

# Phase II Clinical and Translational Study of Everolimus ± Paclitaxel as First-Line Therapy in Cisplatin-Ineligible Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma

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## Abstract

**Background:** Treatment options have been historically limited for cisplatin-ineligible patients with advanced urothelial carcinoma (UC). Given the need for alternatives to platinum-based chemotherapy, including non-chemotherapy regimens for patients with both impaired renal function and borderline functional status, in 2010 (prior to the immune checkpoint blockade era in metastatic UC), we initiated a phase II trial to test the activity of everolimus or everolimus plus paclitaxel in the cisplatin-ineligible setting.

**Methods:** This was an open-label phase II trial conducted within the US-based Hoosier Cancer Research Network (ClinicalTrials.gov number: NCT01215136). Patients who were cisplatin-ineligible with previously untreated advanced UC were enrolled. Patients with both impaired renal function and poor performance status were enrolled into cohort 1; patients with either were enrolled into cohort 2. Patients received everolimus 10 mg daily alone (cohort 1) or with paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on days 1, 8, and 15 of each 28-day cycle (cohort 2). The primary outcome was clinical benefit at 4 months. Secondary outcomes were adverse events, progression-free survival (PFS), and 1-year overall survival (OS). Exploratory endpoints included genomic correlates of outcomes. The trial was not designed for comparison between cohorts.

**Results:** A total of 36 patients were enrolled from 2010 to 2018 (cohort 1, *N* = 7; cohort 2, *N* = 29); the trial was terminated due to slow accrual. Clinical benefit at 4 months was attained by 0 (0%, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0-41.0%) patients in cohort 1 and 11 patients (37.9%, 95% CI 20.7-57.7%) in cohort 2. Median PFS was 2.33 (95% CI 1.81-Inf) months in cohort 1 and 5.85 (95% CI 2.99-8.61) months in cohort 2. Treatment was discontinued due to adverse events for 2 patients (29%) in cohort 1 and 11 patients (38%) in cohort 2. Molecular alterations in microtubule associated genes may be associated with treatment benefit but this requires further testing.

**Conclusion:** Everolimus plus paclitaxel demonstrates clinical activity in cisplatin-ineligible patients with metastatic UC, although the specific contribution of everolimus cannot be delineated. Patients with both impaired renal function and borderline functional status may be difficult to enroll to prospective trials. (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier NCT01215136).

**Key words:** cisplatin-ineligible; everolimus; genomic; paclitaxel; urothelial cancer.

## Lessons Learned

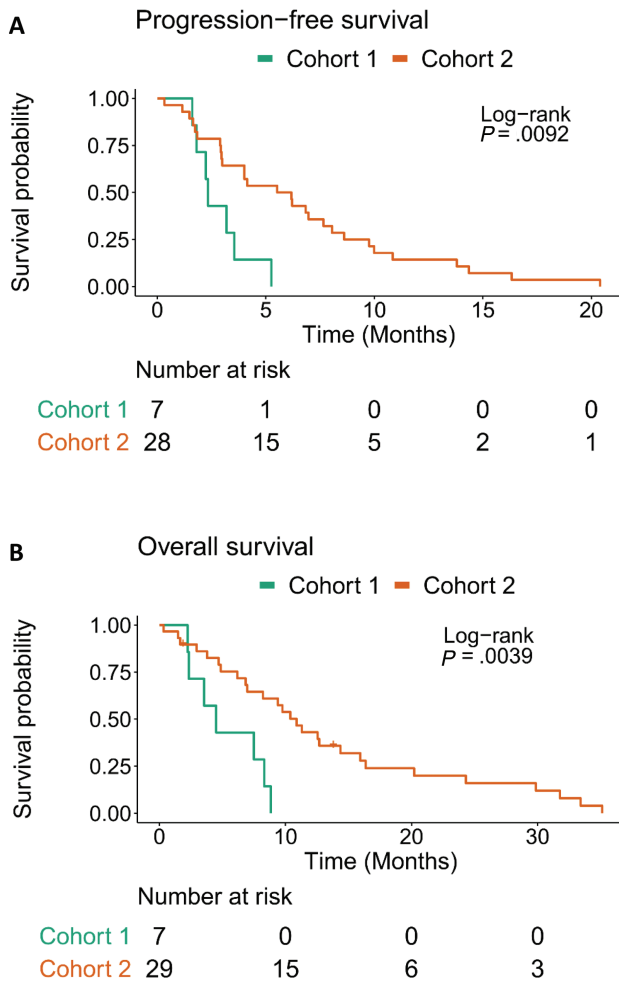
- Everolimus plus paclitaxel demonstrates clinical activity in cisplatin-ineligible patients with metastatic urothelial cancer, although the contribution of everolimus is unclear.
- There is a need for treatment options for “chemotherapy-ineligible” patients, but these patients are challenging to enroll in prospective trials.

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**Figure 1.** Kaplan-Meier curves for (A) progression-free survival and (B) overall survival, stratified by cohort. The median progression-free survival was 2.33 (95% CI 1.81-Inf) months in cohort 1 and 5.85 (95% CI 2.99-8.61) months in cohort 2. Median overall survival was 4.5 (95% CI 2.33-Inf) months in cohort 1 and 10.9 (95% CI 6.97-16.4) months in cohort 2.

## Discussion

Cisplatin remains the backbone of treatment for advanced UC. However, many patients are not eligible for cisplatin due to performance status or comorbidities. The subgroup of cisplatin-ineligible patients with both poor performance status and poor renal function experience increased toxicity and reduced benefit from carboplatin-based regimens necessitating novel treatment approaches. We initiated a phase II trial to

test the activity of everolimus or everolimus plus paclitaxel in the cisplatin-ineligible setting shortly prior to a new era in drug development in metastatic UC. The shifting landscape, coupled with pragmatic considerations related to cohort 1, contributed to early closure due to poor accrual. Nonetheless, this trial has generated insights that may inform future treatment strategies.

There was a 4-month clinical benefit rate of 37.9% associated with everolimus and paclitaxel (EVP) among patients with either poor performance status or poor renal function (cohort 2). This benefit was most likely driven by paclitaxel, which has demonstrated efficacy in this context both as a single-agent and in combinations. The EVP combination has also been studied in patients with UC progressing despite platinum-based chemotherapy with an objective response rate of 13%, similar to the response rate with paclitaxel alone, suggesting limited benefit by adding everolimus, although the specific contribution of each agent cannot be defined here.

We initiated our trial in 2010 prior to the immune checkpoint blockade era and the subsequent shifts in the metastatic UC treatment landscape. Current standard first-line treatment for cisplatin-ineligible patients with metastatic UC includes carboplatin-based chemotherapy followed by switch maintenance immune checkpoint blockade or single agent immune checkpoint in patients with tumors harboring high levels of PD-L1 expression or patients who are “chemotherapy ineligible” (eg, those with poor functional status and renal function). The current trial, although performed in an earlier era and with a treatment without substantial activity, highlights the potential challenges of enrolling “chemotherapy ineligible” patients to prospective clinical trials; the median OS of patients in cohort 1 was only 4.5 months.

We examined genomic data from 17 patients in cohort 2 to identify possible biomarkers of response to EVP. There were no significant associations between somatic mutations, copy number variants, or mutational signatures and response. However, power was limited. One notable, albeit non-significant, observation was the high response rates to EVP among those with mutations in either of the microtubule-associated genes *MACF1* or *FRY* (100%; Fisher’s exact  $P = .24$  two sided;  $P = .14$  one sided). To our knowledge, there have not been in vitro or in vivo experiments testing the relationship between mutations in these genes and paclitaxel sensitivity. Though the use of taxanes in latter lines of therapy for metastatic UC is decreasing in the context of new treatment options, treatment selection biomarkers for these newer treatments are still lacking and biomarkers of paclitaxel benefit could still impact clinical treatment strategies and warrant further testing.

TRIAL INFORMATION	
Disease	bladder cancer
Stage of disease/treatment	metastatic/advanced
Prior therapy	none
Type of study	phase II
Primary endpoint	clinical benefit rate at 4 months from treatment initiation
Secondary endpoint	toxicity, safety, correlative endpoint, other
Investigator's analysis	active but results overtaken by other developments

### Additional Details of Endpoints or Study Design

Exploratory endpoints included genomic correlates of outcomes.

The study included two parallel cohorts and was not designed for statistical comparison of the cohorts. Each cohort used a separate Simon's two-stage minimax design, with one-sided  $\alpha$  0.05 and power 0.8. For cohort 1, the minimal activity threshold was a 4-month clinical benefit rate (CBR) of  $\leq 10\%$  while the substantial activity threshold was a CBR  $\geq 30\%$ . For cohort 2, the minimal activity threshold was a CBR  $\leq 25\%$  while the substantial activity threshold was a CBR  $\geq 45\%$ .

