Clinical Benefit in Biomarker-Positive Patients (pts) With Locally Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors Treated With the PARP1/2 Inhibitor Pamiparib in Combination With Low-Dose (LD) Temozolomide (TMZ)

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Background: DNA damage caused by the alkylator TMZ can sensitize tumors to PARP inhibitors. Pamiparib, an investigational oral PARP1/2 inhibitor, has shown PARP-DNA complex trapping activity, brain penetration, and synergistic cytotoxicity with LD TMZ in nonclinical studies and preliminary antitumor activity in pts with solid tumors.

Methods: This ongoing phase 1b study consists of a dose-escalation (3+3 design) and dose-expansion phase. In dose escalation, pts received pamiparib 60 mg PO BID on Days 1-28 and LD TMZ at escalating doses PO QD on Days 1-7, 1-14, or 1-28 of each 28-day cycle. Dose-expansion pts, including pts with gastric cancer and SCLC with 1-2 prior lines of chemotherapy, were treated at the recommended phase 2 dose of pamiparib 60 mg PO BID on Days 1-28 and LD TMZ 60 mg PO QD on Days 1-7. Tumor assessments occurred every 8 weeks. Endpoints were safety/tolerability (CTCAE v4.03) and antitumor activity (RECIST v1.1). Biomarker assessments included determination of DDR mutational status (SNV/CNV homozygous loss) of 16 core DDR genes in circulating tumor DNA and genomic instability score (GIS) by the Myriad myChoice® HRD test. Herein, we present data from the biomarker analysis.

Results: As of 10 April 2020, 114 pts were enrolled (n=66, dose escalation; n=48, dose expansion). Median follow-up was 8.5 mo (range: 0.3, 26.5). Of 36 pts analyzed for GIS, 11

(31%) were GIS positive (GIS⁺≥33), with an ORR of 82% and disease control rate (DCR) of 91% across multiple tumor types. Antitumor activity was observed in *BRCA*^m/GIS⁺ (n=5; ORR and DCR, 100%) and *BRCA*^{wt}/GIS⁺ pts (n=6; ORR, 67%; DCR, 83%). Responses were observed in 3 GIS⁻ pts with pancreatic cancer, pheochromocytoma, and nonsquamous NSCLC (ORR=12%; DCR, 52%). Of 104 pts analyzed for DDR mutational status, 27 (26%) were DDR⁺, with an ORR of 26% and DCR of 52%. In DDR⁻ pts, ORR was 14% and DCR was 67%. Five pts were both GIS⁺ and DDR⁺.

Conclusions: In this limited subset of pts analyzed for GIS status, GIS⁺ pts derived superior benefit from pamiparib + LD TMZ, irrespective of *BRCA* status. GIS status appears to be the most robust biomarker to predict response to pamiparib + LD TMZ.

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