

Successful Emulation of IV Decitabine Pharmacokinetics with an Oral Fixed-Dose Combination of the Oral Cytidine Deaminase Inhibitor (CDAi) E7727 with Oral Decitabine, in Subjects with Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS): Final Data of Phase 1 Study

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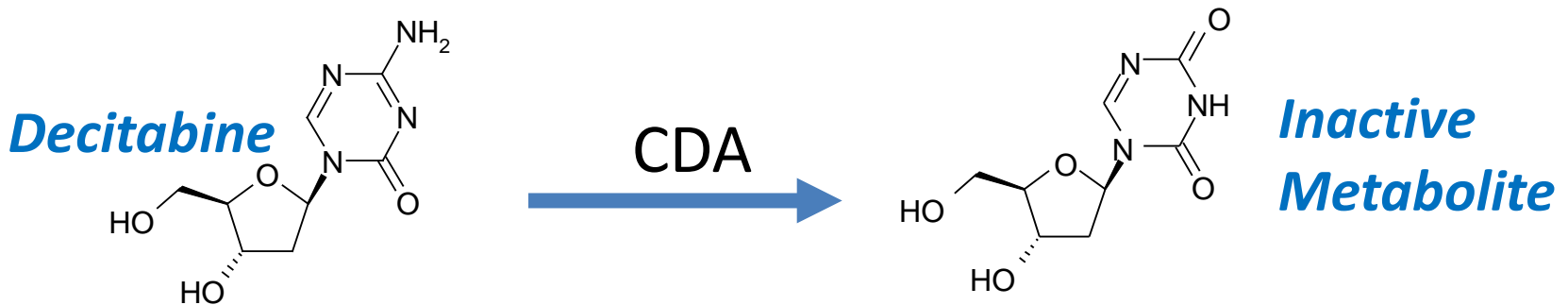
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Background and Clinical Hypothesis

- Intravenous (IV) Decitabine(DAC) is an approved therapy for MDS
- Oral bioavailability of DAC is low due to degradation in the gut by cytidine deaminase (CDA)



- MDS treatment requires continued treatment for long periods.
- An oral decitabine would provide significant benefit
- Development of a potent safe CDA inhibitor should enable decitabine oral bioavailability

E7727 – a Potent, Orally Active CDA inhibitor

- E7727, a novel potent CDA inhibitor (IC_{50} is $0.28 \pm 0.06 \mu M$)
- Pharmaceutically stable unlike other known CDA inhibitors such as tetrahydrouridine (THU)
- Safe and well tolerated in animals with no observed adverse events up to 1000 mg/kg (mice) and 200 mg/kg (monkey)
- Administering decitabine orally with low dose E7727 (1 mg/Kg) increases decitabine exposure 14-fold in animals (monkey)



ASTX727: A New Oral HMA – Phase 1 Study

- **ASTX727** is a new oral combination drug of both **decitabine (DAC)** and the new CDA inhibitor **E7727**
- We designed a Phase 1 dose escalation study of **ASTX727**
- Primary Objective: To emulate DAC IV (20 mg/m²) PK (AUC exposure) with a safe dose of oral **ASTX727**
- Secondary Objectives: Clinical Response, and PD (LINE-1 demethylation) of oral **ASTX727**

ASTX727 Phase 1 Study: Major Eligibility Criteria

- Adult patients with MDS Int-1; Int-2; or High Risk IPSS score, or CMML
- All prior treatments (including HSCT) allowed except more than one cycle of DAC IV
- Adequate hepatic and renal function
 - Bilirubin ≤ 2 ULN; AST/ALT ≤ 2.5 ULN
 - Serum creatinine ≤ 1.5 ULN or Cr CL > 50 ml/min
- Patients with AML ($\geq 20\%$ blasts in BM or PB) were excluded

