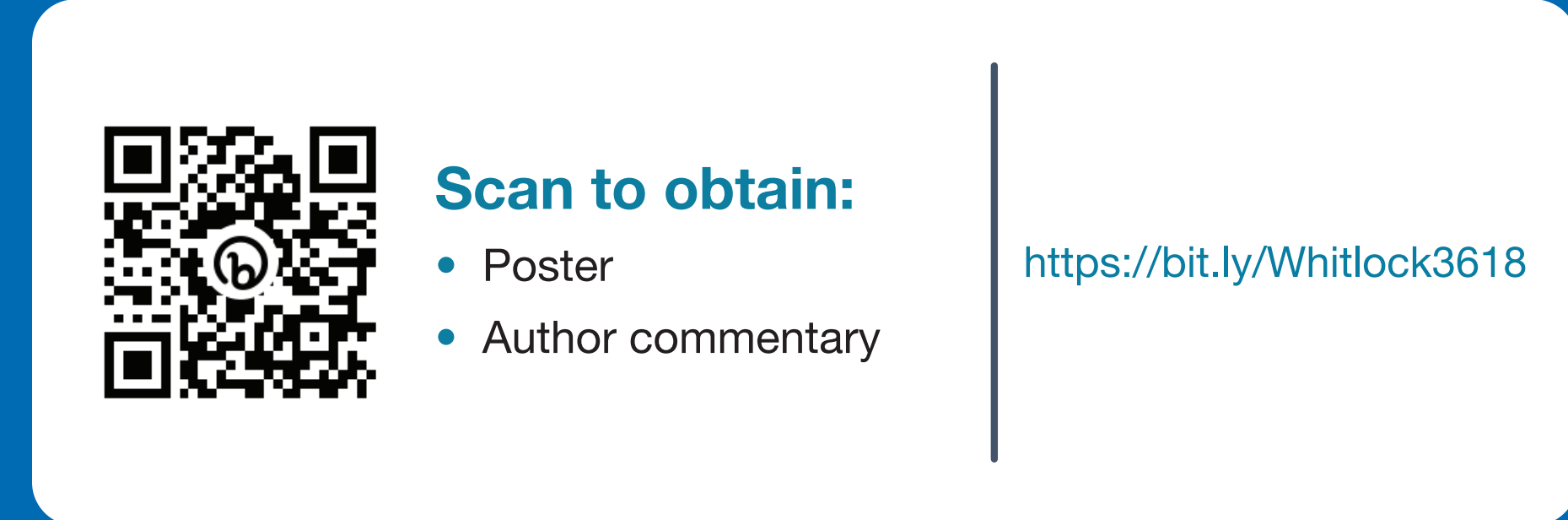


Dabrafenib, Alone or in Combination With Trametinib, in Paediatric Patients With BRAF V600 Mutation-Positive Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis

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KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

- In paediatric patients with relapsed/refractory BRAF V600E mutation-positive LCH, dabrafenib monotherapy and in combination with trametinib demonstrated frequent and durable efficacy
 - 90%-100% of patients had responses ongoing at 24 months, and 0 patients had disease progression
 - Response rates compared favourably with what has been seen with standard-of-care vinblastine plus prednisone⁸
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- Treatment was associated with acceptable tolerability and had a manageable toxicity profile
 - AEs leading to treatment reduction, interruption, or discontinuation were relatively infrequent in both studies
- Safety profile was comparable with that observed in other paediatric^{5,6} and adult^{9,10} studies
 - Pyrexia was the most common AE reported, consistent with previous studies^{5,6,9,10}
- This therapy is promising in paediatric patients with BRAF V600E mutation-positive LCH, a higher-risk form of LCH, and offers targeted therapy in this defined group of patients with LCH

INTRODUCTION

- Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) is a rare neoplastic disorder that affects 4 to 9 children < 15 years old per 1,000,000¹
- Chemotherapy is the standard treatment for LCH; however, patients with advanced forms of the disease have frequent recurrences²
 - Patients whose treatment failed had long-term complications, such as neurodegeneration²
- Oncogenic BRAF mutations have been identified in paediatric malignancies, including > 50% LCH tumours³
 - Some studies have associated this mutation with worse prognosis and more severe clinical phenotype in LCH⁴
- Dabrafenib, a BRAF inhibitor, and trametinib, a MEK inhibitor, have shown meaningful clinical activity and a tolerable safety profile in patients with BRAF V600 mutation-positive paediatric malignancies⁵⁻⁷
- This poster presents the safety and efficacy data from two studies, one investigating dabrafenib monotherapy (NCT01677741) and the other looking at dabrafenib in combination with trametinib (NCT02124772) in paediatric patients with previously treated BRAF V600-mutation positive LCH (Figure 1)

