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**Design of combination strategies and identification of biomarkers associated with clinical response to ZEN-3694 in combination with enzalutamide in mCRPC**  
Eric Campeau, Epigenetic Therapeutic Targets Summit, July 28, 2020

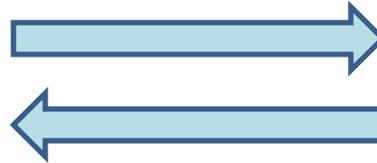
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## “Plain” Transcriptional Program



Epigenetic  
regulation

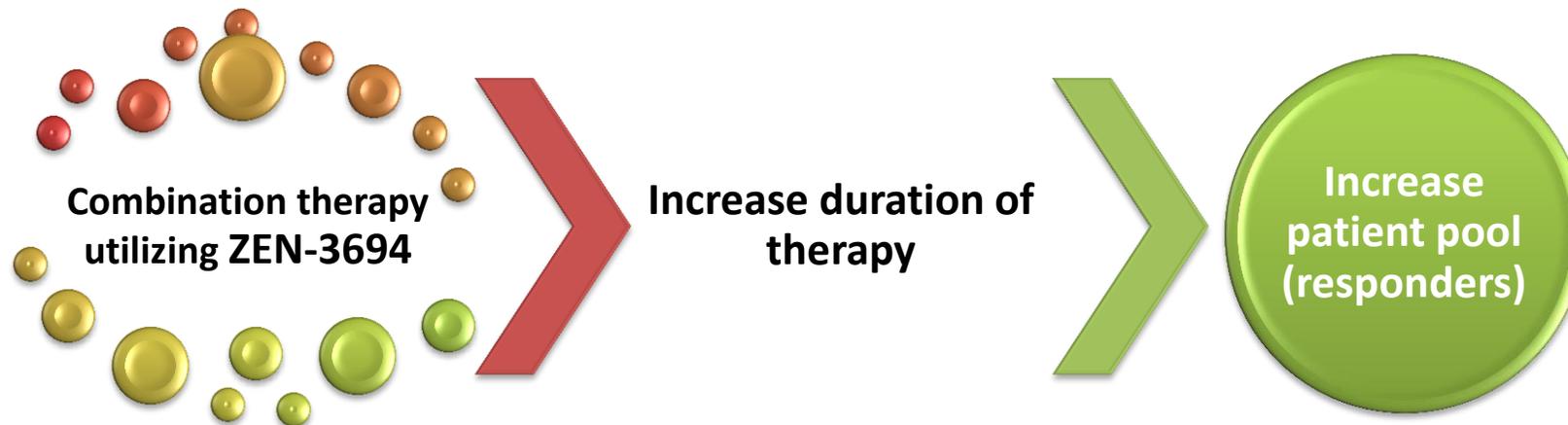


- ❖ **Epigenetic regulation allows rapid adaptation to changes in (tumor) environment**
  - ⇒ No required changes in DNA
  - ⇒ Dynamic, reversible
- ❖ **Use of combination strategies for optimal therapeutic efficacy**
  - ⇒ Combination of epigenetic inhibitors with optimal agents

## Combinations with ZEN-3694 to prevent and reverse resistance to standard of care therapies

### Current possibilities include:

- Androgen receptor signaling inhibitors (ARSIs)
- PARP inhibitors
- PD-1/PD-L1 monoclonal antibodies (checkpoint inhibitors)
- CDK4/6 inhibitors



# Selection of the BET inhibitor ZEN-3694 with ideal combinatorial properties

**> 1800 synthesized compounds**  
(incl. different chemical scaffolds)

**23 lead compounds**  
Preclinical off-target/PK/TOX: *in vitro* and *in vivo*

**6 DC compounds**  
Rat 5 day tox + xenografts

**ZEN-3694 selected**

Best 3 Lead Compounds						
Compound	BRD4 (BD1)	PK (Rat 10 mg/kg)			Efficacy (21 days, 60 mg/kg QD)	Adverse Events
		Half-life	C <sub>max</sub>	AUC		
ZEN-3694	+++	++	+	+	+++	• Mild reduction in PLT
ZEN-3803	++	++	++	++	+++	• Moderate PLT reduction
ZEN-3717	++	+++	+++	+++	+++	• Severe PLT reduction • Decreased in body weight

PLT= platelet

**ZEN-3694 with a moderate half-life showed better or similar efficacy in xenografts without tolerability issues**

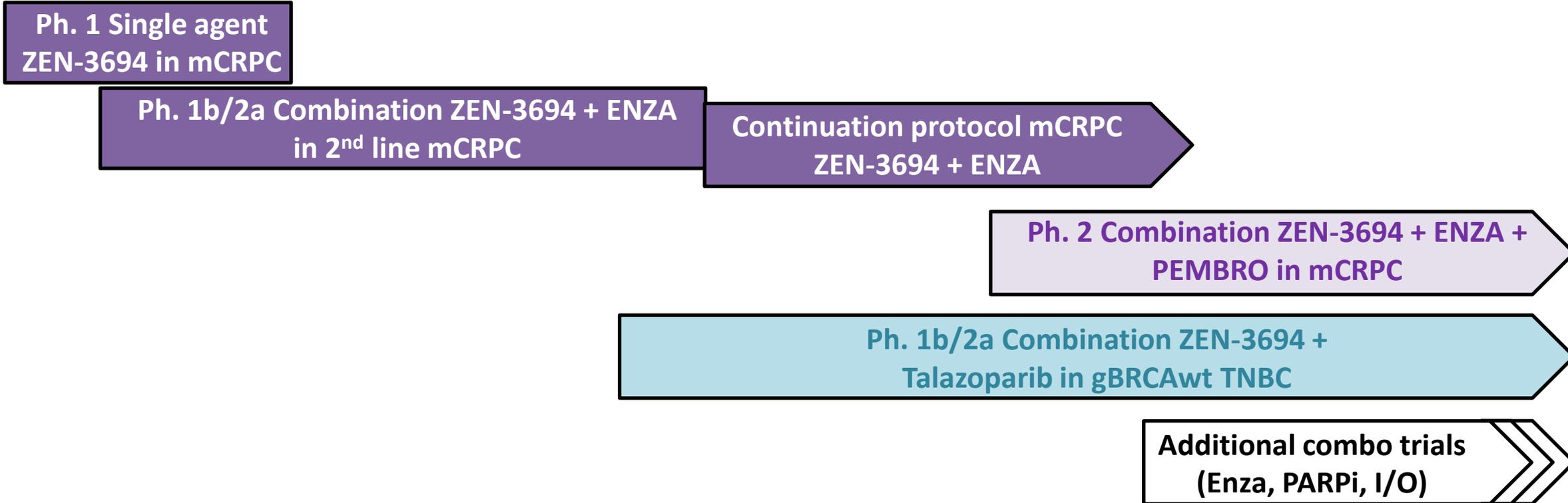
## Other Clinical BETi

- Suboptimal benzodiazepine scaffold with poor pharmacological properties
- **Off target toxicities**
- **CYP liabilities**
- Thrombocytopenia DLT, require 1-2 weeks off, **difficult to combine**

## Zenith's BETi (ZEN-3694)

- Orthogonal scaffold with very good pharmacological properties
- On target toxicity profile
- **Minimal CYP liabilities**
- Minimal thrombocytopenia liability, **safety profile allows continuous dosing and combinations**

# Prioritization of combinatorial strategies with ZEN-3694



## Selection of optimal combination agents and patient populations with unmet medical needs

1) Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)

⇒ **Combination ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide**

⇒ **Combination ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide + pembrolizumab (Q4 2020)**

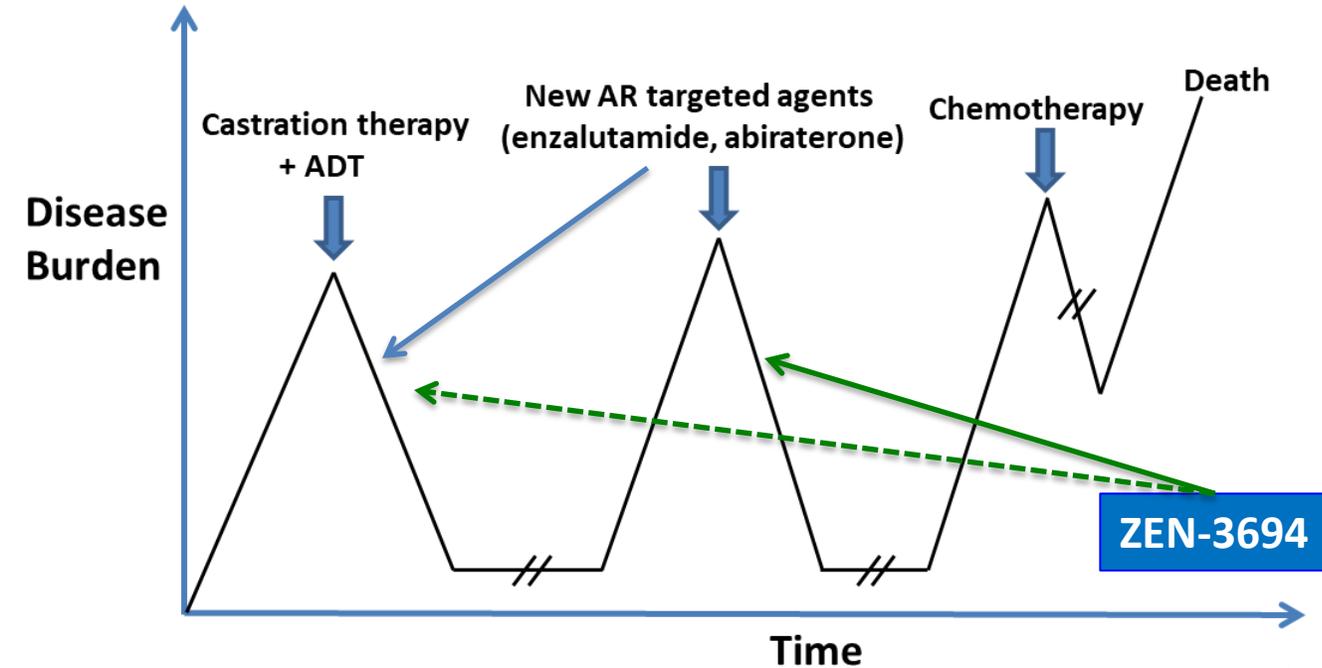
2) Metastatic triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) patients **without** germline BRCA1/2 mutations (gBRCA1/2wt)

