Combination Therapy with the CXCR4 Inhibitor X4P-001 and Nivolumab Demonstrates Preliminary Anti-tumor Activity in RCC Patients that are Unresponsive to Nivolumab Alone

Toni K Choueiri¹, Michael B. Atkins², Tracy L. Rose³, Robert S. Alter⁴, Katie Niland⁵, Yan Wang⁵, Sudha Parasuraman⁵, Lu Gan⁵, David F. McDermott⁶

¹Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA, USA; ²Georgetown-Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Washington, DC, USA; ³Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Chapel Hill, NC, USA; ⁴John Theurer Cancer Center Hackensack UMC, Hackensack, NJ, USA; ⁵X4 Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, MA, USA; ⁶Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA

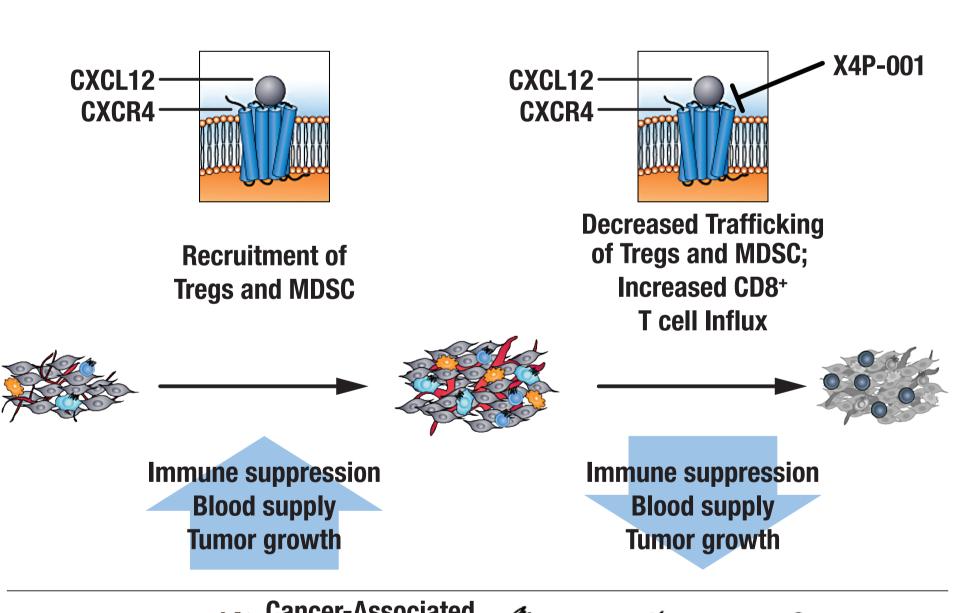
Background

CXCR4 and Cancer

- Chemokine signaling through CXCR4/CXCL12 plays a central role in immune cell trafficking
- Within the tumor microenvironment (TME),
 CXCR4 modulates the chemotaxis of immunosuppressive regulatory T cells (Tregs) and myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs)
- Many human cancers express CXCR4, including renal cell carcinoma (RCC)¹, and increased CXCR4 expression is associated with decreased overall survival^{2,3}

X4P-001 and Nivolumab

- X4P-001 is an orally bioavailable, selective, allosteric CXCR4 inhibitor that is being evaluated for the treatment of melanoma and RCC
- CXCR4 inhibition decreases MDSC infiltration of the TME^{4,5} in tumor models and enhances the ratio of cytotoxic CD8+ cells to FoxP3+ Tregs in human^{6,7,8}
- The anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor nivolumab improves immune responses to RCC, but does not alter cell trafficking in the TME
- We hypothesize that disruption of CXCR4/ CXCL12 signaling by X4P-001 will favorably modulate immune cell profiles in the TME in patients who are unresponsive to nivolumab alone



