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#### **US CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

• Amplia's FAK inhibitor program to be presented at Next Generation Kinase Inhibitors Summit in Boston, USA

**Melbourne, Australia:** Amplia Therapeutics Limited (ASX: ATX), ("Amplia" or the "Company"), a company developing new approaches for the treatment of cancer and fibrosis, is pleased to announce that Amplia Head of Translational Biology, Dr Terrie-Anne Cock, will present a lecture at the **2nd Next Generation Kinase Inhibitors Summit** currently underway in Boston, USA.

The presentation, entitled 'Targeting Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK) for the treatment of cancer and fibrotic diseases' describes preclinical and Phase 1 clinical data for Amplia's lead FAK inhibitor AMP945. A copy of the presentation, to be given at Friday 6:30am AEDT, is attached to this announcement.

Amplia CEO, Dr Chris Burns, commented: "Being invited to present our research at such a highly respected, industry-focused conference devoted to kinase inhibitor drug development, reflects the importance of our research at Amplia and our standing in the kinase field, internationally. Further, it allows us to promote the quality of the work being conducted at Amplia to biotech and pharma companies around the world."

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the CEO of Amplia Therapeutics.

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#### **About Amplia Therapeutics Limited**

Amplia Therapeutics Limited is an Australian pharmaceutical company advancing a pipeline of Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK) inhibitors for cancer and fibrosis. FAK is an increasingly important target in the field of cancer immunology and Amplia has a particular development focus in fibrotic cancers such as pancreatic cancer. FAK also plays a significant role in several chronic diseases, such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). For more information visit <a href="www.ampliatx.com">www.ampliatx.com</a> and follow Amplia on <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> (@ampliatx) and <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a>.

# Targeting Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK) for the treatment of cancer and fibrotic diseases

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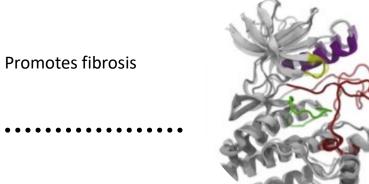


## Focal Adhesion Kinase

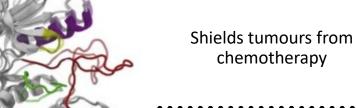




Fibrotic Tissue



Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK)





Fibrotic tumourmicroenvironment

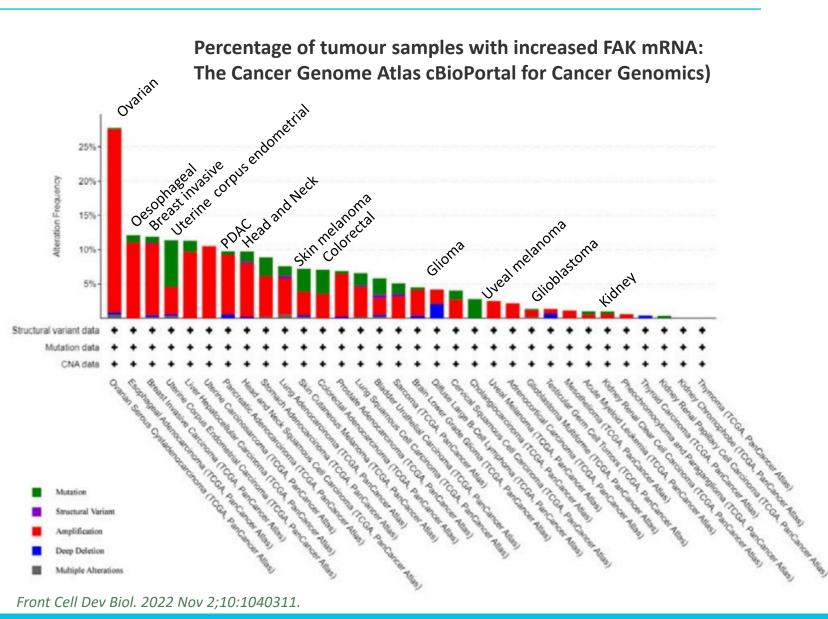




## FAK association with cancer



- FAK is rarely mutated in cancer, most frequently occurring in cancers arising from the uterus (9.24% of samples), colon (7.25%) and liver (3.92%) with simple somatic mutations resulting in a missense, stop or frameshift
- FAK expression is very commonly increased or 'gene-amplified' in a number of cancers
- In many cancers FAK increase is predictive of poor patient outcome



