A phase II study of KN046 (a bispecific anti-PD-L1/CTLA-4) in patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who failed prior EGFR-TKIs

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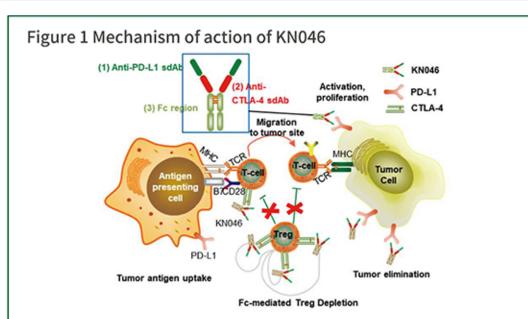
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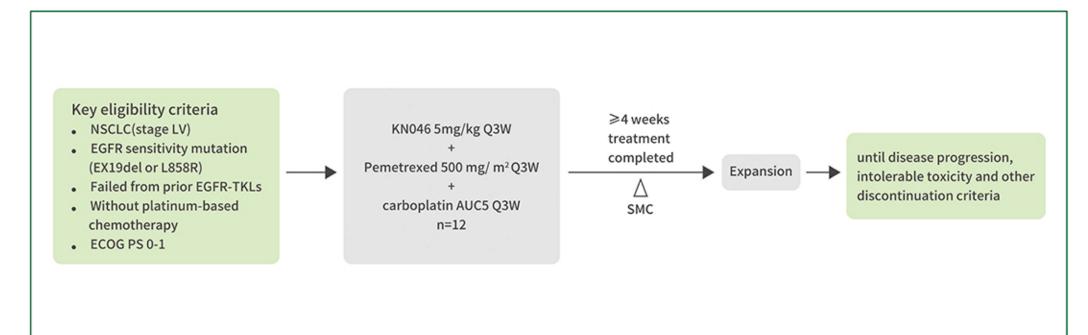
BACKGROUND

- KN046 is a novel bispecific antibody that blocks both PD-L1 interaction with PD1 and CTLA-4 interaction with CD80/CD86.
- Here, we reported the efficacy and safety results of KN046 combined with chemotherapy in treatment of advanced NSCLC with EGFR sensitivity mutation who failed prior tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) from Cohort D in this study.



STUDY DESIGN

- This is an open-label, multi-center, multiple cohorts, single arm study to evaluate the efficacy, safety and tolerability of KN046 in NSCLC.
- Primary endpoint was objective response rate (ORR) per RECIST version 1.1.



RESULTS

- Between Jan 7, 2020 and Dec17, 2021, 26 subjects with metastatic NSCLC were enrolled. At the data cutoff of Jan 25, 2022, the median follow-up was 11.56 months (95% CI, 7.66, 12.52). (Table 1)
- Among all 26 subjects, the ORR was 26.9% (95% CI, 11.57, 47.79), disease control rate (DCR) was 80.8% (95% CI, 60.65, 93.45) with 7 PR and 14 SD. Clinical benefit rate (CBR:CR+PR+SD≥12 weeks) was 65.4% (95% CI, 44.33, 82.79). (Figure2, table 2)
- Median progression-free survival (mPFS) was 5.52 months (95% CI, 4.17, 6.77) and median overall survival (mOS) was 12.68 months (95% CI, 11.4, -). The 12-month OS rate was 71.57% (95% CI, 43.59, 87.39). (Figure 3, Figure 4)
- In terms of the treatment-related adverse event (TRAE), 14(53.8%) out of the 26 subjects had experienced TRAE at grade 3 or higher levels. The most common (≥10%) TRAEs were anemia (11/26 [42.3%]), AST increased (11/26 [42.3%]), ALT increased (9/26 [34.6%%]), infusion-related reaction (8/26 [30.8%]), etc. (Table 3)

Table 1 Baseline characteristics

Characteristic	n=26
Age (years), median (range)	57 (38-73)
Male, n (%)	13 (50.0%)
ECOG PS score, n (%)	
0	3 (11.5%)
1	23 (88.5%)
Smoking	
Never smoking	16 (61.5%)
Smoking	1 (3.8%)
Quit smoking	9 (34.6%)
Brain metastasis, n (%)	
Yes	10 (38.5%)
No	16 (61.5%)
Pathological type, n (%)	
Non-squamous cell carcinoma	26 (100%)
Clinical stages, n (%)	
IVa	13 (50.0%)
IVb	13 (50.0%)

Table 2 Treatment responses

	n=26
Best overall response, n (%)	
Complete response	0
Partial response	7 (26.9%)
Stable disease	14 (53.8%)
Progressive disease	4 (15.4%)
Not evaluable	1(3.8%)
Objective response rate, n (%)	7 (26.9%)
95% CI	11.57, 47.79
Disease control rate, n (%)	21 (80.8%)
95% CI	60.65, 93.45
Clinical benefit rate#, n (%)	17 (65.4%)
95% CI	44.33, 82.79

Note: #Clinical benefit rate: CR+PR+SD≥12 weeks

Figure 2 Waterfall plots of best tumor diameter changes from baseline.

