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OVERVIEW

Hemophilia is bleeding disorder caused by deficiency of coagulation factor VIII (hemophilia A), factor IX (hemophilia B), or factor XI (hemophilia C). Most cases of hemophilia are inherited but rare cases are acquired later in life. Inherited hemophilia A and B are X-linked recessive bleeding disorders, while Hemophilia C does not follow an autosomal recessive inheritance pattern. The genetic mutation is found on chromosome 4. In the United States, approximately 30,000 to 33,000 people have hemophilia, with Hemophilia A being four times as common as hemophilia B. Hemophilia A has an incidence of one in 5,000 male live births compared to one in 30,000 for hemophilia B (CDC 2022). Patients with hemophilia A who produce less than 1% of normal levels of factor VIII have the most severe form of the condition, accounting for roughly half of all hemophilia A patients (FDA 2022). Hemarthrosis, a hallmark of severe hemophilia, is a major cause of disability. Recurrent bleeds lead to joint contractures, and pseudotumors, resulting in chronic pain, disability, and a diminished quality of life.

Hemophilia A (congenital Factor VIII deficiency) is an X-linked, recessive disorder caused by deficiency of functional plasma clotting factor VIII, which may be inherited or arise from spontaneous mutation (NORD 2022). Factor VIII levels have been used to assess the severity of hemophilia A. Although levels of factor VIII do not perfectly correlate with clinical severity in any individual, there is no other widely accepted classification system. Severe disease is defined by factor levels that are less than 1% of normal, according to factor level classifications (Refer to 'Supplemental Information' section for additional information on severity). Current standard of care is factor VIII replacement therapy, with moderate to severe hemophilia A patients receiving prophylactic infusions of factor VIII. Unfortunately, break through bleeding still occurs and frequent infusions diminish quality of life. Gene therapy for the treatment of hemophilia A aims to alter the clinical phenotype of hemophilia to a milder form or cure it by increasing endogenous coagulation factor levels via the transfer of a functional gene encoding the deficient coagulation factor. In the absence of longer-term data, however, the durability of gene therapy remains unknown.

Roctavian (valoctocogene roxaparvovec, or valrox; formerly BMN 270), the first approved gene therapy for hemophilia A, adds a functional copy of the coagulation factor VIII gene back to a person with hemophilia A via a viral vector. The viral vector is an adeno-associated virus, serotype 5 (AAV5). The expression of the functional factor VIII gene is driven by a liver-selective promoter. A one-time infusion of Roctavian results in production of an active factor VIII clotting factor. Roctavian is indicated for the treatment of severe hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) in adult patients without a history of factor VIII inhibitors and without detectable antibodies to AAV5. Patients undergoing gene therapy will still require on-demand factor therapy, which should be accessible in cases such as trauma, surgery, and spontaneous bleeding.

FDA approval was granted in June 2023 based on phase 3 clinical trial data from 132 participants over a two-year period. The primary endpoint, mean annualized bleeding rate, decreased by 77% from baseline during treatment with Roctavian. In addition, factor VIII activity increased by a mean of 22 IU per deciliter.

The long-term durability of the clinical benefit and safety of gene therapy for hemophilia remains unknown as factor levels have been observed to decline over time. The uncontrolled study design, small numbers of patients studied,

and relatively short follow-up also factor into the considerable uncertainty regarding the long-term net benefits of valrox compared with factor VIII prophylaxis (ICER, 2022). There are also uncertainties about the long-term impact of the therapy on liver function and the risk for hepatocellular carcinoma due to the integration of liver-targeting AAV vector DNA into the genome, which carries the theoretical risk of hepatocellular carcinoma development (ICER 2022). A longer follow-up is required to fully assess the benefits and potential risks of this one-time treatment.

