



# First in Human Study with the CD40 Agonistic Monoclonal Antibody APX005M in Subjects with Solid Tumors

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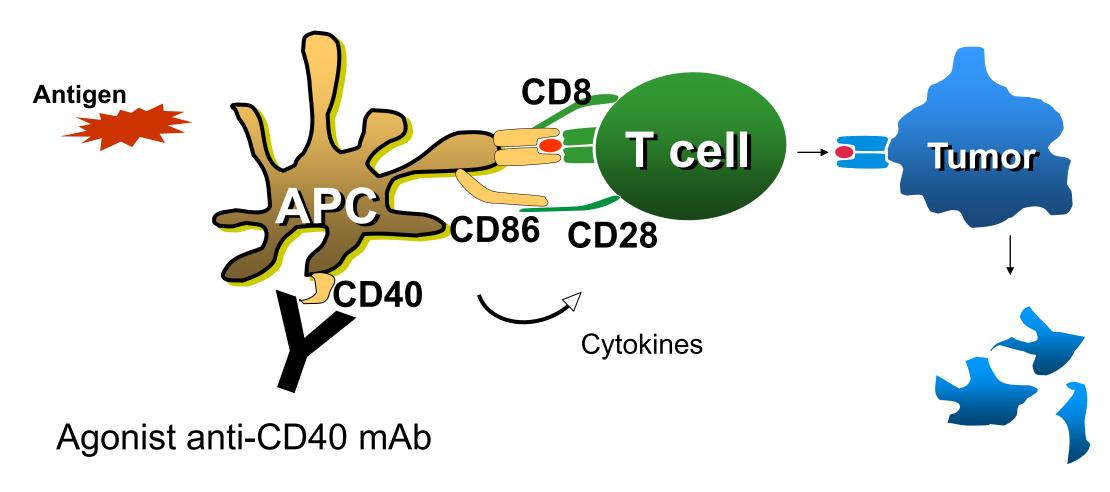
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# CD40 as a Target for Cancer Treatment

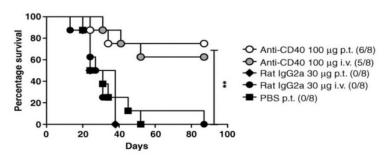


Vonderheide and Glennie, Clin Can Res, 2013



# CD40 Activation Has Anti-tumor Effect in a Variety of Tumor Models

#### **MB49 Bladder Carcinoma**

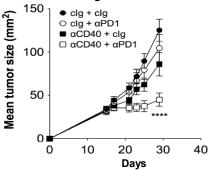


Sandin et al. Cancer Immunol Res 2014

# MC38 Colon Carcinoma \*\*Control Anti-CD40 (NgG1) \*\*Anti-PD-L1 \*\*Anti-CD40 (NgG1) \*\*Anti-PD-L1 \*\*

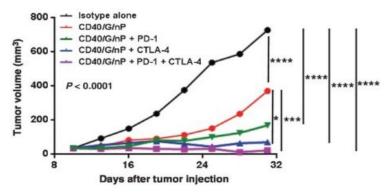
Zippelius et al. Cancer Immunol Res 2015

#### **AT3 Mammary Adenocarcinoma**



Ngiow et al. Cancer Res 2016

#### **Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma**

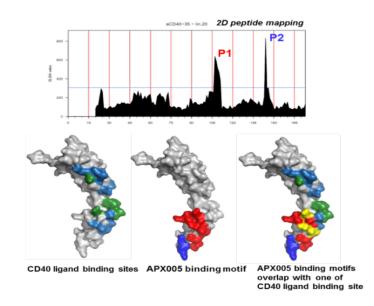


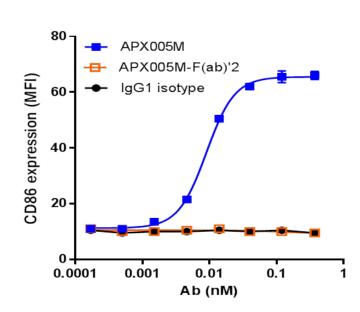
Winograd et al 2015. Cancer Immunol Res 2015



#### **APX005M Profile**

- Humanized IgG1κ mAb against human CD40
- $\triangleright$  Binds with high affinity (Kd = 1.2 x 10<sup>-10</sup>M) to CD40 ligand binding domain on CD40
- Fc mutation increases binding affinity to Fc $\gamma$ RIIb and decreases binding affinity to Fc $\gamma$ RIIIa resulting in:
  - □ 20 fold increase in CD40 agonistic potency vs. non-mutated APX005
  - No effector function (ADCC, CDC)
- CD40 agonistic activity is dependent on FcγR crosslinking









