

PDC*lung01: An innovative therapeutic cancer vaccine induces specific immune responses in combination with anti-PD-1 treatment in patients with non-small cell lung cancer

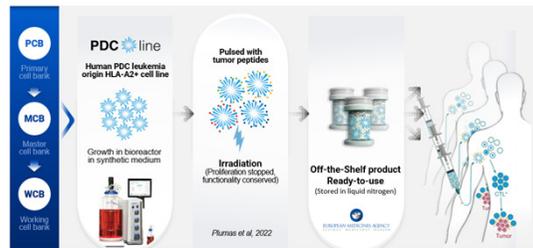
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PDC*lung01

Off-the-shelf plasmacytoid dendritic cell-based product

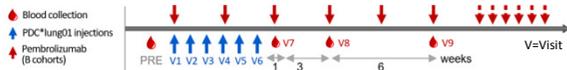
PDC*lung01 (IMP) is a therapeutic cancer vaccine based on an irradiated plasmacytoid dendritic cell line loaded with HLA-A*02:01-restricted peptides (NY-ESO-1, MAGE-A3, MAGE-A4, Multi-MAGE-A, MUC1, Survivin and Melan-A) able to prime and expand peptide-specific CD8+ T cells *in vitro* and *in vivo*. PDC*lung01 was shown to expand antitumor CD8+ T-cells from PBMC of patients with melanoma or NSCLC and to be synergistic with anti-Programmed Cell Death (PD)-1 (Pembrolizumab®; Charles, Oncoimmunol 2020; Lenogue, Vaccines 2021; Hannani, Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2023).



PDC-LUNG-101 study design

Phase	Cohort	Arm	# of patients	NSCLC Patient Criteria	Main Objectives
Phase I	PDC*lung01 Mono	A1 Low dose	6	Stage IIa/IIb after R0 resection	• Safety & tolerability
		A2 High dose	10	• Adjuvant chemotherapy +/- radiotherapy	• Immune activity
	Anti-PD-1 + PDC*lung01	B1 Low dose	6	• Stage IV starting anti-PD-1 as first-line (TPS≥50%)	• Dose range
		B2 High dose	45		

PDC*lung01 administration schedule:	Anti-PD-1 administration schedule:
IV/SC every week X 6 times	IV, every 3 weeks (until progression)

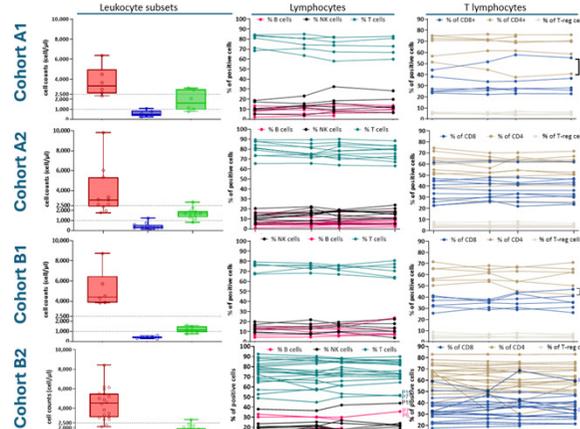


Immunomonitoring assays

Several immune parameters were monitored in the bloodstream at different times before and after vaccination using assays developed by the sponsor: leukocyte count and determination of peptide-specific CD8+ T cells for which a limit of quantification (LOQ) was defined to better assess changes in cell expansion: 0.005% for Melan-A, MAGE-A3 and Survivin, and 0.003% for other specificities.

The results of immune assessment of Cohorts A1, A2, B1 and B2 (n=19 patients) are presented here.

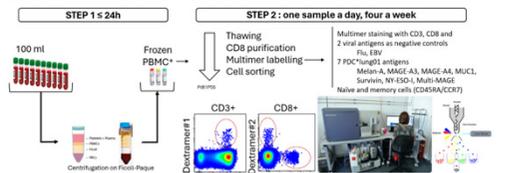
Kinetics of circulating leukocyte subsets



Lymphocytes, polynuclear and mononuclear cell concentrations at Screening (left), and kinetics of % of circulating NK, B, T (middle) and CD8+, CD4+ and T-reg (right) at Screening, V7, V8 and V9.

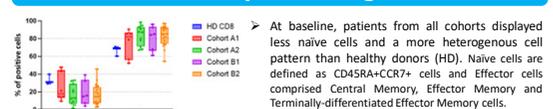
Overview of the immunomonitoring workflow

Circulating peptide-specific CD8+ T-cells are assessed without any prior *in vitro* stimulation



*Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
 Calculation of % of antigen-specific T cells on CD8+ T-cells is based on a mean of two determinations Dext#1/Dext#2 & Dext#1/Dext#3
 After sorting, T-cells of interest are processed for RNA extraction and TCRB repertoire sequencing

Naïve and Memory circulating CD8+ T-cells

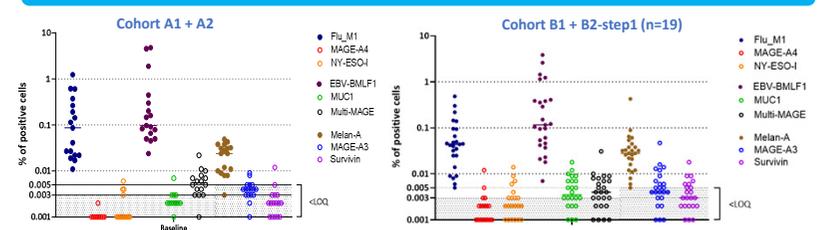


At baseline, patients from all cohorts displayed less naïve cells and a more heterogeneous cell pattern than healthy donors (HD). Naïve cells are defined as CD45RA+CCR7+ cells and Effector cells comprised Central Memory, Effector Memory and Terminally-differentiated Effector Memory cells.

Conclusion

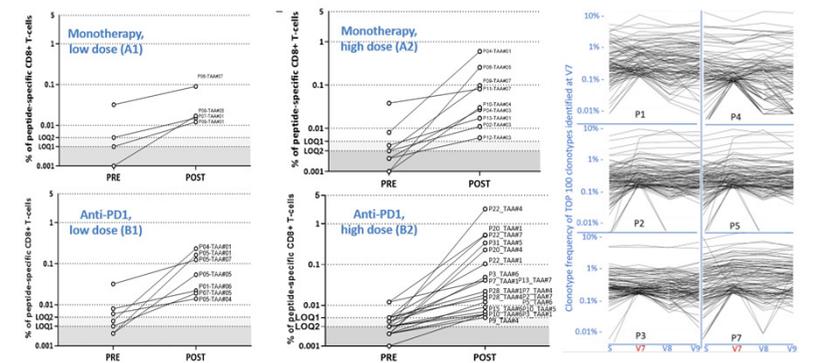
PDC*lung01 is biologically active to induce an antitumor immune response in a significant number of patients, synergistic with pembrolizumab and associated with clinical responses.

Basal frequencies of circulating antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells



The basal frequencies of antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells for Cohorts A (left) and B (right) were similar. The proportions of T-cells specific for targeted tumor antigens were generally under the Limit of Quantification (LOQ, grey zone). By contrast, control viral antigen-specific T-cells (EBV or Flu) were not detected.

Expansion of circulating tumor antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells following PDC*lung01 treatment



Left, middle: Frequencies of circulating antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells, pre and post treatment with PDC*lung01
 Right: Frequencies of Top100 clonotypes identified at V7 in CD8+ T-cells at all timepoints. (P: Patient)

Positive patients and correlation with clinical activity

