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Clinical trial has received WCMC IRB and CTSC approval with enrollment of initial 5 subjects at WCMC. An additional 18 subjects enrolled (15 treated) at participating sub-sites. Reports submitted to WCMC DSMB with recommendation to proceed with enrollment.

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I. Introduction

Men with biochemically progressive (PSA only) prostate cancer have non-radiographically apparent micrometastases that may be targeted with radioimmunotherapy. Prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is the single, most well-established, highly restricted prostate epithelial cell membrane antigen known and is expressed by virtually all prostate cancers. Investigators at WCMC have generated a high-affinity antibody (J591) against the external portion of PSMA that binds to viable PSMA-expressing cells and is internalized. Studies utilizing J591 radiolabeled with Lutetium-177 (\(^{177}\)Lu) have demonstrated safety, efficacy, and accurate, selective tumor targeting in the metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC) setting. The physical properties of \(^{177}\)Lu are best suited for 1-3 mm tumors (those not seen on standard imaging modalities). The hypothesis is that the addition of \(^{177}\)Lu-J591 to ketoconazole will improve time to radiographically apparent metastases in men with biochemically progressive non-metastatic CRPC.

In this multi-center, double-blind, randomized phase II trial involving men with relapsed prostate cancer and biochemical only (PSA) progression (no radiographic evidence of metastases) despite castration at high risk of early development of metastases. The primary endpoint will be to compare the percentage of men with metastases at 18 months receiving ketoconazole plus \(^{177}\)Lu-J591 vs ketoconazole plus trace-labeled \(^{111}\)In-J591 (i.e. placebo). Secondary endpoints include PSA response, toxicity, progression-free survival, overall survival, the ability of radiolabeled J591 to image otherwise non-radiographically apparent metastatic sites, the prognostic and predictive capability of circulating tumor cells, baseline adrenal androgen levels, and circulating markers of hemostatic activation, fibrinolysis, and angiogenesis. With a sample size of 127 (2:1 randomization), the study will have a \(\geq 0.80\) power with a pre-set alpha of 5% to determine an absolute difference in 18-month metastasis free survival. An interim analysis after 12 months of follow-up will be performed and reviewed by the external DSMB (necessitating increase in sample size by 10% to 140). Stopping limits will be imposed such that a significant observed difference in the metastasis-free proportion will be grounds for the consideration of early termination of the study using an adjusted significance level corresponding to the O’Brien-Fleming group sequential rule.

II. Body

Overview:
- 5 subjects have been enrolled and treated at Weill Cornell Medical College with two additional screen failures and at least 25 pre-screen failures.
- 10 subjects have been enrolled and treated to date at Indiana University with additional pre-screen and screen failures
- 4 subjects have been enrolled at University of Iowa with 3 treated (1 screen failed)
- 4 subjects have been enrolled with 2 treated to date at University of Southern California (2 screen failures) with at least 2 additional pre-screen failures.

SOW Task 1a, 1b: Additional sites are in various stages of regulatory approval:
IRB Approved and site activated:
- Weill Cornell Medical College (IRB Approved 09Jan2009)
- University of Iowa (IRB Approved 24Jun2010)
- Indiana University (IRB Approved 29Jun2010)
- University of Southern California (IRB Approved 10Jan2011)
- Emory University (IRB Approved 20Jul2011); site on hold with re-activation 09Sep2012
- Cedars-Sinai (IRB Approved 14Jun2012)
- University of Utah (IRB Approved 27Jun2012)

IRB Approval in progress:
- Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC – IRB approved; pending contract signatures
- University of Kansas – scientific and radiation safety committee approved; pending IRB approval
- University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey – in scientific review
- UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Alabama – scientific and radiation safety committee approved; pending IRB approval and contract review
- MD Anderson Cancer Center Orlando – radiation safety approved; IRB review pending
- Jesse Brown, VA/University of Illinois at Chicago
- Vanguard Urology, Houston, TX – budget/contract approval in process; IRB review pending

Anticipated to initiate IRB start-up:
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- Jesse Brown, VA/University of Illinois at Chicago
- Washington University

The study is currently being primarily offered via the CTSA and PCCTC groups (see “Problem Areas” below)

SOW Task 1a,b,c: Amendments have been approved by ORP and WCMC IRB

Task 2a,b: See above

Task 3a,b,c: Safety lead-in phase completed, reported, reviewed by DSMB

Task 4a: see above
Task 4b: Weekly email communication with sites, phone/teleconferences when necessary; Overall study re-invigoration investigator meeting being scheduled for October 2012
Task 4c: Ongoing IRB and FDA updates; last DSMB submission May 2012.

III. Key Research Accomplishments

- The protocol has been approved by the WCMC IRB and CTSC as well as ORP, 6 investigational sites activated as of September, 2012
The study was presented as a poster presentation at the 2010 and 2011 annual scientific meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncologists

Manuscript detailing background and rationale for the study has been published

Obtained assistance from a professional Clinical Research Organization (CRO) to assist with study start-up, source document verification, and recruitment.

