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PNQ-701

*A highly selective JAK 1 inhibitor*

# PNQ-701: Summary

- ❖ A **potent and selective** JAK1 inhibitor, with a potential for being **best-in-class** due to superior selectivity within and/or outside JAK family targets as compared to competitor JAK inhibitors\*
  - ✓ Potent (JAK1) in human whole blood assay ( $\approx$  Tofacitinib,  $>$  GLPG0634\*\* )
  - ✓ Greater selectivity over JAK2  $\ggg$  GLPG0634 (211 vs 30 fold in human whole blood assay) – lower risk of anemia
  - ✓ Selective over JAK3 ( $\sim$ 90 fold in kinase assay) - reduced risks from immunosuppression
  - ✓ Greater selectivity over a diverse panel of 100 kinases vs. GLPG0634- lower risk of general safety liabilities
  - ✓ **No ADME liabilities** (GSK compound has drug-drug interaction liability)
- ❖ **Robust efficacy** in a RA model ( $ED_{50}$ : 0.44 mg/kg, BID in rat AIA model)
- ❖ PCT filed in March 2012 and published in (WO2012127506) September 2012; US patent allowed.
- ❖ PK properties supportive of QD dosing in humans
- ❖ A safety profile that could provide a **wide therapeutic window**
  - ✓ Selectivity vs. 100 kinase and 123 Drug Matrix targets and hERG
  - ✓ Non-mutagenic in mini-Ames test
  - ✓ Well tolerated with dose-linear TK profile in 14-day safety study in rat (no safety concerns identified)

# PNQ-701: Best in Class JAK 1 Inhibitor, based on a superior safety profile

PNQ-701 is potentially the **safest JAK 1 inhibitor** in development, based on superior selectivity over JAK2 and JAK3 .

PNQ-701 is likely to avoid the several side effects associated with other pan-JAK inhibitors including:

- Thrombocytopenia (low blood platelet count), anemia (low red blood cell count) and neutropenia;
- Non-melanoma skin cancer.
- Immunologic side effects
  - Herpes zoster (shingles) and case reports of opportunistic infections.
  - Risk of serious infections in particular tuberculosis and malignancy
  - Increase in the rate of varicella–zoster virus (VZV)
- Metabolic side effects including
  - Weight gain
  - Liver enzyme elevation
  - Hyper cholesterolemia

# Potent JAK1 Inhibition with Superior Selectivity over JAK2

Compound	Biochemical Assay <sup>§</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)				Cell Based Assays in Human Whole Blood <sup>#</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
	JAK1	JAK3	JAK2	Fold Selectivity JAK1 vs JAK3	JAK1	JAK2	Fold Selectivity JAK1 vs JAK2
<b>Tofacitinib</b>	4.8 ± 0.6	1.3 ± 0.2	3.4 ± 0.5	<b>2.5</b>	0.20 ± 0.04	10.6 ± 2.4	<b>53</b>
GLPG0634*	10	810	28	<b>81</b>	~0.6	17.5	<b>30</b>
<b>PNQ-701</b>	9.4 ± 1.2	845 ± 94	22.1 ± 2.5	<b>90</b>	0.32 ± 0.07	67 ± 3.9	<b>212</b>

<sup>§</sup> Kinase assay format: Kinase-Glo<sup>®</sup> Luminescent Kinase Assay; <sup>#</sup> Effect on STAT-1 phosphorylation induced by IL-6 (JAK1/TYK2 pathway) or STAT-5 phosphorylation induced by GM-CSF (JAK2 pathway); for STAT-5 phosphorylation induced by IL-2 (JAK3/JAK1 pathway); \*Data as reported by Galapagos

- PNQ-701 is a potent JAK1 inhibitor with improved selectivity over JAK2 and JAK3 than Tofacitinib and GLPG0634

# Selectivity Over Other Kinases & Targets

- Kinase selectivity Screen -Diverse panel of 100 kinases.
  - No major liability
  - > 150 selectivity
  - >50% Inhibition for RET only at 1mM(69%).
  - GLPG0634 is only ~25-fold selective over FLT3, FLT4 and CSF1R\*
- Drug Matrix Screen – Diverse panel of 123 targets
  - No major liability
  - >50% inhibition at 10  $\mu$ M (PDE5 (human): 70%; CYP450, 2C19 (human): (68%) only
- Superior selectivity profile as compared to Tofacitinib and GLPG0634

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# Preclinical Efficacy Highlights

