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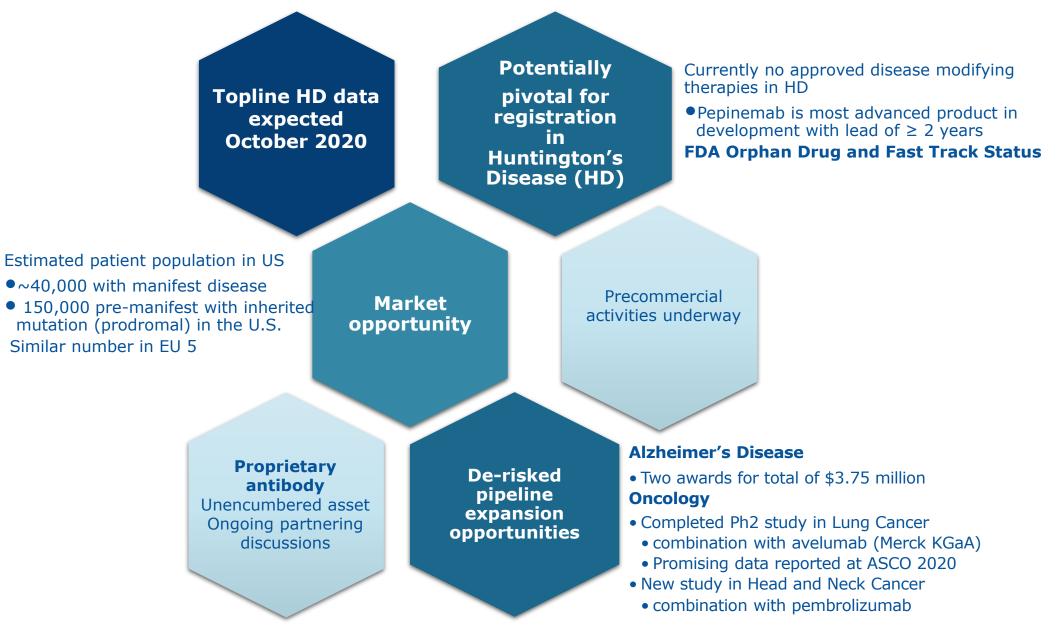
Pepinemab (VX15) Antibody Treatment for Huntington's Disease and Cancer

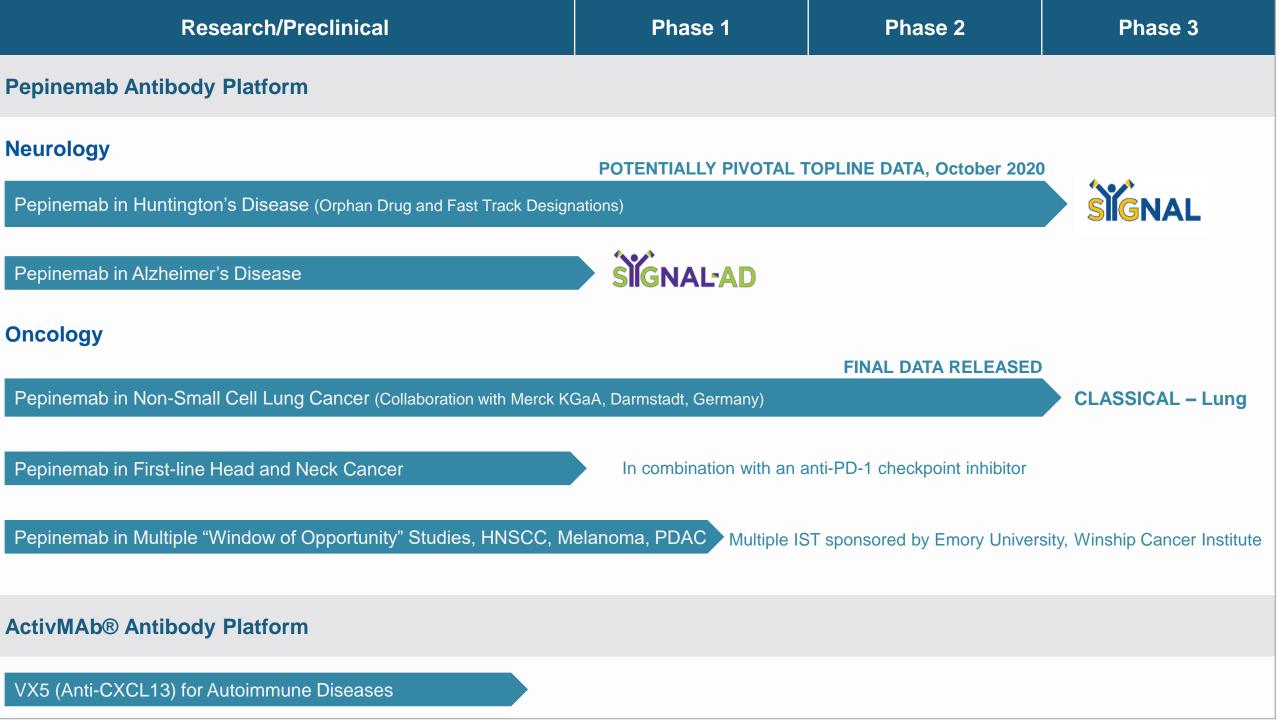
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#### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

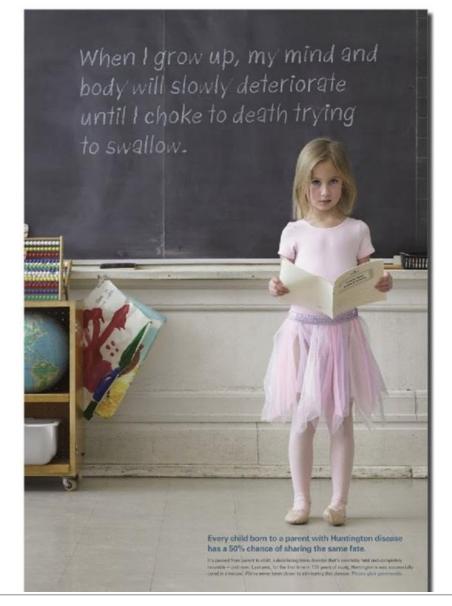




#### Huntington's is a Genetically Inherited Disease

HD is caused by mutation in a single gene. Every child born to parent with HD has 50% chance of inheriting the mutation and disease.

