

# Efficacy and Safety of mitazalimab in combination with mFOLFIRINOX in patients with metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (mPDAC): an interim analysis of the OPTIMIZE-1 phase 1b/2 study

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## Mitazalimab, a CD40 agonist with best-in-class profile

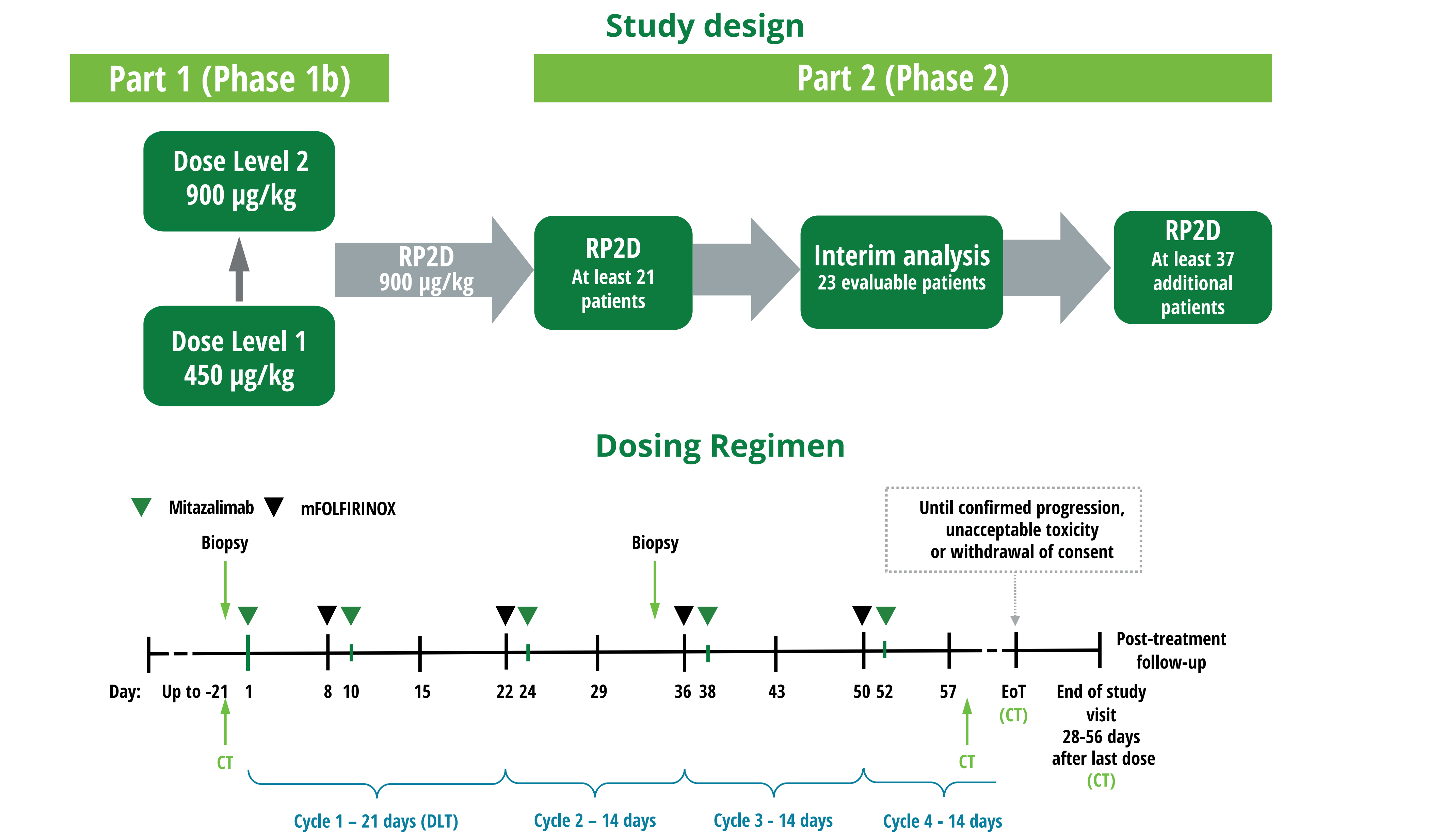
- Mitazalimab is a **FcyR crosslinking dependent CD40 agonistic** antibody (IgG1) with a tumor-directed immune activation
- Mitazalimab binds with **high affinity** to a unique binding epitope on the CD40 receptor allowing for high efficacy and potency
- Mitazalimab has the **potential for superior clinical activity**: mitazalimab is the only FcyR-dependent CD40 agonist with tumor-directed activity that can be dosed at 1 mg/kg

