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Molecular residual disease (MRD) analysis from the LAURA study of osimertinib (osi) in unresectable (UR) stage III EGFR-mutated (EGFRm) NSCLC

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Background

Osi demonstrated significant improvement in progression-free survival (PFS; HR 0.16; 95% CI 0.10, 0.24; $p < 0.001$) vs placebo (pbo) after definitive chemoradiotherapy (CRT) in the LAURA study (NCT03521154) in UR stage III EGFRm NSCLC. Tumour-informed MRD assays have greater sensitivity than traditional ctDNA genotyping assays, making them useful for ctDNA monitoring. We assessed the ability of high-sensitivity MRD testing to predict progressive disease (PD) in pts from LAURA.

Methods

Eligible pts (≥ 18 yrs [Japan ≥ 20], WHO PS 0/1) with UR stage III EGFRm (Ex19del/L858R) NSCLC who had received CRT with no PD, were randomised 2:1 to osi 80 mg or pbo QD until BICR-assessed PD per RECIST 1.1, or discontinuation. Personalised MRD panels (NeXT Personal®, Personalis) based on tumour whole genome sequencing achieved a high median sensitivity of 2.6 ppm. Plasma samples (at baseline [BL; randomisation post-CRT], Wks 2, 4, Q4W to Wk 24, Q8W to Wk 48 and Q12W to PD) were analysed by MRD panels to detect ctDNA (ie MRD+). In pts with BL MRD+, MRD clearance was defined as a 10-fold ctDNA decrease or MRD- for 2 consecutive timepoints by Wk 12. Molecular PD (MoIPD) was defined previously (Gray JTO 2024). LAURA primary endpoint: BICR-assessed PFS.

Results

Of 216 pts randomised, 65 had samples/consent to create MRD panels; panels were evaluable in 52 pts (80%; osi n=34, pbo n=18). At BL, 57% (29/51) of pt samples were MRD+; 43% (22/51) MRD- (sample unavailable for 1 pt). BL MRD status did not correlate with best overall response to CRT (14/24 pts with SD had MRD+, 12/24 PR, 2/2 CR, 1/1 NE). BL MRD+ was cleared in 84% (16/19, osi) and 0% (0/10, pbo) of pts. Similar benefit of osi vs pbo was observed in pts with BL MRD+ (median PFS [95% CI] 38.8 [16.6, NR] vs 5.8 [1.9, 9.5] mo) and MRD- (39.3 [9.0, NR] vs 11.1 [3.5, 13.8] mo). MRD had 63% clinical sensitivity and 86% specificity to detect PFS events. In pts with both PFS and MRD events (both arms), MoIPD preceded PFS events in 79% (15/19); median lead time 5.1 mo (95% CI 3.8, 8.5).

Conclusions

All pts in the MRD set had evidence of disease post-CRT (molecular or clinical). Osi treatment cleared MRD in most pts with BL MRD+, supporting the overall benefit of osi in LAURA. MRD may predict progression in UR stage III EGFRm NSCLC.

Clinical trial identification

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