

Discovery of CK-274: A novel, small molecule, cardiac myosin inhibitor for the treatment of hypertrophic cardiomyopathies (HCM)

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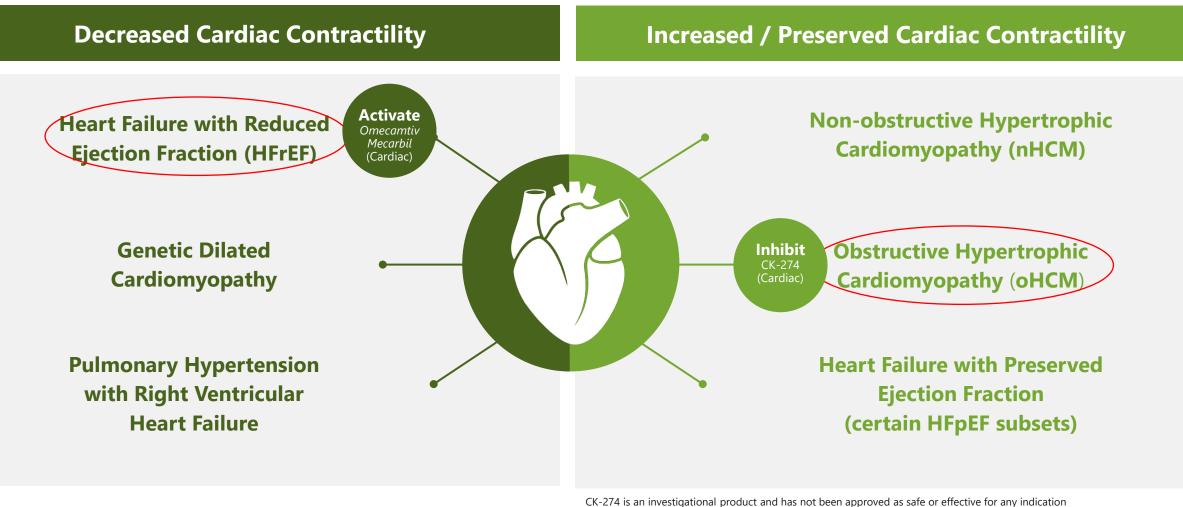
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# Heart Failure: Many Phenotypes with Unmet Need

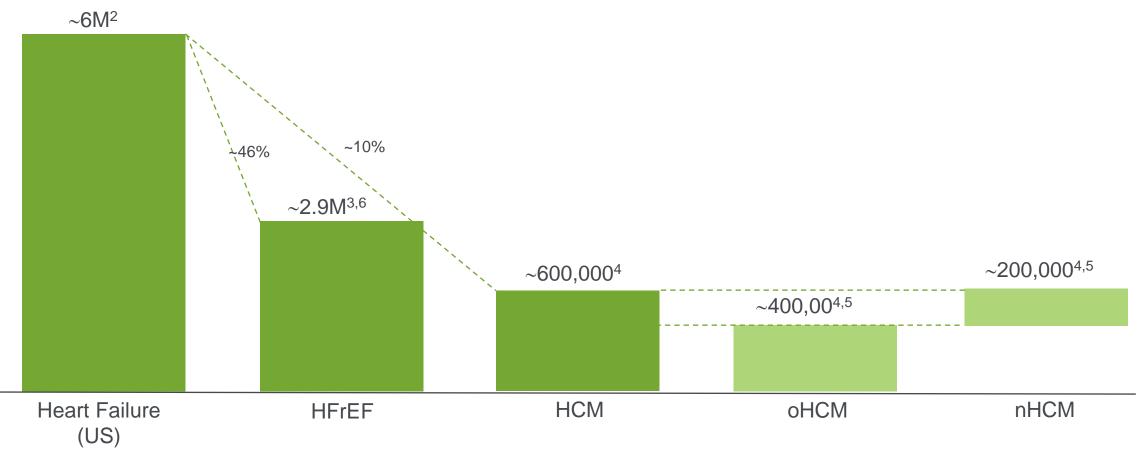
### Inability to pump an adequate supply of blood to the body





### >64 Million People Worldwide<sup>1</sup> and >6 Million Americans With HF<sup>2</sup> ~50% of patients with HF have HFrEF<sup>3</sup>; ~10% of patients have HCM<sup>4</sup>

# **Prevalence of HFrEF and HCM in the US**



HF= heart failure; HFrEF= heart failure with reduced ejection fraction HCM = hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; nHCM = nonobstructive HCM; oHCM = obstructive HCM. 1. James SL, et al. *Lancet.* 2018;392:1789-1858. 2. Benjamin EJ, et al. *Circulation.* 2018;137:e67-e492. 3. Benjamin EJ, et al. *Circulation.* 2019;139:e56-e528. 4. Gersh BJ, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2011;58:2703-2738. 5. Hebl VB, et al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2016:9:279-287. 6. Shah KS, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2017;70:2476-2486.



