

Advances in Novel Formulations of Taxanes

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Outline

- Challenges with conventional taxanes
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Polysorbate 80 hypersensitivity reactions: a renewed call to action

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In the past decade, reports of hy-
persensitivity reactions with docetaxel

use have been increasing (Figure 2). The reported rate of hypersen-
sitivity reactions with docetaxel is es-
timated at 30% in patients who do not
receive premedications.³

(8 mg) twice daily for 3 days (1 day
prior to chemotherapy and continuing
on days 2 and 3). With premedica-
tions, reported rates of docetaxel hy-
persensitivity range from 8% to 13%.

Awareness of the adverse effects associated with prophylactic corticosteroid use during docetaxel therapy

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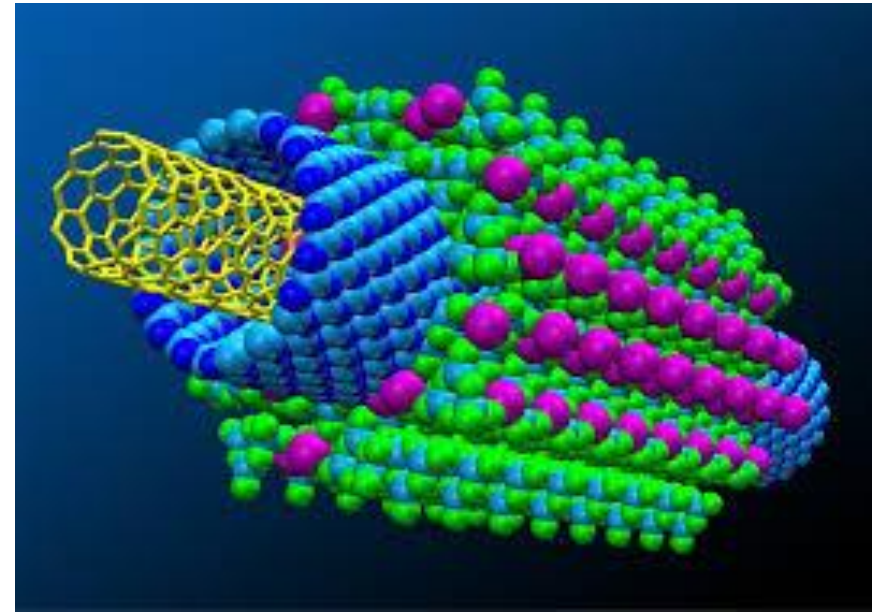
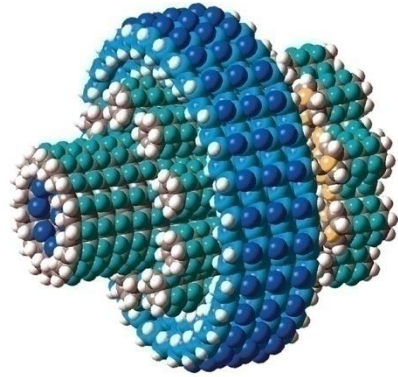
Results The incidences of hyperglycemia in overall patients and in patients without previous diabetes mellitus were 13.7 and 10.9 %, respectively. Infectious episodes greater than grade 2 and grade 3 developed in 29.6 and 19.9 % of patients, respectively. Multivariable logistic regression analysis

In conclusion, this study suggests that adverse effects associated with prophylactic steroid use should be better recognized. Optimal management of steroid-induced hyperglycemia is recommended to reduce infection risk during docetaxel therapy. Further studies are required to find the optimal pro-

Recommendations of the SEC (Oncology & Haematology) made in its 126th meeting held on 26.05.2022 at CDSCO (HQ), New Delhi:

| S.No | File Name & Drug Name, Strength | Firm Name | Recommendations |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| New Drugs Division | | | |
| 1. | 12-01/19-DC (Pt-337) Docetaxel | NCC-PvPI, IPC, Ghaziabad | <p>The SRP recommendation received from PvPI was discussed by the committee.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation, the committee recommended that CDSCO should request the State Drugs Controllers to direct the manufacturers to include Docetaxel associated Candidiasis as an adverse event in the corresponding prescribing information leaflet.</p> |

NANOTECHNOLOGY



NanoAqualip technology

NANOQUALIP™ TECHNOLOGY

Lipid-based Platform Technology for difficult to formulate poorly water soluble drugs

Advantages

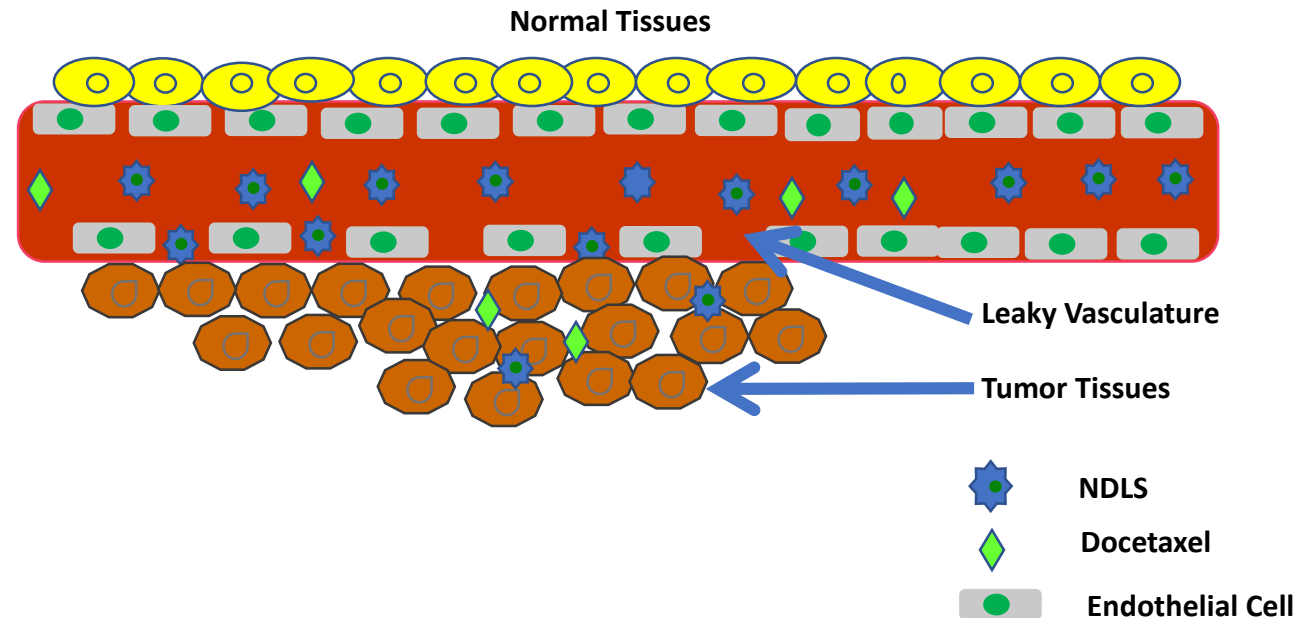
- Complete Aqueous based system
- Free of Hazardous organic solvents
- Particles are nanosize (100 nm)
- All excipients used are naturally occurring lipids

