FINAL RESULTS OF A PHASE 1B 28-DAY STUDY OF ABI-H0731, A NOVEL CORE INHIBITOR, IN NON-CIRRHOTIC VIREMIC SUBJECTS WITH CHRONIC HBV

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CORE INHIBITORS BLOCK VIRAL REPLICATION AND CCCDNA ESTABLISHMENT



Core inhibition

- Unlike Nucs, Core Inhibitors block both production of new virus and trafficking of incoming nucleocapsid to nucleus, preventing establishment of new cccDNA
- Core Inhibitors have potential to be additive or synergistic with polymerase inhibitors

ABI-H0731: A POTENT CLINICAL STAGE CORE INHIBITOR

ABI-H0731 Preclinical Profile

- Potent and selective antiviral activity against all major HBV genotypes (A-E)
- Clean safety profile in animal studies (safety pharmacology, genotoxicity, reproductive and chronic toxicity studies)
- Excellent hepatocyte stability, minimal metabolism allowing QD dosing
- 20-30x liver/plasma ratio in primates
- >150 subjects dosed to date across all studies

PHASE 1b STUDY (101B) DESIGN: 28-DAY DOSING



- Once-daily oral dosing
- HBeAg Pos and Neg patients (stratified 7:5)

Objectives

Primary

• Dose-related safety and tolerability

Secondary

- Steady state human PK
- Dose-related antiviral effects
 - HBV DNA/RNA
 - HBsAg and HBeAg
 - Pre-existing and emergent resistance

DEMOGRAPHICS AND BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

	ABI-H0731 QD Dosing					
Parameter	100 mg (N=10)	200 mg (N=10)	300 mg (N=10)	400 mg (N=2)	Placebo (N=6)	
Male, n	9	9	9	2	6	
Age, median yr	42	36	44	40	36	
White, n	0	2	1	0	0	
Asian, n	8	5	8*	2	6	
BMI, median kg/m ²	24	28	25	27	22	
Median Baseline ALT (IU/mL)	27	38	34	45	34	

*One subject of mixed background

BASELINE VIROLOGY CHARACTERISTICS

Parai	meter	100	mg	200	mg	300	mg	400 mg	Plac	ebo
HBe	Ag (n)	Pos (6)	Neg (4)	Pos (5)	Neg (5) ^d	Pos (6)	Neg (4)	Neg (2)	Pos (3)	Neg (3)
Mean H (Log ₁₀	IBV DNA IU/mL)	8.5	4.6	8.1	4.5	7.7	4.2	4.5	7.2	3.9
Mean (Log ₁₀	HBsAg IU/mL)	4.6	2.9	4.3	3.6	4.0	2.9	1.7	4.4	3.1
HBV (Log ₁₀ co	RNA ^a pies/mL)	7.3	2.8	7.1	4.9 ^b	6.4	2.5	3.4	5.9	1.8 ^c
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enot	E	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ge	Α	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

^aLOQ 4.04 Log₁₀ copies/mL; ^bn=2/5 subjects detectable at Baseline; ^cn=2/4 detectable at Baseline; ^d1 subject was misstratified

OVERALL CLINICAL SAFETY SUMMARY

- ABI-H0731 was generally well tolerated, with no SAEs or dose limiting toxicities reported
- No dose related increases in number of AEs
- All but one TEAE was Grade 1 (mild)
- No treatment emergent clinical chemistry, hematology or coagulation abnormalities deemed treatment related/clinically significant

Adverse Event Grade	Subjects with at least 1 TEAE, n (%)				
	100 mg (N=10)	200 mg (N=10)	300 mg (N=10)	400 mg (N=2)	Placebo (N=6)
Grade 1	9 (90%)	4 (40%)	6 (60%)	2 (100%)	4 (66.7%)
Grade 2	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 3	0	0	0	1 (50%)*	0

Summary of all Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events

*Single Grade 3 AE was maculopapular in subject dosed at 400 mg; rash resolved following treatment discontinuation with no additional medical intervention required

ABI-H0731 PLASMA EXPOSURE LEVELS

		Fold			
QD Dose	Mean C _{max} (ng/mL)	Mean C _{min} (ng/mL)	Mean AUC ₀₋₂₄ (ng*hr/mL)	Accumulation*	
100 mg (n=10)	1,270	389	13,500	1.7	
200 mg (n=10)	2,930	1,020	32,600	1.9	
300 mg (n=10)	4,320	1,310	49,400	1.6	
400 mg (n=2)	5,390	1,510	~50,000	1.8	

