

Trastuzumab deruxtecan in patients with HER2-expressing bladder cancer: outcomes from DESTINY-PanTumor02

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Objectives

- Evaluate subgroup analyses in the bladder cancer cohort (urothelial carcinoma including transitional cell carcinoma of the renal pelvis, ureter, urinary bladder, or urethra) from the DESTINY-PanTumor02 study
- Characterize patients who achieved an objective response (OR) in the bladder cancer cohort from the DESTINY-PanTumor02 study

Conclusions

- Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd) demonstrated clinically meaningful benefit in pretreated patients with human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-expressing bladder tumors in DESTINY-PanTumor02
 - 16/41 (39.0%) patients had a confirmed OR by investigator
 - The greatest response was seen in patients with immunohistochemistry (IHC) 3+ tumors (central testing)
 - Durable responses were observed, with a median duration of response (DOR) of 8.7 months in all patients
- The safety findings were consistent with the established profile for T-DXd
 - The most common Grade ≥3 drug-related treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) (>5%) were neutropenia, anemia, and decreased neutrophil count
 - Interstitial lung disease (ILD) / pneumonitis remains an important identified risk; proactive monitoring, early detection, and active management are critical in preventing high-grade ILD / pneumonitis
- These data support T-DXd as a recommended treatment option for pretreated patients with HER2 IHC 3+ expressing bladder cancer, and as a potential treatment option in patients with HER2 IHC 2+ expression

Plain language summary

Why did we perform this research? Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd) is an antibody-drug conjugate, which is a chemotherapy with a linker (deruxtecan) joined to an antibody (trastuzumab). Trastuzumab binds to a protein found on cancer cells called human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), where it releases the chemotherapy to kill these cells.^{1,2} Based partly on results from the DESTINY-PanTumor02 study, T-DXd is a recommended treatment in the USA for people with solid tumors that have higher-than-normal levels of HER2 (HER2-positive, also known as immunohistochemistry [IHC] 3+) and have spread or cannot be completely removed with surgery and who have received prior systemic treatment and have no satisfactory alternative treatment options available.³ Further evaluation of people with bladder cancer (a type of solid tumor) who received T-DXd as part of the DESTINY-PanTumor02 study is needed.

How did we perform this research? This analysis looked at people with HER2-expressing (IHC 3+ and IHC 2+) bladder cancer who had received prior systemic treatment or had no satisfactory alternative treatment options available and who received T-DXd as part of the DESTINY-PanTumor02 study.

What were the findings of this research? Overall, 16 out of 41 participants with bladder cancer had a response to T-DXd (ie their tumor reduced in size); 9 out of 16 participants with IHC 3+ tumors had a response. Side effects were as expected for T-DXd. Severe side effects associated with T-DXd treatment that were observed in >5% of participants included a decrease in a type of blood cell called neutrophils leading to neutropenia (14.6%), fewer red blood cells leading to anemia (12.2%), and fewer neutrophils (7.3%).

What are the implications of this research? These results support use of T-DXd as a treatment for people with HER2-positive (IHC 3+) bladder cancers that have spread or cannot be completely removed with surgery and who have received prior systemic treatment or have no satisfactory alternative treatment options available.

Where can I access more information? For information about DESTINY-PanTumor02, please visit <https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04482309>, or see primary data published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* [here](#). Please also reach out to Dr. Wysocki at piotr.wysocki@uj.edu.pl

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Introduction

- HER2 expression is seen in a wide range of solid tumors and is associated with a biologically aggressive phenotype^{1–5}
- HER2-directed therapy is standard of care in HER2-expressing and HER2-low unresectable or metastatic breast cancer, HER2-positive unresectable or metastatic gastric and colorectal cancers, and gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinomas, and HER2-mutant non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)^{6–10}
 - Other HER2-expressing solid tumors are associated with a poor prognosis, with limited treatment options available and many patients experiencing disease progression on standard therapies^{11–14}
- In DESTINY-PanTumor02, T-DXd demonstrated clinically meaningful objective response rates (ORRs), progression-free survival (PFS), and overall survival (OS) in HER2-expressing solid tumors¹⁵
 - The greatest benefit was observed in patients with HER2 IHC 3+¹⁵
- In April 2024, T-DXd was granted accelerated approval in the USA for adult patients with unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive (IHC 3+) solid tumors that have progressed after prior treatment and have no alternative therapies¹⁶
- This poster reports further subgroup analyses from the DESTINY-PanTumor02 bladder cancer cohort, and characterizes patients with an OR

