

# Cyclin E1-Positive Protein Status Is a Predictive Biomarker of Azenosertib Benefit in Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer: Part 2 of the DENALI Study (GOG-3066)

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# BACKGROUND

- Cyclin E1—positive protein expression comprises a significant portion of patients with platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (PROC) and has been associated with poor prognosis in patients with ovarian cancer (**Figure 1**)
- Currently, there are no approved therapies specifically for Cyclin E1—positive-PROC, presenting a significant unmet need
- WEE1 is a master regulator of the cell cycle acting as a brake at G1-S and G2-M to allow DNA repair<sup>1</sup>
- Azenosertib is a potential best-in-class, small molecule, highly selective oral WEE1 kinase inhibitor (Figure 2)
- Cyclin E1 protein overexpression has been shown to directly correlate with an increased reliance on the G2-M checkpoint in the cell cycle<sup>2,3</sup> and is a predictive biomarker of azenosertib sensitivity in preclinical models of ovarian cancer<sup>4</sup>
- Targeting WEE1 with azenosertib removes the brake at G1-S and G2-M ultimately leading to mitotic catastrophe<sup>4</sup>

- Azenosertib monotherapy (400 mg) administered on an intermittent schedule (5 days on, 2 days off [5:2]) demonstrated clinically meaningful response rates (objective response rate 35%) and duration of response (median, 6.3 months) in heavily pretreated patients with Cyclin E1–positive PROC in DENALI Part 1b<sup>5</sup>
- In addition, azenosertib has shown to have a manageable safety profile with a low rate of serious treatment-related adverse events<sup>5</sup>
- These promising results indicate that Cyclin E1 protein expression is a clinically relevant biomarker associated with response to azenosertib monotherapy, warranting further investigation with azenosertib in patients with Cyclin E1–positive PROC
- The objective of DENALI Part 2 to evaluate the efficacy and safety of azenosertib in Cyclin E1-positive PROC patients prospectively screened and identified on sponsor's central immunohistochemistry assay

Figure 1A. Patients with ovarian cancer with Cyclin E1 protein overexpression and/or *CCNE1* amplification have worse outcomes

