

# AN OPEN-LABEL, PHASE I STUDY OF NEO-PTC-01 IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED OR METASTATIC MELANOMA

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON52586

### Source

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### Brief title

NEO-PTC-01 in advanced or metastatic melanoma

### Condition

- Other condition
- Metastases
- Skin neoplasms malignant and unspecified

### Synonym

Malignant Melanoma, Skin Cancer

### Health condition

melanoma

### Research involving

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Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** BioNTech US Inc.

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** BioNTech US Inc.

## Intervention

**Keyword:** advance or Metastatic Melanoma, Neoantigens, Personalized T cell, Somatic cell therapy medicinal product (sCTMP)

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

The main study parameter is the assessment of safety of treatment with NEO-PTC-01 based on incidence of adverse events (AEs), serious adverse events (SAEs), and changes in safety laboratory values, physical examinations, and vital signs. Clinical response to treatment will be assessed according to serial radiographic evaluations (computed tomography [CT] or magnetic resonance imaging [MRI]) to determine response to treatment and progression of disease (RECIST v1.1).

### Secondary outcome

Clinical response to treatment will be assessed according to serial radiographic evaluations (computed tomography [CT] or magnetic resonance imaging [MRI]) to determine response to treatment and progression of disease (RECIST v1.1). Overall response rate (ORR), defined as the proportion of patients who achieve a CR or partial response (PR), will be determined.

- PFS, defined as the time from the date of first dosing of NEO-PTC-01 to the date of first documented progressive disease (PD) or death.

- DOR, defined as the date of the first documentation of a confirmed response

to the date of the first documented PD.

- Clinical benefit rate (CBR), defined as the proportion of patients who achieve CR, PR, or SD based on RECIST.
- Time to first subsequent therapy, defined as the time from the date of first dosing to the start date of first subsequent therapy.

## Study description

### Background summary

NEO-PTC-01 is an autologous personalized T cell product that is manufactured ex vivo and targets neoantigens displayed on the tumor and the tumor microenvironment. Neoantigens are tumor-specific antigens derived of mutations in the DNA presented in the context of the patient's major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I and class II alleles. Targeting neoantigens requires an individualized approach and offers an opportunity to tailor the composition of each cell product to generate a personalized T cell product for each patient.

### Study objective

This study has been transitioned to CTIS with ID 2023-508524-35-00 check the CTIS register for the current data.

The primary objective of this study are 1) to evaluate the safety and determine the highest tolerable dose of NEO-PTC-01 in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma. 2) to evaluate the safety of NEO-PTC-01 in combination with a fixed dose of IL-2 3) to evaluate the safety of NEO-PTC-01 in combination with  $\alpha$ PD-1 therapy.

### Study design

Study NTC-001 is a Phase 1 investigation of the safety and activity of NEO-PTC-01 in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma. The study will be conducted in two parts, Part 1 (Dose-Finding) and Part 2 (Dose Expansion).

In Part 1, 2 doses are planned; in Part 2, a dose of  $\geq 5.0 \times 10^8$  to  $\leq 1.0 \times 10^{10}$  cells will be used to treat patients.

After the highest tolerated NEO-PTC-01 dose is identified, 2 additional evaluations in Part 1 are planned. A cohort of initially up to 6 patients (with an option to subsequently backfill the cohort with up to 20 patients) is added

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to investigate NEO-PTC-01 in combination with IL-2. The IL-2 combination cohort will only be open in countries where IL-2 is approved. Additionally,  $\alpha$ PD-1 therapy will be introduced in a separate cohort, beginning 1 to 2 weeks post NEO-PTC-01, to initially up to 6 Part 1 patients who failed  $\alpha$ PD-1/ $\alpha$ PD-L1 therapy prior to enrollment in NTC-001 (with an option to subsequently backfill the cohort with up to 20 patients).

## **Intervention**

Patients in study Part 1 will receive NEO-PTC-01 beginning at a dose of  $\geq 1 \times 10^8$  to  $\leq 1 \times 10^9$  cells. Patients in study Part 2 (expansion cohort) will receive NEO-PTC-01 at the highest tolerable dose from Part 1. In Part 2 of the study, patients will continue treatment with PD-1/PD-L1 if the patient initiated such treatment prior to study enrollment. Dose and scheduling are according to SmPCs for the individual products. PD-1/PD-L1 treatment will be stopped a minimum of 2 weeks prior to infusion of NEO-PTC-01. PD-1/PD-L1 treatment is permitted to resume no sooner than 6 weeks after infusion with NEO-PTC-01.