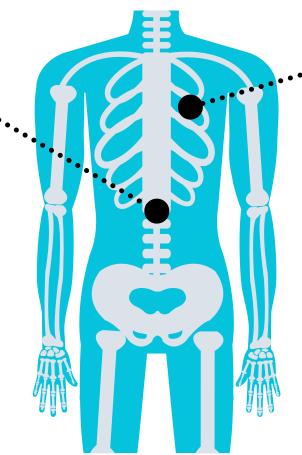
## Amplia's Focus





#### Pancreatic Cancer

- 60,000 new diagnoses and 48,000 deaths from pancreatic cancer in the US each year\*
- Difficult-to-treat cancer
- Less than 20% of patients eligible for surgery
- Most patients treated with cytotoxic chemotherapy drugs



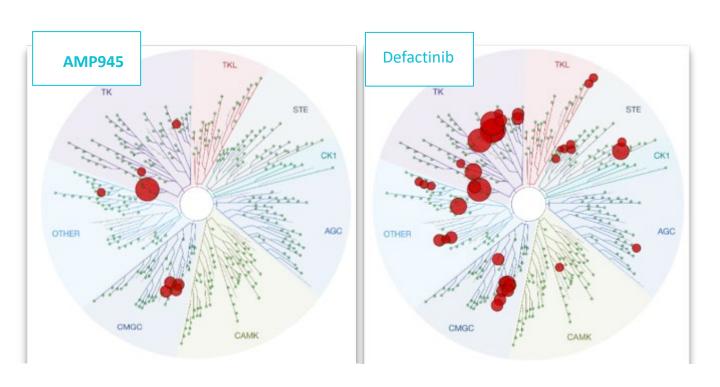
#### Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

- Affects ~3M people worldwide\*\*
- Devastating, progressive disease caused by the build up of fibrotic tissue in the lungs
- Two drugs approved which only slow progression
- Median survival time is 3-5 years

