

# Phase 1/2a Study of PRL-02, a Long-Acting IM Depot Injection of Abiraterone Decanoate in Patients with Prostate Cancer Including Those Previously Treated with Enzalutamide (NCT04729114)

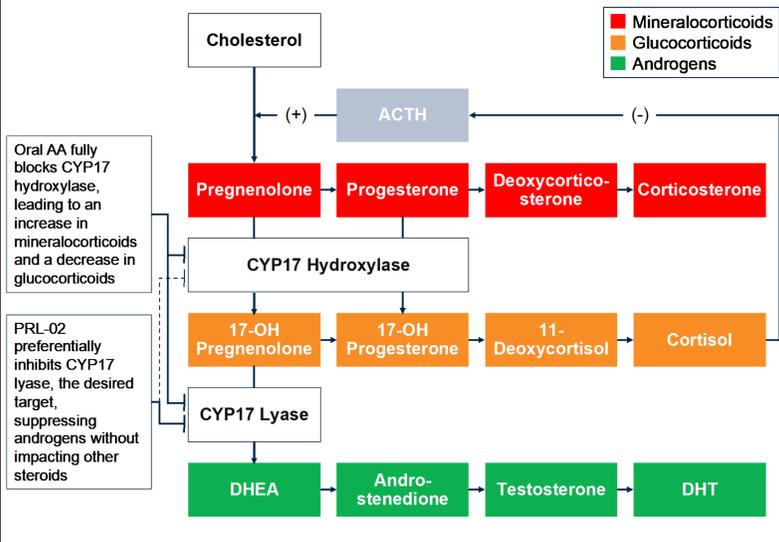
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## BACKGROUND

- PRL-02 is a long-acting intramuscular (IM) depot injection of abiraterone decanoate, a novel lipophilic prodrug of abiraterone that is delivered through the lymphatic system
- In a castrate monkey model, single-dose PRL-02 suppressed testosterone (T) through 14 weeks to levels comparable to clinical results with oral abiraterone acetate (AA) but with lower and less variable plasma exposures<sup>1</sup>
- PRL-02 minimally inhibits CYP17 hydroxylase and preferentially inhibits CYP17 lyase, and therefore blocks androgens without harmful increases in mineralocorticoids or depletion of steroids in the glucocorticoid pathway (Fig 1)
- Progesterone (P), a known oncogenic driver of prostate cancer through the activation of androgen receptor (AR)- and non-AR-driven pathways, is elevated in patients (pts) treated with oral AA<sup>2,3</sup>
- Nonclinical study results show higher abiraterone exposures from PRL-02 compared to oral AA in adrenal, lymph, and bone and lower exposures in liver, brain, and plasma, suggesting that PRL-02 has the potential for a superior therapeutic index and safety profile compared to oral AA<sup>4</sup>

**Figure 1. Metabolic Pathway of Cholesterol to Androgens – Abiraterone and PRL-02 Effects**



## OBJECTIVE

- The results of the dose-escalation Phase 1 study evaluating the safety, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and efficacy of PRL-02 are presented
- In addition, this poster includes safety, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and efficacy in pts with CRPC whose disease progressed on a prior 2nd-generation androgen receptor-targeting agent [2gAR] (enzalutamide, apalutamide, darolutamide)

