







# DGU Tip-19

# IKF-INSIGHT-005 trial

Avelumab in combination with eftilagimod alpha in unresectable locally advanced/ metastatic urothelial carcinoma

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## Background

Urothelial carcinomas (UCs) are the 6th most common malignancies in the Western world, whereby metastatic UC (mUC) accounts for 5% of all cases. mUC is associated with a dismal prognosis and rapid progression. So far, line therapy for mUC encompassed platinum-based combination regimens. Immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) have shown significant promise in the treatment of various indications, showcasing noteworthy efficacy and safety profiles in clinical settings. Thus, avelumab was approved for maintenance therapy following progression-free course of chemotherapy for locally advanced (LA) or mUC. Further ICIs (e.g. pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, nivolumab) were registered for treatment of different patient populations with UC. Eftilagimod alpha (efti) is a soluble LAG-3 fusion protein and an MHC class II agonist activating APCs followed by CD8 T-cell activation. The combination of efti with PD-1/PD-L1 blockade is proposed to enhance treatment efficacy of ICIs. Despite ongoing changes in the treatment landscape, based on previous results from the INSIGHT trial, we hypothesize that combining avelumab and efti will display clinically relevant efficacy in unresectable LA UC or mUC subgroups with acceptable toxicity.

# Methods

#### Study Design, Study Treatment and Study Analysis

INSIGHT-005 is a new stratum within the ongoing investigator-initiated INSIGHT phase I platform trial ongoing at multiple sites (n=10) in Germany. Patients with unresectable LA UC or mUC will receive efti in combination with avelumab. 30 patients will be enrolled in 3 subgroups:

- I) Previously untreated, eligible for platinum-based therapy, with PD-L1 CPS≥10.
- II) Previously untreated, not-eligible for platinum-based therapy, irrespective of the PD-L1 status.
- III) Suffered disease progression after platinum-based chemotherapy for metastatic disease and did not receive avelumab maintenance therapy, irrespective of the PD-L1 status.

Treatment: Enrolled patients will receive avelumab 800 mg i.v. and efti 30 mg s.c. on the same day Q2W for a maximum of 24 cycles. Tumor evaluation will be performed via CT or MRI Q8W.

#### **Primary Endpoint**

The primary endpoint of this study is to explore feasibility, safety, and preliminary efficacy of efti when added to avelumab in unresectable LA UC or mUC.

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

Secondary endpoints include safety and efficacy parameters as defined by objective response rate, time to response and duration of response as well as PFS according to RECIST 1.1, OS and exploratory biomarker analyses.

