

GT-02287 in Parkinson's Disease: Interim data from a Phase 1b study

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Objective

To evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of the brain-penetrant glucocerebrosidase (GCase) modulator GT-02287 in people with Parkinson’s disease with and without a pathogenic GBA1 variant.

Background

- Pathogenic variants in *GBA1*, which encodes for the lysosomal enzyme glucocerebrosidase (GCase), constitute the most common genetic risk factor for Parkinson’s disease (PD) and are associated with more rapid motor and nonmotor progression
- GBA1* variants impact folding and trafficking of GCase, which leads to endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress, lysosomal and mitochondrial dysfunction, reduced GCase activity, alpha-synuclein aggregation, and neuroinflammation
- GT-02287 is an orally-bioavailable, brain-penetrant small molecule designed to bind to an allosteric site on GCase to facilitate protein folding in the ER and transport to lysosomes and mitochondria
- GT-02287 reduces ER stress, enhances lysosomal and mitochondrial function, increases GCase activity, decreases accumulation of sphingolipid substrates and aggregated alpha-synuclein, and reduces neuroinflammation
- In Phase 1 in healthy volunteers, GT-02287 was safe and well tolerated, produced therapeutic plasma and CSF levels, and increased GCase activity

Methods

- This open-label Phase 1b study was designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and PK of GT-02287 13.5 mg/kg/day for 90 days in people with PD
- The incidence, nature, and severity of adverse events, and the incidence of clinically significant changes in vital signs, laboratory tests, physical examinations, body weight, C-SSRS scores, and 12-lead ECGs are used to evaluate safety and tolerability
- Exploratory endpoints include target-engagement and disease biomarkers in blood and CSF (GCase activity, glucosylsphingosine and glucosylceramide, inflammatory markers, neurofilament light chain, and α-synuclein), and clinical endpoints, including the MDS-UPDRS (Part III was assessed in the practically-defined OFF state)
- The target population consisted of individuals 30-85 years of age who had been diagnosed with PD within the last 7 years and who were treatment-naïve or on a stable regimen of dopaminergic therapy
- Participants were recruited at 7 sites in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney that used their local databases to identify potential participants
- Gain Therapeutics partnered with Shake It Up Australia Foundation and QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute to identify potential participants with GBA1 variants from the Australia Parkinson’s Genetics Study nationwide cohort
- In August 2025, a protocol amendment to extend dosing duration from 3 to 12 months was approved by the Australian regulatory authorities
- Participants can continue dosing for another 9 months (Part 2) after completing Part 1 (the first 90 days) to further evaluate safety and biomarkers

Results

- 27 individuals were screened and 21 enrolled from March through September 2025; enrollment in Part 1 is now complete
- The 21 participants include 3 women and 18 men, 2 treatment-naïve, 2 on DBS, and 18 on levodopa +/- dopamine agonists and other PD drugs
- Mean age was 63.5 years (range 42-83), mean disease duration was 3.0 years (range 0.5-7.0), and the mean H&Y score was 1.6 (range 1-2.5)
- Genetic data are currently available in 15 participants: 2 have severe GBA1 variants and 1 has a mild GBA1 variant
- The mean MDS-UPDRS score at baseline was 5.8, 7.4, and 24.7 for Part I, II, and III, respectively
- Mean MDS-UPDRS Part II and Part III score decreased by Day 90; mean Part I scores remained unchanged
- Of the 21 enrolled participants, approximately half have indicated that they would like to continue dosing in Part 2

Adverse Events:

- 18 participants have experienced 93 treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) as of 03 Sep 2025
- The most common TEAEs were headache (n=6 participants), lab abnormalities (n=6), diarrhea (n=6), fatigue (n=4), and nausea (n=3)
- 85% of TEAEs were mild, 11% were moderate, and 5% were severe; there have been no treatment-emergent SAEs

Discontinuations:

- One participant discontinued from the study after 24 days due to panic attacks, nausea, and headaches

Dosing reduction

- One participant reduced the dose due to headaches
- Two participants reduced the dose due to lab abnormalities (see below)

Dosing interruptions:

