

## **Safety and Antitumor Activity of AK104, a Bispecific Antibody Targeting PD-1 and CTLA-4, in Patients with Mesothelioma which is Relapsed or Refractory to Standard Therapies**

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# Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Mesothelioma

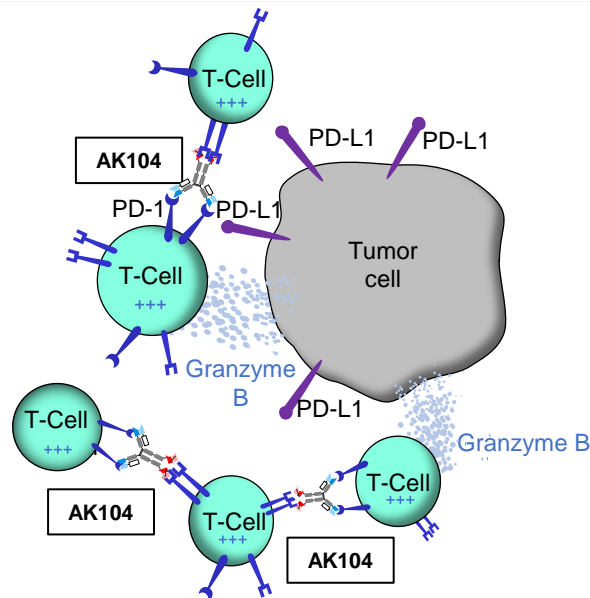
- Mesothelioma is a rare cancer occurring in the pleura (81%), peritoneum (8%), pericardium and tunica vaginalis testis<sup>1</sup>. Median OS ~1 year.
- Standard first line systemic therapy is cisplatin/pemetrexed +/- bevacizumab.
- Pembrolizumab or nivolumab +/- ipilimumab can be used as subsequent therapy<sup>1</sup>.
- *CheckMate-743: Phase 3, randomized, open-label study evaluating NIVO + IPI vs SOC chemotherapy in 1L unresectable MPM.*
  - *NIVO + IPI superior to chemo (median OS 18.1 vs 14.1 months, HR 0.74)*
  - *Survival benefit most pronounced in non-epithelioid MPM (median OS 18.1 vs 8.8 months, HR 0.46)*
  - *Similar median PFS rates (6.8 vs 7.2 months, HR 1.0)*
  - *Similar treatment-related (TR) Grade 3-4 AE rates in both arms (30% vs 32%) but higher TR-SAE rate with NIVO + IPI (21% vs 8%)*
  - *Higher TRAE leading to discontinuation with NIVO + IPI (23% vs 16%)*

<sup>1</sup> NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma. Version 1.2020 – November 27, 2019. Available from: <https://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/cancers.aspx>

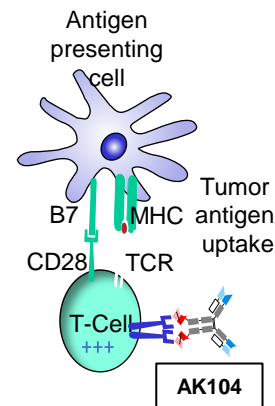
# AK104 – mechanism of action

- AK104 is a next-generation, potential first-in-class humanized bi-specific antibody drug candidate targeting PD-1 and CTLA-4 simultaneously
- AK104 is designed as a novel tetrameric form, which can bind tetravalently to only TILs co-expressing PD-1 & CTLA-4 with higher avidity
- Therefore, AK104 is designed to retain the efficacy of dual blockade of PD-1 and CTLA-4 and improve the safety profile of this combination therapy

