

# Astex Pharmaceuticals

**ASTX660**  
**CRUK CA**  
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## 2. Background & Profile

1. Differentiation of ASTX660 from other IAP inhibitors
2. Inhibition of XIAP, in addition to cIAP1/2
3. Optimized dual inhibition, potency, and oral administration

## 3. ASTX660-01 Phase 1/2 Study

1. Phase 1 experience
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1. Chemotherapy
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4. Molecularly Targeted Agents

## Astex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



Clinical Development based in Pleasanton, California, USA (Bay Area)

~ 120 employees and consultants:

- Clinical Development
- Clinical Operations
- Regulatory Affairs
- Quality Assurance
- Manufacturing / CMC

## Astex Therapeutics, Ltd.



Drug Discovery based in Cambridge, UK

~ 120 employees and consultants

- Structural Biology & Biophysics
- Computational Chemistry & Informatics
- Medicinal Chemistry
- Biology & DMPK
- Translational Research and Development

- Dedicated to small molecule drug discovery and development in oncology, hematology & CNS
- Formed in 2011 by the merger of:
  - **Astex Therapeutics Ltd**: leader in fragment-based drug discovery: Cambridge, UK: multiple targeted cancer drugs in development
  - **SuperGen, Inc.**: California, US-based public company since 1996: developed Dacogen® approved for treatment of MDS in the US and AML in EU
  - **Otsuka Acquired Astex Pharmaceuticals in 2013**



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**ASTX660**  
**Background**



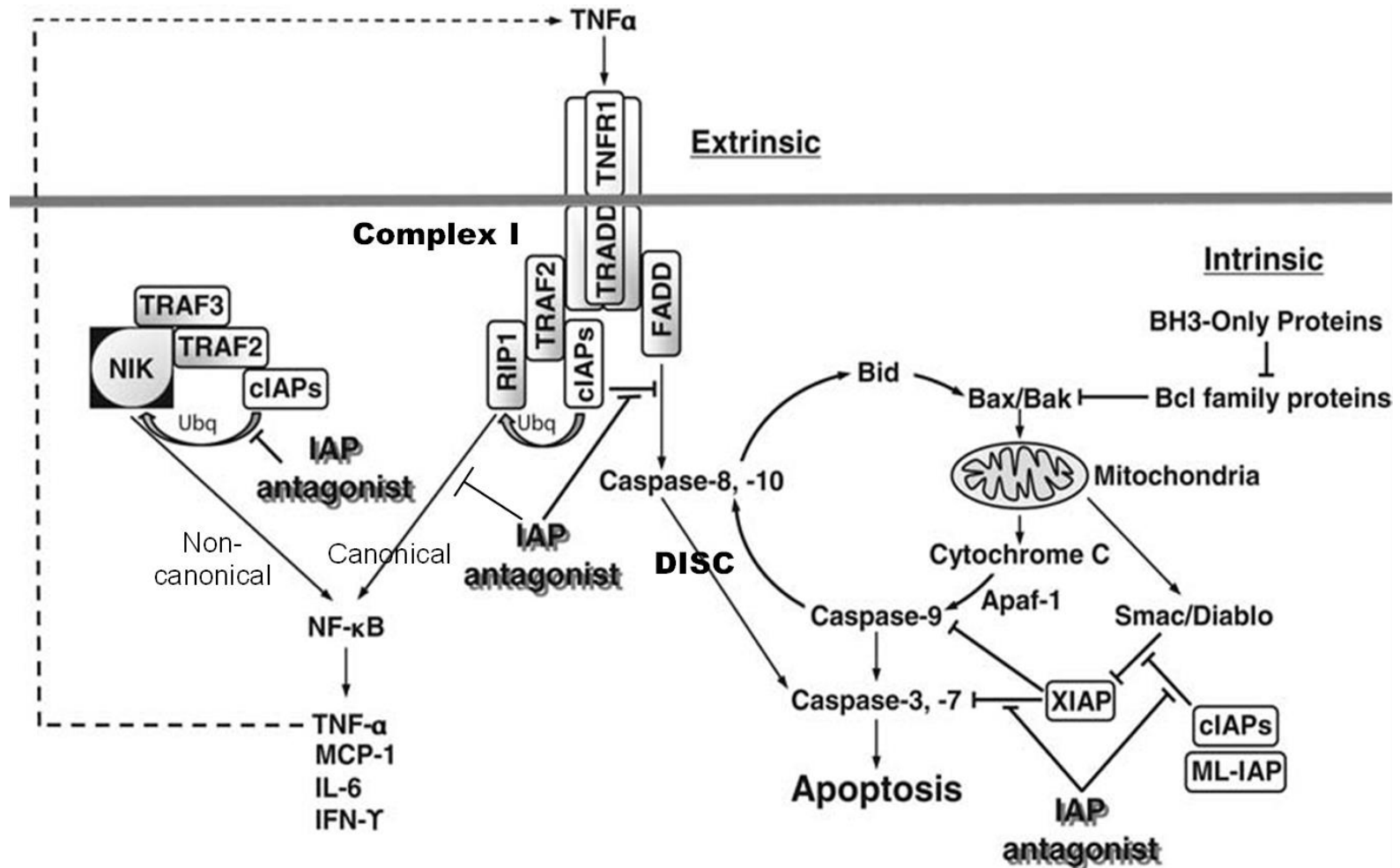
# ASTX660 is a potent, next generation small-molecule IAP antagonist



