



## Il punto di vista del farmacologo

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#### The role of BTK in B cell proliferation



Charlotte McDonald et al. Immunology. 2021;164:722–736

### Molecular interaction of covalent inhibitors with BTK



Schematic 2D diagram of zanubrutinib bound to BTK and details of the interaction with the hydrophobic pocket



Mahani NM et al. DOI: https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/bcse.v36i2.19

Kinase profiling at concentrations of  $100 \times IC_{50}$  based on BTK IC<sub>50</sub>



	Zanub	rutinib	Ibrutinib		
	71 nM		32 nM		
1	BLK	99.9	BLK	100.2	
2	ERBB4/HER4	99.1	BMX/ETK	99.7	
3	ТХК	98.5	ERBB4/HER4	99.5	
4	BMX/ETK	98.1	ТХК	98.8	
5	ВТК	95.1	TEC	98	
6	TEC	79.3	ВТК	97.2	
7	BRK	63.9	FGR	95.7	
8	FGR	53.1	YES/YES1	92.9	
9	EGFR	43.3	LCK	91.2	
10	LCK	40.6	ITK	84.3	
11	YES/YES1	37.1	НСК	93	
12	CSK	28.8	CSK	81	
13	STK33	23.7	EGFR	76.5	
14	BMPR2	22.6	FYN	66.9	
15	AXL	22.4	ERBB2/HER2	61.9	
16	НСК	21.9	SRMS	61	
17	PKCd	20.9	JAK3	58.7	
18	FLT3	20.5	LYN	52.3	
19	MEKK1	20.1	c-Src	46.1	
20	ІТК	19.1	FLT3	41.8	
21	MSK2/RPS6KA4	19	BRK	41.6	
22	ERN1/IRE1	17.9	ABL2/ARG	40.4	
23	MNK2	17.8	WNK1	32.5	
24	FRK/PTK5	17.8	MNK2	32.4	

Tam CS et al. Blood Cancer Journal 2023:13:141

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# BTK inactivation kinetic parameters for ibrutinib and zanubrutinib

Compound	$K_{I}$ (nM)	$k_{inact} (s^{-1})$	$k_{inact}\!/\!K_I\;(M^{-1}s^{-1})$
Ibrutinib	$54 \pm 49$	$0.027 \pm 0.025$	$\begin{array}{l} 47.7\times10^{4}\pm1.48\times10^{4}\\ 27.9\times10^{4}\pm0.08\times10^{4} \end{array}$
Zanubrutinib	126 ± 59	$0.033 \pm 0.013$	

Molecular docking outcomes of zanubrutinib against 1Y6A region of VEGFR2 – increased cardiovascular safety



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# Zanubrutinib BTK occupancy in PBMC and in lymph nodes by dose regimens relative to those of ibrutinib



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BTK occupancy of zanubrutinib vs ibrutinib and of zanubrutinib 160 mg BID vs. 320 mg QD (systems pharmacology model)



Srikumar Sahasranaman et al. http://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2019-129133

### Zanubrutinib spares NK effector function

Mino MCL cells and NK92MI cells were co-seeded and treated with vehicle or various concentrations of BTK inhibitors



#### Pharmacokinetic characteristics

- Zanubrutinib PK properties were unaffected by factors including renal (estimated glomerular filtration rate ≥30 mL/min) and mild/moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class A or B)
- With appropriate dose reductions, it could be administered with moderate or strong CYP3A inhibitors.
- Zanubrutinib can be administered concurrently with proton pump inhibitors (PPI)/acid-reducing agents without restriction.
- Zanubrutinib has high volume of distribution (approximately 880 L), high AUC/IC50, and half-life of 2-4 h.
- Pharmacokinetics is not saturable

#### Dose-proportional increase in drug levels



#### Pharmacokinetics and AUIC of ibrutinib and zanubrutinib



### Comparison of PK parameters of BTKi

Parameter	Ibrutinib	Acalabrutinib	Zanubrutinib
Absolute bio- availability	< 10%	25%	45–50% <sup>b</sup>
Half-life	4–13 h	1–2 h	2–4 h
Metabolism	Predominantly via CYP3A	Predominantly via CYP3A	Predominantly via CYP3A
Excretion	Faeces, 80%; urine, < 10%	Faeces, 84%; urine, 12%	Faeces, 87%; urine, 8%

Matt Shirley. Targeted Oncology (2022) 17:69-84

#### A comparative look to PK and PD

		Zanubrutinib	Ibrutinib	
	FDA-approved dose	160 mg BID or 320 mg QD	420 or 560 mg QD	
	IC <sub>50</sub> against BTK (nM)	0.5	1.5	
	Potency of major active metabolite against BTK	Not applicable	~15 -fold less potent compared to the parent molecule	
	Half-life (hr)	~ 2 to 4	~ 4 to 6	
	Plasma protein binding (%)	~94	97.3 - 97.7	
	AUC <sub>0-24h</sub> r(CV %) ng-hr/mL	160 mg BID: 2,295 (37 %) 320 mg QD: 2,180 (41 %)	420 mg QD: 707-1,159 (50 % - 72 %) 560 mg QD: 865-978 (69 % - 82 %)	
	fu AUC <sub>0-24hr</sub> (nM-hr)	160 mg BID: 278 320 QD: 267	420 mg QD: 37-60 560 mg QD: 46-51	
	Plasma exposure of major active metabolite	Not applicable	1- to 2.8-fold higher than parent AUC	
	Median BTK occupancy in PBMC at trough (%)	160 mg BID: 100 320 mg QD: 100	420 mg to 820 mg QD: >90	
https://memoinoncology.com/e sh-cll/esh-cll-2022-satellite- symposium-inhibition-of- brutons-tyrosine-kinase-btk-a- key-approach-to-managing-and- treating-cll-patients/	Median BTK occupancy in lymph node at trough (%)	160 mg BID: 100 320 mg QD: 94	420 mg QD: >90	
	P-gp and brain penetration	Weak P-gp substrate Brain penetration data in patients available	Not a P-gp substrate Brain penetration data in patients available	

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## Detection of ctDNA mutations (C481) and evolution during zanubrutinib therapy



Piers Blombery et al. Blood Advances 2023;7:3531-3539

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#### Conclusions

- Zanubrutinib is a BTK inhibitor with high selectivity and potency.
- First generation BTKi suppresses NK-cell cytotoxicity, most likely due to off-target inhibition of ITK, while zanubrutinib spares NK activity.
- Zanubrutinib has favorable pharmacokinetics.
- Multiparametric pharmacologic assessment suggests that zanubrutinib challenges the limit of second generation BTKi.