Activity of the FGFR1–3 inhibitor infigratinib in patients with upper tract urothelial carcinoma and urothelial carcinoma of the bladder: latest efficacy findings and comprehensive genomic profiling/cell-free DNA data

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Background and methods

- Infigratinib (BGJ398) is a potent and selective FGFR1–3 inhibitor with significant activity in patients with advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma bearing FGFR3 alterations.¹
- Given the distinct biologic characteristics of upper tract UC (UTUC) and urothelial carcinoma of the bladder (UCB), we sought to determine if infigratinib had varying activity in these settings.
- In addition, tumor tissue and cell-free DNA (cfDNA) was further characterized to determine if UTUC and UCB differed in their genomic profiles in patients with advanced or metastatic UC.^{2,3}
- Genomic profiling of UCB and UTUC patients was performed with DNA isolated from FFPE tumor tissue and plasma (cfDNA) obtained prior to treatment:
- Comprehensive genomic profiling of tumor tissue (Foundation Medicine; Cambridge, MA) was used to enroll patients with genetic alterations in FGFR3.
- cfDNA obtained from blood prior to treatment was evaluated by next-generation sequencing using a 600-gene panel (Novartis Labs).



Figure 1. Phase 1 study CBGJ398X2101 design (expansion cohort)

Results

Table 1. Baseline characteristics

Characteristic	UTUC (n=8)	UCB (n=59)	Total (n=67)
Age <65 years ≥65 years	4 (50.0) 4 (50.0)	25 (42.4) 34 (57.6)	29 (43.3) 38 (56.7)
Gender, n (%) Male Female	7 (87.5) 1 (12.5)	39 (66.1) 20 (33.9)	46 (68.7) 21 (31.3)
WHO PS, n (%) 0 1 2	2 (25.0) 6 (75.0) 0	19 (32.2) 30 (50.8) 10 (16.9)	21 (31.3) 36 (53.7) 10 (14.9)
Bellmunt criteria – risk group, n (%) 0 1 2 3	2 (25.0) 3 (37.5) 3 (37.5) 0	10 (16.9) 24 (40.7) 22 (37.3) 3 (5.1)	12 (17.9) 27 (40.3) 25 (37.3) 3 (4.5)
Visceral disease, n (%) Lung Liver	5 (62.5) 2 (25.0)	36 (61.0) 23 (39.0)	41 (61.2) 25 (37.3)
Lymph node metastases, n (%) Yes No	2 (25.0) 6 (75.0)	26 (44.1) 33 (55.9)	19 (28.4) 46 (68.7)
Bony metastases, n (%)			

Figure 3. Responses seen in urothelial patients







Figure 5. Overall survival



- One of the UTUC patients was a 61-year old male with a tumor bearing a FGFR3-TACC3 fusion.
- Following receipt of infigratinib, he experienced a CR per central assessment on Day 55, which was later confirmed on Day 120.
- The CR continued until progressive disease developed on Day 260.

Table 3. TEAEs in >20% of patients (any grade)

n (%)	UTUC (n=8)	UCB (n=59)	Total (n=67)
Blood creatinine increased	5 (62.5)	22 (37.3)	27 (40.3)
Fatigue	1 (12.5)	25 (42.4)	26 (38.8)
Hyperphosphatemia	4 (50.0)	22 (37.3)	26 (38.8)
Constipation	5 (62.5)	20 (33.9)	25 (37.3)
Anemia	2 (25.0)	22 (37.3)	24 (35.8)
Decreased appetite	2 (25.0)	20 (33.9)	22 (32.8)
Alopecia	3 (37.5)	18 (30.5)	21 (31.3)
Dry mouth	3 (37.5)	18 (30.5)	21 (31.3)
Nausea	0	19 (32.2)	19 (28.4)
Stomatitis	4 (50.0)	14 (23.7)	18 (26.9)
Nail disorder	2 (25.0)	14 (23.7)	16 (23.9)
Dysgeusia	3 (37.5)	12 (20.3)	15 (22.5)
Mucosal inflammation	1 (12.5)	14 (23.7)	15 (22.4)

Figure 7. Oncoplots of cfDNA genomic profiles in UCB and UTUC



For UCB, only gene variants were in at least 5% of patient samples are included in the oncoplot that UTUC, all gene variants in patient samples are included in the oncoplot.

- Genomic alterations in genes involved in chromosome maintenance (TERT), cell cycle (CDKN2A, CDKN2B), FGFR signaling (FGF3/4/19) chromatin remodeling (KMT2D, KDM6A), transcription (ARID1A), and signal transduction (PIK3CA) were observed in both UTUC and UCB tumors.
- FGFR3 alterations were concordant in 30/38 (79%) of patients with both tumor tissue and cfDNA at screening.
- A more complex genomic profile with an increased mutational burden was observed in cfDNA from UCB patients vs UTUC patients.

Figure 8. FGFR3 allele frequency and clinical characteristics



- All subjects in this plot have at least one genetic alteration in cfDNA. Subjects with no detectable cfDNA alterations were excluded.
- There was no observable correlation between FGFR3 allele frequency in cfDNA and clinical characteristics such as sum of longest dimension, ECOG score, and sites of metastasis.

res	3 (37.5)	23 (39.0)	25 (37.3)
No	5 (62.5)	36 (61.0)	40 (59.7)

Figure 2. Proportion of *FGFR3* alterations in UCB vs UTUC



- A different frequency of mutations R248C and S249C in the FGFR3 extracellular Ig-like domains was observed in UTUC vs UCB.
- Mutations outside of the Ig-like domains were observed in UCB but not UTUC.

Table 2. Prior anti-cancer therapies

	UTUC (n=8)	UCB (n=59)	Total (n=67)
Total number of lines of prior therapies, n (%) 0 1 ≥2	0 5 (62.5) 3 (37.5)	13 (22.0) 19 (32.2) 27 (45.7)	13 (19.4) 24 (35.8) 30 (44.8)
Total number of prior anticancer regimens, n (%) 0 1 ≥2	0 2 (25.0) 6 (75.0)	1 (1.7) 17 (28.8) 41 (67.8)	1 (1.5) 19 (28.4) 47 (70.1)
Best response to prior anticancer regimen, n (%) Complete response (confirmed) Complete response (unconfirmed) Partial response Stable disease Progressive disease Missing	0 0 2 (25.0) 2 (25.0) 2 (25.0) 2 (25.0)	1 (1.7) 1 (1.7) 8 (13.6) 21 (35.6) 14 (23.7) 14 (23.7)	1 (1.5) 1 (1.5) 10 (14.9) 23 (34.3) 16 (23.9) 16 (23.9)

Figure 6. Oncoplots of tumor genomic profiles in UCB and UTUC



Conclusions

- Different patterns of genomic alterations were observed between UCB and UTUC in this FGFR3-restricted experience, underscoring the distinct biology of these diseases.
- Results with infigratinib in UTUC support a planned phase III adjuvant study predominantly in this population (see Figure 9).

Figure 9. PROOF 302: adjuvant infigratinib vs. placebo for invasive urothelial carcinoma with susceptible *FGFR3* alterations



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