

# Combining a soluble LAG-3 protein with an anti-PD-1 antibody in phase I-II trials

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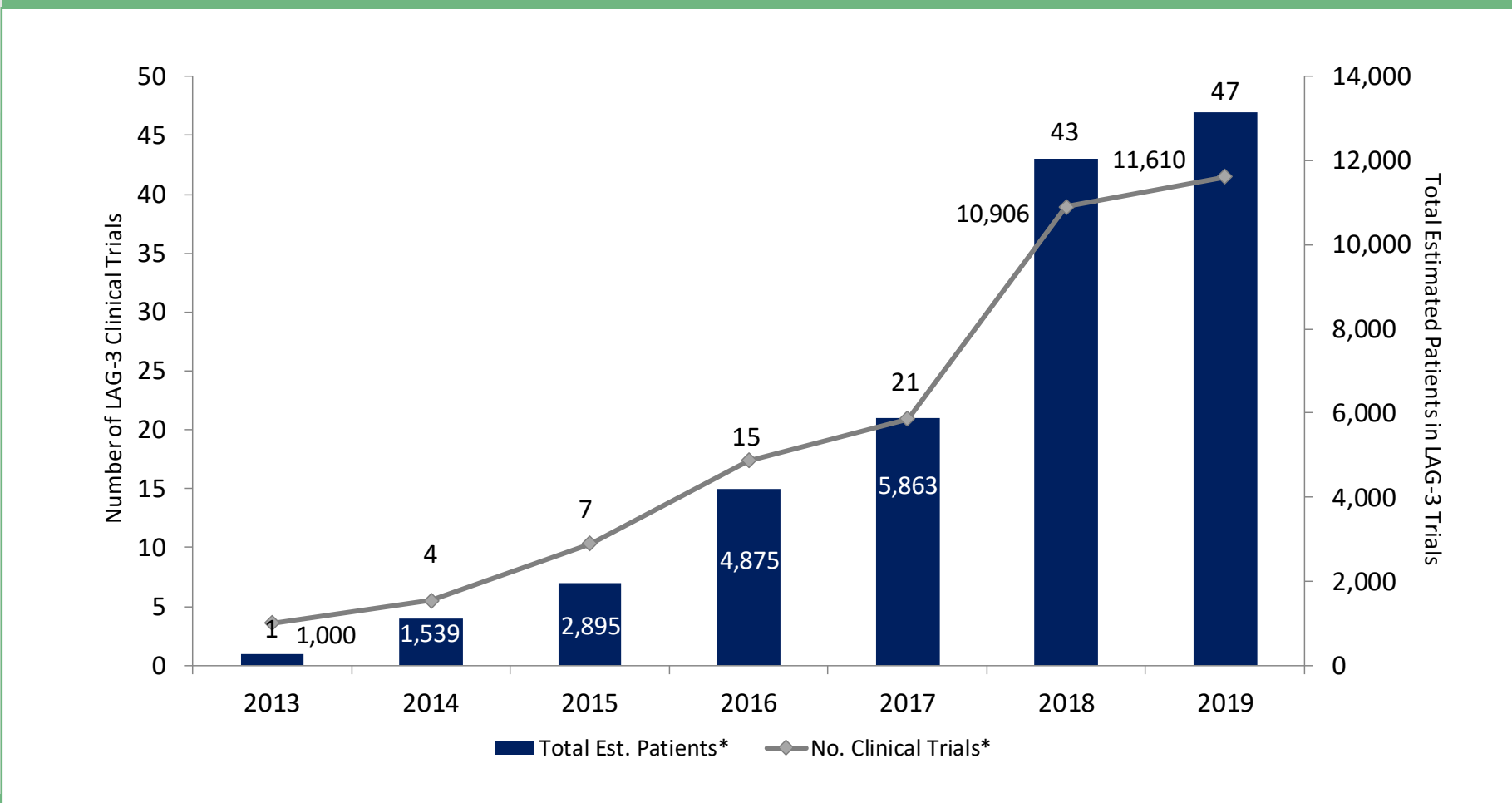
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# Increasing Clinical Trials Targeting LAG-3

