

# Empower the Immune System to Fight Cancer

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### **INTRODUCTION**

## UV1: An off-the-shelf cancer vaccine in a broad clinical program

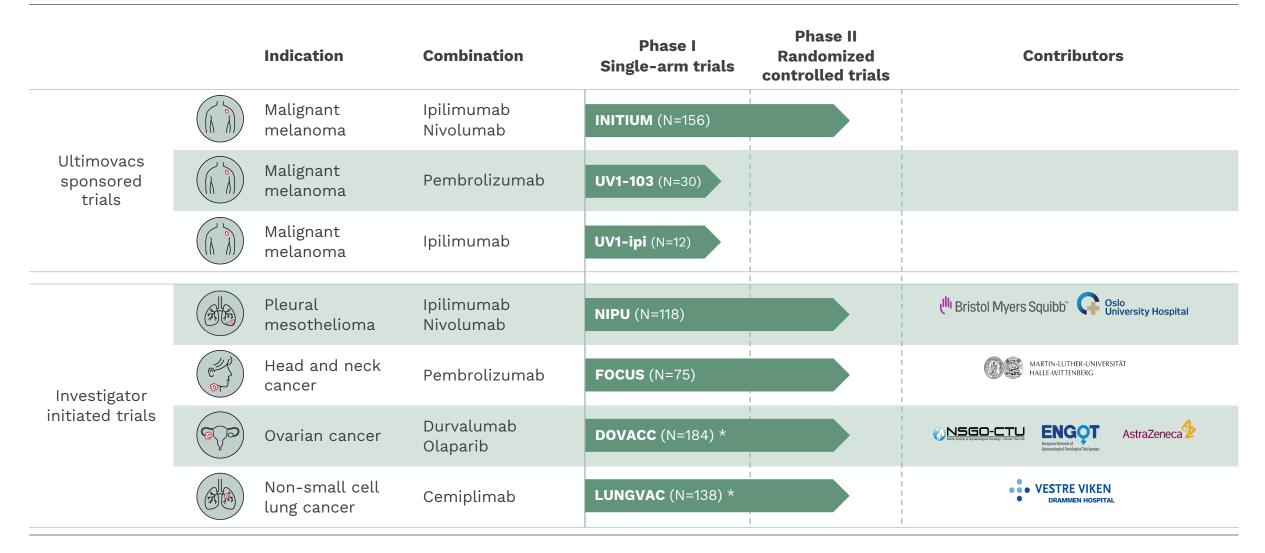
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors (CPI) have transformed cancer treatment, but the success rate varies
  - Cancer vaccines can enhance the activation and infiltration of T cells into the tumor
  - UV1 target telomerase is expressed in 85-90% of cancer types across stages; represent a potential add-on treatment to CPI in multiple solid tumors
- Clinical strategy objective: Assessing UV1 efficacy across different types of cancers expressing telomerase, and where CPI therapy are (or likely to be) approved as standard-of-care
- Phase I studies with UV1 showed good safety profile and promising long-term overall survival
- UV1 + pembrolizumab in advanced melanoma: 33% complete response, ~ 70% overall survival after 4 years; similar results for PD-L1 +/- tumors
- Phase II program: Data-driven approach with five randomized controlled trials (RCT) in various indications First randomized Phase II data in advanced mesothelioma and melanoma
  - NIPU: ipi/nivo +/- UV1 in second-line treatment of malignant mesothelioma: Primary endpoint PSF not met, clinically meaningful survival improvement
  - INITIUM: ipi/nivo +/- UV1, in first-line treatment of advanced melanoma: Primary/secondary endpoint not met

#### Near-term topline results expected from Phase II trials

- FOCUS: pembro +/- UV1 in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma: Enrollment complete, readout expected Q3 2024
- DOVACC: Second-line treatment of ovarian cancer with UV1 added to olaparib/durvalumab: Enrolling, readout expected H1 2025

