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FL – Biosymilar Rituximab

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During the entire life, we may offer most of the patients 5-7 therapy lines ...





Chemotherapy without MoAb is not used as I line FL treatment

Clinical practice in US FL, N= 2728, years 2004-2007



Initial Treatment - All Patients







Friedberg, et al., JCO 2009

Immunochemotherapy stadard of care in FL patients





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Rituximab maintenance ?



Maintenance Rituximab



Small molecules vs Biologic drugs

Small molecule→ Generici.e. Acetylsalicylic acid - 21 atoms

Biological drug→ Biosimilari.e. IgG1 antibody > 20,000 atoms





Small molecules vs Biologic drugs

	Small molecule drugs	Biologic drugs
Drug production	By chemical synthesis	 By genetically engineering methods, produced in cell lines
Product characterization	Well characterized	 Difficult to characterize they tend to be produced as diverse mixture of molecules which are very slightly different from one another
Purification. contamination possibility	 Easy to purify Contamination can be generally avoided, is easily detectable and often removable 	 Lengthy and complex purification process High possibility of contamination, detection is harder and removal is often impossible
Lab analysis	 Easily analyzed with routine lab tests 	 Current physico-chemical analytical methods or bioassays cannot detect all product variations
Susceptibility to environmental or process changes	 Not affected by environmental changes or any changes in the steps of production process. 	 Highly susceptible to slightest changes in environment, cell strains or the manufacturing process



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Every Biologic varies from batch to batch

- "Non-identicality" is a normal principle in biotechnology.
- No batch of any biological is "identical" to the others





 The "art" is to demonstrate that the biosimilar is as close as possible to its reference product in all relevant functional and structural aspects, within current technical and scientific limitations (inherent variability)



Changes in the manufacturing process after approval





Bio-better / Bio-similar / Copy-biologic

Biologic drugs	Definition
Innovative biologic	A novel biologic that has been patented
Bio-better (biosuperior/ 2 nd generation biologic)	An innovative biologic drug that has been structurally and/or functionally altered to achieve an improved or different clinical performance
Bio-similar	A copy version of an already authorized innovative biological drug with demonstrated similarity in physicochemical characteristics, efficacy, and safety, based on a comprehensive comparability exercise, and approved through an official biosimilars pathway
Copy-biologic	A copy of an innovative biologic that has been approved in a country where no official biosimilar pathway exists.



Biosimilar Medicinal Products Working Party, 2011

Bio-better (biosuperior/2nd generation biologic)



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Bio-better (biosuperior/2nd generation biologic)





Rituximab i.v.

Rituximab s.c.



Bio-similar definitions

Source	Definition
WHO	2 line definition
EMA	4 line definition
FDA	5 line definition

WHO - Expert Committee on Biological Standardization. Guidelines on Evaluation of Similar Biotherapeutic Products

(SBPs). World Health Organization. [Online] October 23, 2009. [Cited: March 23, 2012.

EMA - European Medicines Agency. [Online] September 27, 2012. [Cited: October 1, 2012.]

 $http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Medicine_QA/2009/12/WC500020062.pdf.\,.$

EMA/837805/2011.

FDA - Guidance for Industry: Quality considerations in demonstration biosimilarity to a reference protein product. Washington DC : U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 2012.



Biosymilars & "Copy biologic"







Biosimilars – approved by EMA / FDA





Copy-biologic





Once Biosymilar is approved it has substantial financial impact





"Biosymilars – symilar but not identical"



Different focus between originator and biosimilar development





PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics

Clinical development confirms biosimilarity



European Medicines Agency (EMA). Guideline on similar biological medicinal products. CHMP/437/04 Rev 1/2014 [online]. Available from URL: http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2014/10/WC500176768.pdf [Accessed 2016 March 18]; US Food and Drug Administration. Guidance for Industry: Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product 2015 [online] Available from URL: www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM291128.pdf [Accessed 2016 March 18].

