



Clinical Trials in cancer

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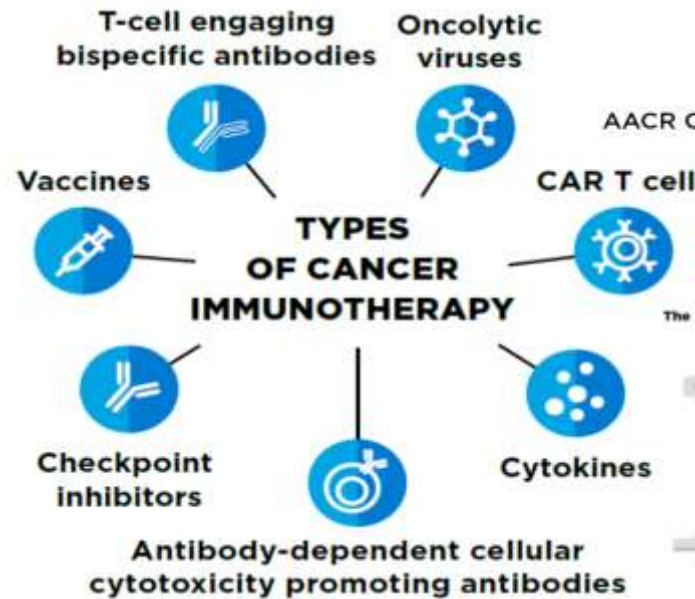


Mammalian Cell Fermentation



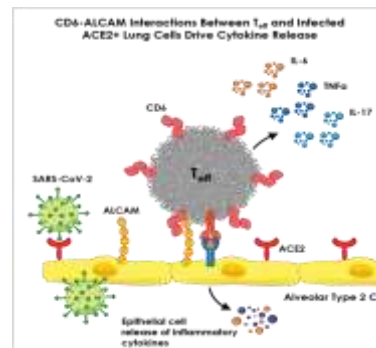
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Cancer Immunotherapy



