

Results of PAC203: A Randomized Phase 2 Dose-Finding Study and Determination of the Recommended Dose of Pacritinib in Patients with Myelofibrosis

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Medications Approved for Myelofibrosis (MF)

- Ruxolitinib and fedratinib (JAK2/JAK1 inhibitors) are approved for MF
 - Neither studied in patients with baseline platelet counts $<50,000/\mu\text{L}$
 - Neither package insert lists starting dose for patients with platelet counts $<50,000/\mu\text{L}$ ^{1,2}
- Pacritinib (JAK2/IRAK1 inhibitor) is under development for treatment of MF
 - Studies have included patients with severe thrombocytopenia

Myelofibrosis After Ruxolitinib Discontinuation

- Median overall survival in MF is ~5 years¹, but prognosis is worse in 2nd line setting
- Median survival after ruxolitinib discontinuation: 13-14 months^{2,3}
 - Worse if platelet count <100,000/ μ L: OS ~8 months³
 - Worse if new mutation on ruxolitinib: OS ~6 months³

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Pacritinib: JAK2 Inhibitor for Myelofibrosis

- Pacritinib demonstrated clinical benefit compared to best available therapy (BAT) based on spleen volume response (SVR) in patients with myelofibrosis in two Phase 3 studies^{1,2}
- Both studies included patients with severe thrombocytopenia

Baseline Data	PERSIST-1	PERSIST-2
Total study N	327	311
Median platelet count	176,000/ μ L	55,000/ μ L
Platelets <50,000/ μ L, %	16%	45%

- SVR benefit seen in subgroup of patients with severe thrombocytopenia in both studies³

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PAC203 Dose-Finding Study: Rationale

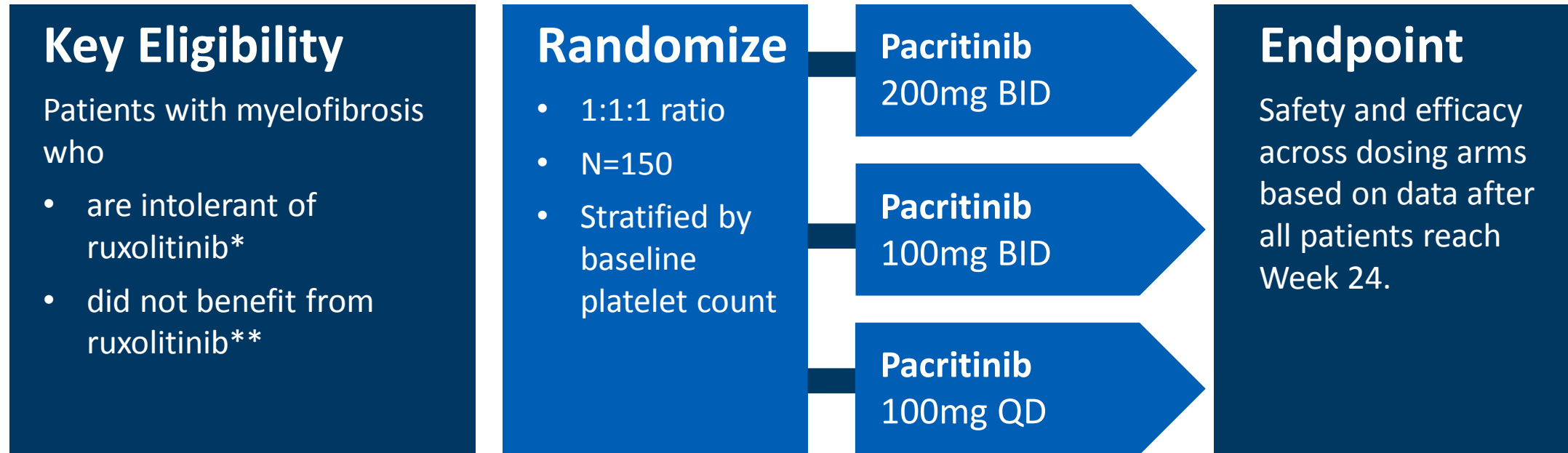
- Concern over high-grade cardiac and hemorrhagic events in pacritinib-treated patients on PERSIST-1/-2 led to development of a new dose-finding study (PAC203)

