

Biomarker-Based Phase II Trial of Savolitinib in Patients With Advanced Papillary Renal Cell Cancer

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Purpose

Patients with advanced papillary renal cell carcinoma (PRCC) have limited therapeutic options. PRCC may involve activation of the MET pathway, for example, through gene amplification or mutations. Savolitinib (AZD6094, HMPL-504, volitinib) is a highly selective MET tyrosine kinase inhibitor. We report results of a single-arm, multicenter, phase II study evaluating the safety and efficacy of savolitinib in patients with PRCC according to MET status.

Patients and Methods

Patients with histologically confirmed locally advanced or metastatic PRCC were enrolled and received savolitinib 600 mg orally once daily. MET-driven PRCC was defined as any of the following: chromosome 7 copy gain, focal *MET* or *HGF* gene amplification, or MET kinase domain mutations. Efficacy was assessed according to MET status. Safety, toxicity, and patient-reported health-related quality-of-life outcomes were assessed in all patients.

Results

Of 109 patients treated, PRCC was MET driven in 44 (40%) and MET independent in 46 (42%); MET status was unknown in 19 (17%). MET-driven PRCC was strongly associated with response; there were eight confirmed partial responders with MET-driven disease (18%), but none with MET-independent disease ($P = .002$). Median progression-free survival for patients with MET-driven and MET-independent PRCC was 6.2 months (95% CI, 4.1 to 7.0 months) and 1.4 months (95% CI, 1.4 to 2.7 months), respectively (hazard ratio, 0.33; 95% CI, 0.20 to 0.52; log-rank $P < .001$). The most frequent adverse events associated with savolitinib were nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and peripheral edema.

Conclusion

These data show activity and tolerability of savolitinib in the subgroup of patients with MET-driven PRCC. Furthermore, molecular characterization of MET status was more predictive of response to savolitinib than a classification based on pathology. These findings justify investigating savolitinib in MET-driven PRCC.

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INTRODUCTION

Renal cell carcinoma (RCC) is a heterogeneous disease comprising several histologic subtypes with different genetic and biochemical characteristics; clear cell RCC is the most frequent, accounting for 75% to 90% of renal malignancies.¹ Of the non-clear cell renal carcinomas, papillary RCC (PRCC) is the most common, with a recent study of patients with metastatic non-clear cell RCC reporting 40% as papillary by histology, followed by chromophobe RCC ($\leq 5\%$) and other less common subtypes.¹⁻³ In 2017, it is

estimated 64,000 new cases of RCC will be diagnosed in the United States, equating to up to 6,400 cases of PRCC.⁴

Somatic PRCC is conventionally classified into two histologic subtypes (type 1 and type 2), with a worse prognosis reported for type 2.⁵⁻⁹ Molecular profiling of PRCC corroborates disease linkage demonstrated by studying rare hereditary syndromes that lead to RCC. *MET* mutations are associated with hereditary papillary renal carcinoma and phenocopy PRCC type 1 histologies, whereas fumarate hydratase mutations in hereditary leiomyomatosis RCC are associated with a subset of papillary type 2 histologies.¹⁰

ASSOCIATED CONTENT



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Molecular classification based on MET or hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) aberrations may provide more clinically relevant and reproducible indicators of tumor behavior than histologic subtype. Two recent cohorts of molecular analyses of PRCC have confirmed the utility of molecular features to reclassify this disease.^{11,12}

Activation of the HGF/MET axis triggers tumor growth, promotes angiogenesis, and induces metastasis.¹³ MET activation is also associated with treatment resistance¹⁴⁻¹⁶ and correlates with poor prognosis in many tumor types, including clear cell RCC.¹⁷⁻²¹ Germline mutations in the *MET* gene, found on chromosome 7q31, were first described in patients with hereditary PRCC. In addition to *MET* mutations,²²⁻²⁴ copy number gain of chromosome 7 (containing loci of both the MET receptor gene, *MET*, and its ligand, *HGF*) is common, occurring in 45% to 75% of sporadic PRCC cases, and copy number alterations of *MET* occur in 81% of type 1 and 46% of type 2 PRCCs.^{11,12}

Currently, prognosis for patients with advanced PRCC is poor, because of the limited efficacy of currently available therapies, which were mainly developed for clear cell RCC. In studies of patients with PRCC, a majority of whom were previously untreated, treatment with the multireceptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor sunitinib typically showed an objective response rate (ORR) of less than 10% and a median progression-free survival (PFS) of approximately ≤ 6 months.²⁵⁻²⁹ These data compare unfavorably with an ORR of 25% to 30% and a median PFS of 9.5 to 11 months for patients with treatment-naïve clear cell RCC receiving sunitinib.³⁰⁻³³ The activity of foretinib, a multikinase inhibitor targeting MET, vascular endothelial growth factor, RON, AXL, and TIE-2 receptors, against PRCC was assessed in a phase II study.³⁴ Tumor responses were reported in five of 10 patients with germline *MET* mutations, compared with five of 57 patients without such a mutation, suggesting potential benefit for patients with MET-driven PRCC.