Industry increasingly deploying resources to development of LAG-3 therapeutics

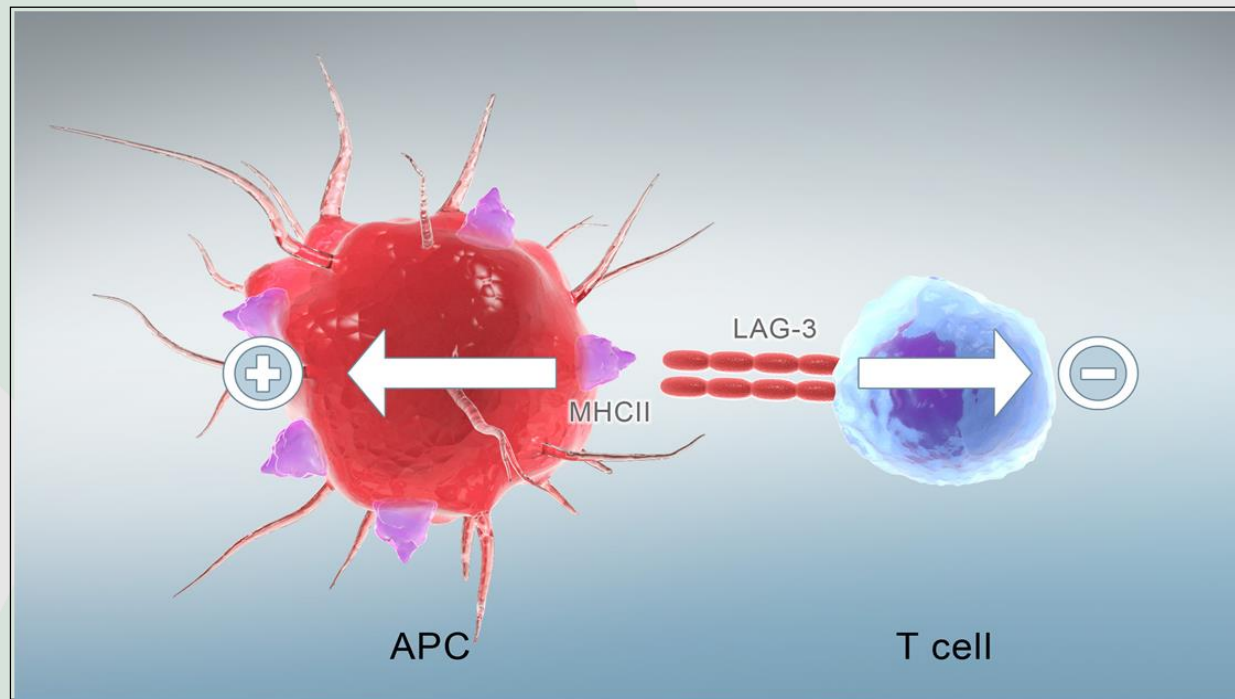


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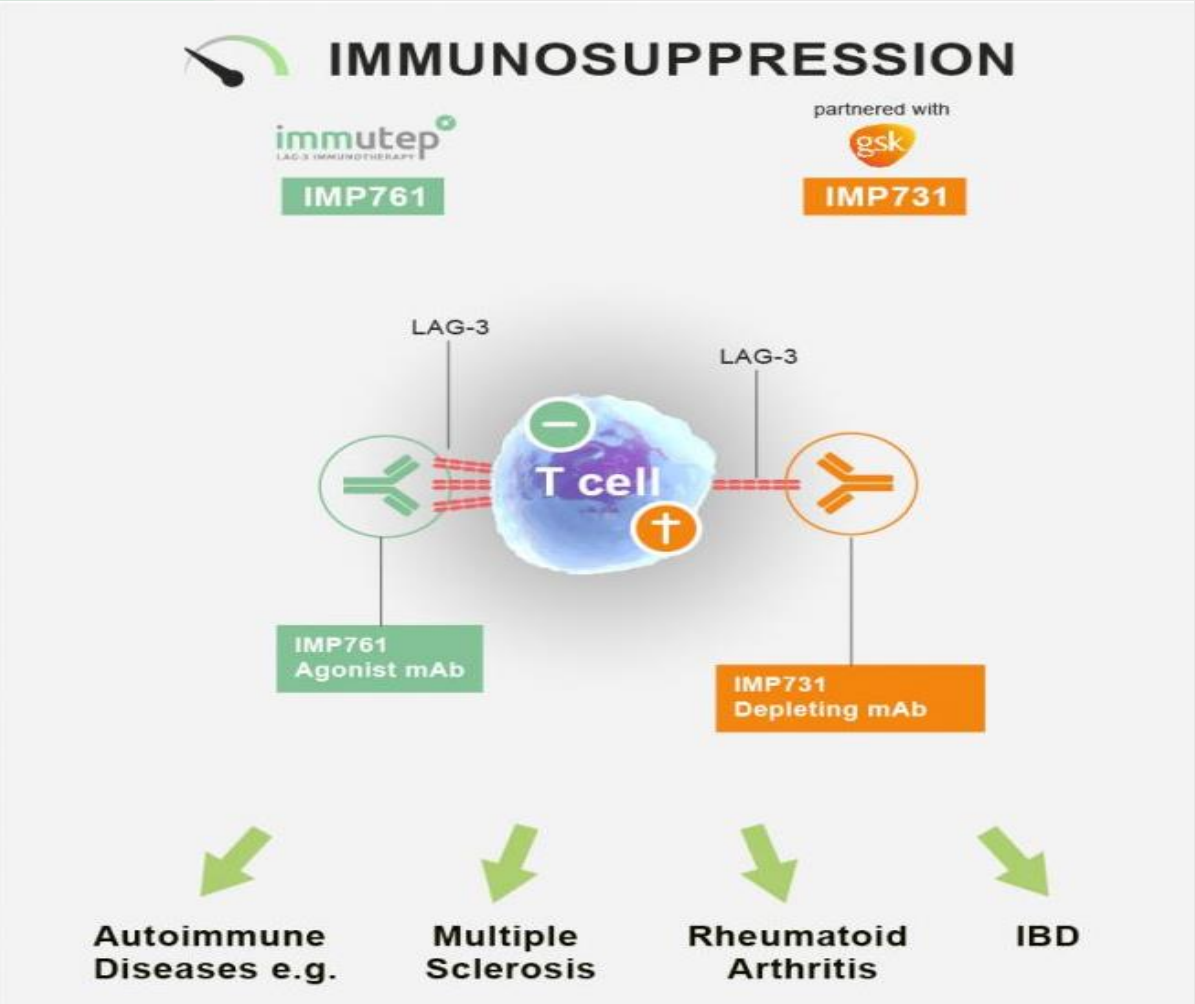
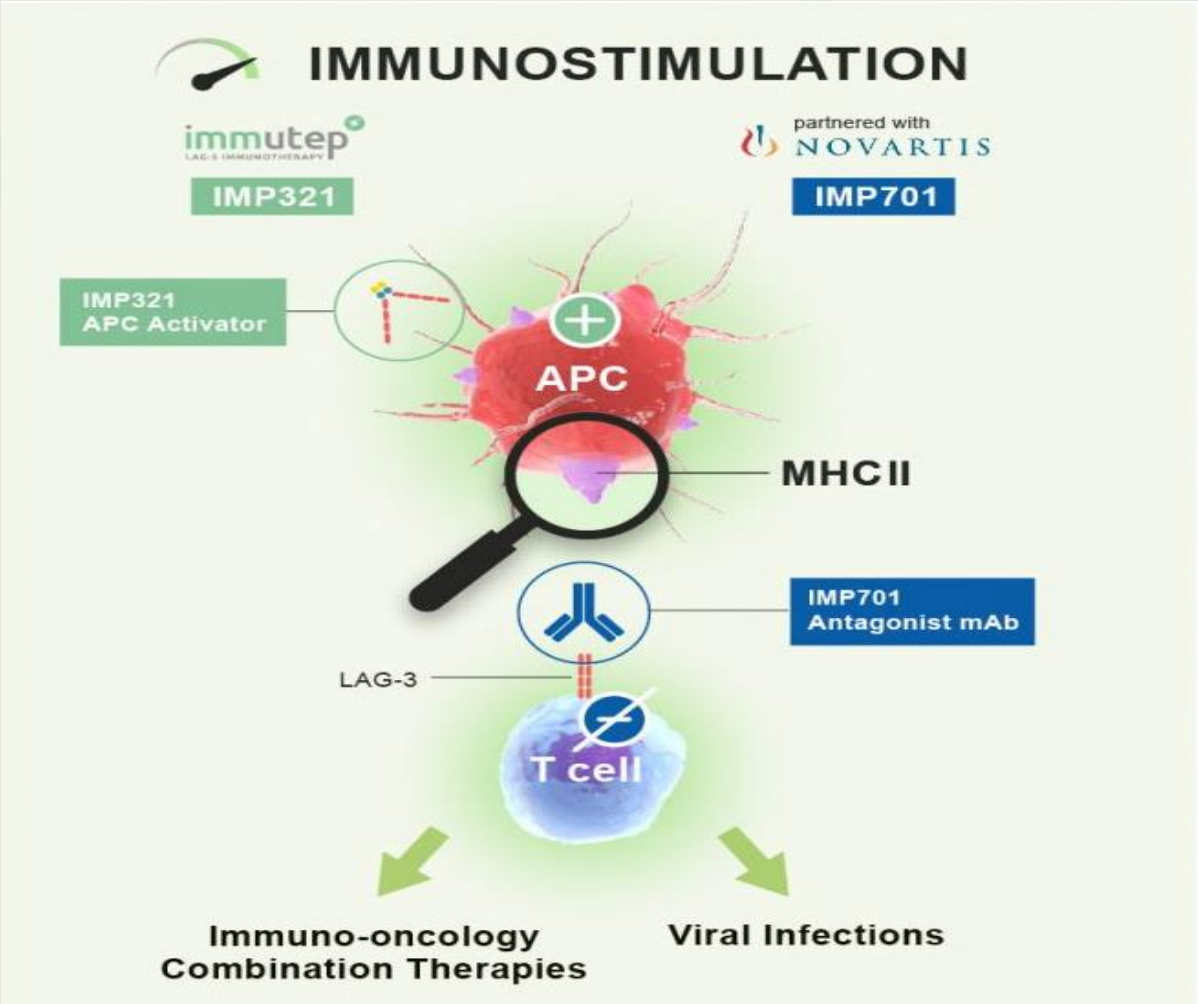
# LAG-3 as a Therapeutic Target

