

# Phase 2b BTKi ('168) Trial Results

Dose-finding Study for SAR442168 in Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis

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## Agenda

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Phase 2 results	Erik Wallstroem	Therapeutic Area Head, Neurology Development
Progression in MS and underlying mechanisms	Rita Balice-Gordon	Therapeutic Area Head, Neurologic and Rare Diseases Research
Phase 3 plan & conclusion	John Reed	EVP, Global Head of R&D
<b>Q&amp;A session</b> (also joining)	Tom Snow	Global Franchise Head, Neurology and Immunology





### Introduction

Bill Sibold

**EVP, Specialty Care** 



### Sanofi's long-term commitment to Multiple Sclerosis



- Only oral DMT proven to reduce the risk of confirmed disability worsening in 2 phase 3 trials<sup>(1,2)</sup>
- Long-term safety profile confirmed in >15 years of clinical trial and real world experience<sup>(3)</sup>
- No confirmed cases of PML to date<sup>(4)</sup>
- High treatment satisfaction reported by both new patients and switchers<sup>(5)</sup>



- Long-term disease control in the absence of continuous dosing
- >17,000 patients currently controlled<sup>(6)</sup>
- Confirmed disability improvement in 9-year follow-up of phase 3's<sup>(7)</sup>
- Safety profile infusion reactions and secondary autoimmunity – supported by >10 year data

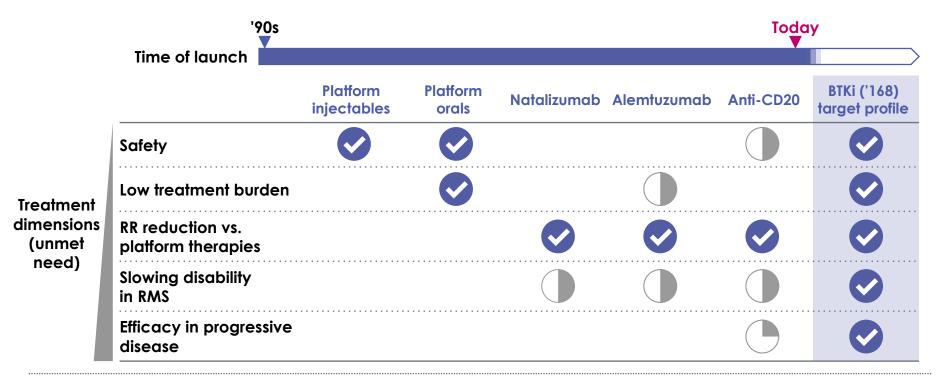
#### BTKi ('168) target profile

- Aiming at best-in-class across all treatment dimensions
  - Safety
  - Low treatment burden
  - RR reduction
  - Slowing disability in RMS
  - Efficacy in progressive disease
- Supported by dual mechanism
  - Potent B-cell modulation in the periphery
  - Re-establishing microglia homeostasis in CNS

#### Sanofi is #2 in MS global patient share



# No approved therapy addresses all treatment dimensions despite ongoing improvement in SoC

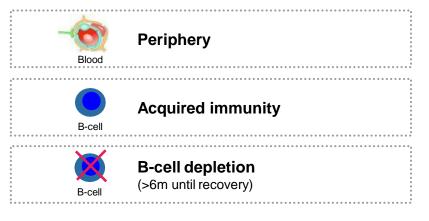


BTKi ('168) aims to address all 5 treatment dimensions with dual mechanism of action



### BTKi ('168) aims at superior target profile through dual MoA

#### Anti-CD20 MoA & clinical outcomes



#### BTKi ('168) MoA & target profile



**Periphery** 





#### CNS

Exposure confirmed in phase 1 (BBB crossing)



Acquired immunity



Microglia Innate immunity Thought to play a key role in MS progression(3)



**B-cell modulation** 

(5-7d until recovery)

#### Clinical outcomes:

- Safety concerns due to long-term B-cell depletion
- Infusion burden
- Significant relapse rate reduction<sup>(1)</sup>
- Impact on disability superior to interferon beta<sup>(1)</sup>
- Modest effect in primary progressive MS<sup>(2)</sup>

