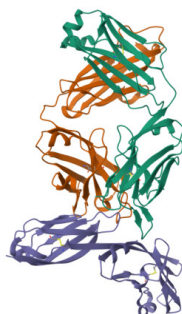


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**Ibalizumab**

## Developer(s)

Theratechnologies Inc.

<https://www.theratech.com/>

Canada



Ibalizumab was initially developed by Biogen. In the late 1990s, Tanox acquired the exclusive global rights. Subsequently, Genentech acquired Tanox inheriting the ibalizumab license and later partnering with TaiMed Biologics. In 2012, TaiMed contracted WuXi PharmaTech to manufacture ibalizumab. Finally, in 2016, TaiMed established a collaboration with Theratechnologies for commercialization.

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

<https://www.taimedbiologics.com/>

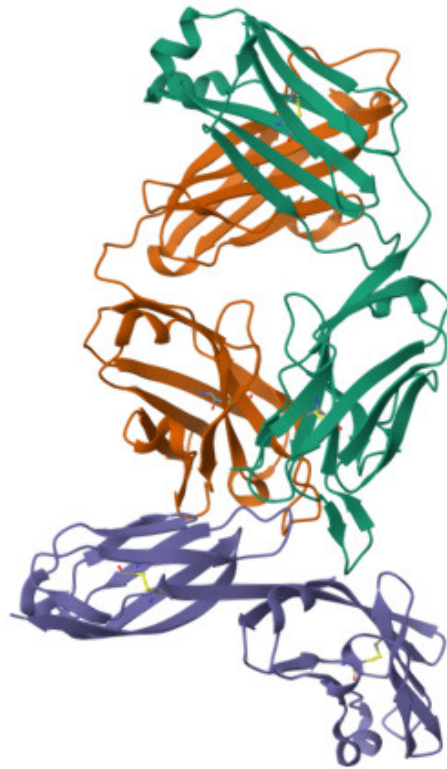
Taiwan



TaiMed Biologics is a highly specialized biopharmaceutical company headquartered in Taiwan that focuses on the development and commercialization of HIV therapeutics. TaiMed was originally founded in Sep 2007 after securing an exclusive license agreement with Genentech for the anti-cd4 antibody Ibalizumab (TMB-355). In March 2018, TMB-355 was approved by the U.S FDA under the brand name Trogarzo®.

Theratechnologies/TaiMed Biologics

## Drug structure



Crystal structure of HIV-1 primary receptor CD4 in complex with Ibalizumab

<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb3O2D/pdb>

# Drug information

## Associated long-acting platforms

Recombinant humanized monoclonal antibody

## Administration route

Subcutaneous, Intramuscular, Intravenous

## Therapeutic area(s)

HIV

## Use case(s)

Treatment

## Use of drug

### Ease of administration

Administered by a nurse

Administered by a specialty health worker

### User acceptance

Not provided

## Dosage

### Available dose and strength

Not provided

### Frequency of administration

Not provided

### Maximum dose

Not provided

### Recommended dosing regimen

Not provided

### Additional comments

Not provided

### Dosage link(s)

Not provided

## Drug information

### Drug's link(s)

Not provided

### Generic name

Ibalizumab

### Brand name

Trogarzo

### Compound type

Biotherapeutic

### Summary

Ibalizumab (ibalizumab-uiyk; TMB-355; TNX-355) is a first-in-class humanised IgG4 monoclonal antibody indicated for use in heavily treatment experienced individuals with multidrug-resistant HIV-1 infection. Ibalizumab functions as a post-attachment inhibitor, specifically disrupting HIV-1 viral entry into CD4 cells through targeting of the gp120-CD4 complex. It binds to an epitope within domain 2 of the CD4 receptor, preventing the conformational changes necessary for co-receptor binding and subsequent fusion. Notably, Ibalizumab's binding site is distinct from both the gp120 and MHC-II binding regions, ensuring that it does not disrupt MHC-II mediated immune function. Additionally, Ibalizumab also acts to directly inhibit HIV-1 induced syncytium formation, further limiting viral spread.