## Mitazalimab in pancreatic cancer

- Targeting CD40 with mitazalimab kickstarts the cancer-immunity cycle, priming and activating tumor-specific T cells<sup>1,2</sup>.
- Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) is characterized by a desmoplastic tumor stroma that creates a mechanical barrier that limits exposure to chemotherapy, hosts immune-suppressive macrophages and leads to poor immune infiltration<sup>1</sup>.
- CD40 agonists promote degradation of the tumor stroma by myeloid cells, improving the influx of T cells and sensitivity to chemotherapeutic agents<sup>1</sup>.

## OPTIMIZE-1 study overview

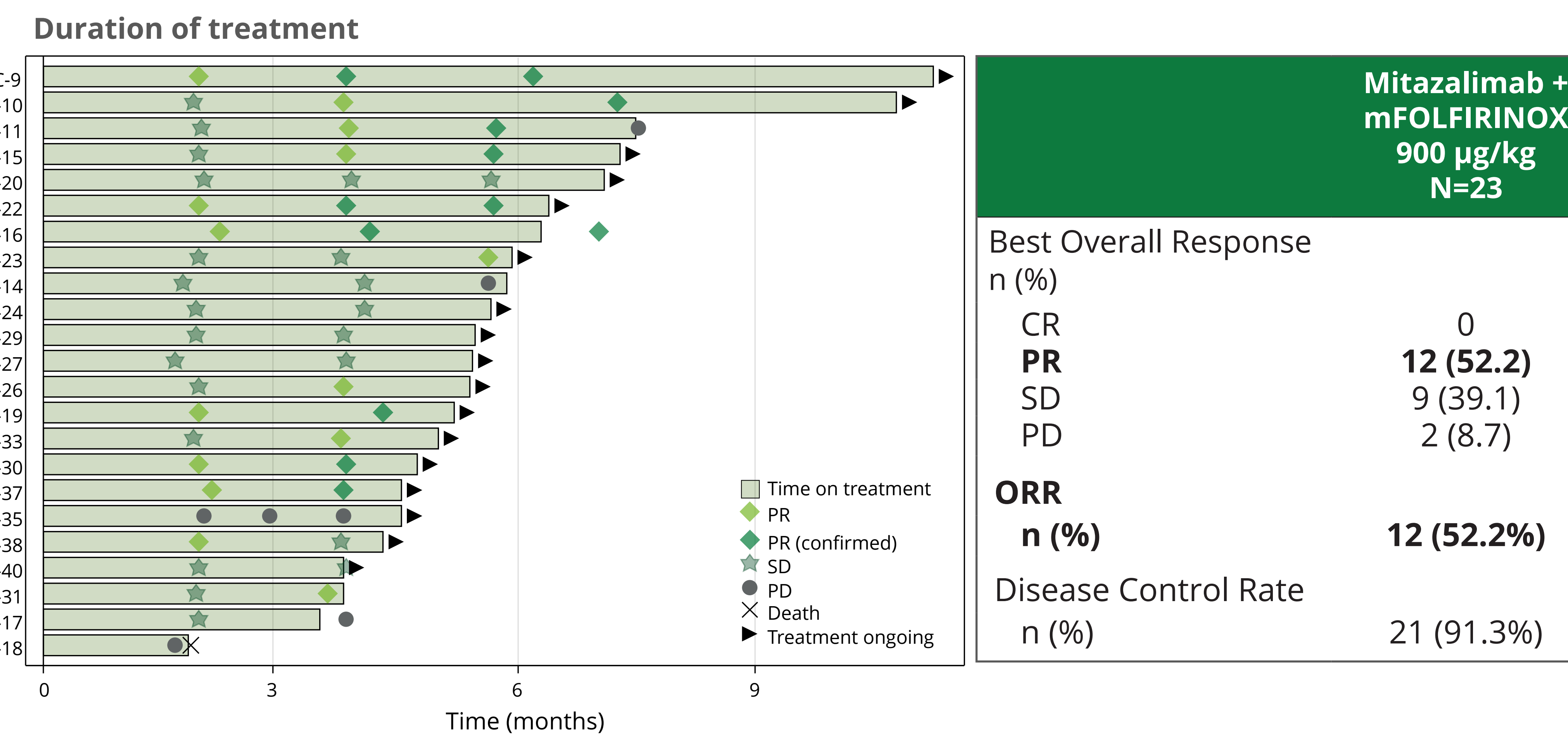
**OPTIMIZE-1** (NCT04888312) is a phase 1b/2, open-label, multicenter study designed to evaluate safety, tolerability, and efficacy of mitazalimab in combination with mFOLFIRINOX in adults diagnosed with previously untreated metastatic PDAC.



