## The Evolution of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

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# Advantages of Immunotherapy for Cancer Therapy

• Specificity

• Memory

Adaptability

## **Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1**



## PD-L1 Immunohistochemistry (5H1)







A. PDL1 + tumor with B. PDL1 + tumor TILS

C. Control antibody

- Which antibody •
- Which cells •
- Which tumor (heterogeneity) •
- When in the course of a patient's disease course •



 Cancer cells develop many mutations that can make them appear foreign to the immune system





 T cells can recognize, attack and kill these "foreign" cancer cells



Chen DS, Irving BA, Hodi FS. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2012;18:6580.





 Cancer cells can evade immune attack by expressing PD-L1

#### Adaptive Tumor Expression of PD-L1

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PD-L1 plays an important role in dampening the anti-tumor immune response



## PD1 vs. PDL1 Blockade



# Are there differences in Activity/Toxicity among agents

- Binding Affinity
- Different targets
- Antibody Isotype (IgG4 vs IgG1 vs engineered)
- ADCC
- Anti PD1 vs anti PDI1

## Programmed Death Receptor 1 (PD1)/ B7-H1 Pathway



#### **Tumor Volume Increase Due to Lymphocyte Infiltration**





Ribas et al., Clin Cancer Res 2009; 15:7116–8

### Nivolumab (Anti-PD-1; BMS-936558; ONO-4538) in Patients With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): Overall Survival and Long-term Safety in a Phase 1 Trial

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# Efficacy of Nivolumab Monotherapy in Patients (N=129) with NSCLC

Dose mg/kg	ORR <sup>a,b</sup> % (n/N)	Estimated Median DOR Weeks (Range)	Stable Disease Rate ≥24 Wks % (n/N)	Median PFS Months (95% CI)	Median OS Months (95% CI)
All	17.1	74.0	10.1	2.3	9.9
doses	(22/129)	(6.1+, 133.9+)	(13/129)	(1.9, 3.7)	(7.8, 12.4)
1	3.0	63.9	15.2	1.9	9.2
	(1/33)	(63.9, 63.9)	(5/33)	(1.8, 3.6)	(5.3, 11.1)
3	24.3	74.0	8.1	1.9	14.9
	(9/37)	(16.1+, 133.9+)	(3/37)	(1.7, 12.5)	(7.3, NE)
10	20.3	83.1	8.5	3.6	9.2
	(12/59)	(6.1+, 132.7+)	(5/59)	(1.9, 3.8)	(5.2, 12.4)

CI = confidence interval, DOR = duration of response; NE = not estimable; ORR = objective response rate; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival

<sup>a</sup>Tumors and responses were assessed after each cycle per modified RECIST v1.0.

<sup>b</sup>All efficacy analyses based on data collected as of September 2013

- Durable responses were observed; responses are ongoing in 45% of patients (10/22)
- Higher ORRs observed at 3 and 10 mg/kg nivolumab doses relative to 1 mg/kg dose
- Rapid responses; 50% of patients (11/22) demonstrating response at first assessment (8 weeks)
- 7/16 responders who discontinued for reasons other than disease progression responded for ≥16 wks; 6/7 remain in response
- 6 patients with unconventional "immune-related" responses were not included as responders

## Anti-PD-1 Therapy Pre/Post MDX 1106 (Dec / Feb '10)



- 66 y/o ex smoker with KRAS mutant adenocarcinoma of the lung
- 5 prior treatments for Stage IV disease
- RUQ abdominal pain, anorexia and fatigue resolved within 2 months
- Duration of response: 10 months

## **Duration of Response and Overall Survival**



## Drug-Related Select Adverse Events (≥1%) Occurring in NSCLC Patients (N=129) Treated with Nivolumab<sup>a</sup>

- No new safety signals emerging, with all patients now having ≥1 year of follow-up
- Select AE definition: AE with potential immunologic etiologies that require more frequent monitoring and/or unique intervention
- Drug-related pneumonitis (any grade) occurred in 8 NSCLC patients (6%);
   3 patients (2%) with NSCLC had grade 3-4 pneumonitis of which 2 cases were fatal