Differences between Conventional & NanoAqualip formulations

| No | Concerns | Conventional Taxane formulations | NanoAqualip formulations |
|----|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Organic solvents like Polysorbate-80, Cremophor used for solubilization | Yes | Complete Aqueous based system |
| 2 | Leaching of plasticizers from PVC bags, IV sets | Yes | Not a concern |
| 3 | Hypersensitivity reactions | Yes | Grade 3 and 4 HSRs not a major concern |
| 4 | Adverse effects due to steroids premedications | Yes | No |
| 5 | Safety concerns e.g. Neurotoxicity | Yes | Initial data suggests a lesser incidence |

OPTIMUM Molecular Size

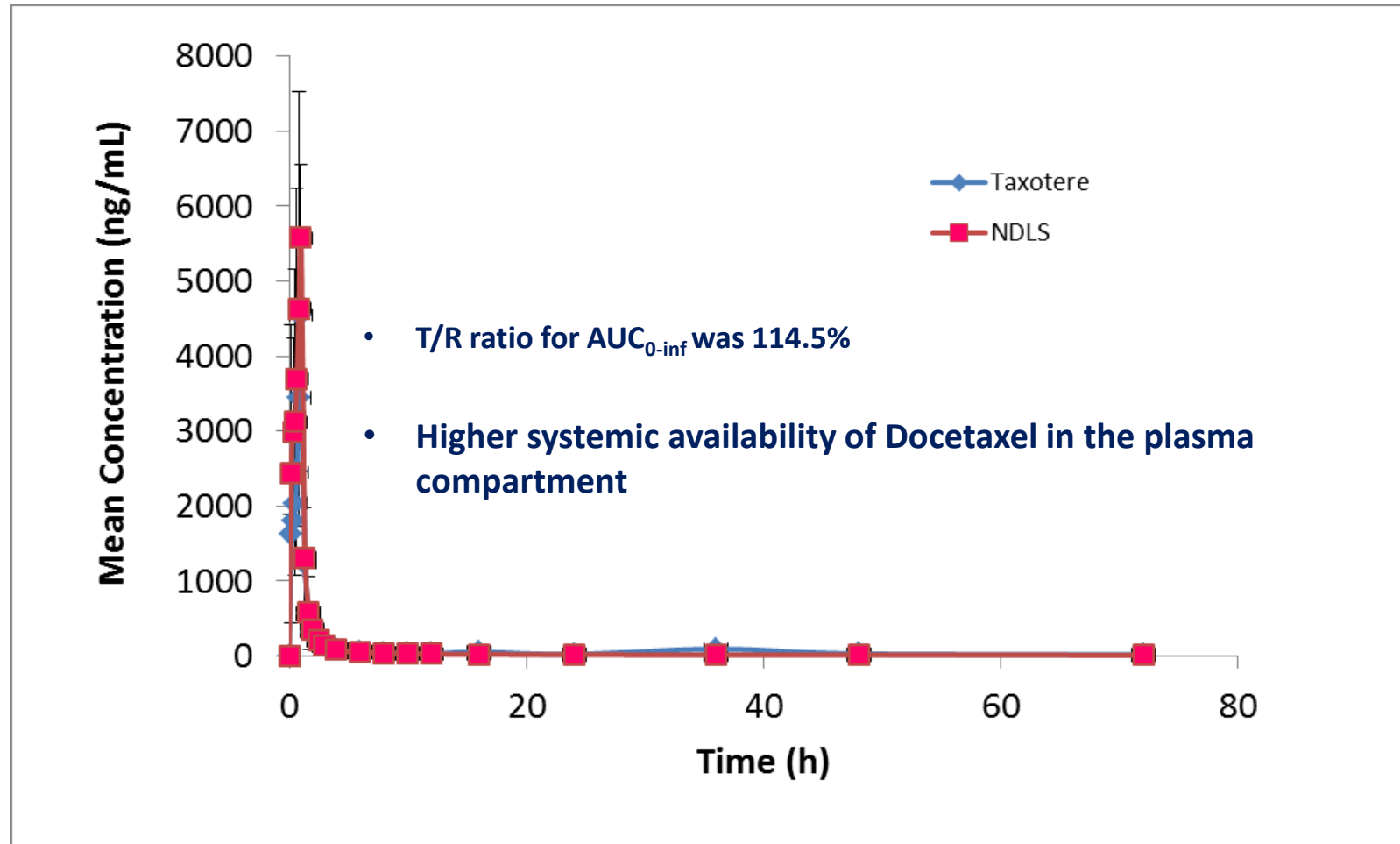
- Leaky vasculature enables **100 nm NDLS** to penetrate into tumor tissues



NDLS – PK comparison

| Mean \pm SD | Taxotere® | NDLS |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| T_{max} (h) | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| C_{max} (ng/ml) | 5033 \pm 2467 | 7029 \pm 2302 |
| AUC_{0-t} (ng.h/ml) | 5724 \pm 4502 | 6012 \pm 2649 |
| $AUC_{0-\infty}$ (ng.h/ml) | 6126 \pm 4561 | 6404 \pm 2776 |
| $t_{1/2}$ (h) | 21 \pm 26 | 21 \pm 18 |

