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## **Do we need another DPP4 inhibitor?**

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Adapted from Deacon CF. Diabetes Obes Metab. 2011;13:7-18.

#### Characteristics of DPP-4 Inhibitors in Clinical Use in Korea



	Chemistry	Metabolism	Elimination route
Linagliptin	Xanthine-based	Not appreciably metabolised	Biliary (unchanged as parent); <5% via kidney
Sitagliptin	β-amino acid-based	Not appreciably metabolised	Renal (~80% unchanged as parent)
Vildagliptin	Cyanopyrrolidine	Hydrolysed to inactive metabolite (P <sub>450</sub> enzyme independent)	Renal (22% as parent, 55% as metabolite)
Saxagliptin	Cyanopyrrolidine	Hepatically metabolised to active metabolite (via P <sub>450</sub> 3A4/5)	Renal (12-29% as parent, 21-52% as metabolite)

#### Characteristics of DPP-4 Inhibitors in Clinical Use in Korea (cont'd)



	Compound t <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Dosing <sup>#</sup>	DPP-4 inhibition*
Linagliptin	10 – 40 h	5 mg qd	Max ~80%; ~70% 24 h post-dose
Sitagliptin	8 – 24 h	100 mg qd	Max ~97%; >80% 24 h post-dose
Vildagliptin	1½ – 4½ h	50 mg bid	Max ~95%; >80% 12 h post dose
Saxagliptin	2 – 4 h (parent) 3 – 7 h (metabolite)	5 mg qd	Max ~80%; ~70% 24 h post-dose

**#** Potency (ie dose) is not the same as efficacy

✤ No direct comparisons of degree of inhibition attained by different inhibitors with the therapeutic doses

Deacon; Diabetes Obes Metab 2011



#### Selectivity for DPP-4 compared to the DPP gene family

	QPP*/DPP-2	DPP-8	DPP-9
Linagliptin	> 100,000	40,000	> 10,000
Sitagliptin	> 5,500	> 2,660	> 5,500
Vildagliptin	> 100,000	270	32
Saxagliptin	> 50,000	390	77

\* Quiescent cell proline dipeptidase

Deacon CF. Diabetes, Obes Metab. 2011;13(1):7–18.

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#### **DPP-4 Inhibitors – Similarities and Differences**

Differences	Similarities
Chemical structures	Efficacy (HbA <sub>1c</sub> lowering)
in vitro selectivity	Tolerability
<b>Metabolism</b> (changed/unchanged; active/inactive metabolite)	Clinical safety profile
Elimination (renal/hepatic)	
Preclinical toxicities	
Potency (therapeutic dose)	
Dosing frequency (once/twice daily)	
Use in special populations (eg impaired renal/hepatic function)	

#### **DPP-4 Inhibitors: Other Differences**



Vildagliptin and saxagliptin (but not sitagliptin or linagliptin) reported to be associated with adverse skin toxicology in cynomolgus monkeys.

.... but no reports of skin problems in any of the clinical trials

Saxagliptin: Small, reversible, reductions in absolute lymphocyte count in some clinical trials (more apparent at doses ≥20 mg; remained within normal limits)

.... but no effect on white blood cell or neutrophil count; no evidence of altered immune function. Clinical significance (if any) unknown

Vildagliptin: 100 mg qd reported to be associated with small numerical elevations in liver transaminases (vs placebo or 50 mg bid). Therapeutic dose changed to 50 mg bid; liver function tests required before initiation and periodically thereafter.

.... subsequently, larger pooled safety analysis confirms trend for mild increases (>3x ULN) (Ligueros-Saylan et al, Diabetes Obes Metab 2010) – not associated with increased incidence of actual hepatic adverse events; liver function tests still recommended

Linagliptin reported to improve wound healing in *ob/ob* mice (Linke et al, ADA 2009; 596-P) .... unclear whether this is related to inhibition of DPP-4 or FAP $\alpha$  (or both). Unknown at present whether other DPP-4 inhibitors share this property



## Trajenta<sup>®</sup>– highest potency to inhibit DPP-4 enzyme activity in direct comparison to other DPP-4 inhibitors



### Trajenta<sup>®</sup>– Tight binding and slow dissociation from the DPP-4 Enzyme



- DPP4 enzyme extracted from human Caco-2 cell were preincubated with inhibitor concentrations (30 nM for linagliptin an d 3 µM for vildagliptin) h igh above the respective k<sub>i</sub> values
- The calculated k<sub>off</sub> rate f or linagliptin was ~10-fol d slower than the off-rat e for vildagliptin



### Trajenta<sup>®</sup> provides long-lasting DPP-4 inhibition in patients with type 2 diabetes



Steady-state plasma levels are achieved after the third dosing interval providing >91% of DPP-4 inhibition at peak levels



