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OBJECTIVES/OUTLINE

 Examine and review the newly FDA approved PET tracers with a focus on PSMA prostate imaging

- Review recent theranostic clinical trial results in the GU space
 - PSMAFORE
 - SPLASH
 - PEACE 3

DIAGNOSTICS + THERAPEUTICS = THERANOSTICS

A new generation of diagnostic PET agents has led to targeted therapy in oncology

'Old' tracers

- F-18 Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG)
- F-18 Sodium Fluoride

'New' tracers

- Ga-68 DOTATATE
- Cu-64 DOTATATE
- Ga-68 PSMA
- F-18 DCFPyL (PyL) PSMA
- F-18 rhPSMA-7.3
- Cu-64 PSMA I&T (in trials)
- F-18 Fluoroestradiol (FES)
- Cu-64, F-18, & Ga-68 FAPI (in trials)
- Zr-89 Girentuximab (near FDA approval)

Theranostic agents

- Lu-177 DOTATATE
- Ac-225 DOTATATE (in trials)
- Lu-177 PSMA-617
- Lu-177 Ju591 rosopatamab (in trials)
- Ac-225 PSMA (in trials)



PSMAfore: a phase 3 study to compare ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 treatment with a change in androgen receptor pathway inhibitor in taxane-naive patients with mCRPC

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Background and Rationale

- mCRPC is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality despite the availability of treatment options^{1,2}
- ARPIs and taxanes are approved for prolonging survival in patients with mCRPC³
 - ARPIs are increasingly being used at earlier disease stages and resistance to treatment can develop⁴
 - Cross-resistance between ARPIs may occur⁵; additionally, many patients are not eligible for chemotherapy owing to comorbidities or frailty, or the refusal of taxane-based chemotherapy because of its known side effects^{6,7}
 - This leaves limited treatment options for mCRPC

- PSMA is a promising theranostic target in prostate cancer owing to its expression being highly upregulated in prostate cancer tissue, and its restricted expression in non–prostate-cancer tissue⁸; additionally, PSMA is highly expressed on the tumor cell membrane and functions as an internalizing cell surface receptor⁹
- [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 (¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617) is a high-affinity PSMA-targeted radioligand therapy that delivers β-particle radiation to PSMA-expressing cells and their surrounding microenvironment^{10–12}
- In the phase 3 VISION trial, ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 significantly prolonged rPFS and OS in patients with mCRPC who had previously been treated with ≥1 ARPI and 1 or 2 taxanes¹³

The aim of the PSMAfore study (NCT04689828) is to determine whether ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 improves rPFS compared with a change in ARPI in patients with mCRPC who have been previously treated with an alternative ARPI, but have not been exposed to taxanes in mCRPC or mHSPC settings

ARPI, androgen receptor pathway inhibitor; mCRPC, metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; mHSPC, metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer; PSMA, prostate-specific membrane antigen; OS, overall survival; rPFS, radiographic progression-free survival.

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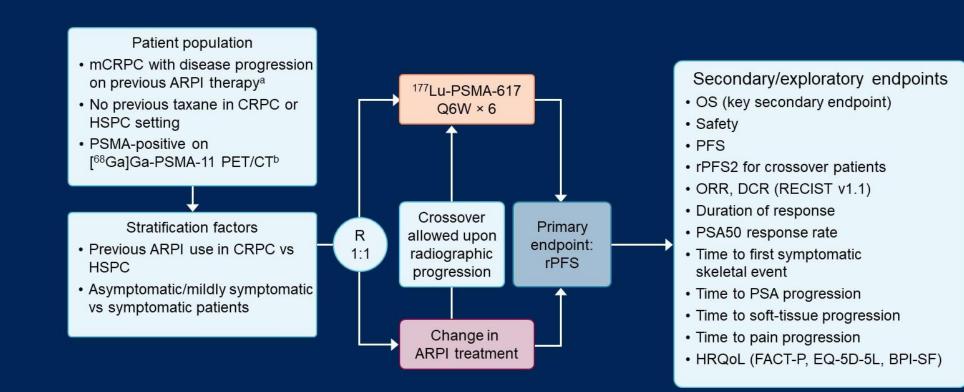
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^aPatients who are considered appropriate for delaying taxane-based chemotherapy.

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PSMAfore Study Design

^bOnly participants with PSMA-positive cancer and confirmed eligibility (determined by the sponsor's central reader) will be randomized.

ARPI, androgen receptor pathway inhibitor; BPI-SF, Brief Pain Inventory – Short Form questionnaire; CRPC, castration-resistant prostate cancer; DCR, disease control rate; EQ-5D- 5L, EuroQol 5-level, 5-dimension questionnaire; FACT-P, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy – Prostate questionnaire; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; HSPC, hormone-sensitive prostate cancer; mCRPC, metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PET/CT, positron emission tomography/computerized tomography; PFS, progression-free survival; PSA, prostate-specific antigen; PSA50, proportion of participants who achieve ≥50% decrease from baseline in PSA confirmed at ≥4 weeks; PSMA, prostate-specific membrane antigen; Q6W, once every 6 weeks; R, randomization; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, version 1.1; rPFS, radiographic PFS.

