

GEM045 Overview

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Background of Autotaxin







Autotaxin Deletion Ameliorates Liver Fibrosis

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> Abrogation of liver ATX/LPA production resulted in diminished necrosis, apoptosis, and proliferation



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CH-C, chronic hepatitis C Hepatology (2017) v65, p1369; J Clin Gastroenterol (2007) v41, p616

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CH.C

Relationships between Serum Levels of ATX and the Liver Fibrosis Stage with NAFLD



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Autotaxin Inhibitors -- Series 1

> GEM045 bNPP IC₅₀ = 58 nM; LPC-CR IC₅₀ = 330 ± 72 nM.

	LPC-CR (in-vitro) IC₅₀ (nM)	LPA Reduction (rat plasma) (ex-vivo) IC ₅₀ (nM)	LPA Reduction % (PD in mice) at 24 hr. (same dosage estimate)	Dog PK	hERG IC₅₀ (μM)	CYPs IC ₅₀ (μM)
GEM045	330	1	Maintained ~80%	T _{1/2} (iv) 7.6 h F% 49.6	>10	>10
GLPG-1690 (Finished Phase II for IPF)	231	100	Dropped to ~30%	T _{1/2} (iv) 3.5 h F% 63	>10	>10

- GEM045 showed significant effects in chronic pancreatitis (Histology Score 11.0 → 7.4); MCD (NAS 6.4 → 0.9, Fibrosis 1.9 → 0.0); Stelic-STAM (NAS 4.5 → 3.3); CDA-HFD (NAS+Fibrosis Score 8.5 → 5.4); IPF (Pulmonary Inflammation 3.1 → 2.1, Pulmonary Fibrosis 4.3 → 2.7); paw edema (edema volume ↓ 67%); and A549 Xenograft (anticancer) animal studies.
- Only one reduced metabolite (M+2) by liver hepatocytes in all species (rat, dog, monkey, human). The metabolite has the same LPA reduction activity as the mother species GEM045.
- > MTD of GEM045: no findings up to 900 mg/kg, po, b.i.d. for 5 days in mice.



Autotaxin Inhibitors (PK/PD)

GEM045 Mouse PK/PD Properties Reduction of plasma LPA 18:2 as a PD biomarker



- 1. Compound: GEM045
- 2. Dose: PO= 20 mg/kg
- 3. Formulation:
 - 5% DMSO + 20% Cremophor EL®+ PBS
- 4. Time point (hour): PO= 0, 1, 3, 6 and 24
- 5. Analysis: GEM045 and LPA 18:2

by LC-MS/MS

 GEM045 showed transient half life but with sustained inhibition of plasma LPA, indicating ATX inhibition dissociated from PK



LPA Plasma Inhibition

LPA 18:2 Inhibition in Rat Plasma of GEM045

Setting:

- 1. Compound: GEM045
- 2. Test system : SD rat plasma
- 3. Concentration (nM): 0, 0.4, 1.2, 3.7, 11.1, 33.3, 100 nM
- 4. Time point (min): 0, 2h at 37°C





Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model

8	weeks
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ITR (B6 m	I Methio ice)	onine-choline deficient (MCD) diet Treatment initiation	Finished and sacrificed
	Naïve	Sham control	n=4
	Vehicle	(V po., bid)	n=9
	GEM045	(Low dose, po., bid)	n=8
	GEM045	(High dose, po., bid)	n=8

TJC0265 formulation 5%DMSO+10%CrEL+H₂O

- Body weight is recorded twice per week, just before compound administration at each time point.
- When sacrificed, serum samples will be collected and liver samples will be fixed using formalin and then wax embedded.
- Liver samples will also be collected for frozen storage.



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model (8 wks.)

GEM045L = Low Dose.

GEM045H = High Dose





ALT





* P<0.05, vs Vehicle; One-way ANOVA



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model

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*P<0.05 vs Vehicle



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model

GEM045L = Low Dose. GEM045H

e. GEM045H = High Dose



*P<0.05 vs Vehicle



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model



GEM045L = Low Dose. GEM045H = High Dose



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model

GEM045L = Low Dose.