Savolitinib (AZD6094, HMPL-504, volitinib) is a potent, selective MET inhibitor being investigated as a targeted therapy for patients with non-small-cell lung cancer in combination with osimertinib,³⁵ as well as for patients with advanced or metastatic PRCC. On the basis of preclinical data and a phase I study showing partial responses in three of six patients with PRCC,^{36,37} a single-arm, multicenter, phase II study was conducted to evaluate the safety and efficacy of savolitinib in patients with PRCC and to correlate savolitinib activity with MET pathway alterations.

PATIENTS AND METHODS

Patients

Eligible patients had histologically confirmed locally advanced or metastatic PRCC, with central and/or local laboratory-confirmed pathology on pretreatment archival tumor tissue. Papillary histology was independently reviewed by two pathologists; if a consensus was not reached, a third review was performed by a pathologist at an independent institute. Other inclusion criteria included: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status of 0 or 1, life expectancy ≥ 12 weeks, age ≥ 18 years, and adequate hematologic, hepatic, and renal function. Exclusion criteria included prior or current MET inhibitor treatment, at the discretion of the study monitor. One patient who had received foretinib 3.5 years earlier was included. The first patient was dosed on May 21, 2014.

All patients provided written informed consent. The study was performed in accordance with ethical principles originating in the Declaration of Helsinki and was consistent with International Conference on Harmonisation/Good Clinical Practice guidelines, applicable regulatory requirements, and the AstraZeneca policy on bioethics and human biologic samples.

Study Design and Objectives

This single-arm, multicenter, global, phase II study evaluated the safety and efficacy of savolitinib in patients with PRCC irrespective of prior treatment. The primary objective was to assess savolitinib antitumor activity in patients with PRCC and by MET status, as measured by investigator assessment of ORR according to Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST; version 1.1).³⁸ Secondary objectives included change in target lesion tumor size from baseline and PFS (time from first dosing until objective disease progression or death resulting from any cause) in all patients and by MET status according to RECIST (version 1.1).

Study Drug Administration

Patients received savolitinib 600 mg orally once daily, until RECIST (version 1.1)-defined progression or treatment discontinuation criteria were met. A treatment cycle was defined as 21 days.

Study Assessments

Screening and baseline assessments were obtained ≤ 28 days before the first savolitinib dose. After baseline evaluation, objective tumor assessments were performed every 6 weeks (± 7 days) for the first 12 months and every 12 weeks thereafter until disease progression. Response to treatment was assessed by ORR, stable disease, and PFS. Blood samples for pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic, germline DNA, and pharmacogenetic analyses were collected.

Patient-reported health-related quality-of-life outcomes and disease-related symptoms were collected at the start of the first three treatment cycles and then every 6 weeks, up to and including at discontinuation. The Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy (FACT)-General, FACT Kidney Symptom Index-19 (FKSI-19), and European Quality of Life 5-Dimensions 5-Levels (EQ-5D-5L) were used.

The safety and tolerability of savolitinib were assessed according to Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (version 4.03). Adverse events (AEs) and medical/surgical history were classified according to the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (version 18.1) and recorded from on or after the first dose until 30 days after the last dose of savolitinib. End of study for ORR was January 29, 2016; data cutoff for PFS was June 27, 2016.

Assessment of MET Pathway Status

Next-generation sequencing of archival tumor tissue was analyzed using a targeted 400-gene panel (version T7; Foundation Medicine, Cambridge, MA) as previously described.³⁹ PRCC was confirmed as MET driven by identification of *MET* copy number gain (either chromosome 7 gain or a focal *MET* amplification of \geq six copies), *HGF* gene amplification (\geq six copies), or MET kinase domain mutations (allele frequency $> 5\%$). The Appendix (online only) provides more information on assessment of MET status. Focal *MET* amplifications were confirmed by fluorescent in situ hybridization.

Statistical Considerations

The trial size was designed to detect a response rate (ORR) of greater than 10% in patients with MET-driven disease while accounting for the estimated prevalence of this target population. A sample size of 50 patients with MET-driven PRCC allowed this signal detection at a 90% two-sided confidence level with at least 80% power assuming the true response rate was 25% or better. Analyses of outcome measures were descriptive, and

tests for significant differences were conducted between patients with MET-driven and MET-independent PRCC.

