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BGBIO – Corporate Snapshot



World leaders in understanding AXL biology

AXL is a novel drug target to overcome immune evasion, therapy resistance & spread

AXL upregulates PDL1 on dendritic cells and blocks T-cell immunity

AXL inhibitors – potential cornerstone of cancer therapy

Pipeline opportunities in multiple cancers and fibrosis



3 selective AXL inhibitors in clinical development

Bemcentinib,
AXL-antibody BGB149, AXL ADCT601*

Monotherapy and combinations with immune-, targeted and chemotherapies

Biomarker correlation across programme, parallel CDx development

Phase II Proof of Concept
AML (monotherapy), **AML** (chemo-combo)
NSCLC (KEYTRUDA combo)



Resourced to deliver significant milestones

Listed on Oslo Børs: BGBIO

Clinical trial collaborations with Merck and leading academic centres

38 staff at two locations:
HQ & R&D in Bergen, Norway;
Clinical Development in Oxford, UK

Q1'19 Cash USD 35.7m

Bemcentinib Phase II POC data

Monotherapy

ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA
2L r/r elderly

- Bemcentinib monotherapy
- ORR 43%
 - AXL +ve patients
- mDoR – 3.1mo. (5.5* mo.)

Chemo combination

ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA
1L & 2L elderly r/r AML

- Bemcentinib + low dose chemo combination (LDAC)
- ORR 46%
 - All comer patient population
- mDoR in CR/Cri 6.2 months
(range 0.7 – 9.6 / immature)
- Early onset of response

CPI* combination

LUNG CANCER
2L chemo relapse/IO naïve ad. NSCLC

- Bemcentinib + Keytruda combination
 - 92% pts low/zero PD-L1
- ORR 40%
 - AXL +ve patients
- mPFS
 - 5.9mo. (stage I only)
- mOS
 - 12.2mo (stage I only)

* including 2 patients with low dose decitabine, one remains in CR after 20 months

*Check point Inhibitor

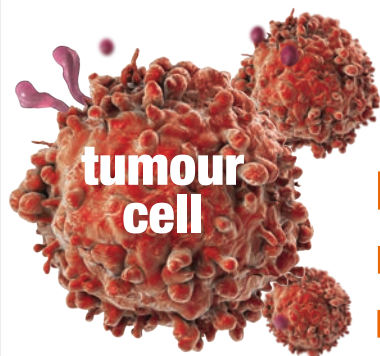
**pts with radiological assessment



AXL drives aggressive cancer



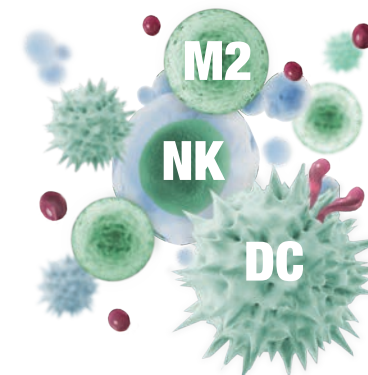
AXL receptor tyrosine kinase drives aggressive disease including therapy resistant, immune-evasive tumours



**Drives tumour cell plasticity:
non-genetic resistance
mechanism**

AXL drives features of aggressive cancer:

- Acquired therapy resistance
- Immune escape
- Metastasis



**Key suppressor of innate
immune response**

AXL is an innate immune checkpoint:

- M1 to M2 macrophage polarisation
- Decreased antigen presentation by DCs
- Immunosuppressive cytokine profile

very low expression under healthy
physiological conditions (ko mouse
phenotypically normal)

overexpressed in response to hypoxia,
immune reaction, cellular stress /
therapy

overexpression correlates with worse
prognosis in most cancers

The role of AXL in I/O resistance

AXL is prevalent in TAMs

Pro-tumoural, immune-suppressive tumour associated macrophages (TAMs) are rich in AXL but not Mer (Jim Lorens lab, **unpublished data**)

↓Antigen presentation by DCs, NK cell activity

Paolino 2014 *et al* (2014) found that inhibition of AXL decreased NK cell activity and their ability to eliminate metastases.

Kurowska-Stolarska *et al* (2017) demonstrate that AXL acts as off-switch for DCs



↓T-cell mediated killing

Pre-treatment of mesenchymal tumour cells with bemcentinib increase T-cell mediated killing due to more efficient immunological synapse (Chouaib lab, **unpublished data**).

Sakemura *et al* reported at ASH 2018 that AXL targeting increases CAR-T therapy efficacy.

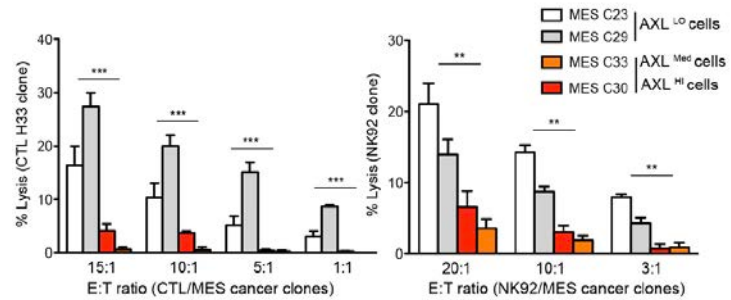
Resistance to PD-1 inhibitors in patients

Hugo *et al* Cell 2016: Identified a transcriptional signature related to innate anti-PD-1 resistance in melanoma: AXL is one of top differentially expressed genes in non-responders

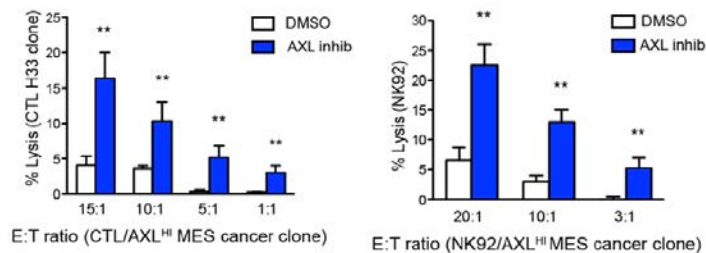
Preclinical data at AACR reinforces bemcentinib's potential to reverse tumour immunosuppression and therapy resistance

Chouaib *et al*

NSCLC cells high in AXL are less susceptible to destruction by T- and NK cells



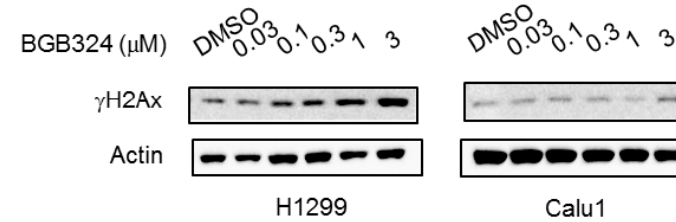
Bemcentinib treatment of the tumour cells with high AXL expression reverses this effect



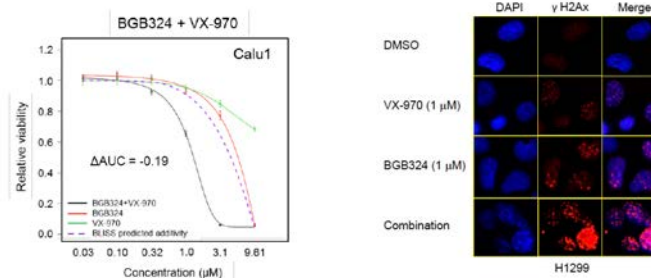
Key pre-clinical data supporting the rationale of combining bemcentinib with IO / bemcentinib's IO MoA

Ramkumar, Byers *et al*

Bemcentinib dose-dependently induces DNA damage in NSCLC cells (γ H2Ax is a marker of DNA damage)



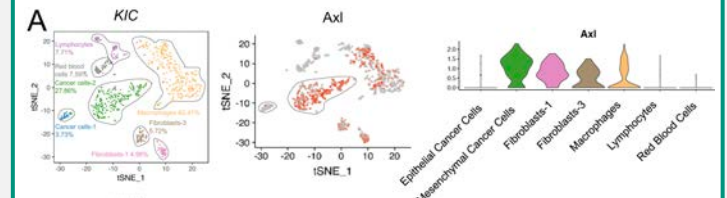
Bemcentinib has synergistic effect when given in combination with DNA damage targeting agents (VX-970)



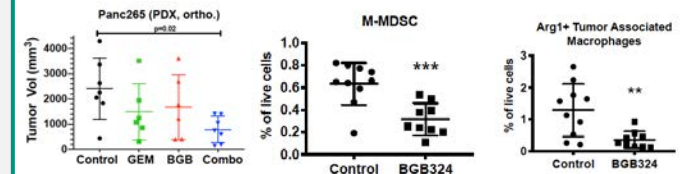
Supports the rationale of combining bemcentinib with chemo and DNA damaging agents

Du, Brekken *et al*

AXL highly expressed in pancreatic tumour models, particularly in cancer cells, fibroblasts & macrophages



Bemcentinib has synergistic effect when given in combination with chemo, reverses immunosuppression



Supports the rationale of combining bemcentinib with chemotherapy & bemcentinib's IO MoA



Bemcentinib

Highly selective, potent,
orally bioavailable AXL inhibitor



Bemcentinib: once-a-day pill

Highly selective, potent, orally bioavailable

Blocks AXL signalling, reverses aggressive tumour traits & counteracts immune escape

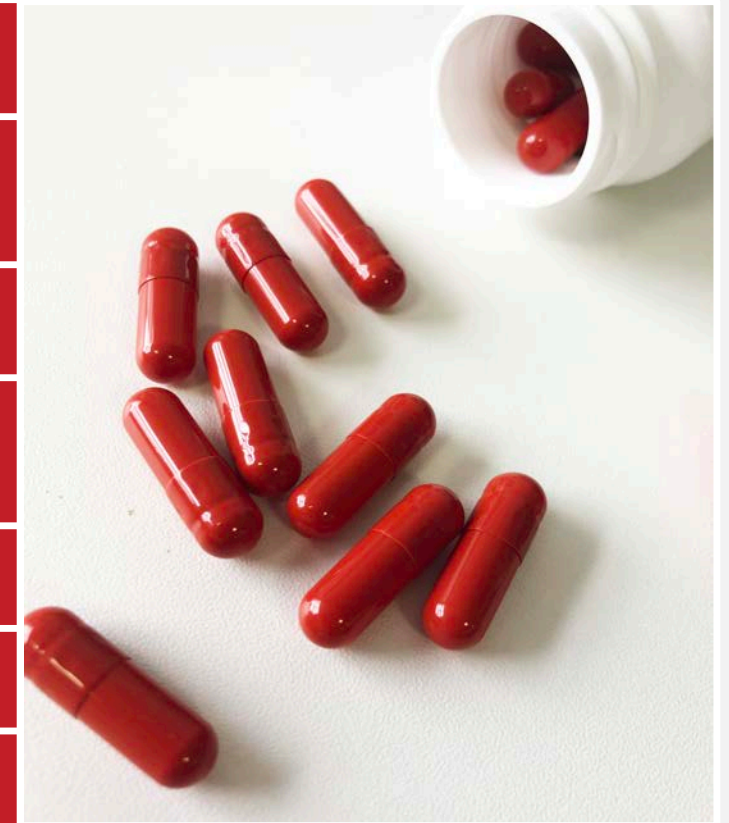
Once-a-day administration

Clinical PoC in AML and NSCLC as a monotherapy and in combination




Correlation of clinical efficacy with AXL biomarkers observed

Combines successfully with chemo, targeted and CPI drugs

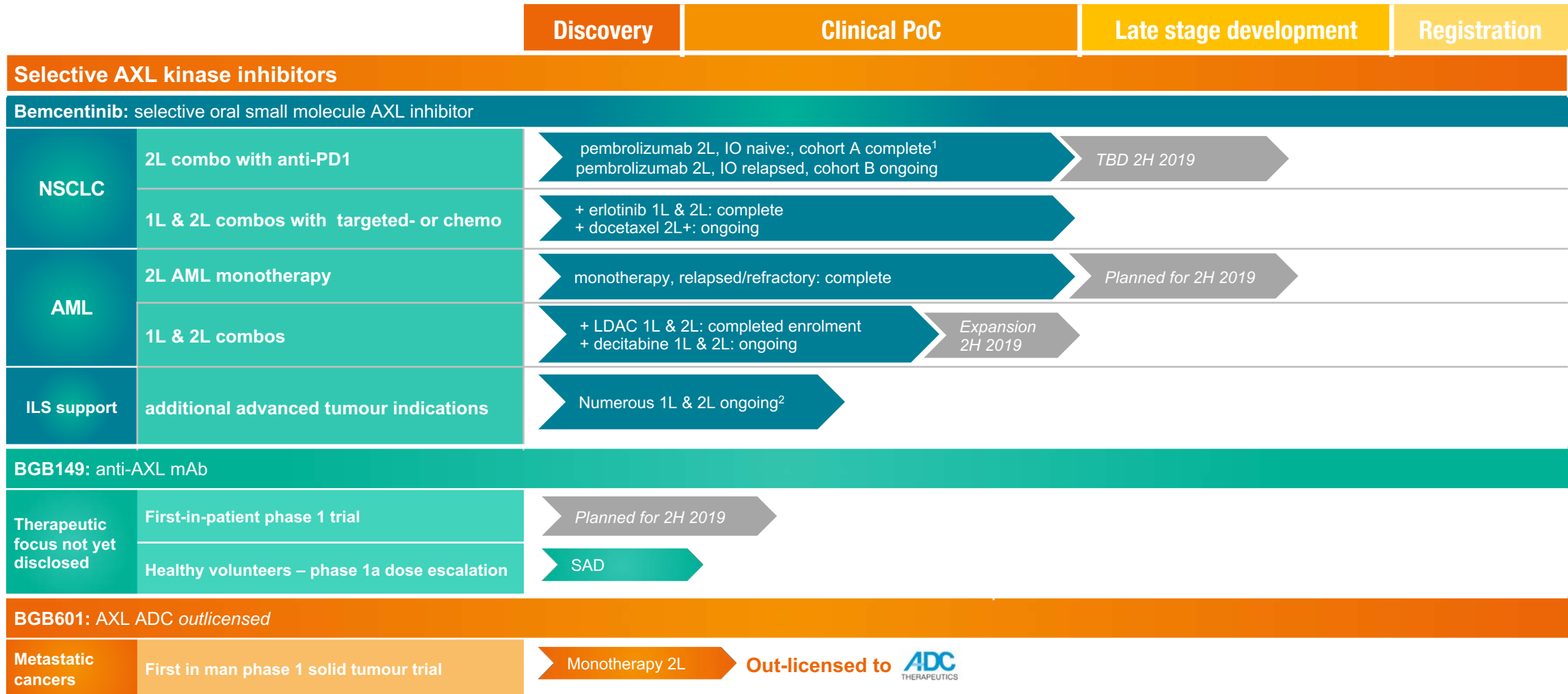
Excellent clinical safety profile: >250 subjects dosed



