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# ONCOLOGY NURSING UPDATE WITH DR NEIL LOVE

Bispecific Antibodies in Lymphoma Part 1 — An Interview with Ms Robin Klebig for Oncology Nurses



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Wednesday April 9	Antibody-Drug Conjugates 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM MT
	Hormone Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MT
Thursday April 10	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM MT
	Prostate Cancer 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM MT
	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM MT
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	Gastroesophageal Cancers 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM MT
	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT



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### **Mechanism of Action of Bispecific Antibodies: T-Cell Engagers**



Bispecific antibodies bind the TCR and the selected TAA to facilitate the formation of a synapse between the two cell types; the synapse activates T cells, which can release perforins and granzymes to lyse tumor cells.



Herrera M et al. Trends Cancer 2024;10(10):893-919.

### **Examples of Bispecific Antibodies with FDA-Approved Indications** for Hematologic Cancers

- **Blinatumomab** (CD3 x CD19) for adult and pediatric Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphocytic leukemia
- Talquetamab (CD3 x GPRC5D) for multiple myeloma (MM)
- Teclistamab (CD3 x BCMA) for MM
- Elranatamab (CD3 x BCMA) for MM
- Glofitamab (CD3 x CD20) for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)
- **Epcoritamab** (CD3 x CD20) for follicular lymphoma (FL)
- Mosunetuzumab (CD3 x CD20) for DLBCL and FL



### **Examples of Bispecific Antibodies with FDA-Approved Indications for Solid Tumors**

- Amivantamab (EGFR x c-MET) for EGFR exon20ins non-small cell lung cancer
- Tarlatamab (CD3 x DDL3) for extensive-stage SCLC
- **Tebentafusp** (CD3 x gp100-HLAA02:01) for uveal melanoma
- **Zanidatamab** (HER2-ECD2 x HER2-ECD4) for HER2-positive biliary tract cancer



## Patient Education: Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

- CRS is most common after the first two doses, which is why you will be monitored in the hospital for 22-24 hours after treatment on days 1 and 8
- You will receive a "step-up dose", or a smaller dose on your first day of treatment
  - If your treatment is delayed by more than two weeks, the "step-up dose" and monitoring may be repeated
  - Dexamethasone, a steroid, will be given before the first two doses to help lower the risk of CRS
- With later doses, monitoring will usually happen in infusion for 2-8 hours after treatment
- Notify your team or get medical help right away if you have any signs or symptoms, including:
  - Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
  - Low blood pressure or dizziness
  - New tiredness or headache
  - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
  - Nausea and vomiting

Confusion, restlessness, or feeling anxious

- Problems with walking, or loss of balance or coordination
- Unusual bleeding
- Weakness or shaking (tremors)
- Trouble sleeping

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# Small Cell Lung Cancer: Advances in a Changing Landscape

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# SCLC: Incidence and Risk Factors

- ~14% of lung cancer
- ~ 250,000 new cases and 200,000 deaths globally each year
  - ~16,000 new cases of SCLC in the US in 2024
  - Median age at diagnosis in the US is 69 years
- 95% SCLC patients have history of tobacco use
  - 2.5-13% SCLC patients are never smokers, and may have a better prognosis
  - Rarely, NSCLC patients with driver mutations such as EGFR may undergo histologic transformation to SCLC

Wang Q. *J Thorac Oncol.* 2023;18(1):31. Rudin CM. *Nat Rev Dis Primers.* 2021 Jan 14;7(1):3 Kim SY, Park H, Chiang AC, JAMA .2025 March 31, doi:10.1001/jama.2025.0569





# SCLC: Morphology

### Characteristics:

- $\circ$  Rapid proliferation time
- Early development of widespread metastases
- Increased sensitivity to both chemotherapy and radiation

### Pathology

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- $\odot$  High-grade neuroendocrine tumor
- Small "blue" cells, sparse cytoplasm, nuclear molding
- 75% with one or more neuroendocrine markers,
  e.g. chromogranin, synaptophysin, CD56, INSM1





# SCLC: Staging and Prognosis

- Staging:
  - Limited Stage (LS-SCLC): 30%
    - Includes stage I-III in the TNM staging system
    - Typically confined to 1 hemothorax and LNs
    - Can be treated within a radiation field
  - Extensive Stage (ES-SCLC): 70%
    - Distant metastatic disease, such as in brain, liver, bones, adrenals
    - Can include malignant pleural effusion
- Prognosis:
  - Limited Stage: mOS ~4.7 years, 3YOS 56.5%
  - Extensive Stage: mOS ~13 months, 3YOS 17.6%

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۲೦၁ 17.0% Kim SY, Park H, Chiang AC, JAMA .2025 March 31, doi:10.1001/jama.2025.0569

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LS-SCLC: Stage IIIC (T4N3N0): RUL lung mass, mediastinal LAD

# The Current Era of Immunotherapy (IO)

### IMpower-133 and CASPIAN:

Using IO in the frontline setting for ES-SCLC: the current standard of care

2019



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2020

2024

#### Checkmate-032 and KEYNOTE-158:

Using IO in 3L setting, subsequently withdrawn due to negative phase III trials but still in NCCN guidelines if no prior IO exposure

### **ADRIATIC**:

Using IO as consolidation in the limited stage setting ASCO 2024, approved by FDA



# **ADRIATIC study design**

Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, international study (NCT03703297)



\*cCRT and PCI treatment, if received per local standard of care, must have been completed within 1–42 days prior to randomization. †If disease control was achieved and no additional benefit was expected with an additional cycle of chemotherapy, in the opinion of the investigator. ‡The first 600 patients were randomized in a 1:1:1 ratio to the 3 treatment arms; subsequent patients were randomized 1:1 to either durvalumab or placebo.

#### Abstract LBA5



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BICR, blinded independent central review; BID, twice daily; CT, chemotherapy; D, durvalumab; PCI, prophylactic cranial irradiation; PS, performance status; Q4W, every 4 weeks; QD, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; RT, radiotherapy; T, tremelimumab; WHO, World Health Organization.



