



# The trials and tribulations of generating a fully synthetic peroxide based antimalarial drug

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# **Endoperoxide Antimalarials**



ARTEMISININ is a sesquiterpene lactone peroxide and is also known as (qinghaosu), (1). Derivatives such as artemether and artesunate are now routinely used clinically for the treatment of multidrug resistant *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria.





Posner, G.H;. O'Neill, P.M. Accounts of Chemical Res. 2004, 37, 397-404

#### **Endoperoxide Antimalarials - Proposal for the Mechanism of Action**



## 1,2,4-TRIOXALANES v's 1,2,4,5-TETRAOXANES -2 CHEMICALLY DISTINCT GROUPS





# MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY OPTIMISATION Potency;



TPP EXCEEDED

#### POSSIBLE MECHANISM OF ACTION - HEME ALKYLATION



### **Confocal Imaging Studies - Effects of Iron Chelators**

O'Neill, P.M. et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed .***2007**, *4*6, 6278







#### **Desferrioxamine (DFO)**



Drug is added to chamber containing Infected RBCs Cells are washed with buffer; note how drug is retained.

Cells pre-treated with DFO prior to addition of drug Fluorescent drug can be completely washed out

#### Activity Based Protein Probes for MOA

#### 1. Clickable activity based protein probe/ copper catalysed click reaction



#### Labelling profile of P1, P2 and control probes



#### Proteins captured and identified by treatment of 3D7 with Probe 1 (Human and PF-3D7 Proteins)

Score	MW [kDa]	Score	Description Prot	e1(P1) _
600	246.3		Spectrin beta chain, ervthrocyte OS=Homo sabiens GN=SPTB PE=1 SV=5 - [SPTB1 HUMAN]	`´ H I
550	206.1		Ankvrin-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ANK1 PE=1 SV=3 - [ANK1 HUMAN]	
500	39		Merozoite surface protein 1 OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate Camp / Malavsia) GN=MSP-1 PE=3 SV=2 - [MSP1 PLAFC]	
450	-19		Merozoite surface protein 1 OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate ro-33 / Ghana) GN=MSP-1 PE=2 SV=2 - [MSP1 PLAF3]	
400	187		Merozoite surface protein 1 OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate Wellcome) GN=MSP-1 PE=1 SV=2 - [MSP1 PLAFW]	0~/~~
350			Multidrug resistance protein OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate FC27 / Papua New Guinea) GN=MDR1 PE=3 SV=1 - [MDR PLAFF]	H*\  *H
300	142-162		Putative cell division cvcle ATPase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=PF07 0047 PE=3 SV=2 - ICDAT PLAF71	
250	101.7		Band 3 anion transport protein OS=Homo sabiens GN=SLC4A1 PE=1 SV=3 - [B3AT HUMAN]	T -
200	~		Erythrocyte membrane protein band 4.2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=EPB42 PE=1 SV=3 - [EPB42 HUMAN]	
150	2-7		Heat shock 70 kDa protein OS=Plasmodium falciparum PE=2 SV=2 - [HSP70_PLAFA]	>=0
100	4		78 kDa glucose-regulated protein homolog OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate NF54) PE=3 SV=1 - [GRP78_PLAFO]	
50	69		V-type proton ATPase catalytic subunit A OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=vapA PE=3 SV=1 - [VATA_PLAF7]	
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			T-complex protein 1 subunit eta OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=PFC0350c PE=3 SV=1 - [TCPH_PLAF7]	
	90		Hexokinase OS=Plasmodium falciparum GN=HK PE=3 SV=1 - [HXK_PLAFA]	1Ú
	52.		Adenosylhomocysteinase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=PFE1050w PE=1 SV=2 - [SAHH_PLAF7]	
			Selenium-binding protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SELENBP1 PE=1 SV=2 - [SBP1_HUMAN]	1-1
			Elongation factor 1-alpha OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate K1 / Thailand) GN=MEF-1 PE=3 SV=1 - [EF1A_PLAFK] 🚖	
	48-51		Enolase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=ENO PE=3 SV=1 - [ENO_PLAF7]	
	•		Alpha-1-antitrypsin OS=Homo sapiens GN=SERPINA1 PE=1 SV=3 - [A1AT_HUMAN]	
	54		Ornithine aminotransferase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=OAT PE=3 SV=1 - [OAT_PLAF7] 🖕	
	4		Phosphoglycerate kinase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=PGK PE=1 SV=1 - [PGK_PLAF7]	
	5		Solute carrier family 2, facilitated glucose transporter member 1 (Fragment) OS=Ovis aries GN=SLC2A1 PE=2 SV=1 - [GTR1_SHEEP]	
	4		Fructose-bisphosphate aldolase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=PF14_0425 PE=3 SV=1 - [ALF_PLAF7]	
	a .		Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase OS=Homo sapiens GN=GAPDH PE=1 SV=3 - [G3P_HUMAN]	
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	361		Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase OS=Candida albicans GN=TDH1 PE=1 SV=1 - [G3P_CANAL]	
	34 -	_	60S acidic ribosomal protein P0 OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 7G8) GN=RPLP0 PE=2 SV=2 - [RLA0_PLAF8]	
			L-lactate dehydrogenase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate CDC / Honduras) PE=1 SV=1 - [LDH_PLAFD]	
	a l		40S ribosomal protein S3a OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate 3D7) GN=MAL3P7.35 PE=3 SV=1 - [RS3A_PLAF7]	
	e		40S ribosomal protein SA OS=Plasmodium berghei (strain Anka) GN=PB000415.00.0 PE=3 SV=1 - [RSSA_PLABA]	
	6		Hypoxanthine-guanine-xanthine phosphoribosyltransferase OS=Plasmodium falciparum (isolate FCR-3 / Gambia) GN=LACZ PE=1 SV=1 - [HGXR_PLAFG]	
	<u> </u>		GIP-binding nuclear protein Ran OS=Plasmodium talciparum PE=2 SV=1 - [RAN_PLAFA]	
	4		Glutathione S-transferase P OS=Homo sapiens GN=GS1P1 PE=1 SV=2 - (SS1P1_HUMAN)	
			Peroxiredoxin-2 OS=Pongo abelii GN=PRDX2 PE=2 SV=3 - [PRDX2_PONAB]	
			Hemoglobin subunit beta OS=Callicebus torquatus GN=HBB PE=2 SV=3 - [HBB_CALIO]	
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#### In Vitro Activity of RKA182 versus South East Asian Isolates – Thai/Cambodia



