Tumor Targeted Immunostimulants; A Promising Approach to *In Situ* Immunization

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Sutro's XpressCF+[™] Platform: Incorporation of Non-natural Amino Acids



Wholly Owned Manufacturing Advantage – XpressCF™

Accelerating the development of potential best-in-class protein therapeutics

Potential Best-in-Class Protein Therapeutics

- Rapid generation of diverse protein structures enables empirical assessment and selection of optimal candidates
- Can accelerate time to IND by 9 15 months compared to conventional technologies
- Homogeneous drug products generated precisely according to specifications



ADCs



Bispecifics



Cytokine-based I/O Therapeutics

Differentiated Attributes of XpressCF™

 Cell-free protein production process generates homogenous products from DNA sequences in <24 hours



Consistent production method used across scale-up — from discovery to commercial manufacturing



 Enables site-specific, efficient and complete conjugation to non-natural amino acids





Sutro Platform Enables Rapid & Precise Optimization of single species ADCs

- ADCs produced in a few days
- Structure-Activity optimization allows screening for
 - Optimal Antibody discovery
 - Sites of drug-linker attachment
 - Optimal combination of sites
 - Precise Drug/Antibody Ratio
 - Refinement of linker and warhead attributes
- Good product stability







STRO-002: FoIRα ADC

Potential Best-in-Class ADC for Ovarian and Endometrial Cancers



STRO-002: Overcoming Therapeutic Window Limitations of 1st Generation ADCs

STRO-002 Properties



- Homogeneous ADC product generated from Sutro's XpressCF[™] platform.
- Optimized cytotoxin positioning and consistent drug-antibody ratio (DAR = 4)
- Potent and Sutro proprietary hemiasterlin-derivative warhead
- Cleavable linker warhead designed for optimized pharmacology

Implications for Best-in-Class Potential

- Potential for improved therapeutic index through homogeneous delivery of cytotoxin to tumor.
- Many designs tested to identify STRO-002, the candidate with potential for best potency and safety
- Efficacious, potent killing of tumor cells
- Rapid clearance of toxic catabolite after release & cell killing in tumor; potential for improved safety

No ocular toxicity observed in NHP study



STRO-002: Targeting FolRα in Ovarian and Endometrial Cancers



FolRα expressed in more than 90% of evaluated ovarian and endometrial cancer tissue samples^(a)



FolRα Expression Appears to Correlate with Disease Progression in Ovarian Cancer

(a) Source: Sutro Biopharma report, Expression Of Folate Receptor Alpha In Ovarian And Endometrial Cancer Samples, TR-TPPD-0039-V1.0, dated March 12, 2018.



STRO-002 in Ovarian Cancer

Design features facilitate improved potency and specificity



STRO-002 Demonstrates More Potent Cell Killing Compared to the Benchmark and Has Minimal Off-Target Activity

Source: Sutro Biopharma report, STRO-002 Cell Killing Compared to SP8435, TR-TPPD-0021-V1.0, dated May 18, 2018.



STRO-002: A Potentially Superior FolRα ADC

Improved stability can widen therapeutic index



Mouse Tumor Model – Free Warhead in Tumor vs. Blood After Dosing

No Evidence of STRO-002 Free Warhead Circulating in the Blood Post Dosing No evidence of Free Warhead Accumulation in FolR α Negative Tumors

Source: Sutro Biopharma report, In Vivo Catabolite Profiling for SP8193 and SP8435 in Tumor and Plasma, TR-PHRM-0036-V1.1, dated January 8, 2018



STRO-002 Phase 1 Clinical Trial Design



STRO-002 Phase 1 Emerging Clinical Data in Ovarian Cancer (All Comers)

• STRO-002 has been well tolerated

- No DLTs or infusion reactions have been observed
- No ocular toxicity observed; No prophylactic corticosteroid eye drops being utilized
- MTD not yet determined
 - Dose escalation continuing at 6.0 mg/kg
- Preliminary evidence of clinical benefit and anti-tumor activity
 - One confirmed PR by RECIST 1.1 (Cycle 5) with a confirmed CA-125 response
 - Five patients have stable disease per RECIST 1.1 (confirmed & unconfirmed) in first 13 patients

Data as of Oct 15, 2019 Presented at AACR-NCI-EORTC 2019



STRO-002 in combination with Avelumab resulted in complete remission of animals bearing MC38-FolRα tumors



- Markedly enhanced anti-tumor activity observed with combination treatments compared to either single agent alone
- Combination treatment extended median survival compared to single agent therapy
- Combination treatment significantly increased infiltration of CD8+ T Cells into tumor; T cell infiltration not seen with either single agent therapy