# **Overall survival (dual primary endpoint)**

• Median duration of follow up in censored patients: 37.2 months (range 0.1-60.9)



OS was analyzed using a stratified log-rank test adjusted for receipt of PCI (yes vs no). The significance level for testing OS at this interim analysis was 0.01679 (2-sided) at the overall 4.5% level, allowing for strong alpha control across interim and final analysis timepoints.



#### **Abstract LBA5**



CI, confidence interval; mOS, median OS; NE, not estimable.

# Conclusions

- Durvalumab as consolidation treatment after cCRT demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in OS and PFS compared with placebo in patients with LS-SCLC
  - OS HR 0.73 (95% CI 0.57–0.93), p=0.0104; mOS 55.9 (95% CI 37.3–NE) vs 33.4 (95% CI 25.5–39.9) months
  - **PFS HR 0.76** (95% CI 0.61–0.95), p=0.0161; mPFS 16.6 (95% CI 10.2–28.2) vs 9.2 (95% CI 7.4–12.9) months
  - Treatment benefit was generally consistent across predefined patient subgroups for both OS and PFS
- Durvalumab consolidation treatment for up to 2 years was well tolerated, and safety findings were consistent with the known safety profile of durvalumab monotherapy in the post-cCRT setting

Consolidation durvalumabISthe new standard of carefor patients with LS-SCLC who have not progressed after cCRT

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# **Extensive Stage SCLC**

- 65-year-old African American female (40 py tobacco history) presented in spring 2020 with worsening SOB on exertion and weight loss over several months.
- PET scan shows 7.2 cm RLL mass, satellite nodules, extensive regional nodal involvement in right hilar, mediastinal, and axillary LNs.
- → Brain MRI is negative

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Biopsy of LN reveals small cell carcinoma

She needs systemic treatment!

Treatment options include:

- a. Carboplatin/etoposide/atezolizumab x 4 cycles => maintenance atezolizumab (IMpower133)
- b. Carboplatin/etoposide/durvalumab x 4 cycles => maintenance durvalumab (CASPIAN)
- c. Cisplatin/etoposide/durvalumab x 4 cycles => maintenance durvalumab (CASPIAN)
- d. Carboplatin/etoposide



## IMpower133: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/Etoposide



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Stephen V. Liu; Martin Reck; et al, *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 2021 39619-630. Median Follow up 22.9 months





# **CASPIAN:** Durvalumab/Platinum/Etoposide



Data cutoff: March 22, 2021.

Paz-Ares LG, et al. Ann Oncol. 2021;32(suppl 5):S1283-S1346.

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# **ES-SCLC Clinical Case**

- Pt has excellent response to 4 cycles of carboplatin, etoposide and atezolizumab and continues maintenance on monthly atezolizumab
- Atezo tolerated well except lichenoid rash controlled with steroid topical cream
- Pt was on maintenance Atezo for 3 years and is now 2 years off therapy with no evidence of disease!





# **Approaches to Improve Long-term Outcomes**

- Seek to understand heterogeneity and determinants of response and resistance
- Optimize front line therapy with additional agents
- Add novel agents in the maintenance setting
- Improve support of our patients throughout their journey


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# Small-Cell Lung Cancer Case Presentation

#### **Elizabeth Krueger, NP**

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# **Case Presentation: 63-year-old man**

63yo male, former smoker with ES-SCLC diagnosed 1/2022 when he presented to local ED with difficulty speaking s/p fall (ultimately thought due to seizure activity)

- Diagnostics:
  - Brain MRI with at least 7 brain metastases including 2.8cm R frontal lesion, 1.5cm R frontal lesion and 2cm L cerebellar lesion.
  - PET CT with 1.5cm RUL nodule and 1.5cm R hilar node.
  - Bronch/EBUS + small cell lung CA (positive TTF-1, INSMI, synaptophysin, chromogranin and negative for Napsin A, p40. P53 overexpressed, RB loss. Molecular diagnostics negative for fusion transcripts).
- Treatment History:

- Completed HA-WBRT followed by 1L carboplatin/etoposide/atezolizumab x 4 cycles (3/2022-5/2022) followed by maintenance atezolizumab.
  - Fatigue, appetite changes, immune mediated skin toxicity (pruritus, lichenoid plaques, requiring standing hydroxyzine TID).
- SBRT to enlarging RUL and LUL FDG avid nodules (7/2023) and continued atezolizumab
- 4/2024 with progression in RUL, R hilum and LUL. Rechallenged with carboplatin/etoposide (and ongoing atezolizumab) x 4 given prior response
- November 2024 symptomatic, diffuse progression in lungs, nodes and liver. Transitioned to tarlatamab

- PMH significant for anxiety, depression, osteoarthritis (elbow, hip), GERD
- Treatment course complicated by PE requiring apixaban, T11 compression fracture (not pathologic) requiring kyphoplasty, urinary frequency and nocturia (requiring 3 drug regimen), chronic headaches (thought postconcussive in setting of fall 2021, prior CNS disease and treatment; requires bilateral myofascial trigger point injections), fatigue (requiring stimulant), cognitive and memory changes (requiring neuropsychological testing)
- Co-managed with medical oncology, radiation oncology, neuro oncology, dermatology, urology, social work, palliative care and psychiatry.
- Retired accountant. College graduate. Single/never married, no children. Lives alone currently but has
  occasionally had roommates. Sold home shortly after diagnosis, financially savvy, self-motivated to optimize
  community resources. Parents passed of malignancies (possible lymphoma and GI) when older teen/early 20s,
  raised younger siblings (sister and a brother). Sister splits time between MA and FL. Brother lives locally but
  "untrustworthy." Family does not attend appointments but pt has allowed us to call sister at scan
  review/treatment changes and as his functional status has declined.