## APX005M-001 Phase 1 Study Design

#### APX005M-001

- Patients with solid tumors and no available treatment options
- (IV infusion, 60-90 minutes) 3-week treatment cycle
- 8 dose levels from 0.0001 to 1 mg/kg

Treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

#### **Study Objectives:**

- Primary: Establish MTD and recommended Phase 2 dose
- Secondary: Evaluate the PD, PK, ADA, and preliminary evidence of efficacy



# APX005M-001 Study Population and Treatment

#### **Patients**

#### 30 patients:

- Median age 65 years (range 37-79)
- 90% Caucasian
- 57% (17) female / 43% (13) male

#### **Primary disease site/histology:**

- 9 colorectal
- 8 pancreas
- 2 endometrial
- 2 salivary gland
- 1 each: adenocarcinoma of unknown origin, anus, kidney, liver adenocarcinoma, liver hepatocellular carcinoma, melanoma, penis, small intestine, parathyroid

#### **Treatment**

- 60-90 minute IV infusion
- All patients receiving APX005M at doses ≥ 0.3mg/kg were pre-medicated with oral H1 antagonist, NSAID, acetaminophen, optional H2 antagonist

#### **Exposure**

- 30 patients
  - 88 infusions
  - Median 3 (range 1-10)
- 8 dose levels
  - ranging from 0.0001 mg/kg to 1 mg/kg



# **Overall Safety**

| Adverse Events                                 | %                     |
|--|-----------------------|
| ≤ Grade 2                                      | <b>88%</b><br>406/462 |
| Grade 3 or 4                                   | <b>12%</b> 54/462     |
| Considered unrelated by Investigator           | <b>48%</b><br>223/462 |
| Serious  | 3.7%<br>17/462        |
| Serious and considered related by Investigator | 1.4%<br>6/462         |

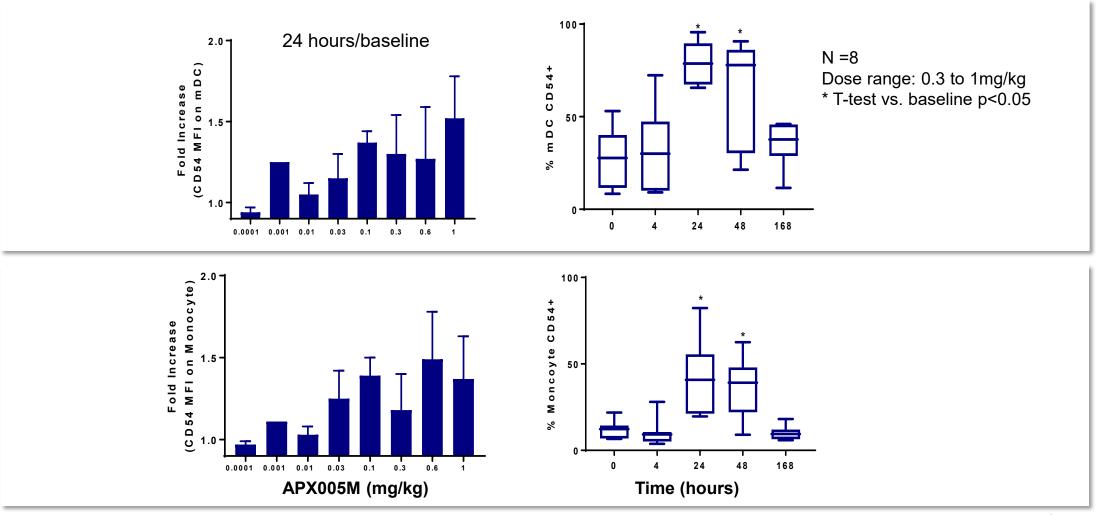
## **AEs of Special Interest**

- On-target infusion reaction/cytokine release syndrome (CRS) Grade ≥ 2 has been observed at highest dose levels
- Transient elevation in LFTs (≤ Grade 3) observed in some patients with liver metastases
- Transient decreases in lymphocyte or platelet counts have been observed in some of the patients and are consistent with an on-target effect
- 2 DLTs
  - 1/6 patients (1 mg/kg)
    - Grade 4 CRS in Cycle 1
  - 1/6 patients (0.6 mg/kg)
    - Grade 3 CRS in Cycle 1