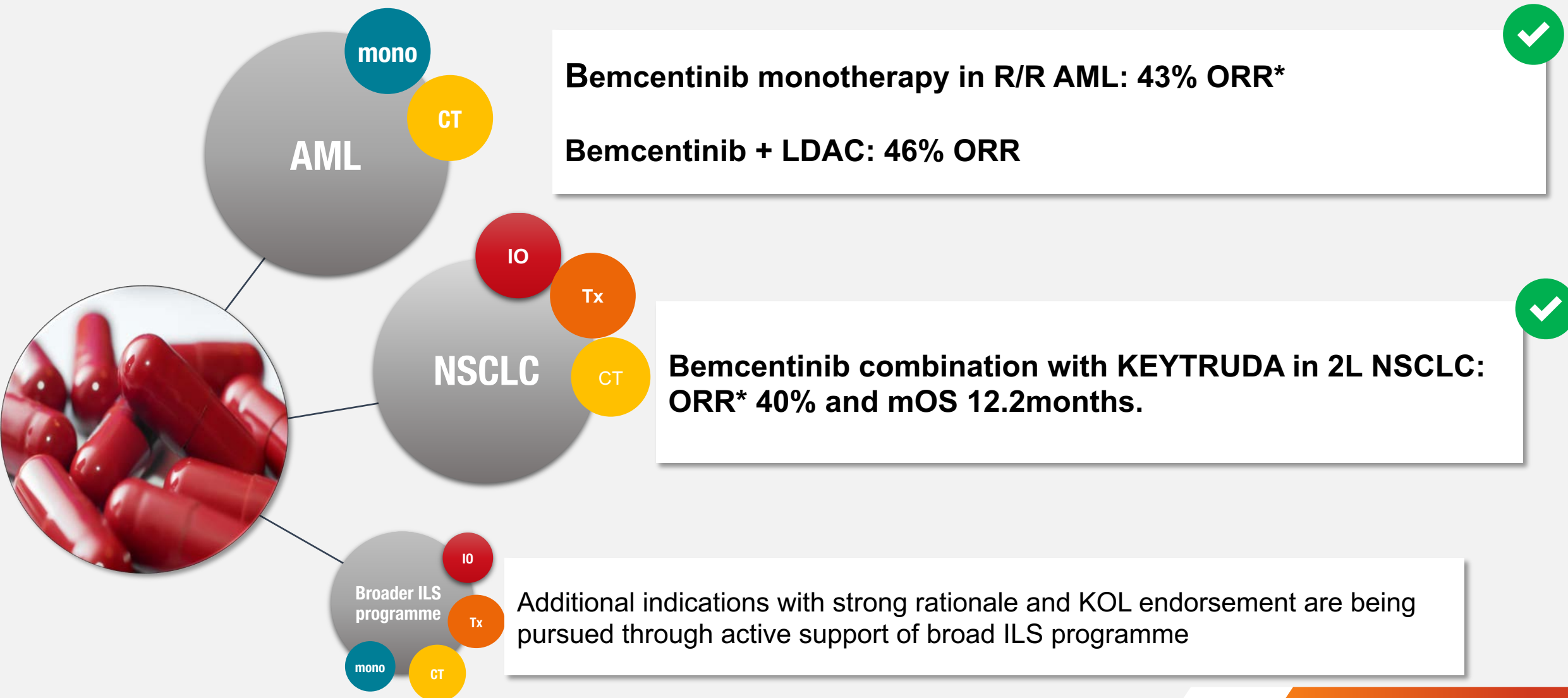
Phase II clinical proof of concept studies for bemcentinib

		Clinical Proof-of-concept	Late stage Opportunities
Monotherapy Selected, biomarker directed patients	AML / MDS	Completed	
	Glioblastoma (IIT)	Ongoing	
	Ovarian (EMT signature selected)	Potential	
Chemotherapy Combinations Improve responses in hard to treat settings	AML + LDCT (LDAC)	Ongoing	
	Pancreatic, (IIT)	Ongoing	
	NSCLC (IIT)	Ongoing	
Immunotherapy Combinations Target resistance, enlarge addressable patient population	NSCLC (PD-L1 / all comers)	Cohort A fully recruited Cohort B ongoing	
	Melanoma, (IIT)	Ongoing	
	Mesothelioma (IIT)	In set-up	
	Bladder ++, CAR-T combos	Under consideration	
Targeted Therapy Combinations Target resistance, enlarge addressable patient population	NSCLC + EGFRi	Completed	
	Melanoma, (IIT)	Ongoing	
	PARPi combos ++	Under consideration	
Earlier Line Opportunities Radiotherapy and maintenance opportunities	Multitude of maintenance opportunities given very favourable safety profile		

Portfolio of selective AXL inhibitors in clinical development

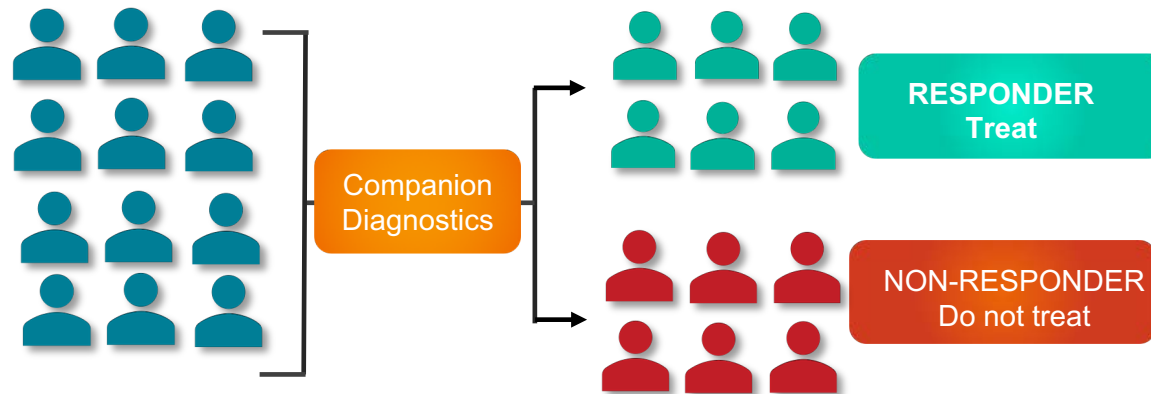


Clinical development focus: Leukaemia & Lung Cancer

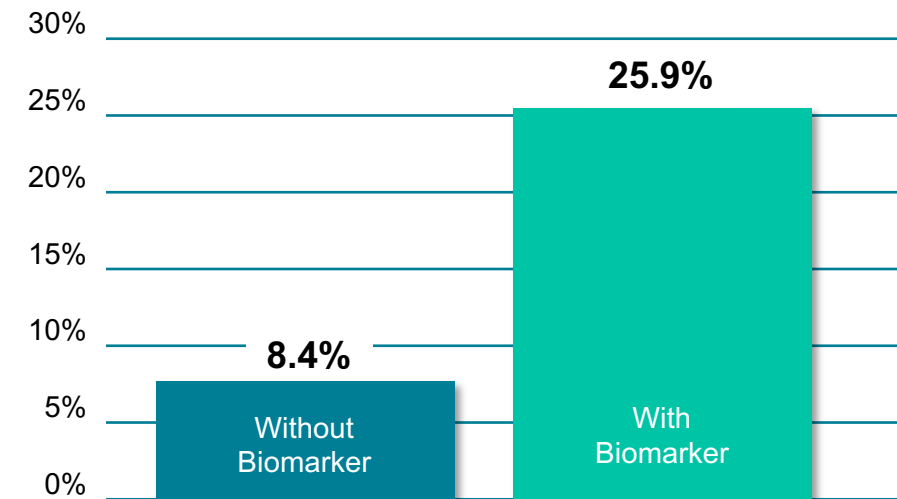


Companion Diagnostics Development Programme (CDx)

- ✓ Selects AXL positive patients
- ✓ Enriched clinical trials
- ✓ Improved chances of regulatory success
- ✓ Precision medicine approach to reimbursement



Likelihood of success (Phase I to approval)



Adapted from Cook et al., Nature Reviews Drug

CDx Development Programme

Liquid Biopsy

- Soluble AXL (sAXL) - Predictive Biomarker for AML/MDS
- Relapsed/Refractory AML/MDS patients with lower plasma levels of sAXL have shown greater response to bemcentinib monotherapy



Tissue Biopsy

- AXL IHC - Predictive Biomarker for NSCLC
- NSCLC patients with elevated levels of AXL tissue expression have shown improved ORR and PFS when treated with bemcentinib + KEYTRUDA*



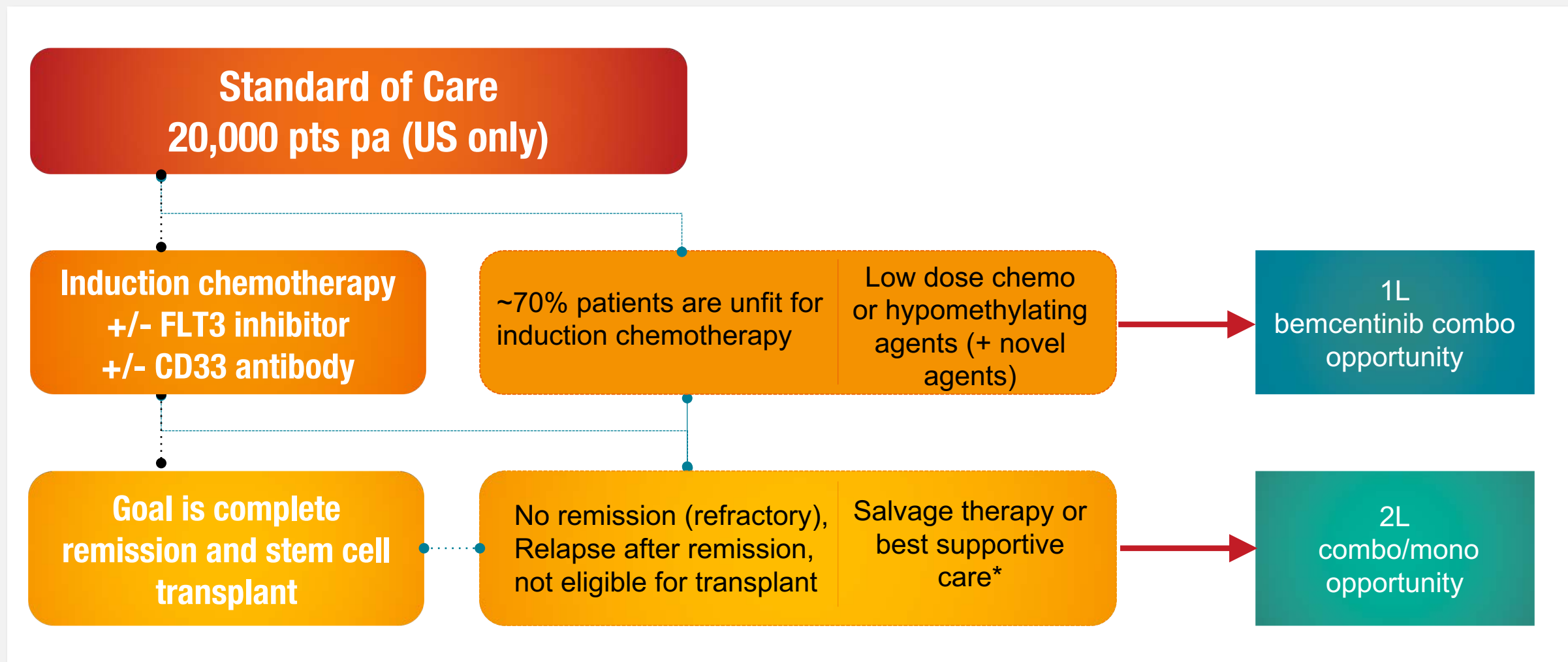
Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)

Bemcentinib is being evaluated as a monotherapy and in combination with standard of care chemo therapy to treat AML

- ✓ ***Monotherapy 43% ORR in AXL +ve r/r AML***
- ✓ ***LDAC chemo combo 46% ORR in all comer r/r AML***



Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is one of the most aggressive blood cancers, with a very low survival rate and few options for patients who are ineligible for intensive chemotherapy



SOC & Recent Approvals in 1 Line AML treatment (all patients unsuitable for induction chemo)

SoC: HMA / Low dose chemo

- **HMA : decitabine / 5-azacytidine** : 26% ORR, 28% 1yr.survival, mOS 5.5 mo.
- **Low dose chemo: cytarabine (LDAC)** 2-18% ORR, mOS 4.9 - 8 mo.