Objectives

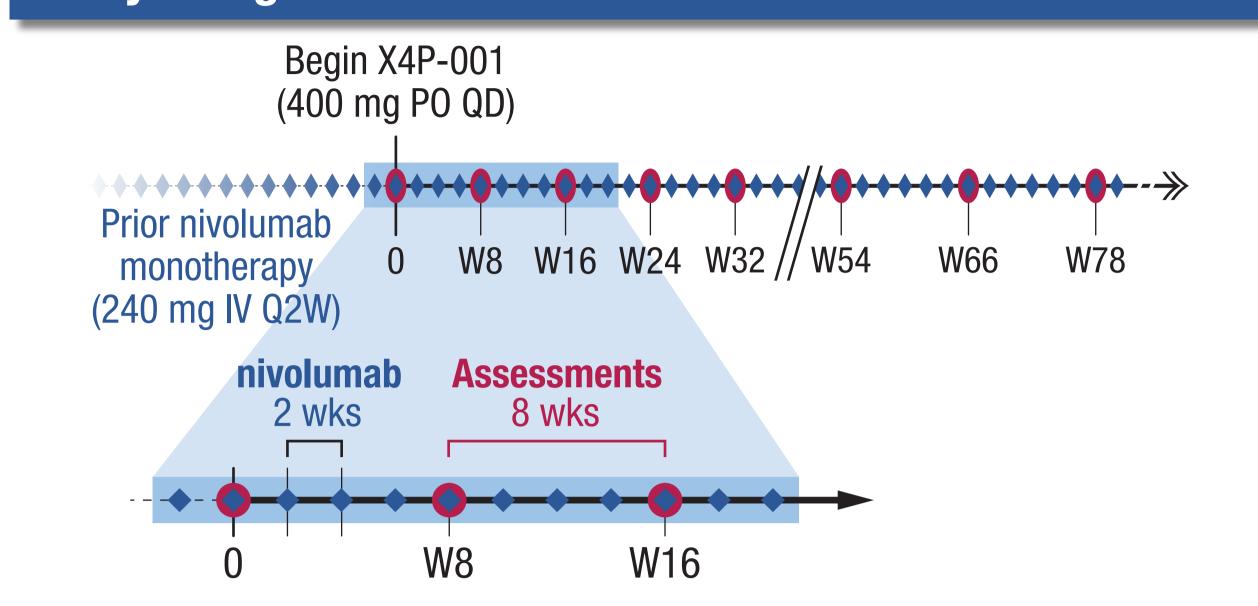
Primary Objective

• Characterize the safety and tolerability of X4P-001 in combination with nivolumab in patients who are unresponsive to nivolumab monotherapy

Secondary and Exploratory Objectives

- Characterize the antitumor activity of X4P-001 and nivolumab combination treatment
- Investigate select peripheral blood biomarkers of immune activation

Study Design



- The starting dose of X4P-001 was chosen based on safety and pharmacological activity in healthy volunteers⁹ and prior RCC studies by the Sponsor
- Oral X4P-001 was administered to patients at 400 mg QD while continuing on 240 mg nivolumab therapy by IV infusion every 2 weeks
- Radiologic assessments for tumor response were conducted every 8 weeks during the first 12 months and every 12 weeks thereafter, or as warranted based on RECIST v1.1 criteria

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusio

- Receiving current nivolumab monotherapy
- Best response on current nivolumab of SD or PD
- Histologically confirmed RCC with documented clear cell component
- ≥ 18 years of age

Exclusion

- < 3 month life expectancy
- ECOG performance status ≥ 2
- Screening laboratory tests of ANC < 1,500/μL or platelets < 75,000/μL
- Active CNS metastasis or uncontrolled heart disease

Demographic and Baseline Characteristics

Age (Years)	Median	64.9
	Range	49-77
Condor	Male	8 (89%)
Gender	Female	1 (11%)
Race	White	9 (100%)
ECOG Status	0	5 (56%)
	1	4 (44%)
Number of Prior Systemic Therapies, Including Nivolumab	Median	2.0
	1	1 (11%)
	2	4 (44%)
	3	3 (33%)
	> 3	1 (11%)
Duration on Nivolumab	Median	8.0 months
Monotherapy	Range	2-12 months
Prior Response on Nivolumab Monotherapy at Study Entry	Stable disease	5 (56%)
	Progressive disease	4 (44%)