COVERAGE POLICY

Roctavian (valoctocogene roxaparvovec) for the treatment of hemophilia A may be considered medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria with are met with relevant documentation:

1. A diagnosis of hemophilia A in adult males (age 18 and older); **AND**
2. Severe hemophilia A defined by Factor VIII baseline residual level less than or equal to 1 IU/dL; **AND**
3. Member has been on prophylactic FVIII replacement therapy for at least 12 months; **AND**
4. Member has a history of Factor VIII therapy for at least 150 exposure days; **AND**
5. Member has not received, or is being considered for other gene therapy, or investigational cellular therapy for hemophilia; **AND**
6. No presence or history of Factor VIII inhibitors (Factor VIII inhibitor titer test results required); **AND**
NOTE: The definition of a positive inhibitor is a Bethesda titer of >0.6 Bethesda units (BU) for FVIII (World Federation of Hemophilia Guidelines, 3rd edition).

AND

7. Negative test for pre-existing antibodies to AAV5 per FDA approved companion diagnostic assay; **AND**
8. Member has had a liver evaluation within the last 30 days and the following lab values are < 3 times the upper limit of normal:
 - a. Alanine aminotransferase and Aspartate aminotransferase
 - b. Total bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase

AND

9. HIV
 - a. Member is HIV negative documented by lab test within the past 3 months; OR
 - b. HIV positive **AND** well-controlled on anti-retroviral therapy; **AND**
10. Hepatitis B and C:
 - a. Member does **NOT** have an active infection with hepatitis B or C virus documented by lab tests within the past 3 months:
 - o negative hepatitis B surface antigen, **AND**
 - o negative hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody, **OR** HCV antibody is positive **AND** HCV RNA is negative
 - b. For members with a history of Hepatitis B or C exposure: Member is **NOT** currently using antiviral therapy for hepatitis B or C.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

There are three contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling at this time.

1. Active infections, either acute or uncontrolled chronic
2. Known significant hepatic fibrosis (stage 3 or 4), or cirrhosis
3. Known hypersensitivity to mannitol

The following are considered **exclusions** based on insufficient evidence:

1. Prior treatment with Roctavian or other gene therapy for hemophilia, or being considered for treatment with other gene therapy; **AND**
2. Current participation, or anticipated participation in any interventional clinical trial involving drugs or devices within one year of Roctavian therapy; **AND**

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3. Active infection or any immunosuppressive disorder; AND
4. Positive Factor VIII inhibitor test, or history of Factor IX inhibitors; AND
5. Positive for HIV and not controlled with anti-viral therapy; AND
6. History of arterial or venous thromboembolic events; AND
7. History of hepatic malignancy, or presence of hepatic impairment or disease, defined by ANY of the following:
 - a. Advanced hepatic impairment (e.g., cirrhosis, advanced liver fibrosis); or
 - b. Active, uncontrolled Hepatitis B or C; or
 - c. Alanine transaminase at least 3 times the upper limit of normal; or
 - d. Alkaline phosphatase at least 3 times the upper limit of normal; or
 - e. Bilirubin at least 3 times the upper limit of normal.
8. Platelet count of $< 100 \times 10^9/L$; AND
9. Creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dl
10. Known inherited or acquired thrombophilia, including conditions associated with increased thromboembolic risk, such as atrial fibrillation.

The following are considered **experimental, investigational, and unproven** based on insufficient evidence:

1. Any indications other than those listed above
2. Any criterion listed above that is not met by the member or that is submitted without the required supporting documentation.

DURATION OF APPROVAL: Duration sufficient for **ONE** single course of treatment

PRESCRIBER REQUIREMENTS: Prescribed by a board-certified hematologist in coordination with a Hemophilia Treatment Center for administration.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: Age ≥ 18 years at the time of infusion

GENDER RESTRICTIONS: Male

DOSING CONSIDERATIONS: Recommended dose is 6×10^{13} vector genomes per kilogram (vg/kg) as a one-time IV infusion.

MONITORING PARAMETERS: Member should be monitored according to FDA-approved labeling and best practice.

QUANTITY LIMITATIONS: ONE (1) treatment course of Roctavian per lifetime. Additional infusions will not be authorized.