## INTRODUCTION

## Investigating UV1 across cancer indications and combinations

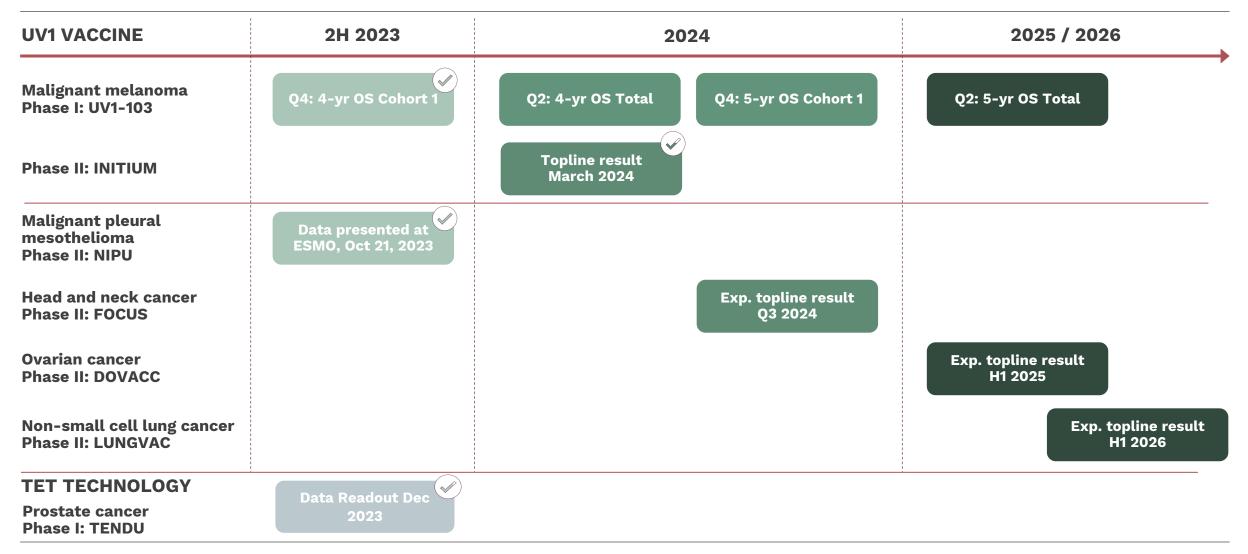




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## **INTRODUCTION**

## Newsflow and milestones







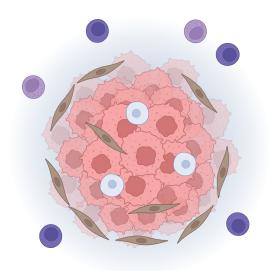
# **01** UV1 therapeutic cancer vaccine

Checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) efficacy relies on spontaneous T cell responses against cancer<sup>1</sup>

Vaccinate to increase the

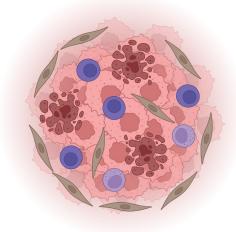
magnitude and durability of

relevant T cell responses



Non-responding (cold) tumors

Scarce anti-tumor T cell responses **Responding (hot) tumors** 



High PD-L1 Many TILs High IFNy

Abundant anti-tumor T cell responses

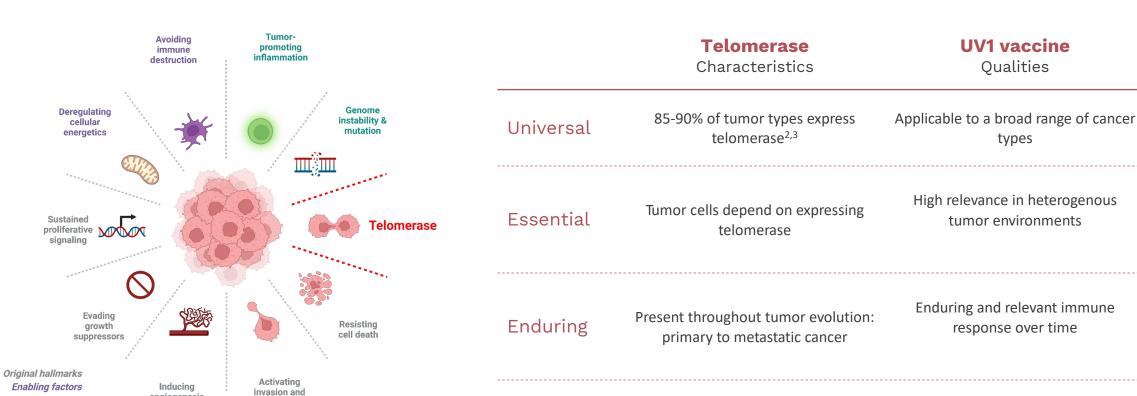


Low PD-L1

Few TILs

Low IFNv

## The UV1 vaccine induces T cell responses against telomerase



Hallmarks of cancer<sup>1</sup>

angiogenesis



Emerging hallmarks

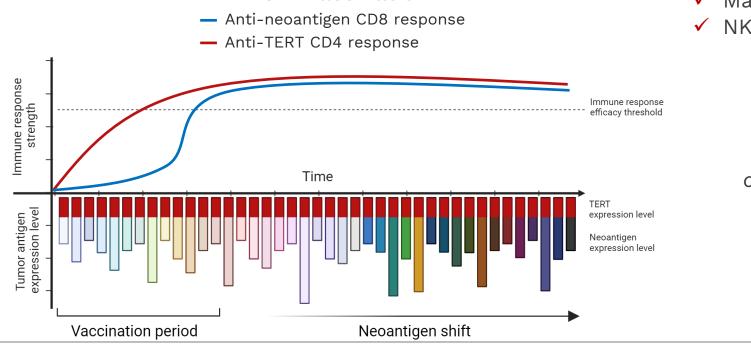
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metastasis

## UV1 leverages the unique features of CD4 T cells

## **CD8 T cells**

- "Soldiers" of the immune response
- Identifies target antigen on HLA class I
- Directly kill cancer cells



**UV1 vaccination** 

## **CD4 T cells**

- "Orchestrators" of the immune response
- Identifies target antigen on HLA class II
- Promotes anti-tumor immune response through activation of:
  - ✓ CD8 T cells
  - ✓ Macrophages
  - ✓ NK cells

CD4+ T cell response towards a continuously present target maintains anti-tumor immune responses over time

## UV1

## Mode of action & downstream mechanisms enhance tumor killing

1 Intradermal injection of UV1 and **activation of TERT-specific T cells** 

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- Improved priming of anti-tumor immune responses
- T cells bind their antigen (TERT) expressed on local APCs and the T cells release cytokines (TNF-α, IFN-γ and IL-2) inducing a proinflammatory "hot" tumor microenvironment

