

40 **Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics**
41 **of PA-824 in Healthy Subjects**

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ABSTRACT

45 PA-824 is a novel antibacterial agent that has shown in vitro activity against both
46 drug-sensitive and drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The compound's MIC is
47 between 0.015 and 0.25 µg/mL for drug-sensitive strains and between 0.03 and 0.53
48 µg/mL for drug-resistant strains. In addition, it is active against nonreplicating anaerobic
49 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics of PA-824
50 were evaluated in two escalating-dose clinical studies, one a single-dose study and the
51 other a multiple-dose study (up to 7 days of daily dosing). In 58 healthy subjects dosed
52 with PA-824 across these studies, the drug candidate was well tolerated with no
53 significant or serious adverse events. In both studies, following oral administration,
54 PA-824 reached maximal plasma levels in 4 to 5 hours, independent of dose. Maximal
55 blood levels averaged approximately 3 µg/mL (1500 mg dose) in the single-dose study
56 and 3.8 µg/mL (600 mg dose) in the multiple-dose study. Steady state was achieved after
57 5 to 6 days of daily dosing, with an accumulation ratio of approximately 2. The
58 elimination half-life averaged 16 to 20 hours. Overall, PA-824 was well tolerated
59 following oral doses once daily for up to 7 days, and pharmacokinetic parameters were
60 consistent with a once-a-day regimen. The results of these studies, combined with the
61 demonstrated activity of PA-824 against drug-sensitive and multidrug-resistant
62 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, support investigation of this novel compound for the
63 treatment of tuberculosis.

64 **INTRODUCTION**

65 According to the World Health Organization, there were 9.27 million new
66 tuberculosis (TB) cases worldwide in 2007, which claimed the lives of approximately
67 1.77 million people, including 456,000 patients co-infected with HIV (10). In addition,
68 global increases in cases of multidrug-resistant TB and, more recently, extensively drug-
69 resistant TB pose serious treatment challenges (11). New anti-TB drugs are needed that
70 can shorten the duration of treatment, improve the treatment of resistant disease, facilitate
71 treatment of TB patients coinfecting with HIV, and shorten treatment of latent TB
72 infection.

73 The 4-nitroimidazo-oxazoles (a subclass of nitroimidazoles) have potent
74 sterilizing activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tb.*), as first demonstrated in
75 1993 (1). Further investigation of nitroimidazoles in an anaerobic model of *M. tb.*
76 dormancy demonstrated that metronidazole is active against slow-growing *M. tb.*,
77 suggesting the potential for treatment of latent TB infection and for shortening treatment
78 of active TB disease (9). Further development of the nitroimidazole class by
79 Pathogenesis, Inc., led to the discovery of another subclass, 4-nitroimidazo-oxazines,
80 with promising activity against *M. tb.* PA-824—full chemical name (S)-2-nitro-6-(4-
81 (trifluoromethoxy)benzyloxy)-6,7-dihydro-5H-imidazo[2,1-b][1,3]oxazine)—was
82 identified as the lead 4-nitroimidazo-oxazine. Stover et al. (7) reported that the MIC of
83 PA-824 under aerobic conditions against a variety of drug-sensitive clinical isolates was
84 similar to the MIC of isoniazid (MIC of PA-824, 0.015 to 0.25 µg/mL; MIC of isoniazid,
85 0.03 to 0.06 µg/mL). PA-824 was also found to be active against all single-drug and
86 multidrug-resistant clinical isolates of *M. tb.* tested, with MICs of 0.03 to 0.53 µg/mL.

87 Additional studies using microaerophilic and anaerobic culture models indicated that
88 PA-824 is also active against both replicating and nonreplicating or infrequently
89 replicating *M. tb.* (2, 7).

