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# Other FLT3 inhibitors in clinical development



Zarrinkar PP, et al. *Blood*. 2009;114:2984-2992; Galanis A, et al. *Blood*. 2014;123:94-100; Lee LY, et al. *Blood*. 2017;129:257-260; Garcia JS, Stone RM. *Hematol Oncol Clin N Am*. 2017;31:663-680.







# Gilteritinib



Inhibitory Activity of Gilteritinib Against Select Kinases



Active against the tyrosine kinase domain mutations that confer resistance to quizartinib and sorafenib:



Lee et al. Blood. 2017;129:257



# Gilteritinib: where do we stand now?

On November 28, 2018, **FDA** approved gilteritinib for treatment of adult patients who have **relapsed or refractory** acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with a FLT3 mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

**EMA approved** the drug in October 2019. **Italian AIFA approval** has been recently obtained.





### Gilterinib vs chemotherapy in R/R FLT3+ AML

#### Key eligibility criteria

- Adults with AML refractory to, or relapsed after, first-line AML therapy ± HSCT
- FLT3 mutation (FLT3-ITD, or FLT3-TKD D835/I836) in blood or bone marrow

#### **Stratification factors**

- Response to first-line AML therapy
   >6 months versus ≤6 months<sup>2</sup>
- · Preselected chemotherapy
  - High versus low intensity

#### **Co-primary endpoints<sup>‡</sup>**

- OS
- CR/CRh recovery rate\*\*



\*The salvage chemotherapy regimen was selected prior to randomisation from the following options:

- High-intensity regimens (1–2 cycles): MEC or FLAG-IDA
- Low-intensity regimens<sup>†</sup>: Low-dose cytarabine or azacitidine

1. Perl AE, Martinelli G, Cortes JE, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;381:1728–1740; 2. ADMIRAL study protocol. https://www.nejm.org/doi/suppl/10.1056/NEJMoa1902688/suppl\_file/nejmoa1902688\_protocol.pdf. Accessed April 2020.

Abbreviations: AML, acute myeloid leukaemia; CR/CRh; complete remission/compete remission with partial haematological recovery; FLAG-IDA fludarabine, cytarabine, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor and idarubicin; HSCT, haematopoietic stem cell transplantation; ITD, internal tandem duplication; MEC, mitoxantrone, etoposide and cytarabine; MHRA, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency; OS, overall survival; R, randomisation; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain



### CR/CRh: 34% (Gilteritinib) vs 15.3% (chemo)



The CR/CRh rate was 34.0% in the gilteritinib arm and 15.3% in the salvage chemotherapy arm (treatment difference: 18.6%; 95% CI: 9.8–27.4)

CR/CRh rate was a co-primary endpoint of the study and was analysed based on the response analysis dataset at first interim in the gilteritinib arm only

CR/CRh rate was summarised descriptively at the final analysis for both treatment arms

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CR, complete remission; CRh, CR with partial haematological recovery; FLT3, Fms-like tyrosine kinase-3; m+, mutation positive; R/R, relapsed or refractory.

Adapted from Perl AE, Martinelli G, Cortes JE, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019;381:1728–1740.



#### Median OS: 9.3 months (Gilteritinib) vs 5.6 months (chemo)



Perl AE, Martinelli G, Cortes JE, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019;381:1728-1740.

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival.

Median duration of follow up for OS 17.8 months. Two-sided p-values were determined according to the log-rank test; the Kaplan-Meier method, combined with the Greenwood formula, were used to determine OS and corresponding 95% Os



#### 24 A Phase 1 Study of Gilteritinib in Combination with Induction and Consolidation Chemotherapy in Patients with Newly Diagnosed AML: Final Results

**Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts** 

Type: Oral

Session: 616. Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Novel Therapy, excluding Transplantation: Novel combination therapies in treatment of newly diagnosed AML

Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways:

Adult, Diseases, Therapies, Combinations, Study Population, Clinically relevant, Myeloid Malignancies

Saturday, December 5, 2020: 7:30 AM

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Response Parameter, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	<i>FLT3</i> <sup>mut+</sup> Patients who Received 120 mg/d (N=38) <sup>b</sup>	
CR	15 (39.5)	
CRp	1 (2.6)	
CRi	15 (39.5)	
CRc	31 (81.6)	

