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Preclinical Evaluation of CFT1946 as a Selective Degrader of Mutant BRAF for the **Treatment of BRAF Driven Cancers**

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Mechanism of Action for BRAF-V600X Driven Human Cancers



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Mechanism of BRAF-V600X Driven Cancer

- BRAF is a serine/threonine protein kinase in the MAPK pathway that promotes cell proliferation and survival when activated through extracellular signals
- Constitutively active BRAF-V600X causes uncontrolled MAPK signaling, leading to tumorigenesis, tumor growth, and maintenance
- Decreasing BRAF-V600X activity in these cancers leads to growth arrest, cell death, and tumor regression
- BRAF-V600X is a clinically validated oncology target, however limitations in currently approved inhibitors highlight the need for additional BRAF-V600X targeted therapies

MAPK, MAP kinase.

Utilizing a Degrader Approach to Overcome Limitations of BRAF Inhibition



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Advantages of BRAF V600X Degradation

- Specifically target mutant BRAF-V600X over wildtype BRAF
- Prevent mutant BRAF-V600X
 incorporation into RAF dimers
- Avoid paradoxical activation of RAF dimers
- Address failures in inhibitor-based therapy due to resistance mechanisms
- Effect deep elimination of mutant BRAF signaling and create durable responses

CFT1946 is an On-Mechanism, CRBN-Based, BRAF-V600X BiDAC[™] Degrader



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- HiBiT assay shows BRAF-V600E degradation with CFT1946 treatment in dose-dependent manner
- pERK loss aligns with loss of BRAF-V600E protein demonstrating MAPK pathway inhibition

CFT1946 is an On-Mechanism BiDAC[™] Degrader



*note: +/- refers to presence or absence of 100 nM CFT1946

- BRAF-V600E degradation with CFT1946
- No BRAF-V600E degradation with ligand competition, CRBN ligand competition, inhibition of CUL4 E3 with MLN4924 or inhibition of the proteasome with bortezomib

BiDAC, bifunctional degradation activating compound; HiBiT; high affinity bioluminescent tag; IMiD, immunomodulatory imide drug. C4 Therapeutics data on file.

CFT1946 Degrades BRAF-V600E with No Activity on WT-BRAF, CRAF, or ARAF



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Proteome Profiling Demonstrates Selectivity of CFT1946 for BRAF-V600E

CFT1946 (300 nM, 24 h) in A375 Cells



Proteome Profiling in WT-BRAF Cells Demonstrates Selectivity of CFT1946 for mBRAF

CFT1946 (300 nM, 24 h) in JURKAT Cells



C4 Therapeutics data on file.

CFT1946 Causes BRAF-V600E Degradation, Potent Inhibition of MAPK Signaling, & Loss of Viability in BRAF-V600E Cells but Not in WT-BRAF Cells



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CFT1946 Treatment of WT-BRAF Cells Has No Effect on MAPK Pathway and Cell Growth







*note: CFT1946^{NMe} is a non-CRBN binding version of CFT1946; BRAF is BRAF-V600E MAPK, MAP kinase. C4 Therapeutics data on file. CFT1946 Induces Tumor Regression in the BRAF-V600E A375 Xenograft Mouse Model in Accordance with PK/PD Results



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BID, twice a day; MAPK, MAP kinase; PO, by mouth; PK/PD, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics; QD, once daily. C4 Therapeutics data on file.

CFT1946 is Active in BRAF-V600E/NRAS-Q61K, a Model of Clinical Resistance to BRAF Inhibitors



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CFT1946 Demonstrates Potential of TPD-Based Therapies in non-V600X mBRAF Driven Cancers



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CFT1946 Provides PoC for Degradation of Selected non-V600E mBRAF of Both Class II and Class III



Using an ectopic expression system in HEK293T cells, CFT1946 treatment demonstrates degradation of HAtagged mBRAF in a dose-dependent manner

BRAFi, BRAF inhibitor; MEKi, MEK inhibitor; PoC, proof of concept; TPD, targeted protein degradation. C4 Therapeutics data on file.

CFT1946 Treatment of Class III mBRAF Model Cell Line Shows PoC for TPD-mediated Growth Inhibition Superior to BRAFi



CFT1946 treatment of H1666 cells shows modest growth inhibition, superior to inhibition alone

Summary of Findings



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CFT1946 is a potent and mutant-selective BiDAC[™] degrader of BRAF-V600X



CFT1946 is active *in vitro* and *in vivo* in models with BRAF-V600E–driven disease and in the escape mutant BRAF-V600E/NRAS-Q61K–driven model



CFT1946 demonstrates that a TPD approach could be developed to address mBRAF Class II and Class III driven cancers



CFT1946's preclinical profile warrants clinical evaluation in patients with both BRAF-V600X– driven cancers and inhibitor-resistant BRAF-V600X–driven cancers

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