NDLS – PK profile

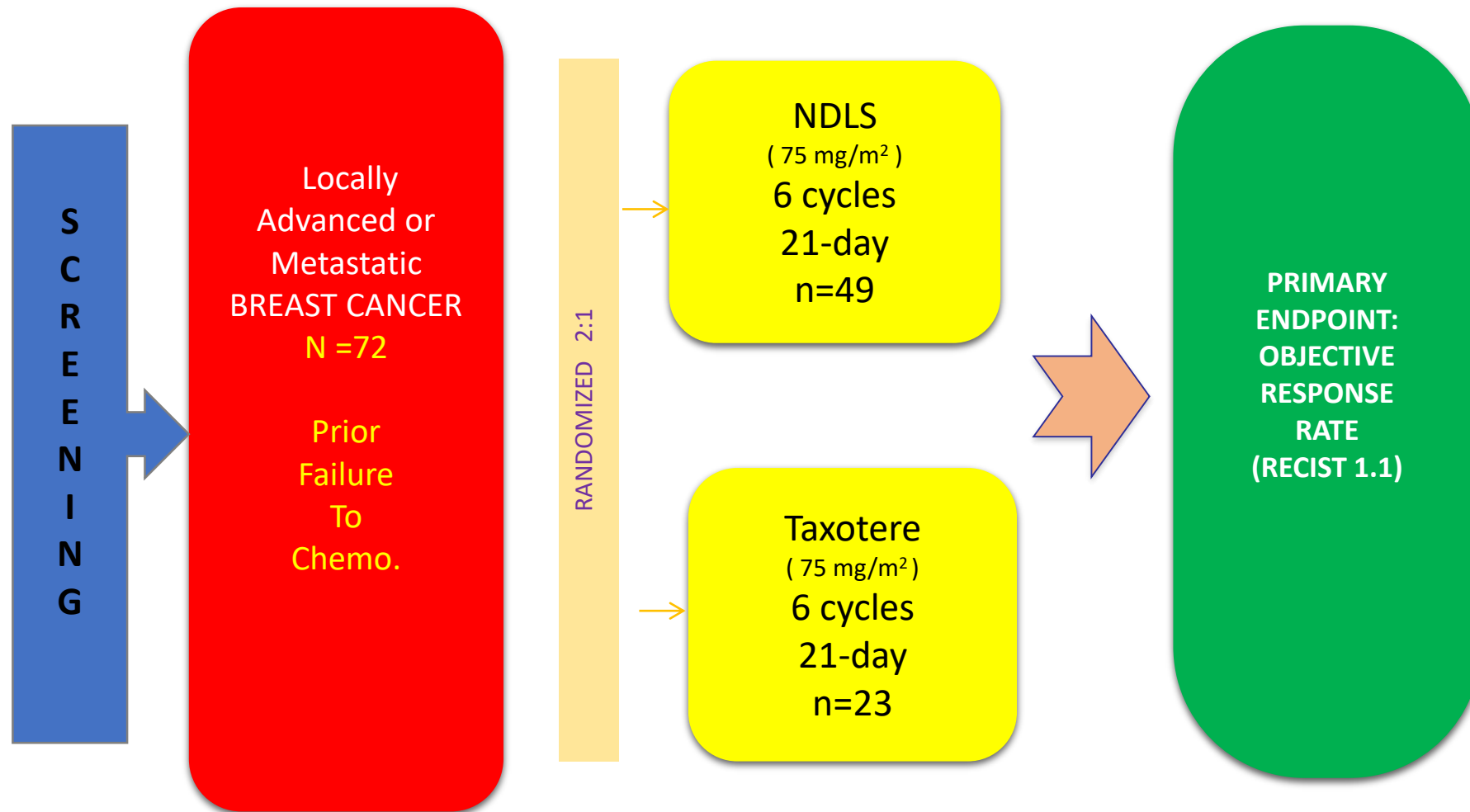


Open label, randomized, multiple dose Clinical Study

Nanosomal Docetaxel Lipid Suspension (NDLS)

