Interim Single-Agent Safety and Anti-Tumor Activity During Dose Escalation in Phase 1/2 ABILITY Study of MDNA11, a Long-Acting 'Beta-Only' IL-2 Agonist



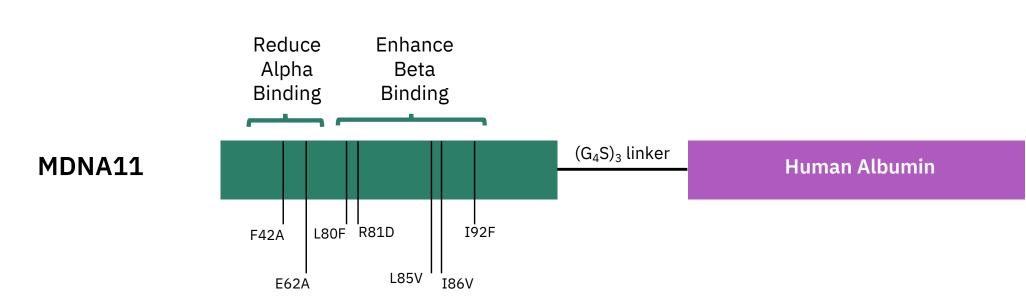
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Background

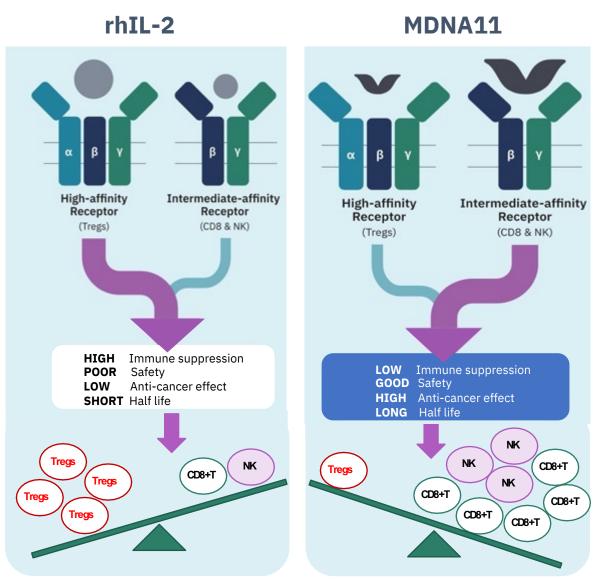
- ➤ High dose IL-2 has shown durable tumor response in a subset of metastatic melanoma and renal cell carcinoma (RCC)
- ➤ IL-2 undergoes rapid clearance due to its small size, therefore requiring frequent dosing at a high dose, resulting in severe toxicities
- Therapeutic activity of IL-2 is hindered by its preferential stimulation of immune-suppressive Tregs, diminishing the anti-tumor response driven by effector immune cells (i.e., CD8⁺ T and NK cells)

Overview of MDNA11



- Albumin fusion increases half-life and promotes tumor accumulation
- accumulationSuperior receptor selectivity
- Increased affinity to IL-2Rβ
- \circ No binding to IL-2R α
- Potentiates activation of effector immune cells
- Reduces Treg stimulation and toxicities

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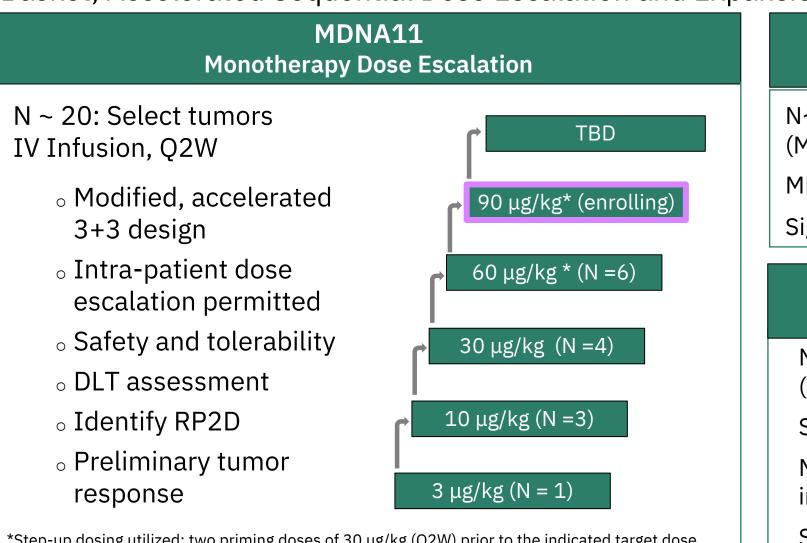


