

Pepinemab – Anti-SEMA4D Antibody for Neurodegenerative Disease and Cancer Immunotherapy



Unique Targets

Novel Mechanisms

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PIPELINE

Research/Preclinical

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Pepinemab Antibody Platform (anti-Semaphorin 4D Mab)

Neurology

Pepinemab in Huntington's Disease (Orphan Drug and Fast Track Designations) **Complete**



Pepinemab in Alzheimer's Disease



Oncology

Pepinemab COMBO with avelumab in NSCLC **Complete**

CLASSICAL – Lung

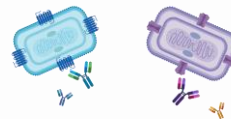
Pepinemab COMBO with pembrolizumab in first-line HNSCC

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ActivMAb® Antibody Platform

Drug Discovery, Complex Membrane Protein Receptors

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Technology



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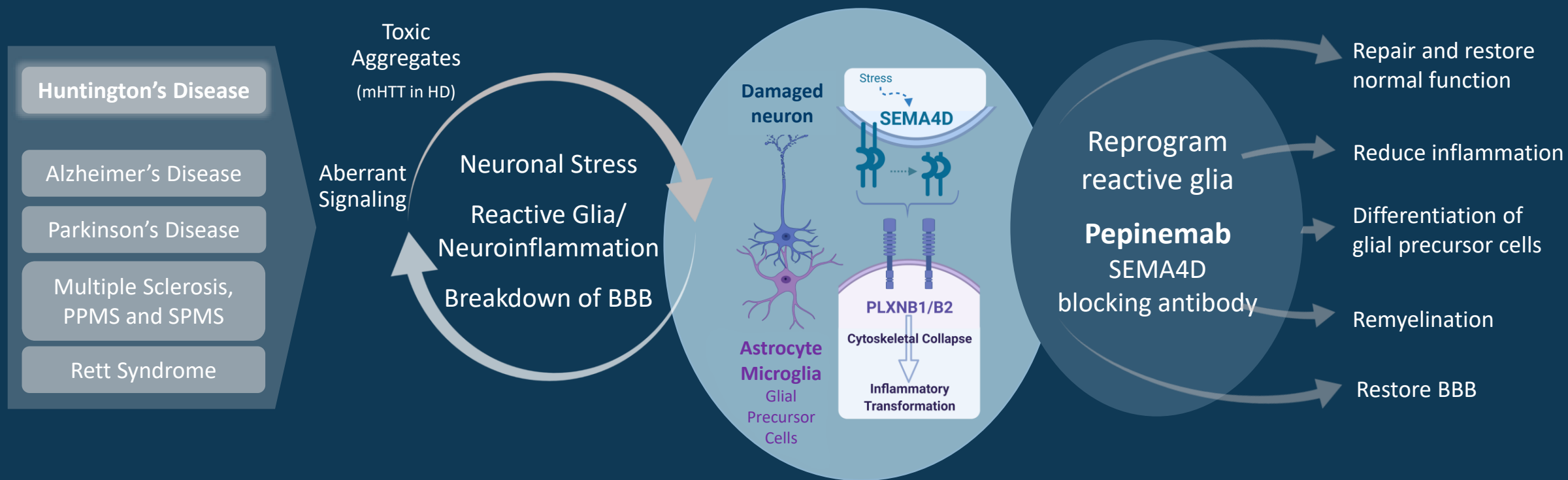
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Pepinemab Antibody for treatment of Neurodegenerative Disease

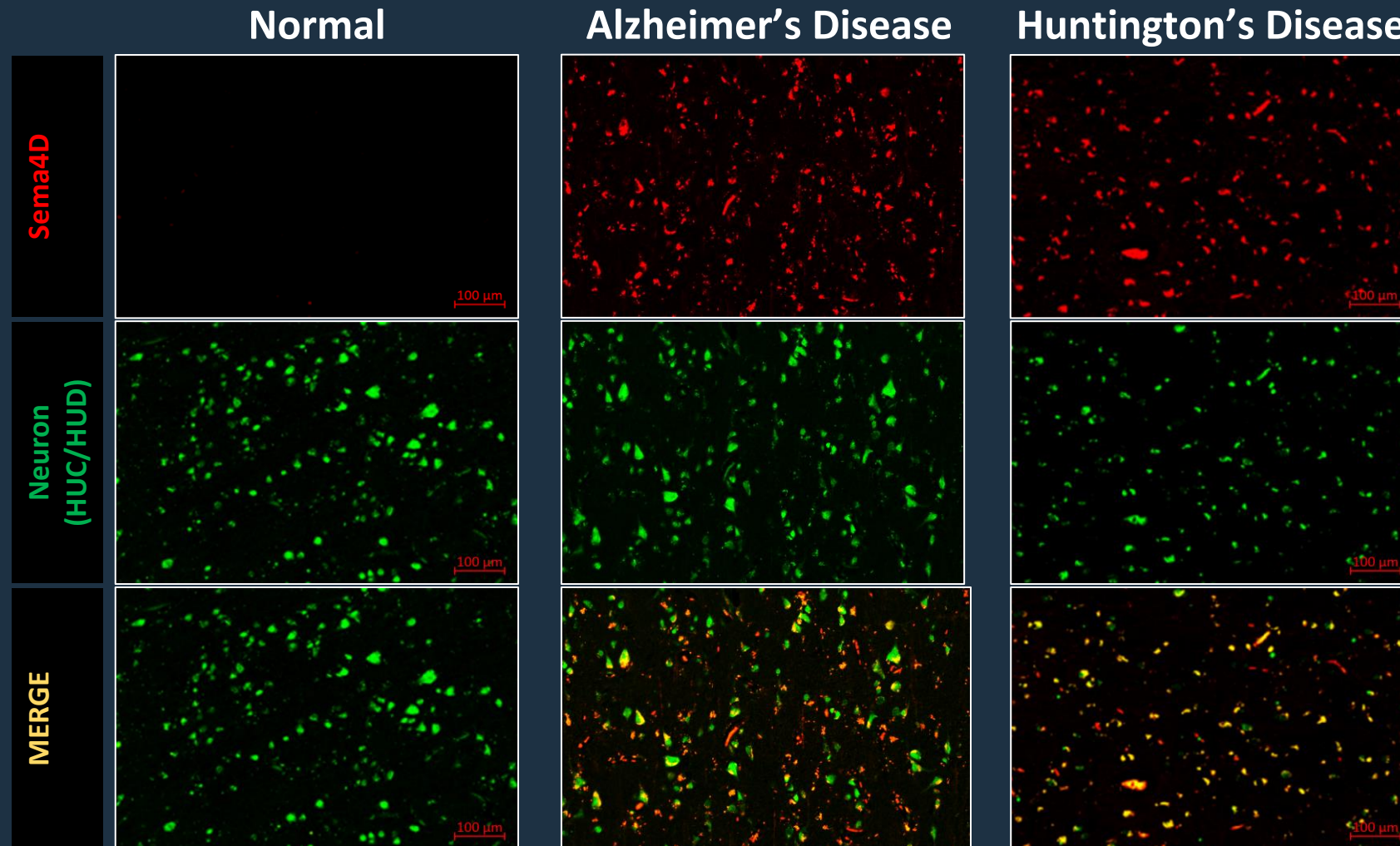
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PEPINEMAB REPROGRAMS UNDERLYING PATHOLOGY IN CNS DISEASE



SEMA4D is upregulated in neurons during underlying disease progression



Human autopsy sections
of frontal lobe

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

Genetic Disease

HD is caused by dominant mutation in a single gene.

Unmet need

No approved treatments to alter the course of Huntington's Disease.

~40,000 individuals with manifest disease in US
>150,000 more are at risk of having inherited the HD mutation

