# First-in-human phase 1/2a trial of a macrocyclic ATR inhibitor (ATRN-119) in patients with advanced solid tumors

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### Introduction

#### DNA replication stress (RS) in tumorigenesis

- RS is a hallmark cause of genomic instability in cancer cells<sup>1,2</sup>
- Genomic alterations associated with RS have been characterized in many cancer types using large-scale genomic analyses<sup>3</sup>

#### Ataxia Telangiectasia and Rad3-related (ATR) kinase

- ATR kinase is a member of the phosphoinositide 3-kinase related kinase family (PIKK) and a principal regulator of the DNA damage response (DDR) to RS<sup>1</sup>
- Activated upon DNA single strand formation, ATR kinase is essential for stabilizing stressed DNA replication forks and preventing their collapse into DNA double-strand
- Exploiting RS vulnerability with ATR inhibition may be a promising strategy in cancer therapeutics<sup>1,2</sup>

#### **ATRN-119**

- ATRN-119 is an oral, highly specific ATR kinase inhibitor
- Preliminary studies have shown that
- The high specificity for ATR kinase correlates with increased tolerability, daily dosing, and reduced dose-limiting hematologic toxicity<sup>5</sup>
- Single agent ATRN-119 in vitro increased cytotoxicity against a broad spectrum of cancer cell lines harboring DDR gene alterations and in vivo inhibited tumor growth in cell line-derived and patient-derived xenografts
- Combination studies in vivo demonstrated significant synergy between ATRN-119 and poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibition<sup>5,6</sup>

### **Preclinical Studies**

Figure 1. ATRN-119 is an orally bioavailable, potent, and selective macrocyclic small molecule inhibitor of ATR kinase

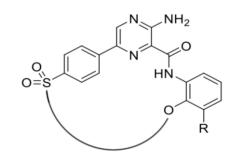


Figure 2. ATRN-119 binds to ATR (A), inhibits its biological activity (B), and triggers DNA replication fork collapse and DS breaks (C)

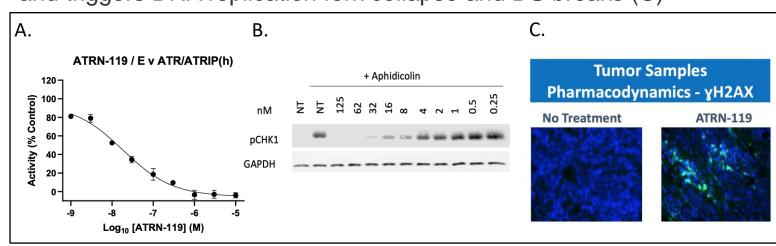
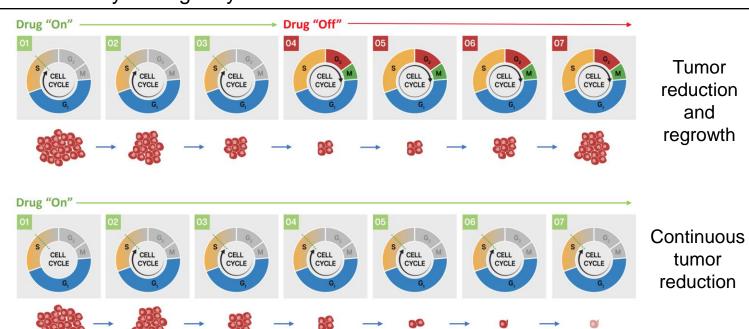


Figure 3. ATRN-119 daily dosing Is desirable Lack of daily dosing may contribute to formation of resistance



### **Study Methods**

#### **Objectives**

#### **Primary objectives**

- To evaluate the safety profile of escalating doses of daily oral ATRN-119 and to determine the MTD and RP2D
- To characterize the PK profile of oral ATRN-119 and its active metabolite ATRN-157

**Key Eligibility Criteria** 

Failed ≥ 1 approved SOC therapy

study drug, whichever is longer

stable for previous 1 month

of CYP3A4 or CYP2D6

Study patients (n=9)

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documented DDR mutation (e.g., ARID1A) per NGS

Adequate bone marrow, renal, and liver function

Investigational agent within 5 half-lives or 30 days of

Inclusion criteria

for mCRPC)

