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Updated Safety and Efficacy Results from the First-in-Human Study of MDNA11 (ABILITY-1), a Next Generation 'Beta-Enhanced Not-Alpha' IL-2 Superkine, Show Single-Agent Activity in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors

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MDNA11: A Long-acting 'β-enhanced Not-α' IL-2 Superkine

Engineered to overcome key limitations of high dose rhIL-2

Superior selectivity with enhanced 'β-only' pharmacology

Improved PK profile



Abolished α binding

Enhanced β binding

↑ half life

↑ tumor accumulation

Enhanced β-binding

+

Non-α binder

+

Albumin-fusion

→

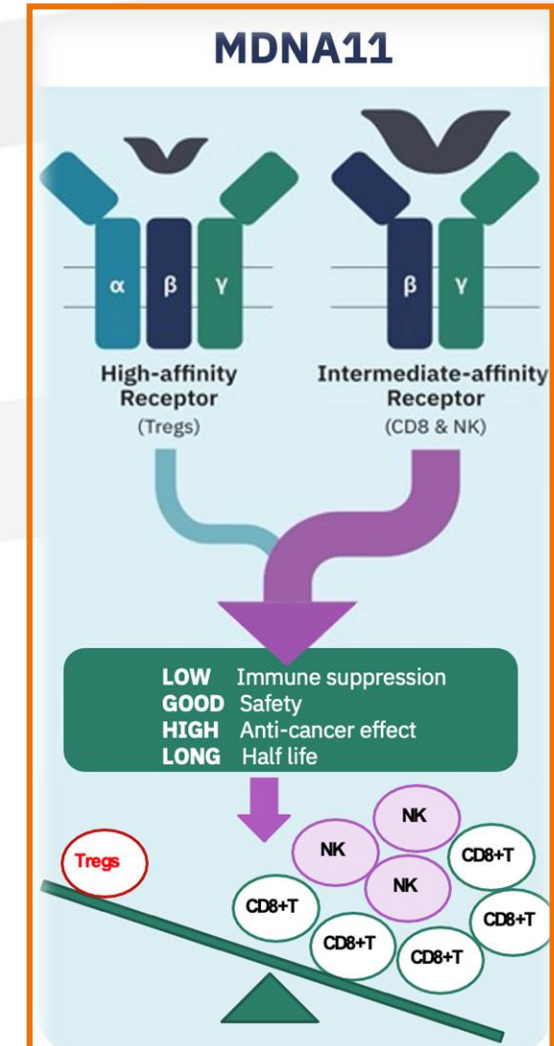
Superior Anti-cancer Response

Potentiate activation of CD8⁺ T & NK cells

Reduce stimulation of Tregs & improve safety

Half-life extension and increased tumor exposure

- **MDNA11** demonstrated potent single-agent tumor growth inhibition and additive effect with anti-PD1 in mouse tumor models (Merchant et al., JITC 2022)

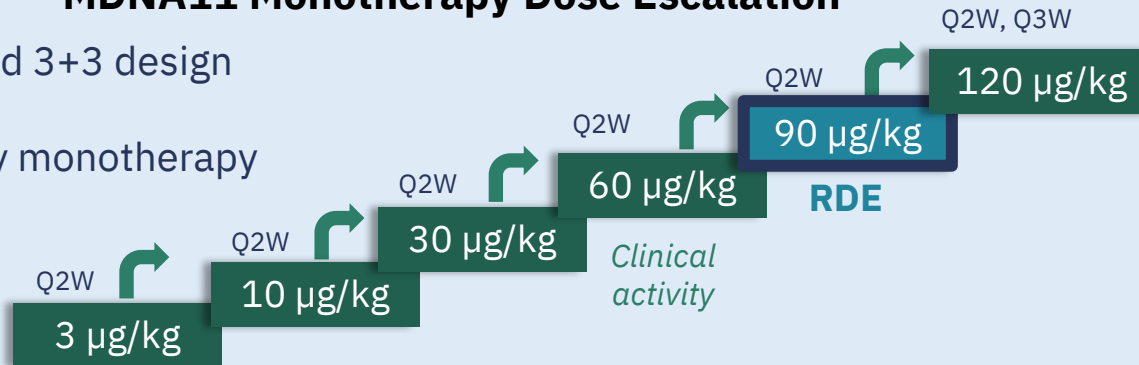


ABILITY-1: FIH Trial of MDNA11 in Advanced Solid Tumors

ABILITY-1: A Beta-only IL-2 ImmunoTherapY Study (NCT05086692)

MDNA11 Monotherapy Dose Escalation

- Modified 3+3 design
- Identify monotherapy RDE

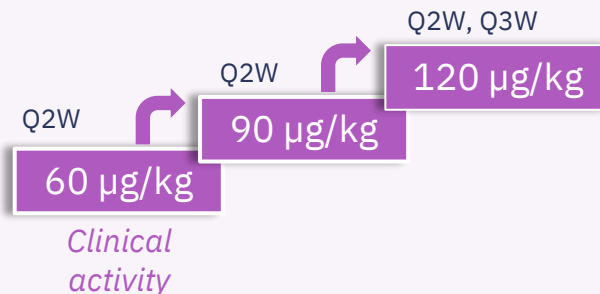


Monotherapy Dose Expansion

- MDNA11 @ **RDE (90 µg/kg Q2W)** in selected CPI resistant solid tumors:
 - Melanoma
 - Non-melanoma skin cancer (cSCC, BCC, MCC)
 - MSI-H/dMMR tumors

