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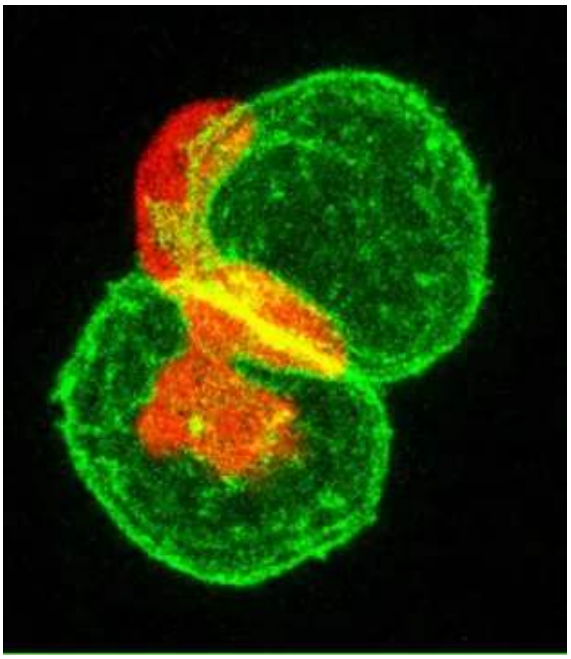

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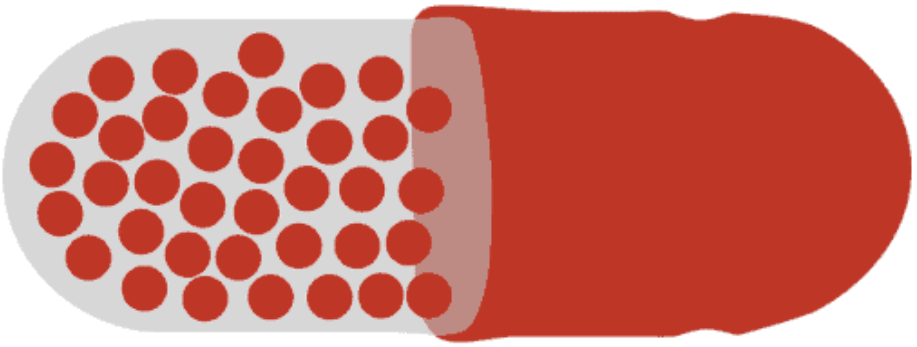

Capsule

HIGHLIGHTS

1. **BMS's voluntarily withdrawal of U.S. application for Nivolumab + low-dose Ipilimumab in 1L NSCLC patients with TMB ≥10 mut/Mb:** BMS announced OS data in this subgroup from Checkmate-227 trial in Oct 2018, prompting FDA to extend the review period by three months and move PDUFA date to May 20, 2019. However, as per recent discussions with FDA, BMS thinks the OS data in PD-L1+ patients, which could help elucidate the correlation between PD-L1 and TMB, would not be ready by then. It hence withdrew the application. It was a surprising move by BMS, even when TMB as a biomarker was yet to be established conclusively in the area of cancer therapy.

2. **Ramucirumab improves overall survival in AFP-high 2L HCC patients**: We have already talked about how Sorafenib dominates the treatment landscape of frontline HCC patients. And how these patients, once they become refractory on Sorafenib, suddenly have fewer options upon their progression in second line. A recent publication citing OS improvement with Ramucirumab brings good cheer, however, it should be noted that better OS improvement (3.5 months) is seen in metanalysis of patients with AFP-high REACH and REACH-2 trials versus OS in patient from current REACH-2 trial alone (1.2 months).

3. **GlaxoSmithKline completes acquisition of TESARO**: With this acquisition, GSK is getting in the so-called 'PARP battle' with AstraZeneca by placing Niraparib against Olaparib. However, Niraparib is not all GSK gets – it is also getting dostarlimab (TSR-042), a PD-1 inhibitor in Ph III testing; Ph I therapy TSR-022, a mAb against T cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain 3 (TIM3; HAVCR2); and a Ph I compound TSR-033, a mAb against lymphocyte-activation gene 3 (LAG3; CD223).