RESULTS

Patients and Treatment

In total, 111 patients were enrolled, and 109 received at least one dose of savolitinib (treatment population). Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics are listed in Table 1. Patient demographics were as expected for a population with advanced PRCC. Most patients (n = 107; 98%) had metastatic disease, and 49 (45%), 80 (73%), and 22 (20%) had previously undergone systemic

therapy, nephrectomy, or radiotherapy, respectively. Overall, 28 (26%) had received sunitinib.

PRCC was MET driven in 44 patients (40%) and MET independent in 46 (42%). MET status was unknown in 19 patients (17%). Baseline characteristics of patients with MET-driven and -independent disease were generally similar (Table 1). In 25 patients (23%), it was not possible to define the tumor as type 1 or 2, partly as a result of limited tissue available for central review, because typically only a single block from each patient case is provided. The proportions classified as type 1 and type 2 PRCC by central review differed according to MET status; among patients with MET-driven PRCC, 12 (27%) were classified as type 1 and 23 (52%) as type 2, whereas among patients with MET-independent

Table 1. Patient Demographic and Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Characteristic	No. (%)			Total (N = 109)
	MET Driven (n = 44)	MET Independent (n = 46)	MET Unknown (n = 19)	
Age, years				
Median	64	64	58	64
Range	23-87	29-75	37-80	23-87
Sex				
Female	12 (27)	11 (24)	8 (42)	31 (28)
Male	32 (73)	35 (76)	11 (58)	78 (72)
Race				
White	38 (86)	40 (87)	18 (95)	96 (88)
Black or African American	5 (11)	2 (4)	1 (5)	8 (7)
Asian	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Other	1 (2)	3 (7)	0 (0)	4 (4)
ECOG performance status				
0	18 (41)	25 (54)	8 (42)	51 (47)
1	26 (59)	21 (46)	11 (58)	58 (53)
PRCC confirmation*				
Yes	35 (80)	39 (85)	10 (53)	84 (77)
No	9 (21)	7 (15)	9 (47)	25 (23)
Renal cell classification*				
Type 1 PRCC	12 (27)	2 (4)	2 (11)	16 (15)
Type 2 PRCC	23 (52)	37 (80)	8 (42)	68 (62)
Subtype unclassifiable	9 (21)	7 (15)	9 (47)	25 (23)
Tumor grade*†				
Low	0 (0)	4 (9)	1 (5)	5 (5)
Intermediate	8 (18)	11 (24)	5 (26)	24 (22)
High	12 (27)	15 (33)	4 (21)	31 (28)
Missing‡	24 (55)	16 (35)	9 (47)	49 (45)
MSKCC risk group				
Favorable	3 (7)	10 (22)	2 (11)	15 (14)
Intermediate	28 (64)	14 (30)	7 (37)	49 (45)
Poor	2 (5)	4 (9)	4 (21)	10 (9)
Missing	11 (25)	18 (39)	6 (32)	35 (32)
No. of prior systemic therapies				
0	26 (59)	23 (50)	11 (58)	60 (55)
1	12 (27)	10 (22)	3 (16)	25 (23)
2	3 (7)	5 (11)	2 (11)	10 (9)
≥ 3	3 (7)	8 (17)	3 (16)	14 (13)
Prior immunotherapy	6 (14)	3 (7)	1 (5)	10 (9)
Prior radiotherapy	9 (21)	10 (22)	3 (16)	22 (20)
Prior surgery				
Nephrectomy	32 (73)	35 (76)	13 (68)	80 (73)
Lymphadenectomy	8 (18)	9 (20)	1 (5)	18 (17)
Adrenalectomy	4 (9)	4 (9)	2 (11)	10 (9)

Abbreviations: ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; PRCC, papillary renal cell carcinoma.

*On the basis of central laboratory data; in 25 patients, confirmation was not possible partly because of limited tissue available for central review (typically only a single block from each patient case is provided) or the subtype of PRCC was not considered classifiable.

†Modified Fuhrman nuclear grade: low, grade 1 or 2; intermediate, grade 3; and high, grade 4.

‡Mainly because of missing baseline lactate dehydrogenase values. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

PRCC, the proportions were two (4%) and 37 patients (80%), respectively (Table 1).

Objective Disease Response

In the overall treatment population, the ORR was 7%. However, when assessed by MET status, the ORR was significantly higher in patients with MET-driven PRCC (eight partial responses [18%; PRs] among 44 patients) than with MET-independent PRCC (zero [0%] PRs among 46 patients; $P = .002$; Table 2). Categorization of MET-driven PRCC by histologic subtype showed two (17%) of 12 patients with type 1 and one (4%) of 23 patients with type 2 PRCC exhibited a PR. Five patients with a PR were not classified as having either type 1 or 2 disease by central review.