Patient Disposition

X4P-001 + Nivolumab (<i>n</i> = 9)		
Treated	9 (100%)	
Ongoing	0 (0%)	
Discontinued	9 (100%)	
Adverse Event	4 (44%)	
Clinical deterioration	1 (11%)	
Disease progression	3 (33%)	
Study Termination	1 (11%)	

Clinical cut-off date: Aug 1, 2018

- Combination therapy was discontinued in 4 patients for AEs of Lipase Increased, Mucosal Inflammation/Rash Maculo-Papular, Autoimmune Hepatitis, and ALT/AST Increased (1 each)
- The median duration of combination treatment was 3.7 months (range 1-15 months)

Safety

AEs (> 25%) on X4P-001 or Nivolumab Regardless of Attribution ($n = 9$)				
Adverse Event (Related)	n (%)			
Diarrhea	6 (67)			
Nasal Congestion	5 (56)			
Cough	4 (44)			
Dry Eye	4 (44)			
Fatigue	4 (44)			
Headache	4 (44)			
ALT Increased	3 (33)			
Arthralgia	3 (33)			
AST Increased	3 (33)			
Contusion	3 (33)			
Musculoskeletal Pain	3 (33)			
Nausea	3 (33)			
Pruritis	3 (33)			
Weight Decreased	3 (33)			
Clinical cut-off date: Aug 1, 2018				

AEs (All Grades > 20% and Grade \geq 3) Related to X4P-001 or Nivolumab ($n=9$)					
Adverse Event (Related)	All Grades, n (%)	Grade 3, <i>n</i> (%)	Grades 4 & 5, <i>n</i> (%)		
Diarrhea	5 (56)	0	0		
Nasal Congestion	4 (44)	0	0		
ALT Increased	3 (33)	2 (22)	0		
AST Increased	3 (33)	2 (22)	0		
Dry Eye	3 (33)	0	0		
Fatigue	3 (33)	0	0		
Conjunctival Hyperaemia	2 (22)	0	0		
Dyspepsia	2 (22)	0	0		
Nausea	2 (22)	0	0		
Rash Pruritic	2 (22)	0	0		

Clinical cut-off date: Aug 1, 2018

- X4P-001 + nivolumab combination therapy had acceptable toxicity in RCC patients
- No Grade 4 or Grade 5 AEs
- Two patients experienced serious AEs related to either X4P-001 or nivolumab: one had mucosal inflammation and rash maculo-papular and another had ALT/AST increased and autoimmune hepatitis

