

# Preliminary results from a phase 2 trial of tipifarnib in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinomas (HNSCCs) with HRAS mutations.

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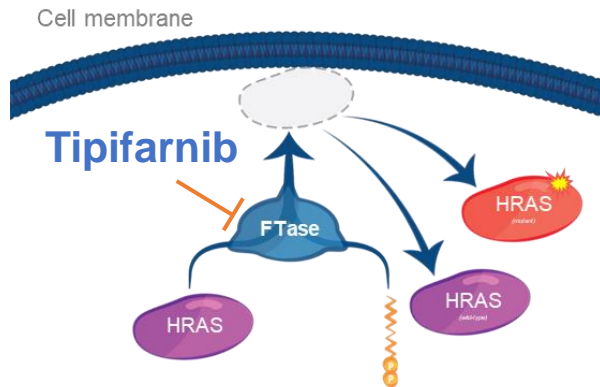
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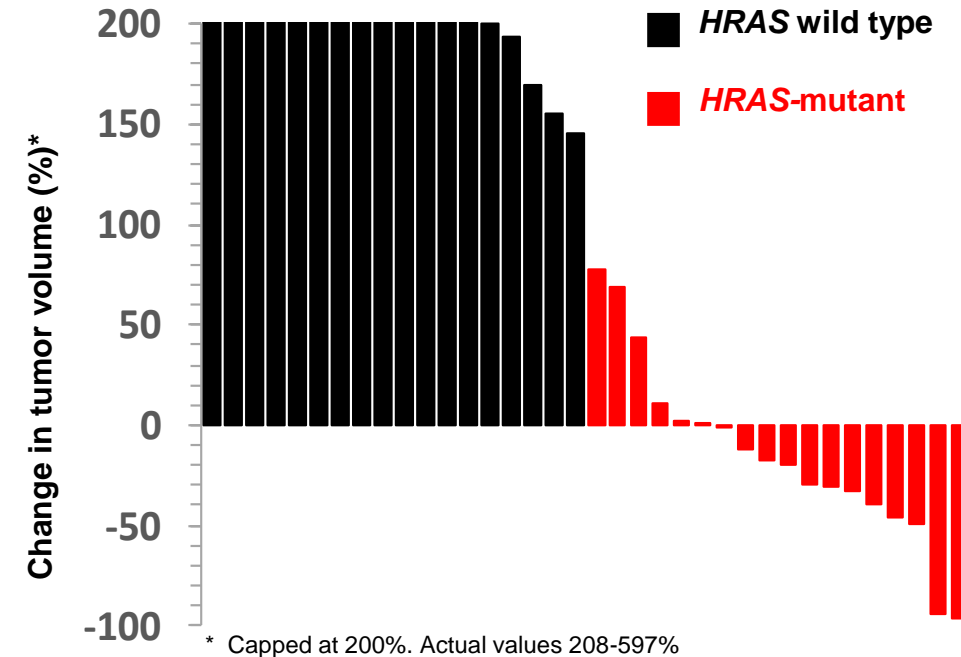
# Mutant HRAS Oncogene Activity is Uniquely Dependent on Farnesylation

- HRAS activity requires covalent addition of a farnesyl hydrophobic group to its C-terminal tail for membrane localization and downstream signaling.
- Farnesyltransferase (FTase) enzyme catalyzes the attachment a farnesyl groups to HRAS
- **Tipifarnib is a potent and selective farnesyltransferase inhibitor**



- **Blocking farnesylation prevents wild-type and mutant HRAS membrane localization**

Antitumor activity in HNSCC PDX models (N=36)

