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**Oral Ibrexafungerp outcomes by fungal disease in patients from an interim analysis of a Phase 3 Open-label Study (FURI)**

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Background: There are limited oral treatment options for patients with fungal infections who fail currently available antifungals or have an infection caused by resistant organisms. Ibrexafungerp is an investigational broad-spectrum glucan synthase inhibitor with activity against *Candida* and *Aspergillus* species, including azole- and echinocandin-resistant strains. A Phase 3 open-label, single-arm study of ibrexafungerp (FURI; NCT03059992) is ongoing for the treatment of patients intolerant of, or with fungal disease refractory to, standard antifungal therapy. We present an interim analysis of patient outcomes from the FURI study by fungal disease type.

Methods: FURI patients are eligible for enrollment if they have proven or probable: severe mucocutaneous candidiasis, invasive candidiasis, chronic or invasive aspergillosis, with documented evidence of failure, intolerance, or toxicity related to a currently approved standard-of-care antifungal treatment; or patients who cannot receive approved oral antifungal options (e.g., due to susceptibility), and continued IV antifungal therapy is clinically undesirable or unfeasible.

Results: An independent Data Review Committee (DRC) provided an assessment of treatment response for 113 enrolled patients in the FURI study from 27 centers in US, UK, and EU treated with ibrexafungerp for mucocutaneous or invasive fungal infections from 2016-2021. A total of 56 patients (49.5%) had invasive candidiasis/candidemia, 32 (28.3%) had mucocutaneous candidiasis, 14 (12.4%) had vulvovaginal candidiasis (VVC), and 11 (9.7%) patients had aspergillosis.

Upon DRC review, the percentage of patients with complete or partial response, or for VVC, clinical improvement (defined as vulvovaginal signs and symptoms score ≤ 1) was 58.4%; stable disease was 23.9%; and 11.5% had disease progression (including 2 VVC patients not meeting the criteria for clinical improvement). There was one death due to underlying causes, and six outcomes were indeterminate. Table 1 shows outcomes by disease type.

Conclusions: Analysis of 113 patients from the FURI study indicates that oral ibrexafungerp provides a favorable therapeutic response in patients with challenging fungal disease and limited treatment options.

	Invasive Candidiasis and Candidemia (n=56)	Mucocutaneous Candidiasis (not VVC) (n=32)	Vulvovaginal Candidiasis (n=14)	Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis (n=10)	Chronic Pulmonary Aspergillosis (n=1)
Complete, Partial Response, or Clinical Improvement	35 (62.5%)	17 (53.1%)	10 (71.4%)	4 (40%)	0
Stable Disease	13 (23.2%)	11 (34.3%)	1 (7.1%)	1 (10%)	1 (100%)
Clinical Improvement Criteria Not Met (VVC only)	-	-	2 (14.3%)	-	-
Progression of Disease	4 (7.1%)	3 (9.4%)	0	4 (40%)	0
Indeterminate	4 (7.1%)	0	1 (7.1%)	1 (10%)	0
Deaths	0	1 (3.1%)	0	0	0

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All-cause mortality in patients with invasive Candidiasis or candidemia from an interim analysis of a Phase 3 Open-label Study (FURI)

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Background: There are limited oral treatment options for patients with high-mortality fungal infections such as candidemia or invasive candidiasis who fail currently available antifungals or have an infection caused by resistant organisms. Ibrexafungerp is an investigational broad-spectrum glucan synthase inhibitor with activity against *Candida* species, including azole- and echinocandin-resistant strains. A Phase 3 open-label, single-arm study of ibrexafungerp (FURI; NCT03059992) is ongoing for the treatment of patients intolerant of, or with invasive fungal disease refractory to, standard antifungal therapy. We present an interim analysis of all-cause mortality within 30 days post-treatment from the FURI study by fungal disease type for patients with candidemia or invasive candidiasis, who completed therapy up until October 2021.

Methods: FURI patients are eligible for enrolment if they have proven or probable: severe mucocutaneous candidiasis or invasive candidiasis, or candidemia, with documented evidence of failure, intolerance, or toxicity related to a currently approved standard-of-care antifungal treatment; or patients who cannot receive approved oral antifungal options (eg, due to susceptibility), and continued IV antifungal therapy is clinically undesirable or unfeasible. Patients were followed through 30 days post-treatment for all-cause mortality.