Cotogony	Treatment-related Select AE, % (n)				
Category	Any Grade % (n)	Grade 3-4 % (n)			
Any treatment-related select AE	41 (53)	5 (6)			
Skin	16 (20)	0			
Gastrointestinal	12 (15)	1 (1)			
Pulmonary	7 (9)	2 (3)			
Endocrinopathies	6 (8)	0			
Hepatic	5 (6)	1 (1)			
Infusion reaction	4 (5)	1 (1)			
Renal	3 (4)	0			

<sup>a</sup>Safety data based on a March 2013 analysis

#### Phase 3 Study of Nivolumab Compared to Docetaxel in 2nd/3rd-Line Advanced/Metastatic Non-Squamous Cell NSCLC (CA209-057/NCT01673867)



Estimated Study Completion Date: November 2014 Estimated Primary Completion Date: November 2014 Status: Recruiting Study Director: BMS

#### **Primary Endpoints**

• OS

#### Secondary Endpoints

- PFS
- ORR
- QoL

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- ≥ 18 years of age
- Stage IIIB/IV non-squamous NSCLC
- Prior Pt-containing chemotherapy (2<sup>nd</sup>-line) required: additional TKI therapy allowed (3<sup>rd</sup>-line)
- Patient may have received continuous or switch maintenance with pemetrexed, erlotinib or bevacizumab post Pt-containing chemotherapy
- ECOG PS ≤ 1
- Formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tumor tissue block or unstained slides of tumor sample (archival or recent) must be available for biomarker evaluation
- No prior treatment with anti-PD-1, anti-PD-L1, anti-PD-L2, anti-CD137 or anti-CTLA-4 or other antibody targeting T-cell co-stimulation or checkpoint pathways

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; ORR, Objective response rate; OS, Overall survival; PFS, Progression-free survival; Pt, Platinum; QoL, Quality of life; TKI, Tyrosine kinase inhibitor

# Phase 3 Study of Nivolumab Compared to Docetaxel in 2<sup>nd</sup>-Line Advanced/Metastatic Squamous Cell NSCLC (CA209-017/NCT01642004)



Status: Recruiting

Study Director: BMS

#### Primary Endpoints

- ORR
- OS

#### Secondary Endpoints

- PFS
- ORR and OS in PD-L1<sup>+</sup> vs PD-L1<sup>-</sup> subgroups
- Duration of OR
- Time to OR
- Proportion of patients exhibiting disease-related symptom progression per Lung Cancer Symptom Scale

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- ≥ 18 years of age
- Stage IIIB/IV squamous cell NSCLC or recurrent disease following RT or surgical resection
- Prior Pt-containing chemotherapy
- ECOG PS ≤ 1
- Formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tumor tissue block or unstained slides of tumor sample (archival or recent) must be available for biomarker evaluation

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; OR, objective response; PFS, progression-free survival; Pt, platinum; RT, radiotherapy



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### 2416: PRELIMINARY CLINICAL SAFETY AND ACTIVITY OF MK-3475 MONOTHERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY TREATED PATIENTS WITH NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC)

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# MK-3475 (anti PD-1)

#### Drug-Related Adverse Events With Incidence ≥5% (N = 38)

Adverse event	All Grades, n (%)	Grades 3-5, n (%)
Rash	8 (21)	0 (0)
Pruritis	7 (18)	0 (0)
Fatigue	6 (16)	0 (0)
Diarrhoea	5 (13)	0 (0)
Arthralgia	4 (11)	0 (0)
Back pain	2 (5)	0 (0)
Cough	2 (5)	0 (0)
Decreased appetite	2 (5)	0 (0)

- 20 patients (53%) experienced ≥1 drug-related AE of any grade
- 1 instance of each of the following drug-related AEs of interest was observed: hyperthyroidism (grade 2), hypothyroidism (grade 2), pneumonitis (grade 2), and pulmonary oedema (grade 3)
- No patient experienced treatment-related death

