

A soluble LAG-3 protein (eftilagimod alpha) with an anti-PD-1 antibody (pembrolizumab): results of a phase II study in NSCLC and HNSCC

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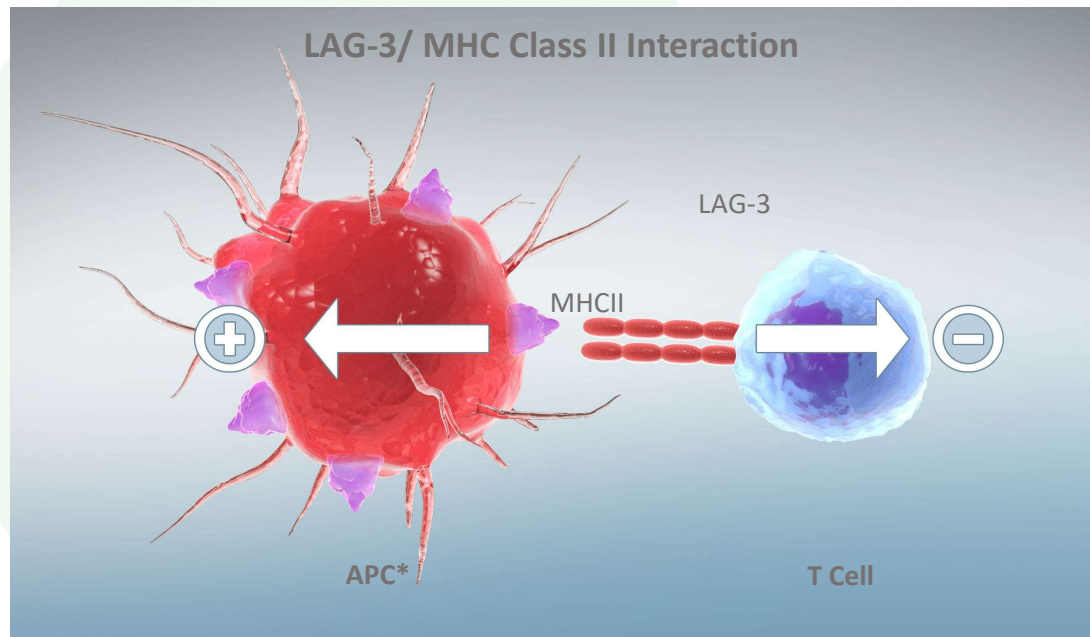
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LAG-3 as a Therapeutic Target

LAG-3 is widely expressed on tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) and cytotoxic T cells →
Prime target for an immune checkpoint blocker



→ **Positive regulation**
of antigen presenting
cells (APC) →
increase in antigen
presentation to
cytotoxic CD8⁺
T cells



