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# EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF AVAPRITINIB IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED SYSTEMIC MASTOCYTOSIS: INTERIM RESULTS FROM THE OPEN-LABEL, SINGLE-ARM, PHASE 2 PATHFINDER STUDY

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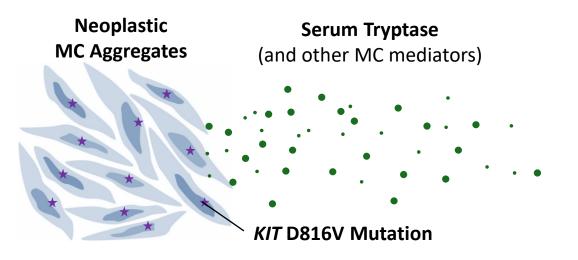
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# ADVANCED SYSTEMIC MASTOCYTOSIS (AdvSM) IS A RARE HEMATOLOGIC NEOPLASM DRIVEN BY *KIT* D816V IN ~95% OF CASES

- Patients with AdvSM have elevated mast cell (MC) burden, organ damage and poor survival<sup>1</sup>
- MC hyperactivation leads to severe mediator symptoms and poor quality of life<sup>1</sup>
- Multikinase inhibitor midostaurin is the only approved therapy for all subtypes of AdvSM<sup>a</sup>
  - ORR<sup>b</sup> was 28% (CR+PR=15.9%) per IWG-MRT-ECNM criteria requiring resolution of organ damage<sup>2,c</sup>
  - Median overall survival was 2.5 years<sup>3</sup>
- Response in the AHN component of SM-AHN (a subcategory of AdvSM) has not previously been demonstrated



#### **Organ Damage (C-findings)**

- Cytopenias
- Liver dysfunction
- Ascites, pleural effusions
- Splenomegaly with hypersplenism
- Malabsorption with weight loss
- Large osteolytic lesions

<sup>a</sup>Imatinib is approved by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of ASM without or unknown *KIT* D816V mutation status. <sup>b</sup>Midostaurin ORR of 28.3% was comprised of 0.9% CR + 15% PR + 12.4% CI. ORR per Valent and Cheson criteria (MR+PR) was 59.6%. <sup>c</sup>Post hoc IWG-MRT-ECNM analysis in midostaurin SmPC requiring resolution of organ damage for ≥12 weeks;<sup>2</sup> per Valent criteria, which included lesser organ damage improvements for ≥8 weeks, ORR was 60%.<sup>3</sup>



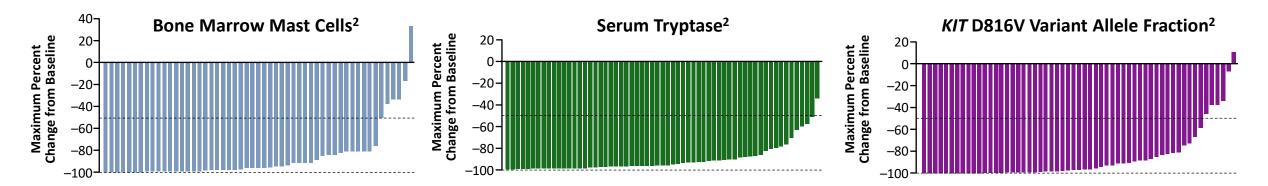
1. Pardanani A. *Am J Hematol.* 2019;94:363–377; 2. RYDAPT (midostaurin). Summary of Product Characteristics. 2017; 3. Gotlib J et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;374:2530–2541. AHN, associated hematologic neoplasm; CI, clinical improvement; CR, complete remission; IWG-MRT-ECNM, International Working Group-Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Research and Treatment and European Competence Network on Mastocytosis; MR, major response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial remission; SM, systemic mastocytosis; SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

# AVAPRITINIB, A POTENT AND SELECTIVE KIT D816V INHIBITOR, INDUCED DEEP REDUCTIONS IN MC BURDEN AND RESOLUTION OF ORGAN DAMAGE

Highly potent on KIT D816V (biochemical IC<sub>50</sub>=0.27 nM)<sup>1</sup>

#### Phase 1 Dose Escalation/Expansion EXPLORER Study (Secondary Endpoints)

- 75% ORR<sup>a</sup> per modified IWG-MRT-ECNM criteria<sup>1</sup>
- Responses were rapid, with complete remissions over time (median follow-up: 23 months)
- Improvements in mast cell burden, organ damage and patient symptoms and quality of life