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#### Phase II Randomized Trial of Gilteritinib Vs Midostaurin in Newly Diagnosed FLT3+ AML



Selina M. Luger et al, Blood, 2019



#### FF-10101: a new FLT3 inhibitor

616.ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA: NOVEL THERAPY, EXCLUDING TRANSPLANTATION | NOVEMBER 13, 2019

#### FF-10101 Retains Potent Inhibitory Activities Against Resistant Mutations to FLT3 Inhibitors, Newly Identified in Random Mutagenesis Screens

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#### Table. Growth inhibitory profile of FLT3 inhibitors in 32D cells with FLT3 mutations

	GI50, nM ± SD (fold change)				
	FF-10101	Gilteritinib	Quizartinib	Crenolanib	Midostaurin
FLT3-ITD	0.25±0.033 (1.0)	2.3±0.51 (1.0)	0.60±0.11 (1.0)	3.2±0.47 (1.0)	5.7±1.6 (1.0)
FLT3-ITD+D698N	0.73±0.15 (2.9)	27±9.1 (12)	0.99±0.17 (1.7)	19±2.8 (5.9)	47±5.7 (8.2)
FLT3-ITD+N676T	0.73±0.27 (2.9)	9.4±4.7 (4.1)	6.6±2.2 (11)	19±4.8 (5.9)	83±25 (15)
FLT3-ITD+C695W	29±3.8 (120)	5.4±3.8 (2.3)	1.2±0.27 (2.0)	5.0±0.71 (1.6)	20±3.1 (3.5)

Mean GI50 ± SD values from 3 independent experiments are shown.

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# DRUG DELIVERY: Advanced Nanoscale Liposomal Technology

CPX-351 has been specifically developed to control the delivery and distinct individual pharmacokinetics of daunorubicin and cytarabine to optimise efficacy



Facilitate intracellular delivery of anticancer drugs

- Prolong retention time of cytotoxic compounds Intracellularly.
- Minimize off-target effects

First <u>dual-drug</u> advanced liposomal formulation

5:1 synergistic molar ratio of cytarabine to daunorubicin

1 unit = 1.0 mg cytarabine plus 0.44 mg daunorubicin

100 nm bilamellar liposomes

Mayer, et al., Mol Cancer Ther, 5:1854-1863, 2006 Tolcher AW and Mayer LD. Future Oncol 2018 ;14(13):1317-1332



# **CPX-351 Accumulates in Bone Marrow at High Concentrations and** is Preferentially Taken Up by Leukemia Cells







1. P. Tardi et al. Leukemia Research 33 (2009) 129-139

2. Lim, et. al., Leukemia Research 34 (2010) 1214-1223

Injection Versus Conventional Cyta Daunorubicin in Older Patients Wit Diagnosed Secondary Acute Myelo



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# Take home messages (fit patients)

- » A **molecular analysis** must be performed at diagnosis in order to assess FLT3 mutational status, before starting treatment
- » **Midostaurin** + 3+7 is the standard of care for FLT3+ patients
- Randomized trials are comparing Midostaurin with other FLT3 inhibitors (Gilteritinib) in combination with standard chemotherapy
- » **CPX-351** is approved for tAML and MRC-AML
- » **GO** is approved in combination with standard of care (major benefit in good and intermediate AML risk)



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#### Venetoclax+ HMAs: new standard of care for elderly or unfit patients



	AZA+VEN (n=286)	AZA+PBO (n=145)	p-value
CR + CRi rate, % (95% CI)	66.4 (60.6-71.9)	28.3 (21.1-36.3)	< 0.001
CR+CRI by initiation of cycle 2, % (95% CI)	43.4 (37.5-49.3)	7.6 (3.8-13.2)	<0.001
CR rate, % (95% CI)	36.7 (31.1-42.6)	17.9 (12.1-25.2)	< 0.001
TI, % (95% CI) Red blood cells Platelets CR+CRi rates in molecular subgroups, % (95% CI)	59.8 (53.9-65.5) 68.5 (62.8-73.9)	35.2 (27.4-43.5) 49.7 (41.3-58.1)	<0.001 <0.001
IDH1/2 FLT3 NPM1 TP53	75.4 (62.7-85.5) 72.4 (52.8-87.3) 66.7 (46.0-83.5) 55.3 (38.3-71.4)	10.7 (2.3-28.2) 36.4 (17.2-59.3) 23.5 (6.8-49.9) 0	<0.001 0.021 0.012 <0.001
Event free survival, months (95% CI)	9.8 (8.4–11.8)	7.0 (5.6–9.5)	<0.001