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IS: internal standard

GEM045H



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model

GEM045L = Low Dose. GEM045H = High Dose

	Treatment Group				
Measurements	Naive	Vehicle GEM045L X mg/kg GEM045		GEM045H Y mg/kg	
Steatosis	0.00±0.00	2.33±0.87	1.71±0.76	0.29±0.49*	
Inflammation	0.00±0.00	2.33±0.71	1.29±0.49*	0.43±0.53*	
Ballooning	0.00±0.00	1.78±0.44	0.86±0.69*	0.14±0.38*	
NAS	0.00±0.00	6.44±1.81	3.86±1.57*	0.85±1.07*	
Fibrosis	0.00±0.00	1.89±0.78	0.57±0.79*	0.00 <u>+</u> 0.00*	



Effect of GEM045 on Methionine-Choline-Deficient Model





GEM045H Y mg/kg

H&E 100X



Effect of GEM045 on Stelic-STAM Model

- 1. Vehicle po (5% DMSO/10% CrEI in saline)
- 2. GEM045 Low dose po bid x **3 weeks**
- 3. GEM045 High dose po bid x **3 weeks**



Group	No. mice	Mice	Test substance	Dose (mg/kg)	Volume (mL/kg)	Regimen	Sacrifice (wks)
1	8	STAM	Vehicle	-	10	PO, BID, 6 - 9 wks	9
2	8	STAM	GEM045	High	10	PO, BID, 6 - 9 wks	9
3	8	STAM	GEM045	Low	10	PO, BID, 6 - 9 wks	9



Effect of GEM045 on Stelic-STAM Model (po, bid, 9 wks.)





Effect of GEM045 on Stelic-STAM Model





Effect of GEM045 on Stelic-STAM Model



Original magnifications, Upper panels, x50. Lower panels, x200.



Effect of GEM045(M) on Choline-Deficient Amino acid-Defined High Fat Diet Model



Autotaxin Inhibitors (CDA-HFD)

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Effect of GEM045(M) on Choline-Deficient Amino acid-Defined High Fat Diet Model

Histopathology



**, One-way ANOVA, *p*<0.01.



Autotaxin Inhibitors (CDA-HFD)

Effect of GEM045(M) on Choline-Deficient Amino acid-Defined High Fat Diet Model

	Treatment Group ^a				
Measurements	Naïve	Vehicle	045L mpk	045H mpk	
Steatosis	0.00±0.00	3.00±0.00	3.00±0.00	2.88±0.35	
Fibrosis	0.00±0.00	1.38±0.52	1.00±0.53	0.00±0.00 **	
Inflammation	0.45±0.55	3.00±0.00	2.75±0.46	2.25±0.46 **	
Ballooning	0.00±0.00	1.13±0.35	1.13±0.35	0.25±0.46 **	
NAS + Fibrosis ^b	0.45±0.55	8.50±0.76	7.88±0.83	5.38±0.92 **	

^a Data are presented as Mean ± SD

^b One-way ANOVA. (P<0.01)



NAS + Fibrosis



Autotaxin Inhibitors (CDA-HFD)

Effect of GEM045(M) on Choline-Deficient Amino acid-Defined High Fat Diet Model

Histopathology

H&E 100X





Autotaxin Inhibitors (IPF - Mice)

Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice





Group	Dosage & route	N value	right cranial lobe
Sham	Saline	3	right middle lobe
Vehicle	1.5U/kg BLM	8	
GEM045M	X mg/kg ip bid	8	2. 5.9 accessory lobe right caudal lobe



Autotaxin Inhibitors (IPF - Mice) - Total Cells

Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice



- The Sham group was significantly different from the vehicle (P< 0.0001).
- Cell numbers in BALF trended to decrease in GEM045M (new salt of GEM045) group (27% inhibition)



Autotaxin Inhibitors (IPF - Mice)

Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice

Criteria of Histopathology

Some commonly used severity grading schemes

Shackelford *et al.* (Toxicologic Pathology 30: 93-96, 2002). 1 = minimal (< 1%) 2 = slight (1-25%) 3 = moderate (26-50%) 4 = moderately severe (51-75%) 5 = severe/high (76-100%).

Criteria for grading lung fibrosis

Ashcroft et al. (J Clin Pathol 1988; 41:467-470).

