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Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multiple Ascending Dose Study of Briquilimab Subcutaneously Administered

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## 1 Mast Cells

## Chronic urticaria is an inflammatory disease driven by the activation of skin mast cells

- Devastating disease characterized by severe itching, hives/wheals, inflammation, and/or angioedema occurring for >6 weeks
- Patients suffer numerous physical/psychological symptoms that significantly impair quality of life (sleep/work disturbances, depression)
- One of most prevalent dermatologic conditions affecting ~1% of global population, that commonly persists for 5+ years<sup>1,2</sup>





1 Kolkhir P, et al. Nature Reviews. 2022; 2 Saini S, Kaplan A. JACI Practice. 2018.

## 1 Mast Cells

# Mast cells (MCs) are key drivers of the inflammatory response in a number of allergic and dermatologic diseases

- MCs are potent drivers of inflammation in skin, lungs and gut
- Activated MCs release pro-inflammatory compounds that drive diseases such as CSU, & CIndU
- Current approved therapies targeting mast cell driven diseases have limited efficacy and limited durability of response





Theoharides et al. N Engl J Med. (2015)

## 1 Mast Cells

#### Depletion of mast cells by anti-c-Kit monoclonal antibody blockade is a novel approach to treat urticarias

- SCF signaling through c-Kit prevents mast cells apoptosis via the Bim-mediated pathway<sup>1</sup>
- Blockade of c-Kit signaling on MCs leads to apoptosis and phagocytic clearance<sup>2</sup>
- Partial c-Kit inhibition blunts mast cell activation
- Depletion of cutaneous MCs are Cmax dependent, whereas unwanted effects appear AUC driven.
- Once MC are depleted, unwanted effects minimized by intermittent dosing.



Mast Cell (MC)

Briquilimab-Mediated Mast Cell Apoptosis



1 Moller C et al. Blood (2005); 2 Hundley TR et al. Blood (2004); . Arnold JN et al. Annu Rev Immunol (2007)

## 2 Briquilimab

### Briquilimab blocks c-Kit signaling leading to durable mast cell depletion

- Briquilimab is an aglycosylated IgG1 anti c-Kit antibody with high affinity to c-Kit (Kd <5pm)</li>
- Briquilimab blocks c-Kit signaling by blocking the SCF ligand binding site on the receptor and triggering apoptosis
- Mast cell depletion occurs within hours to days



Mast cell survival assay



Jasper internal data

## 2 Briquilimab

## Single subcutaneous injection of briquilimab significantly depletes human skin MCs

- SC dose above 80mg, potently depletes skin MCs
- Dose dependent MC depletion
- MC depletion by day 7, with durable response lasting at least 29 days
- MC take at least 3 months to recover, potentially leading to durable disease control<sup>2</sup>







1 Jasper internal data (Phase 1a, healthy volunteer study). Skin biopsies were used to count mast cells; 2 Maurer et al, GA<sup>2</sup>LEN Global Urticaria Forum - Berlin, December 6, 2022

## 2 Briquilimab

# Briquilimab pharmacokinetics may enable optimal biologic dosing

- Briquilimab is designed to minimize unwanted c-Kit-related effects
- Half life = 9 days
- Low frequency of ADAs and do not appear to affect PK
- Drug elimination profile is favorable for minimizing off target effects

#### Pharmacokinetics (≥10 mg)<sup>1</sup> Briquilimab Healthy Volunteer Phase 1 Subcutaneous Study





1 Jasper internal data (Phase 1a, healthy volunteer study)



## 3 Trial Design

### **Briquilimab Phase 1b/2a BEACON study in patients** with Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU)

- Study Goal:
  - Identify the optimal therapeutic doses & dosing frequency of SC briquilimab to inform future registrational trials
- Key Objectives:
  - Multiple briquilimab dose levels, and intervals ranging from 4 to 12 weeks to study the effects of:

- Mast cell depletion and disease symptom/disease modifications
- Briquilimab drug clearance
- Time to return of disease symptoms
- Briquilimab on other c-Kit expressing cell lineages



#### Status: Patient enrollment ongoing at sites in US and EU





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Screening/Eligibility

- CSU diagnosis  $\geq$  6 mos.
- UAS7 ≥ 16
- 18+ years

H1-antihistamine-failedInadequate response to

omalizumab



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	Patients (Randomization)	Dose (Frequency)	Cohorts	Key Assessments & Follow Up
Part 1 Open Label (n=6)	3+3 3+3	10 mg 40 mg	Dose W0, 4, 12, 20 Dose W0, 4, 12, 20	Day 8 - Safety Assessment Week 12 - UAS7 Efficacy Assessment 24 week - Follow Up









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## 4 Summary

• Briquilimab design and characteristics offers a new approach to treatment of MC diseases

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- Beacon study is enrolling to assess an optimal biologic dosing schedule
  - Takes advantage of the MC recovery time (over 12 weeks)
  - Potential to deplete MCs, with durable efficacy and reduced undesirable effects
  - Beacon study results planned for 2H 2024
- CIndU study (Spotlight) recruiting study design poster #D3.245 at EAACI 2024

Broader therapeutic application in additional MC-mediated diseases



Thank you to the patients and our Beacon investigators in the US and Germany!





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