Anti-Tumor Activity

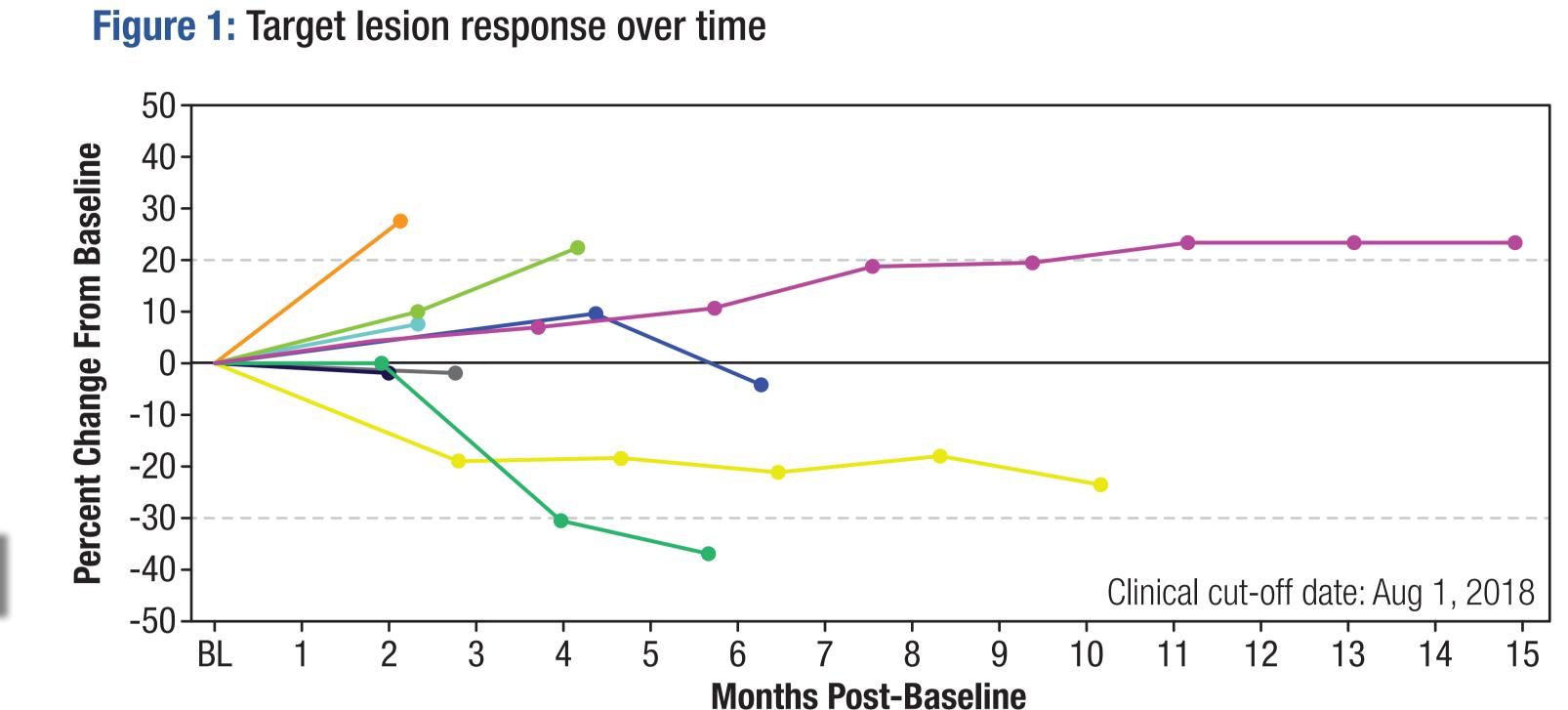