- Neuronal degeneration, neuroinflammation, and severe atrophy is observed in multiple brain regions
- Symptoms usually appear between the ages of 30 to 50





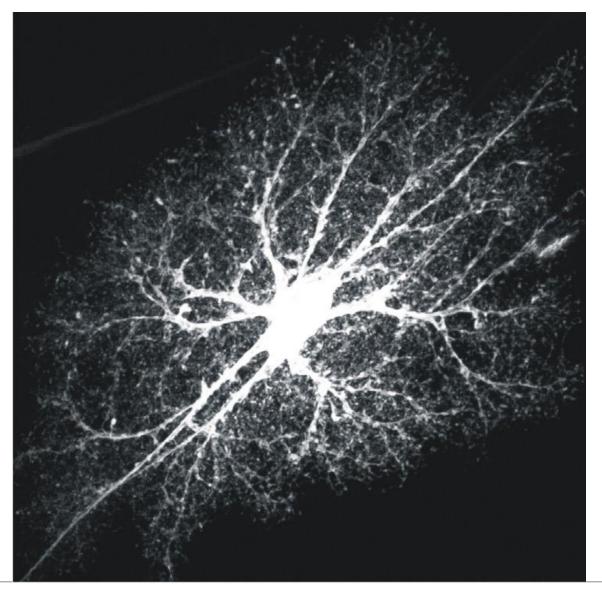
#### There are Currently no Approved Treatments to Alter the Course of Huntington's Disease

Estimated patient population ~40,000 manifest disease and >150,000 pre-manifest with inherited mutation (prodromal) in the U.S. Similar number in EU 5





#### Astrocytes Reach out to Touch and Interact with other Brain Cells



Astrocyte "arms" provide essential functional support to neurons.

- Fully cover capillaries and facilitate glucose uptake from circulation
- Cradle synapses and recycle glutamate
- Positioned to couple energy
   metabolism with neuronal activity



#### Astrocytes Undergo Inflammatory Transformation that Aggravates Brain Damage in Neurodegenerative Diseases

- CNS damage triggers a dramatic change in astrocyte morphology and function
  - this is beneficial in the context of acute focal injury such as stroke
  - but becomes maladaptive in broad chronic injury such as that caused by mHTT aggregates in HD or Aβ amyloid/Tau fibrils in AD



#### How do astrocytes recognize and respond to damage?

- SEMA4D is upregulated on neurons during underlying Huntington's disease progression
- Astrocytes, in close proximity to neurons, express high levels of receptors for SEMA4D
- SEMA4D triggers change in astrocyte morphology and altered gene expression which results in loss of normal astrocyte functions and gain of inflammatory activity

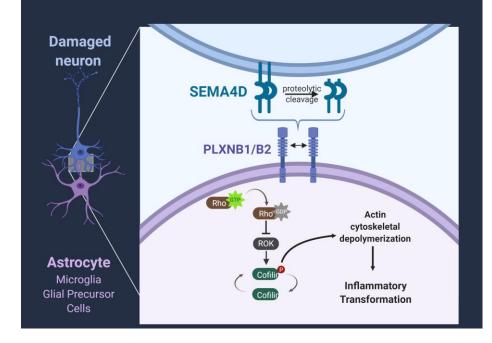


#### Semaphorin 4D (SEMA4D) Mechanism of Action

SEMA4D signals through PLXNB1 and PLXNB2 receptors to trigger dissociation of polymerized F-actin and collapse of cell's cytoskeleton

The cell cytoskeleton regulates process extensions which enable direct cell to cell interactions

Because of their complex morphology with numerous cytoplasmic projections, astrocytes are dependent on intact cytoskeleton for normal functions

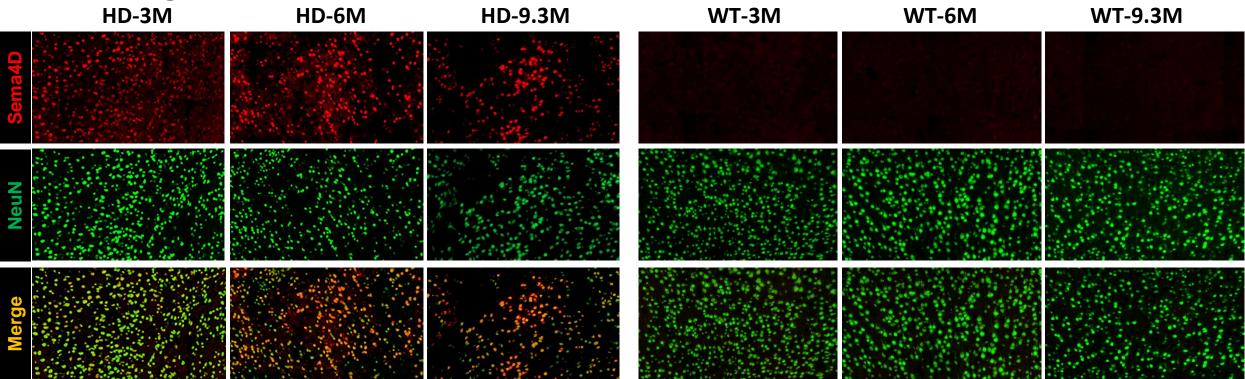


Pepinemab (VX15 antibody) binds to SEMA4D and blocks its signaling activity. This preserves normal astrocyte morphology and function and averts inflammatory transformation



#### SEMA4D is progressively upregulated in NeuN+ neurons of HD mice

Q175 transgenic mouse model of HD

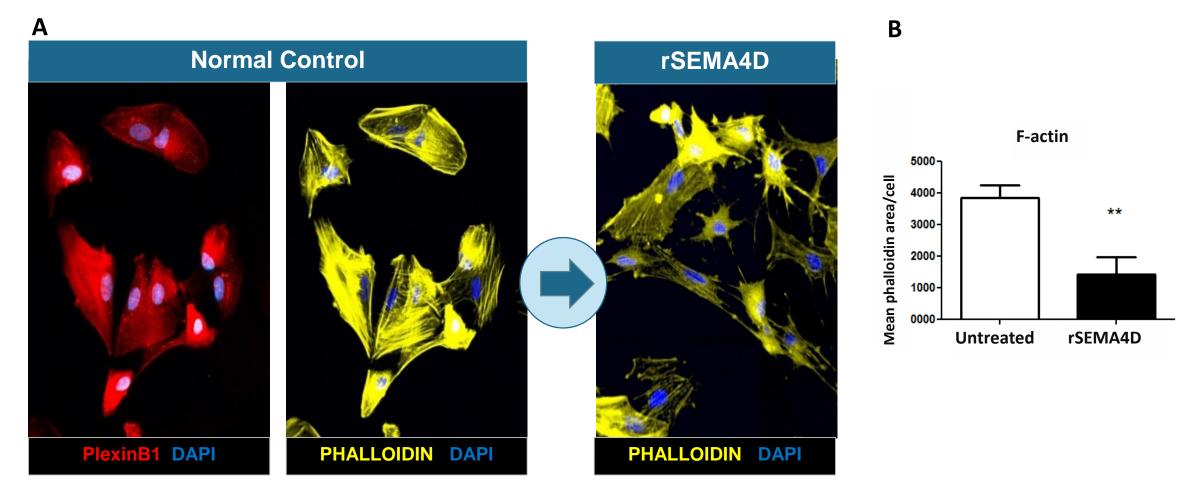


- SEMA4D expression is upregulated in HD mice as disease progresses, compared to low expression in WT control.
  - SEMA4D is upregulated early in disease, prior to onset of symptoms, which occurs ~ 5 months of age in Q175 HD transgenic mice.
- SEMA4D co-localizes with NeuN+ neurons.

NeuN/Sema staining of retrosplenial cortex region of Q175 knock-in mouse model of HD and age-matched wild type (WT) littermate controls. Representative images are shown from analysis of 3 mice/time-point. M = months of age.



