

FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee Meeting Overview of the Clinical Program

NDA 214487: avacopan for treatment of adult patients with anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody (ANCA) vasculitis

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Outline of FDA Presentations



- Overview of the Clinical Program
 - Suzette Peng, MD
 - Medical Officer: DRTM, OII, OND, CDER, FDA
- Statistical Review of Efficacy
 - Yura Kim, PhD
 - Biometrics Reviewer: DB3, OTS, CDER, FDA
- Clinical Review of Efficacy, Safety, and the Benefit-Risk Assessment
 - Suzette Peng, MD
 - Medical Officer: DRTM, OII, OND, CDER, FDA
- Charge to the Committee
 - Rachel Glaser, MD
 - Cross-Discipline Team Leader: DRTM, OII, OND, CDER, FDA

Outline



- Overview
- ANCA-associated vasculitis and current therapy
- Pertinent regulatory history
- Clinical program of avacopan for AAV
- Summary of clinical pharmacology

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Overview



Product: Avacopan

• **Applicant:** ChemoCentryx, Inc.

Mechanism of action: C5a-receptor antagonist

Proposed indication: Treatment of adult patients with anti-

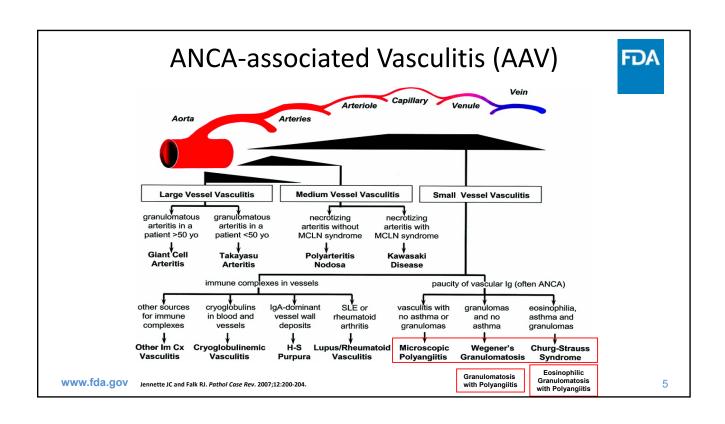
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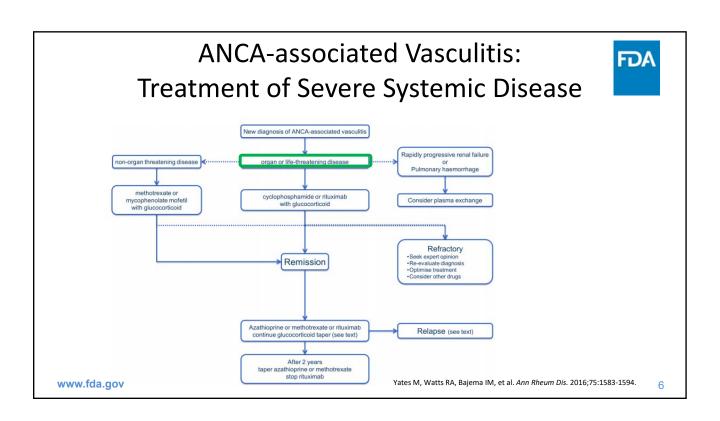
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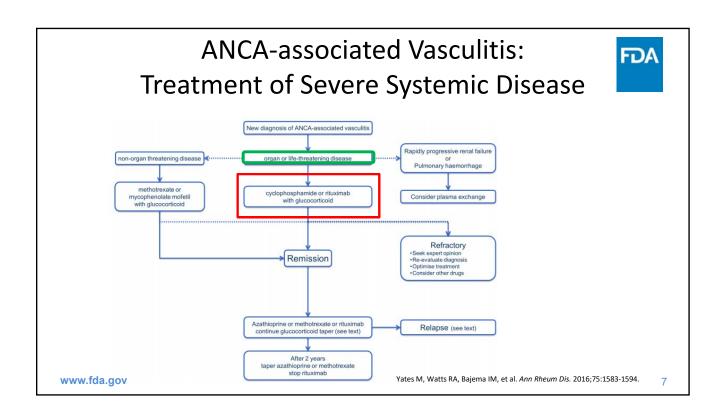
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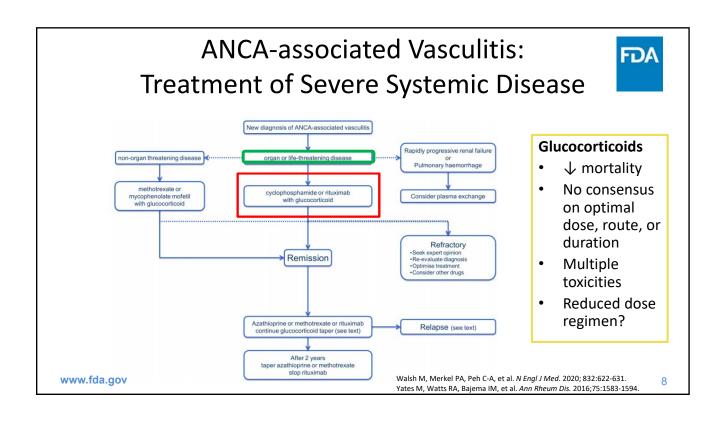
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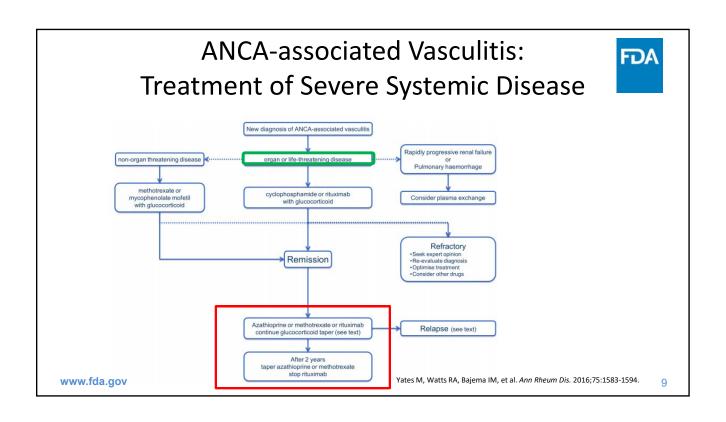
Proposed dosing: 30 mg by mouth twice daily, with food