Bladder cancer: HER2 prevalence^{3,17–20}



IHC 3+ 4–31%

IHC 2+ 5–52%

Results and interpretation

- All 41 patients who were assigned to treatment received T-DXd (Table 1)
 - The most common reason for treatment discontinuation was objective disease progression (61.0%)
- Median (range) follow up was 12.65 (0.4–26.8) months

Table 1. Patient disposition

	Bladder cancer
Assigned to treatment, n	41
Treated, n	41
T-DXd treatment ongoing at data cutoff,* n (%)	4 (9.8)
Discontinued treatment at data cutoff,* n (%)	37 (90.2)
Objective disease progression	25 (61.0)
Adverse event	4 (9.8)
Patient decision	2 (4.9)
Investigator decision	1 (2.4)
Subjective disease progression	2 (4.9)
Other†	3 (7.3)
Median treatment cycles received,‡ (range)	8.0 (1–34)

*Data cutoff was June 8, 2023; †in case of death while on treatment, investigators did not specifically record a reason for discontinuation of T-DXd; ‡a treatment cycle was 21 days

T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan

- Patients with a central HER2 IHC status of 1+/0/unknown were enrolled as HER2 IHC 3+/²⁺ by local testing, as per the eligibility criteria
- The patient population was heavily pretreated, with 27 (65.9%) patients having received ≥2 prior regimens (Table 2)
 - 28 (68.3%) patients had received prior immuno-oncology (IO) therapy
- 27 (65.9%) patients had a programmed cell death ligand 1 (PD-L1) immune cell (IC) status of ≥1% at baseline (Table 2)

Table 2. Baseline demographics and clinical characteristics

Characteristic	Bladder cancer (n=41)
Age, median (range), years	67.0 (43–85)
Race, n (%)	White 25 (61.0) Asian 16 (39.0)
ECOG performance status, n (%)	0 19 (46.3) 1 22 (53.7)
HER2 status by enrollment test, n (%)	IHC 3+ 27 (65.9) IHC 2+ 14 (34.1) IHC 3+ 16 (39.0) IHC 2+ 20 (48.8)
HER2 status by central testing, n (%)	IHC 1+ 2 (4.9) IHC 0 2 (4.9) IHC unknown 1 (2.4)
Prior regimens*	Median (range) 2 (0–9) n (%) ≤1 14 (34.1) ≥2 27 (65.9)
Prior IO therapy, n (%)	≥1% 27 (65.9) <1% 11 (26.8) Unknown† 3 (7.3)
FGFR1/2/3,‡ n (%)	Mutation detected 8 (19.5) Mutation not detected 33 (80.5)
BRCA1/2,† n (%)	Mutation detected 6 (14.6) Mutation not detected 35 (85.4)

*One patient had received no prior regimens; †data unknown due to insufficient or no tumor tissue available, or technical problems; ‡evaluated in a central laboratory, as detected by ctDNA; †no FGFR4 mutations were detected
BRCA1/2, breast cancer susceptibility gene 1/2; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IC, immune cell; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IO, immuno-oncology; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand 1

Methods

Patient population

- Aged ≥18 years
- Histologically confirmed locally advanced, unresectable, solid cancers (excluding breast, colorectal, gastric, and NSCLC)
- Progression after ≥1 prior systemic treatment or without alternative treatment options
- Prior HER2-directed therapy allowed
- HER2-expressing tumors with IHC 3+/²⁺ scored using current ASCO / College of American Pathology guidelines for scoring HER2 in gastric cancer (in situ hybridization testing not required)²¹
 - Patients were enrolled based on local HER2 IHC assessment, where available; otherwise, enrollment was based on central testing
 - HER2 IHC status was assessed centrally using HER2 HercepTest (DAKO) and scored according to gastric-specific criteria²¹
- Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status: 0–1

