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**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2014 4:26 PM  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Linda Robertson  
**Cc:** Tonya Marmon; Leigh MacConell; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Carr, Catherine (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Hoofnagle, Jay (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Torrance, Rebecca (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: Action items from NIDDK-Intercept meeting regarding FLINT study

Averell

Thank you – we thought the meeting was constructive too. We received the redacted FDA information this morning from Ivana.

As discussed yesterday, Linda is working on the letter to you and hopes to send it to you by the end of the day (in California).

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

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**Subject:** RE: Action items from NIDDK-Intercept meeting regarding FLINT study

Thank you, Linda.

I believe that we had a productive meeting yesterday.

The redacted IND submission was sent to David Shapiro by Ivana Vaughn of the DCC this morning.

Kind regards,  
Averell

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**Cc:** David Shapiro; Tonya Mamon; Leigh MacConell; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Carr, Catherine (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** Action items from NIDDK-Intercept meeting regarding FLINT study

Dear Averell,

It was a pleasure meeting you and your colleagues today. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration. As requested, the following are the action items that were discussed at the meeting:

Intercept to provide by Jan 31:

- 1) Overview of Intercept's regulatory obligations with reference to global regulations and guidelines as appropriate
- 2) Preferred FLINT data package per regulatory obligations
- 3) Alternate proposals for addressing regulatory obligations
- 4) SEC reporting requirements

NIDDK to provide by Jan 31:

- 1) Timeline for providing redacted copy of IND information amendment informing FDA of DMC decision to halt treatment in FLINT study

We also agreed to schedule a meeting next week, including appropriate legal and regulatory representation, to gain concurrence on next steps. I wanted to thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. It was very useful to more fully understand your concerns regarding the dissemination of data from the FLINT study and to discuss Intercept's concerns regarding regulatory compliance. We also consider maintaining the integrity of the study of utmost importance and will be completely mindful of this within the constraints of SEC and regulatory requirements. I am confident that we can agree in a timely fashion on a path forward that addresses both your concerns regarding data dissemination and our regulatory obligations. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Linda

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**Cc:** Linda Robertson; Leigh MacConell; Tonya Marmon  
**Subject:** RE: NIDDK - Intercept meeting

Averell

This is better still – thanks so much.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

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David,

Our offices are actually off campus, and are not burdened by security. We are in the same complex as (adjoining) the Bethesda Marriott Suites Hotel. There is an outdoor parking lot within the complex (beside Democracy One) where you can park.

If you make your way to the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor reception area, the receptionist (Migdalia) will let me know when you arrive.

Averell

## **Directions to Democracy Two**

**(6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20817)**

**From I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Northern Virginia:**

1. Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) northbound (Inner Loop).
2. Stay to the left and enter I-270 North at the I-270 spur.
3. Take Exit 1 to Democracy Boulevard.
4. Yield right, heading east on Democracy Boulevard.
5. Turn left onto Fernwood Drive. Building is on the left.

**From I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Maryland:**

1. Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) westbound (Outer Loop).
2. Stay to the right to enter I-270 North at the I-270 spur.

3. Take Exit 1A and turn left at the top of the ramp onto Old Georgetown Road.
4. Turn right onto Democracy Boulevard.
5. Turn right onto Fernwood Drive. Building is on your left.

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**From:** David Shapiro [mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com]  
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**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Cc:** Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Linda Robertson; Leigh; Tonya Marmon  
**Subject:** RE: NIDDK - Intercept meeting

Averell

Thank you – this is appreciated and obviously we'll be happy to discuss any additional topics that you may have.

As I recall, security at NIH is pretty tight – so I assume we'll come to the front gate and they will contact you.

If there are any more specific directions that will ensure we get to the right place on time, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD



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**To:** 'David Shapiro'  
**Cc:** Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: NIDDK - Intercept meeting

David,

I have been able to arrange for a meeting room in our offices on Thursday, January 30 at 9 am. Catherine Carr and Vandana Chawla will be available to attend. It would probably be best to meet in my office on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, and we can proceed to the conference room together.

