

Phase II Intergroup Trial of Alisertib in Relapsed and Refractory Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma and Transformed Mycosis Fungoides: SWOG 1108

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Purpose

Aurora A kinase (AAK) is upregulated in highly proliferative lymphomas, suggesting its potential as a therapeutic target. Alisertib is a novel oral AAK inhibitor without adverse safety signals in early-phase studies that demonstrated preliminary activity in T-cell lymphoma. This phase II study was conducted to further investigate the efficacy of alisertib in relapsed or refractory peripheral T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (PTCL).

Patients and Methods

Eligible patients with histologically confirmed relapsed/refractory PTCL or transformed Mycosis fungoides (tMF) received alisertib 50 mg twice a day for 7 days on 21-day cycles.

Results

Of 37 eligible patients, the histologic subtypes enrolled included PTCL not otherwise specified (n = 13), angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (n = 9), tMF (n = 7), adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia (n = 4), anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (n = 2), and extranodal natural killer/T-cell lymphoma (n = 2). Grade 3 and 4 adverse events in ≥ 5% of patients included neutropenia (32%), anemia (30%), thrombocytopenia (24%), febrile neutropenia (14%), mucositis (11%), and rash (5%). Treatment was discontinued most commonly for disease progression. Among the PTCL subtypes, the overall response rate was 30%, whereas no responses were observed in tMF. Aurora B kinase was more commonly overexpressed than AAK in tumor specimens. Analysis of AAK, Aurora B kinase, MYC, BCL-2, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase γ , and Notch1 expression revealed no association with response.

Conclusion

Alisertib has antitumor activity in PTCL, including heavily pretreated patients. These promising results are being further investigated in an ongoing international, randomized phase III trial comparing alisertib with investigator's choice in PTCL.

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INTRODUCTION

Despite multiple agents demonstrating activity in peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL), patient outcomes remain poor. For patients with relapsed or refractory disease who did not proceed with stem-cell transplantation, a population-based study reported a median overall survival time of 5.5 months and a median progression-free survival time of 3.1 months.¹ Even patients with favorable prognostic factors, including a performance status of 0 or 1, a complete response with previous treatment, or the ability to receive combination chemotherapy, demonstrated median overall survival times ranging from 6 to 13 months. A registry analysis demon-

strated that in relapsed patients with chemosensitive disease eligible for stem-cell transplantation, only 62%, 43%, and 58% remained alive 1 year after autologous, myeloablative allogeneic, and reduced-intensity allogeneic transplantation, respectively.² These data underscore the need for additional therapeutic options for this patient population.

The Aurora kinases are a highly conserved family of serine/threonine protein kinases that play essential regulatory roles throughout mitosis. Aurora A kinase (AAK) localizes to centrosomes and the spindle poles from prophase through metaphase and is required for assembly of the mitotic spindle, committing the cell to mitosis. Aurora B kinase (ABK) localizes to the centromeres, where it plays a

prominent role in the metaphase-to-anaphase transition, being essential for mitotic progression and cytokinesis. Amplification of both AAK and ABK has been observed in a variety of malignancies and proposed to be oncogenic in some cases. Increased AAK expression has been demonstrated in non-Hodgkin lymphoma, where overexpression correlated with rapidly dividing lymphoma subtypes.³ AAK upregulation has been demonstrated in T-cell histologies, warranting evaluation as a therapeutic target in the proliferative PTCLs.⁴

Alisertib is a selective small-molecule inhibitor of AAK demonstrating G2/M arrest, abnormal mitotic spindle formation, the appearance of tetraploidy, and subsequent apoptosis *in vitro* and *in vivo*.^{5,6} Phase I evaluation demonstrated dose-limiting myelosuppression. Additional toxicities, including mucositis and somnolence, related to γ -aminobutyric acid A α -1 benzodiazepine receptor binding, were ameliorated with use of the recommended phase II dose of 50 mg twice a day for 7 of 21 days.^{7,8} A phase II study using this dose and schedule of alisertib demonstrated clinical responses in a variety of aggressive B- and T-cell lymphomas. A 27% overall response rate was observed, including four of eight patients with T-cell histologies.⁹

On the basis of the supporting laboratory data and early clinical efficacy, we conducted a single-arm phase II clinical trial of alisertib in PTCL and transformed Mycosis fungoides (tMF) through the US Intergroup. The results suggest reversible toxicities in this patient population and confirm clinical activity of alisertib in PTCL.