• ECOG PS ≤ 1

**Exclusion criteria** 

#### Secondary objective

 To evaluate antitumor activity of oral ATRN-119 in various solid tumors

#### **Exploratory objective**

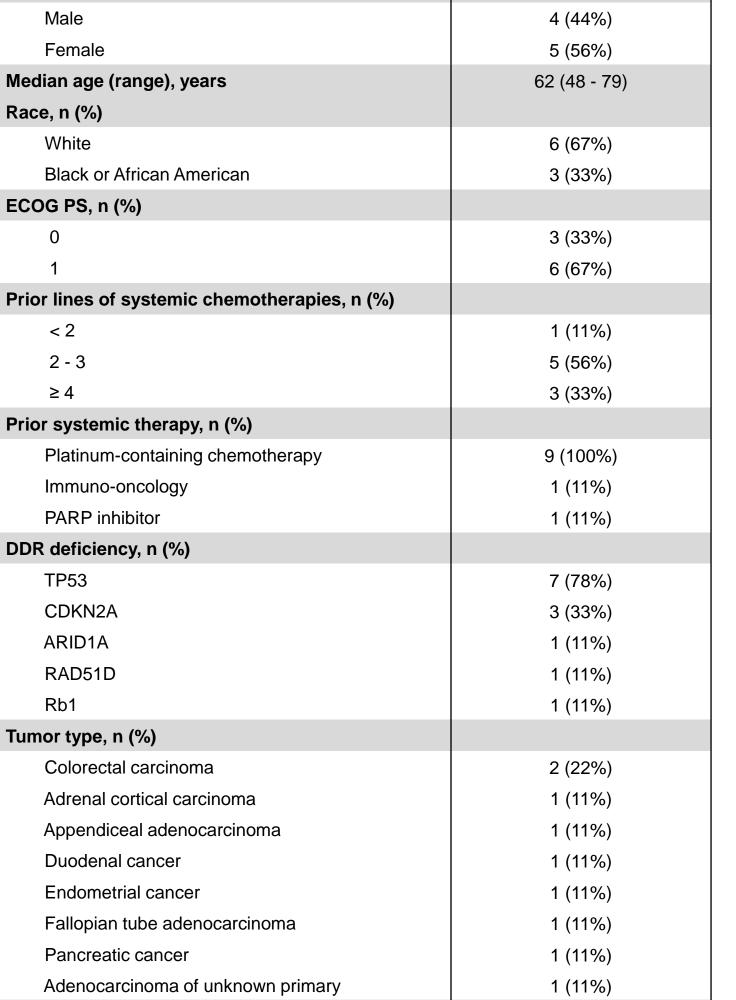
Characteristic

Sex, n (%)

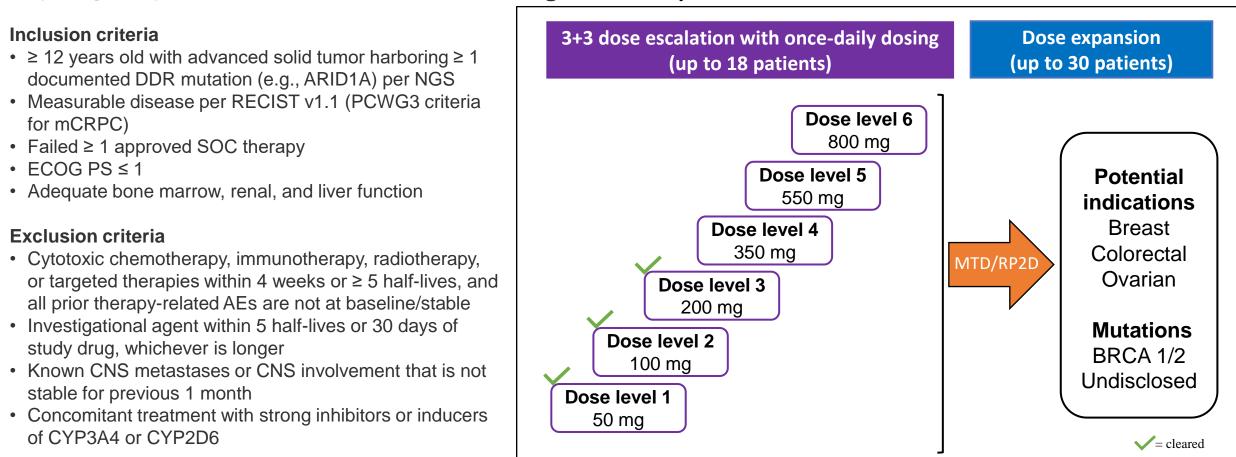
 To explore the association between mutations identified in tumor tissue and clinical outcome

