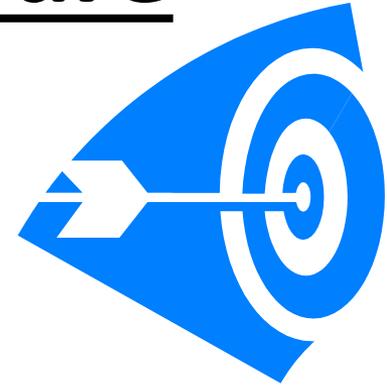


From Bench to Bedside: Progress towards a Cure



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Radiation Therapy

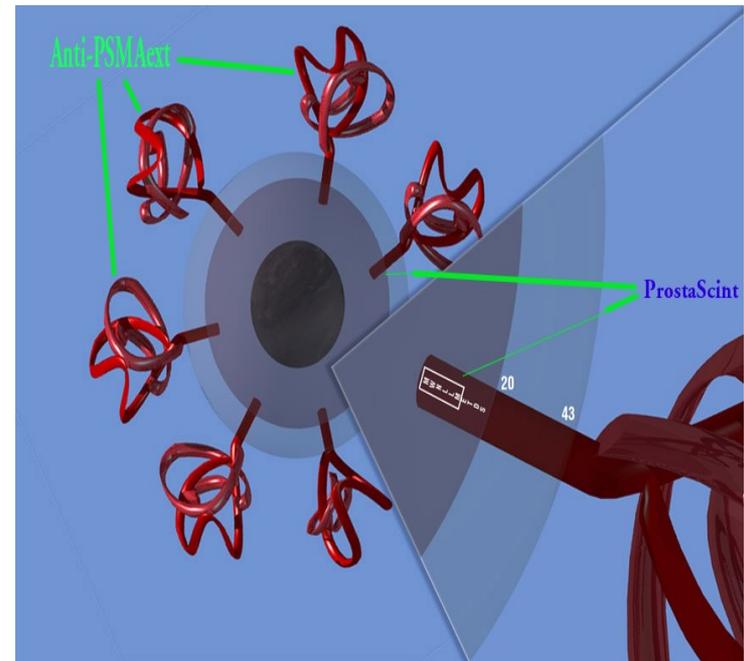
- Pca is radiosensitive
- Radiation has been used to treat Pca for well over 100 years
 - Local
 - Metastatic

PSMA is an Unparalleled Target in PC

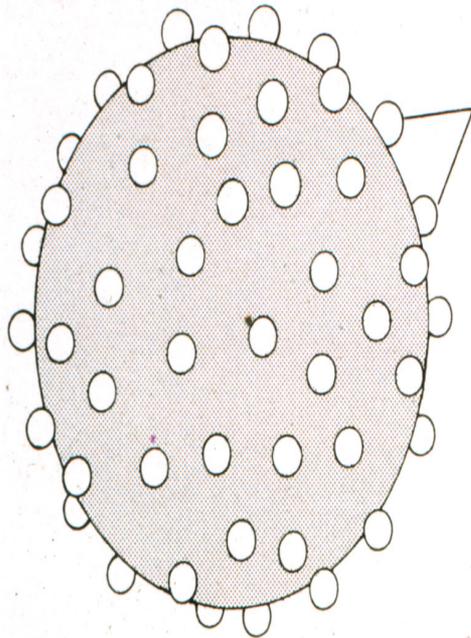
- PSMA is the single most well-established, prostate-restricted, cell membrane antigen known
- 90-95% of PC are PSMA-positive
- Highly PC-specific
- \uparrow PSMA \cong \uparrow lethality
- Expression levels are increased by hormonal Rx
- Rapidly internalized

1st mAbs to PSMA_{ext}

Weill/Cornell group
1st to make mAbs to
PSMA able to bind
living PC cells (1997)