- LAG-3 is widely expressed on tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) and cytotoxic T cells
  - Prime target for an immune checkpoint blocker
- Functionally similar to PD-1 on T cells (arrow on the right)



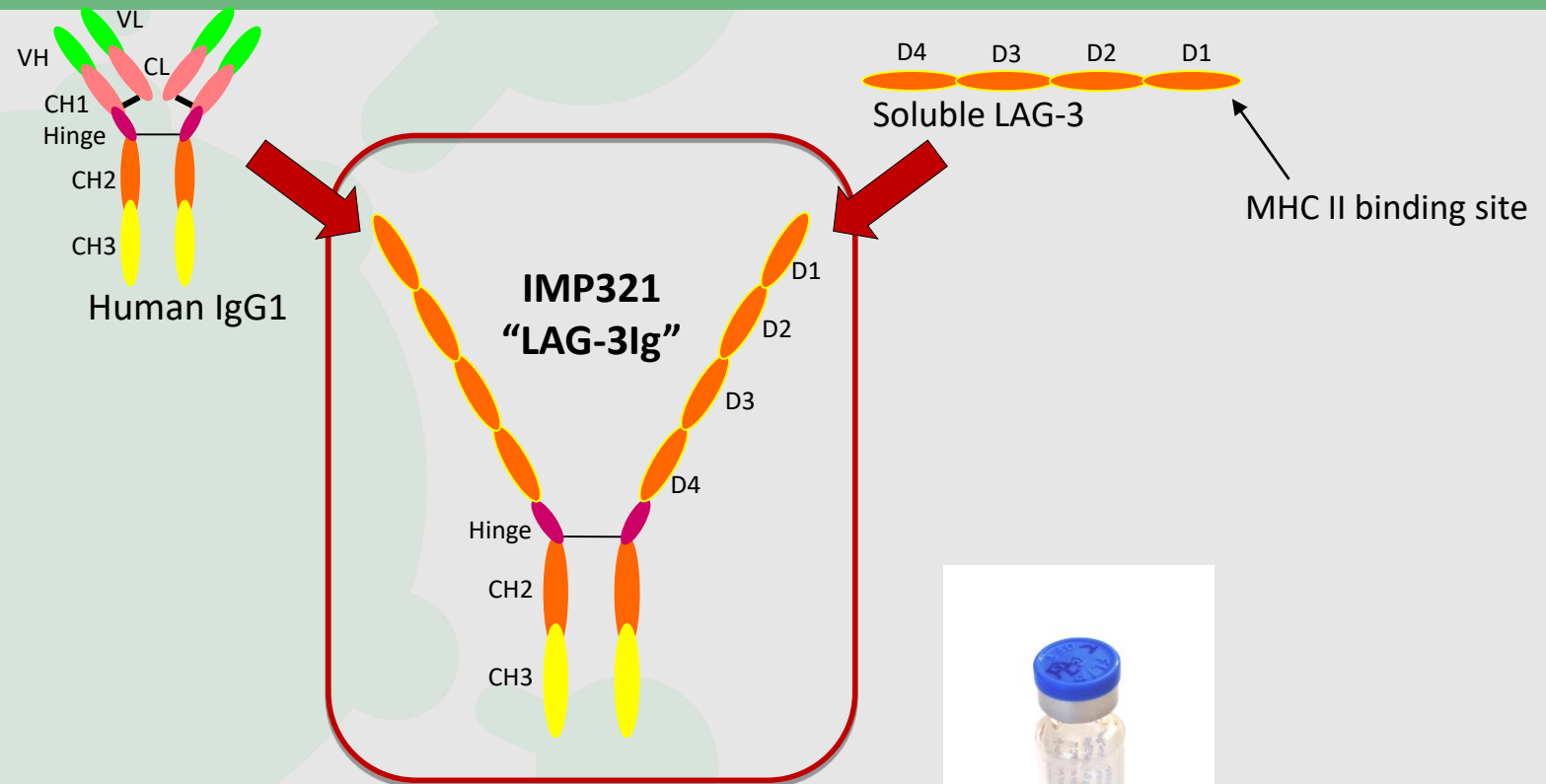
- **Positive regulation of** ↑ antigen presenting cells (APC) → increase in antigen presentation to cytotoxic CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells
- **Negative regulation of** ↓ LAG-3<sup>+</sup> T cells

