Pixantrone in relapsed and refractory NHL

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PIX works by different mechanisms

6. Cell death by pixantrone as a result of multiple aberrant II divisions.



Pixantrone induced chromosome bridges and micro- and multi-nucleation







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Lack of juxtaposed quinonehydroquinone may be a factor of reduced interactions with topoisomerase 2α

Highlighted Papers

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The Novel Anthracenedione, Pixantrone, Lacks Redox Activity and Inhibits Doxorubicinol Formation in Human Myocardium: Insight to Explain the Cardiac Safety of Pixantrone in Doxorubicin-Treated Patients

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PIX does not target newly identified target, top2β

PIX - top2β crystallization PIX - top2β ICE assay





CTI data on file

B. Hasinoff, AACR 2015

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Data from R-CPOP vs R-CHOP

	CPOP-R n = 59	CHOP-R n = 63	P Value
Clinical CHF	0	5 (7.9%)	0.03
LVEF decline >20%	1 (1.7%)	8 (12.7%)	0.03
Troponin T Elevation	2/42 (4.8%)	15/46 (32.6%)	0.002
Mean Decline in LVEF at 12 months	-1.1%	-7.0%;	0.002

PIX301: Study design



Inclusion criteria

- Histologically-confirmed aggressive NHL
- Response to anthracycline regimen≥ 24 weeks
- ECOG PS 0–2
- Baseline LVEF \geq 50%
- No clinically significant CV abnormalities

Exclusion criteria

- Prior exposure to doxorubicin > 450 mg/m²
- Myocardial infarction within previous 6 months

*Choice of comparators included vinorelbine, oxaliplatin, ifosfamide, etoposide, mitoxantrone, gemcitabine or rituximab **Clinical trials were based on pixantrone dimaleate 85 mg/m², equivalent to 50 mg/m² pixantrone base, the EU approved dose

Pettengell et al. Lancet Oncol 2012;13:696. Engert et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma 2006;7:152.

Phase III PIX301: response in histologically confirmed aggressive B-cell (+ prior rituximab)



Pettengell et al. EHA 2013. P310 Pettengell et al. Lancet Oncol 2012;13:696

PIX301 Responders by Response to Last Therapy

Patients with CR/CRu During PIX301		Last therapy re	egimens (n): +/- rituximab	
Response to last Chemotherapy	Response to pixantrone (n = 17)	CHOP ESHAP CVP	(4) (2) (2)	
CR/CRu	3 (4.3%)	DHAP	(3)	
PR	8 (11.4%)	ICE Other multi-	(2) agent regimens (4)	
SD	3 (4.3%)	Other mutt-		
PD	3 (4.3%)			

SD = Stable Disease

PD = Progressive Disease

- Single agent pixantrone achieved CR/CRu's in patients that had PR, SD, PD from prior intensive salvage therapies
- 82% (14 of 17) of the pixantrone CR/CRu had a sub-optimal response to these prior therapies yet went on to achieve a CR with single agent pixantrone

Phase III PIX301: PFS in histologically confirmed aggressive B-cell (3rd/4th line, + prior rituximab)



Pettengell et al. EHA 2013. P310

Phase III PIX301: significance of CR / CRu



Cell Therapeutics Inc. Data on File.

Phase III PIX301: adverse events ≥ 5%

	Grades 3 or 4		
	Pixantrone (n = 68) n (%)	Comparator (n = 67) n (%)	
Haematological			
Anaemia	4 (5.9)	9 (13.4)	
Neutropenia	28 (41.2)	13 (19.4)	
Febrile neutropenia	5 (7.4)	2 (3.0)	
Leukopenia	16 (23.5)	5 (7.5)	
Non-haematological			
Abdominal pain	5 (7.4)	3 (4.5)	
Pyrexia	3 (4.4)	6 (9.0)	
Pneumonia	4 (5.9)	3 (4.5)	
Dyspnea	4 (5.9)	3 (4.5)	