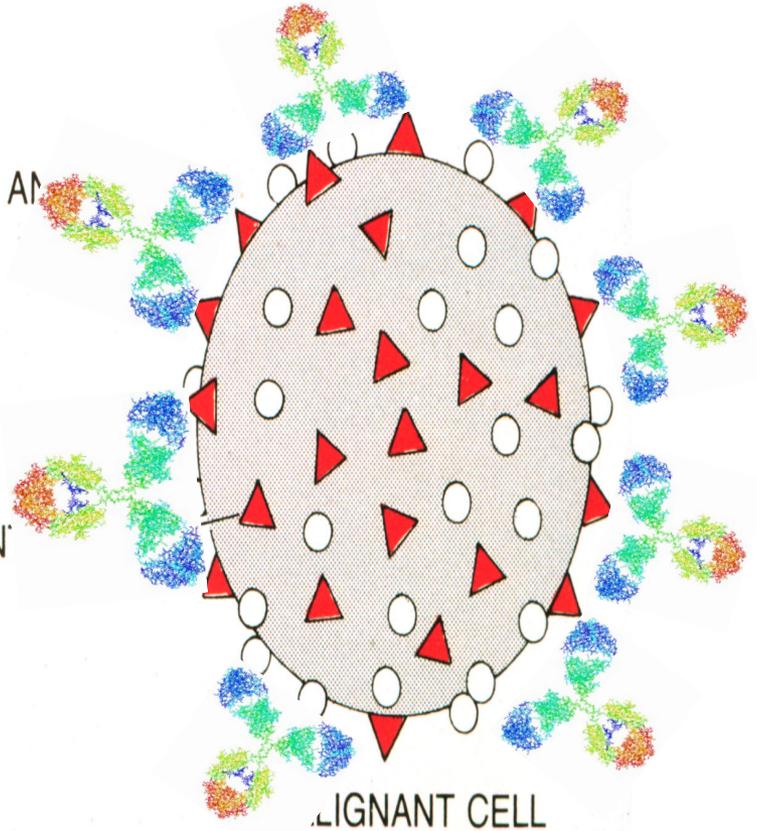
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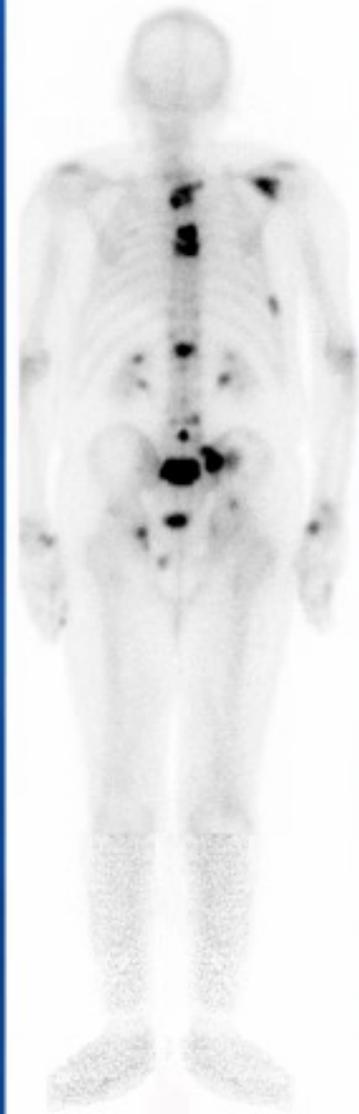
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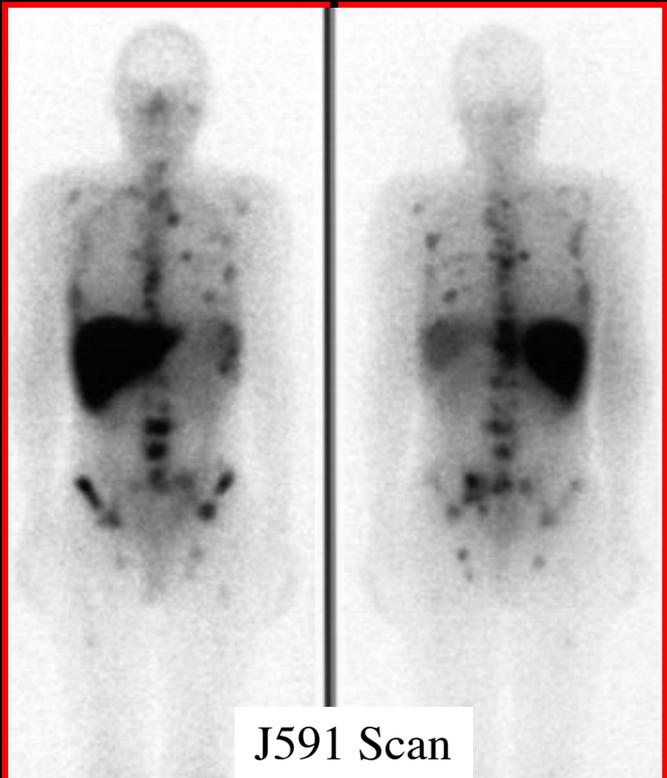
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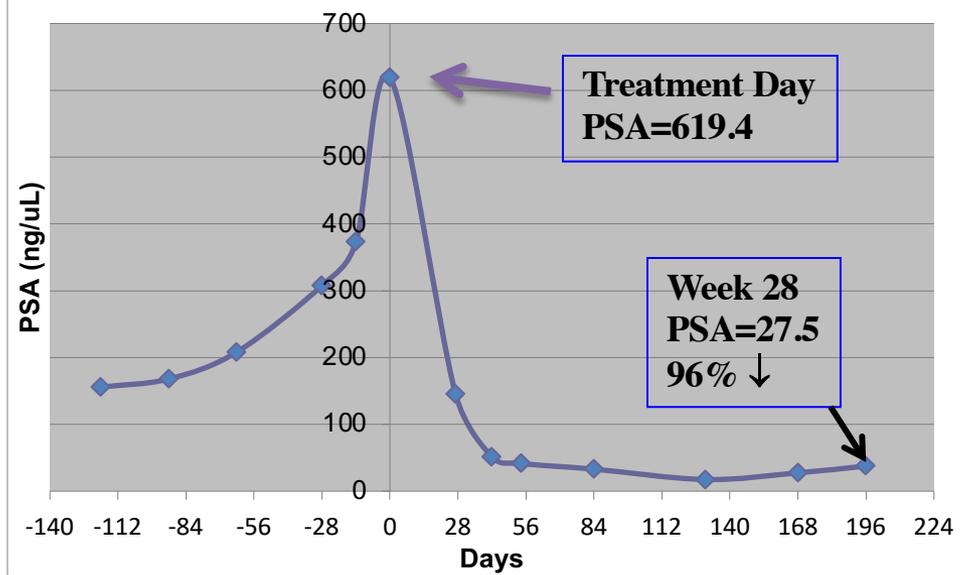
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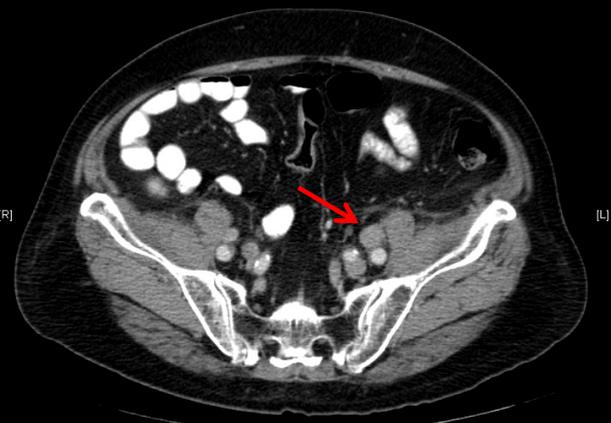
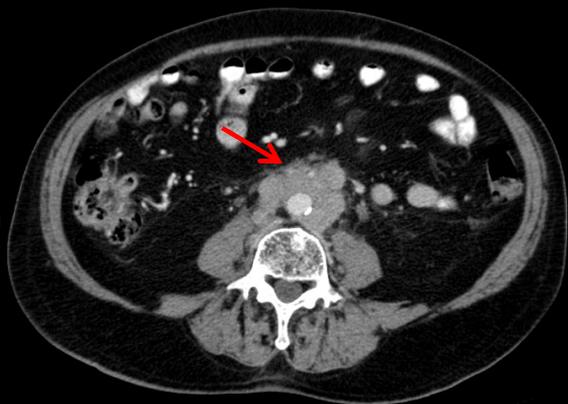
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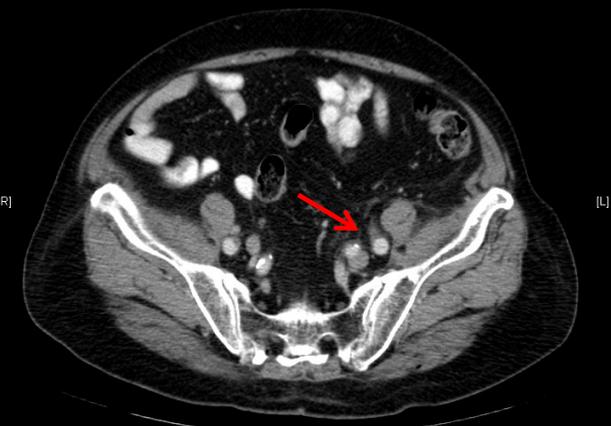
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Baseline
pre-Rx



