

fractory/relapsed glioma. **AIM:** To assess the safety, pharmacokinetics (PK), maximum tolerated dose, Recommended Dose for Phase II (RDP2). **METHOD:** Multicenter phase I trial, including patients aged 6 to 21 year old. Fluvastatin starting dose was 2 mg/kg/day, 14/28 days, with fixed dose of celecoxib (200–800 mg /day). Four dose levels of fluvastatin (2, 4, 6, 8 mg/kg/day) were evaluated. A Continual Reassessment Method was used for dose escalation. Dose-limiting toxicities (DLT) were determined on the 1st cycle. PK samples were obtained at D1 and D14 of cycle 1, pre-dose of cycle 2. **RESULTS:** 20 patients were enrolled with a median age of 12 years (5.9–19). They previously received a median of 3 (1–7) lines of treatment. Ten patients were treated for LGG and 10 for HGG, receiving a median of 3.5 cycles (1–21). Patients with LGG received a median of 9 cycles (1–21). Among the 17 patients evaluable for DLT, 2 DLTs were reported: 1 grade 3 maculo-papular rash (4 mg/kg), and 1 grade 4 increase of CPK (6 mg/kg). The RP2D of fluvastatin is 6 mg/kg/day. **CONCLUSION:** In children with refractory/relapsed glioma, the RDP2 of fluvastatin associated with celecoxib is 6 mg/kg/day. This combination is well tolerated encouraging a phase 2 study in LGG.

EPCT-12. PNOC015: PHASE 1 STUDY OF MTX110 (AQUEOUS PANOBINOSTAT) DELIVERED BY CONVECTION ENHANCED DELIVERY (CED) IN CHILDREN WITH NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA (DIPG) PREVIOUSLY TREATED WITH RADIATION THERAPY

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OBJECTIVE: To determine safety and distribution of MTX110 delivered by CED in newly diagnosed DIPG patients. **METHODS:** DIPG patients (3–21 years) were enrolled after radiation. CED of MTX110 combined with gadoteridol was completed based on dose levels (DL) (30–90 µM with volumes ranging from 3 cc (single dose) to 2 consecutive doses of 6 cc; total number of DL=7). Catheter position was chosen to maximize tumor coverage. Distribution of infusate was monitored with real-time MR imaging. Repeat CED was performed every 4–8 weeks if tolerated. Quality of life (QOL) assessments using PedsQL Generic Core and Brain Tumor modules were obtained at baseline (n=5), 3-months (n=3), and end of therapy (n=2). Single-cell RNA sequencing and analysis of histone modifications was performed to assess pharmacodynamic effects on DIPG cells. **RESULTS:** Between May 2018–Dec 2019, 6 patients were enrolled (median age 8 years, range 5–21). Dose limiting toxicities included: grade 3 gait disturbance (DL7; cycle 1); grade 3 muscle weakness/vagus nerve disorder (DL5; cycle 4) and grade 2 intolerable dysphagia (DL7; cycle 4). Twelve CED procedures were completed at DL7 and repeated cycles ranged from 2 to 7. Infusion to distribution volume ratio was approximately 1:3.5. There were no significant changes in self-reported QOL. Parent ratings of patients' worry (p = 0.04) and overall QOL (p = 0.03) significantly decreased at 3-months. **CONCLUSION:** Repeat CED of MTX110 at the highest dose is tolerable. Tissue concentrations are likely to be substantially higher compared to oral dosing. Pharmacodynamic effects will be presented.

EPCT-13. CMV PP65 RNA-PULSED DENDRITIC CELL VACCINES FOR PEDIATRIC GLIOBLASTOMA AND MEDULLOBLASTOMA: PHASE I TRIAL RESULTS