Based on these parameters, we planned to accrue 15 evaluable patients in the first stage for cohort 1, and an additional 10 patients in the second stage. For cohort 2, we planned to enroll 17 patients in the first stage, and an additional 19 patients in the second stage. Anticipating a 10% dropout rate, the target accrual was 68 patients: 28 in cohort 1 and 40 in cohort 2. The trial opened in 2010 but was closed in 2018 due to slow accrual after having enrolled 36 patients: 7 in cohort 1 and 29 in cohort 2. All patients who received at least one dose of the trial medication were included in the final analyses for efficacy and safety.

DRUG INFORMATION FOR COHORT 1	
<b>Everolimus</b>	
Generic/Working name	Everolimus
Drug Type	Small molecule
Drug Class	m-TOR
Dose	10 mg per flat dose
Route	oral (p.o.)
Schedule of administration	daily

DRUG INFORMATION FOR COHORT 2	
<b>Everolimus</b>	
Generic/working name	everolimus
Drug type	small molecule
Drug class	m-TOR
Dose	10 mg per flat dose
Route	oral (p.o.)
Schedule of administration	daily

<b>Paclitaxel</b>	
Generic/working name	paclitaxel
Drug type	chemotherapy
Drug class	taxane
Dose	80 mg/m <sup>2</sup>
Route	i.v.
Schedule of administration: days 1, 8, and 15 of each 28-day cycle	

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS FOR COHORT 1	
Number of patients, male	5
Number of patients, female	2
Age	Median (range): 79 (59-90) years
Number of prior systemic therapies	Median (range): 0

Performance status: ECOG	0-0 1-0 2-0 3-0 Unknown-0
Other	Karnofsky performance status, Median (range) 60 (60-70) Calculated creatinine clearance, median (range) 36.03 (10.54-60)

**PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS FOR COHORT 2**

Number of patients, male	22
Number of patients, female	7
Age	Median (range): 72 (54-88) years
Number of prior systemic therapies	
Performance status: ECOG	0-0 1-0 2-0 3-0 Unknown-0
Other	Karnofsky performance status, median (range): 80 (60-100) Calculated creatinine clearance, median (range): 51.3 (22-96)

**PRIMARY ASSESSMENT METHOD FOR COHORT 1**

Title	Response at 4 months
Number of patients screened	0
Number of patients enrolled	7
Number of patients evaluable for toxicity	7
Number of patients evaluated for efficacy	4
Evaluation method	RECIST 1.1
Response assessment CR	n = 0 (0%)
Response assessment PR	n = 0 (0%)
Response assessment SD	n = 0 (0%)
Response assessment PD	n = 4 (57.1%)
Response assessment other	n = 3 (42.9%)

**PRIMARY ASSESSMENT METHOD FOR COHORT 2**

Title	Radiographic response at 4 months
Number of patients screened	0
Number of patients enrolled	29
Number of patients evaluable for toxicity	29
Number of patients evaluated for efficacy	20
Evaluation method	RECIST 1.1
Response assessment CR	n = 0 (0%)
Response assessment PR	n = 8 (27.6%)
Response assessment SD	n = 3 (10.3%)
Response assessment PD	n = 9 (31%)
Response assessment other	n = 9 (31%)

## Outcome Notes

Table 2 shows additional details of study outcome.

ADVERSE EVENTS: COHORT 1, ALL CYCLES							
Name	*NC/NA	1	2	3	4	5	All grades
Anemia	29%	14%	0%	57%	0%	0%	71%
Anorexia	57%	0%	43%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Cholesterol high	57%	43%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Constipation	57%	43%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Diarrhea	57%	29%	0%	14%	0%	0%	43%
Dysgeusia	57%	43%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Dyspnea	57%	14%	14%	14%	0%	0%	43%
Fatigue	0%	57%	29%	14%	0%	0%	100%
Hypertension	57%	0%	43%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Nausea	57%	14%	29%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Rash acneiform	57%	0%	43%	0%	0%	0%	43%
Urinary tract infection	43%	0%	43%	14%	0%	0%	57%

Data shown here are the AEs observed in at least 40% of patients. Table 3 shows a detailed listing.

ADVERSE EVENTS: COHORT 2, ALL CYCLES							
Name	*NC/NA	1	2	3	4	5	All grades
Abdominal pain	59%	24%	10%	7%	0%	0%	41%
Alopecia	55%	21%	24%	0%	0%	0%	45%
Anemia	24%	17%	28%	31%	0%	0%	76%
Anorexia	48%	28%	21%	3%	0%	0%	52%
Constipation	45%	38%	17%	0%	0%	0%	55%
Diarrhea	38%	38%	10%	14%	0%	0%	62%
Dyspnea	48%	31%	7%	14%	0%	0%	52%
Fatigue	14%	52%	28%	7%	0%	0%	86%
Fever	59%	31%	10%	0%	0%	0%	41%
Hypertension	59%	14%	14%	14%	0%	0%	41%
Insomnia	52%	48%	0%	0%	0%	0%	48%
Mucositis oral	52%	21%	28%	0%	0%	0%	48%
Nausea	52%	34%	7%	7%	0%	0%	48%
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	52%	34%	14%	0%	0%	0%	48%
Urinary tract infection	55%	0%	24%	21%	0%	0%	45%
Vomiting	59%	31%	3%	7%	0%	0%	41%

Data shown here are AEs occurring in at least 40% of patients. Table 3 shows details.

## ASSESSMENT, ANALYSIS, AND DISCUSSION

Completion	did not fully accrue
Investigator's assessment	active but results overtaken by other developments

## Introduction

The standard treatment for metastatic or unresectable urothelial carcinoma (UC) is cisplatin-based chemotherapy. However, a large subset of patients with UC are considered ineligible for cisplatin due to comorbidities such as chronic renal insufficiency.<sup>1,2</sup>

Treatment options for cisplatin-ineligible patients are limited. The EORTC 30986 trial compared the combination of gemcitabine plus carboplatin (GCa) versus methotrexate, carboplatin, plus vinblastine (M-CAVI) and

demonstrated severe acute toxicity in 9.3% of patients receiving GCa and 21.2% of patients receiving M-CAVI.<sup>3</sup> Patients with both impaired renal function and borderline functional status experienced even higher rates of severe acute toxicity, questioning the role of platinum-based regimens in this context.

Overexpression of the mTOR pathway has been observed in invasive UC and inactivation of endogenous mTOR inhibitors, such as *PTEN*, has been linked to UC progression.<sup>4,5</sup> The mTOR inhibitor everolimus has demonstrated single-agent

antitumor activity in patients with tumors harboring somatic alterations associated with mTOR pathway activation.<sup>6</sup> Paclitaxel has single-agent activity in UC and has demonstrated safety in the treatment of cisplatin-ineligible patients with advanced UC.<sup>7</sup> In model systems of cancer, PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway upregulation is associated with taxane resistance and mTOR pathway inhibition has been shown to synergize with paclitaxel.<sup>8-10</sup> The combination of everolimus and paclitaxel (EVP) has also demonstrated safety and activity across a variety of tumor types.<sup>11-13</sup>

Given the need for alternatives to platinum-based chemotherapy, including nonchemotherapy regimens for patients with *both* impaired renal function and borderline functional status, in 2010 (prior to the immune checkpoint blockade era in metastatic UC), we initiated a phase II trial to test the activity of everolimus or everolimus plus paclitaxel in the cisplatin-ineligible setting.

## Patients and Methods

### Participants

Adult patients (aged 18 or older) with histologically proven UC who were ineligible for cisplatin and who had not been previously treated for metastatic disease were eligible for this study. Upper tract disease and mixed histology (with a UC component) were allowed. Cisplatin ineligibility was based on one of two criteria: (1) calculated creatinine clearance (by the Cockcroft-Gault formula) <60 mL/minute, (2) Karnofsky performance status 60-70%. Patients meeting both criteria were assigned to cohort 1 while patients meeting only one criterion were assigned to cohort 2. Key exclusion criteria included active brain metastases and lack of measurable disease (per RECIST<sup>14</sup>). Patients were enrolled from treatment centers within the US-based Hoosier Cancer Research Network.

### Trial Oversight

The protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board of each participating institution. Written informed consent was obtained from all participants prior to enrollment. The study was performed in accordance with ethical principles originating from the Declaration of Helsinki, which are consistent with ICH/Good Clinical Practice, and applicable regulatory requirements.

