

Interim analysis of a phase 1 study with MP0317, a tumor targeting FAP dependent CD40 agonist DARPin, in patients with relapsed/refractory solid tumors

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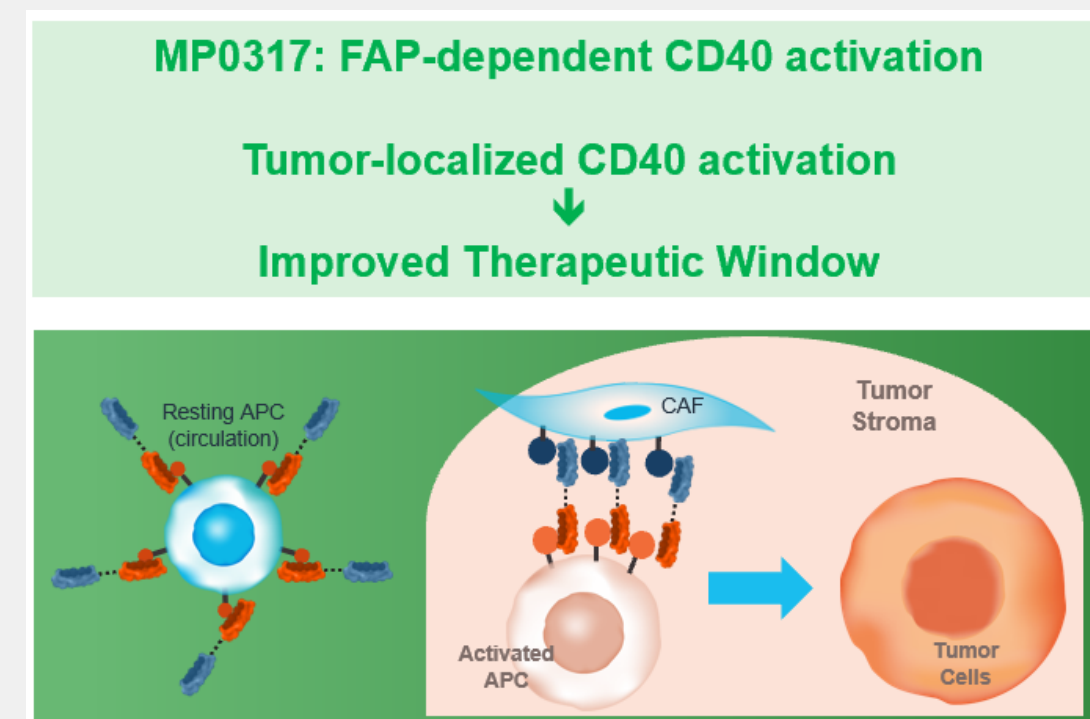
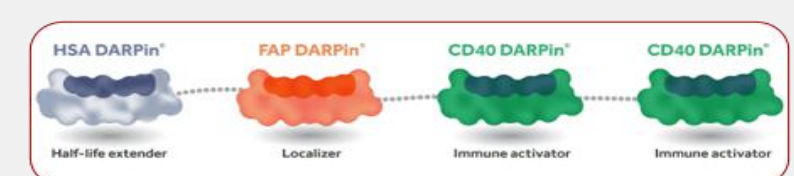
Could tumor-localized CD40 activation through FAP crosslinking mitigate systemic toxicity?

MP0317, a Tumor-Targeted CD40 Agonist

Limited clinical efficacy has been observed with systemic CD40 agonists¹⁻⁴ in solid tumor patients due to:

- Dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) arising from systemic CD40 activation
- Limited exposure due to peripheral target-mediated drug disposition

By binding Fibroblast Activation Protein (FAP), MP0317 is designed to induce tumor-localized CD40-mediated activation of APC and B cells, while avoiding extra-tumoral immune activation



Here we present emerging data from the first-in-human trial of MP0317, a biomarker-focused study designed to demonstrate MP0317 safety and tolerability profile, while elucidating its mechanisms of action in the tumor and in the circulation

Study Design

NCT05098405 is a phase 1, first-in-human, multicenter, dose escalation study followed by a safety expansion part, evaluating the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics (PK), pharmacodynamics (PD), and preliminary antitumor activity of MP0317 monotherapy in adult patients with advanced solid tumors