#### BTKi ('168) target profile:

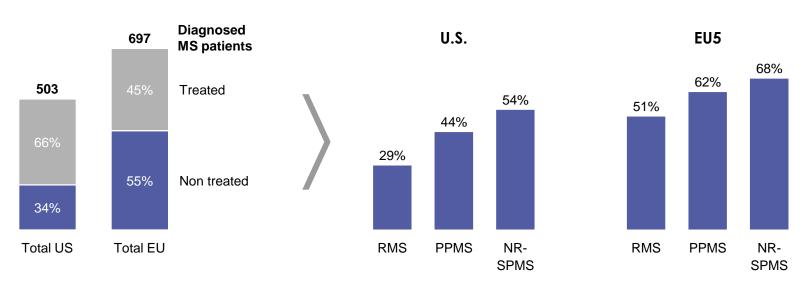
- Best-in-class safety, with fast-reversible immunesuppression and no off-target toxicity
- Oral once daily
- Best relapse rate reduction among orals
- Significant impact on disability in RMS
- Significant impact on progressive disease



### Large number of diagnosed MS patients receive no DMT

## More than 1/3 of U.S. patients and 1/2 of EU5 patients untreated

# Higher proportion of untreated patients as treatment options decrease

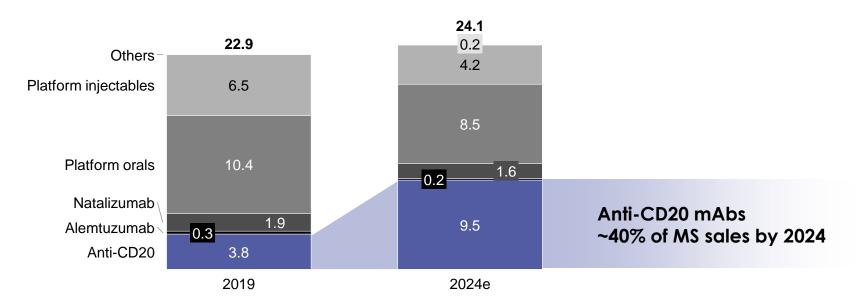


New treatment needed to address disability & disease progression, the key unmet needs in MS



### Projected strong growth for B-cell targeting therapies

#### WW MS Sales (Market estimates, US\$ bn)



Delivering BTKi ('168) target product profile expected to result in leading market position





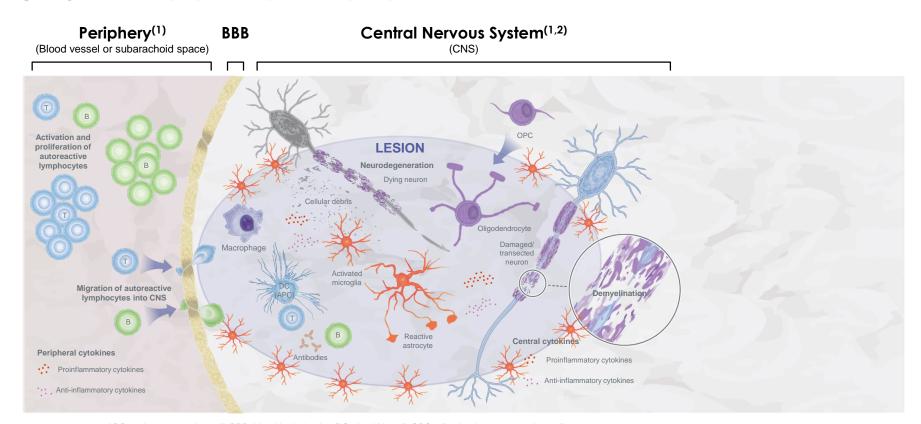
#### Phase 2 results

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# Dual MoA: targeting peripheral immune cell function and CNS-intrinsic inflammation





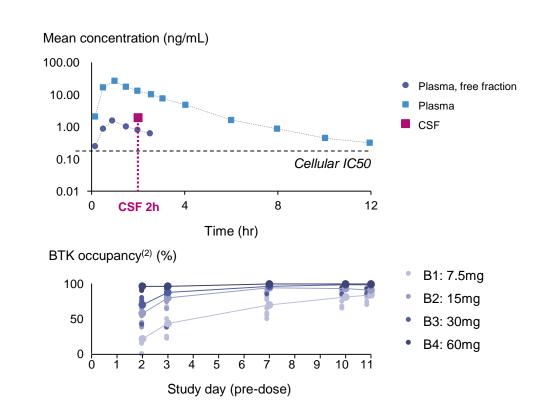
# BTKi ('168) is the only molecule of its class to demonstrate pharmacologically relevant exposure in CNS

