI-S)

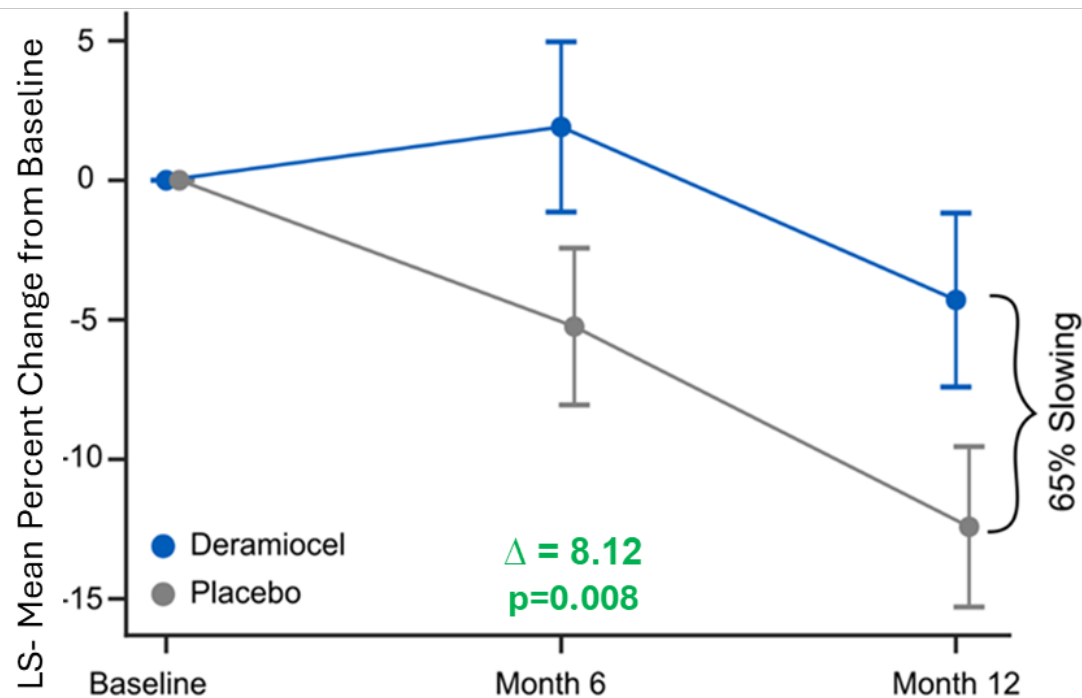
**Represents how a patient *Feels* (PGI-S), *Functions* (PUL 2.0), and *Survives* (LVEF).**

\*using and ANCOVA model. Treatment difference is a Z-score.

# Mid-Level PUL 2.0 vs. DVA Eat-10 Bites

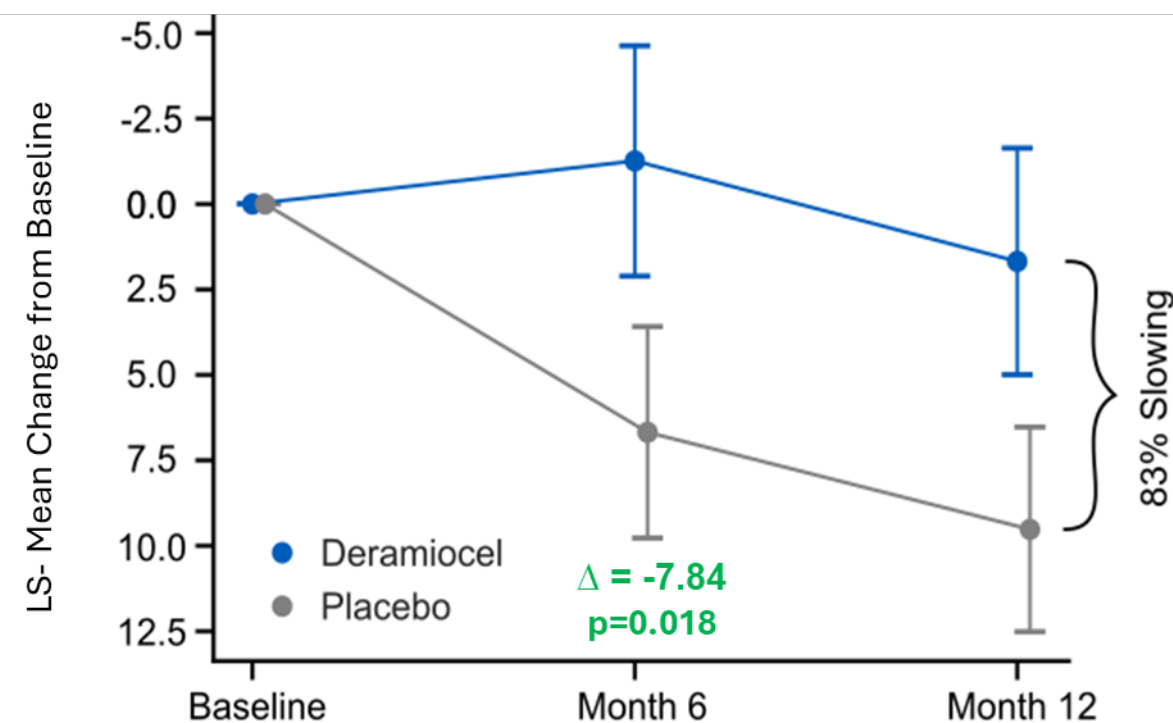
Similar Statistically Significant Benefits in Hand-to-Mouth Function across multiple analyses

### Mid-Level PUL 2.0



Disease Progression

### Duchenne Video Assessment (DVA) – Eat -10-Bites



# Conclusions - 1

- **Deramiocele is an allogeneic cell therapy delivered intravenously every 3 months and has an acceptable tolerability and safety profile**
- **The HOPE-3 Phase 3 study met all its primary and secondary (type-1 error controlled) endpoints**

## Upper Limb Function – deramiocele slowed disease progression by 50-80%

- 1) Performance of Upper Limb (PUL2.0) Total Score
  - 2) Performance of Upper Limb (PUL2.0) Mid level score
  - 3) Eat 10 Bites – Duchenne Video Assessment
- **Likely to protect from the loss of performance of activities of daily living (ADL) – transferring, turning, eating independently**

# Conclusions - 2

## Cardiac Function – deramiocel preserved LVEF and slowed LGE (cardiac fibrosis)

- 1) LVEF slowing of 91% in all evaluable patients
- 2) LVEF slowing of >100% in known cardiomyopathy patients
- 3) Reduced rate of LGE segment progression

➤ **Preservation of cardiac function is likely to translate into survival benefit<sup>1</sup>**

**HOPE-3 confirms musculoskeletal and cardiac functional benefit in DMD and demonstrates anti-fibrotic activity**

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# Questions

