

# Durable Responses in Patients with Synovial Sarcoma in the Phase 1 Trial of ADP-A2M4 (MAGE-A4)

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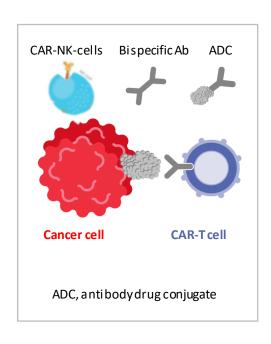
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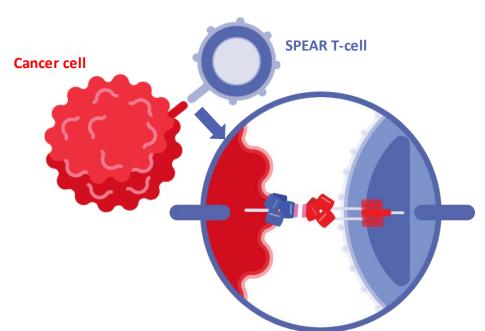
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# ADP-A2M4 SPEAR T-cells target MAGE-A4



#### **TCR-based recognition**

More options for targeting cancers by enhancing the natural immune system



- T-cells scan HLA-peptides with TCRs
- Access to broader spectrum of intra- and extra-cellular proteins
- TCR is T-cell's natural receptor construct
- Ability to target solid tumors

**MoA Video:** 

https://youtu.be/zdI8IGXoQd0

# Objectives

Phase 1 dose escalation, multi-tumor study to assess the safety, tolerability and anti-tumor activity of ADP-A2M4 in HLA-A2<sup>+</sup> patients with MAGE-A4<sup>+</sup> tumors (NCT03132922)

**Primary** 

Safety and tolerability of ADP-A2M4 T-cell therapy

**Secondary** 

Anti-tumor activity of ADP-A2M4 T-cells

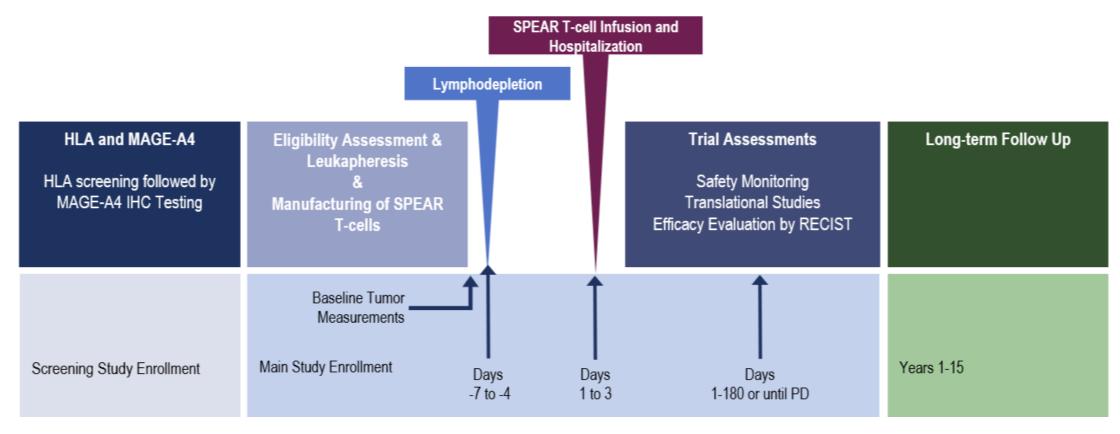
Potential therapy-related delayed adverse events for 15 years post-infusion

**Exploratory** 

Persistence, phenotype, function of transduced and non-transduced T-cells Tumor and serum factors that may influence response or resistance



## Trial design







## Patient characteristics

Characteristic	N=16
Sex, n (%)	
Male	10 (62.5)
Female	6 (37.5)
Median age, years (range)	49.0 (31–76)
Race, n (%)	
White	14 (87.5)
Asian	2 (12.5)
ECOG performance status, n (%)	
0	10 (62.5)
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Median MAGE-A4 expression by H-score* (range)	249 (60 -300)
Prior lines systemic therapy, median (range)	2.5 (1, 6)
Most common systemic therapies	
Ifosfamide	16 (100.0)
Anthracycline (doxorubicin or epirubicin)	13 (81.2)
Pazopanib	7 (43.8)
Cell dose × 10 <sup>9</sup> , median (range)	9.28 (3.4, 10)