<sup>\*</sup> American Cancer Society, 2021

## AMP945 is a potent and selective FAK inhibitor



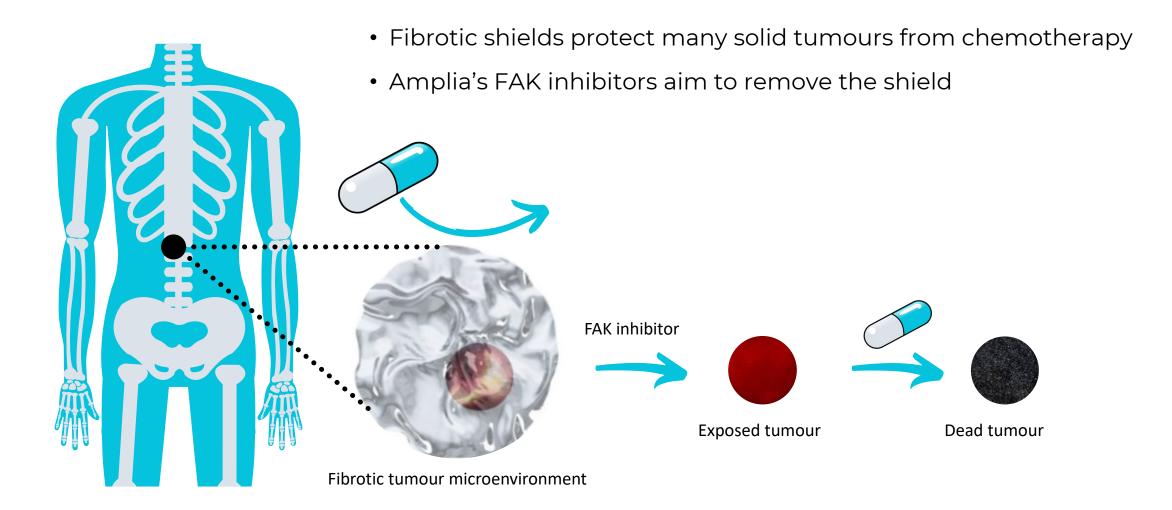


## AMP945 is the most selective FAK inhibitor in clinical development

FAKi	AMP945	Defactinib	IN10018
Company	Amplia	Verastem	InxMed
IC50 >1 μM	3 (468 kinase tested)	9 (468 kinase tested)	4 (262 kinase tested)

## Amplia's Hypothesis | Enhancing Chemotherapy

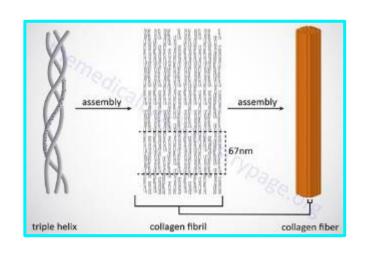


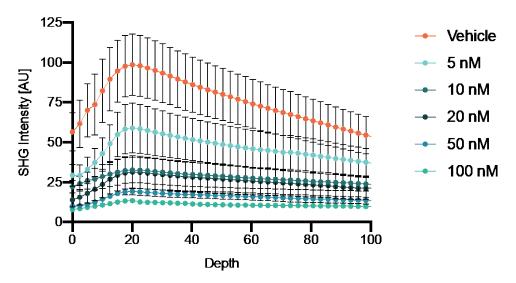


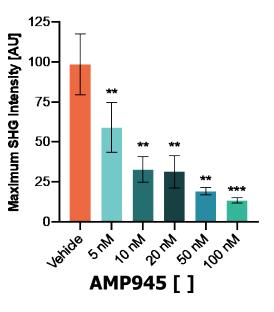
## AMP945 inhibits collagen cross-linking in vitro



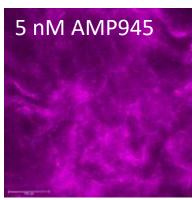
Second Harmonic Generation measures only cross-linked collagen

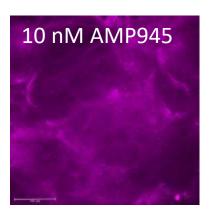


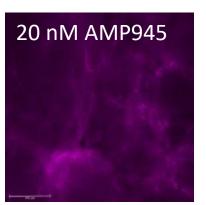


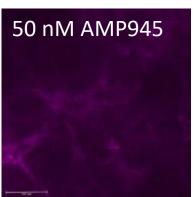












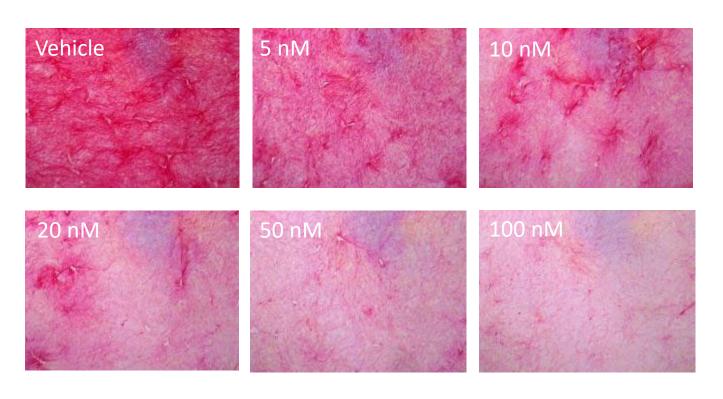


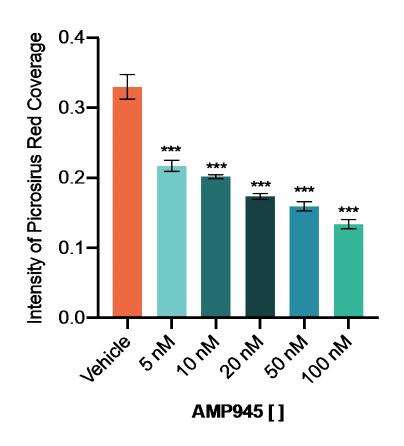
Timpson Lab (Garvan Inst.)

