# ROR1: A PROMISING TARGET IN B-NHL (MCL, CLL, MZL, DLBCL) CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH A FULLY-HUMANIZED MAb AND NOVEL CAR T-CELL THERAPY Michael Choi,<sup>1</sup> James Breitmeyer,<sup>2</sup> Hun Lee,<sup>3</sup> P. Connor Johnson,<sup>4</sup> Tanya Siddiqi,<sup>5</sup> Joanna Rhodes,<sup>6</sup> William Wierda,<sup>3</sup> Iris Isufi,<sup>7</sup> Joseph Tuscano,<sup>8</sup> Lori Leslie,<sup>9</sup> Jacqueline Barrientos,<sup>10</sup> Salim Yazji<sup>2</sup>, Yisrael Katz<sup>2</sup>, James Robinson<sup>2</sup>, Angela Pietrofeso<sup>2</sup>, Susan O'Neill<sup>2</sup>, Matthew Mei<sup>5</sup>, Caron Jacobson<sup>11</sup>, Thomas J Kipps<sup>1</sup>, Michael Wang<sup>3</sup>,

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## ZILOVERTAMAB: HUMANIZED ANTI-ROR1 mAb

#### **ROR1-TARGETING mAb**

- ROR1 is an onco-embryonic kinase-like receptor not present on healthy adult tissues, but highly expressed by many solid and hematologic malignancies (including MCL, CLL, MZL)
- Wnt5a can activate ROR1 signaling, enhancing gene expression via activated ERK 1/2, NF-κB, and NRF2 – promoting cancer cell growth, migration, self-renewal, and resistance to therapy
- Zilovertamab (Zilo; formerly cirmtuzumab) is a fully humanized anti-ROR1 mAb designed to inhibit ROR1-signaling



ROR1: receptor tyrosine kinase–like orphan receptor 1 ERK 1/2: extracellular signal-regulated kinase 1/2 NF-κB: nuclear factor kappa B; NRF2: nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2. Source: Kipps, Blood 2022

#### ZILOVERTAMAB MECHANISM OF ACTION

#### **Treatment of Patients with Zilovertamab Inhibits Expression of NRF2-Target Genes In vivo**

Besides inhibiting ROR1 signal transduction, Zilo inhibits CLL cell expression of genes induced by activated ERK1/2, NF-kB, STAT3, and NRF2 that may promote the survival and growth of CLL cells with mutated TP53 of patients treated with BTKi



ROR1-21	ROR1-22	ROR1-23	
810 02°	94° 02°	610 020	
-			- 75 - 50
•-		-2	- 37 - 25
			- 50
	ROR1-21	ROR1-21         ROR1-22           exe         50%           exe         50%           exe         50%	ROR1-21         ROR1-22         ROR1-23           exe         50 <sup>b</sup>

Source: Sanchez-Lopez, E., NF-κB-p62-NRF2 survival signaling is associated with high ROR1 expression in chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Cell Death & Differentiation 2020; 27(7): 2206-2216.

#### **STUDY CIRM-0001 DESIGN**

#### **NCT03088878**

Phase 1	Phase 2		
Part 1 (MCL & CLL)	Part 2 (MCL, CLL & MZL)	Part 3 (CLL)	
DOSE-FINDING COHORT	DOSE-EXPANSION COHORT	RANDOMIZED EFFICACY	
<ul> <li>2, 4, 8 and 16mg/kg and 300 and 600mg doses of zilovertamab<sup>a</sup> evaluated</li> <li>Ibrutinib added after 1 month safety run-in (420mg CLL, 560mg MCL, qd po)</li> <li>RP2D:b 600mg IV Q2W x 3 then Q4W in combination with ibrutinib at approved doses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Primary Endpoints: safety, preliminary efficacy, pharmacology at RP2D</li> <li>Confirm RP2D of zilovertamab (600mg) + ibrutnib at approved dose (420mg CLL, 560mg MCL and MZL)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Zilovertamab + ibrutnib vs. ibrutinib</li> <li>2:1 randomization</li> <li>Evaluate objective responses, PFS, biomarkers</li> </ul>	