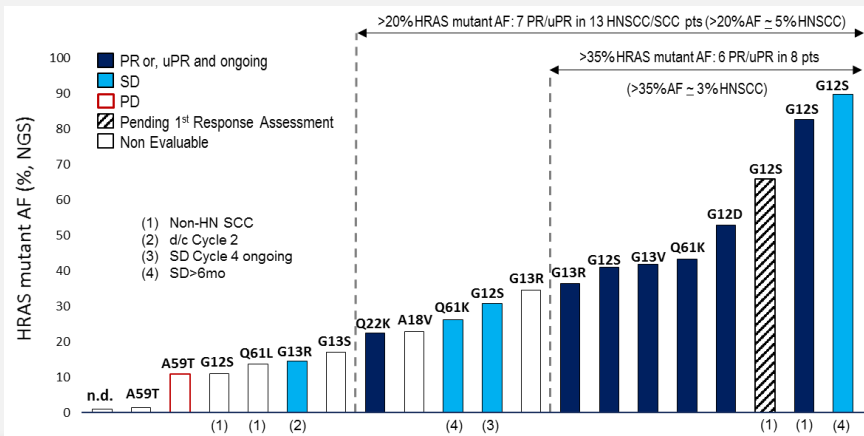


**Hypothesis: Tumors driven by HRAS mutations may be highly sensitive to tipifarnib**

# Study Design<sup>1</sup>

## Original Protocol

- Key Eligibility: No curative therapy available, HRAS mutation, measurable disease (RECIST v1.1), ECOG PS 0 – 1
- 2 cohorts: Cohort 1: Thyroid. Cohort 2: Any other solid tumor; amended to HNSCC only. Each cohort with 18 evaluable pts
- Hypothesis: 10% (H0) vs 30% (H1) ORR,  $\alpha=0.09$ , 80% power
- Tipifarnib 900 mg orally (po) twice daily (bid) on days 1-7 and days 15-21 every 28 days
- Results<sup>2</sup>:
  - POC for tipifarnib in recurrent/metastatic HNSCC carrying HRAS mutations.
  - Rapid onset and durable responses.
  - Activity in disease resistant to chemotherapy, cetuximab and immunotherapy.
  - Median dose on study of 600 mg bid by end of cycle 1.
  - Association between HRAS allele frequency and clinical benefit.



## HNSCC Extension Cohort (N=30)

- HRAS variant allele frequency (VAF)  $\geq 20\%$  and serum albumin  $\geq 3.5$  g/dL or HRAS VAF  $\geq 35\%$
- No curative therapy available, measurable disease (RECIST v1.1), ECOG PS 0 – 1
- Tipifarnib 600 mg orally (po) twice daily (bid) on days 1-7 and days 15-21 every 28 days

## Other SCCs (non-HNSCC) Cohort (N=20)

- Enrollment ongoing

<sup>1</sup> NCT02383927, KO-TIP-001 | <sup>2</sup> A L Ho, et. al., *Annals of Oncology*, Volume 29, Issue suppl\_8, October 2018, mdy287.002, <https://doi.org/10.1093/annonc/mdy287.002>

# Patient Demographics: HRAS mutant HNSCC<sup>1</sup>

	Total
Total Patients Treated <sup>1</sup> , n (%)	<b>21 (100)</b>
Total Evaluable for Efficacy <sup>2</sup> , n (%)	<b>18 (85.7)</b>
Age, yrs, median (min, max)	<b>64 (20, 89)</b>
Male, n (%)	<b>14 (66.7)</b>
Site of Primary Tumor, n (%)	
Oral Cavity	<b>11 (52.4)</b>
Pharynx	<b>6 (28.6)</b>
Larynx	<b>3 (14.3)</b>
Other	<b>1 (4.8)</b>
Number of Prior Anti-Cancer Regimens	
Median (min, max)	<b>2 (0, 6)</b>
Type of Prior Anti-Cancer Therapy, n (%)	
Platinum	<b>19 (90.5)</b>
Immunotherapy	<b>13 (61.9)</b>
Cetuximab	<b>11 (52.4)</b>