DRUG APPROVALS

Rucaparib approved in EU as maintenance therapy in relapsed ovarian cancer patients based on Ph III ARIEL3 trial results (https://ir.clovisoncology.com/investors-and-news/news-releases/press-release-details/2019/Clovis-Oncology-Announces-European-Commission-Authorization-of-Rubraca-rucaparib-Tablets-as-Maintenance-Treatment-for-Women-with-Relapsed-Ovarian-Cancer/default.aspx)

> Clovis Oncology's Rubraca (Rucaparib) Receives EU Approval for Maintenance Treatment of Relapsed Ovarian Cancer (OC) in Adultshttps://t.co/DJwlSW2E73 (https://t.co/DJwlSW2E73) pic.twitter.com/EuERUWS388 (https://t.co/EuERUWS388)
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> — PharmaShots (@Pharmashot) January 25, 2019 (https://twitter.com/Pharmashot/status/1088760792378335237?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"This EC authorization of rucaparib is an important step in ensuring that it is available to all women who may potentially benefit, regardless of their BRCA status," said Patrick J. Mahaffy, President and CEO of Clovis Oncology. "We believe that access to maintenance treatment is extremely important for women with relapsed platinum-sensitive ovarian cancer, and we are pleased that rucaparib can now be an option for these women. As the only PARP inhibitor that has shown further tumor shrinkage as well as prolonged progression-free survival in this maintenance setting, we believe Rubraca represents an important step forward for women with advanced ovarian cancer."

REGULATORY NEWS

BMS voluntarily withdraws U.S. application for Nivolumab + low-dose Ipilimumab in 1L NSCLC patients with Tumor Mutational Burden ≥10 mut/Mb (https://www.bms.com/investors/events-and-presentations.html)

> Bristol-Myers withdraws US application for lung cancer treatment – https://t.co/wYNKd1LUxV (https://t.co/wYNKd1LUxV) pic.twitter.com/306MWAAr02 (https://t.co/306MWAAr02)
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> — Pharmamarketeer (@Pharmamarketeer) January 25, 2019 (https://twitter.com/Pharmamarketeer/status/1088746581082456064?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

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Breakthrough therapy designation granted to Umbralisib in CD20 inhibitor-treated MZL based on Ph IIb UNITY-NHL trial data (http://ir.tgtherapeutics.com/news-releases/news-release-details/tg-therapeutics-receives-breakthrough-therapy-designation-us)

> FDA grants Breakthrough status to @TGTherapeutics (https://twitter.com/TGTherapeutics?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)' umbralisib (TGR-1202) vs marginal zone #lymphoma (https://twitter.com/hashtag/lymphoma?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)
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> PI3K-δ inhibitor, which also inhibits CK1-ε, is currently in Ph3 #clinicaltrials (https://twitter.com/hashtag/clinicaltrials?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)https://t.co/F4dxpznZAa (https://t.co/F4dxpznZAa)#oncology (https://twitter.com/hashtag/oncology?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) #cancer (https://twitter.com/hashtag/cancer?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) pic.twitter.com/fTdRvM1ZLy (https://t.co/fTdRvM1ZLy)
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> — DDNews Online (@DDNewsOnline) January 22, 2019 (https://twitter.com/DDNewsOnline/status/1087817178706046976?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Michael S. Weiss, the Company's Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer stated, "We look forward to working closely with the FDA to bring umbralisib, our novel PI3K-delta inhibitor to patients as quickly as possible. MZL patients who fail initial chemo-immunotherapy are left with limited treatment options. We believe umbralisib can play an important role in fulfilling this unmet medical need. The MZL single agent umbralisib cohort of the UNITY-NHL study is fully enrolled and we look forward to reporting top-line results from this cohort by mid-year and presenting the data at a major medical meeting in 2019."

