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# Interim Results of a Phase 1b Study (PIONEER) of an Oral HbF Inducer, Pociredir, in Sickle Cell Disease

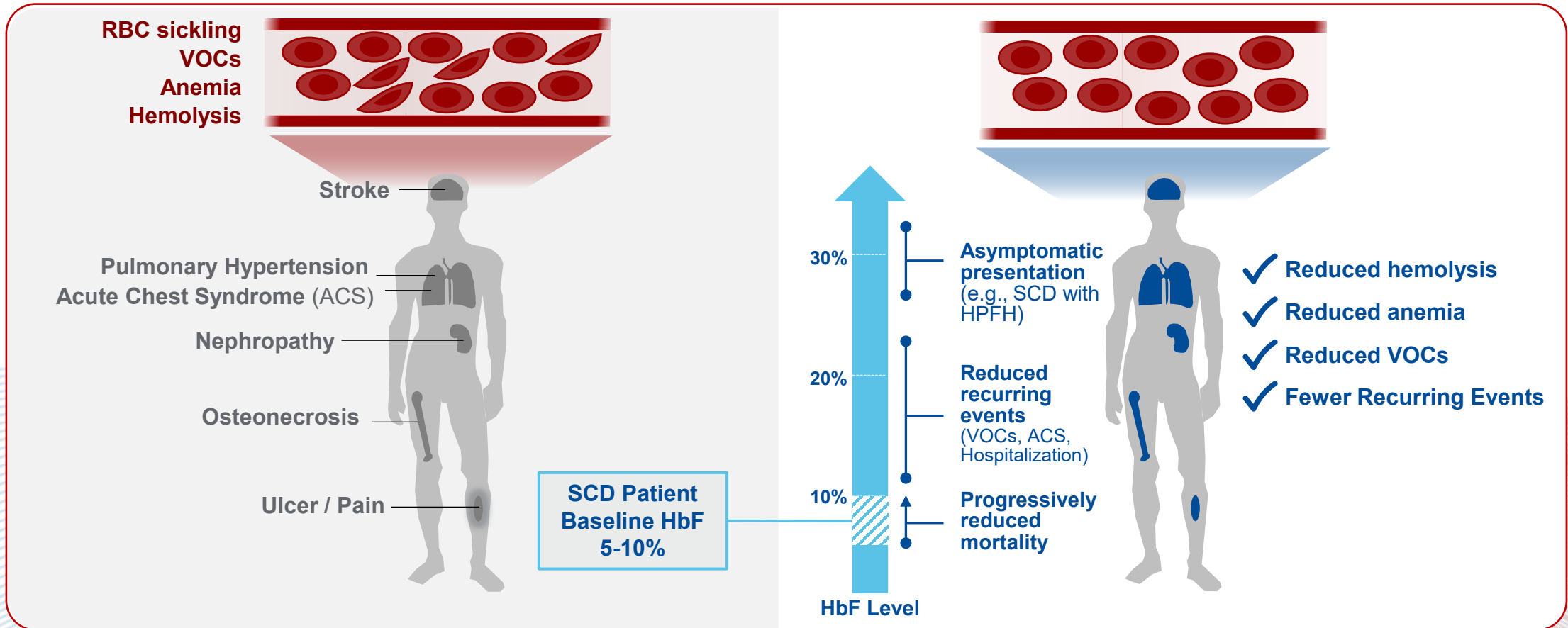
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# Increasing Fetal Hemoglobin (HbF) is an Established Mechanism to Broadly Improve Outcomes in SCD

## SCD Patient

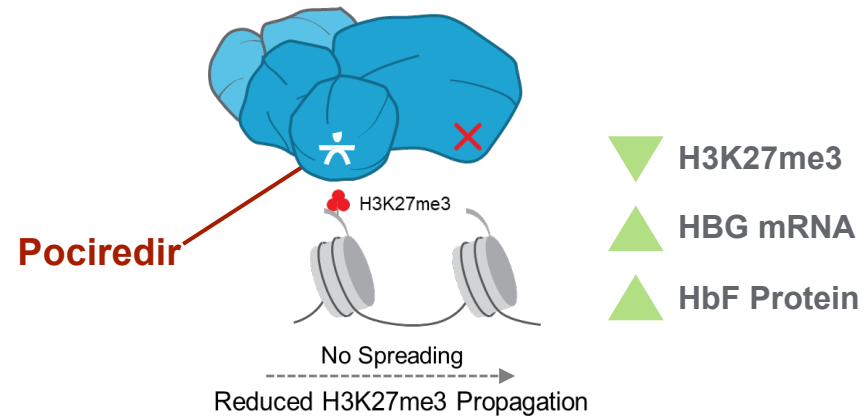
## SCD Patient with High Fetal Hemoglobin (HbF)



SCD individuals can have additional mutations that cause a condition known as hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin (HPFH), which leads to reduced or no symptoms in patients with SCD and  $\beta$ -thalassemia

