Talazoparib (Talzenna®) in combination with enzalutamide for the treatment of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)

General information									
Drug description [1]									
Talazoparib (Talzenna®) is a potent PARP inhibitor and traps PARP on single-strand DNA breaks, preventing DNA repair.									
Indication [2]									
Talazoparib (Talzenna®) is indicated in combination with enzalutamide for the treatment of adult patients with mCRPC in whether the second sec	nom chemotherapy is not clinically indicated.								
Incidence									
In Austria, in 2020, a total of 6126 men were newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The age-standardised ¹ incidence rate wa	s 149.9/100,000 men [3].								
The median age at disease onset is 60 years; approximately 30% of men have metastatic disease at the time of diagnosis [4].									
Current treatment ²									
For the treatment of mCRPC, the ESMO recommends:									
 External beam radiotherapy plus ADT-abiraterone-prednisone is recommended for men with very high-risk M0 pros PSA >40 ng/ml, Gleason score 8-10) (I, B). 	tate cancer (defined by N1 disease or at least two risk factors among T3-T4,								
 PSA >40 ng/ml, Gleason score 8-10) (I, B). Men receiving radical radiotherapy for very high-risk disease should have long-course ADT (24-36 months) plus abiraterone-prednisone (24 months) (I, B). ADT-docetaxel-abiraterone-prednisone is recommended as first-line treatment for fit men with de novo metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer (mHSPC), especially in those with multiple 									
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The other treatment option for men with mHSPC is a novel hormone agent (NHA) plus ADT (ADT-abiraterone-prednisone; ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 4), ADT-apalutamide (ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 4), which is recommended for first-line treatment (I, A). Both strategies (NHA-ADT vs. triplet therapy) have not been directly compared.									
score: 4) or ADT-enzalutamide (ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 4), which is recommended for first-line treatment (I, A). Both strategies (NHA-ADT vs. triplet therapy) have not been directly compare In men with mHSPC, ADT alone should be used only in vulnerable men who cannot tolerate treatment intensification (III, C).									
 Olaparib should be considered after novel androgen receptor axis inhibitors (with or without prior taxane treatment) for patients with mCRPC and BRCA1/2 alterations (I, B; ESMO-MCBS v1. score: 3). 									
	olutamide or enzalutamide) and docetaxel, the following treatments should								
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	FDA [5, 6]								
Approval status for this indication: On 9 November 2023, the CHMP adopted a positive opinion recommending a change									
to the terms of the marketing authorisation for the medicinal product Talzenna®.	On 20 June 2023, the FDA approved talazoparib (Talzenna®) with								
The CHMP adopted a new indication as follows:	enzalutamide for homologous recombination repair (HRR) gene-								
 Talzenna® is indicated in combination with enzalutamide for the treatment of adult patients with mCRPC in whom mutated mCRPC. 									
chemotherapy is not clinically indicated.	Other indications: Talzenna® is indicated:								

¹ European Standard Population 2013.

² Currently, there is no Onkopedia Guideline available for prostate cancer.

