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# A Phase 1b/2 Study of Nanatinostat (Nstat) Plus Valganciclovir (VGCV) in EBV+ Solid Tumors and with Pembrolizumab (PEM) in Recurrent/Metastatic Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (R/M NPC)

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# Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV): A High Global Cancer Priority

EBV+ malignancies account for ~2% of all new cancer cases globally

## EBV positivity, by lymphoma subtype<sup>1</sup>

Peripheral T-cell* lymphoma (PTCL)	40-65%
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	5-15%
Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders (PTLD)	60-80%

## EBV positivity, by solid tumor subtype<sup>2</sup>

Nasopharyngeal carcinoma (NPC)	75-95%
Gastric cancer (GC)	8-10%

~90% of the adult population are infected with EBV

Latency confers resistance to anti-viral therapies and facilitates evasion of immune detection

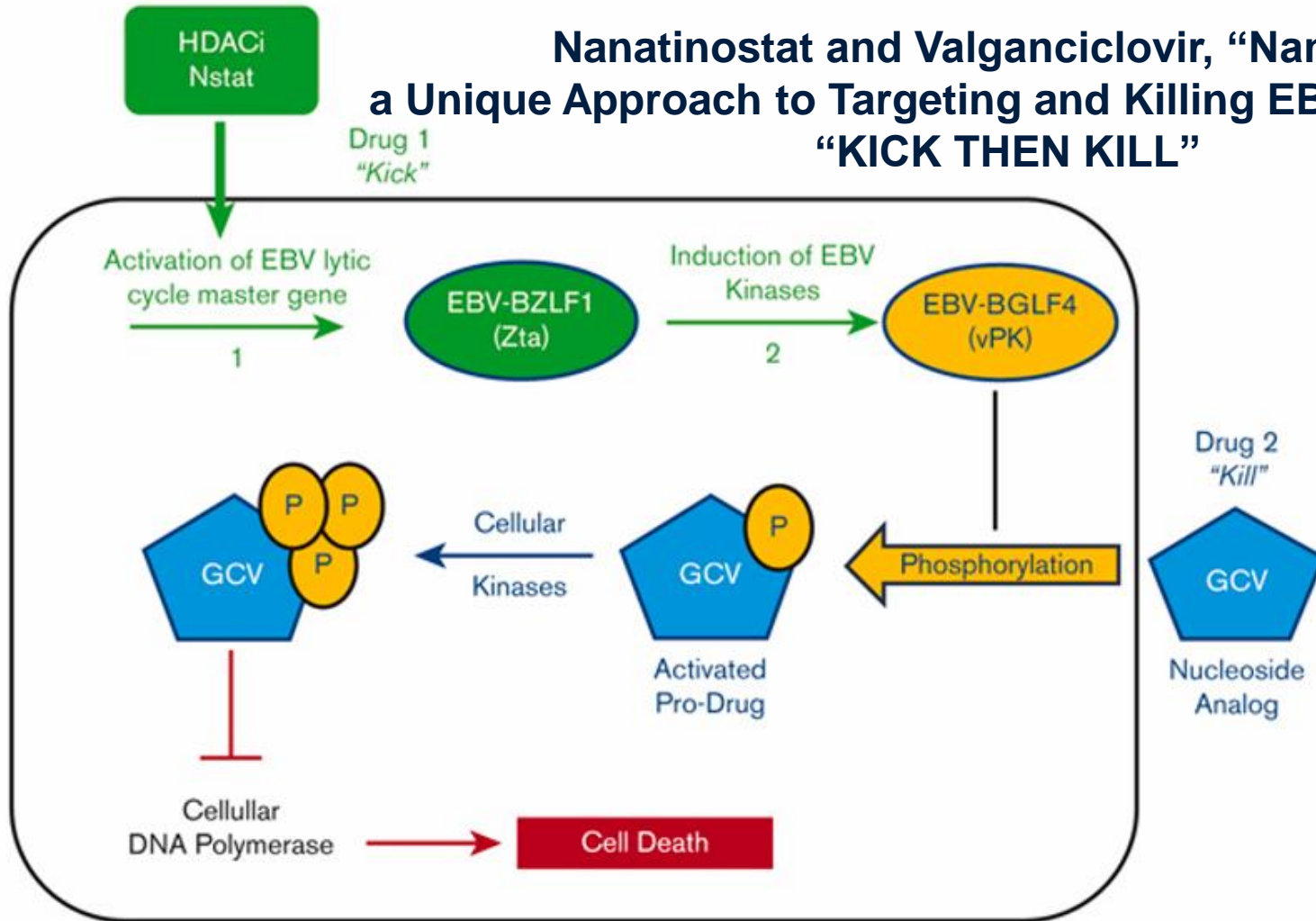
>300,000 new cases/year of EBV+ lymphomas and solid tumors<sup>2</sup>