- 12/4/24 C1D1 tarlatamab 1mg symptomatically tolerated well with mild nausea and diarrhea x 2. Significant distress r/t shared inpatient room, interior bed without window, roommate on comfort measures due to ongoing capacity challenges.
- 12/11/24 C1D8 tarlatamab 10mg. VNA RN paged weekend first responder C1D13 reporting generalized weakness, lightheadedness and multiple falls. Anticoagulated, unclear if head strike/LOC. Pt refused ED and refused clinic evaluations until next scheduled visit 12/18/24. Did invest in Life Alert system. VNA RN daily followup. Vital signs stable.
- 12/18/24 C1D15 held for ongoing weakness, gait instability and pt's preference to avoid worsening toxicity over holidays. Started home PT. Arranged cane/walker.
- 1/8/25 PS improved, noting improvement in pre-treatment constitutional and respiratory complaints.
   Worsening diffuse pains, starts oxycodone as needed. Due to delays in dosing repeat C1D1 1mg ramp up dosing.
- 1/15/25 Repeat C1D8, given h/o delayed neurotoxicity and concerns would not present to clinic for urgent evaluation is given 10mg IV dexamethasone prior to hospital discharge.
- 1/22/25 Reports good tolerance without recurrent neuro complaints or worsening constitutional complaints. Treated C1D15 and transitions to ambulatory observation per protocol. Using approx. 40mg oxycodone for diffuse pains, add long acting opioids.

- 2/12/25 C2D1 delayed 1 week as pt forgot about previously scheduled visit. Reports mild nausea, bowel changes, weight loss (10 lbs), worsening pain and new bLE neuropathy. Plan to treat and obtain new restaging scans prior to next visit CT Chest/Abd/Pelv, MRI Brain and add MRI total spine (CTs previously without bony metastases). Discussed symptoms possibly r/t disease or treatment toxicity.
- Restaging with nice response in liver, stable disease in chest. MRI Brain without new, progressive disease. MRI total spine aborted d/t pain rescheduled 4/2/25 per patient preference.
- Plan to continue tarlatamab with restaging q2 cycles or as clinically necessary.
- Admitted OSH 3/22-3/24/25 c/o confusion, pain, urinary retention s/p multiple falls (tripped over dog's leash).
   Polypharmacy likely contributing.
- 3/26/25 Reports fatigue, taste changes, weight loss. C3D15 tarlatamab.
- 4/1/25 Calls to report 2 falls at home, 1 with head strike. Also reports new scant hematuria. Recommend urgent visit vs local ED but pt declines both. Plan daily VNA RN visit and daily medical oncology telephone check-ins.
- 4/2/25 MRI total spine performed has significant multilevel degenerative joint disease but no evidence of osseous metastases or leptomeningeal disease. His pain is likely due to arthritis and possibly aggravated by farlatamab.

# **Patient specific challenges and considerations**

#### **Physical**

- Enjoyed several years of disease stability and good functional status
- Local progression amenable to targeted interventions (rarely see in SCLC given aggressiveness of disease)
- High healthcare utilizer for comorbid conditions
- Neurological complaints due to disease, prior and current therapy, ? Psychiatric component

#### Psychological/Social

- Limited supports (partly a decision)
- Cognitive and memory changes requiring frequent reeducation (always in writing) and reinforcement
- ? Undiagnosed personality disorder splitting and undermining providers; pleasant and cooperative in person vs angry, suspicious in writing. Maintain primary MD/APP, treating RN and shared visits with multidisciplinary providers whenever possible. Have offered to help coordinate 2<sup>nd</sup> opinions but repeatedly declines.
- "Budgeted" for 1-1.5 yr life expectancy Increasing financial toxicity. Existential crisis due to good response and inability to plan for future. Increasing financial toxicity.

#### Operational

- Prefers written communication within electronic medical record over telephone which can cause delays in evaluation and management
- Lives ~2 hours from hospital, relies on ride service so frequently declines urgent visits
- Visiting RN services in place and presents to local ED for symptoms and side effects care coordination challenging. Finds VNA "intrusive"
- Delays in tarlatamab infusions can result in need to repeat step-up dosing, hospital admissions and create capacity challenges in infusion due to length of observations

# Patient Education- Side effect management

- As needed antiemetics and bowel medications
- Encourage fluids (mindful that ES-SCLC may require fluid restriction for SIADH) and small, frequent meals/snacks with emphasis on protein
- Nutrition consultation
- For taste changes use plastic utensils, chew on cardamom, suck on citrus candies
- As needed APAP, NSAIDs or consider complementary supportive care (yoga, reiki, massage, acupuncture) for muscle and joint pains
- Fertility/Sexuality counseling
- Speak to provider before beginning any new medications, herbs or supplements

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# Advances in Treatment of Relapsed SCLC: Tarlatamab

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# Targeting DLL3 expression to improve the immune response in SCLC

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- Tarlatamab is a bispecific T cell engager (BiTE) combining the binding specificities for DLL3 and CD3 genetically fused to the IgG Fc region
- Designed to induce T cell proliferation and tumor cell lysis
- Adoptive cellular therapy using modified T cells to express a CAR targeting DLL3

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# Tarlatamab for Patients with Previously Treated Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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# **Baseline Characteristics**

	Part 1 + 2 Tarlatamab 10 mg (n = 100)	Part 1 Tarlatamab 100 mg (n = 88)	Part 3 Tarlatamab 10 mg (n = 34)
Median age, years (range)	64 (35–82)	62 (34–80)	66 (49–80)
Male, %	72	70	71
Asian / Black or African American / White,* %	41 / 0 / 58	41 / 0 / 58	6 / 3 / 91
Ever smoker / non-smoker, %	92 / 8	94 / 6	97 / 3
ECOG performance status: 0 / 1, %	26 / 74	27 / 73	29 / 71
Prior lines of therapy, median (range)	2 (1–6)	2 (1–8)	2 (2–6)
2 prior lines of therapy, %	65	55	65
≥ 3 prior lines of therapy, %	33	43	35
Prior anti-PD-(L)1 treatment, %	73	70	82
< 90 days to progression after first-line platinum therapy, <sup>†</sup> %	28	20	21
Brain / liver metastases, %	23 / 39	36 / 34	12 / 35
DLL3 expression (> 0%), n/N evaluable (%)	80/83 (96)	71/74 (96)	N/A‡

Data cutoff, June 27, 2023. Median follow-up was 10.6 months for tarlatamab 10 mg and 10.3 months for tarlatamab 100 mg.