## Pharmacologically relevant exposure in CNS demonstrated in Phase 1<sup>(1)</sup>

- Lumbar puncture performed 2hrs post-administration
- Mean cerebrospinal fluid concentration of 1.87 ng/mL (> cell-based in vitro IC50)

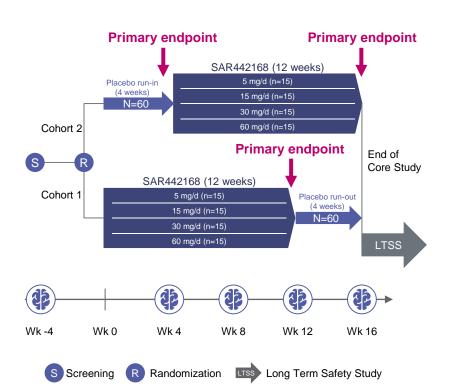
## Demonstrated rapid and durable BTK target occupancy in Phase 1

 100% target occupancy achieved on 15mg dose at steady-state





# Phase 2b study designed to assess dose and minimize exposure to placebo



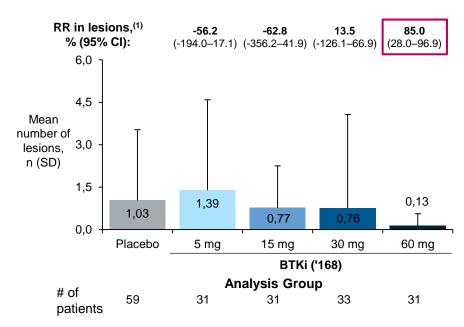
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover, dose-ranging Phase 2 study
- Patient characteristics at baseline consistent with a typical RMS Phase 2 population
- Primary endpoint: Number of new Gd-enhancing T1 hyperintense lesions versus 4 weeks of placebo<sup>(1)</sup>
- Secondary endpoints: Number of new or enlarging T2 lesions versus 4 weeks of placebo<sup>(1)</sup> and safety
- Patient discretion whether to take BTKi ('168) fed or fasted

MRI endpoints predictive of clinical outcomes in Phase 3 trials<sup>(2)</sup>

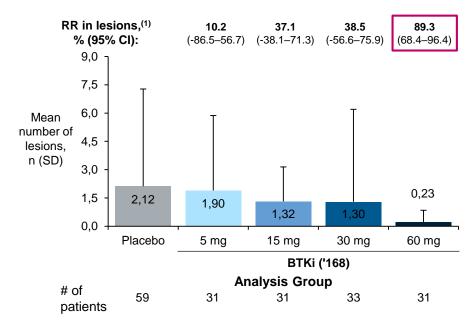


#### 85% relative reduction in Gd+ lesions at 12w on 60mg

## Primary endpoint: number of new Gd+ lesions after 12 weeks



## Secondary endpoint: number of new or enlarging T2 lesions after 12 weeks



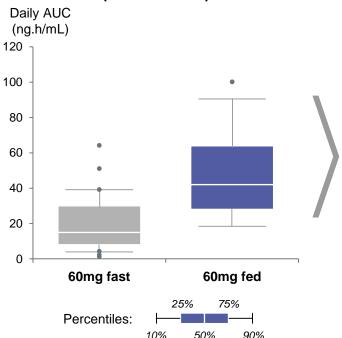


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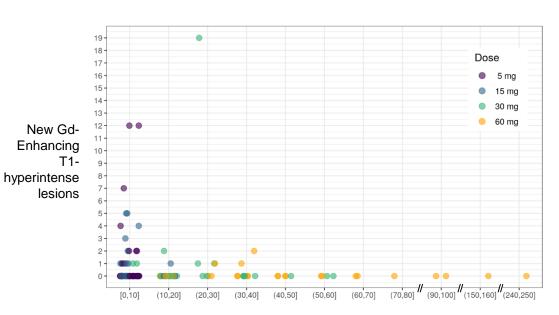
Values are based on 12 weeks of SAR442168 exposure (Cohort 1: Week 12; Cohort 2: Week 16), or 4 weeks of placebo for Cohort 2 patients. Relative reductions in lesions were adjusted for baseline Gd-enhancing T1-hyperintense/ T2-hyperintense lesion activity using a negative binomial model