## Study Objectives

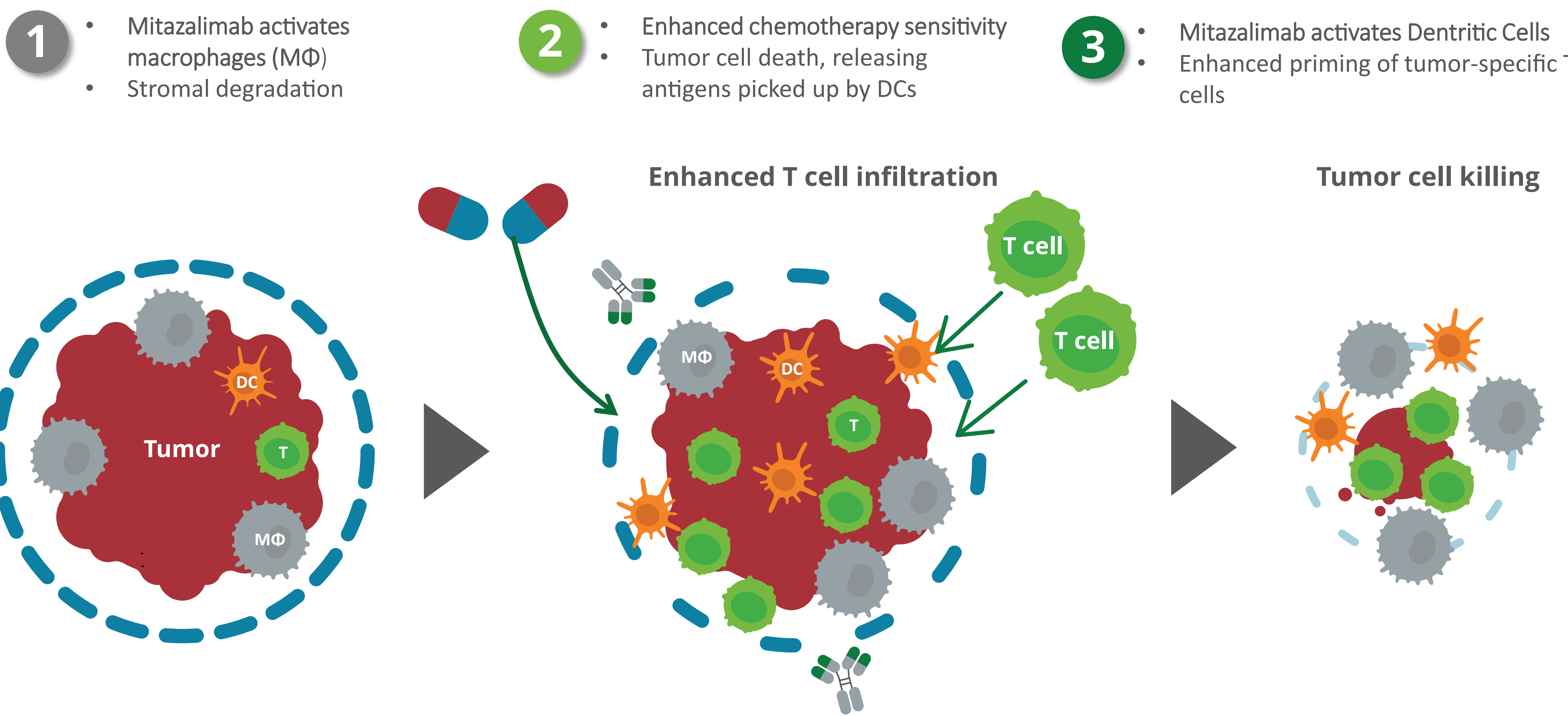
- Phase 1b**  
**Primary objective:** To determine the recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D). Secondary objectives include: Assesment of clinical activity (ORR), and survival outcome.
- Phase 2**  
**Primary objective:** To assess the clinical activity of mitazalimab in combination with chemotherapy as determined by ORR. Secondary objectives include: Survival outcomes, best overall response, duration of response, disease control rate, time to next anti-cancer therapy, safety and PK analysis. PD biomarkers will be analyzed as exploratory endpoints.

