## SWOG/NRG S1914

SWOG/NRG S1914: A Randomized Phase III Trial of Induction/Consolidation Atezolizumab + SBRT versus SBRT Alone in High risk, Early Stage NSCLC

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## Rationale for Immunotherapy in Early Stage NSCLC

- Surgical lobectomy is standard-of-care for fit patients with early stage, resectable NSCLC
  - Adjuvant chemotherapy indicated for high-risk factors, improves OS
  - Adjuvant immunotherapy of interest to further improve outcomes, reduce toxicity profiles
    - ECOG-ACRIN EA5142 ANVIL phase III trial completed accrual
- SBRT is standard-of-care for medically inoperable, early stage NSCLC and can achieve excellent local control (>90%), but regional and distant failures remain significant (15-25%)
  - Adjuvant chemotherapy is typically not used following SABR (limited data, chemo is not well tolerated in this typically frail, inoperable population with multiple medical comorbidities)
- Immunotherapy may allow for fewer nodal and distant failures and be well tolerated when given before, during, or after SBRT for early stage NSCLC

## Potential Benefits of Combining RT and Immunotherapy

- SBRT is less immunosuppressive than conventionally fractionated RT or surgery
  - SBRT specifically can even be immunostimulatory and deplete immunosuppressive cells
- RT can improve antigen presentation by antigen presenting cells
  - SBRT specifically can release high levels of tumor antigens
- SBRT upregulates immunogenic cell surface markers (ie. MHC-1)
- SBRT can induce immunogenic cell death
- RT and especially SBRT can increase homing of immune cells to tumor
- RT can recruit regulatory T cells (Tregs)
- RT can shift tumor-associated macrophages polarization from M2 to M1
- RT can induce secretion of danger signals and cytokines (ie. TNFalpha)
- RT can upregulate cell-surface expression of PD-L1



#### **Radiation-Induced Immune Activation**

Daly ME, et al. *J Thorac Oncol*. 2015;10(12):1685-93.

- Homing of cytotoxic T lymphocytes to the tumor
  - microenvironment
- Maturation of dendritic cells
- Down-regulation of immunosuppressive cells like myeloid derived suppressor cells
- Secretion of cytokines
- Shifting tumor associated macrophage polarization to M1

# Lessons from Stage IV NSCLC: Secondary Analysis of KEYNOTE-001 (Pembro for Stage IV NSCLC) - Effect of Prior RT on Response



Shaverdian N, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2017;18(7):895-903.

#### Lessons Learned from Stage IV NSCLC – PEMBRO-RT Trial

- Multicenter phase 2 study (PEMBRO-RT) of 76 patients with advanced NSCLC randomized to pembrolizumab (200 mg/kg Q3 wks x 24 months) alone or after SBRT (8 Gy x 3) to a single tumor
- Overall response rate 18% vs. 36% (p=0.07)
  - Disease control rate 48% vs. 72%
- Median PFS 1.9 vs. 6.6 months (p=0.19)
- PFS and OS significantly approved among PD-L1 negative subgroup
- Median OS 7.6 vs 15.9 months (p=0.16)
- No increase in treatment-related toxicities with SBRT



## Early Phase Trials Evaluating SABR+ Checkpoint Blockade in Early Stage NSCLC

Study	Phase	Ν	Checkpoint inhibitor
Royal Marsden	Ш	31	Adjuvant nivolumab x 12 months
ASTEROID (Vastra Gotaland Region)	II	216	Adjuvant durvalumab x 12 months
UC San Diego	1/11	56	Concurrent + adjuvant durvalumab, 6 cycles
UCLA iSABR	I/IIR	105	Neoadjuvant, concurrent and adjuvant durvalumab x 5 cycles total (start 5 days prior to SABR)
MD Anderson	IIR	140	Concurrent and adjuvant nivolumab 4 cycles total
UC Davis	I	33	Neoadjuvant (2 cycles) concurrent and adjuvant atezolizumab, 6 cycles total

#### SWOG/NRG S1914 Schema



## S1914 Objectives

- Hypothesis: the addition of atezolizumab to standard SBRT for early stage, medically inoperable NSCLC will improve overall survival and progression free survival as compared to SBRT alone
- Primary objective: compare overall survival in medically inoperable, early stage NSCLC patients randomized to SBRT with or without atezolizumab
- Secondary objectives:
  - Progression free survival
  - Distant, locoregional, and local failure rates
  - Frequency and severity of toxicities
  - Quality of life

