# A phase 1/2 study of BLU-451, a central nervous system (CNS) penetrant, small molecule inhibitor of EGFR, in incurable advanced cancers with EGFR exon 20 insertion (ex20ins) mutations

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## Background

- Oncogenic EGFR ex20ins mutations are the third most common type of activating EGFR activating mutation in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), and are not potently targeted by many inhibitors of common activating mutations such as L858R and exon 19 mutations<sup>1–3</sup>
- Like other types of EGFR-mutated NSCLC, CNS metastases are a challenge to treat. Approximately 25% of patients with EGFR ex20ins NSCLC have brain metastases at the time of initial presentation, and progression can be associated with development of CNS metastases<sup>4,5</sup>
- The presence of CNS metastases (brain and leptomeninges) complicates disease management, can cause significant morbidity, and has been associated with poorer outcomes for patients with EGFR ex20ins NSCLC<sup>6</sup>
- The standard of care (SOC) for patients with NSCLC with activating EGFR mutations is treatment

### Summary of key inclusion and exclusion criteria

### **Key inclusion criteria**

### Males and females ≥18 years of age

- ECOG performance status 0–1
- Histologically or cytologically confirmed metastatic NSCLC (phase 1 and phase 2) or other cancer except for primary CNS tumors (phase 1 only)
- Documented EGFR ex20ins mutation based on NGS testing of tumor or liquid biopsy<sup>a</sup>
- Prior treatment in the recurrent/metastatic disease setting:
- Phase 1 patients with NSCLC: platinum-based chemotherapy,<sup>b</sup> at least one prior EGFR ex20ins targeted therapy (amivantamab or mobocertinib),<sup>c</sup> prior ICI<sup>c</sup>
- Phase 1 other cancers: any approved standard therapy
- Phase 2: platinum-based chemotherapy,<sup>b</sup> prior ICI.<sup>c</sup> In addition;
- Cohort 2A one prior EGFR ex20ins targeted therapy including amivantamab or mobocertinib required
- Cohort 2B no prior EGFR ex20ins targeted therapy

### Key exclusion criteria

• Tumor harboring known alternate driver alteration (ROS, BRAF V600E, ALK, RET, HER2, MET, KRAS, NTRK1/2/3, or EGFR C797X<sup>e</sup>)

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- Prior EGFR TKI  $\leq$  5 days; immunotherapy or bi-specific antibody  $\leq$  28 days, other systemic anticancer treatment  $\leq$  14 days prior to the first dose of study drug BLU-451
- Symptomatic brain metastases, any lesion in an anatomic location thought to require immediate treatment, any lesion > 2 cm in size unless specifically approved by the Sponsor Medical Monitor, radiation treatment for brain metastases < 28 days prior to first dose of study drug, or brain metastases that require increasing doses of corticosteroids

- with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) or platinum-based chemotherapy<sup>7,8</sup>
- The US Food and Drug Administration has recently approved two agents, amivantamab and mobocertinib, for patients who progress after a platinum-based chemotherapy, but neither have established CNS activity<sup>9,10</sup>
- BLU-451 is a CNS penetrant, wild type-sparing, covalent small molecule inhibitor of EGFR ex20ins as well as of atypical (G719C, G719S, L861Q) and common EGFR mutants
- Preclinical data have shown BLU-451 to have potent antitumor activity, including in an intracranial xenograft model,<sup>11</sup> which has led to its clinical development in *EGFR*-mutant NSCLC