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#### Enhanced intratumoral activation of T cells

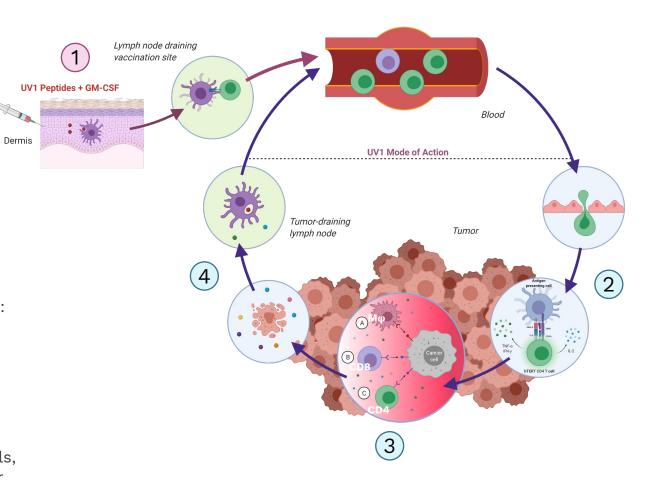
- T cells activate other cells of the immune system through cytokine secretion, directing killing through:
  - i. Macrophages
  - ii. CD8 T cells
  - iii. CD4 T cells



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#### Increased tumor cell killing

- Dying tumor cells release antigens
- These are taken up by APCs and presented to T cells, broadening the immune response against the tumor

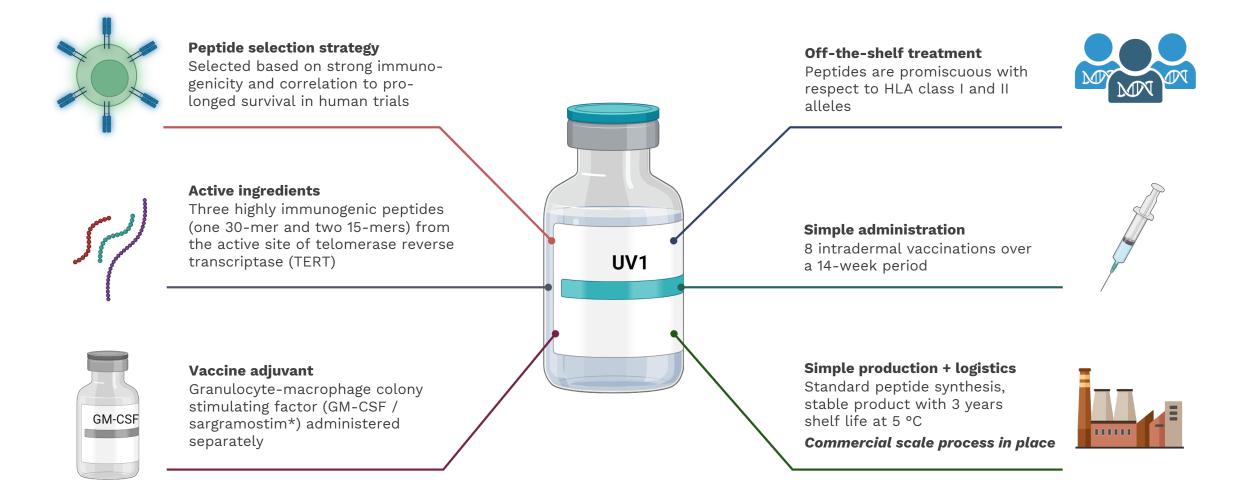


## Demonstrated good safety across the trials

- UV1 does not inhibit telomerase activity but generates T cell responses recognizing fragments of telomerase presented in the context of HLA molecules on cells in the tumor
- No safety signals seen from healthy tissues expressing telomerase (e.g. stem cells)
- More than 300 cancer patients have received treatment with UV1 in clinical trials. To date, no safety concerns
  have been reported
- UV1 maintains an excellent safety profile in the randomized Phase II NIPU trial
  - The addition of UV1 to ipilimumab + nivolumab was safe and did not noticeably increase occurrences of serious adverse events
  - The percentage of patients with serious adverse events was similar in both arms



## The UV1 vaccine is off-the-shelf and easy to administer







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# 02 Phase I results

## PHASE 1 UV1-103 TRIAL

## UV1 plus pembrolizumab in advanced melanoma

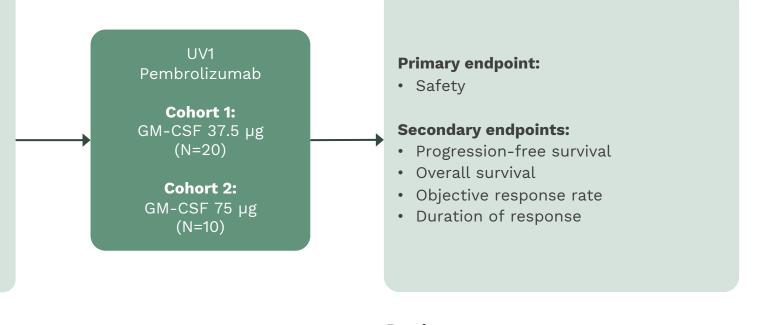
Sponsor: Ultimovacs Country: USA



#### 1L treatment of advanced melanoma

#### N=30

- Advanced histologically confirmed malignant melanoma (stage IIIB-C, IV)
- Measurable and evaluable disease according to iRECIST
- Previously untreated and eligible for pembrolizumab (prior BRAF and MEK inhibitors permitted)
- ECOG 0-1
- Active brain metastases, and uveal or ocular melanoma not permitted



