



TransCon™ TLR7/8 Agonist

Initial Results from Dose Escalation Portion of transcendIT-101 Trial

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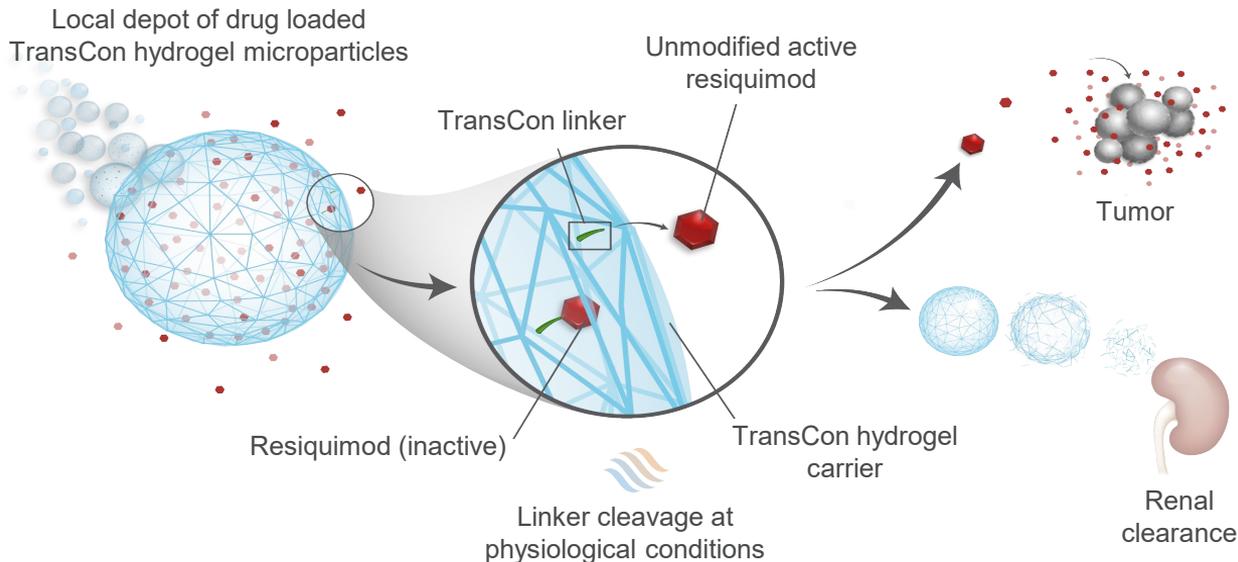
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TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Design



- TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist is an investigational long-acting prodrug with sustained, localized release of resiquimod in the injected tumor with low systemic exposure¹
- Intratumoral delivery of resiquimod using TransCon Hydrogel technology is designed to steadily activate and intensify the body's innate and adaptive immune response systemically over weeks with a single injection

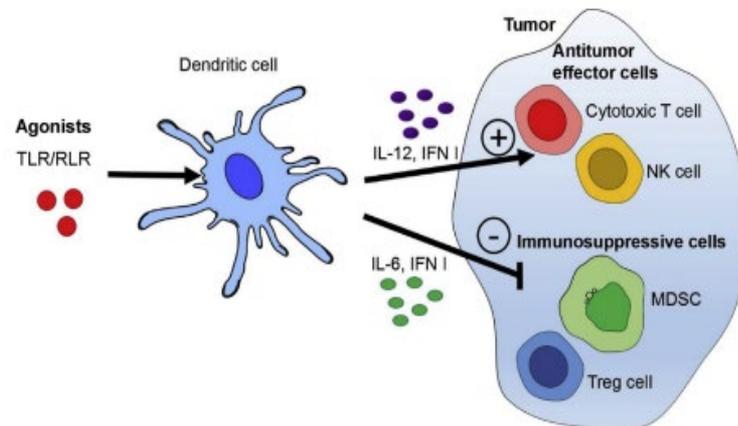
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Toll-Like Receptors Are Well-Validated Targets for Activation of Innate and Adaptive Immunity