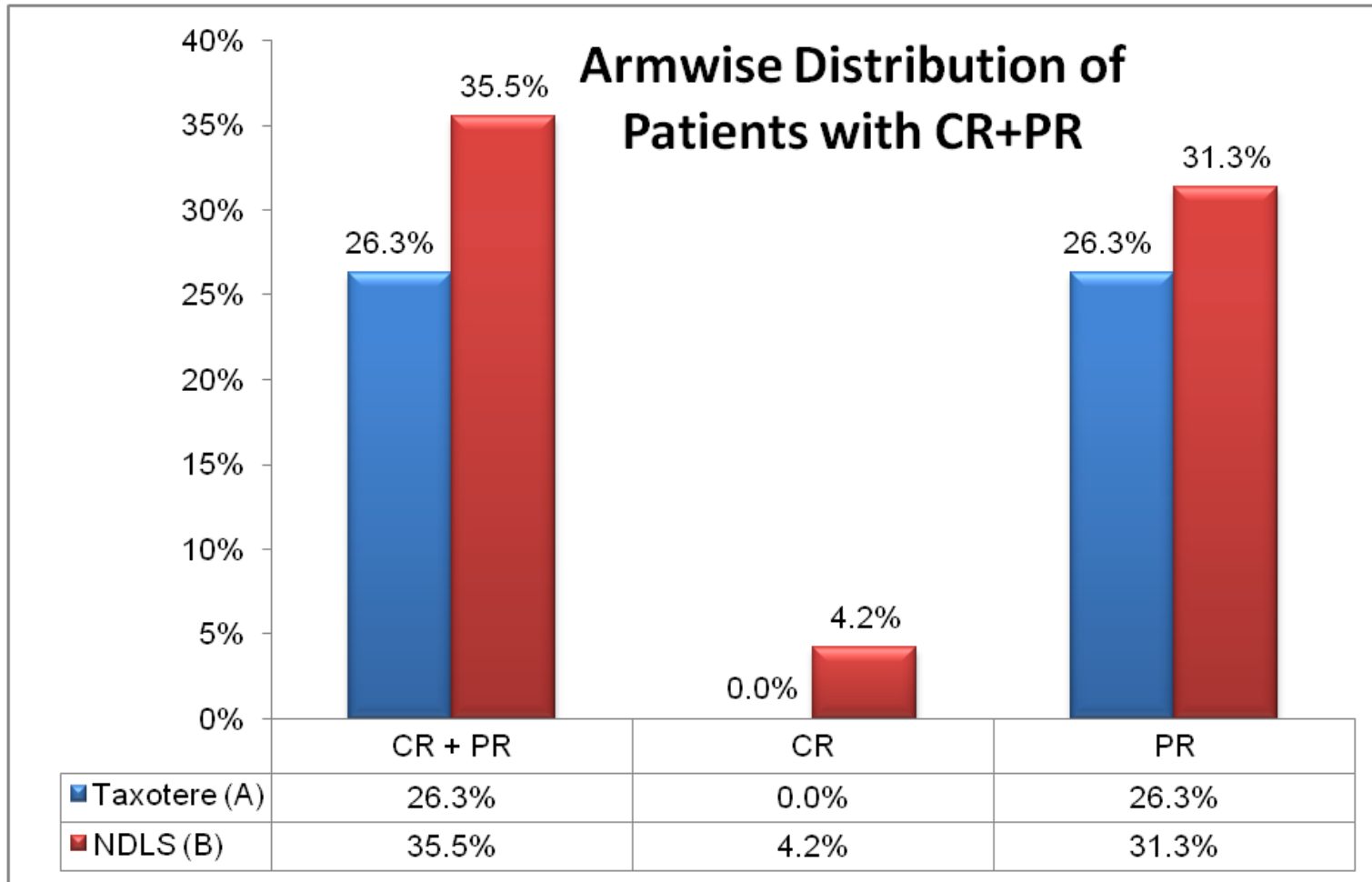
Ahmad et.al . Therapeutic efficacy of a novel Nanosomal Docetaxel Lipid Suspension compared to Taxotere in locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer patients. *Clinical Breast Cancer*. 2014 Jun;14(3):177-81.

NDLS Efficacy – Study Design



No steroid pre-medications in the NDLS arm

NDLS - Overall Response Rate



Adverse Events Profile- NDLS Vs. Conventional Docetaxel®

| | NDLS 75 mg/m² % | Conventional Docetaxel® 75 mg/m² % |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Adverse Events (all grades) | 18 | 26 |
| Vomiting | 10 | 22 |
| Nausea | 14 | 13 |
| Alopecia | 35 | 26 |
| Diarrhea | 29 | 22 |
| Neutropenia | 71 | 57 |
| Febrile Neutropenia | 6 | 4 |

Adverse Events Profile- NDLS Vs. Taxotere®

- **Serious allergic reactions like bronchospasm or swelling of face were not observed with NDLS inspite of no premedication.**
- **Whereas with conventional docetaxel, 2 cases (8.7%) of bronchospasm and 3 cases (13%) of swelling of face were observed**
- **No clinically significant changes were observed in Haematology & Biochemistry of NDLS compared to Taxotere®**
- **Neutropenia was consistent with those reported for Taxotere®**

NDLS based (neo)adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with breast cancer

- Prospective, observational study.
- Patients with stage IIb-III breast cancer received neo/adjuvant doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide (AC) followed by
 - conventional docetaxel (arm A) or
 - NDLS (Doceaqualip; arm B)
 - at a dose 75 mg/m² IV every 3-weekly for 4 cycles as neo/adjuvant therapy.

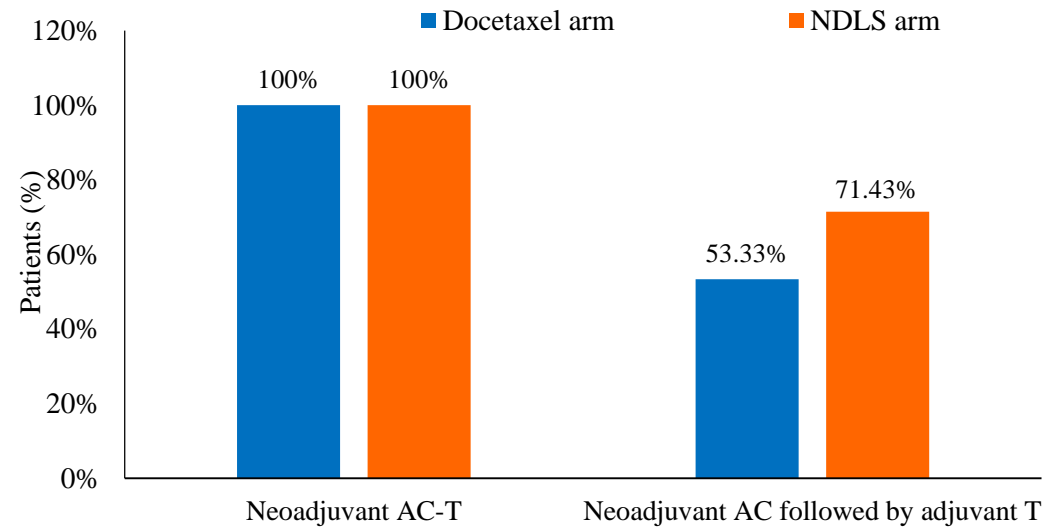
Baseline Demographics

| Parameters | Arm A (Docetaxel) (N=30) | Arm B (NDLS) (N=30) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Age in years, mean (SD) | 48.9 (7.07) | 49.2 (5.52) |
| BSA, kg/m ² , mean (SD) | 1.73 (0.29) | 1.81 (0.29) |
| Menopausal status, n (%) | | |
| Pre-menopausal | 13 (43.3%) | 10 (33.3%) |
| Post-menopausal | 17 (56.67%) | 20 (66.67%) |
| Cancer stage, n (%) | | |
| IIb | 14 (46.67%) | 11 (36.67%) |
| IIIa | 8 (26.67%) | 10 (33.33%) |
| IIIb | 6 (20%) | 6 (20%) |
| IIIc | 2 (6.67%) | 3 (10%) |
| ECOG score, n (%) | | |
| 0 | 4 (13.33%) | 5 (16.67%) |
| 1 | 19 (63.33%) | 17 (56.67%) |