Novel agent Combinations

- **BCL-2 inhibitor Venetoclax (Venclexta)** in combination with low dose chemo
 - 1L + decitabine: ORR 54%%, DoR 4.7mo. OR + azacitidine : ORR 37%. DoR 5.5 mo.
 - 2L + LDAC: ORR 21%, DoR 6mo.
- **1L: Hedgehog inhibitor Glasdegib (Daurismo)** in combination with LDAC
 - ORR 17%, mOS 8.3months.vs LDAC ORR 8-18%, mOS4.3 mo.

IDH Inhibitors (8-10% patients)

- **Ivosidenib (Tibsovo)** as monotherapy in IDH1-mutated patients: 30% ORR, DoR 8.2mo. mOS 8.8 mo.
- **Enasidenib (Idhifa)** as monotherapy in IDH2-mutated patients: 23% ORR, mDoR 8.2 mo, mOS 9.3 mo.

FLT3 Inhibitor (20% patients)

- **Gilteritinib (Xospata)** as a monotherapy in FLT3-mutated patients (ORR 21%)
- **Midostaurin (Rydapt)** in combination with standard cytarabine and daunorubicin therapy in FLT3-mutated patients: 23% reduction in risk of death.

The evolving 1L SOC in AML treatment

The screenshot shows the FDA's official announcement page. The header includes the FDA logo and navigation links. The main title is 'FDA approves venetoclax in combination for AML in adults'. Below the title are social media sharing buttons. The left sidebar contains a 'Drugs' section with links to 'Regulatory Science Research and Education', 'Development & Approval Process (Drugs)', and 'Drug Safety and Availability'. The main text block states that on November 21, 2018, the FDA granted accelerated approval to venetoclax (VENCLEXTA, AbbVie Inc. and Genentech Inc.) in combination with azacitidine or decitabine or low-dose cytarabine for the treatment of newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in adults who are age 75 years or older, or who have comorbidities that preclude use of intensive induction chemotherapy. It also mentions that approval was based on two open-label non-randomized trials in patients with newly-diagnosed AML who were ≥ 75 years of age or had comorbidities that precluded the use of intensive induction chemotherapy. Efficacy was established based on the rate of complete remission (CR) and CR duration. On the right side, there is a 'Content current as of: 12/14/2018' and a 'Regulated Product(s) Drugs' section.

Study M14-358 (NCT02203773) was a non-randomized, open-label clinical trial of venetoclax in combination with azacitidine (n=67) or decitabine (n=13) in newly-diagnosed patients with AML. In combination with azacitidine, 25 patients achieved a CR (37%, 95% CI: 26, 50) with a median observed time in remission of 5.5 months (range: 0.4-30 months). In combination with decitabine, 7 patients achieved a CR (54%, 95% CI: 25, 81) with a median observed time in remission of 4.7 months (range: 1.0-18 months). The observed time in remission is the time from start of CR to data cut-off date or relapse from CR.

Study M14-387 (NCT02287233) was a non-randomized, open-label trial of venetoclax in combination with low-dose cytarabine (n=61) in newly-diagnosed patients with AML, including patients with previous exposure to a hypomethylating agent for an antecedent hematologic disorder. In combination with low-dose cytarabine, 13 patients achieved a CR (21%, 95% CI: 12, 34) with a median observed time in remission of 6 months (range: 0.03-25 months).

The most common adverse reactions (≥30%) to venetoclax in combination with azacitidine or decitabine or low-dose cytarabine were nausea, diarrhea, thrombocytopenia, constipation, neutropenia, febrile neutropenia, fatigue, vomiting, peripheral edema, pneumonia, dyspnea, hemorrhage, anemia, rash, abdominal pain, sepsis, back pain, myalgia, dizziness, cough, oropharyngeal pain, pyrexia, and hypotension.

Summary:

Venetoclax in combination with HMA or low dose chemo

- 1L + decitabine: ORR 54%, DoR 4.7mo. / + azacitidine : ORR 37%. DoR 5.5 mo.
- 2L + LDAC: ORR 21%, DoR 6mo.

Bemcentinib in combination with LDAC


- 1L/2L ORR 46%. DoR 6.2 mo. (immature), adverse event (>30%) diarrhea

Bemcentinib monotherapy

- >2L : AXL +ve patients ORR 43%, DoR 3.1mo.


Bemcentinib in AML

Monotherapy & in combination with low-dose chemotherapy



**2L Monotherapy
(completed)**


**2L and later-line R/R
AML & MDS
N = 36 pts**



**43%* CR/CRi/CRp in
Axl +ve pts**

*** Ca. half of patients found to be AXL
positive**


**Immune activation and clonal
stabilisation observed**



**1L & 2L Combination
Therapy
(complete)**


**Decitabine combo
AML, N = 14 pts**

**Low-dose cytarabine
(LDAC) combo
AML, N = 14 pts**



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**46% ORR in
LDAC combo
AXL all comers**



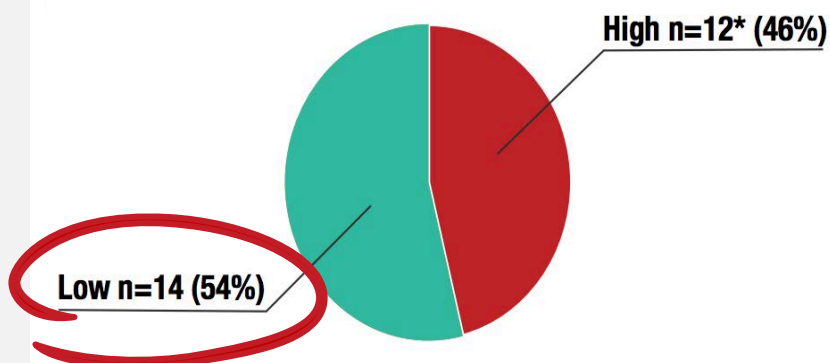
Endpoints

**Primary
safety / ORR**

**Secondary
RFS
OS
biomarkers**

Bemcentinib monotherapy exhibits potent anti-leukaemic activity 2L R/R patients

Biomarker:
Soluble AXL (sAXL) at screen:
Inversely correlated with AXL receptor activity



Superior response rate in patients positive for AXL biomarker

	Overall (n=27)		sAXL low (n=14)		sAXL high (n=11)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
CR/CRi/CRp	6	22%	6	43%	0	0%
SD	8	30%	3	21%	5	45%
PD*	13	48%	5	36%	6	55%
ORR	6	22%	6	43%	0	0%

• 2 evaluable patients were not evaluable for sAXL status
• Monotherapy responses. One additional response was reported in combination with decitabine for a total of 7 responses in phase I/II.
• 1 CR, 4 CRi, 1 CRp

* PD includes patients who progressed or came off study before having completed 3 cycles of treatment.

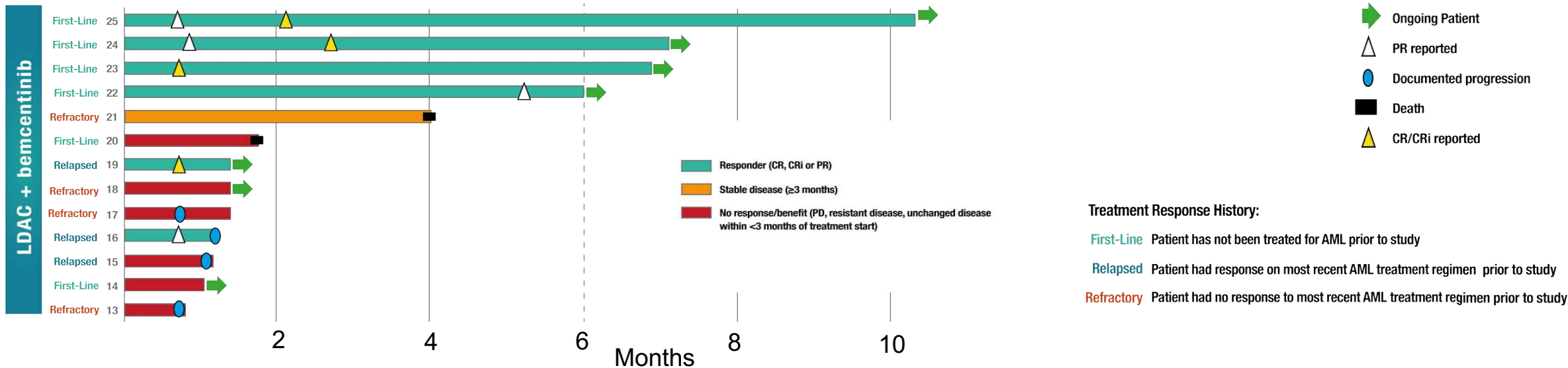
Median age of all patients: 74.5

Responses included poor risk and secondary disease

- ✓ Bemcentinib monotherapy is well tolerated: mild and manageable side effect profile with low incidence of Grade 3/4 events
- ✓ Low incidence of hematological adverse effects
- ✓ mDoR 3.1mo. (5.5 mo. including 2 patients with low dose decitabine, one remains in CR after 20 months)

Intention-to-treat population included 36 patients, 9 of whom were not evaluable for efficacy (8 were exposed to treatment for <21 days, 1 was a first line patient). sAXL levels were available for 25 evaluable patients.
Source: Loges, et al. ASH 2018.

Bemcentinib + LDAC combo exhibits potent and durable anti-leukaemic activity



Responses in evaluable patients *

	n	CR/CRi	PR	CR/CRi rate (%)	ORR (%)
LDAC + bemcentinib	13	4	2	30.8%	46.2%

Four responses were observed in first-line patients.
Four responses were observed in patients with secondary disease

Summary:
1L: 4/6 patients responded
2L Relapse: 2/3 patients responded
2L Refractory: 0/4 patients responded

LDAC + bemcentinib Preliminary efficacy results

ORR: 46% (6/13)

6 responses have been reported
(4 CR/CRi + 2 PR)

1 durable stable disease (≥3 months)
Current relapse-free survival in CR/CRi
patients: 6.2 months
(range: 0.7 - 9.6 months)

Safety

Adverse Events

LDAC + bemcentinib		
AEs in ≥15% of patients	Any grade	Grades ≥3
Any event, n (%)	13 (81%)	12 (75%)
Haematologic		
Anaemia	4 (25%)	4 (25%)
Neutropenia*	3 (19%)	3 (19%)
Thrombocytopenia	3 (19%)	3 (19%)
Non-haematologic		
Diarrhoea	7 (44%)	1 (6%)
Dyspnoea	3 (19%)	1 (6%)
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	3 (19%)	2 (13%)
Epistaxis	3 (19%)	0
Mouth haemorrhage	3 (19%)	0
Oedema peripheral	3 (19%)	0

- Favourable safety profile cf. other LDAC combinations approved for AML
- Treatment-related adverse events were generally considered to be less problematic than for other TKIs
- Patients did not discontinue treatment for adverse events

Deaths, Infections & Neutropenia

		LDAC + bemcentinib (n = 16)
Early deaths	Death ≤30 days after treatment start	1 (6%)
	Death ≤60 days after treatment start	2 (13%)
Infections	Any serious infection reported**	2 (13%), 3 events
	Fatal infection within 60 days of starting treatment	1 (6%)
Neutropenia*	Incidence of neutropenia (number of pts)	3 (19%)
	Incidence of prolonged neutropenia, ≥10 days	1 (6%)

* Preferred terms included: neutropenia, febrile neutropenia

** Patients affected by any SAE falling under System Organ Class "Infections and infestations" (preferred terms included: Atypical pneumonia, Sepsis, Device-related infection, Urinary tract infection enterococcal, Pseudomonas infection, Escherichia sepsis)

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Conclusions

- Bemcentinib is well tolerated as monotherapy in >2L patients, offering meaningful duration of response in AXL +ve patients.
- The LDAC+bemcentinib combination showed promising efficacy among elderly AML patient population with 80% >75 years both as first-line in untreated newly diagnosed AML patients and as 2nd -5th line in relapsed AML patients
- Bemcentinib appears relatively safe and well tolerated in combination with both LDAC and cytarabine
- The ORR, seen in combination with LDAC, is higher than previously observed/historical benchmarks in single-agent cytarabine

Clinical Development in AML

1. First to market : $\geq 2L$ in elderly relapse AML : Bemcentinib monotherapy

- No approved SOC for elderly (>75 yrs) relapse AML patients, only treatment option is supportive palliative care
- Patient population is ca. 50% AXL +ve by BGB sAXL biomarker
- 43% ORR with mDoR 3.1mo (5.5mo)*
 - * including 2 patients with low dose decitabine, one remains in CR after 20 months
- Very well tolerated, no immune suppression

Clinical development strategy: All-comer phase IIb to be initiated H2'19 > Interim Analysis > Registration cohort
Potential for breakthrough and accelerated approval – FDA phase II meeting planned

2. Bemcentinib + LDAC : 1/2L relapse elderly AML

- Bemcentinib + LDAC appears well tolerated when compared to other LDAC combinations
- The ORR, observed in mixed line patient population is encouraging relative to other LDAC combinations and significantly higher than previously observed/historical benchmarks as single-agent.
- ORR of 46% was reported in an all-comer AXL patient population, with mDoR exceeding that of other LDAC combinations, whilst still not mature.
- Best response (6/9 patients) observed in 1L & 2L relapse patients

Clinical development strategy: All-comer expansion of current phase IIa trial, to be initiated H2'19.