⇒ **Combination ZEN-3694 + talazoparib** (in collaboration with Pfizer)

**A Phase 1b/2a Study of the Pan-BET Bromodomain Inhibitor ZEN-3694 in Combination with Enzalutamide in Patients with Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer**  
(Aggarwal et al. Clin. Can. Res. 2020)

# Castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC):

## Disease progression and treatment algorithm



- **1<sup>st</sup> line AR signaling inhibitor (ARSI)**  
⇒ Enzalutamide, apalutamide, darolutamide, abiraterone  
⇒ Clinical benefits in several patients
- **2<sup>nd</sup> line ARSI post 1<sup>st</sup> line ARSI associated with lower activity**  
⇒ Most patients progress between 3-6 mo
- **ARSI now prescribed in castration sensitive setting**  
⇒ **Unmet need to prolong ARSI activity in castration sensitive and resistant settings**

Castration-sensitive → Castration-resistant

Non-metastatic → Metastatic

Restore AR signaling

(AR mutations and amplification, splice variants, androgen biosynthesis)

Bypass AR signaling

(GR up-regulation)

Alternate pathway (AR-)

(Transdifferentiation, AR-independent)

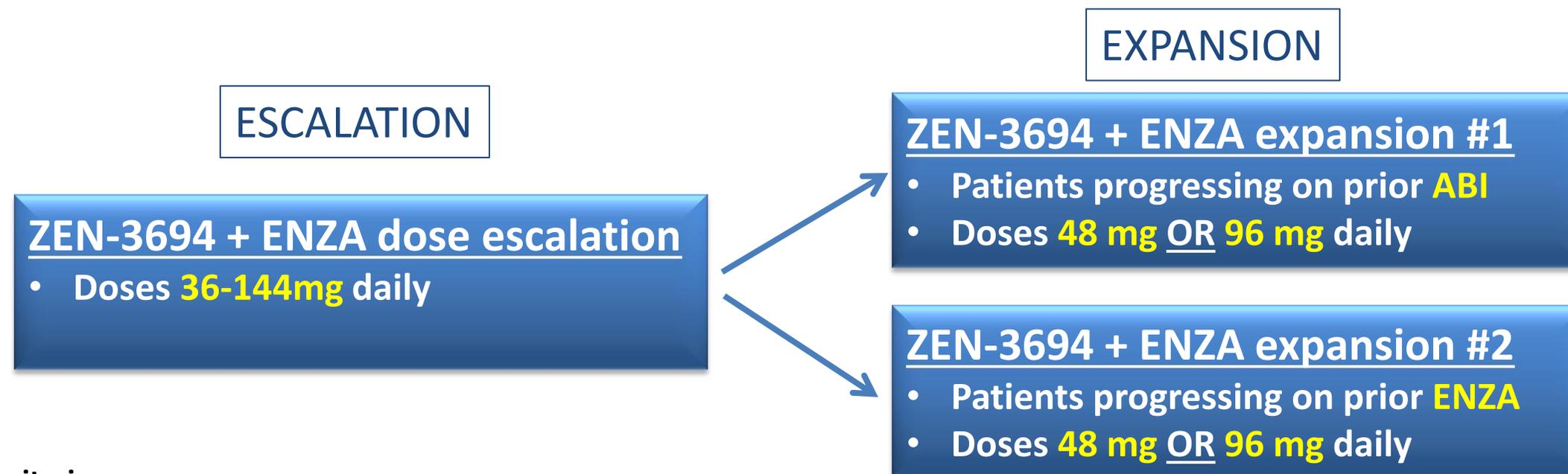
ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide can address multiple resistance mechanisms



Inhibits AR signaling

Inhibits GR signaling

Resensitizes cells to AR signaling



## ESCALATION

### ZEN-3694 + ENZA dose escalation

- Doses **36-144mg** daily

## EXPANSION

### ZEN-3694 + ENZA expansion #1

- Patients progressing on prior **ABI**
- Doses **48 mg** OR **96 mg** daily

### ZEN-3694 + ENZA expansion #2

- Patients progressing on prior **ENZA**
- Doses **48 mg** OR **96 mg** daily

### Inclusion criteria:

- Progression on prior ABI and/or ENZA (radiographic, clinical, PSA)
- No prior chemotherapy in castration-resistant setting
- On trial until radiographic or clinical progression (PCWG2)

- **75 patients dosed (35 pts in dose escalation, 14 in dose expansion #1, 26 in dose expansion #2)**
- **MTD not reached (36mg – 144mg daily dose range) → RP2D 96mg**
- **Clinical activity at well tolerated doses, prolonged dosing without dose interruptions/reductions**

# ZEN-3694 related Grade 3 or 4 adverse events

On target tox profile and good tolerance of daily dosing

	36mg QD		48mg QD		60mg QD		72mg QD		96mg QD		120mg QD		144mg QD	
	n=4		n=21		n=6		n=6		n=30		n=4		n=3	
Grade	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
Decreased appetite										1				
Dehydration										1				
Fatigue			1							1				
GFR Decreased*										1				
Hypokalemia**								1						
Hypophosphatemia**					1			1						
Nausea										3				
Thrombocytopenia										2			1	
QT prolongation													1***	

\*Patient previously had kidney resected due to RCC

\*\*Hypokalemia and hypophosphatemia resolved with oral potassium and phosphorus

\*\*\* Patients had QT prolongation prior to treatment, QT prolongation resolved and patient continued treatment

**Grade 1-2 AE mainly GI related toxicities**

**Grade 3-4 thrombocytopenia in 3/75 (4%) patients**

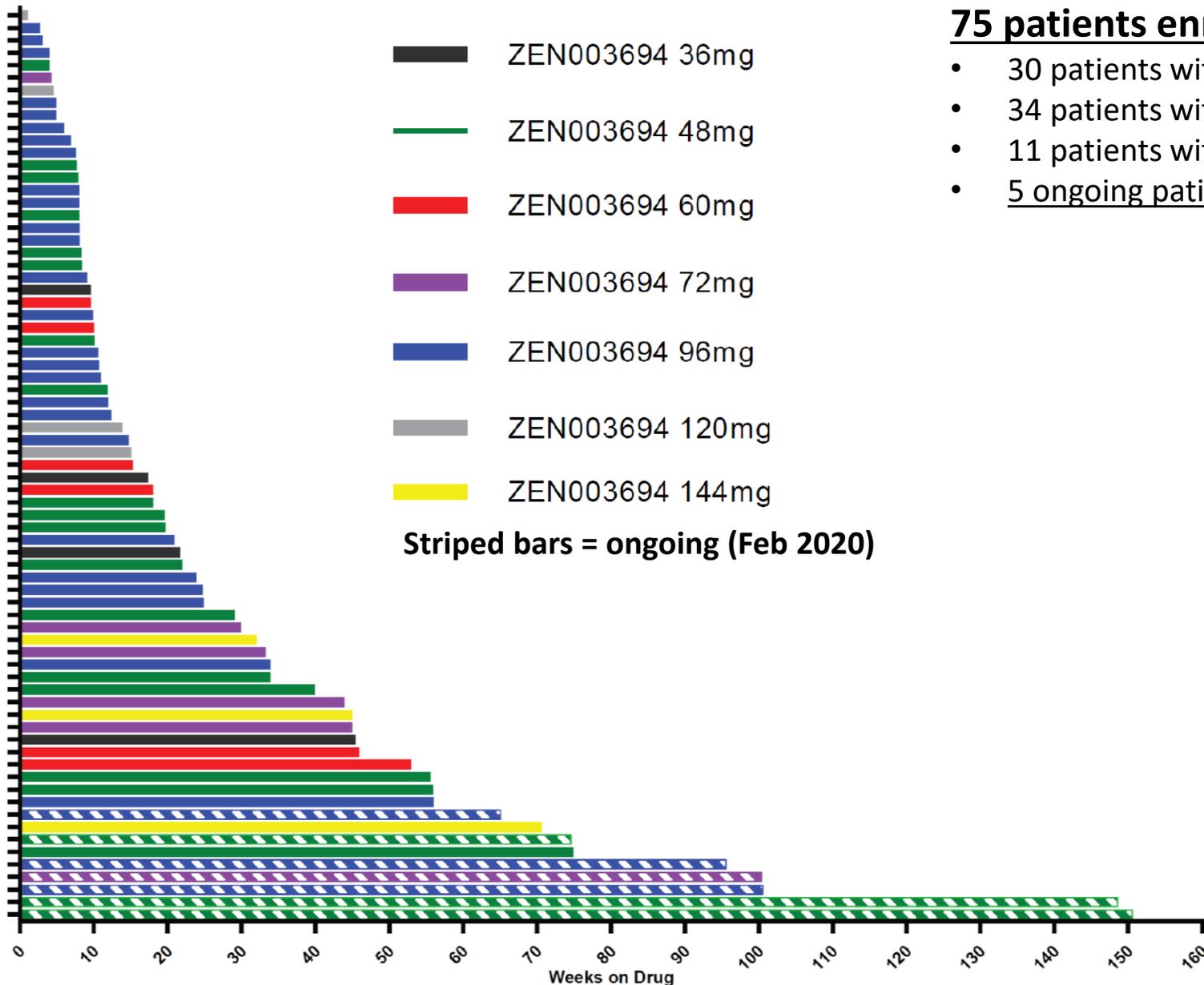
# Time on Study ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide in mCRPC patients

