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FORM 8-K

**Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 3, 2024

MAIA Biotechnology, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-41455
(Commission
File Number)

83-1495913
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

444 West Lake Street, Suite 1700
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(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	MAIA	NYSE American

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

1. MAIA Biotechnology, Inc. (the “Company”) has prepared a poster (the “Poster”) showing the efficacy data from its Phase 2 THIO-101 clinical trial evaluating THIO sequenced with the immune checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) cemiplimab (Libtayo®) in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who failed 2 or more standard-of-care therapy regimens. The Poster was originally displayed at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2024 Annual Meeting on June 3, 2024 and will also be posted to the Company’s website on June 3, 2024, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this “Report”) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The Company has prepared a supporting deck (the “Supporting Deck”) showing the efficacy data from its Phase 2 THIO-101 clinical trial evaluating THIO sequenced with the immune checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) cemiplimab (Libtayo®) in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who failed 2 or more standard-of-care therapy regimens, which was posted to the Company’s website on June 3, 2024, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Report and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The information contained in each of the Poster and the Supporting Deck is summary information that should be considered in the context of the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and other public announcements the Company may make by press release or otherwise from time to time. Each of the Poster and the Supporting Deck speaks as of the date of this Report. While the Company may elect to update the Poster and/or the Supporting Deck in the future to reflect events and circumstances occurring or existing after the date of this Report, the Company specifically disclaims any obligation to do so.

Each of the Poster and the Supporting Deck contains forward-looking statements, and as a result, investors should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The information set forth in this Report, including, without limitation, the Poster and the Supporting Deck, is not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This Report (including the exhibits hereto) will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Poster
99.2	Supporting Deck
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 3, 2024

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Introduction

Despite recent approvals for the first-line treatment of advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC), long-term prognosis remains poor with a 5-year survival rate of 28% and limited options exist in patients refractory or resistant to immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI).

Methods

Using a modified 3+1 design, the safety lead-in (Part A) enrolled 50 patients who received TH30 360 mg IV Q3W for 6 cycles (C1-C6), followed by 360 mg cemiplimab on D5, Q3W.

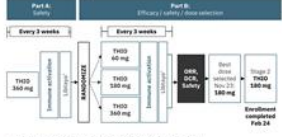
Baseline characteristics

At the time of data cut-off (30 April 2024), 79 patients with advanced NSCLC had received ≥1 dose of TH30.

Table 1. Baseline characteristics

Table with 4 columns: Characteristic, 60 mg (n=24), 180 mg (n=43), 360 mg (n=14), Total (N=79). Rows include Median age, Sex, Prior lines, Histology, and Brain metastases.

Figure 1. TH30-101 study schema



Primary endpoints: Safety, DCR, ORR (CR, PR and SD). Secondary endpoints: DCR, PFS, OS. Exploratory endpoints: PK and PD activity of TH30 in circulating tumor cells.

Safety findings

Table 2. Related TEAEs by dose level reported in ≥2 patients

Table with 4 columns: Preferred term, 60 mg (n=24), 180 mg (n=43), 360 mg (n=14), Total (N=79). Rows include Alanine aminotransferase increased, Aspartate aminotransferase increased, etc.

Table 3. Related Grade ≥3 TEAEs

Table with 4 columns: Preferred term, 60 mg (n=24), 180 mg (n=43), 360 mg (n=14), Total (N=79). Rows include Alanine aminotransferase increased, Aspartate aminotransferase increased, etc.

Conclusions

The combination of TH30 + cemiplimab is very active in this hard-to-treat patient population (CPI resistant and chemotherapy resistant progressors).

Efficacy findings

6/9 evaluable patients had completed ≥1 post-baseline assessment at the time of data cut-off (45 in 2L, 20 in 3L, 4 in 4L).

Biomarker findings

TIF (Telomere dysfunction Induced Foci) analysis demonstrated the intended on-target mechanism of action: modification of telomeres in circulating tumor cells (CTCs) by TH30 (see Figures 4 and 5).