# MK-3475 (anti PD-1)

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Subgroup	N	ORR, n (%) [95% Cl]	Median PFS, wk (95% Cl)	N	ORR,* (%), [95% Cl]	Median PFS, wk (95% Cl)	Median OS, wk (95% CI)
All	38	9 (24%) [11%, 40%]	9.1 (8.3, 17.4)	33	7 (21%) [9%, 39%]	9.7 (7.6, 17)	51 (14, NR)
Non-squamous	31	7 (23%) [10%, 41%]	9.1 (8.3, 17.0)	26	4 (16%) [4%, 35%]	10.3 (7.6, 17)	35 (14 <i>,</i> NR)
Squamous	6	2 (33%) [4%, 78%]	23.5 (2.7, NR)	6	2 (33%) [4%, 78%]	15.2 (1.4 <i>,</i> NR)	NR (2.7, NR)

Patients with measurable disease on baseline imaging and an evaluable tumor specimen for PD-L1

Score ≥ potential cut point	9	6 (67%) [30%, 93%]	-	7	4 (57%) [18%, 90%]	—	—
Score < potential cut point	24	1 (4%) [0%, 21%]	-	22	2 (9%) [1%, 29%]	—	—

\*Response rate per RECIST v1.1 is based on those patients who had ≥1 measurable lesion at baseline per central review. All responses were confirmed except for 2. One patient withdrew consent for treatment, unrelated to toxicity, after the first imaging assessment, and 1 patient had a confirmatory scan of PR at day 27.

# **Illustration of Response**

56 year old female with large cell carcinoma who began responding by Week 12. Baseline After 9 months of therapy



# MK-3475 (anti PD-1)

#### **MK-3475 Responders Have Prolonged Duration of Response**



2416: Prelim Clinical Safety and Activity of MK-3475 Monotherapy for the Treatment of Previously Treated Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) – GARON EB

## MK-3475 PN010-06: Previously-Treated NSCLC



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R = Randomization PD = Progressive Disease SFU = Survival Follow-up





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### MO19.09: Molecular Correlates of PD-L1 Status and Predictive Biomarkers in Patients With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) Treated With the Anti-PDL1 Antibody MPDL3280A

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#### **Treatment-Related Adverse Events – NSCLC**

Adverse Event	Treatment-Related, n (%) n = 85			
	Any Grade <sup>a</sup>	Grade 3-4 <sup>b</sup>		
Any AE	56 (66%)	9 (11%)		
Fatigue	17 (20%)	2 (2%)		
Nausea	12 (14%)	1 (1%)		
Decreased appetite	10 (12%)	0		
Dyspnea	8 (9%)	1 (1%)		
Diarrhea	7 (8%)	0		
Asthenia	6 (7%)	0		
Headache	6 (7%)	0		
Rash	6 (7%)	0		
Pyrexia	5 (6%)	0		
Vomiting	5 (6%)	1 (1%)		
Upper respiratory tract infection	4 (5%)	0		

- The majority of AEs were Grade 1-2 and did not require intervention
- No maximum tolerated dose or doselimiting toxicities
- No Grade 3-5 pneumonitis observed
- One treatment-related death (cardiorespiratory arrest) in a patient with sinus thrombosis and large tumor mass invading the heart at baseline
- Immune-related Grade 3-4 AE observed in 1 patient with large cell neuroendocrine NSCLC (diabetes mellitus, 1%)

<sup>a</sup> AEs occurring in  $\geq$  5% of patients.

<sup>b</sup> Grade 3-4 treatment-related AEs listed include treatment-related AEs for which the any grade occurrence was  $\geq$  5% of patients. Data cutoff Apr 30, 2013.

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#### MPDL3280A Phase Ia: Best Response by PD-L1 IHC Status, Histology and Duration of Treatment and Response – NSCLC



Time, weeks

<sup>a</sup> ORR includes investigator-assessed unconfirmed and confirmed (u/c) PR per RECIST 1.1.

<sup>b</sup> Patient experiencing ongoing benefit per investigator.

Patients first dosed at 1-20 mg/kg by Oct 1, 2012. Data cutoff Apr 30, 2013.

