

# Patients with Recurrent Gynecologic Cancer Whose Tumors Have Activating Wnt Pathway Mutations Respond Better To Dkn-01, A Dickkopf-1 (DKK1) Inhibitor

R. Arend<sup>1</sup>, C. Castro<sup>2</sup>, U. Matulonis<sup>3</sup>, E. Hamilton<sup>4</sup>, C. Gunderson<sup>5</sup>, K. LyBarger<sup>6</sup>, H. Goodman<sup>7</sup>, L. Duska<sup>8</sup>, H. Mahdi<sup>9</sup>, A. ElNagger<sup>10</sup>, M. Kagey<sup>11</sup>, L. Barroilhet<sup>12</sup>, W. Bradley<sup>13</sup>, J. Sachdev<sup>14</sup>, D. O'Malley<sup>15</sup>, C. Sirard<sup>11</sup>, Girish S. Naik<sup>11</sup>, M. Birrer<sup>1</sup>

#0419

## BACKGROUND

### Dickkopf-1 (DKK1)

- Modulator of Wnt signaling.
- Mutations in Wnt activating genes (stabilizing  $\beta$ -catenin mutation; e.g., CTNNB1, APC and RNF43) lead to increased DKK1 expression.
- Tumor cells secrete DKK1; elevated DKK1 expression = poor prognosis.
  - Immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment.
  - Activates oncologic noncanonical Wnt signaling.
  - Promotes proliferation, metastasis, and angiogenesis.

### DKN-01

- Humanized monoclonal antibody [IgG4] targeting DKK1.
- Activates innate immune response in preclinical models.
- Has anti-angiogenic and direct anti-tumor effects in preclinical models.
- Tumors with Wnt activating mutations are more likely to responded to DKN-01.
- In esophagogastric cancer patients treated with DKN-01 + pembrolizumab, high tumoral DKK1 was associated with longer PFS.

## STUDY DESIGN

- Phase 2 basket study (NCT03395080) in advanced gynecologic malignancies
- Activity of DKN-01 as monotherapy or in combination with paclitaxel (physician's choice) in EEC or EOC
- Primary objective: objective response rate (ORR)
- 2-stage Simon Minimax design
- Secondary objective: Exploring genetic mutations in the Wnt signaling pathway and tumoral DKK1 expression as predictive biomarkers

\* 2 patients in EEC monotherapy and 2 patients in EEC combination therapy have no available genetics

Data reported are as of 30 July 2019

### Eligible Patients

- Recurrent EEC
- Recurrent platinum-resistant/refractory EOC
- $\geq 1$  prior therapy
- Measurable disease
- 50% in each group with Wnt mutation

EEC: epithelial endometrial cancer  
EOC: epithelial ovarian cancer

DKN-01 300 mg monotherapy 28-day cycle

DKN-01 300 mg D1 & 15 + Paclitaxel 80 mg (D 1, 8 & 15) 28-day cycle

# of pts*	Wnt Altered	Non-Wnt-Altered
EEC		
Total	30	8
Evaluable	23	6
EOC		
Total	15	6
Evaluable	14	6

# of pts*	Wnt Altered	Non-Wnt-Altered
EEC		
Total	28	7
Evaluable	24	7
EOC		
Total	19	8
Evaluable	19	8

## Patient and Cancer Characteristics

	DKN-01 Monotherapy (N=45)	DKN-01 + Paclitaxel (N=47)
Age (yrs), median (min, max)	63.0 (36, 78)	64.5 (39, 80)
White, n (%)	27 (90.0)	25 (89.3)
Baseline CA-125 ( $\mu$ g/mL), median (min, max)	48.50 (6.0, 6410.2)	85.10 (5.5, 7091.0)
Baseline tumor volume (mm), median (min, max)	67.5 (15, 284)	85.4 (15, 245)
Stage at diagnosis, n (%)		
I	12 (40.0)	8 (28.6)
II	4 (13.3)	1 (3.6)
III	3 (10.0)	10 (35.7)
IV	11 (36.7)	3 (15.8)
Tumor type, n (%)		
Endometrioid	18 (60.0)	9 (32.1)
Serous	5 (16.7)	8 (28.6)
Carcinosarcoma	2 (6.7)	1 (3.6)
Other	2 (6.7)	6 (21.4)
Missing	3 (10.0)	3 (15.8)
$\geq 3$ prior therapies, n (%)	21 (70.0)	23 (82.1)
Prior therapies, n (%)		
Taxane	26 (86.7)	27 (96.4)
Bevacizumab	6 (20.0)	8 (28.6)
PARP inhibitor	1 (3.3)	4 (26.7)
Immunotherapy	5 (16.7)	5 (17.9)
Hormonal	9 (30.0)	10 (35.7)
Wnt signaling alteration*, n (%)	20 (66.7)	19 (67.9)
ARID1A	10 (33.3)	5 (26.3)
Wnt activating mutations	9 (30.0)	9 (32.1)
CTNNB1	6 (20.0)	7 (25.0)
APC	2 (6.7)	1 (3.6)
RNF43	2 (6.7)	0

