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## **Novel strategy for RAS-pathway targeting: Initial results from a phase 1b/2 clinical trial of the oral HDAC inhibitor bocodepsin (OKI-179) combined with binimetinib in patients with RAS-pathway mutated solid tumors and NRAS-mutated melanoma**

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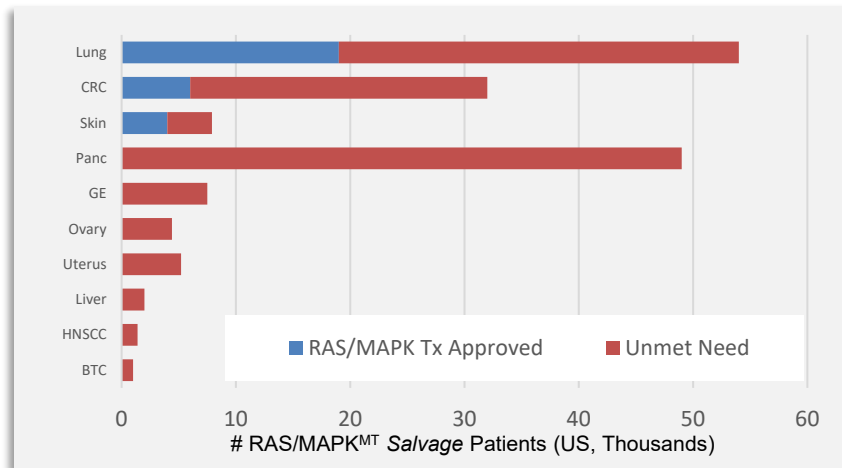
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# Bocodepsin (OKI-179) + Binimetinib: Targeting the RAS-Pathway with a Novel Mechanism

Cancers with RAS-Pathway Alterations: Large Patient Populations Still Have a Significant Unmet Need<sup>1</sup>



RAS-Pathway Targeting Alone is Often Inadequate

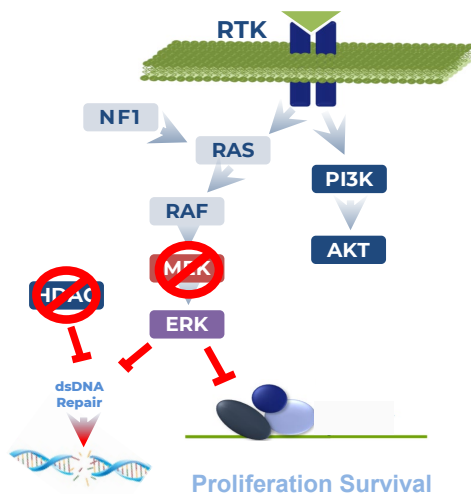
Drug	Indication	ORR	mPFS (mos)
Binimetinib	NRAS Melanoma <sup>2</sup>	15%	2.8
	BRAF CRC <sup>3</sup>	0%	1.4
Sotorasib	KRAS <sup>G12C</sup> NSCLC <sup>4</sup>	28%	5.6
	KRAS <sup>G12C</sup> CRC <sup>4</sup>	10%	4

- Majority of RAS-pathway-mutated cancers still have no adequate therapy
- Potential backbone therapy for all RAS<sup>MT</sup> Cancers (25-35% of cancers)

<sup>1</sup> Data from ACS Cancer facts and figures, 2023. CbioPortal ([www.cbioportal.org](http://www.cbioportal.org)) <sup>2</sup> Dummer et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2017 Apr;18(4):435-445 <sup>3</sup> Bendell et al. *Br J Cancer.* 2017 Feb 26; 116(5): 575-583 <sup>4</sup> Hong et al. *NEJM.* 2020;383(13):1207-1217 Johnson et al. *ESMO Congress.* 2022;401(10378):733-746

