

# Versamune<sup>®</sup> T Cell Activating Platform Applied to HPV- Related Cancers

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A 3D rendering of a cell surface, showing a complex, irregular structure with numerous protrusions and indentations. The surface is colored in shades of green and blue, with some areas appearing more textured and others smoother. The background is a dark, teal color. The overall appearance is that of a biological cell or a molecular model.

# **The Challenges of Current Immunotherapy Options in Advanced Recurrent / Metastatic Disease**

A key challenge to broadly effective checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) immunotherapy is *limited ability to:*

- **promote adequate CD8+ killer T-cell responses** *in patients* resulting in **diminished efficacy**
- **overcome the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment (TME)**

### The Result:

- **Limited response to checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy – generally around 20%**
- **Approved treatments often don't delay disease progression, even if they improve survival**
- **Combination treatments often have more side effects, impacting quality of life**

What is needed to overcome **these pervasive challenges and limitations to effective immunotherapy** for advanced recurrent or metastatic disease?

## The 3 R's of T Cell Activation:

- The Right type of killer T cells
- With the Right killing potency i.e. polyfunctional or multi-cytokine inducing killer T cells
- The Right quantity of killer T cells

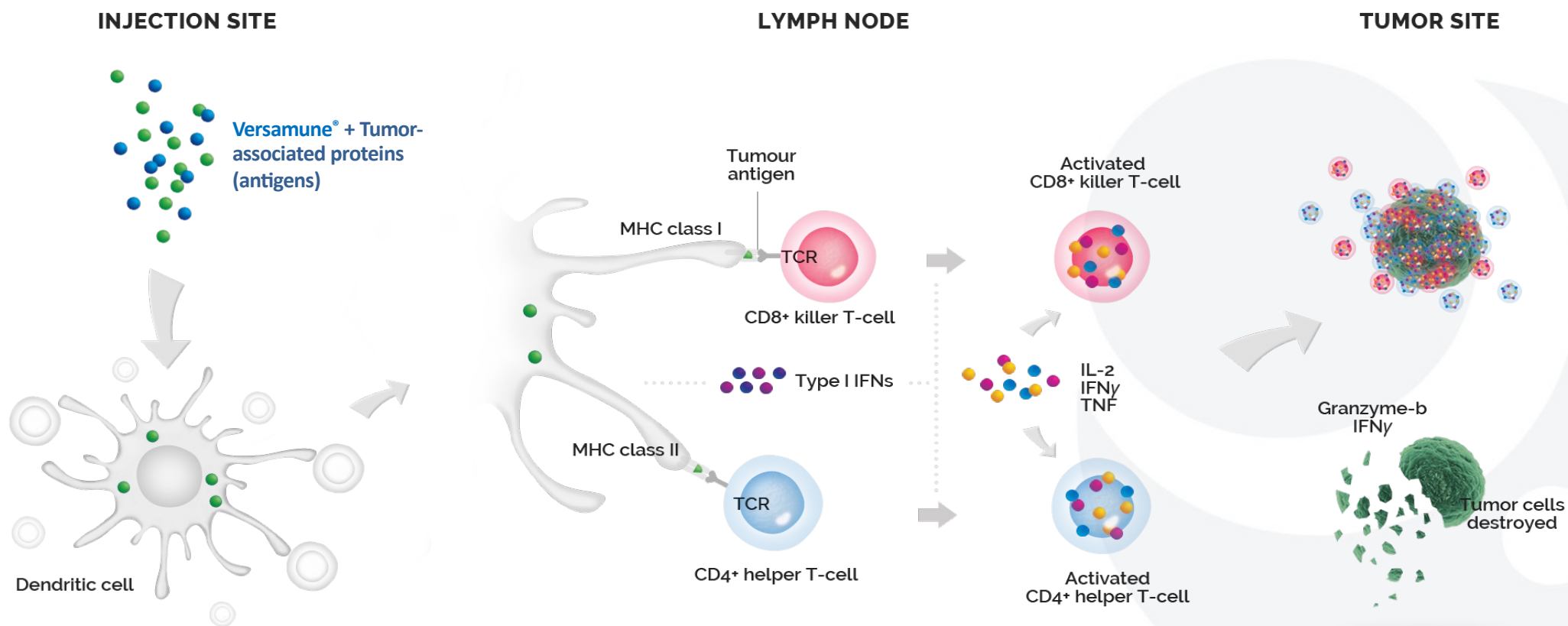
**That track to, actively infiltrate, and kill tumors**



