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CDX527-01, A PHASE 1 DOSE-ESCALATION AND EXPANSION STUDY OF THE PD-L1XCD27 BISPECIFIC ANTIBODY CDX-527 IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED MALIGNANCIES

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Background CD27 ligation and PD-1 blockade elicit complementary signals mediating T cell activation and effector function. CD27 is constitutively expressed on most mature T cells and the interaction with its ligand, CD70, plays key roles in T cell costimulation leading to activation, proliferation, enhanced survival, maturation of effector capacity, and memory. The PD-1/PD-L1 pathway plays key roles in inhibiting T cell responses. Pre-clinical studies demonstrate synergy in T cell activation and anti-tumor activity when combining a CD27 agonist antibody with PD-(L)1 blockade, and clinical studies have confirmed the feasibility of this combination by demonstrating safety and biological and clinical activity. CDX-527 is a novel human bispecific antibody containing a neutralizing, high affinity IgG1k PD-L1 mAb (9H9) and the single chain Fv fragment (scFv) of an agonist anti-CD27 mAb (2B3) genetically attached to the C-terminus of each heavy chain, thereby making CDX-527 bivalent for each target. Pre-clinical studies have demonstrated enhanced T cell activation by CDX-527 and anti-tumor activity of a surrogate bispecific compared to individual mAb combinations, and together with the IND-enabling studies support the advancement of CDX-527 into the clinic.

Methods A Phase 1 first-in-human, open-label, non-randomized, multi-center, dose-escalation and expansion study evaluating safety, pharmacokinetics (PK), pharmacodynamics (PD), and clinical activity of CDX-527 is ongoing. Eligible patients have advanced solid tumor malignancies and have progressed on standard-of-care therapy. Patients must have no more than one prior anti-PD-1/L1 for tumor types which have anti-PD-1/L1 approved for that indication and no prior anti-PD-1/L1 for tumor types that do not have anti-PD-1/L1 approved for that indication. CDX-527 is administered intravenously once every two weeks with doses ranging from 0.03 mg/kg up to 10.0 mg/kg or until the maximum tolerated dose. The dose-escalation phase initiates with a single patient enrolled in cohort 1. In the absence of a dose limiting toxicity or any \geq grade 2 treatment related AE, cohort 2 will enroll in a similar manner as cohort 1. Subsequent dose-escalation cohorts will be conducted in 3+3 manner. In the tumor-specific expansion phase, up to 4 individual expansion cohort(s) of patients with specific solid tumors of interest may be enrolled to further characterize the safety, PK, PD, and efficacy of CDX 527. Tumor assessments will be performed every 8-weeks by the investigator in accordance with iRECIST. Biomarker assessments will include characterizing the effects on peripheral blood immune cells and cytokines, and for the expansion cohorts, the impact of CDX-527 on the tumor microenvironment.

Results N/A

Conclusions N/A

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Ethics Approval The study was approved by WIRB for Northside Hospital, approval number 20201542

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PRELIMINARY SAFETY, PHARMACOKINETICS/PHARMACODYNAMICS, AND ANTITUMOR ACTIVITY OF XMAB20717, A PD-1 X CTLA-4 BISPECIFIC ANTIBODY, IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED SOLID TUMORS

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Background XmAb20717 is a humanized bispecific monoclonal antibody that simultaneously targets PD-1 and CTLA-4. We report preliminary data from an ongoing, multicenter, Phase 1 study investigating the safety/tolerability, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, and clinical activity (RECIST 1.1) of XmAb20717 in patients with selected advanced solid tumors.

Methods A 3+3 dose-escalation design was used to establish a maximum tolerated (MTD)/recommended dose for evaluation in parallel expansion cohorts, including melanoma, renal cell carcinoma, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), prostate cancer, and a basket of tumor types without an FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitor (CI; n \leq 20 each). XmAb20717 was administered as an infusion on Days 1 and 15 of each 28-day cycle.

Results As of 08Jul2020, 109 patients had been treated (table 1), and 30 were continuing treatment. In escalation, 6 dose levels (0.15–10.0 mg/kg) were evaluated (n=34); an MTD was not established. Expansion cohorts were initiated at 10 mg/kg (n=72), and a 15 mg/kg escalation cohort was added (n=3). T-cell proliferation was noted in peripheral blood at doses as low as 3 mg/kg and was highest at 10 mg/kg. At this dose, consistent proliferation of CD8+ and CD4+ T cells was observed, indicative of dual PD-1 and CTLA-4 checkpoint blockade (figure 1). Paired pre- and post-dosing biopsies showed increased intratumoral T-cell infiltration and IFN-response signatures following treatment. Grade 3/4 treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) reported for \geq 3 patients included rash (13%), transaminase elevations (7%), lipase increased (4% [2% with amylase increased]), and acute kidney injury (3%), all considered immune-related. There were 2 Grade 5 TRAEs: immune-mediated pancreatitis (in the pres-

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Characteristic	Escalation (n = 37)	Expansion Cohorts				
		Melanoma (n = 20)	RCC (n = 8)	NSCLC (n = 20)	Prostate (n = 7)	Basket (n = 17)
Age, median (range)	56 (32-81)	67 (45-82)	64 (55-85)	72 (49-81)	69 (63-74)	61 (41-78)
Male	60%	60%	75%	75%	100%	24%
Months since initial diagnosis, median (range)	43 (3-313)	58 (6-511)	74 (52-249)	38 (8-113)	85 (1-110)	30 (1-165)
Lines of prior systemic therapy, median (range)	4 (0-9)	3 (0-9)	4 (0-6)	3 (0-9)	0 (0-11)	5 (0-8)
Prior checkpoint inhibitor therapy	76%	80%	63%	70%	14%	35%