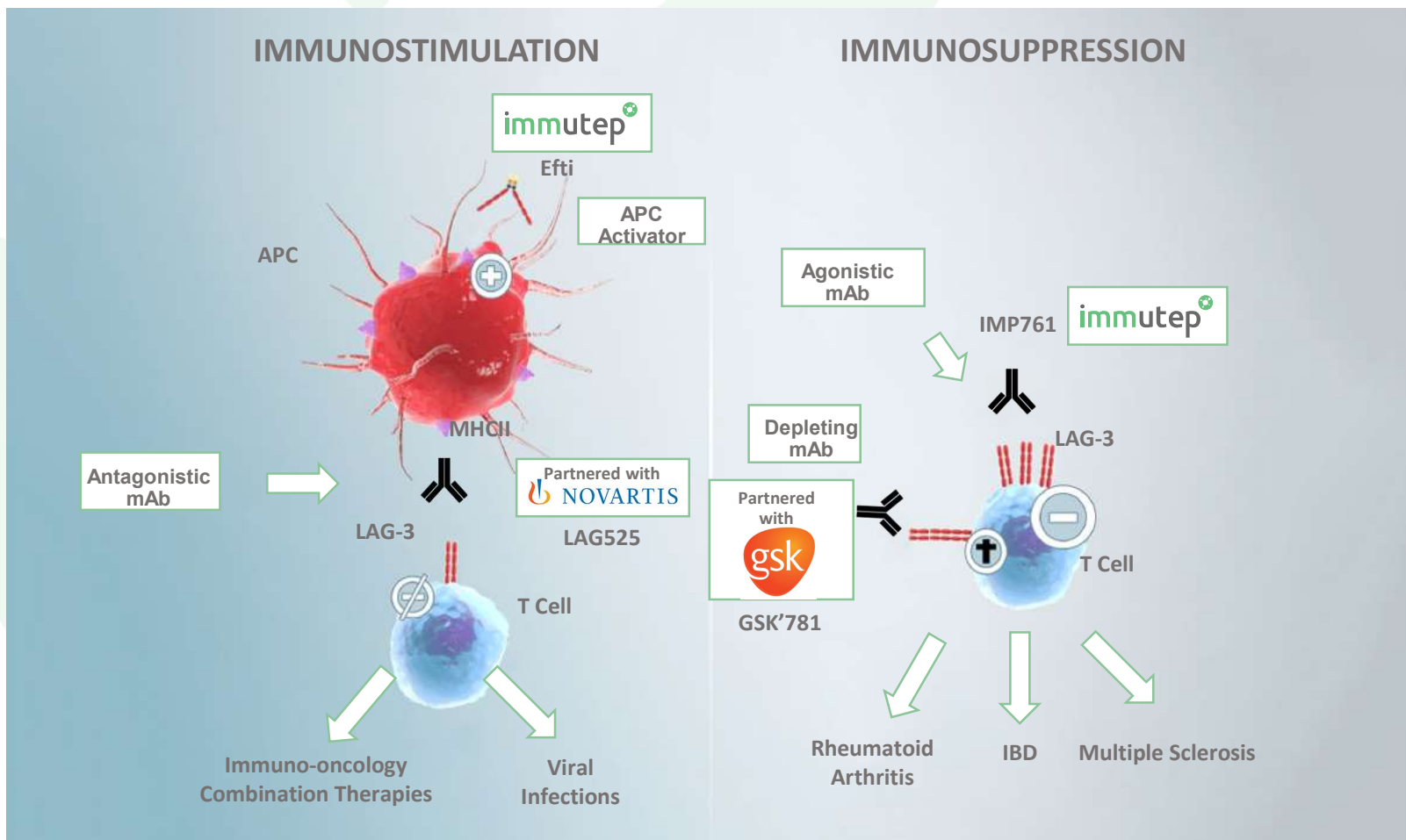
→ **Negative regulation**
of LAG-3⁺ T Cells

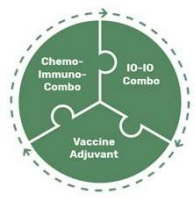


Notes:

* APC: antigen presenting cell

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



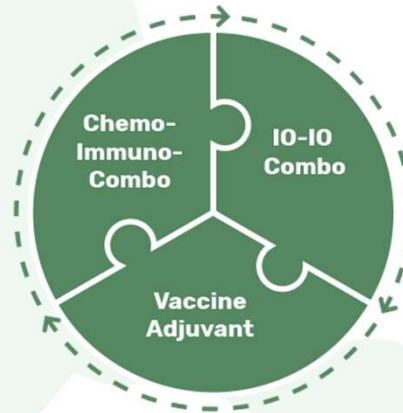


Opportunity for Eftilagimod Alpha

Efti has multiple shots on goal in different indications and in different combinations

- **Best-and-First-In-Class** MHCII agonist
- Good safety profile and encouraging efficacy data thus far
- Estimated favorable (low) cost of goods, current flat dosing and manufacturing process
- Potential for use in various combination settings – **potential pipeline in a product**

• *Late Stage European Phase IIb AIPAC (Immutep)*



- *Phase I TACTI-mel (Immutep)*
- *Phase II TACTI-002 (Immutep⁽¹⁾)*
- *Phase I INSIGHT – Stratum D (Immutep⁽²⁾)*