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Planned Analyses

- The primary efficacy and safety analyses will be performed after ~ 156 rPFS events per BICR, to ensure at least a 95% power to detect a hazard ratio of 0.56, assuming a 2.5% significance on a one-sided log-rank test
- Any additional data for patients continuing to receive study treatment after this time point and for those continuing for efficacy follow-up (rPFS, OS) will be further assessed at the time of the final OS analysis, after observing ~ 297 deaths or when statistical significance is reached at any interim OS analysis

BICR, blinded independent central review; OS, overall survival; rPFS, radiographic progression-free survival.

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Study Status

- The first participant was enrolled into the study on June 15, 2021
- Sites across Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States are currently recruiting patients into the study.
- The estimated study completion is December 2024





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Efficacy of ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 in PSMA-positive mCRPC following progression on an androgen-receptor pathway inhibitor (ARPI) (SPLASH)

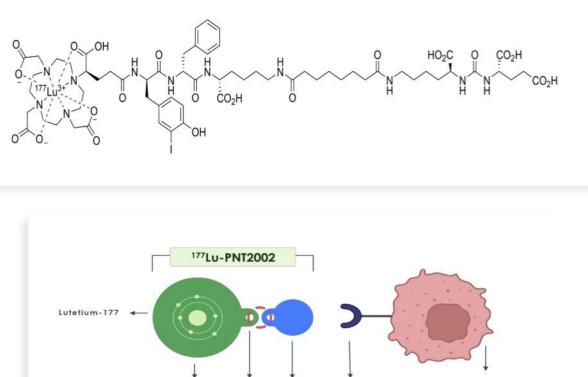
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Background

- ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 ([Lu 177]-PSMA-I&T) is a prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-targeted small molecule radioligand linked to a DOTAGA radiometal chelator
- SPLASH (NCT04647526) is a phase III, randomized study to evaluate efficacy and safety of ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 in mCRPC after androgen receptor pathway inhibitor (ARPI) therapy
- ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 delivers PSMA-targeted radiation to prostate cancer cells, causing DNA damage and ultimately cancer cell death



PSMA-I&T

PSMA

Chelator

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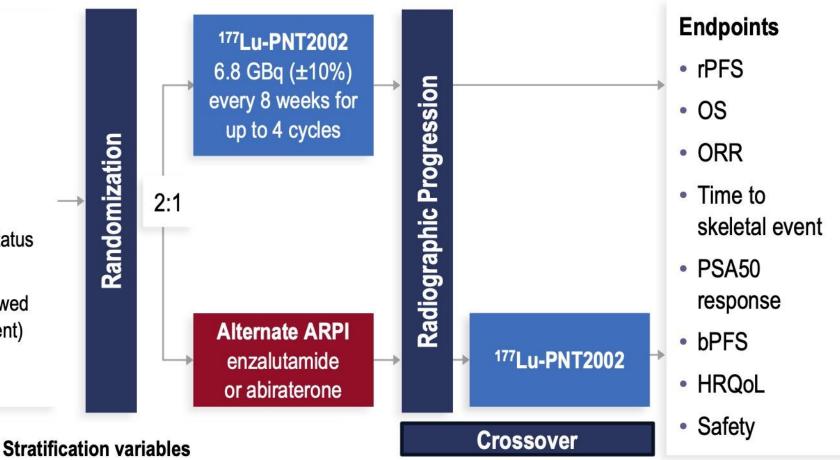
Prostate Cancer Cell



SPLASH study design

Eligibility criteria

- Progressive mCRPC
- Progressed on previous treatment with one ARPI
- PSMA-avid PET
- ECOG performance status 0 to 1
- Taxane for CSPC allowed (>1 year prior to consent)

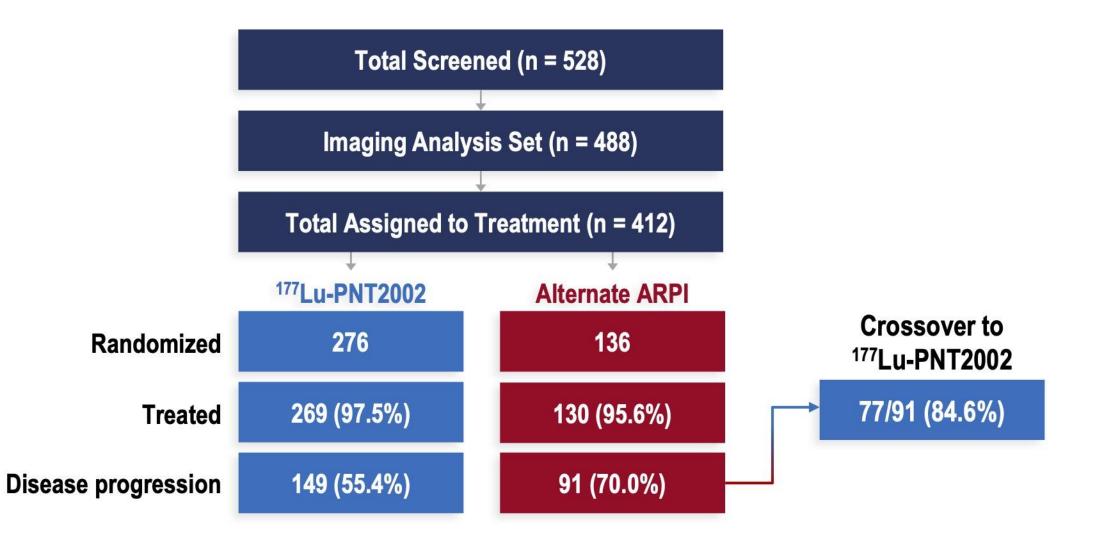


- Prior taxane treatment for CSPC: Y/N
- Prior use of bisphosphonates: Y/N
- Metastatic status on prior ARPI: M0/M1
- Measurable disease at study entry: Y/N





