

ACI-35.030 anti-phospho Tau active immunotherapy produces antibodies that prevent pathological Tau seeding *in vitro*



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Active immunization for early intervention in Alzheimer's Disease

Preventing Tau spreading and disease progression



 ACI-35.030 induces antibodies targeting the toxic forms of Tau (phosphorylated Tau) to prevent spreading of the pathology from cell-to-cell

AD, Alzheimer's Disease

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ACI-35.030: anti-pTau active immunotherapy

Induces superior antibodies to fight Alzheimer's disease



 ACI-35.030 Tau active immunotherapy shows excellent safety and tolerability, inducing IgG responses to the immunizing peptide as well as AD brain-derived pathological Tau

AD, Alzheimer's Disease; Ig, Immunoglobin; pTau, phosphorylated Tau

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Immunogenicity of ACI-35.030 in non-human primates

Strong and sustained antibody response that matures towards the pathological target



Immunization schedule: Day 1, 29, 85 and 169 (arrows indicate injections)

Day 50: Three weeks after the 2^{nd} injection Day 190: Three weeks after the 4^{th} injection Two-Way ANOVA: *p < 0.05; ****p < 0.0001

- Strong prime, boost and maintenance of antibody response in non-human primates
- Phospho-specific response, increasing in specificity for pathological species (ePHF) over time

ePHF, enriched paired helical filaments from human AD brain; Ig, Immunoglobin ; pTau, phosphorylated Tau



Functionality of ACI-35.030-induced antibodies

Can ACI-35.030-induced antibodies prevent seeding and intracellular Tau aggregation?

Assay principle: A) ePHF seeds + pre-immune serum





ACI-35.030 induces antibodies that prevent Tau seeding

Specific reduction of ePHF-seeded Tau aggregation using non-human primate immune sera



Analysis: Pre-dose and Day 99 (2 weeks after the 3rd immunization) Seeding data is presented as mean \pm standard error of mean in n=5/group Statistical analysis: Two-Way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison: **p < 0.01

> ACI-35.030 immune sera decrease the seeding capacity of human ePHF as measured by a reduction in the number of induced Tau aggregates inside neurons

Seeding reduction

No Tau aggregate reduction was observed with the placebo sera, confirming the specificity

ePHF, enriched paired helical filaments; NHPs, non-human primates

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Serum dilution

1:100

1:200

1:400

1:800

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Over time increase in prevention of Tau seeding

Increasing seeding prevention with subsequent immunizations in non-human primates



Immunization schedule: Day 1, 29, 85 and 169

Analysis: Pre-dose, Day 50 (3 weeks after the 2nd immunization) and Day 190 (3 weeks after the 4th immunization) Antibody titers: Arithmetic mean titers from all monkeys included in the serum pool used for seeding analysis

* Seeding reduction expressed as the reduction in rat Tau aggregates between cells seeded in the presence of pre- and post-immunization serum samples

- ACI-35.030 immune sera decreased the seeding capacity of human ePHF
- Prevention of seeding was stronger using sera collected after the 4th (Day 190) as compared to 2nd (Day 50) immunization, suggesting maturation of the polyclonal immune response

ePHF, enriched paired helical filaments; Ig, Immunoglobulin; NHPs, non-human primates

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ACI-35.030 anti-phospho Tau active immunotherapy

- ACI-35.030 induces:
 - ✓ strong and sustained antibody response
 - ✓ maturation of the antibody response over time towards the pathological target
- ACI-35.030 induces antibodies in non-human primates with:
 - ✓ capacity to specifically reduce ePHF-seeded de novo Tau aggregation
 - ✓ increased seeding prevention after subsequent immunizations

 In the next step, Tau seeding assay will be assessed and optimized for the testing of human sera from AD patients immunized with ACI-35.030

 ACI-35.030 is a safe and immunogenic Tau active immunotherapy that will be further clinically assessed in pre-clinical AD population in the upcoming Ph2b Retain study

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