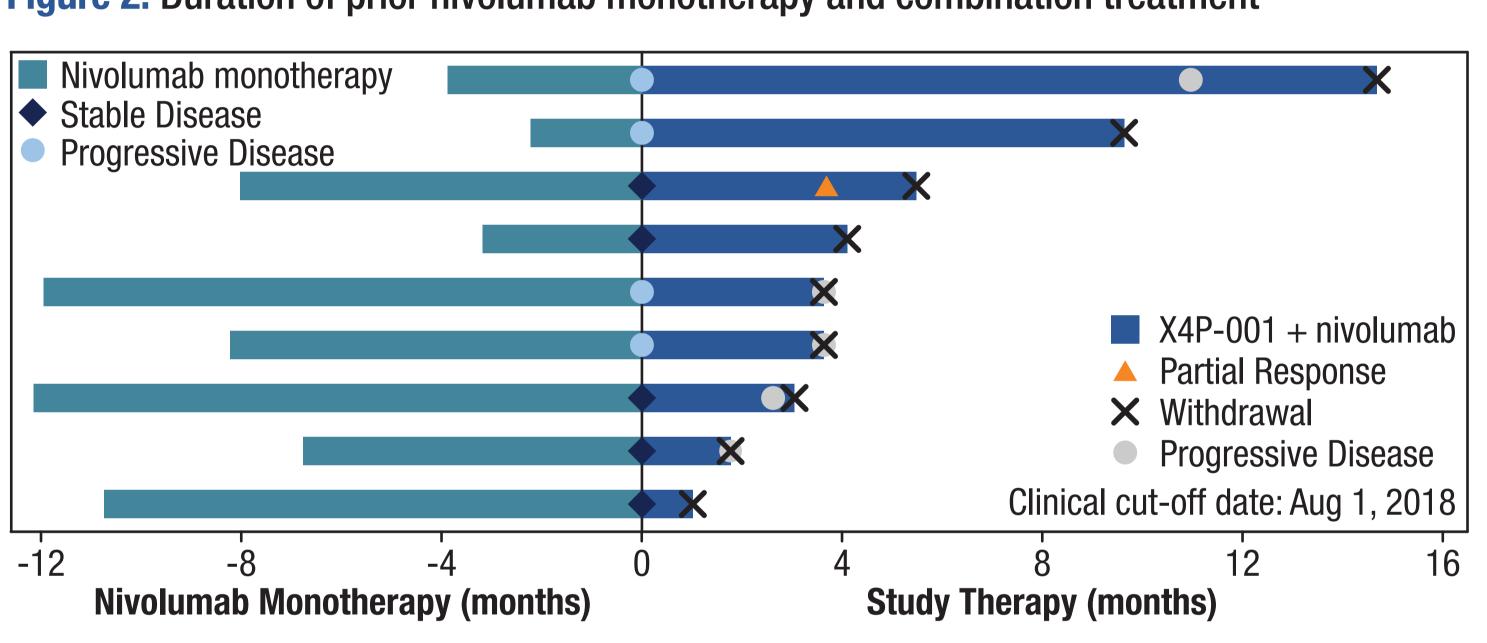
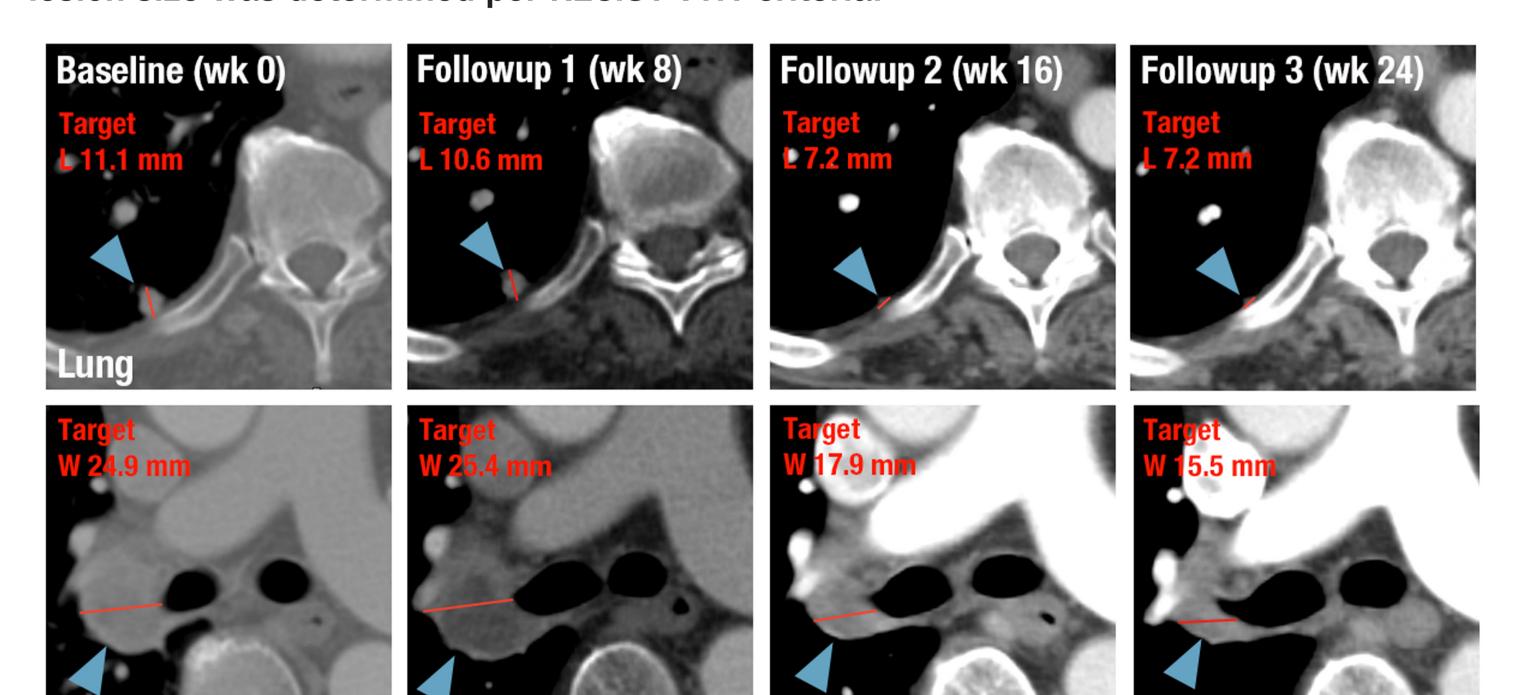