ADMINISTRATION: Roctavian is considered a provider-administered therapy in a Hemophilia Treatment Center by a physician(s) with experience in the treatment of patients with hemophilia.

CONTINUATION OF THERAPY: Not applicable as this is a one-time therapy. Reauthorization requests or requests for additional therapy beyond a single dose are considered experimental and will not be authorized.

The safety and efficacy of repeat treatment has not been studied and is currently not supported by any compendia nor indicated in the current FDA approved labeling. Repeat administration of is experimental and investigational since the safety and efficacy beyond one treatment has not been studied and is not indicated in the current FDA approval for Roctavian. The evidence is insufficient to determine the effects on net health outcomes.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. Molina Healthcare reserves the right to require that additional documentation be made available as part of its coverage determination; quality improvement; and fraud; waste and abuse prevention processes. Documentation required may include, but is not limited to, patient records, test results and credentials of the provider ordering or rendering a drug or service. Molina Healthcare may deny reimbursement or take additional appropriate action if the documentation provided does not support the initial determination that the drugs or services were medically necessary, not investigational, or experimental, and otherwise within the scope of benefits afforded to the member, and/or the documentation demonstrates a pattern of billing or other practice that is inappropriate or excessive.

DRUG INFORMATION

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Intravenous Infusion

DRUG CLASS: Antihemophilic Agent; Gene Therapy, Adeno-Associated Virus

FDA-APPROVED USES: Hemophilia A

Treatment of adults with severe hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency with factor VIII activity < 1 IU/dL) without pre-existing antibodies to adeno-associated virus serotype 5 detected by an FDA-approved test.

FDA approval: June 2023

COMPENDIAL APPROVED OFF-LABELED USES: None

RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (REMS): N/A

BOXED WARNING: N/A

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL EVIDENCE

The Biologics License Application (BLA) for Roctavian in severe hemophilia A patients is supported by results from the phase 3 GENER8-1 trial (NCT03370913) and five years of assessments from a smaller, ongoing phase 1/2 BMN 270-201 (NCT02576795). The pivotal GENER8-1 phase 3 trial included 134 patients with a 1-year follow-up (Ozelo et al. 2022). The FDA requested additional data before allowing approval. Data from the continuation of that trial focused on annualized bleeding rates at 2 years. This data was published in NEJM in 2023 (see Mahlangu et al., 2023). The phase 1/2 BMN 270-201 included only 7 patients but had follow-up through 6 years (Pasi et al., 2021). The GENER8-1 trial assessed factor VIII activity as a primary outcome while the Phase 1/2 trial assessed treatment-related adverse events (AEs).

GENER8-1 trial (NCT03370913). The pivotal Phase 3 GENER8-1 trial is an **ongoing**, single-arm, open-label multinational study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of valrox in 134 men with severe hemophilia A who were on standard prophylactic replacement therapy.

Intervention: All participants received a single infusion of Roctavian (6×10^{13} vg/kg of body weight) and then followed for at least 49 weeks.

Key inclusion criteria: All study participants had severe hemophilia A at baseline (defined as less than or equal to 1 IU/dL of Factor VIII activity), were at least 18 years of age, had been receiving prophylaxis with factor VIII concentrates for at least 1 year before enrollment, and were negative for factor VIII inhibitors.

Key exclusion criteria: Presence of anti-AAV5 capsid antibodies, HIV infection (added as a criterion after a protocol amendment), and substantial liver dysfunction, substantial liver fibrosis, or liver cirrhosis.

The primary end point was the change from baseline in factor VIII activity (measured with a chromogenic substrate assay) during weeks 49 through 52 after infusion.

Following gene therapy, the median FVIII activity level in these patients increased significantly, rising to 23.9 IU/deciliter after one year.

- After one year, 37.9% of participants had FVIII activity of 40 IU/deciliter or higher, which is considered non-hemophilia levels. FVIII activity levels in the remaining participants ranged from 5 to 40 IU/deciliter, indicating mild hemophilia in 50%, and less than 5 IU/deciliter in 12.1%. According to the available data, FVIII activity generally decreased after treatment.

