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## Pregnancy and Infant Outcomes in Females Receiving Ocrelizumab for the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis: Analysis of over 3,000 Pregnancies to Date

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#### Background



As of March 2023, more than 300,000 people with MS had initiated ocrelizumab treatment globally<sup>1</sup>



Women of childbearing potential represent a significant number of people with MS<sup>2</sup> and the number of those exposed to ocrelizumab before, during, and after pregnancy is increasing<sup>3</sup> US prescribing information advises the use of contraception with ocrelizumab and for 6 months after the last infusion;<sup>4</sup> however, pregnancies may occur during this interval



Reports of infant outcomes upon exposure to ocrelizumab throughout the first year of life are limited and thus reporting by HCPs is crucial

HCP, healthcare professional; MS, multiple sclerosis; US, United States.

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#### Background

Potential risks to the woman and/or the fetus must be balanced with maintaining effective management of MS



Disease stabilization before, during and after pregnancy can help reduce the risk of postpartum rebound, and can be achieved through appropriate selection and timing of DMTs<sup>1,2</sup>



There is increasing evidence on the safe use of high-efficacy DMTs including CD20 during breastfeeding<sup>1</sup>

### Objectives



To report on pregnancy outcomes among women with MS exposed to ocrelizumab before or during pregnancy up to **July 12, 2023** 



To report on outcomes of infants ≤1 year of age exposed to ocrelizumab *in utero* and/or through breastfeeding up to **July 12, 2023** 

#### Methods

#### Sources, reporting type and period, and definition of *in utero* exposure

Sources	<ul> <li>Reports from the Roche Global Safety Database:</li> <li>(1) interventional or non-interventional clinical studies, (2) spontaneous reports, (3) non-interventional program, (4) published literature</li> </ul>
Reporting type	<ul> <li>Prospective: Final outcomes were unknown at initial notification</li> <li>Retrospective: Final outcomes were known at initial notification</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting period</b>	<ul> <li>Cumulative pregnancies reported from</li> <li>November 5, 2008 to July 12, 2023</li> </ul>
Exposure	Timing of last OCR dose in relation to date of LMP (months)

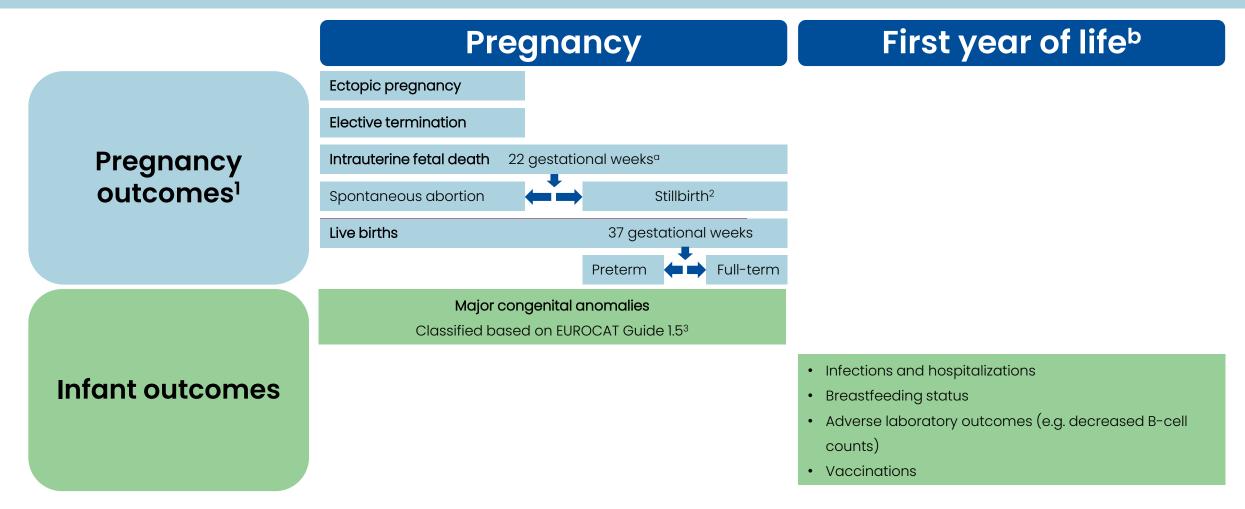
<sup>a</sup>Exposure classification is based on OCR t½=26 days (full elimination from the body is expected by approximately 4.5 months) and assuming no relevant placental transfer of IgGI antibodies occurs prior to 12 weeks of gestation.<sup>1-4</sup> In utero exposure: The last OCR infusion was received <3 months prior to the LMP or throughout pregnancy. No *in utero* exposure: The last OCR infusion as received >3 months prior to the LMP.