\*No patients of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander race were enrolled.

<sup>†</sup>Platinum sensitivity was calculated as end of first-line platinum therapy to date of first progression.

<sup>±</sup>DLL3 sample analysis from Part 3 in progress.

DLL3, delta-like ligand 3; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; N/A, not available; PD-(L)1, programmed death 1 / ligand 1.

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# **Tarlatamab Anti-Tumor Activity**

Outcome	Tarlatamab 10 mg (n = 100)	Tarlatamab 100 mg (n = 88)
<b>Objective response rate</b> , n (%) (97.5% Cl)	40 (40.0) (29.1, 51.7)	28 (31.8) (21.1, 44.1)
Complete response	1 (1)	7 (8)

FDA grants accelerated approval to tarlatamab-dlle for extensive stage small cell lung cancer on May 16, 2024

Disease control rate, n (%)	70 (70.0)	55 (62.5)
(95% CI)	(60.0, 78.8)	(51.5, 72.6)

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#### Tarlatamab 10 mg demonstrated anti-tumor activity in heavily pre-treated SCLC with an objective response rate of 40%

Data cutoff, June 27, 2023. Median follow-up was 10.6 months for tarlatamab 10 mg and 10.3 months for tarlatamab 100 mg. The efficacy analysis set consists of patients in Parts 1 and 2 (N = 188).

Part 3 did not have adequate follow-up for response analysis.

\*Not evaluable and no post-baseline scan were considered non-responders for response analysis. SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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# **Tarlatamab: Adverse Events**

- Cytokine-release syndrome (CRS) is a systemic inflammatory syndrome with sudden release of cytokines presenting as fever +/- hypotension or hypoxia
  - Grade 1/2 CRS seen in 56% patients, Grade 3 CRS seen in 3%
- Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) characterized by confusion, cognitive deficit, weakness
  - Grade 1/2 seen in 12% patients, no Grade 3 ICANS seen
- Other side effects include dysgeusia, decreased appetite, nausea, neutropenia
- CRS mostly managed with acetaminophen, IV hydration, steroids
  - Other interventions at 10 mg dose:
    - Tocilizumab used in 5% patients (7/133)
    - Supplemental Oxygen in 8% pts (11/133)
    - Vasopressor support in 1% pts (1/133)
- ICANS managed with steroids, neuro consult
- Most centers admit patients after C1D1, D8 treatment for 22-24 hrs
  - Need to be within one hour of hospital for subsequent doses
  - Need reliable patients and caregivers

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Ahn M-J et al. N Engl J Med 2023;389:2063-2075.

# Looking Forward: 6-8h Outpatient vs 48h Inpatient Monitoring





The most common TRAEs (≥ 20% either group) within 24 hours post tarlatamab administration on cycle 1 day 1 or cycle 1 day 8 were CRS, nausea, and asthenia.

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Chiang et al. ESMO-IO poster 2024 Chiang et al, ESMO Open April 2025, 104538

# A Changing Landscape for Relapsed SCLC



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# **Lurbinectedin**

- Lurbinectedin binds to the minor groove of DNA
- Mechanisms of action:

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- inhibits transcription through stalling and degradation of RNA polymerase II
- induces DNA double-strand breaks resulting in apoptosis





# Lurbinectedin

Selective inhibitor of transcription & TME

Phase 2 single-arm basket trial 105 pts with relapsed SCLC (2 or 3L) 3.2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dose IV q3weeks 1° endpoint: Overall response rate = **35.2%** Platinum-response: **45.0%** (S) vs **22.2%** (R) Confirmatory Phase 3 in SCLC (ongoing)



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#### Figure 1: Duration of response by investigator assessment

Each bar represents a patient with SCLC who responded to treatment (n=37). Data shown on the left of each bar are the chemotherapy-free interval (months); data shown on the right of each bar are the duration of response (0 is the time of starting response). Data in red font refer to eight patients censored at the cutoff date: seven with no documented progression (under follow-up) and one who discontinued treatment due to an investigator's decision and then received further therapy. SCLC=small-cell lung cancer.

Trigo et al, Lancet Oncol 21:645; Subbiah et al, Lung Cancer 150:90, 2020

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# **Balancing Patient Factors for Treatment**

### Tarlatamab

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- Shorter platinum-free interval (e.g. chemoresistant disease)
- More robust patients with better performance status
- Reliable patient and caregiver
- Live within 1 hour from hospital

### Lurbinectedin

- Longer platinum-free interval
- Older, more frail patients
- Patients who live alone or far away (>1h) from hospital
- Need central line



# **Clinical Cases**

- 68 yo female h/o COPD, GERD, Graves disease, SIADH, PE on anticoagulation, ECOG 1
- Diagnosed with LS-SCLC s/p definitive chemoradiation completed in 2/24
- Recurrence 6 months later with metastases to brain, liver, bones, treated with gamma knife radiation followed by carbo/etoposide/durvalumab with response, then maintenance durva
- Progression of disease and started tarlatamab 2/25
- C1D1, D8, doses tolerated well with no CRS, ICANS during hospital observation stay
- C1D15 tolerated well in outpatient clinic

