# Treatment With Pralsetinib (BLU-667), a Potent and Selective RET Inhibitor, Provides Rapid Clearance of ctDNA in Patients With RET-Altered Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) and Thyroid Cancer

KIF5B Fusion

CCDC6 Fusion

M918T Mutation

Other alterations

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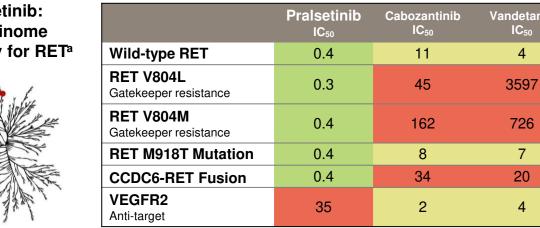
# **BACKGROUND AND METHODS**

- RET alterations are targetable oncogenic drivers in multiple tumor types
- Approximately 90% of advanced medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) is characterized by single nucleotide variants and short insertions/deletions in the RET gene<sup>1</sup>
- Approximately 1–2% of patients with NSCLC and approximately 20% of patients with papillary thyroid cancer (PTC) harbor rearrangements resulting in RET fusions<sup>2</sup>
- No selective RET inhibitors are approved

# Praisetinib: Designed to Treat RET-Altered Cancers

Pralsetinib potently and selectively inhibits RET alterations, including those that confer resistance to MKI, while sparing VEGFR.3

Pralsetinib: High kinome electivity for RET	



Pralsetinib is 20-fold more selective for RET than JAK1

## half maximal inhibitory concentration; MKI, multikinase inhibitor; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor a. Kinome illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (www.cellsignal.com) (CSTI). The foregoing website is maintained by CSTI, and Blueprint Medicines<sup>TM</sup> is not responsible for its content

# ARROW: Pralsetinib Dose-Escalation/Expansion Study

# **Dose-escalation (complete)** • Phase 2 dose determined

(400 mg QD)

# **Expansion cohorts (ongoing)**

- Unresectable, advanced RET fusionpositive NSCLC, thyroid cancer, and other RET-altered solid tumors
- RET alteration status by local tumor
- No additional driver mutation

# **Primary objectives**

- Overall response rate (RECIST 1.1)
- Safety

# **Exploratory analysis: RET variant ctDNA**

- Early declines in ctDNA may predict for treatment outcome<sup>4-7</sup>
- Plasma profiled with the Personal Genome Diagnostics PlasmaSELECT™ R64 sequencing panel

pharmacologically

Pralsetinib is ~90-fold

more selective for

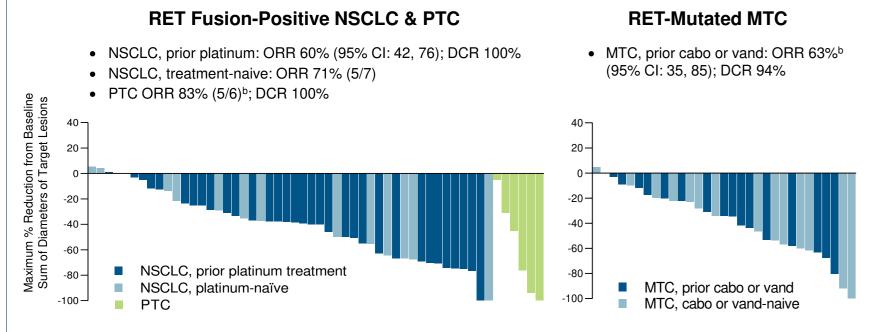
**RET than VEGFR2** 

relevant kinases:

 Results were reported as ctDNA mutant allele fraction (RET mutations) or unique fusion reads (RET fusions)

ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; QD, once-daily dosing; RECIST, response evaluation criteria in solid tumors.