Unknown exposure: Where the exposure timing could not be determined or was missing.

IgG1, immunoglobulin G1; LMP, last menstrual period; OCR, ocrelizumab; t½, half-life.

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#### **Methods** Definitions of pregnancy and infant outcomes

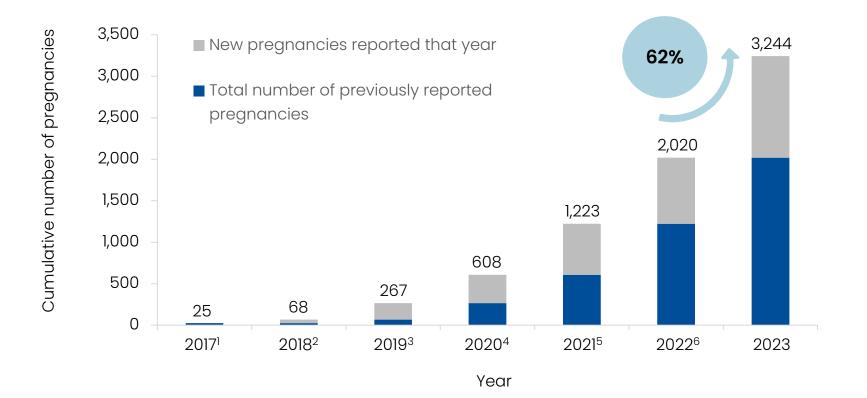


<sup>a</sup>According to EMA definition<sup>3</sup> (other definitions use different thresholds, e.g. 20 or 24 completed weeks). <sup>b</sup>Collected via guided questionnaires provided at birth and at 3, 6, and 12 months of age for follow-up. EMA, European Medicines Agency; EUROCAT, European Surveillance of Congenital Anomalies.

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#### Results

The cumulative number of pregnancies reported among women with MS treated with OCR continues to grow<sup>1</sup>

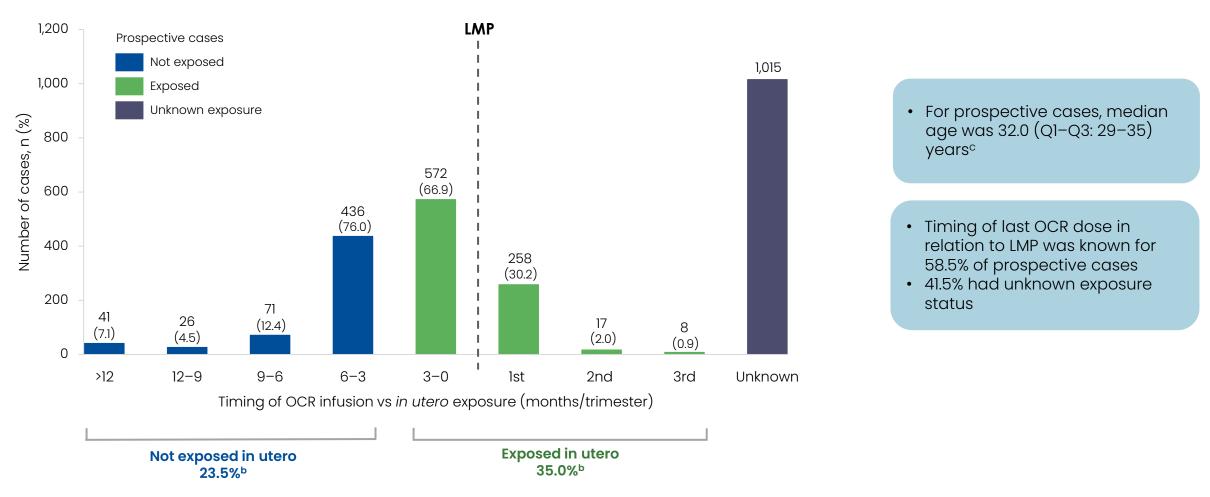


#### There was a 62% increase in the number of reported cases from 2022 to 2023

MS, multiple sclerosis; OCR, ocrelizumab.