(NCT02711956)- Data cutoff February 2020



## 75 patients enrolled

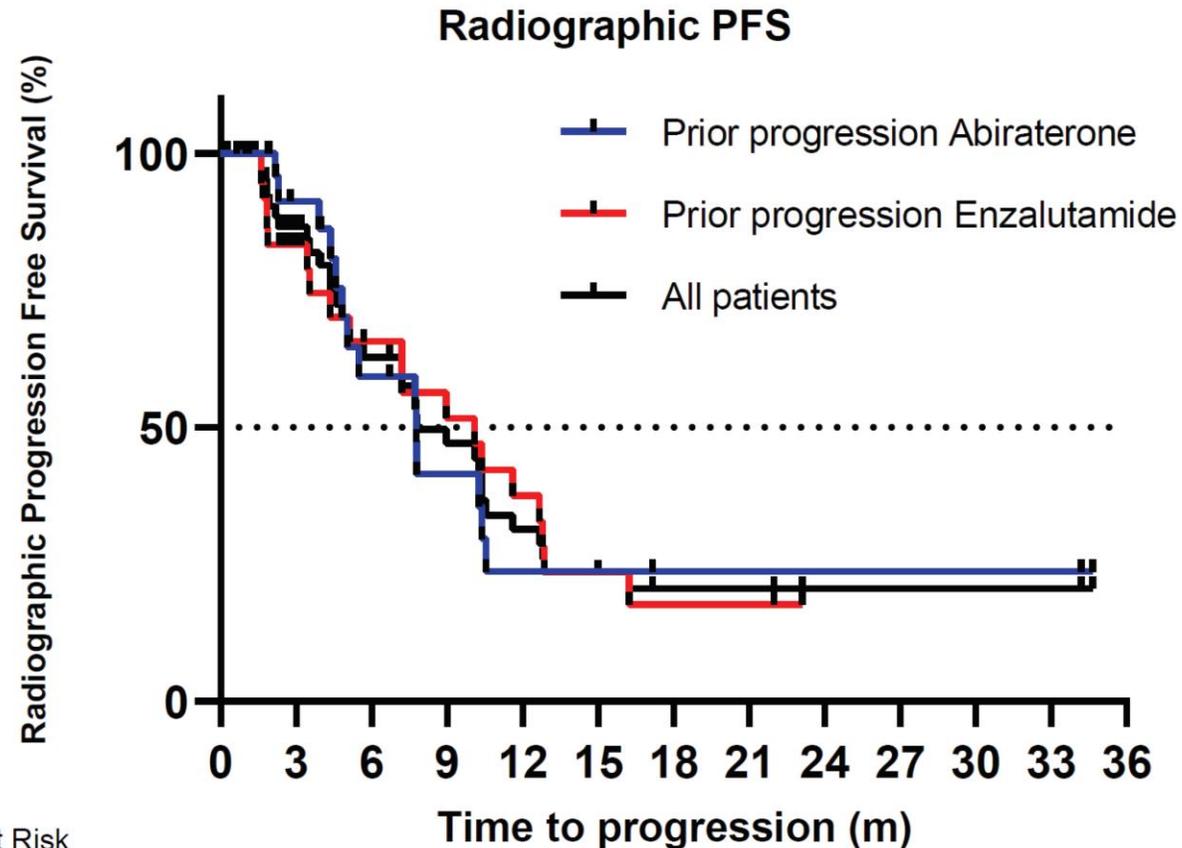
- 30 patients with prior ABI progression (19 with rPD on ABI)
- 34 patients with prior ENZA progression (18 with rPD or cPD on ENZA)
- 11 patients with prior ABI + ENZA progression (5 with rPD on ABI/ENZA)
- 5 ongoing patients (July 2020) (from 1.7 to 3.3 years On-Treatment)



rPD = radiographic progressive disease  
cPD = clinical progressive disease

# Prolonged time to radiographic progression vs. historical 2<sup>nd</sup> line ARSI

Similar mPFS between ABI and ENZA progressors



**Median rPFS<sub>ALL patients</sub> = 9.0 mo**  
**Median rPFS<sub>ABIprogressors</sub> = 7.8 mo**  
**Median rPFS<sub>ENZAprogressors</sub> = 10.1 mo**

**Historical median rPFS\* = 3 to 6mo**  
 \*2<sup>nd</sup> line single agent ARSI

Number at Risk	Time to progression (m)												
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Prior Progression Abi	30	18	11	7	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
Prior Progression Enza	45	20	14	11	8	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
All Patients	75	38	25	18	12	8	5	5	2	2	2	2	0

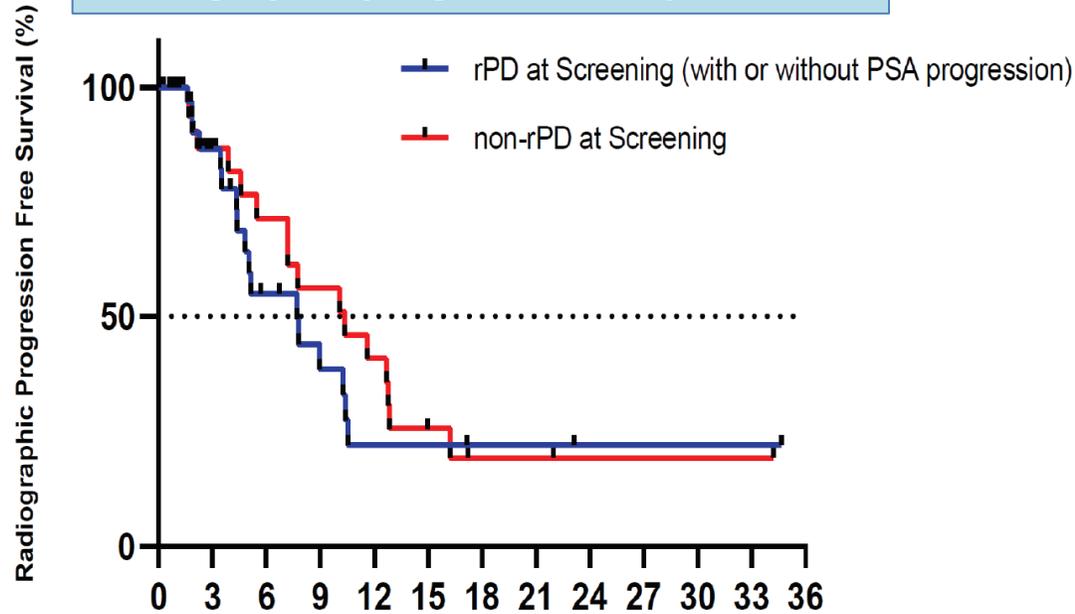
rPFS = radiographic progression free survival

**Evidence of ZEN-3694 activity in both Post-ABI and Post-ENZA settings**

# Patients with clinical factors associated with aggressive disease benefited from combination therapy



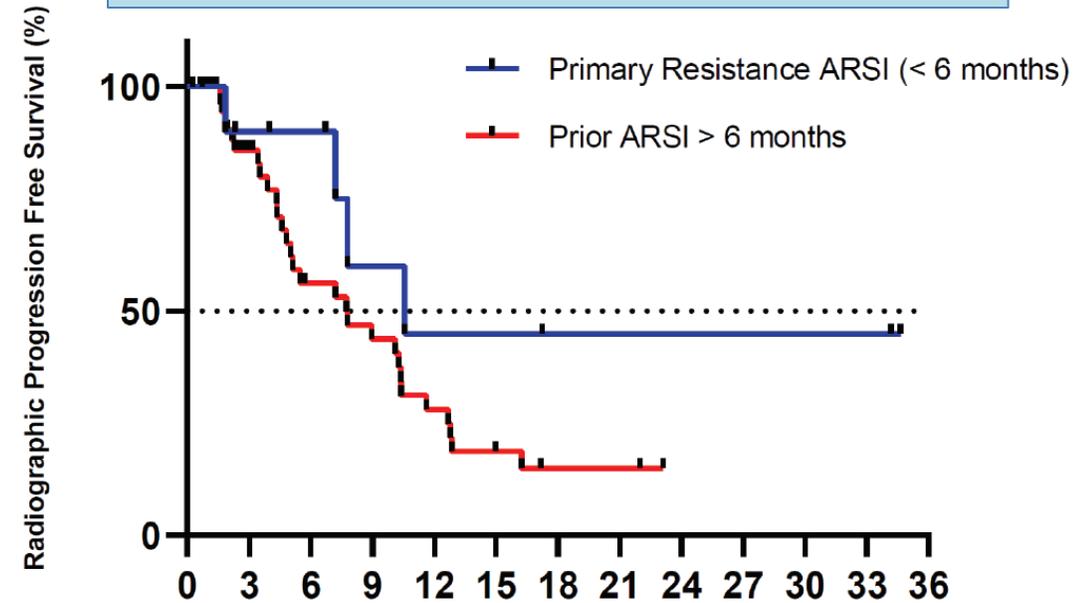
## Radiographic progression on prior ARSI



Number at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
rPD at Screening	39	20	11	7	4	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	0
non-rPD at Screening	36	18	14	11	8	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	0

**Median rPFS<sub>rPD</sub> = 7.8 mo**

## Primary/de novo resistance to 1<sup>st</sup> line ARSI



Number at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Prior ARSI < 6 mo.	12	8	7	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
Prior ARSI > 6 mo.	63	30	18	14	9	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0

