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# **Treatment Evolution for CLL**



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Novel CD20 mAb (Obinutuzumab)

BTK inhibitors (Zanubrutinib, Pirtobrutinib) PI3K inhibitor (Umbralisib) CAR-T

# **Novel Agents in CLL**

- Non Covalent BTKi
  - Pirtobrutinib (LOXO-305)
  - Nemtabrutinib (MK-1026, ARQ 531)
- Covalent BTKi Zanubrutinib
- Novel PI3Ki Umbralisib
- Novel BCL2i
  - Lisaftoclax (APG-2575)
  - BGB-11417
  - LP-118 (dual BCL2/Bcl-xl inhibitor)

- PKCβ inhibitor MS553
- BTK degrader NX-2127
- CAR-T Liso-cel (CD19 CAR)
- CD20 BiTEs

### Pirtobrutinib, A Highly Selective, Non-covalent (Reversible) BTK Inhibitor In Previously Treated CLL/SLL: Updated Results From The Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study

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# Pirtobrutinib is a Highly Potent and Selective Non-Covalent (Reversible) BTK Inhibitor

Highly selective for BTK CMGC

Kinome selectivity<sup>1</sup>

**Xenograft models** *In vivo* activity similarly efficacious as ibrutinib in WT; superior in C481S



- >300-fold selectivity for BTK vs 370 other kinases<sup>2</sup>
- Favorable pharmacologic properties allow sustained BTK inhibition throughout dosing interval<sup>2</sup>
- Nanomolar potency against WT & C481-mutant BTK in cell and enzyme assays<sup>2</sup>
- Due to reversible binding mode, BTK inhibition not impacted by a high intrinsic rate of BTK turnover<sup>2</sup>

BID, twice-daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase. <sup>1</sup>Mato et al, *Lancet*, 2021:397:892-901. <sup>2</sup>Brandhuber BJ, et al. *Clin. Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk*. 2018.18:S216. Illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (www.cellsignal.com).

#### Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study: Design, Eligibility and Enrollment



Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. <sup>a</sup>Efficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. <sup>b</sup>Other includes DLBCL, WM, FL, MZL, Richter's transformation, B-PLL, Hairy Cell Leukemia, PCNSL, and other transformation.

#### **BTK Pre-treated CLL/SLL Patient Characteristics**

Characteristics	N = 261
Median age, years (range)	69 (36-88)
Female, n (%) Male, n (%)	84 (32) 177 (68)
ECOG PS <sup>a</sup> , n (%) 0 1 2	138 (53) 104 (40) 19 (7)
Median number of prior lines of systemic therapy (range)	3 (1-11)
Prior therapy, n (%)	
BTK inhibitor	261 (100)
Anti-CD20 antibody Chemotherapy	230 (88) 207 (79)
BCL2 inhibitor	108 (41)
PI3K inhibitor CAR-T Stem cell transplant Allogeneic stem cell transplant Autologous stem cell transplant	51 (20) 15 (6) 6 (2) 5 (2) 1 (<1)
Reason discontinued prior BTKi, n (%) Progressive disease Toxicity/Other	196 (75) 65 (25)

Baseline Molecular Characteristics <sup>a</sup>							
Mutation status, n (%)							
BTK C481-mutant	89 (43)						
BTK C481-wildtype	118 (57)						
PLCG2-mutant	33 (16)						
High Risk Molecular Features, n (%)							
17p deletion	51 (28)						
TP53 mutation	64 (37)						
17p deletion or TP53 mutation	77 (36)						
Both 17p deletion and TP53 mutation	38 (27)						
IGHV unmutated	168 (84)						
11q deletion	45 (25)						

Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding. <sup>a</sup>Molecular characteristics were determined centrally, in those patients with sufficient sample to pass assay quality control. 207 patients were tested for BTK and PLCG2, 180 patients for 17p deletion, 175 patients for TP53, 143 patients for 17p deletion + TP53, 200 patients for IGHV and 180 patients for 11q deletion.

