

# Abemaciclib Benchside to Bedside



# Disclosure

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### **History of Abemaciclib**

- Discovered at Lilly Research Laboratories Alcobendas, Spain with Indianapolis partners
- 1 of 1,200 compounds tested
  - Two criteria continuous dosing and blood brain barrier penetration
- Date of discovery February 1, 2008







### Potential Importance of Sustained Inhibition<sup>1-3</sup>

Sustained Inhibition<sup>1-3</sup>

Permanent Cell Cycle Arrest (Leads to Senescence)<sup>1-3</sup>



Lack of Cell Proliferation<sup>1-3</sup>

Short-Term Inhibition<sup>1-3</sup>

Temporary Cell Cycle Arrest (Quiescence)<sup>1-3</sup>



Rebound Induction of DNA Synthesis<sup>1-3</sup>



### **Abemaciclib Structure and Kinase Inhibition Profile**

### Abemaciclib is an ATP-competitive CDK 4 and CDK 6 inhibitor

Adapted from: Gelbert et al. Invest New Drugs. 2014; 32(5):825-37

| Biochemical Assay <sup>a</sup> | Ki [ATP] (nM) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| CDK 4 / cyclin D1              | $0.6 \pm 0.3$ |
| CDK 6 / cyclin D3              | 8.2 ± 1.1     |
| Ratio CDK 6/CDK 4              | 14x           |

Torres-Guzmán et al. Oncotarget. 2017; 8(41):69493-69507

<sup>a</sup>Data obtained using the mesylate salt form and reported in nmol/L; Ki data reported as average of two independent determinations  $(n=2) \pm \text{standard deviation}$ 



# Abemaciclib is structurally distinct

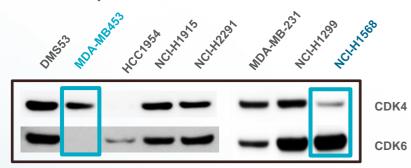
1. Abemaciclib [package insert]. Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company; 2018. 2. Palbociclib [prescribing information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Inc.; 2015. 3. Ribociclib [package insert]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp; 2017.

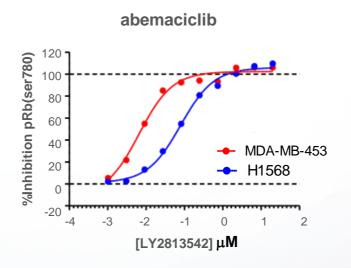
### Abemaciclib is a more potent inhibitor of CDK4 than CDK6

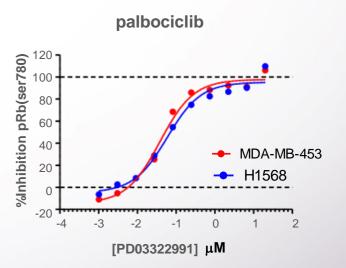
| Method        | Ki [ATP   | ] c(nM)   |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Compound      | Abema     | Palbo     |
| CDK4/CyclinD1 | 0.6       | 2.9       |
| CDK6/cyclinD3 | 8.2       | 4.0       |
| Ratio         | 14X       | 1.4X      |
|               | CDK4>CDK6 | CDK4≈CDK6 |

- Abemaciclib is about 14X more selective for CDK4/cyclinD1 vs. CDK6/cyclinD3 in biochemical assays.
- Palbociclib is a nearly equipotent inhibitor of CDK4/cyclinD1 and CDK6/cyclinD3.



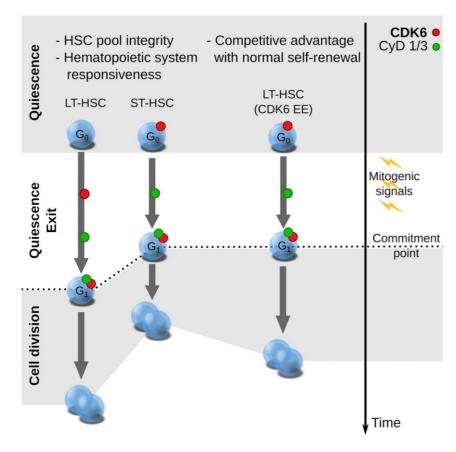








## **CDK6** Regulator of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Activation



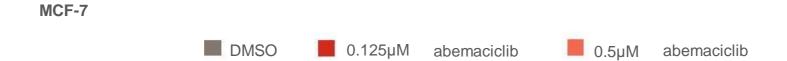
From Laurenti et al. Cell Stem Cell 16, 302-313, March 5, 2015

