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# TAKEAIM LEUKEMIA- A PHASE 1/2A STUDY OF THE IRAK4 INHIBITOR EMAVUSERTIB (CA-4948) AS MONOTHERAPY OR IN COMBINATION WITH AZACITIDINE OR VENETOCLAX IN RELAPSED/REFRACTORY AML OR MDS

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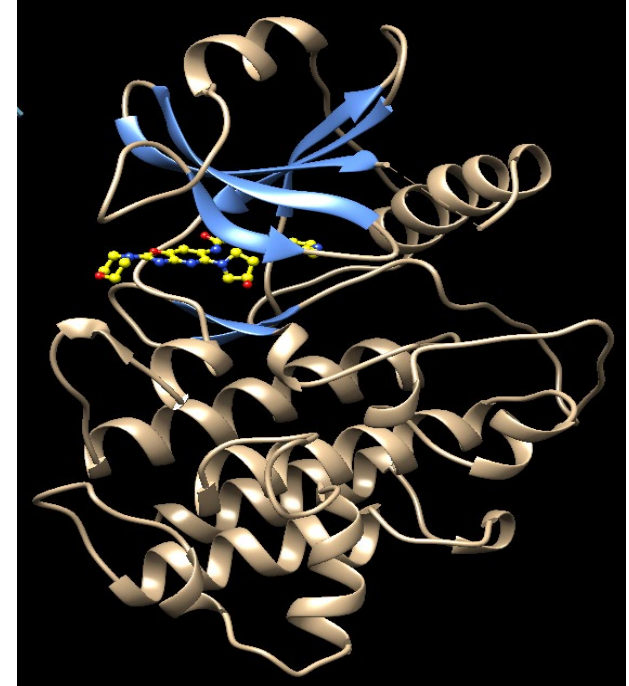
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# Emavusertib, An Oral IRAK4 Inhibitor

IRAK4/Emavusertib Co-crystal Structure

Emavusertib:

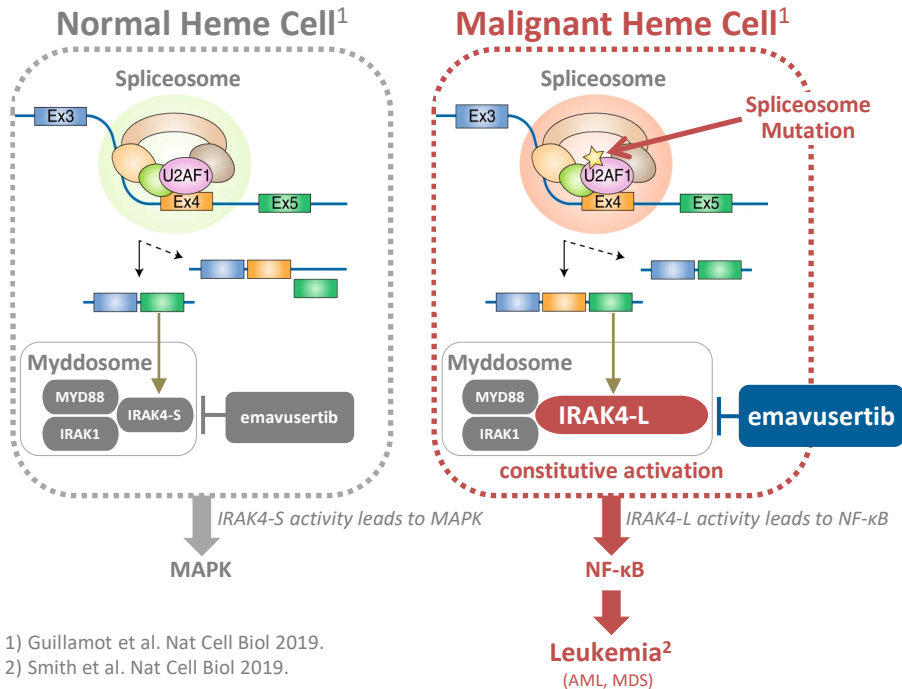
- Selective, small molecule inhibitor of IRAK4
- ATP-competitive, type 1 inhibitor, reversible
- Excellent drug-like properties:
  - Orally bioavailable (>100% dog/mouse)
  - Moderate plasma binding (77% human)
  - Stable in plasma, liver microsomes, hepatocytes
  - No inhibition of 7 major CYP450s
  - No significant metabolism *in vitro*
  - Humans: rapid absorption/clearance,  $T_{1/2}$  6 hr, no accumulation with QD dosing



