GLIMMER-01: Phase 1/2 Trial of a First-in-class Bi-sialidase (E-602) in Combination with Cemiplimab in Patients with PD-(L)1-resistant Solid Tumors

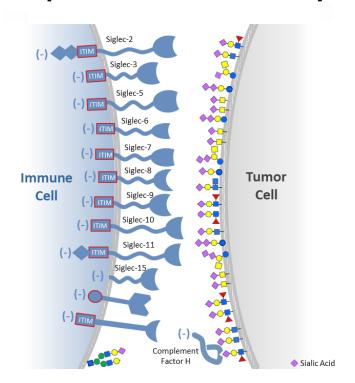
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Desialylation of Tumors to Relieve Sialoglycan-Mediated Suppression and Reinvigorate the Anti-Cancer Immune Response

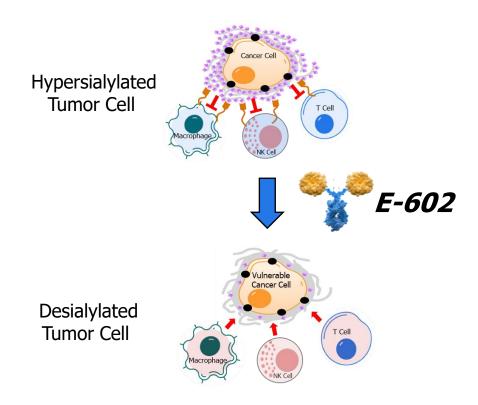
Tumor Cell Sialoglycans Suppress Innate and Adaptive Antitumor Immunity



14 Siglecs in humans

Hundreds of Sialoglycans

Desialylation of Tumor Cells Enhances Innate and Adaptive Antitumor Immunity



E-602 in Combination with Cemiplimab in PD-(L)1 Resistant NSCLC and Melanoma Patients

E-602 Monotherapy Dose Escalation* (GLIMMER-01 Part 1)

- Dose escalation: 1, 3, 10, 20, 30 mg/kg
- Established safety (well tolerated, no MTD)
- PK half-life: 18-26 hours
- Established proof-of-mechanism
 - Desialylation increased T cell activation in blood
 - Desialylation led to a dose-dependent increase in peripheral cytokines IP-10, TNF-α, and MIP-1β
- Determined RP2D 20mg/kg
 - Based on PD of T cell activation

E-602 + Cemiplimab Combination (GLIMMER-01 Part 2)

- Primary endpoints
 - Safety and tolerability of the combination
 - Objective response rate
- Dose and schedule
 - E-602: 20mg/kg, Q1W
 - Cemiplimab: 350mg, Q3W
- PD-(L)1 resistant cancer patients (n=21)
 - NSCLC (n=12); melanoma (n=8); EGJ (n=1)
 - Median Age: 66 years (Range 42 82)
 - Female: 11 / 21 (52%)
 - ECOG PS of 1 at screening: 14/21 (67%)
 - Tumor biopsies before and during treatment
 - Frequency of Baseline Tumor Hypersialylation: 15/20 (75%)



^{*} Luke, et al, AACR 2023 annual meeting, abstract #9654

Safety Summary: E-602 in Combination with Cemiplimab

No DLTs at 20 mg/kg E-602 in combination with cemiplimab

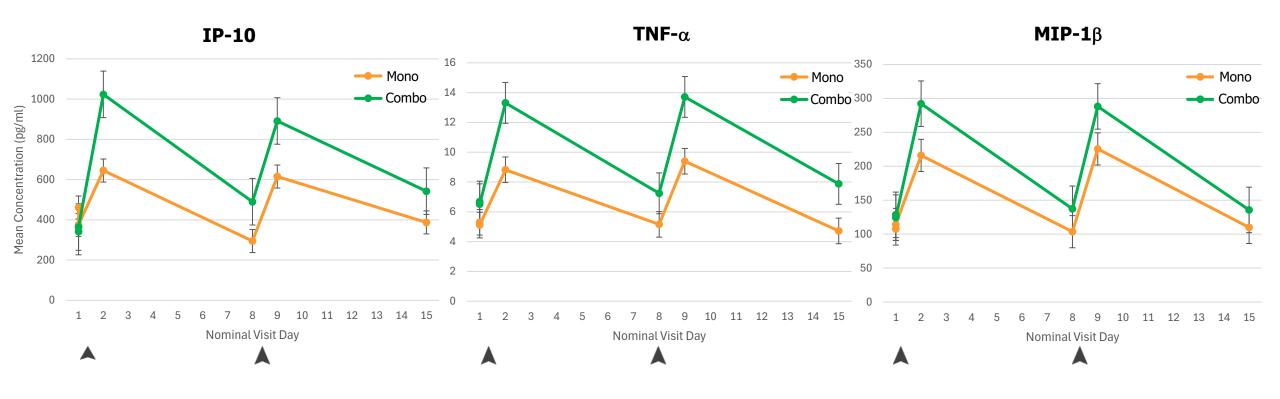
One Treatment Related SAE of Grade 3 infusion related reaction