- **Inhibitor of apoptosis proteins (IAPs) function to limit cell death by preventing apoptosis**
- **ASTX660 is a potent, next generation, small- molecule antagonist of IAPs, discovered by fragment-based drug discovery (FBDD)**
- **Chemically distinct from 1st generation peptidomimetic SMAC mimetics**
  - Monomer, fragment derived, non-Alanine
- **ASTX660 has a balanced inhibition across the family (cIAP1, cIAP2 and XIAP)**

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# IAP antagonism leads to a switch from pro-survival signaling to apoptosis



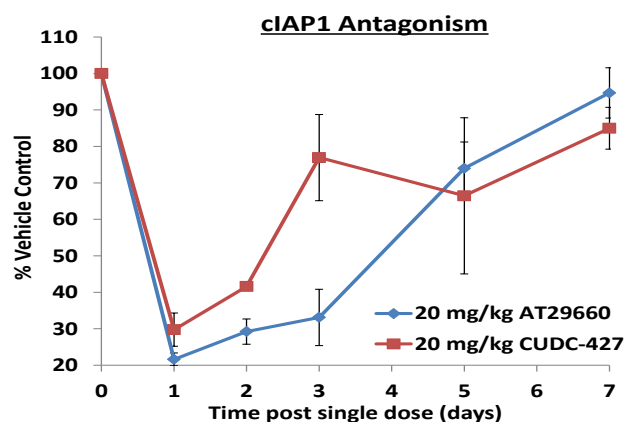
After Flygare & Fairbrother, 2010

# ASTX660 is a balanced dual cIAP/XIAP antagonist

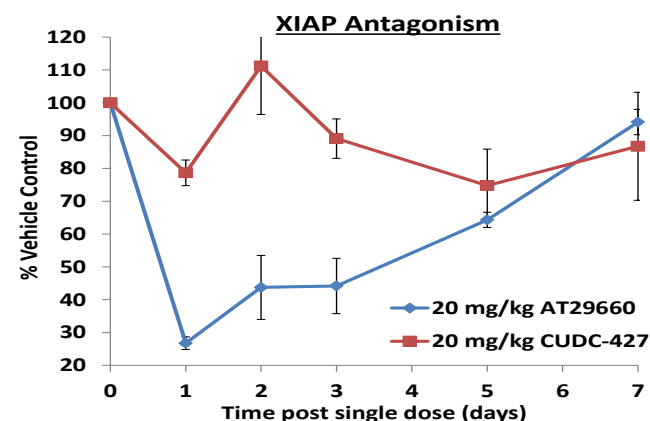


- ASTX660 demonstrates low nM XIAP inhibition and more balanced selectivity of cIAP1 over XIAP compared to 1<sup>st</sup> generation peptidomimetics

<i>in vitro</i> Cell Assays	IC <sub>50</sub> values in nM*	ASTX660	CUDC-427 (Curis)	LCL-161 (Novartis)	Debio-1143 (Debiopharm)	Birinapant (Tetralogic)
cIAP1 (cellular activity)	MDA-MB-231 (cIAP1 degradation)	0.22	0.044	0.40	0.92	0.23
XIAP (cellular activity)	HEK293-XIAP-Caspase9 (binding assay)	2.8	10	35	34	23
<b>Selectivity</b>	<b>cIAP1/XIAP</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100</b>
Proliferation	MDA-MB-231 (cIAP1 driven model)	1.8	3.0	7.8	18.0	0.98
Administration Route		Oral	Oral	Oral	Oral	Intravenous



IAP pharmacodynamics  
in MDA-MB-231  
tumor xenografts



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**ASTX660-01  
Phase 1/2  
Study**





## 1. Enrollment in the Phase 1 is completed

- Dosed from 15 mg to 270 mg (fixed daily dose)
- Maximum tolerated dose (MTD): 210 mg
- Recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D): 180 mg
- Dose limiting toxicities (DLT): Asymptomatic grade 3 lipase with or without Grade 3 increased amylase elevation
- Common adverse events included anemia, nausea, vomiting, rash, lipase and amylase elevation, ALT elevation, lymphopenia

## 2. Target exposures achieved at the 180 mg RP2D

- PK becomes non-proportional at and above 210 mg

## 3. Biological and preliminary clinical activity observed at 180 mg


- cIAP1 suppression in PBMC - deep and sustained
- Clinical response seen in cutaneous T cell lymphoma

## 4. Phase 2 is currently ongoing (USA, Europe)

# ASTX660-01 Phase 1: Dose Escalation Summary



- 45 patients received at least one dose of ASTX660
- DLTs were reported in 4 subjects (asymptomatic G3 lipase elevation with or without amylase elevation)
- Most DLTs resolved on dose interruption and rechallenge was successful at a lower dose
- One subject discontinued study treatment due to a study drug related AE (Grade 3 lipase elevation)

Cohort	Dose (mg QD)	Form	N pts	DLTs
1	15	Powder In Bottle	3	-
2	30		3	-
3	60		4	-
4	120		3	-
5	180		3	-
6	180	Capsule	6	-
7	 270		6	3 (G3 lipase elevation)
8	210 MTD		9	1 (G3 lipase elevation)
Dose Expansion	180 RP2D		8	-

