

ABS 221: Phase I/II Study of a Novel MDM-2 inhibitor (APG-115/Alrizomadlin) in TP53 Wild Type Salivary Gland Cancers

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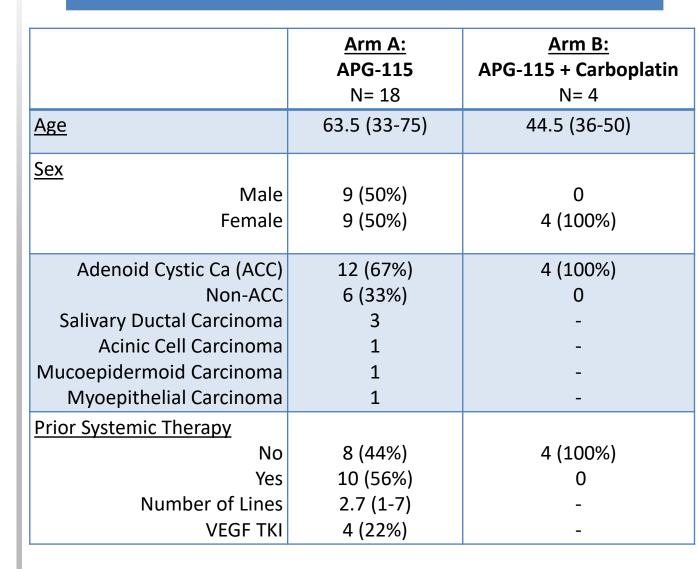
BACKGROUND

- Malignant salivary gland cancers (SGC) are rare tumors of the head and neck with no approved
 - *TP53* mutations seen in approx. 20-30%
- The most common histology is adenoid cystic carcinoma (ACC) and the median progression free survival (mPFS) in patients with untreated disease is 2.8 months.
- Commonly used VEGFR TKIs demonstrate an ORR of 0-15% and mPFS 10.8-17.5 months
- MDM2 gene amplifications are a common event, particularly prevalent in ACC. Overexpression occurs by several other epigenetic mechanisms in other
- MDM2 inhibition has demonstrated significant preclinical activity in TP53 wt ACC models without suggestion of systemic toxicity
- Significant synergy demonstrated when combined with platinum agent
- APG-115 is a potent oral small-molecule MDM2 inhibitor (IC50= 3.8 +/- 1.1 nM) increasing p53 and p21 overexpression and activating p53 mediated apoptosis in p53 retaining tumor cells
 - Previously evaluated alone and in combination with pembrolizumab (NCT03611868)
- Our hypothesis is that APG-115 +/- chemotherapy would have significant antitumor activity and improve patient outcomes in *TP53 wt* SGC
- **Primary Objective:** Determine the safety (DLT, MTD) and efficacy (ORR) for APG-115 +/- Carboplatin
- Secondary Objectives: Progression Free Survival, Duration of Response, Overall Survival