# Targeting LAG-3/MHC II May Lead to Multiple Therapeutics in Numerous Indications



# Lead Program Eftilagimod Alpha (IMP321)

# Eftilagimod alpha (IMP321) Soluble dimeric recombinant form of LAG-3

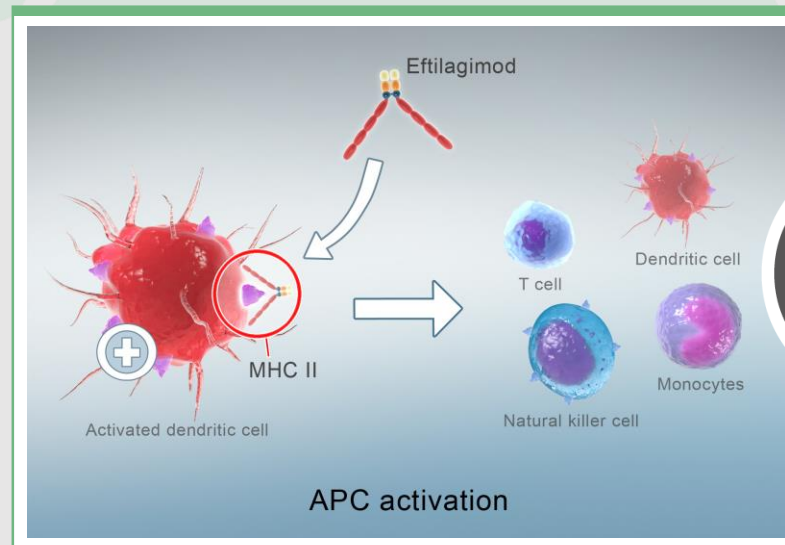


- **Soluble recombinant form of LAG-3**
- Human fusion protein
- Dimeric, very stable, high affinity for DC
- Antigen presenting cell (APC) activator
- **Unique and first-in-class**

# Efti - Innovative LAG-3 IO Product Candidate

- The only APC targeting LAG-3 product currently in clinical development
- A unique approach (“turning cold tumors into hot tumors” with an MHC II agonist)
- Synergistic with other IO agents

“PUSHING THE ACCELERATOR ON IMMUNE RESPONSES”

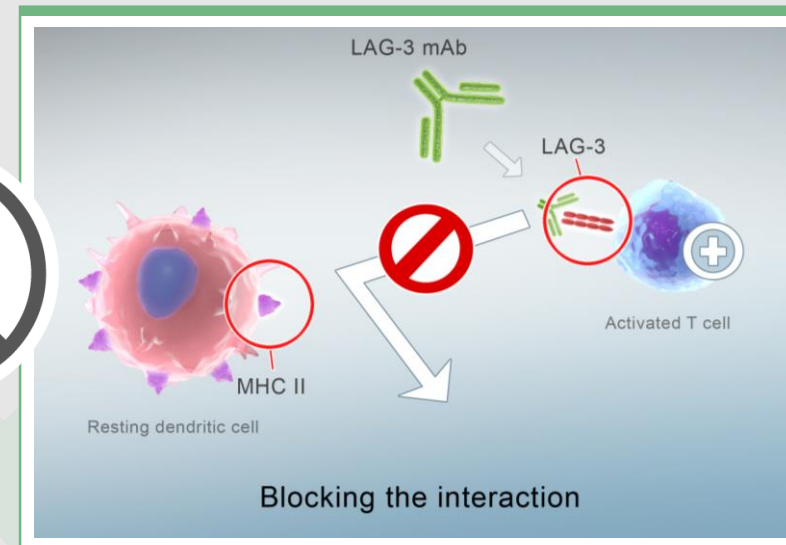


Efti, an MHC II **agonist** (eftilagimod alpha, IMP321) :

### APC activator

- Boost and sustain the CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses
- Activate multiple immune cell subsets

“RELEASING THE BRAKE ON THE T CELL”



LAG-3 antagonist antibodies:

### immune checkpoint inhibitor

- increase cytotoxicity of the pre-existing CD8 T cell response



# Efti (IMP321) - Areas of development

## Multiple strategies

- **Chemo-immunotherapy**

- Exploit the antigen debris from chemotherapy with an APC activator → Combination therapy with active agents such as Taxanes (e.g. Paclitaxel)

- **IO-IO combination**

- Exploit two immuno-oncology agents with complementary mode of action increasing response rate and durability and maybe overcoming resistance → combination with PD-1 or PD-L1 antagonists like pembrolizumab or avelumab

- **Cancer vaccine or *in situ* immunization**

- Stimulate the immune system locally → adjuvant to cancer vaccine or intra-tumoral injections

### Active clinical trials

AIPAC  
MBC study in Chinese pts  
(EOC)

TACTI-mel  
TACTI-002  
INSIGHT – Stratum D

Collaboration with  
Cytlimic  
INSIGHT - Stratum A+B

Efti has multiple shots on goal in different indications (6) and in different combinations (4)

