### Raltegravir (RAL) Pharmacokinetics (PK) and Safety in HIV-1 Exposed Neonates at High Risk of Infection: IMPAACT P1110

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# **ARVs in Neonates**

- Safety and dosing information for antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) in neonates are limited
  - Prophylaxis and early treatment
- RAL first INSTI to be studied in young infants
- Study design for this unique patient population
  - Population PK and simulations to facilitate drug development in neonates
  - Design is being adapted for additional ARVs to be used in neonates
- Collaboration between IMPAACT and industry for pediatric drug development



# Population PK Approach to Neonatal-Dose Finding

- Pharmacokinetic analysis that uses sophisticated statistical techniques
- Sparse sampling data sets
- Estimates the population average and variance of PK parameters



# Background and Rationale

- RAL has good safety and tolerability
- RAL is primarily metabolized by UGT1A1 enzyme
  - UGT activity low at birth and increases exponentially over the first weeks to months of life
  - High RAL plasma concentrations in vitro displace unconjugated bilirubin from albumin, potentially increasing neonatal risk of kernicterus (Clarke, et.al. PIDJ 2013)
    - RAL concentrations 50-100 X greater than typical peak concentrations (~ 5000 ng/mL)





# **Study Objectives**

 To evaluate the PK, safety and tolerability of RAL oral granules for suspension when administered to HIV-1 exposed infants





# Infant Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- Full-term infant aged ≤ 48 hours of age
- Infant gestational age at birth at least 37 weeks and weight ≥ 2 kg
- Exclusion criteria:
  - Elevated bilirubin requiring phototherapy
  - Receipt of disallowed medications phenytoin, phenobarbital, rifampin



# P1110 Study Design

Neonates enrolled into 2 sequential cohorts:

- Cohort 1 (n=16): Infants received 2 single RAL doses one week apart (Clarke, et al. IAS 2015)
- Cohort 2 (n=30): Two groups of infants receive daily RAL dosing for first 6 weeks of life
  - Initial group: Infants born to mothers not receiving RAL
  - Subsequent group: Infants born to mothers who received RAL during pregnancy up through delivery

### Determination of Cohort 2 Daily RAL Dose

- Population PK modeling and simulations using NONMEM
  - Data set included RAL concentration data from Cohort 1 and from infants and children enrolled in IMPAACT P1066
  - Developmental changes in absorption and clearance explored, with best fit if:
    - Absorption rate changed from 16% of max at birth to 90% at 2 weeks
    - Clearance changed from almost nil to a max at ~ 6 months of age

# **PK Targets and RAL Dose Selection**

- Simulations used to evaluate potential Cohort 2 dosing regimens (Lommerse, et al. PAGE 2015)
- PK Targets:
  - Cmin > 33 ng/mL; Cmax < 8724 ng/mL</p>
  - AUC12 (BID dosing) 6-20 mg\*h/L
  - AUC24 (QD dosing) 12-40 mg\*h/L
- Selected Cohort 2 dosing regimen:
  - Birth to day 7 of life: 1.5 mg/kg QD
  - 1 week to 4 weeks of age: Dose 3 mg/kg BID
  - 4 weeks to 6 weeks of age: 6 mg/kg BID

### **Evaluation of Possible Dosing Regimens**

Red – well outside of PK exposure target Orange – close to PK exposure target Green – within PK exposure target

Regimen	1-7 (wk-1)	8-14 (wk-2)	15-21 (wk-3)	22-28 (wk-4)	29-35 (wk-5)	36-42 (wk-6)	Trough	Cmax	AUC24 (QD)	AUC12 (BID)
1	2 QD		3 BID				Day42		Day2+3	
2	3 QD		3 BID		4 BID		Day42		Day2+3	
3	2 QD		2 BID			BID	Day28		Day2+3	
4	2 QD	2 BID	6 BID					Day2+3	Day14-16	
5	3	QD	3 BID		6 E	BID	Day 14		Day2+3	
6	2 QD	4 QD	6 BID					Day2+3	Day14-16	
7	2 QD		3 BID		6 E	BID			Day2+3	
8	2 QD	6 QD			6 E	BID	Day 28		Day2+3	
9	3 QD	3 BID			6 E	BID			Day2+3	
10	1.5 QD	3 BID			6 E	BID				

# Predicted RAL exposure for a typical cohort 2 subject receiving selected regimen during first 6 weeks of life



# **Cohort 2 PK Sampling**

- Intensive PK sampling
  - Initial dose of 1.5 mg/kg: pre-dose and 1-2, 6-10 and 20-24 hours post-dose
  - Between 15-18 days of life after dose increased to 3 mg/kg BID: pre-dose and 1-2, 4-6, and 8-12 hours post-dose
- Sparse sampling
  - After 2nd dose; each dose change; and at week 5-6 of life after dose increased to 6 mg/kg BID: pre-dose and 2 hour post- dose

### **Cohort 2 Demographics**



- 12 infants: 7 from Brazil, 3 from South Africa, 2 from USA
- Infant demographics [n or median (range)]
  - Gender: 4 female/8 male
  - -Gestational Age: 38 weeks (37-40)
  - -Birth Weight (kg): 2.8 (2.4-3.7)
  - Mode of Delivery: 4 vaginal/ 8 caesarian section

# Cohort 2 Intensive PK results

	AU	С	Trough		
	Mean (range)	Met target	Mean (range)	Met target	
Initial dose – 1.5 mg/kg QD (n=12)	37.0 (18.6-78.3) mg*h/L	8/12	833 (191-2493) ng/mL	12/12	
Increased dose - 3.0 mg/kg BID (n=12)	11.8 (4.7-24.5) mg*h/L	9/12	120 (11-666) ng/mL	11/12	

PK targets: AUC24: 12-40 mg\*h/L, AUC12: 6-20 mg\*h/L, Trough concentration >33 ng/mL

# Safety Evaluations



- No safety concerns observed with daily RAL administration through 6 weeks of life
  - Physical Exam
  - Hematology including CBC with differential and platelet count
  - Chemistries including AST, ALT, creatinine, total and direct bilirubin
  - HIV nucleic acid test (HIV NAT)

### Initial Dose 1.5 mg/kg QD



# 3 mg/kg BID



# Conclusions

- Population analysis and simulations can be used to facilitate drug development in neonates
- With initial 1.5 mg/kg dose, Cmin within target but AUC24 slightly above target range
  - Given the rapid increase in RAL metabolism over the first week of life, this exposure was considered acceptable
- With 3 mg/kg BID: day 15-18, AUC12 and Cmin within target range
- Daily RAL was well tolerated in infants receiving this regimen during the first 6 weeks of life
- P1110 Cohort 2 RAL-naïve (closed): 26 infants enrolled as of July 7
- Further modeling efforts are ongoing to allow enrollment of infants exposed to RAL in utero.



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