Results: Out of the 113 patients who completed therapy in the FURI study through October 2021, 56 (50%) had invasive candidiasis or candidemia and were treated with ibrexafungerp. The most common infections in this group were candidemia (15/56, 26.8%), intra-abdominal infection (13/56, 23.2%), and bone infection (10/56, 17.9%).

Overall survival within 30 days post-treatment in this group of 56 patients was 94.6%. Of the 56 patients with candidemia or invasive candidiasis, three (5.3%) died within 30 days after completion of treatment with ibrexafungerp, a fourth died at 31 days, a fifth died at 50 days, and a sixth died at 56 days. The mean age of the expired patients was 56 years. All 4 patients had candidemia (3 with *C. parapsilosis* and 1 with *C. albicans*), and 2 had intra-abdominal candidiasis, (both with *C. glabrata*). The average time on therapy with ibrexafungerp was 15.7 days. The mean time to death post-treatment for these patients was 27 days (median, 21 days). In five cases, the deaths were due to causes other than the underlying fungal disease. For the other case, the cause of death was not disclosed.

Conclusions: Analysis of all-cause mortality in these patients from the FURI study indicates that oral ibrexafungerp provides a favorable therapeutic response in patients with challenging fungal diseases and limited treatment options.

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The overexpression of efflux pump gene *cdr1B* resulting in voriconazole- and isavuconazole- resistance in *Aspergillus fumigatus* recovered from a patient with chronic pulmonary aspergillosis in China

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Objectives: Triazole resistance in the pathogenic *Aspergillus fumigatus* has been increasing worldwide, posing a growing therapeutic challenge. To date, triazole resistance in clinical isolates of *A. fumigatus* causing pulmonary aspergillosis has been mainly attributed to the mutations in the *cyp51A* gene or its promoter, followed by mutations in *cyp51B* and *hmg1* gene encoding 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase. From chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) patient, we isolated a strain of *A. fumigatus* (BMU10672) with resistance to voriconazole (VRC) and isavuconazole (ISZ), which was caused by overexpression of efflux pump *Cdr1B*.

Methods: Antifungal susceptibility testing of the isolate of *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 was performed using the broth microdilution method (CLSI M38-A3), E-test and disk diffusion method. The promoter region and open reading frame of the *cyp51A*, *cyp51B*, and *hmg1* gene were amplified and sequenced. Then, the expression levels of *cyp51A*, *cyp51B*, and efflux pump gene *cdr1B* with or without being exposed to VRC or ISZ were quantified using real-time PCR, compared with triazole-susceptible *A. fumigatus* Af293. And the function of efflux pump *Cdr1B* was tested by efflux pump substrate (Nile red) accumulation assay and efflux pump inhibitor (FK520) assay.

Results: The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of itraconazole (ITC), VRC, posaconazole (POS), ISZ and amphotericin B (AMB), and the minimal effective concentration (MEC) of caspofungin (CAS) against *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 was 1 µg/ml, 2 µg/ml, 0.5 µg/ml, 2 µg/ml, 1 µg/ml and 0.125 µg/ml, respectively. The results of E-test and disk diffusion assay were consistent with those of the broth microdilution method (Figs. 1a and b). Together, these results indicate that *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 is resistant to VRC and ISZ, while being susceptible to ITC, POS, AMB, and CAS. Sequencing of the *cyp51A*, *cyp51B* and *hmg1* gene of *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 were all intact. The basal and VRC- or ISZ- induced expression levels of efflux pumps gene *cdr1B* in *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 were all higher (> 4-fold) than those in triazole-susceptible *A. fumigatus* Af293. However, no differences in basal and VRC- or ISZ- induced expression levels of *cyp51A* gene and *cyp51B* gene were observed between *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 and Af293. The efflux pump substrate Nile red accumulation assay showed the *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 accumulated less Nile red than Af293, confirming that *Cdr1B* was active at exporting Nile red, while efflux pumps inhibitor FK520 can increase the accumulation of the Nile red in *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 (Fig. 1c). Inhibition of efflux pumps activity by inhibitor FK520 resulted in a MIC reduction of 4-fold in VRC and ISZ MICs, and 2-fold in ITC and POS, against *A. fumigatus* BMU10672 (Figs. 1a and b).

Conclusion: Overexpression of efflux pumps gene *cdr1B* resulting in VRC- and ISZ- resistance in the clinical isolate of *A. fumigatus* BMU10672.