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Efficacy of ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs everolimus in patients with grade 1 or grade 2 GEP-NETs: Phase 3 COMPETE trial (post hoc subgroup analyses)

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BACKGROUND

¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide is an innovative radiopharmaceutical therapy agent, assessed in COMPETE, a Phase III, multicenter, randomized, controlled and open-label trial comparing ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide with a targeted molecular therapy (everolimus) in patients with WHO grade 1 or grade 2 gastroenteropancreatic-neuroendocrine tumors (GEP-NETs). Here, we focus on post hoc efficacy analyses of ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide in clinically important subgroups.

METHODS

Eligible patients (aged ≥18 years) with inoperable, progressive, somatostatin receptor positive GEP-NETs (Ki-67 ≤20%) were randomized (2:1) to receive ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide (4 cycles of 7.5 GBq/cycle every 12 weeks, or until disease progression) or everolimus (10 mg daily up to 30 months, or until disease progression). The primary endpoint was progression free survival (PFS) per RECIST v1.1 assessed by Blinded Independent Central Review (BICR). Key secondary endpoints were objective response rate (ORR) and overall survival (OS).

RESULTS

309 patients were randomized to ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide (n=207) or everolimus (n=102). Median PFS was significantly prolonged by ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (23.9 months vs. 14.1 months; p=0.0223; HR=0.673, 95% CI [0.477, 0.948]). Centrally assessed ORR was significantly higher with ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (21.9% vs. 4.2%; p<0.0001). Preliminary median OS was numerically prolonged for ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (63.4 months vs. 58.7 months; p=0.3230; HR=0.826,

95% CI [0.565, 1.208]). The subgroup analyses showed consistent improvements in PFS, ORR, and OS across subgroups, except for OS (immature data) reported in the treatment-naïve subgroup (Table).

Table: Subgroup analyses based on central (BICR) assessment

| Subgroups | Median PFS | ORR | Median OS |
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| | ¹⁷⁷ Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (months) | ¹⁷⁷ Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (%) | ¹⁷⁷ Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus (months) |
| Grade 1 | 24.5 (n=104) vs. 17.4 (n=63) | 15.8 (n=101) vs. 3.3 (n=61) | NR (n=104) vs. NR (n=63) |
| Grade 2 | 21.6 (n=102) vs. 10.6 (n=37) | 28.3 (n=99) vs. 3.1 (n=32) | 56.7 (n=102) vs. 41.4 (n=37) |
| GE-NET | 23.9 (n=88) vs. 12.0 (n=43) | 6.0 (n=84) vs. 5.0 (n=40) | 63.4 (n=88) vs. 58.7 (n=43) |
| P-NET | 24.5 (n=119) vs. 14.7 (n=59) | 33.3 (n=117) vs. 3.6 (n=55) | 65.7 (n=119) vs. 49.3 (n=59) |
| Treatment-naïve (1st line) | NR (n=30) vs. 18.1 (n=17) | 17.9 (n=28) vs. 5.9 (n=17) | 57.4 (n=30) vs. NR (n=17) |
| Prior therapy (2nd line) | 23.9 (n=177) vs. 14.1 (n=85) | 22.5 (n=173) vs. 3.8 (n=78) | 63.4 (n=177) vs. 43.3 (n=85) |

n=total number of patients; NR=not reached

CONCLUSIONS

¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide demonstrated statistically significant improvements in PFS and ORR vs. everolimus. Despite the immature data, potential OS benefit was observed with ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus. The efficacy of ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide was largely maintained across the subgroups (origin, grade, and prior treatment). These findings confirm the meaningful clinical benefit of ¹⁷⁷Lu-edotreotide vs. everolimus in GEP-NETs patients with high unmet needs.

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