



# Early clinical activity from the phase 1 evaluation of CID-078, a novel cyclin A/B RxL inhibitor, in patients with advanced solid tumors

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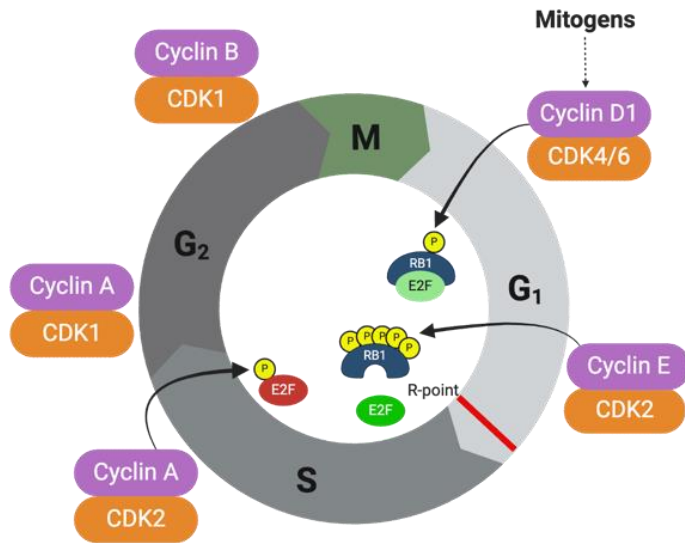
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# CDK-Rb-E2F axis is a molecular checkpoint critical for tumor suppression

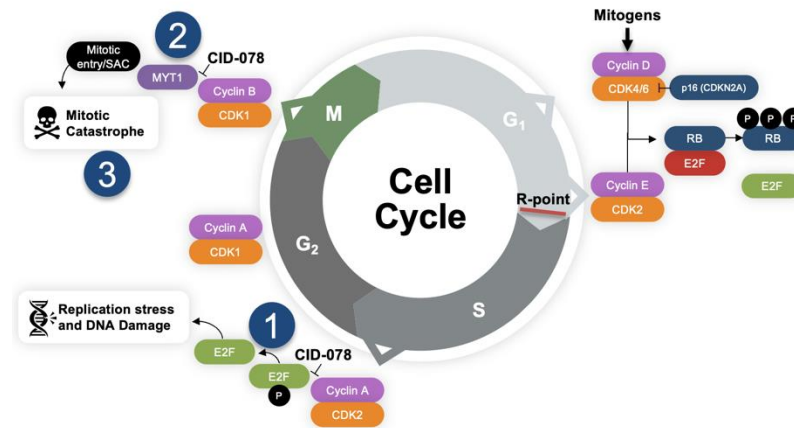
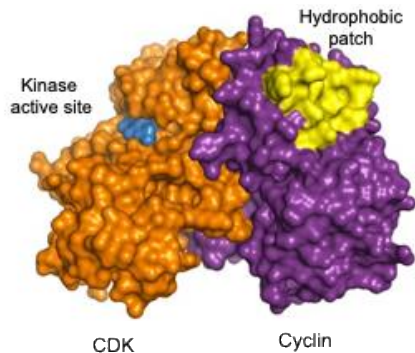


- The CDK-Rb-E2F axis regulates cell-cycle progression, with Rb acting as a molecular break silencing E2F-target genes required for S, G<sub>2</sub>- and M-phases of the cell-cycle<sup>1-3</sup>.
  - Alterations in CDKs, cyclins, and Rb protein function can increase oncogenic E2F activity, leading to uncontrolled proliferation.
- Loss of *RB1* occurs in ≈7% of all solid tumors<sup>4</sup>.
  - > 90% of SCLC<sup>5</sup>
  - > 80% of leiomyosarcoma<sup>6</sup>
  - Up to 70% of basal-like breast cancer, including TNBC<sup>2</sup>
  - Up to 70% of neuroendocrine carcinoma<sup>7</sup>
  - Up to 60% of osteosarcoma<sup>8</sup>

CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; *RB1*, retinoblastoma transcriptional corepressor 1; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