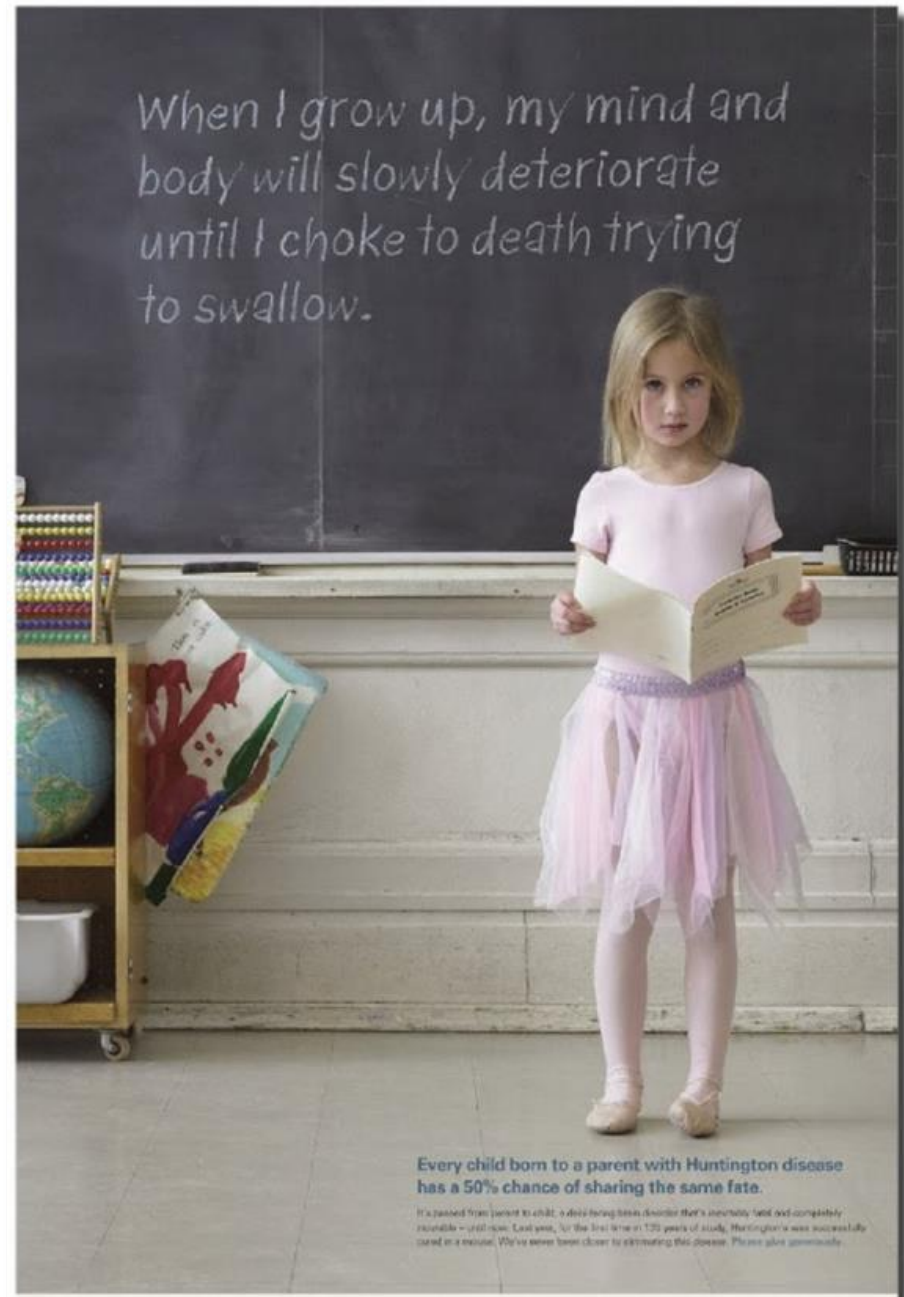
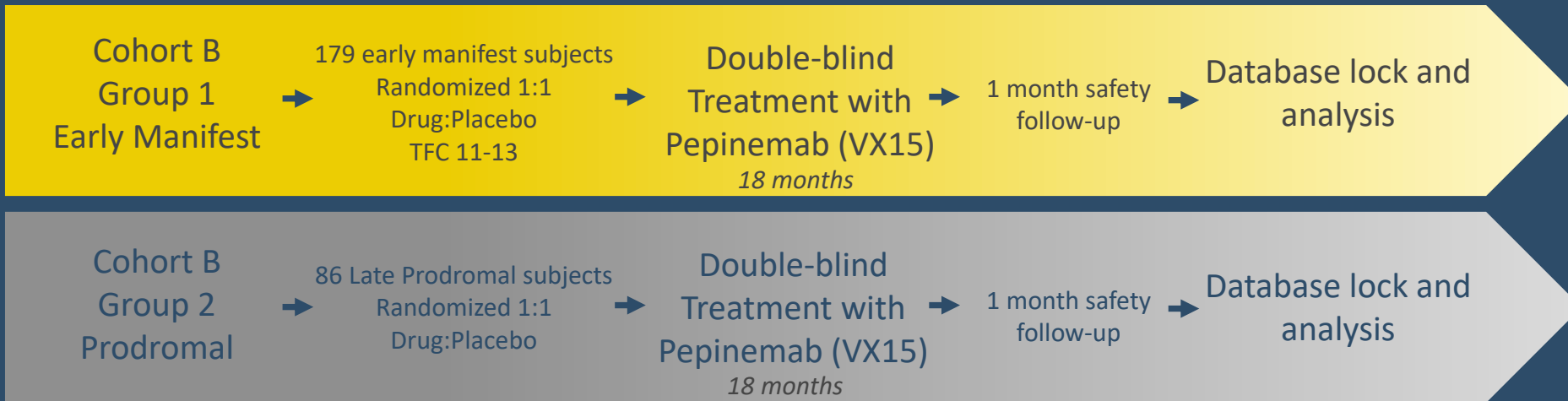


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SIGNAL: RANDOMIZED PLACEBO-CONTROLLED TRIAL IN SUBJECTS WITH EARLY HD



Key Study Objectives



Safety and tolerability



Co-primary endpoints:
HD-CAB and Clinical
global impression of
change (CGIC)



Secondary and
Exploratory including
Brain imaging
measures

Abbreviated Safety and Baseline Characteristics



mITT population

Pepinemab (PEPI)
SEMA₄D blocking
antibody is well
tolerated

Early Manifest Cohort B1	Placebo (n=88)	Pepinemab (n=91)
Discontinued Treatment Early	10	13
Had any SAE (*)	8	4
Had any Grade 3+ AE (*)	14	17
CAG repeat length	44.1	43.5
CAP score**	470	466
UHDRS-DCL at screening DCL-4, Unequivocal HD (>99% confident)	88 (100%)	91 (100%)
UHDRS-TFC at screening, n (%)		
11	33 (38%)	29 (32%)
12	18 (20%)	37 (41%)
13	37 (42%)	24 (27%)
MoCA score, mean (SE)	26.02 (2.04)	26.14 (2.30)
MoCA <26 subgroup	23.97 (0.94)	23.78 (1.07)
MoCA ≥26 subgroup	27.44 (1.21)	27.72 (1.34)

*pre-COVID era;

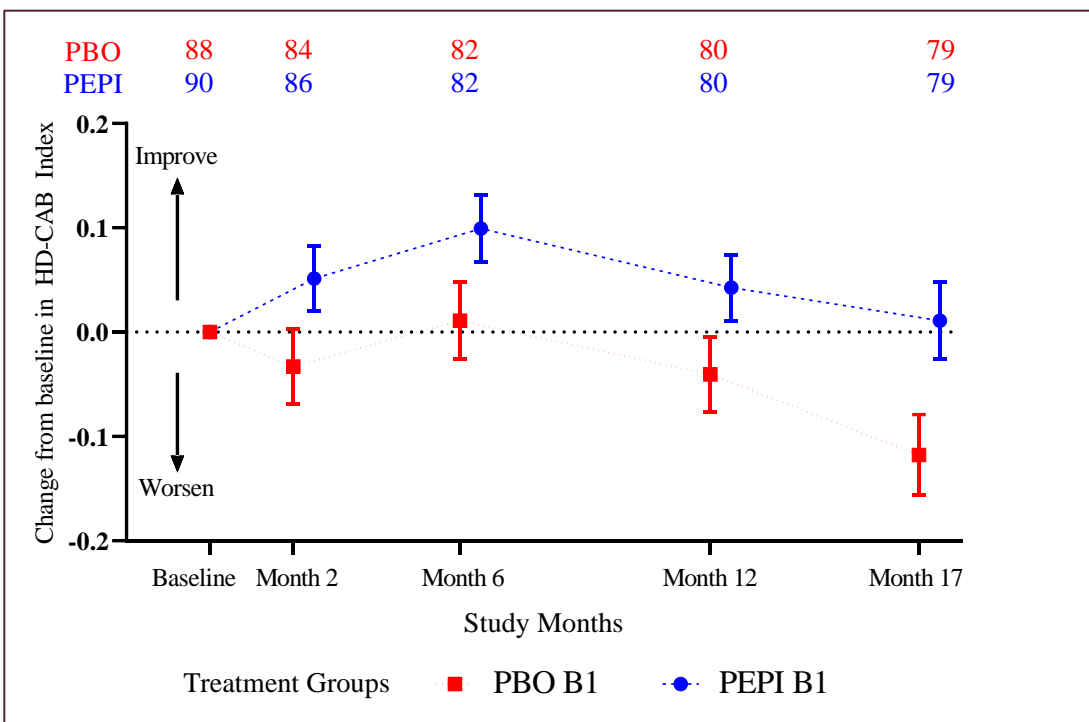
**CAP score = age × (CAG repeat length – 33.66)

COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT BATTERY (HD-CAB)

Early Manifest HD: Intent to treat population (mITT)



HD-CAB Composite Index of 6 Cognitive Assessments



HD-CAB Composite Index: Pre-specified Exploratory

LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI)	One-sided p-value	Favors PEPI	Critical value
0.13 (0.03, 0.23)	0.007	Yes	Yes [0.025]

