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BREAKING NEWS:

Highlights from the TITAN Study on mCSPC management

TITAN investigated the effect of apalutamide (ERLEADA®) in addition to androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) on prostatespecific antigen (PSA) levels in patients living with metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer (mCSPC).¹

PSA is a key biomarker for both patients and clinicians

PSA levels are an important factor in the treatment of mCSPC, with 77% of patients reporting that a decrease in PSA was more important than reducing symptoms. Furthermore, treatments that effectively lower PSA levels inspire more confidence in patients.²

TITAN STUDY DESIGN

TITAN, a Phase 3 study, was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial involving patients aged 18 and older with metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer.¹ These patients, who were not receiving ADT at the time of metastatic disease progression, were undergoing continuous ADT.¹ Study participants were randomly assigned in a 1:1 ratio to receive either oral ERLEADA® or a matching placebo.¹



The primary endpoints of the study were overall survival (OS) and radiographic progression-free survival (rPFS)³

The inclusion of ERLEADA[®] into patients' treatment regimens resulted in a swift and substantial reduction in PSA levels, with undetectable PSA levels correlating with enhanced OS.³⁴



TITAN (mCSPC) $PSA \le 0.2 \text{ ng/mL}$ 100 Median: NR 80 **%** ^{60 ·} **0**S Without PSA \leq 0.2 ng/mL 40 Median: 30.0 mo 20 HR: 0.17 (95% CI, 0.13-0.23); P < 0.0001 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 39 42 45 48 51 54 57 0 Patients at risk with/without PSA \leq 0.2 ng/mL **Months** With 356 356 356 353 350 343 338 334 331 325 316 306 300 270 194 121 51 15 Without 169 163 157 147 139 126 114 104 94 87 78 70 62 51 33 18 1 0 Shorter time to undectable PSA correlated with longer OS time Rank correlation: rho -0.5 (95% Cl -0.6, -0.4), P < 0.05

A recent clinical subgroup analysis of patients treated with ERLEADA® + ADT investigated the impact of ultra-low (UL) PSA in patients with mCSPC from TITAN^{5,6}



The benefits of ERLEADA[®] go beyond OS. Patients who achieved PSA declines of ≤ 0.2 ng/mL preserved QoL for longer*^{^7}

At Month 6, PSA decline correlated with HRQoL measures

Time to decline in FACT-P total score

 $PSA \le 0.2$ ng/mL response: NO (ref) $PSA \le 0.2$ ng/mL response: YES

Time to decline in FACT-P Physical Wellbeing subscale score

 $PSA \le 0.2 \text{ ng/mL}$ response: NO (ref) $PSA \le 0.2 \text{ ng/mL}$ response: YES

Time to BPI-SF Worst Pain Intensity Progression $\mbox{PSA} \le 0.2$ ng/mL response: N0 (ref)

 $\text{PSA} \leq 0.2 \text{ ng/mL}$ response: YES

Time to BPI-SF Worst Fatigue Intensity Progression $PSA \le 0.2 \text{ ng/mL response: N0 (ref)}$

 $PSA \le 0.2 \text{ ng/mL}$ response: YES

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Favours PSA \leq 0.2 ng/mL

*Median treatment duration was 39.3 months; >50% of eligible patients completed FACT-P and >62% completed both BPI-SF and BFI (cycles 1-81) per assessment.⁷ O compared to patients who did not achieve PSA \leq 0.2 ng/mL

APA, apalutamide; BFI, Brief Fatigue Inventory; BPI-SF, Brief Pain Inventory-Short Form; CI, confidence interval; FACT-P, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Prostate; HR, hazard ratio; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; mCSPC, metastatic castrate-sensitive.



There are two categories:

UL 1: > 0.02 to ≤ 0.2 ng/ml

UL 2: $\leq 0.02 \text{ ng/ml}$



ERLEADA® treatment efficacy in patient subgroups who achieved UL1 or UL2 at 3 months as compared with patients who did not reach UL PSA levels^{*6}



*The Kaplan-Meier curves were derived from data unadjusted for volume of disease; HR (95% Cl) and p values were derived from volume-adjusted data.⁶ [†]The survival rate at 42 months with UL1, UL2, or none achieved at any time were 59%, 92%, and 33%, respectively.⁶

- ERLEADA[®] treated patients who achieved UL PSA at 3 months had improved outcomes compared with those who achieved a PSA level of > 0.2 ng/mL regardless of disease volume^{15,6}
- Similar results were observed at 6 months^{5,6}

An early decline in UL2 PSA levels was linked to enhanced survival among patients treated with ERLEADA[®]. Patients who reached UL2 PSA levels either before or within the first 6 months exhibited a lower risk of mortality compared to those who achieved UL2 after 6 months or never achieved it.⁵

Safety and tolerability

The most common treatment-related adverse events (TRAE) associated with ERLEADA® + ADT therapy were back pain (20.6%), fatigue (20.4%), and rash (20.2%).¹⁹



ADT, Androgen Deprivation Therapy; LFTs, Liver Function Tests.

The TITAN study revealed significant benefits of APA treatment in a diverse population of mCSPC patients. Patients who experience a rapid and profound decline in PSA levels benefit most.^{1,4,5}

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