Table: Patient responses in treatment groups

AZA+VEN: Azacitidine+Venetoclax; AZA+PBO: Azacitidine+Placebo; CR: Complete remission; CRi: CR with incomplete marrow recovery; CRh: CR with partial hematologic recovery; TI: Transfusion independence (defined as ≥ 56 days with no RBC or platelet transfusion between first and last day of treatment)

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2736 Multicenter, Open-Label, 3-Arm Study of Gilteritinib, Gilteritinib Plus Azacitidine, or Azacitidine Alone in Newly Diagnosed *FLT*3 Mutated (*FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup>) Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) Patients Ineligible for Intensive Induction Chemotherapy: Findings from the Safety Cohort

ASH 2018

Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts Session: 616. Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Novel Therapy, excluding Transplantation: Poster II Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways: Diseases, Leukemia, AML, Therapies, Non-Biological, Myeloid Malignancies, pharmacology

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Hall GH (San Diego Convention Center)

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15 adult patients enrolled, median age 76 (65-86)
9 pts: 80 mg/daily; 6 pts 120 mg/daily
8/15 pts: treatment duration>6 months
Grade>=3 AEs in >=25% of the pts: febrile neutropenia (n=6); anemia (n=5),
neutropenia (n=5),thrombocytopenia (n=4)
CCR 67% (4 CR + 6 CRi)



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- Isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) is a critical enzyme of the citric acid cycle
- IDH mutations occur in a spectrum of solid and hematologic tumors
- IDH1 in AML are significantly associated with normal karyotype and *NPM1* mutation
- Orally administered, small molecule-targeted inhibitors of mutant IDH1 (**Ivosidenib**) and IDH2 (**Enasidenib**) target mutant IDH enzymes and block production of the 2-hydroxyglutarate oncometabolite.



#### Mutant Isocitrate Dehydrogenase 1 Inhibitor Ivosidenib in Combination With Azacitidine for Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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Median follow up: 16 months 12 month survival estimate: 82% (95% CI, 58.8% to 92.8%)

AEs>= Gr 3 Neutropenia 22% Anemia 13% Thrombocytopenia 13%

Differentiation syndrome 17%

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**TABLE 3.** Hematologic Response, Time to Response, and Response Duration (N = 23)

Response Category	Response
CR + CRh, <sup>a</sup> No. (%) [95% CI]	16 (69.6) [47.1 to 86.8]
Median time to CR/CRh, months (range)	2.8 (0.8-11.5)
Median duration of CR/CRh, months [95% CI]	NE [12.2 to NE]
CR, No. (%) [95% CI]	14 (60.9) [38.5 to 80.3]
Median time to CR, months (range)	3.7 (0.8-15.7)
Median duration of CR, months [95% CI]	NE [9.3 to NE]
CRh, <sup>a</sup> No. (%)	2 (8.7)
ORR, <sup>b</sup> No. (%) [95% CI]	18 (78.3) [56.3 to 92.5]
Median time to response, months (range)	1.8 (0.7-3.8)
Median duration of response, months [95% CI]	NE [10.3 to NE]
Best response,° No. (%)	
CR	14 (60.9)
CRi/CRp	2 (8.7)
MLFS	2 (8.7)
SD	4 (17.4)
NA	1 (4.3)

#### DiNardo C et al, JCO 2020



# 1943 Molecular Characterization of Clinical Response and Relapse in Patients with *IDH1*-Mutant Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia Treated with Ivosidenib and Azacitidine