Maximum tolerated dose of APX005M is 1mg/kg body weight

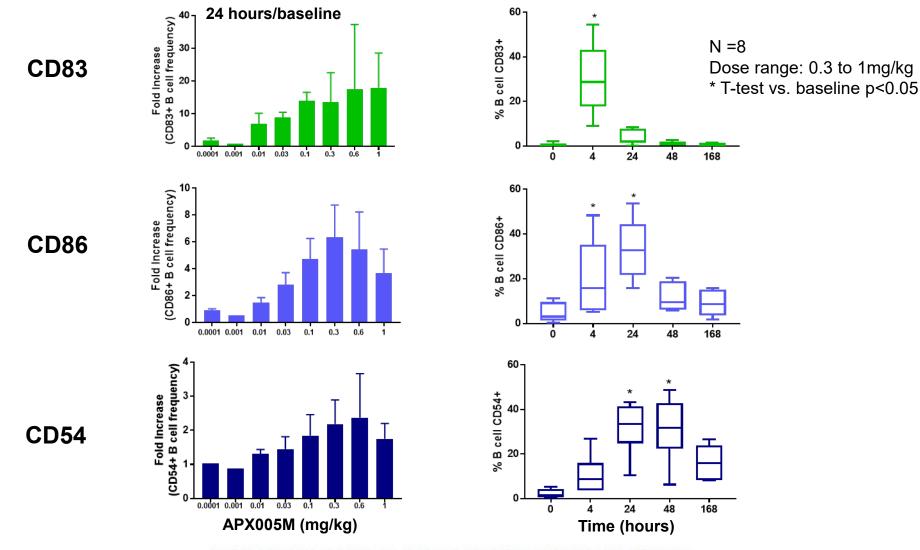


# APX005M Activates Dendritic Cells and Monocytes in Cancer Patients



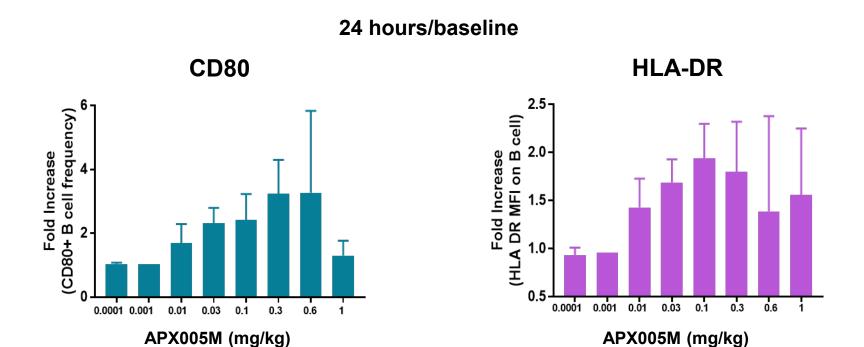


#### APX005M Activates B Cells in Cancer Patients



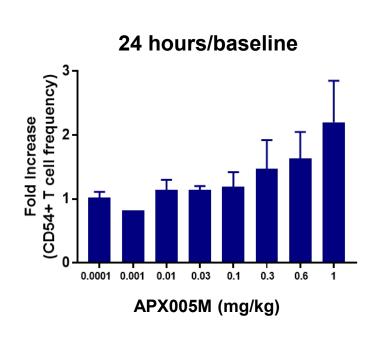


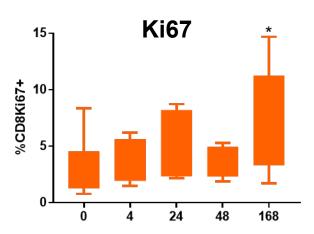
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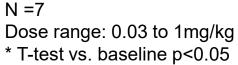