PATIENTS AND METHODS

Study Design and Objectives

The primary end point of this multicenter phase II trial was the response rate in patients with relapsed or refractory PTCL after administration of alisertib. Secondary end points included safety, progression-free survival, overall survival, and correlative studies intended to identify biomarkers predictive of clinical activity. Institutional review boards approved the protocol at each participating site, and informed, written consent was obtained from all patients before enrollment. All authors had access to the primary clinical trial data. The study was registered before enrolling patients (ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01466881).

Eligibility Criteria

Patients age 18 years and older were eligible if they had a diagnosis of PTCL or tMF. An Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status of ≤ 2 was required. Acceptable WHO-defined PTCL histologies included PTCL not otherwise specified (NOS), angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (ALCL), adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia, entranodal natural killer/T-cell lymphoma, and subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, and enteropathy-type T-cell lymphoma.¹⁰ Patients must have received at least one prior systemic therapeutic regimen for lymphoma and have bidimensionally measurable disease. Treatment refractoriness was defined as no response to the most recent treatment regimen or disease progression in ≤ 6 months. Baseline laboratory parameters included absolute neutrophil count ≥ 1500 cells/ μ L, platelet count $\geq 75,000$ cells/ μ L, and adequate renal and hepatic function. Patients who had received antibody therapy or chemotherapy in the preceding 3 weeks, had undergone allogeneic stem-cell transplantation, or had other active malignancies, central nervous system lymphoma, HIV positivity, or other active infection were excluded.

Protocol Treatment and Clinical Protocol Assessments

Baseline evaluation included history and physical examination, laboratory evaluations, bone marrow biopsy, and imaging by computed tomography (CT) and positron emission tomography. Alisertib was administered at 50 mg

orally twice a day for the first 7 days of each 21-day treatment cycle. Treatment continued for up to 1 year or until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Adverse events were assessed at baseline, throughout the treatment, and during the 28-day period after treatment discontinuation and were graded by the National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events Version 4.0.

Alisertib was held for grade 4 hematologic toxicities, including anemia, thrombocytopenia, or ≥ 7 days of neutropenia, and for grade 3 or 4 nonhematologic toxicity. Treatment resumption was allowed on recovery to \leq grade 1 with mandated dose adjustments to 40 mg orally twice a day and subsequently 30 mg twice a day if necessary. If treatment was delayed for > 3 weeks, patients were removed from protocol. Granulocyte-colony-stimulating factor was permitted at the discretion of the treating physician. Antiemetic and antiarrhythmic prophylaxis was also allowed but not mandated.

CT and positron emission tomography scans for the assessment of objective tumor responses were performed at baseline and after cycle 4, with subsequent CTs being performed every four cycles thereafter until disease progression. If disease progression did not occur by the end of treatment, patients were evaluated with physical examination, laboratory studies, and imaging studies every 4 months until progression.

Measurement of Immunohistochemical Markers

Immunohistochemistry was performed with validated antibodies to Aurora A (Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA), Aurora B (EMD Millipore, Billerica, MA), BCL-2 (Ventana Medical Systems, Tucson, AZ), MYC (Ventana Medical Systems), Notch1 (Spring Bioscience, Pleasanton, CA), and phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase γ (PI3K- γ ; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX) on pretreatment biopsy specimens. Hematopathologic review identified lymphoma involvement in representative biopsy specimens. The Aperio high-capacity ScanScope XT/XT2 system was used for image analysis. Nuclear positivity was quantified by Aperio's version 9 algorithm (Aperio Technologies, Vista, CA) for Aurora A, Aurora B, and MYC stains. Aperio's Positive Pixel Count algorithm was used to quantify BCL-2, Notch1, and PI3K- γ . Each algorithm distinguishes between strong (3+), moderate (2+), weak (1+), and negative (0) staining.