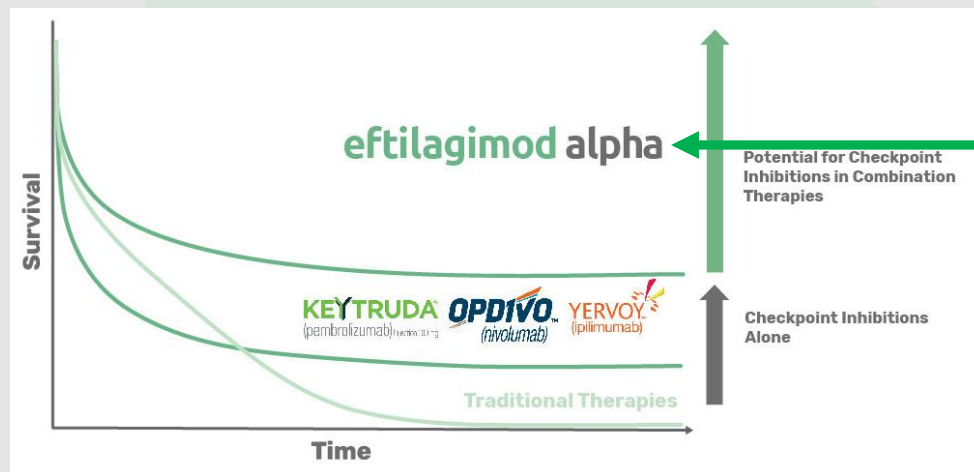
# Clinical Development Eftilagimod Alpha (IMP321)

*Approximately 70-80% of patients do not respond to anti-PD1 monotherapy.*

*How can we enable more efficacious T-cell responses?*

- Immunogenic cell death to liberate/uncover tumor antigens
- Cross-presentation of those antigens
- Recruitment of T cells into the tumor microenvironment
- Reversing the pathways driving a repressive tumor environment

*This could be achieved through the right APC activation*



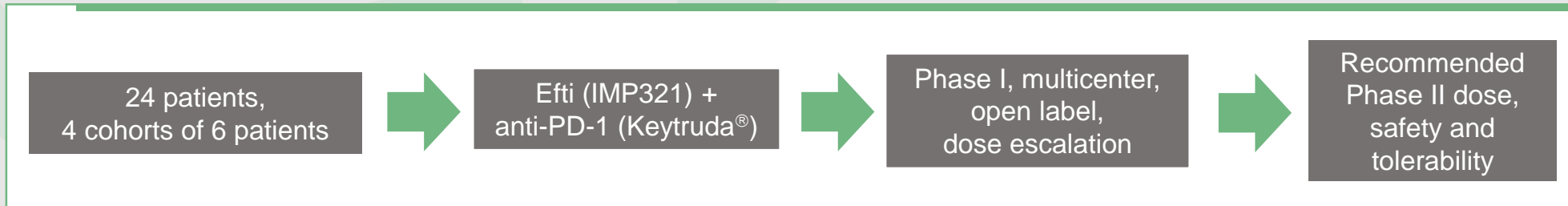
### APC activators:

- MHC II agonism
- TLR or STING agonism
- CD40 agonism
- Oncolytic viral therapies

# Efti (IMP321) in Melanoma

## TACTI-mel (IO combination) – Trial Design

TACTI-mel = Two Active Immunotherapeutics in melanoma



|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Primary Objective</b> | Recommended dose for Phase II with efti (IMP321) + pembrolizumab<br>Safety + tolerability |
| <b>Other Objectives</b>  | PK and PD of IMP321, response rate, time to next treatment, PFS                           |

- Part A: efti (IMP321) at 1, 6 and 30 mg s.c. every 2 weeks starting with cycle 5 of pembrolizumab
  - Part B: efti (IMP321) at 30 mg s.c. every 2 weeks starting with cycle 1 of pembrolizumab
- Status: recruitment completed
- Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®) 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks i.v. part A and B



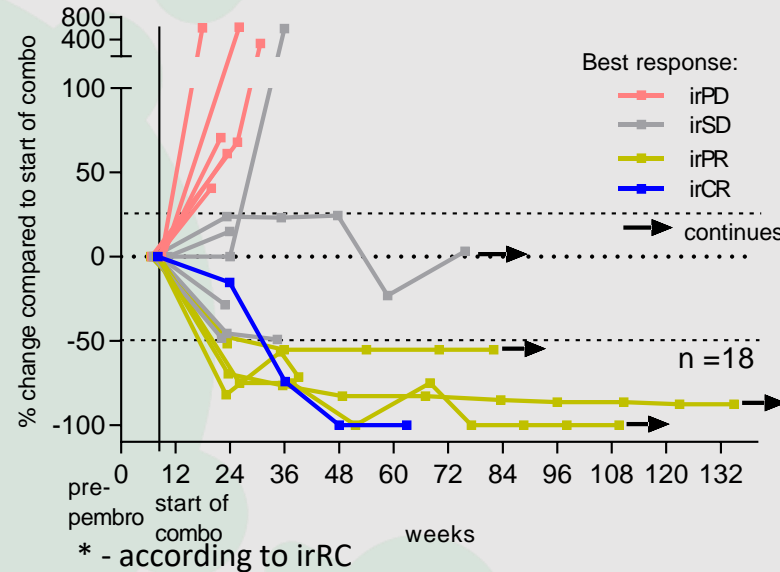
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## TACTI-mel (IO combination) – Results after Start of Combo (part A)

