

TILT-123, an oncolytic adenovirus encoding tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF α) and interleukin (IL-2), for immunotherapy of solid tumors – Experience from phase I clinical trials



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Background

- While delivering cancer therapy breakthroughs, immunotherapy is not able to provide benefit in most patients;
- In addition to tumor heterogeneity in patients, the tumor microenvironment is convoluted and infiltrating T-cells (or lack thereof) are a consistent target of suppression across different tumor types;
- TILT-123, a chimeric serotype oncolytic adenovirus encoding tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF α) and Interleukin-2 (IL-2), is currently being tested in four phase I clinical trials, as monotherapy, and in combination with adoptive cell therapy or immune checkpoint inhibitors.

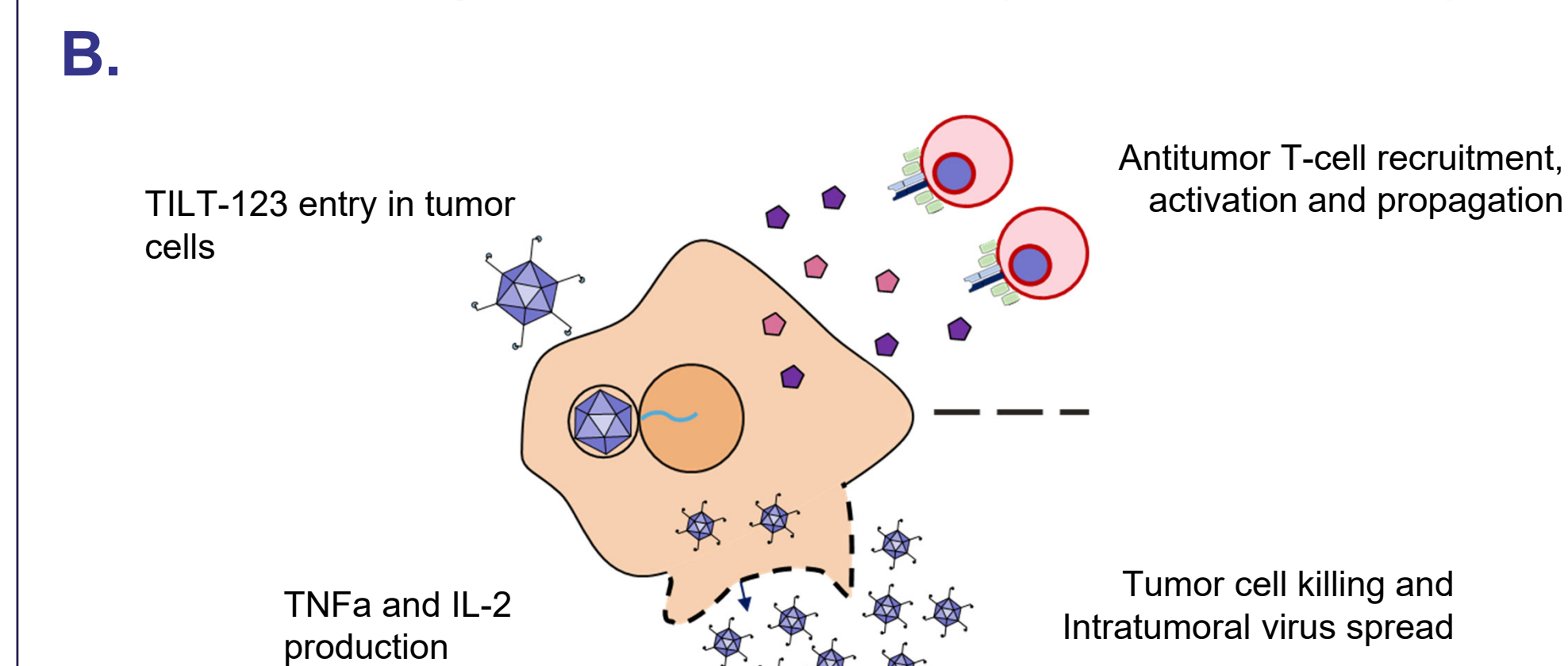
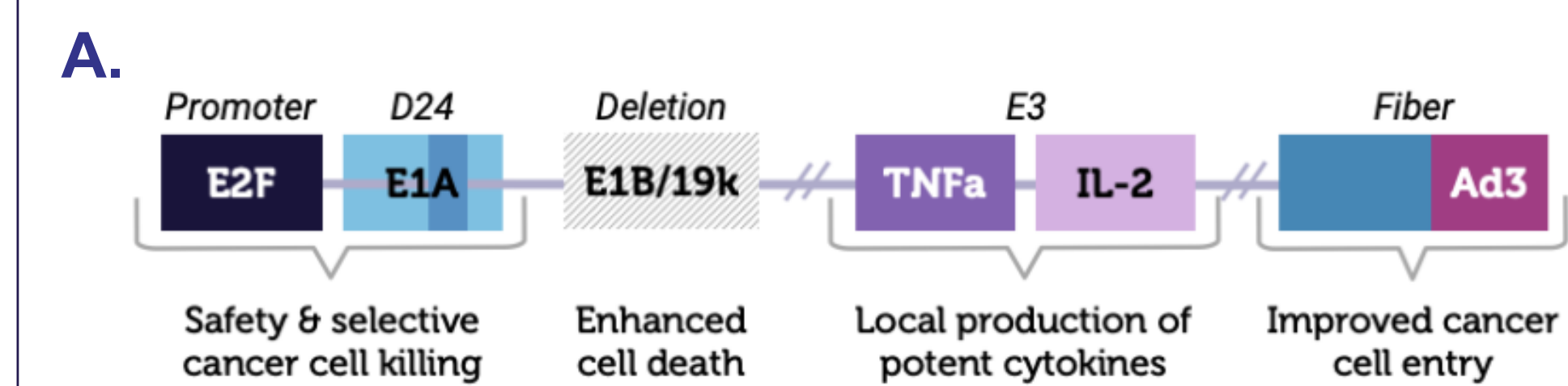
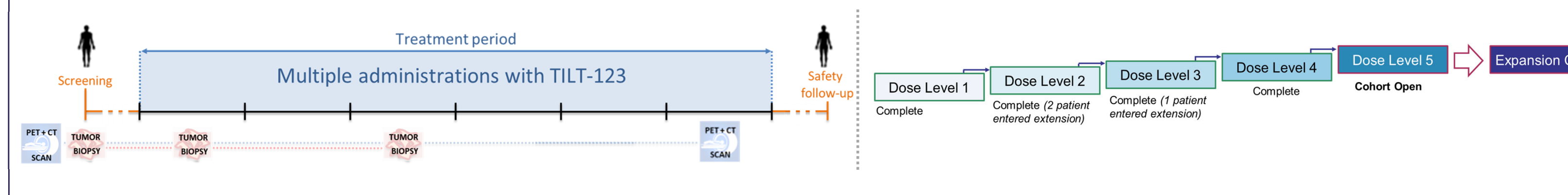