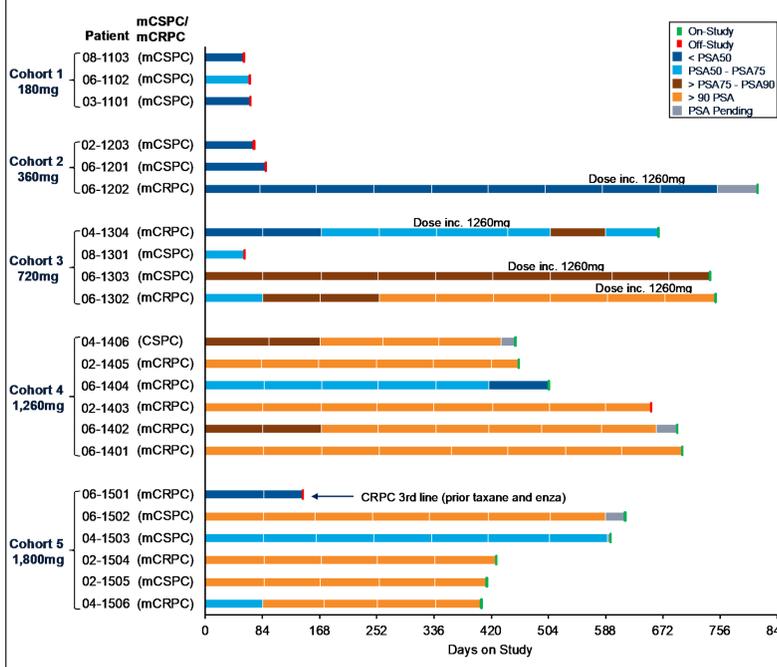
## METHODS

- Phase 1 dose escalation was a standard 3+3 design that identified a recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D) – Cohorts 1-5
- Currently enrolling Phase 1 expansion Cohorts D and E. These include pts who received prior oral AA (Cohort D); or prior enzalutamide, apalutamide, and/or darolutamide (Cohort E) with documented evidence of progression
- PRL-02 is administered as an IM injection every 84 days (1 cycle) along with daily oral dexamethasone (0.5 mg)
- Patients with metastatic castrate resistant or sensitive prostate cancer (mCRPC/mCSPC) ((Cohorts 1-5) or mCRPC only (Cohorts D&E) and a screening T of <50 ng/dL were included
- T and P plasma concentrations were assessed at least every 21 days starting from Day 1 of Cycle 1 through 12 weeks and every 28 days of all cycles thereafter
- Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) is assessed pre-dose on Day 1 of Cycle 1 and every 28 days of all cycles thereafter (exception: at least every 3 weeks in Cycle 1 for Cohorts D and E)

## RESULTS

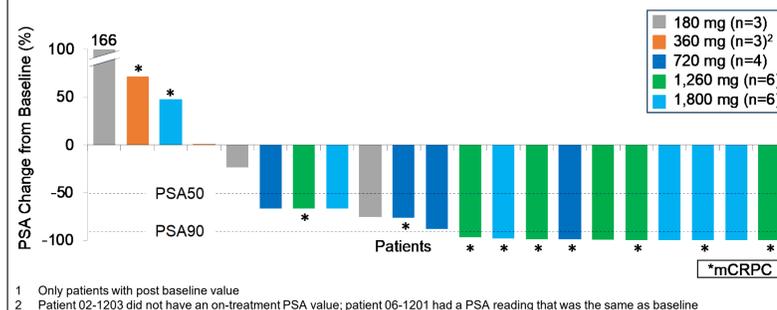
- As of Dec 18, 2023, 41 pts have been dosed as follows:
  - 22 pts (9 mCRPC, 12 mCSPC, 1 CSPC) in dose escalation Cohorts 1-5: 1, 180 mg (n=3); 2, 360 mg (n=3); 3, 720 mg (n=4); 4, 1,260 mg (n=6); and 5, 1,800 mg (n=6)
  - median age 68
  - emerging median time on treatment (TOT) in months per dose level (range) of 2.17 (1.88-2.20+), 2.93 (2.37-26.74+), 23.19 (1.91-24.70+), 19.10 (15.03-23.09+), & 13.88 (4.74-20.33+), respectively (Fig 2)
- 5 pts in Cohort D (mCRPC, oral AA failures) dosed at 1,260 mg
  - median age 74
  - median TOT in months (range) 2.66 (0.63-7.89+)
- 14 pts in Cohort E (mCRPC, enzalutamide/apalutamide/darolutamide failures) dosed at 1,260 mg
  - median age 77
  - emerging median TOT in months (range) 3.32 (0.07-9.28+) (Fig 5)
- Across dose escalation pts, there was generally a dose-proportional increase in plasma abiraterone concentrations following a single dose of PRL-02 with a Tmax of 14-33 days and a mean plasma half-life of 17-23 days. Abiraterone concentrations appeared to be similar between Cohort 4 and 5 pts and Cohort D and E expansion pts (Fig 4a)
- The median baseline T level in dose escalation pts was 7.45 ng/dL
- Among dose escalation pts dosed at 1,260 mg and above, 12 of 16 had a 90% reduction in T or values ≤1 ng/dL by day 28, and across all dose escalation pts PSA responses ≥50% and ≥90% were observed in 16 of 21 pts and 10 of 21 pts, respectively (Fig 3)
- Evidence that PRL-02 disrupts AR-signaling following 2gAR therapy (e.g., enzalutamide); most patients (8 out of 9) exhibited decreasing or flattening PSA trajectory by the second cycle of PRL-02, including two pts with an unconfirmed PSA50 decline from baseline (Fig 6)
- Dose-dependent T and P concentrations were generally similar between Cohort 4 and 5 dose escalation pts and Cohort D and E expansion pts (Fig 4b and 4c), with minimal to no increase in P
- There were no treatment-related serious adverse events (AEs) or dose-limiting toxicities (Table 1)
- G2 related AEs included edema peripheral, fatigue, increased bruising, decreased appetite, weight increased, insomnia, and hot flush; symptoms of mineralocorticoid excess were not reported

