

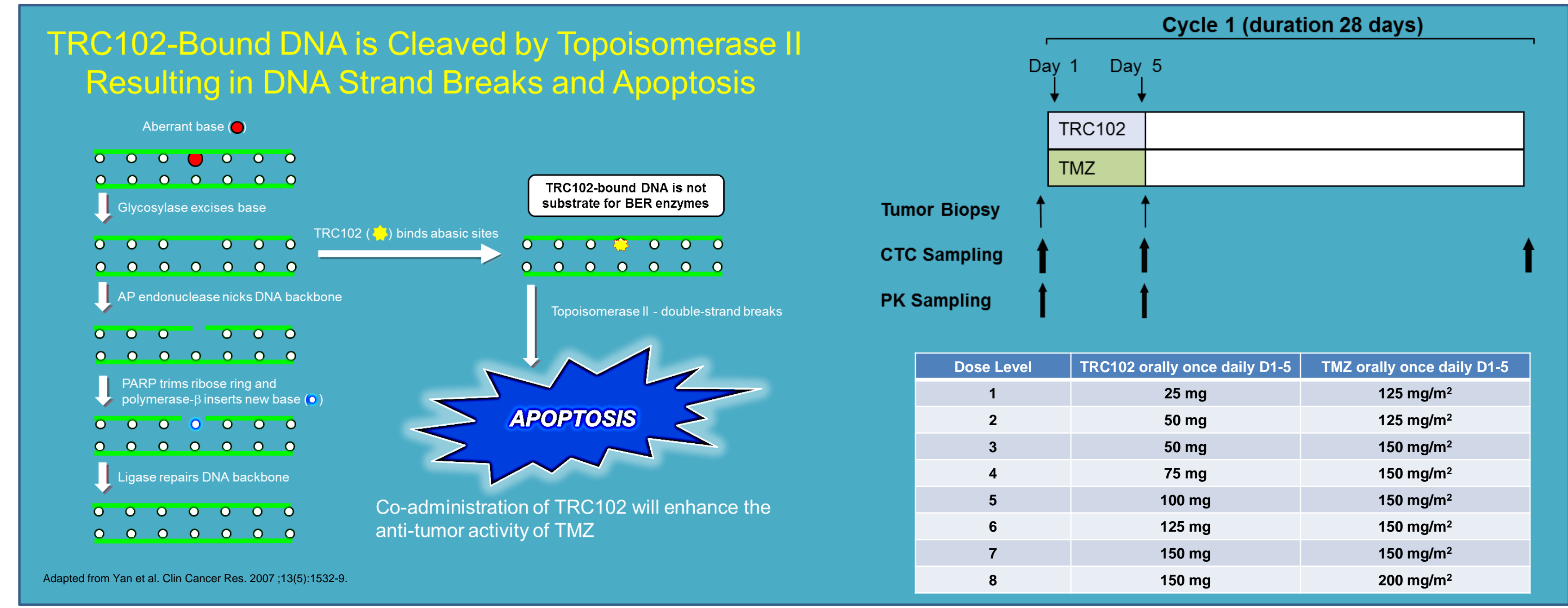
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Introduction

- Base excision repair (BER), one of the pathways of DNA damage repair, has been implicated in chemoresistance.
- TRC102 is small molecule amine that covalently binds to abasic sites generated by BER, resulting in DNA strand breaks and apoptosis; therefore, co-administration of TRC102 is anticipated to enhance the antitumor activity of temozolomide (TMZ).
- TRC102 has been shown to act through a novel mechanism to inhibit BER, causing DNA strand breaks and potentiating the antitumor activity of TMZ in preclinical models.
- We conducted a phase 1 trial of TRC102 in combination with TMZ to determine the safety, tolerability, and maximum tolerated dose (MTD) of the combination (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT01851369).