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Most cases were reported as exposed *in utero*<sup>a</sup> and most exposed to the last OCR dose 3–0 months before LMP followed by 1st trimester of pregnancy



<sup>a</sup>Determined according to timing of last OCR dose in relation to date of LMP (months); exposure classification is based on OCR t½=26 days (full elimination from the body is expected by approximately 4.5 months) and assuming no relevant placental transfer of IgG1 antibodies occurs prior to 12 weeks of gestation. <sup>b</sup>Percentages represent fractions of prospective cases with known outcome and known timing of last OCR dose. <sup>c</sup>Cases with known age: n=2,671 (82.3%).

IgG1, immunoglobulin G1; LMP, last menstrual period; OCR, ocrelizumab; t1/2, half-life.

Exposure to OCR<sup>a</sup> was not associated with an increased risk of adverse pregnancy or infant outcomes compared with the epidemiologic background of both MS and general populations<sup>1-6</sup>

Number of MS pregnancies	Non-ex (n=5			osed 855)		nown ,015)		otal 2,444)		Epidemiol	ogic ra	ites
Known outcomes		n=350		n=512		n=282		n=1,144				s resulted i
Live births <sup>b</sup>		88.3%		84.2%		76.6%		83.6%				ere full tern
Full term (≥37 weeks)°		70.9%		65.7%		38.9%		61.3%		-		-
Preterm (<37 weeks)°	•	8.7%	٠	9.5%	٠	6.5%	•	8.6%		7.2-15.4 <sup>2-5</sup>		6.5-10.4 <sup>2-5</sup>
Unknown gestational age <sup>c</sup>		20.4%		24.8%		54.6%		30.1%		_		-
Ectopic pregnancy <sup>b</sup>	•	0.9%	٠	0.8%	٠	2.5%	•	1.2%	•	0.6-1.3 <sup>2,3</sup>	•	1.1-2.0 <sup>2,3</sup>
Elective termination <sup>b</sup>	٠	1.7%		7.4%	•	5.0%	•	5.1%	•	10.7–18.1 <sup>2</sup>		18.2 <sup>2</sup>
Intrauterine fetal death <sup>b</sup>		or prop	ortion of	elective	torming	tions occ	urrod					
Spontaneous abortion, ≤22 weeks <sup>b</sup>	in th	ne expos	sed grou	p, but the	e overall	cumula	tive	10.1%	•	10.5-11.6 <sup>2-4</sup>		10.0-20.0 <sup>2,3</sup>
Stillbirth, >22 weeks <sup>b</sup>				5 <mark>% in 202</mark>				<0.1%	•	0.3-0.6 <sup>2,5</sup>	٠	0.2-0.7 <sup>2,5</sup>

The dash indicates that no cases were reported.

<sup>a</sup>In utero exposure based on timing of last OCR dose relative to LMP. <sup>b</sup>Percentages represent fractions of the total known outcomes of the respective exposure categories (not exposed *in utero*, exposed

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Exposure to OCR<sup>a</sup> by different washout periods was not associated with an increased risk of adverse pregnancy or infant outcomes