#### **Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in BTK Pre-treated CLL/SLL Patients**



Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. \*Patients with >100% increase in SPD. Data for 30 patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. <sup>a</sup>Efficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. <sup>b</sup>ORR includes patients with a best response of CR, PR, and PR-L. Response status per iwCLL 2018 according to investigator assessment. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding.

#### **Progression-free Survival in BTK Pre-treated CLL/SLL Patients**



Median PFS: Not Estimable (95% CI: 17.0 months – Not Estimable)

Median PFS: 18 months (95% CI: 10.7 months – Not Estimable)

PFS in at least BTK and BCL2 pre-treated patients

- 74% (194/261) of BTK pre-treated patients remain on pirtobrutinib
- Median follow-up of 9.4 months (range, 0.3 27.4) for all BTK pre-treated patients

Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. Response status per iwCLL 2018 according to investigator assessment.

PFS in at least BTK pre-treated patients

#### **Pirtobrutinib Safety Profile**

		All doses a					
		Treatment-e	Treatment-related AEs				
Adverse Event	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grades 3/4	Any Grade			
Fatigue	13%	8%	1%	-	23%	1%	9%
Diarrhea	15%	4%	<1%	<1%	19%	<1%	8%
Neutropeniaª	1%	2%	8%	6%	18%	8%	10%
Contusion	15%	2%	-	-	17%	-	12%
AEs of special interest <sup>b</sup>							
Bruising <sup>c</sup>	20%	2%	-	-	22%	-	15%
Rash <sup>d</sup>	9%	2%	<1%	-	11%	<1%	5%
Arthralgia	8%	3%	<1%	-	11%	-	3%
Hemorrhage <sup>e</sup>	5%	2%	1% <sup>g</sup>	-	8%	<1%	2%
Hypertension	1%	4%	2%	-	7%	<1%	2%
Atrial fibrillation/flutter <sup>f</sup>	-	1%	<1%	<1%	2% <sup>h</sup>	-	<1%

#### No DLTs reported and MTD not reached 96% of patients received ≥1 pirtobrutinib dose at or above RP2D of 200 mg daily 1% (n=6) of patients permanently discontinued due to treatment-related AEs

Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding. <sup>a</sup>Aggregate of neutropenia and neutrophil count decreased. <sup>b</sup>AEs of special interest are those that were previously associated with covalent BTK inhibitors. <sup>c</sup>Aggregate of contusion, petechiae, ecchymosis, and increased tendency to bruise. <sup>d</sup>Aggregate of all preferred terms including rash. <sup>e</sup>Aggregate of atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. <sup>g</sup>Represents 6 events (all grade 3), including 2 cases of post-operative bleeding, 1 case each of GI hemorrhage in the setting of sepsis, NSAID use, chronic peptic ulcer disease, and one case of subarachnoid hemorrhage in setting of traumatic bike accident. <sup>h</sup>Of 10 total afib/aflutter TEAEs, 3 occurred in patients with a prior medical history of atrial fibrillation, 2 in patients presenting with concurrent systemic infection, and 2 in patients with both.

#### Conclusions

- Pirtobrutinib demonstrates promising efficacy in CLL/SLL patients previously treated with BTK inhibitors
  - Efficacy was independent of BTK C481 mutation status, the reason for prior BTKi discontinuation (i.e. progression vs intolerance), or other classes of prior therapy received (including covalent BTK inhibitors, BCL2 inhibitors, and PI3K-delta inhibitors)
- Favorable safety and tolerability are consistent with the design of pirtobrutinib as a highly selective and non-covalent reversible BTK inhibitor
- Randomized, global, phase 3 trials evaluating pirtobrutinib in CLL/SLL ongoing:
  - BRUIN CLL-321 Pirtobrutinib vs Investigator's Choice of IdelaR or BendaR, requires prior BTK treatment (NCT04666038)
  - BRUIN CLL-322 Pirtobrutinib + VenR vs VenR, permits prior BTK treatment (NCT04965493)
  - BRUIN CLL-313 Pirtobrutinib vs BendaR in treatment naïve patients (NCT05023980)

IdelaR: Idelalisib and Rituximab; BendaR: Bendamustine and Rituximab; VenR: Venetoclax and Rituximab.