Figure 2. Patients receiving TH30 as 2L treatment (n=43)*

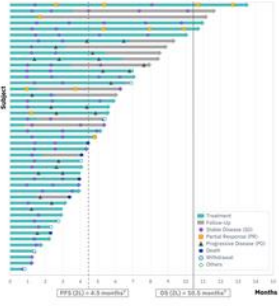


Figure 3. Patients receiving TH30 as 3L treatment (n=20)*

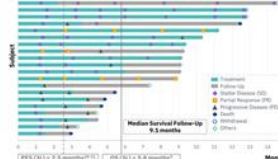


Figure 4. Patients receiving TH30 as 3L treatment, 180 mg dose (n=8)*

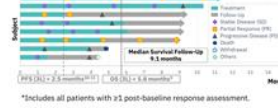


Figure 5. Cumulative TRF1

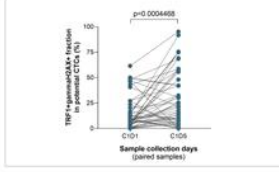
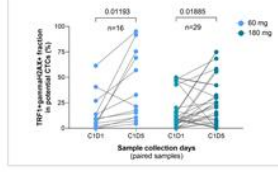


Figure 6. TRF1 by dose level



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THIO-101 SUPPORTING DECK

ASCO 2024

- Despite recent approvals for the first-line treatment of advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC), long-term prognosis remains poor with a 5-year survival rate of 28%¹ and limited options exist in patients refractory or resistant to immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI).
- THIO (6-thio-2'-deoxyguanosine, also known as 6-thio-dG) is a small molecule, first-in-class direct cancer telomere targeting agent that selectively kills telomerase positive (TERT+) cancer cells:
 - Over 80% of all cancers and approx. 78-83% of all NSCLC types are TERT+.^{2,3}
 - THIO is incorporated into de novo synthesized telomeres leading to chromatin uncapping, generation of DNA damage signals, and rapid apoptosis.⁴
- Sequential treatment of THIO and ICIs showed a potent and durable antitumor activity in preclinical models.⁵
- Preliminary trial results in NSCLC indicates that low doses of THIO induce sensitivity to ICIs when administered prior to an ICI in tumors which otherwise are resistant or do not respond to an ICI.
- Here we describe a phase 2 dose-optimization study (NCT05208944) for adult patients with advanced NSCLC who progressed or relapsed after 1–4 prior treatment lines including first-line ICI alone or in combination with platinum chemotherapy.

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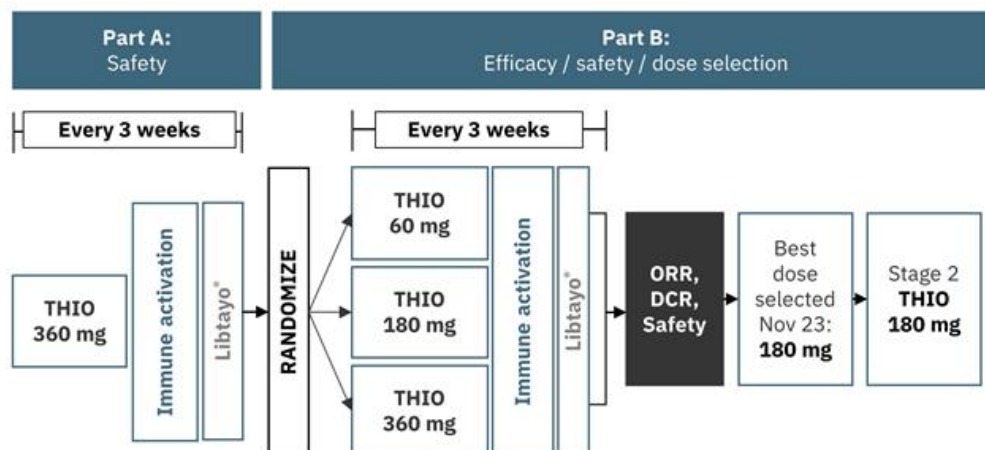
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- Using a modified 3+3 design, the safety lead-in (Part A) enrolled 10 patients who received THIO 360 mg IV (120 mg QD, D1–3), followed by 350 mg cemiplimab on D5, Q3W.
- Following completion of Part A, enrollment was opened in the dose-finding portion of the study (Part B).
- Using a Simon 2-stage design, 79 patients were assigned to one of the THIO doses: 360, 180, or 60 mg followed by cemiplimab Q3W for up to 1 year in Part B.
- Disease status is assessed at Cycle 3 Day 1, Cycle 5 Day 1 and every 9 -12 weeks thereafter.
- The trial completed enrollment in February 2024. We report here data from the 79 patients enrolled on the study, who received at least one dose of the treatment.
- An expansion cohort is planned based on data from Part B (n=100).