3 months



Phase I Trial of Yttrium-90–Labeled Anti–Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen Monoclonal Antibody J591 for Androgen-Independent Prostate Cancer

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Purpose

To determine the maximum-tolerated dose (MTD), toxicity, human antihuman antibody (HAHA) response, pharmacokinetics, organ dosimetry, targeting, and preliminary efficacy of yttrium-90–labeled anti–prostate-specific membrane antigen monoclonal antibody J591 (⁹⁰Y-J591) in patients with androgen-independent prostate cancer (PC).

Patients and Methods

Patients with androgen-independent PC and evidence of disease progression received indium-111–J591 for pharmacokinetic and biodistribution determinations followed 1 week later by ⁹⁰Y-J591 at five dose levels: 5, 10, 15, 17.5, and 20 mCi/m². Patients were eligible for up to three re-treatments if platelet and neutrophil recovery was satisfactory.

Results

Twenty-nine patients with androgen-independent PC received ⁹⁰Y-J591, four of whom were re-treated. Dose limiting toxicity (DLT) was seen at 20 mCi/m², with two patients experiencing thrombocytopenia with non-life-threatening bleeding episodes requiring platelet transfusions. The 17.5-mCi/m² dose level was determined to be the MTD. No re-treated patients experienced DLT. Nonhematologic toxicity was not dose limiting. Targeting of known sites of bone and soft tissue metastases was seen in the majority of patients. No HAHA response was seen. Antitumor activity was seen, with two patients experiencing 85% and 70% declines in prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels lasting 8 and 8.6 months, respectively, before returning to baseline. Both patients had objective measurable disease responses. An additional six patients (21%) experienced PSA stabilization.

Conclusion

The recommended dose for ⁹⁰Y-J591 is 17.5 mCi/m². Acceptable toxicity, excellent targeting of known sites of PC metastases, and biologic activity in patients with androgen-independent PC warrant further investigation of ⁹⁰Y-J591 in the treatment of patients with PC.

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INTRODUCTION

Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is a highly prostate-restricted type II integral membrane cell-surface glycoprotein expressed in both benign and malignant prostate tissue.^{1,2} In contrast to other prostate-related antigens such as prostate-specific antigen (PSA), prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP), and prostate secretory protein, PSMA is not secreted. PSMA expression is increased in high-grade cancers, metastatic disease, and hormone-refractory prostate cancer (PC).^{1,3,4}

Although PSMA has folate hydrolase and neurocarboxypeptidase activity, its function with respect to PC biology is unknown.^{5,6} Nevertheless, the expression pattern of PSMA makes it an excellent target for monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy.

J591 is an anti-PSMA mAb that binds with high affinity (1 nm) to the extracellular domain of PSMA_{ext}.⁷ The murine antibody J591 was deimmunized to allow for repeated dosing.⁸ J591 deimmunization involved genetic engineering into a human immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) with identical specificity

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Phase I Trial of ¹⁷⁷Lutetium-Labeled J591, a Monoclonal Antibody to Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen, in Patients With Androgen-Independent Prostate Cancer

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Purpose

To determine the maximum tolerated dose (MTD), toxicity, human anti-J591 response, pharmacokinetics (PK), organ dosimetry, targeting, and biologic activity of ¹⁷⁷Lutetium-labeled anti-prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) monoclonal antibody J591 (¹⁷⁷Lu-J591) in patients with androgen-independent prostate cancer (PC).

Patients and Methods

Thirty-five patients with progressing androgen-independent PC received ¹⁷⁷Lu-J591. All patients underwent ¹⁷⁷Lu-J591 imaging, PK, and biodistribution determinations. Patients were eligible for up to three retreatments.