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- 79 yo female h/o HTN, DM, COPD on 2L Oxygen for exertion, GERD, PE on anticoagulation, ECOG 1, lives with daughter
- Diagnosed with ES-SCLC treated with carbo/etop/atezolizumab with response after 4 cycles, but progression after 5 cycles of maintenance Atezo
- Treated with lurbinectedin x 2 cycles with progression
- Started tarlatamab in 2/25 with G3 CRS with fever and hypoxemic respiratory failure after C1D1, treated with acetaminophen, Oxygen, steroids
- C1D8 tolerated well with G1 CRS (chills, tachypnea), G1 ICANS (ICE score 8/10) treated with steroids with resolution
- C1D15 tolerated well in outpatient clinic

# **SCLC: Key Points**

- Tarlatamab is an exciting new option to target the SCLC "immune desert"
- Side effects such as CRS and ICANS can be managed, primarily with hospital observation stay after C1D1 and D8
- Lurbinectedin is a useful tool for relapsed SCLC patients
- Stay tuned for other agents including antibody-drug conjugates

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# Small-Cell Lung Cancer Case Presentation

Beth Sandy, MSN, CRNP, FAPO

# **Case Presentation: 70-year-old woman**

- 70 y/o female, who is deaf, presented with chest pain and SOB in 1/2023 with 3.5cm R lung mass and 6cm hilar and mediastinal lymph nodes.
- Bronchoscopy of nodes + SCLC
- 3/28/2023-6/2023 treated with etoposide/carboplatin X 4 cycles and XRT to chest overlapped C3 and C4
- 11/2023 progressive disease in the chest and now 8cm mass in the pelvis
- 11/2023 etoposide/carboplatin/atezolizumab X 4 cycles, followed by maintenance Atezolizumab

- 8/2024: disease progression and started on lurbinectedin
- 10/2024: developed brain mets, treated with WBXRT
- 10/2024: radiation to pelvic metastasis
- 11/2024: progression of disease on lurbinectedin
- 1/2025: started on Tarlatamab

- Comes with her son. She lives alone.
- They come from Delaware to Philadelphia. Has not been an issue for patient and family
  - They are dedicated to their mom, they want the best treatment
- Need to have sign language interpreter available at visits
  - This was not always arranged, made things difficult
- She has learned to trust me as her NP, reads my lips well
  - Refuses to see another NP.... She changes her schedule if I go on vacation.

- Admitted for monitoring of C1, had developed R arm pain. After infusion, sent her for xray of the R humerus which detected a new metastasis
- While admitted for CRS monitoring, in the AM, she got out of bed and fell while walking to the bathroom and fractured her R humerus
- Extended hospital stay, required surgery for rod placement. Had also had some mild, grade 1 CRS which delayed the surgery
- She was discharged 2 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Tarlatamab

• Patient concerns:

#1: because discharged and complications, had to resume 1mg dose again in the step up

Last Dose Given	Time since dose	Action
1mg on Day 1	More than 2 weeks	Must restart step-up
10mg on D8	More than 3 weeks	Must go back to 1mg
10mg on D15 or more	More than 4 weeks	Must go back to 1mg

• Patient concerns:

#2: Because the patient is deaf will I have a hard time assessing for ICANS?

Because the patient has had WBXRT, will I have a hard time assessing for ICANS?

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### **Future Directions in SCLC Management**

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# **New and Emerging Targets for SCLC**

#### **Antibody-Drug Conjugates**



#### **Novel Immune-Based Therapies**



Meng Y et al. Disc Onc 2024;15:327; Bragasin EI et al. Explor Target Antitumor Ther 2025;6:1002302.
Phase 3, open-label, randomized, multi-center study evaluating efficacy and safety of tarlatamab compared with SOC in patients with SCLC who have progressed after 1 prior line of platinum-based chemotherapy



Pre- and post-infusion medication requirements include dexamethasone administered within 1 hour prior to cycle 1 tarlatamab infusion on D1 and D8 and IV hydration following cycle 1 tarlatamab doses on D1, D8, and D15 aTarlatamab will be administered as a 60-minute IV infusion

<sup>b</sup>Standard of care (21-day cycle): Lurbinectedin (USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and Korea) will be administered as 3.2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on day 1 every 3 weeks. Topotecan (all countries, except Japan and China) will be administered as IV at 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or oral at 2.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day on days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 every 3 weeks. Topotecan (China) will be administered as IV at 1.25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or oral at 2.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day on days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 every 3 weeks. Topotecan (China) will be administered as IV at 1.25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or oral at 2.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day on days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 every 3 weeks. Amrubicin (Japan) will be administered as IV at 1.25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or oral at 2.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/lV on days 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 every 3 weeks.

PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; SOC, standard of care.

 A Phase 3, open-label, multicenter, randomized study of tarlatamab in combination with durvalumab vs durvalumab alone in subjects with ES-SCLC following platinum, etoposide and durvalumab

Patients who completed 3-4 cycles of platinum-etoposide chemotherapy with concurrent durvalumab as first-line treatment of ES-SCLC prior to enrollment, without disease progression



Tarlatamab + durvalumab Participants will receive tarlatamab once every 2 weeks (q2wk) and durvalumab once every 4 weeks (q4wk)

**Durvalumab** Participants will receive durvalumab q4wk alone

**Primary endpoint:** OS **Key secondary endpoints:** PFS, ORR, DCR, DOR

 A Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter study of tarlatamab therapy in subjects with limited-stage small cell lung cancer (LS-SCLC) who have not progressed following concurrent chemoradiation therapy



Primary endpoint: PFS by BICR Secondary endpoints include: OS, PFS (by investigator), ORR, DCR, DOR, safety, PK

Hummel H et al. European Lung Cancer Congress 2024; Abstract 214TiP. <u>https://www.britannica.com/animal/African-bush-elephant</u>, Chen Y et al. *NEJM* 2024; 391:1313-27.