ASTX727 Phase 1 Study Design

Dose Escalation Scheme

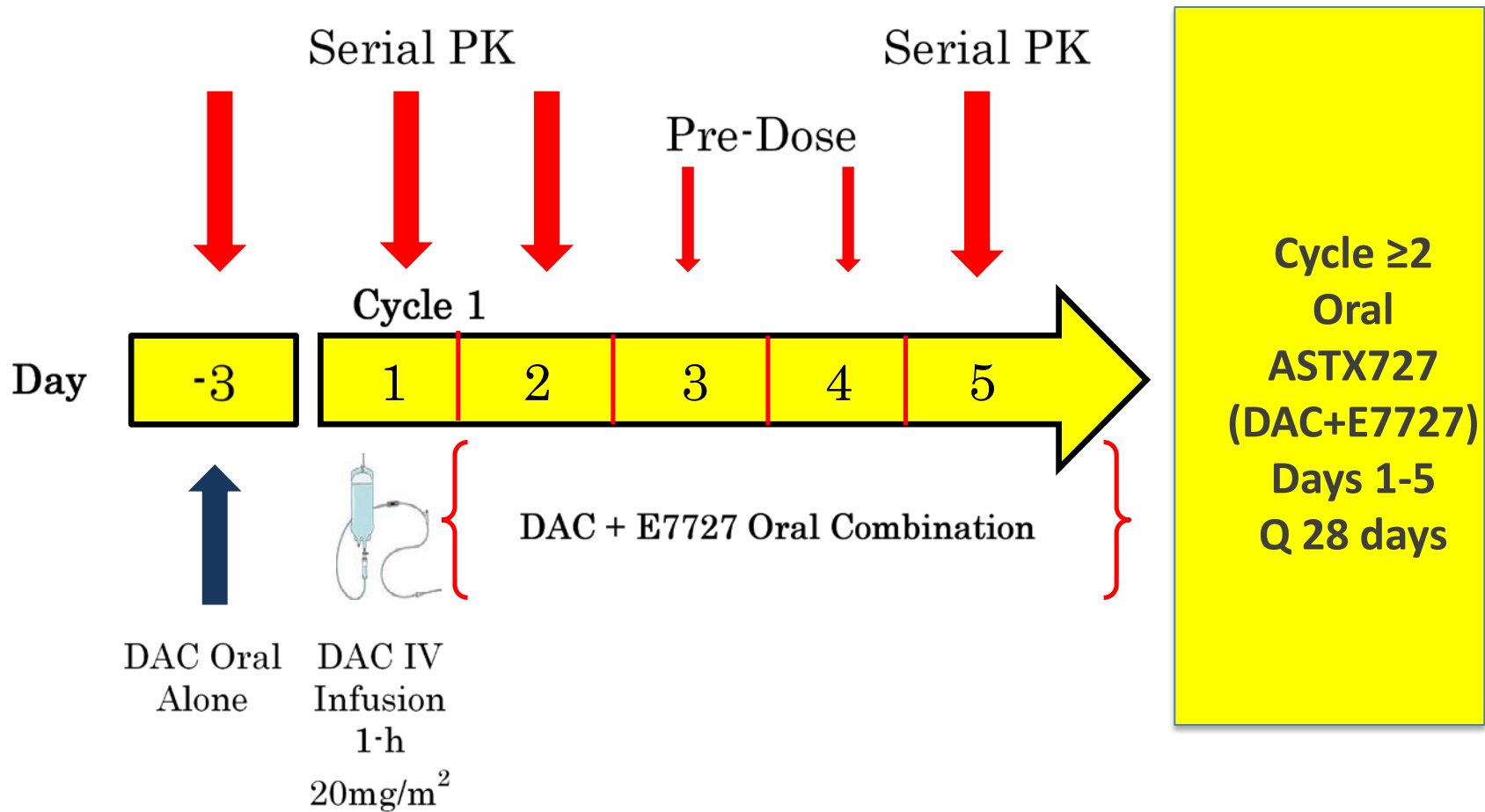
MDS Int-1, Int-2, HR or CMML

DAC IV on Day 1 and Oral ASTX727 (E7727 40 mg + DAC 20 mg) Days 2-5
Review PK of Cohort N=6
↑↓ one drug per cohort until AUC goal is met

