SGN-B6A: A New MMAE ADC Targeting Integrin Beta-6 in Multiple Carcinoma Indications

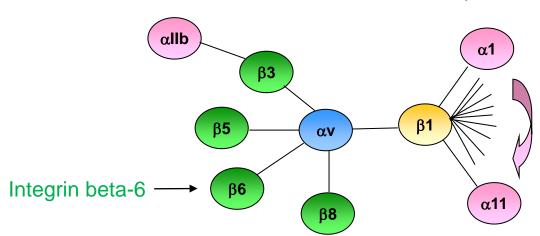
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Summary: SGN-B6A

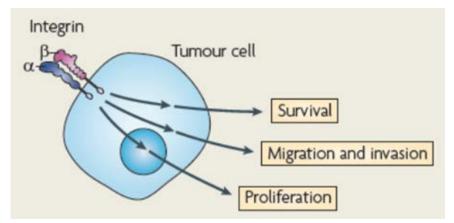
- SGN-B6A is a novel antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) targeting integrin beta-6
- Integrin beta-6 is expressed in a variety of solid tumors exclusively as a heterodimer with integrin alpha-v
- The antibody backbone is humanized 2A2, an antibody discovered at Seattle Genetics
 - h2A2 is specific for integrin beta-6, and does not bind to other integrin alph-v heterodimers
- SGN-B6A delivers the potent cytotoxin MMAE using the same vedotin technology that has been clinically validated with the FDA approved ADCs Adcetris®, Padcev®, and Polivy®
- The ADC rapidly internalizes upon binding to cells expressing integrin beta-6
- In multiple xenograft models, treatment with SGN-B6A resulted in tumor growth delay and regression in tumor
- SGN-B6A was tolerated in cynomolgus monkeys at 6 mg/kg q3w or 5 mg/kg weekly with dose-limiting hematologic toxicity typical of vedotin ADCs
- A phase I clinical study has recently been initiated to evaluate the safety and preliminary antitumor activity of SGN-B6A

Integrin Beta-6 Background

- Member of the integrin family of adhesion protein isoforms that exist as alpha-beta heterodimers
 - Beta-6 forms exclusive heterodimers with alpha-v:



- Role in tissue remodeling & repair
 - Activates transforming growth factor-β
 - Regulates motility through extracellular matrix ligands
- Constitutively expressed at low levels in several epithelial tissues, upregulated in tissue repair response
- Tumors exploit remodeling function to promote invasiveness and metastasis
 - promotes epithelial to mesenchymal transition
 - promotes metastasis through inhibition of anoikis
- High expression is a poor prognostic indicator in multiple cancer types

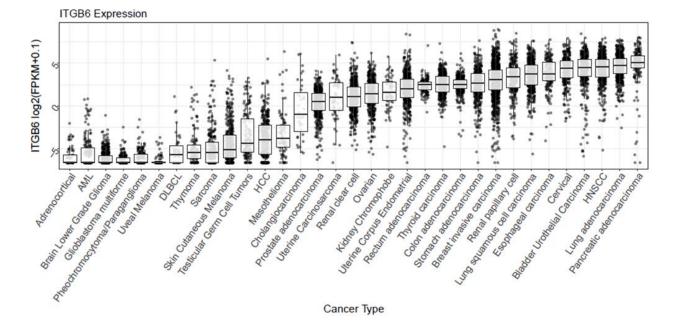


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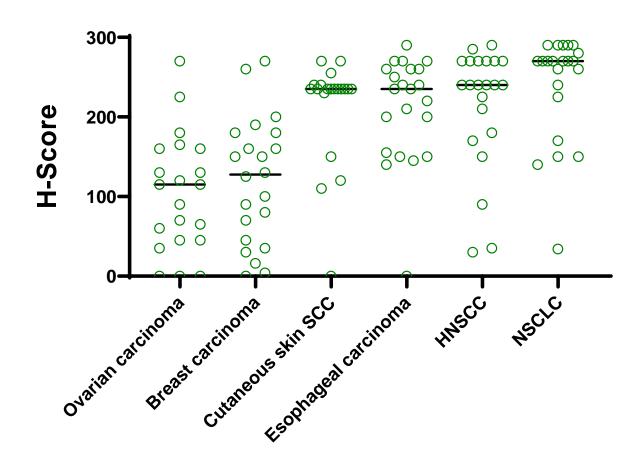
Expression in Cancer

Integrin beta-6 is well expressed in a variety of solid tumors

RNASeq (The Cancer Genome Atlas)