\* 2 EEC monotherapy pts and 2 EEC combination therapy pts have no available genetics.  
\* Wnt signaling alterations: ZNRF3, RSP02, RNF43, CTNNB1, AXIN1/2, APC, WIP3, TNKS2, TNKS, TERT, SOX9, SOX2, SLIT2, PAX5, NOTCH1, MLL2, LTK, LRP1B, LRP, GSK3B, GREM1, FOXP1, FBXW7, FAM123B, CREB, CDH20, CDC73, ARID1A, APCDD1.

## Disposition and Exposure

- Median # cycles: monotherapy 2, combination therapy 4
- Median duration on treatment: monotherapy 43 days, combination 98 days
- Duration on study: monotherapy 127 days, combination 177 days

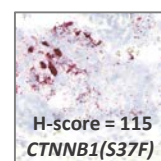
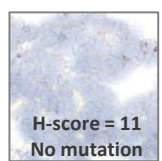
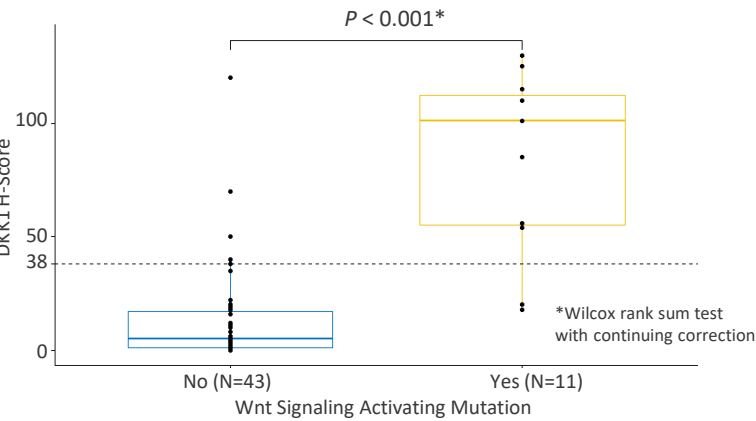
## Safety

- DKN-01 was well tolerated as monotherapy and in combination with paclitaxel
- Most common related TEAEs: Monotherapy: nausea (35.5%), fatigue (29.0%); Combination: diarrhoea (31.6%), anemia (31.6%), fatigue (26.3%)
- Related SAEs: Monotherapy: nausea, acute kidney injury; Combination: hypokalemia, anemia and paresthesia

	Monotherapy (n=45)			Combination Therapy (n=47)		
	TEAE Any Grade	TEAE > Grade 3	TESAE	TEAE Any Grade	TEAE > Grade 3	TESAE
Any TEAE	42 (93.3)	18 (40.0)	7 (15.6)	47 (100)	28 (59.6)	18 (38.3)
TEAE Related to DKN-01	31 (68.9)	5 (11.1)	2 (4.4)	38 (80.9)	12 (25.5)	2 (4.3)

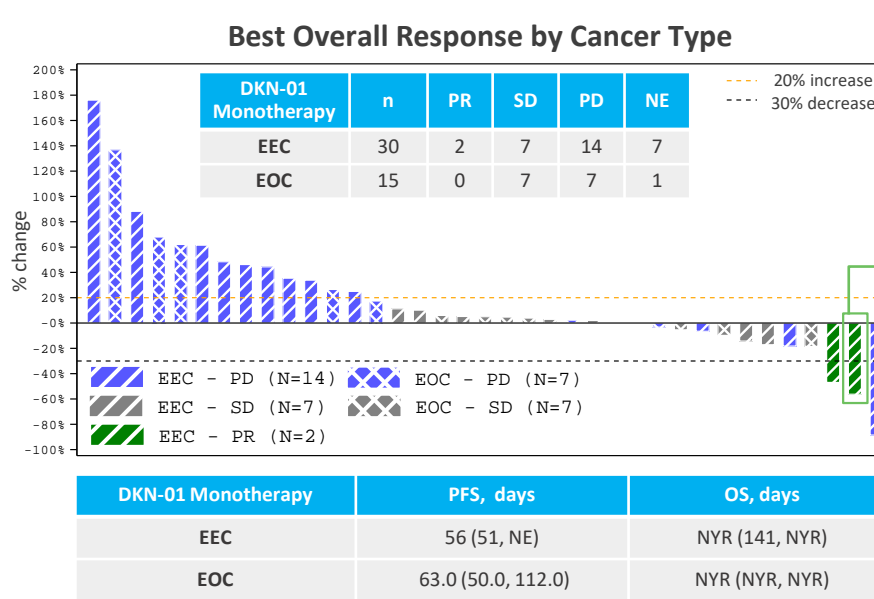
## DKK1 High Tumors Associated with Wnt Activating Mutations

