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## Arvinas: Advancing a new therapeutic modality to patients

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#### ARVINAS

- Founded in 2013 by the original PROTAC pioneer
- Protein degradation platform with clinical proof of concept

#### PROTEIN DEGRADATION

- PROTAC® protein degraders eliminate vs. inhibit disease-causing proteins
- Combines the **power of genetic knockdown** technology with the **benefits of small-molecule** therapeutics
- Consistent ability to create PROTAC® degraders with drug-like properties and signals of clinical efficacy and tolerability

#### PIPELINE

Clear efficacy signals in patients with difficult-to-treat breast and prostate cancers

- 1 Program in Phase 3
- 2 Programs in Phase 2
- 20+ Pipeline Programs in oncology and neuroscience

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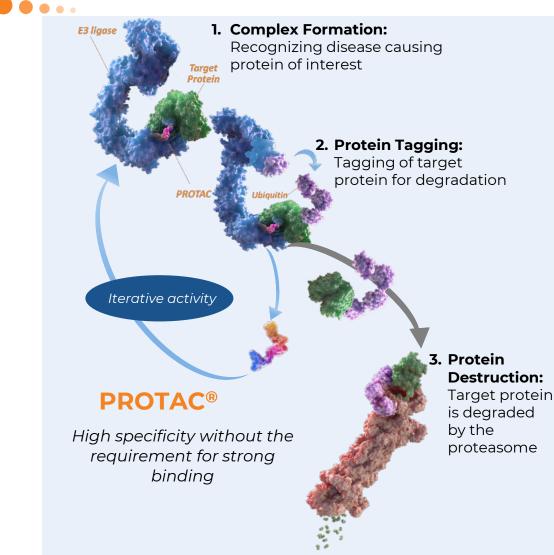
Bavdegalutami (ARV-110)

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# PROTAC<sup>®</sup> protein degraders combine the benefits of small molecules and gene-based knockdown technologies



#### Arvinas' proteolysis-targeting chimera (PROTAC<sup>®)</sup> degraders can:

- Eliminate (rather than inhibit) diseasecausing proteins
- Disrupt scaffolding functions of target proteins
- Bind and degrade classically "undruggable" proteins
- Act iteratively (catalytically)
- Be delivered orally and achieve broad tissue distribution, including across the blood-brain-barrier



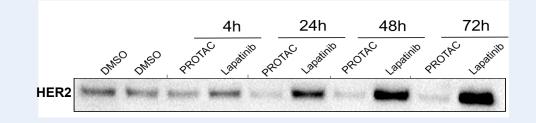
## Potential advantages of PROTAC® protein degraders over inhibitors

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#### **Overcome Target Protein Overexpression**

PROTAC® degraders can disable this common tumor resistance mechanism

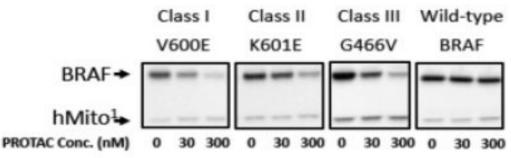
- Lapatinib alone results in HER2-overexpression, but a PROTAC created with lapatinib as the "warhead" degrades natural and overexpressed HER2
- HER2 degraded despite increased RNA levels



#### **Selectively Eliminate Mutated Proteins**

PROTAC® degraders can differentiate between mutant and wild type proteins

 The three mutants of BRAF shown (V600E, K601E, G466V) differ from the wild type by a single point mutation, but are degraded by a BRAF-targeted PROTAC that spares the wild type



<sup>1</sup> hMito is a protein not targeted to degrade (loading control)



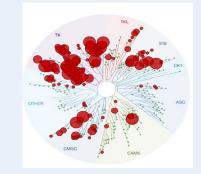
# Weak or promiscuous ligands can be converted into potent and selective PROTAC<sup>®</sup> degraders

#### When developed into PROTAC® degraders, weak binders can become potent degraders

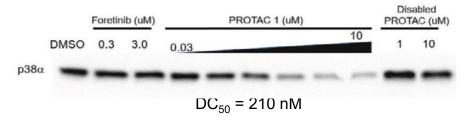
- Foretinib is a relatively weak binder to p38a
- PROTAC 1 is a foretinib-based PROTAC degrader with a p38a binding affinity of 11 mM
- Despite its 11 mM binding affinity, PROTAC 1 has a  $DC_{50}$  of 210 nM
  - Based on experience, optimization of potency better than 210 nM is likely

