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Sponsor

Novartis

Generic Drug Name

Spartalizumab / PDR001

Trial Indication(s)

Metastatic microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancer

Protocol Number

CPDR001I2101

Protocol Title

ElevatION: CRC-101: A Phase Ib study of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 as first line therapy in patients with metastatic microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancer

Clinical Trial Phase

Phase IB

Phase of Drug Development

Phase III

Study Start/End Dates

25-Sep-2017 to 30-Jan-2018

Reason for Termination

Novartis terminated the study during the safety run-in phase with only one subject enrolled due to business reasons. The trial termination was unrelated to any safety concerns or anticipated lack of efficacy associated with PDR001.

Study Design/Methodology

The study was planned to be a multi-center, open label trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 in previously untreated adult subjects with metastatic MSS colorectal cancer. The study was planned with two parts: a safety run-in part and an expansion part. However, the study was terminated during the safety run-in phase with only one patient enrolled due to business reasons. The patient received 400mg of PDR001 administered via intravenous infusion once every four weeks, in combination with bevacizumab at 5 mg/kg i.v. plus oxaliplatin 85 mg/m² i.v., plus leucovorin 400 mg/m² i.v., plus 5-Flurouracil 400 mg/m² i.v. bolus, followed by 5-Flurouracil 2400 mg/m² every two weeks.

Centers

1 center in 1 country: United Kingdom

Objectives:

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Primary objective(s)

Safety run-in part: to assess the safety and tolerability of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 in previously untreated subjects with metastatic MSS CRC.

Expansion part: to evaluate the efficacy based on overall response rate (ORR) per RECIST v1.1 of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 in previously untreated subjects with metastatic MSS CRC.

Secondary objective(s)

To evaluate the efficacy of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6.

To evaluate the safety and tolerability of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6.

To characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of PDR001, bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 when administered in combination.

To evaluate the prevalence and incidence of immunogenicity of PDR001 and bevacizumab when given in combination with mFOLFOX6.

To assess the overall survival (OS).

Test Product (s), Dose(s), and Mode(s) of Administration

PDR001 400 mg every four weeks given as a 30 minute intravenous infusion.

Bevacizumab every two weeks at 5 mg/kg.

Modified FOLFOX6 every two week is chemotherapy combination of oxaliplatin 85 mg/m² i.v. over two hours, plus leucovorin 400 mg/m² i.v. over two hours, plus 5-Fluorouracil 400 mg/m² i.v. bolus over 2-4 minutes followed by 5-Fluorouracil 2400 mg/m² over 46 h as continuous infusion. The regimen was repeated every two weeks (Day 1 and Day 15 of each 28-day cycle).

Statistical Methods

No analyses were performed since only one subject was enrolled into the study. Data on this subject was listed, and detailed statistical information is not applicable.

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Study Population: Key Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion criteria

- Patients with metastatic MSS colorectal adenocarcinoma. Note: MSI status will be performed locally by an immunohistochemistry (IHC) or PCR based test for eligibility.
- Patients must provide a newly obtained or an archival tumor sample corresponding to CRC diagnosis (primary tumor) with sufficient tissue quality (qualified) for analysis (mandatory)
- Patients must provide a newly obtained tumor tissue sample from a metastatic site (mandatory)
- Patients who are naïve to systemic treatment in metastatic setting. Patients with previous neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy (that may have included oxaliplatin or investigational VEGF inhibitors) are eligible if the treatment was completed > 12 months before inclusion.
- Patients with the presence of at least one lesion with measurable disease as per RECIST 1.1 guidelines. Lesions in previously irradiated areas should not be considered measurable unless they have clearly progressed since the radiotherapy.
- Patients have an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0-1

Exclusion criteria

- Patients with MSI-H colorectal adenocarcinoma as defined per local assessment using standard of care testing
- Patients with metastatic disease amenable to be resected with potentially curative surgery
- Patients who have received any systemic treatment for metastatic disease.
- Patients with a history of prior treatment with anti-PD-1, anti-PD-L1, anti-PDL2, anti-CTLA-4 antibodies, other checkpoint inhibitors
- Patients who had received radiation within 14 days prior to the first dose of study drug

Participant Flow Table

Two subjects were screened in the study. Of these, one subject was a screen failure, and the remaining one subject enrolled for the safety run-in and then ended treatment due to disease progression and subsequently withdrew consent during post treatment follow-up.

Baseline Characteristics

The one subject enrolled was a 66 year-old Caucasian male with a baseline ECOG performance status of 1.

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Summary of Efficacy

No formal efficacy results were reported for this study. For the one subject enrolled, local response assessments were performed. However, no efficacy conclusions can be made given that only one subject was enrolled.

Summary of Safety

Serious adverse events	PDR+BEV+mFOLFO X6
Total subjects affected by serious adverse events	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
number of deaths (all causes)	0
number of deaths resulting from adverse events	0
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	
Febrile neutropenia	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	1 / 1
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0
General disorders and administration site conditions	
Pyrexia	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences causally related to treatment / all	1 / 1
deaths causally related to treatment / all	0 / 0

Non-serious adverse events	PDR+BEV+mFOLFO X6
Total subjects affected by non-serious adverse events	1 / 1 (100.00%)
subjects affected / exposed	

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Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	1 / 1 (100.00%)
Fall	
subjects affected / exposed	
occurrences (all)	1
Stoma complication	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1
Investigations	
Weight decreased	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	
Cough	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1
Nervous system disorders	
Neuropathy peripheral	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1
Eye disorders	
Blepharospasm	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1
General disorders and administration site conditions	
Fatigue	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	2
Gastrointestinal disorders	
Diarrhoea	
subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
occurrences (all)	1

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Nausea subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	occurrences (all) 1
Stomatitis subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	occurrences (all) 1
Vomiting subjects affected / exposed	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	occurrences (all) 2
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Rash	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all) 1
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Muscle spasms	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all) 1
Metabolism and nutrition disorders Decreased appetite	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all) 2
Infections and infestations Candida infection	1 / 1 (100.00%)
	subjects affected / exposed occurrences (all) 1

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Other Relevant Findings

None

Conclusion:

No conclusions were drawn from the results of this study regarding the safety and tolerability of PDR001 in combination with bevacizumab and mFOLFOX6 as first line therapy in subjects with metastatic MSS colorectal cancer, as only one subject was enrolled and received the study treatment. Novartis decided to permanently halt recruitment and terminate this study for business reasons. The trial termination was unrelated to any safety concerns or anticipated lack of efficacy associated with PDR001.

Date of Clinical Trial Report

10 July 2018