



## Plinabulin R&D Day



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# Agenda



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2.	<b>Overview Triple IO Strategy with Plinabulin</b>	Dr. Ramon Mohanlal, CMO, EVP R&D
3.	<b>Plinabulin + Nivolumab + Ipilimumab</b>	Dr. Ramon Mohanlal, CMO, EVP R&D
4.	<b>Plinabulin + Radiotherapy + PD1/PD-L1-inhibitor</b>	Dr. Steven Lin, MD Anderson
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## Leading Expert Speakers Biographies



**Dr. Steven Lin**

**Dr. Steven Lin** is an Associate Professor and Physician Scientist at MD Anderson Cancer Center, with joint appointments in the Departments of Radiation Oncology and Experimental Radiation Oncology. Dr. Lin's practice focuses on thoracic malignancies, and he oversees several clinical trials including the use of proton beam therapy for esophageal cancer and in the combination of immunotherapy with radiotherapy in lung and esophageal cancers. Dr. Lin runs a translational research team that evaluates biomarkers for treatment response and disease outcomes after chemoradiation therapy and immunotherapy. On the basic science side, Dr. Lin's main interests lie in identifying novel approaches that could enhance radiotherapy and immunotherapy combinations in lung cancer that could be translated to innovative clinical trials for patients.



**Dr. Trevor Feinstein**

**Dr. Trevor Feinstein** is board certified in medical oncology and hematology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Feinstein graduated from University of Illinois medical school and completed his residence and fellowships at the University of Pittsburgh. He joined Piedmont Cancer Institute in 2011. He is a certified member of MD Anderson Cancer Network. He is a co-investigator on several peer-reviewed research projects and actively involved in clinical trials focusing on improved therapies for various cancers. He is director of research at Piedmont Fayette Hospital. Dr. Feinstein has authored numerous publications and abstracts in Hematology and Oncology.





Dr. Lan Huang, CEO and Co-Founder  
Introduction



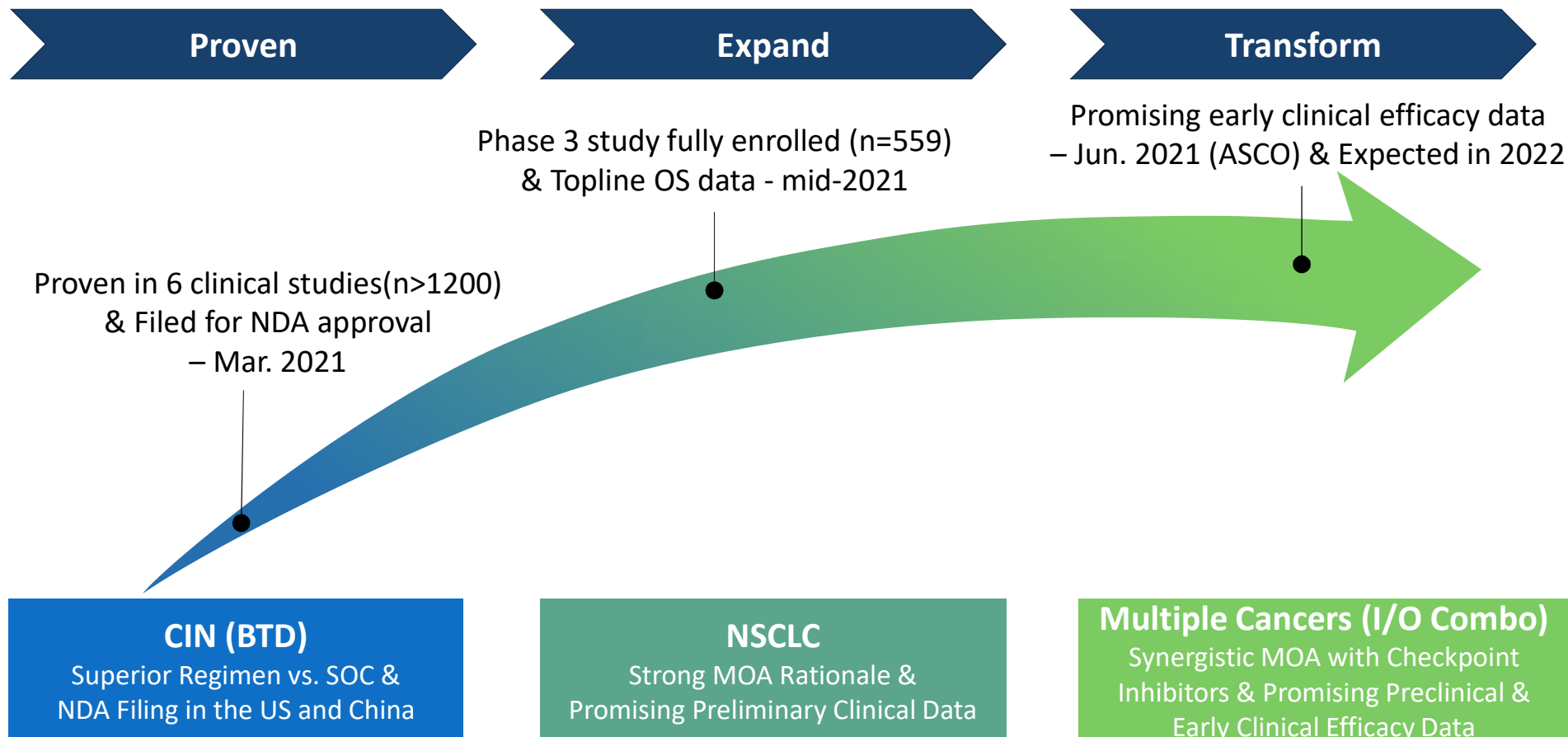


# Two Near-Term NDAs & Robust Drug Development Pipeline

	Indication / Target	Program	Trial Name / Collaborator	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Commercial Rights <sup>1</sup>	Status/Next Milestone
Late stage	CIN (All cancer, all chemo)	Plinabulin + pegfilgrastim	PROTECTIVE-1 & PROTECTIVE-2	Phase 3 primary endpoint met in pivotal data announced November 2020				Global	China and U.S. NDA submission in <b>March 2021</b> ; currently under regulatory review
	NSCLC (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	Plinabulin + docetaxel	DUBLIN-3	Phase 3 second interim analysis completed				Global	Global Final topline Phase 3 data Mid <b>2021</b>
Triple Combo IO (IT)	SCLC	Plinabulin + nivolumab + ipilimumab	10 US sites, including Rutgers University as lead site					Global	Phase 1 completed
	Multi-cancer (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	Plinabulin + PD-1/PD-L1 + radiation/chemo	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD Anderson Cancer Center					Global	Initiate Phase 1 in 7 cancers <b>Q2 2021</b>
Investigator-initiated IO	Oral T cell co-stimulator	BPI-002						Global	
	IKK inhibitor	BPI-003						Global	
	Oral neo-antigen generator	BPI-004						Global	
SEED Therapeutics	KRAS and additional targets	Targeted Protein degradation (TPD, molecule glue platform)	SEED THERAPEUTICS					Global	Potential additional partnerships
	Multiple		Lilly						\$800M collaboration



# Plinabulin Value Generation Roadmap







**BeyondSpring**

**Plinabulin: “Pipeline in a Drug”**  
First-in-Class, Selective Immunomodulating  
Microtubule-Binding Agent (SIMBA)





# Building the Plinabulin Franchise



## CIN

Raise the Standard of  
Care

## Anti-Cancer IO Proof of Concept

DUBLIN-3 in NSCLC  
Big Ten in SCLC  
MD Anderson Basket

## Anti-Cancer 1<sup>st</sup> Line Extension

Expand to 1<sup>st</sup> Line in  
'all' cancers and in 'all'  
triple combinations



# CIN is a Problem with Bone Marrow, Independent of Chemotherapy and Cancer



## The Premise

- Chemotherapy kills fast dividing cells, which includes cancer cells, and white blood cells in bone marrow
- CIN is a problem with bone marrow, and not a problem with a specific type of cancer
- All G-CSF and biosimilar G-CSF (including pegfilgrastim) have the same MOA and are interchangeable in use

## Broad Label Potential for Plinabulin – G-CSF Combination

- G-CSF class provides a base protection from severe neutropenia in Week 2 following chemotherapy use
- Plinabulin has MoA of protecting neutrophil in Week 1 after chemotherapy, which has been consistently shown in pivotal study (Protective-2 or 106 Phase 3) and 5 supportive studies, that includes various chemotherapies, and in various non-myeloid cancer trials
- **The combination provides increased protection following chemotherapy**

## Proposed Label

- Plinabulin when combined with G-CSF is indicated for concurrent administration with a myelosuppressive chemotherapeutic regimen in patients with non-myeloid solid tumor malignancies for the prevention of chemotherapeutic induced neutropenia (CIN)



## Favorable Benefit/Risk Ratio (Plinabulin + G-CSF vs. G-CSF alone)

Improved Efficacy (ANC based in Cycle 1) – 106 Phase 3	Improved Efficacy (FN) – 106 Phase 3	Favorable Safety – 106 Phase 2+3
<b>No Grade 4 Neutropenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31.5% vs. 13.6% (incidence), p=0.0015</li> </ul> <b>No Grade 3/4 Neutropenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.55% vs. 20.72% (incidence), p=0.0003</li> </ul> <b>Mean ANC Nadir</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.54 vs. 0.31 (<math>\times 10^9</math> cells/L), p=0.0002</li> </ul> <b>DSN Cycle 1 day 1-8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 day vs. 1.4 day, p=0.0065</li> </ul> <b>DSN Cycle 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.2 day vs. 1.5 day, p=0.0324</li> </ul> <b>Profound Neutropenia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21.6% vs. 46.4% (incidence), p=0.0001</li> <li>0.3 day vs. 0.6 day (duration), p=0.0004</li> </ul>	<b>FN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.6% vs. 6.3% (incidence)</li> <li>0.9% vs. 3.6% (grade 4 incidence)</li> <li>1.25 day vs. 2.28 day (duration)</li> </ul> <b>Hospitalization for FN patients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% vs. 100%</li> <li>3.75 day vs. 7.14 day (duration)</li> </ul> <b>Change of Chemo dose/regimen in later cycles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.7% vs 6.3%</li> </ul>	<b>Grade 4 TEAE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% less Grade 4 TEAEs in the combination (55.9%) compared to pegfilgrastim alone (75.8%)</li> </ul> <b>SAEs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher SAE frequency, however, less Grade 4 and more Grade 3 events</li> </ul> <b>AEs leading to discontinuation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similar frequency, mostly single events</li> </ul> <b>Bone pain (AE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.3% bone pain in the combination vs. 28.0% in pegfilgrastim</li> </ul> <b>Low grade GI track side effects and transient hypertension</b>



# Plinabulin's Regulatory strategy for CIN: Superior Profile in a Broad Label - NDA Accepted by FDA with Priority Review (PDUFA date 11/30/2021)



## Plinabulin shown to statistically reduce Grade 4 neutropenia in 6 clinical trials (1,200+ patients)

### Supporting Studies

#### Plinabulin vs. placebo (Study 101, Dublin-3)

- Grade 4 reduction highly statistically significant (Study 101 and DUBLIN-3,  $p < 0.0003$  and  $p < 0.0001$  respectively)

### Registration Study

#### Plinabulin + G-CSF combo vs. G-CSF mono (Protective-2, phase 3)

- Superior CIN prevention in primary and key secondary endpoints

#### MOA support from 5 additional studies:

Plinabulin early onset in Week 1, G-CSF effect in Week 2

### Supporting Studies

#### Plinabulin vs. G-CSF (Protective-1, phase 2 +3)

- Non-inferior CIN activity
- Superior adverse event profile: limited bone pain, limited platelet reduction, and limited immune suppression<sup>1</sup>

**700+ cancer patients treated with Plinabulin (various doses)**





## Neutropenia Vulnerability Gap



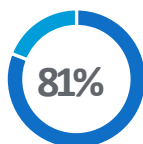
Plinabulin's Commercial Plan is purpose-built to elevate the standard of care and drive commercial performance



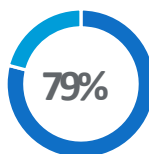
**Only plinabulin** can cover the NVG – day 1 to day 10 – with the potential to elevate the standard of care in CIN

**The plinabulin combo:** the perfect pairing to improve protection for patients & provide greater control for oncologists

### Market Concentration/Growth



**360 multi-center accounts** use the vast majority of CIN prophylaxis



**Four cancer types** represent nearly 80% of CIN prophylaxis Breast, Lung, Pancreatic & CRC

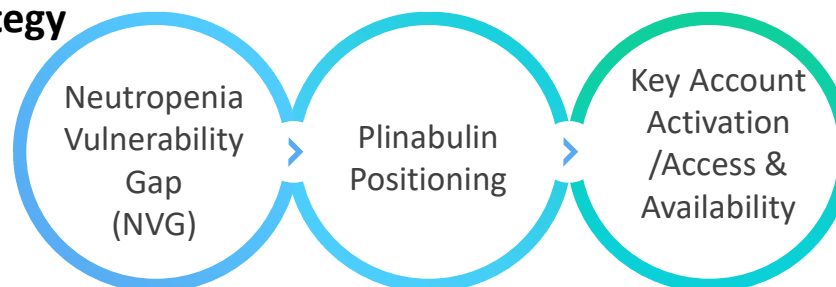


#### Growing market:

- 100% increase in the addressable market
- 1.4 M G-CSF cycles/year (U.S.)



### Go-to-market Strategy







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**Dr. Ramon Mohanlal, CMO and EVP R&D**  
Oncology Development Strategy







## **BeyondSpring Triple IO Combination Strategy with Plinabulin**

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# Plinabulin Summary

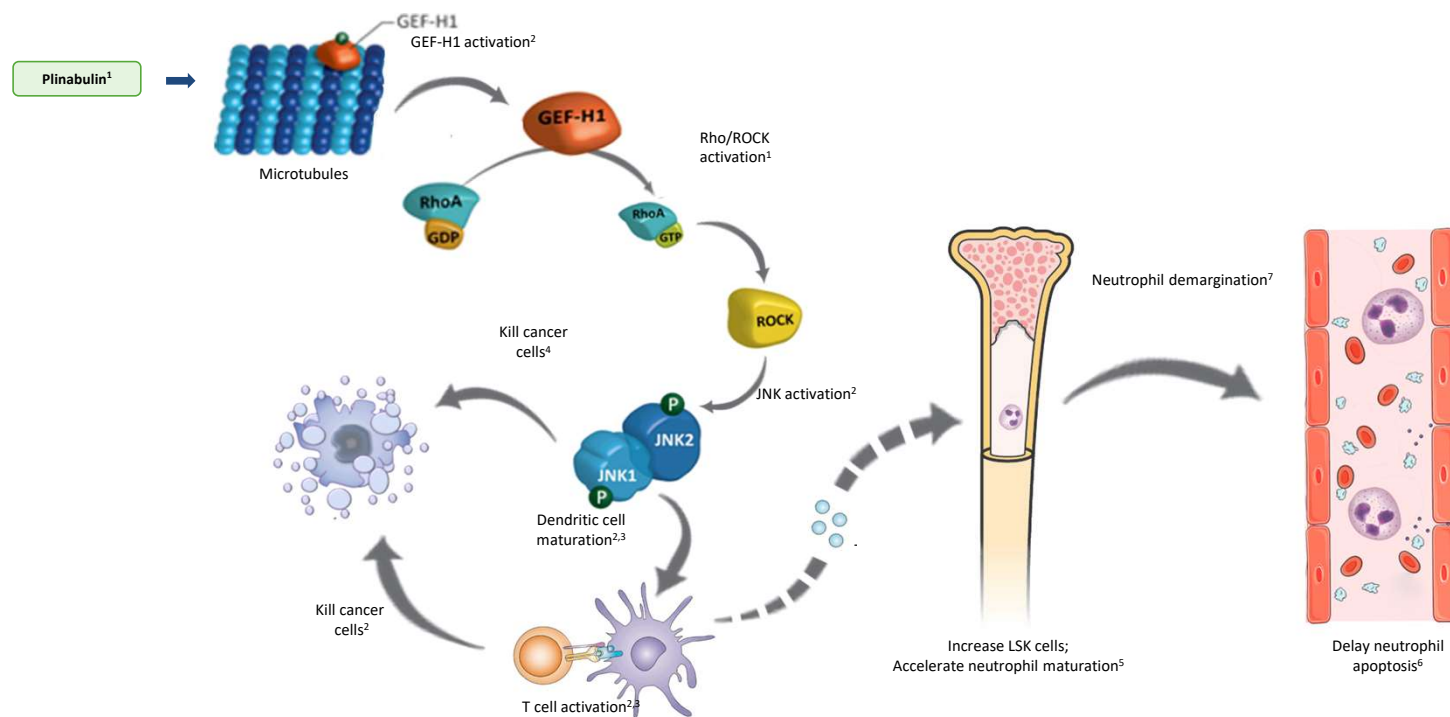


- **Small Molecule**
  - Simple manufacturing process (3-step Synthesis)
- **Given by IV Infusion**
  - Infusion on the same day of the Chemotherapy
- **MoA:**
  - *Primarily* through **Immune-Enhancement for Anti-cancer activity**
    - Plinabulin is a Dendritic Cell Activation/Maturation enhancer
  - Plinabulin also has **direct anti-cancer activity** in a number of cancers:
    - SCLC
    - CNS cancers
    - Sarcoma
    - TNBC
    - Gastric Cancer
    - Bladder Cancer

Safety Data with plinabulin in >700 patients demonstrating a favorable safety and tolerability profile



# Plinabulin: First-in-Class Agent, Stimulating Innate and Adaptive Immune System (Proven Target: Immune Defense Protein GEF-H1)



Note: <sup>1</sup> La Sala et al., 2019 Chem. <sup>2</sup> Kashyap et al., 2019 Cell Reports. <sup>3</sup> Zhang et al., 2005 Mol Cell Biol. <sup>4</sup> Singh et al., 2011 Blood. <sup>5</sup> Suwa et al., 2000 Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol; Ghosh et al., 2018 ACR Annual Conference; Blayney et al., Society of Leukocyte Biology. <sup>6</sup> Asensi et al., 2004 Infection and Immunity.

