

Profile of Capmatinib for the Treatment of Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): Patient Selection and Perspectives

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Abstract: Aberrant *c-MET* (*Mesenchymal–Epithelial Transition*) signaling contributes to cancer cell development, proliferation, and metastases of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). *MET* exon 14 (*MET*ex14) skipping mutation is noted in approximately 4% of NSCLC cases and is targetable with the recently approved tyrosine kinase inhibitors capmatinib and tepotinib. Capmatinib, the focus of this review article, is a highly selective *MET* inhibitor approved for use in patients with *MET*ex14 mutated NSCLC. In this review, we discuss *cMET* as a target, the pharmacology of capmatinib, key trials of capmatinib in *MET*-altered lung cancer, and toxicity profile. We highlight some ongoing capmatinib clinical trials that expand their role to other subsets of patients, especially those with *EGFR* mutations, who develop *MET* alterations as a resistance pathway. We further provide our perspective on the management of *MET*ex14 NSCLC, strategies for sequencing agents, and toxicity management.

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Introduction

Among both men and women, lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer-related deaths, with death rates of 44.5% and 30.7%, respectively.^{1–3} Fortunately, lung cancer mortality has also been decreasing steadily. From 2015 to 2019, lung cancer, on average showed one of the steepest declines (>4% per year) in annual death rate.¹ This is especially true for non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLC), which make up over 82% of diagnosed lung cancers.² These improvements are likely due to a combination of advances in lung cancer diagnostics and therapeutics. Survival has improved across all stages of lung cancer, including stage IV, which still accounts for the majority of patients diagnosed with lung cancer today. Major advances in the treatment of advanced lung cancer have been made in the domains of targeted and immune-directed therapies. Targeted drugs have expanded exponentially since their introduction in the late 1990s and the early 2000s. These include angiogenesis inhibitors and therapies that target molecular alterations in specific genes, such as *epidermal growth factor receptor* (*EGFR*), *anaplastic lymphoma kinase* (*ALK*), *Kirsten rat sarcoma* (*KRAS*), *c-ros oncogene 1* (*ROS1*), *v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1* (*BRAF*), *rearranged during transfection* (*RET*), *Mesenchymal–Epithelial Transition* (*MET*), *neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase* (*NTRK*) and *human epidermal growth factor receptor 2* (*HER2*). With the advancement of sequencing technologies, the list of targetable genomic alterations and approved targeted therapies is increasing expeditiously over time. This review focuses on the more promising recent developments of targeted therapies for *MET* gene alterations in NSCLC.

Met Gene

The *MET* gene is located on the human chromosome 7q21-31 and encodes the tyrosine kinase *hepatocyte growth factor receptor* (*HGFR*). *c-MET* is a transmembrane glycoprotein consisting of an extracellular alpha chain and an intracellular beta chain connected by a disulfide bridge. Three domains form the extracellular portion: the Sema domain, PSI domain,

and four immunoglobulin-plexin transcriptional (IPT) repeats (Figure 1). The intracellular region consists of the tyrosine kinase domain, which is bordered by the juxta membrane (JM) domain and the carboxyl-terminal sequences/docking site.^{4,5} In NSCLC, mutations have been found in the Sema, JM, and tyrosine kinase domains. The well-known exon 14 skipping mutation (*MET*ex14) is located within the JM domain.⁴

When *hepatocyte growth factor* (*HGF*) or its splicing isoforms (NK1 and NK2), which are the only known ligands of the *MET* receptor, bind to *c-MET*/*HGFR*, it results in receptor homodimerization and two tyrosine residues become phosphorylated.⁵ This subsequently leads to the activation of many signaling pathways, including but not limited to *PI3K-AKT*, *Ras-RAF ERK/MAPK*, and *STAT-JNK*.⁴

c-MET, also called *HGFR* is found pervasively throughout the body, starting at embryogenesis, and lasting through adulthood, with the highest levels found in epithelial cells and placental cells.⁶ The actions of *c-MET* signaling leads to cell proliferation, differentiation, cytoskeletal restructuring, and cellular movement.⁴ As a result, *c-MET* is highly expressed in epithelial and placental cells, and *c-MET* is a major player in the processes of embryogenesis and wound and organ repair.^{4,7} However, when *MET* is mutated or overexpressed, it can serve as an oncogene and is associated with poor prognosis, where it triggers tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastasis. *MET* is dysregulated in a multitude of malignancies including lung cancer.