# Targeting the EED subunit of PRC2 Increases HbF

**Pociredir Inhibits the PRC2 Complex and Induces HbF expression**



**Pociredir**

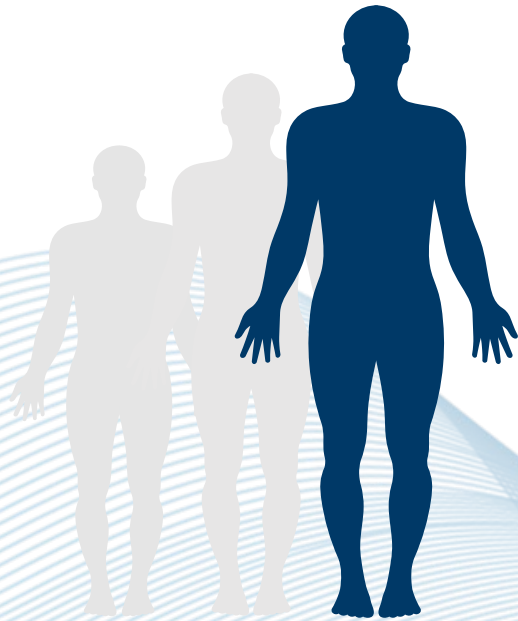
- **Highly Selective**
- **Clean Off-target Profile**
- **Residual H3K27me3 remains (20 – 30%)**



# Phase 1b Clinical Trial in SCD Participants

## Study Population

- Participants with SCD
- Aged 18 – 65 yr (inclusive)
- Open Label
- d/c'ed HU ≥60 days



## Study Design (dose escalation with 10 patients per cohort)

### Screening Period

4 Weeks  
(Day -28 to D -1)

### Treatment Period (once daily capsule)

12 Weeks  
(Day 1 to Day 84)

### Follow-up Period

4 Weeks  
(Day 85 to Day 112)\*  
\*+3-day visit window

Cohort Dose	Enrolled	Status
6 mg	10	Completed
2 mg	2	Completed
12 mg (a)	4	Completed*
12 mg (b)	Up to 10	Enrolling
20 mg	Up to 10	Planned

\* Stopped due to clinical hold; no participant finished

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## Study Endpoints

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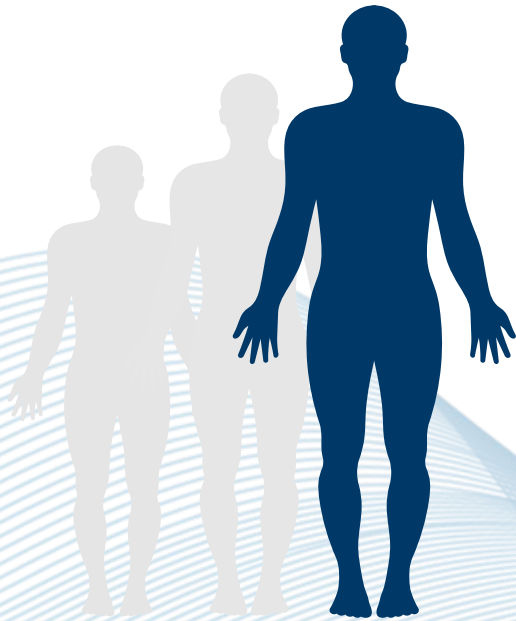
- Safety and tolerability assessments
- PK parameters

### Secondary Endpoints

- Measurement of the effect of increased fetal hemoglobin on hemolysis and anemia biomarkers:
  - % HbF (HPLC)
  - Absolute reticulocyte count
  - Total hemoglobin
  - Unconjugated bilirubin

