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A first-in-human Phase I study to evaluate the pan-PI3K inhibitor GDC-0941 administered QD or BID in patients with advanced solid tumours

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Background: The PI3K-PTEN-AKT signaling pathway is deregulated in a wide variety of cancers. GDC-0941 is a potent and selective oral pan-inhibitor of the class I PI3K, with 3 nM IC50 for the p110- α subunit in vitro and 28 nM IC50 in a cell-based pAKT assay, and demonstrates broad activity in breast, ovarian, lung, and prostate cancer in vitro and in vivo (xenograft) models.

Materials and Methods: A Phase I dose-escalation study (GDC4255 g, sponsored by Genentech) using a 3+3 design was initiated in patients (pts) with solid tumors to evaluate the pharmacokinetic (PK), pharmacodynamic (PD), and safety characteristics of GDC-0941. GDC-0941 was given on Day 1, followed by a 1-week (wk) washout to study single-dose PK and PD markers. GDC-0941 was then administered QD on a 3-wks on, 1-wk off, schedule. Steady-state PK and PD were evaluated after 1 wk of continuous dosing. A separate concurrent dose-escalation arm with BID dosing was initiated after the third QD cohort.

Results: Twenty-five pts have been enrolled in 6 successive dose-escalation cohorts in the QD arm, with dose levels up to 100 mg daily. Thirteen pts have been enrolled in 3 cohorts in the BID arm at total daily doses (TDD) of 60, 80, and 100 mg. Day 1 and Day 15 PK data suggest GDC-0941 is rapidly absorbed and displays dose-proportional increases in mean C_{max} and AUC_{inf} , with a mean apparent half-life that supports either QD or BID dosing regimens. The most frequently reported drug-related adverse events were Grade 1–2 nausea, fatigue, diarrhea, peripheral edema, dysgeusia, and dry skin. Two dose-limiting toxicities have been reported in separate cohorts: Grade 3 headache at 80 mg QD and Grade 3 pleural effusion at 50/30 mg BID (80 mg TDD). Potential signs of anti-tumor activity have been observed in 2 ovarian pts, the first (30 mg BID) on-study >253 days with a 22% decrease in measured disease and 2.8-fold decrease in CA-125 (now within normal limits) and the second (60 mg QD) on-study >200 days with stable disease. Archival tissue analysis for PI3K pathway alterations (including P13K amplification, mutation, PTEN loss) is ongoing.

Conclusions: GDC-0941 is generally well tolerated, with potential signs of anti-tumor activity. Preliminary PK data suggest dose-proportional increases in exposure over the dose levels evaluated. Dose-escalation on both schedules continues with updated data to be presented.

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Phase I study of Pazopanib (PAZ) in Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC): evaluation of clinical activity, Pharmacokinetics (PK), and Dynamic Contrast Enhanced MRI (DCE-MRI)

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Background: HCC is a highly vascular tumor with increased levels of VEGF and VEGFR. PAZ is an oral angiogenesis inhibitor targeting VEGFR, PDGFR, & c-Kit. A correlation between a trough plasma PAZ concentration (C24) of $\geq 15 \mu\text{g/mL}$ and markers of pharmacodynamic activity has been demonstrated in previous studies. DCE-MRI is a noninvasive imaging technique that can provide indices related to blood flow & vascular permeability. A Phase I study was conducted to determine the MTD as well as evaluate safety, PK, DCE-MRI changes, & clinical activity of PAZ in pts with locally unresectable or advanced HCC.

Methods: Eligibility criteria included HCC with at least 1 target lesion, recovery from prior therapy, PS 0 or 1, Child-Pugh A, & adequate organ function. PAZ was escalated from 200 to 800 mg QD. DCE-MRI was performed to determine Ktrans (contrast transfer coefficient) & IAUC60 (initial area under the contrast enhancement curve), at baseline & Day 22. PAZ PK, including C24, was determined on Day 15 of Cycle 1.

Results: 17 of 28 Asian pts successfully completed both baseline & day 22 DCE-MRI. Median (range) values for PK, DCE-MRI, & clinical activity parameters are provided below by dose level.

