

# Safety of COTI-2, an orally available small molecule targeting p53, in a phase 1 study in recurrent gynecological cancer

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## Background

- Mutated p53 tumor suppressor protein is involved in >50% of all cancers.
- COTI-2, an orally available 3<sup>rd</sup>-gen thiosemicarbazone, has been shown to restore the structure and function of mutated p53 proteins in vitro.
- In xenograft studies, COTI-2 inhibited tumor growth of a number of p53 mutated cell lines.

## Objective

Assess safety and tolerability of COTI-2 in gynecological malignancies and establish RP2D (Recommended Phase 2 Dose) for ovarian cancer. Explore PK and PD measures.

## Methods

### Key Inclusion Criteria

1. Recurrent ovarian, peritoneal, fallopian tube, endometrial, or cervical cancer.
2. Unlimited prior therapy
3. Normal end organ function
4. Life expectancy > 3 months
5. Any p53 status

## Methods

- Multicenter open label 3+3 dose escalation
- COTI-2 PO 5x/week, cycle length 28 days
- Responses evaluated every 2 cycles using RECIST 1.1.
- Baseline p53 profile obtained when possible

Table 1. Demographics (n=24 enrolled)

Characteristic	
Primary Site, n (%)	
Ovarian/Peritoneal/Fallopian tube	19 (79)
Endometrial	2 (8)
Cervical	3 (13)
Race, n (%)	
Caucasian	16 (67)
Black	2 (8)
Asian	2 (8)
Unknown/Not reported	4 (17)
p53 mutation status, n (%)	
Mutated	15 (63)
Wild-type	3 (13)
not available	6 (25)
Age, median years (range)	60 (45-73)

### Previous Therapy (n=15 efficacy set)

- Patients had a median of 5 (0-8 range) previous chemotherapy regimens, and 2 patients had had radiotherapy.
- 5 patients had received bevacizumab (Avastin) as mono or combination therapy.
- 1 patient had received immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy.

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## Results

Table 2. Dose Escalation (n=24 enrolled)