Cytokine Analysis

The RayBio Human Cytokine Antibody Array G-Series 2000 kit (RayBiotech, Norcross, GA) was used for detection of 174 cytokines disseminated among three different glass array slides. Patient serum was collected on day 1 (pretreatment) and day 8 (post-treatment with alisertib) and stored (-80°C). While glass array slides were thawing to room temperature, serum was diluted five-fold with 1 \times blocking buffer. Slides were blocked with 1 \times blocking buffer and incubated overnight at 4°C with 80 μ L of serum. Slides were washed and then incubated with 70 μ L of biotin-conjugated anticytokines overnight at 4°C . Slides were washed again, as done previously, and incubated at room temperature for 2 hours with Streptavidin-Fluor reagent. Each glass slide contained positive and negative internal controls. Fluorescence was detected by RayBiotech (Sunnyvale, CA) with the GenePix 4000 scanner using the Cy3 channel, and signal intensity was obtained with the scanning software. The RayBio Analysis Tool software (RayBiotech) was used to evaluate signal intensities after normalizing to the positive control and subtracting background. Changes in individual cytokines, including a ≥ 1.25 -fold increase and a ≥ 0.75 -fold decrease, were considered significant, as recommended by the manufacturer.

Statistical Analysis

The primary objective of this trial is to assess the objective response probability in patients with relapsed or refractory PTCL treated with alisertib. The trial used a two-stage design with 93% power to detect a response rate of 30% versus 10% using a one-sided significance level of 5.5% test. Twenty evaluable patients were enrolled onto the first stage. With two or more observed responses, 22 additional patients were enrolled to include at least 35 eligible patients.

Standard response criteria were used for classification of objective tumor responses.¹¹ Progression-free survival was defined as the time from date of registration to date of the first documentation of disease progression or death regardless of cause, whichever occurred first. Patients who were alive and

Table 1. Patient Demographics and Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Characteristic	Value (N = 37)
Median age (range), years	62 (21-86)
Female sex, No. (%)	13 (35)
Hispanic race, No. (%)	4 (11)
ECOG performance status 0/1/2 (%)	19/5/7/24
Lymphoma histology, No. (%)	
Peripheral T-cell NOS	13 (35)
Angioimmunoblastic	9 (24)
Transformed Mycosis fungoides	7 (19)
Adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia	4 (11)
Anaplastic, ALK negative	2 (5)
Extranodal NK/T cell	2 (5)
Median time from diagnosis to enrollment (range), months	10 (2-224)
Median No. of prior regimens (range)	3 (1-18)
Refractory to most recent therapy, No. (%)	20 (54)
Prior regimens, No. (%)	
CHOEP/CHOP-like	30 (81)
Gemcitabine	16 (43)
Pralatrexate/methotrexate	15 (41)
Romidepsin/vorinostat	12 (32)
Radiation therapy	10 (27)
Bortezomib	4 (11)
Brentuximab	3 (8)
Autologous stem-cell transplantation	3 (8)
Elevated LDH, No. (%)	24 (65)

Abbreviations: ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; CHOEP, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, etoposide, prednisone; CHOP, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; NK, natural killer; NOS, not otherwise specified.

Table 2. Drug-Related Adverse Events ≥ 10% (all grades) or Grade ≥ 3 in Two or More Patients

Type of Adverse Event	All-Grade Adverse Events	Grade ≥ 3 Adverse Events*
Any drug-related adverse events	32 (86)	24 (65)
Anemia	22 (59)	11 (30)
Thrombocytopenia	17 (46)	9 (24)
Fatigue	17 (46)	1 (3)
Neutropenia	16 (43)	12 (32)
Leukopenia	15 (41)	7 (19)
Lymphopenia	12 (32)	8 (22)
Alopecia	9 (24)	—
Mucositis	8 (22)	4 (11)
Alkaline phosphatase increased	7 (19)	2 (5)
Anorexia	7 (19)	1 (3)
Fever	7 (19)	1 (3)
Diarrhea	6 (16)	1 (3)
Febrile neutropenia	5 (14)	5 (14)
Bilirubin increased	5 (14)	1 (3)
AST increased	5 (14)	—
Hyponatremia	5 (14)	—
Rash	4 (11)	2 (5)
Creatinine increased	4 (11)	—
Weight loss	4 (11)	—
Pain	—	2 (5)
CD4 lymphocytes decreased	—	2 (5)

