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PRÉCIS

Background:

- Mesothelin is expressed in approximately half of all lung adenocarcinomas.
- LMB-100 has demonstrated anti-tumor efficacy against several mesothelin expressing tumor models including non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
- Programmed death ligand 1 (PD-1) is an Ig superfamily member related to CD28 and CTLA-4 that has been shown to negatively regulate antigen receptor signaling upon engagement of its ligands.
- Pembrolizumab, an IgG4 monoclonal antagonist antibody to PD-1, is FDA approved in the frontline for advanced non-squamous NSCLC as a single agent with high PD-L1 expression [tumor proportion score (TPS) $\geq 50\%$] or in combination with platinum-based doublet chemotherapy (PD-L1 unselected). It is also approved in the second-line for high PD-L1 expressing tumors (TPS $\geq 1\%$).
- Combination treatment with LMB-100 plus pembrolizumab results in greater anti-tumor efficacy in murine lung cancer model.

Objectives:

- To determine the objective response rate of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab in the treatment of subjects with mesothelin-expressing non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors.

Eligibility:

- Histologically confirmed locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer lacking an EGFR sensitizing mutation, ALK or ROS1 gene rearrangement and not amenable to potentially curative surgical resection or chemoradiation.
- Tumor mesothelin expression of at least 25% of tumor cells as determined by the Laboratory of Pathology at the NCI.
- Subjects must have at least progressed after one prior platinum-based doublet chemotherapy AND standard immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) with either frontline single-agent pembrolizumab, or in combination with platinum-based doublet chemotherapy, or second-line single-agent nivolumab, pembrolizumab, or atezolizumab.
- Age ≥ 18 years.

Design:

- This is an open-label, single center phase II study of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab in subjects with mesothelin expressing NSCLC who have progressed on standard therapies
- Subjects will receive LMB-100 at the single agent MTD (140mg/kg) on days 1, 3 and 5 of a 21-day cycle for up to 2 cycles and pembrolizumab 200 mg on day 1 of cycle 3 of a 21-day cycle (or cycle 2 if disease progression is observed after 1 cycle) onwards until disease progression (on or after pembrolizumab) or intolerable toxicity for a maximum of 2 years (unless second course initiated).

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- The total accrual ceiling for the screening will be set at 100 total patients in order to treat 23 subjects.

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The trial will be carried out in accordance with International Conference on Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice (ICH GCP) and the following:

- United States (US) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) applicable to clinical studies (45 CFR Part 46, 21 CFR Part 50, 21 CFR Part 56, 21 CFR Part 312, and/or 21 CFR Part 812)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded investigators and clinical trial site staff who are responsible for the conduct, management, or oversight of NIH-funded clinical trials have completed Human Subjects Protection and ICH GCP Training.

The protocol, informed consent form(s), recruitment materials, and all participant materials will be submitted to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for review and approval. Approval of both the protocol and the consent form must be obtained before any participant is enrolled. Any amendment to the protocol will require review and approval by the IRB before the changes are implemented to the study. In addition, all changes to the consent form will be IRB-approved; an IRB determination will be made regarding whether a new consent needs to be obtained from participants who provided consent, using a previously approved consent form.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 STUDY OBJECTIVES

1.1.1 Primary Objective

- Determine the objective response rate of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab in the treatment of subjects with mesothelin-expressing non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors.

1.1.2 Secondary Objectives

- Determine duration of overall response, progression free survival and overall survival.
- Determine the safety and tolerability of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab in the treatment of subjects with mesothelin-expressing non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors.

1.1.3 Exploratory Objectives

- Establish the correlation of response with tumor mesothelin expression.
- Evaluate correlation of tumor response with tumor PD-L1 expression.
- Evaluate changes in the tumor microenvironment following treatment with LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab.
- Evaluate the utility of serum mesothelin and megakaryocyte potentiating factor (MPF) as a biomarkers of tumor response.
- Define the pharmacokinetics characteristics of LMB-100 to correlate responses with LMB-100 blood levels.
- Determine the incidence of antibody development at the end of cycles 1 and 2 with this combination.

- Correlation of incidence of KRAS mutation with mesothelin immunohistochemical expression in tumor samples.
- Determine the utility of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) and characteristic mutations for biomarkers analysis of response in blood, and overall tumor genome evolution over the course of treatment.
- Establish cell lines and cytology studies
- To assess changes in circulating immune cell and cytokine levels caused by the treatment

1.2 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1.2.1 Study Disease

234,000 new lung cancer cases are diagnosed every year in the US alone and the leading cause of cancer mortality worldwide. Approximately 80% of lung cancers are classified as NSCLC; a collection of histologically heterogeneous neoplasms including adenocarcinomas and squamous cell carcinoma subtypes([1](#)).

Patients with stage I-III NSCLC are generally treated with curative surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or a combined modality. Although patients with an early stage disease will benefit from these modalities, most patients (~40-45%) will present with more advanced stage IV disease at diagnosis or will progress after failing definitive treatment. For patients with advanced disease, the 5- year survival rate is less than 10% ([2](#)). Current standard systemic treatment involves an integration of platinum-based chemotherapy, targeted agents, and immunotherapy depending on histology (squamous versus non-squamous) and presence or absence of EGFR sensitizing mutations, ALK or ROS1 gene rearrangements, and expression of programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) by immunohistochemistry (IHC). Frontline treatment for advanced or stage IV non-squamous NSCLC without an EGFR-sensitizing mutation of ALK or ROS1 gene rearrangement and performance status (PS) 0 or 1([3](#)):

- High PD-L1 expression [tumor proportion score (TPS) $\geq 50\%$] single agent pembrolizumab
- Low PD-L1 expression (TPS<50%) pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy with pembrolizumab

Second-line treatment (initial cytotoxic therapy) for advanced tumors lacking sensitizing EGFR mutation or ALK or ROS1 translocation and PS 0 or 1([3](#)):

- High PD-L1 expression (TPS $\geq 1\%$) and have not received prior immune therapy single agent nivolumab, pembrolizumab, or atezolizumab
- Low or unknown PD-L1 (TPS $<1\%$) and have not received prior immune therapy: nivolumab or atezolizumab
- Systemic therapy with docetaxel or pemetrexed
- Platinum combination chemotherapy with pemetrexed if received immune checkpoint inhibitor initially.

1.2.2 Mesothelin as a target for Lung Adenocarcinoma

Mesothelin is a 40kDa glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-anchored membrane glycoprotein, which is present in a restricted set of normal adult tissues, such as the mesothelial lining of the

pleura, peritoneum and pericardium.⁽⁴⁾ Immunohistochemistry has shown that mesothelin is highly expressed in nearly all epithelioid mesotheliomas as well as epithelial components of biphasic mesothelioma in addition to pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas and in a high percentage of epithelial ovarian cancers and lung adenocarcinomas.⁽⁵⁾ Although the normal biological function of mesothelin is unknown, growing evidence suggests that it may play a role in tumorigenesis and metastasis. Its limited expression in normal human tissue and high expression in tumor makes mesothelin an excellent target antigen for antibody-based immunotherapy.⁽⁶⁾

Ho et al, initially reported that in a cohort of lung adenocarcinomas (n=12), 10/12 patients or 86% showed expression of mesothelin mRNA. ⁽⁷⁾ In addition, 82% of the patients showed expression of the mesothelin precursor protein and half with mature form. Lung adenocarcinomas showed strong and diffuse staining for mesothelin versus weak-modest staining in squamous. Thomas et al further observed MSLN expression in 53% of advanced (stages IIIB to IV) lung adenocarcinomas, with high expression (>25% of mesothelin positive cells) found in approximately 24% of patients.⁽⁸⁾ Importantly, high mesothelin expression was associated with inferior survival (median 18.2 months vs. 32.9 months; $P = 0.014$). Another study from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center demonstrated that mesothelin was expressed around 70% by IHC in stage I-III lung adenocarcinomas. ⁽⁸⁾

Interestingly, increased expression was correlated with reduced overall survival (OS) through a multivariate analysis (HR 1.78, $p<0.01$). In unpublished data collected at the NCI by Thomas et al, it was demonstrated that 10% of patients with lung adenocarcinoma co-express PD-L1 and mesothelin expression (>25% of cells). (**Table 1**; Unpublished NCI data).

Because of the high expression of mesothelin in many malignancies, a variety of agents are being developed to target mesothelin. Results of several ongoing clinical trials of immunotherapy agents directed against mesothelin have shown that targeting mesothelin is safe and does not result in toxicity to essential normal tissues. Both antibody-based therapies, as well as mesothelin vaccines, are being investigated.⁽⁹⁾ The Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) and the Thoracic and GI Malignancies Branch (TGMB), CCR, NCI have pioneered the use of mesothelin-targeted agents and clinical trials over the last decade. Given that mesothelin is expressed in half of lung adenocarcinomas (co-expressed in 28% of cells with PD-L1) and is associated with a worse prognosis, there is an unmet need to utilize mesothelin directed therapies in the setting of mesothelin expressing NSCLC which may enhance overall responses to immunotherapy.

Table 1: Co-expression of PD-L1 and Mesothelin. Patients with advanced (stage III/IV) lung adenocarcinoma enrolled in a prospective trial of molecular profiling at the National Cancer Institute with IHC performed for mesothelin and PD-L1 (n= 71) (unpublished NCI data).

	PD-L1 positive ($\geq 1\%$ cells, $\geq 1+$ intensity)	PD-L1 negative
Mesothelin Positive ($\geq 1\%$ cells, $\geq 1+$ intensity)	20	17
Mesothelin Negative	18	16

	PD-L1 positive ($\geq 1\%$ cells, $\geq 1+$ intensity)	PD-L1 negative
Mesothelin Positive ($\geq 25\%$ cells, $\geq 1+$ intensity)	7	8
Mesothelin Negative	31	25

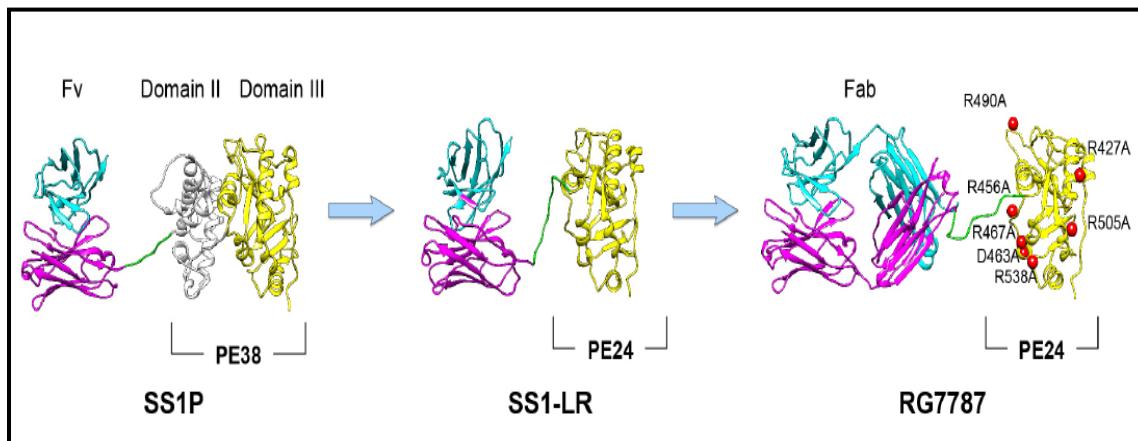
1.2.3 LMB-100

Recombinant immunotoxins (RIT) are therapeutic agents composed of an antibody fragment attached to a protein toxin derived from bacteria or plants. After entering the cell by endocytosis, the immunotoxin reaches the cytosol, where it inactivates elongation factor 2, arrests protein synthesis and induces apoptotic cell death. LMB-100 is a recombinant immunotoxin consisting of a humanized anti-mesothelin Fab fused to a 24kDa truncated *Pseudomonas* exotoxin A (PE) fragment with mutations that suppress B and T cell epitopes.⁽¹⁰⁾ It has anti-tumor efficacy against several mesothelin expressing tumor models including mesothelioma PDX models.⁽¹¹⁾ Also, the debut of mesothelin-targeting chimeric antigen receptor (CAR-T) cells has led to Phase I/II clinical trials of targeting mesothelin expressing lung cancers by administering autologous-engineered T cells systemically or intra-pleurally (NCT02414269). A phase I clinical trial of LMB-100 in patients with mesothelioma with or without nab-paclitaxel chemotherapy has been completed at NCI where the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) has been established and will be used in combination studies with pembrolizumab. Single agent activity was also evaluated, however, there is no single agent activity of LMB-100 in mesothelin expressing non-small cell lung cancers. LMB-100 is also currently being evaluated in other mesothelin expressing cancers such as pancreatic cancer.

1.2.3.1 Development of LMB-100

LMB-100 (previously RO6927005 and RG7787) is a next generation anti-mesothelin RIT developed in NCI's Laboratory of Molecular Biology in collaboration with Roche ([Figure 1](#)). LMB-100 contains a newly engineered PE fragment that has improved activity against most mesothelin-expressing cancer cell lines *in-vitro* and is also much less toxic than SS1P in pre-clinical models. This improved therapeutic window allows administration of three to eight times the dose of RIT to mice, rats and monkeys compared to SS1P. The new PE contains modifications specifically designed to reduce immunogenicity of the molecule. This includes deletion of a 14 kDa sequence that precedes the catalytic domain and seven-point mutations within the catalytic domain itself. These changes ablate the major human B cell epitopes within the molecule and also the most antigenic T cell epitope.^(12, 13) The anti-mesothelin targeting region of LMB-100 uses a humanized Fab fragment instead of the smaller dsFv fragment used in SS1P. This increases molecular weight of the RIT above the threshold required to prevent filtration by the kidney and increases half-life.

Figure 1. Structural models of SS1P and its de-immunized variants SS1P-LR and LMB-100. The targeting domain consists of VL (cyan) and VH (magenta). The linker between the targeting domain and PE contains the furin cleavage site (green), which is required for toxin cytotoxic activity. The furin cleavage site is part of PE Domain II. The remainder of Domain II (gray) is unnecessary for cytotoxicity and has been deleted in the PE24-based toxins, SS1-LR and LMB-100. Domain III (yellow) is the catalytic domain of PE. In LMB-100, alanine point mutations were introduced at seven bulky hydrophilic residues (red) to silence human B cell epitopes within this domain. Deletion of Domain II reduces the size of the molecule into the range where it can be easily filtered by the kidneys, reducing serum half-life. LMB-100 contains a larger humanized Fab for targeting which raises its molecular weight above this threshold.



1.2.3.2 Nonclinical Studies of LMB-100

1.2.3.2.1 Nonclinical Pharmacology

In vitro LMB-100 inhibited viability of a variety of mesothelin-positive cancer cell lines, including NSCLC cell line, at effective concentrations typically around 14 pM (~1 ng/mL). The cytotoxic potency of LMB-100 varied between 0.35 ng/mL in primary mesothelioma cells (RH21) and 15.7 ng/mL in an adenosquamous lung carcinoma cell line (H596). Binding studies showed that while the Fab fragment did not bind to mouse or rat mesothelin, the binding affinities to cynomolgus and human mesothelin were identical. In agreement with this, LMB-100 induced apoptosis in mesothelin-positive primary cynomolgus pericardial cells and significantly impaired viability of HEK293 cells transfected with human mesothelin, but not of rat mesothelin transfected or untransfected HEK293 cells. In addition, control experiments showed that free PE24 was 100–1000 fold less potent on mesothelin-positive target cell lines, confirming low cytotoxic potential of PE24 lacking a targeting moiety. LMB-100 showed broad activity against different mesothelin-expressing cancer cell lines and patient derived xenograft models.(10, 14)

Animal studies demonstrated that a single cycle of LMB-100 treatment given at an optimal dose of approximately 2 mg/kg, 3 × per week, every other day (QOD) achieved tumor regressions in subcutaneous xenografts of adenosquamous lung carcinoma (H596) in severe combined immunodeficient (SCID) beige mice. Three consecutive treatment cycles, given with 1 week breaks in between, led to massive shrinkage of large tumors with an average initial volume of 600 mm³. Tumor regressions in monotherapy were also achieved when treating subcutaneous xenografts of mesothelioma (NCI-H226), gastric (MKN-28), and triple negative breast (HCC70) cancer cell lines in athymic nude mice. Highly synergistic antitumor efficacy was observed in combination therapy with paclitaxel when treating subcutaneous xenografts of the recombinant

high mesothelin expressing A431/H9 cell line or the pancreatic cancer cell line KLM1. Synergy was also observed in the HCC70 and MKN-28 cell lines. These results support evidence that LMB-100 in monotherapy or in combination with standard chemotherapies may provide clinical benefit to patients with cancer.

1.2.3.2.2 Pharmacokinetics in Animals

The pharmacokinetics (PK) of LMB-100 were tested in cynomolgus monkeys following a single IV administration at doses ranging from 0.03 mg/kg to 0.3 mg/kg. Two different enzyme-linked immunosorbent-based formats were used for analyzing plasma levels of LMB-100; free and total drug assay (where the total drug assay was the sum of free LMB-100 and LMB-100 complexed with binding molecules). LMB-100 showed a relatively rapid plasma clearance and a volume of distribution at steady-state similar to the plasma volume. Within the dose range tested, non-linear PK was observed for free drug with an extended half-life at higher doses (mean terminal half-life approximately 0.6 hours at 0.3 mg/kg compared to 0.3 hours at 0.03 mg/kg) suggesting saturation of MSLN-mediated clearance pathways. Clearance of total drug was consistently lower than that for free drug implying the presence of soluble binding partners such as soluble mesothelin and ADAs. Induction of anti-drug antibodies (ADA) responses was frequently detectable in all dose groups tested. Overall, given the limited predictive value of immunogenicity reactions in animals to human, a risk for immunogenicity in humans cannot be excluded. Toxicokinetics after repeated IV dosing in cynomolgus monkeys demonstrated an increase in total exposure in a dose proportional manner between 0.1 mg/kg and 3.0 mg/kg. No accumulation was observed over 5 consecutive days of treatment or over two dosing cycles with 3 × per week dosing. Almost all monkeys developed ADAs upon treatment, while induction of high ADA levels impaired the exposure of free drug. In some cases, the induction of ADAs may have induced a slight increase in exposure.

The relationship between systemic drug exposure and anti-tumor activity of LMB-100 was investigated on human lung cancer NCI-H596 xenograft growth in female SCID beige mice. Free and total drug profiles were similar in mice. Modeling estimated a plasma concentration of 6800 ng/mL (\pm 36%) to trigger a half maximal rate of tumor regression. Concentrations of LMB-100 above this level resulted in potent tumor regression after dosing. Normalized for exposure, SS1P was found to be ~3-fold more potent than LMB-100 in terms of tumor growth inhibition.

1.2.3.2.3 Toxicology and Safety Pharmacology

The toxicological profile of LMB-100 was assessed after repeated intravenous administration to cynomolgus monkeys, the only relevant species, for a maximum of 5 daily doses for one week or 2 cycles with QOD \times 3 dosing, separated by a 9-day dosing free period. Four daily doses of 3 mg/kg exceeded the maximum tolerated dose with animals being found in moribund condition, indicated by clinical signs of hypoactivity, hunched posture, ataxia, and tremors. There were no histopathological changes to account specifically for the deteriorating physical condition of these animals.

Histopathological findings such as kidney tubular degeneration/regeneration and changes at serosal-lining tissues were observed at lower doses as well. In general, administration of LMB-100 resulted in both on- and off-target toxicities.

On-target effects were observed on serosal-lining tissues, consistent with high expression of mesothelin. Mesothelium hypertrophy accompanied by subpleural cellular hypertrophy and

serosal fibrin exudate was observed in the lung at doses ≥ 1 mg/kg. Mesothelium hypertrophy also occurred in heart (epicardium), spleen, and stomach. Off-target or non-specific toxicity included degeneration/regeneration of kidney tubular epithelium after repeated doses of ≥ 0.3 mg/kg. Local inflammatory findings at the injection sites were observed after administration of LMB-100 in several studies. Clinically, reddening of the skin, swelling, and skin being warm to touch, or flaky injection sites were reported. In the 2-cycle GLP study (3 intermittent doses over a 5-day period, 9-days apart), impaired movement of animals from all dose groups was likely related to injection site findings and an overall inflammatory profile. One female at 1 mg/kg was sacrificed early on Day 4 after 2 doses due to severe clinical signs most likely attributed to inflammatory changes at injection sites resulting in moribundity of the animal. Clinically observed inflammatory changes correlated with histopathological changes such as hemorrhages and/or acute inflammation at the injection sites and clinical pathology changes consistent with an overall inflammatory profile (increases in monocytes, neutrophils, CRP, and haptoglobin). Microscopic changes reversed completely after the 4-week recovery period in the 2-cycle GLP study. The highest non-severely Toxic Dose in this study was 0.3 mg/kg, which resulted in a mean AUC for total drug of 16.0 mcg/h/mL (study day 1, preliminary data). In a subsequent 1 cycle GLP study (QOD \times 3 dosing), markedly reduced Injection site findings were observed after administration of a batch with reduced levels of product related modifications of LMB-100. In this study, the HNSTD was 1 mg/kg, resulting in an AUC for total drug of 27.4 and 23.6 mcg/h/mL after the first and third dose (preliminary data).

The potential of LMB-100 to induce off-target vascular leak in lungs was assessed in female Wistar rats. Mild perivascular edema was reported microscopically but did not correlate with macroscopic or serum chemistry findings consistent with CLS. Ultrasound evaluation in the NHP GLP study revealed minimal accumulation of pericardial fluid with limited biological significance at the highest dose of 1 mg/kg. No appreciable accumulation of pleural fluid was observed at necropsy.

In vitro evaluation of LMB-100 in human whole blood assay indicated a low risk for cytokine-mediated infusion related reaction (IRR)/cytokine release syndrome (CRS) upon first administrations. LMB-100 caused no hemolysis when added to human peripheral blood up to the highest concentrations of 0.5 mg/L.

1.2.3.3 Clinical testing of single agent LMB-100 (Roche Study)

Initial clinical testing of LMB-100 was performed by Roche in a multi-center international first in human trial (NCT02317419). The primary objective of the Phase I study was to define the safety and tolerability (including the MTD) and pharmacokinetics of the drug in participants with MSLN-expressing metastatic or locally advanced solid tumors for whom no standard therapy was available. Secondary objectives included determination of the RP2D and schedule, exploration of preliminary anti-tumor activity by assessing objective response rate (ORR) and disease control rate (DCR), and assessment of pharmacodynamic effects.

A total of 15 participants were enrolled onto the study before termination. Median age of participants was 60.8 years and 53.3% were female. All participants had received prior anti-cancer therapy for their tumors. Enrolled participants had advanced mesothelioma (7), ovarian cancer (3), pancreatic cancer (3), and gastroesophageal cancer (2). Tumors from 13 of the 15 participants treated had moderately to strongly positive MSLN expression as measured by central IHC analysis.

LMB-100 was administered intravenously on Days 1, 3 and 5 of a 21-day treatment cycle. No pre-medications were given. Treatment was initiated at the MTD of SS1P, 45 mcg/kg. Five different dose levels were tested (see **Table 2**). Dose limiting toxicity (DLT) was reached at 250 mcg/kg, with 2 of 4 participants treated at this dose level experiencing capillary leak syndrome (grade 2 and grade 4). Additional toxicities were associated with this dose level. At this point, a sixth cohort receiving 200 mcg/kg of study drug was enrolled, however, the study was terminated by the company before the two accrued participants completed cycle 1 of therapy. Therefore, the single agent MTD was not determined.

Table 2. LMB-100 Dose escalation study- NCT02317419		
Dose (mcg/kg)	No. of patients	Pts with DLT
45	1	0
65	1	0
100	3	0
170	4	0
200	2	NE
250	4	2

DLTs were capillary leak syndrome and proteinuria

NE, Study terminated before DLT assessment period was complete and patients only received single dose of LMB-100

1.2.3.3.1 LMB-100 Adverse Events

Overall, 14 participants (93.3%) experienced at least one AE. The most common AEs were hypoalbuminemia (60.0%), fatigue (53.3%), peripheral edema (53.3%), nausea (46.7%), pyrexia (40.0%), decreased appetite (33.3%), dyspnea (33.3%), and myalgia (33.3%). SAEs included capillary leak syndrome, pyrexia, atrial flutter/fibrillation, infusion related reaction, arthritis, glomerulonephritis minimal lesion and dyspnea. No participants experienced an AE that led to withdrawal of study treatment. Four participants experienced a total of 8 infusion-related reactions that were independent of drug dose level. These AEs were non-serious and resolved within approximately 1 hour of onset. Pre-medication for infusion reaction was administered to these participants prior to subsequent doses of LMB-100. Two suspected Type III hypersensitivity reactions were observed. These consisted of arthritis (1 patient) and rash with fever (1 patient), both of which were fully reversible. When other AEs attributed to the study drug are presented by dose level of drug, it becomes clear that toxicity was strongly associated with the 250 mcg/kg dose level at which DLT was reached. Two of four patients treated at 250 mcg/kg experienced serious CLS which manifested with hypotension, respiratory compromise, serosal membrane reaction and hyponatremia as well as the hypoalbuminemia and edema that can be seen with mild CLS. Other symptoms associated with the DLT dose were fatigue, nausea, vomiting, decreased appetite and mild elevation of transaminases.

1.2.3.4 Clinical testing of single agent LMB-100 at NCI (Study 16C0127-ongoing)

As of September 24, 2018, twenty-one patients were enrolled on the study. Ten patients were treated with single agent LMB-100; 11 with a combination of LMB-100 plus nab-paclitaxel. Of

these 21 patients 12 had peritoneal mesothelioma and 9 pleural mesotheliomas; 12 female and 9 male. The first 3 patients were treated at dose level 1 i.e. 170 mcg/kg with patient #1 initiating treatment on July 28, 2016. All three patients at this dose level during cycle 1 had grade 1 or 2 increase in serum creatinine. Since increase in serum creatinine was a common toxicity pattern at this dose level it was defined as DLT per protocol established criteria. The protocol was subsequently amended to allow the treating these three patients at dose level -1 (140 mcg/kg) during cycle 2-4 though the protocol prior to the amendment would have allowed retreatment at 170 mcg/kg as long as they met inclusion criteria for the study especially adequate renal function, defined in the protocol as creatinine clearance (by Cockcroft Gault formula) ≥ 50 mL/min. However, we felt it would be safer to re-treat these patients at dose level-1 instead of dose level 1 and adjusted the dose modification section of the protocol accordingly.

All subsequent patients have been treated at 140 mcg/kg. Of the 21 patients; 9 patients were taken off treatment due to disease progression; 8 completed the study with stable disease. Out of the 21 patients who received treatment on this study, 9 are still alive. The single agent MTD of LMB-100 was established as 140 mcg/kg given on days 1, 3 and 5 of a 21-day cycle.

Grade 2 infusion reactions were seen in 6 patients at some point during the treatment with LMB-100. In 3 patients it was seen during cycle 2, and in the remaining patients during cycle 3 or cycle 4. In most case the infusion reaction was managed by administration of dexamethasone and increasing infusion duration as per protocol. However, in two patients who had infusion reaction during cycle 4 of LMB-100 the treatment was discontinued. In one patient under Arm B who received 2 cycles of LMB-100 and 6 cycles of nab-paclitaxel, LMB-100 was held for cycle 2 day 5 after a reaction in cycle 2 day 3.

The most frequently occurring events were hypoalbuminemia (22% of 278 events) anemia (14%) lymphocyte count decreased (13%), hypophosphatemia (5%) Most of the events were grade 2. There was one serious grade 3 thromboembolic event; however, it was not attributed to the IND.

1.2.3.5 Infusion-Related Reactions and Hypersensitivity Including Anaphylaxis

LMB-100 administration may cause infusion-associated symptoms such as fever, chills, hypotension, shortness of breath, skin rash, headache, nausea, and/or vomiting. Such reactions typically occur during or shortly after an infusion, predominantly the first infusion. Patients may also develop IgE-mediated hypersensitivity reactions to LMB-100. IRRs may be indistinguishable from an anaphylactic reaction. Patients should receive full supportive care to treat IRRs or anaphylaxis according to institutional practice. If infusion-associated signs or symptoms occur, patients should be monitored until complete resolution.

In vitro data suggest that the risk for the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines upon first administration of LMB-100 to humans is low (human whole blood assay, see section 1.2.3.2.3). Past experience with monoclonal antibodies that demonstrated a risk in the whole blood assay has shown that this risk could be effectively managed in the clinic with appropriate risk-minimization measures. The release of pro-inflammatory cytokines is believed to be partially responsible for the occurrence of IRRs.