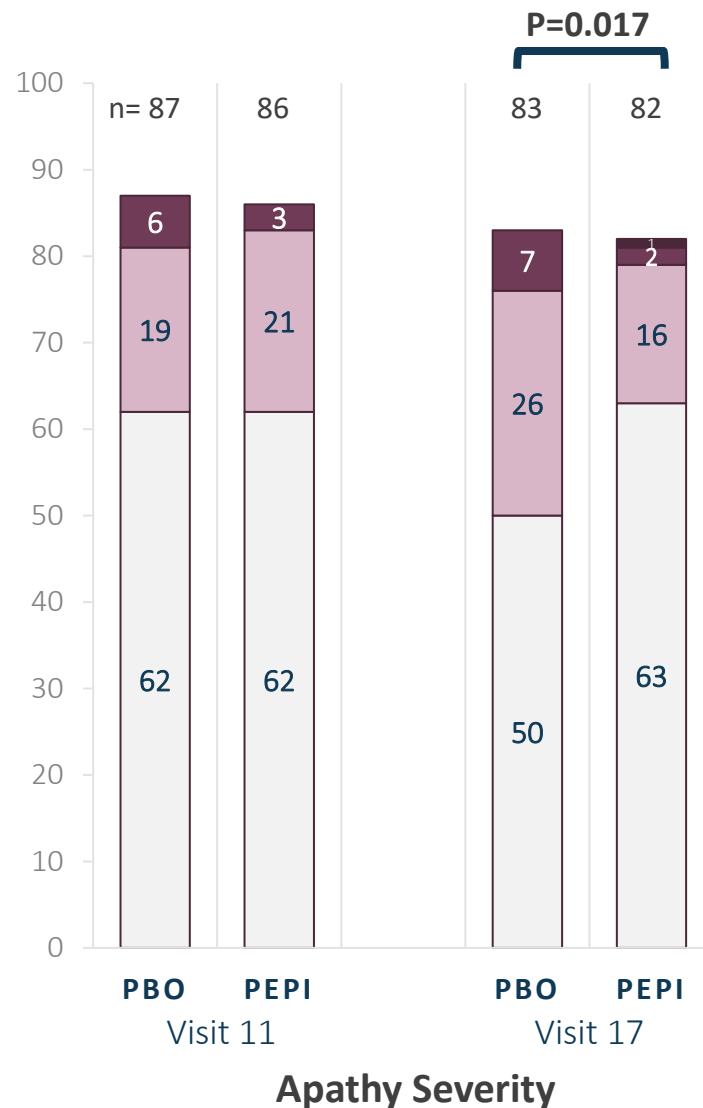
Prespecified Co-Primary: Two-item HD Cognitive Assessment

LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI)	One-sided p-value	Favors PEPI	Critical value
OTS: -1.98 (-4.00, 0.05)	0.028	Yes	Yes [0.025]
PTAP: 1.43 (-0.37, 3.23)	0.060		

PEPINEMAB-RELATED IMPROVEMENT IN PBA-s APATHY SEVERITY SCORE



Several HD studies suggest that among behavioral measures apathy severity correlates best with disease progression and correlates with cognition



Presence of problem behavior at Visit 17	PBO n/N (%)	PEPI n/N (%)	One-Sided p-value (+ Favors PEPI)
Apathy	33/83 (39.76)	19/82 (23.17)	0.017 (+)
Depression	28/83 (33.73)	16/82 (19.51)	0.030 (+)
Irritability	35/83 (42.17)	32/82 (39.02)	0.41 (+)
Anxiety	40/83 (48.19)	40/82 (48.78)	0.60 (-)

Absent
 Slight, questionable, mild
 Moderate
 Severe

CO-PRIMARY 2: CGIC

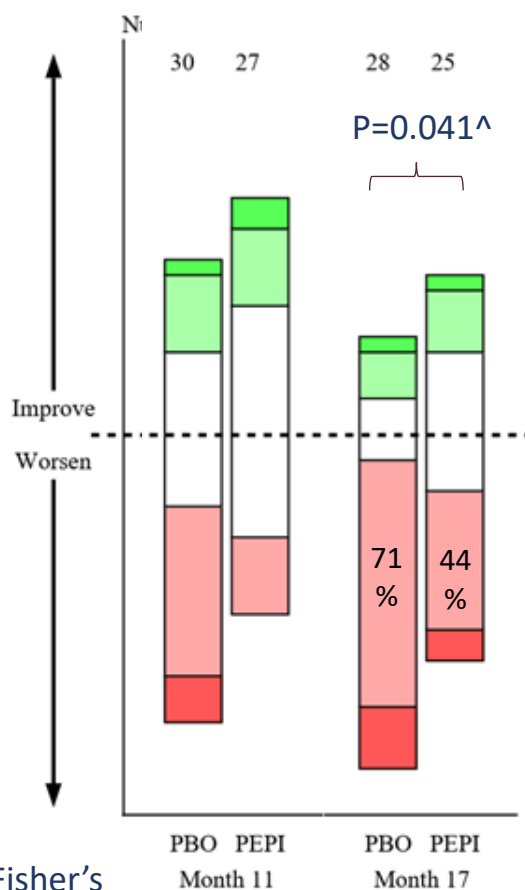
Post-hoc Subgroup Analysis, Early Manifest HD



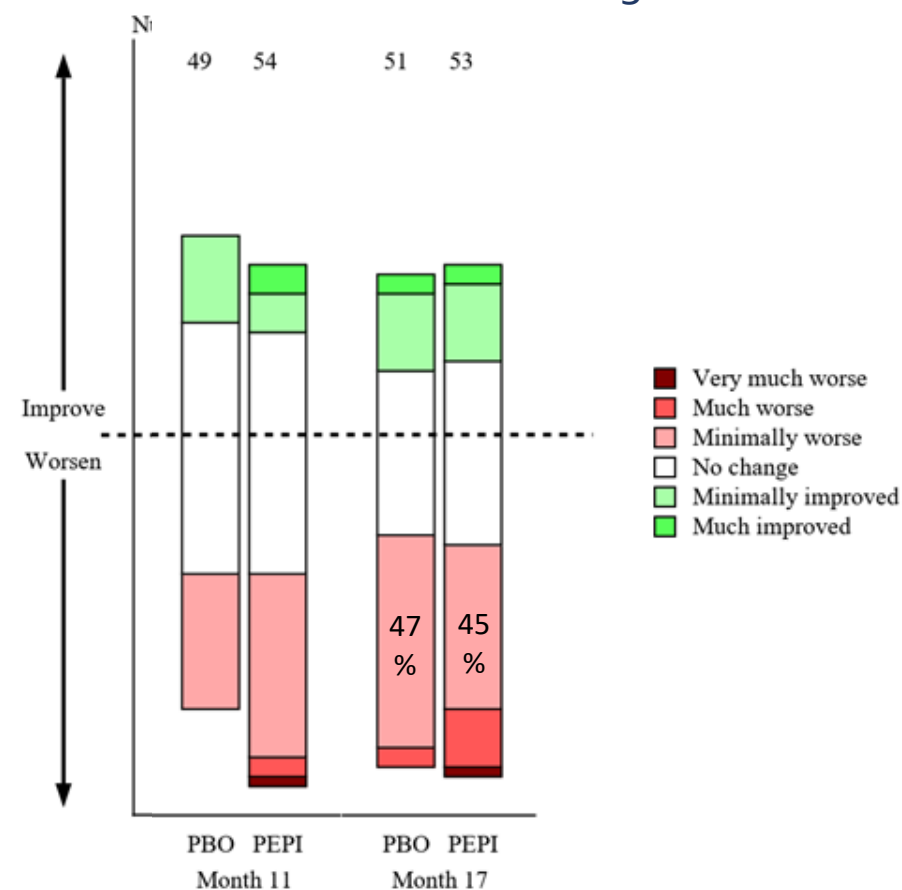
No significant treatment effect in the total early manifest HD population

A treatment effect was, however, evident in subjects with somewhat more advanced disease (TFC 11).