MDNA11 + KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab; 400 mg; Q6W) Dose Escalation

- Select CPI resistant and CPI-naïve indications
- Identify combination RDE (cRDE)



Combination Dose Expansion

- MDNA11 (cRDE) + pembrolizumab
- Melanoma and other select advanced solid tumors

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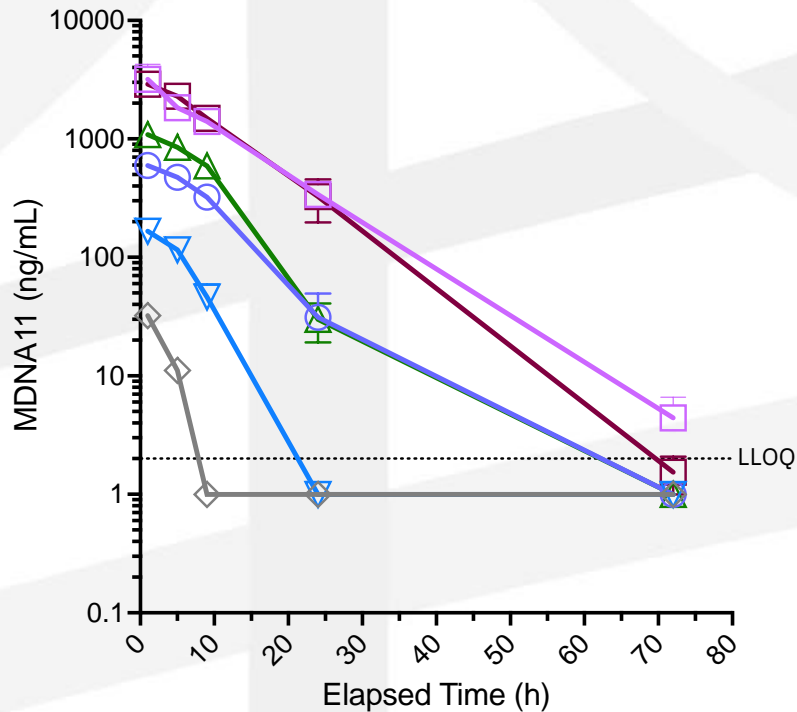
Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Baseline characteristics	Monotherapy Dose Escalation/Evaluation (N=30)	Monotherapy Dose Expansion (N = 12)	Combination Dose Escalation/Evaluation (N = 16)
Age, median years (range)	63 (27-78)	64 (48-85)	58 (42-70)
Male, N (%)	22 (73.3%)	8 (66.7%)	6 (37.5%)
Baseline ECOG = 0, N (%)	19 (63.3%)	7 (58.3%)	5 (31.3%)
Baseline ECOG = 1, N (%)	11 (36.6%)	5 (41.7%)	11 (68.7%)
Prior Systemic Therapies	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
Prior Lines of Therapy: 1	7 (23.3%)	6 (50%)	5 (31.3%)
Prior Lines of Therapy: ≥2	23 (76.7%) [range: 2-4]	6 (50%) [range: 2-7]	11 (68.7%) [range: 2-6]
Immunotherapy:	24 (80%)	12 (100%)	10 (62.5%)
Targeted Therapy	13 (43.3%)	5 (41.7%)	9 (56.3%)
Chemotherapy	12 (40%)	4 (33.3%)	14 (87.5%)
Primary Tumor Type	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
	Melanoma: 16 (53.3 %)	Melanoma: 4 (33.3%)	Endometrial: 3 (18.8%)
	NSCLC: 3 (10%)	MSI-H cancer: 4 (33.3%)	NSCLC: 2 (12.5%)
	PDAC: 3 (10%)	Non-melanoma skin cancers: 4 (33.3%)	SCC (ovarian, anal): 2 (12.5%)
	RCC: 2 (6.6%)		Ovarian cancer: 2 (12.5%)
	Sarcoma: 2 (6.6%)		Pleural mesothelioma: 2 (12.5%)
	Ovarian cancer: 2 (6.6%)		TNBC: 1 (6.3%)
	Tonsillar SCC: 1 (3.3%)		Esophageal cancer: 1 (6.3%)
	GEJ adenocarcinoma: 1 (3.3%)		Colon cancer: 1 (6.3%)
			Gastric: 1 (6.3%)
			Testicular: 1 (6.3%)