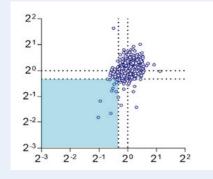
## When developed into PROTAC degraders, promiscuous ligands can become selective degraders Binds 133 Kinases Degrades <10 Proteins

- Foretinib binds to 133 protein kinases (*left panel*)
- In cells treated with a foretinib-based PROTAC degrader, only a small subset of cellular proteins are degraded (*blue-shaded quadrant of the right panel*)



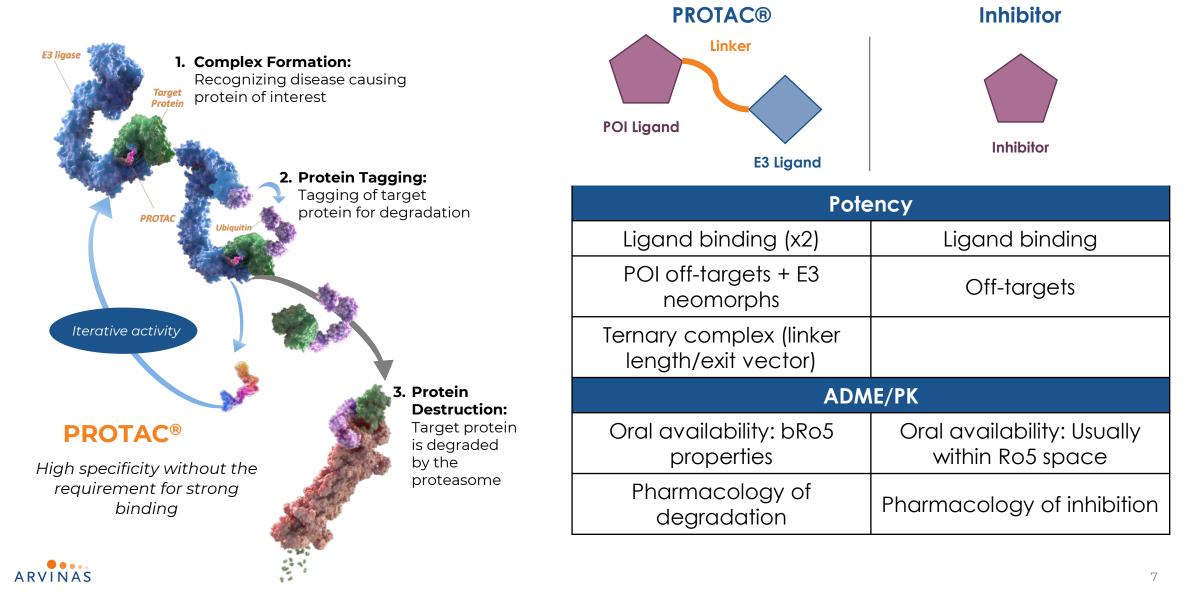
A PROTAC degrader based on foretinib has a nanomolar DC<sub>50</sub> despite a 11 mM binding affinity