1.2.3.5.1 Pharmacokinetics of LMB-100

Free LMB-100 plasma concentrations were measured with a validated ELISA with a lower limit of quantification of 2.1 ng/mL. Doses ranged from 140 mcg/kg – 170 mcg/kg. Samples for pharmacokinetic (PK) analysis were obtained from patients at pre-dose, end of infusion (EOI; 30-min post start), and 1 hour, 2 hours, 3 hours, 4 hours and 6 hours post EOI. Concentration data for each dose was plotted over time to assess the impact of increasing anti-drug antibodies (ADAs) that are generated in response to LMB-100 exposure. Measured LMB-100 plasma concentrations were consistent during the first week of treatment, with a near dose-proportional increase in C_{MAX} from 140 mcg/kg to 170 mcg/kg. However, the suspected generation of ADAs greatly reduced LMB-100 exposure by cycle 2.

These results show that all patients can have good blood levels during cycle 1 and half had detectable blood levels during cycle 2. These results are in agreement with the Roche phase I clinical trial. It is also clear that administration of LMB-100 beyond cycle 2 is unlikely to result in meaningful clinical benefit since there are no detectable blood levels during cycle 3 and 4.

1.2.3.5.2 Anti-Drug Antibodies (ADAs) and LMB-100 Drug Levels

Twelve participants were evaluable for efficacy. The best confirmed overall response was stable disease in 3 participants. A Roche-developed ELISA test was used to retrospectively assess anti-drug antibody (ADA) titers. 5 of 15 participants had detectable ADAs at study enrollment while the remaining participants did not, however, the remaining participants developed detectable ADAs by the end of Cycle 2. Immunogenicity of LMB-100 did affect serum drug levels. All evaluable participants achieved expected serum drug levels during the first cycle of treatment. Six of 7 participants without pre-existing ADAs achieved effective drug levels during the second cycle, while 0 of 2 participants with pre-existing ADAs did. One of 3 participants that received a third cycle of treatment also achieved effective drug levels during this cycle. A positive test for ADAs did not definitively predict poor blood levels in the subsequent cycle (see patient 1101 in **Table 3**). In summary these data show that the presence of ADAs is not predictive of ability to achieve measurable LMB-100 concentration in the serum, which is the most important parameter for drug efficacy.

Table 3: Effect of ADA on LMB-100 blood levels in patients without pre-existing ADA. The table shows patients treated at different dose levels of LMB-100; ADA prior to start of each cycle and LMB-100 blood levels as C_{max} (ng/ml). In addition, the change in LMB-100 C_{max} concentration (as percent increase or percent decrease) during cycle 2 and 3 is shown as $dC1/dC2$ and $dC1/dC3$ respectively. Please note that – means the PK assay was not performed.

Patient	Dose (mcg/kg)	Cycle 1		Cycle 2			Cycle 3		
		ADA (Day1)	C_{max} (ng/ml)	ADA (Day1)	C_{max} (ng/ml)	$dC1/dC$ (%)	ADA (Day1)	C_{max} (ng/ml)	$dC1/dC$ (%)
1002	65	0	1150	8100	711	-38	-	-	-
1401*	100	0	1790	0	1610	-10	24300	267	-85
1402	100	0	1650	0	1360	-18	8100	0	-100
1101*	170	0	2760	300	3950	43	900	3490	26
1202	170	0	3040	0	1940	-36	-	-	-
1301	170	0	3430	72900	527	-85	-	-	-
1403	170	0	1930	900	1550	-20	-	-	-

Patient	Dose (mcg/kg)	Cycle 1		Cycle 2		Cycle 3			
		ADA (Day1)	C _{max} (ng/ml)	ADA (Day1)	Cmax (ng/ml)	dC1/dC (%)	ADA (Day1)	C _{max} (ng/ml)	dC1/dC (%)
1102*	250	0	5480	0	4770	-13	-	-	-
1302	250	0	4340	-	-	-	-	-	-

*** Patient's treatment stopped due to study closure**

ADA data are from Roche "Bioanalytical Report (ADA) for Clinical Study BP29387" with ADA time point codes translated as specified in the BP29837 Lab Manual Version 1.0. C_{max} data were taken from the Roche final study report.

1.2.4 Pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab is a potent humanized immunoglobulin G4 (IgG4) monoclonal antibody (mAb) with high specificity of binding to the programmed cell death 1 (PD-1) receptor, thus inhibiting its interaction with programmed cell death ligand 1 (PD-L1) and programmed cell death ligand 2 (PD-L2). Based on preclinical in vitro data, pembrolizumab has high affinity and potent receptor blocking activity for PD-1. Pembrolizumab has an acceptable preclinical safety profile and is in clinical development as an intravenous (IV) immunotherapy for advanced malignancies. Keytruda® (pembrolizumab) is indicated for the treatment of patients across a number of malignancies because of its mechanism of action to bind the PD-1 receptor on the T cell.

1.2.4.1 Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Information

The importance of intact immune surveillance function in controlling outgrowth of neoplastic transformations has been known for decades.[\(15\)](#) Accumulating evidence shows a correlation between tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in cancer tissue and favorable prognosis in various malignancies. In particular, the presence of CD8+ T-cells and the ratio of CD8+ effector T-cells/FoxP3+ regulatory T-cells (T-reg) correlates with improved prognosis and long-term survival in solid malignancies, such as NSCLC, ovarian, colorectal, and pancreatic cancer; hepatocellular carcinoma; malignant melanoma; and renal cell carcinoma. Tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes can be expanded ex vivo and reinfused, inducing durable objective tumor responses in cancers such as melanoma.[\(16, 17\)](#)

The PD-1 receptor-ligand interaction is a major pathway hijacked by tumors to suppress immune control. The normal function of PD-1, expressed on the cell surface of activated T-cells under healthy conditions, is to down-modulate unwanted or excessive immune responses, including autoimmune reactions. PD-1 (encoded by the gene *Pdcd1*) is an immunoglobulin (Ig) superfamily member related to cluster of differentiation 28 (CD28) and cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4 (CTLA-4) that has been shown to negatively regulate antigen receptor signaling upon engagement of its ligands (PD-L1 and/or PD-L2).[\(18, 19\)](#)

The structure of murine PD-1 has been resolved.[\(20\)](#) PD-1 and its family members are type I transmembrane glycoproteins containing an Ig-variable-type (IgV-type) domain responsible for ligand binding and a cytoplasmic tail responsible for the binding of signaling molecules. The cytoplasmic tail of PD-1 contains 2 tyrosine-based signaling motifs, an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibition motif, and an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based switch motif. Following T-cell

stimulation, PD-1 recruits the tyrosine phosphatases, SHP-1 and SHP-2, to the immunoreceptor tyrosine-based switch motif within its cytoplasmic tail, leading to the dephosphorylation of effector molecules such as CD3 zeta (CD3 ζ), protein kinase C-theta (PKC θ), and zeta-chain-associated protein kinase (ZAP70), which are involved in the CD3 T-cell signaling cascade.[\(19, 21-23\)](#) The mechanism by which PD-1 down-modulates T-cell responses is similar to, but distinct from, that of CTLA-4, because both molecules regulate an overlapping set of signaling proteins.[\(24, 25\)](#) As a consequence, the PD-1/PD-L1 pathway is an attractive target for therapeutic intervention in NSCLC.

1.2.4.2 Preclinical and Clinical Trial Data

1.2.4.2.1 Preclinical Studies

1.2.4.2.1.1 Safety

The nonclinical toxicity studies consisted of pivotal 1-month and a 6-month repeat-dose chronic toxicity studies with 4-month recovery periods in cynomolgus monkeys. These studies were supported by toxicokinetic evaluation of pembrolizumab. Additional evaluation included 2 in vitro tissue cross-reactivity studies with pembrolizumab in normal human and cynomolgus monkey tissues, respectively, and immunotoxicology testing using surrogate antimurine PD-1 mAb in a TDAR study in mice to address whether treatment with anti-PD-1 would result in potential immune-mediated toxicity following vaccination and recall responses. There were no findings of toxicological significance in any of the conducted studies.

1.2.4.2.1.2 Pharmacology

No traditional metabolism studies were conducted with pembrolizumab per current ICH S6 (R1) guidance on preclinical safety evaluation of biotechnology-derived pharmaceuticals. However, *in vivo* studies were conducted in C.B-17 SCID mice to demonstrate the lack of Fab-arm or half molecule exchange for pembrolizumab. IgG4 wild-type molecules can undergo in vitro and in vivo molecular rearrangement called Fab-arm (or half molecule) exchange by swapping their half molecule with other IgG4 half molecules, thereby generating bispecific or hybrid antibodies.[\(26, 27\)](#) A point mutation (S228P) in the core hinge region in IgG4 has been shown to be sufficient to prevent the Fab-arm exchange.[\(26, 27\)](#) The results supported that pembrolizumab, which has a hinge mutation from S to P at position 228, did not form detectable hybrid antibodies with co-administered wild type IgG4 molecules *in vivo* in SCID mice (PK007). This observation is consistent with the results of extensive in vitro characterization of pembrolizumab (PK007) and indicates that pembrolizumab is not likely to engage in Fab-arm exchange in humans.

1.2.4.2.1.3 Assessment of Effects of PD-1 Blockade as Monotherapy and in Combination with Chemotherapy in Mouse Syngeneic Tumor Models

Anti-mouse PD-1 J43 was tested as a monotherapy in the MC38 (colon adenocarcinoma in C57Bl/6 mice), C1498 (acute myeloid leukemia in C57Bl/6 mice), PDV6 (squamous cell carcinoma in C57Bl/6 mice), and A20 (B cell lymphoma in BALB/c mice) syngeneic mouse tumor models. In all monotherapy experiments, tumor cells were implanted subcutaneously in syngeneic hosts and were staged at 50 to 80 mm³ before dosing was initiated. Anti-mouse PD-1 or isotype control antibody was administered intraperitoneally every 3 to 4 days for a total of 5 treatments. Efficacy was determined by monitoring tumor volumes and long-term survival for each

experimental group. PD-1 blockade demonstrated antitumor efficacy in each of these syngeneic tumor models.

Anti-PD-1 therapy also enhanced the effect of chemotherapeutic agents such as gemcitabine and 5-FU with combination therapy resulting in increased efficacy and increased complete regression rates *in vivo*.

In this study, MC38 colon adenocarcinomas were staged to approximately 100 to 120 mm³ before initiation of concurrent treatment with 5-FU (40 mg/kg) and anti-mouse PD-1 (10 mg/kg), both administered intraperitoneally once every 3 days for a total of 5 injections.

The combined treatment of MC38 colon adenocarcinomas with 5-FU and anti-mouse PD-1 showed a significant increase in antitumor efficacy over the individual monotherapy groups.

This increased efficacy was reflected in a 60% complete regression rate in the combined treatment protocol. In the monotherapy groups, anti-PD-1 alone induced 20% (2 out of 10) complete responses, whereas none of the mice treated with control antibody or 5-FU plus control antibody demonstrated complete regression. PD-1 blockade using the anti-mouse PD-1 J43 surrogate antibody in combination with gemcitabine also showed enhanced efficacy in the mouse MC38 colon adenocarcinoma tumor model.

1.2.4.2.2 Clinical Investigations

1.2.4.2.2.1 Pharmacokinetics

Pembrolizumab PK samples have been obtained from multiple trials for various tumor types including melanoma, NSCLC, HNSCC, UC and microsatellite instability high (MSI-H) tumors. The doses tested in these tumor types include one or more of the following doses: 2 mg/kg Q3W, 10 mg/kg Q3W, 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks (Q2W), and 200 mg Q3W.

The PK profile of pembrolizumab is consistent with that of other humanized mAbs, which typically have a low CL and a limited central volume of distribution (V_c).[\(28-30\)](#) The estimates of between subject variability are low-to-moderate and are within the range of historically reported variability levels for mAbs. A recent review of mAbs reported the between subject variability range of 15% to 65% for CL and a median (range) of 26% (12%– 84%) for V_c.[\(28\)](#)

Steady-state concentrations of pembrolizumab are reached by 16 weeks of repeated dosing with a Q3W regimen and the systemic accumulation is 2.1-fold. The peak concentration, trough concentration, and area under the plasma concentration versus time curve at steady state of pembrolizumab increased dose proportionally in the dose range of 2 to 10 mg/kg Q3W.

As pembrolizumab is an IgG4 antibody that is administered parentally and cleared by catabolism, food and drug-drug interactions (DDI) are not anticipated to affect exposure. Therefore, no dedicated DDI studies have been performed. However, as systemic corticosteroids may be used to treat immune-mediated adverse reactions concomitant with pembrolizumab, the potential for a PK DDI with pembrolizumab as a victim was assessed. No relationship was observed between prolonged use of systemic corticosteroids and pembrolizumab exposure.

1.2.4.2.2.2 Safety

Pembrolizumab has been granted approval in a number of markets and indications and has an established safety profile. The overall safety profile of pembrolizumab is derived primarily from

a locked and verified dataset with pooled data from monotherapy clinical trials (n=2799) in melanoma and NSCLC, as part of the product development of pembrolizumab.

In addition, the manufacturer continues to analyze data from other ongoing and completed clinical trials, as well as from the post marketing environment. The mechanism of action of pembrolizumab involves the interruption of the binding of PD-1 to its ligands, thereby interrupting the down-modulation of T-cell immune response. It is therefore anticipated that ARs associated with pembrolizumab would include immune-mediated AEs. Based upon the mechanism of action, the Manufacturer Merck developed a broad list of immune-mediated adverse events of special interest (AEOSI) to evaluate and monitor. Additionally, though not immune-mediated, infusion-related reactions are also included in the AEOSI list. Based on ongoing monitoring, the manufacturer Merck has identified those AEOSIs that have been observed and assessed as related to pembrolizumab. These events form the basis of the current safety profile for the product.

In addition, several AEOSIs (encephalitis, myocarditis, myasthenic syndrome, sarcoidosis, as well as the further characterization of severe skin reactions to include fatal Stevens Johnson Syndrome [SJS] and toxic epidermal necrolysis [TEN]) have been identified from data sources primarily outside the verified dataset.

The majority of participants, 2727 or 97.4%, experienced 1 or more AEs, and 2062 (73.7%) experienced 1 or more AEs reported as drug-related by the investigator. The percentage of participants who experienced SAEs was lower; 1042 (37.2%) of participants experienced 1 or more SAEs; 334 (11.9%) participants discontinued due to an AE, and 282 (10.1%) participants experienced a drug-related SAE, as determined by the investigator. The 5 most frequently reported AEs were: fatigue (37.3%), nausea (24.5%), decreased appetite (22.5%), diarrhea (22.3%), and cough (22%). The 5 most frequently reported SAEs were pneumonia (3.0%), pleural effusion (1.7%), pneumonitis (1.6%), dyspnea (1.6%) and pulmonary embolism (1.5%).

The 5 most frequently reported AEs considered drug related by the investigator were fatigue (24.2%), pruritus (16.7%), rash (13.8%), diarrhea (12.3%), and nausea (10.9%). The 5 most frequently reported SAEs considered drug-related by the investigator were pneumonitis (1.6%), colitis (0.9%), diarrhea (0.6%), pyrexia (0.4%), and autoimmune hepatitis (0.3%).

The core risk profile of pembrolizumab was updated in IB v. 15 based on post-marketing data through 31-MAR-2017 to add a new potential risk of graft versus host disease (GVHD) after pembrolizumab in patients with a history of allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT). A further update was made based on data through 03-SEP-2018 to add Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis as adverse drug reactions.

Pembrolizumab has a positive benefit-risk profile and is well tolerated in the approved indications, as evidenced by a low rate of toxicity Grade 3 to 5 drug-related AEs (13.8%), discontinuations due to AEs (11.9%), and deaths due to drug-related AEs (0.4%). Furthermore, the frequency of immune-mediated AEOSIs is low, and these events are readily managed in the clinical setting.

1.2.4.2.2.3 Efficacy

Pembrolizumab monotherapy and combination therapies have been administered to participants with hematologic malignancies and solid tumors in Merck-sponsored trials. Approved indications include: melanoma, NSCLC, HNSCC, cHL, UC, gastric/gastroesophageal junction cancer MSI-H tumors. Efficacy was not shown in multiple myeloma in combination with lenalidomide or

pomalidomide and low-dose dexamethasone. Pembrolizumab as monotherapy or in combinations is being studied in various indications.

For the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, pembrolizumab demonstrated superior efficacy over available treatment options (IPI, Investigator's choice chemotherapy) in participants with advanced melanoma who were treatment-naïve, as well as those who progressed on prior therapy, including ipilimumab.

Pembrolizumab provided substantial, clinically meaningful benefits in OS, PFS, and ORR in participants with NSCLC who progressed after platinum-containing chemotherapy and whose tumor cells expressed PD-L1 and do not have any sensitizing EGFR mutations or ALK rearrangements. In the KEYNOTE-010 phase II/III trial, previously treated participants with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$ and disease progression following platinum-containing chemotherapy, pembrolizumab (2mg/kg and 10mg/kg) provided a statistically significant and clinically meaningful median OS benefit compared to standard docetaxel chemotherapy (10.4 and 12.7 months vs 8.5 months respectively) (31, 32). There was also a higher ORR (18% and 18% (pembro) vs 9% for docetaxel). For participants with previously untreated metastatic NSCLC whose tumors express high levels of PD-L1 (TPS $\geq 50\%$) and EGFR/ALKWT, the phase III KEYNOTE-024, pembrolizumab (200mg intravenous every 3 weeks) demonstrated significant improvements in the primary endpoint of PFS (10.3 vs 6 months) and OS (30 vs 14.2 months, preliminary results at 25-month follow up) over standard of care platinum-doublet chemotherapy. ORR was also significantly different for pembrolizumab vs platinum-doublet chemotherapy (45% vs 28%) as well as median duration of response (33). They phase III KEYNOTE-042 comparing pembrolizumab monotherapy with chemotherapy (TPS $\geq 1\%$) for untreated advanced NSCLC is currently ongoing.

Pembrolizumab (200mg ever 3 weeks) in combination with pemetrexed/platinum agent for the frontline treatment of metastatic non-squamous NSCLC (EGFR/ALKWT) demonstrated both a statistically significant and clinically meaningful difference in OS, PFS, and ORR compared with chemotherapy alone in PD-L1 unselected patients. In the phase III KEYNOTE-189 OS (primary endpoint) was 69% vs 49% at 12 months for chemotherapy + pembrolizumab vs chemotherapy alone (34). Median PFS (co-primary endpoint) was 8.8 vs 4.9 months respectively as was ORR 48% vs 19%, respectively. The phase II (KEYNOTE-021) study led to the accelerated approval of chemotherapy (carboplatin, pemetrexed, and pembrolizumab) for metastatic, non-squamous NSCLC without activating EGFR mutations or ALK alterations in the frontline setting.

For the treatment of advanced HNSCC in a heavily pretreated population, pembrolizumab demonstrated a clinically meaningful response rate and a prolonged duration of response that is substantially distinct from what is expected with standard of care in previously treated participants with HNSCC, and points to the meaningful clinical benefit of pembrolizumab.

Pembrolizumab for the treatment of relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL), has demonstrated durable, robust, clinically meaningful responses in this heavily pretreated population that generally included standard front-line therapies, salvage therapies, auto-SCT if eligible with chemosensitive disease, other single agent or combination chemotherapy regimens as needed, and with or without brentuximab vedotin (BV). For the treatment of urothelial carcinoma (UC) in participants who have not received prior chemotherapy and are cisplatin-ineligible, pembrolizumab demonstrated a clinically meaningful ORR in participants with locally advanced or metastatic UC. In participants with locally advanced or metastatic UC who have

received platinum-containing chemotherapy, treatment with pembrolizumab demonstrated a significant improvement in OS and a clinically meaningful benefit in durable responses compared with standard of care therapies.

In participants with MSI-H tumors, pembrolizumab provided evidence of clinically meaningful benefit over standard treatments, regardless of tumor histology. Data from early phase trials indicate that pembrolizumab has efficacy in mesothelioma with disease control rates of 72-77% and objective response rates of 20-21%. Likewise, the responses have been found to be durable, with the median duration of response being 12 months.[\(35, 36\)](#)

1.2.5 Rationale for Combination Therapy

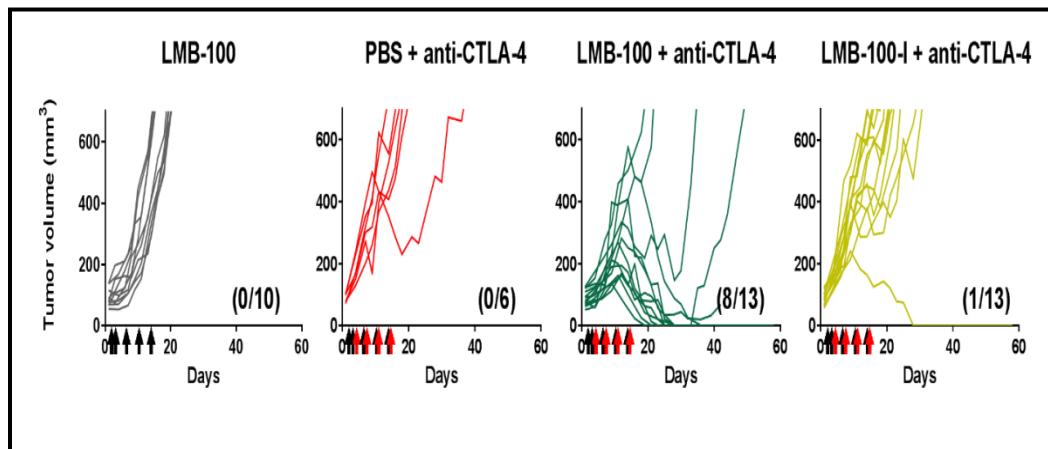
Resistance to immunotherapy in NSCLC is a challenge and eventually results in disease progression. In an attempt to increase responses and overcome resistance to immune checkpoint inhibitors, combination therapy using an immunotoxin targeted to mesothelin expressing tumors may expand antigen spread and present new targets for immune recognition. Pre-clinical data show that combining immunotoxin with immune checkpoint blockade increases infiltration of CD8+ T cells and enhances anti-tumor immune response. We anticipate that LMB-100 will induce infiltration of CD8+ T cells and enhance anti-tumor immune response by expanding new tumor antigen targets for immune recognition.

Primary resistance to immune checkpoint therapy in NSCLC is another challenge and can be tumor cell intrinsic driven from the absence of tumor specific antigenic proteins leading to ineffective T-cell rejection [\(37\)](#). LMB-100 immunotoxin combined with checkpoint blockade may overcome primary refractoriness to checkpoint inhibitors by initiating apoptotic cell death and releasing a broader repertoire of tumor specific proteins required to mount an anti-tumor response.

1.2.5.1 Combining local immunotoxin targeting mesothelin with CTLA-4 blockade synergistically eradicates murine cancer by promoting anti-cancer immunity.

The Pastan lab has constructed a murine breast cancer cell line expressing human mesothelin (66C14-M) which grows in BALB/c transgenic mice expressing human mesothelin. The immunotoxins SS1P (first generation anti-mesothelin immunotoxin) or RG7787 (also called LMB-100) were injected directly into established tumors and anti-CTLA-4 administered intraperitoneally. No cures occurred with CTLA-4 or immunotoxin SS1P/RG7787 alone. Combining anti-CTLA-4 with PBS, transient tumor shrinkage was observed in 1 of 6 mice and no complete remissions were obtained. However, combining anti-CTLA-4 and LMB-100 resulted in tumor size reduction in 11 of 13 mice, and complete tumor elimination in 8 of 13 mice (61%). Combining anti-CTLA-4 with SS1P resulted in the similar enhanced anti-tumor effects compared to single drug administration. LMB-100-I, an inactive mutant form of LMB-100, was tested as control. Only 1 of 13 mice achieved a complete remission when treated with LMB-100-I and anti-CTLA-4, suggesting cell killing by the immunotoxin is required for the antitumor effect [\(Figure 2\)](#). Mechanistic studies showed that combination treatment induced tumor regression was associated with increased numbers of tumor infiltrating CD8+ cells [\(38\)](#). Surviving mice were protected from tumor re-challenge by 66C14 cells not expressing mesothelin, indicating the development of anti-tumor immunity directed to non-mesothelin tumor antigens. Although the mechanism is unknown, LMB-100 may be inducing antigen spread through apoptosis and priming immune cells to various other tumor specific antigens.

Figure 2: LMB-100 and anti-CTLA-4 produces complete remissions but inactive LMB-100 (LMB-100-I) does not.



1.2.5.2 Systemic LMB-100 administration plus anti-PD1 blocking antibody shows increased anti-tumor efficacy.

The Hassan lab has established a mouse syngeneic lung adenocarcinoma model expressing human mesothelin for studies of anti-mesothelin agents with immune-checkpoint inhibitors. Using this model, we observed increased anti-tumor efficacy of LMB-100 given systemically with anti-PD-1 antibody. As shown in [Figure 3](#), LMB-100 was intravenously administered for 2 cycles (at a dose of 2.5mg/kg dose every other day for 3 times with cycle interval of 3 days). Anti-PD-1 antibody 10 mg/kg was administered intra peritoneally. twice with interval of 4 days between first and second dose. All the drug treatments were started when tumor size reached 100-120mm³. Combination therapy with LMB-100 and anti-PD-1 antibody resulted in greater tumor regression compared to treatment with LMB-100 or anti-PD-1 alone. Furthermore, treatment with LMB-100 plus anti-PD-1 antibody significantly prolonged overall survival (74 days) compared to no drug treatment (38 days) or treatment with LMB-100 or anti-PD-1 antibody alone (52 days) ([Figure 4](#)). The precise mechanism of synergy is not understood at this time but could be due to an abscopal effect from LMB-100.

