

Talquetamab, a GPRC5D×CD3 Bispecific Antibody, in Combination With Pomalidomide in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Safety and Efficacy Results From the Phase 1b MonumenTAL-2 Study

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Key Takeaway

With longer follow-up, tal + pom showed promising efficacy and a manageable safety profile consistent with previously reported analyses, which further supports tal as a versatile combination partner in RRMM

Conclusions

- Tal + pom showed rapid, deep, and durable responses; a trend for longer DOR with deeper response was observed, which suggests that pts with a ≥VGPR may have more durable responses
- Neutropenia was worse with the combination than with tal monotherapy, but its frequency was comparable to pom monotherapy^{4,6,8}; there was no evidence of additive hematologic or CRS toxicities
- Similar rates of GPRC5D-related AEs were observed as with tal monotherapy, and the majority were grade 1/2, with few discontinuations⁴; dose reductions were used to manage AEs

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Introduction

- Talquetamab (tal) is the first approved G protein-coupled receptor family C group 5 member D (GPRC5D)-targeting bispecific antibody (BsAb) for the treatment of patients (pts) with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM)¹⁻³
 - In the phase 1/2 MonumenTAL-1 study, tal showed overall response rates (ORRs) of >71% and a clinically manageable safety profile in pts with RRMM⁴
- Pomalidomide (pom), an established immunomodulatory drug, has direct on-tumor apoptotic activity and enhances immune activity^{5,6}
- Initial MonumenTAL-2 results (clinical cut-off date: Oct 2023) showed that the combination of tal + pom led to rapid and deep responses in pts with RRMM⁷
- We report updated safety and efficacy results of tal + pom from MonumenTAL-2

Results

Baseline characteristics

- Baseline characteristics have been published previously⁷
- Briefly, the median age was 65.0 years, 39.1% of pts had high-risk cytogenetics, and 14.3% had extramedullary disease
- Prior treatments included CAR-T (8.6%), BsAb (2.9%), anti-CD38 antibody (74.3%), and pom (22.9%)

Efficacy

- As of April 22, 2024, ORR was 88.6% (Figure 2); additional efficacy outcomes are presented in Table 1
- High ORRs were observed in subgroups, including high-risk cytogenetics (77.8%) and prior CAR-T (100%) or pom (100%)
- Although numbers are small, a trend for longer DOR with deeper response was observed (Table 2)
- Responses deepened over time (Figure 3)

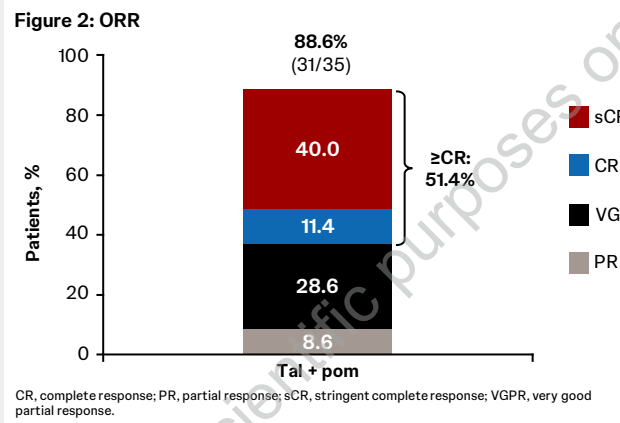


Table 1: Efficacy outcomes

	Tal + pom (N=35)
Median follow-up (range), months	16.8 (1.2–25.1)
Median time to first response (range), months	1.1 (0.0–3.3)
Median DOR, months (95% CI)	NR (12.0–NE)
12-month DOR rate, % (95% CI)	74.4 (53.5–86.9)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	NR (12.9–NE)
12-month PFS rate, % (95% CI)	72.6 (53.9–84.7)

NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

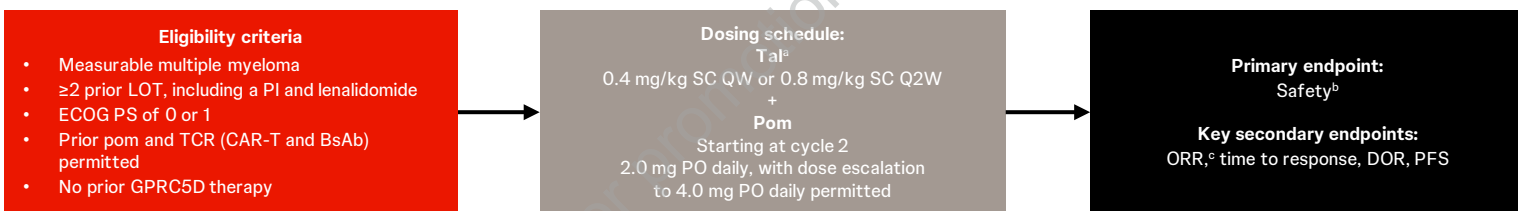
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Methods

- MonumenTAL-2 (NCT05050097) is a multiarm, phase 1b study of tal in combination with antimyeloma agents in pts with multiple myeloma
- The tal + pom treatment arm enrolled pts who were either naïve or exposed to prior T-cell redirection therapy (TCR) or pom (Figure 1)

Figure 1: MonumenTAL-2 (tal + pom) phase 1b study design



^aWith 2–3 step-up doses. ^bAEs assessed per CTCAE v5.0, except for CRS and ICANS, which were graded per ASTCT guidelines. ^cAssessed per IMWG 2016 criteria. AE, adverse event; ASTCT, American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor-T cell; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group; LOT, line of therapy; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PO, by mouth; Q2W, every other week; QW, weekly; SC, subcutaneous.