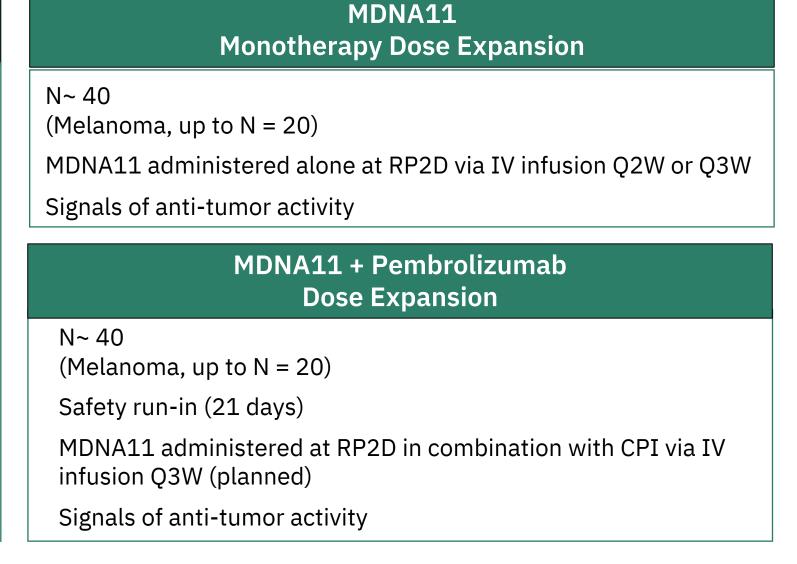
Trial Design and Objectives

- ➤ The ABILITY (<u>A Beta-only IL-2 ImmunoTherapY</u>) study (NCT05086692) evaluates the safety and tolerability of MDNA11 in patients with advanced solid tumors
- The objectives of the dose-escalation phase are to determine the RP2D, study the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profile of MDNA11, and assess preliminary tumor response.

Schema of MDNA11 Phase 1/2 ABILITY Study

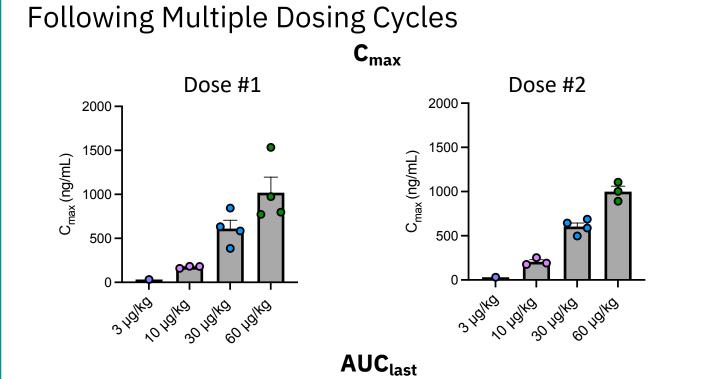
Basket, Accelerated Sequential Dose Escalation and Expansion Study of MDNA11 +/- Pembrolizumab





