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Background: Pre-existing drug resistance can affect the efficacy of antiretroviral therapy. Studies in treatment-naïve and virologically suppressed participants have demonstrated safety and efficacy of B/F/TAF, including in patients with M184V/I mutations. In this pooled analysis, we investigated virologic outcomes after 48 weeks of B/F/TAF treatment in individuals with pre-existing integrase strand transfer inhibitor resistance (INSTI-R).

Methods: Although INSTI-R was prohibited per study entry criteria, pre-existing INSTI-R (T66A/I/K, E92G/Q, F121Y, Y143C/H/R, S147G, Q148H/K/R, N155H/S, R263K) was evaluated in participants from studies 1489, 1490, 1844, 1878, 4030. INSTI-R was assessed by historical genotypes and/or retrospective deepType HIV assay (Seq-IT, Germany), GenoSure IN, GenoSure Archive (Monogram Biosciences). Virologic outcomes were defined by last on-treatment observation carried forward (LOCF) method.

Results: Pre-existing primary INSTI-R substitutions were detected in 20/1907 participants (1.0%) after enrolment. Of the 20, 75% were male, 30% white, and 85% had HIV-1 subtype B, baseline median CD4 counts of 594 (IQR 517, 700), and median age of 52 (43, 59) years. One participant was treatment-naïve with a baseline viral load of 30,000 copies/mL and had Q148H (+ G140S on plasma RNA genotype) and was sensitive to bictegravir (< 2.5-fold change). The other 19 participants were virologically suppressed and had E92G (n=3), Y143C (n=2), Y143H (n=4), S147G (n=2), N155S (n=1), Q148H (n=3), Q148K (n=1), Q148R (n=1), or R263K (n=2) INSTI-R mutations by DNA genotype. The treatment-naïve individual was suppressed by Week 4 and maintained viral loads of < 50 copies/mL through Week 48. All suppressed participants had HIV RNA < 50 copies/mL throughout Week 48. All study participants had virologic success by LOCF (< 50 copies/mL) at Week 48.

Conclusion: Participants with primary INSTI-R substitutions had or maintained virologic suppression through 48 weeks of B/F/TAF treatment. Consistent with the potent in vitro activity of bictegravir against many INSTI-R mutations, these virologic outcomes suggest that B/F/TAF may have potential as a treatment option for some patients with pre-existing INSTI-R, if confirmed by further studies.

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634. Chlorhexidine Oral Rinses to Alter the Oral and Sputum Microbiota in COPD (CLIMB): a Randomized, Double-blinded, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group Pilot Study

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Background: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a progressive, inflammatory lung disease with few available disease-modifying therapies. Acute exacerbations of COPD (AECOPD) increase morbidity and mortality, and their occurrence coincides with sputum and oral microbiota dysbiosis. The oral microbiota also serves as the source of the lower airway microbiota. Chlorhexidine oral rinses are known to alter the oral microbiota. We hypothesized that subjects randomized to 8 weeks of chlorhexidine oral rinses (vs. placebo) will demonstrate decreased microbiota biomass compared to baseline and those on placebo.

Methods: We performed a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 8-week study of the effects of twice-daily chlorhexidine oral rinses on 44 subjects with COPD. Baseline and post-treatment data were obtained evaluating oral and sputum microbiota biomass and composition, systemic inflammation (CRP, fibrinogen, and WBC count), and respiratory symptoms (Breathlessness, Cough, and Sputum Scale [BCSS], St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire [SGRQ], and AECOPD assessment). All analyses were prespecified.

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics by Treatment Group

	Chlorhexidine	Placebo
	Mean ± SD or N (%)	Mean ± SD or N (%)
Number of Participants	24	20
Gender (% female)	2 (8.3)	1 (5.0)
Age (years)	67.6 ± 7.2	68.3 ± 6.0
Race non-white	1 (4.2)	0 (0.0)
Season**		
Spring	3 (15.0)	6 (30.0)
Summer	7 (35.0)	4 (20.0)
Fall	7 (35.0)	6 (30.0)
Winter	3 (15.0)	4 (20.0)
Years smoked	40.8 (10.4)	43.6 (10.3)
Current smoker	6 (25.0)	7 (35.0)
SGRQ	49.2 (17.2)	41.8 (12.3)
FEV ₁ % predicted	39.9 (12.6)	43.8 (11.1)
FVC % predicted	66.2 (14.8)	71.4 (12.9)
COPD exacerbations (past 12 months)	2.3 (1.5)	1.8 (1.0)
COPD hospitalizations (past 12 months)	0.5 (0.7)	0.7 (0.7)

