# A Single Dose of TransCon PTH in Subjects with Impaired Renal Function: A Phase 1 Trial

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# BACKGROUND

#### RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVE

## Rationale

• Renal impairment (RI) is one of many co-morbidities associated with chronic hypoparathyroidism and its accompanying disturbances in calcium (Ca) and phosphate metabolism. In a cohort of 120 patients with chronic hypoparathyroidism, Mitchell et al. found that 41% had chronic kidney disease of stage 3 or higher (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] of  $\leq$  60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1</sup>

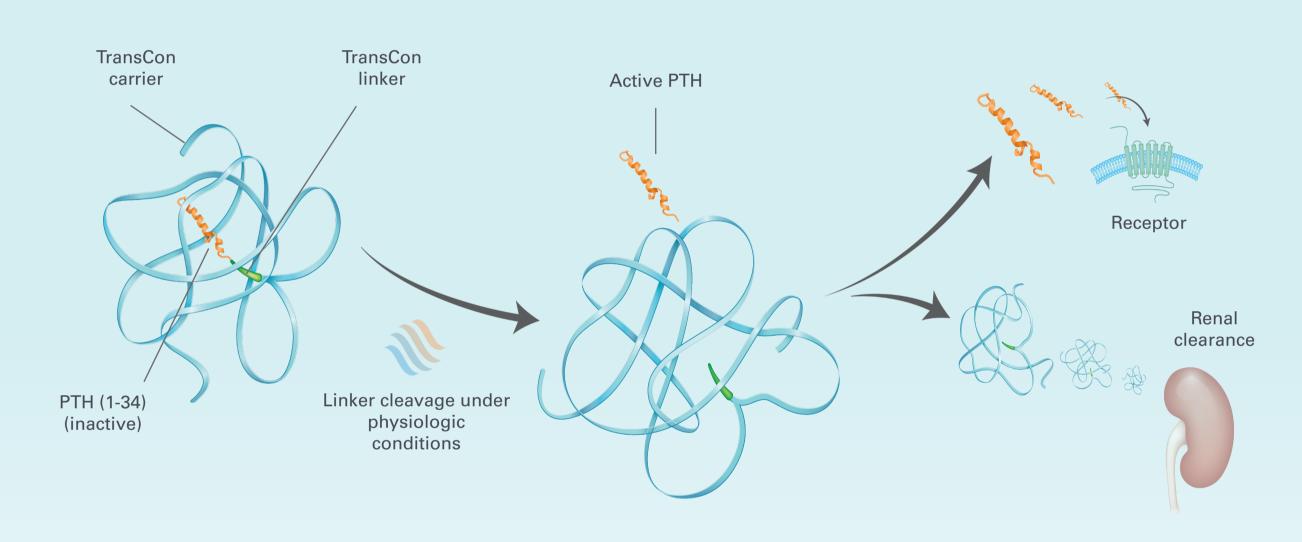
# Objective

• To evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacokinetics of a single dose of TransCon PTH in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe RI compared to healthy, demographically-matched subjects with normal renal function

## TRANSCON PTH

- TransCon PTH is an investigational, long-acting prodrug designed to provide stable PTH levels in the physiological range for 24 hours per day<sup>2</sup>
- Currently in development as a once-daily subcutaneously-injected hormone replacement therapy for adult patients with hypoparathyroidism<sup>3</sup>
- Phase 2 and 3 trials ongoing in adults with chronic hypoparathyroidism and eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m² (NCT04009291 and NCT04701203)

# Figure 1. TransCon PTH Design



The prodrug consists of a parent drug, PTH (1-34), transiently bound to an inert carrier via a proprietary linker<sup>2,4</sup>

- TransCon PTH is a prodrug consisting of active drug PTH(1-34) (in orange), an inert carrier (in blue) and a linker (in green)
- The sequence of PTH(1-34) is identical to the first 34 amino acids of the full length, 84-amino acid human PTH
- PTH(1-34) displays the same receptor-mediated activity at bone and kidney as PTH(1-84)<sup>5,6</sup>
- In an inactive prodrug state, the carrier shields the drug and protects it from enzymatic degradation, receptor uptake, and renal clearance
- Following subcutaneous injection, under physiologic conditions, the linker auto-cleaves to release active PTH

