HOT NEWS

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MACROGLOBULINEMIA DI WALDENSTROM

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WM TREATMENT



MYD88 in WM



- ~ 95% of WM patients carry the somatic mutation of MYD88 (L265P)
- MYD88, IRAK1/IRAK4 and BTK are components of the Myddosome complex that activates NFKB
- Mutated MYD88 upregulates hematopoietic cell kinase (HCK) transcription and activates HCK via II-6. Activated HCK promotes survival through BTK, PI3K/AKT and MAPK/ERK1/2
- Evidence of cross talk between mutated MYD88 and BCR pathway with SYK activation that triggers STAT3 and AKT prosurvival signaling

CXCR4 in WM

- Over 30 nonsense (NS) or frameshift (FS) C-tail mutations
- The most common CXCR4 mutation is S338X (~ 50% of all CXCR4 mutations)
- Similar to germline mutations typical of WHIM syndrome
- Detected in 30-40% of WM patients, and usually associated with MYD88

mutations





PATIENTS WITH CXCR4 mutations

- ✓ higher IgM levels
- ✓ higher incidence of hyperviscosity
- ✓ higher BM infiltration
- $\checkmark\,$ shorter time to first treatment

Treon SP et al, 2014; Poulain S et al, 2016; Schmidt J et al, 2015; Treon SP et al, 2015.

WM TREATMENT

PFS according to MYD88 & CXCR4 mutation status



Bortezomib Rituximab First Line according to CXCR4



WM: Genomic based treatment algorithm

Pre Alpine Trial follow-up......



Treon et al. JCO 2020

Rituximab Combination Treatment



Response and survival for primary therapy and maintenance rituximab



Castillo et al, 2009-2019

BTKi



Rituximab combination treatments



Effective, Long Time to Retreatment



Fixed duration

Myelosuppression/Immunosuppression

BTKi



Effective, prolonged PFS



Continuous treatment



Bendamustine rituximab (BR) versus ibrutinib (Ibr) as primary therapy for Waldenström macroglobulinemia (WM): An international collaborative study



AE, adverse event; BR, bendamustine-rituximab; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MUT, mutant; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; pts, patients;

TN, treatment-naive; WM, Waldenström's macroglobulinemia.

Abeykoon JP et al. Abstract 7566 presented at the 2022 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL, USA, June 3–7, 2022.

Rituximab mono

ORR 44-65%

Short PFS

Effective in specific IgM related sisease symptoms

> Gertz et al , 2009 Dimopoulous et al, 2010



Zanubrutinib (AIFA: pending)

Ibrutinib Phase II study

Median study follow-up: 59 months

Baseline characteristics (ibrutinib n=63):

- Median age: 63 (44-86) yrs
- Median n° of prior therapies: 2 (1-9)
- ➤ 40% pts refractory to most recent therapy
- Median bone marrow involvement: 60%

Variable	All	MYD88 ^{mar} CXCR4 ^{wt}	MYD88 ^{Mut} CXCR4 ^{Mut}	MYD88*** CXCR4***	Р
No. of patients	63	36	22	4	
Overall response rate	57 (90.5)	36 (100.0)	19 (86.4)	2 (50.0)	< .0100
Major response rate	50 (79.4)	35 (97.2)	15 (68.2)	0 (0.0)	< .0001
Categorical responses					
No response	6 (9.5)	0 (0.0)	3 (13.6)	2 (50.0)	< .0001
Minor response	7 (11.1)	1 (2.8)	4 (18.2)	2 (50.0)	
Partial response	31 (49.2)	18 (50.0)	13 (59.1)	0 (0.0)	
Very good partial response	19 (30.2)	17 (47.2)	2 (9.1)	0 (0.0)	
Median time to response, months					
Major response (≥ partial response)	1.8	1.8	4.7	NA	.0200

NOTE. Data presented as No. (%). Response rates, including categorical responses and median time to attainment of least a minor and a major response for all patients and those stratified by *MYD88* and *CXCR4* mutation status, are provided. *P* values denote three-way comparisons among genomic cohorts.

Abbreviations: Mut, mutant; NA, not applicable; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia; WT, wild type.

Ibrutinib Phase II study

Median study follow-up: 59 months



presence of MYD88_{wr}, and CXCR4_{Mut} disease
were significant predictors for shorter PFS

Treon SP et al. J Clin Oncol 2021

Innovate Study: Ibrutinib plus R vs Placebo plus R (Innovate study)



Buske et al., 2020

Ibrutinib in R/R WM Clinical Trials

Adverse Events/Tollerability

Ibrutinib monotherapy: phase II study

Ibrutinib plus R: Innovate study

Median FU 59 m

Hematological AE Grade ≥ 3

- Neutropenia: 15.9%
- Thrombocytopenia: 11.1%

AE of interest with BTKi

- Atrial arrhythmia any grade 12.7%
- Hypertension grade 2: 6%
- Pneumonia grade 2-4: 8%
- \checkmark 8% off-study due to AE
- ✓ 19% dose reductions (cytopenia, dermatitis/rash, stomatitis)