# Phase 3 dosing (60mg fed) expected to maintain consistent exposure to achieve AUC

### Higher AUC in fed patients (Phase 1 data)



### Higher response at higher exposure (Phase 2 data)



AUC bins (ng.h/mL)



### BTKi ('168) safety profile in line with placebo

		AEs during weeks 1-4				AEs during 12 weeks					
'168 treatment, n (%)	All Patients (N=130)	Placebo <sup>(1)</sup> (N=66)	5 mg (N=16)	15 mg (N=16)	30 mg (N=16)	60 mg (n=16)	All Patients (N=130)	5 mg (N=33)	15 mg (N=32)	30 mg (N=33)	60 mg (n=32)
Any AE (4 weeks vs. placebo   12 weeks)	38 (29.2)	23 (34.8)	5 (31.3)	3 (18.8)	2 (12.5)	5 (31.3)	70 (53.8)	19 (57.6)	17 (53.1)	18 (54.5)	16 (50.0)
Serious AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (0.8)	-	-	-	1 (3.1)
AE leading to death	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AE leading to study discontinuation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Any AE leading to study treatment discontinuation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Any treatment-related AE	10 (7.7)	7 (10.6)	2 (12.5)	-	-	1 (6.3)	17 (13.1)	5 (15.2)	1 (3.1)	4 (12.1)	7 (21.9)

After 4 weeks: One patient from the placebo group had elevated ALT

**After 12 weeks:** One serious AE – hospitalization for MS relapse – was reported in the 60 mg group; the patient recovered and remained on study treatment



### Sampling of Phase 2 study results in RMS

Molecule	Design, Duration	Primary endpoint	Relative Reduction in T1 lesions vs. PBO <sup>(1)</sup>		Secondary endpoint		eduction in T2 vs. PBO <sup>(1)</sup>
Modern phase	2 design						
BTKi ('168) <sup>(2)</sup>	Placebo-controlled for 4Wk, with 12Wk cross-over (N=130), 16Wk+ext	Dose-response for Gd+ lesions at Wk 12	85%	60mg qd	Dose-response for T2 lesions at Wk 12	89%	60mg qd
siponimod <sup>(3)</sup>	Placebo-controlled, adaptive, doseranging (N = 297), 6m + ext	Dose-response for CUAL at 3 mo	72% <sup>(10)</sup>	2mg qd	New or newly enlarged T2 lesions at 3mo	73%	2mg qd
ofatumumab(4)	Placebo-controlled (N=231), 24Wk + ext	Cumulative Gd+ lesions at Wk 12	91% <sup>(11)</sup>	60mg q12w <sup>(11)</sup> 65% 0-12Wks <sup>(12)</sup>	New or newly enlarging T2 lesions at Wk 12	90% <sup>(11)</sup>	60mg q12w <sup>(11)</sup> 60% 0-12Wks <sup>(12)</sup>
Traditional pha	se 2 design						
ocrelizumab(5)	Placebo-controlled + Inf-b1a reference arm (N=218), 24Wk + ext	Cumulative Gd+ lesions at Wk 12, 16, 20, and 24	89%	600mg q6mo	New or enlarging T2 lesions at Wk 24	100%	600mg q6mo
evobrutinib(6)	Placebo-controlled + open label DMF (N = 267), 24Wk + ext	Cumulative Gd+ lesions at Wk 12, 16, 20, and 24	70%	75mg qd (56% at 75mg bid)	New or enlarging T2 lesions at Wk 12, 16, 20 and 24	50%	75mg qd (58% at 75mg bid)
dimethyl fumarate <sup>(7)</sup>	Placebo-controlled (N = 257), 24Wk + ext	Cumulative Gd+ lesions at Wk 12, 16, 20, and 24	69%	240mg tid	New or enlarging T2- hyperintense lesions	48%	240mg tid
fingolimod <sup>(8)</sup>	Placebo-controlled (N = 281), 6m + ext	Cumulative Gd+ lesions monthly for 6 months	61%	5mg qd (88% at mo. 6)	Cumulative numbers of new T2 lesions	70%	5mg qd
teriflunomide <sup>(9)</sup>	Placebo-controlled (N = 179), 36Wk + ext	# of CUAL per MRI scan	61% <sup>(13)</sup>	14mg qd	New or enlarging T2 lesions	43%	14mg qd