The background features a 3D rendering of a human brain in shades of light green and teal. A dark green rounded rectangle is positioned on the right side of the image, containing white text. The overall aesthetic is clean and scientific.

**What is  
Versamune®?**

# Versamune® is a novel investigational T cell activating platform that effectively stimulates a precise immune response to a cancer-specific protein and promotes a potent T cell attack against tumors



Promotes uptake of vaccine or immunotherapy and entry into lymph nodes

Promotes antigen processing and presentation to T-cells via MHC I and II pathways

Activates Type I Interferon pathway, enabling a powerful anti-tumor killer CD8+ T-cell response



The image features a 3D topographic map of a planetary surface, likely Mars, showing various terrain features such as craters, ridges, and valleys. The map is rendered in shades of green and blue. A dark green rectangular overlay is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the text "What is PDS0101?".

**What is PDS0101?**

# The Unmet Medical Need in HPV-Related Cancers

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Approximately 43,000 US patients are diagnosed with an HPV-related cancers each year, a number unlikely to be impacted in the next decade by the increased use of HPV preventive vaccines – given that the time from initial HPV infection to a cancer diagnosis is usually 20 years or more.^

2

Cancers such as head and neck, cervical, anal, penile, vaginal, vulvar that are caused by HPV infection can be identified through tissue examination or biopsy and imaging. High risk HPV16 predominates as a major cause.

3

Currently HPV-positive cancers are treated with surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and immunotherapies such as checkpoint inhibitors, either alone or in combination. There remains a high unmet need for more effective, safer, better tolerated and HPV-targeted treatment options.

4

PDS0101 is designed to address HPV16-related cancers.

^Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. HPV and Cancer. <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/statistics/cases.htm>. Accessed 8/19/2022.

# What is PDS0101?

1

PDS0101 is a novel investigational human papilloma virus (HPV)-targeted immunotherapy that stimulates a potent targeted T cell attack against HPV-associated cancers.

2

PDS0101 is given by a simple subcutaneous (SC) injection in combination with other immunotherapies and cancer treatments.

3

Interim data suggests PDS0101 generates clinically effective immune responses, and the combination of PDS0101 with other treatments demonstrates significant disease control by shrinking tumors, delaying disease progression and/or prolonging survival.

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The combination of PDS0101 with other treatments does not appear to compound the toxicity of other agents.

5

PDS0101, an investigational immunotherapy, represents a transformative treatment approach for HPV-associated cancer patients and may provide improved efficacy, safety and tolerability when used in combination with other therapies.



**What is VERSATILE-  
002?**




How should we be trying to address **the unmet medical needs** of head and neck cancer patients?

## KEY GOALS:

- **Help more patients benefit from treatment**
- **Delay disease progression**
- **Delay the need for chemo**
- **Prolong life**
- **Improve quality of life**

