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A randomized phase II study of 177Lu-PSMA-617 vs docetaxel in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) and PSMA-positive disease: Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) study PR.21

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Background

Compared to a change in androgen receptor pathway inhibitor (ARPI), ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 (LU-P) prolongs radiographic progression free survival (rPFS) in patients with mCRPC. We sought to compare treatment with LU-P vs. docetaxel (DOC) in patients with mCRPC progressing after ARPI therapy.

Methods

CCTG PR.21 is a multi-centre open-label randomized phase II trial. Patients with chemotherapy-naïve, PSMA-PET positive mCRPC progressing after ARPI therapy were randomized 1:1 to receive LU-P 7.4 GBq IV q6 weeks max 6 cycles or DOC 75 mg/m² IV q3 weeks max 12 cycles with cross-over at progression. The primary endpoint is rPFS; secondary endpoints include: overall survival (OS), PSA response rate (RR), objective response rate (ORR) and patient reported outcomes (PROs). Correlative studies include baseline PSMA PET SUV and serial ctDNA sampling.

Results

199 patients were enrolled from 08/21-01/24;189 treated. Study arms were balanced: median age 70 years, 53% ECOG PS 0, 21% visceral metastases, 14% received prior DOC in the mCSPC setting (≥ 1 year prior to enrollment was permitted). At the protocol prespecified minimum 152 rPFS events for the primary analysis, the median follow-up was 9.7 months (mo) and 54% had crossed-over to per protocol therapy: 40 from LU-P to DOC; 62 from DOC to LU-P. PSA decline of $\geq 50\%$ (PSA RR) occurred in 53% and 32% in the LU-P and DOC arms respectively. In patients with measurable disease, ORR was 16% (LU-P) vs 8% (DOC). Grade 3/4 treatment related adverse events were higher in the DOC arm: 34% vs 13%. There were 2 DOC treatment related deaths. Table: LBA89

 Outcome
 LU-P (n=100)
 Median
 DOC (n=99)
 Median
 HR (LU-P/DOC)
 p-value

 rPFS(mo)
 8.6 (90%Cl 7.13 -10.60)
 10.7 (90%Cl 7.82-11.10)
 1.02 (90%Cl 0.77-1.35)
 0.54 (1 sided)

 OS(mo)
 14.3 (90%Cl 10.8-16.6)
 18.2 (90%Cl 16.1-23.0)
 1.64 (90%Cl 1.14-2.35)
 0.02 (2 sided)

Conclusions

In the PR21 study population of patients with chemo-naive mCRPC, there was no significant rPFS difference between LU-P and DOC. PSA RR, ORR and frequency of treatment related grade 3/4 AEs favoured LU-P; OS favoured the arm assigned to DOC at randomization.

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