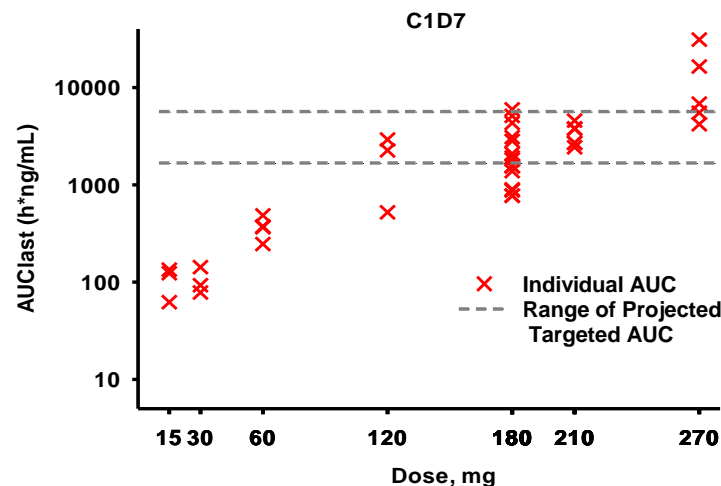
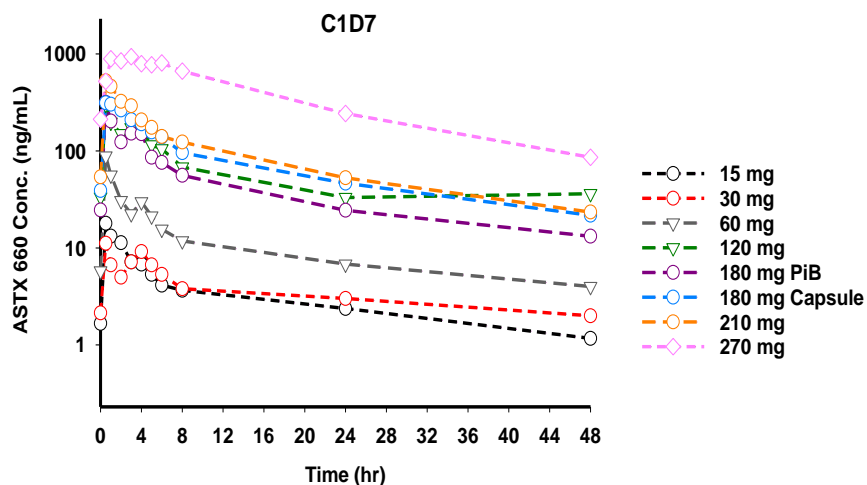
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# ASTX660-01 Phase 1: Adverse Events Regardless of Relationship in $\geq 10\%$ Subjects



