

ASPEN-04: A Randomized Phase 2 Study of Evorpacept in Combination with Pembrolizumab and Chemotherapy in Patients with Recurrent, Unresectable or Metastatic (R/M) Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma (HNSCC)

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

K. Harrington¹, M.H. Hong², B. Cirauqui³, J.-P. Machiels⁴, S. Oosting⁵, S.-H. Lee⁶, A. M. Lim⁷, K.-W. Lee⁸, A. Forgie⁹, D. Brickman⁹, C. Zhang⁹, A.C. Tsiatis⁹, A. Sandler⁹, B. Keam¹⁰

¹Dept. of Radiotherapy and Imaging, The Institute of Cancer Research and The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, United Kingdom, ²Department of Internal Medicine, Yonsei Cancer Center, Severance Hospital, Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea, ³Medical Oncology Dept., ICO - Institut Català d'Oncologia Badalona, B-ARGO group, IGTP, Badalona, Spain, ⁴Department of Medical Oncology, Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc (UCLouvain), Brussels, Belgium, ⁵Medical Oncology Department, UMCG - University Medical Center Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands, ⁶Medical Oncology, Samsung Medical Center (SMC), Seoul, Republic of Korea, ⁷Department of Medical Oncology, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia, ⁸Department of Internal Medicine, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Seongnam, Republic of Korea, ⁹Department of Clinical Development, ALX Oncology Inc., South San Francisco, CA, United States of America, ¹⁰Department of Internal Medicine, Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Disclosures / Conflicts of Interest

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

I have the following relevant financial relationships to disclose:

- Scientific Advisory Boards/Steering Committee memberships: ALX Oncology; Amgen; Arch Oncology; AstraZeneca; Beigene; Bicara; BMS; Boehringer-Ingelheim; Codiak; Eisai; GSK; Johnson and Johnson; Merck-Serono; Molecular Partners; MSD; Nanobiotix; Onchilles; One Carbon; Oncolys; PDS Biotech; Pfizer; PsiVac; Qbiotics; Replimune; VacV.
- Research Funding: AstraZeneca; Boehringer-Ingelheim; Replimune

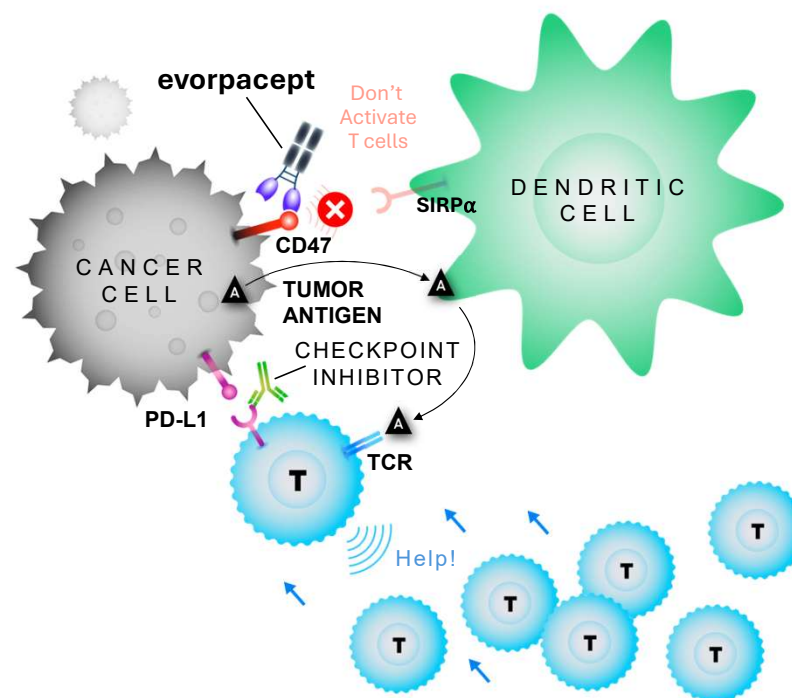
Evorpaccept: A CD47 Inhibitor with an Inactive Fc Domain that Enables Anticancer Immune Activation

ESMO 2025 #1323MO

- Evorpaccept blocks the immune evasive ‘don’t eat me’ signal transmitted by CD47 on the surface of cancer cells
- Primary validated mechanism:
 - Evorpaccept was designed with an inactive Fc domain to selectively target cancer cells and not healthy cells when combined with anti-cancer antibodies through ADCP
 - This mechanism has been validated in HER2-positive advanced Gastric/GEJ and metastatic breast cancer
- Potential secondary mechanism:
 - CD47 blockade may enhance T-cell priming by activating dendritic cells and stimulating the adaptive immune system
- CD47 expression **may** identify cancers that are responsive to evorpaccept

ADCP – Antibody dependent cellular phagocytosis.