Baseline Demographics

| Parameters | Arm A (Docetaxel) (N=30) | Arm B (NDLS) (N=30) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Hormone receptor status, n (%) | | |
| ER+/HER2- | 2 (6.67%) | 2 (6.67%) |
| ER+/HER2+ | 23 (76.67%) | 20 (66.67%) |
| Triple positive | 20 (66.67%) | 20 (66.67%) |
| TNBC | 5 (16.67%) | 8 (26.67%) |
| Ki-67 status, n (%) | | |
| Low | 8 (26.67%) | 8 (26.67%) |
| Intermediate | 19 (63.33%) | 17 (56.67%) |
| High | 3 (10%) | 5 (16.67%) |

Pathologic complete response rates



- Grade 3/4 infusion-related reactions, hyperglycemia and neuropathy were noted in 5, 8 and 3 patients, respectively, in the conventional docetaxel arm while it was not reported in any patient in the NDLS arm.
- NDLS based neo/adjuvant chemotherapy was efficacious in the treatment of breast cancer and showed comparable pCR, CR and OS rates versus conventional docetaxel.

Results

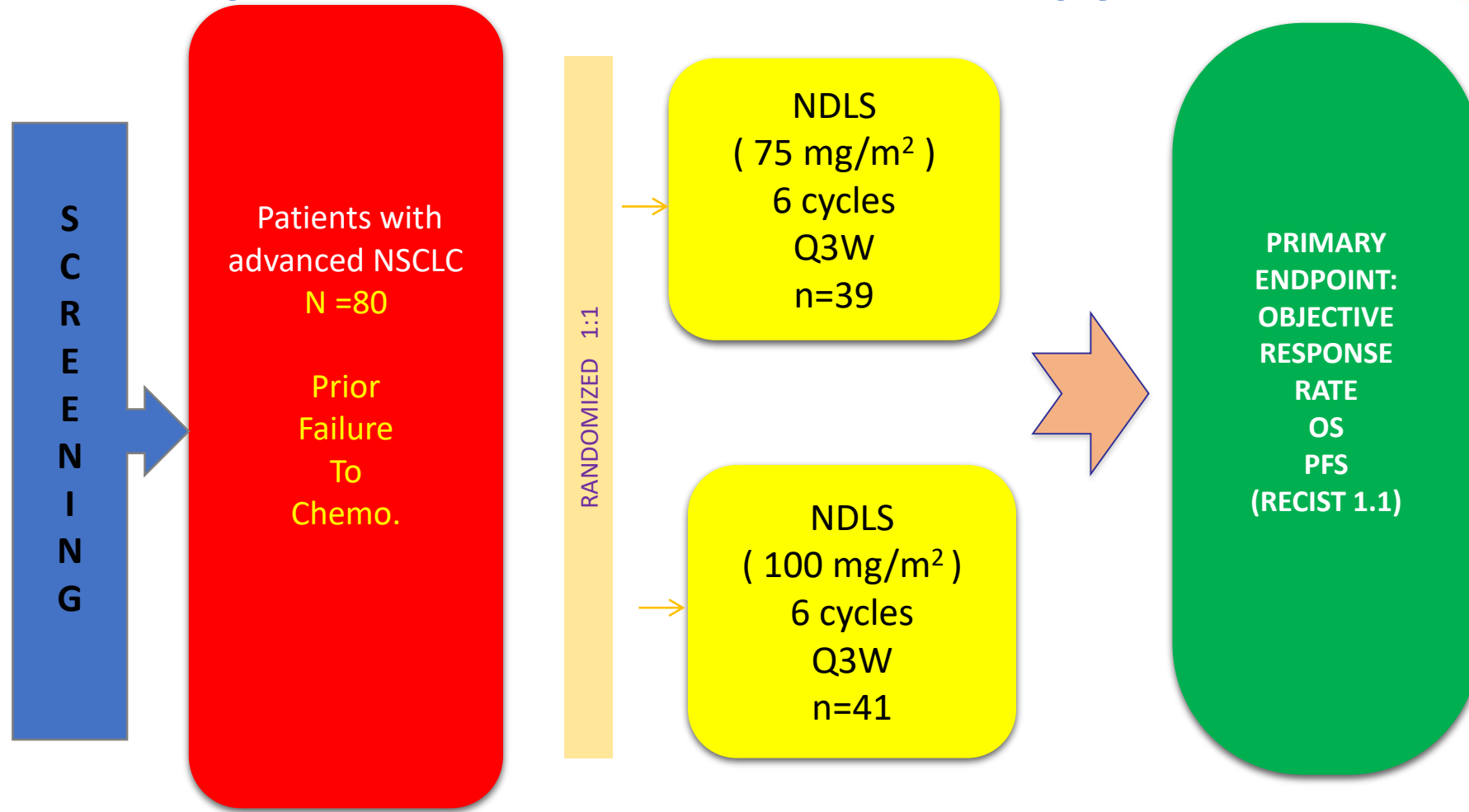
| Response rates | | Arm A (N=30)* | | Arm B (N=30)* | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Neoadjuvant AC-T (n=10) | Neoadjuvant AC-Adjuvant T (n=15) | Neoadjuvant AC-NDLS (n=9) | Neoadjuvant AC-Adjuvant NDLS (n=14) |
| Pathological response | pCR | 10/10 (100%) | 8/15 (53.33%) | 9/9 (100%) | 10/14 (71.43%) |
| pCR by receptor status | ER+/HER2- | 1/1 (100%) | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| | ER+/HER2+ | 8/8 (100%) | 5/11 (45.45%) | 4/4 (100%) | 7/11 (63.64%) |
| | ER-/HER2- | 1/1 (100%) | 3/4 (75%) | 5/5 (100%) | 3/3 (100%) |
| Clinical response | CR | 10/10 (100%) | 13/15 (86.67%) | 8/9 (88.89%) | 14/14 (100%) |
| | PD | 0/0 | 2/15 (13.33%) | 1/9 (11.11%) | 0/0 |

AC, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide; CR, complete response; NDLS, nanosomal docetaxel lipid suspension; pCR, pathologic complete response; PD, progressive disease; T, docetaxel.