## The impact of infection on PK for OZ277



- Significant reduction in drug plasma concentrations in malaria patients...
- Reduced exposure meant that it was unlikely to meet 3-day treatment regimen
- Phase II: Approx 70% efficacy (28 APR) with 7 days treatment

# Pharmacokinetics: *RBC stability; Infected* & *Non-Infected*



# Target product profile For Synthetic Peroxide SUMMARY FOR RKA 182

- Simple synthesis / achiral 4 steps scalable
- Water solubility 4.5 < ClogP < 3. Clog P 2.5
- Activity IC50 < 10 nM in vitro 2-5nM</li>
- *In vivo* activity ED90 < 10mg/kg 4mg/kg
- Acceptable toxicity Ames –Ve HERG –Ve (>10µM) MTD 400mg/kg rat MTD 80mg/kg dog

•ADME profiles (F= >25%) F = 38% (possibly 70%)





#### FULL PRECLINICAL COMPLETED MEETS ORIGINAL TPP



# JC3-39 – An improved Variant of RKA 182



Truncation of Side-chain Key Features

- Maintained Antimalarial Activity
- Increased metabolic stability/simpl profile
- Enhanced Drug Exposure/ F(%) (7
- Less toxic than RKA 182 in repeat dose toxicity studies in preclinical animal studies
  - PK profile and Single dose

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#### Synthetic ozonide drug candidate OZ439 offers new hope for a single-dose cure of uncomplicated malaria

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OZ439 Raises the Bar Cures malaria with a single oral dose in *P. berghei* model (30 mg/kg single dose)

Is more effective (against *P. berghei*) than mefloquine as prophylactic agent (and faster acting)

Exhibits 5-fold lower clearance, and 9fold longer half life than OZ277 (in mice, rats, dogs)

# Has high and reproducible oral bioavailability

Has minimal toxicity in rats, negative AMES and MNT, low hERG potential, and low toxicity in rat whole embryo cultures

#### Goals:

- Investigate blood-mediated degradation (and subsequent in vivo clearance)
- Extend half-life to enhance exposure/Increase Metabolic stability
- Strategy:
- Modify structure of JC-3-39 to include OZ439 Tetraoxane Hybrids.
- Modifications intended to alter logD, pKa and Fe(II) stability









★ Shanghai Chem Partners data; may Underestimate T1/2 based on Timepoints used.