Risk Mitigation for Cardiac and Hemorrhagic Events

	PERSIST-1 and PERSIST-2	PAC203 Phase 2
Exclusion for bleeding	No current grade ≥ 3 (PERSIST-2 only)	No grade ≥ 2 bleeding x3 months
Anticoagulants / anti-PLTs	✗	Prohibited starting Day -14
Exclusion for cardiac AEs	No MI x6 months; no grade ≥ 3 arrhythmia	No grade ≥ 2 cardiac AE x6 months
Exclusion for heart failure	No NYHA Class III-IV	No NYHA Class II, III, or IV
QT prolonging agent use	✗	Prohibited starting Day -14
ECG monitoring	Weeks 1, 2, and 3	Weeks 1, 4, 12, 24, every 12 weeks
LVEF monitoring	✗	Weeks 1, 4, 12, 24, every 24 weeks

AE, adverse event; **ECG**, electrocardiogram; **LVEF**, left ventricular ejection fraction; **MI**, myocardial infarction; **NYHA**, New York Heart Association; **PLT**, platelet

PAC203 Schema



* **Intolerance:** ruxolitinib for ≥ 28 days complicated by development of red cell transfusion requirement or grade ≥ 3 anemia, thrombocytopenia, or hemorrhage while on < 20 mg BID

** **Failure to benefit:** ruxolitinib for ≥ 3 months with $< 10\%$ spleen volume reduction or $< 30\%$ decrease in spleen length, or regrowth to these parameters

PAC203 Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	All Doses (N=161)
Age (years [median, IQR])	69 (64-73)
Platelets (/μL [median, IQR])	55,000 (36,000-102,000)
Hemoglobin <10g/dL (%)	71%
Peripheral Blasts ≥1% (%)	58%
Ruxolitinib duration (years [median, IQR])	1.7 (0.6-3.3)
Ruxolitinib exposure	
Treatment failure	76%
Intolerance	73%
Both	50%
Molecular risk (N=110)	
High Molecular Risk ^{1,2}	41%
TP53 mutation	7.3%
Mutations per patient ² (mean, IQR)	2.5 [1.25-3.75]