<sup>\*</sup> H score is a method of assessing immunohistochemistry results. H-score is assigned using the following formula  $[1 \times (\% \text{ cells } 1+) + 2 \times (\% \text{ cells } 2+) + 3 \times (\% \text{ cells } 3+)]$ . The final score ranges from 0 to 300





# Safety: Adverse events in ≥25% of patients

In general, patients have tolerated the treatment well with an acceptable safety profile

Most TEAEs consistent with those typically experienced by cancer patients undergoing cytotoxic chemotherapy or cancer immunotherapy

N=16; n (%)	Any grade	≥Grade 3
Patients with any AEs	16 (100)	16 (100)
Lymphopenia / lymphocyte count decreased	16 (100)	16 (100)
Cytokine release syndrome	14 (88)	2 (13)
Leukopenia / WBC decreased	14 (88)	14 (88)
Neutropenia / neutrophil count decreased	14 (88)	13 (81)
Fatigue	11 (69)	0
Nausea	10 (63)	0
Pyrexia	10 (63)	0
Thrombocytopenia / platelet count decreased	10 (63)	7 (44)
Anemia / RBC decreased	9 (56)	7 (44)
Diarrhea	8 (50)	0
Hypophosphatemia	8 (50)	7 (44)
Sinus tachycardia / tachycardia	7 (44)	0

N=16; n (%)	Any grade	≥Grade 3
Vomiting	7 (44)	0
Arthralgia	5 (31)	0
Decreased appetite	5 (31)	1 (6)
Dizziness	5 (31)	0
Dyspnea	5 (31)	0
Hypotension	5 (31)	1 (6)
Rash	5 (31)	3 (19)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	4 (25)	0
Cough	4 (25)	0
Headache	4 (25)	0
Musculoskeletal pain	4 (25)	0
Pruritus	4 (25)	0
Tumor pain	4 (25)	0



# Safety: Related serious adverse events

N=16; n (%)	Related SAE
Patients with any related SAEs	9 (56)
Cytokine release syndrome	7 (44)
Pyrexia	1 (6)
Pancytopenia	1 (6)
Aplastic anemia	1 (6)
Arrythmia	1 (6)
Sepsis	1 (6)





# Safety: Prolonged Cytopenias

Patients with Grade 3 or 4 prolonged cytopenia at Week 4 post-infusion	N=16 n (%)
Patients with any cytopenia	9 (56)
Absolute neutrophil count (<1.0 x 10^9/L)	7 (44)
Platelets (<50 x 10^9/L)	6 (37)
Hemoglobin (<8 g/dL)	4 (25)

Patients may exhibit cytopenias for several weeks following lymphodepletion chemotherapy and ADP-A2M4 cell infusion

#### There was one related fatal SAE of aplastic anemia

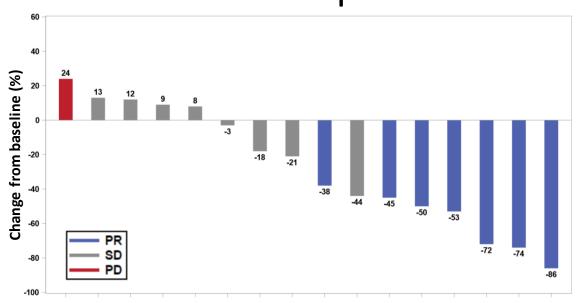
- 76-yr-old with synovial sarcoma
- Received high-dose lymphodepletion (Flu 30 mg/m² x 4d, Cy 1800 mg/m² x 2d)
- Assessed as probably related to ADP-A2M4, fludarabine and cyclophosphamide
- Aplastic anemia has been seen with other T-cell therapies with highdose lymphodepletion <sup>1,2</sup>
- Protocol amended to a lower intensity lymphodepletion regimen and lower upper age limit
- RT-PCR did not detect MAGE-A4 antigen in bone marrow