## **Preliminary Results**

**Table 1.** Patient demographics



#### Figure 4. Study schema of ATRN-119



### Figure 5. Summary of duration of treatment As of Sept 22, 2023

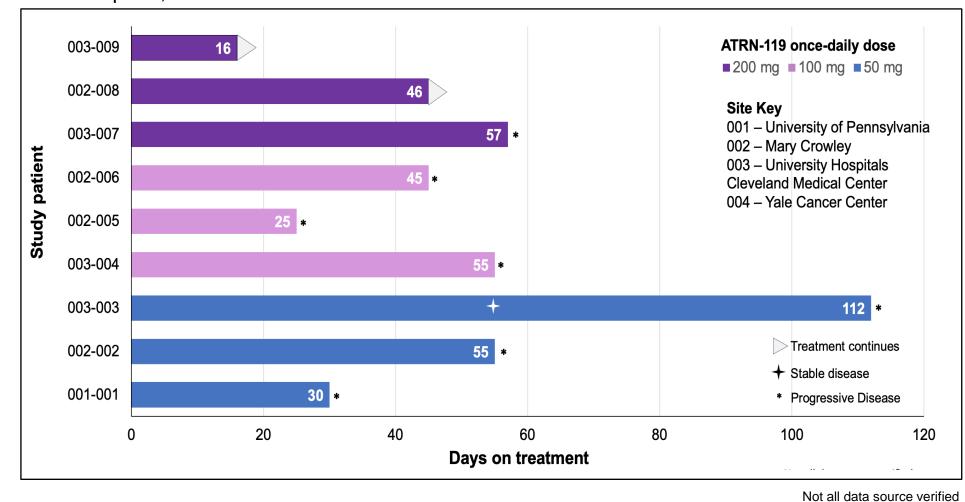
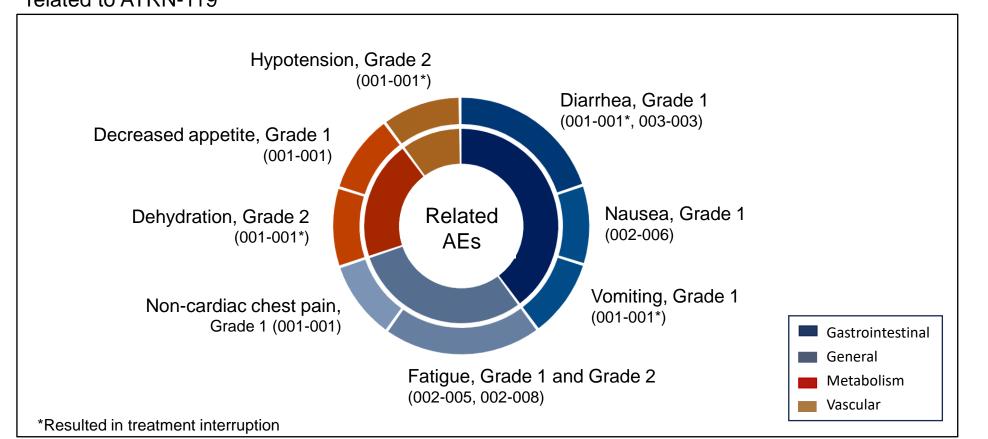


Figure 6. Adverse events at least possibly related to ATRN-119 As of Sept 20, 2023: Five study patients have experienced AEs assessed as possibly/probably related to ATRN-119



## **Preliminary Results (cont'd)**

Table 2. All-cause treatment-emergent adverse events

As of Sept 20, 2023: no Grade 4 events, no significant hematologic toxicity, and no liver function test toxicity have been reported

TEAE* by system organ class	Total (n=9)		Dose Level 1 (n=3)		Dose Level 2 (n=3)		Dose Level 3 (n=3)	
	Grade 1/2 n (%)	Grade 3/4 n (%)						
Gastrointestinal								
Diarrhea	3 (33%)	0	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Nausea	2 (22%)	0	0	0	2 (67%)	0	0	0
Abdominal discomfort	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Abdominal distension	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Abdominal pain	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Flatulence	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Hemorrhoidal hemorrhage	1 (11%)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0
Rectal hemorrhage	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Stomatitis	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Vomiting	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Ascites	0	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0
Metabolism and nutrition								
Blood phosphorus decreased	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Decreased appetite	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Dehydration	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Hyperglycemia	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Nervous system								
Asthenia	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Headache	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Syncope	0	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0
Infections								
Candida infection	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue								
Arthralgia	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Back pain	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Renal and urinary								
Dysuria	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Pollakiuria	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0
Respiratory								
Dyspnea	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Hemoptysis	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Vascular								
Hypotension	1 (11%)	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0	0	0
Other								
Fatigue	4 (44%)	0	1 (33%)	0	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)	0
Chest pain (non-cardiac)	1 (11%)	1 (11%)	1 (33%)	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0
Fall	1 (11%)	0	0	0	1 (33%)	0	0	0

### Summary

Daily dosing of ATRN-119 may result in persistent tumor-reducing effect

No dose-limiting toxicities have been reported to date in patients treated with ATRN-119

ATRN-119 appears to be well tolerated with a manageable toxicity profile

Pharmacokinetic data analysis is ongoing and results will be presented in future publications

This phase 1/2a study is currently enrolling eligible study patients at four U.S. sites (NCT04905914)

The dose expansion cohort in select cancers is on track to be initiated in 2Q 2024

#### Abbreviations: 2Q, second quarter; AE, adverse event; ATR, Ataxia Telangiectasia and Rad3-related; CNS, central nervous system; DDR, DNA damage response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group: MTD, maximum tolerated dose: NGS, next generation sequencing: PARPi, poly ADP ribose polymerase inhibitor: mCRPC. netastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; PCWG3, Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Vorking Group 3; PK, pharmacokinetic; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Fumors; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; RS, replication stress; SOC, standard of

care: TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event

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- The patients and their families who make this study possible The clinical study teams who are participating in the study
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