



## **PATHFINDER**

Ipatasertib with non-taxane chemotherapy for taxane-pretreated unresectable locally advanced or metastatic triple-negative breast cancer

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# ABOUT THIS SUMMARY

**SPONSOR:** MEDICA SCIENTIA INNOVATION RESEARCH S.L.

**TUMOR TYPE:** Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)

**MEDICINE(S) STUDIED:** Ipatasertib and non-taxane chemotherapy

**DATES OF STUDY:** July 2020 to November 2022

**TITLE OF THIS STUDY:** Ipatasertib with non-taxane chemotherapy for taxane-pretreated unresectable locally advanced or metastatic triple-negative breast cancer

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# What was the purpose of this study?

Ipatasertib is a drug that inhibits AKT, a protein known to be key for tumor growth and survival. Particularly when it is combined with other anti-cancer medications, it has shown considerable effectiveness against various cancer types, such as breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers.

To date, the efficacy of ipatasertib has been evaluated when paired with taxane chemotherapy, anti-HER2 targeted therapy, immunotherapy, endocrine therapy, and PARP inhibitors. The PATHFINDER study aimed to evaluate the safety and tolerability (main objective), as well as the preliminary efficacy (secondary objective) of ipatasertib in combination with non-taxane chemotherapy in patients with advanced triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) who had previously experienced tumor progression after treatment with taxane chemotherapy.

## What did researchers want to find out?

When a new treatment shows promise, it is essential to thoroughly investigate its safety and effectiveness, especially when used alongside other treatments or at different stages of treatment, from first diagnosis to tumors progressing after initial medication. The PATHFINDER study was developed with this purpose. It was an exploratory study, meaning it did not start with a specific hypothesis to test. Instead, its goal was to evaluate the safety and tolerability of combining ipatasertib with three different non-taxane chemotherapy. These combinations included ipatasertib with either capecitabine (arm A), eribulin (arm B), or carboplatin+gemcitabine (arm C). Initially, a safety phase involving only three patients per combination was conducted. If any serious side effects occurred, treatment dose was reduced or stopped. However, if the combinations were well tolerated, treatment proceeded, and safety was further evaluated with more patients. Simultaneously, the preliminary efficacy of the treatment combinations was also evaluated.

## When and where did the studies take place?

From July 30th, 2020, through November 11th, 2022, a total of 74 participants were screened at 11 hospitals in Spain. Ultimately, 54 participants were enrolled and assigned to the different treatment arms of the study: 22 participants in arm A, 25 participants in arm B, and 7 participants in arm C.

## What were the results of the study?

Overall, the safety profile in arm A and arm B was found to be acceptable, with 27.3% and 68% of side effects appearing after treatment initiation (TEAEs), respectively. Notably, among the 68% of TEAEs in arm B, 20% of them were attributed to neutropenia, a slightly toxic side effect. In contrast, the combination tested in arm C was deemed intolerable, with 100% of TEAEs. No treatment-related deaths were reported in any treatment arm.

Regarding efficacy, these treatments showed modest clinical activity, measured with different efficacy outcomes, such as the time a patient's disease remains stable without getting worse during treatment (progression-free survival) or the time from the start of treatment until the patient's death from any cause (overall survival). Interestingly, two patients, one from arm A and another from arm B, showed prolonged responses lasting over 30 months. Notably, the combination of ipatasertib+eribulin showed improved progression-free survival compared to previous studies evaluating eribulin treatment alone.

## What were the main medical conclusions?

The PATHFINDER study revealed that combining ipatasertib with capecitabine and eribulin has an acceptable safety profile in patients with advanced TNBC whose tumor had progressed after previous taxane chemotherapy. However, adding ipatasertib alongside carboplatin plus gemcitabine proved to be intolerable. Additionally, the combination of ipatasertib and eribulin demonstrated encouraging efficacy, warranting further investigation.

## Where I can find more information?

Your doctor can help you understand more about this study and the results. Speak to your doctor about the treatment options available in your country. You should not make changes to your care based on the results of this or any single study. Keep taking your current treatment unless instructed by your doctor.

For more details, please visit:

<https://www.medsir.org/pathfinder-clinical-trial>

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[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

# Thank you who took part in the study

If you took part in this study, **Medica Scientia Innovation Research (MEDSIR) - Oncoclínicas&Co**, as the Sponsor, extends its gratitude for your participation. This overview will outline the findings of the study. If you have any queries regarding the study or its outcomes, please reach out to the doctor or staff at your study location.

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Through technology, precision medicine and genomics, Oncoclínicas ensures effective results and facilitates access to oncology treatment and has performed more than 595,000 treatments in the last 12 months alone. It is the exclusive partner in Brazil of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School and one of the most prestigious cancer research and treatment centers in the world. The Group also owns Boston Lighthouse Innovation, a bioinformatics company based in Cambridge, USA, and holds shares in MEDSIR, a Spanish company dedicated to the development and management of clinical trials for independent cancer research. The company is also developing projects in collaboration with the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, one of the world's most prestigious multidisciplinary scientific and research institutions, whose international board includes Bruno Ferrari, founder and CEO of Oncoclínicas.

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