#### SEMA4D triggers collapse of actin cytoskeleton

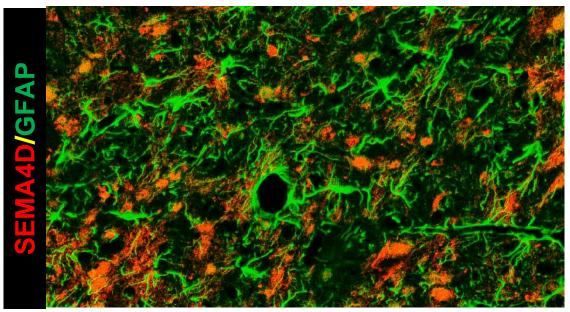




#### SEMA4D+ neurons are in close proximity to astrocytes

Q175 transgenic mouse model of HD

#### HD-9.3M

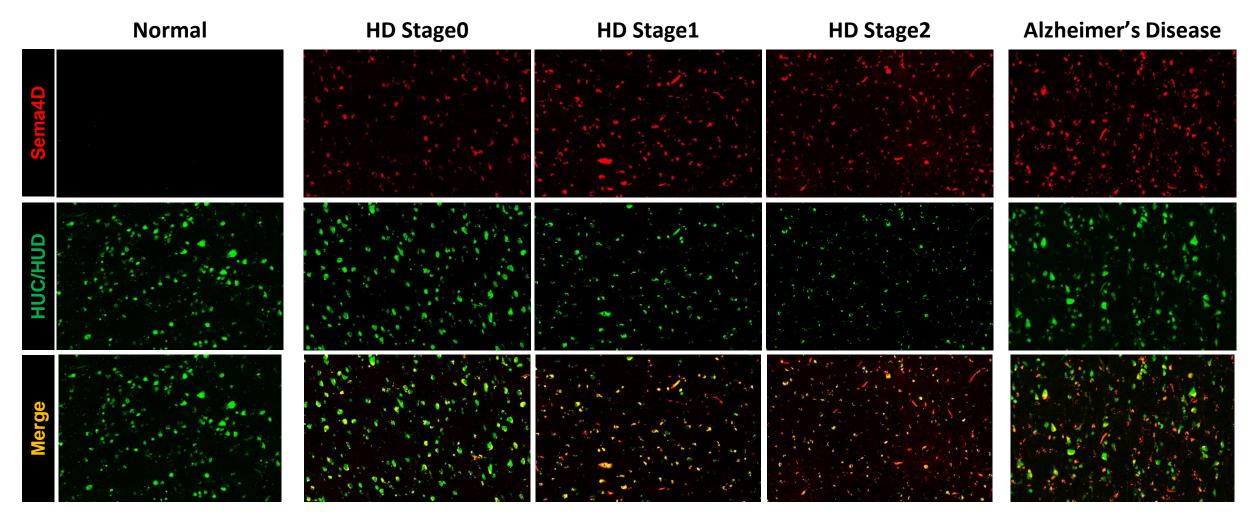


GFAP/SEMA4D staining of caudoputamen region of Q175 knock-in HD mice. Representative image (20X) is shown.



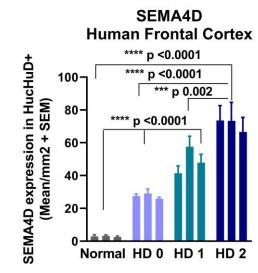
## SEMA4D is upregulated in neurons during Human HD and AD disease progression

Frontal Lobe

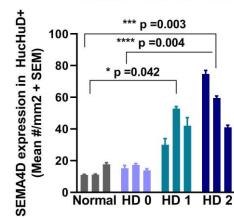




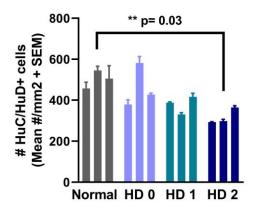
#### SEMA4D Expression is Increased and Neuronal Survival is Reduced During HD Progression



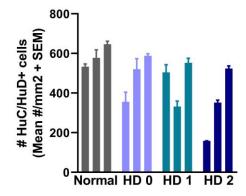
SEMA4D Human Parietal Lobe



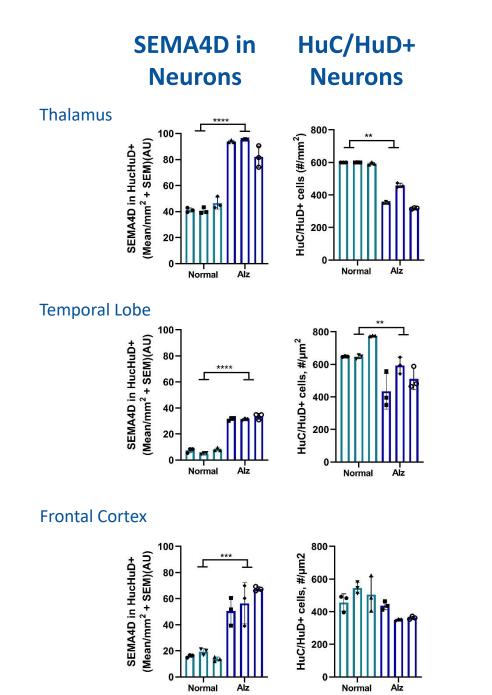
Huc/HuD<sup>+</sup> Neurons Human Frontal Cortex



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#### SEMA4D Expression is Increased and Neuronal Survival is Reduced During Alzheimer's Progression



## Treatment Rationale: SEMA4D Blocking Antibody will prevent inflammatory transformation of astrocytes that aggravate brain damage in HD

- Blocking SEMA4D signaling prevents collapse of the cell cytoskeleton
- This should preserve normal astrocyte functions and prevent transition to inflammatory activity

 BIOMARKER: Glucose transport in brain is one of several important normal astrocyte functions that are known to be compromised in HD and AD and can be measured with FDG-PET