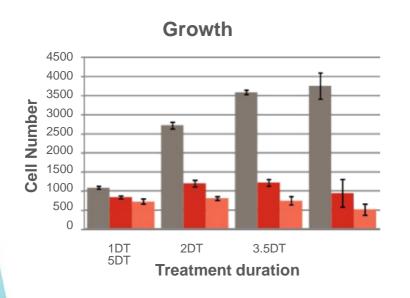
- CDK6 Levels Regulate Quiescence
   Exit in Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells<sup>1</sup>
  - CDK6 acts as a transcriptional regulator to suppress Egr1 in
- hematopoietic stem cells (HSC), allowing their activation and proliferation<sup>2</sup>
- CDK6 deficiency is characterized by defects in the hematopoietic system<sup>3</sup>

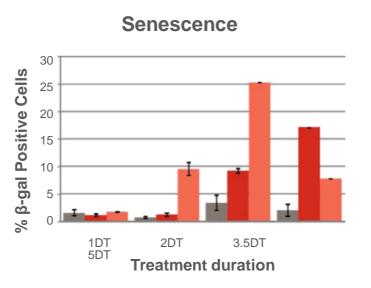


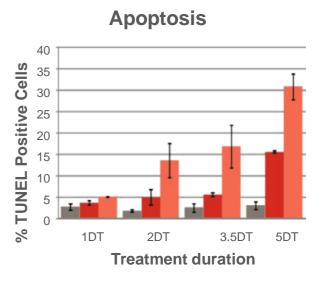
## **Abemaciclib Induces Senescence and Apoptosis**

Sustained target inhibition contributes to higher levels of senescence and apoptosis









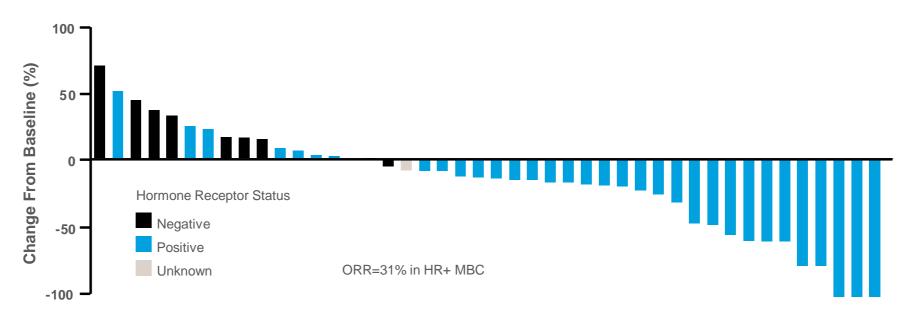


# **Abemaciclib Phase 1 Study**

Neutropenia not dose limiting toxicity - continuous dosing feasible

### Phase 1 trial of abemaciclib

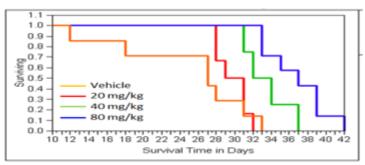
- Single agent activity was observed in a subgroup of heavily pretreated patients with HR+ MBC
  - Neutropenia was not a dose limiting toxicity (DLT) and continuous dosing was feasible DLT was fatigue





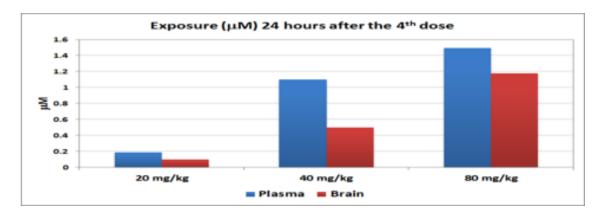
# Abemaciclib Effectively Distributes into CNS