## AMP945 inhibits new collagen deposition in vitro



#### Picosirius red staining for total collagen





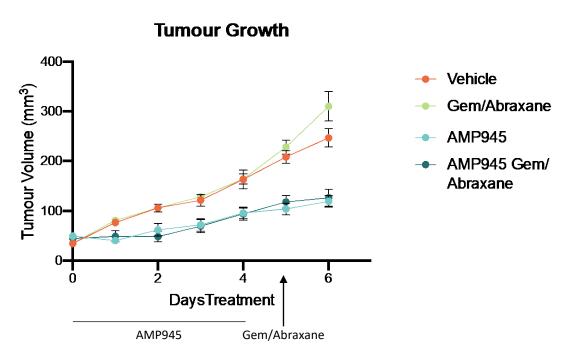
#### Take home messages:

- Fibroblasts remodel collagen and also lay down new collagen
- AMP945 causes less new collagen to be deposited by the fibroblasts

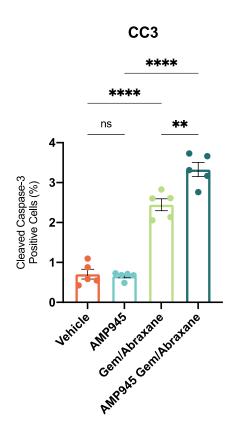
## AMP945 'priming' enhances cleaved caspase 3 and Ki67 response to standard of care Gemcitabine + Abraxane treatment (Day 6)

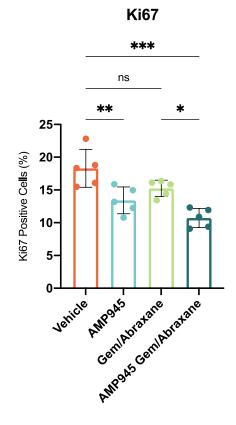


## KPC mouse model is a clinically relevant model of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma



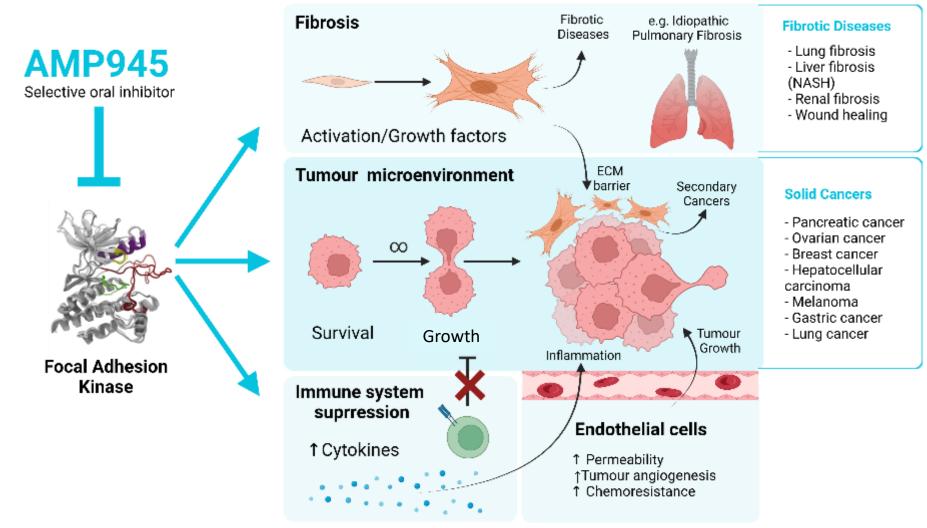
## **Tumors analysed 24 hrs post Gem/Abraxane administration**