# VERSATILE-002: Phase 2 Study of PDS0101 and KEYTRUDA®

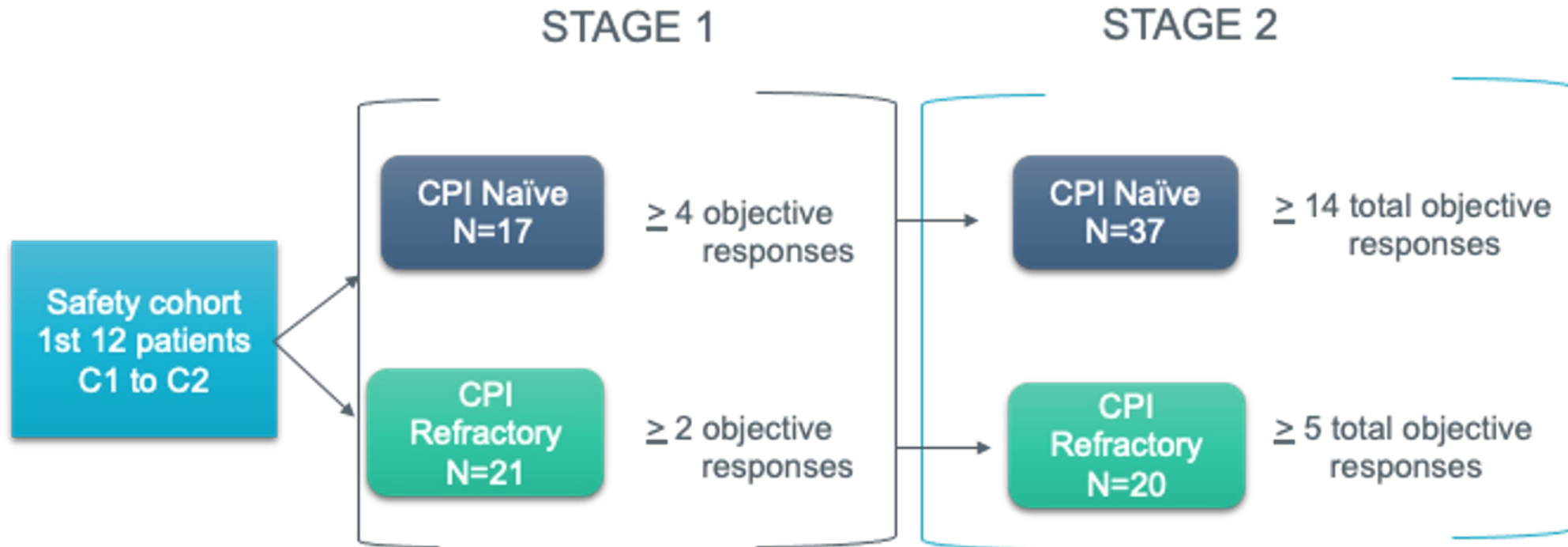
For the potential treatment of HPV16-positive metastatic/recurrent head and neck cancer

Indication	Treatment of patients with HPV16-positive head and neck cancer whose cancer has spread or returned
Clinical Agents	<u>KEYTRUDA® (Standard of Care)</u> : Anti-PD1 checkpoint inhibitor (1L ORR ~20% overall; 15% in PDL1 1-19 and 23% in PDL1 ≥ 20) <u>PDS0101</u> : Versamune®-based immunotherapy generating HPV-specific CD8+ and CD4+ T cells
Study Goals	<u>Group 1</u> : Objective response rate (ORR) as 1 <sup>st</sup> line treatment in checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) naïve patients <u>Group 2</u> : ORR in patients who have failed checkpoint inhibitor therapy (CPI refractory)
Status	<b>Fast Track Designation Q2 2022</b> Efficacy and safety data presented on first 19 patients at ASCO Q2 2022 Safety data presented at Head and Neck Symposium Q1 2022
Trial Partner	

Confirmation that PDS0101 enhances the therapeutic benefit of checkpoint inhibitors could expand evaluation of Versamune®-based therapies in multiple cancer indications

# VERSATILE-002: Phase 2 Study of PDS0101 and KEYTRUDA®

For the potential treatment of HPV16-positive metastatic/recurrent head and neck cancer



# Top Line PDS0101 Phase 2 Clinical Data

Interim efficacy data from 3 oncology trials and 56 patients suggest potential long-term efficacy