Objectives

- To establish the safety, tolerability, and MTD of oral TRC102 in combination with oral TMZ in patients with refractory solid tumors
- Evaluate the pharmacokinetic (PK) profile of oral TRC102 in combination with TMZ
- Determine and correlate the effects of study treatment on the level of histone γH2AX (indicative of response to DNA damage) in circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and tumor
- Determine the effects of the study treatment on the levels of cleaved caspase 3 and Ki-67 in tumor
- Evaluate antitumor responses as determined by RECIST criteria

Eligibility

- Adults with histologically confirmed solid tumors that have progressed on standard therapy known to prolong survival or for which no standard treatment options exist
- Performance status ECOG 0-2
- Adequate organ function

This trial was conducted under an NCI-sponsored IND with approval from the NCI Institutional Review Board. Protocol design and conduct followed all applicable regulations, guidances, and local policies.

Study Design

- This is an open-label Phase I trial; traditional 3+3 design.
- Oral TRC102 and oral TMZ are administered daily, days 1-5, in 28-day cycles
- Once the MTD is established, 6 additional patients will be enrolled at the MTD to further evaluate that dose for PK and PD endpoints for evidence of DNA damage and apoptosis.
- During the escalation phase, tumor biopsies will be optional. During the expansion phase, (once MTD is reached), mandatory paired tumor biopsies will be pursued in the 6 additional patients enrolled to further evaluate PD endpoints.