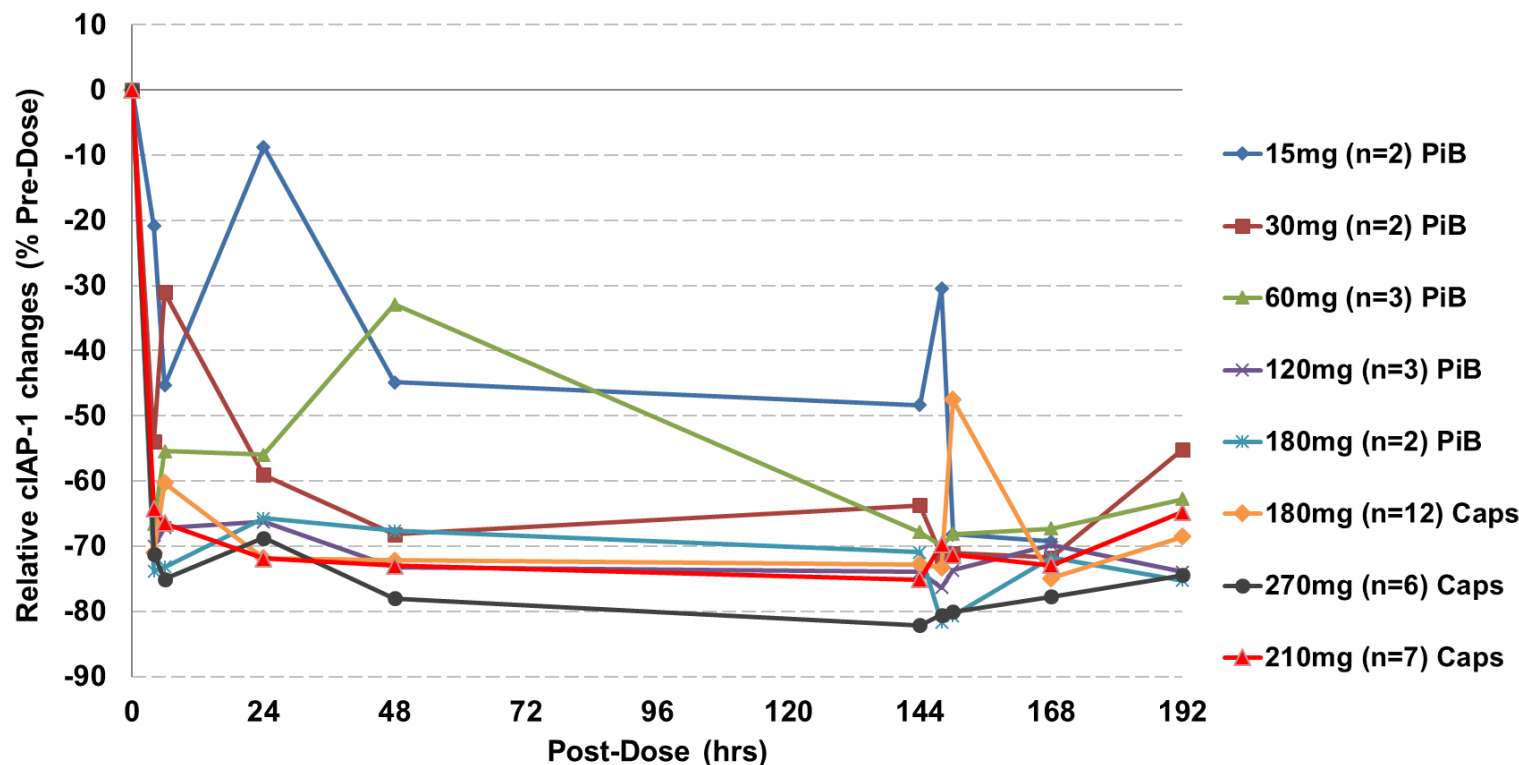
Preferred Term	Grade 1-2	Grade 3-4	All
Fatigue	15 (33%)	0	15 (33%)
Anemia	8 (18%)	6 (13%)	14 (31%)
Lipase increased	8 (18%)	6 (13%)	14 (31%)
Vomiting	14 (31%)	0	14 (31%)
Nausea	13 (29%)	0	13 (29%)
Lymphocyte count decreased/lymphopenia	5 (11%)	7 (16%)	12 (27%)
Pruritus	10 (22%)	0	10 (22%)
Hypocalcaemia	9 (20%)	0	9 (20%)
ALT increased	8 (18%)	0	8 (18%)
Decreased appetite	7 (16%)	1 (2%)	8 (18%)
AST increased	7 (16%)	0	7 (16%)
Edema peripheral	7 (16%)	0	7 (16%)
Rash maculo-papular	7 (16%)	0	7 (16%)
Amylase increased	5 (11%)	1 (2%)	6 (13%)
Diarrhea	6 (13%)	0	6 (13%)
Hypokalemia	5 (11%)	1 (2%)	6 (13%)
Hyponatremia	3 (6.7%)	3 (6.7%)	6 (13%)
Cough	5 (11.1%)	0	5 (11.1%)
Headache	4 (8.9%)	1 (2.2%)	5 (11.1%)
Hypoalbuminemia	5 (11.1%)	0	5 (11.1%)
Hypotension	5 (11.1%)	0	5 (11.1%)

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- 180 mg achieves targeted therapeutic range exposures** (based on xenografts)
- PK becomes non-proportional above 180 mg
  - Supraproportionally at higher exposures at 210 and 270 mg

# ASTX660-01 Phase 1: cIAP1 Target Engagement



- Rapid, sustained, dose-dependent decreases in PBMC cIAP-1 with 180mg
- Prolonged cIAP-1 degradation in cycle 2 with  $\geq 180$ mg ASTX660

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- One clinical response was observed at the 180 mg dose in a subject with folliculotropic mycosis fungoides



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**Phase 2 part of the study will explore the single-agent antitumor activity of ASTX660 in selected tumor types with molecular features that potentially may confer sensitivity to ASTX660**

#	Cohort
1	Head and neck squamous cell cancer ( <b>HNSCC</b> ) <sup>1</sup>
2	Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma ( <b>DLBCL</b> ) <sup>2-4</sup>
3	Peripheral T Cell Lymphoma ( <b>PTCL</b> ) <sup>2-4</sup>
4	Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma ( <b>CTCL</b> ) <sup>2-4</sup>
5	Feature that may confer sensitivity ( <b>Molecular</b> )
6	Cervical carcinoma ( <b>Cervical</b> ) <sup>1</sup>

1. Eytan, DF, et al. 2016. *Cancer Research* **76**: 5442-5454; 2. Yang, Y, et al. 2016. *Cancer Cell* **29**: 294-507; 3. Izban, KF, et al. 2000 *Human Pathology* **31**: 1482-1490.4. Quesada, AE, et al. 2014. *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology* **7**: 8732-8739.