Secondary CD47 Mechanism Investigated in ASPEN-04



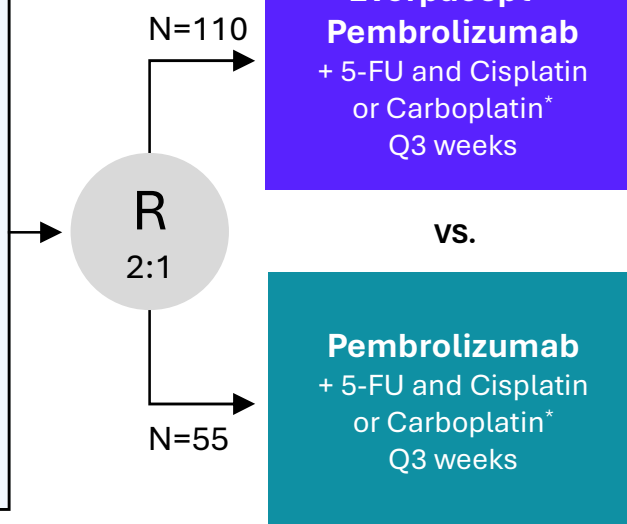
Hypothesis: CD47 blockade may enhance benefit from PD-1 inhibition

ASPEN-04 is a Global, Open-Label, Randomized Phase 2 Study of Pembrolizumab and Chemotherapy with or without Evorpaccept in Patients with Recurrent, Unresectable or Metastatic HNSCC (NCT04675333)

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Unresectable, recurrent and/or metastatic (R/M) HNSCC
- No prior treatment for R/M HNSCC
- Measurable disease (RECIST v1.1)
- Adequate organ function
- Age ≥ 18 years old
- ECOG PS ≤ 1
- No prior anti-CD47 or anti-SIRP α agent
- No prior anti-PD-1, anti-PD-L1/L2 agent or agent directed to other stimulatory or co-inhibitory T cell receptor



Primary Endpoints

- Objective response rate (ORR) by BICR
- Primary analysis compares ORR to historical control ORR of 36% (Burtneess et al., 2019)

Secondary Endpoints

- ORR by investigator assessment, DCR, DOR, TTP, PFS, OS, Safety
- Secondary analysis compares ORR (BICR/inv) between treatment arms

Exploratory Analysis

- Preplanned biomarker analysis of CD47 vs efficacy endpoints

Minimization Factors

- Geography: Asia Pacific, Europe, North America
- PD-L1 CPS: CPS 0, CPS 1-19, CPS ≥ 20
- HPV (p16) Status: positive, negative, unknown, other
- Tobacco Habits: Current, Past, Non-user
- ECOG PS: 0, 1

*Dosing: evorpaccept 45 mg/kg IV Q3W, pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W (for a maximum of 35 cycles) and 5FU (1000 mg/m²/day continuous infusion D1,2,3 and 4 Q3W x 6 cycles) and either carboplatin (AUC 5 mg/ml/min as a 60 min infusion D1 Q3W x 6 cycles) or cisplatin (100 mg/m² as a 60 min infusion D1 Q3W x 6 cycles); **BICR** – Blinded independent central review; **CPS** – Combined positive score; **DCR** – Disease control rate; **DOR** – Duration of response; **ECOG PS** – Eastern cooperative oncology group performance status; **HNSCC** – Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; **HPV** – Human papilloma virus; **IV** – Intravenous; **PD-1** – Programmed cell death protein 1; **PD-L1** – Programmed death ligand 1; **PD-L2** – Programmed death ligand 2; **Pembro** – Pembrolizumab; **PFS** – Progression free survival; **OS** – Overall survival; **Q3W** – Every three weeks; **RECIST** – Response evaluation criteria in solid tumors; **SIRP α** – Signal regulatory protein alpha; **TTP** – Time to progression.