Versamune® Technology Platform: *In-vivo* tumor-specific killer (CD8+) T cell induction

VERSATILE-002

Data Venue

**HPV-positive metastatic head and neck cancer: PDS0101 + KEYTRUDA®**  
(SOC) in patients whose cancer has returned or spread after treatment

**41%**

Objective response rate

**89%**

Survival at 9 months

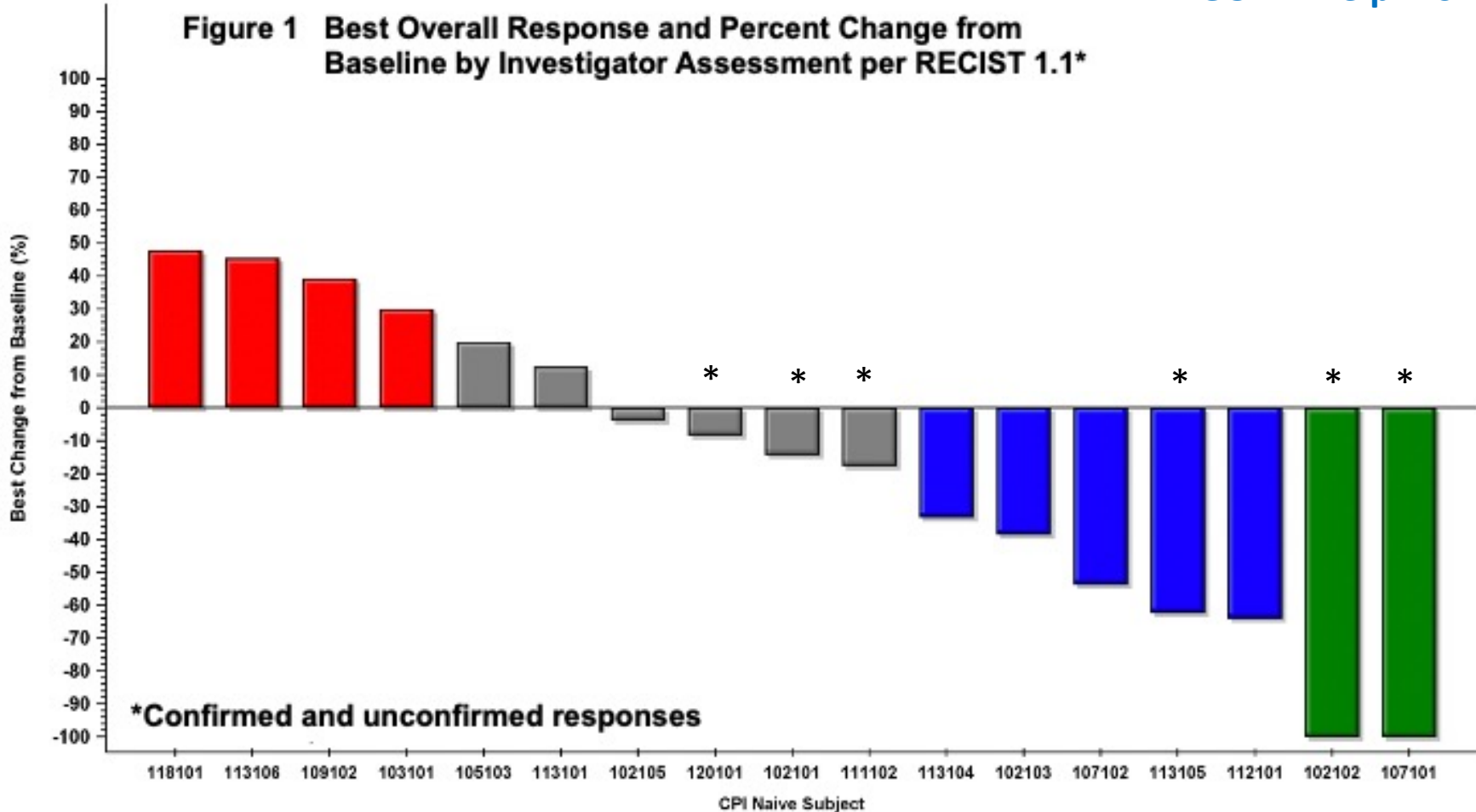
ASCO – Jun. 22



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For the potential treatment of HPV16-positive metastatic/recurrent head and neck cancer