## Rheumatoid Arthritis

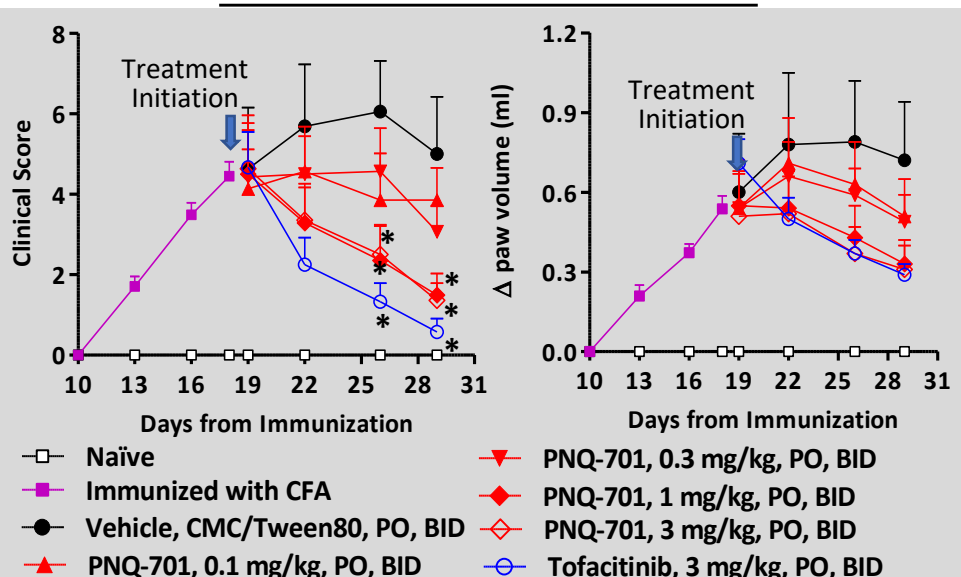
Adjuvant Induced Arthritis Model ( Lewis Rat)  
Collagen Induced Arthritis Model (DBA Mouse)

## Psoriasis

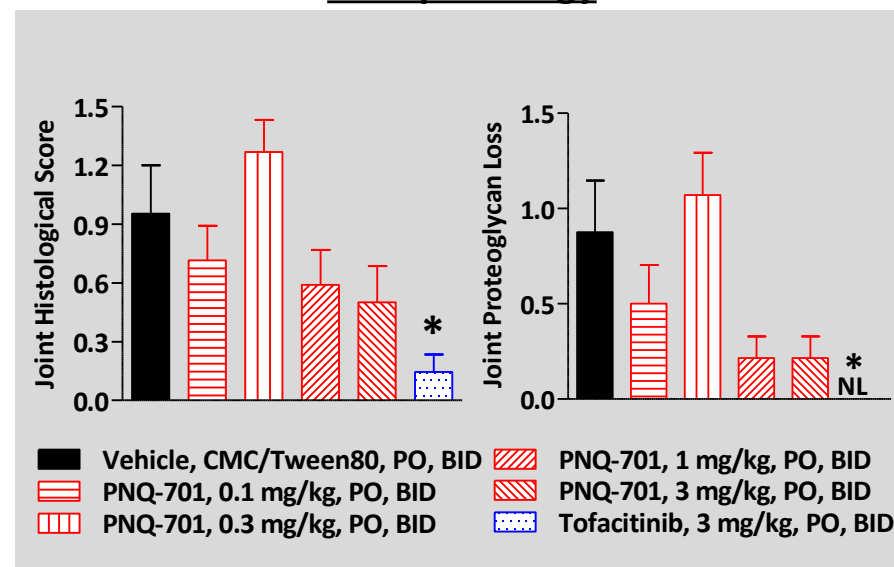
Imiquimod induced psoriasis (Mouse)

