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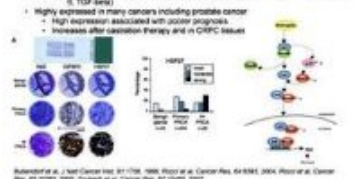
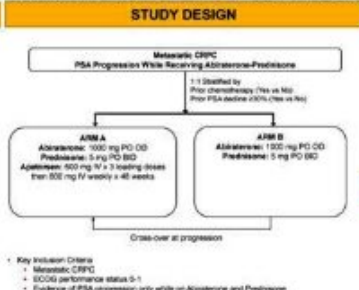
# PACIFIC Trial: A Randomized Phase II Study of Apatorsen and Abiraterone in Patients with Metastatic CRPC Who Have Had PSA Progression While Receiving Abiraterone

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### BACKGROUND

- Heat Shock Protein 27 (Hsp27)
  - Stress activated, ATP-independent member of the small heat shock protein group
  - Phosphorylated by both cdk2/cyclin E complex which regulates multiple cell signaling and survival pathways
  - Inhibits apoptosis along stress and oxidative pathways
  - Involved in processes: regulated degradation
  - Facilitates hormone protein folding and function
    - Stress responses (AK, ERK, growth factors (EGF-1, HGF-1, FGF), cytokines (IL-6, TGF- $\beta$ ))
- Highly expressed in many cancers including prostate cancer
  - High expression associated with poorer prognosis
  - Increases after castration therapy and in CRPC tissue

### PRIMARY ENDPOINT: DISEASE PROGRESSION

	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=36)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=36)	P-value
Progression Free at Day 49 (n=7 days)	12 (33%)	6 (17%)	0.17
Progression Free Survival (weeks)	8.6 (95% CI, 4.42-10.14)	7.9 (95% CI, 4.87-9.20)	0.89

### MEASURABLE DISEASE RESPONSE

Best Response Category	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=36)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=36)
Evaluable for RECIST	32 (89%)	28 (78%)
Partial Response	1 (3%)	0
Stable Disease	9 (25%)	9 (25%)
Progressive Disease	28 (77%)	28 (78%)

Apatorsen (OGX-427, Oncogenes Technologies Inc.)

- Second generation phosphodiesterase 4B inhibitor
- Prolonged tissue half-life (~10 days)
- Induces Hsp27 expression *in vitro* and *in vivo* with single agent anti-tumour activity
- Disrupts AR function and suppresses AR degradation
- Phase I Studies (Chi et al. *Annals Oncol* 2016; 27(11):1112-1120, 2016)
- Reductions in tumour markers in patients with prostate and ovarian cancer
- Declines in circulating tumour cells (CTC) observed
- Randomized Phase II study in Treatment-naïve CRPC (Chi et al. *J Clin Oncol* 30, 2012 (abstract 451))
- PSA +5% decline in 41% (OGX-427) vs 20% (Prednisone)

### Key Inclusion Criteria

- Metastatic CRPC
- ECOG performance status 0-1
- Evidence of PSA progression only while on Abiraterone and Prednisone
- 0-1 prior lines of chemotherapy for CRPC
- Relative laboratory values
  - ANC:  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^9$  cells/L, platelet count  $\geq 135 \times 10^3$ , and hemoglobin  $\geq 9$  g/dL
  - Creatinine  $\leq 1.7 \times$  ULN
  - Total bilirubin  $\leq 1.1 \times$  ULN, ALT and AST  $\leq 2.0 \times$  ULN

### Statistical Considerations

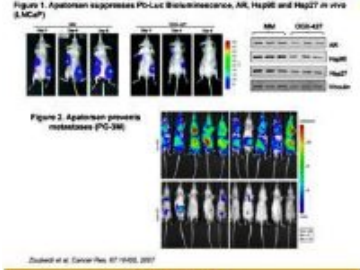
- Planned sample size was 74 patients with patients randomized with equal probability to the two treatment arms.
- The one-sided type I error probability for the outcome is identified to be 12%, giving an overall type I error probability for the primary endpoint of 20%. Assuming control arm success probability is 5%, then there will be 90% power to detect a hypothesized 20% improvement in the success probability.