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BACKGROUND: Recurrent medulloblastoma and malignant glioma are lethal tumors that are virtually incurable. The cytomegalovirus (CMV) antigen pp65 is ubiquitously expressed on medulloblastoma and malignant glioma but not on healthy brain. We evaluated autologous CMV pp65 RNA-pulsed dendritic cell (DC) vaccines in children and young adults in a phase I trial. **METHODS:** Circulating monocytes were harvested using leukapheresis, differentiated into DCs, matured, and pulsed with pp65 RNA using electroporation. DCs were packaged into vaccines (2x10⁷DC/vaccine) and administered intradermally following tetanus-diphtheria toxoid site preconditioning every 2 weeks x3, then monthly. The primary objectives of the study were to establish the feasibility of generating at least 3 vaccines and safety. An exploratory objective was to evaluate the ability of

vaccination to create and enhance patient pp65-specific T cell responses. **RESULTS:** Eleven patients were enrolled with medulloblastoma (n=3) or glioblastoma (n=8). Ages ranged from 9–30 years old (mean 15.5y). Ten of 11 patients (91%) generated at least 3 vaccines (mean 6.2). Eight patients received at least 3 vaccines. To date, 4 patients have received all generated vaccines without progression, 4 patients have progressed, and 2 patients are still receiving vaccines. There have not been any severe adverse events probably or definitely related to vaccines. More mature data will be presented at ISPNO. **CONCLUSIONS:** Leukapheresis and monocyte differentiation is a feasible strategy for generating adequate DCs for active immunization in children with malignant brain tumors. CMV pp65 RNA-pulsed DCs are well-tolerated and immunogenic. Efficacy endpoints will be evaluated in a subsequent phase II trial.

EPCT-15. THE REMIND TRIAL: MULTI-ANTIGEN TARGETED T CELLS FOR PEDIATRIC CNS TUMORS

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BACKGROUND: Patients with relapsed CNS malignancies or DIPG face terrible prognoses. We hypothesized that T cells specific for 3 tumor-associated antigens (TAA), WT1, PRAME and survivin, would be safe and elicit anti-tumor immunity. **METHODS:** Patients (n=9) have received autologous tumor antigen-associated T cells (TAAT) (up to 4x10⁷/m²) for newly diagnosed DIPG (Group A) or recurrent CNS malignancies (Group B) on a Phase I dose-escalation study (NCT03652545) and were monitored for safety and response. **RESULTS/DISCUSSION:** 9/9 patients who received TAAT completed the 45-day safety monitoring phase with no dose-limiting toxicities. Infused cells were predominantly CD3+ T cells (median 96%; range: 87–99%), with CD4+ and CD8+ comprising 16% (range: 5–87%) and 40% (range: 4–67%) of the CD3+ cells, respectively. TAAT with specificity for 1–3 TAAs, at varying frequencies, was demonstrated in 8/9 TAAT by anti-IFN-γ ELISPOT. Plasma cytokine profiles demonstrated infusion-related immune cytokine responses. In summary, TAAT are safe and may elicit anti-tumor responses in vivo. To confirm TAAT-driven effects, we are evaluating plasma proteomic profiles for immune-response signatures and assessing unique T cell receptor rearrangements of infused TAAT. Response assessment and dose escalation are ongoing.

EPCT-16. A PHASE IB STUDY OF PTC596 IN CHILDREN WITH NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AND HIGH GRADE GLIOMA

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BACKGROUND: BMI-1 is highly expressed in DIPG. Downregulation leads to inhibition of cell proliferation, cell cycle signaling, self-renewal, telomerase expression, activity, and suppression of DIPG cell migration. Targeted inhibition of BMI-1 sensitizes DIPG cells to radiation and drug-induced DNA damage. PTC596 (formulated by PTC Therapeutics, Inc.) is a novel, orally available drug that inhibits microtubule polymerization, resulting in G2/M cell cycle arrest and post-translational modification of BMI-1 protein and reduced BMI-1 protein levels. **OBJECTIVES:** To estimate the maximum tolerated dose and describe dose limiting toxicities, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of PTC596 in children 3–21 years of age with newly diagnosed diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma and high-grade gliomas. **METHODS:** PTC596 is administered twice per week orally during radiotherapy and as maintenance for up to two years. The starting dose of PTC596 was 200 mg/m², with a subsequent dose level of 260mg/m²/dose. Pharmacokinetics are performed in Cycles 1 and 2. **RESULTS:** This study is currently ongoing. Nine patients (7 with DIPG, 2 with HGG), 8 evaluable, have been enrolled. At dose level 1, 200 mg/m², three evaluable patients were enrolled and experienced no DLTs. At dose level 2, among 5 evaluable patients, 2 experienced dose-limiting grade 4 neutropenia. PTC596 has been otherwise well tolerated. Five patients remain in Cycles 2–11. **CONCLUSION:** This phase I trial is ongoing. PTC596 is tolerable at dose level 1. We