Factors Influencing Clinical and Biological Response in Patients Treated with [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 under France's Early Access Program.

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KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

- An early access program (EAP) has been granted to [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 in France, for patients with progressive mCRPC expressing PSMA, previously treated with ≥1 taxane chemotherapy and ≥ 1 ARPI.
- From December 01, 2021 to September 30, 2023, 1048 **PSMA-PET-positive mCRPC patients** were included in this EAP. They were classified as responders (n=466; 44.5%) and non-responders (n=582; 55.5%) based on clinical and biological follow-up.
- The characteristics of the patients, their disease, and the therapeutic sequences recorded in the EAP database were compared between the two populations using a bivariate analysis. Patients classified as clinico-biological **responders** are therefore more likely to:
- . Have not developed brain metastases and have 100% of **PSMA-positive lesions.**
- . Have received **concomitant treatment**, in particular **ARPI** or **biphosphonates**.
- Have had a reduction in opioid analgesic treatment during follow-up.
- . Have received all six courses of treatment.
- Further analysis showed that **PSMA-PET lesion positivity**, concomitant treatment, particularly concurrent ARPI administration also contribute to enhance imaging and symptom-based progression free survival.



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INTRODUCTION

- [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 is a radiopharmaceutical with binding affinity to the prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA), expressed in 90% of metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)¹
- The VISION study showed that [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 combined with best standard of care, prolonged progression-free survival (rPFS) overall survival, and delayed time to worsening in health-related quality of life in patients with PSMA-positive mCRPC, previously treated with at least one taxane-based chemotherapy and one androgen receptor pathway inhibitors (ARPI)². A cohort temporary authorization for use (ATUc) has been granted to [177Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 by French Health Authorities for patients in this indication. This early access program (EAP) began on December 01, 2021 and is still in progress.
- Various factors related to patients, their disease, and the treatment sequence may impact the treatment's effectiveness. This work is a retrospective analysis that aims to evaluate the influence of these factors on the clinical and biological response of patients receiving [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 under France's early access program.

RESULTS

 From the December 01, 2021 to June 30, 2024, 2251 patients with mCRPC and PSMA-PETpositive imaging, pretreated with 1-2 taxane chemotherapy and ≥1 ARPI were included in this EAP. Among them, 684 were classified as responders (30.4%) and 1567 as nonresponders (69.6%). Patients characteristics from both subgroups are described in Table 1.

Statistical comparison of the two sub-groups

observed for the criteria listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Characteristics of the patients at baseline (n=2251)

Characteristics	Non-responders (n=1567)	Responders (n=684)
Age - years Median (range) ≥ 75 years – n (%) ≥ 85 years – n (%)	73.7 (37-93) 652 (41.6) 85 (5.4)	73.3 (44-92) 274 (40.1) 30 (4.4)
ECOG performance status score (ECOG PS) – n (%) 0-1 0 1 2 3	1357 (86.7) 448 (28.6) 909 (58.1) 195 (12.5) 12 (0.9)	597 (87.3) 180 (26.3) 417 (61.0) 84 (12.3) 3 (0.4)
Sites of disease – n (%) Bone Lymph node Liver Lung Brain	1456 (92.9) 936 (59.7) 142 (9.1) 133 (8.5) 22 (1.4)	639 (93.4) 418 (61.1) 50 (7.3) 56 (8.2) 7 (1.0)
Bone only Bone + lymph node Bone + lymph node + lung Bone + lymph node + liver Bone + lymph node + others	515 (32.9) 583 (37.2) 58 (3.7) 63 (4.0) 71 (4.5)	216 (31.6) 262 (38.3) 33 (4.8) 22 (3.2) 42 (6.1)
Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) – ng/ml Median (range)	48.0 (0-6972)	64.0 (0-4293)
100% of PSMA-positive lesions – n (%) Yes	1130 (72.2)	578 (84.5)
Time between inclusion and positive PET - months Median (range)	0.5 (0-55)	0.5 (0-15)

 Efficacy data and statistical comparison were assessed from 1048 patients included until September 30, 2023, including 466 responders (44.5%) and 582 non-responders (55.5%).

