UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 26, 2023 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Aprea Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-39069 (Commission File Number) 84-2246769 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3805 Old Easton Road Doylestown, PA (Address of principal executive offices)

18902 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 463-9385

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report):

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

		Name of each exchange on
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	which registered
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	APRE	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \boxtimes

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 26, 2023, Aprea Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") will be presenting at the 6th Annual DDR Inhibitors Summit, held in Boston, Massachusetts. Copies of the presentation slide decks that the Company will use at the 6th Annual DDR Inhibitors Summit are filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively, and are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) <u>Exhibits</u>.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Aprea Therapeutics, Inc. Presentation.
<u>99.2</u>	Aprea Therapeutics, Inc. Presentation.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Aprea Therapeutics, Inc.

Dated: January 26, 2023

By: <u>/s/ Oren Gilad</u> Name: Oren Gilad Title: President and Chief Executive Officer





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Adding On to Monotherapy: Combining DDR Inhibitors

January 2023



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Combinations to combat emerging resistance:

identifying combination agents

Potential Benefits For Combination Therapy:

- Overcome Resistance
- Increase Efficacy
- Reduce Toxicity
- Indication Expansion

Drug Combination SL Approach



Combining DDR Inhibitors with PARPi:

Standard of Care

CA CANCER J CLIN 2011;61:31-49

Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase (PARP) Inhibitors: Exploiting a Synthetic Lethal Strategy in the Clinic

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PARP inhibitor-based combination treatment strategies Broad categories of PARP inhibitors: combination treatment strategies



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Pilié et al., Clin Cancer Res. 2019;25(13):3759-3771



Comparison of PARP inhibitors under clinical development Including toxicity profile

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	Veliparib ^E	Olaparib	Rucaparib	Niraparib	Pamiparib ^F	Talazopar
Relative PARP-trapping capacity ^A (refs. 23-28)	•	**	++	++	**	***
Single-agent dose	400 mg PO BID	300 mg PO BID	600 mg PO BID	300 mg PO QD	60 mg PO BID	1 mg PO QD
Toxicities [®] Most frequent Grade ≥3 hematologic toxicities in ≥5% of study population	Nausea (30%)/ fatigue (25%)/ lymphopenia (16%) NTD	Nausea (58%–76%)/ fatigue (29%–66%)/ vomiting (30%–37%)/ diarrhea (21%–33%)/ dysgeusia (27%)/ headache (20%–25%) Anemia (16%–19%), neutropenia (5%–9%)	Nausea (75%)/fatigue (69%)/vomiting (37%)/ diarthea (22%)/ dysgeusia (39%)/LFT elevation (34%) Anemia (19%), neutropenia (7%)	Nausea (74%)/fatigue (59%)/LFT elevation (35%)/omiting (34%)/ headache (26%)/insomnia (24%)/HTN (19%) Thrombocytopenia (34%), anemia (25%), neutropenia (20%)	Limited early-phase trial data from abstracts only: nausea (56%)/fatigue (40%) ⁶ Limited early-phase trial data from abstracts only: anemia (10.3%), neutropenia (8.8%) ⁶	Nausea (49%)/fatigue (50%)/headache (33%) vomiting (25%)/alope (25%)/diarrhea (22%) Anemia (39%), neutropenia (21%), thrombocytopenia (15
Clinical benefit ^c	NTD	OlympiAD (Her2- breast), HR 0.50, PFS benefit SOLO2 (relapsed ovarian maintenance), HR 0.30, PFS benefit SOLO1 (ovarian maintenance), HR 0.30, PFS benefit	ARIEL2 (relapsed ovarian), HR 0.27, PFS benefit ARIEL 3 (relapsed ovarian maintenance), HR 0.23, PFS benefit	NOVA (relapsed ovarian maintenance), HR 0.27, PFS benefit	Ongoing, data not mature (NCT03427814)	EMBRACA (Her2-bre HR 0.54, PFS benefit
Approvals ^D	NTD	Ovarian Breast	Ovarian	Ovarian	NTD	Breast (FDA)

