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SAFETY AND TOLERABILITY OF MAGROLIMAB COMBINATION THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH RECURRENT OR METASTATIC HEAD AND NECK SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA (RM-HNSCC)

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Background Novel combination therapies are needed to improve outcomes in RM-HNSCC. Magrolimab is a monoclonal antibody that blocks CD47, a ‘don’t eat me’ signal overexpressed on cancer cells. Magrolimab induces macrophage-mediated phagocytosis of tumor cells and may synergize with chemotherapy agents through enhancement of phagocytic signals. The Phase 2 ELEVATE HNSCC multicenter, open-label study (NCT04854499) is evaluating magrolimab-containing regimens in patients with RM-HNSCC (figure 1). Here, we report data from 2 safety run-ins (SRI1 and SRI2) designed to assess safety/tolerability and recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D) of magrolimab in combination with standard of care.

Methods Patients in SRI1 with previously untreated RM-HNSCC received magrolimab+pembrolizumab+platinum+5-fluorouracil; patients in SRI2 with locally advanced or RM-HNSCC (1–2 lines of prior systemic therapy) received magrolimab+docetaxel. Magrolimab was first administered as a 1 mg/kg priming dose, followed by weekly 30 mg/kg doses for two 21-day cycles and then a maintenance dose of 60 mg/kg Q3W. Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy were given per standard of care. Primary endpoints of the SRI were incidence of adverse events (AEs) and dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs). Safety was assessed in patients who received ≥ 1 dose of study drug. The incidence of DLTs was assessed using patients who experienced a DLT during the DLT evaluation period or who

completed ≥ 2 magrolimab and ≥ 1 combination agent doses. To select an RP2D, ≤ 2 of 6 DLT-evaluable patients could experience a DLT, or the magrolimab dose would be de-escalated and a new cohort would be assessed.

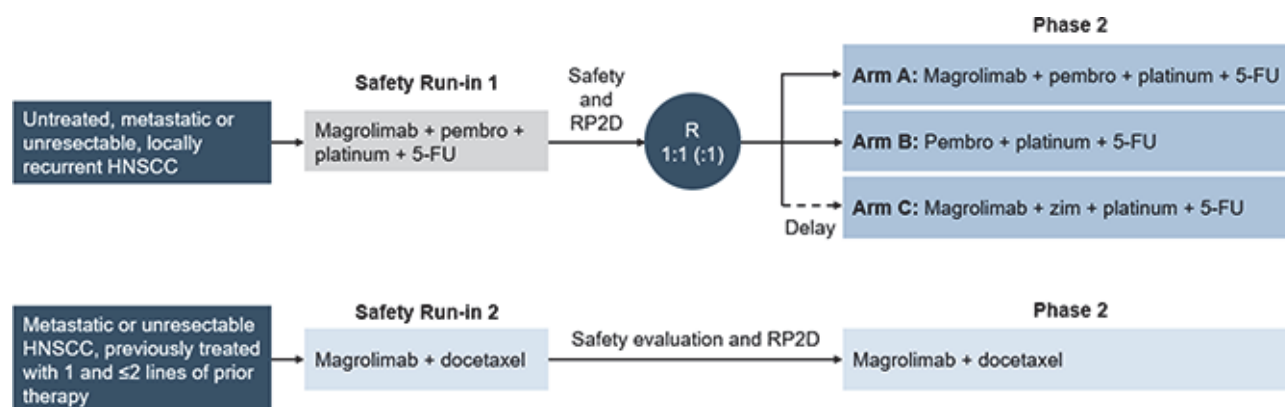
Results At least 6 patients from each SRI were considered DLT-evaluable. The safety analysis population consisted of 6 patients in SRI1 and 7 patients in SRI2. No DLTs were reported. Treatment-emergent AEs (TEAEs) occurred in 6/6 (SRI1) and 7/7 (SRI2) patients (table 1). The most common TEAEs observed in each SRI were fatigue (SRI1) and anemia (SRI2). TEAEs leading to magrolimab discontinuation occurred in 1/6 patients in SRI1 (fatigue) and 1/7 patients in SRI2 (oral cavity fistula unrelated to study drug). In SRI1, no deaths were reported; 3 deaths were reported as unrelated to study treatment and occurred after the DLT evaluation period in SRI2: oral cavity fistula, pneumonia, and disease progression (during long-term follow-up).

Conclusions The observed safety profile was as expected based on the known toxicity profiles of the individual agents. Magrolimab appears tolerable in these combinations. No DLTs or treatment-related deaths occurred. Magrolimab RP2D was declared at the initial dose level tested in both SRIs.

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Ethics Approval The protocol and proposed informed consent form were reviewed and approved by all relevant Institutional Review Boards, Independent Ethics Committees and/or Research Ethics Boards prior to study commencement. There is no number provided as we did not receive one. Participants gave informed consent to participate in the study before taking part.

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Abstract 675 Figure 1 ELEVATE HNSCC cohort overview. 5-FU, 5-fluorouracil; HNSCC, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; R, randomization; RP2D, recommended Phase 2 dose; pembro, pembrolizumab; zim, zimberelimab

Abstract 675 Table 1 TEAEs occurring in ≥ 2 patients in either SRI.

TEAEs	SRI1 (n=6) ^a		SRI2 (n=7) ^b	
	All grades, n	Grade ≥ 3 , n	All grades, n	Grade ≥ 3 , n
Fatigue	5	3	4	2
Diarrhea	4	1	1	0
Nausea	4	0	3	0
Platelet count decreased	4	1	2	0
Stomatitis	4	2	2	0
White blood cell count decreased	4	3	2	2
Anemia	3	2	5	4
Decreased appetite	3	1	3	0
Hypophosphatemia	3	0	0	0
Peripheral neuropathy	3	0	0	0
Pyrexia	3	0	1	0
Maculopapular rash	3	0	0	0
Blood thyroid stimulating hormone increased	2	0	0	0
Dehydration	2	1	1	0
Hiccups	2	1	0	0
Hyperglycemia	2	1	0	0
Hyponatremia	2	0	1	0
Absolute neutrophil count decreased	2	1	3	3
Oral dysesthesia	2	0	0	0
Headache	1	0	2	0
Febrile neutropenia	1	1	3	3
Hypotension	0	0	2	1

^aSix patients were evaluable for safety and DLTs.

^bSeven patients were evaluable for safety; 6 patients were evaluable for DLTs.

DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; SRI, safety run-in; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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