# Key Results - In vitro activity

Code	Structure	IC50(nM) vrs 3D7
OZ439		$8.0\pm0.3$
TDD-N205		1.3 ± 0.1
TDD-E209		5.1 ± 0.81
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In vitro IC50 values for TDD-E209 against several sensitive and resistant strains of the malarial parasite.

Parasite strain	IC50 (nM)	ART	Chloroquine
*NF54	$5.2\pm1.0$	4.7 ± 1.0	5.9 ± 1.0
#K1	$4.2\pm0.8$	$2.8\pm0.6$	173.0 ± 29.5
*HB3	$\textbf{4.2}\pm\textbf{0.8}$	$\textbf{2.8}\pm\textbf{0.6}$	9.0 ± 1.5
#7G8	$2.9\pm0.6$	1.8 ± 0.4	55.0 ± 9.4
#TM90C2B	7.3 ± 1.4	$3.8\pm0.8$	$121.0 \pm 20.6$
*D6	8.5 ±1.6	5.8 ± 1.2	8.6 ± 1.5
#V1/S	$4.2\pm0.8$	$2.7\pm0.6$	$193.5\pm33.0$
<sup>#</sup> Dd2	7.7 ± 1.5	5.4 ± 1.1	150.5 ± 25.7
#FCB	14.0 ± 2.7	5.8 ± 1.2	66.0 ± 11.3



# In vivo activity and Average mouse survival

Code	% Activity	Average mouse survival Following 30mg/kg dose
OZ439	99.4	<mark>30 (30, 30, 30</mark> )
#TDD-N205	99.42	26.3 (16, <mark>30, 30</mark> )
#TDD-E209	99.65	25.0 (15, <mark>30, 30</mark> )
<sup>1</sup> TDD-N205 Mesylate	99.30	25.0 (13, <mark>30, 30</mark> )
<sup>2</sup> TDD-E209 Mesylate	99.42	13.7 (13,14, 14)
Control	-	4.0 (4, 4, 4)

- Mean survival times were vehicle dependent.
- The citric acid formulation of E209 gave 2/3 cures whilst the mesylate salt gave no cures.
- Both the citric acid formulation the mesylate salts of N205 gave 2/3 cures.
- OZ439 consistently gave 3/3 cures.



# Therapeutic Efficacy of TDD-E209, TDD-N205







Method of	Goodness	Parameter	Mean	Interval of confidence of	Unit of		
estimation	of fit			the mean at 95% (IC <sub>95</sub> )	parameter		
TDD-E209							
log fit	0.99	ED <sub>90</sub>	11.6	10.5-13	mg∙kg⁻¹		
log fit	0.99	AUC <sub>ED90</sub>	1.2	1-1.4	µg∙h∙ml⁻¹		
log fit	0.99	AUC <sub>PCC</sub>	3	2.3-4.4	µg∙h∙ml⁻¹		
TDD-N205							
log fit	0.99	ED <sub>90</sub>	8.6	7.7-9.6	mg∙kg⁻¹		
log fit	-	AUC <sub>ED90</sub>	< 0.75	-	µg∙h∙ml⁻¹		
*OZ439							
log fit	0.99	ED <sub>90</sub>	6.0	5.65-6.9	mg∙kg⁻¹		
log fit	0.99	AUC <sub>ED90</sub>	0.68	0.6-0.9	µg∙h∙ml⁻¹		

- No cures were observed at the dose levels administered for N205, E209 and OZ439.
- All compounds were fast acting.



# **Current status**

TDD-E209 and TDD-N205 have been identified as potential late leads

- in vitro potency
- DMPK single dose cure
- Iron stability
- X resistance studies (ongoing)
- Superior to OZ469
- non-GLP pre-clinical studies completed Q1 2014
- CANDIDATE DECLARATION Q1 2014



# Summary



Third Generation Tetraoxanes Show promise for full development

Several Analogues discovered with superior properties to OZ277, RKA 182 and all semi-synthetics artemisinins. OZ439 still remains the gold standard in mouse PD model Single dose PoC?

Clearly extending T<sub>1/2</sub> for this class of drug has implications in terms of potential toxicity (neurotoxicity, embryotoxicity) and this aspect will be addressed Should TPP1 features be achieved.

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