Figure 3. Combination therapy with LMB-100 plus anti-PD-1 antibody results in synergistic anti-tumor efficacy in hMSLN expressing mouse syngeneic lung cancer model

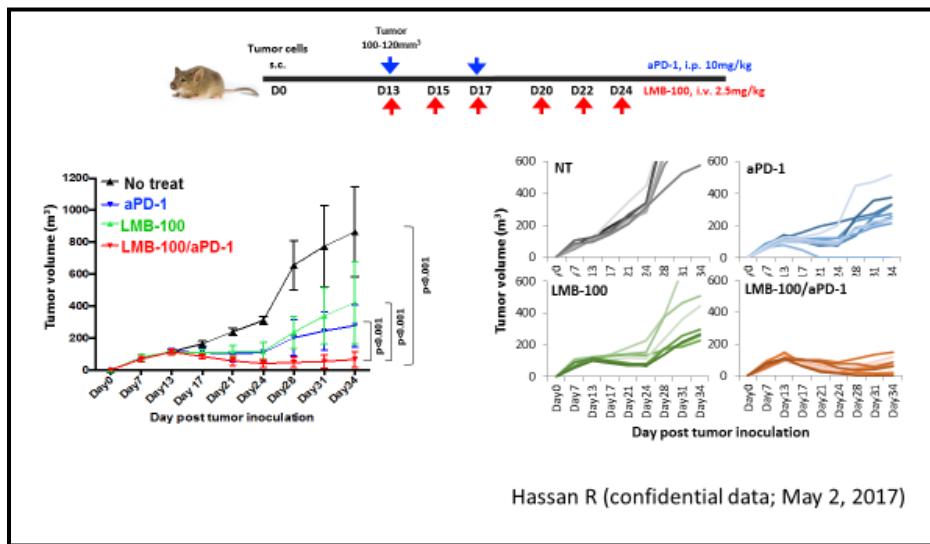
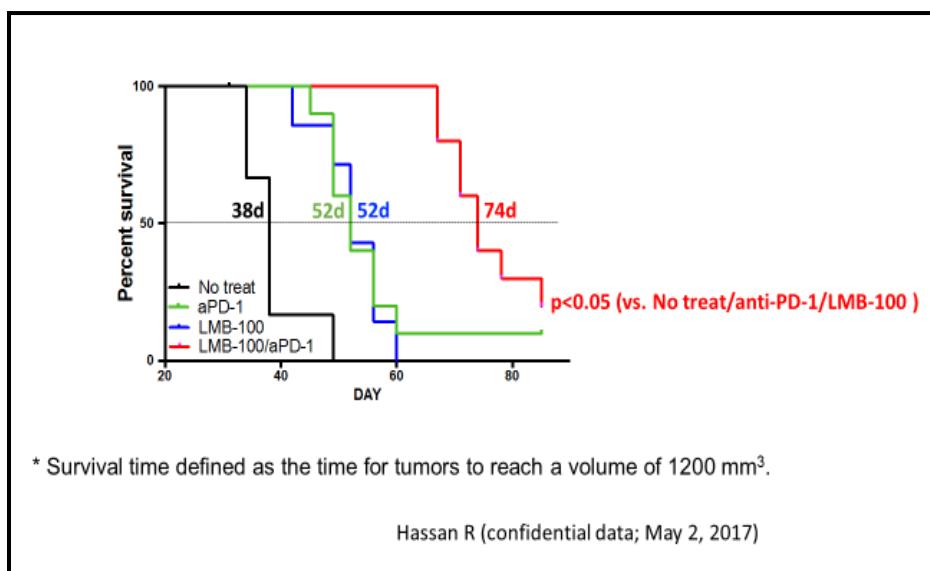


Figure 4. Treatment with LMB-100 plus anti-PD-1 antibody improves overall survival in hMSLN expressing mouse syngeneic lung cancer model



1.2.5.3 Anti-tumor responses in patients receiving pembrolizumab after LMB-100.

Table 4: A total of n= 9 patients with mesothelin expressing pleural or peritoneal mesothelioma were enrolled on trial at the NCI from August 2016- June 2018 and received immune-toxin LMB-100 with or without abraxane, followed by off-label pembrolizumab at progression. Results: two patients expired within 1-2 weeks of receiving pembrolizumab and were non-evaluable. The other seven patients were evaluable for response by RECIST. Prior treatments included cytoreductive surgery with HIPEC, chemotherapy with platinum-based combination with pemetrexed, navelbine, and anti-angiogenesis agent bevacizumab. Five of the seven patients received LMB-100 with abraxane, whereas two received LMB-100 alone. Overall responses to LMB-100 included three patients with stable disease (43%) and four patients (57%) with progressive disease. Progression free interval ranged from approximately 1-10 months. At progression, each patient went on to receive pembrolizumab off-label, each starting immunotherapy within one month upon progressing post LMB-100. Overall responses to pembrolizumab included four (57%) partial responders (range: 29.3%-67% decrease) and three progressive disease (43%). Progression free interval for responders ranged from 8 months to ongoing (>2 years), whereas for non-responders the interval was shorter, 2-4 months. A majority of non-responders (2/3) lacked PD-L1 IHC expression (unpublished data)

Patient	Prior Treatments	#LMB Cycles	Progression Free Interval on LMB-100	Best Overall Response to LMB-100	Time to Starting Pembrolizumab after progression on LMB-100	Progression Free Interval on Pembrolizumab	Best Overall CT Response to Pembrolizumab	PDL1 Expression	Mesothelin Expression
1	HIPEC, Cisplatin + Alimta x 6 Carbo + Alimta x 9 cycles (2 w/ Avastin), Maintenance Alimta x 4,	4	10 months, 17 days	SD	1 month (33 days)	11 months, 14 days	PR (-40%)	15%	3+ (100%)
2	Navelbine x 4	2	1 months, 17 days	PD	<1 month (19 days)	Ongoing (>24 months)	PR (-64%)	N/A	3+ (95-100%)
3	Cisplatin + Alimta x 2, Carboplatin + Alimta x 2, HIPEC, Carboplatin + Alimta x 2, HIPEC 2 (w/ Abraxane)	5 months, 15 days	SD	<1 month (22 days)	11 months, 10 days	PR (-29.3%)	5-7%	2-3+ (100%)	
4	Cisplatin + Alimta x 4, Maintenance Alimta x 5 2 (w/ Abraxane) Carbo + Alimta x 6 cycles	1 months, 9 days	PD	<1 month (18 days)	8 months, 21 days	PR (-66.7%)	1%	3+ (100%)	
5	6 (w/ Abraxane) Pleurectomy/Decort, Carbo + Pem x cycles, Carbo + Alimta + Bev x 4	5 months, 14 days	SD	<1 month (14 days)	2 months, 3 days	PD	0%	3+ (100%)	
6	4 (w/ Abraxane) 4 (w/ Abraxane) cycles, Carbo + Alimta + Bev x 4	3 months, 5 days	PD	<1 month (14 days)	2 months, 30 days	PD	0%	epithelioid: 3+ (50-70%) sarcomatoid: 0	
7	Maintenance Bev on D1	3 (w/ Abraxane) 1 month, 27 days	Clinical Progression	<1 month	4 months, 8 days	PD	20%	N/A	

1.2.6 Justification for Study Doses

1.2.6.1 LMB-100

The planned LMB-100 dose is the recommended single agent dose from the phase 1 study of LMB-100 (NCT02798536) established at 140 mcg/kg, on days 1, 3 and 5 of a 21-day cycle. Only two

cycles of LMB100 will be administered as it is anticipated that most patients will develop neutralizing antibodies after 2 cycles of treatment.

1.2.6.2 Pembrolizumab

For patients with metastatic non-squamous NSCLC, pembrolizumab at a dose of 200mg intravenously in combination with pemetrexed and carboplatin chemotherapy is FDA approved as a front-line therapy irrespective of (PD-L1) expression. In the phase III KEYNOTE- Gandhi et al (34) demonstrated that overall responses was improved with the addition of pembrolizumab 48% versus 19%. Pembrolizumab combined with chemotherapy also improved 12-month OS rates relative to chemotherapy alone 69 versus 49%, and median PFS 8.8 vs 4.9 months across all PD-L1 categories.

Pembrolizumab is also approved in the frontline setting whose tumors have $\geq 50\%$ PD-L1 expression. Reck et al demonstrated that in the phase III KEYNOTE-024 trial that untreated patients with metastatic NSCLC having at least 50% tumor cell PD-L1 expression, ORR was improved with pembrolizumab compared to platinum-doublet chemotherapy 45 vs 28% (33). Median PFS (the primary endpoint), was also increased 10.3 versus 6 months. 25-month follow-up demonstrate improved median OS with pembrolizumab 30 versus 14.2 months (39).

Finally, pembrolizumab 200mg IV every three weeks demonstrates activity and survival benefit in patients who have been treated with platinum-based chemotherapy and is approved for tumors with at least 1% PD-L1 expression. Herbst et al randomized patients with metastatic NSCLC and at least 1% PD-L1 TPS to pembrolizumab or chemotherapy with docetaxel in the phase II/III KEYNOTE-10 trial (31). Median OS was improved with pembrolizumab of 12.7 months (higher dose) vs 8.5 months for docetaxel. ORRs were better in the pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy, 18 vs 9%.

The planned dose of pembrolizumab for this study is 200 mg every 3 weeks (Q3W). Based on the totality of data generated in the Keytruda development program, 200 mg Q3W is the appropriate dose of pembrolizumab for adults across all indications and regardless of tumor type. As outlined below, this dose is justified by:

- Clinical data from 8 randomized studies demonstrating flat dose- and exposure-efficacy relationships from 2 mg/kg Q3W to 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks (Q2W),
- Clinical data showing meaningful improvement in benefit-risk including overall survival at 200 mg Q3W across multiple indications, and
- Pharmacology data showing full target saturation in both systemic circulation (inferred from pharmacokinetic [PK] data) and tumor (inferred from physiologically-based PK [PBPK] analysis) at 200 mg Q3W

Among the 8-randomized dose-comparison studies, a total of 2262 participant were enrolled with melanoma and non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), covering different disease settings (treatment naïve, previously treated, PD-L1 enriched, and all-comers) and different treatment settings (monotherapy and in combination with chemotherapy). Five studies compared 2 mg/kg Q3W versus 10 mg/kg Q2W (KN001 Cohort B2, KN001 Cohort D, KN002, KN010, and KN021), and 3 studies compared 10 mg/kg Q3W versus 10 mg/kg Q2W (KN001 Cohort B3, KN001 Cohort F2 and KN006). All of these studies demonstrated flat dose- and exposure-response relationships across the doses studied representing an approximate 5- to 7.5-fold difference in exposure. The 2

mg/kg (or 200 mg fixed-dose) Q3W provided similar responses to the highest doses studied. Subsequently, flat dose-exposure-response relationships were also observed in other tumor types including head and neck cancer, bladder cancer, gastric cancer and classical Hodgkin Lymphoma, confirming 200 mg Q3W as the appropriate dose independent of the tumor type. These findings are consistent with the mechanism of action of pembrolizumab, which acts by interaction with immune cells, and not via direct binding to cancer cells.

Additionally, pharmacology data clearly show target saturation at 200 mg Q3W. First, PK data in KN001 evaluating target-mediated drug disposition (TMDD) conclusively demonstrated saturation of PD-1 in systemic circulation at doses much lower than 200 mg Q3W. Second, a PBPK analysis was conducted to predict tumor PD-1 saturation over a wide range of tumor penetration and PD-1 expression. This evaluation concluded that pembrolizumab at 200 mg Q3W achieves full PD-1 saturation in both blood and tumor.

Finally, population PK analysis of pembrolizumab, which characterized the influence of body weight and other participant covariates on exposure, has shown that the fixed-dosing provides similar control of PK variability as weight-based dosing, with considerable overlap in the distribution of exposures from the 200 mg Q3W fixed dose and 2 mg/kg Q3W dose. Supported by these PK characteristics and given that fixed-dose has advantages of reduced dosing complexity and reduced potential of dosing errors, the 200 mg Q3W fixed-dose was selected for evaluation across all pembrolizumab protocols.

1.2.6.3 Combination treatment

There is no phase I data of this combination of LMB-100 and pembrolizumab. However, the combination will be given sequentially with LMB-100 for two cycles followed by pembrolizumab rather than concurrently. We do not anticipate overlapping toxicities as the side effects profiles of LMB-100 (capillary leak syndrome, weight gain, atrial fibrillation) and pembrolizumab (immune related events) are different. In addition, treatment with pembrolizumab will not be initiated until LMB-100 related toxicities have resolved to grade 1 or better. Currently, we have a study in mesothelioma of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab (18C0136C). Of the 5 patients who completed two cycles of LMB-100, four have received two doses of pembrolizumab without any unanticipated toxicities.

We do have experience with patients who received LMB-100 who received prior checkpoint therapy. In a prior study of LMB-100 in mesothelioma patients (16-C-0127), five patients received pembrolizumab prior to receiving LMB-100. None of these five patients unanticipated toxicities from receiving LMB-100 following immune checkpoint inhibitor.

1.2.7 Hypotheses and Summary

- We believe that anti-mesothelin immunotoxin LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab will result in anti-tumor efficacy in subjects with non-squamous, NSCLC by augmenting anti-tumor immunity.
- We hypothesize that LMB-100 will induce tumor direct inflammation that leads to recruitment of CD8+ cells in the tumor and administration of pembrolizumab will increase the efficacy of these cytotoxic T cells.

In summary, our laboratory studies show remarkable synergy between LMB-100 and immune checkpoint inhibitors using local or systemic administration with anti-CTLA4 or anti-PD1 blocking antibodies (38). Based on clinical trials of pembrolizumab therapy in subjects with refractory NSCLC which typically demonstrate responses of 18-20%, we propose a clinical trial of this combination to determine if administration of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab can induce anti-tumor immunity and achieve a desired response rate of 10% or greater in subjects who have previously failed a checkpoint inhibitor.

2 ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND ENROLLMENT

2.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1.1 Inclusion Criteria

Participants are eligible to be included in the study only if all of the following criteria apply.

2.1.1.1 Male and female participants who are at least 18 years of age on the day of signing the informed consent will be enrolled in the study.

2.1.1.2 Subjects must have histologically confirmed diagnosis of non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer not amenable to potentially curative treatments (surgical resection, definitive radiation therapy or a combined modality approach) or targeted agents to actionable EGFR mutations or ALK or ROS1 gene rearrangement and excluding neuroendocrine tumors. Activating KRAS mutations are allowed. The diagnosis must be confirmed by the Laboratory of Pathology, CCR, NCI. Mutation confirmation may be done by referring institutions or by one of the assays in section [2.2.2](#).

2.1.1.3 Have provided archival tumor tissue sample or newly obtained fresh core or excisional biopsy of a tumor lesion not previously irradiated. Formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue blocks are preferred to slides. Newly obtained biopsies are preferred to archived tissue.

2.1.1.4 Histologically confirmed 25% of tumor cells expressing mesothelin as determined by NCI Laboratory of Pathology. Determination can be made using archival tumor tissue or fresh biopsy.

2.1.1.5 Have measurable disease based on RECIST 1.1 (see section [6.3](#)). Lesions in a previously irradiated area are considered measurable if progression has been demonstrated in such lesions.

2.1.1.6 Subjects must have received prior standard of care treatments for locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.

2.1.1.7 Patients must be more than 3 weeks out of systemic treatments, such as chemotherapy.

2.1.1.8 All acute toxic effects of any prior radiotherapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, or surgical procedure must have resolved to Grade less than or equal to 1, except alopecia (any grade) and Grade 2 peripheral neuropathy.

2.1.1.9 Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1. See [Appendix A](#). Evaluation of ECOG is to be performed within 7 days prior to start of study therapy.

2.1.1.10 Have adequate organ and marrow function as defined below:

System	Laboratory Value
Hematological	
– hemoglobin	≥ 9 g/dL or ≥ 5.6 mmol/L ^a
– absolute neutrophil count	$\geq 1,500/\text{mcL}$
– platelets	$\geq 100,000/\text{mcL}$
Hepatic	
– total bilirubin	$\leq 2.5 \times$ institutional ULN OR direct bilirubin \leq ULN for participants with total bilirubin levels $>1.5 \times$ ULN
– AST and ALT	$\leq 2.5 \times$ institutional ULN ($\leq 5 \times$ ULN for participants with liver metastases)
Renal	
– Creatinine OR	$\leq 1.5 \times$ ULN <u>OR</u>
– Measured or calculated^b creatinine clearance (GFR) can also be used in place of creatinine or CrCl)	≥ 50 mL/min for participant with creatinine levels $> 1.5 \times$ institutional ULN
Coagulation	
– International normalized ratio (INR) OR prothrombin time (PT)	$\leq 1.5 \times$ ULN unless participant is receiving anticoagulant therapy as long as PT or aPTT is within therapeutic range of intended use of anticoagulants
– Activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT)	
ALT (SGPT)=alanine aminotransferase (serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase); AST (SGOT)=aspartate aminotransferase (serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase); GFR=glomerular filtration rate; ULN=upper limit of normal.	
^a . Criteria must be met without erythropoietin dependency and without packed red blood cell (pRBC) transfusion within last 2 weeks.	
^b . Creatinine clearance (CrCl) or eGFR should be calculated per institutional standard.	

2.1.1.11 Must have left ventricular ejection fraction $>50\%$.

2.1.1.12 The effects of LMB-100 on the developing human fetus are unknown. For this reason and because anti-PD-1 antibodies such as pembrolizumab are assumed to be teratogenic:

- 2.1.1.12.1 A male participant must agree to use contraception as detailed in see **Appendix B** of this protocol during the treatment period and for at least 180 days after the last dose of study treatment and refrain from donating sperm
- 2.1.1.12.2 A female participant is eligible to participate if she is not pregnant (see **Appendix B**), not breastfeeding, and at least one of the following conditions applies:
 - a. Not a woman of childbearing potential (WOCBP) as defined in **Appendix B**
- OR
- b. A WOCBP who agrees to follow the contraceptive guidance in **Appendix B** during the treatment period and for at least 180 days after the last dose of study treatment.
- 2.1.1.12.3 Should a woman become pregnant or suspect she is pregnant while she or her partner is participating in this study, she should inform her treating physician immediately.
- 2.1.1.13 Ability of subject to understand and the willingness to sign a written informed consent document.
- 2.1.1.14 Subjects with non-life-threatening immune-related endocrinopathies or AEs reduced to Grade 1 or 0 after withholding ICI or medical intervention are eligible as long as the AE resolved within 12 weeks of last dose and not requiring corticosteroids.

2.1.2 Exclusion Criteria

2.1.2.1 Is currently participating in or has participated in a study of an investigational agent or has used an investigational device within 4 weeks prior to the first dose of study treatment. **Note:** Participants who have entered the follow-up phase of an investigational study may participate as long as it has been 4 weeks after the last dose of the previous investigational agent.

2.1.2.2 Has known active CNS metastases and/or carcinomatous meningitis. Participants with previously treated brain metastases may participate provided they are radiologically stable, i.e. without evidence of progression for at least 4 weeks by repeat imaging (note that the repeat imaging should be performed during study screening), clinically stable and without requirement of steroid treatment for at least 14 days prior to first dose of study treatment.

2.1.2.3 Subjects who have received prior therapy with LMB-100.

Has received prior systemic anti-cancer therapy including investigational agents within 4 weeks prior to start of study therapy.

Note: Participants must have recovered from all AEs due to previous therapies to \leq Grade 1 or baseline. Participants with \leq Grade 2 neuropathy may be eligible.

Note: If participant received major surgery, they must have recovered adequately from the toxicity and/or complications from the intervention prior to starting study treatment.

2.1.2.4 Has received prior radiotherapy within 2 weeks of start of study treatment. Participants must have recovered from all radiation-related toxicities, not require corticosteroids, and not have had radiation pneumonitis. A 2-week washout is permitted for palliative radiation (\leq 2 weeks of radiotherapy) to non-CNS disease.

2.1.2.5 Has received a live vaccine within 30 days prior to the first dose of study drug. Examples of live vaccines include, but are not limited to, the following: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella/zoster (chicken pox), yellow fever, rabies, Bacillus Calmette–Guérin (BCG), and typhoid vaccine. Seasonal influenza vaccines for injection are generally killed virus vaccines and are allowed; however, intranasal influenza vaccines (e.g., FluMist®) are live attenuated vaccines and are not allowed.

2.1.2.6 Has a diagnosis of immunodeficiency or is receiving chronic systemic steroid therapy (in dosing exceeding 10 mg daily of prednisone equivalent) or any other form of immunosuppressive therapy within 7 days prior to start of study therapy.

2.1.2.7 Has active autoimmune disease that has required systemic treatment in the past 2 years (i.e. with use of disease modifying agents, corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs). Replacement therapy (e.g., thyroxine, insulin, or physiologic corticosteroid replacement therapy for adrenal or pituitary insufficiency, etc.) is not considered a form of systemic treatment.

2.1.2.8 Has a history of (non-infectious) pneumonitis/interstitial lung disease (ILD) that required steroids or has current pneumonitis/ILD

2.1.2.9 Has a history or current evidence of any condition, therapy, or laboratory abnormality that might confound the results of the study, interfere with the subject's participation for the full duration of the study, or is not in the best interest of the subject to participate, in the opinion of the treating investigator.

2.1.2.10 Has known psychiatric or substance abuse disorders that would interfere with cooperation with the requirements of the trial.

2.1.2.11 A WOCBP who has a positive urine pregnancy test within 72 hours prior to start of study therapy (see [Appendix B](#)). If the urine test is positive or cannot be confirmed as negative, a serum pregnancy test will be required. **Note:** In the event that 72 hours have elapsed between the screening pregnancy test and the first dose of study treatment, another pregnancy test (urine or serum) must be performed and must be negative in order for subject to start receiving study medication.

2.1.2.12 Is pregnant or breastfeeding or expecting to conceive or father children within the projected duration of the study, starting with the screening visit through 180 days after the last dose of trial treatment. Pregnant women are excluded from this study because LMB-100 + pembrolizumab are agents with the potential for teratogenic or abortifacient effects. Because there is an unknown but potential risk for adverse events in nursing infants secondary to treatment of the mother with LMB-100 + pembrolizumab, breastfeeding should be discontinued if the mother is treated with LMB-100 + pembrolizumab. These potential risks may also apply to other agents used in this study.

2.1.2.13 Has a known history of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV positive patients will be excluded due to a theoretical concern that the degree of immune suppression associated with the treatment may result in progression of HIV infection. (Note: No HIV testing is required)

2.1.2.14 Has a known history of Hepatitis B (defined as Hepatitis B surface antigen [HBsAg] reactive) or known active Hepatitis C virus (defined as HCV RNA [qualitative] is detected) infection. or active HBV or HCV infection. (Note: No testing for Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C is required.)

2.1.2.15 Has a known additional malignancy that is progressing or has required active treatment within the past 2 years. Note: Participants with basal cell carcinoma of the skin, squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, or carcinoma in situ (e.g. breast carcinoma, cervical cancer in situ) that have undergone potentially curative therapy are not excluded.

2.1.2.16 Has an active infection requiring systemic therapy.

2.1.2.17 Participants with contra-indication and/or history of severe hypersensitivity reactions to any components related to LMB-100 or pembrolizumab (or any other immune checkpoint inhibitor such as PD1, PDL-1 and CTLA4).

2.1.2.18 Active or uncontrolled infections.

2.1.2.19 Subjects who experienced severe or life-threatening immune-related AEs with prior immune checkpoint therapy requiring medical intervention (steroid or immunosuppressant drugs) and permanent discontinuation of therapy, will be excluded. These include, but not limited to colitis, autoimmune hepatitis, hypophysitis, hyperthyroidism, nephritis, myocarditis, GBS, encephalitis.

2.1.2.20 Subjects with a history of pneumonitis that required steroids will be excluded.

2.1.3 Recruitment Strategies

Information about the study will be posted on sites such as clinicaltrials.gov and the CCR recruitment website. Subjects will also be drawn from patients seen at the thoracic clinic at the NIH Clinical Center as well as from referrals from outside providers. Social media platforms managed by NIH/NCI may also be used to publicize the study. There is no plan to advertise this study at this time.

2.2 SCREENING EVALUATION

2.2.1 Screening activities performed prior to obtaining informed consent

Minimal risk activities that may be performed before the subject has signed a consent include the following:

- Email, written, in person or telephone communications with prospective subjects
- Review of existing medical records to include H&P, laboratory studies, etc.
- Review of existing MRI, x-ray, or CT images
- Review of existing photographs or videos
- Review of existing pathology specimens/reports from a specimen obtained for diagnostic purposes.

2.2.2 Screening activities performed after a consent for screening has been signed

The following activities will be performed only after the subject has signed the consent for this study for screening. Assessments performed at outside facilities or on another NIH protocol within the timeframes below may also be used to determine eligibility once a patient has signed the consent.

Performed at any time prior to start of study therapy Archival tumor sample for NCI LP confirmation of diagnosis: The mesothelin expression analysis will be performed by the NCI Laboratory of Pathology at the time of histological confirmation of non-squamous non-small cell

lung cancer. This must be done prior to subject enrollment to trial and treatment. A block of primary tissue (or 5-10 unstained sections on charged slides) from the time of diagnosis will be required from each patient. Tissue blocks from a known recurrence will be accepted if original tumor samples are unavailable. Referring institutions will send the tumor block or 5-10 unstained sections on charged slides to CCR/NCI for correlative studies and confirmation of diagnosis. A fresh biopsy or tumor effusion sample will be collected if archival tumor tissue is not available.

- Confirmation of EGFR, ALK1, ROS1 and KRAS mutation status in patients with NSCLC

In cases where archival tumor tissue is unavailable, a fresh biopsy sample will be taken and sent to the NCI Laboratory of Pathology to screen for EGFR, ALK1, ROS1 and KRAS genes using the following assays:

	Assay	Mutation Being Tested	Assay Description	FDA Cleared for This Use?
1	FISH ALK	ALK	LSI ALK (anaplastic lymphoma kinase) Break Apart (BA) DNA FISH test (in-house): This is an FDA approved companion diagnostic test designed to detect rearrangement of ALK gene via FISH in FFPE tumor samples from patients with NSCLC and other tumor types. The Dual Color, Break Apart Rearrangement Probe from Abbott is designed to detect the known 2p23 rearrangements of ALK due to pericentric inversion or translocation events in lung cancer. It will detect most of the ALK gene rearrangements regardless of fusion partner.	Yes
2	TruSight Oncology 500 Assay (TSO500)	EGFR, ALK and ROS1	TSO500 gene panel is designed to provide full gene coverage for 523 genes. This assay is intended to detect pathogenic or potentially pathogenic variants relevant to cancer and does not distinguish somatic variants from germline variants. It will be able to detect most of the ROS1 rearrangements with	No

		<p>known and unknown fusion partners.</p> <p>The limit of detection (LOD) for SNVs and indels is 5% variant allele frequency as determined by analytical sensitivity testing using reference samples containing approximately 200 known common variants. However, it is important to note that the LOD for this assay, at any particular nucleotide, is correlated with the sequencing coverage obtained at that locus. The limit of detection of the fusions covered by this assay is undetermined but requires a minimum 10% tumor cells.</p>	
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Performed within 28 days prior to start of study therapy or, if applicable, second course

- History and physical exam
- Vital signs including pulse oximetry
- ECG
- Echocardiogram
- CT scan of chest, abdomen and/or pelvis and areas of known or suspected disease involvement; MRI* may also be performed when appropriate. Additional imaging may be done as clinically indicated. (If patient being assessed for Second Course, please see [Appendix D](#))
- ¹⁸F FDG-PET/CT scan
- Urinalysis

***NOTE:** MRIs done in this study will involve the use of the contrast agent gadolinium, unless contraindicated. The risks associated with MRIs and contrast are discussed in the consent form.

Performed within 10 days prior to start of study therapy or, if applicable, second course

- CBC with differential, Acute Care Panel (sodium, potassium, chloride, bicarbonate, creatinine, glucose, BUN), Hepatic Panel (alkaline phosphatase, AST, ALT, total bilirubin, direct bilirubin), Mineral Panel (albumin, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus), creatine

kinase, C-reactive protein, Coagulation (PT, PTT, fibrin degradation products), lactate dehydrogenase, Thyroid (TSH, free T4, total T3)

Performed within 7 days prior to start of study therapy or, if applicable, second course

- ECOG performance status (within 7 days)

Performed within 72 hours prior to start of study therapy or, if applicable, second course

- Urine or serum hCG in women of childbearing potential (must be repeated on C1D1 (pre-treatment) if more than 72 hours have passed since screening assessment)

2.3 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION AND STATUS UPDATE PROCEDURES

Registration and status updates (e.g. when a participant is taken off protocol therapy and when a participant is taken off-study) will take place per CCR SOP ADCR-2, CCR Participant Registration & Status Updates found [here](#).

2.3.1 Screen Failures

Screen failures are defined as participants who consent to participate in the clinical trial but are not subsequently assigned to the study intervention or entered in the study. A minimal set of screen failure information is required to ensure transparent reporting of screen failure participants, to meet the Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) publishing requirements and to respond to queries from regulatory authorities. Minimal information includes demography, screen failure details and eligibility criteria.

Individuals who do not meet the criteria for participation in this trial (screen failure) because of a laboratory abnormality (except for negative mesothelin) may be rescreened.

2.4 TREATMENT ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

2.4.1 Cohorts:

Number	Name	Description
1	Mesothelin expressing NSCLC subjects	Up to 21 evaluable NSCLC subjects previously treated with standard therapies

2.4.1.1 Arms

Number	Name	Description
1	LMB-100 + Pembrolizumab	LMB-100 administered in first two cycles + pembrolizumab administered in subsequent cycles

2.4.2 Arm Assignment

Patients in cohort 1 will be directly assigned to arm 1.

3 STUDY IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 STUDY DESIGN

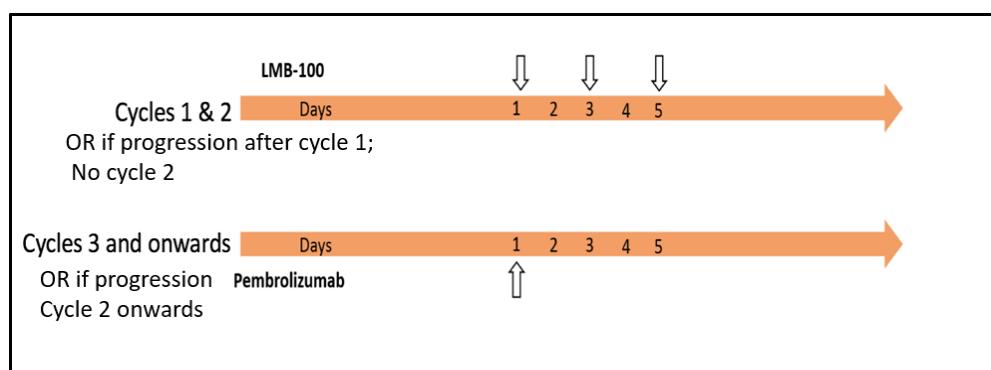
- This is an open-label, single center phase II study of LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab in patients with advanced non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer who must have progressed on standard therapies including an immune checkpoint inhibitor.

