# New Drugs to Treat GIST: An update on ongoing clinical studies

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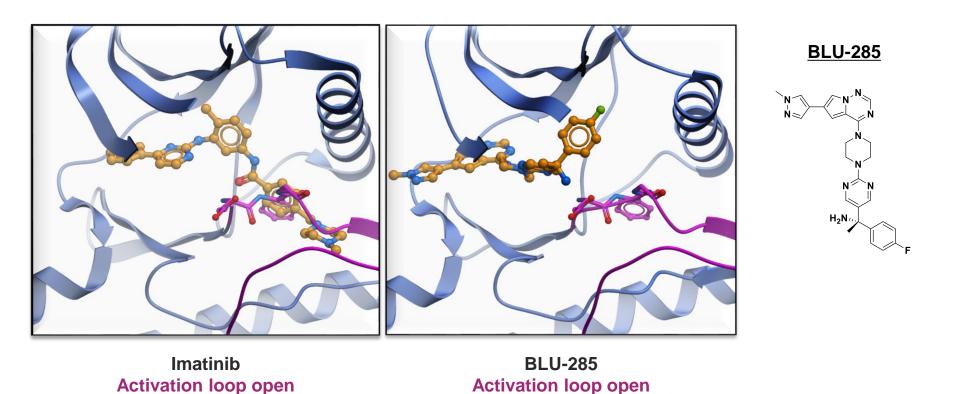




## New Agents in GIST

- Avapritinib (BLU-285) and DCC-2618
- Both are novel potent and specific KIT inhibitors that were rationally designed to inhibit TKI-resistance mutations associated with drugresistant GIST
- Both have completed phase 1 dose escalation dose expansion studies for advanced GIST

# Avapritinib (BLU-285) is a potent type 1 KIT/PDGFRα inhibitor that binds to the active conformation of the kinase



# NAVIGATOR Avapritinib Phase 1 Study Design

#### Key objectives

- Part 1: MTD, safety, pharmacokinetics, ctDNA analyses, anti-tumor activity
- Part 2: response rate, duration of response, safety

## Part 1 Dose escalation completed

Advanced GIST MTD

- 3+3 design with enrichment
- Dose levels: 30, 60, 90, 135, 200, 300, 400 and 600 mg QD
- MTD determined to be 400 mg PO QD

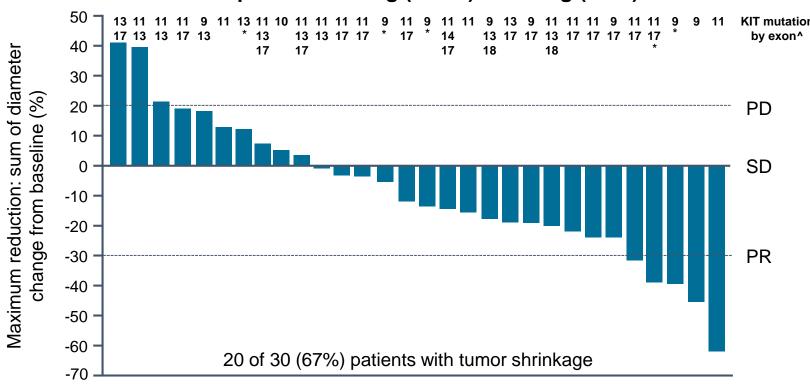
## Part 2 Dose expansion *enrolling*

PDGFR $\alpha$  D842V-mutant GIST (n=50)

Unresectable GIST after imatinib and ≥1 other TKI (n=50)

# Tumor reduction across multiple KIT genotypes (central radiology review)





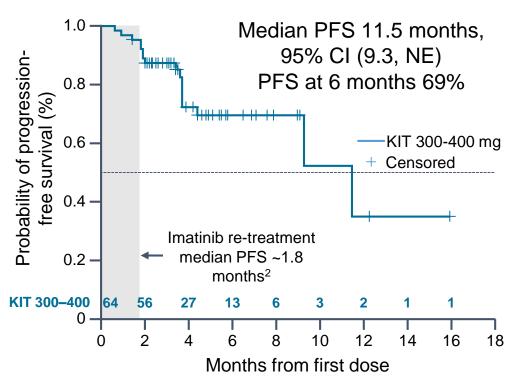
<sup>\*</sup> ctDNA results pending; ^ per archival tumor and ctDNA

# Prolonged PFS in heavily pre-treated KIT-mutant GIST (central radiology review)

Best response (N=30)*	Choi Criteria n (%)	RECIST 1.1 n (%)
PR	16 (53)^	5 (17)^
SD	7 (23)	18 (60)
DCR (PR+SD)	23 (77)	23 (77)
PD	7 (23)	7 (23)

