

Remibrutinib's Safety Across Immune-mediated Diseases Supports Development in MS

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INTRODUCTION

Remibrutinib, a potent, highly selective, covalent, oral Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor, is currently being investigated in two Phase 3 trials for the treatment of relapsing multiple sclerosis (NCT05147220/NCT05156281). The highly selective profile of remibrutinib has the potential to result in a favorable safety profile by minimizing off-target effects.

OBJECTIVE

To report the integrated safety profile of remibrutinib using pooled data from completed Phase 2 clinical trials in chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU), Sjögren syndrome (SjS) and asthma, including long-term treatment up to 52 weeks.

METHODS

Pooled data from completed Phase 2 studies of CSU (including 52-week open-label extension), SjS, and asthma were analyzed. Safety assessments included adverse events (AEs), serious AEs (SAEs), and AEs of special interest (AESI). Analyses were conducted for patients receiving

any remibrutinib dose (N=391), and specifically for those receiving 100 mg dose (N=327), using exposure-adjusted incidence rates (EAIRs) per 100 patient-years.

RESULTS

Patients receiving any remibrutinib dose had an EAIR of 260.8 for AEs, the subgroup receiving 100 mg had an EAIR of 224.8. The EAIR for AEs leading to treatment discontinuation was 8.3 for both groups, and the EAIR for SAEs was 4.2 for the any dose group and 2.9 for the 100 mg subgroup. Infections and infestations were the most frequently reported AEs (EAIR - any dose: 68.0; 100 mg: 56.2), mild-to-moderate in severity, with mostly upper respiratory tract infections. Other reported grouped AEs with EAIR \geq 20 were skin/subcutaneous tissue disorders, gastrointestinal disorders, nervous system disorders and musculoskeletal disorders. AESIs, other than infections, include bleeding (mostly minor cutaneous) and cytopenia (rare), which were mild-to-moderate in severity. Overall, EAIRs were generally similar for remibrutinib and placebo.

CONCLUSIONS

This integrated safety analysis confirmed the consistently favorable safety profile of remibrutinib across indications and doses, including 100 mg b.i.d. with up to 52 weeks long-term exposure.

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