### **Significant Unmet Need in HCM** *Current therapies do not target underlying disease*



# HCM is an inherited cardiovascular disease

1 in 500 have genetic mutation<sup>1</sup> 1 in 3200 have HCM<sup>2,3,4</sup> Subset of patients have progressive symptoms, atrial fibrillation, stroke, sudden death Surgical intervention not permanent solution

Invasive therapy to reduce septal thickness is effective Surgical myectomy or percutaneous ablation



Current medical therapy does not target underlying disease

Indirect mechanisms of action with systemic side effects Variable efficacy, often

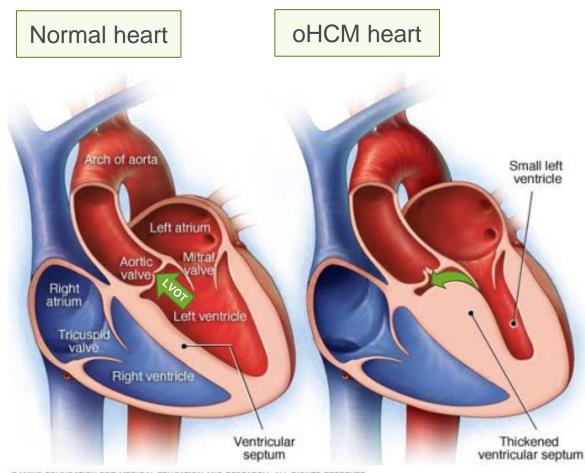
inadequate

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### **Phenotype of oHCM**

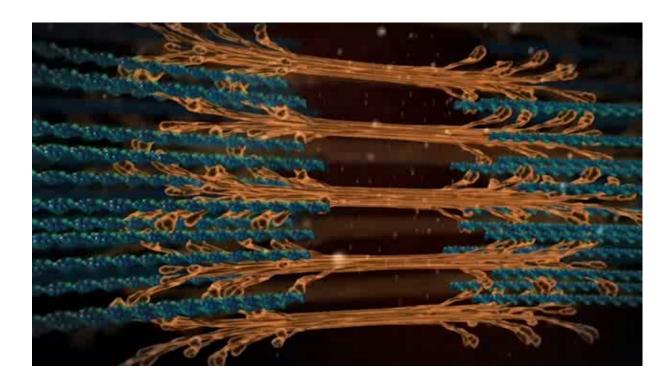
- Thickening of the left ventricular septum
- Narrowing the LV outflow tract
- Creating resistance to blood flow
  - ↑resting LVOT pressure gradient ≥50 mmHg

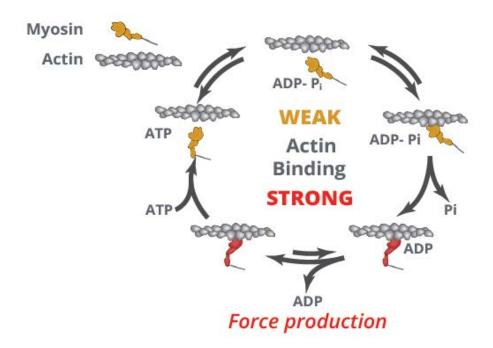
**Diagnosis by echocardiography** 



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### Focus on the Sarcomere: Key to Muscle Contractility Cardiac myosin inhibition may be a viable approach to address hypercontractility





### HCM

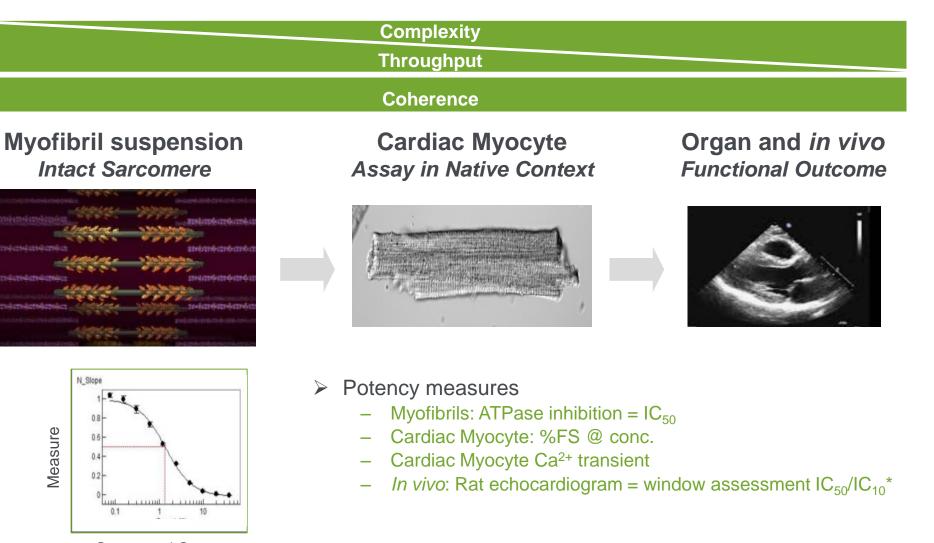
- Mutation in sarcomere
- Excess myosin heads engage with actin
- Hypercontractility may result in cardiac hypertrophy

### **Therapeutic Hypothesis**

- Reduce myosin head engagement with actin
- Allow the heart muscle to properly relax
- Reduced contractility may reverse hypertrophy



### Muscle Contractility



Compound Conc.