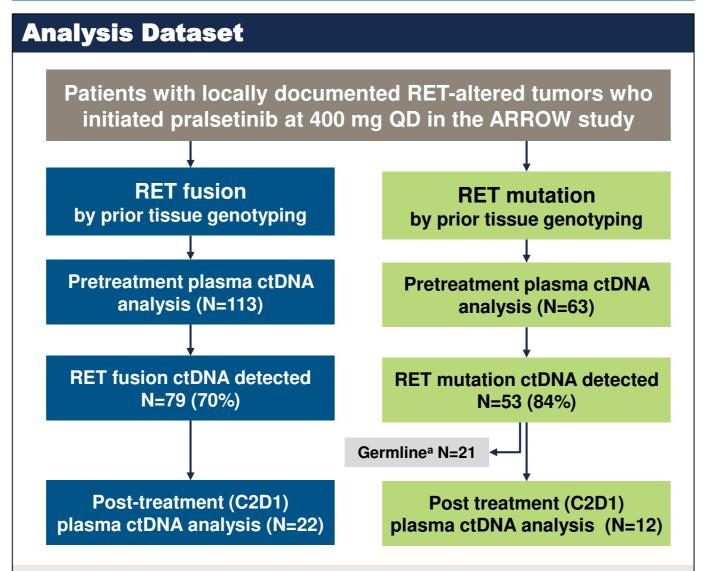
# Pralsetinib Has Demonstrated Significant Clinical Activity in RET-Altered Tumors and Has Been Well Tolerateda



Most common treatment-related adverse events: constipation, fatigue, hypertension, diarrhea, neutropenia, increased liver enzymes, anemia. Overall rate of treatment discontinuation due to treatment-related toxicity was 4%.

Cabo, cabozantinib; DCR, disease control rate (best RECIST 1.1 response of stable disease or better); ORR, objective response rate; PTC, papillary thyroid cancer; vand, vandetanib. a. ARROW study data as of 28 Apr 2019, presented at ASCO 2019.89 b. One patient with PTC and one patient with MTC were pending response confirmation.

# **RESULTS**



C2D1, Cycle 2 Day 1 (approximately 8 weeks after initiation of pralsetinib a. Mutations with allele fraction ≥ 40% were considered germline and excluded from post-treatment analyses of ctDNA clearance.

# **Baseline ctDNA Analysis: Multiple RET Variants Detected Across Tumor Types**

	NSCLC (N=73)	MTC (N=51)	Othera (N=8)	Total (N=132)
T fusion partner				
5B	59	-	-	59
DC6	12	-	4	16
ner	11	-	2	13
T mutation				
18T	-	27 (24/3)	-	27 (24/3)
34F/R/S/W/Y	-	10 (4/6)	-	10 (4/6)
04L/M	1 (1/0)	4 (1/3)	-	5 (2/3)
20R/Y	-	3 (2/1)	-	3 (2/1)
18R/S	-	2 (2/0)	-	2 (2/0)
31E/del	-	1 (0/1)	1 (0/1)	2 (0/2)
ner	7 (5/2)	13 (7/6)	2 (2/0)	22 (14/8)

Data for mutations shown as total n (somatic n/germ line n). Patients with multiple RET fusions and/or mutations are tabulated in all relevant categories. a. "Other" tumor types: colon cancer (n=3), papillary thyroid cancer (n=3), pancreatic cancer (n=1), and small cell lung cancer (n=1).

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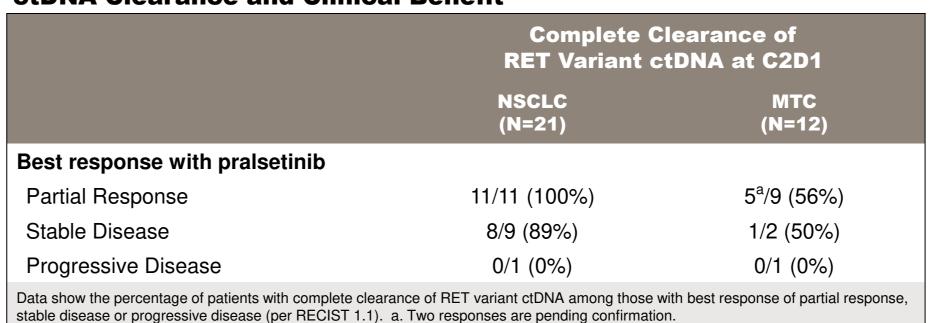
# MTC **NSCLC**

Clearance of RET Variants Across a Broad Range of RET Genotypes

- After 8 weeks of treatment with pralsetinib, RET ctDNA was undetectable for 90% of patients with NSCLC and 50% of patients with MTC harboring somatic RET mutations
- After 8 weeks of treatment with pralsetinib, RET ctDNA was reduced ≥50% for 90% of patients with NSCLC and 83% of patients with MTC harboring somatic RET mutations

CRC, colorectal cancer; F, fusion; M, mutation.

