

# Discovery and early development of HMPL-504/AZD6094 (Volitinib)

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#### Background of c-Met signaling pathway



- Aberrant HGF/Met pathway activation leads to uncontrolled tumor cell growth, invasion and survival.
- Four different mechanisms of Met pathway activation:
  - Met gene amplification
  - HGF/Met overexpression
  - Mutations
  - Cross talk with other receptors
- Aberrant HGF/Met axis activation has been detected in multiple major tumor types, including lung, stomach, RCC, CRC and HCC.

## Chemistry SAR leading to the discovery of HMPL-504

#### Small molecule c-Met inhibitors



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- a. Zou H, et al, 99th Annual Meeting for American Association for Cancer Research (AACR); 12 16 April 2008; San Diego, USA
- b. Perera T, et al, 99th Annual Meeting for American Association for Cancer Research (AACR); 12 16 April 2008; San Diego, USA
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#### Chemistry goals

- The predominant metabolite in human, 2-quinolinone, has dramatically reduced solubility and appeared to crystallize in the kidney resulting in obstructive toxicity\*
- Remove the possibility of the lactam metabolite formation while retaining good potency and selectivity
- Modify physicochemical properties to optimize solubility and pharmacokinetic properties

#### Binding mode of a selective c-Met inhibitor





Enzyme c-Met IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.120  $\mu$ M

- 1. A bent "U-shaped" conformation with the inhibitor wrapped around Met1211
- 2. A hydrogen bond between the backbone NH of Met1160 and the oxygen of the phenol, the hinge binder
- 3. A hydrogen bonding interaction between N-1 of the inhibitor and the backbone NH of Asp1222
- 4. A π-stacking interaction between the triazolopyridazine core and Tyr1230

Albrecht, B.K.; et. al.:: . Discovery and optimization of triazolopyridazines as potent and selective inhibitors of the c-Met kinase. *J. Med. Chem.* **2008**, *51*, 2879-82.

#### Modifications on the cores



- 1. A hydrogen bond between the backbone NH of Met1160 and the nitrogen of the quinoline, the hinge binder, is reserved in the SAR exploration.
- 2. The  $\pi$ -stacking interaction between the core and Tyr1230 is critical to the affinity. The electron-deficient core is favored.
- 3. Triazolopyrazine is the optimal core that is potent in both enzymatic and cellular assays.

### Modifications on the hinges

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	$\mathbf{R}^{1}$	$\mathbf{R}^2$	c-Met enzyme IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	p-Met IC <sub>50</sub> in H441 (μM)		$\mathbf{R}^{1}$	$\mathbf{R}^2$	c-Met enzyme IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	p-Met IC <sub>50</sub> in H441 (μM)
4	*	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	0.227		11	*	Me	0.13	
5	* - (N) H	Me	71.8% @ 1 µM		12	*N	Me	0.026	0.077
6	*	Me	0.194		13	*N	Me	0.024	0.063
7	*	Me	0.011	0.061	14	*	Me	0.019	0.020
8	*	Me	0.006	0.019	15	*	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	0.005	0.007
9	* - S	Me	0.378		16	*NN	Me	0.142	
10	*	Me	0.006	0.011	17	*N_N	Me	0.359	
					18	*NN	Me	0.106	

- A series of hinge pieces with a hydrogen bond acceptor have been evaluated in the SAR.
- Compound **10** displayed excellent potency.

#### Discovery of HMPL-504



**HMPL-504** 



	HMPL-504	PF-04217903
c-Met kinase IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	0.0046	0.006
p-c-Met in H441 cells IC <sub>50</sub> (µM)	0.003	0.006
HGF dependent H441 proliferation IC $_{50}$ ( $\mu$ M)	0.006	0.022
solubility pH7.4	24.9 μg/mL	0.11 μg/mL

- HMPL-504 has been identified as a highly potent c-Met inhibitor with favorable solubility.
- The (S)-Me in HMPL-504 is beneficial in that it increases the cellular potency and metabolic stability.