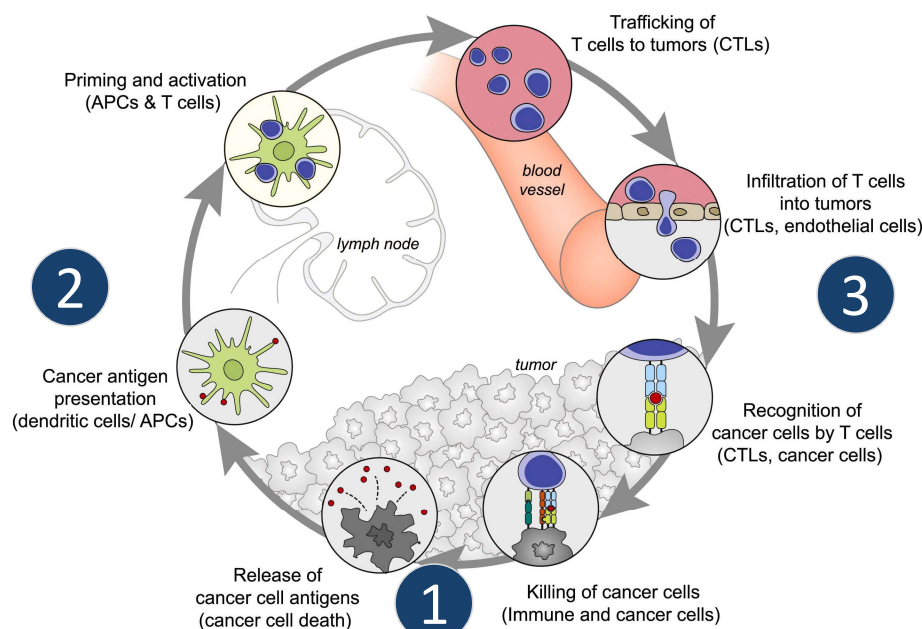


# Plinabulin Induces Dendritic Cell Maturation, a Key Step in Initiating Anti-cancer Durable Response in IO Combo

## 2 Plinabulin

Stimulate maturation of dendritic cells to increase antigen presentation

Dendritic cells are the most important antigen-presenting cells



## 1 Radiation/Chemotherapy/Plinabulin

### Release Tumor Antigens

For more potent anti-cancer effect

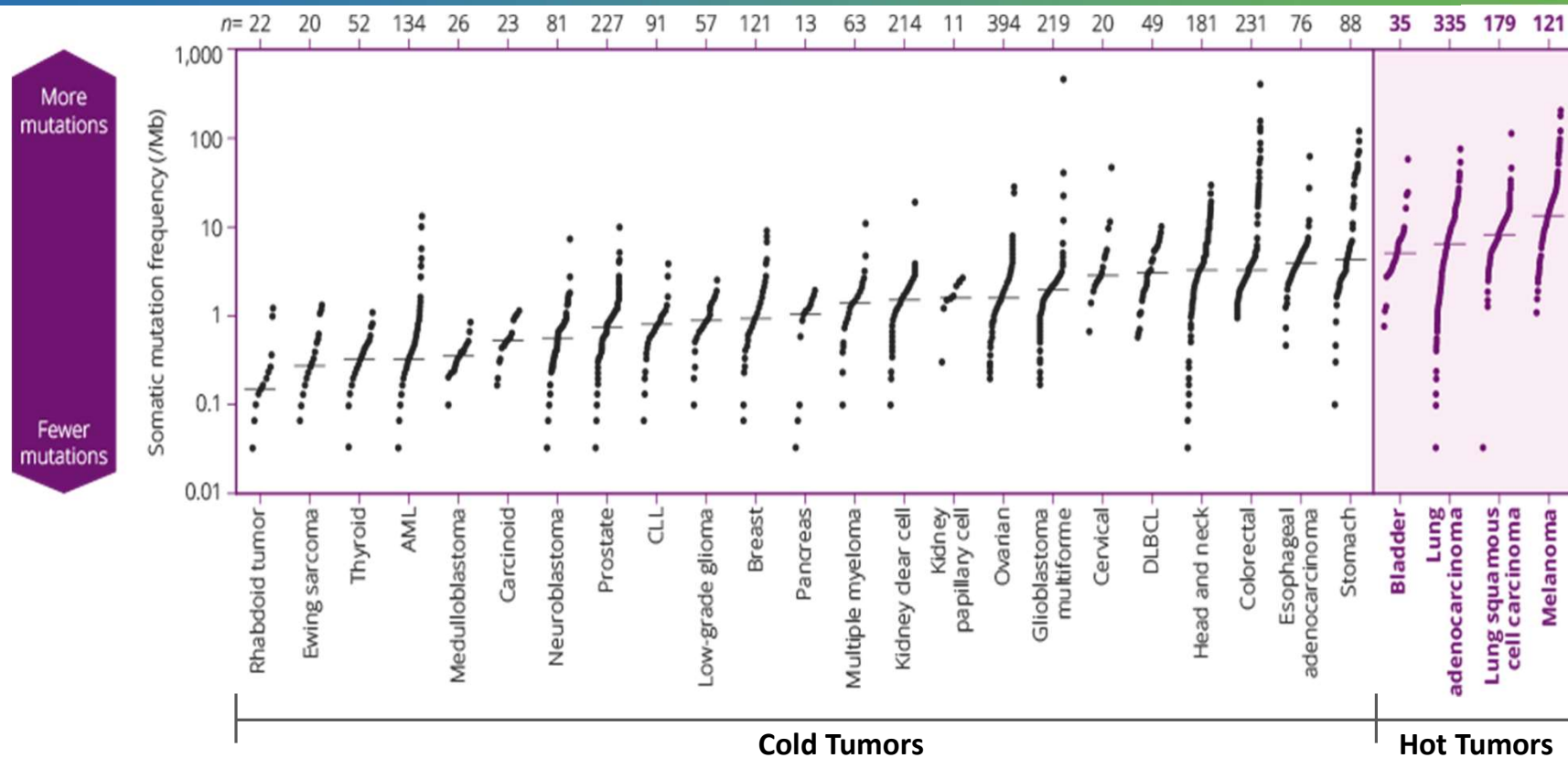
## 3 Checkpoint Inhibitors

Optimize T cell response

1 + 2 + 3 → Optimal Immuno-Oncology Response



# 'Hot' and 'Cold' Tumors



## BeyondSpring's Approach to 'Cold' Tumors

- Neo-Antigen Generator + Plinabulin + PD1/PD-L1 Inhibitor



## 'Hot' versus 'Cold'



### **'Hot' Tumors are Immune Responsive**

- Harbor intrinsically tumor antigens/immunogens capable of stimulating the Immune System
- Need something that generates/releases these antigens/immunogens
  - That 'something' can be Radiotherapy or Chemotherapy (or Plinabulin)
- Today, Checkpoint Inhibitors are effective in 'Hot' Tumors

### **'Cold' Tumors are not Immune Responsive**

- Majority of human cancers
- PD1/PD-L1 inhibitors are not candidate treatments
  - For PD1/PD-L1 agents to be effective, 'Cold' tumors need to be converted to 'Hot'
- Converting 'Cold' to 'Hot' is a tremendous next wave opportunity
  - Area of focus for BeyondSpring



# BeyondSpring Approach to 'Hot' Tumors



## 1. **Combination Plinabulin +Radiotherapy+ PD1/PD-L1**

- Triple Combination in collaboration with MD Anderson, currently in Phase 1

## 2. **Combination Plinabulin +Chemotherapy+ PD1/PD-L1**

- In preparation

## 3. **Combination Plinabulin +PD1/PD-L1 Inhibitor+CTLA-4 Inhibitor**

- For 'Hot' tumors where Plinabulin has direct anticancer effect
  - Plinabulin act as the antigen-generator and Dendritic Cell maturator
    - **SCLC** : With Nivolumab/Ipilimumab currently in Phase 2
    - CNS cancers
    - Sarcoma
    - TNBC
    - Gastric Cancer
    - Bladder Cancer
    - Other



# Plinabulin as a 'Universal' Add-On in Cancer Therapy



**Plinabulin has the potential to add to Survival Benefit, but also prevents CIN and IR-AEs**

- **In combination with PD1/PD-L1 inhibitor + Chemotherapy :**
  - Survival benefit
  - Less CIN
  - Less IR-AEs
- **In combination with Nivolumab + Ipilimumab**
  - Survival benefit
  - Less IR-AEs



# Immune-Related AEs (IR-AEs)



- CIN is the most prevalent and rate-limiting toxicity for Chemotherapy
- The CIN equivalent for IO therapy is IR-AEs
  - In particular with IO/IO combinations such as
    - Nivolumab/Ipilimumab
    - Durvalumab/Tremelimumab
- Grade 3/4 IR-AEs generally lead to permanent discontinuation of the IO therapy
  - Typically treated with steroids
  - Grade 3/4 IR/AEs with Nivolumab/Ipilimumab in SCLC is ~40% of patients

Plinabulin may prevent IR-AEs due to Inhibition of PDE4



# Development Strategy



- **Randomized two-arm Head-to-Head comparison trials require large sample size per arm in Phase 1/2 (>n=100) to demonstrate PoC**
  - Not cost-effective
- **The approach we take is reversal of resistance PD1/PD-L1 therapy**
  - We maintain the same PD1/PD-L1 on which the patient's disease progressed, and add Plinabulin +/- other agent with the aim to convert the observed resistance into response
  - The patient serves as their own control
    - Small number of patients (~n=10 or less) to demonstrate PoC
    - Once we have preliminary confirmation, we plan to move forward with a larger trial



# Current Studies with Plinabulin for the Anti-Cancer Application



## **1. DUBLIN-3: Phase 3**

- Plinabulin + Docetaxel vs Docetaxel alone in NSCLC

## **2. Big Ten Triple Combination: Phase 2**

- Plinabulin + Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in SCLC

## **3. MD Anderson Triple Combination: Phase 1**

- Plinabulin + PD1/PD-L1 Inhibitor + Radiotherapy in a basket of solid tumors

## **4. Additional Studies in Preparation**





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Big Ten SCLC Study





## A phase I trial of plinabulin in combination with nivolumab and ipilimumab in patients with relapsed small cell lung cancer (SCLC): Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium (BTCRC-LUN17-127) study

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### BACKGROUND

- Plinabulin (BPI-2358) is a first-in-class, Selective immunomodulating Microtubule-Binding Agent (SIMBA) by inducing dendritic cell maturation, leading to T cell action.
- Preclinical studies report that plinabulin potentiates the cytotoxicity of dual checkpoint inhibition (CPI) with nivolumab and ipilimumab.
- Plinabulin may also reduce immune-related AEs from CPI through its phosphodiesterase-4 (PDE4) inhibitory activity which is associated with anti-inflammatory effects.
- We report initial results from a Phase I study assessing plinabulin in combination with nivolumab and ipilimumab (NCT03575793).

### METHODS

- In this dose-escalation phase I study, patients with extensive-stage SCLC who had progressed on or after prior platinum-based chemotherapy ( $\pm$ PD-1/PD-L1) were enrolled using a 3+3 design.
- Primary objective** was to determine dose-limiting toxicities (DLT's) and recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D).
- Patients received treatment as till progression or intolerable toxicity.
- Patients were evaluable for DLT if they received at least 2 cycles of therapy; **DLT period** was defined as the first 6 weeks from C1D1.
- Secondary endpoints were ORR, PFS and frequency of irAEs. Correlative analysis included inflammatory biomarkers: hsCRP, ESR, SAA and haptoglobin.

#### Treatment Schema

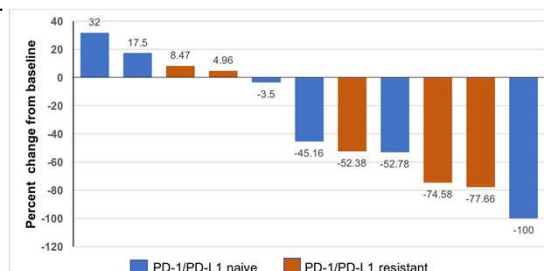
**Day 1, Cycles 1-4**  
(cycle = 21 days)

Nivolumab: 1 mg/kg  
Ipilimumab: 3 mg/kg  
Plinabulin:  
• (-1) 13.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
• (start) 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
• (+1) 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

**Day 1, Cycles 5+**  
(cycle = 14 days)

Nivolumab: 240 mg  
Plinabulin: as above

**Waterfall plot of best overall response in target lesions compared to baseline**



### RESULTS

- Between 9/2018 and 11/2020, 17 patients were enrolled (1 patient withdrew consent before treatment, 16 were evaluable for safety)
- Median age was 59 years (range 43 to 78); 9 (56%) patients were female; 10 (63%) had received prior CPI.

- Eight patients were treated at dose-level 1 of plinabulin (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and 8 patients at 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of plinabulin (level 2); **dose-level 2 was determined to be RP2D**.
- There were **2 DLTs**; 1 at dose-level 1 (grade 3 altered mental status lasting < 24 hours) and 1 at dose-level 2 (grade 3 infusion reaction).
- Eight patients (50%) had at least one grade 3 or higher treatment-related AE; there were no treatment-related deaths.
- Immune-related AEs**: Three patients (19%) had grade 3 or higher irAEs; only 1 at MTD/dose-level 2 (12.5%). The AEs were colitis, transaminitis and elevated lipase, all resolved with steroids without sequelae.