Stable disease was achieved in 22 patients (50%) with MET-driven PRCC and 11 (24%) with MET-independent disease (Table 2). Waterfall plots for maximal tumor response by MET status are shown in Figure 1. Of 44 patients with MET-driven PRCC, 27 (61%) experienced some tumor shrinkage (range, -0.7% to -66% shrinkage), whereas nine (20%) of 46 patients with MET-independent PRCC had any tumor shrinkage (range, -0.5% to -20% shrinkage).

PFS and Duration of Response

In the treatment population, 82 patients (75%) experienced progression, died, or discontinued therapy, and 27 (25%) continued to receive study drug or remained in follow-up at end of study. As of the June 27, 2016, data cutoff, 41 patients had died and 19 were still receiving savolitinib. Disease progression occurred in 33 (75%), 44 (96%), and 14 patients (74%) with MET-driven, MET-independent, and MET-unknown PRCC, respectively. Patients with MET-driven PRCC had a significantly longer median PFS than those with MET-independent disease (6.2 months; 95% CI, 4.1 to 7.0 months ν 1.4 months; 95% CI, 1.4 to 2.7 months, respectively). The PFS hazard ratio (HR) for patients with MET-driven PRCC was 0.33 (95% CI, 0.20 to 0.52) compared with MET-independent PRCC (log-rank $P < .001$; Fig 2). After discontinuation of savolitinib, 10 (23%) and 14 patients (30%) with MET-driven and MET-independent disease, respectively, received additional lines of therapy for PRCC. Of the eight patients exhibiting a PR, six were still responding to treatment at data cutoff, with a duration of response of 2.4 to 16.4 months. Two patients who achieved

a PR subsequently experienced progressive disease after 1.8 and 2.8 months.

Activity by Lines of Prior Therapy

Of the patients achieving a PR, three had received no prior therapy and five had received one or more previous lines of treatment. For the 38 patients (35%) with a best response of stable disease, 24 had received no previous therapy and 14 had received one or more prior lines of treatment. Among patients with progressive disease, 26 had received no prior therapy and 22 had received one or more lines of treatment. Prior cancer therapies are listed in Appendix Table A1 (online only).

Patient-Reported Outcomes: Quality of Life

Quality-of-life data were collected via the FACT-G, FKSI-19, and EQ-5D-5L questionnaires. Overall, during savolitinib treatment, scores for symptoms and quality of life were maintained at similar values to those reported at baseline, irrespective of the questionnaire used (Appendix Table A2, online only). This suggests that, among patients completing the questionnaires, there was little change in these outcomes during the study.

Safety and Tolerability

The overall incidence of AEs and those considered treatment related occurring in $\geq 3\%$ of patients who received at least one dose of savolitinib are listed in Table 3. Most patients (88%) experienced at least one AE considered by the investigator to be related to study drug. Abnormal liver function tests were reported in 20% of patients, irrespective of MET status. The most frequently observed hepatic AEs were increased blood AST in 12 patients (11%) and ALT in 11 patients (10%), which were grade 3 or higher in four (4%) and five patients (5%), respectively. Three patients reported serious AEs considered at least related to treatment; these were: grade 3 pneumonitis, grade 4 elevated transaminases, and grade 4 drug-induced liver injury, which led to death resulting from hepatic encephalopathy.

A total of 13 AEs in nine patients (6%) led to drug discontinuation. These AEs included increased ALT and peripheral edema (both in two patients) and individual events of increased AST, proteinuria, pain, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and embolism. Dosing was delayed for 47 patients (43%); in 38 (35%) of these patients, the delay was because of an AE. Fourteen patients (13%) had dose reductions as a result of an AE at some time during the study.

DISCUSSION

To our knowledge, this is the largest study of patients with advanced or metastatic PRCC with central pathology review and biomarker analysis used to define MET-driven and MET-independent PRCC. Patients experiencing responses in this study were found only in the group with MET-driven disease, indicating that savolitinib may suppress MET-driven tumor growth. Furthermore, PFS for those with MET-driven tumors was significantly longer (6.2 months) compared with those with MET-independent disease (1.4 months). Continued long-term follow-up

Table 2. Tumor Responses in Overall Treatment Population and by MET Status

RECIST Response	No. (%)			Total (N = 109)
	MET Driven (n = 44)	MET Independent (n = 46)	MET Unknown (n = 19)	
PR*	8 (18)†	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (7)
SD	22 (50)	11 (24)	5 (26)	38 (35)
PD	11 (25)	28 (61)	9 (47)	48 (44)
NE	3 (7)	7 (15)	5 (26)	15 (14)

Abbreviations: PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease; NE, not evaluable.

*Unconfirmed responses excluded.

† $P = .002$ versus MET-independent subgroup (Fisher's exact test). Responses assessed according to RECIST (version 1.1).