#### Status:

Enrollment completed Patients are in long-term follow-up

#### **Results:** Published in Clinical Cancer Research (2023)

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## Sustained long-term overall survival after 48 months

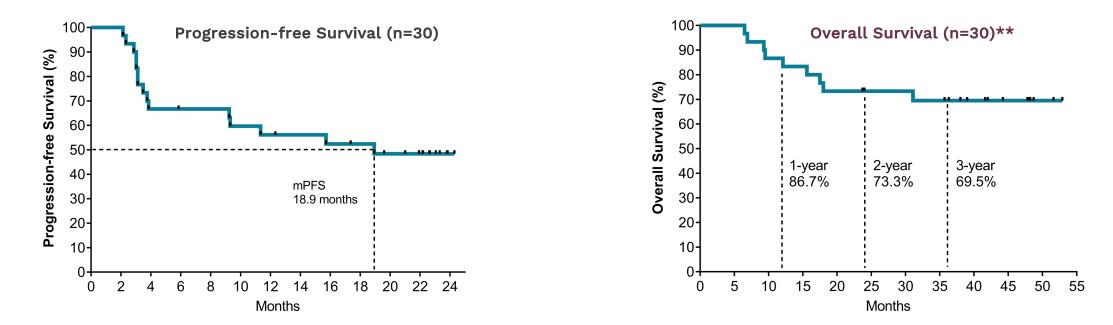
#### **Progression free survival**:

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• Median PFS 18.9 months (95% CI, 3.5-NR)

#### **Overall survival:**

- Median follow-up 47.8 months
- Median OS not reached (95% CI, 31.2-NR)



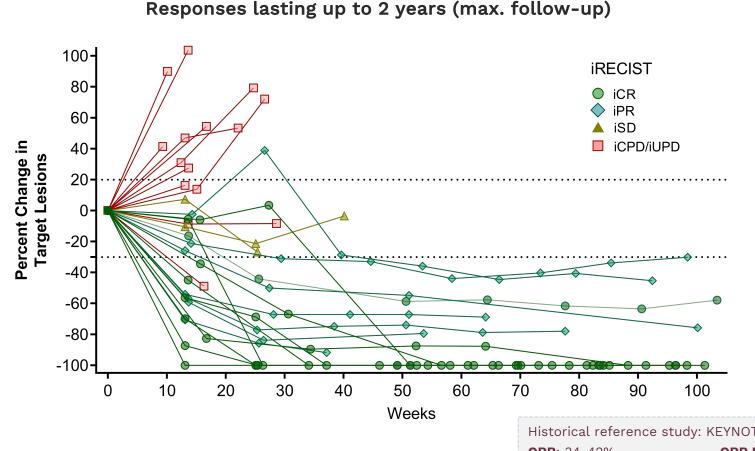
• UV1 has demonstrated a good safety profile; no unexpected safety issues have been observed in the trial

• Patients will continue to be followed for long-term survival

\*4-year follow-up of Cohort 1: No confirmed deaths between 3-year and 4-year follow-up. 4-year follow-up of cohort 1+2 combined will be reported Q2 2024. \*\* Published in Ellingsen et al, Clinical Cancer Research (2023)

### PHASE 1 UV1-103 TRIAL IN ADVANCED MELANOMA

## Sustained high ORR and CR rate also in PD-L1 negative tumors



| Best overall<br>response (iRECIST)        | n  | %    |
|---|----|------|
| ORR (n=30)                                | 17 | 56.7 |
| Complete response                         | 10 | 33.3 |
| Partial response                          | 7  | 23.3 |
| Stable disease                            | 2  | 6.7  |
| Progressive disease                       | 11 | 36.7 |
| ORR in PD-L1 negative<br>patients (n=14)* | 8  | 57.1 |
| Complete response                         | 5  | 35.7 |
| Partial response                          | 3  | 21.4 |

 Historical reference study: KEYNOTE-006 (FDA Package insert; Robert C, 2019; Carlino MS, 2018)

 ORR: 34-42%
 ORR PD-L1 neg: 24.3% (95% Cl, 16.4%-33.7%)

 CR: 5-14%
 CR PD-L1 neg: 5.8%

Each line represent one patient, color- and symbol-coded according to best objective response achieved per iRECIST Each symbol represents a CT measurement of the tumor size relative to baseline

• PD-L1 staining with 22C3 pharmDx for Autostainer Link 48. PD-L1 positive defined as ≥1% of tumor cells

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# 03 Phase II strategy and clinical trials