A subject recruitment advertisement has been sent to print and will be submitted for WCMC IRB review shortly.

“Dear Doctor” referral letters have been drafted and sent to participating institutions

IV. Reportable Outcomes


Presentation: Poster presentation, 2011 ASCO Annual Meeting


V. Conclusions

Biochemical relapse is common after local therapy for prostate cancer. Based on the physical properties of 177Lu and the disease targeting ability of J591, 177Lu-J591 is ideally suited to make a significant impact on this state of disease. The protocol has been approved and activated at the initial sites and progress continues at additional sites.

VI. References

None used

VII. Appendices

Attachment 1: Tagawa et al. abstract, J Clin Oncol 29: 2011 (suppl; Abstr TPS193)

Attachment 2: Poster presentation, ASCO 2011

Attachment 3: Kosuri et al manuscript, Adv Urol 2012

Attachment 4: Approval documents: (a) Most recent WCMC IRB approval document, (b) Most Recent DSMB Approval, and (c) Emory IRB approval (d) Cedars-Sinai IRB approval (e) Utah IRB approval

Attachment 5: “Dear Doctor” Referral Letter
Radiolabeled anti-prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) monoclonal antibody J591 (177Lu-J591) for nonmetastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC): A randomized phase II trial.

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**Abstract:**

**Background:** Biochemical recurrence without evidence of PC on standard CT/MRI and bone scans after local therapy is common. Salvage radiotherapy affords a cure to select patients (pts) with PSA relapse, but most progress because of micrometastatic PC outside of the radiation field. J591 is a monoclonal antibody that targets the extracellular domain of PSMA. A phase II trial of single-dose 177Lu-J591 radioimmunotherapy (RIT) in pts with progressive, metastatic (met) CRPC demonstrated excellent targeting of met sites, efficacy, and acceptable toxicity [Tagawa et al, ASCO 2008]. RIT appears to have its greatest impact in the setting of minimal disease [Kaminski, NEJM 2005; Leonard, JCO2005; Press, JCO 2006] and the beta emission of 177Lu is best suited for lesions 1-3 mm in diameter [O'Donoghue, J Nuc Med 1995] (i.e. micrometastatic disease).

**Methods:** In this multicenter DOD-sponsored study, men with high-risk CRPC (PSA doubling time < 8 months and/or PSA > 20 [Smith, JCO 2005]) and no evidence of disease on CT/MRI and bone scans are randomized 2:1 to receive double-blinded 177Lu-J591 vs 111In-J591 (control) and undergo planar gamma camera imaging with SPECT following infusion. All pts receive ketoconazole plus hydrocortisone. The primary endpoint of the study is 18-month met-free survival. 140 pts will be treated to allow 80% power with a 2-sided alpha of 5% to detect a 25% absolute difference (50% vs 75% met-free) in radiographically apparent mets at 18 months (with interim analysis after 50% of pts have at least 12 months follow up). Secondary/exploratory endpoints include evaluation of radiolabeled J591 imaging to detect sites of mets not apparent on standard CT/MRI and bone scans are randomized 2:1 to receive double-blinded 177Lu-J591 vs 111In-J591 (control) and undergo planar gamma camera imaging with SPECT following infusion. All pts receive ketoconazole plus hydrocortisone. The primary endpoint of the study is 18-month met-free survival. 140 pts will be treated to allow 80% power with a 2-sided alpha of 5% to detect a 25% absolute difference (50% vs 75% met-free) in radiographically apparent mets at 18 months (with interim analysis after 50% of pts have at least 12 months follow up). Secondary/exploratory endpoints include evaluation of radiolabeled J591 imaging to detect sites of mets not apparent on standard CT/MRI and bone scans, validation of adrenal androgen levels as biomarkers for ketoconazole [Ryan Clin Cancer Res 2007], analysis of circulating tumor cells captured via CellSearch methodology as well as PSMA-GEDI capture [Gleghorn, Lab Chip 2010] for PSMA expression and counts to predict the appearance of radiographic metastases, and exploration of hemostatic/fibrinolytic/angiogenic plasma biomarkers.

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1. Radiolabeled anti-prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA) monoclonal antibody J591 (177Lu-J591) for nonmetastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC): A randomized phase II trial.

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1. Clinical outcome of single agent volasertib (BI 6727) as second-line treatment of patients (pts) with advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer (UC).
   - Meeting: 2011 ASCO Annual Meeting  
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   - First Author: W. M. Stadler  
   - Category: Genitourinary Cancer - Other GU Cancer

2. Final phase II results of NCI 6981: A phase I/II study of sorafenib (S) plus gemcitabine (GEM) and capecitabine (CAP) for advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC).
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   - Meeting: 2011 ASCO Annual Meeting  
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   - Session: Trials in Progress Poster Session  
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2. A randomized phase II trial of 177Lu radiolabeled monoclonal antibody J591 (177Lu-J591) and ketoconazole in patients (pts) with high-risk castrate biochemically relapsed prostate cancer (PC) after local therapy.
   - Meeting: 2010 ASCO Annual Meeting  
   - Presenter: Scott T. Tagawa, MD, MS  
   - Session: Trials in Progress Poster Session  
   - Category: Trials in Progress Poster Session
Presenter: Scott T. Tagawa
Session: Trials in Progress Poster Session (Trials in Progress Poster Session)

3. Phase I trial of fractionated-dose $^{177}$lutetium radiolabeled anti-prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) monoclonal antibody J591 ($^{177}$Lu-J591) in patients (pts) with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (metCRPC).