**Median rPFS<sub>1y ARSI<6mo</sub> = 10.6 mo**

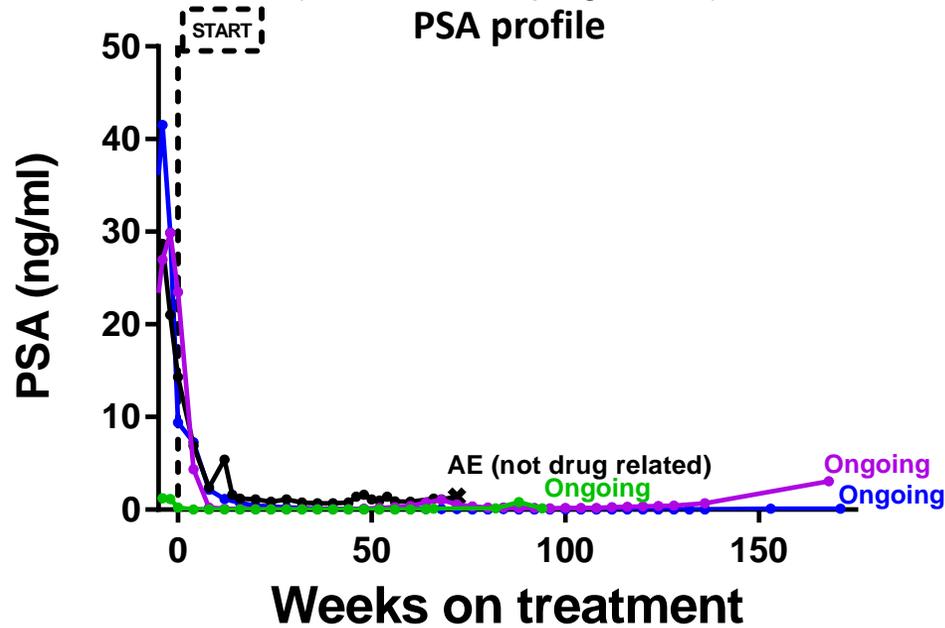
**Evidence of clinical activity of ZEN-3694 in populations with clinical factors associated with poor responses to ARSI**

\*Non-rPD = PSA and or clinical progression

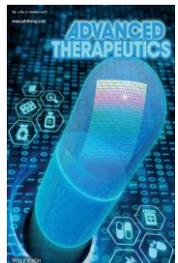
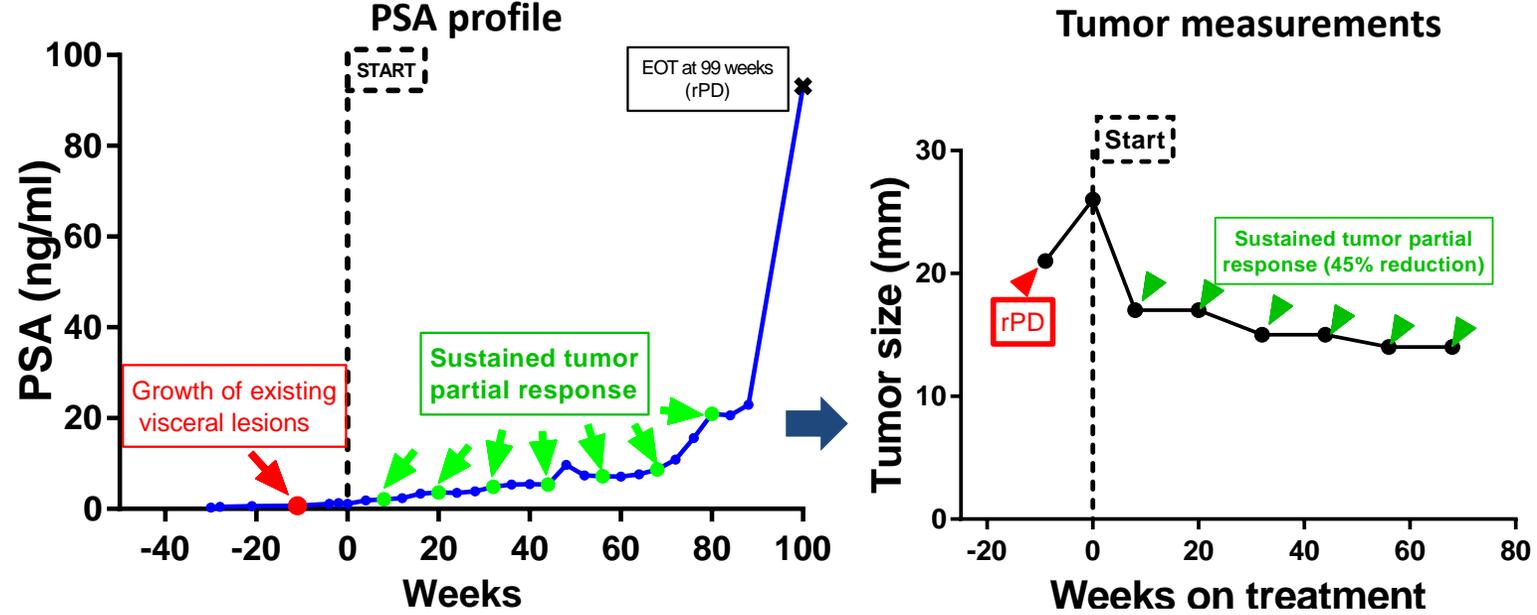
# Examples of best responders #1

Sustained PSA90 or partial tumor response

Four patients with prolonged PSA90 responses  
(3/4 patients ongoing)



Sustained tumor partial response of 1.8 years in patient with radiographic progression of visceral lesions on prior ENZA

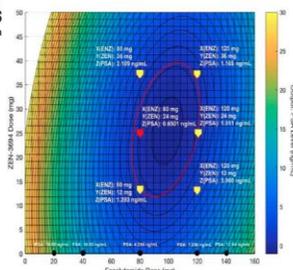


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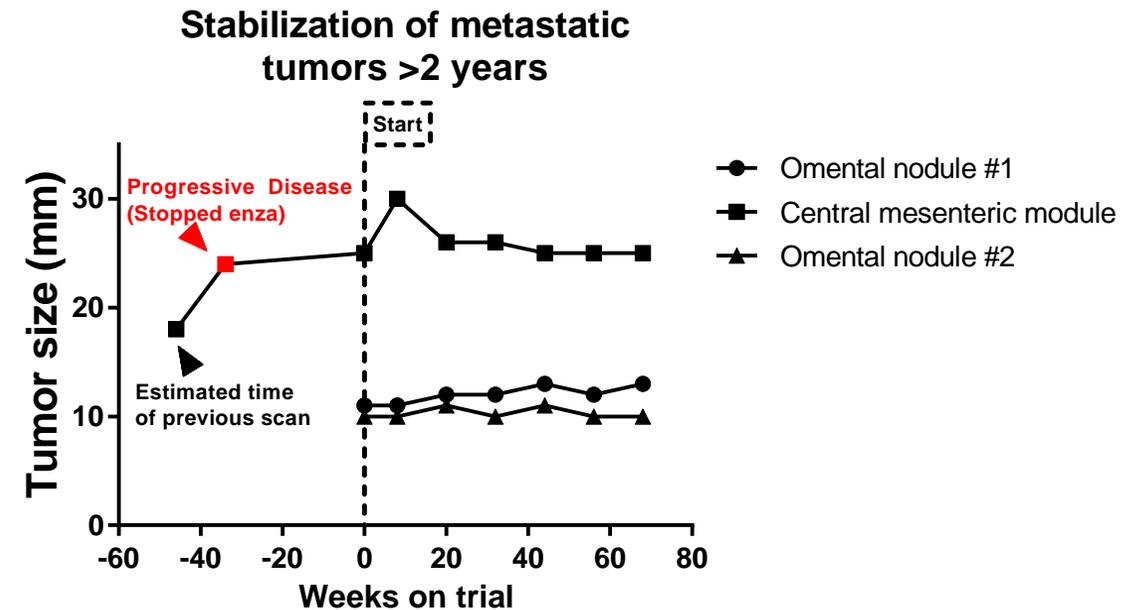
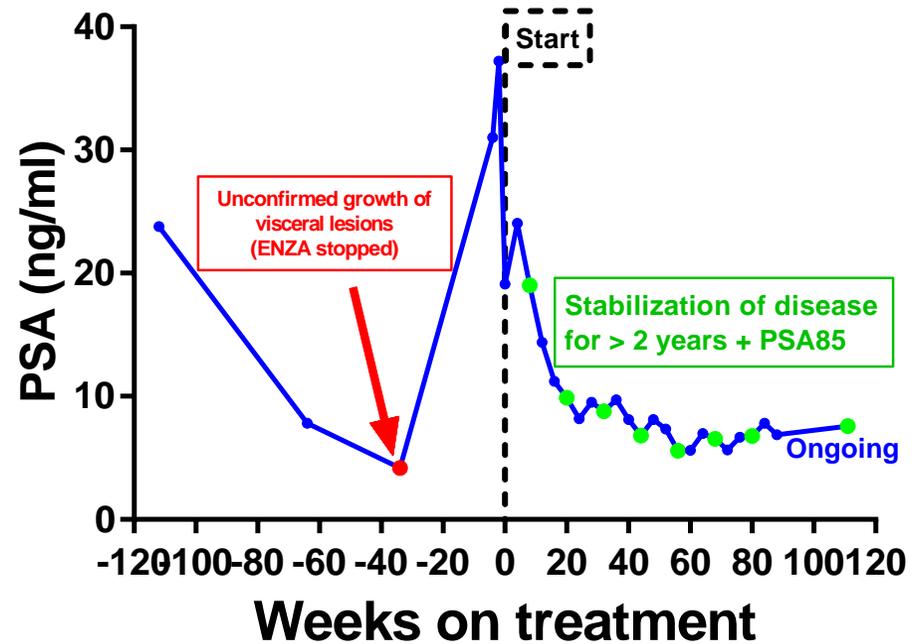
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# Examples of best responders #2

Clinical and radiographic progression on prior ENZA - Stabilization of disease with PSA85 > 2 years