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Key considerations for Phase III trial designs

	Originator	Biosimilar
Patient population	Any	Sensitive and homogeneous
Clinical design	Superiority versus standard of care	Comparative versus innovator (therapeutic equivalence studies)
Study endpoints	Clinical outcomes data (OS & PFS) or accepted/established surrogates	Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic markers; objective response rate (RR)
Safety	Acceptable risk/benefit profile versus standard of care	Similar safety profile to innovator
Immunogenicity	Acceptable risk/benefit profile versus standard of care	Similar immunogenicity profile to innovator
Extrapolation	Not allowed	Possible if justified

prIME Podcast Series 2013: A Focus on Biosimilar Antibodies, Reference Slidk [online]. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwNWUzyuJuw [Accessed 2016 March 22].



Extrapolation is based on the entire similarity exercise



Immunocompetence 1. Large effect size 2.

'SIMILARITY SPACE'

PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics

Kurki P, et al. J Crohns Colitis 2014;8:258; Weise M, et al. Blood 2014;124:3191–6; Weise M, et al. Blood 2012;120:5111–17; Sandoz-generated/owned figure (November 18 2014).



Rituximab Biosymilars

CT-P10 Registered by EMA



GP2013 Being assessed by EMA



GP2013 development program



ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity; FL, follicular lymphoma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SCID, severe combined immunodeficiency



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Pre-clinical *in vitro* comparability: ADCC assays with fresh NK cells

Daudi cell line & fresh effector cells

SU-DHL4 & fresh effector cells



Ab, antibody; ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; NK, natural killer da Silva et al. Leuk Lymphoma 2014;55:1609–17.



Pre-clinical *in vivo* comparability (tumor growth): two models for NHL



IgG, immunoglobulin G da Silva et al. Leuk Lymphoma 2014;55:1609–7.



Pre-clinical *in vivo* comparability: PK following IV administration to primates



AUC, area under the curve; C_{max}, maximum concentration; IV, intravenous; PK, pharmacokinetics; SD, standard deviation da Silva et al. Leuk Lymphoma 2014;55:1609–17.



Pre-clinical *in vivo* comparability: B-cell depletion following IV adm to primates



PD: B-cell depletion is similar

IV, intravenous; PD, pharmacodynamics; SD, standard deviation da Silva et al. Leuk Lymphoma 2014;55:1609–17.



GP2013 and CT-P10 development program



ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity; FL, follicular lymphoma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SCID, severe combined immunodeficiency



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GP2013 clinical development



Total Safety Data: about 1000 pts (500 in GP2013), Efficacy data: 312 (RA)+ 629 (FL)

FL: follicular lymphoma, JP: Japanese patients, NHL: non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, PK: pharmacokinetics, RA: Rheumatoid arthritis, TNF: Tumor necrosis facto





Study	Indication	Primary Endpoint	Sample size	Status
1.1	RA	PK equivalence	154	Completed
1.3 (1.1 Extension Study)	RA	Long term safety and efficacy	58	Completed
3.2	RA	 Part 1: PK equivalence Part 2: Therapeutic equivalence 	372	Study Ongoing Week 48 results available
3.3	AFL	 Part 1: PK equivalence Part 2: Therapeutic non-inferiority 	140	Study Ongoing Week 24 results available
3.4	LTBFL	Therapeutic equivalence	174**	Recruiting
Total Safety Data: about 650 patients (325 in CT-P10), Efficacy data: 372 (RA)+ 140 (FL)				



: studies rationale

CT-P10 1.1 RA, CT-P10 3.2 RA

- Rheumatoid arthritis was chosen as the most sensitive population for the PK/PD comparison based on:
 - Establishing PK bioequivalence can not be performed in healthy subjects due to the Bcell depleting effect of rituximab
 - The between-patient variability in terms of PK/PD is much lower in patients with RA compared to the oncology indications (Baseline B-cell counts can vary significantly and thus affect both the PK and PD variability between patients in oncology)
 - In patients with RA the treatment courses are given every 6 months less frequent than in the oncology indications, making it possible to capture the complete drug concentration-time profile before re-treatment
 - Additionally, the RA patient population is **favorable** over oncology **in terms of studying immunogenicity**