90 Like metronidazole, PA-824 requires metabolic activation by *M. tb.* through an
91 F420-dependent nitro-reduction (3, 4, 7). Although not thoroughly elucidated at this time,
92 PA-824's novel mechanism of action involves inhibition of the synthesis of both protein
93 and lipids, but not nucleic acid. Studies by Stover et al. (7) demonstrated that PA-824
94 inhibits the oxidation of hydroxymycolate to ketomycolate, an essential lipid for *M. tb.*
95 cell wall function. Recent work by Singh et al. (6) indicates that reduction of PA-824 to
96 its des-nitroimidazole metabolite by a deazaflavin (F420)-dependent nitroreductase is
97 associated with generation of reactive nitrogen species, including nitric oxide, which may
98 represent important effectors of PA-824 killing of *M. tb.* under anaerobic conditions. In
99 an experimental mouse model of infection, Tyagi et al. (8) demonstrated that, at a dose of
100 100 mg/kg, PA-824 has substantial bactericidal activity during both the initial and
101 continuation phases of TB treatment. Using a short-course mouse infection model that
102 employs 9 days' drug treatment of γ -interferon knockout mice infected with *M. tb.* 14
103 days before treatment initiation, Lenaerts et al. (2) found that at 100 mg/kg PA-824 was
104 as active as isoniazid at 25 mg/kg, rifampin at 10 mg/kg, and moxifloxacin at 100 mg/kg.
105 Additional studies in a mouse model of TB examined the activity of PA-824 administered
106 in combination with current TB drugs. When substituted for isoniazid in standard
107 therapy, PA-824 resulted in significantly fewer colony-forming units after 2 months of
108 therapy and a faster rate of conversion to culture negativity than the standard drug
109 combination. Relapse rates after 6 months of treatment were not different in the

110 experimental and control treatment arms in this study, but the study design was such that
111 an improved relapse rate relative to control could not have been demonstrated (5).
112 Pharmacokinetic analyses reported by Nuernberger et al. (5) demonstrated in mice that
113 the standard rifampin-isoniazid-pyrazinamide regimen does not affect core PA-824
114 pharmacokinetic parameters, such as C_{\max} (maximum concentration observed), AUC_{0-24}
115 (total area under concentration-time curve, 24 hours), or $t_{1/2}$ (half-life). Further
116 nonclinical studies are underway to characterize PA-824's activity and interactions in
117 novel drug combinations.

118 MATERIALS AND METHODS

119 This report examines the data from two Phase I clinical studies designed to assess
120 the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics of PA-824: an ascending, single-dose study
121 (CL-001) and an ascending multiple-dose study (CL-002). The studies were conducted at
122 MDS Pharma Services facilities in Lincoln, Nebraska (CL-001), and Neptune, New
123 Jersey (CL-002). For each study, the ascending doses were administered to separate
124 groups of PA-824-naïve subjects enrolled serially during the study.

125 **Study design.** Study CL-001 was a double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-dose,
126 dose-escalating, pharmacokinetic, tolerability, and safety study in healthy adult male
127 volunteers. Single oral doses (50, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, or 1500 mg) or placebo in a
128 tablet formulation were administered to seven groups of healthy subjects after an
129 overnight fast. Six groups consisted of eight subjects each, with six subjects in each
130 group receiving PA-824 and two receiving placebo. The 50 mg dose group had five
131 subjects (four received PA-824 and one received placebo).

132 Study CL-002 was a double-blind, placebo-controlled, multiple-dose, dose-
133 escalating, pharmacokinetic, tolerability, and safety study in healthy adult male and
134 female volunteers. The study design included four dose groups of eight subjects each (six
135 received PA-824 and two received placebo) receiving doses of 200, 600, 1000, and 1400
136 mg of PA-824 or placebo in tablet form each day for 7 days after an overnight fast.
137 Because of an observed increase in serum creatinine levels in the 1000 mg dose group,
138 dosing of that cohort was halted on Day 5 and the 1400 mg dose cohort was not enrolled.
139 Dose groups were enrolled sequentially for both studies, and safety was assessed prior to
140 enrolling the next group.

141 **Subjects.** Healthy male volunteers were recruited for Study CL-001; healthy male
142 and female volunteers were recruited for Study CL-002. Inclusion and exclusion criteria
143 were identical for both studies, with the exception that Study CL-002 specified criteria
144 reflecting the inclusion of women. All subjects were aged 19 to 50, and none had any
145 clinically significant findings in their medical history, clinical laboratory results, 12-lead
146 electrocardiograms, or physical examination. Subjects were excluded if they had taken
147 any systemic or topical prescription medication, with the exception of hormonal
148 contraceptives for women, in the 14 days prior to dosing or during the study. Subjects
149 who had taken over-the-counter medications (including vitamins, herbal preparations,
150 antacids, cough medications, and cold medications) for 7 days prior to dosing or during
151 the study were also excluded, as were subjects who within 30 days of dosing or during
152 the study had taken any drugs of abuse or therapeutic drugs known to (a) be strong
153 inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 enzymes, (b) prolong the QT interval, or (c)
154 alter any major organ function. All study protocols and consent forms were reviewed and

