

Therapeutic Dose Selection for Belantamab Mafodotin, a BCMA-Targeting Agent, in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma (RRMM): Application of Population Pharmacokinetics (PopPK) and Exposure-Response Analyses

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Background

Belantamab mafodotin (Belamaf; GSK2857916) is a first-in-class BCMA-targeting immunoconjugate¹ being developed as a treatment option for patients with heavily pre-treated RRMM

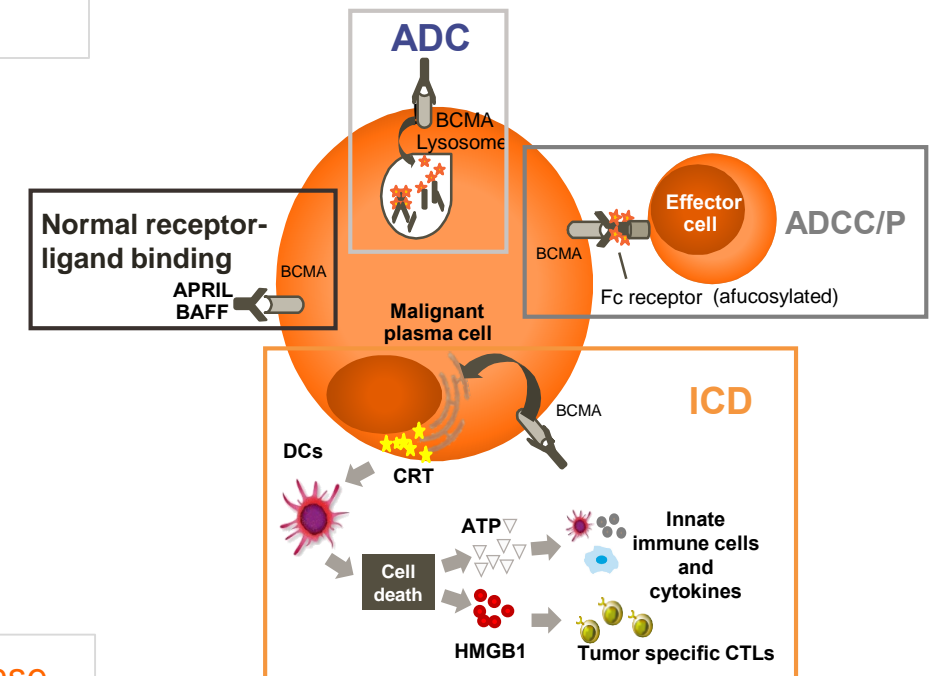
This ADC is comprised of a humanized afucosylated anti-BCMA monoclonal antibody conjugated to a cytotoxic payload MMAF by a protease-resistant mc linker¹

- BCMA is a cell membrane receptor that is expressed on all malignant plasma cells and is essential for their proliferation and survival²
- Belamaf binds to BCMA and eliminates MM cells by a multimodal mechanism of action, including, in part, delivery of MMAF to MM cells (Figure)¹
- In both Phase I (DREAMM-1; NCT02064387) and Phase II (DREAMM-2; NCT03525678) studies, single-agent belamaf demonstrated deep and durable clinical responses with a manageable safety profile in patients with heavily pre-treated RRMM^{1,3,4}

DREAMM-1: belamaf 0.03–4.6 mg/kg IV Q3W^{3,4}

DREAMM-2: belamaf doses 2.5 or 3.4 mg/kg IV Q3W¹

This analysis assessed PopPK of belamaf and cys-mcMMAF and exposure-response relationships for key efficacy and safety endpoints to support monotherapy dose selection



Objectives and Methods

Objectives

- To characterize the **popPK** of **belamaf** and **cys-mcMMAF** in patients with RRMM and identify covariates of clinical interest
- To explore the relationship between exposure of belamaf and cys-mcMMAF and **efficacy** and **AESI** endpoints
- To support the **monotherapy dose recommendation**

Methods - Data

- **PK** samples from patients in DREAMM-1 (n=73)² and DREAMM-2 (n=218)¹ studies were analyzed for belamaf (ADC) and cys-mcMMAF concentrations
- **Efficacy** (IMWG criteria): **ORR, PFS, TTR or TTBR and DoR**
- **Safety** was monitored by **CTCAE** version 4.0 (DREAMM-1) and version 4.03 plus ocular exam scale (DREAMM-2). Grade ≥ 1 , ≥ 2 and/or ≥ 3 **ocular AE (KP, BV, DE)** or **ocular exam finding (OEF)**, grade ≥ 3 **thrombocytopenia** or **neutropenia**, and **IRRs** were captured