### Interventions

Patients in cohort 1 were assigned to take everolimus alone (EVE) at a dose of 10 mg by mouth daily, without interruption. Medications were dispensed on an outpatient basis on day 1 of each 28-day cycle. Patients in cohort 2 were assigned to a combination of EVP. Everolimus was prescribed at the same dose and schedule as for cohort 1. Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> was given as a 1-hour intravenous infusion on days 1, 8, and 15 of each 28-day cycle.

Dose reductions were permitted in accordance with a schedule specified in the protocol. Paclitaxel could be reduced to 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and everolimus could be reduced to a minimum of 5mg every other day. The study drugs were discontinued if further dose reductions were required or if treatment was interrupted for greater than 4 weeks.

Treatment was continued until radiographic progression (by RECIST criteria), unacceptable toxicity, death, or discontinuation for any other reason. Cross-sectional imaging was obtained every 2 cycles until disease progression.

## Outcomes

The primary objective was to evaluate CBR at 4 months from treatment initiation. Clinical benefit was defined as complete response (CR), partial response (PR), or stable disease (SD) per RECIST criteria. Secondary objectives were to evaluate the safety of EVE and EVP in this population, and to determine progression-free survival (PFS) and 1-year overall survival (OS). Exploratory objectives included identifying genomic correlates of outcomes using whole-exome and transcriptome sequencing data from archived tumor samples.

## Genomic Analyses

Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tumor and paired blood normal samples ( $N = 17$ ) were submitted for whole-exome sequencing (WES). Exome capture and sequencing library preparation were performed using the SureSelect Human All Exon V7, no UTR hybridization capture kit from Agilent (Santa Clara, CA). Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 instrument with 100-bp paired-end reads. An in-house GATK4-based pipeline (TIGRIS) was used to analyze the WES profiles. Somatic variants with a general allelic fraction (AF) or ethnic-specific AF  $\geq 0.5\%$  in the gnomAD database were removed from analysis. Copy number variant (CNV) segmentation profiles were called using saasCNV,<sup>15</sup> then fed into GISTIC 2.0<sup>16</sup> across the entire cohort to look for significant CNV regions. Mutational signature analysis was done via R package quadprog,<sup>17</sup> and only samples with SNVs in exome region  $\geq 50$  at AF  $\geq 5\%$  were included, resulting a total of 14 samples. The signature fitting step was conducted using a reference catalog consisting of bladder cancer specific COSMIC v2 mutational signatures 1, 2, 5, 10, and 13.<sup>18</sup>

RNA sequencing was performed on 8 of the 17 WES samples using SureSelect RNADirect (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA). An in-house RNaseq data processing pipeline (EUPHRATES) was used to analyze the data. UCSC's hg19 genome build was used as the standard reference genome for all analyses. Gene annotations were derived from UCSC's refGene table. Briefly, STAR (v2.6.1.d)<sup>19</sup> was used for read alignment, and featureCounts (v1.4.4)<sup>20</sup> was used to measure abundance of genomic features. Differential gene expression analysis was then performed using the DESeq2<sup>21</sup> package using read counts from the previous step. Gene fusion events were also screened for using open source fusion calling tools FusionCatcher (v1.0)<sup>22</sup> and FusionInspector(v2.1.0).<sup>23</sup>

## Statistical Considerations

The study included two parallel cohorts and was not designed for statistical comparison of the cohorts. Each cohort used a separate Simon's two-stage minimax design, with one-sided  $\alpha$  0.05 and power 0.8. For cohort 1, the minimal activity threshold was a 4-month CBR of  $\leq 10\%$  while the substantial activity threshold was a CBR  $\geq 30\%$ . For cohort 2, the minimal activity threshold was a CBR  $\leq 25\%$  while the substantial activity threshold was a CBR  $\geq 45\%$ .

Based on these parameters, we planned to accrue 15 evaluable patients in the first stage for cohort 1, and an additional 10 patients in the second stage. For cohort 2, we planned to enroll 17 patients in the first stage, and an additional 19 patients in the second stage. Anticipating a 10% dropout rate, the target accrual was 68 patients: 28 in cohort 1 and 40 in cohort 2. The trial opened in 2010 but was closed

in 2018 due to slow accrual after having enrolled 36 patients: 7 in cohort 1 and 29 in cohort 2. All patients who received at least one dose of the trial medication were included in the final analyses for efficacy and safety.

Descriptive statistics were summarized using medians and ranges for continuous variables and counts and proportions for categorical variables. The primary outcome of 4-month CBR was calculated as the number of patients achieving clinical benefit at 4 months divided by the total number of patients in the cohort. 95% confidence intervals for proportions were calculated using the Clopper-Pearson exact method. Survival outcomes were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method.

Statistical analyses were conducted in R statistical software, version 4.0.0.

## Results

### Patient Characteristics

Of the 36 patients enrolled, the majority (75%,  $N = 27$ ) were men. Seven patients with *both* impaired renal function and poor performance status were assigned to EVE in cohort 1. Twenty-nine patients with *either* impaired renal function or poor performance status were assigned to EVP in cohort 2. The median Karnofsky performance status (60% vs 80%,  $P < .001$ ) and calculated creatinine clearance (36.03 vs 51.3 mL/minute,  $P = .12$ ) were both numerically lower in cohort 1 compared with cohort 2 (Table 1).

### Efficacy

No patients (0%, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0-41.0%) in cohort 1 attained the primary outcome of clinical benefit at 4 months; 11 patients (37.9%, 95% CI 20.7-57.7%) in cohort 2 attained the primary outcome (Table 2). Twelve patients who were not evaluable for the primary outcome (due to lack of imaging) were included in this intent to treat analysis. Three patients in cohort 1 died prior to the 4-month evaluation. Nine patients in cohort 2 were not evaluable at 4 months; 4 had died prior to that time point, while the remaining 5 did not have 4-month imaging.

The median PFS was 2.33 (95% CI 1.81-Inf) months in cohort 1 and 5.85 (95% CI 2.99-8.61) months in cohort 2 (Figure 1A). Median OS was 4.5 (95% CI 2.33-Inf) months in cohort 1 and 10.9 (95% CI 6.97-16.4) months in cohort 2 (Figure 1B). Overall survival at 1 year was not estimable for cohort 1 and was 43% (95% CI 28.1-65.9) in cohort 2.

### Safety and Tolerability

The median duration of exposure to EVE in cohort 1 was 1.87 months (range 0.84-5); the median duration of exposure to EVP in cohort 2 was 2.83 months (range 0.23-20). Treatment was discontinued due to adverse events for 2 patients (29%) in cohort 1 and 11 patients (38%) in cohort 2. Treatment-emergent grades 3-4 adverse events developed in 5 patients (71%) in cohort 1 and 26 patients (90%) in cohort 2 (Table 3). The most common grades 3-4 adverse event in both cohorts was anemia (cohort 1,  $N = 4$ ; cohort 2,  $N = 9$ ).

The most common adverse events of any grade in cohort 1 were fatigue ( $N = 7$ , 100%), anemia ( $N = 5$ , 71%), and urinary tract infections ( $N = 4$ , 57%). The most common adverse events of any grade in cohort 2 were fatigue ( $N = 25$ ,

86%), anemia ( $N = 22$ , 76%), pain ( $N = 18$ , 62%), dyspnea ( $N = 15$ , 52%), and gastrointestinal symptoms, eg, diarrhea ( $N = 18$ , 62%), constipation ( $N = 16$ , 55%), anorexia ( $N = 15$ , 52%), and nausea ( $N = 14$ , 48%).

### Genomic Alterations Associated with Response

Whole-exome sequencing was performed on baseline biopsy samples from 19 patients in cohort 2 (Figure 2). Of these, 17 patients were evaluable for radiographic response at 4 months. We classified these patients into 13 responders and 4 non-responders, with response defined as CR, PR, or SD with a PFS of at least 120 days. The most commonly mutated gene in the cohort was *TP53* ( $N = 9$ ); 8 of 9 patients with *TP53* mutations were responders (Fisher's exact  $P = .29$ ). Other notable recurrent mutations included the microtubule-related genes *MACF1* ( $N = 4$ ) and *FRY* ( $N = 4$ ). All 6 patients with mutations in either *MACF1* or *FRY* were responders, although the association was not statistically significant (Fisher's exact  $P = .24$  two sided;  $P = .14$  one sided). *TSC1* mutations have previously been linked with everolimus sensitivity in mUC.<sup>6</sup> One patient had a *TSC1* mutation (p.Pro17fs) and was a responder.

