

# A Response to Immunotherapy in Microsatellite Stable Colorectal Cancer

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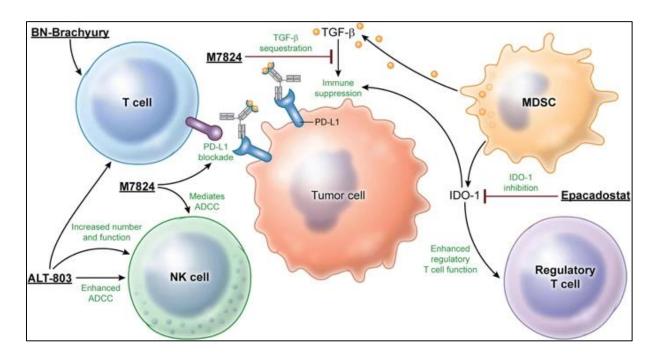
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## QuEST1 (Quick Efficacy Seeking Trial)

- Castration resistant prostate cancer (CRPC)
- Adaptive design trial to rapidly interrogate safety and efficacy of combination immunotherapy in CRPC
- Three CRPC treatment arms
  - BN-Brachyury vaccine + Bintrafusp alfa
  - BN-Brachyury + Bintrafusp alfa + N-803
  - BN-Brachyury + Bintrafusp alfa + N-803 + Epacadostat
- Immune correlatives
  - PBMC Analyses
    - Immunophenotype
    - Antigen specific T cells
    - T cell clonality
  - Serum cytokines
  - Soluble factors
- Dose finding safety arm (solid tumors)
  - Bintrafusp alfa + N-803



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# Immunotherapy for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

- DNA Mismatch Repair deficient (MSI-H)
  - FDA approvals for Pembrolizumab, Nivolumab +/- Ipilimumab
  - ORR = 26-57%
- DNA Mismatch Repair proficient
  - Minimal activity
  - Anti-PD-1/PD-L1: 0%
  - Anti-CTLA +/- anti- PD-1: 2-5%

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## **Case History**

42 year male with microsatellite stable rectal cancer

- Diagnosed with T3N1 NRAS mutant rectal adenocarcinoma in 2015
  - Neoadjuvant capecitabine plus radiotherapy
  - Status post abdominoperineal resection
  - 12 cycles of adjuvant FOLFOX (completed June 2016)
- Multifocal, bilateral recurrence in lung 2017
  - Status post wedge resection and radiotherapy
- Recurrence in lumbar vertebrae 2018
  - Status post radiotherapy to L1, L3
- Enrolled (April 2018) on NCT03384316:
  - Recombinant Ad5 (CEA/MUC1/Brachyury) Based Immunotherapy Vaccine
  - Progressive disease September 2018
- Enrolled (November 2018) on NCT03493945:
  - QuEST1 trial, Arm 1.1
  - Bintrafusp alfa (M7824) 1,200 mg IV q2weeks + N-803 15 mcg/kg SC q2weeks.

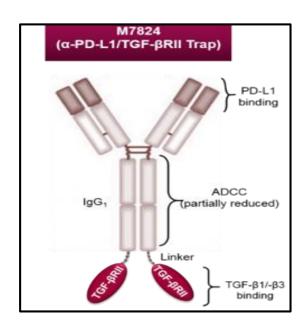


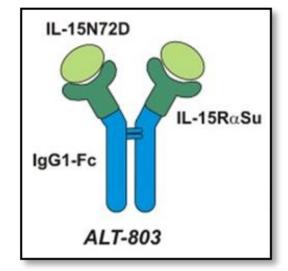
## Bintrafusp alfa (M7824)

- Bifunctional fusion protein
  - IgG1 anti-PD-L1 monoclonal antibody
  - TGFβ receptor type 2 'TGFβ trap'
  - Orphan drug status for biliary tract cancer