### Approval status

Ibalizumab-uiyk (TROGARZO) 300mg/2mL (delivers 1.33ml) intravenous injection was approved for the treatment of heavily treated, multi-drug resistant HIV-1 infection in combination with other antiretroviral therapies. TROGARZO is currently approved only

in the United States of America. Ibalizumab-uiyk (TROGARZO) was initially approved in the European Union, but later it was withdrawn from the EU market by the Marketing Authorization Holder for commercial reasons.

## **Regulatory authorities**

Ibalizumab-uiyk (TROGARZO) 300 mg/2 mL vial has received the Orphan Drug designation from the US FDA.

## **Delivery device(s)**

No delivery device

## **Scale-up and manufacturing prospects**



## **Scale-up prospects**

Ibalizumab is a humanised IgG4,  $\kappa$  monoclonal antibody produced in a NS0 cell line. The successful scale-up of therapeutic monoclonal antibody (mAb) products involves achieving favourable pharmacokinetic profiles, maintaining formulation stability and ensuring consistency of the overall product quality. However, industrial bioprocessing steps can potentially introduce additional complexities regarding mAb solution viscosity and aggregation propensity.

## **Tentative equipment list for manufacturing**

Industrial bioreactor vessel with a production volume capacity of between 5-25kL. Continuous disc stack centrifuges for bioreactor harvesting with subsequent membrane and depth filtration for supernatant clarification. Recombinant protein-A chromatography or other suitable affinity capture apparatus followed by two chromatographic polishing steps such as cation- and anion-exchange. Ultrafiltration membrane system to concentrate and formulate the final product.

## **Manufacturing**

Store in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). Protect from light until use. Do not freeze. Ibalizumab is supplied in a single 2 mL (200mg/1.33 mL) glass vial with a rubber stopper and aluminum flip-off seal. MAbs are highly dependent on their structural, chemical and conformational stability for biological activity. Chemical degradation of mAbs during manufacture can lead to the generation of product variants and complex impurity profiles. Additionally prior to packaging, the final product requires close monitoring for the presence of residual contaminants such as endotoxins.

## **Specific analytical instrument required for characterization of formulation**

Formulation characterisation steps for therapeutic mAb products include (but are not limited to): (1) Identification of post-translational modifications using ion-exchange chromatography and capillary isoelectric focusing. (2) Measurement of concentration dependent aggregation rates via thermal differential scanning calorimetry, sub-visible particle quantitation and size-exclusion chromatography. (3) Antibody clipping and

fragmentation detection by capillary electrophoresis.

# Clinical trials

## TMB-202 Amendment 2

### Identifier

NCT00784147

### Link

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT00784147>

### Phase

Phase II

### Status

Completed

### Sponsor

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

### More details

Not provided

### Purpose

Evaluate the Dose-Response of Ibalizumab Plus an Optimized Background Regimen in Treatment-Experienced Patients Infected With HIV-1 (Amended to 24-Weeks).

### Interventions

#### Intervention 1

Drug: Ibalizumab 800 mg IV every 2 weeks

## **Intervention 2**

Drug: Ibalizumab 2000 mg IV every 4 weeks

## **Countries**

Puerto Rico

## **Sites / Institutions**

Not provided

## **Trials dates**

### **Anticipated Start Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Start Date**

2008-08-01

### **Anticipated Date of Last Follow-up**

Not provided

### **Estimated Primary Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Estimated Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Primary Completion Date**

2011-04-01

### **Actual Completion Date**

2011-04-01

## **Studied populations**

### **Age Cohort**

- Adults
- Older Adults

**Genders**

- All

**Accepts pregnant individuals**

No

**Accepts lactating individuals**

No

**Accepts healthy individuals**

No

**Comments about the studied populations**

Participants are HIV-1 positive individuals who have a viral load of greater than 1,000 copies/mL and documented decreased susceptibility to at least one NRTI, one NNRTI, and one PI, as measured by resistance testing.