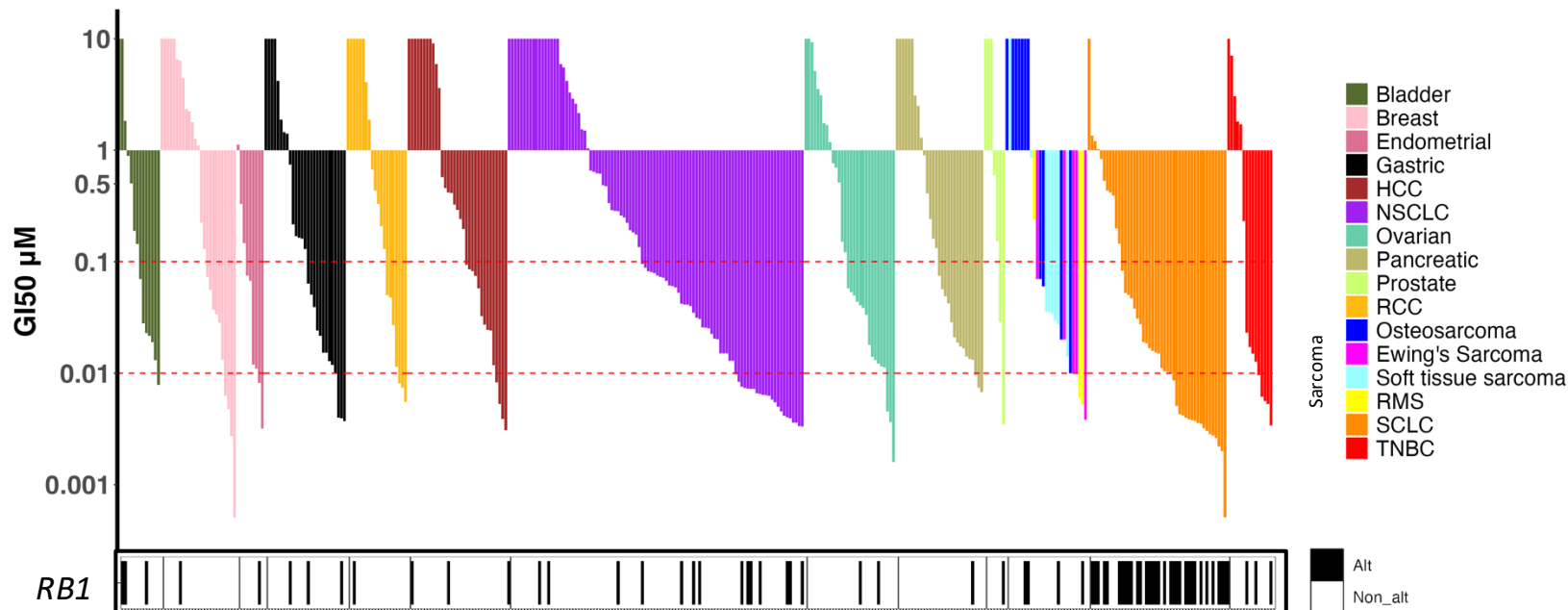
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# CID-078 is a first-in class cyclin A/B RxL inhibitor<sup>1</sup>