## At the interim analysis mitazalimab in combination with mFOLFIRINOX demonstrated encouraging clinical activity and manageable safety in patients with previously untreated metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma



- At cutoff (December 8, 2022), 23 patients treated with mFOLFIRINOX + 900 µg/kg mitazalimab had received at least 2 cycles and were evaluable for futility (efficacy) analysis.
- Median follow up was approximately six months.
- Mitazalimab + mFOLFIRINOX is a feasible regimen with a manageable safety profile.
- Mitazalimab administered at 900 µg/kg in combination with mFOLFIRINOX shows encouraging antitumor activity in mPDAC, supporting continued development.
- With an ORR of 52.2%, the OPTIMIZE-1 study passes futility and continues to full accrual.

## Mode of Action



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## Patient Baseline Characteristics

	Safety set		Efficacy set
	450 µg/kg N=5	900 µg/kg N=38	900 µg/kg N=23
Age group n (%)			
65 or above	3 (60.0)	18 (47.4)	11 (47.8)
Below 65	2 (40.0)	20 (52.6)	12 (52.2)
Gender n (%)			
Female	2 (40.0)	23 (60.5)	14 (60.9)
Male	3 (60.0)	15 (39.5)	9 (39.1)
Time from diagnosis to treatment start, median (range)	21 (13-97)	31 (11-77)	27 (11-66)
ECOG performance status n (%)			
Grade 0	3 (60.0)	21 (55.3)	16 (69.6)
Grade 1	2 (40.0)	17 (44.7)	7 (30.4)
Presence of liver metastasis n (%)			
Yes	5 (100)	29 (76.3)	18 (78.3)
No	0 (0.0)	9 (23.7)	5 (22.7)
Modified Glasgow Prognostic Score <sup>3</sup>			
0	2 (40.0)	20 (52.6)	11 (47.8)
1	3 (60.0)	17 (44.7)	12 (52.2)
2	0 (0.0)	1 (2.6)	0 (0.0)
Received prior surgery n (%)			
Yes	1 (20.0)	1 (2.6)	1 (4.3)
No	4 (80.0)	37 (97.4)	22 (95.7)
CA19-9 at baseline n(%)			
<100	1 (20.0)	8 (21.1)	5 (21.7)
100-1000	0 (0.0)	7 (18.4)	5 (21.7)
>1000	4 (80.0)	17 (44.7)	11 (47.8)
Unknown	0 (0.0)	6 (15.8)	2 (8.7)
Neutrophil/Lymphocyte ratio			
< 5	4 (80.0)	33 (86.8)	19 (82.6)
≥ 5	1 (20.0)	5 (13.2)	4 (17.4)

### Key Eligibility Criteria

#### Inclusion:

- Diagnosis of metastatic PDAC
- ECOG status of 0 or 1
- No previous chemotherapy for PDAC
- No prior abdominal radiotherapy
- Life expectancy ≥ 3 months
- Acceptable hematologic and clinical laboratory chemistry values

#### Exclusion:

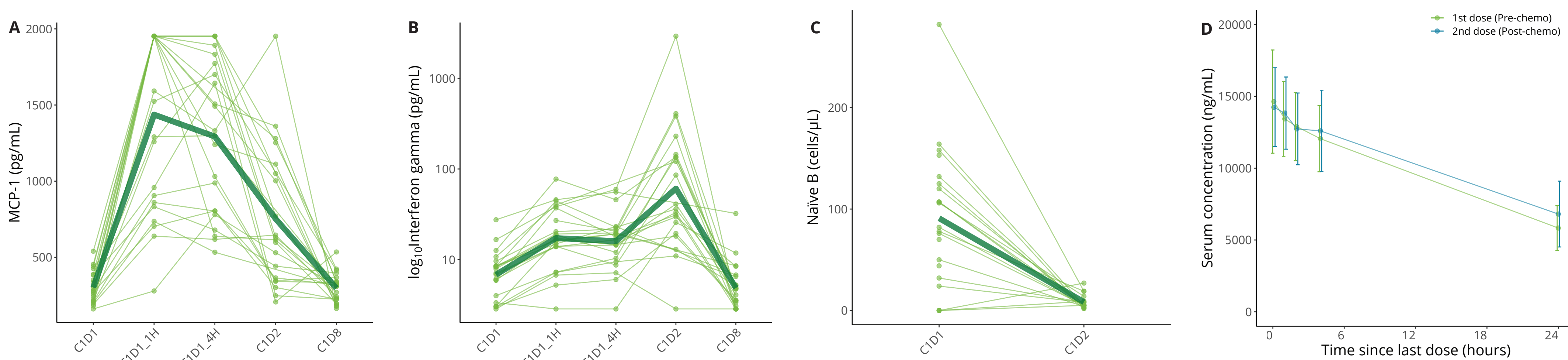
- Other types of non-ductal pancreatic tumor
- Known CNS metastases or carcinomatous meningitis
- Has other current cancer or history of cancer in the prior 3 years