- **Primary endpoints:** Safety, ORR, DCR (CR, PR and SD).
- **Secondary endpoints:** DoR; PFS; OS.
- **Exploratory endpoints:** PK and PD (activity of THIO in circulating tumor cells measured by specific biomarkers).

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

- At the time of data cut-off (30 April 2024), 79 patients with advanced NSCLC had received ≥ 1 dose of THIO.
- All patients had previously failed ≥ 1 prior line of ICI \pm chemotherapy in the advanced setting and had documented disease progression at study entry.
- 34% of patients had ≥ 2 prior treatment lines at study entry.

Characteristic	60 mg (n=24)	180 mg (n=41)	360 mg (n=14)	Total (N=79)
Median age (range), years	67 (52–85)	68 (45–81)	68 (50–75)	67 (45–85)
Sex , n (%)				
Female	10 (42)	11 (27)	7 (50)	28 (35)
Male	14 (58)	30 (73)	7 (50)	51 (65)
Number of prior lines , n (%)				
1	17 (71)	30 (73)	5 (36)	52 (66)
2	6 (25)	10 (25)	6 (43)	22 (28)
3	1 (4)	0 (0)	2 (14)	3 (4)
4	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (7)	2 (3)
ECOG PS , n (%)				
0	6 (25)	8 (20)	7 (50)	21 (27)
1	18 (75)	33 (80)	7 (50)	58 (73)
Histology , n (%)				
Non-Squamous cell carcinoma	15 (63)	25 (61)	8 (57)	48 (60)
Squamous cell carcinoma	9 (37)	16 (39)	6 (43)	31 (40)
Brain metastases , n (%)	1 (4)	1 (2)	2 (14)	4 (5)
Liver metastases , n(%)	4 (17)	5 (12)	3 (21)	12 (15)

- THIO + cemiplimab has so far been well tolerated in a heavily pre-treated population, with most events being Grade 1–2 in severity.
- Most TEAEs were laboratory value elevations, except nausea (11.4% overall and 2.4% at the 180 mg dose) and decreased appetite (5.1% overall and 2.4% at the 180 mg dose).
- No study drug-related Grade 5 events have been reported.
- No study drug-related Grade 4 events have been reported at the 180 mg dose.
- No DLTs have been reported in the Part A safety lead in.
- A related Grade ≥ 3 ALT increase was reported in 9 patients (11.4%), including 2 patients receiving 360 mg, 4 at 180 mg, and 3 at 60 mg. No clinical symptoms were associated with the elevated laboratory values, and all returned to baseline or normal without sequelae.
- All other related Grade ≥ 3 events occurred in <5% of patients.
- Following an event of Grade 4 LFT elevation in a patient receiving 360 mg in Part B, enrollment into the 360 mg arm was paused.
- Enrollment was completed in Part B at the selected dose of 180 mg/cycle in February 2024.
- With currently available chemotherapy in this patient population, Grade 5 events are expected in 5% of cases, Grade 4 events in 23.8% and Grade 3 in 42.4%.^{6,7}

6. <https://www.cyramza.com/hcp/nsclc-treatment/revel-trial-safety>

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Related TEAEs by dose level reported in ≥2 patients