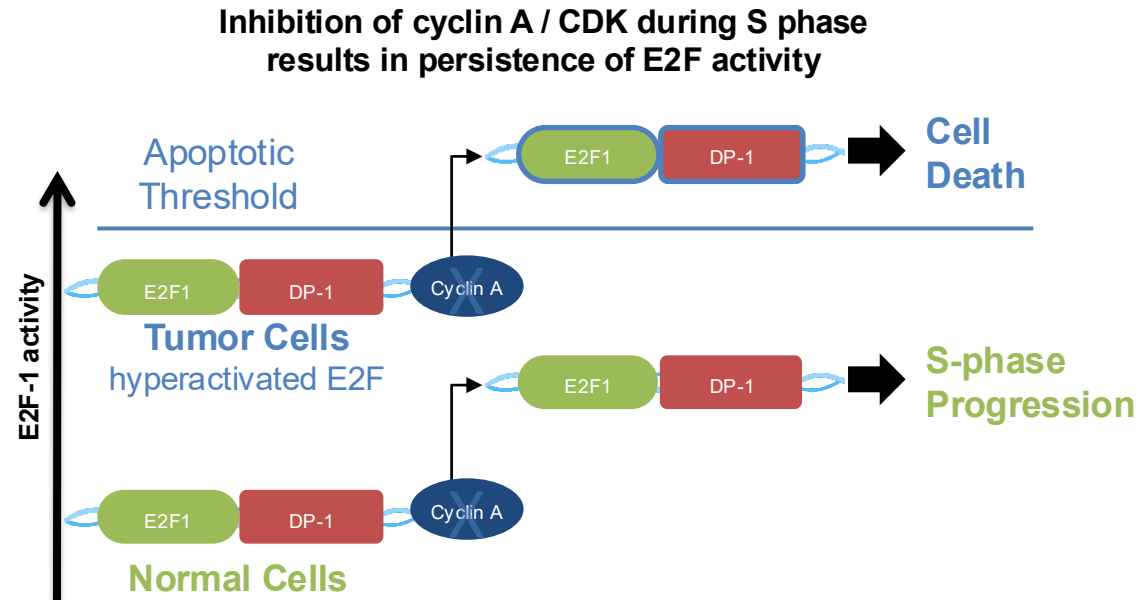
- CID-078 is a novel, first-in-class, oral macrocycle that binds previously undruggable hydrophobic patch on cyclin A & cyclin B complexes.
  - Blocks cyclin A: E2F interaction to cause replication stress, and accumulation of DNA damage.
  - Disrupts cyclin B: Myt1 interaction forces-tumor cells into mitosis, leading to activation of the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC).
  - The combined dual-action leads to mitotic catastrophe and apoptosis.

# CID-078 anti-proliferative effect observed in solid tumor preclinical models



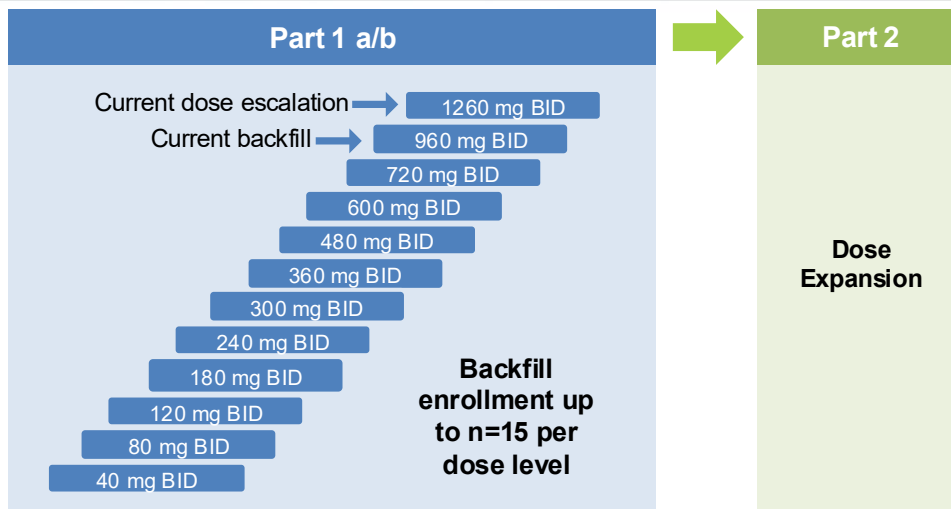
# Crossing the E2F activity threshold (“tipping point”) during S-phase induces apoptosis

Tumors with hyperactivated E2F susceptible to potential cell death through cyclin A inhibition



- Persistence of E2F during S-phase results in different outcomes based on baseline:
  - Normal cells: Tolerable, and cells progress normally through the cycle.
  - E2F high tumors: Crosses E2F activity threshold (“tipping point”), inducing apoptosis.

# CID-AB1-24001: First-in-human Phase 1 trial evaluating CID078 in solid tumors (NCT06577987)



- Open-label, multicenter study to evaluate CID-078 in patients with advanced solid tumor malignancies.
- CID-078 administered orally, BID in 21-day cycles until disease progression, unacceptable safety concerns or patient withdrawal.
- Dose escalation guided by BF-BOIN design, with up to 15 patients enrolled per dose level
- Patients with SCLC, TNBC, solid tumors with *RB1*-alteration or *CDKNA2A/B* deletion eligible for backfill.
- Evaluation of increased drug loading (Gen-2) CID-078 formulation and food effect.