**Assigned to the season that covered >50% of the study period for a given participant. Abbreviations: SD = Standard deviation; SGRQ = St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire; FEV₁ = Forced expiratory volume in one second; FVC = Forced vital capacity; COPD = Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Results: Forty of 44 participants completed the study. The primary analysis of the mean differences in oral and sputum microbiota biomass between treatment groups was not significant. Chlorhexidine use was associated with a decrease in oral and sputum microbiota alpha diversity compared with placebo (Shannon diversity index change [standard error]: -0.349 [0.091] and -0.622 [0.169] respectively; p_{adj}=0.001 for both). There was no significant change in CRP, fibrinogen, WBC count, or BCSS score between treatment groups over the study period. Chlorhexidine use was associated with a significant improvement in SGRQ score when compared to the placebo (mean change ± standard deviation: chlorhexidine -4.7 ± 8.0 vs. placebo 1.7 ± 8.9, p=0.011; minimal clinically important difference in SGRQ score -4). Few adverse events were reported.

Table 2. Linear regression results of the effect of treatment group on the change in alpha diversity

Outcome	Predictor	Linear Regression		
		Estimate(SE)	Unadjusted P-value	Adjusted P-value ¹
Shannon Diversity Index Change (Week 8- Baseline)	Treatment Group ²	-0.349 (0.091)	0.0005	0.0010
	Baseline Index	-0.197 (0.073)	0.0100	
	Treatment Group	-0.622 (0.169)	0.0008	0.0010
	Baseline Index	-0.312 (0.111)	0.0083	
Simpson Diversity Index Change (Week 8- Baseline)	Treatment Group	-0.030 (0.008)	0.0005	0.0010
	Baseline Index	-0.196 (0.114)	0.0938	
	Treatment Group	-0.091 (0.034)	0.0123	0.0123
	Baseline Index	-0.109 (0.179)	0.5472	
Inverse Simpson Diversity Index Change (Week 8- Baseline)	Treatment Group	-6.391 (1.799)	0.0011	0.0022
	Baseline Index	-0.451 (0.061)	<0.0001	
	Treatment Group	-6.870 (2.311)	0.0056	0.0056
	Baseline Index	-0.313 (0.110)	0.0077	

¹A Step-down Bonferroni p-value adjustment is made for the two comparisons (oral wash and sputum) within each Diversity Index.

²Treatment group is coded as Chlorhexidine = 1, Placebo = 0.

Table 3. Secondary outcomes by Treatment Group

8-week Change	Chlorhexidine (N=20)		Placebo (N=20)		P-value*
	N	Mean ± SD or N (%)	N	Mean ± SD or N (%)	
BCSS	19	-0.3 (1.9)	18	-0.1 (1.5)	0.810
SGRQ Total Score	20	-4.7 (8.0)	20	1.7 (8.9)	0.011
Activity Domain	20	-0.5 (9.1)	20	3.9 (12.9)	0.140
Impacts Domain	20	-5.4 (12.6)	20	0.7 (10.0)	0.064
Symptoms Domain	20	-10.1 (15.2)	20	0.8 (18.8)	0.083
C-reactive Protein (mg/L)	20	1.8 (7.5)	20	0.4 (6.8)	0.989
Fibrinogen (mg/dL)	19	22.5 (77.8)	20	10.0 (77.0)	0.574
Leukocytes (K/cmm)	20	0.2 (1.8)	19	0.5 (1.8)	0.790

*P-values for the comparisons of Chlorhexidine vs. Placebo are from the Wilcoxon Two-Sample Test. Abbreviations: SD = Standard deviation; BCSS = Breathlessness, Cough and Sputum Scale; SGRQ = St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire.

Conclusion: Among those with COPD, use of twice-daily chlorhexidine oral rinses resulted in decreased oral and sputum microbiota alpha diversity and clinically significant improvement in COPD symptoms. Chlorhexidine use did not result in decreased oral or sputum microbiota biomass or decreased systemic inflammation.

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635. Efficacy, Pharmacokinetics (PK), and Safety Profile of MEDI3902, an Anti-Pseudomonas aeruginosa Bispecific Human Monoclonal Antibody in Mechanically Ventilated Intensive Care Unit Patients; Results of the Phase 2 EVADE Study Conducted by the Public-Private COMBACTE-MAGNET Consortium in the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) Program.