# Abemaciclib Prolongs Survival in an Intracranial U87MG GBM Model<sup>1</sup>



| Treatment | Median Survival (days) | SE   |
|-----------|------------------------|------|
| Vehicle   | 25.14                  | 2.82 |
| 20 mg/kg  | 29.83                  | 0.70 |
| 40 mg/kg  | 33.50*                 | 1.32 |
| 80 mg/kg  | 36.86*                 | 1.28 |

<sup>\*</sup>p<0.05



- ◆ Functional evidence for CNS penetration by abemaciclib¹
- Abemaciclib is a potent and selective oral CDK4 and CDK6 inhibitor that crosses the blood-brain barrier and inhibits the growth of intracranial human brain tumour xenografts<sup>2</sup>



De Dios A et al. Presented at AACR, 2016

<sup>2.</sup> Gelbert LM et al. Invest New Drugs. 2014:32;825-837.

# **MONARCH Clinical Development Program**

Researching treatment across the breast cancer continuum



MONARCH 3<sup>3</sup>

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MONARCH 11



### **MONARCH 1: Study Design**

### **Inclusion Criteria**

- ◆ ER+ (ER and/or PR+), HER2- MBC
- Measurable disease
- ♦ ECOG PS 0/1
- Progressed on or after prior ET
- Prior treatment with 1 or 2 chemotherapy regimens in MBC
- Included treatment with taxane in adjuvant or metastatic setting

N=132
Abemaciclib 200 mg
PO Q12H

Primary Endpoint: ORR

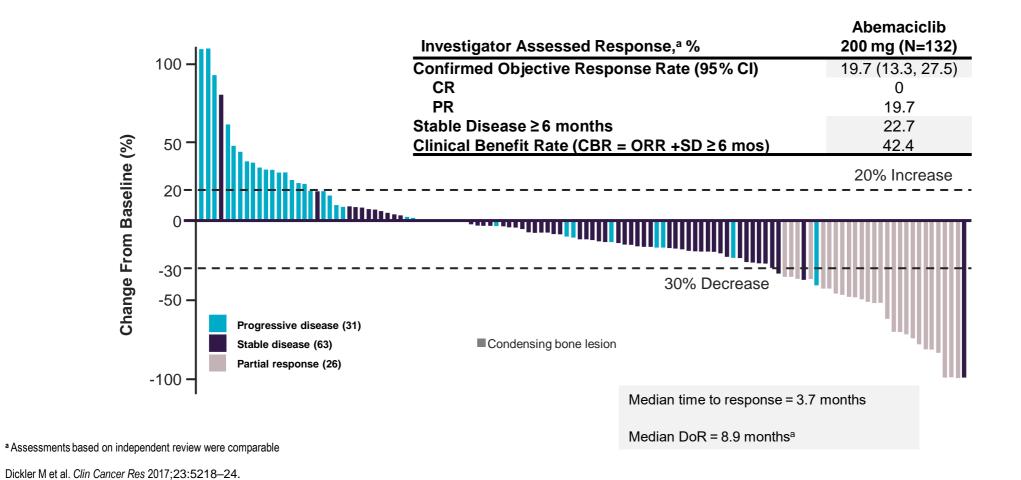
- Phase 2, single arm, open-label study
- Overall, this patient population was heavily pre-treated and had a poor prognosis
- Study population at baseline:
  - 100% of women received ET and 1–2 chemotherapy regimens in the metastatic setting
  - Majority (90%) of patients with visceral disease
  - Liver (71%) and bone were most common metastatic sites
  - 51% of women had 3 or more metastatic sites
  - Median of 3 (range 1–8) lines of systemic therapy
  - Median of 1 (range 1–3) lines of chemotherapy
  - Median of 2 (range 1–6) lines of ET

Dickler M, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2017;23:5218-24.



