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SPR720: Novel Oral Therapy for Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial (NTM) Infections

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Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM): A Rare Chronic Infectious Disease



Progressive lung disease

Infection caused by environmental pathogen

Common in COPD, bronchiectasis, asthma, and CF



Increasing Prevalence

50,000-100,000 patients in U.S. suffer from NTM

8% annual increase in prevalence predicted year-over-year in the U.S.



Significant Unmet Need

5-yr mortality rate of 35%

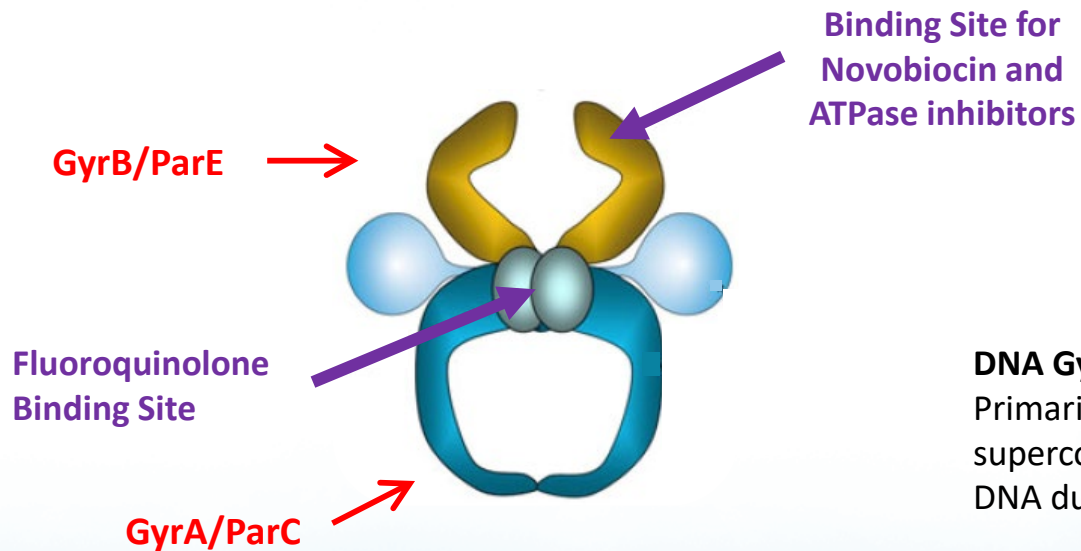
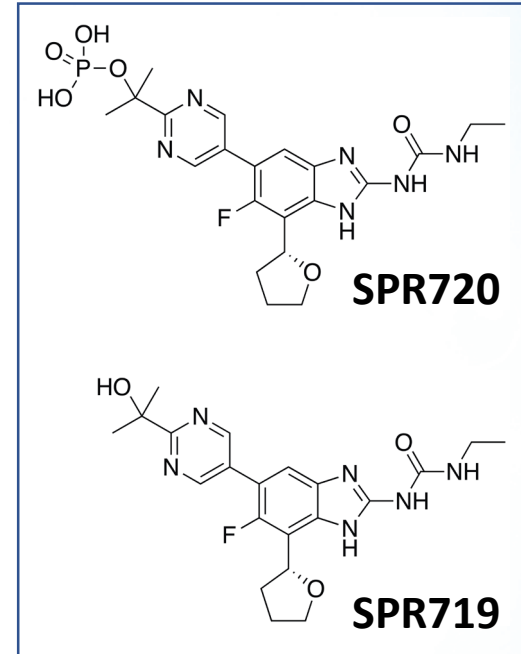
No currently approved oral agents for NTM

SOC has limited efficacy, high toxicity

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- NTMfacts.com

SPR720: Key Differentiating Factors

- **Novel chemical class:** aminobenzimidazole
 - SPR720 is phosphate prodrug of the active parent SPR719
- **Mechanism-of-Action:** Gyrase inhibitor, not a fluoroquinolone
 - Inhibits ATPase subunits in Gyrase (GyrB) and Topoisomerase IV (ParE)
 - Target in mycobacteria is GyrB
- **No cross-resistance** with marketed antibiotics