# MPDL3280A Phase Ia: Tumor Burden Over Time (All)



Patients first dosed at 1-20 mg/kg prior to Aug 1, 2012 with at least 1 post-baseline evaluable tumor assessment; data cutoff Feb 1, 2013.

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#### MPDL3280A Phase Ia: Response by Smoking and Mutational Status



<sup>a</sup> ORR includes investigator-assessed u/c PR by RECIST 1.1. Patients first dosed at 1-20 mg/kg by Oct 1, 2012. Data cutoff: Apr 30, 2013.

## **Clinical Activity of MPDL3280A in an NSCLC Patient**

**Baseline** 

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44-year-old male with adenocarcinoma NSCLC, s/p radiotherapy, gemcitabine + cisplatin, temozolomide + docetaxel, pemetrexed, bevacizumab, CDX-1401, PD-L1 negative

Images include data from after Feb 1, 2013. Yale University (Gettinger/Herbst).

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#### Correlation of Radiographic and Pathologic Response to MPDL3280A



46 y.o. male, former smoker (20 PYH); EGFR-, ALK- and RAS-negative; PD-L1 IHC 1; 6 prior regimens

MO19.09: Biomarkers and MPDL3280A (anti-PDL1) Activity in NSCLC – Scott N. Gettinger

MEDI4736, an anti-PD-L1 antibody with engineered Fc domain: preclinical evaluation and early clinical results from a phase I study in patients with advanced solid tumors

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## **Study Design**

#### **ECCO**

#### Dose escalation and expansion study is ongoing

- Standard 3+3 design
- Evaluating 2 dosing schedules (Q2W and Q3W)



## **Treatment-Related AEs**

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	By Dose Level, n			Total, n (%)		
Adverse Event Term	0.1 mg/kg (n=4)	0.3 mg/kg (n=4)	1.0 mg/kg (n=3)	Any Grade (N=11)	Grade 3/4 (N=11)	
Diarrhea	1	1	0	2 (18.2)	0	
Vomiting	1	1	0	2 (18.2)	0	
Dizziness	0	1	1	2 (18.2)	0	
Nausea	0	1	0	1 (9.1)	0	
Fatigue	1	0	0	1 (9.1)	0	
Infusion reaction	1	0	0	1 (9.1)	0	
Pruritus	0	0	1	1 (9.1)	0	
Rash	1	0	0	1 (9.1)	0	

No treatment-related grade 3/4 AEs or deaths

AE, adverse event. Data as of 18 August 2013.

# **Clinical Activity**

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MEDI4736 Dose Level	Patient	Tumor Type	Number of Doses Received	Best Response (irRC)	% Change in Tumor Burden
0.1 mg/kg Q2W	1056201004*	NSCLC	22+	SD	-47.6%
0.1 mg/kg Q2W	1056201006	NSCLC	11	PD	+50.3%
0.1 mg/kg Q2W	1245501002	NSCLC	3	NE	NE
0.1 mg/kg Q2W	1245501003	Melanoma	8	PD	+55.8%
0.3 mg/kg Q2W	1094301002	CRC	5	PD	+>100%
0.3 mg/kg Q2W	1245501006	NSCLC	15+	uPR	-60.1%
0.3 mg/kg Q2W	1351901002	NSCLC	1	NE	NE
0.3 mg/kg Q2W	1351901004	NSCLC	14+	PR	-71.2%
1.0 mg/kg Q2W	1056201009	NSCLC	11+	SD	-42.2%
1.0 mg/kg Q2W	1094301003	NSCLC	10+	PR	-83.1%
1.0 mg/kg Q2W	1351901007	Melanoma	10+	PR	-69.1%

\*Patient received prophylactic steroids prior to dosing.

CRC, colorectal cancer; irRC, immune-related response criteria; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response NE, not evaluable; Q2W, every 2 weeks; SD, stable disease; uPR, unconfirmed partial response. Data as of 18 August 2013.