Dose selection was guided by a translational PK/PD model that accounted for MP0317 biodistribution and linked affinity data with target baseline expression levels and turnover rates

Primary Objectives

- To characterize the safety and tolerability of MP0317
- To determine the recommended dose for expansion and subsequent combination

Exploratory Objective

- To evaluate PD effects in peripheral blood and tissue

Key Inclusion Criteria

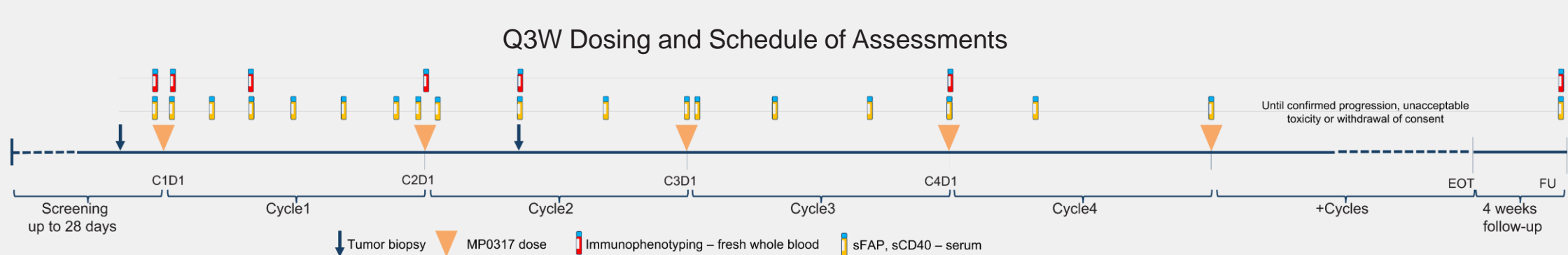
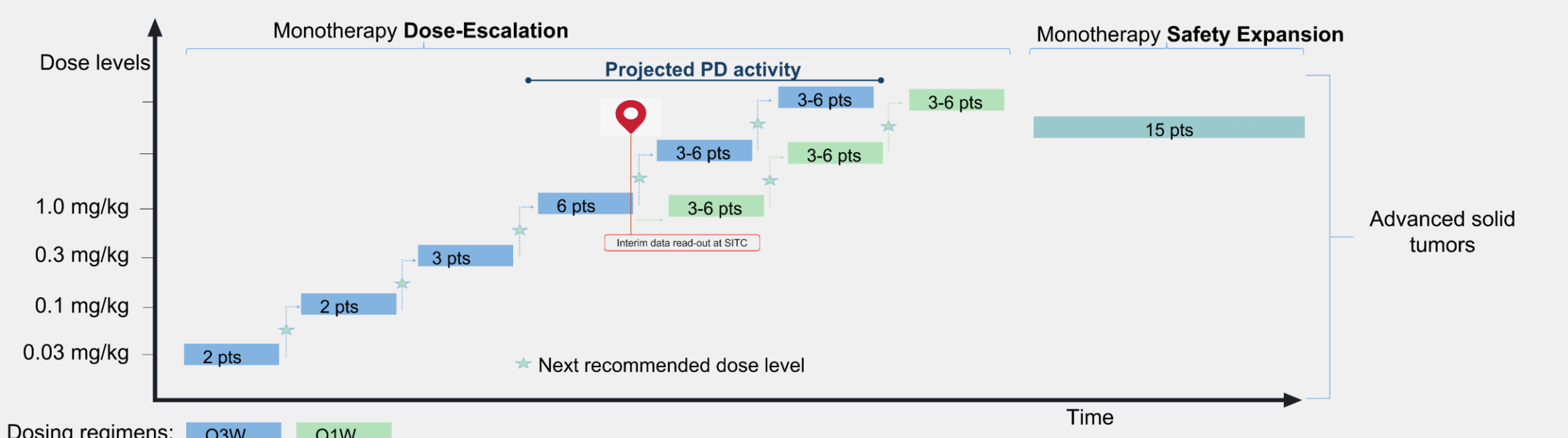
- Advanced solid tumor of a type known to express FAP, for which approved therapies have been exhausted - Documented FAP expression not required
- ECOG status 0 or 1
- Life expectancy > 12 weeks
- Measurable disease according RECIST v1.1