Table 2: DOR by depth of best response

Depth of response	12-month DOR rate (95% CI), %
PR	0.0 (NE–NE) n=2
VGPR	78.8 (38.1–94.3) n=11
CR	80.4 (50.6–93.2) n=17

Safety

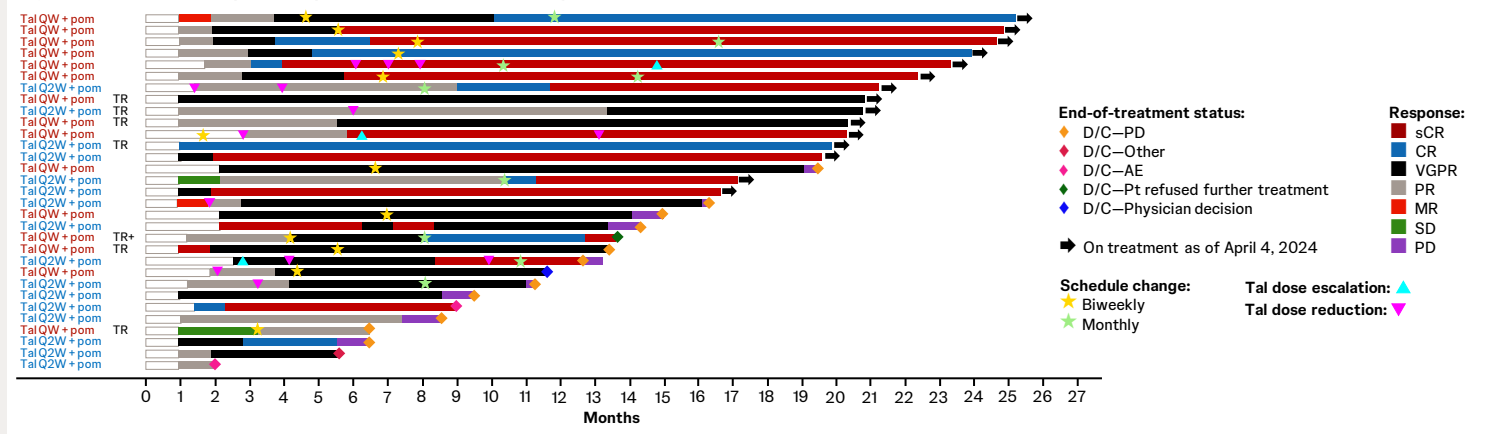
- The most common AEs were taste-related events, infections, and CRS (Table 3)
- Cytopenias were mostly grade 3/4 and generally limited to the first few cycles
- ICANS occurred in 3 pts; all were grade 1
- Taste-, skin-, nail-, and rash-related GPRC5D AEs were mainly grade 1/2, with few discontinuations
- 9 pts had AEs that led to treatment discontinuation
- AEs led to dose reduction of tal or pom in 37.1% and 48.6% of pts, respectively; 65.7% and 77.1% of pts skipped doses of tal and pom due to AEs, respectively
 - The most common AEs that led to dose reduction of pom included neutropenia, peripheral neuropathy, and fatigue
 - Dose reduction and schedule changes were used to manage AEs
- In pts with and without oral toxicities, weight loss was evident early but stabilized and improved over time; a more gradual trend of improvement was noted in pts with oral toxicities
- The most common infections were pneumonia, upper respiratory tract infections, and COVID-19; infections were mostly grade 1/2
 - First-onset infections generally occurred in the first few cycles of treatment
- Consistent with target expression, there was no reduction in total CD19+ B cells during treatment

Table 3: Hematologic and nonhematologic AEs

TEAE ≥25%, n (%)	All patients (N=35)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Hematologic AEs		
Neutropenia	22 (62.9)	20 (57.1)
Anemia	13 (37.1)	9 (25.7)
Thrombocytopenia	10 (28.6)	7 (20.0)
Nonhematologic AEs		
Taste-related ^a	30 (85.7)	0
Infections	28 (80.0)	8 (22.9)
CRS	26 (74.3)	1 (2.9)
Skin-related ^b	26 (74.3)	2 (5.7)
Nail-related ^c	24 (68.6)	0
Dry mouth	19 (54.3)	0
Fatigue	19 (54.3)	5 (14.3)
Pyrexia	14 (40.0)	1 (2.9)
Nausea	13 (37.1)	0
Diarrhea	11 (31.4)	0
Headache	10 (28.6)	1 (2.9)
Rash-related ^d	10 (28.6)	1 (2.9)
Back pain	9 (25.7)	1 (2.9)
Cough	9 (25.7)	0
Weight decreased	9 (25.7)	2 (5.7)

^aIncludes dysgeusia, ageusia, taste disorder, and hyposgeusia. Per CTCAE v5.0, the maximum grade of dysgeusia is 2. ^bIncludes skin exfoliation, dry skin, pruritus, and palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome. ^cIncludes nail discoloration, nail disorder, nail toxicity, nail dystrophy, nail ridging, onychoclasis, onycholysis, and onychomadesis. ^dIncludes rash, rash maculopopular, rash erythematous, and erythema. TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

Figure 3: Treatment response in pts who had ≥PR with tal + pom



Includes both confirmed and unconfirmed responses. +, penta-refractory; D/C, discontinued; MR, minimal residual; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease; TR, triple-class refractory.

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