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## **DLL3-CD3 T-Cell Engagers in Development**



Rudin CM et al. J Hema and Onc;16, 66 (2023)

## **Updated Analysis of Overall Efficacy of Obrixtamig (BI 764532)**



n, (%)**	Regimen A (n=24)	Regimen B1 (n=10)	Regimen B2 (n=79)	Regimen B3 (n=41)	All patients (N=154) <sup>††</sup>
ORR	1 (4)	0	18 (23)	8 (20)	27 (18)
PR	1 (4)	0	18 (23)	8 (20)	27 (18)
SD	5 (21)	1 (10)	19 (24)	12 (29)	37 (24)
PD	13 (54)	7 (70)	25 (32)	15 (37)	60 (39)
DCR	6 (25)	1 (10)	37 (47)	20 (49)	64 (42)
NE <sup>#</sup>	5 (21)	2 (20)	17 (22)	6 (15)	30 (20)

Wermke M et al. ESMO 2024; Abstract 670P.



## Updated Analysis of Efficacy of Obrixtamig: Dose-Limiting Toxicities and Maximum Tolerated Dose

DLTs <sup>§</sup> during the MTD evaluation period	Dose at DLT onset (µg/kg)	Tumor type	
CRS grade 4	B2.3	SCLC	
Infusion-related reaction grade 2	B2.3	SCLC	
Nervous system disorder grade 3	B2.3	SCLC	
CRS grade 3	B2.4	epNEC	
ICANS grade 3	B2.6	SCLC	
ICANS grade 5	B2.8	epNEC	

- Six patients had DLTs, all with regimen B2 and all during the step-in dosing period
- The MTD was not reached

#### **Ongoing Clinical Development**

DAREON-5 – Phase 2 SCLC, NEC 3<sup>rd</sup> line+ DAREON-8 – Phase 1 ES-SCLC 1<sup>st</sup> line + chemo IO DAREON-9 – Phase 1 Refractory SCLC + topotecan



## Phase I/II Trial of MK-6070 (HPN328): Response





Beltran H et al. ASCO 2024; Abstract 8090.

## **Ifinatamab Deruxtecan (I-DXd)** B7-H3 Targeting ADC

### Phase 2 IDeate-Lung01 study (NCT05280470)



<sup>a</sup>Or local legal age of consent. <sup>b</sup>Patients must also have ≥1 lesion that has not been irradiated and is amenable to biopsy. <sup>c</sup>Per RECIST 1.1. <sup>d</sup>Per CNS RECIST.

2L, second-line; 3L+, third-line and beyond; 4L, fourth-line; BICR, blinded independent central review; CTFI, chemotherapy treatment-free interval; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ES-SCLC, extensive-stage small cell lung cancer; inv, investigator; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PBC, platinum-based chemotherapy; PD, progressive disease; PD-(L)1; programmed death (ligand) 1; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomization; RECIST 1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, version 1.1; RP3D, recommended Phase 3 dose; TTR, time to response.

## Ifinatamab Deruxtecan (I-DXd) Activity in SCLC 2L+

### I-DXd has promising antitumor activity; patients treated with 12 mg/kg had a higher ORR than those treated with 8 mg/kg



Data cutoff: April 25, 2024. The median follow-up for 8-mg/kg and 12-mg/kg cohorts was 14.6 months (range, 0.6-17.0) and 15.3 months (range, 0.8-20.3) respectively.

<sup>a</sup>Only patients with measurable disease at baseline and ≥1 post-baseline tumor scan were included in the waterfall plot: in the I-DXd 8-mg/kg cohort, n=42; 2 patients died and 2 patients withdrew consent before the Week 6 assessment; in the 12-mg/kg cohort, n=40; 1 patient died before the Week 6 assessment and 1 patient did not have target lesions at baseline. <sup>b</sup>This patient has a BOR of NE because the only post-baseline tumor scan was conducted outside the designated time window; the timepoint response was SD. <sup>c</sup>Per RECIST 1.1.

BICR, blinded independent central review; BOR, best overall response; cORR, confirmed ORR; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; NE, not evaluable; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; RECIST 1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, version 1.1; SD, stable disease.

## **The Future for SCLC Is Already Here**



A Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Gocatamig (MK-6070) and Ifinatamab Deruxtecan (I-DXd) in Participants With Relapsed/Refractory Extensive-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (MK-6070-002)

ClinicalTrials.gov ID () NCT06780137

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## **Breakthrough Treatment Barriers to Overcome**

- For several DLL3 T-cell engager therapies, treatment initiation requires hospitalization due to CRS AEs
  - Ongoing efforts to reduce duration of hospitalization and implement outpatient monitoring strategies
- Dosing frequency
  - Q1week / Q2week  $\rightarrow$  Q3week
- Long-term AEs
  - Dysguesia can impact QoL

## **Barriers to Clinical Trial Participation**

## Efficacy vs Patient Burden

- Hospitalization requirement
- Dosing frequency
  - MK-6070 Q2week + I-DXd Q3week
- Potential for increased AEs with dual agents
- Travel / Lodging / Parking at a tertiary referral center

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## Small-Cell Lung Cancer Case Presentation

#### **Elizabeth Krueger, NP**

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## **Case Presentation: 81-year-old man**

81 yo, male former smoker with a history of prostate cancer s/p prostatectomy, type 2 DM, HTN, and hyperlipidemia. He presented to a local hospital in January 2024 after a mechanical fall in the context of a 20 lb unintentional weight loss and cough. LFT elevations noted on admission (AST 84, ALT 35).