Adapted from Heise T et al. Diabetes Obes Metab. 2009;11(8):786-94

### Linagliptin : Large safety margin in animals



#### Carcinogenesis



#### **Mutagenesis**



- No increased incidence of tumours in rats after 2 years (up to 418 times the clinical dose)
- No increased incidence of tumours in male mice after 2 years (up to 270 times the clinical dose); high doses of Trajenta<sup>®</sup> in female mice increased incidence of lymphoma (at 215 times the clinical dose)
- Trajenta<sup>®</sup> was not mutagenic or clastogenic with or without metabolic activation in the Ames bacterial mutagenicity assay, a chromosomal aberration test in human lymphocytes, and an *in vivo* micronucleus assay
- Impairment of fertility



 Trajenta<sup>®</sup> had no adverse effects on early embryonic development, mating, fertility, or bearing live young (up to 943 times the clinical dose)



- **Skin and vascular lesions** No skin or vascular lesions observed in cynomolgus monkeys<sup>1</sup> at > 1,000-fold therapeutic exposure
  - 1 Cynomolgus monkeys showed severe skin lesions for vildagliptin and saxagliptin (13 weeks' exposure)

Source: Trajenta® US PI; Trajenta® data on file



Source: EU/US prescribing information

#### Percent renal excretion of DPP-4 inhibitors





\* of currently globally approved DPP-4 inhibitors

Data from multiple trials, includes metabolites and unchanged drug; excretion after single dose administration of [14C] labeled drug

Linagliptin EU/US PI; 2. Vincent SH et al. *Drug Metab Dispos.* 2007;35(4): 533–538
He H, et al. *Drug Metab. Dispos.*2009 37(3):545–554; 4. Saxagliptin US PI
Christopher R et al. *Clin Ther.* 2008;30(3):513–527.

# DPP-4 inhibitor exposure in patients with various level of renal function

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Source: Graefe-Mody et al. 1011 DOM in press, Bergman et al. *Diabetes Care* 2007, 30:1862-1864; Boulton et al. *Clin Pharmacokinet* 2011, 50:253-265; European Medicines Agency (EMEA). Galvus (vildagliptin). European Public Assessment Report (EPAR)

# Linagliptin (Trajenta®) : no dose adjustment required regardless of the degree of hepatic impairment



1.Br J of Clin Pharmacol 2012 epub, ahead of print. 2. Januvia US PI 2011 3 Eur J Clin Pharmacol (2007) 63:677–686 4.Clin Pharmacokinet. 2011Apr 1;50(4):253-65.

### Influence of hepatic impairment on pharmacokinetics and exposure of Linagliptin (Trajenta®)

No dosage adjustment for Trajenta<sup>®</sup> is necessary for patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment Child-Pugh Grade Points 1.5 <sup>-</sup>old Increase in exposure relative A Well-compensated disease 5–6 **B** Significant functional compromise to normal hepatic function 7–9 **C** Decompensated disease 10-15 0.5 0 Moderate (Grade B) Severe (Grade C) Healthy Mild (Grade A) Hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh classification) n = 8 n = 7 n = 9 n = 8 Patients with mild moderate and severe hepatic impairment

Graefe-Mody et al. 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Prediabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome, Madrid, Spain, April 6-9, 2011.

### Prescribing characteristics of DPP-4 inhibitors



		Hepatic Impairment			
Inhibitor	<b>Mild</b> (CrCl ≥ 50 ml/min)	<b>Moderate</b> (CrCl ≥30-<50 ml/min)	<b>Severe/ESRD</b> (CrCl <30 ml/min)	Mild/ Moderate	Severe
Trajenta®	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Sitagliptin	$\checkmark$	½ dose	1/4 dose	~	Not recommended <sup>1</sup>
Vildagliptin <sup>2</sup>	$\checkmark$	½ dose (not approved in the US) <sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>2</sub> dose (not approved in the US) <sup>1</sup>	Not recommended	Not recommended
Saxagliptin <sup>3</sup>	✓	½ dose (EU) ½ dose (US)¹	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> dose (use with caution) not recommended in ESRD (EU) <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> dose (US) <sup>1</sup>	✓ (Moderate: use with caution)	Not recommended <sup>1</sup>

CrCl = Creatinine clearance; ESRD = end-stage renal disease

\* Assessment of renal function recommended prior to initiation of treatment and periodically thereafter

1. Not studied/no clinical experience

2. Assessment of hepatic function recommended prior to initiation of vildagliptin and periodically thereafter

3. Dose reduction (2.5 mg) when saxagliptin co-administered with strong CYP450 3A4/5 inhibitors (e.g. ketoconazole)



## **Clinical Data**

Linagliptin (Trajenta)