**Tumor microenvironment (high functional affinity or avidity)**

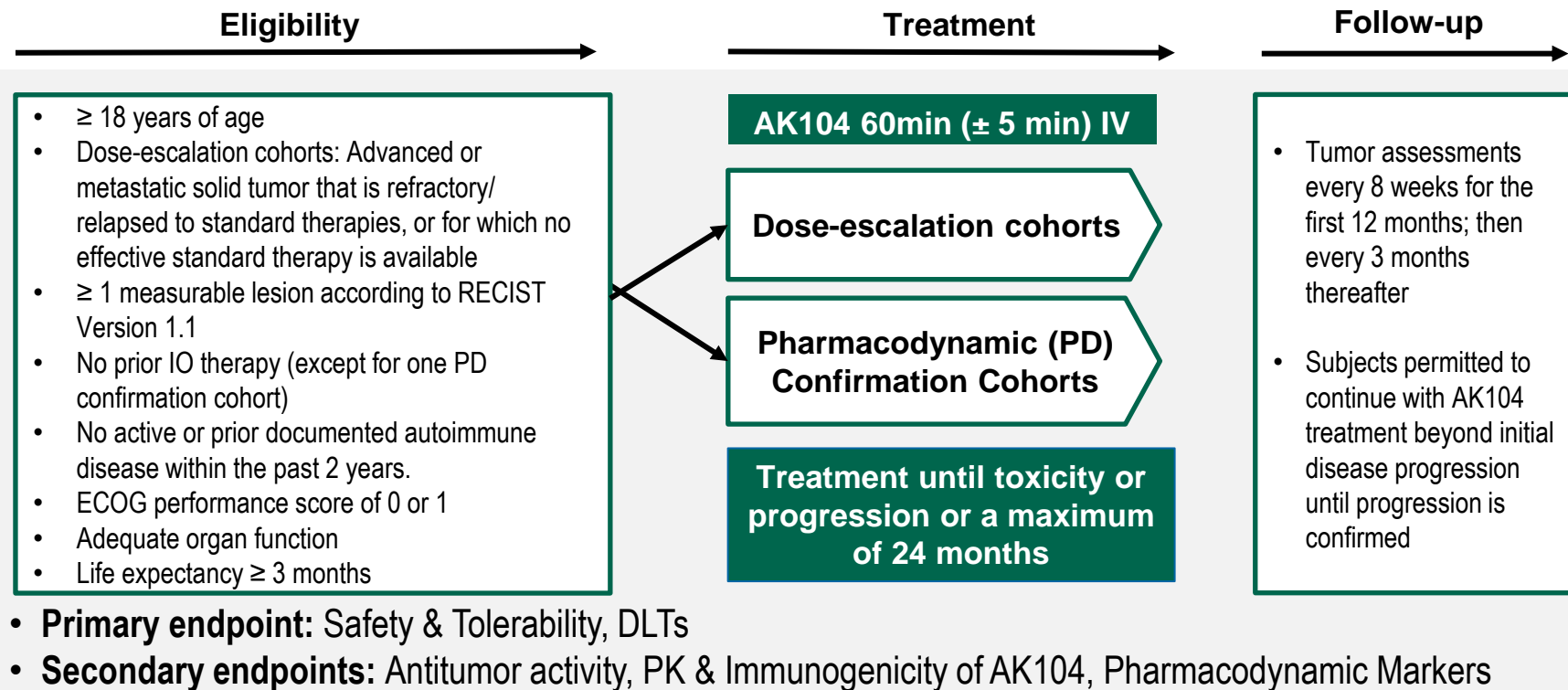


**Peripheral (lower binding avidity)**



- PD-1 and CTLA-4 are co-expressed in tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs), but not in normal peripheral tissue lymphocytes
- Anti-PD-1/CTLA-4 bi-specific may display higher avidity for lymphocytes in the tumor microenvironment versus peripheral sites