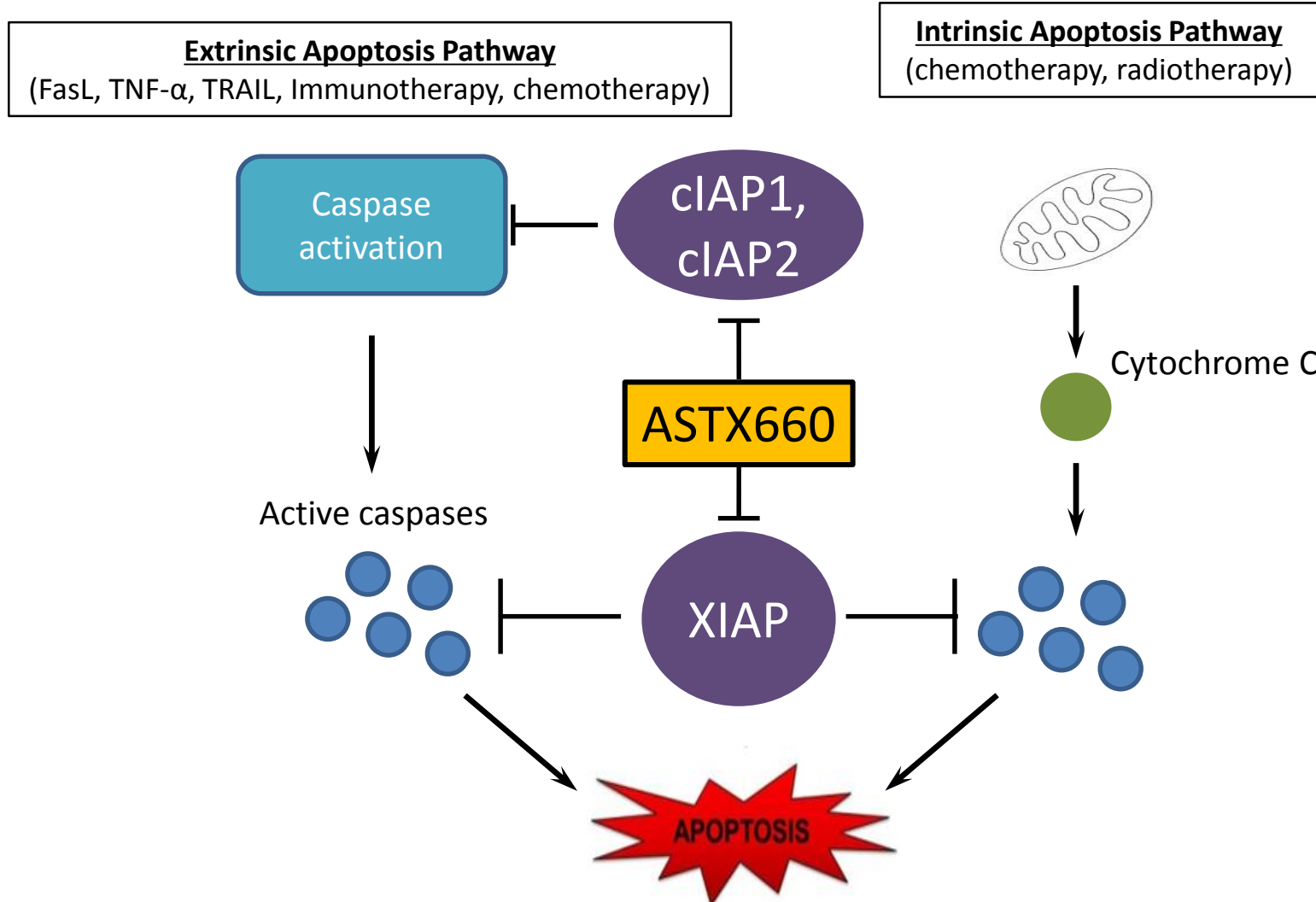
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## Combination Opportunities

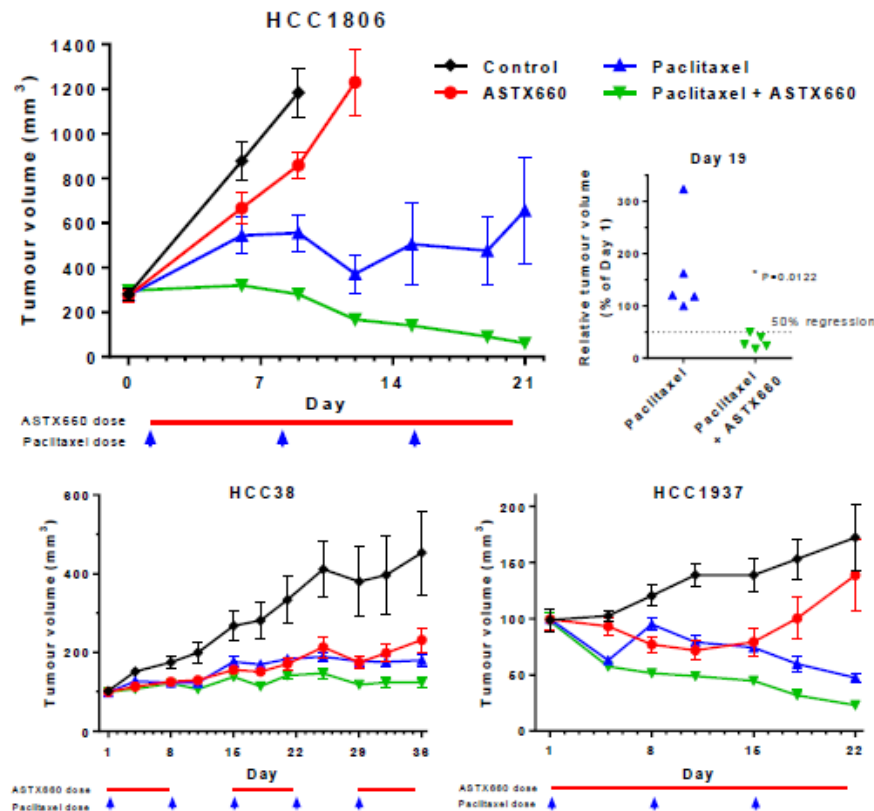




# ASTX660 offers dual antagonism of cIAP and XIAP anti-apoptotic effects



- Combination of Paclitaxel and ASTX660 enhanced tumour growth inhibition in vivo in triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) models



Presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2016. Abstract #1287

# Dual cIAP/XIAP antagonism may exhibit positive immuno-stimulatory activities



- **Dendritic cell maturation and antigen presentation**

- IAP antagonist (LCL-161) promotes dendritic cell maturation (Knights 2012)
  - Increases population expressing DC markers
  - Increases marker density
  - Protects from apoptosis

- **Direct effects on T cells**

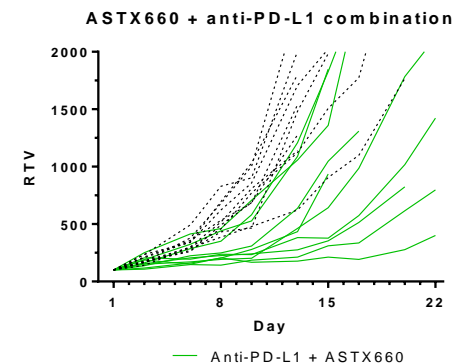
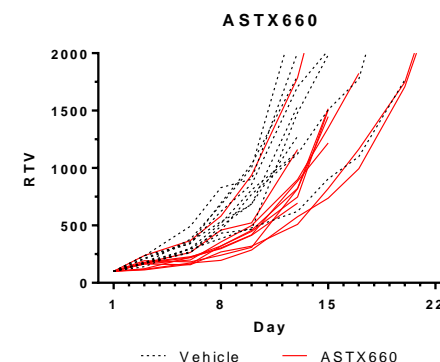
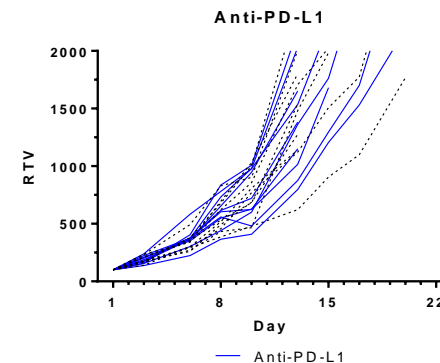
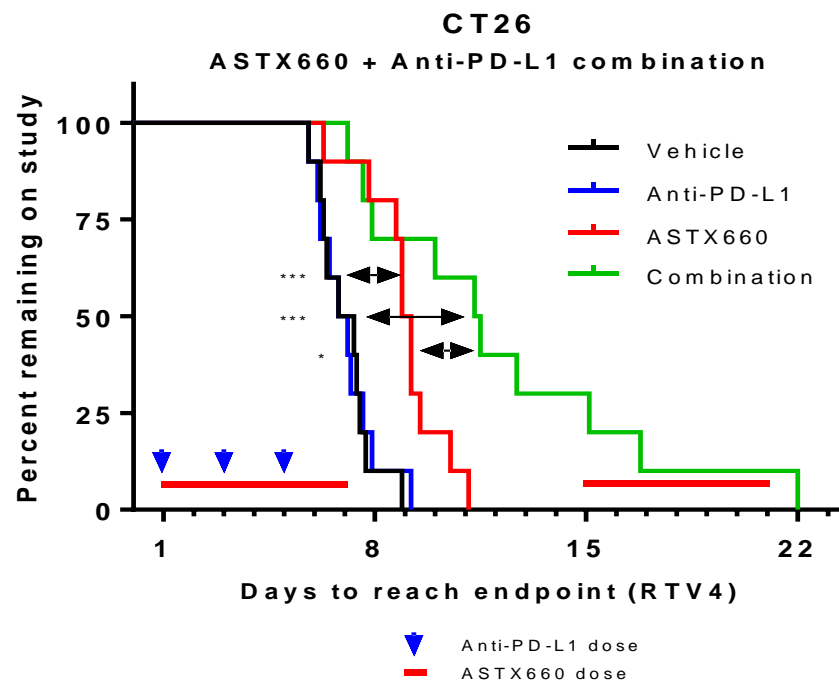
- IAP antagonists (M1, LCL-161) enhance the stimulation of multiple immune effectors in vitro (Dogan 2010, Knights 2012)
  - Increased cytokine production in CD8+ T cells treated with IAP antagonist + stimuli such as anti-CD3/CD28
  - Similar observation for CD4+, splenocytes & lymph node and NK cells
  - Increases cytokine-producing CD8+ cells (similar data on CD4+)

- **Dual cIAP/XIAP antagonism may be advantageous**

- High expression of XIAP renders tumour cells resistant to ADCC through inhibition of caspase and ROS suppression (Evans et al 2016)
- Defects in mitochondrial apoptotic pathways and elevated XIAP expression confer resistance to CTL-mediated killing (Kashkar et al, Blood 2006)