#### Huntington's Disease Phase 2 Clinical Trial Design



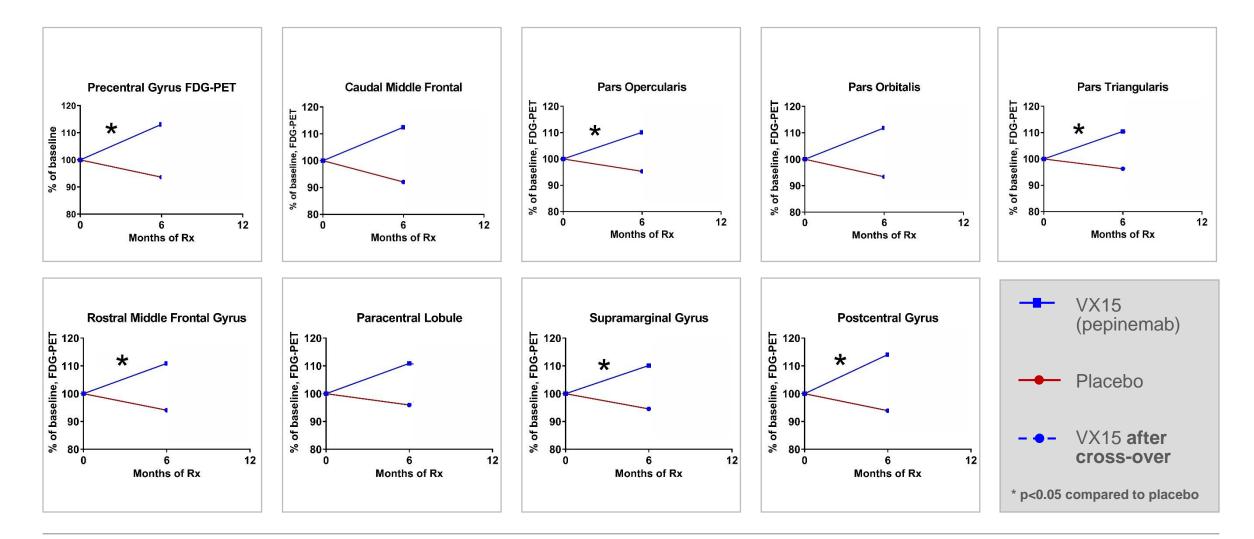
Provided important preliminary data to determine required sample size and treatment duration for a potentially pivotal Cohort B study



Disclaimer: VX15 (pepinemab) is under clinical investigation for the treatment of Huntington's disease and has not been demonstrated to be safe and effective for this indication. There is no guarantee that VX15 (pepinemab) will be approved for the treatment of Huntington's disease by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or by any other health authority worldwide.

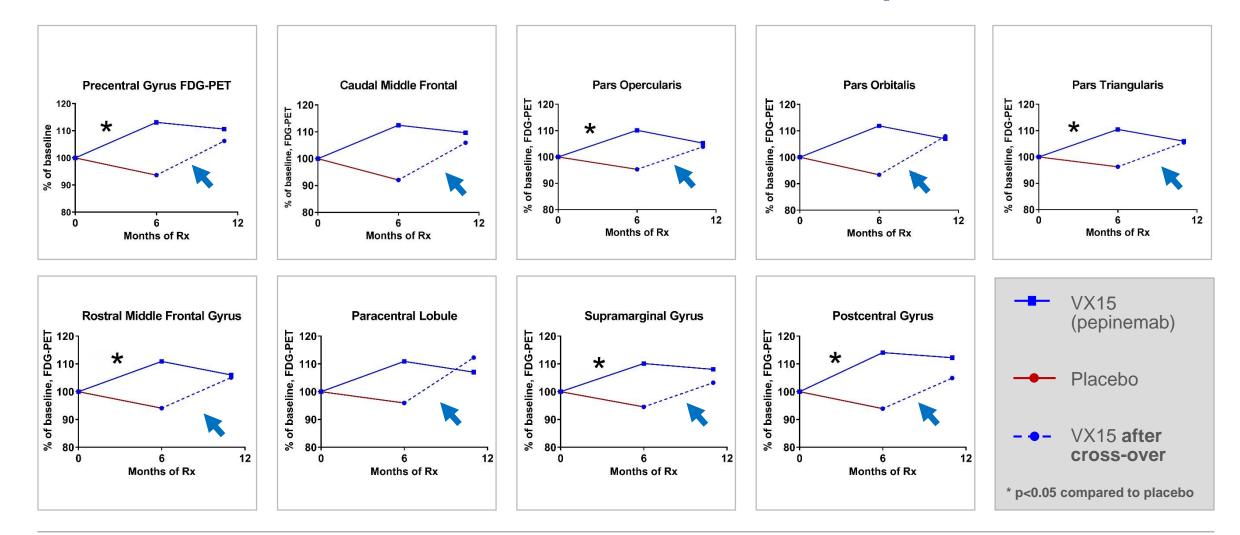


#### FDG-PET, a Measure of Brain Metabolic Activity, Declines During Natural Course of Disease but is Increased in Response to Treatment