**KEY GOAL: Help more patients benefit from treatment**



**N=17** Subjects w/Imaging Data

- Complete Response (CR)
- Partial Response (PR)
- Stable Disease (SD)
- Progressive Disease (PD)

OR (2 CR + 5PR)	7 (41.2%)
SD (reduction in 4/6)	6 (35.3%)
PD	4 (23.5%)
CR+PR+SD	13 (76.5%)

\* Indicates CPS  $\geq$  20  
All others CPS 1-19

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## KEY GOAL: Improve quality of life

Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) Safety Population (N=19)	CPI Naïve Subjects (N=19) N (%) : Events
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<b>Subjects with any TEAEs</b>	18 (94.7%) : 371
Grade 1	3 (15.8%) : 303
Grade 2	8 (42.1%) : 51
Grade 3	5 (26.3%) : 11
Grade 4	0 (0.0%) : 4
Grade 5	2 (10.5%) : 2

### ≥ Grade 3 TEAEs Attributed to Study

#### Treatment by Investigator

No subjects met this criteria

0

### Grade 3 & 4 Treatment Related TEAEs

No subjects met this criteria

0

### Subjects with PDS0101 or pembrolizumab dose reduction or dose discontinuation

No subjects met this criteria

0

**PDS0101 plus pembrolizumab appears to be safe and well tolerated and does not appear to compound toxicity.**

## KEY GOAL: Delay disease progression

## KEY GOAL: Prolong survival

**At 9 Months of Follow Up (Median PFS not yet Achieved)**


<b>% of Patients Alive at Median 9 Months</b>	89%
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<b>Progression Free Survival Rate (PFS)</b>	55.2%
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<b>Overall Survival Rate (OS)</b>	87.2%
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**Preliminary data in CPI naïve patients suggests PDS0101 plus pembrolizumab may delay disease progression and prolong survival.**

**An updated analysis on a larger group of patients observed for a longer duration is planned.**



**Additional PDS0101  
Phase 2 Clinical Data**

# Top Line PDS0101 Phase 2 Clinical Data

Interim efficacy data from 3 oncology trials and 56 patients suggest potential long-term efficacy

## Versamune® + NHS-IL12 Technology Platform: Overcome cancer-induced immune suppression

NCI-led Triple Combination

Data Venue

### **Checkpoint inhibitor refractory HPV-Associated cancers:**

**PDS0101 + NHS-IL12 + Checkpoint inhibitor** in patients who have failed all treatment options including checkpoint inhibitors

**63%**

Objective response in optimal dose group<sup>2</sup>

**66%**

Survival at 16 months (all dose groups)<sup>2</sup>

Interim data – Oct. 22

**Advanced HPV-associated cancers: PDS0101 + NHS-IL12 + Checkpoint inhibitor** in patients whose cancer has returned or spread after treatment and have not been exposed to checkpoint inhibitors

**88%**

Objective response<sup>3</sup>

**75%**

Survival at 25 months<sup>3</sup>

ASCO – Jun. 22

**38%**

Complete response

<sup>1</sup>19% response rate with KEYTRUDA® monotherapy reported in KEYNOTE-048 study (CPS >1)

<sup>2</sup>Objective response rates in CPI refractory cancer reported to be <10%, and historical median survival is 3-4 months

<sup>3</sup>Objective response rates in HPV-positive cancer with pembrolizumab and nivolumab is <25% and overall survival of <12 months



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IMMUNOCERV

Data Venue

**Locally advanced cervical cancer: PDS0101 + Chemoradiotherapy** (SOC) in patients with large localized tumors >5cm in the cervix and lymph nodes

**100%** Objective response

**0%**

Deaths due to cancer. 1 unrelated death.

