

Phase 1/2 Study of Bavdegalutamide, a PROteolysis Targeting Chimera (PROTAC) Androgen Receptor Degradar, in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: Radiographic Progression-Free Survival in Patients With Androgen Receptor Ligand-Binding Domain Mutations

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Objectives

- To evaluate the clinical activity of bavdegalutamide (ARV-110), an oral PROTAC androgen receptor (AR) degrader, in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) and tumors harboring:
 - Any AR ligand-binding domain (LBD) missense mutation except AR L702H alone (AR LBD patients)
 - The subgroup of AR LBD patients with AR T878 and/or H875 mutations without an AR L702H mutation (AR 878/875 patients)
- To evaluate the safety of bavdegalutamide 420 mg once daily (QD) in patients with mCRPC

Key Findings

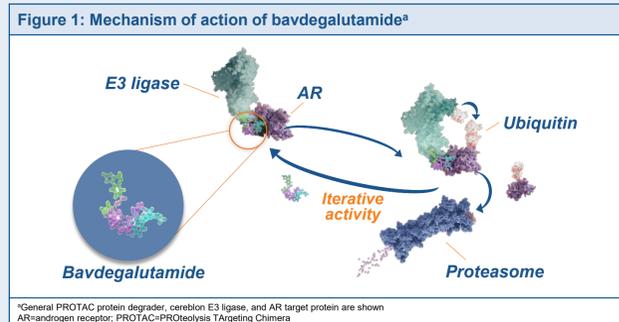
- Median radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS) was 8.2 months (95% CI: 3.8–not reached [NR]) in AR LBD patients (n=45) and 11.1 months (95% CI: 7.1–NR) in the AR 878/875 subgroup (n=26)
- Bavdegalutamide led to a best prostate-specific antigen (PSA) decline of ≥50% in 36.4% of evaluable AR LBD patients (n=44) and 53.8% in the AR 878/875 subgroup (n=26)
- Objective response rate (ORR) was 10.0% in evaluable AR LBD patients (n=20) and 9.1% in the AR 878/875 subgroup (n=11); 55.0% and 54.5%, respectively, had stable disease
- There were no grade ≥4 treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs); the most common TRAEs were gastrointestinal symptoms and fatigue

Conclusions

- In this post-novel hormonal agent (NHA) mCRPC population, promising clinical activity for bavdegalutamide, a PROTAC AR degrader, was observed in patients with tumors harboring missense AR LBD mutations excluding L702H alone (median rPFS: 8.2 months), including in the subgroup with AR 878/875 mutations (median rPFS: 11.1 months)
- Bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD continues to be tolerable with manageable side effects
- These encouraging results in patients with AR LBD-mutated mCRPC warrant further investigation

Background

- Patients with mCRPC and mutations in AR LBD (amino acids 671–920) have poor prognosis¹⁻³
 - In matched real-world cohorts of patients with mCRPC, those with the AR LBD mutations T878 and/or H875 had significantly shorter real-world overall survival from first-line treatment initiation than those without these mutations (median: 16.1 months [95% CI: 11.4–26.8] vs 50.7 months [95% CI: 45.4–59.8]; $P < 0.0001$)⁴
- Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110) is an oral PROTAC AR degrader that has activity against clinically relevant mutants⁵
- Bavdegalutamide creates a trimer complex with AR and the cereblon E3 ubiquitin ligase to directly trigger ubiquitination and subsequent degradation of AR by the proteasome⁶ (Figure 1)
- Previously reported data from this phase 1/2 study (NCT03888612) demonstrated clinical activity of bavdegalutamide in pretreated patients with mCRPC, with enhanced activity seen in patients with the AR LBD mutations T878 and/or H875⁷



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Methods

- This is a phase 1/2, open-label, dose escalation and cohort expansion study (NCT03888612) of bavdegalutamide in previously treated patients with mCRPC
 - In phase 1, patients with mCRPC received bavdegalutamide 35–700 mg QD or 210–420 mg twice daily
 - In phase 2 (ARDENT), patients with mCRPC were assigned to subgroups based on AR mutation status or a clinically defined subgroup (patients who had 1 prior NHA and no prior chemotherapy) and received bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD
- Key eligibility criteria
 - Confirmed mCRPC and disease progression on last line of treatment
 - Phase 1 dose escalation: Disease progression on ≥2 prior lines of systemic therapy, including abiraterone or enzalutamide
 - Phase 2 cohort expansion (ARDENT): 1–2 prior NHAs with ≤1 prior chemotherapy regimen each for castration-sensitive PC and CRPC
- For this exploratory analysis across the phase 1/2 population treated with bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD, efficacy was assessed in patients with any AR LBD missense mutation except AR L702H alone (AR LBD patients) and the subgroup with AR 878/875 mutation(s) without an AR L702H mutation (AR 878/875 patients)
- Safety outcomes were analyzed for all patients across the phase 1 and 2 portions of the study who were treated with bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD

Results

Baseline Characteristics

- As of August 11, 2023, 153 patients across the phase 1/2 study received bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD, including 45 patients with AR LBD mutations excluding L702H alone, 26 of whom had AR 878/875 without L702H (Table 1)

Parameter	Total at 420 mg QD (N=153)	AR LBD patients (n=45)	AR 878/875 patients (n=26)
Age, median (range), y	73 (48–91)	72 (51–83)	71.5 (51–83)
ECOG PS, n (%) ^a			
0	81 (53)	25 (56)	16 (62)
1	71 (46)	20 (44)	10 (38)
Visceral disease, n (%)	49 (32)	14 (31)	7 (27)
Prior lines of treatment, median (range)	4 (1–11)	4 (2–8)	4 (2–7)
Prior treatment, n (%)			
NHA	153 (100)	45 (100)	26 (100)
1 NHA	83 (54)	21 (47)	18 (69)
≥2 NHA	70 (46)	24 (53)	8 (31)
Abiraterone	105 (69)	36 (80)	21 (81)
Enzalutamide or other AR blocker	111 (73)	29 (64)	11 (42)
Taxane chemotherapy	51 (33)	16 (36)	9 (35)

^a1 patient who received bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD had ECOG PS of 2
 AR=androgen receptor; ECOG PS=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LBD=ligand-binding domain; NHA=novel hormonal agent; QD=once daily

Efficacy

- Median rPFS per Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Working Group 3 (PCWG3) was 8.2 months (95% CI: 3.8–NR) in AR LBD patients (20 events in 45 patients) and 11.1 months (95% CI: 7.1–NR) in the AR 878/875 subgroup (10 events in 26 patients; Figure 2)
- PSA declines of ≥50% and ≥30%, respectively, after ≥1 month of PSA follow-up were seen in 36.4% and 50.0% of evaluable AR LBD patients (n=44) and in 53.8% and 65.4% of patients in the AR 878/875 subgroup (n=26; Figure 3)
- In response-evaluable patients with measurable disease at baseline, ORR per Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors v1.1/PCWG3 was 10.0% in AR LBD patients (n=20) and 9.1% in the AR 878/875 subgroup (n=11); 55.0% and 54.5%, respectively, had stable disease
- 16 (36%) AR LBD patients were on treatment for ≥24 weeks (7 [16%] for ≥48 weeks) with 4 ongoing; 11 (42%) AR 878/875 patients were on treatment for ≥24 weeks (6 [23%] for ≥48 weeks) with 4 ongoing (Figure 4)

Safety

- Across the phase 1/2 study, 147 (96%) of 153 patients treated with bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD had a treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE); 47 (31%) had a grade 3/4 TEAE
 - 17 (11%) patients had a TEAE leading to dose reduction and 19 (12%) had a TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation
- The most common TRAEs with bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD were nausea, fatigue, and vomiting; no grade ≥4 TRAEs occurred (Table 2)