Preferred term	60 mg (n=24)	180 mg (n=41)	360 mg (n=14)	Total (N=79)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	6 (25.0%)	10 (24.4%)	4 (28.6%)	20 (25.3%)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	6 (25.0%)	8 (19.5%)	3 (21.4%)	17 (21.5%)
Nausea	1 (4.2%)	1 (2.4%)	7 (50.0%)	9 (11.4%)
Anemia	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	1 (7.1%)	3 (3.8%)
Neutropenia	2 (8.3%)	1 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (3.8%)
Pyrexia	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	1 (7.1%)	3 (3.8%)
Decreased appetite	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.4%)	2 (14.3%)	3 (3.8%)
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	1 (4.2%)	1 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Blood bilirubin increased	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.4%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (2.5%)
Gamma-glutamyltransferase increased	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Leukopenia	1 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (2.5%)
Asthenia	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Erythema	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Hypothyroidism	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Infusion-related reaction	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.9%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)

Related Grade ≥ 3 TEAEs

Preferred term	60 mg (n=24)	180 mg (n=41)	360 mg (n=14)	Total (N=79)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	3 (12.5%)	4 (9.8%)	2 (14.3%)	9 (11.4%)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	5 (20.8%)	2 (4.9%)	2 (14.3%)	9 (11.4%)
Neutropenia	2 (8.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Gamma-glutamyltransferase increased	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Lipase increased	1 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Nausea	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (7.1%)	1 (1.3%)
Hyperkalemia	1 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)

- 69 evaluable patients had completed ≥ 1 post-baseline assessment at the time of data cut-off (45 in 2L, 20 in 3L, 4 in 4L+).
- Partial Responses (PRs) per RECIST 1.1 were observed in 9 patients (6 in 2L, 3 in 3L), with 6 PRs confirmed (3 in 2L, 3 in 3L) by a 2nd scan per Investigators' assessment.
- 5 patients have survival follow-up for >12 months (3 with treatment ongoing).
- In the 3L setting:
 - DCR was 85% for THIO vs. standard of care 25–35% for chemotherapy.⁸
 - 13/20 (65%) patients crossed the 5.8-month OS threshold.⁹
 - 17/20 (85%) patients crossed the 2.5-month PFS threshold.¹⁰⁻¹¹
 - The median survival follow-up time is currently 9.1 months (n=20).
- In the 3L setting with THIO at 180 mg:
 - Median PFS: 5.5 months (24.1 weeks); OS rate at 6 months: 75%.
 - ORR 38% (3/8) vs. standard of care 6–10% for chemotherapy.⁹
 - 6/8 (75%) patients crossed the 5.8-month OS threshold.⁹
 - 7/8 (88%) patients crossed the 2.5-month PFS threshold.¹⁰⁻¹¹
 - The median survival follow-up time is currently 9.1 months (n=8).

