# Twice-weekly Oral MLN9708, an Investigational Proteasome Inhibitor, in Combination with Lenalidomide (Len) and Dexamethasone (Dex) in Patients (Pts) with Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma (MM): Final Phase 1 Results and Phase 2 Data

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## **MLN9708**

- MLN9708 (ixazomib citrate) is an investigational oral proteasome inhibitor that is being investigated in multiple Phase 3 trials
- Phase 1 studies using weekly and twice-weekly dosing have demonstrated that oral MLN9708 has single-agent activity, with responses also seen in pts with heavily pre-treated relapsed and/or refractory MM<sup>1,2</sup>
- In pts with newly diagnosed MM, a study of weekly oral MLN9708 in combination with len and dex has demonstrated activity, as evidenced by high response rates, including CRs, VGPRs, and MRD-negativity<sup>3</sup>
- Here we report final phase 1 results and phase 2 data of a phase 1/2 study of twice-weekly oral MLN9708 in combination with len and dex (triplet oral combination) in pts with newly diagnosed MM (NCT01383928)
  - Trial conducted in collaboration with the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium

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# **Key objectives**

- Phase 1 objectives:
  - Primary: determine the safety, tolerability, maximum tolerated dose (MTD), and recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D)
  - Secondary: characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of MLN2238 (the pharmacologically active hydrolysis product of MLN9708)
- Phase 2 objectives:
  - Primary: determine combined CR+VGPR rate; further evaluate tolerability and toxicity
  - Secondary: determine overall response rate (ORR; ≥PR), duration of response, and progression-free survival

## **Patients**

- Key inclusion criteria:
  - Age ≥18 years
  - ECOG performance status 0–2
  - Adequate renal, hepatic, and hematologic function
  - Newly diagnosed MM
  - Measurable disease (at least one of the following):
    - Serum M-protein ≥1 g/dL
    - Urine M-protein ≥200 mg/24 hours
    - Involved free light chain (FLC) ≥10 mg/dL, provided the serum FLC ratio is abnormal
- Key exclusion criteria:
  - Grade ≥2 peripheral neuropathy
  - Prior/concurrent deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism

# **Study design**



\*Dex 20/10 mg cycles 1–8 / 9–16

All patients required thromboembolism prophylaxis with aspirin 81–325 mg QD or LMWH while receiving len–dex

- Phase 1: oral MLN9708 dose-escalation
  - Standard 3+3 schema, 33% dose increments, based on cycle 1 DLTs
- Phase 2: oral MLN9708 at the RP2D from phase 1
- Protocol allows for stem cell collection after cycle 4, with ASCT deferred until after 8 cycles
- MLN9708 maintenance continued at the last tolerated dose level until progression or unacceptable toxicity

# Patient demographics and baseline disease characteristics

	Phase 1	RP2D*	Total
	(n=14)	(n=57)	(N=64)
Median age, years (range)	63 (42–78)	64 (34–82)	63.5 (34–82)
Male, n (%)	9 (64)	36 (63)	40 (63)
White / African American / Other, n <sup>+</sup>	12 / 1 / 1	47 / 8 / 1	54 / 8 / 1
ISS stage at diagnosis, n (%)			
1	8 (57)	24 (42)	30 (47)
II	5 (36)	22 (39)	23 (36)
	1 (7)	11 (19)	11 (17)

### Phase 1: DLTs and RP2D

- Two dose levels in this study:
  - 7 pts enrolled to MLN9708 3.0 mg
  - 7 pts enrolled to MLN9708 3.7 mg
- No AEs met DLT criteria in cycle 1 at either dose of MLN9708
- RP2D was chosen as 3.0 mg
  - Determined based on consideration of the balance between overall tolerability, including rate of rash that was higher than expected with either single-agent MLN9708 or lenalidomide, and efficacy across multiple cycles
    - All 7 pts enrolled to MLN9708 3.7 mg reported rash-related AEs (including 4 pts with grade 3 AEs)