**Assay Systems for Muscle Contractility Lead Optimization** 

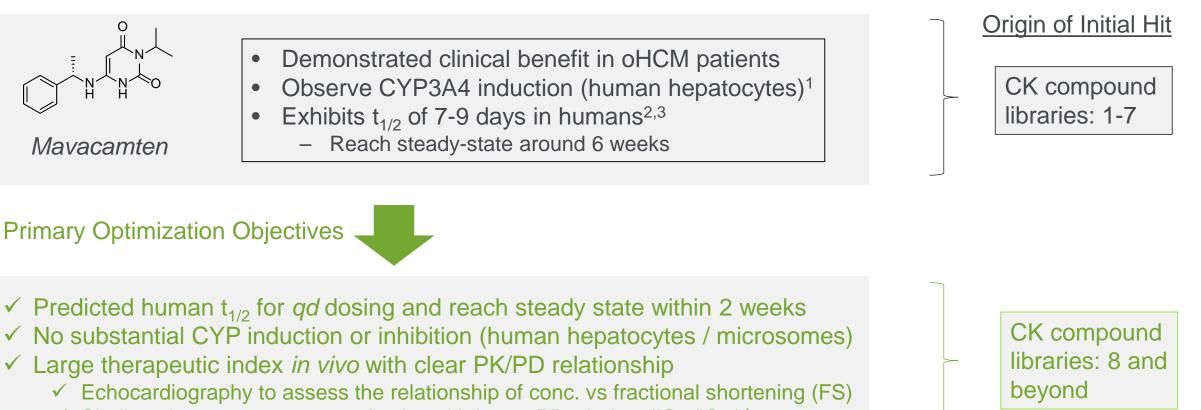
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### A Next-in-Class Cardiac Sarcomere Inhibitor (CSI) Finding a next-in-class compound to expand the utility of this MOA

First-in-Class CSI inhibitor, *mavacamten*, has a long human t<sub>1/2</sub>



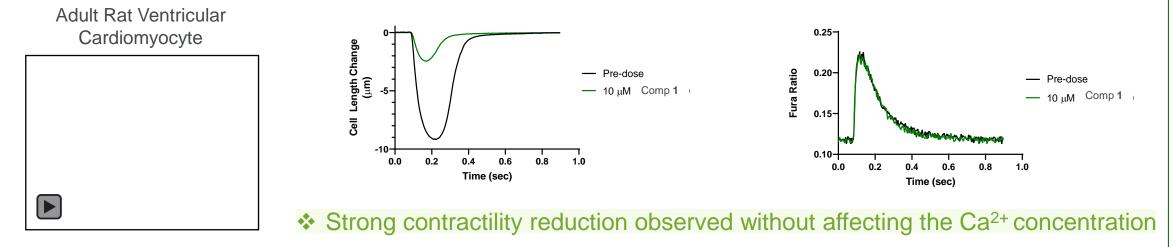
✓ Shallow dose response curve in vivo with larger PD window  $(IC_{50}/IC_{10})^4$ 

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## **Screening Hit 1: Properties and Direct Inhibition of Cardiomyocyte Contractility**



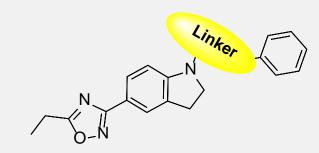


- 1. CDMF Ca75: cardiac myofibril ATPase assay with Ca concentration @ 75% of the maximum contraction
- 2. SMM: smooth muscle myosin
- 3. LE: ligand efficiency based on number of heavy atoms
- 4. cLogP: determined using ACD calculator
- 5. ER microsomal extraction ratio (ER = (Clint)/(Clint + hepatic blood flow), h=human r=rat



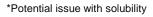


### Linker Optimization Challenging Hints of potentially alternative linker



- Glycol linker replacement exercise:
  - Used IC<sub>15</sub> to better assess SAR
  - Failed to retain potency in most cases
- Only phenyl acetamide linker (4) retained some potency and solubility

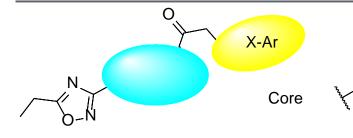
Cmpd	Linker	СDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µМ)	СDMF IC <sub>15</sub> (µМ)	cLogP
1	$\sqrt[]{}$	2.7	0.9	3.5
2	$\sqrt[]{}$	>39*	1.3	4.7
3	°	>39	>39	3.2
4		19.1	3.5	4.1
5	° V	>39	>39	4.6
6	o s y	>39	>39	4.6
7	O V H H	>39	>39	3.2
8	° ↓ N H	>39	>39	3.2
9	$\sim$	>39*	3.4	4.9