2.4Å resolution



# Emavusertib: Introduction



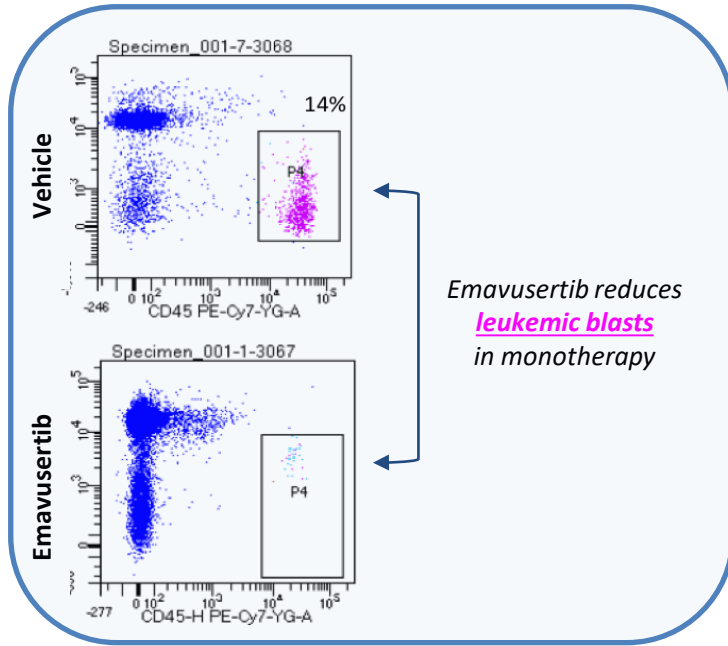
- Emavusertib (CA-4948), a novel oral IRAK4 inhibitor has potential anti-leukemia activity
- Specific genetic mutations (*SF3B1*, *U2AF1*) in the spliceosome drive overexpression of IRAK4 long isoform (IRAK4-L)
- IRAK4-L then causes constitutive activation of the myddosome, leading to overactivity of NF-κB
- Therefore, this drug can target patients with splicing mutations
- Emavusertib also targets FLT3 and has shown potential synergetic activity with other drugs

1) Guillamot et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019.

2) Smith et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019.

# Emavusertib: Preclinical Activity in AML and MDS

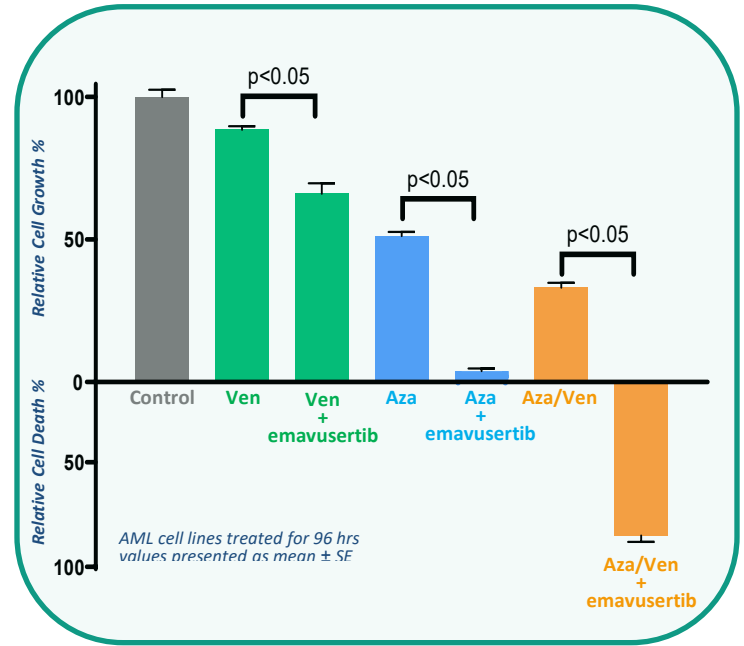
## Monotherapy



*Emavusertib reduces  
leukemic blasts  
 in monotherapy*

*Emavusertib demonstrates monotherapy activity  
 in patient-derived xenografts<sup>1</sup>*