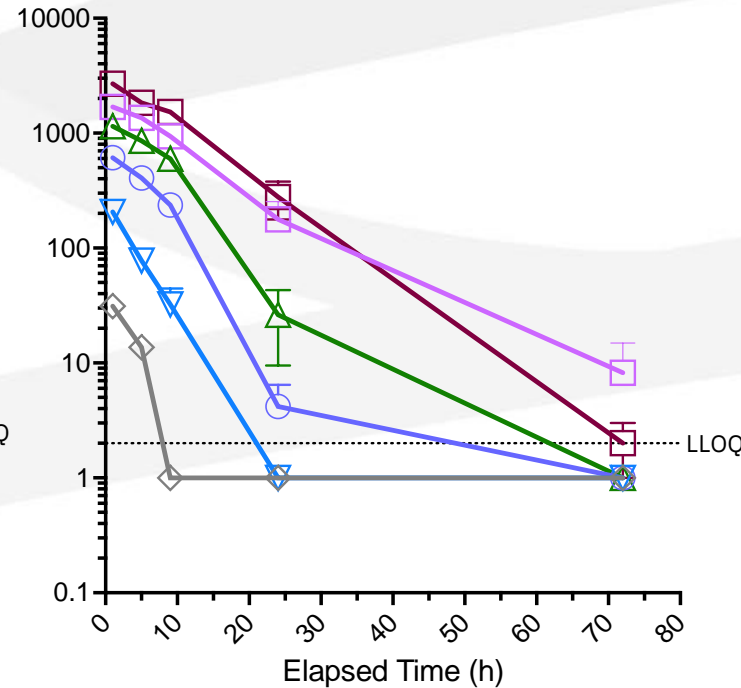
Dose-Dependent Increase in MDNA11 Exposure