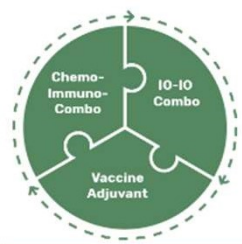
- *Phase I Solid Tumors (Cytlimic)*
- *Phase I INSIGHT - Stratum A+B (IKF⁽³⁾)*

Notes

- (1) In collaboration with Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA (known as MSD outside the United States and Canada) and in combination with KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab)
(2) In collaboration with Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany and Pfizer Inc. and in combination with BAVENCIO® (avelumab). This extension of INSIGHT is also referred to as INSIGHT-004
(3) INSIGHT Investigator Initiated Trial ("IIT") is controlled by lead investigator and therefore Immutep has no control over this clinical trial

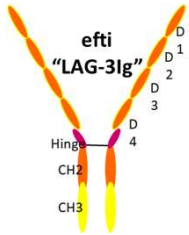
TACTI trials: Two ACTIVE Immunotherapies

“Pushing the gas on the APC
while releasing the brake on the T cell”



Eftilagimod alpha (efti)

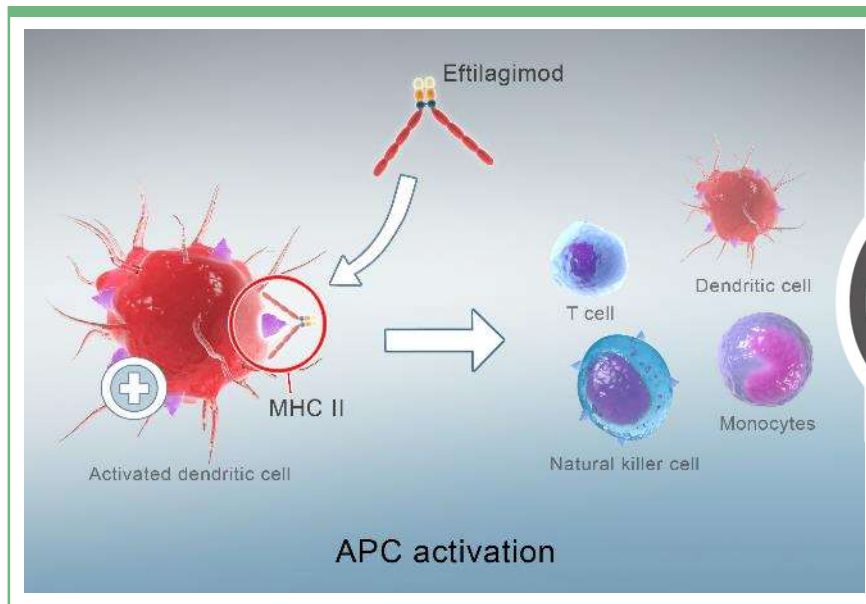
Innovative LAG-3 I-O Product Candidate



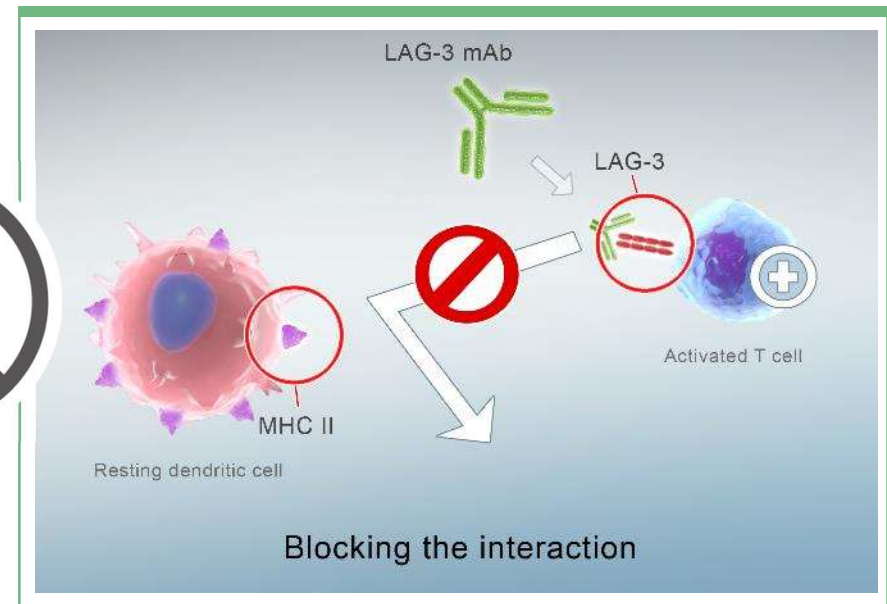
MoA: Efti is a soluble LAG-3 protein targeting a subset of MHC class II on APC to mediate antigen presenting cell (APC) and then CD8 T-cell activation.