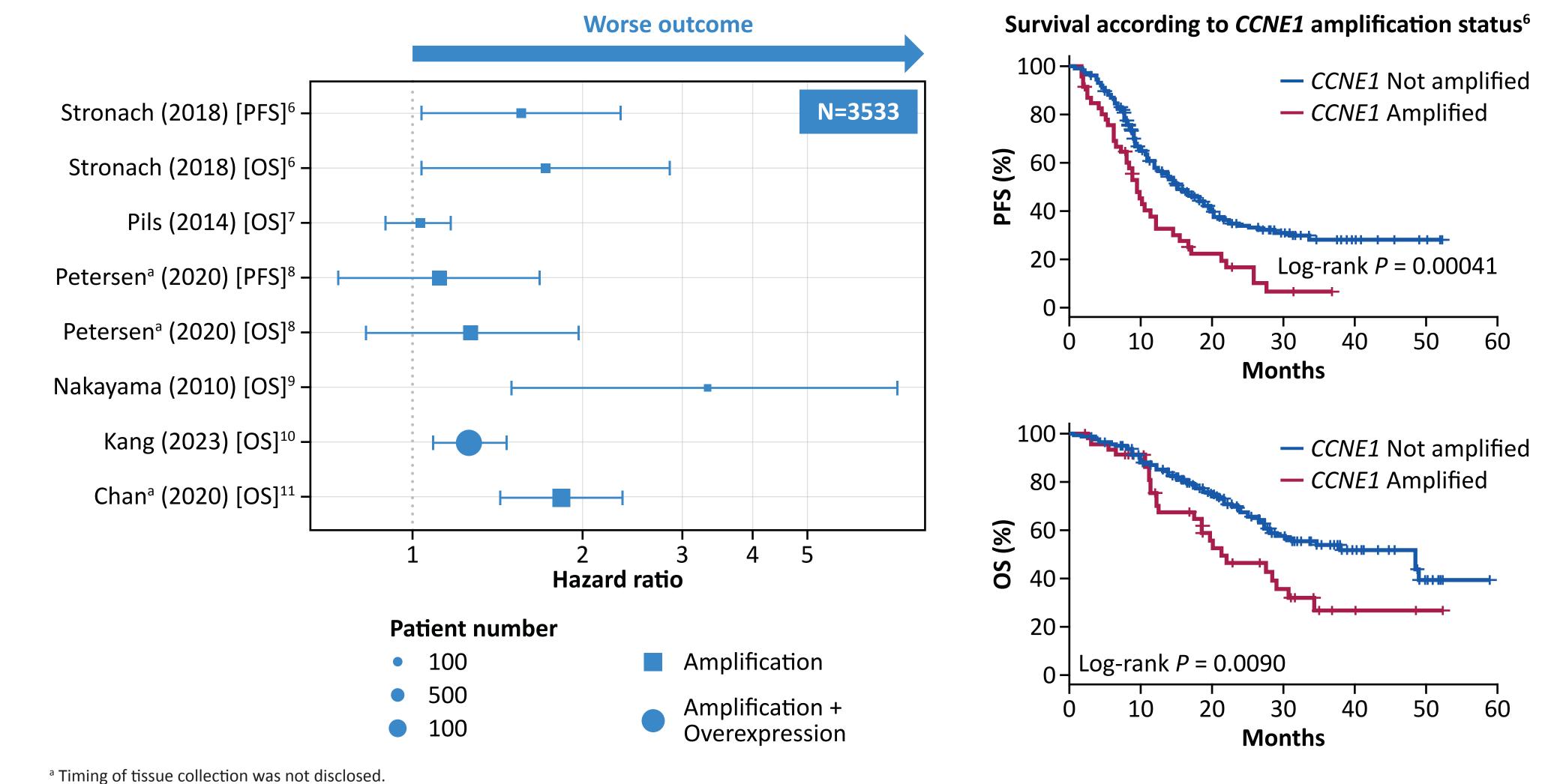
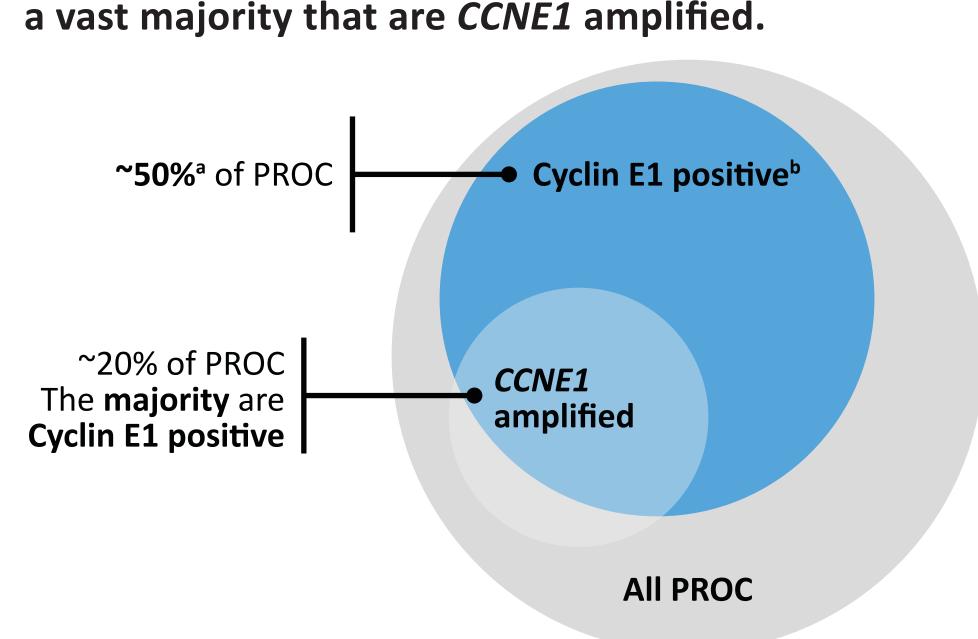
