

activity in mouse models. The combination of SEA-CD40 and chemotherapeutic agents with a T cell targeted anti-PD1 antibody could deepen and extend these anti-tumor responses.

**Conclusions** These data support continued clinical evaluation of SEA-CD40 in combination with chemotherapeutic agents and potentially in the future MMAE based ADCs. A phase 1 clinical trial is actively enrolling (NCT02376699) and includes a cohort in pancreatic cancer assessing the combination of SEA-CD40, gemcitabine, nab-paclitaxel, and pembrolizumab.

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**439 DUAL MODES OF ACTION FOR ANTI-TIM-3 ANTIBODY MBG453 IN MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES (MDS) AND ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA (AML): PRECLINICAL EVIDENCE FOR IMMUNE-MEDIATED AND ANTI-LEUKEMIC ACTIVITY**

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**Background** TIM-3 is expressed on leukemic stem cells (LSCs) and blasts in AML,<sup>1,2</sup> and TIM-3 expression on MDS blasts correlates with disease progression.<sup>3</sup> Functional evidence for TIM-3 in AML was established with an anti-TIM-3 antibody which inhibited engraftment and development of human AML in immuno-deficient murine hosts.<sup>1</sup> TIM-3 promotes an autocrine stimulatory loop via the TIM-3/Galectin-9 interaction, supporting LSC self-renewal.<sup>4</sup> In addition to its cell-autonomous role on LSCs/blasts, TIM-3 also has a critical role in immune system regulation, in adaptive (CD4+ and CD8+ T effector cells, regulatory T cells) and innate (macrophages, dendritic cells, NK cells) immune responses.<sup>5</sup> MBG453 is a high-affinity, humanized anti-TIM-3 IgG4 antibody (Ab) (stabilized hinge, S228P), which blocks the binding of TIM-3 to phosphatidylserine (PtdSer). Recent results from a multi-center, open label phase Ib dose-escalation study (NCT03066648) in patients with high-risk MDS and no prior hypomethylating agent therapy evaluating MBG453 in combination with decitabine demonstrated encouraging preliminary efficacy with an overall response rate of 58%,<sup>6</sup> and MBG453 combined with azacitidine also showed encouraging response rates.<sup>7</sup> Preclinical experiments were undertaken to define the mechanism of action of the hypomethylating agent and anti-TIM-3 combination.

**Methods** THP-1 cells (a human monocytic AML cell line) were pre-treated with decitabine and co-cultured with anti-CD3 activated healthy human donor peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in an Incucyte-based assay to measure cell killing. The ability of MBG453 to mediate antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP) was measured by determining the phagocytic uptake of an engineered TIM-3-overexpressing Raji cell line in the presence of MBG453 by phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA)-activated THP-1 cells. Patient-derived AML xenograft studies were undertaken in

immune-deficient murine hosts to evaluate the combination of decitabine and MBG453.

**Results** MBG453 was determined to partially block the TIM-3/Galectin-9 interaction in a plate-based MSD (Meso Scale Discovery) assay, supported by a crystal structure of human TIM-3.<sup>8</sup> Pre-treatment of THP-1 cells with decitabine enhanced sensitivity to immune-mediated killing in the presence of MBG453. MBG453 was determined to mediate modest ADCP, relative to controls. MBG453 did not enhance the anti-leukemic activity of decitabine in patient-derived xenograft studies in immuno-deficient hosts.

**Conclusions** Taken together, these results support both direct anti-leukemic effects and immune-mediated modulation by MBG453. Further studies are ongoing to determine: (1) whether MBG453 can mediate physiologically relevant ADCP of TIM-3-expressing leukemic cells; and (2) the potential of MBG453 to impact the autocrine feedback loop of TIM-3/Galectin-9.

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**440 ACTIVITY AND SAFETY OF CAMRELIZUMAB, AN ANTI-PD-1 IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR, FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER**

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**Background** Effective options are limited for patients with non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose disease progresses after first-line chemotherapy. Camrelizumab is a potent anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody and has shown promising activity in NSCLC. We assessed the activity and safety of camrelizumab for patients with previously treated, advanced NSCLC patients with negative oncogenic drivers.

**Methods** Patients who progressed during or following platinum-based doublet chemotherapy were enrolled. All patients received camrelizumab(200 mg)every 3 weeks or in combination with chemotherapy until loss of clinical benefit. The primary endpoint was objective response rate (ORR), other

endpoints included disease control rate (DCR), progression-free survival (PFS) and safety.