DNA Gyrase

Primarily responsible for introducing negative supercoils into conformationally constrained DNA during bacterial DNA replication

In vitro Activity Against a Range of NTM Species

NTM Species	N	SPR719 MIC ₅₀	SPR719 MIC ₉₀	MIC ranges: standard of care agents				
				AMK	CIP	CLR	MINO	FOX
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp. <i>abscessus</i>	30	2	4	2 - 64	2 - >4	≤2 - >8	>16	16 - 64
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp. <i>massiliense</i>	10	2	2	4 - 16	≥4	≤2	4 - >8	32 - 64
<i>M. chelonae</i>	10	4	4	16 - 32	2 - >4	≤2	≤1 - >8	>128
<i>M. immunogenum</i>	10	4	8	8 - 16	2 - 8	≤2	>8	>128
<i>M. fortuitum</i> group	10	0.25	1	≤1	≤0.12	≤0.06 - >16	≤1 - >8	32 - 64
<i>M. avium</i> complex	41	0.5	2	8 - >64	ND	0.25 - >64	ND	ND
<i>M. simiae</i>	10	1	2	8 - 32	4 - >16	8 - >64	ND	ND

Barbara Brown-Elliott at UT-Tyler, Texas, USA 2018; MIC values in µg/mL; ND = not determined

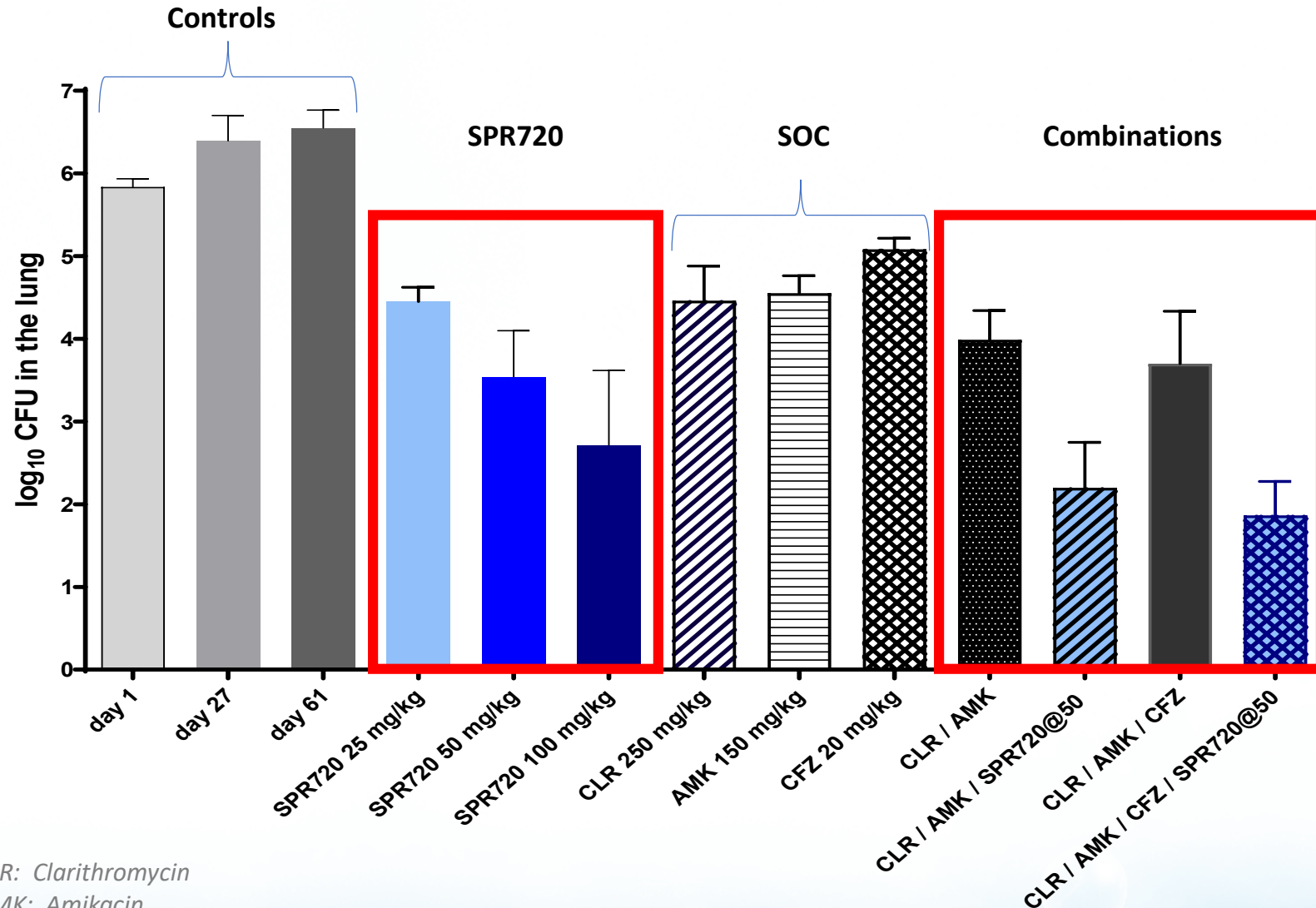
NTM Species	N	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	MBC
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp. <i>abscessus</i>	29	2	8	>32 (static)
<i>M. avium</i> complex	12	1	2	>32 (static for <i>M. avium</i>)
<i>M. kansasii</i>	10	<0.03	0.06	<0.03

