
**PNQ-370:
A Novel Adenosine A_{2A} Receptor Antagonist**

*PNQ-370 is a novel, **oral Immuno-oncology agent** for the treatment of multiple cancers across a wide spectrum of patients*

PNQ-370: A_{2A} Adenosine Receptor (A_{2A} AdoR) Antagonist

Stage: Preclinical Development

- Most potent and highly selective adenosine A_{2A} receptor antagonist
- Very long receptor occupancy even in the face of high adenosine concentrations
- Efficacy established in Preclinical PoC studies in two cancer models
- Potential Best-in-class compound
- IND ready in 4-6 months
- Long patent life till 2031
- CMC completed, with low cost of goods and easy synthesis

PNQ-370: Potential Therapeutic Value and Clinical Positioning

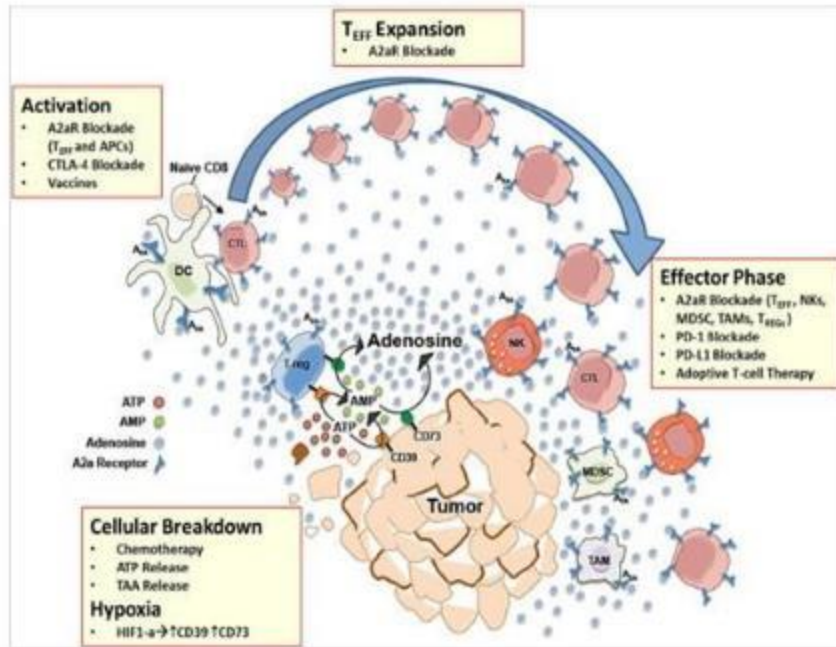
PNQ-370 has the potential to be a critical component in the immuno-oncology regimen to achieve tumor regression in a variety of patients including those with difficult to treat and advanced cancers as well as in immuno-therapy-resistant cancers

Therapeutic Value & Positioning

- Widespread use in multiple cancers
 - **NSCLC** : Likely to be highly effective, given the high exposure of compound in lungs
 - Head and Neck
 - Melanoma
 - Breast
- Effective in treatment naïve as well as refractory , immune resistant patients and patients non-responsive to Anti-PD-1 and CTLA4 treatments
- Potential synergy with check-point inhibitors including :
 - Anti- PD-1, PD-L1
 - CTLA-4, IBB-4

A_{2A}R Blockade : A Therapeutically Relevant MoA for Multiple Cancers

Blockade of A_{2A} receptor down-regulates several anti-inflammatory molecules and immunoregulatory cells leading to improved immune surveillance



A2aR blockade in the tumor microenvironment.

- Substantial evidence for increased Adenosine levels and increased A_{2A}R expression in multiple cancers, including Prostate and Lung cancers
- CD73 is an independent prognostic factor in prostate cancer
- Increased Adenosine signaling drives immunosuppression by
 - upregulating the T_{REG} phenotype
 - Suppressing NF-κB and MDCFs signaling in tumor cells
 - Suppressing TCR signaling and immunosurveillance by CD8(+) T cells
 - Reduced cell–cell adhesion
 - Increase of cell scattering/metastasis and angiogenesis, neoplastic transformation and growth

The robust efficacy shown by PNQ-370 in breast and colon cancer models is likely to be seen in other cancers like Lung and Prostate cancers as well

