

Trial In Progress: Phase 1b Study of AMG 757, a Half-Life Extended Bispecific T Cell Engager (HLE BiTE®) Immuno-Oncology Therapy, Combined With AMG 404, an Anti-PD-1 Antibody, in Patients With Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

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BACKGROUND

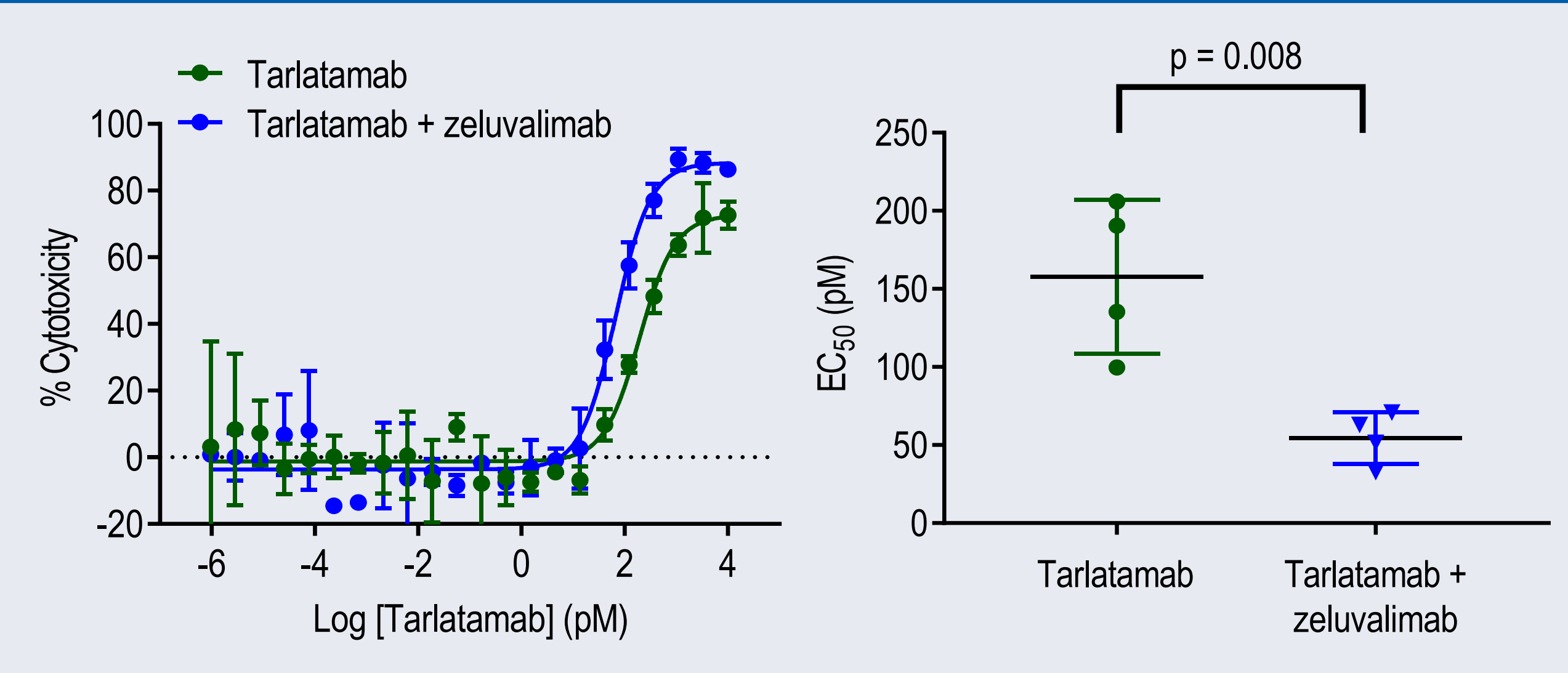
- Delta-like ligand 3 (DLL3) is a promising therapeutic target because it is highly expressed in small cell lung cancer (SCLC) and minimally expressed in normal tissues¹
- AMG 757 (tarlatamab) is a half-life extended bispecific T cell engager (HLE BiTE®) therapy that binds DLL3 on cancer cells and CD3 on T cells to redirect T cell-dependent killing of tumor cells^{2,3}
- In a phase 1 study in SCLC, tarlatamab given every 2 weeks was safe, with encouraging efficacy up to 100 mg^{4,5}
- In early trials, programmed cell death-1 (PD-1) receptor or ligand (PD-L1) antibodies were well tolerated and also provided efficacy in relapsed/refractory (RR) SCLC^{6,7}