Meeting: 2010 ASCO Annual Meeting
Presenter: Scott T. Tagawa
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BACKGROUND

• J591 is a deimmunized anti-PSMA monoclonal antibody that binds to the extracellular domain of viable PSMA+ cells with rapid internalization.

• Phase I trials of radiolabeled J591 demonstrated safety, sensitivity, and specific tumor targeting, and preliminary evidence of activity (Akhtar et al, ASCO GU 2011: 3 Ph I, 1 Ph 2 trials in 137 pts).

• The MTD of [177]Lu-J591 was 70 mCi (2.6 GBq), with reversible myelosuppression and decreasing hematologic toxicity.

• Two successive cohorts of pts with progressive mCRPC received one dose of [177]Lu-J591 ( Cohorts 1 (55 mCi, 2.0 GBq), 10 pts; Cohort 2 (70 mCi, 2.6 GBq), 9 pts). The median PSA decline was 30% (95% CI 15-45%) at 8 weeks. Median PSA declined to below baseline in 67% (5/7) of pts.

• PSA decline associated with survival (22.1 vs 12.1 mo, p=0.001).

• 61% of evaluable pts had radiographic response (36.4% had measurable disease).

• CT/MRI and bone scan without evidence of metastatic disease.

• Intact hematologic and organ function.

• ECOG Performance Status < 2.

• PC is radiosensitive; salvage radiotherapy is an effective salvage therapy for radioresistant disease.

• J591 is targeted to the prostate, and exhaustion of viable tumor cells increases the effectiveness of radiotherapy.

• Targeting of known sites of PC metastases was seen in 30 of 32 (94%) pts [Fig 1].

• More pts treated at the phase I MTD (70 mCi/m²) had favorable or no change in PSA compared to 55 mCi/m² (84% vs 66%).

• Statistical difference in 18-month metastasis free survival (75% vs 50%).

• Interim analysis after 50% of 18-month MFS events required for final analysis with futility analysis performed (increasing sample size to 140).

• [177]Lu-J591 may be micro-metastatic disease. [O'Donoghue et al, J Nuc Med 2005;]

• [177]Lu is optimal for 1-3 mm lesions, i.e. micrometastatic (small volume) disease.

• [177]Lu, may be micro-metastatic disease.

• The study is open at 4 centers and the initial subjects are accruing.

• The study will open at additional sites throughout the United States, including sites in the CTSA consortium and Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium.

• Supported by Prostate Cancer Foundation.

• Randomized Ph II: [177]Lu-J591 in Nonmetastatic CRPC

ENTRY CRITERIA (Summary)

• Biochemical relapse after primary local therapy.

• High-risk, castrate-resistant PSA progression.

• Rising PSA despite medical/surgical castration and testosterone < 50 ng/mL.

• Absolute PSA > 20 and/or PSA DT > 8 mo.

• CT/MRI and bone scan without evidence of metastatic disease.

• Intact hematologic and organ function.

• ECOG Performance Status ≤ 2.

TREATMENT

• 1 endpoint: metastasis-free survival at 18 months.

• Based upon entry criteria, 30% expected to have relapse at 18 months.

• With a sample size of 127 (2.1 randomization), 0.80 power with alpha of 0.05 to determine difference in 18-month metastasis-free survival (75% vs 50%).

• Interim analysis after 50% of 18-month MFS events required for final analysis with futility analysis performed (increasing sample size to 140).

• 2 endpoints: ability of radiolabeled J591 to image micrometastatic disease, circulating tumor cell enumeration and PSMA expression, PFS, adrenal hormone levels, markers of metastatic disease progression.

SUMMARY

• Based upon the recurrence pattern of prostate cancer, its known radiosensitivity, J591's known ability to target sites of metastatic disease, and the physical properties of [177]Lu, anti-PSMA-based radiotargeting RIT has the potential of significantly impairing the natural course of related prostate cancer.

• The study is open at 4 centers and the initial subjects are accruing.

