

# Briquilimab, an Anti-Human CD117 Antibody, Effectively Treats Cockroach Allergen-Induced Asthma Model in Mice Expressing Chimeric Human/Mouse CD117

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Briquilimab can potently inhibit the signaling pathway of human stem cell factor (SCF) and CD117 (c-Kit), thereby regulating mast cell (MC) survival and functions in the context of allergic disorders, including allergic asthma and atopic dermatitis.



The transgenic h/mCD117 mice expressing both the functional human extracellular and murine intracellular domains of CD117 (c-Kit) enable proof-of-concept efficacy testing of briquilimab for allergic asthma by eliciting clinically relevant models in h/mCD117 mice following exposure to cockroach allergen (CRA).

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Established		Briquilimab (25 mg/kg, <i>i.p.</i> )	CRA i.n. (10 mcg)	PFT & Histolog
Asthma		Day 0	Day 2	Day 3
Models		Briquilimab (25 mg/kg, <i>i.p.</i> )	)	

PFT: Pulmonary function testing





Three days after one-time therapeutic briquilimab (Briq) treatment, established asthma models exhibited significant decreases in the numbers of mast cells in the lung and the



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Depletion of mast cells, by briquilimab, may provide a novel therapeutic approach for patients with asthmatic disease.



# **CONCLUSIONS:**

- A single dose of briquilimab can deplete mast cells (MCs) in both inflamed (lung) and non-inflamed tissues (back skin) of an asthma model elicited in h/mCD117 mice.
- Briguilimab's ability to deplete MCs contributes to its therapeutic effect on asthma models elicited in h/mCD117 mice.

## **TAKEAWAYS:**

- Mast cells play a key role in asthma pathogenesis.
- Briquilimab can potentially target MCs in the treatment for allergic asthma.

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