Figure 2: rPFS in AR LBD patients and the AR 878/875 subgroup

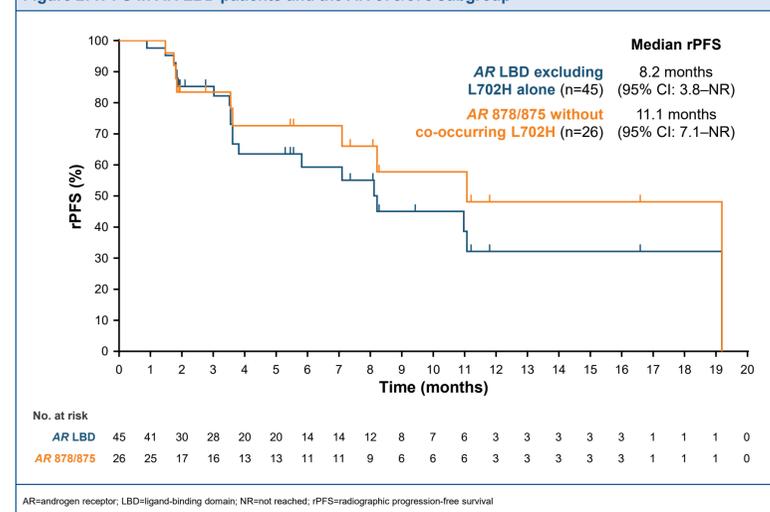


Figure 3: Best decline in PSA in AR LBD patients and the AR 878/875 subgroup

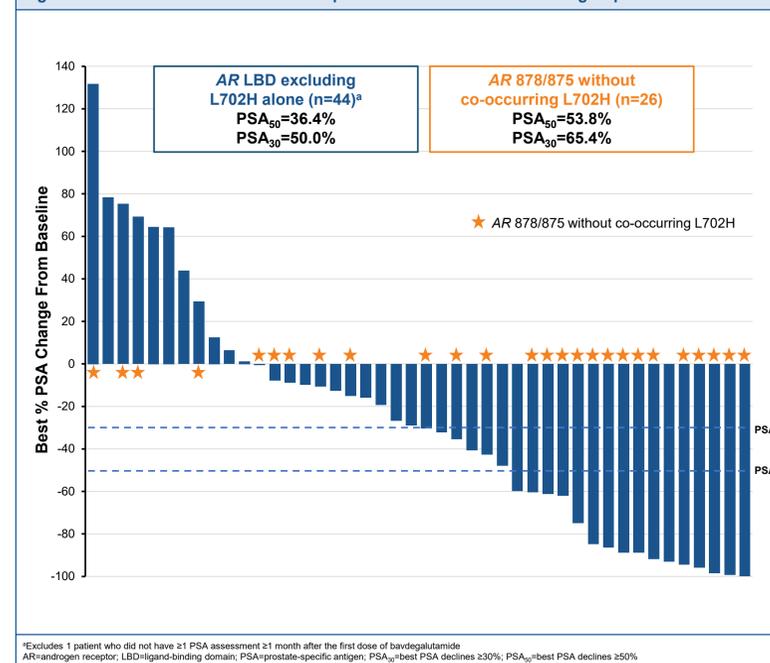


Figure 4: Duration of treatment in AR LBD patients and the AR 878/875 subgroup

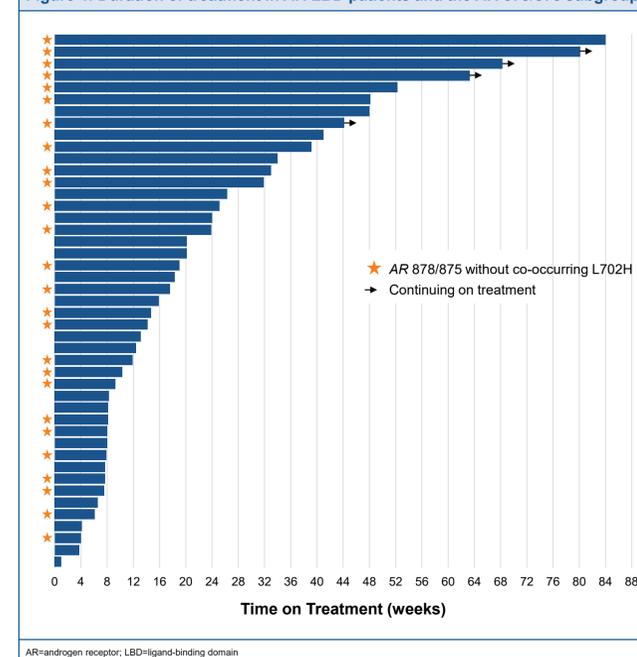


Table 2: TRAEs reported in ≥10% of patients treated with bavdegalutamide 420 mg QD in the phase 1/2 study (N=153)

n (%)	Total	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Any TRAE	135 (88)	45 (29)	66 (43)	24 (16)
Nausea	85 (56)	59 (39)	24 (16)	2 (1)
Fatigue	53 (35)	36 (24)	16 (10)	1 (1)
Vomiting	50 (33)	38 (25)	11 (7)	1 (1)
Decreased appetite	39 (25)	21 (14)	18 (12)	0
Diarrhea	37 (24)	27 (18)	7 (5)	3 (2)
Alopecia	28 (18)	24 (16)	4 (3)	NA
Anemia	23 (15)	10 (7)	6 (4)	7 (5)
Decreased weight	19 (12)	10 (7)	9 (6)	0
Increased AST	18 (12)	13 (8)	4 (3)	1 (1)

AST=aspartate aminotransferase; NA=not applicable; QD=once daily; TRAE=treatment-related adverse event

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