

Elucidation of PARP Inhibitor Activity in *BRC*Awt Recurrent Ovarian Cancer by HRR Mutational Gene Profile Analysis

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BACKGROUND

- Niraparib is an oral, selective poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase inhibitor approved for maintenance treatment of patients with *BRCA*-mutated (*BRC*Amut) and *BRCA* wild-type (*BRC*Awt) recurrent ovarian cancer who are in response to platinum-based chemotherapy.
- In the non-germline *BRC*Amut (non-*gBRC*Amut) cohort of the ENGOT-OV16/NOVA trial, clinical benefit with niraparib vs placebo was seen in patients regardless of their Myriad myChoice® HRD status (*BRC*Amut and homologous recombination deficiency [HRD] score), with a hazard ratio (HR) of 0.38 and 0.58 in HRD-positive (HRDpos) and HRD-negative (HRDneg) patients, respectively.¹

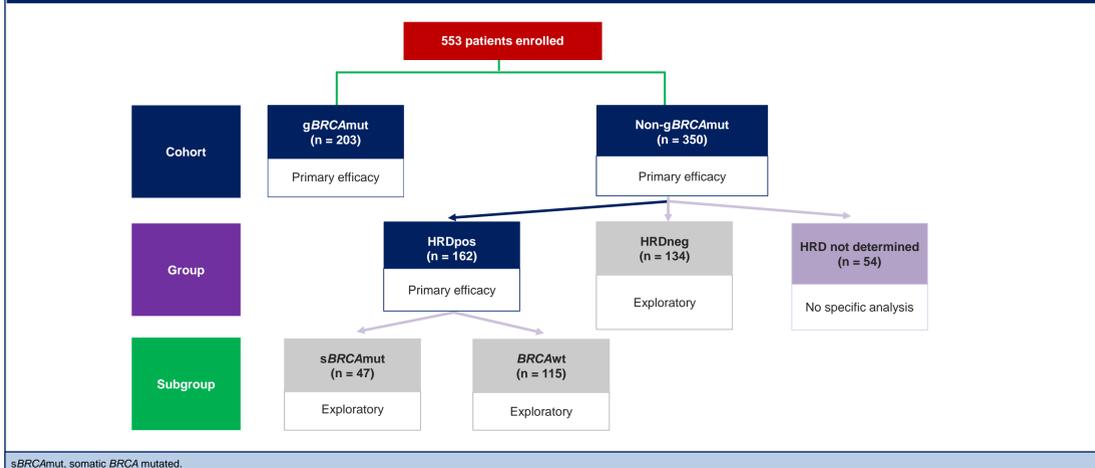
OBJECTIVES

- To determine if treatment benefit in HRDneg patients may result from mutations in other HRR genes, by examining the relationship between progression-free survival (PFS) and other homologous recombination repair (HRR) gene mutations in the ENGOT-OV16/NOVA non-*gBRC*Amut cohort.

METHODS

- Archival ovarian cancer specimens were required for the 553 patients randomized in ENGOT-OV16/NOVA and were sequenced using the Myriad HRD assay to identify deleterious mutations in 43 DNA damage repair (DDR) genes.
 - Tumor HRD score was detected by the Myriad myChoice® HRD assay.
 - A retrospective, exploratory biomarker analysis was conducted using all available tumor samples from 331 patients enrolled in the ENGOT-OV16/NOVA non-*gBRC*Amut cohort.
- Mutation status of HRR genes was evaluated using a 43-gene next-generation sequencing assay (Myriad Genetics), including *BRCA1/2* and 16 additional HRR genes. The 18 HRR genes are:
 - ATM, BAP1, BARD1, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, MRE11A, NBN, PALB2, RAD50, RAD51B, RAD51C, RAD51D, RAD54B, RAD54L, ATR, XRCC2, and XRCC3.*

Figure 1. ENGOT-OV16/NOVA trial design



RESULTS

- In this exploratory analysis of the non-*gBRC*Amut cohort, niraparib demonstrated clinical benefit in patients with somatic *BRCA* mutations (*sBRC*Amut; HR, 0.27) and in *BRC*Awt patients (HR, 0.47).
- In addition, *BRC*Awt patients with other HRR gene mutations also derived benefit from niraparib (HR, 0.31), as did *BRC*Awt/HRR wild-type (HRRwt) patients (HR, 0.49).
- When *BRC*Awt/HRRwt patients were categorized by HRD score, clinical benefit was also observed in both HRDpos and HRDneg patients, with HRs of 0.33 and 0.60, respectively.