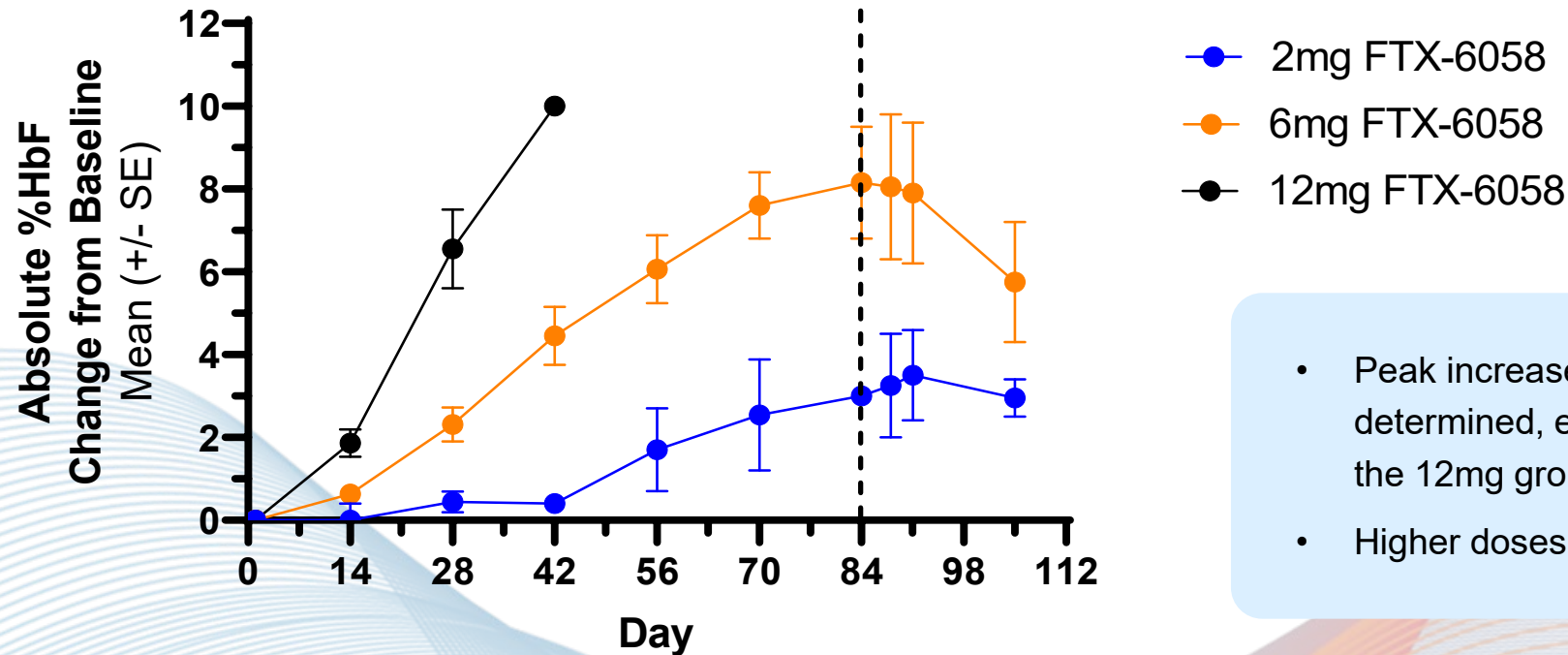
### Exploratory Endpoints

- Globin gene expression by droplet digital polymerase chain reaction (ddPCR)
- % F-cells by flow cytometry
- Other biomarkers of hemolysis
- Incidence of VOCs
- PK/PD correlation



# Initial Pociredir Data Demonstrates Dose-dependent Increases in HbF in SCD Participants

## Absolute %HbF Change from Baseline



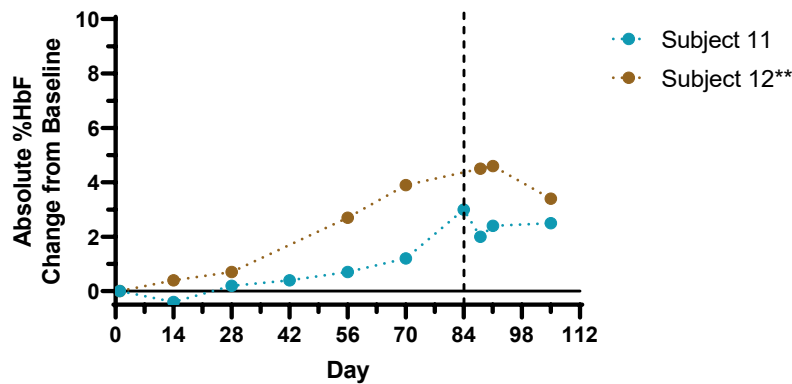
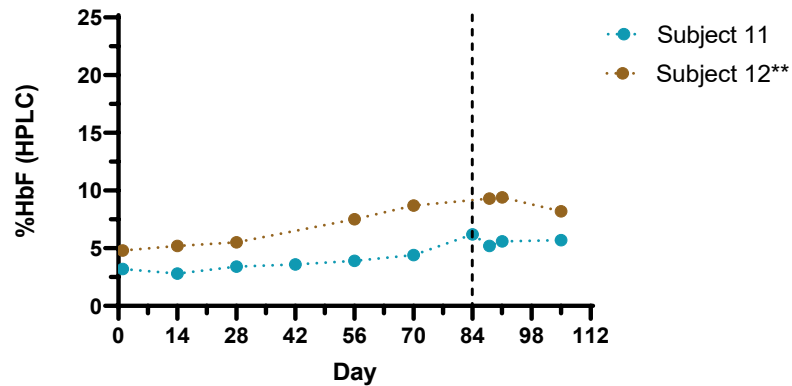
- Peak increases in HbF have yet to be determined, especially the peak increase in the 12mg group.
- Higher doses remain to be studied.

Note: Summary data includes both participants on and off hydroxyurea; Subject 15 ceased dosing on Day 22 and therefore, was only included in the analysis up to Day 14

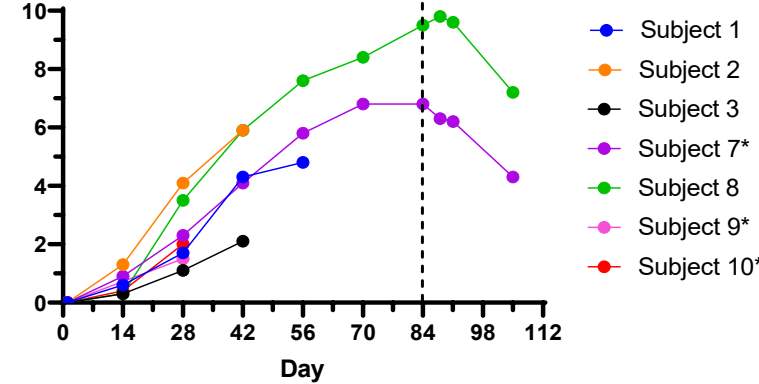
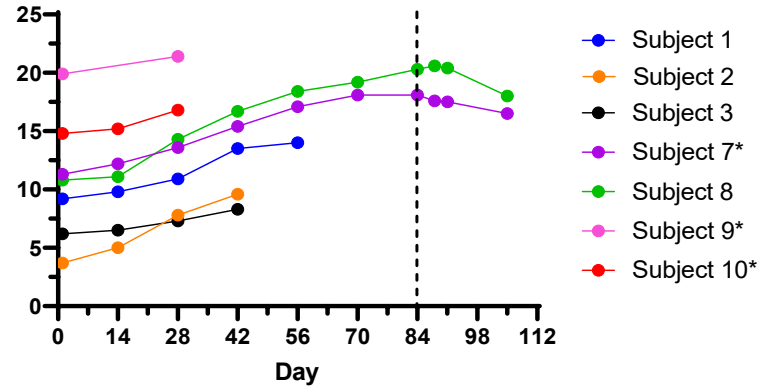