## Safety

Patients with Grade ≥3 AEs (any causality) n (%)	900 µg/kg N=38
Grade ≥3 AEs occurring in ≥5% patients:	26 (68.4)
Neutropenia	7 (18.4)
Fatigue	5 (13.2)
Thrombocytopenia	4 (10.5)
Hypokalemia	4 (10.5)
Anemia	3 (7.9)
Diarrhea	3 (7.9)
Vomiting	2 (5.3)
Pneumonia	2 (5.3)

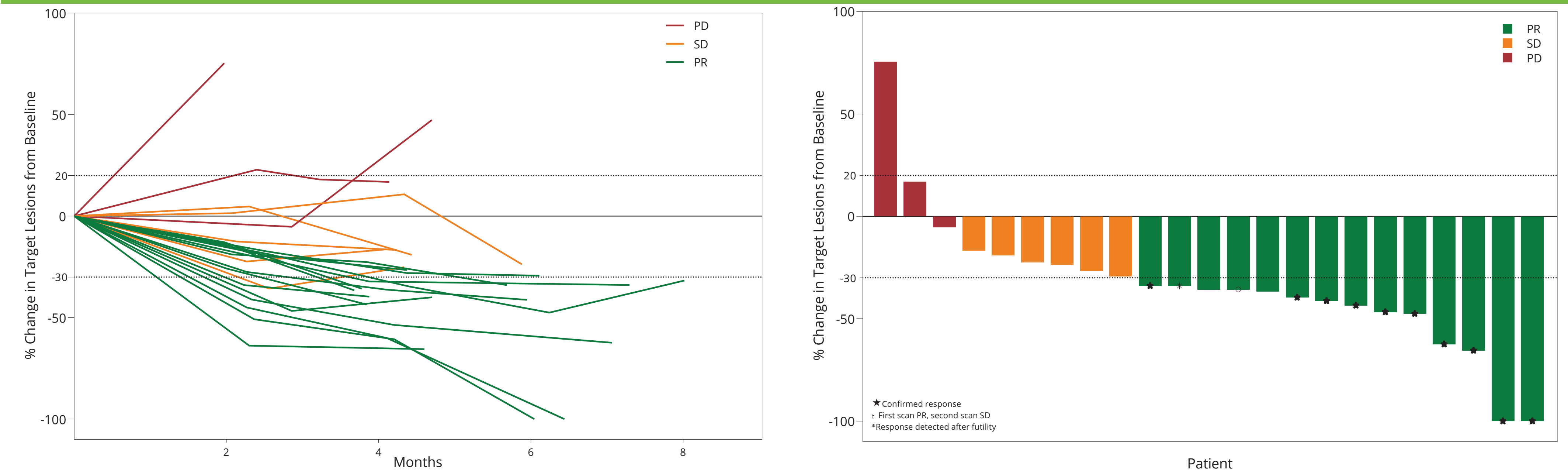
- At cutoff, 43 patients were treated with mFOLFIRINOX and 450 µg/kg (N=5) or 900 µg/kg (N=38) mitazalimab and evaluated for safety
- Mitazalimab + mFOLFIRINOX has a manageable safety profile
- The overall safety profile is consistent with mFOLFIRINOX chemotherapy
- No new safety signals or evidence of additive toxicity
- 6 patients (15.8%) experienced mitazalimab related grade >3 AEs
- 5 patients presented TEAEs that lead to discontinuation of study treatment: Pneumonia, gastric obstruction, neuropathy, bacteremia, and altered general condition

## Biomarkers in peripheral blood confirm mitazalimab's mode of action



(A-B) Transient increases in serum MCP-1 and IFN-γ after mitazalimab administration. (C) Circulating *naive* B cells decrease after the first mizalimab dose administration; (D) Serum concentration of mitazalimab within 24 hours after dose administration; PK profiles were not altered after mFOLFIRINOX. N=23

## Tumor shrinkage during treatment



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