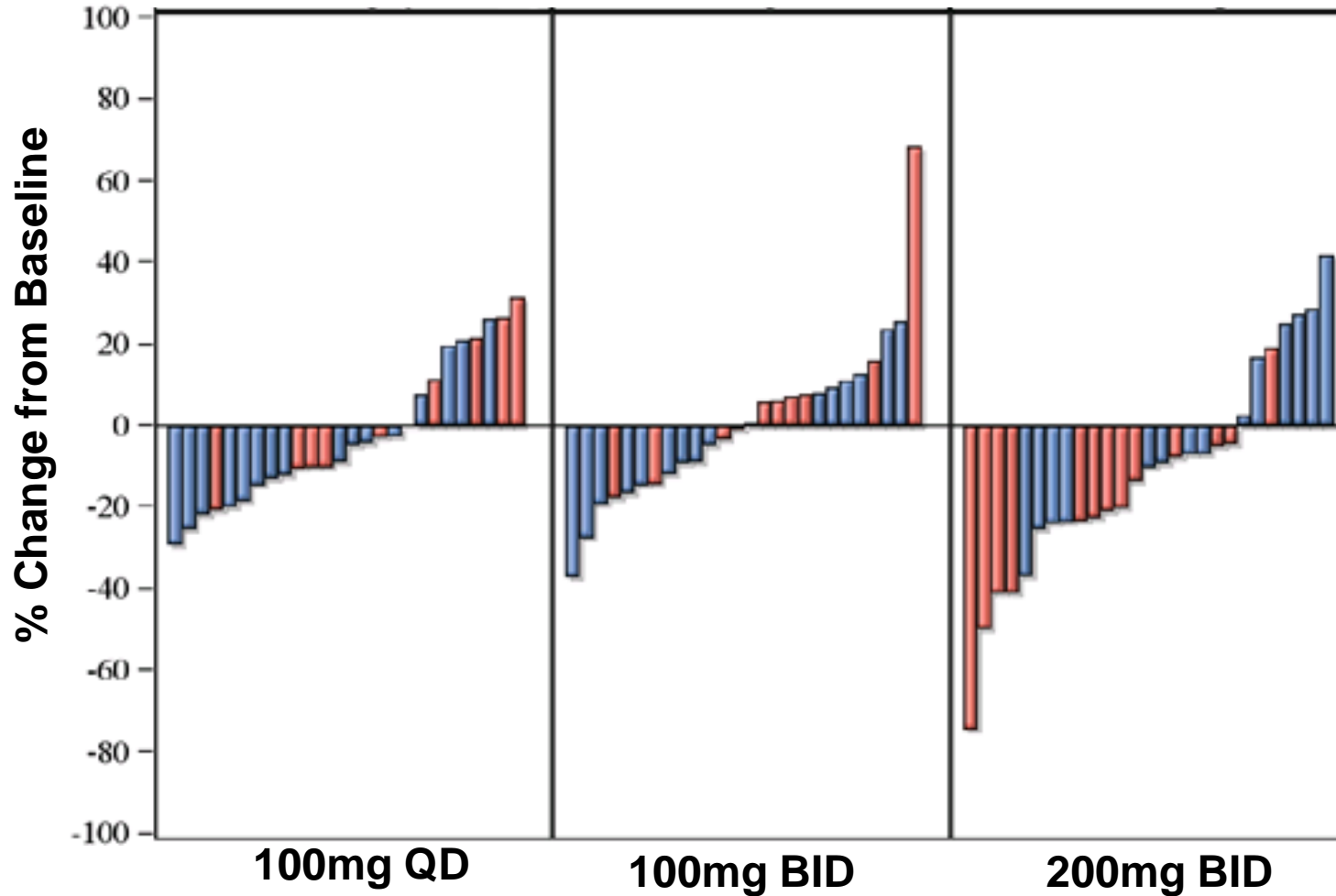
IQR, inter-quartile range

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Spleen Volume Response (SVR) at Week 24

SVR at Week 24 by Pacritinib Dose



Dose Group	Patients with $\geq 35\%$ SVR
100mg QD	0/52 (0%)
100mg BID	1/55 (1.8%)
200mg BID PLT $< 50,000/\mu\text{L}$	5/54 (9.3%) 4/24 (17%)