The PNQ-370 Advantage Over Competition

Potency

- Sub-nanomolar potency for A_{2A}, a high affinity adenosine receptor
- Functional potency of 65 pM

Selectivity over A₁ AdoR

- A₁ engagement known to cause severe CNS side effects
- Excellent selectivity over A₁ AdoR

Target Engagement

- Longest receptor residence time; slowest off-rate amongst competitors
- Extended receptor binding also seen in the presence of high adenosine
- Slow receptor off rate even in the face of high tumor conc. of Adenosine

Efficacy in Oncology and other Models

- Superior efficacy in 2 immuno-therapy resistant animal models
 - 4T1 Syngeneic model of Breast Cancer
 - CT 26 Syngeneic model of colon Cancer
- Robust efficacy in models of Parkinson's and other cognitive disease

Increased compound safety

- >5000 fold safety based on exposure in 28 day rodent toxicity
- NOAEL – 30mg/kg –highest dose tested

PNQ-370 is differentiated from other A_{2A} receptor antagonists on multiple aspects that confer benefits for oncology and other Indications

PNQ-370 Exhibits Picomolar Functional Potency & High Selectivity Over Other Adenosine Subtypes

Receptor Human	Ki (nM)	Selectivity Ratio
A _{2A}	0.065	
A ₁	10,000	>10000
A _{2B}	100	>1400
A ₃	10,000	>10000

- **Picomolar potency may be critical for effective antagonism** of A_{2A} -a high affinity receptor in presence of very high concentration of adenosine in tumor microenvironment.
- Better selectivity over A₁R than the competitor compounds predicts decreased potential severe CNS based side effect
 - Seizures reported with A₁R antagonist Rollofylline in clinic

More Potent & Selective Compared to Competition

A_{2A} Antagonist	A_{2A}	A₁	A_{2B}	A₃
	Affinity K _i (nM)	Selectivity over A _{2A} receptor		
PNQ-370	0.68	700	2000	10000
CPI-444	3.52	54	531	693
AZD4635/ HTL1071	1.58	0.1	Not available	Not available
Vipadenant	1.3	48	52	773
Istradefylline	36	79	50	>83
Tozadenant (SYN-115)	5	140	270	314

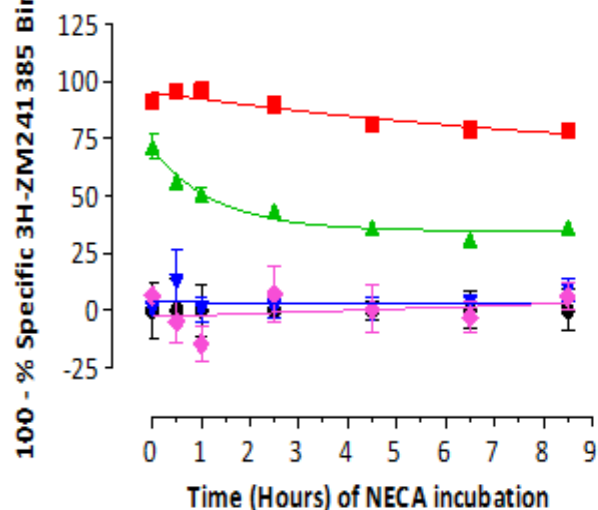
- Potency & selectivity better than competitor compounds – also evident in affinity determination
- PNQ-370 is significantly more selective over A₁R than competitor compounds