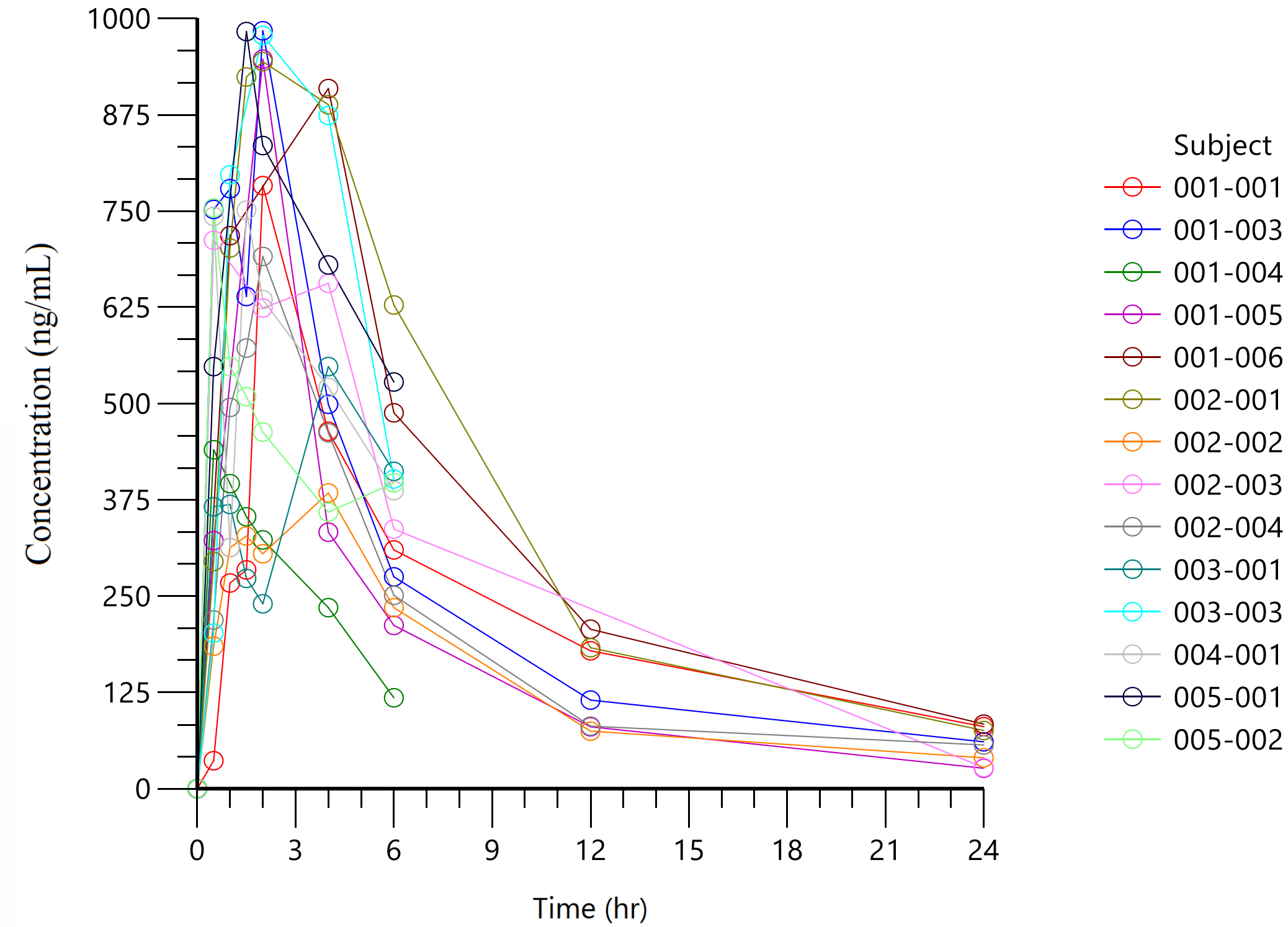
- One participant interrupted dosing for 7 days due to constipation
- One participant had dosing withheld for 30 days due to transient increases in ALT, ALP, and GGT; upon reinitiation of dosing at a lower dose, liver enzymes normalized and remained within normal limits thereafter
- One participant had dosing withheld for 4 days due to a transient increase in lipase; upon reinitiation of dosing at a lower dose, lipase levels had normalized and remained within normal limits thereafter