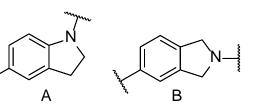




# Indoline and Aryl Substituent Preferences

Hints for achieving metabolic stability





Cmpd	Core	X-Ar	CDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µM)	CDMF IC <sub>15</sub> (µM)	ER² (r)	ER² (h)	cLogP	fb¹ (r,%)
1	А	O-Ph	2.7	0.9	>0.69	>0.76	3.5	99
4	А	-Ph	19.1	3.5			4.1	98
10	В	-Ph	>39	15.9			4.1	
11	С	-Ph	>39	>39			4.1	
12	А	-2-Py	>39	>39	>0.69	<0.34	2.6	88
13	А	-3-Py	>39	>39	>0.69	0.37	2.6	89
14	А	-4-Py	>39	7.2	>0.69	0.36	2.6	84

- Other indoline orientations
   Potency attenuation
- Pyridine acetamide
  - ✓ Lower cLogP
  - ✓ Reduced microsomal turnover
  - ✓ Improved plasma free fraction
  - Some potency preservation with 4-pyridine



1. fb: Plasma protein fraction bound as measured by equilibrium dialysis,  $\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{rat}$ 

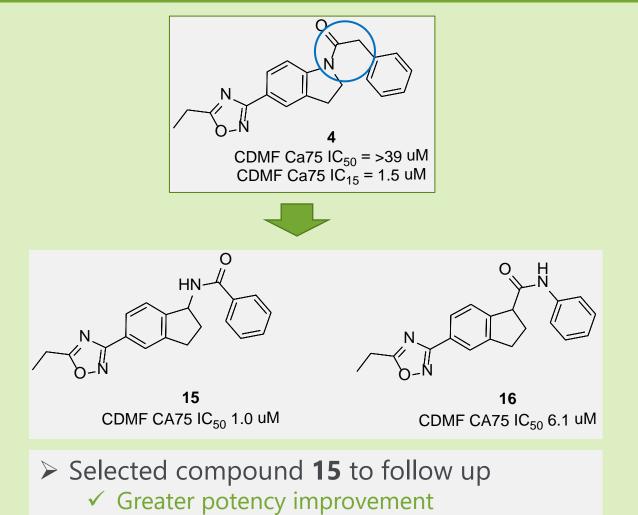
2. ER: microsomal extraction ratio (ER = (Clint)/(Clint + hepatic blood flow), h=human r=rat





From misfit to the right fit

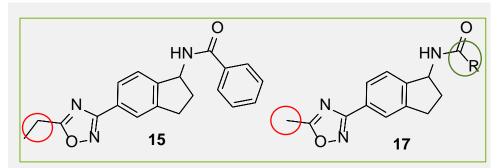
### Reframe Presentation of Phenyl Acetic Acid moiety



- ✓ Removal of aniline moiety
- ✓ Chiral amino indane obtainable

# **Promising Direction in Replacing Phenyl**

Good calculated properties and liver microsomal stability with heterocyclic amides



- RHS phenyl replacement:
  - − ↑ plasma fraction unbound
  - $-\downarrow$  microsomal turnover
  - ↓ cLogP
  - $\leftrightarrow$  potency in desired range
- 10X Eudysmic ratio observed

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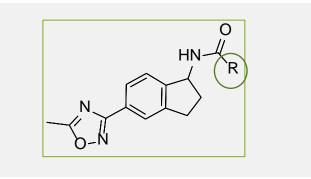
- 2. ER: microsomal extraction ratio (ER = (Clint)/(Clint +hepatic blood flow), h=human r=rat
- 3. Compound **23** prepared as a single isomer as *R*-configuration.

4. Compound 24 prepared as a single isomer as S-configuration.

Cmpd	R	CDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µM)	ER² (r)	ER² (h)	cLogP	fb <sup>1</sup> (r,%)
15	Ph	1.0	>0.69	>0.76	3.7	98
17	Ph	1.9	>0.69	0.55	3.2	96
18		7.1	<0.27	<0.34	2.4	90
19	O'N	8.1	0.47	<0.34	1.3	93
20		7.6	<0.27	<0.34	1.7	92
21		5.1	<0.27	<0.34	0.9	81
22		3.0	>0.69	0.39	1.5	91
<b>23</b> <sup>3</sup>		4.4	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	94
<b>24</b> <sup>4</sup>		>39	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	85
25	NH N	4.8	0.65	<0.34	2.1	91
26	↓ ↓ N ↓	2.5	0.46	<0.34	1.3	94



### Subtle Differences in ADME Properties Linked to Stereochemistry Better microsomal stability with preferred isomer



- Stereochemical preference
  - Preferred *R*-isomer confirmed through synthesis
  - S-isomer inactive up to top concentration (40 uM)
  - Eudysmic ratio is >40x
  - Generally greater microsomal stability *in vitro* with *R* isomer

Cmpd	Chirality	R	СDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µМ)	CDMF IC <sub>15</sub> (µM)	ER² (r)	ER² (h)	cLogP	fb <sup>1</sup> (r,%)
27	R		3.5	1.0	<0.27	0.37	2.4	92
28	S	, L N	>39	>39	0.31	0.55	2.4	90
29	R	K℃,	4.9	1.4	<0.27	<0.34	0.7	75
30	S		>39	>39	0.42	<0.34	0.7	79
23	R	K/N-	4.4	1.2	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	94
24	S	, \_N	>39	>39	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	85

1. fb: Plasma protein fraction bound as measured by equilibrium dialysis, r = rat