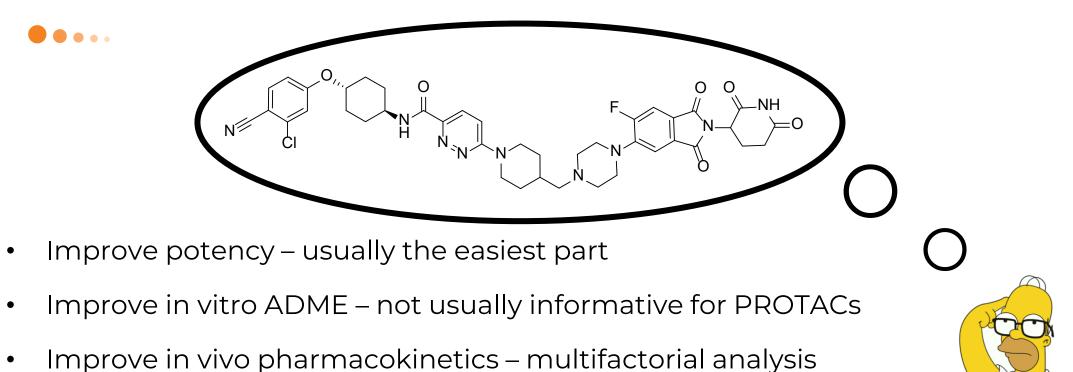




## Heterobifunctional PROTAC® protein degraders pose unique challenges for drug design and development



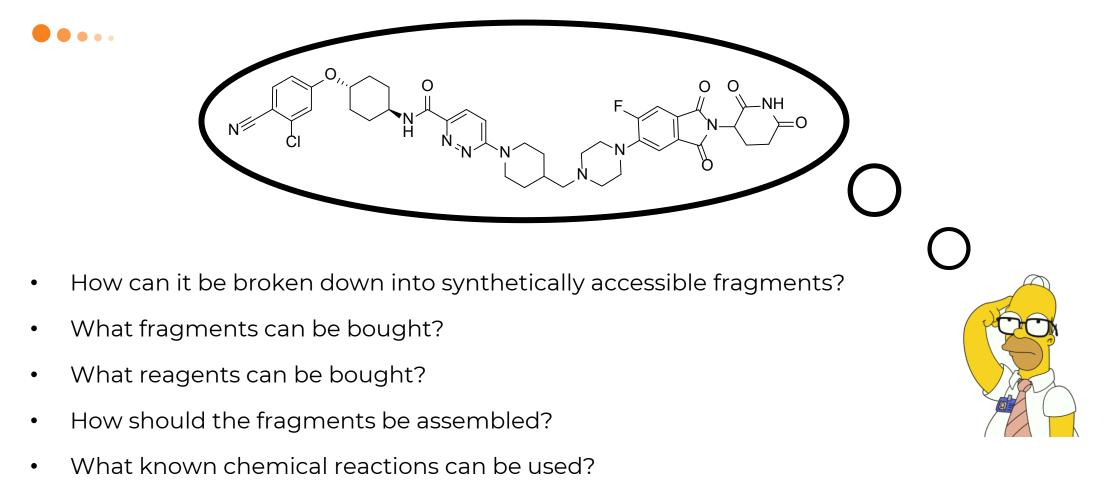
## Considerations on why to Make a Molecule (or PROTAC)



- permeability, metabolism, efflux.....
- Improve in vivo pharmacodynamics and activity relationship of plasma protein binding, exposure and potency
- Synthetic accessibility balance resources



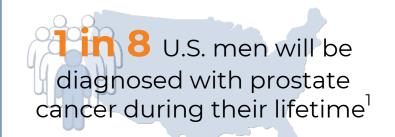
## Considerations on how to Make a Molecule (or PROTAC)



- Does a new chemical reaction need to be researched / invented?
- Are there any related molecules that have already been made?



Arvinas' PROTAC<sup>®</sup> degraders eliminate the androgen receptor (AR), potentially surpassing the benefits of AR inhibitors



Prostate cancer is the **2nd leading cause of cancer death** for men in the U.S.<sup>2</sup> An AR-targeting PROTAC degrader may address the unmet needs of patients with prostate cancer across multiple stages of disease

AR is a critical target in prostate cancer, but tumors develop resistance to standard-of-care AR inhibitors

Arvinas has two oral AR-targeting PROTAC degraders in Phase 2 studies:

