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Semi-mechanistic PK/PD Model of the Effect of Odanacatib (ODN), a Cathepsin K Inhibitor, on Bone Turnover to Characterize Lumbar Spine Bone Mineral Density in Two Phase II Studies of Postmenopausal Women



Objectives

- Develop a semi-mechanistic population PK/PD model to simultaneously characterize the time course of the bone resorption biomarker uNTx (urinary amino-terminal crosslinked telopeptides of Type 1 collagen) and the corresponding lumbar spine BMD response following long-term onceweekly ODN treatment.
- Incorporate relevant mechanistic and empiric model components based on known ODN effects and bone turnover biology to best describe several unique features observed in the dose-concentration-response relationship.





Study Design and Analysis Data

- Data for modeling were collected from a total of 657 postmenopausal women with low bone density enrolled in 2 Phase II trials.
- Dosing regimens: 3, 10, 25, or 50 mg ODN or placebo administered orally once-weekly.
- In one trial (n=391 women), patients who completed 2 years of treatment were re-randomized to either placebo or 50 mg ODN and followed for an additional 1 year.
- ODN plasma concentrations, bone resorption biomarker uNTx (normalized to creatinine), and lumbar spine bone mineral density (measured by DEXA) were collected periodically throughout each study





Mean Biomarker and BMD Response Profiles

) "3-mg Phenomenon":

Non-monotonic dose-response relationship. Lowest dose (red line) yields unwanted increase in biomarker production and resultant lowering of BMD relative to placebo

(2) Time-Dependent Upward Drift:

Consistent (non-artifactual) and slow upward trend in biomarker conc's in response to active Tx

(3) Transient Early 'Burst' in BMD: Short-term accelerated increase in BMD (observed in both placebo and Tx) likely due to concomitant Ca⁺⁺/Vit D supplementation

(4) Rapid Post-Tx Rebound in uNTx:

Relatively fast rebound in biomarker conc's above baseline levels after Tx discontinuation. Concurrent rapid decline in BMD in excess of normal bone turnover process.

(5) Resolution of Effects:

Prolonged return of biomarker back to baseline levels





Parameter Estimates From the Population PK/PD Model

	Final Parameter Estimate		Magnitude of Interindividual Variability (%CV)	
	Population		Final	
Parameter	Mean	%SEM	Estimate	%SEM
R _{DEP} , ratio of inactive to active osteoclasts	0.050	FIXED	NA	NA
T5 _{CLA} , osteoclast half-life ^a (days)	28	FIXED		
K _{DEP} , rate of exchange to inactive osteoclast pool (1/day)	0.144	FIXED		
$V_{M'}$ maximum transfer velocity from inactive to active osteoclast pool ^b (relative osteoclasts/day)	0.304	FIXED		
K_{M} , relative amount of osteoclasts at 50% V_{M}	0.0561	13.3	NE	NE
IMAX _c , maximum fractional inhibition of osteoclast effects	0.721	9.31		
IC50 _c , concentration at 50% of maximum inhibition of osteoclast effects (nM)	17.0	24.6		
N, Hill coefficient for inhibition of osteoclast effects	1.14	36.2		
K _{OUT} , first-order uNTx/Cr removal rate constant (1/day)	1.61	28.9		
IMAX _R , maximum fractional inhibition of resorption	0.680	4.22	25.9	38.3
IC50 _R , concentration at 50% IMAX _R (nM)	38.5	10.4	70.7	28.5
H, Hill coefficient for inhibition of resorption	1.54	10.7	NE	NE
K _{ST(FORM)} , zero-order stationary IsBMD formation rate constant (gm/cm ² /day)	9.16×10 ⁻⁵	7.17	53.4	18.4
K _{TV(FORM)} , zero-order time-varying IsBMD formation rate constant (gm/cm ² /day)	5.03×10 ⁻⁴	19.9	237	23.8
K _{RES} , first-order BMD resorption rate constant (1/day)	1.33×10 ⁻⁴	7.65	NE	NE
TD _{MAX} , maximum fractional reduction in K _{TV(FORM)} over time	1.00	FIXED	NA	NA
T ₅₀ , time at 50% of TD _{MAX} (days)	7.03	18.6	NE	NE
Effect of baseline uNTx/Cr on IC50 _R (power)	-0.879	14.0	NA	NA
Ratio of additive/proportional RV components for uNTx/Cr^e in Study P004 ($\sigma_2^{}/\sigma_1^{})$	27.1	21.4		
Ratio of additive/proportional RV components for uNTx/Cr ^e in Study P022 (σ_2/σ_1)	12.7	63.2		
Proportional RV component for uNTx/Cr in Study P004 (σ_1)	0.0709	16.6		
Proportional RV component for uNTx/Cr in Study P022 (σ_1)	0.0884	31.7		
RV for BMD in Study P004 (%CV)	2.04	6.06		
RV for BMD in Study P022 (%CV)	1.90	7.95		

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^a The fixed value of $T5_{CLA} = 28$ days translates into a fixed value for $KC_{AGE} = 0.02475$ day⁻¹.

^b V_M not directly estimated, but calculated via the equation: $V_M = K_{DEP} \times (K_M + R_{DEP})/R_{DEP}$.

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Goodness of Fit Plots for the Population PK/PD Model

uNTx

LS-BMD





1.0

1.2

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1.6

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Representative Visual Predictive Checks



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Exposure-Response Profiles for Osteoclast Cycling and Bone Resorption and Corresponding Osteoclast Profiles



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Model-Predicted Typical Profiles for uNTx Biomarker and LS-BMD by Dose Regimen





Conclusions

- A semi-mechanistic population PK/PD model incorporating two inhibitory sigmoid Emax exposure-response relationships (osteoclast effects and resorption inhibition) simultaneously characterized the time-course of the bone resorption biomarker uNTx/Cr and primary efficacy endpoint IsBMD across all doses, including both on-treatment and treatment washout responses.
- The non-monotonic dose-response relationship at the low 3 mg dose derives from a modest difference in the drug potency for the two drug effects (osteoclast effects IC50_c of 17.0 nM and resorption inhibition IC50_R of 38.5 nM).
- The resolution of uNTx/Cr and BMD response after cessation of odanacatib treatment was characterized in the model by a build-up of osteoclast numbers during therapy, which subsequently contribute to the transient rebound effects observed during washout.





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