- 0: Normal lung
- 1: Minimal fibrous thickening of alveolar or bronchiolar walls
- 2-3: Moderate thickening of walls without obvious damage to lung architecture
- 4-5: Increased fibrosis with definite damage to lung structure and formation of fibrous bands or small fibrous masses
- 6-7: Severe distortion of structure and large fibrous areas; ''honeycomb lung'' is placed in this category
- 8: Total fibrous obliteration of the field



Autotaxin Inhibitors (IPF - Mice) - Histopathology

Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice

	Treatment Group ^a			
Measurements	Sham	Vehicle	GEM045M X mg/kg ip bid	
Inflammation	0.93±0.31 **	3.13±0.53	2.05±0.32 **	

^a Data are presented as Mean \pm SD.

Pulmonary Inflammation

- Sham (N=3)
- Bleomycin + Vehicle, IP (N=8)
- Bleomycin + GEM045M X mg/kg, IP BID (N=8)

	Treatment Group ^a			
Measurements	Sham	Vehicle	GEM045M X mg/kg ip bid	
Fibrosis	0.00 ± 0.00 **	4.30±1.14	2.70±0.50 **	

^a Data are presented as Mean \pm SD.

Pulmonary Fibrosis

- Sham (N=3)
- Bleomycin + Vehicle, IP (N=8)
- Bleomycin + GEM045M X mg/kg ,IP BID (N=8)







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Autotaxin Inhibitors (IPF - Mice) - Histopathology

Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Mice





The lesions of the GEM045M group (X mg/kg ip, bid) showed significantly decrease focal pulmonary fibrosis and multifocal inflammatory cell infiltration as compared to the vehicle group.





Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat





Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat





Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat





Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat

Pathological Changes of the Bronchiole & Arteriole (in the core zone of the lung fibrosis)

Pathological analysis parameters

Score	Bronchiole wall damages
0	Normal structure without inflammatory cell infiltration
1	Normal structure damage within 1/2 of the wall including epithelial cell damage, regeneration, bronchiole wall edema, muscle degeneration, regeneration
2	Normal structure damage over half of the wall including epithelial cell damage, regeneration, bronchiole wall edema, muscle degeneration, regeneration
3	EC damage + media damage + adventitia granulation, fibrosis

Score	Inflammatory cell infiltration in the wall
0	Normal structure without inflammatory cell infiltration
1	There are several inflammatory cells in the wall, within 10 cells
2	Inflammatory cell infiltration as foci in the wall.
3	Inflammatory cell infiltration in the wall diffusely over half of the wall area

Score	Arteriole wall damages
0	Normal arteriol structure
1	Endothelial cell damage showing EC denudation partially or all
2	Endothelial cell denudation plus media damage showing SMC degeneration and necrosis focally
3	EC damage + media damage + adventitia granulation, fibrosis

Score	Inflammatory cell infiltration in the arteriole			
0	Normal structure without inflammatory cell infiltration			
1	There are several inflammatory cells in the arteriol wall especially in the adventitia area, within 10 cells			
2	Inflammatory cell infiltration in the arteriol wall as foci in the wall, especially in the adventitia area.			
3	Inflammatory cell infiltration in the wall diffusely over half of the wall area especially the <u>tansmural</u> wall inflammatory cell infiltration			



Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat

Pathological Changes of the Bronchiole & Arteriole (in the Border zone of the lung fibrosis)

Pathological analysis parameters

Score	Bronchiole wall damages			
0	Normal structure without inflammatory cell infiltration			
1	Normal structure damage within 1/2 of the wall including epithelial cell damage, regeneration, bronchiole wall <u>edemia,muscle</u> degeneration, regeneration			
2	Normal structure damage over half of the wall including epithelial cell damage, regeneration, bronchiole wall edema, muscle degeneration, regeneration			
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Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat





Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat



Damage in the fibrosis core: Blue Damage in the border: Red Fibrosis area: Inline of yellow



Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat



One-way ANOVA: *p<0.05 vs. model; ***p<0.001 vs. model. T-test: #p<0.05 vs. model

Bronchiole and arteriole damages in fibrosis core were scored and summarized together.



Bleomycin-Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis in Rat



- · Left lung fibrosis are scored under Ashcroft score methods
- Left lung fibrosis scores are divided as two groups based on the alveolar damage (Ashcroft score); score 1-3 indicate alveolar structure preserved well, score 4-8 indicate alveolar structure broken or disappeared.