## Primary objectives (Part 1a/b)

- Evaluate the safety and tolerability of CID-078.
- Determine the CID-078 RDE to be examined in Dose Expansion.

## Selected secondary objectives (Part 1a/b)

- Evaluate tumor response/clinical activity of CID-078.
- Characterize the PK of CID-078.
- Investigate the PK exposure between the original and Gen-2 CID-078 formulations (Part 1b).
- Evaluate the effect of food on the PK of CID-078.

## Key exploratory objectives (Part 1a/b)

- Blood and tumor biomarkers.
- PK/pharmacodynamic correlations with safety and efficacy endpoints.

# CID-AB1-24001: Patient demographics and disease characteristics

Characteristics	Patients (N=79)
Age, median (range) in years	62 (27-82)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	33 (41.8)
Female	46 (58.2)
Race	
White	52 (65.8)
Black/African American	9 (11.4)
Asian	9 (11.4)
American Indian/Alaska Native	1 (1.3)
Other	8 (10.1)
Ethnicity, n (%)	
Hispanic/Latino	6 (7.6)
Not Hispanic/Latino	71 (89.9)
Not reported	1 ( 1.3)
Unknown	1 ( 1.3)
ECOG status, n (%)	
1	27 (34.2)
0	52 (65.8)

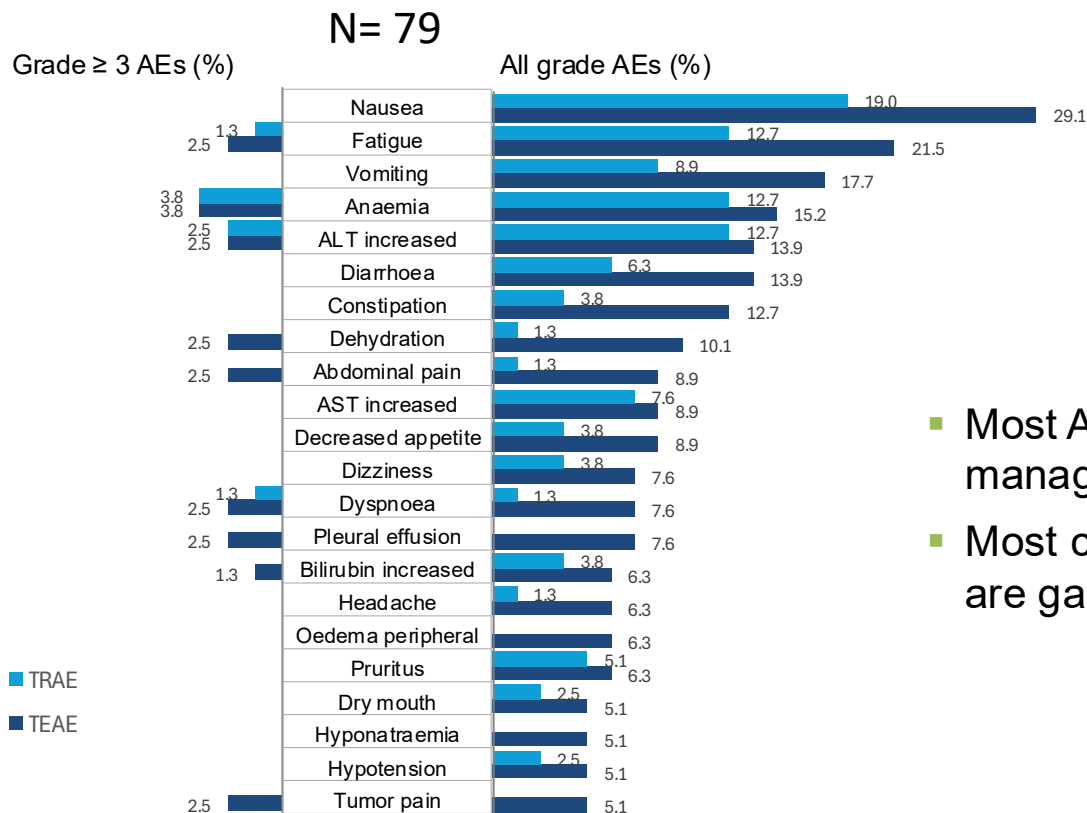
Characteristics	Patients (N=79)
Tumor type, n (%)	
Sarcoma*	19 (24.1)
Squamous cell carcinoma	10 (12.7)
SCLC	9 (11.4)
TNBC	8 (8.9)
HER2 negative breast cancer	4 (5.1)
NSCLC	4 (5.1)
Neuroendocrine	3 (3.8)
GI cancers**	12 (15.2)
Other	10 (12.7)
Prior lines of systemic therapy	
Median (range)	3 ( 1-11)
1L, n (%)	7 (8.9)
2L, n (%)	21 (26.6)
≥ 3L, n (%)	51 (64.5)
Biomarkers, n (%)	
<i>RB1</i> alteration	45 (57.0)
<i>CDKN2A/B</i> loss	11 ( 13.9)
<i>RB1</i> & <i>CDKN2A/B</i> loss	2 ( 2.5)