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Background: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (PA) pneumonia is associated with morbidity and mortality in mechanically ventilated, intensive care unit (MV ICU) patients despite best clinical care. We assessed efficacy, PK, and safety of MEDI3902 in MV ICU subjects in the placebo-controlled, randomized Phase 2 EVADE study (NCT02696902; EudraCT 2015-001706-34).

Methods: Subjects with PCR-confirmed PA colonization of the lower respiratory tract were randomized to either a single IV infusion of 1,500 mg MEDI3902 (n = 85) or placebo (n = 83). Primary Efficacy endpoint was Endpoint Adjudication Committee-determined relative risk reduction (RRR) of PA pneumonia incidence in MEDI3902 vs. placebo recipients within 21 days post dose (2-sided $\alpha = 0.2$). Serum MEDI3902 PK levels were measured through 49 days post dose. Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) and serious AEs (SAEs) were assessed through 49 days post dose.

Results: Baseline characteristics were similar between groups. MEDI3902 did not meet the primary endpoint of PA pneumonia vs. placebo (22.4% vs. 18.1%; RRR -23.7%, P = 0.491). Mean serum MEDI3902 level was 9.46 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ (target 1.7 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) at 21 days post dose, with a $t_{1/2}$ 5.6 days. Proportion of subjects with TEAEs was similar between groups: ≥ 1 TEAE (98.8% MEDI3902; 97.6% placebo); ≥ 1 serious; and/or \geq grade 3 severity SAE (70.6% MEDI3902; 66.3% placebo). Deaths were numerically higher, although not statistically significant (24 (28.2%) MEDI3902 vs 19 (22.9%) Placebo; RRR -23.3%, P 0.429). Post-hoc analyses suggested RRR 47% among ~70% of the study population who had baseline Procalcitonin levels < 0.55 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (12.5% MEDI3902 vs 23.7% placebo; 80%CI 6.1%-69.9%; P 0.135). Similarly, RRR 83% was observed among 50% of study subjects with baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC) of < 8170 / μL (2.8% MEDI3902 vs 17.0% placebo; 80%CI 39.5%-95.5%; P 0.038). Subjects with Procalcitonin < 0.55 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and ANC < 8170/ μL also had higher serum PK exposure.

Conclusion: A single IV dose of MEDI3902 provided PK exposure above the target level but did not achieve primary efficacy endpoint of reduction in PA pneumonia. Efficacy trends were observed in subjects with lower levels of baseline inflammatory biomarkers. MEDI3902 may have a path forward in certain patient populations such as ICU patients with lower baseline inflammation.

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636. Immunogenicity, Safety and Tolerability of a Booster Dose of Clostridium difficile Vaccine and 4 Year Antibody Persistence

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Background: *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*) is a common cause of antibiotic-associated diarrhea. To date, there is no vaccine to prevent *C. difficile* infection (CDI). This extension of a phase 2 study explores the immunogenicity, safety, and tolerability of a 4th dose, and antibody persistence of a three-dose regimen of a toxoid-based *C. difficile* vaccine in 300 healthy adults 65 to 85 years of age in the United States.

Methods: The first stage of this study was conducted from 16 July 2015 to 7 March 2017, in which subjects were enrolled and randomized to receive one of two antigen dose levels (100 μg or 200 μg total toxoid A and B) or placebo, administered in one of two three-dose regimens: Days 1, 8 & 30 or Months 0, 1 & 6. Immunogenicity testing was conducted on samples obtained at each of nine study visits through 12 months post dose 3. In this extension stage, subjects who had received vaccine in the first stage were re-randomized at 12 months post dose 3 to receive either a booster dose or placebo in a 1:1 ratio. Subjects were followed for immunogenicity three (3) years post booster (four years post dose #3)

Results: Peak antibody response to vaccination was observed between day 8 and 30 following booster administration. Both regimens demonstrated robust anamnestic responses with peak levels above the three-dose peak (stage 1). Toxin A geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) remained above pre-booster GMCs, 3 years post booster for both dose levels and regimens. Antibody persistence for

both groups demonstrated stable antibody levels four years after the primary vaccination series among subjects who did not receive a booster dose. No Grade 4 reactivity was reported during the study. Pain was the most common local reaction. Adverse event rates per subject were similar between both regimens and placebo. There were no Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) considered related to the investigational product at any dose or regimen. The safety profile was consistent with what was seen in the first stage of the study.