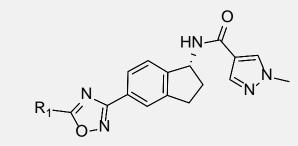
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### **Oxadiazole Substituent SAR**

### Et-oxadiazole the best balance in potency, P-chem and ADME properties



- R1 preference:
  - Most small substituents tolerated
    - Et>cPr=diFMe>iPr=Me>>H
  - Polar groups attenuate potency
  - Metabolic soft spot  $\alpha$  position of oxadiazole ring
  - diFMe and cPr confer most metabolic stability (hepatocyte data not shown)
  - Et substitution best balance in potency, P-chem and ADME properties

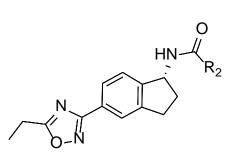
Cmpd	R1	СDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µМ)	ER² (r)	ER² (h)	cLogP	fb <sup>1</sup> (r / h %)	Sol pH 6.8 (uM)
31	Н	>39	-	-	1.0	-/-	-
29	Me	4.4	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	93/86	86
32	$CD_3$	5.4	<0.27	<0.34	1.5	90/-	100
33	Et	1.4	<0.27	<0.34	2.1	96/91	97
34	cPr	2.7	-	-	1.9	96/94	33
35	iPr	4.1	-	-	2.4	98/90	-
36	diFMe	2.4	<0.27	<0.34	2.0	98/94	37
37	cBu	3.2	-	-	2.5	-/-	14
38	MeOCH <sub>2</sub>	6.8	<0.27	<0.34	1.4	91/88	63
39	MeOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	>39	-	-	1.5	-/-	-
40	HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	>39	-	-	0.9	-/-	-

1. fb: Plasma protein fraction bound as measured by equilibrium dialysis, r = rat

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### Fine Tuning Pharmacokinetic Properties and Potency Pyrazole stands out with balance of in vitro and in vivo PK properties



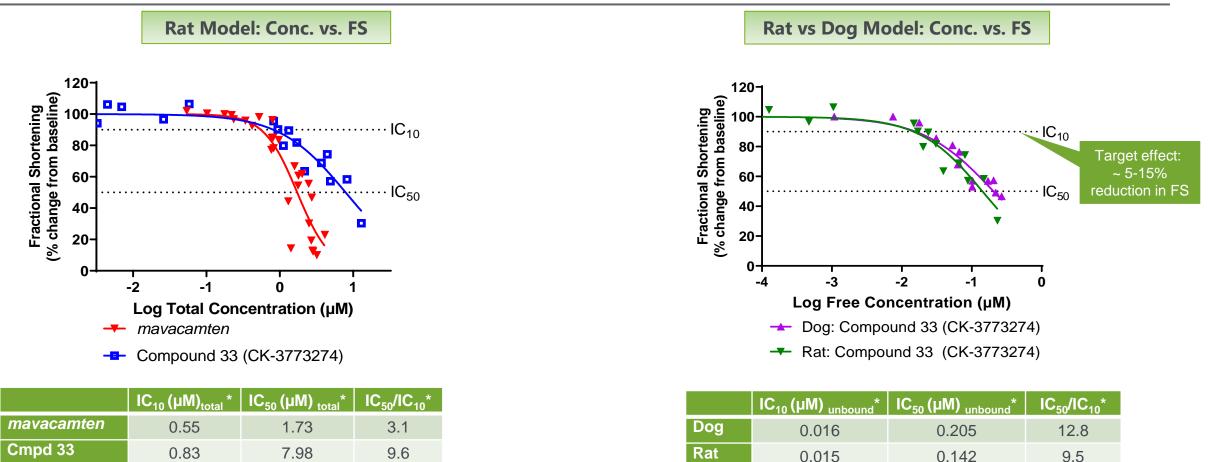
- R2 modification:
  - Tolerance for wide range of 5-and
    6-membered heterocycles
  - Various CI,  $t_{1/2}$ , and %F observed
  - Cmpd 33 has the best overall balance in PK profile

fb: Plasma protein fraction bound as measured by equilibrium dialysis, r=rat h=human
 ER: microsomal extraction ratio (ER = (Clint)/(Clint + hepatic blood flow), r=rat h=human

Cmpd	R2	CDMF IC <sub>50</sub> (µМ)	Rat, Cl (mL/min/kg)	Rat, t <sub>1/2</sub> (hour)	Rat, %F	ER² (r)	ER² (h)	fb <sup>1</sup> (r / h%)
33		1.4	3.1	2.5	65	<0.27	<0.34	98 / 90
41	K	1.7	21.4	4.1	13	<0.27	<0.34	95 / 82
42		0.9	19.5	5.9	60	<0.27	<0.34	89 / 71
43		0.8	39.7	14.7	0	0.69	<0.34	98 / 90
44		1.1	62.5	1.4	9.5	0.54	<0.34	80 / 80
45	NH	1.2	120.5	8.4	3.7	0.69	<0.34	- / 15
46		1.2	13.0	3.5	32	0.3	<0.34	98 / 92
47	N N	1.2	43.8	6.5	16	-	<0.34	- / 69
48		1.8	20.2	5.9	26	0.3	<0.34	95 / 91



