

Abstract LSO-010 Table 1 Comparison of pregnancy outcomes before and after enrollment

	Total pregnancy outcome	Pre-entry pregnancy outcomes	New-onset pregnancy outcomes	P
Total	477	399	78	
Live birth	128 (26.83%)	69 (17.29%)	59 (75.64%)	<0.0001
Fetal Death	349 (73.17%)	330 (82.71%)	19 (24.36%)	<0.0001
Early miscarriage	184 (38.57%)	170 (42.61%)	14 (17.95%)	<0.0001
Late miscarriage	131 (27.46%)	129 (32.33%)	2 (2.56%)	<0.0001
Preterm birth	42 (8.81%)	28 (7.01%)	14 (17.95%)	0.002
Severe/mild preterm birth 32w≤~<37w	25 (5.24%)	15 (3.76%)	10 (12.82%)	0.03
Early preterm birth 28w≤~<32w	13 (2.73%)	10 (2.51%)	3 (3.85%)	0.455
Extremely preterm birth <28w	4 (0.84%)	3 (0.75%)	1 (1.28%)	0.512
SB	7 (1.47%)	7 (1.75%)	0	0.605
PA	7 (1.47%)	6 (1.50%)	1 (1.28%)	1
PROM	13 (2.73%)	5 (1.25%)	8 (10.25%)	<0.0001
Oligoamnios	13 (2.73%)	7 (1.75%)	6 (7.69%)	0.01
FGR	10 (2.10%)	7 (1.75%)	3 (3.85%)	0.214
PIH total	62 (13.00%)	58 (14.54%)	4 (5.13%)	0.024
Only PIH	35 (7.34%)	34 (8.52%)	1 (1.28%)	0.025
PE/Eclampsia	27 (5.66%)	24 (6.02%)	3 (3.85%)	0.597
HELLP	5 (1.05%)	4 (1.00%)	1 (1.28%)	0.592
HELLP < 34w	4 (0.84%)	3 (0.75%)	1 (1.28%)	0.512
HELLP > 34w	1 (0.21%)	1 (0.25%)	0	1

SB: still birth; PA: placenta abruption; PROM: premature rupture of fetal membranes; FGR: Fetal growth restriction; PIH: pregnancy induced hypertension; PE: pre-eclampsia; HELLP: hemolytic anemia, elevated liver function and low platelet count syndrome

present EM with aPLs-IgM subtype. The individualized risk stratification assessment of these patients will help to develop different treatment strategies and improve the pregnancy outcome.

### LSO-013 METABOLOMICS ANALYSIS IDENTIFIES BIOMARKERS FOR APS AND SUGGESTS POTENTIAL NEW PATHWAY FOR APS PATHOGENESIS

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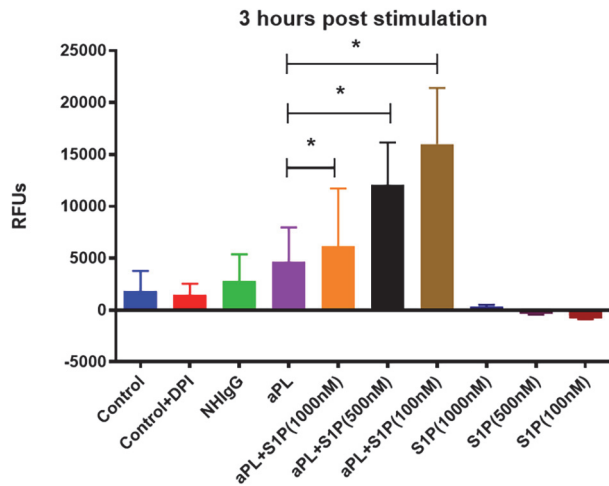
**Background** The metabolic disturbances that underlie antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) are currently unknown. The goal of this study is to utilize high-throughput metabolomics screening to identify new biomarkers and dysregulated pathways in primary APS patients.

**Methods** Fasting serum samples were collected from 20 primary APS patients and 17 healthy controls. High-throughput metabolomics screening of 247 small molecule metabolites were performed via gas chromatography coupled mass

spectrometry. Multiple variate analysis, principal components analysis (PCA), partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA), and pathway analysis were completed. SYTOX Green NETosis assay was performed utilizing freshly prepared healthy donor neutrophils with various stimulants including PMA, PMA+DPI, normal human IgG, antiphospholipid antibodies (aPL), sphingosine-1 phosphate (S1P), and aPL plus various concentration of S1P.

**Results** 50 circulating small molecule metabolites were significantly different between primary APS patients and healthy controls. PLS-DA modeling was performed and demonstrated a clear separation between primary APS patients and healthy controls. 15 metabolic biomarkers that made the biggest contribution to the differentiation of primary APS patients and the healthy controls assessed by variable importance on projection score were identified. Pathway analysis revealed that sphingosine metabolism was the most enriched pathway among primary APS patients. To further elucidate the role of sphingosine metabolism in APS, we examined the effect of S1P, the product of sphingosine metabolism, on aPL mediated NETosis. aPL mediated NETosis was significantly potentiated by S1P in a concentration dependent manner. S1P did not trigger NETosis by itself (figure 1).