**Figure 2. Swim Plots<sup>1</sup> – Cohorts 1-5 Dose Escalation Patients**



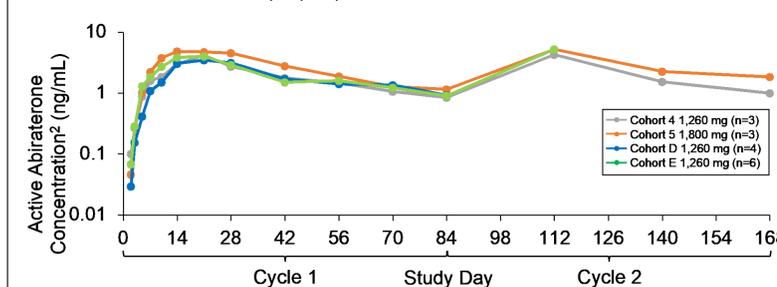
<sup>1</sup> A post-baseline PSA value of 0.01 ng/mL was used for response calculation if the post-baseline value was <LLOQ (0.02 ng/mL)

**Figure 3. PSA % Change from Baseline – Cohorts 1-5 Dose Escalation Patients<sup>1</sup>**



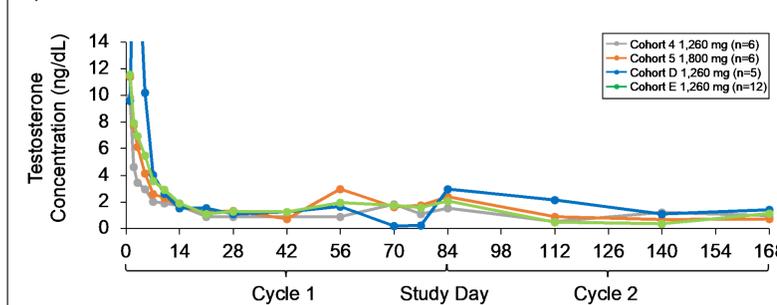
<sup>1</sup> Only patients with post baseline value  
<sup>2</sup> Patient 02-1203 did not have an on-treatment PSA value; patient 06-1201 had a PSA reading that was the same as baseline

**Figure 4a. Mean Plasma Abiraterone Concentrations by Dose<sup>1</sup> for Cohorts 4, 5, D, and E**



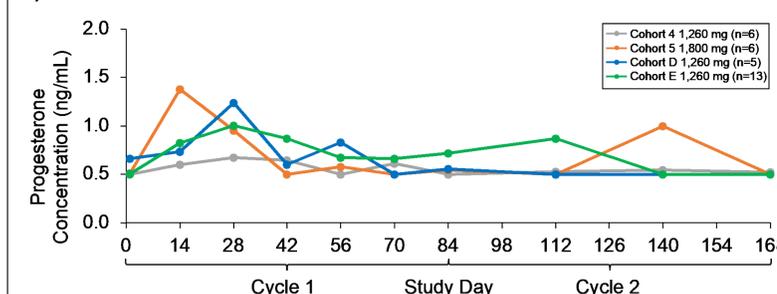
<sup>1</sup> LLOQ=0.25 ng/mL through Dec 2021; 0.1 from Jan 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Mean