Secondary end points included the change in annualized factor VIII concentrate use and bleeding rates. Safety was assessed as AEs and laboratory test results. Treatment effectiveness studies included 132 trial participants (two were excluded due to HIV infection).

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- The mean annualized rates of factor VIII concentrate use and treated bleeding after week 4 had decreased by 98.6% and 83.8%, respectively, among the 112 participants enrolled in a prospective noninterventional study ($p < 0.001$ for both comparisons).

Safety: All participants experienced at least one AE, with 22 of 134 (16.4%) reporting serious AEs. All serious adverse events resolved. No participant deaths. Alanine aminotransferase levels were elevated in 115 of 134 participants (85.8%) and were treated with immune suppressants.

Limitations of the study include the relatively small, single-arm design and lack of head-to-head comparison between Roctavian and emicizumab, which is gradually replacing factor VIII prophylaxis as standard therapy in hemophilia A.

Long-term durability of Roctavian was not assessable in the GENE8-1 study, however, considerable reduction in factor VIII levels were noted over the study interval. ICER notes Roctavian is unlikely to be a long-term cure for hemophilia A (ICER 2022). Concerns also persist over the long-term effects on hepatic function and the possibility of oncogenesis. Additional long-term data is needed to establish the durability of Roctavian in reducing bleeding and long-term complications, particularly as compared to standard of care factor replacement therapy.

GENE8-1 is due to conclude in **November 2024**.

The manufacturer of Roctavian also completed the FDAs request for additional, longer term data from trial NCT03370913 focusing on annualized bleeding rates. This data was published in the NEJM (see Mahlungu et al., 2023) and results are summarized here. At week 104 (2 years), data from a total of 132 participants were reported with the primary endpoint being treated annualized bleeding rates. The mean annualized bleeding rate decreased by 77% from baseline during treatment with Roctavian. Factor VIII activity increased by a mean of 22 IU per deciliter. No new safety signals emerged and no new serious adverse events occurred during the study interval.

Post-Marketing Study. A long-term extension study to follow all clinical trial participants for up to 15 years and a post-approval registry study to follow patients in a real-world setting is proposed by the manufacturer.

Ongoing trials

GENE8-3 (NCT04323098), in a phase 3b, single arm, open-label study enrolled 20 males with severe hemophilia A, to evaluate the efficacy and safety of valrox at a dose of 6×10^{13} vg/kg with prophylactic corticosteroids in people with severe hemophilia A. Participants will be administered a single infusion of Roctavian with a regimen of anti-inflammatory corticosteroids, intended to dampen an immune response against the therapy's viral vector that may lower its effectiveness. The primary goal of the study is to assess the effect of treatment on FVIII activity, as well as bleeding rates, and use of replacement therapy (Study BMN 270-303).

NCT 03520712 is a Phase 1/2 Study of Roctavian dosed at 6×10^{13} vg/kg dose in patients with severe hemophilia A and pre-existing AAV5 antibodies to the AAV5 viral vector (Study 270-203). All participants will receive a single infusion of Roctavian, with the main goal of assessing safety after over five years of follow-up.

NCT 04684940 is a Phase 1/2 Study of Roctavian dosed at 6×10^{13} vg/kg dose in patients with severe hemophilia A and or prior Factor VIII inhibitors, neutralizing antibodies to the FVIII protein, which can reduce the effectiveness of replacement therapies. The primary aim is to assess treatment's safety over five years (Study 270-205).

National and Specialty Organizations

World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH)

Guidelines for the Management of Hemophilia 2020, 3rd edition

The guidelines strongly advise that individuals with a severe phenotype of both hemophilia A and hemophilia B be on prophylaxis adequate to avoid all bleeding. Long-term prophylaxis is recommended as the standard of care, particularly in children, to prevent bleeding, hemarthrosis, and to improve quality of life. The prophylactic regimen should, whenever possible, be individualized for each patient based on bleeding phenotype, unique pharmacokinetics, and joint status. The guidelines do not specify a preference for recombinant over plasma-derived clotting factor

concentrates and indicate that the selection between these product types should be determined based on availability, cost, and patient preferences.