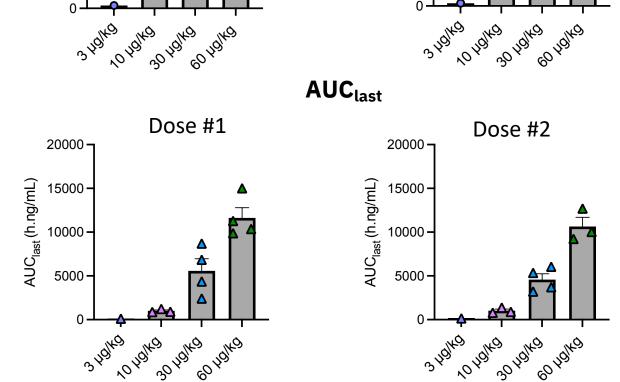
Patient Characteristics

Demographics/Performance		
Median age (range), years	63 (27-78)	
Male (%)	11/14 (79%)	
Baseline ECOG = 0	10/14 (71%)	
Baseline ECOG = 1	4/14 (29%)	
Primary Cancer Diagnosis		
Melanoma	7/14 (50%)	
Renal Cell Carcinoma (non-clear cell)	1/14 (7%)	
Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (PDAC)	2/14 (14%)	
Sarcoma	2/14 (14%)	
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	1/14 (7%)	
Gastro-esophageal Adenocarcinoma	1/14 (7%)	
Prior Systemic Therapies		
Prior Lines of Therapy: 1-2	9/14 (64%)	
Prior Lines of Therapy: 3-4	5/14 (36%)	
Prior use of immunotherapy	11/14 (79%)	
Prior use of targeted therapy	4/14 (28%)	
Prior use of chemotherapy	7/14 (50%)	