155 approved by Institutional Review Boards constituted and operating per the U.S. Code of
156 Federal Regulations. All subjects provided written informed consent prior to initiation of
157 the study in which they were participating. Subject safety was assured during the study
158 by means of urinalysis; clinical chemistry, hematology, and coagulation testing; 12-lead
159 electrocardiograms; physical exams and vital signs measurement; and self-reporting of
160 adverse events and regular direct adverse event query.

161 **Sampling.** In the single-dose study (CL-001), blood samples (1 x 6 mL) were
162 collected prior to dosing and at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30, and 36 hours
163 post-dose, as well as 7 days post-dose. For the 1250 mg and 1500 mg dose groups, urine
164 was collected at 4-hour intervals starting from the time of dosing through 36 hours post-
165 dose.

166 In the multiple-dose study (CL-002), blood samples (1 x 6 mL) were collected as
167 follows: pre-dose each day during the treatment period; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, and 16
168 hours after dosing on Days 1 and 7; 24, 30, and 36 hours after Day 7 dosing (i.e., during
169 Day 8); daily during washout on Days 9–13, at the time daily dosing would have
170 otherwise occurred; and during Checkout on Day 14. A full urinalysis panel was
171 performed at Screening, Check-in (Day 0), on Day 4, 24 hours after the last dose (Day 8),
172 and at study completion (Day 14), or on early withdrawal from the study. In addition,
173 creatinine clearance and total urinary protein excretion were determined as follows: (a)
174 baseline 12-hour creatinine clearance and total urinary protein excretion starting at
175 Check-in on Day 0 and concluding before dosing on Day 1; and (b) for the 200 mg and
176 600 mg dose groups, post-dose 24-hour creatinine clearance and total urinary protein
177 excretion measurements started at Hour 0 of Days 2, 5, and 13. In the 1000 mg dose

178 group, creatinine clearance and urine protein excretion measurements were taken on Days
179 2, 5, 6, and 11.

180 **Bioanalytical methods.** Blood samples were collected and centrifuged, and
181 plasma was separated and stored at -20°C . Urine samples were aliquotted and stored at
182 -20°C . Plasma and urine samples were analyzed for PA-824 using validated liquid
183 chromatography/mass spectrometry methods developed at Covance Laboratories.

184 PA-824 and the internal standard, triazolam (which was added during sample
185 processing), were extracted from human plasma samples using liquid-liquid extraction.
186 After evaporation under nitrogen, the residue was reconstituted and analyzed using liquid
187 chromatography with tandem mass spectrometric detection. The analytical column used
188 for plasma samples was a Chromolith Speed ROD RP-18e, 50 x 4.6 mm, Merck,
189 Prefilter, Upchurch. Mass spectrometer analysis was conducted with a Sciex API 3000
190 with ionization using positive ion electrospray. The standard curve range was from 10 to
191 10,000 ng/mL for PA-824, using a sample volume of 0.0500 mL. The limit of
192 quantitation was 10.0 ng/mL. The accuracy of the curve ranged from 92.2% to 105%, and
193 the relative standard deviation was $< 4.8\%$ for the 12 analytical runs employed. Overall
194 recovery efficiency for PA-824 in human plasma was 71.7% for PA-824 and 72.9% for
195 the internal standard.

196 **Pharmacokinetic analysis.** Pharmacokinetics were assessed by measuring serial
197 plasma concentrations of PA-824. The pharmacokinetic parameters determined in these
198 two studies include the following: $t_{1/2}$ (elimination half-life), C_{\max} , T_{\max} (time at which
199 C_{\max} occurs), and CL/F (oral clearance) on Days 1 and 7; $\text{AUC}_{(0-24)}$ and $\text{AUC}_{(0-\infty)}$ (area
200 under concentration-time curve extrapolated to infinity) on Day 1; and C_{\min} (the steady-

201 state trough concentration) and $AUC_{(0-\tau)}$ (area under the concentration-time curve during
202 the dosing interval) on Day 7. These parameters were calculated by applying a
203 noncompartmental approach using WinNonlin Professional Version 4.0 (Pharsight
204 Corporation, Mountain View, CA).

