

Prophylactic Tocilizumab to Mitigate Cytokine Release Syndrome and Outpatient Dosing of Talquetamab in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: Updated Phase 1/2 MonumentAL-1 Results

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Key Takeaway

A single dose of tocilizumab before the first talquetamab SUD with daily dexamethasone for 48 hours after talquetamab step-up and first full treatment doses reduced CRS incidence and severity vs the overall MonumentAL-1 population

Conclusions

- No increased neutropenia, ICANS, GPRC5D-associated AEs, or infection rates were observed in patients treated with prophylactic tocilizumab vs the overall MonumentAL-1 population
- ORR was similar to the overall MonumentAL-1 population in patients who received prophylactic tocilizumab before talquetamab
- These results support further exploration of prophylactic tocilizumab to facilitate outpatient administration of talquetamab SUDs and the first full treatment doses



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Introduction

- Talquetamab is the first and only approved bispecific antibody targeting G protein–coupled receptor class C group 5 member D (GPRC5D) for the treatment of relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM)^{1–3}
- In MonumentAL-1, cytokine release syndrome (CRS) occurred in 73–79% of patients across cohorts without prophylactic tocilizumab, and 35–47% received tocilizumab for the treatment of CRS (± other interventions)³
- Tocilizumab treatment for CRS reduced the incidence of repeat events,³ prompting investigation of prophylactic tocilizumab before talquetamab to reduce the incidence and severity of CRS

We evaluated the impact of prophylactic tocilizumab on CRS with talquetamab to enable safe and effective outpatient dosing of step-up doses (SUDs) and the first full dose

Results

Table 1: Baseline characteristics were representative of the overall MonumentAL-1 population, with 10 patients treated as inpatients and 17 patients treated as outpatients

Parameter	Prophylactic tocilizumab (N=27)
Follow-up, months, median (range)	4.4 (0.5–18.4)
Age, years, median (range)	69.0 (51.0–79.0)
Male, n (%)	16 (59.3)
ECOG PS 0, n (%)	8 (29.6)
ECOG PS 1, n (%)	18 (66.7)
ECOG PS 2, n (%)	1 (3.7)
Extramedullary plasmacytomas, n (%)	
0	22 (81.5)
≥1	5 (18.5)
High-risk cytogenetics, ^a n (%)	7 (31.8)
ISS stage ^b I, n (%)	15 (60.0)
ISS stage ^b II, n (%)	7 (28.0)
ISS stage ^b III, n (%)	3 (12.0)
Prior LOT, median (range)	4.0 (3.0–11.0)
Refractory status, n (%)	
Triple-class ^c	19 (70.4)
Penta-drug ^d	6 (22.2)
To last LOT	24 (88.9)

^aDefined as del(17p), t(4;14), and/or t(14;16); calculated from n=22. ^bISS staging is derived based on serum β2-microglobulin and albumin; calculated from n=25 (n=2 had missing assessments). ^c≥1 PI, ≥1 IMiD, and ≥1 anti-CD38 mAb. ^d≥2 PIs, ≥2 IMiDs, and ≥1 anti-CD38 mAb. ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ISS, International Staging System; mAb, monoclonal antibody.

Table 2: Reduced incidence and severity of CRS vs overall MonumentAL-1 population

Parameter	Prophylactic tocilizumab (N=27)	MonumentAL-1 overall (N=402)
CRS, n (%)		
Grade 1	5 (18.5)	223 (55.5)
Grade 2	0 (0)	63 (15.7)
Grade 3	0 (0)	5 (1.2)
Onset of CRS, ^a days, median (range)	2.5 (2.0–12.0)	2.0 (1.0–22.0)
Duration of CRS, days, median (range)	1.0 (1.0–6.0)	2.0 (1.0–29.0)
Supportive measures for CRS, ^b n (%)	4 (14.8)	274 (68.2)
Tocilizumab	3 (11.1)	147 (36.6)
Oxygen	0 (0)	25 (6.2)
Corticosteroids	0 (0)	22 (5.5)
Paracetamol	3 (11.1)	206 (51.2)
Other	1 (3.7)	130 (32.3)
CRS recovered or resolved, ^c n (%)	6 (100.0)	496 (99.8)

^aRelative to the most recent dose. ^bPatients could receive ≥1 supportive therapy. ^cPatients could have ≥1 event.

