pharma&'s Rubraca® (rucaparib) Can Delay Time to First and Second Subsequent Treatment by Nearly One Year for Eligible Patients with Newly Diagnosed Advanced Ovarian Cancer

- *Most patients in both arms received platinum-based chemotherapy in their first subsequent therapy regimen*[1]
- *A higher percentage of patients on placebo (52%) received two or more subsequent therapy regimens compared with patients on rucaparib (40%)*[1]
- *Rucaparib prolonged the median time to first and second subsequent therapy for approximately one year longer than placebo*[1]

Intended for the Healthcare Media

Vienna, Austria, June 17, 2026 - pharmaand GmbH (pharma&) announced today data presented from the randomized, Phase 3 company-sponsored ATHENA trial investigating rucaparib monotherapy versus placebo as first-line maintenance therapy in advanced ovarian cancer (ATHENA-MONO) during a rapid oral session at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)'s European Gynecological Cancers Annual Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dr. Emily Prendergast, Cedars-Sinai, Los Angeles, CA, U.S., presented "Subsequent anti-cancer therapy of patients with newly diagnosed advanced ovarian cancer in ATHENA-MONO/GOG-3020/ENGOT-ov45."

"Rucaparib may delay the time to subsequent therapies in eligible patients with advanced ovarian cancer. As patients with advanced ovarian cancer are living longer, they are receiving more therapies," said Dr. Emily Prendergast, Cedars-Sinai, Los Angeles, CA, U.S. "This presentation delineates how investigators and patients selected the next therapy to receive."

Subsequent therapy in patients following first-line maintenance therapy rucaparib vs placebo

Following their inclusion in the ATHENA-MONO arm of the ATHENA (NCT03522246) clinical trial, the majority of patients in the rucaparib and placebo arms received subsequent therapy.[1] At least one subsequent therapy was administered to 63% of patients in the rucaparib arm and 78% in the placebo arm.[1] Two or more subsequent therapies were received by 40% in the rucaparib arm and 52% in the placebo arm.[1]

The median time to first subsequent therapy was delayed by almost one year, and to second subsequent therapy by more than 10 months, with rucaparib versus placebo.[1]

	rucaparib (n=427)	placebo (n=111)
Median time to first subsequent therapy, months	23.6	12.1
HR (95% CI)	0.56 (0.44-0.72)	
Median time to second subsequent therapy, months	37.9	27.5
HR (95% CI)	0.69 (0.53-0.89)	

Most patients in both arms received platinum-based chemotherapy in their first subsequent therapy: 79% of patients in the rucaparib arm versus 70% in the placebo arm.[1] Non-platinum chemotherapy use as part of the first subsequent therapy regimen was 12% in the rucaparib arm versus 27% in the placebo arm.[1] PARP inhibitor (PARPi) use in first subsequent therapy regimens was 14% vs 32% in the rucaparib and placebo arms, respectively.[1]

Of the patients with two or more subsequent therapies, a higher percentage in the placebo arm received platinum-based chemotherapy as part of their second subsequent therapy regimen compared with the rucaparib arm: 38% of patients in the rucaparib arm vs 53% in the placebo arm.[1] Non-platinum chemotherapy use as part of the second subsequent therapy regimen was 50% of patients in the rucaparib arm vs 35% in the placebo arm.[1] PARPi use in the second subsequent therapy was 6% vs 14% in the rucaparib and placebo arms, respectively.[1]

"The data presented at the ESMO Gynecological Cancers congress showcases how rucaparib can offer eligible patients more time before another treatment is needed," said Frank Rotmann, Co-Founder and Managing Director, pharma&. "pharma& remains committed to breathing new life into proven medicines, to ensure no patient is left behind."

About the ATHENA Clinical Trial

ATHENA (GOG 3020/ENGOT-ov45) (NCT03522246) is an international, randomized, double-blind, phase III trial consisting of two separate and fully independently powered study comparisons evaluating rucaparib monotherapy (ATHENA-MONO) and rucaparib in combination with nivolumab (ATHENA-COMBO) as maintenance treatment for patients with newly diagnosed advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer. ATHENA enrolled approximately 1000 patients across 24 countries, all women with newly diagnosed ovarian cancer who responded to their first-line chemotherapy. The trial completed accrual in 2020 and was conducted in association with the GOG Foundation, Inc. (GOG-F) in the U.S. and the European Network of Gynaecological Oncological Trial groups (ENGOT) in Europe. GOG-F and ENGOT are the two largest cooperative groups in the U.S. and Europe dedicated to the treatment of gynecological cancers.

