Endogenous and Exogenous Vaccination in the Context of Immunologic Checkpoint Blockade

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Anti-CTLA-4 Induces Regression of Transplantable Colon Carcinoma



Leach

Anti-CTLA-4 and GM-CSF Tumor Cell Vaccine Synergize to Eradicate Established B16 Melanoma



van Elsas, Hurwitz

Ipilimumab Pattern of Response: Responses After the Appearance and Subsequent Disappearance of New Lesions



Hypopigmentation



MDX010-20: Study Design



Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Survival



PFS: Impact of Both Ipilimumab Regimens vs gp100



Ipilimumab Improves Best Objective Response Rate (BORR)

	Arm A Ipi + gp100 N=403	Arm B Ipi + pbo N=137	Arm C gp100 + pbo N=136
BORR, %	5.7	10.9	1.5
P-value: A vs C	0.0433		
P-value: B vs C	0.0012		
DCR‡, %	20.1	28.5	11.0
P-value: A vs C	0.0179		
P-value: B vs C	0.0002		

[‡]Disease control rate: percentage of patients with CR, PR, or SD ASCO 2010 11

Vaccines and CTLA-4 Blockade

- Pre-clinical models in melanoma support synergy
- Clinical trial shows equivalent overall survival but inferior response and disease control rates
 - Correct vaccine?
 - Antigen escape?
 - Polarization of response?
 - Antigen sink?

CTLA-4 Blockade: A Case Study for Immunotherapy in Need of Biomarkers

<u>Knowns</u>

- Clinical benefit for a subset of patients with refractory melanoma
- Reversible mechanism-based side effects
- Tumor responses tend to be durable
- Kinetics of response unlike cytotoxics

<u>Unknowns</u>

- Biomarkers for response
- Biomarkers for toxicities
- Effect on effector vs regulatory T cells in humans
- Antigens recognized after infusion
- Importance of vaccination
 before treatment
- Relevance of PBMC vs tumor site findings

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Tumorous nodule with melanin pigment (macrophages and lymphocytes; no melanocytes)

Macrophages and lymphocytes are present, but no tumor cells

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CD8-positive T-cells



CD4-positive T-cells (macrophages are also weakly pos for CD4)

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NY-ESO-1 antibody and CD4 T-cell response were detected after full-length NY-ESO-1 protein vaccination



Modified from Adams S et al. J Immunology 2008, 181:776

NY-ESO-1 CD4 and CD8 T-cell specific response after CTLA-4 blockade (Patient IMF-11)



Grand Serology in CTLA-4 treated patients (peak response): Correlation with clinical benefit



Correlation of NY-ESO-1 antibody with clinical course following anti-CTLA-4 treatment

Patients with NY-ESO-1 antibodies at any time point during study

	Response	# patientsStatus atwk24 (%)	# NY-ESO-1 SERONEGATIVE Status wk24 (%)	# NY-ESO-1 SEROPOSITIVE Status wk24 (%)
➡	CR	6 (5.1%)	4	2
	PR	14 (12.0%)	9	5
	SD	25 (21.4%)	19	6
	Clinical Benefit	45 (38.5%)	32 (33.7%)	13 (59.1%)
	No Clinical Benefit	72 (61.5%)	63 (66.3%)	9 (40.9%)
	Total	117 (100%)	95	22

According to Immune-related response criteria:

Fisher's exact test: P value 0.0498

CR: Complete Response PR: Partial Response SD: Stable Disease POD: Progression of Disease (includes MR: mixed response) DOD: Dead of Disease

Gnjatic & Wolchok, Ludwig Center/MSKCC Halaban and Sznol, Yale

Polyfunctional NY-ESO-1 Specific T cells in Blood Of Melanoma Patients Treated with aCTLA-4



NY-ESO-1 antigen-specific CD4 T cell response

NY-ESO-1 antigen-specific CD8 T cell response

Kaplan-Meier Overall Survival Curve

- --- Ab+ & CD8 T-cell Response
- --- Ab+ & CD4 T-cell Response
- NY-ESO-1 Ab+
- All CTLA-4 Pts
- -- NY-ESO-1 Ab-
- --- Ab+ & no CD8 T-cell Response
- Ab+ & no CD4 T-cell Response

NY-ESO-1 seropositivity with a CD8+ T-cell response correlates with survival (median survival not reached vs. 8 months, p=0.0158).

PHENOTYPE OF PBMCS (PT. IMF-91E) & TUMORS (00-144-413)

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Tyrosinase and gp100 specific immunity in patient IMF-32

Tyrosinase and gp100 antigen-specific response during GM-CSF DNA and CTLA-4 blockade

CD8

Gp100 specific CD8 T-cell response during GM-CSF DNA and CTLA-4 blockade

CD8

CD8 gp100²⁰⁹ specific T-cell response during gp100 DNA vaccine and CTLA-4 blockade (patient IMF-24)

CD8

Summary

- CTLA-4 blockade with ipilimumab results in prolonged survival of patients with refractory melanoma.
- Clinical response has been associated with: changes in ALC, NY-ESO-1 immunity and induction of ICOS expression on CD4+ T cells. These require prospective evaluation in ongoing clinical trials.
- De novo immune responses to self antigens has been manifest by autoimmune hypopigmentation.
- Tumor microenvironment is fertile ground to study the mechanism underlying immunologic checkpoint blockade.

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