### Efficacy Demonstrated with *in vivo* Echocardiography Measurement Wide PD Window in Healthy Rat and Dog Models with Compound 33 (CK-3773274)



\* IC<sub>50</sub>/ IC<sub>10</sub>: Pooled concentration for 50%/10% reduction of FS (fractional shortening) in normal Sprague Dawley rat or Beagle Dog

Shallow exposure-response relationship of **CK-274** in rats and dogs

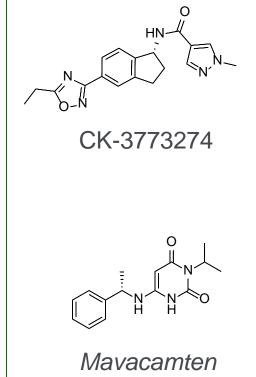


# **CK-3773274 Accomplished Optimization Objectives**

### **Objectives:**

- ✓ Predicted human  $t_{1/2}$  for *qd* dosing and reach steady state within 2 weeks
- ✓ No substantial CYP induction or inhibition (human hepatocytes / microsomes)
- ✓ Large therapeutic index across pre-clinical species with clear PK/PD relationship

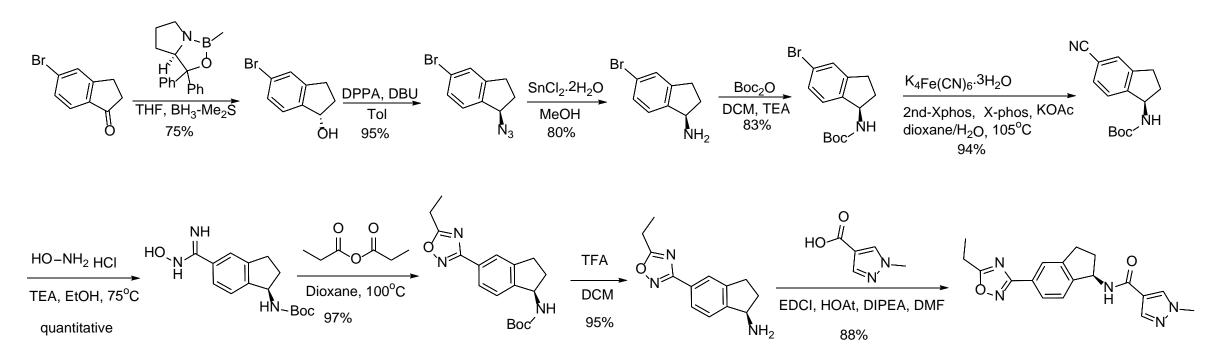
	Assay	Param	eters	
	Assay	Mavacamten	CK-3773274	
	Bovine Cardiac Myofibril Ca75 $IC_{50}$ (µM)	0.60 (0.54-0.67) <sup>1</sup>	1.26 (1.20-1.33) <sup>1,2</sup>	
<i>in vitro</i> pharmacology	Rat Cardiac Myocyte IC <sub>50</sub> or (%FS @ (µM))	0.18 μM <sup>3</sup>	$(33 \pm 5.8 \ @ \ 5)^4$	
<i>in vivo</i> pharmacology	IC <sub>10</sub> (μM) <sup>5</sup>	0.5	0.8	
	IC <sub>50</sub> / IC <sub>10</sub> <sup>5</sup>	3.1	9.6	
Human PK projection	Human t <sub>1/2</sub> projected (days) (Human t <sub>1/2</sub> actual)	9 <sup>8</sup> (7-9) <sup>6,7</sup>	2.8 <sup>10</sup> (3.4) <sup>9</sup>	
	CYP450 IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) (Time-dependent inhibition)	$IC_{50} > 30^{8,11}$	IC <sub>50</sub> > 30 <sup>11</sup> (None)	
CYP Profile	CYP450 Induction, EC <sub>50</sub> (µM) <sup>12</sup>	2.2 ± 0.4 / CYP3A4 <sup>8</sup> 5.1 ± 0.2 / CYP2B6 <sup>8</sup>	No substantial induction up to 25 $_{\mu}M$	



1. Cytokinetics data on file. Bovine cardiac myofibrils assayed at 75% of max Ca-dependent activation. Mean values (95% confidence intervals). 2. JJ Hartman, *et al.* Poster# 2912 presented at 64th Biophysical Society Annual Meeting, February 19th, 2020. 3. EM Green, *et.al. Science*, 2016, *351 (6273)*, 617-612. 4. WO 2019144041; ± equal to standard error of measurement. 5. Compounds were dosed orally to Sprague Dawley rats and compound effect assessed by echocardiography. A reduction in a measure of cardiac function (fractional shortening [FS]) was quantitated alongside plasma concentrations to calculate the inhibitory concentration at a 10% (IC<sub>10</sub>) and 50% (IC<sub>50</sub>) reduction in FS, IC<sub>50</sub>/ IC<sub>10</sub> 6. Myokardia S-1 SEC filling September 28, 2015. 7. SB Heitner, *et.al. Ann. Intern. Med.* 2019, Jun4; *170 (11)*, 741-748. 8. MP Grillo, *et.al. Xenobiotica* 2019, *49*, 718-733. 9. LA Robertson, *et al.* Poster #210 presented at the 23rd HFSA Annual Scientific Meeting, September 13–16, 2019, Philadelphia, PA, USA. 10. P Cremin, *et al.* Poster # 887215 presented at AAPS annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 28-November 5, 2021. 11. *Mavacamten* include CYPs 1A2, 2B6, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4 and 3A5; CK-274 include 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4 12. The potential to induce CYP1A2, CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 was tested *in vitro* in cryopreserved palatable human primary hepatocytes from three separate donors using mRNA level as the end point.