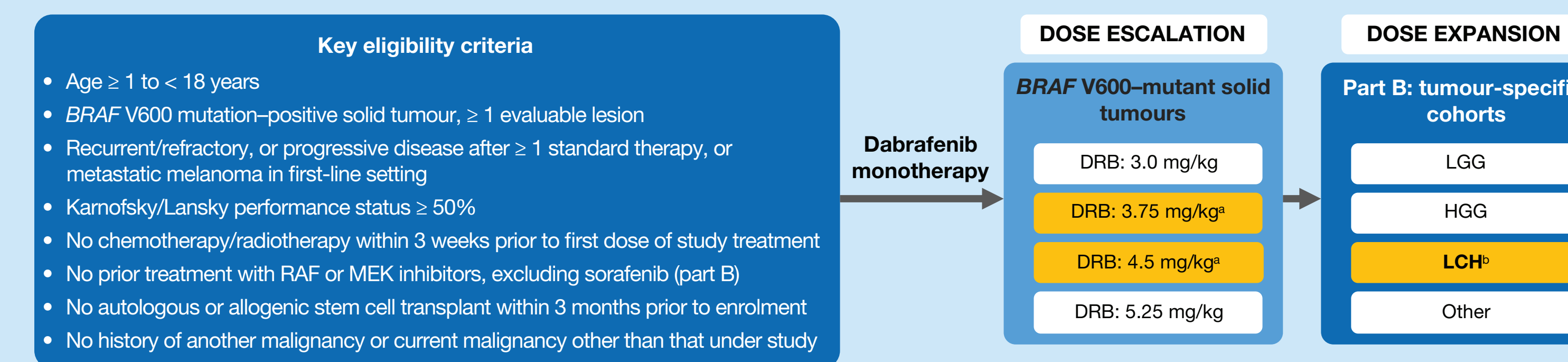
METHODS

Study Design

Figure 1. Study Designs

A: CDRB436A2102 (dabrafenib monotherapy)

Phase I/II, 2-part, multicentre, single-arm, open-label study evaluating the safety and efficacy of dabrafenib monotherapy in paediatric patients with relapsed/refractory BRAF V600-mutation positive malignancies



Primary objectives: determine the safe and tolerable dose(s) in paediatric patients
Secondary objectives: safety and tolerability, preliminary antitumour activity

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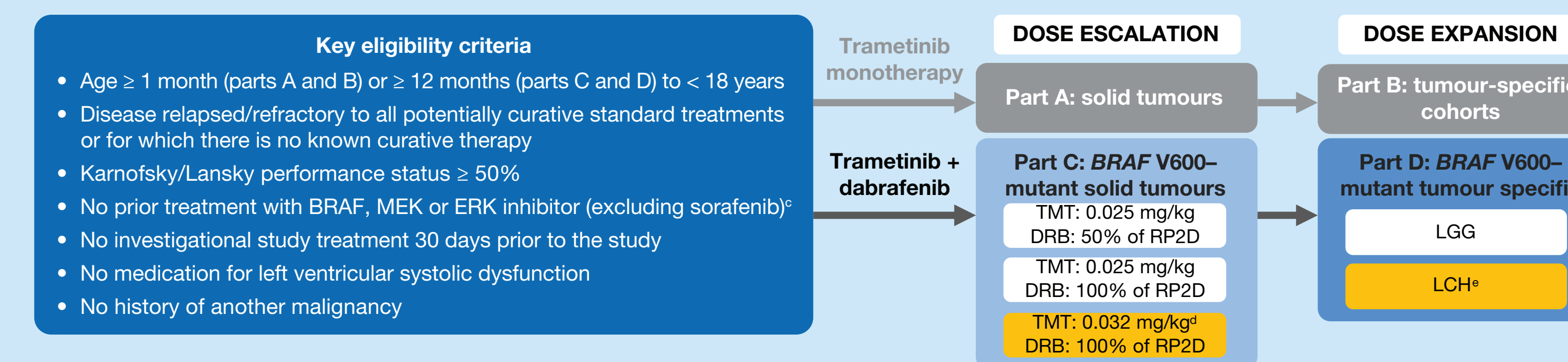
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 ≥ 12 years: 4.5 mg/kg