**Health status**

Positive to : HIV

**Study type**

Interventional (clinical trial)

**Enrollment**

113

**Allocation**

Randomized

**Intervention model**

Parallel Assignment

### **Intervention model description**

Not provided

### **Masking**

Quadruple-blind masking

### **Masking description**

Quadruple (Participant, Care Provider, Investigator, Outcomes Assessor)

### **Frequency of administration**

Other(s) : "Once every 2 weeks (800 mg) or Once every 4 weeks (2000 mg) "

### **Studied LA-formulation(s)**

Injectable

### **Studied route(s) of administration**

Intravenous

### **Use case**

Treatment

### **Key results**

Not provided

## TMB-302

### Identifier

NCT03913195

### Link

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT03913195>

### Phase

Phase III

### Status

Completed

### Sponsor

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

### More details

Not provided

### Purpose

Evaluate the Safety of Trogarzo® via IV Over a Reduced Interval or as an IM Injection in Clinically Stable HIV-1 Infected Trogarzo® Experienced Patients and Healthy HIV-uninfected Volunteers.

### Interventions

#### Intervention 1

Drug: Ibalizumab-uiyk

### Countries

Not provided

## **Sites / Institutions**

Not provided

## **Trials dates**

### **Anticipated Start Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Start Date**

2019-05-30

### **Anticipated Date of Last Follow-up**

Not provided

### **Estimated Primary Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Estimated Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Primary Completion Date**

2022-10-17

### **Actual Completion Date**

2022-10-31

## **Studied populations**

### **Age Cohort**

- Adults
- Older Adults

### **Genders**

- All



**Accepts pregnant individuals**

No

**Accepts lactating individuals**

No

**Accepts healthy individuals**

Yes

**Comments about the studied populations**

Inclusion Criteria - HIV-infected participants (all groups): Participants are individuals aged 18 years and over who are currently receiving a stable Trogarzo containing ARV regimen for at least three months. Additionally, they must have a viral load  $<1,000$  copies/mL and a CD4+ T-cell count  $> 50$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup> at screening. Inclusion Criteria - Healthy Volunteers (all groups): Participants are healthy individuals aged  $> 18$  and  $< 50$  years as assessed by medical history and physical examination and are willing to comply with the protocol schedule and undergo HIV-1 testing. Participants are required to be HBV surface antigen negative and HCV antibody negative.

**Health status**

Not provided

**Study type**

Interventional (clinical trial)

**Enrollment**

46

**Allocation**

Non-randomized

**Intervention model**

Sequential assignment

## **Intervention model description**

Not provided

## **Masking**

Open label

## **Masking description**

None (Open label)

## **Frequency of administration**

Other(s) : "Once every two weeks "

## **Studied LA-formulation(s)**

Injectable

## **Studied route(s) of administration**

Intravenous

Intramuscular

## **Use case**

Treatment

## **Key results**

Not provided

# TMB-311

## Identifier

NCT02707861

## Link

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT02707861>

## Phase

Phase III

## Status

Completed

## Sponsor

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

## More details

Not provided

## Purpose

Expanded Access Study of Ibalizumab Plus an Optimized Background Regimen (OBR) in Treatment-Experienced Patients Infected With Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) HIV-1.