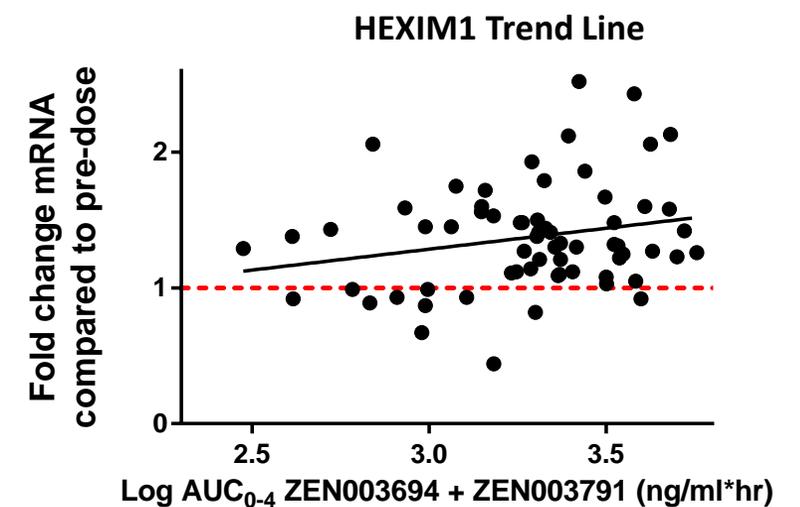
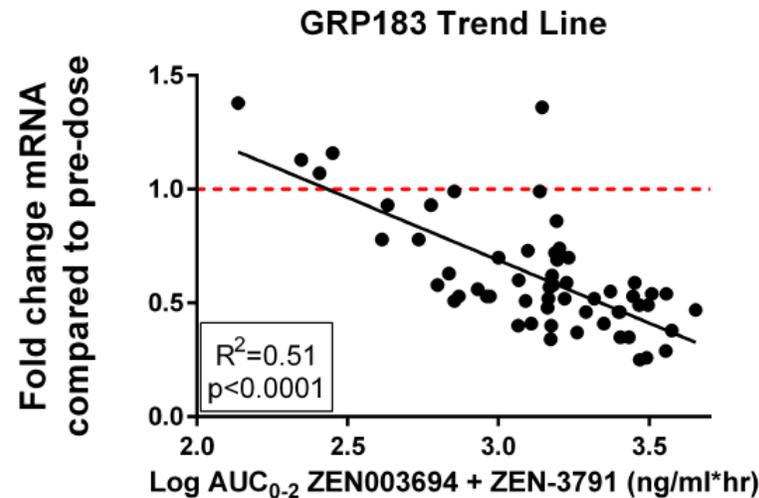
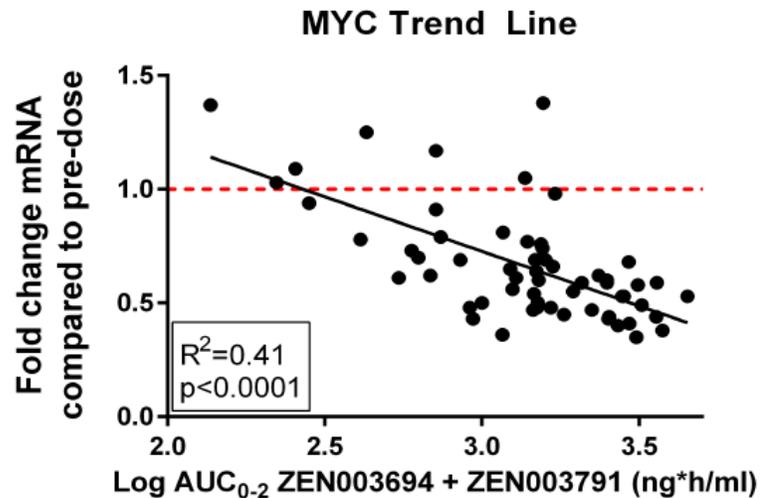
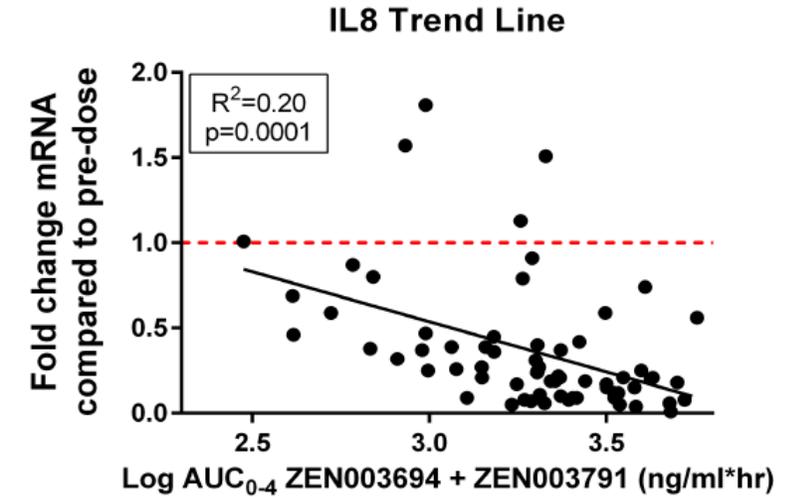
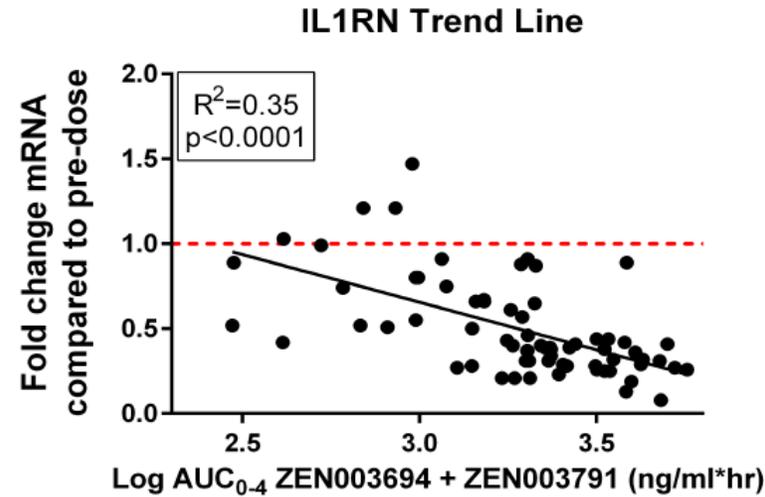
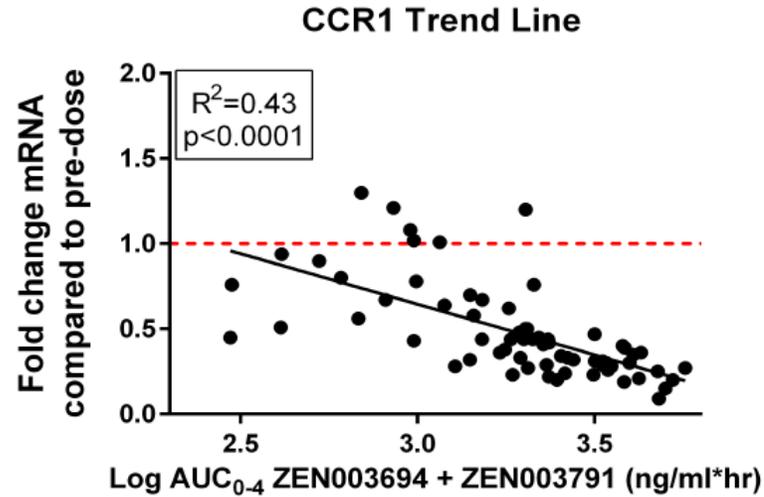
## Stabilization of metastatic disease for >2 years (rPD on prior ENZA)



## Detection of ZEN-3694 target engagement in whole blood and tumor biopsies

# Detection of target engagement in whole blood

Significant exposure-dependent target engagement for 5 PD markers

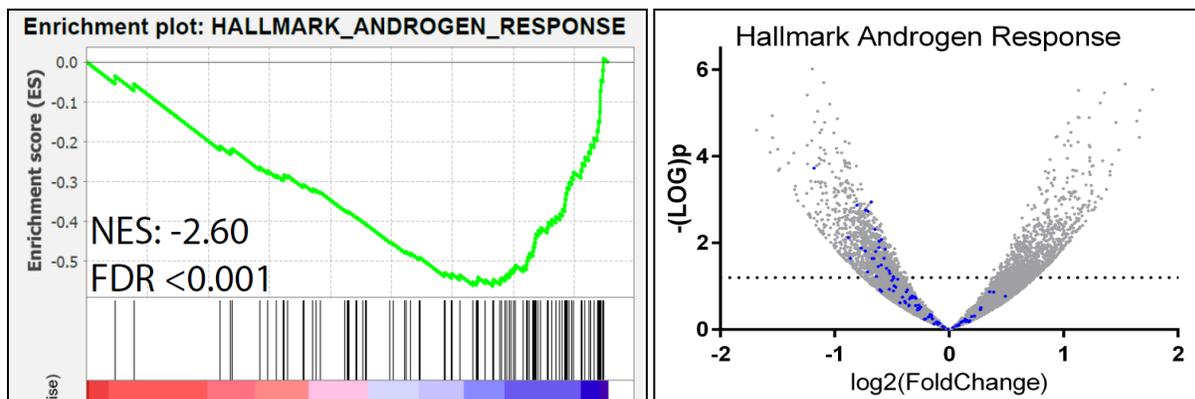


**Target engagement detected at all doses (48-144mg ZEN-3694)**

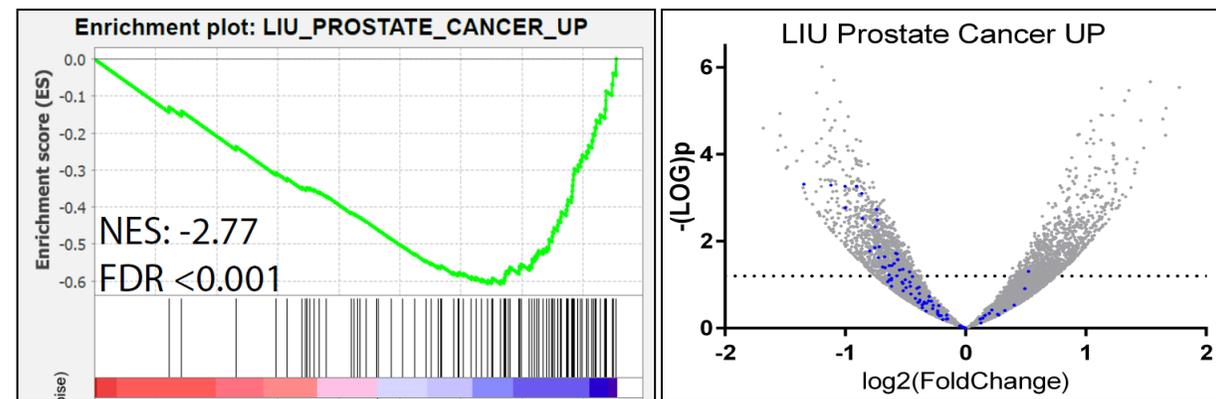
# Detection of target engagement in 4 paired biopsies (Baseline, C3D1)