<sup>(1)</sup> Approved dose for fingolimod = 0.5mg qd, dimethyl fumarate = 240mg bid, teriflunomide = 14mg qd, ocrelizumab = 600mg q6mo, siponimod = 2mg qd, Ph3 dose for evobrutinib is 75mg bid (2) ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT03889639 (3) Selmaj K, et al Lancet Neurol 2013;12:756-767 (4) Bar-Or A. et al. Neurology 2018;90:e1805-e1814 (5) Kappos L, et al. Lancet 2011;378:1779-87 (6) Montalban X, et al. N Engl J Med 2019; 380:2406-2417 (7) Kappos L, et al. Lancet 2008;372(9648):1463-72 (8) Kappos L, et al. N Engl J Med 2006; 355:1124-40 (9) O'Connor P, et al. Neurology 2006;66(6) (10) New gadolinium-enhancing lesions (GdEs) on T1-weighted images and new or newly enlarged non-enhancing lesions on T2-weighted monthly MRI scans (without double counting) (11) Post hoc data (4-12 wks) (12) Endpoint with full data (0-12 Wks) (13) New and persisting T1 and T2 lesions Note: No head to head studies have been conducted comparing the investigational treatment BKTi ('168) with any other therapy. The information on this slide is for the purpose of illustrating the





# Progression in MS and underlying mechanisms

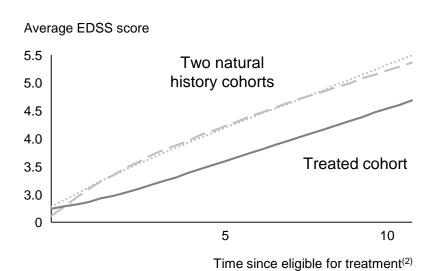
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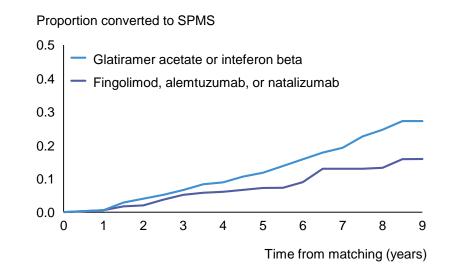


# Patients continue to accumulate significant disability with currently approved therapies

## Patients continue to accumulate disability<sup>(1)</sup>



## 20% of patients still progress in less than 10 years despite current therapies<sup>(3)</sup>





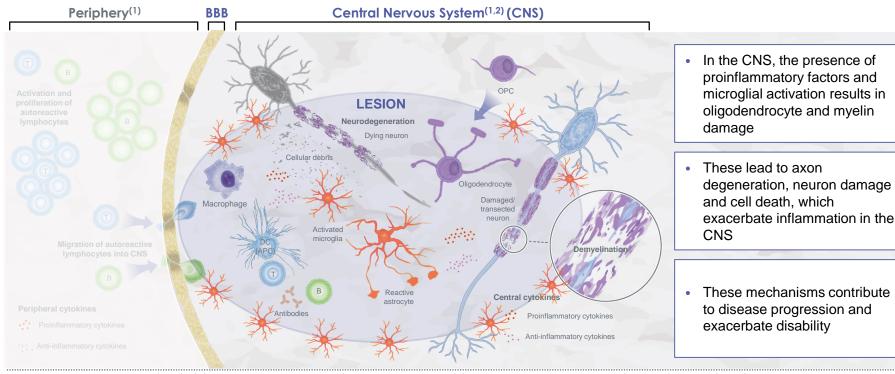
EDSS: expanded disability status scale; SPMS: secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

(1) Tilling K et al. Health Technol Assess 2016;20:1-48

(2) Criteria for eligibility: age ≥18 years, EDSS score ≤6.5, occurrence of ≥2 relapses in the previous 2 years

(3) Brown J et al. JAMA. 2019;321(2):175-187; based on 380 patients (glatiramer acetate or interferon beta) + 235 patients (fingolimod, alemtuzumab or natalizumab) with follow-up data