I look forward to meeting with you next week,  
Averell

Averell H. Sherker, MD, FRCP(C)



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**Sent:** Monday, January 20, 2014 21:15  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Cc:** Linda Robertson; Tonya Marmon; Roya Hooshmand-Rad; Cathi Sciacca; Leigh  
**Subject:** NIDDK - Intercept meeting

Dear Averell, Ed

As discussed, I am attaching a proposed agenda for our meeting next week. As you will see, some of this relates to our regulatory obligations for our PBC NDA and some to FLINT. I am sure Linda would be pleased if Catherine Carr would be able to participate as well.

It is likely that you will have additional topics, please free to add them.

As we have to get back to San Diego, we would prefer to have a meeting in the morning - but will fit in with your plans, so please can you let us know when the meeting will be as soon as convenient, as we need to make flights accordingly.

Again, it is gratifying that FLINT has produced a strong signal – it is clear that the lipid data mandates further evaluation (which we have already started). The strength of the media signal surprised us all. We look forward to continuing our collaboration as NIDDK and the NASH CRN bring the study to its successful conclusion.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD



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## ~~FLINT-NIDDK – Intercept Meeting~~

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Time: 30<sup>th</sup> January 20, 2014

**Intercept:**

David Shapiro, MD

Linda Robertson, PhD – Regulatory Affairs

Leigh MacConell, PhD – Clinical Research

Tonya Marmon, DrPH – Statistician

NIDDK: TBD

### Proposed Agenda

1. FLINT Timing - NIDDK
  - a. Review of FLINT timing:
    - i. Notification of FDA
    - ii. For presentation at AASLD – regular or late breaker submission?
    - iii. For publication
2. Intercept Regulatory Issues - much of this can be discussed with the DCC on the Quarterly FLINT call
  - a. General Regulatory Obligations & Plans
    - i. Annual OCA safety report – cutoff Jan 31<sup>st</sup>
    - ii. Annual IND Update (& Investigator Brochure update) – cutoff mid April
    - iii. Intercept PBC NDA Timing Overview
      1. Time: NDA/MAA submission goal: December 2014
  - b. Intercept NASH IND
    - i. Possibility of ‘breakthrough’ designation
    - ii. OCA NAFLD lipid study – planned for 2014 & to open Intercept IND
    - iii. Likelihood of FDA request for FLINT data – and potential responses
3. Communications
  - a. Press release review
  - b. NIDDK plans for press release at AASLD
  - c. Timing of abstract public availability
4. NIDDK CRN – Future Plans
  - a. Status of sub-studies
  - b. Potential for OCA evaluation in future studies
5. Administrative & Financial
  - a. Intercept change of NY & San Diego addresses
  - b. CRADA expiry – 6/28/2014
  - c. Reimbursement & process for preparation and customization of raw data (CRADA 8.9.3)



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**From:** David Shapiro <dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 11:47 AM  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Cc:** Hoofnagle, Jay (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Cathi Sciacca; Roya Hooshmand-Rad  
**Subject:** RE: NIDDK Intercept Meeting

No problem. Will do.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD  
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**Subject:** RE: NIDDK Intercept Meeting

David,

Please call my office at that time. [REDACTED]

I look forward to speaking with you,  
Averell

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Shapiro [mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com]  
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**Subject:** RE: NIDDK Intercept Meeting

Averell

Thank you.

5pm EST will work well. I can call you - or could you call 858-558-8020, please?

I look forward to speaking to you.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

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Cc: Hoofnagle, Jay (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
Subject: Re: NIDDK Intercept Meeting

David,

I was wondering if you would be available to speak at 5PM EST today.  
Alternatively, we could try to set something up for tomorrow.

Regards,  
Averell

----- Original Message -----

From: David Shapiro [mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 07:02 PM Eastern Standard Time  
To: Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
Cc: Sciacca Cathi <cisciaccia@yahoo.com>; MacConell Leigh PhD <lmacconell@interceptpharma.com>; M. Robertson Linda <LRobertson@interceptpharma.com>  
Subject: NIDDK Intercept Meeting

Averell and Ed

Could you give me a call please? We are going to be in DC for a meeting with the FDA on January 29th and it would be a good opportunity if we could briefly meet and map out the future timeline for the study - ideally on the 30th.