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Activity of single agents in R/R DLBCL

	n	Number of prior chemo regimens	RR (CR)	
Vincristine ¹	15	≥ 1	40%	
Etoposide ¹	10	≥ 1	50%	
Gemcitabine ²	30	1-3	20% (5%)	
Rituximab ³	21	≥ 1	38%	
Inotuzumab ⁴	10		90%	
Lenalidomide ⁵	108	4 (median)	27% (7%)	
Bendamustine ⁶	18	≥ 1	44% (17%)	
Ibrutinib (ABC) ⁷	29	3	32% (6%)	
Pixantrone ⁸	70	3	45% (30%)	

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PIX306 (PIX-R): phase III trial in R/R aggressive B-cell NHL non-SCT eligible



Inclusion criteria

- De novo DLBCL or follicular lymphoma: 1–3 previous treatment regimens
- DLBCL transformed from indolent lymphoma:
- 1-4 treatment regimens
- · Received rituximab-containing multiagent therapy
- · Not eligible for high-dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant

Exclusion criteria

1. Prior exposure to doxorubicin > 450 mg/m²

clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01321541

Activity and Synergism of PIX in both GC and ABC cell lines



Chk-1 inhibition enhances PIX activity



Beeharry *et al.* AACR – EORTC 2013

Current Pixantrone Clinical IST Program

PI	Site	Title	Disease	Treatment	Enrollment status	Comments
Heß	Univ Mainz	Rescue Treatment With The Monoclonal Anti Cd20-antibody Obinotuzumab (GA101) In Combination With Pixantrone (Plus Dexamethasone) For The Treatment Of Patients With Relapsed Aggressive B-cell	Relapsed aNHL	Obinutuzumab (GA101) + PIX	17/64	In discussion for next agent: BCL2i
Marks	Univ Med Clinic Freiburg	R-CPOP as first line therapy for elderly patients with DLBCL and for patients with limited cardiac function with DLBCL	DLBCL	R-CPOP	3/60	
Raderer	Medical University Vienna	Lenalidomide plus pixantrone in patients with MALT lymphoma	MALT	Lenalidomide + PIX	0/46	(Not finalized)
d'Amore	Aarhus University Hospital	Pixantrone and bendamustine for relapsed non-Hodgkin lymphoma of B and T-cell phenotype. (PREBEN /Pix- Ben-Eto Trial)	Relapsed B/T-cell lymphoma	Bendamustine, etoposide, rituximab + PIX	0/60 First patient not treated due to CNS lesions	Swedish insurance resolved. Additional country budget needed
Hübel	University clinic Cologne	A multicenter, open label, uncontrolled, phase II trial evaluating the saftey and efficacy of pixantrone in combination with idelalisib and GA101 in previously treated patients with follicular lymphoma	Relapsed FL	Pixantrone GA101 Idelalisib (Gilead approved)	0/30-40	Not finalized

Phase I/II trial of pixantrone, rituximab [only in CD20+ tumors], etoposide, bendamustine, in pts with relapsed aggressive NHL NORDIC LYMPHOMA GROUP



*Frail pts enter directly the phase II part of the trial at baseline dose level

PREBen Regimen Series

- 19 evaluable pts (10 DLBCL, 4 PTCL, 5 tFL/Ind)
- Complete metabolic responses in DLBCL (CR 40%, PR 20%) and PTCL (CR 25%, PR 50%)
- Transf indolent and primary refr to DHAP/ICE had low response rates
- Responses detectable after the 1st course(no TLS observed)
 - ➢ Response durations are in the range 4- 17+ mo
 - Out-patient regimen
 - Grade 3-4 infections in 40% of pts

PREBen Patient Series



D'Amore et al. BSH 2016

Conclusions

- ✓ Pixantrone shows unique MOAs in tumor and cardiac cells
- Pixantrone is active and safe in patients with refractoryrelapsed NHL and can bridge to other modalities
- ✓ Pixantrone is amenable to combination with potentially numerous agents