P=not significant for all comparisons.

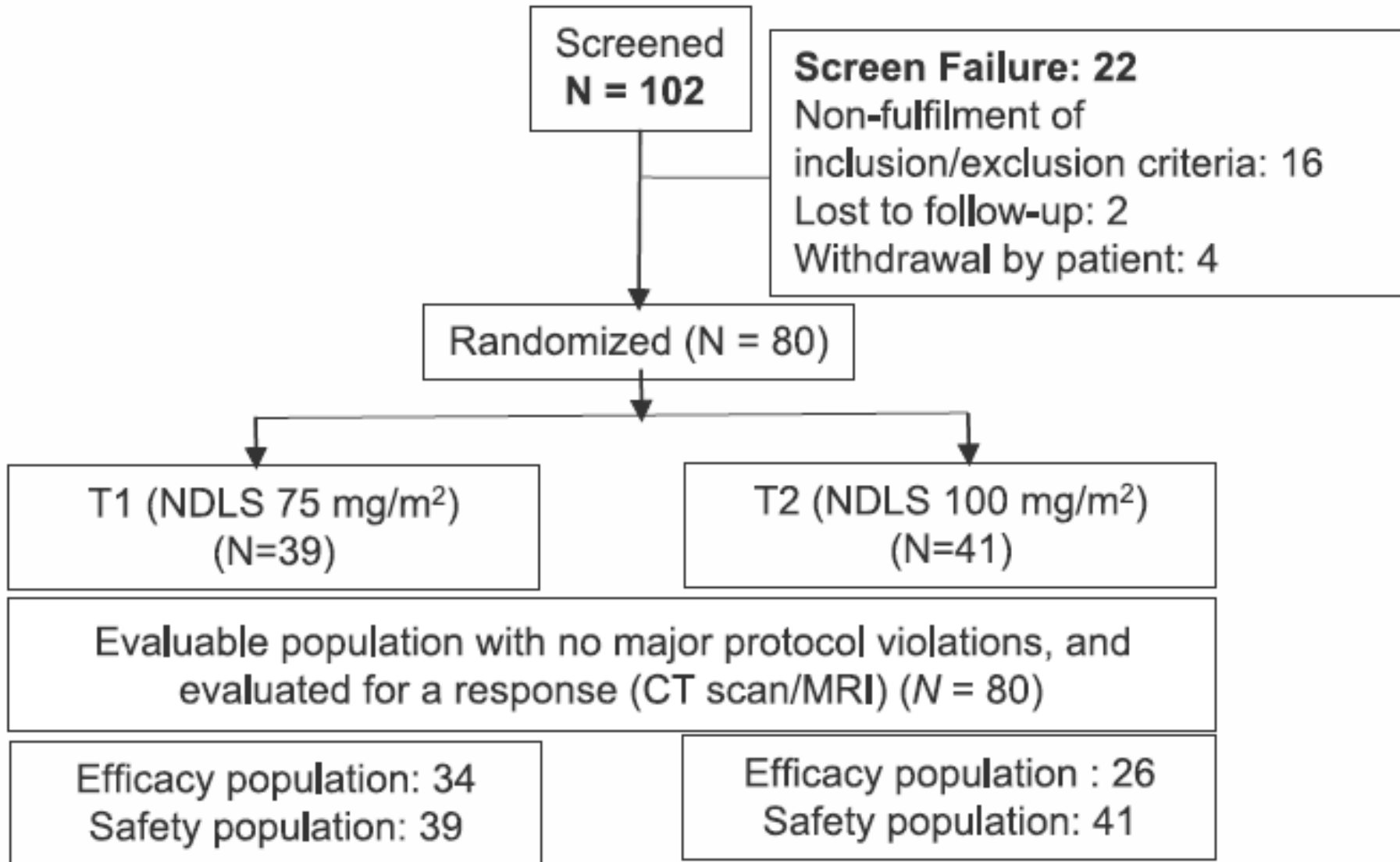
*In arm A, 5 patients received adjuvant AC followed by docetaxel; in arm B, 7 patients received adjuvant AC followed by NDLS.

NDLS in patients with advanced NSCLC previously treated with platinum-based chemotherapy