Demographics and baseline characteristics

Participant	Genotype	Sex	Age (y)	Disease duration (y)	H&Y	Parkinson's treatment	MDS-UPDRS at Baseline		Genetic variant details
							Part III	Total	
001-001	Other	M	62	<1	1.5	None	19	29	<i>PRKN</i> Arg275Trp, pathogenic, early-onset PD
001-003	Idiopathic	M	68	1.5	1.5	Levodopa, pramipexole	18	32	
001-004	Other	M	53	1	2.5	Levodopa, rotigotine, safinamide	17	27	<i>PLA2G6</i> Arg635Ter; loss of function
001-005	Idiopathic	F	64	<1	1	Levodopa, pramipexole	9	16	
001-006	Idiopathic	M	60	2	2	Levodopa, rotigotine	19	28	
002-001	Idiopathic	M	55	4	1.5	Levodopa, rasagiline, opicapone	31	37	
002-002	Other	M	73	1	2	Levodopa	19	25	<i>ZFYVE26</i> Pro1634Ser; unknown significance
002-003	Idiopathic	M	55	4.5	2	Levodopa, pramipexole	15	19	
002-004	Idiopathic	M	69	2.5	2	Levodopa, safinamide	27	41	
003-001	GBA1 severe	M	42	7	1.5	Levodopa, DBS	66	86	
003-003	Pending	F	46	1	1	Levodopa, rasagiline	16	38	<i>GBA1</i> Thr362Ile; severe
003-005	Pending	M	59	1.5	1.5	Levodopa, safinamide	37	58	
003-007	Pending	M	83	3	1	Levodopa	17	36	
003-008	Pending	M	73	5.5	2	DBS	55	94	
003-009	Pending	M	63	4	1	Levodopa	9	27	<i>GBA1</i> Asp448His and Leu422Terfs; both severe
004-001	GBA1 severe	M	60	5	2	Levodopa, safinamide	37	65	
005-001	Idiopathic	M	64	5	2	Levodopa, rasagiline	18	22	
005-002	Idiopathic	F	69	5	2.5	Levodopa, opicapone	24	37	
005-003	Pending	M	70	<1	1	None	9	11	<i>SPG11</i> Arg1207His; unknown significance
006-001	Other	M	69	4	2	Levodopa, pramipexole	33	34	
007-001	GBA1 mild	M	77	4	1.5	Levodopa	24	39	<i>GBA1</i> Asn409Ser; likely pathogenic
Mean (SD)			63.5 (9.9)	3.0 (1.9)	1.6 (0.5)		24.7 (14.6)	38.1 (21.3)	