205 AUCs were calculated using linear trapezoidal summation from time zero to the
206 specified timepoint (24 hour, 36 hour, the last available timepoint, or infinity).

207 Elimination half-life ($t_{1/2}$) values were estimated by fitting a line to the last portion of the
208 plasma concentration profile using a least-squares approach.

209 The parameter values were read into SAS data sets, and all descriptive and plasma
210 inferential statistics were calculated in SAS Version 8.2 (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC).

211 Plasma concentrations and pharmacokinetic parameters of PA-824 were listed and
212 summarized with descriptive statistics (number of subjects [N], mean, median, standard
213 deviation [SD], standard error of the mean [SEM], coefficient of variation [CV%],
214 minimum [min], and maximum [max]). For C_{max} , C_{min} , and $AUC_{(0-24)}$, geometric (geom.)
215 mean and geom. CV% were also calculated. Descriptive statistics for log-transformed
216 pharmacokinetic parameters of $AUC_{(0-24)}$ (Day 1), $AUC_{(0-\tau)}$ (Day 7), C_{min} (Day 7), and
217 C_{max} (Days 1 and 7) for PA-824 were calculated for each group.

218 **RESULTS**

219 A total of 77 healthy male and female subjects participated in the two clinical
220 studies addressing PA-824 safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics, with 58 subjects
221 receiving PA-824 and 19 receiving placebo. These 77 participants represented a racially
222 diverse sample population. The multiple-dose study (CL-002) was ended early because of
223 an observed increase in serum creatinine, later determined to be reversible and not caused

224 by a decrease in glomerular filtration rate (reported in detail in [cross-reference to
225 companion publication in this issue]).

226 **Pharmacokinetics.** Plasma concentrations for the single-dose study (CL-001) are
227 shown in Figure 1 and for the multiple-dose study in Figure 2. Key pharmacokinetic
228 parameters across the single-dose and multiple-dose studies are provided in Tables 1 and
229 2, respectively. PA-824 was moderately rapidly absorbed in both studies. As seen in
230 Tables 1 and 2, T_{\max} values across groups within studies and across the single-dose and
231 multiple-dose studies were 4 to 5 hours, with no apparent dose dependency.

232 As indicated in Table 1, after a single oral dose of PA-824 in Study CL-001, the
233 C_{\max} observed ranged from $0.3 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{g/mL}$ (50 mg dose group) to $2.9 \pm 0.5 \mu\text{g/mL}$
234 (1500 mg dose group), and mean total exposure ($\text{AUC}_{(0-\infty)}$) ranged from $7.5 \pm$
235 $3.9 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$ (50 mg dose group) to $101.8 \pm 25.3 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$ (1000 mg dose group).
236 Similarly, $\text{AUC}_{(0-36)}$ values ranged from $5.5 \pm 2.4 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$ (50 mg dose group) to $73.7 \pm$
237 $16.5 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$ (1500 mg dose group).

238 In both the single-dose and multiple-dose studies, plasma PA-824 levels increased
239 less than dose-proportionally, with an apparent plateauing of bioavailability seen at
240 higher dose levels. In the single-dose study, dose levels above 1000 mg achieved minimal
241 additional PA-824 exposure for both C_{\max} and AUC. Mean C_{\max} , $\text{AUC}_{(0-36)}$, and $\text{AUC}_{(0-\infty)}$
242 values for each of the three highest dose groups (1000, 1250, and 1500 mg) were
243 approximately $2.9 \mu\text{g/mL}$, $70 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$, and $100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$, respectively. Similarly, in the
244 multiple-dose study, mean C_{\max} and AUC values after the first dose at 600 mg and 1000
245 mg were nearly identical (1.8 vs. $1.9 \mu\text{g/mL}$ and 31.6 vs. $34.2 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$ for the 600 mg
246 and 1000 mg dose groups, respectively).