Secondary Objectives

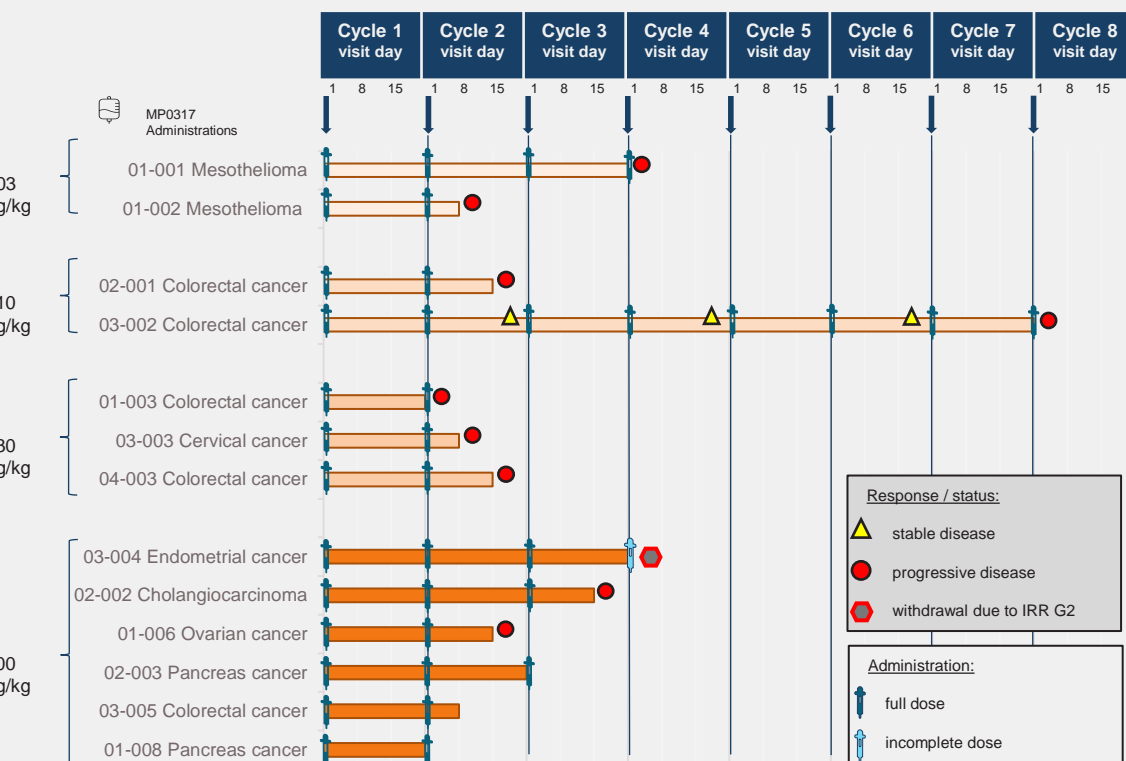
- To describe the PK of MP0317
- To evaluate preliminary antitumor activity
- To evaluate preliminary clinical benefits

Key Exclusion Criteria

- Autoimmune diseases
- Inflammatory diseases that may have upregulated FAP expression
- Serious or non-healing wound, skin ulcer or non-healing bone fracture
- Abdominal fistula, gastrointestinal perforation or intra-abdominal abscess within 6 months before screening