### FAK – a drug target for multiple cancers and fibrotic diseases

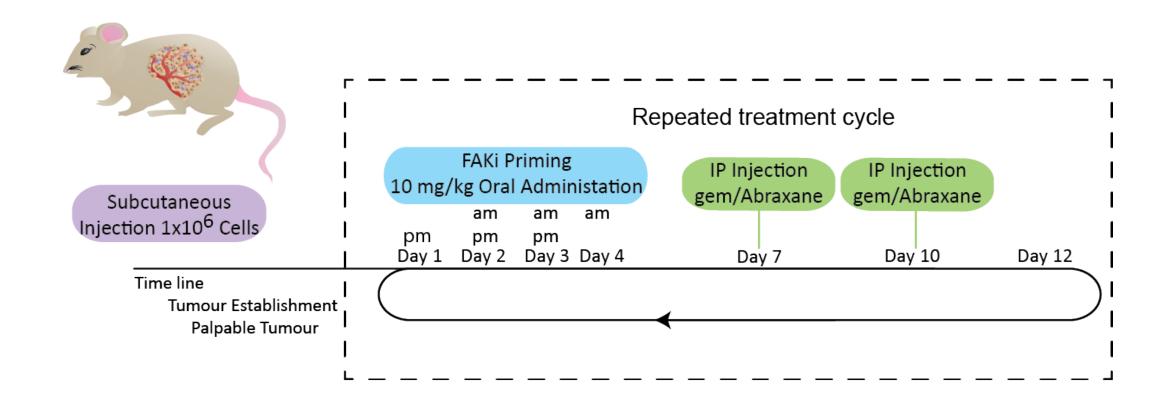




Murphy, J. M., et al. (2020). *Experimental & molecular medicine*, *52*(6), 877–886. Wu, Y., et al. (2021). *Discover. Oncology*, *12*(1), 52.