Ref. BGBC008 / NCT03184571

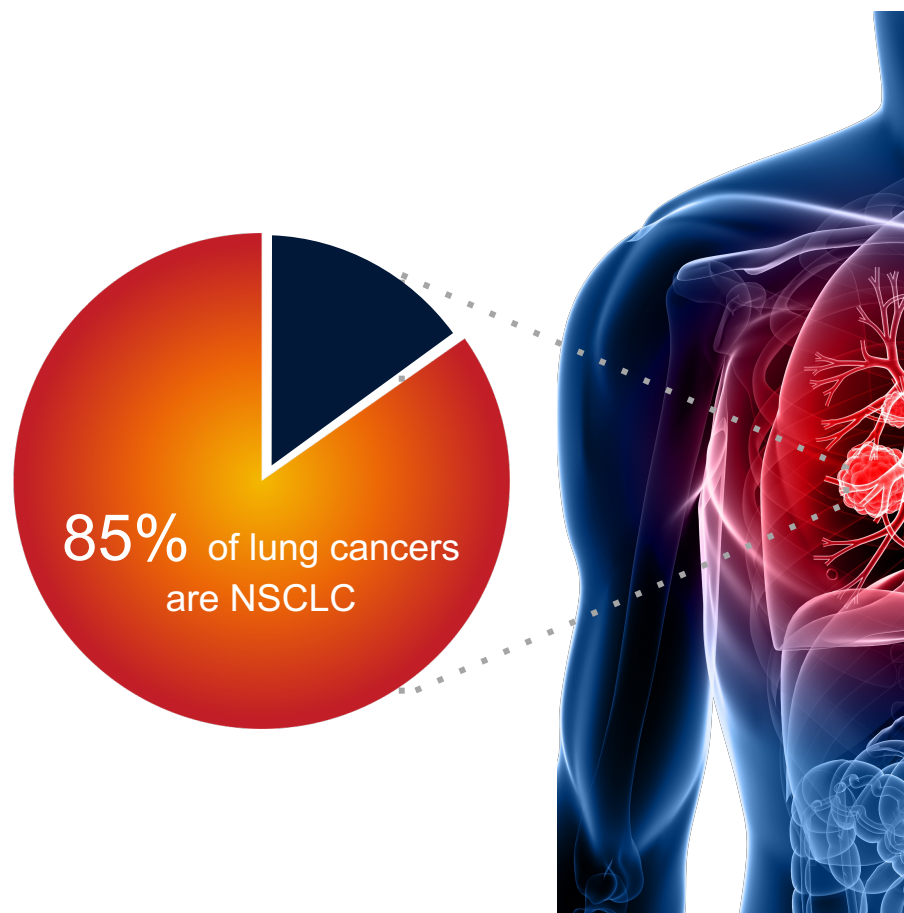
Bemcentinib in NSCLC: Combination with anti-PD(L)1

PoC data in combo with KEYTRUDA, previously treated, Chemo & IO relapse NSCLC patients:

- ✔ **27% ORR in PD-L1 –ve patients**
- ✔ **40% ORR in AXL+ve patients**



NSCLC causes more cancer related deaths than breast, colon, pancreas and prostate combined



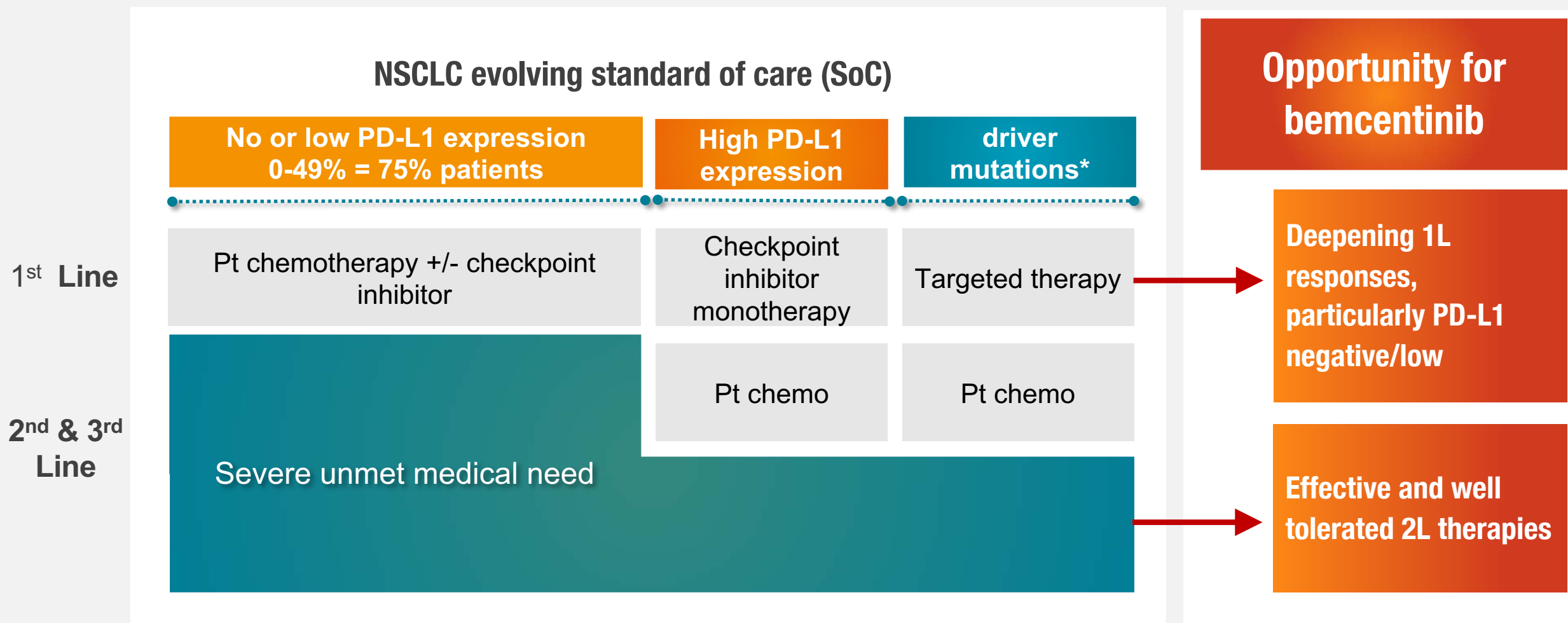
The largest cancer killer, most patients depend on drug therapy

2.09 million new cases of lung cancer diagnosed/yr worldwide, making up 11.6% of all cancer cases¹

1.76 million lung cancer deaths/yr worldwide¹

5-year survival rate is 3.5% in patients with PD-L1 <1%, and **12.6%** in patients PD-L1 1-49%²

Large unmet need in 2L NSCLC patients



Comparison of: KEYTRUDA + bemcentinib (2L) vs KEYTRUDA + Chemotherapy (1L)

NSCLC 1L new SoC

KEYTRUDA + CT

PD-L1 0-49% 75% of patients*	ORR	mPFS	mOS (immature)	TEAE's ≥ 3
PD-L1 <1%	32%	6.1m	15m	67%
PD-L1 1-49%	48%	9m	NR	

NSCLC 2L, IO naïve, predominantly PD-L1 low

BGBC008: KEYTRUDA + bemcentinib

	ORR	mPFS (stage 1)	mOS (stage 1)	TEAEs ≥ 3
AXL +ve	40%	5.9mo	12.2mo	17%

2L Bemcentinib + Keytruda in AXL +ve / PD-L1 –ve/low patients revivals 1L new SoC

Opportunities to improve CPI efficacy in NSCLC

Pacheco et al.

First Line IO ± Chemo in mNSCLC

Current Clinical Challenges

Improving 1st Line Therapy

Pembrolizumab
or
Chemo-immunotherapy + New Drug

- Start at therapy initiation or disease progression?
- Biomarker directed subgroup?
- Duration of therapy?

Improving Subsequent Therapy

1st Line Pembrolizumab Monotherapy

- Add in chemotherapy or transition to chemotherapy alone at progression?

1st Line Chemo-immunotherapy

- Continue immunotherapy with alternate chemotherapy backbone?
- 2nd line chemotherapy alone?

Unmet Patient Needs

CNS Metastases

- Degree of CNS disease control by immunotherapy?

Oncogenic Driver Post-TKI

- Role of immunotherapy?
- Optimal systemic regimen with immunotherapy?

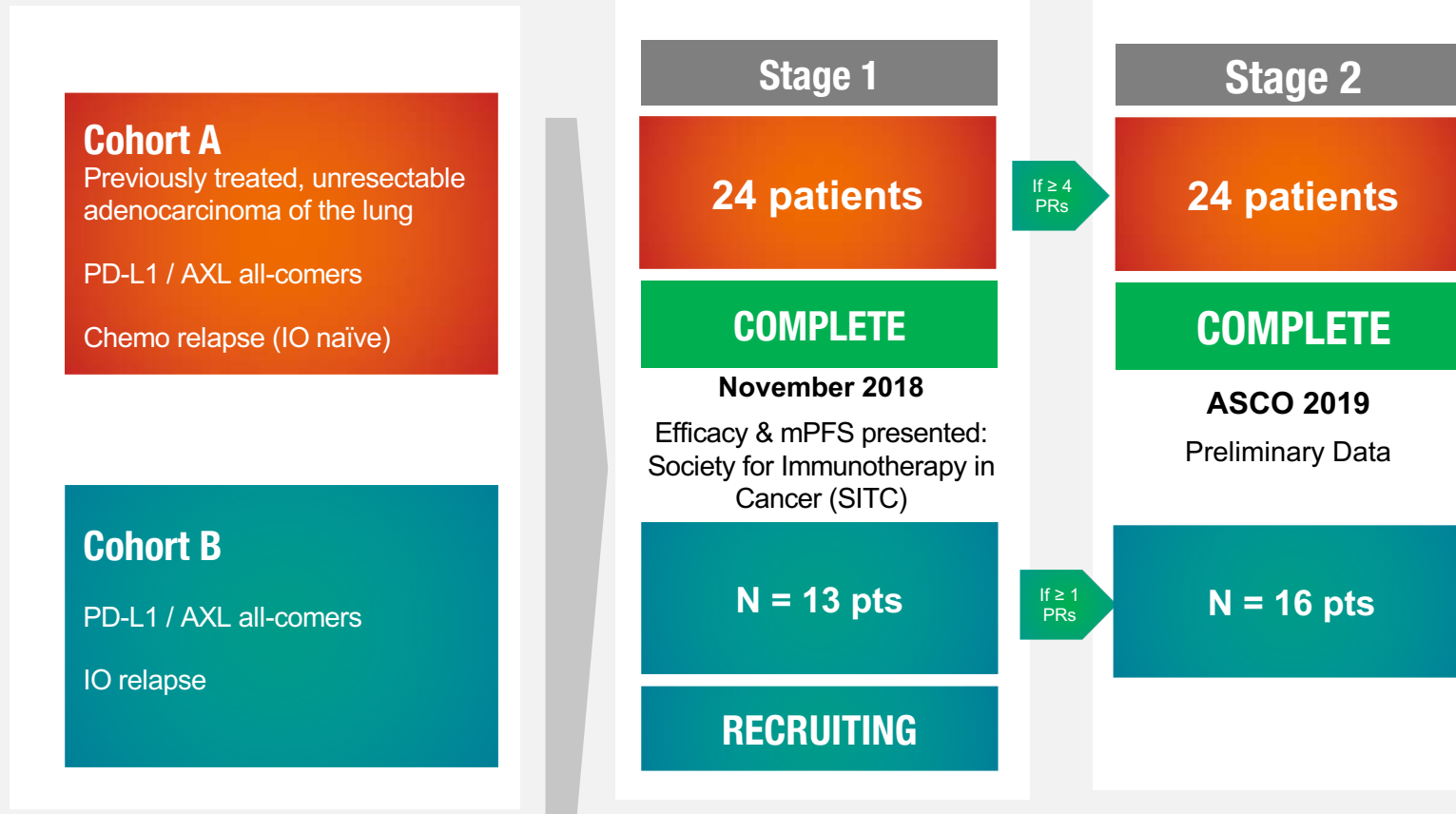
Bemcentinib is ideally positioned to meet these challenges in 1L

Cohort B - ongoing

FIGURE 1 | Opportunities in metastatic NSCLC to maximize impact of checkpoint inhibitors.

