

#### Relacorilant, A Selective Glucocorticoid Receptor Modulator, In Combination With Nab-Paclitaxel Improves Progression-Free Survival In Patients With Recurrent Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer: A 3-Arm, Randomized, Open-Label, Phase 2 Study

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Platinum-resistant Ovarian Cancer: A Great Unmet Medical Need

Platinum resistance occurs in virtually all patients with recurrent ovarian cancer<sup>1</sup>

- Therapy options are limited to sequential chemotherapy not previously administered and molecular targeted agents
- Outcomes are generally poor
- Weekly paclitaxel is a standard regimen and nab-paclitaxel has also shown singleagent activity in a phase 2 study of patients with platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (objective response: 23%)<sup>2</sup>

10-15% Response rate to chemotherapy<sup>1</sup>

3-4 months Progression-free survival<sup>1</sup>

<12 months Overall survival<sup>1</sup>





### Relacorilant May Enhance and/or Restore Chemotherapy Sensitivity





- Physiological cortisol levels can suppress immune activation and tumor cell apoptosis by activating the glucocorticoid receptor (GR)<sup>1,2</sup>
- Upon GR activation, tumor progression is obtained via activation of proliferative pathways (epithelial mesenchymal transition, TGF-β) and by inducing chemotherapy resistance<sup>1</sup>
- High GR expression has been reported in several solid tumors, including ovarian cancer,<sup>2,3</sup> where it has been correlated with reduced progression-free survival<sup>3</sup>
- Relacorilant, an investigational selective GR modulator, has demonstrated its potential to restore chemosensitivity<sup>5</sup> and enhance platinum and taxane efficacy in preclinical and early-phase clinical trials<sup>4,5</sup>

 $^1$  Block et al. 2017;  $^2$  Skor et al. 2013;  $^3$  Veneris et al. 2018,  $^4$  Greenstein & Hunt 2021;  $^5$  Munster et al, 2019; GR, glucocorticoid receptor; TGF- $\beta$ , Transforming growth factor beta



### Preclinical and Phase 1 Results Suggest a Synergy Between Relacorilant and Nab-paclitaxel

#### **Preclinical findings:**

- In vitro, relacorilant restored paclitaxel-induced tumor cell apoptosis, which was reduced by cortisol<sup>1</sup>
- In xenograft models, <u>under normal physiological glucocorticoid levels</u>, GR antagonism promoted paclitaxel-induced tumor cell apoptosis<sup>1,2</sup>

**Nab-paclitaxel** does not require pretreatment with steroids and is thus well-suited for combination with relacorilant.

Phase 1 study of relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel in<br/>patients with solid tumors3,438% durable (≥16 wks)<br/>disease control in patients<br/>with ovarian, fallopian tube,<br/>and primary peritoneal cancer28% with longer duration of<br/>benefit than on prior taxane

<sup>1</sup> Greenstein & Hunt 2021; <sup>2</sup> Skor et al. 2013; <sup>3</sup> Munster et al. 2019; <sup>4</sup> Greenstein et al. 2020



# Phase 2 Study Design





Presence of ascites



\_\_\_\_\_Nab-paclitaxel (100 mg/m²) 15 122

#### Statistical assumptions

CONTINUOUS vs COMPARATOR: 91 PFS events to detect a HR=0.56 (median PFS increase from 3.8 to 6.8 mo)

**INTERMITTENT** relacorilant

**CONTINUOUS** relacorilant

Relacorilant (100 mg\*)

**COMPARATOR** nab-paclitaxel

Relacorilant (150 mg)

Nab-paclitaxel (80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

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+ nab-paclitaxel

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N=60

N=58

N=60

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INTERMITTENT vs COMPARATOR: 92 PFS events to detect a HR=0.7 (median PFS increase from 3.8 to 5.4 mo)

INTERMITTENT vs COMPARATOR

CONTINUOUS vs COMPARATOR

#### **Primary endpoints:** • Progression-free survival (PFS)

by RECIST v1.1

#### Secondary endpoints:

- Objective response rate (ORR)
- Duration of response (DoR)
- Overall survival (OS)
- Safety of the relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel combination

# **Baseline Characteristics**



	INTERMITTENT (N=60)	CONTINUOUS (N=58)	COMPARATOR (N=60)	<b>Overall</b> (N=178)
Age, median (range), years	60 (38, 81)	60 (45, 75)	61.5 (41, 81)	61 (38, 81)
Refractory**, no. (%)	23 (38.3%)	20 (34.5%)	22 (36.7%)	65 (36.5%)
Primary refractory, no (%)	7 (11.7%)	3 (5.2%)	1 (1.7%)	11 (6.2%)
Number of prior therapies, median (range)	2.5 (1, 4)	3 (1, 5)	3 (1, 4)	3 (1, 5)
Lines of prior chemotherapy, median (range)	2 (1, 4)	2 (1, 5)*	2 (1, 4)	2 (1, 5)
Prior cancer therapy, no. (%)				
Bevacizumab	31 (51.7%)	37 (63.8%)	37 (61.7%)	105 (59.0%)
PARP	18 (30.0%)	27 (46.6%)	20 (33.3%)	65 (36.5%)
Molecular profiling (available in a subset of the study population only)				
BRCA1(+), n/N (%)	5/43 (11.6%)	4/43 (9.3%)	7/49 (14.3%)	16/135 (11.9%)
BRCA2(+), n/N (%)	1/37 (2.7%)	3/39 (7.7%)	3/39 (7.7%)	7/115 (6.1%)