## Efficacy of DPP-4 inhibitors in monotherapy trials

Placebo-corrected, adjusted mean change from baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub>



### Trajenta®: HbA<sub>1c</sub> changes in poorly controlled patients

Significant HbA<sub>1c</sub> reductions in **type 2 diabetes patients with baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub> \ge 9%** 



### Trajenta®: Meaningful efficacy in Korean subgroup



Significant HbA<sub>1c</sub> and FPG reductions in **Korean** subgroup with Trajenta<sup>®</sup> combined with Metformin and Sulfonylurea



#### Trajenta<sup>®</sup>: HbA1c reductions and patient age



Source: Patel 2011 EASD Poster P-832

Trajenta<sup>®</sup> placebo-corrected

## Trajenta® : HbA1c reductions and time of diagnosis

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Source: Patel 2011 EASD Poster P-832



After 24 weeks double-blind, 78-week, open-label extension of four randomized, controlled trials. Patients were on four treatment regimens: Trajenta<sup>®</sup> monotherapy (n = 296); combination with metformin (n = 457); combination with metformin and SU (n = 544) and initial combination with pioglitazone (n = 234).

1. Pre-specified analysis of Trajenta<sup>®</sup> treatment in oral mono-, dual and triple combination therapy (full analysis set, observed cases).

Source: Schlosser et al EASD 2011 OP43: 242



1 Per Protocol Set Completers linagliptin n=447, glimepiride n=458

Gallwitz B., et al. ADA 2011 Late Breaker 39-LB

## Trajenta<sup>®</sup> compared to glimepiride – incidence of hypoglycemia, weight change and rate of patients achieving HbA1c target <7%





Source: Gallwitz et al. American Diabetes Association, 71th Scientific Sessions, San Diego, CA, June 24-28, 2011; 39-LB

### Trajenta® is well tolerated





1. Organ-specific adverse events taken from label of currently marketed DPP-4 inhibitor in the US; \* Linagliptin US PI Schernthaner G., et al. ADA 2011 Abstract 2327-PO. Pooled data from 8 studies



1. CV events as defined as primary endpoint; 2. 977 patients receiving placebo, 781 glimepiride, 162 voglibose

Johansen OE, et al. *Cardiovasc Diabetol*. 2012; 11:epub Johansen O-E., et al. ADA 2011 Late breaker 30-LB

### Linagliptin CV meta-analysis: Incidence for secondary composite CV endpoints



# Trajenta<sup>®</sup> compared to glimepiride – CV relative risk reduction



Trajenta<sup>®</sup> vs. glimepiride on metformin background over 2 years

		n=			Relative risk <sup>4</sup>			Red =	Red = significant		
	-	Traje	nta <sup>®</sup> SU	Tr	rajenta®	<sup>®</sup> bettei	r I	SU	better		p value³
Composite endpoint (patients) <sup>1</sup>		12	26		-	<b></b> X	_			0.46 (0.23;0.91)	0.02
	CV dea	th 2	2							<b>1</b> .00 (0.14;7.07)	0.99
Individual CV	Non-fatal I	MI 6	10		_	<b>—</b> X		_		0.60 (0.22;1.64)	0.31
endpoints (events) <sup>5</sup>	Non-fatal strol	ke 3	11		<b>X</b>		-			0.27 (0.08;0.97)	0.03
	Hospitalizatio due to UA	on P <sup>2</sup> 3	3							1.00 (0.20;4.93)	0.99
	-			1/8	1/4	1/2	1	2	4	8	

Treated set: All events independently adjudicated by CEC, all endpoints pre-specified (also for individual studies) from CV-meta-analysis statistical plan. Patients may have suffered more than one individual CV endpoint event and therefore the number of patients reaching the composite end-point is less than the total number of events.

1. CV death, MI, stroke, hosp. due to unstable angina pectoris; 2. UAP = Unstable angina pectoris; 3. Chi-squared test

4. 2-sided 95% confidence interval on a logarithmic scale; 5. Individual CV endpoints do not numerically add up to composite endpoint since a patient may experience more than one event; CEC = clinical events committee

Gallwitz B., et al. ADA 2011 Late Breaker 39-LB

### CAROLINA will evaluate CV safety of Trajenta<sup>®</sup> in patients with T2DM at high CV risk<sup>1</sup>







### CAROLINA has a unique trial design



	CAROLINA <sup>1</sup>	TECOS <sup>2</sup>	SAVOR- TIMI53 <sup>3</sup>	EXAMINE <sup>4</sup>
DPP-4 inhibitor	Linagliptin	Sitagliptin	Saxagliptin	Alogliptin
Comparator	SU (Active)	Placebo	Placebo	Placebo
Number of patients	6,000	14,000	16,500	5,400
Trial initiation	Oct 2010	Nov 2008	May 2010	Sept 2009
Background diabetes therapy per protocol	Predominantly on metformin	Any	Any	Any
Expected diabetes focus stage	Early	Advanced	Advanced	All, but limited to CV events