Methods

- Eligible patients were from phase 2 of MonumentAL-1 (NCT04634552)
- Patients had RRMM and had received ≥3 prior lines of therapy (LOT; ≥1 proteasome inhibitor [PI], ≥1 immunomodulatory drug [IMiD], and ≥1 anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody)
- Patients could be treated on an inpatient or outpatient basis
- CRS and immune effector cell–associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) were graded by American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy criteria; other adverse events (AEs) were graded by Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) v4.03

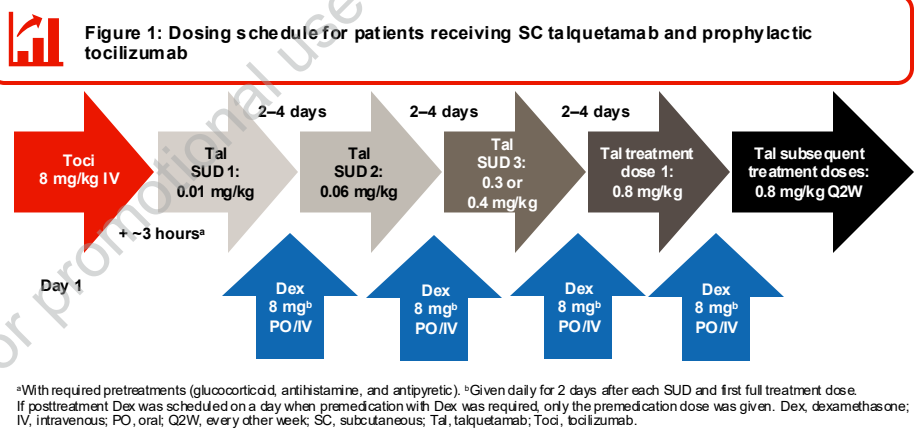


Table 3: Similar CRS incidence and severity in patients treated in an inpatient vs outpatient setting