As you are probably aware, we've been riding a roller coaster the past week and are getting lots of questions about the future public milestones for the study. I think it would be helpful for both parties if we could clarify the timeline - this may make things easier for both you and us (as I suspect both of us have been surprised by the media attention of the past week).

We are also planning to conduct a study in NASH patients in the near future to evaluate lipid particle sizes and lipid sub-fractionation to better understand the lipid findings. This creates an unusual regulatory circumstance where we may need to file an IND on a drug that is already in trials under another sponsor's IND. I'm sure this is solvable - likely with the collaboration of both our and your regulatory experts.

In any case I think it would be helpful if we could discuss these issues - preferably face to face.

I'm headed up to San Francisco this evening and will return on Wednesday night.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David A. Shapiro, MD  
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**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** Re: NIDDK Statement to be Used as a Standardized Response to Media Inquiries

Averell

The lipid information is specific and I think will cause issues.

If this hasn't been issued already can we discuss first. At least it would be good to mention that similar findings had been seen previously.

With Best Wishes,

David

David A. Shapiro, MD

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Averell

I'm about to leave JFK to go home. I suggest we speak on Monday. I had no idea the press release would have the impact it did - it's rather scary!

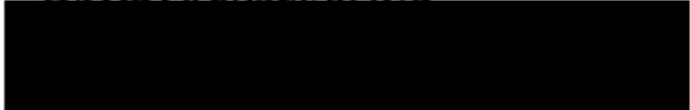
I understand (& agree with the communication policy). After thinking about the timing of the data, realized that of course you need the final data for presentation and publication - rather than the interim data.

We have our quarterly call next week and I'll work on an agenda from our end this weekend. Getting safety data for our PBC NDA a still a priority.

We're going to be at the FDA on Jan 29th and think it would be a good idea if we were to sit down the following day to discuss timelines and other issues well ahead of time - but we can discuss next week.

Again, thank you for your efficient communications. It is a pleasure to collaborate with you.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David A. Shapiro, MD  


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**Interim Results of the FLINT Clinical Trial**

**Statement from the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases**  
January 10, 2014

The NIH-funded FLINT clinical trial of obeticholic acid (OCA) for the liver disease nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) is a phase 2b study to test the effectiveness and further evaluate the safety of OCA. FLINT enrolled 283 patients. More than half have completed 72 weeks of therapy with either OCA or placebo and had an end-of-treatment liver biopsy. At the end of therapy, patients are followed for another 24 weeks. The study protocol called for an interim analysis of histology and safety parameters after half of patients had completed treatment and had an end-of-treatment liver biopsy.

Based on the strength of these preliminary, interim results showing that OCA has a significant beneficial effect on liver damage due to NASH—and with the Data Safety and Monitoring Board's concurrence—NIDDK decided to stop treatment, move all patients into the 24-week follow up phase of the trial, and perform no additional liver biopsies—which carry their own risks. **While treatment is being stopped early, the study is not over.**

FLINT interim results also found disproportionate lipid abnormalities (increased total cholesterol with increased LDL and decreased HDL cholesterol) in patients on OCA compared to those on placebo. As lipid abnormalities are common in people with NASH, following all FLINT patients the full 24 weeks after stopping the drug will help determine whether lipid problems return to pre-OCA levels and weigh potential risks and benefits of the drug.

Our first priority following the decision to stop active treatment is to inform patients about interim results and give them additional instructions. For example, patients who are still taking study drugs are being notified that they should continue taking them until they return for a clinic visit on or before January 20.

To better understand the potential benefits and risks of OCA, the study will continue to collect information on patients until they have completed follow up visits. Investigators and patients will not know who received OCA or placebo until patients have their final visit 24 weeks after stopping the study drug.