Met Oncogenesis

As a protooncogene, *MET* was initially identified in 1984 in human osteosarcoma, but has been connected to numerous solid tumors since then, including NSCLC.⁸ Aberrant *c-MET* signaling is thought to contribute both to cancer cell development and proliferation in early stages, and later to metastasis and invasion via changes in cytoskeletal functioning.⁴ In fact, reduced *HGF-MET* signaling has resulted in inhibition of lung cancer cell growth, invasion, and metastasis via blockage of *epithelial-mesenchymal transformation* (*EMT*).⁹ Additionally, *c-MET* signaling is thought to support the development and sustenance of the tumor microenvironment, leading to tumor cells harboring an immune escape from T-cell killing.¹⁰ Genetic alterations in *MET* have therefore shown to produce unchecked cell signaling that can enhance cancer cell growth and potentiate spread through multiple pathways.

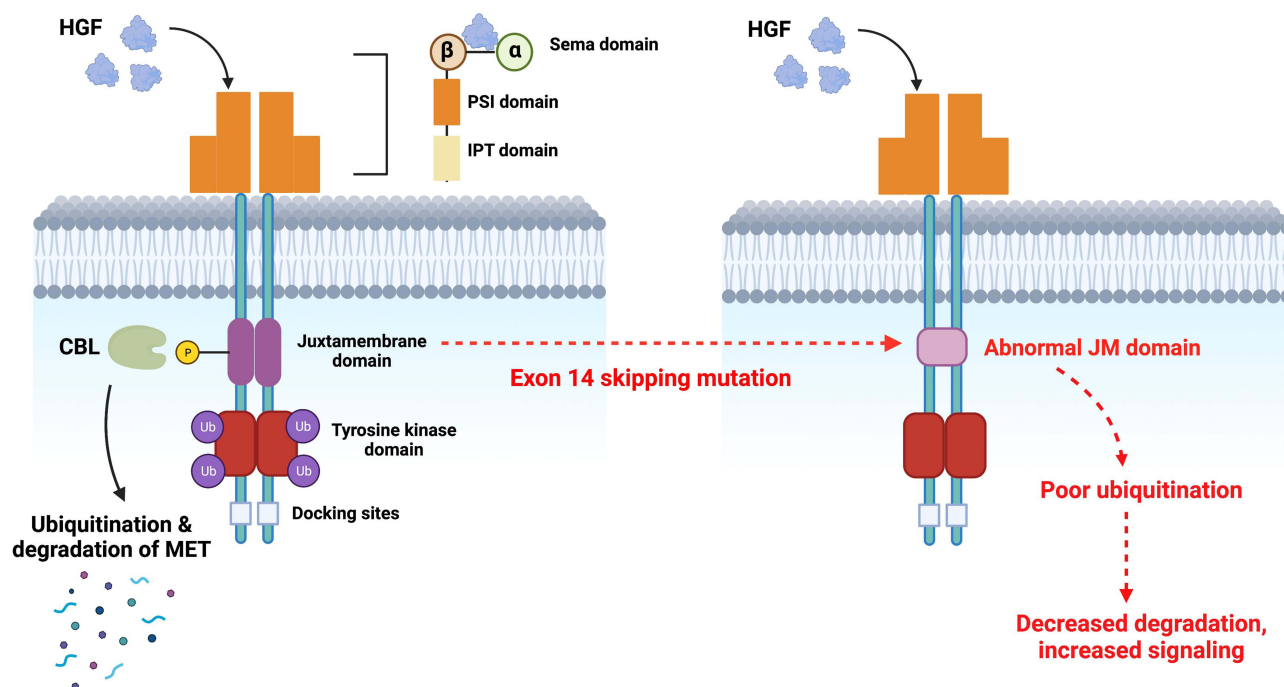


Figure 1 MET Exon 14 Skipping Activity.