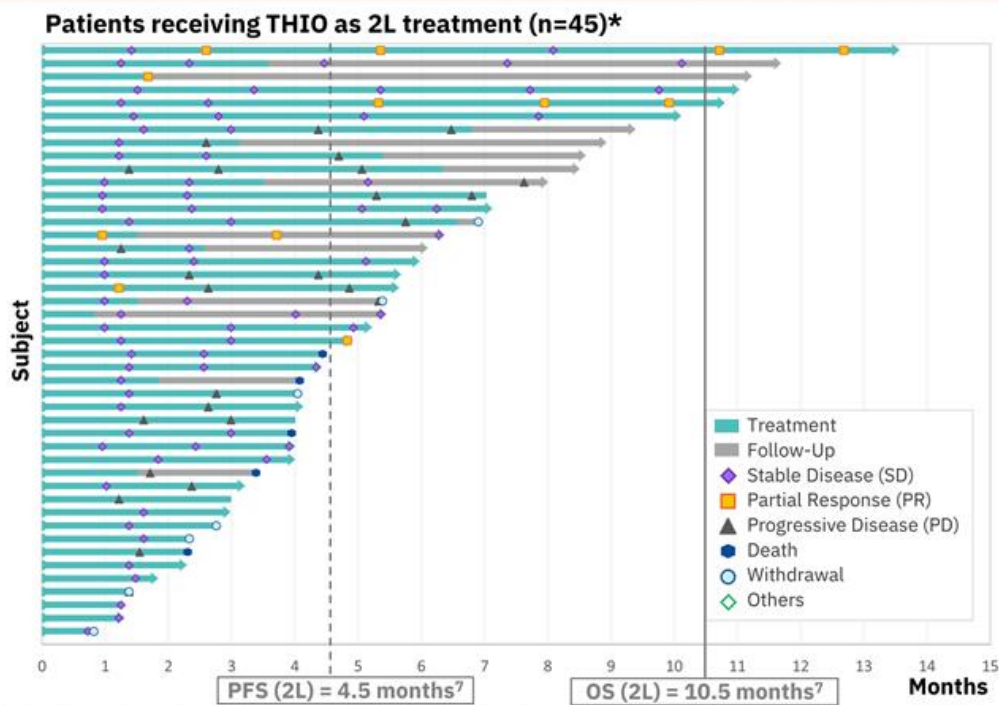
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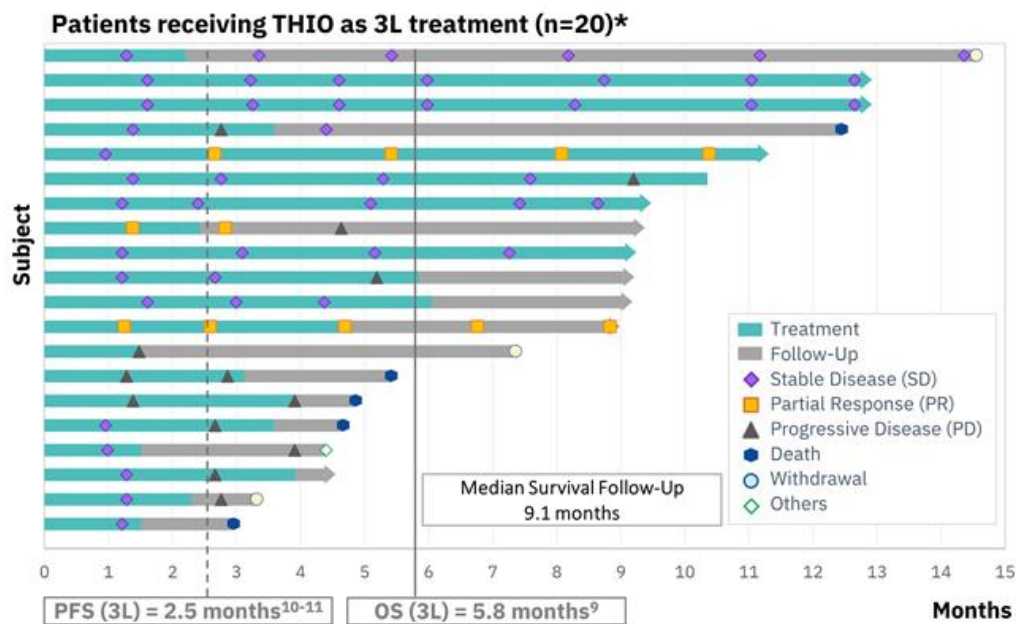
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EFFICACY SECOND-LINE



