Zanubrutinib is Well Tolerated and Effective in Ibrutinib/Acalabrutinib-Intolerant Patients with Waldenström Macroglobulinemia

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Introduction

- Patients with WM often require continuous treatment with BTK inhibitors; however, difficult-to-manage AEs may lead to treatment discontinuation¹
- Zanubrutinib is a potent and selective next-generation BTK inhibitor designed to maximize BTK occupancy and minimize offtarget kinase binding and associated AEs^{2,3}
- Phase 3 studies in patients with CLL/SLL and WM have demonstrated that zanubrutinib has a more favorable safety profile than ibrutinib, especially regarding cardiovascular toxicities^{4,5}
- Early data from the BGB-3111-215 study (NCT04116437) have shown that zanubrutinib is well tolerated in patients with B-cell malignancies who are intolerant of ibrutinib or acalabrutinib³
- Here, we present updated data on patients with WM from the BGB-3111-215 study

AE, adverse event; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

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Kinase Selectivity of Zanubrutinib, Ibrutinib,

BGB-3111-215 Study Design



• **Objective:** to report preliminary tolerability and efficacy results in patients with WM treated with zanubrutinib after discontinuation of ibrutinib or acalabrutinib for intolerance

BID, twice daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; PD, progressive disease; QD, once daily;

SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

^a Intolerance to ibrutinib and/or acalabrutinib is defined as an unacceptable toxicity where, in the opinion of the investigator, treatment should be discontinued in spite of optimal supportive care; please refer to next slide for detailed information.

BGB-3111-215 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Ibrutinib or acalabrutinib intolerance
 - Grade ≥2 nonhematologic toxicity for >7 days
 - Grade \geq 3 nonhematologic toxicity for any duration
 - Grade 3 neutropenia with infection or fever
 - Grade 4 hematologic toxicity that persists until BTK inhibitor therapy is discontinued because of toxicity
- Additional acalabrutinib intolerance criteria
 - Grade ≥ 1 nonhematologic toxicity for >7 days or with ≥ 3 recurrent episodes
 - Inability to use acid-reducing agents or anticoagulants due to current BTK inhibitor use

Key Exclusion Criteria

• Disease progression during prior BTK inhibitor treatment

Baseline Characteristics of Patients With WM

Baseline Characteristics

	Total
Characteristic	(N=13)
Age, median (range), years	73 (58-87)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	7 (53.8)
Female	6 (46.2)
No. of prior regimens, median (range)	2 (1-12)
Time on prior BTKi treatment, median (range), months	
Ibrutinib ^a	11.8 (0.9-73.7)
Acalabrutinib	3.4 (1.6-26.3)
On-study zanubrutinib dosing regimen, n (%) ^b	
160 mg BID	7 (53.8)
320 mg QD	6 (46.2)

Disease Staging and Genomic Status at Study Entry

Characteristic	Total (N=13)
Disease staging, n (%) ^c	
Low risk	6 (46.2)
Intermediate risk	7 (53.8)
High risk	0

Median follow-up on May 1, 2024: 34.1 months. Median duration of zanubrutinib treatment: 34.1 months (range, 6.5-46.0 months); median duration of zanubrutinib treatment in cohorts 1 and 2: 38.9 months and 14.6 months.

^a Time on prior ibrutinib treatment in cohort 1: 12.9 months (range, 1.3-73.7 months). ^b Received ≥1 zanubrutinib dose. ^cWM International Staging System.

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Recurrence and Severity Change of Intolerance AEs on Zanubrutinib in Patients With WM



- 63% (12/19) of AEs that resulted from ibrutinib treatment did not recur with zanubrutinib
- 78% (7/9) of AEs that resulted from acalabrutinib treatment did not recur with zanubrutinib
- Events that did recur mostly recurred at a lower grade
- 38% (5/13) of patients did not experience recurrence of any prior BTK inhibitor-related intolerance AE on zanubrutinib

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^aNo intolerance AEs recurred at a higher grade.

