

INCLINE-101, A Phase 1/2, Open Label, Dose Escalation and Expansion Study of TAC-001 (a TLR9 agonist conjugated to an anti-CD22 antibody) in Patients with Select Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors

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BACKGROUND

- Accumulating clinical data suggest a critical role for B cell-mediated anti-tumor immunity. Enrichment of memory B cells, plasma cells and tertiary lymphoid structures (TLS) in tumor microenvironment is a positive prognostic factor for patient survival and responsiveness to immunotherapy in patients with a variety of solid tumors [1-3].
- Activation of toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9) by unmethylated CpG oligonucleotides (ODNs) promotes innate inflammatory responses and the induction of adaptive immunity [4]. TLR9 agonism has been evaluated in the clinic in patients with solid tumors [5].
- TAC-001 is a Toll-like Receptor Agonist Antibody Conjugate (TRAAC) comprised of a potent and differentiated TLR9 agonist (T-CpG) conjugated to an antibody against CD22, a receptor restricted to B cells, including tumor-infiltrating B cells (Figure 1).
- In pre-clinical models, TLR9 activation in B cells following systemic administration of TAC-001 surrogate (mCD22 TRAAC) induced expression of co-stimulatory molecules, enhanced antigen cross-presentation leading to T cell activation and proliferation, promoted B cell differentiation and elicited cytokine, chemokine and immunoglobulin production (Figure 2), leading to the robust anti-tumor activity observed in several animal models of cancer (Figure 3).

Figure 1: TAC-001 A First-in-Class Antibody Conjugate Targets TLR9 Agonist to CD22 Expressing B Cells

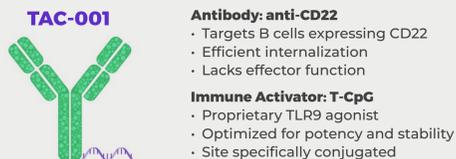
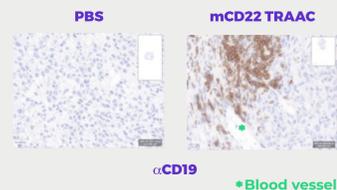


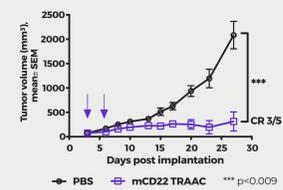
Figure 3: Activity of TAC-001 Surrogate Molecule (mCD22 TRAAC) in Mouse Models

A. Increased B cell infiltration in EMT6 Tumor, a TNBC model



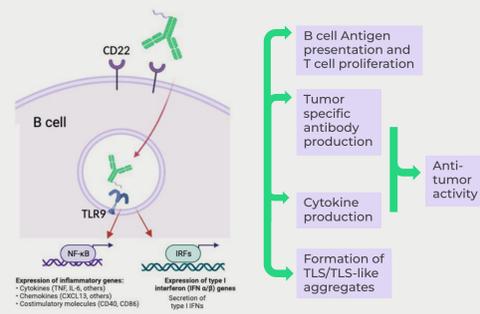
(A) Mice bearing EMT6 tumors were dosed intraperitoneally with PBS or mCD22 TRAAC once at 10 mg/kg. Tumors were harvested 11 days post dose for IHC staining. Stained cells represent CD19+B cells. Green * represents a blood vessel.

B. Anti-tumor activity in EMT6 a TNBC Model Refractory to anti-PD-1



(B) Efficacy of mCD22 TRAAC in EMT6 tumor model. EMT6 cells were injected subcutaneously on the right flank of BALB/c mice. Treatment with either mCD22 TRAAC at 10mg/kg or PBS was initiated when the average tumor size reached 76mm³ as indicated by arrows. P-value comparing treatment groups was calculated on day 27 using unpaired t-test. N=5/group CR= complete response

Figure 2: Anticipated Mechanism of Action: TAC-001 Provides Targeted TLR9 Activation of B Cells, Triggering Innate and Adaptive Immune Responses

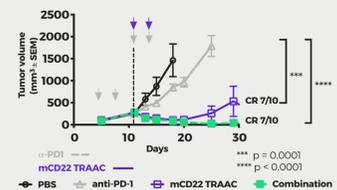


Ex-vivo treatment of primary mouse B cells with murine(m)CD22 TRAAC, a surrogate for TAC-001, lead to increased expression of co-stimulatory molecules, and enhanced antigen cross-presentation resulting in antigen-specific T cell proliferation.

Systemic administration of mCD22 TRAAC to tumor bearing mice lead to increased infiltration of B cells to tumor microenvironment (Fig 3A), with TLS-like chemokine signature, elicited Ig and pro-inflammatory cytokine/chemokine production, and enhanced T-cell effector function [6].

Systemic treatment with mCD22 TRAAC demonstrated robust and curative single agent anti-tumor activity in checkpoint inhibitor refractory (Fig 3B) and resistant (Fig 3C) tumor models [6].