## Wide-ranging randomized controlled Phase II clinical program

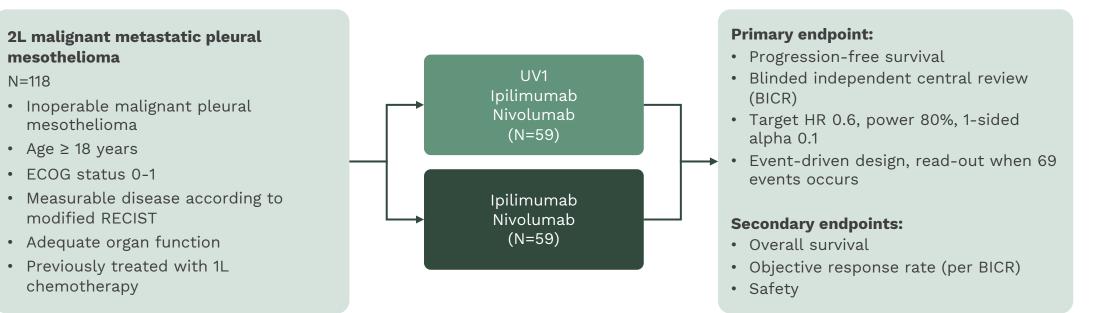
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|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
|   | NIPU  | INITIUM   | FOCUS                                   | DOVACC   | LUNGVAC                               |
| Indication                              | Second line<br>mesothelioma                                 | First line malignant<br>melanoma                      | First line head and<br>neck cancer      | Second line ovarian<br>cancer                      | First line non-small cell lung cancer |
| Immunotherapy<br>combination<br>+/- UV1 | Ipilimumab<br>Nivolumab                                     | Ipilimumab<br>Nivolumab                               | Pembrolizumab                           | Durvalumab<br>Olaparib                             | Cemiplimab                            |
| Study conduct                           | 118 patients<br>6 sites<br>5 countries<br>Europe, Australia | 156 patients<br>39 sites<br>4 countries<br>Europe, US | 75 patients<br>10 sites<br>Germany      | 184 patients<br>35 sites<br>10 countries<br>Europe | 138 patients<br>9 sites<br>Norway     |
| Enrollment status                       | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$                              | >40%   | >15%                                  |
| Topline results                         | Announced<br>October 2023                                   | Announced<br>March 2024                               | Q3 2024                                 | H1 2025  | H1 2026                               |
|   | Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival                 |   |   |  |                                       |

Secondary endpoints: Overall survival, objective response rate, duration of response, safety

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## NIPU: Second-line malignant pleural mesothelioma

**Sponsor:** Oslo University Hospital **Contributors:** BMS, Ultimovacs **Sites and countries:** Six hospitals in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain and Australia <u>NCT04300244</u>



#### Status:

Enrollment completed between June 2020 and January 2023

#### **Milestones:**

Results presented at the ESMO Congress in Madrid, October 2023



## Encouraging survival results presented at ESMO 2023

## No added toxicity compared to ipi + nivo alone

• Safety profile of UV1 in combination with ipi + nivo is comparable to that of ipi + nivo alone

## Primary endpoint progression-free survival not met

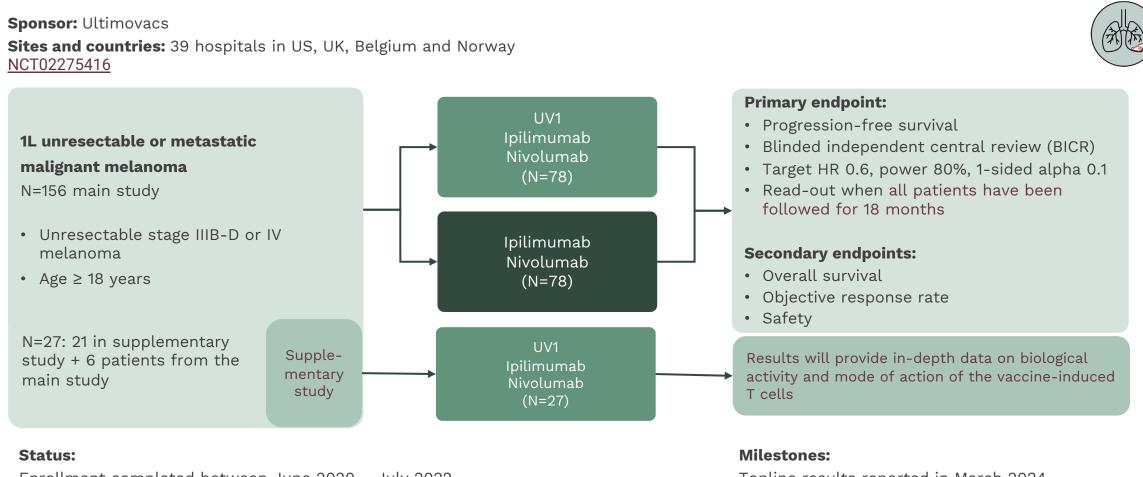
• Main analysis of progression-free survival failed to demonstrate statistical significance

### Clinically relevant improvements on secondary endpoints:

- Improved survival: The combination UV1 + ipi + nivo improved overall survival, reducing the risk of death by 27%
- Reduced tumor burden: The combination UV1 + ipi + nivo gave an objective response rate of 31%, as compared to 16% with ipi + nivo alone



## **INITIUM: First-line advanced melanoma**



Enrollment completed between June 2020 – July 2022

Topline results reported in March 2024

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## Topline results reported after 18 months follow-up

#### No added toxicity compared to ipi + nivo alone

• Safety profile of UV1 in combination with ipi + nivo is comparable to that of ipi + nivo alone