Figure 1 – TILT-123 genetic structure (A) and mode of action (B).

Trial Design

TILT-T115 (TUNIMO) - NCT04695327

- Trial is an open label phase I clinical trial using a standard 3+3 dose-escalation scheme;
- Treatment is given to participants, who have advanced solid tumors that cannot be treated with curative intent;
- TILT-123 is being administered through intravenous and intratumoral routes, throughout the trial.
- TILT-T115 is currently enrolling at 2 sites in Helsinki, Finland: Docrates Cancer Center and Helsinki University Hospital.



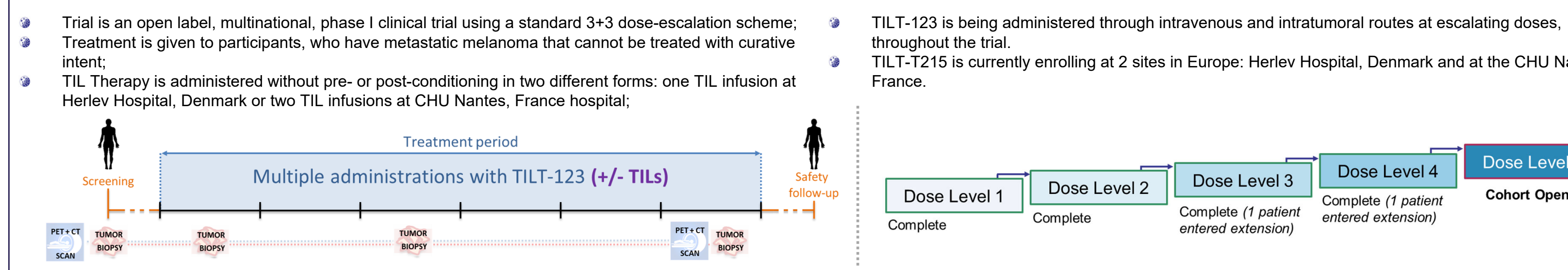
Primary endpoint: TILT-123 safety by day 85

