



What's Next for Cancer Immunotherapy? Hossein Borghaei, DO, MS

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- I will discuss non-FDA Approved drugs and combinations.





Resistance to IO

- Primary Resistance
 - No response to IO

- Acquired Resistance
 - Some response followed by progression
 - Early progression
 - Late progression





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Proposed mechanisms associated with NSCLC resistance to anti-PD-1/B7-H1 therapy

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В7-Н1	TIL	Туре	Distributi on	Possible Resistance Mechanism(s)	Analysis
-	-	I	45%	Poor priming of general T cell responses	Peripheral CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses to autologous tumor cells
				Lack of inflammatory cell recruitment	Chemokine expression in biopsy or FFPE samples
+	+	II	17%	Incomplete PD-1/B7-H1 pathway blockade and activation of alternate immune suppressive pathways	CD80 expression on TILs, expression of alternate suppressive pathways in TME
-	+	III	26%	Alternate immune suppressive pathways	Expression of select molecules in pathways with roles in evasion of NSCLC immunity
+	-	IV	12%	Intrinsic induction of B7-H1 by oncogenes	Expression of molecules triggering aberrant signaling events



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Clinical Trials

No Phase III Results Yet.





Chen & Mellman, Nature, 2017



Treatment options are limited for patients with NSCLC whose disease has progressed on anti-PD-(L)1 therapy¹

- Entinostat (ENT) is an oral class I-selective histone deacetylase inhibitor²
- ENT leads to downregulation of immunosuppressive cell types in the tumor microenvironment²
- Synergy with anti-PD1 inhibition in preclinical models²
- Promising activity shown in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with melanoma and lung cancer^{3,4}



M. Hellman, WCLC 2018

NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

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ENCORE-601: Open-label study evaluating ENT + PEMBRO in patients with recurrent or metastatic NSCLC and prior progression on anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapy



*4 patients were non-evaluable due to withdrawal of consent or discontinuations for administrative reasons prior to the first tumor assessment.

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; CRC, colorectal cancer; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; ENT, entinostat; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; QW, once a week; Q3W, 🏫 🖄 🗮 💦 💷 Normal Composed y Receptor and the survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; QW, once a week; Q3W, 🏫 Marcinettee and the survival; PO, orally; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; QW, once a week; Q3W, Action Marcinettee and the survival; PO, orally; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; QW, once a week; Q3W,



- Objective response rate with ENT + PEMBRO was 10% (7 of 72, 95% CI: 4-19%)
 - Prespecified ORR target not reached; median duration of response was 5.3 months
 - An additional 50% of patients achieved disease stabilization
- Experience similar in PD1-pretreated melanoma (ORR = 18%)¹

CI, confidence interval; ENT, entinostat; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease. **1.** Gandhi L. et al. Presented at ASCO 2018. Abstract 9036. M. Hellman, WCLC 2018

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Treatment-related adverse events occurring in $\ge 10\%$ of patients for All Grade or ≥ 2 patients for Grade 3/4





Higher baseline levels of peripheral CD14+CD16-HLA-DR^{HI} classical monocytes are associated with ORR and PFS benefits

100.4mPFS (95% CI) ORR (95% CI) Monocyte^{rest} 5.3 months (1.3-NE) 21.1% (6.1-45.6) 80 Monocyte^{Low} 2.7 months (1.5-4.1) 6.5% (1.4-17.9) PFS (%) 60 4020+ CENSORED Ũ 2030 50 10 40 60 70О. Time to event (weeks) 2 128 0 6 6 Hilah' 221 ow* 46. 2 0 6

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 26% of patients in the monocyte high group (5 of 19) are ongoing and 2% of patients in the monocyte low group (1 of 46) are ongoing.

*High / low defined by nidpoint (13.1% of live PBIICs / ni) of range of peripheral nonscyte values from available samples. Cl. confidence interval; NE, not estimable; ORR, objective response rate, mPES, median progression-free survival.

ENCORE-601: ENT + PEMBRO in PD-(L)1-Pretreated NSCLC

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Reduced circulating MDSCs (CD14⁺HLA-DR^{neg/low}) associated with clinical responses



- Circulating MDSC cell reduction consistent with hypothesized entinostat MOA
- Trend in increased CD8+ T cells observed in responding patients

*% change from baseline was measured at C2D15 (5 wks). MDSCs, myeloid-derived suppressor cells.