#### Treatment-related adverse events

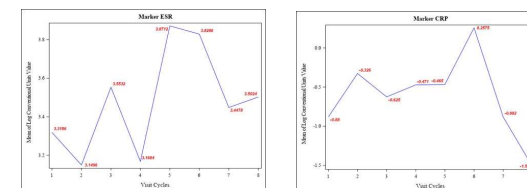
	All grade	≥ Grade 3
Nausea	10 (63%)	0
Infusion reaction	8 (50%)	1 (6%)
Vomiting	7 (44%)	0
diarrhea	7 (44%)	1 (6%)
Fatigue	6 (32%)	1 (6%)
Pyrexia	4 (25%)	0
Rash	3 (19%)	0
Hypertension	3 (19%)	1 (6%)

### RESULTS

- Thirteen patients were evaluable for efficacy (1 withdrew consent, 1 death from unrelated cause, 1 replaced for DLT); 6 patients had PR (ORR 46%)
- There were 3 PRs in **PD-1/PD-L1 therapy naïve patients (3/6; 50%)**
- There were 3 PRs in **PD-1/PD-L1 resistant patients (3/7; 43%)**. **These 3 patients continued on treatment for 3 months, 5 months (still on treatment) and 18 months.**

#### Inflammatory biomarker correlative analysis

Levels of high sensitivity C-reactive protein [hsCRP], erythrocyte sedimentation rate [ESR] and serum amyloid A [SAA] were measured in whole blood on day 1 of each cycle. Figure below shows the plots of log-transformed values for the mean at each cycle. Levels of hsCRP, ESR and SAA transiently increased around cycle 4 before returning to baseline values.



### CONCLUSIONS

- Plinabulin in combination with nivolumab and ipilimumab was safe and well tolerated with promising efficacy signal of 46% ORR.
- The combination is shown to re-sensitize the previous failed PD-1/PD-L1 patients with ORR at 43%, and treatment lasting to as long as 18 months.
- A phase 2 study in CPI-experienced patients with relapsed SCLC is planned to confirm the preliminary signals of clinical activity and reduced immune toxicity.

**Funding:** BeyondSpring Pharmaceuticals, Bristol Myers Squibb



# Triple I/O Combo Development for Multiple Cancer Indications in PD-1/PD-L1 Failed Patients – Severe Unmet Medical Needs



	Indication / Target	Program	Trial Name / Collaborator	Commercial Rights	Status
Triple Combo IO (IIT)	SCLC Checkpoint naïve and checkpoint refractory patients	Plinabulin + Nivolumab (PD-1) + Ipilimumab (CTLA-4)	6 US sites, including Rutgers University as lead center (Big Ten)	Global	Phase 1 completed, Presented at ASCO June 2021
	SCLC Checkpoint refractory patients	Plinabulin + Nivolumab (PD-1) + Ipilimumab (CTLA-4)	Big Ten Study	Global	Initiated Phase 2
	7 Cancers* PD-1/PDL1 failed pts	Plinabulin + PD- 1/PD-L1 + radiation/chemo	MD Anderson	Global	Initiated Phase 1 in 7 cancers in Q2 2021



# Plinabulin + Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in SCLC: Study Design

## Dose-escalation Phase I study 3+3 Design

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(cycle = 21 days)

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## Primary objective

- To determine dose-limiting toxicities (DLT's) and recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D).
  - Patients received treatment until progression or intolerable toxicity.
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## Secondary endpoints:

- ORR, PFS
- Frequency of Ir-AEs.



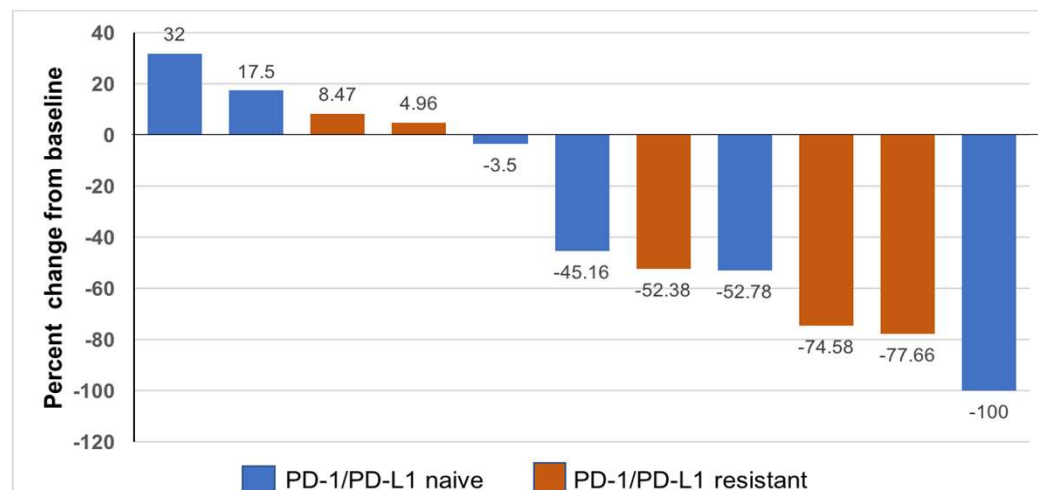
# Efficacy Analysis

**Data cutoff –December 30,2020**

Efficacy Analysis	PD-1/PD-L1 therapy naïve (n= 6)	PD-1/PD-L1 resistant (n=7)
Number of patients with PR	3 (50%)	3 (43%)

\*PR –Partial Response - RESIST 1.1 : At least a 30% decrease in the sum of diameters of target lesions, taking as reference the baseline sum diameters.

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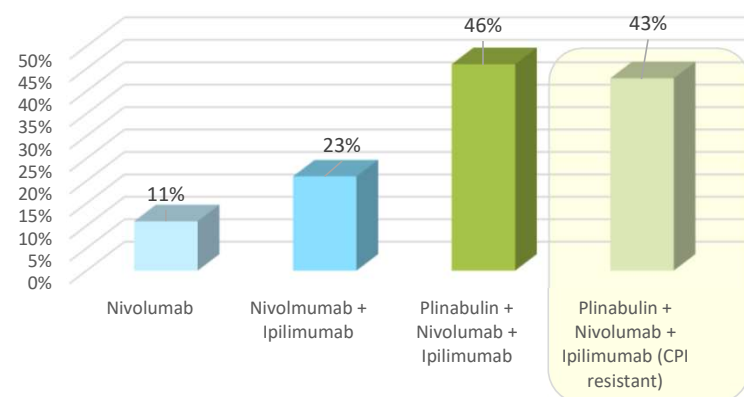
**Waterfall plot of best overall response in target lesions compared to baseline**



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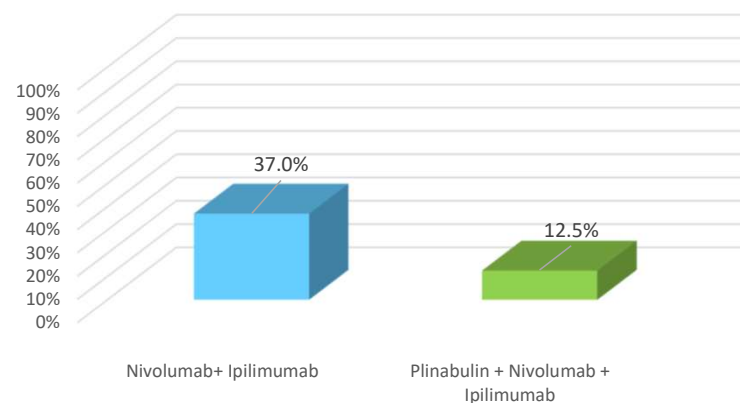
## Efficacy Summary

Overall Response Rate



## Immune-Related AE Summary

Frequency of Grade 3/4 Immune-Related AEs





# Plinabulin in Combination with Nivolumab/Ipilimumab in SCLC



## Data

High response rate to previous  
CPI failures (43%)

Improved Anti-cancer Response  
(46% ORR vs. 12-23% CPI)

Durable response (1 pt on combo  
for 18 M vs. PFS 1.4-2.6 M for CPI)

## Conclusion

Immune system re-sensitized

Increased antigen presentation  
simulates T cell activation

Immune response contributes to  
long treatment duration

**This trial with plinabulin in combination with Nivolumab/Ipilimumab in SCLC serves as PoC**

If it works here, we expect it will work in multiple cancer types in which plinabulin exerts anti-cancer effects

- (CNS cancers, Sarcoma, TNBC, Gastric Cancer, Bladder Cancer, Other)



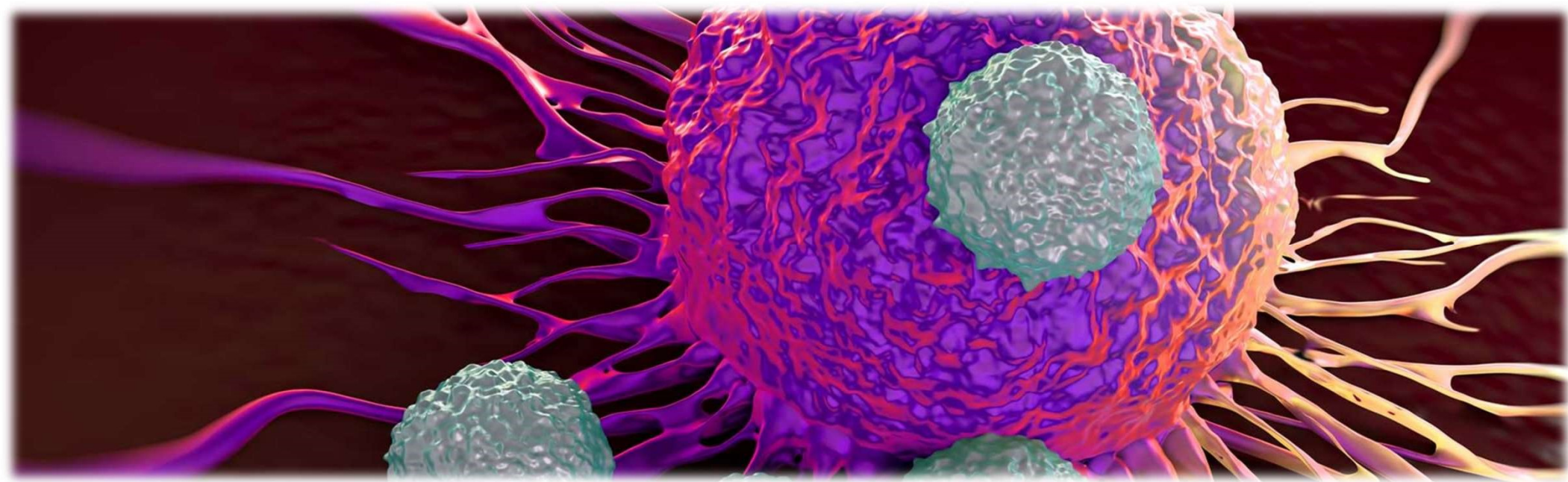


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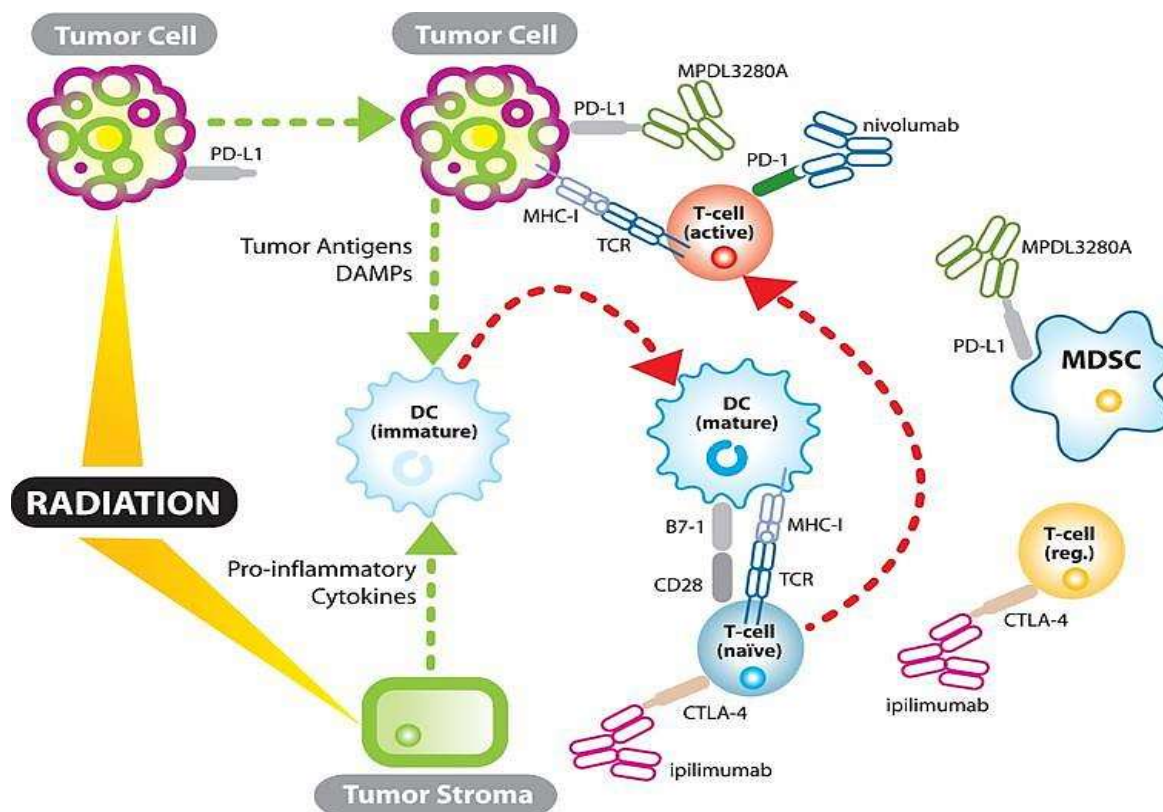
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## Interplay of cytotoxic agents with DC maturation

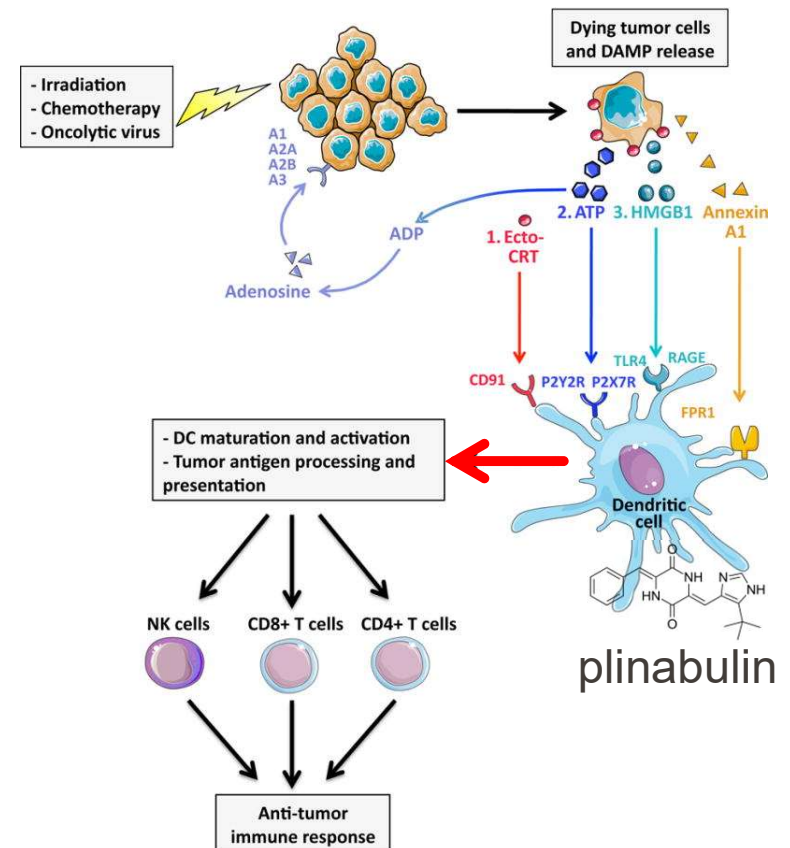


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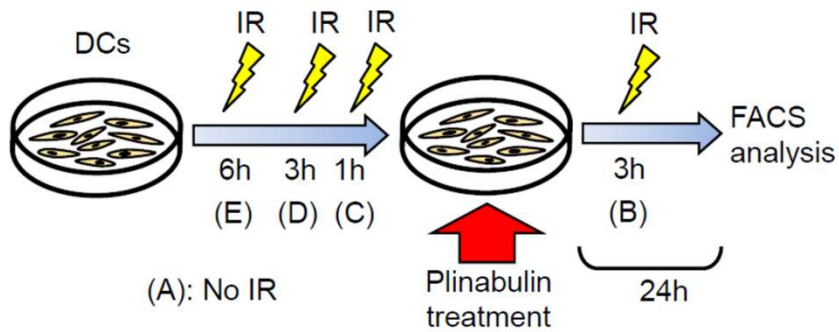
# Does plinabulin with RT enhance the anti-tumor immune response?