# MONARCH 1 (JPBN): 18-Month Response Summary<sup>1</sup>

Dickler MN et al. Presented at ASCO 2016. Abstract #510



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# **Summary**

- Abemaciclib is a potent and selective CDK4&6i, with a greater inhibitory potency (14x) to CDK4 than CDK6<sup>1</sup>
- In ER+ BC cell lines, sustained target inhibition by abemaciclib induced cell cycle arrest leading to senescence and apoptosis<sup>3</sup>
- Phase 1 clinical study demonstrated a safety profile of Abemaciclib which allows continuous dosing while neutropenia occurred, it was not the dose limiting toxicity<sup>2</sup>
- Abemaciclib is the only CDK4&6i approved as
  - -Monotherapy
  - -Dosed continuously (twice-daily)



# **Concluding Remarks**

- CDK4/6 inhibitors have revolutionized the treatment of patients with HR-positive, HER2negative MBC
- Endocrine therapy in combination with CDK4/6 inhibitors is a cornerstone of treatment
- Abemeciclib, Palbociclib and ribociclib inhibitors are appropriate treatment options regardless of line of treatment or menopausal status
- Toxicities associated with each of the CDK4/6 inhibitors are manageable with dose interruptions and reductions





### Abridged Pack Insert- Abemaciclib (Ramiven®)

Product description

Abemaciclib (Ramiven\*)

Film coated tablets [available in 50mg, 100mg, 150mg and 200mg]

### Indication and Usage

- (i) Ramiven is indicated for the treatment of women with hormone receptor (HR) positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) negative locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer in combination with an aromatase inhibitor or fulvestrant as initial endocrine-based therapy, or in women who have received prior endocrine therapy.
- In pre- or perimenopausal women, the endocrine therapy should be combined with a luteinising hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonist.
- (ii) As monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting.

#### Dose and method of administration

The recommended dose of Abemaciclib is 150 mg twice daily when used in combination with endocrine therapy. Recommended starting dose in combination with fulvestrant or an aromatase inhibitor: 150 mg twice daily. Recommended starting dose as monotherapy: 200 mg twice daily orally.

### Method of Administration

For Oral use, the dose can be taken with/ or without food.

#### Contra-indications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

### **Undesirable effects**

The most commonly occurring adverse reactions are diarrhoea, infections, neutropenia, anaemia, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and decreased appetite.

#### Ougadage

In the event of an abemaciclib overdose, fatigue and diarrhea may occur. General supportive care should be provided.

### Special warning and precaution:

Neutropenia: Neutropenia was reported in patients receiving abemaciclib. Dose modification is recommended for patients who develop Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia. Fatal events occurred in <1% of patients.

Infections/infestations: Infections were reported in patients receiving abemaciclib plus endocrine therapy at a higher rate than in patients treated with placebo plus endocrine therapy. Lung infection was reported in patients receiving abemaciclib without concurrent neutropenia. Fatal events occurred in < 1% of patients. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of infection and treated as medically appropriate.

**Venous thromboembolism:** Venous thromboembolic events were reported in 5.3% of patients treated with abemaciclib plus fulvestrant or aromatase inhibitors, compared to 0.8% of patients treated with placebo plus fulvestrant or aromatase inhibitors. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism and treated as medically appropriate.

Increased aminotransferases: Increases in ALT and AST were reported in patients receiving abemaciclib. Based on the level of ALT or AST elevation, abemaciclib may require dose modification.

Diarrhoea: Diarrhoea is the most common adverse reaction. Across clinical studies, median time to onset of the first diarrhoea event was approximately 6 to 8 days, and median duration of diarrhoea was 9 to 12 days (Grade 2) and 6 to 8 days (Grade 3).

Diarrhoea can be associated with dehydration. Patients should start treatment with antidiarrhoeal agents such as loperamide at the first sign of loose stools, increase oral fluids and notify their healthcare provider. Dose modification is recommended for patients who develop >Grade 2 diarrhoea.

Concomitant use of inducers of CYP3A4: Concomitant use of CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided due to the risk of decreased efficacy of abemaciclib.

Visceral crisis: There are no data on the efficacy and safety of abemaciclib in patients with visceral crisis.

Lactose: Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

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