#### HMPL-504 and its aldehyde oxidase metabolism



HMPL-504's metabolism pathway by the aldehyde oxidase is different from SGX523's.

- The extent of the AO-mediated metabolism of HMPL-504 is much lower than that of SGX523.
- HMPL-504 and the AO-mediated metabolite HMPL-504-AO are both quite soluble (24.9 µg/mL and 1.33 mg/mL in pH7.4 aqueous buffer), and therefore HMPL-504 present a less risk in terms of the renal toxicity encountered by SGX523.

### *In vitro* biological profile of HMPL-504/AZD6094

#### Biochemical activity and kinase selectivity of HMPL-504



IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) / Inhibition (%) at 1μM
4.6 <sup>a</sup>
5 <sup>b</sup>
481 <sup>b</sup>
596 <sup>a</sup>
244 <sup>b</sup>
51% <sup>c</sup>
<50% <sup>c</sup>

b, c: The data were generated by UBI.

- HMPL-504 is a potent and ATP-competitive inhibitor of c-Met
- HMPL-504 showed high selectivity against 274 kinases

#### Inhibition of c-Met phosphorylation by HMPL-504

Inhibition of c-Met phosphorylation	Cell line	IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ)	Tumor type
HGF-independent	NCI-H1993	0.006	Lung
	MKN-45	0.002	Gastric
HGF-dependent	U87MG	0.001	GBM
	H69	0.002	Lung

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• Potent activity in inhibiting Met phosphorylation in a variety of tumor types with high level of Met (ligand-dependent or independent)

### Inhibition of cell survival

Cell line	tumor origin	C-	Met status	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
centine	tumor ongin			HGF (-)	HGF (+)	
EBC-1	Lung		Amp	0.002	ND	
H1993	Lung		Amp	0.010	ND	
SNU-5	gastric		Amp	0.003	ND	
MKN-45	gastric		Amp	0.004	ND	
Hs746T	gastric		Amp	0.005	ND	
H441	Lung		OE	>30	0.006	
U87MG	glioblastoma		OE	>30	0.007	
H69	Lung		OE	>30	0.016	
H596	Lung		OE	>30	0.009	
MDA-MB-468	Breast		Low	>30	>30	
Other 57 lines	—	١	Von-Amp	>30	ND	



\* Abbreviation: Amp, gene amplification; OE, over-expression;

- Potent activity against tumor cell lines with Met amplification in the absence of HGF, indicating HGF-independent Met activation in these cells
- Potent activity in tumor cell lines with Met OE, but only in the presence of HGF, indicating HGFdependent Met activation
- No activity in tumor cell lines with low Met expression/amplification, suggesting strong kinase selectivity of HMPL-504

### *In vivo* anti-tumor activity of HMPL-504/AZD6094

#### In vivo efficacy in gastric cancer with Met gene amplification



- Potent activity in the Hs746T model with dose response
- Anti-tumor efficacy correlated well with the target inhibition

#### In vivo efficacy in gastric PDX models



• Anti-tumor efficacy correlated with Met gene amplification/Met overexpression with high levels of p-Met

### *In vivo* efficacy of HMPL-504 in NSCLC with Met amplification



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#### In vivo efficacy in lung cancer

	HLX-033	Calu-3	LG0645	HLX-036	HLX-036LN	HLX-0567	H441	H1993
cMET								
MET-SR/ CEP7-SG							1.4	
	HLX-033	Calu3	LG-0645	HLXF-036	HLXF-036LN	LG-0567	NCI-441	NCI-H1993
IHC	-ve	20% 3+, 80% 2+	20% 3+, 70% 2+	60% 3+, 30% 2+	90% 3+, 10% 2+	50% 3+, 30% 2+	90% 3+	80% 3+
Avg. CN	2.2	2.1	2.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	>50
Gene/CEP	1.1	0.84	1.02	0.95	1.33	1.2	<2	>10
KRAS	MT	wт	WT	WT	WT	MT	MT	WT
EGFR	WT	WT	WT	WT	WT	WT	WT (OE)	WT(OE)
HGF expression	Med	Recomb. HGF	Med/H	Low	Low	V.Low	Coimplant	Ligand Indep
HMPL-504 TGI%		22%	41%		154%	70%	77%	65%