- **What is the proper sequencing of plinabulin and RT?**
  - For radiation sensitization, the sequencing of Drug → RT is important since loading the tumor cells ahead of RT would help sensitize the cells to the effect of RT
- Does pre-activating the dendritic cells with plinabulin enhance the RT response,  
**or**
- Does “RT priming” needed to enhance the response?

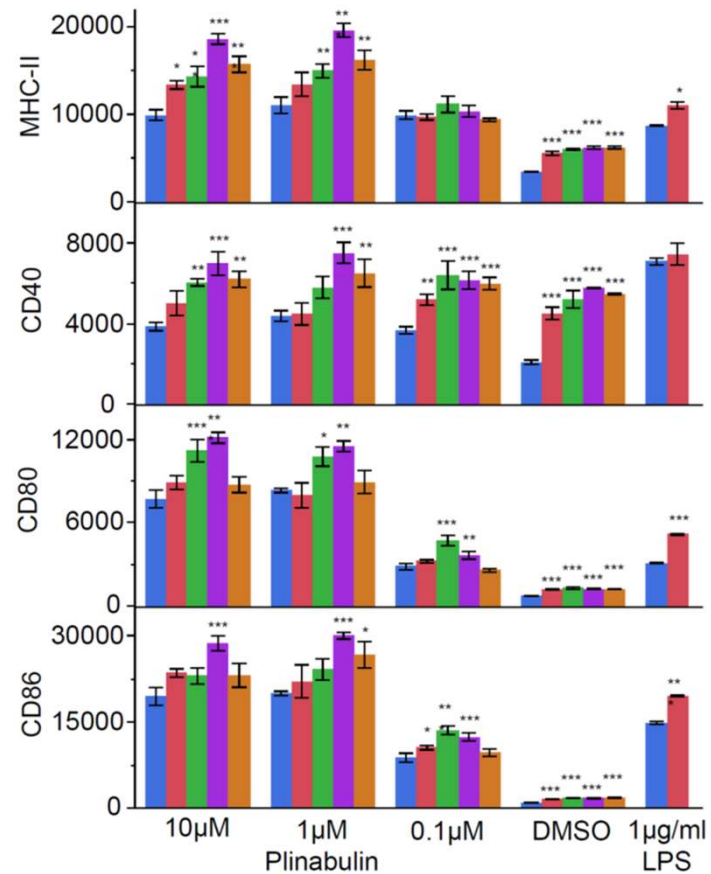




# Optimal Sequencing of IR with Plinabulin to elicit DC activation

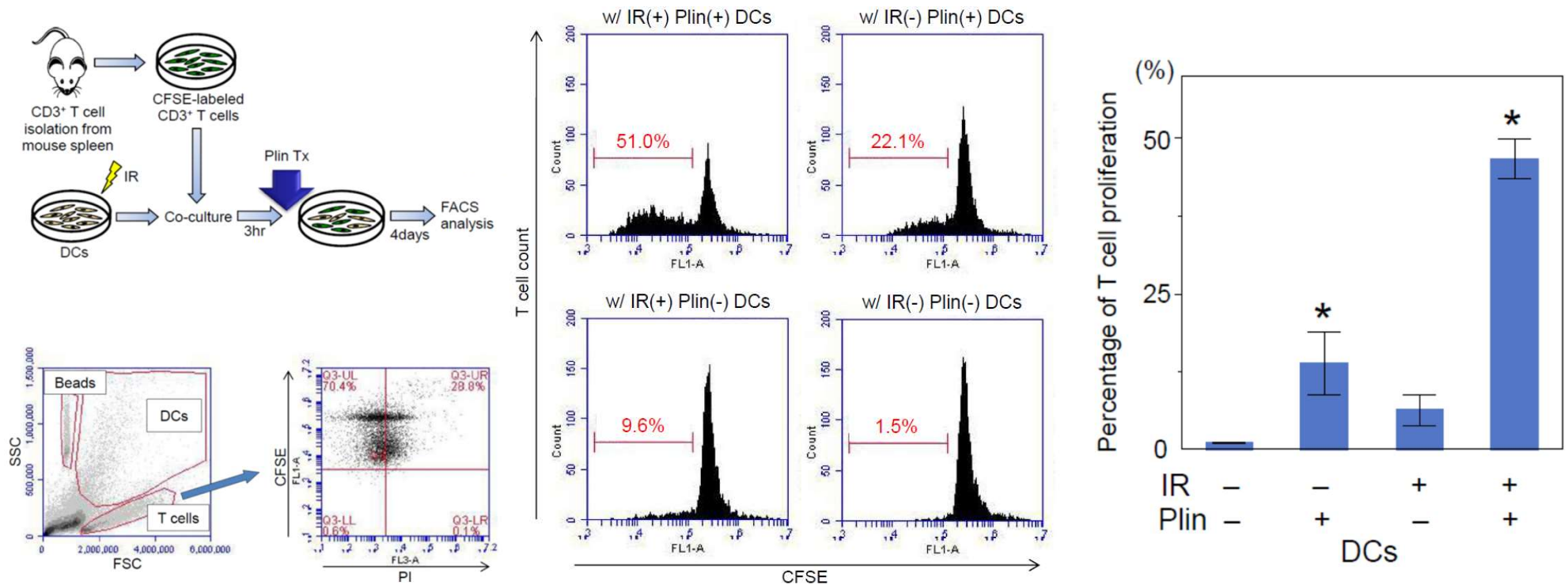


- A: No IR
- B: Plin Tx 3hr before IR
- C: Plin Tx 1hr after IR
- D: Plin Tx 3hr after IR
- E: Plin Tx 6hr after IR



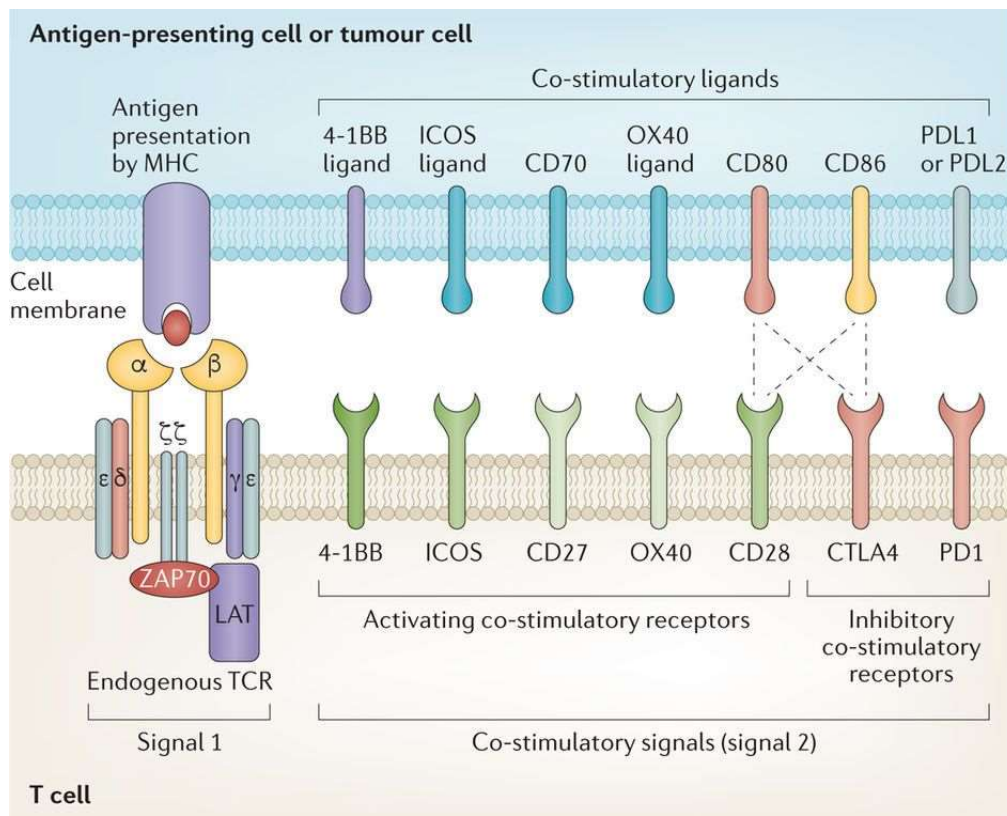


# Plinabulin + RT enhances T-cell proliferation in mixed lymphocyte reaction





# T-cell co-stimulatory molecules besides CD80/86



1. MHC-1 complex -provides the primary signal for T cell activation
  2. ICAM-1- Cell adhesion molecule helps increase the contact between APC and T cells thus increasing APC mediated T cell proliferation
  3. CD40: Immune costimulatory molecule
  4. ICOS-L
  5. OX40L
  6. CTLA-4
  7. PDL-1
- Additional signal for activating T cells (4, 5)
- Negative regulators of T cells (6, 7)

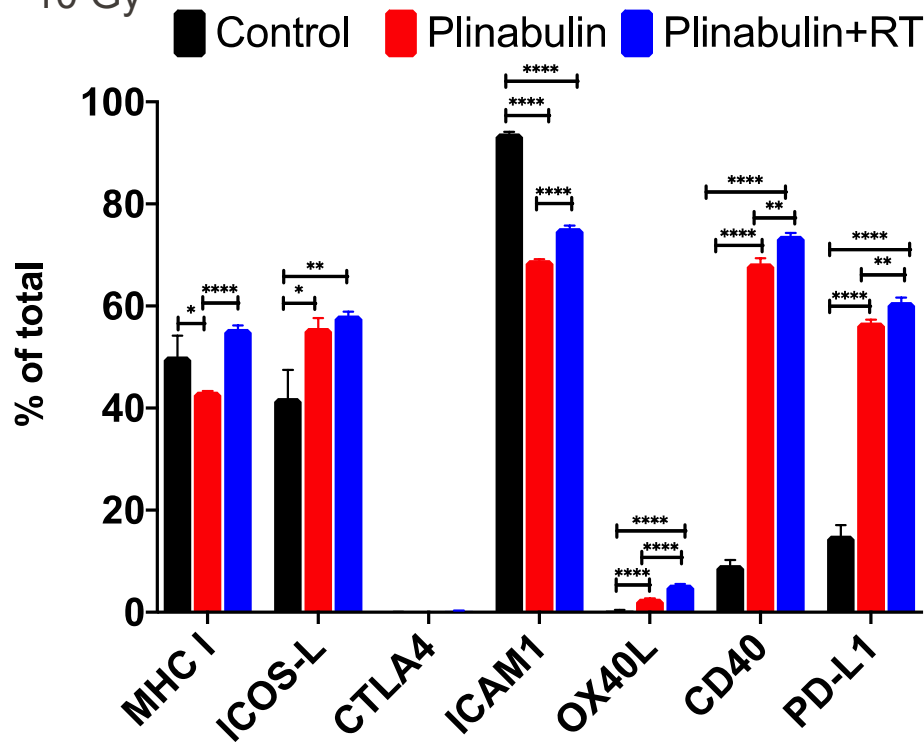


# Preliminary results: Plinabulin increase PD-L1 along with co-stimulatory molecules, some augmented by RT

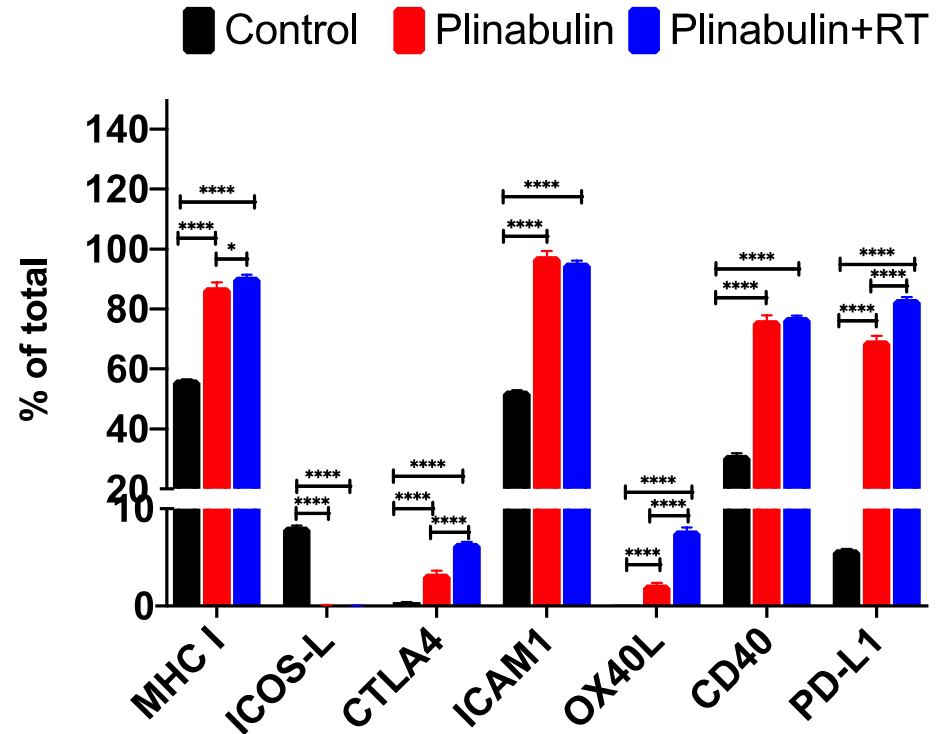
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RT = 10 Gy

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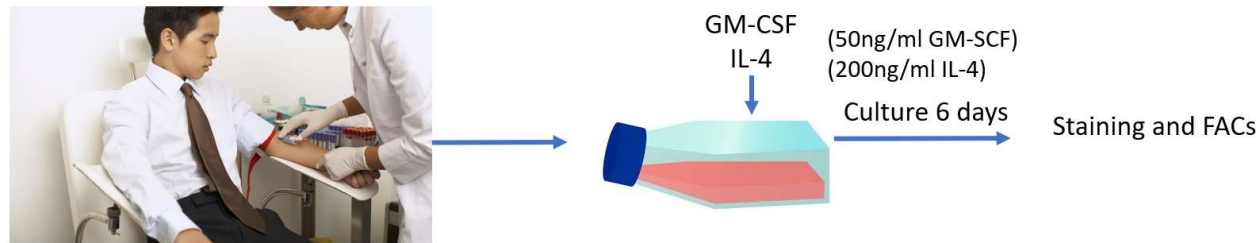


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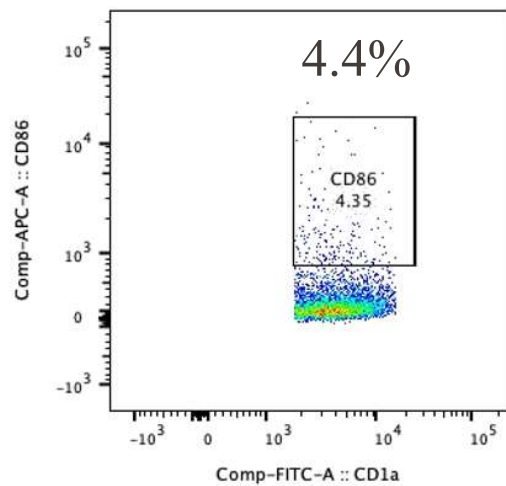