# Pociredir Appears to Have a Dose Dependent, Clinically Relevant and Consistent Increase in HbF

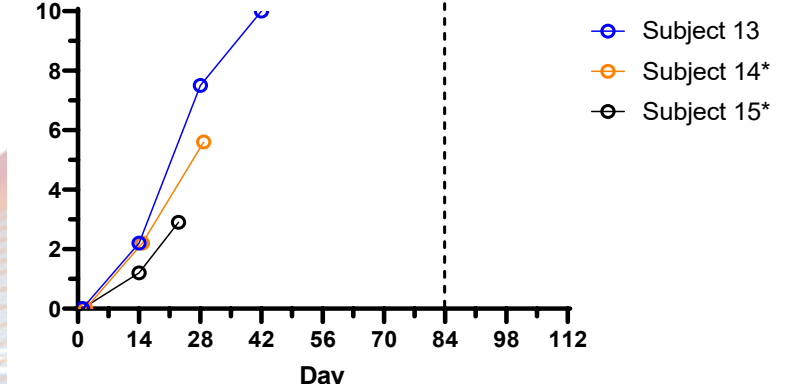
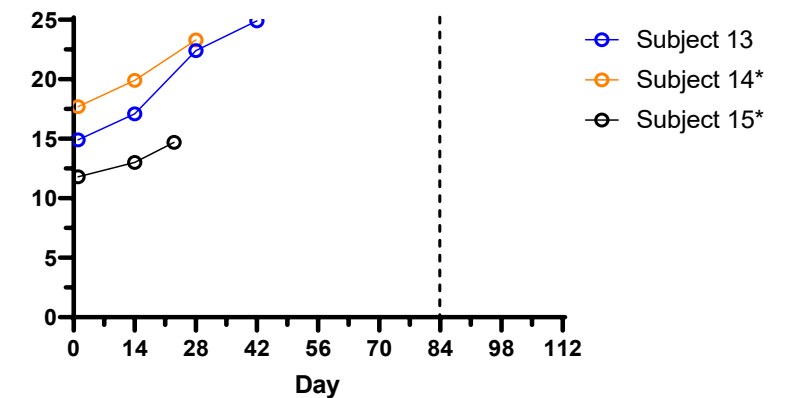
2mg



6mg



12mg



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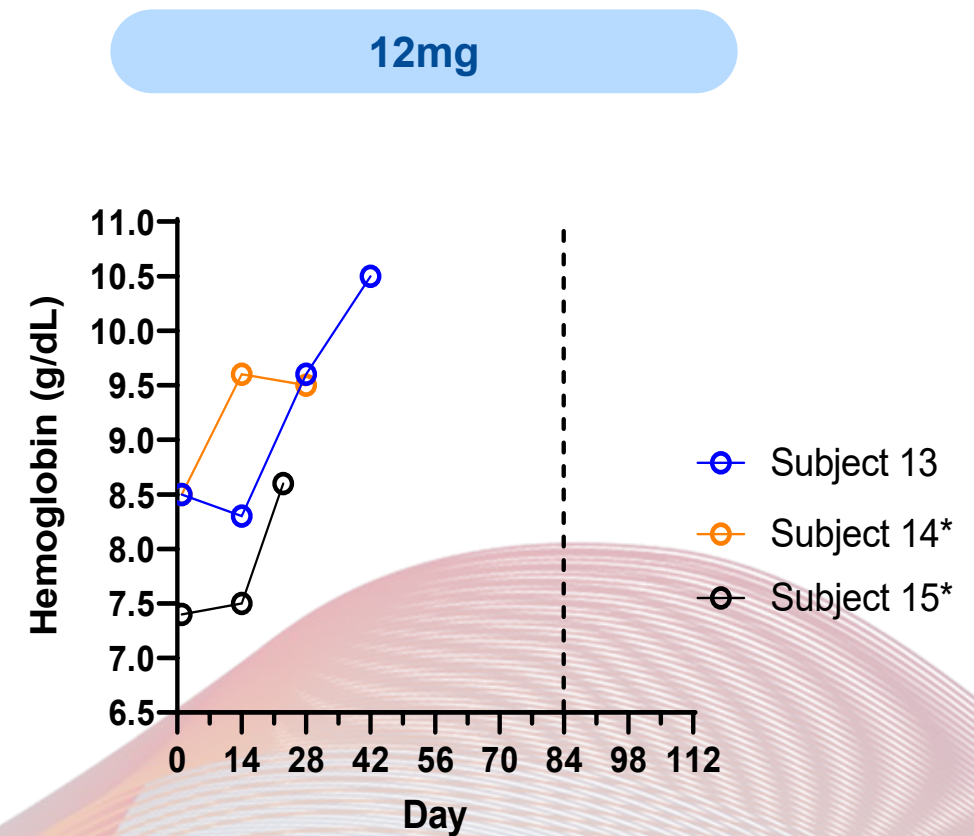
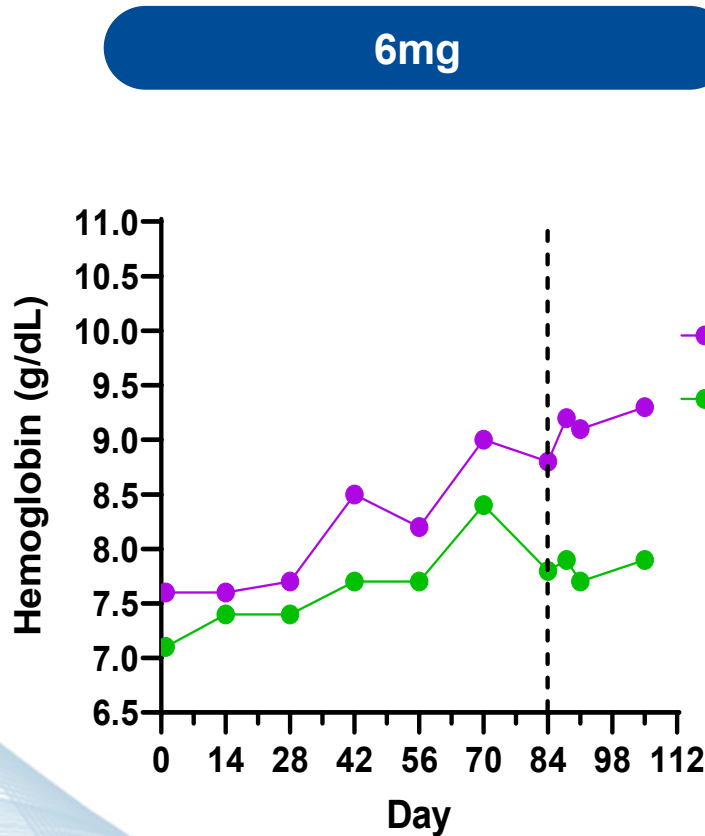
\*\* Day 42 and day 84 data not available for subject 12; samples were received by the lab outside of stability window