Patients continued on ASTX727
until Progression or Toxicity

Target Range
Oral DAC PK AUC
 $\geq 90\%$ of IV DAC

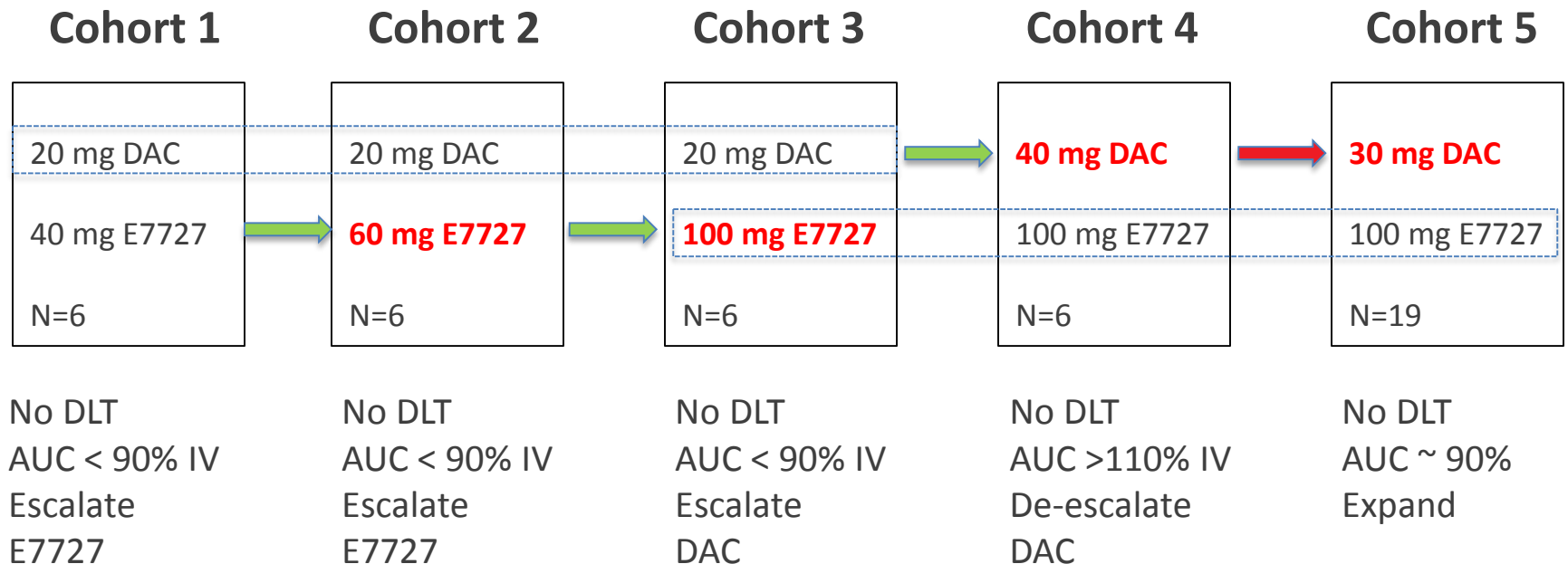
ASTX727 Phase 1 Study Design Dosing and PK Schedule



ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

Disposition and Study Cohorts

- Goal: Oral ASTX727 combination with DAC AUC $\geq 90\%$ of DAC IV AUC
- Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) not a goal