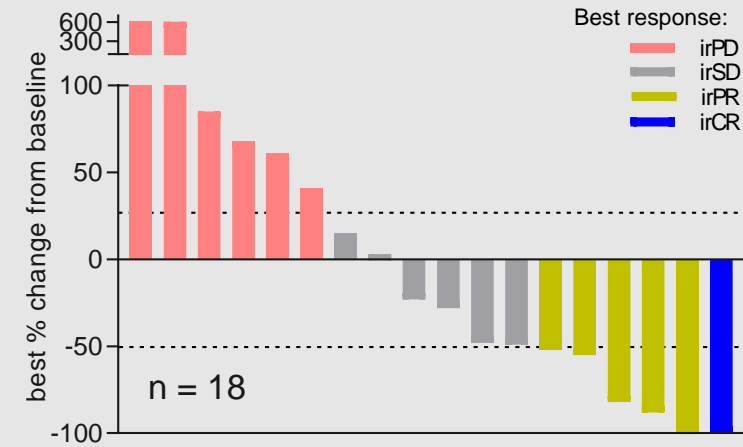
| Baseline Characteristics             | N = 18 (%)  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| ECOG 1 / 0                           | 22 % / 78 % |
| Elevated LDH                         | 7 (39%)     |
| Metastasis stage M1c                 | 14 (78 %)   |
| Pre-treated with BRAF/MEK/ipilimumab | 5 (28 %)    |

| Best Overall Response acc. to irRC      | N = 18 (%)       |
|---|------------------|
| irCR                                    | 1 (6 %)          |
| irPR#                                   | 5 (28 %)#        |
| irSD                                    | 6 (33 %)         |
| irPD                                    | 6 (33 %)         |
| <b>Best overall response rate (ORR)</b> | <b>6 (33 %)</b>  |
| <b>Patients with tumor shrinkage</b>    | <b>10 (56 %)</b> |
| <b>Disease control rate</b>             | <b>12 (66 %)</b> |

**Spider plot\* (starting with cycle 5 of pembrolizumab)**



**Waterfall plot\* (starting with cycle 5 of pembrolizumab)**



Exploratory analysis (C1D1 pembrolizumab):  
**ORR of 61 %**

- Patients with very late stage of disease (M1c, elevated LDH)
- Majority not responding to pembrolizumab  
→ Tumor shrinkage in 56 % of these patients incl. 2 pts with complete disappearance of all target lesions

# - incl. 1 pt with complete disappearance of all target lesions;  
CR acc. to RECIST 1.1

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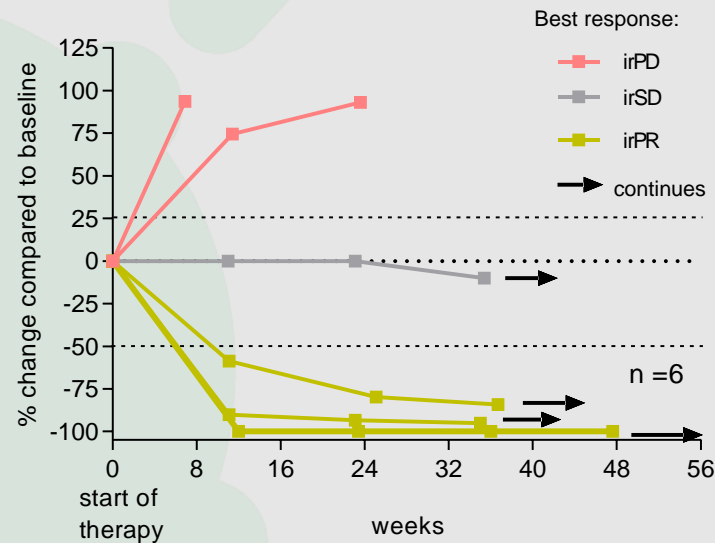
## TACTI-mel (IO combination) – Results part B

| Baseline Characteristics | N = 6 (%)           |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ECOG (0/1)               | 3 (50 %) / 3 (50 %) |
| Sex (f/m)                | 1 (13 %) / 5 (83 %) |
| Elevated LDH             | 5 (83%)             |
| Metastasis stage M1c     | 6 (100 %)           |

| Best Overall Response acc. to irRC      | N = 6 (%)       |
|---|-----------------|
| irCR                                    | 0 (0 %)         |
| irPR#                                   | 3 (50 %) #      |
| irSD                                    | 1 (13 %)        |
| irPD                                    | 2 (25 %)        |
| <b>Best overall response rate (ORR)</b> | <b>3 (50 %)</b> |
| <b>Patients with tumor shrinkage</b>    | <b>3 (50 %)</b> |
| <b>Disease control rate</b>             | <b>4 (66 %)</b> |

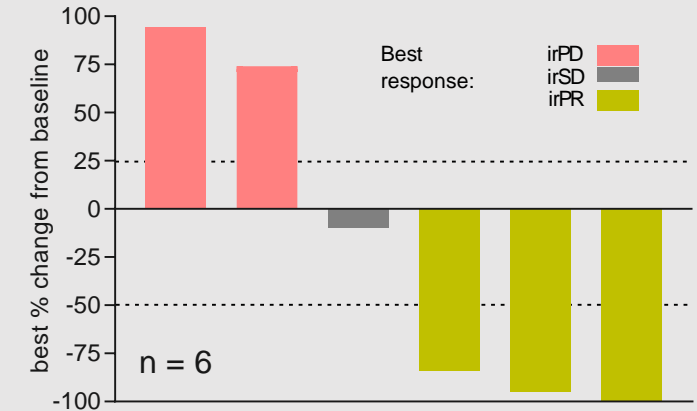
# - incl. 1 pt with complete disappearance of all target lesions