Patient Disposition



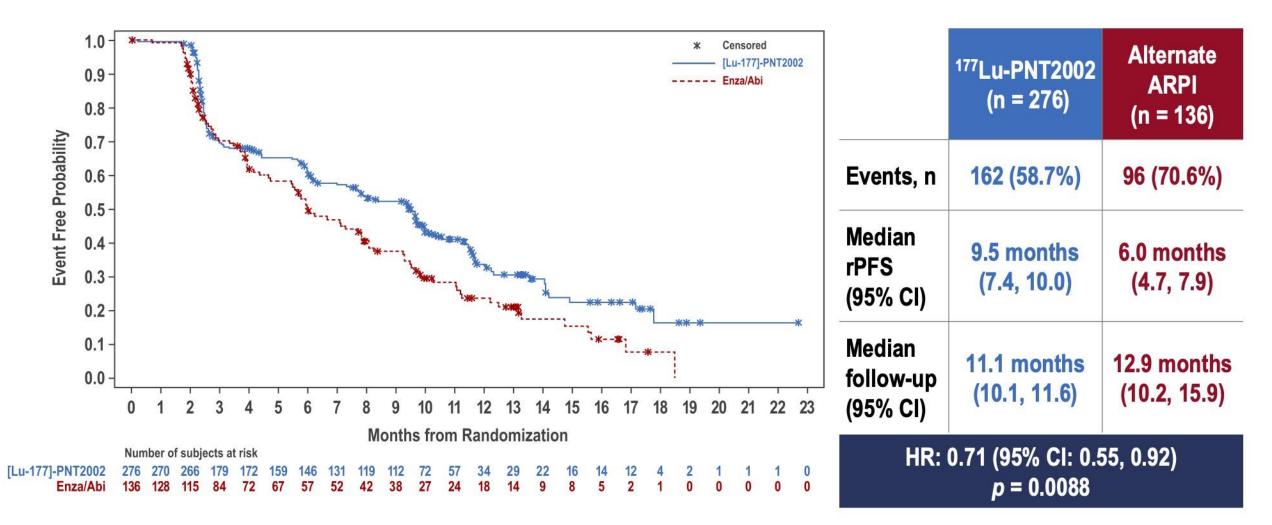


Baseline Patient Characteristics

Parameters	¹⁷⁷ Lu-PNT2002 (n = 276)	Alternate ARPI (n = 136)
Age, median (range), years	72 (45-92)	72 (47-90)
Race, n (%) Black or African American White	32 (11.6) 215 (77.9)	8 (5.9) 112 (82.4)
ECOG performance status 0 1	162 (58.7) 113 (40.9)	76 (55.9) 59 (43.3)
PSA, median (range), μg/L	13.20 (0.19-1182)	18.95 (0.33-1528)
Hemoglobin (range), g/L	127 (83-160)	129.5 (84-163)
Alkaline phosphatase (range), U/L	91 (28-1348)	95 (25-1256)
Lactate dehydrogenase (range), U/L	191 (114-1800)	186.5 (84-644)
Prior taxane treatment for CSPC, n (%) Yes No	49 (17.8) 227 (82.2)	23 (16.9) 113 (83.1)
Metastatic status at start of prior ARPI therapy, n (%) M0 M1	28 (10.1) 248 (89.9)	15 (11.0) 121 (89.0)