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ATR Landscape: Current ATRs Structurally Similar in Backbone, and Toxicity Profile

Potential overlapping toxicity in combination with other agents may limit therapeutic affect

	AZD-6738	$ \begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & $	RP-3500 CAMOSERTIB
Parameter	AstraZeneca AZD6738 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Bayer BAY1895344 ⁽³⁾	Repare / Roche ⁽⁴⁾ RP-3500 ⁽⁵⁾
Route Of Administration	Oral	Oral	Oral
Clinical Studies Chosen (MTD/RP2D), Dose Schedule	160mg BID, 2-weeks-on, 2-weeks-off, or: Continuous dosing ⁽¹⁾	40mg BID, 3-days-on/4-days-off	160mg QD, 3-days-on/4-days-off
Main Grade ≥3 Hematological	Patriot 1, Escalation Phase, 160mg, BID ⁽²⁾ : Anemia (1/6, 17%)	Anemia (2/2, 100%)	Anemia (23/95, 24%)
toxicities reported <u>at Chosen</u> <u>Dose Schedule (MTD/RP2D)</u> , in clinical studies	Patriot 2, Expansion Phase ^[1] : Fatigue, anemia, nausea & thrombocytopenia (not differentiated) ^[1] : (4/6, 67%) with continuous dosing (3/15, 20%) with 2-week-on, 2-week-off	Neutropenia (1/2, 50%)	Neutrophil count decreased (10/95, 11%) Platelet count decreased (5/95, 5%)

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Note: Head-to-head studies with ATRN-119 have not been conducted (1) Phase I study of ATR inhibitor, AZD6738, as monotherapy in advanced solid tumors (PATRIOT part A, B), Dilon et al, Volume 30, October 2019, Pages v165-v166 (2) Proster C1084. A Phase I dose-scalabion study of ATR inhibitor monotherapy with AZDF38 in advanced solid tumors (PATRIOT Part A), AACR 2017 (3) Rist-Human Trial of the Oral Ataxia Telangetcasia and RAD3-Related (ATR) Inhibitor BAY 189534 in advanced Solid Tumors, Yap et al, Cancer Discov 2021;11:80-91 and 2019 ASCO Po (4) Repare amounced a worldwide (Inersia and collobartion agreement with Rochen June 1, 2022 (5) Preliminary Phase 1 Data From Ongoing First-in-Human Phase 1/2 TRESR Study of RP-3500, AACR 2022

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Parameter	ATRN-119 (1)
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ATRN-119 + PARPi Inhibits Ovarian Tumor Growth Over Time



Based on pre-clinical results to date, the combination of ATRN-119 and PARPi has shown potentially compelling tumor growth inhibition

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ATRN-119 + PARPi Shows Negligible Weight Loss Over Time ATRN-119 + PARPi Shows Negligible



combination of ATRN-119 and PARPi potentially appears to be well tolerated

Pre-clinical studies with ATRN-119

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Weight



Leading WEE1i are potent but off-target PLK1, PLK2 and PLK3





AZD-1775⁽¹⁾

ZN-c3

	On-Target IC ₅₀ (nM)	Off-Target Inhibition at 1 µM (%)		
	WEE1	PLK1	PLK2	PLK3
ZN-c3 (1)	3.8	79	96	92
AZD-1775 (1,2)	3.9	70	101	91

1. Huang et al, J Med Chem, 2021

2. AstraZeneca announced discontinuation of AZD-1775 development on June 29, 2022

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aprea ATRN-W1051 is potentially differentiated from other WEE1 inhibitors

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	On-Target IC ₅₀ (nM)	Of	Off-Target Inhibition at 1 μ M (%)		
	WEE1	PLK1	PLK2	PLK3	
ATRN-W1051	2.2	17	33	12	
ZN-c3 ⁽¹⁾	3.8	79	96	92	
AZD-1775 ⁽¹⁾	3.9	70	101	91	

ATRN-W1051 IC50 for PLK1 inhibition is >1000-fold higher than for WEE1 inhibition



ATRN-W1051 potently inhibits OvCa cell proliferation both alone and in combination





ATRN-W1051 has potentially compelling PK and anti-tumor activity



• PARP inhibitors are approved as standard of care

Summary

- Toxicity remains a major challenge in the development of new therapies as single agents and in combination
- ATRN-119's potential for reduced toxicity could make it a preferred ATR inhibitor as a single agent, as well as a candidate for combination with standard of care therapies
- ATRN-W1051 is a potent WEE1i (2.2 nM IC50) with low off-target inhibition of PLK1, PLK2 and PLK3
- ATRN-W1051 has the potential to become a promising therapeutic candidate as a singly agent and in combination with ATRi.