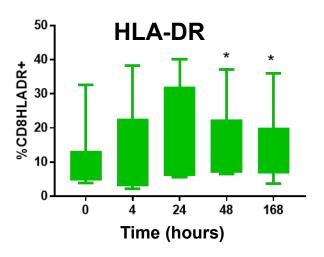


### APX005M Activates T Cells in Cancer Patients



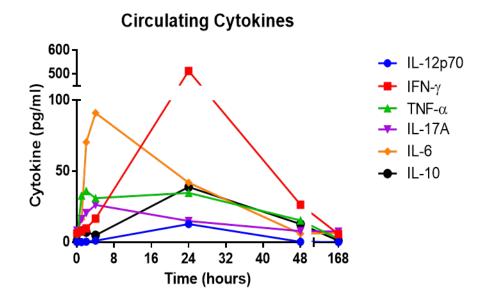




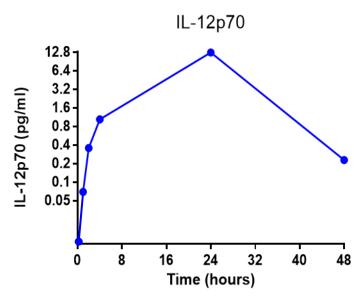




# APX005M Stimulates Cytokine Production in Cancer Patients

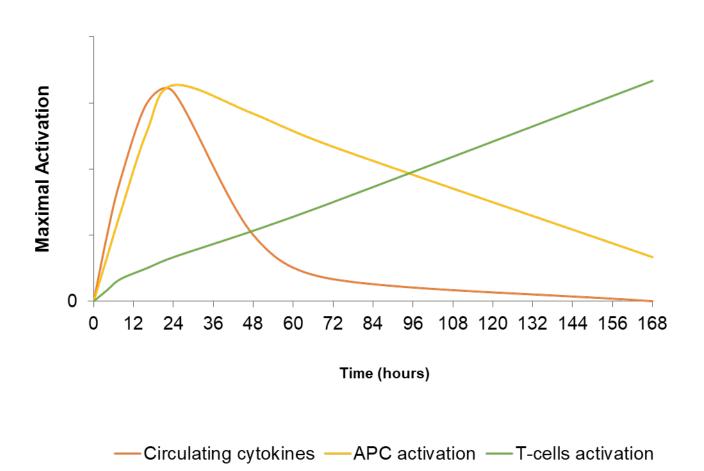


Average value for all patients treated at ≥ 0.1mg/kg (N=14)





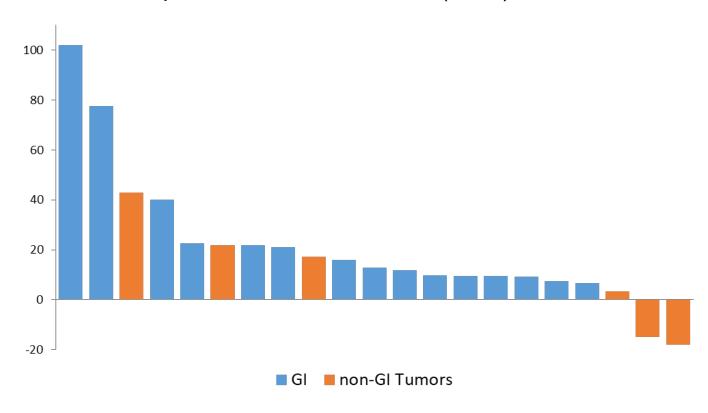
# Model of Pharmacodynamic Changes Following Therapy with APX005M





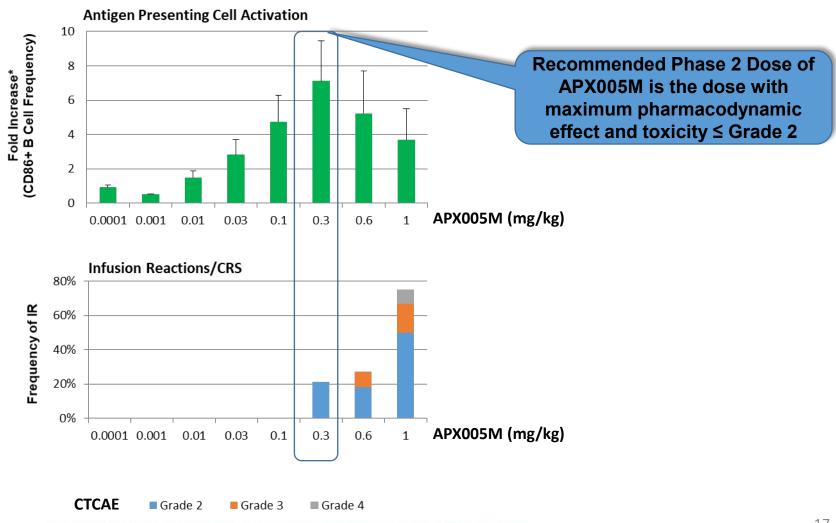
# Best Tumor Response

#### Response Evaluable Patients (n=21)





#### Recommended Phase 2 Dose





# Ongoing Clinical Trials with APX005M (N~290)

#### Apexigen IND

- NCT02482168: Single agent APX005M in patients with selected solid tumors (P252)
- NCT03123783: APX005M in combination with nivolumab in immunotherapy naïve NSCLC and PD-1/PD-L1 failing metastatic melanoma (P251)

#### Other INDs

- NCT02706353: Intratumoral AP005M in combination with systemic pembrolizumab in 1st line metastatic melanoma (P230)
- NCT03214250: APX005M in combination with gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel with or without nivolumab in untreated metastatic pancreatic cancer (254)
- NCT03165994: APX005M in combination with chemoradiation in neoajuvant esophageal and GE junction cancers (P232)



#### Conclusions

- APX005M has demonstrated single agent robust immune pharmacodynamic effects in cancer patients
- APX005M exhibits a good overall safety profile with expected ontarget toxicities
- APX005M is currently investigated in combination with immunotherapy and other cancer treatment modalities in a variety of solid tumors.