Copy number segmentation profiles were qualitatively similar between responders and non-responders (Figure 3). Due to the small number of non-responders, the two cohorts were combined to identify significantly enriched CNVs by GISTIC 2.0 (Tables 4-6). The most significant regions included 2q11.2, 2q11.1 for gains and 1p36.13, 7q22.1, 12q12, 2q11.1 for losses (Figure 4). The significantly amplified regions included several genes involved in fibroblast growth factor signaling, upstream of the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway: *FGF3*, *FGF4*, *FGF9*, *FGF19*, and *FRS2*.

Mutational signature analysis revealed two clusters of samples based on their signature decomposition results (Figure 5, Table 7). Cluster 1 ( $N = 8$ ) was dominated by signatures 2 and 13, which are associated with activity of APOBEC cytidine deaminases.<sup>18</sup> Cluster 2 ( $N = 6$ ) was characterized by the dominance of signature 5, which has been associated with *ERCC2* mutations.<sup>24</sup> Mutational signature clusters were not associated with response (Fisher's exact  $P = 1$  two sided).

RNA sequencing was performed on 8 of the WES samples; 1 patient was not evaluable for response, leaving 7 evaluable patients with RNA expression data. Clustering of transcriptomic profiles showed no clear separation between responders ( $N = 3$ ) versus non-responders ( $N = 4$ ; Figure 6). Differential expression analyses identified 9 differentially expressed genes between responders versus non-responders (at adj.  $P$  cutoff of .05). None of these were associated with mTOR signaling or microtubule function (Table 8).

No recurrent gene fusions were identified after false positives were eliminated by manual review (Tables 9 and 10).

## Discussion

Cisplatin remains the backbone of treatment for advanced UC. However, many patients are not eligible for cisplatin due to performance status or comorbidities. The subgroup of cisplatin-ineligible patients with both poor performance status and poor renal function experience increased toxicity and reduced benefit from carboplatin-based regimens necessitating novel treatment approaches. We initiated a phase II trial to

test the activity of everolimus or everolimus plus paclitaxel in the cisplatin-ineligible setting shortly prior to a new era in drug development in metastatic UC. Novel regimens such as enfortumab vedotin alone or combined with pembrolizumab have demonstrated promising activity in cisplatin-ineligible patients.<sup>25,26</sup> The shifting landscape, coupled with pragmatic considerations related to cohort 1, contributed to early closure due to poor accrual. Nonetheless, this trial has generated insights that may inform future treatment strategies.

We observed a 4-month CBR of 37.9% associated with EVP among patients with either poor performance states or poor renal function (cohort 2). This benefit was most likely driven by paclitaxel, which has demonstrated efficacy in this context both as a single-agent and in combinations.<sup>7,27,28</sup> This degree of activity is similar to that observed with carboplatin-based regimens in the phase III/III EORTC 30986 trial<sup>3</sup> and reinforces the value of single-agent paclitaxel in the cisplatin-ineligible setting. However, treatment was still associated with a notable adverse event burden in this population. The EVP combination has also been studied in patients with UC progressing despite platinum-based chemotherapy with an objective response rate of 13%,<sup>29</sup> similar to the response rate with paclitaxel, suggesting limited benefit by adding everolimus although the specific contribution of each agent cannot be defined here. Notably, everolimus monotherapy was disappointing across different solid tumors selected for genomic alterations predicted to confer vulnerability, despite previous promising case reports.<sup>6,30,31</sup>

We initiated our trial in 2010 prior to the immune checkpoint blockade era and the subsequent shifts in the metastatic UC treatment landscape.<sup>32</sup> Current standard first-line treatment for cisplatin-ineligible patients with metastatic UC includes carboplatin-based chemotherapy followed by switch maintenance immune checkpoint blockade or single agent immune checkpoint in patients with tumors harboring high levels of PD-L1 expression or patients who are “chemotherapy ineligible” (in certain regions of the world). Notably, such regimens have the potential for durable disease control in a subset of patients not observed in the current study. Patients for whom the risks of any platinum-based chemotherapy outweigh the potential benefits of treatment are complicated to define in both clinical care and for the purposes of trial design. However, the results of EORTC 30986 suggest that patients with *both* impaired renal function and borderline functional status suffer excessive toxicity from carboplatin-based chemotherapy and this definition of “chemotherapy ineligibility” was reinforced in a recent survey of oncologists.<sup>33</sup> The current trial, although performed in an earlier era and with a treatment without substantial activity, highlights the potential challenges of enrolling “chemotherapy ineligible” patients to prospective clinical trials; the median OS of patients in Cohort 1 was only 4.5 months.

We examined genomic data from 17 patients in cohort 2 to identify possible biomarkers of response to EVP. There were no significant associations between somatic mutations, copy number variants, or mutational signatures and response. However, power was limited by the number of samples and an imbalance of responders ( $N = 13$ ) and nonresponders ( $N = 4$ ). One notable, albeit non-significant, observation was the high response rates to EVP among those with mutations in either of the microtubule-associated genes *MACF1* or *FRY* (100%; Fisher’s exact  $P = .24$  two sided;  $P = .14$  one sided). *MACF1* is a microtubule binding protein that bridges cytoskeletal

elements and has roles in cellular migration, adhesion, and intracellular transport.<sup>34,35</sup> *FRY* also binds microtubules and regulates the mitotic spindle during cell division.<sup>36</sup> To our knowledge, there have not been in vitro or in vivo experiments testing the relationship between mutations in these genes and paclitaxel sensitivity. Though the use of taxanes in latter lines of therapy for metastatic UC is decreasing in the context of new treatment options, treatment selection biomarkers for these newer treatments are still lacking and biomarkers that might define patients deriving most benefit from paclitaxel could still impact clinical treatment strategies and warrant further testing.

## Conclusions

Paclitaxel demonstrated activity comparable to historical reports of carboplatin-based regimens in cisplatin-ineligible patients with metastatic UC in this small cohort, although is not associated with durable responses that occur in a subset of patients treated with modern regimens. Everolimus did not demonstrate obvious additivity in this combination regimen. Outcomes in “chemotherapy ineligible” patients remain suboptimal and enrollment of such patients to prospective trials is challenging.