Bemcentinib + KEYTRUDA in 2L relapse NSCLC

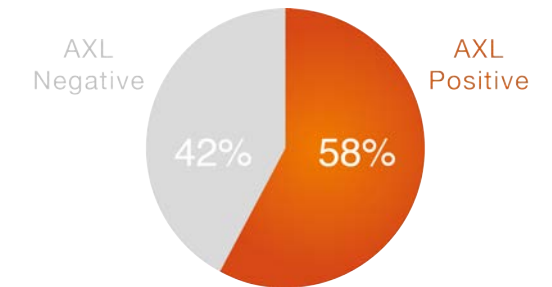
Phase 2 Study Design



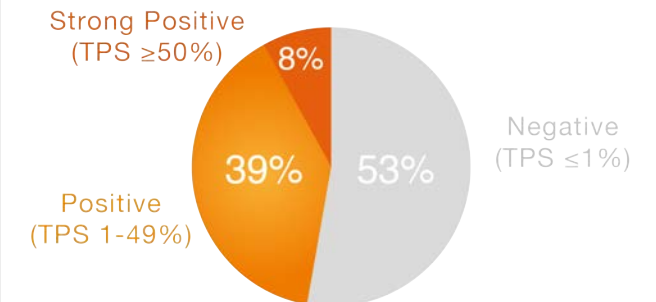
Key objectives

- Evaluate safety of the combination and response to treatment with the combination
- Characterise patients by PD-L1 and AXL status
- Evaluate efficacy of patients by biomarker status, and assess predictive qualities of biomarkers
- Assess survival measures in patients by biomarker status

AXL Status: n = 33
28 with at least 1 radiological assessment

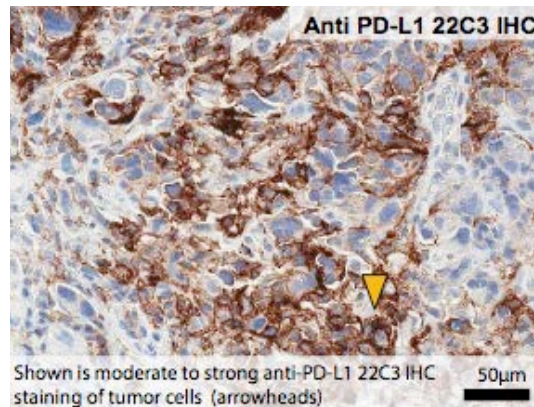


PD-L1 Status: n = 38
29 with at least 1 radiological assessment



Results: Predominantly PD-L1 low/negative patient population not expected to benefit from KEYTRUDA monotherapy

- Majority of patients not expected to benefit from KEYTRUDA monotherapy⁽¹⁾ based on their PD-L1 status
- Approx half of patients found to be AXL positive by IHC



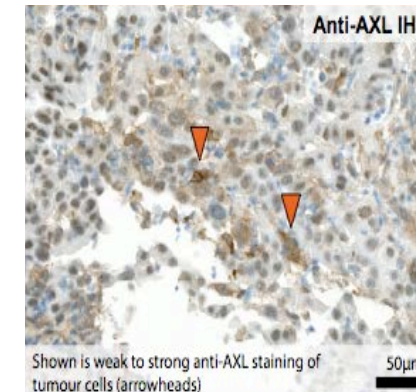
PD-L1 expression BGBC008

TPS (%)	<1	1-49	>50	total
n	20	15	3	38*
%	53	39	8	100

Historical ORR monotherapy⁽¹⁾

	9%	14%	47%
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* At time of data cut off evaluable for tumour PD-L1
(1) Garon *et al NEJM* (2015) Fig S4

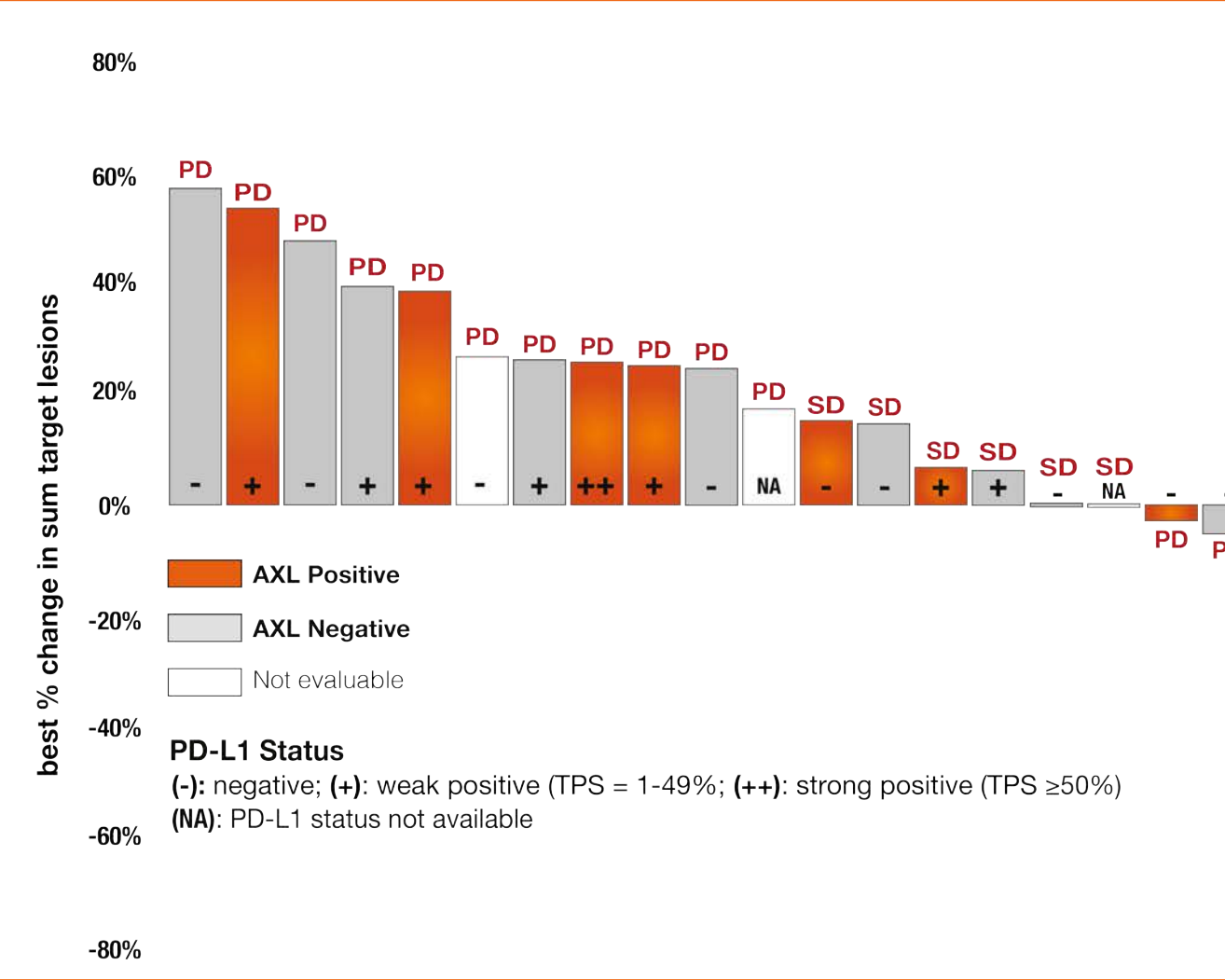


AXL expression

Status	Neg	Pos.	total
n	14	19	33*
%	42	58	100

* At time of data cut off evaluable for tumour AXL

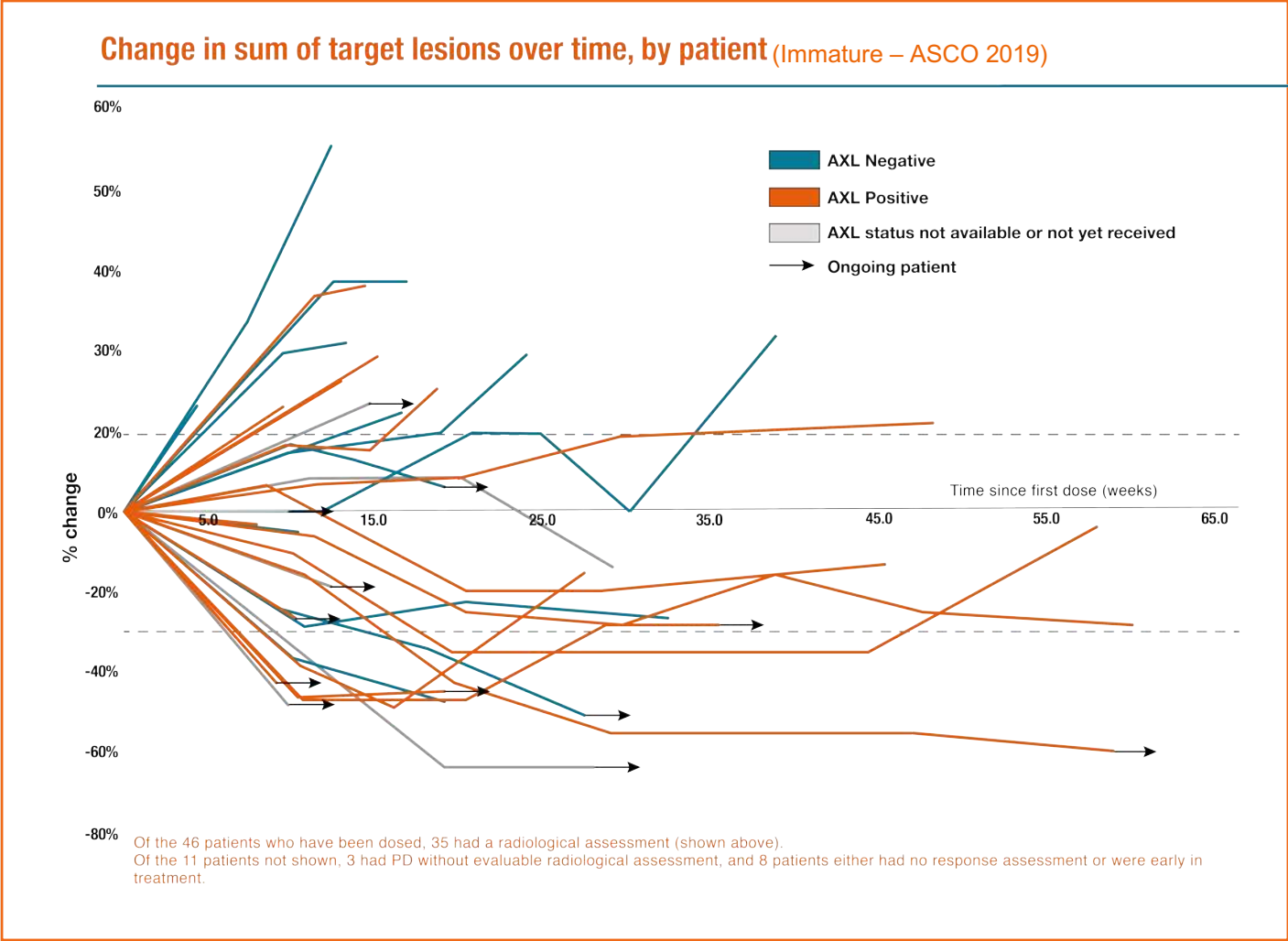
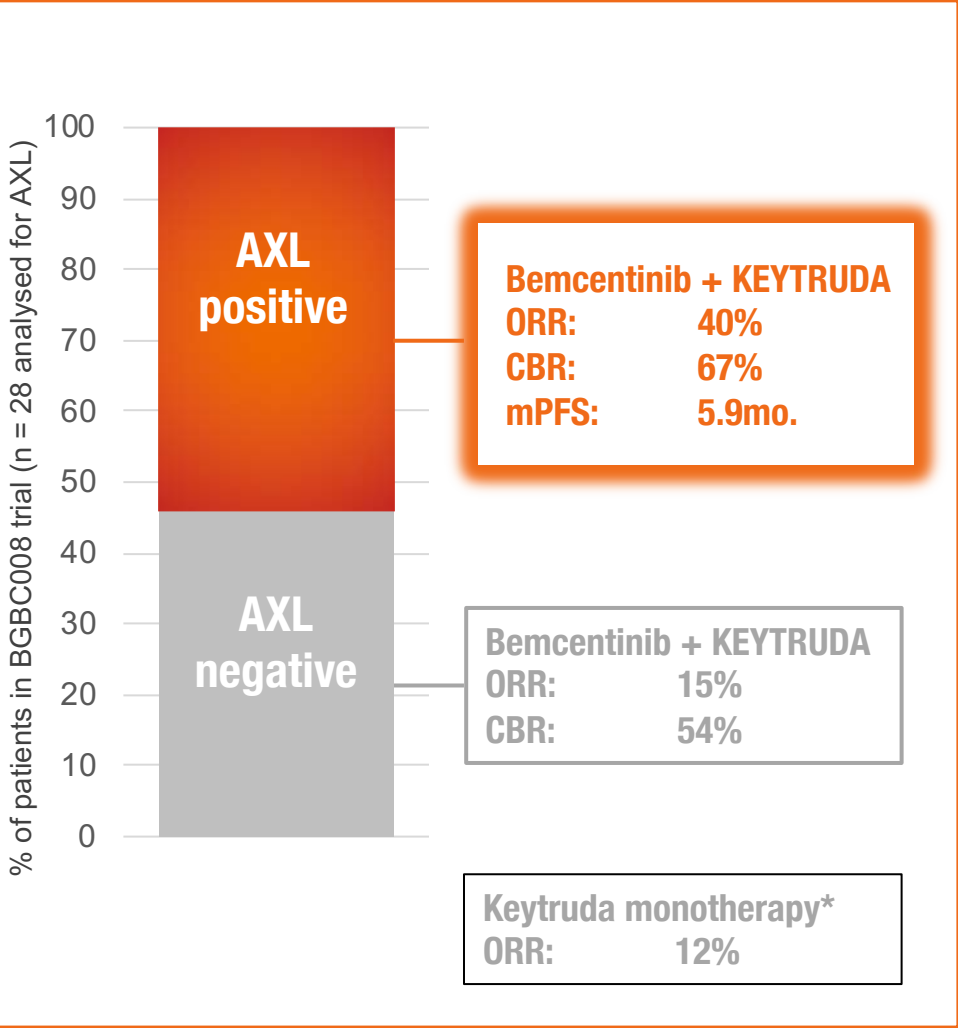
Antitumour activity* Change in tumour size from baseline (by AXL IHC)
40% ORR & 67% Clinical benefit in AXL+ve patients, irrespective of PD-L1 status.



	n	PR	SD	PD	ORR (%)	CBR (%)
Overall**	35	10	12	13	29%	63%
AXL	28					
Positive*	15	6	4	5	40%	67%
Negative	13	2	5	6	15%	54%
PD-L1	29					
PD-L1 strong positive (TPS ≥50%)	2	1	0	1	50%	50%
PD-L1 weak positive (TPS 1-49%)	12	3	4	5	25%	58%
PD-L1 negative (TPS <1%)	15	4	5	6	27%	60%