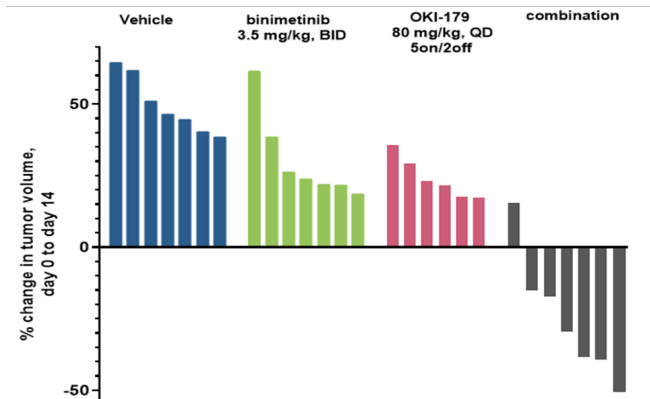
# HDACi is Synergistic with MEKi in RAS Pathway Altered Tumors

- Strong translational data supports novel role for HDACi in potentiating the activity of MEK-targeted therapy<sup>1</sup>



- HDACi + MAPK inhibition induces dsDNA breaks and cell death<sup>1</sup> preferentially in RAS-pathway mutated cancers

## Activity of bicodepsin + binimetinib in SK-MEL-2 NRAS<sup>MT</sup> melanoma

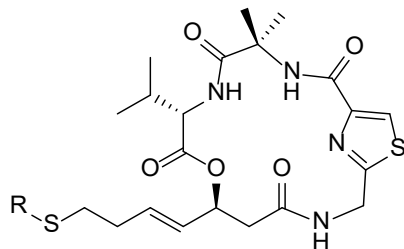


- The HDACi bicodepsin + binimetinib is active in multiple RAS/MAPK-mutated cancer types
- Bicodepsin + binimetinib active with multiple RAS pathway inhibitors (KRASi, RAFi, MEKi, ERKi)

<sup>1</sup>Maertens et al. Cancer Discovery (2019), 9, 526-45; Feiao-Flores and Smalley Melanoma Manag. 2019 Dec 16;6(4):MMT2; Wang et al Cell. 2018 May 31;173(6):1413-1425.e14; Bahr et al Oncotarget. 2016 Oct 25;7(43):69804-69815; Yamada et al Mol Cancer Ther. 2016 Jan;17(1):17-25  
AD91: The class I selective, oral HDAC inhibitor bicodepsin enhances the response to MAPK pathway inhibitors in multiple tumor types with mutations in MAPK pathway signaling proteins. Rich Woessner, OnKure Therapeutics, Boulder, CO United States.

# Bocodepsin (OKI-179): Best-In-Class HDACi For Solid Tumor Combinations

Bocodepsin is Class I-targeting HDACi with potency, safety and oral dosing allowing combination with targeted therapies in solid tumors



R = octanoate thioester (OKI-005)

R = H (OKI-006)

R = L-valine thioester benzenesulfonic acid salt (bocodepsin)

- Oral prodrug, rapidly converts to the active metabolite, OKI-006 *in vivo*
- Low nM activity on Class I, Class IIa HDACs; no significant Class IIb inhibition
- Completed Phase 1 clinical trial in patients with advanced solid tumors with RP2D bocodepsin 300 mg oral daily with intermittent dosing 4 days on 3 days off<sup>1</sup>
- DLTs thrombocytopenia and nausea at high dose and with continuous dosing
- Well tolerated at biologically-relevant exposures
- Favorable PK/PD profile

<sup>1</sup> Diamond et al ASCO, 2021

Nautilus (OKI-179-230) is a Phase 1b/2 study designed to seek an initial proof of concept for combining bocodepsin with binimetinib in NRAS-mutated Melanoma

## Phase 1b Dose Escalation

### Primary Endpoint

- MTD and RP2D

RP2D

## Phase 2 Single-Arm Simon Optimal 2-stage Study

### Primary Endpoint

- Overall response rate



Advanced solid tumors with any activating RAS pathway mutation:  
e.g. RAS, BRAF, NF1

Patients with advanced (unresectable stage III/IV) NRAS-mutated melanoma previously treated with/ineligible for immune checkpoint inhibition (ICI)

Binimetinib has shown a ~15% ORR in NRAS<sup>MT</sup> melanoma in 2 independent studies.