CGIC – Subjects with Baseline UHDRS TFC 11



CGIC – Subjects with Baseline UHDRS TFC 12 and 13



^nominal one-sided p-value, Fisher's exact test for worsening score

HD-CAB STRATIFIED BY BASELINE MoCA

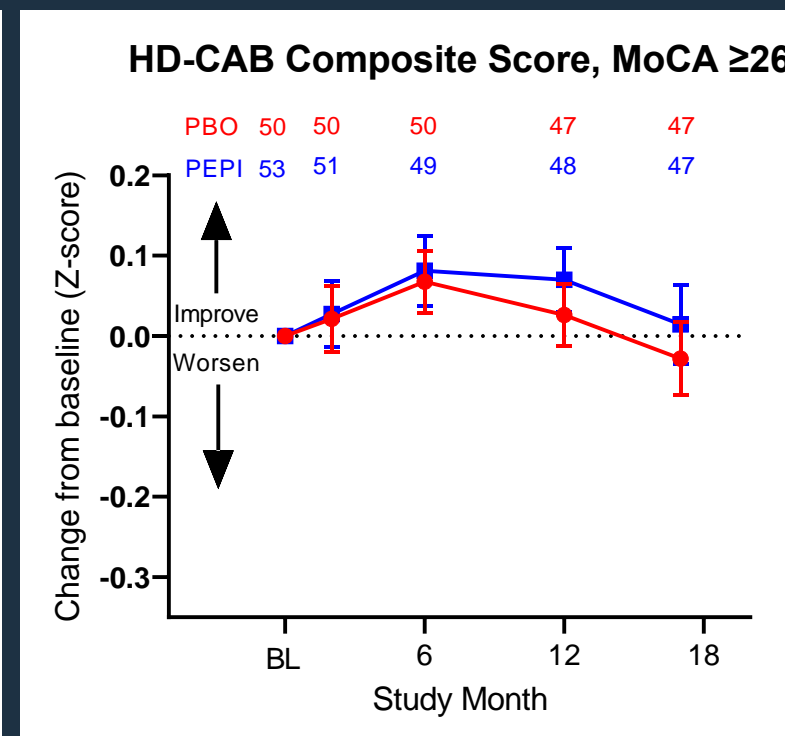
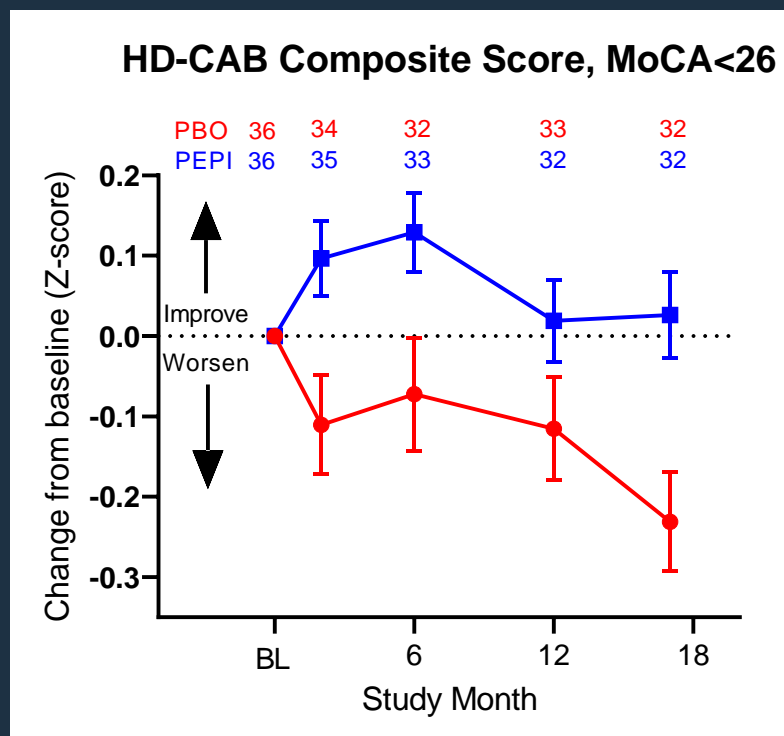
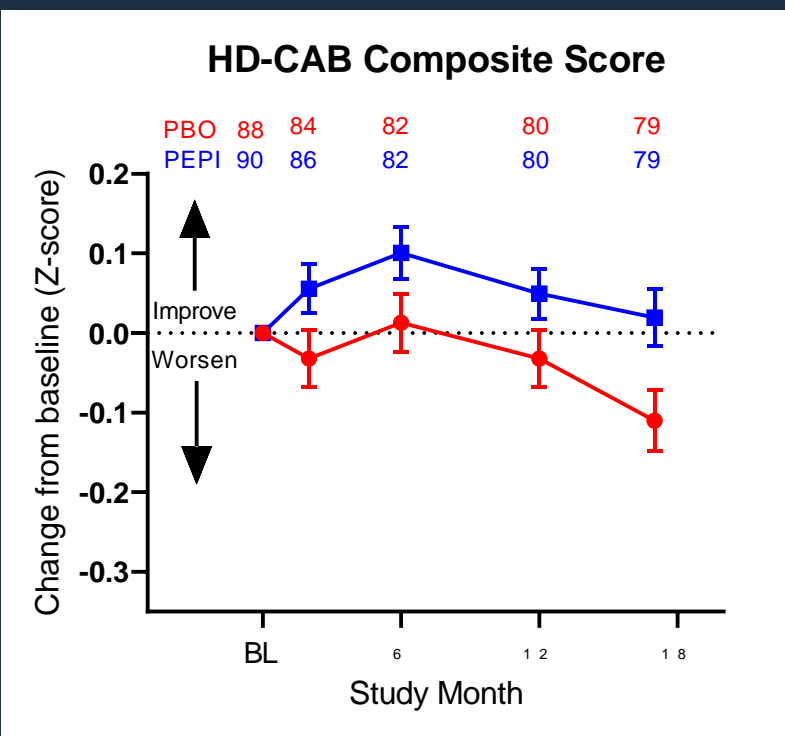
(Montreal Cognitive Assessment, Post-hoc Subgroup Analysis)



mITT

MoCA < 26

MoCA ≥ 26



LS Mean Estimate (SE), month 17
mITT: 0.13 (0.05), **p=0.007**

MoCA < 26: 0.24 (0.08), **p=0.0025**

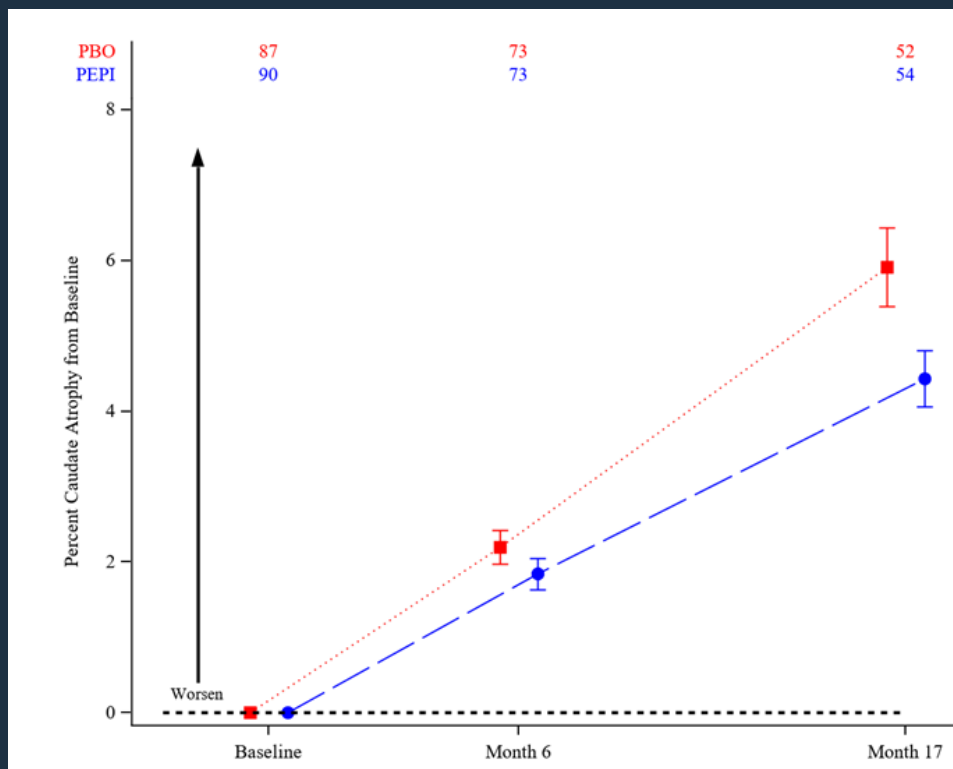
MoCA ≥ 26: 0.06 (0.06), **p=0.197**

PEPINEMAB REDUCES BRAIN ATROPHY

Volumetric MRI– Boundary Shift Integral Analysis

Early Manifest HD

CBSI (caudate atrophy)

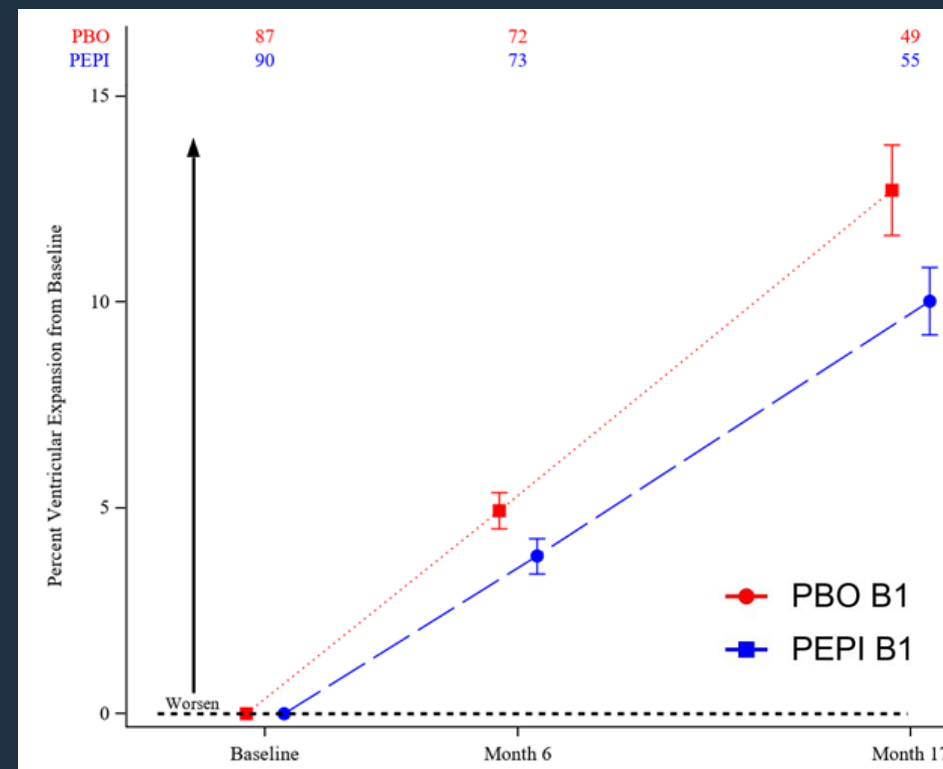


LS Mean Difference Estimate (95% CI):

CBSI: -1.54 (-2.79, -0.29);

p = 0.017

VBSI (ventricular expansion)