ASSIST-RA : study design



CT-P10 3.2 RA is literally identical, in therms of study design and pts numbers



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ASSIST-RA : primary and secondary endpoints

ffordable Efficacy & Safety from uximab Biosimilar Treatment

> **Primary endpoint and Key** secondary endpoints

- PK assessment: Primary endpoint
 - AUC_(0-inf) of serum concentrations of the drugs
- Key Secondary endpoints
 - C_{max} after the first infusion
 - AUC_(0-14d) of percent B-cells relative to baseline
 - Change in DAS28 from baseline to week 24

Other secondary endpoints

• Efficacy: ACR20, ACR50, ACR70, **EULAR response, SDAI and CDAI**

- PK: AUC_{(0-12w}), AUC_{(0-24w}) and C_{max} following the second infusion $(C_{max}2)$ and T_{max} (for both infusions; T_{max}1 and T_{max}2) and change in AUCEs
- PD: Peripheral blood B-cell levels relative to baseline
- QoL: HAQ-DI and FACIT fatigue scale

Safety endpoints (secondary endpoints)

- Safety assessments: AEs and SAEs, with their severity and relationship to the study drug; pregnancies; monitoring of hematology; blood chemistry and urine; vital signs, performance status; ECG; and body weight
- Immunogenicity: ADA formation

CT-P10 3.2 RA PK being the primary target of part 1, while efficacy issues - the primary target of pat 2.



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Primary efficacy results (AUC_(0-inf))- (PAS)

Arithmetic mean (SD) serum PK concentration-time profile over 24 weeks by treatment (PK analysis set*)



Serum concentration-time profiles for the two treatments were similar up to week 24

AUC_(0-inf), The area under the concentration-time curve from time zero to infinity; FAS, full analysis set; PK, pharmacokinetics; SD, standard deviation *The PK analysis set was a subset of the FAS and consisted of patients who did not have any major protocol deviations





ASSIST-RA (part 1): primary and secondary pharmacokinetic endpoints

- The study met the primary endpoint of bioequivalence in PK (AUC_{0-inf})</sub>
 - The geometric mean AUC_{0-inf} was 6738.5 with GP2013 and 6334.4 with reference rituximab
- The study also met all other secondary PK objectives with the exception of C_{max1}, which was • attributed to a high variability in infusion rates and durations during the first infusion





CT-P10 3.2 RA Pharmacokinetics: Primary Endpoints











Efficacy DAS (Disesse Activity Score) CT-P10 3.2 RA



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Week 24

Week 52

Parameters TreMedian (±SE) B- cell Kinetics (cells/µL)	n	Adjusted Mean (SE)	Estimate of Treatment Difference (95% CI)
DAS28 (CRP) – Efficacy I	Primary (endpoint	
СТ-Р10	139	-2.14 (0.177)	
US/EU-RTX	196	-2.09 (0.176)	-0.29 -0.05 0.20
DAS28 (ESR)			
CT-P10	140	-2.41 (0.182)	
US/EU-RTX	196	-2.35 (0.182)	-0.31 -0.06 0.19
		-0.6	-0.3 0 0.3 0.



SASSIST-RA (part 1): safety profiles of GP2013 and reference rituximab

n (%)	GP2013 (n=86)	Rituximab reference (n=87)
Deaths	1 (1.16)	0 (0.0)
Other non-fatal SAEs	10 (11.63)	14 (16.09)
Leading to discontinuation	2 (2.33)	4 (4.60)
Any AE	56 (65.1)	57 (65.5)
Leading to study drug discontinuation	2 (2.33)	3 (3.45)
AEs by most frequent SOCs		
Infections and infestations	27 (31.4)	31 (35.6)
Musculoskeletal	16 (18.6)	14 (16.1)
Gastrointestinal disorders	13 (15.1)	15 (17.2)
General disorders	12 (14.0)	9 (10.3)
Skin and subcut. tissue	9 (10.5)	11 (12.6)
Injury and poisoning	9 (10.5)	11 (12.6)
Resp., thoracic, mediastinal	7 (8.1)	12 (13.8)
Vascular disorders	7 (8.1)	10 (11.5)
Nervous system disorders	7 (8.1)	10 (11.5)
Potential infusion related reaction	32 (37.2)	37 (42.5)