RATIONALE FOR TARLATAMAB AND AMG 404 (ZELUVALIMAB*) COMBINATION

- Upregulation of PD-1 in the tumor microenvironment has been shown to blunt effectiveness of BiTE molecules^{8,9}
- Combining an anti-PD-1 antibody with a BiTE molecule could increase T cell activity and antitumor response
- Zeluvalimab is a monoclonal antibody targeting PD-1
 - At doses evaluated to date, zeluvalimab was tolerable with no dose limiting toxicities reported¹⁰
- Preclinical data showed that tarlatamab treatment upregulates PD-1/PD-L1 and the combination with zeluvalimab increased T cell mediated lysis of tumor cells compared with tarlatamab alone (Figure 1)¹¹
- **Based on these preclinical findings, the purpose of this study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of tarlatamab in combination with zeluvalimab in patients with SCLC**

*Pending International Nonproprietary Name; application for United States Approved Name still pending.

Figure 1. Tarlatamab With Zeluvalimab Increases Cytotoxicity In Vitro



EC₅₀, half maximum effective concentration.

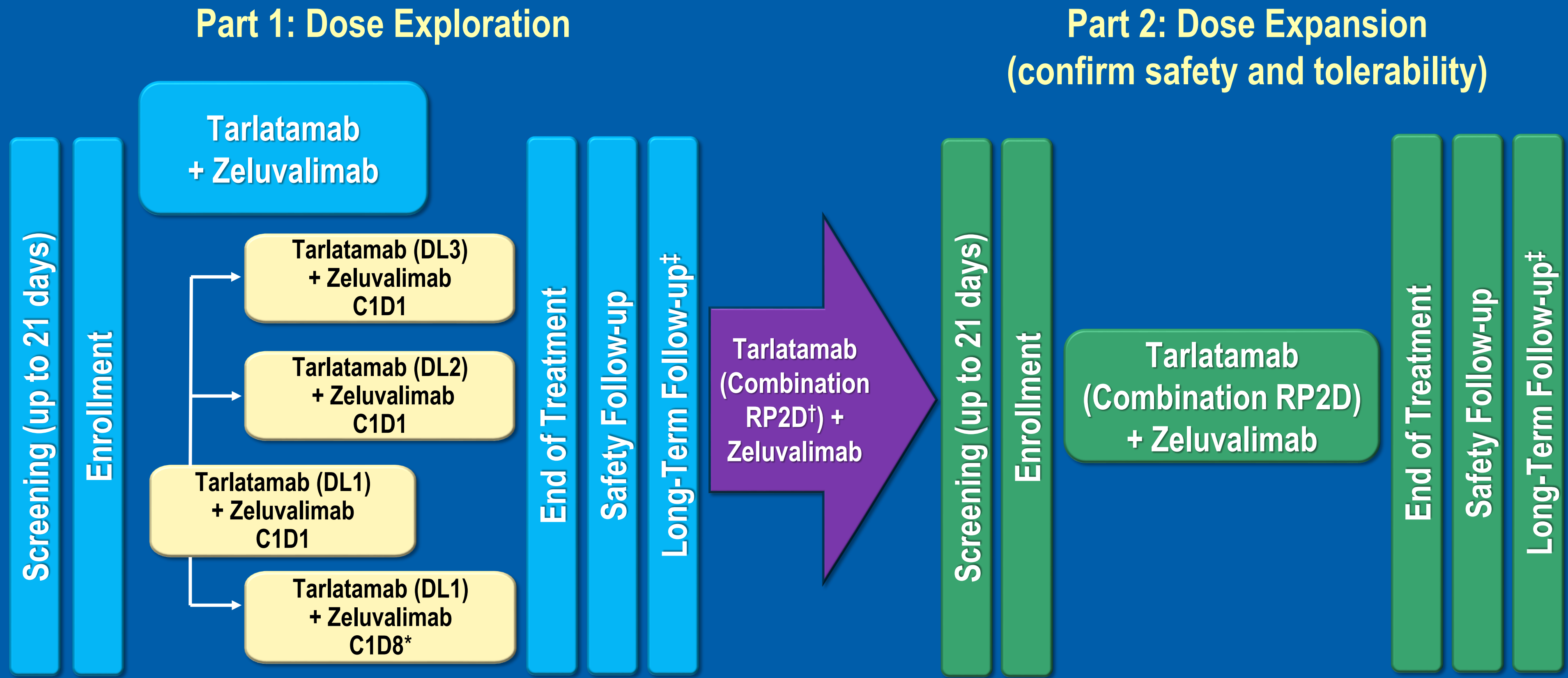
Key Eligibility Criteria

- Adults ≥18 years of age
- Measureable lesions per modified RECIST 1.1 criteria
- Informed consent provided before the initiation of any study activities or procedures
- Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status of 0–1
- Confirmed RR SCLC whose disease progressed/recurred after ≥1 platinum-based chemotherapy regimen; no untreated or symptomatic brain metastases
- Prior therapy, including anti-PD-1 or PD-L1 therapy, is permitted ≥28 days before the first dose of tarlatamab

PD-1, programmed cell death-1 receptor; PD-L1, programmed cell death-1 ligand; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; RR SCLC, relapsed/refractory small cell lung cancer.

Study Overview

- Multicenter, open-label, phase 1b study evaluating tarlatamab with zeluvalimab