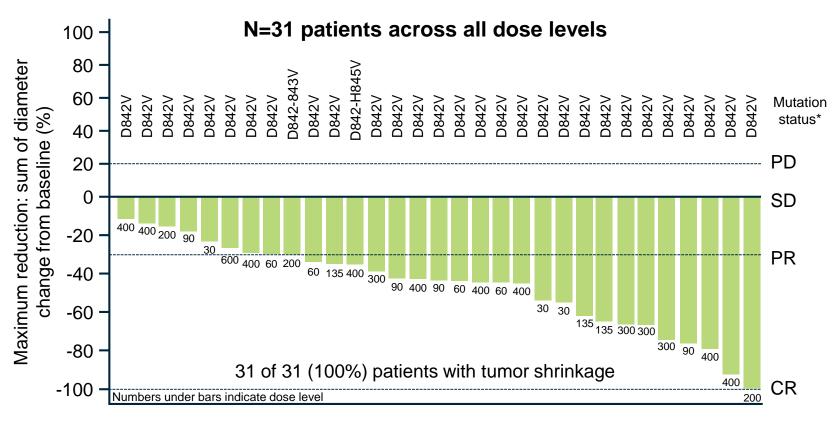
<sup>\* 300</sup> RP2D-400 MTD mg; ^ 2 pending confirmation

- 35 of 64 patients remain on therapy
- No approved therapies beyond third-line regorafenib
  - ORR ~0% with imatinib re-treatment in ≥third-line<sup>2</sup>



2. Kang et al. Lancet Oncol. 2013;14(12):1175-82

# Remarkable activity in PDGFRα D842-mutant GIST (central radiology review)



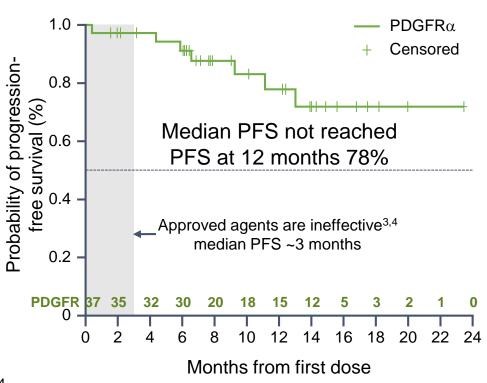
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# High response rate and prolonged PFS in PDGFRα D842-mutant GIST (central radiology review)

Best response (N=31)*	Choi Criteria n (%)	RECIST 1.1 n (%)
CR	1 (3)^	1 (3)^
PR	30 (97)†	21 (68) <sup>†</sup>
CR+PR	31 (100)	22 (71)
SD	0	9 (29)
DCR (PR+SD)	31 (100)	31 (100)
PD	0	0

<sup>\*</sup> All dose levels included

ORR ~0% with currently approved agents<sup>3,4</sup>



<sup>3.</sup> Cassier et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2012;18(16):4458-64

<sup>^</sup> PR from C3 to C13, CR at C16, CR pending confirmation

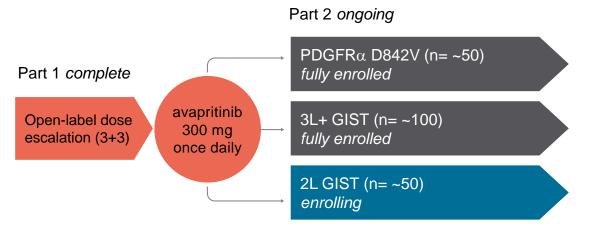
<sup>†3</sup> pending confirmation

 <sup>30</sup> of 37 remain on therapy

<sup>4.</sup> Yoo et al. Cancer Res Treat. 2016;48(2):546-52

## Phase 1 NAVIGATOR clinical trial now enrolling patients with 2L GIST





Key endpoints: overall response rate, duration of response, safety

#### Design

- Open-label, Phase 1 clinical trial
- · All enrolled patients receive avapritinib

#### Eligibility

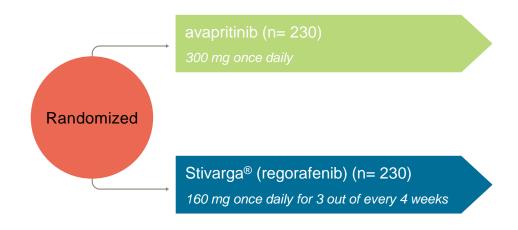
- Aged 18 years or older
- Metastatic and/or unresectable GIST
- Have received Gleevec® (imatinib) or are intolerant to imatinib

