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Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

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INVESTIGATIONAL/OFF-LABEL USE OF DRUGS DISCLOSURE: Off-label drug discussion of bezuclastinib for systemic mastocytosis. Off-label drug discussion of CK0804, DISC-0974, elritercept, flonoltinib, imetelstat, INCB057643, luspatercept, navtemadlin, nuvisertib, and selinexor for myelofibrosis.



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Dynamics of CALR Variant Allele Frequency with Therapy in Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

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Baseline Characteristics, n = 145

Clinical parameter	n (%)
Age at diagnosis, years (median, range)	56 (9 – 91)
Male Female	77 (53) 68 (47)
MPN subtype	
• ET	82 (57)
Pre-fibrotic MF	14 (10)
 PMF + post-ET MF 	46 (31)
• MPN-U	3 (2)

Molecular characteristics	n (%)
 CALR type 1/like 2/like Atypical 	78 (54) 48 (33) 19 (13)
Median baseline VAF, % (range) • 14 (9.7%) had VAF <20%	38 (7-65)
Presence of additional mutations65% were in the MF groupHigh molecular risk	26/61 (43) 10/61 (16)

Treatment Characteristics



CALR Molecular Response to Therapy



↑CALR VAF with anagrelide and its link with fibrosis?

PT1 study:	Anagrelide 个 3x MF transformation vs
809 ET patients	hydroxycarbamide
EXELS study: 3649 ET patients	Anagrelide 个 2-3x of MF transformation

Mayo Clinic:	\uparrow fibrotic progression, \downarrow survival after 1997
1076 ET patients	

48 young patients on	7 patients (15%) developed new reticulin fibrosis
>10 years of anagrelide	• 5 <i>CALR</i> -mutated

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Revised ELN Criteria in Polycythemia Vera Identify an Increased Risk Phenotype for Thrombotic Events Beyond Conventional Risk Stratification. A Multicenter Cooperative Study

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Patients and Methods



The PV-ARC* Italian retrospective multicenter study started data collection in 2018



ELN Clinical Signs and Symptoms¹



Three ELN Clinical Sign and Symptoms have been adapted based on real-life clinical experience***



CSSs are associated with worse TFS (each risk group)



continuous line: patients without CSS

dashed line: patients with CSS



Differential impact of individual CSSs on thrombotic risk



In a MVA Cox analysis including all ELN Clinical Signs and Symptoms, progressive splenomegaly, inadequate hematocrit control and relevant CVRFs were the most significant predictors of thrombotic risk.







TP53 Alterations Confer Increased Risk of Leukemic Transformation & Worse Survival As Compared to High Molecular Risk Mutations in Patients with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

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Conclusions

- Multi-hit *TP53* alterations are associated with a significantly increased risk of evolution to MPN-AP/BP as compared to previously validated HMR mutations
- Both single-hit & multi-hit TP53 mutations confer worse OS compared to other HMR mutations
- Incidence of progression to MPN-AP/BP significantly increases with TP53^{mut} VAF >36%
- Results need to be further confirmed in a larger cohort
- Prospective evaluation of *TP53* mutations at defined clinical timepoints would be ideal for confirmatory studies

Efficacy and safety of fedratinib in patients with myelofibrosis and low baseline platelet counts in the phase 3 randomized FREEDOM2 trial

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FREEDOM2 trial design



^aPatients must have received ruxolitinib for \geq 3 months with < 10% SVR by MRI or < 30% decrease from baseline in spleen size by palpation or regrowth to these parameters (relapsed/refractory), or for \geq 28 days with development of RBC transfusion requirement (\geq 2 units/month for 2 months) or grade \geq 3 thrombocytopenia, anemia, hematoma, or hemorrhage (intolerant); ^bThiamine lower limit of normal: 70 nmol/L, upper limit of normal: 180 nmol/L; ^cOther treatments in the BAT group were RBC transfusion (28%), hydroxyurea (19%), danazol (1%), mercaptopurine (1%), methylprednisolone (1%), interferon (1%), prednisone (1%), and thalidomide (1%); ^d \geq 50% reduction in MFSAF TSS. AML, acute myeloid leukemia; BAT, best available therapy; C, cycle; D, day; DIPSS, Dynamic International Prognostic Scoring System; LCM, left costal margin; MFSAF, Myelofibrosis Symptom Assessment Form; PB, peripheral blood; TSS, total symptom score.