<sup>a:</sup> Formerly cirmtuzumab; <sup>b:</sup> RP2D: recommended Phase 2 dose

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	Parts 1 & 2 <sup>c</sup>		Part 3	
	MCL zilo + ibrutinib	CLL zilo + ibrutinib	CLL zilo + ibrutinib	CLL ibrutinib
Study Population				
Patients Enrolled, n	33	34	21	10
Safety Population, <sup>a</sup> n	33	34	21	10
Efficacy Population, <sup>b</sup> n (%)	28 (84.8)	34 (100)	16 (88.9)	7 (70.0)
Ongoing, n (%)	13 (39.4)	0	2 (11.1)	10 (10.0)
Discontinued from Treatment, <sup>d</sup> n (%)	20 (60.6)	34 (100)	16 (88.9)	9 (90.0)

a, Safety population is comprised of all enrolled subjects who received at least one dose of zilovertamab (or ibrutinib if Part 3 ibrutinib alone arm); lation is comprised of enrolled subjects who have received at least one dose of zilovertamab and have at least one post-baseline. tumor assessment; c, At the time of the data cut (11Oct2022), there were no MZL patients evaluable for efficacy, so MZL patients are not included in the analyses; d, most common reason for discontinuing for CLL patients is completed 2 years of treatment, for MCL is disease progression.

#### ZILO + IBRUTINIB IN TP53-ABERRANT CLL

CLL Efficacy by TP53 mutation/del17p: Clinical Response Rates High response rates and durable responses CLL patients with TP53 mutation/del17p

Endpoints	Parts 1 & 2 (N=34)	Part 3 – Zilo + Ibr (N=16)	Part 3 – Ibr (N=7)	TP53 mutation/del17p (N=10)
Overall Response Rate (ORR), n (%)	31 (91.2)	15 (93.8)	7 (100.0)	10 (100.0)
Complete Response (CR), n (%)	3 (8.8)ª	0	1 (14.3)	1 (10.0)
Partial Response (PR), n (%)	28 (82.4) <sup>b</sup>	15 (93.8)	6 (85.7)	9 (90.0) <sup>b</sup>
Stable Disease (SD), n (%)	3 (8.8)	1 (6.3)	0	0
Median Duration of response, months (95% CI)	40.3 (33.5, NE)	NR (22.2, NE)	NR (8.3, NE)	40.3 (NE, NE)

N: number of evaluable patients; NE: not estimable; a: includes 1 unconfirmed CR, b: includes 1 PR-

## CLL Efficacy: PFS and OS by TP53 mutation/del17p Status

Very encouraging landmark PFS at ~48 mo



Zilovertamab + ibrutinib Pooled Analysis of Parts 1, 2 & 3 (TP53: N=10; Non-TP53: N=40)



Note: One TP53 subject received new anti-cancer treatment, hence was censored for the PFS analysis. This subject subsequently died and is reflected in the OS analysis.

## **STUDY CIRM-0001 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

- Zilovertamab is a humanized mAb designed to inhibit the tumor promoting activity of ROR1.
- In CLL patients with TP53 mutation who have been treated with BTKi, zilovertamab inhibits CLL-cell expression of genes induced by activated ERK1/2, NF-kB, STAT3, and NRF2
- In patients with MCL and CLL, the combination of zilovertamab + ibrutinib was well tolerated, with a safety profile comparable to ibrutinib alone. Some side effects appeared less frequently than expected.
- The ORR was 89.3%, CRR 42.9% and median DOR 34.1 months for patients with R/R MCL on zilovertamab + ibrutinib
- PFS for zilovertamab + ibrutinib was ~95% at 24 months in patients with R/R CLL (median 2 prior LOT)
- Very encouraging PFS in CLL patients was 100% at ~48 months for patients with TP53 mutation/del17p

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