## Priming with FAKi AMP945 in the subcutaneous KPC mouse model of pancreatic cancer

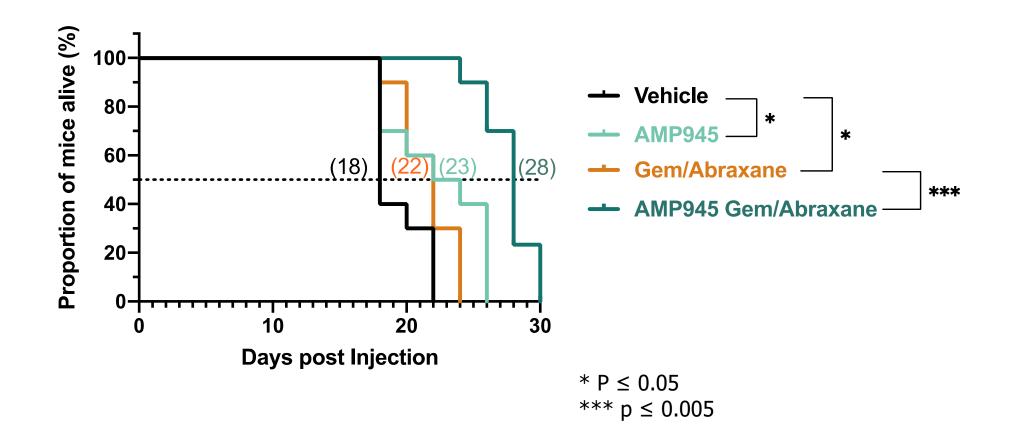




## AMP945 enhances survival to gemcitabine and Abraxane in an aggressive mouse model of pancreatic cancer



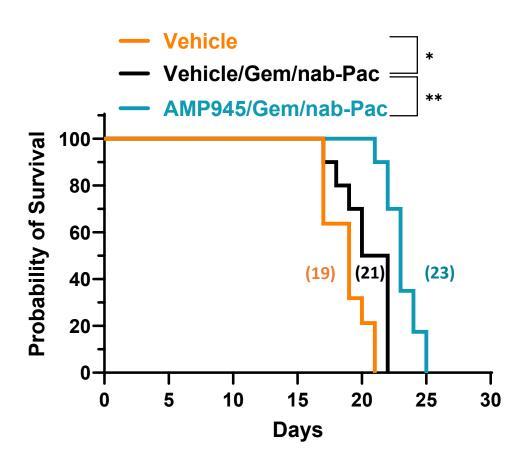
#### Survival in the KPC mouse model of pancreatic cancer



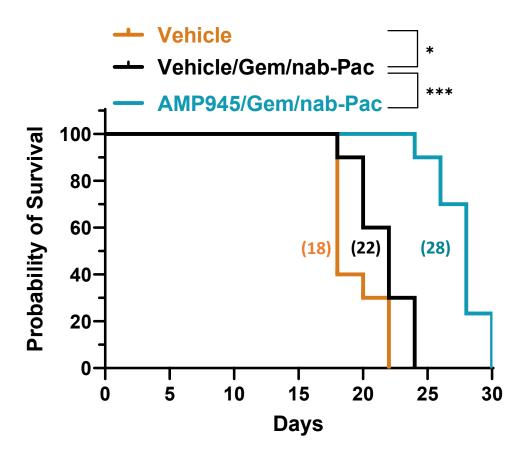
## Priming is more effective than continuous daily dosing



#### Daily dosing AMP945 for each cycle



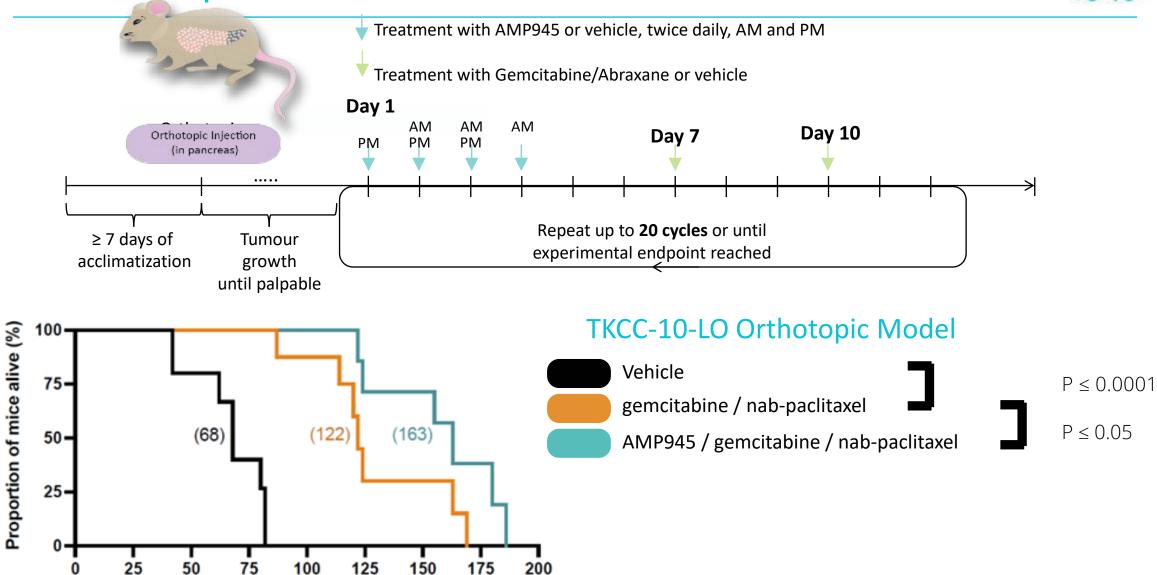
#### **Priming for first 4 days of each cycle**