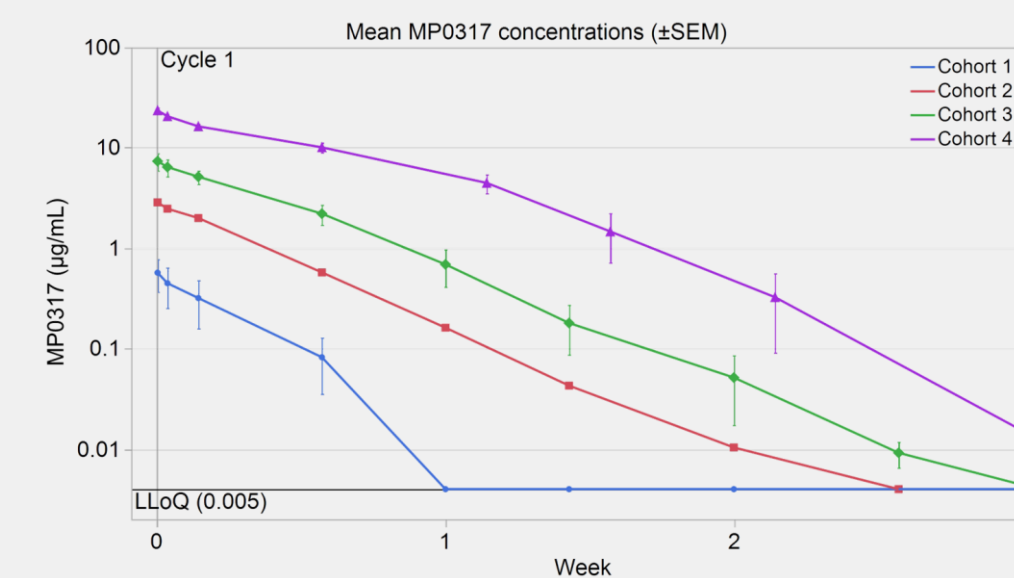
MP0317 Dose Escalation Ongoing – Interim Clinical Data



Characteristic	Patients (N = 13)
Age, median (range), y	55 (35–75)
Female (%)	7 (54)
ECOG PS, n (%)	7 (54)
1	6 (46)
Median prior regimens (range)	3 (1–13)

Patients were escalated from 0.03 mg/kg to 1 mg/kg Q3W as per protocol, with additional Q3W and Q1W cohorts recruiting

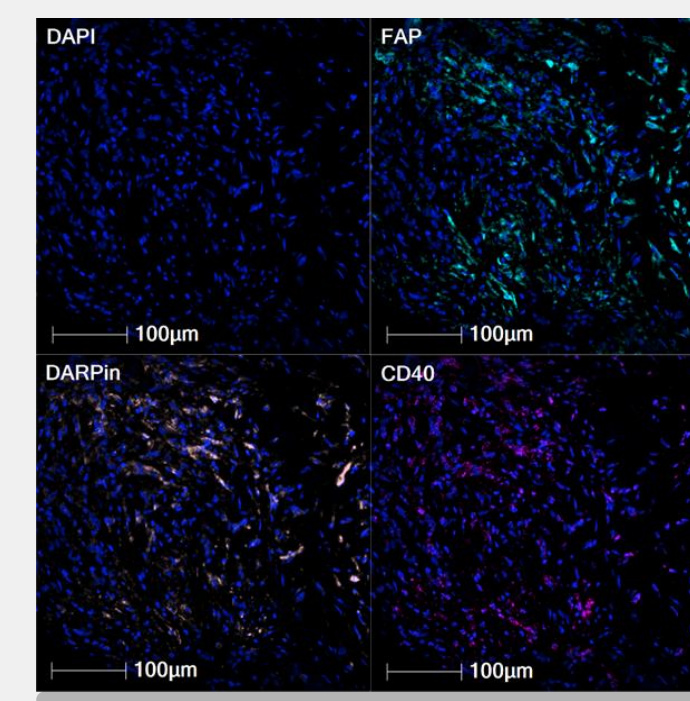
Serum PK Shows MP0317 Half-Life Extended Properties Suitable for Q3W Dosing



MP0317 PK parameters (mean (range))	Cohort 1 (0.03 mg/kg) N=2	Cohort 2 (0.1 mg/kg) N=1*	Cohort 3 (0.3 mg/kg) N=3	Cohort 4 (1 mg/kg) N=4
t _{1/2} during mono-exp. elimination (hours)	35.3 (32.1–38.6)	39.7	45.9 (42.3–53.0)	70.5 (54.5–85.2)
C _{max,1} (µg/mL)	0.570 (0.370–0.780)	2.87	7.37 (4.66–9.68)	23.6 (19.3–27.2)
AUC _{0-21days} (h·µg/mL)	25.1 (13.3–37.0)	172	531 (337–746)	2110 (1620–2430)

