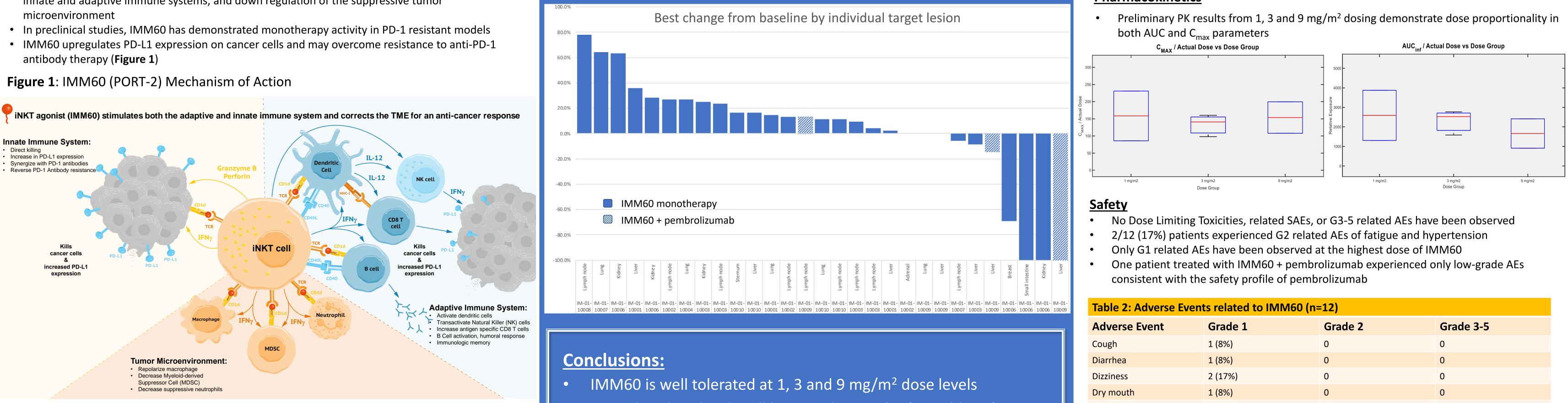


# A phase 1 first-in-human dose finding/randomized phase 2 study of IMM60 and pembrolizumab in advanced melanoma and NSCLC (IMP-MEL)

Nicholas Coupe<sup>1</sup>, David J. Pinato<sup>2</sup>, Justin Fairchild<sup>3</sup>, Desa Rae Stanton-Pastore<sup>3</sup>, Steven Innaimo<sup>3</sup>, David Thompson<sup>1</sup>, Uzi Gileadi<sup>1</sup>, Robert Kramer<sup>3</sup>, Ian Walters<sup>3</sup>, Mark Middleton<sup>1</sup> 1. University of Oxford 2. Imperial College London 3. Portage Biotech

## **Background:**

- IMM60 (PORT-2) is a synthetic derivative of  $\alpha$ -galceramide formulated into a liposome Liposomal encapsulated IMM60 is also referred to as PORT-2
- IMM60 is a potent agonist of invariant natural killer T-cells (iNKTs) which leads to activation of the innate and adaptive immune systems, and down regulation of the suppressive tumor microenvironment
- antibody therapy (Figure 1)



### Methods:

- Phase 1 is a 3 + 3 design starting with IMM60 monotherapy at doses 1mg, 3mg and 9mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- IMM60 is also being evaluated in combination with pembrolizumab at 3 and 9mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- IMM60 was administered IV every 3wks x 6 cycles
- Patients were evaluated for safety, biopsies and blood were taken before and during treatment
- EudraCT Number: 2020-001351-41

### **Eligibility**

- IMM60 monotherapy: Melanoma and NSCLC patients progressing through prior immunotherapy (and platinum-based chemotherapy for NSCLC pts)
- IMM60 + pembrolizumab: Melanoma and 1L PD-L1 high NSCLC
- Measurable disease per RECIST 1.1
- ECOG 0-1
- Demographics and baseline characteristics are summarized in Table 1

Table 1: Demographics and Baseline Characteristics (n=12)			
Tumor type (%)	Melanoma: 6 (50) NSCLC 6 (50)		
Age (range)	64 (41,79)		
Median prior therapies (range)*	4 (2,7)		
Prior PD-1* (%)	11 (100)		
Performance status (%)	ECOG 0: 8 (67) ECOG 1: 4 (33)		

\* IMM60 monotherapy cohorts only (n=11)

# **Clinical Activity**

Single agent activity observed in select target lesions

- Higher dose levels will be tested given the favorable safety profile
- Preliminary PK results demonstrate dose proportionality
- Previously reported serum biomarker analyses provide evidence of iNKT activation, as well as increases in antigen-presenting CD86+ B cells following treatment with IMM60<sup>a</sup>
- There is early evidence of single agent activity with reduction in several target lesions
- Combination with an anti-PD1 antibody is ongoing, with encouraging preliminary reduction in liver lesions observed

### Exposure

- A total of 49 IMM60 infusions have been administered to 12 patients at doses up to 9  $mg/m^2$ , with a median of 5 doses per patient
- The MTD has not been reached

### **Pharmacokinetics**

Table 2: Adverse Events related to IMM60 (n=12)			
Adverse Event	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3-5
Cough	1 (8%)	0	0
Diarrhea	1 (8%)	0	0
Dizziness	2 (17%)	0	0
Dry mouth	1 (8%)	0	0
Dyspnea	1 (8%)	0	0
Fatigue	1 (8%)	1 (8%)	0
Flu-like symptoms	1 (8%)	0	0
Hair Loss	1 (8%)	0	0
Headache	1 (8%)	0	0
Hypertension	0	1 (17%)	0
Fever	1 (8%)	0	0
Nausea	1 (8%)	0	0
Pruritus	1 (8%)	0	0
AST/ALT elevation	1 (8%)	0	0
Vomiting	1 (8%)	0	0

### References

<sup>a</sup> Coupe et al, Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer Nov 2022, 10 (Suppl 2) A778

### Acknowledgements

We extend our gratitude to the patients, their families, and the University of Oxford and Imperial College London site staff members who are making this trial possible