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CT-P10 3.2 RA Safety Summary up to Week 48

Events, n (%)	CT-P10 (N=161)	US-RTX (N=151)	EU-RTX (N=60)	RTX (N=211)
AE	122 (75.8)	96 (63.6)	37 (61.7)	133 (63.0)
- Related	73 (45.3)	47 (31.1)	25 (41.7)	72 (34.1)
SAE	13 (8.1)	14 (9.3)	2 (3.3)	16 (7.6)
- Related	0	5 (3.3)	1 (1.7)	6 (2.8)
Infection	61 (37.9)	53 (35.1)	17 (28.3)	70 (33.2)
- Related	27 (16.8)	25 (16.6)	6 (10.0)	31 (14.7)
IRR	33 (20.5)	12 (7.9)	13 (21.7)	25 (11.8)
Malignancy	0	2 (1.3)	1 (1.7)	3 (1.4)
Discontinuation due to AEs - Related	3 (1.9) 2 (1.2)	7 (4.6) 5 (3.3)	2 (3.3) 1 (1.7)	9 (4.3) 6 (2.8)





In patients with active rheumatoid arthritis, the ASSIST-RA study shows:



PK bioequivalence between the proposed biosimilar rituximab, (GP2013 and CT-P10), and EU-approved reference rituximab

similar pharmacodynamic, efficacy and safety profiles with GP2013 and CT-P10 compared with EU-approved reference rituximab



ASSIST-RT : study design

Patients with active rheumatoid arthritis previously treated with EU- or US-sourced rituximab



Patients with ≥1 full course of EU- or USsourced rituximab 6–18 months before randomization

Stable dose of methotrexate 7.5–25 mg/week, other allowed DMARDS and folic acid ≥5 mg/week for ≥4 weeks before randomization and throughout study; IV steroids, antihistamines and antipyretics pre-infusion





CT-P10 3.3 AFL

 ASSIST-FL was designed to confirm non-inferior clinical effectiveness of GP2013 as compared to originator rituximab in a sensitive population

: study rationale

- Follicular lymphoma was chosen as the most appropriate indication as the disease has a more homogeneous nature amongst the approved oncology indications of rituximab
- Further, the combination R-CVP was considered the most sensitive treatment option, as rituximab had shown the largest additive treatment effect to a chemotherapy backbone treatment in the combination with CVP
- Immunochemotherapy with Rituximab remains the current standard of care for previously untreated patients, the combination regimen increases the RR and prolongs both PFS and OS

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$CVP \pm Rituximab in Previously Untreated FL$



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SSIST-FL (GP13-301): 629 randomized pts in 22 countries



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 The study consisted of a combination treatment phase over 6 months and a maintenance treatment phase over 2 years



GP-2013 (375 mg/m²) + cyclophosphamide (750 mg/m² IV D1) + vincristine (1.4 mg/m² D1) + prednisone (100 mg p.o. D1–D5) Rituximab (375 mg/m²) + cyclophosphamide (750 mg/m² IV D1) + vincristine (1.4 mg/m² D1) + prednisone (100 mg p.o. D1–D5)

*For responders (partial or complete response) treated with GP2013-CVP or Rituximab-CVP, according to the original treatment assignment

R-CVP: Rituximab-cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisone, FL: follicular lymphoma

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CT-P10 3.3 AFL Study Design



CVP: Cyclophosphamide 750 mg/m², Vincristine 1.4 mg/m² [max 2mg], Prednisone or prednisolone 40 mg/m²
 Rituximab: 375 mg/m² (Core study: 3-weekly, Maintenance study: every 2 months)

Abbreviations: FL, Follicular Lymphoma; EOT, End of Treatment; FLIPI, Follicular Lymphoma International Prognostic Index



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Study assessments

Efficacy

- Efficacy assessments:
 - primary endpoint:
 - Overall response rate (ORR)
 - Secondary endpoints:
 - Complete response (CR)
 - Partial response (PR)
 - Progression free survival (PFS)
 - Overall survival (OS)

Safety (secondary endpoints)

