The pharmacokinetic interaction between isoniazid/pyrazinamide and TMC207, an investigational antimycobacterial agent

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Introduction

- TMC207 (also known as R207910) is an investigational anti-tuberculosis agent specifically directed against mycobacterial ATP-synthase1.
- TMC207 has shown potent in-vitro activity against M tuberculosis (MTB) including strains resistant to all first line agents and fluoroquinolones.
- TMC207 has shown significant short-term activity in treatment naïve patients with smear-positive tuberculosis².

¹Andries, K et al. Science 2005; 307:223-7. ²Diacon AH et al. IUATLD Conference, October 31-November 4, 2006

Background and Objective

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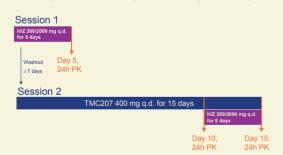
- Treatment of tuberculosis requires a combination of several antimycobacterial agents, often including agents such as isoniazid and pyrazinamide.
- The effect of TMC207 on isoniazid/pyrazinamide and vice versa is unknown.

Objective

 To investigate the drug-drug interaction between TMC207 and isoniazid/pyrazinamide (H/Z) after multiple dosing in healthy subjects.

Study design

• One-way cross-over study in 24 healthy male subjects



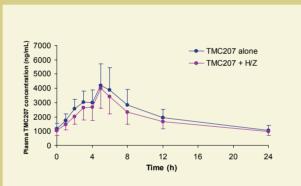
Study methods

- TMC207 was administered at a dose of 400 mg q.d.
- Isoniazid/pyrazinamide (H/Z) were simultaneously co-administered at a dose of 300/2000 mg q.d.
- All drugs were administered with food
- Bioanalysis of all drugs as well as M2, an active metabolite of TMC207, was carried out by validated LC-MS/MS methods
- • Non-compartmental PK analysis was performed (C $_{\rm max}$, C $_{\rm min}$, C $_{\rm 0h}$ and AUC $_{\rm 24h}$)
- Statistical analysis of pharmacokinetic parameters was performed by linear mixed effects modeling (LSM ratio and 90% confidence intervals)
- The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the appropriate institutional ethics committee and health authorities, and was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki

Study population

Characteristic	Value	
N	24 (all male)	
Age* (years)	24 (18-38)	
Weight* (kg)	79.5 (60-101)	
BMI* (kg/m²)	24.4 (20-30)	
Ethnic origin (n)		
Caucasian	23	
Hispanic	1	

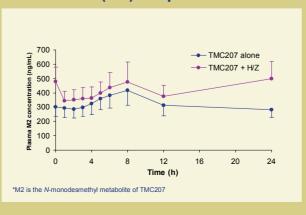
TMC207 mean (SD) PK profiles



TMC207 PK parameters (mean and SD) and statistical results

	TMC207 alone	TMC207 + H/Z*	LSM ratio	90% CI
n	22	22		
C _{min} ng/mL)	1062 ± 342	971 ± 290	0.92	0.88-0.96
c _{max} ng/mL)	4408 ± 1532	4115 ± 1316	0.94	0.89-1.00
AUC _{24h} ng*h/mL)	51360 ± 15750	44790 ± 13690	0.87	0.84-0.91

M2* mean (SD) PK profiles

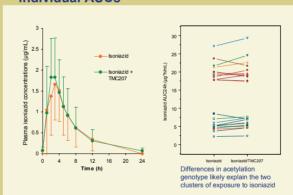


M2* PK parameters and statistical results

	TMC207 alone	TMC207 + H/Z	LSM ratio	90% CI
n	22	22		
C _{min} (ng/mL)	269 ± 58	334 ± 69	1.24	1.20-1.29
C _{max} (ng/mL)	427 ± 101	546 ± 122	1.28	1.21-1.35
AUC _{24h} (ng*h/mL)	7858 ± 1840	10130 ± 2063	1.30	1.25-1.34

*M2 is the N-monodesmethyl metabolite of TMC207

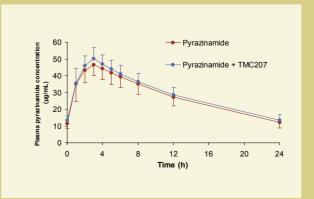
Isoniazid mean (SD) PK profiles and individual AUCs



Isoniazid PK parameters (mean and SD) and statistical results

	Isoniazid alone*	Isoniazid + TMC207	LSM ratio	90% CI
1	23	22		
ο _{οh} μg/mL)	0.068 ± 0.072	0.076 ± 0.085	1.20	1.08-1.32
ς _{max} μg/mL)	2.03 ± 0.93	2.35 ± 0.93	1.20	1.09-1.33
AUC _{24h} µg*h/mL)	13.1 ± 8.08	13.3 ± 8.24	1.07	1.02-1.11

Pyrazinamide mean (SD) PK profiles



Pyrazinamide PK parameters (mean and SD) and statistical results

	Pyrazinamide alone*	Pyrazinamide + TMC207	LSM ratio	90% CI
n	23	22		
C _{min} (µg/mL)	11.5 ± 3.19	13.2 ± 2.79	1.18	1.12-1.25
C _{max} (µg/mL)	47.4 ± 6.80	51.4 ± 5.84	1.10	1.07-1.14
AUC _{24h} (μg*h/mL)	673 ± 120	710 ± 94.5	1.08	1.06-1.11

*Pyrazinamide was always co-administered with isoniazid

Safety and tolerability

- TMC207 alone or in combination with H/Z was generally well tolerated.
- No deaths or serious Adverse Events (AEs) were reported during this trial.
- The most common AE was G3/4 hyperuricemia during treatment with H/Z alone or in combination with TMC207 (reported in 10 subjects). Hyperuricemia is a well-known effect of pyrazinamide.
- Other AEs reported in more than 2 subjects included headache (n=5), erythema (n=5), pharyngolaryngeal pain (n=3)
- One subject discontinued the trial due to G3 pyrexia during treatment with TMC207.

Conclusions

- TMC207 did not have a clinically relevant effect on either isoniazid or pyrazinamide pharmacokinetics.
- The combination of isoniazid and pyrazinamide did not have a clinically relevant effect on TMC207 or M2 pharmacokinetics.
- These results support further evaluation of TMC207 in combination with isoniazid and/or pyrazinamide in patients with tuberculosis.

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