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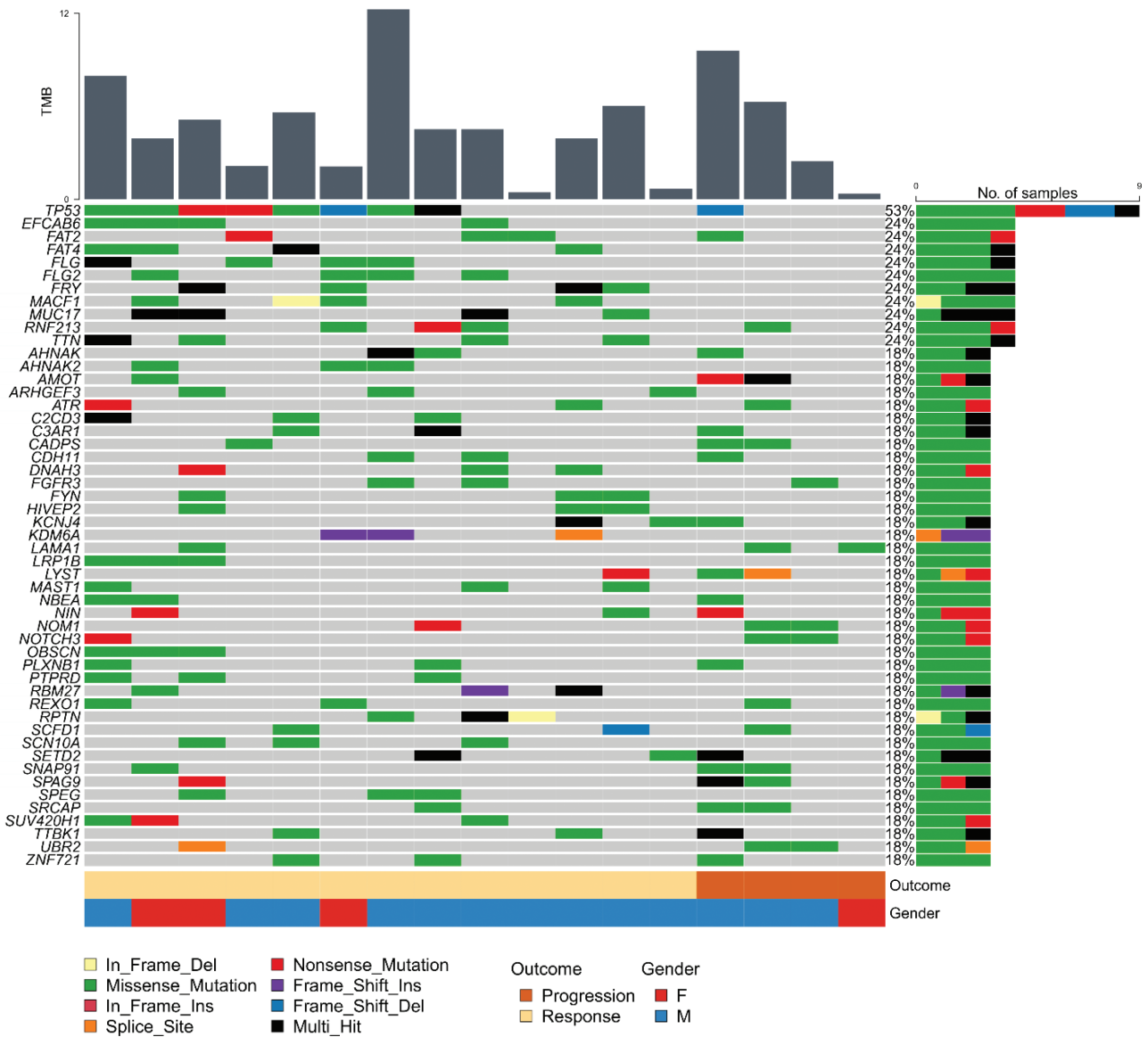
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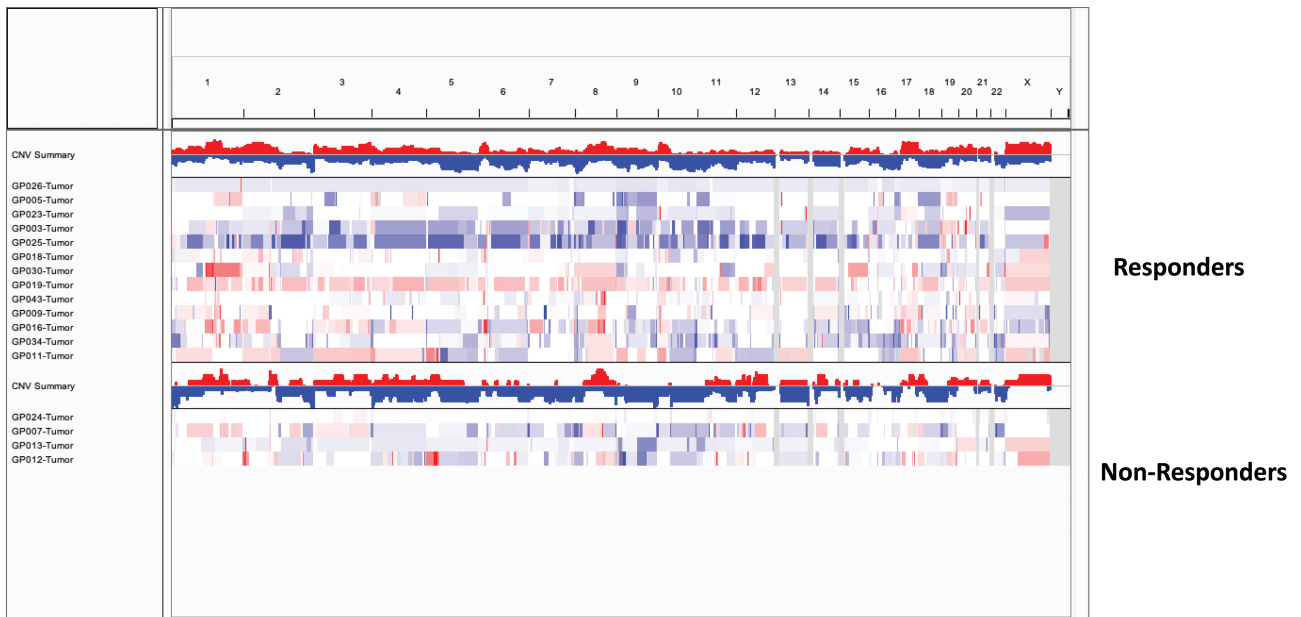
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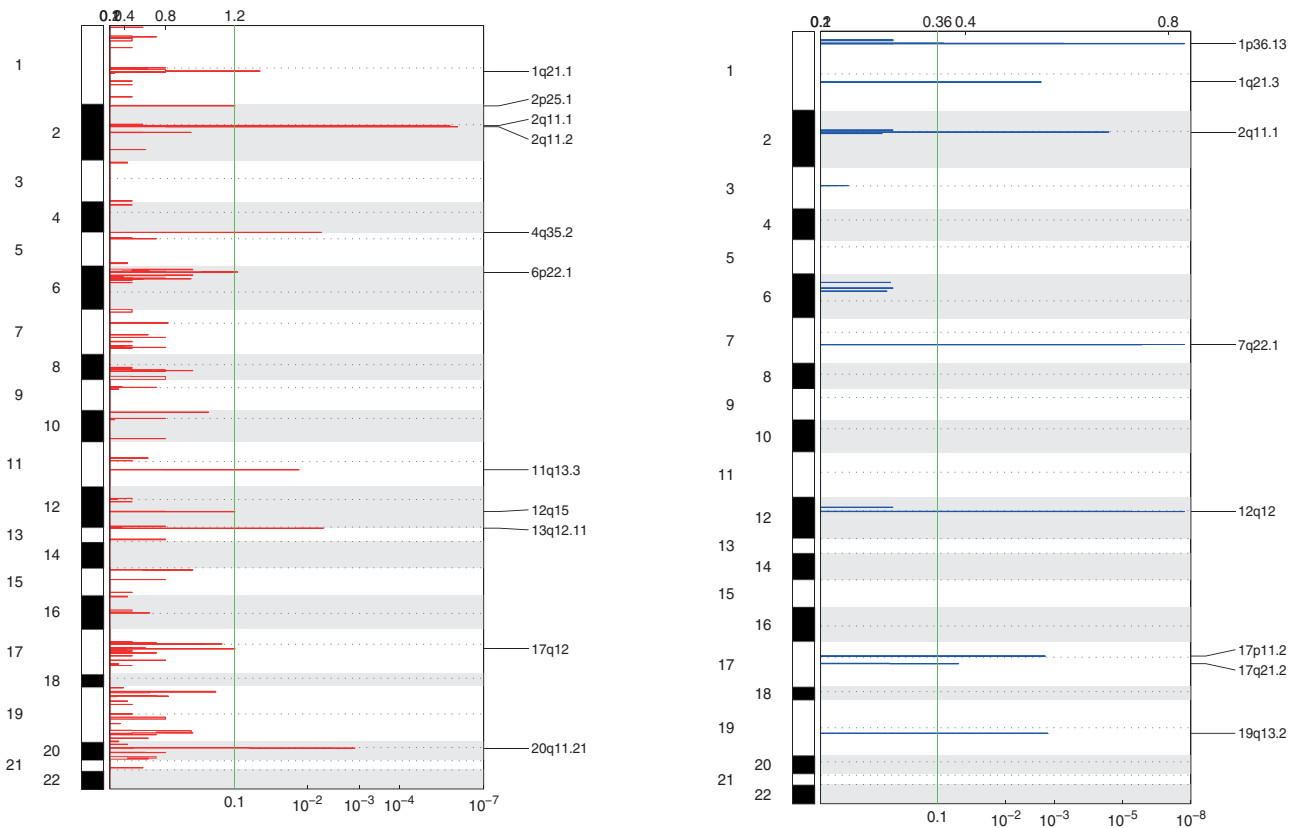
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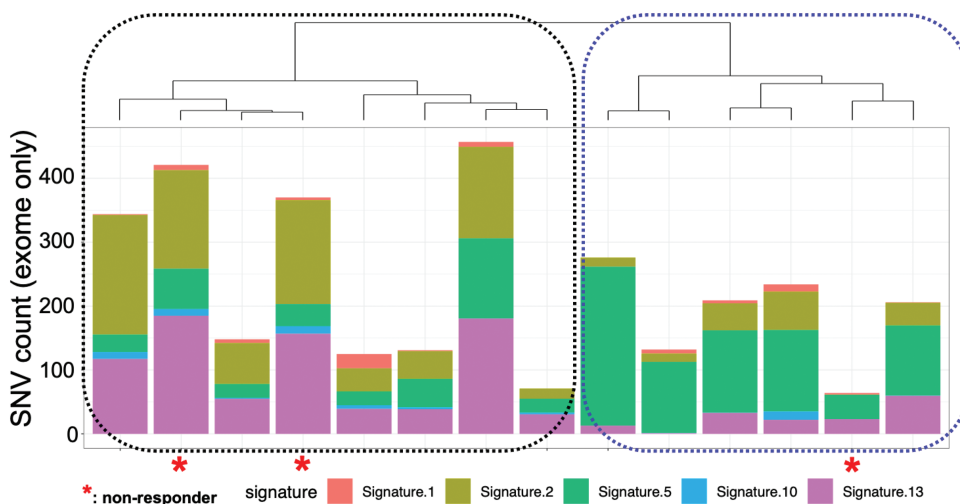
**Figure 2.** Mutational landscape of whole-exome sequencing cohort ( $N = 17$ ). Genes mutated in at least three samples in the cohort are listed. Each column represents one sample. The vertical bar plot depicts tumor mutation burden in each sample. The horizontal bar plot summarizes the number and type of mutations (by color) for each gene. The tracks along the bottom provide additional clinical context, color coding each sample according to the patient's gender and clinical outcome. The most commonly mutated gene in the cohort was TP53 ( $N = 9$ ); 8 of 9 patients with TP53 mutations were responders (Fisher's exact  $P = .29$ ). Other notable recurrent mutations included the microtubule-related genes MACF1 ( $N = 4$ ) and FRY ( $N = 4$ ). All 6 patients with mutations in either MACF1 or FRY were responders, although the association was not statistically significant (Fisher's exact  $P = .24$  two sided;  $P = .14$  one sided).