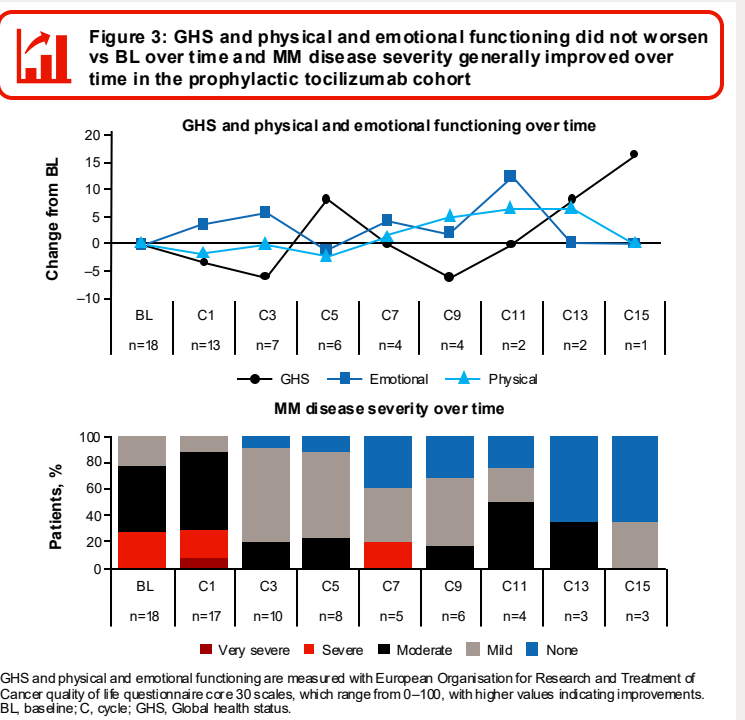
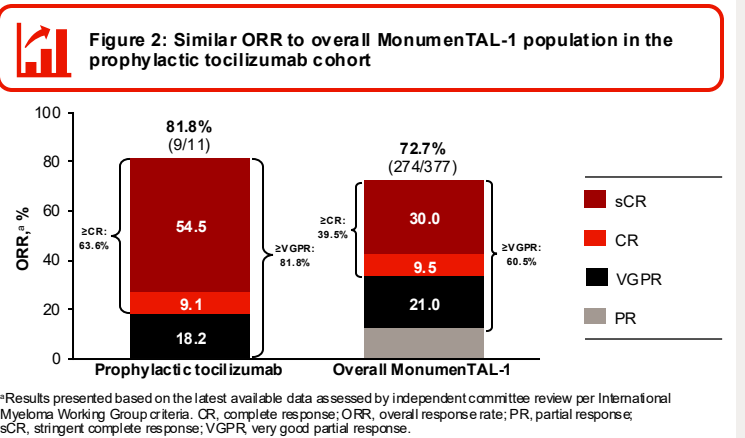
Outcome	Inpatient (n=10)	Outpatient (n=17)
CRS, n (%)	3 (30.0)	2 (11.8) ^a
Grade 1	3 (30.0)	2 (11.8) ^a
Grade 2	0 (0)	0 (0)
Grade 3	0 (0)	0 (0)
Onset of CRS, ^b days, median (range)	2.0 (2.0–12.0)	5.5 (3.0–8.0)
Duration of CRS, days, median (range)	1.0 (1.0–6.0)	2.0 (1.0–3.0)
During SUD dose period, ^c n (%)	3 (30.0)	0 (0)
During 1 st full cycle, ^c n (%)	0 (0)	2 (11.8)
During 2 nd full cycle or after, ^c n (%)	1 (10.0)	0 (0)
CRS recovered or resolved, ^c n (%)	4 (100.0)	2 (100.0)

^a1 patient treated on an outpatient basis had CRS while hospitalized for bone pain. ^bRelative to the most recent dose. ^cPatients could have ≥1 event.

Table 4: No increased neutropenia, infections, ICANS, or GPRC5D-associated AEs compared with the overall MonumentAL-1 population

Most common on AEs (≥20% of total population) and AEs of interest, n (%)	Prophylactic tocilizumab (N=27)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Hematologic AEs		
Neutropenia	9 (33.3)	6 (22.2)
Anemia	7 (25.9)	3 (11.1)
Lymphopenia	6 (22.2)	5 (18.5)
Nonhematologic AEs		
Taste changes ^a	18 (66.7)	NA
Skin AEs ^b	13 (48.1)	0 (0)
Dry mouth	12 (44.4)	0 (0)
Weight decrease	8 (29.6)	0 (0)
Nail AEs ^c	7 (25.9)	0 (0)
Cough	6 (22.2)	0 (0)
Fatigue	6 (22.2)	0 (0)
Other AEs of interest		
Infections ^d	15 (55.6)	5 (18.5)
ICANS	2 (7.4)	0 (0)

^aDysgeusia, ageusia, hypogeusia, and taste disorder; maximum grade for taste changes is 2 per CTCAE. ^bSkin exfoliation, dry skin, pruritus, and palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome. ^cNail discoloration, nail disorder, onycholysis, onychomadesis, onychodystrophy, nail dystrophy, nail toxicity, and nail ridging. ^dInfections described on a System Organ Class basis, and thus not grouped with Preferred Term data in terms of incidence.



Prophylactic tocilizumab reduced CRS incidence and severity and did not exacerbate other AEs of interest, including GPRC5D-associated AEs, infections, or ICANS

Patients in the prophylactic tocilizumab cohort of MonumentAL-1 experienced similar improvements in quality of life to patients from the overall MonumentAL-1 population