- Tumors with Wnt activating mutations have a 20-fold increase in tumoral DKK1

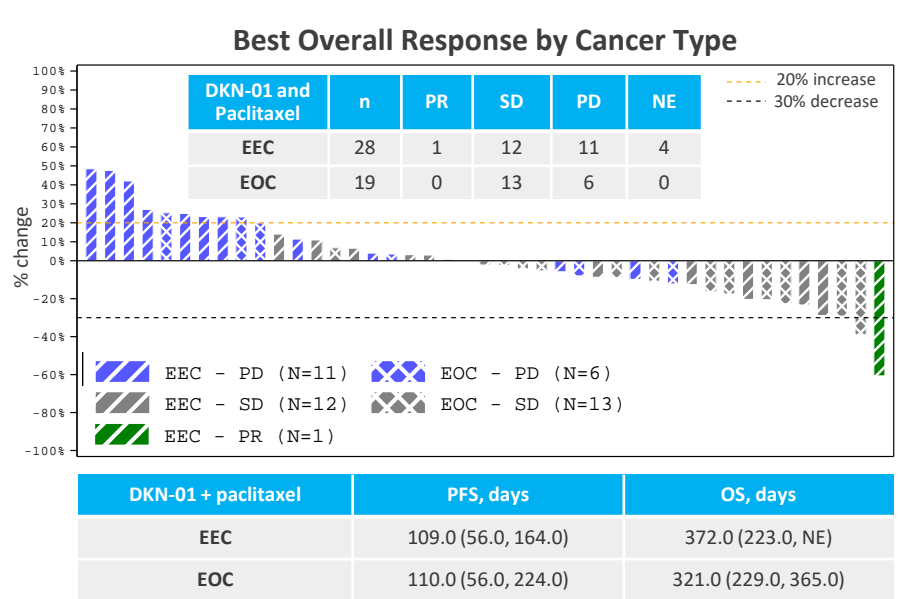


## RESULTS

### Efficacy with DKN-01 Monotherapy



### Efficacy with DKN-01 + Paclitaxel

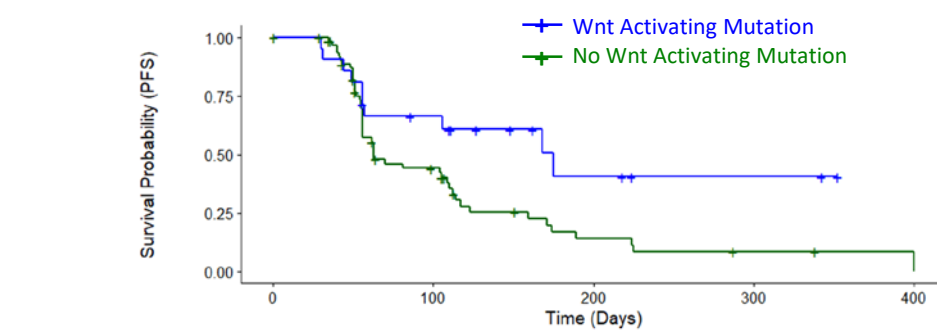


### CR in DKN-01 Monotherapy Patient (reported after data cut)



## Wnt Activating Mutations Associated with Longer PFS

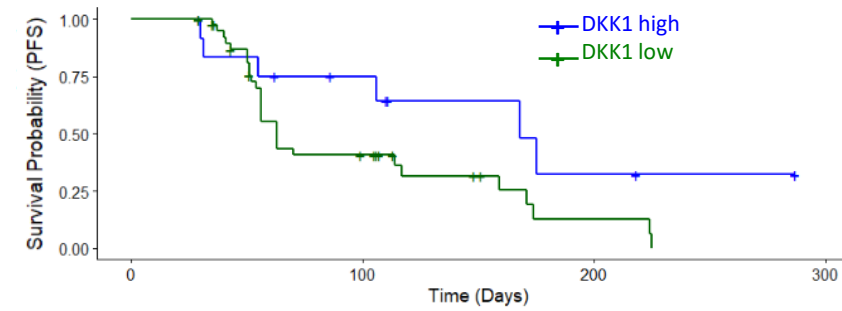
- Longer PFS (175 days vs 63 days) in patients with Wnt activating mutations independent of treatment and tumor type



Wnt activating mutations Yes (N=21) vs No (N=67)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Yes vs No - adjusted for monotherapy/combo	0.45 (0.23, 0.90)
Yes vs No - adjusted for tumor type EEC/EOC	0.44 (0.22, 0.89)
Yes vs No - adjusted for monotherapy/ combo and tumor type EEC/EOC	0.41 (0.20, 0.83)

