

## SIGNALLING PATHWAYS SYMPOSIUM

## Targeting the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway in cancer

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# Other tumors

## Gynaecological – Endometrial

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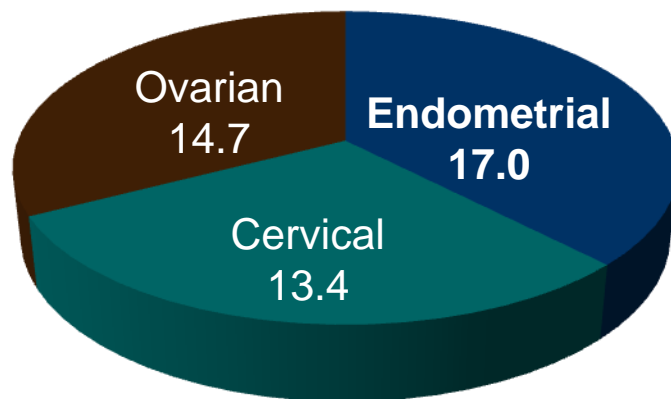
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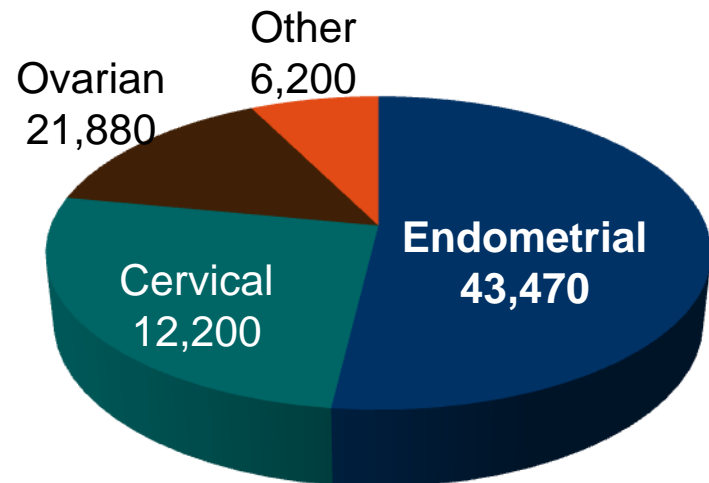
# Endometrial Cancer Epidemiology

- Endometrial cancer is most common gynaecologic malignancy in Europe and US
  - US: 22 per 100,000 women
  - Europe: 17 per 100,000 women
  - South East Asia/Africa: each <3.5 per 100,000 women

**EU age-adjusted standardized  
gynecologic cancer incidence rates  
per 100,000 women, 2000**



**US estimated new gynecologic  
cancer cases, 2010**



# Endometrial cancer

## Pathology and biology

|                            | Type I (70-80%)*      | Type II (10-20%)             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Histotype</b>           | endometrioid adenoca. | papillary serous; clear cell |
| <b>Precursor lesions</b>   | atypical hyperplasia  | endometrial CIN              |
| <b>Hormone sensitivity</b> | yes                   | no                           |
| <b>Grading</b>             | low                   | high                         |
| <b>Initial stage</b>       | early 70%             | advanced 60%                 |
| <b>Behaviour</b>           | favourable            | aggressive                   |
| <b>Recurrence</b>          | local                 | abdominal, lymphatic         |
| <b>5 yr survival</b>       | 85%                   | 43%                          |

\* Include also: adenoacantoma, adenosquamous, undiff., squamous, mucinous

# Signaling pathway abnormalities in endometrial cancer

|                        | Endometrioid | Non endometrioid |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| PTEN loss              | 35-50%       | 10%              |
| PIK3CA mut             | 40%          | 15%              |
| AKT1 mut               | 2%           |                  |
| *FGFR <sub>2</sub>     | 12%          |                  |
| PIK3R <sub>1</sub> mut | 20%          |                  |
| PIK3R <sub>2</sub> mut | 5%           |                  |
| KRAS mut               | 17%          | 17%              |

\*mutually exclusive with KRAS mutations,  
but associated with PTEN mutations.

