VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay
Guiding immunotherapy

Hiker's path: VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay on urothelial carcinoma tissue
Location: Point Conception, CA
VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay
Assess UC patient benefit from TECENTRIQ®

Positive UC tissue stained with PD-L1 (SP142) assay, 10x

Intended use statement
VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay is a qualitative immunohistochemical assay using rabbit monoclonal anti-PD-L1 clone SP142 intended for use in the assessment of the PD-L1 protein in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) urothelial carcinoma tissue stained with OptiView DAB IHC Detection Kit and OptiView Amplification Kit on a VENTANA BenchMark ULTRA instrument. PD-L1 status is determined by the proportion of tumor area occupied by PD-L1 expressing tumor-infiltrating immune cells (% IC) of any intensity.

PD-L1 expression in ≥ 5% IC determined by VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay in urothelial carcinoma tissue is associated with increased objective response rate (ORR) in a non-randomized study of TECENTRIQ® (atezolizumab).

This product is intended for in vitro diagnostic (IVD) use.

PD-L1 diagnostic confidence
Using the right test to determine PD-L1 status for immunotherapy options is important, and the VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay is the only Health Canada approved test for TECENTRIQ® in urothelial carcinoma (UC) patients. This novel assay is also the first to evaluate patient PD-L1 expression using immune cell staining and scoring within the tumor microenvironment, providing you with information that can guide immunotherapy decisions. Determining a patient’s PD-L1 expression level can give insight to the objective response rate (ORR) that may be achieved from TECENTRIQ®.

The VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay:
- Health Canada approved to assess UC patient treatment benefit from TECENTRIQ®
- Informative for the clinician of a patient’s potential objective response rate (ORR)
- Designed to enhance visual contrast of immune cell staining within the tumor microenvironment
- Stains PD-L1 in both tumor cells (TC) and tumor-infiltrating immune cells (IC)

The PD-L1 (SP142) Assay gives you the confidence to guide immunotherapy decisions in UC.

*All patients in the study observed benefit from TECENTRIQ® regardless of PD-L1 status

Rabbit Monoclonal
IHC antibody developed by Spring Bioscience

Fully Automated
With specific and robust signal

Highly Reproducible
Accurate scoring and educational resources
**About PD-L1**

PD-L1 is a transmembrane protein that down-regulates immune responses through binding to its two inhibitory receptors, programmed death-1 (PD-1) and B7.1. PD-1 is an inhibitory receptor expressed on T cells following T-cell activation, which is sustained in states of chronic stimulation such as in chronic infection or cancer. Ligation of PD-L1 with PD-1 inhibits T cell proliferation, cytokine production and cytolytic activity, leading to the functional inactivation or exhaustion of T cells. B7.1 is a molecule expressed on antigen presenting cells and activated T cells. PD-L1 binding to B7.1 on T cells and antigen presenting cells can mediate down-regulation of immune responses, including inhibition of T-cell activation and cytokine production. PD-L1 expression has been observed in immune cells and tumor cells. Aberrant expression of PD-L1 on tumor cells has been reported to impede anti-tumor immunity, resulting in immune evasion. Therefore, interruption of the PD-L1/PD-1 pathway represents an attractive strategy to reinvigorate tumor-specific T cell immunity suppressed by the expression of PD-L1 in the tumor microenvironment.

**PD-L1 in urothelial carcinoma**

Urothelial carcinoma (also known as urothelial cell carcinoma, transitional cell carcinoma of the urinary tract, or urothelial bladder cancer) is the most common cancer of the urinary system worldwide. The majority of urothelial tumors arise in the bladder with the remainder originating in the renal pelvis, urethra or ureter. Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) is the most common histologic subtype associated with bladder cancer and accounts for greater than 90% of all urothelial carcinoma cases in the industrialized world. Non-urothelial subtypes (e.g. squamous cell, adenocarcinoma, small cell carcinoma) are more frequent in other areas of the world.

Elevated PD-L1 expression on tumor cells has been associated with a poor prognosis in patients with urothelial carcinoma. PD-L1 is widely expressed in tumor cells and tumor-infiltrating mononuclear cells (TIMCs) and PD-L1 expression in TIMCs appears to be associated with longer survival in patients who developed metastases. The association between PD-L1 expression in tumor cells or tumor-infiltrating immune cells and clinical benefit with PD-L1/PD-1 pathway inhibitors has been reported in clinical trials. Furthermore, targeting the PD-L1 pathway, based on IC expression, has demonstrated activity in patients with advanced urothelial carcinoma who have failed or refused standard-of-care therapies.

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**The PD-L1 immunologic checkpoint**

Activation of the PD-1 receptor by binding of PD-L1 causes inhibition of T cell signaling. PD-L1 binding to B7.1 on T cells and antigen-presenting cells can mediate down-regulation of immune responses. Constitutive immune resistance PD-L1 expression on tumor cells can be up-regulated by oncogenic signaling. Binding of the MHC antigen complex to the T cell receptor (TCR) triggers T cell signaling. Tumor-infiltrating immune cells can lead to inhibition of activated T cells. Tumor cells up-regulate PD-L1 to evade immune-mediated destruction.

PD-L1 on tumor-infiltrating immune cells can block the interaction between the TCR and the MHC antigen complex, leading to the suppression of T cell activation and cytokine production. This inhibition of T cell function allows tumor cells to evade immune recognition and escape from immune surveillance.
VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay staining in immune cells

The PD-L1 (SP142) Assay has been designed to stain and visualize PD-L1 protein on tumor-infiltrating immune cells. The assay is robust and specific across a range of PD-L1 expression levels and provides a strong staining signal through amplification.

Examples of PD-L1 IC staining and score

- **% IC Staining is < 1%**
  - Low expression in urothelial carcinoma tissue, 10x

- **% IC Staining is ≥ 1% and < 5%**
  - Low expression in urothelial carcinoma tissue, 10x

- **% IC Staining is ≥ 5% and < 10%**
  - High expression in urothelial carcinoma tissue, 10x

- **% IC Staining is ≥ 10%**
  - High expression in urothelial carcinoma tissue, 10x
PD-L1 scoring algorithm for urothelial carcinoma

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<th>Tumor-infiltrating immune cell staining assessment</th>
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PD-L1 clinical relevance in urothelial carcinoma

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<td>PD-L1 expression</td>
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Outcomes and prevalence data based on IMvigor 210 (n = 311)
- PD-L1 expression was determined using the VENTANA PD-L1 (SP142) Assay
- PD-L1 expression in ≥ 5% of IC was associated with higher response rates, however levels of PD-L1 expression in < 5% of IC did not preclude response
- Trial was an open-label, multicenter, single-arm phase II study that evaluated the safety and efficacy of TECENTRIQ® in people with locally advanced or mUC, regardless of PD-L1 expression
- ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT02108652

*ORR - Objective response rate defined as a proportion of patients with reduction in tumor burden of a pre-defined amount
**PD-L1 expression in the tumor microenvironment**

The PD-L1 (SP142) Assay stain highlights a heterogeneous population of immune cells. The majority of these cells are morphologically consistent with lymphocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells and granulocytes. Immune cell staining can be observed as aggregates in intratumoral or contiguous peritumoral stroma as single cell spread among tumor cells, or in association with tumor cell staining.

*TC staining not used to assess the status of this assay in UC*
## PD-L1 assay performance

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*CI- confidence interval

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