## DKK1 High Tumors Associated with Longer PFS

- 13 of 54 patients (24.1%) were DKK1 high
- DKK1 high vs. low tumors prolonged PFS (168 vs. 63 days) after controlling for tumor and therapy type

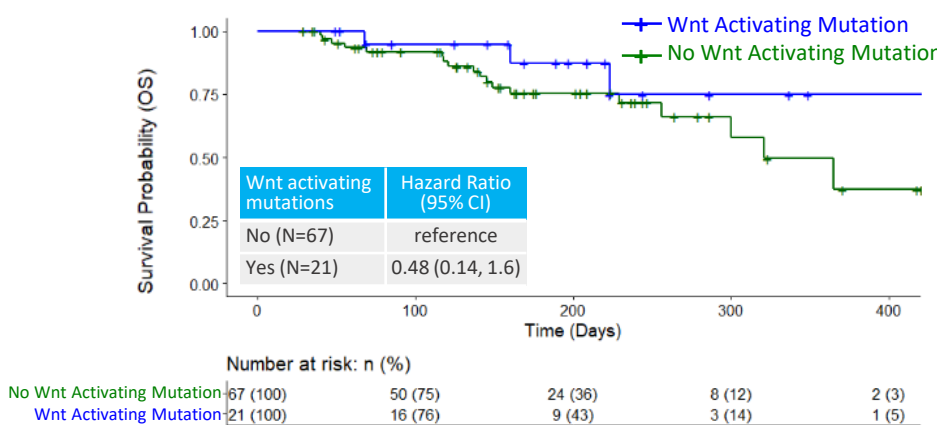


DKK1 H-score* High vs Low (N=13 vs 41)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
High vs Low - adjusted for monotherapy/combo	0.39 (0.16, 0.98)
High vs Low - adjusted for tumor type EEC/EOC	0.40 (0.16, 1.0)
High vs Low - adjusted for monotherapy/ combo and tumor type EEC/EOC	0.37 (0.15, 0.93)

\*RNA in situ hybridization assay (RNAscope)

## Wnt Activating Mutations Trend Toward Longer OS

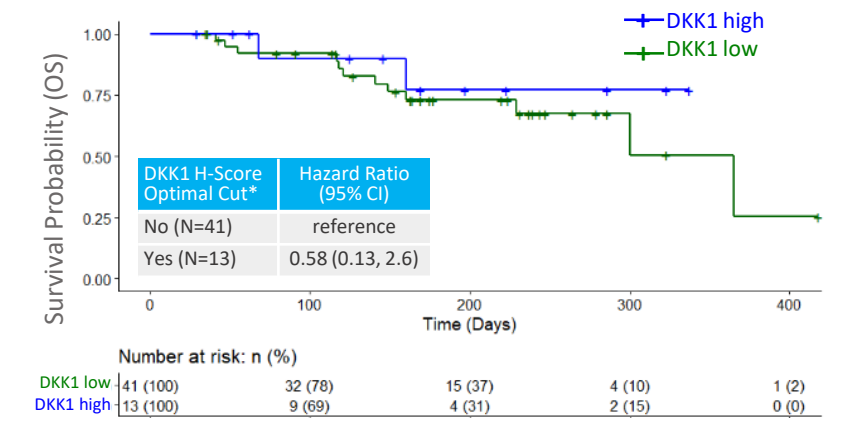
- Median OS not yet reached (NYR) vs. 321 days without Wnt activating mutations
- Only 3 of 21 patients with Wnt activating mutations (14.3%) have had events vs. 18 of 67 patients (26.9%) without Wnt activating mutations



Wnt activating mutations	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
No (N=67)	reference
Yes (N=21)	0.48 (0.14, 1.6)

## DKK1 High\* Tumors Trend Toward Longer OS

- DKK1 high vs DKK1 low tumors trend towards longer OS (NYR vs 365 days)
- 2 of 13 (15.4%) DKK1 high patients had events vs. 12 of 41 (29.3%) DKK1 low patients



DKK1 H-Score Optimal Cut*	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
No (N=41)	reference
Yes (N=13)	0.58 (0.13, 2.6)

\*DKK1 high defined as RNAscope H-score > 38

## CONCLUSIONS

- DKN-01 monotherapy has activity in gynecologic cancers, especially in patients with endometrial cancer (EEC) (proportion of Wnt activating mutations is greater)
  - Monotherapy complete response
  - Wnt activating mutations are associated with high levels of tumoral DKK1
- Wnt activating mutation + high tumoral DKK1  $\rightarrow$  improved clinical benefit and longer PFS; early data trend toward longer OS
- DKN-01 is safe and well tolerated as monotherapy and in combination with paclitaxel

SCAN TO REQUEST REPRINT

QR code