- Toll-Like receptors (TLRs) are potent stimulants of the innate immune system, particularly antigen presenting cells (APCs) such as dendritic cells (DCs) with multiple effects:
 - Induces DC activation and maturation¹⁻⁵
 - Reprogramming of macrophages and myeloid derived suppressor cells (MDSCs)¹
 - APC stimulation produces proinflammatory cytokines → primes and expands cytolytic and helper T cells
- Resiquimod is a potent TLR7/8 agonist
 - In preclinical models, resiquimod amplifies effects of tumor vaccines^{6,7}
- Clinical limitations of TLR agonists:
 - Systemic administration may lead to undesired toxicity (ie, cytokine release syndrome)⁸
 - Previous intratumoral (IT) approaches have not demonstrated prolonged exposure of active drug levels in the tumor



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Sustained IT exposure of resiquimod could provide therapeutic benefit while minimizing systemic toxicity

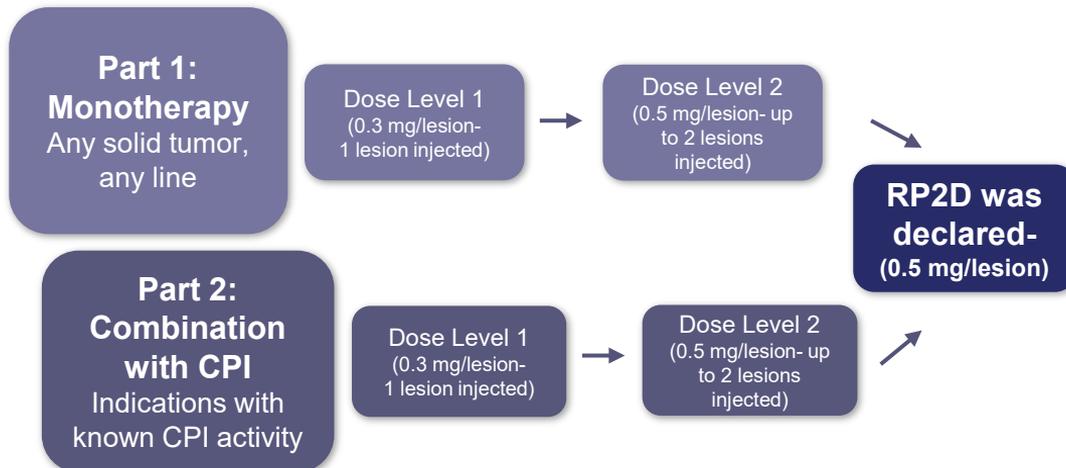
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transcendIT-101 Trial Design

Dose Escalation (“3+3” Design)



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Objectives:

- Safety and tolerability
- Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
- Define maximum tolerated dose (MTD) and recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D)
- Preliminary anti-tumor efficacy

- Per protocol, injections were allowed: Dose Level 1 in 1 lesion; Dose Level 2 in up to 2 lesions

Phase 1/2, multi-center, open-label trial of TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist alone or in combination with pembrolizumab

Abbreviations: CPI, check-point inhibitor; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose. ClinicalTrials.gov NCT04799054
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Baseline Demographics and Clinical Characteristics

	Monotherapy (Part 1)			Combination with Pembrolizumab (Part 2)		
	0.3 mg/lesion (n=3)	0.5 mg/lesion (n=6)	Total (N=9)	0.3 mg/lesion (n=3)	0.5 mg/lesion (n=11)	Total (N=14)
Age (years), median (min, max)	60 (58, 66)	65 (42, 75)	63 (42, 75)	49 (47, 66)	70 (43, 86)	69 (43, 86)
Sex						
Male	2	4	6	1	7	8
Female	1	2	3	2	4	6
Race						
Asian	0	1	1	0	0	0
Black	1	0	1	0	0	0
White	2	5	7	3	11	14
Ethnicity						
Hispanic or Latino	0	1	1	0	1	1
Not Hispanic or Latino	3	5	8	3	10	13
ECOG^a Performance Status						
Grade 0	2	2	4	2	2	4
Grade 1	1	4	5	1	9	10
Prior Anti-PD1 Therapy (Yes), n (%)	2 (66.7)	4 (66.7)	6 (66.7)	2 (66.7)	7 (63.6)	9 (64.3)
Number of Prior Lines of Systemic Therapy, median (min, max)	5 (2, 5)	3 (2, 4)	3 (2, 5)	2 (2,2)	2 (1, 3) ^b	2 (1,3) ^b
Tumor Types						
HNSCC	0	1	1	0	2	2
Melanoma	1	2	3	1	3 ^c	4 ^c
Pancreatic Cancer	1	1	2	1	0	1
SCC	0	1	1	0	1 ^c	1 ^c
Other ^d	1 (Triple Neg Breast Cancer)	1 (Colon MANEC)	2	1 (Basal Cell Carcinoma)	6 (MEL, SARC, ACC, UL, LS, CC)	7