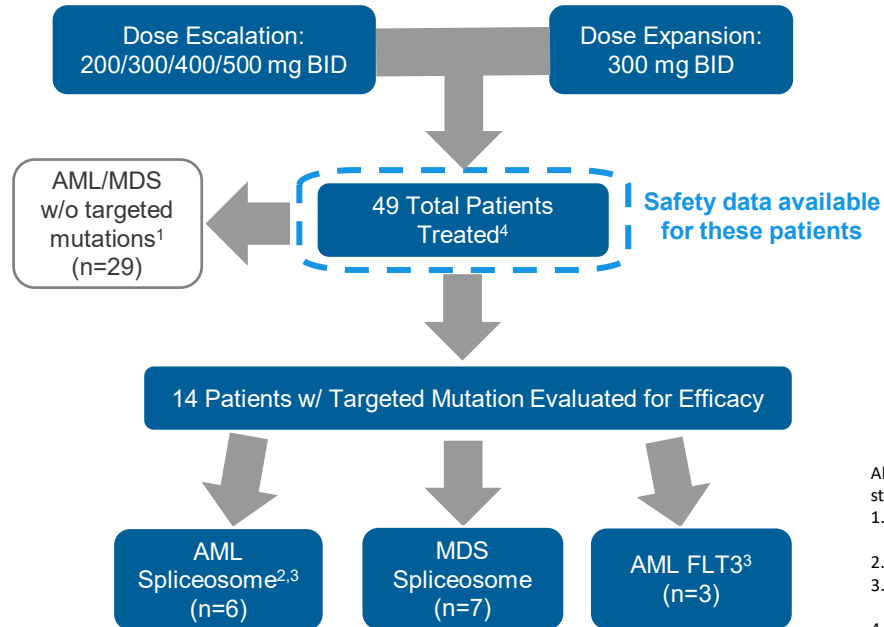
## Combination Therapy



*Emavusertib demonstrates synergy with  
 both azacitidine and venetoclax in THP-1 model<sup>2</sup>*

# Emavusertib: Study Design

TakeAim Leukemia (NCT #04278768): Open-label, single arm, Phase 1/2 dose escalation and expansion 3+3 study design in R/R AML or high-risk MDS (HR-MDS)



## Study Objectives

- 1<sup>o</sup>: Determine maximum tolerated dose  
Determine recommended Phase 2 dose
- 2<sup>o</sup>: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile  
Preliminary anti-cancer activity

## Study Population

- Relapsed/Refractory AML or high-risk MDS
- ECOG performance Status of  $\leq 2$
- Age  $\geq 18$  years

## Dosing

- Oral, BID Dosing
- 28-day cycles

All the data was extracted on Dec 16, 2021. Patients began enrollment into the combination therapy portion of the study in November 2021.

1. These are non-targeted patients, due to lack of spliceosome or *FLT3* mutation, this population will be addressed in the combination therapy study
2. One patient was not response evaluable because of discontinuation due to patient decision
3. Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and *FLT3* mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with spliceosome or *FLT3* mutation)
4. Six patients did not start treatment by September 30th, 2021, which did not allow 2 on-study disease assessments