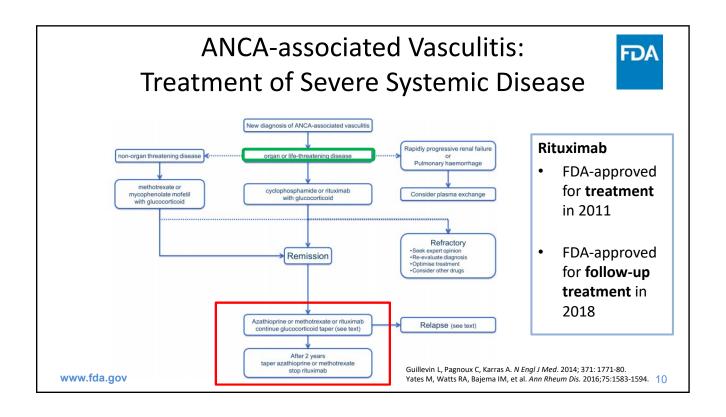












Pertinent Regulatory History



- Complicated study design with multiple variables
 - Removing SOC glucocorticoids and replacing with avacopan
 - Comparison of prednisone over 20-26 weeks and avacopan over 52 weeks
- Non-inferiority study design
- Alternate study designs to address concerns
 - Third treatment arm with no steroids or rapid steroid taper
 - Efficacy assessment at Week 52
- · Secondary endpoints

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* Discussions at the EOP2 meeting, post-EOP2 meeting, and pre-NDA meeting

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				Treatment
Study	Study Design	Patient Population	Regimen/Schedule/Route	Duration/
				Follow-up
CL010_168	R, DB, active-controlled	331 patients with AAV on	PBO + prednisone taper (n=164)	Total 60 weeks
	efficacy and safety study in	background RTX or CYC/AZA	Avacopan 30 mg BID (n=166)	
	AAV			Treatment: 52 weeks
			All patients received CYC or RTX for induction.	Follow-up: 8 weeks
			Patients induced with CYC received AZA for maintenance.	
Phase 2				
CL002_168	R, DB, PC safety and efficacy	67 patients with AAV on	PBO + prednisone 60 mg taper + CYC/RTX	Total 24 weeks
	study	background RTX or CYC/AZA	Avacopan 30 mg BID + prednisone 20 mg taper +	
			CYC/RTX	Treatment: 12 weeks
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Two primary endpointsRemission at Week 26

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Sustained Remission at Week 52

Study CL010_168 Schematic FDA Prednisone taper Starting at 60 mg QD (Taper through Week 20) Control Group N=165 RTX 1 cycle (Weeks 1-4) AZA (Weeks 15-52) CYC (Weeks 1-13) Screening and IV or PO Randomization Three stratification factors Avacopan 30 mg BID (Weeks 1-52) RTX IV, CYC IV, or CYC PO Positive test for PR3 or Avacopan and Group Newly-diagnosed or RTX 1 cycle (Weeks 1-4) N=166 or CYC (Weeks 1-13) AZA (Weeks 15-52)

Week 20 Week 26

IV or PO

Abbreviations: RTX=RituxImab, CYC = Cyclophosphamide, IV=Intravenous, PO=orally, AZA=azathloprine, BID=twice per day, PR3 = proteinase-3, MPO=myeloperoxidase

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Avacopan is a CYP3A4 inhibitor and may increase the systemic exposure of CYP3A4 substrates such as prednisone



- Avacopan capsules were administered with food in Phase 2 and 3 studies
- Food effect
 - o Avacopan: Cmax←, AUC↑72%
 - o M1: Cmax $\sqrt{51}$ %, AUC \leftrightarrow
- Drug-drug interactions
 - o Avacopan and M1 inhibit CYP3A4
 - o Study CL008_168: when co-administered with avacopan under fasted condition, midazolam (a sensitive CYP3A4 substrate) Cmax↑55%, AUC↑81%
 - The impact of avacopan on CYP3A4 substrates under fed condition could be higher but has not been studied
 - PK results of Phase 2 studies could not rule out the potential exposure increase of prednisone when co-administered with avacopan





FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee Meeting Statistical Review of Efficacy

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Outline

- Phase 3 Trial Design
- Primary Endpoints
- Analysis Methods
- Efficacy Analysis Results
 - Analysis of BVAS remission
 - Analysis of relapse
- Supplemental Analysis Results
 - Subgroup Analyses
 - Analysis based on Investigator assessments



PHASE 3 TRIAL DESIGN

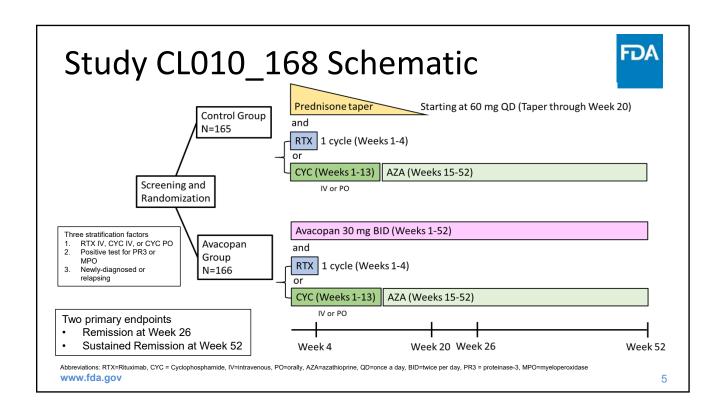
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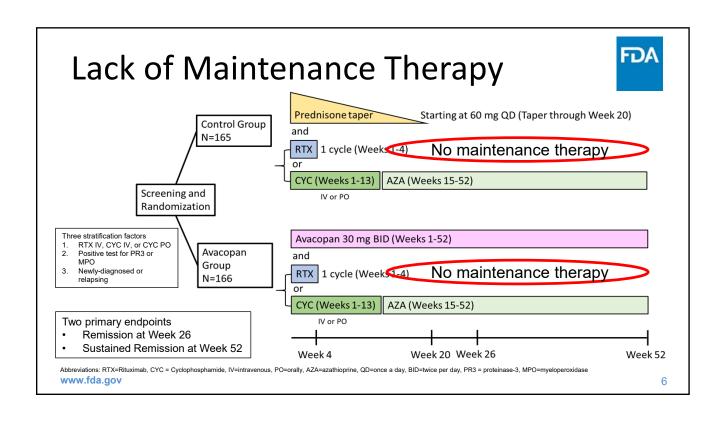