# Pociredir Appears to Have a Dose Dependent, Clinically Relevant and Consistent Increase in Total Hemoglobin

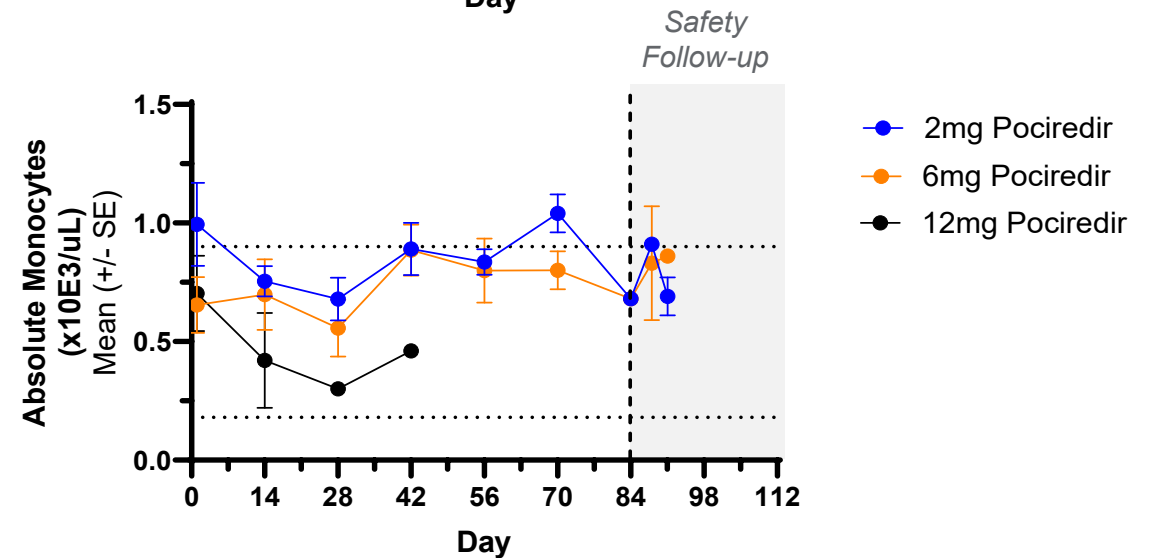