Key Differentiator- Binding Off-Rates of PNQ-370

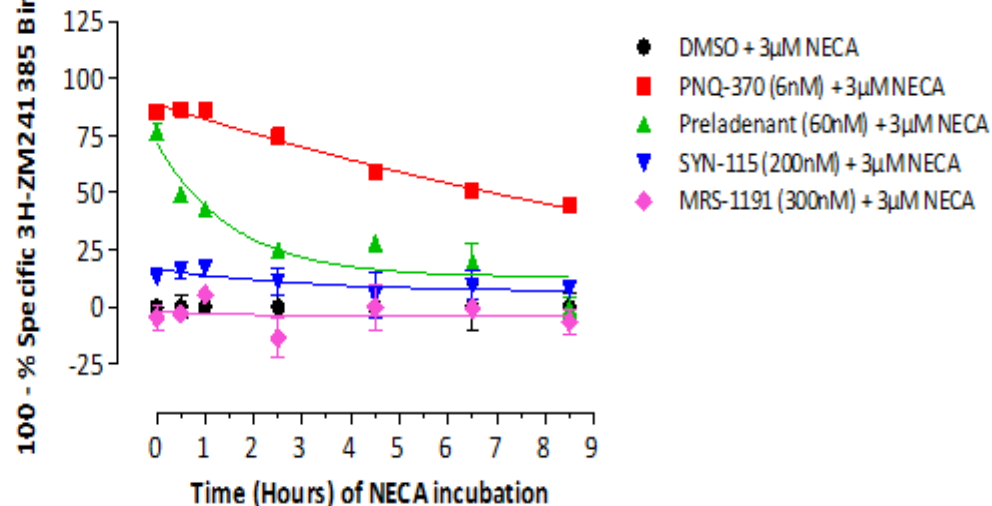
In absence of NECA

In presence of 3 μ M NECA
 \sim >100 fold K_d of NECA for A_{2A}R

Determination of Residence time on A_{2A} AdoR
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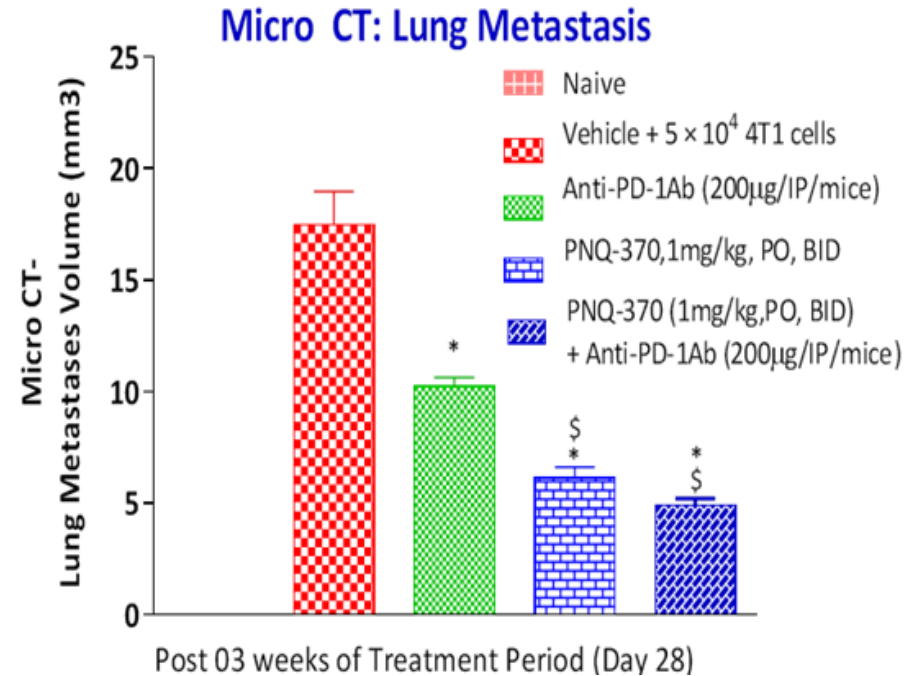
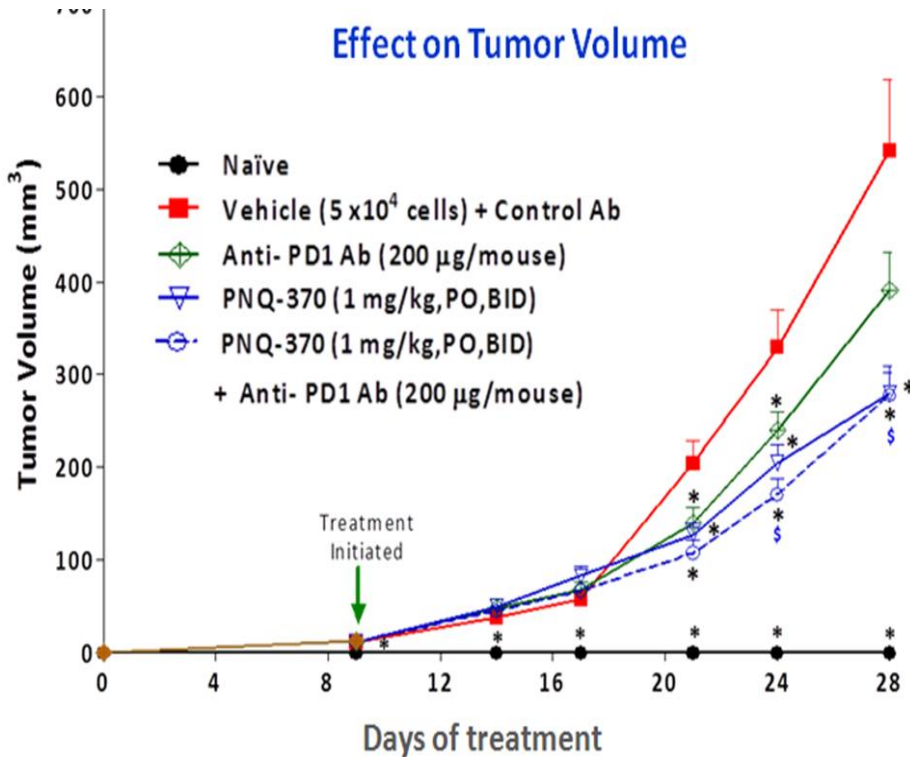
- Slow off rate with potency drives prolonged receptor antagonism even in face of high tumor adenosine levels.