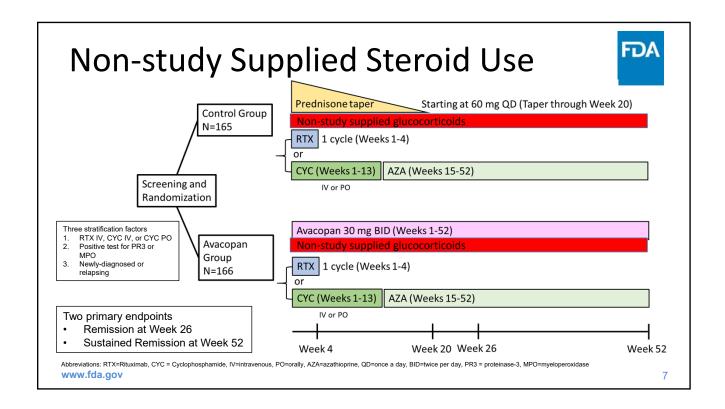
Single Phase 3 Trial: CL010_168

- Multi-center, randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, active-controlled study
- Population: patients with newly diagnosed or relapsing ANCA-vasculitis (AAV)
- Key inclusion criteria: granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) or microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)
- Study duration: 52-week of treatment period + 8-week of follow-up period

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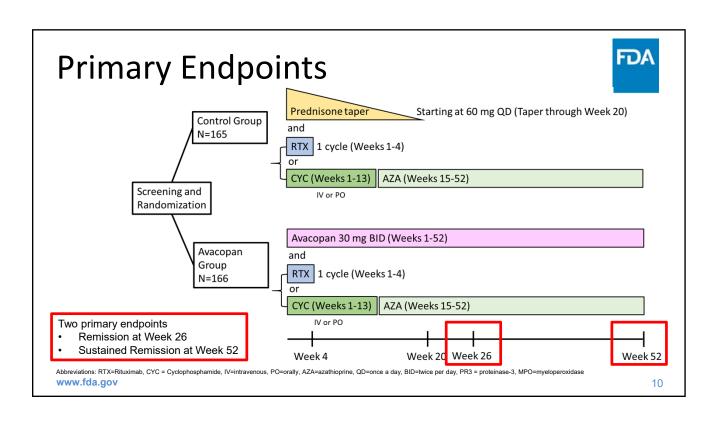
Considerations Regarding the Study Design

- Patients who received rituximab induction treatment did not receive maintenance therapy
 - May not represent standard-of-care
 - The comparisons at Week 52 may not be clinically meaningful
- Patients on both arms were allowed to receive 'non-study supplied' glucocorticoids
 - Impacts the interpretation of the comparison of the treatment arms



PRIMARY ENDPOINTS

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Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (BVAS)

- A measure of disease activity. BVAS version 3 was used in this study
 - 57 clinical features, grouped into 9 organ systems plus an "other" category
 - Presence or absence of disease activity was assessed
 - The "persistent" disease aspect of the BVAS was not used in the determination of remission
 - Only items that were "new/worse" were considered active (i.e., presence of disease activity)
 - BVAS was assessed at Week 4, 10, 16, 26, 39, and 52
 - For all study visits (except Week 4), the disease activity present within the 28 days prior to the visit was to be recorded (e.g., Has a patient experienced weight loss >= 2kg within past 28 days?)

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BVAS Adjudication

- The assessments performed by the study Investigators were adjudicated by an Adjudication Committee (AC)
- The members of the AC were blinded to individual subject treatment assignment



Disease Remission at Week 26

 Achieving a BVAS of 0 as determined by the Adjudication Committee

AND

 No administration of glucocorticoids for the treatment of AAV within 4 weeks prior to Week 26

AND

 No BVAS>0 during the 4 weeks prior to Week 26 (if collected at an unscheduled assessment)

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Sustained Disease Remission at Week 52

Disease remission at Week 26

AND

- No disease relapse between Week 26 and Week 52 as determined by the AC
 - Relapse was defined using the BVAS as the occurrence of at least one major item at a single visit, at least 3 non-major items at a single visit, or 1 or 2 non-major items for at least 2 consecutive visits, after remission (BVAS=0) had been achieved

AND

 Disease remission at Week 52 defined as a BVAS of 0 as determined by the AC and no administration of glucocorticoids for treatment of AAV within 4 weeks prior to Week 52



ANALYSIS METHODS

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Statistical Analysis Plan

- Primary analysis set: all randomized subjects who received at least one dose of study drug
- Subjects who discontinued treatment were not automatically withdrawn from the study but were supposed to remain in the study for all regularly scheduled visits.
- The primary analysis was based on the stratified analyses adjusted for randomization strata.
 - Due to the low number of subjects in the oral cyclophosphamide randomization stratum, IV and oral cyclophosphamide strata were combined for the analyses.



Primary Endpoint Analysis

- Summary score test was used for both non-inferiority and superiority test of the stratified analysis at Weeks 26 and 52.
- For non-inferiority comparison at both weeks, margin of 20% was used.
- Missing data handling: For the primary endpoints, subjects with missing data were imputed as not achieving remission (Week 26) or sustained remission (Week 52)
 - Sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of results to alternative missing data assumptions

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Multiple Testing Hierarchy

- Remission at Week 26 (Non-inferiority)
- Sustained remission at Week 52 (Non-inferiority)
- 3. Sustained remission at Week 52 (Superiority)
- 4. Remission at Week 26 (Superiority)
- No secondary endpoints were controlled for multiplicity



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 - By discounting this estimate by one-third to account for remaining uncertainties, the Applicant proposed 20% as the NI margin.

