

Orkambi®– Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor Drug Drug Interaction a case study

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Case Study Outline

- Brief background on Cystic Fibrosis , Kalydeco® (Ivacaftor), and Orkambi®(lumacaftor/Ivacaftor)
- Our approach to PI sections:
 - 2- Dosage and Administration
 - 7- Drug Interactions
 - 12- Clinical Pharmacology
 - Agency interactions/communications during the review cycle
- Table format vs. narrative vs. forest plot
- Conclusions

Background

- Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a chronically debilitating, rare genetic disease with serious morbidity and high premature mortality. CF is caused by absent or defective **cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulatory (CFTR) protein** which results from mutations in both copies of the CFTR gene (located on chromosome 7).
- Kalydeco® (Ivacaftor) 150 mg tablet, approved 1st to treat only a specific type of mutation (G551D), and later, other gating mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene. Initial US approval 2012.
- Orkambi® (lumacaftor/ivacaftor) 200mg/125mg tablet—indicated for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients who are homozygous for the *F508del* mutation in the *CFTR* gene. Initial US approval 2015.

Labeling approach – Section 2- Dosage and Administration

- We reviewed our approach to Kalydeco® - wanted to drive a consistent approach and look for the Orkambi® labeling
- **Kalydeco®**
- **2.2 Dosing Information in Adults and Children Ages 6 Years and Older**
- The recommended dose of KALYDECO for both adults and pediatric patients age 6 years and older is one 150 mg tablet taken orally every 12 hours (300 mg total daily dose) with fat-containing food [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.1\)](#)].

Labeling approach – Section 2- Dosage and Administration

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- **Orkambi®**
- **2.1 Dosing Information in Adults and Children Age 12 Years and Older**
- Adults and pediatric patients age 12 years and older: two tablets (each containing lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 125 mg) taken orally every 12 hours **with fat-containing food**.
 - Further examples are given to describe what are appropriate fat containing foods
 - Missed dose information is included
 - Cross referencing to [Clinical Pharmacology \(12.3\)](#) and [Patient Counseling Information \(17\)](#)].

Labeling approach – Section 2- Dosage and Administration

- **2.2 Dosage Adjustment for Patients with Hepatic Impairment**
- **Orkambi®**
- **No dose adjustment** is necessary for patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A). **A dose reduction** to 2 tablets in the morning and 1 tablet in the evening (lumacaftor 600 mg/ivacaftor 375 mg total daily dose) is recommended for patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B).

- **Kalydeco®**
- The dose of KALYDECO should be reduced to one tablet or one packet of oral granules once daily for patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B).

Labeling approach – Section 2- Dosage and Administration

- **Orkambi®**
- Studies have not been conducted in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C), but exposure is expected to be higher than in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. **Therefore, use with caution** at a maximum dose of 1 tablet in the morning and 1 tablet in the evening (lumacaftor 400 mg/ivacaftor 250 mg total daily dose), or less, in patients with severe hepatic impairment **after weighing the risks and benefits of treatment**
- **Kalydeco®**
- KALYDECO should be used with caution in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C) at a dose of one tablet or one packet of oral granules once daily or less frequently.

Labeling approach – Section 2- Dosage and Administration

- **Orkambi®**
- **2.3 Dosage Adjustment for Patients Taking CYP3A Inhibitors**
- **No dose adjustment is necessary** when CYP3A inhibitors are initiated in patients already taking ORKAMBI. However, when initiating ORKAMBI in patients currently taking strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., itraconazole), reduce ORKAMBI dose to 1 tablet daily (lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 125 mg total daily dose) for the first week of treatment. Following this period, continue with the recommended daily dose.
- **Kalydeco®**
- **2.6 Dosage Adjustment for Patients Taking Drugs that are CYP3A Inhibitors**
- When KALYDECO is being co-administered with strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole), the dose should be reduced to one tablet or one packet of oral granules twice a week. The dose of KALYDECO should be reduced to one tablet or one packet of granules once daily when co-administered with moderate CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., fluconazole). Food containing grapefruit or Seville oranges should be avoided

Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

- We reviewed section 7 of Kalydeco® - wanted to drive a consistent approach to our labeling – submitted Section 7 in a narrative format
- **Orkambi®**
- Agency communication
 - “The labeling language for Section 7 (Drug Interactions) should reflect the concomitant medications used in the phase 3 trials. You should submit more specific language addressing the recommendations for common CF concomitant medicines in Section 7 in the label.”
 - “In addition, you should include recommendations for managing concomitant administration of the following drug classes in Section 7 of the label:
 - Other antacids/H2 blockers
 - Ibuprofen or other anti-inflammatory drugs
 - Oral hypoglycemic
 - Antidepressants”

Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

- Reconsidered our approach due to the Agency request to reflect the concomitant medication used in the phase 3 trials
 - CF population has multiple concomitant medications
 - Needed to determine an appropriate cut off to include concomitant medications
 - Following analysis of the data base we selected a 10% cut-off, we felt this would reflect the most frequently used concomitant medications in the phase 3 studies
 - Additional analysis of the data base regarding representation of the requested drug classes
 - Other antacids/H2 blockers
 - Ibuprofen or other anti-inflammatory drugs
 - Oral hypoglycemic
 - Antidepressants
- Decided to re-submit in a **tabular format** due to the increased number of medications to be added

Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

Table 2: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions - Dose Recommendations for Use of ORKAMBI With Other Medicinal Products

<u>Concomitant drug class:</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Clinical comment</u>
Concomitant Drugs of Most Clinical Relevance		
<u>Anti-allergics:</u> <u>montelukast</u>	- ↔ LUM, IVA - - ↓ <u>montelukast</u>	- <u>No dose adjustment of ORKAMBI is recommended when co-administered with montelukast.</u> - <u>No dose adjustment for montelukast is recommended. Employ appropriate clinical monitoring, as is reasonable, when co-administered with ORKAMBI. ORKAMBI may decrease the exposure of montelukast, which may reduce its efficacy.</u>
<u>Antibiotics:</u> <u>clarithromycin, telithromycin</u>	- ↔ LUM ↑ IVA - - - - - - ↓ <u>clarithromycin, telithromycin</u>	- <u>No dose adjustment of ORKAMBI is recommended when clarithromycin or telithromycin are initiated in patients currently taking ORKAMBI.</u> - <u>Reduce the dose of ORKAMBI for the first week of treatment when initiating ORKAMBI in patients currently taking clarithromycin or telithromycin [see Dosage and Administration (2)].</u> - <u>Consider an alternative to these antibiotics, such as azithromycin. ORKAMBI may decrease the exposures of clarithromycin and telithromycin, which may reduce their efficacy.</u>
- <u>erythromycin</u>	- ↔ LUM ↑ IVA - ↓ <u>erythromycin</u>	- <u>No dose adjustment of ORKAMBI is recommended when co-administered with erythromycin.</u> - <u>Consider an alternative to erythromycin, such as azithromycin. ORKAMBI may decrease the exposure of erythromycin, which may reduce its efficacy.</u>

Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

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Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

- **Orkambi® – Under table - Inclusion of negative information**
- No dosage adjustment of ORKAMBI or concomitant drug is recommended when ORKAMBI is given with the following: azithromycin, aztreonam, budesonide, calcium carbonate antacid, ceftazidime, cetirizine, ciprofloxacin, colistimethate, colistin, dornase alfa, fluticasone, ipratropium, levofloxacin, metformin, pancreatin, pancrelipase, salbutamol, salmeterol, sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim, tiotropium, and tobramycin.

Labeling approach – Section 7- Drug Interactions

- Agency Communication
 - “Section 7 (drug Interactions) was edited in order to improve readability.”
 - The drug interaction section was moved back into the narrative format
 - We as a company did not approach the Agency regarding this change – we accepted

Labeling approach – Section 12.3 Pharmacokinetics Drug Interaction Studies

- **Kalydeco®**
- Review of our Kalydeco label – in fact we did include forest plot graphs to represent impact of Kalydeco on other drugs, and impact of other drugs on Kalydeco.