Abbreviations: ACC, adenoid cystic carcinoma; CC, colon cancer; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; HNSCC, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; LS, liposarcoma; MANEC, mixed adenoneuroendocrine carcinoma; MEL, melanoma; PD1, programmed death-1; SARC, sarcoma; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma; UL, uterine leiomyosarcoma.

^aNo ECOG grade 2-4 in any treatment group; ^bNo prior anti-cancer systemic treatment for n=2 patients;

^cMelanoma and SCC both occurred in 1 patient.

^dData cutoff 21 Sept 2022. Davar D. et al., Oral presentation at SITC 2022; Nov. 11, 2022; Boston, U.S.

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Safety Overview

	Monotherapy (Part 1)		Combination with Pembrolizumab (Part 2)	
	0.3 mg/lesion (n=3)	0.5 mg/lesion (n=6)	0.3 mg/lesion (n=3)	0.5 mg/lesion (n=11)
Total # lesions injected, n				
1 Lesion	3	5	3	9
2 Lesions at different times	0	1	0	0
2 Lesions at the same time	0	0	0	2
Patients with ≥ 1 related SAE or related grade 3 or higher TEAE	0	0	1 (Grade 3 hyperglycemia related to pembrolizumab)	1 (SAE: grade 3 Injection site reaction) ^a
TEAE leading to study drug interruption any cycle	1 (Grade 3 gluteal pain not related to study drug)	1 (Grade 3 aspiration pneumonia not related to study drug)	0	2 (1, grade 3 seizure not related to study drug; 1, grade 3 injection site reaction related to TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist ^a)
TEAE leading to study drug withdrawn	0	0	0	0
TEAE leading to death	0	0	0	0

- All TEAEs related to TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist were grades 1 and 2, except 1 grade 3 injection site reaction (DLT)

TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist was well tolerated as monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab at both 0.3 mg/lesion and 0.5 mg/lesion doses

Abbreviations: DLT, dose limiting toxicity; n, number of patients; SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. Data Cutoff 21 Sept 2022.

^aDose-limiting toxicity (injection site reaction)

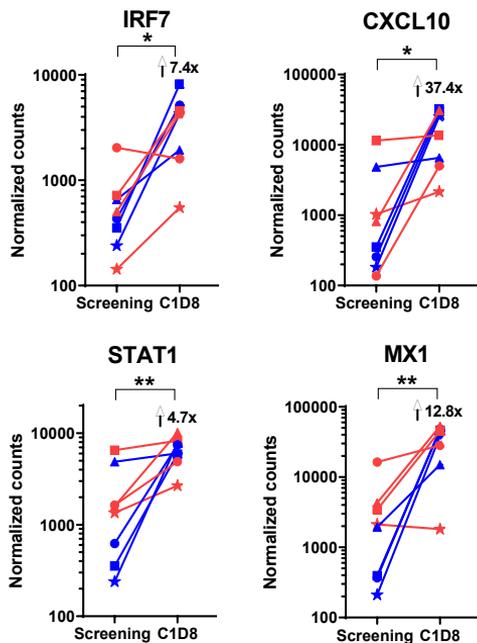
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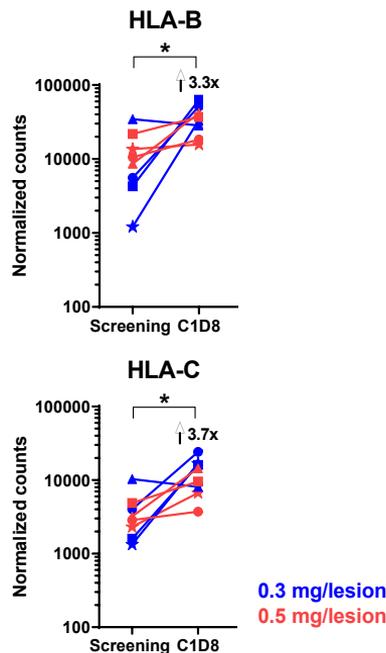
TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Induces Sustained Immune Activation in Injected Lesions for >1 Week After a Single Injection