- Patients will receive LMB-100, 140 mcg/kg, on days 1, 3 and 5 of a 21-day cycle for the first two cycles.
- Subjects will receive pembrolizumab monotherapy (200 mg) on day 1 of each subsequent 21-day cycle for up to 2 years or until disease progression on pembrolizumab, or intolerable toxicity, whichever occurs first.
- Patients who are progressing after cycle 1 of LMB-100, will be allowed to undergo early restaging scans to evaluate tumor response. If there is either radiological (RECIST) or clinical progression after cycle 1, patients will be treated antecedently with pembrolizumab starting cycle 2. In this case LMB-100 will be discontinued and will not be given at cycle 2.
- Pembrolizumab dosing will not be initiated until LMB-100 related toxicities have resolved to grade 1 or better; however, if the initiation of pembrolizumab is delayed for more than 4 weeks, the patient will be removed from study therapy.
- All participants who stop study treatment with stable disease or better may be eligible for an additional 17 cycles of pembrolizumab if they progress after stopping study treatment from the initial phase.
- Response evaluation will be done every 6 weeks
- Optional tumor biopsies for research will be performed at baseline, at the end of cycle 2 of LMB-100, after second cycle of pembrolizumab, to evaluate changes in the tumor immune microenvironment following treatment with LMB-100 and pembrolizumab. These biopsies are optional, and a fresh biopsy or tumor effusion sample will be collected if archival tumor tissue is not available. In the event that patients get one cycle of LMB-100, optional tumor biopsies for research will be performed at baseline, at the end of cycle 1 of LMB-100 and after second cycle of pembrolizumab.

* Note: A weight-based dose cap will be applied. LMB-100 dose for patients weighing more than 100 kg will be calculated as if they weigh 100 kg.

3.1.1 Schema and dose schedule

LMB-100 140 mcg/kg -> pembrolizumab (200 mg)



3.1.2 Second Course of Treatment

All participants who stop study treatment with stable disease or better may be eligible for up to an additional 17 cycles (approximately 1 year) of pembrolizumab treatment if they progress after stopping study treatment from the initial treatment phase. This retreatment is termed the second course phase of this study and is only available if the study remains open and the participant meets the following conditions:

Either

- Stopped initial treatment with study treatment after attaining an investigator-determined confirmed CR based on RECIST 1.1, and
 - Was treated with at least 8 cycles of study treatment before discontinuing treatment, and
 - Received at least 2 treatments with pembrolizumab beyond the date when the initial CR was declared

OR

- Had SD, PR, or CR and stopped study treatment after completion of 35 administrations (approximately 2 years) of study treatment for reasons other than disease progression or intolerance

AND

- Experienced an investigator-determined radiographic disease progression by RECIST 1.1 after stopping initial treatment, and
 - No new anticancer treatment was administered after the last dose of study treatment, and
 - The participant meets all of the safety parameters listed in the inclusion criteria and none of the safety parameters listed in the exclusion criteria, and
 - The study is ongoing

An objective response or disease progression that occurs during the second course phase for a participant will not be counted as an event for the safety and efficacy endpoints of the study.

3.2 DRUG ADMINISTRATION

3.2.1 LMB-100

The qualified health care professional responsible for dispensing the study drug will prepare the correct dose according to the cohort allocation of each patient.

LMB-100 (see section 3.1 for dose) will be given as an IV solution on Days 1, 3, and 5 (every other day) of a 21-day cycle for two cycles.

LMB-100 must be administered in a hospital or clinic equipped for IV chemotherapy. Full emergency resuscitation facilities should be immediately available, and patients should always be under close supervision of the investigator or delegate.

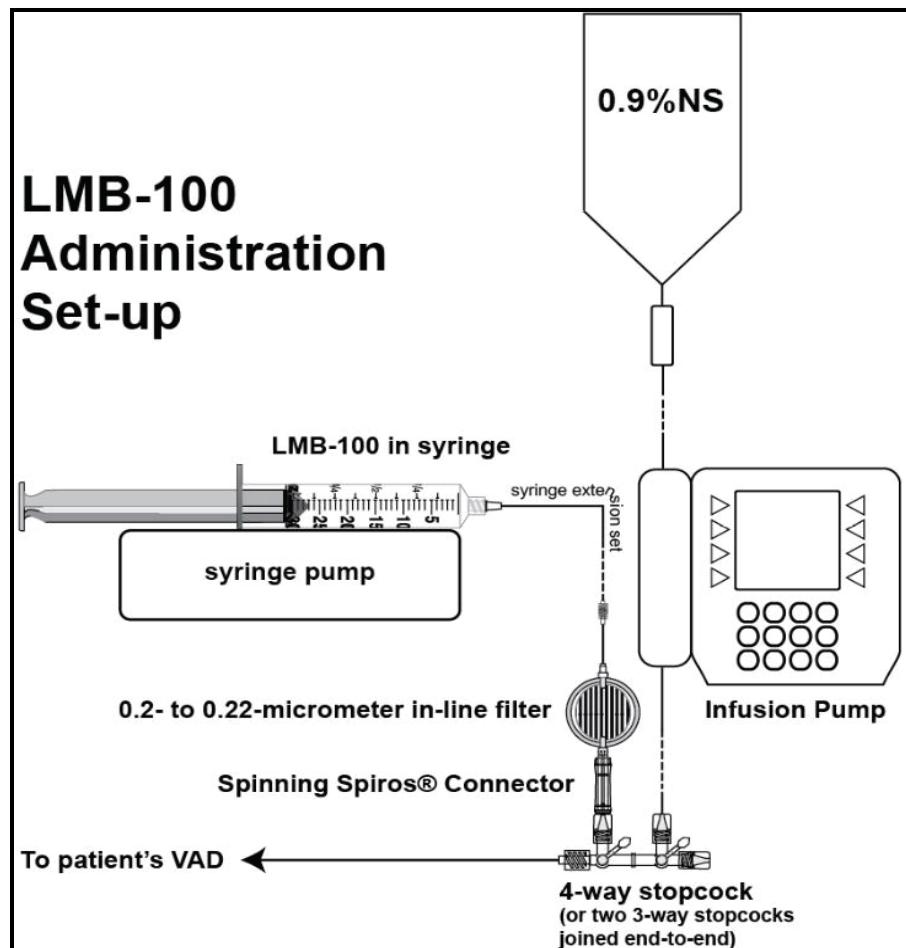
The compatibility and stability of the active ingredient was tested under simulated preparation/administration conditions.

3.2.1.1 Instructions

1. Visually inspect the LMB-100 drug product prior to dose preparation. The solution should be colorless to brownish and may contain a small amount of translucent-to white amorphous LMB-100 particulates. Do not use if other particulate matter is seen or if the study drug is discolored. Do not shake the vial to mix.
2. Use an appropriately sized syringe and needle to draw up the required volume of LMB-100 (undiluted drug) plus an additional 3 mL (overfill for priming the syringe extension line) from the vial.
3. Attach a Smiths Medical Ultra™ Small Bore Extension Set (REF #MX448HL60) to the syringe and a Smith medical 0.2-micron filter set (MX448HF) to the end of the extension set, then prime close to the distal end. Purge all air from the syringe and line. Cap with a sterile Spiro cap before dispensing.

3.2.1.2 Administration Instructions

1. Intravenous (IV). Do not administer as IV push or bolus.
2. LMB-100 is administered either peripherally or centrally through a patient's vascular access device. If there is no pre-existing central vascular access device (VAD) and peripheral access is inadequate, a central access device will be installed.
3. Undiluted LMB-100 (1 mg/mL) will be transferred to a disposable syringe and administered by IV infusion using a syringe pump. LMB-100 will be diluted in-line 1:10 with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP immediately prior to administration.
4. To accomplish this, a side flow with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP, must be applied. A 4-way stopcock (alternatively two 3-way stopcocks joined end-to-end, or an alternative manifold with at least two inlets and one outlet ports that can be opened simultaneously) should be positioned at the patient's VAD to allow simultaneous infusion of LMB-100 and 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. The infusion rate of the 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection will be 9-times the hourly rate of LMB-100.
5. LMB-100 will be filtered inline during administration with a 0.2-0.22micron filter.



The LMB-100 drug product should be filtered using an in-line filter as depicted.

For the first infusion, venous access (via peripheral IV or central line) should remain accessible for 2 hours after the end of infusion or longer, if necessary, during the remainder of the hospital stay. Duration of use of venous access will comply with CC Nursing policies and procedures. If no infusion related symptoms occur during this time, the infusion line may be removed or de-accessed. For subsequent infusions and if no IRR has been reported, venous access should remain in place for at least 30 minutes from the end of the infusion. If no adverse events occur during the 30 minutes, the infusion line may be removed.

During the infusion, vital signs (including, if possible, supine diastolic and systolic blood pressure, pulse rate, and temperature) must be monitored pre-infusion and every 15 minutes (\pm 5 minutes) until the end of the infusion. Following the completion of the infusion, vital signs should be checked every 30 minutes (\pm 10 minutes) for the first 2 hours and once at 4 hours after infusion completion. Vital signs during the infusion are not required to be captured in the eCRF unless abnormalities are observed.

LMB-100 drug product (DP) should be administered diluted using a side flow set-up at 1:10 (0.1 mg/mL DP). In order to not compromise drug product physico-chemical stability, the dilution with 0.9% NaCl should be done **in line**, immediately prior to administration of the DP. The infusion

duration should be 30 minutes (- 5 minutes, +10 minutes); **however, the duration can be increased at the discretion of the investigator** based on the total dose and volume to be administered and the patient's physical condition. Syringe preparation and infusion duration should not exceed a maximum of 4 hours. In case of any adverse events related to the infusion, please refer to the specific recommendation described in section **3.3.1**.

3.2.2 Pre-medications for Patients Receiving LMB-100

Due to the prevalence of infusion related reactions (IRRs) seen in the previous study of LMB-100, all patients will be predicated 30-60 minutes (+ 30 minutes) prior to each LMB-100 administration with the following medications (**Table 5**):

- Diphenhydramine 25-50 mg PO or IV
- Famotidine 20 mg PO
- Acetaminophen 650 mg PO

(See section **3.3.1** for complete instructions on response to IRRs)

Note: An alternative histamine H2 antagonist may be substituted for famotidine, if the preferred pre-medication is unavailable.

Table 5. Premedication for LMB-100

	Dose (mg)	Route
acetaminophen	650	Orally
famotidine ^a	20	Orally
diphenhydramine ^b	25-50	Orally or IV

^a An alternate histamine H2 antagonist or famotidine IV are allowed if the preferred pre-medication is unavailable

^b or alternative antihistamine at an adequate dose

3.2.3 Pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab 200 mg will be administered as a 30-minute IV infusion every 3 weeks = 1 cycle. Pembrolizumab will be administered on day 1 (\pm 3 days) of each cycle starting with cycle 3 (if conditions in section **3.3.2** are met) for up to 2 years unless criteria for removal from therapy (**3.6.1**) are met. Patients who are progressing after cycle 1 of LMB-100, will be allowed to start pembrolizumab from cycle 2 onwards. Note: As indicated in section **3.1**, in certain circumstances the total duration of pembrolizumab treatment may exceed the 2-year limit.

Every effort will be made to target infusion timing to be as close to 30 minutes as possible. However, given the variability of infusion pumps, a window of -5 minutes and +10 minutes is permitted (i.e., infusion time is 30 minutes: -5 min/+10 min).

Vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, temperature) will be measured pre and post infusion.

Pembrolizumab may be administered on an outpatient basis.

The Pharmacy Manual contains specific instructions for the preparation of the pembrolizumab infusion fluid and administration of infusion solution.

Only if medically warranted in response to an AE will the Investigator modify the infusion parameters (decrease the rate of infusion, interrupt the infusion, or reduce the dose volume infused).

3.3 DOSE MODIFICATIONS/DELAYS

3.3.1 LMB-100

LMB-100 infusion may be held for up to 72 hours due to drug-associated toxicity or adverse events from other intercurrent medical conditions (such as a primary cancer diagnosis) that resolve with or without medical intervention to grade 2 or less within this time frame. Toxicities for which further LMB-100 treatment should NOT be given or which are exceptions to the above guidelines are stated below in **Table 6**. The table also provides guidelines on how to manage some toxicities anticipated with LMB-100.

Table 6. Guidelines for Managing Specific LMB-100 Adverse Events

Event	Action to Be Taken
IRR/hypersensitivity reaction	<p>If an IRR/hypersensitivity develops, the infusion of LMB-100 should be temporarily slowed down or interrupted. The patient should be monitored until complete resolution of the symptoms and treated as clinically indicated. Treatment or concomitant medication may include acetaminophen, antihistamine, IV saline, oxygen, bronchodilators, corticosteroids, and vasopressors depending on the symptoms.</p> <p>If the infusion is interrupted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In the event of IRR CTCAE Grade 1, upon resolution of symptoms, the infusion will resume at the same rate (the rate being used at the time that the IRR occurred).○ In the event of IRR Grade 2 or 3, upon resolution of symptoms, the infusion will resume at one-half the previous rate. The infusion can be re-escalated to initial rate if considered well tolerated after 1 hour of infusion.○ In the event of IRR CTCAE Grade 3, or CTCAE Grade 4 (which may include pulmonary or cardiac events) or an anaphylactic reaction:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The infusion must be stopped and the patient should receive aggressive treatment○ Patients experiencing IRR CTCAE Grade 4 or anaphylaxis must be permanently discontinued from LMB-100 treatment

Event	Action to Be Taken
Capillary leak syndrome (CLS)	<p>In the event of Grade ≥ 2 CTCAE capillary leak syndrome (urgent intervention indicated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Delay LMB-100 administration until complete resolution of the event○ For hypotension minimize fluid resuscitation to avoid fluid overload. Minimize crystalloid solutions (e.g., saline)○ Vasopressor support (e.g., phenylephrine) if indicated to stabilize blood pressure○ Administer colloidal solutions (e.g., albumin) if there is a clinically significant and persistent systolic blood pressure drop, and the patient is symptomatic, or urine output declines○ For pulmonary congestion provide diuretic and/or albumin treatment in case of hypoalbuminemia as appropriate○ Progressive shortness of breath may require in addition endotracheal intubation or drainage of a pleural effusion○ For oliguria and /or rising serum creatinine level delay LMB-100 if Grade C3 urine output (<10 mL/hr)○ Use fluids judiciously if increase in urine output is required○ Use dopamine if patient is unresponsive to or unable to tolerate fluids. Monitor serum albumin levels prior to the LMB-100 treatment cycle○ In the event of Grade ≥ 2 CTCAE pericardial effusion (asymptomatic effusion small to moderate size), consider delaying LMB-100 administration. In the event of Grade ≥ 3 CTCAE pericardial effusion (effusion with physiologic consequences) stop LMB-100 treatment until full resolution
Inflammatory reactions to serosal membranes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hydrocortisone (200 mg IV) or equivalent dose of another corticosteroid as clinically indicated○ In the event of pleuritis resulting in mild to severe pleuritic pain, treat with analgesics or steroids as clinically indicated○ For patients who have previously experienced pleuritis consider administration of a tapering course of prednisone for 7 days starting with the next LMB-100 infusion
Renal Toxicity	<p>In the event of Grade 1 or greater renal toxicity consider increasing oral or intravenous hydration, and consider delaying LMB-100 administration by up to 72 hours.</p> <p>In the event of Grade 2 or greater renal toxicity hold LMB-100 administration until recovery to Grade 1 or better. If this does not occur within 72 hours, no further LMB-100 should be given during the cycle.</p>

IRR = infusion related reaction; IV = intravenous; CTCAE = Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events

3.3.2 Pembrolizumab

3.3.2.1 Dose delays

3.3.2.2 Cycle 3 day 1 or Cycle 2 day 1 (in the event that LMB-100 discontinued after cycle 1) of pembrolizumab may be delayed for up to 4 weeks if LMB-100 related toxicity has not resolved to grade 1 or better. If the delay exceeds 4 weeks, the patient will be removed from study therapy. Dose Modification and toxicity management for immune-related AEs associated with pembrolizumab

AEs associated with pembrolizumab exposure may represent an immunologic etiology. These immune-related AEs (irAEs) may occur shortly after the first dose or several months after the last dose of pembrolizumab treatment and may affect more than one body system simultaneously. Therefore, early recognition and initiation of treatment is critical to reduce complications. Based on existing clinical study data, most irAEs were reversible and could be managed with interruptions of pembrolizumab, administration of corticosteroids and/or other supportive care. For suspected irAEs, ensure adequate evaluation to confirm etiology or exclude other causes. Additional procedures or tests such as bronchoscopy, endoscopy, skin biopsy may be included as part of the evaluation. Based on the severity of irAEs, withhold or permanently discontinue pembrolizumab and administer corticosteroids. Dose modification and toxicity management guidelines for irAEs associated with pembrolizumab are provided in [Table 7](#).

Table 7. Dose modification and toxicity management guidelines for immune related AEs associated with pembrolizumab

General instructions:				
1. Corticosteroid taper should be initiated upon AE improving to Grade 1 or less and continue to taper over at least 4 weeks.	2. For situations where pembrolizumab has been withheld, pembrolizumab can be resumed after AE has been reduced to Grade 1 or 0 and corticosteroid has been tapered. Pembrolizumab should be permanently discontinued if AE does not resolve within 12 weeks of last dose or corticosteroids cannot be reduced to ≤ 10 mg prednisone or equivalent per day within 12 weeks.	3. For severe and life-threatening irAEs, IV corticosteroid should be initiated first followed by oral steroid. Other immunosuppressive treatment should be initiated if irAEs cannot be controlled by corticosteroids.		
Immune-related AEs	Toxicity grade or conditions (CTCAEv5.0)	Action taken to pembrolizumab	irAE management with corticosteroid and/or other therapies	Monitor and follow-up
Pneumonitis	Grade 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor participants for signs and symptoms of

	Grade 3 or 4, or recurrent Grade 2	Permanently discontinue	mg/kg prednisone or equivalent) followed by taper	<p>pneumonitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate participants with suspected pneumonitis with radiographic imaging and initiate corticosteroid treatment• Add prophylactic antibiotics for opportunistic infections
Diarrhea / Colitis	Grade 2 or 3	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1-2 mg/kg prednisone or equivalent) followed by taper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor participants for signs and symptoms of enterocolitis (i.e., diarrhea, abdominal pain, blood or mucus in stool with or without fever) and of bowel perforation (i.e., peritoneal signs and ileus).• Participants with \geq Grade 2 diarrhea suspecting colitis should consider GI consultation and performing endoscopy to rule out colitis.• Participants with diarrhea/colitis should be advised to drink liberal quantities of clear fluids. If sufficient oral fluid intake is not feasible, fluid and electrolytes should be substituted via IV infusion.
	Grade 4	Permanently discontinue		
Aspartate aminotransferase / Alanine aminotransferase increased, or blood bilirubin increased	Grade 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 0.5-1 mg/kg prednisone or equivalent) followed by taper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor with liver function tests (consider weekly or more frequently until liver enzyme value returned to baseline or is stable
	Grade 3 or 4	Permanently discontinue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer corticosteroids (initial dose of 1-2 mg/kg prednisone or equivalent) followed by taper	

Type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) or Hyperglycemia	Newly onset T1DM or Grade 3 or 4 hyperglycemia associated with evidence of β -cell failure	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initiate insulin replacement therapy for participants with T1DMAdminister anti-hyperglycemic in participants with hyperglycemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor participants for hyperglycemia or other signs and symptoms of diabetes.
Hypophysitis	Grade 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Administer corticosteroids and initiate hormonal replacements as clinically indicated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor for signs and symptoms of hypophysitis (including hypopituitarism and adrenal insufficiency)
	Grade 3 or 4	Withhold or permanently discontinue ¹		
Hyperthyroidism	Grade 2	Continue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Treat with non-selective beta-blockers (e.g., propranolol) or thionamides as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor for signs and symptoms of thyroid disorders.
	Grade 3 or 4	Withhold or permanently discontinue ¹		
Hypothyroidism	Grade 2-4	Continue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initiate thyroid replacement hormones (e.g., levothyroxine or liothyroinine) per standard of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor for signs and symptoms of thyroid disorders.
Nephritis and Renal dysfunction	Grade 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Administer corticosteroids (prednisone 1-2 mg/kg or equivalent) followed by taper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor changes of renal function
	Grade 3 or 4	Permanently discontinue		
Myocarditis	Grade 1 or 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Based on severity of AE administer corticosteroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure adequate evaluation to confirm etiology and/or exclude other causes
	Grade 3 or 4	Permanently discontinue		
All other immune-related AEs	Intolerable/persistent Grade 2	Withhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Based on type and severity of AE administer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure adequate evaluation to confirm etiology and/or exclude

	Grade 3	Withhold or discontinue based on the type of event. Events that require discontinuation include and not limited to: Guillain-Barré Syndrome, encephalitis	corticosteroids	other causes
	Grade 4 or recurrent Grade 3	Permanently discontinue		
1. Withhold or permanently discontinue pembrolizumab is at the discretion of the investigator or treating physician.				

NOTE:

For participants with Grade 3 or 4 immune-related endocrinopathy where withhold of pembrolizumab is required, pembrolizumab may be resumed when AE resolves to \leq Grade 2 and is controlled with hormonal replacement therapy or achieved metabolic control (in case of T1DM).

3.3.2.3 Dose modification and toxicity management of infusion-reactions related to pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab may cause severe or life-threatening infusion-reactions including severe hypersensitivity or anaphylaxis. Signs and symptoms usually develop during or shortly after drug infusion and generally resolve completely within 24 hours of completion of infusion. Dose modification and toxicity management guidelines on pembrolizumab associated infusion reaction are provided in **Table 8**.

Table 8. Pembrolizumab Infusion Reaction Dose modification and Treatment Guidelines

NCI CTCAE Grade	Treatment	Premedication at Subsequent Dosing
Grade 1 Mild reaction; infusion interruption not indicated; intervention not indicated	Increase monitoring of vital signs as medically indicated until the participant is deemed medically stable in the opinion of the investigator.	None
Grade 2 Requires therapy or infusion interruption but responds promptly to symptomatic treatment (e.g., antihistamines, NSAIDs, narcotics, IV fluids); prophylactic medications indicated for ≤ 24 hrs	Stop Infusion. Additional appropriate medical therapy may include but is not limited to: IV fluids Antihistamines NSAIDs Acetaminophen Narcotics	Participant may be premedicated 1.5h (\pm 30 minutes) prior to infusion of pembrolizumab with: Diphenhydramine 50 mg po (or equivalent dose of antihistamine). Acetaminophen 500-1000 mg po (or equivalent dose of analgesic).

NCI CTCAE Grade	Treatment	Premedication at Subsequent Dosing
	<p>Increase monitoring of vital signs as medically indicated until the participant is deemed medically stable in the opinion of the investigator.</p> <p>If symptoms resolve within 1 hour of stopping drug infusion, the infusion may be restarted at 50% of the original infusion rate (e.g. from 100 mL/hr to 50 mL/hr). Otherwise dosing will be held until symptoms resolve and the participant should be premedicated for the next scheduled dose.</p> <p>Participants who develop Grade 2 toxicity despite adequate premedication should be permanently discontinued from further study drug treatment</p>	
Grades 3 or 4 Grade 3: Prolonged (i.e., not rapidly responsive to symptomatic medication and/or brief interruption of infusion); recurrence of symptoms following initial improvement; hospitalization indicated for other clinical sequelae (e.g., renal impairment, pulmonary infiltrates) Grade 4: Life-threatening; pressor or ventilatory support indicated	<p>Stop Infusion.</p> <p>Additional appropriate medical therapy may include but is not limited to:</p> <p>Epinephrine** IV fluids Antihistamines NSAIDs Acetaminophen Narcotics Oxygen Pressors Corticosteroids</p> <p>Increase monitoring of vital signs as medically indicated until the participant is deemed medically stable in the opinion of the investigator.</p> <p>Hospitalization may be indicated.</p> <p>Participant is permanently discontinued from further study drug treatment.</p>	No subsequent dosing
<p>Appropriate resuscitation equipment should be available at the bedside and a physician readily available during the period of drug administration.</p> <p>For further information, please refer to the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events v5.0 (CTCAE) at http://ctep.cancer.gov</p>		

3.3.2.4 Other allowed dose interruptions for pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab may be interrupted for situations other than treatment-related AEs such as medical or surgical events or logistical reasons not related to study therapy. Participants should be placed

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back on study therapy within 3 weeks of the scheduled interruption. The reason for interruption should be documented in the patient's study record.

3.4 STUDY CALENDAR

1 cycle = 21 days

Screening assessments will occur within 28 days prior to enrollment unless otherwise indicated. If screening assessments are performed within 3 days prior to enrollment, the assessments do not need to be repeated on C1D1 unless otherwise indicated.

Assessments after C1D1 may be performed up to 3 days prior to indicated time unless otherwise indicated.

LMB-100 dosing cycles after cycle 1 may be delayed for up to two weeks to accommodate schedule conflicts, federal holidays and inclement weather, etc. Pembrolizumab dosing cycles may be delayed up to three weeks for the same reasons, however, cycle 3 day 1 (or Cycle 2 day 1 in the event that LMB-100 discontinued after cycle 1) may be delayed for longer as described in section [3.3.2](#).

Procedure	Scree-ning	LMB-100 Cycle(s) (cycle 1 +/- cycle 2) (1 cycle=21days ¹)						Subsequent Cycles (starting at cycle 2 or cycle 3) (for a maximum of 2 years after initial pembrolizumab therapy and, if applicable, through second course) ¹⁴	Safety Follow-Up Visit (~30 days and ~90 days after completion of study therapy) ¹⁵	Long-Term Follow Up (every 6 – 12 weeks) ¹⁶
		Day 1	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 8	Day 15 ¹³			
LMB-100		X	X		X					
Pembrolizumab								X		
History and PE	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Weight		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Height		X								
Vital signs ²	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Performance Score	X ¹⁶	X						X		
Labs ^{3, 18}	X ⁴	X ⁵	X		X	X	X	X	X	
TSH, free T4, total T3		X			X			X		
Urinalysis	X	X						X		

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		Day 1	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 8	Day 15 ¹³			
HLA Typing (Class I and Class II)		X ⁶								
Urine or serum hCG in women of childbearing potential ⁷	X ⁸	X ⁸						X	X	
Confirmation of dx ⁹	X									
NIH Advance Directives Form		X ¹⁰								
Biopsy (optional)	X ¹⁷	X ⁶						Post-LMB-100 and after second cycle of pembrolizumab		
Correlative Research Studies		See section 5.2								
CT CAP and/or MRI	X	Every 6 weeks ± 7 days							X ¹¹	X
FDG CT/-PET	X	Every 6 weeks ± 7 days							X ¹¹	X
ECG ¹²	X	X	X		X			X	X	
Echocardiogram	X									
Adverse Events		Monitored continuously								

Procedure	Screening	LMB-100 Cycle(s) (cycle 1 +/- cycle 2) (1 cycle=21days¹)						Subsequent Cycles (starting at cycle 2 or cycle 3) (for a maximum of 2 years after initial pembrolizumab therapy and, if applicable, through second course)¹⁴	Safety Follow-Up Visit (~30 days and ~90 days after completion of study therapy)¹⁵	Long-Term Follow Up (every 6 – 12 weeks)¹⁶
		Day 1	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 8	Day 15¹³			
Concomitant Medications								Monitored continuously		
Telephone/email follow-up q 3 months										X

¹ Most subjects are expected to complete 2 cycles of LMB-100; however, in the case of RECIST or clinical disease progression, LMB-100 may be discontinued after 1 cycle with pembrolizumab initiated in cycle 2 instead.

² At screening: heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, pulse oximetry. During the infusions of LMB-100 in Cycle 1, vital signs (including, if possible, supine diastolic and systolic blood pressure, pulse rate, and temperature) must be monitored pre-infusion and every 15 minutes (\pm 5 minutes) until the end of the infusion. Following the completion of the infusion, vital signs should be checked every 30 minutes (\pm 10 minutes) for the first 2 hours and once at 4 hours after infusion completion. On days when there is no infusion, vital signs should be monitored per standard of care.

³ CBC with differential, Acute Care Panel (Na, K, Cl, CO₂, creatinine, glucose, BUN), Hepatic Panel (ALP, AST, ALT, total & direct bilirubin), Mineral Panel (albumin, Ca, Mg, P), lactate dehydrogenase, creatine kinase, C-reactive protein, PT, PTT, fibrin degradation products.

⁴ Performed within 10 days prior to start of study therapy.

⁵ Only required if more than 10 days have passed since screening assessment. If eligibility criteria are not met at this timepoint, subject may not be treated.

⁶ May be performed after study consent is signed but prior to treatment initiation (baseline).

⁷ Required in women of childbearing potential (see [Appendix B](#) for definition).

⁸ Performed within 3 days prior to enrollment. Must be repeated on C1D1 (pre-treatment) if more than 72 hours have passed since screening assessment and actual treatment initiation.

⁹ This includes confirmation of histology, mutation status as required and mesothelin expression. Please see section [2.2](#) for tissue requirements

¹⁰ As indicated in section [11.3](#), all subjects will be offered the opportunity to complete an NIH advance directive form. This should be done preferably at baseline but can be done at any time during the study as long as the capacity to do so is retained. The completion of the form is strongly recommended but is not required.