Figure 2: Duration of prior nivolumab monotherapy and combination treatment



- Four patients with progressive disease on prior nivolumab monotherapy had a best response of SD with X4P-001 + nivolumab
- Among 5 patients with stable disease on prior nivolumab monotherapy, 1 had a PR with X4P-001 + nivolumab

Figure 3: Assessment of tumor responses by CT scans for a patient receiving X4P-001 + nivolumab combination therapy that had a partial response. Top row: Target lesion in the lung. Bottom row: lymph node target lesion. Scans were taken every 8 weeks and target lesion size was determined per RECIST v1.1 criteria.



Best Overall Response X4P-001 + Nivolumab (n = 9)

Best Overall Response*

Partial Response (PR)

Stable Disease (SD)

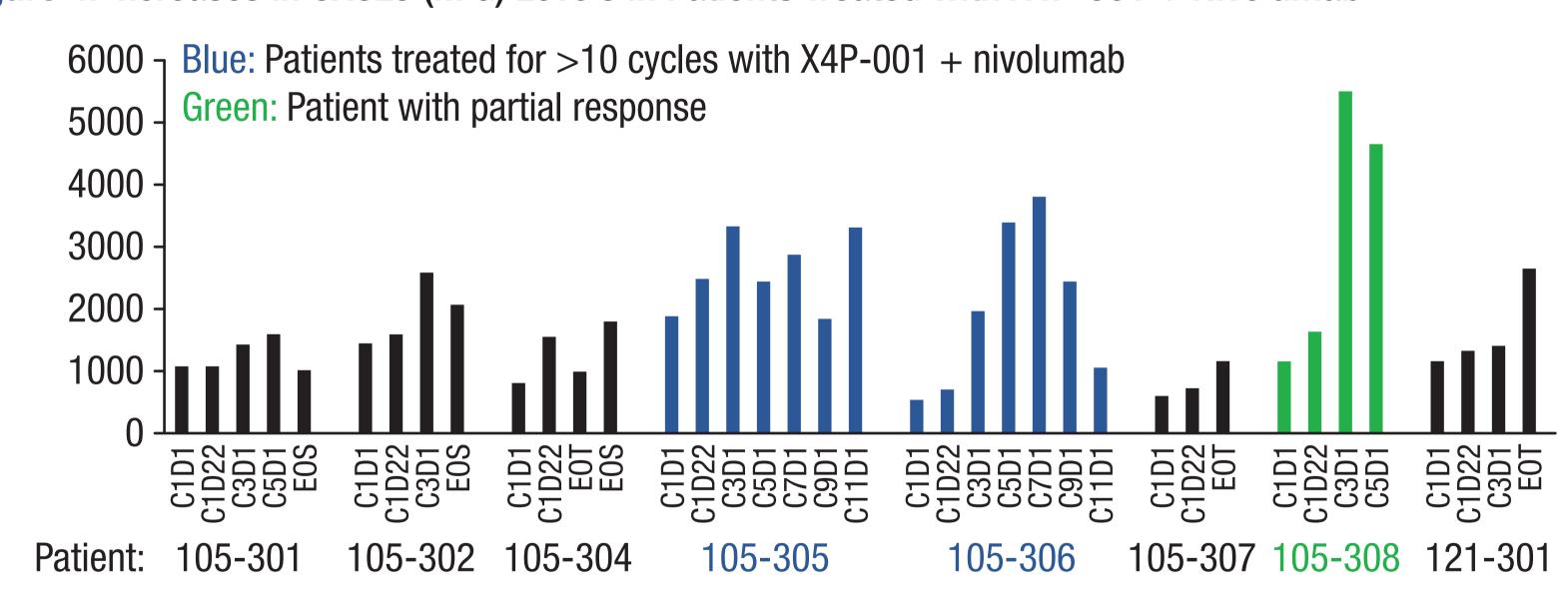
Progressive Disease (PD)