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Talzenna® is manuf	actured by F	Pfizer®.										
					Costs							
30 Talzenna® hard o	capsules 0.2	5 mg = € 1,506.09 (ex-facto	ory price) [7]									
				Stud	ly characteristics	[1, 8, 9]						
Trial name	n	Intervention (I)	Compa	rator (C)			up (I vs. C) Charact		eristics	Biomarker	Funding	Publication(s)
TALAPRO-2 NCT03395197	805 (1:1)	talazoparib 0.5 mg + enzalutamide 160 mg, administered orally once daily	+ enzalutan administere	cebo nide 160 mg, d orally once aily	rPFS by BICR in the ITT population	24.9 months (10 30.2) vs. 24.6 mc 14.4–30.	onths (IQR	ongo randor double phase	nised, -blind,	-	Pfizer	TALAPRO-2 trial [1]
Inclusion criteria ⁴				Exclusion criteria					Patient characteristics at baselin (I vs. C, n=402 vs. n=403)			
 ≥18 years of age (≥20 years in Japan). Histologically or cytologically confirmed adenocarcinoma of the prostate without small cell or signet cell features. Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic mCRPC. Assessment of HRR mutation status by prospective analysis of blood, or tissue, or historical analysis of most recent tumour tissue per FoundationOne® testing. Biopsies of the brain, lung/mediastinum, pancreas, or endoscopic procedures extending beyond the oesophagus, stomach, or bowel may not be performed for the sole purpose of determining study eligibility. Unless prohibited by local regulations or ethics committee decision, consent to a saliva sample collection for retrospective sequencing of the same HRR genes tested on tumour tissue and blood (liquid biopsy), 			ve of most g. s, or ormed ity. ne HRR	 Any prior systemic cancer treatment initiated in the CRPC or mCRPC disease state. Patients whose only evidence of metastasis is ad a a ortic bifurcation. Prior treatment with second-generation androge (enzalutamide, apalutamide, and darolutamide), cyclophosphamide, or mitoxantrone for prostate. Prior treatment with platinum-based chemothera (from the last dose) prior to randomisation, or an progression on platinum-based therapy within 6 last dose). Prior docetaxel for mCSPC allowed if the elapsed from the last dose of docetaxel. Treatment with cytotoxic chemotherapy which ir limited to docetaxel, biologic therapy including stradionuclide therapy received in the castration-s cancer is NOT exclusionary if discontinued in the 				below the inhibitors ibitor, 5 months f disease om the 4 weeks is not 7, or ostate	 Kace White: 60% vs. 63% Black or African Americ vs. 1% Acian: 32% vc. 30% 			3% American: 3% 0% . <1% :1% % vs. 5% 5% vs. 86% vs. 10%

³ TALAPRO-2 trial is currently ongoing; the estimated study completion date is 07/2024. ⁴ For detailed in- and exclusion criteria, please see Supplementary Appendix.



or a subset thereof, and to serve as a germline control in identifying tumour mutations.

- Surgically or medically castrated, with serum testosterone ≤50 ng/dL (≤1.73 nmol/L) at screening. Ongoing ADT with a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist or antagonist for patients who have not undergone bilateral orchiectomy must be initiated at least 4 weeks before randomisation and must continue throughout the study.
- Metastatic disease in bone documented on bone scan or in soft tissue documented on CT/MRI scan. Scans obtained as part of standard of care in the 6 weeks (42 days) prior to randomisation can be used if they meet study requirements.
- Progressive disease at study entry in the setting of medical or surgical castration as defined by 1 or more of the following 3 criteria:
 - PSA progression defined by rising PSA of at least 2 consecutive rises in most recent PSA to be documented over a reference value (measure 1) taken at least 7 days apart within the last 12 months. If the third PSA measure is not greater than the second measure, a fourth PSA measure is required to be taken and be greater than the second measure. The third (or the fourth) confirmatory PSA should be taken within 4 weeks prior to randomisation. The third (or the fourth) PSA value, obtained before randomisation must be ≥1 µg/L if qualifying only by PSA progression.
 - Soft tissue disease progression as defined by RECIST 1.1.
 - Bone disease progression defined by PCWG3 with 2 or more new metastatic bone lesions on a whole body radionuclide bone scan.
- Ongoing bisphosphonate or denosumab use prior to randomisation is allowed but not mandatory.
- ♦ ECOG PS ≤1.
- Life expectancy ≥12 months as assessed by the investigator.
- Able to swallow the study treatment and have no known intolerance to study treatments or excipients.

randomisation. Prior treatment with abiraterone in the castrationsensitive settings not exclusionary if discontinued prior to randomisation. Hormonal therapy not exclusionary if discontinued prior to randomisation. Prednisone >10 mg/day (or equivalents) is exclusionary.