sBLA filed for Daratumumab + Lenalidomide + Dexamethasone in 1L transplant-ineligible multiple myeloma patients based on Ph III MAIA data (https://ir.genmab.com/news-releases/news-release-details/genmab-announces-initiation-us-fda-regulatory-submission-label)

> From @OncLearnNetwork (https://twitter.com/OncLearnNetwork?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) #ASH18 (https://twitter.com/hashtag/ASH18?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) coverage: Shaji Kumar, MD, discusses the clinical significance of a recent clinical trial presented at ASH that involved a quadruplet multiple myeloma therapy comprising ixazomib, lenalidomide, dexamethasone, and daratumumab: https://t.co/f9xrMFEyLr (https://t.co/f9xrMFEyLr) pic.twitter.com/AOC1xusTyy (https://t.co/AOC1xusTyy)
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> — LymphomaMyeloma (@LMCongress) January 2, 2019 (https://twitter.com/LMCongress/status/1080500214052634624?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"We are encouraged that the submission for daratumumab in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone has begun, with a potential for the regimen to be approved earlier for US patients," said Jan van de Winkel, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Genmab.

CTA approval granted for initiation of Ph I/II trial of clonal neoantigen T cells (cNeT) in NSCLC pts in UK (https://achillestx.com/achilles-therapeutics-receives-cta-approval-for-phase-i-ii-study-in-non-small-cell-lung-cancer-ground-breaking-clinical-trial-in-patients-with-significant-unmet-medical-need-to-start-this-year/)

“Approval of our first CTA represents an important validation of our approach and a significant milestone for Achilles,” said Dr Iraj Ali, CEO of Achilles Therapeutics. “Achilles was founded by world-leading experts in cancer evolution, bioinformatics and the delivery of cell-based immunotherapies and we are bringing together these disciplines to develop next-generation, patient-specific T cell therapies that harness the immune system to destroy cancer cells.”

> I’m pleased to share the news that Achilles Therapeutics has received CTA approval for Phase I/II Study in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. Press release: https://t.co/qhs5TZzHqN (https://t.co/qhs5TZzHqN)
> Write-up in BioCentury (paywall, sorry): https://t.co/XtYWTgExDe (https://t.co/XtYWTgExDe)
>
> — Luke Goodsell (@luke_goodsell) January 21, 2019 (https://twitter.com/luke_goodsell/status/1087307931060764672?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

“The Achilles approach is a technological step forward in the immune-oncology space with the potential to bring the next wave of revolutionary new immunotherapies to cancer patients,” said Dr Martin Forster, Chief Investigator for the study at University College London Hospitals (UCLH), the lead clinical site. “We are excited to be part of the study and look forward to enrolling patients into the clinical trial.”

TRIAL RESULTS

Second patient in Ph I trial achieves full remission from HPV-related head & neck cancer upon treatment with synthetic DNA vaccine, MEDI0457 followed by pembrolizumab (http://ir.inovio.com/news-and-media/news/press-release-details/2019/Inovio-Reports-2nd-Patient-Achieving-Full-Remission-from-HPV-Related-Head--Neck-Cancer-after-Treatment-with-Synthetic-DNA-Vaccine-and-a-PD-1-Checkpoint-Inhibitor/default.aspx)

> Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: INO) today announced that a second patient with HPV-related head and neck cancer treated with MEDI0457 in a Phase 1 trial achieved a sustained complete response (full remission) after subsequent treatment with PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor
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> — Peter Van Melo (@pevamelo) January 24, 2019 (https://twitter.com/pevamelo/status/1088452846385692672?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Dr. J. Joseph Kim, Inovio’s President and CEO, said, “Achieving sustained complete responses with immunotherapy in metastatic cancer patients is what you hope for with novel cancer treatments. The fact that the treatment with our synthetic DNA vaccine followed with two different PD-1 inhibitors in this HPV-related cancer patient population showed a complete response in 2 out of 4 progressors is very encouraging as the best complete response rate by PD-1 inhibitors as a monotherapy in metastatic head and neck cancer is approximately 4%. While additional data from Phase 2 clinical studies will provide more insights to the power of synthetic DNA vaccine, this newly reported data provides additional validation for Inovio’s overall cancer combination strategy using a T cell activator combined with a checkpoint inhibitor against an array of cancers with big pharma partners providing various checkpoint inhibitors. In addition to our partnership around HPV-related cancers, Inovio is also collaborating with F. Hoffman-La Roche Ltd./Genentech and Regeneron in efficacy trials coupling Inovio’s INO-5401 with their checkpoint inhibitors designed to increase response rates in metastatic bladder and GBM, respectively, with interim efficacy data expected later this year.”

FAILED TRIAL: Ph III RESOLVE trial of BTKi Ibrutinib failed to meet primary endpoint of PFS or OS benefit in 1L metastatic pancreatic cancer patients (https://news.abbvie.com/news/abbvie-provides-update-on-phase-3-study-ibrutinib-imbruvica-in-metastatic-pancreatic-cancer.htm)

> $tyme (https://twitter.com/search?q=%24tyme&src=ctag&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) Ibrutinib + Standard of Care Abraxane+Gemcitabine recent Phase III failure can now be added to the long list of disappointing pancreatic cancer results. There are no 3rd line or later recommended therapeutics leaving significant unmet medical need. pic.twitter.com/69PkDgrqyW (https://t.co/69PkDgrqyW)
>
> — KYDD (@KnowYourDD) January 25, 2019 (https://twitter.com/KnowYourDD/status/1088897137323241475?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"We continue to evaluate the potential of IMBRUVICA as a cancer treatment alone or in combination for a variety of cancer types. We are passionately advancing our robust ibrutinib scientific development program to continue to advance cancer standards of care, particularly in areas that have unmet medical need," said Danelle James, M.D., M.A.S., Head of Clinical Science at Pharmacyclics LLC, an AbbVie company.

Data from Ph I/II trial of activated allogeneic dendritic cell therapy Ilixadencel +/- Sorafenib in HCC patients published (http://immunicum.se/investors/press-releases/press/?xml_id=2231822&xml_date=201901)

> Phase 1 Trial With the Cell-Based Immune Primer Ilixadencel, Alone, and Combined With Sorafenib, in Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Magnus Rizell, Malin Sternby Eilard, Mats Andersson, Bengt Andersson, Alex Karlsson-Parra, Peter Suenaert https://t.co/VXs2yh6DnX (https://t.co/VXs2yh6DnX)
>
> — Frontiers Oncology (@FrontOncology) January 21, 2019 (https://twitter.com/FrontOncology/status/1087373894539853824?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"With the broad potential of ilixadencel, it is important for us to gain insight on specific indications and treatment regimens. The clinical and biological information gathered through this trial has been invaluable to our understanding of safety, mechanism of action of ilixadencel and potential clinical activity in HCC, and we are pleased to have the results of the trial peer-reviewed and published in a well-reputed international scientific journal," said Peter Suenaert, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer at Immunicum. "The safety profile of ilixadencel and the immune priming results corroborate our previously reported data and provide a firm foundation to continue exploring the potential of ilixadencel as part of combination treatment in liver cancer."