Exposure based on last ocrelizumab dose	Non-expos	ed in utero, pros	spective cases	Exposed i	Total			
Number of MS pregnancies	<6 months (n=138) <3–6 montl (n=436)		Total non-exposed in utero (n=574)	0–3 months before LMP (n=572)	During pregnancy (n=283)	Total exposed in utero (n=855)	prospective cases (n=2,444)	
Known outcomes	n=80	n=270	n=350	n=343	n=169	n=512	n=1,144	
Live births <sup>b</sup>	91.3%	87.4%	88.3%	82.5%	87.6%	84.2%	83.6%	
Full term (≥37 weeks)°	68.5%	71.6%	70.9%	67.1%	62.8%	65.7%	61.3%	
Preterm (<37 weeks)°	6.8%	9.3%	• 8.7%	9.9%	8.8%	9.5%	8.6%	
Unknown gestational week <sup>c</sup>	24.7%	• 19.1%	• 20.4%	23.0%	28.4%	24.8%	30.1%	
Major congenital anomalies <sup>c</sup>	-	• 2.5%	• 1.9%	• 2.1%	• 2.0%	• 2.1%	• 1.7%	
Ectopic pregnancy <sup>b</sup>	-	• 1.1%	• 0.9%	• 1.2%	-	• 0.8%	• 1.2%	
Therapeutic/elective abortion	-	• 2.2%	• 1.7%	• 6.7%	• 8.9%	• 7.4%	• 5.1%	
Intrauterine/fetal death <sup>b</sup>					1			
Spontaneous abortion (≤22 weeks)	• 8.8%	9.3%	9.1%	9.3%	• 3.6%	• 7.4%	• 10.1%	
Stillbirth (>22 weeks)	-	-	-	• 0.3%	-	• 0.2%	• <0.1%	
Live births/stillbirths with MCA <sup>d</sup>	-	• 2.5%	• 1.9%	• 2.5%	• 2.0%	• 2.3%	• 1.8%	

Data as of July 12, 2023. Dash indicates a data value of 0. <sup>o</sup>*In utero* exposure based on timing of last OCR dose relative to the last menstrual period; <sup>b</sup>Percentages represent fractions of the total known outcomes of the respective exposure categories (not exposed *in utero*, expos

LMP, last menstrual period; MCA, major congenital anomaly; MS, multiple sclerosis; OCR, ocrelizumab.

Congenital anomalies in pregnancies with known outcomes were similar in exposed and non-exposed groups, and were in line with epidemiologic background rate

	Non-exposed	Exposed	Unknown exposure	Total
Live births	n=309	n=431	n=216	N=956
Live birth with MCA, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	6 (1.9)	9 (2.1)	1 (0.5)	16 (1.7)
Full term with MCA, n	4	6	1	11
Preterm with MCA, n	2	3	_	5
Unknown GA with MCA, n	-	_	_	_
Stillbirths >22 weeks	n=0	n=1	n=0	N=1
Stillbirth with MCA, n	-	1	-	1
Live birth/stillbirth with MCA, n(%) <sup>b</sup>	6 (1.9)	10 (2.3)	1 (0.5)	17 (1.8)
Similar background and	rates have beer general populc	n reported in ation (2.0–4.4	both MS (2.2- .%) <sup>2-6</sup>	·4.2%) <sup>1–4</sup>

The dash indicates that no cases were reported.

<sup>a</sup>Percentages represent fractions of total live births for the respective exposure category. <sup>b</sup>Percentages represent fractions of the total stillbirths/live births for the respective exposure category.

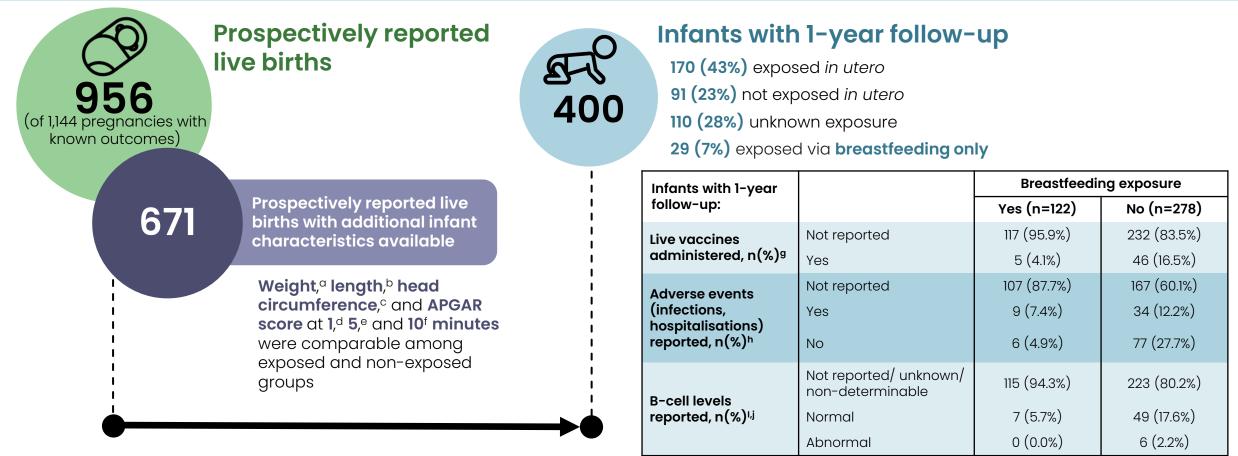
°The number of major congenital anomalies prospectively reported is 18, as one live birth reported two MCAs.