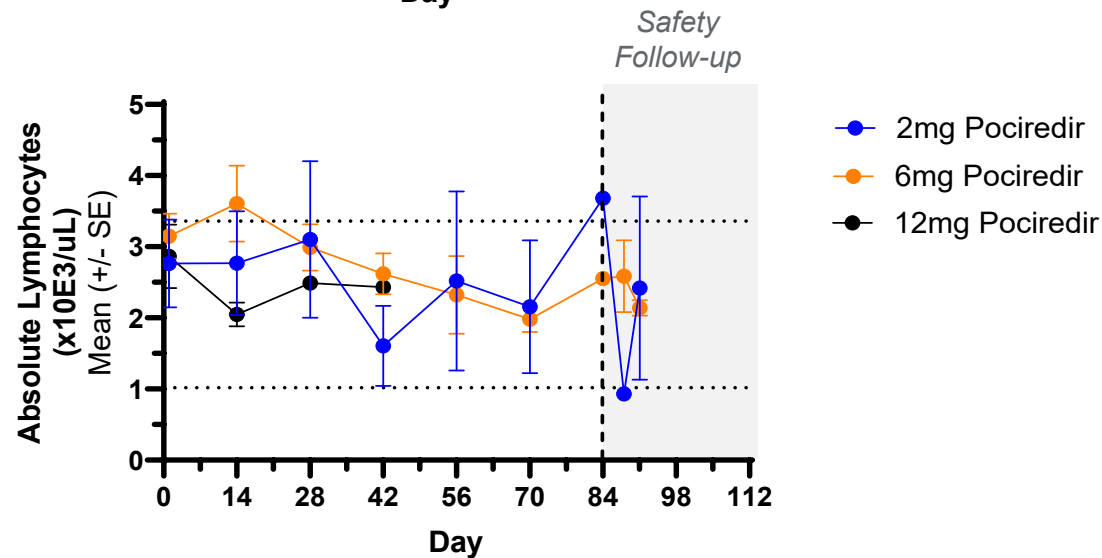
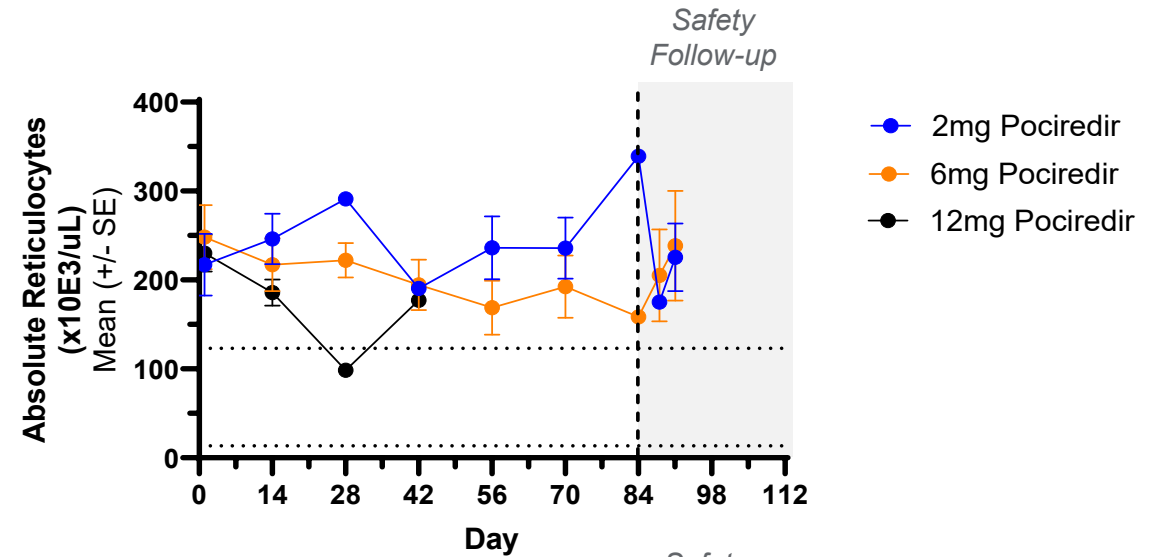
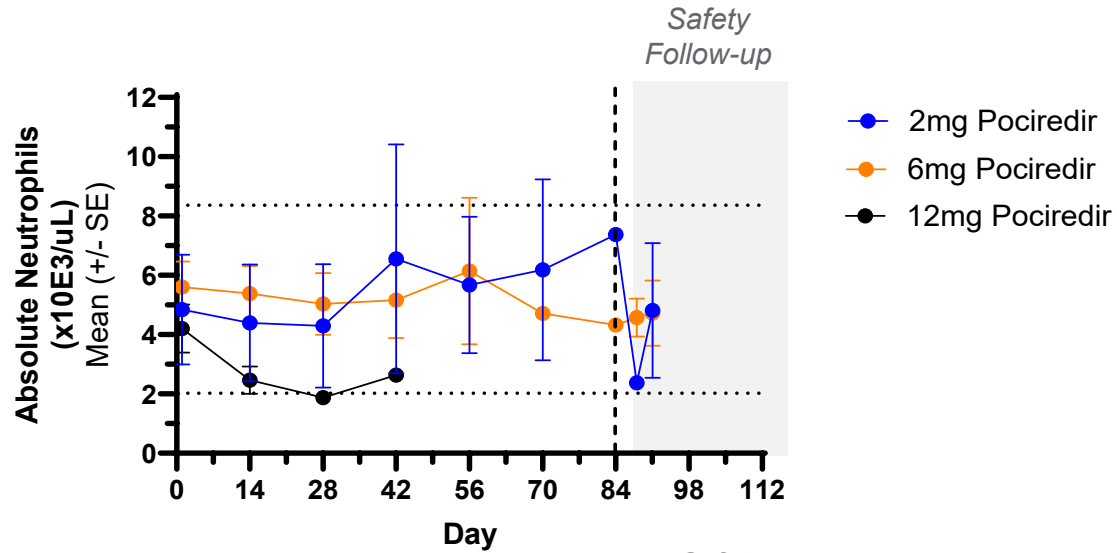
**Demonstrates Improvement in Anemia**