Inhibition of androgen and MYC signaling, modulation of BET-dependent genes

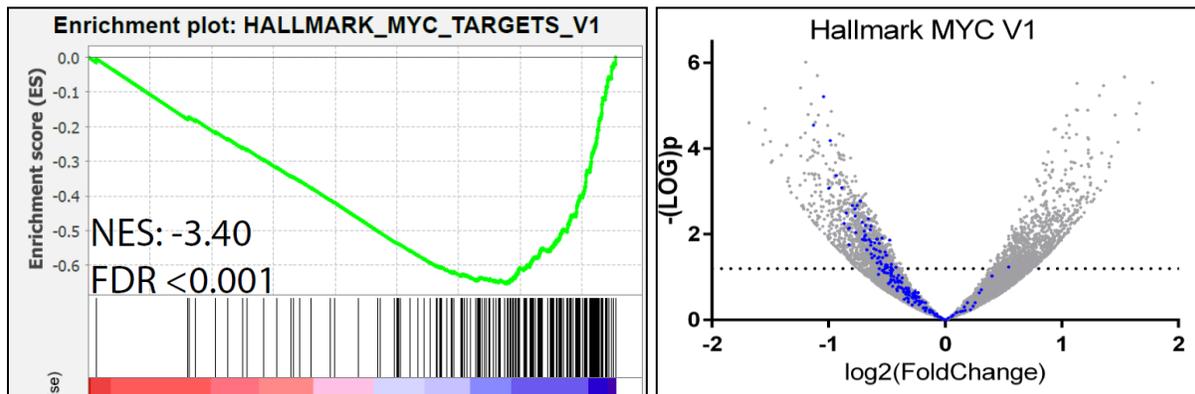
## Inhibition of androgen signaling



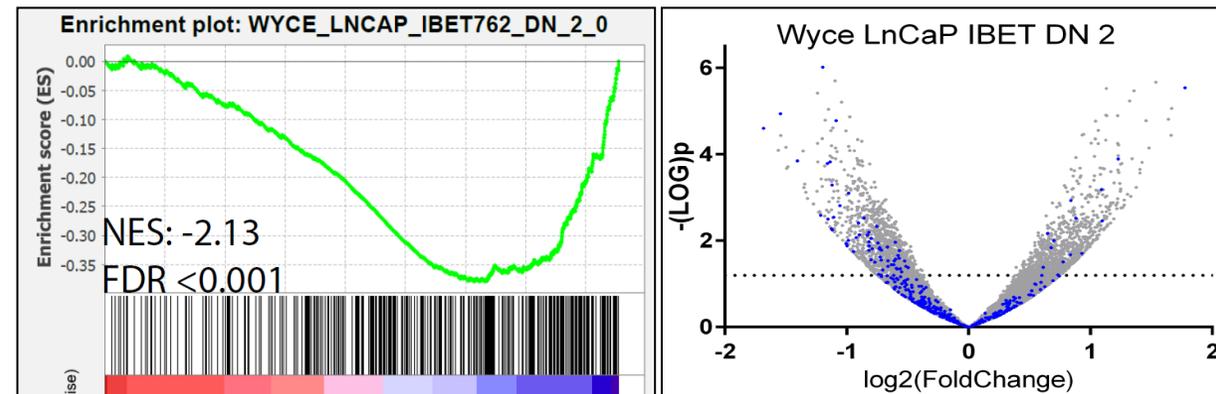
## Inhibition of prostate cancer signature



## Inhibition of MYC signaling



## Inhibition of BET-dependent genes



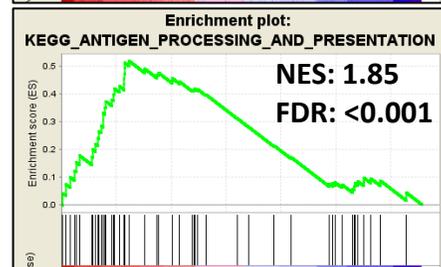
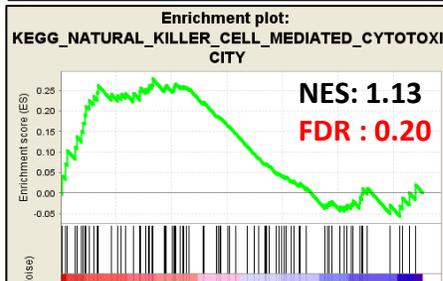
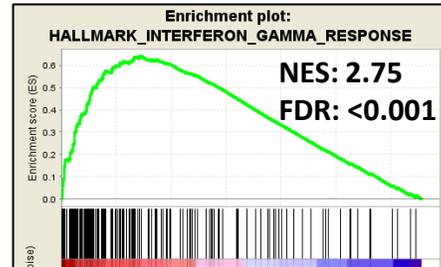
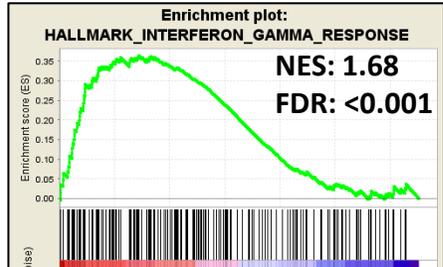
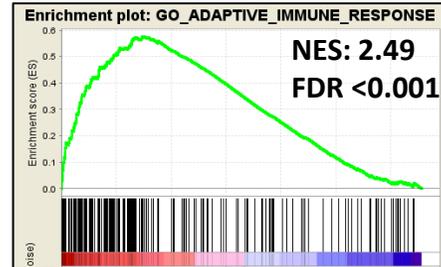
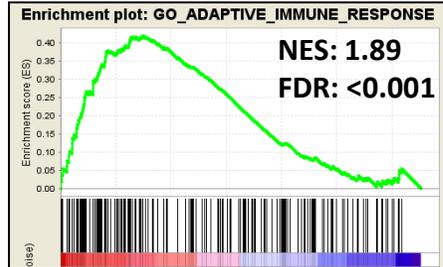
- 3/4 patients already receiving enzalutamide at time of Baseline biopsy
- Inhibition of several hallmarks of prostate cancer by ZEN-3694

# Evidence of an adaptive immune response On-Treatment in 2/4 paired biopsies

## GSEA of paired biopsies

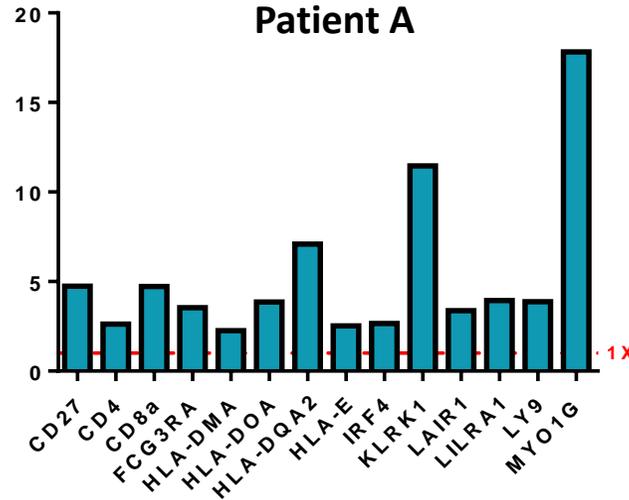
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### Patient B

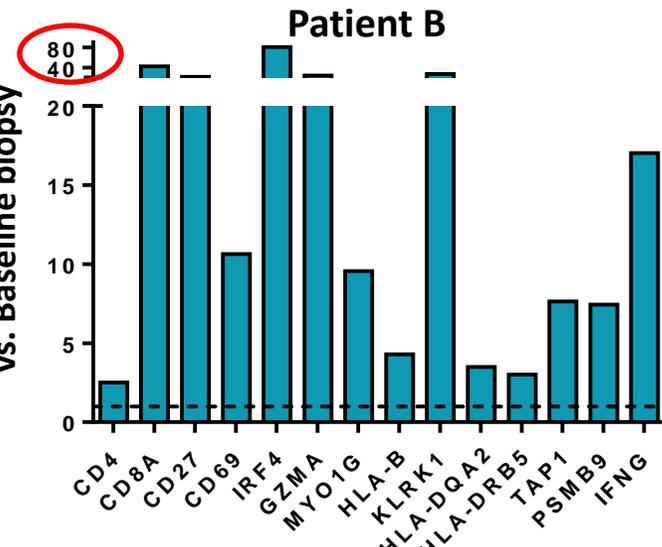


## Induction of genes involved in immune response On-Treatment

Fold change mRNA Treatment vs. Baseline biopsy



Fold change mRNA Treatment vs. Baseline biopsy



## Overlap of induced genes between patients A and B

Immune Cell type	A	B
T and B lymphocytes (Antigen presentation/ T cell migration)		CD8a
		CD4
		CD27
		LY9
		MYO1G
		IRF4
NK cells		KLRK1
		FCG3RA
B cells		LILR1A
Leukocyte		LAIR1
Tumor NK receptor		HLA-E HLA-A
Class II MHC	HLA-DRB5, HLA-DQA2, HLA-DOA, HLA-DOB, HLA-DMA	
Antigen processing presentation		TAP1, TAP2, PSMB8, PSMB9, IFN $\gamma$