- Treatment with any investigational agent within 4 weeks before randomisation.
- Prior treatment with opioids for pain related to either primary prostate cancer or metastasis within 28 days prior to randomisation.
- Current use of potent P-gp inhibitors within 7 days prior to randomisation. Potent P-gp inhibitors, and other medications exclusionary because of interaction with either talazoparib or enzalutamide.
- Major surgery within 2 weeks before randomisation, or palliative localised radiation therapy within 3 weeks before randomisation.
- Clinically significant cardiovascular disease, including any of the following:
 - Myocardial infarction or symptomatic cardiac ischaemia within 6 months before randomisation; congestive heart failure NYHA class III or IV; history of clinically significant ventricular arrhythmias within 1 year before screening; history of Mobitz II second degree or third-degree heart block unless a permanent pacemaker is in place; hypotension as indicated by systolic blood pressure <86 mm Hg at screening; bradycardia as indicated by a heart rate of <45 beats per minute on the screening ECG; uncontrolled hypertension as indicated by systolic blood pressure >170 mm Hg or diastolic blood pressure >105 mm Hg at screening.
- Significant renal dysfunction as defined by eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m² by the MDRD equation.
- Significant hepatic dysfunction as defined by any of the following laboratory abnormalities on screening labs:
 - Total serum bilirubin >1.5 times the ULN
 - AST or ALT >2.5 times ULN
 - Albumin <2.8 g/dL.
- ANC <1500/ μ L, platelets <100,000/ μ L, or haemoglobin <9 g/dL.
- Known or suspected brain metastasis or active leptomeningeal disease.
- Symptomatic or impending spinal cord compression or cauda equina syndrome.

- Baseline circulating tumour cell count, cells per 7.5 mL of blood: 1 (0–7) vs. 1 (0–6)
- Gleason score
 - <8: 29% vs. 28%
 - ≥8: 70% vs. 70%
- Disease site
 - Bone (including with soft tissue component): 87% vs. 85%
 - Lymph node: 37% vs. 41%
 - Visceral (lung): 11% vs. 15%
 - Visceral (liver): 3% vs. 4%
 - Other soft tissue: 9% vs. 8%
- ECOG performance status
 - 0: 64% vs. 67%
 - 1: 36% vs. 33%
- Previous taxane-based chemotherapy: 21% vs. 23%
- Previous treatment with novel hormonal therapy: 6% vs. 7%
 - Abiraterone: 5% vs. 6%
 - Orteronel: <1% vs. <1%
- HRR gene alteration status by randomisation stratification:
 - Deficient: 21% vs. 21%
 - Non-deficient or unknown: 79% vs. 79%
- HRR gene alteration status by prospective tumour tissue testing:
 - Deficient: 21% vs. 20%
 - Non-deficient: 51% vs. 54%
 - Unknown: 27% vs. 25%
- BRCA1/2 alteration: 7% vs. 8%



HR for disease progression or death by BICR: 0.63 (95% CI, 0.51- Median rPFS: NR (95% CI, 27.5 months–NR) vs. 21.9 months (95% HR for rPFS in subgroup analysis by HRR gene alteration status 0.70 (95% CI, 0.54–0.89; p=0.0039) in patients with a status of non- HR for disease progression or death patients with HRR gene al 0.66 (96% CI, 0.49–0.91); p=0.0092 HR for rPFS or death in patients in the talazoparib group whos HR for rPFS or death in patients in the talazoparib group with HR for rPFS among patients (n=219) who had received previou sensitive disease: 0.56 (95% CI, 0.38–0.83); p=0.0038 HR for rPFS among patients who had received docetaxel (n=12)	TRAE grade ≥3: 59% vs. 18% Serious AE grade ≥3: 36% vs. 23% Serious and TRAE grade ≥3: 17% vs. 3% Drug discontinuation due to AEs (talazoparib or placebo): 19% v. 12% Discontinuation rates of enzalutamide due to AEs: 11% vs. 11% Venous embolic and thrombotic events: 4% vs. 1% Treatment-related deaths: 0 vs. <1%		
Effi Data cutoff: 16 August 2022:	within 12 months of randomisation. cacy (I vs. C)	Safety (I vs. C) Any AE grade ≥3: 75% vs. 45%	
 Sexually active participants that in the opinion of the investigator are capable of ejaculating, must agree to use a condom when having sex with a partner from the time of the first dose of study treatment through 4 months after last dose of study treatment. Must also agree for female partner of childbearing potential to use an additional highly effective form of contraception from the time of the first dose of study treatment when having sex with a non-pregnant female partner of childbearing potential. Must agree not to donate sperm from the first dose of study treatment. Evidence of a personally signed and dated informed consent document. Willing and able to comply with scheduled visits, treatment plan, laboratory tests, and other study procedures. 	 Any history of myelodysplastic syndrome, acute myeloid leukaemia, or prior malignancy⁵. Any clinically significant gastrointestinal disorder affecting absorption. Fertile male participants who are unwilling or unable to use a condom and highly effective methods of contraception as appropriate for the duration of the study and for 4 months after the last dose of investigational product. Investigator site staff members directly involved in the conduct of th study and their family members, site staff members otherwise supervised by the investigator, or patients who are Pfizer employees including their family members, directly involved in the conduct of the study. Other acute or chronic medical or psychiatric condition including recent or active suicidal ideation or behaviour or laboratory abnormality that interferes with ability to participate in the study, may increase the risk associated with study participation or investigational product administration, or may interfere with the interpretation of study results and, in the judgement of the investigator, would make the patient inappropriate for entry into thi study. History of seizure or any condition that may predispose to seizure. Also, history of loss of consciousness or transient ischemic attack 	ne ;	