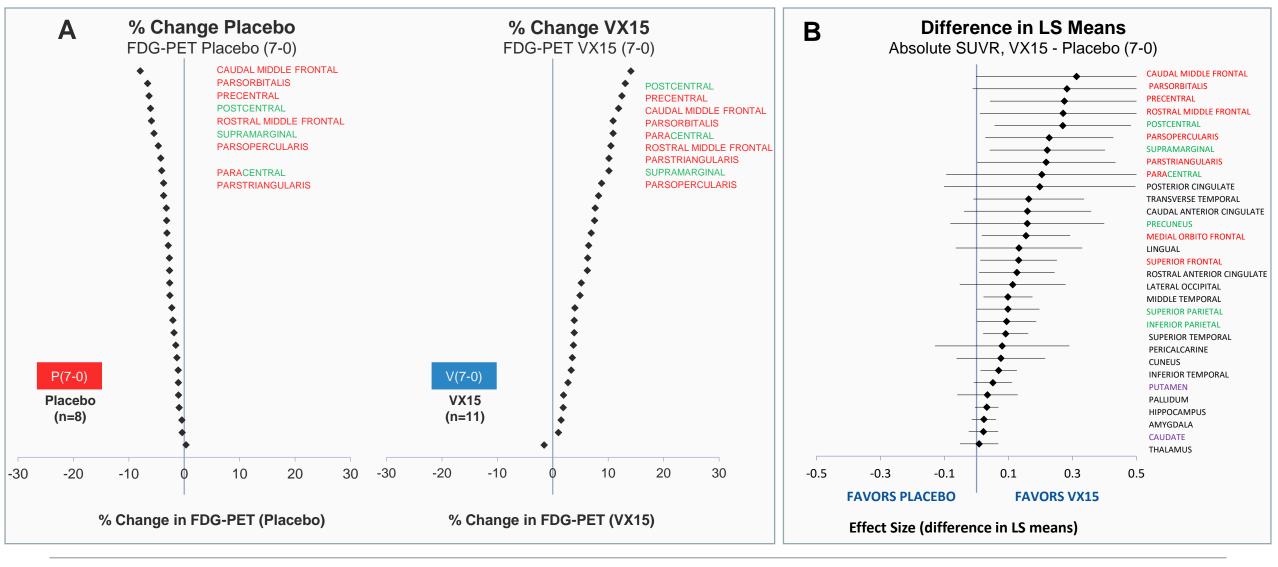


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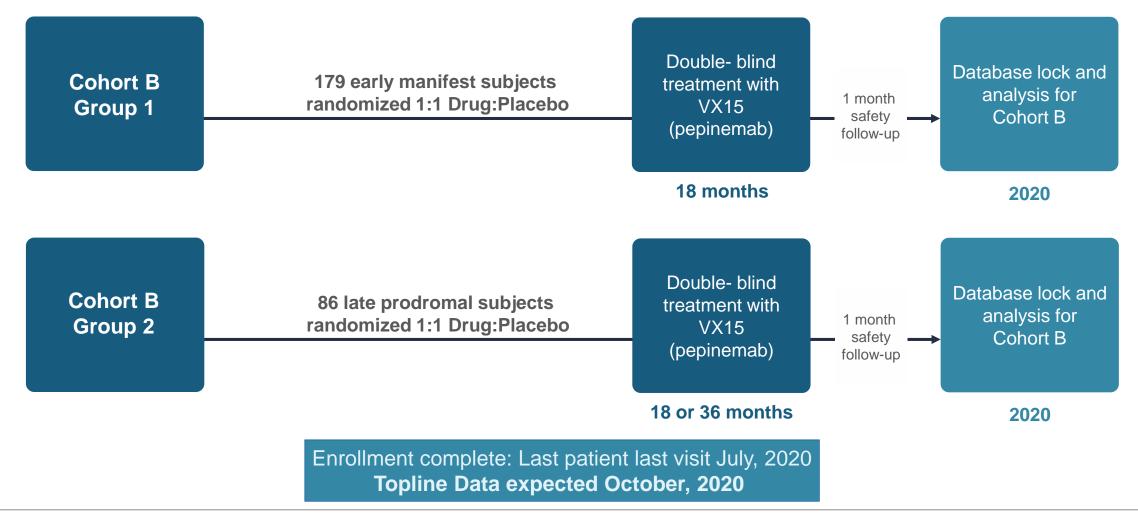




frontal lobe (red) parietal lobe (green)

## Huntington's Disease Pivotal Clinical Trial Design: Cohort B

Orphan Drug and Fast Track Designation by the FDA Division of Neurology Products





# Many current intervention strategies in diseases of the brain focus on a unique disease-associated biomarker. Most have failed. What if we target a *common* pathology – the cause of disease?

• For example, in Alzheimer's Disease, Aβ and Tau targeted therapies have been disappointing

#### Antibodies to $A\beta$ amyloid

- Bapineuzumab -> mild A $\beta$  reduction
- Crenezumab -> halted Aβ accumulation
- Gantenerumab -> Aβ plaque clearance
- Most have not had significant disease modifying effects
- Aducanumab -> Aβ plaque clearance. High doses may be beneficial, but controversial.

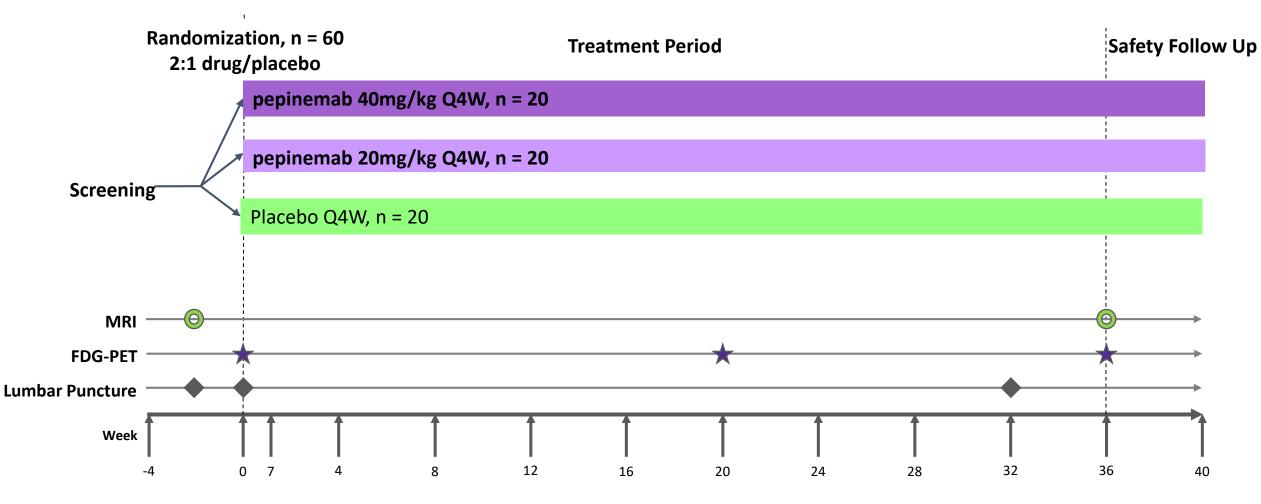
#### **Vaccinex's Novel Target**

- Neurons under stress during the course of underlying disease progression upregulate semaphorin 4D (SEMA4D)
- Astrocytes express high affinity plexin-B1 receptors for SEMA4D which triggers inflammatory transformation
- Vaccinex's pepinemab anti-SEMA4D antibody blocks its activity and prevents loss of normal astrocyte functions and the chronic inflammation that follows
- Increasing interest in novel approaches and new targets to address underlying pathology and common pathways affecting neurodegeneration
  - This strategy may be broadly applicable across many CNS diseases