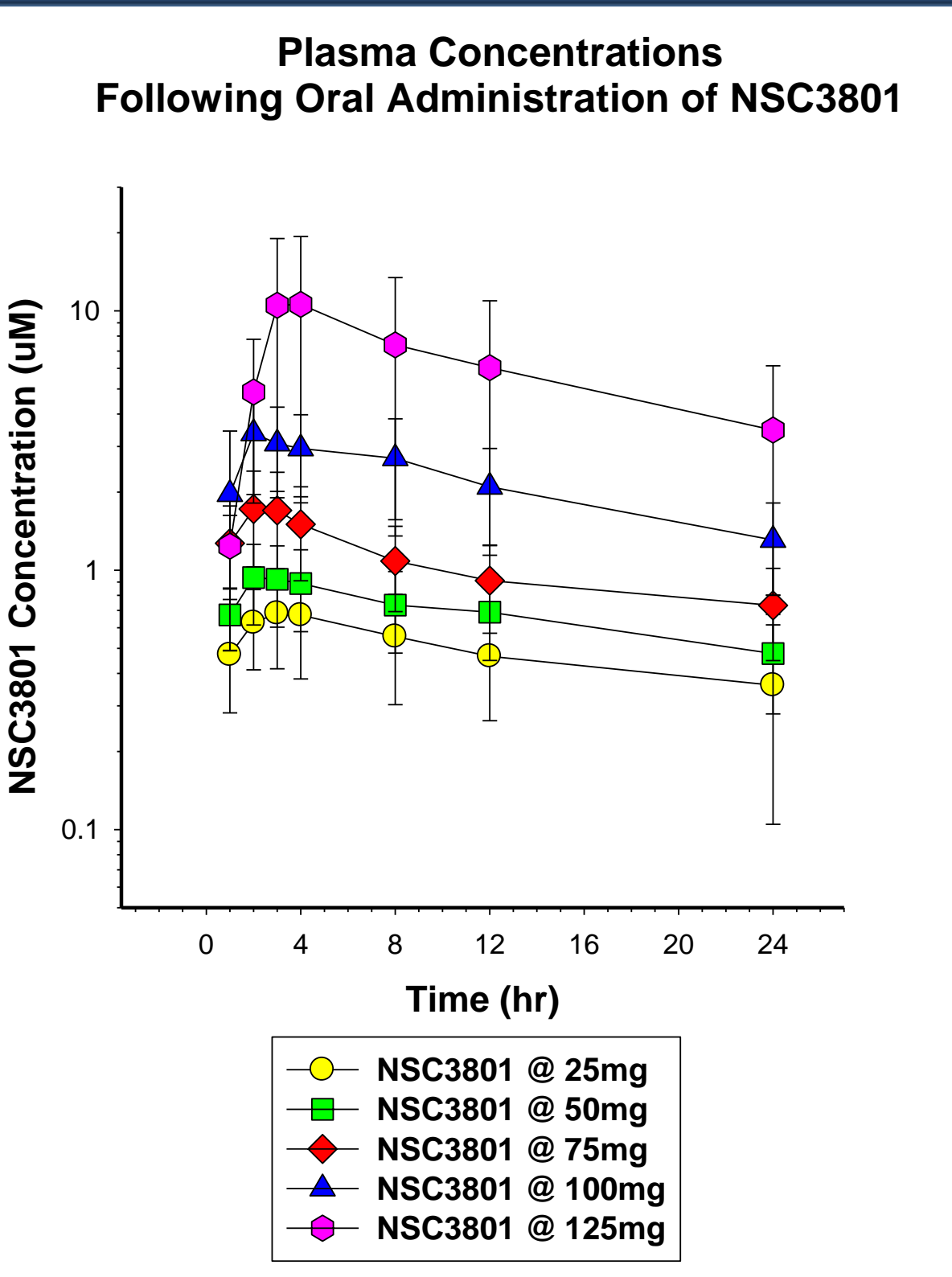
Patient Characteristics

| No. of Patients | | 27 |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|
| Age (median) | 59 | |
| Range | 39 - 78 | |
| Race | | |
| Caucasian | 19 | |
| African American | 5 | |
| Asian | 2 | |
| Hispanic | 1 | |
| Tumor Sites | | |
| GI | 9 | |
| H&N | 4 | |
| Lung | 4 | |
| Breast | 3 | |
| GYN | 5 | |
| Soft tissue sarcoma | 2 | |
| No. Prior lines | | 3.5 |
| Chemotherapy (median) | | 1-9 |
| Range | | |

First enrollment: 7/16/2013
 Data cut off: 3/31/2015

Accrual is ongoing; 27 patients have been enrolled:
 3 patients are still on study
 1 patient enrolled but withdrew prior to receiving treatment and is not evaluable

Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics



- There is no pharmacokinetic interaction with TMZ; the pharmacokinetics of combination TMZ and TRC102 (NSC 3801) are similar to those of both drugs as single agents
- The drug level (C_{max}) required for preclinical activity (50 ng/mL; 0.6 µM) was achieved with the 25 mg dose of TRC102
- T_{1/2} ~26 hr
- CTC analysis for evidence of DNA damage response is ongoing