20 mg /m² IV DAC Day 1 Cycle 1 used as the intra-patient comparator N=43

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

Patient Characteristics

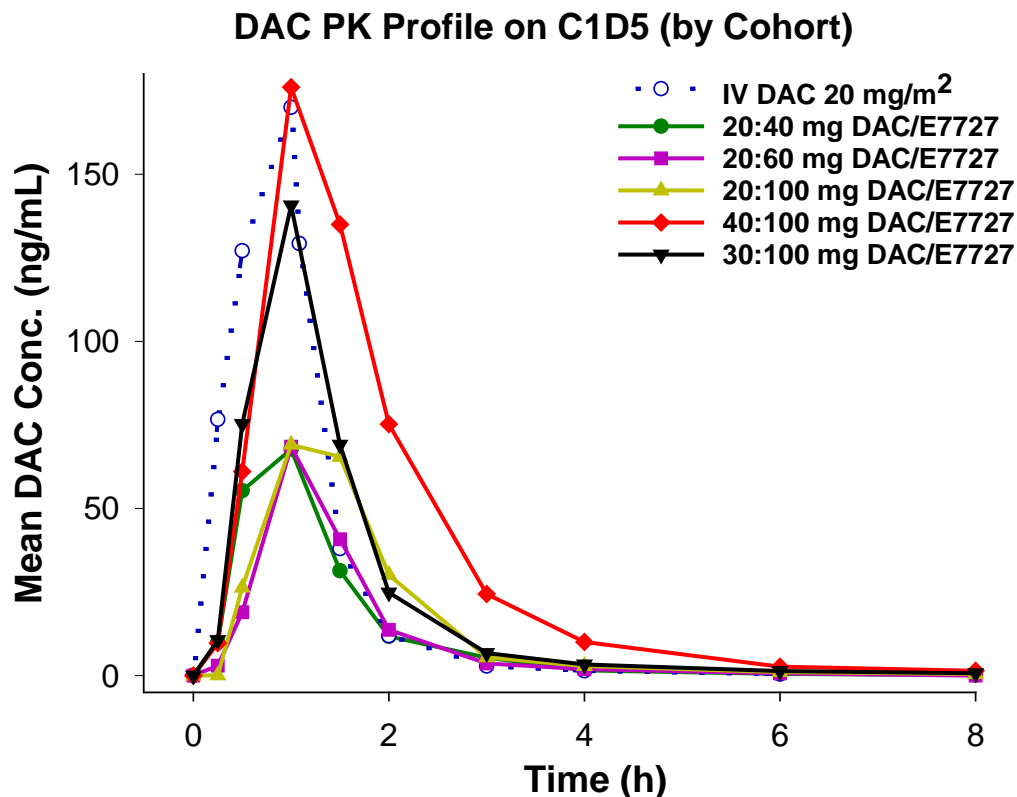
Cohort Number	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Number of patients	6	6	6	6	19*	43
<u>Age</u> Median (range)	68 (59-81)	71 (63-79)	72 (70-83)	76 (66-85)	73 (59-86)	71 (59-86)
<u>Sex</u> M n (%) F n (%)	3 (50) 3 (50)	5 (83) 1 (17)	3 (50) 3 (50)	4 (67) 2 (33)	15 (79) 4 (21)	30 (70) 13 (30)
<u>ECOG PS</u> n (%) 0-1 2	6 (100) 0	5 (83) 1 (17)	5 (83) 1 (17)	5 (83) 1 (17)	16 (84) 3 (16)	37 (86) 6 (14)
<u>IPSS**</u> n (%) MDS INT-1 MDS INT-2 MDS High Risk CMML	4 (67) 2 (33)	2 (33) 1 (17) 1 (17) 2 (33)	2 (33) 3 (50) 1 (17)	2 (33) 1 (17) 2 (33) 1 (17)	10 (53) 3 (27) 4 (7) 2 (7)	20 (47) 7 (16) 10 (23) 6 (14)
<u>Prior Treatment</u> n (%) Prior HMA n (%)	1 (17) 0	2 (33) 1 (17)	1 (17) 0	6 (100) 4 (67)	13 (68) 10 (53)	23 (53) 15 (35)

*Includes 13 from dose expansion

**International Prognostic Scoring System for MDS (Cheson et al, 2000)

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

IV DAC PK (Day 1) vs Oral (Day 5) by Cohort



- ASTX727: Co-administration of E7727 with DAC enhances oral DAC bioavailability
- Dose-dependent increase in DAC exposure with escalation of either drug
- At fixed ASTX727 dose of 100 mg E7727 and DAC 40 mg the oral DAC exposure exceeded that of IV DAC.