#### More Information

- · Website: www.NavigatorStudy.com
- Email: studydirector@blueprintmedicines.com

#### Phase 3 VOYAGER is now enrolling patients with 3L and 4L GIST





Primary endpoint: progression free survival

#### Design

- · Open-label, randomized, Phase 3 clinical trial
- Patients randomized to receive either avapritinib or Stivarga<sup>®</sup> (regorafenib)
- Patients assigned to receive regorafenib may cross over to receive avapritinib following confirmed disease progression

#### Eligibility

- · Aged 18 years or older
- Metastatic and/or unresectable GIST
- Have received Gleevec® (imatinib) and 1 or 2 other tyrosine kinase inhibitors

#### More Information

- Website: www.VoyagerTrial.com
- Email: studydirector@blueprintmedicines.com

### Pharmacokinetic-driven phase I study of DCC-2618 a pan-KIT and PDGFR inhibitor in patients (pts) with gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) and other solid tumors

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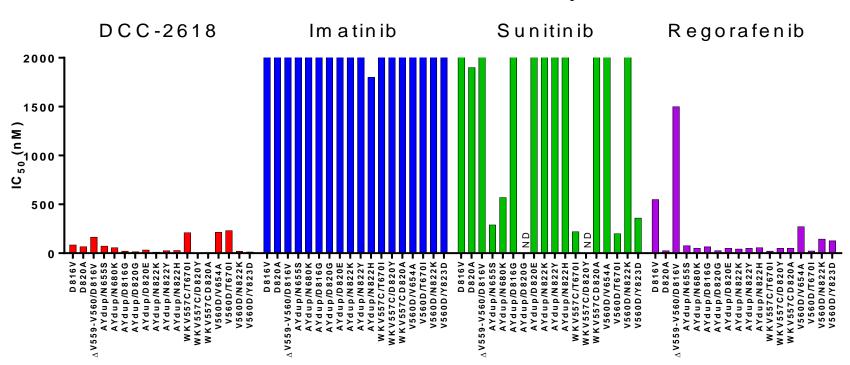




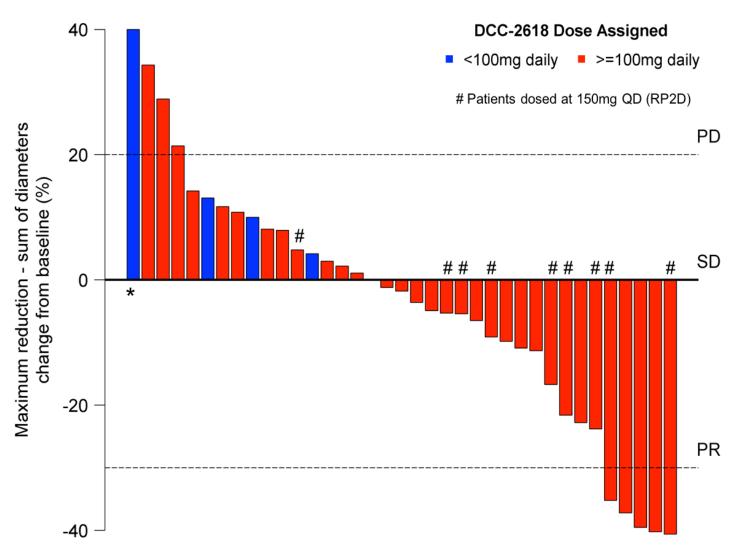
### **RATIONALE FOR DCC-2618 STUDY**

- Activity regardless whether primary mutation is in KIT Exon 9, Exon 11, or Exon 17
  - IC<sub>50</sub> for KIT Exon 11 deletion 3 nM, IC<sub>50</sub> PDGFRA D842V 60 nM
- Broad activity in secondary KIT mutations across Exons 13, 14, 17, and 18
  - Active metabolite DP-5439 possesses comparable activity across all mutations
- KIT T670I and V654A secondary mutations are the least sensitive to DCC-2618

