

Development and Characterization of SPY002, a Novel Extended Half-life Monoclonal Antibody Drug Candidate Targeting TL1A for the Treatment of IBD

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Background

- Blockade of the interaction of TL1A with its cognate receptor DR3 has been shown to **ameliorate disease activity in patients with CD and UC**.
- SPY002-091 is a novel, **extended half-life**, fully human IgG1 mAb that binds TL1A with **high affinity and specificity** and potently inhibits TL1A-mediated signaling.

Methods and Results

TL1A blockade is a clinically validated therapeutic mechanism in IBD

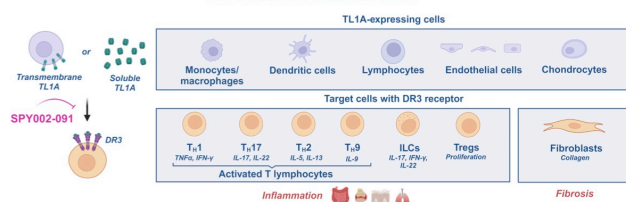


Figure 1: Binding of SPY002-091 to TL1A prevents its association with DR3, thereby reducing production of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines by DR3-expressing cells. Created with BioRender.com.

SPY002-091 binds a novel epitope on a single TL1A subunit, with some RVT-3101 & TEV-48574 overlap

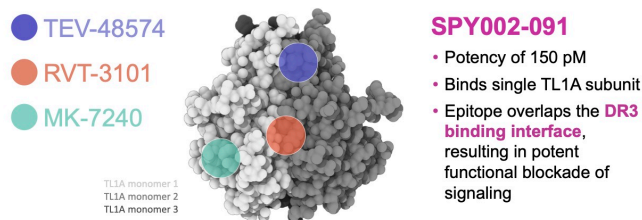


Figure 2: Epitopes for TL1A antibodies were resolved by CryoEM; illustrative locations are overlaid with the crystal structure of trimeric TL1A (PDB: 2000).

SPY002-091 demonstrates potent and selective binding to human TL1A in vitro

Antibody	TL1A	FasL	TRAIL	LIGHT
SPY002-091	0.15 nM	NB ²	NB ²	NB ²
MK-7240 ¹	0.71 nM	NB ²	NB ²	NB ²
RVT-3101	0.57 nM	NB ²	NB ²	NB ²
TEV-48574	0.44 nM	NB ²	NB ²	NB ²

Table 1: SPY002-091 and other clinical anti-TL1A mAb dissociation constants (K_D) for TL1A and related superfamily proteins as determined by surface plasmon resonance. ¹Formerly PRA023; ²NB = no binding.

SPY002-091 binds to membrane TL1A

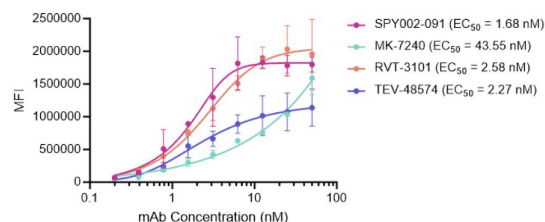


Figure 3: Antibody binding to CHO cells expressing membrane TL1A as determined by FACS. No binding was observed to WT CHO cells (data not shown). MFI, mean fluorescence intensity.

SPY002-091 inhibits TL1A-induced apoptosis and IFN γ secretion with comparable or lower IC_{50} values vs. other clinical stage anti-TL1A mAbs

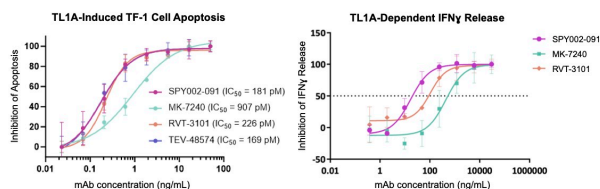


Figure 4: Inhibition of TL1A-induced TF-1 cell apoptosis (left) and IFN γ secretion in primary human whole blood. One of 4 donors shown (right).

SPY002-091 has an extended half-life in both NHPs and mice compared to clinical stage anti-TL1A mAbs

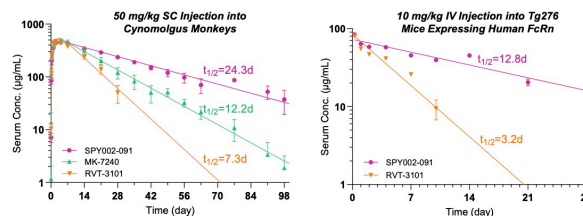


Figure 5: Serum concentration of SPY002-091 after one SC dose in cynomolgus monkeys (left) or an IV bolus dose in Tg276 transgenic mice expressing human FcRn (right).

Conclusions

- SPY002-091 exhibits **high selectivity and affinity for TL1A**, demonstrates **effective blockade** of the TL1A interaction with DR3, and potently **inhibits downstream cellular signaling**.
- With an **extended half-life in NHPs**, SPY002-091 demonstrates the potential for effective and safe treatment of CD and UC as a monotherapy or **combination backbone**, with the advantage of **infrequent SC dosing (Q8-12W)**. First-in-human studies are planned for 2024.

Disclosures

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