No steroid premedications administered

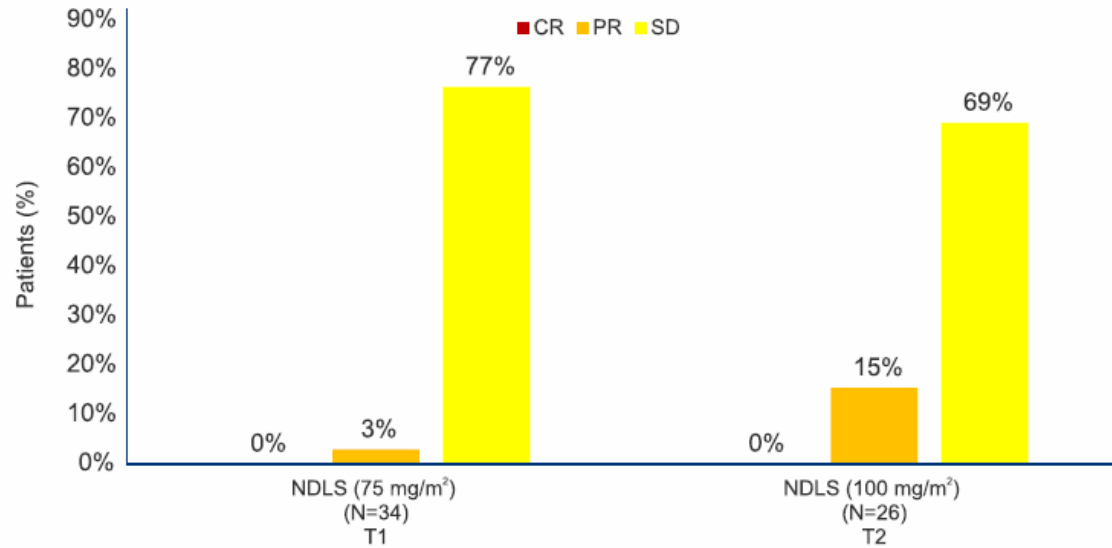
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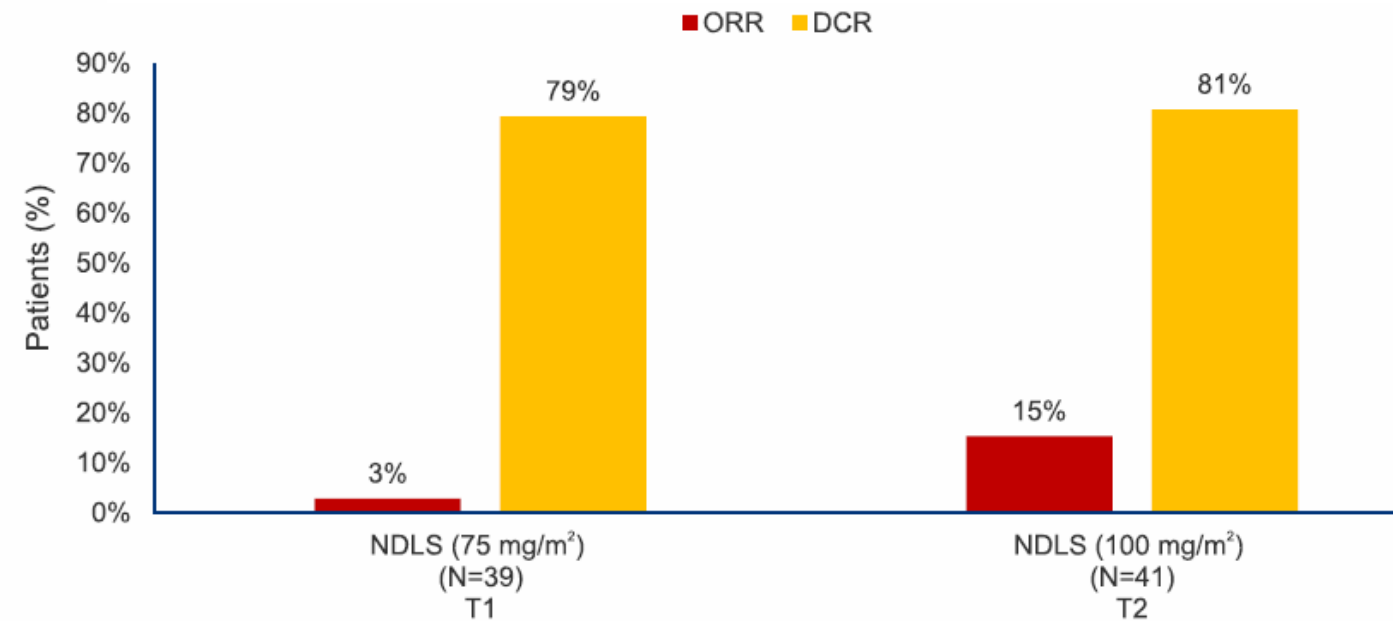
Baseline demographics

| Parameter (Units) | Safety Set (N=80) | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | NDLS 75 mg/m ² Q3W T1 arm (N=39) | NDLS 100 mg/m ² Q3W T2 arm (N=41) | Total (N=80) |
| Age (years), mean ± SD | 54 ± 7.5 | 54 ± 5.8 | 54 ± 6.6 |
| Height (cm) , mean ± SD | 163.5 ± 8.6 | 161.4 ± 7.8 | 162.4 ± 8.2 |
| Weight (kg) , mean ± SD | 58.3 ± 12.5 | 53.6 ± 11.2 | 55.9 ± 12 |
| BSA (m ²) , mean ± SD | 1.62 ± 0.2 | 1.55 ± 0.2 | 1.58 ± 0.2 |
| Gender, n (%) | | | |
| Male | 32 (82) | 28 (68) | 60 (75) |
| Female | 7 (18) | 13 (32) | 20 (25) |