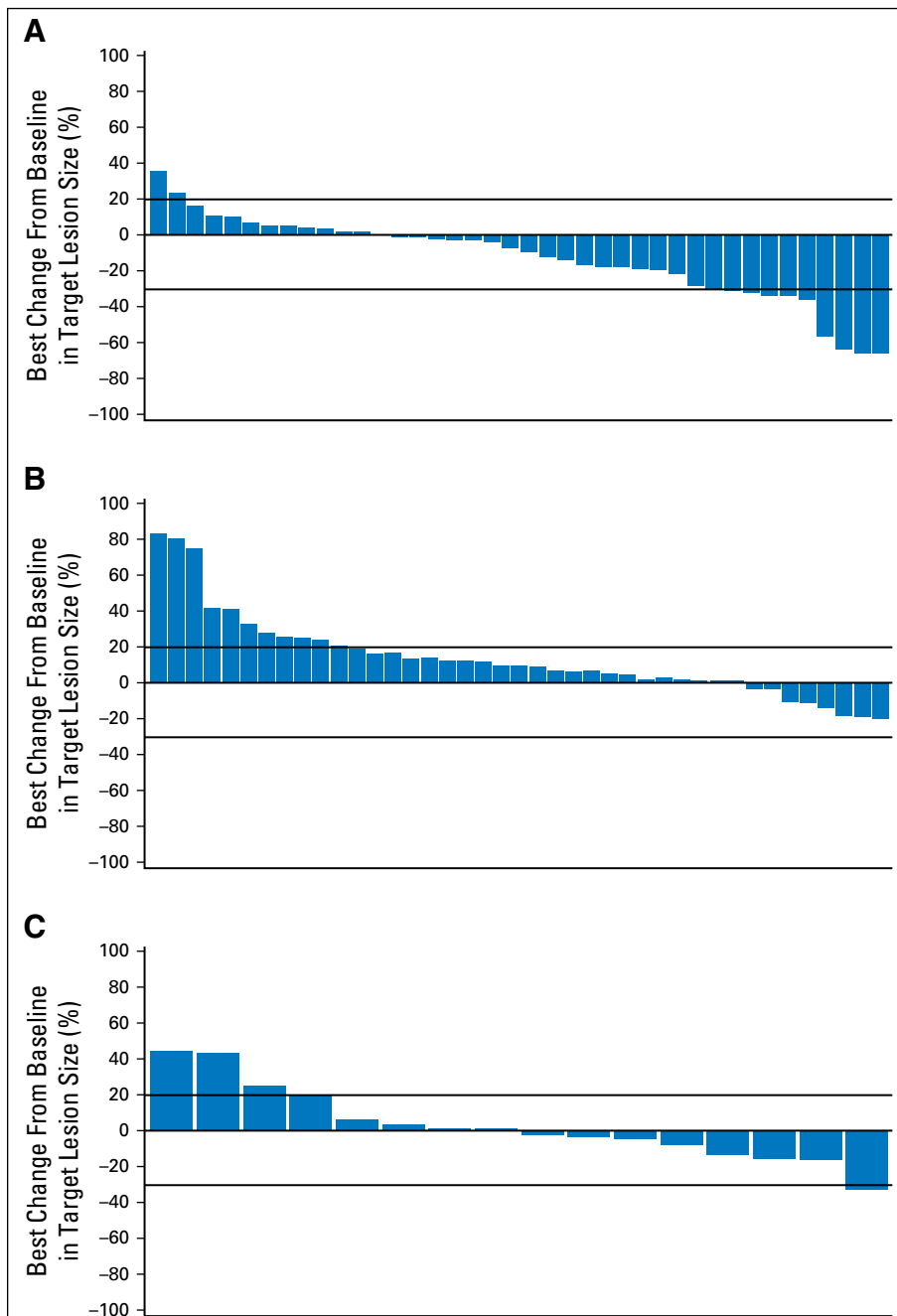


Fig 1. Best percentage change in tumor size from baseline according to MET status. Investigator-assessed measurements of target lesion size using RECIST (version 1.0) in patients with papillary renal cell carcinoma (PRCC) and MET status assessment with measurable disease at baseline and at least one postbaseline measurement. (A) MET-driven PRCC (n = 40); (B) MET-independent PRCC (n = 41); and (C) MET status unknown (n = 16).

will allow further assessment of the difference in PFS and provide data on overall survival.