PNQ-370: Excellent Efficacy

Effect of PNQ -370 was evaluated as a mono-therapy and in combination with anti-PD-1 antibody in two immunotherapy resistant murine models

- **4T1 Syngeneic Breast Cancer Mouse Model**
 - Highly malignant & poorly immunogenic model which resembles advanced breast cancer in humans
 - Refractory to most immune stimulation based therapies
 - Is CD73 positive
 - Highly metastatic
- **CT-26 Syngeneic Colon Cancer Mouse Model**
 - A relatively immunotherapy resistant tumor model
 - Is CD73 positive

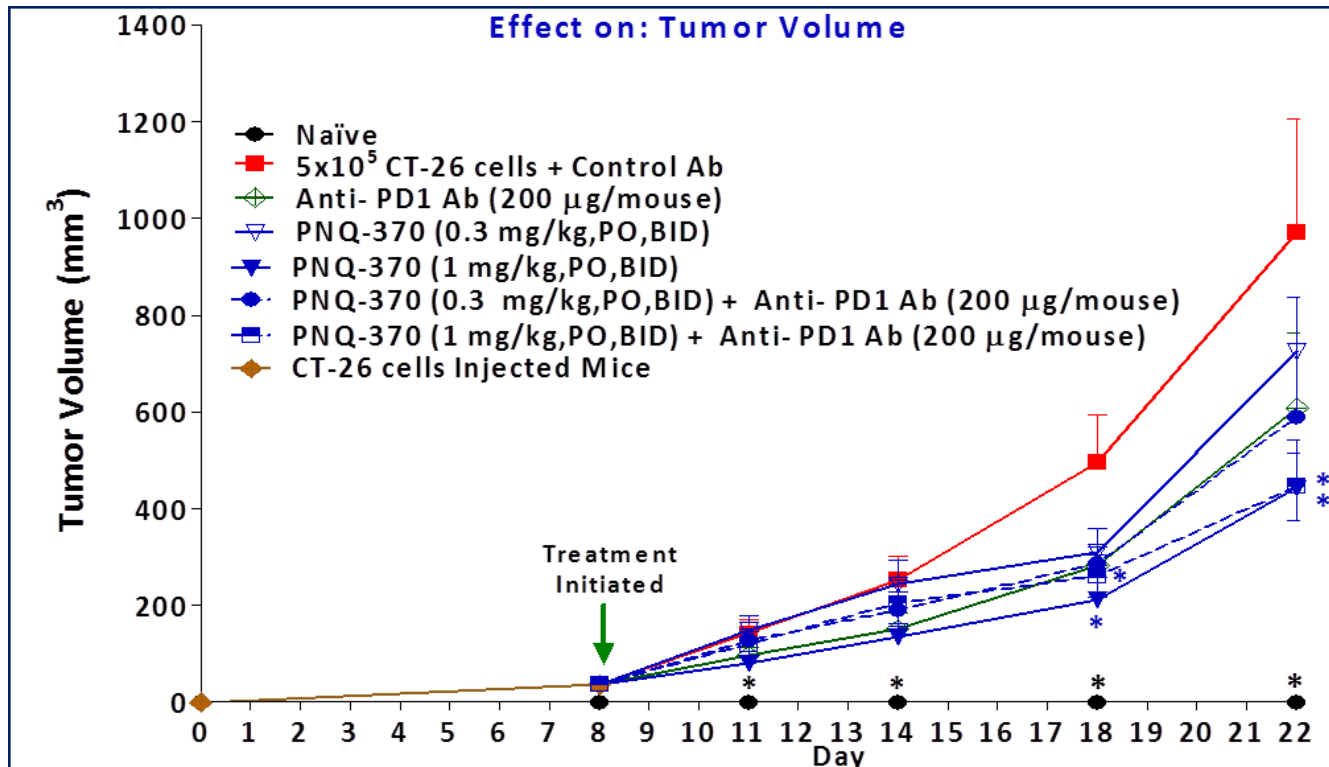
PNQ-370 : Effect on Tumor Volume and Lung Metastasis in 4T1 Breast Cancer Model



