

# ROVER: A phase 1/2 study of avapritinib in pediatric patients with solid tumors dependent on KIT or PDGFRA signaling

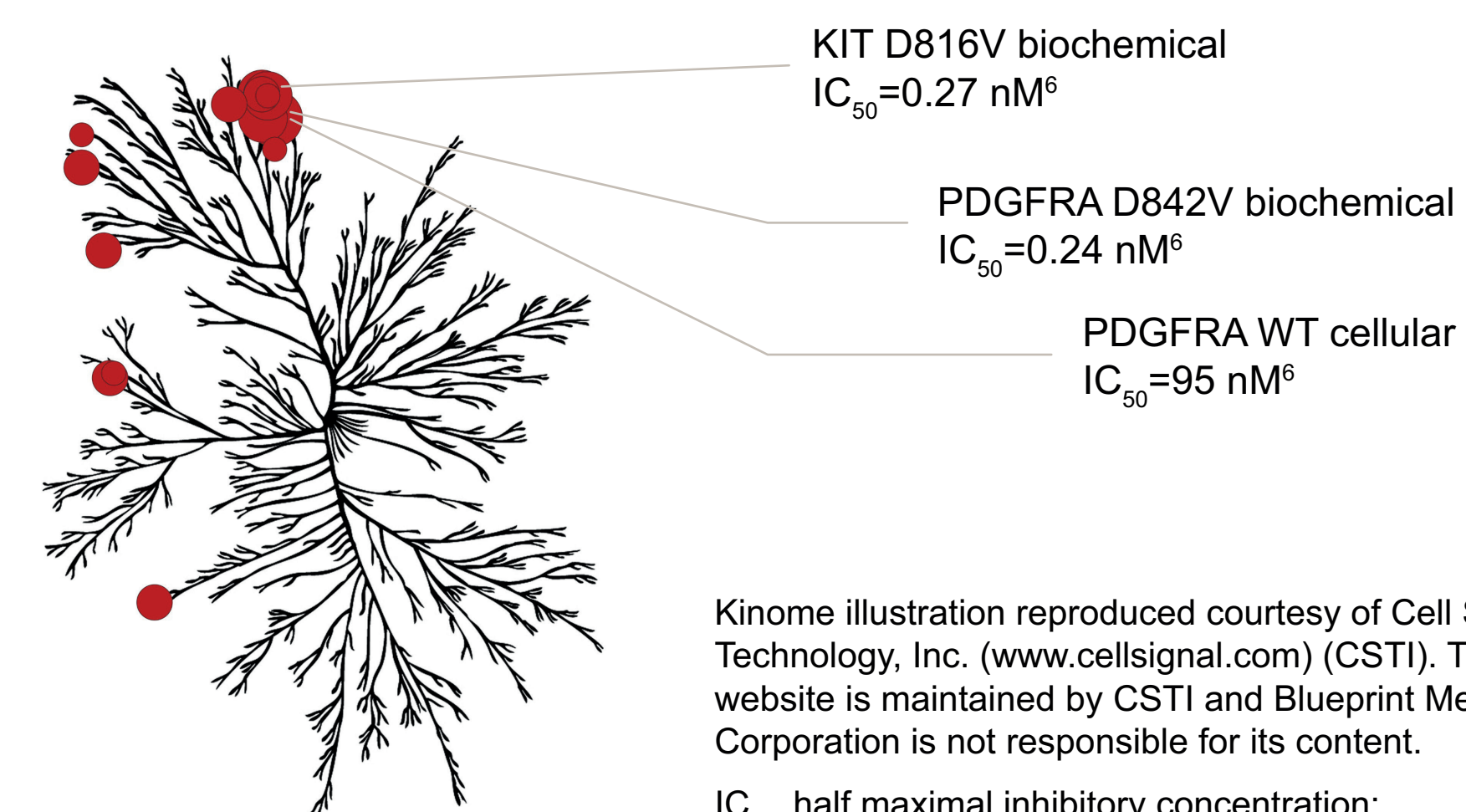
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## Background

