# A Multi-Arm, Open Label, Phase 2 Study to Assess the Efficacy of RXC004 as Monotherapy and in Combination with Nivolumab, in Patients with RNF43 or RSPO Aberrated, Metastatic, MSS Colorectal Cancer, Following Standard Treatments.



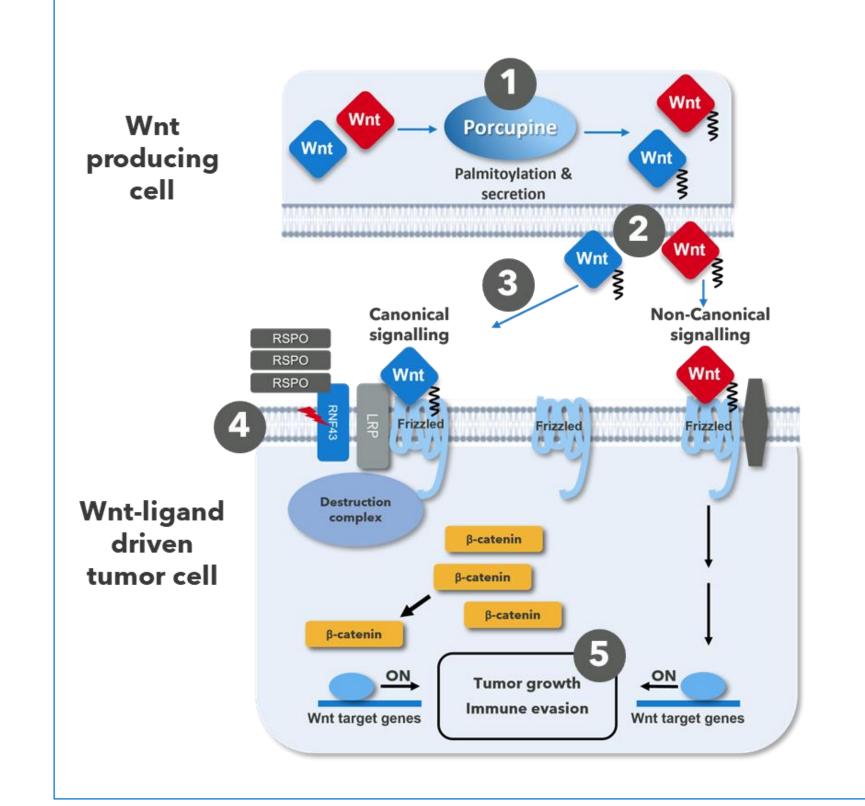
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### The Wnt Pathway is a critical driver in CRC

- Colorectal Cancer (CRC) is the 4<sup>th</sup> most common cancer globally with 2 million new cases and 1 million deaths annually.
- Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI) have not demonstrated efficacy in MSS CRC and response rates with standard third line treatments are  $<5\%^{(1)}$ .
- The Wnt pathway is a critical driver of CRC and plays a central role in immune evasion and unresponsiveness to  $ICI^{(2,3)}$ .
- Loss of function (LoF) RNF43 mutations and RSPO gene fusions increase expression of the Wnt receptor Frizzled (Fzd) on tumor cells, driving Wnt-ligand dependent signalling.
- These alterations are present in  $\sim 8\%$  of colorectal cancers (CRC) and are associated with poor prognosis in CRC  $^{(4,5)}$ .