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

- Adults <u>></u>18 years of age
- Histologically proven stage I-IIA or limited T3N0M0 (stage IiB) NSCLC ≤7 cm diameter without nodal or distant involvement
- Medically or surgically inoperable OR unwilling to undergo surgical resection
- Zubrod performance status score of 0-2
- FEV1 > 700cc and a DLCO > 5.5 m/min/mmHg
- Archival tumor sample available (FNA allowed, core needle biopsy preferred)
- One or more high-risk features identified:
  - Tumor diameter ≥ 2 cm
  - <u>Tumor SUV max ≥ 6.2</u>
  - Moderately or poorly differentiated or undifferentiated histology

## **Exclusion Criteria**

- Uncontrolled concomitant disease
- Significant cardiovascular disease (NYHA Class II or greater); myocardial infarction within 3 months prior to randomization, unstable arrhythmias/angina, known left ventricular ejection fraction<40%</li>
- Severe infection within four weeks prior to enrollment
- History of autoimmune disease other than stable hypothyroidism or controlled type II diabetes.
- HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C
- History of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, drug-induced pneumonitis, organizing pneumonia
- Systemic immunostimulatory/immunosuppressive agents within 4 weeks or 5 half-lives of drug (whichever shorter) prior to enrollment

#### **Treatment Details**

SBRT (starts with cycle 3 [week 7] in Arm A)

Dose per fraction	Number of Fractions	Total Dose	BED <sub>10</sub>	Tumor Sites
18 Gy	3	54 Gy	151.2 Gy	Peripheral
12.5 Gy	4	50 Gy	112.5 Gy	Peripheral or Central
12 Gy	4	48 Gy	105.6 Gy	Peripheral or Central
12 Gy	5	60 Gy	132 Gy	Peripheral or Central
11 Gy	5	55 Gy	115.5 Gy	Central
10 Gy	5	50 Gy	100 Gy	Central

#### Atezolizumab

1200 mg IV over 30-60 min Q21 days for up to 8 cycles in Arm A

### **Statistical Design and Accrual**

- Primary Objective: OS
  - N=432 eligible patients (480 enrolled, assuming 10% ineligible)
  - 80% power to detect HR of 0.70 (43% improvement in OS), 1-sided 0.025 level
- Secondary Objective: PFS
  - 90% power to detect HR of 0.65, 1-sided 0.025 level
- Interim Analysis
  - Four interim analyses: analyses to be done annually. All analyses will evaluate early stopping for futility (based on PFS), the 3rd and 4th will also evaluate early stopping for efficacy (based on OS)
- Accrual
  - Target 8 patients per month
  - Accrual duration 5 years

#### **Laboratory Correlatives Planned**

 We are collecting baseline tissue and baseline and on-treatment blood samples for banking

Assay	Location	Methods		
1. Tumor-associated immune cell characterization	Genentech Dr. Schulze	Nanostring on RNA isolated from FFPE tissue		
2. PD-L1	Dr. Hirsch's Lab	IHC - Dako 22c3 assay on FFPE tissue		
3. Circulating ICOS+ CD4+ T cells	UC Davis HIMC* Dr. Monjazeb	Multi-color flow cytometry on PBMCs		
4. Tumor mutation burden	Genentech / FM*	Foundation Medicine ACT assay on cell free DNA from blood		
5. ctDNA overall allele frequency	Genentech / FM*	Foundation Medicine ACT assay on cell free DNA from blood		
6. PBMC immune profiling	UC Davis HIMC* Dr. Monjazeb	Multi-color flow cytometry on PBMCs		
7. T cell receptor repertoire	UC Davis HIMC* Dr. Monjazeb	TCR deep sequencing on RNA extracted from PBMCs		
8. Plasma PD-L1	Dr. Hirsch's Lab	NGS on cell free RNA obtained from plasma		

\*HIMC - Human Immune Monitoring Core; FM - Foundation Medicine

**Accrual Challenges** 

- Currently 2 competing trials for the same patient population, both industry-sponsored (PACIFIC-4 and KEYNOTE-867)
  - S1914 uses <u>shorter duration immunotherapy</u> (6 months) vs. 24 months and 12 months, respectively
  - S1914 does not require placebo infusions
  - Timing of immunotherapy relative to SBRT is <u>based on preclinical data</u> showing increase synergy between SBRT and immunotherapy when immunotherapy is delivered first to prime the immune response
  - Allows sites to gain <u>accrual credit</u> with cooperative groups

### Study Status and Contact Information

- Status
  - Study activation date: 5/28/20
  - QOL being added in study amendment
  - 131 sites with the trial IRB approved and activated, additional 465 additional sites in IRB/cancer center review process
  - Current accrual: 11/480
- Contact information
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