## Interventions

### Intervention 1

Drug: Ibalizumab

### Intervention 2

Drug: Optimized Background Regimen

## Countries

Puerto Rico

## Sites / Institutions

Not provided

## Trials dates

### Anticipated Start Date

Not provided

### Actual Start Date

2016-03-01

### Anticipated Date of Last Follow-up

Not provided

### Estimated Primary Completion Date

Not provided

### Estimated Completion Date

Not provided

### Actual Primary Completion Date

2018-11-01

### Actual Completion Date

2018-11-01

## Studied populations

### Age Cohort

- Adults
- Older Adults

### Genders

All

**Accepts pregnant individuals**

No

**Accepts lactating individuals**

No

**Accepts healthy individuals**

No

**Comments about the studied populations**

Participants are HIV-1 positive individuals who have a viral load >1,000 copies/mL and documented resistance to at least one antiretroviral medication from each of three classes of antiretroviral medications as measured by previous viral resistance testing (resistance testing is not provided by the study for qualification purposes). Participants also have a history of at least 6 months on antiretroviral treatment and are currently receiving a failing antiretroviral regimen OR have failed and are off therapy.

**Health status**

Positive to : HIV

**Study type**

Interventional (clinical trial)

**Enrollment**

79

**Allocation**

Non-randomized

**Intervention model**

Parallel Assignment

## **Intervention model description**

Not provided

## **Masking**

Open label

## **Masking description**

None (Open label)

## **Frequency of administration**

Other(s) : "Once every 2 weeks (800 mg) or Once every 4 weeks (2000 mg) "

## **Studied LA-formulation(s)**

Injectable

## **Studied route(s) of administration**

Intravenous

## **Use case**

Treatment

## **Key results**

Not provided

## TMB-108

### Identifier

NCT01292174

### Link

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT01292174>

### Phase

Phase I

### Status

Completed

### Sponsor

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

### More details

Not provided

### Purpose

Sequential Dose-Escalation Study of the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Subcutaneously Administered Ibalizumab in HIV-Negative, At-Risk Volunteers.

### Interventions

#### Intervention 1

Biological: Ibalizumab (biologic/MAB) for SC Injection or placebo

### Countries

Not provided

## **Sites / Institutions**

Not provided

## **Trials dates**

### **Anticipated Start Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Start Date**

2011-02-01

### **Anticipated Date of Last Follow-up**

Not provided

### **Estimated Primary Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Estimated Completion Date**

Not provided

### **Actual Primary Completion Date**

2012-09-01

### **Actual Completion Date**

2012-09-01

## **Studied populations**

### **Age Cohort**

- Adults

### **Genders**

- All

### **Accepts pregnant individuals**



No

**Accepts lactating individuals**

No

**Accepts healthy individuals**

Yes

**Comments about the studied populations**

Participants are healthy male and female individuals aged between 18-40 years, at-risk of HIV infection as assessed by a medical history, physical exam, and laboratory tests. It is required that participants agree to use a barrier form of contraception if engaging in sexual activity at any time throughout the study and the follow-up period (males and females) - two reliable forms of contraception, one barrier and one hormonal (e.g., oral contraceptive pill, injectable or implantable contraceptive combined with diaphragm, Intra Uterine Device (IUD), or condoms), must be used if volunteers engage in sexual activity that could result in pregnancy.

**Health status**

Negative to : HIV, HCV, HBV

Considered high risk to : HIV

**Study type**

Interventional (clinical trial)

**Enrollment**

25

**Allocation**

Randomized

**Intervention model**

Parallel Assignment

### **Intervention model description**

Not provided

### **Masking**

Quadruple-blind masking

### **Masking description**

Quadruple (Participant, Care Provider, Investigator, Outcomes Assessor)

### **Frequency of administration**

Weekly

### **Studied LA-formulation(s)**

Injectable

### **Studied route(s) of administration**

Subcutaneous

### **Use case**

PrEP

### **Key results**

Not provided

# TMB-301

## Identifier

NCT02475629

## Link

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT02475629>

## Phase

Phase III

## Status

Completed

## Sponsor

TaiMed Biologics Inc.

## More details

Not provided

## Purpose

Evaluate the safety and effectiveness of ibalizumab in treatment-experienced patients infected with multi-drug resistant HIV-1.