> 1000 employees

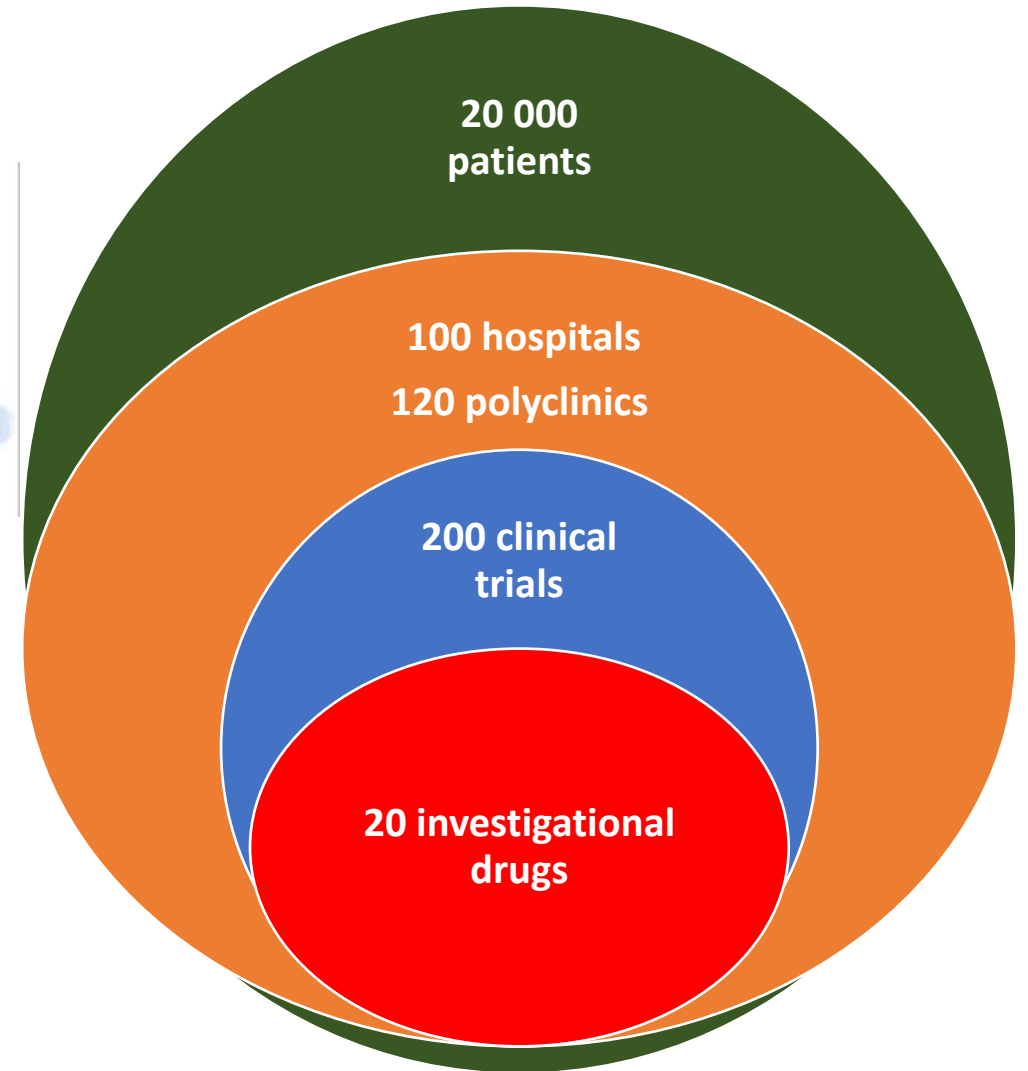
Autoimmunity and inflammation



Neurodegenerative Disorders



CIM: 30 years of clinical trials in Cuba



World Clinical Development



Nimotuzumab: 200
Itolizumab: 27
Cimavax-EGF: 17
Racotumomab: 10
Neuroepo: 10



The first US center to specifically focus on cancer research (1898)

Global Biotechnology & Cancer
Therapeutics (GBCT)
Roswell Park affiliate.



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Innovative Immunotherapy Alliance was officially established in September 2018 and is authorized to research, develop, manufacture, and commercialize Cuban-origin medicines for the benefit of U.S. cancer patients, according to the United States government approved and issued OFAC license CU-2016-327263-4.

CIMAVax

IL2m Mutein

VSSP & GlycoVaxGM3

3 clinical trials ongoing at the RPCCC with Cimavax-EGF

☐ RECRUITING

NCT06011772

EGF-Depleting Therapy CIMAvax-EGF in Combination With Standard Therapy for RAS- and BRAF Wild-Type Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

Conditions

Colo-rectal Cancer

Locations

Buffalo, New York, United States

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NCT04298606

A Vaccine (CIMAvax-EGF) for the Prevention of Lung Cancer Development or Recurrence

Conditions

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Lung Non-Small Cell Carcinoma Pneumonia Stage IB Lung Cancer AJCC v8 Show 4 more conditions

Locations

Buffalo, New York, United States

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CIMAvax Vaccine, Nivolumab, and Pembrolizumab in Treating Patients With Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer or Squamous Head and Neck Cancer

