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# TACTIVE-U: phase 1b/2 umbrella study of ARV-471, a PROteolysis TArgeting Chimera (PROTAC) estrogen receptor (ER) degrader, combined with other anticancer treatments in ER+ advanced or metastatic breast cancer

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### **Background and Rationale**

- Vepdegestrant (ARV-471) is a selective, orally administered PROTAC ER degrader<sup>1</sup>
- Vepdegestrant directly binds the cereblon E3 ubiquitin ligase and ER to trigger ubiquitination of ER and its subsequent proteasomal degradation (Figure 1)



- In contrast, selective ER degraders (SERDs) indirectly lead to ER degradation as a result of conformational changes and/or immobilization of ER<sup>2</sup>
- Vepdegestrant was well tolerated and showed evidence of clinical activity in the phase 2 VERITAC study (NCT04072952) in heavily pretreated patients with ER+/human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative (HER2-) advanced breast cancer<sup>3</sup>
- Clinical benefit rate<sup>a</sup> was 37.1% (95% CI: 21.5–55.1) at 200 mg once daily (QD) and 38.9% (95% CI: 23.1–56.5) at 500 mg QD
- Most treatment-related adverse events were grade 1/2
- Cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK)4/6 inhibitors in combination with endocrine therapy have shown survival benefit in ER+ metastatic breast cancer, but resistance and disease progression eventually occur in almost all patients<sup>4-6</sup>
- The CDK4/6 inhibitors abemaciclib and ribociclib are approved as first- and second-line treatment for ER+/HER2- advanced or metastatic breast cancer in combination with endocrine therapy<sup>7,8</sup>

### **Objective**

- The open-label, multicenter, phase 1b/2 TACTIVE-U umbrella study is investigating the safety and clinical activity of vepdegestrant (ARV-471) in combination with other anticancer treatments in patients with previously treated ER+ advanced or metastatic breast cancer
  - Sub-Study A is evaluating the combination of vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib (NCT05548127)
  - Sub-Study B is evaluating the combination of vepdegestrant plus ribociclib (NCT05573555)

### **Study Design**

- Sub-Studies A and B are evaluating vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib, respectively (Figure 3)
  - A dose escalation/de-escalation approach will be used to determine the recommended phase 2 dose of vepdegestrant in combination with abemaciclib or ribociclib
- Eligible patients have previously treated confirmed ER+/HER2- advanced or metastatic breast cancer (Table 1)
- Key outcome measures are shown in **Table 2**



Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
<ul> <li>Women or men aged ≥18 years</li> <li>Histologically or cytologically confirmed ER+/HER2- advanced or metastatic breast cancer not amenable to surgical resection with curative intent</li> <li>≤2 lines of prior therapy for advanced or metastatic disease         <ul> <li>1 line of any CDK4/6 inhibitor–based regimen in any setting</li> </ul> </li> <li>ECOG performance status of 0 or 1</li> <li>≥1 measurable lesion as defined by RECIST v1.1</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Newly diagnosed brain metastases or symptomatic CNS metastases or carcinomatous meningitis/leptomeningeal disease</li> <li>Inflammatory breast cancer</li> <li>Visceral crisis at risk of life-threatening complications in the short term</li> <li>Known history of drug-induced pneumonitis or other significant symptomatic deterioration of lung functions</li> </ul>

CDK=cyclin-dependent kinase; CNS=central nervous system; ECOG=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; ER=estrogen receptor; HER2=human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; RECIST v1.1=Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors version 1.1

- Abemaciclib is also approved as a monotherapy and in combination with other agents in additional breast cancer settings<sup>7</sup>
- Vepdegestrant combined with abemaciclib or ribociclib showed evidence of synergistic interactions in ER+ breast cancer cells and greater tumor growth inhibition in a xenograft breast cancer model compared with fulvestrant in combination with these agents<sup>9</sup> (Figure 2)

<sup>a</sup>Rate of confirmed complete response, partial response, or stable disease ≥24 weeks; evaluable patients were enrolled ≥24 weeks prior to the data cutoff

## Figure 2: Inhibition of breast cancer cell growth with vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib (A) or ribociclib (B) vs fulvestrant in preclinical models<sup>9</sup>





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	Phase 1b	Phase 2	
Primary objective	Primary endpoint		
<ul> <li>Evaluate the tolerability and clinical activity of vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib</li> </ul>	• DLTs	Objective response <sup>a</sup>	
Secondary objectives	Secondary endpoints		
<ul> <li>Evaluate the clinical activity of vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib – additional measures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Objective response<sup>a</sup></li> <li>CBR<sup>b</sup></li> <li>DOR</li> <li>PFS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CBR<sup>b</sup></li> <li>DOR</li> <li>PFS</li> <li>OS</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Evaluate the safety and tolerability of vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Type, frequency, and severity of AEs</li> <li>Laboratory abnormalities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Type, frequency, and severity of AEs</li> <li>Laboratory abnormalities</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Evaluate the pharmacokinetics of vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plasma concentrations of study drugs</li> <li>AUC<sub>tau</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> of study drugs (Sub-Study B only)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plasma concentrations of study drugs</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Evaluate changes in tumor biomarkers with vepdegestrant plus abemaciclib or ribociclib</li> </ul>		Circulating tumor DNA changes	

Objective response refers to confirmed complete response or partial response

<sup>b</sup>CBR refers to proportion of patients with confirmed complete response, partial response, or stable disease ≥24 weeks

AE=adverse event; AUC<sub>tau</sub>=area under the concentration-time curve over dosing interval; CBR=clinical benefit rate; C<sub>max</sub>=maximum concentration; DLT=dose-limiting toxicity; DOR=duration of response; OS=overall survival; PFS=progression-free survival

### **Study Status**

- Enrollment is currently ongoing
- Future combination sub-studies investigating vepdegestrant plus other anticancer treatments will be included in TACTIVE-U

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