### Preliminary Efficacy and Safety of MK-1026, a Non-Covalent Inhibitor of Wild-type and C481S Mutated Bruton Tyrosine Kinase, in B-cell Malignancies: A Phase 2 Dose Expansion Study

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### MK-1026-001 Study Design (NCT03162536)



<sup>a</sup>Cohort A: patients with rr CLL/SLL with ≥2 prior therapies including covalent BTKi, with C481S mutation; <sup>b</sup>Cohort B includes patients with rrCLL/SLL recall with ≥2 prior therapies, progressed /intolerant to BTKi, no C481S mutation

### **Baseline Characteristics**

Characteristic, n (%)	Overall Population N = 118	Characteristic, n (%)	CLL/SLL 65 mg QD N = 51
Age, median (range),	66.0 (38-86)	Prior lines, median (range)	4 (1-18)
years		Prior BTK inhibitor therapy	43 (84.3)
Male	91 (77.1)	ECOG PS 0	14 (27.5)
White	105 (89.0)	1	32 (62.7)
CLL/SLL	68 (57.6)	2	5 (9.8)
WM	4 (3.4)	IGHV Unmutated	30 (58.8)
B-cell NHL	44 (37.3)	Mutated	2 (3.9)
RT	16 (13.3)	Unknown	19 (37.3)
FL	11 (9.3)	Del (17p) Present	12 (23.5)
DLBCL	6 (5.1)	Absent	33 (64.7)
MCL	6 (5.1)	Missing	6 (11.8)
High-grade BCL	3 (2.5)	BTK C481S Present	32 (62.7)
MZL	2 (1.7)	Absent	12 (23.5)
MK-1026 65 mg QD	94 (79.7)	Unknown/Missing	7 (13.7)

Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.

### Summary of Response (CLL/SLL), Efficacy Evaluable Population



<sup>a</sup>Efficacy evaluable patients with CLL/SLL who received at least one cycle of MK-1026 at preliminary RP2D of 65 mg QD and had ≥1 post-baseline assessment; Response assessed per iwCLL criteria Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.

# Percent Change From Baseline in SPD (CLL/SLL), Efficacy Evaluable Population



a33 of 38 patients with ≥1 assessment post-baseline were evaluable for change from baseline in sum of product of diameters (SPD); Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.

### **Treatment-Emergent AEs**

Events, n (%)		All Patients N = 118
All TEAEs		114 (96.6)
Grade ≥3 TEAEs <sup>a</sup>		80 (68.0)
MK-1026-related TEAE		78 (66.1)
Grade ≥3 related TEAEs <sup>b</sup>		31 (26.3)
Related TEAEs leading to discontinue	ation	9 (7.6)
TEAEs ≥20%	All	Grade ≥3
Fatigue	33.1%	3.4%
Constipation	31.4%	0.8%
Dysgeusia	28.0%	0
Cough	24.6%	0
Nausea	24.6%	0.8%
Pyrexia	24.6%	0
Dizziness	22.9%	0
Hypertension	22.9%	9.3%
Peripheral edema	22.0%	0
Diarrhea	21.2%	0.8%
Arthralgia	20.3%	0

Data cut-off: April 7, 2021; \*8 patients had grade 5 TEAEs including death after PD (n=3), sepsis (n=1), dyspnea (n=1), and respiratory failure (n=2); \*No grade 5 drug-related TEAEs were reported.

