

Innovation 4 Health

Scienze della Vita tra pubblico e privato: l'importanza del tech transfer per l'innovative health ai tempi del Covid-19

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«CheckMab, una spin-off universitaria»

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PERCHÉ CHECKMAB MERITA DI ESSERE MENZIONATA

- 1) Le start up italiane che hanno avuto successo per lo più sono nate da spin-off industriali.
- 2) Le start up italiane nate da spin-off universitarie esistono ma molto raramente hanno ottenuto finanziamenti necessari al BP. Le spin-off accademiche che hanno raccolto nel primo round più di 5M probabilmente si contano sulle dita di una/due mani.
- 3) Questo numero limitato di successi influenza il contesto: patent attorney, TTO etc





CHI FINANZIA I RISCHI DELL'INNOVAZIONE NEL MONDO DEL BIOTECH







The clinical need CheckMab would like to address

- Immune checkpoint inhibitors mAbs against CTLA-4, PD-1/PD-L1 show efficacy in a sizable fraction of cancer patients and have been game changers in cancer immunotherapy
- Such mAbs cause immune adverse events in a sizable fraction of patients, likely due to a sistemic activation of the immune system:
 - 5-10% of patients receiving checkpoint inhibitor mAbs must discontinue this therapy due to untreatable major adverse events
 - 5-15% of cancer patients are ineligible for immunotherapy due to pre-existing autoimmune disorders or familiar history of autoimmunity





La nostra salute immunologica è un equilibrio fra un sistema immunitario che agisce e uno che sopprime.







CheckmAb precision approach to the Problem



We have identified cell surface molecules specific for intratumoral regulatory T cells (Immunity, 45. 1135. 2016)

To generate new therapeutic mAbs against cell surface proteins highly enriched in tumor-infiltrating regulatory T cells (Tregs) for **safer** cancer immunotherapy. Carry out mAbs pre-clinical development up to phase I clinical trial.





Current CheckmAb R&D plan







The Company

- ✤ Operational starting date: March 2018
- Operational site: Padiglione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi, Via Francesco Sforza 35, Milan

* Founders and shareholders

 ✓ INVENTORS, Sergio Abrignani & Massimiliano Pagani
✓ PRINCIPIA SGR, Milan, private equity fund
✓ UNIVERSITY of MILAN
✓ ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI GENETICA MOLECOLARE (INGM)

* CSO and Scientific team

- ✓ Renata Grifantini, PhD, CEO
- ✓Tiziano Donnarumma, PhD
- ✓ Manuele Martinelli, PhD
- ✓ Cecilia Valvo, PhD

Consolidated industrial experience in pharma companies, with competences in immuno-oncology, molecular and cellular biology, biochemistry





Prioritization of advanced Treg targets



2/4 lead targets (CM3 and CM8)

2 anti-CM3 mAbs (mouse, chimeric and humanized) show inhibition on intratumoral T regs activity, ADCC and ADCP in vitro





Checkmab proprietary anti-CM3 mAb

- 1. Detects CM3 in intratumoral Tregs by FACS in cell suspension, and by IHC in FFPE tissues
- 2. Inhibits suppressive activity of Treg cells in vitro
- 3. Depletes Tregs cells by ADCC and ADCP activities *in vitro*
- 4. Reduces mouse tumor growth *in vivo*





R&D workflow and advancement status







Flusso delle attività di ricerca nella creazione e realizzazione del valore