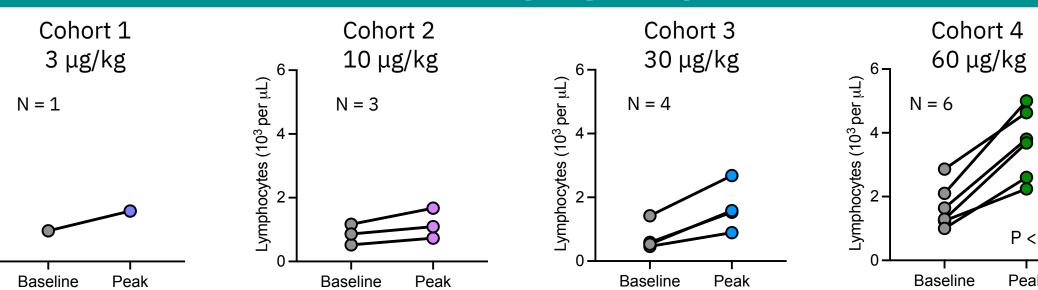


MDNA11 PK Profile in Patients

Sustained Dose-Dependent Increase in Exposure



MDNA11 Elicited Increase in Lymphocytes

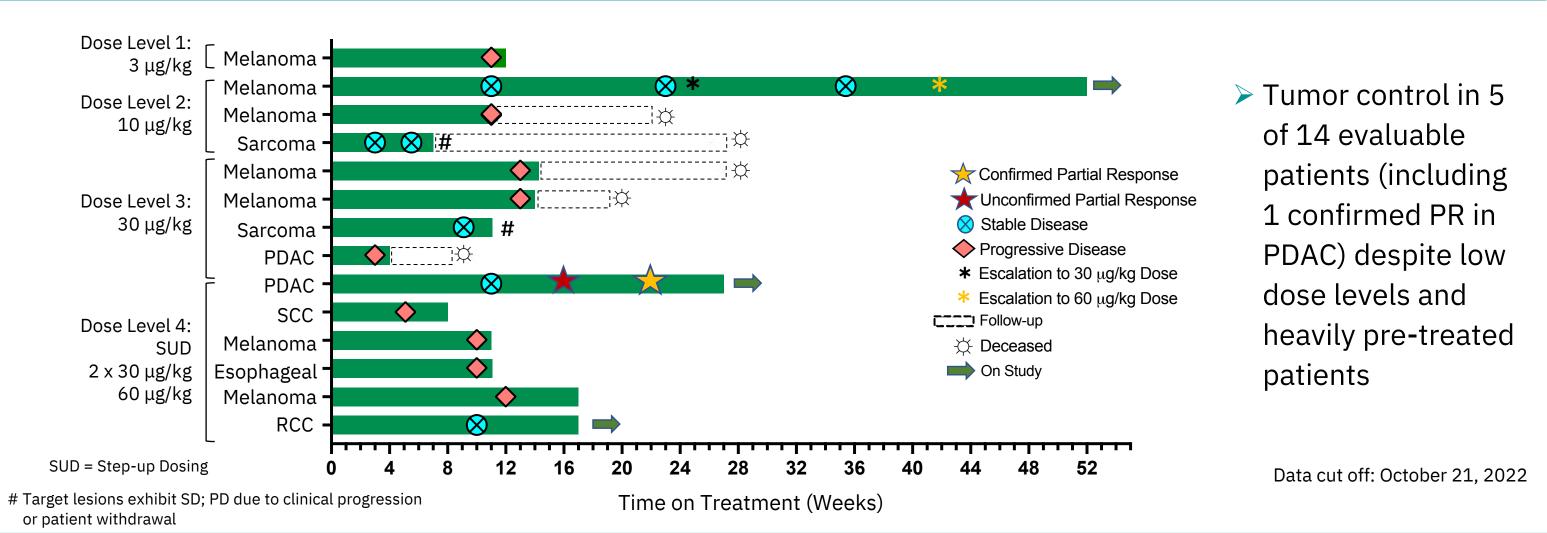


Results are consistent with the anticipated pharmacological effects of MDNA11

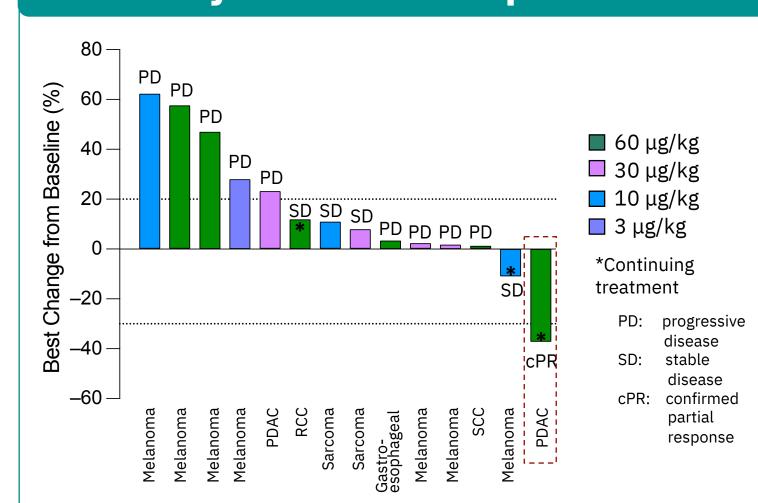
Summary of MDNA11 Related Adverse Events (AEs)

Preferred Term	Cohort 1 (3 μg/kg) N = 1	Cohort 2 (10 μg/kg) N = 3	Cohort 3 (30 μg/kg) N = 4	Cohort 4 (60 μg/kg) N = 6	Total N = 14
All Grades (> 20%)	•				
Infusion related reaction##	1 (100%)	2 (66.6%)	3 (75%)	5 (83.3%)	11 (78.6%)
Nausea		2 (66.6%)		5 (83.3%)	8 (57.1%)
Pyrexia		1 (33.3%)	2 (50%)	4 (66.6%)	7 (50%)
Fatigue		2 (66.6%)	2 (50%)	1 (16.6%)	5 (35.7%)
Diarrhea		1 (33.3%)	1 (25%)	2 (33.3%)	4 (28.6%)
Chills		1 (33.3%)	1 (25%)	1 (16.6%)	3 (21.4%)
Headache			1 (25%)	2 (33.3%)	3 (21.4%)
Grade 3-4 (> 5%)					
Alanine aminotransferase increase				1 (16.6%)*	1 (7.1%)
Blood bilirubin increase				1 (16.6%)*	1 (7.1%)
Hypotension			1 (25%)#		1 (7.1%)
Lymphocyte count decrease		1 (33.3%)\$	1 (25%)\$		2 (14.2%)









Conclusions

- Dose-dependent increase in MDNA11 exposure sustained with repeat dosing
- MDNA11 induces lymphocyte expansion as anticipated
- ➤ Majority of MDNA11 related AEs are grade 1-2 (92%), transient and resolved within 1-2 days
- No dose-limiting toxicity, no dose de-escalation, and no dose dis-continuations to date
- Tumor control in 5 of 14 patients:
- 1 confirmed PR in PDAC in Cohort 4 (60 μg/kg target dose)
- 4 SD (2 sarcomas, 1 melanoma and 1 RCC)
- Currently enrolling patients in Cohort 5 (90 μg/kg target dose)