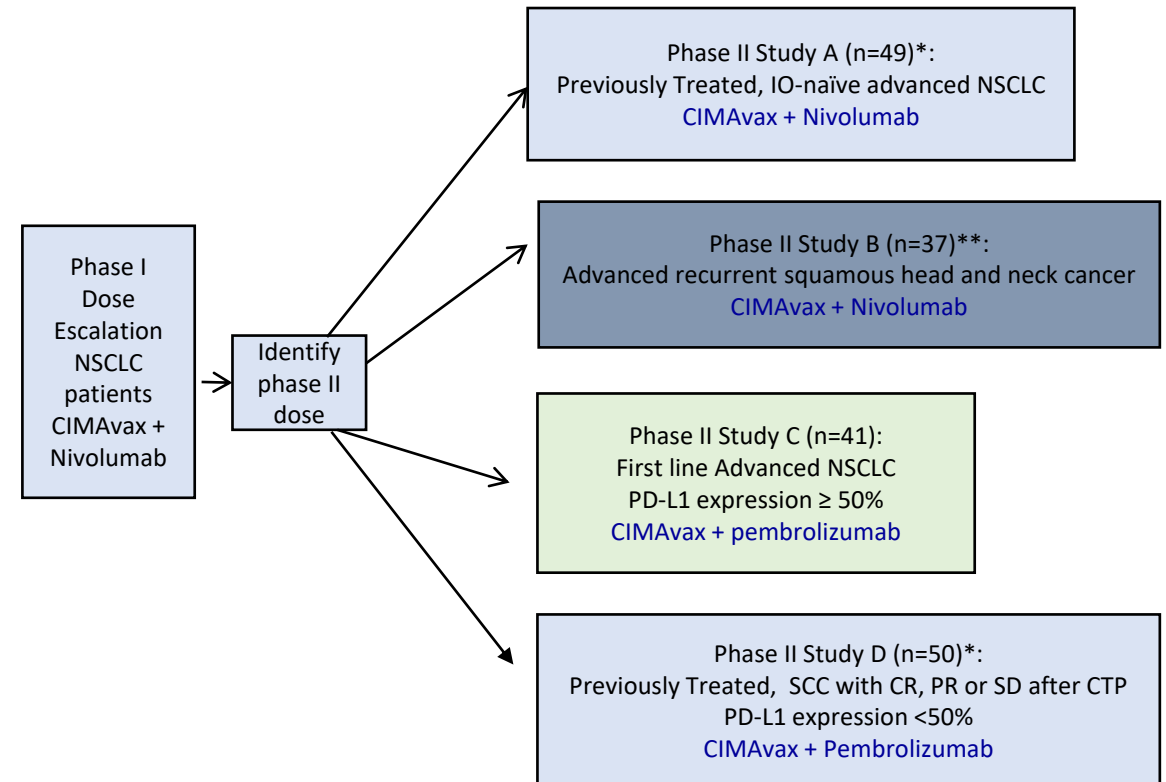
Conditions

Advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Advanced Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma Lung Non-Small Cell Carcinoma Metastatic Lung Non-Small Cell Carcinoma Show 12 more conditions

Locations

Indianapolis, Indiana, United States Buffalo, New York, United States Roslyn, New York, United States West Islip, New York, United States

A Phase I/II **Basket Trial** of the EGF Vaccine **CIMAvax in Combination with Anti-PD1 Therapy** in Patients with **Advanced NSCLC** or Squamous Head and Neck Cancer



Augmenting antibody response to EGF-depleting immunotherapy: Findings from a phase I trial of CIMAvax-EGF in combination with nivolumab in advanced stage NSCLC

Rachel Evans¹, Kelvin Lee², Paul K. Wallace¹, Mary Reid¹, Jason Muhitch¹, Askia Dozier¹, Circe Mesa³, Patricia L. Luaces³, Orestes Santos-Morales³, Adrienne Groman¹, Carlos Cedeno¹, Aileen Cinquino¹, Daniel T. Fisher¹, Igor Puzanov¹, Mateusz Opyrchal², Christos Fountzilas¹, Tong Dai¹, Marc Ernstoff⁴, Kristopher Attwood¹, Alan Hutson¹, Candace Johnson¹, Zaima Mazorra³, Danay Saavedra³, Kalet Leon³, Agustin Lage³, Tania Crombet³ and Grace K. Dy^{1*}

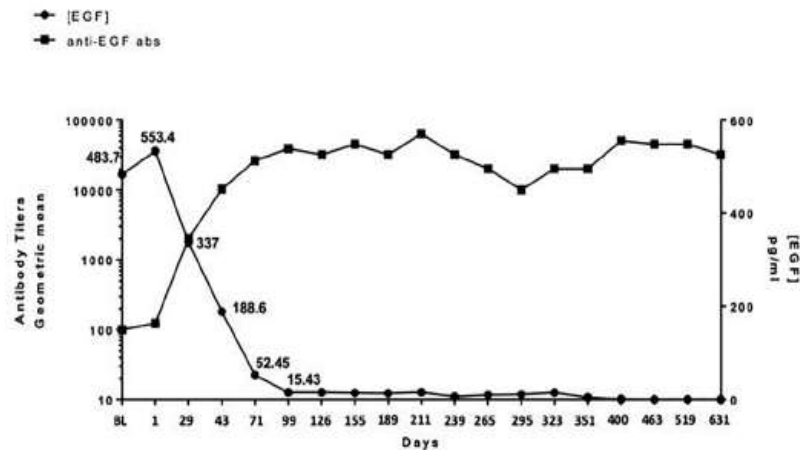


FIGURE 2

Relationship between anti-EGF antibody titers and serum EGF. There is a significant inverse correlation between circulating serum EGF and antibody titers in patients receiving CIMAvax-EGF in combination with nivolumab.

