

IL1RAP as a target for antibody therapy in oncology and inflammation

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I. INTRODUCTION

Targeting IL1RAP and relevance in cancer



- IL1RAP is an essential part of the IL-1 receptor complex
- IL1RAP is an inflammatory protein expressed by tumor cells and by tumor-supporting cells in the tumor vicinity
- IL1RAP is involved in chronic tumor inflammation and promotes tumor growth and immune suppression – both on tumor cells and on tumor-supporting cells
- IL1RAP is involved in tumor cell survival and resistance to therapeutic interventions



Nadunolimab (CAN04) – Mechanism of action



CAN04 BLOCKS BOTH FORMS OF IL-1 AND CAN ERADICATE CELLS MEDIATING THE EFFECTS OF IL-1

Note: ADCC = Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity. CAF = Cancer-Associated Fibroblast. NK = Natural Killer. MCP = Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein. MMP = Matrix Metallopeptidase. IL = Interleukin. VEGF = Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor



IL1RAP expression in solid tumors



IL1RAP

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NSCLC biopsy CANFOUR, IL1RAP staining

IL1RAP IS EXPRESSED BROADLY IN SOLID TUMORS

NSCLC – non-small cell lung cancer HNSCC – head and neck squamous carcinoma

IL1RAP expression in solid tumors



IL1RAP is expressed by:

- tumor cells
- cells in the tumor microenvironment:
 - cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAF)
 - tumor-associated macrophages (TAM)
 - \circ monocytes
 - \circ neutrophils
 - endothelial cells

IL1RAP-expressing cells react to IL1 α or IL1 β in the tumor microenvironment



The pancreatic tumor microenvironment in vitro

Human pancreatic cancer cells cultured with human cancer associated fibroblasts



CROSS-TALK BETWEEN CANCER CELLS AND STROMAL CELLS INVOLVE BOTH FORMS OF IL-1 CAN04 TREATMENT HAS MAJOR IMPACT ON TUMOR CELL-INDUCED REPROGRAMMING OF CAF-S



Inhibition of pancreatic tumor growth by CAN04

Tumor growth in a CAF-PDAC xenograft model of human pancreatic cancer



INHIBITION OF TUMOR CELL GROWTH BY CAN04 MEDIATED BY CAF-S

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The IL-1 system is induced by chemotherapy



- Chemotherapy induces cell killing and IL1α upregulation in tumor cells
- 2. IL1 β is induced in the tumor stroma
- 3. IL1 α and IL1 β mediates chemoresistance



The IL-1 system is induced by chemotherapy

Immunohistochemistry of tumor tissue in a NSCLC patient-derived xenograft model



IL-1 α is upregulated in tumor cells after chemotherapy and Interleukin 1 β -converting enzyme (ICE/Caspase-1) in the tumor stroma



CAN04 increases the efficacy of chemotherapy

Tumor growth in a NSCLC patient-derived xenograft model



CAN04 increases efficacy of chemotherapy regimens and counteracts weight loss



mCANO4 targets metastatic niches and counteracts lung metastases in the IL1RAP low/neg 4T1 and B16 syngeneic models



Days post inoculation

Orthotopic implantation of 4T1 TNBC cells mCAN04 is an anti-murine IL1RAP CAN04 surrogate antibody Intravenous injection of B16 melanoma cells, n=10 mice



Summary

- CAN04 (nadunolimab) blocks IL1 α /IL1 β signaling and induces antibody-mediated cell killing of IL1RAP-expressing cells
- IL1RAP is broadly expressed in solid tumors, both on tumor cells and in tumor stroma
- CAN04 targets both tumor cells and components of the tumor stroma
- Chemotherapy activates the IL1 α/β -system in the tumor microenvironment
- CAN04 and chemotherapy act in synergy to inhibit tumor growth
- CAN04 can target metastatic niches and counteract metastases





II. CLINICAL TRIALS AND RESULTS

Cantargia – Opportunity to save lives and create value



Potentially more effective treatment against novel target in clinically validated pathway

First in class platform technology against novel target



Right team and clear plan to position our projects and maximize value



Positive data in pancreatic cancer

CAN04 in combination with 1st line gem/abraxane:

- Durable responses observed (median DOR 6.8 mo, 27% response rate)
- Important finding of pseudoprogression-like response in 5 (15%) patients predicting long PFS.
- Promising PFS (7.8 mo) and OS (12.6 mo, 42 % events), seven patients still on treatment



EXTENSION PHASE TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON VARIOUS DOSE LEVELS ONGOING DURABLE RESPONSES AND PSEUDPROGRESSION LEADS TO LONG PFS

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Patients with Pseudoprogression-like response



PSEUDOPROGRESSION VERY UNCOMMON IN PANCREATIC CANCER INDICATE IMMUNE RELATED MECHANISM OF CAN04 LEADING TO LONG TERM BENEFIT

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CAN04/GN in PDAC safety summary and benchmark

Grade 3 or higher AEs	Gem/Abraxane (von Hoff, 2013) N=421	CANFOUR CAN04/GN N=36	FOLFIRINOX (Conroy 2011) N=171
Neutropenia	38%	67%	46%
Febrile neutropenia	3%	17%	5%
Thrombocytopenia	13%	19%	9%
Anemia	13%	14%	8%
Fatigue	17%	6%	24%
Peripheral neuropathy	17%	0%	9%
Diarrhea	6%	3%	13%
Elevated ALT	ND	3%	7%
IRR	ND	3%	ND

The beneficial effect in fatigue and chemotherapyinduced neuropathy² (nabpaclitaxel or oxaliplatin) can be mediated by IL-1 blockade.