Baseline platelet level

- $< 50,000/\mu\text{L}$
- $\geq 50,000/\mu\text{L}$

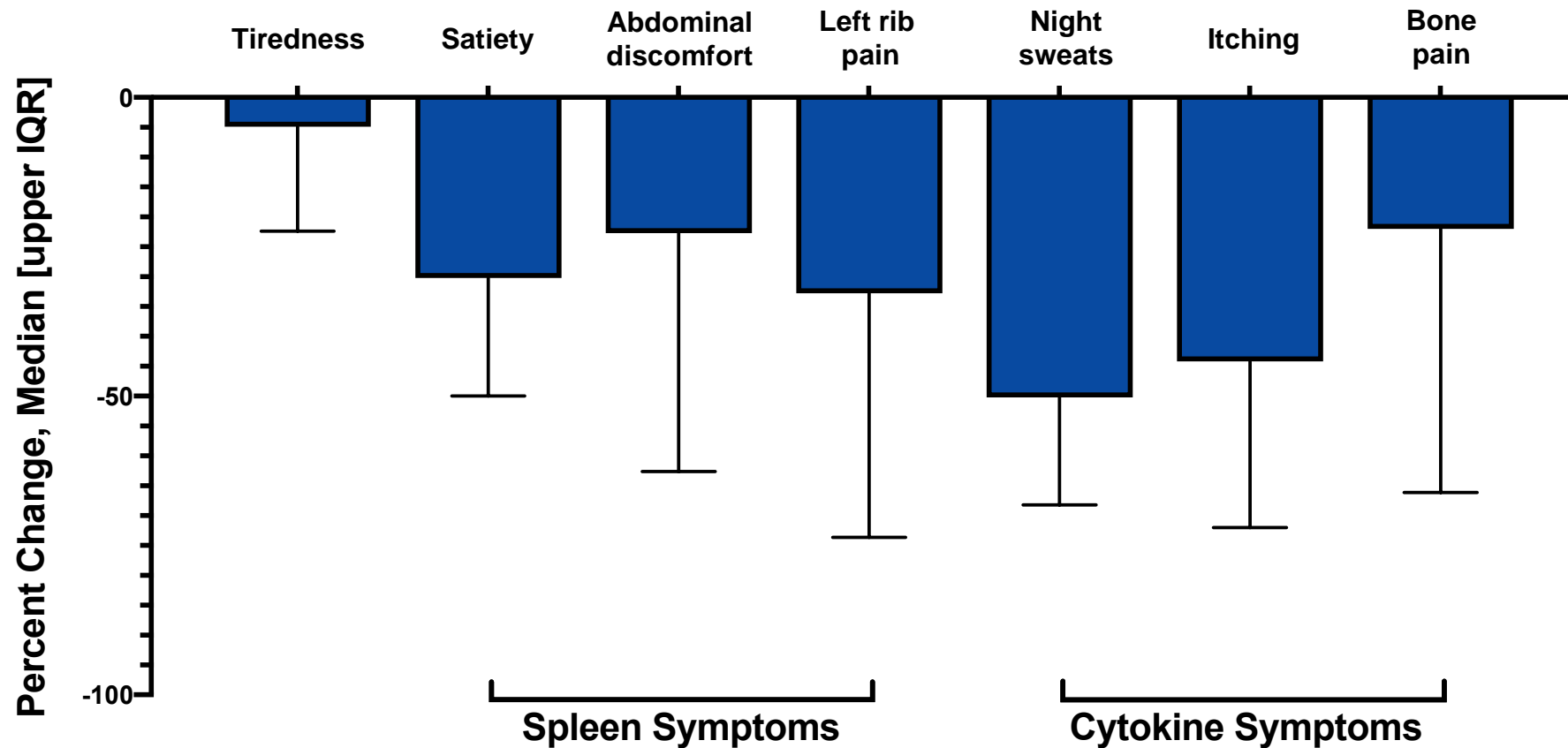
Symptom Improvement at Week 24

Patients with improvement Total Symptom Score (TSS) at Week 24

Dose Group	≥50% TSS reduction	Median TSS reduction (IQR)
100mg QD	4/52 (7.7%)	-3% (-30% to 29%)
100mg BID	4/55 (7.3%)	-16% (-44% to 1%)
200mg BID	4/54 (7.4%)	-27% (-39% to 1%)

IQR, inter-quartile range

Improvement of Individual Symptoms at Week 24



Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (>12%)

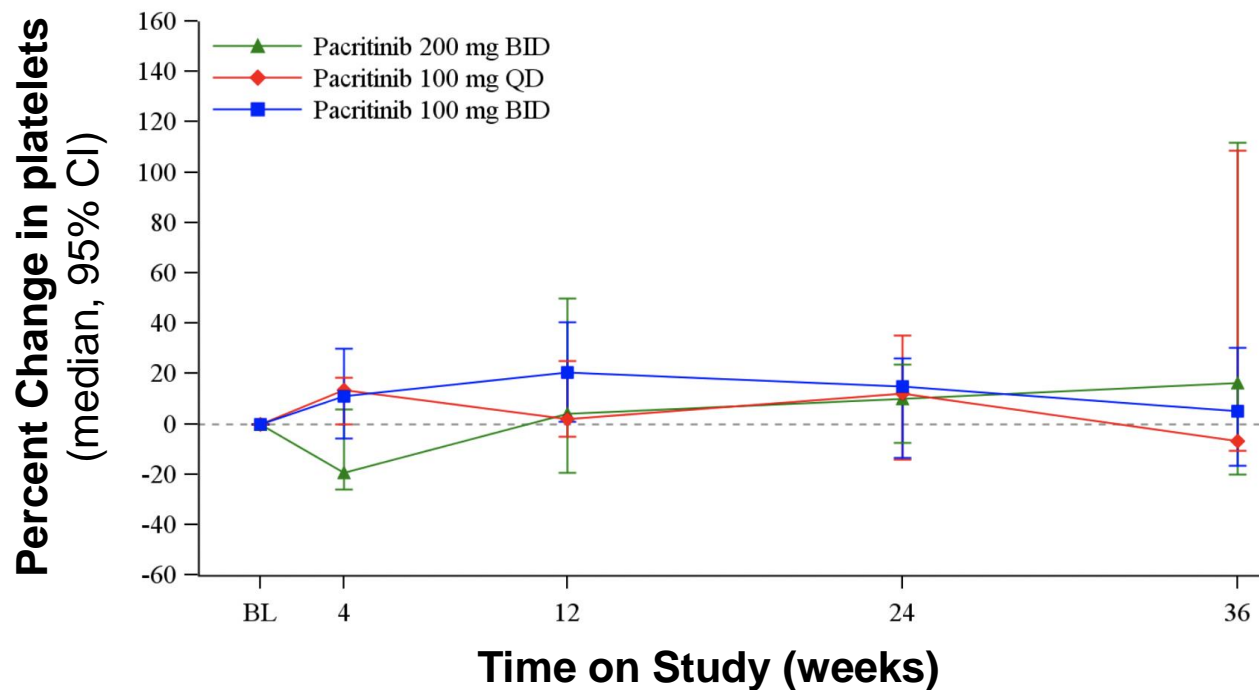
TEAE Term*	100mg QD N=52	100mg BID N=55	200mg BID N=54
Diarrhea	10 (19.2%)	12 (21.8%)	16 (29.6%)
Thrombocytopenia**	11 (21.2%)	12 (21.8%)	22 (40.7%)
Nausea	12 (23.1%)	11 (20.0%)	15 (27.8%)
Fatigue	9 (17.3%)	13 (23.6%)	13 (24.1%)
Abdominal pain	9 (17.3%)	6 (10.9%)	13 (24.1%)
Pyrexia	8 (15.4%)	9 (16.4%)	7 (13.0%)
Anemia	5 (9.6%)	6 (10.9%)	13 (24.1%)
Peripheral edema	7 (13.5%)	5 (9.1%)	9 (16.7%)
Decreased appetite	6 (11.5%)	4 (7.3%)	10 (18.5%)