NIDDK does not typically release interim results as they are preliminary. But as results have already been made public, we are providing limited additional information, giving a broader context for the findings. **Additional information on the study will be available when the trial has been completed and all data have been thoroughly analyzed and presented to the broader scientific community, in 10 to 12 months.**

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**From:** David Shapiro <dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>  
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**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: FLINT Intercept Press Release  
**Attachments:** FLINT Jan 9 2014\_PENULTIMATE.docx

Averell

Thank you. Mark further tweaked it while I was flying.

Your changes were incorporated (although spelling out FLINT was moved down into the FLINT explanatory paragraph) – and Mark got rather flowery recognizing NIDDK (as you'll see) and included more specifics on the endpoint.

We hope to get an recruitment update from DSP, our Japanese partner shortly (their 200 patient trial looked to be fully recruited this month).

The PR will be sent out early tomorrow morning (around 8:30am).

Thank you again.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD  


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**To:** 'David Shapiro'  
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Sorry David...my bad!

Here is the attachment.

Averell

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**Subject:** Re: FLINT Intercept Press Release

Averell

HOLD FOR RELEASE ON January 9, 2014 / 8am

## **Intercept Announces NASH Primary Endpoint Met: FLINT Trial Stopped Early for Efficacy Based on Highly Statistically Significant Improvement in Liver Histology**

NEW YORK, January 9, 2014 (GlobeNewswire) — Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ICPT) (Intercept) today announced that the FLINT trial of obeticholic acid (OCA) for the treatment of nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) has been stopped early for efficacy based on a planned interim analysis showing that the primary endpoint of the trial has been met. FLINT is a multi-center, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial assessing the safety and efficacy of a 25 mg oral dose OCA administered daily to biopsy-proven adult NASH patients over a 72-week treatment period. The trial has been sponsored and conducted by the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), a part of the National Institutes of Health, at eight leading US academic hepatology centers comprising the NIDDK's NASH clinical research network (CRN).

The decision to stop FLINT has been based on the recommendation of the Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) which reviewed liver biopsy data from before and at the end of the treatment period in approximately half of the 283 randomized patients in accordance with a planned interim efficacy analysis. This analysis demonstrated that OCA treatment resulted in a highly statistically significant improvement ( $p=0.0024$  on an intention-to-treat basis) in the primary histological endpoint, defined as a decrease in the NAFLD Activity Score (NAS) of at least two points with no worsening of fibrosis, as compared to placebo. This interim efficacy analysis, which included all patients who had not yet completed the 72-week treatment period as non-responders, met the pre-defined stopping guideline threshold of  $p<0.0031$ .

"The unexpected early stopping of FLINT due to OCA meeting the primary endpoint with such high significance is a major milestone," said Mark Pruzanski, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Intercept. "NASH has grown to epidemic proportions worldwide, having become a leading cause of cirrhosis and liver failure. On its current trajectory, the disease is projected to become the leading indication for liver transplant. I am deeply grateful to the NIDDK and the NASH CRN for their longstanding commitment both to improving our understanding of the disease and to sponsoring ambitious trials like FLINT in their quest to identify novel treatments for patients suffering from NASH."

Intercept will discuss NASH and the FLINT trial during the previously announced conference call and audio webcast scheduled to take place today at 4:30 p.m. ET. The live event will be available on the investor page of the Intercept website at <http://ir.interceptpharma.com> or by calling (855) 232-3919 (domestic) or (315) 625-6894 (international) five minutes prior to the start time. A replay of the call will be available on the Intercept website approximately two hours after the completion of the call and will be archived for two weeks.

### **About FLINT**

The Earnesoid X Receptor Ligand Obeticholic Acid in Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis Treatment (FLINT) trial has been sponsored and conducted by the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). FLINT enrolled 283 adult NASH patients at eight US centers comprising the NIDDK's NASH clinical research network. Patients were randomized to receive either a 25 mg dose of OCA or placebo for 72 weeks. Patients enrolled in the trial were qualified based on a diagnosis determined by liver biopsy at the start of the trial with a NAFLD Activity Score (NAS) of four or greater and with a score of at least one in each component of the NAS eight point scale (steatosis 0-3, lobular inflammation 0-3, ballooning 0-2). End of study biopsies were conducted in patients after the 72-week treatment period, with all biopsies centrally scored in a blinded fashion. Further details can be found at <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01265498>.