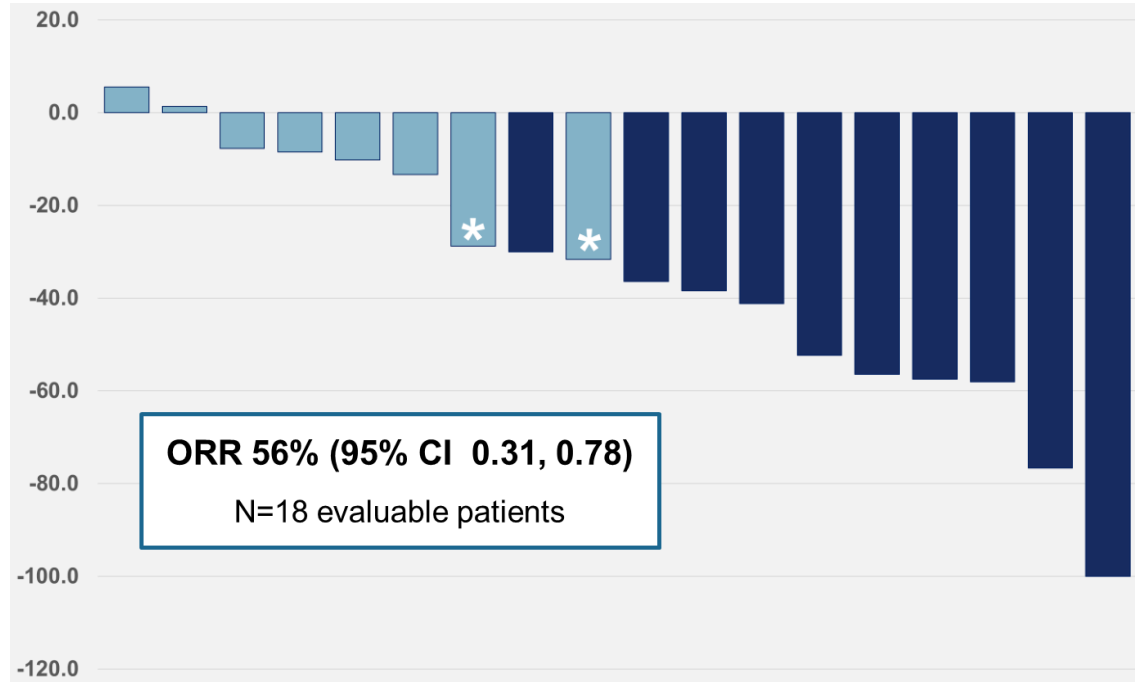
Preliminary data as of 17 Oct 2019

<sup>1</sup> Subjects with HRAS VAF ≥20% and serum albumin ≥ 3.5 g/dL or HRAS VAF ≥35% enrolled in stages 1, 2 or in the HNSCC extension cohort. Additionally, 1 subject is included who was treated off protocol through compassionate use.