ATHENA-MONO is evaluating the benefit of rucaparib monotherapy versus placebo in 538 women in this patient population. The primary efficacy analysis evaluated two prospectively defined molecular sub-groups in a step-down manner: 1) HRD-positive (inclusive of *BRCA* mutant) tumors, and 2) the intent-to-treat population, or all patients treated in ATHENA-MONO.

About the GOG Foundation, Inc. (www.gog.org)

The GOG Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of promoting excellence in the quality and integrity of clinical and translational scientific research in the field of gynecologic malignancies. The GOG Foundation is committed to maintaining the highest standards in clinical trials development, execution, analysis, and distribution of results. The GOG Foundation is the only clinical trialist group in the United States that focuses its research on patients with pelvic malignancies, such as cancer of the ovary (including surface peritoneal malignancies), uterus (including endometrium, soft tissue sarcoma, and gestational trophoblastic neoplasia), cervix, and vulva. The GOG Foundation is multi-disciplinary in its approach to clinical trials, and includes gynecologic oncologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, radiation oncologists, oncology nurses, biostatisticians (including those with expertise in bioinformatics), basic scientists, quality of life experts, data managers, and administrative personnel.

About the GOG Partners Program

Supported by industry, GOG Partners program is structured to work directly with pharmaceutical organizations and operate clinical trials outside the National Cancer Institute (NCI) framework. The GOG Partners program promotes the mission of the GOG Foundation dedicated to transforming care in Gynecologic Oncology. By providing an alternative venue for patient accrual and site infrastructure support, GOG Partners has helped provide additional trials and opportunities for patients outside the national gynecologic clinical trials network.

About ENGOT (www.engot.esgo.org)

The European Network for Gynaecological Oncological Trial (ENGOT) groups is a research network of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) and was founded in Berlin in October 2007. Currently, ENGOT consists of 21 trial groups from 33 European countries that perform cooperative clinical trials. ENGOT's ultimate goal is to bring the best treatment to gynaecological cancer patients through the best science and enabling every patient in every European country to access a clinical trial.

Rucaparib European Union (EU), including Northern Ireland, authorized use and Important Safety Information

Rucaparib is indicated as monotherapy for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with advanced (FIGO Stages III and IV) high-grade epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in response (complete or partial) following completion of first-line platinum-based chemotherapy.

Rucaparib is indicated as monotherapy for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with platinum-sensitive relapsed high-grade epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in response (complete or partial) to platinum-based chemotherapy.

Efficacy of rucaparib as treatment for relapsed or progressive epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC), fallopian tube cancer (FTC), or primary peritoneal cancer (PPC) has not been investigated in patients who have received prior treatment with a PARP inhibitor. Therefore, use in this patient population is not recommended.

Summary warnings and precautions:

Hematological toxicity

During treatment with rucaparib, events of myelosuppression (anemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia) may be observed and are typically first observed after 8–10 weeks of treatment with rucaparib. These reactions are manageable with routine medical treatment and/or dose adjustment for more severe cases. Complete blood count testing prior to starting treatment with rucaparib and monthly thereafter is advised.

Patients should not start rucaparib treatment until they have recovered from hematological toxicities caused by previous chemotherapy (< CTCAE grade 1).

Supportive care and institutional guidelines should be implemented for the management of low blood counts for the treatment of anemia and neutropenia. Rucaparib should be interrupted, or dose reduced according to Table 1 (see Posology and Method of Administration [4.2] of the Summary of Product Characteristics [SmPC]), and blood counts monitored weekly until recovery. If the levels have not recovered to CTCAE grade 1 or better after four weeks, the patient should be referred to a hematologist for further investigations.

MDS/AML

MDS/AML, including cases with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received rucaparib. The duration of therapy with rucaparib in patients who developed MDS/AML varied from less than 2 months to approximately 6 years.

If MDS/AML is suspected, the patient should be referred to a hematologist for further investigations, including bone marrow analysis and blood sampling for cytogenetics. If, following investigation for prolonged hematological toxicity, MDS/AML is confirmed, rucaparib should be discontinued.

Photosensitivity

Photosensitivity has been observed in patients treated with rucaparib. Patients should avoid spending time in direct sunlight because they may burn more easily during rucaparib treatment; when outdoors, patients should wear a hat and protective clothing and use sunscreen and lip balm with sun protection factor of 50 or greater.

Gastrointestinal toxicities

Gastrointestinal toxicities (nausea and vomiting) are frequently reported with rucaparib and are generally low grade (CTCAE grade 1 or 2) and may be managed with dose reduction (refer to Posology and Method of Administration [4.2], Table 1 of the SmPC) or interruption. Antiemetics, such as 5-HT3 antagonists, dexamethasone, aprepitant, and fosaprepitant, can be used as treatment for nausea/vomiting and may also be considered for prophylactic (i.e., preventative) use prior to starting rucaparib. It is important to proactively manage these events to avoid prolonged or more severe events of nausea/vomiting, which have the potential to lead to complications such as dehydration or hospitalization.