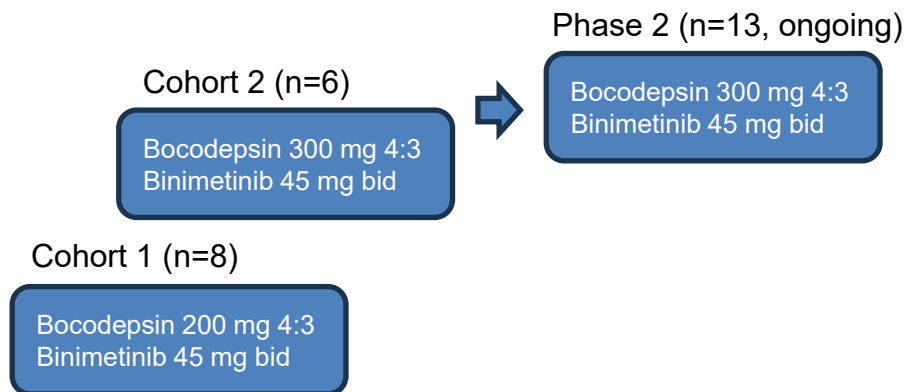
- An ORR  $\geq$  30% would be considered clinically meaningful

# Interim Study Results

At the safety data cutoff<sup>1</sup>, 27 patients were enrolled across both Phase 1b and Phase 2

Phase 1b dose ranging:

- No DLT observed in either Cohort 1 or Cohort 2
- RP2D is 300 mg bocodepsin PO daily 4 days on/3 days off (4:3) + binimetinib, 45 mg PO BID



Demographic	Phase 1b		Phase 2
	Cohort 1 (Boco 200 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=8	Cohort 2 (Boco 300 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=6	Boco 300 mg/ Bini 45 mg n=13
<b>Age (Years)</b>			
Median (Range)	65 (41-75)	70 (42-76)	66 (53-82)
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	5 (63%)	3 (50%)	7 (54%)
Male	3 (38%)	3 (50%)	6 (46%)
<b>Race</b>			
Caucasian	6 (75%)	5 (83%)	13 (100%)
Unknown	2 (25%)	1 (17%)	0 (0%)
<b>ECOG PS</b>			
0	4 (50%)	3 (50%)	3 (23%)
1	4 (50%)	3 (50%)	10 (77%)
<b>Prior Lines of Therapy</b>			
Median (Range)	4 (1-6)	2 (1-3)	3 (1-6)
<b>Tumor Types</b>			
Melanoma	2 (25%)	1 (17%)	13 (100%)
Colorectal	2 (25%)	2 (33%)	-
Other	4 (50%)	3 (50%)	-

<sup>1</sup>Safety data cutoff of July 6, 2023. Clinical activity data cutoff for patients with tumor assessment scan is Sept 26, 2023

# Treatment-Related AEs >15% Phase 1b/2

Most common TRAE were as expected based on side-effect profile of binimetinib and bocodepsin alone