Consistent PK profile following repeat dose administration

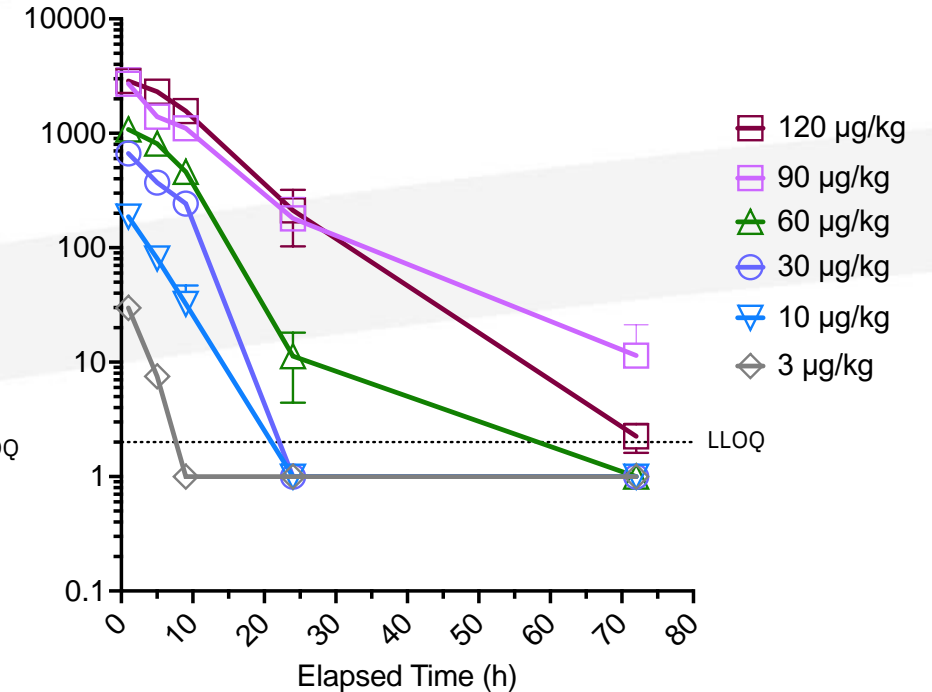
Dose 1



Dose 2



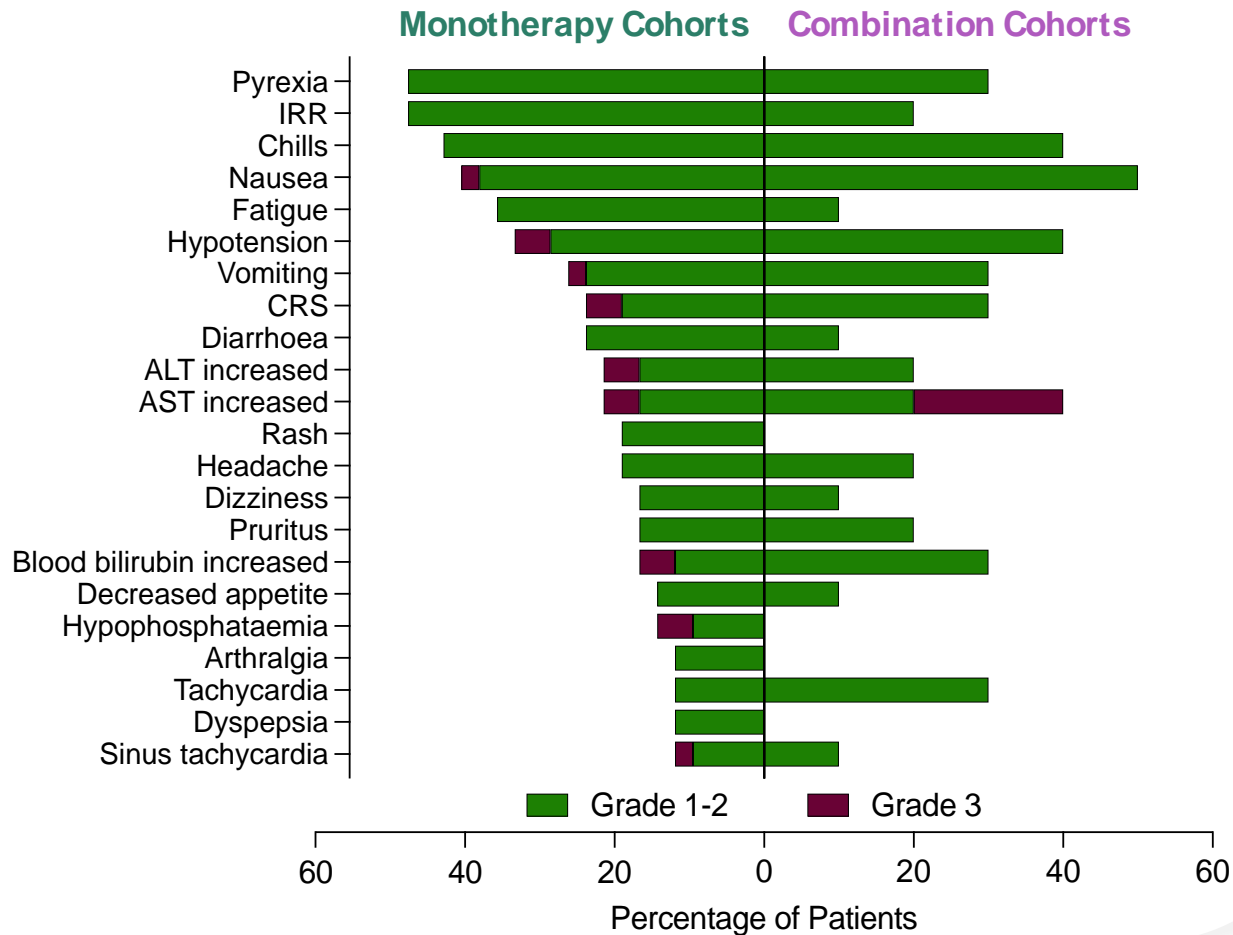
Dose 3



LLOQ: lower limit of quantification

Desirable Safety Profile and No Dose Limiting Toxicities (DLTs)

Treatment Related Adverse Events (TRAEs) in ≥ 10% of Patients



Monotherapy Safety Profile

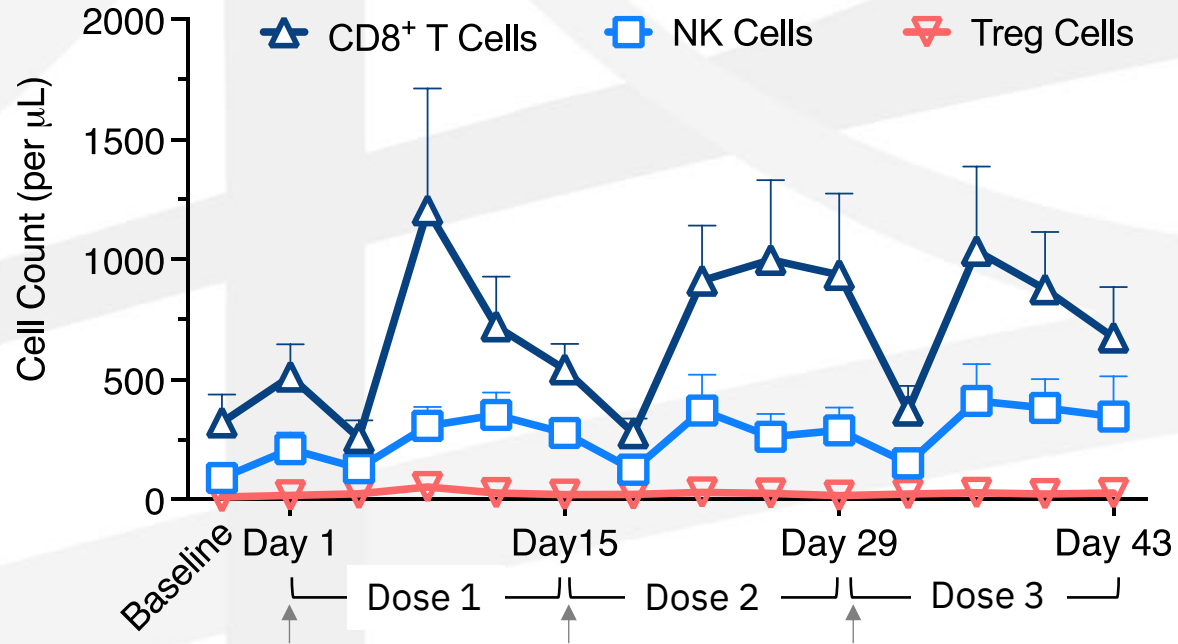
- Majority TRAEs were Grade 1-2 (92.3%) and resolved within 48 hours
- Grade 3 liver function test elevations (ALT/AST) were asymptomatic and transient
- Grade 3 hypotension in patients with adrenal insufficiency
- No non-laboratory grade 4 TRAEs

