## A PHASE I STUDY OF THE ONCOLYTIC PEPTIDE LTX-315 GENERATES DE NOVO T-CELL RESPONSES AND CLINICAL BENEFITS IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED MELANOMA

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#### Background

LTX-315 is a first in class oncolytic peptide with unique properties to convert "cold" tumors to "hot" (1,2)

#### Pre-clinical studies of LTX-315 demonstrate:

- Unique immunogenic cell death mode of action by targeting the mitochondria (3,4).
- Disintegration of cytoplasmic organelles resulting in effective release or chemokines, danger signals and a broad repertoire of tumor antigens (3–6).
- Reduced number of immunosuppressive cells (7).
- Enhanced infiltration of T cells and T cell clonality (8).
- Complete regression of injected and non-injected tumors (i.e. abscopal effect) (8-10).

#### Aim

- Evaluate the safety and tolerability of intra-tumoral LTX-315 in patients with transdermally accessible tumors
- Evaluate efficacy
- Determine the recommended phase II dose and schedule
- Evaluate immune responses in tumor and peripheral blood samples pre and post treatment

#### LTX-315's unique mode of action results in effective release of potent immunostimulants and antigens



#### Study design (NCT01986426)

- Primary Endpoint Safety (including DLTs, AEs)
- Secondary Endpoints
- Patient Population Advanced/metastatic solid tumors

## Study Arms

Two monotherapy arms:

**Arm A:** Single lesions injected sequentially for 7 weeks followed by maintenance **Arm B:** Multiple lesions injected concurrently for 3 weeks (no maintenance)

### Key inclusion criteria

- further conventional therapies.
- ECOG Performance status (PS): 0 1
- Meet minimum baseline laboratory criteria

#### Key exclusion criteria

- study entry
- History of autoimmune disease Have clinically active or unstable CNS metastases Pregnant or lactating
- HIV positive or have active Hepatitis B or C

## Safety in Monotherapy; all patients

Arm	Total N	TEAE	Related any grade	Related ≥ gr 3	Related SAE	Discon due to related AE
А	23	22 (97%)	19 (83%)	7 (30%)*	4 (17%)***	5 (22%)
В	16	16 (100%)	4 (25%)	3 (19%)**	0	0

ulation = anv pt who had at least one dose of LTX-315 (greater denominator than efficacy population)

- (hypersensitivity, anaphylaxis)
- \*\*\* SAEs- 3 anaphylaxis, 1 hypersensitivity

with treatment and no sequelae.

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A phase I/II open label, multi arm, multi centre, multi dose study administering LTX-315 intratumorally to single or multiple transdermally accessible lesions

• LTX-315 related immune parameters in tumor and peripheral blood • Anti-tumor activity of LTX-315 by CT scan assessment (irRC)

At least one transdermally accessible lesion

• Histologically confirmed advanced/metastatic disease (all tumors) not suitable for

• At least one transdermally accessible lesion of  $\leq 10$  cm in diameter.

• Immunotherapy or vaccine therapy within 2 weeks prior to study entry • External radiotherapy or cytotoxic chemotherapy within the last 4 weeks prior to

Hypotension, dizziness, flushing, general site administration disorders (pain, redness), immune system disorde

Acute onset of all related ≥ gr3 TEAEs within 5-10 mins of injection, most resolved

Introduction of prophylaxis for anaphylaxis reduced incidence and severity of hypersensitivity in ongoing patients to grade 1/2

#### **Results melanoma patients**

Thirty nine patients were enrolled and had at least one dose of LTX-315 in the monotherapy arms, thereof:

**Arm A:** 5 melanoma patients in ITT\* population (melanoma #1-5) **Arm B:** 3 melanoma patients in ITT\* population (melanoma #6, 7)

LTX-315 and at least one post dose evaluation.

#### ALL PATIENTS TREATED WITH LTX-315 MONOTHERAPY Best overall response (irRC) and best response in one non-injected lesion



#### CASE #1: LTX-315 local treatment leads to systemic response



injected lesions, size (mm <sup>-</sup> )			Non-injected lesions, size (mm <sup>2</sup> )		
Lesion 1	Lesion 2		Lesion 1	Lesion 2	
32	123	Baseline	715	286	
		Post treatment	438 (-39%, W18)	51 (-82%, W13)	

- Patient with metastatic cutaneous melanoma
- Treatment with local intratumoral LTX-315 injections in right inguinal lymph nodes. • Prior treatments: surgery, dacarbazine, ipilimumab
- Duration of stable disease 10W. Total target lesion reduction by 48%
- No SAEs, Grade 1 injection site irritation, diarrhoea and hypotension- related to LTX-315

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- Intention to treat population (ITT)= any pt who had at least one dose of



CASE #1 (CONTINUED):





#### **CASE #3**



#### Immunosign<sup>®</sup> 21 gene signature



#### **T-cell clonality**



#### T CELL CLONES IN PBMC PRE TREATMEN Contracted in blood

- Contracted in blood & detected in tumor Expanded in blood
- Expanded in blood & detected in tumor
- No significant change in frequency
- Not significant & detected in tumor
- 26 significantly expanded T-cell clones in blood post LTX-315 treatment
- 8 of these T-cell clones were also present in tumor post treatment
- Novel T-cell clones significantly expanded in blood and the presence of these clones
- in tumor post treatment suggests that LTX-315 generates a *de novo* T-cell response

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#### Summary of melanoma patients

Case Number (sex/age)	Subtype	Best response	Total duration of treatment (Weeks)/Arm	IHC TILS pre v post Rx
1 (M/74)	Skin	irSD	15/A	Totally necrotic tissue post treatment
2 (F/80)	Skin	irSD	10/A	Substantial increase of TILs
3 (F/64)	Unk site	irSD	11/A	Substantial increase of TILs Significant expansion of 26 T-cell clones post treatment in blood of which 8 present in the tumor post treatment
4 (F/41)	Ciliary Body	irSD	17/A	Substantial increase of TILs
5 (F/61)	Skin	irPD	9/A	No paired biopsies
6 (F/71)	Skin	irPD	3/B	Substantial increase of TILs Immune score increased from intermediate to high
7 (M/71)	Uveal	irSD	3/B	Increase of TILs
8 (M/64)	Uveal	irPD	3/B	No paired biopsies

#### **Study Conclusion**

#### LTX-315:

- is generally safe and tolerable; following incidents of anaphylaxis and allergy with prolonged exposure, the dosing schedule was adjusted and mandatory prophylaxis introduced. The majority of toxicities seen were grade 1/2 and transient, including hypotension (asymptomatic), flushing, paresthesia and rash
- reduces the size of several non-injected lesion, indicating a systemic response
- promotes TILs in all evaluable melanoma patients
- converts "cold" tumors to "hot" as demonstrated by gene expression analysis
- promotes significant expansion of T-cell clones in blood, of which several are novel and present in tumor post treatment, suggesting generation of a *de novo* anti-tumor T-cell response

The dosing regimen of LTX-315 will be optimized and assessed to position LTX-315 as a therapeutic agent in combination with other targeted immune therapies such as nmune check point inhibitors to address an unmet need in a select group of indications.

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