



# Vemurafenib (Zelboraf<sup>®</sup>)

For the treatment of BRAF V600E mutation-positive unresectable or metastatic melanoma

# Melanoma

- ~76,000 new cases diagnosed in the US in 2012
  - ~9000 deaths
  - Incidence is rising
- Up to 2011, there were very few treatment options for advanced disease
  - In 2011, 2 NMEs approved:
    - Ipilimumab for all advanced melanoma
    - Vemurafenib for BRAF V600E mutation positive melanoma

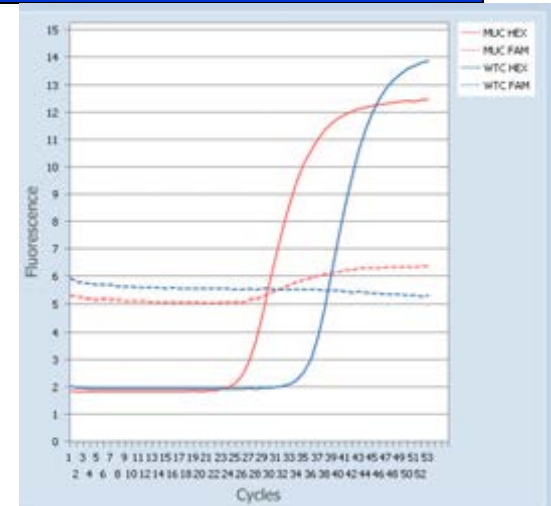
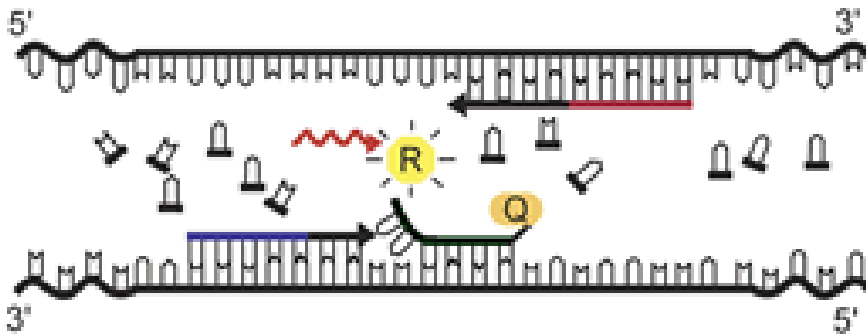
# Mutations in Melanoma

- BRAF
  - Frequency of 40-60%
  - 80-90% are V600E mutations with V600K next most common
  - Does not confer a more favorable prognosis compared to wild-type BRAF
- RAS
  - NRAS most frequent ~10-20%
  - Rarely KRAS and HRAS
- CD2KNA, CDK4, CMM1
  - Found in hereditary melanomas and syndrome of familial atypical mole and melanoma (FAMM).
- Reports of concomitant mutations in hereditary melanomas and in dysplastic nevi

# BRAF Inhibition

- Landmark paper in 2002 identified BRAF as an oncogene
- IND-73620 submission in 2006
  - PLX4032 as a “selective” inhibitor of BRAF V600E kinase
    - We now know it inhibits a lot more than that
- Cutaneous SCC seen in phase 1 study (2007-2009)
- Literature in 2009, 2010 report proliferative effects of BRAF inhibitors on wtBRAF cell lines
- We now know of upstream RAS mutations, downstream MEK mutations, and intersplice variants of BRAF
  - Appear to mediate secondary resistance to BRAF inhibitors

# Vemurafenib Companion Diagnostic: Roche cobas 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test



- Real-time PCR technology
- Detects and amplifies wild type and mutant BRAF gene
- Designed specifically to detect V600E
- Result output is either “Mutation Detected” Or “Mutation Not Detected”

# Pre-Trial Planning: Companion Diagnostic

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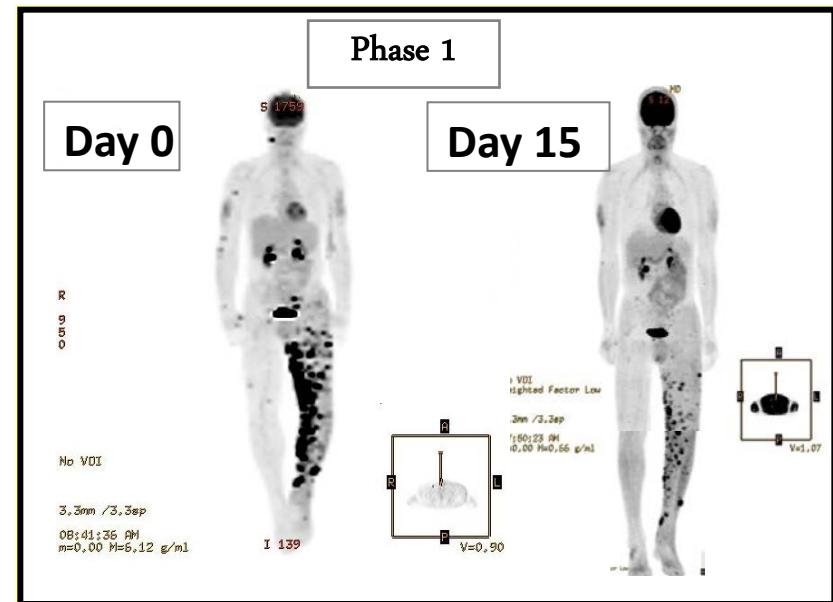
Is the population specified?