Cheung et al, Cancer Discov., 2011

## mTOR inhibitors in EC: published trials

| Drug                                       | Prior Tx       | RR  | Biomarker   | Publication           |
|--|----------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Everolimus                                 | $\leq 2$       | 0%<br>21% CBR                                 | PTEN loss of function                               | Slomovitz 2010        |
| Temsirolimus                               | NO<br>YES      | 14%<br>4%                                     | PTEN<br>PI3K/mTOR pathway<br>no correlation with RR | Oza 2011              |
| Ridaforolimus IV<br>PO                     | $\leq 2$<br>NO | 11%<br>29% CBR<br>75%                         | PTEN / PI3K<br>NR                                   | Mackay 2011           |
| Ridaforolimus (PO)<br>vs<br>Hormonotherapy | $\leq 2$       | PFS 3.6 vs<br>PFS 1.9<br>HR = 0.53<br>(p.008) |   | Oza et al<br>in press |

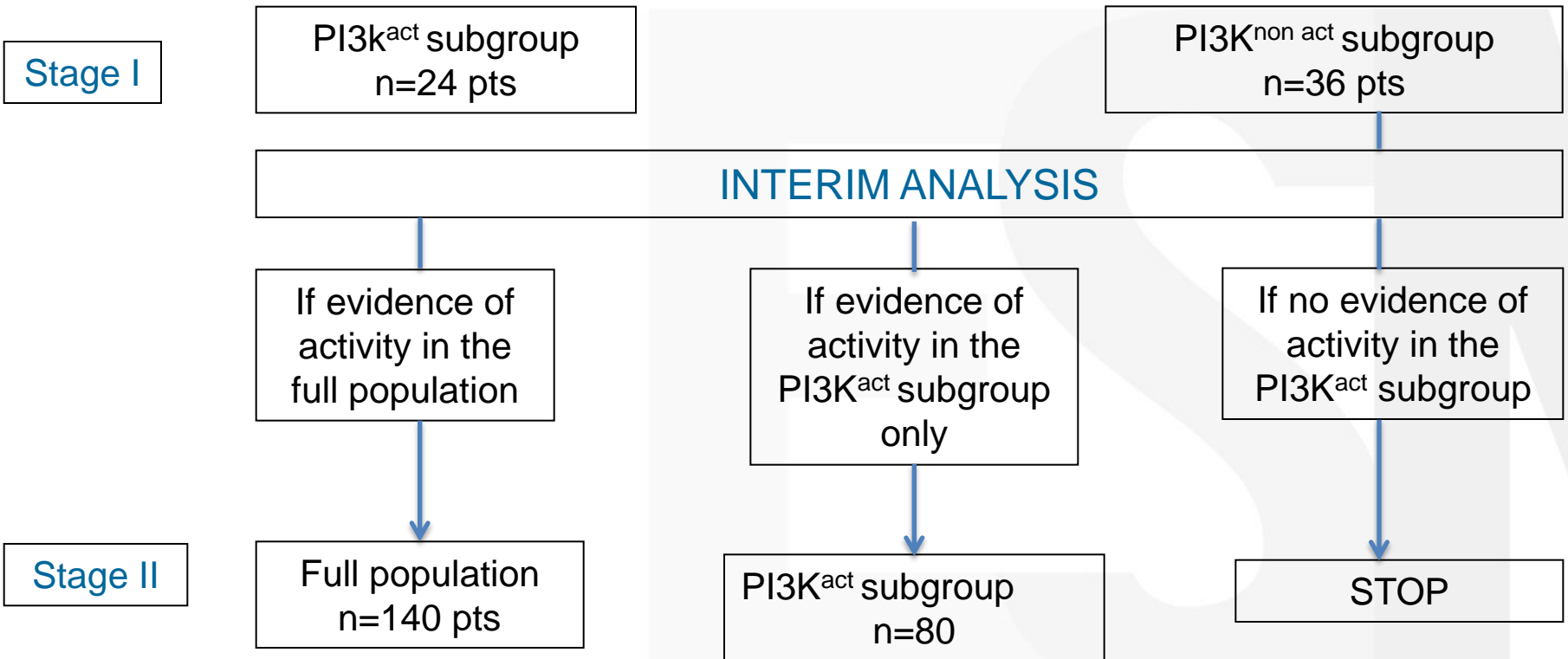
# Combinations of mTOR inhibitors and hormones in EC

- Everolimus and letrozole  
21% ORR, 42% CBR  
50% fatigue, 45% stomatitis  
Slomovitz, ASCO 2011
- Temsirolimus  $\pm$  MA alternating with TAM  
(GOG 248)  
Fleming, ASCO 2011
  - Combination arm (closed) 3/21 PR  
30% venous thrombosis
  - Temsirolimus arm = 6/20 PR (2CR)



