⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA PET/CT and SOC PSMA PET/CT in Biochemical Recurrence of Prostate Cancer: A Close-Up of the Phase II COBRA Trial

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Background: ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA has demonstrated 2-3x higher tumor uptake, prolonged retention, and detection of additional PC lesions compared to approved standard of care (SOC) PSMA agents. This multicenter, single-arm, non-randomized Phase I/II study assessed the safety and ability of ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) to detect lesions in patients with biochemical recurrence (BCR) of prostate cancer (PC) and negative or equivocal SOC imaging following definitive therapy. It also compared lesion detection against follow-up SOC PSMA PET/CT (NCT05249127). Overall results have been reported elsewhere.

Methods: Participants underwent ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA PET/CT (200 MBq) on Day 0 (1-4h post-dose) and Day 1 (24±6h post-dose). ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA scans were interpreted by 3 blinded central readers, and the findings were verified by histopathology, conventional imaging modalities that are routinely used in the diagnosis and staging of PC, and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels post-focal therapy during the follow-up period. The maximum follow-up period for each participant was 180 days. A subset of participants underwent follow-up SOC PSMA PET/CT with either ⁶⁸Ga-PSMA-11 or ¹⁸F-DCFPyL (interpreted by 2 blinded central readers independent of the ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA PET readers). Here, we examine the subset of participants who received SOC PSMA PET/CT as part of their follow-up.

Results: Of the 50 participants that received ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA and had Day 0 and Day 1 scans, 20 underwent follow-up SOC PSMA PET/CT (13 with ⁶⁸Ga-PSMA-11 and 7 with ¹⁸F-DCFPyL) a median of 73.5 days (range, 29-180) after the Day 0 ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA PET/CT. ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA identified more lesions (average sum of lesions 26.3 and 52.6 on Day 0 and Day 1 respectively, vs. 20) and higher participant-level PET-positivity (70% and 90% on Day 0 and Day 1 respectively, vs. 60%) on both days compared to SOC PSMA PET/CT.

Conclusion: Results from this subset of participants who underwent follow-up SOC PSMA PET/CT after their ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA imaging indicate that ⁶⁴Cu-SAR-bisPSMA is able to identify lesions from 29 days to more than 6 months earlier than SOC PSMA agents. These findings have important clinical implications as accurate staging and early identification of lesions in BCR patients can inform different treatment pathways.

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