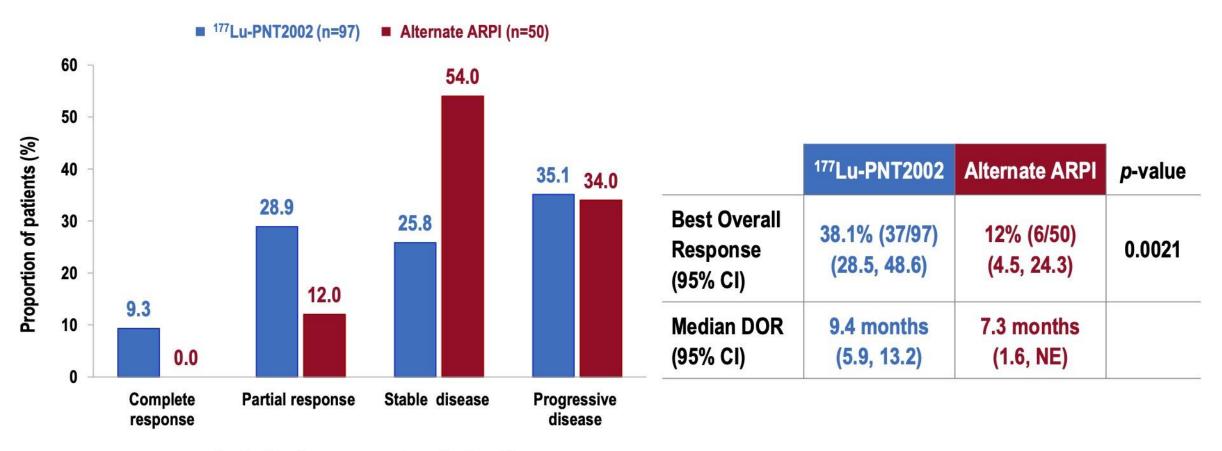


Primary Endpoint - rPFS: Primary Analysis



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Overall Response Rate

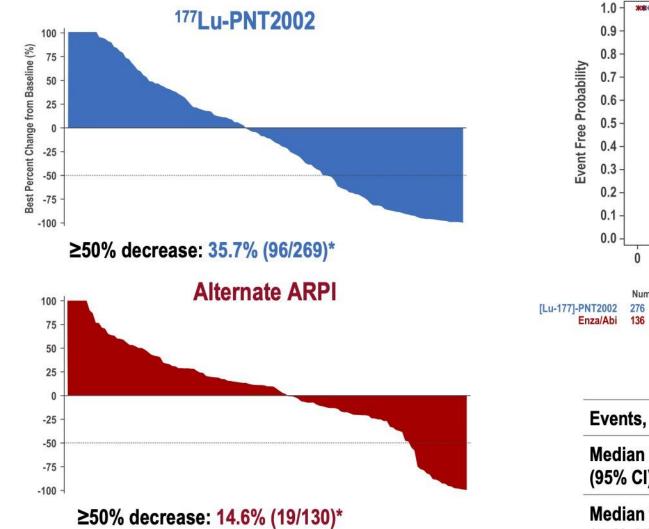


Best objective response in patients with measurable disease at baseline



PSA50 Response

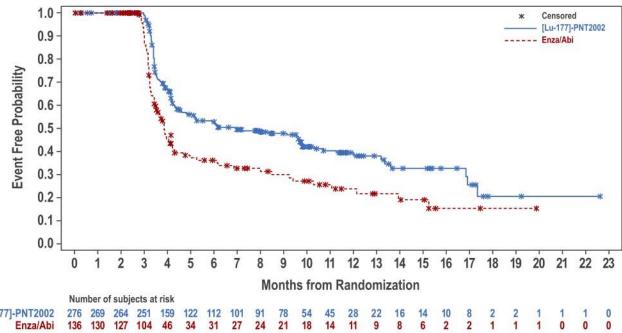




*evaluable subjects w/ baseline PSA value

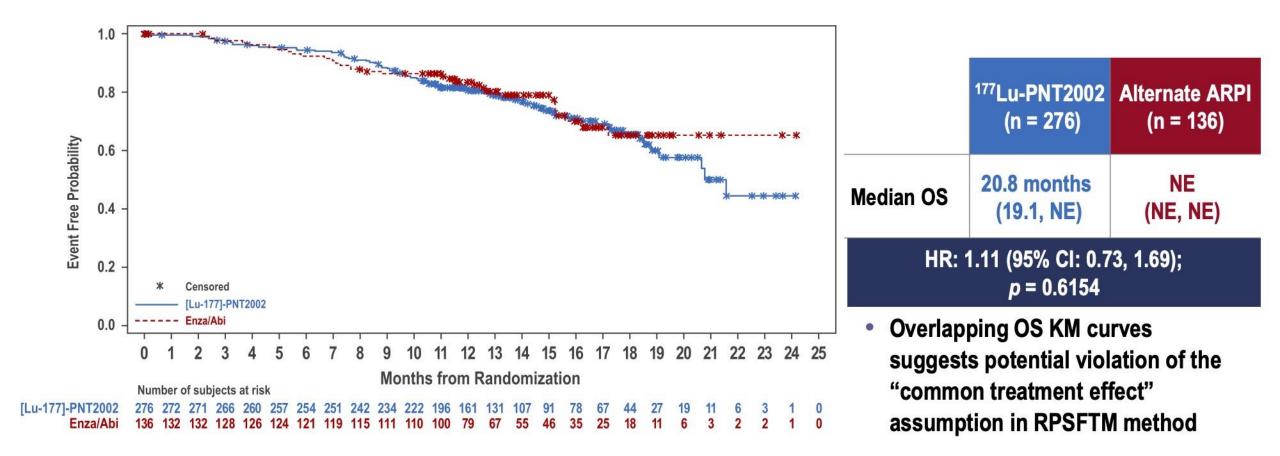


Data Cutoff: 01/NOV/2023



	¹⁷⁷ Lu-PNT2002 (n = 276)	Alternate ARPI (n = 136)	
Events, n	143 (51.8%)	82 (60.3%)	
Median bPFS (95% CI)	7.0 months (4.8, 9.9)	3.9 months (3.5, 4.3)	
Median follow-up (95% Cl)	10.0 months (6.6, 11.6)		
HR: 0.58 (95% Cl: 0.44, 0.76) <i>p</i> <0.0001			

1st Interim OS: Intent-to-Treat Analysis





Most Common Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (≥10%)