## **Study burden and risks**

NTC-001 is a dose finding and safety First-in-Human (FIH) study of NEO-PTC-01 in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma. The dose-finding part of the study is structured according to a 3+3 dose escalation design, limiting exposure to study drug in the initial phase of safety evaluation. As an additional safety precaution, within dose cohorts, enrolment of the first 3 patients will be staggered at a minimum of 2-week intervals.

Major areas of risk include infection during period of lymphodepletion, potential for cytokine release syndrome (CRS), and off-tumor, off-target toxicities. Additional potential risks are those associated with other study-specific procedures, of including tumor biopsies and leukaphereses.

Patients will be hospitalized for inpatient monitoring during the initial treatment phase of lymphodepletion, T cell product infusion, and neutrophil recovery. Thereafter, weekly clinical exam and laboratory monitoring will occur in the outpatient setting from weeks 1-4 post discharge, followed by visits every 6 weeks for the remainder of study.

Safety interventions will include filgrastim growth factor support following the cyclophosphamide + fludarabine lymphodepletion regimen, and cytokine release syndrome (CRS) monitoring and management.

Previous studies with tumor infiltrating lymphocyte (TIL)-based therapies may be the most relevant comparative therapies. These studies are considered in devising a starting dose and dose range for this study. The lower starting dose

is implemented as a core safety consideration for initial NEO-PTC-01 testing in patients.

Assessments from tumor biopsies are critical to the rationale and design of this study. Wherever feasible, the study design allows for use of archival samples for the baseline tumor specimen. Post-infusion tumor biopsy and leukapheresis samples are required to evaluate safety and pharmacodynamic effects, including correlations with toxicity and efficacy in this first-in-human study. These procedures will be performed according to protocol or institutional standards in a hospital-monitored setting.

These risks are considered relative to potential NEO-PTC-01 clinical benefit in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma and disease progression or suboptimal response (Part 2) to prior therapies. NEO-PTC-01 represents a novel, individualized treatment approach; addition of neoantigen-specific autologous T cell therapy may offer significant clinical benefit over checkpoint inhibitor regimens.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

# Eligibility criteria

## Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

## Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a patient must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Adult (age 18 to 75) men and women willing and able to give written informed consent.
2. Histologically confirmed unresectable or metastatic melanoma.
3. Part 1:
  - a. Have previously received a PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor (either as single agent or in combination) and a CTLA-4 inhibitor-containing regimen (single agent or combination) prior to NEO-PTC-01, with disease progression following these therapies or otherwise lack of clinical benefit as determined by the study investigator.

Note: Patients who have received a PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor and ipilimumab (CTLA-4 inhibitor) are eligible. Patients who have discontinued a PD-1/PD-L1 or a CTLA-4 inhibitor due to toxicity and those who are deemed not appropriate to receive a CTLA-4 inhibitor are eligible (except for Part 1 cohort patients to receive additional  $\alpha$ PD-1 therapy).

4. Part 2:
  - a. Have received/are currently receiving a PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor (as a single agent or in combination with CTLA-4) for at least 3 months.
  - b. Have documented SD by RECIST 1.1 or clinically asymptomatic progressive disease on the most recent imaging assessment, which must have occurred within 3 months of enrollment.
  - c. In the opinion of the investigator, are medically eligible and able to continue with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor therapy.
  - d. In the opinion of the investigator, would benefit from the addition of a T-cell-based therapy.
5. For known BRAF mutant patients: Patients must have also received targeted therapy (B-raf inhibitor or B-raf/MEK combination therapy) prior to NEO-PTC-01, unless deemed not appropriate to receive these treatments by the investigator.
6. Have at least 1 site of measurable disease by RECIST 1.1.
7. At least 1 site of disease must be accessible to biopsy for tumor tissue for sequence and immunological analysis. The biopsy site may be the same as the measurable site so long as it remains measurable. Surgical resection of the measurable site may not be performed if that site is the only measurable lesion. An archival biopsy may be used in place if the biopsy was taken within 6 months of informed consent.