¹¹ PET is optional at this timepoint and may be performed if feasible.

¹² Single 12-lead ECG will be recorded at screening, then pre- and end of LMB-100 infusion for first cycle and at the withdrawal and follow-up visit. Pre-infusion at all other study drug administrations. Additional unscheduled ECG assessments should be performed if cardiovascular symptoms or abnormalities occur.

¹³ Day 15 laboratory assessments should be performed -3/+1 day and may be performed outside of NIH. History may be performed remotely, and physical exam is only required in subjects seen at NIH.

¹⁴ Per section [3.1.2](#), some subjects may be eligible for up to an additional 17 cycles of therapy, called the second course. Surveillance during the second course will be the same as during the initial course unless otherwise indicated. See [Appendix D](#) for further details on second course imaging.

¹⁵ Follow up visit will occur within +/- 1 week of indicated time (**4- 6 weeks after the last dose of study drug (first course and second course)**). The assessments listed refer to those that will be performed if the patient is seen in clinic (**first course and second course**). If the patient is unable to return to the clinic for the follow up visit, adverse event and ECOG assessments will be performed by telephone or email, we will request that required labs, scans and ECG evaluations be performed locally and provided to us, and if the patient has visited a local oncologist in this timeframe, the progress notes will also be requested.. Scans performed only in patients who have not had progressive disease on pembrolizumab. Scans will continue every 6 weeks until disease progression or start of a new anti-cancer treatment. After disease progression on pembrolizumab or in those subjects who were removed from study therapy for reasons other than disease progression, subjects will be followed every 12 weeks by telephone/email for assessment of survival status, adverse events and initiation of new anti-cancer therapy.

¹⁶ Performed within 7 days prior to start of study therapy.

¹⁷ Performed if no archival tumor tissue is available for diagnosis confirmation. Tissue samples will also be sent to Mr. Liqiang Xi in the Laboratory of Pathology for biomarker analysis.

¹⁸ In addition to the labs noted in the Study Calendar, clinical labs (mineral panel, hepatic panel, CBC with differential, CRP, UA) are to be drawn daily while patients are admitted for LMB-100 administration.

3.5 COST AND COMPENSATION

3.5.1 Costs

NIH does not bill health insurance companies or participants for any research or related clinical care that participants receive at the NIH Clinical Center. If some tests and procedures performed outside the NIH Clinical Center, participants may have to pay for these costs if they are not covered by insurance company. Medicines that are not part of the study treatment will not generally be provided or paid for by the NIH Clinical Center.

3.5.2 Compensation

Participants will not be compensated on this study.

3.5.3 Reimbursement

The NCI will cover the costs of some expenses associated with protocol participation. Some of these costs may be paid directly by the NIH and some may be reimbursed to the participant/guardian as appropriate. The amount and form of these payments are determined by the NCI Travel and Lodging Reimbursement Policy.

3.6 CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL FROM PROTOCOL THERAPY AND OFF STUDY CRITERIA

Prior to removal from study, effort must be made to have all subjects complete a safety visit approximately 90 days following the last dose of study therapy.

3.6.1 Criteria for removal from protocol therapy

- Completion of protocol therapy
 - Note: The number of treatments is calculated starting with the first dose of Pembrolizumab. Participants who stop Pembrolizumab after receiving 35 doses may be eligible for retreatment if they progress after stopping study treatment provided they meet the requirements detailed in section [3.1](#). Participants may be retreated in the Second Course Phase (Retreatment) for up to an additional 17 cycles (approximately 1 year).
- Progressive disease on pembrolizumab
- Noncompliance with study treatment or procedure requirements
- Requirement for use of prohibited medications/vaccines (see [4.1.2](#))
- Recurrent Grade 2 pneumonitis
- Participant (or LAR if one was designated when participant became incapacitated during study) requests to be withdrawn from active therapy
- Unacceptable Toxicity as defined in section [3.3](#)
- Investigator discretion
- Positive pregnancy test

3.6.2 Off-Study Criteria

- Investigator decision to end the study

- Participant requests to be withdrawn from study
- Lost to follow up
- Death
- Screen failure

3.6.3 Lost to Follow-up

A participant will be considered lost to follow-up if he or she fails to return for 3 scheduled visits and is unable to be contacted by the study site staff.

The following actions must be taken if a participant fails to return to the clinic for a required study visit:

- The site will attempt to contact the participant and reschedule the missed visit within 3 business days and counsel the participant on the importance of maintaining the assigned visit schedule and ascertain if the participant wishes to and/or should continue in the study.
- Before a participant is deemed lost to follow-up, the investigator or designee will make every effort to regain contact with the participant (where possible, 3 telephone calls and, if necessary, an IRB approved certified letter to the participant's last known mailing address or local equivalent methods). These contact attempts should be documented in the participant's medical record or study file.
- Should the participant continue to be unreachable, he or she will be considered to have withdrawn from the study with a primary reason of lost to follow-up.

4 CONCOMITANT MEDICATIONS/MEASURES

All concomitant medications received within 28 days before the first dose of trial treatment and 90 days after the last dose of trial treatment (first course and if applicable, second course) should be recorded. Concomitant medications administered after 90 days after the last dose of trial treatment (first course and if applicable, second course) should be recorded for SAEs and ECIs as defined in section [7.2](#).

4.1.1 Permitted Therapy

All treatments that the investigator considers necessary for a participant's welfare may be administered at the discretion of the investigator in keeping with the community standards of medical care. All concomitant medication will be recorded on the case report form (CRF) including all prescription, over-the-counter (OTC), herbal supplements, and IV medications and fluids. If changes occur during the trial period, documentation of drug dosage, frequency, route, and date may also be included on the CRF.

Supportive care may be administered according to NIH CC Pharmacy Guidelines unless otherwise specified in section [3.3](#).

4.1.2 Prohibited Therapy

Patients should be treated for all concomitant conditions and adverse events according to accepted standards of medical care at the discretion of the investigator. The following treatments are not permitted while patient is receiving study therapy:

- Antineoplastic systemic chemotherapy or biological therapy
- Immunotherapy not specified in this protocol
- Chemotherapy not specified in this protocol
- Investigational agents other than the study agents
- Radiotherapy. Note: Radiation therapy to a symptomatic solitary lesion or to the brain may be allowed at the investigator's discretion.
- Live vaccines. Examples of live vaccines include, but are not limited to, the following: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella/zoster, yellow fever, rabies, BCG, and typhoid vaccine. Seasonal influenza vaccines for injection are generally killed virus vaccines and are allowed; however, intranasal influenza vaccines (e.g., FluMist®) are live attenuated vaccines and are not allowed.
- Systemic glucocorticoids for any purpose other than to modulate symptoms from an event of clinical interest of suspected immunologic etiology. The use of physiologic doses of corticosteroids may be considered per investigator discretion.
- Strong inhibitors or inducers of CYP3A4 (as can be found here: [Flockhart Table](#) or in another frequently updated source)

Participants who, in the assessment by the investigator, require the use of any of the aforementioned treatments for clinical management should be removed from the study. All treatments that the Investigator considers necessary for a participant's welfare may be administered at the discretion of the Investigator in keeping with the community standards of medical care.

Medications or vaccinations specifically prohibited in the exclusion criteria are not allowed during the ongoing study. If there is a clinical indication for any medication or vaccination specifically prohibited during the study, discontinuation from study therapy is required. The final decision on any supportive therapy or vaccination rests with the investigator and/or the participant's primary physician.

There are no prohibited therapies during the Post-Treatment Follow-up Phase.

5 CORRELATIVE STUDIES FOR RESEARCH

5.1 BIOSPECIMEN COLLECTION

5.1.1 Pharmacokinetic Assessments

All blood samples for PK assessment will be collected from an IV line different to that receiving the infusion to measure free and total concentrations for LMB-100 for all patients. The date and time of each sample collection will be recorded. If multiple samples are drawn at a given time point, the PK sample should take precedence.

Free and total plasma concentrations of LMB-100 will be measured using validated ligand-binding assays.

5.1.1.1 Sample collection:

Blood for PK samples should be drawn from the opposite extremity as the one used for drug delivery. If feasible, a peripheral line used for this purpose should remain in place until the last

scheduled collection for a given day. Blood will be collected in 2 mL K₂EDTA tubes (purple top) at the times defined in section **5.2**. Samples should be inverted 8 to 10 times after collection. Store on wet ice or at 4°C. Processing within 60 minutes of blood collection is highly preferred.

5.1.1.2 Sample processing

Samples will be processed in the Clinical Pharmacology Program.

Please e-mail NCIBloodcore@mail.nih.gov at least 24 hours before transporting samples (the Friday before is preferred).

For sample pickup, page 102-11964.

For immediate help, call 240-760-6180 (main blood processing core number) or, if no answer, 240-760-6190 (main clinical pharmacology lab number).

For questions regarding sample processing, contact at NCIBloodcore@mail.nih.gov by e-mail or at 240-858-3191.

Upon arrival in the CPP the following procedures should be followed:

1. Store on wet ice until centrifugation.
2. Centrifuge 1500xg for 10 minutes at 4°C within 60 minutes of blood collection.
3. Transfer plasma specimen to 2mL cryovials and store at -70°C.

The analyses will be performed retrospectively in batched samples or at the end of the trial.

5.1.1.3 Sample Shipping

Samples will be shipped by the CPP on dry ice to Ms. Yanyu Wang in Frederick for analysis.

Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Yanyu Wang & Dr. Jon Inglefield
Building 469, Room 120
Miller Drive
Frederick, MD 21702
Phone: 301-846-6905/301-846-6865

5.1.1.4 Sample storage

Samples will be stored in the CPP until shipment to the Leidos Biomedical Inc. Lab in Frederick.

5.1.2 Assessment of anti-drug antibodies (ADAs)

5.1.2.1 Sample Collection

Samples will be per the schedule in section **5.2**.

Draw 2mL blood into K₂EDTA tube (purple top). Samples should be inverted 8 to 10 times after collection. Store on wet ice or at 4°C. Processing within 60 minutes of blood collection is highly preferred.

5.1.2.2 Sample Processing

Samples will be processed in the Clinical Pharmacology Program.

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For immediate help, call 240-760-6180 (main blood processing core number) or, if no answer, 240-760-6190 (main clinical pharmacology lab number).

For questions regarding sample processing, contact NCIBloodcore@mail.nih.gov .

Upon arrival in the CPP, each sample should be processed in the following manner:

1. Store on wet ice until centrifugation.
2. Centrifuge 1500xg for 10 minutes at 4°C within 60 minutes of blood collection.
3. Transfer plasma specimen to 2mL cryovials and store at -70°C.

Autoantibody levels will be retrospectively assessed.

5.1.2.3 Sample Shipping

Samples will be shipped by the CPP on dry ice to Ms. Yanyu Wang in Frederick for analysis.

Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Yanyu Wang, Dr. Jon Inglefield
Building 469, Room 120
Miller Drive
Frederick, MD 21702
Phone: 301-846-6905/301-846-6865

5.1.2.4 Sample Storage

Samples will be stored in the CPP until shipment to the Leidos Biomedical Inc. Lab in Frederick.

5.1.3 Retrospective Analysis of Mesothelin, KRAS and PD-L1 Expression in tumor tissue

The mesothelin expression analysis and KRAS mutation status will be performed by the NCI Lab of Pathology at the time of histological confirmation of non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer. This must be done prior to subject enrollment to trial and treatment. Mesothelin expression can be analyzed on archival tumor tissue sample or newly obtained fresh core or excisional biopsy of a tumor lesion not previously irradiated.

Leftover tissue from archival specimens or tumor biopsies obtained at baseline or from optional collections at postLMB-100 (either post cycle 1 or post cycle 2 depending upon progression), and post second cycle of pembrolizumab may be used for this purpose. Specimens will be used to correlate treatment response with mesothelin expression and with anti PD-L1 in exploratory analyses. Additionally, this tissue will undergo IHC staining to analyze CD4 and CD8 T-Cell subsets.

5.1.3.1 Specimen collection

Collection of optional tumor biopsies should be guided by ultrasound, CT scan, or other method according to the location of the selected lesion using a ≤ 18-gauge needle to provide cores ideally of at least 20 mm in length or equivalent size. At least 3, ideally 4 core biopsies will be obtained at each time point (baseline, post cycle 2, and post pembrolizumab). Fine needle aspiration and

biopsy of bone lesions are not acceptable. All biopsies collected under this protocol will undergo review in the NCI Laboratory of Pathology.

5.1.4 Mesothelin and Megakaryocyte Potentiating Factor (MPF) Serum Samples

The levels of serum mesothelin as well as megakaryocyte potentiating factor, which is released into serum from the processing of mesothelin precursor protein will be assessed in order to determine correlation with therapeutic response.

5.1.4.1 Sample Collection

Samples will be obtained prior to the first LMB-100 dose in cycle 1 and at the end of treatment

All blood samples will be taken by either direct venipuncture or an indwelling venous access. At each sample collection time, blood (2mL) will be drawn in a 3.5 mL (red) serum separator tube labeled as follows:

- Subject ID Number
- Study Number
- Time and date of collection

5.1.4.2 Sample Processing

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For sample pickup, page 102-11964.

For immediate help, call 240-760-6180 (main blood processing core number) or, if no answer, 240-760-6190 (main clinical pharmacology lab number).

For questions regarding sample processing, contact NCIBloodcore@mail.nih.gov.

Upon arrival in the CPP, each sample should be processed in the following manner:

Allow blood to clot for 10 minutes and centrifuge to separate the serum within 30 minutes of collection. If unable to process within 30 minutes, then whole blood tubes may be stored upright in refrigerator (4-8°C) for up to 48 hours prior to processing. Processing of samples within 30 minutes is strongly preferred. Stability studies will establish if degradation of soluble mesothelin in whole blood during 0.5 to 48 hours is significant and therefore if the data from these samples should be included in the analysis.

Transfer the serum into two pre-labeled cryotubes and immediately freeze by placing on dry ice. Transfer frozen serum samples into a – 80°C freezer for storage.

5.1.4.3 Sample Storage

All serum samples will be stored by Dr. Figg's Clinical Pharmacology Program.

5.1.5 Gene expression-based characterization of the immune landscape before and after treatment with LMB-100 and pembrolizumab

As referenced in section **5.1.3.1**, optional tumor biopsies will be performed in consenting patients when deemed feasible at the following time points: before initiation of therapy at baseline (archival tissue may also be used), at the end of cycle 2, and after pembrolizumab. We will evaluate tumor

biopsies before and after treatment with LMB-100 and after treatment with pembrolizumab using a hybridization-based digital gene expression platform nCounter (NanoString Technologies). This platform allows for unbiased multiplexed quantification of RNA transcripts achieving sensitivity comparable to quantitative reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction (Q-RT-PCR), without any enzymatic reaction involved in the process. We have expertise in the use of this technology for the characterization of purified cell subsets and for the study of the changes that occur in human tumors, as a consequence of a given treatment, using tumor core biopsy tissues. This analysis can be performed on flash frozen biopsies without any further isolation or enrichment of specific cell types.

For the present study, we will screen pre- and post-treatment samples for the expression of markers of immune cell subsets (CD3, CD8, CD4, etc.), local production of cytokines (interferon-gamma, tumor necrosis factor-alpha, etc.) and chemokines (CXCL13, CCL5, etc.), adhesion molecules and others. The purpose of this study is to characterize the molecular changes that occur within the tumors following treatment with LMB-100 and pembrolizumab. The ultimate goal is to gain a better understanding of the mechanism of action of this treatment, and to identify molecular correlates of clinical outcomes such as objective responses and/or improved survival.

In order to achieve these goals, flash frozen samples will be subjected to total RNA isolation followed by hybridization with capture and detection probes specific for 620 transcripts, including genes involved in the regulation of the immune function and markers expressed by tumor cells and tumor stroma. To cover those target transcripts, a combination of a commercially available pre-designed probe set (GX Human Immunology v2, NanoString Technologies) will be used in combination with a custom-designed code set of thirty additional targets (Panel Plus, NanoString Technologies). Hybridization complexes will be quantified using a NanoString nCounter Analysis System, at the Genomics Core Facility of the Center for Cancer Research, NCI.

Results obtained by this approach will be correlated with data obtained from immunohistochemistry of tumor biopsies as well as with data from analysis of peripheral blood populations, for a comprehensive study of the mechanism of action of LMB-100 in mesothelioma patients. Samples will be stored in the Laboratory of Dr. Raffit Hassan, Building 10, Room 3B51.

5.1.6 Biomarker analysis

If not previously completed, every patient entering the trial will have tumor tissue analyzed with the TruSight Oncology 500 Assay in the Molecular Diagnostics Section of the Laboratory of Pathology. If previously completed, the existing results will be used to inform study results. This is a clinical next-generation sequencing-based multiple-biomarker assay that targets the most relevant single nucleotide variants, small insertions and deletions, copy number variants, and gene fusions from 161 cancer genes.

Tissue samples will be sent to Mr. Liqiang Xi at LP for analysis.

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5.1.7 Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) before and sequentially after treatment with LMB-100 and pembrolizumab:

For post-treatment correlative study, based on comprehensive data analysis (as explained above) we will select 1-3 mutation targets per patient as circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) markers to be

used for monitoring the treatment response. The customized digital droplet PCR (ddPCR) mutation detection assay will be performed on a QX200 ddPCR system (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc) with 10-20 ng cell-free DNA extracted from about 4 mL plasma for each time point. Two time points before treatment and as many as time points during/after treatment will be analyzed.

Specifically, blood samples will be collected at baseline, pre/post LMB-100 on days 1, 3, 5 followed by day 8, 15 (-3/+1 day of C1D15 and C2D15) for each cycle and end of treatment using standard procedures and transferred to Figg's lab on a patient by patient basis. Plasma preparation /storage will be done at Figg lab as described below. Once the plasma samples are collected for few patients in a batch, PI will request to Laboratory of Pathology for ddPCR mutation detection assay.

Samples will be sent by the Figg lab on dry ice to Mr. Liqiang Xi at LP for analysis.

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There will also be blood drawn pre/post pembrolizumab on each subsequent cycle. The ultimate goal is to identify ctDNA correlates of clinical outcomes such as objective responses and/or improved survival to LMB-100 with pembrolizumab.

Plasma preparation for cell free (cf)DNA extraction using Streck collection tubes: Streck tubes can be stored for processing when Figg's lab is open. Collect 2- 10 ml brown/black Streck cell free DNA/ cf DNA (brown black tiger top). Samples are stable for up to 5 days at room temperature.

1. In hood: transfer blood to 15 mL conical tube
2. Centrifuge 15 mL conical tubes for 10 minutes at $1500 \pm 150 \text{ xg}$ (=1500RCF) 4°
3. Transfer supernatant to a fresh 15 ml tube without disturbing the leukocyte layer
4. Centrifuge plasma a second time for 10 min at $3000 \pm 150 \text{ xg}$ (=3000 RCF) 4°
5. Transfer supernatant to a fresh 15 ml centrifuge tube without disturbing the cellular layer. Leave a residual volume of about 0.3 ml (~7 mm) on the bottom of the 15 ml tube to avoid cellular contamination
6. After transferring the plasma to a new 15 ml centrifuge tube as described, gently mix plasma and record total plasma volume (typically ~ 4 ml plasma per 10 ml blood)
7. Make 1 mL aliquots into standard cryovials
8. Store plasma in freezer at -80°C

5.1.8 Pleural effusion to establish cell lines and cytology studies

In the case that patients present with or develops a pleural effusion who are symptomatic may proceed with therapeutic thoracentesis during any time point during the course of treatment at the IR suite or at bedside from a pigtail catheter. Fluid that is collected will be analyzed and used for research purposes including cytology and establishing cell-lines. All samples will be coded.

5.1.9 Cytokines and circulating endothelial cells (CECs) for identification of a mechanism for *Pseudomonas exotoxin A* (PE)-mediated capillary leak syndrome (CLS)

PE-based RITs cause dose-limiting CLS. At low doses CLS manifests as mild and transient weight gain, hypoalbuminemia, and peripheral or facial edema. At higher doses it can cause life-threatening cardiopulmonary compromise. Previous studies in rats have indicated that pathological

changes indicative of CLS onset occur within just two hours of toxin administration and even when the PE fragment lacks a targeting domain (40). *In vitro* studies with cultured endothelial cells have demonstrated that super-physiologic doses of PE-based RITs cannot induce endothelial cell toxicity unless the cells express the RIT target (41). Together these data suggest the hypothesis that **PE-based RITs cause CLS by triggering release of vasoactive cytokines by specific immune cells rather than through direct damage to endothelial cells**. To test this hypothesis, we will collect additional blood from participants. Levels of a panel of cytokines known to affect the vasculature will be assessed. Change in cytokine levels from baseline will be compared.

In addition, circulating endothelial progenitor cells (CEP) and mature circulating endothelial cells (CEC) will be collected to assess endothelial cell dynamics (see Section 5.2 for specific time points). These cells will be assessed by multiparameter flow cytometry. Cells will be analyzed for forward and side scatter, and cells expressing hematopoietic markers will be excluded. Endothelial cells will be identified using co-expression of markers, such as CD31 and CD146 for CEC, and CD31 and CD133 for CEP. The cell populations will also be analyzed for viability using scatter profiles and a vital stain, such as Hoechst 33258. Percentages of stained cells will be determined and compared with appropriate negative controls. Multiparameter flow cytometric analysis will be performed with a Miltenyi Quant equipped with FlowJo software, using a minimum of 100,000 events per analysis.

5.1.9.1 Specimen collection- cytokine analysis

Two mL of plasma and serum will be collected in SST (red top) tubes from participants on the days and time points shown in Sections 5.2.

5.1.9.2 Sample processing- cytokine analysis

Samples will be processed in the Clinical Pharmacology Program as described in Section 5.1.1.2.

Upon arrival in the CPP, each plasma sample should be processed in the following manner:

1. Store on wet ice until centrifugation.
2. Centrifuge 1500xg for 10 minutes at 4°C within 60 minutes of blood collection.
3. Immediately transfer plasma specimen (maintaining samples at 4°C throughout handling process) to 2mL cryovials and store at -70°C.

Upon arrival in the CPP, each serum sample should be processed in the following manner:

1. Store at room temperature for 15-30 minutes to allow blood to clot
2. Centrifuge at 1500xg for 10 minutes at 4°C to remove clot
3. Immediately transfer serum specimen (maintaining samples at 4°C throughout handling process) to 2mL cryovials and store at -70°C.

5.1.9.3 Sample Storage- cytokine analysis

Samples will be stored in the CPP. Deidentified samples will be transferred to TGMB or NCI-Frederick for analysis within 12 months of freezing.

5.1.9.4 Sample Collection- CECs

Draw blood into one 8-cc CPT citrate (BD) tube as specified in Section 5.2.

5.1.9.5 Sample Processing-CECs

Contact the Trepel Lab, Developmental Therapeutics Branch, NCI by email (Jane Trepel- trepel@helix.nih.gov and Sunmin Lee- lees@pop.nci.nih.gov) when the patient is scheduled and by phone as soon as the blood is drawn at 240-760-6330 and a lab member will pick up the sample.

5.2 SAMPLE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Cycle	Day ^e	PK (5.1.1)	ADA (5.1.2)	Tumor Sampl e (5.1.3, 5.1.5, 5.1.6)	Serum mesothelin and MPF (5.1.4)	ctDNA Blood sample (5.1.7)	Pleural effusion (5.1.8)	Cytokines & CECs (5.1.9)
		2 mL blood in K ₂ EDTA tube (purple top)	2 mL blood in K ₂ EDTA tube (purple top)	N/A	2 mL blood in 3.5 mL SST tube	10 mL cfDNA in brown / black streck tiger top	1 Liter (vacuum drainage container)	2 mL SST tube, 8 mL CPT tube
Screening	Screening period ± 3 days			X ^a		Screening	Any time during the course of treatment	
1	1	Pre-dose, EOI, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 hours after start of infusion	Pre-dose	X ^b	X	Pre- dose/EOI on days 1, 3, 5. Day 8, 15 ^d		Pre-dose on day 1, post- dose on day 5, day 8 & 15
2	1	Pre-dose, EOI, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 hours after start of LMB-100 infusion if given	Pre-dose	X ^b		Pre- dose/EOI on days 1, 3, 5 Day 8, 15 ^d		Pre-dose on day 1, post- dose on day 5, day 8 & 15
3	1		X	X ^b		Pre- dose/EOI		Pre-dose pembro
4	1		X	X ^b		Pre- dose/EOI		Pre-dose pembro
5 and beyond	1			X ^b		Pre- dose/EOI		Pre-dose pembro

End of Treatment^c					X	End of treatment		X
ADA=anti-drug antibody; EOI=End of infusion; PK=pharmacokinetic; MPF= Megakaryocyte Potentiating Factor; ctDNA=circulatory tumor DNA								

- a. A fresh biopsy or tumor effusion sample will be collected if archival tumor tissue is not available.
- b. Optional tumor biopsies for research will be performed at baseline (C1D1), at the end of cycle 2 of LMB-100, after second cycle of pembrolizumab. In the event that patients get one cycle of LMB-100, optional tumor biopsies for research will be performed at baseline, at the end of cycle 1 of LMB-100 and after second cycle of pembrolizumab.
- c. Refers to the end of the first course. No additional research samples will be collected during the second course.
- d. If Day 15 assessments are performed at the NIH. Blood collection may occur -3/+1 day of C1D15 and C2D15.
- e. Samples may be collected 1 ± 3 days from indicated time.

Note: Timed samples above must be drawn within a +/- 5 minute window for draws up to 4 hours post dose and within a +/- 20 minute window for 8-10 hr and 12-16 hr post dose draws.

5.3 SAMPLE STORAGE, TRACKING AND DISPOSITION

Samples will be ordered in CRIS and tracked through a Clinical Trial Data Management system. Should a CRIS screen not be available, the CRIS downtime procedures will be followed. Samples will not be sent outside NIH without appropriate approvals and/or agreements, if required.

5.3.1 Blood Processing Core (BPC)

Upon arrival in the Blood Processing Core (BPC), all samples are barcoded, with data entered and stored in Labmatrix, the system utilized by the CPP. This is a secure program, with access limited to defined Figg lab personnel, who are issued individual user accounts. Installation of Labmatrix is limited to computers specified by Dr. Figg. These computers have a password restricted login screen.

Labmatrix creates a unique barcode ID for every sample and sample box, which cannot be traced back to patients without Labmatrix access. The data recorded for each sample includes the patient ID, name, trial name/protocol number, time drawn, cycle, time point, dose, material type, as well as box and freezer location. Patient demographics associated with the clinical center patient number are provided in the system. For each sample, there are notes associated with processing method (delay in sample processing, storage conditions on the ward, etc.).

Sample Storage and Destruction

Barcoded samples are stored in barcoded boxes in a locked freezer at either -20°C or -80°C according to stability requirements. These freezers are located onsite in the CPP and offsite at NCI Frederick Central Repository Services in Frederick, MD. Visitors to the laboratory are required to be accompanied by laboratory staff at all times.

Access to stored clinical samples is restricted. Samples will be stored until requested by a researcher named on the protocol. All requests are monitored and tracked in Labmatrix. All researchers are required to sign a form stating that the samples are only to be used for research purposes associated with this trial (as per IRB approved protocol) and that any unused samples must be returned to the BPC. It is the responsibility of the NCI Principal Investigator to ensure that the samples requested are being used in a manner consistent with IRB approval.

Following completion of this study, samples will remain in storage as detailed above. Access to these samples will only be granted following IRB approval of an additional protocol, granting the rights to use the material.

If, at any time, a patient withdraws from the study and does not wish for their existing samples to be utilized, the individual must provide a written request. Following receipt of this request, the samples will be destroyed or returned to the patient, if so requested. The PI will record any loss or unanticipated destruction of samples as a deviation. Reporting will be per the requirements of section **7.2**.

Sample barcodes are linked to patient demographics and limited clinical information. This information will only be provided to investigators listed on this protocol, via registered use of the Labmatrix. It is critical that the sample remains linked to patient information such as race, age, dates of diagnosis and death, and histological information about the tumor, in order to correlate genotype with these variables.

5.3.2 Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc. Lab

Blood and tissue collected during the course of this study will follow storage, handling and labeling procedures to ensure that security, confidentiality and sample integrity are maintained. All samples (blood or tissue) are tracked by distinct identification labels that include a unique patient identifier and date of specimen collection. Thus, samples will be coded, with access to the code key linking personal data restricted to the study investigators.