Responsible for ~180,000 cancer deaths/year<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>PMID: 27943278; PMID: 16902151; WHO. (2017). WHO classification of tumours of haematopoietic and lymphoid tissues (Revised 4th ed., Vol. 2). IARC;

<sup>2</sup>PMID: 34705104; PMID: 29556258; PMID: 32868361

# Nanatinostat and Valganciclovir, “Nana-val”: a Unique Approach to Targeting and Killing EBV+ Cancer Cells “KICK THEN KILL”



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# Nstat not just another HDACi

## Nanatinostat Unique Properties Relative to Approved HDAC Inhibitors

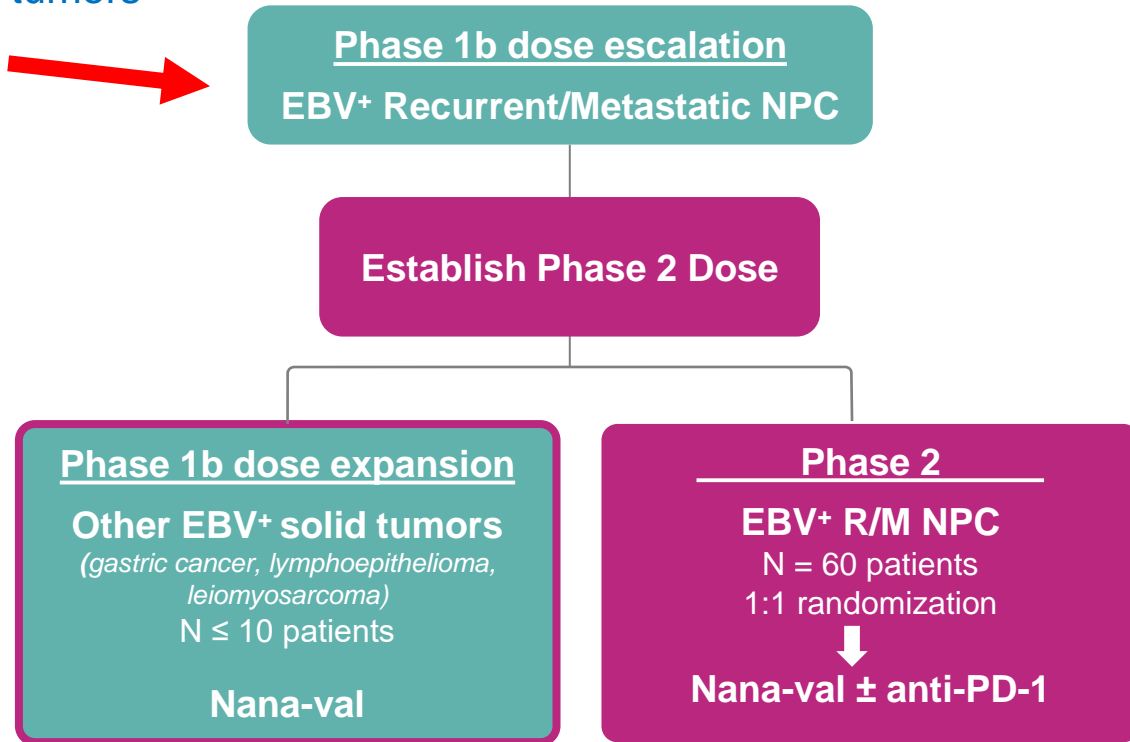
IC<sub>50</sub> (nM)