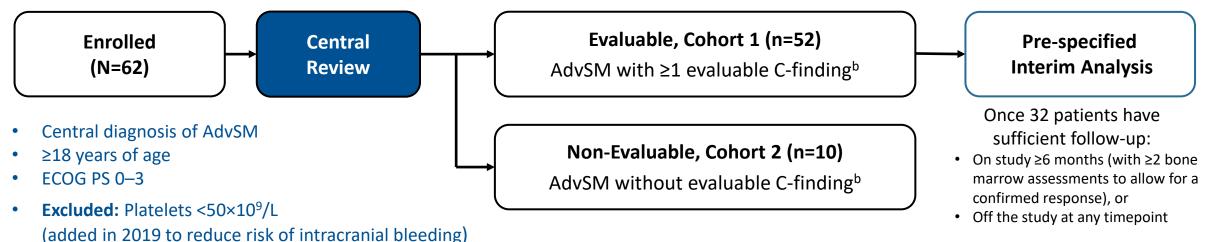
Data cut-off: May 27, 2020. <sup>a</sup>ORR is defined as CR + CRh + PR + Cl. 1. Gotlib J et al. ASH 2020 [Oral 345]; 2. Gotlib J et al. EHA 2020 [Poster EP1079].

IC<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal inhibitory concentration.



### **PATHFINDER PHASE 2 REGISTRATIONAL STUDY**

#### Avapritinib 200<sup>a</sup> mg QD Starting Dose (Both Cohorts)



#### Primary Endpoint (Cohort 1)

- Adjudicated ORR by modified IWG-MRT-ECNM criteria
- Interim analysis: Null hypothesis was 28% and a 1-sided type I error rate of 0.00625

#### Secondary Endpoints (Both Cohorts)

- Change in patient-reported symptoms (key secondary) and quality of life
- Change in disease burden
- Safety

<sup>a</sup>60 patients received 200 mg and 2 patients received 100 mg. <sup>b</sup>Per modified IWG-MRT-ECNM criteria, response assessment requires ≥1 evaluable C-finding at baseline. MCL without an evaluable C-finding may be assessed for response based on disease burden alone (Gotlib et al. *Blood*. 2013;21:2393–2401).

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; MCL, mast cell leukemia; QD, once-daily.





# **BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS**

	Safety Population (N=62)	Interim Analysis Efficacy Population (n=32)
Median age, years (range)	69 (31–88)	68 (37–85)
Female, n (%)	28 (45)	14 (44)
ECOG Performance Status 2–3, n (%)	19 (31)	11 (34)
AdvSM subtype per central assessment, n (%)		
ASM	9 (15)	2 (6)
SM-AHN	43 (69)	26 (81)
CEL	4 (6)	4 (13)
CMML	21 (34)	12 (38)
MDS/MPN-U	10 (16)	5 (16)
MCL	10 (16)	4 (13)
<i>KIT</i> D816V positive in blood, n (%)	59 (95)	30 (94)
SRSF2/ASXL1/RUNX1 mutation positive, n (%)	26 (42)	17 (53)
Any prior anti-neoplastic therapy, n (%)	42 (68)	23 (72)
Midostaurin	34 (55)	17 (53)
Cladribine	8 (13)	4 (13)
BM biopsy MC burden, median percent (range)	45 (1–95)	50 (10–95)
Serum tryptase level, median ng/mL (range)	283 (24–1600)	293 (24–1600)

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ASM, aggressive systemic mastocytosis; BM, bone marrow; CEL, chronic eosinophilic leukemia; CMML, chronic myelomonocytic leukemia; MDS, myelodysplastic syndrome; MPN-U, myeloproliferative neoplasms unclassifiable; SM-AHN, systemic mastocytosis with associated hematologic neoplasm.

# **RESPONSES IN ALL SUBTYPES OF AdvSM, REGARDLESS OF PRIOR THERAPY**

	All AdvSM (n=32) <sup>c</sup>	AdvSM Subtype			Any Prior Therapy	
Best Confirmed Response, n (%)		ASM (n=2)	SM-AHN (n=26)	MCL (n=4)	Yes (n=23)	No (n=9)
Overall Response Rate (CR + CRh + PR + Cl)	24 (75)	2 (100)	21 (81)	1 (25)	17 (74)	7 (78)
CR + CRh <sup>a</sup> + PR	16 (50)	2 (100)	13 (50)	1 (25)	10 (43)	6 (67)
CR or CRh <sup>a</sup>	6 (19)	1 (50)	5 (19)	0	3 (13)	3 (33)
Complete Remission (CR)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CR with Partial Hematologic Recovery (CRh) <sup>a</sup>	6 (19)	1 (50)	5 (19)	0	3 (13)	3 (33)
Partial Remission (PR) <sup>b</sup>	10 (31)	1 (50)	8 (31)	1 (25)	7 (30)	3 (33)
Clinical Improvement (CI)	8 (25)	0	8 (31)	0	7 (30)	1 (11)
Stable Disease (SD)	4 (13)	0	2 (8)	2 (50)	2 (9)	2 (22)
Progressive Disease (PD)	1 (3)	0	0	1 (25)	1 (4)	0
Not Evaluable (NE)	3 (9) <sup>d</sup>	0	3 (12)	0	3 (13)	0