*Zeluvalimab administered on cycle 1 day 8 if combination is not tolerated (based on target dose limiting toxicity rate > 30%). [†]MTD/RP2D estimated using a modified toxicity probability interval. [‡]Every 3 months up to 1 year from the first dose of tarlatamab for all patients who have not withdrawn consent. C1D1, cycle 1 day 1; C1D8, cycle 1 day 8; DL, dose level; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose for combination therapy.

Key Messages

- The combination of tarlatamab, an HLE BiTE therapy, and zeluvalimab, an anti-PD-1 antibody, may be well tolerated and have the potential to further increase antitumor activity compared with tarlatamab alone
- We are conducting a phase 1b study to evaluate tarlatamab in combination with zeluvalimab in patients with SCLC
 - ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT04885998
 - The study is currently open and recruiting patients
- For more information, please contact Amgen Medical Information: medinfo@amgen.com

ENDPOINTS

Primary Endpoints

- Dose-limiting toxicities (see box)
- Treatment-emergent and -related adverse events (AEs)
- Clinically significant changes in
 - Vital signs
 - Electrocardiograms
 - Clinical laboratory tests
- RP2D of the tarlatamab and zeluvalimab combination

Primary Endpoint: Dose-Limiting Toxicities

- Any AE with an onset within the first 28 days following the first dose of tarlatamab with any of the following criteria
 - Grade 3 AE lasting > 3 days*
 - ≥ Grade 4 AE regardless of duration[†]
 - Recurrent ≥ grade 2 pneumonitis
 - Toxicity requiring permanent discontinuation of zeluvalimab

*Exceptions include fatigue and endocrinopathies, if manageable with replacement therapy.

[†]Does not include laboratory parameters of grade 4, not considered clinically relevant, and improved to grade ≤ 2 within 72 hours.

Secondary Endpoints

- Antitumor activity
- Pharmacokinetics of tarlatamab in combination with zeluvalimab

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