- The prognosis is poor for pediatric patients with advanced relapsed/refractory (R/R) solid and central nervous system (CNS) tumors; response rates in these patients are only ~15% with targeted therapies<sup>1</sup>
- The most common pediatric tumors harboring *KIT* mutations are germ cell tumors and high-grade glioma (HGG), while the most common pediatric tumors with platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (*PDGFRA*) alterations are sarcoma and HGG<sup>2-6</sup>
  - Diffuse midline gliomas with H3K27-altered (DMG-H3K27a) are also dependent on PDGFRA signaling and may be vulnerable to PDGFRA inhibition in the absence of *PDGFRA* alterations<sup>7</sup>
- There are no *KIT*- or *PDGFRA*-targeted therapies currently approved for pediatric patients with R/R solid or CNS tumors, or DMG-H3K27a
- Avapritinib is a selective *KIT* and *PDGFRA* inhibitor that has demonstrated potent activity against *KIT* activation-loop (exon 17 and 18) and juxtamembrane (exon 11) mutants (all with biochemical IC<sub>50</sub> <2 nM) and *PDGFRA* activation-loop (exon 18) mutants (D842V biochemical IC<sub>50</sub> 0.24 nM; Figure 1); cellular IC<sub>50</sub> of *PDGFRA* wild-type was 95 nM<sup>8</sup>
- Avapritinib has demonstrated CNS penetration preclinically with some preliminary evidence of clinical activity,<sup>9,10</sup> with potential for activity against CNS tumors
- Avapritinib is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumors harboring *PDGFRA* exon 18 mutations (including D842V), and for adult patients with indolent systemic mastocytosis (ISM) and advanced systemic mastocytosis (AdvSM); avapritinib is not recommended for patients with ISM or AdvSM with platelet counts <50x10<sup>9</sup>/L. Avapritinib is also approved in Europe for adult patients with AdvSM after ≥1 prior systemic therapy<sup>11,12</sup>

## Figure 1: Avapritinib has a highly selective kinome profile

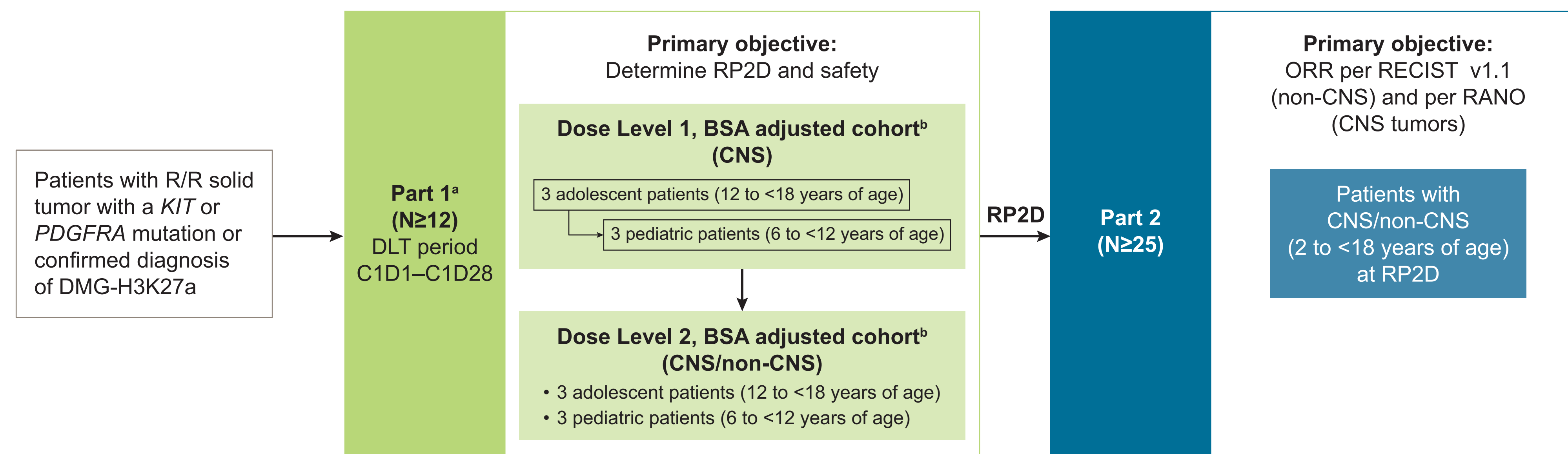


IC<sub>50</sub>, half maximal inhibitory concentration; PDGFRA, platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha; WT, wild-type.