# ctDNA Clearance and Clinical Benefit



Baseline ctDNA levels correlated with tumor burden in NSCLC (p=0.010) and MTC (p=0.038). Analysis of variance (ANOVA F test) based on ctDNA level, using groups with undetectable ctDNA and 2 (MTC) or 3 (NSCLC) quantiles of those with detectable ctDNA.

# All data are preliminary and based on a data cut-off date of 6 Sept 2019 unless otherwise noted.

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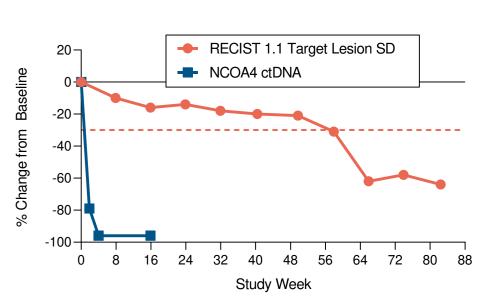
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# Clinical Benefit of Pralsetinib Across RET Genotypes Identified via ctDNA

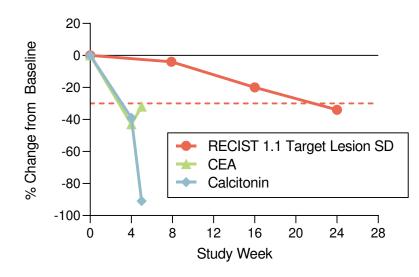
# NCOA4-RET Fusion: Intrahepatic Bile Duct Cancera

- 51-year-old woman with Stage IV disease including liver and bone
- Best response of progressive disease to three prior lines of therapy (nab-paclitaxel/gemcitabine/ cisplatin; erlotinib/bevacizumab; osimertinib)
- With pralsetinib:
- rapid and near-complete clearance of RET
- confirmed, ongoing RECIST 1.1 partial response
- Continues pralsetinib at 19.6 months



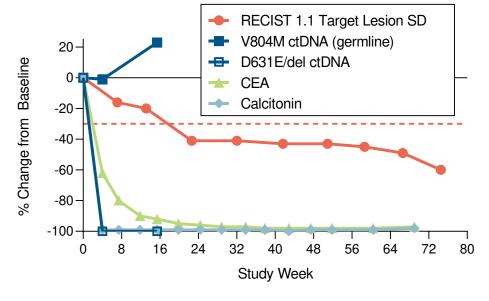
# M918T and Somatic V804L Resistance Mutation: MTC

- 53-year-old woman with Stage IV disease including liver and lymph nodes
- Best response of stable disease, then progression at 10 months, with prior vandetanib
- With pralsetinib:
- rapid reductions in CEA and calcitonin
- tumor shrinkage evolving to partial response<sup>b</sup>
- Continues pralsetinib at 6.8 months



# Germline V804L Mutation: MTC<sup>a</sup>

- 52-vear-old man with Stage IV disease including liver, lung and lymph nodes
- Previously received sunitinib with best response
- With pralsetinib:
- rapid reductions in CEA and calcitonin
- clearance of somatic RET D631del mutation
- confirmed, ongoing RECIST 1.1 partial
- Continues pralsetinib at 17.6 months



Pralsetinib treatment-related adverse events were generally grade 1-2 and manageable; all three patients continue treatment. CEA, carcinoembryonic antigen; SD, sum of diameters. a. Patients initially received alternate pralsetinib starting doses in the dose-escalation study portion, and have since transitioned to 400 mg QD. b. Post treatment ctDNA analysis and confirmation of response are pending.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Plasma ctDNA analysis can successfully identify a broad array of targetable RET alterations and mutations, including somatic resistance mutations
- Treatment with pralsetinib leads to a robust and rapid decline in RET variant ctDNA, regardless of tumor diagnosis or RET alteration genotype
- ctDNA clearance occurred in the majority of patients, including patients with durable responses as well as prolonged disease stabilization
- Results support pralsetinib as a potent and selective RET inhibitor and are consistent with the broad clinical activity observed with pralsetinib, including high objective tumor response and disease control rates