Class	HDAC subtype	Nstat	FDA Approved HDACi				NaBu
			Vorinostat	Belinostat	Panobinostat	Romidepsin	
I	HDAC1	3	30	41	3	36	>10,000
	HDAC2	12	24	125	3	47	NI
	HDAC3	12	150	30	4	NI	>10,000
IIa	HDAC8	860	1524	216	248	NI	>10,000
	HDAC4	1000	101	115	12	NI	>10,000
	HDAC5	200	3000	NI	NI	NI	NI
IIb	HDAC7	1600	104	67	14	NI	NI
	HDAC9	440	107	128	3	NI	NI
	HDAC6	2100	30	82	61	>10,000	>10,000
III	HDAC10	NI	63	NI	NI	NI	>10,000
	SIRT1-7	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
IV	HDAC11	2800	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI

- Nstat specifically targets HDAC1, HDAC2 and HDAC3
- Nstat is an oral drug

# Nana-val Study “301”: Phase 1b/2 Trial in Advanced EBV+ Solid Tumors

To evaluate the safety, tolerability, PK, and preliminary antitumor activity of Nanatinostat, a potent HDAC 1,2,3 selective inhibitor plus valganciclovir in patients with advanced EBV+ solid tumors



## Endpoints:

- Primary:
  - Phase 1b: Incidence of dose-limiting toxicities
  - Phase 2: Overall response rate by RECIST v1.1
- Key Secondary:
  - Incidence and severity of AEs
  - Duration of response
  - Progression-free survival
  - Pharmacokinetic parameters

# R/M EBV+ NPC Phase 1b Dose Escalation Schedule

Dose Level	Nanatinostat Oral Dose (Days 1-4/wk)	VGCV Oral Dose	N
1	20 mg QD	900 mg QD	3
2	30 mg QD	900 mg QD	4
3	40 mg QD	900 mg QD	3
4	10 mg split dose	900 mg BID x 21 d, then QD	3
5	20 mg / 10 mg split dose	900 mg BID x 21 d, then QD	4

# Nana-val has been Generally Well-Tolerated at all Dose Levels

Preliminary safety data/absence of DLTs support continued dose escalation to determine RP2D

Treatment-Related Adverse Events

	Dose Level 1 (n=3)		Dose Level 2 (n=4)		Dose Level 3 (n=3)		Dose Level 4 (n=3)		Dose Level 5 (n=4)	
	G1-2	G3-4	G1-2	G3-4	G1-2	G3-4	G1-2	G3-4	G1-2	G3-4
Nausea	1		2		2		1		1	
Decreased appetite	1		1		1		2		2	
Creatinine increased	1		2						2	
Fatigue	1		2			1	1			
Anemia	1		1							1
Lymphopenia			1				1	1		
Vomiting					2		1			

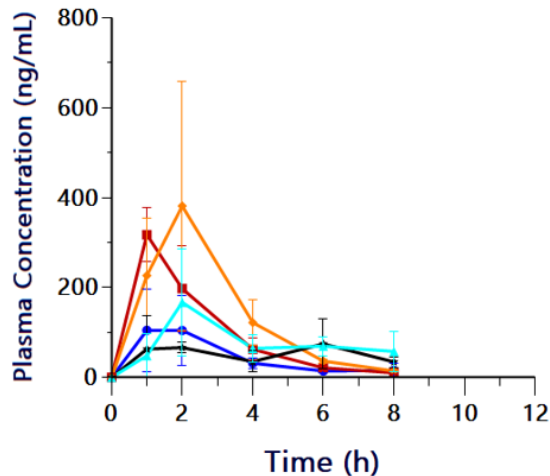
RP2D: Recommended Phase 2 Dose; DLT: Dose-Limiting Toxicity