ASPEN-04: Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

	Evorpacept + Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=110)	Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=55)
Median Age (range), Yrs	61.5 (26-78)	63.0 (19-76)
Male	81%	82%
Race: White, Asian, Other	54, 43%, 3%	53% , 44%, 3%
Region: North America, Europe, Asia	13%, 36%, 51%	15%, 34%, 51%
ECOG PS 0	34%	31%
Former or Current Smoker	66%, 10%	66%, 6%
PD-L1 CPS		
0	25%	25%
1-19	49%	46%
≥20	26%	29%
Disease Status		
Recurrent	27%	20%
Metastatic	73%	80%
Primary Tumor Location		
Oropharynx	40%	34%
Lip or Oral Cavity	24%	29%
Hypopharynx	13%	13%
Larynx	20%	18%
HPV Positive	32%	31%

CPS – Combined positive score; ECOG PS – Eastern cooperative oncology group performance status; HPV – Human papilloma virus.

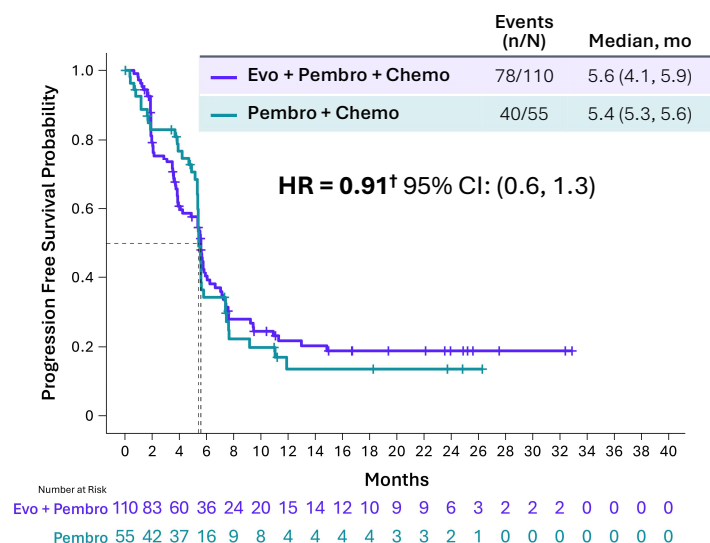
ASPEN-04: Overall Efficacy

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

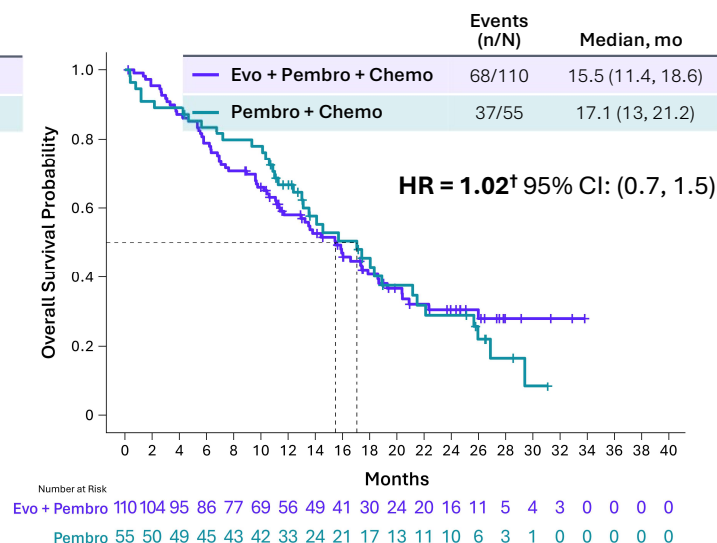
ORR and DOR by BICR

	Evorpaccept + Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=110)	Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=55)
ORR, % (95% CI)	37.3 (28, 47)	45.5 (32, 59)
CR, %	16.4	9.1
PR, %	20.9	36.4
SD, %	31.8	30.9
PD, %	21.8	7.3
Other*, %	9.1	16.4
Median DOR, mo (95% CI)	7.7 (5.6, NE)	3.9 (3.6, 5.8)
Median Follow Up, mo	24.0	25.8

Progression Free Survival by BICR



Overall Survival



- ORR for evorpaccept + pembrolizumab + chemo (37.3%) was not statistically different from ORR for historical control¹ (36.4%; 1-sided p = 0.425 vs α = 0.025)
- No difference in ORR, PFS and OS between treatment arms
- No differences were observed in outcomes based on CD47 expression