• The study will open at additional sites throughout the United States, including sites in the CTSA consortium and Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium.
Review Article

Review of Salvage Therapy for Biochemically Recurrent Prostate Cancer: The Role of Imaging and Rationale for Systemic Salvage Targeted Anti-Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen Radioimmunotherapy

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Despite local therapy with curative intent, approximately 30% of men suffer from biochemical relapse. Though some of these PSA relapses are not life threatening, many men eventually progress to metastatic disease and die of prostate cancer. Local therapy is an option for some men, but many have progression of disease following local salvage attempts. One significant issue in this setting is the lack of reliable imaging biomarkers to guide the use of local salvage therapy, as the likely reason for a low cure rate is the presence of undetected micrometastatic disease outside of the prostate/prostate bed. Androgen deprivation therapy is a cornerstone of therapy in the salvage setting. While subsets may benefit in terms of delay in time to metastatic disease and/or death, research is ongoing to improve salvage systemic therapy. Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is highly overexpressed by the majority of prostate cancers. While initial methods of exploiting PSMA’s high and selective expression were suboptimal, additional work in both imaging and therapeutics is progressing. Salvage therapy and imaging modalities in this setting are briefly reviewed, and the rationale for PSMA-based systemic salvage radioimmunotherapy is described.

1. Prostate-Specific Antigen and Biochemical Relapse

Clinically localized prostate cancer (PC) may have a variable, often protracted course from first diagnosis to metastasis [1, 2]. Despite recent controversies, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) has not only revolutionized diagnosis but is also used to monitor disease recurrence after primary treatment options such as radical prostatectomy (RP) or local definitive radiotherapy (RT). An important aspect of monitoring is the concept of biochemical recurrence (BCR) which can be defined within the framework of PSA. A primary definition had proven elusive as there are considerable differences between the primary therapies in regards to their PSA kinetics [3]. Following prostatectomy, absolute PSA values of 0.2–0.4 ng/mL are commonly used to define BCR, with a PSA of 0.4 ng/mL followed by another increase suggested for inclusion in clinical trials for men with BCR following RP [4, 5]. In the post-RT setting, an increase of 2 ng/mL from the patients’ post-RT nadir is used as the marker for recurrent/persistent disease (biochemical failure) [6].

In many parts of the world, the majority of men diagnosed with PC are usually well suited for local curative attempts with RP or RT. In this population it has been shown that BCR occurs in 12–42% [7] and 22–69% [8], respectively, overall approximating 30% of patients treated with local...
therapy for curative intent [5, 9, 10]. In the United States alone, it is estimated that approximately 50,000 patients are diagnosed with BCR annually [4, 11].

2. Salvage Therapy: Local Options

Once these patients experience BCR, the decision to start secondary or salvage therapy is a process for which may be as complicated as the decision about primary therapy. As at initial diagnosis, the range of outcomes after BCR is variable, with some men progressing to overt metastatic disease and death despite therapy and others dying of other causes even without further PC intervention [12]. As a concept akin to other solid tumors, those with local recurrence might be cured with local therapy; some with systemic recurrence may benefit from systemic therapy, though as with other solid tumors in general, only those with localized recurrence tend to be cured with salvage therapy. There are many options that include salvage RP, brachytherapy, external beam radiation therapy, cryotherapy, androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), or a combination of these modalities.

For those with BCR following radiation therapy, salvage radical prostatectomy (SRP) after primary radiotherapy can offer an effective management option. Eastham and colleagues studied 146 patients who underwent SRP for biopsy-proven local recurrence of PC [13]. In this study BCR was defined as a serum PSA of 0.2 ng/mL or higher or the initiation of androgen deprivation therapy after radiotherapy. Over a period of 5 years the recurrence-free probability was 54%, and only one patient experienced a clinical local recurrence, with a 5-year cumulative incidence of death from PC of 4%. As all of the prior reported experience was retrospective, the Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) performed a multicenter prospective study of SRP in patients who had BCR after radiotherapy. In this study of 41 patients, the 5-year biochemical-free survival was 55% and overall survival (OS) was 85% [14]. The time to first incontinent-free rates at 3, 6, and 12 months after surgery were 90%, 18%, and 9%, and time to first erectile dysfunction-free rates following SRP at 3, 6, and 12 months were 87%, 25%, and 14%. Despite these potentially encouraging efficacy results, SP is currently reserved for a highly select population based upon a number of factors, including real and/or perceived toxicity.

Salvage cryotherapy is an option which some see as less invasive approach to surgery with fewer side effects in the absence of prospective randomized studies. A retrospective analysis examined 76 patients over a 10-year period with a mean Gleason score of 7, who had prostate cryotherapy as salvage therapy before January 1999. At the end of this study, 43 of 76 men (56.6%) were still alive; 33 men (43.4%) had died but only 13.2% from prostate cancer and 22.4% from noncancerous causes, and 6.6% died from unknown causes [15]. A pooled analysis of salvage cryoablation demonstrated 54.5% 5-year actuarial biochemical disease-free survival with an incontinence rate of 4.4% and rectal fistula rate of 1.2% [16]. These and other investigators have concluded that cryosurgery is safe and effective treatment in selected patients in whom radiation therapy fails [15–17]. Further study is necessary, including improvement and standardization of technique.