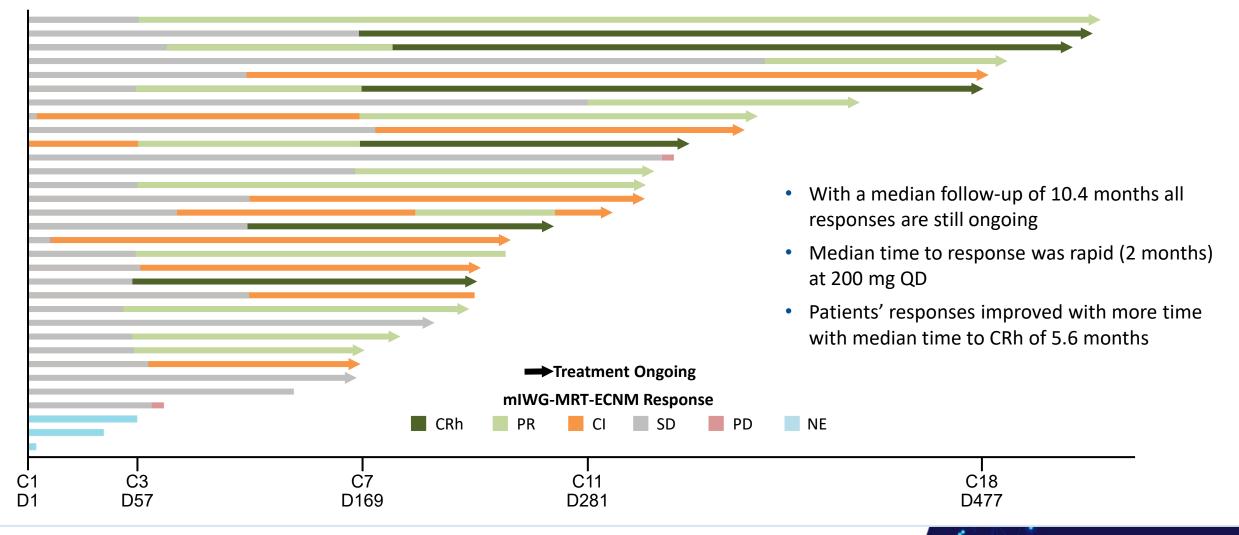
<sup>a</sup>CRh (mIWG-MRT-ECNM) requires full resolution of all evaluable C-findings, elimination of BM MC aggregates, serum tryptase <20 ng/mL, resolution of palpable hepatosplenomegaly, and partial hematologic recovery (defined as ANC >0.5×10<sup>9</sup>/L with normal differential, platelet count >50×10<sup>9</sup>/L, and Hgb level >8.0 g/dL). <sup>b</sup>PR requires full resolution of  $\geq$ 1 evaluable C-findings and  $\geq$ 50% reduction in both BM MCs and serum tryptase. <sup>c</sup>One patient in the evaluable population started at 100 mg QD. <sup>d</sup>Three (9%) patients were in the interim analysis efficacy population but were assessed as "not evaluable" for response due to early withdrawal from study before a confirmed response could be determined (13 weeks).

