

Using CDKN2A loss in the context of wild-type TP53 to predict sensitivity for the MDM2 inhibitor milademetan

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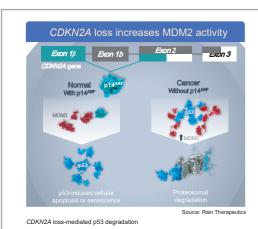
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Background

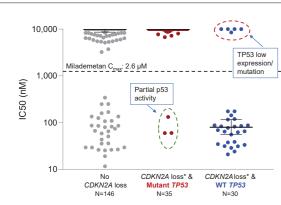
- Loss of p53 tumor suppressor function is critical for many cancers and is caused by TP53 mutation in ~50% of tumors, but may occur
 through additional mechanisms:¹
- Murine double minute 2 (MDM2) is an E3 ubiquitin ligase whose primary function is to inhibit p53 activity by impeding p53 transcriptional activity, promoting nuclear export, and inducing p53 degradation.¹
- The use of investigational MDM2 inhibitors, such as milademetan (RAIN-32), may provide a therapeutic strategy for select tumors with wild-type (WT) *TP53* by disrupting the MDM2-p53 interaction and restoring p53 function.
- Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A (CDKN2A) tumor suppressor gene is altered in more than 15% of all tumors (TCGA PanCancer Atlas) and encodes two proteins, p14^{APF} and p16, which are inhibitors of MDM2 and cyclin-dependent kinases, respectively.
- Given the role of p14^{APF} in regulating the MDM2-p53 pathway, we investigated the use of CDKN2A loss in the context of WT TP53 as
 a strategy for the selection of patients who might benefit from milademetan.

Rationale for the use of an MDM2 inhibitor in tumors with CDKN2A loss



- p53 responds to normal cellular injury to maintain genomic integrity and protects against cancer via induction of cellular apoptosis or senescence.
- p14^{ARF} is a tumor suppressor produced by alternating splicing of exons in the CDKN2A gene.
- p14^{ARF} inhibits MDM2 thus activating p53.
- CDKN2A loss abolishes p14^{ABF} inhibition of MDM2, leading to MDM2-mediated p53 degradation.
- As a disruptor of the MDM2-p53 interaction, milademetan restores / reactivates WT p53.

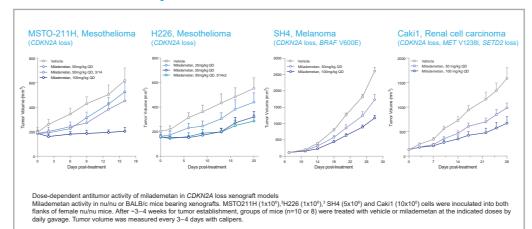
Milademetan in vitro activity in cell lines with CDKN2A loss is p53 dependent



- *Homozygous CDKN2A loss; Error bars represent median with 95% Cl
- IC, s of milademetan in tumor cell lines of OncoPanel, Eurofins Panlabs.² *TP53* and CDKN2A status of the cell lines based on Depmap CCLE data (Q2, 2020). Partial p53 activity of mutant *TP53* cell lines and low *TP53* expression of W1 *TP53* labeled based on published reports

- Milademetan, when tested in a cell line panel, displayed potent antiproliferative activity in cell lines with CDKN2A loss and WT TP53:
- Low TP53 expression or atypical mutations in a few insensitive cell lines is consistent with the requirement of WT TP53 for milademetan activity.
- Milademetan had no activity in cell lines with CDKN2A loss and mutant TP53:
- Partial activity of mutant p53 contributed to milademetan activity in 3 cell lines.

In vivo antitumor activity of milademetan in CDKN2A loss models



Synergistic antitumor activity in *CDKN2A* loss syngeneic model with milademetan plus anti-PD1 mAb combination

Milademetan displayed synergistic activity in Colon-26 CDKN2A loss syngeneic model with an anti-programmed cell death
protein 1 (PD1) antibody, with concomitant immune activation in the tumor microenvironment.

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Antitumor activity of milademetan, anti-PD1 mAb, or combination in CDKN2A loss models (A) Colon-26 cells ((a) ((a) x 0)*) were inoculated subcutaneously into BALB/c nude mice. After 6 days for tumor establishment, groups of mice (n=8) were treated with vehicle or milademetan at the indicated doses by daily gavage. Tumor volume was measured every 3-4 days with calipers. (B) Tumor FFPE sections at the end of treatment were used for RNA isolation and gene expression analysis using the nCounter® PanCancer IO 360** Panel and NanoString platform (NanoString Technologies, USA). Gene expression data was analyzed using Rosalind** software.

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Colon-26 syngeneic model

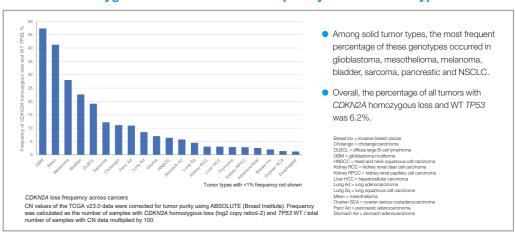
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Colon-26: Immune cell and pathway alterations

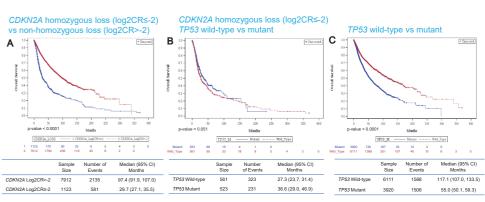
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CDKN2A homozygous loss and WT TP53 frequency across tumor types



Prognosis by CDKN2A and TP53 genotype

- Patients with CDKN2A homozygous loss had significantly worse overall survival (OS) than those without CDKN2A homozygous loss (median OS, 29.7 vs. 97.4 months, p < 0.0001), and this was maintained when accounting for tumor type in a multivariate analysis (p < 0.0001)
- Lack of survival effect of TP53 mutation in CDKN2A homozygous loss patients is presumably due to loss of p14^{ARF}.



Overall survival was evaluated by (A) CDKN2A homozygous loss (log2CRs-2) or non-homozygous loss (log2CRx-2), (B) TP53 WT or mutant status in tumors with CDKN2A homozygous loss (log2CRs-2), or (C) TP53 WT or mutant status regardless of CDKN2A status in the TCGA data. Kaplan-Meler plots are presented with the estimated median overall survival.

Conclusions

- Milademetan showed potent antiproliferative activity in CDKN2A homozygous loss cell lines with WT TP53, but was inactive in cell lines with mutant TP53.
- Milademetan showed evidence of anti-tumor activity across multiple tumor types with CDKN2A homozygous loss and WT TP53.
- In vivo data supported potential synergy of milademetan with anti-PD1 antibody in this genetic subset.
- Overall, the percentage of all tumors with CDKN2A homozygous loss and WT TP53 was 6.2%.
- Patients with CDKN2A homozygous loss had a significantly worse overall survival than those without CDKN2A homozygous loss (median OS, 29.7 vs. 97.4 months, p < 0.0001), and this was maintained when accounting for tumor type in a multivariate analysis (p < 0.0001).
- A clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of milademetan plus atezolizumab in advanced solid tumors with CDKN2A homozygous loss and WT TP53 (MANTRA-4) is planned.