A Phase 1b/2 Trial of AU-011, an Investigational, Virus-Like Drug Conjugate (VDC) for the Treatment of Primary Indeterminate Lesions and Small Choroidal Melanoma (IL/CM) using Intravitreal Administration

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Targeted Oncology Platform: Virus-Like Drug Conjugates (VDCs)

Virus-Like Particles Covalently Bound to a Cytotoxic Payload to form the VDC



Virus-Like Particle (VLP)

Cytotoxic Drug



Virus-Like Drug Conjugate (VDC)

VDCs can Recognize HSPGs Modified by Tumor Cells



Technology Platform Designed to Target Broad Range of Solid Tumors based on Virus-Like Particles with Multiple Options for Cytotoxic Payloads

1. Kines et al; International Journal of Cancer, 138;901–911, February 2016; Kines et al; Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, 17(2) February 2018; Kines et al; Cancer Immunology Research, May 2021 2. HSPGs: Heparan Sulphate Proteoglycans

AU-011 is a VDC with a Novel Dual Mechanism of Action



AU-011

AU-011 is a novel VDC that consists of an HPV derived VLP conjugated to ~200 molecules of IRDye 700DX



Potential Key Differentiation: Physical Ablation May Reduce Risk to Develop Resistance and is Genetic Mutation Agnostic

Kines et al; Cancer Immunology Research, May 2021

Phase 1b/2 IVT – Study Design



56 Subjects Treated[#] – Subjects Completed Trial in January 2021

All enrolled subjects with clinical diagnosis of choroidal melanoma

8 sites completed 1st Expansion; 6 more sites added for 2nd Expansion - 14 sites total

56/57 enrolled subjects treated with AU-011; 1 subject in observation cohort exited without treatment due to no tumor growth

Phase 1b/2 – Key Patient Populations and Objectives

All Subjects Enrolled with Clinical Diagnosis of ILs or Choroidal Melanoma



Primary Objective: Safety

• Drug or treatment related adverse events (AEs) / serious adverse events (SAEs)

Secondary Objective: Efficacy

- Tumor thickness growth rate before and after treatment
- Local tumor control
- Visual acuity preservation

All Subjects Evaluated for Safety and Efficacy Subjects with Small Tumors and Active Growth Evaluated for Efficacy

Safety: AU-011 is Well Tolerated

Majority of Adverse Events (AEs) are transient and managed with standard of care treatment

All Treated Subjects (n=56) Key Treatment Related Adverse Events (≥10% Subjects)	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Total		
Vitreous Inflammation	25.0%	58.9%*	7.1%	91.0%		
Anterior Chamber Inflammation	37.5%	30.4%	3.6%	71.5%		
Increase in Intraocular Pressure	21.4%	25.0%	0	46.4%		
Peritumoral RPE/ Pigmentary Changes	32.1%	5.4%	0	37.5%		
Keratic Precipitates	21.4%	1.8%	0	23.2%		
Floaters/ Vitreous Opacity	16.1%	3.6%	1.8%*	21.4%		
Decreased Visual Acuity/ Vision Loss	7.1%	12.5%	1.8%^	21.4%		
Eye Pain/ Soreness	8.9%	5.4%	0	14.3%		
Corneal Abrasion/ Epithelial Defect	1.8%	8.9%	0	10.7%		
Corneal Edema	10.7%	0	0	10.7%		
Treatment Related Serious Adverse Events (n=56)						
Vision Loss (juxtafoveal tumor)			3.6%	3.6%		
Table presents percentage of subjects with AEs related to AU-011 or laser by severity and overall; subjects with more than 1 AE are counted in the highest severity group						

Anterior inflammation, keratic precipitates treated with topical steroid drops; vitreous inflammation treated with topical, oral or peri- or intraocular steroids; IOP treated with topical anti-hypertensives

*2 subjects treated with vitrectomy - 1 with vitreous opacity and another with persistent vitreous inflammation

^SAEs are listed separately

Phase 1b/2 – Visual Acuity was Preserved in Majority of Subjects

Vision Preservation Rates Follow up 12 months					
Populations	Total Patients (n)	Vision Preservation Rate (12 months) Failure: Long term loss ≥15 letters			
All Dose Cohorts					
All Treated Subjects	56	86% (48/56)*			
Small Tumors/Active Growth	20	80% (16/20)*			
Small Tumors/Active Growth - High Risk for Vision Loss	17	76% (13/17)*			
Therapeutic Regimen (2 cycles)					
Small Tumors/Active Growth	14	71% (10/14)*			

*1 subject had loss ≥15 letters at Week 52 visit which recovered within 15 letters at the next visit which was ~3 weeks after standard of care (SOC); all other post-SOC data excluded for all subjects

- Vision loss was transient but recovered in most subjects after inflammation or transient AEs resolved
- Vision was preserved in majority of subjects with tumors near the fovea or optic nerve that had a high risk for vision loss

Vision Loss was Transient but Recovered in Most Patients after AE Resolution Vision was Preserved in a Majority of Patients

Phase 1b/2 – Statistically Significant Growth Rate Reduction

Change in Tumor Growth (mm/yr)

Change in Tumor Growth Rate Over 12 months (mm/yr)





Tumor thickness growth rates/ slopes estimated using MMRM

Reduction in Tumor Growth Rate is Statistically Significant Supports Planned Pivotal Trial Endpoint

Phase 1b/2 – Tumor Control Achieved in Most Patients

Small Tumors Active Growth Treated with Therapeutic Regimen (n=14)



Change from Baseline in Tumor Thickness Over 12 Months

---- Progression Definition Tumor Height Increase >0.5mm

Populations	Total Patients (n)	Tumor Control Rate (at 12 months)
All Dose Cohorts		
All Treated Patients	56	54% (30/56)
Small Tumors with Active Growth	20	60% (12/20)
Therapeutic Regimen (2 Cycles)		
Small Tumors with Active Growth	14	64% (9/14)

Tumor Control Rates 12 months

Post-SOC data excluded

Tumor control failure (progression): Growth from baseline in Tumor Height >0.5mm or LBD >1.0mm due to definitive Tumor Growth (ie, not judged by the Investigator to be due to inflammation/swelling, hemorrhage or pigmentary changes) and not treated with standard of care

Results Support the Potential Use of AU-011 as First Line Treatment for Choroidal Melanoma

Summary of Ph1b/2 IVT 12 Month Clinical Results



Pivotal Trial Design in Alignment with FDA and EMA

Fast Track and Orphan Designations



Primary Endpoint

• Tumor Growth Rate at 12 months:

 Analysis will compare the growth rates between Intervention Group (High Dose) and Sham Group

Key Secondary Endpoint

- Composite time to event analysis at 12 months:
 - Disease progression <u>or</u> visual acuity failure between Intervention Group (High Dose) and Sham Group

Adaptive Design Optimizes Probability of Success to Potentially Advance AU-011 in a Rare Disease with a High Unmet Medical Need



AU-011 Program Investigator Group