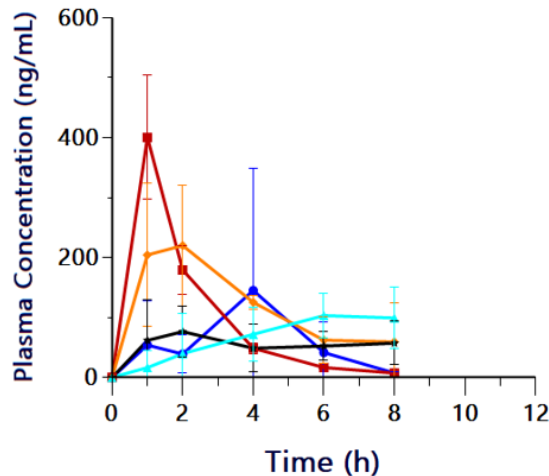
# Nstat preliminary pharmacokinetics

## Nanatinostat Mean Plots

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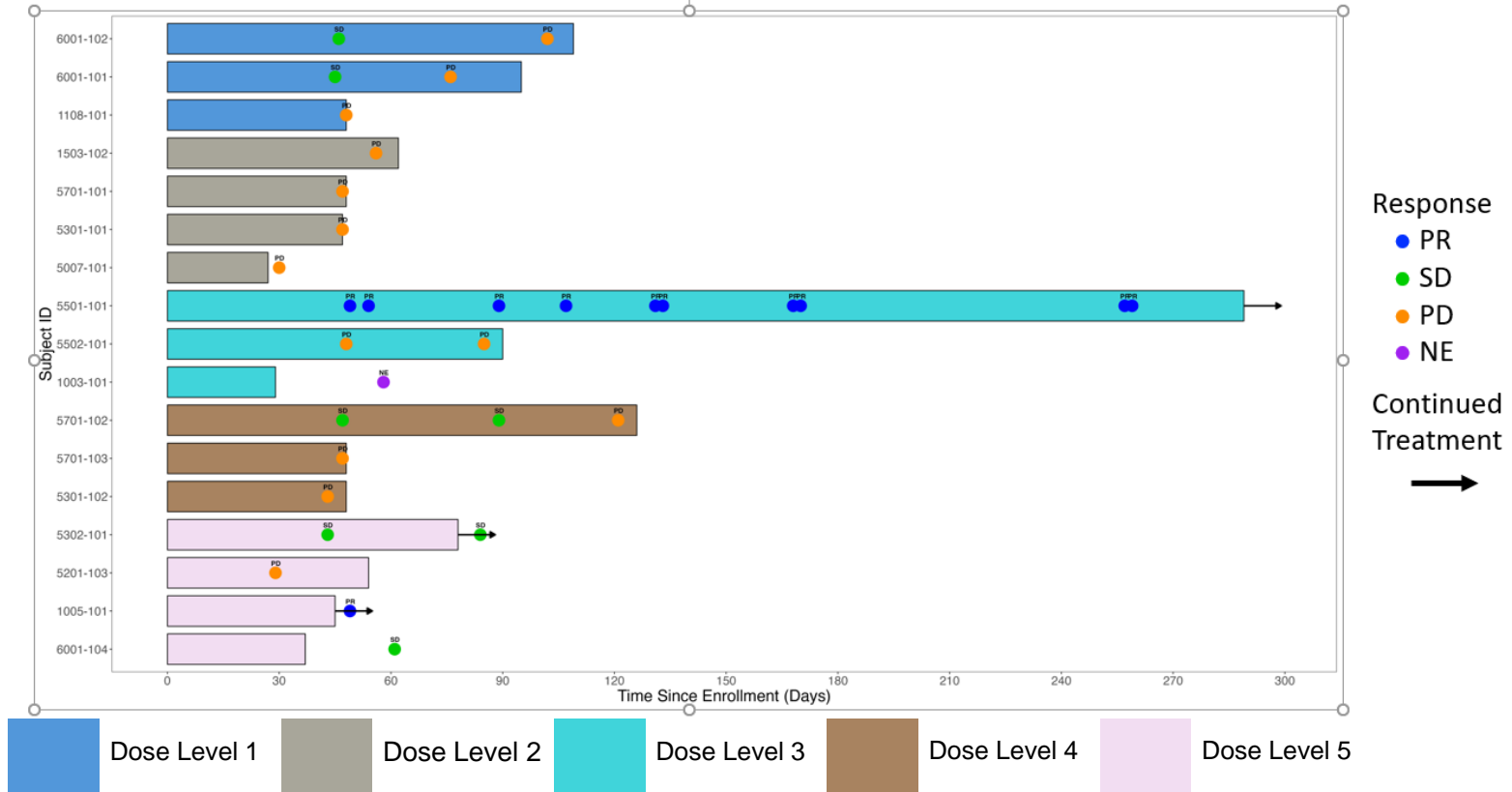


VRx-3996, C2D1



- QD, 20 mg
- QD, 30 mg
- QD, 40 mg
- Split Dosing, 10+10 mg
- Split Dosing, 20+10 mg