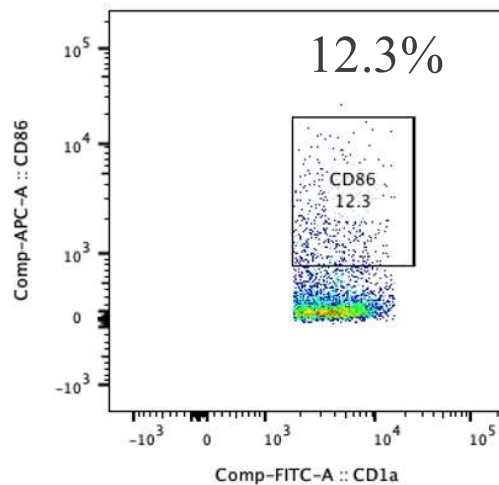
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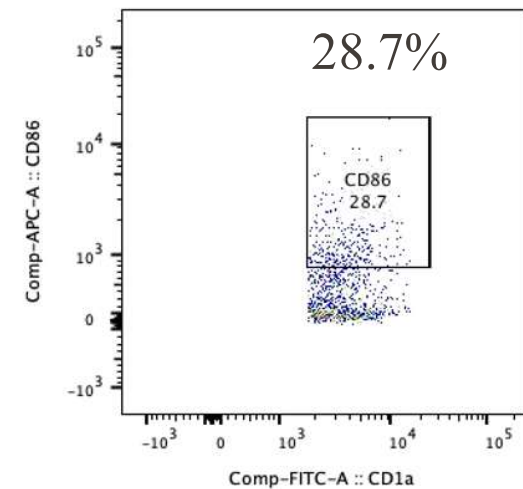
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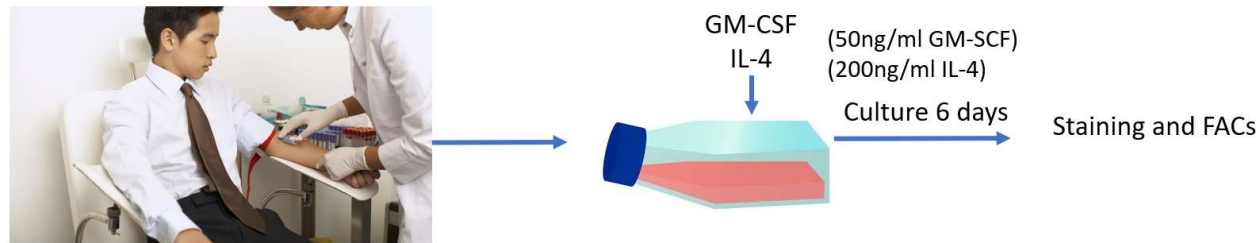


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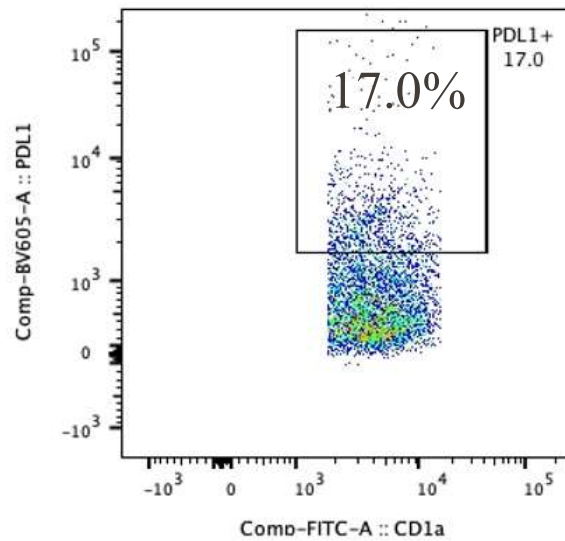




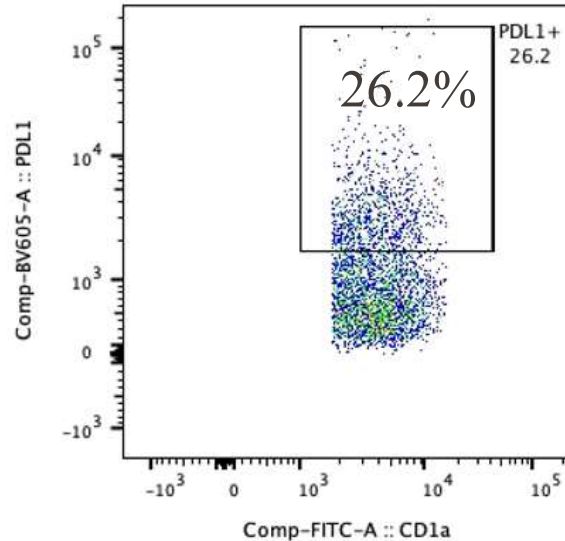
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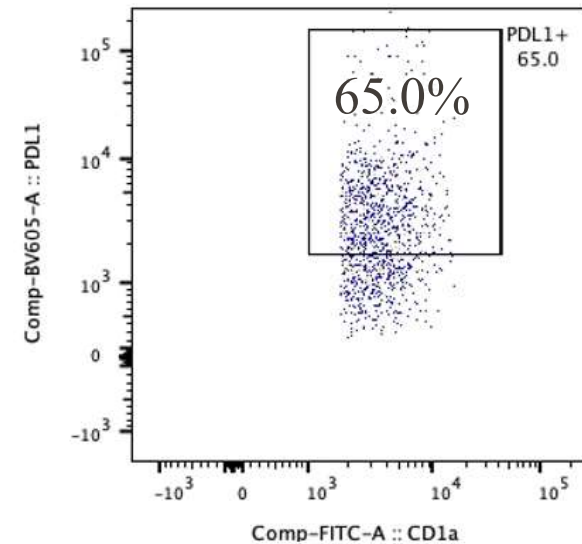
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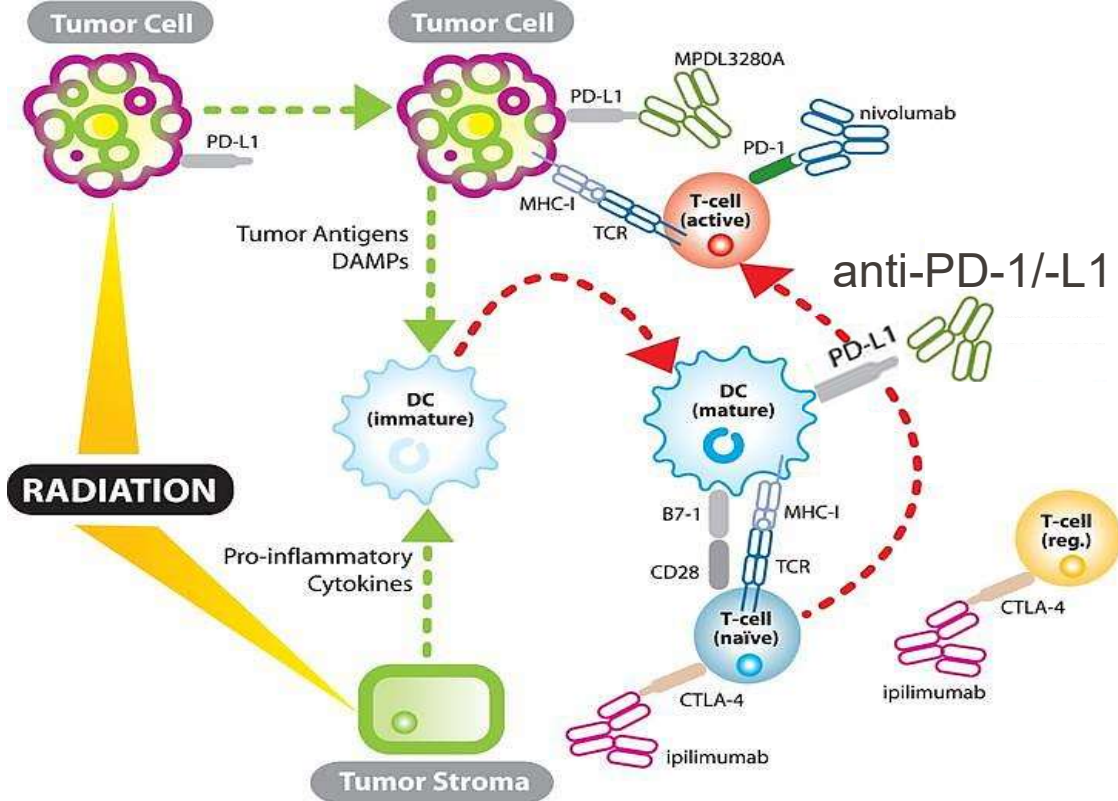


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# Induced PD-L1 upon DC activation necessitates anti-PD1/L1 blockade



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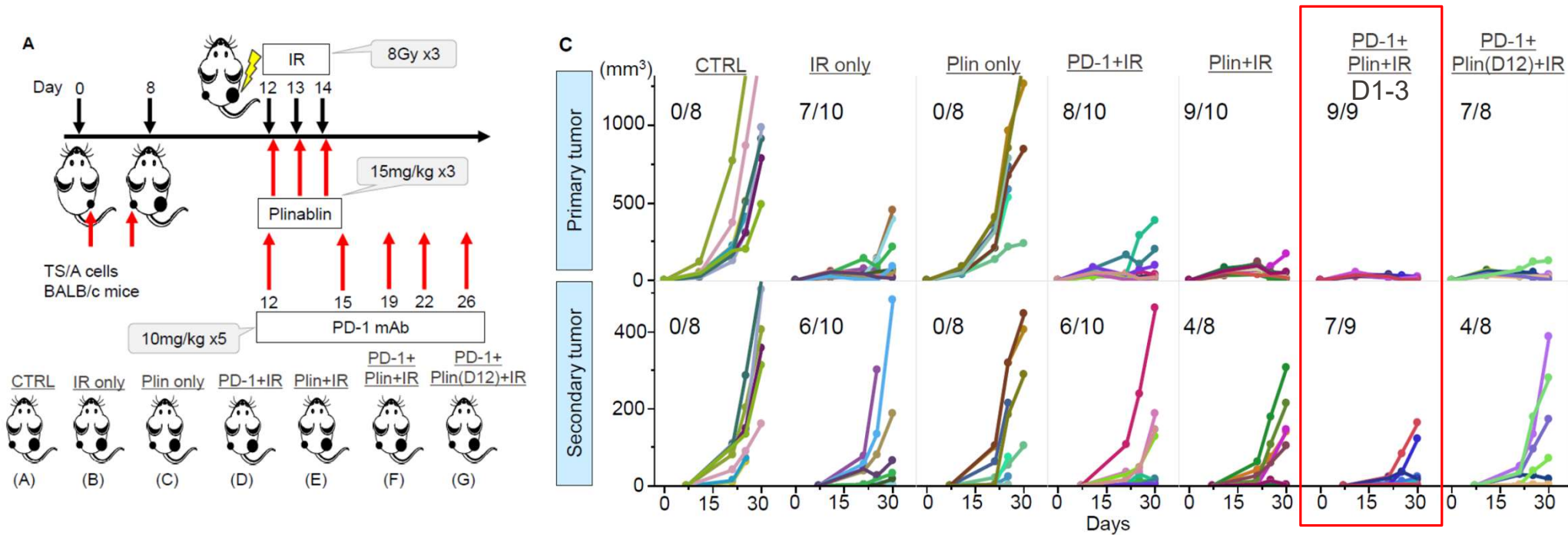
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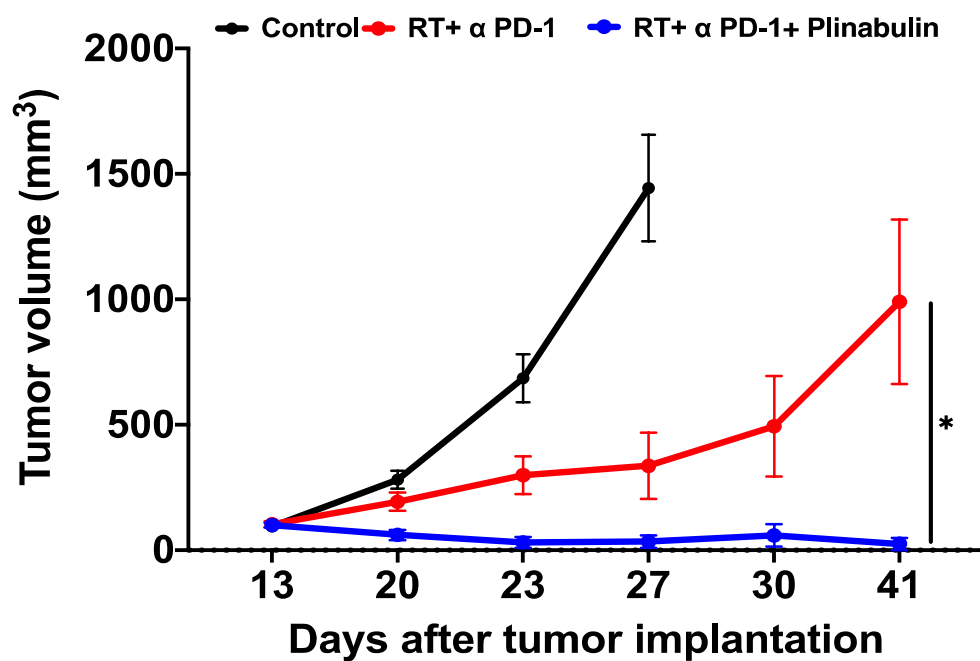