Data from Ph III REACH-2 trial of Ramucirumab in 2L AFP-high HCC patients (https://investor.lilly.com/news-releases/news-release-details/lilly-phase-3-reach-2-trial-data-published-lancet-oncology-shows)

> Eli Lilly Reports Results of Cyramza (ramucirumab) in P-III REACH 2 study for 2L AFP-High HCC, Published in The Lancet @LillyPad (https://twitter.com/LillyPad?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) https://t.co/L9lTA98fny (https://t.co/L9lTA98fny) pic.twitter.com/Cqu7O8Ogay (https://t.co/Cqu7O8Ogay)
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> — PharmaShots (@Pharmashot) January 22, 2019 (https://twitter.com/Pharmashot/status/1087682652247752704?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"AFP has been used as a prognostic factor for hepatocellular carcinoma for decades. Some studies have suggested that AFP-producing tumors have an aggressive phenotype and increased angiogenesis," said Andrew X. Zhu, M.D., Director of Liver Cancer Research at Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and principal investigator of the REACH-2 and REACH trials. "These results not only further add to the body of evidence that poor prognosis tumors with elevated AFP may have a distinct biology, but also show a tailored treatment approach is feasible."

TRIAL STATUSES

First Mesothelioma patient dosed in Ph I trial of VISTA/PD-L1 dual inhibitor CA-170 (http://investors.curis.com/2019-01-24-First-Mesothelioma-Patient-Dosed-in-CA-170-Study)

"We are pleased to announce that the CA-170 study has begun dosing patients ahead of schedule," said James Dentzer, President & CEO of Curis. "On last quarter's earnings call, we outlined the reorganization of company resources to strengthen focus on clinical execution. Today's announcement is a result of those efforts. We reiterate our confidence in our expectation to report initial efficacy data in this study in the second half of 2019."

> 5/ #mesothelioma (https://twitter.com/hashtag/mesothelioma?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw), especially the better differentiated epithelioid type, expresses outlier high levels of VISTA (V-domain Ig Suppressor of T-cell Activation), an immune checkpoint molecule similar to PD-L1. It is also expressed on normal mesothelium. pic.twitter.com/zceXkDBaSa (https://t.co/zceXkDBaSa)
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> — Marc Ladanyi (@MLadanyi) October 15, 2018 (https://twitter.com/MLadanyi/status/1051915374122426369?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

FDA puts partial clinical hold on Ph III AIM2CERV study of axalimogene filolisbac (AXAL) in high-risk, locally advanced cervical cancer (https://ir.advaxis.com/press-release/advaxis-phase-3-aim2cerv-study-placed-partial-clinical-hold-fda-related-cmc)

> FDA Places Partial Hold on Cervical Cancer Trial of AIM2CERV: The FDA has placed a partial clinical hold on the phase III AIM2CERV trial evaluating the use of axalimogene filolisbac in patients with highrisk locally advanced cervical cancer. https://t.co/YtalawNPJl (https://t.co/YtalawNPJl)
>
> — Cancer News (@Cancer_bio) January 24, 2019 (https://twitter.com/Cancer_bio/status/1088545763108372480?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

"FDA's review of the AXAL Investigational New Drug (IND) application was prompted by our proposal to modify the AIM2CERV trial's analysis plan to include, among other things, allowance for a second formal interim analysis for both safety and efficacy," said Kenneth A. Berlin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Advaxis. "The primary focus of the items raised by the Agency relates to providing additional clarifying details for CMC information previously provided in support of Phase 3 development and which will help support a future Biologics License Application. We have already begun efforts to address the Agency's requests for information and are working to respond as promptly as we can." He concluded, "Our AXAL product has demonstrated a manageable safety profile in the over 400 patients we have dosed to date and we look forward to enrolling new patients in our AIM2CERV trial after FDA agrees that the information we submit is responsive to its requests."

Ph Ib/II trial started for tubulin inhibitor VERU-111 in metastatic refractory prostate cancer patients (https://verupharma.com/investors/press-releases/press-release/?releaseid=2384324)

"Upon successful completion of this important clinical trial, we will move forward with additional clinical studies including a pivotal Phase 3 trial," commented Mitchell Steiner, M.D., Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Veru. "Based on earlier preclinical studies, VERU-111 should be effective against refractory prostate cancer and have a more favorable safety profile compared to intravenous taxanes. Drugs for advanced prostate cancer currently have over $3 billion in U.S. annual sales. Our preclinical studies also suggest that VERU-111 may be effective as a treatment for breast, ovarian, pancreatic and other prevalent cancers."