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Intercept's collaborator Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma is conducting a second NASH trial in Japan. This trial is evaluating the safety and efficacy of a once-daily dose of OCA as compared to placebo, with a targeted enrollment of 200 patients. As of December 31, 2013, [X] patients have been recruited and the trial is projected to be completed [by the end of 2015].

#### **About NASH**

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**From:** David Shapiro <dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 6:48 PM  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** Re: FLINT Intercept Press Release

Thanks. Mark tells me he's been making further edits during the day. We'll incorporate your changes and I'll be back to you later this evening.

Sorry....

With Best Wishes,  
David

David A. Shapiro, MD  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone (so excuse the typos)

On Jan 8, 2014, at 6:46 PM, "Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]" <[averell.sherker@nih.gov](mailto:averell.sherker@nih.gov)> wrote:

Sorry David...my bad!

Here is the attachment.

Averell

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**From:** David Shapiro [<mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 18:16  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** Re: FLINT Intercept Press Release

Averell

I've just literally touched down and am reading this on my iPhone. However, I don't think there's an attachment - if it was attached: sorry (I'll get it at my hotel) but if it wasn't, please send.

In any case, I'll try to give you a call over the next couple of days.

Thanks for being so helpful.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David A. Shapiro, MD  
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On Jan 8, 2014, at 12:29 PM, "Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]" <[averell.sherker@nih.gov](mailto:averell.sherker@nih.gov)> wrote:

David,

This looks good. I have made some minor suggested edits in track changes.

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Regards,  
Averell

**From:** David Shapiro [mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 04:58  
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**Subject:** FLINT Intercept Press Release  
**Importance:** High

Averell

Thanks for staying in touch with me during a busy week.

I am attaching the planned press release which I think reflects:

- a. The critical information that we have
- b. That the study was NIDDK sponsored and conducted
- c. Further information will be available when it is presented in an appropriate forum (EASL I hope!).

We'd like to send this out after the close of business today – so it will be available first thing tomorrow. As it happens, we had a planned press release and investor 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter press conference (teleconference) already planned for tomorrow – at which we will announce that we are going to start double blind, multicenter, placebo controlled studies in PSC and portal hypertension – so the timing is excellent.


I'm flying to NYC this afternoon from London (leaving 1515, arrived 1800) – so I'll pick up email as soon as I land.

Let me know if you have any comments or concerns, please. Legally, we have to get a release out tomorrow.

Again, thank you.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

  
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**From:** David Shapiro <dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
**Subject:** Re: FLINT

Great. With your permission, I'll drop a word in EASL's Secretary General's ear (Markus Peck-Radosavljevic from Vienna). We hope to present the PBC data as a late breaker there.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David A. Shapiro, MD  


Sent from my iPhone (so excuse the typos)

On Jan 7, 2014, at 6:49 PM, "Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]" <[averell.sherker@nih.gov](mailto:averell.sherker@nih.gov)> wrote:

I discussed with the DCC and believe that an EASL late breaker will be feasible.

Averell

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**From:** David Shapiro [<mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:38  
**To:** Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]  
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Averell

Thanks for getting back to me. We should go with the ITT p value. Still highly significant.

I hope to get a draft press release to you by early tomorrow for you (your time).

Was there any discussion about a potential presentation at EASL? I'm pretty confident it would get a plenary or oral late breaker (among the HCV antivirals!).

If you anything from me, please let me know.

Thanks again.

With Best Wishes,  
David

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On Jan 7, 2014, at 6:10 PM, "Sherker, Averell (NIH/NIDDK) [E]" <[averell.sherker@nih.gov](mailto:averell.sherker@nih.gov)> wrote:



David,

It was good speaking with you yesterday. The investigator meeting went quite well.

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I want to correct one piece of data that I gave you yesterday. The p-value of 0.0015 relates to the per-protocol analysis. For the intention-to-treat analysis (missed biopsies assumed non-responders) the p-value is actually 0.0024 (stopping guideline  $p < 0.0031$ ).