NOTE: Data are given as number (percentage) of 37.
 *Grade ≥ 3 adverse events occurring in one patient each (3%) and not mentioned above were as follows: abdominal pain, back pain, hypercalcemia, hyperglycemia, hypotension, leukocytosis, pneumonia, sepsis, skin infection, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, and toxic epidermal necrolysis.

progression free at the time of final data analysis were censored at the time of their last assessment. Overall survival was defined as the time from date of registration to date of death as a result of any cause. Patients last known to be alive were censored at date of last contact. Median and 1-year estimates of progression-free survival and overall survival, and their 95% CIs, were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method. Exact binomial CIs were calculated for response outcomes. Measurement of immunohistochemical markers were descriptively summarized by the mean, standard deviation, median, minimum, and maximum by response. Differences in expression levels of cytokines between post-treatment (day 8) and pretreatment were tested using a paired *t*-test.

RESULTS

Patient Characteristics

Forty-two patients were enrolled from 18 sites between October 28, 2011, and June 6, 2013. Five patients were deemed ineligible because of inability to confirm T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis on central pathologic review in four cases and inadequate renal function in one case. Baseline clinical characteristics and prior therapies for the 37 eligible patients are detailed in Table 1. The median age was 62 years, and 35% of patients were female. PTCL subtypes included PTCL NOS (n = 13), angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (n = 9), adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia (n = 4), ALCL, anaplastic lymphoma kinase negative (n = 2), and entranodal natural killer/T-cell lymphoma (n = 2). Seven patients with tMF were enrolled as well. The median number of prior therapies was 3 (range, 1 to 18), and these included cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone–

like regimens (n = 30), folate antagonists (n = 15), histone deacetylase inhibitors (n = 12), brentuximab (n = 3), and autologous stem-cell transplantation (n = 3). Twenty patients (54%) were refractory to their most recent treatment regimen. Eleven patients (30%) had bone marrow involvement with lymphoma at study entry, and 24 patients (65%) had an elevated lactate dehydrogenase level at study entry.

Safety

Treatment-related adverse events are detailed in Table 2. Myelosuppression accounted for the most common events grade 3 or higher, with neutropenia, anemia, and thrombocytopenia occurring in 32%, 30%, and 24% of patients, respectively. There were five cases of febrile neutropenia that were considered treatment related. One treatment-related death occurred during protocol therapy. This patient died of sepsis 8 days after completing two cycles of therapy, in part related to treatment-related neutropenia. One patient with PTCL NOS, who received two separate multiagent chemotherapy regimens in addition to three cycles of alisertib, developed a leukocytosis most consistent with a Janus-activating kinase 2– and BCR/ABL-negative myeloproliferative neoplasm.

The most common nonhematologic adverse event of any grade was fatigue, occurring in approximately half of patients. Other common drug-related toxicities included alopecia and mucositis, occurring in 24% and 22% of patients, respectively. Treatment was discontinued most commonly for lymphoma progression. Nine patients underwent a dose reduction to 40 mg twice a day because of myelosuppression, five of which were required after cycle 1. Four patients required further dose reduction to 30 mg twice a day.

Table 3. Response by Histology

Histology	PTCL NOS	AITL	Transformed MF	ATLL	ALCL	ENKTL	Total
Total	13	9	7	4	2	2	37
CR/PR	1/3	0/3	0/0	1/0	0/1	0/0	2/7
SD	1	2	2	0	1	1	7
PD/NA	8	4	5	3	0	1	21

Abbreviations: AITL, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma; ALCL, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma; ATLL, adult T-cell lymphoma; CR, complete response; ENKTL, extranodal natural killer/T-cell lymphoma; MF, Mycosis fungoides; NA, not accessible; NOS, not otherwise specified; PTCL, peripheral T-cell lymphoma; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