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Considerations Regarding the Non-Inferiority Comparison

- In a non-inferiority (NI) study, the goal is to demonstrate that the test drug has an effect by showing that its effect is sufficiently close to the effect of an active control. As such, the study should be designed to detect differences between treatments, should such differences exist
- This study evaluated prednisone vs. avacopan on top of CYC or RTX
 - The benefit of glucocorticoids on top of CYC or RTX is not well-understood
 - As a result, it is difficult to assess if an observed similar treatment effect across arms can support a conclusion that avacopan is effective



Considerations Regarding the Proposed Margin

- 1. No literature that would isolate the effect of prednisone to inform the margin of the non-inferiority comparison
 - No historical placebo-controlled trials evaluating the efficacy of glucocorticoids as an add-on therapy to CYC or RTX
 - Applicant relied on single arm results from different studies

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Considerations Regarding the Proposed Margin

- The determination of the extent of the contribution of glucocorticoids to the historical estimated remission rate on glucocorticoids + CYC or RTX is based on key, implausible, and unverifiable assumptions
 - It is unlikely that the efficacy of glucocorticoids alone is similar to that of glucocorticoids when added on to CYC or RTX



Secondary Endpoint: Relapse

- Time to experiencing a relapse after achieving remission (BVAS=0) was a secondary endpoint
- Time to relapse were to be analyzed by Kaplan Meier methodology and log rank testing of the differences between treatment groups

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Considerations Regarding Proposed Relapse Analysis

- Time-to-relapse analysis conditions on post-randomization variables, e.g., having first achieved remission, making it challenging to appropriately interpret these results
- Instead, FDA analyzed 'Proportion of Patients Who Did Not Achieve BVAS=0 or Relapse', which incorporates all patients



EFFICACY ANALYSIS RESULTS

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Patient Disposition



	Avacopan (N=166)	Prednisone (N=164)
Completed Week 26 Study	155 (93.4%)	154 (93.9%)
Discontinued Study prior to Week 26	11 (6.6%)	10 (6.1%)
Withdrawal by subject	4 (2.4%)	2 (1.2%)
Withdrawal by guardian	1 (0.6%)	-
Lost to follow-up	1 (0.6%)	-
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Completed Week 52 Study	151 (91.0%)	152 (92.7%)
Discontinued Study prior to Week 52	15 (9.0%)	12 (7.3%)
Withdrawal by subject	6 (3.6%)	3 (1.8%)
Withdrawal by guardian	1 (0.6%)	-
Lost to follow-up	1 (0.6%)	-
Adverse event	3 (1.8%)	6 (3.7%)
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Primary Efficacy Analysis Results



	Avacopan	Prednisone	Avacopan
	(N=166)	(N=164)	vs.
			Prednisone
	Count	Count	Difference
	(%)	(%)	(95% CI)
Remission at	120	115	3.4%
Wk26	(72.3%)	(70.1%)	(-6.0, 12.8)
Sustained	109	90	12.5%
Remission at	(65.7%)	(54.9%)	(2.6, 22.3)
Wk52			

Abbreviations: NI=non-inferiority, Sup=superiority, CI=confidence interval.

Patients with missing data at week of evaluation were imputed as non-responders. Nominal p-value was constructed using summary score test adjusted for randomization strata. For non-inferiority test, margin of 20% is used.

- Remission at Week 26 (Noninferiority): p-value < 0.0001
- Sustained remission at Week 52 (Non-inferiority): p-value < 0.0001
- 3. Sustained remission at Week 52 (Superiority): p-value=0.0132
- 4. Remission at Week 26 (Superiority): p-value=0.48
- Tipping point analyses showed the robustness of the treatment effect to missing data assumptions



Evaluation of Relapse Rates

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SUPPLEMENTAL ANALYSIS RESULTS

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Subgroup Analyses by Background Induction Therapy

Endpoint	Background Induction Therapy	Treatment	N	Responder Count (%)	Response Rate Difference 95% CI
Remission at	RTX	Avacopan	107	83 (77.6)	1.9%
Week 26		Prednisone	107	81 (75.7)	(-9.5%, 13.2%)
	CYC	Avacopan	59	37 (62.7)	3.1%
		Prednisone	57	34 (59.6)	(-14.7%, 20.8%)
Sustained	RTX	Avacopan	107	76 (71.0)	15.0%
Remission at		Prednisone	107	60 (56.1)	(2.2%, 27.7%)
Week 52	CYC	Avacopan	59	33 (55.9)	3.3%
		Prednisone	57	30 (52.6)	(-14.8%, 21.4%)

Counts and percentages relative to N. Point estimate and 95% confidence interval using normal approximation were reported.

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval, N=number of patients in the primary analysis set, RTX=rituximab, CYC=cyclophosphamide



Analysis Based on Investigator Assessments

	Avacopan (N=166)	Prednisone (N=164)	Difference	NI p-value	Sup p- value
Remission at Wk26	104 (62.7%)	102 (62.2%)	1.3%	<0.0001	0.79
95% CI	(54.8, 70.0)	(54.3, 69.6)	(-8.7, 11.4)		
Sustained Remission at Wk52	91 (54.8%)	77 (47.0%)	8.5%	<0.0001	0.10
95% CI	(46.9, 62.5)	(39.1, 54.9)	(-1.7, 18.6)		

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Investigator Assessment

- Discrepancy between investigator score vs. adjudicated score
 - Most frequently related to the attribution of persistent vasculitis which was not captured in the version of the BVAS administered in the study
 - The investigators considered persistent vasculitis as active vasculitis when scoring the BVAS
 - The assessment based on the Investigators may better reflect realworld use