	PAZ Dose (mg)			
	200	400	600	800
C24 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	15.4 (13, 26)	24.5 (10.5, 31.1)	21.8 (1.63, 36.8)	30.6 (24.6, 30.9)
Ktrans % change	-36.3 (-70.0, -22.9)	-18.3 (-63.3, -9.47)	-44.6 (-45.6, -4.19)	-74.4 (-86.2, -37.5)
IAUC % change	-17.3 (-24.7, -11.7)	-19.3 (-48.7, -12.5)	-39.4 (-56.0, 13.4)	-60.4 (-78.4, 10.8)
# Days on Study	133.5 (43, 757)	55 (14, 275)	106 (4, 289)	169 (9, 274)

Median C24 was $>15 \mu\text{g/mL}$ at all doses evaluated. Median changes in Ktrans & IAUC were negative in all dose groups with the greatest median decline at 800 mg. Decreases in IAUC60 were correlated with C_{max} and trough concentration. At the MTD of 600 mg QD, median decline from baseline in imaging markers was $\sim 40\%$; 67% of pts achieved C24 $\geq 15 \mu\text{g/mL}$. Of 10 pts who received 600 mg QD for the largest number of days on study, 7 demonstrated clinical benefit (6 with SD ≥ 4 mo & 1 with confirmed PR). The 2 pts with confirmed PRs (1 each at 600 mg & 800 mg QD) both achieved C24 $>25 \mu\text{g/mL}$. 1 pt with PR & imaging data achieved $>60\%$ declines in Ktrans & IAUC relative to baseline.

Conclusions: In pts with HCC, the recommended Phase II dose for PAZ of 600 mg QD achieved target trough concentrations associated with clinical benefit & demonstrated meaningful changes in imaging markers.

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Results of study PX-171-007 a phase 1b/2 study of carfilzomib, a selective proteasome inhibitor, in patients with selected advanced metastatic solid tumors

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Background: Carfilzomib (CFZ) is a novel proteasome inhibitor of the peptide epoxyketone class that exhibits a high level of selectivity for active sites within the proteasome. This phase 1/2 study assessed the maximum tolerated dose (MTD), safety, efficacy, pharmacokinetics (PK), and pharmacodynamics (PD) of CFZ in patients (pts) with advanced metastatic solid tumors.

Material and Methods: Pts failing ≥ 2 prior treatments were enrolled in the phase 1 3+3 dose escalation study. Pts received CFZ 20 mg/m² IV Day (D) 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 every 28 d for up to 12 cycles (C) Cycle 1 D1, D2 dosing in all cohorts was at 20 mg/m². Subsequent doses were escalated to 20, 27 or 36 mg/m² in a stepped up regimen. At 20/36 mg/m², 1 pt had a DLT (Grade 3 fatigue) and established the phase 2 dose. Phase 2 is designed as a Simon 2 stage of 70 pts split into 5 subgroups (small cell lung [SCLC], non-small cell lung [NSCLC], ovarian, renal, and other cancers) to estimate the ORR, defined as CR+PR+SD, to 16 wks of CFZ.

Results: 14 pts in phase 1 and 51 pts in phase 2 (23M/28F, mean age 61 yrs) received a total of 154.5 cycles of CFZ. Median cycles administered was 1.7 (range 1 to 12). To date, in stage 1 of phase 2 there were 6 SCLC, 10 NSCLC, 11 ovarian, 6 renal, and 18 other cancer patients enrolled. Efficacy of SD or better is detailed in the table below:

		Tumor type	Prior chemotherapy regimens	Duration of response
Phase 1b, n = 14	SD	Mesothelioma	4	5.1 months ¹
	PR	Renal cell (clear cell)	3	11 months +
		SCLC	6	10 months +
Phase 2, n = 50	SD	NSCLC	3	6.6 months +
		Renal (clear cell)	6	5.2 months ¹
		Renal (clear cell)	3	5.9 months +
		Ovarian	4	4.0 months +
		Endometrial	3	4.6 months +

¹ Discontinued for progression; + Continues on study.

The most common AEs included fatigue headache, diarrhea, nausea and constipation. Notable was the absence of painful peripheral neuropathy