Study type

Open label, multicenter, multicohort, Phase 2

Treatment

T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg IV Q3W (n=40 per cohort*)

Trial registration

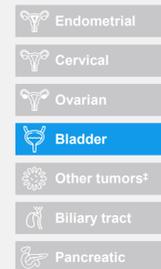
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Data cutoff

June 8, 2023

Endpoints

- Primary:**
- Confirmed ORR¹
- Secondary:**
- DOR
 - DCR
 - PFS
 - OS
 - Safety and tolerability
- Exploratory:**
- Subgroup analyses by HER2 status
 - Subgroup analyses by biomarkers



*Planned recruitment; cohorts with no objective responses in the first 15 patients were to be closed; †Confirmed ORR per RECIST 1.1, as assessed by investigator; ‡patients with tumors that express HER2 (IHC 3+ or 2+), excluding tumors in the tumor-specific cohorts, and breast cancer, NSCLC, gastric cancer, and colorectal cancer; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; HER2; human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IV, intravenous; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan

Table 3. Secondary efficacy endpoints (central HER2 IHC testing)

Characteristic	All patients	HER2 IHC 3+	HER2 IHC 2+	HER2 IHC 1+	HER2 IHC 0
n	41	16	20	2	2
Confirmed ORR, n (%)	16 (39.0)	9 (56.3)	7 (35.0)	0	0
95% CI	24.2, 55.5	29.9, 80.2	15.4, 59.2		
Median DOR, months	8.7	8.7	10.3	–	–
95% CI	4.3, 11.8	2.8, 10.6	4.3, 17.8		
Median PFS, months	7.0	7.4	7.8	5.5	2.6
95% CI	4.2, 9.7	3.0, 11.9	2.6, 11.6	4.0, NE	1.0, NE
Median OS, months	12.8	13.4	13.1	9.1	3.0
95% CI	11.2, 15.1	6.7, 19.8	11.0, 19.9	4.8, NE	1.0, NE
DCR at 12 weeks, %	70.7	75.0	70.0	100	50.0
95% CI	54.5, 83.9	47.6, 92.7	45.7, 88.1	15.8, 100	1.3, 98.7

Confirmed ORR determined by investigator assessment according to RECIST 1.1; DOR defined as time from date of first documented response (complete or partial), until the date of documented progression or death in the absence of disease progression; PFS defined as time from first dose until date of objective disease progression or death due to any cause, regardless of discontinuation of treatment or receipt of another cancer therapy; OS defined as time from date of first dose until death due to any cause; DCR defined as percentage of patients with a best OR of confirmed complete response or partial response, or with stable disease for at least 11 weeks after first dose. Patients with a central HER2 IHC status of 0/unknown were enrolled as HER2 IHC 3+/²⁺ by local testing. CIs omitted where 0%. CI, confidence interval; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; NE, not evaluable; OR, objective response; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours

- Grade ≥3 drug-related TEAEs were experienced by 17 (41.5%) patients (Table 4)
 - The most common Grade ≥3 drug-related TEAEs (>5%) were neutropenia (14.6%), anemia (12.2%), and neutrophil count decreased (7.3%)
 - Neutropenia and neutrophil count decrease are listed separately owing to how events were coded based on reported terms (adverse event or laboratory abnormality)
- Adjudicated drug-related ILD/pneumonitis occurred in 4/41 (9.8%) patients (Grade 1: n=1; Grade 2: n=3)

Table 4. Safety summary

n (%)	All patients (n=41)
Any drug-related TEAEs	38 (92.7)
Drug-related TEAEs Grade ≥3	17 (41.5)
Serious drug-related TEAEs	4 (9.8)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with dose discontinuations	4 (9.8)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with dose interruptions	12 (29.3)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with dose reductions	6 (14.6)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with deaths	1 (2.4)

Analyses (by investigator) included patients who received ≥1 dose of T-DXd (n=41); median total treatment duration was 6.21 (range 0.4–24.7) months
TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; T-DXd, trastuzumab deruxtecan

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