- All patients exhibited good plasma exposure levels
- Minimal accumulation (<2-fold) observed
- Similar exposures between Caucasian and Asian patients (data not shown)

*Steady state C_{max} /Day 1 C_{max}

POTENT REDUCTIONS IN HBV DNA

- Dose responsive declines; Reductions of up to 4.1 logs at 300 and 400 mg PO QD
- All subjects rebounded post therapy



	Change from Baseline Log ₁₀ HBV DNA (IU/mL)				
Patients		HBeAg Pos	HBeAg Neg		
Dose (mg)	N	Mean (Range)	N	Mean (Range)	
100 mg	6	1.3 (0.8 - 1.7)	4	2.2 (0.7 - 3.6)	
200 mg	5	1.9 (1.0 - 2.6)	5	2.4 (1.5 - 3.8)	
300 mg	6	2.9 (1.8 - 3.9)	3*	2.5* (0.8 – 4.1)	
400 mg	0	NA	2	3.9 (3.9 –4.0)	

*Excludes subject with known resistance at baseline

PARALLEL REDUCTIONS IN HBV RNA LEVELS

- HBV RNA reductions (1-2 logs) seen at all dose levels, and correlated with HBV DNA reductions (p < 0.001)
- Mechanism-based reduction in viral RNA levels is a differentiating feature of Core inhibitors



	Changes from Baseline		
Patients	HBeAg Pos		
Dose (mg)	N	Mean Copies/ uL (Range)*	
100 mg	6	1.2 (0.7 - 1.6)	
200 mg	5	1.7 (1.1 - 2.2)	
300 mg	6	2.3 (1.7 – 2.6)	
400 mg	0	NA	

*Internal HBV RNA RT-qPCR assay, for HBeAg positive: LOQ = 10 copies/µL

HBeAg Neg patients

- RNA levels were lower at baseline and more difficult to quantitate
- All subjects with detectable RNA at baseline had RNA declines on treatment

VIRAL ANTIGENS AND FLARES

No new flares developed on or post study

- Among patients with abnormal liver function tests, most remained stable or showed improvement on therapy
- No significant changes seen in HBeAg or HBsAg levels, except in a single patient who was found to have a flare at baseline (ALT 399 U/L; pre-Dose)
- HBeAg positive patient (200 mg cohort) with Grade 3 ALTs at Baseline
 - Subject closely monitored
 - LFTs declined on treatment
 - Multi-log decline in HBV DNA and RNA levels
 - HBsAg declined ~0.5 log on treatment and then rebounded along with HBV DNA and RNA after therapy stopped



NO EMERGENCE OF NEW RESISTANCE VARIANTS

- All Baseline and end of treatment samples genotyped for preexisting and emerging resistance mutations
- No new resistant mutants found to emerge over 28-day monotherapy
- Pre-existing resistant variants were identified
 - Single HBeAg neg patient (300 mg cohort) harbored a T109M substitution at Baseline, representing 70% of the viral population
 - T109M enriched to 100% by Day 8 in both the DNA and RNA populations
 - The enrichment in RNA suggests evolution of cccDNA pools in < 1 wk
 - HBV DNA levels declined 1-log despite ~150-fold reduction in susceptibility
 - Three patients with Y38F substitution that enriched on treatment
 - No significant phenotypic resistance or correlation with clinical outcomes



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- ABI-H0731 is a novel Core inhibitor with selective and potent activity against all major HBV genotypes
- Four dose levels (100, 200, 300 and 400 mg) of ABI-H0731 were tested in CHB patients
- ABI-H0731 was generally safe and well tolerated, with no SAEs or dose-limiting toxicities identified
 - All TEAEs were observed to be minor (Grade 1), with exception of isolated Grade 3 Rash that resolved rapidly without intervention other than treatment discontinuation
- All dose levels yielded potent antiviral activity, with overall Mean Maximal HBV DNA reductions of 2.8 Log₁₀ IU/mL at 300 mg, and maximal declines of up to 4.0 log₁₀ IU/mL
- Where measurable, reductions in HBV RNA correlated with HBV DNA decreases
- To date > 150 Healthy volunteers and patients with CHB have been dose with ABI-H0731

ABI-H0731 is currently undergoing Phase 2a clinical POC studies exploring 300 mg QD in combination with Nuc therapy

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