TMT RP2D²
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 ≥ 6 years: 0.025 mg/kg

DRB, dabrafenib; HGG, high-grade glioma; LCH, Langerhans cell histiocytosis; LGG, low-grade glioma; RP2D, recommended Phase II dose; TMT, trametinib.
¹ 1 patient with LCH in this cohort. ² 11 patients with LCH in this cohort. * Patients with prior BRAF monotherapy may enrol if they had benefit as determined by the investigator. ³ 2 patients with LCH in this cohort. ⁴ 10 patients with LCH in this cohort. ⁵ The RP2D of dabrafenib for paediatric patients was determined in a prior study.⁶

B: CTMT212X2101 (dabrafenib plus trametinib)

Phase I/II, 4-part, multicentre, open-label study evaluating the safety and efficacy of trametinib monotherapy, or dabrafenib plus trametinib, in paediatric patients with relapsed/refractory malignancies



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RESULTS

Patient Characteristics and Disposition

Baseline patient demographics and disease characteristics are shown in Table 1

CDRB436A2102 (dabrafenib monotherapy)

- 13 patients with BRAF V600 mutant-LCH received dabrafenib monotherapy; 2 and 11 patients in the dose-escalation and -expansion parts, respectively
 - At the data cutoff date of 4 December 2020, the median duration of exposure (DOE) to treatment with dabrafenib monotherapy was 51 months (range, 7-65 months), with most patients ongoing
- Treatment was discontinued in 6 patients due to investigator decision (n = 3), adverse events (AEs) (n = 2), and patient transferring to combination therapy (n = 1)
 - 7 patients enrolled in a rollover study

CTMT212X2101 (dabrafenib plus trametinib)

- 12 patients with BRAF V600 mutant-LCH received dabrafenib in combination with trametinib; 2 and 10 patients in the dose-escalation and -expansion parts, respectively
 - At the data cutoff date of 29 December 2020, the median DOE to treatment with dabrafenib plus trametinib was 22 months (range, 1.8-35.9 months), with most patients ongoing
- Treatment was discontinued in 4 patients due to AEs (n = 2), lack of efficacy (n = 1), or long-term complete resolution (CR) (n = 1)
 - 8 patients enrolled in a rollover study

Table 1. Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Category	CDRB436A2102 All LCH (n = 13)	CTMT212X2101 All LCH (n = 12)
Age, median (range), years	3 (1-11)	4 (2-13)
< 2 years, n (%)	3 (23.1)	0
2 to < 6 years, n (%)	5 (38.5)	8 (66.7)
6 to < 12 years, n (%)	5 (38.5)	3 (25.0)
≥ 12 years, n (%)	0	1 (8.3)
Male, n (%)	8 (61.5)	8 (66.7)
Karnofsky/Lansky PS, n (%)		
100	6 (46.2)	8 (66.7)
90	4 (30.8)	2 (16.7)
80	1 (7.7)	1 (8.3)
< 80	2 (15.3)	1 (8.3)
Multisite disease, n (%)	3 (23.1)	0
Time since initial diagnosis, median (range), months	36.3 (1-116)	33.9 (3.8-136.9)
Prior therapy, n (%)		
Chemotherapy	13 (100)	12 (100)
Biologic therapy ^a	1 (7.7)	0
Immunotherapy ^b	1 (7.7)	0
Targeted therapy	0	0
Prior surgery, n (%)		
Yes	0	5 (41.7)
No	9 (69.2)	7 (58.3)
Missing	4 (30.8)	0

LCH, Langerhans cell histiocytosis; PS, performance status.
 The same patient received ^a prior anti-CD52 monoclonal antibody and ^b prior immunoglobulin.