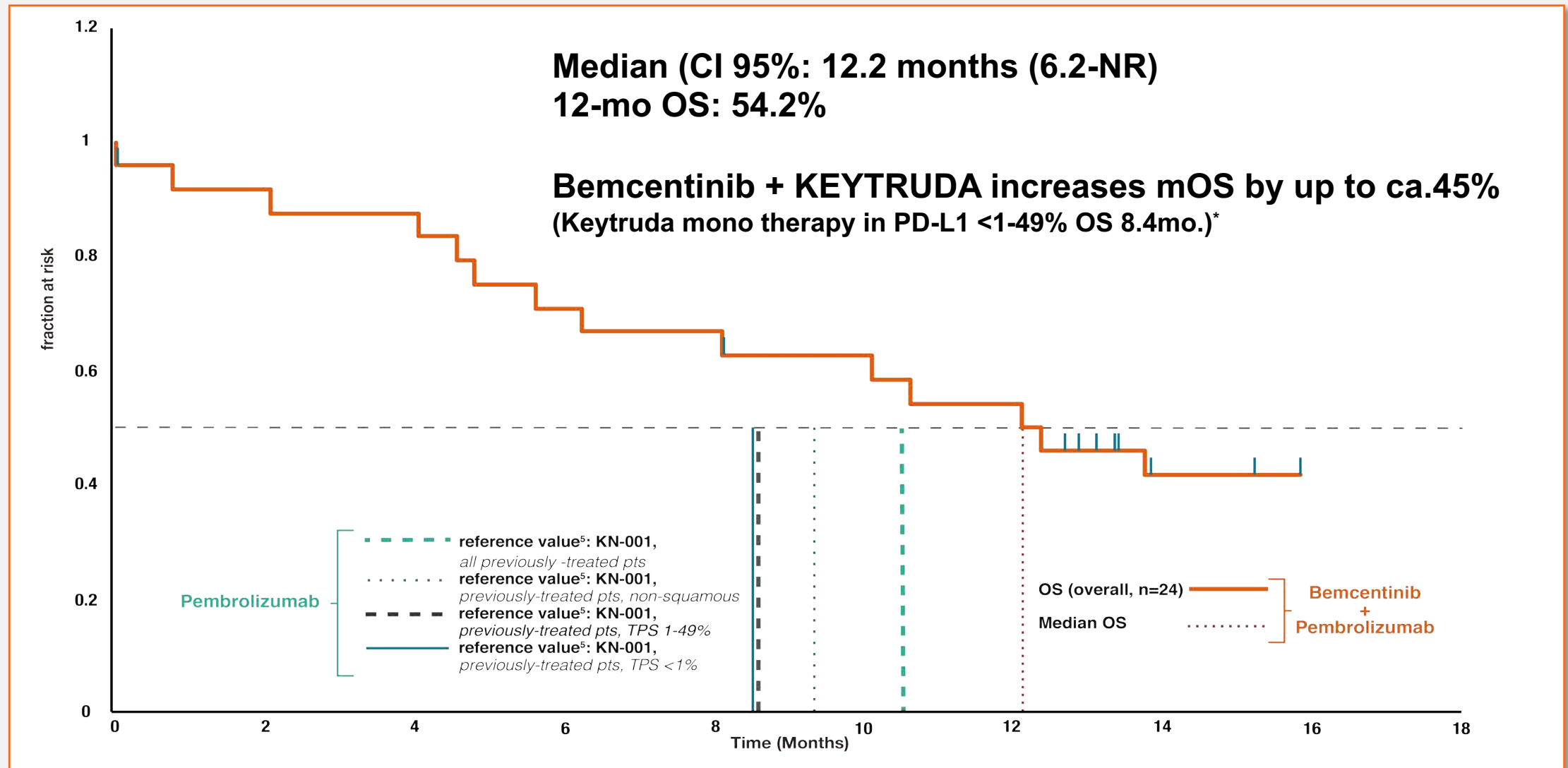
*Any AXL expression as measured by IHC (cut off in development)
**All patients with radiological assessments included (n=35)

PoC data bemcentinib + KEYTRUDA: Superior efficacy in AXL +ve pts.



* PD-L1: 0 - 49%, Garon *et al* (2015), response rates between 8% (PDL1 negative) and 12-16% (PDL1 1-49%)

Median overall survival in stage I patients (n=24)



Safety

- The safety profile is consistent with that of each individual drug
- Treatment related adverse events were generally mild and reversible
- Treatment related adverse events were considered to be less problematic than for other TKIs or CPI combinations used in NSCLC

Safety

Most frequent TRAEs (occurring in >10% of dosed patients)

n = 46

Preferred term	All grades		Grades ≥ 3	
	n	%	n	%
Transaminase increase*	16	35%	6	13%
Asthenia / Fatigue	14	30%	2	4%
Diarrhoea	12	26%	0	0%
Nausea	6	13%	0	0%
Anaemia	5	11%	1	2%
Decreased appetite	5	11%	0	0%

* Preferred terms include: Alanine aminotransferase increased, Aspartate aminotransferase increased and Transaminases increased. All events were reversible

No grade 5 TRAEs were reported.

Conclusions

- Promising clinical activity continues to be seen overall, particularly in patients with AXL positive tumours, including those with weak or no PD-L1 expression
- The median overall survival has surpassed what has been shown historically in 2nd line treatment with PD-1 inhibitor monotherapy
- The studied population was predominantly PD-L1 negative (53%) patients who are less likely to benefit from pembrolizumab monotherapy treatment
- The studied population was predominantly AXL positive (58%) patients
- The combination of bemcentinib and pembrolizumab was well-tolerated.

Clinical Development in NSCLC

Step 1. 2L CPI relapse

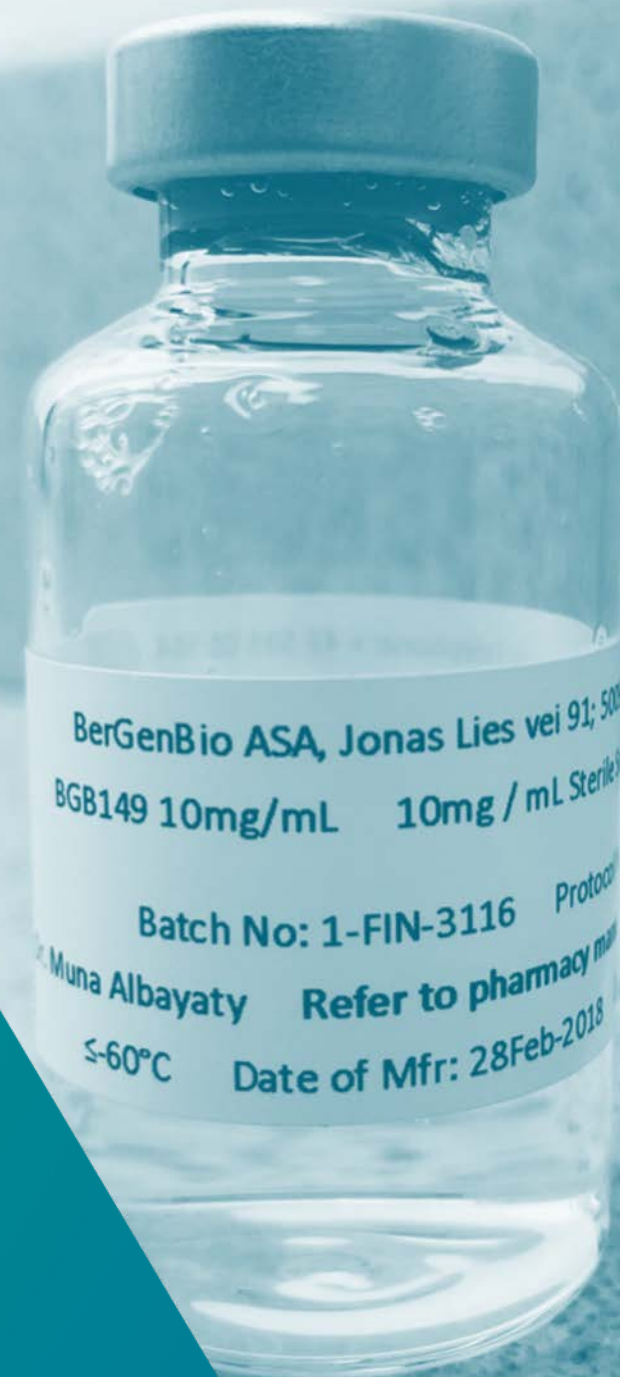
- Emerging 1L combination of keytruda+CT has left a vacuum in 2L
- Keytruda+CT 1L PDL-1 0-49% ORR 32-49% with mPFS of 6 - 9 mo.
- 2L SoC is limited to docetaxel or clinical trial
- CPI 'salvage' represents a substantial unmet medical need

Clinical strategy: On-going cohort B IO relapse patients.
Potential for breakthrough and accelerated approval



BGB149

anti-AXL monoclonal antibody



BGB149: Anti-AXL monoclonal antibody

Phase I clinical trial ongoing

Functional blocking fully-humanised IgG1 monoclonal antibody

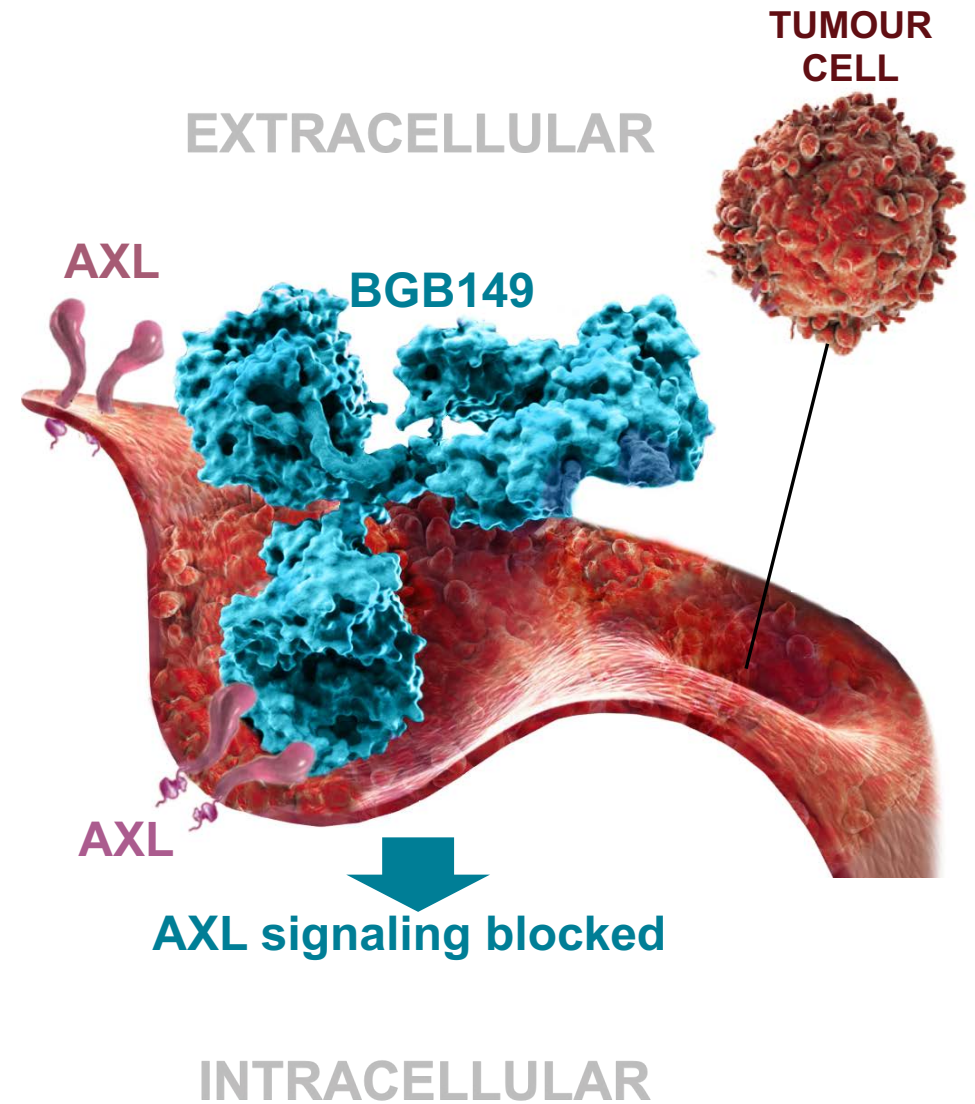
Binds human AXL, blocks AXL signalling

High affinity (KD: 500pM), Anti-tumour efficacy demonstrated *in vivo*

Robust manufacturing process established, 18 months stability

First-in-human healthy volunteer Phase I study initiated
Up to 36 subjects, Safety, PK/PD

First-in-patient trial expected in H2 2019



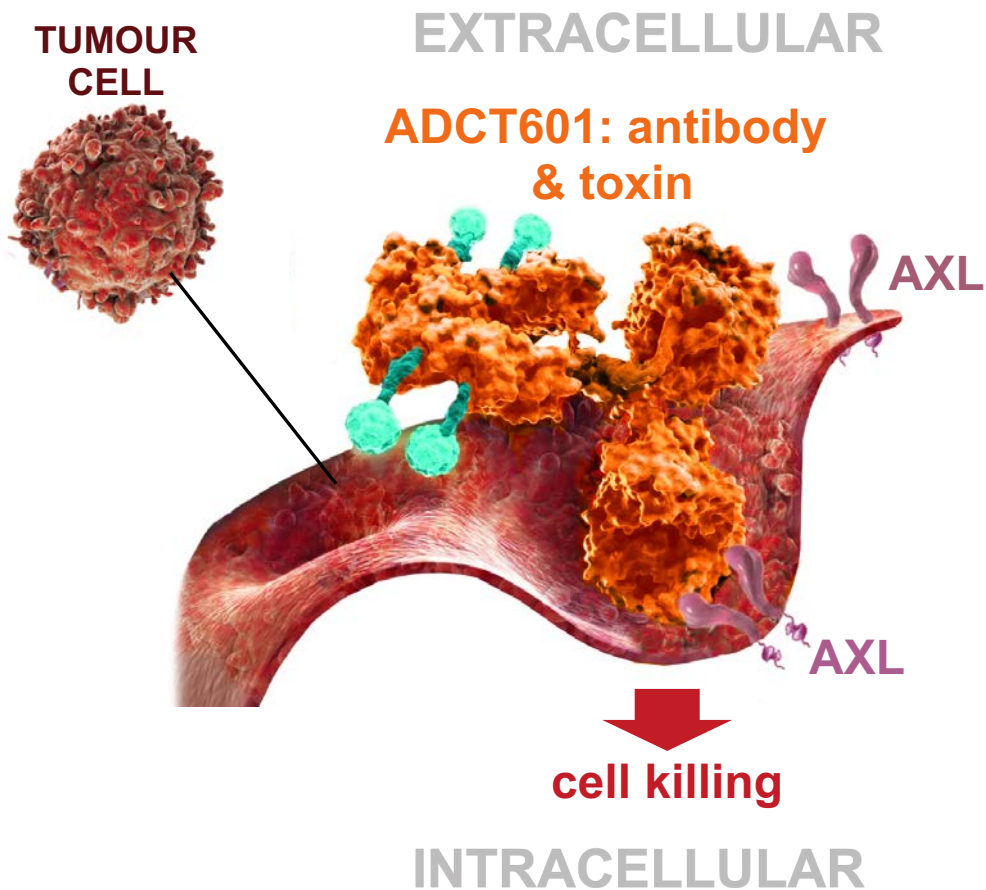


ADCT-601 – AXL ADC

BGB601/ADCT-601: Anti-AXL ADC

Phase 1 in solid tumours ongoing

Out-licensed to ADC Therapeutics (ADCT)



Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC)

Targets human tumour AXL, induces cell death when internalised

Potent and specific anti-tumour activity demonstrated preclinically¹

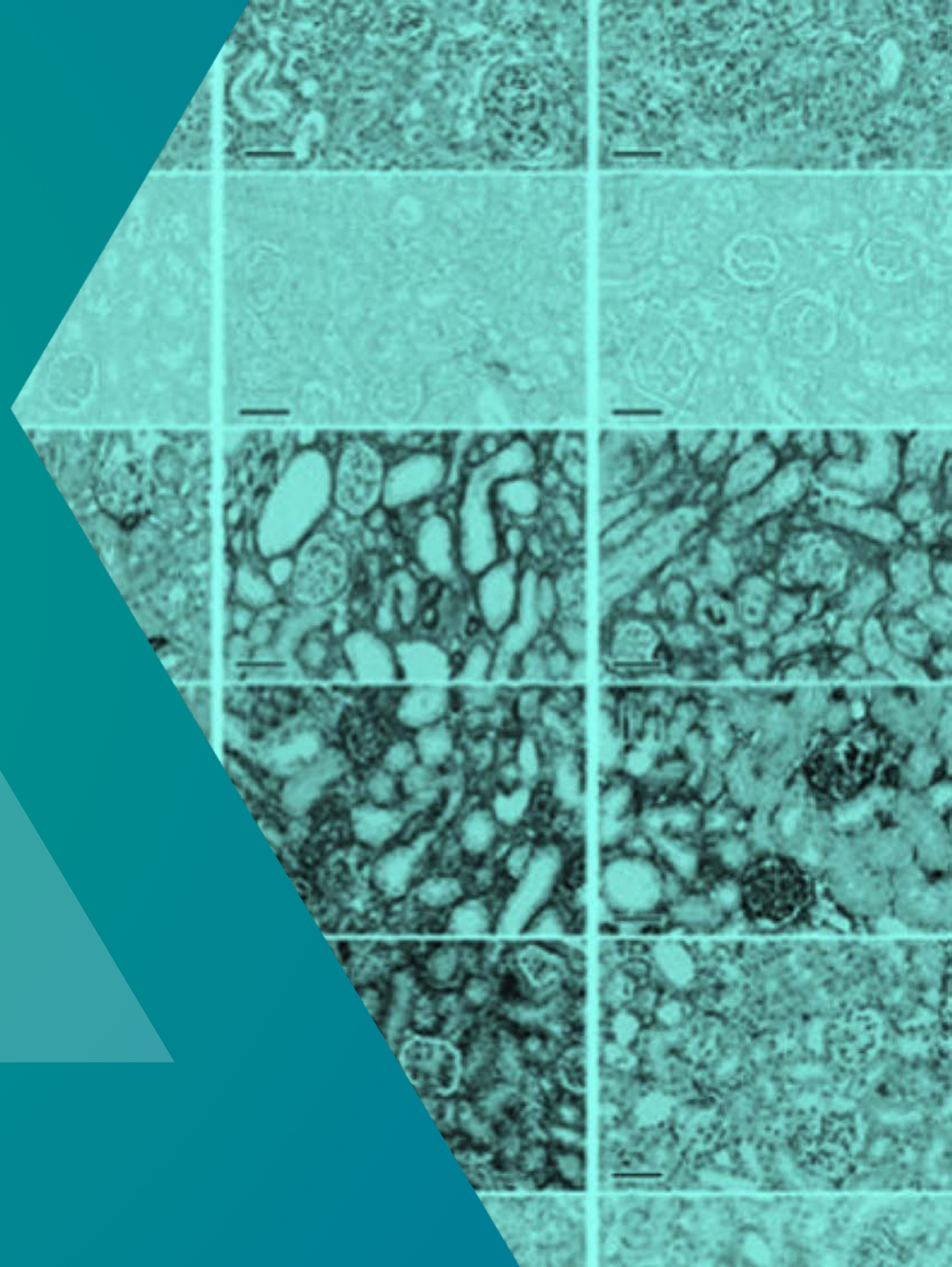
First-in-human Phase I study initiated in Jan 2019

- Solid tumours
- Up to 75 patients
- Safety, PK/PD, preliminary efficacy

Based on anti-AXL antibody BGB601 licensed from BerGenBio

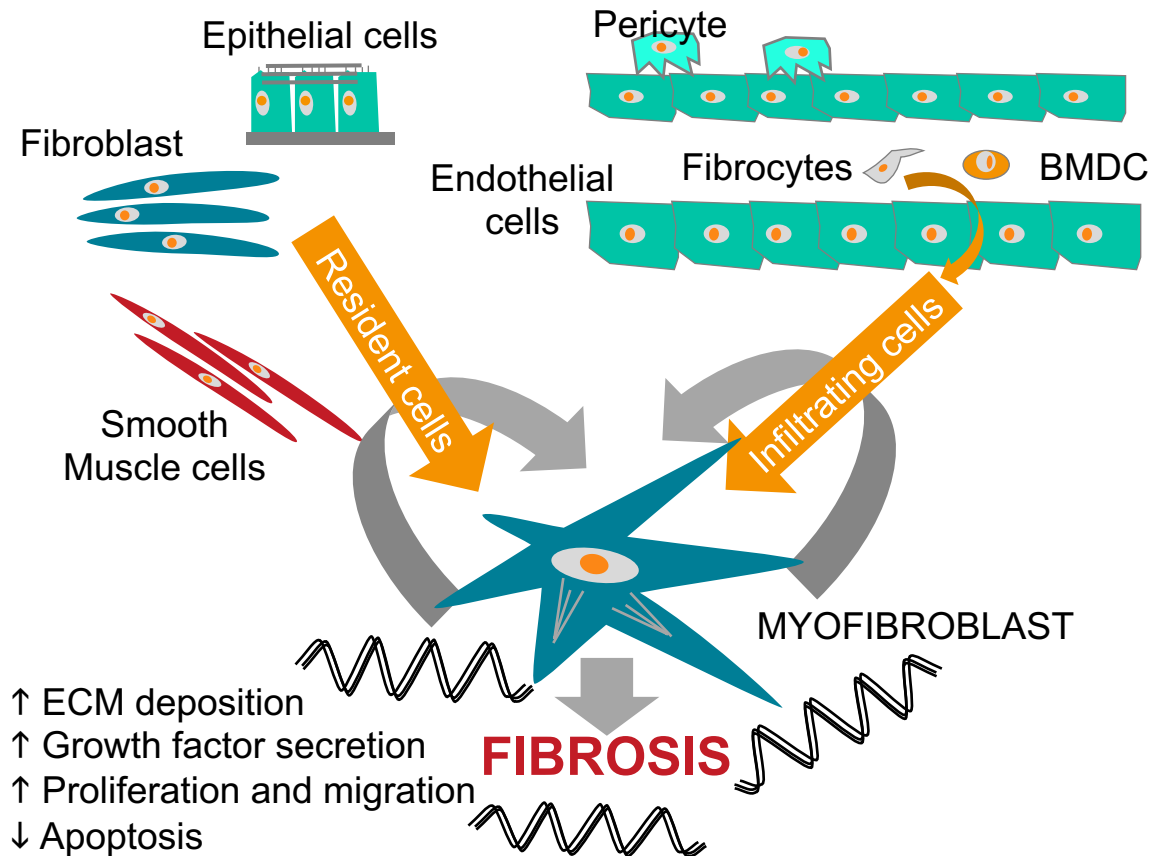
Fibrosis

- Fibrosis is the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue
- Physiologically, this can interfere with or totally inhibit the normal architecture and function of the underlying organ or tissue



The role of AXL in Fibrosis

Cells contributing to the development of fibrosis¹



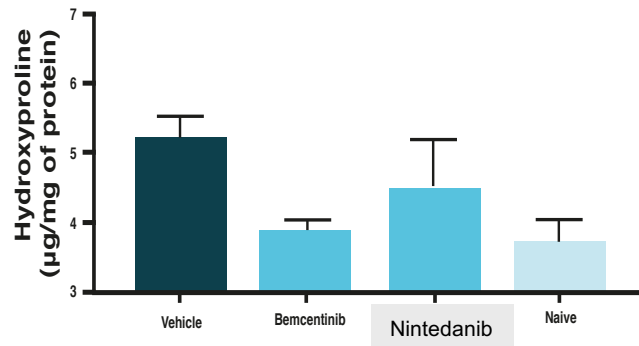
AXL

- Regulates and modulates key fibrogenic pathways
 - TGF β signaling²
 - Mechanosensing Hippo pathway³
 - Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor⁴
- Axl regulates cellular plasticity implicated in fibrotic pathologies e.g. EMT, EndMT, Macrophage polarity
- Axl elevated in keloid fibroblasts and modulates TGF β ¹ transcription⁵
- Axl required for hepatic stellate cell (HSC) activation⁵
- sAxl required for HSC ECM expression⁵
- Pharmacological modulation of Axl inhibits pre-clinical development of Liver (CCl₄/Diet), Renal (UUO), Pulmonary (Asthma, Bleo) fibrosis

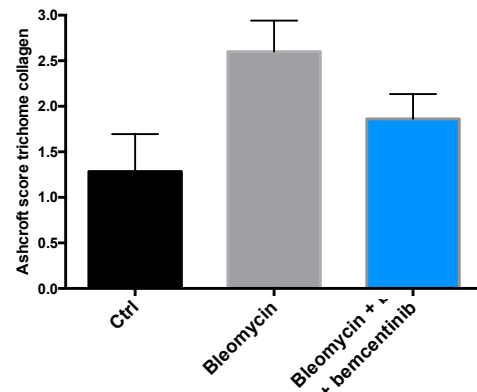
AXL inhibition prevents fibrosis in a panel of pre-clinical models

Lung

Bemcentinib reduces fibrosis in a human xenograft model of IPF¹

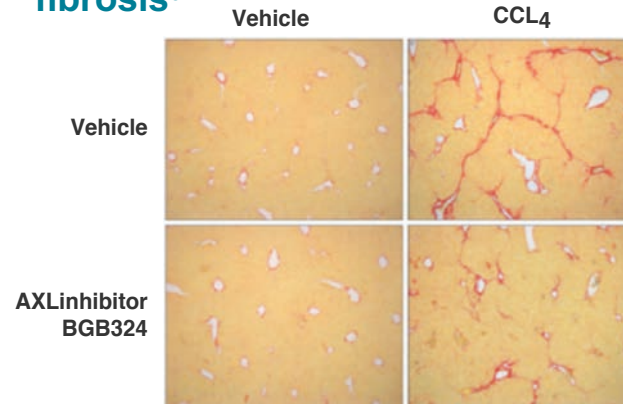


Bemcentinib reduces bleomycin induced fibrosis²

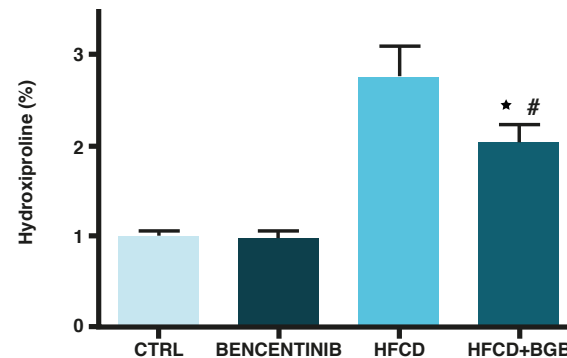


Liver

Bemcentinib reduces fibrosis in the CCL₄-induced model of liver fibrosis³



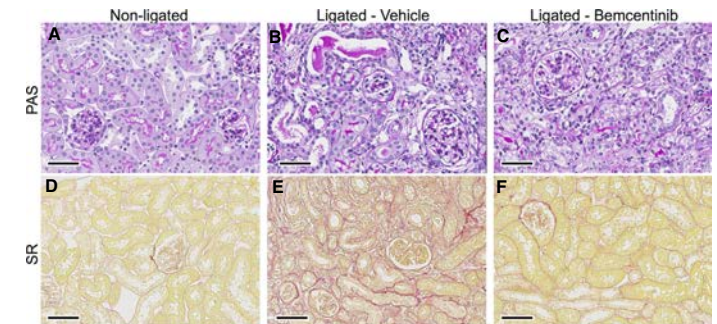
Bemcentinib reduces fibrosis in a diet induced model of NASH⁴