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Phase Ia/b Trial of Ramucirumab + Pembrolizumab: NSCLC Cohort Update (median follow up 20.1mo)



- The safety profile of Ramucirumab + Pembrolizumab is consistent with monotherapy treatment for each drug with no additional toxicities
- Phase II efficacy studies of this combination are under development

Herbst R, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018;36(suppl): Abstract 3059. © 2019–2020 Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

	NSCLC (2 nd -4 th line)		
PD-L1 Status	TPS <1% n=11	TPS ≥1% n=11	
ORR, % (95% CI)	18 (2.3-51.8)	45 (16.7-76.6	
Time to response	2.8 (2.8-2.8)	1.4 (1.3-5.3)	
Duration of response	NR (11.1-NR)	NR (NR-NR)	
Disease control, % (95% CI)	82 (48.2-97.7)	91 (58.7-99.8	
Duration of stable disease	8.3 (2.7-13.6)	4.0 (2.8-6.9)	





PIVOT-02

NKTR-214 Background: Harnessing the IL-2 Pathway to Increase TILs



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- NKTR-214 prodrug design with sustained signaling
- Mitigation of rapid immune stimulation to achieve safe, outpatient regimen administered every 3 week IV dosing
- Biased signaling preferentially activates and expands effector T cells and NK cells over Tregs in the tumor microenvironment
- NKTR-214 increases proliferation of TILs and PD-1 expression on the surface of CD8+ T cells providing a mechanistic rationale for combining with nivolumab

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PIVOT-02 Study Dose-Escalation in I-O Treatment-Naïve Patients: Enrollment Complete



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Stage IV IO-Naïve 1-2L NSCLC Dose Escalation Cohort (N=5) Deepening of Responses Over Time in PD-L1 Negative Patients

Best Overall Response by RECIST (2L): ORR=3/4 (75%); DCR=3/4 (75%) Best Overall Response by RECIST (1L and 2L): ORR=3/5 (60%); DCR=4/5 (80%)

SITC 2017 (Data Cut: Nov 2, 2017)

ASCO 2018 (Data Cut: May 29, 2018)







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Stage IV IO-Naïve 1L Melanoma Cohort at RP2D: Achieved Pre-Specified Efficacy Criteria



One PD-L1(-) patient had PD due to non-target lesions and target lesions were not assessed, therefore 27/28 patients included in waterfall plot...



Stage IV IO-Naïve 1L RCC Cohort Achieved Pre-Specified





Immune-Mediated Grade ≥3 AEs at RP2D

Immune-Mediated Adverse Events	NKTR-214 0.006 q3w + Nivo 360 (N=283)
Any imAE (Grade ≥3)	10 (3.5%)
Grade ≥3 imAE Treated with Steroid / Immuno-modulating Medication	7 (2.5%)
Pneumonitis*/dyspnea	2 (0.7%)
Skin adverse event	2 (0.7%)
Hepatitis	1 (0.4%)
Colitis	1 (0.4%)
Elevated Lipase	1 (0.4%)
Grade ≥3 Endocrinopathy	3 (1.1%)
Diabetes Mellitus Treated with Insulin	1 (0.4%)
Hyperglycemia Treated with Insulin	2 (0.7%)

 One treatment-related G5 pneumonitis related to nivolumab in patient with NSCLC pre-treated with carboplatin/pemetrexed and history of brain metastases

Data cut: May 7, 2018



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NKTR-214 + Nivolumab Increased Lymphocyte Proliferation in Blood and CD8 T Cells in Tumor



'Proliferating Lymphocytes in Blood' were measured using from cytometry of fresh whole blood for all patients that the met inclusion criteria and haid matched Cycle 1 Day 1 (C1D1) and Cycle 1 Day 8 (C1D8) blood collections. Data presented as mean ± standard error. Fold-change calculated for C1D8/C1D1, Ki67 is a marker of proliferation. 'Total CD8 T Cells in Tumor' measured using immunohistochemistry using biopsy specimens collected at baseline and week 3. Cells/mm² were counted and fold-change calculated for week/3baseline, data presented as mean ± standard error.