Can the population be identified in a reproducible manner?

- Fully specified test prior to use in trial
- Analytical studies are conducted prior to clinical validation
- Demonstrate the test measurements correct and reliable  
(if the test doesn't work, the drug could be improperly administered)
- Consider factors that impact test (e.g., interference, cross-reactivity)
- Consider impact of false negatives and false positives on trial population

## Promising Efficacy Observed in Phase 1

- Melanoma Extension Cohort (960 mg bid) in patients with BRAF<sup>V600</sup> mutation-**positive tumors** by prototype (TaqMan<sup>®</sup>) test
  - 81% (26/32 patients) unconfirmed response rate
  - 56% (18/32 patients) confirmed response rate



# How to proceed?

- No responses seen in patients with confirmed wtBRAF (n=5, doses above 240 mg)
- Dramatic responses seen in patients with V600E BRAF
  - Sponsor chose to initiate simultaneous Phase 2 and 3 trials



*A Randomized, Open-label, Controlled, Multicenter, Phase III Study in Previously Untreated Patients With Unresectable Stage IIIC or Stage IV Melanoma with V600E BRAF Mutation Receiving RO5185426 or Dacarbazine*

Main Eligibility Criteria

- Age  $\geq$  18 years
- Histologically confirmed melanoma Stage IIIC (unresectable), IV
- Chemo-naïve for advanced disease
- Mutation positive by cobas<sup>®</sup> 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

(N=680)

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**Vemurafenib**  
**960 mg BID**

**Dacarbazine**  
**1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Primary Endpoint: OS

- 468 events provides 80% power for HR=0.75, alpha=0.025 (2-sided)
- Two planned Interim analyses: 234 events (50%) and 351 events (75%)

Secondary Endpoints: PFS, BORR, DoR, Time to Response, Safety, PK

<sup>1</sup> estimates of median unreliable; few patients in follow-up after month 7

# Interactions with FDA

- Eight teleconferences and meetings from August to October 2010
  - All in conjunction with CDER and CDRH
- All parties involved had to be flexible and quickly adapt to the amount of data coming in and the speed at which it was coming.
  - Response rates
    - Changed the statistical assumptions of the phase 3 trial and included PFS as co-primary endpoint
  - Cutaneous SCC
    - Comprehensive safety monitoring plan
    - Commend the sponsor on the molecular characterization of the new lesions (ASCO 2011 abstract)
  - Device development



## BRIM-3: Revised Statistical Assumptions **Prior to IA** *OS, PFS Co-primary endpoints*

Overall survival		
	Original	Revised
Hazard ratio	0.75	0.65
Power	80%	80%
$\alpha$	0.025 (two-sided)	0.045 (two-sided)
Target median (months)	8.0 to 10.7	8.0 to 12.3
Events	468	196
Interim analysis	50%, 75%	50%
Progression-free survival		
	Original	Revised
Hazard ratio	-	0.55
Power	-	90%
$\alpha$	-	0.005 (two-sided)
Target median (months)	-	2.5 to 4.5
Events	-	Projected 187
Final analysis	-	At interim analysis for OS