- Diagnostics:
  - CT C/A/P LLL lung mass w/ adjacent satellite subpleural nodules; left lower perihilar masslike opacity; diffuse subpleural disease; numerous bilobar hepatic lesions
  - IR-guided liver biopsy small cell carcinoma (IHC positive for synaptophysin, chromogranin and TTF1; Ki67+)
- Treatment:
  - 2/2024 C1D1 Carboplatin/Etoposide/Atezolizumab x 4 cycles
  - 5/10/2024 CT C/A/P after 4 cycles demonstrates disease progression in chest and liver
  - 5/25/2024 Starts second-line lurbinectedin
  - 6/29/24: CT C/A/P worsening hepatic disease, MRI brain with new punctate lesions
  - 7/20/24 C1D1 tarlatamab

## **Case Presentation: 81-year-old man (continued)**

#### C1D1 tarlatamab 1 mg step up dosing

- Administered in outpatient clinic with plan for direct admission for 22-24H of CRS/ICANS monitoring.
- Labs notable for AST 159, ALT 141 due to extensive hepatic disease
- Complicated by grade 2 CRS treated with dexamethasone and tocilizumab
  - Fever 104.3 occurred around the 13H mark after drug administration
    - Symptomatic management with acetaminophen, ibuprofen and meperidine for rigors.
  - Asymptomatic HoTN SBP 70s, IVF x2L did not require pressure support
  - 0.5-2L new oxygen requirement
    - Tocilizumab 8mg/kg infused over 1 hour in a single dose (not to exceed 800mg)
    - Tocilizumab is preferred first rescue medication with CRS
    - Dexamethasone is preferred rescue medication with ICANS but can also be used with CRS
  - Symptoms resolved and he was monitored for an additional 12H prior to discharge
  - Strict return/call criteria reviewed- fever >100.4, low blood pressure, significant fatigue, breathing issues, restlessness, confusion, feeling anxious, dizziness, HA, tremor/seizure, trouble speaking, memory problems.

## **Recommended management for CRS**

Grade <sup>a</sup>	Presenting symptoms	Actions	
Grade 1	Symptoms require symptomatic treatment only (e.g., fever ≥ 100.4°F without hypotension or hypoxia).	Withhold TCE until CRS resolves. Administer symptomatic treatment. Administer pretreatment medications prior to next dose of TCE.	
Grade 2	Temperature ≥100.4 °F (38 °C) with either: • Hypotension responsive to fluid and not requiring vasopressors, and/or • Oxygen requirement of low-flow nasal cannula <sup>d</sup> or blow-by	Withhold TCE until CRS resolves. Administer symptomatic treatment. Consider dexamethasone 8 mg IV (or equivalent) and/or tocilizumab. Monitor patients for 22-24 hour hospitalization following next dose of TCE. Instruct patients to remain within proximity of a healthcare facility for an additional 24 hours after discharge.	
Grade 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> occurrence)	Temperature ≥100.4 °F (38 °C) with either: • Hypotension requiring one vasopressor with or without vasopressin, and/or • Oxygen requirement of high-flow nasal cannula <sup>c</sup> , facemask, non-rebreather mask, or Venturi mask	<ul> <li>Withhold TCE until CRS resolves.</li> <li>Administer dexamethasone 8 mg IV (or equivalent) every 8 hours for up to 3 doses.</li> <li>Recommend tocilizumab 8 mg/kg (dose capped at 800 mg).</li> <li>Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care.</li> <li>Monitor patients for 22-24 hour hospitalization following next dose of TCE.</li> <li>Instruct patients to remain within proximity of a healthcare facility for an additional 24 hours after discharge.</li> <li>Administer pretreatment dexamethasone prior to next dose of TCE.</li> </ul>	
Grade 3 (recurrent)	Temperature ≥100.4 °F (38 °C) with either: • Hypotension requiring one vasopressor with or without vasopressin, and/or • Oxygen requirement of high-flow nasal cannula <sup>c</sup> , facemask, non-rebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Permanently discontinue therapy with TCE. Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care, as above.	
Grade 4	Temperature ≥100.4 °F (38 °C) with either: • Hypotension requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin), and/or • Oxygen requirement of positive pressure (e.g., continuous positive airway pressure [CPAP], bilevel positive airway pressure [BiPAP], intubation, and mechanical ventilation)	Permanently discontinue therapy with TCE. Provide supportive therapy, which may include intensive care, as per grade 3.	

## What is Tocilizumab?

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Monoclonal antibody that blocks the inflammatory protein IL-6



Treats CRS without affecting anti-tumor activity



8mg/kg for one dose infused over 1 hour, dose not to exceed 800mg

## **Case Presentation: 81-year-old man (continued)**

C1D8 tarlatamab 10mg step up dosing

- No changes to treatment plan.
- Continued pain at tumor sites during observation period.
- Tolerated D8 without incident and was discharged within 22 hours.

C1D15 tarlatamab 10mg transitioned to outpatient observation.

- New grade 1 thrombocytopenia, likely due to treatment effect or marrow involvement.
- Was able to treat through this and remained stable.

Imaging

- SCANS after 2 cycles demonstrate response in the CNS (new punctate lesions are no longer observed) and hepatic disease has responded.
- Over the course of 6 months dominant liver lesion in segment 7 went from 54mm->25mm, segment 8 lesion 36mm->19mm.

## **Case Presentation: 81-year-old man (continued)**

#### Physical

• Management of co-morbid conditions- DM2 on multiple agents, weight loss and hypoglycemia

#### Psychological/Social

- Code status: ES-SCLC; was considering DNR/I though given potential for severe CRS/ICANS, he elected to stay FULL CODE
- Health care proxy- changed frequently due to strained interpersonal relationships
- Primary caretaker for his 17 yo great granddaughter with high functioning ASD. No formal guardianship plan in place after he passes
- Arranged for home based palliative care

#### Operational

- How can we improve home monitoring? Blood pressure cuff, sat probe, home thermometer
- Delinked visits so he can be home for school drop off/pick up
- Discharge with a x1 dose of dexamethasone in hand?