Secondary endpoints: Dose-limiting Toxicities, Efficacy [CT/PET imaging (RECIST 1.1, iRECIST)], PFS, OS

Exploratory Endpoints: Mode of Action (immune response to TILT-123), Maximum Tolerated Dose, Pharmacokinetics/Biosafety, Biological effects in injected and non-injected tumors and blood, and gut microbiota, Changes in skin lesions

TILT-T215 (TUNINTIL) - NCT04217473

- Trial is an open label, multinational, phase I clinical trial using a standard 3+3 dose-escalation scheme;
- Treatment is given to participants, who have metastatic melanoma that cannot be treated with curative intent;
- TILT-T215 is currently enrolling at 2 sites in Europe: Herlev Hospital, Denmark and at the CHU Nantes, France.
- TILT Therapy is administered without pre- or post-conditioning in two different forms: one TIL infusion at Herlev Hospital, Denmark or two TIL infusions at CHU Nantes, France hospital;



Primary endpoint: TILT-123 safety by day 36

Secondary endpoints: TILs + TILT-123 safety by day 78, Dose-limiting Toxicities, Efficacy [CT/PET imaging (RECIST 1.1, iRECIST)], PFS, OS

Exploratory Endpoints: Mode of Action (immune response to TILT-123), Maximum Tolerated Dose, Pharmacokinetics/Biosafety, Biological effects in injected and non-injected tumors and blood, Changes in skin lesions

1 Demographics and Safety

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Table 1 – Demographics of dose levels 1-3. Data cut-off 29th of August 2022. The results have not been monitored audited or verified by the quality assurance.

Parameter	Total (n=31)
Sex	Female 0, Male 31
Age at Enrollment (Years)	Median 60 (range 38-71)
Performance Status	0 2, 1 7, 2 1, 3 1
Tumor Type	Lung 1, Melanoma 2, Sarcoma 2, Ovary 2, Breast 1, Thyroid 1
Prior Cancer therapies	Median number of previous systemic treatment lines 5, Systemic Therapies 66, Chemotherapy 35, Targeted Therapy 4, Combinations (e.g. chemo + targeted therapy) 4, Radiation Therapy 7, Surgery 6, Immunotherapy 5

Table 2 – TILT-123-related adverse events in dose levels 1-3 as judged by the investigators. Data cut-off 29th of August 2022. Adverse events graded based on the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE). The results have not been monitored audited or verified by the quality assurance.

Preferred Term	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Cumulative Event Number (any grade)	Event Frequency (any grade per patient)
Chills	3	1	0	0	0	4	22%
Diarrhea	0	1	0	0	0	1	11%
Edema in feet	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Fatigue	2	1	0	0	0	3	22%
Fever	6	0	0	0	0	6	33%
Lymphopenia	0	1	0	0	0	1	11%
Neutropenia	0	1	0	0	0	1	11%
Pain in hands and legs	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Subfebrile body temperature	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Swelling of metastases	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Tinnitus	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Tiredness	0	1	0	0	0	1	11%
Total	16	6	0	0	0	22	

- Patients enrolled underwent several lines of therapy before enrolling into the trial;
- WHO/ECOG performance status was mostly 1;
- Most common types of cancers in dose levels 1-3 were melanoma, Sarcoma and Ovary cancers;
- The most frequent AEs in dose levels 1-3 observed were fever, chills and fatigue;
- Grade 3-5 AEs were not seen in dose levels 1-3;
- Serious AEs were not seen in dose levels 1-3;
- Dose-limiting toxicities were not seen in dose levels 1-3.

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Table 3 – Demographics of dose levels 1-3. Data cut-off 30th of August 2022. The results have not been monitored audited or verified by the quality assurance.

