Technology/	DBPR728/ A Kinase Inhibitor Targeting MYC Driven Cancers- A				
Title	precision medicine strategy for cancers				
Subtitle					
Technology	Biotechnology	Device/Diagnostics			
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Technology Description	DBPR728 is an oral-available novel Aurora kinase inhibitor which was selected based on its potency to reduce levels of c-MYC and N-MYC oncoproteins. DBPR728 efficiently induces cell apoptosis and inhibits proliferation of several cancer cell lines. Head-to-head comparison of DBPR728 with the phase II investigational drug alisertib demonstrated superiority of BPR6K728 on the regression or suppression of multiple tumor xenografts (e.g. small cell lung cancer, triple-negative breast cancer, liver cancer, pancreatic cancer, medulloblastoma) overexpressing c-MYC and/or N-MYC. In addition, oral administration of DBPR728 at 300 mpk once a week or 200 mpk twice a week showed similar tumor regression potency, as compared to the dosage of 100 mpk 5W for 2 weeks. DBPR728 also showed synergy with everolimus (an mTOR inhibitor) in regressing MYC-overexpressing small cell lung cancer tumor xenografts. No significant hematological toxicity was observed in mice receiving DBPR728 at 300 mpk QW in a 21-day cycle. A PCT international patent treaty (WO 2021/178485) has been filed for this technology. COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES				
	 Deregulation of MYC is frequently associated with poor prognosis and unfavorable patient survival. DBPR728 was designed based on its potency to reduce levels of c-MYC and N-MYC oncoproteins in addition to its inhibitory activity to Aurora kinases. DBPR728 is superior to alisertib in degrading c-MYC oncoprotein in the tumor xenografts. Amplification or overexpression of c-MYC/N-MYC can serve as a biomarker for selection of patients who are potentially responsive to DBPR728. 				

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Intellectual	PCT filed on March 3, 2021
Property	
Key	https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.jmedchem.0c01806
Publications	
Business	Patent licensing, co-development
Opportunity	

Item	DBPR728	Competitor – Alisertib	
Product Description	AURKA inhibitor c-MYC/N-MYC degrader	AURKA inhibitor	
Indication	Cancer	Cancer	
Target Patients	Small cell lung cancer, leukemia, NSCLC, colon cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, neuroblastoma, liver cancer, brain cancer, cholangiocarcinoma	Breast cancer, ovarian cancer, anal cancer, small cell lung cancer, leukemia, NSCLC	
Biomarker	c-MYC/N-MYC amplification/overexpression	NA	
Route of Administration	Oral	Oral	
Dose Schedule and Frequency	(mouse) DBRP728 100 mpk 5W or 300 mpk QW	(mouse) 15/30 mpk BID 21 consecutive days (clinical) 50 mg BID for 7 days in a 21-day cycle	
Adverse Reaction	(mouse) lymphopenia (600 mpk QWx3)	(clinical) neutropenia	
Storage	Room temperature	Room temperature	
Intellectual Property	US, Taiwan and PCT (US, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Europe, Australia, New Zealand)	Global	

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Mechanism of action

General AURKA AURKA PMYC N-term Inhibitors that induce conformation change of AURKA AURKA AURKA Phyc N-term T-loop non flip AURKA Protessomal degradation derived from Dauch D. et al. (2016) Nat Med

Efficacy in preclinical animal models

Cancer Type	Cell Line	MYC status	Superior to alisertib
	NCI-H446	c-MYC amp.	Yes
Small cell lung cancer	NCI-H69	N-MYC amp	Yes
iang cancer	NCI-H146	normal	No
TNBC	HCC1187	c-MYC & N-MYC overexpression	Yes
INDC	MDA-MB- 231	c-MYC overexpression	Yes
нсс	SNU-398	c-MYC overexpression	Yes
Pancreatic	PSN-1	c-MYC amp.	Yes
Medulloblas toma	D341	c-MYC amp.	Yes

Advantages

- Oral administration of DBPR728 showed better tumor suppression efficacy than alisertib in multiple tumor xenografts overexpressing c-MYC and/or N-MYC
- ❖A PCT has been filed for this technology (WO 2021/178485).