# Dalazatide, first-in-class Kv1.3 channel blocker, an immunomodulators journey from sea to clinic

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# Dalazatide: Potential Autoimmune Blockbuster

✓ Immune regulating therapy

✓ First in Class

✓ Novel Kv1.3 inhibitor

✓ Broad autoimmune indications

- ✓ Immune sparing
- ✓ No target organs of toxicity
- ✓ Well tolerated in clinical studies

 ✓ Expansive commercial opportunities
 ✓ Strong global patent estate

Phase 2 Ready





### DALAZATIDE: FIRST IN CLASS KV1.3 INHIBITOR

## Kv1.3: A Novel Target for Autoimmune Disease

- Effector Memory T cells (T<sub>EM</sub>) cause autoimmune disease
- T<sub>EM</sub> cells depend on the Kv1.3 channel for activation
- Blockade of Kv1.3 suppresses inflammation from T<sub>EM</sub> cells
- Kv1.3<sup>HIGH</sup> autoreactive T<sub>EM</sub> cells identified in multiple autoimmune diseases





# Kv1.3<sup>HIGH</sup> T cells Are Abundant in Atopic Dermatitis Lesional Skin

CD3

Kv1.3

CD3 Kv1.3



Most autoreactive, infiltrating Th1/2 cells in AD are Kv1.3<sup>HIGH</sup>



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# Kv1.3: T Cells in Inflamed Mucosa of Ulcerative Colitis



23% of CD8<sup>+</sup> and 54% of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in UC biopsies are Kv1.3<sup>HIGH</sup>



From Koch et al. J Crohns Colitis. 2014 Nov 1;8(11):1378-91.

# Large Number of Kv1.3 Channels Found Across Autoimmune T Cell Populations



Number of Kv1.3 channels on disease T cells 2 – 3 fold higher than control cells



From Koshy et al. J Biol Chem. 2014 May 2;289(18):12623-32 and Beeton et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2006 Nov 14;103(46):17414-9.

# Kv1.3 Expression Well-Established Across Autoimmune Space



# Dalazatide: Novel MOA Through Kv1.3 Blockade

- Highly specific and potent antagonist of Kv1.3 channel
- Blocks activation of autoreactive, Kv1.3<sup>HIGH</sup>, effector memory T cells (T<sub>EM</sub>)
- Does not block Naïve, Central Memory or Regulatory T cells
- Targeting of autoreactive T<sub>EM</sub> reduces number of disease causing cells and proinflammatory mediators
- Blockade of Kv1.3 may lead to a remission by immunomodulation or induction of tolerance

Dalazatide is a first in class Kv1.3 inhibitor that targets a differentiated pathway



## Dalazatide is Targeted and Immune Sparing



## Dalazatide: Novel Kv1.3 Inhibitor

- 37 amino acid synthetic cyclic peptide
- Derived from the stichodactyla sea anemone
- Phase 1 clinical formulation: twice weekly subcutaneous injection to abdominal fat pad
- Phase 2: ready-to-use, pre-filled single use syringe
- Developmental formulations:
  - 8 12 week subcutaneous sustained release formulation
  - Eye drop
  - Topical cream

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## DALAZATIDE: NON-CLINICAL PD, EFFICACY & TOXICOLOGY

# Animal Models: Dalazatide Effective in Multiple Sclerosis



Dalazatide effective in animal model of relapsing MS over broad range of doses and dose frequencies



# Animal Models: Dalazatide Effective in Arthritis Model





#### Dalazatide demonstrated efficacy in pristane-induced arthritis model



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# Animal Models: Dalazatide Effective in Autoimmune Glomerulonephritis



Dalazatide effective in glomerulonephritis model of SLE and preserved kidney function



# Safety Established in Pre-clinical Toxicology Program

- Toxicology studies conducted in rat and cyno monkey
- Following ICH S6 guidance
- Six month chronic toxicology conducted in both species
  - Established safety margins range 17-25X
  - No target organs of toxicity identified
  - NOAEL was highest dose tested

Evaluation	Toxicity
Histopathology	No
Clinical Chemistry/Hematology/Urinalysis	No
Safety Pharmacology	
Cardiovascular	No
Respiratory	No
Neurological	No

#### No safety pharm concerns or target organs of toxicity identified



## DALAZATIDE: CLINICAL PROGRAM



## Dalazatide Clinical Development Status



**Phase 2 Ready Asset** 



# Initial Phase 1 Studies Demonstrate Dalazatide Safety in Healthy Volunteers

- Open IND in Rheumatology Division of FDA
- 186-01 Single Ascending Dose Study (NL)
- 186-02 Multiple Ascending Dose 28-Day Study (USA)
- Subcutaneous administration to abdominal fat pad Results
  - Drug well tolerated in both studies
  - No significant findings in labs, vitals, ECGs, physical exams, neurological exams
  - AE's were considered to be mild
  - Maximum tolerated dose not determined
  - No subject developed anti-drug antibody

Dalazatide is well tolerated in clinical studies



# Dalazatide Demonstrates Clinical Proof-of-Concept in Phase 1b Psoriasis Trial

- 186-03 study of the safety, tolerability and pharmacodynamics of dalazatide in active plaque psoriasis.
- Active plaque psoriasis with 3% BSA and multiple target lesions
- Received twice-weekly injections at 2 dose levels (30 mcg or 60 mcg) for 4 weeks followed by 4-week follow-up

#### Safety & Tolerability

- Drug well tolerated; all subjects completed all scheduled doses
- Most AEs judged to be mild, consistent with previous trials
- No subjects withdrew, reduced dose or missed a dose

Dalazatide is well tolerated in active plaque psoriasis population



# Dalazatide Demonstrates Clinical Proof-of-Concept in Phase 1b Psoriasis Trial

#### <u>Clinical Activity</u>

- Study not powered to evaluate clinical efficacy
- 50% of subjects in 60 mcg group achieved clinical improvement in target lesion
- Improvements observed as early as day 15 and for up to 4 weeks following last dose (end-of-study)
- 90% of subjects in 60 mcg group had reduction in PASI score
- Mean PASI score reduction reached statistical significance (p=.004) in 60 mcg group
  <u>Biomarker Studies</u>
- Ongoing with James Krueger (Rockefeller U.)
- Gene expression and immunohistochemistry of biopsies
- Inflammatory mediators concentration in blood plasma
- T cell subsets/PD marker evaluation by flow cytometry

Dalazatide treatment results in improvements in validated psoriasis endpoints in up to 90% of subjects



## Dalazatide Clinical Activity - 30µg Dose



Significant improvement in target lesions following 4 weeks of treatment.



## Why Dalazatide?



Dalazatide offers differentiation in indications and safety from competing therapies



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