Rationale: Efti activates APCs and leads to an increase in activated T cells which effect potentially reduces the number of non-responders to pembrolizumab.

“PUSHING THE ACCELERATOR ON IMMUNE RESPONSES”



“RELEASING THE BRAKE ON THE T CELL”



Efti is an **MHC II agonist**

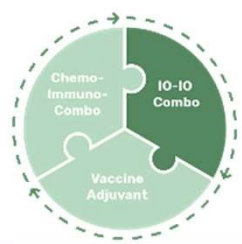
APC activator

- boost and sustain the CD8⁺ T cell responses
- activate multiple immune cell subsets

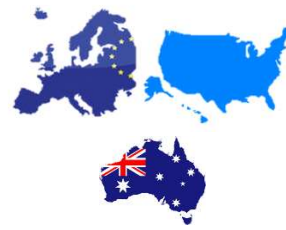
LAG-3 antagonist, or blocking, antibodies:

Immune checkpoint inhibitor

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



eftilagimod alpha TACTI-002



Trial Design + Introduction

- Phase II, multi-national, open label, PD-L1 (central assessment) all comer trial
- The study has a Simon's optimal two-stage design. During the first stage, N1 patients are recruited. Additional patients (N2) will be recruited for each part if the pre-specified threshold for ORR is met. In total, 109 patients planned
- In collaboration with Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD)

Eligibility

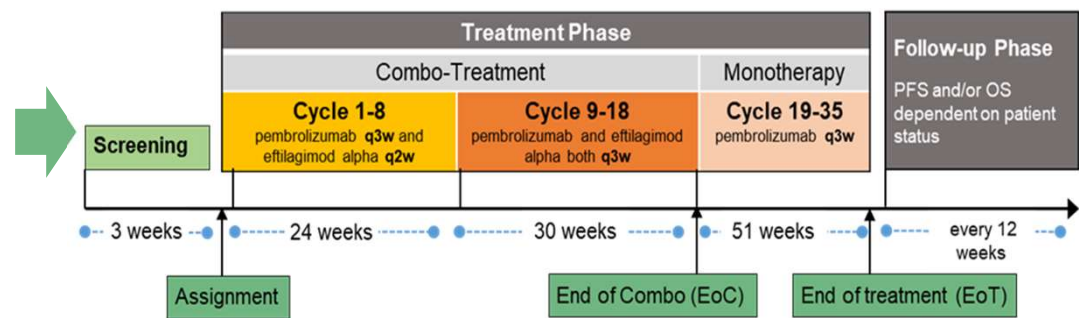
- Available tumor tissue
- ECOG 0-1
- Adequate organ functions
- **PD-L1 all comer***

Part A:
1st line NSCLC stage IIIB/IV, PD-X naïve, not eligible to EGFR/ALK therapy

Part B:
2nd line met. NSCLC, refractory for PD-1/PD-L1

Part C:
Incurable 2nd line met. HNSCC after platinum therapy

30 mg efiti SC + 200 mg pembrolizumab IV for 12 months + pembrolizumab alone for another 12 months



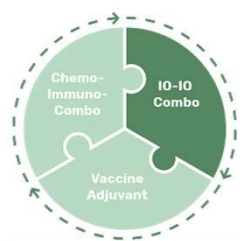
Legend: 1 cycle = 3 weeks; q2w – every 2 weeks, q3w every 3 weeks

Primary Objective:
Overall Response Rate (iRECIST)