All grades		Grades 3-5		
TEAE, n (%)	¹⁷⁷ Lu-PNT2002 (n = 269)	Alternate ARPI (n = 130)	¹⁷⁷ Lu-PNT2002 (n = 269)	Alternate ARPI (n = 130)
Fatigue	144 (53.5)	52 (40.0)	3 (1.1)	4 (3.1)
Dry mouth	100 (37.2)	2 (1.5)	0	0
Nausea	84 (31.2)	25 (19.2)	1 (0.4)	0
Arthralgia	76 (28.3)	36 (27.7)	3 (1.1)	6 (4.6)
Back pain	56 (20.8)	28 (21.5)	8 (3.0)	8 (6.2)
Constipation	54 (20.1)	23 (17.7)	0	0
Anaemia	48 (17.8)	14 (10.8)	15 (5.6)	4 (3.1)
Decreased appetite	40 (14.9)	17 (13.1)	1 (0.4)	0
Diarrhoea	40 (14.9)	13 (10.0)	0	1 (0.8)
Oedema peripheral	30 (11.2)	8 (6.2)	0	0
Pain in extremity	29 (10.8)	17 (13.1)	4 (1.5)	2 (1.5)
Vomiting	28 (10.4)	6 (4.6)	3 (1.1)	0
COVID-19	27 (10.0)	10 (7.7)	1 (0.4)	0



Conclusions

- ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 reduced the risk of radiographic progression or death by 29% vs. ARPI: HR 0.71 (95% CI: 0.55, 0.92); p=0.0088
- OS data continue to mature
- Multiple secondary endpoints favor ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 (ORR, PSA, HRQoL)
- ¹⁷⁷Lu-PNT2002 safety profile compared favorably to the ARPI control





A randomized multicenter open-label phase III trial comparing enzalutamide vs a combination of Radium-223 and enzalutamide in asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic patients with bone metastatic mCRPC

Results of EORTC-GUCG 1333/PEACE-3, an EORTC/CTI/CUOG/LACOG/UNICANCER-GETUG cooperative study

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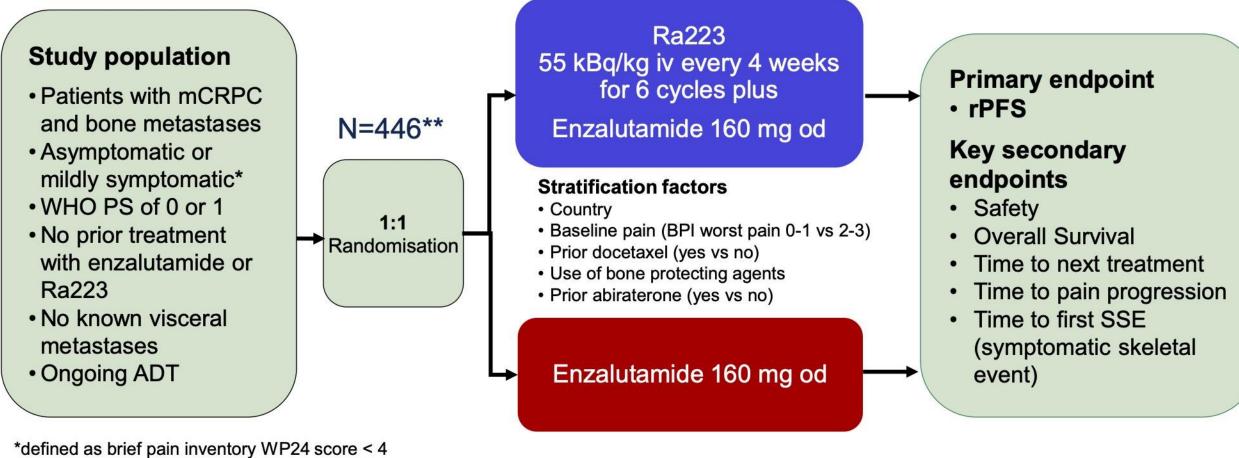
Background

- Abiraterone and enzalutamide are standard of care options for 1st line treatment of patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) progressing on androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) ^(1,2)
- No combination so far has been proven to increase radiological progression-free survival (rPFS) and overall survival (OS) in first line mCRPC
- Radium-223 dichloride (Ra223) is an alpha particle-emitting calcium mimetic that selectively targets bone metastases and induces double-stranded DNA-breaks⁽³⁾
- In the ALSYMPCA trial, Ra223 has been shown to increase OS (HR: 0.7), in an era before the introduction of abiraterone and enzalutamide⁽⁴⁾
- The ERA-223 trial tested the combination of abiraterone plus Ra223 versus abiraterone plus placebo. The combination did not show a benefit in symptomatic skeletal event-free survival or OS and was associated with an increase in fractures⁽⁵⁾

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(5) Smith M et al. Lancet Oncol 2019



EORTC-GUCG 1333 (PEACE-3)



** original target accrual N=560, adapted for slow accrual



Use of bone protecting agents (BPA) made mandatory (after inclusion of 119 patients)

Baseline characteristics

446 patients enrolled in 12 countries, 11/2015 to 03/2023, median follow-up: 42.2 months