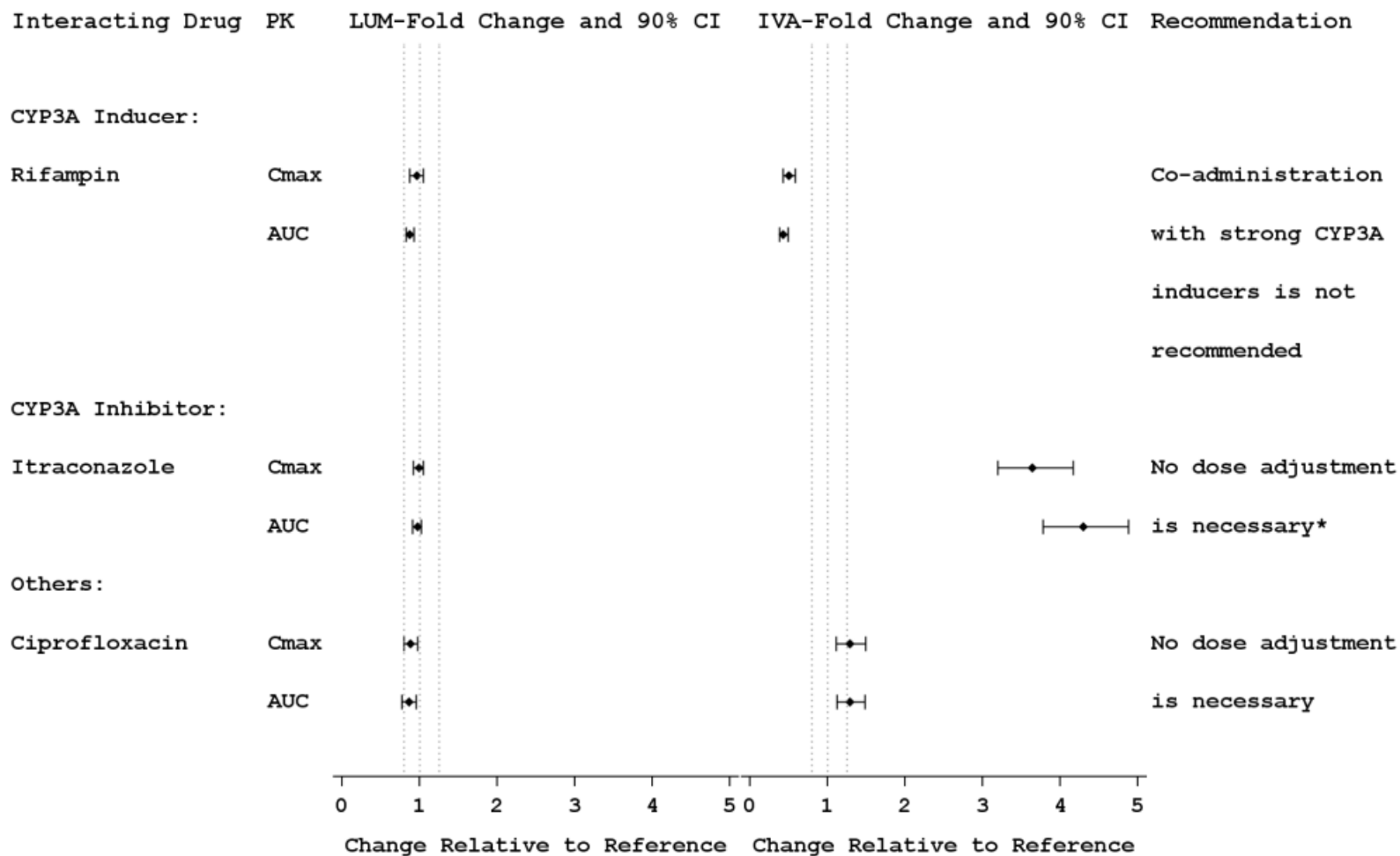
- **Orkambi®**
- We submitted **without** forest plot representation of these interactions we felt that for this fixed dose combination drug, forest plot(s) could potentially be confusing to the prescriber.

Labeling approach – Section 12.3 Pharmacokinetics Drug Interaction Studies

- **Orkambi®**

- Agency Communication- please insert forest plot graph to represent impact of extrinsic factor on Lumacaftor and Ivacaftor pharmacokinetics
- We inserted two forest plot graphs next to each other one for Lumacaftor and one for Ivacaftor
- This presentation drove readability concerns regarding this critical information

Labeling approach – Section 12.3 Pharmacokinetics Drug Interaction Studies



Labeling approach – Section 12.3 Pharmacokinetics Drug Interaction Studies

- **Orkambi®**

- Agency Communication – Table 3 (Impact of other Drugs on Lumacaftor 200mg q12h/Ivacaftor 250mg q12h) and Figure 1 are redundant.
- Choose one or the other for labeling purposes. Our opinion is that, overall, Table 3 is more informative
- We agreed – forest plot gone but not forgotten

Drug Interaction Table vs. Narrative Format

- When reflecting numerous drug interactions a table allows for a quick and easy reference to find of a particular drug.
- The narrative forces the reader to read the entire section to try to identify a particular drug interaction and to decipher the actual interaction.
- Hence, the table format promotes readability.

To Forest plot or not to Forest plot that is the question ?

- For our particular drug, a fixed dose combination, placing the two Forest plots next to each other was confusing to the reader, and could drive readability issues for the reader
- Forest Plot presentation should be considered very judiciously
 - consider if you are a fixed dose combination

Conclusions

- Work with the Agency regarding your position
- When in doubt request a consult with the Clin. Pharm labeling reviewer
- Tabular Drug Interaction format has been proposed in a number of local labels

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