Parameter	Total (n=31)
Sex	Female 2, Male 29
Age at Enrollment (Years)	Median 48 (range 25-68)
Performance Status	0 8, 1 1, 2 1, 3 1
Melanoma Type	Cutaneous 4, Ocular 2, Mucosal 2, Other 1
Prior Cancer therapies	Median number of previous systemic treatment lines 3, Systemic Therapies 66, Chemotherapy 7, Targeted Therapy 5, Radiation Therapy 2, TIL treatment 2, Surgery 10, Immunotherapy 24

Preferred Term	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Cumulative Event Number (any grade)	Event Frequency (any grade per patient)
Abolopia	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Adenoma	0	1	0	0	0	1	11%
Amblyopia	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Anisometropia	2	1	0	0	0	3	11%
Chills	0	0	0	0	1	1	11%
Diarrhea	0	0	0	0	4	4	22%
Dizziness	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Edema in feet	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Fatigue	3	0	0	0	0	3	22%
Fever	6	2	0	0	0	8	56%
Flushing	2	0	0	0	0	2	22%
Headache	3	0	0	0	0	3	22%
Itching at injection site	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Lymphopenia	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Memory impairment	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Nausea	3	0	0	0	0	3	22%
Pain	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Pain from injection	3	0	0	0	0	3	22%
Pain in liver from injection	0	0	0	0	1	1	11%
Pink eye	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Severe myopia at ref.	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
TOR-increased	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Vitritis	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Wasting	1	0	0	0	0	1	11%
Worsening of headache	0	3	0	0	0	3	11%
Total	41	9	3	0	0	53	

- Patients enrolled were heavily pre-treated;
- WHO/ECOG performance status was mostly 0;
- Cutaneous Melanoma was the most prevalent cancer population in dose level 1-3;
- The most frequent AEs in dose levels 1-3 were fever, nausea and diarrhea;
- Grade 3-5 AEs were not seen in dose levels 1-3;
- Serious AEs were not seen in dose levels 1-3;
- Dose-limiting toxicities were not seen in dose levels 1-3.

2 Anti-tumor Activity

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Example #1 - Patient with Thyroid Cancer (Dose Level 3)

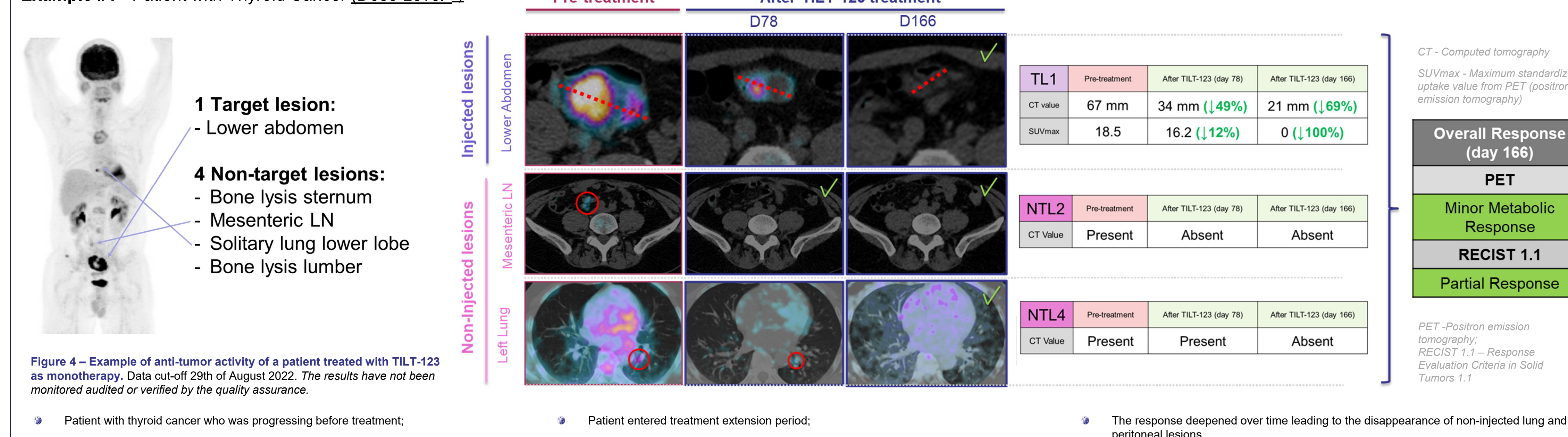


Figure 4 – Example of anti-tumor activity of a patient treated with TILT-123 as monotherapy. Data cut-off 29th of August 2022. The results have not been monitored audited or verified by the quality assurance.