# Missing link: progression in MS involves mechanisms within the CNS

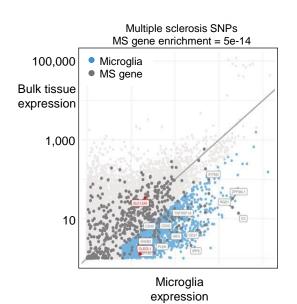


BTK inhibition has the potential to play a critical role to reduce microglial activation, re-establish microglial homeostasis and affect MS disease progression and disability accumulation

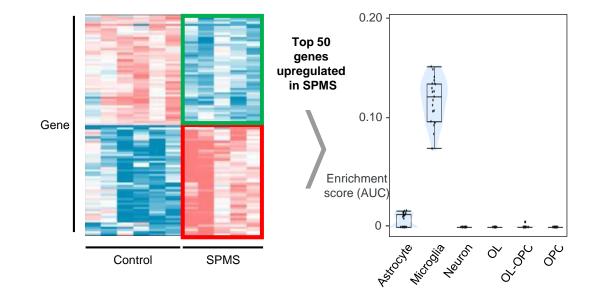


### Microglia play a central role in MS disease progression

## GWAS identified enrichment of MS genes in microglia<sup>(1)</sup>



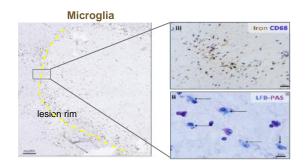
Transcriptome signatures reveal top upregulated genes in progressive MS are most highly expressed in microglia<sup>(2)</sup>

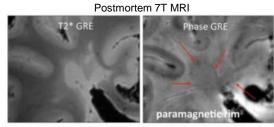




# Microglia from lesions of progressive MS patients express high levels of BTK

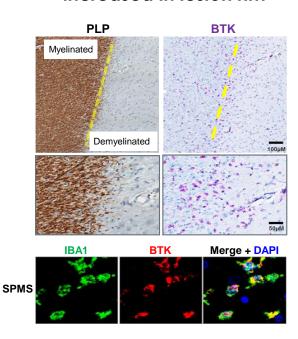
### Microglia are increased in lesion rim



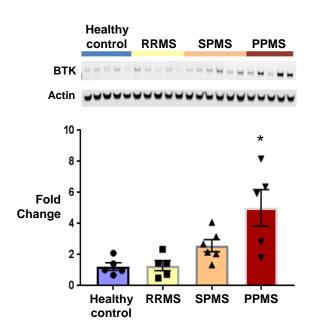


Modified from Absinta et al., (2016) J Clin Invest

### BTK+ cells are microglia and increased in lesion rim

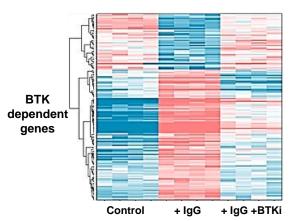


### BTK protein is upregulated in lesions



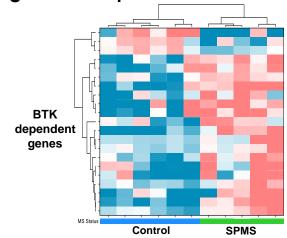
# BTK inhibition normalizes proinflammatory signature in microglia

## BTK inhibition normalizes the signature of mouse microglia activated by IgG



Upregulated pathways <sup>(1)</sup>	-log(p-value)
HMGB1 Signaling	7.52
Leukocyte Extravasation Signaling	7.08
PPAR Signaling	5.18
Neuroinflammation Signaling	5.05
Toll-like Receptor Signaling	4.74
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus B Cell Signaling	4.45
IL-6 Signaling	4.42

## BTK signature of mouse microglia training set segregates SPMS patient lesions from control



Gene Symbol	Gene Name	Ratio (SPMS vs. Control), log2
SPP1	Secreted phosphoprotein 1	3.14
RGS1	Regulator of G protein signaling 1	2.59
CX3CR1	C-X3-C motif chemokine receptor 1	-2.1
P2RY12	Purinergic receptor P2Y12	-1.8



### BTK is a key regulator for microglial homeostasis

#### Scientific evidence

- Microglia play a central role in MS disease progression, as well as in other neurodegenerative disorders
- Microglia from progressive MS patients exhibit an altered, proinflammatory phenotype
- BTK inhibition reduces the proinflammatory microglia signature and restores microglia to a homeostatic phenotype

#### BTK inhibition has the potential to

- Reduce microglial activation
- Re-establish microglial homeostasis
- Affect disease progression and disability accumulation in MS