Sustained TLR7/8 and IFN pathway activation

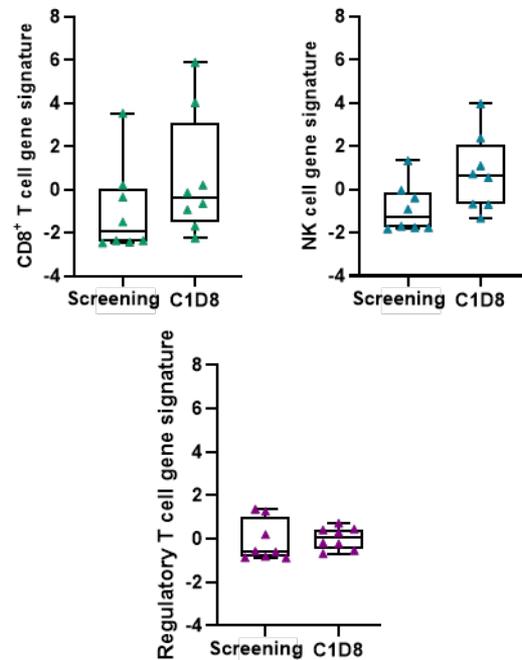


NanoString nCounter Gene Expression Analysis *: p<0.05; **:p<0.01 (paired t-test), median fold-change indicated

Sustained upregulation of HLA genes



Upregulation of gene signatures for cytotoxic immune cells but not regulatory T cells



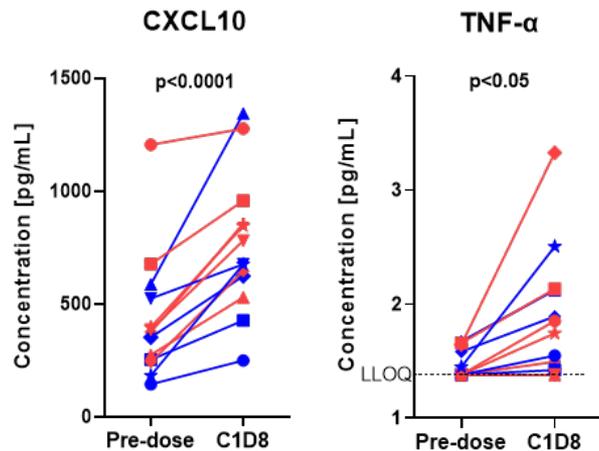
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Abbreviations: C1D8, cycle 1 day 8. Monotherapy and combination therapy patients pooled for analysis since all patients at C1D8 had received only TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist
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TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Induces Sustained Immune Activation Systemically and in Non-Injected Lesions for >1 Week After a Single Injection

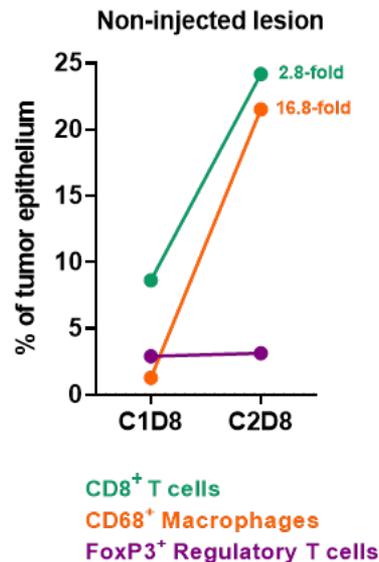
Sustained increase in plasma CXCL10 and TNF- α after 7 days