# PNQ-701: A Best-in Class JAK 1 inhibitor: Efficacy in Adjuvant Induced Arthritic (AIA) Rats

## Clinical Score and Paw Volume



## Histopathology

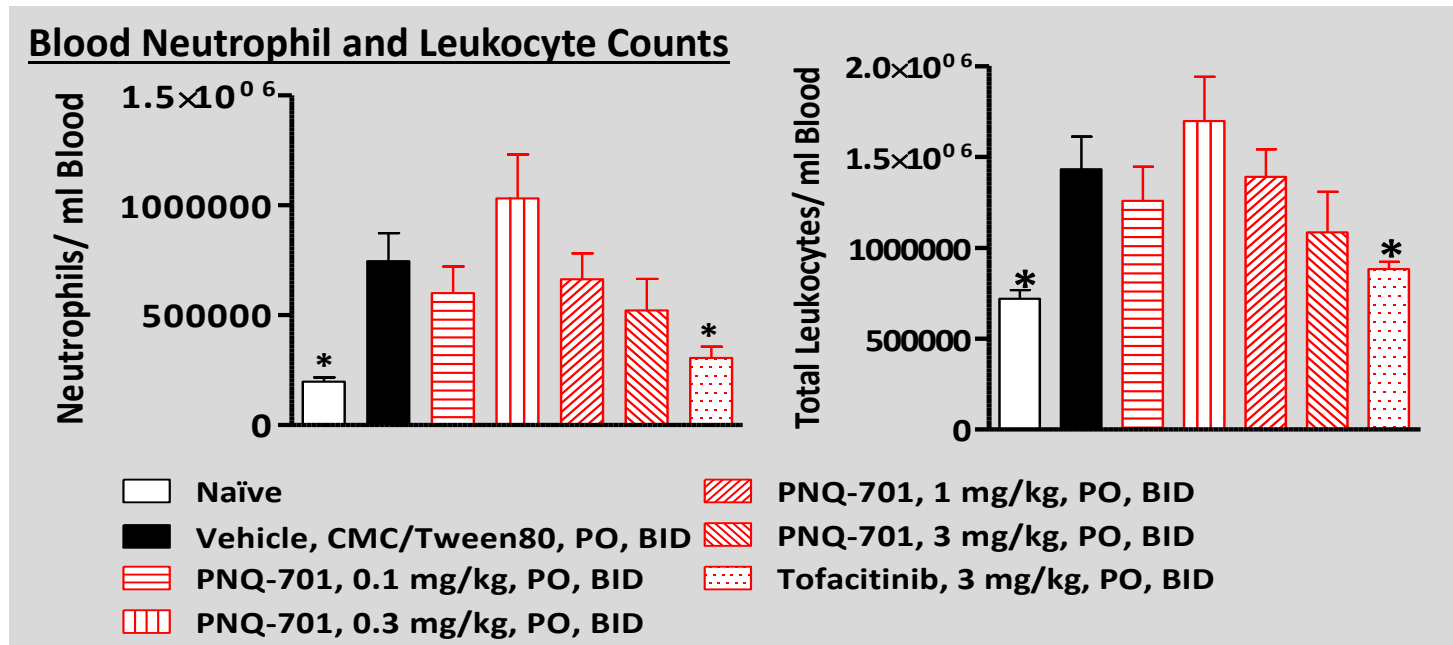


## Adjuvant Induced Arthritic Model

- ❖ Significant reduction in clinical score (ED<sub>50</sub>: 0.44 mg/kg, BID) and paw volume (ED<sub>50</sub>: 1 mg/kg, BID)
- ❖ 37-47% reduction in joint inflammation and ~75% protection against joint proteoglycans loss at 1-3 mg/kg, BID (statistically not significant)
  - ✓ Tofacitinib showed significant reduction in joint inflammation and complete protection against joint proteoglycans loss

# PNQ-701 : Significantly superior safety profile

- ❖ No significant decrease in blood neutrophil and leukocyte count at all doses of PNQ-701 compared to vehicle unlike Tofacitinib
  - ✓ No significant decrease in neutrophils likely to translate into lower risk of neutropenia
  - ✓ No significant decrease in leukocyte likely to translate into lower risks of infections and carcinogenesis



Data is represented as Mean±SEM (n=6-8). \* P < 0.05, one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's test

- PNQ-701 also did not show any significant change in body weight, feed consumption and serum triglyceride levels compared to vehicle treated animals



# PNQ-701: Summary of Efficacy & PD Studies

	Study	Doses	Outcomes
PK-PD	Adjuvant Induced Arthritis (Lewis Rat)	Day1 & Day12 PNQ-701 3mg/kg , BID doses and Tofacitinib 1mg/kg	PD effect correlated with plasma compound concentrations Effective JAK1 or JAK 1/3 inhibition for 12h ~ 50-70 suppression for 6h, < 50% at 18 h post 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose JAK 1: IL6 Induced pSTAT1 JAK1/3:IL-2 induced pSTAT5
Efficacy	Adjuvant Induced Arthritis (Lewis Rat)	Therapeutic treatment PNQ-701 0.1, 0.3, 1 & 3 mg/kg , BID	Clinical Score: ED <sub>50</sub> : 0.44mg/kg Paw volume : ED <sub>50</sub> :1mg/kg 37-47% reduction in joint inflammation and ~75% protection against joint proteoglycans loss at 1-3 mg/kg, BID (statistically not significant) No significant change in serum triglycerides, feed consumption or body weight PNQ-701: No neutropenia at efficacious doses (>6/>3 fold of ED <sub>50</sub> ) Tofacitinib: Significant neutropenia at efficacious doses (~3/1 fold of ED <sub>50</sub> )
Efficacy	Collagen Induced Arthritis (DBA/1J Mouse)	Therapeutic treatment PNQ-701 3 - 100mg/kg, <i>bid</i> Tofacitinib 100mg/kg <i>bid</i>	Clinical Score: ED <sub>50</sub> ~ 100mg/kg , BID PNQ-701 -50% decrease in clinical score at 100 mg/kg, BID dose ; Tofa -80 percent decrease Significant decrease in serum amyloid A (SAA) levels at 100mg/kg ,BID
Efficacy	Imiquimod Induced Psoriasis ( Mouse)	PNQ-701 3,10 and 30 mg/kg , BID; Tofacitinib 30 and 100mg/kg	Significant decrease ear thickness day 14 (~30-40%) PNQ-701 (3, 10 & 30 mg/kg, PO,BID) showed significant improvement in Ear thickness vs. vehicle group on day 14. Comparable to Tofacitinib (30-40%) at doses tested

## **PNQ-701 is a candidate molecule for further development**

- Acceptable ADME profile
- No PXR Induction (up to 100  $\mu\text{M}$ )
- Tofacitinib exhibits PXR induction with  $\text{EC}_{50}$  of 15  $\mu\text{M}$
  
- Non mutagenic in Mini Ames test
- Only mechanism related effects seen with all doses upto 60 mpk
- 14 day non-GLP Rodent studies completed with dose linear TK profile in 14 day rat study
- Process optimization and GLP tox studies to be undertaken to bring candidate to IND readiness

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