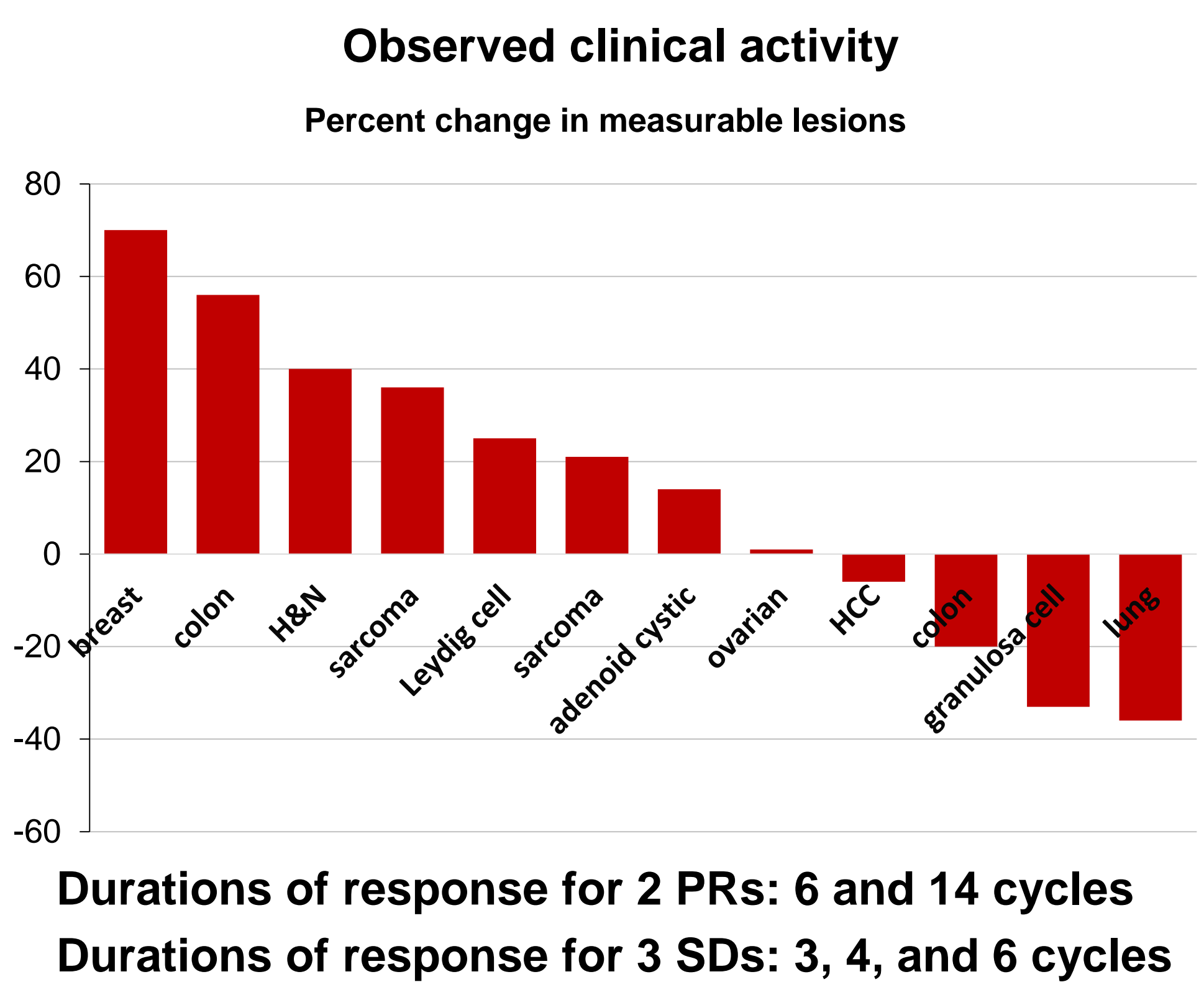
| TRC102 | T _{max} | C _{max} | T _{1/2} |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 25 mg | 3 hr | 58 ng/mL | 27.1 hr |
| 50 mg | 2 hr | 78 ng/mL | 25.2 hr |
| 75 mg | 2 hr | 217 ng/mL | 25.9 hr |

Drug-related Adverse Events

| Adverse Event | Number | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 |
| Neutrophil count decreased | | 1 | 1 |
| Platelet count decreased | | | 1 |
| Lymphocyte count decreased | 5 | 1 | |
| Anemia | 2 | 1 | |
| White blood cell decreased | 1 | 1 | |
| Hypophosphatemia | | 1 | |
| Fatigue | 2 | | |
| Alkaline phosphatase increased | 2 | | |
| Vomiting | 1 | | |
| Hemolysis | 1 | | |
| Creatinine increased | 1 | | |