All cryopreserved samples are tracked for freezer location and storage criteria. All Samples are stored in a locked freezer at -70°C according to stability requirements. These freezers are located offsite at NCI-Frederick, at the Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc. Lab in Frederick, MD. Samples will be stored until requested by a researcher named on the protocol. All use and requests for use will be recorded by the Leidos Biomedical, Inc. Lab. Any unused samples must be returned.

Some samples as indicated below may be stored in monitored freezers/refrigerators in the investigator's laboratory at specified temperatures with alarm systems in place.

At the completion of this protocol, samples will remain in storage as detailed above. If additional studies are to be performed on any samples retaining patient identifiers, obtained during the conduct of this trial, access to these samples will only be granted following IRB approval of an additional protocol, granting the rights to use the material. If specimens are to be discarded at any point, they will be disposed of in accordance with the environmental protection laws, regulations and guidelines of the Federal Government and the State of Maryland.

If, at any time, a patient withdraws from the study and does not wish for their existing samples to be utilized, the individual must provide a written request. Following receipt of this request, the samples will be destroyed (or returned to the patient, if so requested).

5.3.3 NCI Laboratory of Pathology

Tissues designated for clinical diagnostics are transported to the Laboratory of Pathology (LP) where they are examined grossly, and relevant portions are fixed, embedded in paraffin and sectioned and stained for diagnostic interpretation. Unutilized excess tissue that is not placed in paraffin blocks is stored in formalin for up to three months, in accordance with College of American Pathologists/Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (CAP/JCAHO) guidelines, and then discarded. Following completion of the diagnostic workup,

the slides and tissue blocks are stored indefinitely in the LP's clinical archives. All specimens are catalogued and retrieved utilizing the clinical laboratory information systems, in accordance with CAP/JCAHO regulations. The use of any stored specimens for research purposes is only allowed when the appropriate IRB approval has been obtained. In some cases, this approval has been obtained via the original protocol on which the patient was enrolled.

5.3.4 Laboratory of Dr. Raffit Hassan

This study will follow storage, handling and labeling procedures to ensure that security, confidentiality and sample integrity are maintained. All samples (blood or tissue) are tracked by distinct identification labels generated by LabMatrix that include a unique patient identifier and date of specimen collection. Thus, samples will be coded, with access to the code key linking restricted to the study investigators.

Depending on specimen type, samples are stored in liquid nitrogen, in monitored freezers/refrigerators at either -20 or -80°C according to stability requirements or in a slide cabinet in the research Laboratory of Dr. Raffit Hassan (Building 10, Room 3B51)

5.3.5 Protocol Completion/Sample Destruction

All specimens obtained in the protocol are used as defined in the protocol. Any specimens remaining at the completion of the protocol will be stored in the conditions described above. The study will remain open as long as sample or data analysis continues. Samples from consenting subjects will be stored until they are no longer of scientific value or until a subject withdraws consent for their continued use, at which time they will be destroyed. Once primary research objectives for the protocol are achieved, intramural researchers can request access to remaining samples, provided they have an IRB-approved protocol and patient consent or an exemption from IRB review.

The PI will report any unanticipated loss or destruction of samples per section [7.2.1](#). Freezer problems, lost samples, or other problems associated with samples that meet expedited reporting requirements (see section [7.2.1](#)) will also be reported.

5.4 SAMPLES FOR GENETIC/GENOMIC ANALYSIS

5.4.1 Description of the scope of genetic/genomic analysis

Using the tissue samples, we will perform the TruSight Oncology 500 Assay. This is a clinical next-generation sequencing-based multiple-biomarker assay developed by Thermo Fisher and targets most relevant single nucleotide variants, small insertions and deletions, copy number variants, and gene fusions from 161 cancer genes.

5.4.2 Privacy and Confidentiality of medical information/biological specimens

Initially the samples of each patient will be barcoded. At no time will patient's names be used on the tissue samples. Sometimes, because a group collaboration or journal policy requires it, a subject's genetic data will be deposited in a database such as dbGaP. Although there is controlled access to such a database, such a submission carries theoretical risks of revealing the identity of the subject. This is discussed in the consent.

5.4.3 Management of Results

Subjects will be contacted if a clinically actionable gene variant is discovered. Clinically actionable findings for the purpose of this study are defined as disorders appearing in the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics recommendations for the return of incidental findings that is current at the time of primary analysis. (A list of current guidelines is maintained on the CCR intranet:

<https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRCRO/Incidental+Findings+Lists>). Subjects will be contacted at this time with a request to provide a blood sample to be sent to a CLIA certified laboratory.

The costs of CLIA testing will be paid for by the Center for Cancer Research, the Branch, or the Principal Investigator. If the health history, family history, or tumor diagnosis from the Laboratory of Pathology at the NIH Clinical Center suggests that the participant might benefit from genetic testing, we will discuss this with him/her.

5.4.4 Genetic counseling

If the research findings are verified in the CLIA certified lab, the subject will be offered the opportunity to come to NIH (at our expense) to have genetic education and counseling with the NCI Genetics Branch to explain this result. If the subject does not want to come to NIH, a referral to a local genetic healthcare provider will be provided (at their expense). This is the only time during the course of the study that incidental findings will be returned. No interrogations regarding clinically actionable findings will be made after the primary analysis.

6 DATA COLLECTION AND EVALUATION

6.1 DATA COLLECTION

The PI will be responsible for overseeing entry of data into an in-house password protected electronic system (C3D) and ensuring data accuracy, consistency and timeliness. The principal investigator, associate investigators/research nurses and/or a contracted data manager will assist with the data management efforts. Primary and final analyzed data will have identifiers so that research data can be attributed to an individual human subject participant.

All adverse events, including clinically significant abnormal findings on laboratory evaluations, regardless of severity, will be followed until return to baseline or stabilization of event.

Document AEs from the first study intervention, Study Day 1, through 90 days after the subject received the last product administration (first course and if applicable, second course). After 90 days (first course, and if applicable second course) only adverse events which are serious and related to the study investigational agent/intervention need to be recorded.

An abnormal laboratory value will be recorded in the database as an AE **only** if the laboratory abnormality is characterized by any of the following:

- Results in discontinuation from the study
- Is associated with clinical signs or symptoms
- Requires treatment or any other therapeutic intervention
- Is associated with death or another serious adverse event, including hospitalization.

- Is judged by the Investigator to be of significant clinical impact
- If any abnormal laboratory result is considered clinically significant, the investigator will provide details about the action taken with respect to the test drug and about the patient's outcome.

End of study procedures: Data will be stored according to HHS, FDA regulations, and NIH Intramural Records Retention Schedule as applicable.

Loss or destruction of data: Should we become aware that a major breach in our plan to protect subject confidentiality and trial data has occurred, this will be reported expeditiously per requirements in section [7.2.1](#).

6.2 DATA SHARING PLANS

6.2.1 Human Data Sharing Plan

What data will be shared?

I will share human data generated in this research for future research as follows:

- Coded, linked data in an NIH-funded or approved public repository.
- Coded, linked data in BTRIS (automatic for activities in the Clinical Center)

How and where will the data be shared?

- Data will be shared through:
- An NIH-funded or approved public repository: clinicaltrials.gov, dbGaP
- BTRIS (automatic for activities in the Clinical Center)
- Publication and/or public presentations.

When will the data be shared?

- Before publication.
- At the time of publication or shortly thereafter.

6.2.2 Genomic Data Sharing Plan

Unlinked genomic data will be deposited in public genomic databases such as dbGaP in compliance with the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy.

6.3 RESPONSE CRITERIA

For the purposes of this study, patients should be re-evaluated for response every 6 weeks (2 cycles). In addition to a baseline scan, confirmatory scans should also be obtained no less than 4 weeks following initial documentation of objective response. Refer to [Appendix C](#) for confirmatory scan and continued treatment instructions.

Response and progression will be assessed by the investigator on the basis of physical examinations, computed tomography (CT) or Magnetic Resonance (MR) scans, and potentially other modalities according to standard of care.

When the Investigator identifies radiographic progression while on pembrolizumab per RECIST 1.1 or mRECIST, efforts should be made to verify radiologic PD. Treatment should continue until

PD has been verified. Regardless of whether PD is verified, if the Investigator considers the participant has progressed, but elects to implement iRECIST, the Investigator will assess for confirmation of progression by iRECIST at subsequent time points. When clinically stable, participants should not be discontinued until progression is confirmed by the Investigator, working with local radiology, according to the rules below. This allowance to continue treatment despite initial radiologic PD takes into account the observation that some participants can have a transient tumor flare in the first few months after the start of immunotherapy, and then experience subsequent disease response.

6.3.1 Disease Parameters

Measurable disease: Measurable lesions are defined as those that can be accurately measured in at least one dimension (longest diameter to be recorded) as:

- By chest x-ray: ≥ 20 mm;
- By CT scan:
 - Scan slice thickness 5 mm or under: ≥ 10 mm
 - Scan slice thickness >5 mm: double the slice thickness
- With calipers on clinical exam: ≥ 10 mm.

All tumor measurements must be recorded in millimeters (or decimal fractions of centimeters).

Malignant lymph nodes. To be considered pathologically enlarged and measurable, a lymph node must be ≥ 15 mm in short axis when assessed by CT scan (CT scan slice thickness recommended to be no greater than 5 mm). At baseline and in follow-up, only the short axis will be measured and followed.

Non-measurable disease. All other lesions (or sites of disease), including small lesions (longest diameter <10 mm or pathological lymph nodes with ≥ 10 to <15 mm short axis), are considered non-measurable disease. Bone lesions, leptomeningeal disease, ascites, pleural/pericardial effusions, lymphangitis cutis/pulmonitis, inflammatory breast disease, and abdominal masses (not followed by CT or MRI), are considered as non-measurable.

Note: Cystic lesions that meet the criteria for radiographically defined simple cysts should not be considered as malignant lesions (neither measurable nor non-measurable) since they are, by definition, simple cysts.

‘Cystic lesions’ thought to represent cystic metastases can be considered as measurable lesions, if they meet the definition of measurability described above. However, if non-cystic lesions are present in the same patient, these are preferred for selection as target lesions.

Target lesions. All measurable lesions up to a maximum of 2 lesions per organ and 5 lesions in total, representative of all involved organs, should be identified as **target lesions** and recorded and measured at baseline. Target lesions should be selected on the basis of their size (lesions with the longest diameter), be representative of all involved organs, but in addition should be those that lend themselves to reproducible repeated measurements. It may be the case that, on occasion, the largest lesion does not lend itself to reproducible measurement in which circumstance the next largest lesion which can be measured reproducibly should be selected. A sum of the diameters (longest for non-nodal lesions, short axis for nodal lesions) for all target lesions will be calculated

and reported as the baseline sum diameters. If lymph nodes are to be included in the sum, then only the short axis is added into the sum. The baseline sum diameters will be used as reference to further characterize any objective tumor regression in the measurable dimension of the disease.

Non-target lesions. All other lesions (or sites of disease) including any measurable lesions over and above the 5 target lesions should be identified as **non-target lesions** and should also be recorded at baseline. Measurements of these lesions are not required, but the presence, absence, or in rare cases unequivocal progression of each should be noted throughout follow-up.

6.3.1.1 Methods for Evaluation of Measurable Disease

All measurements should be taken and recorded in metric notation using a ruler or calipers. All baseline evaluations should be performed as closely as possible to the beginning of treatment and never more than 4 weeks before the beginning of the treatment.

The same method of assessment and the same technique should be used to characterize each identified and reported lesion at baseline and during follow-up. Imaging-based evaluation is preferred to evaluation by clinical examination unless the lesion(s) being followed cannot be imaged but are assessable by clinical exam.

Clinical lesions: Clinical lesions will only be considered measurable when they are superficial (e.g., skin nodules and palpable lymph nodes) and ≥ 10 mm diameter as assessed using calipers (e.g., skin nodules). In the case of skin lesions, documentation by color photography, including a ruler to estimate the size of the lesion, is recommended.

Chest x-ray: Lesions on chest x-ray are acceptable as measurable lesions when they are clearly defined and surrounded by aerated lung. However, CT is preferable.

Conventional CT and MRI: This guideline has defined measurability of lesions on CT scan based on the assumption that CT slice thickness is 5 mm or less. If CT scans have slice thickness greater than 5 mm, the minimum size for a measurable lesion should be twice the slice thickness. MRI is also acceptable in certain situations (e.g. for body scans).

Use of MRI remains a complex issue. MRI has excellent contrast, spatial, and temporal resolution; however, there are many image acquisition variables involved in MRI, which greatly impact image quality, lesion conspicuity, and measurement. Furthermore, the availability of MRI is variable globally. As with CT, if an MRI is performed, the technical specifications of the scanning sequences used should be optimized for the evaluation of the type and site of disease. Furthermore, as with CT, the modality used at follow-up should be the same as was used at baseline and the lesions should be measured/assessed on the same pulse sequence. It is beyond the scope of the RECIST guidelines to prescribe specific MRI pulse sequence parameters for all scanners, body parts, and diseases. Ideally, the same type of scanner should be used and the image acquisition protocol should be followed as closely as possible to prior scans. Body scans should be performed with breath-hold scanning techniques, if possible.

PET-CT: At present, the low dose or attenuation correction CT portion of a combined PET-CT is not always of optimal diagnostic CT quality for use with RECIST measurements. However, if the site can document that the CT performed as part of a PET-CT is of identical diagnostic quality to a diagnostic CT (with IV and oral contrast), then the CT portion of the PET-CT can be used for RECIST measurements and can be used interchangeably with conventional CT in accurately

measuring cancer lesions over time. Note, however, that the PET portion of the CT introduces additional data, which may bias an investigator if it is not routinely or serially performed.

Ultrasound: Ultrasound is not useful in assessment of lesion size and should not be used as a method of measurement. Ultrasound examinations cannot be reproduced in their entirety for independent review at a later date and, because they are operator dependent, it cannot be guaranteed that the same technique and measurements will be taken from one assessment to the next. If new lesions are identified by ultrasound in the course of the study, confirmation by CT or MRI is advised. If there is concern about radiation exposure at CT, MRI may be used instead of CT in selected instances.

Endoscopy, Laparoscopy: The utilization of these techniques for objective tumor evaluation is not advised. However, such techniques may be useful to confirm complete pathological response when biopsies are obtained or to determine relapse in trials where recurrence following complete response (CR) or surgical resection is an endpoint.

Tumor markers: Tumor markers alone cannot be used to assess response. If markers are initially above the upper normal limit, they must normalize for a patient to be considered in complete clinical response. Specific guidelines for both CA-125 response (in recurrent ovarian cancer) and PSA response (in recurrent prostate cancer) have been published.[\(42-44\)](#) In addition, the Gynecologic Cancer Intergroup has developed CA-125 progression criteria which are to be integrated with objective tumor assessment for use in first-line trials in ovarian cancer.[\(45\)](#)

Cytology, Histology: These techniques can be used to differentiate between partial responses (PR) and complete responses (CR) in rare cases (e.g., residual lesions in tumor types, such as germ cell tumors, where known residual benign tumors can remain).

The cytological confirmation of the neoplastic origin of any effusion that appears or worsens during treatment when the measurable tumor has met criteria for response or stable disease is mandatory to differentiate between response or stable disease (an effusion may be a side effect of the treatment) and progressive disease.

FDG-PET: While FDG-PET response assessments need additional study, it is sometimes reasonable to incorporate the use of FDG-PET scanning to complement CT scanning in assessment of progression (particularly possible 'new' disease). New lesions on the basis of FDG-PET imaging can be identified according to the following algorithm:

- a. Negative FDG-PET at baseline, with a positive FDG-PET at follow-up is a sign of PD based on a new lesion.
- b. No FDG-PET at baseline and a positive FDG-PET at follow-up: If the positive FDG-PET at follow-up corresponds to a new site of disease confirmed by CT, this is PD. If the positive FDG-PET at follow-up is not confirmed as a new site of disease on CT, additional follow-up CT scans are needed to determine if there is truly progression occurring at that site (if so, the date of PD will be the date of the initial abnormal FDG-PET scan). If the positive FDG-PET at follow-up corresponds to a pre-existing site of disease on CT that is not progressing on the basis of the anatomic images, this is not PD.
- c. FDG-PET may be used to upgrade a response to a CR in a manner similar to a biopsy in cases where a residual radiographic abnormality is thought to represent fibrosis or scarring. The use of FDG-PET in this circumstance should be prospectively described in the protocol and

supported by disease-specific medical literature for the indication. However, it must be acknowledged that both approaches may lead to false positive CR due to limitations of FDG-PET and biopsy resolution/sensitivity.

Note: A ‘positive’ FDG-PET scan lesion means one which is FDG avid with an uptake greater than twice that of the surrounding tissue on the attenuation corrected image.

6.3.1.2 RECIST version 1.1 Response Criteria

6.3.1.2.1 Evaluation of Target Lesions

Complete Response (CR): Disappearance of all target lesions. Any pathological lymph nodes (whether target or non-target) must have reduction in short axis to <10 mm.

Partial Response (PR): At least a 30% decrease in the sum of the diameters of target lesions, taking as reference the baseline sum of diameters.

Progressive Disease (PD): At least a 20% increase in the sum of the diameters of target lesions, taking as reference the smallest sum on study (this includes the baseline sum if that is the smallest on study). In addition to the relative increase of 20%, the sum must also demonstrate an absolute increase of at least 5 mm. (Note: the appearance of one or more new lesions is also considered progressions).

Stable Disease (SD): Neither sufficient shrinkage to qualify for PR nor sufficient increase to qualify for PD, taking as reference the smallest sum of diameters while on study.

6.3.1.2.2 Evaluation of Non-Target Lesions

Complete Response (CR): Disappearance of all non-target lesions and normalization of tumor marker level. All lymph nodes must be non-pathological in size (<10 mm short axis).

Note: If tumor markers are initially above the upper normal limit, they must normalize for a patient to be considered in complete clinical response.

Non-CR/Non-PD: Persistence of one or more non-target lesion(s) and/or maintenance of tumor marker level above the normal limits.

Progressive Disease (PD): Appearance of one or more new lesions and/or *unequivocal progression* of existing non-target lesions. *Unequivocal progression* should not normally trump target lesion status. It must be representative of overall disease status change, not a single lesion increase.

Although a clear progression of “non-target” lesions only is exceptional, the opinion of the treating physician should prevail in such circumstances, and the progression status should be confirmed at a later time by the review panel (or Principal Investigator).

6.3.1.2.3 Evaluation of Best Overall Response

The best overall response is the best response recorded from the start of the treatment until disease progression/recurrence (taking as reference for progressive disease the smallest measurements recorded since the treatment started). The patient's best response assignment will depend on the achievement of both measurement and confirmation criteria.

For Patients with Measurable Disease (i.e., Target Disease)

Target Lesions	Non-Target Lesions	New Lesions	Overall Response	Best Overall Response when Confirmation is Required*
CR	CR	No	CR	≥ 4 wks. Confirmation**
CR	Non-CR/Non-PD	No	PR	
CR	Not evaluated	No	PR	
PR	Non-CR/Non-PD/not evaluated	No	PR	
SD	Non-CR/Non-PD/not evaluated	No	SD	Documented at least once ≥ 4 wks. from baseline**
PD	Any	Yes or No	PD	no prior SD, PR or CR
Any	PD***	Yes or No	PD	
Any	Any	Yes	PD	

See RECIST 1.1 manuscript for further details on what is evidence of a new lesion.
 Only for non-randomized trials with response as primary endpoint.
 In exceptional circumstances, unequivocal progression in non-target lesions may be accepted as disease progression.
 Patients with a global deterioration of health status requiring discontinuation of treatment without objective evidence of disease progression at that time should be reported as "*symptomatic deterioration*." Every effort should be made to document the objective progression even after discontinuation of treatment.

For Patients with Non-Measurable Disease (i.e., Non-Target Disease)

Non-Target Lesions	New Lesions	Overall Response
CR	No	CR
Non-CR/non-PD	No	Non-CR/non-PD*

Non-Target Lesions	New Lesions	Overall Response
Not all evaluated	No	not evaluated
Unequivocal PD	Yes or No	PD
Any	Yes	PD
* ‘Non-CR/non-PD’ is preferred over ‘stable disease’ for non-target disease since SD is increasingly used as an endpoint for assessment of efficacy in some trials so to assign this category when no lesions can be measured is not advised		

6.3.2 iRECIST

6.3.2.1 Assessment at Screening and Prior to RECIST 1.1 Progression

Until radiographic progression based on RECIST 1.1, there is no distinct iRECIST assessment.

6.3.2.2 Assessment and Decision at RECIST 1.1 Progression

In participants who show evidence of radiological PD by RECIST 1.1 the Investigator will decide whether to continue a participant on study treatment until repeat imaging is obtained (using iRECIST for participant management (see [Appendix C](#)). This decision by the Investigator should be based on the participant’s overall clinical condition.

Clinical stability is defined as the following:

- Absence of symptoms and signs indicating clinically significant progression of disease
- No decline in ECOG performance status
- No requirements for intensified management, including increased analgesia, radiation, or other palliative care

Any participant deemed clinically unstable should be discontinued from study treatment at site-assessed first radiologic evidence of PD and is not required to have repeat tumor imaging for confirmation of PD by iRECIST.

If the Investigator decides to continue treatment, the participant may continue to receive study treatment and the tumor assessment should be repeated 4 to 8 weeks later to confirm PD by iRECIST, per Investigator assessment.

Tumor flare may manifest as any factor causing radiographic progression per RECIST 1.1, including:

- Increase in the sum of diameters of target lesion(s) identified at baseline to $\geq 20\%$ and ≥ 5 mm from nadir
 - Please note: the iRECIST publication uses the terminology “sum of measurements”, but “sum of diameters” will be used in this protocol, consistent with the original RECIST 1.1 terminology.
- Unequivocal progression of non-target lesion(s) identified at baseline
- Development of new lesion(s)

iRECIST defines new response categories, including iUPD (unconfirmed progressive disease) and iCPD (confirmed progressive disease). For purposes of iRECIST assessment, the first visit showing progression according to RECIST 1.1 will be assigned a visit (overall) response of iUPD, regardless of which factors caused the progression.

At this visit, target and non-target lesions identified at baseline by RECIST 1.1 will be assessed as usual.

New lesions will be classified as measurable or non-measurable, using the same size thresholds and rules as for baseline lesion assessment in RECIST 1.1. From measurable new lesions, up to 5 lesions total (up to 2 per organ), may be selected as New Lesions – Target. The sum of diameters of these lesions will be calculated and kept distinct from the sum of diameters for target lesions at baseline. All other new lesions will be followed qualitatively as New Lesions – Non-target.

6.3.2.3 Assessment at the Confirmatory Imaging

On the confirmatory imaging, the participant will be classified as progression confirmed (with an overall response of iCPD), or as showing persistent unconfirmed progression (with an overall response of iUPD), or as showing disease stability or response (iSD/iPR/iCR).

6.3.2.4 Confirmation of Progression

Progression is considered confirmed, and the overall response will be iCPD, if ANY of the following occurs:

- Any of the factors that were the basis for the initial iUPD show worsening
 - For target lesions, worsening is a further increase in the sum of diameters of ≥ 5 mm, compared to any prior iUPD time point
 - For non-target lesions, worsening is any significant growth in lesions overall, compared to a prior iUPD time point; this does not have to meet the “unequivocal” standard of RECIST 1.1
 - For new lesions, worsening is any of these:
 - An increase in the new lesion sum of diameters by ≥ 5 mm from a prior iUPD time point
 - Visible growth of new non-target lesions
 - The appearance of additional new lesions
 - Any new factor appears that would have triggered PD by RECIST 1.1

6.3.2.5 Persistent iUPD

Progression is considered not confirmed, and the overall response remains iUPD, if:

- None of the progression-confirming factors identified above occurs AND
- The target lesion sum of diameters (initial target lesions) remains above the initial PD threshold (by RECIST 1.1)

Additional imaging for confirmation should be scheduled 4 to 8 weeks from the scan on which iUPD is seen. This may correspond to the next visit in the original visit schedule. The assessment of the subsequent confirmation scan proceeds in an identical manner, with possible outcomes of iCPD, iUPD, and iSD/iPR/iCR.

6.3.2.6 Resolution of iUPD

Progression is considered not confirmed, and the overall response becomes iSD/iPR/iCR, if:

- None of the progression-confirming factors identified above occurs, AND
- The target lesion sum of diameters (initial target lesions) is not above the initial PD threshold.

The response is classified as iSD or iPR (depending on the sum of diameters of the target lesions), or iCR if all lesions resolve.

In this case, the initial iUPD is considered to be pseudo-progression, and the level of suspicion for progression is “reset”. This means that the next visit that shows radiographic progression, whenever it occurs, is again classified as iUPD by iRECIST, and the confirmation process is repeated before a response of iCPD can be assigned.

6.3.2.6.1 Management Following the Confirmatory Imaging

If repeat imaging does not confirm PD per iRECIST, as assessed by the Investigator, and the participant continues to be clinically stable, study treatment may continue and follow the regular imaging schedule. If PD is confirmed, participants will be discontinued from study treatment.

NOTE: If a participant has confirmed radiographic progression (iCPD) as defined above, but the participant is achieving a clinically meaningful benefit, an exception to continue study treatment may be considered. In this case, if study treatment is continued, tumor imaging should continue to be performed following the intervals as outlined in section [6](#).

6.3.2.6.2 Detection of Progression at Visits After Pseudo-Progression Resolves

After resolution of pseudo-progression (i.e., achievement of iSD/iPR/iCR), iUPD is indicated by any of the following events:

- Target lesions
 - Sum of diameters reaches the PD threshold ($\geq 20\%$ and ≥ 5 mm increase from nadir) either for the first time, or after resolution of previous pseudo-progression. The nadir is always the smallest sum of diameters seen during the entire trial, either before or after an instance of pseudo-progression.
- Non-target lesions
 - If non-target lesions have never shown unequivocal progression, their doing so for the first-time results in iUPD.
 - If non-target lesions had shown previous unequivocal progression, and this progression has not resolved, iUPD results from any significant further growth of non-target lesions, taken as a whole.
- New lesions
 - New lesions appear for the first time
 - Additional new lesions appear
 - Previously identified new target lesions show an increase of ≥ 5 mm in the new lesion sum of diameters, from the nadir value of that sum

- Previously identified non-target lesions show any significant growth

If any of the events above occur, the overall response for that visit is iUPD, and the iUPD evaluation process (see Assessment at the Confirmatory Imaging above) is repeated. Progression must be confirmed before iCPD can occur.

The decision process is identical to the iUPD confirmation process for the initial PD, except in one respect. If new lesions occurred at a prior instance of iUPD, and at the confirmatory scan the burden of new lesions has increased from its smallest value (for new target lesions, their sum of diameters is ≥ 5 mm increased from its nadir), then iUPD cannot resolve to iSD or iPR. It will remain iUPD until either a decrease in the new lesion burden allows resolution to iSD or iPR, or until a confirmatory factor causes iCPD.

Additional details about iRECIST are provided in the iRECIST publication.[\(46\)](#)

6.3.3 Duration of Response

Duration of overall response: The duration of overall response is measured from the time measurement criteria are met for CR or PR (whichever is first recorded) until the first date that recurrent or progressive disease is objectively documented (taking as reference for progressive disease the smallest measurements recorded since the treatment started).

The duration of overall CR is measured from the time measurement criteria are first met for CR until the first date that progressive disease is objectively documented.

Duration of stable disease: Stable disease is measured from the start of the treatment until the criteria for progression are met, taking as reference the smallest measurements recorded since the treatment started, including the baseline measurements.

6.3.4 Progression-Free Survival

Progression free survival (PFS) is defined as the duration of time from start of treatment to time of progression (on or after pembrolizumab) or death, whichever occurs first.

6.3.5 Objective Response Rate

Objective response rate (ORR) is defined as the proportion of patients with partial response or complete response.

6.4 TOXICITY CRITERIA

The following adverse event management guidelines are intended to ensure the safety of each patient while on the study. The descriptions and grading scales found in the revised NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) version 5.0 will be utilized for AE reporting. All appropriate treatment areas should have access to a copy of the CTCAE version 5.0. A copy of the CTCAE version 5.0 can be downloaded from the CTEP web site (http://ctep.cancer.gov/protocolDevelopment/electronic_applications/ctc.htm)

7 NIH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/DATA SAFETY MONITORING PLAN

7.1 DEFINITIONS

Please refer to definitions provided in Policy 801: Reporting Research Events found [here](#).

7.2 OHSRP OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE AND TRAINING / IRB REPORTING

7.2.1 Expedited Reporting

Please refer to the reporting requirements in **Policy 801: Reporting Research Events** and **Policy 802 Non-Compliance Human Subjects Research** found [here](#). Note: Only IND Safety Reports that meet the definition of an unanticipated problem will need to be reported per these policies.