- GEM045 showed additive anticancer effect in combo use with Erlotinib on A549 (lung cancer) xenograft animal model.
- Shrank A549 cancer cell volume by 35.8% after 3 wks. (18 days) treatment.
- Will further test in BxPC-3 (pancreatic cancer) and PC-3 (prostate cancer) xenograft models.



Autotaxin Inhibitors (Anti-Cancer Effect)

Effect of GEM045 on A549 Xenograft Model



Group	Test Article	Dose	Route	N
1	Vehicle (5% DMSO, 0.5% HPMC)	NA	ро	9
2	Erlotinib	25 mg/kg, QD x 3 wks (18d)	ро	9
3	GEM045	X mg/kg, BID x 3 wks (18d)	ро	9
4	Combined therapy	Erlotinib 25 mg/kg, QD x 3 wks (18d) + GEM045 X mg/kg, BID x 3 wks (18d)	ро	8



Autotaxin Inhibitors (Anti-Cancer Effect)

Effect of GEM045 on A549 Xenograft Model

- Vehicle (N=9)
- -B· Erlotinib 25 mg/kg, qd (N=9)
- -A GEM045 X mg/kg, bid (N=9)
- Vehicle (N=9)
- -▼- Erlotinib 25 mg/kg + GEM045 X mg/kg (N=8)

A549 Xenograft Model



Two-way ANOVA (Bonferroni's multiple comparisons test)



Autotaxin Inhibitors (Anti-Cancer Effect)

Effect of GEM045 on A549 Xenograft Model

A549 Xenograft Model

→ Vehicle (N=9)

- GEM045 X mg/kg, bid (N=9)
- -🖪 · Erlotinib 25 mg/kg, qd (N=9) 🖛 Erlotinib 25 mg/kg + GEM045 X mg/kg (N=8)





in-vitro ADME of GEM045

CRITERIA	GEM045	
LogD	3.23	
Solubility (phosphate buffer, pH 7.4)	0.47 μΜ	
Stability in PBS (@ 2h)	> 100%	
Plasma Stability (@ 2h)	> 100% (Ms, Rt, Dg, Mk, Hu)	
Microsomal Stability (@ 30min)	> 86% (Hu) > 85% (Dg) > 87% (Rt)	
Plasma Protein Binding	> 99.5% (Ms, Rt, Dg, Mk, Hu)	
CYPs IC ₅₀ (3A, 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6)	> 50 μM	
hERG IC ₅₀	> 10 µM	
MDR1-MDCK (P-gp substrate/inhibition)	Negative/Negative	
Metabolite Profiling	One Putative Metabolite	



Autotaxin Inhibitors (Plasma Stability)

Plasma Stability of GEM045

Setting:

- 1. Compound: GEM045
- 2. Time point (min): 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 4h
- 3. Analysis: GEM045 by LC-MS/MS





Metabolite Study of GEM045

Results of Partial Characterization of Putative Metabolite M1 and Relative Quantification of the TA and M1 in Pooled Human and Animal Hepatocyte Incubation Samples

Species	Sample	GEM045	M1 (+2H)
Uumon	T=0 min	100.0	3.4
пипап	Pooled	69.5	181.5
Manlana	T=0 min	100.0	1.5
wonkey	Pooled	87.6	24.9
Dog	T=0 min	100.0	2.0
	Pooled	52.0	59.6
Rat	T=0 min	100.0	0.6
	Pooled	74.6	62.1

Relative amounts expressed as a percentage of the amount of the TA in the T=0 minute sample



MTD of GEM045 in Mice

GEM045 at 900 mg/kg po bid (repeat dose) was well tolerated in terms of autonomic effects.