As of March 5th, 2026. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding. NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

\* Includes 17 soft-tissue sarcoma (including 9 leiomyosarcomas) and 2 chondrosarcomas

\*\* Includes 5 pancreatic cancer, 3 colorectal cancer, 2 cholangiocarcinoma, 1 esophageal and 1 gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma

# CID-AB1-24001: Safety profile (TEAE >5% all grades)



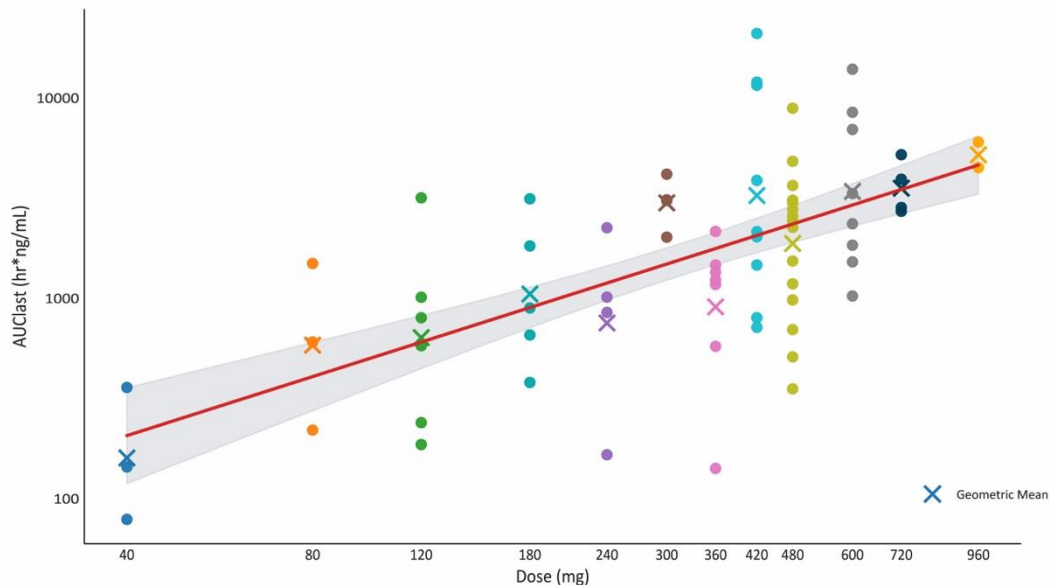
- Most AEs were grade 1 or 2 and manageable.
- Most commonly reported TEAEs are gastrointestinal in nature.