Safety and Tolerability

AEs are summarised in Table 2, and treatment-related AEs (TRAEs) are listed in Table 3

CDRB436A2102 (dabrafenib monotherapy)

- AEs leading to discontinuation included grade 2 increase in blood creatinine and grade ≥ 3 Epstein-Barr virus-associated lymphoma
- Most common grade ≥ 3 AEs reported in patients taking dabrafenib monotherapy were pyrexia (23.1%), neutropenia (15.4%), and syncope (15.4%)
- Most common grade ≥ 3 TRAEs reported in patients taking dabrafenib monotherapy were nausea (7.7%), increased alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (7.7%), and dental caries (7.7%)

CTMT212X2101 (dabrafenib plus trametinib)

- AEs leading to discontinuation included grade ≥ 3 increases in ALT and aspartate aminotransferase (AST)
- Most common grade ≥ 3 AEs reported in patients taking dabrafenib plus trametinib were pyrexia (33.3%), decreased neutrophil count (25.0%), and increased ALT (16.7%)
- Most common grade ≥ 3 TRAEs reported in patients taking dabrafenib plus trametinib were decreased neutrophil count (25.0%) and pyrexia (8.3%)

Table 2. Safety Summary

Category, n (%)	CDRB436A2102 All LCH (n = 13)		CTMT212X2101 All LCH (n = 12)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3
Any AE	13 (100)	11 (84.6)	12 (100)	9 (75.0)
Treatment related	13 (100)	2 (15.4)	12 (100)	5 (41.7)
AEs leading to dose reduction	2 (15.4)	0	1 (8.3)	1 (8.3)
AEs leading to dose interruption	9 (69.2)	4 (30.2)	9 (75.0)	5 (41.7)
AEs leading to discontinuation	2 (15.4)	1 (7.7)	2 (16.7)	2 (16.7)
Serious AEs	7 (53.8)	4 (30.8)	7 (58.3)	6 (50.0)
Treatment related	2 (15.4)	0	3 (25.0)	2 (16.7)
Fatal AEs	0	0	0	0

AE, adverse event; LCH, Langerhans cell histiocytosis.

Table 3. TRAEs Occurring in ≥ 20% of Patients

Category, n (%)	Any Grade		Grade ≥ 3
	CDRB436A2102 All LCH (n = 13)	CTMT212X2101 All LCH (n = 12)	
Any TRAE	13 (100)	12 (100)	2 (15.4)
Vomiting	6 (46.2)	5 (41.7)	0
Blood creatinine increased	5 (38.5)	0	0
Dry skin	4 (30.8)	0	0
Rash	4 (30.8)	0	0
Melanocytic naevus	4 (30.8)	0	0
Pyrexia	3 (23.1)	0	0
AST increase	3 (23.1)	0	0
Hypophosphatemia	3 (23.1)	0	0
Alopecia	3 (23.1)	0	0
Hair texture abnormal	3 (23.1)	0	0
Constipation	3 (23.1)	0	0
Erythema nodosum	3 (23.1)	0	0
Any TRAE	12 (100)	12 (100)	5 (41.7)
Pyrexia	7 (58.3)	5 (41.7)	1 (8.3)
Diarrhoea	5 (41.7)	0	0
Dry skin	5 (41.7)	2 (16.7)	0
Neutrophil count decreased	5 (41.7)	2 (16.7)	0
Vomiting	5 (41.7)	0	0
Abdominal pain	4 (33.3)	0	0
Maculopapular rash	4 (33.3)	0	0
Cough	3 (25.0)	0	0
Fatigue	3 (25.0)	0	0
Nausea	3 (25.0)	0	0
Pain in extremity	3 (25.0)	0	0

AST, aspartate aminotransferase; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

Efficacy

- Best overall response per Histiocyte Society criteria are reported in Table 4 and Figure 2
- Patients did not progress, and the median progression-free survival was not reached in both studies (Figure 3)

CDRB436A2102 (dabrafenib monotherapy)

- The investigator-assessed objective response rate (ORR) was 76.9% (95% CI, 46.2%-95.0%) in patients receiving dabrafenib monotherapy

CTMT212X2101 (dabrafenib plus trametinib)