PRIMARY ENDPOINTS:

1,2,4 CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, hospitalization due to unstable angina pectoris

3 Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke)

ClinicalTrials Identifiers: 1. NCT01243424, 2. NCT00790205, 3. NCT01107886, 4. NCT00968708

#### Effect of a Dipeptidyl Peptidase-IV Inhibitor, Des-Fluoro-Sitagliptin, on Neointimal Formation after Balloon Injury in Rats

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## Effects of Vildagliptin on Postprandial Lipid and Lipoprotein Metabolism



TG=triglyceride; Vilda=vildagliptin. Matikainen N, et al. *Diabetologia.* 2006; 49: 2049–2057.

#### Vildagliptin increases postprandial lipolysis and enhances fat oxidation



Galvus (vildagliptin 100 mg qd is not approved); # in patients with low baseline HbA1c levels PANOVA: P value by two ways ANOVA. Pfit: P value for global fitting, \**P* <0.05. Boschmann M, et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2009; 94: 846–852.

## **Sitagliptin Pooled Safety Analysis**

	Incidence Rate per 100 Patient-Years						
Adverse Experience	Sitagliptin n=5,429	Non-exposed n=4,817	Between-Groups Difference (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	Relative Risk Ratio (95% CI)			
MACE	0.6	0.9	-0.3 (-0.7, 0.1)	0.68 (0.41, 1.12)			

Custom MACE analysis with terms similar to those requested by the US FDA for recent MACE analyses with other antihyperglycemic agents

Total of 64 patients with at least 1 MACE-related event

Williams-Herman D et al. BMC Endocr Disord. 2010;10:7.

# Cardiovascular Safety of Sitagliptin vs. SU in Patients with type 2 DM: a Pooled Analysis

- Post hoc CV safety analysis performed with patient-level data (N = 2,451)
- Results from 3 randomized, double-blind clinical trials comparing sitagliptin and a sulfonylurea were pooled

Characteristic	Sitagliptin (n = 1226)	Sulphonylurea (n = 1225)
Cumulative exposure, PY	1269	1274
MACE, n	0	11
Incidence rate per 100 PY	0	0.9

PY = patient-years.

Difference in incidence rate (95% Cl) = -0.9 (-1.6, -0.5) Risk ratio = 0.00 (0.00, 0.31)

MACE

CV death						
Characteristic	Sitagliptin (n = 1226)	Sulphonylurea (n = 1225)				
Cumulative exposure, PY	1269	1277				
CV deaths, n	0	5				
Incidence rate per 100 PY 0 0.4						
PY = patient-years.						
Difference in incidence rate (95% Cl) = -0.4 (-0.9, -0.1) Risk ratio = 0.00 (0.00, 0.81)						

#### No Increased Risk for Adjudicated CV Events, Relative to All Comparators\*

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\*Meta-analysis of vildagliptin 50 mg bid data vs all comparators according to the methodology set by the US Food and Drug Administration<sup>‡</sup> [50 mg bid odds ratio = 0.84 (95% CI 0.62–1.14)].

AEs=adverse events; bid=twice daily; CI=confidence interval; CV=cardiovascular; M-H RR=Mantel-Haenszel risk ratio; qd=once daily; vilda=vildagliptin. #Vs comparators (all non-vildagliptin treatment groups). All-study safety population. ‡Guidance for Industry: Diabetes Mellitus - Evaluating Cardiovascular Risk in New Antidiabetic Therapies to Treat Type 2 Diabetes, U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), December 2008. Schweizer A. et al. Diabetes Obesity Metabolism 2010 i

## Summary



Trajenta (Linagliptin) is a novel DPP4 inhibitor

#### Pharmacologically

- Unique structure the only **xanthine-based DPP-4 inhibitor**
- Very **potent** which translates into a low dose and suitability for FDCs
- Binds DPP-4 avidly and tightly low plasma levels

#### Clinically

- Meaningful, durable and reliable efficacy in all clinical studies to date
- Approximately 1% of HbA1c reduction combined with metformin and sulf onylurea compare to placebo in Korean population.
- Non-renal excretion route, mostly excreted unchanged no dose adj ustments necessary in patients with renal or liver impairment
- One dose fits all the only DPP-4 inhibitor with only one dose streng th on the market
- CV meta-analysis shows no increased CV risk with linagliptin
- A unique CV outcome study CAROLINA has been already initiated.



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