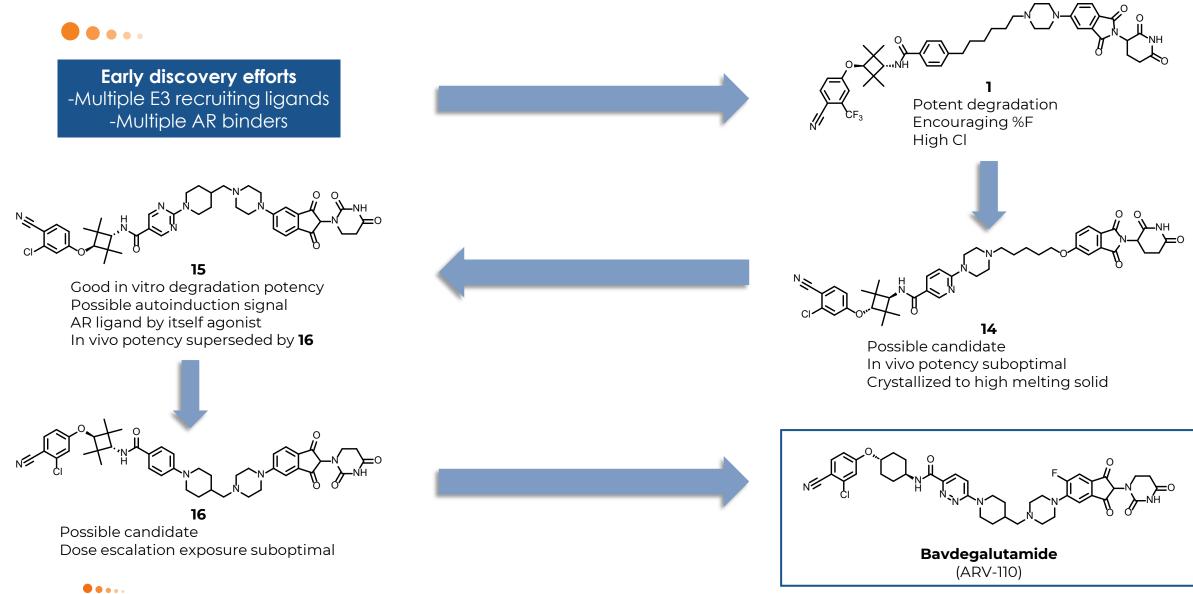
- Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110)
- ARV-766

Activity in late-line settings suggests potential for even stronger benefit in earlier-line, less-pretreated patients