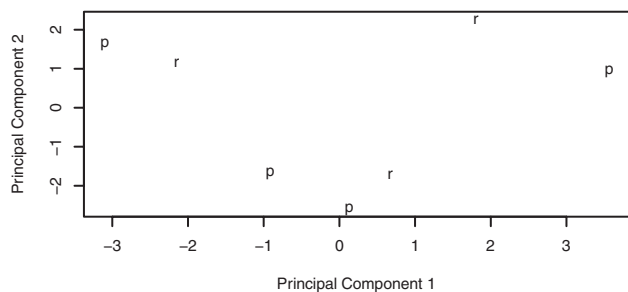
**Figure 3.** A heatmap of the genome-wide copy number variation (CNV) profiles based on median log2ratio, stratified by response. Individual patient samples are shown along the y-axis with amplification events in red and loss events in blue. The number of CNV events at each genomic locus for responders and nonresponders are summarized as bar plots at the top for both responders and non-responders. Copy number segmentation profiles were qualitatively similar between responders and non-responders.



**Figure 4.** Significantly enriched amplification (red) and deletion (blue) events in the overall cohort of 17 samples, using GISTIC 2.0. Annotated cytobands indicate significant calls (FDR < 0.1) with the peaks corresponding to the significance value on the x-axis. The most significant regions included 2q11.2, 2q11.1 for gains and 1p36.13, 7q22.1, 12q12, 2q11.1 for losses. The significantly amplified regions included several genes involved in fibroblast growth factor signaling, upstream of the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway: FGF3, FGF4, FGF9, FGF19, and FRS2.



**Figure 5.** Mutational signature analysis revealed that samples fell into two clusters with distinct patterns of single-nucleotide alterations throughout the genome. Cluster 1 ( $N = 8$ ) was dominated by COSMIC v2 signatures 2 and 13, which are associated with APOBEC cytidine deaminases. Cluster 2 ( $N = 6$ ) was characterized by dominance of signature 5, which has been associated with ERCC2 mutations. Mutational signature clusters were not associated with response (Fisher’s exact  $P = 1$  two-sided).



**Figure 6.** Clustering of samples by transcriptomic profile using principal components analysis failed to identify separate clusters based on paclitaxel treatment responsiveness. R: responders; P: nonresponders.

**Table 1.** Baseline characteristics.

	Cohort 1 (N = 7)	Cohort 2 (N = 29)	Overall (N = 36)
Age, median (range)	79 (59-90)	72 (54-88)	73 (54-90)
Male, N (%)	5 (71.4%)	22 (75.9%)	27 (75%)
White, N (%)	5 (71.4%)	27 (93.1%)	32 (88.9%)
Black, N (%)	2 (28.6%)	2 (6.9%)	4 (11.1%)
Non-Hispanic, N (%)	7 (100%)	28 (96.6%)	35 (97.2%)
Karnofsky performance status, median (range)	60 (60-70)	80 (60-100)	80 (60-100)
Calculated creatinine clearance, median (range)	36.03 (10.54-60)	51.3 (22-96)	50.35 (10.54-96)

Of the 36 patients enrolled, the majority (75%,  $N = 27$ ) were men. Seven patients with both impaired renal function and poor performance status were assigned to EVE in cohort 1. Twenty-nine patients with either impaired renal function or poor performance status were assigned to EVP in cohort 2. The median Karnofsky performance status (60% vs 80%,  $P < .001$ ) and calculated creatinine clearance (36.03 vs 51.3 mL/minute,  $P = .12$ ) were both numerically lower in cohort 1 compared with cohort 2.

**Table 2.** Radiographic outcomes.

	Cohort 1 (N = 7)	Cohort 2 (N = 29)	Overall (N = 36)
<i>Response at 4 months</i>			
Complete response, N (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Partial response, N (%)	0 (0%)	8 (27.6%)	8 (22.2%)
Stable disease, N (%)	0 (0%)	3 (10.3%)	3 (8.3%)
Progressive disease, N (%)	4 (57.1%)	9 (31%)	13 (36.1%)
Not evaluable, N (%)	3 (42.9%)	9 (31%)	12 (33.3%)
<i>Best response</i>			
Complete response, N (%)	0 (0%)	1 (3.4%)	1 (2.8%)
Partial response, N (%)	0 (0%)	13 (44.8%)	13 (36.1%)
Stable disease, N (%)	4 (57.1%)	6 (20.7%)	10 (27.8%)
Prog. disease, N (%)	2 (28.6%)	4 (13.8%)	6 (16.7%)
Not evaluable, N (%)	1 (14.3%)	5 (17.2%)	6 (16.7%)

**Table 3.** Treatment-emergent adverse events occurring in at least 5% of patients, sorted alphabetically.

Adverse event	Cohort 1 (N = 7)					Cohort 2 (N = 29)														
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any										
	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %										
Any adverse event	7	100	6	86	5	71	2	29	7	100	29	100	28	97	26	90	6	21	29	100
Abdominal pain	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	9	31	3	10	2	7	0	—	12	41
Acute kidney injury	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	0	—	0	—	3	10
Alanine aminotransferase increased	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	1	3	1	3	0	—	2	7
Alopecia	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	10	34	7	24	0	—	0	—	13	45
Anemia	3	43	4	57	4	57	0	—	5	71	17	59	16	55	9	31	0	—	22	76
Anorexia	2	29	3	43	0	—	0	—	3	43	11	38	6	21	1	3	0	—	15	52
Anxiety	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	6	21	2	7	0	—	0	—	6	21
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	1	3	0	—	2	7
Back pain	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	2	7	0	—	0	—	4	14
Blood and lymphatic system disorders - Other	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Cataract	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Chills	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14
Cholesterol high	3	43	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	43	8	28	0	—	0	—	0	—	8	28
Chronic kidney disease	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	2	7	1	3	3	10
Constipation	3	43	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	43	14	48	5	17	0	—	0	—	16	55
Cough	2	29	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	29	11	38	1	3	0	—	0	—	11	38
Creatinine increased	1	14	1	14	1	14	0	—	2	29	2	7	3	10	0	—	0	—	5	17
Dehydration	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	3	10	0	—	5	17
Depression	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	7	24	2	7	0	—	0	—	7	24
Diarrhea	2	29	0	—	1	14	0	—	3	43	16	55	5	17	4	14	0	—	18	62
Dizziness	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	5	17	0	—	0	—	0	—	5	17
Dry skin	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Dysgeusia	3	43	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	43	6	21	3	10	0	—	0	—	7	24
Dyspepsia	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	7	24	0	—	0	—	0	—	7	24
Dyspnea	3	43	1	14	1	14	0	—	3	43	12	41	2	7	4	14	0	—	15	52
Edema limbs	1	14	1	14	0	—	0	—	2	29	12	41	8	28	0	—	0	—	14	48
Epistaxis	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	5	17	0	—	0	—	0	—	5	17
Fatigue	7	100	2	29	1	14	0	—	7	100	25	86	10	34	2	7	0	—	25	86
Fever	2	29	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	29	11	38	3	10	0	—	0	—	12	41
Flatulence	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Fracture	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Gastrointestinal disorders - other	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	2	7	0	—	0	—	4	14
Generalized muscle weakness	0	—	1	14	0	—	0	—	1	14	2	7	0	—	1	3	0	—	2	7
Hallucinations	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Headache	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14
Hematuria	1	14	1	14	1	14	0	—	2	29	1	3	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Hyperglycemia	0	—	1	14	1	14	0	—	2	29	3	10	1	3	1	3	0	—	3	10
Hyperhidrosis	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Hypertension	0	—	3	43	0	—	0	—	3	43	5	17	7	24	4	14	0	—	12	41
Hypertriglyceridemia	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	8	28	3	10	0	—	0	—	8	28
Hypoalbuminemia	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	1	3	0	—	0	—	3	10
Hypocalcemia	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	1	3	1	3	1	3	2	7
Hypokalemia	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	4	14	2	7	0	—	6	21
Hypomagnesemia	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	4	14	1	3	0	—	0	—	4	14
Hyponatremia	1	14	1	14	0	—	0	—	1	14	3	10	0	—	1	3	0	—	3	10
Hypophosphatemia	1	14	1	14	0	—	0	—	2	29	1	3	1	3	2	7	0	—	2	7
Infections and infestations - other	0	—	1	14	1	14	0	—	2	29	1	3	3	10	3	10	0	—	5	17
Insomnia	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	14	48	0	—	0	—	0	—	14	48

