

## **Translational & Clinical Track:**

Development and Performance of Pharmacodynamic Assays to Demonstrate Proof-of-Mechanism for IRAK4 Degraders in a Phase1 Study

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## IRAK4 Scientific Rationale & Phase1 Study Design

## **IRAK4** Targeting: Degrader Advantage, Clinical Validation, and Human Genetics De-risking



Inhibitor

Kinase

Role

**IRF5/7** 

## **KT-474 Phase 1 Trial Design Includes HV and Patients**

Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Single Ascending Dose (SAD) and Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD) trial



#### KT474-HV-101 Sample Collection and Testing Proof of Mechanism (PoM) and Proof of Biology (PoB)



## **IRAK4 Degradation in Blood**

## **Methods Development: Measuring Degradation in Blood**

#### FLOW in Whole Blood

#### Pre-dose Samples Provide Baseline IRAK4 Values



#### Blocking Antibody Utilized to Define the Assay Floor

Max IRAK4 signal (no block) Min IRAK4 signal (block)



Each subject sample is stained +/- block

#### Mass Spec in Isolated PBMCs

- Identification of most sensitive analytes
- Defining the linear range of the assay



## Method Development of IRAK4 Flow Assay in Whole Blood from Healthy Donors

KT-474 at 200nM for 24 hours

**Objective:** Detect IRAK4 levels in circulating lymphocyte subsets and monocytes in whole blood

> Flow Immune Panel CD14+: Monocytes CD16CD56+: NK cells CD19+: B cells CD3+: T cells (total) CD4+: T helper cells CD8+: Cytotoxic T cells IRAK4

Assay Parameters	Final Recommendation
Anti-coagulant	Na Heparin
Shipping conditions	Ship @ 4C within 30 minutes of draw



#### Equal Degradation of KT-474 at 200, 400 and 2000nM

#### **Blocking Control to Determine Floor of Assay**



Stain immune panel with IRAK4 +/- Blocking control concentration pre-determined in optimization experiments

## **Developing MS Method in Isolated Healthy Donor PBMCs**

**Proposed Clinical Process** 

#### Phase 1 blood draw limitations prevented a separate sample collection for MS

Solution: retain cell layer after PK plasma collection & process within 4 hours

#### On site processing could not be performed immediately after blood draw

- Pilot study confirmed no loss of IRAK4 from 0-4 hrs. post collection
- KT-474 ex-vivo treatment of donor blood confirmed that PD can be measured

#### Comparison of IRAK4 levels in donor PBMCs to healthy donor tissue

PBMC expression levels are higher than human skin



#### **Pilot Mimicking Clinical** Process with Donor Blood



LLOQ P2

...... LLOQ P1

Peptide 1

Peptide 2

#### POM by MS and FLOW in KT-474 Phase 1 MAD Cohorts: Orthogonal Methods for Demonstrating IRAK4 Degradation in PBMC

Phase1 MAD dosing period: QD Day 1-14

100 Placebo 50 🖶 25 mg QD Mean SEM % Change Pre-dose  $\rightarrow$ Placebo Mean (± SE) Percent IRAK4 Change from Baseline 50 mg QD 50 MAD1 📥 100 mg QD MAD2 ₩ 200 mg QD -20  $\nabla$ MAD3 MAD4 <del>-</del> -40 -20 -40 -60 -60 -80 -80 -100 1234 17 21 28 22 24 26 14 20 7 12 14 16 18 28 Ω Day **Days After the Start of Treatment** 

Mass Spec on Isolated PBMCs

FLOW on PBMCs in Whole Blood

## MAD Study: Once Daily Dosing Resulted in High Steady-State Exposures



PK Parameter	25 mg QD (n = 9)	50 mg QD (n = 9)	100 mg QD (n = 9)	200 mg QD (n = 9)
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	8.20 (34.5)	12.0 (39.1)	16.1 (32.0)	25.2 (26.7)
t <sub>max</sub> (h) <sup>a</sup>	8.00 (4.0 – 8.0)	8.00 (8.0 - 8.0)	8.00 (8.0 - 12)	8.00 (8.0 - 12)
AUC <sub>24</sub> (ng*h/mL)	153 (30.8)	224 (39.4)	314 (29.9)	498 (24.0)
C <sub>trough</sub> (ng/mL)	5.03 (30.3)	7.28 (35.1)	9.81 (30.1)	18.8 (32.6)
Day 14/1 Ratio <sub>Cmax</sub>	3.73 (47.1)	2.64 (26.3)	2.92 (37.7)	3.51 (34.7)
Day 14/1 Ratio <sub>AUC</sub>	4.01 (41.2)	2.97 (23.2)	3.29 (38.9)	4.22 (28.8)