Median FU: 50 months

Hematological AE Grade ≥ 3

- •Neutropenia: 13%
- •Thrombocytopenia: 1%

•AE of clinical interest any grade

- Atrial fibrillation 19%
- Hypertension: 25%
- Infections≥3: 29%
- \checkmark 11% off-study due to AE
- ✓ 23% dose reductions

Second generation BTKi

Kinase Selectivity Profiles

Kinase	Ibrutinib	Acalabrutinib	Zanubrutinib
BTK	1.5	5.1	0.5
TEC	10	126	44
ITK	4.9	>1000	50
BMX	0.8	46	1.4
EGFR	5.3	>1000	21
ERBB4	3.4	16	6.9
JAK3	32	>1000	1377
BLK	0.1	>1000	2.5

IC₅₀/EC₅₀ (nM)



Kaptein. ASH 2018. Abstr 1871.

ZANUBRUTINIB IN WM

ASPEN STUDY: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib



Primary endpoint:

superiority of zanubrutinib in terms of CR or VGPR, per modified IWWM6, by independent review

WM=Waldenström's macroglobulinemia, BID=twice daily, CR=complete response, ITT=intent-to-treat, MRR=major response rate, MUT=mutation, PD=progressive disease, PFS=progression-free survival, PR=partial response, QD=once daily, R=randomization, R/R=relapsed/refractory, TN=treatment naïve, VGPR=very good partial response, WM=Waldenström's macroglobulinemia, WT=wild type.

Phase 1/2 BGB-3111-AU-003 Study Efficacy Results

	TN (n = 24)	R/R (n = 49)	Total (N = 73)
Duration of follow-up, median, mo	23.5	35.8	30.3
Best overall response, n (%) CR VGPR PR MR SD PD	0 8 (33.3) 13 (54.2) 3 (12.5) 0 0	1 (2.0) 24 (49.0) 14 (28.6) 7 (14.3) 3 (6.1) 0	1 (1.4) 32 (43.8) 27 (37.0) 10 (13.7) 3 (4.1) 0
VGPR/CR rate, % (95% CI)	33.3 (15.6-55.3)	51.0 (36.3-65.6)	45.2 (33.5-57.3)
$\label{eq:starting} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{VGPR/CR rate by genotype, % (95% CI)} \\ \mbox{MYD88}^{L265P}/CXCR4^{WHIM} (n = 39) \\ \mbox{MYD88}^{L265P}/CXCR4^{WHIM} (n = 11) \\ \mbox{MYD88}^{L265P}/CXCR4^{FS} (n = 6) \\ \mbox{MYD88}^{VT} (n = 5) \\ \mbox{MYD88}^{WT} (n = 8) \end{array}$			59.0 (42.1-74.4) 27.3 (6.0-61.0) 33.3 (4.3-77.7) 20.0 (0.5-71.6) 25.0 (3.2-65.1)
ORR (MR or better), % (95% CI)	100.0 (85.8-100.0)	93.9 (83.1-98.7)	95.9 (88.5-99.1)
MRR (PR or better), % (95% CI)	87.5 (67.6-97.3)	79.6 (65.7-89.8)	82.2 (71.5-90.2)

VGPR/CR Rate Increases Over Time (R/R Pts WM Cohort)



Trotman et al 2020

ZANUBRUTINIB IN WM ASPEN STUDY: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib Efficacy According to IRC

Median Follow-up 19.4 m

ORR: 94% ORR: 94% 100 2.0 2.0 PD 2.9 3.0 90 16.7 SD 15.2 10 Best overall response (%) 80 MR 70 MRR: MRR: PR 77.8% 77.5% 60 VGPR 49.0 CR 50 58.6 40 30 CR + VGPR rate 20 difference = 10.2^{\ddagger} 28.4 (-1.5, 22.0)10 19.2 P=0.0921 0 Ibrutinib Zanubrutinib

Best overall response in the ITT population*

 Superiority in CR + VGPR rate for zanubrutinib compared with ibrutinib in the R/R population (primary study hypothesis) was not significant

Overall concordance between IRC and investigators = 94%. *Data cut-off: August 31, 2019. ‡Adjusted for stratification factors and age group.

CR, complete response; IRC, independent review committee; ITT, intention-to-treat; MR, minor response; MRR, major response rate; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease, PR, partial response;

R/R, relapsed/refractory; SD, stable disease; VGPR, very good partial response.

Tam CS et al. Abstract 8007 presented at the 2020 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting (virtual); May 29–31, 2020.