STATISTICAL REVIEW SUMMARY

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Remission at Week 26

- Superiority not achieved
- Non-inferiority comparison not sufficient to determine whether avacopan is effective given the contribution of glucocorticoids on top of RTX/CYC is not well understood
- Interpretation of NI comparison limited as avacopan patients also received glucocorticoids



Sustained Remission at Week 52

- Two complementary subgroups:
 - 1. Treatment comparison in RTX subgroup may not be an informative comparison as maintenance therapy was not administered during weeks 26-52
 - 2. For CYC subgroup, there is not enough evidence of presence of clinically meaningful treatment effect
 - 3. Data shows noticeable disparity of estimated treatment effect
- Analysis based on Investigator assessments do not support sustained remission at Week 52





FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee Meeting Clinical Review of Efficacy, Safety, and Benefit-Risk Assessment

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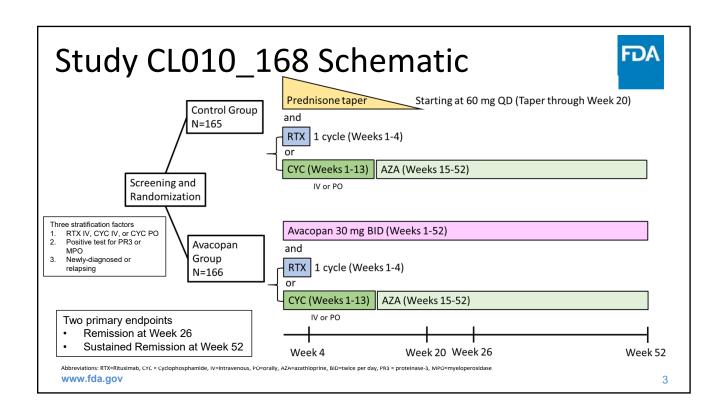
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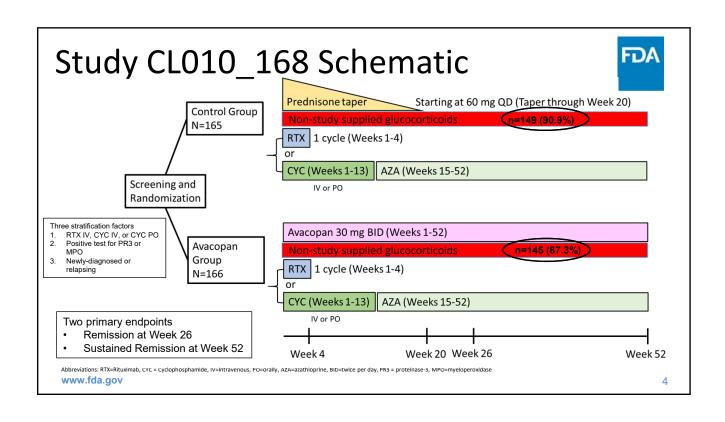
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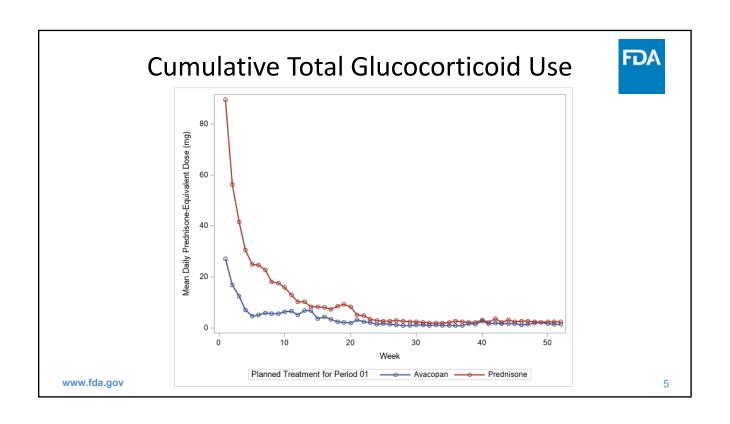


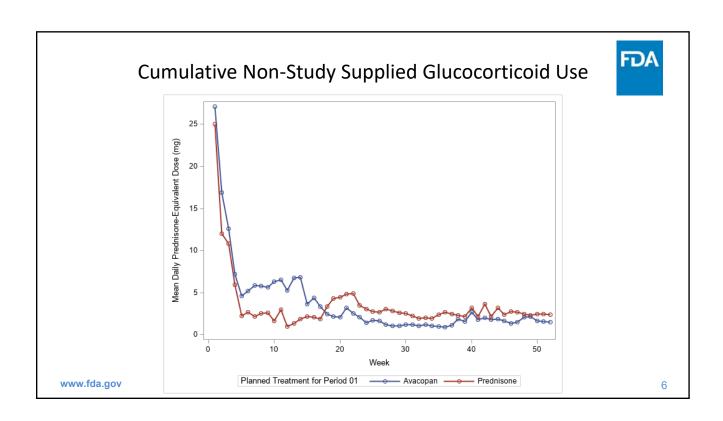
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Cumulative Glucocorticoid Use



	Avacopan	Prednisone			
	(N=166)	(N=164)			
Cumulative Total Glucocorticoid Use Weeks 0-52					
Number of subjects	145 (87.3%)	164 (100%)			
Mean dose	1348.9	3654.4			
Median dose	400	2939			
Range of dose	0-9612	760-12033			
Cumulative Total Non-Study Supplied Glucocorticoid Use Weeks 0-52					
Number of subjects	145 (87.3%)	149 (90.9%)			
Mean dose	1348.9	1265.2			
Median dose	400	483			
Range of dose	0-9612	0-8488			

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Avacopan is a CYP3A4 inhibitor and may increase the systemic exposure of CYP3A4 substrates such as prednisone



- Avacopan capsules were administered with food in Phase 2 and 3 studies
- Food effect
 - o Avacopan: Cmax←, AUC↑72%
 - o M1: Cmax↓51%, AUC↔
- Drug-drug interactions
 - o Avacopan and M1 inhibit CYP3A4
 - o Study CL008_168: when co-administered with avacopan under fasted condition, midazolam (a sensitive CYP3A4 substrate) Cmax↑55%, AUC↑81%
 - The impact of avacopan on CYP3A4 substrates under fed condition could be higher but has not been studied
 - PK results of Phase 2 studies could not rule out the potential exposure increase of prednisone when co-administered with avacopan