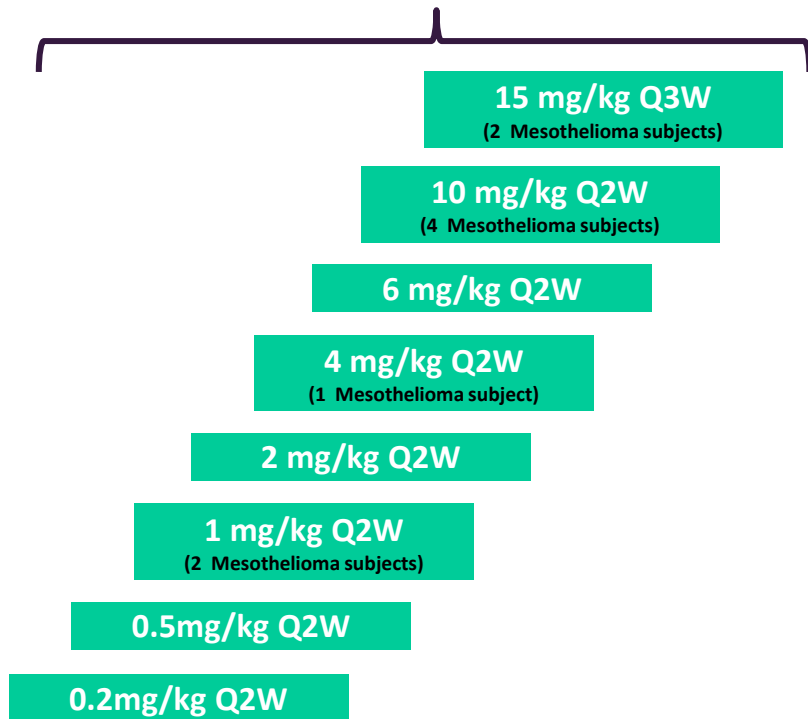
# Phase Ia/Ib Study Design (1) #



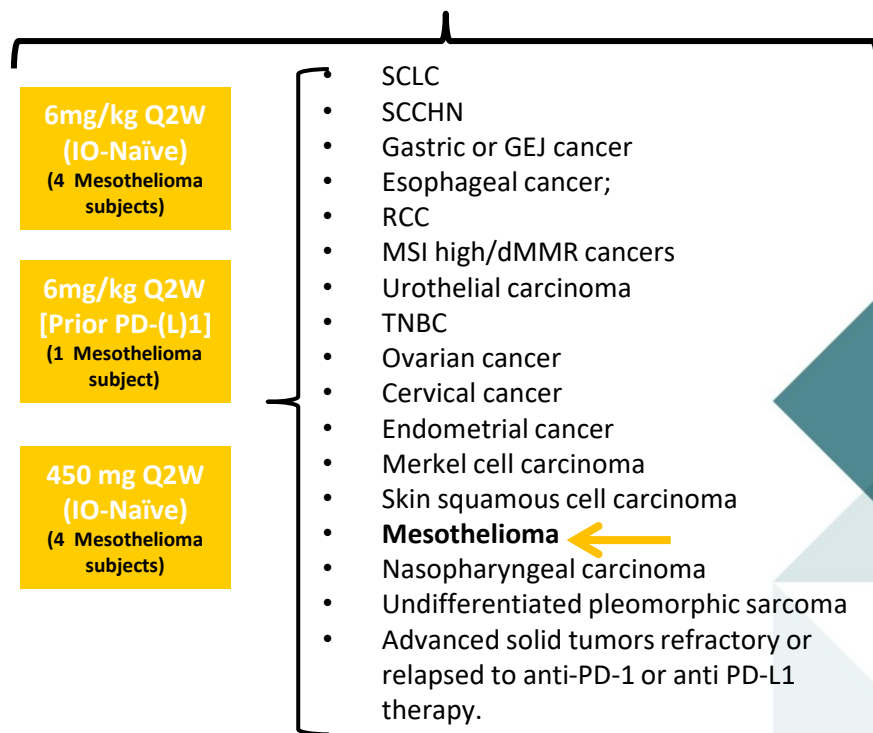
# Study previously presented at SITC 2019. Markman B, et al. A Phase 1 Study of AK104, a Tetrameric Bispecific Antibody that Targets PD-1 and CTLA-4 in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors. Proceedings of The 34th Annual Meeting & Pre-Conference Programs of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC 2019); 2019 Nov 6-10; Maryland. Abstract #O30