Results

Thirty-five patients received ¹⁷⁷Lu-J591, of whom 16 received up to three doses. Myelosuppression was dose limiting at 75 mCi/m², and the 70-mCi/m² dose level was determined to be the single-dose MTD. Repeat dosing at 45 to 60 mCi/m² was associated with dose-limiting myelosuppression; however, up to three doses of 30 mCi/m² could be safely administered. Nonhematologic toxicity was not dose limiting. Targeting of all known sites of bone and soft tissue metastases was seen in all 30 patients with positive bone, computed tomography, or magnetic resonance images. No patient developed a human anti-J591 antibody response to deimmunized J591 regardless of number of doses. Biologic activity was seen with four patients experiencing ≥ 50% declines in prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels lasting from 3+ to 8 months. An additional 16 patients (46%) experienced PSA stabilization for a median of 60 days (range, 1 to 21+ months).

Conclusion

The MTD of ¹⁷⁷Lu-J591 is 70 mCi/m². Multiple doses of 30 mCi/m² are well tolerated. Acceptable toxicity, excellent targeting of known sites of PC metastases, and biologic activity in patients with androgen-independent PC warrant further investigation.

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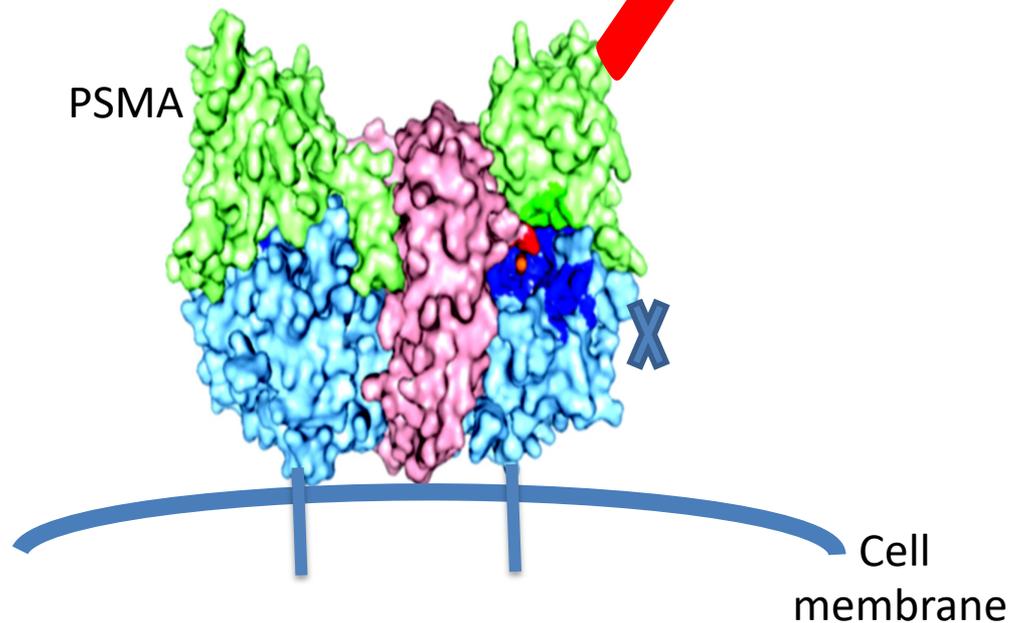
Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is the most well established, prostate cancer (PC) –restricted, cell-surface antigen identified to date.¹ PSMA is a 100-kD type II transmembrane glycoprotein that is expressed by all prostate cancers.² The density of PSMA expression progressively increases in higher-grade cancers, metastatic disease,

and hormone-refractory PC.³⁻⁶ The 19–amino acid cytoplasmic domain of this non-secreted protein contains a novel MXXXL internalization motif,^{7,8} resulting in its internalization and endosomal recycling. These characteristics make PSMA an ideal target for monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy.

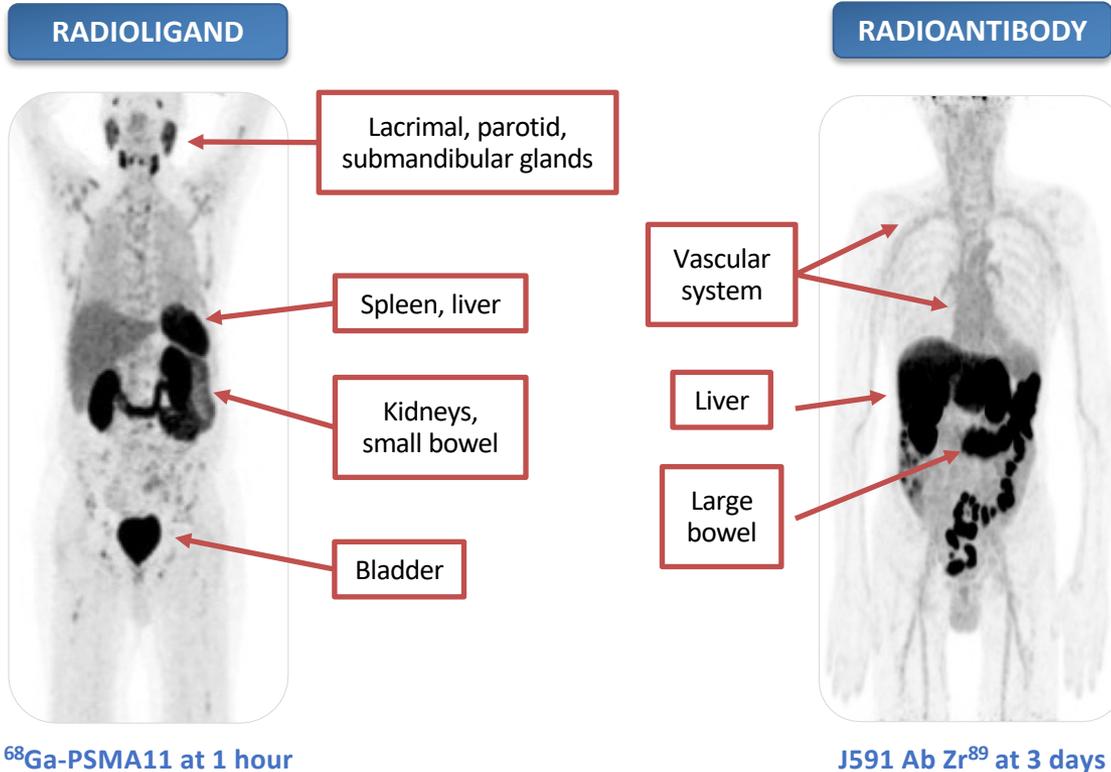
J591 is an anti-PSMA mAb that binds with 1-nM affinity to the extracellular domain of PSMA.^{9,10} Murine J591 antibody