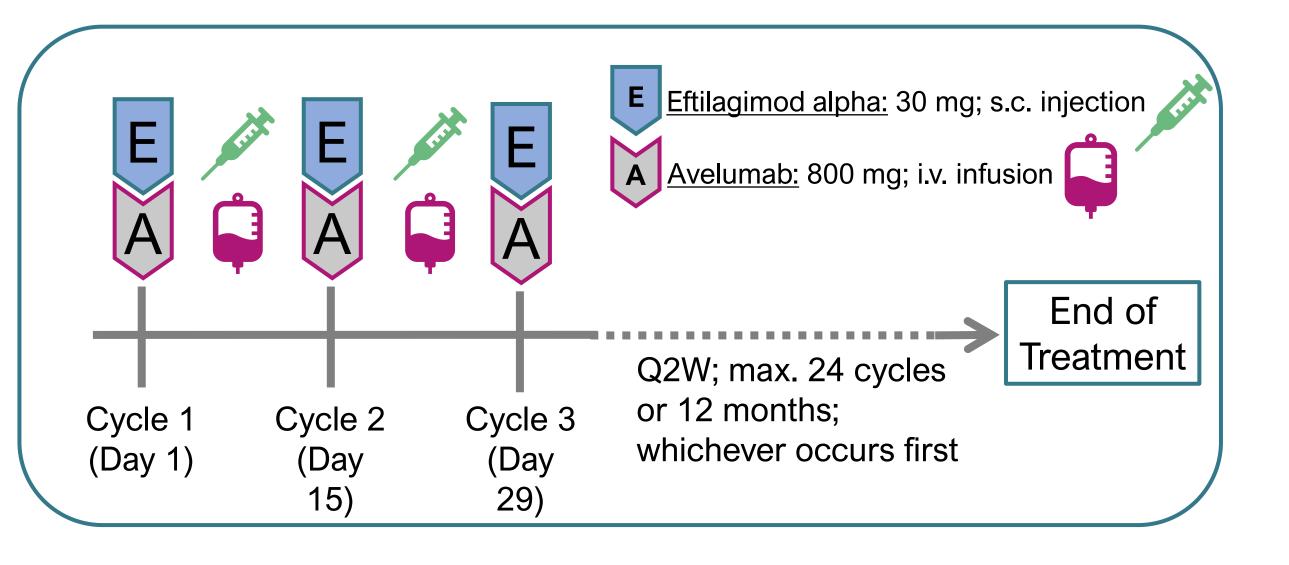
### Screening

### Patients with metastatic or irresectable locally advanced urothelial carcinomas:

Group I) Previously untreated, eligible for platinum-based therapy, with PD-L1 CPS≥10

Group II) Previously untreated, noteligible for platinum-based therapy, irrespective of their PD-L1 status Group III) Disease progression after platinum-based chemotherapy for metastatic disease and did not receive avelumab maintenance therapy, irrespective of their PD-L1 status.

# **Treatment**



# Follow Up

Tumor assessment (Q8W) and survival follow-up (Q12W) 18 month after last patient in

# **Endpoints**

### **Primary Endpoint:**

Feasibility, safety and toxicity of eftilagimod alpha when added to avelumab in metastatic or irresectable locally advanced urothelial carcinomas

# **Tumor assessment**

Radiological assessment every 8 weeks during treatment and Follow Up (Q8W)



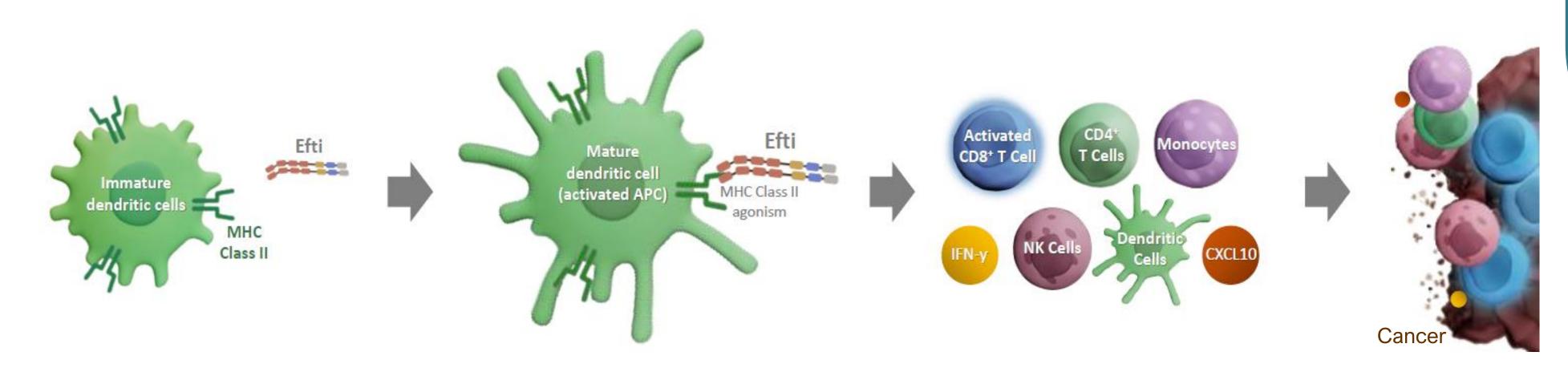
# **Biosampling**

Tumor biopsy at baseline &

Collection of translational blood samples at baseline, D29, D57, D85, D155 and EOT

# Eftilagimod alpha- Mode of Action

Efti is soluble LAG-3 protein (LAG-3 domains fused to human IgG backbone). Activating Antigen Presenting Cells (APCs) with efti leads to a broader immune response, including increases in activated T cells (CD4/CD8) to fight cancer.



**Study Support** 

### **Secondary Endpoints:**

- AEs and SAEs (e.g., type, number, frequency)
- Assessments of physical examinations, body weight, vital signs, ECOG hematology, biochemistry, coagulation and urinalysis values, ECG and clinically relevant changes of safety relevant cytokines if measured
- Objective response rate (ORR) according to **RECIST**

**v1.1** 

- Time to and duration of response according to RECIST v1.1
- Progression-free survival according to RECIST **v1.1**
- Overall survival
- Biomarker analyses and possible links to antitumor

activity

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### Current status of the trial **Study Status** Recruiting FPI 29 November 2023 11 study sites in Germany have ethics approval; further sites in Germany will Study Sites be added

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