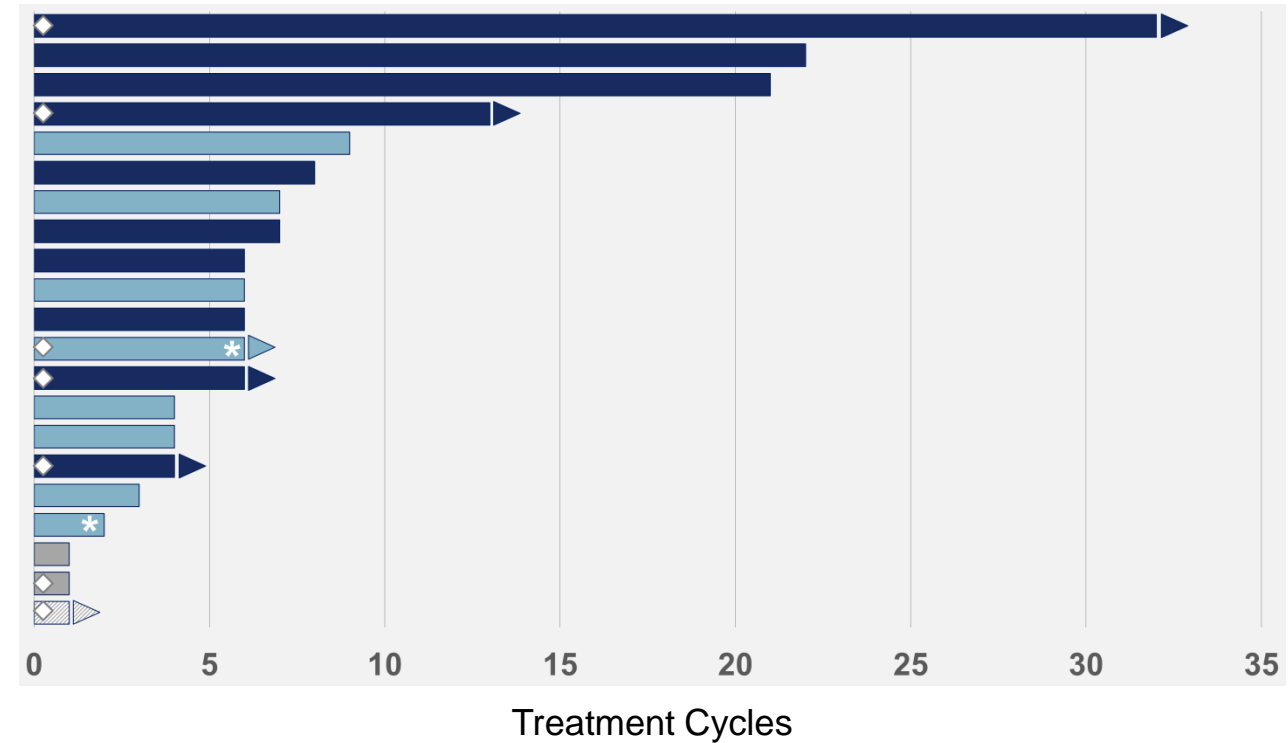
<sup>2</sup> One subject pending 1<sup>st</sup> tumor response assessment; two subjects withdrew consent prior to 1<sup>st</sup> tumor response assessment