#### **CHO KIT Mutant Assays**



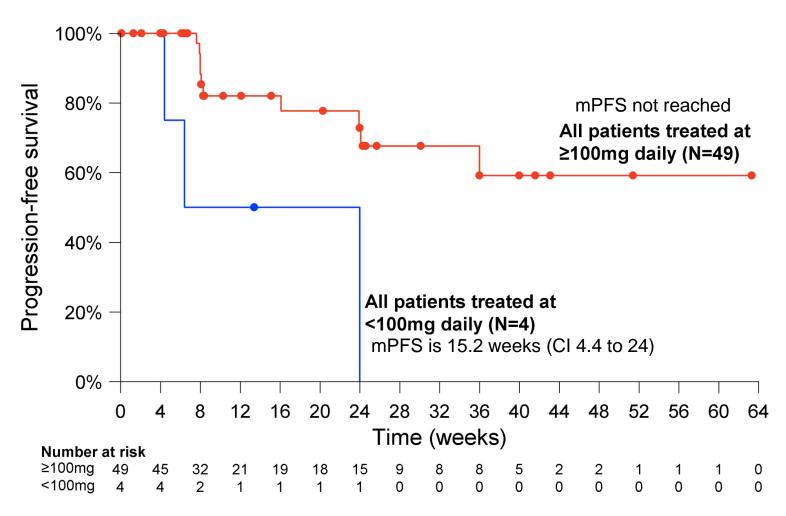
## Waterfall Plot of KIT/PDGFR $\alpha$ GIST Patients (Best Response Per RECIST, N=37)



PD = Progressive disease, SD = Stable disease, PR = Partial response \*66% increase in tumor size; \*Patients treated at RP2D

### **DCC-2618: Progression-Free Survival**

Patients treated at ≥100 mg/d compared to <100 mg/d

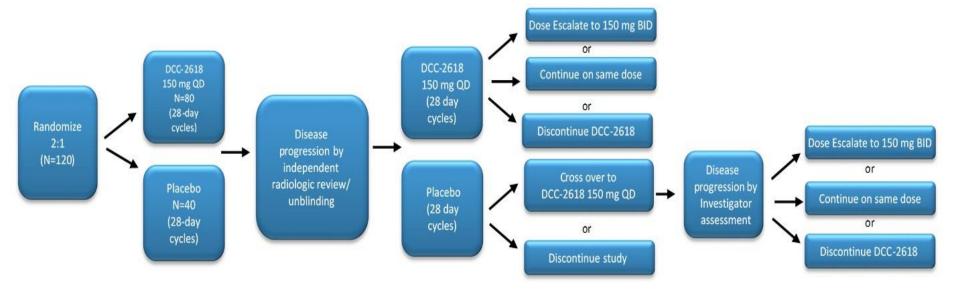


- Despite small sample size results suggest that doses of 40 or 60 mg/d are insufficient
- The fact that 30 mg BID is an insufficient dose is supported by improvement in disease control in a patient with PD after 24 weeks following dose escalation (not shown)

### invictus Study - Phase 3 Trial Design



A Phase 3, INterVentional, Double-Blind Study to Assess Safety and Efficacy of DCC-2618 In Patients with Advanced c-KIT/PDGFRA Gastrointestinal Stromal TUmorS Who Have Received Prior Treatment with Imatinib, Sunitinib, and Regorafenib



Primary endpoint PFS
Planned to complete enrollment in October
2018

### invictus

The countries that will be involved in invictus are:

- North America: US, Canada
- Europe: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, UK
- Australia
- Singapore

### **Planned intrigue Study**

### Phase 3 Pivotal Trial of DCC-2618 versus sunitinib

FPI 2H 2018



### intrigue

- The primary endpoint in this pivotal Phase 3 trial in second-line GIST will most likely be a clinically meaningful improvement in median PFS in patients treated with DCC-2618 compared to sunitinib.
- Median PFS will be determined by independent radiologic review of CT scans, as assessed by RECIST
- In this pivotal Phase 3 trial in second-line GIST, we expect to enroll patients who have progressed on or are intolerant to imatinib, comparing DCC-2618 against sunitinib.
- The design for this trial has not yet been finalized

# Summary of Clinical Development of New Agents in GIST

- Avapritinib will be tested in a phase 3 randomized, open-label study vs. third-line regorafenib (VOYAGER, now open at a few sites, the rest to be opened by November, 2018)
- Based on the phase 1-2 data, Blueprint Medicines is seeking approval of avapritinib for treatment of D842V-mutant GIST
- DCC-2618 is currently being tested in a phase 3 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of treatment of advanced GIST in the fourth-line or later (invictus, open now, projected to complete enrollment by November 2018)
- DCC-2618 will also be tested in a randomized phase 3 study vs. sunitinib for second-line treatment of advanced GIST (intrigue, opening soon)



