



# T cell responses and clinical outcomes in pancreatic and colorectal cancer patients with Minimal Residual Disease in AMPLIFY-201, a Phase 1 trial of a first-in-class Amphiphile lymph node targeted mutant KRAS vaccine

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### Why Target mutated KRAS with Therapeutic Vaccination?

- Mutant KRAS Drives 25% of Solid Human Cancers**
  - Prevalent among numerous tumor types<sup>1-2</sup>
  - Overall poor clinical prognosis<sup>3</sup>
  - Limited therapeutic options
- Mutant KRAS is a Promising Tumor Antigen**
  - Truncal: mutations occur early, expressed uniformly in all tumor cells
  - Driver: mKRAS signaling is required for tumor growth and survival
  - Highly prevalent: involved in ~25% of solid tumors<sup>1-2</sup>
  - Public neoantigen: not centrally tolerated, cognate TCRs present in naive repertoire<sup>2-5</sup>
  - Promiscuous HLA presentation: potential off-the-shelf use in diverse patient population<sup>4-6</sup>
  - Proven Clinical MOA: mKRAS-specific T cells known to mediate anti-tumor efficacy<sup>7-8</sup>
  - Multi-targeting potential: recognition of clonal and subclonal mKRAS variants to prevent escape<sup>9</sup>

### HYPOTHESIS: mKRAS Vaccination will Prevent Tumor Recurrence in High Relapse-Risk Patients Following Standard Therapy

- Technological Innovation: Amphiphile Lymph Node Targeting Platform<sup>10-11</sup>**
  - Smart trafficking to the lymph nodes after subcutaneous dosing generates immune responses with increased magnitude, function, and durability
  - Takes advantage of potent lymph node immune mechanisms, including activation of innate and adaptive cells, antigen-spreading, and improved tumor T cell trafficking / infiltration
  - Mutant KRAS peptides provide a validated antigen for application of the Amphiphile platform
  - Lymph node delivery of potent adjuvants prevents systemic exposure to improve safety
- Clinical Innovation: Treatment in High Relapse-Risk Adjuvant Setting**
  - Targeting surgically debulked tumors enables T cells to address minimal residual disease to potentially eliminate remaining tumor cells and protect against recurrence
  - Activating the immune system before loss of HLA expression in the tumor microenvironment in a chemotherapy-free window of opportunity
  - Other oncology vaccines have typically been used in later lines of therapy for advanced disease, after onset of tumor immune resistance
  - In the adjuvant setting, tumor biomarkers (ctDNA, serum tumor antigen) are early predictors of disease control or recurrence

### Designing a Therapeutic Vaccine Targeting mKRAS: ELI-002 2P

Inclusion of 18-mer G12D and G12R mKRAS peptides allows for delivery of diverse HLA I and II-restricted epitopes for presentation on varied patient HLA molecules

Amphiphile (Amph)-modification of peptides promotes binding to endogenous albumin at the injection site to promote collection in lymphatic vessels for lymph node delivery, and prevents peptide uptake into local capillaries avoiding delivery to irrelevant or tolerogenic sites

Amph-CpG-7909 provides potent immune activation via TLR-9 stimulation of lymph node-resident professional antigen presenting dendritic and other key immune cells

### The Amphiphile Platform: Targeting the Lymph Nodes<sup>10-11</sup>

- Subcutaneous injection
- Albumin binding
- Lymph node targeting
- Delivery to immune cells

Conventional vaccine components (eg. peptide antigens and molecular adjuvants) are rapidly absorbed into blood capillaries after administration leading to poor delivery to lymph nodes where protective immune responses are orchestrated.

Amph-modification promotes albumin binding to reprogram vaccines for enhanced lymph node delivery resulting in coordinated transport of antigen and adjuvant to immune cells. Improved uptake by Antigen Presenting Cells results in enhanced antigen-presentation and co-stimulation to cognate T cells.

Restricted delivery to lymph nodes prevents systemic exposure to avoid toxic effects of potent adjuvants.

### Patients<sup>12</sup> Safety

Baseline Characteristics: 20 Pancreatic (PDAC), 5 Colorectal (CRC) were evaluated for safety as of data cutoff: April 25, 2023

Safety: no related TEAEs ≥ Grade 3, no Dose Limiting Toxicities, no Cytokine Release Syndrome across all dose levels; 44% (11/25) had related Grade 1-2 TEAEs: e.g. injection site reaction, fatigue, headache, nausea

### mKRAS T Cell Responses Correlate with Reduction in Risk of Relapse and Death<sup>a</sup>

#### Strength of T Cell Response > 86% Reduced Risk of Relapse and Death

— ≥ Median T Cell Response (n = 12) P = 0.0134  
— < Median T Cell Response (n = 10) HR: 0.138 (0.031-0.610)

Relapse-free Survival (%)

Months | 0 3 6 9 12 15 18

Median RFS: not reached

Median RFS: 3.91 months

<sup>a</sup> 18 PDAC, 4 CRC evaluable at data cutoff April 25, 2023; RFS supervised by median T cell response fold-change over baseline (13x); median follow-up 7.6 months