7.2.2 IRB Requirements for PI Reporting at Continuing Review

Please refer to the reporting requirements in Policy 801: Reporting Research Events found [here](#).

7.2.3 NCI Clinical Director Reporting

Problems expeditiously reported to the OHSRP in iRIS will also be reported to the NCI Clinical Director. A separate submission is not necessary as reports in iRIS will be available to the Clinical Director.

In addition to those reports, deaths not reported to the OHSRP that occur within 30 days after receiving a research intervention should be reported via email to the Clinical Director unless they are due to progressive disease.

To report these deaths, please send an email describing the circumstances of the death to Dr. Dahut at NCICCRQA@mail.nih.gov within one business day of learning of the death.

7.3 NIH REQUIRED DATA AND SAFETY MONITORING PLAN

7.3.1 Principal Investigator/Research Team

The clinical research team will meet on a regular basis weekly when patients are being actively treated on the trial to discuss each patient.

All data will be collected in a timely manner and reviewed by the principal investigator or a lead associate investigator. Events meeting requirements for expedited reporting as described in section **7.2.1** will be submitted within the appropriate timelines.

The principal investigator will review adverse event and response data on each patient to ensure safety and data accuracy. The principal investigator will personally conduct or supervise the investigation and provide appropriate delegation of responsibilities to other members of the research staff.

7.3.2 Safety Monitoring Committee (SMC)

This protocol will be periodically reviewed by an intramural Safety Monitoring Committee. Initial review will occur as soon as possible after the annual NIH Intramural IRB continuing review date.

Subsequently, each protocol will be reviewed as close to annually as the quarterly meeting schedule permits or more frequently as may be required by the SMC based on the risks presented in the study. For initial and subsequent reviews, protocols will not be reviewed if there is no accrual within the review period.

The SMC review will focus on unexpected protocol-specific safety issues that are identified during the conduct of the clinical trial.

Written outcome letters will be generated in response to the monitoring activities and submitted to the Principal investigator and Clinical Director or Deputy Clinical Director, CCR, NCI.

8 SPONSOR SAFETY REPORTING

8.1 DEFINITIONS

8.1.1 Adverse Event

Any untoward medical occurrence in a patient or clinical investigation subject administered a pharmaceutical product and which does not necessarily have a causal relationship with this treatment. An adverse event (AE) can therefore be any unfavorable and unintended sign (including an abnormal laboratory finding), symptom, or disease temporally associated with the use of a medicinal (investigational) product, whether or not related to the medicinal (investigational) product (ICH E6 (R2))

8.1.2 Serious Adverse Event (SAE)

An adverse event or suspected adverse reaction is considered serious if in the view of the investigator or the sponsor, it results in any of the following:

- Death,
- A life-threatening adverse event (see **8.1.3**)
- Inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization
 - A hospitalization/admission that is pre-planned (i.e., elective or scheduled surgery arranged prior to the start of the study), a planned hospitalization for pre-existing condition, or a procedure required by the protocol, without a serious deterioration in health, is not considered a serious adverse event.
 - A hospitalization/admission that is solely driven by non-medical reasons (e.g., hospitalization for patient convenience) is not considered a serious adverse event.
 - Emergency room visits or stays in observation units that do not result in admission to the hospital would not be considered a serious adverse event. The reason for seeking medical care should be evaluated for meeting one of the other serious criteria.
- Persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions
- A congenital anomaly/birth defect
- Important medical events that may not result in death, be life-threatening, or require hospitalization may be considered a serious adverse drug experience when, based upon appropriate medical judgment, they may jeopardize the patient or subject and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed in this definition.

8.1.3 Life-threatening

An adverse event or suspected adverse reaction is considered "life-threatening" if, in the view of either the investigator or sponsor, its occurrence places the patient or subject at immediate risk of death. It does not include an adverse event or suspected adverse reaction that, had it occurred in a more severe form, might have caused death. (21CFR312.32)

8.1.4 Severity

The severity of each Adverse Event will be assessed utilizing the CTCAE version 5.

8.1.5 Relationship to Study Product

All AEs will have their relationship to study product assessed using the terms: related or not related.

- Related – There is a reasonable possibility that the study product caused the adverse event. Reasonable possibility means that there is evidence to suggest a causal relationship between the study product and the adverse event.
- Not Related – There is not a reasonable possibility that the administration of the study product caused the event.

8.2 ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY EVENTS

AE information collected will include event description, date of onset, assessment of severity and relationship to study product and alternate etiology (if not related to study product), date of resolution of the event, seriousness and outcome. The assessment of severity and relationship to the study product will be done only by those with the training and authority to make a diagnosis and listed on the Form FDA 1572 as the site principal investigator or sub-investigator. AEs occurring during the collection and reporting period will be documented appropriately regardless of relationship. AEs will be followed through resolution.

SAEs will be:

- Assessed for severity and relationship to study product and alternate etiology (if not related to study product) by a licensed study physician listed on the Form FDA 1572 as the site principal investigator or sub-investigator.
- Recorded on the appropriate SAE report form, the medical record and captured in the clinical database.
- Followed through resolution by a licensed study physician listed on the Form FDA 1572 as the site principal investigator or sub-investigator.

For timeframe of recording adverse events, please refer to section **6.1**. All serious adverse events recorded from the time of first investigational product administration must be reported to the sponsor with the exception of any listed in section **8.4**.

8.3 REPORTING OF SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS

Any AE that meets protocol-defined serious criteria or meets the definition of Adverse Event of Special Interest that require expedited reporting must be submitted immediately (within 24 hours of awareness) to OSRO Safety using the CCR SAE report form. Any exceptions to the expedited reporting requirements are found in section **8.4**.

All SAE reporting must include the elements described in **8.2**.

SAE reports will be submitted to the Center for Cancer Research (CCR) at:
OSROSafety@mail.nih.gov and to the CCR PI and study coordinator. CCR SAE report form

and instructions can be found at:

<https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRCRO/Forms+and+Instructions>

Following the assessment of the SAE by OSRO, other supporting documentation of the event may be requested by the OSRO Safety and should be provided as soon as possible.

8.4 WAIVER OF EXPEDITED REPORTING TO CCR

As death due to disease progression is a part of the study objectives (PFS and OS) and captured as an endpoint in this study, they will not be reported in expedited manner to the Sponsor. However, if there is evidence suggesting a causal relationship between the study drug and the event, report the event in an expedited manner according to section [8.3](#).

Hospitalization that is deemed to be due to disease progression, and not attributable to the intervention will not be reported as an SAE. The event, and the assessment that it was caused by disease progression will be documented in the medical records. The causality assessment of hospitalization will be re-evaluated any time when new information is received. If the causality assessment changes from disease progression to related to the study intervention, SAE report will be sent to the Sponsor in an expedited manner according to Section [8.3](#). If there is any uncertainty whether the intervention is a contributing factor to the event, the event should be reported as AE or SAE as appropriate.

8.5 REPORTING PREGNANCY

All required pregnancy reports/follow-up to OSRO will be submitted to: OSROSafety@mail.nih.gov and to the CCR PI and study coordinator. Forms and instructions can be found here: <https://ccrod.cancer.gov/confluence/display/CCRCRO/Forms+and+Instructions>

8.5.1 Maternal exposure

If a patient becomes pregnant during the course of the study, the study treatment should be discontinued immediately, and the pregnancy reported to the Sponsor no later than 24 hours of when the Investigator becomes aware of it. The Investigator should notify the Sponsor no later than 24 hours of when the outcome of the Pregnancy become known,

Pregnancy itself is not regarded as an SAE. However, congenital abnormalities or birth defects and spontaneous miscarriages that meet serious criteria ([8.1.2](#)) should be reported as SAEs.

The outcome of all pregnancies (spontaneous miscarriage, elective termination, ectopic pregnancy, normal birth, or congenital abnormality) should be followed up and documented.

8.5.2 Paternal exposure

Male patients should refrain from fathering a child or donating sperm during the study and for 180 days after the last dose of LMB-100 or pembrolizumab.

Pregnancy of the patient's partner is not considered to be an AE. However, the outcome of all pregnancies (spontaneous miscarriage, elective termination, ectopic pregnancy, normal birth, or congenital abnormality) occurring from the date of the first dose until 180 days after the last dose should, if possible, be followed up and documented.

8.6 REGULATORY REPORTING FOR STUDIES CONDUCTED UNDER CCR-SPONSORED IND

Following notification from the investigator, CCR, the IND sponsor, will report any suspected adverse reaction that is both serious and unexpected. CCR will report an AE as a suspected adverse

reaction only if there is evidence to suggest a causal relationship between the study product and the adverse event. CCR will notify FDA and all participating investigators (i.e., all investigators to whom the sponsor is providing drug under its INDs or under any investigator's IND) in an IND safety report of potential serious risks from clinical trials or any other source, as soon as possible, in accordance to 21 CFR Part 312.32.

All serious events will be reported to the FDA at least annually in a summary format.

9 CLINICAL MONITORING

As a sponsor for clinical trials, FDA regulations require the CCR to maintain a monitoring program. The CCR's program allows for confirmation of: study data, specifically data that could affect the interpretation of primary and secondary study endpoints; adherence to the protocol, regulations, ICH E6, and SOPs; and human subjects protection. This is done through independent verification of study data with source documentation focusing on:

- Informed consent process
- Eligibility confirmation
- Drug administration and accountability
- Adverse events monitoring
- Response assessment

The monitoring program also extends to multi-site research when the CCR is the coordinating center.

This trial will be monitored by personnel employed by a CCR contractor. Monitors are qualified by training and experience to monitor the progress of clinical trials. Personnel monitoring this study will not be affiliated in any way with the trial conduct.

10 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 STATISTICAL HYPOTHESIS

10.1.1 Primary Endpoint

- To determine the objective response rate for the combination of LMB-100 and Pembrolizumab in the treatment of patients with advanced, mesothelin-expressing non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors.

10.1.2 Secondary Endpoints

- To determine the overall survival (OS), duration of response and progression free survival (PFS) of LMB-100 and Pembrolizumab in the treatment of patients with advanced, non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
- To determine the safety and tolerability of combination of LMB-100 and Pembrolizumab in the treatment of patients with advanced, mesothelin-expressing non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors

10.1.3 Sample size determination:

Patients will be screened for adequate mesothelin expression. Patients eligible for treatment will directly enrolled without randomization or any stratification.

An observed response rate of 10% or greater would be considered desirable in this population of subjects who have previously failed a checkpoint inhibitor. In this arm, the trial will be conducted using a Simon minimax two-stage phase II trial design (47) to rule out an unacceptably low response rate of 5% ($p_0=0.05$) in favor of an improved response rate of 20% ($p_1=0.20$). With $\alpha=0.10$ (probability of accepting a poor treatment=0.10) and $\beta = 0.20$ (probability of rejecting a good treatment=0.20), the first stage will enroll 12 evaluable patients, and if 0 of the 12 have a response, then no further patients will be accrued. If 1 or more of the first 12 patients have a response, then accrual would continue until a total of 21 evaluable patients have been treated on Arm A. As it may take up to several months to determine if a patient has experienced a response, a temporary pause in the accrual may be necessary to ensure that enrollment to the second stage is warranted. If there are 1-2 patients with a response out of 21 patients, this would be an uninterestingly low response rate. If there were 3 or more of 21 (14.3%) who experienced a response, this would be sufficiently interesting to warrant further study in later trials. Under the null hypothesis (5% response rate), the probability of early termination is 54.0%.

It is expected that 25% of patients who have NSCLC will have adequate (25%) mesothelin expression to receive treatment on this protocol and 10% of patient with lung adenocarcinoma co-express PD-L1 and >25% mesothelin expression.

In order to enroll and treat up to 21 evaluable patients with adequate mesothelin expression, the trial will plan to enroll and screen up to 100 patients. With 100 patients, there would be 85.1% probability of enrolling 21 or more evaluable patients if the true probability of adequate expression for a given patient was 25%.

It is expected that up to 2 patients per month may be screened on this protocol, yielding approximately 5 to 6 treated patients per year. It is expected that up to 4 years may be required to enroll up to 100 patients for screening and 21 evaluable for response. To allow for a small number of unevaluable patients and screen failures 23 patients will be treated and the screening will be set at 100 total patients.

10.2 POPULATIONS FOR ANALYSES

10.2.1 Evaluable for toxicity

All patients will be evaluable for toxicity from the time of their first treatment with LMB-100. Events occurring after initiation of a second course of therapy will not be included in this analysis.

10.2.2 Evaluable for objective response

Only those patients who have measurable disease present at baseline, have received at least one cycle of therapy, and have had their disease re-evaluated will be considered evaluable for response. Patients on the second course will not be included in this analysis

10.3 STATISTICAL ANALYSES

10.3.1 General Approach

Efficacy will be assessed as the fraction of patients who experience a response and will be reported along with confidence intervals. Safety and tolerability will be assessed in a descriptive fashion.

10.3.2 Analysis of Primary Endpoint (s)

The fraction of patients who experience a response will be reported along with 80% and 95% two-sided confidence intervals.

10.3.3 Analysis of the Secondary Endpoint (s)

Overall Survival, and progression free survival will be calculated from the on-study date using the Kaplan-Meier method. Duration of response will be calculated for responders only, beginning at the date a patient is noted to have at least a PR.

Safety and tolerability of LMB-100 + pembrolizumab will be assessed by reporting the grade of adverse events noted in each patient and reporting the proportion with grade 3 and grade 4 adverse events. The summary of the proportion with grade 3 and 4 adverse events will constitute the main analysis of the safety data. In addition, the number of patients who are treated who are unable to tolerate the treatment for other than development of adverse events will be reported.

10.3.4 Safety Analyses

Safety and tolerability of LMB-100 + pembrolizumab, will be assessed by reporting the grade of adverse events noted in each patient and reporting the proportion with grade 3 and grade 4 adverse events. The summary of the proportion with grade 3 and 4 adverse events will constitute the main analysis of the safety data. Safety data will be presented in individual listings. Summaries will also be prepared. The safety data will consist of the reporting of all adverse events, vital signs, physical examination data, and appropriate laboratory safety data.

10.3.5 Baseline Descriptive Statistics

Baseline demographic characteristics will be reported.

10.3.6 Planned Interim Analyses

As indicated in the two-stage design, the number of responses after 12 evaluable have been treated will be noted and will be used to determine if enrollment to the second stage of accrual may proceed.

10.3.7 Sub-Group Analyses

None

10.3.8 Tabulation of individual Participant Data

None.

10.3.9 Exploratory Analyses

The following are the exploratory analyses which may be undertaken:

- To establish the correlation of response with tumor mesothelin expression.
- To evaluate correlation of tumor response with tumor PD-L1 expression.
- To evaluate changes in the tumor microenvironment following treatment with LMB-100 followed by pembrolizumab.
- To evaluate the utility of serum mesothelin and megakaryocyte potentiating factor (MPF) as a biomarkers of tumor response.
- To define the pharmacokinetics characteristics of LMB-100 to correlate responses with LMB-100 blood levels.

- To determine the incidence of antibody development at the end of cycles 1 and 2 with this combination.
- Correlation of incidence of KRAS mutation with mesothelin immunohistochemical expression in tumor samples.
- To determine the utility of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) and characteristic mutations for biomarkers analysis of response in blood, and overall tumor genome evolution over the course of treatment.
- To determine if there is association between PD-L1 expression level or mesothelin expression level and response, patients will be divided into responders vs. non-responders and these expression levels will be compared between the two groups using an exact Wilcoxon rank sum test.
- To assess changes in circulating immune cell and cytokine levels caused by the treatment

Any of the exploratory evaluations which generate quantitative measures will be done using descriptive statistics including confidence intervals when appropriate. Any statistical tests performed for evaluation of exploratory objectives will be done without formal adjustment for multiple comparisons, but in the context of the number of tests performed.

11 HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTIONS

11.1 RATIONALE FOR SUBJECT SELECTION

LMB-100 is a mesothelin-targeted cytolytic fusion protein (cFP) and has shown preclinical dose-dependent activity in monotherapy and/or combination in xenografts representing MSLN-positive indications (NSCLC, mesothelioma, triple negative breast cancer, gastric cancer, pancreas, ovarian, potentially other tumor indications). LMB-100 has shown synergy in laboratory models with inhibitors of the PD1 axis. Pembrolizumab is an anit-PD1/PD-L1 inhibitor. The rationale to evaluate LMB-100 with pembrolizumab in mesothelin expressing NSCLC patients is to determine the effect of the addition of pembrolizumab to LMB-100 therapy. All patients meeting the criteria listed in section [2.1](#) are eligible for enrollment.

11.2 PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN

There are no dosing or adverse event data are currently available on the use of LMB-100 with pembrolizumab in patients <18 years of age; therefore, children are excluded from this study.

11.3 PARTICIPATION OF SUBJECTS UNABLE TO GIVE CONSENT

Adults unable to give consent are excluded from enrolling in the protocol. However, re-consent may be necessary and there is a possibility, though unlikely, that subjects could become decisionally impaired. For this reason and because there is a prospect of direct benefit from research participation (section [11.5](#)), all subjects \geq age 18 will be offered the opportunity to fill in their wishes for research and care, and assign a substitute decision maker on the “NIH Advance Directive for Health Care and Medical Research Participation” form so that another person can make decisions about their medical care in the event that they become incapacitated or cognitively impaired during the course of the study. Note: The PI or AI will contact the NIH Ability to Consent Assessment Team (ACAT) for evaluation as needed for the following: an independent assessment of whether an individual has the capacity to provide consent; assistance in identifying and

assessing an appropriate surrogate when indicated; and/or an assessment of the capacity to appoint a surrogate.

Please see section [11.6.1](#) for consent procedure.

11.4 EVALUATION OF BENEFITS AND RISKS/DISCOMFORTS

11.4.1 Risks from Study Drugs

Patient safety will be managed by careful proactive patient selection prior to study to exclude patients at risk from study treatment due to their pre-existing conditions. During the study, safety of patients will be proactively managed by protocol-mandated physical examinations, vital signs assessments, ECGs, clinical laboratory assessments, and collection of adverse events and their assessment.

The risks of the study include those associated with the study agents as discussed in section [13](#).

11.4.2 Blood Collection

Side effects of blood draws include pain and bruising, lightheadedness, and rarely, fainting.

11.4.3 Biopsy Collection

The risks of the research biopsies collected at baseline, Post-C2, and after Pembrolizumab include pain, bleeding and infection at the biopsy site.

11.4.4 CT contrast

In addition to the radiation risks from the scans discussed above, patients may experience an allergic reaction to CT contrast dye.

11.4.5 Radiation Risks

The biopsies referenced above will be collected under CT guidance and subjects will have up to 9 CTs of the chest/abdomen/pelvis and 9 FDG PET/CT scans in a year. Subjects in this study may be exposed to approximately 23.9 rem total.

11.4.6 Non-Physical Risks of Genetic Research

11.4.6.1 Risk of receiving unwanted information

Anxiety and stress may arise as a result of the anticipation that unwanted information regarding disease related DNA sequencing or disease tendencies, or misattributed paternity. Patients will be clearly informed that the data related to DNA sequencing and genetic analysis is coded, investigational and will not be shared with patients, family members or health care providers.

11.4.6.2 Risk related to possibility that information may be released

This includes the risk that data related to genotype, DNA sequencing or risk for disease tendency or trait can be released to members of the public, insurers, employers, or law enforcement agencies. Although there are no plans to release results to the patients, family members or health care providers, this risk will be included in the informed consent document.

11.4.6.3 Risk to family or relatives

Family members or relatives may or may not want to be aware of familial tendencies or genetic risks of disease which may cause anxiety about possible future health problems. As previously

noted, patients will be notified of any medically significant and actionable incidental findings. Study results will not be shared with patients.

11.5 RISKS/BENEFITS ANALYSIS

Patients with advanced NSCLC are in continuous need of improved therapy options. This is especially true for patients where no standard therapy exists such as the patient population that will be eligible for this trial. Preclinical data has demonstrated promising anti-tumor efficacy of LMB-100 in xenograft models in monotherapy and combination therapy. Laboratory studies have further demonstrated synergy with PD1/PD-L1 inhibitors. Therefore, LMB-100 + pembrolizumab may improve clinical outcome of patients with NSCLC. A number of clinically appropriate strategies to minimize risk to patients have been built into the protocol through the means of inclusion/exclusion criteria, monitoring strategies, and management guidelines. Overall, the potential benefits of mesothelin targeted cFP for NSCLC patients retaining the ability to consent and those who lose capacity to consent during the course of the trial outweigh the risks associated with the proposed entry-into-human trial with LMB-100 + pembrolizumab

11.6 CONSENT PROCESS AND DOCUMENTATION

The informed consent document will be provided as a physical or electronic document to the participant or consent designee(s) as applicable for review prior to consenting. A designated study investigator will carefully explain the procedures and tests involved in this study, and the associated risks, discomforts and benefits. In order to minimize potential coercion, as much time as is needed to review the document will be given, including an opportunity to discuss it with friends, family members and/or other advisors, and to ask questions of any designated study investigator. A signed informed consent document will be obtained prior to entry onto the study.

The initial consent process as well as re-consent, when required, may take place in person or remotely (e.g., via telephone or other NIH approved remote platforms used in compliance with policy, including HRPP Policy 303) per discretion of the designated study investigator and with the agreement of the participant/consent designee(s). Whether in person or remote, the privacy of the subject will be maintained. Consenting investigators (and participant/consent designee, when in person) will be located in a private area (e.g., clinic consult room). When consent is conducted remotely, the participant/consent designee will be informed of the private nature of the discussion and will be encouraged to relocate to a more private setting if needed.

Consent will be documented with required signatures on the physical document (which includes the printout of an electronic document sent to participant) or as described below, with a manual (non-electronic) signature on the electronic document. When required, witness signature will be obtained similarly as described for the investigator and participant.

Manual (non-electronic) signature on electronic document:

When a manual signature on an electronic document is used for the documentation of consent at the NIH Clinical Center, this study will use the following to obtain the required signatures:

- Adobe platform (which is not 21 CFR Part 11 compliant); or,
- iMedConsent platform (which is 21 CFR Part 11 compliant)

During the consent process, participants and investigators will view individual copies of the approved consent document on screens at their respective locations (if remote consent); the same screen may be used when in the same location but is not required.

Both the investigator and the participant will sign the document using a finger, stylus or mouse.

Note: Refer to the CCR SOP PM-2, Obtaining and Documenting the Informed Consent Process for additional information (e.g., verification of participant identity when obtaining consent remotely) found [here](#).

11.6.1 Consent Process for Adults Who Lack Capacity to Consent to Research Participation

For participants addressed in section [11.3](#), an LAR will be identified consistent with Policy 403 and informed consent obtained from the LAR, as described in Section [11.6](#).

12 REGULATORY AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

12.1 STUDY DISCONTINUATION AND CLOSURE

This study may be temporarily suspended or prematurely terminated if there is sufficient reasonable cause. Written notification, documenting the reason for study suspension or termination, will be provided by the suspending or terminating party to study participants, IND sponsor and regulatory authorities. If the study is prematurely terminated or suspended, the Principal Investigator (PI) will promptly inform study participants, the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and sponsor and will provide the reason(s) for the termination or suspension. Study participants will be contacted, as applicable, and be informed of changes to study visit schedule.

Circumstances that may warrant termination or suspension include, but are not limited to:

- Determination of unexpected, significant, or unacceptable risk to participants
- Demonstration of efficacy that would warrant stopping
- Insufficient compliance to protocol requirements
- Data that are not sufficiently complete and/or evaluable
- Determination that the primary endpoint has been met
- Determination of futility

Study may resume once concerns about safety, protocol compliance, and data quality are addressed, and satisfy the sponsor, IRB and as applicable, Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

12.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

The clinical site will perform internal quality management of study conduct, data and biological specimen collection, documentation and completion. An individualized quality management plan will be developed to describe a site's quality management.

Quality control (QC) procedures will be implemented beginning with the data entry system and data QC checks that will be run on the database will be generated. Any missing data or data anomalies will be communicated to the site(s) for clarification/resolution.

Following written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the monitors will verify that the clinical trial is conducted and data are generated and biological specimens are collected, documented (recorded), and reported in compliance with the protocol, International Conference on Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice (ICH GCP), and applicable regulatory requirements (e.g., Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)).

The investigational site will provide direct access to all trial related sites, source data/documents, and reports for the purpose of monitoring and auditing by the sponsor, and inspection by local and regulatory authorities.

12.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The independence of this study from any actual or perceived influence, such as by the pharmaceutical industry, is critical. Therefore, any actual conflict of interest of persons who have a role in the design, conduct, analysis, publication, or any aspect of this trial will be disclosed and managed. Furthermore, persons who have a perceived conflict of interest will be required to have such conflicts managed in a way that is appropriate to their participation in the design and conduct of this trial. The study leadership in conjunction with the National Cancer Institute has established policies and procedures for all study group members to disclose all conflicts of interest and will establish a mechanism for the management of all reported dualities of interest.

12.4 CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

Participant confidentiality and privacy is strictly held in trust by the participating investigators, their staff, and the sponsor(s). This confidentiality is extended to cover testing of biological samples and genetic tests in addition to the clinical information relating to participants. Therefore, the study protocol, documentation, data, and all other information generated will be held in strict confidence. No information concerning the study or the data will be released to any unauthorized third party without prior written approval of the sponsor.

All research activities will be conducted in as private a setting as possible.

The study monitor, other authorized representatives of the sponsor, representatives of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and/or regulatory agencies may inspect all documents and records required to be maintained by the investigator, including but not limited to, medical records (office, clinic, or hospital) and pharmacy records for the participants in this study. The clinical study site will permit access to such records.

The study participant's contact information will be securely stored at the clinical site for internal use during the study. At the end of the study, all records will continue to be kept in a secure location for as long a period as dictated by the reviewing IRB, Institutional policies, or sponsor requirements.

Study participant research data, which is for purposes of statistical analysis and scientific reporting, will be stored at the NCI CCR. This will not include the participant's contact or identifying information. Rather, individual participants and their research data will be identified by a unique study identification number. The study data entry and study management systems used by clinical sites and by NCI CCR research staff will be secured and password protected. At the end of the study, all study databases will be archived at the NCI CCR.

To further protect the privacy of study participants, a Certificate of Confidentiality has been issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This certificate protects identifiable research information from forced disclosure. It allows the investigator and others who have access to research records to refuse to disclose identifying information on research participation in any civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceeding, whether at the federal, state, or local level. By protecting researchers and institutions from being compelled to disclose information that would identify research participants, Certificates of Confidentiality help achieve the research objectives and promote participation in studies by helping assure confidentiality and privacy to participants.

13 PHARMACEUTICAL AND INVESTIGATIONAL DEVICE INFORMATION

13.1 MESOTHELIN TESTING (NSR DEVICE)

In order to be eligible for the study, participants are required to have positive mesothelin expression in archival tumor tissue, defined as at least 25% of tumor cells expressing mesothelin. Mesothelin expression testing is not FDA approved for this purpose; however, it is being used as an *in-vitro* diagnostic device. Validation assays to support the use of the IVD assay have been submitted to IND. All of the documentation is in the IND files.

According to 21 CFR 812.3(m), a significant risk device presents a potential for serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of a subject and meets the significant risk criteria listed in the table below along with the sponsor's conclusions with regard to the applicability of these criteria to the current study. The device has been assessed by the sponsor as non-significant risk per the below.

	Applicable to current study	Justification
Is an implant	No	The mesothelin test is not introduced into the subject
Is used in supporting or sustaining human life	No	The device is diagnostic
Is of substantial importance in diagnosing, mitigating or treating disease or preventing impairment of human health	No	While the device is diagnostic, we do not believe it presents a potential for serious risk to the health and welfare of the subject. The assessment of mesothelin positivity is only used in tumors that may not have a ubiquitous mesothelin expression and is assessed to help to increase the possibility that all persons enrolling on the study might derive benefit from therapy. Persons that are deemed ineligible to enroll on the basis of this test are eligible for studies within TGMB that are not reliant on this test.
Otherwise poses a risk	No	Testing will be performed on archival samples or on fresh tissue that is collected at screening for confirmation of diagnosis. No additional collection of tissue will occur for purposes of mesothelin testing.

Source: Testing will be performed via an IHC assay developed by the NCI Laboratory of Pathology.

13.2 TRUSIGHT ONCOLOGY 500 ASSAY (NSR DEVICE)

In order to be eligible for the study, participants are required to have a cancer that is not amenable to treatment with targeted agents to an EGFR, ALK or ROS1 variant. TruSight Oncology 500 (TSO 500) is not FDA approved for the purpose of testing for these mutations; however, it is being used in this study as a diagnostic device. Validation assays to support the use of the assay have been submitted to the IND. All documentation is in the IND files.