Plasma PK

Plasma concentration versus time on Day 1, n=14

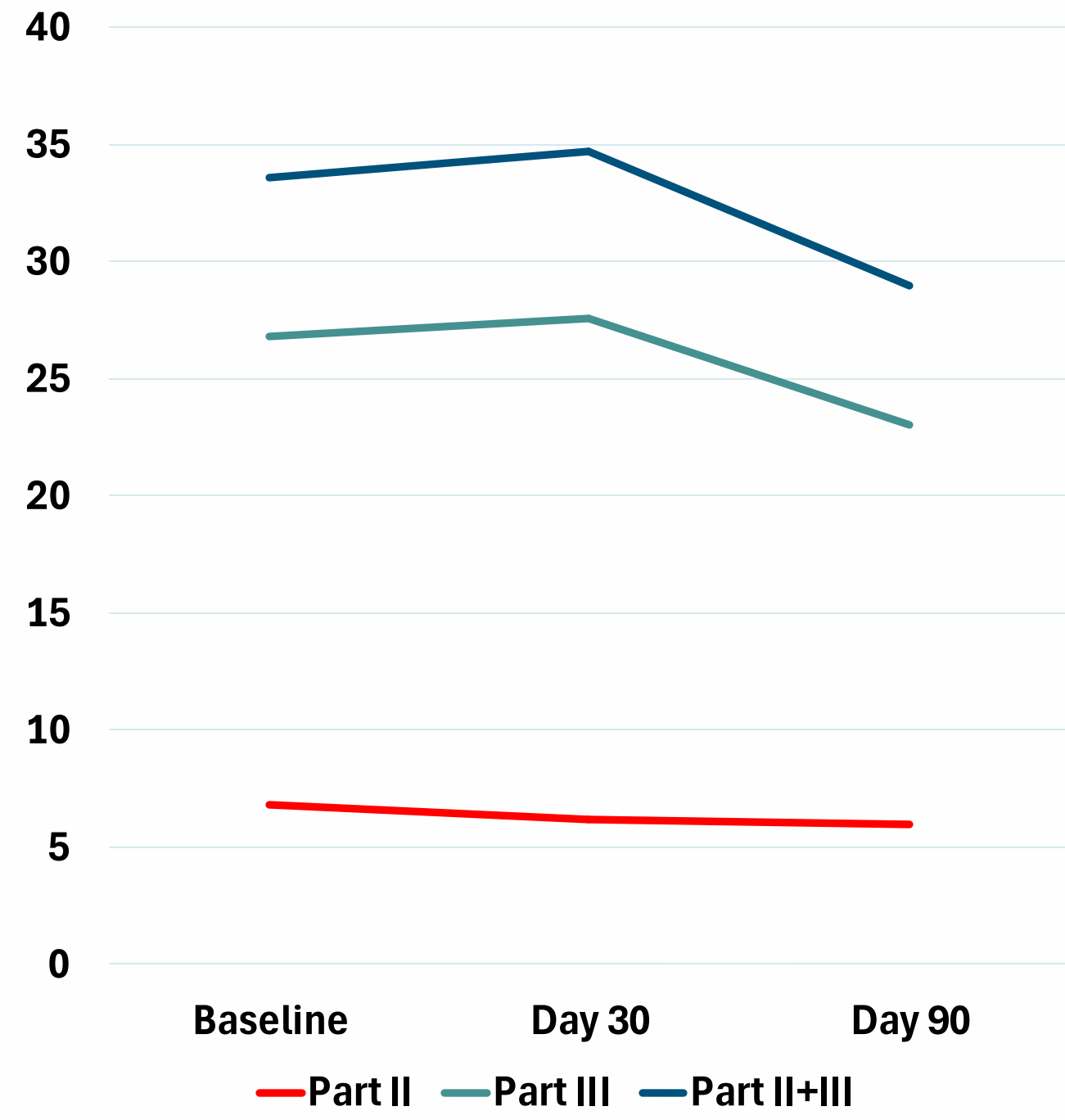


MDS-UPDRS changes

MDS-UPDRS changes for participants (n=9) who have completed their Day 90 visit

Participant	Change BL to Day 30			Change BL to Day 90		
	Part II	Part III	II+III	Part II	Part III	II+III
001-001	-3	3	0	-4	0	-4
001-003	-3	4	1	-1	+2	+1
001-004	-2	-5	-7	-2	-3	-5
002-001	1	-2	-1	0	-4	-4
002-002	1	11	12	+1	-12	-11
003-001	1	11	12	-1	-15	-16
003-003	-3	4	1	+5	+6	+11
004-001	0	no data		-4	-1	-5
005-001	3	-9	-6	-1	-7	-8
Mean	-0.6	2.1	1.5	-0.8	-3.8	-4.6

Mean MDS-UPDRS scores (n=9)



Conclusions

- In this ongoing Phase 1b study, the novel GCase-targeting small molecule GT-02287 appears safe and generally well tolerated for 90 days of dosing
- Most adverse events were mild; only 1 participant discontinued due to poor tolerability; more than half of participants have agreed to continue for another 9 months in Part 2
- Plasma exposures were within the projected therapeutic range and comparable to exposures observed in healthy volunteers in Phase 1
- Several participants experienced an improvement in their UPDRS Part II and Part III scores by Day 90
- These interim results support continued development of GT-02287 as a potential disease-slowng treatment for PD; a Phase 2 study in people with PD is planned for 2026