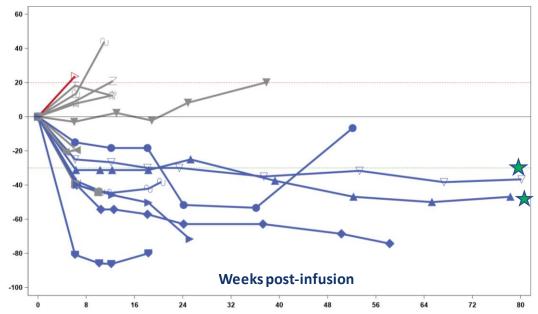
 $^1\text{Mackall}$  et al , J Clin Oncol 2016;  $^2\text{Van}$  Tine et al , ESMO 2019 & CTOS 2019





# Durable responses in synovial sarcoma



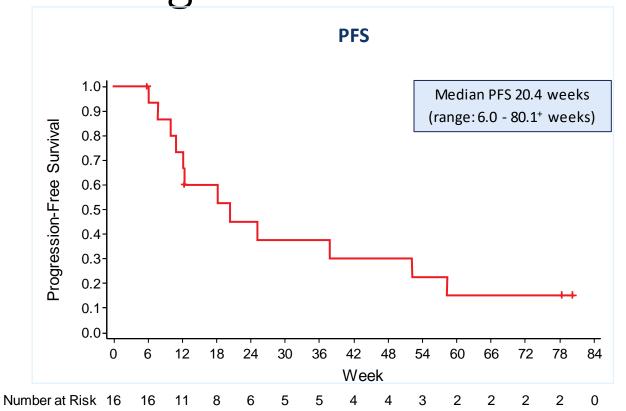


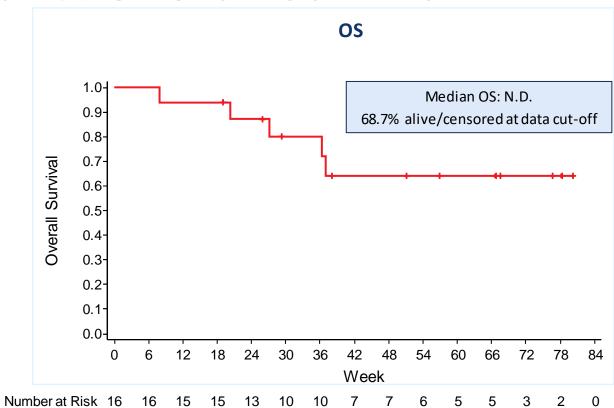
#### Confirmed responses in 44% of patients

**Disease control rate of 94%** with 11 patients still alive at time of data cut-off **Responses were durable** with a median duration of response of 28 weeks (range: 12-72+ weeks)

Data shown from patients in Cohort 3 and expansion phase; Data represent percent changes from Baseline in sum of diameters in target lesions through progression or prior to surgical resection; Sum of diameters = sum of the long diameters for non-nodal lesions and short axis for nodal lesions;

# Progression-free survival & Overall survival

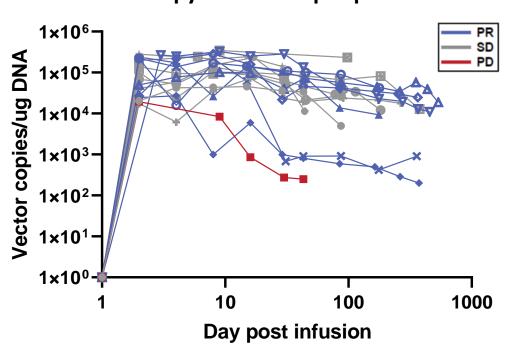




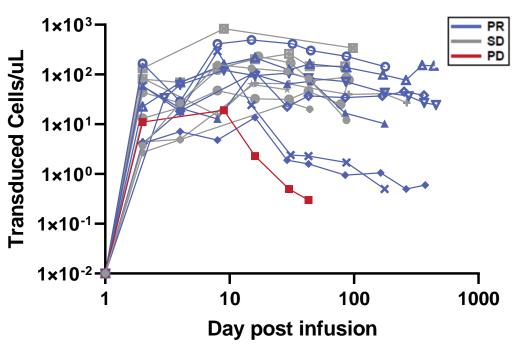
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# SPEAR T-cells detectable post-infusion