247 In the 200 mg and 600 mg dose groups examined in the multiple-dose study,
248 steady state was achieved after 5 to 6 days of dosing, and daily dosing for up to 7 days
249 was associated with an approximate PA-824 accumulation ratio of 2. After 7 daily doses,
250 mean steady-state trough (C_{\min}), C_{\max} , and $AUC_{(0-\tau)}$ values for the 600 mg dose group
251 were 2.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, 3.8 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, and 70.4 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h/mL}$, respectively. Because dosing in the 1000
252 mg dose group was halted on Day 5 because of observed increases in serum creatinine,
253 reliable steady-state data are not available for this dose level.

254 The elimination half-life ($t_{1/2}$) of PA-824 ranged from 11 to 31 hours among the
255 58 subjects. In Study CL-001, the mean $t_{1/2}$ ranged from 13.5 to 20 hours across dose
256 groups. The mean $t_{1/2}$ for the CL-001 study population was approximately 18 hours. In
257 Study CL-002, the mean $t_{1/2}$ after 7 days of dosing was 16.0 and 15.5 hours in the 200 mg
258 and 600 mg dose groups, respectively. At both an individual- and group-mean level, $t_{1/2}$
259 values were not related to dose. These elimination-kinetics data suggest that PA-824 can
260 be administered once daily.

261 **Safety and tolerability.** PA-824 was well tolerated at all doses studied, with no
262 serious adverse events occurring in either Study CL-001 or Study CL-002. No systematic
263 or dose-group-related effects on 2-lead cardiac profiles or 12-lead electrocardiogram
264 parameters (e.g., heart rate, QT, QTc) were noted. In addition, no effects were observed
265 on vital signs, such as heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, or respiration. Overall,
266 headache was the most common adverse event, followed by elevated serum creatinine
267 levels, stomach discomfort (nausea, vomiting, flatulence, and/or diarrhea), and back pain.
268 Generally, these adverse events were not noted or they occurred at lower rates among
269 placebo subjects.

270 PA-824 administration was associated with a reversible elevation in serum
271 creatinine levels. The magnitude of creatinine change from pre-dose values was
272 correlated from subject to subject with the amount of drug exposure (C_{max} ; AUC)
273 experienced by the subjects. As drug levels declined after dosing was completed,
274 creatinine levels returned to pre-dose values. In the multiple-dose study, minimal to
275 moderate elevations in serum creatinine were observed in the PA-824–treated subjects in
276 the 200 mg and 600 mg dose groups. No individual value exceeded 1.3 mg/dL (200 mg
277 dose group) or 1.4 mg/dL (600 mg dose group), and no absolute value or
278 predosing-to-dosing period change was considered clinically significant. The study site’s
279 clinical laboratory normal range for serum creatinine was 0.8 to 1.3 mg/dL for males and
280 0.6 to 1.0 mg/dL for females. In the 1000 mg dose group (8 males, 0 females), by Day 5
281 of dosing, serum creatinine levels had risen in five of six PA-824 subjects by an average
282 of 0.28 mg/dL relative to baseline; the highest recorded absolute value was 1.6 mg/dL.
283 Several other individual serum creatinine values were also beyond the upper limit of the
284 normal range. Consequently, dosing was stopped on Day 5. All serum creatinine levels
285 returned to clinically normal levels during the ensuing 7-day washout period in all
286 subjects.

287 Figure 3 shows the relationship in Study CL-002 between Day 6 trough (C_{min})
288 PA-824 levels and the corresponding pre-dose to Day 6 changes in creatinine levels for
289 each PA-824 subject (diamonds). Day 6 was approximately steady state in this study. The
290 majority of PA-824–dosed subjects with PA-824 concentrations higher than
291 approximately 1500 ng/mL demonstrated creatinine increases beyond the range seen in
292 placebo subjects (squares). Daily drug and creatinine measurements revealed that

293 creatinine levels progressively rose as PA-824 accumulated during the 5- to 7-day
294 treatment period and then declined in the post-dose monitoring period (not shown). No
295 consistent pattern of change was observed in blood urea nitrogen levels with treatment or
296 across dose groups. Moreover, subjects with the greatest changes in blood urea nitrogen
297 were not among those with the greatest changes in serum creatinine; the converse was
298 also true.

299 **DISCUSSION**

300 Nonclinical studies of the efficacy of PA-824 indicate its potential for shortening
301 treatment of active TB and providing a novel drug for the treatment of multidrug-resistant
302 and extensively drug-resistant TB. Single- and multiple-dose studies of PA-824 in
303 healthy human subjects indicate that PA-824 is readily absorbed, bioavailable (subdose-
304 proportionally), and well tolerated.