# Phase II study of Buparlisib (BKM120) as second line therapy in patients with advanced endometrial carcinoma (EC)

Patients with advanced EC progressing after first line chemotherapy



Buparlisib given orally 100mg/day continuously

# Phase II study of Buparlisib as second line therapy in EC

## Patient and disease characteristics

| Characteristics                | PI3K <sup>act</sup><br>n=49 | PI3K <sup>non act</sup><br>n=21 | All pts<br>n=70   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Median age                     | 61 (45-84)                  | 68 (47-83)                      | 64 (45-84)        |
| Predominant histology, n(%)    |                             |                                 |                   |
| Endometrioid                   | 32 (65)                     | 4 (19)                          | 36 (51)           |
| Serous                         | 9 (18)                      | 10 (48)                         | 19 (27)           |
| Clear cell adenoca.            | 1 (2)                       | 3 (14)                          | 4 (6)             |
| Other                          | 7 (14)                      | 4 (19)                          | 11 (16)           |
| Histologic grade, n(%)         |                             |                                 |                   |
| Poorly differentiated          | 20 (41)                     | 15 (71)                         | 35 (50)           |
| Median time since, months      |                             |                                 |                   |
| Diagnosis                      | 24 (3.3 – 93.7)             | 23 (6.3 – 83.4)                 | 23.4 (3.3 – 93.7) |
| Most recent relapse            | 8.3 (0.6 – 50.5)            | 2.5 (0.4 – 58.4)                | 6.7 (0.4 – 58.4)  |
| PI3K pathway alterations, n(%) |                             |                                 |                   |
| PIK3CA mutation                | 31 (63)                     | 0                               | 31 (44)           |
| PTEN mutation                  | 33 (67)                     | 0                               | 33 (47)           |
| PTEN null / loss               | 22 (45)                     | 0                               | 22 (31)           |
| PTEN status unknown            | 0                           | 1 (5)                           | 1 (1)             |

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## Adverse Event possibly related to study treatment

| Preferred item     | All patients<br>n(%) | Grades 3/4<br>n(%) |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Hyperglycemia      | 36 (51)              | 14 (20)            |
| Nausea             | 27 (39)              | 2 (3)              |
| Decreased appetite | 27 (39)              | 2 (3)              |
| Fatigue            | 22 (31)              | 4 (6)              |
| ALT increase       | 16 (23)              | 12 (17)            |
| AST increase       | 16 (23)              | 6 (9)              |
| Rash               | 16 (23)              | 4 (6)              |
| Depression         | 14 (20)              | 1 (1)              |
| Anxiety            | 12 (17)              | 3 (4)              |

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## Duration of exposure

|                        | <b>PI3K<sup>act</sup><br/>n=49</b> | <b>PI3K<sup>non act</sup><br/>n=21</b> | <b>All pts<br/>n=70</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Median exposure (days) | 56                                 | 53                                     | 55.5                    |
| Number of pts with (%) |                                    |  |                         |
| Dose reduction         | 22 (45)                            | 9 (43)                                 | 31 (44)                 |
| ≥2 dose reductions     | 8 (16)                             | 2 (9.5)                                | 10 (14.3)               |
| Dose interruption      | 32 (65)                            | 14 (29)                                | 46 (66)                 |

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## Clinical activity

| Clinical activity           | PI3K <sup>act</sup><br>n=49 | PI3K <sup>non act</sup><br>n=21 | All pts<br>n=70 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Best overall response, n(%) |                             |                                 |                 |
| Complete response           | 1 (2)                       | 0                               | 1 (1)           |
| Partial response            | 0                           | 1 (5)                           | 1 (1)           |
| Stable disease              | 19(39)                      | 7 (33)                          | 26 (37)         |
| Progressive disease         | 20 (41)                     | 9 (43)                          | 29 (41)         |
| Unknown                     | 9 (18)                      | 4 (19)                          | 13 (19)         |
| Overall response rate, n(%) | 1 (2)                       | 1 (5)                           | 2 (3)           |
| (95% CI)                    | (0.0 – 10.9)                | (0.1 – 23.8)                    | (0.3 – 9.9)     |
| 3-month PFS rate (%)        | 37                          | 34                              | 36              |
| 6-month PFS rate (%)        | 8                           | 9                               | 8               |

## Conclusions

Marginal antitumor activity in both PI3K<sup>act</sup> / PI3K<sup>non act</sup> subgroups

No progression to Stage II of the study

Greater than expected toxicity with dose reduction in 44% of patients

## Conclusions

Complex disease with different molecular structures and clinical pictures

No antitumor activity of single agents

Need of biomarkers to identify active compounds

Clinical development of combinations based on molecular and preclinical / clinical data

Potential pathways of clinical relevance: FGFR<sub>2</sub>, KRAS, PARP