- Emerging MP0317 PK data (n=10, 4 IV dose cohorts) are consistent with a half-life extended DARPin (t_{1/2} ranging from 32 to 85 hours) suitable for Q3W dosing with evidence of target-mediated drug disposition over 0.03 mg/kg – 1 mg/kg, suggestive of CD40 engagement

MP0317 Colocalizes and Occupies FAP and CD40 in Tumor (Cohorts 1-3)



Subject	Cohort	% FAP at baseline	% FAP occupied by MP0317	% CD40 occupied by MP0317
01-001	1	18.0	3.6	33.4
01-002	1	38.3	ND	ND
02-001	2	0.2	ND	ND
03-002	2	47.8	6.4	27.0
01-003*	3	0.2	no sample	no sample
03-003	3	22.8	26.0	47.1
04-003	3	pending	pending	pending

*No Cycle 2 Day 8 sample collected; ND: not detected; For patient 04-003, multiplex immunofluorescence paired biopsy data are pending bioanalysis (together with cohort 4 batch)

- Multiplex immunofluorescence data show colocalization of MP0317 with FAP and CD40 in 3 out of 5 eligible paired tumor biopsies, demonstrating preferential tumor targeting through FAP, and CD40 target occupancy
- More data and orthogonal validation across PD biomarkers are required to determine a FAP threshold for patient selection

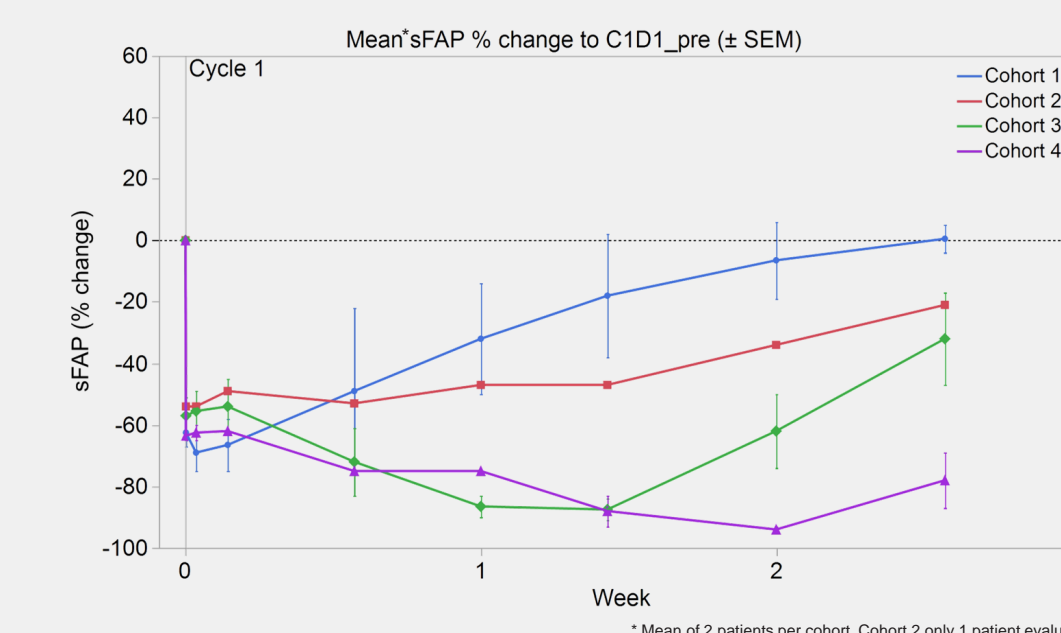
At Data Cut-off, MP0317 Is Safe and Well-tolerated

- No DLTs reported (Cohorts 1-4) & none of the grade ≥3 AEs were related to study treatment
- Of all AESIs that were pre-specified per protocol, only infusion-related reactions (IRR) were observed in more than one patient

MP0317 Dose Level	Number of Treatment-Emergent Events (Number of Patients Affected)				
	0.03 mg/kg	0.1 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	Total
Number of patients	2	2	3	6	13
AEs	17 (2)	20 (2)	21 (3)	27 (5)	85 (12)
Related AEs	1 (1)	10 (2)	4 (3)	17 (4)	29 (10)
Grade ≥3 AEs	4 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	6 (4)
IRR AEs - all Grade 2	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (1)	5 (3)
SAEs	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	5 (5)
Related SAEs	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1* (1)	1 (1)