VBSI: -2.47 (-5.04, 0.10);

p = 0.060

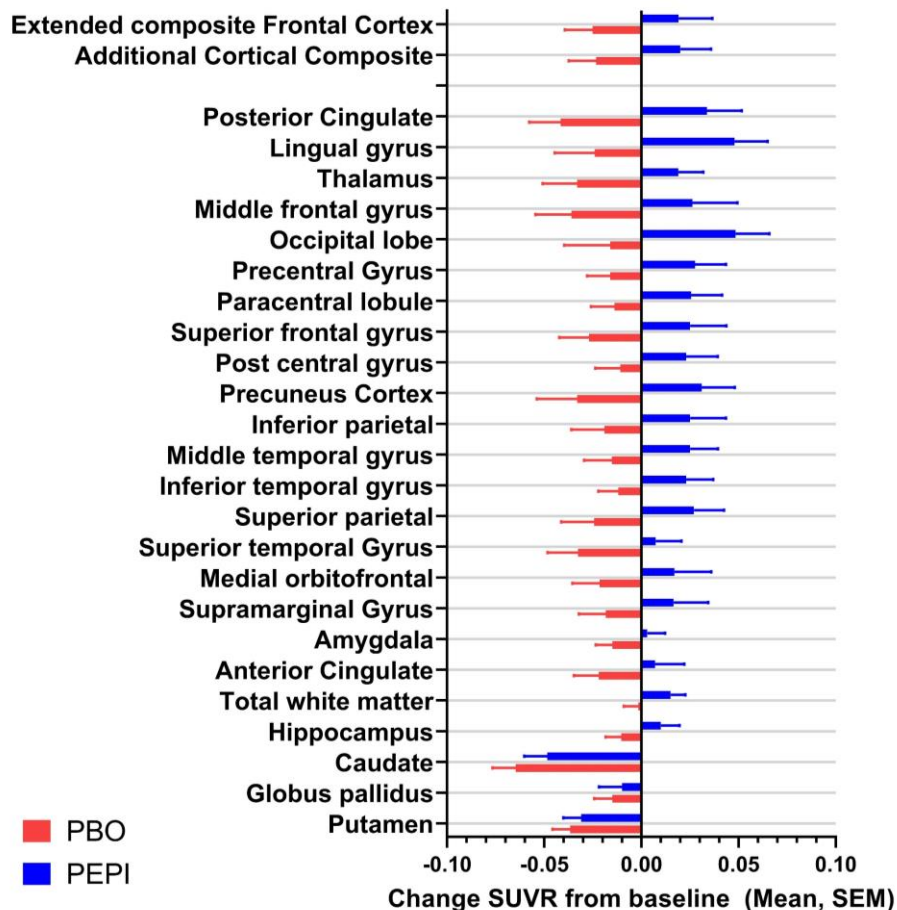
FDG-PET CORRELATES WITH COGNITIVE FUNCTION



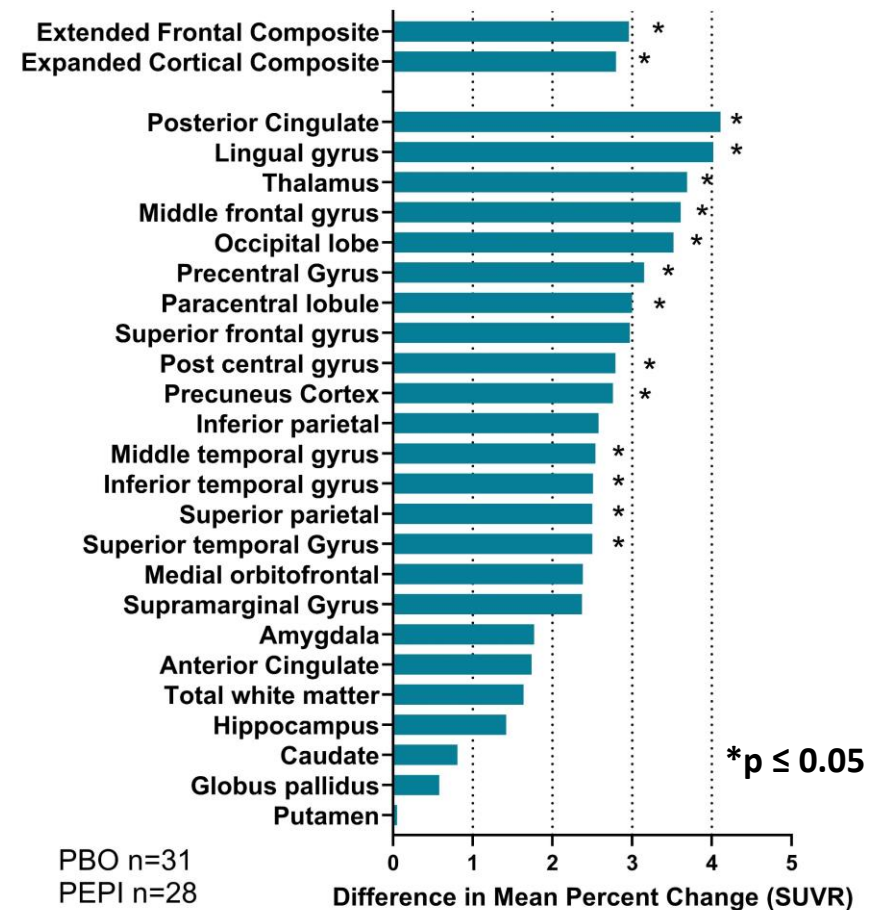
Early Manifest HD

Pepinemab treatment reverses loss of metabolic activity

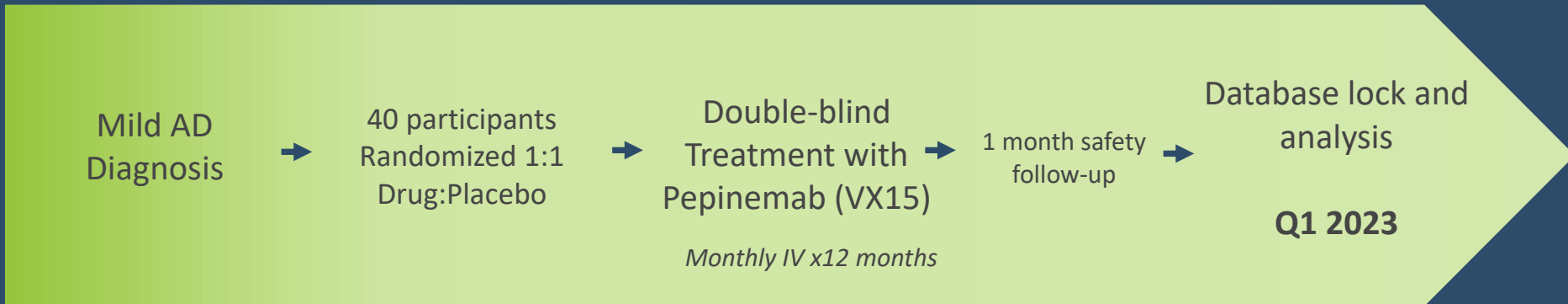
FDG-PET Change SUVR
Early Manifest at Visit 18



FDG-PET Difference in % Change SUVR (PEPI-PBO)
Early Manifest at Visit 18



CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN: Alzheimer's Disease



Key Study Objectives



Safety and tolerability

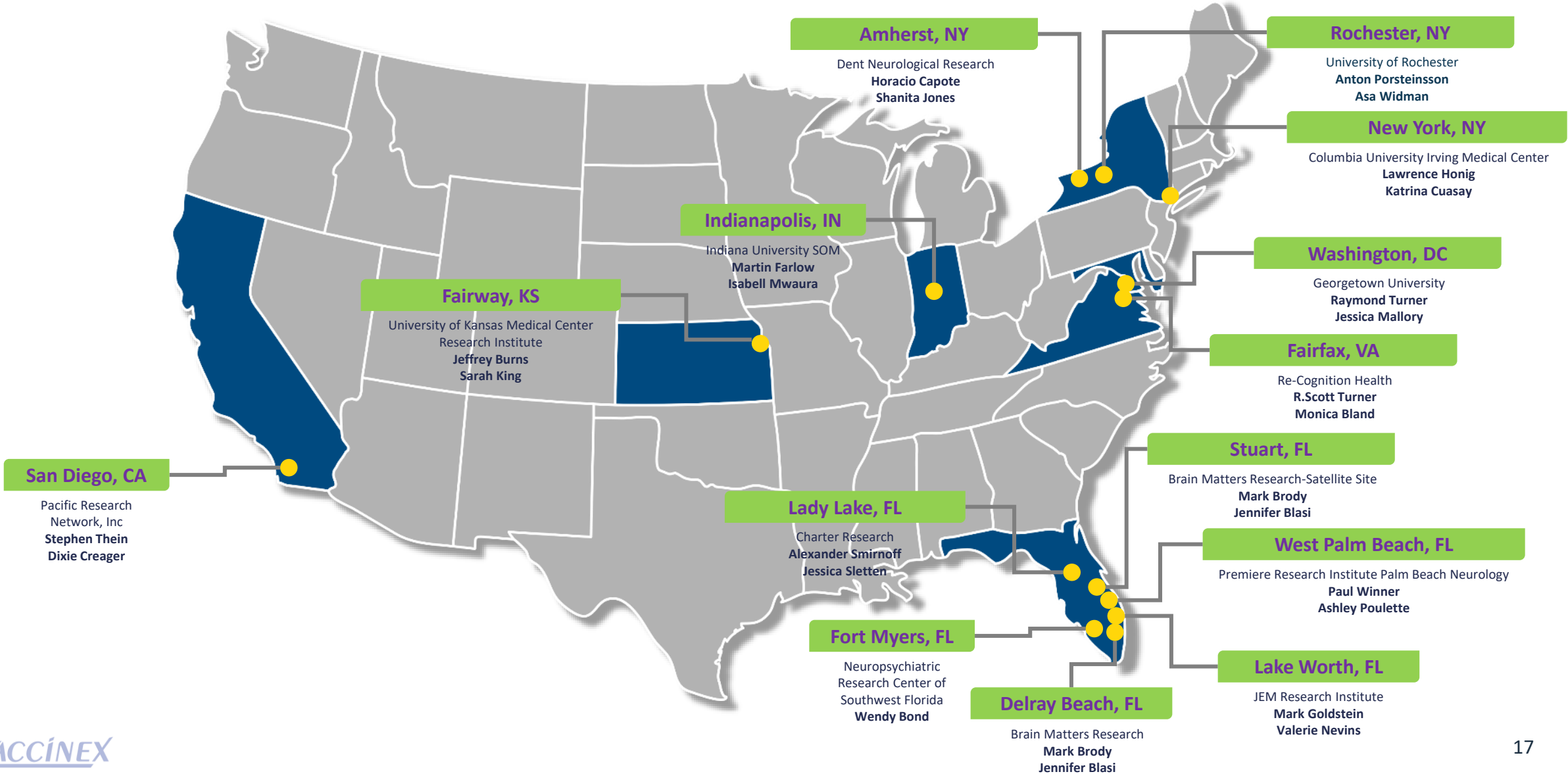


Cognitive Function
measures, CDR-SB,
ADAS-Cog13



Brain imaging
measures, FDG-PET

Signal-AD Site Map



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Pepinemab Antibody for Cancer Immunotherapy

