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**OVERALL SURVIVAL RESULTS FROM A** PHASE III TRIAL OF **TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL VS. PLACEBO IN** PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC GASTRIC **CANCER REFRACTORY TO STANDARD** THERAPIES

Tabernero et al. WCGIC 2018, LBA-002

# TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL VS. PLACEBO IN METASTATIC GASTRIC CANCER



- **Patient population:** patients with metastatic gastric or GE junction cancer who had at least 2 lines of prior systemic therapy
  - More than 50% had ≥3 prior treatments
- Dose: Trifluridine/Tipiracil (TAS102) 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d 1-5, 8-12 of a 28-day cycle
- Primary endpoint: Overall survival

# TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL VS. PLACEBO IN METASTATIC GASTRIC CANCER: RESULTS



	n	Median OS (months)	Median PFS (months)	
TAS102	337	5.7	2.0	
Placebo	170	3.6	1.8	
p value		0.0003	<0.0001	
HR		0.69	0.57	

40% of patients had a prior gastrectomy, but there was no difference in outcomes compared to those who did not have a gastrectomy

# TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL VS. PLACEBO IN METASTATIC GASTRIC CANCER: CONCLUSION



• Trifluridine/Tipiracil will likely become a treatment option for refractory advanced gastric or GE junction cancer

KEYNOTE-061: PHASE 3 STUDY OF PEMBROLIZUMAB VS. PACLITAXEL FOR PREVIOUSLY TREATED ADVANCED GASTRIC OR GASTROESOPHAGEAL JUNCTION CANCER

Shitara et al. WCGIC 2018, LBA-005

# **KEYNOTE-061: PEMBROLIZUMAB VS. PACLITAXEL FOR ADVANCED GASTRIC/GE JUNCTION CANCER**



- **Patient population:** patients with advanced gastric or GE junction cancer that had progressed after first-line treatment with platinum and fluoropyrimidine therapy
- Dose:
  - Pembrolizumab: 200 mg q 3 weeks
  - Paclitaxel: 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1, 8, 15 of a 28-day cycle
- The study initially enrolled all-comers, but then restricted enrollment to patients with PD-L1+
- Primary endpoint: Overall survival

## **KEYNOTE-061: PEMBROLIZUMAB VS. PACLITAXEL FOR ADVANCED GASTRIC/GE JUNCTION CANCER: RESULTS**



	n	Median OS (months)	Median PFS (months)	ORR%	Gr3+ AE
Pembrolizumab	296	9.1	1.5	15.8%	14.3%
Paclitaxel	296	8.3	4.1	13.6%	34.8%
p value		0.0425*			
HR		0.82			

The greatest OS benefit with pembrolizumab was seen in subgroups of patients with ECOG PS 0, PD-L1+ (CPS ≥10), and MSI-H

Shitara et al. WCGIC 2018, LBA-005

\*Did not meet predefined definition for significance of p value <0.0125

AE, adverse event; CPS, combined positive score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GE, gastroesophageal; Gr, grade; HR, hazard ratio; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival

# **KEYNOTE-061: PEMBROLIZUMAB VS. PACLITAXEL FOR ADVANCED GASTRIC/GE JUNCTION CANCER: CONCLUSIONS**



- Pembrolizumab will not replace paclitaxel (+ ramucirumab) in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-line setting for advanced gastric/GE junction cancers
- Although pembrolizumab did not significantly improve OS vs paclitaxel, this study still confirms the activity of pembrolizumab in patients with advanced gastric or GE junction cancer
- Study highlights the importance of careful patient selection for pembrolizumab: PD-L1+, MSI-H



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