Response rates

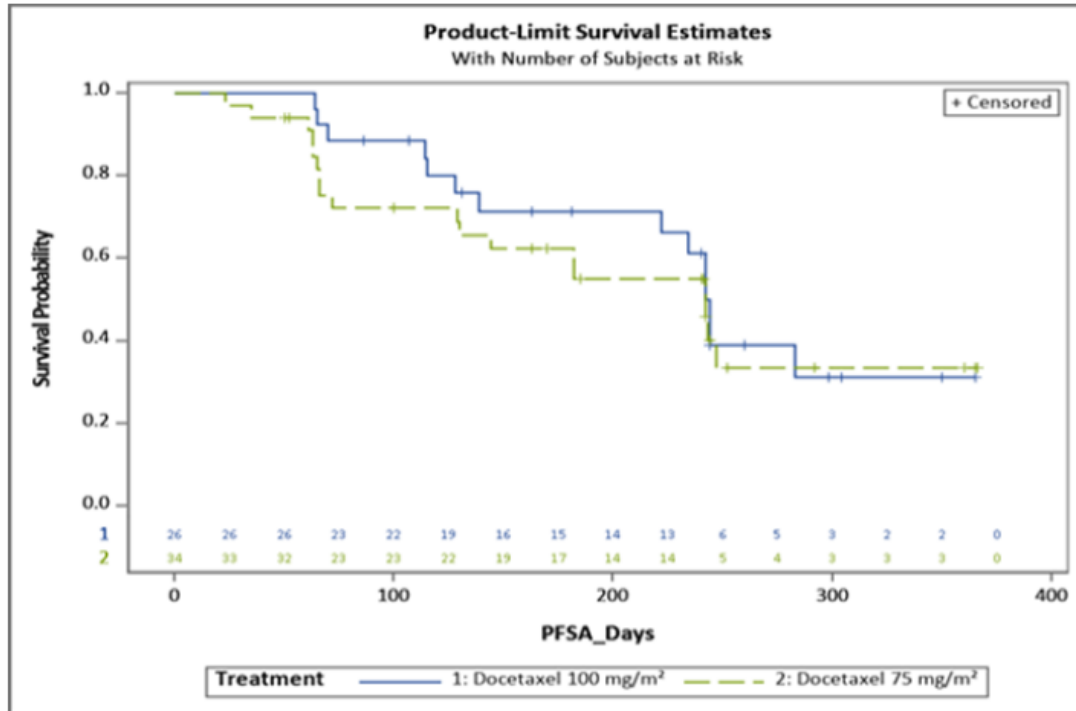


ORR & DCR rates



PFS at 12 months

Safety




| Adverse events | Docetaxel 75 mg/m ² (N=39) n (%) | | Docetaxel 100 mg/m ² (N=41) n (%) | |
|--------------------|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| | Grade 1-2 | Grade ≥ 3 | Grade 1-2 | Grade ≥ 3 |
| Anemia | 4 (10.3) | 1 (2.6) | 7 (17.1) | 2 (4.9) |
| Leukopenia | 5 (12.8) | 1 (2.6) | 5 (12.2) | 2 (4.9) |
| Abdominal pain | 4 (10.3) | 0 | 2 (4.9) | 0 |
| Diarrhea | 4 (10.3) | 0 | 9 (22) | 1 (2.4) |
| Vomiting | 9 (23.1) | 0 | 9 (22) | 0 |
| Asthenia | 9 (23.1) | 2 (5.1) | 11 (26.8) | 1 (2.4) |
| Pain | 3 (7.7) | 0 | 5 (12.2) | 0 |
| Pyrexia | 6 (15.4) | 0 | 8 (19.5) | 0 |
| Decreased appetite | 7 (17.9) | 0 | 5 (12.2) | 0 |
| Dyspnea | 2 (5.1) | 1 (2.6) | 6 (14.6) | 1 (2.4) |
| Alopecia | 3 (7.7) | 0 | 5 (12.2) | 0 |

- At 1-year follow-up, median PFS in NDLS 75 and NDLS 100 mg/m² arms was 8.07 and 8.13 months, respectively.
- The OS and PFS for both arms were 98.3% and 31.5%, respectively, at 1-year.
- The median OS was not reached for both arms.
- Most patients did not require steroid premedication.
- Anemia, leukopenia, abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, asthenia, pyrexia, and anorexia were commonly reported (≥10% patients) adverse events.
- Only 2 events of grade 3 neutropenia (1 in each arm) were observed.

Research Article

**A Multicentric, Retrospective Efficacy and Safety Study of
Nanosomal Docetaxel Lipid Suspension in Metastatic
Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer**

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Mujtaba A. Khan,⁴ and Imran Ahmad ⁵**

Results

- Data of 24 patients with mCRPC were analyzed in this study.
- NDLS was administered as a 2-weekly regimen in 37.5% (9/24; all first-line) patients and as a 3-weekly regimen in 62.5% patients (15/24)

Treatment delivery

| Treatment | 2-weekly NDLS (N= 9) | 3-weekly NDLS (N= 15) |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cumulative dose (mg), median (range) | 650 (240-1660) | 500 (300-750) |
| No. of cycles, median (range) | 14 (6-40) | 10 (6-11) |
| Actual dose intensity (mg/m ² /week), median (range) | 21.04 (20-37.50) | 18.75 (16.67-25) |
| Relative dose intensity* (%), median (range) | 84 (80-150) | 75 (67-100) |

*Calculated at a planned dose intensity of 25 mg/m²/week.

Efficacy evaluation

| Parameter | | 2-weekly NDLS (<i>n</i> = 9) (%) | 3-weekly NDLS (<i>n</i> = 15) (%) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PSA decline | PSA decline >50% | 77.8% | 60% |
| | PSA decline >90% | 55.6% | 40% |
| Median %PSA decline | | 96.31% | 83.29% |
| Median TTF (days) | | 200 | 195 |
| Therapy after NDLS treatment* | Abiraterone (<i>n</i> = 4) | 1 | 3 |
| | Bicalutamide** (<i>n</i> = 5) | 0 | 5 |
| | Cabazitaxel (<i>n</i> = 1) | 1 | 0 |
| | Cyclophosphamide (<i>n</i> = 1) | 0 | 1 |
| | Enzalutamide (<i>n</i> = 2) | 1 | 1 |
| | Mitoxantrone (<i>n</i> = 1) | 0 | 1 |

Safety profile

| AEs | 2-weekly group (N=9) | | 3-weekly group (N=15) |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Grade I/II, n (%) | Grade III, n (%) | All grade I/II, n (%) |
| Hematological AEs | | | |
| Anemia | 8 (88.89) | — | 13 (86.67) |
| Lymphopenia | 6 (66.67) | — | 5 (33.33) |
| Nausea | 1 (11.11) | — | 4 (26.67) |
| Vomiting | 1 (11.11) | — | 6 (40) |
| Weakness | 3 (33.33) | — | 9 (60) |
| Hyperglycemia | 1 (11.11) | — | — |
| Anorexia | — | — | 1 (6.67) |
| Diarrhea | — | 2 (22.22) | 4 (26.67) |
| Alteration in LFT | — | — | 1 (6.67) |
| Mouth ulcer | 1 (11.11) | — | — |
| Constipation | 2 (22.22) | — | 6 (40) |

Nanosomal docetaxel lipid suspension (NDLS) as 2-weekly and 3-weekly regimens was effective and well tolerated in managing patients with mCRPC

Conclusions

- Serious adverse effects like HSRs are common with docetaxel and paclitaxel, and to avoid them we need to use corticosteroids as a premedication.
- Steroids can worsen hyperglycemia and increase risk of infections.
- NDLS is free from solvents and can be administered without steroid premedication.
- No grade 3/4 hypersensitivity reactions were observed despite no steroid premedication.