Table 3. Continued

Adverse event	Cohort 1 (N = 7)					Cohort 2 (N = 29)														
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any										
	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %										
Lung infection	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	2	7		
Mucositis oral	2	29	2	29	1	14	0	—	2	29	10	34	8	28	0	—	0	—	14	48
Myocardial infarction	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	2	7
Nail infection	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	1	3	0	—	2	7
Nasal congestion	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Nausea	1	14	2	29	0	—	0	—	3	43	14	48	3	10	2	7	0	—	14	48
Neck pain	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Nervous system disorders - other	0	—	1	14	1	14	0	—	1	14	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	2	7
Neutrophil count decreased	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14	4	14	5	17	1	3	11	38
Non-cardiac chest pain	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Pain	3	43	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	43	17	59	7	24	2	7	0	—	18	62
Pain in extremity	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	6	21	0	—	0	—	0	—	6	21
Peripheral motor neuropathy	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	1	3	0	—	0	—	2	7
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	2	29	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	29	12	41	4	14	0	—	0	—	14	48
Platelet count decreased	2	29	1	14	0	—	0	—	2	29	6	21	2	7	1	3	0	—	6	21
Pneumonitis	0	—	0	—	1	14	0	—	1	14	0	—	3	10	1	3	0	—	4	14
Pruritus	1	14	1	14	0	—	0	—	2	29	4	14	2	7	0	—	0	—	6	21
Rash acneiform	1	14	3	43	0	—	0	—	3	43	8	28	4	14	1	3	0	—	9	31
Rash maculo-papular	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	1	3	0	—	0	—	3	10
Renal and urinary disorders - Other, specify	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	0	—	0	—	1	3	2	7
Respiratory failure	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	2	7
Sepsis	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	2	7
Sinus disorder	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Sore throat	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7
Supraventricular tachycardia	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	3	1	3	0	—	2	7
Thromboembolic event	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	10	0	—	0	—	4	14
Tooth infection	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	7	0	—	0	—	2	7
Urinary frequency	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	4	14	3	10	0	—	0	—	6	21
Urinary tract infection	0	—	4	57	1	14	0	—	4	57	0	—	11	38	6	21	0	—	13	45
Urinary tract pain	1	14	1	14	0	—	0	—	2	29	2	7	1	3	0	—	0	—	3	10
Vomiting	2	29	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	29	9	31	1	3	2	7	0	—	12	41
Weight loss	1	14	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	14	3	10	2	7	0	—	0	—	4	14

Highest grade treatment-emergent adverse events occurring in at least 5% of patients, sorted alphabetically. Treatment was discontinued due to adverse events for 2 patients (29%) in cohort 1 and 11 patients (38%) in cohort 2. Treatment-emergent grades 3-4 adverse events developed in 5 patients (71%) in cohort 1 and 26 patients (90%) in cohort 2 (Table 3). The most common grades 3-4 adverse event in both cohorts was anemia (cohort 1, N = 4; cohort 2, N = 9). The most common adverse events of any grade in cohort 1 were fatigue (N = 7, 100%), anemia (N = 5, 71%), and urinary tract infections (N = 4, 57%). The most common adverse events of any grade in cohort 2 were fatigue (N = 25, 86%), anemia (N = 22, 76%), pain (N = 18, 62%), dyspnea (N = 15, 52%), and gastrointestinal symptoms eg, diarrhea (N = 18, 62%), constipation (N = 16, 55%), anorexia (N = 15, 52%), and nausea (N = 14, 48%).

**Table 4.** Significant CNV gain regions called by GISTIC across all 17 WES TN samples submitted for whole exome sequencing (WES). GISTIC is an algorithm that identified regions of the genome that are gained or lost more than expected by chance across a set of samples.

Cytoband	2q11.2	2q11.1	20q11.21	13q12.11	4q35.2	11q13.3	1q21.1	6p22.1	2p25.1	12q15	17q12
<i>q</i> value	1.20E-06	2.34E-06	0.0012368	0.0053277	0.0057245	0.013732	0.049351	0.092026	0.098716	0.098716	0.098716
Residual <i>q</i> value	1.82E-06	4.00E-06	0.0012368	0.0053277	0.0057245	0.013732	0.049351	0.092026	0.098716	0.098716	0.098716
Wide peak boundaries	chr2:97820512-97828928	chr2:96604806-96610328	chr20:29628342-29632831	chr13:22235168-23253312	chr4:189022421-190878451	chr11:68512544-69949326	chr1:144852237-145293666	chr6:29692730-29911259	chr2:8943044-10729896	chr12:66990486-70918140	chr17:37557600-38062138
Genes in wide peak	ANKRD36	[LOC729234]	FRG1B	FGF9	FRG1	<i>hsa-mir-3164</i>	SEC22B	HLA-A	<i>hsa-mir-4261</i>	<i>hsa-mir-1279</i>	ERBB2
					HSP90AA4P	CCND1	PDE4DIP	HLA-F	HPCAL1	CPM	GRB7
					TRIML2	CPT1A	NOTCH2NL	HLA-G	ODC1	IFNG	NEUROD2
					TRIML1	FGF3	NBPF10	HLA-H	RRM2	LYZ	PNMT
					LOC401164	FGF4		HCG4	ADAM17	MDM2	MED1
						IGHMBP2		HCG4B	KLF11	GNOT2	TCAP
						MTL5		HLA-F-AS1	ASAP2	PTPRB	STARD3
						FGF19	IFITM4P		TAF1B	RAP1B	IKZF3
						MYEOV	LOC554223		ITGB1BP1	YEATS4	CDK12
						ANO1		YWHAQ	YWHAQ	DYRK2	GSDMB
						MRG-PRD		GRHL1	GRHL1	CCT2	PPP1R1B
						MRG-PRF		CPSF3	CPSF3	FRS2	MIEN1
						MRPL21		KIDINS220	KIDINS220	CPSF6	FBXL20
						TPCN2		NOL10	NOL10	GRIP1	PGAP3
						ORAOV1		MBOAT2	MBOAT2	KCNMB4	ZBP2
								CYS1	CYS1	IL22	MIR4728
								IAHI	IAHI	SLC35E3	
								C2orf48	C2orf48	IL26	
								SNORA80B	SNORA80B	CAND1	
								MIR4261	MIR4261	MDM1	
										NUPI07	
										RAB31P	
										BEST3	
										LRRC10	
										MIR1279	
										SNORA70G	
										MIR3913-2	
										MIR3913-1	
										LOC100507250	





Table 6. GISTIC output describing significantly amplified and deleted regions across the samples. The columns represent individual patient samples and indicate the regions gained or deleted in these samples.