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TT=Targeted therapy, CT=chemotherapy (docetaxel or gemcitabine), E=erlotinib \*Archival FFPE tumor, fresh CNB if needed

## S1400 Master Protocol Unique Private-Public Partnerships with the NCTN



## PD1 Axis Blockade in the Clinic

Agent	N	RR (%)	DOR (wk)	MS (mos)	1 yr (%)	2 yr (%)			
PD1 Antiboo	lies								
Nivolumab	129	17	74 wk	9.6 m	42	24			
MK-3475	38 (MS) 33 (OR)	21 (n=33)		51 wk					
PDL1 Antibo	odies		- Chemo-refractory population						
MPDL3280a	53	23	<ul> <li>Similar response in squamous versus non-squamous</li> <li>RR does not take into account atypical immune-related responses</li> <li>Generally better tolerated than</li> </ul>						
BMS-936558	49	10							
MEDI-4736	6	3/6	standard systemic therapies for NSCLC						
	270	18							



## **Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1**



## **Rapid and Durable Changes in Target Lesions**





**Pre-treatment** 



12 weeks

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Meeting

- A 52-year-old patient presented with extensive nodal and visceral disease
- Baseline LDH was elevated (2.3 x ULN); symptoms included nausea and vomiting
- Within 4 wk, LDH normalized and symptoms resolved
- At 12 wk, there was marked reduction in all areas of disease as shown

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Melanoma, 5H1

## **Biomarker Issues**

## **PD-L1 expression pattern in 457 lung cancer**

#### B7-H1-TIL- B7-H1+TIL+ B7-H1-TIL+ B7-H1+TIL-



45%

17%

26%

12%

Velcheti et al, Lab. Invest. 2013

## **Implications of immune heterogeneity in TME for future combination therapy**



**TIL-/PD-L1-** (lack of inflammation): local radiation, anti-CTLA-4, chemoattraction, cancer vaccine, adoptive T cell therapy



**TIL+/PD-L1+** (adaptive resistance): a-PD-1, a-PD-L1, both



**TIL+/PD-L1-** (immune tolerance): blockade of other inhibitors: LAG-3, BTLA, TIM-3, PD-1H etc.



**TIL-/PD-L1+** (innate resistance): EGFR inhibitor, PI3K inhibitors

#### Yale Rebiopsy Program

NCT number	Trial short name	Phase	Patients with Pathology Screening (n)	Patients Enrolled (n)	1st Patient Enrolled Date	Closed to Accrual Date
NCT00730639	BMS CA209-003*	1	n/a	38	11/11/08	1/12/12
NCT01375842	PCD4989g <sup>b</sup>	1	79	20	5/7/12	n/a
NCT01846416	Genentech FIR <sup>¢</sup>	11	38	5	10/18/13	n/a
NCT01295827	Merck 001 <sup>d</sup>	1	47	17	8/1/13	n/a
NCT01905657	Merck 010*	11/111	6	1	1/15/14	n/a
NCT01454102	BMS CA209-012"	1	n/a	45	6/22/12	n/a
NCT01642004	BMS CA209-017 <sup>#</sup>	III	n/a	3	3/1/13	11/8/13
NCT01642004	BMS CA209-057 <sup>h</sup>	III	n/a	8	4/26/13	11/8/13
NCT02000947	MedID4190C00006 <sup>1</sup>	lb	n/a	1	1/9/14	n/a
NCT01772004	EMD Serrono <sup>#</sup>					
Not yet listed	Genentech BIRCH <sup>k*</sup>					
NCT01577745	Medl CD-ON-MEDI063	9-1078 <sup>#</sup>				
Not yet listed	Medi4738-1161**					

#### T cell activity is highly controlled – Need to respond against pathogens & cancer but not to our normal cells

Balance between inhibitory and stimulatory receptors determines T cell response



#### T cell targets for modulating activity



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# Challenges

- Continue to investigate the biologic significance of all potential ligand receptor interactions in the tumor microenvironment
- Develop more accurate predictive markers of response
- Determine breath of activity in human malignancy
- Develop Potential Combinations of therapy that address key mechanisms in positive/negative regulation of the immune system (priming)
- Combinations with other therapies, move to earlier disease