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Neo-adjuvant administration of MDNA11, a long-acting IL-2 Superkine, prevents metastasis, protects against tumor rechallenges and provides long-term survival in an orthotopic model of breast cancer



# MDNA11: A Long-acting ' $\beta$ -enhanced Not- $\alpha$ ' IL-2 Superkine



MDNA11 demonstrates a favorable safety profile and encouraging single-agent anti-tumor response in patients with advanced solid tumors (ongoing Phase 1/2 ABILITY Study)



MDNA11

# MDNA11: Enhanced Receptor Selectivity

Enhanced  $\beta$ -binding + abrogated  $\alpha$ -binding favors immune effector cell activation

MDNA11



#### rhIL-2

| K <sub>D</sub> (nM) | MDNA11  | rhIL-2 |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| IL-2Rβ              | 6.6     | 210    |
| (CD122)             | ± 0.1   | ± 30   |
| IL-2Rα              | No      | 24     |
| (CD25)              | Binding | ± 1    |

Receptor affinity by bio-layer interferometry (Octet)

Merchant et al., JITC (2021)

# MDNA11: Preferential pSTAT5 Activation in CD8<sup>+</sup> T and NK Cells

Potency in immune suppressive Tregs greatly reduced with MDNA11 vs. rhIL-2



| EC <sub>50</sub> (pM) | CD8+ T Cells    | NK Cells      | Tregs           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| MDNA11 (N = 3)        | 463.8 ± 141.6   | 68.9 ± 9.3    | 160.3 ± 21.7    |
| rhIL-2 (N = 4)        | 3389.5 ± 1571.1 | 201.5 ± 175.6 | 5.6 ± 3.1       |
| MDNA11 vs rhIL-2      | ↑ 7.4x          | ↑ 2.9x        | <b>↓ 28.6</b> x |

Human PBMC stimulated with MDNA11 or rhIL-2 for 15 minutes; pSTAT-5 assessment by flow cytometry

## MDNA11 Preferentially Expands CD8<sup>+</sup> T and NK Cells

MDNA11 at 90 µg/kg (IP Q2W) in patients with advanced solid tumors [Data from ongoing Phase 1/2 ABILITY study]



Flow cytometry analysis of PBMCs processed from whole blood; N = 8.

To et al., SITC (2024)

Significant Survival Benefit with a Single Neoadjuvant MDNA11 Treatment

4T1.2 Orthotopic Model of TNBC

Study Schema:





### Significant Survival Benefit with a Single Neoadjuvant MDNA11 Treatment



Mice in control and MDNA11 adjuvant groups died of metastasis Single dead mouse in MDNA11 neoadjuvant group had no metastasis

\* Rechallenge was performed in surviving mice, 7 and 4 respectively in the neoadjuvant and adjuvant group

#### MDNA11 Promotes Memory Response Against Tumor Rechallenges

Mice rechallenged by subcutaneous 4T1.2 implant (Days 66 and 98) without any additional treatment



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Survival Mice from MDNA11 Adjuvant

Survival Mice from MDNA11 Neoadjuvant



## Single Neoadjuvant Treatment with MDNA11 Promotes Tumor Infiltrating CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells

4T1.2 Orthotopic Model of TNBC

PBS Control

Neoadjuvant MDNA11



CD4, CD8, Foxp3 (Tregs), GrzB

CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells





80 ¬

60 -

40 -

20 -

0

Control

% GrzB<sup>+</sup> of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells

p=0.05

Tregs



## Single Agent MDNA11 is More Effective than Combination of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

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Low Dose Neoadjuvant MDNA11 is Sufficient to Achieve Survival Benefit



\* Rechallenge was performed in surviving mice,6, 6 and 4 respectively in the MDNA11, Anti-mPD1 + Anti-mCTLA4 + MDNA11 and Anti-mPD1 + Anti-mCTLA4 group MDNA11 Exhibits Superior Neoadjuvant Effect and Long-Term Survival than Combination of Anti-mPD1 and Anti-mCTLA4 in 4T1.2 Breast Tumor Model

#### Neoadjuvant Anti-mPD1 + Anti-mCTLA4

Tumor growth in **2/4 (50%)** rechallenged mice

#### **Neoadjuvant MDNA11**

Tumor growth in **1/6 (17%)** rechallenged mice



Control
Anti-mPD1 + Anti-mCTLA4
MDNA11



MDNA11 Exhibits Superior Neoadjuvant Effect and Long-Term Survival than Combination of Anti-mPD1 and Anti-mCTLA4 in 4T1.2 Breast Tumor Model

#### Neoadjuvant Anti-mPD1 + Anti-mCTLA4 + MDNA11

Tumor growth in **1/6 (17%)** rechallenged mice





MDNA11 Promotes Antigen-Specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells that Protect Against Tumor Rechallenge



Following the second rechallenge with 4T1.2 cells on Day 114, spleen from mice were collected 4 days later (i.e., day 118) and processed for flow cytometric analysis of antigen specific CD8<sup>+</sup>T cells (T-select H-2Ld MuLV gp70 tetramer)

# Summary

- Single neoadjuvant treatment with MDNA11 provided significant survival benefit in an orthotopic model of TNBC by preventing metastasis
- MDNA11 promotes tumor infiltration of cytotoxic (Grzb<sup>+</sup>) CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells with no increase in immune suppressive Tregs
- Neoadjuvant MDNA11 as well as combination of immune checkpoint inhibitors promote development of antigen-specific memory response that protects against tumor rechallenge.
- Neoadjuvant MDNA11 monotherapy is more effective than the combination of antimPD1 + anti-mCTLA4 in prevention of metastasis and extending survival





# Thank you