Secondary:
PFS, OS, PK, biomarker, PD, safety and tolerability

Reported here: Safety all parts, initial efficacy Part A and part C stage 1

* - assessed centrally



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Results¹ – all parts

Exposure and Safety

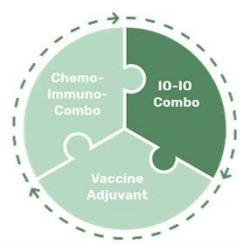
Summary

- In total, 88 pts were enrolled in all three parts and all stages until data cut-off¹.
- Pts received median 5.5 (range 1-22) efti injections and median of 4 (range 1-25) pembrolizumab infusions
- 27 pts (30.7%) had ≥ 1 SAE
- 42 pts (47.7%) had 1 TEAE \geq grade 3
- 12 fatal TEAEs were reported – all unrelated to both study drugs
- 3 TEARs leading to permanent discontinuation of treatment (drug induced hepatitis G4; ALT & AST elevation G3; diarrhoea G1)
- Injection site reactions (all G1) were reported related to efti

TEAEs occurred in $\geq 10\%$ of pts (N=88 in total)

Adverse event (PT)	Any Grade N (%)	Grade 3 N (%)	Grade 4 N (%)
Asthenia	25 (28.4)	2 (2.3)	-
Cough	24 (27.3)	1 (1.1)	-
Decreased appetite	19 (21.6)	-	-
Dyspnoea	18 (20.5)	7 (8.0)	1 (1.1)
Fatigue	16 (18.2)	1 (1.1)	-
Diarrhoea	13 (14.8)	1 (1.1)	-
Pruritus	12 (13.6)	-	-
Constipation	11 (12.5)	1 (1.1)	-
Back pain	11 (12.5)	-	-
Anaemia	10 (11.4)	1 (1.1)	-
Musculoskeletal pain	10 (11.4)	-	-

No new safety signals observed thus far



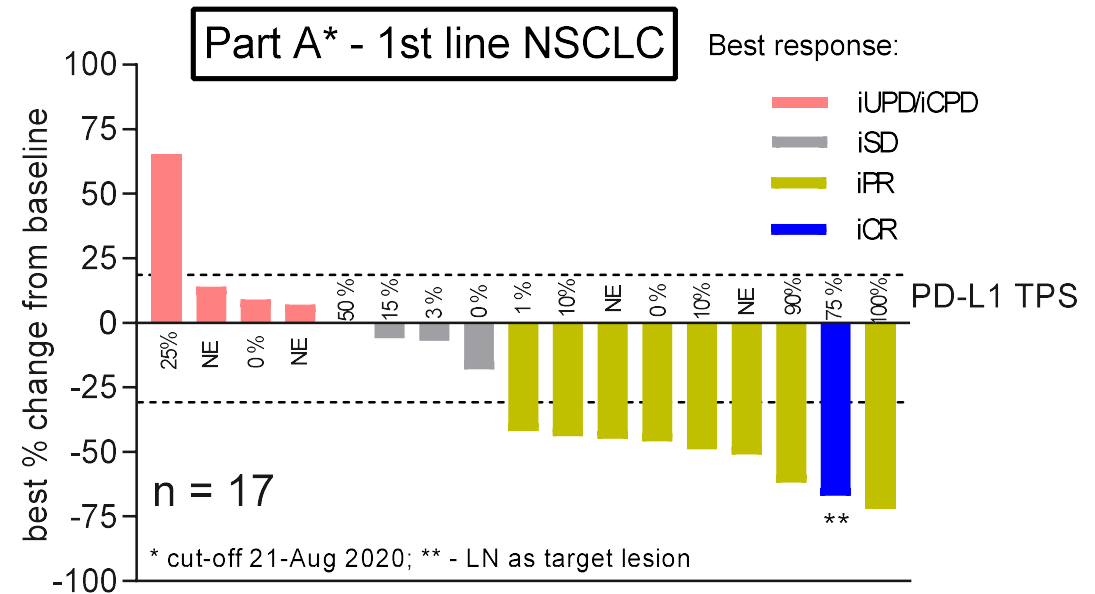
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Results¹ - 1st line NSCLC (part A, stage 1)

