Phase I trial of the DLL3/CD3 bispecific T-cell engager BI 764532 in DLL3-positive small cell lung cancer and neuroendocrine carcinomas

Target indications in this study

Very high unmet need which has a very poor prognosis

No standard treatment for recurrent disease

BI 764532 represents a promising therapeutic strategy for tumor types that are not typically responsive to standard immunotherapies

Key features of BI 764532*

Mechanism of action

Tumor cell



DLL3+ SCLC

DLL3+ NECs



Brings T-cells and tumor cells together



Strong preclinical activity against DLL3+ tumors



MHC-independent mechanism of action

Many tumors can grow unchecked by evading the immune system

DLL3 is selectively expressed on tumors with 'small cell' and neuroendocrine differentiation but is absent on normal tissue

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BI 764532 forms an immune synapse and activates T-cells



DLL3

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Inactive

T-cell

*Based on preclinical observations

This leads to the destruction of the tumor cell, followed by an immune cascade

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T-cells proliferate, release cytokines and recruit immune cells leading to tumor destruction



Trial design

Objective

First-in-human study to determine the MTD, assess safety and preliminary efficacy of BI 764532

BI 764532

Patient population SCLC or NECs: Must have DLL3+ tumors by central review

Treatment history Failed or not eligible for standard therapy including 1 line of chemotherapy



Cytokines



Flexible dosing regimen



Biomarker-defined patient population: DLL3+ tumors only

Dose regimens

Fixed single IV dose every three weeks $(escalating doses: 0.3-80 \mu g^{+})$ Fixed single IV dose every week (optional step in dosing)

Endpoints Primary: MTD; DLTs Secondary: Tumor response; PK

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Abbreviations

DLTs: dose-limiting toxicities MHC: major histocompatibility complex MTD: maximum tolerated dose

NECs: neuroendocrine carcinomas PK: pharmacokinetics SCLC: small-cell lung cancer

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⁺Provisional upper dose