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Diffuse midline glioma (DMG) with the H3K27M mutation is a lethal childhood brain cancer, with patients rarely surviving 2 years from diagnosis. We conducted a multi-site Phase 1 trial of the imipridone ONC201 for children with H3K27M-mutant glioma (NCT03416530). Patients enrolled on Arm D of the trial (n=24) underwent serial lumbar puncture (baseline, 2, 6 months) for cell-free tumor DNA (cf-tDNA) analysis at time of MRI. Additionally, patients on all arms of the trial at the University of Michigan underwent serial plasma collection. CSF collection was feasible in this cohort, with no procedural complications. We collected 96 plasma samples and 53 CSF samples from 29 patients, including those with H3F3A (H3.3) (n=13), HIST13HB (H3.1) (n= 4), and unknown H3 status/not biopsied (n=12) [range of 0–8 CSF samples and 0–10 plasma samples]. We performed digital droplet polymerase chain reaction (ddPCR) analysis and/or amplicon-based electronic sequencing (Oxford Nanopore) of cf-tDNA samples and compared variant allele fraction (VAF) to radiographic change (maximal 2D tumor area on MRI). Preliminary analysis of samples demonstrates a correlation between changes in tumor size and H3K27M cf-tDNA VAF, when removing samples with concurrent bevacizumab. In multiple cases, early reduction in CSF cf-tDNA predicts long-term clinical response (>1 year) to ONC201, and does not increase in cases of later-defined pseudo-progression (radiation necrosis). For example, a now 9-year old patient with thalamic H3K27M-mutant DMG underwent treatment with ONC201 after initial radiation and developed increase in tumor size at 4 months post-radiation (124% baseline) of unclear etiology at the time. Meanwhile, her ddPCR declined from baseline 6.76% VAF to <1%, which has persisted, with now near complete response (15% tumor reduction) at 30 months on treatment from diagnosis. In summary, we present the feasibility and utility of serial CSF/plasma monitoring of a promising experimental therapy for DMG.

EPCT-04. RESULTS OF A PHASE 1 STUDY OF THE ONCOLYTIC ADENOVIRUS DNX-2401 WITH RADIOTHERAPY FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA (DIPG)

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Background: A Phase 1, single center study is ongoing to evaluate the conditionally replicative oncolytic adenovirus, DNX-2401 (tasadenoturev), followed by radiotherapy (RT) in pediatric patients with newly diagnosed diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). Methods: Patients 1–18 years with newly diagnosed DIPG with no prior treatment, Lansky/Karnofsky performance score ≥ 70 , and adequate organ function were enrolled. A tumor biopsy was performed followed by a single intratumoral injection of 1×10^5 – 5×10^8 virus particles (vp) DNX-2401.

Conventional radiotherapy was initiated within 1 month of DNX-2401 administration. Results: Enrolled subjects (n=12) had a median age of 9 (range 3–18) and performance scores of 90–100 (n=4; 33%) or 70–80 (n=8; 67%). As part of a dose escalation design, subjects were treated with 1×10^8 vp (n=4) or 5×10^8 vp DNX-2401 (n=8), which was then followed by standard RT in 11 of 12 subjects (92%). No dose-limiting toxicities were observed and the treatment regimen was well-tolerated. Adverse events (AEs) have been primarily mild to moderate and consistent with underlying disease. The most commonly reported AEs (≥ 5 subjects), regardless of study drug relationship, include headache, asthenia, vomiting, anemia, leukocytosis, and fever. Two SAEs have been reported including grade 3 lymphopenia and grade 3 abdominal pain. Tumor reductions have been observed and efficacy evaluations are ongoing. As of 09Dec2020, 12-month survival (OS-12) was 71% and 4 of 12 patients had survived > 20 months. Four subjects continue to be followed for survival. Correlative analysis of tumor biopsy and peripheral samples is ongoing. Conclusions: DNX-2401 followed by RT can be safely administered to pediatric subjects with newly diagnosed DIPG; clinical activity and preliminary survival are encouraging.

EPCT-05. A PHASE 1/2 STUDY OF AVAPRITINIB FOR KIT- OR PDGFRA-MUTANT PEDIATRIC RELAPSED/REFRACTORY SOLID TUMORS

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Prognosis for pediatric patients with advanced relapsed/refractory (R/R) solid (including central nervous system [CNS]) tumors is poor; targeted therapies achieve response rates of only ~15%. Germ cell tumors and high-grade glioma (HGG) are the most common with *KIT* mutations; sarcoma and HGG are the most common tumors with platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha (*PDGFRA*) mutations. Two-year overall survival is <10% for pediatric patients with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, often driven by *PDGFRA* mutations. No *KIT*/*PDGFRA* targeted therapies are currently approved for pediatric patients with R/R solid tumors. The selective *KIT* and *PDGFRA* inhibitor, avapritinib, demonstrated potent activity against *KIT* activation-loop (exon 17), juxtamembrane (exon 11), and extracellular-domain (exon 9) mutants ($IC_{50} < 2$ nM), and *PDGFRA* activation-loop (D842V) mutants ($IC_{50} = 0.24$ nM). CNS penetration in preclinical models (brain-to-plasma ratios at steady-state ranging from 0.74–1.00) demonstrated potential for activity against CNS tumors. Avapritinib is approved for the treatment of adults with unresectable/metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) harboring *PDGFRA* exon 18 mutations (including D842V) in the USA based on an overall response rate 384% with 59% response durations >6 months, and in the EU for adults with unresectable/metastatic GIST harboring a *PDGFRA* D842V mutation. The objectives of this 2-part phase 1/2 multicenter, open-label study, anticipated to enroll 31 patients from Q3 2021, are to assess avapritinib safety, preliminary efficacy, and pharmacokinetics in pediatric patients with *KIT*/*PDGFRA*-mutant solid R/R tumors. Eligible patients are aged 2 to <18 years with no alternative treatment options. Part 1 will enroll ≥ 6 patients; primary endpoint is confirmed age and body surface area physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling dose to provide equivalent exposure to the 300 mg adult avapritinib dose. Part 2 will enroll ≥ 25 patients at the recommended modeled avapritinib dose from Part 1; primary endpoint is overall response rate. Avapritinib once-daily will be administered in continuous 28-day cycles.

EPCT-06. PRECISION ONCOLOGY IN THE PEDIATRIC TARGETED THERAPY 2.0 PROGRAM

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Introduction: Precise diagnoses and robust detection of actionable alterations is required for individualized treatments. By using extended molecular