#### Primary and secondary endpoints not met

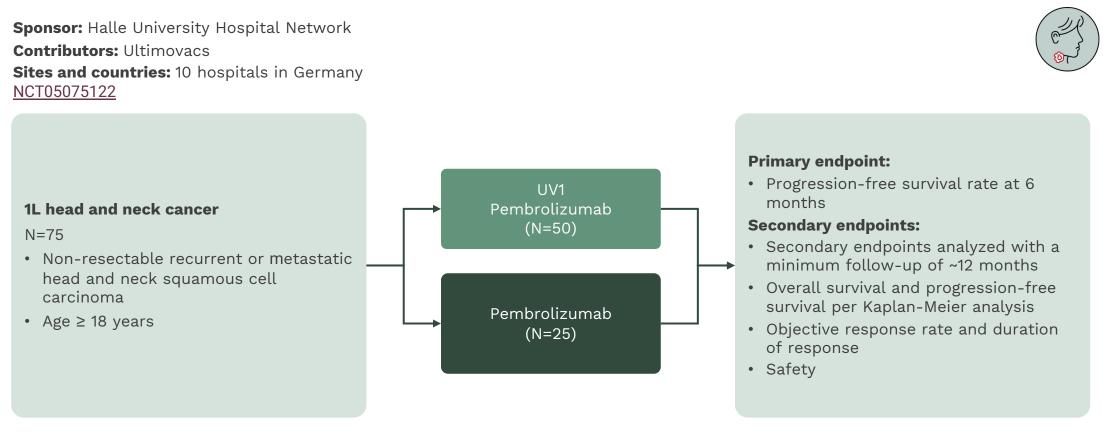
- Main analysis of progression-free survival, overall survival and objective response rate failed to demonstrate statistically significant improvement with the addition of UV1 to the ipi/nivo combination which performed much better than expected based on historical data
- Full dataset is currently being analyzed for subgroup effects and biological activity

#### Median PFS was not reached in either arm

• Hazard ratio (HR) between the arms for PFS was 0.95



## FOCUS: First-line head and neck cancer



#### Status:

Enrollment completed between August 2021 – August 2023

#### **Milestones:**

Topline results expected Q3 2024 Includes readout of all endpoints up to 12 months and primary endpoint at 6 months

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## **DOVACC:** Relapsed ovarian cancer

Sponsor: NSGO/ENGOT **Contributors:** AstraZeneca, Ultimovacs Sites and countries: 35 hospitals, 10 countries in Europe NCT04742075



#### UV1 High-grade BRCA negative ovarian Olaparib cancer, 2L maintenance Durvalumab **Primary endpoint:** (N=92) Progression-free survival • Histologically diagnosed epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary Olaparib Secondary endpoints: peritoneal cancer Durvalumab • Overall survival • Confirmation of relapse disease $\geq 6$ (N=46) • Objective response rate month after last chemotherapy • Duration of response Non-gBRCAmut or tBRCAwt • Safety Olaparib • Age $\geq$ 18 years (N=46)

#### Status:

N=184

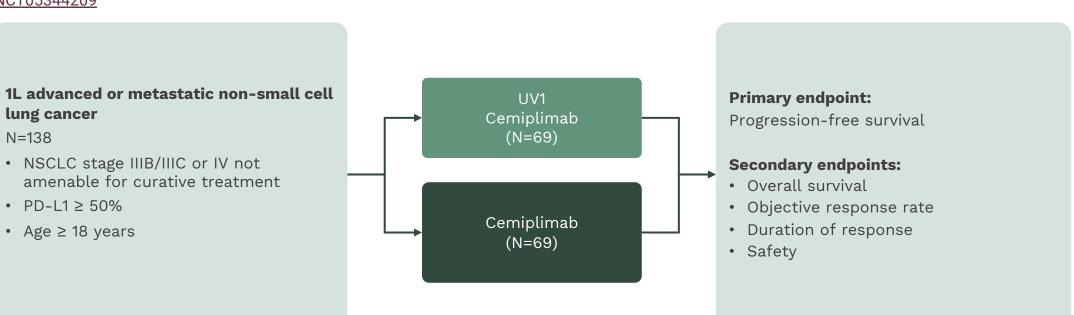
First patient enrolled in December 2021 Enrollment per Q4 2023 reporting: 75 patients (>40%) **Milestones:** 

Topline results expected H1 2025

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## LUNGVAC: First-line non-small cell lung cancer

**Sponsor:** Drammen Hospital **Contributors:** Ultimovacs **Sites and countries:** 9 hospitals in Norway <u>NCT05344209</u>



#### Status:

First patient enrolled in October 2022 Enrollment per Q4 2023 reporting: 23 patients (>15%)

#### **Milestones:**

Topline results expected H1 2026

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# 04 Discovery: TET technology



## The TET vaccine technology

TET (Tetanus-Epitope Targeting) is Ultimovacs' patent protected vaccine adjuvant technology.

TET ensures targeted delivery of both antigen and adjuvant signals to antigen presenting cells.

TET is a novel strategy to effectively activate tumor specific T cells.

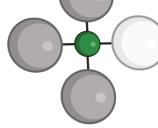
The units delivering the adjuvant and the antigen signals are linked by use of an innovative conjugation technology.

This conjugation technology allows for flexibility to incorporate a variety of antigens, and thereby tailoring vaccines to different types of cancer.