Intestinal obstruction

Cases of intestinal obstruction have been observed in ovarian cancer patients treated with rucaparib in clinical trials; 3.5% of patients treated with rucaparib experienced a serious event of intestinal obstruction, with a fatal outcome in 1 rucaparib treated patient (less than 0.1%). The underlying disease may play a role in the development of intestinal obstruction in patients with ovarian cancer. In the event of suspected intestinal obstruction, a prompt diagnostic evaluation should be conducted, and the patient should be treated appropriately.

Embryofetal toxicity

Rucaparib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman based on its mechanism of action and findings from animal studies. In an animal reproduction study, administration of rucaparib to pregnant rats during the period of organogenesis resulted in embryo-fetal toxicity at exposures below those in patients receiving the recommended human dose of 600 mg twice daily (see Preclinical Safety Data [5.3] of the SmPC).

Pregnancy/contraception

Pregnant women should be informed of the potential risk to a fetus. Women of reproductive potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment and for six months following the last dose of rucaparib (see section 4.6 of the SmPC). A pregnancy test before initiating treatment is recommended in women of reproductive potential.

Excipients

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Click here to access the current EU SmPC (including for Northern Ireland).

Healthcare professionals should report any suspected adverse reactions via their national reporting systems.

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Rucaparib Ovarian Cancer U.S. FDA-Approved Indication

Rucaparib is indicated for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with a deleterious *BRCA* mutation (germline and/or somatic)-associated recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, who are in a complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy.

Select Important Safety Information

Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)/Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) occur in patients treated with rucaparib, and are potentially fatal adverse reactions. In 2141 treated patients with ovarian and prostate cancer [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)], MDS/AML occurred in 34 patients (1.6%), including those in long term follow-up. Of these, 14 occurred during treatment or during the 28-day safety follow-up (0.7%). The duration of RUBRACA treatment prior to the diagnosis of MDS/AML ranged from < 2 months to approximately 72 months. The cases were typical of secondary MDS/cancer therapy-related AML; in all cases, patients had received previous platinum-containing chemotherapy regimens and/or other DNA damaging agents.

In ARIEL3, of patients with a germline and/or somatic *BRCA* mutation treated with rucaparib, MDS/AML occurred in 9 out of 129 (7%) patients treated with rucaparib and 4 out of 66 (6%) patients treated with placebo. The duration of therapy with rucaparib in patients who developed secondary MDS/cancer therapy-related AML varied from 1.2 to 4.7 years.

Do not start rucaparib until patients have recovered from hematological toxicity caused by previous chemotherapy (≤ Grade 1). Monitor complete blood counts for cytopenia at baseline and monthly thereafter for clinically significant changes during treatment. For prolonged hematological toxicities (> 4 weeks), interrupt rucaparib or reduce dose and monitor blood counts weekly until recovery. If the levels have not recovered to Grade 1 or less after 4 weeks or if MDS/AML is suspected, refer the patient to a hematologist for further investigations, including

bone marrow analysis and blood sample for cytogenetics. If MDS/AML is confirmed, discontinue rucaparib.

Based on its mechanism of action and findings from animal studies, rucaparib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Apprise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment and for 6 months following the last dose of rucaparib.

Most common adverse reactions in patients with *BRCA*-mutated ovarian cancer in ARIEL3 (≥ 20%; Grade 1-4) were nausea (79%), fatigue/asthenia (74%), abdominal pain/distention (48%), rash (45%), anemia (41%), constipation (39%), vomiting (37%), thrombocytopenia (35%), diarrhea (34%), dysgeusia (33%), AST/ALT elevation (33%), nasopharyngitis/upper respiratory tract infection (29%), stomatitis (28%), decreased appetite (23%), and neutropenia (22%).

Co-administration of rucaparib can increase the systemic exposure of CYP1A2, CYP3A, CYP2C9, or CYP2C19 substrates, which may increase the risk of toxicities of these drugs. Adjust dosage of CYP1A2, CYP3A, CYP2C9, or CYP2C19 substrates, if clinically indicated. If co-administration with warfarin (a CYP2C9 substrate) cannot be avoided, consider increasing frequency of international normalized ratio (INR) monitoring.

Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breast-fed children from rucaparib, advise lactating women not to breastfeed during treatment with rucaparib and for 2 weeks after the last dose.

Please click here for full Prescribing Information for rucaparib.

You may report adverse events to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Alternatively, to report an adverse event or reaction, contact pharma& at pv@pharmaand.com.

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