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Sites of disease – n (%)

Brain 100% of PSMA-positive lesions - r Yes

Number of cycles administered - n Median

During follow-up – n (%)

- ≥ 1 reduction in activity
- ≥ 1 concomittant treatment ≥ 1 ARPI
- ≥ 1 biphosphonates

Characteristics

- \geq 1 reduction of opioid analgesics

Comparison of median progression-free survival (PFS)

- and PSA evaluation during routine care follow-up.

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METHODS

- Interpret 177LulLu-PSMA-617 was given to patients with progressive mCRPC overexpressing PSMA, previously treated with ≥1 taxane chemotherapy and ≥1 ARPI. Patients included had received at least one of the six planned cycles of intravenous infusions of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PSMA-617 (7.4 GBg ± 10%) administered every six weeks.
- In order to ensure a minimum of 6-month follow-up after the first injection, the efficacy data focused on patients included from December 01, 2021 to September 30, 2023 (data cut-off 1, DCO 1). Patient's baseline characteristics were described from the total patient population included in this EAP, from the December 01, 2021 to June 30, 2024 (data cut-off 2, DCO 2).
- Patients were categorized into two groups: Responders (experiencing reduced PSA levels and improved clinical symptoms) and Nonresponders (experiencing PSA progression and/or worsening clinical symptoms). Response evaluation was conducted by the referring nuclear medicine physician during routine care follow-up visits. Group characteristics were compared using bivariate analysis. Additionally, the impact of factors associated with treatment response on progression-free survival (PFS) was evaluated.

Among all the parameters, a significant difference between the two groups (p<0.05) was

Table 2. Factors statistically significantly associated with treatment responses (n=1048)

	Non-responders (n=582)	Responders (n=466)	Odd-Ratio ; P-value
	15 (2.6)	4 (0.9)	0.33 [0.11-0.99]; 0.038
ı (%)	423 (72.7)	395 (84.8)	2.07 [1.51-2.82]; <0.001
1	3.0	6.0	0.52 [0.47-0.57]; <0.0001
	123 (21.1) 499 (85.7) 106 (18.2) 19 (3.3) 75 (12.9)	123 (26.4) 436 (93.6) 151 (32.4) 34 (7.3) 184 (39.5)	1.34 [1.01-1.78]; 0.046 2.42 [1.56-3.74]; <0.001 1.96 [1.47-2.63]; <0.001 2.14 [1.20-3.80]; 0.008 4.41 [3.25-5.99]; <0.001

Patients classified as clinico-biological responders are therefore more likely to:

. Have not developed brain metastases and have 100% of PSMA-positive lesions.

. Have received all six courses of treatment (and at least one reduction in activity).

. Have received concomitant treatment, in particular ARPI or biphosphonates.

. Have had at least one reduction in opioid analgesic treatment during follow-up.

· We further evaluated the impact of factors associated with clinical and biological treatment responses on progression-free survival (PFS), as assessed by imaging, clinical examination,

 Our results suggest that lesions positivity to PSMA (Figure 1), the use of concomitant treatment, particularly concomitant ARPI (Figure 2), contribute to increased PFS

Additionally, it has also been observed that patients who have received a single course of taxane chemotherapy have a longer survival without symptom progression (Figure 3).

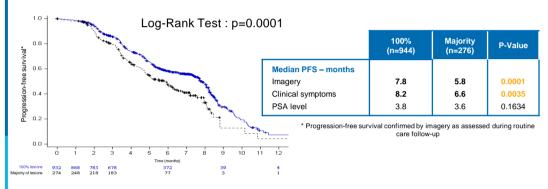
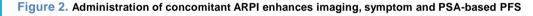
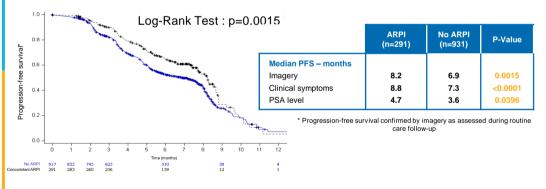
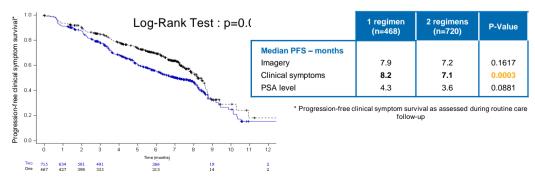


Figure 1. 100% lesion positivity to PSMA enhances imaging and symptom-based median PFS









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