Combination Safety Profile

- Majority TRAEs were Grade 1-2 (93.7%) and resolved within 48 hours
- Grade 3 liver function test elevations were asymptomatic and transient
- No Grade 4 non-lab TRAEs
- **No new safety signals in combination cohorts**

Single-agent MDNA11 Preferentially Expands Immune Effector Cells

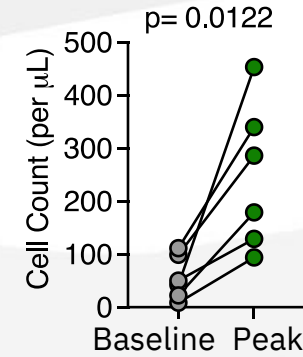
Patients Treated with MDNA11 90 µg/kg Q2W
(Monotherapy RDE)



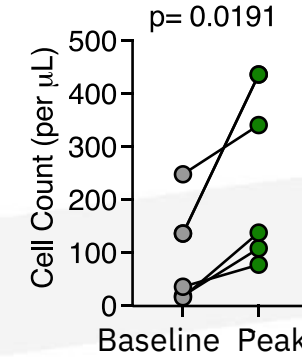
Analysis of PBMCs processed from whole blood; N = 8.

Patients Treated with MDNA11 ≥ 60 µg/kg Q2W

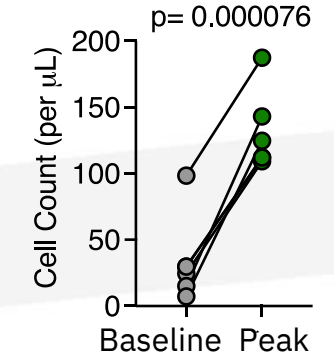
CD25⁺ (Activation)
CD8⁺ T Cells