Unique name	Descriptor	Wide peak limits	Peak limits	Region limits	q values	Residual q values after removing segments shared with higher peaks	Amplitude threshold	GP034-tumor	GP019-tumor	GP003-tumor	GP018-tumor	GP023-tumor	GP043-tumor	GP016-tumor	GP030-tumor	GP011-tumor	GP007-tumor	GP026-tumor	GP013-tumor	GP009-tumor	GP024-tumor	GP005-tumor	GP012-tumor	GP025-tumor		
Amplification peak 1	1q21.1	chr1:14852237-145293666/probes 61189/64677	chr1:145109662-145115657/probes 6393/64121	chr1:145109662-145115809/probes 6393/64121	0.049551	0.049551	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Amplification peak 2	2p25.1	chr2:89404-10729896/probes 11242/113242	chr2:8946569-10729896/probes 11242/113244	chr2:8946569-11242/113244	0.098716	0.098716	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Amplification peak 3	2q11.1	chr2:96604806-96610328/probes 14047/140316	chr2:96604811-96610328/probes 14047/140315	chr2:96604811-96610328/probes 14047/140315	2.3E-06	4.00E-06	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Amplification peak 4	2q11.2	chr2:9782012-97828928/probes 1421/142325	chr2:9782012-97828928/probes 1421/142325	chr2:9782012-97828928/probes 1421/142325	1.20E-06	1.82E-06	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
Amplification peak 5	4q35.2	chr4:189022421-190878451/probes 29059/1290876	chr4:189022508-190878451/probes 29059/1290875	chr4:189022508-190878451/probes 29059/1290878	0.0057245	0.0057245	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Amplification peak 6	6p22.1	chr6:29692730-29911259/probes 3463/346874	chr6:29910483-29910864/probes 3464/346977	chr6:29910483-29910864/probes 3464/346977	0.092026	0.092026	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Amplification peak 7	11q13.3	chr11:68312544-69949326/probes 70918/140/probes 68330/68397	chr11:68327601-69949326/probes 70672/148/probes 68330/68397	chr11:68327601-69949326/probes 69949326/probes 70672/148/probes 68330/68397	0.013732	0.013732	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amplification peak 8	12q15	chr12:6990486-70918140/probes 68330/68397	chr12:6990486-70918140/probes 68330/68397	chr12:699048132-70672/148/probes 68330/68397	0.098716	0.098716	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Amplification peak 9	13q12.11	chr13:22255168-23253312/probes 7067589/706556	chr13:22255302-23253312/probes 7067589/706556	chr13:22255302-23253312/probes 23253319/probes 7067589/706558	0.0053277	0.0053277	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Amplification peak 10	17q12	chr17:3757600-38062138/probes 87635/1876621	chr17:3757600-38062138/probes 87635/1876621	chr17:3757600-38062138/probes 87635/1876621	0.098716	0.098716	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Amplification peak 11	20q11.21	chr20:29628542-29632831/probes 1016094/1016377	chr20:29628542-29632831/probes 1016171/1016345	chr20:29628542-29632831/probes 30142/483/probes 1015484/1016377	0.0012568	0.0012568	0: t < 0.85; 1: 0.85 < t < 0.9; 2: t > 0.9	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Deletion peak 1	1p36.13	chr1:6903823-174717600/probes 15228/5860/probes 70611/70759	chr1:6903823-174717600/probes 1691383/probes 17152/17599	chr1:6906731-1691383/probes 1691383/probes 16646/17602	2.21E-08	2.21E-08	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Deletion peak 2	1q21.3	chr1:5186262-152285860/probes 70611/70759	chr1:5186262-152285860/probes 70612/7078	chr1:52187589-152285860/probes 152285929/probes 70612/7078	0.0019967	0.0019967	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deletion peak 3	2q11.1	chr2:966048592-96606984/probes 1403561/40472	chr2:96604731-96606984/probes 1403561/40471	chr2:96604731-96606984/probes 96606984/probes 1403561/40474	2.95E-05	2.95E-05	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Deletion peak 4	7q22.1	chr7:100638857-100642454/probes 43561/5435646	chr7:100638857-100642454/probes 43561/5435646	chr7:100638857-100642454/probes 100642454/probes 43561/5435933	2.21E-08	2.21E-08	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	2	2
Deletion peak 5	12q12	chr12:40879121-40897247/probes 66757/66788	chr12:40879121-40897247/probes 66757/66788	chr12:40879178-40897247/probes 66757/66788	0.0016159	0.0016159	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deletion peak 6	17p11.2	chr17:21217587-2131857/probes 86540/86629	chr17:21217587-2131857/probes 86540/86629	chr17:21217597-2131857/probes 86540/86629	0.0016159	0.0016159	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Deletion peak 7	17q21.2	chr17:39253750-3943251/probes 879136/879252	chr17:39253750-3943251/probes 879136/879252	chr17:39253750-3943251/probes 39406408/probes 879136/879252	0.054262	0.054262	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Deletion peak 8	19q13.2	chr19:40368281-40378980/probes 975747/975836	chr19:40368281-40378980/probes 975747/975836	chr19:40368281-40378980/probes 975747/975836	0.001411	0.001411	0: t > -0.74; 1: -0.74 < t < -1.3; 2: t < -1.3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0



**Table 7.** Mutational signatures in each sample ( $N = 15$  samples from cohort 2 with whole-exome sequencing), based on bladder-specific signatures in the COSMIC v2 database. Mutational signatures represent global patterns in the types of single-nucleotide changes throughout the genome and are thought to reflect distinct underlying mutational processes. The numbers indicate the percent of mutations attributed to each signature within each sample.

Sample	Signature.1	Signature.2	Signature.5	Signature.10	Signature.13
GP012	0.01943257	0.36660802	0.149879	0.02486539	0.43921502
GP043	0.01095983	0.33135712	0.34225969	0.02093894	0.29448443
GP003	3.28E-18	0.05226691	0.9015513	0	0.04618179
GP025	0.0391949	0.43356456	0.14695689	0.00935119	0.37093247
GP023	0.17884431	0.28888586	0.17462784	0.04510776	0.31253424
GP011	0.01690564	0.31356415	0.27458071	0	0.39494949
GP016	0.04755421	0.09875741	0.84644402	0	0.00724437
GP034	0.02233931	0.202452	0.61821754	-8.67E-19	0.15699115
GP007	0.01140029	0.43952321	0.09374151	0.03198736	0.42334762
GP018	0.00392937	0.54435374	0.07943001	0.03159905	0.34068783
GP032	0.09088163	0.05547802	0.76846216	0	0.08517819
GP013	0.03954119	0.00325378	0.59572065	0	0.36148437
GP005	0.00370014	0.1725524	0.53444981	0	0.28929765
GP030	0.04876071	0.25637049	0.54555192	0.05520981	0.09410708
GP009	0	0.22447006	0.309945	0.03486223	0.4307227

**Table 8.** Differentially expressed genes between responders ( $N = 3$ ) and nonresponders ( $N = 4$ ) (including only those with successful RNA sequencing). Negative log<sub>2</sub> foldchange values indicate decreased expression in responders compared with nonresponders, while positive log<sub>2</sub> foldchange values indicate increased expression. All patients for this analysis were from Cohort 2.

Gene ID	Approved Symbol	Log <sub>2</sub> foldchange	Adj P
HGNC:19133	HS6ST2	-4.176714	.008258125
HGNC:1047	BHMT	-5.999643	.008258125
HGNC:21226	LRFN2	-7.754684	.008258125
HGNC:26731	C8orf31	-4.328898	.0206424
HGNC:7423	MTCP1	-2.920986	.032091609
HGNC:21923	STEAP4	-2.754969	.03327653
HGNC:32406	IQCJ	-6.218168	.038737815
HGNC:23596	KRTAP5-1	4.892141	.038737815
HGNC:4020	FUT9	-6.352472	.040669222

**Table 9.** Gene fusions in responders.

Fusion name	Patient count
ZNF137P:ZNF83	1
ADGRE5:ADGRE2 (FALSE POSITIVE)	3
ADGRE2:ADGRE5 (FALSE POSITIVE)	3
SMG1:NPIP5	1
KANSL1:ARL17A	1
KANSL1:ARL17B	1
SCNN1A:TNFRSF1A	1
PSMD14:ZNF638	1
ANK2:CAMK2D	1
PIP4K2A:RAB18	1
STX16:NPEPL1	1
STX16:STX16-NPEPL1	1
ACLY:DNAJC7	1
ZNF486:GATAD2A	1
TBCEL:TECTA	1
STX16-NPEPL1:NPEPL1	1
STX16-NPEPL1:STX16-NPEPL1	1
CYTIP:ERMN	1

**Table 10.** Gene fusions in non-responders.

Fusion name	Patient count
ADGRE5:ADGRE2 (FALSE POSITIVE)	3
ADGRE2:ADGRE5 (FALSE POSITIVE)	2
SMG1:NPIP5	1
NAIP:OCLN	1
CLTC:VMP1	1
KANSL1:ARL17A	1
KANSL1:ARL17B	1
EIF3K:ACTN4	1
PTPN1:PPTC7	1