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- G-CSF not used proactively/prophylactically in this trial. In later trials, G-CSF counteracts neutropenia.
- Median duration of treatment 4.8 months (reference 3.9 months)
- Most common reasons for termination: gastrointestinal events or general health deterioration

WITHOUT PROACTIVE USE OF G-CESF, NEUTROPENIA AND FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA HIGHER THAN CHEMOTHERAPY ALONE NEUROPATHY AND FATIGUE LOWER THAN EXPECTED FROM CHEMOTHERAPY

Tumor shrinkage – NSCLC combination



- \rightarrow CAN04 in combination with gem/cis in 1st line chemotherapy
- 6 of 9 evaluable patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) showed objective response including 1 complete response (67% vs historical control data 22–28%)
- \rightarrow The complete response has lasted more than 1 year
- 5 patients were second line to pembrolizumab monotherapy,
 4 patients first line
- No major side effects observed except those from chemotherapy or CAN04 alone. Neutropenia frequency higher than expected from chemo (treated with dose reductions/GCSF)



POSITIVE INTERIM DATA, RECRUITMENT CONTINUE FOR PRIMARY ANALYSIS, INTERIM DATA PLANNED FOR Q3 2021 BROADENING OF NSCLC DEVELOPMENT INTO ADDITIONAL MARKET SEGMENTS



Nadunolimab clinical development status

Study	Indication	CAN04 combination	Status	Planned milestone(s)
CANFOUR	NSCLC	Gemcitabine/cisplatin	Recruitment ongoing,	Results planned for Q3 2021
	PDAC	Gemcitabine/nab- paclitaxel	Extension phase ongoing. (Dosing schedule, lower doses, G-CSF)	Main study interim results presented 20 May LPI extension phase expected Q3 2021 Results update H2 2021
CIRIFOUR	NSCLC, HNSCC, melanoma, bladder cancer	Pembrolizumab	Recruitment ongoing	LPI Q3 2021 Results H2 2021
CAPAFOUR	PDAC	mFOLFIRINOX	Recruiting	FPI Aug 2021 (estimated)
TRIFOUR	TNBC	Gemcitabine/carboplatin	Submitted	FPI Nov 2021 (estimated)
CESTAFOUR	Colorectal cancer	mFOLFOX	Submitted	FPI Sep 2021 (estimated)
	Biliary tract cancer	Gemcitabin/Cisplatin	Submitted	FPI Sep 2021 (estimated)
	NSCLC	Docetaxel	Submitted	FPI Sep 2021 (estimated)

DEVELOPMENT ADVANCING TOWARDS LATE STAGE IN PDAC AND NSCLC PARALLEL BROADENING TO NEW SEGMENTS AND DISEASES





III. TARGETING IL1RAP IN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

CAN10 – New development project

- ightarrow IL1RAP binding antibody potently blocking IL-1, IL-33 and IL-36
- Unique anti-inflammatory activity observed in different mouse models (myocarditis, psoriasis, inflammation)
- → Development focusing on unmet medical need in systemic sclerosis and myocarditis. Disease selection in collaboration with experts based on scientific rational, medical need, development opportunity and competition
- ightarrow Clinical trials start early 2022



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CAN10 IDENTIFIED IN LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES



IL1RAP inhibition is a potent strategy to block inflammation

MSU-induced peritonitis (i.p. injection with MSU-crystals, measure cells and cytokines after 6h)





...in a way that is not recapitulated by IL1 α/β blockade alone

MSU, monosodium urate IL1RA/anakinra, blocks IL1 α/β signaling



IL1RAP inhibition modulates local and systemic inflammation

IMQ-induced Psoriasis (topical daily administration of IMQ, biweekly i.p treatment with ab or daily topical with dex)





- Skin inflammation involves IL1, IL33 and IL36
- Experiments performed to study inhibition of local and systemic inflammation by systemic antibody
- CAN10 is a feasible treatment for skin inflammation



IMQ, imiquimod

mCAN10 improves heart function in experimental autoimmune myocarditis







IV. SUMMARY

Targeting IL1RAP is a novel strategy in treatment of cancer and autoimmune/inflammatory disease

CAN04 (Nadunolimab)

- ightarrow In phase II clinical development with lead indications NSCLC and PDAC
- ightarrow Early clinical results in combination with chemotherapy are encouraging
- → Several clinical trials ongoing or starting broadening the development
- ightarrow Can function through
 - ADCC and IL-1 blockade
 - Counteracting immune suppression in tumor microenvironment
 - Synergy with chemotherapy
 - Counteracts metastases

CAN10

- → Developed for autoimmune/inflammatory disease
- ightarrow Myocarditis and systemic sclerosis lead indications
- → Blocks IL-1, IL-33 and II-36 signaling through IL1RAP
- \rightarrow Plan initiation of clinical trial early 2022