* All events reported regardless of relatedness

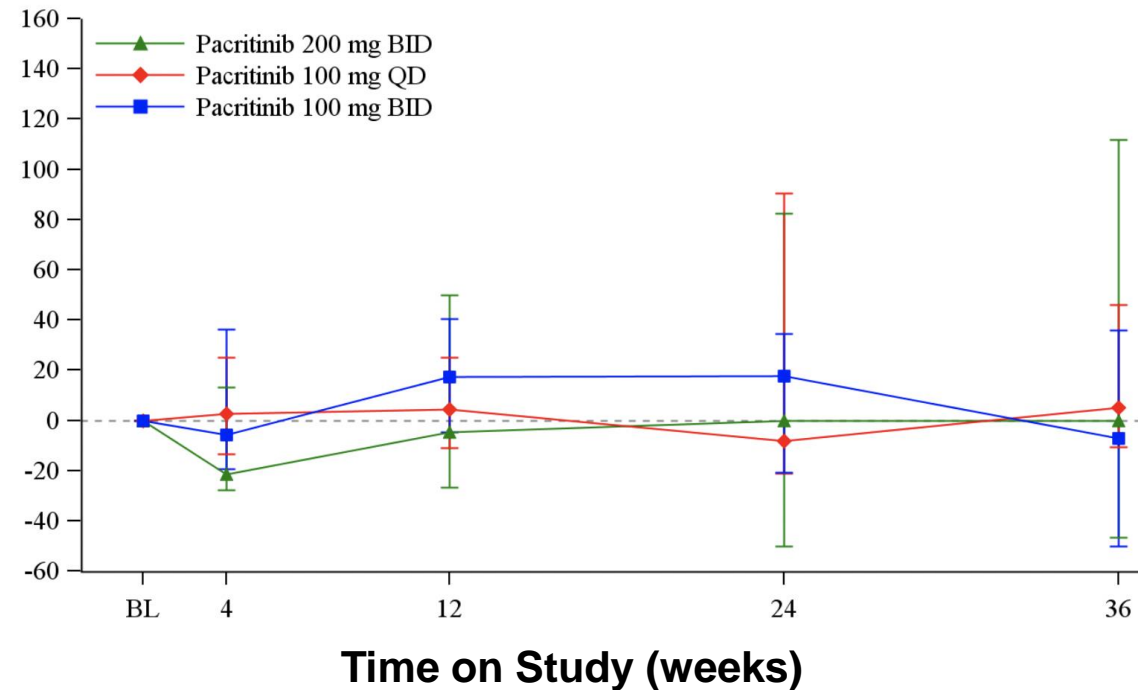
** Includes terms '*thrombocytopenia*' and '*platelet count decrease*'