COLLABORATIONS & ACQUISITIONS

Ph I/II trial testing FGFR inhibitor derazantinib and atezolizumab in FGFR+ urothelial cancer patients planned (http://www.basilea.com/News-and-Media/Basilea-announces-collaboration-to-study-derazantinib-and-atezolizumab-Tecentriq-in-urothelial-cancer/43bb6955-e70a-a9fe-5fb7-01d7f21942c0)

> Roche and Basilea Sign a Research Collaboration to Evaluate Derazantinib + Tecentriq (atezolizumab) in Patients with Urothelial Cancer (UC) @Roche (https://twitter.com/Roche?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) https://t.co/tgW35ttuM6 (https://t.co/tgW35ttuM6) pic.twitter.com/TxmZ9Agzwm (https://t.co/TxmZ9Agzwm)
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Dr. Marc Engelhardt, Chief Medical Officer of Basilea, said: "We are very pleased with this collaboration. This is an important study as it explores a novel targeted treatment approach that addresses the high medical need of patients with urothelial cancer." He added: "The combination of derazantinib and atezolizumab is based on a sound scientific rationale. In addition to its effects on FGFR kinases, derazantinib also inhibits the colony-stimulating factor-1-receptor kinase (CSF1R). CSF1R inhibition has the potential to enhance the response to atezolizumab's immune-checkpoint inhibition. The combination of inhibiting FGFR while, at the same time, enhancing T cell-mediated antitumor effects through CSF1R inhibition is potentially a promising new treatment approach in patients with urothelial cancer."

GlaxoSmithKline completes acquisition of TESARO (https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/media/press-releases/gsk-completes-acquisition-of-tesaro-an-oncology-focused-biopharmaceutical-company/)

> $GSK (https://twitter.com/search?q=%24GSK&src=ctag&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) – GlaxoSmithKline PLC GSK completes acquisition of TESARO https://t.co/ck6Szi2rP9 (https://t.co/ck6Szi2rP9)
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> — janet gale (@galebett) January 22, 2019 (https://twitter.com/galebett/status/1087718553682432002?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Dr Hal Barron, Chief Scientific Officer and President, R&D, GSK, said: "Both GSK and TESARO are driven by a focus on patients and a deep desire to develop truly transformational medicines that can improve and extend their lives. The acquisition of TESARO, which we have completed today, significantly strengthens our oncology pipeline and brings new scientific capabilities and expertise that will increase the pace and scale at which we can help patients living with cancer."

UPDATED COVERAGE LIST FROM ASCO-GI 2019

> Servier and Taiho Oncology Present Latest LONSURF® (trifluridine/tipiracil) Data at ASCO 2019 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium (ASCO GI) @BusinessWire (https://twitter.com/BusinessWire?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) #GI19 (https://twitter.com/hashtag/GI19?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw) https://t.co/XUvAhrvDvd (https://t.co/XUvAhrvDvd) pic.twitter.com/YLWGVbcIEY (https://t.co/YLWGVbcIEY)
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> — Intestinal Cell News (@Intestinal_Cell) January 20, 2019 (https://twitter.com/Intestinal_Cell/status/1087000300567838720?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