Responses and Waterfall plot

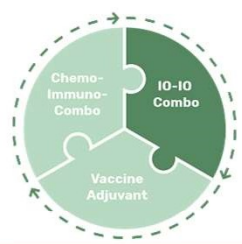
- 52.9 % iORR acc. to iRECIST in this PD-L1 all comer trial
- Responses in all PD-L1 subgroups

Tumor response - iBOR as per iRECIST	N (%) Total (N=17)
Complete Response (iCR)	1 (5.9)
Partial Response (iPR)	8 (47.1)
Stable Disease (iSD)	4 (23.5)
Progressive Disease (iPD)	4 (23.5)
Objective Response Rate (iORR)	9 (52.9) 95 % CI [27.8 – 77.0]
Disease Control Rate (iDCR)	14 (76.5)



- Responses in all PD-L1 subgroups
- 8/9 iPR confirmed
- 12/17 (71 %) patients with target lesion decrease
- 5/7 iPR with NSQ; 4/10 with SQ

Patients by PD-L1 category	No. of Responses	No of pts
Low (< 1 %)	1	3
Medium (1-49 %)	3	6
High (≥ 50 %)	3	4
Not evaluable	2	4
Overall	9	17



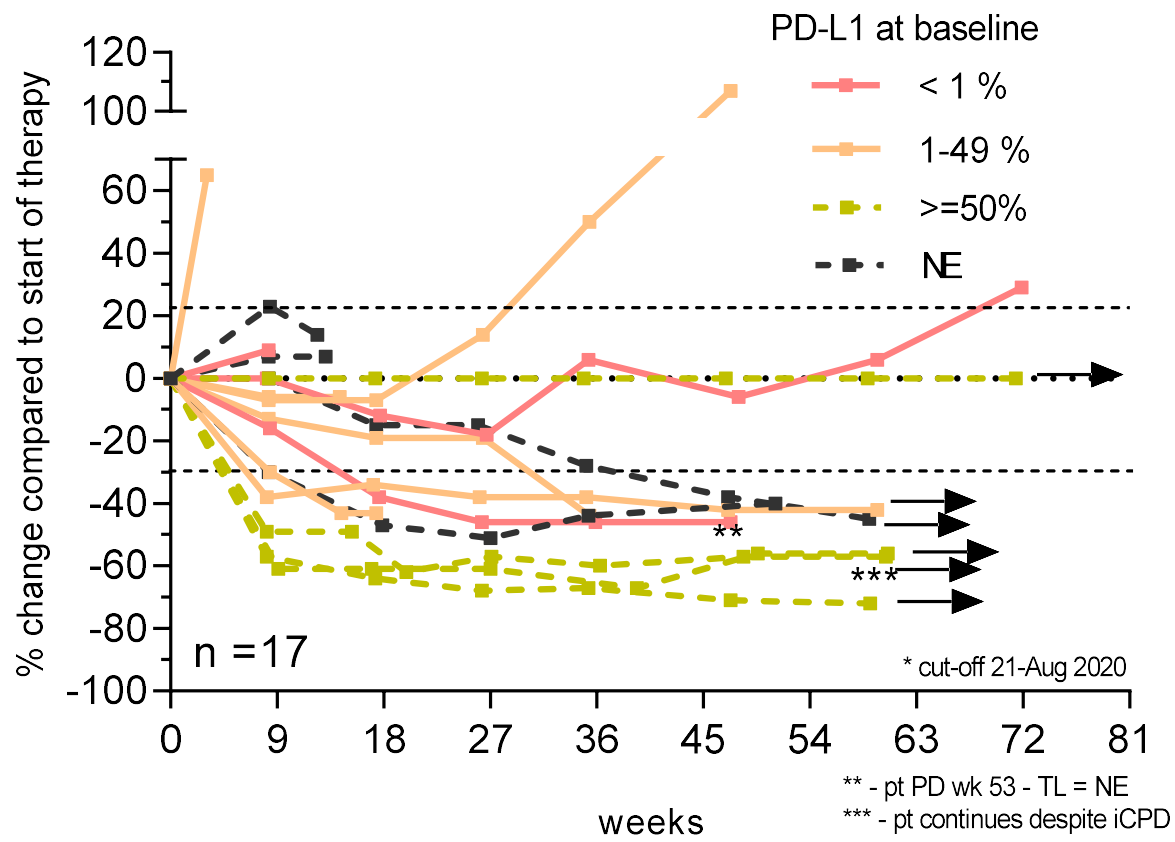
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Results¹ - 1st line NSCLC (part A, stage 1)

