

A phase 1 study of the novel immunotoxin MT-5111 in patients with HER2+ tumors: Interim results.

Brian Andrew Van Tine, Joleen M. Hubbard, Monica M. Mita, Minal A. Barve, Erika P. Hamilton, Andrew J. Brenner, Frances Valdes, Daniel H. Ahn, Jason S. Starr, Joshua Pelham, Thomas Strack, Amy Yuet, Diana Yurewicz, Taunya J. Smith, Andres Machado, William Jeffery Edenfield, Aki Morikawa, Meena Okera, Nihal E. Abdulla, Zev A. Wainberg; Washington University in Saint Louis, St. Louis, MO; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA; Texas Oncology, Dallas, TX; Sarah Cannon Research Institute/Tennessee Oncology, Nashville, TN; University of Texas Health San Antonio Cancer Center, San Antonio, TX; University of Miami, Miami, FL; Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ; University of Florida Health Cancer Center, Jacksonville, FL; Molecular Templates, Inc., Jersey City, NJ; Molecular Templates, Inc., Austin, TX; Molecular Templates, Inc, Austin, TX; Translational Research in Oncology, Los Angeles, CA; Translational Research in Oncology, Montevideo, Uruguay; Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center (ITOR), Greenville, SC; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Ashford Cancer Center, Adelaide, Australia; Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos, CA; Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Background: MT-5111 is a 55kD engineered toxin body (ETB) targeting HER2 in solid tumors that binds to an epitope distinct from trastuzumab and pertuzumab, offering potential combination strategies with other HER2-targeting agents. MT-5111 may demonstrate efficacy in patients (pts) resistant to other HER2-targeting agents, as its mechanism of action induces direct cell kill via enzymatic and permanent ribosome destruction. **Methods:** This is a phase 1 study in adults with advanced HER2+ solid tumors. The dose-escalation portion (Part A) enrolls pts into sequential dose cohorts, followed by Part B expansion cohorts for HER2+ breast cancer (BC), gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma (GEA), and any other HER2+ cancer (CA). MT-5111 is dosed weekly IV over 30 min in each 21-day treatment (tx) cycle until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, death or withdrawn consent. **Results:** As of Jan 2022, 27 pts had enrolled in Part A cohorts (0.5 to 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$) with completed DLT assessments: 9 (33%) pts were male and 18 (67%) female, median age 67 and a median of 4 prior systemic and 2 prior HER2-targeting tx. Common tissue types were BC (9/30%), biliary CA (6/22%), GEA (4/15%). The following safety data reflect 33 treated pts to date including ongoing 13 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$ Part A and 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$ BC expansion cohorts. No Grade (G) 4/5 tx-emergent adverse events (AEs) or DLTs occurred. Tx-related AEs occurred in 17 (52%) pts, most commonly G1/2 fatigue (8/24%). 3 pts had G1 troponin elevations without clinical signs or symptoms of cardiac distress: 1 at 6.75 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$, 2 at 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$. 2 pts (3 and 4.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$) had reversible G2 and G1, respectively, infusion-related reactions (IRRs). A comparison of cytokines from baseline to on-treatment timepoints reveals no evidence of significant changes, even in pts with IRR. Best response per RECIST thus far was stable disease (SD) in 7 pts or non-CR/non-PD in 2 pts: 1 pt had SD for 12 weeks (wks) (4.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, pancreatic CA); 1 pt (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$, BC) had non-CR/non-PD for 30 wks; 1 pt (10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$, GEA) has ongoing SD for 18 wks. AUC_{last} data match PK simulations in non-human primate studies. C_{max} at 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{dose}$ is ≥ 5 times the IC_{50} values of high HER2 expressing gastric CA and BC cell lines while approaching the IC_{50} of a moderately HER2 expressing liver CA cell line. **Conclusions:** MT-5111 is well tolerated to-date with no clinically significant immuno/cardiotoxicity. Dose escalation is ongoing at a dose of 13 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, expected to be required for efficacious exposure. Clinical trial information: NCT04029922. Research Sponsor: Molecular Templates, Inc.