## The Wnt pathway drives tumor growth and immune evasion in cancer

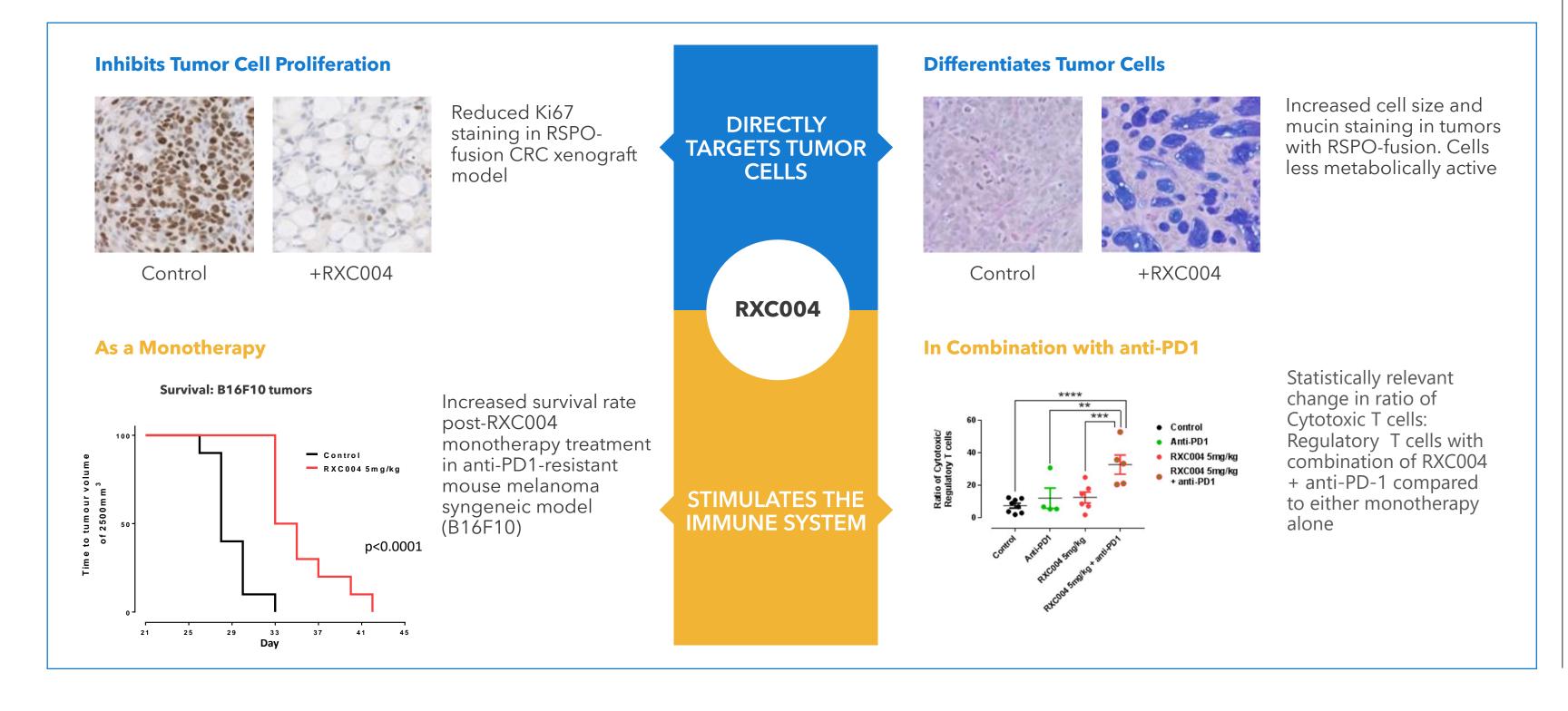


- Porcupine adds a lipid chain to all 19 Wnt ligands (palmitoylation)
- Palmitoylation destines Wnt ligands for secretion from the cell
- Wnt ligands bind to Frizzled receptor complexes and activate canonical ( $\beta$ -catenin dependent) & non-canonical signalling pathways
- In tumor cells with RSPO fusions or RNF43 mutations the Wnt pathway is upregulated (due to an increased number of Frizzled receptors)
- Wnt ligand drives tumor immune evasion in over 25 cancer types and drives tumor growth in genetically selected patients