METHODS

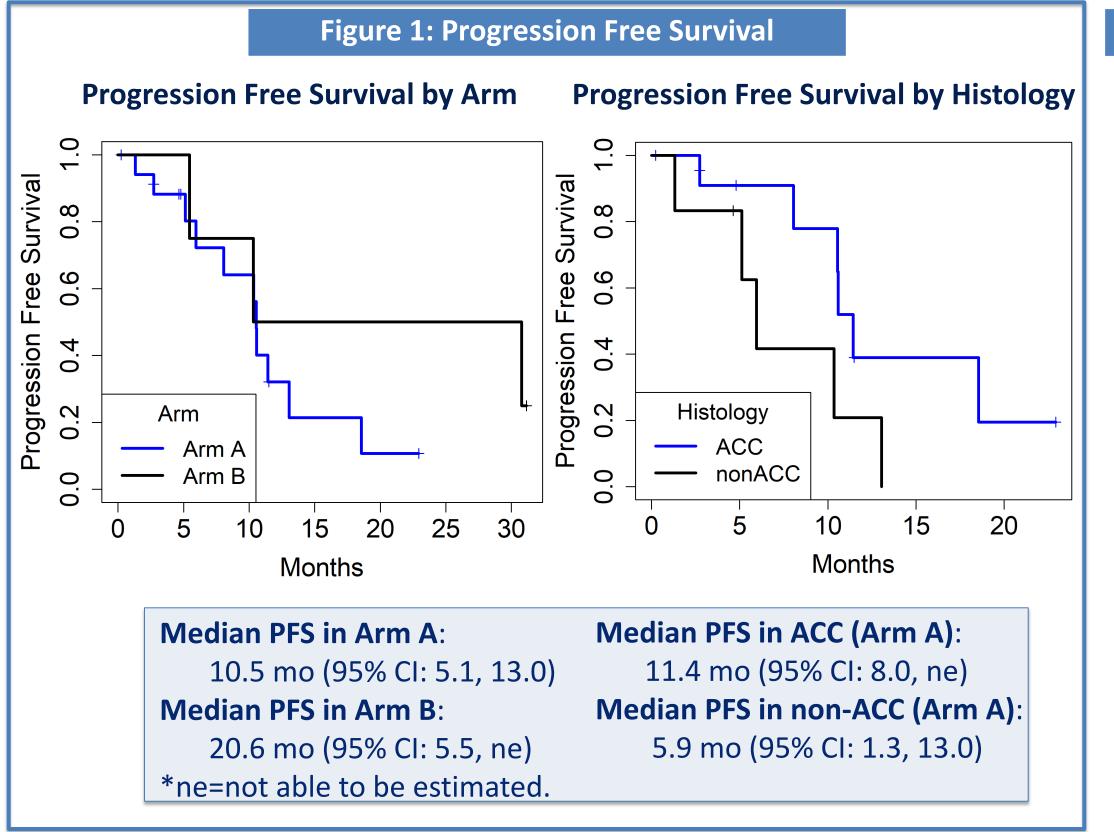
- Phase I/II Study
- Major Eligibility Criteria:
 - Malignant high grade salivary gland cancers non amenable to curative treatment
 - **TP53** wild type by sequencing
 - >20% increase in tumor burden in the preceding 12 months
- Doses assigned using time to event continual reassessment method (TITE-CRM)
 - Started at highest dose DL and de-escalated
 - APG-115: 150 mg orally, Every other day D1-14. Cycle Length- 21D
- Carboplatin: AUC= 5. D1, Cycle Length- 21D
- Initially consisted of two parallel trials evaluating APG-115 +/- Carboplatin
- Combination arm was closed early due to concerns regarding tolerability The trial design was modified to a single arm study
- of APG-115 monotherapy (n= 34) Planned interim analysis after enrollment of 14
- patients to monotherapy
 - > 2 responses merited full enrollment

Table 1: Patient Characteristics



- As of 6/21/22, 18 pts enrolled to Arm A (APG-115) and 4 pts enrolled to Arm B (APG-115 + Carboplatin)
 - Data cut-off: 9/30/22
- All patients assigned to highest dose level by TITE-CRM
- 2 DLTs, one in each arm
 - Arm A: Grade 3 Dizziness
 - Arm B: Grade 3 Neutropenic Fever