One option commonly offered to patients with BCR after primary RP is salvage radiation therapy (SRT). Most of the available data comes from retrospective series. Stephenson et al. analyzed data from 17 tertiary care centers, evaluating 1540 patients. The six-year progression-free probability was 32% overall, 48% for patients with a pre-SRT PSA less than or equal to 0.5, 40% with a PSA > 0.5–1, 28% for patients with a PSA 1–1.5, and 18% for PSA greater than 1.5. These findings suggest that delivering SRT at the earliest sign of recurrence, when the PSA is low, is optimal, as nearly half of patients may have a long-term PSA response, including some with other unfavorable prognostic factors, including a PSA doubling time of 10 months or less or with poorly differentiated (Gleason 8–10) histology. A nomogram is available utilizing independently significant variables, including PSA level before SRT, prostatectomy Gleason score, PSA doubling time, surgical margins, androgen-deprivation therapy before or during RT therapy, and lymph node metastasis [18].

A retrospective review from Johns Hopkins included 635 men who previously underwent RP and were subsequently observed (63%), underwent SRT (25%), or SRT + hormonal therapy (12%) for either a biochemical or local recurrence. SRT was associated with a threefold increase in prostate cancer-specific survival (CSS) compared to those not treated with SRT [HR 0.32, P < 0.001]. The addition of hormonal therapy did not improve CSS. Without long-term followup this benefit in CSS was limited to those with a doubling time of less than 6 months and persisted after adjustment for other prognostic factors. SRT delivered greater than two years after recurrence or, for those men whose PSA never became undetectable after RP, did not result in improvement in CSS at the time of analysis [19].

Although there are limitations in the evaluation of retrospective data, these reports provide solid evidence for the benefit of early SRT. Important factors to consider in determining the need for SRT include preoperative and pre-RT PSA, postrecurrence doubling time, pathologic features suggestive of a local recurrence (e.g., positive margins), achievement or nonachievement of a nondetectable PSA post-operatively, pattern of rise of PSA (whether or not consistent with a local recurrence), long recurrence interval from surgery, as well as patient factors [18, 20, 21].

3. Imaging in the Setting of Biochemical Relapse

One of the major issues with local therapy (whether for newly diagnosed clinically localized disease or in the setting of BCR) is the lack of ability to accurately determine the presence or absence of distant metastatic disease. It is likely that the most significant reason for failure of most attempts at salvage therapy for biochemically recurrent PC is the presence of undetected metastatic disease. Conventional imaging techniques such as transrectal ultrasonography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography...
Figure 1: Anterior (a) and posterior (b) planar gamma camera images of radiolabeled J591. A greater number of lesions are apparent compared to anterior (c) and posterior (d) $^{99m}$Tc-MDP bone scan. Hepatic clearance of radiolabeled mAb results in nonspecific uptake in the liver.

(CT), and $^{99m}$Tm-MDP scintigraphy (bone scan) are usually not sensitive or specific enough to detect metastatic or recurrent prostate disease [22–28]. Therefore, an increase in PSA may precede a clinically detectable recurrent pelvic or metastatic cancer by months to years [29].

Though initial attempts using monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) to PSA and PAP were unsuccessful [30], more recently various and more specific markers of PC have been identified, including cell surface proteins, glycoprotein, receptors, enzymes, and peptides [31]. Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is the most well established, highly specific prostate epithelial cell membrane antigen known [32–36]. The first and only approved agent for targeting PSMA in PC is $^{111}$In-capromab [37].

An initial study utilizing capromab pendetide in men BCR after prostatectomy and lymphadenectomy demonstrated safety [38]. Kahn et al. performed a study in 32 men with BCR after prostatectomy prior to SRT; 61% of those with evidence of local disease only had a durable response to SRT versus 28% with durable response if they had evidence of distant disease on $^{111}$In-capromab imaging [39]. However, while additional similar studies support these results [40], others have demonstrated no benefit with the use of capromab pendetide in selection of patients for local salvage therapy [41, 42]. Some efforts to improve $^{111}$In-capromab imaging have added SPECT/CT fusion imaging, but results remain suboptimal [43–45].

A major reason for the suboptimal results with capromab pendetide lies with its targeting of the internal domain of PSMA, leading to the inability to bind to viable cells [32–35, 46]. Recognition of these features led to the development of mAbs by Bander et al. to the exposed, extracellular domain of PSMA [46–48]. J591, a deimmunized mAb against the extracellular domain of PSMA, has been the lead clinical candidate [48, 49]. While no formal prostate imaging studies of J591 have been conducted, several therapeutic studies examining the clinical utility of radiolabeled J591 have been performed with built-in imaging components [49–51]. Radiolabeled J591 has successfully targeted (imaged) 89–100% osseous targeting and 69–100% soft tissue targeting [49–51], including cases where J591 demonstrated lesions that were not apparent on the bone scan but were identified on subsequent MR or conventional imaging as the lesion progressed (Figure 1) [52]. Current imaging work with anti-PSMA mAbs involves immune-PET imaging [53, 54]. Additional studies utilize small molecule inhibitors, including $^{123}$I-MIP-1072, $^{123}$I-MIP-1095, $^{99m}$Tc-MIP-1404, and $^{99m}$Tc-MIP-1405 [55, 56].