# CID-AB1-24001: Safety profile is consistent, irrespective of dosing assignment

AE category	Total N=79 n (%)	40-300 mg N=28 n (%)	360 mg N=8 n (%)	420 mg N=10 n (%)	480 mg N=18 n (%)	600 mg N=10 n (%)	720 mg N=5 n (%)
Any AE	73 (92.4)	28 (100)	8 (100)	8 (80.0)	17 (94.4)	9 (90.0)	3 (60.0)
TRAE all grades	52 (65.8)	21 (75.0)	6 (75.0)	7 (70.0)	11 (61.1)	6 (60.0)	1 (20.0)
TEAE ≥ grade 3	27 (34.2)	9 (32.1)	3 (37.5)	6 (60.0)	5 (27.8)	4 (40.0)	-
TRAE ≥ grade 3	7 (8.9)	2 (7.1)	-	3 (30.0)	1 (5.6)	1 (10.0)	-
TEAE with outcome of death	1 (1.3)	1 (3.6)	-	-	-	-	-
TRAE with outcome of death	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation	5 (6.3)	2 (7.1)	-	2 (20.0)	1 (5.6)	-	-
TRAE leading to treatment discontinuation	1 (1.3)	1 (3.6)	-	-	-	-	-
AEs resulting in dose modification	22 (27.8)	8 (28.6)	3 (37.5)	4 (40.0)	2 (11.1)	5 (50.0)	-
Dose interruption	22 (27.8)	8 (28.6)	3 (37.5)	4 (40.0)	2 (11.1)	5 (50.0)	-
Dose reduction	3 (3.8)	1 (3.6)	-	-	1 (5.6)	1 (10.0)	-
SAE	18 (22.8)	6 (21.4)	3 (37.5)	5 (50.0)	2 (11.1)	2 (20.0)	-
SAEs related to study drug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Safety data to date suggests no apparent dose-safety relationship.
- Two dose-limiting toxicities reported with neither limiting subsequent dose escalation.
  - Grade 3 ALT increase and grade 4 GGT increase in 1 patient (300 mg BID backfill cohort) resulting in a brief drug hold; recurred at a lower dose leading to study drug discontinuation.
  - Grade 3 ALT increase in 1 patient (600 mg BID cohort), which resolved on a brief drug hold; subsequently treated at a lower dose without recurrence.
  - No associated bilirubin increase reported in either patient.

# CID-AB1-24001: Pharmacokinetics of CID-078, a 1000Mwt macrocyclic peptide

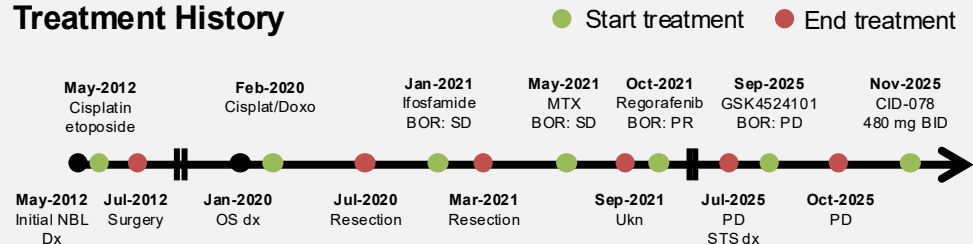


- Linear PK across dose range 40 mg to 960 mg.
- Clinical exposures consistent with preclinical predictions of human oral bioavailability  $\approx 19\%$ .
- Mean  $t_{1/2}$  range  $\approx 3$  hours.
- No accumulation of CID-078 observed.
- No evidence of exposure saturation.

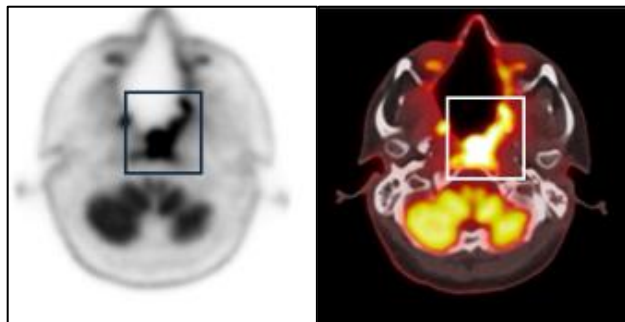
# CID-AB1-24001: Patient with stage 4 *RB1*-alt undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma

- 28-year-old male with Li-Fraumeni Syndrome with stage IV, undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma; prior cancer history include esthesioneuroblastoma, diagnosed in 2012 and radiation-associated osteosarcoma diagnosed in 2020.
- Six prior lines of systemic therapy.
- CGP showed *Rb* K65Rfs\*12 loss of function (VAF 70.3%), TP53 germline c.404G>A.