**Spider plot\* (part B)**

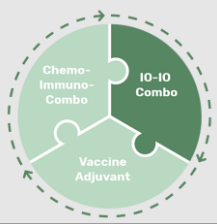


\* - acc to irRC

**Waterfall plot\* (part B)**



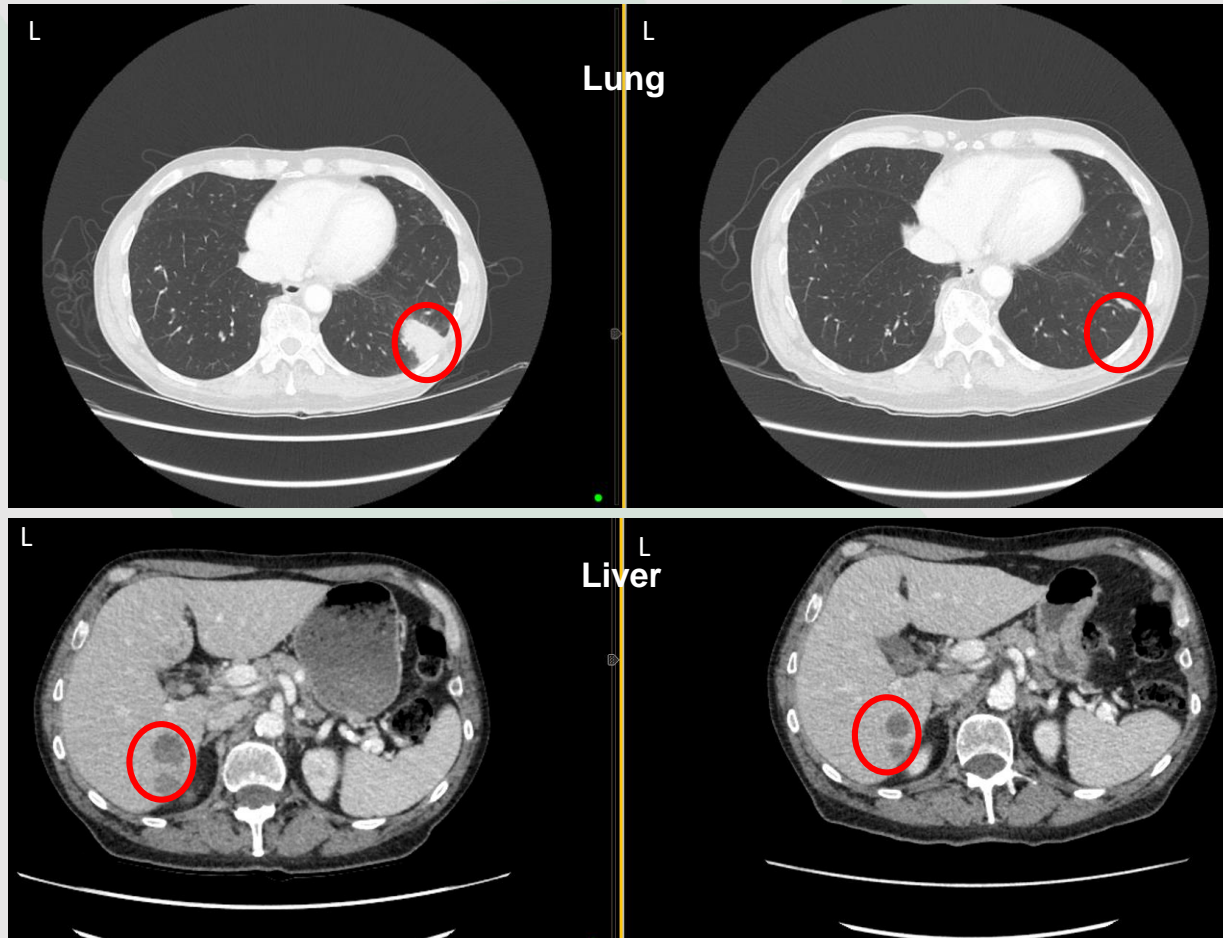
- All patients with very late stage of disease (M1c, elevated LDH)
- No DLTs or new safety signals
- Confirmed deep partial responses in 3 (50%) of the pts
- Treatment of 4 pts ongoing (currently 9+ months all)



# Efti (IMP321) in Melanoma TACTI-mel – Results Part B – Single Case

July 2018 (baseline)

January 2019 (6 months)



- 69 year old male
- Multiple lung, bone, liver and lymph node metastases from melanoma → **M1C stage**
- BRAF wild type
- ECOG 1

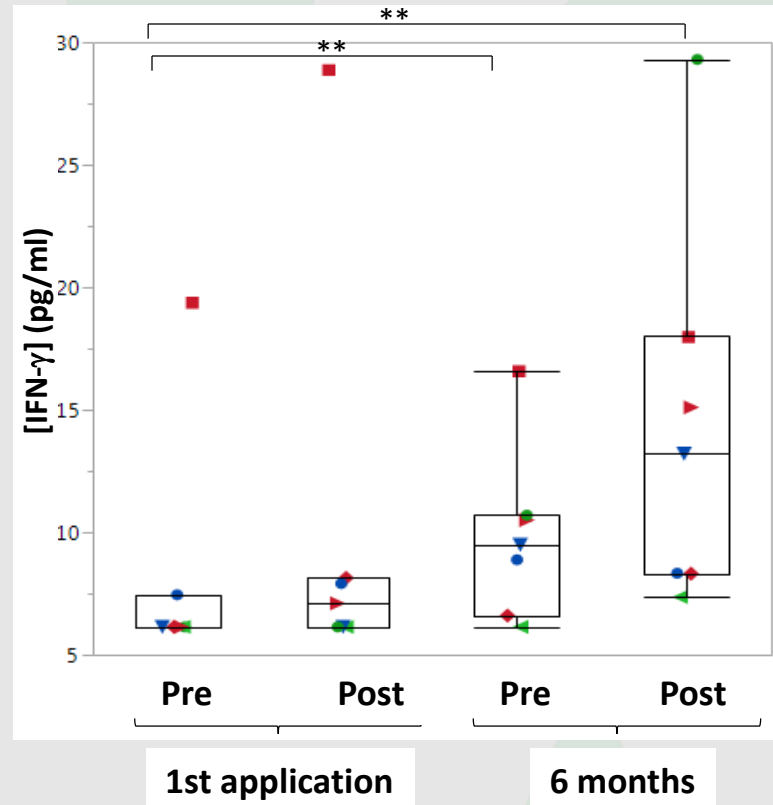
→ clear regression of lung and liver metastases → treatment continues (9+ months)