Methods – PopPK Modeling

- PopPK models were developed with a non-linear mixed-effect modelling approach using the NONMEM 7.3 software with the first order conditional estimation method with or without interaction (FOCE-I or FOCE)
- **Covariates of Interest:** demographics (gender, race, age, weight), organ function-related (albumin, ALT, AST, bilirubin, eGFR), disease-related (ISS stage, baseline sBCMA, IgG), and others (baseline platelet count, baseline neutrophil count, lymphocyte presentation, immunogenicity)
- Variables with the greatest improvement in objective function were selected step by step for inclusion in the full model ($p \leq 0.01$). A backward elimination process using a cutoff of $p \leq 0.001$ led to the final model
- Cycle 1 exposure (e.g. **Cmax, Cavg, Ctau**) were computed for belamaf and cys-mcMMAF and used in the exposure-response analyses

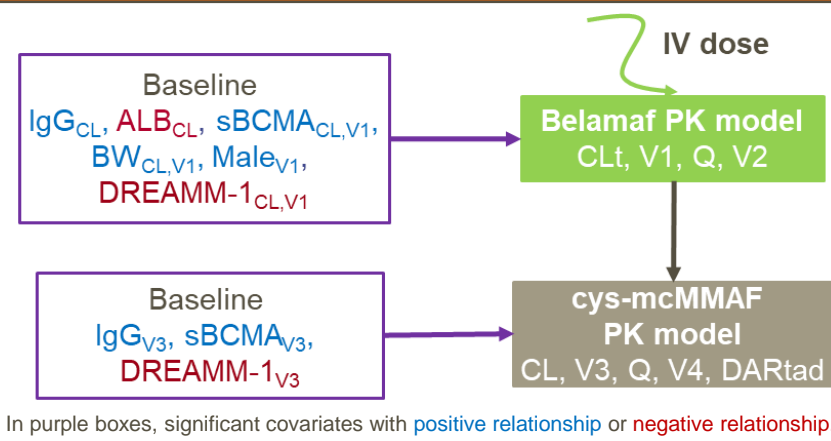
Methods – Exposure-Response Modeling

- Probability of response (PR or better) and occurrence of safety events were analyzed using **generalized linear models**
- Time-to-efficacy (PFS) or safety events were evaluated with **Kaplan-Meier** plot using quartile of exposure and covariates as well as via **Cox proportional hazard models** with baseline patient characteristics and Cycle 1 exposures as continuous variable