Conclusion: A booster dose of *Clostridoides difficile* vaccine candidate is highly immunogenic, well tolerated and demonstrates an acceptable safety profile in both dose groups for the Day and the Month regimens. Antibody persistence remains stable from 12 months to 4-year post dose 3.

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637. Outcomes by Body Mass Index (BMI) in the STRIVE Phase 2 Trial of Once-Weekly Rezafungin for Treatment of Candidemia and Invasive Candidiasis Compared with Caspofungin

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Background: There is increasing evidence of antifungal underdosing in the treatment of invasive disease, particularly in special populations such as the obese. Body size is often an important variable affecting drug exposure, and pharmacokinetic (PK) models of antifungal dosing have suggested size-based dose adjustments to achieve target drug exposure.

Rezafungin (RZF) is a novel echinocandin in Phase 3 development for treatment of candidemia and invasive candidiasis (IC) and for prevention of invasive fungal disease caused by *Candida*, *Aspergillus*, and *Pneumocystis* in blood and marrow transplant recipients. Distinctive PK properties of RZF (e.g., long half-life, extensive tissue distribution, and front-loaded drug exposure) lend themselves to RZF once-weekly (QWk) dosing and antifungal efficacy. In this sub-analysis of the Phase 2 STRIVE trial of RZF in the treatment of candidemia and/or IC, outcomes based on patient BMI were evaluated.

Methods: The STRIVE trial (NCT02734862) compared the safety and efficacy of RZF QWk compared with once-daily caspofungin (Fig. 1). For this subanalysis, data were stratified by BMI categories of < 30 kg/m² and \geq 30 kg/m². Efficacy (overall response [resolution of clinical signs of infection + mycological eradication], mycological response, and investigator assessment of clinical response) and safety (treatment-emergent adverse events [TEAEs]) endpoints by treatment group were evaluated, as well as PK data (area under the curve [AUC]) from RZF-treated patients. Figure 1.

Figure 1. Treatment Groups of the Phase 2 STRIVE Trial

Treatment Group	Dose Regimen
RZF Group 1	IV rezafungin 400 mg QWk
RZF Group 2	IV rezafungin 400 mg on Week 1, followed by 200 mg QWk
CAS	IV caspofungin 70 mg on Day 1, followed by 50 mg QD (with optional step-down to oral fluconazole)

CAS=caspofungin; RZF=rezafungin; QD=once daily; QWk=once weekly.

Results: Mean BMI values were similar across treatment arms (26.9 kg/m² in RZF Group 1 and 26.8 kg/m² in RZF Group 2 and CAS arms). Efficacy outcomes at Day 14 were similar between BMI categories (Table 1). Rates of TEAEs were generally similar between BMI categories as well (Table 2), with no concerning safety trends. Following one dose of RZF 400 mg (Week 1), the ranges of AUCs by BMI category overlapped and there was a minor mean difference of ~20% (lower for those with BMI \geq 30 kg/m²) (Fig. 2).

Table 1

Table 1. Efficacy Outcomes by BMI Category (<30 kg/m² vs \geq 30 kg/m²) from the STRIVE Trial of Rezafungin Treatment of Candidemia and Invasive Candidiasis (mITT Population)

Outcomes at Day 14	BMI <30 kg/m ²			BMI \geq 30 kg/m ²		
	RZF Grp 1 N=57	RZF Grp 2 N=34	CAS N=48	RZF Grp 1 N=18	RZF Grp 2 N=11	CAS N=13
Overall Response, n (%)	34 (59.6)	26 (76.5)	32 (66.7)	11 (61.1)	8 (72.7)	9 (69.2)
Mycological Response, n (%)	37 (64.9)	26 (76.5)	33 (68.8)	12 (66.7)	8 (72.7)	9 (69.2)
Investigator Assessment of Clinical Cure, n (%)	40 (70.2)	28 (82.4)	33 (68.8)	12 (66.7)	8 (72.7)	10 (76.9)

BMI=body mass index; CAS=caspofungin 70 mg on Day 1 followed by 50 mg once daily for \geq 14 days; RZF Grp 1=rezafungin 400 mg once weekly; RZF Grp 2=rezafungin 400 mg on Week 1 followed by 200 mg once weekly.