**Figure 4b. Mean Plasma T Concentrations<sup>1</sup> for Cohorts 4, 5, D, and E**

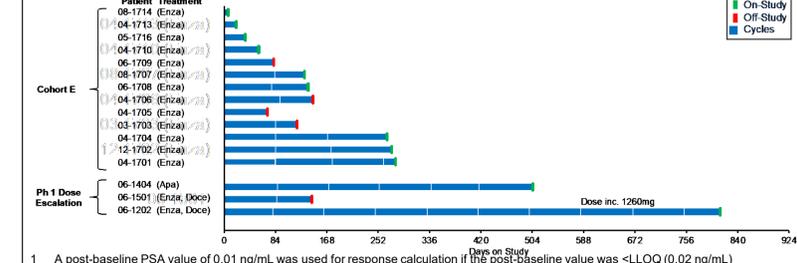


<sup>1</sup> EOT value placed at nearest normal visit timepoint

**Figure 4c. Mean Plasma P Concentrations for Cohorts 4, 5, D, and E**

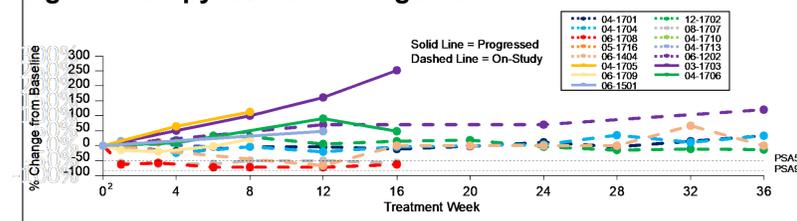


**Figure 5. Patients with mCRPC Previously Treated with 2gAR<sup>1</sup> Therapy: Swim Plots**



<sup>1</sup> A post-baseline PSA value of 0.01 ng/mL was used for response calculation if the post-baseline value was <LLOQ (0.02 ng/mL)

**Figure 6. Patients<sup>1</sup> with mCRPC Previously Treated with 2gAR Therapy: % PSA Change from Baseline**



<sup>1</sup> All patients post-dosing PSA values as of the cut-off date 18 DEC 23  
<sup>2</sup> Week 0 = pre-dose Cycle 1 Day 1

**Table 1. Overall Summary of Adverse Events by Cohort**

Adverse Event Category	Cohort			
	1-3 (180-720 mg) (N=10)	4 (1,260 mg) (N=6)	5 (1,800 mg) (N=6)	D and E (1,260 mg) (N=19)
Any TEAE <sup>1</sup> , n (%)	8 (80)	6 (100)	6 (100)	15 (79)
Treatment-Related TEAE <sup>1</sup> , n (%)	5 (50)	2 (33)	3 (50)	8 (42)
Serious TEAE <sup>1</sup> , n (%)	0 (0)	2 (33)	1 (17)	1 (5)
Treatment-Related Serious AE <sup>2</sup> , n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
TEAE <sup>1</sup> That Qualify as a DLT <sup>3</sup> , n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
TEAE <sup>1</sup> of Clinical Interest, n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Fatal TEAEs <sup>1</sup> , n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

<sup>1</sup> Treatment Emergent Adverse Event  
<sup>2</sup> Adverse Event  
<sup>3</sup> Dose-Limiting Toxicity

## CONCLUSIONS

- PRL-02 was well-tolerated, with minimal adverse effects observed at all dose levels explored
- Dose-dependent T suppression was associated with clinical benefits including PSA responses (e.g., PSA50/PSA90)
- Based on profound T suppression, without effect on P concentrations, and initial clinical activity, the provisional recommended Phase 2 dose is 1,260 mg
- At the 1,260 mg PRL-02 dose, PSA responses and/or flattening PSA trajectory was noted in a majority of pts with mCRPC who previously received 2gAR therapy

## IMPLICATIONS

- In contrast to a study of oral AA in pts with CRPC that reported substantial increases in median P (0.13 to 5.33 nmol/L)<sup>3</sup>, minimal to no increases in P were observed in this study, consistent with high PRL-02 CYP17 lyase selectivity
- The profound and sustained reductions in T without a rise in P provides a mechanistic basis for the hypothesis that PRL-02 may have superior clinical activity over oral AA; these hypotheses are being tested in the ongoing study
- Early results at 1,260 mg following 2gAR therapy (Cohort E) are encouraging
- The clinical activity and safety profile of IM PRL-02, as demonstrated in the Phase 1 dose escalation and expansion cohorts, is encouraging and supports further clinical investigation

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