4. Systemic Therapy for Biochemical Relapse

The addition of hormonal therapy to primary RT has led to improvements for some men with clinically localized PC, possibly by radiosensitization and/or treating micrometastatic disease. This might be true with SRT as well, with several retrospective studies supporting this concept [57, 58]. Initial results of a large, prospective randomized study, RTOG 9601, in which SRT was compared with SRT + bicalutamide in patients with an elevated PSA after prostatectomy have been presented [57]. With a median followup of seven years, a statistically significant improvement in freedom from PSA progression with adjuvant bicalutamide versus RT alone has been reported (57 versus 40%) as well as incidence of metastatic disease (7 versus 13%). RTOG 0534, a Phase III Trial of short-term androgen deprivation with pelvic lymph node or prostate bed only
radiotherapy (SPPORT) in PC patients with a rising PSA after RP, is currently accruing (http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ NCT00567580). Patients are randomly assigned to one of three arms: prostate bed RT only, prostate bed RT + neoadjuvant and concurrent ADT, or RT to the prostate bed and pelvic lymph nodes with neoadjuvant and concurrent ADT [59]. This study will help address the utility of the addition of ADT to SRT.

Though good local salvage options exist, not all patients qualify or agree to receive them, and most suffer disease progression despite local salvage therapy, likely because of micrometastatic disease outside of the prostate/prostate bed and pelvis that is not apparent on conventional imaging. Therefore systemic therapy is often employed. The most common management option for BCR after local therapy is ADT. While many studies have demonstrated that ADT does not prolong time to metastases and death in all comers, there are subgroups that likely benefit. Higher-grade disease and poorer PSA kinetics (i.e., short PSA doubling time) may predict improvement in outcome with early ADT [60, 61]. Additional evidence to support early ADT stems from the high-risk clinically localized or locally advanced settings [62–64]. However, while ADT may lead to some improvements, toxicity exists [65–70], and it is not curative in this situation. Chemotherapy is proven to improve survival and patient-reported outcomes in late stage disease but, as in advanced solid tumors, is not able to overcome bulky disease and leads to cures in that setting [71, 72]. The addition of chemotherapy at an earlier stage has demonstrated a survival benefit in many solid tumors (i.e., neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy in combination with surgery/radiotherapy), presumably by eradicating micrometastatic sites of disease. We await the results of a study examining the use of chemotherapy in combination with hormonal therapy to treat micrometastatic disease in men with BCR after prostatectomy (http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ NCT00514917) [73].

5. Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen-Based Radioimmunotherapy

As discussed above, the concept of systemic therapy to eliminate micrometastatic disease has merit. “Targeted therapy” is designed to deliver agents to malignant cells and spare normal cells. PSMA is an ideal target for prostate cancer, based upon its near universal expression in PC. While the initial observations were that expression was limited to prostate cells, it is now known that there are low levels of expression in other tissues, including brush border of small intestine, renal proximal tubule lumen, and salivary glands. However, levels of expression are greatly increased in prostate cancer (as opposed to benign prostatic epithelial cells) and increase with grade, stage, and hormonal therapy [32–35]. Furthermore, alternative sites with low levels of expression have minimal or no exposure to circulating mAb, as they are protected by basement membranes and their luminal surface site of expression. Several studies have demonstrated the ability of radiolabeled J591 to target and treat metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC).

Two independent phase I radioimmunotherapy (RIT) trials were performed using Yttrium-90 (90Y) or Lutetium-177 (177Lu) linked via a DOTA chelate to J591 in patients with metastatic CRPC. These trials defined the MTD and further refined dosimetry, pharmacokinetics, and immunogenicity (HAHA) of the radiolabeled mAb with some efficacy seen [50, 51]. Additional phase I and phase II studies utilizing 177Lu-J591 have confirmed the ability of J591 to successfully target various sites of metastatic prostate cancer with the majority of subjects receiving full doses of radiolabeled antibody experiencing PSA declines and some measurable disease responses demonstrated [49, 74, 75]. As expected with radioimmunotherapy in general, dose-limiting toxicity is reversible myelosuppression, with a minority of patients also experiencing mAb-related infusion reactions (without pre-medication) or transient grade 1 transaminitis [49–51, 74–76].

Based on the physical properties of radionuclides, differential responses are expected depending upon radionuclide and tumor properties. 177Lu is a low energy β emitter best for lesions 1–3 mm in diameter, while the higher β energy of 90Y is best suited for 28–42 mm lesions [77]. An initial review of J591 RIT validated these properties in the clinical CRPC setting [76]. This leads to the hypothesis that 177Lu-J591 should be less effective in the bulky metastatic CRPC setting but may lead to significantly more benefit in a micrometastatic disease setting. Indeed, RIT in general may have a higher impact in the minimal disease setting [78–80].