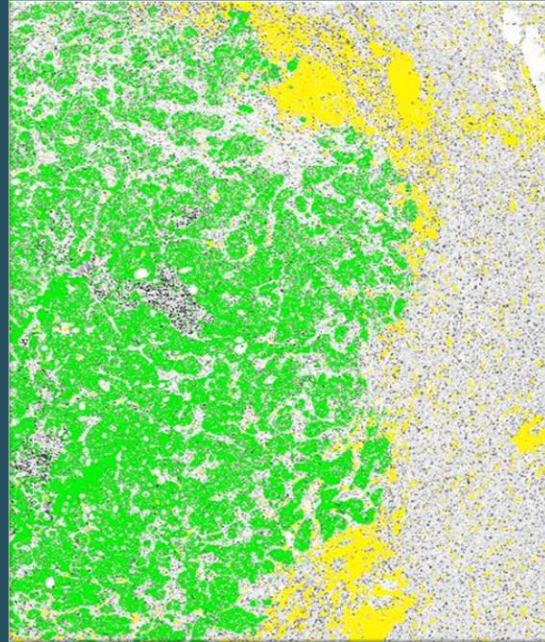
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WHY DOES IMMUNE RESPONSE FAIL IN TUMORS?

Immune Exclusion

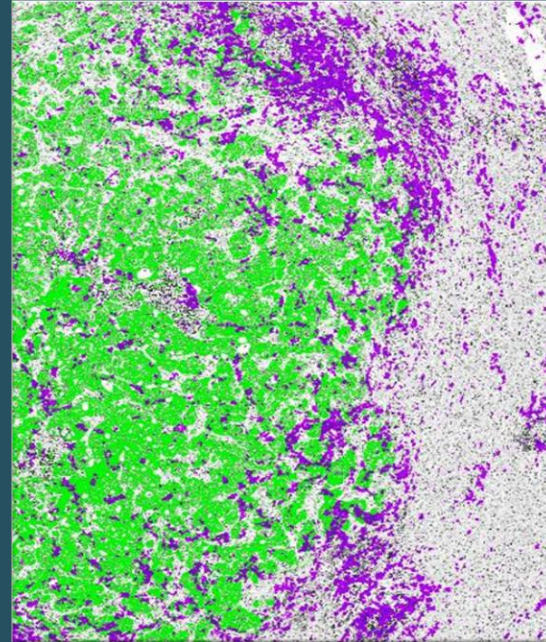
Activated T-cells and dendritic cells can't penetrate tumor

Sema4D is expressed at tumor margin



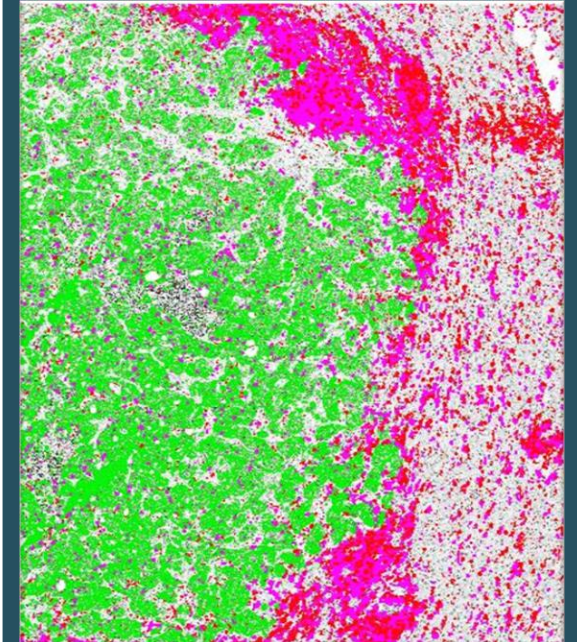
Tumor SEMA4D

Sema4D binds PLXN receptors on DCs and restricts penetration



Tumor Dendritic Cells (CD11c)

T-cells are excluded from tumor





Tumor CD8+ CD4+ T Cells

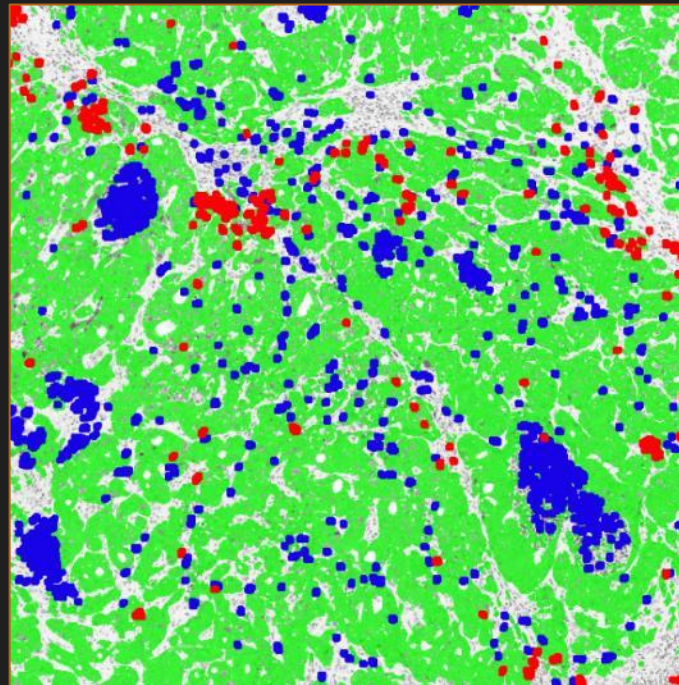
Pro-inflammatory cells are excluded from the metastatic CRC tumor and build up at the invasive edge. CD8 T cells align with Sema4D at the invasive edge of the tumor. Most of these excluded T-cells express Sema4D. Dendritic Cells express receptors for SEMA4D and are heavily excluded at the invasive edge.

Pepinemab Impact on Tumor Micro-Environment (TME)

Pepinemab:

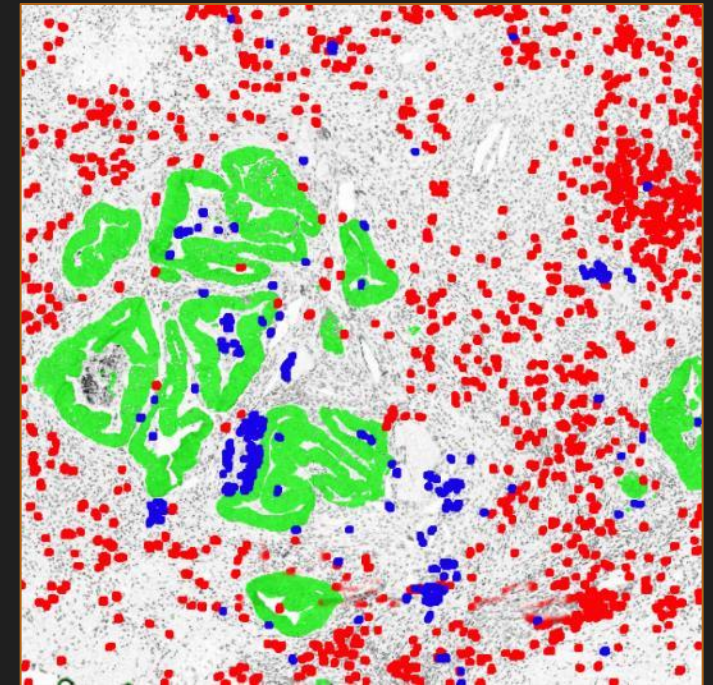
1. ↑ cytotoxic T cells 
2. ↓ inhibitory suppressor cells 

No treatment
Low CD8+ T cells
High Tumor content and MDSC



Myeloid Derived Suppressor Cells (MDSC)