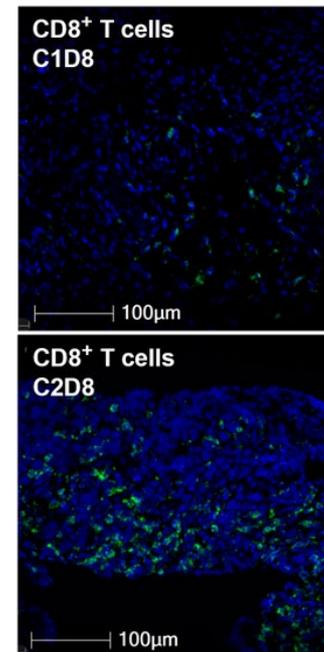
0.3 mg/lesion
 0.5 mg/lesion

Statistical test: Paired t-test
 Values below Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ) are plotted as LLOQ
Meso Scale Discovery

Increase in CD8⁺ T cells and CD68⁺ Macrophages in a non-injected lesion from patient on monotherapy



Multiplex Immunofluorescence



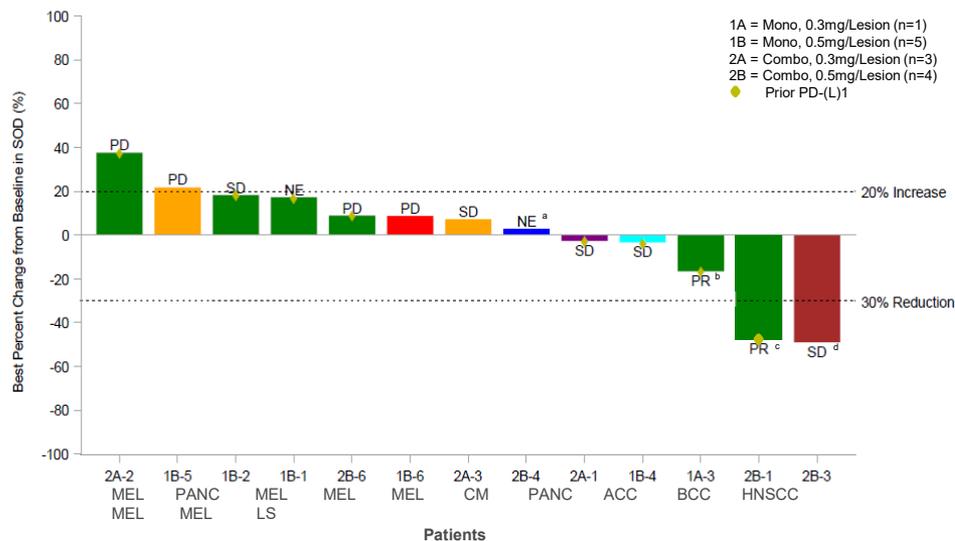
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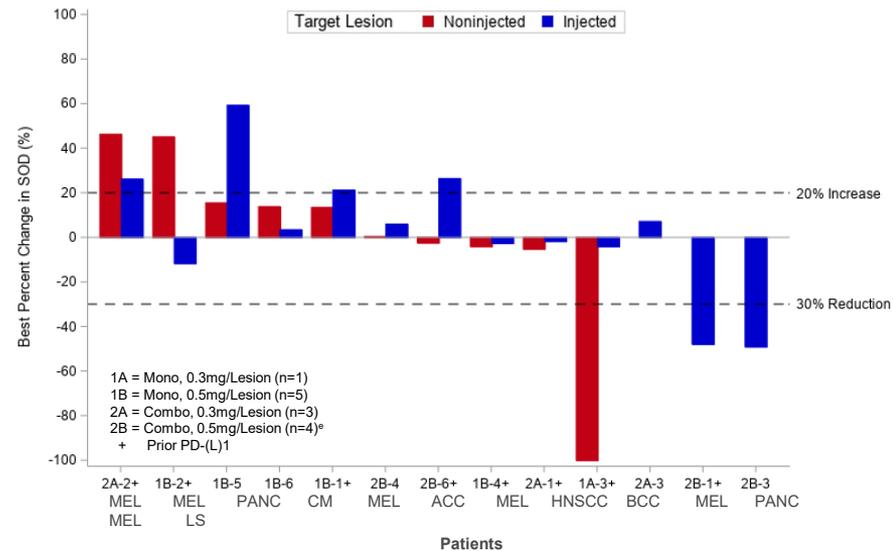
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Clinical Response to TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Occurs in Injected Target Lesions with Abscopal Effect in One Non-injected Target Lesion