⁵ Except for any of the following: Carcinoma in situ or non-melanoma skin cancer; any prior malignancies \geq 3 years before randomisation with no subsequent evidence of recurrence or progression regardless of the stage; Stage 0 or Stage 1 cancer <3 years before randomisation that has a remote probability of recurrence or progression in the opinion of the investigator.

			•		; HR for death: 0.89 (95% Cl, 0							
Confirmed OI CR: 38% vs. 18		patients	with measurable	e disease at baseline	by BICR: 62% (95% CI, 52.4–	70.4) vs. 44% (95% Cl, 3	5.3–52.8	i)				
		A progr	ssion: 267 mont	heve 175 months: H	R 0.72 (95% Cl, 0.58–0.89); p=	0 0020						
					HR 0.49 (95% CI, 0.38–0.65);							
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p=0.036)	to pro	591 85510		st subsequent anting	oplastic therapy. 50.4 month	13 V3. 33.3 11011113, 1110	5.11 (55)	,001, 0.01-0.30,				
					Patient-reported out	comes (abstract da	ata) [1	0]				
PROs were assessed at day 1 (baseline) and at scheduled visits until radiographic progression (every 4 weeks until week 53, and then every 8 weeks) using the EORTC QLQ-C30 and its prostate cancer module, QLQ-PR25.												
◆ Prespecified PRO analyses included overall mean change from baseline (per longitudinal repeated measures mixed-effects model) and time to definitive clinically meaningful (≥10-point change) deterioration (TTD).												
	-	-	ns of TTD were m	ade using a stratified	log-rank test and a Cox prope	ortional hazards model.						
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				antly favoured placebo	o + enzalutamide, the predefi	ned threshold of clinica	l meanir	ngfulness was not met; no	significant differences	between the	arms	
		,	nctioning scales.									
					arib + enzalutamide; HR=0.78							
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Adapted	nc	2B	< 6 months	rPFS: +12.9 mont	ns 0.63 (0.57-0.78)	HR≤0.65 AND gain ≥3 months	3	+14% serious TRAEs	maintained	-1 ⁷	2	
					Risk of b	ias (RCT) [12]						
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					Ongoin	g trials [13]						
NCT number/trial name Description					Estimated study completion date							
NCT03395197/ TALAPRO-2 Please see above.						07/2024						
					Available	e assessments						

⁶ Toxicity adjustment (downgrade 1 level).

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⁸ Of note, the sponsor, patients and investigators were blinded to talazoparib or matching placebo; enzalutamide was open-label.

⁹ TALAPRO-2 trial is ongoing.

¹⁰ The sponsor was involved in the trial design (together with the academic steering committee), data analysis, and data interpretation, and funded medical writing support. Astellas Pharma provided enzalutamide. All authors, including those employed by the sponsor, contributed to data interpretation as well as development, writing, and approval of the manuscript.