Mean platelet count per cycle (safety population)



Patients treated with fedratinib had higher mean platelet counts versus BAT, particularly in early treatment cycles

Data cutoff: Dec 27, 2022 Plot shows mean +/- SEM platelet count in the safety population. SEM, standard error of the mean.

SVR35 at EOC6 by baseline platelet count



Patients with low and high baseline platelet count showed significant benefit of fedratinib versus BAT in SVR35 and SVR25 at EOC6, with a trend towards greater magnitude of benefit in the low versus high baseline platelet group

Data cutoff: Dec 27, 2022

Plot shows proportion of patients with SVR35 at EOC6 in the ITT population and 2-sided 95% CI based on the Clopper Pearson method; P value based on Fisher's exact test.

Symptom response at EOC6 by baseline platelet count



Among evaluable patients, both those with low and high baseline platelet levels had numerically higher rates of symptom response at EOC6 with fedratinib treatment vs BAT

Data cutoff: Dec 27, 2022

Plot shows proportion of patients with \geq 50% reduction in TSS at EOC6 in the ITT population with non-zero baseline TSS and 2-sided 95% CI based on the Clopper Pearson method; *P* value based on Fisher's exact test.

Hematological Improvement and Other Clinical Benefits of Elritercept as Monotherapy and in Combination with Ruxolitinib in Participants with Myelofibrosis from the Ongoing Phase 2 RESTORE Trial

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Elritercept (KER-050) is Designed to Target Disorders of Ineffective Hematopoiesis Including MF



Elritercept

 Designed to inhibit select TGF-beta superfamily ligands, including activin A, which has been associated with ineffective hematopoiesis, inflammation, disease pathogenesis, and progression^{1,2,3}

Preclinical data showed that the research form of **elritercept** (RKER-050):

- induced erythropoiesis in mouse model of MF⁴
- reversed ruxolitinib-associated reductions in hemoglobin, hematocrit, and red blood cell (RBC) count⁵
- increased platelet counts⁶

Updated results from the ongoing open-label Phase 2 RESTORE trial evaluating elritercept in participants with MF and anemia will be presented

¹Verma A, et al. *J Clin Inv*. 2020; ²Portale F, et al. *Haematologica*. 2019; ³ Phillips D, et al. *Cytokine Growth Factor Rev*. 2009; ⁴Moses B, et al. *EHA*. 2023; ⁵Nathan R, et al. *ASH*. 2021; ⁶Moses B, et al. *GRC: Cell Biology of Megakaryocytes and Platelets*. 2023. TGF-β = transforming growth factor-β.





Conclusions

- The ongoing Phase 2 RESTORE trial of elritercept in MF has enrolled a broad population of patients with high disease burden
- Elritercept was generally well tolerated in participants with MF, both as monotherapy and in combination with ruxolitinib
- Potential for elritercept to address ineffective hematopoiesis in MF both as monotherapy and in combination with ruxolitinib is supported by observed increases in Hgb, transfusion independence or reduction, and preservation or improvement of platelet counts
- Observed reductions in spleen volume support potential for elritercept to improve splenomegaly, particularly in combination with ruxolitinib
- Potential for elritercept to improve symptoms is supported by observed reductions in total symptom scores as well as broad improvements across individual symptom domains both as monotherapy and in combination with ruxolitinib
- Enrollment in Part 2 of the RESTORE trial is ongoing at the RP2D of 3.75 mg/kg with titration to 5 mg/kg to further study effects of elritercept in participants with MF

Improvements in Hgb, transfusion burden, spleen volume, and symptom scores were observed in both monotherapy and combination arms, supporting potential for elritercept to provide broad, clinically meaningful benefits to patients with MF





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A Phase 1b Study of DISC-0974, an Anti-Hemojuvelin Antibody, in Patients with Myelofibrosis and Anemia