### PSA DECLINE

Best PSA Decline from Baseline	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=36)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=36)	P-value
$\geq 50\%$	2 (6%)	1 (3%)	1
$\geq 30\%$	2 (6%)	2 (6%)	1
Any	12 (34%)	11 (31%)	0.82

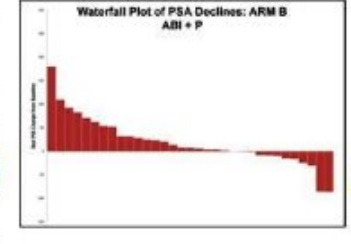
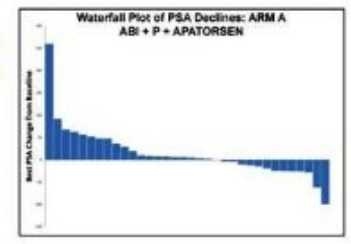
### CTC CHANGES

Best CTC Change from Baseline	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=32)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=33)
$\geq 5$ to $\leq 5$	8 (25%)	4 (12%)
$\leq 5$ to $\leq 5$	15 (50%)	15 (50%)
$\geq 5$ to $\geq 5$	7 (22%)	19 (59%)
$\leq 5$ to $\geq 5$	1 (3%)	1 (3%)



### BASILINE PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=36)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=36)
Median Age, years (range)	71 (63-88)	72 (57-88)
ECOG PS $\geq 1$	18 (44%), 20 (56%)	59 (44%), 20 (56%)
Median PSA, ug/L (range)	34.19 (2.55-387.48)	18.17 (4.24-302.15)
Median Hemoglobin, g/L (range)	12.9 (10-182)	13.2 (10-153)
Disease Sites		
Bone	21 (58%)	34 (95%)
Lymph Node	13 (36%)	8 (22%)
Liver/Lung	2 (6%)	5 (14%)
Lactate Dehydrogenase >ULN	12 (33%)	6 (17%)
Alkaline Phosphatase >ULN	12 (33%)	9 (25%)
Prior Therapy		
Abiraterone	1 (3%)	0
Docetaxel	8 (22%)	7 (19%)
Enzalutamide	5 (14%)	1 (3%)
PSA Decline $\geq 30\%$ with prior Abiraterone	33 (92%)	33 (92%)
CTC $\geq 5$ ml		
Median (Range)	2 (0-450)	2 (0-115)
	18 (44%)	18 (48%)



### TREATMENT EMERGENT ADVERSE EVENTS

All grade 3-4 adverse events and grade 1-2 occurring in  $\geq 3$  patients in either arm

Adverse Event	ARM A (N=36)	ARM B (N=36)
AST/ALT Increase	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
BILIRUBIN INCREASE	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
CRACKLES	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
DIARRHEA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HEADACHE	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HYPERKALEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HYPERNATREMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HYPOKALEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
INFECTION	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
LEUKOPENIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
LYMPHOCYTES DECREASED	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
NEUTROPHILS DECREASED	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
PLATELET COUNT DECREASED	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
PROTEINURIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
RAINFALL	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
RESPIRATORY INFECTION	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
SKIN DISORDER	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
SPONTANEOUS BLEEDING	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
THROMBOCYTOSIS	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
URICACEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
WOUND HEALING IMPAIRED	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
ANEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
ASTHMA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
BRONCHITIS	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
CONSTIPATION	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
DIARRHEA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
DYSPEPSIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
EMESIS	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
FEVER	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
FLU	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HAEMATURIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HEADACHE	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
HYPERKALEMIA	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
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### OBJECTIVES