## Avapritinib Treatment emergent adverse events ≥20%

Safety population (all N=116	III patients)		Severity	Severity		
Preferred Term, n (%)	Any AE	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Nausea	65 (56)	41 (35)	17 (15)	7 ( 6)	0	0
Fatigue	62 (53)	23 (20)	31 (27)	8 ( 7)	0	0
Periorbital edema	50 (43)	42 (36)	8 ( 7)	0	0	0
Vomiting	48 (41)	36 (31)	9 (8)	3 ( 3)	0	0
Edema peripheral	39 (34)	28 (24)	9 (8)	2 ( 2)	0	0
Anemia	36 (31)	7 (6)	10 ( 9)	17 (15)	2 ( 2)	0
Diarrhea	36 (31)	26 (22)	8 ( 7)	2 ( 2)	0	0
Cognitive Effects*	35 (30)	20 (17)	10 ( 9)	4 ( 3)	1 ( 1)	0
Lacrimation increased	35 (30)	29 (25)	6 ( 5)	0	0	0
Decreased appetite	33 (28)	24 (21)	6 ( 5)	3 ( 3)	0	0
Dizziness	27 (23)	21 (18)	6 ( 5)	0	0	0
Constipation	25 (22)	18 (16)	6 ( 5)	0	1 ( 1)	0
Hair color changes	25 (22)	24 (21)	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup> Consists of multiple similar AEs that have been aggregated into a single category. 42% of patients at 400 mg (MTD), 18% of patients at 300 mg (RP2D).

<sup>•39 (34%)</sup> patients had grade ≥3 treatment-related AEs: anemia (9%), fatigue (7%), hypophosphatemia (4%), nausea (4%), cognitive effects (3%)

<sup>•67</sup> patients on treatment; 49 discontinued: PD n=40, AEs n=6, withdrew consent n=3

#### DCC-2618 Favorable Tolerability Profile

Treatment-emergent Adverse Events in ≥ (10%) GIST Patients (n=100) @ 150 mg QD

#### Phase 1 Dose Escalation (n=68)

- Well tolerated up to 400 mg per day
- MTD not reached
- 3 DLTs:
  - Reversible plasma enzyme elevations: lipase (2) and CPK (1)
  - Deemed not clinically significant
- 150 mg QD dose for Phase 1
   Expansion and 4<sup>th</sup> Line GIST Phase 3
   Trial

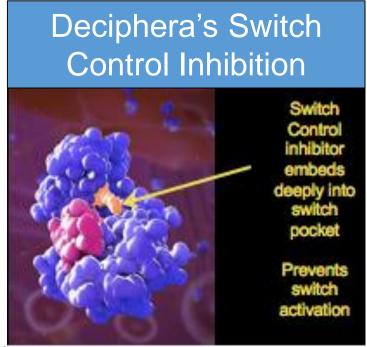
GIST PATIENTS @ 150 mg QD						
ADVERSE EVENT	GRADE 1/2	GRADE 3/4	TOTAL (n= <b>100)</b>			
Alopecia	39	0	39 (39%)			
Fatigue	39	0	39 (39%)			
Myalgia	35	0	35 (35%)			
Constipation	29	0	29 (29%)			
Hand-Foot-Skin reaction	26	1	27 (27%)			
Rash	21	0	21 (21%)			
Lipase increased	10	10	20 (20%)			
Nausea	19	0	19 (19%)			
Decreased appetite	18	0	18 (18%)			
Diarrhea	16	2	18 (18%)			
Hypertension	15	2	17 (17%)			
Abdominal pain	14	2	16 (16%)			
Arthralgia	15	0	15 (15%)			
Weight decreased	13	0	13 (13%)			
Headache	12	0	12 (12%)			
Vomiting	12	0	12 (12%)			
Anemia	8	3	11 (11%)			
Dyspnea	10	1	11 (11%)			
Hypomagnesaemia	11	0	11 (11%)			
Pain in extremity	11	0	11 (11%)			
Dry skin	10	0	10 (10%)			
Muscle spasms	10	0	10 (10%)			

Note: Data presented at AACR Annual Meeting on April 16, 2018 based on cutoff as of March 18, 2018.