Prostate cancer is a radiosensitive disease, and BCR is common. Salvage local therapy may be successful but does not address disease sites outside of the prostate bed/pelvis, and most patients ultimately progress. Nearly all PC over-expresses PSMA; J591 is able to target metastatic disease sites. Full length anti-PSMA mAb has minimal to no access to other sites of low-level PSMA expression. Anti-PSMA-based RIT has demonstrated efficacy, and 177Lu is optimal for 1–3 mm (i.e., micrometastatic) lesions.

Enrollment is ongoing in a multicenter Department of Defense and Prostate Cancer Foundation-sponsored study testing the concept of salvage targeted anti-PSMA-based RIT (http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ NCT00859781). Men with high-risk CRPC (PSA doubling time <8 months and/or PSA > 20 [73]) and no evidence of disease on CT/MRI and bone scans are randomized in a 2:1 fashion to receive double-blind 177Lu-J591 versus 111In-J591 (control) with a backbone of hormonal therapy (ketoconazole and hydrocortisone) and will undergo planar gamma camera imaging with SPECT following infusion. The primary endpoint of the study is 18-month metastasis-free survival with additional endpoints of median metastasis-free survival and overall survival. Secondary/exploratory endpoints include evaluation of radiolabeled J591 imaging to detect sites of metastases not apparent on standard CT/MRI and bone scan, validation of adrenal androgen levels as biomarkers for ketoconazole [81], and analysis of circulating tumor cells captured via CellSearch methodology as well as PSMA-GEDI capture [82] for PSMA expression and counts to predict the appearance of radiographic metastases.
6. Conclusions

Biochemical relapse after local therapy for prostate cancer is common. While local salvage therapy is available, deficiencies in imaging currently lead to difficulties in selecting appropriate patients. For those with microscopic sites of disease outside of the prostate/prostate bed, targeted systemic salvage therapy is appealing. Prostate-specific membrane antigen-based diagnostics and therapeutics may lead to improvements in this disease setting.

Authors’ Contribution

S. Kosuri and N. Akhtar contributed equally to this paper.

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Submission Type: Expedited Amendment

Protocol Number: 0810010067

Protocol Title: A Randomized Phase 2 Trial of Lu Radiolabeled Monoclonal Antibody HuJ591 (Lu-J591) and ketoconazole in Patients with High-Risk Castrate Biochemically Relapsed Prostate Cancer After Local Therapy.

Nature of Amendment:
- WCMC Protocol, version 6 dated July 2, 2012
- Revised Informed Consent Form dated July 2, 2012
- Addition of FACT-P Questionnaire
- HIPAA Authorization Form

IRB Approval Date: July 26, 2012

Dear Dr. Tagawa:

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has conducted an expedited review and approved the amendment to the abovementioned protocol.

Please do not hesitate to contact the IRB office staff if you have any questions or need assistance in complying with the terms of this approval.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Kraemer, Ph.D.
Director, Human Research Protections Program

Please note the following important information about this approval:
- Billing Compliance: This approval is contingent upon continued adherence with institutional billing compliance policies.
- Information about the WCMC IRBs: The Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC) Institutional Review Board (IRB) is constituted as required by the Federal Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP). WCMC holds a Federalwide Assurance (FWA) with OHRP. The FWA number is FWA00000093. The
WCMC IRB is registered on that FWA. The registration number for the IRB is: IRB #1 IRB00000952; and IRB #2 IRB00004327. Should you need additional information about the terms of the WCMC FWA or the WCMC IRB, please refer to http://weill.cornell.edu/research/research_integrity/institutional_review_board/index.html
Date: June 5, 2012
To: Scott Tagawa, M.D.
From: Marcus Reidenberg, M.D.
Re: DSMB Review
Protocol: #0810010067
Title: A Randomized Phase 2 Trial of 177Lu Radiolabeled Monoclonal Antibody HuJ591 (177Lu-J591) and ketoconazole in Patients with High-Risk Castrate Biochemically Relapsed Prostate Cancer After Local Therapy

The Weill Cornell Medical College ("WCMC") Data Safety Monitoring Board ("DSMB") has conducted a review of the following documentation:

- **DSMB Memo - Initial J591 Keto Analysis**

The DSMB requires no further documentation at this time and has retained this information in its files.

Thank you for your submission to the WCMC DSMB. Should you require any assistance, please contact us by emailing dsmb@med.cornell.edu or calling Lauren Odynocki, C.I.P., Research Integrity Coordinator, at (646) 962-8192.

Thank you.
TO: Omer Kucuk, MD  
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DATE: September 21, 2011

RE: Full Board Approval  
IRB00049135  
A Randomized Phase 2 Trial of 177Lu Radiolabeled Monoclonal Antibody HuJ591 (177Lu-J591) and Ketoconazole in Patients with High-Risk Castrate Biochemically Relapsed Prostate Cancer After Local Therapy

Thank you for submitting a new application for this protocol. The Emory IRB reviewed it at its convened meeting on July 20, 2011 and granted approval effective from 7/20/2011 through 7/19/2012. Thereafter, continuation of human subjects research activities requires the submission of another renewal application, which must be reviewed and approved by the IRB prior to the expiration date noted above. Please note carefully the following items with respect to this reapproval:

- Protocol version date: 5/25/2010
- Consent version date: 8/1/2011
- HIPAA version date: 6/20/2011
- Revocation Letter version date: 2/3/2011

Any reportable events (e.g., unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others, noncompliance, breaches of confidentiality, HIPAA violations, protocol deviations) must be reported to the IRB according to our Policies & Procedures at www.irb.emory.edu, immediately, promptly, or periodically. Be sure to check the reporting guidance and contact us if you have questions. Terms and conditions of sponsors, if any, also apply to reporting.