## Phase 3 plan

John Reed

EVP, Global Head of R&D



### Launching trials for BTKi ('168) across full MS spectrum

		Phase 3 program		
	Relapsing (RMS)	Primary Progressive (PPMS)	Non Relapsing Secondary Progressive (NR-SPMS)	Long Term Study Relapsing (RMS)
Comparator	vs. Aubagio®	vs. Placebo	vs. Placebo	-
•••••••••	~900K diagnosed <sup>(1)</sup>	~120K diagnosed <sup>(1)</sup>	~172K diagnosed <sup>(1)</sup>	Confirmation of LT
Opportunity	Disability accumulates despite treatment	Only one approved DMT with modest efficacy <sup>(2)</sup>	No approved DMTs for SPMS without relapses	efficacy and safety profile
Target #of patients	N = 900 + 900	N = 1200	N = 1290	N = 123



# Exploratory imaging biomarkers to generate evidence for CNS activity

#### Slowly Enlarging Lesions (SELs)

- Chronic lesions seen on conventional T2 images
- Inactive center, surrounded by a rim of activated microglia / macrophages
- Relatively resistant to current DMTs

Markers of chronic tissue loss in the absence of ongoing acute inflammation<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Phase Rim Lesions (PRLs)

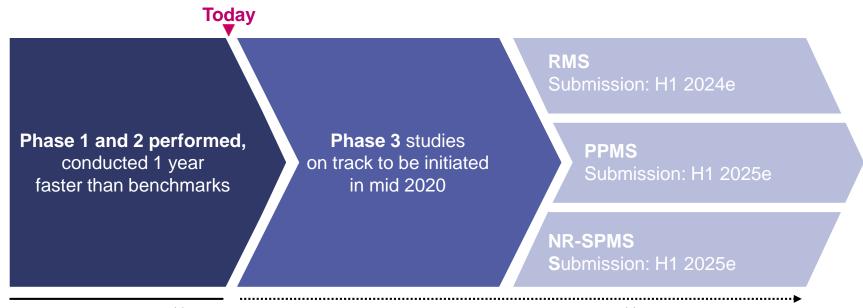
- Chronic lesions seen on Susceptibility Weighted Imaging (SWI)
- Paramagnetic rim seen as a hypointense boundary surrounding a region of tissue loss, corresponding to iron-laden microglia<sup>(2)</sup>

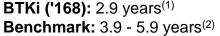
Markers of disability accumulation<sup>(3)</sup> (correlated with number and volume of lesions)

Additional update to be provided at an upcoming conference



### Beating industry cycle times to target submission in H1'24





**BTKi ('168):** Expected 3.5 years<sup>(1)</sup> **Benchmark:** 3.9 - 5.2 years<sup>(2)</sup>



### Conclusion: BTKi ('168) targets BiC profile

#### Safety



Similar to placebo

Low treatment burden



Oral once-daily, no monitoring

Relapse rate reduction



In line with anti-CD20

Slowing disability in RMS



Only BTKi with demonstrated CNS penetration and engagement of potential markers of disability progression

Efficacy in progressive disease



Accelerated development across full MS spectrum: RMS, PPMS and NR-SPMS, with first target submission in H1 2024

Delivering BTKi ('168) target product profile expected to result in leading market position



#### **Q&A** session



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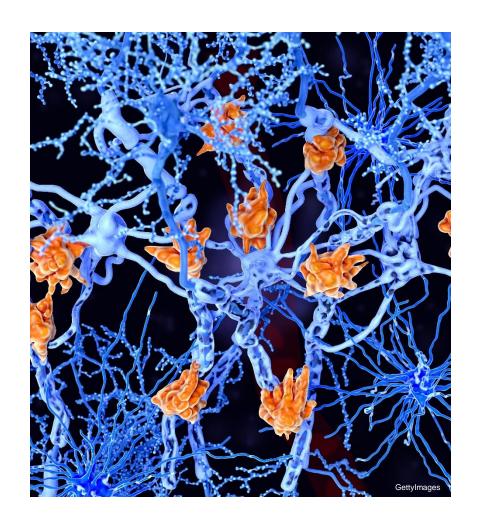