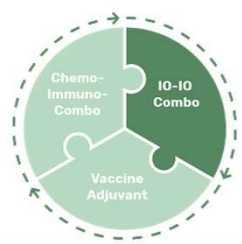
Spiderplot

→ At data cut-off 6 pts (35 %) still under treatment (12+ months)

Part A* - 1st line NSCLC



- 2 late responders at 8 / 11 months
- 6 pts (35%) still under therapy at 12+ months



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Results¹ – 2nd line HNSCC (part C, stage 1)

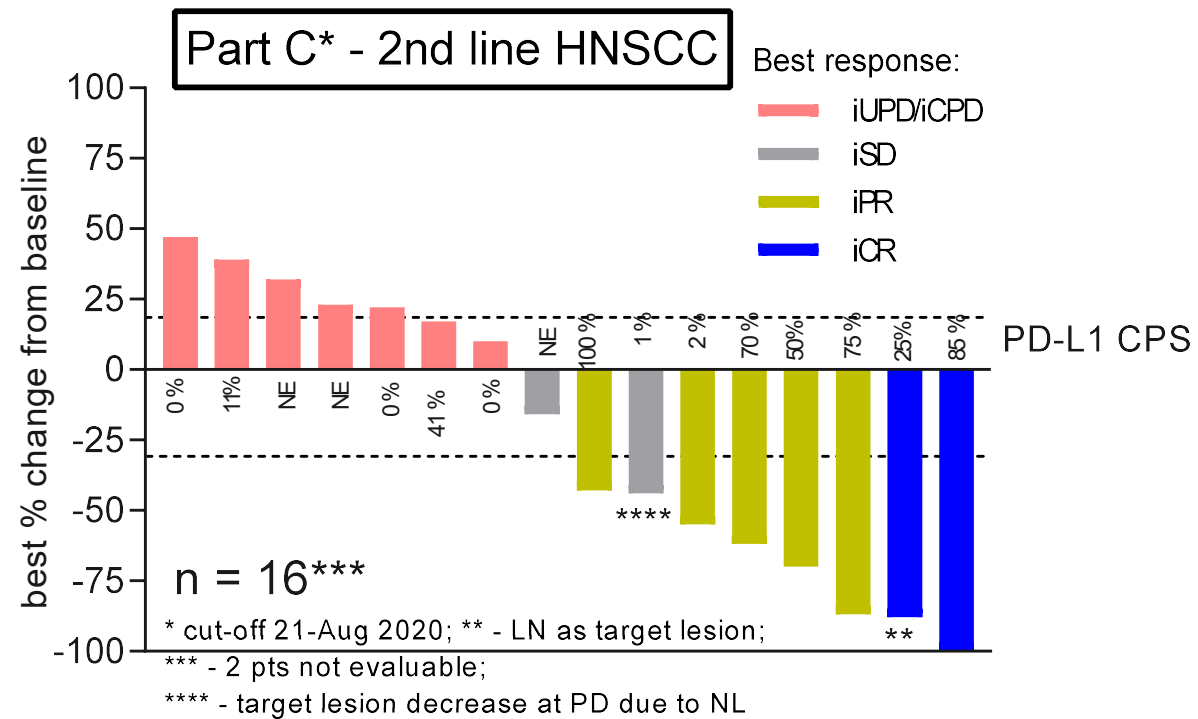
Responses and Waterfall plot

→ Initial iORR of 39 % in this PD-L1 all comer HNSCC 2nd line patients

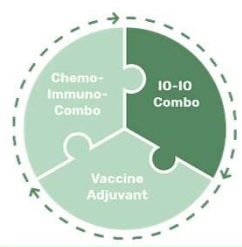
- 18 patients enrolled, treated and evaluated (16 with ≥ 1 post baseline scan)