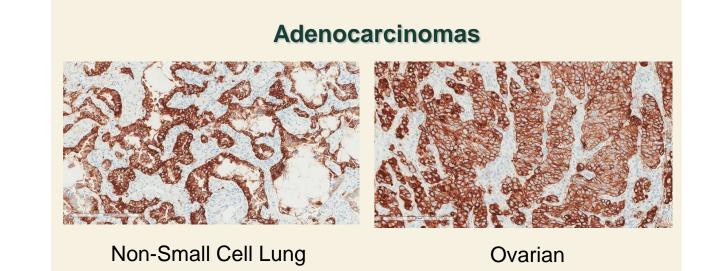


Immunohistochemistry



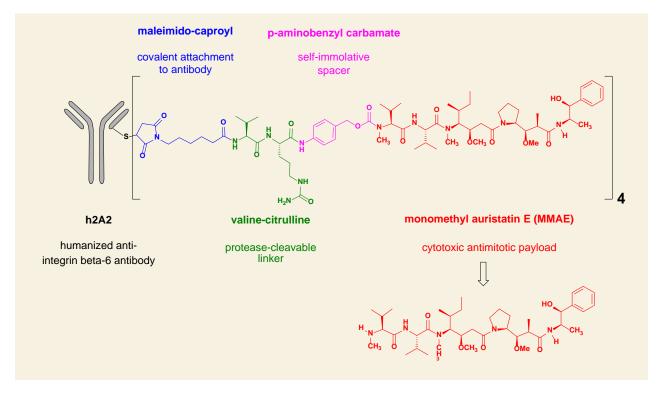
Examples of strong IHC staining

Squamous Cell Carcinomas Head & Neck Cutaneous Skin



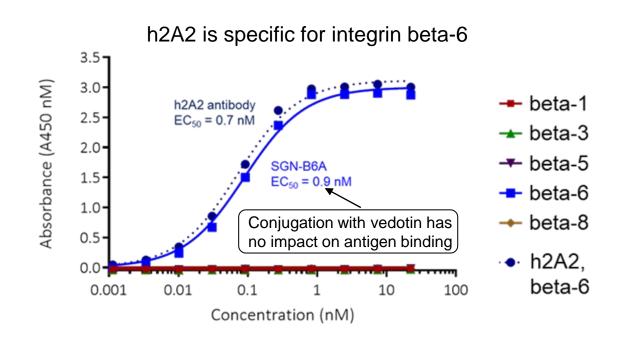
SGN-B6A Composition

- The targeting component of SGN-B6A is the human antiintegrin beta-6 antibody h2A2, discovered and humanized at Seattle Genetics
- h2A2 uses the vedotin ADC technology to delivers the potent cytotoxin MMAE

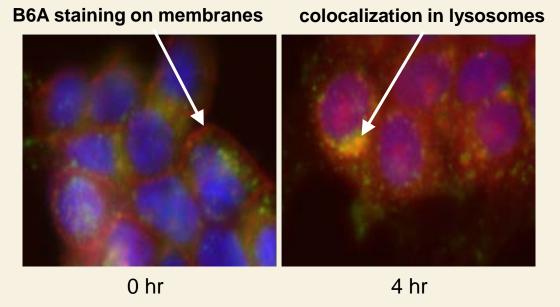


Binding and Internalization

- h2A2 was selected for specific binding to integrin beta-6 and not other beta integrins that pair with alpha-v
 - Expected to confer greater tumor selectivity and reduced normal tissue target-mediated disposition than antialpha-v antibodies



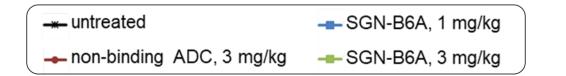
• Upon binding to cell-surface integrin beta-6, SGN-B6A rapidly internalizes and traffics through the endo-lysosomal pathway



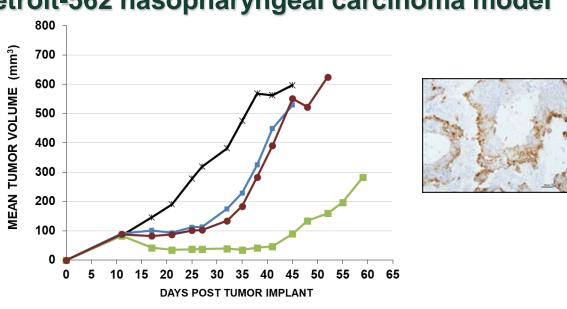
BxPC-3 cells treated with SGN-B6A were stained with an anti-human antibody to detect SGN-B6A (red), LAMP1 lysosome marker (green), and Hoescht to label nuclear DNA (blue). Images were collected at the indicated time points using the IN Cell Analyzer 2200 (GE Healthcare).

