# Drugs to reshape mutant TP53

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### TP53 structure and function



**TUMOR SUPPRESSION** 

# TP53 mutations in cancer patients



### TP53 missense mutations in cancer patients



L3 Io B2 loop H168 H249 H168 R249 H175 F270 V143 V143 V143 Joerger A.C. et al. PNAS, 2006

Tumour type	TP53 mutation frequency (%)	Most common TP53 mutations*
Ovarian serous carcinoma	94.6	R273H=Y220C>R248Q>R175H
Lung squamous cell carcinoma	79.3	R158L>R175G>V157F=R213X=T125T
Head and neck squamous cell carcinom	a 69.8	R175H=R273H=R213X=R282W>R248W

Stiewe & Haran, Drug Resistance Update, 2018

# TP53 mutations in Li-Fraumeni Syndrome



Zhou et al., Trends Pharmacol Sci, 2017

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### Mechanism of Gain-of-Function of mutp53





# Approaches to target missense-type mutp53



\* In clinical development

### PRIMA-1 reactivates mutp53



Bykov et al., Nat Med, 2002

### PRIMA-1 and APR-246 are converted to MQ



### MQ binds to cysteines in wild-type and mutp53



# Cysteine 277 is a prime binding site of MQ in mutp53





# MQ restores WTp53 epitope in R175Hmutp53 ovarian cancer cells









Zhang et al., CDDis, 2018

# Cys124 and Cys277 are crucial for APR-246/MQ-mediated R175H-mutp53 reactivation in cancer cells







# Targeting p53 *in vivo*: first-in-human clinical study with APR-246 in refractory hematologic malignancies

# An Open-label Phase I Dose Escalating Study of APR-246 for Infusion in Patients With Refractory Hematologic Malignancies or Prostate Carcinoma

- Phase I completed
- Outcome: maximum tolerated dose (MTD), dose limiting toxicities (DLT) and pharmakokinetics (PK)
- Enrolled: 22 participants (incl. 7 AML, 7 prostate cancer)

#### **Results:**

- 2 hrs IV infusion 2 90 mg/kg for 4 constitutive days
- MTD 60 mg/kg
- DLT: ALT/AST n=1; dizziness, fatigue, sensory disturbances n=2
- Tumor cells from some patients showed induction of apoptosis and p53 target genes
- One patient with AML with mutp53 showed a reduction of blast from 46% to 26%

# MQ reacts with p53, glutathione and TrxR



# Examples of mutant p53-directed clinical trials

Drug	Sponsor	Mechanism	Phase	Tumor	No	Status	NCT
APR-246	Aprea Therapeutics AB	Conformation restoration, nucleophilic addition, reactivity with free thiols	I	Hematology and prostatic neoplasms	36	completed	00900614
APR-246 with Dabrafenib	Aprea Therapeutics AB		lb/ll	melanoma	31	recruting	03391050
*APR-246 with PLD	Aprea Therapeutics AB		II	Platinum resistant high-grade Serous Ovarian Cancer	25	recruting	03268382
APR-246 with azacitidine	H. Le Moffitt Cancer Center and Aprea Therapeutics AB		Ib/II	TP53 mutant myeloid neoplasm	60	recruting	03072043
APR-246 with carboplatin and PLD	Aprea Therapeutics AB		Ib/II	Platinum sensitive high-grade Serous Ovarian Cancer	400	recruting	02098343
APR-246 with azacitidine	Groupe Francophone des Myelodysplasies and Aprea Therapeutics AB		Ib/II	TP53 mutant myeloid neoplasm	20	Not recruting yet	03588078
APR-246 with 5-FU	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Aprea Therapeutics AB		Ib/II	Oesophageal Carcinoma	38	recruting	02999893
COTI-2	Critical Outcomes Technologies	Conformation restoration and inhibition of PI3K	I	Gynaecological cancers and HNSCC	56	recruting	02433626
Ganetespib	Sarcoma Alliance for Research through Collaboration	HSP90 inhibitor	1/11	Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors (MPNST); sarcoma	20	completed	02008877
Ganetespib with Fulvestrant	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute		II	HR+ Breast Cancer	50	Active, not recruting	01560416
Ganetespib with capecitabine	Emory University		I	Rectal cancer	16	completed	01554969
Kevetrin	Cellceutix Corporation	Ser15 phosphorylation	I	Solid tumors	48	completed	01664000

From <u>www.clinicaltrials.gov</u> \* Trial in UK

# Overview of on-going clinical trials with APR-246 in combination with the existing treatments



# Clinical trials in platinum-resistant (PiSARRO-R) and platinum-sensitive recurrent High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer

- 1. **PiSARRO-R:** p53 Suppressor Activation in Platinum-Resistant High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer, a Phase II Study of Systemic Pegylated Liposomal Doxorubicin Chemotherapy With APR-246
- Arm: Experimental: Phase II: APR-246 (IV) + PLD (IV)
- Estimated: 25 participants
- ORR 18 months; efficacy according to Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST 1.1)

**2.** p53 Suppressor Activation in Recurrent High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer, a Phase Ib/II Study of Systemic Carboplatin Combination Chemotherapy With or Without APR-246

- Arm: Experimental: Phase Ib: APR-246 (IV) dose escalation + Carboplatin/PLD DLT/AEs/Cmax/AUC
- Arm: Experimental: Phase II: Arm A: APR-246 + Carboplatin/PLD
- Arm: Active comparator: Phase II: Arm B: Carboplatin/PLD PFS/OS/ORR 24 months
- Estimated: 400 participants

### Results of clinical studies with APR-246

# P53 suppressor Activation in Recurrent High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer, a Phase Ib/II Study of Systemic Carboplatin and pegylated liposomal doxorubicin (PLD)

- 1. The median progression free survival (PFS) for 22 evaluable patients, as measured by Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST) or GCIG, was 316 days (95% CI, 280-414 days).
- 2. Of 22 patients with radiologically measurable lesions, 3 had confirmed complete response, 10 had confirmed partial response, 8 had stable disease and 1 was not evaluable. (<u>www.aprea.com</u>)

# Phase I/IIb safety and Efficacy of APR-246 w/Azacitidine for the treatment of TP53 Mutant Myeloid Neoplasm

- Overall Response Rate (ORR) (by IWG) of 100% in all evaluable patients: 8 complete response (CR) (89%) and 1 marrow Complete Response (mCR) (11%).
- 2. No treatment-related serious adverse events or dose-limiting toxicities to date. (Aprea Therapeutics AB, poster communication, EHA Meeting, Stockholm, 2018)

Other therapeutic approaches to target mutp53 tumors – reactivation of p53 'cousins' p73 and p63



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