EUROCAT, European Surveillance of Congenital Anomalies; GA, gestational age; MCA, major congenital anomaly; MS, multiple sclerosis.

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#### **Results: Reported Infant Cases**

Infant characteristics at birth were comparable among exposed and non-exposed groups; however, infant outcomes throughout the first year of life are very limited



Exposed vs non-exposed, median (IQR): °3.4 (3.0–4.0) vs 3.3 (2.9–3.7) kg; <sup>b</sup>51 (49–54) vs 51 (49–53) cm; °35 (34–37) vs  $\overline{34}$  (34–36) cm; <sup>d</sup>9 (8–9) vs 9 (8–9); <sup>e</sup>10 (9–10) vs 10 (9–10), vs 10 (9–10), vs 10 (9–10), respectively. <sup>9</sup>As of July 2023, there were no reports of breakthrough infections following administration of common childhood vaccines in infants born to mothers receiving ocrelizumab within 6 months prior to the LMP and/or during pregnancy and enrolled in WA40063 (OCREVUS pregnancy registry). These data were not reported for other cases from different sources in the Roche global pharmacovigilance database. <sup>h</sup>Unspecified infection (n=9), Respiratory Syncytial Virus infection (n=7), COVID-19 (n=7), Urinary tract infection, (n=4), Ear infection, including otitis media (n=4), Sepsis (n=3), Eye infection, including conjunctivitis (n=2), Oral candidiasis (n=2), Pneumonia (n=2), Enterococcus faecalis infection (n=2); n=1 each: Group B streptococcus infection, Common cold, Nephritis, Staphylococcus infection, Nasopharyngitis, Upper respiratory tract infection, Influenza, Hand-foot-and-mouth-disease, Kawasaki disease, Respiratory insufficiency. Events were: lower B-cell levels at birth, not further specified (n=3); at 2 weeks, CD19 of 0 (n=1); at 17 days of age, B-cell levels were 85/µL (n=1); lower B-cell levels with timing and levels not specified (n=1). Where actual B-cell levels were available, adjudication on whether the results were below the lower limit of normal was made according to Borriello *et al.* 2022.<sup>1</sup> AE, adverse event; CD19, cluster of differentiate 19; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; IQR, interquartile range; LMP, last menstrual period. 1. Borriello F, *et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2022;150:1216–1224.

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#### Conclusions

- In utero exposure to ocrelizumab was not associated with an increased risk of adverse pregnancy or infant outcomes compared with the epidemiologic background of both MS and general population<sup>1–6</sup>
- The pattern of MCAs reported was consistent with epidemiologic data<sup>7</sup> and as IgGs are not known to cross the placenta in the first trimester,<sup>8-10</sup> the risk of congenital malformations is expected to be low
- This is the largest dataset of pregnancy outcomes for an anti-CD20 therapy in MS,<sup>11</sup> which enabled a more comprehensive understanding of the safety of ocrelizumab
- Reporting by HCPs remains a critical component to increase available evidence, as complete reports of infant outcomes upon exposure to ocrelizumab throughout the first year of life are still limited
- Pregnancy and infant outcomes are important to women with MS. Patients and data continue to be collected through two post-marketing commitments (ocrelizumab pregnancy registry, EUPAS31342;<sup>12</sup> and the MELODIC study, EUPAS33879)<sup>13</sup> and two prospective Phase IV studies examining infant B-cell levels and ocrelizumab pharmacokinetics across the placenta (MINORE, NCT04998812) and breastmilk (SOPRANINO, NCT04998851)<sup>14</sup>

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