#### First-in-Human Study of Lisaftoclax (APG-2575), a Novel BCL-2 Inhibitor (BCL-2i), in Patients (pts) with Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) and Other Hematologic Malignancies (HMs)

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#### RESULTS

#### Table 1. Baseline characteristics and disposition for all patients

	N = 36		N = 36
Age, yr		Median (range) no. of previous therapies	2.0 (1-13)
Median (range)	70.0 (39–89)		
≥ 70, no. (%)	19 (52.8)		
		Treatment discontinuation, no. (% of total)	
Gender, no. (%)		No	15 (41.7)
Male	26 (72.2)	Yes	21 (58.3)
Female	10 (27.8)	Adverse event	2 (9.5)
		Progressive disease	13 (61.9)
Type of cancer, no. (%) <sup>b</sup>		Withdrawal by patient	3 (14.3)
CLL/SLL	15 (41.7)	Physician decision	3 (14.3)
NHL	12 (33.3)	Switch to standard of care regimen due to symptomatic anemia	1 (4.8)
MM	6 (16.7)	Switch to other treatment option due to hepatitis B reactivation	1 (4.8)
Myeloid	2 (5.6)	Switch to other treatment option due to lack of response	1 (4.8)
Hairy-cell leukemia	1 (2.8)		

#### Figure 2. Swimmer plot showing efficacy of APG-2575 in all patients





### Venetoclax, Obinutuzumab and Atezolizumab (PD-L1 Checkpoint Inhibitor) for Treatment for Patients with Richter Transformation

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### **Treatment Schema**

	C1D1	C1D2	C1D3-4	C1D8	C1D15	C2-9D1	C2-9D2	C10-25
Atezolizumab (1680 mg IV, split over 2 days)	-	-	Х	-	-	X	Х	-
Obinutuzumab, mg	100	900	-	1000	1000	1000	-	-
Venetoclax			-			Weekly dose escalation starting C2D1 a 20mg daily to a target dose <u>800mg dail</u> (Total 24 cycles of venetoclax, C2-C25		

Each cycle = 28 days

Response assessment with bone marrow aspirate/biopsy and PET scan: End of C1, C4, C9, C25

### Pretreatment Characteristics and Response for Previously untreated RT (N=7)

Age, yrs	Sex	Prior CLL Rx	Prior RT Rx	IGHV status	FISH	Cytogenetics	Mutations	Best PET response	Best Marrow response	Subsequent Allo-SCT in remission	Current status
61	F	none	none	not done	17p	diploid	Not done	CMR	U-MRD	Yes	Relapsed post-SCT; receiving salvage Rx
70	Μ	BR	none	UM	11q	no metaphase	NOTCH1	CMR	U-MRD	Yes	In ongoing remission 9+ mos post-SCT
52	F	Ibrutinib	none	UM	17p	complex	TP53, BTK	PMR	H-MRD+	No	Relapsed while awaiting SCT*
75	Μ	Ibrutinb	none	UM	17p	complex	TP53	CMR	H-MRD+	No	On study C15+
61	F	Ibrutinib	none	UM	17p	complex	TP53	CMR	U-MRD	Yes	In ongoing remission 8+ mos post-SCT
80	F	Chl + Obin; acalabrutinib	none	UM	T12	+12	None	CMR	U-MRD	No	Died from COVID-19 PNA in C5
74	М	Ibrutinib	none	UM	Normal	diploid	NOTCH1	CMR	L-MRD+	No	On study C6+

\*Pt achieved PMR and relapsed in C8, prior to a planned allo-SCT; she then achieved remission after non-covalent BTK inhibitor and proceeded to allo-SCT

Note: One pt (58-year-old male) with previously untreated CLL (unmutated IGHV, del(17p), TP53 mutation, NOTCH1 mutation) developed RT and received R-CHOP for 3 cycles with no response. The pt was subsequently enrolled on the current trial but did not respond.

U-MRD: undetectable MRD at 10<sup>-4</sup>; L-MRD+: MRD 0.01 to <1%; H-MRD+: MRD  $\geq$ 1%

### Patient Response (1)

- 70-yr-old
- del(11q), *NOTCH1*-m, IGHV-UM
- BR for CLL
- RT June 2020
- Atezo + VEN + Obin as frontline therapy for RT
- Underwent allo-SCT in Feb 2021 in CMR and marrow U-MRD remission



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