

THERAPEUTIC TARGETING OF THE GUT MICROBIOME WITH SYMBIOTIC DRUGS

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Pharmaceutical Control of the Microbiome



MISSION

Discover and Develop *Symbiotic Drugs* to Improve Human Health Through the Microbiome



How the Gut Microbiome Contributes to Drug-Induced Intestinal Toxicities





Symberix's Solution



Chemotherapy-Induced Diarrhea (CID): An Unmet Medical Need

88% of glucuronidated anti-cancer drugs are associated with diarrhea as a common side effect

| Drug-Class | GI Toxicity |
|--|-------------|
| Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (TKI) | ~30-95% |
| Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors (HDAC) | ~11-69% |
| Camptothecin | ~90% |
| Taxanes | ~37-40% |

All CID

- > >300,000 patients/year in US (all CID)
- Hospitalization alone: \$1B/year
- > No FDA-approved products

| Consequences of CID | Frequency |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Delay chemotherapy | 70% |
| Decrease dose strength | 45% |
| IV fluid and electrolytes | 35% |
| Hospitalization | 10% |
| Death | 3% |

ALL CID: US Market ~\$2B Global Market ~\$5B

GUSome Diversity

GUSome = 279 unique microbial GUS orthologs + 1 human GUS ortholog





UGT-GUS Axis of Metabolism





Irinotecan Induces Gut Dysbiosis



Restoring Symbiosis with Symbiotic Drugs



Disease Relevant Bacterial Drug Target



E. coli GUS is a relevant target



SBX-1 (Scaffold-1) and SBX-2 (Scaffold-2) Analogs



Crystal structure, SBX-1 and SBX-2 bound to E. coli GUS

Drugging the Relevant E. coli GUS Target



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Non-Cytotoxic Activity



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Efficacy of GUS Inhibitor



Protection from IRI-induced diarrhea

GUS inhibitor reduced SN-38 levels in stool



Histologic preservation of intestinal cells



Control



IRI



IRI + GUS Inhibitor

THERAPEUTIC GOAL

Prevent IRI-induced diarrhea without compromising survival outcomes



Wallace BD, et al., Science 330:831-835 (2010)

SBX Treatment: Does Not Compromise IRI Anti-Tumor Efficacy



SBX Treatment: More Frequent IRI Dosing & Improved IRI Efficacy

C3-Tag Triple Negative Breast Cancer GEMM Mice

IRI Dosing Scheme

- Week 1: Two treatments/week
- Week 2 & 3: Three treatments/week
- Week 4+: Five treatments/week

Doses (Weekdays Only)

GUS Inhibitor: 0.5 mg/kg, oral, twice-daily IRI: 50 mg/kg, intraperitoneal injection, once-daily Vehicle: Saline (no GUS inhibitor)

IRI Dosing Tu, Th M, W, F M, Tu, W, Th, F Percent Without IRI + GUS Diarrhea Inhibitor 0 IRI p<0.001 0 20 30 10 0 40

Protection from diarrhea

Improved IRI efficacy

Days Since First Treatment

POTENTIAL UPSIDE

Improve chemotherapy survival outcomes

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One Target – Multiple Therapeutic Applications

Can this be applied to other Chemotherapeutic drug classes?

Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors - GI toxicity

Mining the GUSome for TKI-G Cleavage

GOAL: Identify GUS orthologs that cleave regorafenib-glucuronide (R-G)

GUSome Diversity

H11G11-like Enzymes Cleave Multiple TKI-Gs

Is the Identified GUS Target Relevant to Human Health?

Ex vivo fecal protein extracts tested for activity against regorafenib-G

Increasing GUS Activity of Drug - Glucuronide

Profiling GUS Activity from Human Stool

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Data from Human Stool-Derived Microbiota

Total GUS activity against an enterotoxic drug-glucuronide

Companion Diagnostic / Personalized Medicine

GUS Activity

Clinical Relevance of GUSome

Current Focus

- Prevention of chemotherapy-induced diarrhea
 - Irinotecan/camptothecins
 - TKI's
 - Other target anti-cancer drugs
- Improve cancer drug efficacy
 - Irinotecan and beyond

Platform Expansion

- ≻Other drug-induced toxicities
 - NSAIDs
 - Immunosuppressant toxicity postorgan transplant
- ➢IBD (Ulcerative colitis, Crohn's)
- Intestinal bacterial pathogenesis
 - Salmonella, Shigella, Klebsiella
- Chemoprevention of colorectal cancer

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