The analysis of *MET* mutations, copy number gain, or gain of chromosome 7 in patients defined as having type 1 or type 2 PRCC on the basis of pathology challenges the view that aberrations in *MET* are mainly associated with type 1 PRCC. Our study found *MET* copy number gain (either chromosomal or focal) in 72% of type 1 PRCCs and 46% of type 2 PRCCs, which is comparable to previous reports of *MET* copy number gain in 81% and 46% of type 1 and type 2 PRCCs, respectively.¹¹ The frequency of *MET* kinase domain mutations identified here is also similar to data from The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network of 15%, 2%,

and 12% in type 1, type 2, and unclassified PRCCs, respectively.¹² Of note, the The Cancer Genome Atlas publication reported any *MET* gene mutation, whereas our study considered only kinase domain mutations. This may explain the slightly reduced frequency of *MET* mutations in our study and suggests the molecular features of PRCC reported here are comparable to those of previously published cohorts. Overall, MET status was more predictive of response to savolitinib in our study than a classification based on pathology; all partial responders had archival tumor samples that harbored a copy number gain in the *MET* pathway (*HGF*, *MET*, or chromosome 7), some in combination with a *MET* kinase domain mutation. This suggests that genomic profiling can better identify

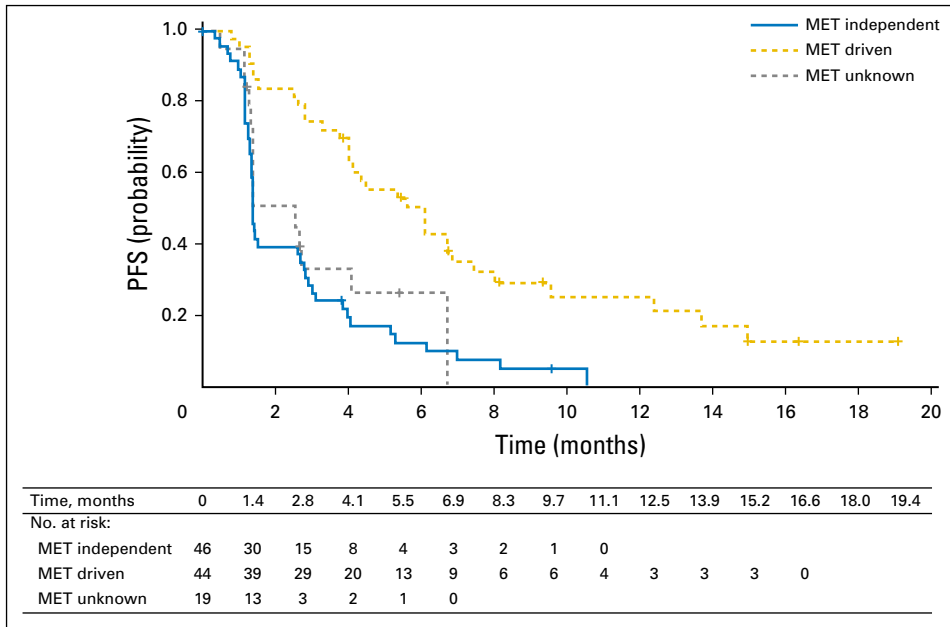


Fig 2. Kaplan-Meier estimate of progression-free survival (PFS), defined as time from the date of first dosing until the date of objective disease progression or death resulting from any cause, in patients with papillary renal cell carcinoma by MET status (treatment population). (+) indicates censored event.

patients who may respond to savolitinib than can the type 1 or type 2 histologic subtype, adding relevance to the use of genomic profiling in such studies. MET pathway PRCC tumors have also been identified by others to not only be associated with type 1 histology.¹²

Overall, savolitinib was generally well tolerated, with the three most common AEs (nausea, fatigue, and vomiting) also commonly reported previously by patients with PRCC receiving foretinib.³⁴ Other AEs occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of patients in our study were peripheral edema, ALT and AST increases, serum creatinine increase, and decreased appetite. Increased ALT and AST have been reported in patients with PRCC treated with foretinib (in 22% and 24% of patients, respectively) and sunitinib (up to 74% of patients).^{26,27,34} A majority of these events, as in our study, were grade 1 or 2. Dosing of savolitinib was only reduced in four patients because of abnormal liver function, and two patients discontinued treatment because of abnormal AST or ALT levels.

Following the history of evaluating MET inhibitors for the treatment of RCC, these results with savolitinib are encouraging. There have been numerous reasons why earlier MET inhibitors have failed during drug development. For example, tivantinib was reported to be a selective MET inhibitor, but a subsequent study reported similar suppression of both MET-dependent and MET-independent tumor cell lines, via inhibition of microtubule polymerization.⁴⁰ Less selective multikinase inhibitors may not achieve the extent or duration of MET pathway attenuation necessary for suppression of MET-mediated migration and invasion at tolerated doses. Most importantly, patients have not been appropriately selected in the past; it is now increasingly recognized that high MET protein levels (usually detected by immunohistochemistry) do not always correlate with response or survival outcomes.⁴¹ In a phase II study of foretinib, tumor responses were reported in five of 10 patients with germline *MET* mutations compared with 9% of patients without *MET* mutations.³⁴ Recently, in

a small study of type 1 PRCC, patients with MET-driven disease (*MET* mutation positive [$n = 4$] and *MET* amplification [$n = 2$]) responded to treatment with crizotinib, an inhibitor of MET, ALK, and ROS1.⁴² The current interest in MET inhibitors for the treatment of PRCC is demonstrated by the initiation of a randomized phase II trial comparing the efficacy of several MET kinase inhibitors, including savolitinib ([ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02761057) identifier: NCT02761057). In that cooperative group study, patients are not being selected based on *MET* mutation status, although tumor response by *MET* mutation and expression level is an additional outcome.