RESULTS





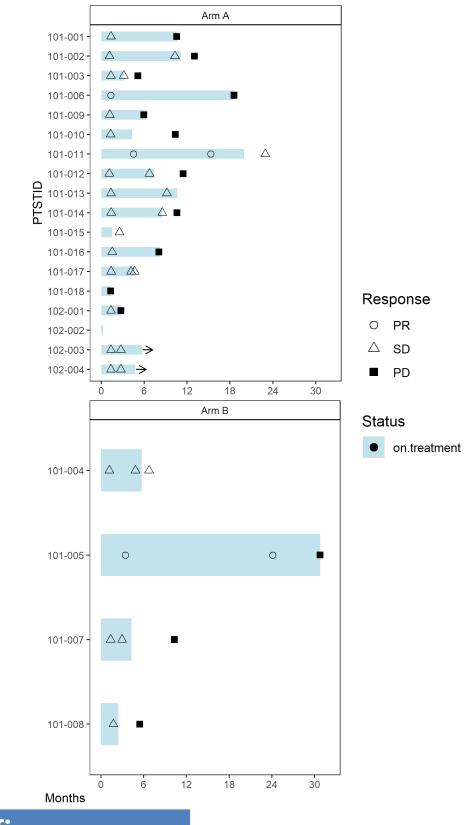


Table 2: Treatment Related Adverse Effects

Table 3: Treatment Efficacy

Arm A: APG-115 Monotherapy				
	G 1	G2	G3	G4
Neutropenia	2 (11%)	0	3 (17%)	2 (11%)
Thrombocytopenia	4 (22%)	2 (11%)	2 (11%)	2 (11%)
Fatigue	5 (28%)	5 (28%)	6 (33%)	0
Nausea	7 (39%)	4 (22%)	4 (22%)	0
Vomiting	4 (22%)	1 (6%)	3 (17%)	0
Anemia	3 (17%)	2 (11%)	1 (6%)	0
Anorexia	2 (11%)	2 (11%)	1 (6%)	0
Lymphocyte Count Decreased	3 (17%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	0
Dysgeusia	5 (28%)	0	0	0

Arm B: APG-115 + Carboplatin					
	G1	G2	G3	G4	В
Neutropenia	0	1 (25%)	0	2 (50%)	
Thrombocytopenia	0	1 (25%)	2 (50%)	1 (25%)	
Anemia	0	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	0	
Neutropenic Fever	0	0	1 (25%)	0	
Lymphocyte Count Decreased	1 (25%)	0	1 (25%)	0	
Nausea	1 (25%)	2 (50%)	0	0	6-
Vomiting	2 (50%)	0	0	0	6-
Fatigue	2 (50%)	1 (25%)	0	0	*
Epistaxis	0	1 (25%)	0	0	

		<u>Arm A</u> : APG-115 ACC Only (n=12)	Arm A: APG-115 Non-ACC Only (n=6)	<u>Arm B:</u> APG-115 + Carboplatin (n=4)			
Best Response	PR	2 (16%)	0	1 (25%)			
	Duration of response	19.3 mo (18.6, 19.9 mo)	-	30.8 mo			
	SD	9 (75%)	5 (83%)	3 (75%)			
	Duration of response	5.9 mo (1.5, 10.6)	4.6 mo (3.2, 11.1)	4.3 mo (2.4, 5.7)			
	PD	1 (8%)	1 (17%)	-			
	No Scans Available	1*	-	-			
6-month PFS		91% (51%, 99%)	42% (6%, 77%)	75% (13%, 96%)			
6-month OS		91% (51%, 99%)	83% (27%, 97%)	100% (ne, ne)			
*Patient elected to come off study on Cycle 1, Day 1. For PFS analysis, the patient is censored at time of drop off, however is still followed for survival.							

CONCLUSIONS

- This is the first study to evaluate the activity of MDM2 inhibition in patients with salivary gland cancers
- APG-115 monotherapy demonstrates promising antitumor activity among patients with progressive high grade TP53wt salivary gland cancer with an acceptable safety profile
 - mPFS significantly longer than historical cohort treated with placebo
 - On par with outcomes from patients treated with

• Stability of disease in patients with prior

- documented progression Although the sample size is limited, greatest signal
- was seen in adenoid cystic carcinoma Correlative analysis are in process to investigate
- potential predictive biomarkers Accrual is ongoing in patients with TP53wt ACC for precise assessment of survival characteristics

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