SITC – Nov. 22

**89%** Complete response

# PDS0101 Phase 2 Studies: Immunology Presented at SITC 2022

Results from 2 oncology trials suggest that immune responses may promote clinical responses

## NCI-led Triple Combination - All HPV-associated cancers

Immune correlates in blood circulation

### Data presented at SITC November 2022

- A more than two-fold increase in HPV16-specific T cells in the blood of 79% (11/14 tested) of the evaluated patients.
- Immune responses were associated with increases in natural killer cells, soluble granzyme B (associated with active killer T cells), IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , etc., two weeks after the first treatment cycle thus signaling a pro-inflammatory response.
- Early increases in several monitored immune correlates such as granzyme B and interferon-gamma for example at Day 15 were associated with a clinical response.

## IMMUNOCERV - Locally advanced cervical cancer





Immune correlates in blood and in the tumors

### Data presented at SITC November 2022

- Data confirm PDS0101 treatment activates tumor-infiltrating HPV16-specific CD8+ T cells. This increase was not seen in patients who did not receive PDS0101.
- The increase in HPV16-specific T cells generated by the treatment is positively correlated with tumor cell death, suggesting cytotoxic CD8+ T cells are important mediators of antigen-specific immunity.
- The data affirm that PDS0101 activates Type 1 interferon pathway in humans, mimicking the mechanism previously demonstrated in preclinical studies in animal models.

# Advancing Versamune® Oncology Clinical Pipeline

**PDS0101:** Partnered with leaders in immuno-oncology

Candidate	Clinical Trial	Combination	Status	Recent Updates/ Expected Milestones	Partner
PDS0101 (HPV16)	<p><b>VERSATILE-002</b> Recurrent/metastatic HPV16-positive head and neck cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arm 1: CPI naïve</li> <li>• Arm 2: CPI refractory</li> </ul>	KEYTRUDA (standard of care)	<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arm 1 enrollment ongoing</li> <li>• Arm 2 enrollment ongoing</li> <li>• Announced successful End-of-Phase 2 meeting with the FDA; preparing for the registrational trial</li> </ul>	 <b>MERCK</b>
PDS0101 (HPV16)	<p><b>TRIPLE COMBINATION</b> HPV-positive anal, cervical, head and neck, penile, vaginal, vulvar cancers, chemo &amp; radiation refractory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arm 1: CPI naïve</li> <li>• Arm 2: CPI refractory</li> </ul>	Bintrafusp and M9241	<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced presentation at SITC*</li> <li>• Announced expanded positive interim data</li> <li>• Announced program to focus on CPI refractory patients</li> </ul>	 <b>NIH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE</b>
PDS0101 (HPV16)	<p><b>IMMUNOCERV</b> 1st line treatment of locally advanced cervical cancer</p>	Chemo-radiation (standard of care)	<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced presentation at SITC</li> </ul>	 <b>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MD Anderson Cancer Center</b>
PDS0101 (HPV16)	<p><b>MAYO CLINIC</b> Pre-metastatic HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer (OPSCC)</p>	Monotherapy +/- KEYTRUDA	<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment ongoing</li> </ul>	 <b>MAYO CLINIC</b>