- Primary
  - Progression-Free Survival at the relative Day 50 assessment. To ascertain whether Apatorsen added to Abiraterone-Prednisone has a greater proportion of patients observed to be alive without progression at Day 50 (17 days) as compared to continuing Abiraterone-Prednisone in their with mCRPC and PSA progression on Abiraterone-Prednisone.
  - Disease progression defined by any one of the following: Measurable disease progression per RECIST 1.1 by CT; Bone scan; 2 or more PSA confirmed; Disease related deterioration of health status; Need for palliative radiation therapy.
- Secondary
  - The proportion of patients who have a PSA response ( $\geq 30\%$  decline) and any PSA decline (at least re-biopsy)
  - Objective response rate
  - Progression-free survival (PFS)
  - Time to disease progression
  - Circulating tumor cell (CTC) counts at baseline and on study

### Treatment Duration

Status	ARM A (ABI + P + Apatorsen) (N=36)	ARM B (ABI + P) (N=36)
Median Treatment Duration, days (range)	136 (7-348)	74.8 (6-341)

### CONCLUSIONS

- These data provide clinical evidence for the role of Hsp27 as a therapeutic target for prostate cancer.
- Apatorsen may have activity when added to abiraterone for mCRPC patients progressing on abiraterone. Evaluating predictors of response should be a priority for future studies.



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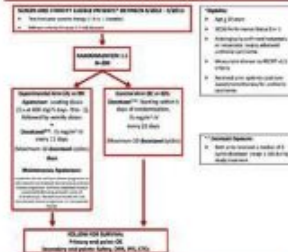
**INTRODUCTION**

- Heat shock protein 27 (Hsp27) is over expressed in many malignancies including bladder cancer. Increased Hsp27 has been associated with inhibition of chemotherapy-induced apoptosis, increased tumor vascularity, and development of treatment resistance.
- Apoptosis (BCL-2/3) is a potent pro-apoptotic agent that inhibits expression of Hsp27. It has been shown to inhibit tumor growth and activate tumor cells to chemotherapy in a variety of malignancies, including urothelial cancer.
- Results of preclinical and phase I studies suggest that addition of apatorsen to chemotherapy is well tolerated and may improve treatment efficacy.
- Borealis-2 is a randomized, multicenter phase II study of apatorsen in combination with docetaxel (DOC) vs. DOC alone in locally advanced/metastatic bladder cancer patients who received at least one line of prior platinum-based therapy.

**OBJECTIVES**

- PRIMARY:**
  - Decipher whether DOC administered in combination with apatorsen improves overall survival (OS) compared to DOC alone.
- SECONDARY:**
  - Safety and tolerability
  - Complete overall response rate (ORR) and progression-free survival (PFS) rates between the arms.
  - Establish the effect of each arm on serum Hsp27 levels.
  - Evaluate the association of urothelial carcinoma expression of Hsp27 measured by IHC on archival tissue.
  - Evaluate the effect of changes on peripheral blood circulating tumor cells (CTC).

**PATIENTS AND METHODS**



**STATISTICAL DESIGN**

- Assuming 200 participants enrolled, the trial design had 80% power to detect a 15% reduction in the OS hazard ratio (HR) (0.85) corresponding to an approximately 50% improvement in median OS from 12.6 to 18.6 months, with one-sided alpha 0.05 significance level.
- primary HR (0.85) would result in a significant study for the primary endpoint of OS

**RESULTS**

**Table 1. Baseline characteristics**

Characteristic	Arm A: DOC + Apatorsen (n=51)	Arm B: DOC (n=50)
Age, median (range)	66 (45-80)	67 (50-80)
Sex		
Male	74.7%	74.0%
Female	25.3%	26.0%
Race		
White	80.3%	81.1%
Black/African American	3.0%	4.2%
Asian	5.1%	3.0%
Unknown	2.8%	2.0%
ECOG		
0	42.4%	40.0%
1	57.6%	60.0%
Prior Therapy		
Local only	31.4%	30.0%
Local and distant	67.8%	69.0%
Unknown	1.8%	1.0%
Primary Surgery		
Yes	40.4%	35.0%
Yes and		
Prostatectomy	20.7%	17.0%
Radical prostatectomy	35.4%	40.0%
Unknown	44.0%	43.0%
No		
Unknown	59.6%	57.0%
Metastatic sites		
Liver	20.0%	24.0%
Bladder	34.3%	34.0%
Lung	19.2%	20.0%
Soft tissue	59.8%	51.0%
Unknown		
0	21.3%	21.0%
1	42.0%	34.0%
2	23.7%	25.0%
3	7.1%	8.0%
4	1.7%	1.0%

