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INFECTIOUS INNOVATION

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A COVID-19 Timeline Status on 2-18-2022: 421,113,202 Cases and 5,912,871 Deaths

- > 12/31/19: WHO China country office notified of a number of cases of pneumonia of unknown etiology
- > 1/7/2020: The causative agent is identified as a novel coronavirus
- > 1/22/20: Human-to-human transmission confirmed as the virus rapidly spreads around the world. Disease resulting from the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is named COVID-19
- > 3/11/20: WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic
- > 3/18/20: Cases multiply exponentially and more countries begin to take measures to arrest spread of virus
- 1/2021: Multiple vaccines are approved and the world begins a race to vaccinate. Several anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies and three direct acting antiviral agents become available. Death rates fall as countermeasures become available and physicians learn best practices for patient management
- > 2021: Concern increases as variants arise that are vaccine and monoclonal antibody resistant
- 3/16/22: The world has experienced 5 waves (epidemiologically) of SARS-CoV-2 infection with the latest, and largest, wave fueled by emergence of the Omicron variant







Audience Survey Question

ANSWER THE QUESTION ON THE INTERACTIVE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

Some Human Coronaviruses cause mild respiratory disease and some are highly pathogenic. How many Human Coronaviruses exist?

- One
- Three
- Four
- Five
- Seven

* If your answer differs greatly from the choices above **tell us in the chat!**

There are 7 Human Coronaviruses: Four that cause mild Respiratory Disease and Three Highly Pathogenic



Alpha: HCoV-229E, HCoV-NL63 Beta: HCoV-HKU1, HCoV-OC43, MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2

subfamily:

genus:



RNA-directed RNA-polymerases (RdRps): Ideal Targets for Antiviral Therapy

- Viral RdRps are essential enzymes with the dual roles of transcribing mRNA from templates and acting as a replicase to copy genomic RNA; there are no known host cell equivalents
- > Viral RdRps share mechanistic similarities with all nucleic acid polymerases
- > RdRps are the most conserved of the RNA virus encoded proteins
 - Crystal structures to date have shown that all RdRps adopt a canonical "right hand shape" with three conserved sub-domains referred to as fingers, thumb and palm
 - All RdRps contain a series of eight conserved primary sequence motifs, three of which are located in the palm domain and are critical to catalysis
- The overall structural similarity and the conservation of secondary and tertiary structural elements in the palm and thumb domains of RdRps has led to speculation that these enzymes may have evolved from a common ancestor

DRIVE 7

RNA Viruses Encode a Multiprotein Replicase Complex



Nucleosides Play a Critical Role in Antiviral Therapy

- Of the 55 approved antiviral therapeutics for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of viral infections, 28 are nucleoside/nucleotide analogs or include them in a combination dosage
- Nucleoside analogs act as competitive alternative substrates and block nucleic acid synthesis by the virally encoded polymerases
- In general, there is a high barrier to the development of resistance to nucleoside analog polymerase inhibitors. Consequently, they have become the backbone of modern antiviral therapy
- The toxicities of nucleoside analogs are well understood and generally derive from offtarget activity against host polymerases: human DNA polymerase γ and mitochondrial DNA directed RNA polymerase are prime examples
- Nucleoside analogs are amenable to multiple prodrug strategies that can facilitate efficient distribution to the appropriate anatomical site of action







Virus	EC ₅₀ (μM)	СС ₅₀ (µМ)	Selectivity Index	Assay
СНКУ	1.0	338	≥ 300	Plaque reduction assay in Vero cells
VEEV	1.4	> 500	≥ 300	Plaque reduction assay in Vero cells
WEEV	0.73	247	≥ 300	Neutral Red CPE assay in Vero 76 cells
EEEV	0.93	123	132	Visual CPE assay in Vero 76 cells
Human-CoV	0.20	224	≥ 1100	Neutral Red CPE assay in HEL cells
SARS-CoV	< 0.4	139	≥ 300	Neutral Red CPE assay in Vero 76 cells
SARS-CoV-2	0.08	> 125	≥ 1500	TCID ₅₀ viral titer reduction assay in Calu-3 cells
MERS-CoV	< 0.8	20	> 25	TCID ₅₀ viral titer reduction assay in Vero E6 cells
Ebola	4.7	> 100	> 21	Plaque reduction assay in Vero cells
RSV	2.5	> 300	> 120	Replicon assay in Huh-7 cells
Enterovirus-D68	2.3	52	23	Neutral Red CPE assay in RD cells
Rhinovirus	0.48	44	92	Neutral Red CPE assay in HeLa cells
Influenza A (H1N1)	1.1	> 300	> 270	HAU titer assay in MDCK cells
Influenza B (Yamagata)	0.015	> 100	≥ 6000	HAU titer assay in MDCK cells





EIDD-1931 must be Phosphorylated by Host Cell Kinases to its Active 5'-Triphosphate



Mechanism of Action of Molnupiravir: Viral Error Catastrophe

The triphosphate metabolite of molnupiravir can tautomerize and mimic both uridine and cytidine. Through tautomerization of the incorporated triphosphate, pairing can occur with adenosine or guanosine.