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DISC-0974 Targets Hemojuvelin (HJV) to Suppress Hepcidin

Inhibiting HJV Prevents Hepcidin Expression and Increases Iron

- DISC-0974 is a first-in-class monoclonal antibody that binds to HJV and blocks BMP signaling
 - Hepcidin production
 - Iron absorption
 - Mobilization of stored iron into circulation
 - Hgb levels





Conclusions

- DISC-0974 was **safe and well tolerated** at all evaluated dose levels
- DISC-0974 resulted in **sustained** ↓ hepcidin and ↑ serum iron for several weeks after each dose
- Among participants treated at 28 mg to 100 mg:
 - ✓ 50% of nTD participants with durable Hgb increases of ≥1.5 g/dL
 - ✓ nTD participants have clinically meaningful improvement in FACIT-fatigue
 - ✓ 80% of TD-low participants achieved TI-16 weeks
 - ✓ 40% of TD-high participants achieved TI-12 weeks
 - ✓ 60% of TD-high participants achieved a 50% reduction in transfusions over a rolling 12-week window
 - 54% of participants (n=13) receiving concomitant JAKi therapy achieved durable hematologic responses
- Phase 2 enrollment is ongoing with a 50 mg starting dose
 - Study will include additional correlatives including cytokine levels and NGS testing

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Disease-Modifying Activity of Navtemadlin Correlates With Clinical Responses in a Randomized, Multicenter, Global Phase 3 Study (BOREAS) in JAK-Inhibitor Relapsed/Refractory Myelofibrosis

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Phase 3 Study Design

A Randomized Open-Label Phase 3 Study of Navtemadlin in *TP53^{WT}* Subjects With Myelofibrosis Who Are Relapsed or Refractory to JAK Inhibitor Treatment



Note: BOREAS enrollment was closed at 183 patients.

*Crossover permitted in the BAT arm after disease progression or at Week 24.

Abbreviations: BAT, best available therapy; C1D1, cycle 1 day 1; IMiDs, immunomodulatory imide drugs (lenalidomide, pomalidomide); JAK, Janus kinase; JAKi, Janus kinase inhibitor; MF, myelofibrosis; QD, once daily; R/R, relapsed/refractory; TSS, total symptom score; VAF, variant allele frequency; WT, wild-type.

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CD34⁺ and VAF Changes Correlate with SVR

Navtemadlin Reduces Circulating CD34⁺ and Driver Gene VAF – Baseline to Week 24







Data cut-off: 30 Sep 2024. Note: BAT Correlations - CD34⁺ r=0.521, p=0.027; VAF r=0.337, p=0.069. Baseline to Week 24. Abbreviations: BAT, best available therapy; SVR, spleen volume reduction; VAF, variant allele frequency

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Reductions in Inflammatory Markers Correlate With SVR

Navtemadlin Reduces Pro-Inflammatory Markers – Baseline to Week 24



Data cut-off: 30 Sep 2024. Note: BAT Correlations: TNFα r=0.372, p=0.051; IL-6 r=0.579, p=0.001; CRP r=0.556, p=0.003. Abbreviations: BAT, best available therapy; CRP, C-reactive protein; IL, interleukin; SVR, spleen volume reduction; TGF-β, transforming growth factor beta; TNFα, tumor necrosis factor alpha.

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Navtemadlin in Suboptimal Responders to Ruxolitinib

A Phase 3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Add-On Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Navtemadlin and Ruxolitinib vs Placebo and Ruxolitinib in JAK Inhibitor-Naïve Patients With Myelofibrosis Who Have a Suboptimal Response to Ruxolitinib Treatment



• Platelet count ≥100 x 10⁹/L

Note: Navtemadlin dosed at 240 mg QD (Days 1-7/28-day cycle).

¹Stable ruxolitinib is ≥5 mg BID that does not require treatment hold or dose adjustment during the eight weeks prior to add-on navtemadlin or placebo. Abbreviations: BID, twice daily; Int, intermediate; IPSS, International Prognostic Scoring System; JAK, Janus kinase; MF, myelofibrosis; Rux, ruxolitinib; TSS, total symptom score; WHO, World Health Organization; WT, wild-type.

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