Pepinemab
High CD8+ T cells
Low tumor content and MDSC

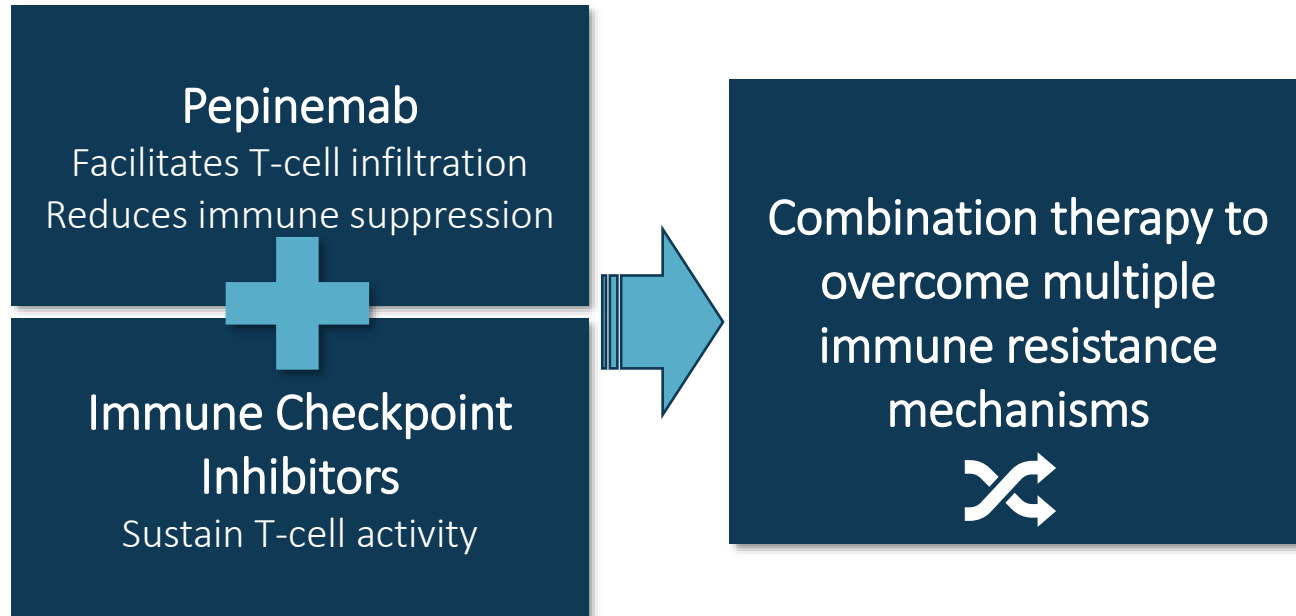


Tumor CD8+ T cells

Biopsies from patients with metastatic MSS Colorectal Cancer

In collaboration with Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University – integrated biomarker study (NCT03373188), Wu et al. Ann Surg Oncol. 2021

Unique Mechanism complements other immunotherapies



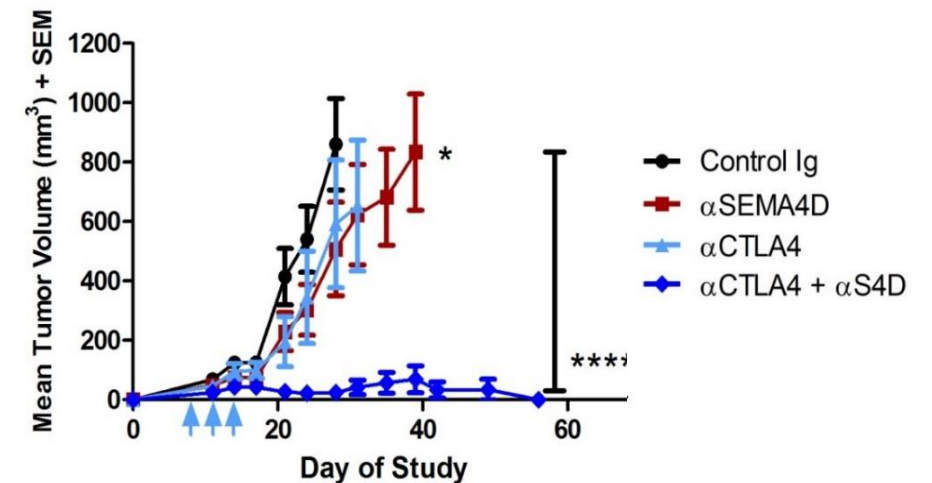
Research Article

Cancer Immunology Research

Antibody Blockade of Semaphorin 4D Promotes Immune Infiltration into Tumor and Enhances Response to Other Immunomodulatory Therapies

Elizabeth E. Evans, Alan S. Jonason Jr, Holm Bussler, Sebold Torno, Janaki Veeraraghavan, Christine Reilly, Michael A. Doherty, Jennifer Seils, Laurie A. Winter, Crystal Mallow, Renee Kirk, Alan Howell, Susan Giralico, Maria Scrivens, Katya Klimatcheva, Terrence L. Fisher, William J. Bowers, Mark Paris, Ernest S. Smith, and Maurice Zauderer

Combination therapy: Preclinical Data



Pepinemab complements other immune-activating therapies:

anti-PD1/L1, anti-CTLA-4, anti-LAG3, anti-TGF-β, DC vaccine, etc

A Phase 1b/2 Study of Pepinemab in Combination with Avelumab in Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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1. **Well tolerated.** Pepinemab does not increase immune-related toxicities of partner drug, but does increase penetration of cytotoxic T cells.
2. **Unmet Need: PD-L1 low/negative tumors**
 - Reported single agent anti-PDx: ORR ~10-15%
 - Combination with pepinemab: ORR 25-33%
3. **Unmet Need: Antitumor activity in immune checkpoint resistant/refractory tumors**

Clinical POC

Phase 1b/2 CLASSICAL-Lung

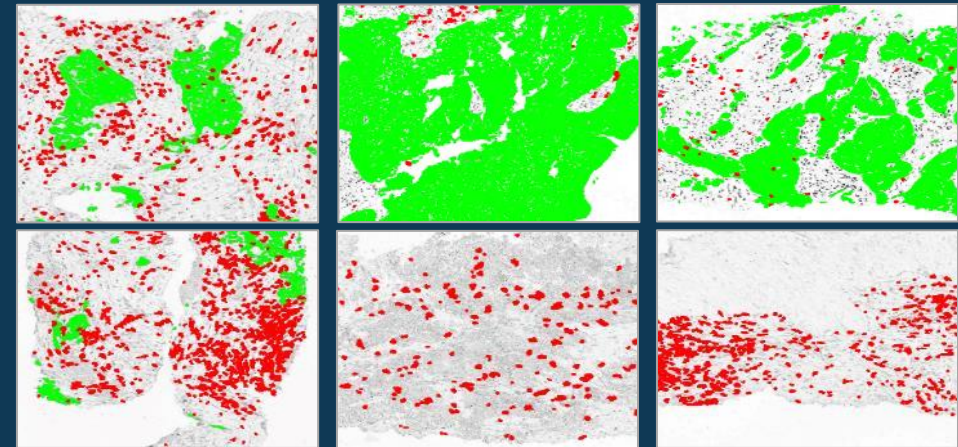
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On-Treatment Pre-Treatment



Tumor CD8+ T cells

Lessons Learned

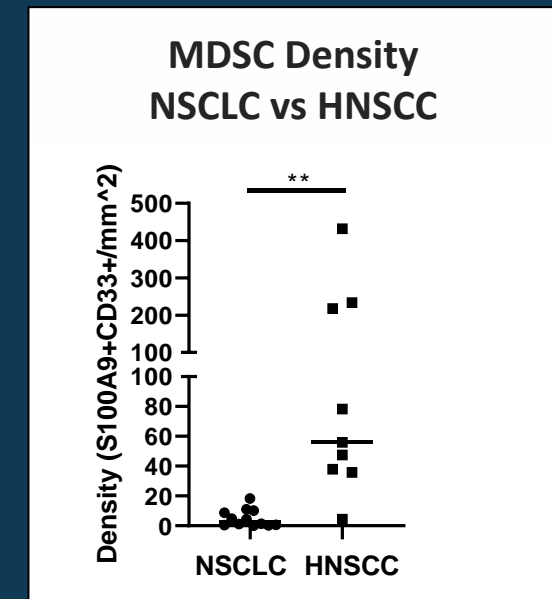
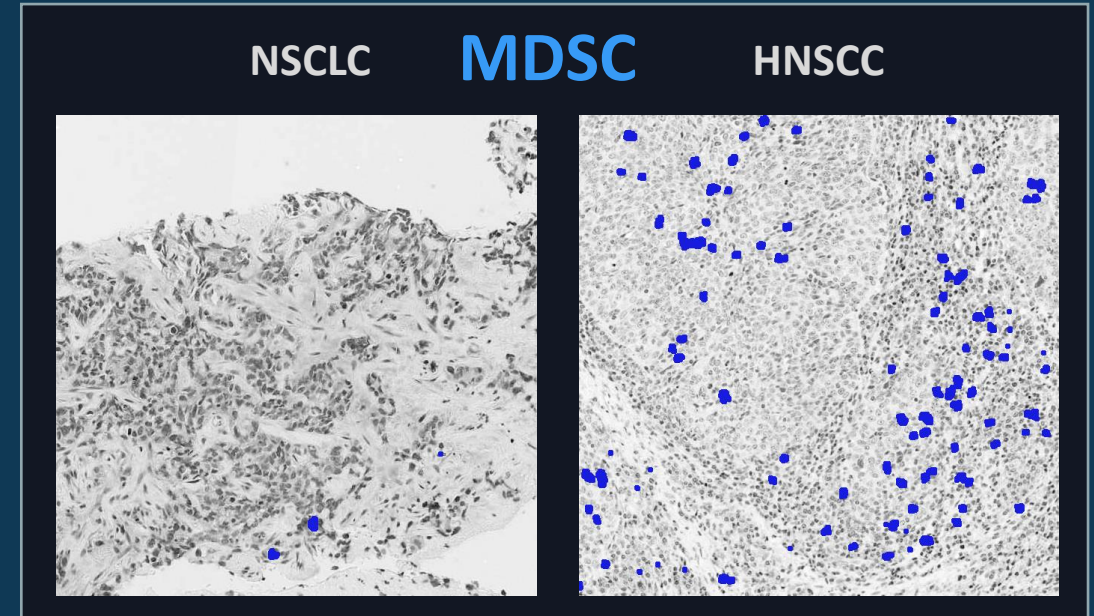
Next Steps - HNSCC