8. Have ECOG PS of 0 or 1.
9. Recovered from all toxicities associated with prior treatment to acceptable baseline status (for laboratory toxicities see below limits for inclusion) or an NCI CTCAE version 5.0, Grade of 0 or 1, except for toxicities not considered by the treating physician to be a safety risk (eg, alopecia).
10. Screening laboratory values must meet the following criteria and should be obtained prior to any production phase assessments:
  - a. White blood cell (WBC) count  $\geq 3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$ .
  - b. Absolute neutrophil count (ANC)  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$ .
  - c. Platelet count  $\geq 100 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$ .
  - d. Hemoglobin  $> 9 \text{ g/dL}$  or  $6 \text{ mmol/L}$ .
  - e. Serum creatinine  $\leq 1.5 \times$  upper limit of normal (ULN) or creatinine clearance  $\geq 50 \text{ mL/min}$  by Cockcroft-Gault.
  - f. Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alanine aminotransferase (ALT)  $\leq 3 \times$  ULN.
  - g. Total bilirubin  $\leq 1.5 \times$  ULN (except in patients with Gilbert Syndrome, who can have total bilirubin  $< 3.0 \text{ mg/dL}$ ).
  - h. International normalized ratio (INR), prothrombin time (PT), or activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT)  $\leq 1.5 \times$  ULN unless the patient is receiving anticoagulant therapy, as long as PT or aPTT is within therapeutic range of intended use of anticoagulants.

## Exclusion criteria

A potential patient who meets any of the following criteria will be excluded from participation in this study:

1. Age greater than 75 years or less than 18 years.
2. Received more than 3 prior lines of therapy for metastatic disease.
3. Have an active or history of autoimmune disease (known or suspected). Exceptions are permitted for vitiligo, type I diabetes mellitus, residual hypothyroidism due to autoimmune condition requiring only hormone replacement, psoriasis not requiring systemic treatment, or conditions not expected to recur in the absence of an external trigger.
4. Have known active central nervous system metastases and/or carcinomatous meningitis. Patients with previously treated brain metastases may participate provided they are stable (without evidence of progression by imaging [using the identical imaging modality for each assessment, either MRI or CT scan] for at least 4 weeks prior to enrollment and any neurologic symptoms have returned to baseline), have no evidence of new or enlarging brain metastases, and are not using steroids for at least 7 days prior to enrollment. This exception does not include carcinomatous meningitis, which is excluded regardless of clinical and/or radiographic stability.
5. Active systemic infections requiring IV antimicrobial therapy, coagulation disorders or other active major medical illnesses of the cardiovascular, respiratory, or immune system, as evidenced by a positive stress thallium or

comparable test, myocardial infarction, clinically significant cardiac arrhythmias such as uncontrolled atrial fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia, or second- or third-degree heart block, and obstructive or restrictive pulmonary disease.

6. Active major medical illnesses of the immune system including conditions requiring systemic treatment with either corticosteroids ( $> 10$  mg daily prednisone equivalents) or other immunosuppressive medications within 14 days prior to NEO PTC 01 infusion. Inhaled or topical steroids and adrenal replacement doses ( $\leq 10$  mg daily prednisone equivalents) are permitted in the absence of active autoimmune disease.

7. Known HIV infection, active chronic hepatitis B or C, and/or life-threatening illnesses unrelated to cancer that could, in the investigator's opinion, interfere with participation in this study.

8. Have any underlying medical condition, psychiatric condition, or social situation that, in the investigator's opinion, would interfere with participation in the study.

9. Have a planned major surgery that is expected to interfere with study participation or confound the ability to analyze study data.

10. Are pregnant or breastfeeding, or expecting to conceive or father children within the projected duration of the study, starting with the Screening visit through 120 days after the EOT visit. Nursing women are excluded from this study because there is an unknown but potential risk of AEs in nursing infants secondary to treatment of the mother with treatments to be administered in this study.

11. Have a history of another invasive malignancy aside from melanoma, except for the following circumstances:

a. Patient has been disease-free for at least 2 years and is deemed by the investigator to be at low risk for recurrence of that malignancy.

Patient was not treated with systemic chemotherapy for carcinoma in situ of the breast, oral cavity, or cervix, basal cell, or squamous cell carcinoma of the skin.

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Interventional

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment



## Recruitment

NL  
Recruitment status: Recruiting  
Start date (anticipated): 01-12-2020  
Enrollment: 32  
Type: Actual

## Medical products/devices used

Product type: Medicine  
Generic name: Somatic cells autologous

## Ethics review

Approved WMO  
Date: 06-01-2020  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

Approved WMO  
Date: 24-04-2020  
Application type: First submission  
Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

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Application type: Amendment  
Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

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Application type: Amendment  
Review commission: CCMO: Centrale Commissie Mensgebonden Onderzoek (Den Haag)

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## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

**Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register**

No registrations found.

**In other registers**

<b>Register</b>	<b>ID</b>
EU-CTR	CTIS2023-508524-35-00
EudraCT	EUCTR2019-003908-13-NL
CCMO	NL72301.000.19