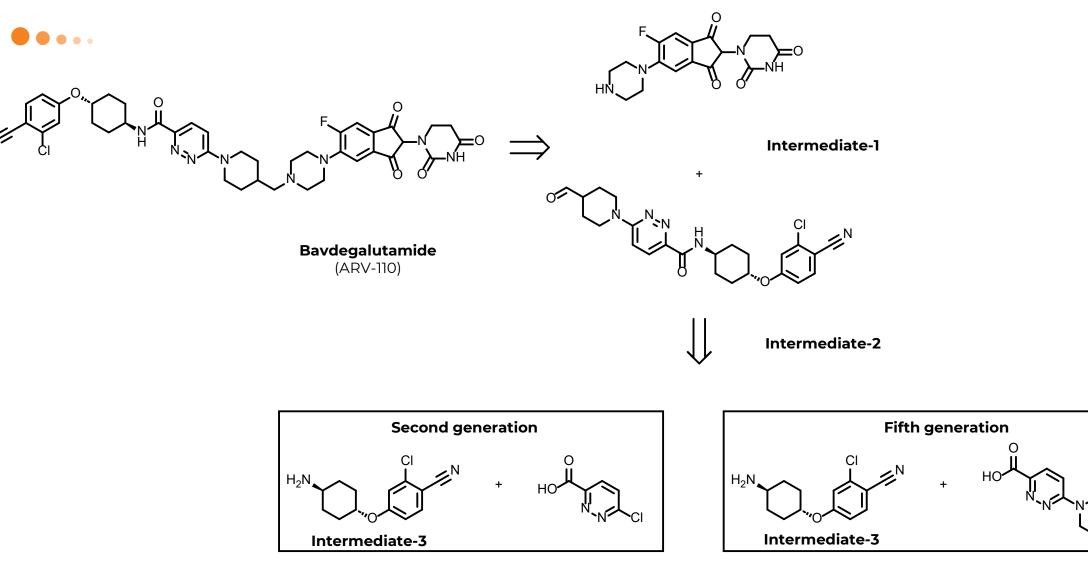


## **Evolution of AR-degrading PROTACs leading to ARV-110**

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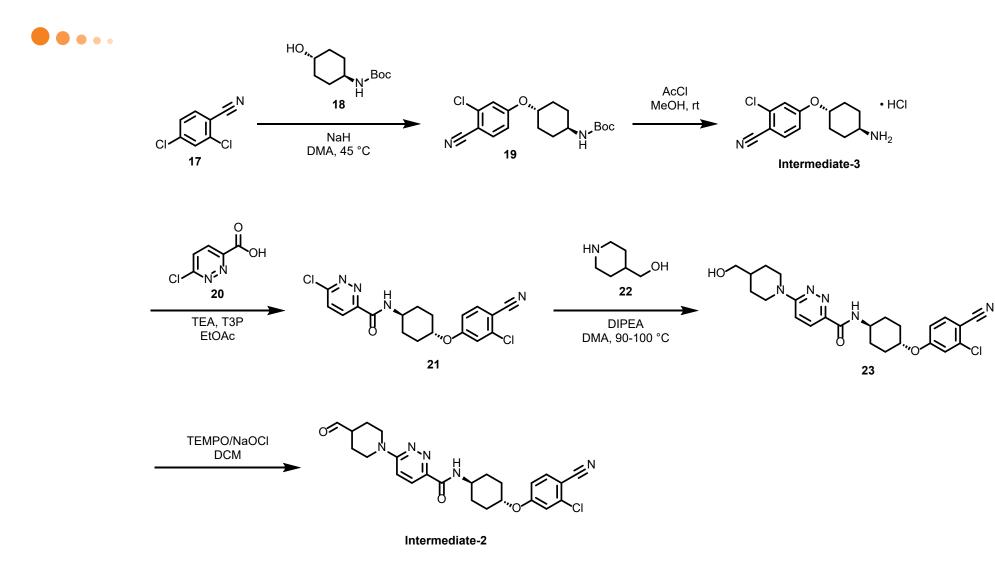
### Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110) retrosynthesis





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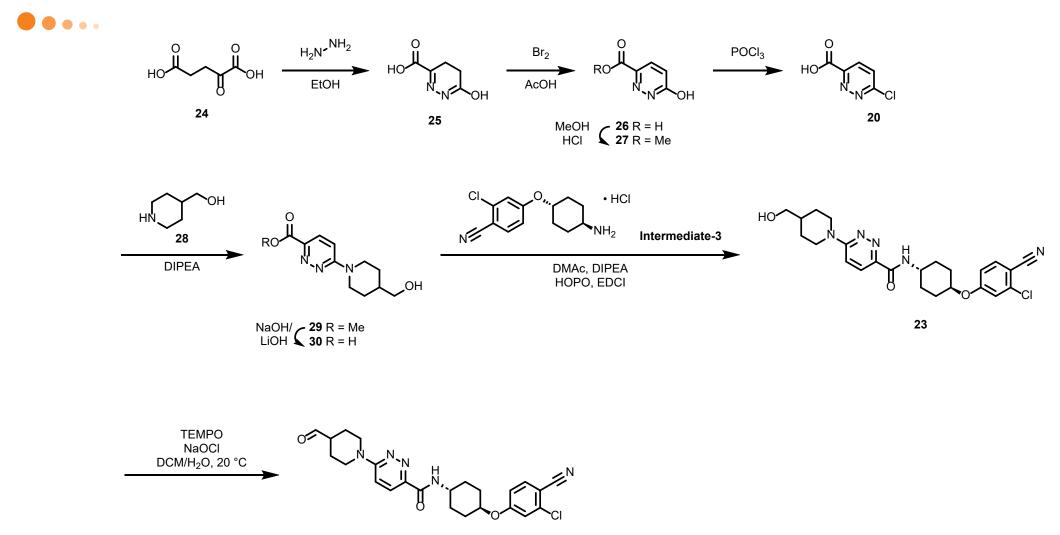
## Intermediate 2: Second generation





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## Intermediate 2: Fifth generation



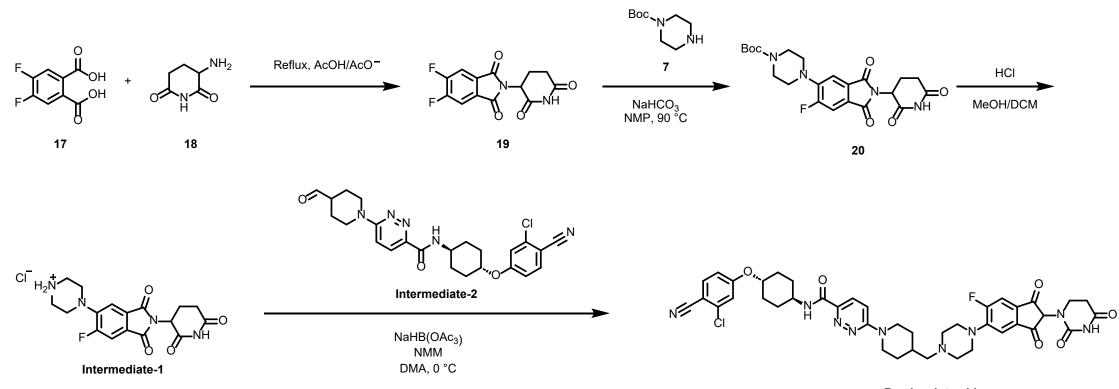




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### Intermediate 1 and final steps