Met in NSCLC

In NSCLC, three main types of oncogenic *MET* alterations have been identified: *c-MET*ex14 skipping mutations, gene amplification of *c-MET*, and *c-MET* protein overexpression.¹⁰ In this review, we will focus on all of these aberrations since amplification, overexpression and exon 14 skipping mutations have been associated with a poorer prognosis in NSCLC patients and have been the focus of recent drug development.^{11,12}

Exon 14 Skipping Mutations

*MET*ex14 skipping mutations are the most commonly reported *MET* alterations in NSCLC, with up to 4% of NSCLC displaying such mutations.^{13,14} Exon 14 skipping can be caused by point mutations, deletions, or insertions.¹⁰ These mutations result in impaired transcriptional splicing of the *MET* gene and subsequent loss of exon 14, which encodes the juxtamembrane (JM) domain of the *MET* receptor.¹⁵ The impact on the JM domain is typically deletion of its tyrosine-1003 residue. This leads to poor ubiquitination of the *c-MET* receptor, thereby impairing receptor internalization and degradation.¹⁶ Continued expression of receptors that would have otherwise been degraded results in overactive *c-MET* signaling, including ligand-independent activation, and therefore in the case of tumor cells, continued cell growth.¹⁵

Patients with *MET*ex14 mutations tend to be older on average (median 70–73 years old) with more extensive smoking history.¹⁵ Interestingly, *MET*ex14 skipping mutations are theorized to contribute to early-onset NSCLC development, with subsequent additional mutations, such as amplification and/or overexpression producing a more aggressive phenotype.¹⁵ Similarly, numerous studies have shown that there to be co-existence of *MET*ex14 with other oncogenic mutations, such as *MDM2*, *CDK4*, and *TP53*.^{17,18} The clinical phenotype that results from such combinations, however is yet to be fully elucidated.

Met Amplification

An increase in the number of *MET* genes may occur either from amplification of the gene itself or via polysomy, which is an increase in the number of chromosome 7.¹⁹ However, polysomy (aneuploidy) is less likely to progress as an oncogenic driver than true amplification. True *MET* amplification (*MET*amp) typically occurs as a local gain of one arm of chromosome 7q31.¹⁵ *MET*amp may present alone or in association with *MET*ex14, with a varying co-occurrence rate of 0–40%.¹⁴ *MET* gene copy numbers >5 have been correlated with poorer prognosis in NSCLC patients.²⁰ Overexpression at the protein level has also been implicated on oncogenesis (Figure 2).²¹ In general, *MET* amplification occurs in about 4% of patients with NSCLC that have not been previously exposed to systemic therapy. When exposed to EGFR TKIs, this rate can increase to 20% of patients due to an acquired amplification.²²

Importantly, *MET*amp has been recognized as a form of treatment resistance to tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) in NSCLC, specifically in *EGFR* mutation-positive NSCLC.^{14,24} *MET*amp was found in approximately 3% of untreated NSCLC, and this rate increased to 5–22% in patients who acquired resistance to treatment with first- or second generations *EGFR*-TKIs.¹⁹ The aforementioned poor prognosis seen with *MET*amp may correlate with this observed treatment resistance in select patients.

Role of TKIs in NSCLC

Numerous TKIs have been approved for use in NSCLC and have been shown to be efficacious against a wide range of alterations including *EGFR*, *ALK*, and *MET*.²⁵ Their appeal comes from the fact that they are orally bioavailable and provide treatment options to patients with advanced NSCLC harboring specific genetic alterations. Following the footsteps of successful targeting of *EGFR*, *ALK*, *ROS* and *RET*, *cMET* targeting has emerged as one of the major advancement in NSCLC therapeutics over the last few years. Capmatinib was the first targeted agent for alteration of the *MET* gene, specifically exon 14 mutations.²⁶ Results from the GEOMETRYmono-1 trial reported in May 2020 resulted in accelerated approval by the United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of metastatic NSCLC with exon 14 skipping mutations. Capmatinib went on to receive regular FDA-approval in August 2022.²⁷