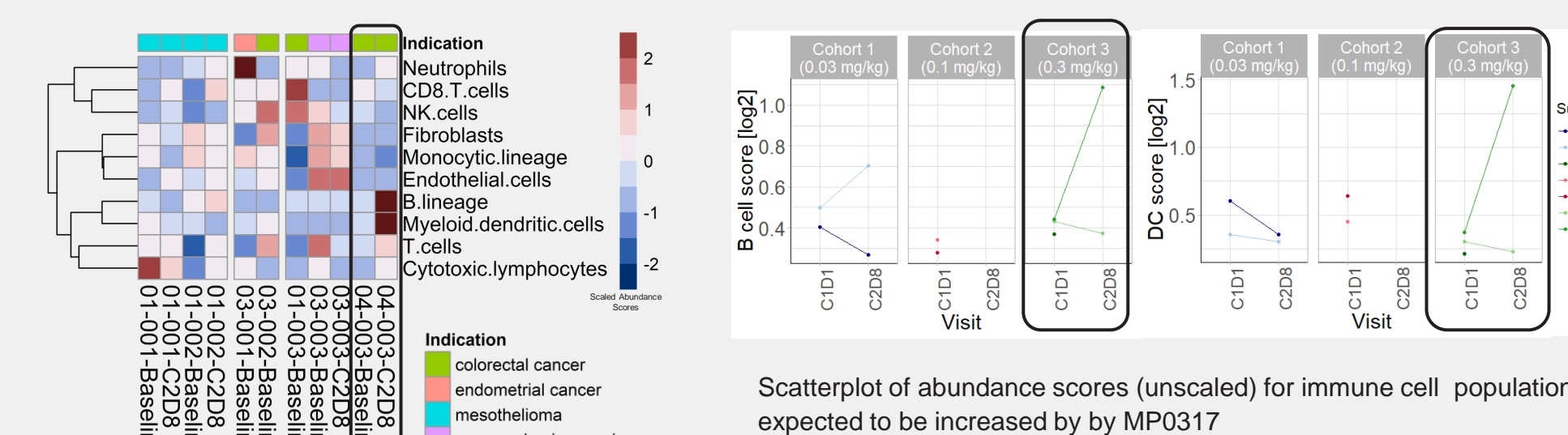
* IRR Grade 2 with hospitalization for patient monitoring

MP0317 Shows Peripheral Target Engagement with sFAP



- Soluble FAP decreased rapidly following MP0317 administration in a dose-dependent manner (n=7, 4 dose cohorts)
- Soluble CD40 did not show meaningful changes post-treatment over 0.03 – 1 mg/kg Q3W