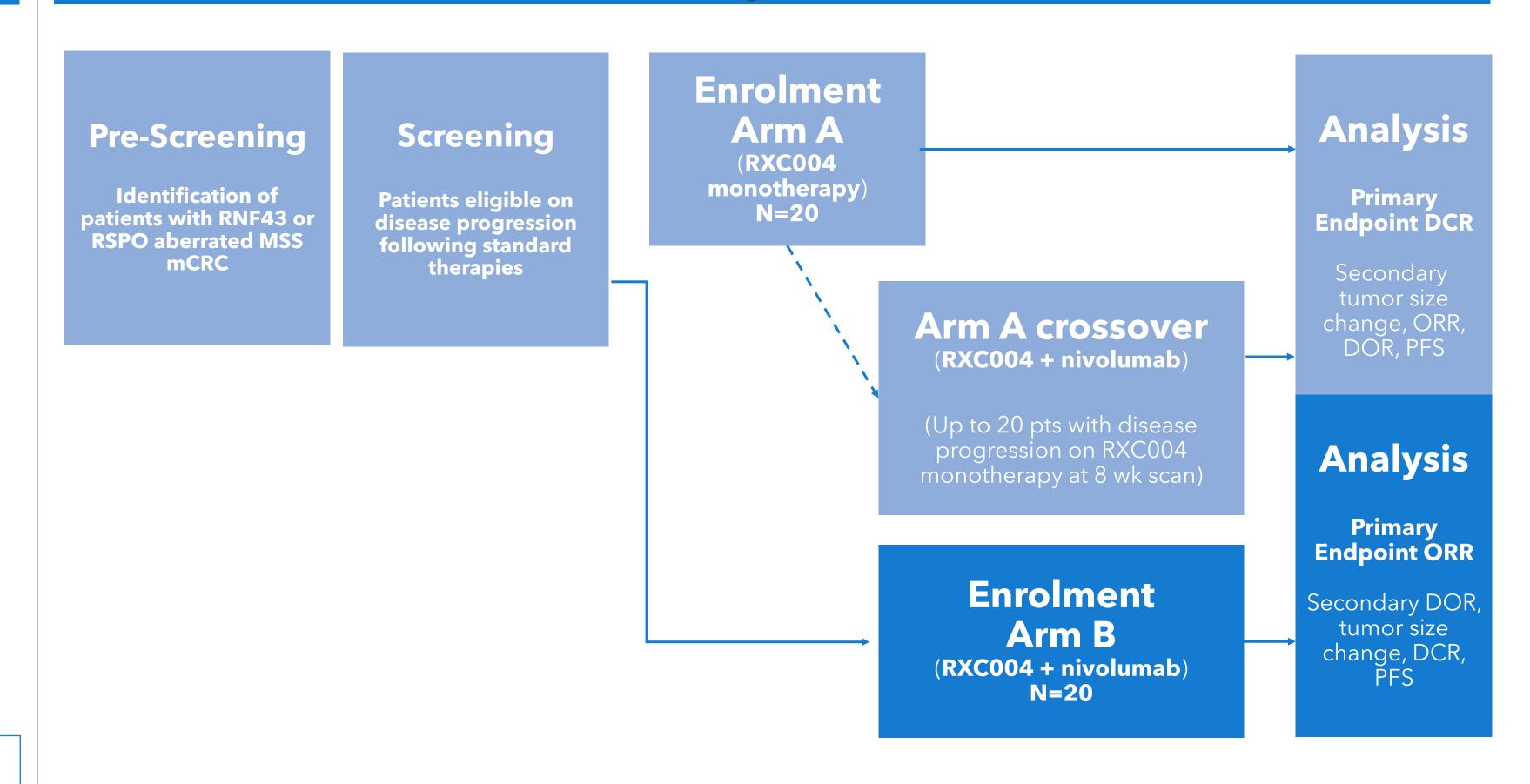
RNF43: Ring finger protein 43; RSPO: R-spondin; Wnt: Wingless/integrated

# The Porcupine inhibitor RXC004 has direct anti-tumor effects and prevents tumor immune evasion

- RXC004 is a potent, selective, orally available inhibitor of the key Wnt pathway regulator, Porcupine.
- Inhibition of Porcupine blocks the release of all Wnt ligands, preventing both tumor growth and tumor immune evasion.
- In preclinical models, RXC004 has a dual mechanism of action, targeting tumor cells and reversing immune evasion<sup>(6,7)</sup>.
- In Phase 1 study (NCT03447470), RXC004 was safe and tolerable at doses up to 2mg daily and showed differential activity in Wnt-dependent tumors<sup>(8)</sup>.



#### The PORCUPINE trial will explore the dual MoA of RXC004



- The PORCUPINE (NCT04907539) trial is a Phase 2 study with two arms to explore RXC004 monotherapy (2mg p.o. daily) and in combination with nivolumab (480mg i.v. q4 weeks).
- Patients in monotherapy Arm A may go on to receive RXC004 + nivolumab if there is progressive disease at 1st RECIST scan.
- Patients must have metastatic MSS CRC that has progressed following standard therapies.
- Tumors must have a LoF RNF43 mutation, or an RSPO2/3 fusion, identified by central testing or local testing if the test meets validation requirements.
- As Wnt inhibition can affect bone metabolism, patients must have low risk of fragility fractures and receive prophylactic denosumab 120mg s.c. q4 wks throughout the treatment period.
- The primary endpoint for monotherapy Arm A is the proportion of patients with disease control (CR+PR+SD) at 16 weeks, and for combination Arm B is response rate.

#### **Correlative Studies**

- Changes from baseline in FDG-PET SUVmax at week 6
- Changes from baseline in protein and gene expression in tumor biopsies in Cycle 1
- Changes from baseline in circulating tumor DNA

#### **Current Status**

- The PORCUPINE study is open in USA, UK, Spain and South Korea
- Recruitment commenced in November 2021
- A second RXC004 study, PORCUPINE 2 (NCT04907851) in Biliary
   Tract and RNF43m Pancreatic Cancers, is open in UK and Australia

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