# METHODS

#### TRIAL DESIGN

- Male and female subjects, ages 18-75 years, who provided informed consent were eligible to enroll into one of four groups:
- (Group 1) Normal renal function, eGFR ≥ 90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (Group 2) Mild renal impairment, eGFR ≥ 60 to < 90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (Group 3) Moderate renal impairment, eGFR ≥ 30 to < 60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>;
- (Group 4) Severe renal impairment and not on renal replacement therapy, eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- All subjects received a single subcutaneous dose of TransCon PTH 50 mcg, where the dose refers to PTH(1-34) content
- Subjects were followed through 28 days with periodic assessments of physical exams, injection site reactions, adverse events (AEs), and blood and urine analytes

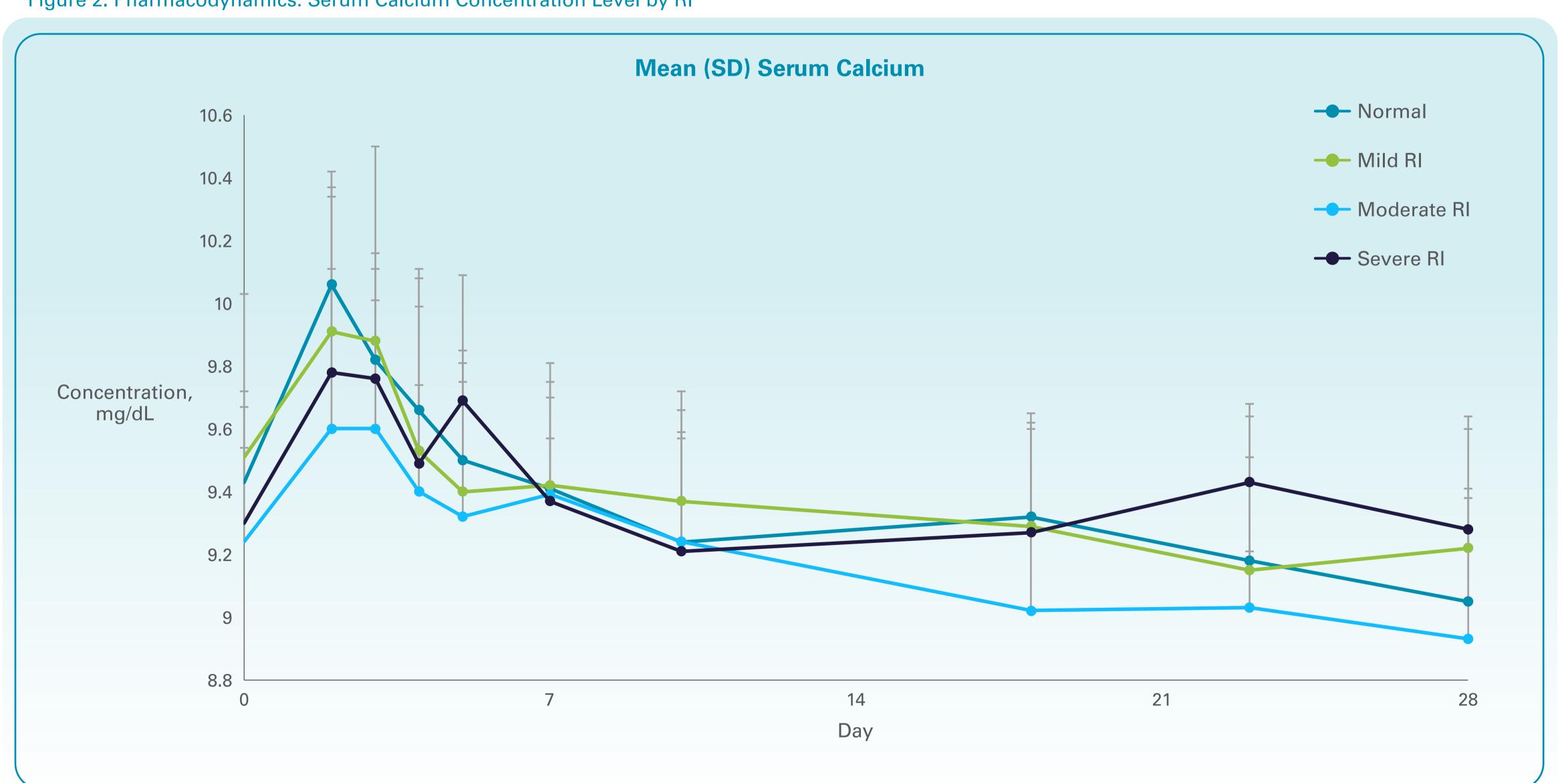
## Table 1. Baseline Demographics

Cohort	1 (N = 13)	2 (N = 9)	3 (N = 8)	4 (N = 8)	Total (N = 38)			
Renal Impairment [GFR (mL/min/1.73m²)]	Normal (≥ 90)	Mild (60–89)	Moderate (30–59)	Severe (15–29)				
Age (year), mean	54	59	67	55	58			
Gender (female:male)	7:6	5:4	3:5	4:4	19:19			
Race: white	13	9	8	8	38			
Medical History Related to Renal and Urinary Disorders, n (%)								
Glomerulonephritis chronic	0	0	0	3 (37.5)	3 (7.9)			
Nephrolithiasis	0	1 (11.1)	0	1 (12.5)	2 (5.3)			
Diabetic nephropathy	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (2.6)			
Renal Atrophy	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (2.6)			
Renal Cyst	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (2.6)			
Tubulointerstitial nephritis	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (2.6)			
Acute Kidney Injury	0	0	0	1 (12.5)	1 (2.6)			
Renal Pelvis Fistula	0	1 (11.1)	0	0	1 (2.6)			

- A total of 38 subjects (n = 13, 9, 8, 8, for Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, respectively) were enrolled. Mean age was 58 years and
- As expected in this trial of subjects with various levels of renal impairment, past medical history included chronic glomerulonephritis, nephrolithiasis, diabetic nephropathy, hypertension, and secondary hyperparathyroidism

# included 19 males and 19 females

# Figure 2. Pharmacodynamics: Serum Calcium Concentration Level by RI



- An expected increase in serum calcium of similar magnitude across the four RI groups was observed after TransCon PTH administration, including in those with severe RI
- Mean baseline serum Ca (albumin-corrected) was 9.4 mg/dL, rose to 9.9 mg/dL on Day 2, and subsequently declined back to baseline