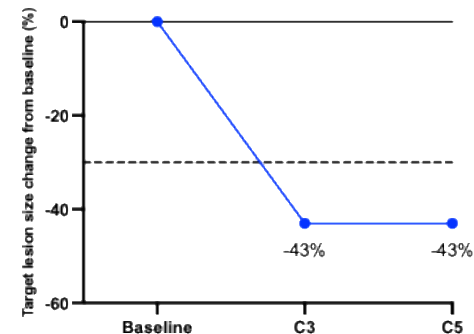
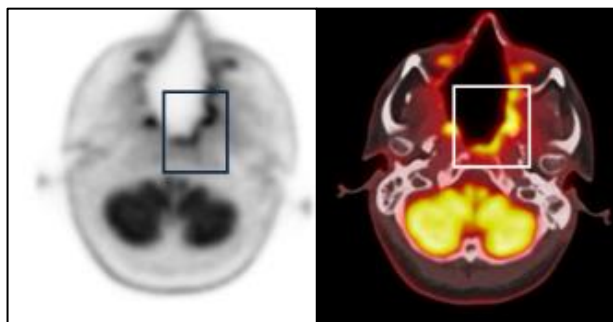
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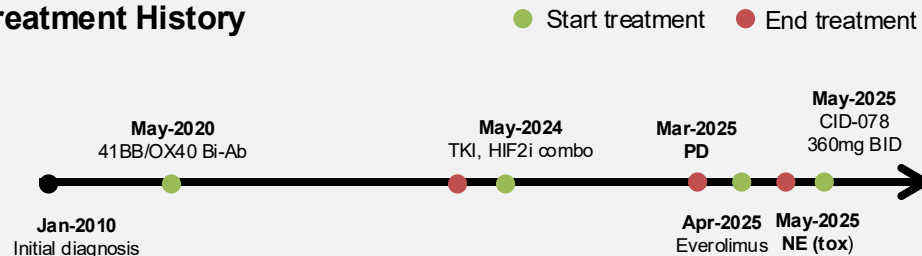
Cycle 3, day 1



# CID-AB1-24001: Patient with stage 4 well-differentiated low-grade neuroendocrine tumor

- 74-year-old female with stage IV, neuroendocrine tumor in duodenum with liver disease involvement.
- Three prior lines of therapy since initial diagnosis in 2010.
- Immunoperoxidase stain positive for CDX2, CK19 and synaptophysin, negative for CK7, CK20, GATA3, Estrogen (ER <1%) and Ki67 index <1% (low).
- Rb protein loss identified by IHC after enrollment.

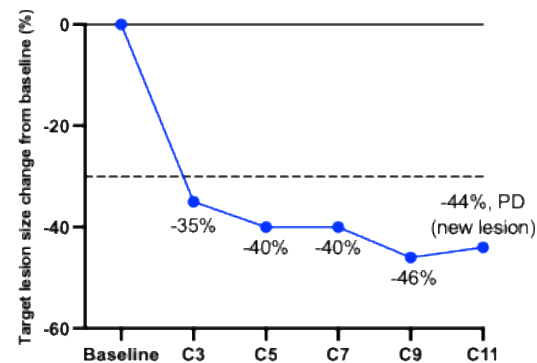
## Treatment History



Baseline



Cycle 5, day 1



# Conclusions

- Novel oral macrocycle dual cyclin A/B RxL inhibitor.
- PK analysis shows linear increases in exposure with dose.
- Favorable safety and tolerability profile through highest dose tested as of cut date (720mg BID).
  - Dose limiting toxicity of ALT increase reported in 1 patient at 300 mg BID and 1 patient at 600 mg BID.
  - TRAEs  $\geq$  Gr. 3 observed in 7 (8.9%) patients w/ 1 discontinuation due to TRAE at 300mg BID.
- Hypothesis that *RB1* loss / E2F high tumors will be sensitive to dual-inhibition of cyclin A/B is being evaluated.
  - Encouraging early signs of anti-tumor activity observed.
- Planning to evaluate “*RB1*-driven/E2F high” tumor types, such as sarcoma, neuroendocrine carcinoma (including SCLC), TNBC, and others, in expansion cohorts.

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