Faster immune response after Cimavax-EGF and nivolumab

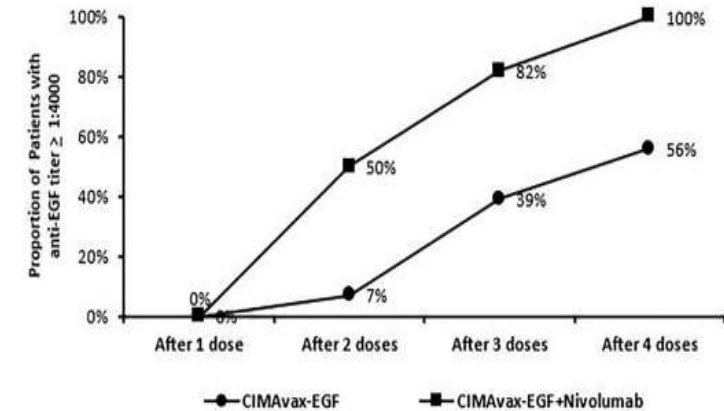
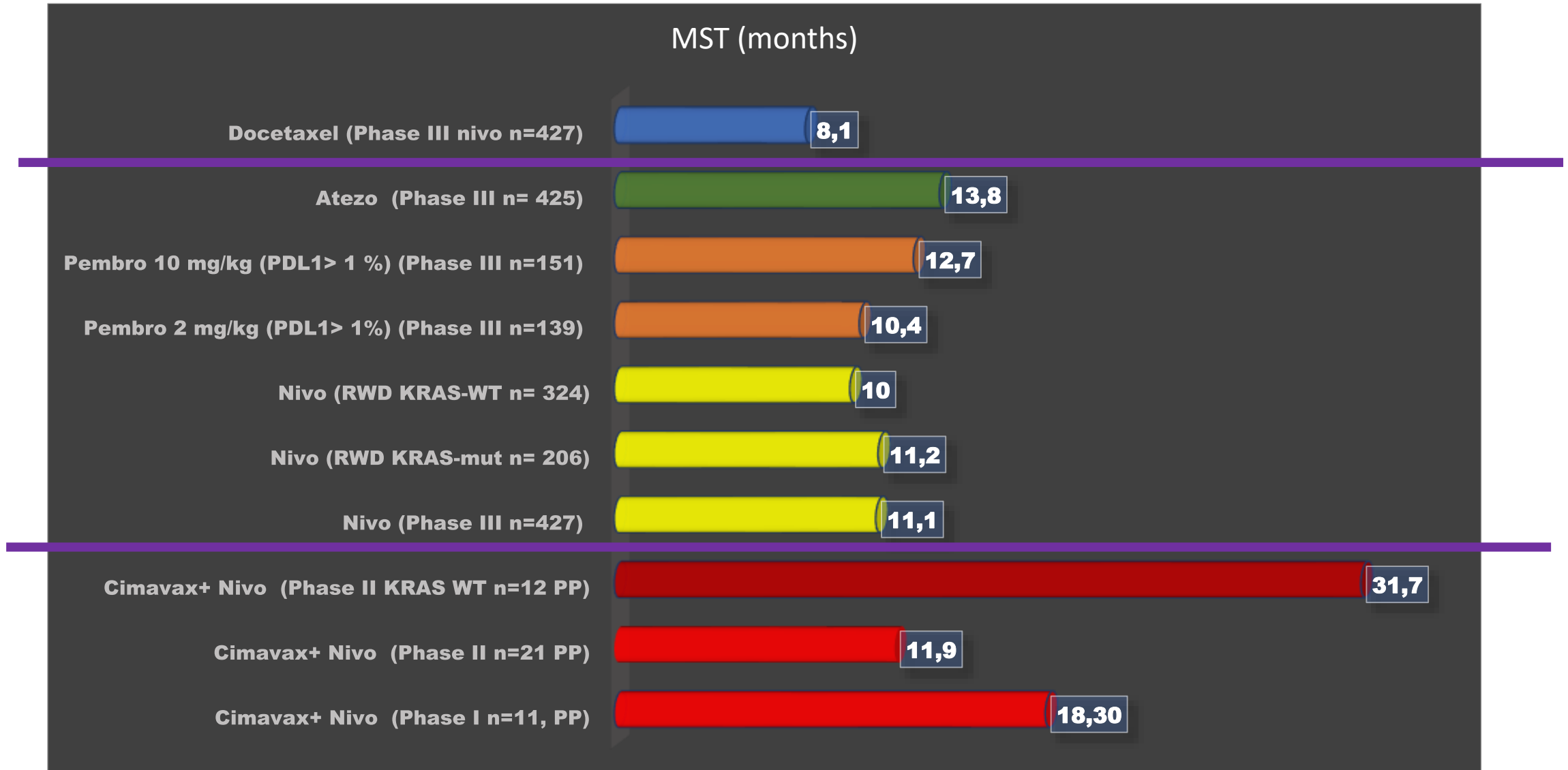