#### **Treatment exposure**

	Phase 1 (n=14)	RP2D* (n=57)	Total (N=64)
Median cycles received, n (range)	10.5 (1–30)	9 (1–30)	9 (1–30)
Pts who received ≥8 cycles, n (%)	10 (71)	45 (79)	49 (77)
Pts who received ≥16 cycles, n (%)	5 (36)	9 (16)	11 (17)
Median relative dose intensity,# %			
MLN9708	90	97	95
Len	74	96	93
Dex	94	94	95
Pts remaining on treatment, <sup>†</sup> n (%)	3 (21)	15 (26)	16 (25)
Reason for going off treatment, n (%)			
Proceeding to ASCT	3 (21)	20 (35)	21 (33)
Adverse event	3 (21)	9 (16)	11 (17)
Progressive disease	1 (7)	6 (11)	6 (9)
Other <sup>‡</sup>	4 (29)	7 (12)	10 (16)

\*RP2D cohort includes all 50 phase 2 pts and 7 phase 1 pts treated at MLN9708 3.0 mg; #Dose taken/dose prescribed; <sup>†</sup>At data cut-off (Oct 9, 2013); <sup>‡</sup>Other included subject preference (n=5), investigator discretion (n=2), health complications unrelated to study drug, unsatisfactory response, syngeneic stem cell transplant (each n=1)

### **Stem cell mobilization**

- At data cut-off (October 9, 2013), 18 (28%) pts had stem cells harvested
- Median cycle of first stem cell mobilization: 6 (range 4–13)
- Sites used institutional standard mobilization regimens, which included:
  - Plerixafor + G-CSF (n=8)
  - Cyclophosphamide (n=2)
  - Cyclophosphamide + G-CSF (n=2)
  - G-CSF (n=1)
  - Other (n=5)
- Median number of apheresis procedures: 2
  - 6 and 12 pts underwent 1 and 2 procedures, respectively
- Median number of harvested CD34+ cells: 10.8 x 10<sup>6</sup>/L (range 6–100 x 10<sup>6</sup>)
- MLN9708 plus len and dex did not appear to have an adverse impact on stem cell mobilization

#### **Preliminary response data**

Response, n (%)*	Phase 1 (n=13)	RP2D <sup>†</sup> (n=56)	Total (n=62)
ORR (≥PR)	12 (92)	53 (95)	58 (94)
CR+VGPR	10 (77)	42 (75)	46 (76)
CR	2 (15)	15 (27)	16 (26)
sCR	0	12 (21)	12 (19)
nCR	3 (23)	5 (9)	6 (10)
VGPR (incl. nCR)	8 (62)	27 (48)	30 (48)

• 62 of 64 pts were evaluable for response (2 patients did not have post-baseline response assessments thus were not evaluable)

Median follow-up of 10.9 months

\*Best confirmed/unconfirmed response by investigator assessment using IMWG uniform response criteria; †Includes 7 phase 1 pts treated at MLN9708 3.0 mg

# Preliminary response data show deepening responses over course of treatment (pts treated at RP2D)



- Depth of response increased over the course of treatment
  - Median time to first response: 0.69 months
  - Median time to best response to date: 1.96 months
- Median duration of response to date is 13.8 months, ranging up to 18.8+ months

# Individual best M-protein or serum FLC response to treatment (pts treated at RP2D)





- 56 patients treated at the RP2D were evaluable for response (7 phase 1, 49 phase 2)
- 61% of pts had 100% decreases in M-protein or serum free light chain from baseline

#### **MRD** evaluation

#### Feasibility of MRD assessment

Response achieved	Expected MRD samples, N	MRD samples received, n	MRD sample collection compliance, %
sCR + CR	16	12	75

#### MRD status in patients providing samples

Response/status	MRD-negative, n	MRD-positive, n	MRD inevaluable, n
sCR + CR, n=12	9	2	1
Ongoing on treatment, n	4	0	1

# Safety profile

	Phase 1	RP2D <sup>†</sup>	Total
AE,* n (%)	(n=14)	(n=57)	(N=64)
Any AE	14 (100)	57 (100)	64 (100)
Any drug-related AE <sup>#</sup>	14 (100)	56 (98)	63 (98)
Any grade ≥3 AE	11 (79)	44 (77)	49 (77)
Any grade ≥3 drug-related AE <sup>#</sup>	9 (64)	32 (56)	37 (58)
Any serious AE (SAE)	7 (50)	28 (49)	30 (47)
Any drug-related SAE <sup>+</sup>	4 (29)	16 (28)	18 (28)
Dose reduction due to AEs	10 (71)	32 (56)	37 (58)
Discontinuation due to AEs	3 (21)	7 (12)	9 (14)