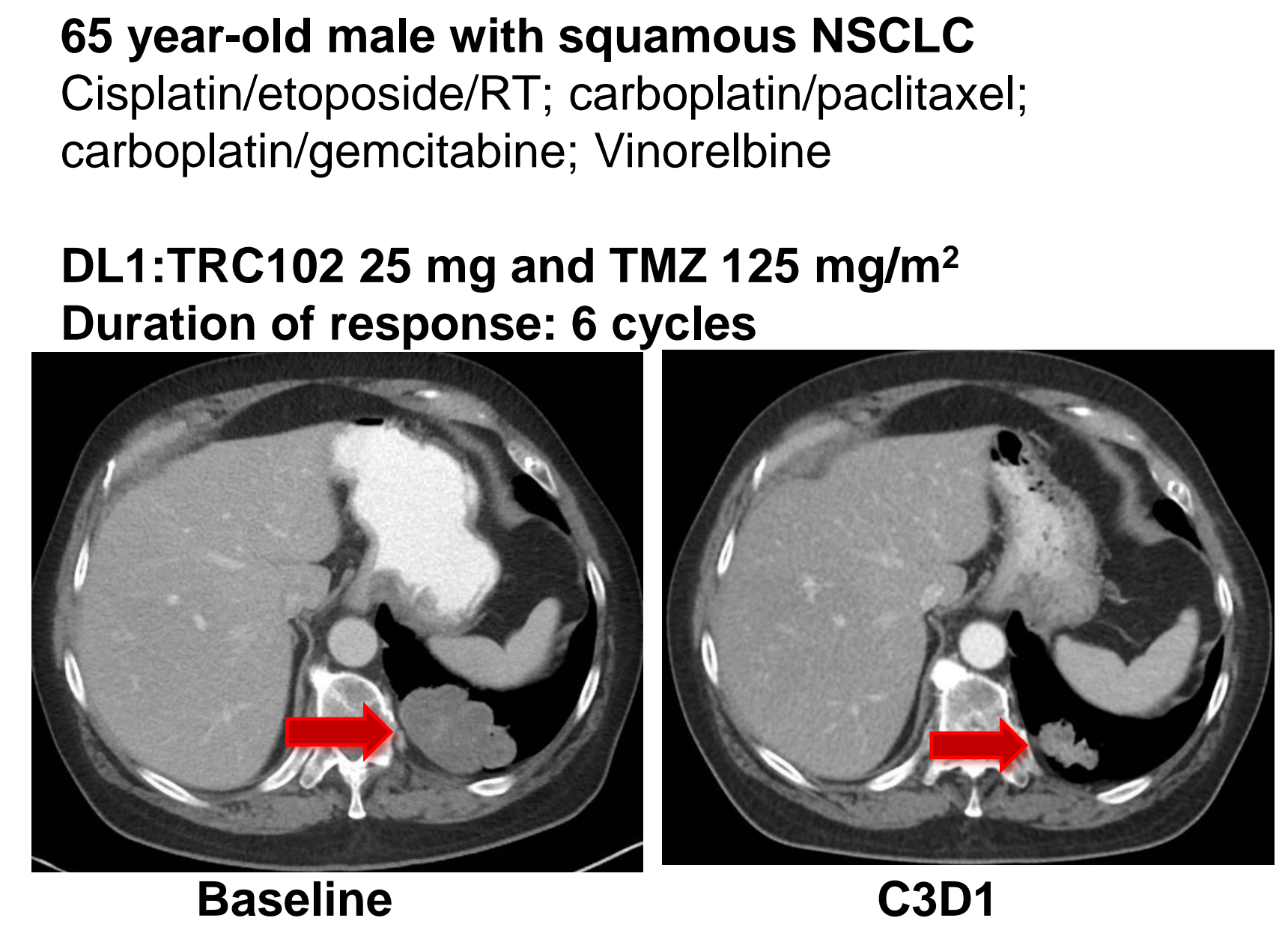
Worst grade of toxicity per patient is reported

