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Background: The inhibitory Notch ligand, delta-like ligand 3 (DLL3), is a compelling therapeutic target due to its aberrant expression on the cell surface in most small cell lung cancer (SCLC). Tarlatamab (AMG 757) is a half-life extended bispecific T-cell engager (HLE BiTE®) molecule designed to specifically bind DLL3 on target cancer cells and CD3 on T cells, resulting in T cell-dependent killing of tumor cells. Data from an ongoing first-in-human monotherapy study show acceptable safety with evidence of tarlatamab efficacy in patients with relapsed/refractory SCLC (NCT03319940). Adding programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitors to first-line platinum chemotherapy is the emerging standard-of-care (SOC) in ES-SCLC and preclinical data suggests increased antitumor activity of BiTE molecules when combined with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibition or chemotherapy.¹ These data support a clinical trial of tarlatamab combined with frontline carboplatin, etoposide, and PD-L1 inhibition in ES-SCLC.

Trial design: This is a phase 1b, multicenter, open-label study evaluating tarlatamab in combination with first-line SOC chemo-immunotherapy in subjects with ES-SCLC. Tarlatamab will be evaluated in two separate settings: A) In combination with carboplatin, etoposide, and a PD-L1 inhibitor followed by maintenance cycles of tarlatamab plus PD-L1 inhibitor, and B) In combination with PD-L1 inhibitor following SOC chemo-immunotherapy as a maintenance only approach. Key eligibility criteria include patients with histologically or cytologically confirmed ES-SCLC with no prior systemic treatment (except as specified in protocol) and ECOG performance status ≤1. The primary objective is to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and determine the recommended phase 2 dose and/or maximum tolerated dose of tarlatamab in combination with PD-L1 inhibition with or without chemotherapy. Secondary endpoints are objective response rate, duration of response, disease control, progression-free survival, overall survival, and pharmacokinetics. References Belmontes B, et al. *Sci. Transl. Med.* 2021;13:eabd1524.

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1550TIP Phase II, multicenter, randomized, open-label study of DS-7300 in patients (pts) with pre-treated extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC)

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Background: ES-SCLC is highly aggressive and despite high response rates to first-line therapy, disease progression often occurs within 6 months. There are limited later-line therapeutic options for relapsed SCLC, indicating a significant unmet need for treatment with durable benefit in second line and beyond. B7 homolog 3 protein (B7-H3), a type 1 transmembrane protein in the B7 family, is overexpressed in many cancers, including SCLC, and correlated with poor prognosis. DS-7300 is a novel, antibody drug conjugate comprising a humanized anti-B7-H3 immunoglobulin G1 monoclonal antibody and potent topoisomerase I inhibitor payload (exatecan derivative, DxD) covalently linked by a stable tetrapeptide-based cleavable linker. DS-7300 (4.8-16.0 mg/kg) demonstrated promising clinical activity in an ongoing phase 1/2 first-in-human study, with 7/9 evaluable, heavily pretreated pts with SCLC achieving a response as of Jan 22, 2022. This study (NCT05280470) will define the recommended phase 2 dose and prospectively investigate efficacy of DS-7300 in ES-SCLC.

Trial design: This global, multicenter, phase 2 study will include pts with ES-SCLC who received 1 to 3 prior lines of therapy. Eighty pts will be randomized 1:1 (8 mg/kg or 12 mg/kg) and treated with DS-7300 intravenously on day 1 of each 21-day cycle until unacceptable toxicity, progressive disease, or consent withdrawal; an additional ~60 pts may be enrolled at the recommended phase 2 dose after study steering committee consultation. The primary endpoint is objective response rate (ORR) assessed by blinded independent central review (BICR) per Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours (RECIST) v1.1. Secondary endpoints are progression-free survival, duration of response, disease control rate, and time to response assessed by the investigator and BICR based on RECIST v1.1; overall survival; ORR by investigator assessment based on RECIST v1.1; treatment-emergent adverse events and other safety parameters; plasma pharmacokinetic parameters for DS-7300, total anti-B7-H3, and DxD; and antidrug antibodies. Exposure-response and biomarkers analyses are exploratory endpoints. Estimated study completion is Jun 2024.

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