Efficacy

At the end of the first stage, two partial responses were observed, meeting criteria to continue the trial. The overall response rate among the PTCL subtypes was 30% (95% CI, 9% to 61%), including 7% (2 of 30) complete responses and 23% (7 of 30) partial responses. Of the responding patients, 44% were refractory to prior therapy. Furthermore, responses were independent of the number of prior therapies ($P = .36$). An additional 17% (5 of 30) of patients achieved stable disease. No patient with tMF demonstrated an objective response. Combining the PTCL and tMF patients, the overall response rate for all 37 patients receiving treatment was 24% (95% CI, 12% to 41%), with response by histologic subtype detailed in Table 3. The median time to response was 12 weeks, consistent with the first response assessment. Seven patients for whom response assessment was inadequate were considered nonresponders. The estimated median progression-free survival time was 3 months (95% CI, 2.2 to 4.3 months), and the estimated 1-year progression-free survival rate was 8% (95% CI, 2.1% to 19.6%). Two patients (5%), both of whom attained complete responses, remain free of progression after receiving 16 and 17 cycles of therapy, respectively. The Kaplan-Meier estimate of progression-free survival for all patients is shown in Figure 1. The median duration of response is 3 months (range, 1 to 18 months). The estimated median overall survival time was 8 months (95% CI, 4.5 to 9.5 months), and the estimated 1-year overall survival rate was 30% (95% CI, 16.1% to 44.7%). A median of 4 cycles (range, 1 to 17) of alisertib were administered per patient. Nine patients (24%) received more than six cycles and two patients (5%) completed 1 year of therapy with alisertib.

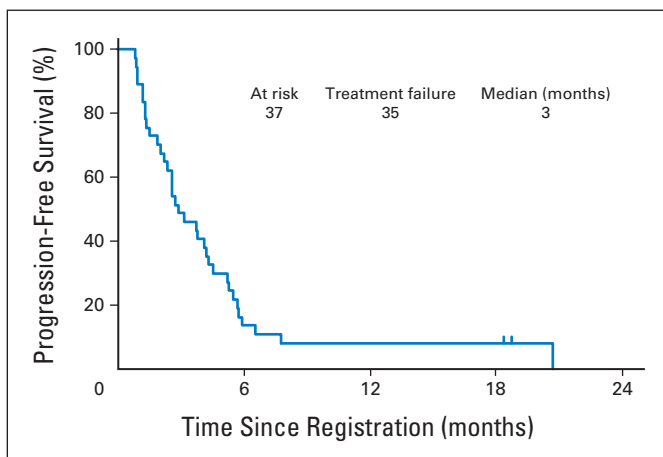


Fig 1. Kaplan-Meier estimate of progression-free survival.

Correlative Studies

To determine whether AAK or ABK expression in tumor was associated with response to therapy, immunohistochemistry for AAK and ABK was performed on pretreatment tumor specimens ($n = 22$). In addition, samples were tested for BCL-2, MYC, Notch1, and PI3K- γ protein expression to better understand expression levels in T-cell lymphoma and in attempt to identify a predictive biomarker. No differences in responses were observed for the six biomarkers with alisertib therapy (Fig 2). Notably, median ABK expression was increased compared with AAK ($P = .0004$). In addition, PI3K- γ was more highly expressed in every specimen compared with the other markers tested ($P < .0001$).

Cytokine profiles, including 174 nonredundant cytokines, were evaluated on days 1 and 8 in 11 patients as an exploratory pharmacodynamic end point. There was no association with clinical response with the observed changes in these cytokines.

DISCUSSION

Frequent drug resistance and overall poor outcomes complicate the management of relapsed and refractory PTCL; the need for effective new agents with favorable toxicity profiles is clear. Our multicenter phase II trial confirms antitumor activity of single-agent alisertib in relapsed refractory PTCL. The 30% response rate observed in our study is broadly consistent with response rates observed with other single agents in the PTCLs, including romidepsin, belinostat, pralatrexate, and brentuximab.¹²⁻¹⁶ The responses in our study were independent of the number or type of previous therapies; notably, 24% of our patients had prior pralatrexate and 32% had prior histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor therapy. Nearly half of all responses occurred in patients having demonstrated previously refractory disease, including patients who were refractory to prior novel therapies. In contrast, we did not observe activity in patients with tMF. The high incidence of myelosuppression, along with frequent cutaneous lesions, led to neutropenic fever and infectious complications precluding adequate dosing in this high-risk subgroup.