Limitations of our study include the single-arm design, and therefore the inherent lack of a comparator group, and the relatively small number of patients with MET-driven disease. Prognostic information for MET in PRCC is also lacking because of the single-arm design.

In summary, these results confirm that savolitinib, a potent and selective small-molecule MET kinase inhibitor, holds promise as a personalized treatment for patients with metastatic MET-driven PRCC. Our study identified a defined molecular group and highlights the prevalence of MET-driven disease, including patients with ligand-dependent (ie, *HGF* amplification) and -independent PRCC who responded to treatment. These data support the hypothesis that savolitinib has antitumor activity in patients with MET-driven PRCC and justifies the recently launched phase III trial comparing savolitinib with sunitinib in a population of patients with MET-driven PRCC ([ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT03091192) identifier: NCT03091192)

AUTHORS' DISCLOSURES OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Table 3. Overall Incidence of AEs and Those Considered Related to Savolitinib Treatment Occurring in $\geq 3\%$ of Patients

AE*	No. (%)		
	Treatment Population (N = 109)		
	Grade 1-2	Grade ≥ 3	Total
Any AE	57 (52)	51 (47)	108 (99)
Any treatment-related AE†	75 (69)	21 (19)	96 (88)
Any SAE (including death)			23 (21)
Death			
Related to PRCC or disease progression			32 (29)
Considered treatment related			1 (< 1)
Treatment discontinuation			
Due to any AE			9 (8)
Due to any SAE			3 (3)
AEs considered treatment-related occurring in $\geq 3\%$ of patients†			
Nausea	42 (39)	0 (0)	42 (39)
Fatigue	21 (19)	2 (2)	23 (21)
Vomiting	18 (17)	1 (< 1)	19 (17)
Peripheral edema	17 (16)	1 (< 1)	18 (17)
AST increased	9 (8)	3 (3)	12 (11)
Blood creatinine increased	12 (11)	0 (0)	12 (11)
ALT increased	6 (6)	5 (5)	11 (10)
Decreased appetite	10 (9)	1 (< 1)	11 (10)
Diarrhea	9 (8)	0 (0)	9 (8)
Anemia	6 (6)	1 (< 1)	7 (6)
Constipation	7 (6)	0 (0)	7 (6)
Dysgeusia	7 (6)	0 (0)	7 (6)
Mucosal inflammation	6 (6)	0 (0)	6 (6)
Proteinuria	5 (5)	1 (< 1)	6 (6)
Stomatitis	5 (5)	0 (0)	5 (5)
Hyponatremia	2 (2)	3 (3)	5 (5)
Pruritus	5 (5)	0 (0)	5 (5)
Edema	4 (4)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Weight decreased	4 (4)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Hyperkalemia	3 (3)	1 (< 1)	4 (4)
Hypokalemia	4 (4)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Back pain	4 (4)	0 (0)	4 (4)
Rash (maculopapular)	3 (3)	1 (< 1)	4 (4)
Peripheral swelling	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Fluid retention	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Hypoalbuminemia	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Hypomagnesaemia	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Arthralgia	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Joint swelling	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Myalgia	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Lethargy	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)
Rash	3 (3)	0 (0)	3 (3)

Abbreviations: AE, adverse event; PRCC, papillary renal cell carcinoma; SAE, serious adverse event.

*Patients with multiple events in the same category are counted only once in that category. Patients with events in more than one category are counted once in each of those categories.

†As assessed by the investigator. Includes AEs with an onset date on or after the date of first dose and up to and including 30 days after the date of last dose of savolitinib. Grade of AEs reported according to Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (version 4.03).

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Methods

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) of archival tumor tissue was analyzed using a targeted 400-gene panel (version T7; Foundation Medicine, Cambridge, MA) as previously described.³⁹ Briefly, DNA extraction (a minimum of 50 ng of DNA was required to pass quality-control criteria) and library construction from 40 microns of formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tumor tissue was used for hybridization capture with probes for each exon of 400 genes, including 23 genes on chromosome 7 and 4,200 single-nucleotide polymorphisms across the genome for proprietary analytics that determined the purity and ploidy of the sample genome, chromosome 7 copy number relative to the genome ploidy (where one additional copy including the *MET* locus was considered chromosome 7 gain), and *MET* kinase domain mutations and *MET* or *HGF* gene focal amplification.