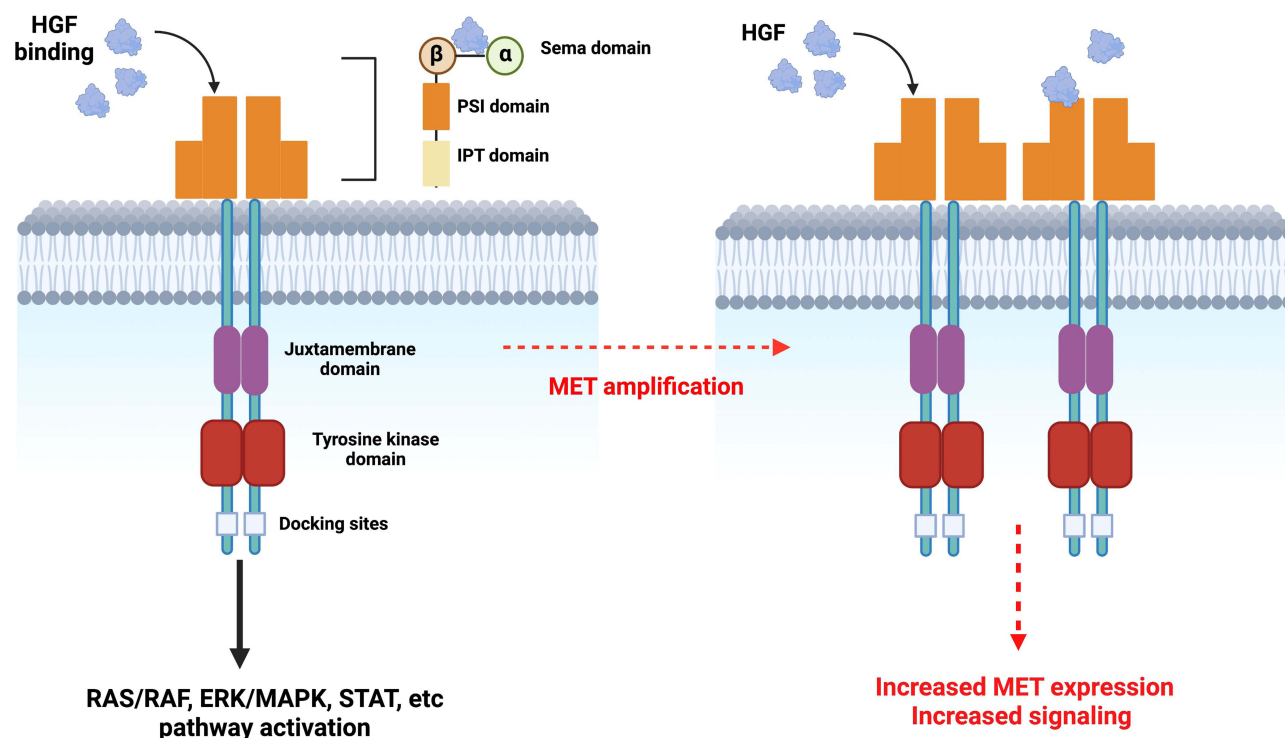


Figure 2 MET Amplification Activity.
Notes: Data from Drusbosky et al.²³

Capmatinib

Administration and Mechanism of Action

Capmatinib is an oral agent, which is a highly selective small-molecule inhibitor of *cMET*. It has been shown to have anti-tumor properties against *MET*-driven in vitro and in-vivo solid tumor models.²⁸ The agent is 30 times more potent than crizotinib with IC_{50} values of 0.13 nmol/L and 4 nmol/L, respectively, and slightly more potent than tepotinib which has an IC_{50} of ~1.7 nmol/L.^{29,30}

Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

After oral administration of capmatinib, C_{max} was attained within 1–2 hours (T_{max}). Absorption of oral medications was noted to be >70%. The postprandial or fasting state did not significantly affect C_{max} or capmatinib exposure (AUC 0–12 hours). The drug is mostly protein-bound (96%) in circulation, and its half-life is estimated to be 6.5 hours. Capmatinib is primarily metabolized by the liver via enzymes CYP3A4 and aldehyde oxidase. In healthy subjects, 78% of the total radioactivity was recovered in feces and 22% in urine after a single oral dose of radiolabelled capmatinib.³¹

Historical Perspectives Leading Up to FDA Approval and Beyond

Most of the initial studies were performed on *MET* amplified lung cancer as assessed by immunohistochemistry and were found to have inconsistent results. Subsequent studies used FISH to assess gene copy number (CGN) and showed promising activity. Further studies, especially in lung cancer patients with oncogenic *MET*ex14 skipping mutations, have demonstrated that this drug has the highest activity in this subset of patients. *MET* overexpression is a common resistance pathway in patients treated with *EGFR* TKI for *EGFR* mutated lung cancer, and capmatinib has been shown to be effective preclinically and clinically in this setting.^{32–35}

The first in-human, Phase I, dose-escalation/dose-expansion study in solid tumors that harbored *MET* alterations, which included 55 patients (NCT01324479), established 400 mg tablets twice daily or 600 mg capsules

twice daily as the Phase II dose. The agents were well-tolerated, with gastrointestinal (GI) events, edema, fatigue, and anorexia being the most common adverse events. Adverse events (AEs) that were grade ≥ 3 were rare. The disease control rate (DCR) was 51%, with a 20% partial response (PR). The responses were most robust in patients with *MET* GCN ≥ 6 .³⁶

The Geometry Mono-1 (NCT02414139), a Phase II, open-label, multicenter study of capmatinib in NSCLC enrolled patients with *EGFR* and *ALK* wild-type NSCLC belonging to several cohorts, was initiated in 2015.³⁷ The various cohorts of patients included in this study were as follows: cohort 1, *MET* amplified (GCN ≥ 6) previously treated NSCLC; cohort 2-previously treated NSCLC with GCN ≥ 4 but < 6 ; cohort 3-previously treated NSCLC with *MET* GCN < 4 ; cohort 4-previously treated NSCLC with *MET*ex14 skipping mutation; and cohort 5-treatment naïve *MET* amplified (GCN ≥ 10) or *MET*ex14 skipping mutation-positive NSCLC. There were two additional expansion cohorts: cohort 6 for pre-treated patients with *MET* GCN ≥ 10 without *MET* exon 14 mutation or *MET*ex14 skipping mutation, regardless of *MET* GCN, and cohort 7 for treatment-naïve patients with *MET*ex14 skipping mutation only. Recently, the activity of capmatinib in some of the aforementioned cohorts has been reported. The study enrolled a total of 364 patients, 96 of whom had a *MET*ex14 skipping mutation. This group experienced an overall response rate (ORR) of 41% (95% CI, 29–53) among those who had received prior lines of therapy and 68% (95% CI, 48–84) among those who were treatment-naïve. The median duration of response was 9.7 months (95% CI 5.6 to 13) for pre-treated patients and 12.6 months (95% CI 5.6 to NE) for treatment-naïve group. There was very little activity in *MET* amplified NSCLC, in which GCN was less than 10% and 29% (95% CI 19 to 41) in pre-treated NSCLC with GCN ≥ 10 and 40% (95% CI 16 to 68) in treatment-naïve high *MET* expressors. Edema and nausea were the most common adverse events occurring in 51% and 45%, respectively.³⁷