Response

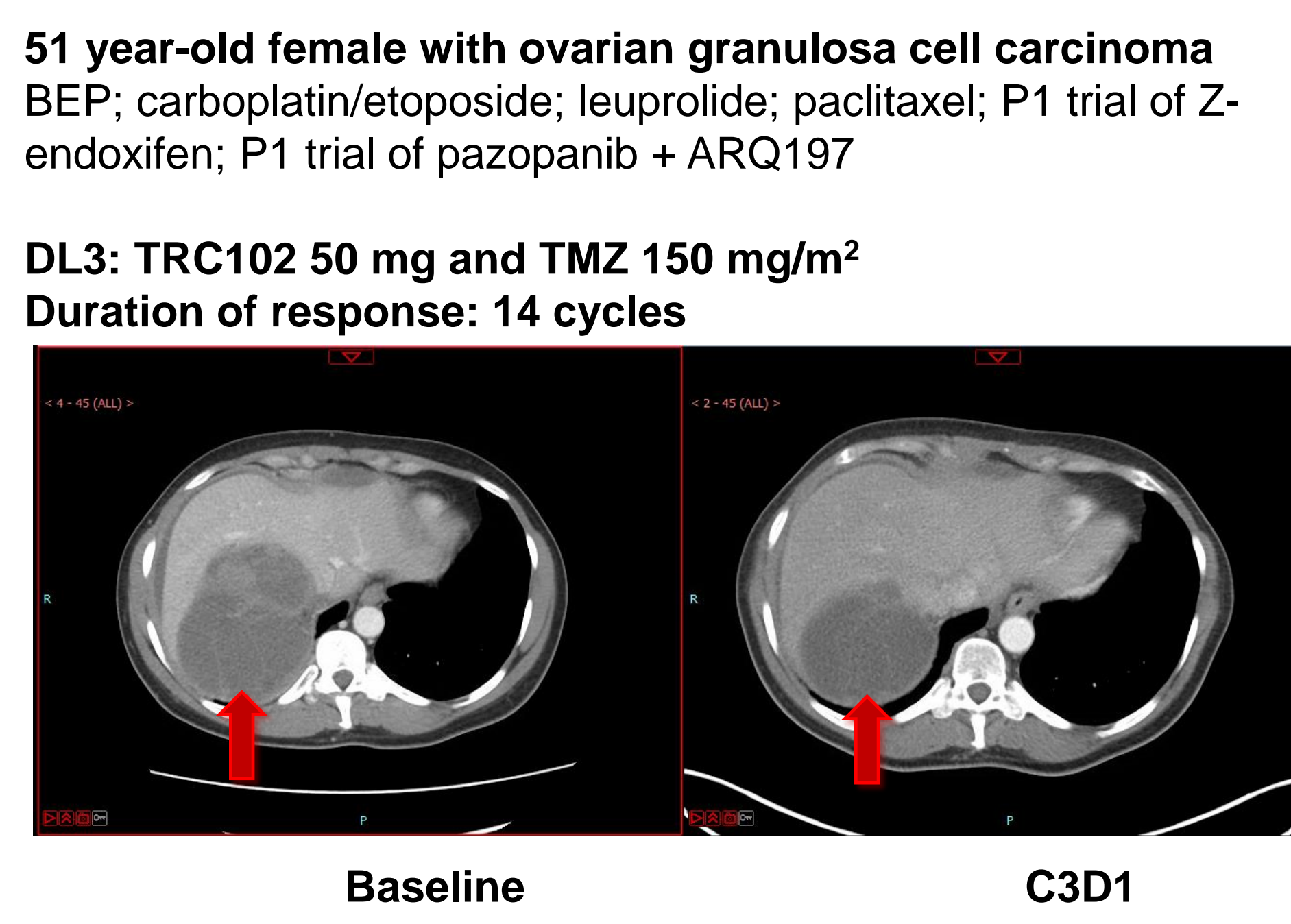


Durations of response for 2 PRs: 6 and 14 cycles
 Durations of response for 3 SDs: 3, 4, and 6 cycles