Frequency of Treatment-Related AEs Occurring in > 1 Patient

Adverse Event N=21 participants	Grade 1 n (%)	Grade 2 n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)
Infusion related reaction		8 (38%)	1 (5%)	
Fatigue	1 (5%)	2 (10%)		
Chills	2 (10%)			
Nausea	2 (10%)			

E-602 + Cemiplimab Resulted in a Greater Increase of Peripheral Cytokines than E-602 Monotherapy

Mean Concentrations of Peripheral Cytokines



▲ E-602 Administration

Mono: E-602 (20mg/kg, Q1W) (E-602 has demonstrated a dose-dependent increase in peripheral cytokine levels during dose escalation.)

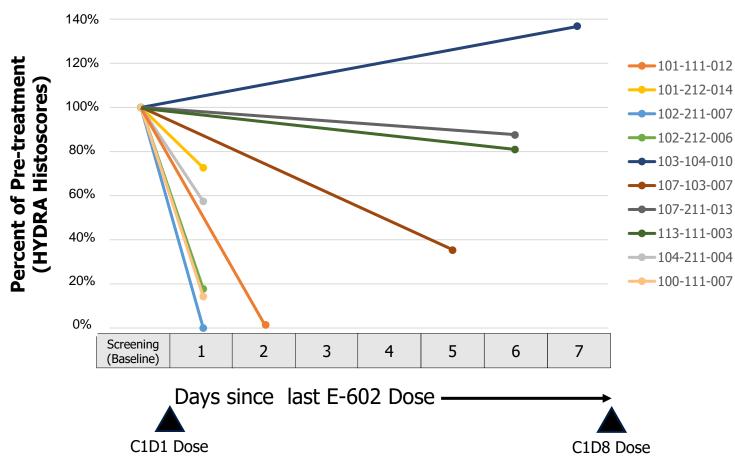
Combo: E-602 (20mg/kg, Q1W) + Cemiplimab (350mg, Q3W)

E-602 + Cemiplimab Led to Tumor Desialylation Lasting 2-5 Days, Despite Its Rapid Clearance With a Half-life of ~1 Day

Percent Change of Tumor Sialoglycan Levels Measured by HYDRA-7 & -9 Histoscores from Patient Tumor Biopsies



Proprietary IHC reagents for measuring sialoglycans



9/10 patients showed tumor desialylation

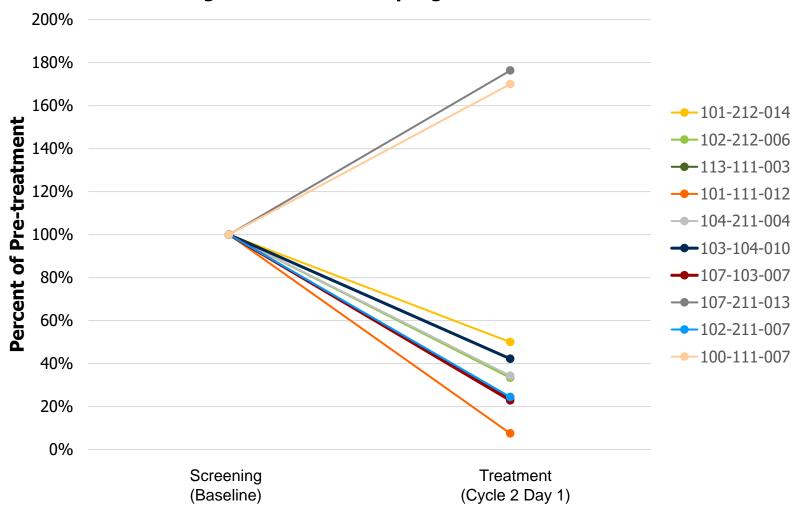
(Excluding patients with baseline HYDRA histoscore ≤ 20)