305 Pharmacokinetic parameters for PA-824 demonstrate oral bioavailability and a
306 half-life consistent with a once-per-day (or less frequent) dosing regimen. In single- and
307 multiple-dose studies, the mean T_{max} across studies was 4 to 5 hours and the $t_{1/2}$ averaged
308 16 to 20 hours, with steady state reached at 5 to 6 days. Plasma PA-824 levels increased
309 sub-dose proportionally with increasing doses up to 1000 mg. Dose levels above 600 mg
310 achieved minimal additional PA-824 absorption with respect to C_{max} and AUC. The
311 reason(s) behind the subdose proportionality in PK remain to be elucidated definitively
312 but could be due, for example, either to reduced dissolution at relatively high doses of
313 this lipophilic compound or to saturation of absorption mechanisms.

314 The PA-824 maximal blood levels observed in these studies after a single dose are
315 approximately six-fold to 200-fold higher than MIC values determined in vitro for both

316 drug-sensitive and drug-resistant strains of *M. tb.* These findings suggest that PA-824
317 tablets may demonstrate efficacy in vivo, although efficacy may ultimately be influenced
318 by in vivo protein binding, which has been determined to be on the order of 95% in vitro
319 (data not shown). The avidity of this binding, however, has not been determined.
320 In the two clinical studies reported here, no significant or serious adverse events were
321 observed in the 58 subjects dosed with up to 1000 mg PA-824 for up to 7 days (the
322 multidosing was halted at 5 days at 1000 mg due to increases in serum creatinine—see
323 below). In general, the common adverse events detected to date can be monitored and
324 managed easily and are not likely to preclude patient tolerance of PA-824 for treatment of
325 TB should it ultimately be shown to be safe and effective in pivotal clinical trials.
326 Furthermore, serum creatinine elevation, the one common adverse event that is not
327 monitored as easily in the field, has been shown to be unrelated to human safety when
328 directly examined in a renal effects study (see [cross-reference to companion publication
329 in this issue]).

330 Overall, PA-824 was well tolerated following oral doses up to 1000 mg once daily
331 for up to 5 days and up to 600 mg once daily for up to 7 days. Additionally, it
332 demonstrated oral bioavailability and pharmacokinetic parameters consistent with a once-
333 a-day regimen.

334 The results of these studies, combined with the activity PA-824 demonstrated in
335 vitro against drug-sensitive and drug-resistant *M. tb.* and in a mouse model against drug-
336 sensitive *M. tb.*, support further investigation of this novel compound for the treatment of
337 TB. Additional clinical trials planned for PA-824's clinical development program include
338 drug-drug interaction studies with other anti-TB drugs and antiretroviral agents and a

339 suite of efficacy studies in TB patients, including a proof-of-concept and dose-finding
340 study to assess extended early bactericidal activity of PA-824 in TB patients. Further
341 studies in the mouse model of TB are planned to explore the activity of PA-824 when it is
342 combined with other current and investigational drugs in novel regimens.

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394 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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396 FIG. 1. Mean plasma concentrations of PA-824, Study CL-001, linear data

397 Note: Squares = 50 mg; circles = 250 mg; diamonds = 500 mg; triangles = 750 mg; closed circles

398 = 1000 mg; stars = 1250 mg; hashes = 1500 mg PA-824.

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400 FIG. 2. Mean plasma concentrations of PA-824,* Study CL-002, linear data

