

### Treating solid tumours with ATMPs

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The centres are working together, along with the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult to specifically look at the training requirements for the current workforce and what needs to be put in place for them to be ready to deliver the treatments that are currently being developed.

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# T4 Immunotherapy: $4\alpha\beta$ and T1E28 $\zeta$



# HNSCC: The unmet need

- Sixth commonest cause of cancer death worldwide
- 12,061 cases and 4,047 deaths in the UK in 2015
  5-year survival 50%
- Highly driven by ErbB family:
  - >90% EGFR<sup>+</sup>
  - ErbB2: up to 31%
  - ErbB3: 21%
  - ErbB4: 55%.
- Most tumors express two or more family members, facilitating resistance to traditional targeted agents
- Most patients succumb to loco-regional disease
- Burden of co-morbidity is high



National Head & Neck Cancer Audit, 2011 Profile of Head and Neck Cancers in England (National Cancer Intelligence Network) Rogers et al (2005) **Cancer Metastasis Rev** 24(1) 47-69 Vermorken and Specenier (2010) **Ann Oncol** 21 (suppl 7): vii252-vii261 Silva et al (2010) **Oral Dis.** 16(8):774-80

## Primary unmet need: improved control of loco-regional disease

Death/morbidity primarily due to loco-regional disease

#### The Guy's and St Thomas' MDT (catchment 1.5M)

- Approximately 350 new cases per year (increasing)
- Large proportion with locally advanced/ recurrent disease
- Disease course changing with anti-PD-1 containing regimens, but outcomes remain poor for most.



Fig. 1. Overall Kaplan–Meir Survival for untreated patients with HNSCC.

Jeannon et al. (2011) Clin Otolaryngol. 36(4):384-8.

# Trial Design

#### Design

- First in man.
- Single centre.
- 3+3 dose escalation design.
- Single dose of fresh cell product administered by intra-tumoural injection at multiple points within target lesion, akin to T-VEC.

Cohort	Target Dose (T4 <sup>+</sup> cells)	Dose range (cells)	Volume (mL)
-1*	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	1+/- 0.2
1	1x10 <sup>7</sup>	3-10x10 <sup>6</sup>	1+/- 0.2
2	3x10 <sup>7</sup>	1.1-3x10 <sup>7</sup>	1+/- 0.2
3	1x10 <sup>8</sup>	3.1-10x10 <sup>7</sup>	2+/- 0.2
4	3x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.1-3x10 <sup>8</sup>	3+/- 0.2
5	1x10 <sup>9</sup>	3.1-10x10 <sup>8</sup>	4+/- 0.2
6 (Flu/Cy)	1x10 <sup>8</sup>	3.1-10x10 <sup>7</sup>	4+/- 0.2

#### Inclusion/ Exclusion Criteria

- SCCHN: Locally recurrent or metastatic (brain metastases excluded).
- ECOG-PS 0-2.
- No imminent airway obstruction, unless tracheostomy in place.
- No imminent tumour-mediated infiltration of major blood vessels.
- No clinically active autoimmune disease.
- No prior splenectomy.
- No anti-coagulant use.

#### **Primary Endpoint**

 Dose limiting toxicity of T4 immunotherapy graded according to NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE), Version 4.0.

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

- Translational endpoints.
- Response by RECIST 1.1.

