

## 8 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The primary objective of this study is to assess whether use of GI-6207 is able to result in reductions of the growth rates of tumors in patients with MTC. The changes in growth rates will be compared between two arms with either initial assignment to vaccine or surveillance, as well as secondarily determining if there is a significant change within the arm that initially receives surveillance followed by 6 months of vaccine.

Prior to randomization, patients will be stratified according to whether they were noted to have a calcitonin doubling time of <24 months vs. >24 months at baseline.

The primary endpoint will be the change from baseline to 6 months of the growth rate parameter. With 17 total patients per arm (34 total), with complete measurements of this main parameter at baseline and at 6 months after randomization, there would be 80% power to detect a difference between the two groups with respect to a change from baseline to 6 months equal to 1.0 standard deviations of the change (1.0 effect size) using a two-tailed 0.05 level two-sample t-test. In practice, if the differences from baseline to 6 months are not normally distributed on both arms (that is, if  $p < 0.05$  by a Shapiro Wilks test) then a Wilcoxon rank sum test will be performed instead.

As an important secondary objective, using the surveillance arm, two related secondary endpoints will be explored, both the actual magnitude of the change in the growth rate parameter as well as the fraction who exhibit a substantial, 50% decline in the growth rate as a result of treatment.

For the 17 patients will be enrolled on the surveillance arm, the growth rate determined at 12 months (after 6 months of vaccine) will be subtracted from that obtained at 6 months (after surveillance) to determine the actual change in the growth rate for receiving vaccine after 6 months of surveillance. With 17 patients, there is 82% power to detect a difference in the values at the two time points equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the SD of the change (.75 effect size) assuming that a two-tailed 0.05 alpha level paired t-test is used.

Also, as an additional secondary exploration, using all 17 patients on the surveillance arm, the fraction that experiences a 50% decline relative to the time of starting vaccine will be determined. Using an exact binomial test, 17 patients will have 83% power to test whether the fraction exceeds a null fraction of 20% and is consistent with 50% who have 50% declines, with a one-tailed 0.05 alpha level test. In practice, the fraction with a 50% decline will have a 95% confidence interval created about the result in order to describe what values it would be consistent with.

Exploratory analyses will also be performed to compare the growth rate changes at additional time points, such as 7, 10 and 12 months.

It is expected that the trial will accrue approximately 1-2 patients per month may be accrued; thus it is expected that this study may enroll 34 evaluable patients within 24-30 months. To allow for the possibility of a rare inevaluable patient, the accrual ceiling will be set at 37.

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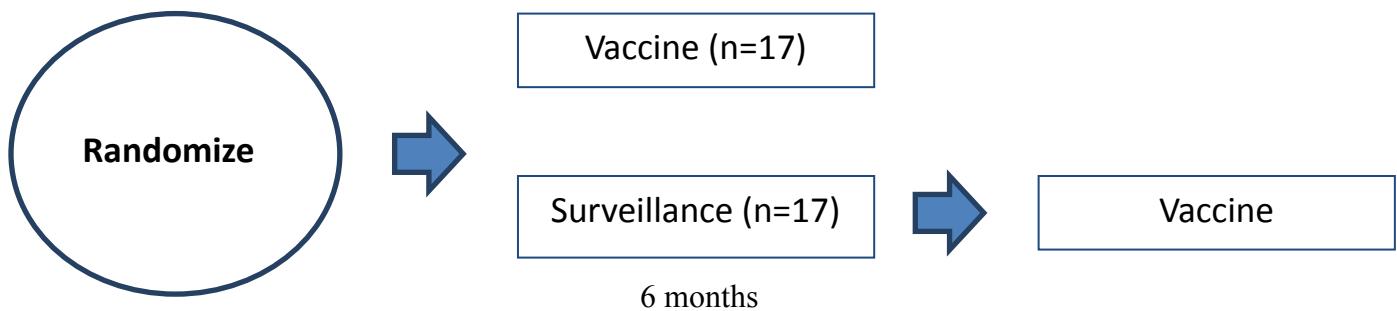
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**IND Number:** 15344  
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## Schema



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## **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

This trial will be conducted in accordance with Good Clinical Practice (GCP) as described in the International Conference on Harmonization Guideline E6 (ICH E6) and in accordance with United States (US) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) applicable to clinical studies (45 CFR Part 46, 21 CFR Part 50, 21 CFR Part 56, and 21 CFR Part 312) and the general ethical principles outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki. The study will receive approval from an Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to commencement. The Principal Investigator will assure that no deviation from or changes to the protocol will take place without prior agreement from NantCell and documented approval from the IRB, except where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard(s) to the trial participants.

I agree to ensure that all staff members involved in the conduct of this study are informed about their obligations in meeting the above commitments.

Principal Investigator:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRÉCIS

Background:

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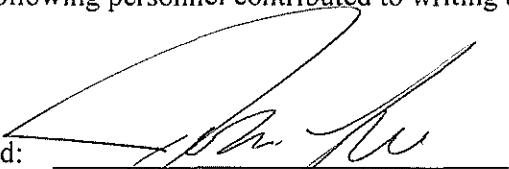
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## SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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This clinical trial protocol was subject to critical review and has been approved by NantCell.

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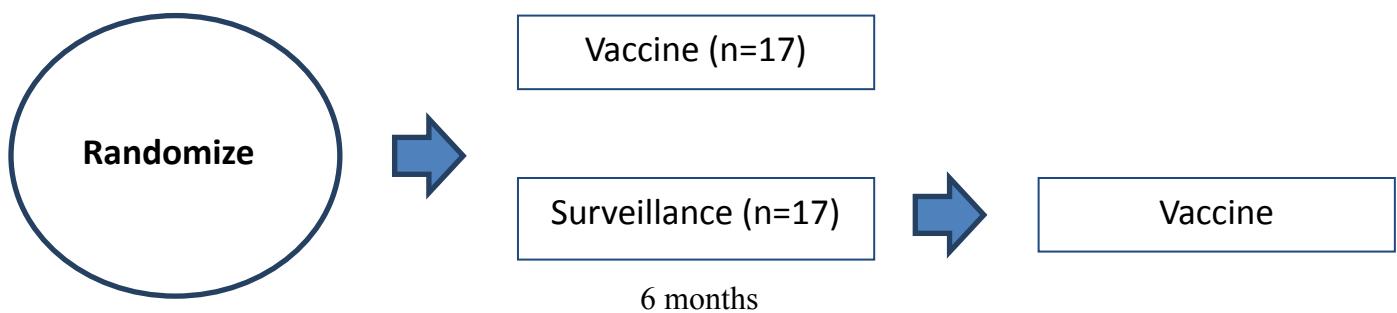
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