## Study Design (2)

### Dose-escalation Cohorts (Part 1)



### Pharmacodynamic Confirmation Cohorts (Part 2)



# Mesothelioma Patient Characteristics (N=18)

Age, Years	
Median	68.5
Min - Max	45 – 80
Gender, n	
Male	15
Female	3
Prior lines of therapy, n	
1	9
2	6
>2*	3

ECOG at Baseline, n	
0	9
1	9
Histology Subtype, n	
Epithelioid	16
Biphasic	1
Sarcomatoid	1

\* inclusive of 1 subject who received prior anti-PD-1 therapy

# Mesothelioma Patients Safety Summary

Subjects with at least one	Total (N=18)
Adverse Event (AE)	17 (94.4%)
AE related to the study drug	12 (66.7%)
<b>≥ Grade 3 AE related to the study drug</b>	<b>3 (16.7%)</b>
Immune-related AE (irAE)	9 (50.0%)
<b>Grade ≥ 3 irAE</b>	<b>2 (11.1%)</b>
Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	9 (50.0%)
SAE related to the study drug	3 (16.7%)
<b>Treatment-related AE leading to study drug discontinuation</b>	<b>1 (5.6%)</b>

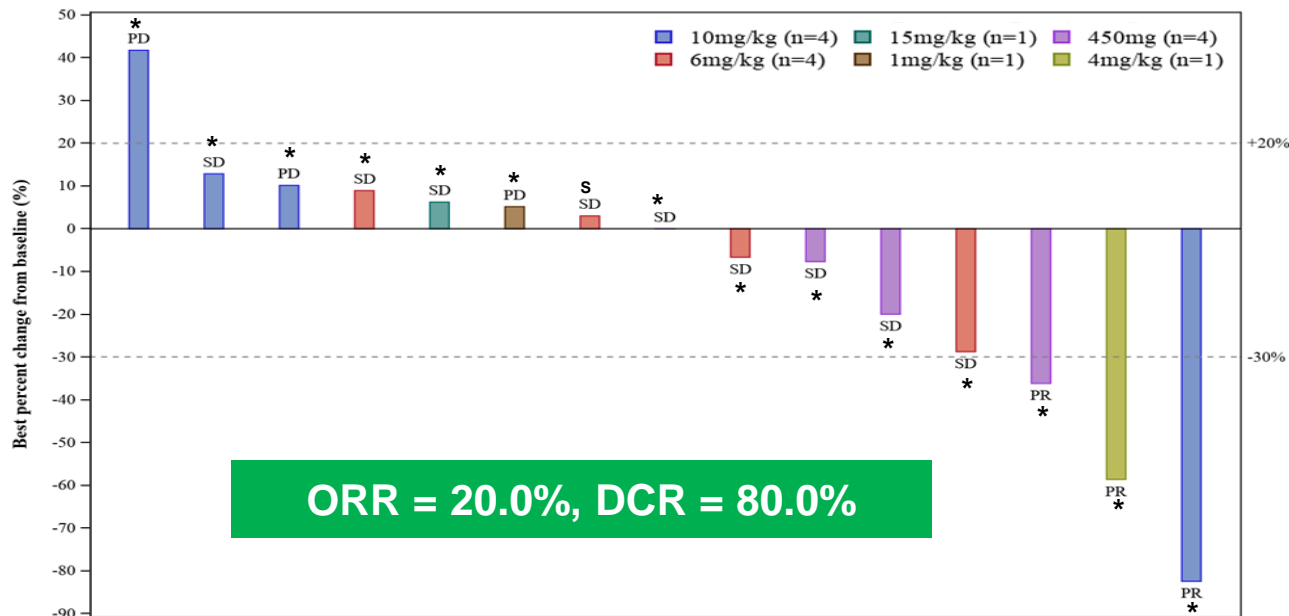
- ≥ Grade 3 TRAE:
  - Pyrexia (n=1, 10 mg/kg Q2W)
  - Infusion related reaction (n=1, 450 mg Q2W)
  - Type 1 diabetes mellitus (n=1, 4mg/kg Q2W)
- No DLT reported in Study AK104-101
- No treatment-related AE leading to death in Study AK104-101