FIGURE 1

Trend of patients dosing and achieving anti-EGF titer $\geq 1:4,000$. Good anti-EGF antibody response ($\geq 1:4,000$) elicited at earlier time points in more patients receiving CIMAvax-EGF in combination with nivolumab compared to historical controls.

- **MOS= 18,3 months** (95 % CI: 6,8–NR) for patients completing vaccine induction
- **MOS= 21,7 months** (95 % CI: 1,8–NR) for KRAS wildtype patients.

Overall survival of patients with NSCLC (second line therapy)





2024 World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC)

EP.12A METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER - TARGETED THERAPY - EGFR · [Volume 19, Issue 10, Supplement](#) , S634-S635, October 2024

EP.12A.35 A Phase I Open-label Study Ofnimotuzumab with Nivolumab in Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer or Head and Neck Squamous Cell Cancer

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Abstract CT126: A Phase 0 Study of EGF-Depleting Therapy CIMAvax-EGF in Combination With Standard Therapy for RAS-and BRAF Wild-Type Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

Autores Deepak Vadehra, Cayla Janes, Rachel Frascati, Mary Reid, Tania C Ramos, Sarbajit Mukherjee, Kalet L Monzón, Patricia L Álvarez, Orestes S Morales, Circe M Pardillo, Christos Fountzilas

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Cimavax-EGF: ASCO-2023



ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS

2023 ASCO Annual Meeting - Poster Session



Presenter:
Prantesh Jain MD, FACP

Phase 2 trial of epidermal growth factor (EGF) vaccine CIMAvax in combination with pembrolizumab in first line and maintenance setting in advanced non-small cell lung cancer patients.

CIMAvax-EGF is a novel growth-factor depleting immunotherapy consisting of human recombinant EGF conjugated to recombinant P64k derived from *Neisseria meningitidis*, that elicits an anti-EGF antibody response, resulting in reduction of circulating EGF levels. A randomized phase 3 study of CIMAvax-EGF administered as switch maintenance therapy after first-line platinum-based...

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ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS

2023 ASCO Annual Meeting - Poster Session



Presenter:
Rachel Frascati PhD

Final results from a phase II trial of CIMAvax-EGF and nivolumab as second-line (2L) therapy after platinum-based chemotherapy in advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

CIMAvax-EGF (C-E) is a recombinant anti-human epidermal growth factor (EGF) depleting immunotherapy which has previously shown increased survival as maintenance after platinum-based chemotherapy in patients (pts) with advanced NSCLC. The primary objective of this single-arm phase II trial was to evaluate the 12-month overall survival (OS) in pts receiving C-E in combination...

Abstract: 9135 | Poster Bd #: 123

- Abstracts
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AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2020

June 22 - 24, 2020
Virtual Meeting II, Sessions Available Online

Abstract CT130: Evidence for synergistic immune responses in the first-in-human (FIH) combination of B cell-activating immunotherapy (IO) with anti-PD1 immune checkpoint ...

Autores: Tania Crombet, Jason Muhitch, Circe Mesa, Rachel Evans, Danay S Hernandez, Patricia L Luaces, Zaima Mazorra, Orestes Morales, Carlos Cedenio, Aileen Cinquino, Daniel T Fisher, Kelvin Lee, Mary Reid, Grace Dy

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IASLC 2019 World Conference on Lung Cancer

Ep1. 04-23 Ongoing Phase II Trial of Anti-PD1 Therapy in Combination With CIMAvax-EGF in Patients With Advanced NSCLC or Squamous Cell Head and Neck Cancer

Autores: G Dy, T Crombet, K Leon, Z Mazzora, D Hernandez, A Lage, A Dozier, H Chen, A Hutson, DJJOTO Plessinger, C Johnson

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Oncology



AACR MEETINGS: 2019

Final results of the Phase I study of nivolumab in combination with CIMAvax, an epidermal growth factor (EGF)-depleting immunotherapy in patients (pts) with advanced non-small ...