Daigle S et al, ASH 2020



	Favourable	<ul> <li>t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); RUNX1-RUNX1T1</li> <li>inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); CBFB-MYH11</li> <li>NPM1mut without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITD<sup>Iow</sup></li> <li>Biallelic mutated CEBPA</li> </ul>
	Intermediate	<ul> <li>NPM1mut and FLT3-ITD<sup>high</sup></li> <li>NPM1wt without FLT3-ITD or with FLT3-ITD<sup>low</sup> (without adverse-risk genetic lesions)</li> <li>t(9;21)(q21.3;q23.3); MLLT3-KMT2A</li> <li>Cytogenetic abnormalities not classified as favourable or adverse</li> </ul>
	Adverse	<ul> <li>t(6;9)(p23;q34.1); DEK-NUP214</li> <li>t(v;11q23.3); KMT2A rearranged</li> <li>t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2); BCR-ABL1</li> <li>inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2); GATA2, MECOM(EVI1)</li> <li>-5 or del(5q); -7; -17/abn(17p)</li> <li>Complex karyotype, monosomal karyotype</li> <li>NPM1wt and FLT3-ITD<sup>high</sup></li> <li>Mutated RUNX1</li> <li>Mutated ASXL1</li> <li>Mutated TP53</li> </ul>
ELN AML classification 20	)17	



#### Extracellular Targets for Investigational AML Therapies





# Magrolimab Is a Macrophage Checkpoint Inhibitor



Control mAb: No Phagocytosis



Anti-CD47 mAb: Phagocytosis



**Macrophages Cancer cells** 

 Magrolimab is an IgG4 anti-CD47 monoclonal antibody that eliminates tumor cells through macrophage phagocytosis

 Magrolimab is being investigated in multiple cancers with >500 patients dosed

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# Magrolimab + Aza in Patients With MDS and AML: Study Design

- » Multicenter, single-arm phase Ib study
  - Current analysis reports data from expansion phase



- » Primary endpoints: safety, efficacy
- » Secondary endpoints: magrolimab PK, PD, immunogenicity
- » Exploratory endpoints: CD47 receptor occupancy, immune activity markers, molecular profiling

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#### **AZA + MAGRO: Response**

(n = 25) 90- 4 80-	Mutation Type:
	Missing (n = 1)
CR 10 (40) 8 50	TP53 wild (n = 12)
CRi 4 (16)	1953 mutant (n = 10)
MLFS/marrow CR 1 (4)	
SD 8 (32) 8 (32) 9 9 -40	
PD $1(4)$ $\frac{1}{60}$ $\frac{1}{60}$ $\frac{1}{60}$	
Response per 2017 AML ELN criteria	
Pts with $\geq 1$ post-treatment response shown $-100$ $1$ $2$ $2$ $4$ $5$ $6$ $7$ $8$ $0$ $10$ $11$ $12$ $12$ $14$	

Patient

< 5% blasts imputed as 2.5%. Two patients not shown due to missing values.

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# AZA + MAGRO: Response in Patients With TP53 Mutations



- High response rate with magrolimab + AZA; estimated 6-mo survival of 91%
- Median DoR and OS not yet reached

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#### CD70: An emerging target in cancer immunotherapy



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J. Jacobs et al. / Pharmacology & Therapeutics 155 (2015) 1–10



# Cusatuzumab: anti CD70 antibody



#### Proposed Mechanism Of Action

1. Blocking CD70-CD27 signaling, which leads to myeloid differentiation and stops proliferation of leukemic stem cells; and blocking release of soluble CD27, which is generated by CD70-CD27 ligation

2. Killing cells via Fc-dependent complement dependent cytotoxicity and enhanced antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC)



### Targeting CD70 with cusatuzumab eliminates acute myeloid leukemia stem cells in patients treated with hypomethylating agents



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# **Near future: BCL2 + TKI ± HMA Combinations**

- » Gilteritinib + venetoclax<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Multiple US centers, phase 1 dose escalation; 52 patients
- » Quizartinib + venetoclax<sup>[2]</sup>
  - MDACC, phase 1b/2; 32 patients
  - MRD endpoint change in FLT-ITD allelic burden
- » Quizartinib + venetoclax + decitabine<sup>[3]</sup>
  - MDACC, Phase 1/2; 52 patients
- » Gilteritinib + venetoclax + azacytidine<sup>[4]</sup>
  - MDACC, phase 1/2; 42 patients

1. NCT03625505. 2. NCT03735875. 3. NCT03661307. 4. NCT04140487.



# Thank you!



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