## Interventions

### Intervention 1

Biological: ibalizumab

### Intervention 2

Drug: Optimized Background Regimen (OBR)

## Countries

Puerto Rico

## Sites / Institutions

Not provided

## Trials dates

### Anticipated Start Date

Not provided

### Actual Start Date

2015-08-01

### Anticipated Date of Last Follow-up

Not provided

### Estimated Primary Completion Date

Not provided

### Estimated Completion Date

Not provided

### Actual Primary Completion Date

2016-10-01

### Actual Completion Date

2016-12-01

## Studied populations

### Age Cohort

- Adults
- Older Adults

### Genders

All

**Accepts pregnant individuals**

No

**Accepts lactating individuals**

No

**Accepts healthy individuals**

No

**Comments about the studied populations**

Participants are HIV-1 positive individuals who have a viral load >1,000 copies/mL and documented resistance to at least one antiretroviral medication from each of three classes of antiretroviral medications as measured by previous viral resistance testing. Participants also have a history of at least 6 months on antiretroviral treatment and are either receiving a stable highly active antiretroviral regimen for at least 8 weeks before Screening and are willing to continue that regimen until Day 14, OR (in the past 8 weeks) have failed and are off therapy and are willing to stay off therapy until Day 14.

**Health status**

Positive to : HIV

**Study type**

Interventional (clinical trial)

**Enrollment**

40

**Allocation**

Not provided

**Intervention model**

Single group assignment

## **Intervention model description**

Not provided

## **Masking**

Open label

## **Masking description**

None (Open label)

## **Frequency of administration**

Other(s) : "Once every two weeks "

## **Studied LA-formulation(s)**

Injectable

## **Studied route(s) of administration**

Intravenous

## **Use case**

Treatment

## **Key results**

Not provided

# Excipients

## **Proprietary excipients used**

Not provided

## **Novel excipients or existing excipients at a concentration above Inactive Ingredients Database (IID) for the specified route of administration**

Not provided

## **Residual solvents used**

Not provided

## Patent info



## **Description**

Use of ibalizumab for the treatment of HIV-2 infection

## **Brief description**

There are major differences in the susceptibility of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) and human immunodeficiency virus type 2 (HIV-2) to currently available drugs, and novel approaches for the treatment of HIV-2 are needed. The present application relates to a method for treating infection by several HIV-2 strains/isolates, including multidrug resistant (MDR) HIV-2 strains, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of ibalizumab, or of an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that binds the same antigenic epitope, or an overlapping epitope, as ibalizumab.

## **Representative patent**

WO21062546

## **Category**

Use

## **Patent holder**

Taimed biologics inc.

## **Exclusivity**

Not provided

## **Expiration date**

October 1, 2040

## **Status**

Not provided

## **Description**

Ibalizumab and homologues ( anti-CD4 antibodies blocking HIV-induced syncytia)

## **Brief description**

Anti-CD4 antibody homologs, DNA sequences and recombinant DNA molecules encoding them, prophylactic, immunotherapeutic and diagnostic compositions comprising those antibody homologs, and methods for preventing or treating diseases in mammals, including humans, caused by infective agents whose primary targets are CD4+ lymphocytes. Such diseases include acquired immune deficiency syndrome ('AIDS'), AIDS related complex, and human immunodeficiency virus infection.

## **Representative patent**

WO1992009305

## **Category**

Compound patent broad claims and CDR

## **Patent holder**

Biogen

## **Exclusivity**

Not provided

## **Expiration date**

November 27, 2011

## **Status**

Expired

## **Supporting material**

## Publications

Chahine EB, Durham SH. Ibalizumab: The First Monoclonal Antibody for the Treatment of HIV-1 Infection. *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. 2021;55(2):230-239. DOI: [10.1177/1060028020942218](https://doi.org/10.1177/1060028020942218)

### Objective:

To review the efficacy and safety of ibalizumab (IBA) in the treatment of HIV-1 infection.