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

5 Days total DAC AUC: Oral/IV

Cohort	ASTX727 Oral Dose (mg)		N	5-Days Total (AUC _{last})		% of AUC (Oral/IV)
	DAC ¹	E7727		Oral	IV	
1	20	40	5 ²	260	753	35%
2	20	60	6	346	899	39%
3	20	100	6	482	992	49%
4	40	100	6	1120	775	144%
5	30	100	19 ³	701	852	85%

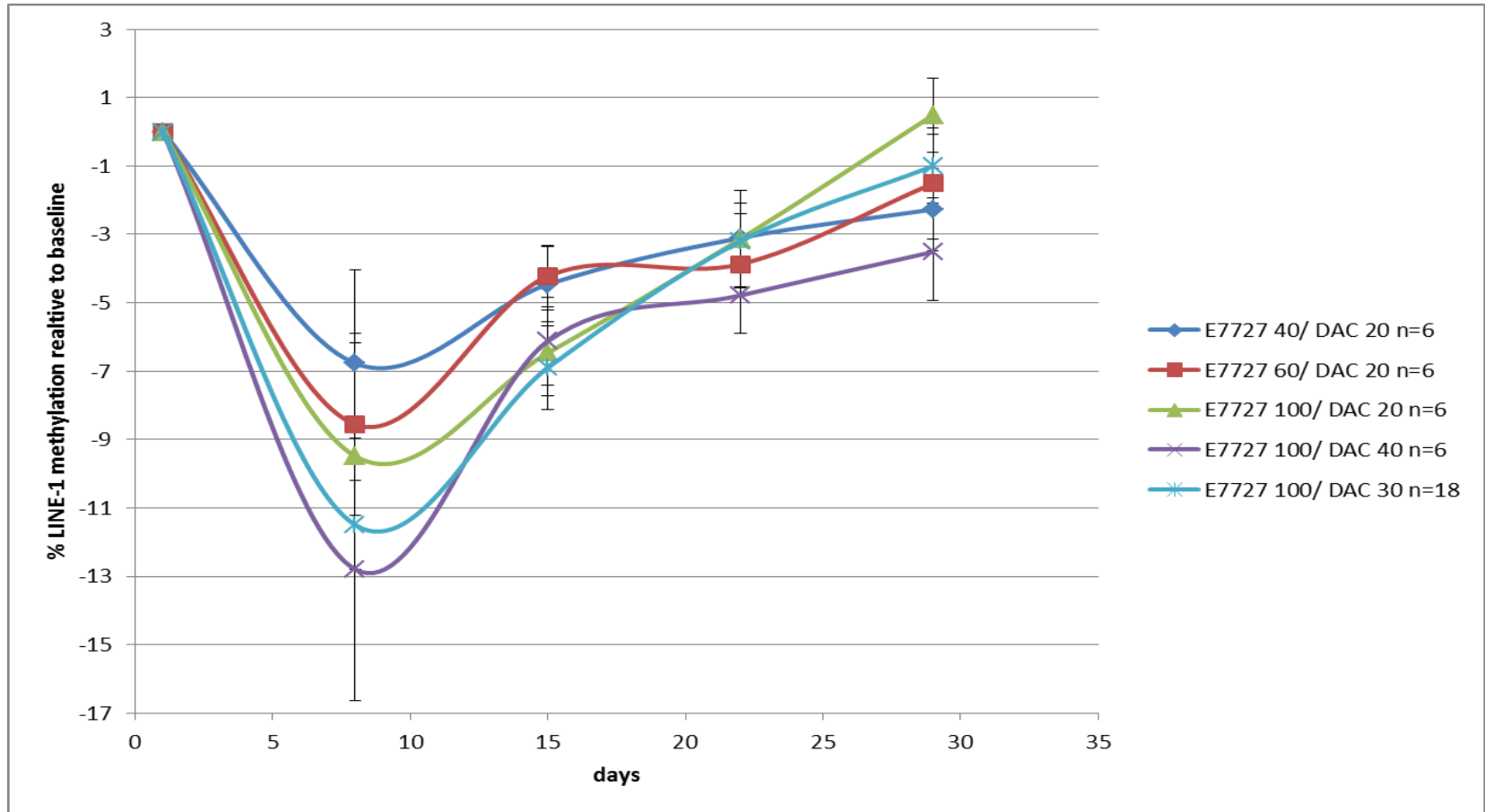
¹ DAC oral dose not adjusted by Weight or BSA