Adenosine with uridine mimic







Figure adapted from: Moriyama et al. Nucleic Acids Research 1998, 26 (9): 2015-2111

Kabinger et al. Nature 2021 https://doi.org/10.1038/s41594-021-00651-0

EIDD-2801 is Efficiently Distributed to and Anabolized in Key Tissues in the Pathogenesis of RNA Viral Diseases



Painter et al., Antiviral Res 2019, 171: 104597 doi: 10.1016/j.antiviral.2019.104597

Prophylactic treatment with EIDD-2801 potently inhibit SARS-CoV-2 infection in vivo

SARS-CoV-2 titers in the human lung tissue of LoM administered EIDD-2801 (n = 8 per experiment) or control vehicle (n = 8 per experiment) 12 h before exposure to virus in two independent experiments shown separately (**c**) and combined (**d**)



Wahl, A. et al. SARS-CoV-2 infection is effectively treated and prevented by EIDD-2801. Nature, Vol 591, March 2021

There Is a Very High Barrier to the Development of Resistance to Molnupiravir

Toots et al. (2019) employed both dose-escalation and fixed-dose passaging strategies to induce influenza A virus (IAV) resistance to NHC.

- (i) Gradual dose-escalation consistently resulted in virus extinction at drug concentrations $\geq 4 \mu M$, which is approximately 2-times the EIDD-1931 (NHC) EC₅₀ concentration against representative IAVs in MDCK cells.
- (ii) Serially passaged virus in the presence of fixed drug concentrations: 4 and 10 μM NHC doses were rapidly sterilizing; 1 and 2 μM were tolerated for >10 passages, however, virus replication efficiency was impaired even at sublethal NHC concentrations.

Toots et al. Science Translational Medicine. 2019, 11(515) doi: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aax5866

Urakova et al. (2018) showed that only a low-level resistance of VEEV to EIDD-1931 (NHC) can be developed and became clearly detectable only after 15 passages in the presence of NHC; that resistance [up to 3.2 µM NHC] likely requires acquisition and cooperative function of more than one mutation. Urakova et al. *Journal of Virology.* **2018**, 92(3):e01965-17, doi: 10.1128/JVI.01965-17

Agostini et al. (2019) showed that passage of coronaviruses in the presence of EIDD-1931 yields low-level resistance associated with multiple transition mutations and that EIDD-1931 mutagenesis may hinder emergence of robust resistance to EIDD-1931.

Agostini et al. Journal of Virology, 2019, doi: 10.1128/JVI.01348-19





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Non-clinical Toxicology

- Molnupiravir and NHC were positive in the invitro bacterial reverse mutation assay (Ames assay) with and without metabolic activation.
- In 2 distinct in vivo rodent mutagenicity models (Pig-a mutagenicity assay and Big Blue® [cII Locus] transgenic rodent assay), molnupiravir did not induce increased mutation rates relative to untreated historical control animals, and therefore is not mutagenic in vivo.
- Molnupiravir was negative for induction of chromosomal damage in in vitro micronucleus (with and without metabolic activation) and in vivo rat micronucleus assays.
- Based on the totality of the genotoxicity data, molnupiravir is of low risk for genotoxicity or mutagenicity in clinical use.

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A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, First-in-Human Study Designed to Evaluate Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics of EIDD-2801 Following Administration to Healthy Volunteers

- Concentrations of molnupiravir were generally below the limit of quantification (BLQ) at doses up to 800 mg. At doses of 1200 and 1600 mg, concentrations of molnupiravir were quantifiable at 1 or more time points between 0.25 and 1.5 hours postdose in all subjects.
- EIDD-1931 appeared rapidly in plasma.
- Median time of maximum observed concentration (T_{max}) of 1.00 to 1.75 hours.
- Geometric half-life of approximately 1 to 4.6 hours.
- Slower elimination phase apparent following higher doses.
- Mean maximum observed concentration (C_{max}) and area under the concentration versus time curve increased in a dose-proportional manner.