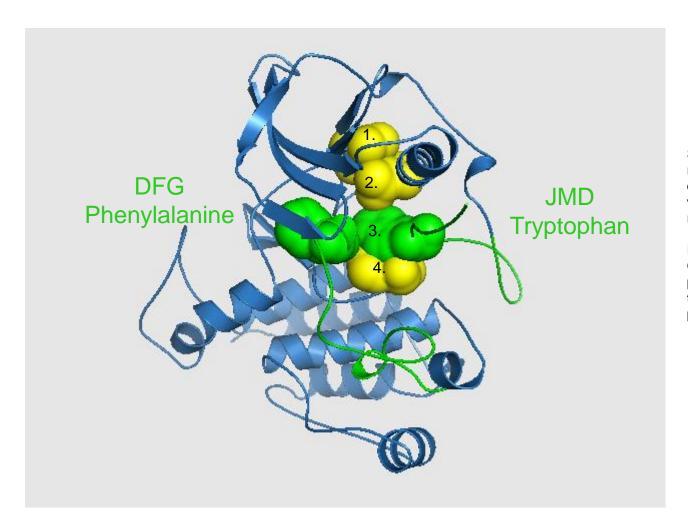
### DCC-2618 BACKGROUND

- DCC-2618 is a KIT and PDGFRA inhibitor resilient to gain-of-function and drug resistance mutations
  - Potency independent of ATP concentration
- DCC-2618 was designed to potently inhibit a broad range of mutations in KIT and PDGFRA kinases



 Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) is an important disease to achieve proof-of-concept in the FIH study due to the multiplicity and heterogeneity of resistance mutations within KIT

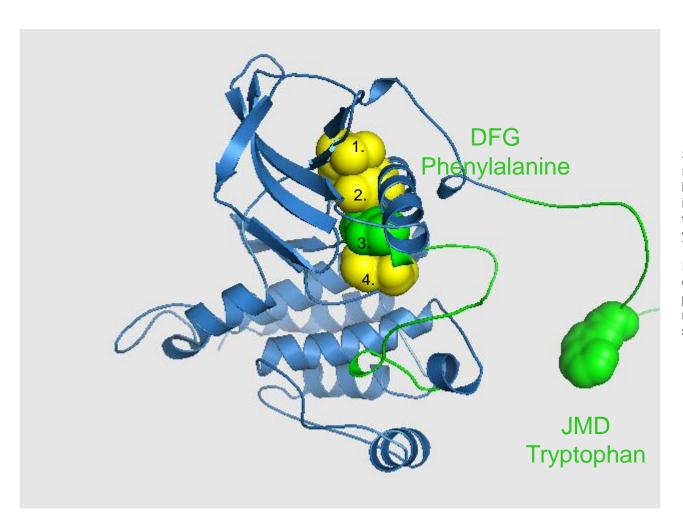
### JM-Inhibited Inactive Kinase



Snapshot 1. The rightmost green residue from the inhibitory JMD switch occupies the #3 position in the kinase vertical spine (the other three spine residues are shown in yellow).

In this conformation, KIT kinase is in its OFF state. Note that the 'DFG' phenylalanine amino acid (green) is in the left-most position, blocking the ATP pocket.

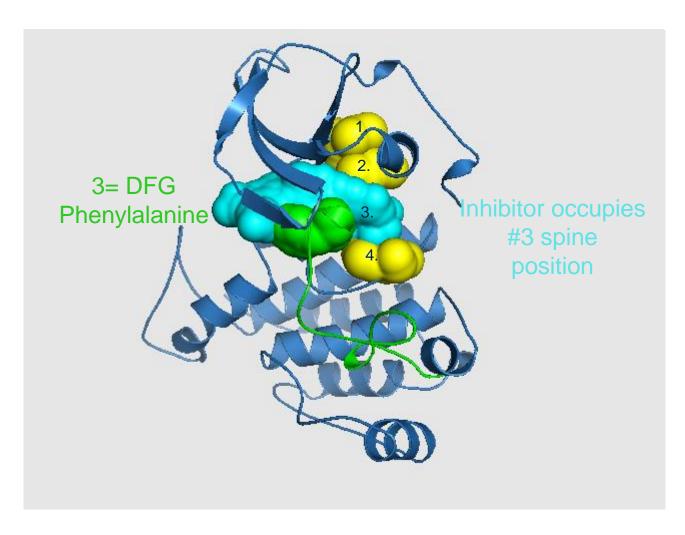
### **Activated Kinase Structure**



Snapshot 2. The rightmost green residue from the inhibitory JMD switch has been moved out of the #3 position in the kinase vertical spine (the other three spine residues are shown in yellow).

In this conformation, KIT kinase is in its ON state. Note that the 'DFG' phenylalanine amino acid (green) is now in the #3 position in the vertical spine.