# Triple combo (IR (8 Gy x 3) with plinabulin and IO) enhances primary tumor control and abscopal responses

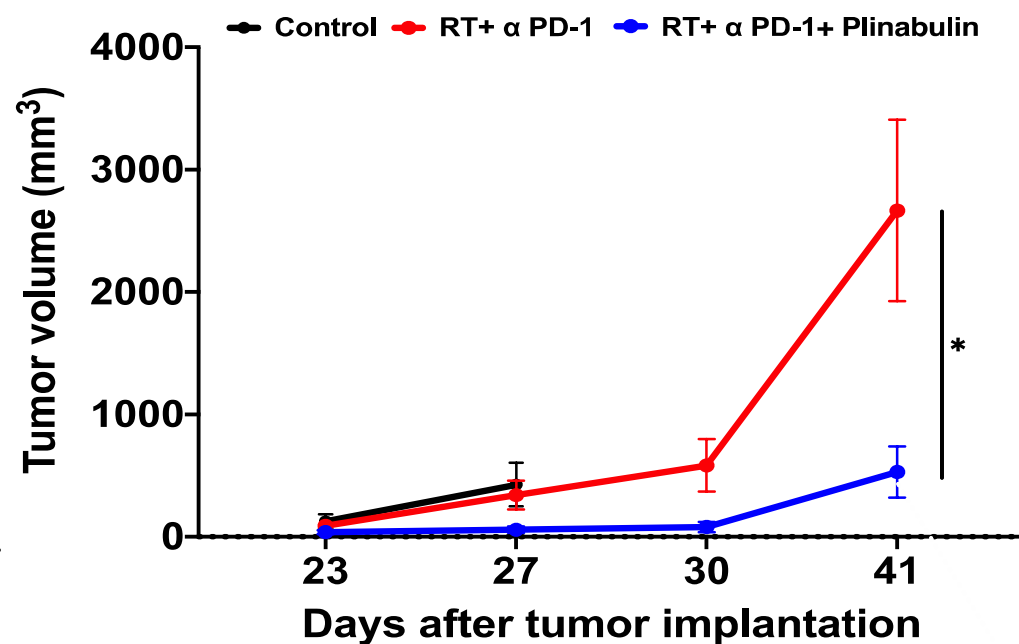




## Triple combination enhances local and distant tumor control compared to RT+anti-PD-1



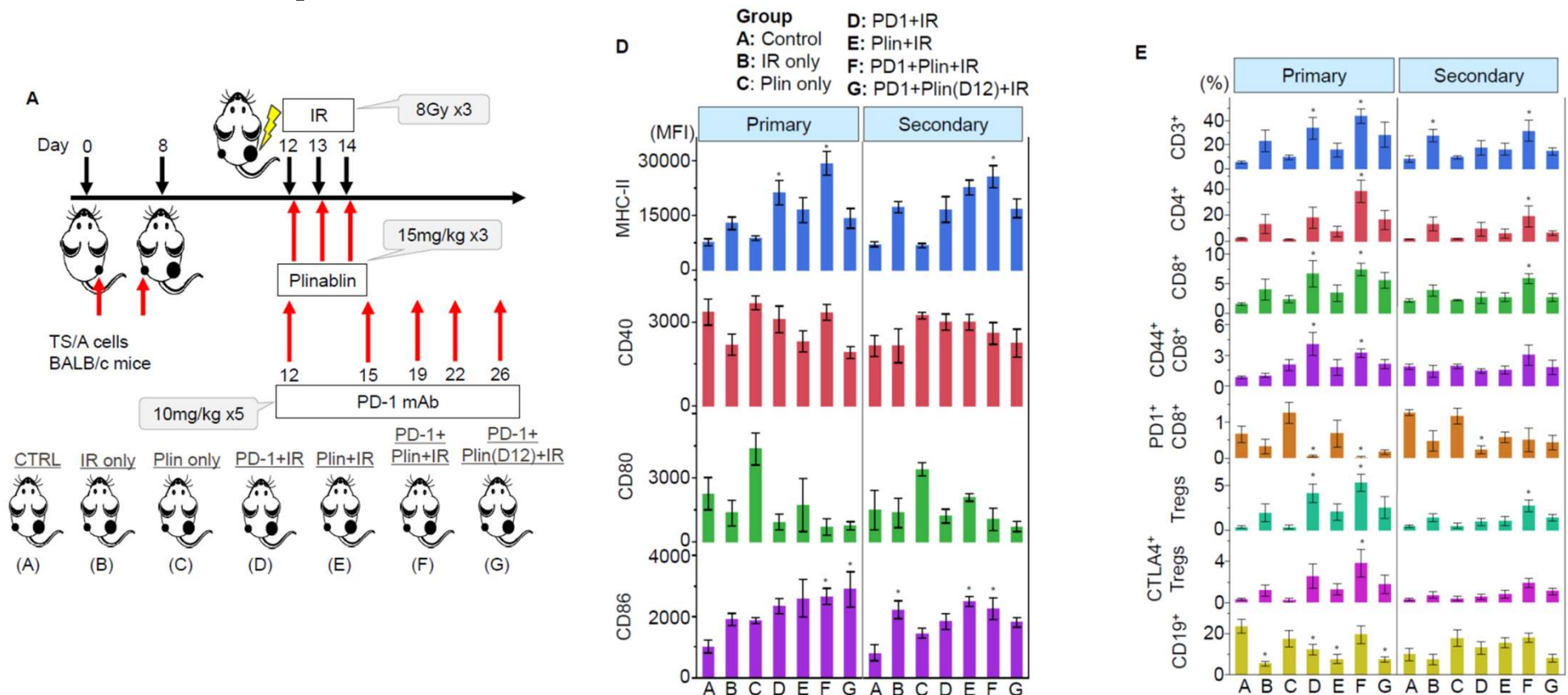
Primary tumor



Abscopal tumor



# Triple combo enhances immune stimulation in primary and abscopal sites





## **Working Hypothesis for the clinical trial**

**Taken together, these results suggest that “RT priming” followed by plinabulin and anti-PD-1/PD-L1 antibodies may have synergistic effect of stimulating the immune response (“Triple Combo” concept)**



## **2020-0296:** Phase 1b/2 study to evaluate safety of adding plinabulin + RT/IO in IO progressing solid tumors

### **Primary objectives:**

- To assess safety and tolerability combining plinabulin with RT/IO in
- To assess ORR

### **Secondary objectives:**

- To assess disease control rate (CR+PR+SD)
- To determine PFS
- To assess OS

### **Exploratory Objectives**

- TCR immune repertoire
- Single Cell RNAseq analysis on tumor samples
- Immune phenotyping from blood for multicolor flow cytometry
- Evaluate DC activation in the whole blood

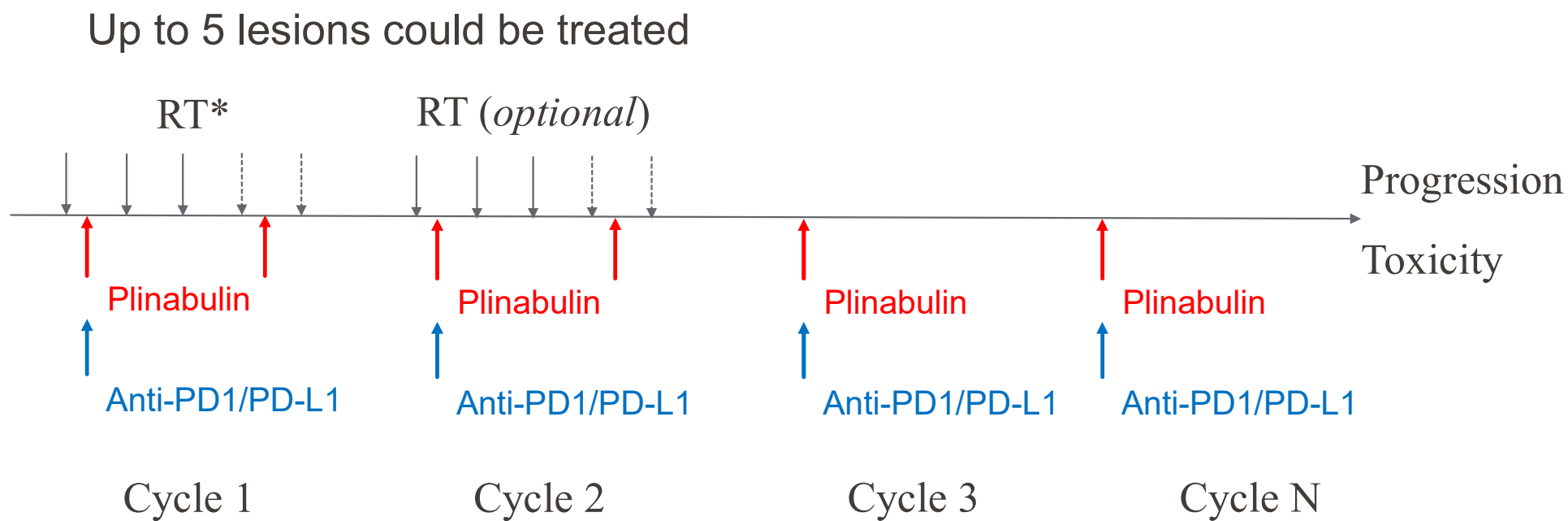


## **Seven cancer types progressing on immunotherapy**

- **Bladder Cancer**
- **Melanoma**
- **Merkel Cell Cancer**
- **MSI-H Cancers (of any histology)**
- **Non-small cell lung cancer**
- **Small Cell Lung Cancer**
- **Renal Cell Cancer**



## Schema



\* RT = 24 Gy/3 fx; 50 Gy/4 fx; 20 Gy/5 fx



## Inclusion criteria

- Seven histologically or cytologically confirmed neoplasms that progressed on previous immunotherapies (anti-PD-1/PD-L1 +/- chemo or anti-CTLA4)
- At least one lesion is amendable for radiation
- At least one additional non-contiguous lesion that has not been irradiated amendable to radiographic evaluation
- Tissue biopsy using core needle biopsy must be obtained
- Age > 18 yrs
- ECOG 0-2
- Normal organ functions
- Life expectancy at least 12 weeks



## Treatment protocol

All patients will receive RT (3-5 fractions) + plinabulin + anti-PD-1/PD-L1 (cycle 1) → plinabulin + anti-PD-1/PD-L1 mAb (cycle 2 and beyond until progression)

An optional sequential RT to other untreated lesions at the discretion of the treating radiation oncologist is allowed after cycle 1

Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 is the same as the regimen that was used at time of progression



## Plinabulin dosing

Starting dose of plinabulin at 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Day 1 and 4 in cycle 1 at the first day of radiation and the end of radiation

- If plinabulin is too toxic at 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, then option to go to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> will be explored

Plinabulin is dosed 3-6 hours (but not greater than 12 hours) after RT

Plinabulin is administered IV over 60 minutes after anti-PD-1/PD-L1 mAb administration



## Statistical considerations

Bayesian optimal interval (BOIN) design to find MTD on all comers

Two dose levels of 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, with 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> at the starting level, by starting in cohorts of 3

Once MTD is determined up to 12 pts of all histologies, then additional 10 pts will be enrolled for both safety and efficacy in each of the seven cancer types to further define the safety of plinabulin dose for the RP2D, up to 70 subjects

Response evaluation will be based on the minimum of 5 subjects and up to 10 subjects per cohort. If the enrollment is very slow and cannot complete accrual at the time other cohorts are completed, then the cohort will close

Selection of disease cohort that will advance into phase 2 will be based on the cohort with the best response rate, which will be determined by the review committee



## Phase 2

The histology and randomized design will be determined, for up to 102 pts randomized for the two arms

A maximum of 184 pts for this phase Ib/2 study



## Translational studies

**Tumor biopsy** at pre-dose (<2 wks before RT) and post-dose (at 4<sup>th</sup> week for Q4wk or 6<sup>th</sup> week for Q3wk PD-1/PD-L1 regimen)

- TCR sequencing
- Single cell RNA sequencing

**Whole blood** samples at baseline and every 2 cycles:

- Immune profiling by multicolor flow cytometry
- TCR sequencing
- Dendritic cell activation
- Luminex cytokine assay
- ctDNA analysis



## **Trial status**

- **Activated April 15, 2021**
- **Consented 5 pts (4 NSCLC, 1 RCC)**
- **2 had received the first cycle of triple combination therapy without SAEs**



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# Treatment of advanced NSCLC, without a driver mutation

Advanced  
NSCLC

Molecular  
testing with  
PD-L1

ECOG 0-1

- Adenocarcinoma
- Large cell
- Not otherwise specified

## PD-L1 expression positive > 50%

- Pembrolizumab or another checkpoint inhibitor
  - Platinum + pemetrexed + pembolizumab
- Less commonly used
- Carboplatin + paclitaxel + bevacizumab and atezolizumab
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- Mortality from NSCLC is declining as a result of reduced incidence and survival-extending treatments in some regions, lung cancer remains a leading cause of cancer death worldwide.<sup>1-3</sup>
- Low survival rates for lung cancer are reflective of the large percentage of patients diagnosed with metastatic disease, wherein the 5-year relative survival rate is 6%.<sup>3</sup>
- Approximately 25% of patients do not receive treatment after being diagnosed with metastatic NSCLC<sup>4,5</sup>
- Of patients with advanced disease receiving first line treatment, about 30% will receive second line treatment<sup>4,6</sup>



# Progression after a platinum chemotherapy and immunotherapy

- Non-squamous histology
  - Pemetrexed or docetaxel
  - Docetaxel plus ramucirumab
- Squamous histology
  - Docetaxel +/- ramucirumab



## Docetaxel as standard of care after platinum progression

- Prospective randomized trial of docetaxel versus best supportive care
- Performance statuses of 0 to 2
- Excluded with prior treatment of paclitaxel
- Randomized to docetaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (49 patients) or 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (55 patients) or best supportive care.
- Six (7.1%) achieved partial responses (three patients at each dose level)
- Time to progression was longer for docetaxel patients than for best supportive care patients (10.6 v 6.7 weeks, respectively;  $P < .001$ )
- Median survival (7.0 v 4.6 months; log-rank test,  $P = .047$ ).
- Increase toxicity of docetaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> compared to 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>



## REVEL: A randomized phase III trial of Ramucirumab plus docetaxel

- Ramucirumab, a recombinant human immunoglobulin G1 monoclonal antibody inhibiting vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-2
- 1253 patients with NSCLC were randomized to receive ramucirumab (10 mg/kg; n = 628) plus docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) or placebo plus docetaxel (n = 625) after disease progression on or after platinum-based therapy
- Overall survival was increased 10.5 months for ramucirumab-docetaxel and 9.1 months HR = 0.86 (95% CI: 0.75–0.98)
- Progression-free survival was also increased with the combination 4.5 versus 3 months; HR 0.76, 95% CI 0.68-0.86)
- Increased risk of bleeding, hypertension, intestinal perforation and arterial thrombus





# “Heat map” mean OS times for non-squamous, EGFR Mutation negative, PD-L1 < 5%, after first-line treatment

	Best supportive care	Docetaxel (frequent low dose)	Docetaxel (60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks)	Docetaxel (75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks)	Docetaxel (100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks)	Docetaxel (80 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + bevacizumab (15 mg/kg)	Docetaxel (80 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + ramucicamab (10 mg/kg)	Docetaxel (75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + erlotinib (150 mg)	Docetaxel (75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + rinitadant (250 mg)	Docetaxel (75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + ramucicamab (10 mg/kg)	Erlotinib (150 mg)	Erlotinib (150 mg) + pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Getlinib (250 mg)	Nivolumab (3 mg/kg)	Pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + rinitadant (250 mg)	S-1 (40 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + bevacizumab (15 mg/kg)
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Docetaxel (frequent low dose)	(-4.2, 4.2)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-30.2, 26.6)	(-32.8, 29.2)	(-35.2, 31.8)
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Docetaxel (75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks)	(-8.3, -3.2)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-30.2, 26.6)
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Erlotinib (150 mg)	(-25.2, -22.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-12.8, 8.4)
Erlotinib (150 mg) + pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	(-27.8, -25.2)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-10.2, 5.8)
Getlinib (250 mg)	(-30.2, -27.8)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-8.3, 3.9)
Nivolumab (3 mg/kg)	(-32.8, -30.2)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-6.1, 1.9)
Pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	(-35.2, -32.8)	(-30.2, 26.6)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)	(-4.2, 4.2)
Pemetrexed (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + rinitadant (250 mg)	(-37.8, -35.2)	(-32.8, 29.2)	(-30.2, 26.6)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0	(-2.3, 2.3)
S-1 (40 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) + bevacizumab (15 mg/kg)	(-40.2, -37.8)	(-35.2, 31.8)	(-32.8, 29.2)	(-30.2, 26.6)	(-27.8, 24.0)	(-25.2, 21.4)	(-22.8, 18.8)	(-20.2, 16.2)	(-17.8, 13.6)	(-15.2, 11.0)	(-12.8, 8.4)	(-10.2, 5.8)	(-8.3, 3.9)	(-6.1, 1.9)	(-4.2, 4.2)	(-2.3, 2.3)	0

Colors represent a “heat map” with blues representing large negative differences, increasing through to dark reds for large positive mean differences



## 21<sup>st</sup> century treatment for NSCLC

- In 1999, docetaxel was approved by the FDA for second line NSCLC
- Sadly, we have not made improvement
- We need treatment with improved:
  - Survival
  - Safety
  - Quality of life



# Study 101 - Phase 1/2 Study of Vascular Disrupting Agent NPI-2358 + Docetaxel in Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



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- **Inclusion Criteria:**
  - ECOG performance status  $\leq 1$
  - Pathologically or histologically confirmed advanced non-small cell lung cancer that has progressed after treatment with at least one chemotherapy regimen; measurable disease is not required for enrollment into this trial
  - Had received 1 or 2 prior treatments.
- Patients were randomly assigned to treatment with plinabulin plus docetaxel or docetaxel alone.
- Docetaxel was dosed at  $75 \text{ mg/m}^2$  across all arms on day 1 of a 21-day cycle, and plinabulin (20 or  $30 \text{ mg/m}^2$ ) was administered on days 1 and 8.



## Study 101 - Phase 1/2 Study of Vascular Disrupting Agent NPI-2358 + Docetaxel in Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



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- Primary Outcome Measures : Compare overall survival of patients treated with docetaxel to patients treated with docetaxel + NPI-2358
- Secondary endpoints were safety assessments, DOR, PFS and ORR
- PD-L1 tumor status was not characterized.