- Patient with thyroid cancer who was progressing before treatment;
- Patient entered treatment extension period;
- The response deepened over time leading to the disappearance of non-injected lung and peritoneal lesions.

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Example #2 - Patient with Melanoma (Dose Level 3)

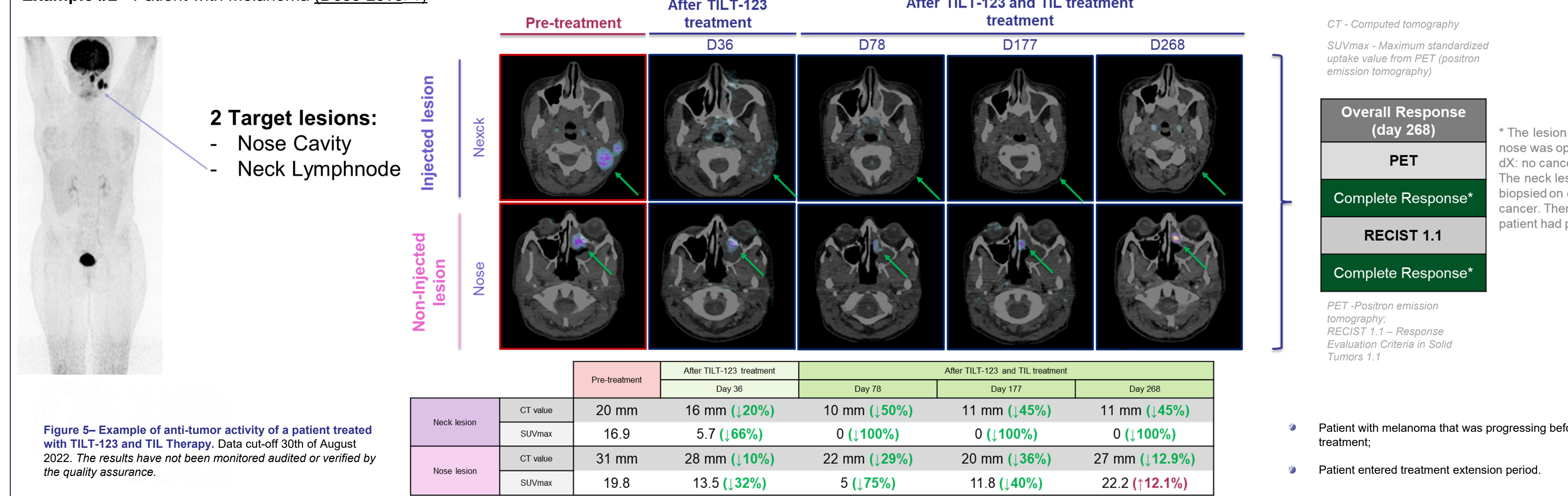
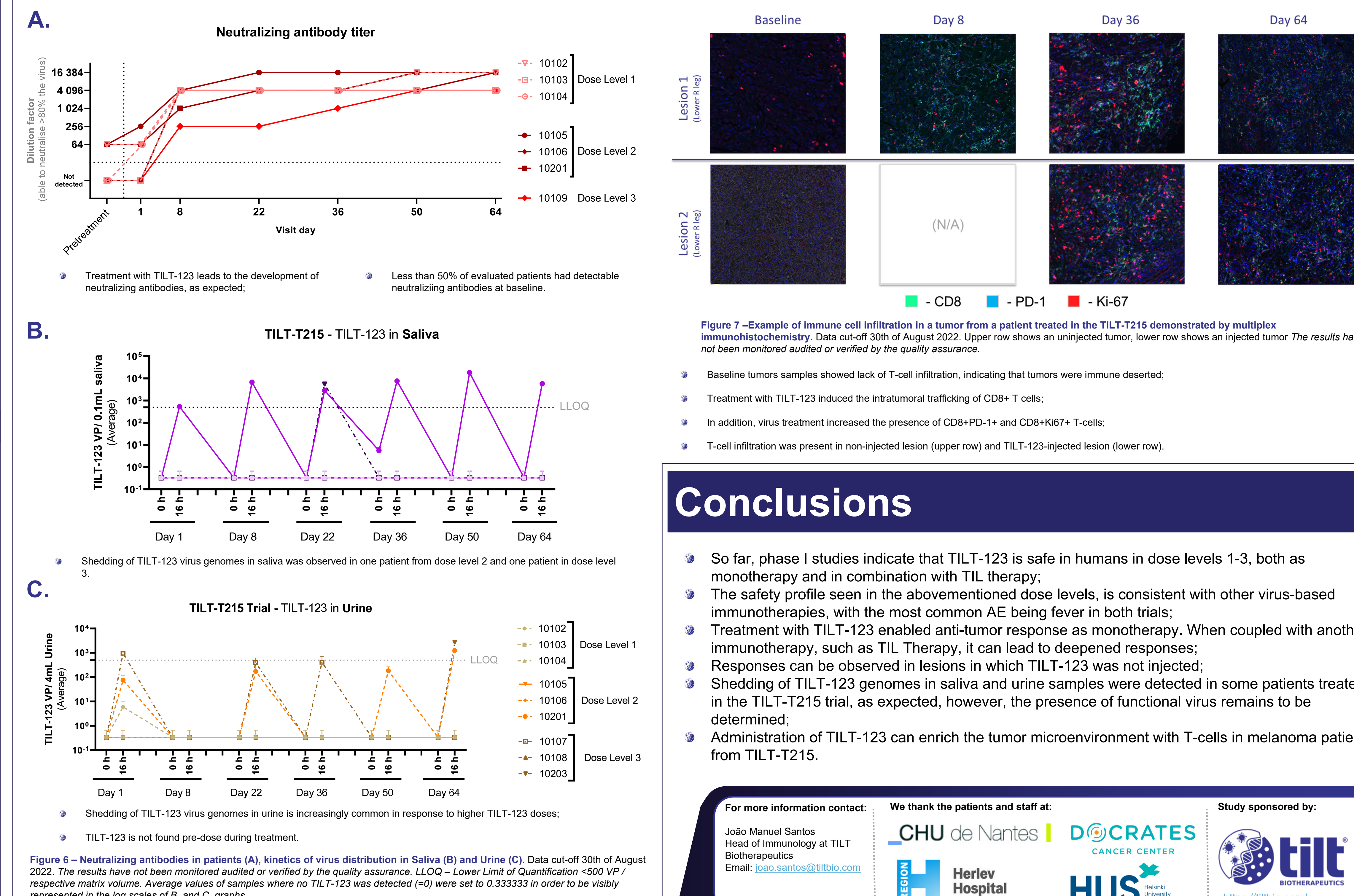


