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## MPN with associated eosinophilia

			<mark>5q31 PDGFR</mark> β			
			WDR48PDGFRB GPIAP1PDGFRB	t(1;3;5)(p36;p21;q33) der(1)t(1;5)(p34;q33), der(5)t(1;5)(p34;q15),		
Oth	ers		TPM3–PDGFRB PDE4DIP–PDGFRB	der(11)ins(11;5)(p12;q15q33) t(1;5)(q21;q33) t(1;5)(q23;q33)		
FIP1L1-P	DGFRA	del(4)(q12q12)	PRKG2-PDGFRB	t(4;5;5)(q23;q31;q33)		
KIF5B-PD	Complex kan		GOLGA4-PDGFRB HIP1-PDGFRB CCDC6-PDGERB	t(3;5)(p21–25;q31–35) t(5;7)(q33;q11.2) t(5:10)(q33;q21)		
ZNF198-FGFR1	t(8;13)(p11;q12)	4 and 10 (9;4)(q33;q12q (12)(q12;p13) (4)(p24;q12)	GIT2-PDGFRB NIN-PDGFRB KIAA1509-PDGFRB	t(5;12)(q31–33;q24) t(5;14)(q33;q24) t(5;14)(q33;q32)		
FGFR10P1–FGFR1 BCR–FGFR1	t(6;8)(q27;p11–12) t(8;22)(p11;q11)	·///o = · · · · · · · /	CEV14–PDGFRB TP53BP1–PDGFRB	t(5;14)(q33;q32) t(5;15)(q33;q22)		
IRIM24–FGFR1 MYO18A–FGFR1 HERVK–FGFR1 FGFR10P2–FGFR1	t(7;8)(q34;p11) t(8;17)(p11;q23) t(8;19)(p12;q13.3) ins(12;8)(p11;p11p2	22)	NDE1–PDGFRB RABEP1–PDGFRB SPECC1–PDGFRB	t(5;16)(q33;p13) t(5;17)(q33;p13) t(5;17)(q33;p11.2)		

#### $4q12 PDGFR\alpha$

## FIP1L1-PDGFRA rearrangement



#### CHROMOSOME 4q12



#### Most common fusion

- •Criptic deletion
- •Exquisite sensibility to imatinib
- •Extreme variability of breakpoint on FIP1L1 (exon 9 to 18)

## FIP1L1-PDGFRα: a novel target of imatinib





OPEN LABEL, PILOT PHASE II STUDY OF STI571 IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH IDIOPATHIC HYPEREOSINOPHILIC SYNDROME (HES) Protocol No. NCT 00276929

FIP1L1-PDGFRα FIP1L1-PDGFRa rearranged non-rearranged N° of cases 32 41 Male/female 31/1 27/14 60 (18-81) Age, ys, 48 (17-75) median and range Median time from diagnosis, 16 (6-125) 23 (6-209) months (range) 4.8 (1.6-28.8) 3,4 (1,5-39,9) **EO** x10<sup>9</sup>/L, m-r 14 (44%) 20 (49%) **Organ localization** Hematologic Response 100% 14%

### HES0203: molecular follow-up



Patients on FU :30 Patient on IMA :28/30 Median FU: 60 months CMoIR rate: 100% Time to CMoIR : 3 months CMoIR duration : 52 months

#### Imatinib discontinuation and molecular response



Median time to molecular relapse: 5 months (4-9). Second Molecular response is obtained

## Clinical correlation



Organ involvment 44%
Time to diagnosis 16 m (6-125)
Eo/mmc, time to HR/CMR no difference



#### Rates of progression-free survival according with FIP1L1-PDGFRalpha rearrangement status before imatinib therapy



Progression-free survival

**Months** 

## **Conclusions HES 1**

- Imatinib is the front-line therapy for HES FIP1L1-PDGFRa positive with Molecular Complete Remission rate of 100%
- Resistance to Imatinib therapy is extremely rare.

## WHO Classification of Systemic Mastocytosis (SM)

- Indolent SM (ISM) >80%
- SM with AHNMD\*
- Smouldering SM (SSM)
- Aggressive SM (ASM)
- Mast Cell Leukemia (MCL)

no B/C/AHNMD\* AHNMD B-Findings **C-Finding/s** 

MC ≥20% in BM Smear <u>and</u> C-Findings

\*AHNMD: associated clonal hematological non-mast cell lineage disease

- KIT D816V found in >80% of all SM cases
- Additional Oncogenic Molecules not yet identified!