Antitumor Activity

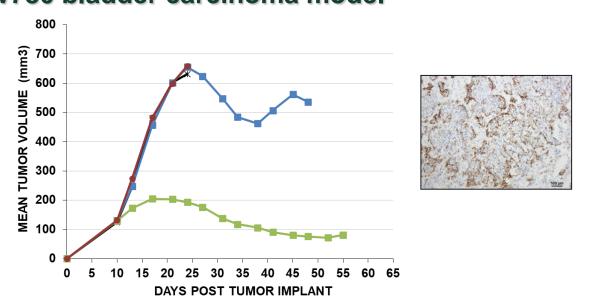
- SGN-B6A was evaluated in four carcinoma models with integrin beta-6 expression confirmed by IHC
- ADC was dosed weekly for 3 doses at 1 and 3 mg/kg
- SGN-B6A exhbited dose- and antigen-dependent growth delay and tumor volume reductions



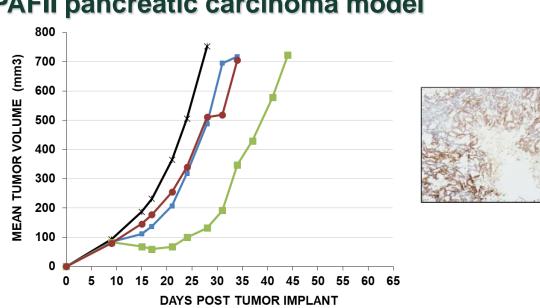
Detroit-562 nasopharyngeal carcinoma model

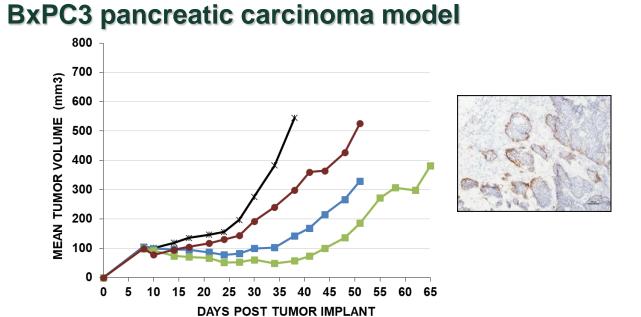


SW780 bladder carcinoma model



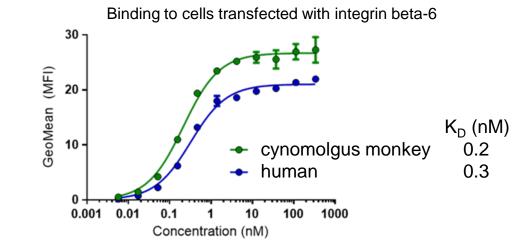






NHP Toxicology

• SGN-B6A is crossreactive with cynomolgus monkey integrin beta-6, validating this species as a toxicology model



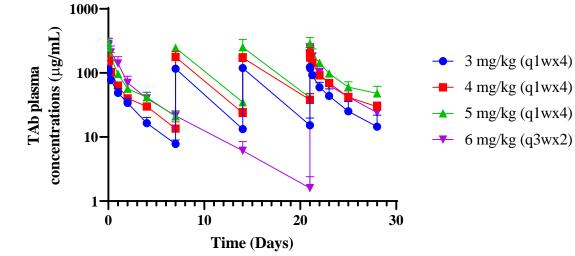
• The following dose groups were evaluated:

Dosing Interval	Dose levels (mg/kg)	Number of doses
weekly	3, 4, 5	4
every 3 weeks	6	2

- SGN-B6A was tolerated in all dose groups
- Dose-limiting hematologic effects observed
- Decreased white blood cells, neutrophils, and reticulocytes
- Profile similar to other vedotin ADCs

NHP Pharmacokinetics

- SGN-B6A exhibited approximately dose-proportional exposure
- Terminal t_{1/2} approximately 3 days



SGN-B6A Dose (mg/kg)	C _{max} (ng/mL)	AUC _(0 · 7d) (day*ng/mL)	t _{1/2} (day)	CL (mL/day/kg)	V _{ss} (mL/kg)
3	115000	199000	2.31	13.6	40.4
4	162000	282000	2.58	12.4	42
5	299000	426000	2.98	9.86	35.9
6	295000	501000	3.53	9.77	37.6

Parameters determined by non-compartmental analysis with Phoenix WinNonlin (Certara)

Conclusions

- Integrin beta-6 is a promising ADC target owing to its broad expression in carcinomas and rapid internalization when bound by antibody
- SGN-B6A is a novel vedotin ADC with a compelling preclinical profile and potential activity in a variety of solid tumor
- Activity and tolerability similar to approved vedotin ADCs
- A Phase I trial to evaluate SGN-B6A is now recruiting patients (NCT04389632)