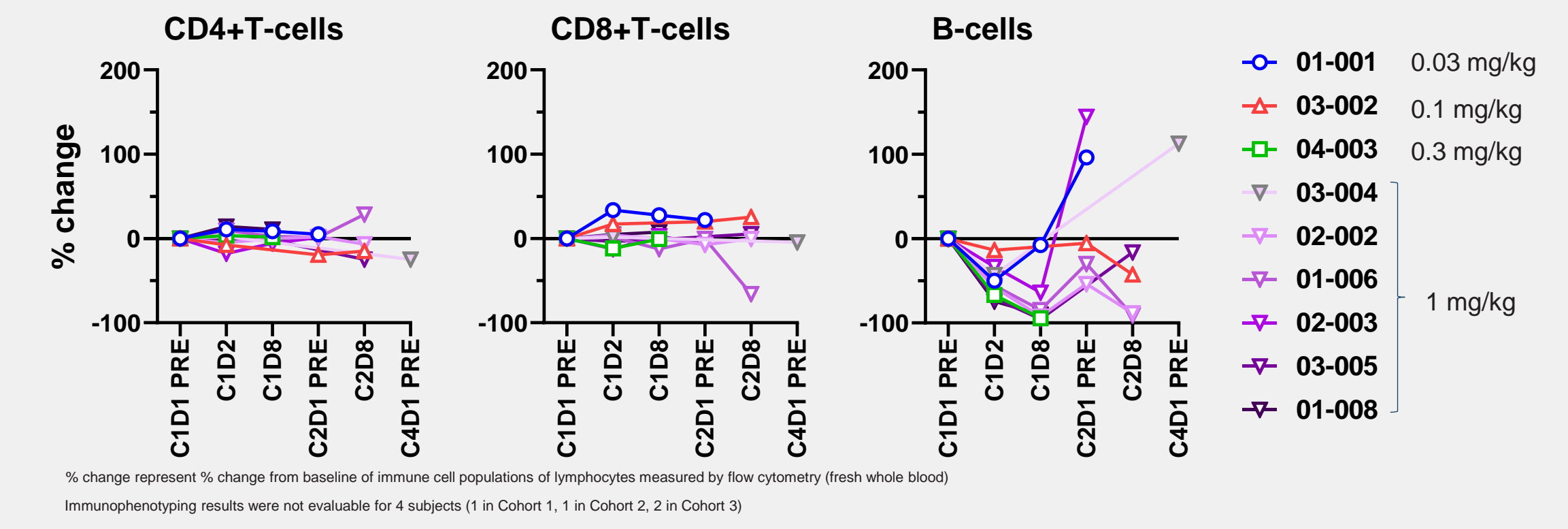
MP0317 Impact on Tumor Immune Microenvironment (Cohorts 1-3)



Heatmap of immune cell abundance scores for main tumor infiltrating immune cell types, fibroblasts and endothelial cells (bulk RNA sequencing data), computed using MCPCounter², and scaled around the mean

- Preliminary gene expression data suggest an increase from baseline at C2D8 in B cell and dendritic cell abundance (n=1) in the tumor microenvironment as expected for MP0317 mode of action and dose level. Baseline biopsies with no evaluable or missing post-treatment paired biopsies are included to better assess inter-patient variability

MP0317 Induces B Cell Margination and No Systemic T Cell Changes



% change represent % change from baseline of immune cell populations of lymphocytes measured by flow cytometry (fresh whole blood). Immunophenotyping results were not available for 4 subjects (1 in Cohort 1, 1 in Cohort 2, 2 in Cohort 3)

- No significant changes in CD4+ / CD8+ T-cell frequencies (Cohorts 1-4) and in circulating cytokines (Cohorts 1-3) were detected, including IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, TNFα, IFNγ, IL-13, IL-2, IL-4, IL-1β, and IL-12p70 (data not shown), corroborating the clinical safety data
- A transient and dose-dependent B-cell margination was observed in peripheral blood, aligned with CD40 agonist mode of action

Key Points

Enrollment

- Four cohorts fully enrolled (n=13)
- Cohorts 1-3 completed study (n=7)

Exposure and Safety

- Clinical data, immunophenotyping and cytokine panel biomarker data show no signs of systemic cytotoxicity
- Preliminary PK data show all patients were exposed to MP0317 and confirmed half-life extension

Target Engagement and PD Effects

- A dose-dependent soluble FAP decrease indicates target engagement in the periphery
- Multiplexed immunofluorescence data confirms tumor exposure combined with FAP and CD40 colocalization in 3 out of 5 evaluable paired tumor biopsies
- Transient dose-dependent B-cell peripheral decrease (n=9) indicates B-cell margination
- Preliminary gene expression analysis showed an increase from baseline in B-cell and dendritic cell abundance (n=1) as expected for MP0317 mode of action and dose level

Conclusions

- As of Oct 2022, MP0317 is well-tolerated and shows no sign of systemic toxicity or DLT in the first 13 patients enrolled across 4 dose levels (0.03 mg/kg – 1 mg/kg Q3W)
- Emerging PK data are consistent with a half-life extended DARPin suitable for a Q3W dosing with evidence of target-mediated drug disposition, suggestive of CD40 engagement
- Preliminary biomarker data show evidence of target occupancy and PD modulation in the tumor microenvironment, consistent with the expected mode of action of tumor-localized CD40-mediated activation
- Enrollment at higher Q3W doses and at Q1W is ongoing to validate those preliminary observations and define the recommended dose for expansion