#### van Schalkwyk et al (2013) Hum Gene Ther Clin Dev 24(3):134-142.

Νο	Cohort	Age	PS	Gender	T4 dose	Primary site	Prior treatment
1		56	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Nasal cavity	Surgery x 3; Radical RT; CTX -Cisplatin, 5-FU, Cetuximab
2	1	59	1	Female	1 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 1; Radical RT; CTX - Cisplatin, 5-FU
3		59	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 1; Radical RT; CTX - Cisplatin, 5-FU
4		57	1	Female	3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 4; Adjuvant RT; CTX – Cisplatin, Carboplatin; Palliative RT
5	2	50	2	Male	Died before treatment	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 0; Radical RT; CTX - Cisplatin
6		55	1	Male	3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 1; Palliative RT; CTX - Cisplatin, 5FU, Cetuximab
7		78	2	Male	3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Oral (Tonsil)	Surgery x 0; Radical RT; CTX courses x 0
8	3	62	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Neck	Surgery x 3; Radical RT; CTX – Cisplatin, 5FU, Cetuximab, Docetaxel, Carboplatin
9		81	0	Male	1 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral (Buccal mucosa/ mandible)	Surgery x 4; Radical RT; CTX courses x 0
10		64	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral (Palate and oropharynx)	Surgery x 1; Radical RT; CTX – cisplatin, 5FU
11	Λ	61	0	Female	3 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral (Mandibular alveolus)	Surgery x 0; Radical RT; CTX courses x 0
12	7	36	N/A	Male	Failed screening	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 1; Radical RT; CTX courses x 0
13		66	N/K	Male	3 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral (Oropharyngeal)	Surgery x 1; RT x 1 (nature unknown); CTX courses x 1 (nature unknown)
14		82	1	Male	3 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral (Tongue)	Surgery x 1; RT x 1 (dose unknown); CTX courses x 0
15	5	39	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Nasopharyngeal	Surgery x 1; RT x 1; CTX courses x 1
16		57	1	Female	1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Mandible	Surgery x 2; RT x 2; CTX courses x 1
17		61	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Oral (Tonsil)	RT x 1; CTX x 3; Pembrolizumab
18	6	46	1	Male	1 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Oral	RT x 1; CTX x 2

### Manufacturing



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- No DLTs, CRS or neurotoxicity
- Local inflammatory reactions + fever
- Stable disease in 9/13 patients by RECIST (6 weeks).
- MABEL appears to be 10<sup>8</sup> T4<sup>+</sup> T-cells.
- 1 patient (baseline tumour shown in slide 7) achieved a very good response to subsequent T-VEC and pembrolizumab (close to CR).
- Patient 15 had further shrinkage of primary tumour when assessed after 10 weeks, with progression noted at distant sites of disease.



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#### **Current CD19 CAR-T products**



#### **Potential for 2-5 year growth**

Current Landscape

Oncology

Haematology



**Potential Market** 

Haematology

Oncology

Non-malignant indications. Transplant rejection, Inflammatory bowel Disease, Virally driven hepatitis.. And onwards

### The Immune Effector Cell Cycle



# Challenges in Solid Tumours

### Efficacy

- Homing
- TAAs
- T-cell persistence/survival
- Immunosuppressive tumour microenvironments
- Target loss/relapse

### Practicality

- Cost
- Complexity
- Workforce

### Toxicity

- Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- Immune effector cell associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)
- Hemophagocytic
  lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)
- Living drug
- Lymphodepletion related toxicity
- Therapeutic window

60y. Supraglottic SCC 2017: chemo+rad. Recurrence 2019: Salvage surgery. December 2019:local Recurrence. TIL harvest 06/01/2020. Pembrolizumab 07/01/2020. PD in disease and hypercalcaemia. NMLD 10/02/2020. TIL 17/02/2020











Left: Axial post-contrast CT neck at baseline demonstrating extensive tumour infiltration of the submental and submandibular soft tissues (arrows) along with left cervical cutaneous nodularity (open arrow) and deep soft tissue infiltration of the laryngopharyngeal reconstruction (arrowheads).

Right: Axial post-contrast CT in the same patient demonstrating an excellent partial response to treatment with a significant reduction in the volume of submental and submandibular disease (arrows); there has been interval resolution of the cutaneous nodularity and deep infiltration of the laryngopharyngeal reconstruction.

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### IEC therapy in solid tumours: managing challenges and expectations Linda Gomm



## **Patient Pathway**

- Patient referral
- Screening and Eligibility
- Surgery or Apheresis
- > Lymphodepletion
- > Cell Infusion
- Ward inpatient stay
- ≻ Follow up





# Challenges

Large referral area

> Multiple hospital visits

> Multiple tumour sites/MDT's

> Manufacturing dates v's surgeon availability

> Trial protocol- complicated schedules

> Pharmacy

Extended hospital stays/GCCU

> Training

Managing expectations

Regulatory





# Top tips....

- Effective communication
- ➢ Weekly MDT
- ➢ PI oversight
- IEC operational group
- Robust training package
- Governance structure