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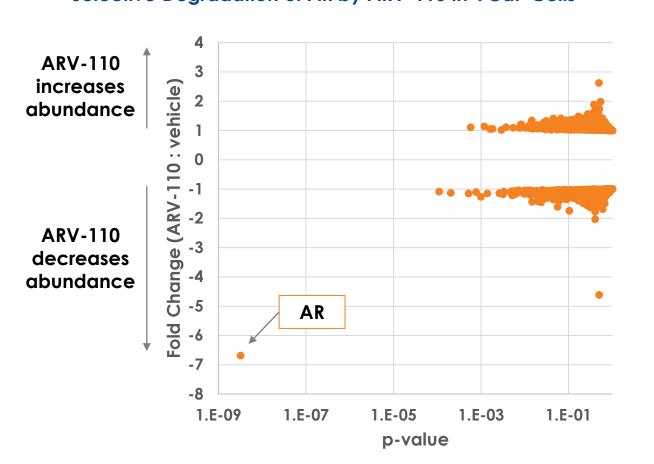


Bavdegalutamide



# Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110) is shown to robustly and selectively degrade AR

- Assessed **ARV-110** selectivity by proteomics
- After 8 hours of treatment of VCaP cells<sup>1</sup> with 10 nM **ARV-110** *in vitro*, AR was the only degraded protein among the nearly 4,000 proteins measured
  - 85% D<sub>max</sub><sup>2</sup> (DC50 = 1 nM in VCaP cells)
  - p-value: 3x10-9

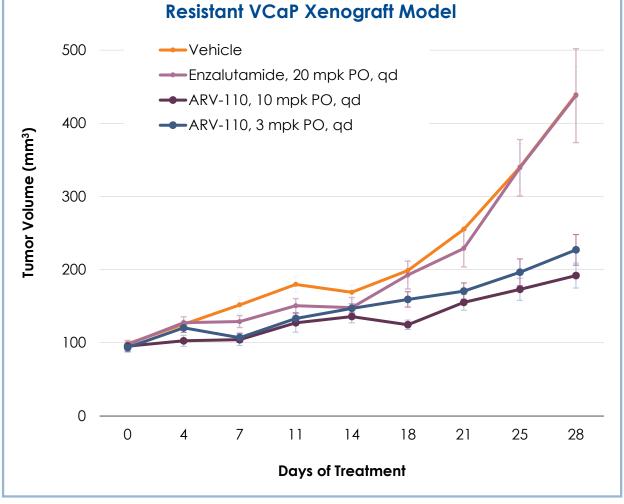


#### Selective Degradation of AR by ARV-110 in VCaP Cells



# Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110) is shown to inhibit tumor growth in an in vivo model of acquired enzalutamide resistance

- In vivo mouse xenograft model of acquired enzalutamide resistance developed at Arvinas
- In this model, VCaP tumors acquired resistance to enzalutamide after being continuously propagated in castrated, enzalutamide treated mice for ~3 years
- Daily and orally delivered **ARV-110** significantly inhibited tumor growth (*at right*)
  - 10 mpk **ARV-110**: 70% tumor growth inhibition



Tumor Growth Inhibition in an Enzalutamide-



## Bavdegalutamide (ARV-110) in the Clinic

#### Androgen Receptor (AR) Franchise Clinical Trials Status Phase 3 Phase 1 Phase 2 Anticipated Bavdegalutamide pivotal Phase 3 trial 2H23 Bavdegalutamide/ Ongoing abiraterone combo Phase 1B **Post-NHA** Ongoing ARV-766 Phase 2 dose expansion Data ARV-766 Phase 1 expected dose escalation 2Q23 Expect to Phase 1B/2 begin in **Pre-NHA** 2023



## Summary

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- PROTAC® protein degraders provide advantages over inhibitors, and also pose unique design challenges, which Arvinas has pioneered overcoming in placing three compounds to date in human clinical trials
- Significant oral availability across multiple preclinical species in the AR degrader program provided confidence in pushing the first PROTAC®, bavdegalutamide, to the clinic
- Process route developed to provide highly pure bavdegalutamide on kilogram scale to enable multiple clinical trials globally



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