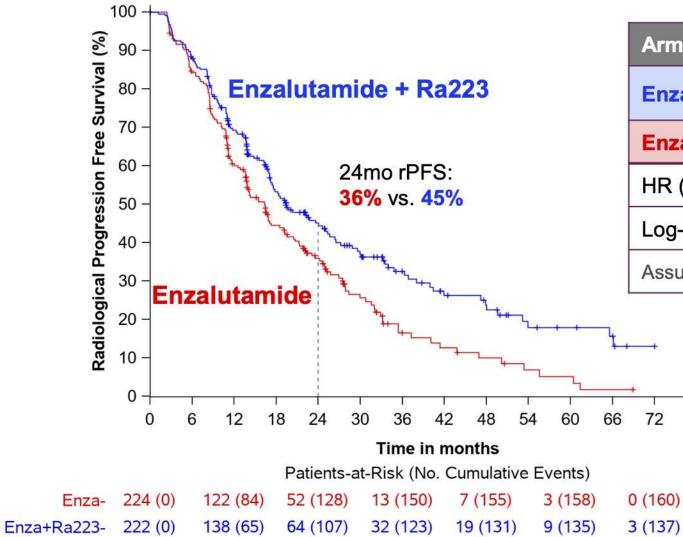
	Enza+Ra223 (N=222)	Enza (N=224)
	N (%)	N (%)
Age, Median (range) years	70.0 (43.0 - 90.0)	70.0 (47.0 - 90.0)
PSA, Median (Q25-Q75) ng/mL	25.3 (6.5 - 68.8)	23.0 (8.5 - 54.9)
WHO Performance status 0	152 (69)	154 (69)
Prior docetaxel ⁽¹⁾	67 (30.2)	66 (30)
Prior abiraterone ⁽¹⁾	4 (2)	7 (3)
Bone lesions ⁽²⁾		
<10	109 (49)	105 (47)
≥10	93 (42)	99 (44)
Missing or diffuse lesions	20 (9)	20 (9)
Alkaline phosphatase	_	
≤ULN	127 (57)	107 (48)
>ULN	82 (37)	110 (49)
Missing	13 (6)	7 (3)
Extra-skeletal disease at baseline	77 (35)	73 (33)

(1) Prior docetaxel or abiraterone was allowed for mHSPC

(2) Per imaging guidelines, the type of bone lesions is reported by a radiologist and classified into focal, diffuse or equivocal. Only focal bone lesions can be counted.



Primary endpoint: rPFS



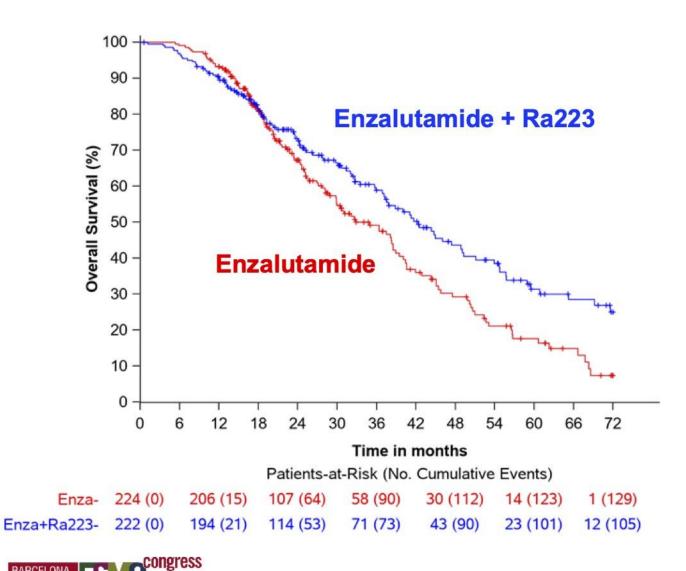
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Arm	n/N	Median (95%Cl)	
Enzalutamide + Ra223	139/222	19.4 (17.1-25.3) mo	
Enzalutamide	160/224	16.4 (13.8-19.2) mo	
HR (95%CI)	(95%CI) 0.69 (0.54-0.87)		
Log-Rank p-value	0.0009		
Assumption of proportional hazard achieved			

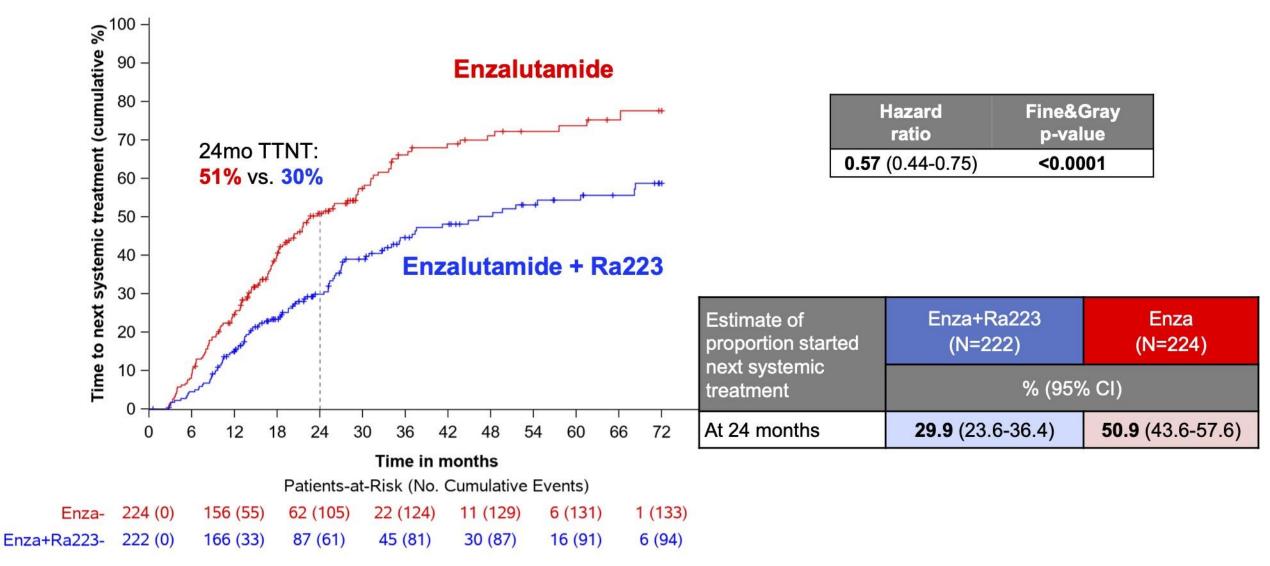
Overall Survival at interim analysis (80% of OS events)