Tumor Desialylation Duration Can be Increased to Improve Efficacy by Extending Half-life



E-602 + Cemiplimab Decreased CD163* Tumor-Associated Macrophages Within Tumors

Percent Change of CD163+ Macrophage Counts in Tumor Cell Fields



8/10 patients showed a decrease in tumor-associated macrophages in tumors

(Excluding patients with baseline HYDRA histoscore ≤ 20)



Patients With Hypersialylation at Baseline Trended toward Better Clinical Outcomes than Patients Lacking Hypersialylation

These Data Support Desialylation of Tumor Cells with Hypersialylation as a Promising Therapeutic Strategy

Best Overall Response by Hypersialylation Status in PD-(L)1 Resistant Patients

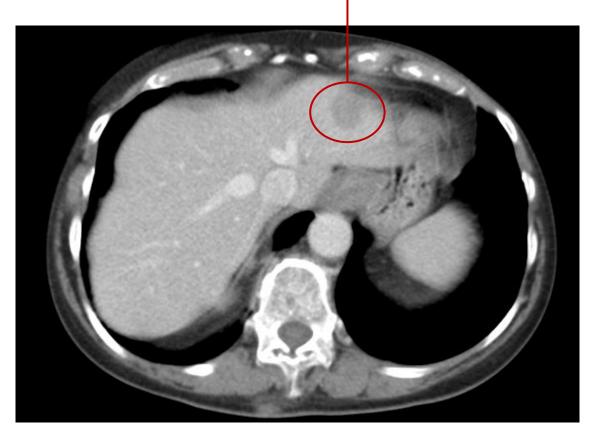
Patients (PD-(L)1 resistant melanoma and NSCLC)		PR	SD	PD
Patients with Hypersialylation (<i>HYDRA</i> ≥20)	n=15	1* (7%)	6** (40%)	8 (53%)
Patients Lacking Hypersialylation (<i>HYDRA</i> < 20)	n=5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)

^{*} Remains on therapy > **12 months** with complete resolution of liver mets, 80% reduction of other mets

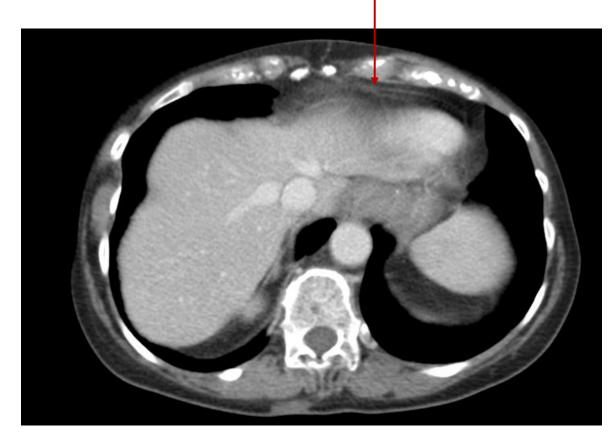
** Duration of SD 3-6 months



Confirmed Partial Response in Anti-PD-1 Resistant Melanoma Patient



09/27/2023 liver lesion 1.9 x 1.5 cm



11/15/2023 liver lesion resolved

The patient previously received adjuvant Ipilimumab and Nivolumab, and metastatic treatments with Nivolumab, Ipilimumab, Talimogene laherparepvec, and Binimetinib; all were discontinued due to complications or PD. Disease sites included the chest wall, liver, and left thigh, with non-target lesions in the ileum and breast. The last ICI treatment (Nivolumab) was given in November 2019, 3.9 years before starting E-602.



Conclusions

- 1. Glycan editing (desialylation) of cell surface glycans offers a potential novel therapeutic approach to treat cancer.
- 2. E-602, a first-in-class engineered human sialidase Fc fusion, has demonstrated safety, proof-ofmechanism, and early antitumor activity in combination with cemiplimab for patients with PD-(L)1resistant solid tumors.
- 3. Future goal: Increase tumor desialylation duration to improve antitumor activity
 - Increase drug exposure by optimizing the human sialidase for extended half-life
 - Enhance tumor targeting by incorporating a tumor targeting arm (TAA-targeted sialidase)

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