



Research & Development Update

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TB Alliance R&D Foundational Elements

Innovate

Discover novel targets and classes

Leverage new technology

Translate

Preclinical disease models to optimize regimens PKPD modeling



Collaborate

Multiple consortia Data sharing and transparency







Treatment of Highly Drug-Resistant Pulmonary Tuberculosis

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Nix-TB Efficacy: Time to Unfavorable Outcome



CONCLUSIONS

The combination of bedaquiline, pretomanid, and linezolid led to a <u>favorable</u> outcome at 6 months after the end of therapy in a <u>high</u> <u>percentage</u> of patients with <u>highly drug-resistant</u> forms of tuberculosis;

some associated toxic effects were observed.

- 81% peripheral neuropathy
- ~2/3 interrupted, reduced, or discontinued linezolid
- <u>All surviving patients completed 6 months of treatment</u>



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Bedaquiline–Pretomanid–Linezolid Regimens for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

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ZeNix Efficacy: Time to Unfavorable Outcome



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ZeNix Safety: Time to First LIN Dose Modification









	SOC	BPaLM	BPaLC	BPaL	
Number in mITT population	137	138	115	111	
Number with no unfavourable outcome	81 (59.1%)	121 (88.3%)	88 (76.5%)	96 (86.5%)	
Number with an unfavourable outcome	56 (40.9%)	16 (11.7%)	27 (23.5%)	15 (13.5%)	
Number non-assessable	0	1	0	0	
Unadjusted risk difference (two-sided 96.6% confidence interval)		-29.2% (-39.8% to - 18.6%)	-	-	
Unadjusted risk difference (two-sided 95% confidence interval)		-	-17.4% (-28.7% to - 6.1%)	-27.4% (-37.8% to - 17.0%)	
Non-inferiority p-value (non-inferiority margin of +12%)		p<0.0001	p<0.0001	p<0.0001	
Superiority p-value		p<0.0001	p=0.003	p<0.0001	



Updated WHO Guidelines December 2022

Scientific outcomes lead to global impact

- BPaLM, BPaL
- Nearly all DR-TB patients
- Programmatic implementation recommended
- 14 years and older
- LZD dose: 600 mg throughout the treatment with dose reduction as needed
- BDQ dosing alternatives (per label, or QD)
- Reproductive safety: "New data have largely alleviated previous concerns on reproductive toxicities observed in animal studies, suggesting that adverse effects on human male fertility are unlikely"

WHO consolidated guidelines on tuberculosis

Module 4: Treatment

Drug-resistant tuberculosis treatment 2022 update





There is more work to be done

Shorter Treatment Duration

Months \rightarrow Weeks \rightarrow Days

Safer Regimens

Minimal monitoring or restrictions

Greater Convenience

Fixed-dose combinations; Longacting injectables

Universal Regimen

No DST requirement



TB Alliance Drug Development Pipeline As of October 2023*



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TBAJ-876: next generation Diarylquinoline

- Increased potency and improved efficacy vs. bedaquiline
 - TBAJ-876 has higher anti-MTB potency than BDQ
 - Potential to reduce treatment duration demonstrated in mouse models
 - Better potency against most common BDQ-R strains (Rv0678 mutants)
- Improved safety profile
- Excellent candidate for long-acting injectable



Oral Presentation OA13-298-16, Thur 08:30-10:00, 243: "Antimycobacterial activity of a novel diarylquinoline TBAJ-876" (T. Black) Oral Presentation OA13-300-16, Thur 08:30-10:00, 243: "Toxicological assessment of TBAJ-876 in rats and dogs" (R. Bruning-Barry)



Treatment-shortening of 876-PaL vs BPaL in BALB/c Relapsing Mouse Model

		Months of Treatment Required for Complete Sterilization of Mouse Lungs								
Regimen	M0.75	M1	M1.5	M2	M2.5	M3	M3.5	M4	M4.5	
BDQ (25 mpk) +PaL				4						
876 (1.56 mpk) + PaL										
876 (3.125 mpk) + PaL		3/3								
876 (6.25 mpk) + PaL		2/6	Ĩ							
876 (12.5 mpk) + PaL		0/6								
dose-dependent sterilizing vity in combination with PaL		3.12 steril mpk	3.125 mpk dose of 876 sterilized faster than BDQ 25 mpk dose			= Mouse lungs sterile at 3 months after end of treatm				

Oral Presentation OA13-299-16:Thur 08:30-10:00, 243 "Enhanced sterilising potential of regimens containing TBAJ-876" (E. Nuermberger)



TBAJ-876 Phase 1 completed

- Part 1 SAD (55 on active, 13 on placebo)
 - Oral suspension formulation
 - Placebo, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 mg
 - Food effect studied at 100 mg dose
- Part 2 MAD (27 on active, 12 on placebo)
 - Placebo, 25, 75 and 200 mg for 14 days taken with food
- Part 3 Relative Bioavailability (N= 30)
 - Tablet formulation
 - Single dose of 100 mg (either fasted or fed) or 4 x 25 mg (fasted)

Oral Presentation OA12-293-16, Thur 08:30-10:00, 242 A: "TBAJ-876 CL001: pharmacokinetics and safety data from a phase I trial of TBAJ-876" (A. Lombardi)



Phase 2 dose selection guided by PKPD modeling for efficacy and safety



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25 mg QD arm is expected to have efficacy at least as good as HRZE



Exposures on Day 56 at 100 mg QD are expected to be safe, based on predicted human SAUC

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TBAJ-876 Phase 2: NC-009 study design





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TBAJ-876 as a candidate for Long-Acting Injectable

LAI treatment of TB should be achievable, particularly for latent TB

- Advances in formulation technology
- Drugs with favorable physicochemical properties
- More potent drugs, meaning lower drug load
- TBAJ-876 meets these criteria

HIV can be treated with a 2-drug long-acting injection (LAI) every 2 months

Figure. Preliminary median (range) of plasma concentration-time profiles of CAB (a) and RPV (b) after single IM administration of (a) CAB LA 600 mg (3 mL) and (b) RPV LA 900 mg (3 mL) to the lateral thigh muscle in healthy adult participants.



Plasma concentrations below the lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) were imputed as the value of LLOQ. Black solid line represents the median and dotted red lines represent min and max of the observed data. Grey open circles represent individual observed data. PA-IC₉₀: in vitro proteinadjusted concentration resulting in 90% of the maximum inhibition of viral growth.





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