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## **RESPONSES ON AVAPRITINIB IMPROVED WITH TIME**

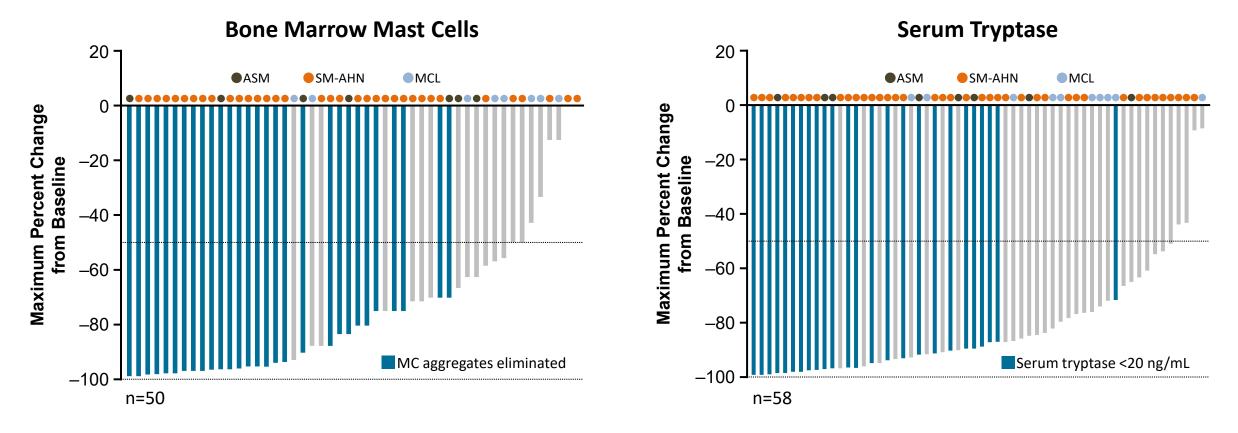


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# AVAPRITINIB LED TO PROFOUND REDUCTIONS IN BONE MARROW MAST CELLS AND SERUM TRYPTASE IN PATHFINDER



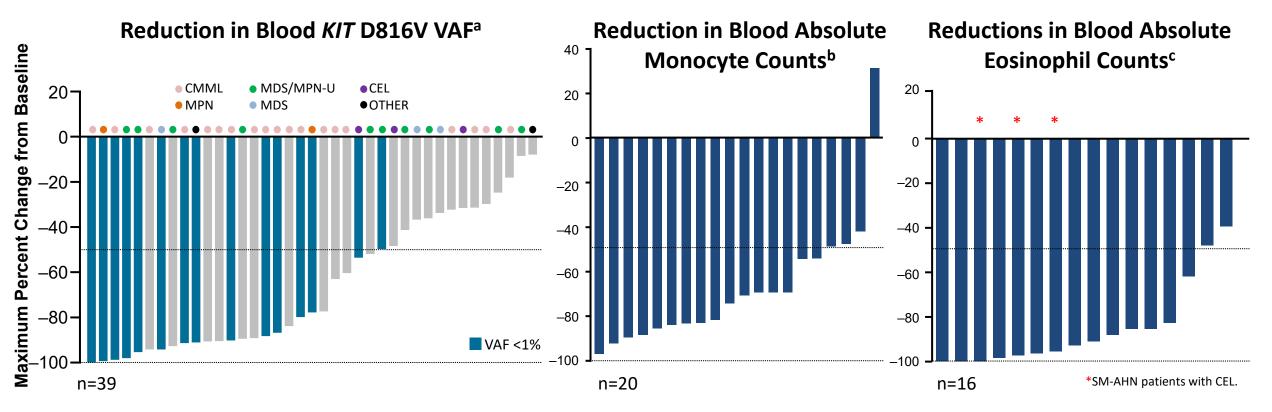
- 88% of patients achieved ≥50% reduction in marrow mast cells
- 60% of patients achieved elimination of marrow mast cell aggregates
- 93% of patients achieved ≥50% reduction in serum tryptase
- 43% of patients achieved reduction to <20 ng/mL</li>





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# AVAPRITINIB LED TO PROFOUND REDUCTIONS IN MARKERS OF DISEASE BURDEN IN PATIENTS WITH SM-AHN



Significant blood *KIT* D816V allele burden is indicative of clonal *KIT* D816V involvement outside of mast cells, such as in the AHN component, as mast cells rarely circulate in blood

80% achieved ≥50% reduction in absolute monocyte count

88% achieved ≥50% reduction in absolute eosinophil count

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<sup>a</sup>Patients with SM-AHN. <sup>b</sup>Patients with SM-CMML. <sup>c</sup>Patients with eosinophilia and SM-CEL

