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# Phase 2 OVARIO Study of Niraparib + Bevacizumab Therapy in Advanced Ovarian Cancer Following Front-Line Platinum-Based Chemotherapy With Bevacizumab

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# Background

- Niraparib is a PARPi approved in the United States and Europe in patients with OC regardless of biomarker status
  - Maintenance treatment for patients with platinum-sensitive recurrent OC who are in complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Based on the QUADRA study results, approved in the United States as treatment for adult patients with advanced OC who have been treated with  $\geq 3$  prior chemotherapy regimens and whose cancer is associated with HRd status, defined by either:
    - A deleterious or suspected deleterious *BRCA* mutation, or
    - Genomic instability and progression  $>6$  months after response to the last platinum-based chemotherapy<sup>1,3</sup>
- In patients with newly diagnosed advanced OC, the PRIMA/ENGOT-OV26/GOG-3012 trial showed a significant improvement in PFS for patients receiving niraparib compared with those receiving placebo, regardless of biomarker status (HRd or HRp)<sup>4</sup>
- The PAOLA-1 study demonstrated a significant improvement in PFS for patients receiving bevacizumab + olaparib maintenance compared with those receiving bevacizumab alone in the ITT cohort, although the hazard ratio was 1.0 in the HRd-negative/HRp subgroup<sup>5</sup>
- The AVANOVA study of niraparib + bevacizumab demonstrated a significant improvement in PFS compared with niraparib alone in patients with platinum-sensitive OC<sup>6</sup>
  - Adjusted hazard ratio 0.35 (95% CI 0.21–0.57,  $P < 0.0001$ )

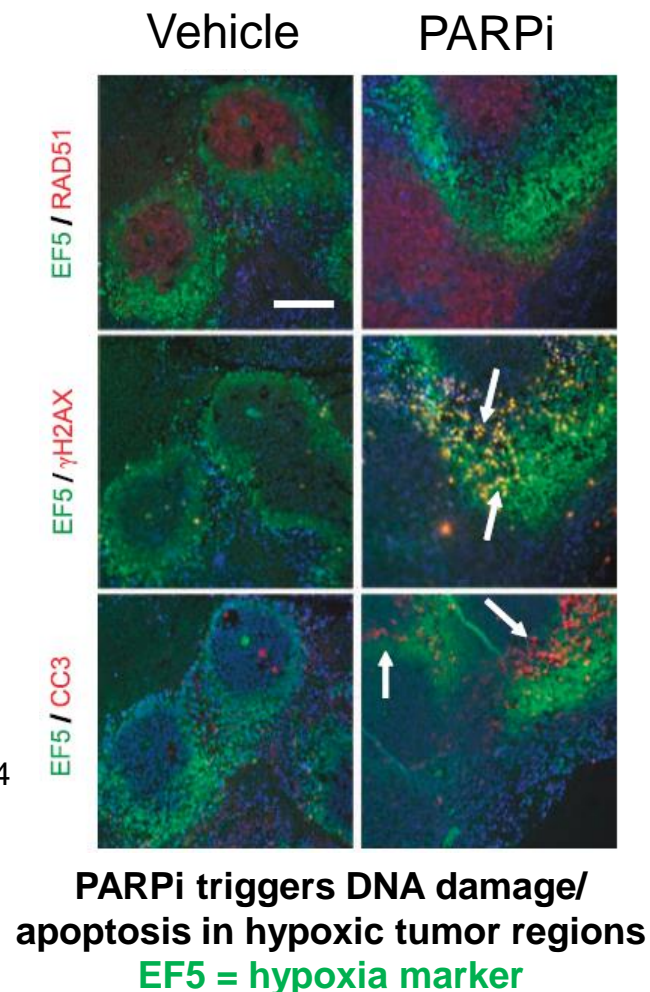
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# Rationale for PARPi + VEGFi

## Hypothesis: VEGFi-related hypoxia-induced functional HRd

- Acute hypoxia induces DNA damage and activates the DNA repair pathway<sup>1</sup>
- Chronic hypoxia leads to suppression of HR gene expression (*RAD51*, *BRCA1*) and functional deficiency in DNA repair through HR<sup>1-2</sup>
  - Mechanism linked to promotor methylation; therefore, induced HRd could be durable<sup>3</sup>
- PARP inhibition results in accumulation of damaged DNA in hypoxic tumor regions and triggers cell death<sup>4</sup>
- Combination of PARPi and VEGFi may confer contextual synthetic lethality



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HR, homologous recombination; HRd, homologous recombination deficiency; PARP, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase; PARPi, PARP inhibitor; VEGFi, vascular endothelial growth factor inhibitor.

# Objectives

- OVARIO (NCT03326193) is a single-arm study evaluating niraparib + bevacizumab combination treatment in advanced OC after response to front-line platinum-based chemotherapy + bevacizumab
- The primary objective of the trial is PFS rate at 18 months, and today we will report the landmark 6 and 12-month PFS rates
- Identify possible new safety signals for niraparib + bevacizumab

OC, ovarian cancer; PFS, progression-free survival.