Autotaxin Inhibitors (Comparison)

	PF-8380	GLPG1690	PAT-409	GEM045
LPC IC ₅₀	1.7±0.6	231±62 nM	4 nM	330±73 nM
Plasma IC ₅₀	101±0.036 (human)	221 nM (human)	50 nM (human)	10 nM (rat)
NAS Inflammation Steatosis Ballooning 	Not available	Not available	-2 • 0 • ≈-1.5 • Not available	-6 • -2 • -2 • -2
Fibrosis	Not available	Not available	-1	-2
Status	Discontinued	Phase 2 (IPF)	Phase 1 ready	IND enabling



Autotaxin Inhibitors - Series 2 (Back-up)

Discovered lead GEM045A LPC-CR IC₅₀ = 36 nM (vs. 234 nM for GLPG-1690 tested in parallel) LPA reduction (rat plasma) IC₅₀ = 3 nM (vs. 100 nM for GLPG-1690 tested in parallel)

• More potent compounds discovered GEM045B $IC_{50} = 29 \text{ nM}$ GEM045C $IC_{50} = 10 \text{ nM}$ GEM045D $IC_{50} = 26 \text{ nM}$ GEM045E $IC_{50} = 9 \text{ nM}$ GEM045F $IC_{50} = 25 \text{ nM}$

Selected compounds are currently under PK study.

Lead optimizations ongoing.



- The solubility of GEM045 is not so good in most vehicle solutions for many animal efficacy studies.
- Various organic and inorganic salts have been attempted.
- A good salt form of GEM045 (M) is finally available right now.
- O PK study on GEM045 (M) showed only one in-vivo metabolite (M+2); LPA reduction plasma assay showed this metabolite has same activity as GEM045.
- GEM045 (M) (new salt) showed significant efficacy in CDAA-HFD, MCD (new test), IPF models.



- GEM045M showed dose-dependent efficacy by oral route for both preventive & therapeutic CDA-HFD models (separate experiments).
- GEM045 showed obvious efficacy in both preventive & therapeutic MCD models (separate experiments).
- GEM045 has demonstrated repeated efficacy in NASH animal models of MCD, STAM, and CDA-HFD.
- Hit-profiling of GEM045 does not have "show-stopper" enzyme inhibitions (e.g. hERG, CYP450, metal-ion channel, etc.).
- **No observations at high MTD dose limit (900 mpk).**
- **GEM045** is a very promising agent for NASH drug development.



Supplement

Effect of GEM045 on Caerulein-Induced Chronic Pancreatitis



- Caerulein: 50 μg/kg ip injection per hour, 6 times / day on Day 3, 5, 7
- Strain: C57BL/6 male
- Weekend: double dose, qd administration

Main study:

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Group 1: Naïve, n=3

Group 2: Vehicle, n=8

Group 3: GEM045 10 mg/kg (sc, bid), n=8

Items of analysis:

- Blood amylase assay
- Pancreas weight
- MPO assay
- Histology scoring (inflammation & Fibrosis)
- Collagen I mRNA



(10 mg/kg, sc, bid, 10 days)





Effect of GEM045 on Caerulein-Induced Chronic Pancreatitis

H&E staining



	Treatment			
Lesions	Naïve	Caerulein+ Vehicle	Caerulein+GEM045	
Atrophy	0.00±0.00	1.63±0.92	1.50±0.53	
Intralobular fibrosis	0.00±0.00	2.13±0.64	1.25±0.46 *	
Perilobular fibrosis	0.00±0.00	1.75±0.71	1.25±0.46	
Interlobular fibrosis	0.00±0.00	2.25±0.46	1.38±0.52 *	
Inflammation	0.00±0.00	3.25±0.71	2.00±0.00 *	
Total histological score	0.00±0.00	11.00±4.36	7.38±2.91 *	

All values represent mean \pm standard deviation.

* P < 0.05 vs Caerulein+Vehicle



Effect of GEM045 on Caerulein-Induced Chronic Pancreatitis

Naive

Cer+Veh

Cer+ GEM045





Effect of GEM045 on Carrageenan Paw Model

• Animal

BALB/c, male, 8 weeks old

Material

 λ -Carrageenan, 30 µL of 1% suspension intraplantar

- Method
 - 1. Animals are fasted overnight.

2. Paw volume of 0hr are measured before carrageenan intraplantar injection in the left hind paw.

3. Vehicle and test article are administrated at 0.5hr prior to carrageenan injection.

4. Paw volume are measured at 1, 3, 5 and 24 hr post to carrageenan injection.

• Group

- 1. Vehicle, n=5
- 2. GEM045 15mg/kg (po, -0.5hr), n=5

3. Naïve , n=3