Data is shown as Mean ± S.E.M.(n=11-12). One-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's Multiple Comparison Test. *P < 0.05 versus Control Ab + Vehicle ; .[§]P < 0.05 versus Anti-PD-1, unpaired 't' test

PNQ-370 (1mg/kg, PO, BID) *per se* exhibited greater **decrease in Tumor volume** and **greater decrease in Lung Metastasis** than Anti-PD-1

PNQ-370: Tumor Volume in CT26 Colon Cancer Model



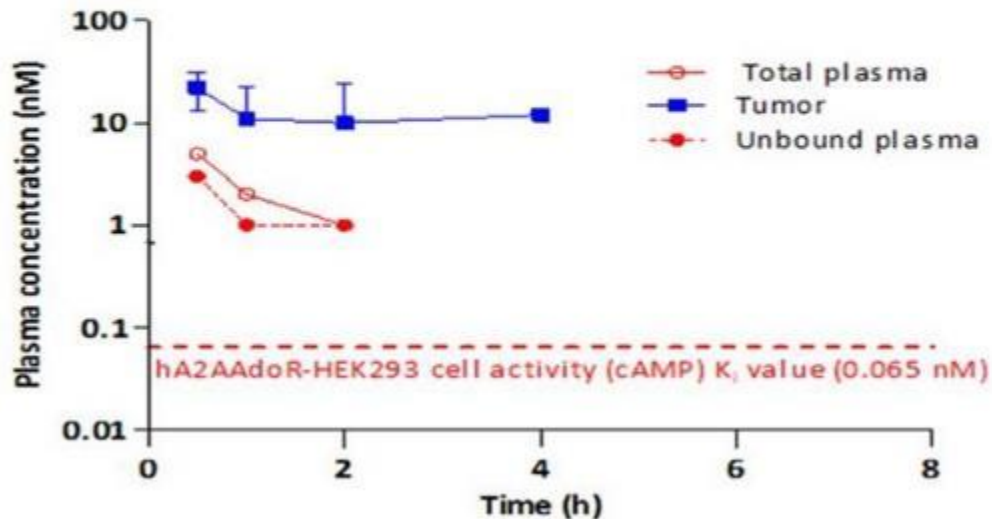
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PNQ-370 exhibits dose dependent **decrease in Tumor volume** greater than Anti-PD-1

Wide Therapeutic Index

Plasma and tumor concentration-time profile of PNQ-370 in 4T1 breast cancer model in female BALB/c Mice (n=3/time point)



- Plasma (total and unbound) and tumor concentrations of PNQ-370 were well above its K_i value in functional assays at 1mg/kg
- PNQ-370 showed greater safety margin (>5000-fold) in 28-day oral rat toxicity study based on this exposure

Preclinical candidate with a clean safety profile

- Drug Matrix Screen
 - High selectivity over diverse targets -No Concerns
- 28 day study in rodents completed
 - NOAEL -30mg/kg in rats (Highest dose tested), Target organ not identified.
 - Safety margin >5000 fold based on exposure in cancer efficacy studies
- Mutagenicity
 - Non-mutagenic
 - No hERG liability
- Canine toxicity planned
- Long patent life till 2031
 - US and EP patents granted
- CMC
 - Low cost of goods with easy synthesis
 - GMP material easily generated for clinical studies
- IND filing possible in 4-6 month

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