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ATRN-119 causes recruitment of factors previously shown to be SL with ATRi



Yap et al., *Cancer Discovery*, 2021 Ngoi et al., *Trends Cancer*, 2021 Chen et al., *Molecular Cancer*, 2009 Wang et al., *Oncogene*, 2019 Zimmerman et al., Cell Report, 2022





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Understanding DDRi's In the Clinic: Why is Toxicity Such a Big Issue?

January 2023



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How much inhibition is needed?

- On Target Vs Off Target Toxicological Effects:
 - Lesson learned from ATR inhibitors



ATR - On Target Toxicological Effects

Eliminating ATR in adult mice leads to defects in tissue homeostasis and the rapid appearance of agerelated phenotypes, such as hair graying, alopecia, kyphosis, osteoporosis, thymic involution, fibrosis, and other abnormalities. Α



Ruzankina et al. Cell Stem Cell. 2007

ATR - On Target Toxicological Effects

ATR hypomorphic suppression has a minimal impact on normal tissue homeostasis.



ATR - On Target Toxicological Effects

ATR hypomorphic suppression affects tumor growth



Schoppy et al. J Clin Invest 2012

aprea Target Coverage: Daily dosing is desirable

Assumption: Cancer cells proliferate at an estimated rate of one cell cycle per day





	On-Target Cellular IC ₅₀ (nM)	Fold Difference in IC ₅₀ for Off-Target PIKK Inhibition		
	ATRi	ATM	DNA-PK	mTOR
ATRN-119 (1)	4	> 600x	> 2000x	> 2000x
Berzosertib ⁽¹⁾	61	31x	> 200x	> 50x
AZD-6738 (2)	74	> 400x	> 400x	70 – 310x
BAY 1895344 ⁽³⁾	36	39x	9x	61x
RP3500 ⁽⁴⁾	0.33	> 20000x	> 20000x	30x

Compounds that are highly potent with high selectivity may potentially limit off-target toxicity

- Other targets, outside of PIKK, may also contribute to off target toxicity
- ATRN-119 is highly potent and selective to potentially limit off-target toxicity
- In pre-clinical studies, ATRN-119 has shown potential to have lower hematological toxicity than other ATRi
- M1774 potentially a derivative of Berzosertib

Note: Head-to-head studies with ATEN-119 have not been conducted (1) Atrin data reported for HCT116 - Bd/XL cell line; (2) Foote et al (2018), J Med Chem; (3) Lucking et al (2020), J Med Chem; (4) Roulston et al (2022) Mol Cancer Ther

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ATRN-119: Potential Best-in-Class Oral ATR Inhibitor With Structurally Differentiated Core, Backbone, and Toxicity Profile



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ATRN-119 Preclinical Profile

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- Nanomolar potency in vitro across a broad spectrum of cancer cell lines
- Based on pre-clinical studies, strong tumor control observed *in vivo*, including in challenging genetic backgrounds



ATRN-119 + Olaparib (Lynparza[®]): Regression of BRCA2-Deficient Ovarian (HGSOC) Tumors

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- Multiple DDR inhibitors have been shown to cause hematologic toxicity
- However, genetic models of ATR suppression showed tumor can be targeted with limited toxicity
- This leads to the hypothesis that selectivity can help limit toxicity for ATR inhibitors
- ATRN-119 shows decrease hematologic toxicity yet is therapeutic at allometric concertation in mice
- Phase 1 human clinical trial of ATRN-119 are ongoing

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