[†]HR (Evo + Pembro + Chemotherapy vs. Pembro + Chemo) is from a stratified Cox proportional hazards model stratified by PD-L1 CPS per IRT. **BICR** – Blinded independent central review; **DOR** – Duration of response; **NE** – not estimable; **Evo** – Evorpaccept; **mo** – Month; **ORR** – Objective response rate; **OS** – Overall survival; **Pembro** – Pembrolizumab; **PFS** – Progression free survival. 1. Burtneess et al. *Lancet* 2019;394:1915-28

ASPEN-04 Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Occurring in >15% in Either Treatment Arm

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

n (%)	Evorpaccept + Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=109)		Pembrolizumab + Chemo (n=55)	
	Any Grade	≥Grade 3	Any Grade	≥Grade 3
Any TEAE	109 (100)	76 (69.7)	55 (100)	34 (61.8)
Nausea	56 (51.4)	1 (0.9)	28 (50.9)	0
Anemia	51 (46.8)	14 (12.8)	22 (40.0)	3 (5.5)
Constipation	50 (45.9)	0	19 (34.5)	0
Fatigue	34 (31.2)	1 (0.9)	22 (40.0)	0
Neutrophil Count Decreased	37 (33.9)	26 (23.9)	17 (30.9)	8 (14.5)
Stomatitis	35 (32.1)	8 (7.3)	18 (32.7)	2 (3.6)
Platelet Count Decreased	32 (29.4)	4 (3.7)	12 (21.8)	3 (5.5)
Mucosal Inflammation	31 (28.4)	5 (4.6)	16 (29.1)	1 (1.8)
Diarrhea	29 (26.6)	2 (1.8)	12 (21.8)	1 (1.8)
Neutropenia	21 (19.3)	13 (11.9)	10 (18.2)	4 (7.3)
Pyrexia	20 (18.3)	3 (2.8)	7 (12.7)	0
ALT Increased	20 (18.3)	3 (2.8)	4 (7.3)	0
AST Increased	20 (18.3)	2 (1.8)	4 (7.3)	0
Weight Decreased	19 (17.4)	3 (2.8)	6 (10.9)	0
Decreased Appetite	18 (16.5)	2 (1.8)	9 (16.4)	0
Oral Candidiasis	18 (16.5)	0	5 (9.1)	0
Hypokalemia	17 (15.6)	7 (6.4)	5 (9.1)	1 (1.8)

- EP + chemo was generally well tolerated, and no new safety signals were identified
- Treatment-emergent SAEs: 45.9% vs 36.4% for EP + chemo vs P + chemo
- Febrile neutropenia 9.2% vs 0% in EP + chemo vs P + chemo (Incidence of G3+ febrile neutropenia in KN-048 was 9.0%)¹
- TEAEs leading to permanent discontinuation or delays:
 - D/C: 6.4% vs 9.1% EP + chemo vs P + chemo
 - Dose delays: 61.5% vs 41.8% EP + chemo vs P + chemo
- Grade 5 treatment-emergent AEs: 7 (6.4%) vs 3 (5.5%) for EP + chemo vs P + chemo
 - Related grade 5 events: 1 (0.9%) vs 1 (1.8%) for EP + chemo* vs P + chemo[†]

All treatment emergent fatal events: evorpaccept + pembrolizumab + chemotherapy (N=7; 6.4%): disease progression N=2, drowning N=1, pleural effusion N=1; *Febrile neutropenia N=1, tumor hemorrhage N=1, death N=1; Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy (N=3; 5.5%): pneumonia aspiration N=1; †Septic shock N=1, death N=1; E – Evorpaccept; P – Pembrolizumab. 1. Burtneß *et al. Lancet* 2019;394:1915-28, suppl appendix.

Conclusions

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

- ASPEN-04 did not meet the primary endpoint when comparing the ORR of evorpacept, pembrolizumab and chemotherapy (37.3%) vs historical control for pembrolizumab and chemotherapy (36%)
- No difference was identified in the overall population between the two treatment arms for ORR, DOR, PFS, and OS
- The combination of evorpacept + pembrolizumab + chemo was generally well tolerated, and no new safety signals were identified
- The outcomes do not support advancing evorpacept in combination with pembrolizumab and chemotherapy in recurrent, unresectable or metastatic HNSCC

Thank you.

ESMO 2025 #1324MO

We would like to thank all the participating patients and their families as well as site research staff.

Contact email: info@alxoncology.com