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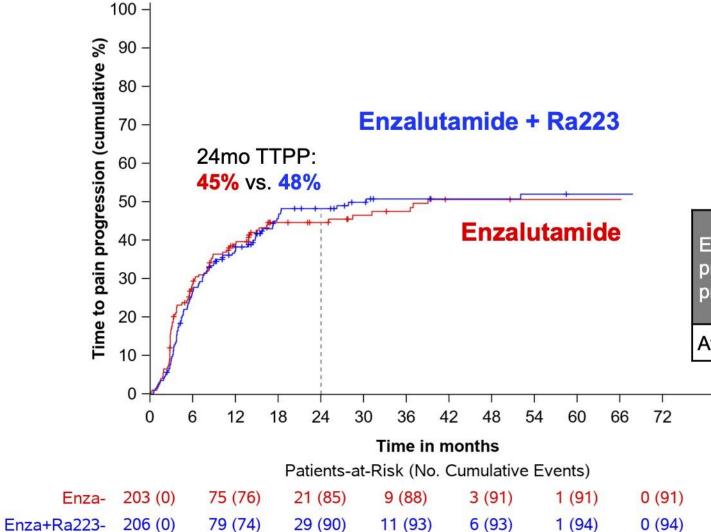
Arm	n/N	Median (95%Cl)	
Enzalutamide + Ra223	110/222	/222 42.3 (36.8-49.1) mo	
Enzalutamide	129/224 35.0 (28.8-38.9) mo		
HR (95%CI)	0.69 (0.52-0.90)		
Log-Rank p- value	0.0031 <0.0034		
 Pre-set level of significance for interim analysis was ≤ 0.0034 Due to non-proportional hazards plus lack of unequivocal significance for RMST (restricted mean survival time) sensitivity analysis, study will continue to final OS analysis 			

Time to next systemic treatment





Time to pain progression



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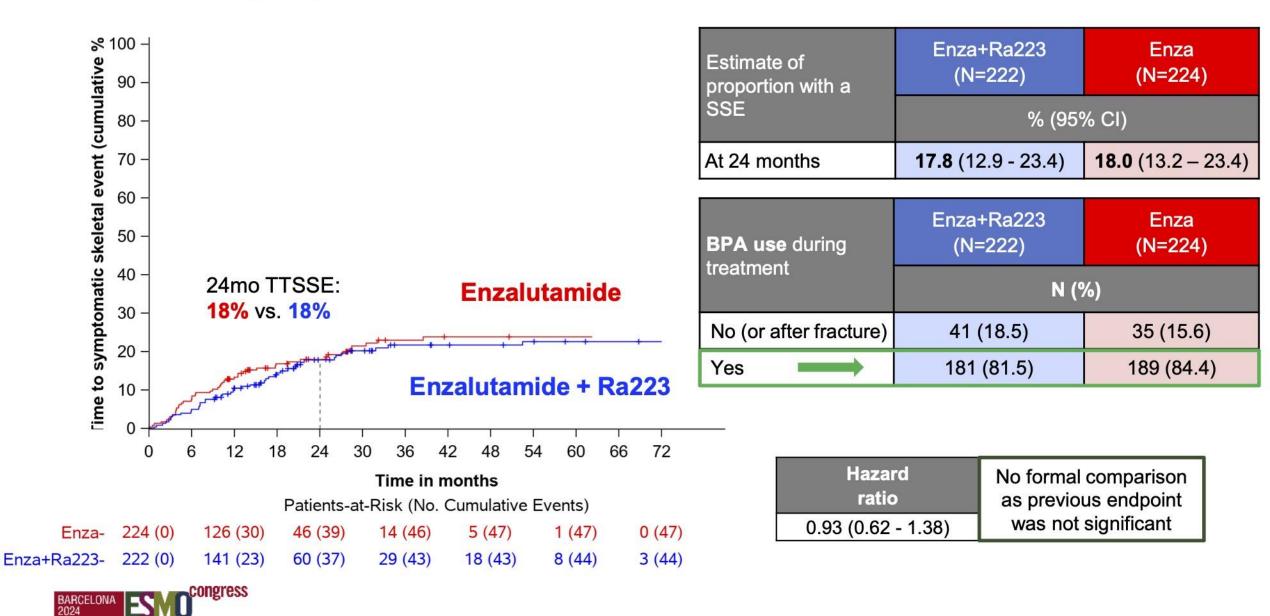
Hazard	Fine&Gray
ratio	p-value
1.02 (0.77-1.36)	0.5341