2 Ways to Target PSMA

- Abs that bind the molecule (e.g., J591)
- Inhibitors/agents that bind the enzymatic 'pocket'



Radioantibodies and radioligands have differing biodistributions



- Undetectable uptake in lacrimal and salivary glands
- Excretion through the hepatobiliary system mitigates concerns about renal toxicity associated with radioligands
- Superior uptake and retention in bone lesions and other small volume lesions
- Less normal tissue exposure

Two types of Isotopes: α and β radionuclides

α particles are significantly more potent and precise than β particles

	α (^{225}Ac)	β (^{177}Lu)
Relative particle mass	7300	1
Max range in tissue (μm)	50	1,700
Linear energy transfer	100 keV/ μm	0.2 keV/mm
Type of DNA damage generated	Double strand breaks	Single strand breaks
DNA hits required to kill a cell	1	1000

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Lutetium-177–PSMA-617 for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer remains fatal despite recent advances. Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is highly expressed in metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. Lutetium-177 (¹⁷⁷Lu)–PSMA-617 is a radioligand therapy that delivers beta-particle radiation to PSMA-expressing cells and the surrounding microenvironment.

METHODS

We conducted an international, open-label, phase 3 trial evaluating ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 in patients who had metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer previously treated with at least one androgen-receptor–pathway inhibitor and one or two taxane regimens and who had PSMA-positive gallium-68 (⁶⁸Ga)–labeled PSMA-11 positron-emission tomographic–computed tomographic scans. Patients were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to receive either ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 (7.4 GBq every 6 weeks for four to six cycles) plus protocol-permitted standard care or standard care alone. Protocol-permitted standard care excluded chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radium-223 (²²³Ra), and investigational drugs. The alternate primary end points were imaging-based progression-free survival and overall survival, which were powered for hazard ratios of 0.67 and 0.73, respectively. Key secondary end points were objective response, disease control, and time to symptomatic skeletal events. Adverse events during treatment were those occurring no more than 30 days after the last dose and before subsequent anticancer treatment.

RESULTS

From June 2018 to mid-October 2019, a total of 831 of 1179 screened patients underwent randomization. The baseline characteristics of the patients were balanced between the groups. The median follow-up was 20.9 months. ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 plus standard care significantly prolonged, as compared with standard care, both imaging-based progression-free survival (median, 8.7 vs. 3.4 months; hazard ratio for progression or death, 0.40; 99.2% confidence interval [CI], 0.29 to 0.57; P<0.001) and overall survival (median, 15.3 vs. 11.3 months; hazard ratio for death, 0.62; 95% CI, 0.52 to 0.74; P<0.001). All the key secondary end points significantly favored ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617. The incidence of adverse events of grade 3 or above was higher with ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 than without (52.7% vs. 38.0%), but quality of life was not adversely affected.

CONCLUSIONS

Radioligand therapy with ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 prolonged imaging-based progression-free survival and overall survival when added to standard care in patients with advanced PSMA-positive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. (Funded by Endocyte, a Novartis company; VISION ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT03511664.)

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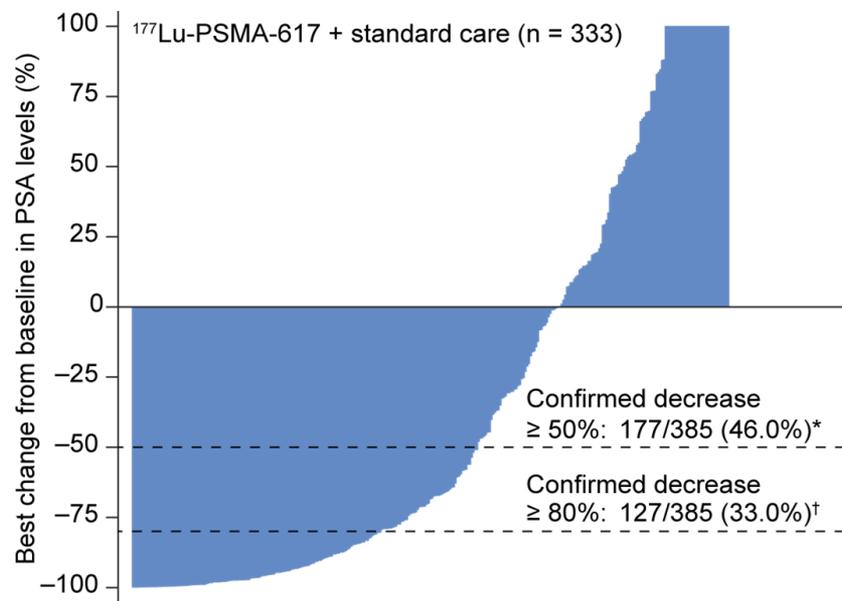
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¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 every 6 weeks for 4-6 cycles plus protocol-permitted standard care vs standard care alone (Cabazitaxel prohibited)