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### Medicinal Chemistry Route for Synthesis of CK-3773274 Route enables scale up in medicinal chemistry lab



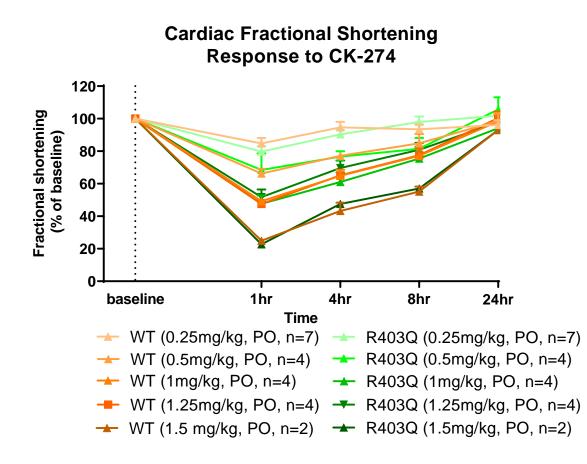
- > 9 Steps with 36% overall yield; >500 g can be produced with this route
- > (1R)-5-bromo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-amine is commercially available
- The chiral amine was produced from indanone through chiral CBS reduction and few transformation steps to obtain the amine in large scale (>500g)
- > The de-Boc step with HCI (4N/dioxane) generated a solid HCI salt with quantitative yield

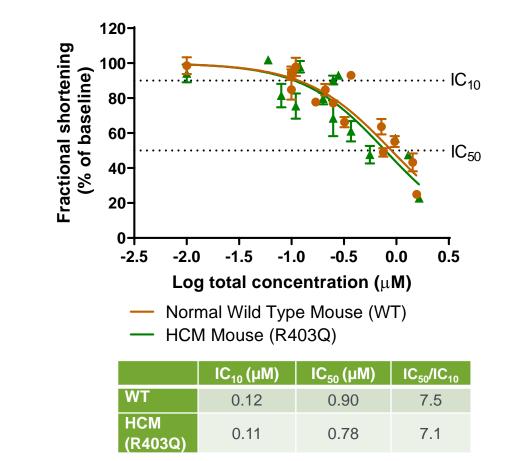


# **CK-3773274 Has a Similar PD Window in a Genetic HCM Mouse Model**

CK-3773274 decreased fractional shortening in a dose-related fashion in WT and R403Q HCM mice

- A dose of 0.25-1.5 mg/kg is sufficient to determine an  $IC_{50}/IC_{10}$  window
- The fractional shortening response to CK-274 is the same in WT and R403Q mice

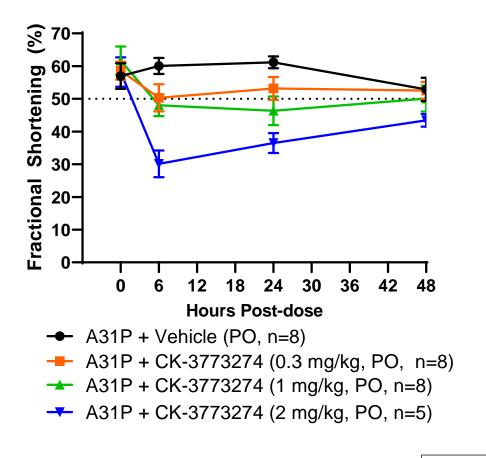


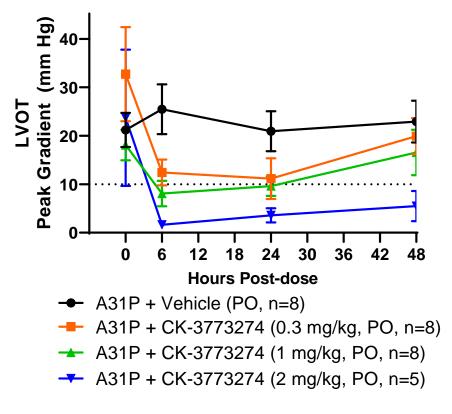




# CK-3773274 Reduced FS\* and LVOT\* Obstruction in a Dose-dependent Manner in A31P HCM Maine Coon Cats<sup>1</sup>

 A31P HCM cats exhibit fractional shortening (> 50%) and LVOT peak gradient (>10 mm Hg) values that are above the normal range in cats