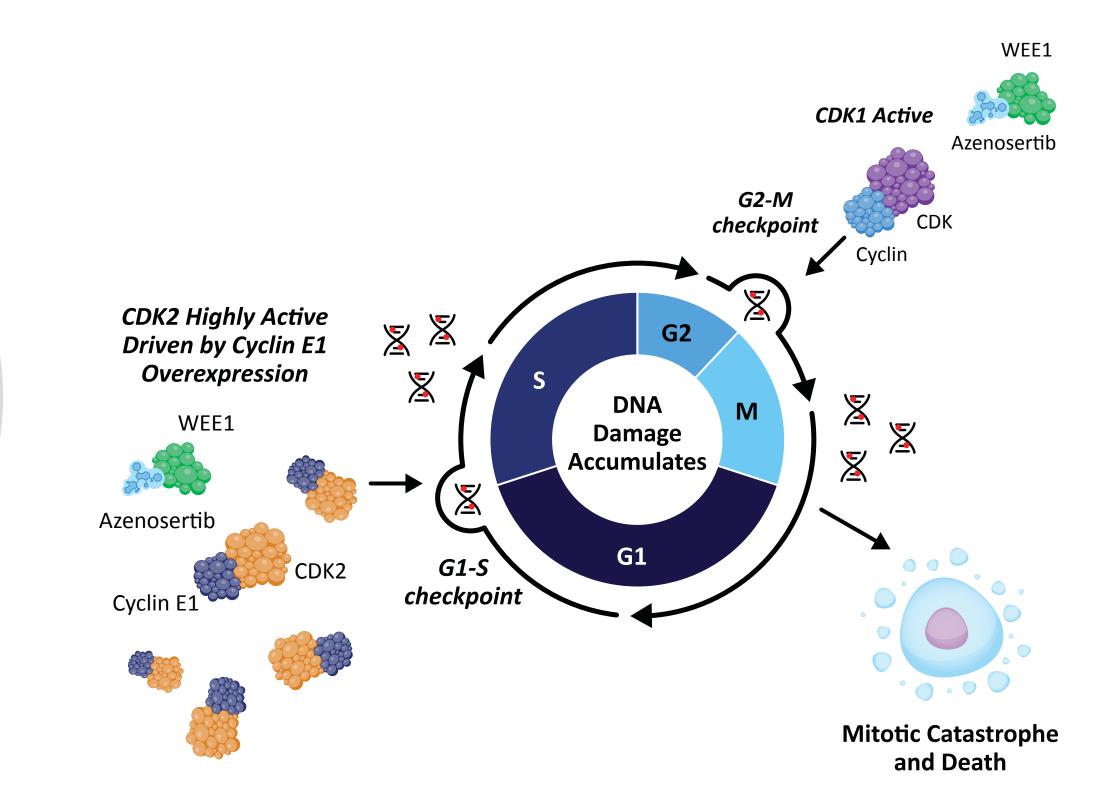