# ASTX660 Combination with Anti-PD-L1 Therapy

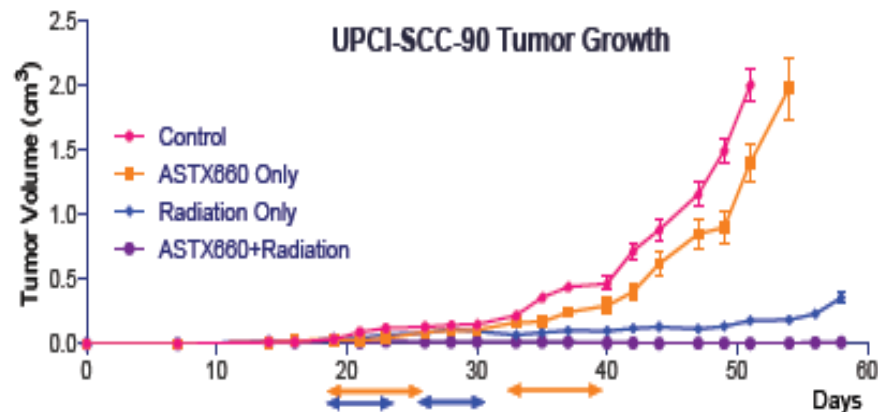
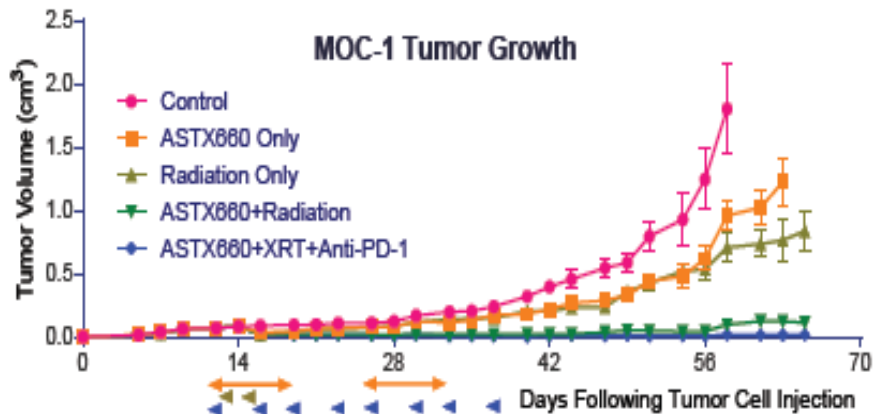
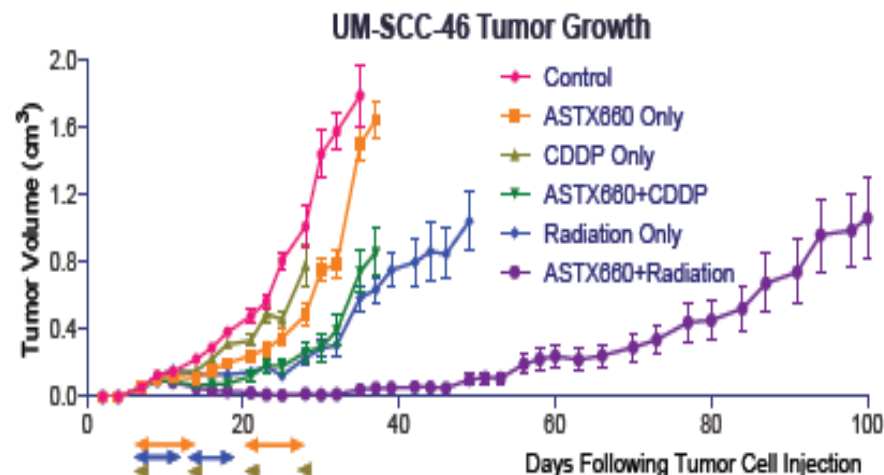
- ASTX660 in combination with anti-PD-L1 induced tumor regression and enhances survival in vivo in CT26 syngeneic colorectal cancer model



\*Astex in-house data presented at Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy, 20-23 Oct 2016, Boston, USA

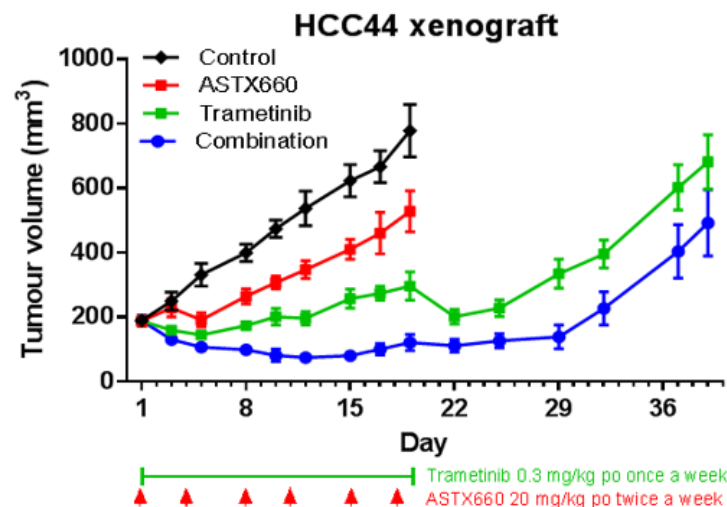
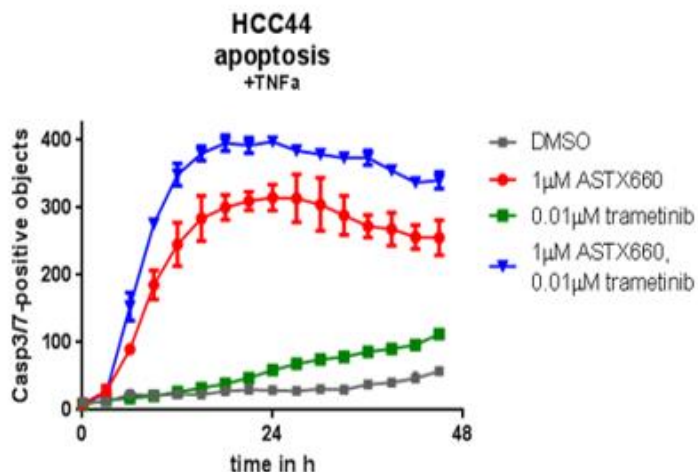
# ASTX660 Combination with Radiotherapy and Anti-PD1