Figure 5 – Example of anti-tumor activity of a patient treated with TILT-123 and TIL Therapy. Data cut-off 30th of August 2022. The results have not been monitored audited or verified by the quality assurance.

- Patient with melanoma that was progressing before treatment;
- Patient entered treatment extension period.

3 Neutralizing antibodies, biosafety and T-cell Infiltration

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- Treatment with TILT-123 leads to the development of neutralizing antibodies, as expected;
- Less than 50% of evaluated patients had detectable neutralizing antibodies at baseline.
- Baseline tumors samples showed lack of T-cell infiltration, indicating that tumors were immune deserts;
- Treatment with TILT-123 induced the intratumoral trafficking of CD8⁺ T cells;
- In addition, virus treatment increased the presence of CD8⁺PD-1⁺ and CD8⁺Ki67⁺ T-cells;
- T-cell infiltration was present in non-injected lesion (upper row) and TILT-123-injected lesion (lower row).

Conclusions

- So far, phase I studies indicate that TILT-123 is safe in humans in dose levels 1-3, both as monotherapy and in combination with TIL therapy;
- The safety profile seen in the above-mentioned dose levels, is consistent with other virus-based immunotherapies, with the most common AE being fever in both trials;
- Treatment with TILT-123 enabled anti-tumor response as monotherapy. When coupled with another immunotherapy, such as TIL Therapy, it can lead to deepened responses;
- Responses can be observed in lesions in which TILT-123 was not injected;
- Shedding of TILT-123 genomes in saliva and urine samples were detected in some patients treated in the TILT-T215 trial, as expected, however, the presence of functional virus remains to be determined;
- Administration of TILT-123 can enrich the tumor microenvironment with T-cells in melanoma patients from TILT-T215.