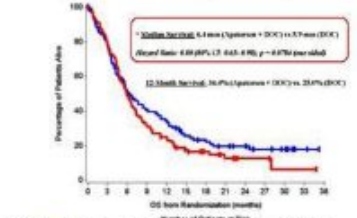
**Table 2. Response rates**

Endpoint	Arm A: DOC + Apatorsen (n=51)	Arm B: DOC (n=51)
Complete response (CR)	7.0%	4.7%
Partial response (PR)	16.1%	10.0%
Stable disease (SD)	31.0%	27.0%
Progressive disease (PD)	45.9%	58.3%

**CR/PR response duration**

Median OS: 12.8 months (95% CI, 9.3-18.6)

**Figure 1. Primary Endpoint: Kaplan-Meier curve of OS according to treatment assignment**



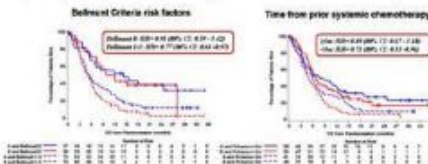
**Progression-free survival (PFS)**  
1.8 months for apatorsen + DOC vs 1.8 months for DOC  
(HR 0.80 (0.66-1.01); one-sided p=0.1069)

**Table 3. Selected grade 3-4 treatment emergent adverse events**

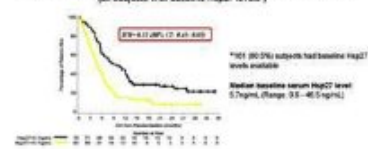
Adverse Event (occurring in ≥3% of patients)	Arm A: Docetaxel + Apatorsen		Arm B: Docetaxel	
	n	%	n	%
Neutropenia	30	36.1	20	39.3
Anemia	10	17.2	12	23.5
Diarrhea	14	18.1	0	0.0
Liver test abnormalities (ALT)	10	12.8	7	13.7
Painful neuropathy	10	15.8	7	13.7
Lymphopenia	7	7.9	9	15.2
Hypertension	4	4.3	0	0.0
Dyspnea	6	5.4	6	11.8
General muscle weakness	4	6.3	4	7.7
Constipation	4	4.3	3	5.8
Thrombocytopenia	2	2.7	3	5.8
Safety population	50	100	50	100

**Additional Analyses**

**Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier estimate of OS according to Stratification Factors and treatment assignment**



**Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier estimate of OS according to baseline serum Hsp27 levels (all subjects with baseline Hsp27 levels)**



**Table 4. Landmark Analysis for Changes in serum Hsp27 levels During Treatment: OS from end of Cycle 2 for treatment effect**

Change in Hsp27 from baseline to Cycle 2	Treatment Assignment	n	Deaths	Median OS (mo)	HR	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	one-sided P
Decreased or SD vs increased from baseline	DOC+apatorsen	32	14	12.2	0.29	0.13	0.48	0.073
	DOC	18	18	8.1				
Increased or SD vs decreased from baseline	DOC+apatorsen	38	11	7.8	0.77	0.46	1.36	
	DOC	22	18	6.8				

\* Median OS change in serum Hsp27 levels from baseline to the end of Cycle 2 was a 23.1% increase in Hsp27 levels

**CONCLUSIONS**

- In this randomized phase II trial, docetaxel administered with apatorsen (OGX-427) was well tolerated and provided a survival benefit compared to docetaxel alone for patients with metastatic UC that are relapsed/refractory after receiving a platinum-containing regimen
- Survival benefit was numerically more apparent in patients treated with apatorsen who have 1 or more Bellmunt risk factors
- Higher baseline serum Hsp27 levels appear to be an independent prognostic indicator for shorter survival outcomes
- Further studies are warranted evaluating the potential of apatorsen to improve survival in patients being treated with metastatic UC