Figure 2. Mutation prevalence of 18 HRR genes in TCGA²

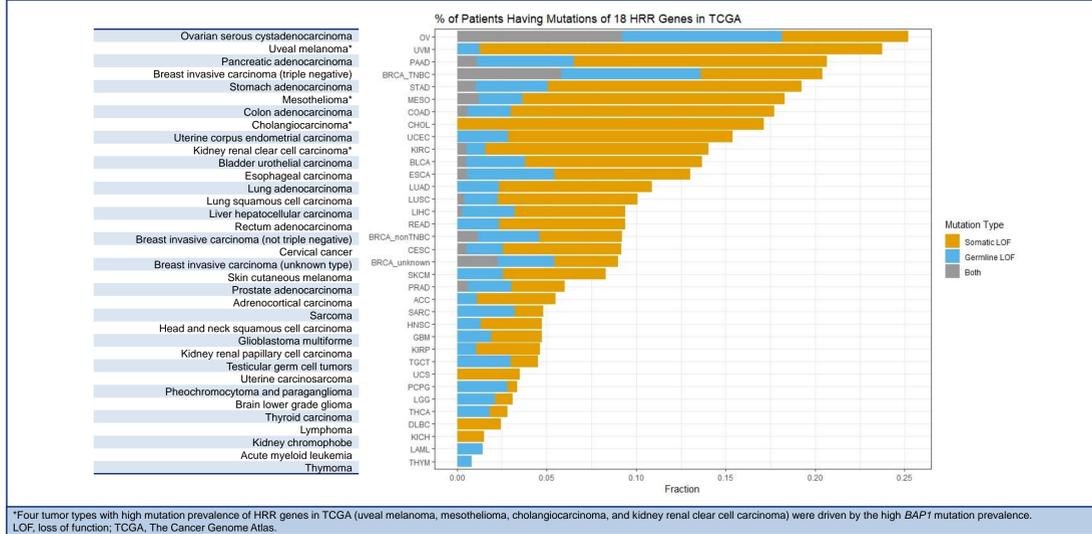


Figure 3. Clinical benefit in biomarker subgroups in the non-*gBRC*Amut cohort of ENGOT-OV16/NOVA

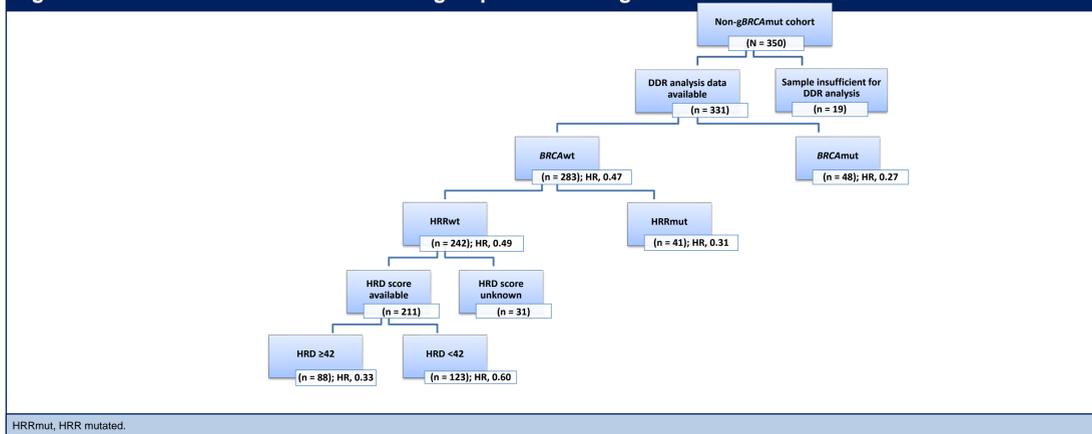


Figure 4. Histogram of Myriad HRD scores for all samples

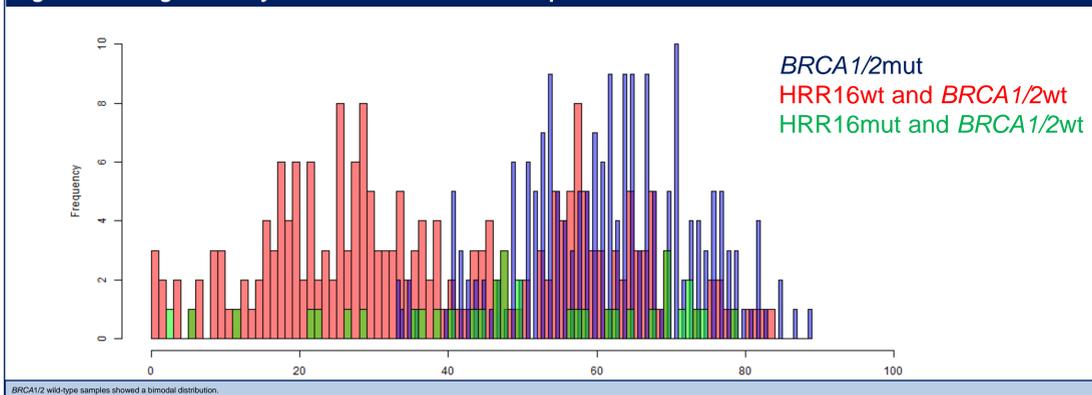


Figure 5. Comparable clinical benefit of niraparib in *BRC*Awt patients with other HRR mutations vs patients carrying somatic *BRCA* mutations