All non-study supplied glucocorticoids in Phase 3 Study CL010_168 are CYP3A4 substrates



Prednisone arm	Avacopan arm	CYP3A4 substrate (Yes or No)
Dexamethasone		Yes
Hydrocortisone		Yes
Hydrocortisone sodium succinate		Yes
Methylprednisolone		Yes
Methylprednisolone sodium succinate		Yes
Prednisolone		Yes
Prednisolone sodium succinate		Yes
Prednisone		Yes
	Betamethasone	Yes
	Betamethasone sodium phosphate	Yes
	Cortisone	Yes
	Hydrocortisone sodium phosphate	Yes

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Non-Study Supplied Glucocorticoid Use



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Week 0 to 26					
Treatment of worsening vasculitis	27 (16.3%)	22 (13.4%)			
Treatment of relapse	11 (6.7%)	29 (17.4%)			
Treatment of persistent vasculitis	77 (46.4%)	83 (50.6%)			
Maintenance of remission	27 (16.3%)	20 (12.2%)			
Week 27 to 52					
Treatment of worsening vasculitis	10 (6.0%)	14 (8.5%)			
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GTI-CWS

Treatment Arm	Change from Baseline		
	LS Mean ¹ (95% CI) Diff (95% CI)		
Week 13			
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GTI-CWS

Cumulative glucocorticoid toxicity, regardless of whether the toxicity has lasting effects or is transient

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Secondary Endpoints



- Glucocorticoid Toxicity Index (GTI) over first 26 weeks
 - Cumulative Worsening Score (CWS) and Aggregate Improvement Score (AIS)
- Proportion of patients and time to relapse after remission
- Change in Vasculitis Damage Index (VDI) over 52 weeks
- If renal disease at baseline
 - Change in estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) at Week 52
 - % change in urine albumin creatinine ratio (UACR) over 52 weeks
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Vasculitis Damage Index (VDI)

Treatment Arm	Change from Baseline		
	LS Mean ¹ (95% CI) Diff (95% CI)		
Week 26			
Prednisone	0.95 (0.77, 1.13)		
Avacopan	1.04 (0.87, 1.22)	0.10 (-0.13, 0.33)	
Week 52			
Prednisone	1.13 (0.94, 1.32)		
Avacopan	1.16 (0.97, 1.34)	0.03 (-0.21, 0.27)	

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Secondary Endpoint: Renal Assessments

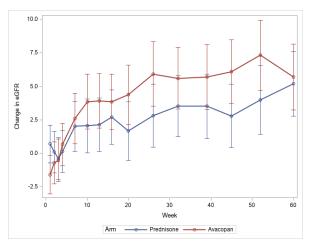


BVAS criteria for renal disease at ba	seline	Avacopan N=166	Prednisone N=164
Renal disease at baseline based on the	e following BVAS criteria	134 (80.7%)	134 (81.7%)
Hypertension (HTN)	Diastolic blood pressure > 95 mm Hg Related to ANCA-associated vasculitis	21 (12.7%)	23 (14.0%)
Proteinuria	> 1+ on urinalysis or > 0.2 g/g creatinine on a urine sample	110 (66.3%)	107 (65.2%)
Hematuria	≥ 10 RBC per high power field on microscopy	77 (46.4%)	68 (41.5%)
Serum creatinine	Serum creatinine 1.41-2.82 mg/dL	60 (36.1%)	61 (37.2%)
Elevation at first assessment	Serum creatinine 2.83-5.64 mg/dL	26 (15.7%)	20 (12.2%)
	Serum creatinine ≥ 5.6 mg/dL	1 (0.6%)	0
Rise in Serum creatinine > 30% or fa	all in creatinine clearance >25%	17 (10.2%)	20 (12.2%)
Other	RBC casts and/or glomerulonephritis	60 (36.1%)	59 (36.0%)

Renal Assessment



Change from Baseline in eGFR over 60-week Study Period in All Patients with Baseline Renal Disease



Least Squares (LS) means with 95% confidence intervals. Derived from a mixed effects model for repeated measures (MMRM) with treatment group, visit, treatment-by-visit interaction as factors, and baseline as covariate. An unstructured covariance matrix was used to model the within-subject variance-covariance structure for the model errors.

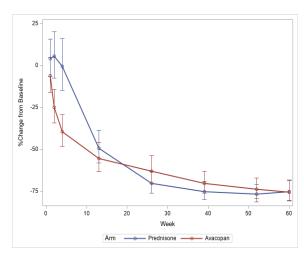
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Renal Assessment



% Change from Baseline in UACR over 60-week Study Period



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Secondary Endpoint: QoL



SF-36

Treatment Arm	Change from Baseline		
	LS Mean ¹ (95% CI) Diff (95% CI)		
PCS			
Avacopan	5.2 (3.7, 6.8)		
Prednisone	2.7 (1.1, 4.3)	2.6 (0.5, 4.7)	
MCS			
Avacopan	6.4 (4.8, 8.0)		
Prednisone	4.7 (3.1, 6.3)	1.7 (-0.4, 3.8)	

EQ-5D-5L

Treatment Arm	Change from Baseline	Change from Baseline		
	LS Mean ¹ (95% CI)	Diff (95% CI)		
VAS				
Avacopan	13.1 (10.2, 15.9)			
Prednisone	7.0 (4.2, 9.9)	6.1 (2.3, 9.8)		
Index				
Avacopan	0.05 (0.02, 0.08)			
Prednisone	-0.003 (-0.03, 0.03)	0.05 (0.01, 0.09)		

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Clinical Consideration on Efficacy (1): Treatment of ANCA-associated Vasculitis



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Clinical Considerations on Efficacy (2): Steroid-Sparing Agent



- Glucocorticoid use in both treatment arms
- Protocol-specified prednisone taper in the control arm
- Potential drug-drug interaction
- Clinical meaningfulness of differences