# Emavusertib: Baseline Characteristics

	All patients (n=49)	AML/MDS Subsets			
		AML Spliceosome <sup>1</sup> (n=6)	MDS Spliceosome (n=7)	AML FLT3 <sup>1</sup> (n=3)	
Female n (%) : Male n (%)	16 (33) : 33 (67)	0 (0) : 6 (100)	5 (71) : 2 (29)	0 (0) : 3 (100)	
Age (yrs): median (range)	74 (32, 87)	76 (60, 84)	74 (61, 80)	80 (78, 87)	
ECOG: n 0/1/2	11/30/8	0/4/2	2/5/0	0/1/2	
Median platelets ( $10^3/\text{mm}^3$ ) (range)	30 (4, 275)	28 (21, 80)	16 (7, 146)	21 (9, 23)	
Median ANC ( $10^3/\text{mm}^3$ ) (range)	0.64 (0, 14.75)	0.23 (0, 3.3)	1.85 (0.15, 11.0)	0.05 (0, 0.11)	
Median bone marrow blasts (%) (range)	-	33 (20, 95)	8 (3, 12)	60 (39, 95)	
Median lines of prior therapy (range)	2 (1, 5)	2.5 (1, 4)	2 (1, 4)	2 (1, 4)	
Prior therapy, n (%)	HMA <sup>2</sup>	-	6 (100)	7 (100)	3 (100)
	Chemotherapy <sup>3</sup>	-	3 (50)	0 (0)	1 (33)
	Venetoclax	-	4 (67)	1 (14)	3 (100)

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2. HMA includes azacitidine, decitabine, and guadecitabine
3. Chemotherapy includes cytarabine



## Emavusertib: Toxicities Profile

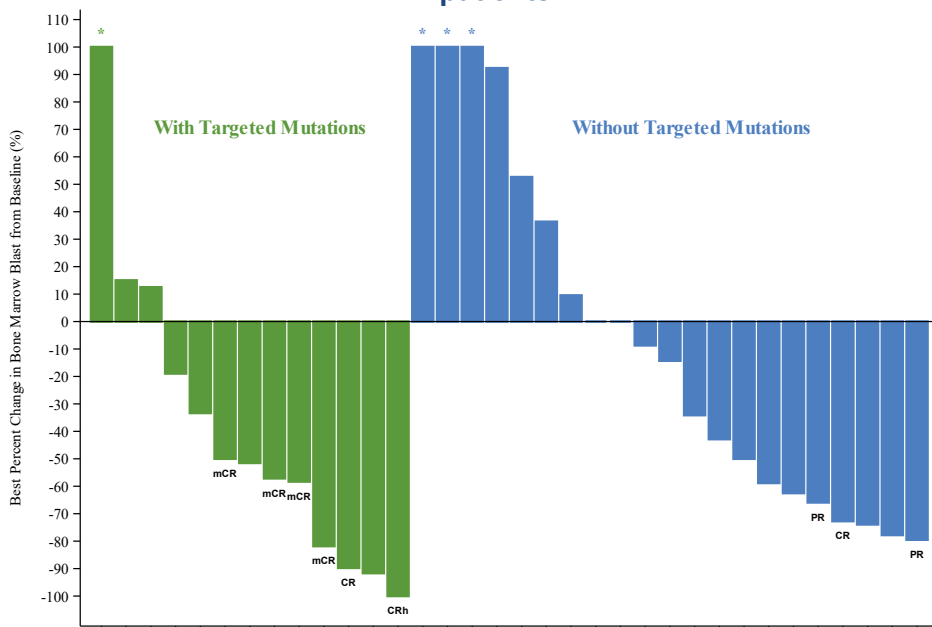
- During the initial dose escalation phase, no DLT was observed in 200-400 mg BID dose levels. Additional patients were enrolled at 300 mg and 400 mg BID to further explore the safety profile.

Grade 3+ Treatment-Related Adverse Event	200 mg BID (N = 3)	300 mg BID (N = 26) <sup>1</sup>	400 mg BID (N = 17)	500 mg BID (N = 3)
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Number of patients having grade 3+ TRAEs	1 (33.3)	6 (23.1)	6 (35.3)	2 (66.7)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1 (33.3)			
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased		1 (3.8)		
Dizziness	1 (33.3)			
Dyspnoea			1 (5.9)	
Enterobacter infection			1 (5.9)	
Fatigue			1 (5.9)	
Gastrointestinal haemorrhage		1 (3.8)		
Hypophosphataemia		1 (3.8)		
Hypotension		1 (3.8)		
Lipase increased		2 (7.7)		
Platelet count decreased		1 (3.8)		
Presyncope			1 (5.9)	
Rhabdomyolysis		1 (3.8)	2 (11.8)	1 (33.3)
Syncope				1 (33.3)

1. Data for the two patients that have escalated from 300 mg BID to 400 mg BID were included in the 400 mg BID dose group. One death occurred after the data extraction date, currently under review.