## Study objective and design

- This phase 1/2, multicenter, open-label, single-arm study (NCT04773782) aims to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics (PK), and efficacy of avapritinib in pediatric patients with solid tumors dependent on *KIT* or *PDGFRA* signaling (Figure 2)
- Initially, 6 patients will receive avapritinib at Dose Level 1, normalized for body surface area. If no dose-limiting toxicity is observed, an additional 6 patients will be enrolled at Dose Level 2 normalized for body surface area

## Figure 2: Study design



<sup>a</sup>Part 1 uses a 3+3 design. <sup>b</sup>Adolescent and pediatric groups may have different RP2D based on safety, efficacy and PK data. BSA, body surface area; C, Cycle; CNS, central nervous system; D, Day; DLT, dose-limiting toxicities; DMG-H3K27a, diffuse midline gliomas with H3K27-altered; ORR, overall response rate; RANO, Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

## Table 1: Key eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 1: 6 to &lt;18 years of age and Part 2: 2 to &lt;18 years of age</li> <li>Confirmed diagnosis of CNS disease or R/R solid tumor with mutation in <i>KIT</i> or <i>PDGFRA</i>, or DMG-H3K27a,<sup>a</sup> which has progressed despite standard therapy and/or no alternative treatment option is available                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients with R/R solid tumors with only <i>PDGFRA</i> and/or <i>KIT</i> amplifications may be included with approval from the Sponsor</li> </ul> </li> <li>All patients must have ≥1 measurable lesion as defined by RECIST v1.1 or RANO (for CNS tumors). If radiation therapy has been administered, ≥1 measurable lesion must not have been irradiated, or must have clearly progressed since being irradiated as per RANO and must be ≥12 weeks from radiation to any target lesion                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Part 2, up to 5 patients with newly diagnosed DMG-H3K27a where there is no standard therapy may enroll</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lansky (&lt;16 years of age) or Karnofsky (≥16 years of age) score ≥50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate end-organ function</li> <li>Other systemic antineoplastic therapies<sup>b,c</sup></li> <li>Previous treatment with avapritinib</li> <li>Ongoing treatment, or has received treatment within 28 days, with strong CYP3A inhibitors or inducers</li> <li>Within 14 days before first dose of study treatment, platelet count &lt;75x10<sup>9</sup>/L (&lt;100x10<sup>9</sup>/L if a CNS tumor) with no platelet transfusion within 14 days prior to the measurement<sup>d</sup></li> <li>History of another primary malignancy that has been diagnosed or required treatment within the previous 3 years</li> <li>History of thrombosis requiring treatment within the previous 6 months</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>Per locally conducted testing. <sup>b</sup>Temozolomide within 4 weeks prior to the first dose of study drug, nitrosurea within 6 weeks prior to the first dose of study drug, or any other systemic antineoplastic therapy (including experimental therapy) within 5 half-lives or 28 days prior to the first dose of study drug, whichever is shorter. Focal external beam radiotherapy, including stereotactic radiosurgery, within 6 weeks prior to the first dose of avapritinib to either target or nontarget lesions. Systemic radiopharmaceuticals, including non-stereotactic radiosurgery, within 2 weeks of the first dose of avapritinib (within 6 weeks for patients with CNS tumors). Craniospinal irradiation within 6 weeks prior to the first dose of avapritinib. <sup>c</sup>All AEs related to other antineoplastic therapies must have resolved to Grade ≤1 (Grade ≤2 for peripheral neuropathy and/or ototoxicity) prior to the first dose of avapritinib. <sup>d</sup>In advanced SM, most intracranial bleeding was associated with Grade ≥3 thrombocytopenia. In patients with GIST, intracranial bleeding was not associated with thrombocytopenia. CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CYP3A, cytochrome P 3A; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumors; SCT, stem cell transplant.

