

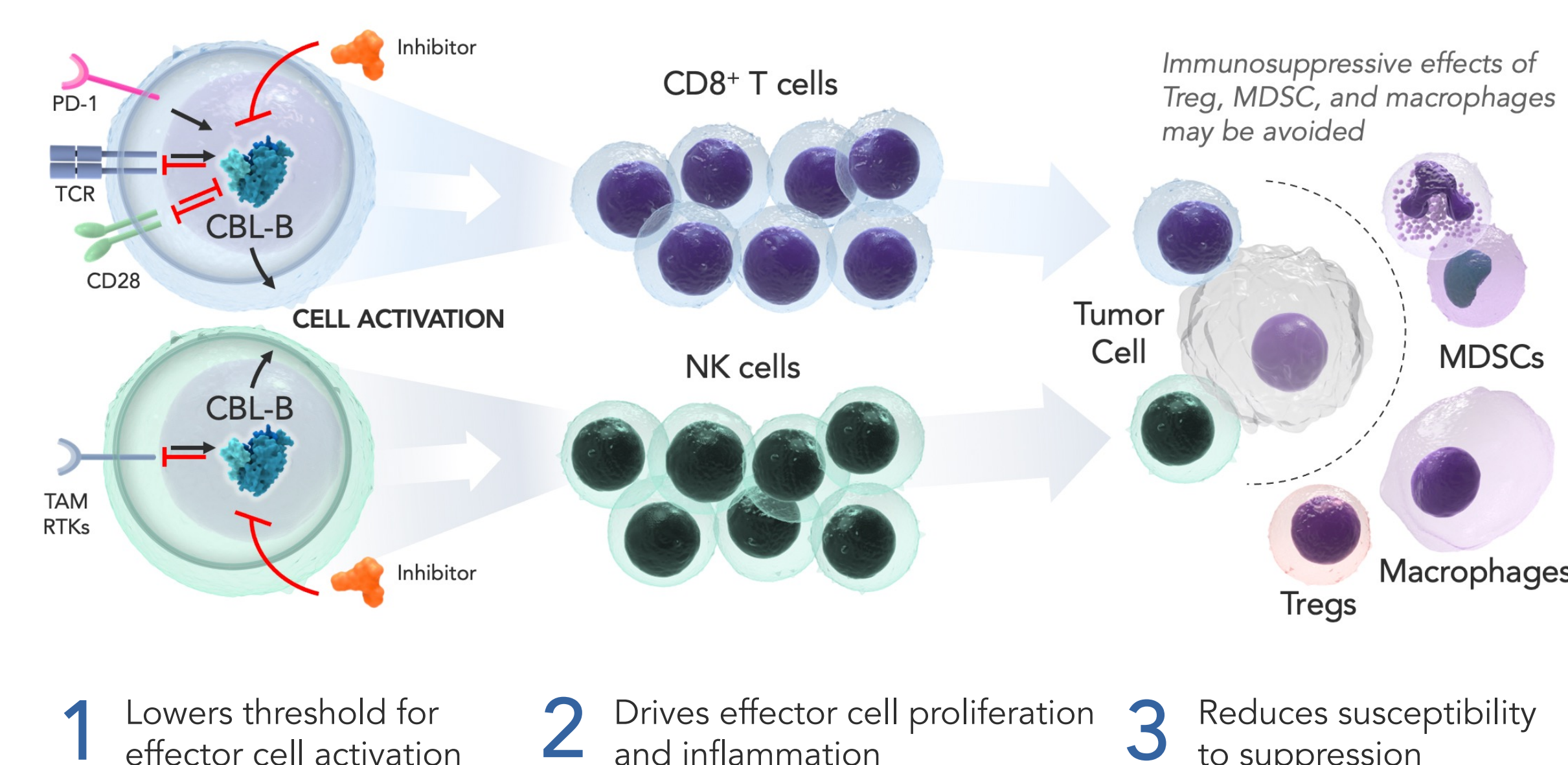
Phase 1/2 Study of HST-1011, an Oral CBL-B Inhibitor, Alone and in Combination with Anti-PD-1 in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors

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Introduction

- The E3 ligase Casitas B-lineage lymphoma proto-oncogene B (CBL-B) is a master negative regulator of the immune system and thus an attractive target with monotherapy potential to address suboptimal outcomes to immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI).^{1,2}
- CBL-B controls T-cell/NK cell activation and co-stimulatory pathways, including the signaling threshold for T-cell receptor (TCR) activation.^{2,3}
- CBL-B inhibition uncouples TCR stimulation from the requirement for CD28 co-stimulation while reducing T-cell susceptibility to immunosuppression mediated by PD-1, immunosuppressive cytokines, and T_{reg} cells.^{3,4}
- Ablation of CBL-B results in enhanced IFN γ and perforin release by primary human NK cells, promoting NK cell-mediated cancer cell killing.^{5,6}
- Accordingly, targeting CBL-B may enable immune activation even in tumors with low antigen levels, low intratumoral inflammation, inadequate co-stimulation and/or active immunosuppression associated with poor response/resistance to existing ICIs (Figure 1).
- HST-1011 is a novel, potent, selective, orally bioavailable allosteric small molecule CBL-B inhibitor that has been shown to robustly increase anti-tumor immunity *in vitro* and *in vivo* as monotherapy, including in model systems where other ICIs have minimal effect.

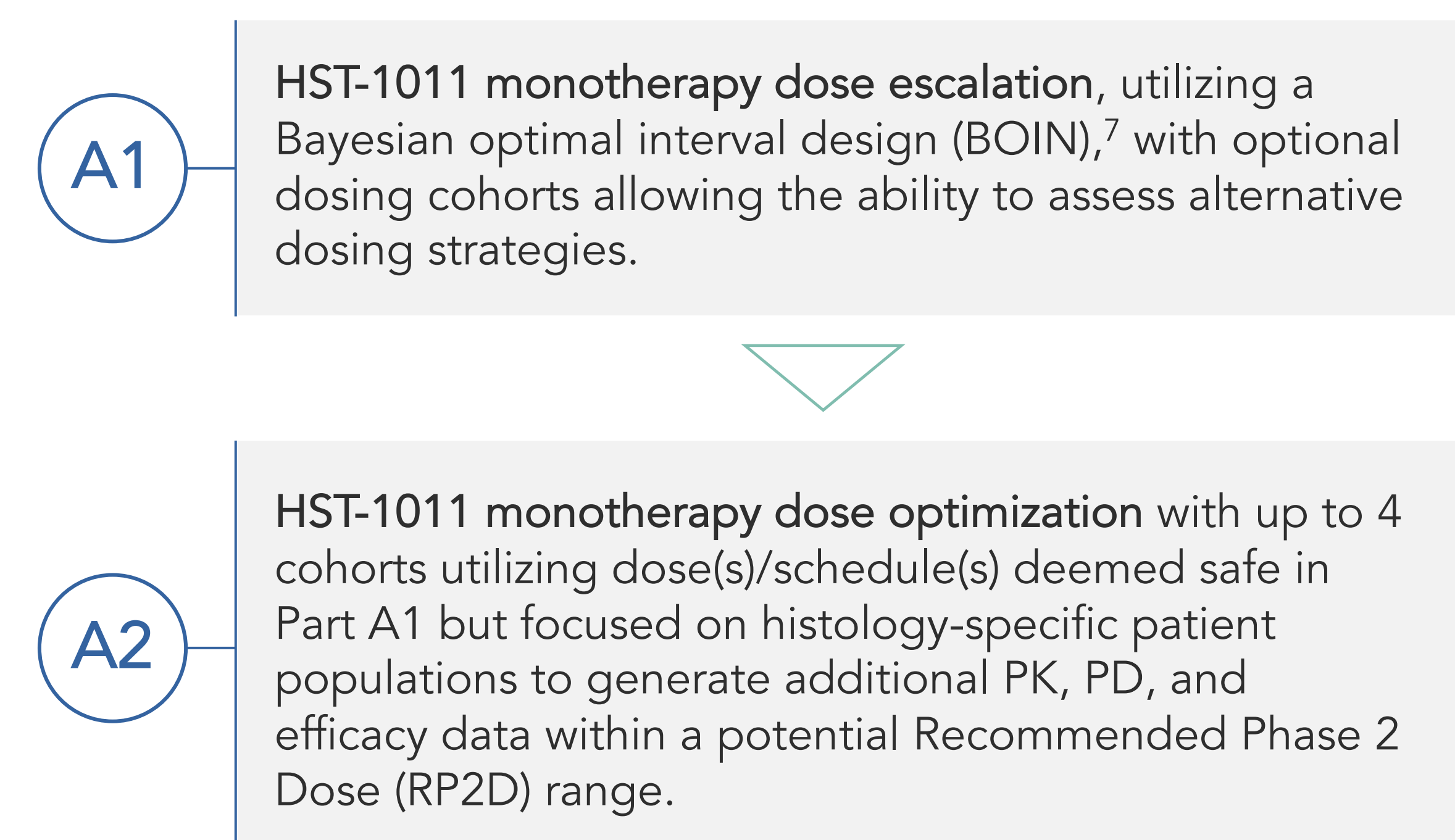
Figure 1: CBL-B Inhibition Enhances Anti-tumor Immunity Through Several Key Biological Mechanisms