# Emavusertib: Single-agent Activity in AML and HR-MDS

All patients



Only evaluable patients with baseline and post-treatment bone marrow blast counts are included in the waterfall plot; among the patients w/o targeted mutations (*SF3B1* / *U2AF1* / *FLT3* mutation), 1 reached CR and 2 PR

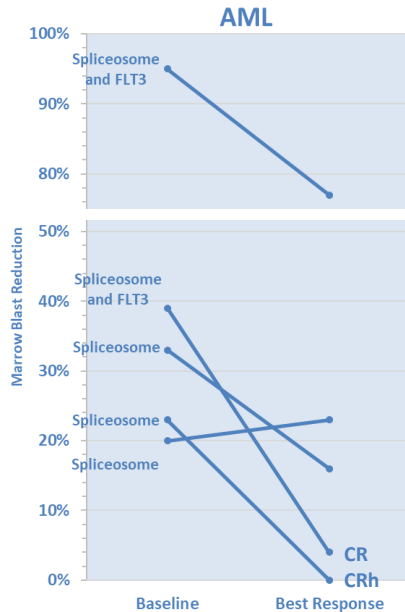
\* Indicates the best percentage change from baseline >100%

Subset of patients with targeted mutations  
(*SF3B1* / *U2AF1* / *FLT3* mutation)

Best Response	Efficacy
<b>Population #1: AML Spliceosome Patients<sup>1, 2</sup></b>	
<b>CR/CRh Rate</b>	<b>2/5 (40%)</b>
CR	1/5 (20%)
CRh	1/5 (20%)
<b>Population #2: MDS Spliceosome Patients</b>	
<b>Objective Response Rate (ORR)</b>	<b>4/7 (57%)</b>
CR	0/7 (0%)
mCR	4/7 (57%)
<b>Population #3: AML <i>FLT3</i> Patients<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>CR/CRh Rate</b>	<b>1/3 (33%)</b>
CR	1/3 (33%)
CRh	0/3 (0%)

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# Emavusertib: Single-agent Activity in R/R AML with Spliceosome Mutation



Dose (BID)	Risk (ELN)	Baseline Molecular Mutations	# of Prior Therapies	Duration on emavusertib (mos)	Blasts Baseline	Blasts Best Response <sup>1</sup>	% Change
300 mg	Intermediate	SF3B1, RUNX1, WT1,	1	7	23	0	-100% (CRh)
300 mg	Intermediate	U2AF1, FLT3, BCOR, WT1	1	6+	39	4	-90% (CR)
300 mg	Intermediate	U2AF1, NRAS	4	2.5	33	16	-52%
300 mg	Adverse	FLT3, SF3B1, NRAS, PTPN11, RAD21, RUNX1, TET2, GATA, STAT3	4	2.6	95	77	-19%
400 mg	Adverse	SF3B1, DNMT3A, P53	1	2	20	23	15%

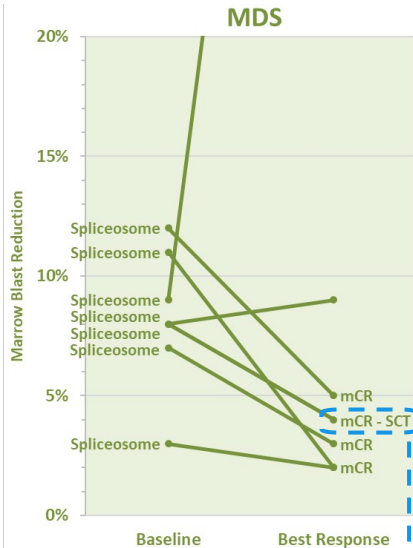
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1. Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and FLT3 mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with spliceosome or FLT3 mutation).