Similar to previously described phase I data with alisertib, myelosuppression was common and constituted the predominant indication for dose reduction. Nonetheless, two responding patients in our trial received alisertib for 1 year. Mucositis, anorexia, and diarrhea occurred in less than one quarter of patients and were largely grade 1 or 2 in severity. Grade 1 or 2 fatigue was also common, being observed in nearly half of patients. These toxicities compare favorably with other novel agents recently developed for T-cell lymphomas.¹⁵ On the basis of these results, a global phase III,

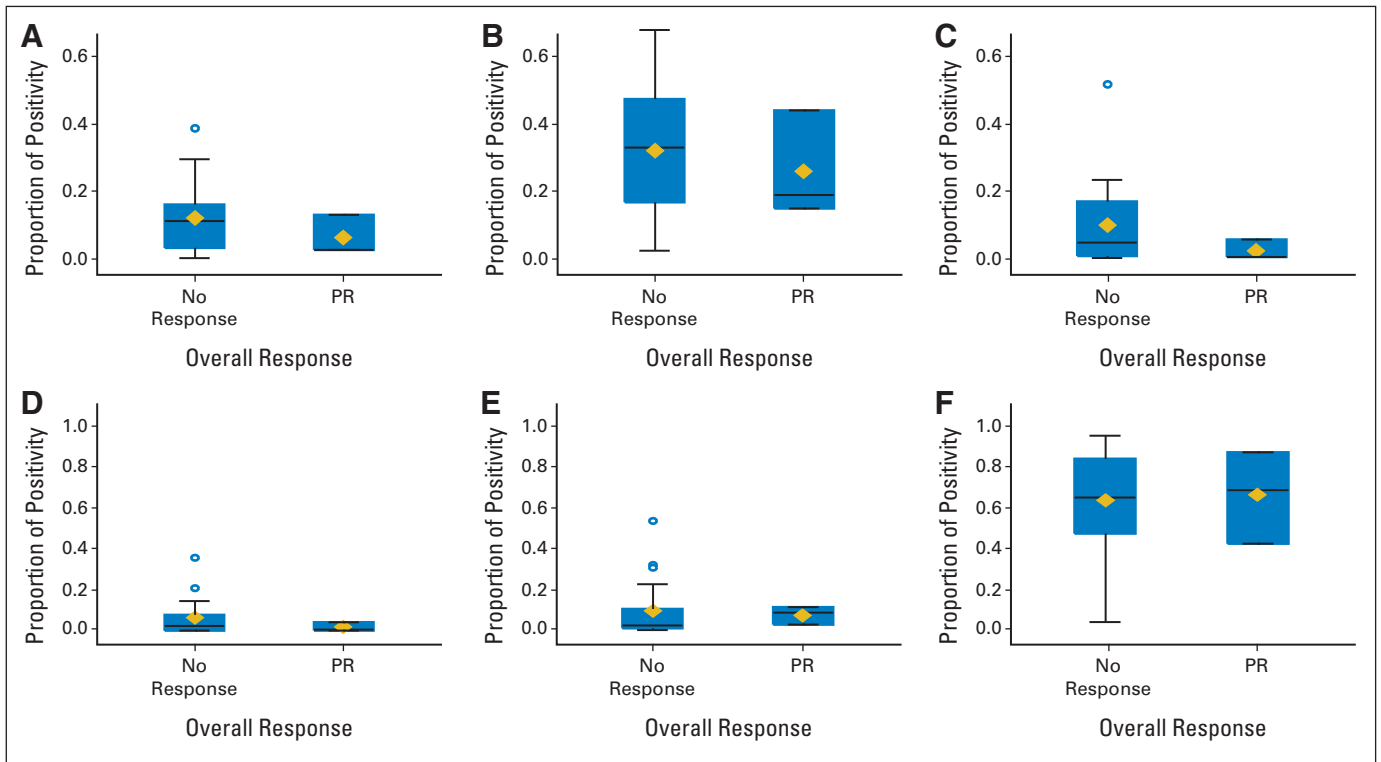


Fig 2. Box plots of immunohistochemical markers in pretreatment lymphoma biopsy specimens from 22 patients. (A) Aurora A, (B) Aurora B, (C) BCL-2, (D) MYC, (E) Notch1, and (F) phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase γ . The bottom and top edges of the boxes indicate the intraquartile ranges (IQRs). The horizontal lines within the boxes represent the medians; diamonds, means; whiskers, 1.5 \times the IQRs; and circles, outliers. PR, partial response.