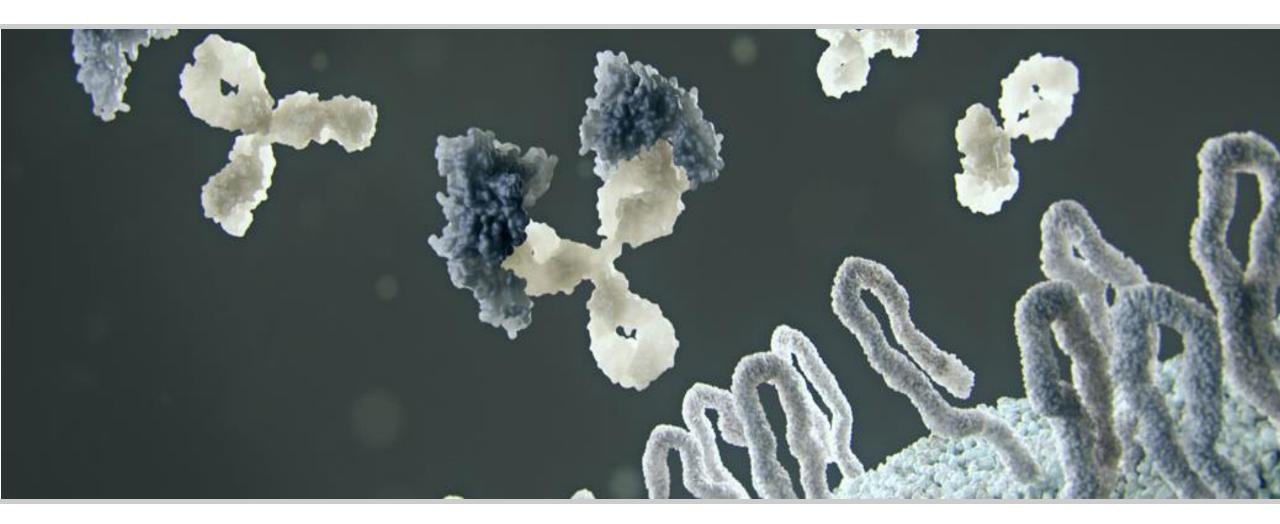
#### **Alzheimer's Disease Trial**





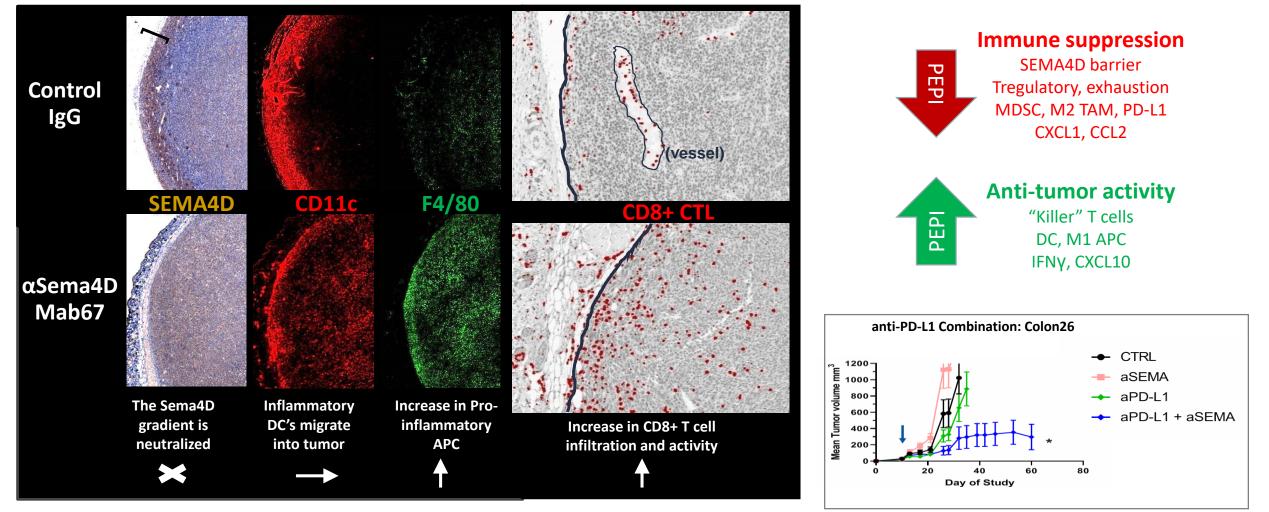
Program funding from Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)





## **Combination Immunotherapy for Cancer**

#### SEMA4D antibody neutralizes the SEMA4D barrier and "opens the gates" of the tumor to the immune system, increasing T cell infiltration while reducing immune suppression



**Preclinical Model - Colon26** 

Evans EE et al. Cancer Immunol Research 2015;3(6): 689-701 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25614511

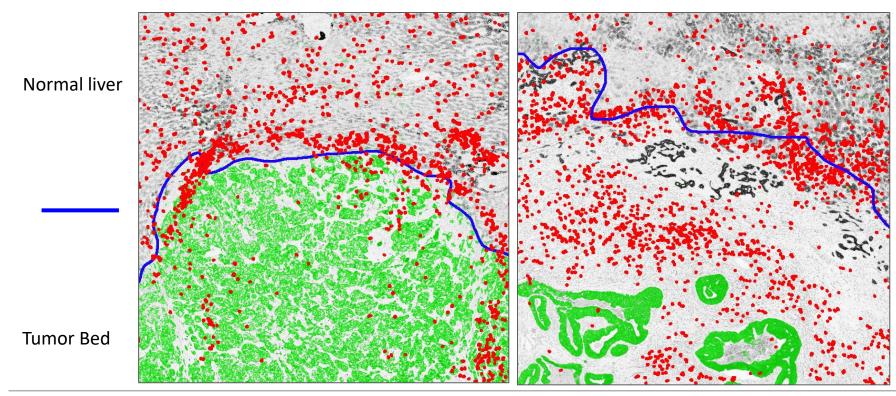
## Pepinemab rapidly promotes T cell infiltration into tumor bed

MSS Colorectal cancer metastasis to liver – neoadjuvant/"window of opportunity" study Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University

#### No treatment

T cells are trapped at margin and are largely excluded from tumor bed

Pepinemab T cells penetrate into the tumor bed. Tumor content is reduced and appears to be replaced by stroma.



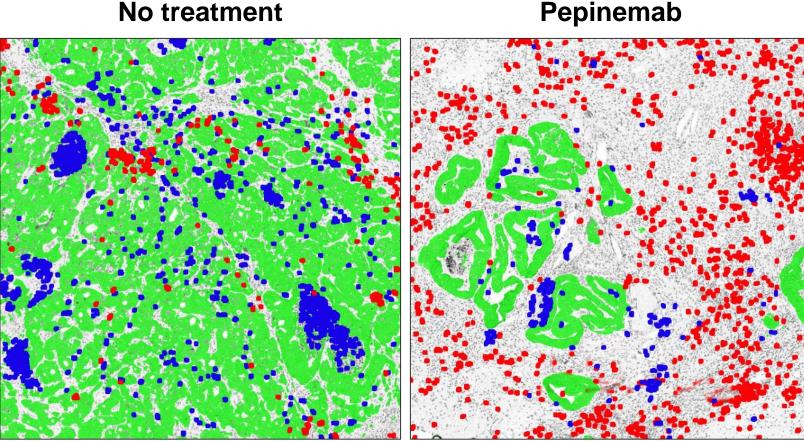
CD8+ T cells Margin of tumor bed Tumor nodules



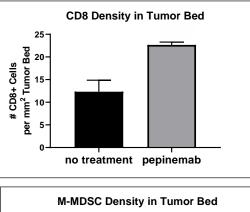
#### Reduced MDSC and high CD8+ T cells following treatment with pepinemab

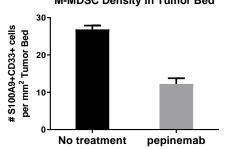
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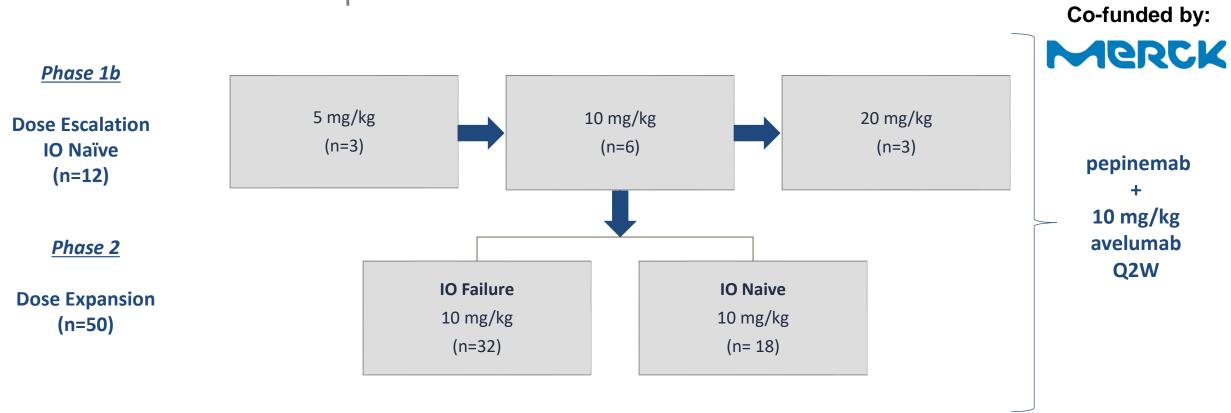
Patients received neoadjuvant chemo therapy before immunotherapy and surgery





Density was determined from entire tumor bed (n= 2 sections/patient).