Conversion of PD-L1(-) to PD-L1(+) in Tumor Biopsies from Baseline to Week 3 is Associated with Clinical Benefit



NKTR-214 + nivolumab can convert PD-L1(-) tumors to PD-L1(+)

PD-L1 negative to positive conversion in 9/17 (53%) of patients

 Patients that were PD-L1(+) at baseline, or converted to PD-L1(+) after start of treatment showed greatest clinical benefit

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Sitravatinib in the Tumor Microenvironment – Restores **Immune Response**



Garton et al., Anti-KIT Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Enhances the Antitumor Activity of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors by Reversing Tumor-Induced Immunosuppression, Mol Cancer Ther, 2017. 16(4) Akalu, Y.T., C.V. Rothlin, and S. Ghosh, TAM receptor tyrosine kinases as emerging targets of innate immune checkpoint blockade for cancer therapy immuno Bev 201/1 276(1) Graham, D.K., D. DeRyckere, K.D. Davies, and H.S. Earp, The TAM family. Nat Rev Cancer, 2014. 14(12)

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MRTX-500 Background and Study Design

- Sitravatinib (MGCD516) is an orally available, small molecule inhibitor of a spectrum of related receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) including TAM family, VEGFR2 and KIT.
- MRTX-500 is a Phase 2 study evaluating the tolerability and clinical activity of sitravatinib in combination with nivolumab in patients with non-squamous NSCLC who have experienced progression of disease on or after treatment with CIT.
- Patients receive oral sitravatinib once daily (QD) in combination with nivolumab 240/480 mg intravenously every 2/4 weeks, as continuous 28 day cycles.



Key Objectives:

- Objective Response Rate (ORR) by RECIST 1.1.
- Safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics
- Investigate baseline biomarkers for correlation with clinical outcome parameters:
 - Circulating & tumor cell PD-L1
 - Mutation profile/TMB in ctDNA
 - Circulating & tumor infiltrating immune cell populations & cytokines

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• Gene expression signatures



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MRTX-500 Safety: Most Frequent (≥10%) eatment-Related (Sitravatinib and/or Nivolumab)*

	N=70		
Adverse Event (Preferred Term)	All Grades	Grade ≥3	
	n (%)	n (%)	
Diarrhea	31 (44)	8 (11)	
Nausea	28 (40)	0	
Fatigue	27 (39)	2 (3)	
Decreased appetite	18 (26)	0	
Vomiting	18 (26)	1 (1)	
Dysphonia	17 (24)	0	
Weight decrease	16 (23)	1 (1)	
Hypertension	16 (23)	9 (13)	
Alanine aminotransferase increase	12 (17)	0	
Aspartate aminotransferase increase	10 (14)	0	
Hypothyroidism	10 (14)	0	
Palmar-plantar erythrodysaesthesia	10 (14)	1 (1)	
Stomatitis	10 (14)	1 (1)	
Mucosal Inflammation	8 (11)	3 (4)	
Lipase increase	4 (6)	2 (3)	
Hyponatremia	5 (7)	2 (3)	

*Data as of 26-Jun-2018 (Investigators Brochure) – includes all patients CIT-Experienced (N=64) and CIT-Naïve Cohorts (N=6) 12 patients (17%) discontinued due to treatment-related adverse event

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MRTX-500 Clinical Activity CIT Experienced Cohorts

Preliminary Maximum Response

NSCLC Patients Who Failed Prior Checkpoint Therapy by Best Response, N=56

Preliminary Duration of Treatment

NSCLC Patients Who Failed Prior Checkpoint Therapy by Best Response, N=56





MRTX-500 Biomarker Data: PD-L1 Status **CIT Experienced Cohorts**

Clinical Benefit – PD-L1 by IHC



- Highest PD-L1 result from previous testing (any test) or from the central lab (DAKO 28-8) was compared to clinical benefit
- A non-significant trend between PD-L1 high staining and clinical benefit was observed (p-value = 0.45)
- Clinical benefit, including PRs, still observed in PD-L1 low pts and some PD-L1 high pts did not respond

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Docetaxel Combined With Bavituximab in Previously Treated, Advanced Nonsquamous NoneSmall-Cell Lung Cancer

Study Flow Diagram Showing the Randomization and Disposition of Patients

- Bavituximab is a phosphatidylserinetargeting antibody with a selective tumor, vascular-directed immune response.
- Exposed PS on apoptotic cells suppresses immune and inflammatory responses by binding to macrophage PS receptors
- This signals macrophage production of anti-inflammatory cytokines such as TGFb and interleukin (IL)- 10 and preventing dendritic cell maturation and antigen presentation

Gerber et al, Clinical Lung Cancer, vol. 17, No. 3





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Overall Survival Intent-to-Treat Patient Population



Gerber et al, Clinical Lung Cancer, vol 17, No. 3 Cancer Scient for Immunoline apy of Cancer





Remarks

- With the use of chemo plus IO in the first line setting there is a need for drugs and combinations that could be effective in chemo and IO refractory patients
- Recognizing mechanisms of resistance to immunotherapy are of significant importance
- Repeat biopsies at the time of progression for conduct of correlative studies is essential
- New promising combinations are under investigation