Autores: Grace K Dy, Kelvin Lee, Adrienne Groman, Aileen Cinquino, Carlos Cedenio, Hans Minderman, Alan Hutson, Paul Wallace, Candace Johnson, Zaima Mazorra, Danay Saavedra Hernandez, Kalet Leon, Agustin Lage, Tania Crombet

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Conferencia: CANCER RESEARCH

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255 Front Street West
Toronto, Canada

P2. 04-26 interim results from a phase I/II trial of nivolumab in combination with cimavax-egf as second-line therapy in advanced nscl

Autores: G Dy, A Dozier, M Reid, K Lee, A Miller, P Wallace, I Puzanov, M Opyrchal, M Ernstoff, C Johnson, Z Mazorra, D Saavedra, K Leon, A Lage, T Crombet

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Publication of joint manuscripts



The Position of EGF Deprivation in the Management of Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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Augmenting antibody response to EGF-depleting immunotherapy: Findings from a phase I trial of CIMAvax-EGF in combination with nivolumab in advanced stage NSCLC

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New joint patents

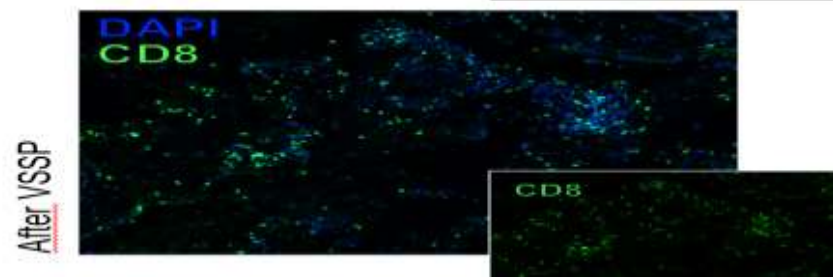
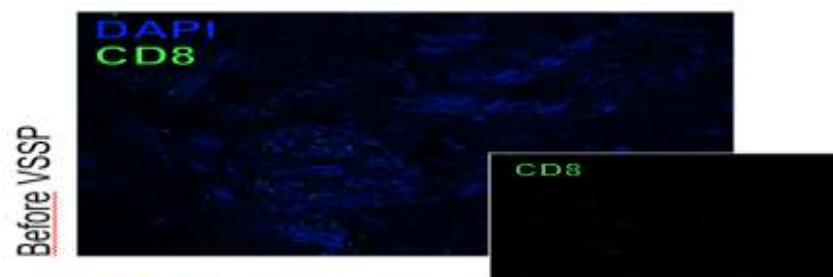
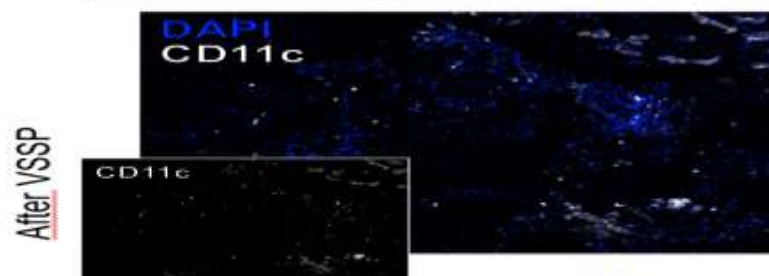
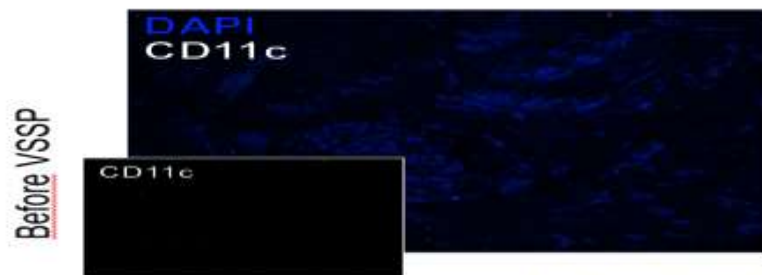
Use of therapeutic compositions for the treatment of patients with tumors of epithelial origin