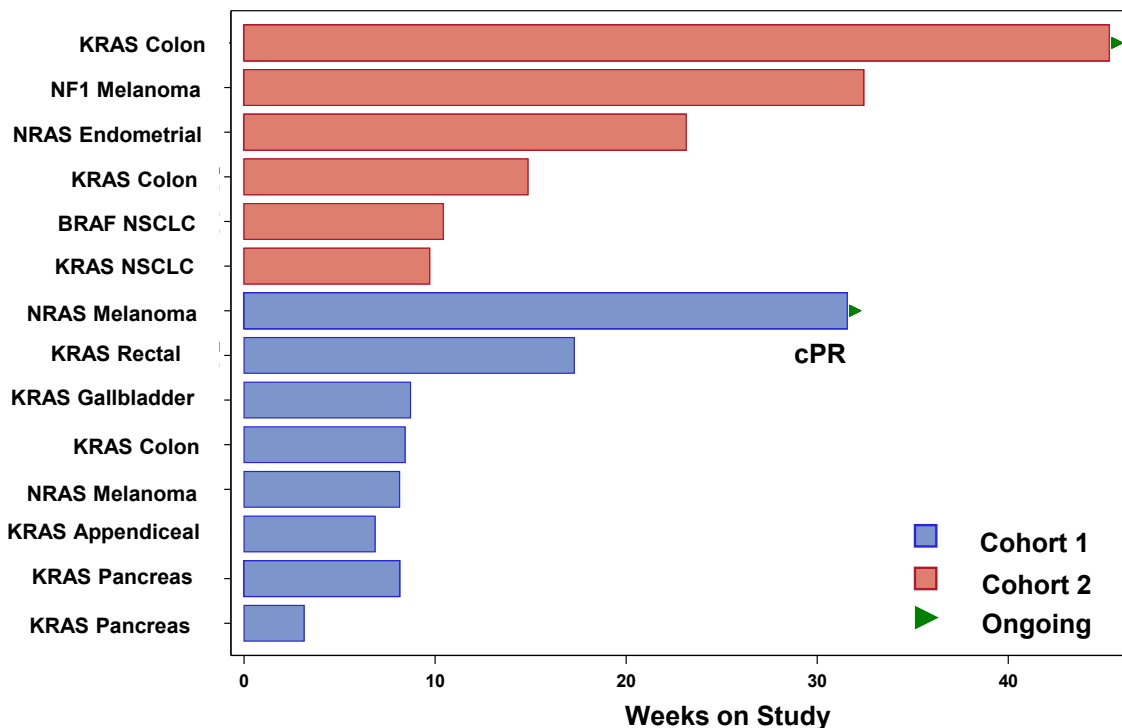
Preferred Term	Phase 1b						Phase 2		
	Cohort 1 (Boco 200 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=8			Cohort 2 (Boco 300 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=6			(Boco 300 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=13		
	Gr 1/2	Gr 3	All Grades	Gr 1/2	Gr 3	All Grades	Gr 1/2	Gr 3	All Grades
Diarrhea	7	—	7 (88%)	4	—	4 (67%)	5	—	5 (38%)
Vision blurred	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5 (38%)
Fatigue	1	1	2 (25%)	4	—	4 (67%)	4	1	5 (38%)
Platelet count decreased	3	—	3 (38%)	1	1	2 (33%)	4	1	5 (38%)
Nausea	4	—	4 (50%)	5	—	5 (83%)	4	1	5 (38%)
Anemia	1	1	2 (25%)	3	2	5 (83%)	4	—	4 (31%)
Vomiting	3	—	3 (38%)	2	—	2 (33%)	2	2	4 (31%)
Blood CPK increased	4	—	4 (50%)	1	1	2 (33%)	2	1	3 (23%)
Dermatitis	3	1	4 (50%)	4	—	4 (67%)	—	3	3 (23%)
Blood LDH increased	2	—	2 (25%)	1	—	1 (17%)	3	—	3 (23%)
Stomatitis	2	—	2 (25%)	1	—	1 (17%)	1	—	1 (8%)
Edema	2	—	2 (25%)	3	—	3 (50%)	1	—	1 (8%)

# Frequency of Dose Holds & Dose Reductions in Response to TRAEs

AEs are generally manageable with supportive care or dose interruptions/reductions

Drug Name	Dose Modification	Phase 1b		Phase 2
		Cohort 1 (Boco 200 mg / Bini 45 mg BID) n=8	Cohort 2 (Boco 300 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=6	(Boco 300 mg / Bini 45 mg) n=13
<b>Bocodepsin</b>	Dose held	3 (38%)	5 (83%)	5 (38%)
	Dose reduction	–	2 (33%)	3 (23%)
<b>Binimetinib</b>	Dose held	3 (38%)	5 (83%)	7 (54%)
	Dose reduction	2 (25%)	2 (33%)	5 (38%)