Tumor response - as per iRECIST	N (%) Total (N=18)
Complete Response (iCR)	2 (11.1)
Partial Response (iPR)	5 (27.8)
Stable Disease (iSD)	2 (11.1)
Progressive Disease (iUPD/iCPD)	7 (38.9)
Not Evaluable*	2 (11.1)
Objective Response Rate (iORR) [95 % CI interval]	7 (38.9) [17.3 – 64.3]
Disease Control Rate (iDCR)	9 (50.0 %)
<i>iORR – evaluable pts only</i>	<i>43.8 %</i>

* - dropped out prior to first restaging



- 6 responses confirmed, 1 pt dropped out with iCPD all other on therapy
- 1 confirmed PR with < 20 % CPS



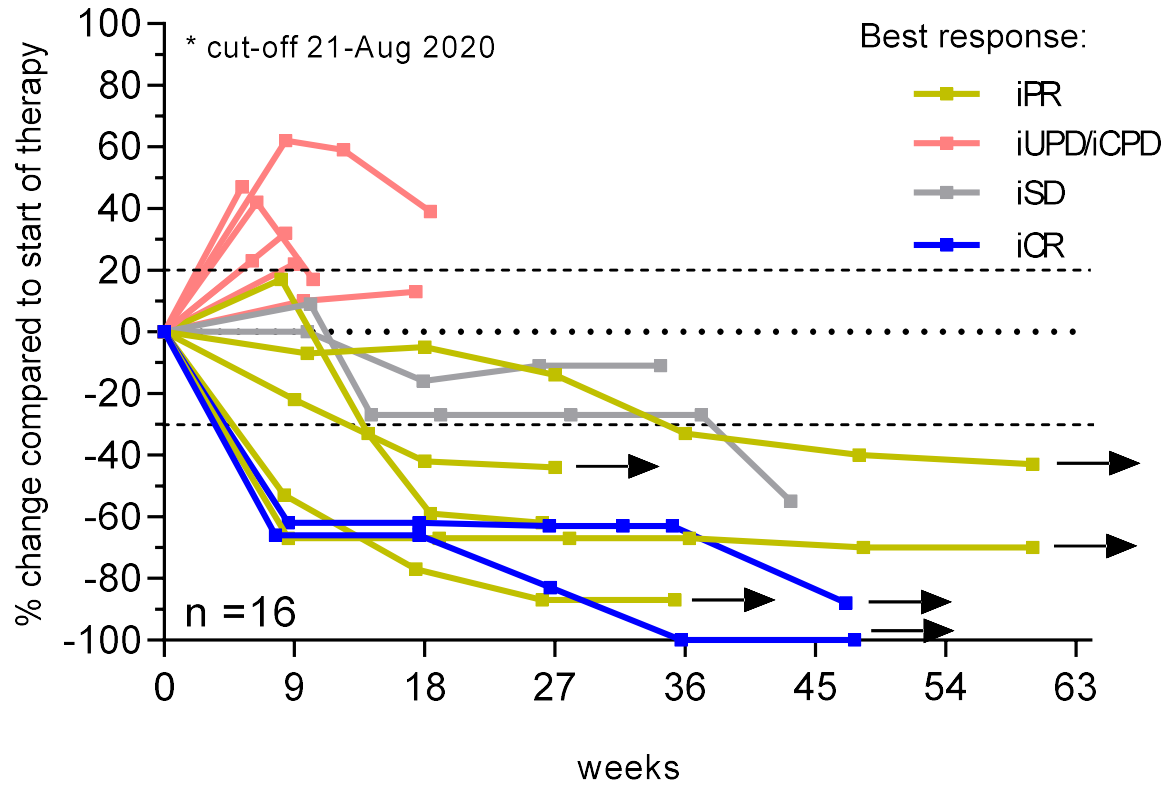
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Results¹ – 2nd line HNSCC (part C, stage 1)

Spiderplot

→ At cut-off 8 pts (44 %) still under therapy - HNSCC 2nd line patients

Part C* - 2nd line HNSCC



- 1 iPR after pseudoprogression
- 1 iPR very late at 8 months
- Responses getting deeper over time

Thank you

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