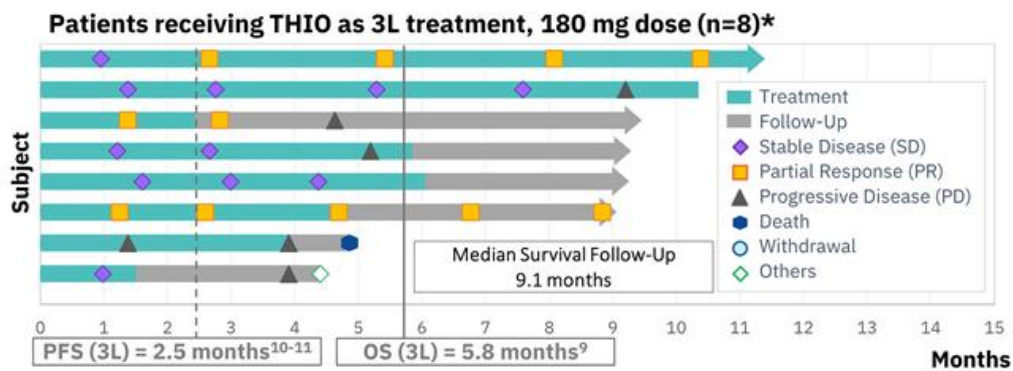
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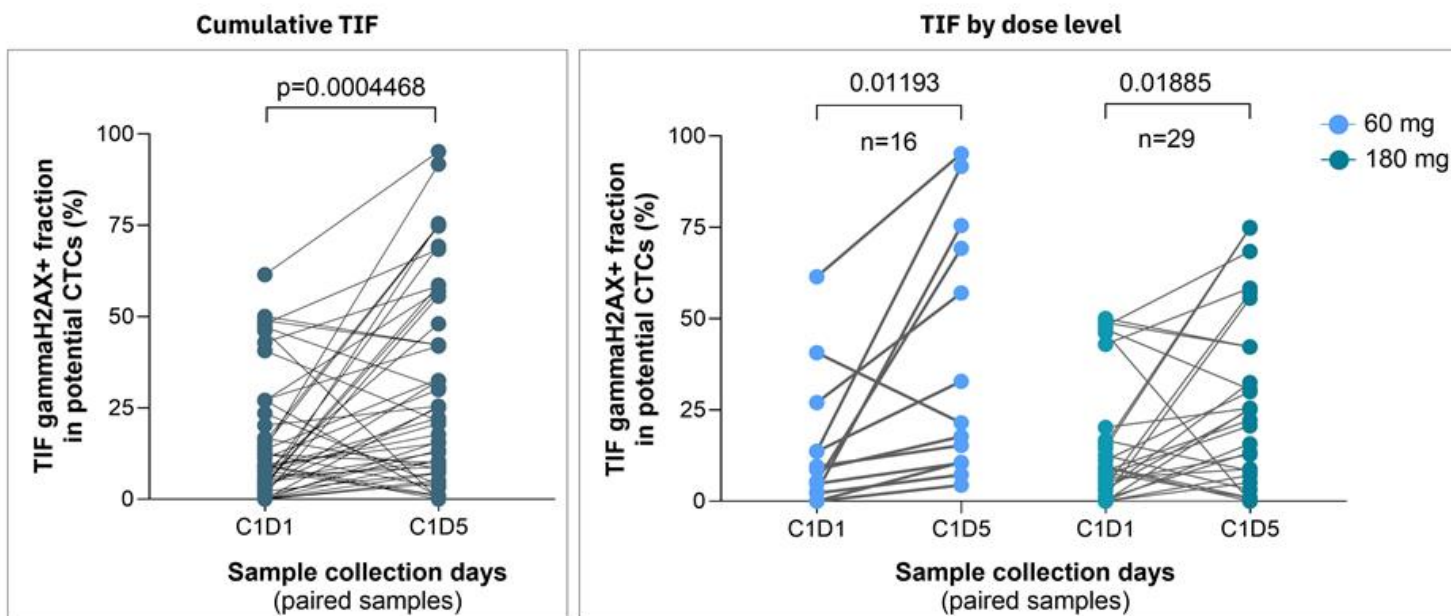
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- TIF (Telomere dysfunction Induced Foci) analysis demonstrated the intended on-target mechanism of action: modification of telomeres in circulating tumor cells (CTCs) by THIO.



- The combination of THIO + cemiplimab is very active in this hard-to-treat patient population (CPI resistant and chemotherapy resistant progressors).
- The ORR in the 3L setting with the 180 mg dose is 38%, which compares favorably with response rates reported of ~6% for other currently available treatments for heavily pre-treated patients.
- Median survival follow-up in the 3L setting has surpassed 9.1 months.
- TIF in CTCs shows on-target effect.
- THIO + cemiplimab has so far been well-tolerated in a heavily pre-treated population.
- The safety profile of THIO has the potential to be far better than chemotherapy. Treatment has the potential to be given for longer, which usually translates into longer survival.
- The ongoing Phase 2 study selected the best dose of THIO in November 2023. The 180 mg dose has shown better safety and superior efficacy compared with other doses: to date, 9.8% of patients receiving the 180 mg dose reported related Grade ≥ 3 AEs. There were no reported related Grade 4 and 5 AEs in the 180 mg dose.

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