Head and Neck cancer (HNSCC)

- SEMA4D is strongly expressed in HNSCC & induces high levels of myeloid derived suppressor cells (MDSC)
- Relatively low (17-19%) response rate to immune checkpoint therapy in HNSCC

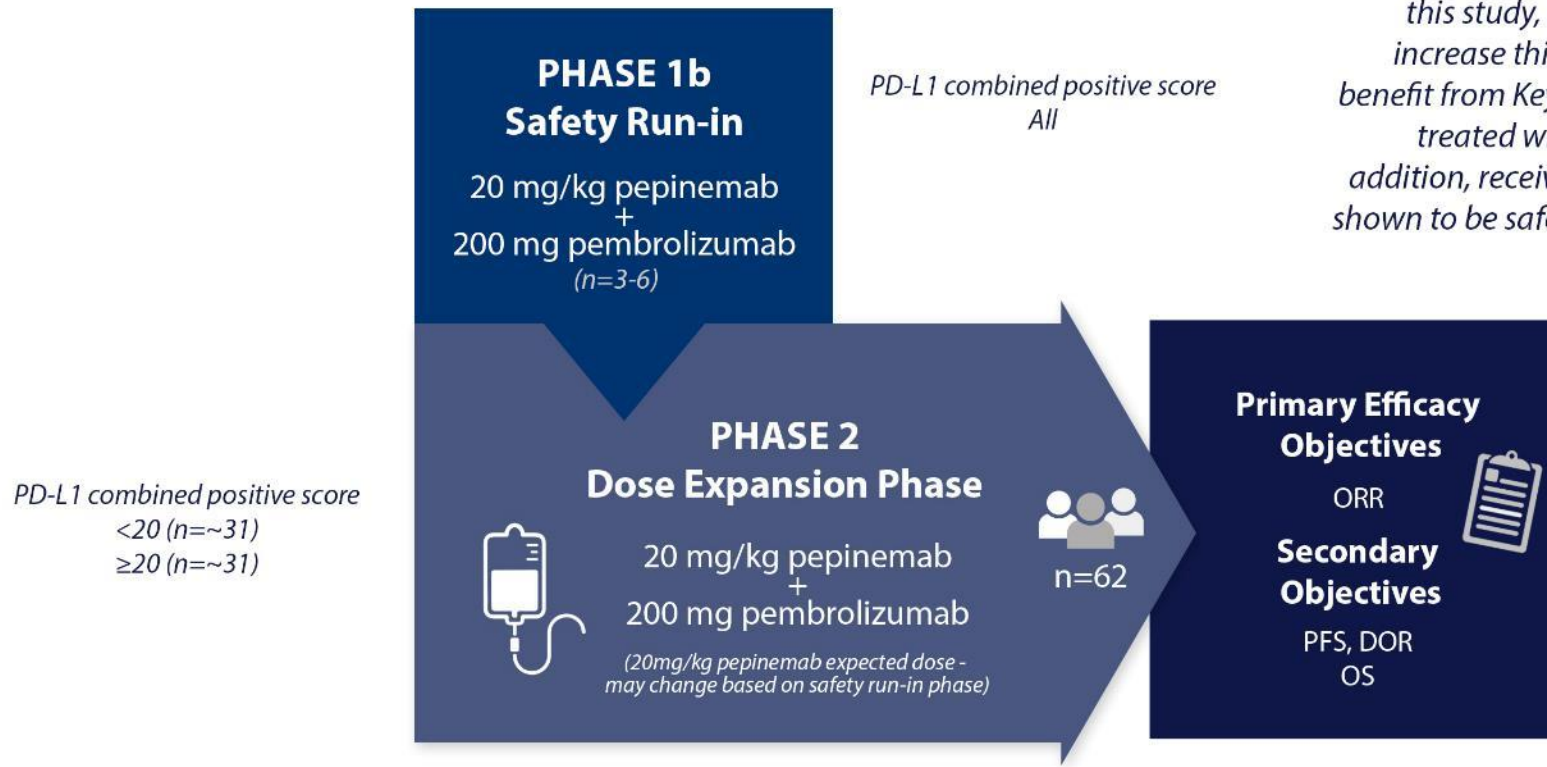


Hypothesis: Inhibiting MDSC with pepinemab will enhance response to pembrolizumab in HNSCC



CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGN: Keynote B84

Enrollment initiated,
total of 18 planned sites
Data anticipated H2-2022



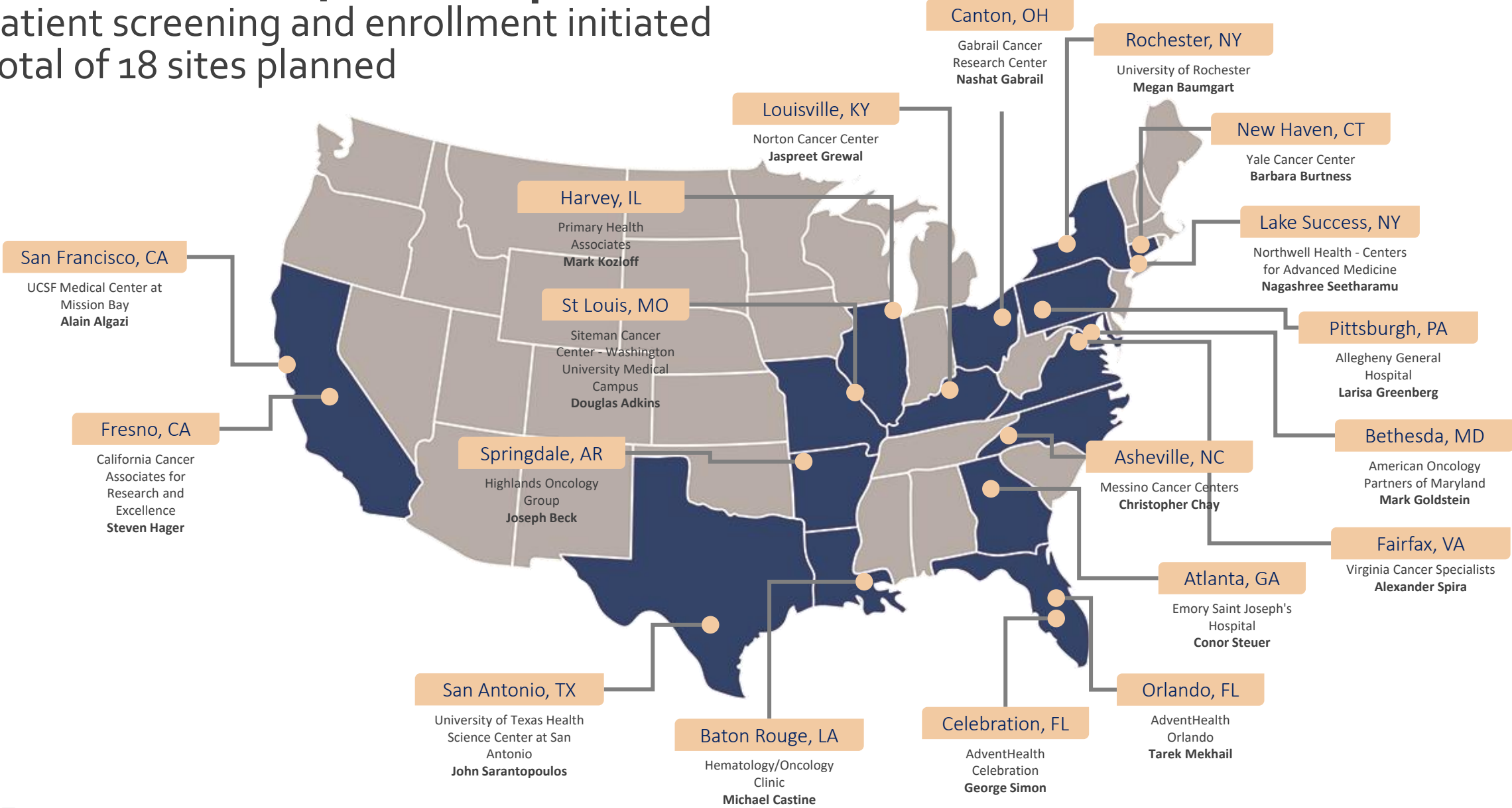
A major goal of current head and neck cancer research, and this study, is to identify a combination therapy that can increase this relatively small percentage of patients who benefit from Keytruda alone. All patients in our study will be treated with the standard dose of Keytruda and will, in addition, receive treatment with pepinemab, that had been shown to be safe and tolerable to date in many clinical trials.

Sponsor: 

*This study is conducted in collaboration with
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA*

KEYNOTE B84 Site Map

Patient screening and enrollment initiated
Total of 18 sites planned





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2001



HEADQUARTERS
Rochester, NY



EMPLOYEES
39



IPO NASDAQ VCNX
August 2018



FEBUARY 2021 CAPITAL RAISE
\$32 M



CASH BALANCE*
\$13.8 M



SHARES OUTSTANDING*
\$30.8 M



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Dr. Shoulson is a long time leader in Huntington's disease research. From 2011 to July 2018, Dr. Shoulson was Professor of Neurology, Pharmacology and Human Science and Director of the Program for Regulatory Science and Medicine (PRSM) at Georgetown University where he was principal investigator of the FDA-Georgetown University Collaborating Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. From 1990 to 2011, Dr. Shoulson was the Louis C. Lasagna Professor of Experimental Therapeutics and Professor of Neurology, Pharmacology and Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry in Rochester, New York. Dr. Shoulson is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

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