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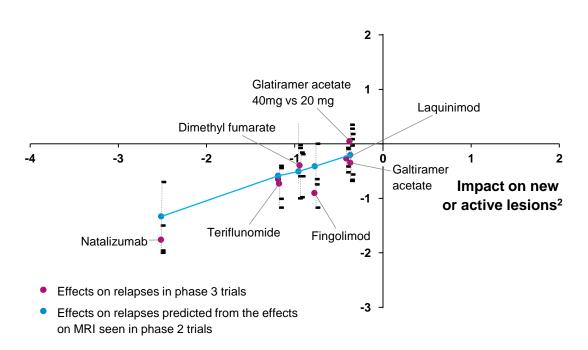
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### MRI is a predictive biomarker for relapses in MS

#### Impact on relapses<sup>(1)</sup>



- Effect of MS treatments on relapses are correlated with effect on MRI lesions (GdE and T2 lesions)
- Effects on MRI lesions over short follow-up periods are predictive of effects on relapses over longer followup periods



#### **Patient Baseline Characteristics**

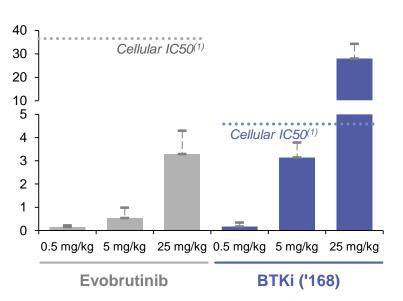
	All Patients (N=130)	Placebo <sup>(1)</sup> (N=66)	SAR442108				
			5 mg (N=33)	15 mg (N=32)	30 mg (N=33)	60 mg (n=32)	
Age, years	37.1 (9.5)	36.3 (9.8)	36.0 (9.8)	35.9 (9.3)	39.1 (10.2)	37.1 (8.8)	
Female, n (%)	91 (70)	46 (70)	25 (76)	21 (66)	21 (64)	24 (75)	
RRMS, n (%)	128 (99)	65 (99)	33 (100)	32 (100)	32 (97)	31 (97)	
Time since initial relapse, years	7.8 (7.4)	7.7 (7.4)	7.7 (7.8)	8.0 (7.6)	8.1 (7.8)	7.3 (6.7)	
Relapses in previous year	1.2 (0.6)	1.2 (0.5)	1.2 (0.5)	1.3 (0.6)	1.3 (0.6)	1.2 (0.4)	
Relapses in previous 2 years	1.7 (0.9)	1.7 (0.7)	1.7 (0.8)	1.5 (0.8)	1.8 (1.1)	1.6 (0.9)	
EDSS score, median (IQR)	2.5 (1.5–3.5)	2.5 (1.5–3.5)	2.5 (2.0–3.0)	2.0 (1.5–3.0)	2.5 (1.5–3.5)	2.5 (1.5–3.8)	
Highly active disease, n (%)	61 (47)	29 (44)	12 (36)	19 (59)	16 (49)	14 (44)	
Number of Gd-enhancing lesions	1.8 (4.7)	2.2 (5.9)	2.3 (5.9)	0.7 (1.8)	1.9 (4.9)	2.1 (4.9)	
Patients with baseline Gd-enhancing lesions, n (%)	44 (35)(2)	25 (38)	11 (34) <sup>(3)</sup>	7 (23)(4)	11 (34) <sup>(3)</sup>	15 (47)	

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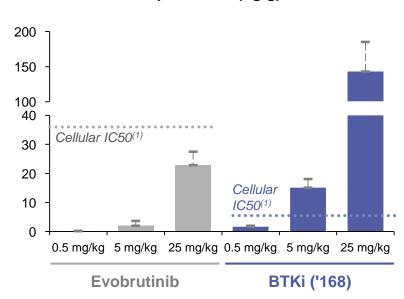


# CNS exposure and high potency allows '168 to achieve pharmacologically relevant levels in the brain

## Mouse cerebrospinal fluid 1hr post dose (ng/mL)



## Mouse perfused brain 1hr post dose (ng/g)



<sup>(1)</sup> IC50 determined from human B cell activation (whole blood assay): Evobrutinib: 84.1 nM (from Haselmayer et Al, 2019 J Immunol. 2019 May 15;202(10):2888-2906); SAR442168: 10nM.

Source: Sanofi data on file. Mice were dosed orally with the indicated amount of Evobrutinib or SAR442168. CSF and well perfused brains were collected 1hr post-dose and assayed for compound exposure.