\* 1 patient with bevacizumab counted as a separate line

\*\* progressing during or within 1 month from last platinum treatment

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Safety population	60	57	60	177
Discontinuation of study drug <sup>a</sup> , no. (%)	53 (88.3%)	54 (93.1%)	56 (93.3%)	163 (91.6%)
Disease progression	40 (66.7%)	40 (69.0%)	47 (78.3%)	127 (71.3%)
Adverse event	7 (11.7%)	9 (13.8%)	4 (6.7%)	20 (11.2%)
Death	1 (1.7%)	2 (3.4%)	2 (3.3%)	5 (2.8%)
Other	5 (8.3%) <sup>b</sup>	3 (5.2%)	3 (5.0%)	11 (6.2%)

<sup>a</sup> Discontinuation of either relacorilant or nab-paclitaxel

<sup>b</sup> 1 patient discontinued relacorilant and nab-paclitaxel for different reasons (clinical progression and adverse event, respectively)

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### **INTERMITTENT Relacorilant + Nab-paclitaxel Improved Duration of Response**



	ORR		
	n (%)	95% CI	
INTERMITTENT	20 (35.7%)	(23.4, 49.6)	
CONTINUOUS	19 (35.2%)	(22.7, 49.4)	
COMPARATOR	19 (35.8%)	(23.1, 50.2)	

While ORR was similar, DoR was **significantly improved** in the INTERMITTENT regimen. HR 0.36, 95% CI (0.16-0.77), *P*=0.006

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# Safety and Tolerability: Most Frequently Reported Toxicity (>10%)



n, %	INTERMITTENT (N=60)	CONTINUOUS (N=57)	COMPARATOR (N=60)
Neutropenia <sup>a</sup>	12 (20.0%)	22 (38.6%)	22 (36.7%)
Grade ≥3	4 (6.7%)	15 (26.3%)	9 (15.0%)
Febrile neutropenia (Grade 3) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.7%)
Anemia <sup>c</sup>	29 (48.3%)	37 (64.9%)	34 (56.7%)
Grade ≥3	8 (13.3%)	11 (19.3%)	7 (11.7%)
Peripheral neuropathy <sup>d</sup>	21 (35.0%)	27 (47.4%)	18 (30.0%)
Grade ≥3	0 (0.0%)	9 (15.8%)	3 (5.0%)
Fatigue or asthenia	33 (55.0%)	41 (71.9%)	39 (65.0%)
Grade ≥3	6 (10.0%)	5 (8.8%)	1 (1.7%)

<sup>a</sup> Neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased; <sup>b</sup> Secondary to E.coli urinary sepsis in this patient; <sup>c</sup> Anemia, hemoglobin decreased; <sup>d</sup> Neuropathy peripheral, neurotoxicity, peripheral motor neuropathy, peripheral sensorimotor neuropathy, peripheral sensory neuropathy

CONTINUOUS, once-daily relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel; INTERMITTENT, intermittent relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel; COMPARATOR, nab-paclitaxel monotherapy; G-CSF, granulocyte-colony stimulating factor

- ► All relacorilant-treated patients received prophylactic G-CSF per protocol to reduce the risk of neutropenia
- ► 46.7% of patients in the comparator arm received G-CSF per the investigator's standard practice



# **Baseline and Pharmacodynamic Biomarkers**





- mRNA expression was measured in 137 pre-treatment tumor specimens across all three arms of the study
- All tested ovarian tumors showed high mRNA expression of NR3C1, the gene that encodes for the glucocorticoid receptor
- Evaluation of GR expression by IHC is ongoing

Median for GR in the 83<sup>rd</sup> percentile of median expression for all genes; IHC, immunohistochemistry





- Fold change in expression for a panel of 239 GR-agonist-inducible genes was assessed in whole blood from baseline to C1D15 (predose)
- The pharmacodynamic analysis confirmed that relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel can suppress 221/239 glucocorticoid receptor target genes such as serum and glucocorticoid-regulated kinase (SGK1)

Error bars are median and interquartile ranges

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# Conclusions



- This study is the first randomized, controlled, phase 2 trial of relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel in patients with platinum-resistant/refractory ovarian, primary peritoneal, or fallopian tube cancer.
- ▶ In this heavily pretreated population (up to 5 lines of prior chemotherapy), substantial benefit was observed.
  - INTERMITTENT relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel significantly improved PFS and DoR compared to nab-paclitaxel alone.
  - Although OS data are not yet mature, a trend toward improved OS was observed with INTERMITTENT relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel.
- No additional toxicity was observed with the addition of INTERMITTENT relacorilant compared to nab-paclitaxel alone.
- A phase 3 trial evaluating the INTERMITTENT relacorilant + nab-paclitaxel schedule vs chemotherapy is being planned.



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