- According to NICE, the appraisal "Talazoparib with enzalutamide for untreated hormone-relapsed metastatic prostate cancer" was suspended in August 2023 [14].
- In September 2021, NIHR published a Health Technology Briefing "Talazoparib in addition to enzalutamide for metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer" [15].
- No assessments were identified via CADTH, ICER and G-BA.

Other aspects and conclusions

- In November 2023, the CHMP adopted a new indication for Talzenna®, indicated in combination with enzalutamide for the treatment of adult patients with mCRPC in whom chemotherapy is not clinically indicated. This indication is not approved by the FDA. However, in June 2023, the FDA approved Talzenna® with enzalutamide for HRR gene-mutated mCRPC.
- TALAPRO-2 (NCT03395197) is an ongoing, randomised, double-blind, phase 3 trial of talazoparib plus enzalutamide vs. placebo plus enzalutamide as first-line therapy in men with asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic mCRPC receiving ongoing ADT. Eligible patients were adult men who had asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic mCRPC, had an ECOG PS of 0 or 1, had progressive disease at study entry, had adequate bone marrow function and had not received previous life-prolonging systemic therapy for CRPC or mCRPC. Patients whose only evidence of metastasis is adenopathy below the aortic bifurcation, who had prior treatment with second-generation androgen receptor inhibitors or prior treatment with platinum-based chemotherapy within 6 months, were excluded.
- The primary endpoint was rPFS by BICR in the ITT population. At the planned primary analysis, median rPFS was not reached (95% CI, 27.5 months–NR) vs. 21.9 months (95% CI, 16.6–25.1); HR 0.63 (95% CI, 0.51–0.78); p<0.0001.</p>
- PROs were assessed in TALAPRO-2 trial, showing that the treatment effect on GHS/QoL significantly favoured placebo + enzalutamide, the predefined threshold of clinical meaningfulness was not met and no significant differences between the arms were observed in any functioning scales. For talazoparib + enzalutamide, a significantly longer TTD in GHS/QoL and a numerical greater delay in TTD in urinary symptoms was observed.
- Both the original and adapted ESMO-MCBS were applied, resulting in an adjusted magnitude of clinical benefit grade 2 in both scales.
- Due to the ongoing status of the trial, the risk of bias was considered unclear. However, it is increased by the involvement of the sponsor in trial design, data analysis, and data interpretation.
- Beside the TALAPRO-2 trial, no further ongoing phase 3 trials were identified.
- * Final analysis of TALAPRO-2 trial data and long-term data for the assessed indication are required to determine the role of talazoparib in patients with mCRCP.

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Abbreviations: ADT=androgen deprivation therapy, AE=adverse event, AJ=adjustment, ALT=alanine aminotransferase, ANC=absolute neutrophil count, AST=aspartate aminotransferase, BICR=blinded independent central review, BRCA=breast cancer gene, C=comparator, CADTH=Canada's Drug and Health Technology Agency, CHMP=Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, CI=confidence interval, CR=complete response, CRPC=castrationresistant prostate cancer, CT=computed tomography, DNA=desoxyribonucleic acid, ECG=electrocardiogram ECOG, PS=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status, eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate, EMA=European Medicines Agency, EORTC-QLQ-C30 = European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire, ESMO-MCBS= European Society of Medical Oncology – Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale, FDA=Food and Drug Administration, FM=final magnitude of clinical benefit grade, G-BA=Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss, GHS=global health status, HR=hazard ratio, HRR=homologous recombination repair, I=intervention, ICER=Institute for Clinical and Economic Review, Int.=intention, IQR=interquartile range, ITT=intention-to-treat, MG=median gain, mCRPC=metastatic castration-sensitive prostate cancer, MDRD=Modification of Diet in Renal Disease, mHSPC=metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer, MRI=magnetic resonance imaging, n=number of patients, NHA=novel hormone agent, NICE=National Institute for Health Care Excellence, NR=not reached, NYHA=New York Heart Association, ORR=objective response rate, OS=overall survival, P-gp=P-glycoprotein, PARP=poly(ADPribose) polymerase, PCWG3=Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Working Group 3, PE=primary endpoint, PFS=progression-free survival, SAE=serious adverse event, ST=standard treatment, TTD=time to deterioration, ULN=upper limit of normal

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