Molecular-based enrichment strategy for Nectin-4 targeted Bicycle toxin conjugate BT8009

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ABSTRACT

- BT8009 consists of a bicyclic peptide targeting the tumor antigen Nectin-4, linked to the cytotoxin MMAE
- BT8009 is currently being investigated in a Phase 1/2 clinical trial (BT8009-100, NCT04561362) in relapsed and/or refractory solid tumor patients
 - Provision of tumor tissue for Nectin-4 testing is required for enrollment
 - Nectin-4 positivity will be determined by IHC (tumor membrane (TM) or tumor cytoplasmic (TC) H-score ≥ 100)
- We have discovered an enrichment strategy that may help identify patients with Nectin-4 positive tumors
 - SDHC copy number (CN) can be used as a surrogate for Nectin-4 CN, Nectin-4 transcript expression, and Nectin-4 protein expression
 - Access to this enrichment strategy has been implemented at sites enrolling patients to BT8009-100

INTRODUCTION

- Nectin-4 is a cell adhesion molecule and has been reported to be prooncogenic
- Nectin-4 is overexpressed in various tumor types including bladder and TNBC and has limited expression in normal human tissue
- Nectin-4 is a validated target for cytotoxin delivery (enfortumab vedotin)
- The Nectin-4 targeted toxin conjugate, BT8009 has robust efficacy in both CDX and PDX preclinical models
- Nectin-4 is not included on most targeted NGS panels (e.g. FM1)

WHY BICYCLES?



METHODS

- TCGA PanCancer Atlas datasets were tested for potential associations between Nectin-4 copy number and Nectin-4 transcript expression (Kruskall-Wallis & Bonferonni post-hoc)
- SDHC was identified as the gene physically closest to Nectin-4 that is included on the FoundationOne[®]CDx panel (225 kb apart on 1q23)
- 100 TNBC human tumor samples were assayed for Nectin-4 and SDHC copy number (whole exome sequencing) as well as Nectin-4 protein expression status (IHC)

PET; 40-60 min post dose



Nectin-4 transcript expression across TCGA PanCancer Atlas studies. Copy number call indicated by color. *=statistical significance determined by Kruskal-Wallis p<0.01 followed by Bonferonni post-hoc: diploid vs. gain & diploid vs. amplification (p<0.025)



SDHC log2(copy number/2)



when using Nectin-4 CN \geq 3 to determine Nectin-4 TM or TC H-score \geq 100



Relative Nectin-4 CN plotted against Nectin-4 protein expression (higher value of TM or TC H-score) for 100 TNBC samples. PPV: positive predictive value. NPV: Negative predictive value.



CONCLUSIONS

Identified a routinely measured molecular marker (SDHC amplification) that can be used to enrich for patients with Nectin-4 positive tumors

Potential benefits include:

- Provides a <u>readily</u> available molecular basis for screening subjects for BT8009-100
- Increased yield of enrolled Nectin-4 positive patients

Implementation Strategy:

1) Determine if there is an association with Nectin-4 copy number and Nectin-4 transcript expression in patient's cancer type



2) Investigate SDHC status on targeted NGS panel

156 MD	158 mb	160) mb	162 mb
	157 mb	159 mb	161 mb	
UT1	NTRK1		NECTIN4	DDR2
Gene	Genomic Location	Distance to NECTIN4		
Gene NECTIN4	Genomic Location 1:161070995-161089599:-1	Distance to NECTIN4	SDHC	

If patient tumor has an SDHC amplification this suggests a Nectin-4 amplification, higher likelihood of Nectin-4 protein expression, and eligibility for BT8009-100 trial

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