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## ZEN-3694, Enzalutamide, and Pembrolizumab for the Treatment of Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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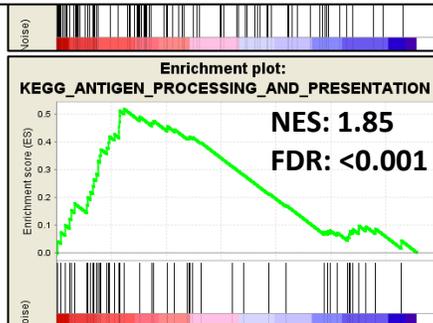
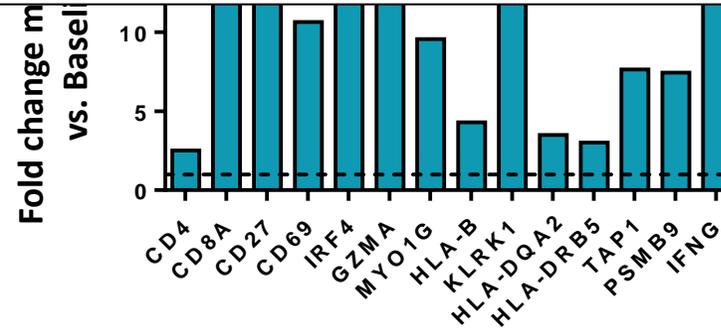
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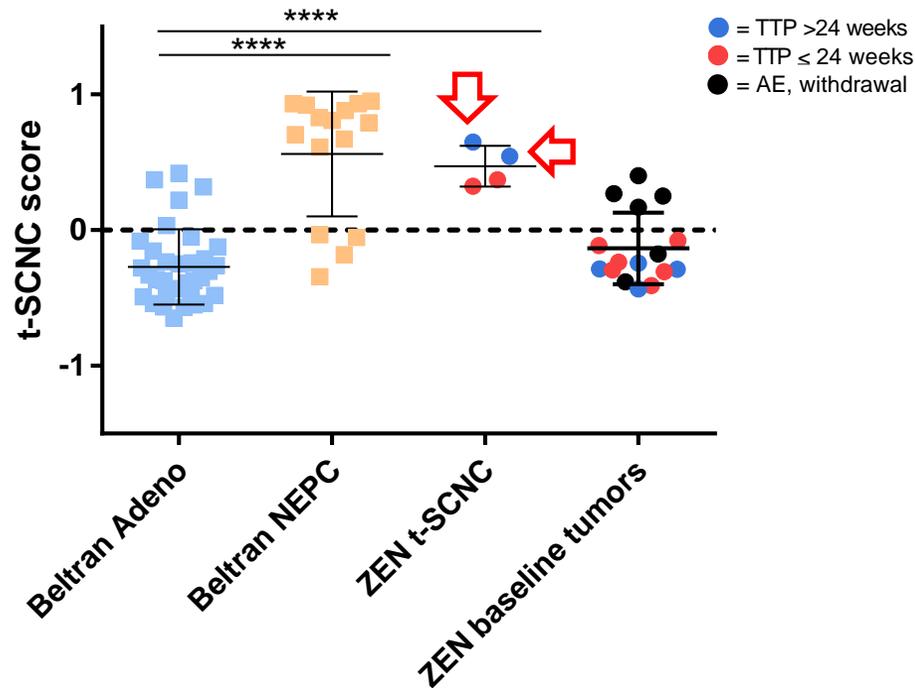
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## Detection of gene signatures of poor response to ARSI in patients with longer time on the trial

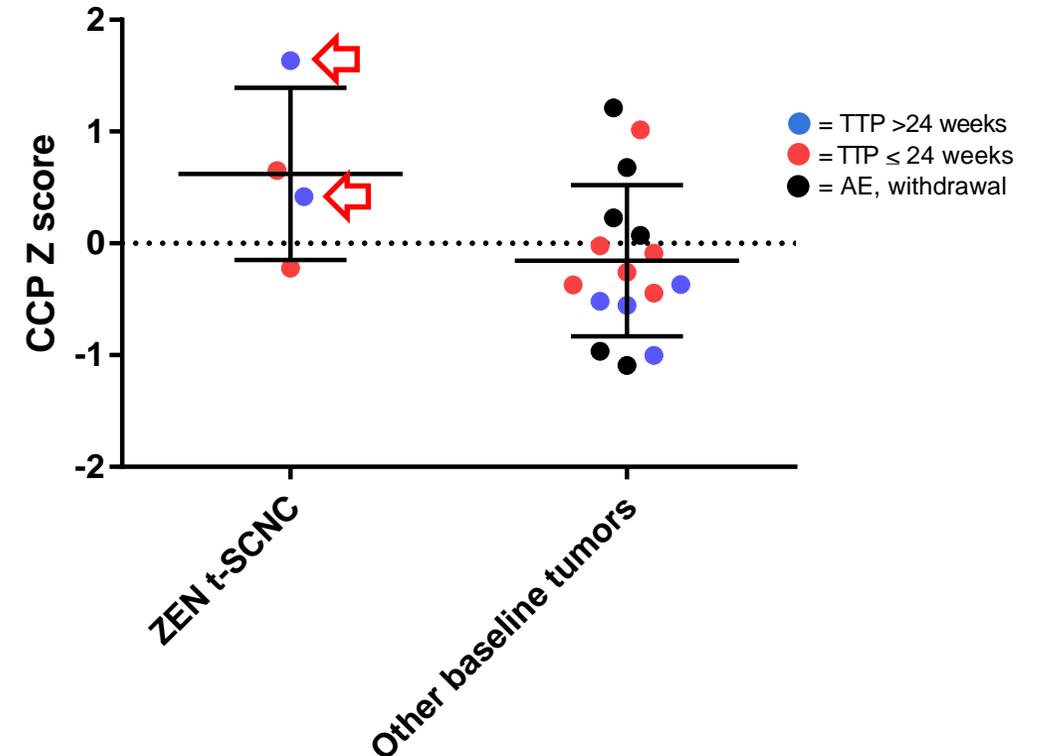
# Signatures of enzalutamide resistance detected in two patients with longer time to progression (TTP > 24 weeks)

- Treatment-induced small cell neuroendocrine prostate cancer (t-SCNC) is associated with poor prognosis on ARSI
- Cell cycle progression score (CCP) has been associated with poor responses to 1<sup>st</sup> line ARSI

Tumor biopsies from 4 evaluable patients had t-SCNC signature



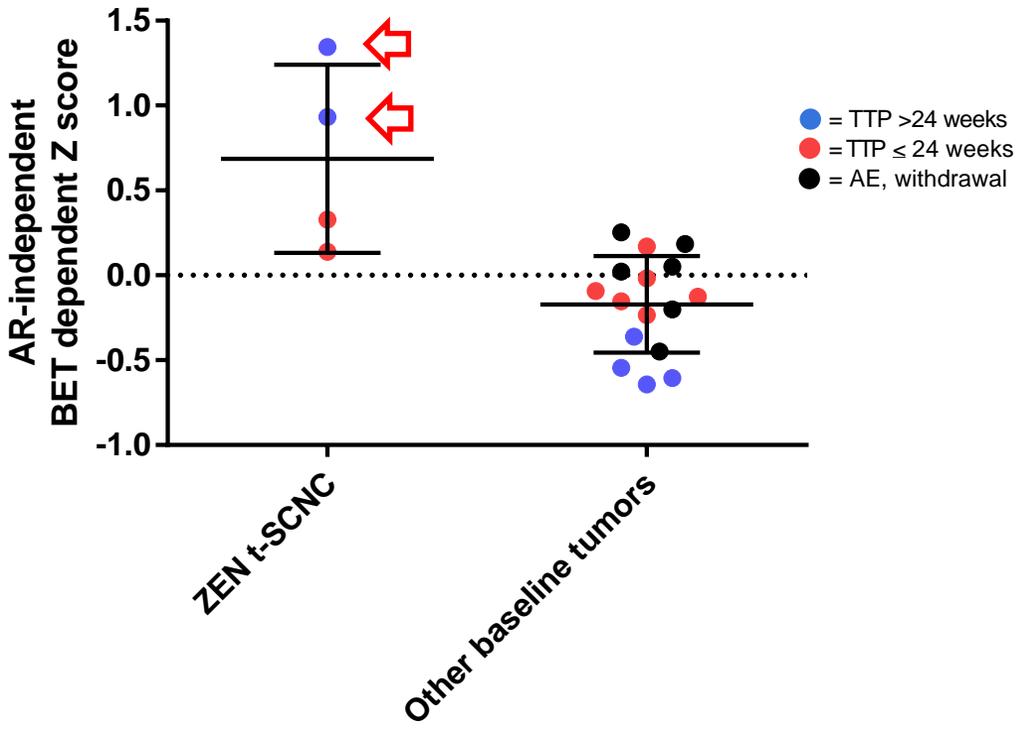
High CCP score associated with 2 t-SCNC tumors with long TTP