Emavusertib achieved 40% CR/CRh rate, despite transformed AML being historically highly resistant to treatment

AML  
Spliceosome  
Mutation

# Emavusertib: Single-Agent Activity in R/R HR-MDS with Spliceosome Mutation



Dose (BID)	IPSS-R	Baseline Molecular Mutations	# of Prior Therapies	Duration on emavusertib (mos)	Blasts Baseline	Blasts Best Response	% Change
200 mg	Very High Risk	U2AF1 ,ASXL1, NF1, PHF6, GF11, KDM6A, TET2	1	5.7	11	2	-82% (mCR)
300 mg	Very High Risk	U2AF1, DNMT3A, BCOR, STAG2, BCORL1, ETV6, SETBP1	1	3.3+	12	5	-58% (mCR)
400 mg	Very High Risk	SF3B1, RUNX1, NFE2	2	4.3	7	3	-57% (mCR)
300 mg	High Risk	SF3B1, DNMT3A, ASXL1, TET2, EZH2	2	0.9	8	4	-50% (mCR)
300 mg	High Risk	U2AF1, ASXL1	4	5.3+	3	2	-33%
300 mg	Very High Risk	SF3B1, ASXL1, NF1, SH2B3, RUNX1, PHF6, CBL, GF11, EZH2	3	1.6	8	9	13%
400 mg	Very High Risk	U2AF1, ASXL1, BCOR, DNMTA, GATA2, SETBP1	1	1.2	9	62	>100%

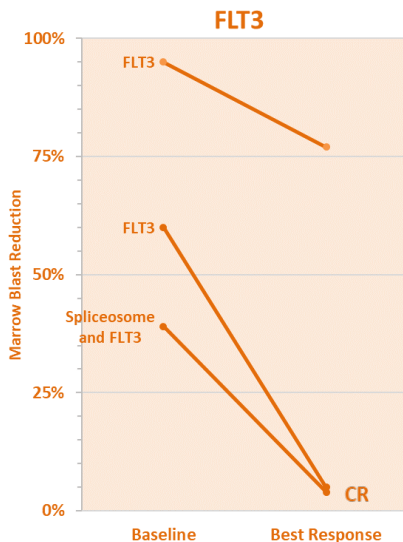
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Patient went to SCT -- --

Emavusertib achieved 57% ORR, including one patient who was able to proceed to transplant

MDS Spliceosome Mutation

# Emavusertib: Single-agent Activity in R/R AML with *FLT3* Mutation



Dose (BID)	Risk (ELN)	Baseline Molecular Mutations	# of Prior Therapies	Duration on emavusertib (mos)	Blasts Baseline	Blasts Best Response <sup>1</sup>	% Change
400 mg	Adverse	<i>FLT3</i> (eradicated at C3D1), ASXL1, BCOR, CEBPA (eradicated at C3D1), CSF3R, EZH2, NRAS, RUNX1 (X3), STAG2, TET2(X2,1) (eradicated at C3D1)	2	5.1	60	5	-92%
300 mg	Intermediate	<i>FLT3</i> (eradicated at C4D1), BCOR (eradicated at C4D1), U2AF1 (decreased to 1.3 VAF at C4D1), WT1 (eradicated at C4D1)	1	6.2+	39	4	-90% (CR)
300 mg	Adverse	<i>FLT3</i> , SF3B1, NRAS, PTPN11, RAD21, RUNX1, TET2, GATA, STAT3	4	2.6	95	77	-19%

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Emavusertib achieved 33% CR rate,  
and *FLT3* mutation eradicated in 2 out of 3 patients

AML  
*FLT3*  
Mutation



## Summary



- Emavusertib has a manageable safety profile
- Demonstrates oral, single-agent, anti-cancer activity in heavily pretreated AML and HR-MDS patients with targeted mutations (*U2AF1*, *SF3B1*, or *FLT3*)
- Potential candidate for use in combination therapy for all AML/HR-MDS patients, including patients without a targeted mutation

### Next Steps:

- Correlative analysis ongoing
- Trials in lymphoma and solid tumors are being explored

*We would like to thank the patients, their families and caregivers for their invaluable contribution and participation in this study.*

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