

# New treatments for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease

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## Objectives

- Summary of ADPKD
- Precision medicine approach to ADPKD
- Conservative treatments for ADPKD
- Strategies currently under study:
  - Vaptans (tolvaptan, lixivaptan)
  - mTOR inhibitors (everolimus, sirolimus)
  - Somatostatin (lantreotide, pasireotide, octreotide)
  - Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (bosutinib, tesevatinib)
  - Glucose metabolism (metformin, salsalate)
  - Glucosylceramide inhibitor (venglustat)
  - Bardoxolone
  - Cyst sclerotherapy

#### ADPKD is bad luck

- ~1 in 1000
- 70% have kidney failure by age 70



#### Natural History of ADPKD



#### Renal and Extrarenal Manifestations of ADPKD

Manifestation	Incidence in adults with ADPKD
Hematuria	42%
Urine concentration defects	100%
Proteinuria	18%
Microalbuminuria	19-40%
Hepatic cysts	85-94%
Intracranial aneurysms	5-10%
Mitral valve prolapse	26%
Hypertension	~100%
Renal function decline	~100%*
Hypertension before renal function decline	60-75%

#### \*~70% of patients with ADPKD progress to ESRD at a median age of 58 years

#### Heritability of ADPKD



~10% of patients with ADPKD have *de novo* disease due to a spontaneous mutation

#### Variability in ADPKD severity



Cornec-LeGall et al., JASN 2016

#### Precision medicine?

- Classical definition of disease, family history
- Advanced genetic, imaging and biomarker data
- Patient values and preferences
- Stratify risk, maximize therapeutic potential while mitigating therapeutic burden





# Conservative strategies











#### WATCHING YOUR STEP – THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT THEY EXAMINE





# Tolvaptan Mechanism of Action

- Vasopressin promotes cyst growth in the kidneys in patients with ADPKD
- Tolvaptan blocks these effects through inhibition of the vasopressin V2 receptor



### Tolvaptan: 1-year change in kidney function





#### ELiSA trial: Lixivaptan

- Same mechanism of action as tolvaptan
- Avoid liver toxicity, less blood work?
- Currently in phase II, end Sept 2019



#### mTOR inhibitors

- Everolimus (Affinitor), sirolimus (Rapamune)
- Immunosuppressant post kidney transplant
- Cancer treatment
- Tuberous sclerosis complex
- Cardiac stents
- Worked well in pre-clinical studies
- 3 negative trials in ADPKD
- Dose limited by side effects?





#### Somatostatin

- Inhibitory hormone secreted by gut
  - Decrease growth hormone, prolactin, insluin and glucacon
  - Decrease thyroid stimulating hormone
  - Decrease cAMP
  - Slows movement of food through intestines
- Analogs: octreotide, lanreotide, pasireotide
- Promising in pre-clinical animal studies and small Phase II clinical trials

Can Lanreotide slow the progression of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease? The DIPAK1 trial





Conclusion: Lanreotide was not effective in slowing the decline in kidney function in patients with later-stage ADPKD over 2.5 years of follow-up





#### Tyrosine kinase inhibitor in Phase II

Bosutinib (BOS) vs. Placebo for ADPKD Phase 2, Multisite Study



**CONCLUSION:** Compared with placebo, bosutinib at 200 mg/d reduced kidney growth in patients with ADPKD (p = 0.01), thought the eGFR decline rate was similar (p = 0.71).

Tesar, V et al. J Am Soc Nephrol [PMID: 28838955] August 24, 2017





#### The Warburg Effect



Tumor

Lactate

## Inhibition of aerobic glycolysis

- Metformin
  - Baltimore: ongoing; placebo; 100 patients; end December 2020
  - Colorado: ongoing; placebo; 50 patients; end March 2020
  - Italy: enrolling; vs. tolvaptan; 150 patients; end Jan 2022
- Pioglitazone
  - Indiana: ongoing; 18 patients; end Oct 2020
- Salsalate (NOT salicylate, ASA, aspirin)
- Intermittent fasting
  - Colorado: recruiting: 40 obese patients; end Sept 2020



### Glucosylceramide inhibitor (Venglustat)

• Used to treat Fabry & Goucher disease



• Multi-national Phase II trial 560 patients now enrolling

#### Bardoxolone

- Activator of Nrf2 pathway (increases production of anti-oxidants)
- Nrf2 is suppressed in chronic inflammation
- Studied in diabetic nephropathy, Alport syndrome, nephrotic syndrome, IgA nephropathy
- Largest trial stopped early due to concern about cardiac toxicity
- One trial in ADPKD ongoing, expected end August 2019

## Cyst sclerotherapy

- Interventional radiology procedure
- >5 cm cysts
- Sodium tetradecyl sulphate (STS)



#### Statins

- Lower LDL cholesterol, reduce inflammation
- One trial suggested benefit in pediatric population
- Already at elevated cardiovascular risk
- One trial recruiting in Colorado, 250 patients, expected end date December 2021

#### Water prescription

- Inhibit vasopressin secretion
  - as opposed to blocking vasopressin action like tolvaptan
- When water can be bad?
- PREVENT-ADPKD: multi-national Australian led
  - 3 years, recruiting now, 180 patients; usual vs. prescribed water intake
- DRINK trial: UK
  - 8 weeks, done, 42 patients, feasibility study

#### Conclusions

- Precision medicine
- Conservative measures
- Tolvaptan?
- More to come...

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