On May 6, 2020, the US FDA granted accelerated approval for the use of capmatinib in NSCLC with *MET*ex14 skipping mutations.²⁶ The updated results of Geometry Mono-1 were presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology in 2021. Efficacy analysis was performed on treatment-naïve patients with *MET*ex14 NSCLC (cohorts 5b and 7) as well as those who had received other lines of treatment (cohorts 4 and 6). This updated analysis involving 160 patients who were treated with capmatinib 400 mg twice daily showed an ORR of 65.6% (95% CI 46.8 to 81.4) and a median PFS of 10.8 months (95% CI 8.6 to 22.2) for treatment-naïve patients in the expansion cohort 7. Mature overall survival (OS) survival data for cohort 5b (treatment-naïve) and cohort 4 (pre-treated) populations were also provided during this updated analysis at 20.8 months (95% CI 12.4 to NE) and 13.6 months (95% CI 8.6 to 22.2), respectively. No new safety signals were observed. After this update, involving 63 additional patients and a longer follow-up of 22 months, the FDA granted regular approval for the drug in *MET*ex14 NSCLC.^{27,38}

Real-world experience with capmatinib has been reported in a retrospective, multicenter study. Patients in this study were adults with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC with confirmed *MET*ex14 skipping mutation and were part of the early access program. Of note, 30% of patients in this study had an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) Performance Status (PS) of 2 or 3. ORR was 50% (95% CI, 35–65) in patients who had received prior lines of therapy and 68% (95% CI, 50–82) in patients were treatment-naïve. PFS was 9.1 months (95% CI, 4.7–14.3) and 10.6 months (95% CI, 5.5–15.7), respectively. Overall efficacy results were similar to that seen in the Geometry Mono-1 study.³⁹

Central Nervous System (CNS) Activity

Capmatinib was found to have CNS activity in an ad hoc analysis of Geometry Mono-1, which included 13 patients with brain metastases. The CNS response rate was 54% and included complete response (CR). In a subsequent real-world analysis of 68 patients with *MET*ex14 NSCLC and brain metastases, the ORR in the first-line setting (n=55) was 90.9% systemically and 87.3% intracranially. In patients who did not receive cranial radiotherapy (n=20), the ORR was 85% extra- and intracranially.⁴⁰ In a separate real-world study, CNS response rate was 46% in 22 patients with brain lesions.³⁹

Adverse Events (AE)

Toxicity data is available from GEOMETRY mono-1 Cohorts 1–6 (n=373) and real-world populations, showed that the drug is well-tolerated.^{39,41} The most frequent AEs occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of patients included edema, which was the most common AE and occurred in 48–59% of patients, muscle aches, fatigue, fever, weight loss, nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, dyspnea, cough, anorexia, rash, and dizziness. Most AEs were grade 1 or 2, but grade ≥ 3 AEs occurred in some patients, with edema as the top AE on the list at 13%.

Dose Reductions, Interruptions and Discontinuations

The recommended starting dose of capmatinib is 400 mg twice daily, to be taken whole with or without food. Dose reduction due to an AE occurred in 26–40% of patients with edema, and biochemical abnormalities in the liver and renal function were the most common AEs requiring dose modification. The recommended first and second dose reduction doses were 300 mg and 200 mg twice daily, respectively.²⁹ Dose interruptions occurred in 26–57% of patients with edema, and abnormal liver, pancreatic, and renal function tests were the most common reasons. GI side effects, fatigue, cough, dyspnea, pneumonia, and musculoskeletal pain are among the other reasons for treatment interruption. AEs leading to permanent discontinuation, occurred in 10–12% of patients, included edema, pneumonitis, fatigue, and pneumonia.

Impact on Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL)

Importantly, HRQoL was assessed by patient-reported outcomes (PRO) and global health scale (GHS) in Geometry Mono-1, and results were published recently.⁴² At the time of data cut-off for this study in January 2020, 92 patients had completed PROs at baseline and $>70\%$ remained engaged throughout the study by completing PRO at different time points. Most patients noted improvement in lung cancer-related symptoms, particularly cough, which improved early (by seven weeks) and persisted over time (43 weeks). HRQoL, as assessed by the GHS, also improved by 7 weeks in both the first-line and subsequent line cohorts. Median time to definitive deterioration (TTDD) in GHS/QoL was 16.6 months (95% CI: 9.7 to NE) in 1st line and 12.4 months (95% CI: 12.4 to NE) in subsequent line cohort.⁴²