Best Percent Change from Baseline (%) in SOD of Target Lesions



Best Percent Change (%) in SOD of Target Noninjected vs. Injected Lesions^e



Abbreviations: ACC, adenoid cystic carcinoma; BCC, basal cell carcinoma; CM, colon mixed adenoneuroendocrine carcinoma (MANEC); HNSCC, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; LS, leiomyosarcoma; MEL, melanoma; PANC, pancreatic.

^aScan done before Week9; ^bResponse based on pathology review; ^cPatient had both cSCC and melanoma, PR for melanoma; ^dWeek 9 PR (49% reduction from baseline) followed by Week 18 PD (appearance of a new lesion); ^eDetermined by investigator assessment; ⁿ=number of efficacy evaluable patients.

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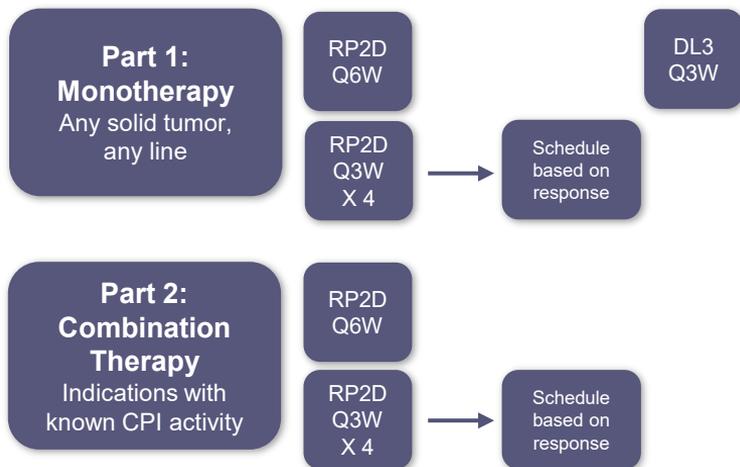
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Dose Optimization (n~6 per cohort)



- RP2D = 0.5 mg/lesion

Dose Expansion

Part 3: Combination with Pembrolizumab^a, Dose-Expansion Indication-specific cohorts

Cohorts 3a and 3b: ≤ 1 line of prior treatment for recurrent metastatic disease

Cohort 3a: HNSCC (n~23+25^b)

Cohort 3b: Other HPV-associated tumor types (n~23+25^b)

Cohorts 3c and 3d: no prior treatment for newly diagnosed, resectable disease

Cohort 3c: Neoadjuvant melanoma (n~17+19^b)

Cohort 3d: Neoadjuvant cSCC (n~23+14^b)

Abbreviations: DL3, dose level 3; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; QXW, every X weeks

^aPembrolizumab administration is Q3W, if part of study treatment; ^bper Simon 2-Stage Davar D. et al., Oral presentation at SITC 2022; Nov. 11, 2022; Boston, U.S.

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transcendIT-101 Trial Update Summary

- As of the data cutoff, preliminary results showed that TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist was well-tolerated both as a monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab
- Demonstrated local release of immune activators over weeks using TransCon technology may lead to systemic immune activation
- Biomarkers demonstrated target engagement in injected and non-injected tumors, along with systemic immune response
- Early signs of clinical activity were observed in patients receiving TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist both as a monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab, with an abscopal effect observed with monotherapy
- The recommended Phase 2 dose was declared at 0.5 mg/lesion for up to two lesions

Thank you

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