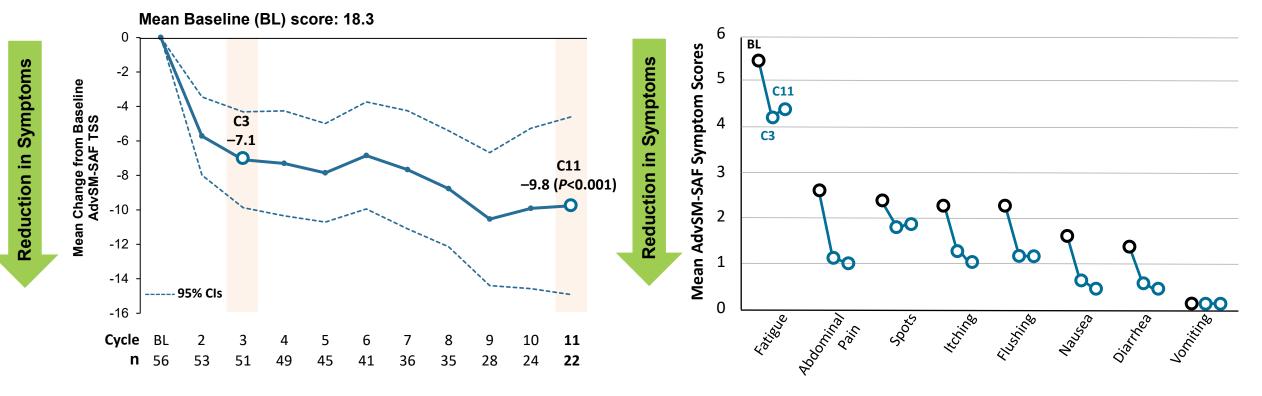
MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasms; SM-CEL, systemic mastocytosis with chronic eosinophilic leukemia; SM-CMML, systemic mastocytosis with chronic myelomonocytic leukemia; VAF, variant allele fraction.

## **AVAPRITINIB LED TO RAPID AND DURABLE REDUCTION IN SM SYMPTOMS**

Advanced Systemic Mastocytosis-Symptom Assessment Form (AdvSM-SAF): Validated patient-reported outcome tool in AdvSM<sup>a</sup>

Significant Reduction in Total Symptom Score

**Reduction in Individual Symptom Scores** 



<sup>a</sup>Taylor F et al. 2019 ISPOR EU [Poster PRO143]. BL, baseline; C3, Cycle 3; C11, Cycle 11; TSS, total symptom score.



# **ADVERSE EVENTS (SAFETY POPULATION, N=62)**

Adverse Events (AEs) in ≥15%	Any-cause AEs		
Non-hematologic, n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 3/4	
Peripheral edema	31 (50)	2 (3)	
Periorbital edema	30 (48)	2 (3)	
Diarrhea	14 (23)	1 (2)	
Nausea	11 (18)	1 (2)	
Vomiting	11 (18)	1 (2)	
Fatigue	9 (15)	2 (3)	
Hematologic, n (%)			
Thrombocytopenia	28 (45)	10 (16)	
Anemia	20 (32)	10 (16)	
Neutropenia	15 (24)	15 (24) <sup>a</sup>	

AE table includes pooled similar AE terms for periorbital edema, thrombocytopenia, anemia, and neutropenia.

- 52 (84%) remain on treatment
- 3 (5%) discontinued due to treatment-related AE
- 42 (68%) had a dose reduction due to an AE,
  most commonly due to neutropenia (19%) and thrombocytopenia (18%)
- No treatment-related deaths occurred
- Six patients had Gr 1 and one had Gr 2 cognitive AEs<sup>b</sup>
- One (1.6%) patient had a subdural hematoma (Gr 4), associated with pre-existing severe thrombocytopenia (<50×10<sup>9</sup>/L), prior to exclusion of such patients
  - Protocol subsequently amended to exclude patients with baseline platelets <50,000/µL, increase CBC monitoring, and modify dose guidance<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Five (8%) patients had Grade 4 neutropenia. <sup>b</sup>Confusional state (n=3), memory impairment (n=3), and cognitive disorder (n=1). <sup>c</sup>CBC monitored every 2 weeks for the first 4 weeks, then at least every 4 weeks, or every 2 weeks if platelets <75×10<sup>9</sup>/L. If platelets <50×10<sup>9</sup>/L, interrupt avapritinib and resume at lower dose when ≥50×10<sup>9</sup>/L. Avapritinib treatment with platelet growth factor support or recurrent platelet transfusions was allowed with Sponsor approval.



## AVAPRITINIB REDUCED DISEASE BURDEN AND PATIENT SYMPTOMS

- Avapritinib with a starting dose of 200 mg QD induced rapid, durable, and improving responses, consistent with the phase 1 EXPLORER study
- ORR (CR + CRh + PR + CI) by mIWG-MRT-ECNM criteria was 75%, with all responses ongoing
- Profound reductions in mast cell burden (marrow mast cells and serum tryptase)
- Profound reductions in markers of disease burden (monocytosis, eosinophilia and blood *KIT* D816V VAF) in patients with SM-AHN
- Avapritinib was generally well tolerated with few discontinuations due to related AEs, and low incidence of intracranial bleeding



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