## Table 2: Study endpoints

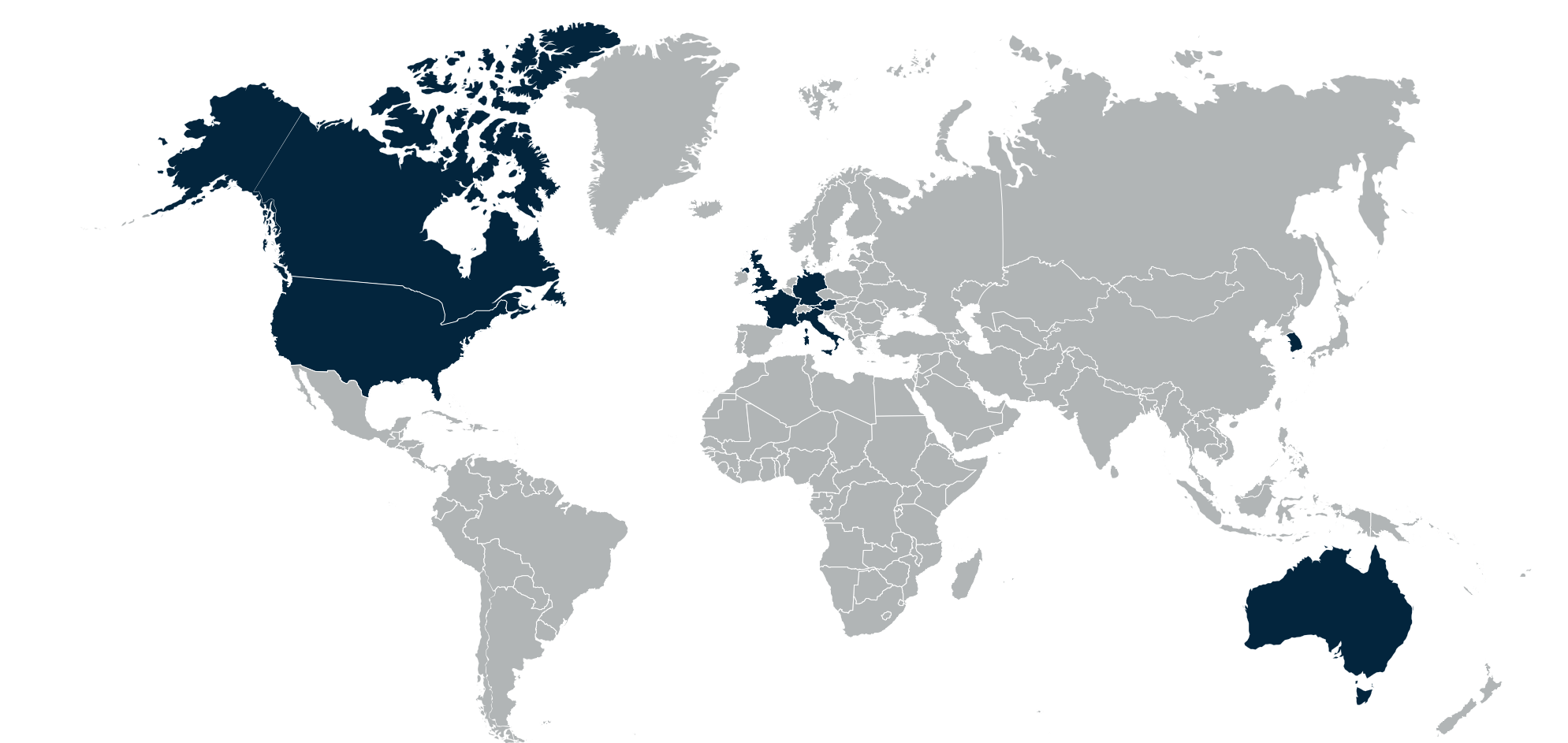
Primary endpoints	Secondary endpoints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination of RP2D based on DLTs</li> <li>Safety and tolerability</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective response rate by RECIST v1.1 or RANO</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Part 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective response rate by RECIST v1.1 or RANO</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Part 1 and Part 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective response rate by RAPNO<sup>a</sup></li> <li>Duration of response</li> <li>Progression-free survival</li> <li>Disease control rate at 24 weeks</li> <li>Time to response</li> <li>Avapritinib pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics</li> <li>Safety and tolerability (Part 2)</li> <li>Palatability assessments (Part 2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>At institutions where RAPNO is performed. RAPNO, Response Assessment in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose.

## Enrollment and current status

- The target enrollment is at least 37 patients, with at least 12 patients in Part 1 and 25 patients in Part 2
  - The total number of patients enrolled in Part 1 is dependent on the dose identified as the RP2D
- Enrollment in this international, multicenter study began in February 2022 and is open at 26 sites in 9 countries, including centers in North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific (Figure 3)
- The study is currently evaluating Dose Level 2

## Figure 3: Study sites



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