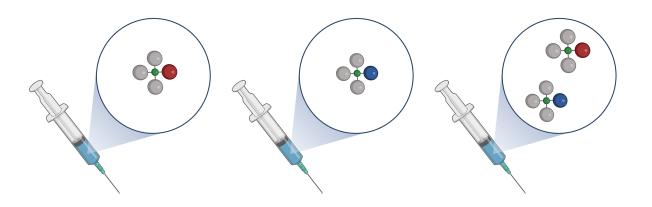
The TET vaccine adjuvant technology and the conjugation technology may be basis for new, first-in-class therapeutic cancer vaccines.

#### ADJUVANT:

Tetanus-derived sequences facilitating the adjuvant function

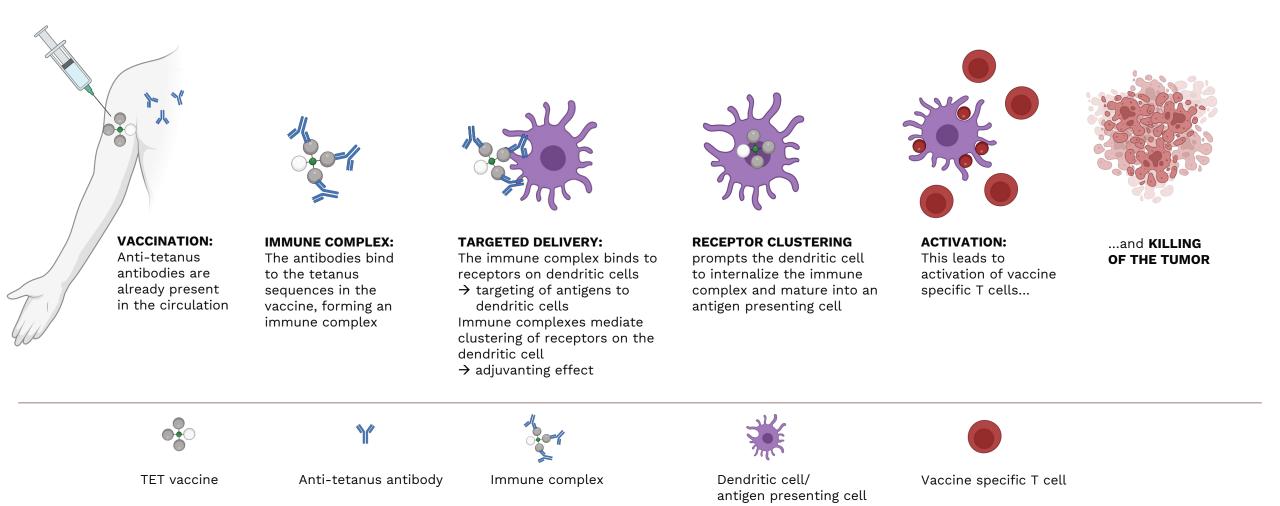


**ANTIGEN** that directs the immune response towards the intended goal



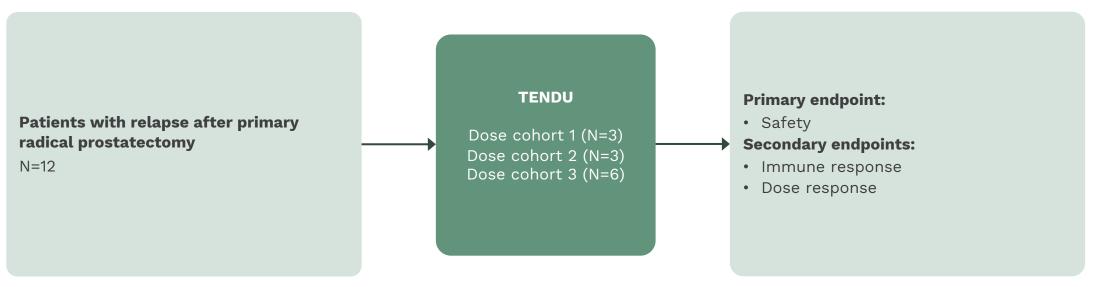


## Targeted delivery of the vaccine to antigen presenting cells



## TENDU: First clinical evaluation of a TET vaccine

**Sponsor:** Ultimovacs **Sites and countries:** Oslo University Hospital, Norway <u>NCT04701021</u>



**Status:** Enrollment completed

#### **Milestones:**

Results reported December 2023: Good safety and tolerability across all dose cohorts Observations of immune activation with vaccine specific T cell responses

## Other CMC and preclinical development

- Ultimovacs is conducting a series of activities to further develop and explore the potential of TET and the conjugation technology
- Preclinical experiments support the TET strategy of targeted delivery of antigens and adjuvant signals to antigen presenting cells
- The combination of exploratory research using Ultimovacs' conjugation technology, significant progress made in the manufacturing process, and the clinical data, provide a valuable basis for potential expansion of Ultimovacs' pipeline
- Ultimovacs will continue the ongoing TET nonclinical activities
- Future development of TET based vaccine candidates will take into consideration the evolution of the therapeutic landscape and medical needs in different tumor types