According to 21 CFR 812.3(m), a significant risk device presents a potential for serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of a subject and meets the significant risk criteria listed in the table

below along with the sponsor's conclusions with regard to the applicability of these criteria to the current study. The device has been assessed by the sponsor as non-significant risk per the below.

	Applicable to current study	Justification
Is an implant	No	The TruSight Oncology 500 assay is not introduced into the subject
Is used in supporting or sustaining human life	No	The device is diagnostic
Is of substantial importance in diagnosing mitigating or treating disease or preventing impairment of human health	No	While the device is diagnostic, we do not believe it presents a potential for serious risk to the health and welfare of the subject. EGFR, ALK and ROS1 variations are assessed to help to increase the possibility that all persons enrolling on the study may not be more likely to benefit from an alternative therapy outside of this study. Persons that are deemed ineligible to enroll on the basis of this test may be eligible for other standard of care or experimental therapies better suited for their tumor type.
Otherwise poses a risk	No	Testing will be performed on archival samples or on fresh tissue that is collected at screening for confirmation of diagnosis. No additional collection of tissue will occur for purposes of mesothelin testing.

Source: Testing will be performed via an assay developed by the NCI Laboratory of Pathology.

13.3 LMB-100 (IND #123332)

13.3.1 Source: LMB-100 was transferred to the NIH CC Pharmacy by Selecta Biosciences, the drug manufacturer. For this trial, the drug will be supplied by the NIH CC Pharmacy.

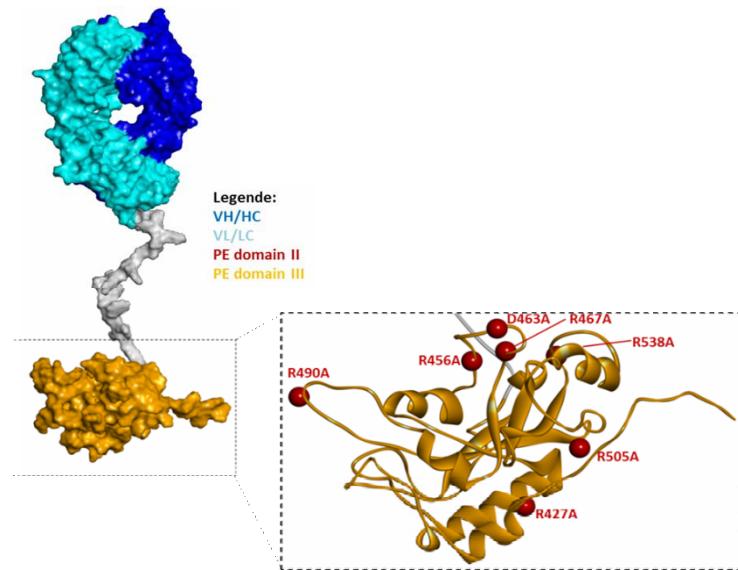
13.3.2 Mechanism of action

LMB-100 is a novel recombinant anti-mesothelin targeted cytolytic fusion protein (cFP) developed for the treatment of patients with solid tumors that express the mesothelin protein. Mesothelin is a suitable candidate for targeted therapy due to its very limited expression in normal/non-malignant tissue and its high expression in several tumor entities including mesothelioma, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, gastric cancer, breast cancer, and lung cancer. To target mesothelin, a humanized Fab fragment of the anti-mesothelin antibody SS1 is linked to a truncated and de-immunized recombinant 24 kDa fragment of *Pseudomonas* exotoxin (PE24). After binding to mesothelin, the complex is internalized by endocytosis and kills cells by inhibition of eukaryotic elongation factor 2 (eEF2), leading to arrest of protein synthesis and secondarily triggering cell death by apoptosis or necrosis.

13.3.2.1 Molecular Weight: approximately 73 kDa

13.3.2.2 Chemical Structure

H1L1 polypeptide structure consisting of one variable heavy chain containing the Pseudomonas Exotoxin A moiety and one variable light chain held together



13.3.3 Toxicity

Information in this section is based on clinical studies of tLMB-100.

Toxicities Observed in Participants Receiving LMB-100 Alone or in Combination

System Organ Class	NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) Term	# of Subjects	% of Subjects
Blood and Lymphatic system Disorders	Anemia	36	29.03
Cardiac Disorders	Atrial fibrillation	7	5.65
	Atrial flutter	1	0.81
	Chest pain - cardiac	1	0.81
	Myocarditis	1	0.81
	Palpitations	4	3.23
	Pericardial effusion	8	6.45
	Pericardial tamponade	2	1.61
	Pericarditis	3	2.42
	Sinus tachycardia	24	19.35
Ear and Labyrinth Disorders	External ear pain	1	0.81
Endocrine Disorders	Hypothyroidism	1	0.81
Eye Disorders	Eye disorders - Other, specify	1	0.81
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Abdominal distension	2	1.61
	Abdominal pain	9	7.26
	Ascites	1	0.81

System Organ Class	NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) Term	# of Subjects	% of Subjects
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Constipation	5	4.03
	Diarrhea	5	4.03
	Dry mouth	1	0.81
	Dyspepsia	4	3.23
	Nausea	29	23.39
	Upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage	1	0.81
	Vomiting	14	11.29
	Chills	5	4.03
	Edema face	7	5.65
	Edema limbs	38	30.65
	Fatigue	54	43.55
	Fever	25	20.16
	General disorders and administration site conditions - Other, specify	1	0.81
	Generalized edema	1	0.81
Immune System Disorders	Irritability	1	0.81
	Localized edema	22	17.74
	Malaise	1	0.81
	Non-cardiac chest pain	6	4.84
	Pain	10	8.06
	Allergic reaction	1	0.81
	Immune system disorders - Other, specify	1	0.81
Infections and Infestations	Herpes simplex reactivation	1	0.81
	Infections and infestations - Other, specify	1	0.81
	Lung infection	1	0.81
Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications	Fall	1	0.81
	Infusion related reaction	14	11.29
Investigations	Alanine aminotransferase increased	31	25
	Alkaline phosphatase increased	11	8.87
	Aspartate aminotransferase increased	47	37.9
	Cardiac troponin I increased	5	4.03
	CPK increased	5	4.03
	Creatinine increased	33	26.61

System Organ Class	NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) Term	# of Subjects	% of Subjects
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders	Ejection fraction decreased	1	0.81
	Investigations - Other, specify	1	0.81
	Lymphocyte count decreased	54	43.55
	Neutrophil count decreased	9	7.26
	Platelet count decreased	14	11.29
	Thyroid stimulating hormone increased	3	2.42
	Urine output decreased	1	0.81
	Weight gain	42	33.87
	Weight loss	3	2.42
	White blood cell decreased	21	16.94
	Anorexia	23	18.55
	Dehydration	5	4.03
	Hypercalcemia	1	0.81
	Hyperglycemia	1	0.81
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders	Hypernatremia	2	1.61
	Hyperuricemia	2	1.61
	Hypoalbuminemia	99	79.84
	Hypocalcemia	7	5.65
	Hypokalemia	8	6.45
	Hypomagnesemia	2	1.61
	Hyponatremia	49	39.52
	Hypophosphatemia	5	4.03
	Arthralgia	6	4.84
	Back pain	4	3.23
Neoplasms Benign, Malignant and Unspecified (Incl Cysts And Polyps)	Flank pain	3	2.42
	Generalized muscle weakness	3	2.42
	Myalgia	33	26.61
	Neck pain	1	0.81
	Pain in extremity	2	1.61
	Rhabdomyolysis	1	0.81
	Tumor pain	3	2.42
	Confusion	2	1.61
Nervous System Disorder	Dizziness	12	9.68
	Dysgeusia	1	0.81

System Organ Class	NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) Term	# of Subjects	% of Subjects
	Headache	8	6.45
	Lethargy	1	0.81
	Peripheral motor neuropathy	1	0.81
	Peripheral sensory neuropathy	8	6.45
	Presyncope	1	0.81
	Somnolence	1	0.81
	Syncope	1	0.81
	Tremor	1	0.81
Psychiatric Disorders	Insomnia	2	1.61
Renal and Urinary Disorders	Acute kidney injury	5	4.03
	Proteinuria	9	7.26
Reproductive System and Breast Disorders	Pelvic pain	1	0.81
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders	Allergic rhinitis	1	0.81
	Cough	2	1.61
	Dyspnea	27	21.77
	Hypoxia	5	4.03
	Pleural effusion	7	5.65
	Pleuritic pain	5	4.03
	Pneumonitis	1	0.81
	Productive cough	1	0.81
	Pulmonary edema	1	0.81
	Respiratory failure	1	0.81
	Sore throat	2	1.61
	Upper respiratory infection	1	0.81
	Alopecia	10	8.06
	Dry skin	1	0.81
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	Periorbital edema	2	1.61
	Pruritus	3	2.42
	Rash maculo-papular	4	3.23
	Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders - Other, specify	1	0.81
	Capillary leak syndrome	11	8.87
	Flushing	2	1.61
Vascular Disorders	Hypertension	4	3.23
	Hypotension	34	27.42
	Thromboembolic event	1	0.81

13.3.3.1 Risk of Immunogenicity and Potential Safety Impact

LMB-100 may cause the formation of ADAs. These may trigger hypersensitivity reactions or immune complex-mediated responses. The development of ADAs to LMB-100, an improved cytolytic fusion protein with a humanized targeting moiety directed against mesothelin and a de-humanized, truncated *Pseudomonas* exotoxin A is expected to be less likely than SS1P. Clinical trials with SS1P have led to the development of neutralizing ADAs in 75% and 88% of patients after 1 cycle of therapy, in the IV bolus and continuous infusion trials respectively.[\(48\)](#)

Patients will be monitored at regular intervals for the development of ADAs and cytokines. In particular, any clinical signs and symptoms suggestive of a hypersensitivity reaction and/or an immune complex-mediated reaction possibly due to ADA formation will be carefully investigated.

13.3.4 Handling

LMB-100 is to be handled following all hazardous precautions. There is no evidence currently available to determine the hazardous status of the product. The Clinical Center will exercise caution and categorize LMB-100 as a hazardous agent.

13.3.5 Formulation and preparation

LMB-100 drug product (20 mg/20 mL) is provided for syringe infusion as a sterile, colorless to brownish, preservative-free liquid in single-use, 20 mL vials. The nominal fill volume is 20 mL and the approximate concentration of LMB-100 recombinant fusion protein in the vials is 1 mg/mL.

13.3.6 Stability and Storage

13.3.6.1 Stability

Stability tests are ongoing for intact LMB-100 vials.

13.3.6.2 LMB-100 does not contain antimicrobial preservatives and should be used immediately after preparing into dosing syringes. If prepared dosing syringes are not used immediately, total in-use storage times of prepared syringes for infusion should not exceed 24 hours when stored under refrigeration (2°– 8°C).

13.3.6.3 Storage

Store intact vials in the refrigerator (2 – 8°C), protected from light. Do not shake and do not freeze drug vials.

LMB-100 should be protected from exposure to direct sunlight during preparation and administration.

13.3.7 Administration procedures

Please refer to section [3.2.1](#).

13.3.8 Incompatibilities

Pharmacodynamic drug interaction studies have not been conducted. LMB-100 is contraindicated in subjects with a history of severe allergic anaphylactic reactions to humanized, chimeric or mouse peptides/antibodies or to any components of the product.

Other drugs that require parenteral co-administration (if applicable) should be delivered via separate infusion lines and at separate infusion sites and should not be mixed with the study drug.

LMB-100 is compatible with non-DEHP, latex-free, lipid resistant, non-PVC extension sets.

13.4 PEMBROLIZUMAB (KEYTRUDA®)

13.4.1 Source

Commercially available pembrolizumab will be supplied by NIH Clinical Center Pharmacy.

13.4.2 Clinical Supplies Disclosure

This trial is open-label; therefore, the participant, the trial site personnel, the Sponsor and/or designee are not blinded to treatment. Drug identity (name, strength) is included in the label text; random code/disclosure envelopes or lists are not provided.

13.4.3 Toxicity

The most frequently reported adverse events that were considered by the investigator to be “possibly,” “probably,” or “definitely” related to pembrolizumab are displayed below in **Table 9**. The 5 most frequently reported AEs considered drug related by the investigator were fatigue (24.2%), pruritus (16.7%), rash (13.8%), diarrhea (12.3%), and nausea (10.9%).

Table 9. Most Frequently Reported (≥5%) Adverse Events Presented by Decreasing Frequency and Considered Drug-Related by the Investigator in Subjects Treated with Pembrolizumab

Preferred Term	Reference Safety Dataset for Pembrolizumab ^a	
	N	(%)
Subjects in population	2799	
Fatigue	678	(24.2)
Pruritus	467	(16.7)
Rash	386	(13.8)
Diarrhea	343	(12.3)
Nausea	304	(10.9)
Arthralgia	281	(10.0)
Decreased appetite	255	(9.1)
Asthenia	218	(7.8)
Hypothyroidism	213	(7.6)
Vitiligo	159	(5.7)
Myalgia	146	(5.2)

Every subject is counted a single time for each applicable row and column.

MedDRA version used is 18.1.

Preferred Term	Reference Safety Dataset for Pembrolizumab ^a	
	N	(%)
Includes all subjects who received at least one dose of MK-3475 in KN001 Part B1, B2, B3, D, C, F1, F2, F3; KN002 (original phase), KN006, and KN010.		

Table 10. Serious Adverse Reactions Considered Expected for Pembrolizumab

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Anemia (NSCLC Combo Tx, UC) Hemolytic anemia
Cardiac	Autoimmune myocarditis Cardiac failure (MEL) Myocarditis
Endocrine disorders	Adrenal insufficiency Adrenocortical insufficiency acute Autoimmune thyroiditis Hyperthyroidism Hypophysitis Hypopituitarism Hypothyroidism Lymphocytic hypophysitis Secondary adrenocortical insufficiency Thyroid disorder Thyroiditis
Eye disorders	Autoimmune uveitis Iridocyclitis Iritis Ocular myasthenia Uveitis

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	<p>NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.</p>
Gastrointestinal disorders	Abdominal discomfort (UC) Abdominal pain (MEL, UC) Abdominal pain lower (UC) Abdominal pain upper (UC) Autoimmune pancreatitis Colitis Colitis microscopic Constipation (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, UC) Diarrhea Enterocolitis Enterocolitis hemorrhagic Frequent bowel movements (UC) Gastroenteritis (cHL, UC) Nausea (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, cHL, UC) Oral lichen planus Pancreatitis Pancreatitis acute Pancreatitis necrotizing Vomiting (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, HNSCC, cHL, UC)
General disorders and administration site conditions	Asthenia (MEL, NSCLC, cHL, UC) Face edema (HNSCC) Fatigue (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, HNSCC, cHL, UC) Generalized edema (MEL) Generalized physical health deterioration (MEL) Malaise (UC) Edema peripheral (NSCLC Combo Tx, UC) Pyrexia
Hepatobiliary disorders	Autoimmune hepatitis Drug-induced liver injury Hepatic pain (UC) Hepatitis Hepatitis acute Hepatitis fulminant Hepatitis toxic (UC) Hyperbilirubinemia (UC) Liver injury (UC)

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.
Infections and infestations	Gastroenteritis (cHL, UC) Herpes zoster (cHL) Pneumonia (NSCLC, HNSCC, cHL, UC) Rash pustular Septic shock (cHL) Sepsis (UC) Upper respiratory tract infection (NSCLC Combo Tx, cHL) Urinary tract infection (UC) Urosepsis (UC)
Immune system disorders	Anaphylactic reaction Anaphylactoid reaction Cytokine release syndrome Drug hypersensitivity Graft versus host disease (cHL) Hypersensitivity Serum sickness
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	Infusion related reaction
Investigations	Alanine aminotransferase increased (UC) Aspartate aminotransferase increased (UC) Blood bilirubin increased (UC) Blood creatinine increased (UC) Hepatic enzyme increased (NSCLC, UC) Liver function test increased (UC) Neutrophil count decreased (NSCLC Combo Tx) Transaminases increased (UC) Weight decreased (UC)
Metabolism and nutritional disorders	Decreased appetite (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, HNSCC, UC) Diabetic ketoacidosis Fulminant type 1 diabetes mellitus Hyponatremia (UC) Latent autoimmune diabetes in adults Type 1 diabetes mellitus

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Arthralgia (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, cHL, UC) Arthritis Back pain (MEL, NSCLC, cHL, UC) Bone pain (cHL, UC) Flank pain (UC) Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy Musculoskeletal chest pain (cHL, UC) Musculoskeletal discomfort (cHL, UC) Musculoskeletal pain (cHL, UC) Myalgia (cHL, UC) Myopathy Myositis Neck pain (cHL, UC) Necrotizing myositis Pain in extremity (cHL, UC) Polymyositis Psoriatic arthropathy Rhabdomyolysis Spinal pain (UC)
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	Tumor pain (UC)
Nervous system disorders	Axonal neuropathy Demyelinating polyneuropathy Diabetic ketoacidotic hyperglycemic coma Dizziness (NSCLC Combo Tx) Dysesthesia (cHL) Dysgeusia (NSCLC Combo Tx) Guillain-Barré syndrome Headache (MEL, NSCLC Combo Tx, cHL) Hypoesthesia (cHL) Lethargy (UC) Miller Fisher syndrome Myasthenia gravis Myasthenia gravis crisis Myasthenic syndrome Myelitis Neuropathy peripheral (MEL, cHL) Paresthesia (cHL) Peripheral sensory neuropathy (cHL) Polyneuropathy (MEL, cHL)
Psychiatric	Confusional state (HNSCC) Insomnia (NSCLC Combo Tx)

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.
Renal and urinary disorders	Acute kidney injury (NSCLC Combo Tx, UC) Autoimmune nephritis Chromaturia (UC) Glomerulonephritis Glomerulonephritis membranous Hematuria (UC) Nephritis Nephrotic syndrome Tubulointerstitial nephritis
Reproductive system and breast disorders	Pelvic pain (UC)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Cough (MEL, NSCLC, NCSLC Combo Tx, cHL, UC) Dyspnea (MEL, NSCLC, NSCLC Combo Tx, HNSCC, cHL, UC) Dyspnea exertional (cHL, UC) Interstitial lung disease* Pleural effusion (HNSCC) Pneumonitis* Productive cough (cHL, UC) Respiratory failure (HNSCC) Wheezing (cHL, UC)

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	<p>NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.</p>
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Acute febrile neutrophilic dermatosis Dermatitis Dermatitis acneiform (cHL, UC) Dermatitis bullous Dermatitis contact (cHL, UC) Dermatitis exfoliative Dermatitis psoriasiform (cHL) Drug eruption Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms Eczema Eczema asteatotic (cHL, UC) Erythema (UC) Erythema multiforme Lichen planus Lichenoid keratosis (UC) Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome Pemphigoid Perivascular dermatitis Pruritus Psoriasis Rash Rash erythematous Rash generalized Rash macular Rash maculo-papular Rash morbilliform Rash papular Rash pruritic Skin disorder Skin hypopigmentation (MEL) Skin necrosis Skin reaction (UC) Skin toxicity Stasis dermatitis Stevens-Johnson syndrome* Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus Toxic epidermal necrolysis* Vitiligo (MEL)
Vascular disorders	Vasculitis

System/Category	Adverse Reaction (MedDRA Preferred Terms)
	<p>NOTE: Adverse reaction term is considered expected for <i>all</i> indications unless otherwise noted. Those terms followed by parentheses with notations afterward, are expected <i>only</i> in the indications noted.</p> <p>cHL = Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma; MEL = Melanoma; HNSCC = Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma; NSCLC = Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer; NSCLC Combo Tx = Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer participants receiving KEYTRUDA in combination with chemotherapy (pemetrexed and carboplatin); and UC = Urothelial Carcinoma For the purpose of safety reporting in clinical trials only serious adverse reactions are considered expected</p> <p>*Term also considered expected with fatal outcome</p>

13.4.4 Formulation and preparation

Product Name & Potency	Dosage Form
Pembrolizumab 100 mg/ 4mL	Solution for Injection

13.4.5 Stability and Storage

Clinical supplies must be stored in a secure, limited-access location under the storage conditions specified on the label.

Receipt and dispensing of trial medication must be recorded by an authorized person at the trial site.

Clinical supplies may not be used for any purpose other than that stated in the protocol.

13.4.6 Administration procedures

Please refer to section [3.2.3](#).

13.4.7 Incompatibilities

None

13.4.8 Returns and Reconciliation

The investigator is responsible for keeping accurate records of the clinical supplies received from Merck or designee, the amount dispensed to and returned by the participants and the amount remaining at the conclusion of the trial.

Upon completion or termination of the study, all unused and/or partially used investigational product will be destroyed at the site per institutional policy. It is the Investigator's responsibility to arrange for disposal of all empty containers, provided that procedures for proper disposal have been established according to applicable federal, state, local and institutional guidelines and procedures, and provided that appropriate records of disposal are kept.

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15 APPENDICES

15.1 APPENDIX A: PERFORMANCE STATUS CRITERIA

ECOG Performance Status Scale		Karnofsky Performance Scale	
Grade	Descriptions	Percent	Description
0	Normal activity. Fully active, able to carry on all pre-disease performance without restriction.	100	Normal, no complaints, no evidence of disease.
		90	Able to carry on normal activity; minor signs or symptoms of disease.
1	Symptoms, but ambulatory. Restricted in physically strenuous activity, but ambulatory and able to carry out work of a light or sedentary nature (e.g., light housework, office work).	80	Normal activity with effort; some signs or symptoms of disease.
		70	Cares for self, unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work.
2	In bed <50% of the time. Ambulatory and capable of all self-care, but unable to carry out any work activities. Up and about more than 50% of waking hours.	60	Requires occasional assistance but is able to care for most of his/her needs.
		50	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care.
3	In bed >50% of the time. Capable of only limited self-care, confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours.	40	Disabled, requires special care and assistance.
		30	Severely disabled, hospitalization indicated. Death not imminent.
4	100% bedridden. Completely disabled. Cannot carry on any self-care. Totally confined to bed or chair.	20	Very sick, hospitalization indicated. Death not imminent.
		10	Moribund, fatal processes progressing rapidly.
5	Dead.	0	Dead.

15.2 APPENDIX B: CONTRACEPTION REQUIREMENTS

Woman of Childbearing Potential (WOCBP)

A woman is considered fertile following menarche and until becoming post-menopausal unless permanently sterile (see below)

Women in the following categories are not considered WOCBP:

- Premenarchal
- Premenopausal female with 1 of the following:
 - Documented hysterectomy
 - Documented bilateral salpingectomy
 - Documented bilateral oophorectomy

Note: Documentation can come from the site personnel's review of the participant's medical records, medical examination, or medical history interview.

- Postmenopausal female
 - A postmenopausal state is defined as no menses for 12 months without an alternative medical cause.
 - A high follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) level in the postmenopausal range may be used to confirm a postmenopausal state in women not using hormonal contraception or hormonal replacement therapy (HRT). However, in the absence of 12 months of amenorrhea, confirmation with two FSH measurements in the postmenopausal range is required.
 - Females on HRT and whose menopausal status is in doubt will be required to use one of the non-hormonal highly effective contraception methods if they wish to continue their HRT during the study. Otherwise, they must discontinue HRT to allow confirmation of postmenopausal status before study enrollment.

Male Participants:

Male participants with female partners of childbearing potential are eligible to participate if they agree to one of the following during the protocol defined time frame in section [2.1.1.12](#):

- Be abstinent from penile-vaginal intercourse as their usual and preferred lifestyle (abstinent on a long term and persistent basis) and agree to remain abstinent
- Use a male condom plus partner use of a contraceptive method with a failure rate of <1% per year as described in [Table 11](#) when having penile-vaginal intercourse with a woman of childbearing potential who is not currently pregnant.

Female Participants:

Female participants of childbearing potential are eligible to participate if they agree to use a highly effective method of contraception consistently and correctly as described in

[Table 11](#) during the protocol-defined time frame in section [2.1.2.11](#).

Table 11: Highly Effective Contraception Methods

Highly Effective Contraceptive Methods That Are User Dependent ^a							
<i>Failure rate of < 1% per year when used consistently and correctly.</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combined (estrogen- and progestogen- containing) hormonal contraception<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Oral◦ Intravaginal◦ Transdermal◦ Injectable• Progestogen-only hormonal contraception<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Oral◦ Injectable							
Highly Effective Methods That Have Low User Dependency							
<i>Failure rate of <1% per year when used consistently and correctly.</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progestogen- only contraceptive implant• Intrauterine hormone-releasing system (IUS)• Intrauterine device (IUD)• Bilateral tubal occlusion							
• Vasectomized partner							
A vasectomized partner is a highly effective contraception method provided that the partner is the sole male sexual partner of the WOCCBP and the absence of sperm has been confirmed. If not, an additional highly effective method of contraception should be used.							
• Sexual abstinence							
Sexual abstinence is considered a highly effective method only if defined as refraining from heterosexual intercourse during the entire period of risk associated with the study treatment. The reliability of sexual abstinence needs to be evaluated in relation to the duration of the study and the preferred and usual lifestyle of the participant.)							
Notes:							
Use should be consistent with local regulations regarding the use of contraceptive methods for participants of clinical studies.							
a) Typical use failure rates are lower than perfect-use failure rates (i.e. when used consistently and correctly).							

15.3 APPENDIX C: IMAGING AND TREATMENT AFTER FIRST RADIOLOGIC EVIDENCE OF PROGRESSIVE DISEASE ON PEMBROLIZUMAB

	Clinically Stable		Clinically Unstable	
	Imaging	Treatment	Imaging	Treatment
First radiologic evidence of PD by RECIST 1.1	Repeat imaging at 4 to 8 weeks to confirm PD.	May continue study treatment at the Investigator's discretion while awaiting confirmatory tumor imaging by site by iRECIST.	Repeat imaging at 4 to 8 weeks to confirm PD per Investigator's discretion only.	Discontinue treatment
Repeat tumor imaging confirms PD (iCPD) by iRECIST per Investigator assessment	No additional imaging required.	Discontinue treatment (exception is possible upon consultation with Sponsor).	No additional imaging required.	Not applicable
Repeat tumor imaging shows iUPD by iRECIST per Investigator assessment	Repeat imaging at 4 to 8 weeks to confirm PD. May occur at next regularly scheduled imaging visit.	Continue study treatment at the Investigator's discretion.	Repeat imaging at 4 to 8 weeks to confirm PD per Investigator's discretion only.	Discontinue treatment
Repeat tumor imaging shows iSD, iPR, or iCR by iRECIST per Investigator assessment.	Continue regularly scheduled imaging assessments.	Continue study treatment at the Investigator's discretion.	Continue regularly scheduled imaging assessments.	May restart study treatment if condition has improved and/or clinically stable per Investigator's discretion. Next tumor image should occur according to the regular imaging schedule.

iCPD = iRECIST confirmed progressive disease; iCR = iRECIST complete response; iRECIST = modified Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors 1.1 for immune-based therapeutics; iSD = iRECIST stable disease; iUPD = iRECIST unconfirmed progressive disease; PD = progressive disease; RECIST 1.1 = Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors 1.1.

15.4 APPENDIX D: SECOND COURSE (RETREATMENT) IMAGING

Tumor imaging must be performed within 28 days prior to restarting treatment with pembrolizumab. Investigator assessment with site radiology reading will be used to determine eligibility.

The first on-study imaging assessment should be performed at 6 weeks \pm 7 days) after the restart of treatment. Subsequent tumor imaging should be performed every 6 weeks \pm 7 days or more frequently, if clinically indicated.

Per RECIST 1.1, if tumor imaging shows initial PD, tumor assessment should be repeated 4 to 8 weeks later in order to confirm PD with the option of continuing treatment while awaiting radiologic confirmation of progression. Participants who obtain confirmatory imaging do not need to undergo scheduled tumor imaging if it is less than 4 weeks later and may wait until the next scheduled imaging time point, if clinically stable.

Imaging should continue to be performed until disease progression, the start of a new anticancer treatment, withdrawal of consent, death, or investigator discretion, whichever occurs first. Disease progression may be confirmed 4 to 8 weeks after the first tumor imaging indicating PD, by the Investigator using iRECIST, in clinically stable participants.

In participants who discontinue study treatment, tumor imaging should be performed at the time of treatment discontinuation (\pm 4-week window). If previous imaging was obtained within 4 weeks prior to the date of discontinuation, then imaging at treatment discontinuation is not mandatory. In participants who discontinue study treatment due to documented disease progression, this is the final required tumor imaging.

In participants who discontinue study treatment without documented disease progression, every effort should be made to continue monitoring their disease status by radiologic imaging every 6 weeks \pm 7 days until either the start of a new anticancer treatment, disease progression, death, or the end of the study, whichever occurs first.