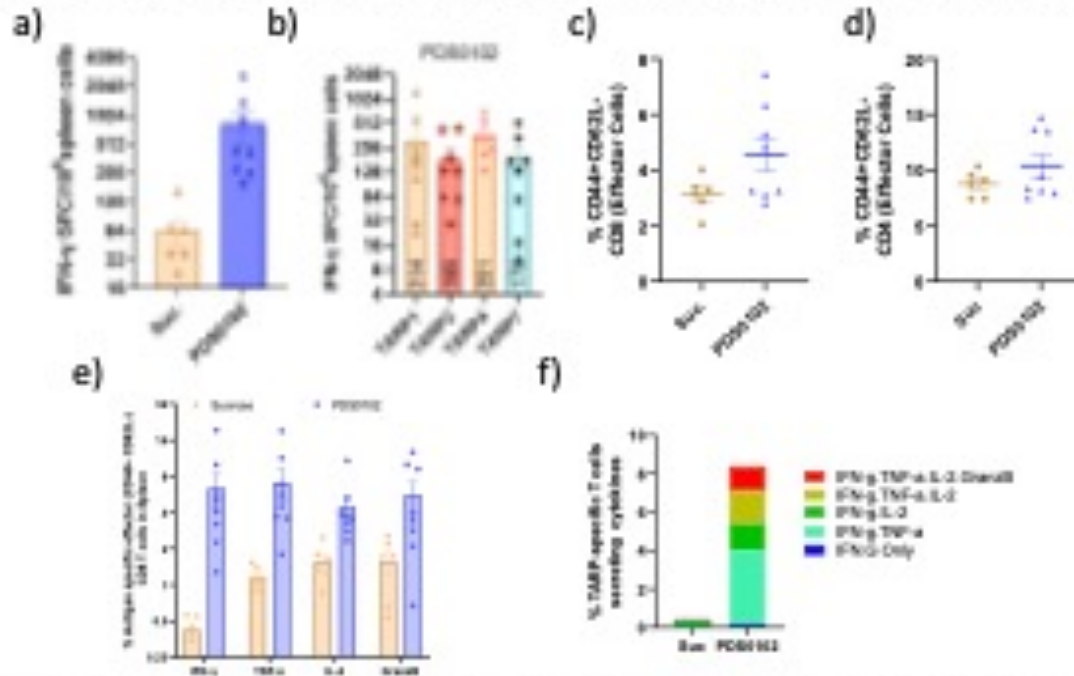
A 3D molecular model of a protein surface, rendered in a light blue/teal color. The surface is highly textured with various peaks and valleys. A specific region on the surface is highlighted in a darker green color, indicating a site of interest. The background is a dark teal gradient.

# The Versamune® Preclinical Pipeline

# Versamune® Based Targeted T cell Immunotherapies

For the potential treatment of non-viral associated cancers

**Versamune® based - TARP immunotherapy (PDS0102) platform** contains long multi-epitope peptide antigens derived from the T-cell receptor gamma chain alternate reading frame protein (TARP), a tumor specific antigen overexpressed in prostate (~90%) and breast (~50%) cancers, as well as acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).



**Figure 1. PDS0102 induces a high number of antigen-specific and polyfunctional T-cells.**

Versamune®-based nanoparticles formulated with tumor-derived antigens induced robust CD8+ and CD4+ T-cell responses in animals. CD8+ T-cells induced by the Versamune® platform were polyfunctional and produced multiple cytokines (**Figure 1**), [1] capable of driving anti-tumor immune responses.



# Versamune<sup>®</sup> Based Targeted T cell Immunotherapies

For the potential treatment of non-viral associated cancers

## Versamune<sup>®</sup> based - MUC1 immunotherapy (PDS0103)

platform contains multiple agonistic CD8+ T-cell epitope antigens derived from the extracellular and intracellular domains of human Mucin 1 (MUC1) protein, a tumor-associated antigen in a variety of epithelial cancers.