ZANUBRUTINIB IN WM ASPEN STUDY: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib Efficacy

Follow-up 44 m



Responses by investigators

Responses by CXCR4 status

	CXCR4 ^{MUT}		CXCR4 ^{wT}	
	lbrutinib (n=20)	Zanubrutinib (n=33)	lbrutinib (n=72)	Zanubrutinib (n=65)
VGPR or better	2 (10.0)	7 (21.2)	22 (30.6)	29 (44.6)
Major response	13 (65.0)	26 (78.8)	61 (84.7)	54 (83.1)
Overall response	19 (95.0)	30 (90.9)	68 (94.4)	63 <mark>(</mark> 96.9)
Time to major response, median (months)	6.6	3.4	2.8	2.8
Time to VGPR, median (months)	31.3	11.1	11.3	6.5

Median time to CR+VGPR: shorter for zanubrutinib 6.7 m vs ibrutinib: 16.6 m

Primary objective ignificant superior CR+VGPR According to IRC with zanubruitnib: not achieved

Dimopoulous M et al., EHA 2022

Zanubrutinib in R/R WM

Phase III randomized study: Ibrutinib versus Zanubrutinib (Aspen study)







Overall Survival

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Long-Term Safety and Tolerability

Overall Safety Summary

	Cohort 1		
Category, n (%)	lbrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	
Patients with ≥1 AE	98 (100.0)	100 (99.0)	
Grade ≥3	71 (72.4)	75 (74.3)	
Serious	49 (50.0)	57 (56.4)	
AE leading to death	5 (5.1)ª	3 (3.0) [⊳]	
AE leading to treatment discontinuation	20 (20.4) ^d	9 (8.9) ^e	
AE leading to dose reduction	26 (26.5)	16 (15.8)	
AE leading to dose held	62 (63.3)	63 (62.4)	
COVID-19–related AE	4 (4.1)	4 (4.0)	

Advers Events of interest

	All grades		Grade ≥3	
AEs,ª n (%)	Ibrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	lbrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)
Infection	78 (79.6)	80 (79.2)	27 (27.6)	22 (<mark>21.8</mark>)
Bleeding	61 (62.2)	56 (55.4)	10 (10.2)	9 (8.9)
Diarrhea	34 (34.7)	23 (22.8)	2 (2.0)	3 (3.0)
Hypertension*	25 (25.5)	15 (14.9)	20 (20.4)*	10 (9.9)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter*	23 (23.5)*	8 (7.9)	8 (8.2)*	2 (2.0)
Anemia	22 (22.4)	18 (17.8)	6 (6.1)	12 (11.9)
Neutropenia ^{*b}	20 (20.4)	35 (34.7)*	10 (10.2)	24 (23.8)*
Thrombocytopenia	17 (17.3)	17 (16.8)	6 (6.1)	<mark>11 (</mark> 10.9)
Second primary malignancy/ nonskin cancers	17 (17.3)/ 6 (6.1)	17 (16.8)/ 6 (5.9)	3 (3.1)/ 3 (3.1)	6 (5.9)/ 4 (4.0)

Bold text indicates rate of AEs with ≥10% (all grades) or ≥5% (grade ≥3) difference between arms.

Data cutoff: October 31, 2021. *Descriptive purposes only, 1-sided P < 0.025 in rate difference in all grades and/or grade ≥3.

*AE categories (grouped terms) of preferred terms by Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities v24.0. *Including preferred terms of neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased, febrile neutropenia, and neutropenic sepsis.



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Zanubrutinib in R/R WM

Aspen Trial Outcomes Cohort 2 MYD88^{WT}





Responses Overtime

At 42 r	nonths:
PFS:	53.8% (95% CI: 33.3, 70.6)
OS:	83.9% (95% CI: 62.6, 93.7)

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A Phase II, expanded access study of zanubrutinib in pts with WM

BGB-3111-216 is a single-arm, expanded access study of zanubrutinib in TN patients who were unsuitable for standard chemoimmunotherapy or pts with R/R WM

Treatment re		
BOR, n (%)	Overall (N=41)	
Very good partial response	16 (39.0)	
Partial response	14 (34.1)	N /
Minor response	5 (12.2)	
Stable disease	2 (4.9)	Gr
Progressive disease	4 (9.8)	•
Major response rate	30 (73.2)	•
Overall response rate	35 (85.4)	



Real-world expanded access study results were consistent with the established zanubrutinib profile in WM or other B-cell malignancies when administered as oral monotherapy at 160 mg BID or 320 mg QD in pts with intermediate or high-risk R/R or TN WM

BID, twice daily; BOR, best overall response; IPSSWM, International Prognostic Scoring System for Waldenström Macroglobulinemia; pts, patients; QD, once daily; R/R, relapsed/refractory; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TN, treatment-naive; WM, Waldenström's macroglobulinemia. Castillo J *et al.* Abstract e19522 presented at the 2022 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL, USA, June 3–7, 2022.

WHAT COMES NEXT IN WM?

Proteasome inhibitors



WHAT COMES NEXT IN WM?

Venetoclax Monotherapy



Castillo et al 2021

WHAT COMES NEXT IN WM?



HOT NEWS IN WM CONCLUSIONS

FIRST LINE

- The choice of primary therapy should be personalized (consider toxicity, patients and disease characteristics)
- Allthough there is a lack of of prospective randomised studies consensus that DRC or Bendamustine Rituximab are preferred options
- Monotherapy may be a choice in unfit patients (BTKi)

RELAPSED/REFRACTORY

- BTKi best salvage regimens
 - Effective, prolonged PFS
 - > Zanubrutinib: Deeper responses

Better outcomes in MYD88^{wt} and CXCR4^{mut} Better tolerability=adhererence dose intesnity

• Everyday clinical practice: Lack of salvage regimens after BTKi failure!!!!