

Biolimus A9 Drug-Eluting Stents: Technical Aspects and a Comprehensive Review of the EU, Asia-Pacific, and US Clinical Trial Program

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Biolimus A9



40-O-(2-ethoxyethyl) modification: *Most preferred position for stentbased applications Does not affect FKBP binding properties*

New Molecular Entity (C₅₅H₈₇NO₁₄)
More lipophilic than sirolimus/everolimus
Immunosuppressant

Mechanism of Action

- Anti-proliferative agent
- Binds to FKBP-12
- Inhibits mTOR activity

Lipophilicity of Biolimus A9 and Other Limus Drugs



Test Method: Lombardo F.; Shalaeva M.; Tupper K.; Gao F.; Abraham M. ELogPoct: A Tool for Lipophilicity Determination in Drug Discovery. *J. Med. Chem.* 2000, 43, 2922-2928.

Biolimus A9 Pharmacokinetics

- With a 10X higher lipophilicity, BA9 partitions with higher affinity into fatty tissues and is less available in blood compared to Sirolimus
- Animal studies suggest comparable potency and safety
- Readily attaches to and enters smooth muscle cell membranes
- Binds to immunophillins inside the cell, causing cell cycle arrest at G₀
- Powerful immunosuppressant

BioMatrix[™] Stent Components





S-Stent[™] (316L stainless steel)

- Quadrature-link design; increased flexibility
- Reduced turbulence and wall injury

PLA Polymer

- Asymmetrical abluminal coating with a biodegradable polymer
- Simultaneously releases drug and polymer
- Controlled biodegradability
- High drug-carrying capacity



Biolimus A9[™] (rapamycin derivative)

- Powerful immunosuppressant, anti-inflammatory
- Prevents smooth muscle cell proliferation
- More lipophilic; faster cellular absorption

New Stent Platform: BioMatrix II™



Improved stainless steel Bioflex Stent[™] platform with abluminal-only *biodegradable* polymer coating, improved flexural ruggedness

Drug: Biolimus A9 15.6 mg/mm-stent length Drug carrier: Poly(Lactic Acid) PLA:BA9=50:50

> Cross-section sketch of Biolimus A9-eluting stent

Biodegradable PLA Coating Method

- Asymetric thin films of PLA degrade by surface erosion
- Drug occupies >50% of the drug/polymer matrix
- Physical contact and drug delivery to vessel wall only, not bloodstream



Drug targets blood vessel walls and only a minimal amount is released into circulation

STEALTH I FIM Randomized (2:1), Double-Blind, Multi-Center Clinical Trial Single De Novo Native Coronary Artery Lesions (Type A-B2) Vessel Diameters: 2.75 - 4.0 mm Stent Diameters: 2.5 - 4.0 mm Lesion Length: \leq 24 mm Stent Lengths: 12 - 28 mm Pre-Dilatation Required/Post-Dilatation at physician discretion Anti-Platelet Therapy for 3 months S-Stent BioMatrix™ Control Sites: Germany (2) and Brazil (1) n=80 n=40 **Clinical Follow-Up** 30d 3mo 6mo 12 mo (Single Center Subset) Angiographic / IVUS Follow-Up **Primary Endpoint:** In-Segment Late Loss at 6 months (QCA) Key Secondary Endpoints: MACE (death, MI, or TLR) at 30 days, 6 and 12 months **Device and Procedure (Clinical) Success** Clinically driven TLR and TVF at 6 and 12 months Pharmacokinetics of Biolimus ABR, LL and % volume obstruction at 6 and 12 months



Cumulative Hierarchical MACE

RESULTS	6 Months		12 Months		
	S-Stent	BioMatrix	S-Stent	BioMatrix	
MACE	2.5%	3.8%	5.0%	5.1%	
Death*	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.3%	
Q Wave MI	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	
Non-Q Wave MI	2.5%	1.3%	2.5%	1.3%	
TLR-CABG	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
TLR-PTCA	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	

*Death events were noncardiac: 1 diabetic foot syndrome (S-Stent) and 1 acute leukemia (BioMatrix)

