The nucleoside analog antiviral CMX521 inhibits SARS-CoV-2 in human airway epithelial cell cultures and exhibits prophylactic and therapeutic efficacy against respiratory disease in a mouse model of SARS-CoV-2 infection

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Novel coronavirus outbreaks occurring every 6-8 years

- 9.6% case fatality rate (CFR)
- 774 fatalities attributed

MERS-CoV (2012 – 2021+)
- 35% CFR
- 889 fatalities attributed

SARS-CoV-2 (2019 – 2022+)
- Highly infectious with a 1-2% CFR
- >6 million fatalities attributed

What’s Next?
CMX521: Direct-acting antiviral delivered to key site of viral replication to enhance efficacy and safety

CMX521…

- Ribonucleoside triphosphate inhibits norovirus RdRp*
- Oral formulation developed through Phase I
- Excellent safety profile in GLP tox studies
- No significant inhibition of human DNA polymerase α, β, or γ, RNA polymerase Type II or mitochondrial RNA polymerase at ≤ 200 µM CMX521-TP
- Well-tolerated in healthy volunteer Phase I study up to highest dose tested (2400 mg)

*Confirmation in SARS-CoV-2 RdRp ongoing

…for SARS-CoV-2

- Low µM in vitro activity across diverse coronaviruses
- In vivo efficacy in SARS-CoV-2-MA10 mouse-model
- Inhalation administration maximizes respiratory exposure while minimizing systemic exposure
- Primed for rapid development to clinical POC due to prior development through Phase I
Oral CMX521 formulation developed through Phase 1 study

Favorable safety profile in nonclinical species and humans with well-characterized nonclinical ADME profile

- CMX521 not mutagenic, clastogenic, cytotoxic or mitotoxic and demonstrated no significant off-target pharmacology
- Oral formulation developed for norovirus disease
- 7-day repeat dose LOAEL plasma exposures in dog > 10x human plasma exposure with 2.4 g oral dose
  - No adverse toxicity identified in rat with 14-days repeat dosing ≤ 2000 mg/kg/day
  - Mouse PK study exhibited low plasma exposure with inhaled administration of efficacious doses
- Phase 1 single ascending dose study in healthy volunteers (≤ 2400 mg; n = 38 subjects)
  - No SAE’s, AE-related withdrawals, clinically significant changes in vital signs, ECGs or clinical laboratory parameters and no dose or exposure relationship to TEAEs
- Well-characterized metabolic and transporter interaction profile
  - Minimal DDI potential
  - Elimination primarily via urine and bile as parent
  - Characterization of nucleoside and efflux transporters complete
- Drug substance process robust and scalable to large kg scale batches
  - Manufactured 20 kg GMP clinical batch; stability > 36 months
  - Polymorph study completed enabling post-POC formulation optimization
The coronavirus RdRp active site is highly conserved

Amino acids involved in RNA/nucleotide binding, remdesivir binding, catalysis are nearly identical across relevant species

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- Residues involved in RNA/nucleotide binding, remdesivir binding (yellow), and catalysis (green) are shown (GenBank).
- Amino acid positions numbered according to SARS-CoV-2 (GenBank YP_009725307); other sequences: SARS-CoV-1 (GenBank QJE50587); MERS (GenBank AFY13306); murine hepatitis virus, MHV (GenBank NP_045299)
CMX521 in vitro activity against β-coronaviruses

EC50 Values

- SARS-CoV-2 = 0.54 µM* (N=7)
- WIV1 EC50 = 1.0 µM*
- SHC014 EC50 = 0.98 µM*
- MHV EC50 = 0.38 µM**

*primary human airway epithelial cells
**DBT cells (mouse brain tumor cells)
Collaboration with UNC employed a preclinical SARS-CoV-2 model

• Mouse-adapted SARS-CoV-2-MA10 model
  - Intranasal infection
  - Replicates lung pathology of human infection at 4-days post infection
  - Adjusted disease course suggests 1 day in mouse ≈ 5-7 days in human

• CMX521 delivered as inhaled nebulized liquid aerosol
  - Simple, pH-adjusted saline formulation well-tolerated
  - 5 mg (dose delivered to chamber) every 8 hours from initiation to Day 4
  - CMX521-TP detected in 5/5 mouse lung lobes up to 8 hours after single administration of inhaled aerosolized CMX521
  - Minimal systemic exposure

• Clinical observations and virology outcomes
CMX521 treatment initiated ≤ 16hr post-infection significantly improved titers and lung pathology at Day 4

Adjusted disease course suggests 1 day in mouse equals ~5-7 days in humans

Viral Lung Titer
Replicating SARS-COV-2-MA10

Lung Pathology
Gross lung discoloration (GLD)

In vivo studies conducted by UNC School of Medicine (Mark Heise, Tori Baxter, Sharon Taft-Benz, Elizabeth Anderson, Nat Moorman)
CMX521 treatment ≤ 16 hr post-infection protected mice from body weight loss and clinical symptoms of disease

**Clinical Scores:**

- 0 = normal
- 1 = unkempt coat
- 2 = (1)+hunched posture
- 3 = (2)+ reduced movement
- 4 = minimal spontaneous movement +/- dyspnea (humane endpoint)
- 5 = moribund / dead / euthanized

**Prophylactic treatment initiation** demonstrates strong effect on clinical scores versus vehicle

**Post-infection treatment initiation** ≤ 16 hr demonstrates similar protection against adverse clinical endpoints

**NOTE:** Pie-cage aerosol delivery/handling accelerates progression of disease by ~24 hours

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Potential for rapid bridging program to drive CMX521 to IND with inhaled formulation

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Potential to initiate clinical POC within 1 year
Major Scientific Contributors to SARS-CoV-2 Effort on CMX521

**UNC-Chapel Hill**
- Mark Heise
- Victoria Baxter
- Sharon Taft-Benz
- Elizabeth Anderson
- Audrey Knight
- Amanda Schauer
- Bekah Dickmander
- Nathaniel Moorman

**Chimerix**
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