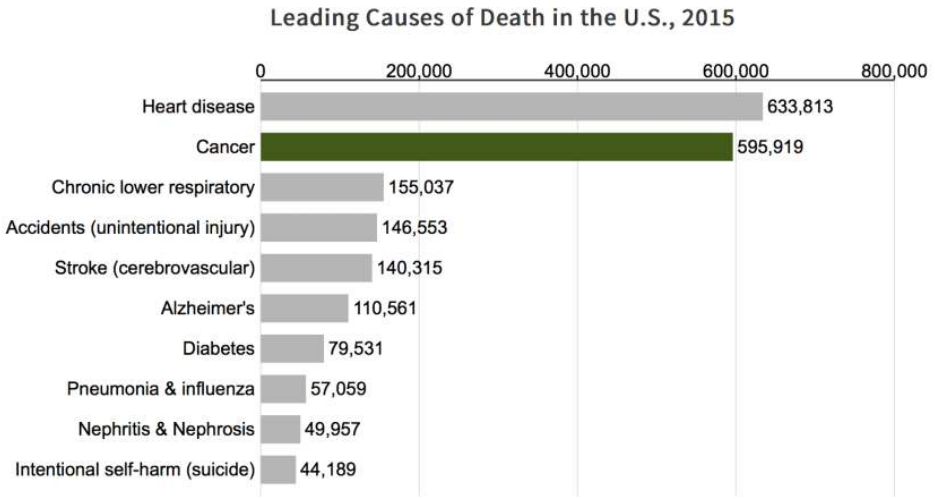
1. Preliminary data presented from Ph IIa trial of RX-3117 + Nab-Paclitaxel in 1L metastatic pancreatic cancer patients (https://investors.rexahn.com/press-releases/detail/288/rexahn-presents-updated-preliminary-data-on-rx-3117-in)
2. Positive data presented from Ph Ib/II trial of TRC105 + Sorafenib in HCC patients (http://ir.traconpharma.com/news-releases/news-release-details/tracon-pharmaceuticals-announces-positive-data-ongoing-phase-0)
3. Data from Ph III TRYbeCA-1 trial of eryaspase in 2L pancreatic cancer patients presented (https://erytech.com/wp-content/uploads/190118_ERYTECH_PR_TRYbeCA1_ASCO_GI_EN_FINAL.pdf)
4. Pembrolizumab reduces risk of death by 31% in PD-L1+ 2L esophageal/GEJ carcinoma pts in Ph III KEYNOTE-181 trial (https://www.mrknewsroom.com/news-release/oncology/mercks-keytruda-pembrolizumab-reduced-risk-death-31-percent-compared-chemother)
5. Five noteworthy studies in the treatment and management of liver, esophageal, colorectal, and colon cancers (https://www.asco.org/about-asco/press-center/news-releases/2019-symposium-highlight-notable-research-advances)
6. Updated data from Ph II trial of HER2 inhibitor Margetuximab + Pembrolizumab in gastric cancer patients to be presented (http://ir.macrogenics.com/news-releases/news-release-details/updated-clinical-data-combination-margetuximab-and-pembrolizumab)
7. Plan for Ph III AVENGER 500 trial of altered metabolism directed (AMD) drug devimistat (CPI-613) + mFOLFIRINOX in 1L pancreatic cancer patients to be presented (https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/rafael-pharmaceuticals-to-present-plan-for-phase-3-trial-avenger-500-of-devimistat-cpi-613-in-combination-with-modified-folfirinox-as-a-first-line-treatment-for-metastatic-pancreatic-cancer-at-1027876163)
8. Bayer to highlight new research (https://www.bayer.us/en/newsroom/press-releases/article/?id=123270)
9. Positive Varlitinib + chemotherapy data in 1L BTC patients from Ph Ib/II trial to be presented (http://aslanpharma.com/app/uploads/2019/01/190115-Press-Release_ASCO-GI-Data-ENG.pdf)
10. Post-hoc analyses data from Ph III REFLECT trial of Lenvatinib in HCC patients to be presented (https://www.eisai.com/news/2019/news201903.html)
11. Encorafenib + Binimetinib + Cetuximab combination yields mOS of 15.3 months in BRAF mutated 2L-3L mCRC patients in Ph III BEACON CRC trial (http://investor.arraybiopharma.com/news-releases/news-release-details/array-biopharma-announces-153-months-median-overall-survival)
12. Ph III TAGS trial data of LONSURF® (trifluridine/tipiracil) in metastatic gastric cancer patients to be presented (https://www.taihooncology.com/us/newsroom/press-releases/2019-01-17-LON-PM-US-1152-TOI-Servier-Present-Data-ASCO-GI)
13. Data from Ph III INT-11 trial of CXCL12 inhibitor Tipifarnib in pancreatic cancer patients to be presented (http://ir.kuraoncology.com/news-releases/news-release-details/kura-oncology-reports-clinical-activity-tipifarnib-subsets)
14. Data from safety lead-in to Ph III FIGHT trial of FGFR2b inhibitor Bemarituzumab presented (http://investor.fiveprime.com/news-releases/news-release-details/five-prime-therapeutics-presents-data-safety-

