

## A PHASE 1/2 STUDY OF ASP1570 IN PARTICIPANTS WITH LOCALLY ADVANCED OR METASTATIC SOLID TUMORS WHO HAVE PROGRESSED ON, OR ARE INELIGIBLE FOR, ALL AVAILABLE STANDARD THERAPIES

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**Background** Cancer immunotherapies target immune checkpoints and have been transformative in the treatment practices of oncology. However, only a subset of all patients in most cancer types effectively respond to these therapies. It has been established that approximately 60% to 70% of patients who receive anti-programmed cell death protein-1 (anti-PD-1) or anti-cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen 4 (CTLA4) do not respond to treatment.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, acquired resistance is common, causing some patients who initially responded to the therapy to later experience disease progression. Therefore, there is a significant opportunity for immunotherapy expansion in cancer treatment.

Diacylglycerol kinase (DGK) is a large enzyme family of 10 mammalian isoenzymes that catalyzes the conversion of diacylglycerol (DAG) to phosphatidic acid (PA). In T cells, DGK (such as DGK $\zeta$ ) inhibits DAG-mediated signals following T-cell receptor engagement by catalyzing the conversion of DAG to PA.<sup>2</sup> Even when PD-1 is blocked by anti-PD-1 antibodies, there may be partial inactivation by DGK. Therefore, DGK inhibitors have the potential to enhance DAG downstream signaling, leading to T-cell activation regardless of the PD-1 signal. ASP1570 is a novel inhibitor against DGK $\zeta$  and has the potential to enhance DAG downstream signaling which can activate T cells regardless of PD-1 signaling and lead to tumor killing. ASP1570 restored T-cell functions suppressed by multiple immunosuppressive signals (PD-1, transforming growth factor beta, prostaglandin E2, and adenosine) and induced tumor growth inhibition in mice models of MC38 (anti-PD1 sensitive) and B16-F1 (tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte poor, anti-PD-1 insensitive). Taken together, ASP1570 treatment as a single agent and/or in combination with anti-PD-1 therapy for locally advanced or metastatic solid tumors may result in clinical benefit.

**Methods** This is a phase 1/2, open-label, multicenter, multiple-dose, dose-escalation/expansion study of ASP1570 in participants with locally advanced or metastatic solid tumors. The study will enroll approximately 168 participants into 2 phases, dose escalation and dose expansion, to assess safety, tolerability, efficacy, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics (figure 1). The study will consist of the following periods: screening, treatment with ASP1570 daily oral dosing in 21-day cycles, end of treatment, follow-up (safety and survival follow-up), and end of study (figure 2). The study is open for enrollment.

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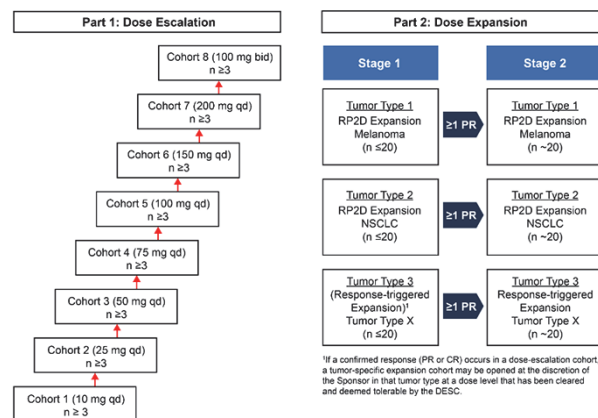
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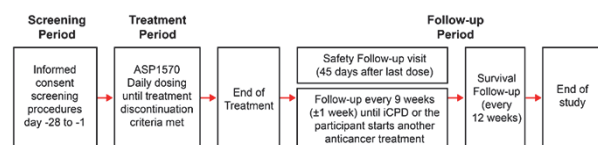
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**Consent** Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of this abstract and any accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor of this journal.



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Abstract 754 Figure 2 Study Visit Schema

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