401 Note: Squares = 200 mg/day PA-824; circles = 600 mg/day PA-824; diamonds = 1000 mg/day

402 PA-824.

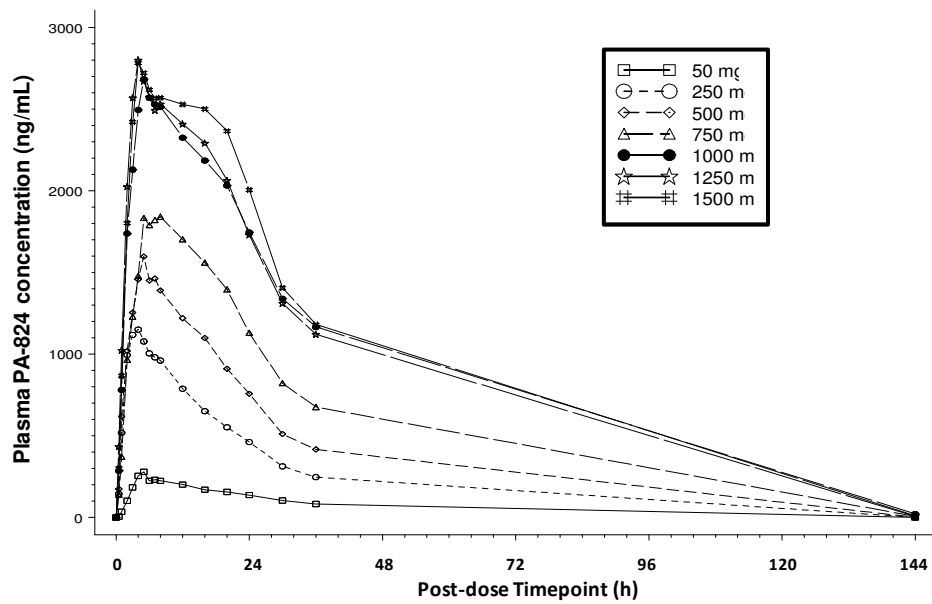
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404 FIG. 3. Change in serum creatinine from baseline vs. Day 6 C_{\min} , Study CL-002