## N-803 (ALT-803)

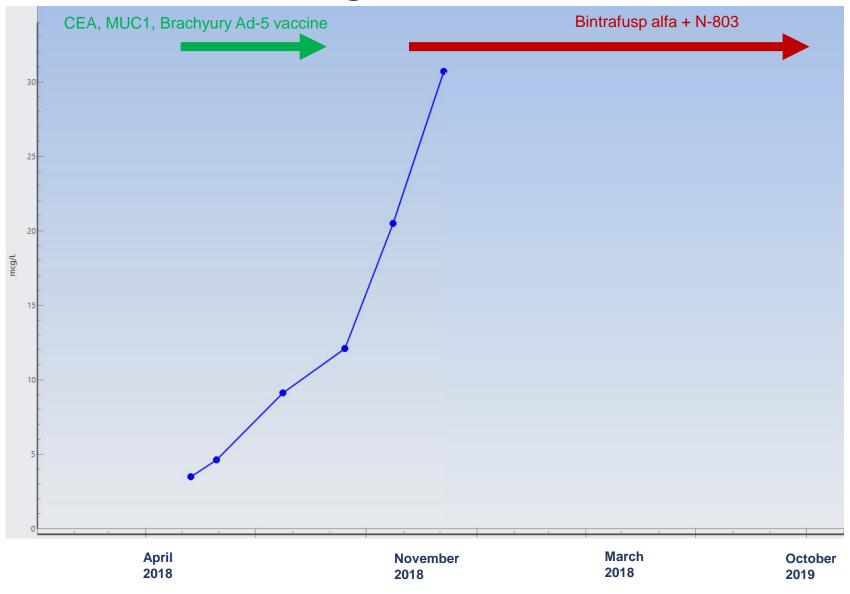
- Interleukin-15 superagonist complex
- Expands and activates effector T cells and NK cells







#### **Changes in Serum CEA**





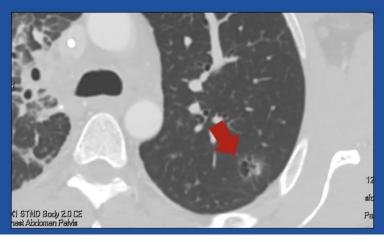










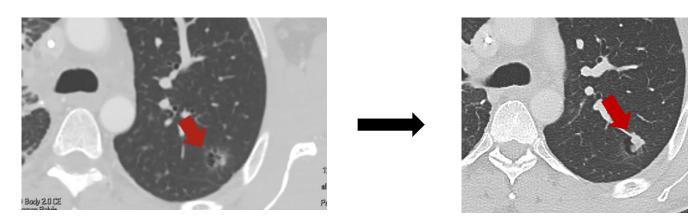




## **Case Update as of 10/10/2019**

43 year male with microsatellite stable rectal adenocarcinoma metastatic to lung and bone

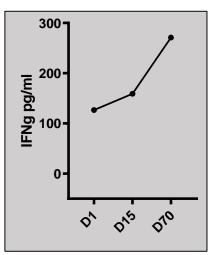
- 10+ months on treatment
  - Bintrafusp alfa + N-803 every 2 weeks
- 9+ month confirmed partial response as of 9/23/19 imaging
  - Regrowth of tumor in LUL cavitary nodule
    - Radiotherapy planned





### **Select Immune Correlates**

#### Serum IFN-γ



- Detectable levels of IFN- $\gamma$  in serum pre-treatment
- Levels increased in this patient after Bintrafusp alfa + N-803

## Expansion of Multifunctional Ag-specific T cells (Post vs Pre M7824 + N-803)

+	++
3x pre	10x pre
Or if no	Or if no
pre, >100	pre, >1000
post	post

	Brachyury		MUC1		CEA	
Day (vs Pre)	CD4	CD8	CD4	CD8	CD4	CD8
D15	+	+	+	+		+
D71	+			+		
D154	++	++	+	++	+	

- Multi-functional antigen-specific T-cells to CEA, MUC1, brachyury were transiently detectable after treatment on the CEA, MUC1, brachyury Ad-5 vaccine clinical trial
- These cells were undetectable/decreased pre-treatment with Bintrafusp alfa + N-803
- These cells reappeared after treatment with Bintrafusp alfa + N-803



## **Summary**

- Confirmed, durable partial response observed in a MSS metastatic rectal adenocarcinoma patient receiving Bintrafusp alfa (anti-PD-L1/TGFβ Trap) + N-803 (IL-15 agonist)
- Associated with detectable serum IFN- $\gamma$  pre-treatment, followed by increase on treatment
  - IFN- $\gamma$  as a biomarker candidate
- Response associated with prior, consecutive treatment with CEA, MUC1, brachyury Ad-5 vaccine
- Reappearance of CEA-, MUC1-, and brachyury-specific T cells after Bintrafusp alfa + N-803 treatment
- Bintrafusp alfa + N-803 + CEA, MUC1, brachyury Ad-5 vaccine combination is of therapeutic interest in microsatellite stable/mismatch repair proficient colorectal cancer



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