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### Discovery and Development of Novel and Potent Non-Fusion Inhibitors of RSV

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## **RSV Life Cycle and Antiviral Targets**



# **EDP-938: A Novel Potent RSV N Inhibitor**

- RSV-604: the previously known RSV nucleoprotein (N) inhibitor\*
  - In vitro resistance selection mapped to RSV N protein but exact MoA unclear
  - Clinical Proof of Concept efficacy demonstrated : 2.31-log viral load reduction after 5-day treatment in a sub-population of RSV infected stem cell transplantation patients with drug level above EC<sub>90</sub><sup>#</sup>

\* Chapman et al 2007 AAC # Chapman and Cockerill, 2011 Antiviral Drugs

 EDP-938 has been discovered as a much more potent RSV N inhibitor with no significant cytotoxicity (CC<sub>50</sub>>50 μM)



# **EDP-938 Potently Inhibits All RSV Lab and Clinical Strains Tested** *in vitro*

### **RSV** laboratory strains

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Subtype	Strain	Cell	Assay	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
RSV-A	M37	HBEC	PCR	<b>23</b> ± 13
		HEp-2	PCR	<b>54</b> ± 5
		HEp-2	CPE	<b>28</b> ± 4
	Long	HBEC	PCR	<b>20</b> ± 17
		HEp-2	PCR	<b>89</b> ± 15
		HEp-2	CPE	<b>52</b> ± 12
	A2	HEp-2	PCR	<b>59</b> ± 18
		HEp-2	CPE	<b>28</b> ± 4
RSV-B	Wash	HBEC	PCR	<b>62</b> ± 32
		A549	PCR	<b>83</b> ± 38

### Clinical isolates from the Netherlands (mostly pediatrics)

Subtype (# of isolates)	Cell	Assay	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
RSV-A (n=10)	HEp-2	ViroSpot	<b>43</b> ± 8
RSV-B (n=10)	HEp-2	CPE	<b>51</b> ±9

### **Clinical isolates from the US**

Subtype (# of isolates)	Cell	Assay	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
RSV-A (n=12)	HEp-2	CPE	<b>68</b> ± 26
RSV-B (n=10)	HEp-2	CPE	<b>116</b> ± 4

CPE: **C**yto**p**athic **E**ffect HBEC: primary Human Bronchial Epithelial **C**ells

### **EDP-938 Shows in vitro Efficacy Post Viral Infection**



RSV-A Long, MOI = 0.1 CPE readout, 5 days post infection endpoint



# **Combinations of EDP-938 with other RSV Inhibitors Result in Moderate Synergy**



## **EDP-938 Demonstrates** *in vivo* Efficacy in the African Green Monkey Model



N=4 per group, dosing:100mg/kg BID compound, LOD (limit of detection) = 100 copies/mL, virus: RSV-A2



# **RSV Rapidly Develops Resistance to Fusion and L Polymerase Inhibitors**

### **Fusion Inhibitor**



### Mutations in F: L141V/N197T >40,000-fold EC<sub>50</sub> shift

 Resistance mutations also emerged quickly in the human challenge study and in patients treated with fusion inhibitors.

### L Polymerase Inhibitor



### Mutations in L: Y1631H/R/C >1,000-fold EC<sub>50</sub> shift

- 10X EC<sub>50</sub> starting concentration
- RSV-A Long strain
- 0.1 MOI initial infection



# EDP-938 Displays a High Barrier to RSV-A Resistance Selection *in vitro*



- Exposing RSV-A to ≥4xEC<sub>50</sub> EDP-938 resulted in complete elimination of the virus rather than selection of resistance
- A slow, stepwise increase in EDP-938 concentration, starting with 1xEC<sub>50</sub>, eventually led to viral populations surviving up to 64xEC<sub>50</sub> of EDP-938

<u>Note:</u> **Black** filled markers indicate failure of the virus to survive at any concentration level tested at or after this collection. All cultures initiated with a viral MOI of 0.1 using RSV-A Long.



# EDP-938 Displays a High Barrier to RSV-B Resistance Selection *in vitro*



<u>Note:</u> **Black** filled markers indicate failure of the virus to survive at any concentration level tested at or after this collection. All cultures initiated with a viral MOI of 0.5 - 1 using RSV-B VR-955.