- Renal impairment did not affect the response in serum Ca after a single dose of TransCon PTH

# RESULTS

**Pharmacokinetics** 

- Exposure (C<sub>max</sub> and AUC) to Free PTH(1-34) in the mild and moderate RI groups was similar to the normal renal function group
- In subjects with severe RI, Free PTH(1-34) C<sub>max</sub> and AUC values were higher compared to subjects with normal renal function
- Subjects with severe RI also had an elevated mean baseline intact PTH(1-84) levels in the range seen with secondary hyperparathyroidism, a common complication of chronic kidney disease<sup>7</sup>
- Thus, the higher Free PTH(1-34) levels may have been related to the higher endogenous PTH(1-84) levels, combined with artifact due to sample processing
- Despite the higher Free PTH(1-34) levels, the serum calcium response was similar to that observed in the other three groups

#### Table 2. Adverse Events

Treatment-Emergent Adverse (TEAE)	Normal (N = 13) N (%)	Mild (N = 9) N (%)	Moderate (N = 8) N (%)	Severe (N = 8) N (%)	Total (N = 38) N (%)
Any Events (TEAE)	0	2 (22.2)	2 (25.0)	0	4 (10.5)
Severe (TEAE)	0	0	0	0	0
Related (TEAE)	0	2 (22.2)	1 (12.5)	0	3 (7.9)
Related Adverse Event (preferred term)	_	Fatigue, Ear Discomfort	Headache	_	_
Severe Related TEAE	0	0	0	0	0
TEAE leading to Trial Discontinuation	0	0	0	0	0
Injection-site ReactionTEAE	0	0	0	0	0

- Overall, 4 subjects (10.5%; 2 subjects each in Groups 2 and 3) reported a treatment-emergent adverse event (Table 2)
- -Of these, 3 subjects (7.9%) were considered to have experienced at least one treatment-related adverse event (headache, ear discomfort, fatigue)
- There were no serious adverse events

# CONCLUSIONS

- A single dose of TransCon PTH was well-tolerated across groups of subjects with normal renal function, or mild, moderate, or severe RI
- Renal impairment did not affect the response in serum Ca after a single dose of TransCon PTH
- An increase in serum Ca of similar magnitude across the four groups was observed after dosing with TransCon PTH, consistent with similar exposure to TransCon PTH across the dose groups
- Exposure (C<sub>max</sub> and AUC) to Free PTH(1-34) in the mild and moderate RI groups was similar to the normal renal function group
- In subjects with severe RI, mean Free PTH(1-34) C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>0-tlast</sub> values were higher compared to that in subjects in the other three groups, likely related to their higher endogenous PTH(1-84) levels, combined with artifact due to sample processing

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