BioMatrix Case Example

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BioMatrix Case Example

STEALTH-1 12 mths follow-up





STEALTH I: Late Loss—Edge Results



Serial Volume Index Changes in-stent





STEALTH I: Subgroup analysis

Diabetics

(oral or insulin dep)

	BioMatrix™ (n=19)	S-Stent™ (n=8)	<i>p</i> value
Late Loss	0.25	0.77	0.001
(mm)	±0.33	±0.31	
% DS	9.6 ±10.6	28.4 ±12.2	<0.001
MLD	2.5	2.1	0.027
(mm)	±0.5	±0.5	

Small vessel

(<2.75mm)

	BioMatrix™ (n=35)	S-Stent™ (n=13)	p value
Late Loss	0.15	0.87	<0.001
(mm)	±0.32	±0.37	
% DS	5.9 ±11.9	33.6 ±12.8	<0.001
MLD	2.4	1.6	<0.001
(mm)	±0.4	±0.4	



Stealth 1 Clinical results – in comparison

	STEALTH I		JNJ	BSX	Medtronic	
	BioMatrix	Control	Sirius	Taxus IV	Endeavor II	
Late Loss (in-stent) mm	0.26	0.74	0.17	0.39	0.62	
Binary Restenosis rate (%)						
In-stent	3.90	7.70	3.20	9.10	9.50	
In-segment	3.90	7.70	8.90	12.40	13.30	
Target Lesion Revascularization (%)	1.30	0.00	4.90	3.20	8.1*	
Major Adverse Cardiac Event	5.00	7.50	8.30	8.50	7.40	
(%)					*TVF	

Biosenor's Study Program

STEALTH I BEACON LEADERS STEALTH II FIMCompletedWeb-based RegistryOngoingOUS- Efficacy Study1Q 2006US - Efficacy Study1H 2006

Ongoing Trials Asia



Aim: The BEACON Registry has been designed to evaluate continued safety and efficacy of the BioMatrix Biolimus A9-eluting stent in a broader patient population

BEACON Registry

Description:

- Prospective, multinational, multicenter, observational Web-based registry
- Objective:
 - Assessment of clinical outcomes in patients receiving the BioMatrix[™] Stent

Enrollment:

- 800 patients from 9 sites in Asia
- Patient data collected at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months following stent implant

Primary Endpoint:

Target vessel revascularization (TVR) rates

Secondary Endpoints:

- MACE rate
- Correlation TVR, lesion characteristics and patient comorbidities

LEADERS Trial

Limus Eluted from <u>A</u> Durable vs. <u>ER</u>odible <u>S</u>tent Coating

Trial:

 Randomized, multi-center, comparison of BioMatrix[™] Stent (Biolimus A9[™]) with Cypher[™] Stent (Sirolimus)

Enrollment:

 1,000 patients from ~3 sites in Europe. Data collection at 1, 6, 8, 9, and 12 months following stent implant, and annually thereafter for 5 years

Endpoints:

- MACE at 9 months
- TVR rates at 9 months
- In-lesion and in-stent restenosis
- In-lesion and in-stent MLD
- Timing:
 3Q 2005



STEALTH II: US PIVOTAL

Trial:

 Prospective, multi-center, 1:1 randomized comparison of BioMatrix[™] stent with Taxus[™] stent

Enrollment:

1,584 patients from ~70 sites. Data collection at 1, 6, 9, and 12 months, and annually thereafter for 5 years

Endpoints:

- Ischemia-driven target vessel failure (TVF) rates at 9 months
- Late loss, binary restenosis, MLD, TLR, and TVR
- MACE
- Device/Lesion/Procedural Success
- Timing:
 - Enrollment 1H 2006

NOBORI Clinical Program

Type of study

- STEALTH
- NOBORI 1
- NOBORI PK
- NOBORI SV/LL
- NOBORI 2
- NOBORI Japan

Randomized (vs. BMS) Randomized (vs. Taxus) Registry Registry Registry Randomized



Summary

- Extensive preclinical studies confirm safety and efficacy of Biolimus A9[™] and the BioMatrix[™] Stent
- The STEALTH I trial demonstrated that Biolimus A9[™] is an effective drug for use in DES
- Larger clinical trials are now underway, to test the durability of these results in larger populations and a wider range of more complex lesions