Dose (mpk)	N	# DLTs
0.25	3	0
0.50	4	0
1.00	9	1
1.70	8	2

Cohort 3 DLT:  
abd pain, p neuropathy

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neuralgia; myalgia

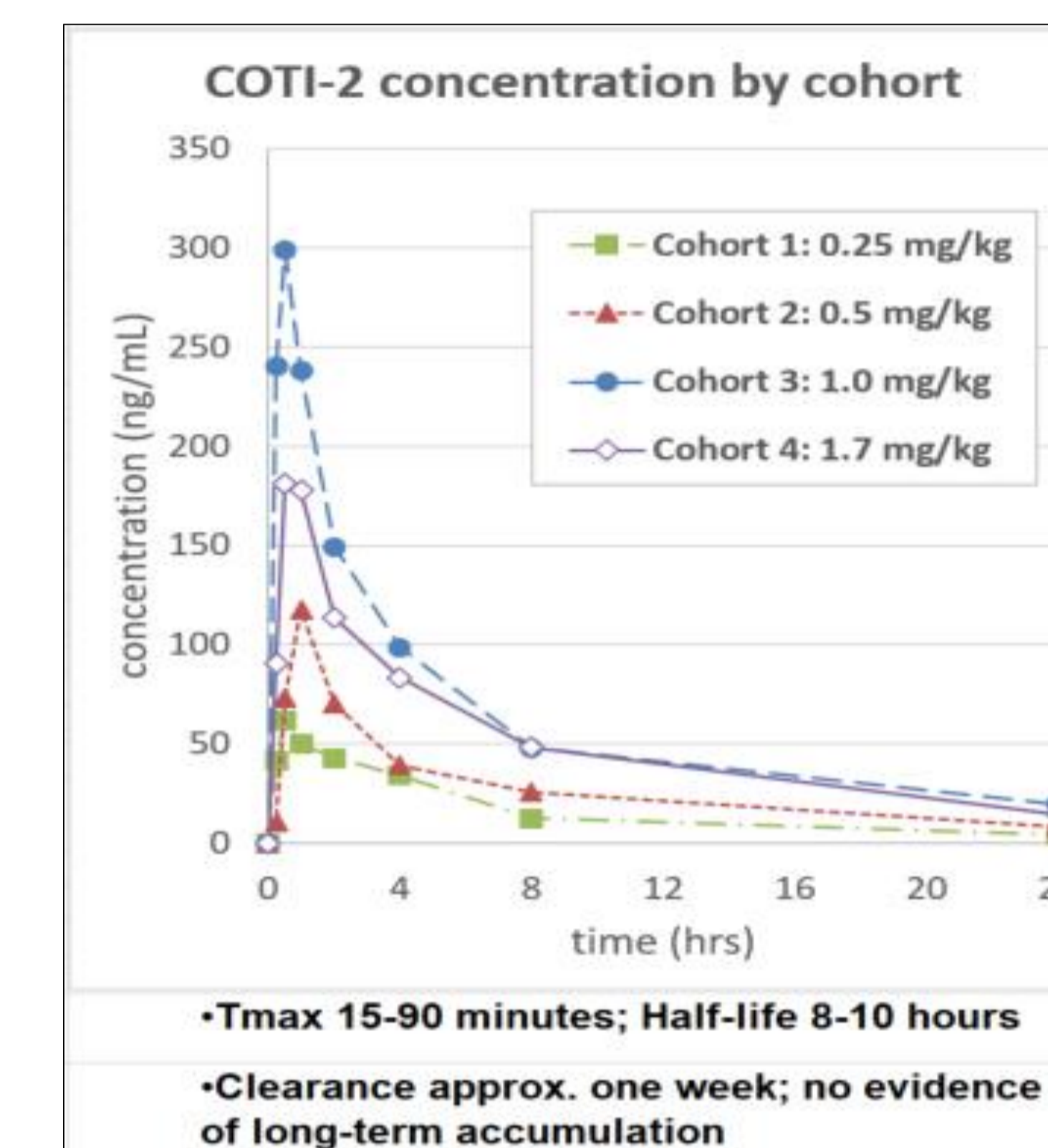


Table 3. Adverse Events, > 10% (n=24 enrolled)

Toxicity	Any grade, n (%)	G3/4, n (%)
Nausea	16 (67)	2 (8)
Vomiting	16 (67)	3 (13)
Fatigue	13 (54)	1 (4)
Abdominal pain	11 (46)	10 (42)
Constipation	7 (29)	0 (0)
Anemia	7 (29)	1 (4)
Dyspnea	7 (29)	3 (13)
Decreased appetite	6 (25)	0 (0)
Urinary tract infection	5 (21)	1 (4)
Hypokalemia	5 (21)	1 (4)
Myalgia	4 (17)	1 (4)
Diarrhea	4 (17)	0 (0)
Pyrexia	4 (17)	0 (0)
Peripheral neuropathy	4 (17)	3 (13)
Small intestine obstruction	4 (17)	4 (17)
Increased creatinine	3 (13)	0 (0)
Weight loss	3 (13)	0 (0)

2 patients (8%) required dose reduction.

Table 4. Responses Observed (n=15 efficacy set)

Cancer	Dose (mpk)	Cycles	p53	Response - Stable?
Ovarian	0.25	1	wild type	Nontarget lesion
Ovarian	0.25	2	mutated	Nontarget lesion
Ovarian	0.25	2	mutated	
Fallopian tube	0.5	4	mutated	Target Lesion
Cervical	0.5	2	wild type	Nontarget lesion
Endometrial	0.5	2	mutated	Inevaluable
Ovarian	1	2	mutated	Stable Disease
Ovarian	1	1	mutated	Target Lesion
Ovarian	1	1	mutated	
Fallopian tube	1	1	n/a	
Ovarian	1	2	n/a	
Ovarian	1	2	mutated	Target Lesion
Ovarian	1.7	1	n/a	Target Lesion
Ovarian	1.7	1	wild type	Nontarget lesion
Ovarian	1.7	1	mutated	Nontarget lesion

No significant decreases in CA-125 were observed.

## Conclusions

- COTI-2 was deemed generally safe and well tolerated
- RP2D was established at 1.0 mg/kg
- Further exploration of the agent is ongoing in head and neck cancers
- Assessment of combination therapy is planned

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