lead-phase-3-fight)

15. Metabolic-based cancer therapy, SM-88, improves survival in Ph II trial of advanced Pancreatic Cancer patients (https://ir.tymeinc.com/investors/news-releases/press-release-details/2019/TYMEs-Novel-Metabolic-Based-Cancer-Therapy-SM-88-Improves-Survival-in-Phase-II-Study-of-Patients-with-Advanced-Pancreatic-Cancer/default.aspx)

OTW Trivia

Cancer versus other causes of death in USA



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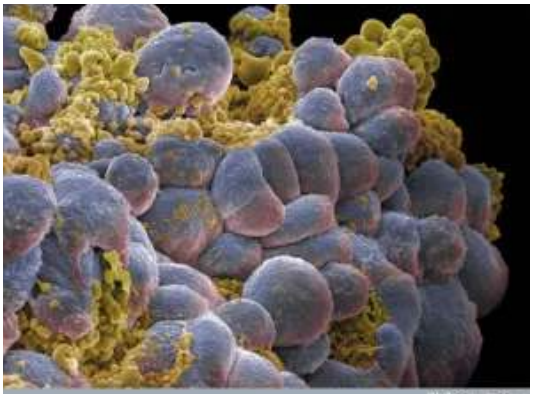

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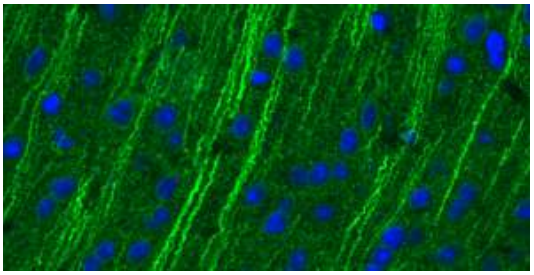

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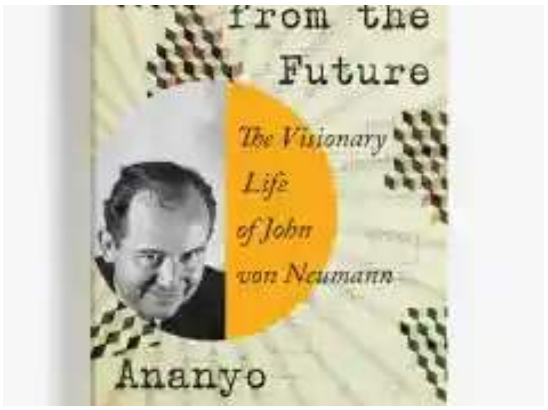

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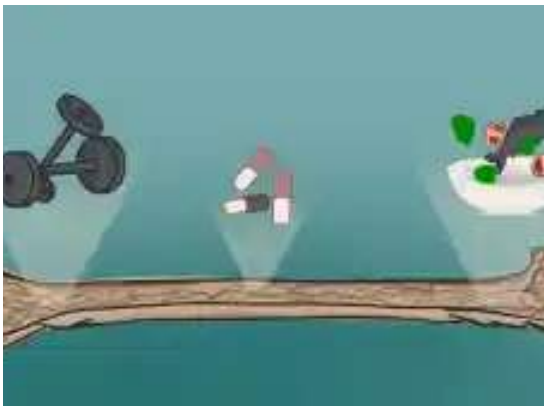

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