Other Agents Targeting Met in Lung Cancer

Similar to capmatinib, tepotinib is also a small-molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitor, which has received accelerated approval by the US FDA for the treatment of metastatic NSCLC with *MET*ex14 skipping mutation.⁴³ Paik et al found that tepotinib administered once daily at a dose of 500 mg resulted in a partial response in approximately half of the evaluated patients.³⁰ Given that capmatinib and tepotinib are orally bioavailable, they are frequently the first choice for treating lung cancer with a *MET*ex14 skipping mutation. The toxicity profile of tepotinib is very similar to that of capmatinib with lower rates of nausea seen (26% vs 45%), but higher rates of edema (63% vs 48–51%).^{30,39,41} However, other agents, such as the bispecific antibody amivantamab, and investigational compounds, such as the antibody–drug conjugate telisotuzumab vedotin, may also be options for patients. Amivantamab is a bispecific antibody that engages both *EGFR* and *MET* was granted accelerated FDA approval in May 2021.⁴⁴ This bispecific antibody demonstrates activity in patients with *MET*ex14 skipping mutations as well as *EGFR* exon 20 insertions. The CHRYSALIS study has found that amivantamab exerts anti-tumor activity in patients with alterations in *MET*.⁴⁵ On the experimental front, the antibody–drug conjugate telisotuzumab vedotin has demonstrated promising activity in patients with metastatic NSCLC with *c-myc* overexpression who have progressed on platinum-based therapy. This comes from the phase II LUMINOSITY trial, which was designed to determine the ORR of telisotuzumab vedotin in a selected population of patients with NSCLC whose tumors overexpress *c-myc*. The trial is ongoing and has been granted breakthrough status by the FDA.

Perspectives

METex14-driven NSCLC represents a unique subset of NSCLC for which there are two approved therapeutic options. Current NCCN guidelines recommend using TKIs as the first-line for *METex14* positive NSCLC.⁴⁶ We agree with this recommendation. Given the fact that capmatinib was approved earlier and has a higher IC₅₀ than other TKIs, our preference has been capmatinib in the first-line setting. We typically start patients at the recommended FDA starting dose of 400 mg twice daily; however, in patients with higher/borderline performance status and multiple comorbidities, we start with a lower dose and titrate accordingly. It is very common for dose reductions and dose interruptions due to toxicity, as observed in the Geometry Mono-1 study and other real-world experiences.^{37,39} Use of *MET* inhibitors in patients with *MET* amplification tumors is undefined at this point and use of *MET* inhibitors in these patients should not be done outside of clinical trials. Due to a very unique, potentially serious AE profile, we believe that it is imperative to have clinical pharmacists on the team managing these patients.

We provide an in-depth education regarding the administration of capmatinib and its potential AEs to all patients. We specifically educate them about timely communication regarding any signs or symptoms of pulmonary toxicity, including dyspnea, cough, and fever, in which case we ask them to stop capmatinib immediately while elucidating alternate causes. We permanently discontinued capmatinib if pulmonary toxicity is determined to be a direct result of the capmatinib treatment.

Patients are also monitored closely with blood tests, specifically liver function tests, lipase, amylase, and creatinine levels. Biochemical abnormalities are not infrequent and dose adjustments and interruptions are frequently necessary as a result. In most cases, biochemical abnormalities subside with drug interruption.

The most common difficult-to-treat side effect is peripheral edema, which can range from mild to severe. The actual mechanism of AE is unknown, but it is thought that the *HGF/MET* inhibition may disrupt the permeability of the vascular endothelium and result in edema. We educate patients at the onset of this possibility and advise them to use compression stockings, maintain an active lifestyle, and elevate their lower extremities. We also measure limb girth before initiating treatment so it can serve as a reference when edema occurs. If peripheral edema occurs, we advise elevation of the extremities, compression stockings, and low-dose diuretics for grade 2 peripheral edema. For grade 3 or higher, we recommend dose interruption until it resolution to grade ≤1 and then restart with a lower dose.