**Conclusions** This study comprehensively profiled the serum metabolites of primary APS patients and identified metabolic biomarkers that have the potential to be used as a diagnostic tool for differentiating APS from healthy controls. The APS metabolome analysis also revealed a potential significant role of S1P/S1PR axis in APS pathogenesis.



Abstract LSO-013 Figure 1

The effect of S1P on aPL mediated NETosis. aPL mediated NETosis was significantly potentiated by S1P in a concentration dependent manner. S1P did not trigger NETosis by itself.

## Short oral presentation session 3: SLE biomarkers 1

### LSO-014 CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SERUM CD44 LEVEL IN LUPUS NEPHRITIS PATIENTS

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**Background** Conventional serological markers do not always correlate with clinical activity in lupus nephritis (LN). CD44 is a transmembrane glycoprotein that is widely expressed in immune and non-immune cells, and is implicated in tissue inflammation and fibrosis. CD44 also serves as a cell receptor for hyaluronan (HA), a glycosaminoglycan that contributes to inflammatory and fibrosis processes. This study investigated clinico-pathological associations of circulating CD44 level.

**Methods** Serial serum samples from patients with biopsy-proven Class III/IV LN were collected at intervals of 3–4 months over 3 to 4 years. Sera from sex- and age-matched patients with non-renal SLE or non-lupus chronic kidney disease (CKD) or healthy subjects served as Controls. Serum CD44 level was measured by ELISA

**Results** Six hundred and sixty-seven sera from 41 patients with LN (31 female and 10 male, age  $38.78 \pm 12.02$  years) were included. Serum CD44 level was significantly higher in active LN compared to remission, non-renal SLE, CKD, or healthy subjects ( $P < 0.001$ , for all). Serum CD44 level correlated with SLEDAI-2K and renal SLEDAI-2K scores, anti-dsDNA antibody titre, proteinuria, and serum HA level, and

inversely correlated with eGFR and C3 level ( $P < 0.001$ , for all). Serum CD44 level increased at the time of nephritic flare and decreased after treatment with immunosuppression. A temporal relationship was observed between CD44 level and SLEDAI-2K or renal SLEDAI-2K scores, anti-dsDNA antibody and C3 levels, and proteinuria. ROC analysis showed that serum CD44 level distinguished active LN from healthy subjects (sensitivity 98.31%, specificity 100.00%), from quiescent LN (sensitivity 86.44%, specificity 98.31%), from non-renal SLE (sensitivity 98.31%, specificity 95.24%), and from non-lupus CKD (sensitivity 98.31%, specificity 100.00%) ( $P < 0.0001$ , for all).

**Conclusions** Active LN is associated with increased serum CD44 level. Further studies are required to determine whether CD44 can serve as a clinically useful biomarker in the diagnosis and monitoring of LN activity.

### LSO-015 DEUCRAVACITINIB REDUCES INTERFERONS, B CELL PATHWAYS, AND SEROLOGICAL BIOMARKERS OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS DISEASE ACTIVITY: PHARMACODYNAMIC ANALYSIS FROM THE PHASE 2 PAISLEY STUDY

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**Background** Tyrosine kinase 2 (TYK2) mediates signaling of key cytokines (eg, Type 1 IFNs, IL-23, and IL-12) involved in lupus pathogenesis. Deucravacitinib is a first-in-class, oral, selective, allosteric TYK2 inhibitor approved in multiple countries for the treatment of adults with plaque psoriasis.<sup>1,2</sup> Deucravacitinib was efficacious in a phase 2 trial in patients with active SLE (PAISLEY; NCT03252587).<sup>3</sup> This analysis evaluated the effect of deucravacitinib on biomarkers of TYK2-mediated pathways, B cell pathways, and serological biomarkers in patients in the phase 2 PAISLEY SLE trial.

**Methods** The 48-week PAISLEY trial randomized 363 patients with SLE 1:1:1 to placebo or deucravacitinib 3 mg twice daily (BID), 6 mg BID, or 12 mg once daily (QD). Whole blood transcripts, serum proteins, blood cell subsets, and antibody profiles were measured by immunoassays and flow cytometry.

**Results** With deucravacitinib treatment, significant reductions were observed in IFN $\alpha$  (at week 48) and IFN $\lambda$  (week 2 through week 48), and IFN $\gamma$  was numerically lower after week 12. Deucravacitinib, but not placebo, reduced IFN-regulated gene (IRG) expression as well as expression of cytokines and chemokines downstream of IFN activity, including BAFF, CXCL10, and MCP2 (figure 1). IFN $\lambda$ , CXCL10, CCL19, and MCP2 were significantly reduced in the BID-dosed arms as early as 2 to 3 days after dose initiation. With deucravacitinib treatment, lymphocyte and neutrophil counts and complement levels increased, while markers associated with B cell activation and differentiation including BLC (CXCL13), CD38 (gene expression), and autoantibodies were reduced.

**Conclusions** Deucravacitinib suppressed IFN production, IRG expression, IFN-inducible proteins, B cell pathway markers,