Before implementing any change to this protocol (including but not limited to sample size, informed consent, study design, you must submit an amendment request and secure IRB approval.

In future correspondence about this matter, please refer to the IRB file ID, name of the Principal Investigator, and study title. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the CSMC Institutional Review Boards

Subject: IRB Approval for Pro00026955

Please note that the Cedars-Sinai Institutional Review Board (CSMC IRB) has approved you to conduct research involving human subjects. Please review the following information summarizing the approval granted:

IRB No.: Pro00026955

Study Title: WCMC J591: "A Randomized Phase 2 Trial of 177Lu Radiolabeled Monoclonal Antibody HuJ591 (177Lu-J591) and Ketoconazole in Patients with High-Risk Castrate Biochemically Relapsed Prostate Cancer After Local Therapy"

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This New Study Application has been reviewed and approved by a University of Utah IRB convened board. The convened board approved your study as a Greater Than Minimal risk study on 7/18/2012. The approval is effective as of 7/27/2012. Federal regulations and University of Utah IRB policy require this research protocol to be re-reviewed and re-approved prior to the expiration date, as determined by the convened board.

Your study will expire on 7/17/2013. Any changes to this study must be submitted to the IRB prior to initiation via an amendment form.

DETERMINATIONS

- Waiver/Alteration Determination: The IRB has determined that the request for the waiver of authorization is approved for this research under 45 CFR 164.512(i).

APPROVED DOCUMENTS

Informed Consent Document
J591 Treatment Consent 07-20-12 Clean.doc

Company Protocol
Lu-J591 Protocol (Version 5 dated 01Jun11).pdf

Investigational Brochure
LuJ591_IB_ver4-14-04 (2).pdf

Recruitment Materials, Advertisements, etc.
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Other Documents
J591 Keto pre-screen log.docx
Radiation safety letter.pdf
J591 Medication Diary.pdf
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Click IRB_00054274 to view the application and access the approved documents.

Please take a moment to complete our customer service survey. We appreciate your opinions and feedback.
Dear Doctor:

You are receiving this letter to inform you of a prostate clinical trial that may be of benefit to your patients. The trial is for men with adenocarcinoma of the prostate previously treated with surgery and/or radiotherapy and now have biochemical progression (rising PSA) after medical or surgical castration. Recruitment is ongoing with additional sites across the country being added.

As you are aware, up to a third of men will develop recurrence of their tumor after local therapy. Some men may be salvaged with radiation after PSA recurrence, but the majority suffer relapse due to microscopic deposits of cancer outside of the radiation field.

In recent years, antibody therapy, or targeted therapy focusing only on cancer cells has shown great promise. J591 is a monoclonal antibody which specifically targets a receptor called prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) located on the surface of virtually all prostate cancer cells. Investigators have developed the ability to attach radioactive isotopes that, when attached to a specific antibody, allow targeting prostate cancer cells, but sparing other or normal cells. Initial trial work (Phase I and II studies in metastatic CRPC) has shown that at the optimal single-infusion dose, 71% of men experienced some decline in PSA after a single injection. Nearly 47% of these men have experienced at least a 30% drop in PSA which is closely associated with a survival benefit in chemotherapy trials.

Targeted radiotherapy may be able to overcome the major flaw of salvage radiotherapy: inability to target disease outside of the standard radiation field, when this micro-metastatic disease is not visible using conventional imaging methods. We are currently conducting a multi-center double-blinded Investigator Initiated Phase II trial utilizing a tiny radioactive particle $^{177}$Lu linked to one of these antibodies called radiolabeled J591 or $^{177}$Lu-J591.

If you have patients who you feel may benefit from participation in this trial and you want to receive more information, provide a referral or participate as an investigative site, please go to http://clinicaltrial.gov/show/NCT00859781. You will find information on sites that are actively recruiting in New York (NY), Iowa City (IA), Indianapolis (IN) and Los Angeles (CA) including the primary contact person.

In addition please know that additional investigative sites will be soon open for recruitment in Atlanta (GA), Salt Lake City (UT), Washington (DC), Pittsburg (PA), New Brunswick (NJ), Kansas City (KC), Houston (TX), St. Louis (MO), Chicago (IL) and Charleston (SC).

You may also contact me, the Study Chair for the trial Scott Tagawa at Weill Cornell Medical College, stt2007@med.cornell.edu for additional information on the trial and exact information of the locations where you may refer potential subjects.

Sincerely

Scott T. Tagawa, MD, MS