With respect to the lipid abnormalities, I will defer to you about the decision whether or not to include it in your press release. As I mentioned yesterday, the NIDDK decision to terminate therapy was primarily due to the efficacy effect but, in part, influenced by the significant lipid abnormalities observed in the OCA-treated subjects.

Regards,  
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Averell

Quite a start to the New Year.... It was good to speak to you yesterday.

Following our call, I spoke to Mark Pruzanski, our CEO and we plan to draft a simple press release today that I'll forward to you prior to our release (although SEC regulations bind us to issuing a public statement to within 72 hours). I think that we should just aim to keep the release simple and note, the key points being:

- NIDDK have informed Intercept that a planned interim efficacy analysis was conducted which showed that OCA produced a highly significant improvement on the protocol specified liver histology endpoint, compared with placebo. The improvement met ( $p=0.0015$ ) the protocol criterion for stopping the study and accordingly NIDDK have informed Intercept that they are stopping the study.
- Further details will be available when the study is presented at a scientific meeting and/or published and Intercept looks forward to seeing the full results from the study.
- Some background information on NASH – and that there are no approved therapies for this increasingly common disease

We don't think that without the specific data, we can comment on the lipid changes. We have previously reported HDL and LDL changes (see attached).

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If you have any thoughts/disagreements, please let me know ASAP. I'll be interested in hearing what the investigators response was. As we discussed, we would be very willing to discuss any further collaborations with NIDDK and the group (and would be able to make a decision pretty quickly).


I am in meetings for most of the day but will be on a train for ~4hours from 10am EST on – so should be available (and I hope I'll have an email connection).

Again, it is a pleasure collaborating with you on the study and I look forward to moving the study through to its conclusion.

Thank you.

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

  
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Telephone conversation with Dr. David Shapiro, CSO Intercept Pharma re: FLINT

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6 JAN 2014 @ 12:45 EST

Dr. Shapiro called my office from [Personal Info] upon my request.

He was informed that upon planned interim analysis, the stopping boundary for efficacy was crossed and NIDDK has decided not to have subjects undergo week 72 liver biopsies effective today.

Dr. Shapiro was informed that given this decision and the finding of significant lipid abnormalities (increased total cholesterol, increased LDL cholesterol and decreased HDL cholesterol), all patient who remain on treatment (OBICA or Placebo) will be discontinued within two weeks of today. Patients will undergo week 72 labs at the treatment close-out visit and patients will be advised to return 24 weeks later for their off-treatment visit.

Dr. Shapiro mentioned that he was aware of SAEs as Intercept has been copied on all reports submitted to FDA.

Dr. Shapiro shared that similar abnormalities were seen in study in type 2 diabetics. PBC study showed HDL decreases but no LDL increase. Lipidomic studies (Sanyal, Kowdley and Chalasani) are ongoing and Intercept would be very interested to support further lipid studies in the NASH population.

Intercept has a fiduciary responsible to publically release Material Information in a timely manner. Intercept has a previously scheduled Quarterly Webinar on January 9 and will mention that NIDDK has informed them that the treatment phase of the study has been terminated on the basis of efficacy and that lipid abnormalities have been observed. Additionally, Intercept will release a press release with the same information. As a courtesy, they will send me the press release for review prior to issuing it.

In discussion, we decided to consider submission of a FLINT abstract as a Late Breaker for EASL. Submission of Late Breakers is open from February 3-10.

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**Subject:** Confirmed: FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan Meeting

The conference call to discuss the FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan is confirmed for **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET/11am PT.**

Call in number **1-877-938-2803; passcode 1194994**

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**Subject:** Additional dates: Scheduling FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan Meeting

The list of dates for the FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan has been revised. Please click the link below to update your availability.

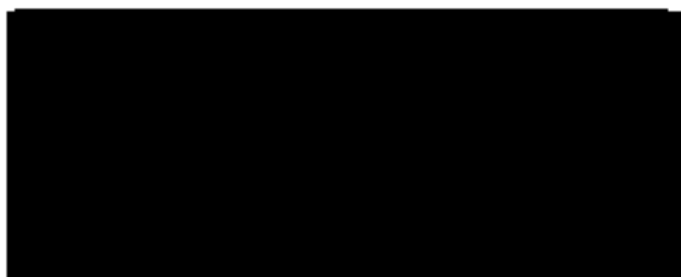
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Please note that the next FLINT Quarterly Conference Call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and this topic will be added to the agenda.