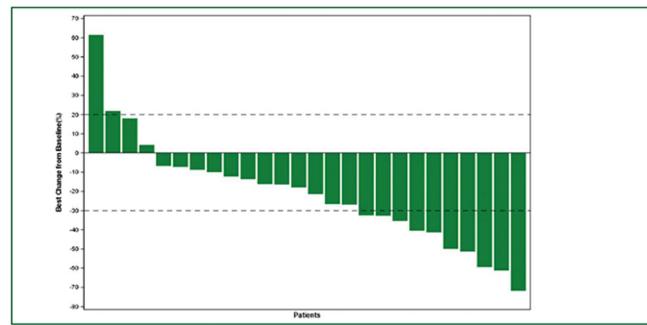


Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier curve analysis of Progression-free survival.

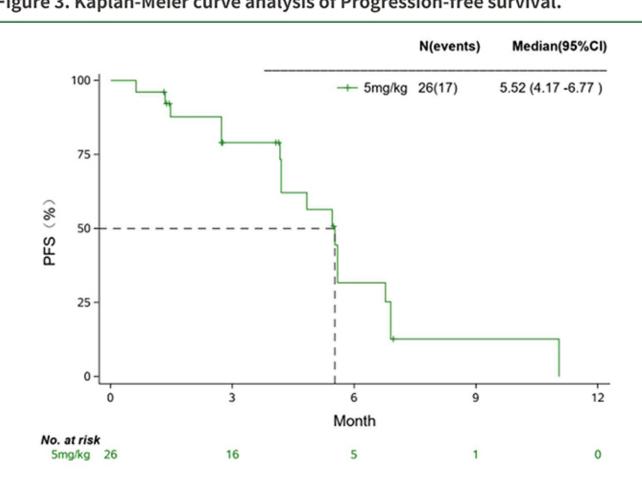


Figure 4. Kaplan-Meier curve analysis of Overall survival.

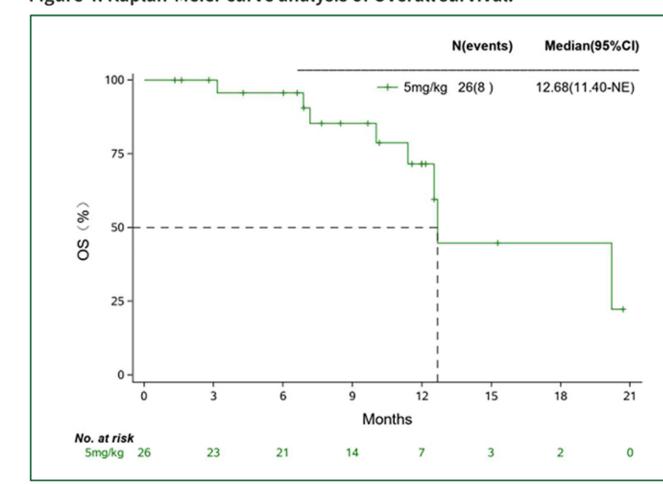


Table 3 Treatment-related adverse events

Events	n=26	
TRAEs	18(69.2%)	
Grade ≥ 3	14 (53.8%)	
TRAEs with incidence ≥ 10% during the treatment		
Anemia	11 (42.3%)	
AST increased	11 (42.3%)	
ALT increased	9 (34.6%)	
Platelet count decreased	8 (30.8%)	
Neutrophil counts decreased	8 (30.8%)	
White blood cell count decreased	8 (30.8%)	
Infusion-related reaction	8 (30.8%)	
Fatigue	6 (23.1%)	
Nausea	5 (19.2%)	
Abnormal liver function	4 (15.4%)	
Elevated glucose	4 (15.4%)	
Elevated bilirubin	3 (11.5%)	
Hyperglycemia	3 (11.5%)	
Hypokalemia	3 (11.5%)	
Hyponatremia	3 (11.5%)	
Rash	3 (11.5%)	

CONCLUSION

- KN046 showed well tolerated and promising efficacy in treatment of advanced NSCLC with EGFR sensitivity mutation who failed prior EGFR-TKIs.
- Large scale study is needed to further validate the clinical outcome.

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