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M-MDSC (S100A9+CD33+)
CD8+ T cells
Tumors (Cytokeratin+)
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#### Phase 1b/2 CLASSICAL- Lung Study Design

Combination Trial of Pepinemab with Avelumab in NSCLC

#### **Study Objectives**

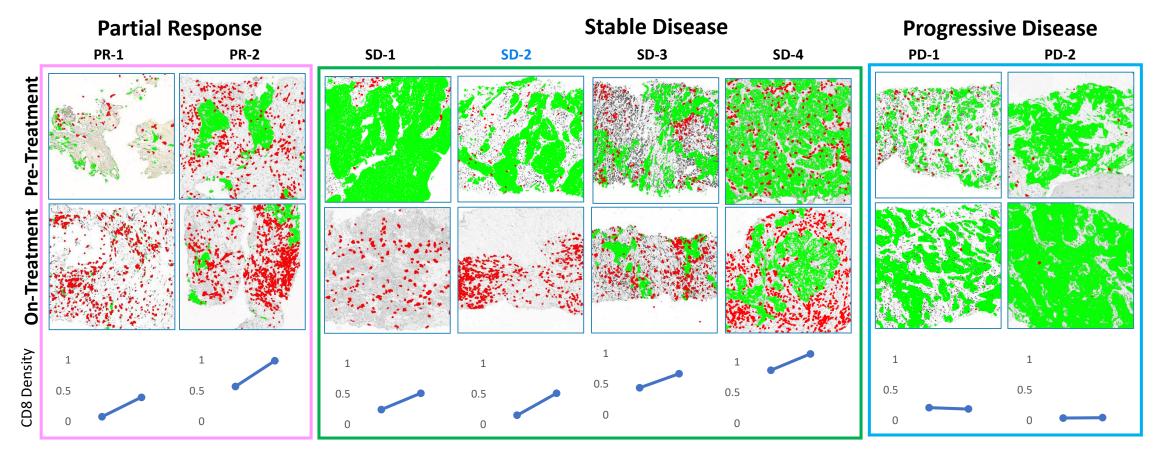
- The primary objective is safety, tolerability, and identification of the RP2D for dose expansion.
- Secondary objectives include evaluation of efficacy, immunogenicity, and PK/PD, and an exploratory objective is to identify candidate biomarkers of activity

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## Combination immunotherapy in NSCLC following immunotherapy failure

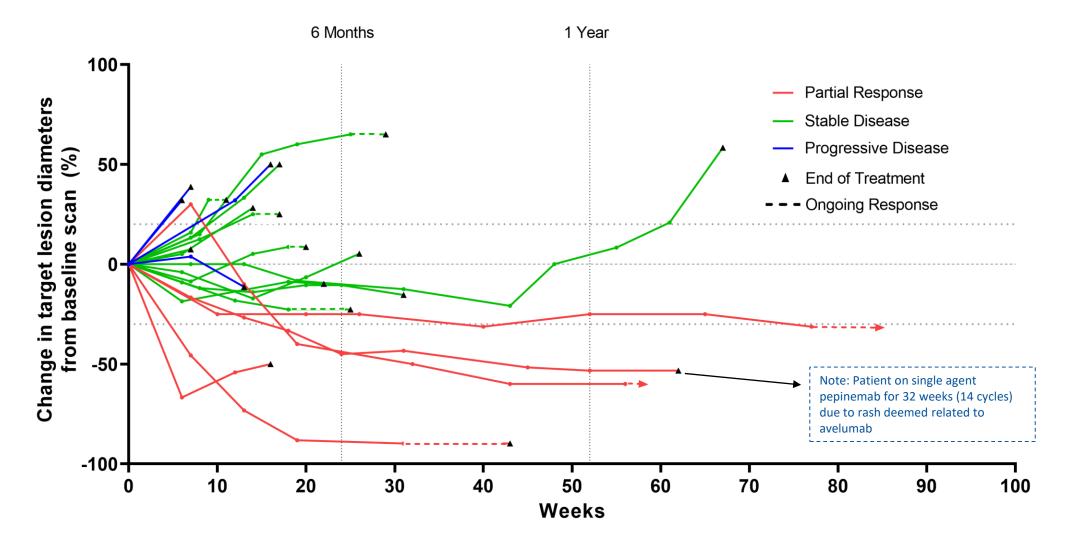
Increase in CD8+ T cell infiltration, decrease in tumor burden



Tumor (Cytokeratin+) CD8+ T cells Pembrolizumab refractory



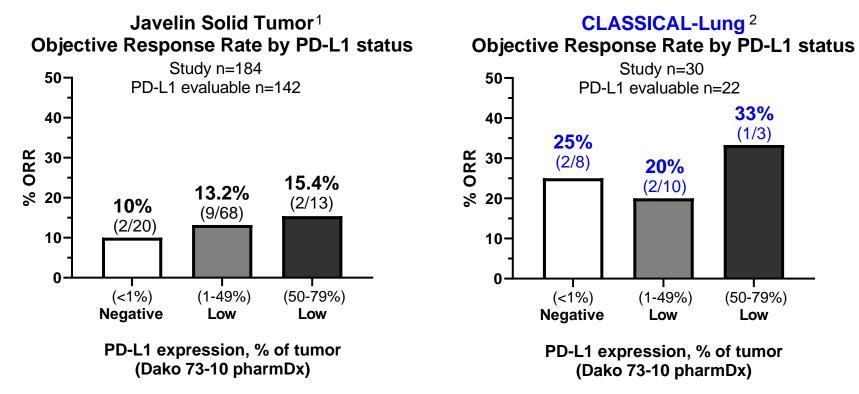
#### Percent Change in Target Lesion Diameter by Weeks (IO Naïve)



Lines are color-coded based on best overall response



#### Combination therapy achieved a higher response rate in difficult to treat PD-L1-low population, compared to historical data in IO naïve patients with avelumab



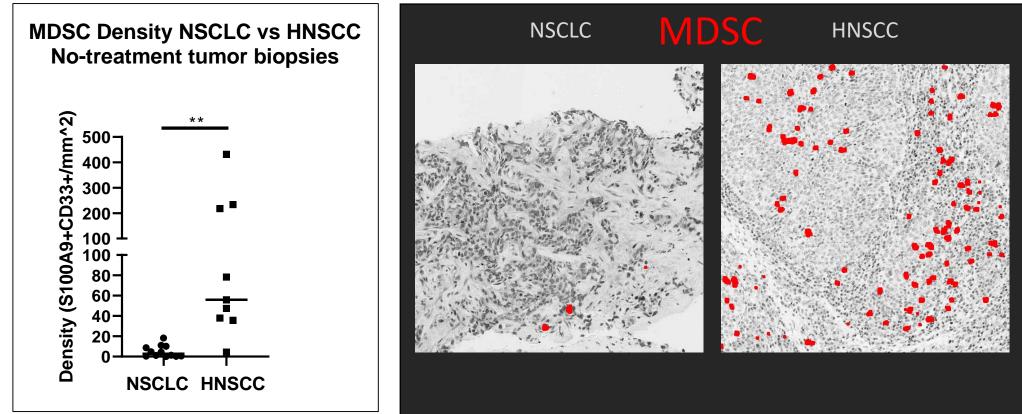
#### 1. Calculated from data published in:

Gulley JL, Rajan A, Spigel DR, et al. Avelumab for patients with previously treated metastatic or recurrent non-small-cell lung cancer (JAVELIN Solid Tumor): dose-expansion cohort of a multicentre, open-label, phase 1b trial. *Lancet Oncol* 2017; published online March 31. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470- 2045(17)30240-1.