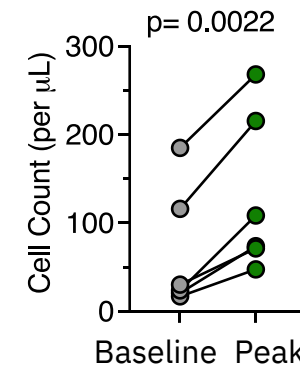
DNAM1⁺ (Effector)
CD8⁺ T Cells



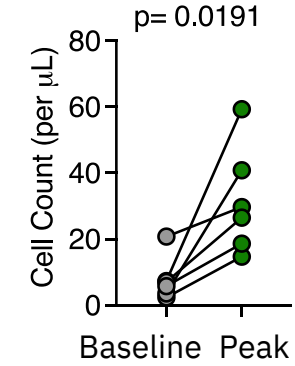
TCF1⁺ ('Stemness like')
CD8⁺ T Cells



Effector Memory
CD8⁺ T Cells



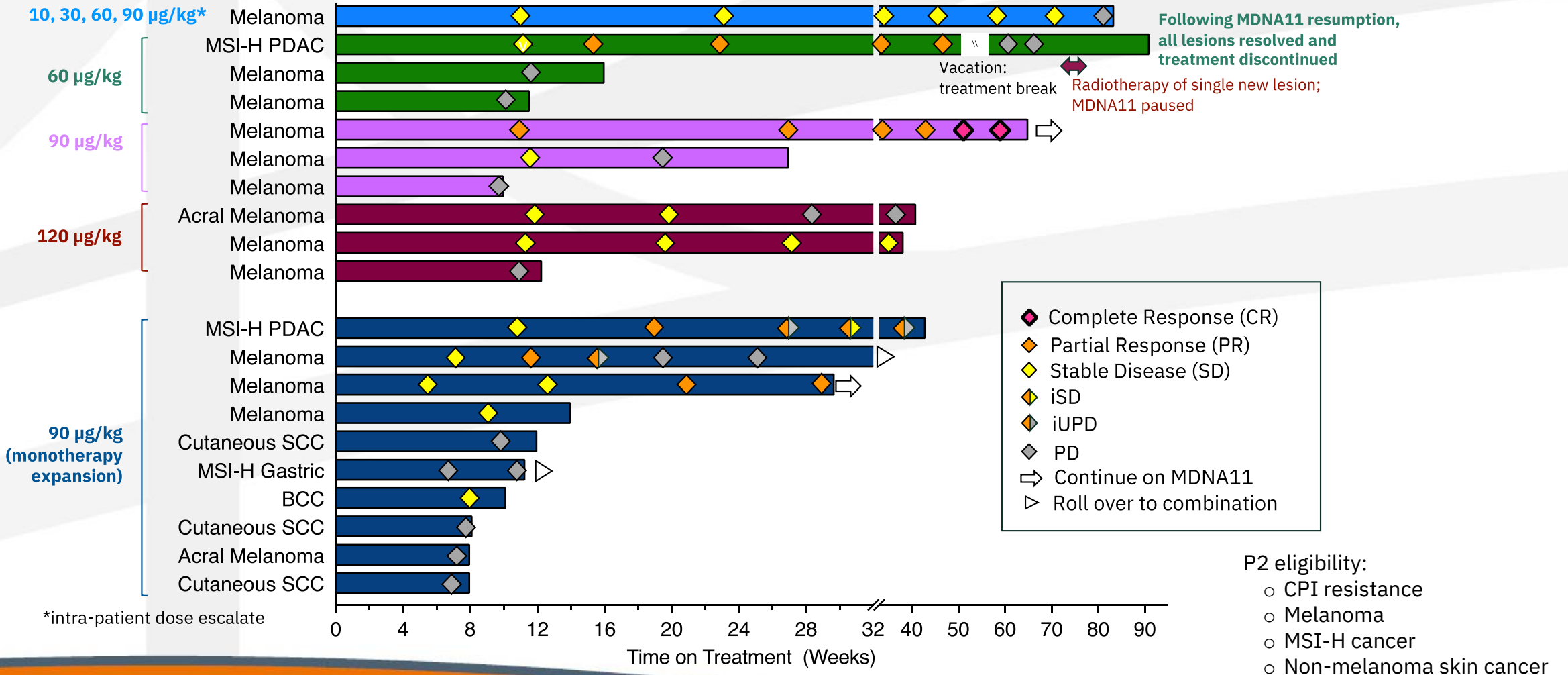
Central Memory
CD8⁺ T Cells



p-values based on paired t-test

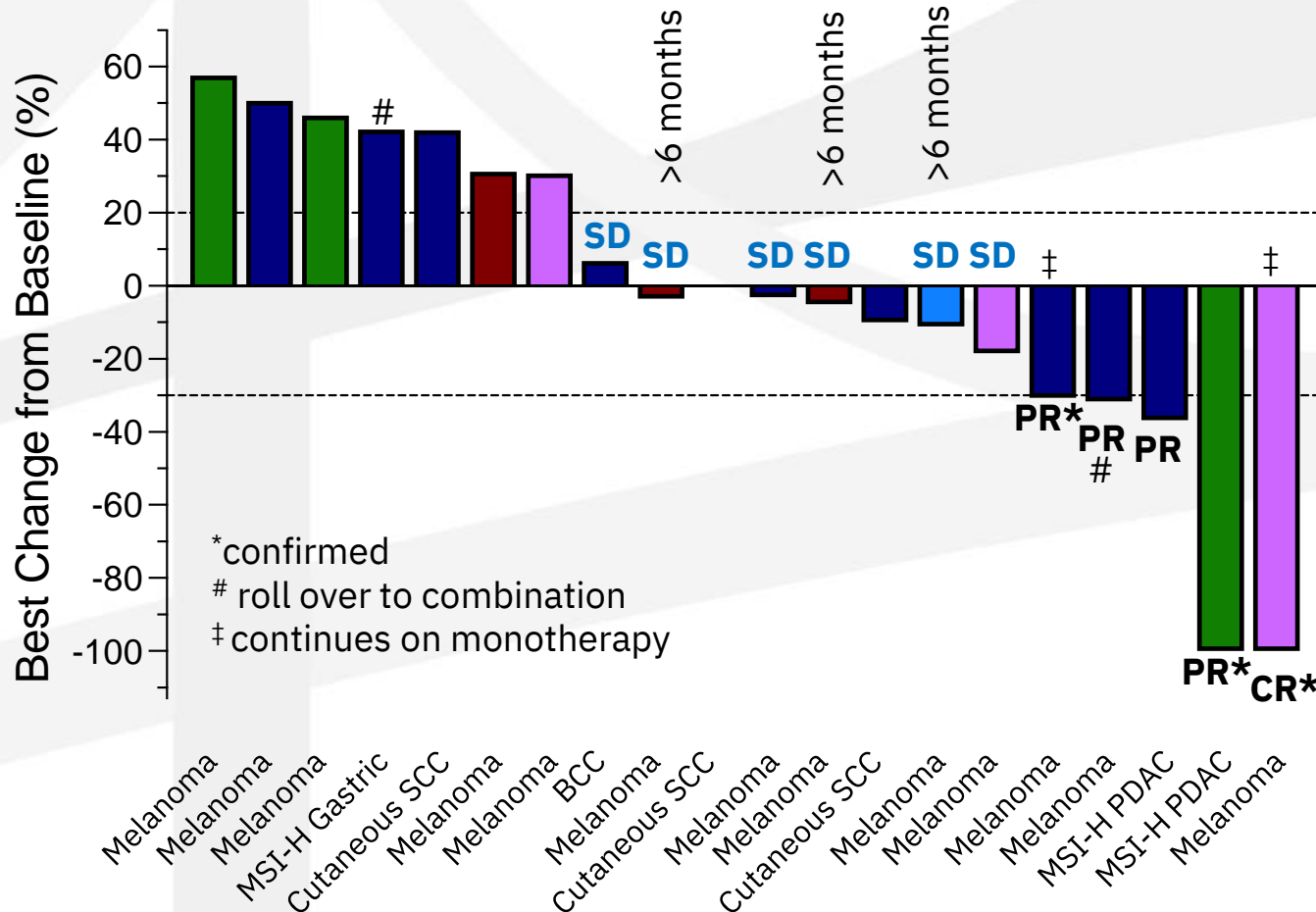
Monotherapy: Durable Responses in Higher-Dose ($\geq 60 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) P2 Eligible Patients who Progressed on CPI

Phase 2 eligible patients who received $\geq 60 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ MDNA11



Monotherapy: Objective Response in 5 of 20 Patients (1 CR + 4 PRs)