# Switch Pocket Inhibitor Locks Kinase Into Inactive Conformation



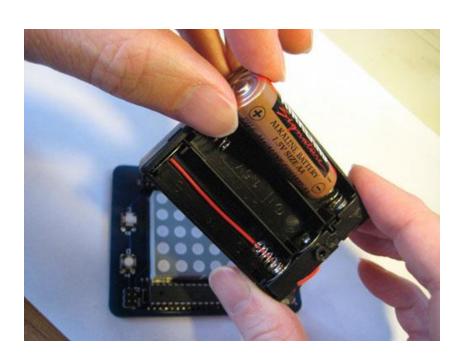
Snapshot 5. Switch Pocket Inhibitor binds to mutant KIT, with part of the inhibitor structure (blue) occupying the #3 position of the spine. This binding mode provides a biomimetic surrogate for the deleted inhibitory switch of mutant KIT.

The 'DFG' phenylalanine residue (green) is forced to occupy the out/inhibited conformation.

### Background

- Inhibitors of KIT/PDGFRA (TKIs) such as imatinib and sunitinib have transformed the medical treatment of advanced GIST
- However, disease control in the metastatic setting is limited by the development of drug-resistant clones
- Concept 1: To date, all approved TKIs used for the treatment of GIST are competitive ATP inhibitors
- Concept 2: To date, all approved TKIs used for the treatment of GIST bind to the <u>inactive kinase structure</u>
- Concept 3: Drug-resistance is commonly due to the development of acquired mutations in the disease causing mutant kinase (e.g. KIT)

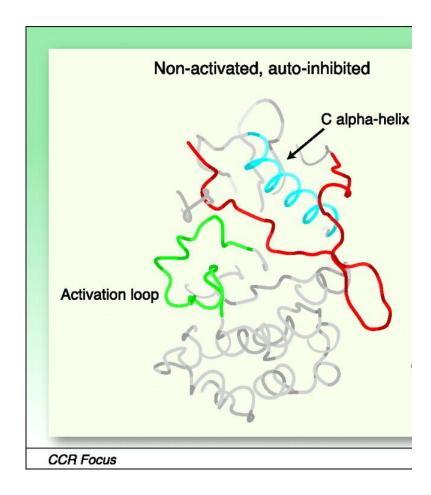
# Concept 1: ATP is the battery pack for KIT/PDGFRA



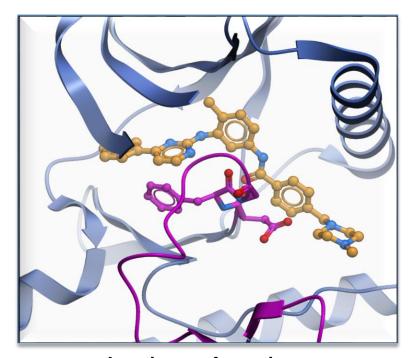


Imatinib and other current GIST drugs bind into the KIT battery pack space (competitive ATP inhibitors)

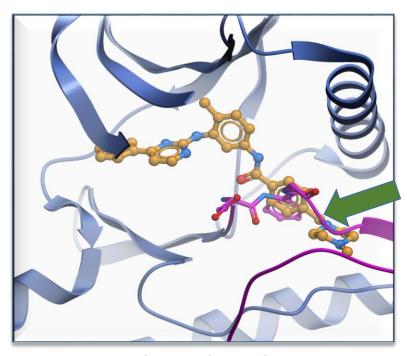
## Concept 2: To date, all approved GIST kinase inhibitors bind to the inactive conformation



## KIT activation loop mutations prevent Imatinib from binding to KIT/PDGFR $\alpha$

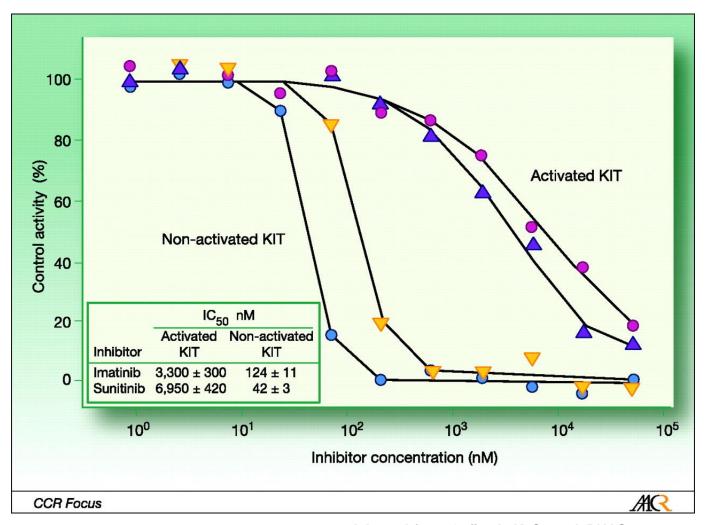


Inactive conformation
Activation loop closed confirmation
Type II inhibitors active