² One significant outlier excluded from the PK analysis

³ Includes 13 patient dose expansion

- Cohort 4 Oral DAC (at 40 mg) exposure achieved primary objective and exceeded that of IV DAC at 20 mg/m² (Oral/IV 144%)
- Cohort 5 Oral DAC (at 30 mg) exposure was 85% of IV DAC at 20 mg/m²
- Oral DAC dose of 35 mg in ASTX727 (Ongoing Phase 2) should achieve AUC of ~ 85-140% of IV DAC

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results PD (LINE-1 demethylation) by Cohort



- ASTX727 cohorts 4 and 5 achieved LINE-1 demethylation from baseline of > 10% (comparable to historical data of DAC IV)

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

Clinical Activity

Clinical Response ¹	N = 43 ² N (%)
Complete Response (CR)	4 (9%)
Marrow Complete Response (mCR)	2 (5%)
Hematologic Improvement (HI)	6 (14%)
Transfusion Independence Response	7/23 (31%)
Still On Treatment	10 (23%)

¹ Assessed by IWG criteria (Cheson et al, 2006)

² All treated patients included in the analyses

- Responses were observed in all cohorts and in patients previously treated with HMAs (56% of patients in Cohort 4-5 were previously treated with azacitidine)
- Five patients went on to Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT)
- Median of 5 cycles was administered (Range 1-26)

ASTX 727 Phase 1 Results

Safety (AEs)

Most Common Grade \geq 3 AEs regardless of relationship to ASTX727

Cohort Adverse Event	1 n=6 N	2 n=6 N	3 n=6 N	4 n=6 N	5 n=19 N	Total n=43 N (%)
Thrombocytopenia	4	1	4	1	6	16 (37)
Anemia	3	1	3	2	4	13 (30)
Neutropenia	3	2	2	1	4	12 (28)
Febrile Neutropenia	1	1	2	3	2	9 (21)
Pneumonia	0	1	0	2	3	6 (14)
Leukopenia	1	2	1	0	2	6 (14)
Sepsis	0	0	0	1	3	4 (9)

- **No reported Grade \geq 3 GI AEs**

ASTX727 Phase 1 Results

Safety (Related AEs)

Most Common Grade \geq 3 AEs reported as related to ASTX727

Adverse Event	Total n=43 N (%)
Thrombocytopenia	8 (18)
Neutropenia	4 (9)
Anemia	3 (7)
Bacteremia	1 (2)
C. Difficile colitis	1(2)
Pneumonia	1 (2)

ASTX727 Phase 1 Conclusions

- **ASTX727**, an oral combination of a novel CDA inhibitor **E7727** with low doses of **decitabine** can emulate the PK and PD of IV decitabine
- **ASTX727** Safety is consistent with IV decitabine with no GI toxicity
- Clinical responses and DNA demethylation observed at all doses
- **ASTX727** Phase 2 trial is ongoing with the recommended doses of **100 mg E7727+35 mg decitabine:**
 - Randomized Cross over Design comparing 5 days of **oral ASTX727** to 5 days of IV decitabine