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Safety: Overall Summary



	Avacopan	Prednisone	Avacopan vs.
	N=166 n (%)	N=164 n (%)	Prednisone Diff (95% CI)
Number of patients with ≥ 1	(-,	()	(333337)
TEAEs	164 (98.8%)	161 (98.2%)	0.6% (-2.0, 3.3)
Deaths	2 (1.2%)	4 (2.4%)	-1.2% (-4.1, 1.7)
Serious TEAEs (SAEs)	70 (42.2%)	74 (45.1%)	-3.0% (-13.7, 7.7)
Severe TEAEs	39 (23.5%)	41 (25.0%)	-1.5% (-10.8, 7.7)
Life-Threatening TEAEs	8 (4.8%)	14 (8.5%)	-3.7% (-9.1, 1.7)
TEAEs Leading to Treatment	27 (16.3%)	28 (17.1%)	-0.8% (-8.9, 7.2)
Discontinuations			

Source: CL010_168 CSR, Table 22 and ISS

Safety: Liver Toxicity



- More liver-associated AEs in the avacopan arm
 - 22 patients (13.3%) in the avacopan arm vs. 19 patients (11.6%) in the prednisone arm
 - 9 patients (5.4%) in the avacopan arm vs. 6 patients (3.7%) in the prednisone arm with SAEs of increased blood liver tests
- 4 cases of potential Drug-Induced Liver Injury (DILI) secondary to avacopan
- 1 case of possible DILI meeting Hy's law laboratory criteria

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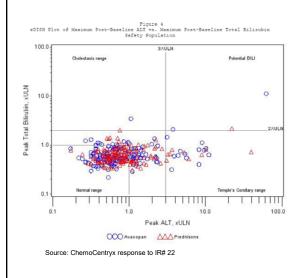
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 - Elevated aminotransferase >3x ULN
 - Increase in bilirubin ≥ 2x ULN without evidence of cholestasis by ALP <2x ULN
 - No other cause

Safety: Liver Toxicity



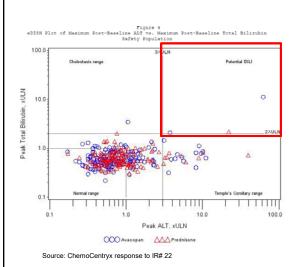


- 9 liver-related SAEs from the pivotal trial
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	Avacopan N=166	Prednisone N=164	Avacopan vs. Prednisone
Number of patients with ≥ 1	n (%)	n (%)	Diff (95% CI)
Any Treatment-Emergent Infections	113 (68.1)	124 (75.6)	-7.5% (17.2, 2.1)
Any Serious Treatment-Emergent Infections	22 (13.3)	25 (15.2)	-2.0% (-9.5, 5.6)
Any Severe Treatment-Emergent Infections	12 (7.2)	10 (6.1)	1.1% (-4.2, 6.5)
Any Treatment-Emergent Infection Leading to Study Drug Discontinuation	4 (2.4)	5 (3.0)	-0.6% (-4.2, 2.9)
Any Treatment-Emergent Life-threatening Infection	1 (0.6)	2 (1.2)	-0.6% (-2.7, 1.4)
Any Treatment-Emergent Infection Leading to Death	1 (0.6)	2 (1.2)	-0.6% (-2.7, 1.4)

Source: CL010_168 CSR Tab le 27, pages 127-128.

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Safety: Other



Hypersensitivity

- Standardized MedDRA Query (SMQ) for hypersensitivity
- 68 patients (41.0%) in the avacopan arm vs. 70 patients (42.7%) in the prednisone arm
- 2 SAEs of hypersensitivity possibly related to avacopan
 - Angioedema
 - Rash and eosinophilia

Elevated CPK

- 6 patients in avacopan arm vs.
 1 patient in the prednisone arm
 - 1 drug interruption
 - 1 drug discontinuation
- No SAEs of elevated CPK
- No differences in events of myalgias or myopathies

Clinical Considerations on Safety



- Overall conclusions limited by small database
- No difference in infection risk
- Potential liver toxicity
- Potential cases of hypersensitivity
- Potential elevation in CPK

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Clinical Program



				Treatment		
Study	Study Design	Patient Population	Regimen/Schedule/Route	Duration/		
				Follow-up		
CL010_168	R, DB, active-controlled	331 patients with AAV on PBO + prednisone taper (n=164)		Total 60 weeks		
	efficacy and safety study in	background RTX or CYC/AZA	Avacopan 30 mg BID (n=166)			
	AAV			Treatment: 52 weeks		
			All patients received CYC or RTX for induction.	Follow-up: 8 weeks		
			Patients induced with CYC received AZA for maintenance.			
Phase 2						
CL002_168	R, DB, PC safety and efficacy	67 patients with AAV on	PBO + prednisone 60 mg taper + CYC/RTX	Total 24 weeks		
	study	background RTX or CYC/AZA	Avacopan 30 mg BID + prednisone 20 mg taper +			
			CYC/RTX	Treatment: 12 weeks		
			Avacopan 30 mg BID + NO prednisone + CYC/RTX	Follow-up: 12 weeks		
			All patients received CYC or RTX for induction.			
CL003_168	Randomized, double-blind,	42 patients with AAV	Avacopan 10 mg BID + prednisone 60 mg taper (n=13)	Total 24 weeks		
	placebo-controlled study to		Avacopan 30 mg BID + prednisone 60 mg taper (n=16)			
	evaluate the safety and		PBO + prednisone 60 mg taper (n=13)	Treatment: 12 weeks		
	efficacy of avacopan in AAV			Follow-up: 12 weeks		
	on background CYC or RTX		All patients received CYC or RTX for induction.			