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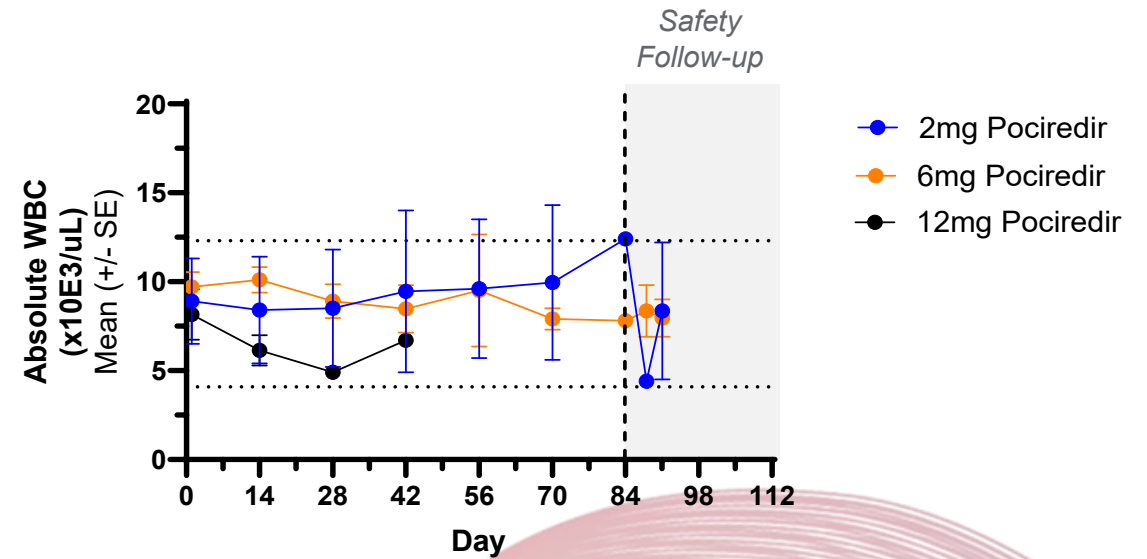
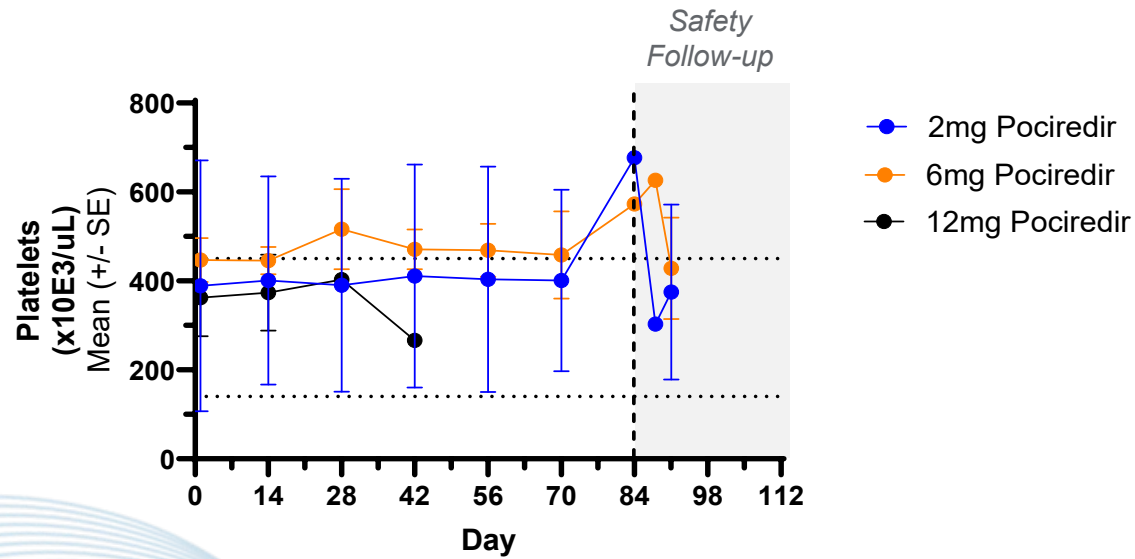
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# Pociredir Was Generally Well-tolerated with No Serious Treatment-related Adverse Events (Pioneer Ph1b – Open Label)

Number of Patients with:	Pociredir (n=16) n (%)
<b>Any TEAE</b>	10 (62.5)
Any treatment-related TEAE	5 (31.3)
<b>Any serious adverse event (SAE)*</b>	4 (25.0)
<b>Any TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation</b>	0
<b>Any lab-related TEAE</b>	0
<b>Patients with TEAE (by Maximum Severity)</b>	
Mild	4 (25.0)
Moderate	5 (31.3)
Severe	1 (6.3)
<b>Most Common TEAEs</b>	
Pain crisis	4 (25.0)
Headache	3 (18.8)

\* In 3 (of 4) patients, SAE began after signing consent but prior to starting study drug

23 Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) in 10/16 (62.5%) patients

- 8/23 treatment-related TEAEs in 5/16 (31.3%) patients: (headache [x2], lip numbness, diarrhea, fatigue, somnolence, nausea, tinnitus)
- All mild in severity, non-serious and resolved while patient remained on study drug

4/23 TEAEs (in 4 patients) characterized as VOC (pain crisis) per protocol definition

- None reported as related to study drug
- Two VOCs occurred in patients documented non-adherent to study drug

Single SAE in patient on study drug\*

- VOC with chest syndrome, reported as not related to study drug



# Background on Resolved Clinical Hold

- Clinical hold initiated on 23-Feb-2023 to allow for further evaluation of a potential safety signal observed in preclinical studies.
- FDA requested an updated study population in which the potential benefit balances the potential risk.
  - Previous experience with HU and at least one of the newly approved drugs (Voxelotor, Crizanlizumab, L-Glutamine) but has shown non-response or intolerance
  - Severe SCD based on VOCs and/or End Organ disease
  - Concomitant HU and any other disease modifying therapy is an exclusion criteria
- As of 18-Aug-2023 FDA has lifted clinical hold for Pociredir.