randomized trial (NCT01482962) designed for US Food and Drug Administration registration has been initiated, comparing alisertib with investigator's choice (gemcitabine, pralatrexate, or romidepsin) in patients with relapsed/refractory PTCL.

Although there are now four agents approved for relapsed/refractory PTCL, there is a wide range of responses, perhaps related to underlying biologic heterogeneity. The identification of a predictive biomarker, accompanying an effective agent, would allow for the personalization of therapy similar to the experience with brentuximab in ALCL.¹⁷ We therefore evaluated several immunohistochemical markers on pretreatment biopsy specimens. No correlation was observed between responses to alisertib and AAK expression in our study, similar to previous investigations.^{9,18} This may relate to degree and depth of mitotic arrest and proapoptotic factors acting independently of the degree of AAK expression.¹⁹ In addition, *in vitro* data using T-cell lines suggest that AAK inhibition does occur with clinically achievable doses of alisertib, despite the reported selectivity to AAK.²⁰ Although AAK expression was not associated with clinical responses in the subset of patients with sufficient biopsy material for analysis, levels of AAK in PTCL appeared higher than AAK, consistent with previous observations.²⁰

The MYC oncogene regulates Aurora gene expression functioning to control mitotic entry, a response that appears critical for the maintenance of MYC-driven lymphomas.^{21,22} MYC-overexpressing cells may be particularly susceptible to Aurora kinase inhibition. AAK-overexpressing cells have been reported to upregulate BCL-2.²³ In addition, significant cross-talk between AAK activation and the PI3K-AKT axis may function as a mechanism to promote cell survival.^{24,25}

We did not observe any association between alisertib response and MYC, BCL-2, and PI3K expression, although our study had limited power to examine these factors. Increased PI3K- γ was noted in the available samples, suggesting combined PI3K and Aurora kinase inhibition may be worthy of further study.²⁶ Serum cytokine profiling before and after alisertib identified a significant decrease in six cytokines (leptin, macrophage inhibition factor, macrophage inflammatory protein-1 β [chemokine ligand 4], tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases-1, latency-associated peptide, and Siglec-5) in more than half of patients. These cytokines are implicated in antiapoptosis, proinflammation, cell survival, metastasis, and promotion of an aggressive tumor microenvironment. Furthermore, in more than 50% of patients, two serum cytokines (BLC [CXC chemokine ligand 13] and monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 [chemokine ligand 2]) implicated in cytokinesis and lymphocyte homing demonstrated a significant increase.

The novel mechanism of alisertib lends itself to rational combination strategies. Zullo et al²⁷ have demonstrated the combination of alisertib with romidepsin, an HDAC inhibitor approved in relapsed/refractory PTCL, to be highly synergistic in T-cell lines. In this model, it was postulated that AAK inhibition may prevent signal transducer and activator of transcription 3 phosphorylation, preventing activation of MYC and BCL-XL. The romidepsin-induced accumulation of acetylated proteins may further impede this pathway. Additional work demonstrates that vorinostat, another approved HDAC inhibitor for patients with PTCL, upregulates the expression of several proapoptotic genes, sensitizing cells to AAK inhibition.²⁸ On the basis of these

data, two ongoing clinical trials are testing alisertib plus vorinostat and romidepsin (NCT01567709 and NCT01897012, respectively).

In conclusion, our data confirm the antilymphoma activity of alisertib, providing a single-agent benchmark for its efficacy in PTCL. Given these results, an international phase III trial and studies of rational combinations have been initiated. Future work should build on our correlative studies to determine a biomarker for response to this agent, and other agents in PTCL.

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