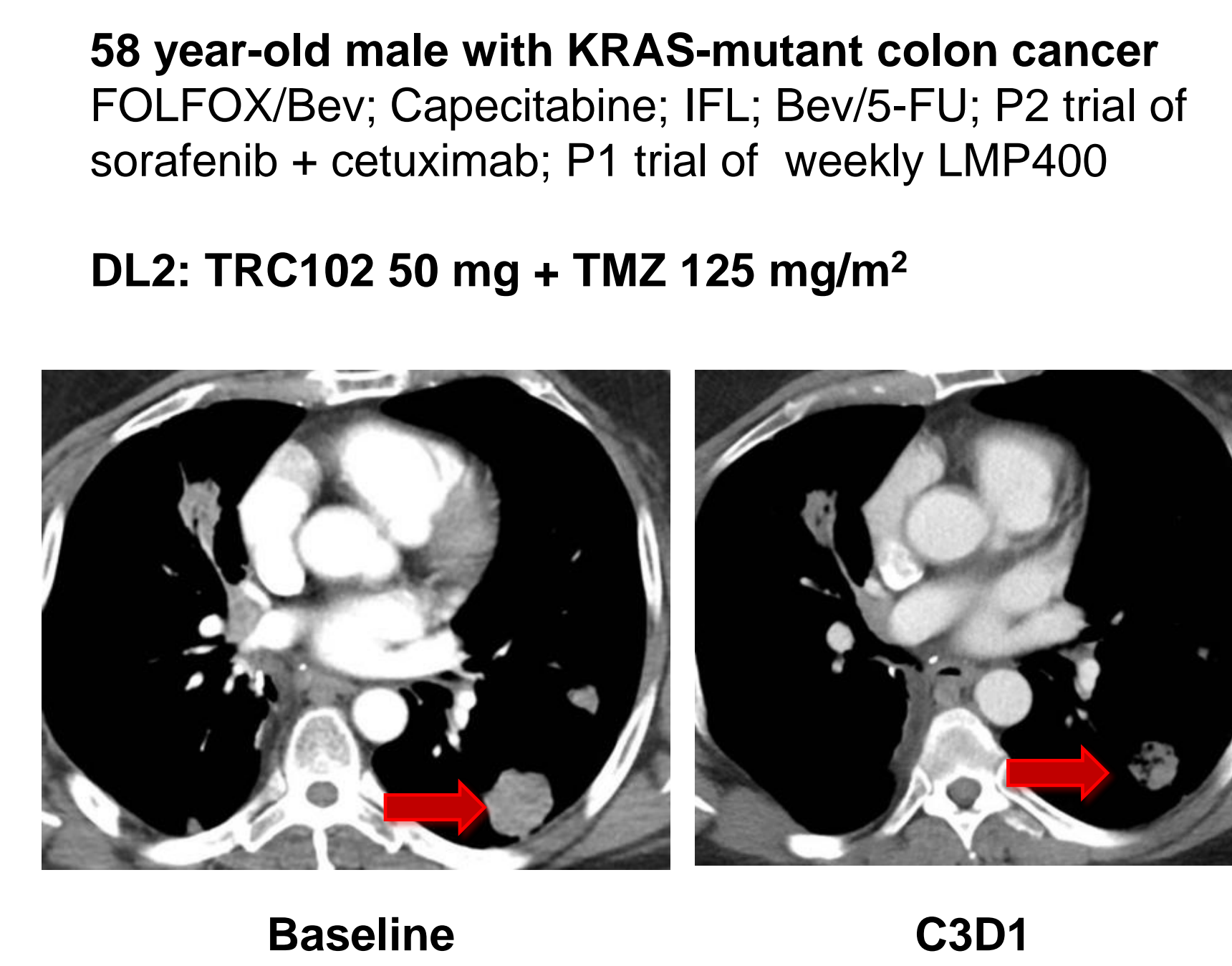
Partial Response



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Stable disease (20% decrease)



Conclusions

- The combination of TRC102 with TMZ has been well tolerated to date up to dose level 5 (100 mg + 150 mg/m²)
- The MTD has not yet been reached; accrual is ongoing
- Pharmacokinetic data showed that all dose levels of TRC102 reached C_{max} >50 ng/mL required for the activity observed in preclinical models
- Co-administration of TMZ with TRC102 did not alter the pharmacokinetics of either compound
- Two patients had partial responses (lasting 6 and 14 cycles) and 3 had stable disease (lasting 3, 4, and 6 cycles, respectively), consistent with clinical benefit in this refractory population
- Paired tumor biopsies to assess the DNA damage response and apoptosis are planned in an expansion cohort at the MTD

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