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- Met amplification or over expression favors HMPL-504/AZD6094 effect
- Correlation with Met status seemed less clear in lung comparing to gastric
  - o Heterogeneity/variation of p-Met levels
  - Activation of compensatory pathways (eg. EGFR, KRAS, etc)

#### Combination possibly a good choice for less responsive tumors

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#### Met amplification in EGFRm+ NSCLC post-TKI treatment

Source	MET Amp (Pre-TKI)	MET Amp (Post-TKI)	MET Amp +T790M co-occurrence (Post-TKI)
Onitsuka	0/8	0/10	0/10
Chen	2/53 (3.77%)	5/29 (17.2%)	2/29 (6.90%)
Bean	2/62 (3.22%)	9/43 (20.9%)	4/43 (9.30%)
Engleman	0/8	4/18 (22.2)	1/18 (5.56%)
Turke	no data	4/27 (14.8%)	2/27 (7.40%)
Costa	no data	0/7	0/7
Jiang	no data	1/6 (16.7%)	0/6

Adapted from Ma et al. J Thoracic Disease (review of clinical data in literature Jan1, 2005-May 31, 2010

- Met amplification appeared to be low around 3% prior to TKI treatment
- Met amplification detected in roughly 20-30%, including 5-9% with concomitant T790M post TKI treatment

#### HCC827C4R created to mimic Met amplification resistance

Gene copy numbers of *Met* in HCC827 resistant cells





- HCC827 is a NSCLC cell line with exon 19 deletion, highly sensitive to EGFR TKIs
- After multiple passages in the presence of increasing concentrations of TKI, HCC827C4R was selected with 4-fold Met gene copies and resistant to EGFR TKIs

## *In vivo* efficacy of gefitinib in combination with HMPL-504 in HCC827C4R



- Mono therapy less effective with poor dose response
- Clear synergistic effect when HMPL-504 is added to the treatment
  - The strong efficacy correlated well with the target inhibition
- Potential for patients who progressed after EGFR TKI treatment (Met+/T790M-)

## *In vivo* efficacy of HMPL-504 in combination with a VEGFR inhibitor HMPL-013 in a Caki-1 ccRCC model



- High level of p-Met in Caki-1
- Neither VEGFR inhibitor HMPL-013 nor c-Met inhibitor HMPL-504 was particularly effective
- Combination of the two produced significant synergy

#### Papillary renal cell carcinoma (PRCC)

- Subset of kidney cancer (10-15%) with 6-9,000 new cases per year of PRCC in US
- No targeted therapies specifically approved for PRCC. VEGFR/mTOR inhibitors approved as first line for RCC, but ineffective for PRCC
- Two types of PRCC (Type 1 and Type 2, or "non-Type 1") identified pathologically
- Marked by high levels of Met activation
  - High incidence (up to 85%) of chromosome 7 trisomy, where both c-MET and its ligand, HGF, reside
  - c-Met mutations present in all patients with hereditary (HPRCC) and ~10% of sporadic PRCC







Type 2 Papillary: 10%

### HMPL-504/AZD6094 demonstrated strong activity in a PRCC PDX model



• Potent tumor growth inhibition activity with good dose response

#### CT scans of a PRCC patient who responded to HMPL-504



#### Baseline

After 5 months

#### Summary of HMPL-504/AZD6094 (Volitinib)

- HMPL-504/AZD6094 is a potent and highly selective small molecule c-Met inhibitor
- HMPL-504/AZD6094 demonstrated robust anti-tumor activity *in vivo* against a variety of tumors in which Met is a <u>main</u> driver of growth, such as gastric and lung cancers with Met gene amplification (Patient selection key to success)
- In tumors Met is a <u>partial</u> driver of growth, adding HMPL-504/AZD6094 to the existing therapy could bring additional benefits
- HMPL-504/AZD6094 produced clear single agent activity in early clinical evaluation