- Safety assessments: AEs, SAEs, with their severity and relationship to study drug, pregnancies, monitoring of hematology, blood chemistry and urine, vital signs, performance status, ECG, and body weight
- Immunogenicity: ADA formation

PK/PD (secondary endpoints)

- **PK:** C_{max} , C_{trough} , $AUC_{(0-t)}$, and AUC_{all}
- **PD:** peripheral CD19+ B cell counts (absolute and relative to baseline) and AUEC_(0-21d) in Cycle 1

CT-P10 3.3 AFL PK being the primary target, ORR the secondary target

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CT-P10 3.3 AFL Efficacy Endpoint (secondary endpt !)

ITT Population					
Response	CT-P10 (N=70)	Rituxan (N=70)	Difference [lower bound of 95% CI]		
ORR ¹	67 (95.7%)	63 (90.0%)	5.7% [-3.41%]		
CR	21 (30.0%)	15 (21.4%)	-		
CRu	6 (8.6%)	8 (11.4%)	-		
PR	40 (57.1%)	40 (57.1%)	-		

The difference between the groups lies on the positive side of -7%. lower bound of 95% CI of differences lies on the positive side of -7%.



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CT-P10 3.3 AFL Primary PK Endpoints (PK Equivalence)



Abbreviations: PK, pharmacokinetics; AUC_{tau} , area under the serum concentration -time curve at steady state; C_{maxSS} , Maximum serum concentration at steady state; LS, Least squares; CI, confidence interval

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- The median **PFS and OS were not reached as data are still maturing**
- Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
 - Geometric mean ratio between GP2013 and reference rituximab was
 - 1.00 (90% CI 0.925, 1.09) for C_{max} at Cycle 4, Day 1
 - 0.939 (90% CI 0.845,1.04) for the area under effect-time curve in CD19+ B-cell count (AUEC_(0-21davs))
 - Comparable results observed between GP2013 and reference rituximab for AUC_(0-21days), AUC_{all} and C_{trough}







Immunogenicity: ADA

	ADA frequency Combination phase n (%)	ADA frequency Maintenance phase n (%)	Overall n (%)
All Patients* (N=551)	7 (1.3)	1 (0.2)	8 (1.5)
GP2013 (N=268)	4 (1.5)	1 (0.4)	5 (1.9)
Rituximab (N=283)	3 (1.1)	0	3 (1.1)

	ADA frequency Combination phase n (%)	NAb
CT-P10 (N=70)	3/70 (4.3)	2/70 (2.9)
Rituximab (N=70)	2/70 (2.9)	2/70 (2.9)

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Deccription	GP2013- CVP	R-CVP arm
AEs were reported in:	92.6%	91.4%
Discontinuation due to AE:	23 (7.4%)	22 (7.0%)
Serious AEs were reported in : febrile neutropaenia:	22.8% 4.8%	20.0% 2.9%
Deaths during comb. phase:	4 (1.3%)	7 (2.2%)
Deaths (data cutoff in July 2015): deaths due to lymphoma:	18 (5.8%) 8 (2.6%)	17 (5.4%) 6 (1.9%)

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CT-P10 3.3 AFL Safety Summary

n (%)	CT-P10 (N=70)		Rituxan (N=70)	
	Total	Related ¹	Total	Related ¹
AE	58 (82.9)	37 (52.9)	56 (80.0)	34 (48.6)
SAE	16 (22.9)	6 (8.6)	9 (12.9)	4 (5.7)
Infection	22 (31.4)	6 (8.6)	26 (37.1)	9 (12.9)
IRR	16 (22.9)	15 ² (21.4)	17 (24.3)	17 (24.3)
Malignancy	0	0	1 (1.4) ³	0
Discontinuation due to AEs	5 (7.1)	3 (4.3)	1 (1.4)	0
Death ⁴	1 (1.4)	0	0	0

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Biosimilars in Hematology: supportive care \rightarrow MoAb





Biosimiliar use is increasing in EU

Market Share



Biosimilar products have achieved market share >50% in select countries.



IMS MIDAS/MTA Global database: March 2011

Biosymilars may be potentially developed for several inovstive biologics in the next 10 years



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