# **Study Objectives and design**

- BLU-451-1101 (NCT05241873) is a phase 1/2, global, open-label study designed to evaluate singleagent BLU-451 in patients with NSCLC harboring EGFR ex20ins that has progressed following prior treatment for incurable recurrent or metastatic disease
- Phase 1 consists of two parts: a 3+3 dose escalation and a dose expansion
- Part 1 (dose-escalation): two to six patients enrolled per dose to determine the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) or recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D) of single dose BLU-451. Additional cohorts may be added to evaluate intermediate dose levels or a twice daily (BID) dosing schedule
- Part 2 (dose expansion): additional patients enrolled to further evaluate safety and pharmacokinetics (PK) at a given dose level or in specific sub-populations
- Phase 2 will evaluate the antitumor activity of BLU-451 administered at the RP2D in patients with or without brain metastases in three cohorts (n=18 each):
- Cohort 2A: patients with prior platinum-based chemotherapy and EGFR ex20ins-targeted agent
- Cohort 2B: patients with prior platinum but no EGFR ex20ins-targeted agent

- Cohort 2C prior treatment with up to 1 line of EGFR ex20ins targeted therapy<sup>c</sup>
- Brain metastases not associated with progressive neurological symptoms and not requiring increasing doses of corticosteroids<sup>c,d</sup>
- Disease progression on or after or intolerance to most recent systemic therapy Evaluable disease (phase 1 only) or measurable disease (phase 1 and phase 2) per RECIST v1.1
- Leptomeningeal disease
- Intracranial hemorrhage within 28 days prior to the first dose

<sup>a</sup>Performed in a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-certified laboratory or equivalent. <sup>b</sup>Other chemotherapy if platinum-based is contraindicated <sup>c</sup>Allowed but not required. <sup>d</sup>In cohort 2C, patients are required to have ≥1 measurable brain lesion per RECIST 1.1. <sup>e</sup>Including but not limited to these mutations. CNS, central nervous system; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; NGS, next-generation sequencing, ICI, immune checkpoint inhibitors; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; RECIST 1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1.

### Key study endpoints

#### Phase 1 Phase 2 Primary endpoints Primary endpoint Maximum tolerated dose Objective response rate at RP2D using RECIST v1.1 Recommended phase 2 dose on DLTs<sup>a</sup> Secondary endpoints Additional measures of anti-tumor activity Safety and tolerability • Duration of response Secondary endpoints Antitumor activity using RECIST v1.1 • Disease control rate Clinical benefit rate Objective response rate Duration of response Progression-free survival Overall survival Disease control rate Clinical benefit rate CNS antitumor activity using RECIST v1.1<sup>a</sup> CNS objective response rate Progression-free survival Overall survival CNS duration of response CNS antitumor activity using RECIST v1.1<sup>b</sup> CNS progression-free survival – Pharmacokinetics CNS objective response rate CNS duration of response Safety and tolerability CNS progression-free survival - Pharmacokinetics

<sup>a</sup>The DLT evaluation window is 28 days (within the first 28 days of taking BLU-451) even if the cycles are 21 day. In patients with measurable baseline brain metastases CNS, central nervous system, DLTs, dose-limiting toxicities; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1.

- Cohort 2C: patients with active asymptomatic brain metastases with prior platinum with or without EGFR ex20ins-targeted agent

### Figure 1: BLU-451 study design



<sup>a</sup>Any other cancer except primary CNS tumor. <sup>b</sup>For phase 1 only, patients with EGFR exon 18 G719X or exon 21 L861Q mutations that have failed standard of care therapy are eligible with sponsor approval. Other *EGFR* mutations (e.g., L858R or exon 19 deletion) may be eligible if T790M mutation is not present and ≥1 EGFR TKI was tried and failed, and if approved by the Sponsor Medical Monitor. Once daily then twice daily dosing if supported by emerging PK and safety data. CNS, central nervous system; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; RECIST 1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

• PK will be assessed by evaluating plasma levels of BLU-451 in Cycle 1 and periodically in

# **Enrollment and status**

- The phase 1 dose-escalation portion of the study is ongoing
- The study is planned for approximately 40 centers in North America, Asia, and European Union for phase 2 only

### Anticipated study locations



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### subsequent cycles

### Biomarker assessments may include circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) or tumor biopsy to identify the presence of *EGFR* mutations including *EGFR* ex20ins

### • All patients will receive BLU-451 as a single agent administered once daily, or twice daily on a 21-day treatment cycle

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