### Strength of T Cell Response > Tumor Biomarker Response

#### Best Overall Tumor Biomarker Response

- Clearance
- Reduction
- Non-Responder

P = 0.0017

Best Overall Biomarker Response (% of Baseline)

≥ Median | < Median

T Cell Response

### Clinical Outcomes are not Correlated to Stage or Baseline Immune Status

Overall Survival (%)

Relapse-free Survival (%)

RFS: Tumor Stage

Study-wide OS (n = 22, Median: not reached)

Study-wide RFS (n = 22, Median: 16.33 months)

RFS: Absolute Lymphocyte Count

Quartiles (Abs. Lymphocytes × 10 <sup>3</sup> /μL)	Response, n (%)
Quartile 1 (<1.0)	0/2 (0)
Quartile 2 (≥1.0 to <1.4)	7/9 (77.8)
Quartile 3 (≥1.4 to <1.9)	4/4 (100)
Quartile 4 (≥1.9)	6/7 (85.7)
Total	22

Tumor stage at diagnosis was not correlated to Risk of Relapse and Death

Baseline Absolute Lymphocyte Count showed a trend to RFS, suggesting extent of recovery from prior lymphodepleting chemotherapy may support more favorable clinical responses to ELI-002 2P

Stage III and IV (n = 14)

Stage I and II (n = 8)

P = 0.7412

HR: 1.292 (0.2708 – 6.168)

### AMPLIFY 201: Prevention of Relapse in High-risk PDAC and CRC

**Prior Therapy**

- Locoregional Therapy:
- Surgery + Neoadjuvant / Adjuvant Chemotherapy

**Screening Period**

- mKRAS+ G12R+ or G12D+
- NED
- Imaging Negative
- MRD+
- ctDNA+ or serum biomarker+

**Immunization**

- Prime Immunization
- No Dosing Period
- Booster Immunization
- Follow-up Period

Week S/B 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 17 20 21 22 23 24 25 105

Dose

ctDNA

Serum biomarkers

● Amph-Peptides 2P 1.4 mg + 0.1, 0.5, 2.5, 5 or 10 mg Amph-CpG-7909

### Tumor Biomarker Response and Relapse > T cell Response Strength and Quality

Best Overall Biomarker Response (% of Baseline)

Tumor Type

Biomarker

HLA I\*

HLA II\*

ELI-002 2P Monotherapy pharmacologic activity in high relapse-risk PDAC and CRC with 17/22 (77.3%) biomarker reduction, 6/22 (27.3%) biomarker clearance (3 PDAC, 3 CRC)

Responses to G12D and G12R, with and without known Class I mKRAS-restricting HLAs

T Cell Response fold-change, presence of CD4 + CD8 response associated with clinical outcome

Legend: Biomarker Non-responder, Biomarker Reduction, Biomarker Clearance, Subsequent Therapy, RFS Censor Date, Death, On Treatment, Ongoing Follow-up

Legend: ctDNA, CA19-9 / CEA, G12R, G12D, PDAC, CRC, T Cells ≥ Median, T Cells < Median, CD4, CD8, no IC8

Weeks After Surgery

Weeks on Study

### Expansion of mKRAS-specific Immune Responses by ELI-002 2P Immunization

#### Direct Ex Vivo T Cell Response:

Fold change from baseline

Baseline

Max response

Legend: Cohort 1: 0.1 mg, Cohort 2: 0.5 mg, Cohort 3: 2.5 mg, Cohort 4: 5.0 mg, Cohort 5: 10.0 mg

#### Response per Dose Level

Amph-CpG Dose Level	ex vivo T cell response (n, %)	Average fold-change
0.1 mg	2/3 (67%)	30
0.5 mg	5/6 (83%)	82
2.5 mg	4/5 (80%)	113
5.0 mg	5/5 (100%)	19
10.0 mg	4/4 (100%)	26
Total	20/23 (87%)	56

#### CD4 vs CD8

Legend: CD4 + CD8 T cells, CD8 T cells, CD4 T cells

#### ELI-002 2P-induced T Cell Responses

- 87% of Patients generated expanded mKRAS-specific T cell responses following ELI-002 2P immunization, with 100% Responders at the highest dose levels
- CD4 and CD8 T cell responses were observed, with 50% generating mixed CD4 + CD8 responses
- mKRAS-specific T cells were polyfunctional (IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , IL-2) with central and effector memory phenotype

### TAKE HOME MESSAGES

**T Cell Response MOA Correlated to:**

- > 86% Reduced Risk of Relapse and Death
- > Tumor Biomarker Response

**Lymph node-targeted Therapeutic mKRAS-specific Cancer Vaccine ELI-002 2P:**

- > Safe and Well-tolerated, no Dose Limiting Toxicity, no CRS
- > High Proportion with Tumor Biomarker Reduction (77%) & Clearance (27%)

✓ Phase 1, randomized Phase 2 Study of ELI-002 7P (NCT05726864) in PDAC patients: targeting G12D, R, V, C, A, S, G13D

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