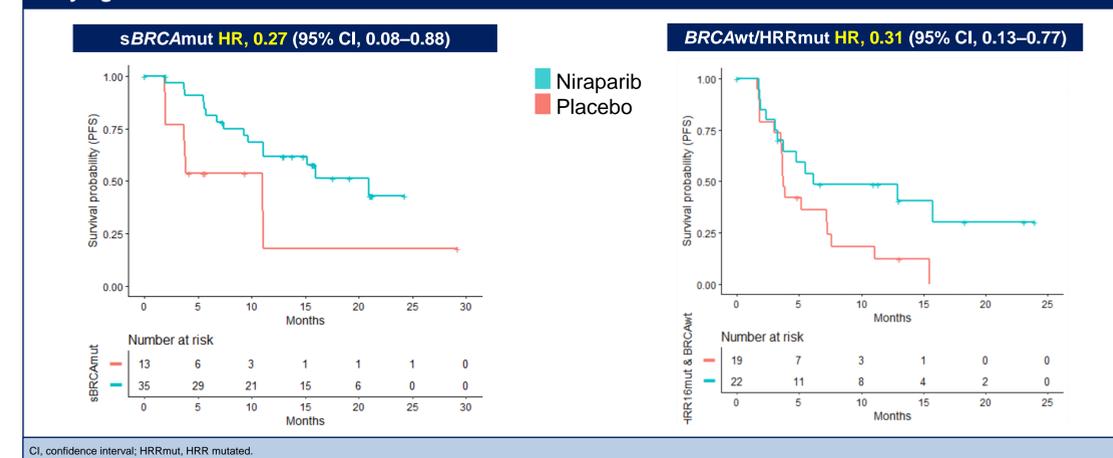
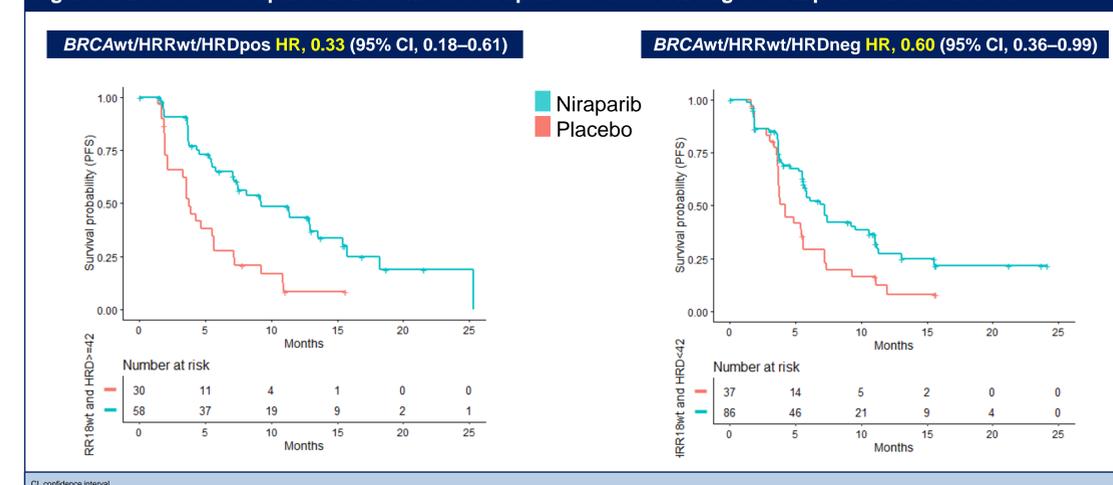


Figure 6. Benefit of niraparib in *BRC*Awt/HRRwt patients with HRDneg or HRDpos ovarian cancers



CONCLUSIONS

- This retrospective, exploratory analysis of the ENGOT-OV16/NOVA non-*gBRC*Amut cohort suggests that, although patients with somatic *BRCA* and other HRR mutations benefit from niraparib treatment, clinical benefit is also seen in HRDneg patients without HRR mutations, perhaps related to other genomic, epigenetic, or functional alterations within ovarian tumors yet to be defined.
- These results suggest that, although these biomarkers have good positive predictive value, they are not good negative predictors for niraparib benefit in this indication.

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