Gulley JL, Rajan A, Spigel DR, et al. Exposure Response and PD-L1 expression analysis of second-line avelumab in patients with advanced NSCLC: data from the JAVELIN Solid tumor trial: Abstract No. 9086. Presented at 53<sup>rd</sup> ASCO Annual Meeting; Jun 2-6, 2017

2. 27% (8/30) subjects did not have PD-L1 status reported and 9.5% (2/21) subjects were non-evaluable for post dose scans (included in ORR calculation) due to withdrawal prior to first scan. Note that a score of 80% in Merck KGaA 73-10 assay employed here is equivalent to a score of 50% in The 22C3 assay employed by US Merck.

## NSCLC have low MDSC content relative to HNSCC CLASSICAL-NSCLC patients may, therefore, benefit from only 1 of 2 major pepinemab mechanisms of action



- NSCLC: pre-treatment biopsies from CLASSICAL-Lung
- HNSCC: pre-treatment and no treatment biopsies from HNSCC integrated biomarker tria (collaboration at Emory University)



#### **SEMA4D** and **HNSCC**

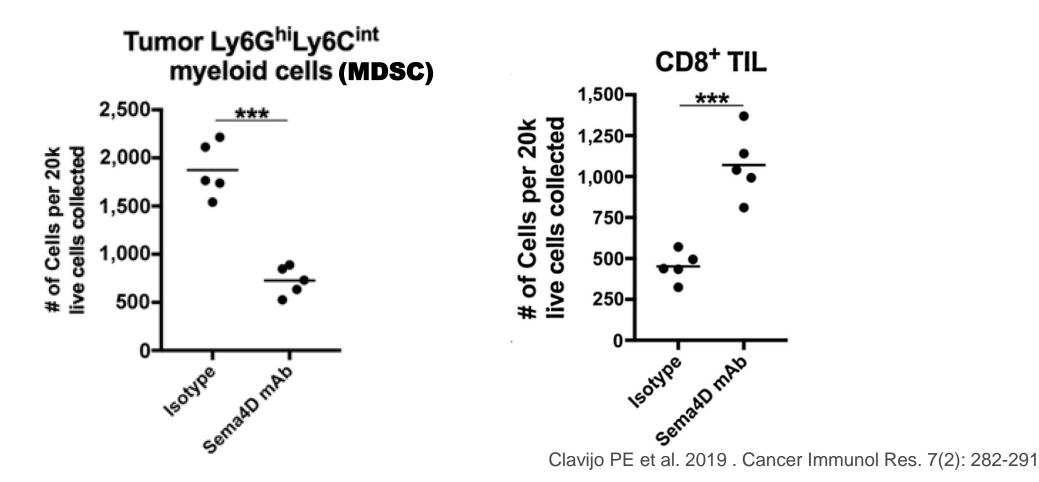
#### SEMA4D reported to play a role in invasion and MDSC survival / function in HNSCC





# Depletion of SEMA4D shifts the balance of MDSC and CD8+ tumor cells within HNSCC Tumor Microenvironment

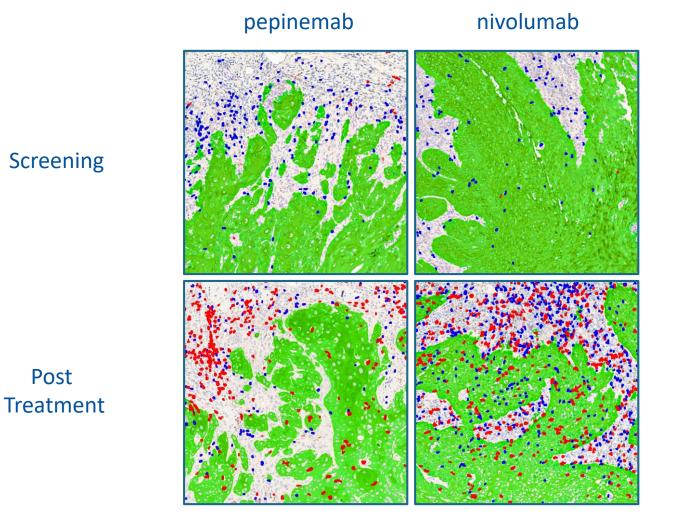
In vivo quantitation of MDSC and T cells in HNSCC animal tumor model





#### Cytotoxic and regulatory T-Cell populations pre and post pepinemab treatment HNSCC pre- and post-treatment biopsies

Neoadjuvant/"window of opportunity" study, Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University



- An increase in CD8+ and decrease in FoxP3+ T-cells is evident post pepinemab treatment.
- Nivolumab increases
   CD8+ but also induces
   striking increase in
   FoxP3+ T-cells.

Cytotoxic T cells (CD8+) Tregulatory (FoxP3+) Tumors (Cytokeratin+)

#### **Robust Patent Estate**

VX15 (pepinemab) US Patents and Patent Applications

Key Composition of	US No. 8,496,938 issued 7/30/13)
Matter Claims	Expected Exclusivity to 2030 (before patent term extension)
Key Additional Method of Use Claims for Treatment of Cancer and Neurodegenerative Diseases	US No. 9,243,9068 issued 1/26/16 US No. 9,249,227 issued 2/2/16 Filed: 2014 – 2015 Expected Exclusivity to 2035 (before patent term extension)

Total Patent Franchise	US	EU
Granted / allowed	26	11
Pending	15	13



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## **Vaccinex Corporation**

Clinical-stage immunotherapy company focused on the discovery and development of antibody therapies for neurodegenerative diseases and cancer

VCNX (NASDAQ)			
Shares outstanding	16.4M		
Market cap	2020 high \$137 million 2020 low \$60 million		
Headquarters	Rochester, NY		
Employees	49		
IPO (proceeds \$40M)	August 2018		
PIPE (proceeds \$21.3M)	July 2019/Jan 2020		
Analysts	Oppenheimer, BTIG, Ladenburg		



#### **Anticipated Vaccinex 2020 Milestones**

Event	Timing
Near Topline Clinical Data for Pepinemab in Combination with Avelumab in NSCLC	April 2020
Interim analysis of combination Window-of-Opportunity studies at Emory University (Melanoma, HNSCC, colorectal and pancreatic cancer)	ASCO 2020
Completion (LPLV) of SIGNAL Cohort B study in Huntington's Disease	July 2020
Expected Topline Clinical Data for SIGNAL Cohort B study in Huntington's Disease	October 2020
Estimated enrollment of first patient in Alzheimer's disease phase1 study	H2 2020
Site selection for first line combination immunotherapy in Head & Neck Cancer	H2 2020