#### **Vector Copy Number in peripheral blood**



#### SPEAR T-cells in peripheral blood

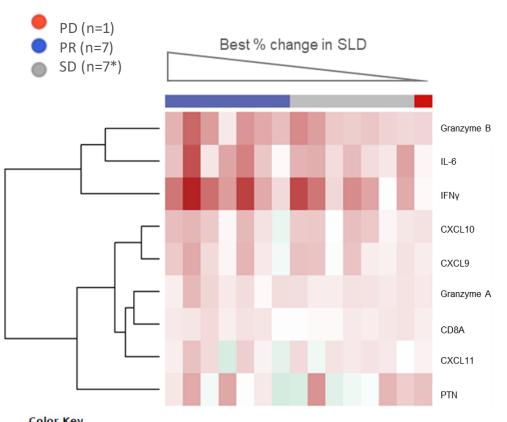


Vector copy number and SPEAR T-cells analyzed in peripheral blood post-infusion Patient with progressive disease had fewer vector copy numbers (expansion) and fewer SPEAR T-cells detected





## IFNγ-related pathway may be a biomarker of tumor response



- Induction of IFNγ-related pathway is indicative of SPEAR T-cell functionality
- From analyses of 92 immuno-oncology related serum proteins, markers with greatest post-ADP-A2M4 related change included IFNy and related markers

(\*Serum analyses not yet available for 1 patient with SD)

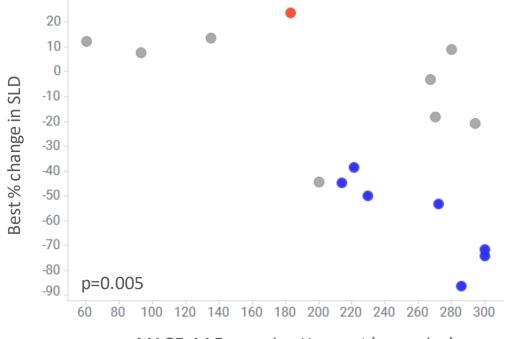




## MAGE-A4 expression & transduced cell dose correlate with tumor reduction

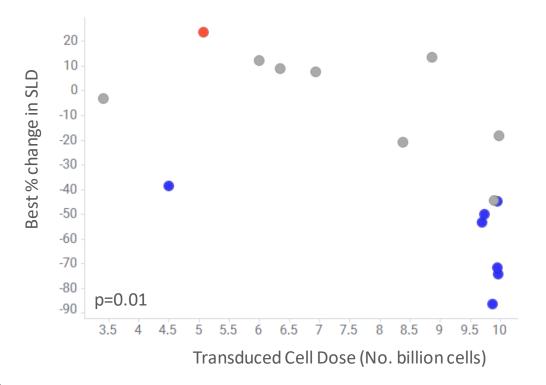
Patients with relatively higher MAGE-A4 expression may have greater reduction in SLD





MAGE-A4 Expression H-score<sup>+</sup> (screening)

Patients with relatively greater transduced cell dose may have greater reduction in SLD



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PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SLD, sum of longest diameters (of target lesions)





## Conclusions

#### Established safety profile

 Most adverse events were consistent with those typically experienced by cancer patients undergoing lymphodepletion cytotoxic chemotherapy, and cellular therapy

#### Efficacy

High overall response rate with ongoing durable responses observed in an advanced synovial sarcoma population

#### Emerging translational profiles

- ADP-A2M4 SPEAR-T cells expand and persist after infusion
- IFNγ pathway is an emerging biomarker of tumor response in synovial sarcoma
- Greater reductions in SLD correlates with MAGE-A4 expression and transduced cell dose
- ADP-A2M4 Phase 2 trial SPEARHEAD-1 (NCT04044768) in synovial sarcoma enrolling in North America and Europe

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