# Tipifarnib treatment results in 56% ORR with durable responses in HNSCC HRAS mutant $\geq 20\%$ VAF<sup>1</sup>

## Maximum Change in Tumor Burden<sup>2</sup>



## Time on Treatment



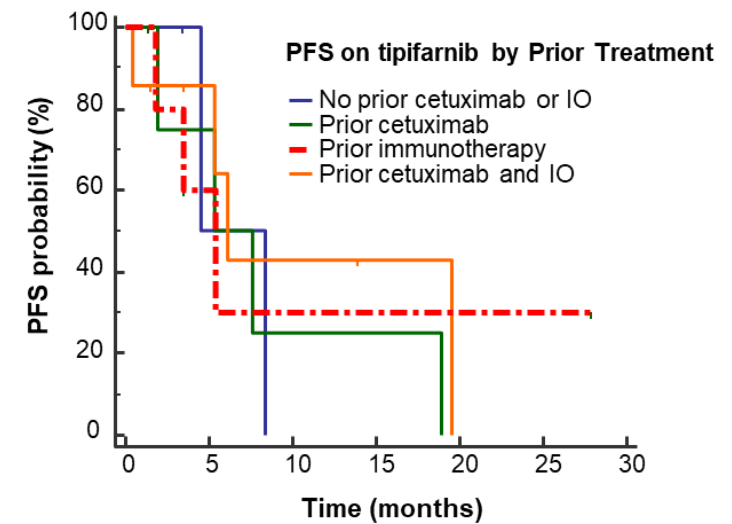
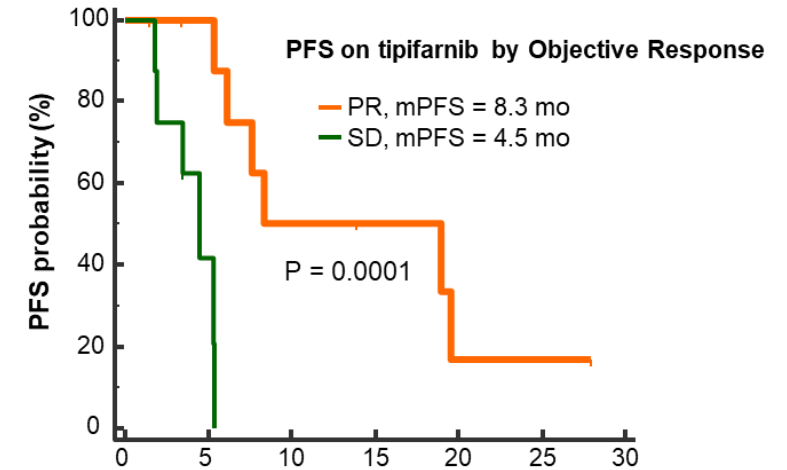
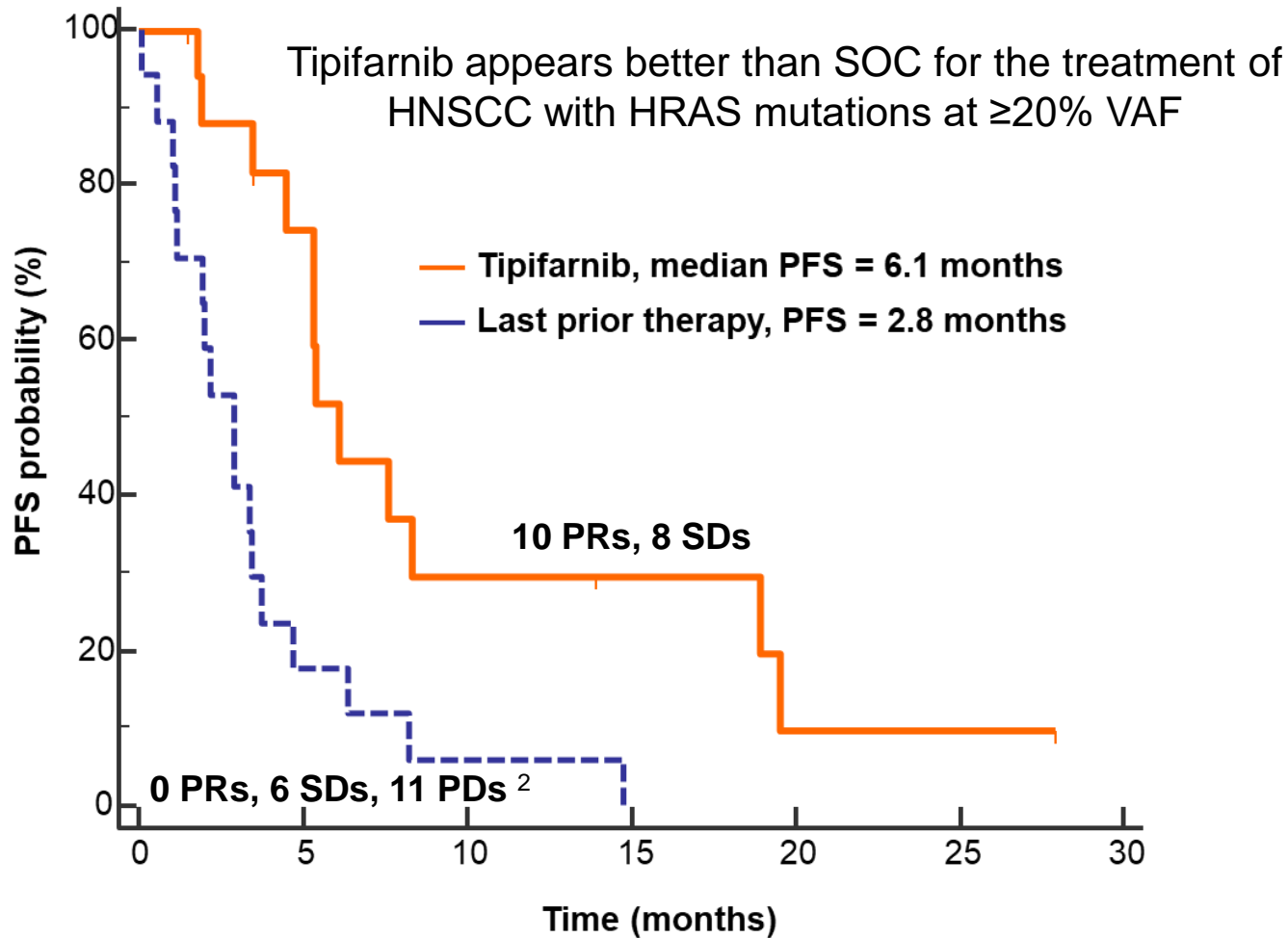
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<sup>2</sup> Tumor measurements not available from 3 subjects (not evaluable/not yet efficacy evaluable)