Active conformation
Activation loop open conformation
Type II inhibitors inactive

# Imatinib and Sunitinib (and Regorafenib) Only Inhibit the Inactive Form of KIT



### Concept 3

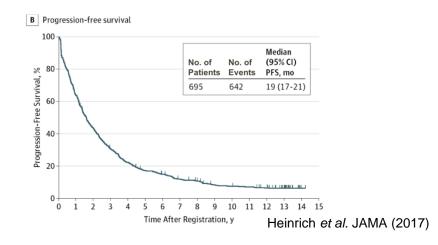
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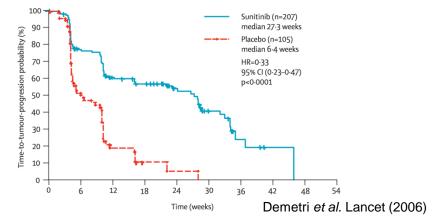
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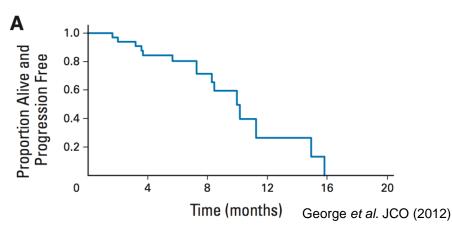
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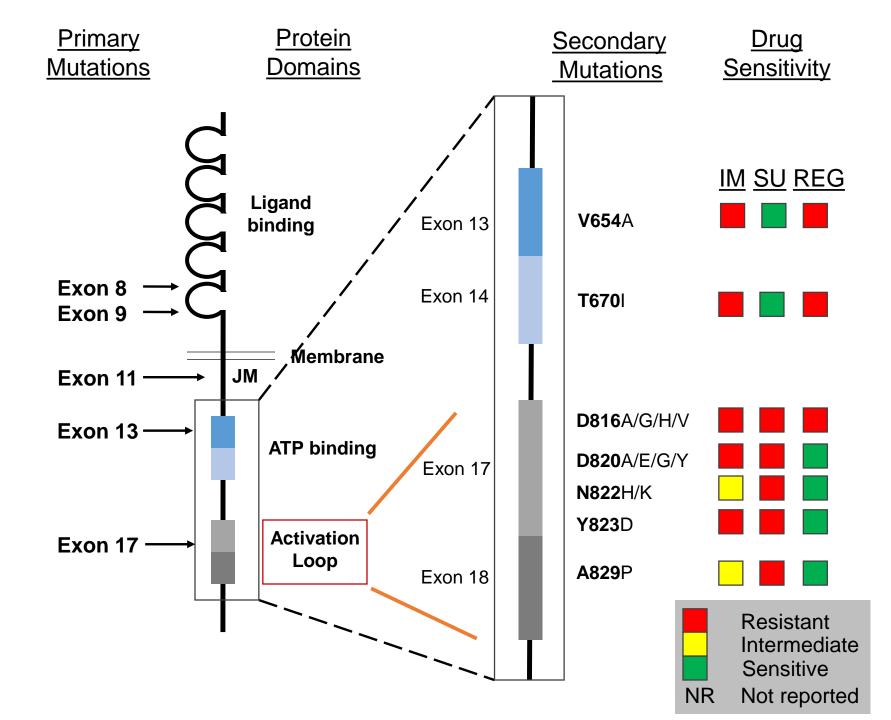
### Third line:

**REGORAFENIB** 

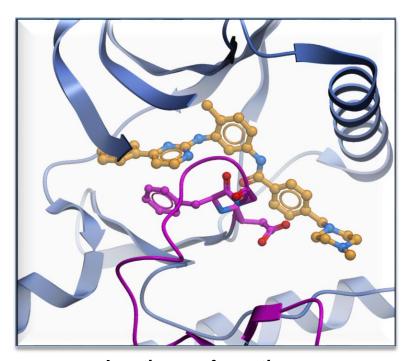




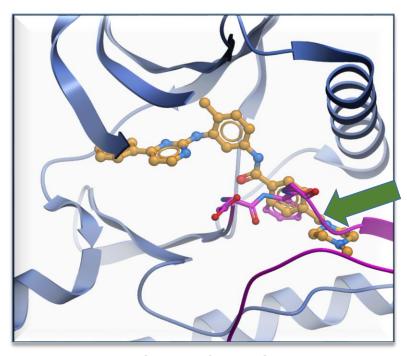




## Activation Loop Mutations Force KIT/PDGFRA into the Active Conformation



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