Estimate of proportion with pain	Enza+Ra223 (N=206)*	Enza (N=203)*	
progression	% (95% CI)		
At 24 months	48.3 (40.8 - 55.3)	44.6 (37.3 - 51.6)	

*37 patients excluded:

- 35 with opioid use at study entry
- 2 with BPI WP24 pain score ≥ 9 at study entry

Time to symptomatic skeletal event



Safety (2)

Most common grade 3-5 treatment emergent AE (TEAE)	Enza+Ra223 (N=218)	Enza (N=224)
	N (%)	N (%)
All		
Hypertension	73 (33.5)	77 (34.4)
Fatigue	12 (5.5)	4 (1.8)
Fracture	11 (5.1)	3 (1.3)
Anaemia	10 (4.6)	5 (2.2)
Neutropenia	10 (4.6)	0
Bone Pain	9 (4.1)	11 (4.9)
Weight Decreased	7 (3.2)	1 (0.4)
Spinal Cord Compression	6 (2.8)	8 (3.6)
Treatment related		
Hypertension	25 (11.5)	27 (12.1)
Fatigue	9 (4.1)	3 (1.3)
Anaemia	6 (2.8)	0
Neutropenia	7 (3.2)	0

Side effects of special interest: 1 MDS, 1 AML and 1 CML in the combination arm



Conclusions

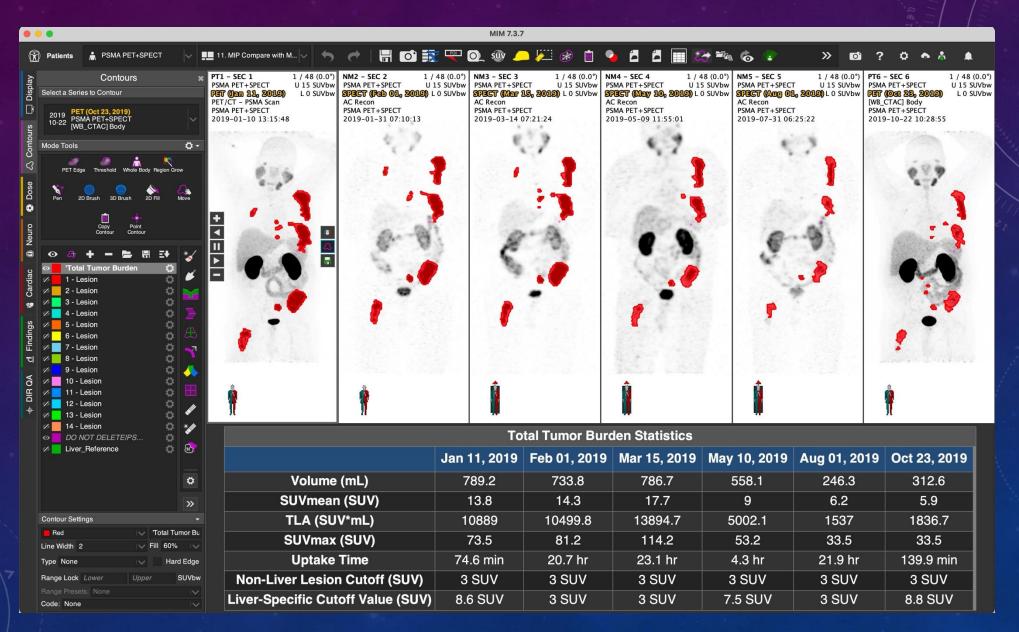
- Combination of enzalutamide and 6 cycles of Ra223 shows a statistically significant improvement in rPFS
 - HR of 0.69 (p=0.0009)
 - Median rPFS increased from 16.4 months with enzalutamide to 19.4 months with the combination
- Improvement in rPFS supported by a significantly improved OS (HR 0.69, p=0.0031)
 - Due to non-proportional hazards this will be tested further in the final OS analysis to confirm and further characterise the result
- Improvement in rPFS is also supported by a statistically significant improvement in time to next systemic treatment (HR 0.57, p<0.0001)
- Drug related ≥ grade 3 adverse events increased from 19% to 28% in the combination arm



These results support the combination of enzalutamide plus Ra223 (plus a bone protecting agent) as a potential new first line mCRPC treatment option for patients with prostate cancer and bone metastases who have not received a prior androgen-receptor pathway inhibitor



FUTURE PRECISION MEDICINE WILL BE QUANTITATIVE



SUMMARY

- Newer radiotracers are imaging receptor expression rather than physiologic processes (like metabolism).
- PSMA PET/CT has changed the standard of care for prostate cancer imaging.
- Theranostics is a powerful targeted therapeutic option, and we are learning how to optimally implement and develop personalized treatments for patients. Quantitative imaging and dosimetry analysis are likely to play a larger role in the future.
- Current theranostic clinical trials reflect the importance of radiopharmaceutical therapy for cancer care. This is reshaping the overall practice of nuclear medicine as our field continues to evolve.

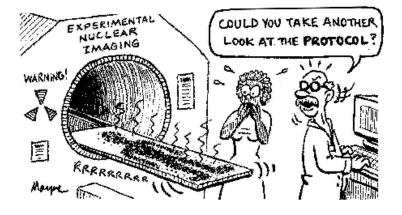
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