Valent et al., Leuk Res 2001;25:595, Valent et al., WHO Book 2001; Horny et al., WHO Book 2008

Findings resulting from <u>organ destruction</u> caused by <u>local mast cell infiltration</u>:

- Cytopenia
- Liver involvement with ascites
- Osteolysis plus pathologic fracture
- Malabsorption + hypalbuminemia
- Splenomegaly + hypersplenism

**TAKE HOME MEMORIZER:** 

B-Finding: High Burden of Mast Cells C-Finding: C = Consider Cytoreduction

### **Diagnostic Algorithm in SM**

(Patient Selection for Drug Therapy)



#### **Diagnostic Algorithm in SM**



## **Therapy of Patients with SM**

- In >90% of all pts: symptomatic therapy only (BSC) +/- bisphosphonates (T score < -2)</li>
- These <u>ISM</u> patients have a normal or near normal life-expectancy !
- The <u>Burden of MC alone (B</u>-Findings) is <u>not</u> an indication for cytoreductive therapy
- Only <u>C</u>-Findings are indicative of the fact that the patient is a candidate for <u>Cytoreduction</u>

Memorizer: C = Consider Cytoreduction

## **Therapy of Advanced SM**

- Glucocorticosteroids
- Interferon-alpha (IFNα)
- Cladribine (2CdA)
- PKC412 (Midostaurin)
- Imatinib
- Polychemotherapy
- Stem Cell Transplantation
- Hydroxyurea
- Splenectomy

Adjunct to IFN $\alpha$  or 2CdA ASM with Slow Progression ASM or MCL **Trials ongoing** Rare Cases (KIT D816V-) MCL, Prior to SCT In young patients Palliative drug Prior to CT (thrombopenia)

- <u>Basis</u>: HR1+HR2 blockers
- <u>Osteopathy</u>: Bisphosphonates (T Score < -2)</li>
- <u>Allergy</u>: Immunotherapy (venom allergy!)

## **FU and Response Evaluation**

- C-Findings (improve/resolve, etc)
- Serum Tryptase Levels
- B Findings
- KIT D816V burden
- Mediator Symptoms (also after IT)
- Osteodensitometry (T-Score)
- Quality of Life

For detailed Information and Response Criteria in SM see: 1) Leuk Res 2003;27:635 2) Eur J Clin Invest 2007;37:43

#### **Tryptase-Monitoring in SM: Examples**



## **Summary and Statements**

- Therapy of SM is a <u>multi-disciplinary</u> approach
- All patients should be referred to a specialized center, preferably to a Center of Excellence of the <u>ECNM</u> or an associated center
- There is <u>no cure</u> for patients with advanced SM
- However, several effective drugs are now available and are tested in clinical trials
- Patients with advanced SM should be treated in <u>clinical trials</u> if possible

# New drugs in Mastocytosis

Dasatinib
 SU11248
 PKC412

# Dasatinib has "in vitro" activity in all SM patients

Compound	Kinase	IC50 (nM)		
Decetinih	cKIT(WT)	79		
Dasatinio	cKIT(D816V)	37		
Imatinib	cKIT(WT)	1550		
	cKIT(D816V)	> 10000		

Blood First Edition Paper, prepublished online January 24, 2006; DOI 10.1182/blood-2005-10-3969

Dasatinib (BMS-354825) inhibits KIT<sup>D816V</sup>, an imatinib-resistant activating

mutation that triggers neoplastic growth in the majority of patients with

systemic mastocytosis

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# Dasatinib binds mutated D816V c-kit receptor



#### ADVANCED SYSTEMIC MASTOCYTOSIS: An Italian Multicentric experience

Number of patients (1995-2006)	24
Median age (years; range)	59(36-75)
Gender (male/female; ratio)	13/11
KIT D816V mut	13/18 (72%)
Disease type Aggressive systemic mastocytosis Mast cell leukemia AHNMD-SM*	<mark>12 (50%)</mark> 8 (33%) 4 (17%)
OS @ 5 yrs 64% median 24 months 19 pts still alive with active disease	\$ (6-60)

Pagano et al, Int J Hemat,2008

## Nilotinib in ASM

A Study of Oral AMN107 in Adults With Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) or Other Blood Related Cancers(NCT00109707) sponsored Novartis

Study Start Date: May 2004

60 pts, (34M, 26F), median age 53 ys

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30/36 D816V pos (83%)
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37% stopped therapy

Response: tryptase, BM MCs counts, improvement of clinical symptoms

12 patients (20%) clinical response

2 (3%) CR, 5(8%) ICR, 4(7%) miCR, 1 PR

G3/4 AE: diarrhea, thrombocytopenia, haedache

Long term results: unknown

Hochhaus, ASH poster presentation 2006

## Midostaurine (PKC412) in ASM

A Single Arm, Phase II, Open-Label Study to Determine the Efficacy of Twice Daily Oral Dosing of PKC412 Administered to Patients With Aggressive Systemic **Mastocytosis** (ASM) and Mast Cell Leukemia (MCL) **(**NCT00233454) sponsored Stanford University