# At 1<sup>st</sup> Planned Interim Analysis (50% of OS events, n=100)

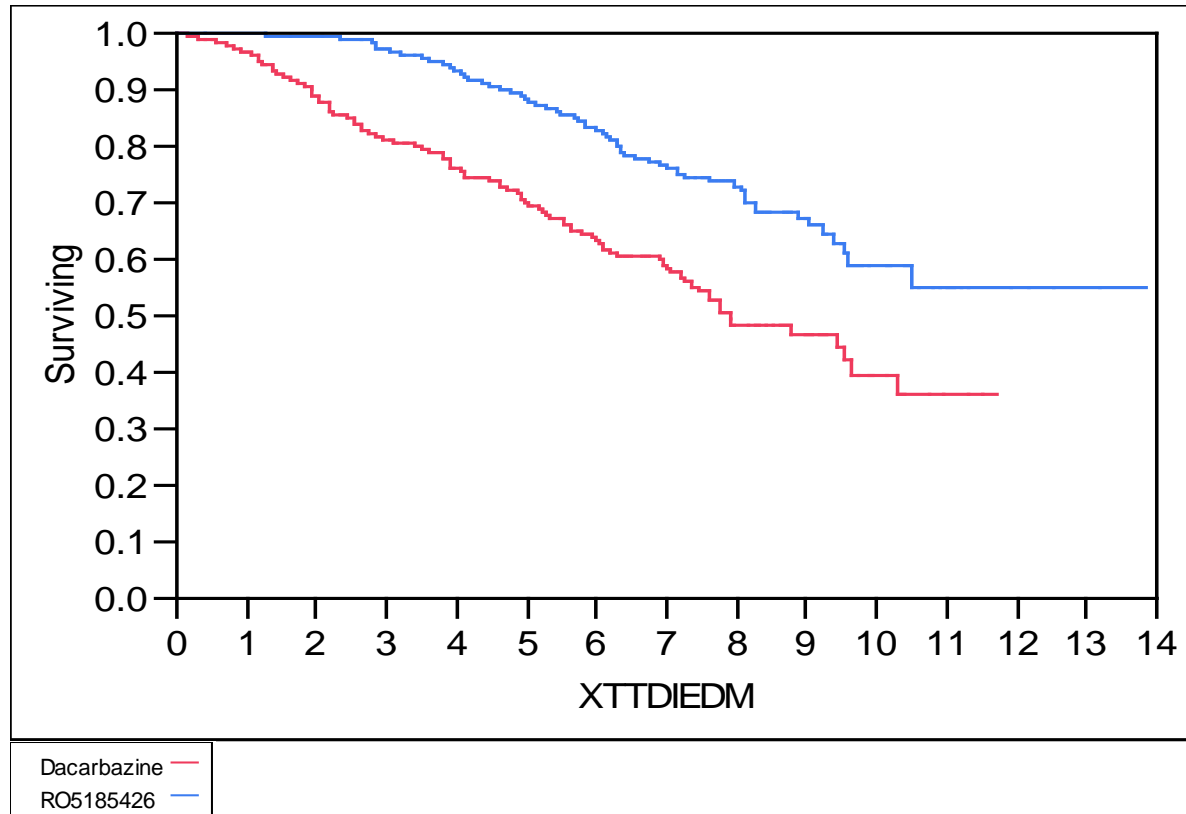
Full ITT Population \*

Study NO25026-FDA (Data Cutoff 12-30-10)

Overall Survival	Vemurafenib N = 337	Dacarbazine N = 338
Number of Events	43 (12.8)	75 (22.2)
Censored	294 (87.2)	63 (18.6)
<b>Median OS**</b>	<b>9.2 months (8.03, NE<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>7.7 Months (6.2, NE<sup>2</sup>)</b>
<b>Hazard Ratio<sup>1</sup> (95% CI)</b>		<b>0.37 (0.26-0.54)</b>
<b>p-value (logrank test)</b>		<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

# Phase 3 Results-Efficacy; Final OS

Kaplan Meier OS Estimates



HR 0.44 (0.33-0.59)  $p < 0.0001$  (199 total events)  
 median OS Vemurafenib= NE (9.6 – NE)  
 Dacarbazine= 7.9 (7.2 – 9.6)

# Phase 3 Results – Other Endpoints

- Improvement in PFS:
  - HR=0.26 (95% CI: 0.2,0.33)
- Confirmed ORR = 48.4% vs. 5.5%

# Warnings and Precautions in The Label

- Cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas
- Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis
- Severe dermatologic reactions, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis
- QT prolongation
- Liver laboratory abnormalities
- Photosensitivity
- Serious ophthalmologic reactions
- New primary malignant melanomas
- Pregnancy: May cause fetal harm
- BRAFV600E testing

# Vemurafenib Companion Diagnostic

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**Test Intended Use:** The cobas® 4800 BRAF V600 Mutation Test is an in vitro diagnostic device intended for the qualitative detection of **BRAF V600E mutation in DNA extracted from formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human melanoma tissue.**



RMS provided analytical data to support the reliability of the test prior to use in trial

- Validation with specific specimen type
- Accuracy for V600E vs. Wild type V600
- Sensitivity for V600E in a background of Wild type
- Cross-Reactivity



# Indication

- *ZELBORAF™ is indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAFV600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.*
- *Limitation of Use: ZELBORAF is not recommended for use in patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma.*
  - Why the limitations of use statement?
  - Why V600E?

# To Answer Both Questions

- Limited to no experience in patients who do not test positive for the V600E mutation
- Positive risk-benefit assessment has not been established for patients with wtBRAF or mutV600 that test negative.
  - Other mutations to be addressed in a PMC
  - Patients with wtBRAF should only be treated with Zelboraf in the context of a clinical trial

# Enrichment Strategy

- Example of a predictive enrichment strategy
- Allowed for recalculation of statistical assumptions for the pivotal trial
  - Lower number of events needed
- Led to rapid approval (4 months)



# Challenge Question

## What Were the Key Factors That Led to the Rapid Approval of Vemurafenib and the Cobas V600 Mutation Test?

- A) The statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in an endpoint that directly measures clinical benefit
- B) An analytically valid and reliable companion diagnostic test that enriched the trial population with patients that have a higher likelihood to respond to treatment
- C) The development of a comprehensive monitoring plan for an unexpected adverse reaction
- D) Early, frequent, and interdisciplinary interactions with the FDA to address issues that arose during development
- E) All of the above