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## **Unique Considerations in SCLC Management**

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## **Overview of Small Cell Lung Cancer**

### Cell of origin

• Neuroendocrine

#### **Initial presentation**

- Smoking history/comorbidities
- Hilar and mediastinal nodes/symptomatic
- Brain metastases, high growth rate
- Superior vena cava (SVC) syndrome

### **Clinical issues**

- Paraneoplastic syndromes (SIADH, neurologic)
- SVC syndrome
- Brain metastases



### **Paraneoplastic Syndromes**

- Inappropriate production of hormones/bioactive substances or expression of shared antigens that generate an autoimmune response (T or B cell mediated)
- Neuroendocrine cells/SCLC has a predisposition to secrete substances and express shared antigens

Syndrome	Presentation	Lab findings	Treatment options
SIADH	Falls, headache, nausea, fatigue, muscle cramps, seizures, lethargy,	Hyponatremia	Fluid restriction <1,000 mL/day with adequate protein and sodium intake
	tremors, depressed mood	Increased urine osmolality	Demeclocycline, conivaptan, Tolvaptan
			Hypertonic saline
Cushing Syndrome	Muscle weakness, peripheral edema, hypertension, weight gain	Hypokalemia, elevated ACTH not suppressed with dexamethasone	Ketoconazole, octreotide, metyrapone, mitotane, etomidate, mifepristone

SIADH, syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone; ACTH, adrenocorticotropic hormone.

Soomro Z et al. *J Thorac Disease* 2020;12(10):6253-63.



## **Patient Case – A Rapid Response**

- 65F slow recovery from COVID
  - Cough and dyspnea
  - ~ ~2-3 months nausea, vomiting
- Imaging showed LUL mass with mediastinal adenopathy and pleural metastases
- Diagnosis: Extensive-stage (ES)
   SCLC
- Therapy start: no more nausea



Image courtesy of Erin Schenk, MD, PhD, University of Colorado

### **Superior Vena Cava Syndrome**

NSCLC (50%), SCLC (22%) and lymphoma (12%) are the most common malignant etiologies

### **Clinical presentation**

- Patient may report feeling fullness in the head, facial edema, and dyspnea
- Physical exam:
  - Venous distension in neck or chest wall, facial and UE edema

### Management/treatment

- Manage underlying disease
- Radiation, chemotherapy, corticosteroids, procedures





Chow R et al. Ann Palliat Med 2024;13(3):620-26, J Adv Prac in Onc, 01 September 2018, 9(6):677-9; https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:SVCCT.PNG

### **Patient Case – Heartbreak, Delayed**

- Feb 2023: 60F LUL nodule on CT lung cancer screening
  - PET LUL + bone metastases ES SCLC
  - MRI brain negative
  - 1<sup>st</sup> line carbo/etop/atezo (April 2023)
- Oct 2023: LUL lesion recurrence
  - Starts DLL3/CD3 T-cell engager trial
- Oct 2024: LUL progression. Undergoes resection
- Follow-up surveillance NED
- Mar 2025: ED for left sided weakness and confusion



• Mar 2025: SRS to 9 lesions

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### **Brain Metastases and SCLC**

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 No confirmation of absence of brain metastases

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- MAVERICK (SWOG-1827) PCI vs MRI surveillance
- No systemic therapy with clear CNS disease control benefit
- Radiation approaches
  - WBRT +/- hippocampal sparing
  - Practice shifting toward SRS when possible

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**Case Presentation:** Ms Krueger – 63-year-old man

Module 2: Current Role of Tarlatamab in Therapy for SCLC

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**Module 4:** Unique Considerations in SCLC Management

Case Presentation: Ms Sandy – 67-year-old woman



# Small-Cell Lung Cancer Case Presentation

Beth Sandy, MSN, CRNP, FAPO
# Case Presentation: 67-year-old woman

- 67 y/o female diagnosed with extensive stage SCLC in 6/2022
- Presentation: Facial swelling (and cough that was not out of the ordinary necessarily)
- Bronch + SCLC
- Found to have SVC syndrome: palliative XRT X 3 fractions
- Found to have brain mets at diagnosis as well and had SRS (cyberknife) to 3 lesions





#### Case presentation: 67-year-old woman (continued)

- 9/2022: Carboplatin/Etoposide/Atezolizumab followed by Atezolizumab maintenance until 6/2023
- 6/2023: progressive disease in the R hilum, as well as one new brain met 4mm R occipital lobe
- 6/2023: started lurbinectedin chemotherapy
- 10/2023 imaging shows response to lurbinectedin and resolution of brain met (no radiation)
- 2/2024: progression, 4 more cycles of etoposide/carboplatin/durvalumab
- 8/2024: progressive brain mets, WBXRT
- 10/2024: progression in the chest and new liver met
- 12/2024: Started Tarlatamab

#### Case presentation: 67-year-old woman (continued)

- We reviewed CRS and ICANS
- CRS: overview, reassured most commonly occurs in first 2 doses and will be inpatient
- ICANS:
  - I didn't voice this out loud, however, as a provider I had concerns on ability to evaluate this
  - Patient had SRS to brain followed by WBXRT
  - At baseline, her cognition was off....

#### Case presentation: 67-year-old woman (continued)

- 12/10/2024: treatment #1 tolerated well, no real s/e
- 12/17/2024: treatment #2, developed CRS while admitted for overnight monitoring
  - Fever, complicated by hypotension
  - Developed lethargy
  - Though admitted, was worrisome to patient's daughter who was with her
  - Was treated with acetaminophen, dexamethasone, IV fluids
  - Quickly improved in 24-48 hours and was discharged after 48 hours
- 12/24/2024: treatment #3 tolerated well

## **CRS** with Tarlatamab

- Step up dosing due to CRS
- 1mg on D1 and 10mg D8 and on
- Majority happens in treatment #1 and treatment #2
- Occurred in 51% of patients
- Majority was grade 1 or 2



#### Grade 1= Fever only

Grade 2= Fever + a complicating factor:

- hypotension\*, hypoxia\*, tachycardia, lethargy, nausea/vomiting

\*Hypotension responsive to fluids, not requiring vasopressors \*Hypoxia requiring low-flow nasal cannula

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