### AMP945 Improves Survival in PDX Pancreatic Cancer Model

Days post tumour implantation

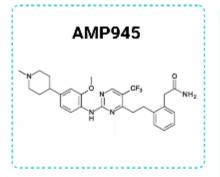




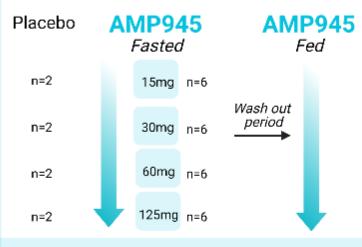
## A phase 1 trial of AMP945, a potent and selective focal adhesion kinase inhibitor, in healthy volunteers



Randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled in healthy volunteers (18 - 50 years)



#### Single ascending dose (SAD)



#### Multiple ascending dose (MAD)



#### **Outcomes**

#### **Blood Collection**

Pharmacokinetic analyses

#### Skin Biopsy

Pharmacodynamic analyses

Pre-dose and 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 36, and 48 h post-dose

Before and after dosing with 125 mg

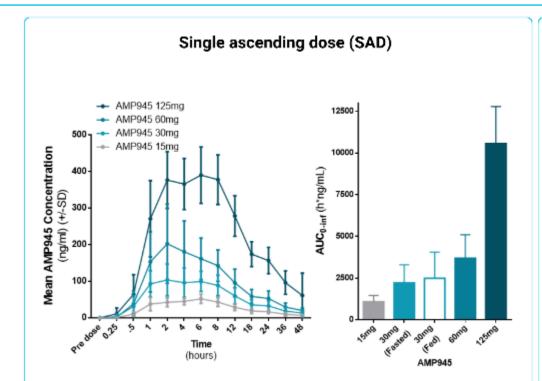
Pre-dose and 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 36, and 48 h post-dose and up to 24 h post-dose on Days 1 and 7

Before and after dosing with 25, 50, 100mg

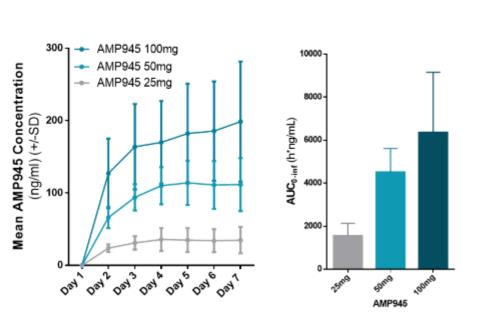
Safety and tolerability were assessed according to incidence and severity of adverse events (AEs).

### Results – plasma pharmacokinetics of AMP945





- Food consumption did not result in a change of AMP945 pharmacokinetics.
- Mean time to maximum plasma concentration: 1 to 6 h
- Median half-life ranged from 15.7 to 23 h
  - → Supports feasibility of QD dosing
- Mean apparent volume of distribution ranged from 328 to 463 L
  - → Indicates Tissue wide distribution



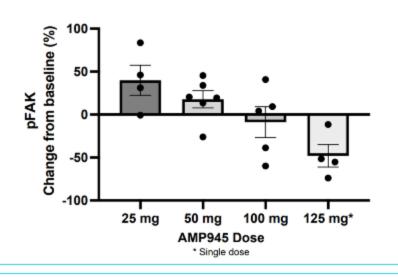
Multiple ascending dose (MAD)

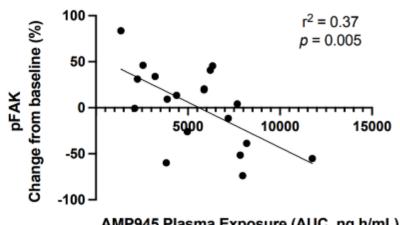
- Mean time to maximum plasma concentration: 2 to 4 h
- Observations of pre-dose trough levels between Day 1 and Day 7 indicated that steady state was achieved by Day 4 to Day 5 (approximately  $5 \times 1/2$ )

### Results – Pharmacodynamics and safety



#### Dose- and Exposure-response analysis for phospho-FAK (pFAK) levels in skin punch biopsies from healthy volunteers





AMP945 Plasma Exposure (AUC, ng.h/mL)

- Significant (linear) relationship observed between the change in FAK activity from baseline and AMP945 AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> following dosing with 25, 50, 100 and 125 mg of AMP945.