# Site Activation Status

## **Active Sites:**

- University of Miami
- Augusta University
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Jacobi Medical Center (Bronx, NY)
- Lynn Health Sciences Institute
- Virginia Commonwealth University

## **On-boarding Sites:**

### ▪ **US Sites**

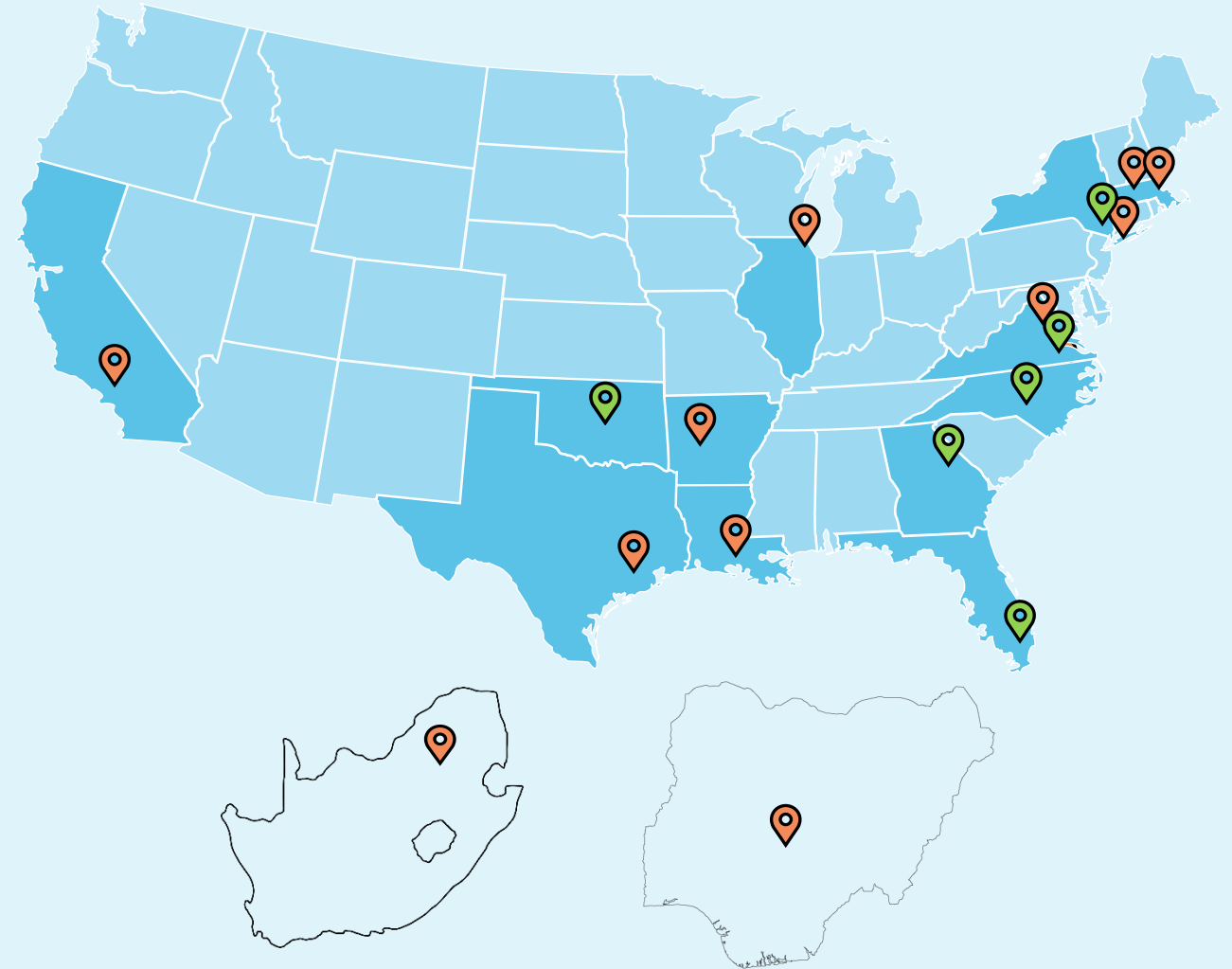
- University of California Los Angeles
- UT Houston
- University of Arkansas, Little Rock
- Lady of the Lake Hospital (Louisiana)
- University of Illinois Chicago
- Inova Cancer Center (Fairfax, Virginia)
- Queens Hospital Cancer Center (Jamaica, NY)
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Boston Medical Center
- East Carolina University
- Wake Forest University

### ▪ **South Africa Site**

- Wits Health Consortium (Johannesburg)

### ▪ **Nigeria Site**

- National Hospital Abuja



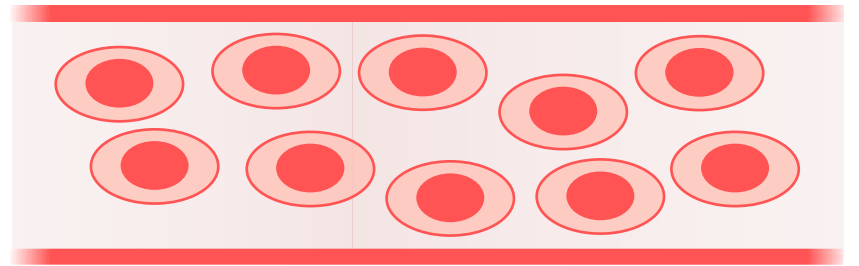


# Study Conclusions

Preliminary data from the PIONEER study shows that pociredir:

- Has the potential to increase HbF to levels associated with significant clinical benefits in patients with SCD
- Short term data reveal no safety signal
- Additional data will be generated to further define the benefits and risks associated with pociredir in patients with SCD

**Pioneer**



# Thank You

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