Thank you,

*Ivana A Vaughn, MPH*

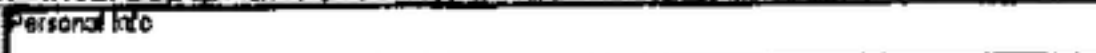


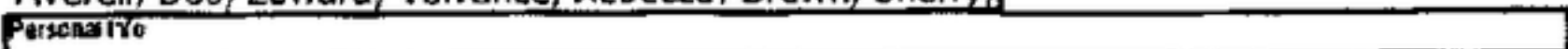
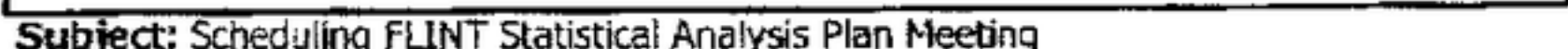


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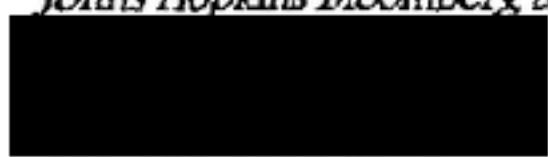
  


**Subject:** Scheduling FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan Meeting

Please provide your availability for a 1 hour conference call to discuss the FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan using the link below:

<http://whenisgood.net/arcrz35>

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**Cc:** Cathi Sciacca; Roya Hooshmand-Rad; Vaughn, Ivana A.; Doo, Edward (NIH/NIDDK) [E]; Robin Chapman; Linda Robertson; Leigh

**Subject:** RE: Review of FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) with FDA

Averell and others

Thank you.

Having a teleconference sounds entirely reasonable - I suggest next week or the week afterwards.

Our calendars (like yours I am sure) are rather busy but we will do what we can to shuffle appointments around to fit this in as a priority - so I suggest that Ivana works with Robin, our Office Manager, to find a time that works.

From our end the key people attending are:

- Linda Robertson, VP Regulatory Affairs
- Me



- Leigh MacConell, Head of Clinical Research.

Others will likely join us.

I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

~~With Best Wishes,~~

David

David Shapiro, MD

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**Subject:** RE: Review of FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) with FDA

David,

I'm sorry for the delay in responding to you.

I have discussed your request with Jim Tonascia of the DCC and we both feel that we need some detail and clarity related to your request. This might be best achieved with a teleconference involving Intercept, NIDDK and the DCC. Jim has offered Ivana's assistance in setting up the call.

Please let me know if this plan is acceptable to you.

Best wishes for the holiday!

Averell

**From:** David Shapiro [mailto:[dshapiro@interceptpharma.com](mailto:dshapiro@interceptpharma.com)]

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**Cc:** Cathi Sciacca; [Personal Info]

**Subject:** Review of FLINT Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) with FDA

Averell, Ed

It was good to see you at AASLD and hope the meeting was worthwhile for you.

As we discussed, if the FLINT study is positive Intercept would continue to develop the drug with the intention of seeking approval by the FDA (and other authorities). As we would propose that the study be considered 'pivotal', we think that it is important that the FDA are both familiar with the study and have had the opportunity to review the SAP before the study is unblinded.

Accordingly, I am writing to ask you if NIDDK would be willing to participate in a meeting with the FDA to review the study SAP. Typically, such a meeting would involve:

- The sponsor (NIDDK)
- ~~The responsible statistician(s)~~
- Senior physician(s) responsible for the study.

Obviously, Intercept would like to participate in such a meeting, if it occurs.

If NIDDK agrees with the concept of such a meeting, then we should discuss the potential ways in which this could be both effected and organized.

As ever, I am happy to discuss further with you (and would include Linda Robertson, our VP of Regulatory Affairs).

With Best Wishes,  
David

David Shapiro, MD

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