For pediatric patients with severe hemophilia, WFH recommends initiating prophylaxis with clotting factor early (before age 3 and before the onset of joint disease). The dosing and interval for clotting factor prophylaxis (either standard or extended half-life) should be adequate to prevent spontaneous and breakthrough bleeding, as well as hemarthrosis. The WFH recommends escalation of prophylactic dose and orthopedic interventions in the event of a breakthrough bleed while on a prophylactic regimen.

The guidelines address gene therapy in general, noting that ‘Gene therapy should make it possible for some people with hemophilia to aspire to and attain much better health outcomes and quality of life than that attainable with currently available hemophilia therapies. This will require evaluation through long-term follow-up as part of clinical trials and registries.’ The current 2020 guidelines include no specific recommendations for Roctavian.

A Gene Therapy Registry is being established to compile long-term data on the safety and efficacy of gene therapies in hemophilia to better understand the durability and variability of these therapies (Konkle et al. 2021).

Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER)

ICER published the Final Evidence Report assessing the value of Valrox / Roctavian for hemophilia A (ICER 2022).

ICER concluded ‘there is moderate certainty of a comparable, small, or substantial health benefit with high certainty of at least a comparable net health benefit (C++) for valrox compared with factor VIII prophylaxis. Longer follow-up is required to fully assess the benefits and potential risks of this treatment.’ The lack of direct evidence comparing valrox with emicizumab was noted, in addition to the indirect evidence suggesting that the short-term reduction in bleeding rates with valrox compared with factor prophylaxis are at least as great as that observed with emicizumab compared with factor prophylaxis. However, differences in the patient populations studied in the trials could be responsible for the observed benefits. Furthermore, there are clear initial adverse events with valrox (high risk of elevated liver enzymes requiring prolonged corticosteroid therapy). Because of the uncontrolled study design, small numbers of patients studied and relatively short follow-up, there is still considerable uncertainty about the long-term net benefits of valrox compared with emicizumab. There are uncertainties about the long-term impact of the therapy on liver function and the risk for hepatocellular carcinoma. Finally, as factor levels have been observed to decline over time, the benefits of valrox could be relatively short-lived. The lack of direct data comparing the two therapies, the small number of treated patients, and the modest long-term follow-up leave considerable uncertainty about the net health benefits. ICER determined that ‘there is low certainty about the net health benefit (I) for valoctocogene roxaparvovec compared with emicizumab.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Hemophilia A disease severity is classified as mild, moderate, or severe based on the plasma concentration of Factor (normal activity level 50%-150%):

- **Mild** is defined as factor VIII activity > 5%-40% (> 0.05-0.4 units/mL), is usually diagnosed later in life, and is characterized by prolonged bleeding following major trauma or surgery.
- **Moderate** is defined as factor VIII activity ≥1%-5% (0.01-0.05 units/mL), is usually diagnosed between age 5 and 6 years, and is characterized by bleeding following minor trauma but may present with spontaneous bleeding.
- **Severe** is defined as factor VIII activity < 1% (< 0.01 units/mL), is usually diagnosed in the first 2 years of life and may present with spontaneous mild or life-threatening bleeding.

CODING & BILLING INFORMATION

CPT Current Procedural Terminology) Codes

CPT	Description
96413	Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; up to 1 hour, single or initial substance/drug

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96415	Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
96365	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to 1 hour
96366	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) Code

HCPCS	Description
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals (hospital outpatient use only) [when specified as Roctavian (valoctocogene roxaparvovec)]

AVAILABLE DOSAGE FORMS: ROCTAVIAN is a suspension for intravenous infusion. ROCTAVIAN has a nominal concentration of 2×10^{13} vg valoctocogene roxaparvovec-rvox per mL, each vial contains an extractable volume of not less than 8 mL (16×10^{13} vg).

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APPROVAL HISTORY

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