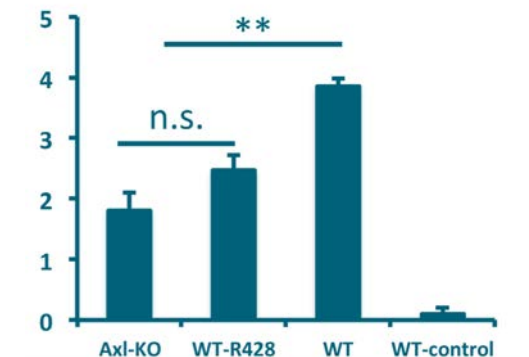
HFCD = high-fat, choline deficient diet
Leads to NASH in animal models

Kidney

Bemcentinib reduces kidney fibrosis following Unilateral Ureteral Obstruction (UUO)⁵



Bemcentinib ameliorates anti-GBM induced lupus like nephritis and improved kidney function⁶



Competitive Landscape

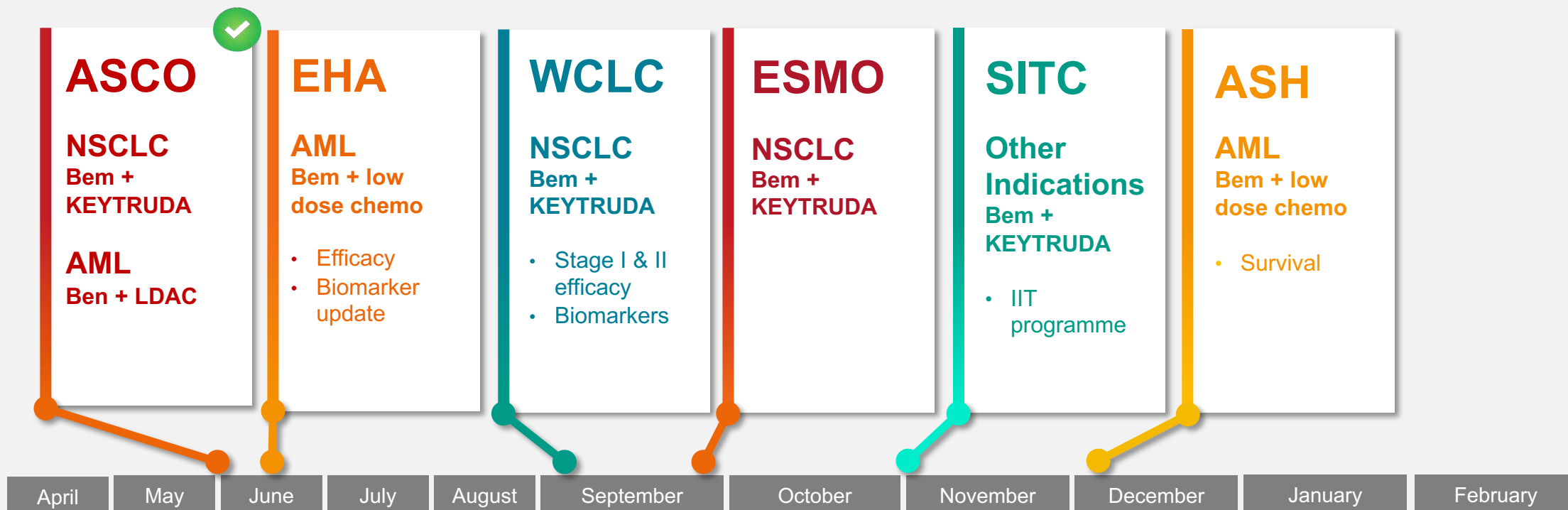


AXL inhibitors - competitive landscape



Newsflow

H2, 2019



ASCO-SITC: Clinical Immuno-Oncology symposium, San Francisco
 ASCO: American Society of Clinical Oncology, Chicago
 WCLC: World Conference of Lung Cancer, Toronto
 ESMO: European Society of Medical Oncology, Munich

AACR: American Association for Cancer Research, Chicago
 EHA: European Hematology Association, Stockholm
 SITC: Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer, DC
 ASH: American Society for Hematology, San Diego

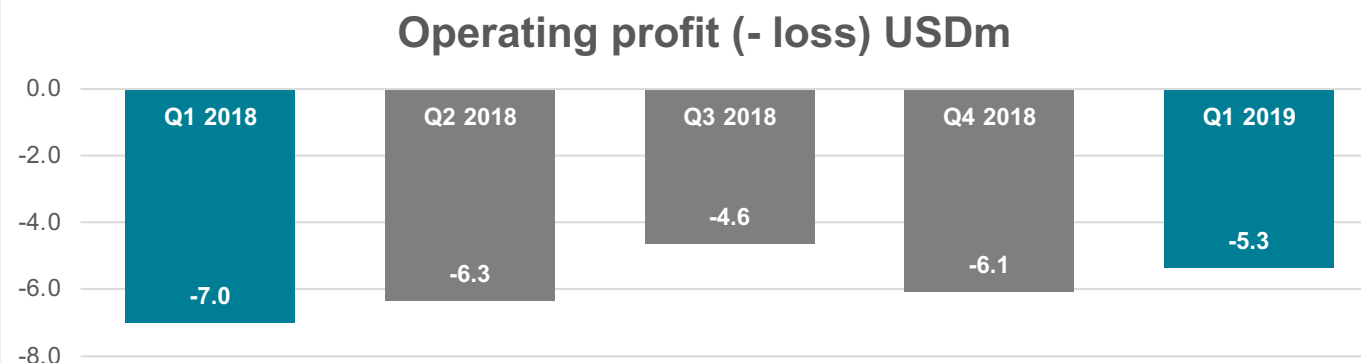


Financials Q1 2019

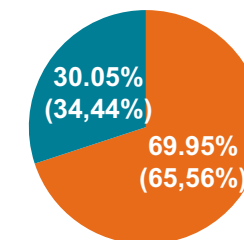


Key financial figures Q1 2019

(USD million)	Q1 2019	Q1 2018	FY 2018
Operating revenues	1.0	0	0,3
Operating expenses	6.3	7.0	24.2
Operating profit (-loss)	-5,3	-7.0	-23.9
Profit (-loss) after tax	-5,2	-6.9	-23.6
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (USD)	-0,09	-0,14	-0.44
Net cash flow in the period	-6.3	-5.2	-1.2
Cash position end of period	35.7	42.3	41.5



Operating expenses Q1 2019 (Q1 2018)



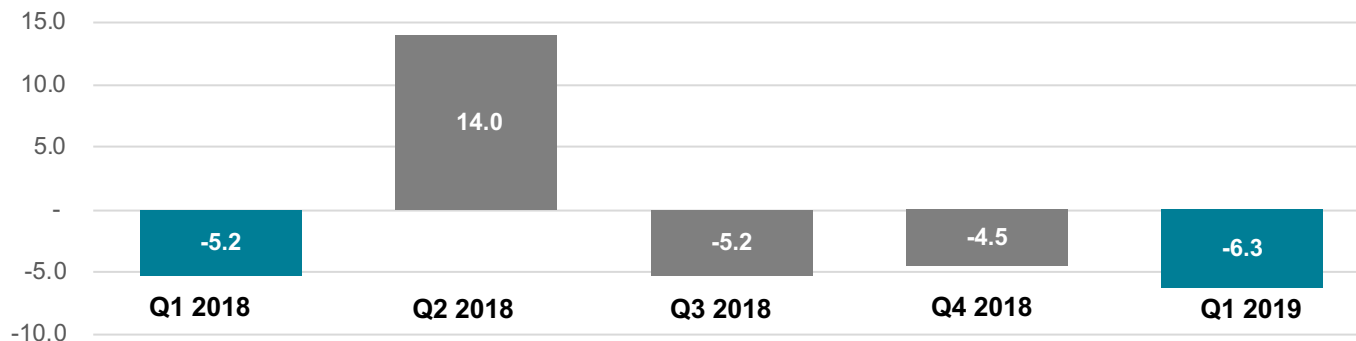
■ R&D ■ Administration

- Effective organisation
- 69.95% of operating expenses in Q1 2019 (Q1 2018: 65,56%) attributable to Research & Development activities

- Revenue USD 1.0 million, clinical milestone licence revenue received (ADCT-601)

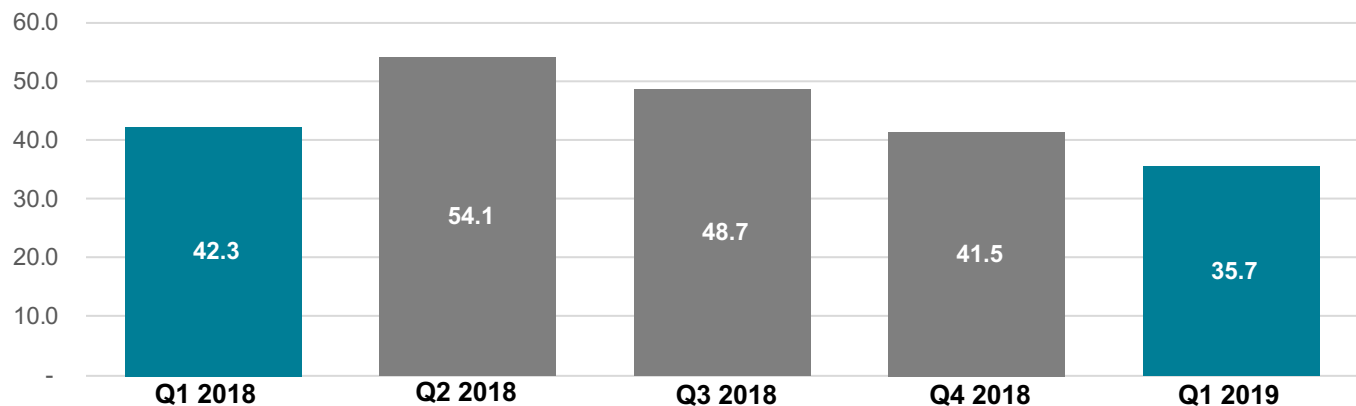
Cash flow and cash position

Cash flow USDm



- Private placement Q2 18 strengthened cash position - gross funds raised USD 24 million (NOK 187 million)
- Quarterly cash burn average (Q118 – Q119) USD 5.9 million (NOK 48.4 million)

Cash position USDm



- Cash position Q1 2019 USD 35.7 million (NOK 306.7 million) - gives runway to deliver key clinical read outs from ongoing clinical studies
- Cash runway into 2020 based on current burn rate

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Appendix



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- Bemcentinib blocks aggressive traits of pancreatic cancer and enhances activity of gemcitabine.
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- Axl inhibition via bemcentinib reprograms immunological microenvironment to increased proliferation and activation of CD4 and CD8
- Bemcentinib and PD-1 blockade act synergistically

Mode of Action & Biomarkers

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- Immune checkpoint inhibitors are most effective against T-cell inflamed tumours. Non-T-cell or T-cell excluded tumours remain a significant barrier to treatment.
- Axl identified as a key mediator of immune evasion and experimental evidence demonstrates Axl targeting leads to greater anti-tumour immune response post radiotherapy.

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- Proteases known as sheddases cleave the extracellular domain of several receptor tyrosine kinases such as Axl generating soluble Axl (sAxl).
- Plasma levels of sAxl are predictive of patient response to standard of care BRAF & MEK inhibitor therapy and could be used for patient stratification strategies.

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- Axl particularly abundant in ovarian cancer subtype designated as mesenchymal (Mes)
- Axl co-clustered cMET, EGFR, and HER2, producing sustained extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) activation in Mes cells
- Bemcentinib reduced tumor growth in chick chorioallantoic membrane model.

Kanzaki, R., et al., (2017) 'Gas6 derived from cancer-associated fibroblasts promotes migration of Axl-expressing lung cancer cells during chemotherapy,' Nature Scientific Reports, Sept 6th.

- Tumor stroma microenvironment (TME) is comprised of cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAFs) which influence cancer cells such as non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
- In a murine model, NSCLC treated with cisplatin induced an up-regulation of Gas6.
- NSCLC line H1299 migrated in response to Gas6.
- The CAF cell line LCAFhert expresses GAS6 and can promote H1299 cell migration.
- Conclusion- CAF derived GAS6 promotes migration of Axl-expressing lung cancers.

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- First line therapy is sunitinib (PDGF/VEGF TK inhibitor).
- 47% of RCC patients treated with sunitinib were +ve for Axl.
- Axl expression in sunitinib treated patients correlated with worse clinical outcome (13 months Vs 43 months survival).

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- Resistant metastatic lung cancers exhibit increased AXL, EMT and PDL1 expression.

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- Axl mediates persistent mTOR activation and upregulated in resistant tumors
- Combined treatment with PI3Ka and either EGFR, AXL, or PKC inhibitors reverts this resistance

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- EMT signature was developed based on 11 tumor types
- Axl frequently overexpressed in EMT tumors along with PD-L1, PD1, CTLA4, OX40L, and PDL2
- highlights the possibility of utilizing EMT status--independent of cancer type--as an additional selection tool to select patients who may benefit from immune checkpoint blockade

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- high Axl in melanoma cells correlates with drug resistance
- BRAF and ERK inhibitors are more effective when using Axl inhibition

Fibrosis

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- IPF patients with high expression of Axl are rapid (declining lung function) progressors.
- Bemcentinib inhibited the fibrogenic phenotype of IPF patient derived fibroblasts.
- GAS6 knockout animals were protected from Bleomycin induced lung fibrosis (Gold standard model of pulmonary fibrosis).
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- sAxl/albumin demonstrated to be further enhancing as a cheap and accurate biomarker.

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- Axl levels paralleled HSC activation
- Axl ko mice displayed decreased HSC activation in vitro and liver fibrogenesis after chronic damage by CCl4 administration
- Bemcentinib reduced collagen deposition and CCl4-induced liver fibrosis in mice.