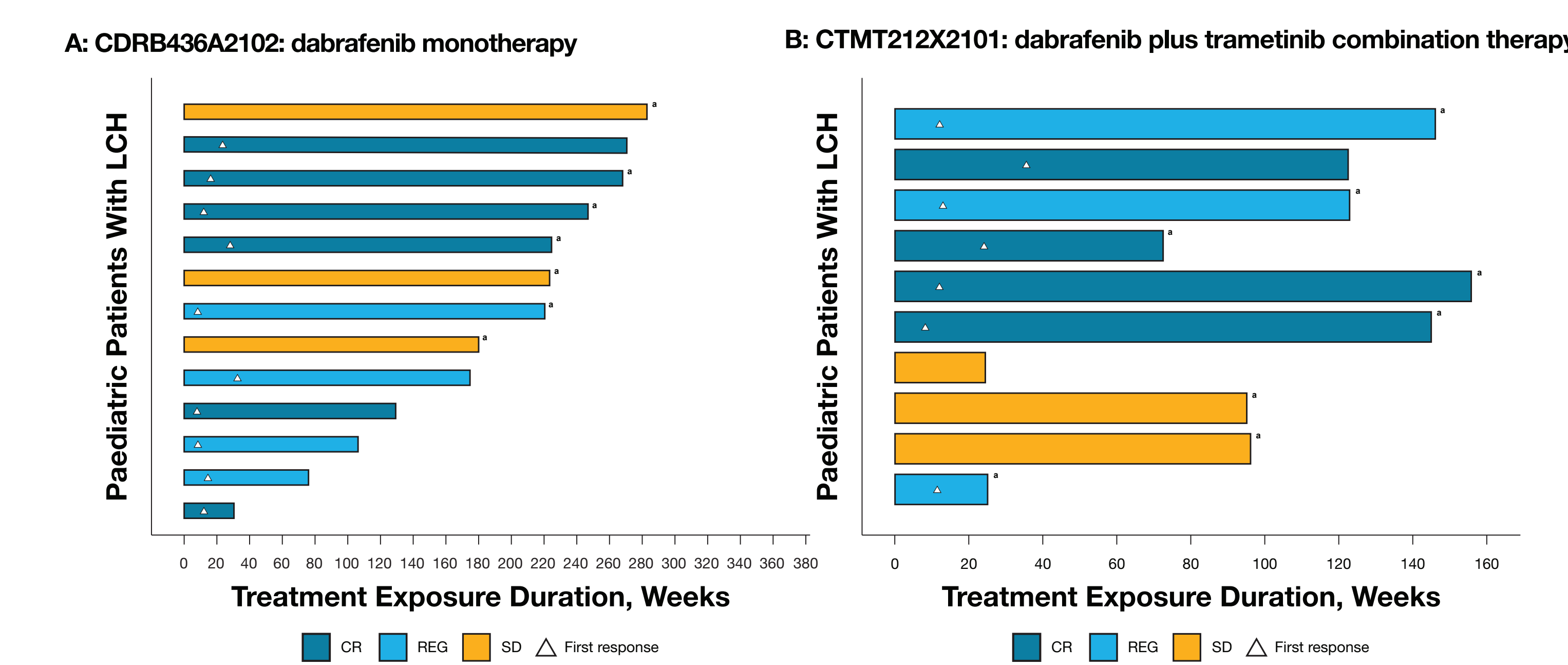
- The investigator-assessed ORR was 58.3% (95% CI, 27.7%-84.8%) in patients taking dabrafenib plus trametinib

Table 4. Efficacy by Investigator Assessment

Category	CDRB436A2102 All LCH (n = 13)	CTMT212X2101 All LCH (n = 12)
Best overall response, n (%)		
Complete resolution	6 (46.2)	4 (33.3)
Regressive disease	4 (30.8)	3 (25.0)
Stable disease	3 (23.1)	3 (25.0)
Progressive disease	0	0
Missing	0	2 (16.7)
Objective response rate (95% CI), %	76.9 (46.2-95.0)	58.3 (27.7-84.8)
Median duration of response (95% CI), months	NR (1.1-NR)	NR (NR-NR)
12-month rate (95% CI), %	90 (40-100)	100 (NR-NR)
24-month rate (95% CI), %	90 (40-100)	100 (NR-NR)
Median progression-free survival (95% CI), months	NR	NR
12-month rate (95% CI), %	100 (NR-NR)	100 (NR-NR)
24-month rate (95% CI), %	90 (50-100)	100 (NR-NR)

