HER3-Directed ADCs in the Treatment of EGFR-Mutated Advanced or Metastatic NSCLC Progressing on TKI and Platinum-Based Chemotherapy

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We know from the press release that [HERTHENA-Lung02] met its primary endpoint of PFS prolongation in patients who were treated with patritumab deruxtecan.

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- She received 4 cycles followed by 4 months of pemetrexed maintenance until she had evidence of progression of disease with growing lung nodules and new liver metastases

- First cycle went well with no problems during the infusion, but she had significant nausea that limited food/liquid intake the first week
- She presented for C2D1 and her ANC was 0.9, total WBC was 2.0, platelets were 95, and hemoglobin was 12.7

What medications or premeds would help with nausea?

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Should treatment proceed, and what can be done to prevent cytopenias from occurring in the future?

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In the clinical trials, these cytopenias [from HER3-DXd] weren't associated with any kind of clinical complications like bleeding or neutropenic fever, and they do seem to be front-loaded with the first few cycles.

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Hopefully with patritumab deruxtecan soon to be approved, I would definitely think about utilizing that in this third-line setting.

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I certainly think there is a role for HER3directed ADCs like patritumab deruxtecan in this space, following EGFR TKI and chemotherapy treatment.

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Association of HER3 Expression, Metastases, and Survival in NSCLC





Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance to Kinase Inhibitors in Lung Cancer



State Transformation



Small Cell Lung cancer Squamous Cell Lung Cancer

Acquired Resistance Mechanisms to Osimertinib From Tissue-Based Studies



HER3 and HER2 Expression Are Common in EGFR-Mutant Drug-Resistant Patient-Derived Xenograft Models



HER3 Forms Heterodimers Upon Ligand Activation



Therapeutic Strategies to Inhibit HER3



HERTHENA-Lung01: Study Design

Patients with advanced progressive **EGFR-mutant** NSCLC; prior treatment with **platinum-based chemotherapy** and **osimertinib**

- **Primary endpoint:** ORR by BICR
- Key secondary endpoint: DoR by BICR

Patritumab Deruxtecan 5.6 mg/kg IV Q3W (n = 226)



HERTHENA-Lung01: Overall Efficacy

Efficacy Outcome	All Patients (n = 225)	Patients Who Received Osimertinib (n = 209)	
Confirmed ORR, %	29.8	29.2	
Median PFS, mo	5.5	5.5	
Median OS, mo	11.9	11.9	

HERTHENA-Lung01: Antitumor Activity Across EGFR TKI Resistance Mechanisms



HERTHENA-Lung01: Safety

Safety summary	HER3-DXd 5.6 mg/kg (N = 225)	
Any TEAE, n (%)	224 (99.6)	
Associated with treatment discontinuation	16 (7.1)	
Associated with treatment dose reduction	48 (21.3)	
Associated with treatment dose interruption	91 (40.4)	
Associated with death	24 (10.7)	
Grade ≥3 TEAE, n (%)	146 (64.9)	
Treatment-related TEAE, n (%)	215 (95.6)	
Associated with death	4 (1.8)	
Grade ≥3	102 (45.3)	
Serious TEAE	34 (15.1)	
Adjudicated interstitial lung disease, n (%) [All were adjudicated as treatment-related]	12 (5.3)	
Grade 1	1 (0.4)	
Grade 2	8 (3.6)	
Grade 3	2 (0.9)	
Grade 4	0	
Grade 5	1 (0.4)	

Most Common Grade ≥3 TEAEs Occurring in ≥3% of Patients (N = 225)



HERTHENA-Lung01: CNS Efficacy

CNS Response	Patients With Baseline Brain Mets and No RT (n = 30)		
CNS confirmed ORR, n (%)	10 (33.3)		
CNS DCR, %	76.7		
Median CNS DoR, mo	8.4		

HERTHENA-Lung02: Phase 3 Study of HER3-DXd in EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

Patients with locally advanced or metastatic nonsquamous NSCLC with *EGFR*-activating mutation (ex19del or L858R); 1-2 prior lines of EGFR TKI treatment including progression after third-generation EGFR TKI; stable brain metastases allowed; tumor biopsy required, but selection not based on HER3 expression (planned N = 560)



- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by BICR (RECIST v1.1)
- Secondary endpoints: PFS by investigator, OS, ORR, DoR, DCR, TTR, safety

According to a press release on 9/17/2024, HERTHENA-Lung02 met its primary endpoint of PFS.

BL-B01D1: Response Rates in EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

• All patients in the current analysis received Q3W dose regimens



	EGFR-Mutated NSCLC		EGFR Wild-Type NSCLC	
	All (n = 40)	Treated/No CNS Mets (n = 13)	All (n = 62)	2L Post PBC (n = 26)
Prior CT lines, % • 0 • 1 • 2+	25 50 25	8 46 46	0 42 56	0 100 0
ORR, %	67.5	69.2	40.3	50.0
cORR, %	52.5	61.5	30.6	38.5
DCR, %	87.5	92.3	87.1	80.8
mDoR, mo	8.5	12.3	NR	NR
mPFS, mo	5.6	15.0	5.4	6.7

EGFR-Mutated NSCLC (N = 40)

Zhang L, et al. ESMO 2023. Abstract 1316MO. Zhang L, et al. ASCO 2023. Abstract 3001.

Management of ILD Associated With HER3-DXd

What to Look for

- Shortness of breath, particularly on exertion
- Dry cough

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- Chest discomfort
- Fatigue



Promptly investigate any evidence of suspected ILD/pneumonitis with high-resolution CT, pulmonologist consult, and blood cultures/CBC



Grade and Description	Protocol Management Recommendations
1: Asymptomatic; clinical or diagnostic observations only	 Hold patritumab deruxtecan until resolution to grade 0 If AE resolves in ≤28 days, resume with same dose of patritumab deruxtecan If AE resolves in >28 days, resume with reduced dose of patritumab deruxtecan Consider corticosteroid treatment (eg, prednisone ≥0.5 mg/kg/day)
 2: Symptomatic; limiting instrumental ADL 3: Severe symptoms; limiting self-care ADL or life- threatening respiratory compromise 	 Permanently discontinue patritumab deruxtecan Promptly initiate corticosteroid treatment (eg, ≥1 mg/kg/day prednisolone or equivalent) and continue for ≥14 days followed by gradual taper for ≥4 weeks
For all grades	 Oxygen supplementation for hypoxia Monitor closely for worsening symptoms, re-image as clinically indicated Supportive treatment for prolonged corticosteroid use Consider infliximab, mycophenolate mofetil, IVIG, etc., if corticosteroid refractory

Dose reductions: Starting Dose 5.6 mg/kg Q3W \rightarrow Reduction 1: 4.8 mg/kg \rightarrow Reduction 2: 3.2 mg/kg \rightarrow Discontinue

Yu HA, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2023;41(35):5363-5375. Jänne PA, et al. Cancer Discov. 2022;12(1):74-89.

Patients that had higher-grade pneumonitis with symptoms, even if they resolved with treatment, were not allowed to be re-treated.

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