Painter, W et al., Antimicrob Agts Chemother, February 2021, doi.org/10.1128/AAC.02428.20

PHASE 2 EIDD-2801-2003: Infectivity Key Virology Endpoint

- Viral cultures were done at Baseline, Day 3, and Day 5. Clearance of infectious virus was faster for participants treated with molnupiravir 800 mg compared with participants treated with placebo, molnupiravir 200 mg, or molnupiravir 400 mg.
- On Day 3, the proportions of participants with positive infectivity results had decreased to <u>1/53 (1.9%) in the molnupiravir 800 mg group</u> compared with 9/54 (16.7%), 4/22 (18.2%), and 5/43 (11.6%) in the placebo, molnupiravir 200 mg, and molnupiravir 400 mg groups, respectively.
- On Day 5, none of the participants in the molnupiravir 400 mg or 800 mg groups had positive results compared with 11.1% of participants in the placebo group and 4.5% of participants in the molnupiravir 200 mg group

Fischer, W et al., Molnupiravir, an Oral Antiviral Treatment for COVID-19, doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.17.21258639

Emergency Use Authorization Has Been Granted in Multiple Countries Around the World

Therapeutic indications

• Lagevrio is indicated for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults with a positive SARS-COV-2 diagnostic test and who have at least one risk factor for developing severe illness

Posology and method of administration

- The recommended dose of Lagevrio is 800 mg (four 200 mg capsules) taken orally every 12 hours for 5 days, with or without food.
- The safety and efficacy of molnupiravir when administered for periods longer than 5 days have not been established.
- Lagevrio should be administered as soon as possible after a diagnosis of COVID-19 has been made and within 5 days of symptom onset

Additional information:

- · Elderly: No dose adjustment of Lagevrio is required based on age
- Pregnancy: Not recommended during pregnancy. Use contraception during treatment and for 4 days after last dose
- · Renal impairment, hepatic impairment: No dose adjustment is required for patients with renal or hepatic impairment
- Paediatric population: The safety and efficacy of Lagevrio in patients below 18 years of age have not been established. No data are available
- · Potential to interact with concomitant medications is considered unlikely

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Oral Inhibitors of the SARS-CoV-2 Main Protease for the Treatment of COVID-19

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- PAXLOVID[™] has not been approved, but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA, for the treatment of mild-to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.
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Main protease (M^{pro)} has an Important Role in Viral Replication





RDM Mengist, H.M., Fan, X. & Jin, T. Designing of improved drugs for COVID-19: Crystal structure of SARS-CoV-2 main protease M^{pro}. Sig Transduct Target Ther 5, 67 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41392-020-0178-y

SARS-CoV-2 Polyprotein Substrate and Mpro Function



- M^{pro} exclusively cleaves polypeptide sequences at 11 $\textbf{GIn}~P_1$ sites
- No human equivalent host cell proteases cleave at Gln. Mpro has selectivity attractions.
- Proximal P₂ from polyprotein cleavage site is a leucine >90% of the time

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PF-7304814 is an IV SARS-CoV-2 Inhibitor in Clinical Trials



HRV: Rupintrivir J. Med. Chem. 1999, 42, 1213



SARS: PF-835231 J. Med. Chem. 2020, 63, 12725



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COVID-19: PF-7304814 bioRxiv 2020.09.12.293498

- Human rhinovirus learnings from Rupintrivir identified attractive Gln mimetic P1 lactam
- IV Phosphate prodrug PF-7304814 entered clinical trials in September 2020



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IV to Oral: Design Challenges



- Peptidomimetics are a tough challenge for oral drug space
- AV requires EC₉₀ C_{min} and an associated therapeutic index
- 5 H-bond donors means <0.5% oral bioavailability for '231
- Need permeability, metabolic stability and anti-viral activity



- Crystal structure of PF-835231 bound to SARS 2 M^{pro}
- Extensive H bond network

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Tactics Employed to Increase Oral Bioavailability of Mpro Inhibitors





PF-835231

- Too polar, improve permeability: remove unnecessary H-bond donors
- Preserve P1 lactam for speed
- Implement groups to improve RRCK/take risks on low RRCK compounds
- Choice of cysteine trap affects physicochemical properties
- Take advantage of modularity to progress multiple warheads



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Benzothiazole ketone

- Lipophilic, high MW
- Target small polar P2/P3



Nitrile

- · Polar, low MW
- Options to incorporate lipophilic and higher MW P2/P3

Challenging Need For Certain H-Bonds in Benzothiazoles



Incremental improvement to permeability but why the potency loss?