mCRPC post-chemotherapy
Post-ARSI
PSMA PET-pos

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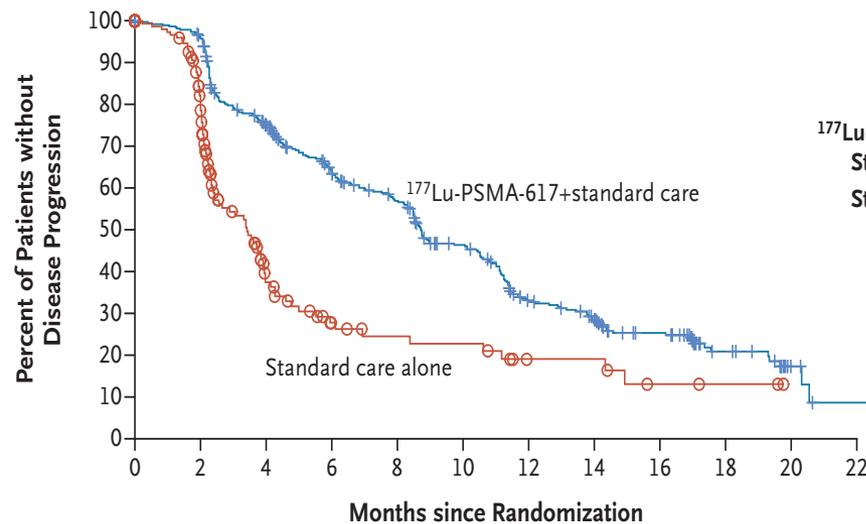
PSA Waterfall Plot



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rPFS

A Imaging-Based Progression-free Survival



	No. of Events/ No. of Patients	Median <i>mo</i>
¹⁷⁷ Lu-PSMA-617+ Standard Care	254/385	8.7
Standard Care Alone	93/196	3.4

Hazard ratio for progression or death,
0.40 (99.2% CI, 0.29–0.57)
P<0.001

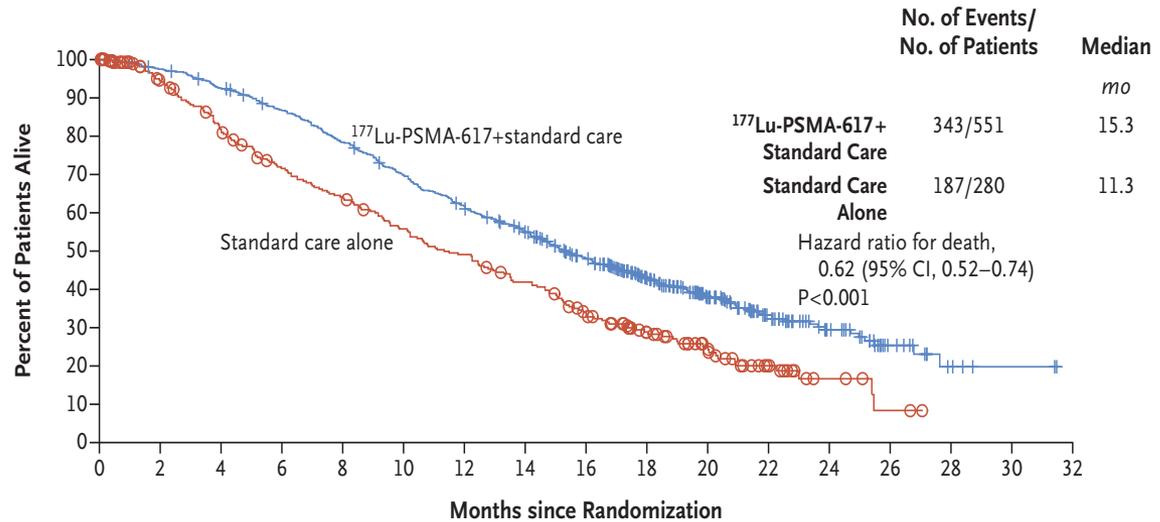
No. at Risk

¹⁷⁷ Lu-PSMA-617+standard care	385	362	272	215	182	137	88	71	49	21	6	1
Standard care alone	196	119	36	19	14	13	7	7	3	2	0	0

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Overall Survival

B Overall Survival

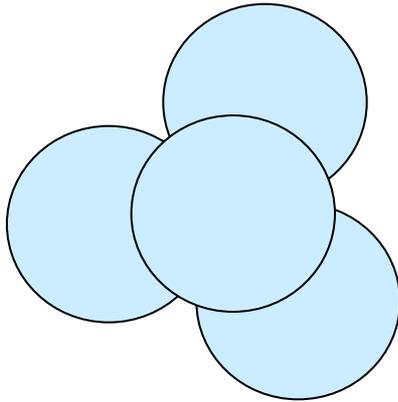


No. at Risk

¹⁷⁷ Lu-PSMA-617+standard care	551	535	506	470	425	377	332	289	236	166	112	63	36	15	5	2	0
Standard care alone	280	238	203	173	155	133	117	98	73	51	33	16	6	2	0	0	0

From Beta to Alpha

Alpha- vs. Beta-Particles



Alpha

Beta



	α	β
Relative particle mass	7300	1
Initial energy (MeV) per particle	3-8	0.01-2.5
Range in tissue (μm)	40-100	50-5000
LET (KeV/μm)	60-230	0.015-0.4
DNA hits to kill cells	1-10	≥ 1000's

LET = linear energy transfer.