Study Start Date:	March 2005
15 pts, median age 62 ys	
9/15 D816V pos (60%)	
30% stopped therapy	
Response: tryptase, BM MCs cou	nts, improvement of clinical symptoms
11/15 patients (73%) clinical respo	nse 5(33%) MR, 6(39%) PR
G3/4 AE: nausea/vomiting, thromb	ocytopenia
	Gotlib, ASH poster presentation 2007

Efficacy and Safety of Midostaurin in Patients With ASM or Mast Cell Leukemia (NCT00782067) Novartis sponsored Study Start Date: October 2008

## Dasatinib in ASM





#### Esperienza clinica limitata

Verstorvsek, CCR, 2008 (9 ASM, 18 ISM, 6 SM-AHNMD) OR 33% Purtil, Eur J M, 2008 (2 ASM, 1 ISM, 1 SM-AHNMD) OR 50% Ustun, Leuk Res, 2009 (1 ASM)

## Dasatinib therapy in ASM

- 6 pts ASM on compassionate use
- 3 pts (1 ASM, 1 SSN, 1 ISM) as off-label therapy
- 70 mg BID

 Evaluation of response on C and B findings and tryptase level

#### EOSINOFILIA SENZA RIARRANGIAMENTI

## Human IL-5

•Human IL-5 is the major hematopoietin responsible for the growth and differentation, recruitment, activation and survival of eosinophils.

•Mepolizumab blocks binding of hIL-5 to the alpha chain of the hIL-5 receptor complex expressed on the eosinophil cell surface.

•It was anticipate that it would have an effect in asthma, allergic rhinitis and atopic dermatitis by reducing the accumulation and activation of eosinophils in the target tissue, reducing the activation of infiltrated cells as well as reducing blood eosinophil numbers.

•While studies assessing acute treatment of asthma and atopic dermatitis have generated results of minimal clinical significance, the results of experience with HES subjects has been far more promising.

#### Mepolizumab is a fully humanized monoclonal antibody which is specific for hIL-5





Panel A shows the effect of mepolizumab infusions (arrows) on the percentage of peripheral-blood eosinophils in each of the three patients.

Panel B shows the clinical response on day 21, after two mepolizumab infusions, in Patient 2. Panels C and D show the reduction in the number of eosinophils in the skin before and on day 21 after the start of mepolizumab therapy in Patient 2. Before therapy with mepolizumab, hematoxylin-and-eosin–stained skin-biopsy specimens (Panel C,  $\neg 100$ ) contained inflammatory-cell infiltrates largely consisting of eosinophils and lymphocytes. After therapy, the number of inflammatory cells had decreased, and no eosinophils were detected. The insets show the same specimens at a higher magnification ( $\neg 1000$ ). Double immunofluorescence staining with anti–interleukin-5 and anti–eosinophil cationic protein (ECP) antibodies (Panel D) showed that most of the infiltrating eosinophils expressed interleukin-5 before therapy with mepolizumab. After therapy, fewer eosinophils were detected, although they did contain interleukin-5. The scale bars represent 10  $\mu$ m.

## Skin-Infiltrating Eosinophils and Lymphocytes before (Day 1) and 21 Days after the Initiation of Mepolizumab Treatment.

Method and Finding	Patient 1		Patient 2		Patient 3	
	Day 1	Day 21	Day 1	Day 21	Day 1	Day 21
Hematoxylin and eosin						
Eosinophils (per 1000 skin cells)	245	0	136	0	238	3
Immunofluorescence						
Positive for eosinophil cationic protein (cells/mm²)	70	34	140	19	80	10
Positive for eosinophil cationic protein and interleukin-5 (%)	50	88	85	100	75	100
CD4+ cells (per mm²)	40	40	30	10	24	5
CD4+ and positive for interleukin-5 (%)	25	0	25	100	42	60
CD8+ cells (per mm²)	20	8	25	10	20	10
CD8+ and positive for interleukin-5 (%)	50	0	40	100	50	0

The clinical experience with mepolizumab shows promise in both men and women with HES.

In these small studies, most subjects have received repeat doses of mepolizumab at a 750mg-dose level with a maximum of 8 doses of 750mg doses in approximately a 10 month period.

Mepolizumab has been well tolerated by all the subjects with no reports of related serious or non-serious adverse events, thus it has demonstrated a safety profile comparable to the previous experience in atopic disease.

Among the 15 subjects with a clinical status update, 13 have shown significant reduction in blood eosinophils; 12 subjects have shown partial or significant clinical response.

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