# Nana-val "301" Swimmer Plot: All Dose Levels Data Cutoff: 28-JUL-2023



# Confirmed Partial Response at Dose Level 3

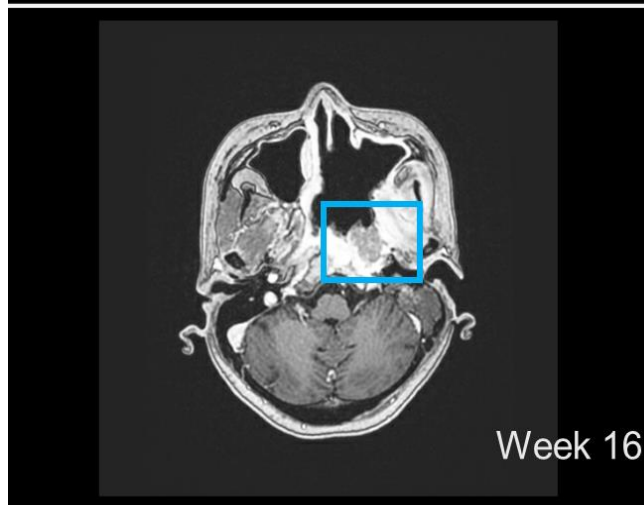
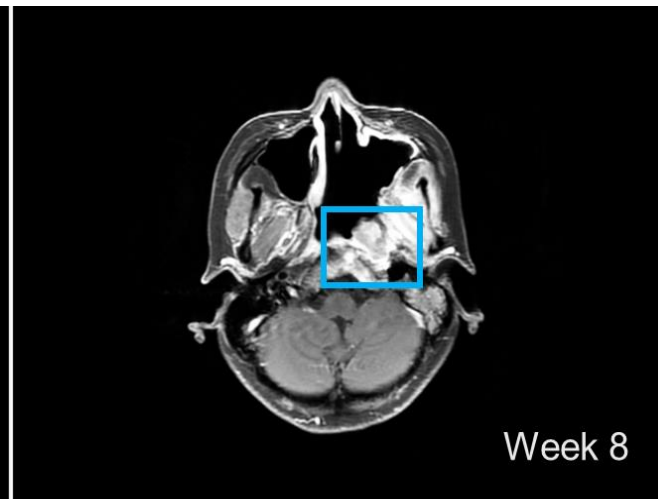
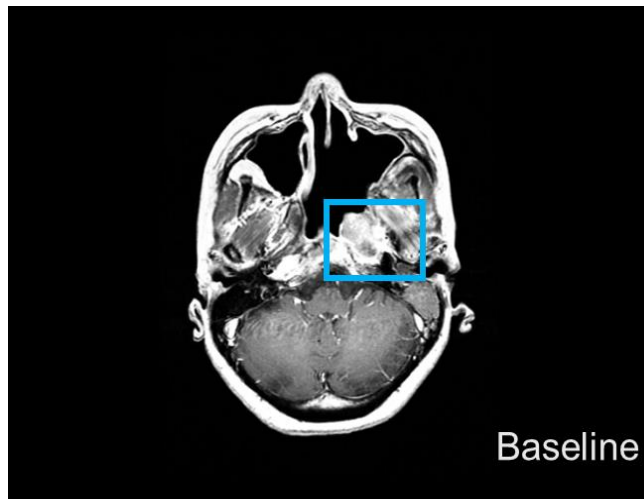
>50% reduction in tumor size at 8-50 weeks

44-year-old female with locally recurrent EBV<sup>+</sup> NPC

Disease previously progressed through chemoradiation therapy then combination chemotherapy

Treated with nanatinostat 40 mg QD Days 1-4/week + VGCV 900 mg QD

Courtesy of Muh-Hwa Yang, MD, PhD and Peter Mu-Hsin Chang, MD, PhD, Taipei Veterans General Hospital