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Treatment-Emergent AEs During Zanubrutinib Treatment in Patients With WM

Overall TEAE Summary

Patients, n (%)	Any grade (N=13)
Grade ≥3	6 (46.2)
Serious AE	5 (38.5)
Leading to treatment discontinuation	3 (23.1) ^a
Cardiac AEs	0
Leading to dose interruption	9 (69.2)
Leading to dose reduction	4 (30.8)
Leading to death	0

Any Grade TEAEs Occurring in ≥3 Patients

Patients, n (%)	Any grade (N=13)
Any AE	13 (100)
Fatigue	6 (46.2)
Diarrhea	5 (38.5)
Back pain	4 (30.8)
Contusion	4 (30.8)
Pyrexia	4 (30.8)
Upper respiratory tract infection	4 (30.8)
Dizziness	3 (23.1)
Nausea	3 (23.1)
Rash	3 (23.1)
Urinary tract infection	3 (23.1)

All Grade ≥3 TEAEs

Patients, n (%)	Grade ≥3 (N=13)
Any Grade 3+ TEAE	6 (46.2)
ALT increased	1 (7.7)
Arthritis bacterial	1 (7.7)
AST increased	1 (7.7)
Cellulitis	1 (7.7)
Febrile neutropenia	1 (7.7)
Myocardial infarction	1 (7.7)
Neutropenia	1 (7.7)
Neutrophil count decreased	1 (7.7)
Platelet count decreased	1 (7.7)
Sepsis	1 (7.7)
Septic shock	1 (7.7)
Small intestine obstruction	1 (7.7)

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^a Treatment discontinuation due to myalgia, diarrhea and ALT increased.

AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

Cardiovascular Disorders in Patients With B-Cell Malignancies

Catagory	Pooled analysis B-cell malignancies ^d	
Category	Zanubrutinib ^e (N=1,550)	lbrutinib (N=422)
Treatment duration, median, months	34.4	25.7
Any cardiovascular AE, n (%)	324 (20.9)	147 (34.8)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	75 (4.8)	66 (15.6)
	EAIR: 0.2 vs 0.64 per 100 person-month (<i>P</i> <.0001) ^f	
Ventricular arrhythmia (all grade) ^a	4 (0.3)	2 (0.5)
Symptomatic idiopathic arrhythmia (all grade) ^b	11 (0.7)	7 (1.7)
	EAIR: 0.02 vs 0.06 per 100 person-years (<i>P</i> =.1449) ^f	
Hypertension ^c	259 (16.7)	99 (23.5)
Any cardiovascular medical history, n (%)		
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	101 (6.5)	26 (6.2)
Ventricular arrhythmia ^a	14 (0.9)	1 (0.2)
Hypertension ^c	668 (43.1)	207 (49.1)

^a Including ventricular tachyarrhythmia (SMQ narrow), and ventricular arrhythmias and cardiac arrest (high-level term MedDRA v24.0). ^b Symptomatic idiopathic ventricular arrhythmias were defined as grade >2 ventricular arrhythmia events per CTCAE. ^c Including hypertension (SMQ narrow). ^d B-cell malignancies include Waldenström macroglobulinemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, small lymphocytic lymphoma and marginal zone lymphoma. ^e Pooled analysis of 10 clinical studies of zanubrutinib. ^f EAIR analyses based on pooled ASPEN/ALPINE analysis; EAIR rates were consistent with those in the pooled analysis. AE, adverse event; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; EAIR, exposure-adjusted incidence rate; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; SMQ, standardized MedDRA query.

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Efficacy by Investigator Assessment

	WM
Response	(n=13)
Disease control rate (SD or better), n (%)	13 (100)
ORR (better than SD), n (%)	11 (84.6)
BOR, n (%)	
VGPR	5 (38.5)
PR	5 (38.5)
MR or better	1 (7.7)
SD	2 (15.4)
Time to BOR, median (range), months	5.9 (2.7-27.9)
Time to first overall response, median (range), months	5.6 (2.7-8.5)

• No progressive disease or deaths occurred with a 34.1-month median duration of treatment

Median follow-up on May 1, 2024: 34.1 months. Median duration of treatment: 34.1 months (range, 6.5-46.0 months). BOR, best overall response; MR, minor response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; VGPR, very good partial response; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

Conclusions

- Consistent with its more selective BTK inhibition, zanubrutinib demonstrated few AEs associated with off-target kinase activity in patients with WM intolerant of ibrutinib and/or acalabrutinib
- Most AEs that led to ibrutinib and/or acalabrutinib treatment discontinuation did not recur with zanubrutinib
- Despite longer exposure to zanubrutinib compared with prior exposure to ibrutinib (38.9 vs 12.9 months) in cohort 1 or acalabrutinib (14.6 vs 3.4 months) in cohort 2, zanubrutinib was better tolerated, with low recurrence of adverse events that occurred on prior BTK inhibitors
- Our safety data demonstrated that zanubrutinib was well tolerated in patients with WM previously intolerant of ibrutinib and/or acalabrutinib
 - Few patients discontinued or reduced the dose of zanubrutinib due to AEs
- All patients with WM had maintained (n=2, 15.4%) or improved (n=11, 84.6%) disease status from baseline on study entry
- Zanubrutinib may be a viable treatment option for patients with WM intolerant of ibrutinib or acalabrutinib

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