\* FS= fractional shortening; LVOT left ventricular outflow tract

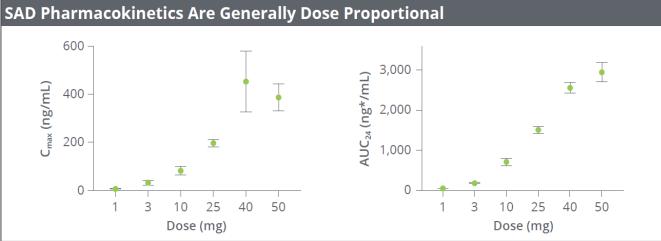
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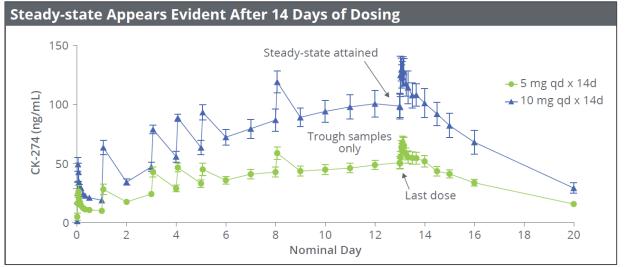
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# SAD and MAD Pharmacokinetics of CK-3773274 in Healthy Volunteers CK-274 demonstrated dose linearity and reached steady upon two weeks dosing<sup>1</sup>



Data points represent mean ± standard error of the mean.

Cmax, maximum drug plasma concentration; AUC, area under the plasma concentration curve; SAD, single ascending dose.



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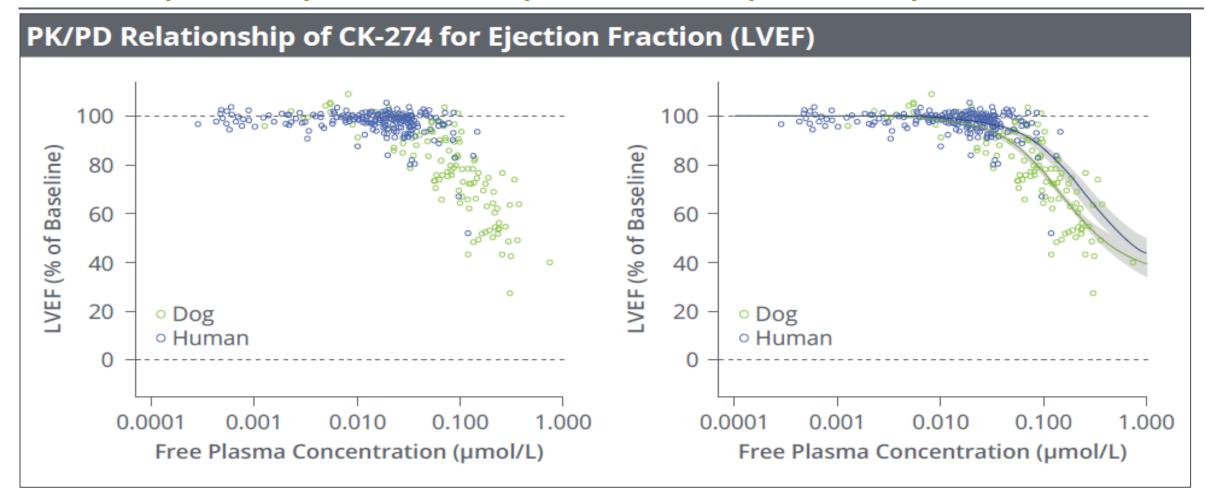
- ✓ CK-274 was safe and well tolerated in healthy participants
- No SAEs and no clinically meaningful changes in vital signs, ECGs, or laboratory tests
- ✓ Pharmacokinetics (C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>24</sub>) were generally dose linear

### Steady-state reached after 14 days of daily dosing

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### **PK-PD Relationship of CK-3773274 for LVEF in Healthy Volunteers** *Shallow exposure-response relationship consistent with pre-clinical species*<sup>1</sup>



The shallow exposure-response relationship observed preclinically appears to translate to humans and thereby may enable flexible dose optimization in humans

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# **Conclusion and Summary**

### • Our goal to provide a next-in-class cardiac sarcomere inhibitor was met

- Optimized a unique chiral NCE from singleton hit
- Observed shallow exposure-response relationship in pre-clinical species (rat and dog) and in humans
- Presented favorable ADME properties with no CYP induction or inhibition
- Presented no notable off targets effects with in vitro safety pharmacology screening

### • Human clinical trial on CK-3773274

- Results in First-in-Human study presented at HFSA 2019
- These Phase 1 data support progression of CK-274 to a placebo-controlled, double-blind Phase 2
- Phase 2 trial, REDWOOD-HCM, is fully enrolled and the result will be available in mid-2021
  - Interim analysis of cohort 1 reported in December 2020
    - ✓ substantial reduction in the average resting left ventricular outflow tract gradient (LVOT-G)
    - clinically relevant decreases in pressure gradients were achieved with only modest decreases in average left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)
    - ✓ no dose interruptions due to LVEF falling below 50%, the prespecified safety threshold
    - ✓ Pharmacokinetic data were similar to those observed in Phase 1



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