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21. Local zones of higher respiratory activity may be important, however, as evidenced by higher levels of the respiratory enzyme cytochrome oxidase in the subsets of cells with nitrogenase than in those without (40). Deployment of oxygen and reactive oxygen species detoxification systems (such as Mehler, thioredoxin peroxidases, and catalase) also aid in providing a microanaerobic environment around cells fixing nitrogen. Colony formation may further reduce ambient oxygen concentrations (5, 8), enabling the higher N_2 fixation rates (per unit of chlorophyll a) observed in colonies as compared to single trichomes (41).
22. In mature heterocysts, PSI is the only active photosynthetic reaction center and is important in providing the extra ATP for N_2 fixation through cyclic electron transport. In *Trichodesmium*, high Mehler activity has also previously been invoked in supplying ATP (42, 43).
23. Antibodies to D1 fragments and to dinitrogenase reductase raised in rabbits were conjugated to fluorescent probes Alexa 488 and Alexa 568, respectively (Molecular Probes) and labeled sequentially (nitrogenase followed by D1) in cells fixed in 100% ethanol and permeabilized with 0.5% dimethyl sulfoxide in phosphate buffer. Samples were viewed on a confocal laser microscope (Zeiss LSM410) at 488/528 nm and 568/600 to 620 nm bandpass excitation/emission for the D1 and nitrogenase, respectively. The results obtained for cultures grown in several conditions and at several points during the diel cycle show that D1 occurs in most cells in a trichome and co-occurs in the same cells as nitrogenase.
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26. Trichomes were filtered, embedded in 1% agarose (melting point 25°C) in sea water, and placed in a cellophane-sealed thermostated chamber pumped through with medium (100 ml min^{-1} at 25°C, saturated with air). To reduce artifacts caused by handling, fresh samples were prepared for each time point. Samples were viewed with a microscope for two-dimensional measurements of *in vivo* chlorophyll fluorescence kinetics (45). Measurements were done with 30- μs flashes of nonactinic measuring light, $1000 \mu\text{mol of quanta m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ of actinic light, and $10,000 \mu\text{mol of quanta m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ saturating multitransfer flashes. Fluorescence kinetics were measured simultaneously on 300×400 pixels.
27. A circadian pattern temporally separates the abundance of mRNA for *nifH* (nitrogenase), *psbA* (encoding for PSII) and *psaB* (encoding for PSI) in *Trichodesmium* strain IMS101 (46, 47).
28. In *Trichodesmium*, high external concentrations of molecular oxygen affect nitrogenase activity within ~15 min (48), whereas Western and Northern blots of nitrogenase and *nifH* (49) revealed that the enzyme and transcript levels are not much affected 2 hours after addition of DCMU and DBMIB, indicating that the loss of activity is not due to the loss of the enzyme but rather to a posttranslational inactivation of the enzyme by oxygen.
29. In most cyanobacteria, dark respiration rates are generally <10% of the gross oxygen evolution rates (50). In *Trichodesmium*, dark respiration ranged from 13 to 46% of the maximum gross oxygen evolution rate, with a mean of 23% and consisting, in the dark, of approximately 30% of the absolute magnitude of maximal gross photosynthesis. Moreover, at low light intensities (typical of those found for depth-adapted populations or cultured populations), more oxygen was consumed than evolved (51, 52).
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Tumor Therapy with Targeted Atomic Nanogenerators

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A single, high linear energy transfer alpha particle can kill a target cell. We have developed methods to target molecular-sized generators of alpha-emitting isotope cascades to the inside of cancer cells using actinium-225 coupled to internalizing monoclonal antibodies. *In vitro*, these constructs specifically killed leukemia, lymphoma, breast, ovarian, neuroblastoma, and prostate cancer cells at becquerel (picocurie) levels. Injection of single doses of the constructs at kilobecquerel (nanocurie) levels into mice bearing solid prostate carcinoma or disseminated human lymphoma induced tumor regression and prolonged survival, without toxicity, in a substantial fraction of animals. Nanogenerators targeting a wide variety of cancers may be possible.

Alpha particles are high-energy, high linear energy transfer helium nuclei capable of strong, yet selective, cytotoxicity (1). A single atom emitting an alpha particle can kill a target cell (2). Monoclonal antibodies conjugated to alpha

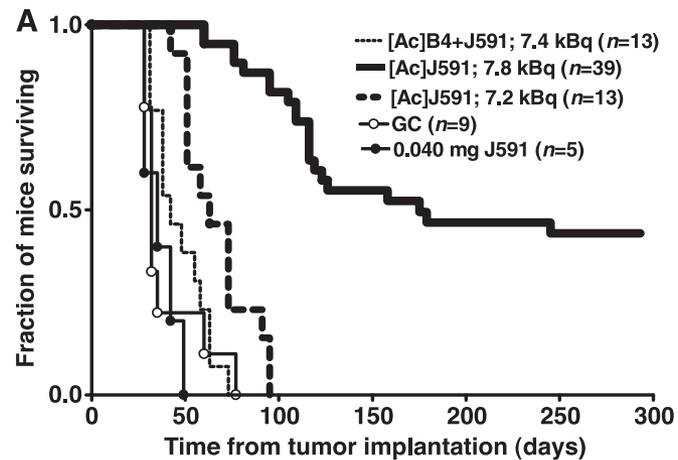
particle-emitting radionuclides (²¹³Bi and ²¹¹At) are starting to show promise in radioimmunotherapy (3, 4). The conjugates [²¹³Bi]-HuM195 (2) and [²¹³Bi]J591 (5, 6) have been used in preclinical models of leukemia and prostate cancer, respectively, and in a phase I human clinical trial, [²¹³Bi]HuM195 was active against leukemia, with no significant toxicity (3). Astatine-211-labeled antibodies to tenascin (anti-tenascin) have been used clinically to treat malignant gliomas in humans (4) in a phase I trial. For clinical use of ²¹³Bi, we developed a therapeutic dose-level ²²⁵Ac/²¹³Bi generator device, approximately 1 cm by 6 cm in size,