MET mutations previously identified in papillary renal cell carcinoma (PRCC) were also identified in this trial, and all but one are found in the kinase domain and include (NM_000245) V1092I, H1094L (n = 2), L1195F (n = 2), M1131T, and M1250T. One *MET* mutation was identified outside the kinase domain, V37A, which has not been previously reported (Durinck S, et al: *Nat Genet* 47:13-21, 2015)^{11,12} and was not associated with savolitinib response; therefore, only kinase domain *MET* mutations were considered *MET* driven for this trial. The copy number range for focal *MET* locus amplification (< 20 Mb by targeted NGS) identified in this PRCC trial was three, seven (n = 2), eight (n = 2), nine, 10, and 12, where patient samples harboring \pm seven copies, but not three copies, correlated with savolitinib response. Furthermore, the NGS assay has been analytically validated for six copies as a cutoff for focal amplifications.³⁹ Taken together, only focal gains of more than six copies were classified as *MET* driven in this trial. Focal *MET* amplifications identified by targeted NGS were confirmed by fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH). *MET* FISH has been used as a method for patient selection to identify *MET*-amplified tumors in other indications, such as non-small-cell lung cancer, gastric cancer, and colorectal cancer (Cappuzzo F, et al: *J Clin Oncol* 27:1667-1674, 2009; Kawakami H, et al: *Oncotarget* 4:9-17, 2013),¹⁵ and has been clinically validated as a tool for other receptor tyrosine kinase–driven diseases, such as human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 in breast cancer (Slamon D, et al: *N Engl J Med* 365:1273-1283, 2011), and therefore served as a robust orthogonal method to confirm the *MET* amplification findings in the NGS profiling or PRCC tumor samples from this trial.

Table A1. Prior Cancer Therapy

Prior Treatment	No. (%)			Total (N = 109)
	MET Driven (n = 44)	MET Independent (n = 46)	MET Unknown (n = 19)	
Fluorouracil	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Axitinib	1 (2)	5 (11)	2 (11)	8 (7)
Bevacizumab	2 (5)	1 (2)	1 (5)	4 (4)
Buparlisib	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Carboplatin	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)
Cisplatin	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)
Denosumab	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Erlotinib	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Everolimus	4 (9)	6 (13)	2 (11)	12 (11)
Foretinib	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Gemcitabine	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (5)	2 (2)
Interferon/interleukin	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (5)	2 (2)
Ipilimumab/nivolumab	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Paclitaxel	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)
Pazopanib	4 (9)	11 (24)	1 (5)	16 (15)
Radium-223	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)
Sapanisertib	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Sorafenib	0 (0)	2 (4)	1 (5)	2 (2)
Sunitinib	10 (23)	14 (30)	4 (21)	28 (26)
Temsirolimus	3 (7)	4 (9)	1 (5)	8 (7)
Tivantinib/erlotinib	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)
Vorinostat/ridaforolimus	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1 (1)

Table A2. Change From Baseline of Overall FACT-G, FKSI-19, and EQ-5D-5L Scores by MET Status at Selected Time Points

Cycle	MET Driven		MET Independent		MET Unknown		Total	
	No.	Mean (SD)	No.	Mean (SD)	No.	Mean (SD)	No.	Mean (SD)
FACT-G								
2	19	5.1 (9.8)	18	-4.6 (8.6)	10	-2.7 (10.4)	47	-0.3 (10.3)
7	6	8.7 (13.2)	2	-6.0 (2.8)	1	1.0	9	4.6 (12.4)
13	1	21.8	1	-1.0	0	0	2	10.4 (16.1)
FKSI-19								
2	34	2.3 (8.8)	34	-3.1 (8.5)	16	-3.1 (6.8)	84	-0.9 (8.7)
7	15	3.9 (9.0)	4	-6.6 (6.0)	2	1.5 (6.4)	21	1.7 (9.1)
13	5	9.1 (7.5)	2	-6.0 (5.7)	0	0	7	4.8 (9.8)
EQ-5D-5L								
2	15	-6.3 (12.2)	17	1.0 (20.6)	9	1.0 (5.3)	41	-1.7 (15.5)
7	5	-9.8 (11.8)	2	-5.5 (0.7)	1	-5.0	8	-8.1 (9.3)
13	0	0	1	< 1	0	0	1	< 1

Abbreviations: EQ-5D-5L, European Quality of Life 5-Dimensions 5-Levels; FACT-G, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-General; FKSI, FACT Kidney Cancer Symptom Index; SD, standard deviation.