# Distinct Pharmacokinetics, Tissue Distribution and CNS Penetration of ABI-009 (nab-Sirolimus)

## INTRODUCTION

- The mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) regulates cell growth, survival, and proliferation, and is often overexpressed in various cancers, making it a promising target in tumor therapy.<sup>1</sup>
- The poor solubility, low oral bioavailability, adverse event profile and incomplete target inhibition of the known mTOR inhibitors can limit their activity in treatment of cancers and other diseases.
- > ABI-009 (nab-sirolimus) is an injectable nanoparticle form of human albumin-bound sirolimus developed with a proprietary nanoparticle albumin-bound (nab®) technology.



- > ABI-009 was well tolerated and showed evidence of responses and stable disease in various solid tumors in a phase 1 study.<sup>2</sup>
- ABI-009 demonstrates a distinct nonclinical and clinical PK profile compared with oral mTOR inhibitors.<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>
- $\succ$  Compared to published clinical PK of other mTOR inhibitors, ABI-009 has significantly higher Cmax and AUC when normalized to dose.<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>



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### METHODS

- Female Sprague-Dawley rats received a single dose of ABI-009 IV at 3 different dose levels: 1.7, 9.5, and 17 mg/kg.

# RESULTS



- $\succ$  A single IV administration was able to maintain therapeutic drug levels in tissues for at least 5 days, well in excess of 5-15 ng/ml(g) range often considered the therapeutic range for mTOR inhibitors, even at the lowest dose tested.
- In contrast to the several tissues tested which showed a drop in sirolimus over time, brain levels were maintained steady over the 5-day period tested suggesting a retention/accumulation of ABI-009 in brain tissue.

> Whole blood, brain, lungs, liver, heart and pancreas were collected at the following time points: 2, 8, 24, 72, and 120 hr to analyze sirolimus levels by LC/MS/MS.

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### Figure 3. Brain and blood sirolimus concentrations at days 1, 3, and 5 after administration



# CONCLUSIONS

Higher initial dose of ABI-009 resulted in increased sirolimus levels in the brain at all time points tested up to Day 5.

ABI-009 administered IV demonstrated a PK profile characterized by higher Cmax and AUC, and rapid tissue distribution, which is distinct from oral mTOR inhibitors.

> ABI-009 IV results in efficient delivery to different tissues including lung, brain, liver, and pancreas, as well as higher accumulation in tumors [AACR 2019, Poster #348], supporting the potential use of ABI-009 for the treatment of multiple cancers.

Efficient delivery of sirolimus into the lung and across the bloodbrain barrier (BBB) further supports clinical studies in nononcology indications in lung and brain, such as PAH and epilepsy.