Best Response in CPI Resistant Patients: Phase 2 Eligible Treated with MDNA11 ≥ 60 µg/kg



* confirmed
 # roll over to combination
 ‡ continues on monotherapy

Objective Response Rate (ORR):

- 5/20 (25%) [95% CI: 6-44]
 - 1 Complete Response
 - 4 Partial Responses

Clinical Benefit Rate:

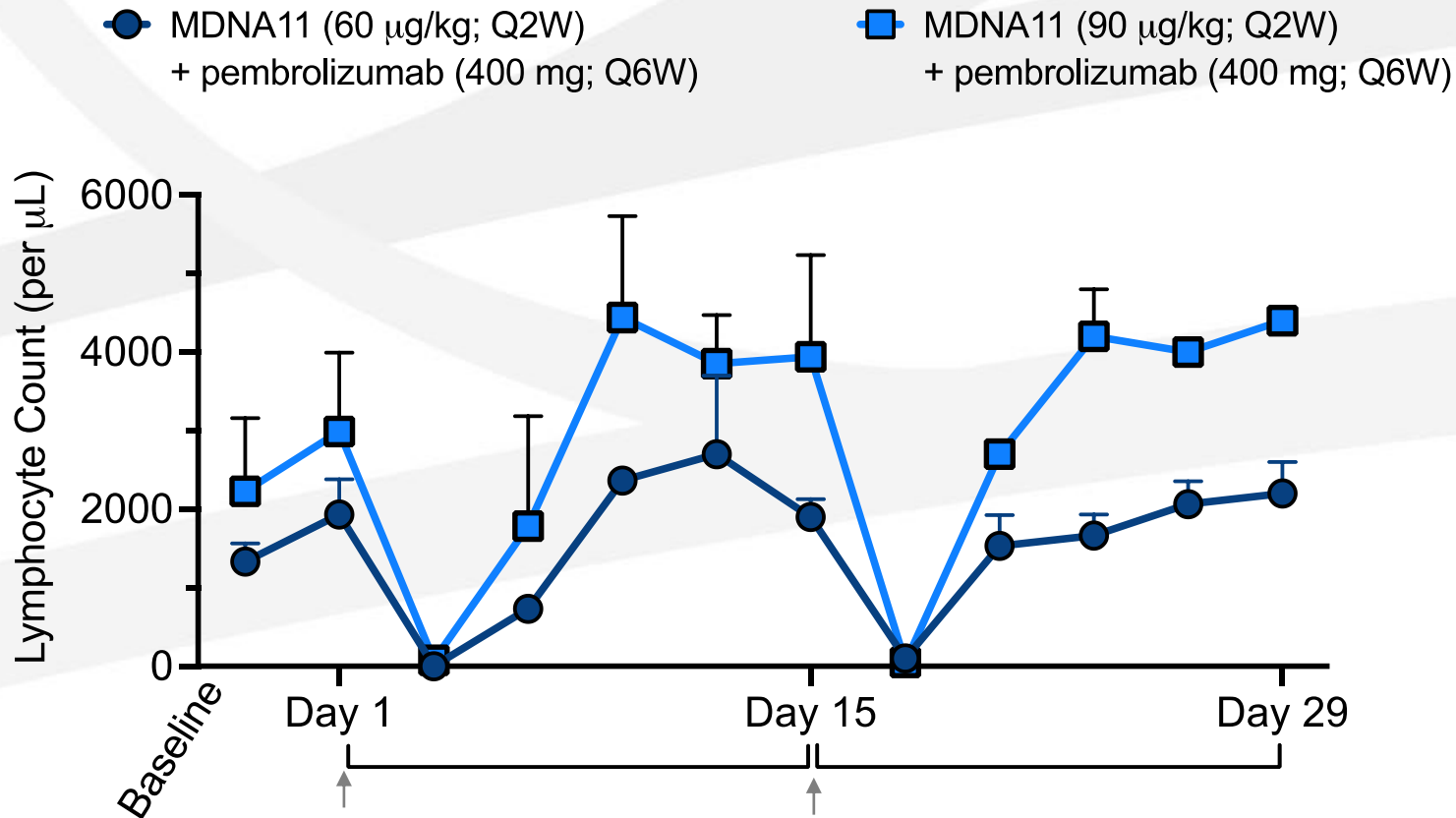
- 8/20 (40%)
 - 1 Complete Response
 - 4 Partial Responses
 - 6 Stable Disease, including 3 for > 6 months

Objective Response in 3 Cutaneous Melanoma (1 CR + 2 PRs)

- Monotherapy expansion (90 µg/kg)
- 120 µg/kg
- 90 µg/kg
- 60 µg/kg
- 10, 30, 60, 90 µg/kg (intra-patient dose escalation)