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CL002_168 Efficacy Endpoints



- BVAS 50% response at Week 12
 - BVAS reduction of at least 50% from baseline and no worsening in any body system component
- BVAS remission at Week 12
 - BVAS score of 0 or 1 plus no worsening in eGFR and urinary RBC count <10/hpf
- BVAS 0 at Week 12

	PBO +	Avacopan 30 mg	Avacopan 30 mg
	CYC/RTX +	BID + CYC/RTX +	BID + CYC/RTX +
	High Dose	Low Dose	No Prednisone
	Prednisone	Prednisone	
	(SOC Control)	N=22	N=21
	N=20		
BVAS 50% Response, n (%)	14 (70.0%)	19 (86.4%)	17 (81.0%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		16.4%	11.0%
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-4.3%, 37.1%	-11.0%, 32.9%
avacopan minus control			
BVAS remission at Week 12, n (%)	7 (35.0%)	6 (27.3%)	4 (19.0%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		-7.7	-16.0
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-31.2, 15.8	-38.5, 6.6
avacopan minus control			
BVAS 0 at Week 12, n (%)	8 (40.0%)	10 (45.5%)	7 (33.3%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		5.5	-6.7
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-19.6, 30.5	-31.4, 18.1
avacopan minus control			

Source: CL002_168 CSR

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CL003_168 Efficacy Endpoints



	PBO + CYC/RTX + Prednisone (SOC Control)	Avacopan 10 mg BID + CYC/RTX + Prednisone	Avacopan 30 mg BID + CYC/RTX + Prednisone
	N=13	N=12	N=12
BVAS 50% Response, n (%)	11 (84.6%)	11 (91.7%)	12 (80.0%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		7.1%	-4.6%
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-14.0%, 28.1%	-28.3%, 19.0%
avacopan minus control			
BVAS 0 at Day 85, n (%)	7 (53.8%)	8 (66.7%)	7 (46.7%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		12.8%	-7.2%
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-19.1, 44.7	-38.3, 23.9
avacopan minus control			
BVAS 0 at Days 29 and 85, n (%)	2 (15.4%)	1 (8.3%)	3 (20.0%)
Difference in percentage vs. control		-7.1	4.6
Two-sided 90% CI for difference,		-28.1, 14.0	-19.0, 28.3
avacopan minus control			

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Phase 2 Studies: Safety



CL002 168

- No deaths
- Few SAEs
 - n=3 in avacopan and low dose prednisone arm
 - n=8 in the avacopan and no prednisone arm
 - Increased hepatic enzymes and pancreatic enzymes
 - n=4 in the control arm

CL003_168

- No deaths
- Few SAEs, similar number in all arms
 - n=2 in the avacopan 10 mg arm
 - n=3 in the avacopan 30 mg arm
 - n=2 in the control arm

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Overall Benefit-Risk Considerations



Benefits

- Non-inferiority for remission at Week 26
 - NI margin not adequately justified
 - Use of glucocorticoids (GCs) in both arms
 - Treatment effect of avacopan and magnitude of effect
- Sustained remission at Week 52
 - Superiority observed in RTX subgroup
- Reduced mean GC use
 - Specified based on study design
 - Potential drug-drug interaction
 - Clinical meaningfulness of differences
- Limited support from secondary endpoints or phase 2 studies

Risks

- Hepatotoxicity
- Angioedema
- CPK elevations
- Similar TEAEs, SAEs, AEs leading to discontinuation, infections between treatment groups





FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee Meeting Charge to the Committee

NDA 214487: Avacopan for the treatment of adult patients with antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody (ANCA)-associated vasculitis (granulomatosis with polyangiitis [GPA] and microscopic polyangiitis [MPA])

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Efficacy Considerations (1)



- Remission at Week 26 Noninferiority but not superiority
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Efficacy Considerations (2): GC Use



- Differences in cumulative GC use
 - Specified based on study design
 - Potential drug-drug interaction
 - Clinical meaningfulness of differences

Efficacy Considerations (3): Supportive Evidence



- Secondary endpoints provide limited support of efficacy
 - Not adjusted for multiplicity
 - Fewer relapses in avacopan arm, but other measures of increased disease activity similar
 - Trial not designed to assess relapse and interpretability of analysis results is limited
 - Similar changes in Vasculitis Damage Index
 - Differences in renal endpoints small and not sustained
- Phase 2 studies provide limited and inconsistent evidence of efficacy

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Safety Considerations



- Potential hepatotoxicity
 - More avacopan-treated patients with hepatobiliary adverse events (AEs),
 serious adverse events (SAEs), and hepatic AEs leading to discontinuation
- Angioedema
- Creatinine phosphokinase (CPK) elevations
- Infections, serious infections, opportunistic infections similar between treatment groups
- Treatment-emergent AEs, SAEs, AEs leading to discontinuation similar between treatment groups

Benefit-Risk Considerations



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Risks

- Hepatotoxicity
- Angioedema
- CPK elevations
- Similar TEAEs, SAEs, AEs leading to discontinuation, infections between treatment groups

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Effectiveness Standard 21 CFR 314.125 Refusal to Approve an Application



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Safety Standard 21 CFR 314.125 Refusal to Approve an Application



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Discussion Points and Voting Questions (1)

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 - Appropriateness of a primary non-inferiority (NI) comparison
 - Use of additional non-study supplied GC in the avacopan group
 - Lack of statistically significant superiority at Week 26

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Discussion Points and Voting Questions (2)



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 - Discrepancies in BVAS remission responses as determined by Adjudication Committee vs. Investigators

BVAS = Birmingham Vasculitis Assessment Score



Discussion Points and Voting Questions (3)

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Discussion Points and Voting Questions (4)



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- **4. DISCUSSION:** Based on the data from the clinical program, discuss how avacopan, if approved, should be used in the treatment of AAV.



Discussion Points and Voting Questions (5)

- **5. VOTE:** Do the efficacy data support approval of avacopan for the treatment of adult patients with AAV (GPA and MPA)?
 - If no, what data are needed?

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Discussion Points and Voting Questions (6)



- **6. VOTE:** Is the safety profile of avacopan adequate to support approval of avacopan for the treatment of adult patients with AAV (GPA and MPA)?
 - If no, what data are needed?



Discussion Points and Voting Questions (7)

- **7. VOTE:** Is the benefit-risk profile adequate to support approval of avacopan at the proposed dose of 30 mg twice daily for the treatment of adult patients with AAV (GPA and MPA)?
 - If no, what further data are needed?