# 04 Outlook and opportunities



## **OPPORTUNITIES**

## Investigating UV1 with the leading immune checkpoint inhibitors

- Immune checkpoint inhibitors (CPI) have transformed cancer treatment the last decade, but the success rates varies
- Currently around one third of cancer patients is eligible to receive CPI<sup>1</sup>
- Cancer vaccines may enhance the activation and infiltration of T cells into the tumor and improve treatment outcomes from immunotherapy
  - In current Phase II program, UV1 is under investigation with 5 out of the top 6 CPIs, accounting for ~85% of the CPI market
- Multiple combination opportunities in solid tumors remains, and across stages

| Cancer indication       | CPI use % | US market | UV1        | Approved CPIs   |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---|
| Melanoma                | 80%       | \$3.8 bn  |            | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab,<br>opdualag     |
| Lung cancer             | 48%       | \$12.8 bn |            | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab,<br>atezolizumab |
| Head and neck           | 58%       | \$1 bn    |            | Pembrolizumab, nivolumab                              |
| Ovarian                 | -         | \$2.2 bn  |            |   |
| Mesothelioma            | 40%       | \$0.2 bn  |            | ipilimumab, nivolumab                                 |
| Renal cell<br>carcinoma | 40%       | \$3.4 bn  | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab                  |
| Bladder cancer          | 45%       | \$1.5 bn  | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, nivolumab, atezolizumab                |
| Gastric/Gastro          | 50%       | \$0.8 bn  | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab                  |
| Liver                   | 39%       | \$1.1 bn  | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab,<br>atezolizumab |
| B-cell lymphoma         | 4%        | \$10.5 bn | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, nivolumab                              |
| Colorectal              | 24%       | \$4.4 bn  | $\bigcirc$ | Pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab                  |
|                         |           |           |            | Source: Global Data (Febr 2024)                       |



## The benefit of off-the-shelf vs. individualized vaccines

|  | Off-the-shelf  | Individualized                   |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Vaccine modality   | Shared antigen | Individualized                   |
| Patient screening (biopsy)                                 | Not required   | Required                         |
| Specialized hospital infrastructure                        | Not required   | Required                         |
| Time to treatment  | Immediate      | ~6 weeks                         |
| Possibility to expand to neoadjuvant or metastatic setting | Yes            | Limited due to<br>long lead time |
| Manufacturing costs  | Low            | High                             |
| Resistance potential                                       | No             | Yes                              |



## UV1 regulatory designations in the U.S. and the EU

MelanomaFDA Orphan Drug Designation has been granted to UV1 for treatment of stage IIB-IV<br/>melanoma (December 2021)

**FDA Fast Track Designation** has been granted for UV1 as add-on therapy to ipilimumab or pembrolizumab for treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma (October 2021)

Mesothelioma EMA Orphan Drug Designation has been granted to UV1 for treatment of mesothelioma (February 2024)

**FDA Fast Track Designation** has been granted for UV1 as add-on therapy to ipilimumab and nivolumab for treatment of malignant pleural mesothelioma (February 2024)

**FDA Orphan Drug Designation** has been granted to UV1 for treatment of mesothelioma (October 2023)



## Thirty years of research - proven execution capabilities

#### **Company profile**

- Founded in 2011 based on more than 30 years of research
- Listed at Euronext Oslo Stock Exchange in 2019
- 26 employees from 7 nationalities
- Located in Oslo, Norway and Uppsala, Sweden
- Total cash end of Q4 2023 amounted to MNOK 267 (MUSD 25)
- Estimated financial runway into 2025

#### Management







Hans V. Eid Chief Financial Officer

Jens Bjørheim

Chief Medical Officer

MD, PhD

## Shareholders<sup>2</sup>

| Investor                              | Holding |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Gjelsten Holding                      | 18.9%   |
| Radforsk (Biotech/oncology fund)      | 4.4%    |
| Inven2 (University of Oslo TTO)       | 3.7%    |
| J.P. Morgan Securities PLC            | 1.9%    |
| Nordnet Livsforsikring (pension fund) | 1.8%    |
| Prieta (Gustav Gaudernack)            | 1.6%    |
| Тор 20                                | 46.0%   |

#### **Capital markets transactions**

| Date    | Transaction                    | Deal value         |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Oct '21 | Private placement <sup>2</sup> | MNOK 270 (MUSD 28) |
| May '20 | Private placement <sup>2</sup> | MNOK 160 (MUSD 17) |
| May '19 | IPO                            | MNOK 370 (MUSD 38) |



**Ton Berkien** Chief Business Officer

#### Inventors



Inventor. **Professor Emeritus** Chief Scientific Officer



Sara Mangsbo PhD, Professor Chief Innovation

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## Key takeaways

Ultimovacs is dedicated to investigate the potential of UV1 to enhance the efficacy of cancer therapies:

- UV1 has shown promising benefits in several clinical studies, inducing robust, durable, and dynamic T cell responses against telomerase a 'Hallmark of cancer'
- Significant indication expansion potential; vaccine antigen is nearly universally expressed in cancer
- UV1 addresses a bottleneck for CPI efficacy and may extend efficacy to a broader population, e.g. PD-L1 negative patients
- Excellent safety profile from phase I and randomized phase II trials
- 'Off-the-shelf & easy to use' promotes broad access for patients to cancer treatment, also in rural areas; potentially well positioned in the emerging cancer vaccine landscape

Ultimovacs remains committed to support the ongoing broad randomized controlled Phase II development program. Readouts began in 2023 and will guide the future development of UV1:

- Five Phase II CPI combination trials ongoing across different cancer types, enrolling > 670 patients in 15 countries
- Phase II data in malignant mesothelioma: Near doubling of ORR and clinically meaningful survival improvement
- Key value inflection points near term and over the next 18 months: Randomized results from the FOCUS and DOVACC trials

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