Steady-State (Day 14) PK Parameters

Geometric Mean (%CV) reported for all parameters, except t<sub>max</sub> where median(range) are presented Accumulation Ratio represents fold change in exposure from Day 1 to Day 14

- High steady-state exposures with QD dosing, 3- to 4-fold increase in exposure on Day 14
  - Day 14 Ctrough in range where >90% IRAK4 degradation is expected
- Steady-state reached by Day 7 of dosing

#### KT-474 Achieved >98% IRAK4 Degradation (MS) Plateau in IRAK4 Reduction after 14 days in PBMC after 100 mg

#### Percent IRAK4 Reduction in PBMC by Mass Spectrometry



\* p-values relative to placebo

#### KT-474 Achieved >90% Degradation in Monocytes at ≥ 100 mg (FLOW) Maximal Degradation in Monocytes in MAD4/200mg at Day 14



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## KT-474 Lead to Maximum KD of IRAK4 at Day 14 Observed in both Mass Spectrometry and FLOW

#### Percent IRAK4 Reduction in PBMC by Mass Spectrometry

Percent IRAK4 Reduction in PBMCs by FLOW



## **Correlation MS to FLOW in MAD Cohorts Exhibits XX Correlation**



#### MAD3 FL vs MS

MS

FLOW

VISIT	R Value % Change FLOW and MS
Day 2 Post-dose 24 Hours	0.418
Day 3 Post-dose 48 Hours	0.719
Day 4 Post-dose 72 Hours	0.697
Day 7 Post-dose 144 Hours	0.801
Day 14 Post-dose 312 Hours	0.725
Day 17 Post-dose Follow-up	0.618
Day 21 Post-dose Follow-up	0.689
Day 28 Post-dose Follow-up	0.244

# Detection of IRAK4 Degradation in Skin

## **IRAK4 Detection Method Development in Skin**



## **Once Daily Dosing Resulted in High Skin Exposures Exceeding Plasma**



- Increasing exposures through Day 14
- C<sub>trough</sub> levels in skin ~10-14 fold higher than plasma on Day 14

C<sub>trough</sub> concentrations shown for Days 1, 7 and 14.

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ng/mL (plasma) ng/g (skin)	25 mg QD (n=9)	50 mg QD (n=9)	100 mg QD (n=9)	200 mg QD (n=9)
Plasma Day 7	3.21	7.15	11.9	18.2
Plasma Day 14	4.72	8.49	11.6	17.4
Skin Day 7	21.5	40.2	53.5	80.9
Skin Day 14	44.5	94.2	93.7	238

## KT-474 Reduced IRAK4 to Near LLOQ in the Skin (MS)



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- Baseline IRAK4 levels in skin substantially lower compared to PBMC
- Dose-dependent IRAK4 degradation in skin by mass spectrometry
- Steady-state not yet reached at day 14
- Mean IRAK4 levels at 200 mg dose nearing LLOQ by Day 14, with knockdown up to 90% at 200 mg
- Comparable degradation in PBMC shows that effect of KT-474 is independent of baseline expression level

#### IRAK4 Localization and Subsequent Degradation Observed in Skin of Healthy Volunteers treated with KT-474



# Feasibility to Detect IRAK4 Degradation in Patient Samples

## FLOW Assay Defined Baseline IRAK4 Expression in Immune Cells from HS Patients



#### IRAK4 Expression in Blood Immune Cells by HS Disease Severity (IHS4)



- IRAK4 levels detected in circulating cells from HS patients
- Monocytes express IRAK4 at significantly higher levels compared to other immune subsets

• IRAK4 levels remain the same in patients across disease severity (same results obtained with HS-PGA and Hurley (Max) staging), with a trend of higher IRAK4 median expression in patients with more severe disease

### IF: IRAK4 Expression is Detectable in Lesions from HS and AD Skin Biopsies



## Summary KT-474 Pharmacodynamic Assays

- Multiple methodologies were developed to measure on-target knock down of IRAK 4 degraders in blood and tissue
- Successful implementation of pharmacodynamic assays in the healthy volunteer portion of the study demonstrating POM in blood and skin
  - Blood assays (MS and FLOW) had a high correlation with MS measuring greater degree of degradation compared to FLOW
  - Skin assays (MS and IF) were comparable with MS measuring greater degree
- Baseline evaluation of IRAK4 levels in blood and skin lesion samples from subjects with hidradenitis suppurativa have been established with PD assays
- Plans to apply these assays to blood and skin samples from HS and AD patients in recently completed Phase 1 patient cohort

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