# Confirmed Partial Response at Dose Level 5

~30-40% reduction in tumor size at 8-14 weeks

56-year-old male with R/M EBV+ NPC

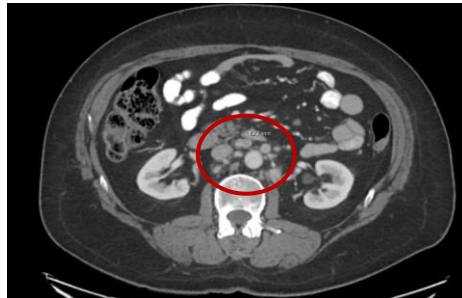
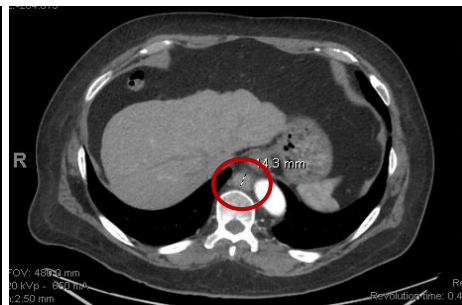
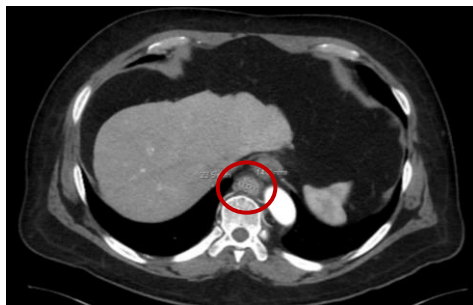
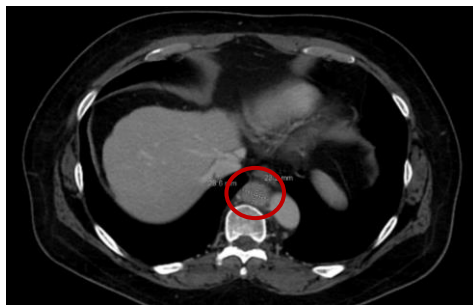
Disease previously progressed through chemoradiation therapy then chemoimmunotherapy

Treated with nanatinostat 20 mg/10 mg split dose Days 1-4/week + VGCV 900 mg BID x 21 days then 900 mg QD

Baseline

Week 8

Week 14

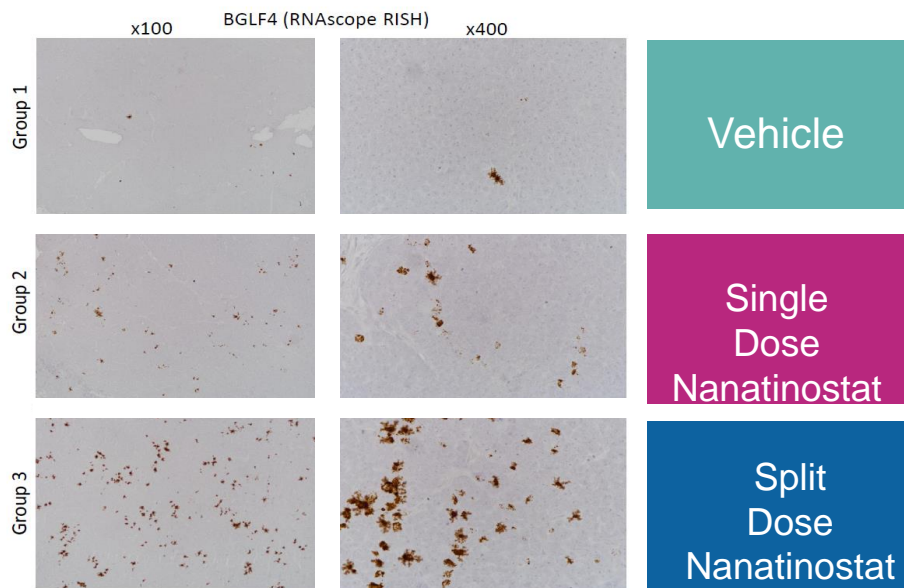


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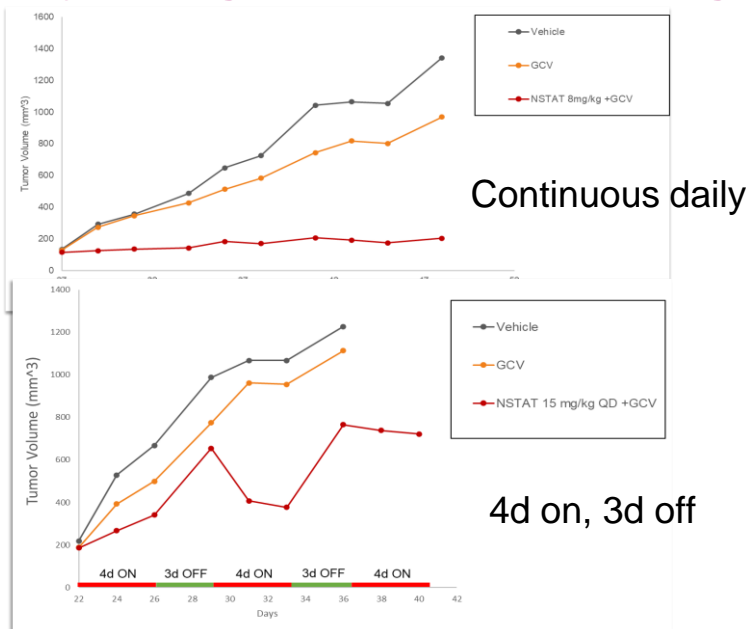
# Rationale for Split Daily Dosing (SDD) of Nanatinostat in Combination with Valganciclovir