C. Anti-tumor activity in anti-PD-1 Resistant CT26 Colon Cancer Model

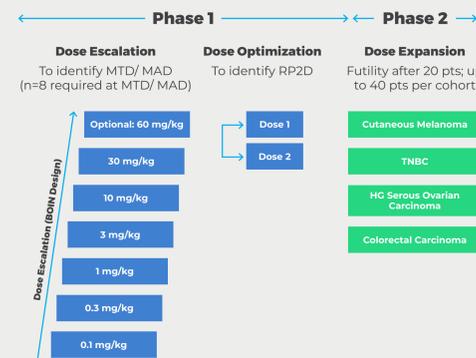


(C) Efficacy of mCD22 TRAAC in an anti-PD-1 resistant CT26 model. CT26 cells were injected subcutaneously on the right flank of BALB/c mice. When the average tumor size reached 94mm³ mice were randomized and dosed with anti-PD-1 at 10 mg/kg IP two times three days apart. One day after the second anti-PD-1 dose, tumor volumes were measured and mice with tumors above 200 mm³ were considered unresponsive to anti-PD-1 therapy. As indicated by the dotted line, anti-PD-1-resistant mice were re-randomized with an average tumor size of 250 mm³ and dosed with PBS, anti-PD-1 at 10 mg/kg, mCD22 TRAAC at 10 mg/kg, or anti-PD-1 and mCD22 TRAAC combination on days indicated by arrows. On day 18, p-values were calculated using mixed effects One-Way ANOVA. n=10/group. CR= complete response

STUDY DESIGN OVERVIEW

- INCLINE-101 is an open-label, multicenter Phase 1/2 study designed to evaluate the safety, efficacy, pharmacokinetics (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) biomarkers of TAC-001 in patients with select advanced or metastatic solid tumors (see Figure 4).
- The Phase 1 portion of the study is focused on dose escalation and dose optimization of TAC-001.
- The Phase 2 portion of the study is focused on dose expansion in select tumor types.
- The trial design will consist of a Screening Period, a Treatment Period, and a Follow up Period. All patients will complete 28-days of screening during the Screening period. Eligible patients will be enrolled and receive study treatment every 2 weeks during the Treatment Period until progression of disease, unacceptable toxicity or if other treatment discontinuation criteria are met.
- Trial registration: NCT05399654

Figure 4: INCLINE-101 Study Design



PHASE 1 DOSE ESCALATION

- A Bayesian Optimal Interval (BOIN) design with a 3+3 design run-in will be applied to inform dose escalation/de-escalation decisions to the dose levels
- All patients will be evaluated for 28-day Dose limiting toxicities (DLTs).
- 3 to 5 patients will be sequentially assigned into a dose level. To identify the MTD/ MAD, at least 8 patients must be enrolled into a dose level.
- Starting dose level of 0.1 mg/kg. Up to 7 dose levels may be evaluated.
- Once the MTD/ MAD is identified, 2 dose levels will be selected for dose optimization. Up to 15 patients will be enrolled into each dose level.
- Study Start Date: July 2022

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PHASE 2 DOSE EXPANSION

- Phase 2 expansion is planned in
 - Triple negative breast cancer (TNBC)
 - High-grade serous ovarian carcinoma
 - Colorectal carcinoma
 - Cutaneous melanoma
- For all cohorts, when the first 20 patients in a cohort have received treatment and have at least one post-baseline efficacy evaluation, the sponsor will assess the preliminary efficacy and safety data and decide whether to continue further enrollment.
 - Efficacy and safety data that will be evaluated will include ORR and DOR as well as the frequency and severity of AEs.
 - The probabilities of observing varying frequencies of response out of 20 treated patients under different true response rates will be considered.
- If a decision is made to continue enrollment, an additional 20 patients will be enrolled and treated for a total sample size of 40 patients in each cohort.

STUDY OBJECTIVES AND ENDPOINTS

Phase 1 Primary Objectives

- To assess safety and tolerability of increasing dose levels of TAC-001 (28-day dose-limiting toxicities [DLTs], Adverse Events [AEs] and lab abnormalities as graded by NCI CTCAE v 5.0).

Phase 2 Primary Objectives

- To evaluate preliminary antitumor activity (overall response rate [ORR], duration of response [DOR] and clinical benefit rate [CBR])

Secondary Objectives

- To evaluate preliminary antitumor activity (ORR, DOR and CBR)
- To further evaluate safety and tolerability of TAC-001 (AEs and lab abnormalities)
- To characterize single and multiple dose PK of TAC-001
- To evaluate immunogenicity of TAC-001 (ADA)

Exploratory Objectives

- Progression free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS)
- Pharmacodynamic biomarkers: CD22 target engagement, TLR9 and B cell activation, cytokine and tumor infiltrating lymphocyte profiling

CURRENT PARTICIPATING CLINICAL SITES IN PHASE 1



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