Inventores	Tania Crombet Ramos, Circe Mesa Pardillo, Kalet León Monzón, Zaima Mazorra Herrera, Danay Saavedra Hernández, Patricia Lorenzo Luaces Álvarez, Grace Dy, Mary Reid, Rachel Evans, Jason Muhitch, Kelvin Lee, Alan Hutson, Candace Johnson
Fecha de publicación	2024/5/30
Oficina de patentes	US
Número de solicitud	17789888
Descripción	The present invention relates to the branches of Biotechnology and Medicine. It describes the use of therapeutic compositions comprising a compound that blocks epidermal growth factor and an antibody that blocks the PD-1/PD-1 ligand signaling pathway in the treatment of tumors of epithelial origin, particularly those that express the native form for human KRAS protein. In patients with cancer of epithelial origin expressing native KRAS treated with said therapeutic compositions, an increase in their survival was observed.

Use of epidermal growth factor depleting agents in the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Inventores	Amparo Emilia Macias Abraham, Tania Crombet Ramos, Kalet León Monzón, Danay Saavedra Hernández, Orestes Santos Morales, Elia Neninger Vinageras, Pedro Pablo Pino Alfonso, Jenysbel de la Caridad Hernandez Reyes, Mary Reid, Kelvin Lee
Fecha de publicación	2023/8/17
Oficina de patentes	US
Número de solicitud	18018156
Descripción	The present invention is related to the fields of Biotechnology and Medicine. Particularly, it describes the use of epidermal growth factor (EGF) deprivation agents that contribute to lowering and/or depleting serum epidermal growth factor levels, which has implications in the treatment of the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. These agents can be vaccine compositions comprising as active principle the conjugate between recombinant human EGF and a carrier protein.

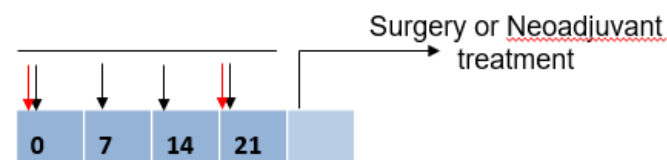
Evaluation of Cuban samples in the US



Breast
WoO

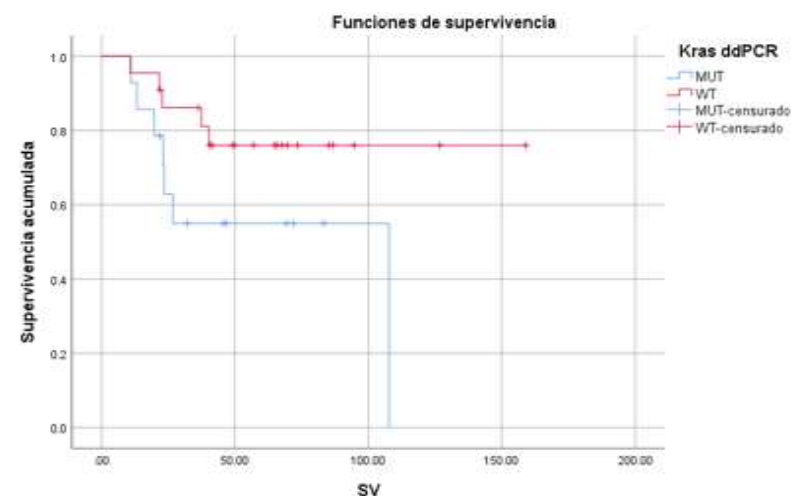
21 breast cancer patients

VSSP



Evaluation of patients with long term survival
(Retrospective study, liquid biopsy)

Droplet-Based Digital PCR:
Application in Cancer Research



Meeting with researchers in the US



Scientific workshops with doctors and researchers in Havana.



Donation of bronchoscopes, disposable supplies and medications.
Joint training sessions between RPCCC, HHA and CNCMA



Celebration of the 5th Anniversary of I2A

December 2023



Concluding remarks

- Very fruitful scientific collaboration
- 3 clinical trials using “the state of the art therapy”. Preliminary positive results.
- Preparation of the 4th clinical trial with a second Cuban drug (IL-2 mutein). Pre-IND with FDA (2025).
- Periodic scientific exchange. Access to RPCCC Literature Databases
- Joint Publications & Patents
- Joint presentation of results at the most important cancer conferences.
- Evaluation of Cuban samples in the US, accessing to new technology. Validation on new biomarkers (predictive & mechanism of action)
- Donation of equipment (training sessions in Cuba, medicines, supplies) directly benefiting the Cuban population.

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