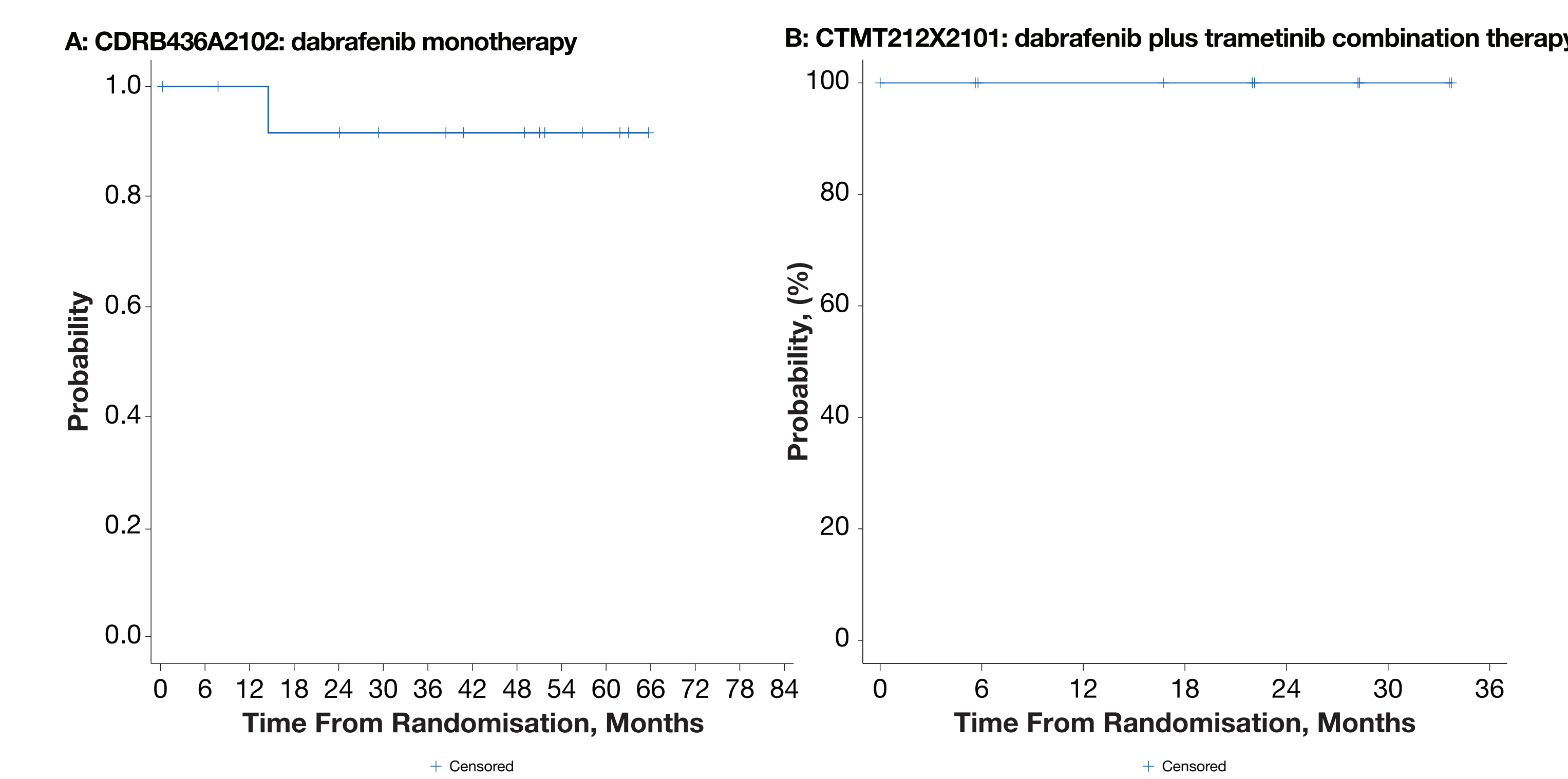
CI, confidence interval; LCH, Langerhans cell histiocytosis; NR, not reached.

Figure 2. Duration of Exposure to Study Treatment



CR, complete resolution; LCH, Langerhans cell histiocytosis; REG, regressive disease; SD, stable disease.
 * Patients who have continued therapy on a rollover study.

Figure 3. Progression-Free Survival



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