# Interim Results of a Phase 2 Study With RBT-1 Evaluating Postoperative Course in Patients Undergoing Elective CABG/Valve Surgery on Cardiopulmonary Bypass

### Andre Lamy MD, MSc

Cardiac Surgeon Population Health Research Institute McMaster University, Canada

on behalf of START investigators





AHA Scientific Sessions November 6, 2022

# **Preconditioning as a Means for Multiorgan Protection**

- Preconditioning involves priming a stress response to elicit protection against subsequent injury
- As early as 1929, it was observed that the kidneys of animals previously exposed to (preconditioned by) various minor stressors acquired resistance to organ failure
- In the early 1990s, remote ischemic preconditioning (RIPC), which involves a brief induction of ischemia and reperfusion to distal tissues using a sphygmomanometer in the upper arm or leg, was introduced



Sources: Nath M and Agarwal A, 2020 Kidney Res Clin Pract; Honda N et al, 1987 Kidney Int; Jacob KA and Leaf DE, 2019 Anesthesiol Clin; Kharbanda RK et al, 2009 Lancet

## **RBT-1 – Pharmacologic Approach to Preconditioning**

The mechanism of action of RBT-1 is applicable to multiorgan protection, beyond the kidneys

#### RBT-1 (Stannous Protoporphyrin [SnPP]/Iron Sucrose[FeS]) **Anti-inflammatory Iron Scavengers** Antioxidants (eg, IL-10) (eg, Ferritin) (eg, HO-1) Sequestration of Free Catalytic Iron, Inhibition of Oxidative Stress Inhibition of Inflammation Free Hemoglobin, Free Heme **Prevention of Organ Failure** Brain Heart Kidneys Liver Intestines Lungs

## Phase 2 Study of RBT-1 In Subjects Undergoing CABG and/or Valve Surgery on Cardiopulmonary Bypass

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center (US, Canada, Australia)

#### **Primary Objective**

Effect of RBT-1 in generating a **preconditioning response**, measured by a **composite of plasma biomarkers** (heme oxygenase-1 [**HO-1**], **ferritin**, and interleukin-10 [**IL-10**]) from Baseline (pre-dose)

#### **Key Secondary and Exploratory Objectives**

- Days on ventilator
- Days in intensive care unit (ICU)
- Hospital length of stay
- Incidence of acute kidney injury (AKI)
- Incidence of Major Adverse Kidney Events (MAKE)
- Readmission rate
- Safety



## **Phase 2 Interim Analysis Population**

- The overall study population was <u>**not**</u> enriched for events
- The **efficacy population** included:
  - Subjects who received study drug and underwent surgery without delay
  - The first 60 subjects who completed the Day 30 evaluation
    - Placebo: N=22
    - Low Dose: N=18
    - High Dose: N=20
- The safety population included all subjects who received study drug (n=63)
  - Placebo, N=23
  - Low Dose, N=20
  - High Dose, N=20

# Baseline Demographics

DEMOGRAPHICS	Placebo (N=23)	RBT-1 (N=40)
Mean Age (yrs)	66.5	66.3
Sex Female, N (%) Male, N (%)	6 (26.1) 17 (73.9)	9 (22.5) 31 (77.5)
Race Black, N (%) Asian, N (%) White, N (%)	1 (4.3) 1 (4.3) 21 (91.3)	0 2 (5.0) 38 (95.0)
Time of Infusion Before Surgery N Mean (hrs)	22 38.2	39 40.48
Surgery Type CABG Alone, N (%) Valve Alone, N (%) CABG + Valve, N (%)	12 (52.2) 4 (17.4) 7 (30.4)	19 (47.5) 12 (30.0) 9 (22.5)
Duration of Surgery N Mean (hrs)	22 4.866	39 4.80
Time on Pump N Mean (hrs)	22 1.842	39 1.95

## **Baseline Risk Factors**

RISK FACTORS	Placebo (N=22)	RBT-1 (N=38)
Age ≥65 years	12 (54.5)	26 (68.4)
Combined CABG and valve surgery	7 (31.8)	9 (23.7)
Previous cardiac surgery with sternotomy	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Documented heart failure (NHYA III/IV) within 1 year prior to surgery	0 (0.0)	3 (7.9)
LVEF ≤35%	1 (4.5)	4 (10.5)
Congestive heart failure	5 (22.7)	7 (18.4)
Diabetes mellitus requiring insulin	1 (4.5)	5 (13.2)
Pre-operative anemia (hemoglobin <10 g/dL upon screening)	1 (4.5)	0 (0.0)
Currently hospitalized for management of cardiac or pulmonary disease	4 (18.2)	5 (13.2)
eGFR ≥20 to <60 mL/min/1.73 $m^2$	4 (18.2)	10 (26.3)

## Statistically Significant Increase in Cytoprotective Response Biomarkers with Both Low Dose and High Dose RBT-1

### **Primary Endpoint Met**

**Composite Biomarker Response** 

	Placebo (N=22)	Low Dose (N=18)	High Dose (N=20)
Mean	1.04	2.75	3.15
P-value vs Pbo		<0.0001	<0.0001



# Statistically Significant Reduction in Ventilator and ICU Time in Patients Treated with RBT-1



\*p<0.05 vs placebo

## Improvement in Mean Duration and Composition of Hospitalization in Patients Treated with RBT-1



# Median ICU Days in Placebo Group is Similar to Historical Control from STS Database



## Clinically Meaningful Decrease in Rates of AKI and MAKE30 in Patients Treated with RBT-1



# Statistically Significant Decrease in 30-Day Readmission Rates in Patients Treated with RBT-1



<u>Readmissions were primarily</u> <u>due to cardiopulmonary reasons:</u>

- CHF/Worsening CHF
- Worsening pulmonary hypertension
- Pleural effusion
- Pericardial effusion
- Post-cardiotomy syndrome
- Left groin hematoma

\* p<0.05 vs placebo

\*\* p<0.003 vs placebo

## **RBT-1 Safety Profile Demonstrates It Is Well Tolerated**

- Related adverse events (AEs) limited to photosensitivity
  - Generally mild to moderate
  - Transient
  - Manifests primarily as pruritus and erythema (similar to a sunburn)
  - Resolves without the need for intervention
- No treatment discontinuations have occurred as a result of photosensitivity
- **Photosensitivity can be avoided** with proper use of sunscreen (SPF 30+) and avoidance of direct exposure to the sun, especially when sun rays are strongest

## RBT-1 Improves Postoperative Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Cardiac Surgery

Combined RBT-1 (N=38)



#### **RBT-1** was recently granted Fast Track Designation from the FDA

## Summary of RBT-1 Interim Phase 2 Study Data (N=60)

Statistically **significant increase in biomarkers** of cytoprotective preconditioning (primary endpoint; p<0.0001)

Statistically significant reduction in ICU days and ventilator days (p<0.05) Clinically meaningful reduction in hospital length of stay (2-day reduction)

Clinically meaningful **decrease in rates of AKI** (-52%) and **MAKE30** (-78%) Statistically significant decrease in 30-day hospital readmission rates (p<0.003)