Preclinical data provides supporting evidence to evaluate a new dosing regimen (2023 AACR-KCA Joint Conference on Precision Medicine in Cancer, Abstract AK23\_00556)

## BGLF4 optimized with Split Dosing



## Daily Dosing (vs. Intermittent Dosing)



# Planned Implementation of Split Daily Dosing (SDD) Strategy into Phase 1b

Up to 3 additional dose levels planned to determine RP2D in the absence of DLTs through Dose Level 5

Dose Level	Nstat Oral Dose	VGCV Oral Dose
8	40 mg / 40 mg SDD	450 mg / 450 mg SDD
7	30 mg / 30 mg SDD	450 mg / 450 mg SDD
6	20 mg / 20 mg SDD	450 mg / 450 mg SDD
5	20 mg / 10 mg split dose (4 days/wk)	900 mg BID x 21 d, then QD
4	10 mg split dose (4 days/wk)	900 mg BID x 21 d, then QD
3	40 mg QD (4 days/wk)	900 mg QD
2	30 mg QD (4 days/wk)	900 mg QD
1	20 mg QD (4 days/wk)	900 mg QD



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# Backup slides



# BACKUP SLIDE .NANATINOSTAT VS OTHER HDACi



## Comparison to other HDACis

Lower Dose, Stronger IP, Broader Indications, Better Efficacy, Less Toxic

Brand	Nana-val	Zolinza	Beleodaq	FARYDAK	ISTODAX
Molecule	Nanatinostat + Valgan (antiviral)	Vorinitstat	Belinostat	Panobinostat	Romidepsin
Company	Viracta	Merck	Acrotech	Novartis	Celegene(BMY)
Patent Expiration	2040	Expired	2026	2026	Expired
Route of Administration	Oral	Oral	Injection	Oral	IV
Dosing	20mg – using lowest dose (MTD 80mg)	400mg daily (100mg Capsules)	1,000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 30 min infusion QD on days 1-5 of a 21-day cycle	20 mg, taken orally once every other day for 3 doses per week (on Days 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12) of Weeks 1 and 2 of each 21day cycle for 8 cycles	14 mg/m <sup>2</sup> administered intravenously (IV) over a 4hour period on days 1, 8 and 15 of a 28-day cycle. Repeat cycles every 28 days
Indication	EBV Malignancies (T-cell, B-cell, Solid tumor)	Cutaneous Tcell Lymphoma (CTCL)	Peripheral Tcell lymphoma (PTCL)	Multiple Myeloma +Bortezomib +Dexamethasone	Cutaneous Tcell Lymphoma (CTCL)
Efficacy	ORR = 40% (60% Tcell) Median dur of res 10.4 months	ORR=24%-29% Median dur of resp 106 days	CR+PR = 25% Median dur of resp 8.4 months	ORR 59% (drug) vs 41% (PBO) PFS= 10.6mon vs 5.8 mon (PBO)	ORR = ~35% CR = 6% Median dur of resp 1415 months
Safety Warnings	TDB	Thromboembolism Myelosuppression GI tox Hyperglycemia Severe Thrombocytopenia Embryo-Fetal Toxicity	Heme toxicity Infection Hepatotoxicity Tumor lysis syndrome Embro-fetal toxicity	Black Box for Severe Diarrhea and CV Tox Memorrahe Hepatotoxicity Embryo-Fetal Toxicity	QT prolongation Heme tox Embryo-Fetal Toxicity Binds to estrogen receptors. May reduce the effectiveness of estrogen-containing contraceptives