# Efti (IMP321) in Melanoma

## TACTI-mel (IO combination) – Blood Pharmacodynamics

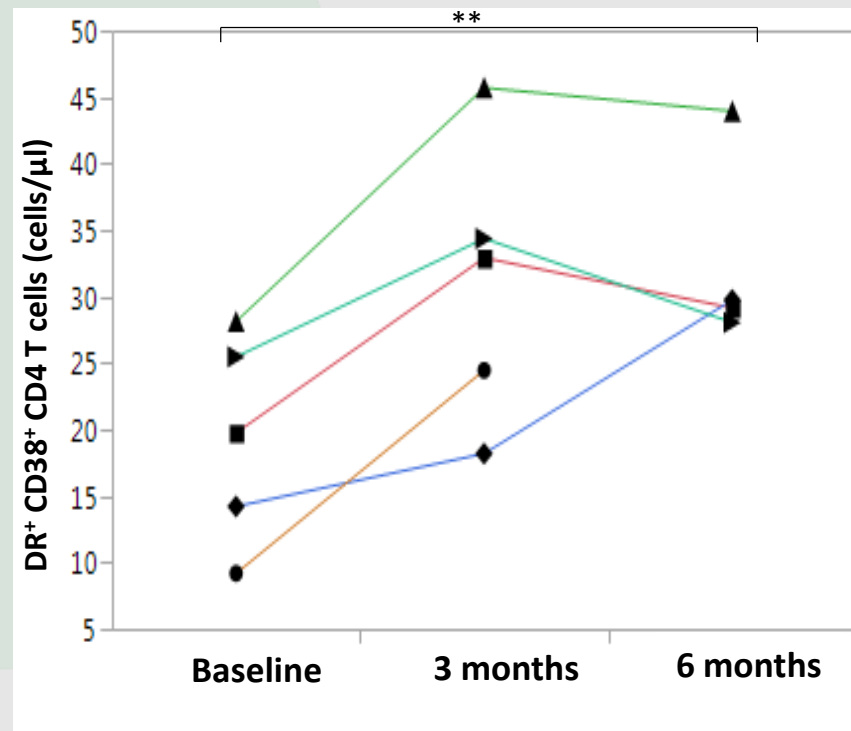
### Part A

IFN- $\gamma$  (not yet available for Part B)



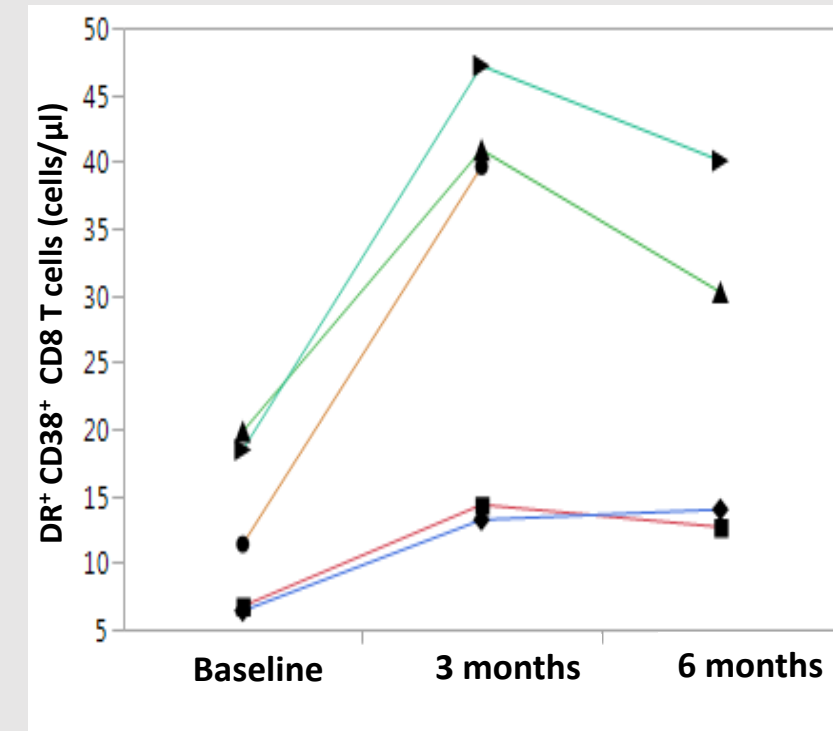
### Part B

Activated CD4 T cells



### Part B

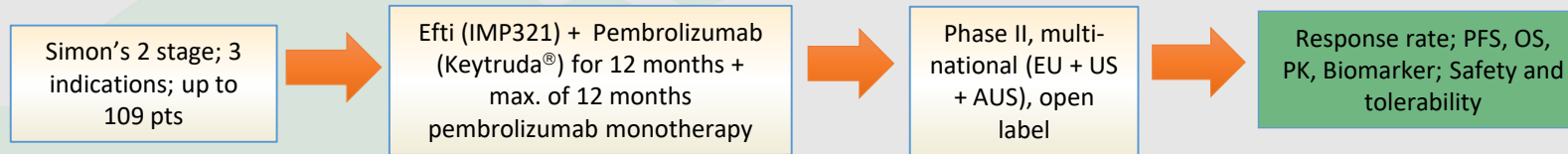
Activated CD8 T cells





# TACTI-002 Trial Design

## An umbrella trial: Two ACTIVE Immunotherapeutics in different indications



|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Primary Objective</b>  | Response rate (iRECIST)  |
| <b>Other Objectives</b>   | Safety, PFS+OS, PK, exploratory biomarker analysis   |
| <b>Patient Population</b> | Part A: 1 <sup>st</sup> line NSCLC PD-X naive<br>Part B: 2 <sup>nd</sup> line NSCLC, PD-X refractory<br>Part C: 2 <sup>nd</sup> line HNSCC, PD-X naive |
| <b>Treatment</b>          | 30 mg Efti (IMP321) s.c.<br>200 mg Pembrolizumab i.v.  |



13 sites in Europe / US / Australia

### Notes

NSCLC – non-small-cell lung cancer, HNSCC – head and neck squamous cell cancer, DMC – data monitoring committee, PFS – progression free survival, OS – overall survival, PK – pharmacokinetics, PD-X – any PD-1 or DL-1 treatment

# Thank you

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