Progression on targeted therapies, including capmatinib occurs often. Although there is no data to provide guidance on second-line treatment for these patients after progression on capmatinib, there are a multitude of options. Clinical trials are the best options for these patients, but these are not available or applicable to many patients. There are anecdotal reports of switching to tepotinib successfully and this is concordant with our experience.^{47,48} Alternatively, platinum-based chemotherapy or chemoimmunotherapy may be an option.⁴⁶ Unlike other genomic drivers, *METex14* does not seem to render tumors resistant to immunotherapy, although there are some conflicting reports regarding this. Newer agents, including ADC and bispecifics, can also be used in these patients.

Conclusions and Future Directions

Targeting specific genetic alterations is an illustration of the advances in oncology and medicine as a whole. We have entered an era in the field of precision medicine that allows us to analyze and target a patient's particular genetic aberrations to achieve therapeutic outcomes. Among these aberrations identified, *METex14* skipping and *MET* amplification mutations have emerged as important targets for NSCLC treatment. The development and approval of capmatinib has been a milestone that offer promise for the treatment of cancers driven by *MET* alterations.

Looking to the future, capmatinib may possibly serve a role in other subsets of lung cancer driven by other aberrations in *MET* such as amplifications and overexpressions. Studies have also focused on targeting *MET* aberrations that occur as “escape” mechanisms in *EGFR* and *ALK*-positive cancers. Further ongoing and future studies with capmatinib are summarized in Table 1. In addition, capmatinib is also being studied in a variety of solid tumors by investigators globally.

Table I Ongoing and Future Studies with Capmatinib

| Protocol Name | Phase | Patient Population | Treatment Regimen | Target Sample Size (n) | Primary Outcomes | Secondary Outcomes |
|---|-------|--|---|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| NCT03693339 ⁴⁹ | II | Advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 27 | ORR | DOR, PFS, OS |
| NCT05567055 ⁵⁰ | II | Advanced NSCLC with asymptomatic BM with MET amplification or METex14 skipping mutation detected on cfDNA | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 35 | CNS ORR | CNS DOR, CNS PFS, DOR, PFS, ORR, OS, AEs |
| NCT05435846 ⁵¹ | I | Previously treated advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation | Capmatinib 300 or 400 mg BID + trametinib 1.5 or 2 mg daily | 33 | DLT, AEs | ORR, DCR, PFS, OS |
| NCT05110196 ⁵² | IV | Treatment naive or previously treated advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation (Indian patients) | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 50 | AEs, dose intensity | ORR, CNS ORR, DOR, DCR, PFS |
| NCT04677595 ⁵³ (GeoMETry-C) | II | Treatment naive or previously treated advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation (Chinese patients) | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 35 | ORR | DOR, TTR, DCR, PFS, OS, CNS ORR |
| NCT04139317 ⁵⁴ | II | Treatment naive advanced NSCLC with PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$ | Capmatinib 400 mg BID + Pembrolizumab 200 mg every 3 weeks | 76 | PFS | ORR, DCR, TTR, DOR, OS |
| NCT04427072 ⁵⁵ (GeoMETry-III) | III | Previously treated advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 22 | PFS | ORR, TTR, DOR, DCR, OS, CNS ORR |
| NCT04926831 ⁵⁶ (Geometry-N) | II | Stages IB-IIIa, N2 and selected IIIB NSCLC harboring METex14 skipping mutation or high MET amplification | Capmatinib 400 mg BID | 38 | MPR | ORR, AEs, DFS |
| NCT04323436 ⁵⁷ | II | Treatment naive advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation | Capmatinib 400 mg BID + Spartalizumab | 31 | ORR, PFS | AEs, DCR, PK, OS |
| NCT05488314 ⁵⁸ (METalmark) | II | Treatment naive advanced NSCLC harboring cMETex14 skipping mutation or MET amplification | Capmatinib 400 mg BID + amivantamab | 161 | AEs, ORR | DOR, DCR, PFS, OS |

Abbreviations: AEs, adverse events; BM, brain metastases; CNS, central nervous system; DCR, disease control rate; DFS, disease free survival; DLT, dose limiting toxicity; DOR, duration of response; MPR, major pathological response; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; TTR, time to response.

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