# Immune-related AEs in Mesothelioma Patients

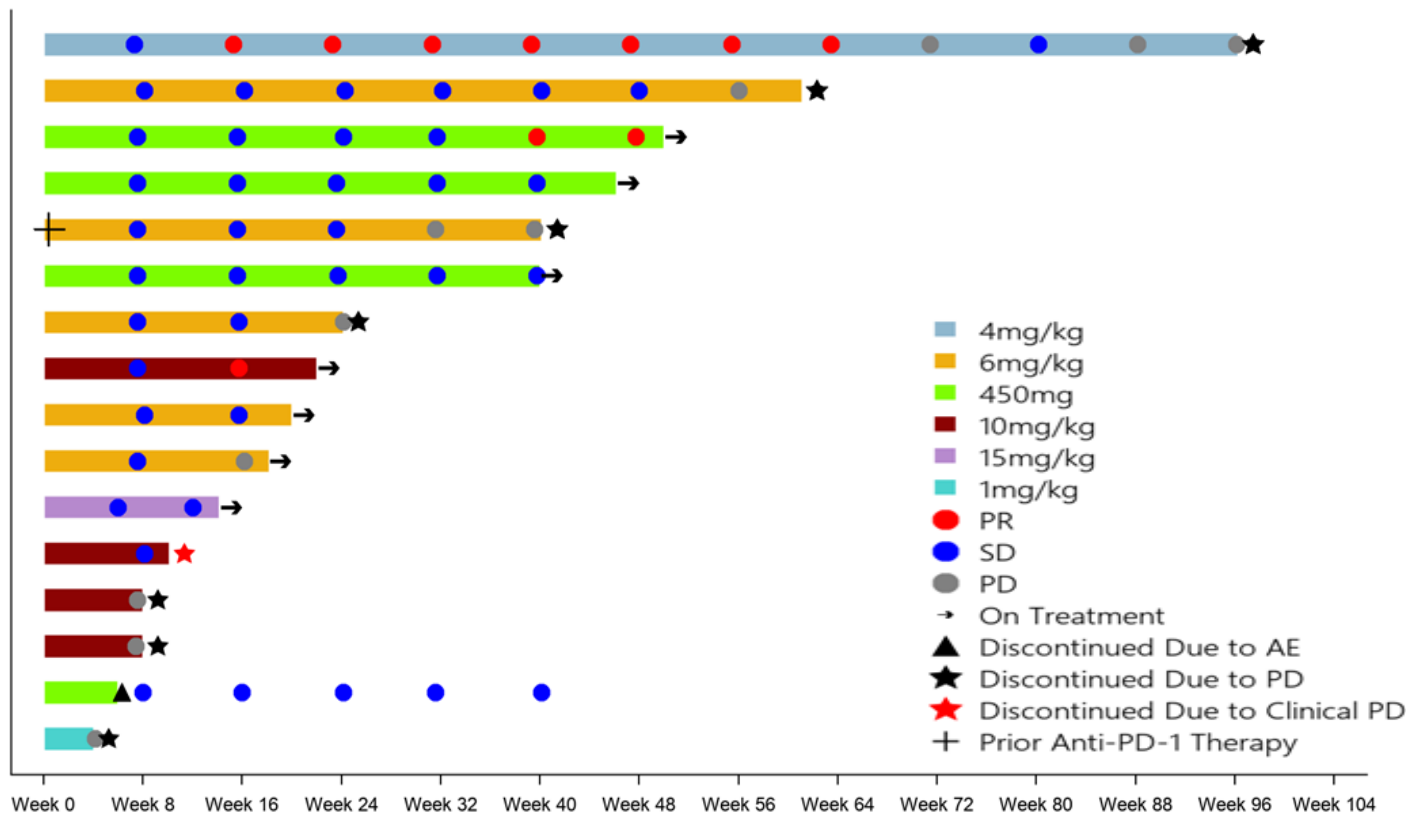
Immune-Related Adverse Event	Total (N=18)
Rash	5 (27.8%)
Arthralgia	2 (11.1%)
Arthritis	2 (11.1%)
Infusion related reaction	2 (11.1%)
Pruritus	1 (5.6%)
Autoimmune arthritis	1 (5.6%)
Tendonitis	1 (5.6%)
Peripheral swelling	1 (5.6%)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1 (5.6%)
Type 1 diabetes mellitus	1 (5.6%)
Cough	1 (5.6%)
Autoimmune Hypophysitis	1 (5.6%)
Bulky Enhancing Pituitary	1 (5.6%)