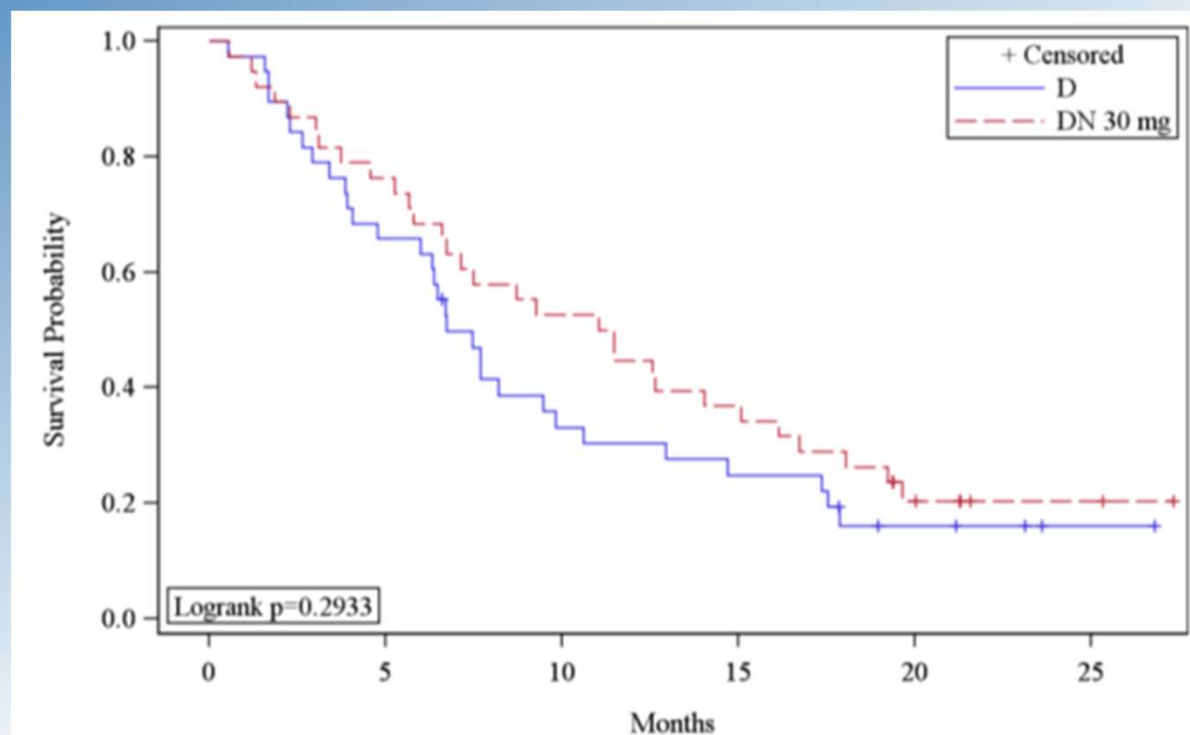
## Study 101

- The 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Plin cohort was more effective than the 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> cohort as an anticancer agent.
- Post hoc exploratory analyses were performed on phase 2 portion in the 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> cohort, n=50 patients received 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Plin+ D and n=55 patients received D alone. 72% had measurable lung lesion.
- Response data in patients with a measurable disease

	mOS (months)	PFS (months)	OR%
Plin +Doc (n=38)	11.3	3.7	18.4
Doc (n=38)	6.7	2.9	10.5



## Phase 2 Study 101: Plinabulin has Anticancer Activity in NSCLC



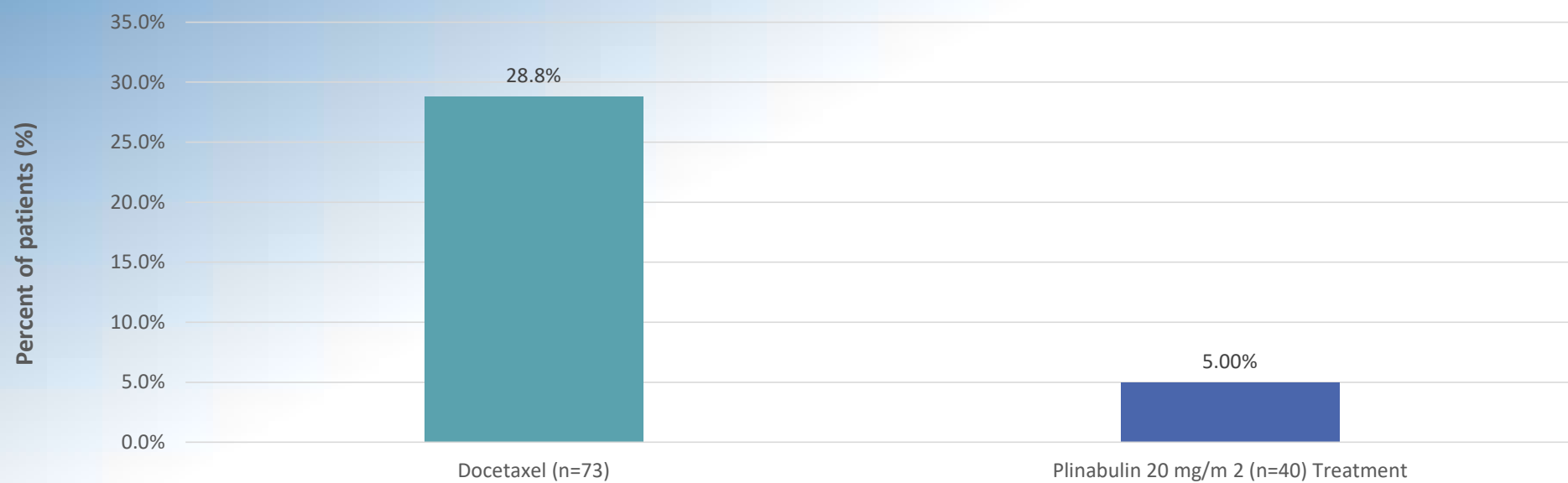
	Subjects	Event	Censored	Median Survival	95% CL
D	38	31(82%)	7(18%)	6.733	( 6, 9.833)
DN 30 mg	38	30(79%)	8(21%)	11.25	( 6.733, 15.07)

- Plinabulin MoA- targeted patients: Measurable lung lesion with RECIST 1.1 (CT scan > 1 cm in lung), which is around 70% of NSCLC
- Improved QoL and favorable Safety profile



# Study 101 Phase 2: Plinabulin has Superior Grade 4 Chemotherapy Induced Neutropenia Prevention vs 'Placebo'

## Incidence of neutropenia in patients treated with Docetaxel vs. Docetaxel + Plinabulin-20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>





## Plinabulin appeared to protect against the development of docetaxel-induced neutropenia



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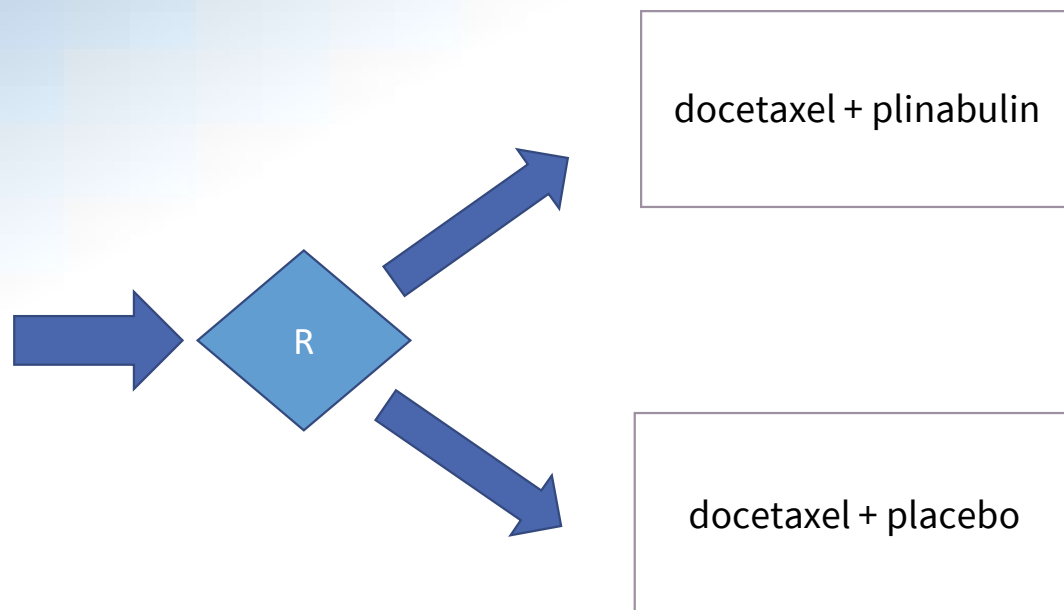
- Reduced rates of sepsis (3.6% vs 0%, respectively)
- Severe infections (3.6% vs 0%, respectively)
- Docetaxel dose reductions due to toxicity (19.2% vs 6.7%, respectively)



# Docetaxel + Plinabulin Compared to Docetaxel + Placebo in Patients With Advanced NSCLC (DUBLIN-3)

Global, single-blinded (blinding for patients only)  
Stratified for region (Asia/non-Asia), and receiving 2nd- or 3rd-line systemic therapy with  
Docetaxel + Plinabulin or Docetaxel in a 1:1 ratio

- Non-squamous or squamous NSCLC
- ECOG performance status  $\leq 2$
- Progression during or after treatment with one or two treatment regimen
- Patients must have at least one measurable lung lesion
- OK for prior checkpoint inhibitor therapy





# DUBLIN-3 (Study 103): Phase 3 in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> NSCLC, EGFR Wild Type

## Design

### EGFR wild-type NSCLC (Pre-specified MOA target patients: Measurable lung lesion)

- Plinabulin + docetaxel vs docetaxel, 1:1 randomization, n=559 (fully enrolled)
- Approval possible with a single, qualified study
- Final analysis: at least 439 patient death events; study succeeds if  $p < 0.046$  for Overall Survival, Expected Mid-Year 2021

## Endpoints

### Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

### Secondary Endpoints:

- ORR, PFS
- Percent of patients without severe neutropenia on Day 8 of Cycle 1
- Month 24 OS rate, Month 36 OS rate
- DoR
- Q-TWiST
- QoL
- Proportion of patients who received docetaxel >8 cycles, >10 cycles, and >12 cycles

- Secondary Endpoints go beyond OS
- Provide opportunity to demonstrate important benefits and address a range of unmet medical needs

## Preliminary Data

- 2 successful interim analyses: DSMB recommended trial to continue without modification;
- Final look anticipated soon



## Study Design

- Plinabulin 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered on Day 1 and Day 8 of each Cycle
- Docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> is administered on Day 1 of each Cycle



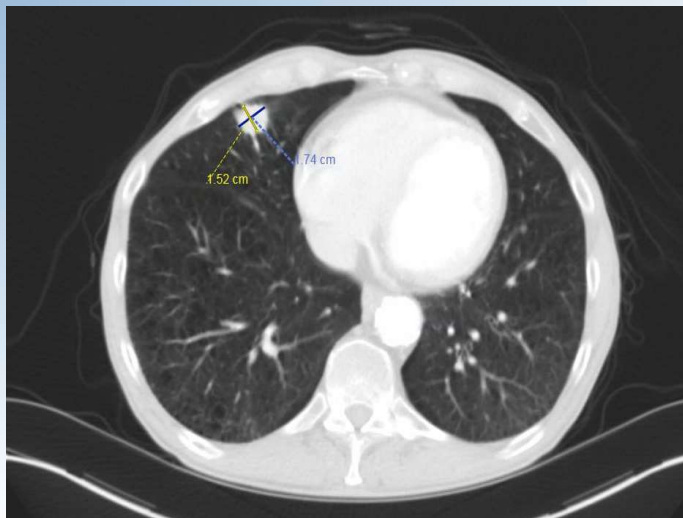
## Case Study 1

- 75 year old male smoker, 1.5 packs/day x 50 years with a history of severe mitral regurgitation
- January 8, 2015 PET/CT scan: 15 x 10 mm right middle lobe lung mass with hypermetabolic right hilar mediastinal in the left level IV cervical lymphadenopathy
- January 14, 2015 left cervical lymph node fine-needle aspirate: adenocarcinoma, positive for TTF-1, no EGFR, ALK or Ros1 mutation
- 2/17/2015 Carboplatin and pemetrexed followed maintenance pemetrexed x 14 cycles with disease progression
- April 2016 Nivolumab with progression after 27 cycles
- November 2016 brain metastases: whole brain radiation therapy
- 05/02/2017 Docetaxel + Plinabulin x 13 cycles with stable disease
- Discontinued the trial due to development of severe mitral valve insufficiency and heart failure. He declined to undergo cardiac surgery to repair his mitral valve

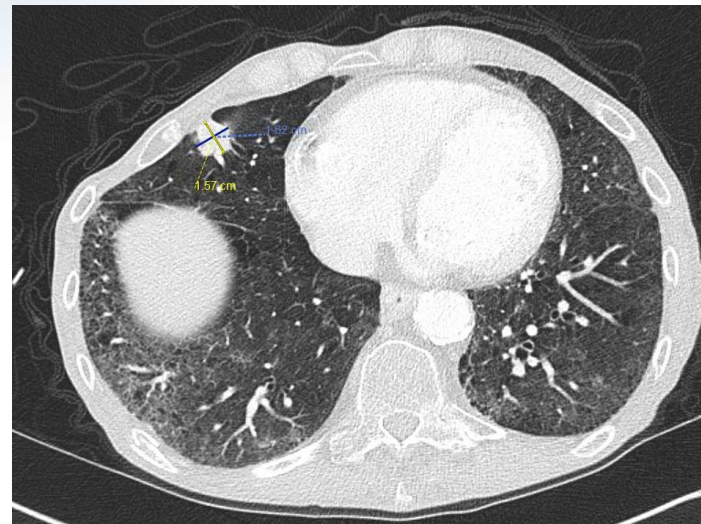


## Case Study 1

**Before treatment**



**After 13 cycles**





## Case Study 2

- 78 year old male with history of tobacco abuse and recurrent non-small cell lung cancer, squamous cell histology. He had a past medical history of GERD
- 09/24/16 robotic assisted right thoracotomy, right upper lobectomy converted to pneumonectomy and mediastinal lymph node dissection: right upper lobe poorly differentiate squamous cell carcinoma measuring 4.8 x 3.7 x 2.5 cm with no invasion into the visceral pleura. Metastatic disease to 2 of 3 parabrachial lymph nodes. Negative surgical margins after pneumonectomy. Lymphovascular invasion present. T2bN1. He was unable to undergo adjuvant treatment due to difficulty in recovery after pneumonectomy
- 12/27/2016 bronchoscopy: Mass noted at right bronchial stump, bronchial stump biopsy: invasive squamous cell carcinoma. No ALK or EGFR mutation. PD-L1 expression, 20%
- 1/11/2017 PET/CT scan: Interval development of right apical lung mass hypermetabolic with invasion into the ribs and tracheal wall. No evidence of distant metastatic disease
- 1/30/2017 carboplatin and paclitaxel with concomitant radiation therapy with progression
- 03/23/2017 Pembrolizumab with progression after 9 cycles
- 10/25/2017 Docetaxel + plinabulin x 2 cycles with stable disease, with treatment complicated by gastric perforation at gastric ulcer and atrial fibrillation.
- Last treatment of docetaxel + plinabulin was on 11/15/17 and no evidence of progression until September 2018