Results – PopPK Model

Population PK models – Schema with Covariates



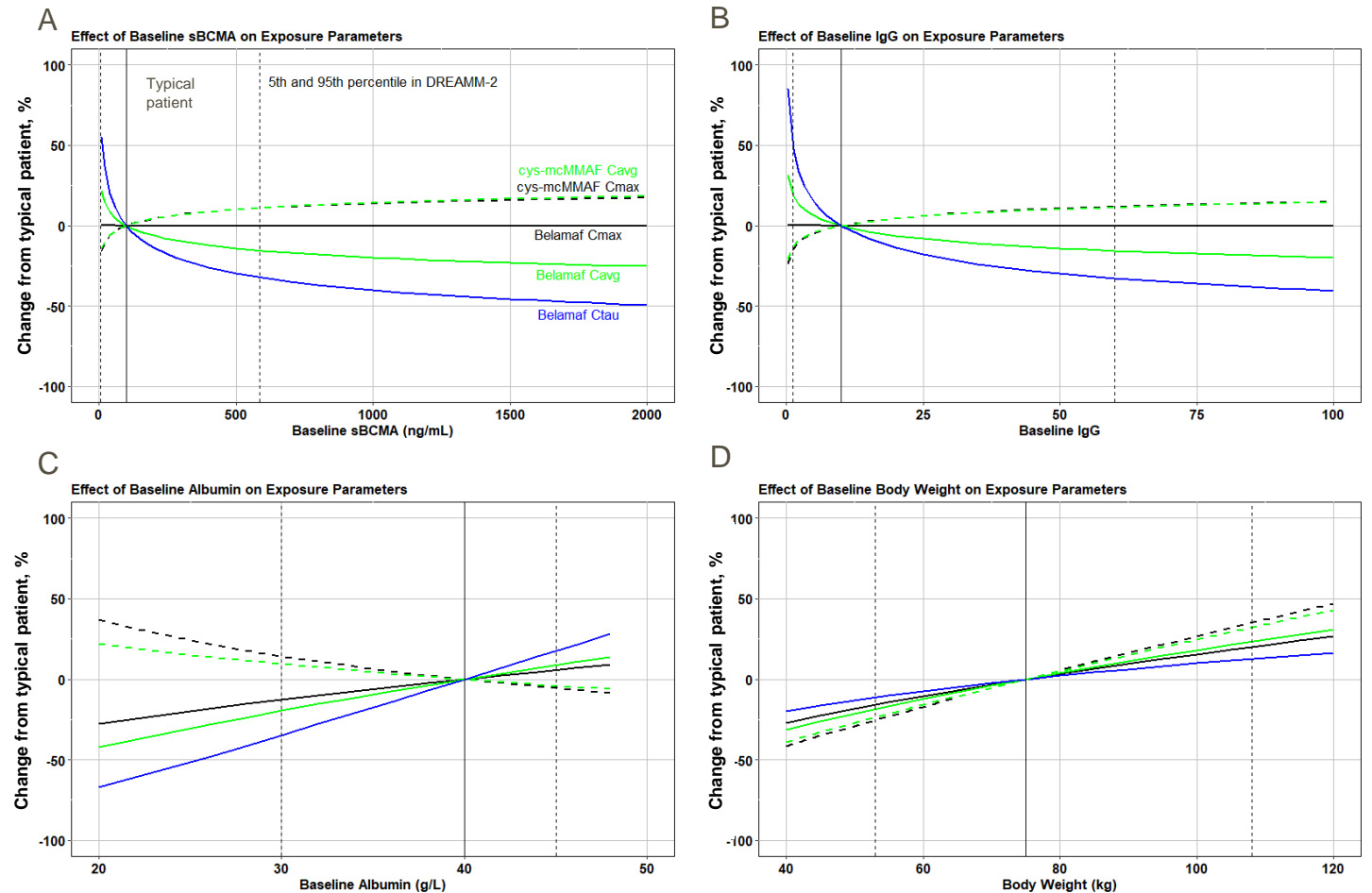
PopPK models – Belamaf

- A two-compartment model with linear elimination with clearance (CL_t) decreasing over time (time to 50% of maximal change: 50 days) described data well
- Systemic clearance: 0.92 L/day on Day 1 decreasing to 0.72 L/day over time; Steady-state volume of distribution: 10.8 L; Elimination half-life: 12 days on Day 1 increasing to 14 days over time

PopPK models – cys-mcMMAF

- A two-compartment model with linear elimination and decreasing cys-mcMMAF:mAb ratio after each dose (DAR_{tad}) described data well

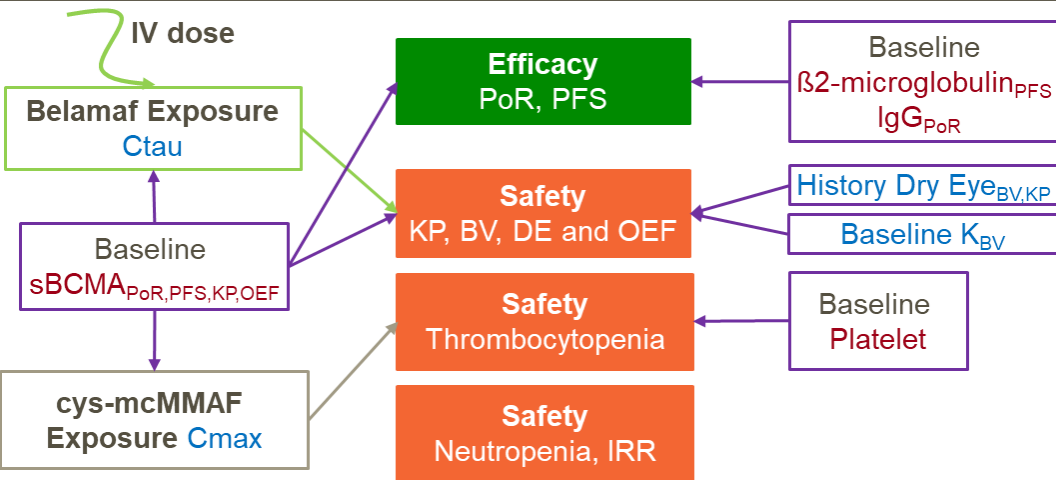
Effect of Key Covariates on Exposure Parameters



Typical patient is a DREAMM-2 patient, a 65-year-old male weighing 75 kg and with mild renal impairment and normal liver function. At baseline, sBCMA level was 100 ng/mL, IgG was 10 g/L, and albumin was 40 g/L.

Results – Exposure-Response

Exposure-Response Models – Schema with Covariates



In purple boxes, significant covariates with **positive relationship** or **negative relationship**.