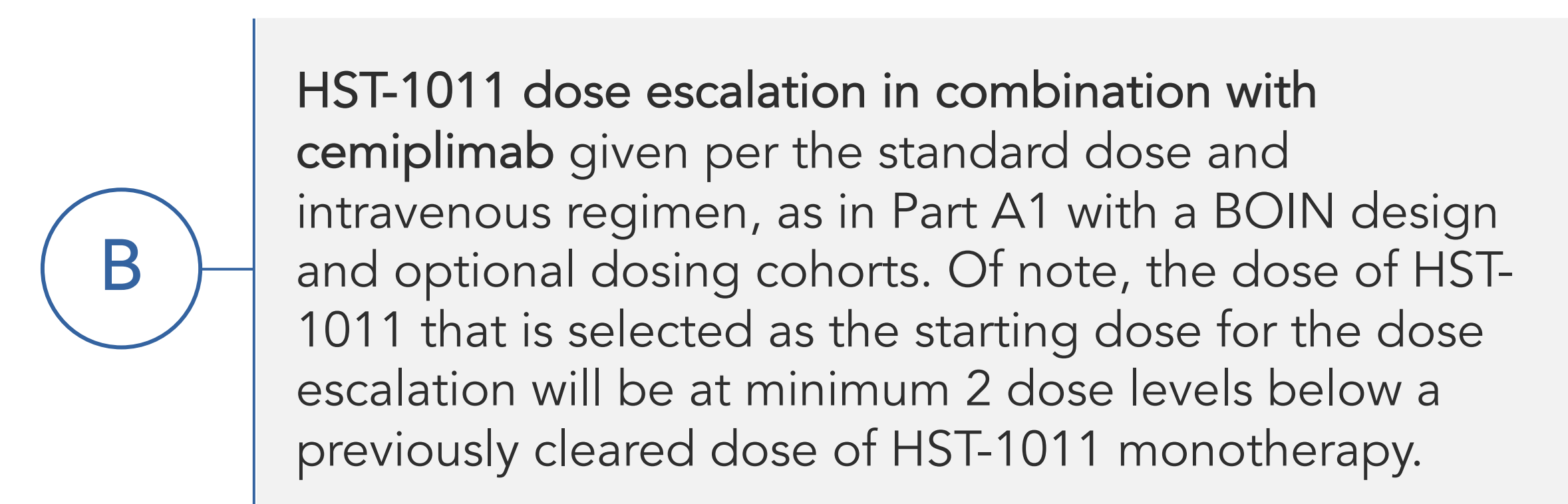
Overall Study Design

- **SOLAR1 (NCT05662397)** is a first-in-human, multicenter Ph1/2 trial evaluating HST-1011, an oral CBL-B inhibitor, alone and in combination with an anti-PD-1 agent in patients with advanced solid tumors.
- The Phase 1 (A1) portion of the study is open, with competitive enrollment.
- In the Phase 1 portion of the study, patients will receive HST-1011 as either monotherapy (Part A) or in combination with cemiplimab (Part B).