STRO-002 Stimulation of The Immune System is Mediated by Hemiasterlin and is FolR α Dependent



- Tumor targeted immunogenic cell death (ICD) induces activation of monocytes in the tumor microenvironment
- Calreticulin and HMGB1 are markers of ICD and can enhance APC activation, recruitment and tumor antigen uptake
- Tumor ICD promotes innate immune activation and synergy with PD1 checkpoints

STRO-002 Induces ICD Markers only in FolR α Positive Cells



Intratumoral (IT) dosing of synthetic Toll-like Receptor agonists (TLRs) under evaluation as potential new cancer therapies



Several Clinical trials with TLR agonists have shown promise with tumor regression and abscopal effects; however limited by I.T. administration

• Challenges:

- Despite localized (IT) injection, cytokine storm is a dose limiting toxicity.
- IT administration is limited to external or cutaneous tumor indications.

TLR4 and TLR7/8 Agonists Synergistically Activate Dendritic Cells

Further enhancement seen with CPIs or ICD Inducers



- Cytoxan (cyclophosphamide) induces ICD which promotes DC proliferation.
- HMGN1 and R848 synergistically activate DCs through TLR4 and TLR7/8, respectively
- Triplet treatment enhanced tumor infiltrating DC activation and increased infiltration of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells.
- Tumor-free mice treated were resistant to subsequent challenge with CT26, indicating
 protective immunity
 Nie et al (2017)

Would a Dual Conjugate of A Tumor Targeting Antibody and TLR4 and TLR7/8 Agonists Act As an *In Situ Vaccine*?



Systemic Administration of TLR7/8-agonist Resulted in Tumor Growth Inhibition but with Transient BW loss



- Anti-tumor activity of TLR7/8 agonist : IT dosing > IV or SC (systemic) dosing.
- Transient BW loss during 1st week in all treated groups (IT, IV, and SC dosing).

Limitations of IT dosing – leakage and systemic exposure - drive, at least in part, efficacy but also toxicity.



Sutro's FolR α ISAC product concept promises to preserve efficacy and improve tolerability



FolRα ISAC (Immune Stimulator Antibody Conjugate)

FolRα Ab conjugated to TLR7/8 agonist via cleavable linker

Site-Specific Conjugation Technology Allows For Optimization of Pharmacological Properties



Combination of FolR α ISAC and FolR α ADC Results in Tumor Regressions and No Tumor Growth Upon Re-challenge



- FolRα ISAC (immune stimulator antibody conjugate) product concept supported by impressive in vivo anti-tumor activity and good tolerability with 1/40th dose of free TLR agonist
- Combination of ADC and ISAC gave greater anti-tumor response with evidence of regressions.
- No tumor re-growth in survivors upon tumor re-implantation, suggest FolRα ISAC/ADC-related innate and adaptive immune mechanisms drive anti-tumor response.



ADC to iADC: Combining Synergistic Mechanisms in a Single Molecule



- Specific conjugations to specifically positioned sites
 - Optimal stoichiometry (absolute DAR and ratio of each payload)
- Enables optimal <u>efficacy</u> and <u>tolerability</u>
- Process options enabled allowing use of single nnAA or two different nnAAs
 - Both process paths result in a single molecular species iADC



Combining ADC and Immune Agonists Can Break Tumor Tolerance and Elicit Protective Immunity in a single therapy



iADC approach can elicit protective tumor immunity by two mechanisms:

- 1. Tumor targeted *immunogenic cell death*
 - Induce tumor killing that alerts immune response
- 2. Directly activate immune cells (i.e. dendritic cells)
 - Demonstrates tumor immunity in vivo

Some patients will require multiple therapies to enable cancer immunity, an iADC combines multiple MOAs into a single tumor targeted therapy

Superior Anti-Tumor Memory Response with Single Dose of a Prototype 4+2 FolRα iADC



FolRα iADC showed enhanced activity vs. ADC alone based on higher number of animals with complete responses and durable anti-tumor immunity



A new precedent

Turning a tumour into a vaccine in situ.....

- This program is one of a number of approaches at Sutro exploring whether systemically administered TME-targeting of conjugated combination payloads can set up a sustained and robust anti-tumor immune response
- In our illustrated case a targeted cytotoxin, our proprietary hemiasterlin, that stimulates immunogenic cell death, provides a synergistic stimulation of memory responses when paired together with TLR agonists.
- This systemically delivered trigger for the immune system induces an adaptive and protective response

....."an immunization triggered in situ "





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