- ASTX660 combined with cisplatin and radiation induced tumor growth inhibition and enhanced survival in HPV- and HPV+ HNSCC models
- The greatest inhibition of syngeneic MOC-1 tumors was observed in when ASTX660 was combined with both radiation and anti-PD-1 therapy



Carter VanWaes Group, presented at AACR 2017, Abstract #1086

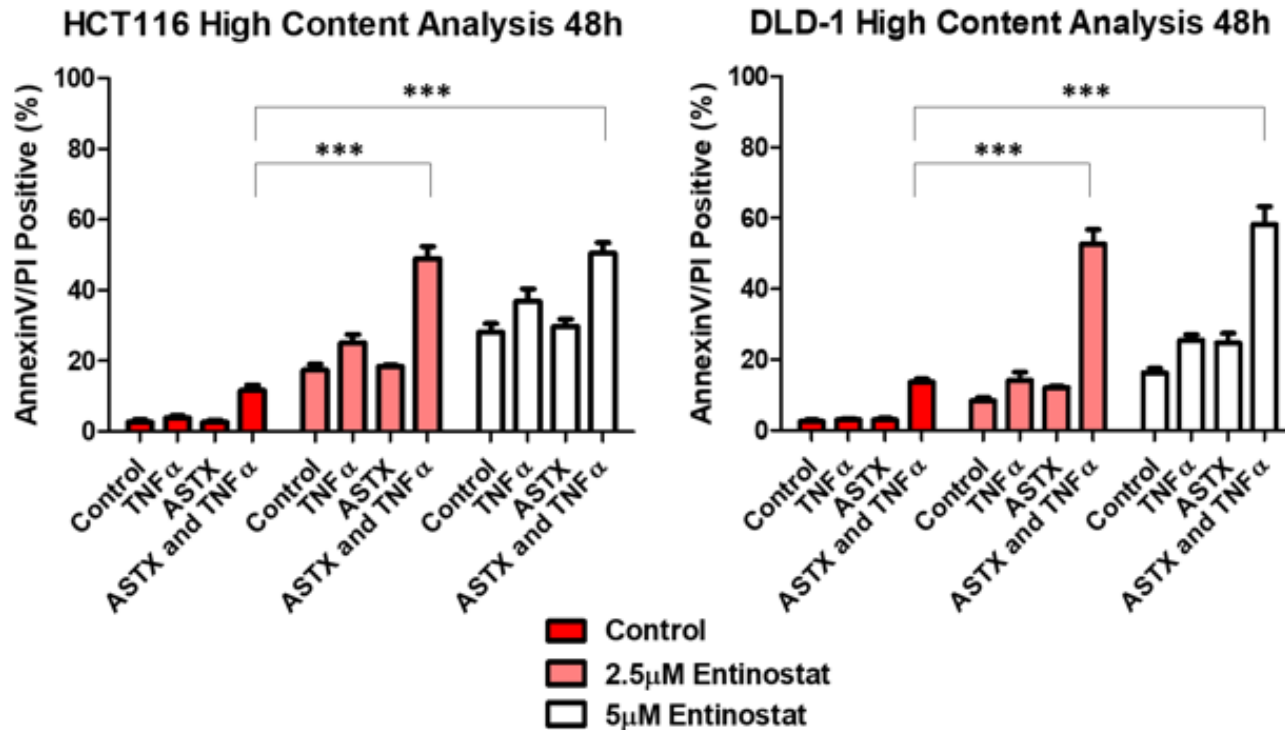
# ASTX660 potentiates trametinib (MEKi) activity *in vitro* and *in vivo*



- Cells treated with a combination of ASTX660 and trametinib show an increase in caspase activation over either single-agent treatment.
- ASTX660 and trametinib have moderate single-agent activity on HCC44 (KRAS mutant NSCLC) xenograft
- The combination of ASTX660 and trametinib caused regression and this persisted 1 week after treatment withdrawal

Presented at the 23rd Conference of the European Cell Death Organization 'Death pathways and beyond', Geneva, Switzerland, October 7-10, 2015.

# HDAC inhibitors can sensitise cancer cells to ASTX660 treatment



- Entinostat-induced FLIP downregulation sensitises CRC cells to ASTX660
- Entinostat and ASTX660 combination reduces CRC cell viability



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*Thank you*