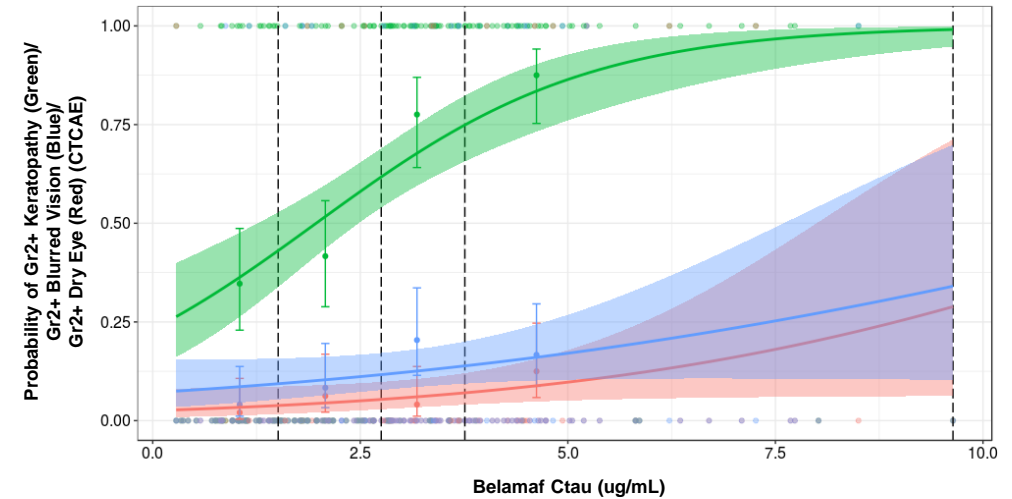
Exposure-Response – Efficacy – DREAMM-2 only

- **PoR and PFS were not related** to drug exposure when accounting for the inverse relationship to baseline disease factors
- **TTR but not TTBR was inversely related** to belamaf Ctau

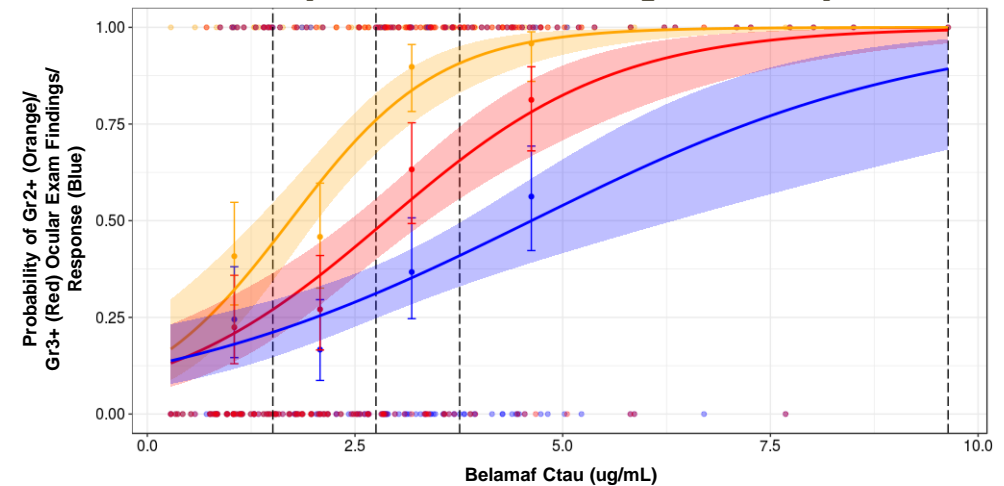
Exposure-Response – Safety – DREAMM-2 only

- **Safety endpoints were strongly associated** with exposure
- **Higher belamaf Ctau** was associated with probability of **developing keratopathy and OEF** and **inversely correlated to time of onset**
- **Higher cys-mcMMAF Cmax and lower baseline platelet count** were associated with increased probability of **thrombocytopenia**

A. Probability of Ocular AE vs Belamaf Ctau



B. Probability of Ocular Exam Finding and Efficacy vs Belamaf Ctau



Conclusions and Contact Information

- Belantamab mafodotin has dose-proportional PK with clearance decreasing over time. Its pharmacokinetics is influenced by patient characteristics, including IgG, sBCMA, albumin, and body weight.
- Increased probability of keratopathy and ocular exam findings and thrombocytopenia with higher exposure or dose was not associated with a commensurate improvement in efficacy in DREAMM-2.
 - Based on an integrated **exposure-response analyses** after accounting for patient characteristics.
- This analysis supports the recommendation of the **2.5 mg/kg IV Q3W** dose for the use of **single-agent belantamab mafodotin** in patients with **heavily pretreated RRMM**.
 - Comparable efficacy of the 2.5 and 3.4 mg/kg dose observed in DREAMM-2

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