 One pt (phase 2) died due to cardio-respiratory arrest, likely a pulmonary embolism, considered by the investigator to be unrelated to MLN9708 or dex but probably related to len

\*AEs graded using NCI-CTCAE v4.03; <sup>†</sup>Includes 7 phase 1 pts treated at MLN9708 3.0 mg; <sup>#</sup>Drug-related is defined as related to any drug in the combination

#### **Drug-related\*** AEs, all grades (≥20% of total)

AE, n (%)	Phase 1 (n=14)	RP2D (n=57) <sup>†</sup>	Total (N=64)
Peripheral neuropathies <sup>‡</sup>	9 (64)	30 (53)	34 (53)
Rash-related AEs <sup>#</sup>	10 (70)	25 (44)	32 (50)
Fatigue	9 (64)	27 (47)	31 (48)
Peripheral edema	7 (50)	22 (39)	25 (39)
Dysgeusia	3 (21)	18 (32)	20 (31)
Diarrhea	5 (36)	17 (30)	19 (30)
Insomnia	6 (43)	15 (26)	19 (30)
Constipation	4 (29)	14 (25)	17 (27)
Nausea	4 (29)	15 (26)	17 (27)
Dizziness	2 (14)	14 (25)	14 (22)

\*Drug-related defined as related to any drug in the combination; <sup>†</sup>Includes 7 phase 1 pts treated at MLN9708 3.0 mg; <sup>#</sup>Any rash-related AE within the MedDRA System Organ Class, includes rash maculo-papular (n=17), rash macular (n=7), pruritus, rash papular (n=5), rash pruritic, dermatitis acneiform, dry skin (n=3), dermatitis exfoliative, rash erythematous, acne, erythema multiforme, rash vesicular, Stevens-Johnson syndrome; <sup>‡</sup>Includes peripheral neuropathy and peripheral sensory neuropathy

### Drug-related\* AEs, grade 3 (≥5% of total)

AE, n (%)	Phase 1 (n=14)	RP2D (n=57) <sup>†</sup>	Total (N=64)
Rash-related AEs <sup>#</sup>	5 (36)	6 (11)	10 (16)
Hyperglycemia	3 (21)	5 (9)	5 (8)
Pneumonia	1 (7)	4 (7)	4 (6)
Thrombocytopenia	2 (14)	3 (5)	4 (6)
Decreased lymphocyte count	0	3 (5)	3 (5)
Hyponatremia	0	3 (5)	3 (5)
Neutropenia	1 (7)	3 (5)	3 (5)
Peripheral neuropathies <sup>‡</sup>	1 (7)	3 (5)	3 (5)

#### There were no drug-related grade 4 AEs

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#### Phase 1 PK data

- Based on phase 1 preliminary PK data, MLN2238 was absorbed quickly with a T<sub>max</sub> of 0.5–4 hours
- Terminal half-life was 2–8 days
- PK data were similar to single-agent twice-weekly dosing studies,<sup>1</sup> suggesting no MLN2238 PK interaction with len or dex



# **Conclusions / Future Directions**

- MLN9708 plus len-dex is the first completely oral combination regimen including an IMiD and a proteasome inhibitor for patients with newly diagnosed MM
- Data suggest that twice-weekly oral MLN9708 plus len-dex is feasible and active
  - 25% of patients remain on therapy
- However, rates of rash, PN, and dose reductions appear lower in the parallel study using weekly MLN9708, with similar response rates and better convenience<sup>1</sup>
  - Supports the use of weekly dosing in ongoing phase 3 trials
    - Phase 3 trial of weekly MLN9708, len, and dex in pts with relapsed/refractory MM (NCT01564537, TOURMALINE-MM1)
    - Phase 3 trial of weekly MLN9708, len, and dex in pts with newly diagnosed MM (NCT01850524, TOURMALINE-MM2)
    - Phase 3 trial of weekly MLN9708/ dex in pts with relapsed or refractory AL amyloidosis (NCT01659658, TOURMALINE-AL1)
- An abstract presented at this meeting (Mateos et al, #1968) shows that greater proteasome inhibitor exposure produces better outcomes
  - MLN9708 administered orally may be best positioned to provide patients with this benefit in the future

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