**Results** Between Aug 5, 2019, and Jun 19, 2020, we enrolled 29 patients, 25 patients were available evaluated, ORR and DCR was 36% (9/25) and 92% (23/25), respectively. 25 of 29 patients were still receiving the treatment, the median PFS was not yet achieved. Compared with those without reactive cutaneous capillary endothelial proliferation (RCCEP), patients with RCCEP had higher ORR (60% vs. 28.6%). Treatment-related adverse events (AEs) occurred in 69.0% of patients (all Grade), and the most common were RCCEP (37.9%), pneumonitis (6.9%), and chest congestion (6.9%). Treatment-related grade 3 to 4 adverse events occurred in 10.3% of patients.

**Conclusions** In patients with previously treated advanced NSCLC, camrelizumab demonstrated improved ORR and DCR, compared with historical data of the 2nd line chemotherapy, with a manageable safety profile. While patients with RCCEP derived greater benefit from camrelizumab. Further studies are needed in large sample size trials.

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**441 OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC RENAL CELL CARCINOMA WITH INTERMEDIATE- OR POOR-RISK SYMPTOMATIC DISEASE WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST CYCLE OF NIVOLUMAB AND IPILIMUMAB WHILE BEING HOSPITALIZED**

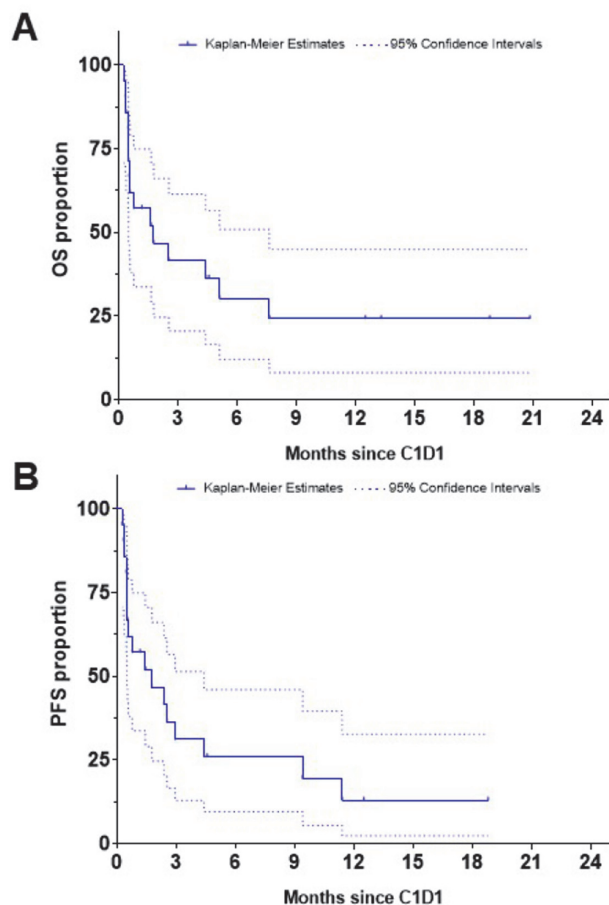
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**Background** Nivolumab plus ipilimumab (nivo/ipi) is an approved therapy for patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma (mRCC) who have intermediate- or poor-risk disease.<sup>1</sup> Clinical factors that guide the selection of this regimen for patients with mRCC are urgently needed.

**Methods** We retrospectively analyzed medical records of patients with mRCC who were hospitalized because of cancer-related symptoms and received their first cycle of nivo/ipi in the inpatient setting. Clinical parameters including demographics, histology, clinical history, response and survival were collected. The 4-month survival probability, progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) were calculated using Kaplan-Meier methods.

**Results** Between November 2017 and June 2020, 21 patients were identified that fit the search: 19 patients (91%) had poor-risk disease based on the International metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium (IMDC) risk score; 17 patients (81%) had  $\geq 4$  risk factors; 9 patients (43%) had sarcomatoid features on histology. Shortness of breath (28%) and abdominal pain (19%) were the two most common reasons for hospitalization. Partial response was achieved in 14% (3/21) of patients. Median PFS for all patients was 1.7 months (95% CI 0 - 3.9); median OS for all patients was 1.7 months (95% CI 0 - 4.2); the 4-month survival probability was 36% (95% CI 25% - 47%) (figure 1).

**Conclusions** In this retrospective study, patients with mRCC who have intermediate- or poor-risk disease and are hospitalized for cancer-related symptoms derive little clinical benefit from nivo/ipi when started in the inpatient setting. Alternative more effective systemic therapies should be considered for these patients.



**Abstract 441 Figure 1** Overall and progression-free survival. Panels A and B depict overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival, with 95% confidence intervals using Kaplan-Meier methods, respectively

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**442 ICT01, AN ANTI-BTN3A MAB THAT ACTIVATES VG9VD2 T CELLS, PLUS INTERLEUKIN-2: A POTENT AND PROMISING COMBINATION FOR CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY**

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**Background** gdT-cells are attractive targets for cancer immunotherapy given their strong cytolytic and pro-inflammatory