Platelet Count Stability on Study

Overall population



Baseline platelet count <50,000/ μ L



Dose Arm	Number of subjects				
	BL	4	12	24	36
100mg QD	53	49	38	26	14
100mg BID	52	44	37	22	11
200mg BID	55	49	42	24	16

High-Grade / Serious Treatment-Emergent AEs

TEAE Description	100mg QD N=52	100mg BID N=55	200mg BID N=54
≥1 Grade 3/4	31 (59.6%)	33 (60.0%)	40 (74.1%)
≥1 Serious	19 (36.5%)	20 (36.4%)	25 (46.3%)
≥1 leading to discontinuation	7 (13.5%)	12 (21.8%)	9 (16.7%)
Fatal (Grade 5)	4 (7.7%)	3 (5.5%)	3 (5.6%)
	Sepsis Disease progression Tuberculosis General state deterioration	Myelofibrosis Subdural hemorrhage Heart failure	Sepsis Respiratory failure Subdural hematoma

SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event

Hemorrhagic TEAEs

Hemorrhage (Worst Grade)	100mg QD N=52	100mg BID N=55	200mg BID N=54
≥1 TEAE	19 (36.5%)	14 (25.5%)	23 (42.6%)
Grade 1	12 (23.1%)	11 (20.0%)	13 (24.1%)
Grade 2	3 (5.8%)	2 (3.6%)	6 (11.1%)
Grade 3	4 (7.7%)	0	3 (5.6%)
Grade 4	0	0	0
Grade 5	0	1 (1.8%)	1 (1.9%)

Grade 3 events: muscle hemorrhage [1], epistaxis [3], hematuria [1], hematoma [1], gastrointestinal bleed [1]

Grade 5 events: subdural hematoma [2]

Cardiac TEAEs

Cardiac AE (Worst Grade)	100mg QD N=52	100mg BID N=55	200mg BID N=54
≥1 TEAE	11 (21.2%)	12 (21.8%)	22 (40.7%)
Grade 1	4 (7.7%)	5 (9.1%)	12 (22.2%)
Grade 2	4 (7.7%)	3 (5.5%)	8 (14.8%)
Grade 3	3 (5.8%)	3 (5.5%)	2 (3.7%)
Grade 4	0	0	0
Grade 5	0	1 (1.8%)	0

Grade 3 events: ejection fraction decrease [4], syncope [1], heart failure [1], right arm edema [1], splenic infarction [1]

Grade 5 events: heart failure [1]

Comparison of TEAEs on PAC203 and PERSIST

Hemorrhagic Event Grade	PAC203 200mg BID N=54	PERSIST-2 200mg BID N=106	PERSIST-2 BAT N=98
Grade 3	5.6%	14.2%	7.1%
Grade 4	0	0	1.0%
Grade 5	1.9%	1.9%	0

Cardiac Event Grade	PAC203 200mg BID N=54	PERSIST-2 200mg BID N=106	PERSIST-2 BAT N=98
Grade 3	3.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Grade 4	0	1.9%	2.0%
Grade 5	0	0	4.1%

BAT, Best Available Therapy (included 19% of patients receiving “**watch and wait**” only)

PAC203 Study Conclusions

- A dose-response relationship was observed, with greatest efficacy at 200mg BID compared to lower doses
- Spleen volume responses at 200mg BID primarily observed in patients with severe thrombocytopenia (platelet counts $<50,000/\mu\text{L}$)
- Pacritinib 200mg BID is generally well tolerated, with no excess in high-grade cardiac or bleeding AEs compared to lower doses

Moving Forward with Pacritinib 200mg BID

- Risk-benefit profile of pacritinib 200mg BID supports its use in future studies
 - 200mg BID dose selection supported by dose- and exposure-response modeling based on all available data from PAC203 and prior Phase 3 studies
- The Phase 3 PACIFICA study will compare pacritinib vs. Physician's Choice therapy for patients with MF and severe thrombocytopenia (platelet counts $<50,000/\mu\text{L}$)¹
- Risk mitigation measures on PAC203 will be carried forward into the PACIFICA trial

Questions?