# PFS in HNSCC HRAS mutant $\geq 20\%$ VAF<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> One subject did not receive prior systemic therapy

# Safety and tolerability of tipifarnib in HRAS mutant HNSCC<sup>1</sup>

- All HNSCC patients meeting HRAS VAF criteria (N = 20)<sup>1</sup> had at least 1 treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE). No study drug related deaths reported.
- TEAEs were consistent with the known safety profile of tipifarnib. Most frequently observed TEAEs (all grades, ≥ 10% pts) were hematological-related events, gastrointestinal disturbances, fatigue, blood creatinine increased, tremor, decreased appetite, acute kidney injury and rash/pruritus.
- Improved tolerability observed with the 600 mg bid dose.

## Grade 3 or Higher Study Drug Related TEAEs (≥ 10% pts)

	600 – 900 mg bid days 1-7 and 15-21 (n = 20)
BLOOD AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEM DISORDERS, n (%)	9 (45.0)
Anemia	7 (35.0)
Neutropenia	4 (20.0)
Leukopenia	2 (10.0)
Thrombocytopenia	2 (10.0)
GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS, n (%)	3 (15.0)
Nausea	2 (10.0)

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# Conclusions

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- Tipifarnib demonstrated compelling antitumor activity in a heavily pretreated cohort of recurrent/metastatic HNSCC carrying HRAS mutations.
  - Per protocol ORR = 56% (95% CI 0.31, 0.78), 48% ORR by ITT
  - Responses were rapid and durable with 8.3 mos median PFS for patients with PR and 4.5 mos in those with SD
  - Activity was seen in disease resistant to chemotherapy, immunotherapy and cetuximab.
- TEAEs were consistent with the known safety profile of tipifarnib.
  - The majority of Grade  $\geq$  3 TEAEs were hematological events managed with best supportive care.
  - Treatment with tipifarnib 600mg bid days 1-7 and days 15-21 every 28-days was generally well tolerated with objective clinical responses observed in patients treated at this dose level.
- Based on these data, a pivotal study (AIM-HN and SEQ-HN Study, NCT03719690) evaluating the efficacy of tipifarnib in HRAS mutant HNSCC (AIM-HN) and the impact of HRAS mutations on first line HNSCC therapies (SEQ-HN) is currently ongoing.
- Data support testing of single agent tipifarnib in high HRAS allele patient subset (~5% HNSCC) but opportunities for combination with chemotherapy, immunotherapy and/or cetuximab in the 1-20% HRAS VAF subset (~15% HNSCC) under consideration

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