Objective Response Rate (CR + PR)

*Based upon RECIST 1.1; Clinical cut-off date: Aug 1, 2018

Serum Biomarker Changes Compared to Baseline	
on Day 22 of X4P-001 + Nivolumab Combination Therapy (p < 0.05)	'
Protein ¹	p-value
Increase	
Decorin	0.008
6Ckine	0.016
CXCL9, Monokine Induced by Gamma Interferon (MIG)	0.016
Macrophage inflammatory protein 3 beta (MIP-3 beta)	0.016
Interleukin-2 Simoa (IL-2 Simoa)	0.023
Myeloid Progenitor Inhibitory Factor 1 (MPIF-1)	0.031
Decrease	
Latency-Associated Peptide of Transforming Growth Factor beta 1	0.016
Monocyte Chemotactic Protein 1 (MCP-1)	0.016
Platelet-Derived Growth Factor BB (PDGF-BB)	0.023
Angiopoietin-1 (ANG-1)	0.031
Epithelial-Derived Neutrophil-Activating Protein 78 (ENA-78)	0.031
¹ Determined using the Multi-Analyte Profile platform (Myriad RBM)	

Figure 4: Increases in CXCL9 (MIG) Levels in Patients Treated with X4P-001 + Nivolumab



 Higher CXCL9 levels were found in a patient with a PR and in those receiving combination therapy for > 10 cycles.

Conclusions

- Combination therapy with X4P-001 (400 mg QD) + nivolumab exhibited some anti-tumor activity and was tolerable in advanced RCC patients that were previously unresponsive to nivolumab monotherapy
- No Grade 4 or 5 AEs were reported, and all Grade 3/SAEs were manageable
- CXCR4 inhibition by X4P-001 may augment responses in patients that do not respond to anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors alone
- Serum biomarker analyses identified significant early changes in cytokines and chemokines, including CXCL9, a chemoattractant ligand for cytotoxic T cell migration
- Combination therapy with X4P-001 and checkpoint inhibitors should be evaluated in larger cohorts and additional disease settings

Acknowledgements: We would like to thank the patients and their families, investigators, and the study teams at each of the participating centers. This clinical study is sponsored by X4 Pharmaceuticals. Medical editorial support provided by Bristol-Myers Squib through an innovative research collaboration agreement. Copies of this poster obtained through the QR code are for personal use only and may not be reproduced without written permission of the authors (Toni_Choueiri@DFCI.HARVARD.EDU) References: 1) Staller P, Sulitkova J, Lisztwan J, et al. Chemokine receptor CXCR4 downregulated by von Hippel—Lindau tumour suppressor pVHL. Nature 2003;425:307-311. 2) Maréchal R, Demetter P, Nagy N, et al. High expression of CXCR4 may predict poor survival in resected pancreatic adenocarcinoma. Br J Cancer 2009;100: 1444-14513. 3) Sekiya R, Kajiyamo H, Sakai K, et al. Expression of CXCR4 indicates poor prognosis in with clear cell carcinoma of the ovary. Human Pathology. 2012;43:904-910. 4) Obermajer N, Muthuswamy R, Odunsi K, et al. PGE2-induced CXCL12 production and CXCR4 expression controls the accumulation of human MDSCs in ovarian cancer environment. Cancer Res 2011; 71:7463-7470. 5) Panka DJ, Arbeit RD, Mier JW. Regulation of MDSC trafficking function in RCC by CXCR4 in the presence of a VEGF-R antagonist, 2016 AACR, Abstract 4155. 6) Fearon DT. The carcinoma-associated fibroblast expressing fibroblast activation protein and escape from immune surveillance. Cancer Immunol Res 2014;2:187-193. 7) Saxena R, Wang Y, Mier JW. CXCR4 Inhibition Modulates Tumor Microenvironment and Robus Inhibits Growth of B16-0VA Melanoma. 2018 AACR, abstract 613. 9) Stone ND, et al. Antimicrob Agents. Chemother. 2007; 51: 2351-58.