- Exposing RSV-B to ≥4xEC<sub>50</sub> EDP-938 resulted in complete elimination of the virus rather than selection of resistance
- A slow, stepwise increase in EDP-938 concentration, starting with 1xEC<sub>50</sub>, eventually led to viral populations surviving up to 32xEC<sub>50</sub> of EDP-938

# **RSV Resistance Mutations Against EDP-938**



Virus			Mutations in F	RSV Proteins G	EDP-938 EC <sub>50</sub> Fold Change vs. WT
Wild-Type (WT) A / B		-	-	1	
RSV-A	Plaque Purified EDP-938 Resistant Clones	#1	M109K	-	67
		#2	Q102L M109T I129M	K205G K213G T219A	60
		#3	V90A S134T	-	3.8
		#4	T29S S134T	-	3.3
		#5	M109I	R8H	3.1
		#6	K136R	-	2.7
		#7	S134T	-	2.6
RSV-B	Population 1		L139Q*	-	42
	Population 2		M109T	E226G*	6.6

\* Observed as a dual WT/mutant population

• Of note: N is the most conserved RSV gene while G is the least.



# Location of Mutations Found in the RSV N Protein of RSV-A & -B



Red = RSV A drug resistant mutation Blue = RSV-B drug resistant mutation Purple = Both



### **RSV-A Reverse Genetics System:** Fold Resistance Contribution by Mutation

RSV-A Virus	Mutations in RSV N	EDP-938 EC <sub>50</sub> Fold Change vs. WT
WT	-	1
	M109K	67
	Q102L M109T I129M	60
Mutant	V90A S134T	3.8
Clones	T29S S134T	3.3
	M109I	3.1
	K136R	2.7
	S134T	2.6



Assay MOI = 0.1WT =  $45 \pm 21$  nM

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# **Fitness of Mutants Inversely Correlates with Resistance**



- Cytopathic effect and infectivity of mutant virus decreases with increased resistance to EDP-938
- The 2 most resistant mutants are also the least fit (100 times less than wild-type)



# EDP 938-001: Phase 1 Study, First-In-Human (FIH) Overall Safety Data During SAD and MAD

- In the EDP 938-001, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study:
  - A total of 90 subjects enrolled (N = 50 in SAD/FE; N = 40 in MAD)
- All randomized subjects completed the study in both SAD and MAD phases

- EDP-938 was generally safe and well-tolerated across all cohorts
  - Adverse events (AEs) were of mild intensity
    - Headache was the most frequent AE in the SAD and MAD with the majority reported as possibly related to EDP-938 or placebo, and with no relationship to dose
  - No SAEs or AEs that led to study drug discontinuation were reported

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# EDP 938-001: Phase 1 Study, First-In-Human (FIH) Overall Pharmacokinetics Data



- EDP-938 absorbed rapidly with dose dependent exposure
  - Median T<sub>max</sub> ranged from 2.0 5.0 hr across all cohorts
  - Little accumulation from Day 1 to Day 7 with a mean accumulation index of 1.1 to 1.4 QD, 1.5 BID.
- PK suitable for once or twice daily oral dosing regardless of food intake
  - Mean half-life ranged from 12.9 17.6 hr across all cohorts

#### • Mean EDP-938 exposures were approximately 7-31x higher than the EC<sub>90</sub> against RSV-infected human cells

- Mean C<sub>24</sub> ranged from 146-610 ng/mL following 100 mg to 600 mg QD dosing (Day 7)
- Mean C<sub>12</sub> was approximately 618 ng/mL following 300 mg BID dosing (Day 7)

**ENANTA** Pharmaceuticals Ahmad A, Sanderson K, Dickerson D, and Adda N (2018). EDP-938, a novel, non-fusion replication inhibitor of respiratory syncytial virus: final results of a phase 1 study in healthy subjects. 11<sup>th</sup> International Respiratory Syncytial Virus Symposium. Abstract ARSVA0160. Asheville, NC USA, Oct 31-Nov 3.

# **EDP-938 Summary**

- Highly active against all RSV-A and B laboratory strains and clinical isolates tested
- Excellent in vivo efficacy in the African green monkey model
- High barrier to resistance
  - Unlike fusion and L polymerase inhibitors, difficult to select resistance in vitro
  - EC<sub>50</sub> shift <100-fold vs. >1,000-40,000 fold with fusion and L polymerase inhibitors
  - The most significant resistance mutants >100 times less fit than the wild-type
- Phase 1 study in healthy subjects
  - Safe and well tolerated after a broad range of single and multiple ascending doses
  - Exhibited PK suitable for once or twice daily oral dosing, without regard to food
- Currently being evaluated in a Phase 2 Proof of Concept Challenge Study



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