# Trial Design

Patients with newly diagnosed high-grade serous or endometrioid stage IIIB or IV epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or peritoneal cancer who achieved a CR, PR, or NED result after front-line platinum-based chemotherapy + bevacizumab

All patients underwent tissue testing for HRd at enrollment

Niraparib (200 or 300 mg QD) + bevacizumab (15 mg/kg Q3W)

Starting niraparib dose, n (%)	N=105
200 mg (<77 kg and/or platelet count <150,000/ $\mu$ L)	82 (78)
300 mg (all others)	23 (22)

## Endpoint assessment

<b>Primary endpoint</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFS rate at 18 months (PFS18)</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall survival</li> <li>Time to first subsequent therapy</li> <li>Time to second subsequent therapy</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Patient-reported outcomes</li> <li>RECIST or CA-125 PFS</li> </ul>
<b>Exploratory endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFS rate at 6 months (PFS6) and 12 months (PFS12)</li> </ul>
<b>Statistical analysis plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficacy: the proportion will be estimated by frequency analysis, and corresponding 95% exact CI will be reported</li> <li>KM method will be applied to estimate PFS18                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFS6 and PFS12</li> </ul> </li> <li>Progression will be assessed by RECIST v1.1 per investigator</li> </ul>

CA-125, cancer antigen 125; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; HRd, homologous recombination deficiency; KM, Kaplan-Meier; NED, no evidence of disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; Q3W, once every 3 weeks; QD, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.



# Baseline Patient Demographics and Characteristics

Parameter	Overall N=105
<b>Age, years</b>	
Median (min–max)	60.0 (37–82)
<b>Weight, kg</b>	
Median (min–max)	67.7 (42.7–149.2)
<b>ECOG, n (%)</b>	
0	66 (63)
1	39 (37)
<b>Stage at diagnosis, n (%)</b>	
IIIA/IIIB	11 (10)
IIIC	72 (69)
IV	22 (21)
<b>Histological subtype at diagnosis, n (%)</b>	
Serous	100 (95)
Endometrioid	4 (4)
Undifferentiated	1 (1)

Parameter	Overall N=105
<b>Biomarker status, n (%)</b>	
HRd	49 (47)
<i>BRCAmut</i>	29 (28)
<i>BRCAw</i>	16 (15)
HRp	38 (36)
HRnd*	18 (17)
<b>Neoadjuvant chemotherapy, n (%)</b>	
Yes	66 (63)
No	39 (37)
<b>History of hypertension, n (%)</b>	
Yes	51 (49)
No	54 (51)
<b>Response after surgery/platinum-based CT, n (%)</b>	
CR/NED	66 (63)
PR	39 (37)

\*Test inconclusive or failed or insufficient tissue.

CR, complete response; CT, chemotherapy; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; HRd, homologous recombination deficient; HRnd, homologous recombination not determined; HRp, homologous recombination proficient; mut, mutant; NED, no evidence of disease; PR, partial response; wt, wild-type.





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# PFS Rate at 6 Months and 12 Months

- There is a continuum of benefit of niraparib + bevacizumab in the biomarker subgroups

Parameter	Overall N=105	HRd n=49	HRp n=38	HRnd n=18
Events at 6 months, n	11	1	7	3
6-month PFS rate, % (95% CI)	90 (82–95)	98 (89–100)	82 (66–92)	83 (59–96)
Events at 12 months, n	26	6	13	7
12-month PFS rate, % (95% CI)	75 (66–83)	88 (75–95)	66 (49–80)	61 (36–83)

6- and 12-month PFS efficacy population (N=105) includes all OVARIO patients dosed  $\geq 6$  and  $\geq 12$  months from data cutoff dates of August 14, 2019, and February 14, 2020 (last patient enrolled February 14, 2019). Median follow-up was 8.6 and 12.8 months.

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# Treatment-Related TEAE Summary

- No new safety signals were identified

Parameter, n (%)	Overall N=105
Any TEAE	103 (98)
Any related grade $\geq 3$ TEAE	77 (73)
Any serious TEAE	17 (16)
TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation	26 (25)
TEAE leading to dose reduction	75 (71)
TEAE leading to treatment interruption	85 (81)

Related to niraparib.  
TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



# Any Treatment-Related TEAEs in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients

Preferred term, n (%)	Any grade N=105	Grade $\geq 3$ N=105
Thrombocytopenia*	74 (70)	39 (37)
Fatigue	59 (56)	9 (9)
Nausea	54 (51)	1 (1)
Anemia*	52 (50)	34 (32)
Hypertension	52 (50)	27 (26)
Proteinuria	40 (38)	3 (3)
Headache	33 (31)	5 (5)
Neutropenia*	29 (28)	13 (12)
Leukopenia*	25 (24)	0
Epistaxis	19 (18)	0
Vomiting	16 (15)	1 (1)
Dyspnea	14 (13)	1 (1)
Constipation	13 (12)	0
Stomatitis	12 (11)	4 (4)
Decreased appetite	12 (11)	0
Arthralgia	12 (11)	2 (2)

\*Thrombocytopenia includes platelet count decreased; anemia includes hemoglobin decreased; neutropenia includes neutrophil count decreased; leukopenia includes white blood cell count decreased.

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



# Conclusions

- Preliminary data suggest that niraparib in combination with bevacizumab is efficacious in the overall population and across all biomarker subgroups, consistent with the continuum of clinical benefit observed with monotherapy niraparib maintenance treatment in the PRIMA trial
- At the 12-month landmark analysis, 75% of patients in the overall population remained progression free
- Consistent with other PARPi + bevacizumab studies, the rates of treatment discontinuation are higher for combination than for monotherapy alone
- Safety of the niraparib + bevacizumab was consistent with the known side effects of each drug as monotherapy

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