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Xtal Structure Reveals Cyclic P2 Loses Gln 189 Interaction







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Improving a Backbone Interaction and Engaging the S4 Pocket



H Bonds 3 Enz IC₅₀ 511nM Cell EC₅₀ 4.1μΜ 388 µl/min/mg HLM $7.3 P_{app} AB$ RRCK LogD 4.2 Rat Foral NT



Enz IC₅₀ 36nM Cell EC₅₀ 1.1μM 70 µl/min/mg HLM RRCK 1.7 P_{app} AB LogD 2.4 Rat Foral 7%



Xtal structure overlay with indole shows sulfonamide:

- 1) Fills the S4 protease pocket and
- 2) Improves the H bond interaction with the protease backbone

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P₄ Cap Effect on Permeability

			P NH NH S NH S NH S NH S NH		
H Bonds	3	H Bonds	3	H Bonds	3
Enz IC ₅₀	36nM	Enz IC ₅₀	37nM	Enz IC ₅₀	45nM
Cell EC ₅₀	1.1μM	Cell EC ₅₀	702nM	Cell EC ₅₀	85nM
HLM	70 μl/min/mg	HLM	27 μl/min/mg	HLM	25 μl/min/mg
RRCK	1.7 P _{app} AB (10 ⁻⁶ cm/sec)	RRCK	0.7 P _{app} AB (10 ⁻⁶ cm/sec)	RRCK	13 P _{app} AB (10 ⁻⁶ cm/sec)
LogD	2.4	LogD	2.4	LogD	3.0
Rat F _{oral}	7%	Rat F _{oral}	NT	Rat F _{oral}	48%



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Applying the Lessons Learned from the Btz to the Nitrile

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PF-7321332: Oral SARS-CoV-2 Mpro Inhibitor Candidate





H Bonds	3
Enz IC ₅₀	19nM
Cell EC ₅₀	74nM
HLM	22 μl/min/mg
RRCK	1.7 P _{app} AB (10 ⁻⁶ cm/sec)
LogD	1.7
Rat F _{oral}	30-50%
MWt	499



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PF-7321332 Profile



SARS-CoV-2 Cell EC₅₀ Human Airway Epithelial Cell EC₅₀ = 62 nM Hela ACE2 Cell EC₅₀ = 77 nM A549 Cell EC₅₀ = 56 nM Vero Cell EC₅₀ (+2µM EI) = 75 nM

Coronavirus Family Main Protease Biochemistry IC₅₀ SARS-CoV-1 29nM, HKU1 39nM, OC43 78nM, 229E 113nM, MERS 402nM, NL63 479nM

Coronavirus Family Cell EC₅₀ 229E MRC5 Cell EC₅₀ = 190 nM SARS 1 Vero 61 Cell EC₅₀ (+2µM EI) = 151 nM MERS Vero 81 Cell EC₅₀ (+1µM El) = 166 nM

Human/HIV Protease Biochemistry Panel Selectivity IC₅₀ Cathepsin B, Cathepsin D, Chymotrypsin, Thrombin a, Caspase 2, Elastase, HIV >10µM



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established

· Amenable to synthetic scale up · Good gastric/intestinal stability

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How to Make PF-7321332 on Scale



In vivo efficacy of PF-07321332 in SARS-CoV2 MA 10 infected mice



- 1000 and 300 mg/kg PF-07321332 dosed orally BID (n=6 mice/grp), 4h post infection
- · Viral titers and lung histopath analyses performed on day 4
- PF-07321332 doses cover EC₉₀, prevents body weight loss and lowers viral titer in SARS

CoV-2 infected mice

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In vivo efficacy of PF-07321332 in SARS-CoV2 MA 10 infected mice



- Histopathological analysis of lung tissue from PF-07321332 treated mice
- Untreated mice show evidence of increased perivascular inflammation () and alveolar thickening () compared to treated cohorts

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SARS-CoV-2 infection

- Lung tissues from infected mouse-adapted SARS-CoV-2 at 4 days post infection, fixed and stained with antibody to the SARS-CoV-2 N protein
- Brown staining indicates the presence of replicating virus as demonstrated by expression of the N viral protein.

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SAD Exposures of PF-07321332 +/- Ritonavir in healthy patients



- Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study in healthy adults. 4 received 1332, 2 received placebo
- Co-dosing with Ritonavir (100 mg at t = 12 h, 0 h, and 12 h) increases exposure above the antiviral EC90 value
- Doses were safe and well tolerated



MAD Exposures of PF-07321332 + Ritonavir in Healthy Patients



- 10 day MAD study
- Achieved 5x exposure over the antiviral EC90 value
- · Safe and well tolerated

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Summary



- Targeting H-bond donors, toral PK studies and designing for scale-up paid off
- First oral SARS-CoV-2 protease inhibitor for COVID-19 to reach the clinic 11 months
- Science (2021) 374, 1586-1593

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