405 Note: Squares = placebo; diamonds = PA-824.

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407 **Fig. 1**

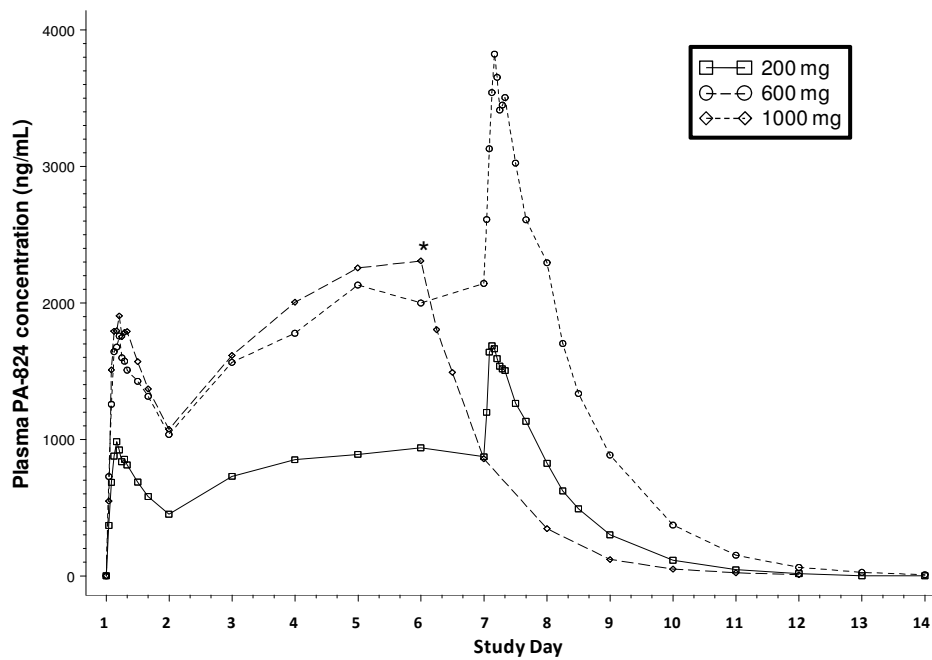


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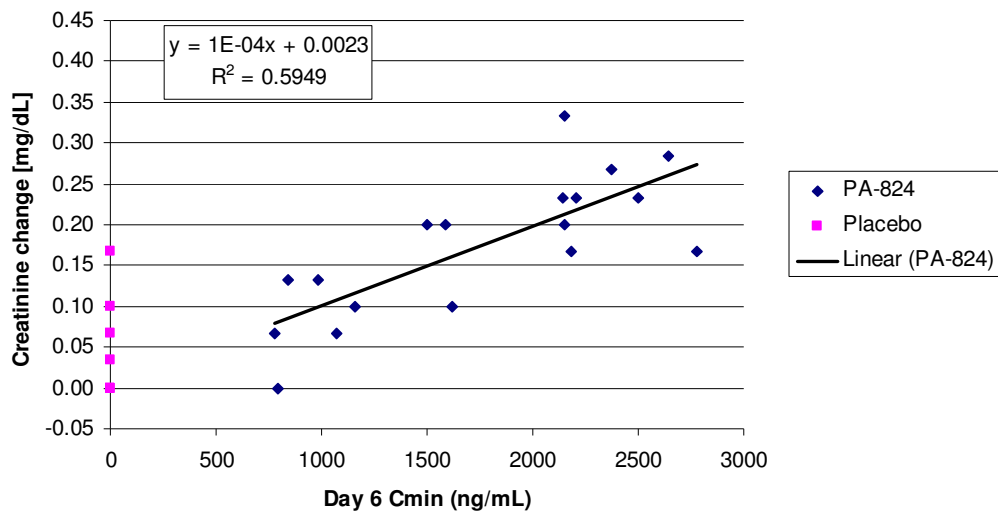
410 **Fig. 2**



* Dosing stopped for 1000-mg dose level after dosing on Day 5
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413 **Fig. 3**



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TABLE 1. Pharmacokinetic parameters for single-dose study (CL-001)

Dose (mg)		C _{max} (µg/mL)	T _{max} * (h)	t _{1/2} (h)	AUC ₍₀₋₃₆₎ (µg·h/mL)	AUC _(0-∞) (µg·h/mL)	CL/F (L/h)
50 (n=5)	Mean	0.3	5.0	15.2	5.5	7.5	8.47
	SD/range	0.1	(5.0,12.0)	3.04	2.4	3.9	4.67
250 (n=8)	Mean	1.2	4.0	14.0	22.0	27.0	9.5
	SD/range	0.3	(2.0, 5.0)	2.68	4.1	4.3	1.87
500 (n=8)	Mean	1.6	5.0	13.5	33.2	41.5	12.6
	SD/range	0.3	(3.0, 6.0)	1.58	6.6	9.4	3.17
750 (n=8)	Mean	2.0	5.0	16.1	45.3	61.4	13.2
	SD/range	0.5	(2.0,8.0)	4.45	12.8	19.5	3.9
1000 (n=8)	Mean	2.8	5.0	20.0	67.5	101.8	10.4
	SD/range	0.6	(2.0,16.0)	3.32	14.4	25.3	2.59
1250 (n=8)	Mean	2.9	4.0	18.1	69.4	99.2	13.1
	SD/range	0.4	(3.0,12.0)	3.53	11.9	21.0	3.18
1500 (n=8)	Mean	2.9	4.5	15.6	73.7	101.2	15.9
	SD/range	0.5	(3.0,12.0)	3.07	16.5	28.2	4.78

* For T_{max}, median and range (min, max) are presented.

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418 TABLE 2. Pharmacokinetic parameters for multiple-dose study (CL-002)

Dose (mg)	C _{max} (µg/mL)	T _{max} * (h)	t _{1/2} (h)	AUC ₍₀₋₂₄₎ (µg·h/mL)	AUC _(0-τ) (µg·h/mL)	CL/F (L/h)
200 mg (n= 8)						
Day 1	1.0 (0.3)	4.1 (2.0,5.1)	18.9 (2.9)	15.6 (3.8)		7.7 (2.3)
Day 7	1.7 (0.3)	4.5 (2.0,8.0)	16.0 (1.6)		30.2 (3.7)	6.7 (.76)
600 mg (n=8)						
Day 1	1.8 (0.4)	5.0 (3.0,5.0)	23.4 (3.9)	31.6 (7.9)		9.9 (3.6)
Day 7	3.8 (0.8)	4.0 (3.0,4.0)	15.5 (2.1)		70.4 (14.3)	8.8 (1.8)
1000 mg (n=8)						
Day 1	1.9 (0.9)	5.0 (3.0,8.0)	21.2 (5.6)	34.2(13.8)		16.6 (6.7)
Day 7	ND	ND	ND		ND	ND

419 *For T_{max}, median and range (min, max) are presented. Other values are arithmetic means (standard
420 deviations). ND = not determined. No Day 7 data are available for the 1000 mg/day dose group because
421 dosing was halted after Day 5.