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Fig. 2. (A) Kaplan-Meier plot showing survival of mice bearing i.m. LNCaP tumor xenografts treated intraperitoneally in several therapy/control experiments. The 39 animals that received 7.8 kBq $[^{225}\text{Ac}]$ J591 were treated on day 12, and the 13 animals that received 7.2 kBq $[^{225}\text{Ac}]$ J591 were treated on day 15. Animals were killed

when tumor area was $\geq 2.5 \text{ cm}^2$. Median survival versus time was evaluated using a log-rank test ($P < 0.0001$). **(B)** Individual serum PSA values of the 39 mice treated with a 7.8 kBq dose of $[^{225}\text{Ac}]$ J591 on day 12 in the therapy experiment with LNCaP model (Fig. 2A). The median was marked with a solid line. (Note the split scale of PSA levels.) PSA values were evaluated using an unpaired t -test with two-tailed P values (95% co



J591- ^{225}Ac prolonged survival and cured approximately 45% of the animals

Phase 1 Single Ascending Dose clinical trial

Patient Population
Heavily pre-treated patients with NO PSMA-PET pre-selection
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% \geq 1 ARSI• 63% received prior chemotherapy• 45% received prior ^{177}Lu-PSMA-RL• 28% received prior ^{223}Ra



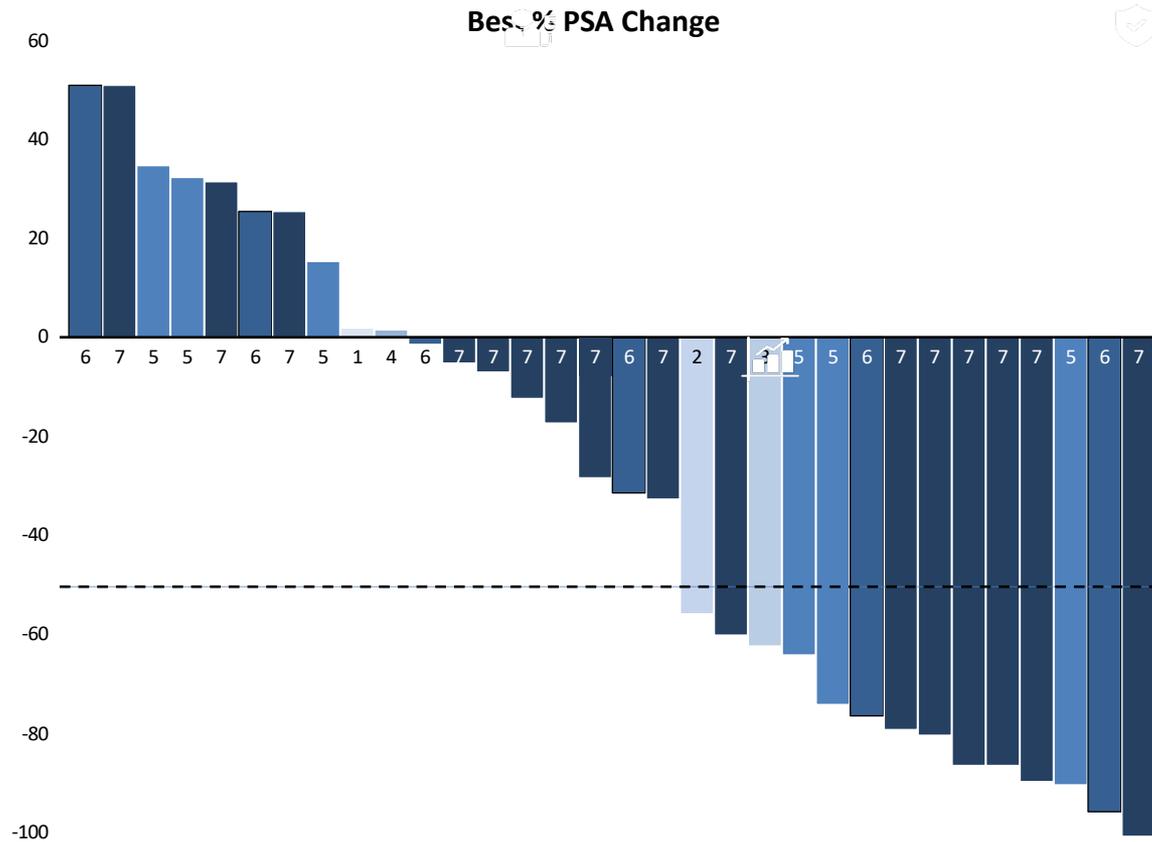
mCRPC

No PSMA PET exclusion

Cohort	Treatment Dose (KBq/Kg)
1	13.3
2	26.7
3	40.0
4	53.3
5	66.7
6	80.0
7	93.3

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Safety
Well-tolerated
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 grade 1 xerostomia, 7 of 12 had prior ^{177}Lu-PSMA-RL• 1 DLT (platelets)• MTD not reached

Efficacy
Patients experienced strong dose-dependent efficacy response, with significant reduction in PSA levels in nearly half of patients
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 69% experienced some PSA decline• PSA50 response = 14/31* (45%)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/18 (44%) patients <u>without</u> prior ^{177}Lu-PSMA-RL• 6/13 (46%) patients <u>with</u> prior ^{177}Lu-PSMA-RL• *1 patient treated a second time after long initial response

Ongoing Trials

- Multiple Ascending Dose Trial
- Re-treatment Trial
- J591-²²⁵Ac + ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA I&T
- J591-²²⁵Ac + Pembrolizumab[®]

Conclusions

- PSMA is an ideal PC-specific molecular target
- Multiple ways to therapeutically target PSMA
 - Radioactive isotopes
 - ^{177}Lu [beta emitter]
 - ^{225}Ac [alpha emitter]
 - Drug conjugates
 - Immuno-potentiators
 - All promising and all under active study
- The picture has never looked brighter for PC patients!