Figure 1B. Cyclin E1 positive tumors comprise a significant portion of the PROC population including



<sup>a</sup>Cyclin E1 IHC positive % based on literature (~20% CCNE1 amplification) and the unbiased CCNE1 amplification and Cyclin E1 overlapping data generated from Zentalis clinical trial samples. <sup>b</sup>Cyclin E1 IHC positive based on Zentalis proprietary IHC cutoff and Cyclin E1 IHC assay developed from the existing clinical data.

Figure 2. Mechanism of action of azenosertib

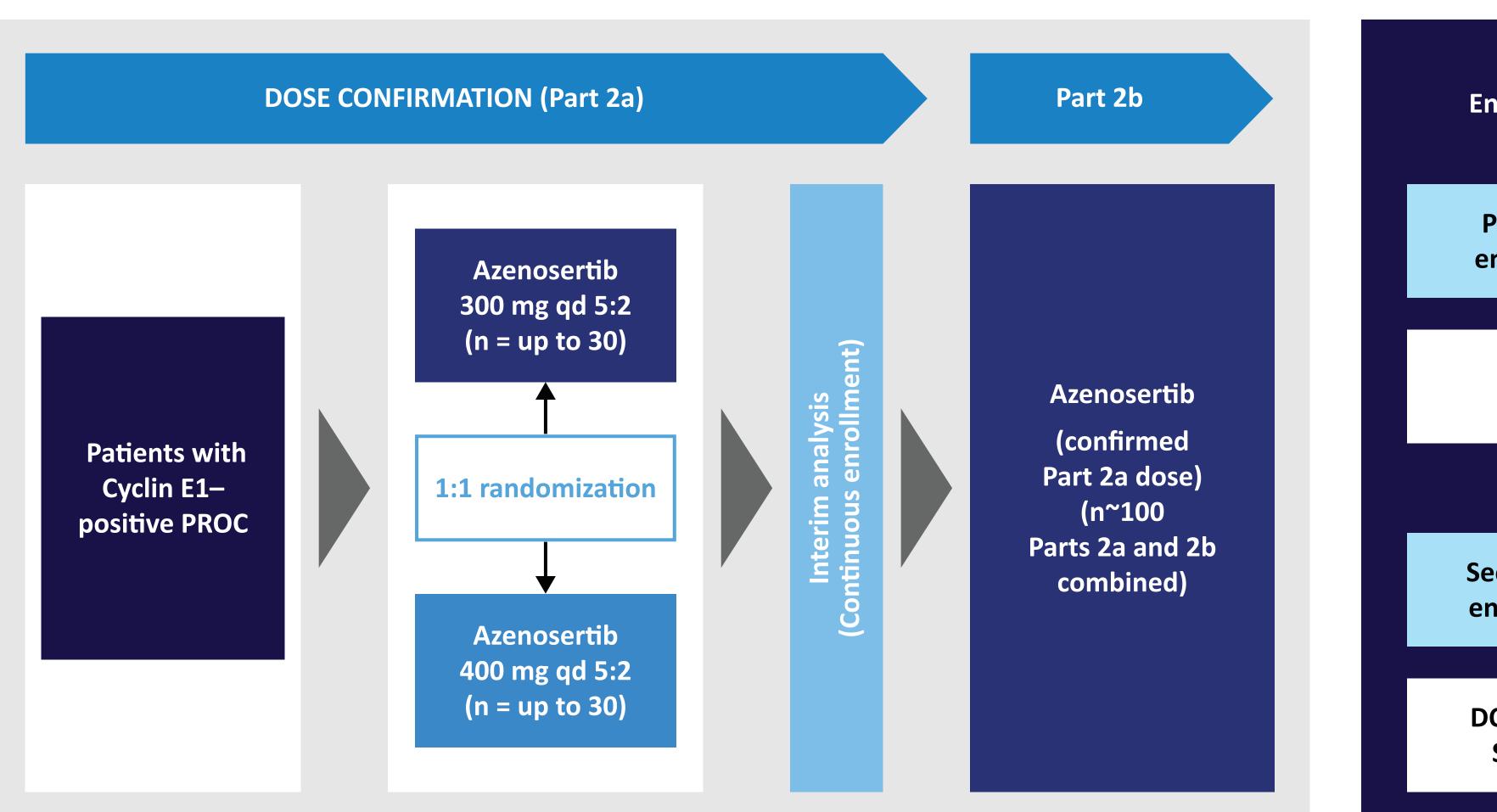


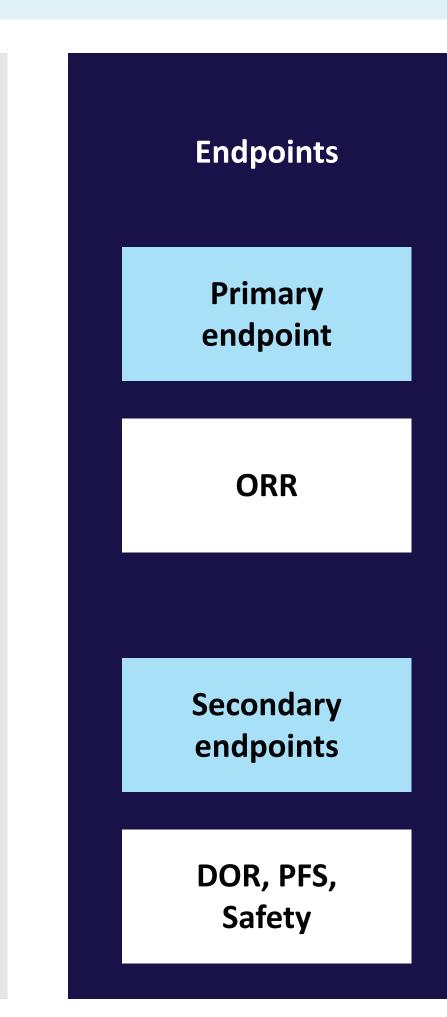
# METHODS

#### Figure 3. Study design of DENALI (GOG-3066) Part 2

4<sup>th</sup> line permitted for patients who received prior mirvetuximab soravtansine

# Key eligibility criteria Age ≥18 years Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1 Cyclin E1-positive PROC³ ECOG PS 0-1 1-3 prior lines of therapy — Bevacizumab, PARPi (BRCA 1/2 mutation or HRD), mirvetuximab soravtansine (high FRα expression)





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<sup>a</sup> By IHC per sponsor's central assay (prescreening can be performed during current therapy).

- DENALI (GOG-3066) is a phase 2, open-label, multicenter, 2-part (Part 1b and Part 2a/b) study assessing the safety and efficacy of azenosertib in patients with PROC, with the focus here being on Part 2a/b (Figure 3)
- Part 1b enrolled all-comers (irrespective of Cyclin E1 protein expression status; 1-5 prior lines of therapy; N=102) with PROC who received azenosertib 400 mg 5:2⁵
- Part 2 (currently enrolling patients with Cyclin E1–positive PROC; with registration-intent for potential accelerated approval):
- Part 2a: Dose confirmation with patients randomized 1:1 to receive 300 mg or 400 mg on a 5:2 schedule
- Part 2b: Continuous enrollment at the confirmed dose from Part 2a with a target of ~100 patients
- An Independent Data Monitoring Committee has been chartered for this study

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# **Trial Status**

Part 2 enrollment started in April 2025 and will be at more than 80 sites internationally

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# **Additional Information**

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# **Abbreviations**

5:2, 5 days on, 2 days off; *BRCA 1/2*, breast cancer genes 1/2; CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; DOR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FRα, factor receptor alpha; G1-S, Gap 1-Synthesis; G2-M, Gap 2-Mitosis; HRD, homologous recombination deficiency; IHC, immunohistochemistry; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PARPi, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase inhibitor; PFS, progression-free survival; PROC, platinum-resistant ovarian cancer; PS, performance status; qd, once daily; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.