#### Safety Summary

- No serious or severe TEAEs, nor any TEAEs leading to study withdrawal (majority of TEAEs reported were mild)
- There were no dose-related trends observed in the reporting of TEAEs
- No TEAEs were considered probably or definitely related to AMP945
- No changes over time or dose-related trends in clinical safety laboratory parameters;
- No changes over time or dose-related trends in vital signs, ECG, physical examination and concomitant medications reporting

### Conclusions - Phase 1 trial of AMP945



- AMP945, a selective FAK inhibitor, **was safe and well tolerated** across SAD (15 to 125 mg) and MAD (25 to 100 mg) cohorts in healthy volunteers
  - No serious adverse events or withdrawals
  - No trends observed in AE reporting, no shifts in clinical laboratory, vital signs, ECGs
- AMP945 PK and PD data demonstrate wide tissue distribution and target engagement
  - Predictable dose/exposure relationship
  - Achieved blood levels of AMP945 expected to inhibit FAK
- Supports continued development of AMP945 in patients with solid tumours and fibrotic diseases in which FAK inhibition would be beneficial



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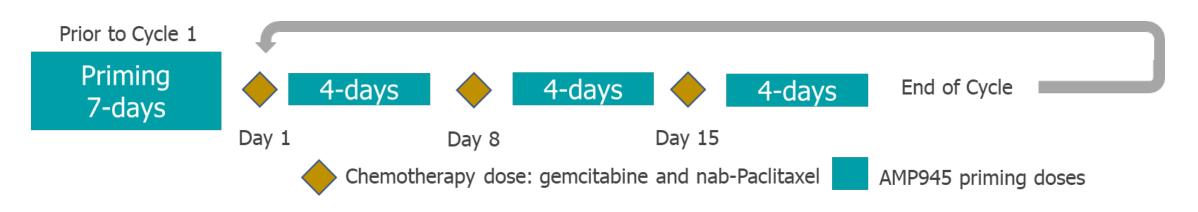
- NCT05355298
- Dosing commenced in Q3 CY2022

- First-line therapy
  - Largest patient cohort
  - Healthier patients
  - Aims to position AMP945 as a first-line treatment option
- Patients with non-resectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer
- Intermittent dosing (priming) of AMP945 between normal chemotherapeutic doses of gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel
  - Designed to enhance standard of care
  - Mirrors design of preclinical efficacy studies

## **ACCENT Priming Dose Regimen**



- Amplia's Phase 1b/2a clinical trial AMP945-PC-201 (ACCENT, NCT05355298) will assess a pulse
  dosing regimen of AMP945 in combination with gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel as first-line therapy
  in patients with unresectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer
- In ACCENT, patients will initially be treated with a one-week priming dose of AMP945 (once a day)
- Gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel will be given according to a standard treatment regimen and the patients will be pulse dosed for four days AMP945 prior to weekly chemotherapy administration



## **ACCENT Clinical Trial Summary**





#### **Population**



- First line therapy
- ECOG status ≤ 1
- Life expectancy of >3 month



Design

• Phase 1b/2a open label, single arm study to evaluate safety, PK, PD and efficacy of AMP945 in combination with gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel

• Patients with Stage III or IV pancreatic cancer



#### **Treatment**

#### Dose escalation

- Fixed doses of G/A, escalating doses of AMP945
- 4 cohorts of 3-6 pts. 1 month cycle

#### Expansion





• Part 1: 26 pts

• Interim Analysis

#### Expansion

• Part 2: 24 pts



**Endpoints** 

#### Dose Escalation

• Safety, PK, Optimal Dose

#### **Expansion**

- Primary: Objective response, duration of response
- Secondary: Overall survival, progression free survival
- Exploratory: Impact on/of biomarkers

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