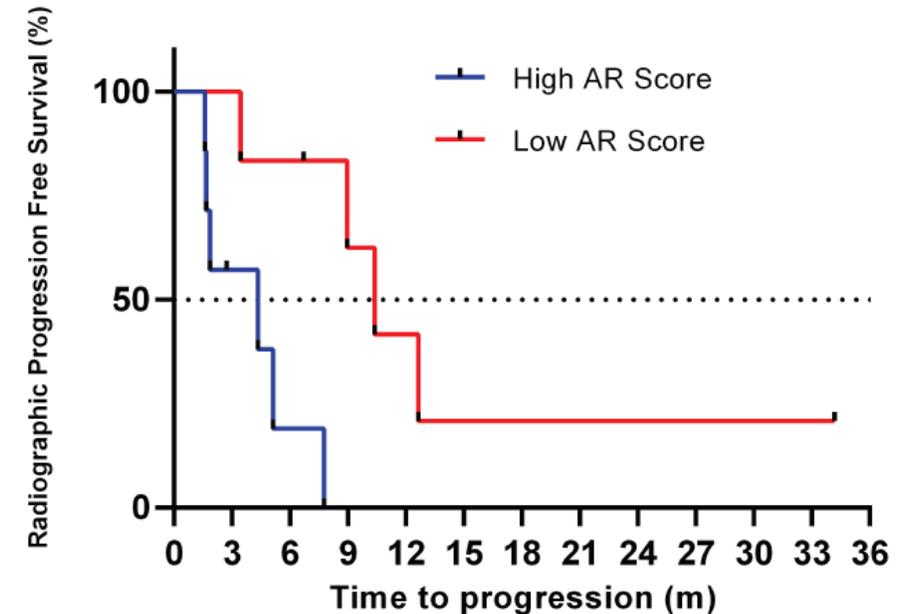
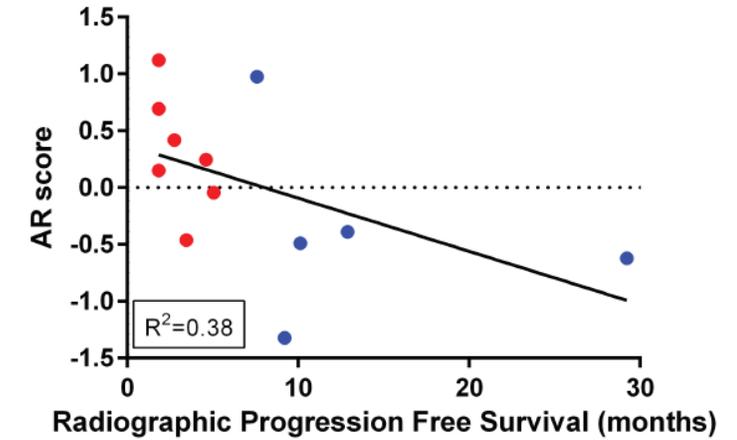
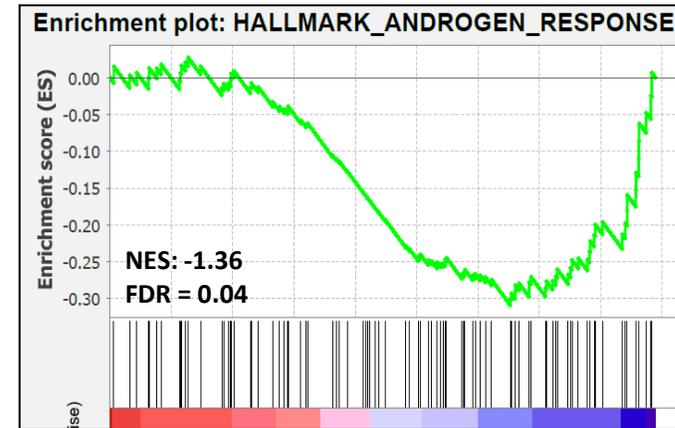
Two patients with long TTP had signatures of t-SCNC and high CCP associated with poor response to ARSI

# Analysis of CRPC patient biopsies shows loss of AR signaling and dependence associated with longer time to progression

## AR-independence/BET-dependence signature associated with t-SCNC tumors with long TTP

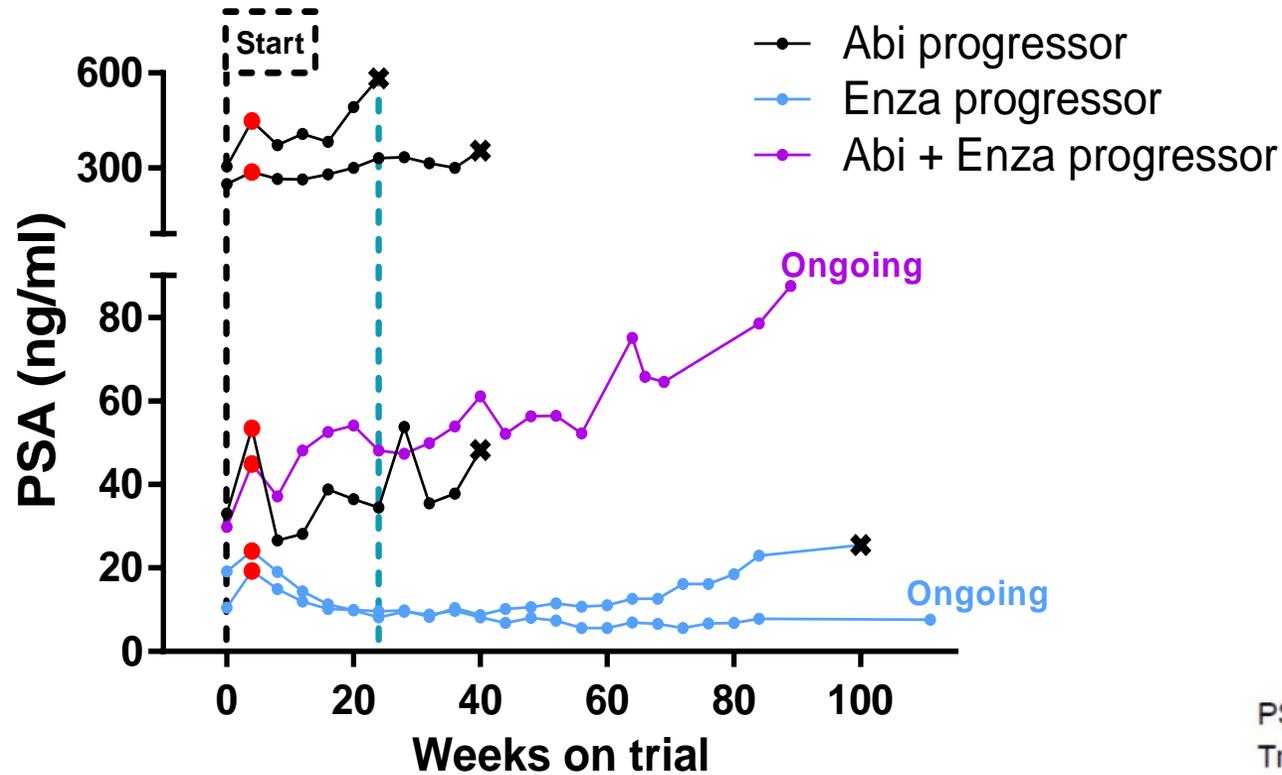


## Association of lower AR signaling in baseline biopsies with longer rPFS

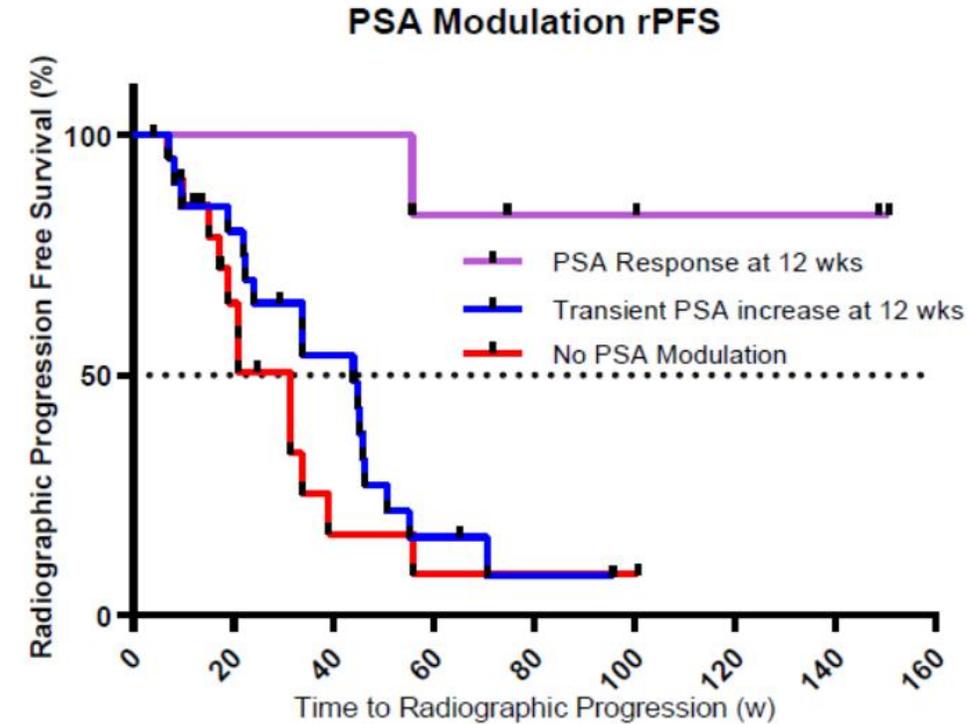


## Identification of PSA spikes as a candidate biomarker of response to ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide

# PSA spikes at either 4 or 8 weeks in several patients with longer TTP



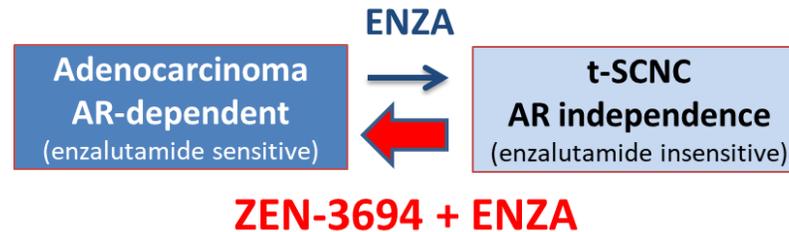
21/75 (28%) of patients with PSA spike



PSA50 Response at 12wks	6	6	6	5	3	3	2	2	0
Transient PSA Inc at 12wks	21	16	10	3	1	0	0	0	0
No PSA Modulation	21	9	2	1	1	1	0	0	0

Median rPFS<sub>PSA SPIKE</sub> = 10.1 mo

- **Combination of ZEN-3694 with ENZA was well tolerated with daily dosing**
  - ⇒ Combination → right targeted agent
  - ⇒ Patient population → chemo-naïve
  - ⇒ BET inhibitor → moderate half-life
- **Evidence of clinical activity in AR-low and AR-independent patients with candidate predictive biomarkers**
  - ⇒ PSA spikes at 4 or 8 weeks
  - ⇒ t-SCNC, AR-independent/BET-dependent, CCP gene signatures



## Future clinical development of ZEN-3694:

- **Phase 2 ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide + pembrolizumab in mCRPC patients (initiation Q4 2020)**
- **Phase 2 ZEN-3694 + PARPi talazoparib in TNBC patients without germline BRCA1/2 mutations (gBRCA1/2wt)**
  - ⇒ Manageable combination, RP2D determined
  - ⇒ Early results show promising activity (SABCS 2020)
- **Randomized study of ZEN-3694 + enzalutamide in prostate cancer patients (early 2021)**

- **Patients and their family**

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