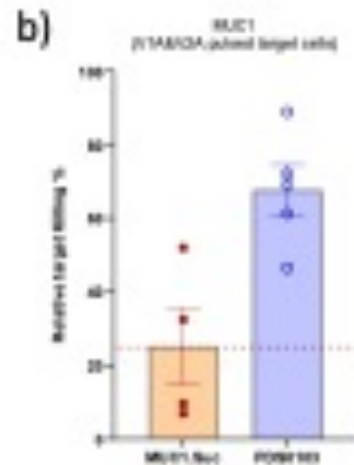
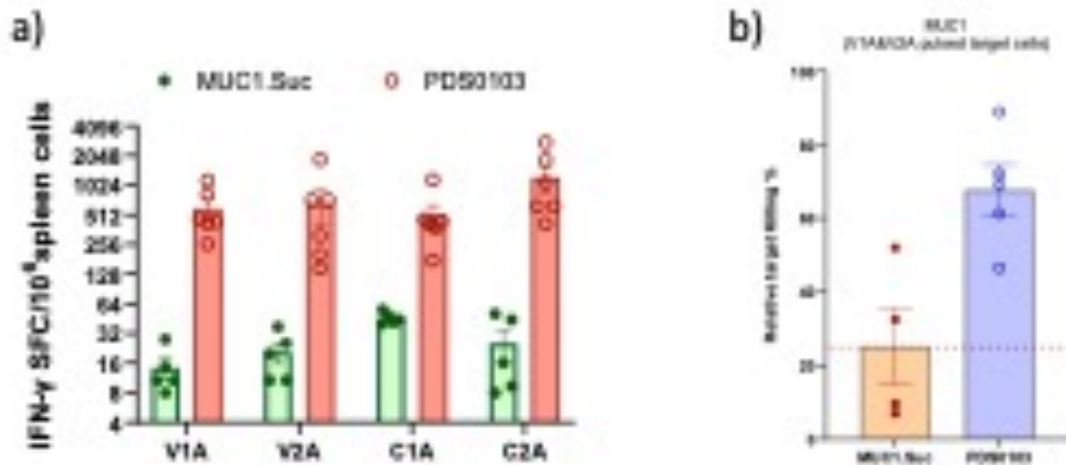


Figure 2. PDS0103 induces a high number of antigen-specific CD8 T cells capable of killing cells presenting the human MUC1 derived peptides. AAD mice were

Versamune<sup>®</sup>-based nanoparticles formulated with tumor-derived antigens induced robust CD8+ and CD4+ T-cell responses in animals. CD8+ T-cells induced by the Versamune<sup>®</sup> platform were cytotoxic and are effective in identifying and killing cells presenting human MUC1-derived antigens (Figure 2).

# Successful Preclinical Development of the Pipeline

Several Versamune<sup>®</sup> and Infectimune<sup>™</sup> based products ready to progress to clinical studies

Candidate	Indication(s)	Recent Updates
PDS0102 (TARP)	Prostate, breast, acute myeloid leukemia	<b>Data presented at American Assoc. for Cancer Research, Oct. 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High levels of CD8 (killer) T cell responses against multiple TARP antigens</li><li>• Induction of polyfunctional (multi-cytokine inducing) CD8+ T-cells (<i>in vivo</i>)</li><li>• Manufacture of PDS0102 clinical antigens in progress</li></ul>
PDS0103 (MUC1)	Colon, breast, ovarian, lung	<b>Data presented at American Assoc. for Cancer Research, Oct. 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High levels of CD8 (killer) T cell responses against multiple MUC1 antigens</li><li>• Effective targeting and killing of MUC1-positive targets in the body (<i>in vivo</i>)</li><li>• Manufacture of PDS0103 clinical product in progress</li></ul>
PDS0202 (Influenza)	Universal flu	<b>Data presented at American Society of Virology Conference, Jul. 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Results peer reviewed and awaiting publication in leading immunology journal</li><li>• Generates T cells and antibodies against multiple strains of the flu in animals</li><li>• Fully protected animals against infection when dosed with lethal amounts of the H1N1 pandemic strain of the virus</li><li>• In discussion with NIAID regarding clinical funding</li></ul>



**Thank you to our  
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