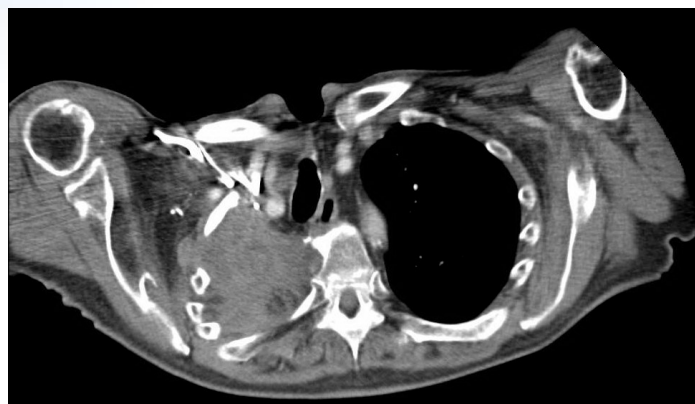


## Case 2

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05/29/2018





## Supportive Data from CIN STUDY 105 in NSCLC



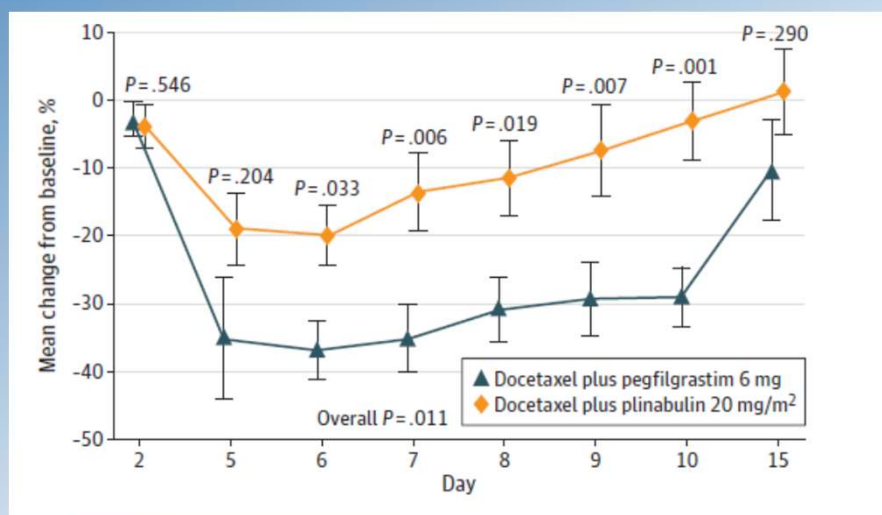
# Efficacy of Plinabulin vs Pegfilgrastim in Adults with Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer



- Study BPI-2358-105 (NCT03102606): Phase 2/3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double Blind Study to Evaluate Duration of Severe Neutropenia with Plinabulin Versus Pegfilgrastim in Patients with Solid Tumors Receiving Docetaxel Myelosuppressive Chemotherapy
- Advanced NSCLC after progression on platinum-based therapy
- Patients were randomly assigned to the following arms:
  - Arm 1: Docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + pegfilgrastim (6 mg) (N=14)
  - Arm 3: Docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + plinabulin (10 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) (N=13)
  - Arm 2: Docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + plinabulin (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) (N=14)
  - Arm 4: Docetaxel (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) + plinabulin (5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) (N=14)
- ANC was assessed at baseline (prior to Cycle 1 docetaxel dose) and during Cycle 1 on Days 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15



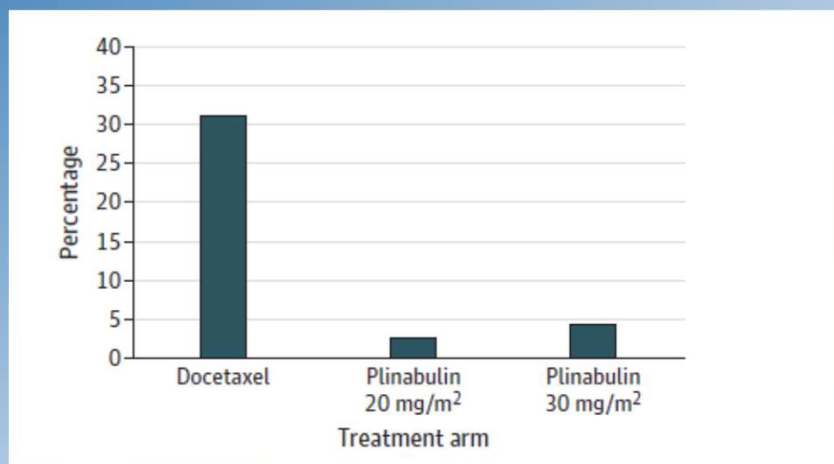
# Less Thrombocytopenia with Plinabulin in comparison to Pegfilgrastim



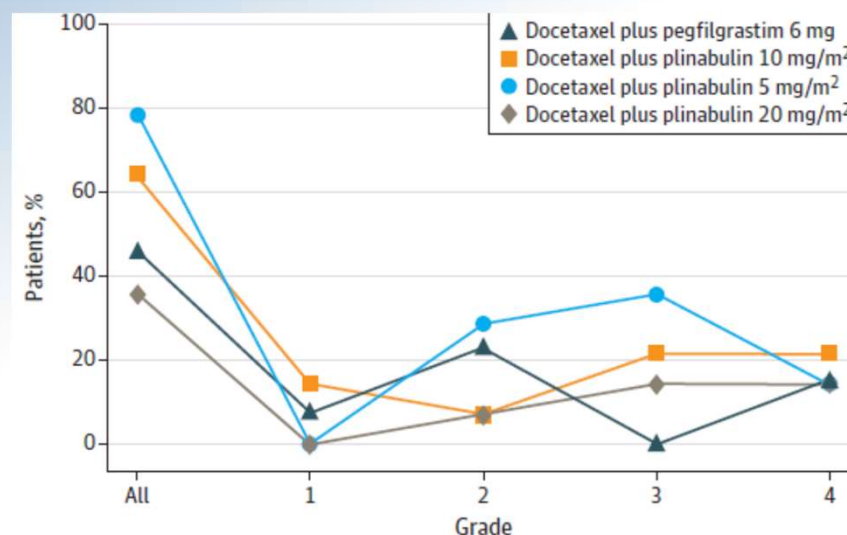
- Platelet counts by day during treatment cycle 1 expressed as percentage change from baseline
- No patients treated with plinabulin had thrombocytopenia of any grade, but 35% of patients treated with pegfilgrastim had at least grade 1 thrombocytopenia



## Less Neutropenia with Plinabulin in comparison to Pegfilgrastim



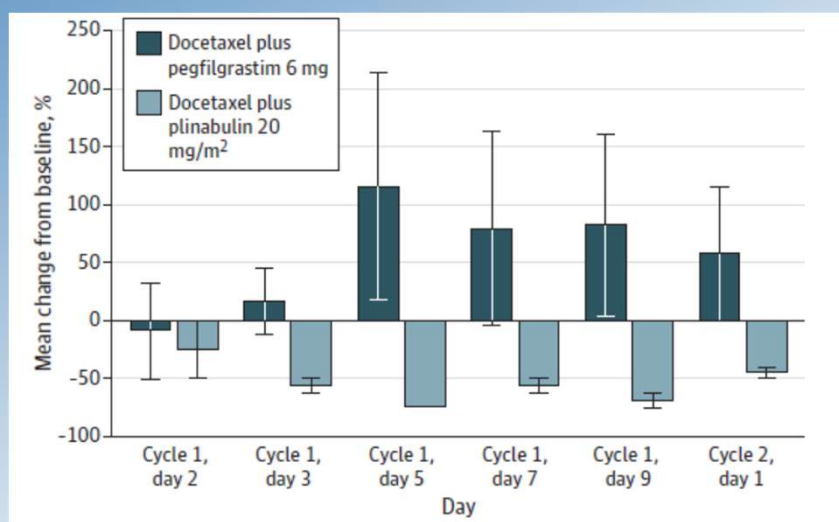
- In another phase 2 study of docetaxel for patients with NSCLC, patients were treated with plinabulin vs docetaxel alone.
- Grade 4 day 8 neutropenia developed in 2.6% of patients treated with plinabulin in contrast with 31% of patients treated with docetaxel alone



Percentage of treated patients against maximum neutrophil toxicity grade during treatment cycle 1



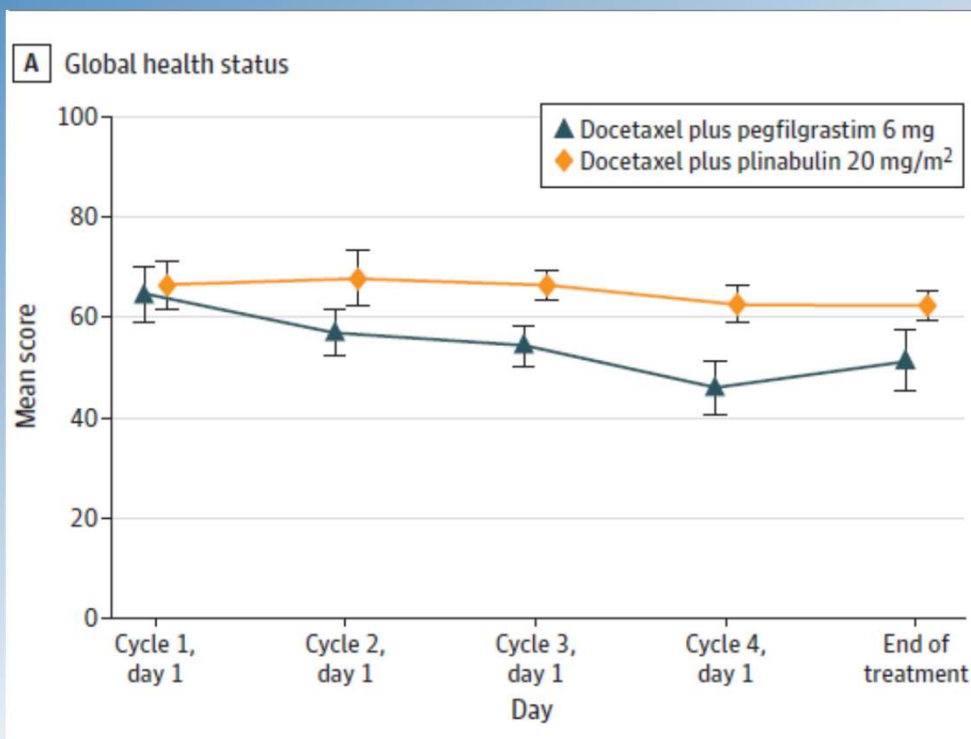
## Less Bone pain with Plinabulin in comparison to Pegfilgrastim



- Bone pain is a known toxicity to Pegfilgrastim
- In patients who had no bone pain at study entry
  - Plinabulin treated patient had no bone pain after day 3
  - 35% of patients treated with pegfilgrastim reported bone pain
- Pegfilgrastim patients reported pain from day 3, which peaked on day 7 (90% change) before declining



# Enhanced Quality of life with Plinabulin in comparison to Pegfilgrastim



- Plinabulin 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> showed a significant improvement in global health status ( $P < .001$ ) vs pegfilgrastim
- Compared with their baseline state, patients treated with plinabulin 20mg/m<sup>2</sup> significantly benefited in **fatigue** ( $P = .032$ ), **pain** ( $P = .027$ ) and **insomnia** ( $P = .05$ ), compared with the symptomatic deterioration in patients treated with pegfilgrastim.

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# Target Product Profile

## Current Standard of Care

- Modest survival benefit
- Severe safety concerns, e.g. CIN
- Poor Quality of Life

## Plinabulin - Docetaxel Combination

- Potential survival benefit, with more long survivals due to GEF-H1 IO MOA
- Potential superior safety profile, including CIN reduction
- Potential superior quality of life





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# BeyondSpring – Value Proposition

Committed to raising the standard of care for cancer patients, in the largest global markets, with first-in-class treatments that improve lives and clinical outcomes for millions of patients in need

## BeyondSpring Value Proposition

**Late-stage assets** – Potential launch of Plinabulin in CIN early 2022  
– Phase 3 (Dublin-3) data in NSCLC in mid 2021  
– Triple combo IO trials underway; large potential

**Large Markets** – Broad label in CIN; solid tumors; IO combinations

**Cost of Goods** – Small molecule; Simple manufacturing process; Work with top CMOs

**Broad and Long IP coverage** – IP through 2036 in 36 jurisdictions

**Global Capabilities** – U.S. and China are two largest Rx markets

**Cash Position at 3/31/21** - \$90.6 million, sufficient for clinical and pre-launch costs

**Headquarters** – New York    NASDAQ: BYSI



# Recent Goals Achieved, Near Term Milestones for Value Creation

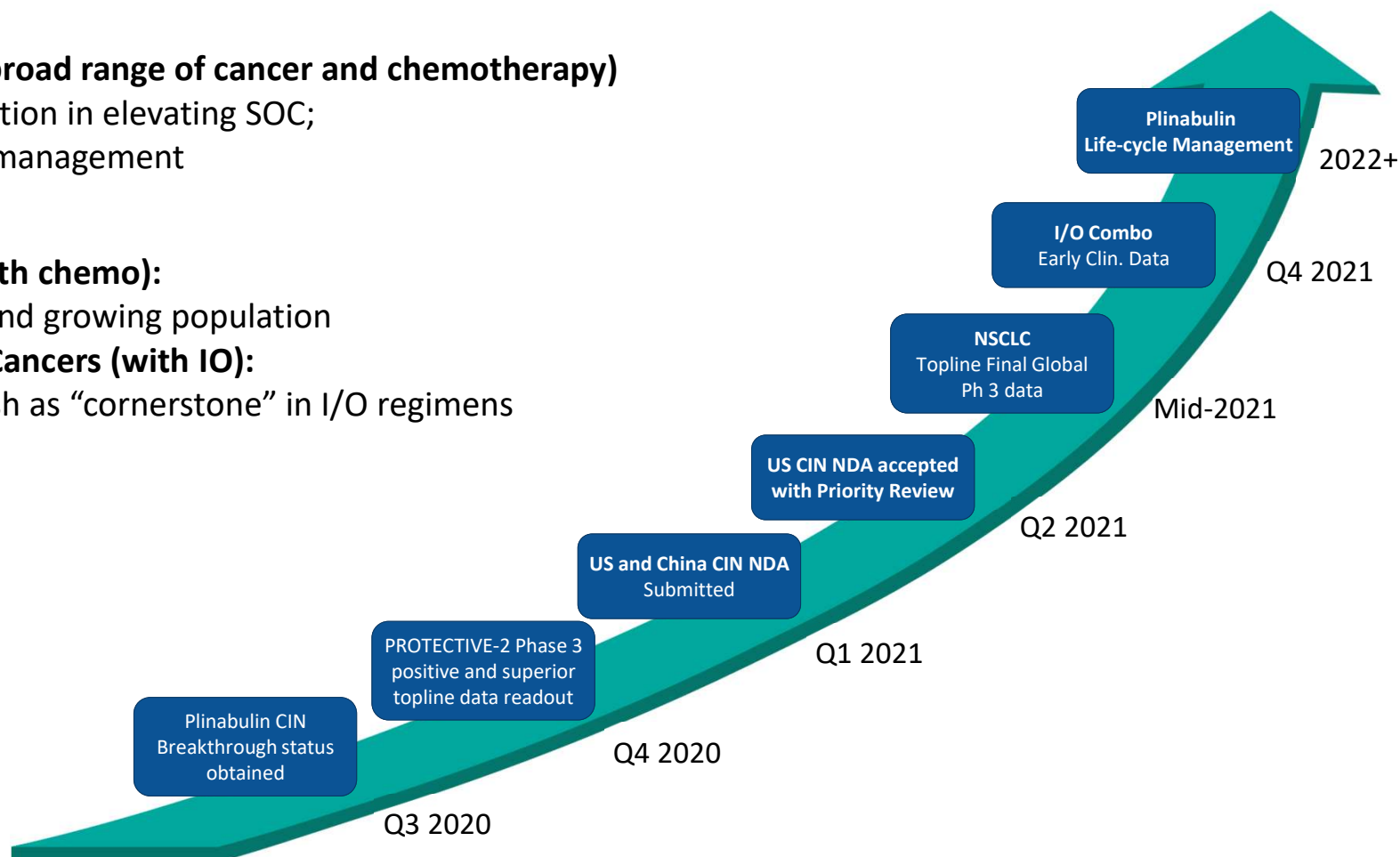
## Plinabulin:

### CIN (Targets broad range of cancer and chemotherapy)

- ✓ Value creation in elevating SOC;
- ✓ Life cycle management

## Anti-cancer

- ✓ **NSCLC (with chemo):**
  - Large and growing population
- ✓ **Multiple Cancers (with IO):**
  - Establish as “cornerstone” in I/O regimens







thank you!

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**Questions?**

**Answers.**