# Maximum Percentage Change in Tumour Size in Evaluable IO-Naïve Subjects (N=15)



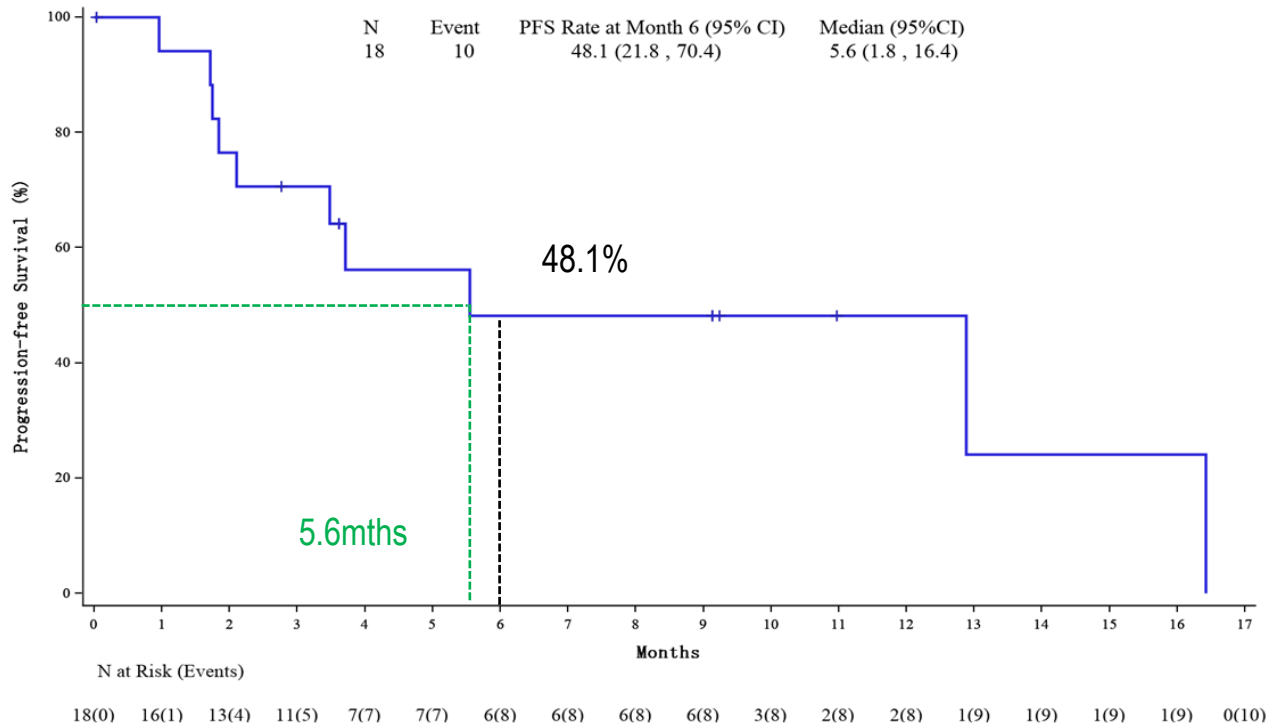
[\*]: Epithelioid; [S]: Sarcomatoid

# Time on Treatment for Evaluable Subjects (N=16)



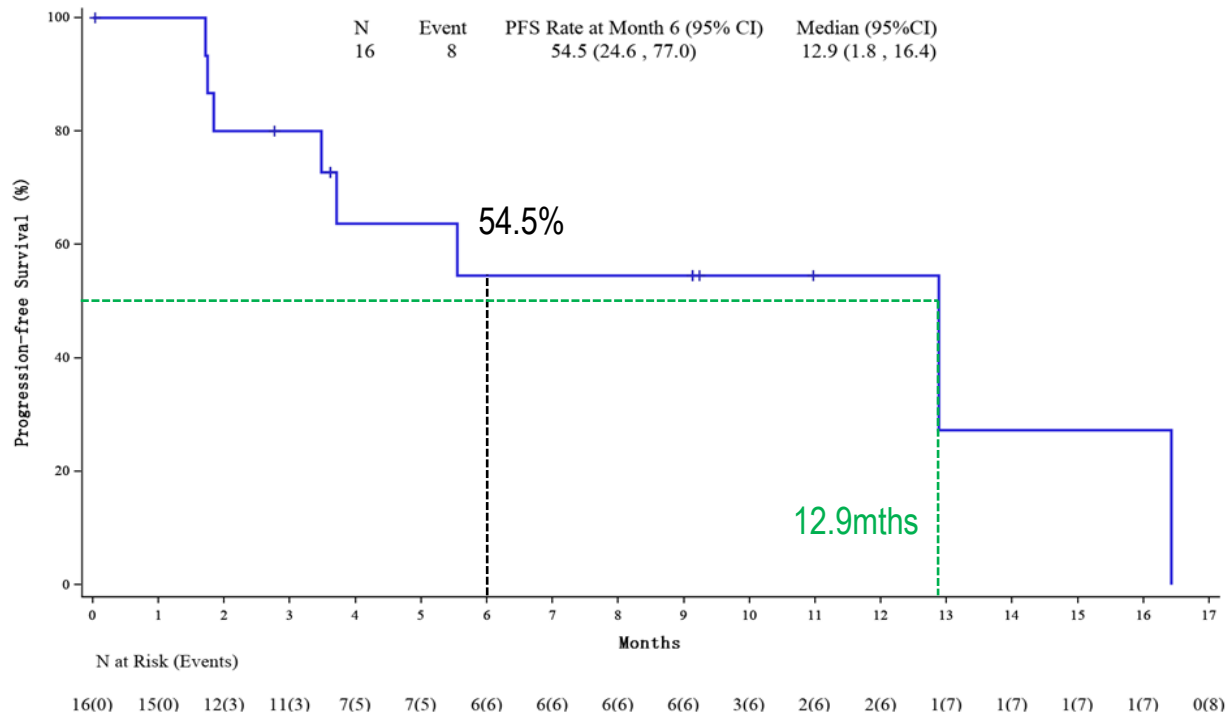
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# Progression-Free Survival in All Subjects (N=18)



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# Progression-Free Survival in Subjects Administered $\geq 4\text{mg/kg}$ Q2W AK104 (N=16)



Data cut-off date: 10Jul, 2020

## Conclusions

- AK104 up to 10 mg/kg Q2W or 15 mg/kg Q3W in mesothelioma patients is safe and well-tolerated.
- Based on 15 evaluable IO-naïve mesothelioma subjects, ORR was 20.0% and DCR was 80.0%
- In subjects who have received  $\geq 4$  mg/kg Q2W AK104, PFS at 6 months was 54.5% and median PFS was 12.9 months.
- AK104 warrants further evaluation for the treatment of mesothelioma, possibly in combination with chemotherapy.

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