### Data Sources:

A literature search was performed using PubMed and Google Scholar (2010 to mid-June 2020) with the search terms *TMB-355*, *TNX-355*, and *ibalizumab*. Other resources included abstracts presented at recent conferences and the manufacturer's website and prescribing information.

### Study Selection and Data Extraction:

All relevant English-language articles of studies assessing the efficacy and safety of IBA were included.

### Data Synthesis:

IBA is a monoclonal antibody that blocks HIV-1 from infecting CD4+ T cells. IBA is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, in combination with other antiretrovirals (ARVs), for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in heavily treatment-experienced adults with multidrug-resistant (MDR) HIV-1 infection failing their current ARVs. IBA demonstrated significant and sustained antiviral activity in patients with MDR HIV-1 infection who had advanced disease and limited treatment options. It carries a warning regarding the development of immune reconstitution inflammatory

syndrome. Common adverse reactions include diarrhea, dizziness, nausea, and rash.

## **Relevance to Patient Care and Clinical Practice:**

IBA represents an attractive option for treatment-experienced adults with advanced HIV-1 infection who are no longer able to achieve viral suppression on oral ARV therapy alone and who are able to adhere to an infusion therapy every 2 weeks. As with other biologics, there is a potential for the development of antibodies to IBA that can compromise its efficacy and safety.

## **Conclusion:**

IBA provides a needed treatment option to achieve and maintain viral suppression in heavily treatment-experienced adults with MDR HIV-1 infection.

Bettiker, Robert L.a; Koren, David E.d; Jacobson, Jeffrey M.a,b,c. Ibalizumab. Current Opinion in HIV and AIDS 13(4):p 354-358, July 2018. DOI:

[10.1097/COH.0000000000000473](https://doi.org/10.1097/COH.0000000000000473)

## **Purpose of review**

Antiretroviral options for patients infected with multiclass resistant HIV-1 warrant the development of new agents with unique mechanisms of action and modes of delivery. Here we review one such agent, ibalizumab, a parenteral CD4 postattachment inhibitor that has demonstrated efficacy as part of combination antiretroviral therapy in the treatment of HIV-1.

## **Recent findings**

In a phase III clinical trial in HIV-infected participants with multiclass antiretroviral drug resistance, the intravenous administration of ibalizumab led to declines in plasma HIV-1 RNA more than 0.5 log in 83% of participants at 1 week. An optimized background

antiretroviral regimen was then added, and plasma HIV-1 RNA became less than 50 copies/ml in 43% of participants at 24 weeks. Adverse effects of ibalizumab were uncommon and generally low grade. Ibalizumab was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration on March 16, 2018, under the trade name Trogarzo.

## Summary

Ibalizumab has demonstrated both safety and efficacy in the treatment of HIV-1 infection. Its primary use will be in the setting of multidrug resistant virus as part of combination antiretroviral therapy. Further enhancements of ibalizumab to prolong its clearance and broaden its activity are in development.

## Additional documents

No documents were uploaded

## Useful links

- [FDA PRODUCT QUALITY REVIEW\(S\) - IBALIZUMAB](#)
- [FDA PRODUCT SUMMARY REVIEW - IBALIZUMAB](#)

# Access principles

## Collaborate for development



Consider on a case by case basis, collaborating on developing long acting products with potential significant public health impact, especially for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), utilising the referred to long-acting technology

Not provided

## Share technical information for match-making assessment



Provide necessary technical information to a potential partner, under confidentiality agreement, to enable preliminary assessment of whether specific medicines of public health importance in LMICs might be compatible with the referred to long-acting technology to achieve a public health benefit

Not provided

## Work with MPP to expand access in LMICs



In the event that a product using the referred to long-acting technology is successfully developed, the technology IP holder(s) will work with the Medicines Patent Pool towards putting in place the most appropriate strategy for timely and affordable access in low and middle-income countries, including through licensing

Not provided

## Comment & Information

Not provided