Jakko van Ingen at Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands 2018; MIC/MBC values in µg/mL

AMK: Amikacin
 CIP: Ciprofloxacin
 CLR: Clarithromycin
 MINO: Minocycline
 FOX: Cefoxitin

*SPR719 is the active parent of SPR720 and is used for *in vitro* testing

SPR720: Effective as Monotherapy & Combination Therapy in *M. abscessus* Murine Model of Infection



- *M. abscessus* 1513
- SCID mice treated daily starting on day 28 for a total of 28 days (chronic model)

Test Article	MIC (µg/mL)
SPR719	1
Amikacin	2
Clarithromycin	>8

CLR: Clarithromycin
 AMK: Amikacin
 CFZ: Clofazimine

SPR720: Non-Clinical Data Supports Clinical Evaluation



- SPR720 converts rapidly to SPR719
- CYP inhibition IC_{50} s $>40 \mu\text{M}$; no time or concentration dependent inhibition



- *In vitro* safety assessments predict no major issues
- hERG $IC_{50} > 30 \mu\text{M}$; non-cytotoxic; non-genotoxic: *in silico*, Ames, chromosome aberration, *in vivo* micronucleus negative



- Repeat dose GLP 28-day rat and NHP toxicity studies completed
- Rat NOAEL = 100 mg/kg/day; NHP NOAEL = 300 mg/kg/day



- Exposures at the NOAEL provide a therapeutic index relative to the efficacious exposure using *M. abscessus* murine models

SPR720-101: Phase 1 SAD/MAD Study (Ongoing)

A Two-part, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Phase I Study of the Safety, Tolerability and Pharmacokinetics of SPR720 Following Administration of Single and Multiple Ascending Oral Doses in Healthy Volunteers

- Objectives: Safety, Tolerability, PK (including Food Effect), TQT
- Single Center (Simbec, UK)
- Healthy volunteers, male and female (non-childbearing): 18-55 yo
- 8 Single Ascending Dose (SAD) Cohorts including 1 Food Effect Cohort
- 3 Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD) Cohorts (7-days duration)
- 88 subjects (planned); 3:1 randomization (n = 8/cohort: 6 SPR720, 2 placebo)
- Continuous Holter monitoring incorporated for downstream TQT analysis

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