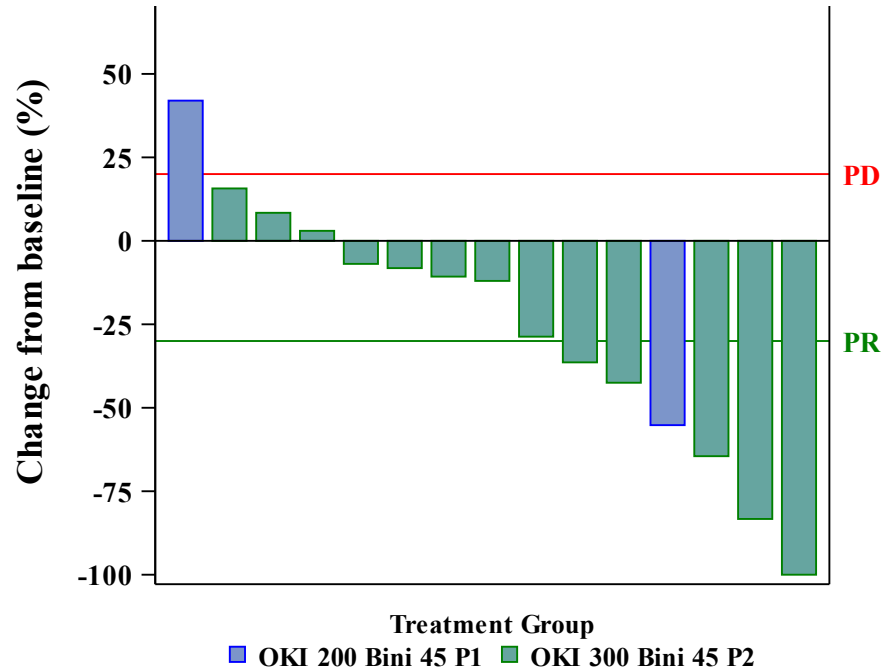
# Phase 1b Time on Treatment



- In Phase 1b, 1 PR (NRAS-mutated melanoma in Cohort 1) and 7 SD were observed.
- KRAS CRC patient with stable disease >40 weeks
- Median time on study was 4 months

# Best Response by RECIST 1.1 in All Patients with NRAS-Mutated Melanoma in Phase 1b/2

Best change in tumor volume: NRAS-mutated melanoma Phase 1b/2 (N=15)



Phase 1b/2 Best Response by RECIST 1.1 In All NRAS-mutated Melanoma (n=16)

Best Response	Phase 1b n=2 <sup>a</sup>	Phase 2 n=14	All NRAS Pts n=16
Complete response	-	-	-
Partial response	1 (50%)	5 (36%)	6 (38%)
Stable disease	-	6 (43%)	6 (38%)
Progressive disease	1 (50%)	3 <sup>b</sup> (21%)	4 <sup>b</sup> (25%)

<sup>a</sup> both patients were treated at bocodepsin 200mg/binimetinib 45mg BID

<sup>b</sup> 1 patient experienced clinical progression early in Cycle 1 and did not get a scan

# Case Report: NRAS (Q61K) melanoma

59yr. old female / ECOG=0 / 5 prior lines of therapy

R Subpectoral mass:  
46.8 mm

Cardiophrenic lymph node:  
21.7 mm

Rectal mass:  
41 mm



**Baseline**

14 mm

4.9 mm

20 mm



**Week 22  
(PR -64%)**

# Summary

- The combination of the oral HDAC inhibitor bocodepsin plus binimetinib exploits a novel mechanism for targeting RAS-pathway mutated cancers
- Bocodepsin was tolerated in combination with binimetinib in Phase 1 at both dose levels, with no DLT observed
- AEs were consistent with the effect of either bocodepsin or binimetinib alone
- 300 mg bocodepsin (PO, QD, 4 days on/3 off) + binimetinib 45 mg BID PO was the recommended dose to advance to Phase 2
- In all NRAS melanoma patients evaluable for response (n=15) 6 PR were observed (ORR 40%)
  - Binimetinib alone had an ORR of 15% in a similar patient population in the NEMO phase 3 trial.
- **The Nautilus study is continuing to enroll.**
- **These data support continued development of bocodepsin in combination with binimetinib in NRAS melanoma and other indications, such as KRAS-mutated CRC and NSCLC**

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