Part A: HST-1011 Monotherapy



Part B: HST-1011/Cemiplimab Combination

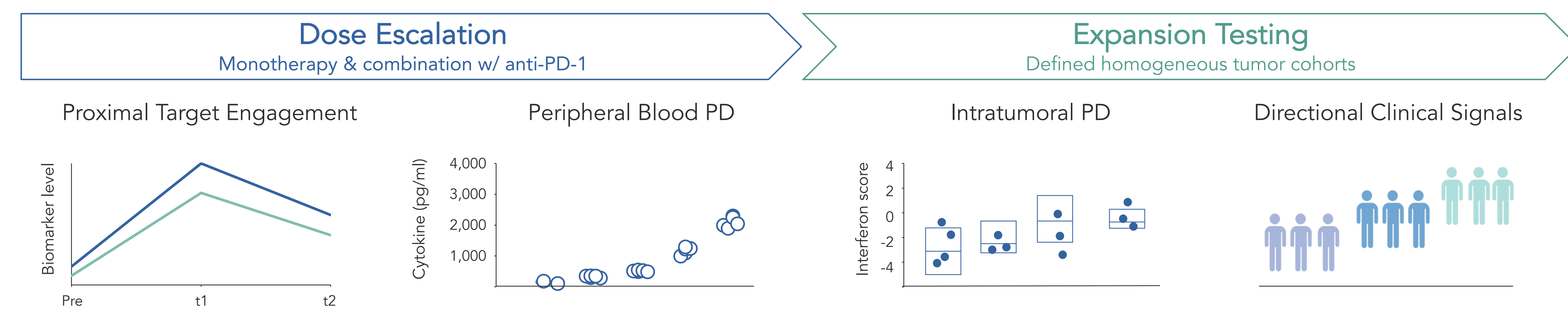


- The Phase 2 portion of this study will evaluate the preliminary anti-tumor activity of HST-1011 in combination with an anti-PD-(L)1 antibody or other standard of care therapies.

Objectives and Endpoints

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Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To characterize the initial safety and tolerability of HST-1011 monotherapy (A1, A2) or in combination with cemiplimab (B) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidence of dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs), treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs), serious adverse events (SAEs), and changes between baseline and postbaseline laboratory assessments, electrocardiograms (ECGs), vital signs, and physical exams
Selected Secondary and Exploratory (Figure 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of HST-1011 following oral administration of HST-1011 monotherapy (A1, A2) or combination therapy (B) • To determine the preliminary objective response rate (ORR), disease control rate (DCR), duration of response (DoR) of HST-1011 monotherapy or combination therapy • To evaluate the effects of HST-1011 monotherapy or combination therapy on select peripheral pharmacodynamic (PD) markers • To evaluate the effects of HST-1011 monotherapy or combination therapy on select PD biomarkers within the tumor microenvironment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK parameters including but not limited to: maximum observed plasma concentration (C_{max}), time of maximum observed plasma concentration (T_{max}), area under the concentration-time curve (AUC_{0-t}) or in 1 dosing interval (AUC_{tau}), concentration observed at trough (C_{trough}, C_{tau}) • ORR per Investigator assessed Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST) v 1.1 • Serial monitoring of peripheral blood cytokines / chemokines; peripheral immune cell profiling; changes in global gene expression profiles in peripheral immune cells; in-depth analysis of screening and on-treatment tumor biopsies with assessment of intratumoral immune cell numbers and phenotypes and intratumoral gene expression changes

Figure 2: HST-1011 Early Development Plan Focused on Proof of Mechanism And Refinement of Patient Segments



Key Eligibility Criteria

- 1 Patients with advanced solid tumors with progression on standard of care therapies representing one of the following:
 - Relapsed/refractory to any approved anti-PD-(L)1 regimen or combination OR stable disease for 6 months or longer while on an anti-PD-(L)1 regimen OR
 - One of the following tumor types with no currently approved PD-(L)1-based regimen: a) platinum-resistant ovarian cancer; b) castration-resistant prostate cancer with no more than 3 bony lesions; c) anal cancer; d) rectal cancer
- 2 Patient with at least one measurable, non-CNS lesion per RECIST v 1.1
- 3 Patient consents to a required screening biopsy and on-treatment biopsy

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