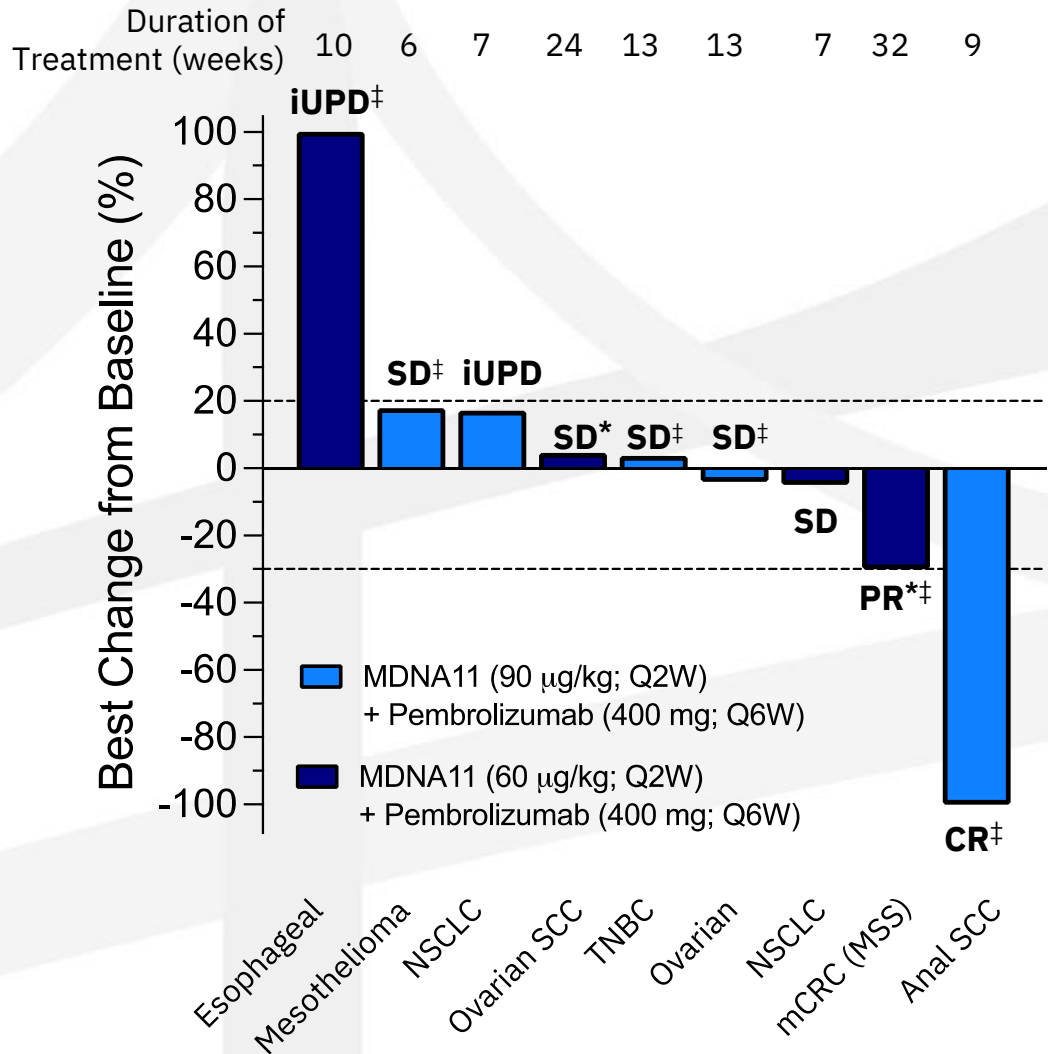
Robust Lymphocyte Expansion in Combination Dose Escalation

Dose Dependent Lymphocyte Increase



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Combination Dose Escalation: Clinical Activity in Heavily Pretreated Patients



*confirmed; ‡ continues treatment

➤ Complete Response (CR) in 70 yr M with anal SCC

- Progressed on 2 prior lines of treatment (1L capecitabine/mitomycin + radiation; 2L carboplatin/paclitaxel)
- No prior IO
- CR achieved on first on study evaluable imaging scan; continues on treatment

➤ Confirmed Partial Response (PR) in 52 yr F with MSS mCRC

- Progressed on 2 prior lines of chemotherapy (1L folinate/fluorouracil/oxaliplatin; 2L capecitabine)
- No prior IO
- Continues on treatment

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Summary

- **Safety:** MDNA11 has a favorable safety profile in both monotherapy and in combination (no new safety signals) with pembrolizumab with majority (>90%) of TRAEs Grade 1-2 and transient
- **Pharmacodynamics:** MDNA11 preferentially expands immune effector cells with significant increase in activated (CD25⁺ and DNAM⁺), 'stemness-like' (TCF-1⁺) and memory CD8⁺ T cells
- **Efficacy (monotherapy): Durable single-agent activity in heavily pre-treated patients:**
 - **Objective response in 25% (1 CR and 4 PR)** of ICI-resistant P2 eligible patients treated with $\geq 60 \mu\text{g/kg}$ Q2W MDNA11
 - **ORR 30% (3 of 10)** in ICI-resistant patients in the single-agent dose expansion cohort treated with 90 $\mu\text{g/kg}$ Q2W (RDE)
- **Efficacy (combination with pembrolizumab): objective responses (2 of 9)** observed in ongoing dose escalation with **CR in anal SCC** (historically low IO response) & confirmed **PR in MSS mCRC**
- **Next steps:** completion of Combination Dose Escalation and enrolment to Monotherapy Dose Expansion. Initiation of Combination Dose Expansion cohorts

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