



Clinical and safety evaluation of multiple intravenous administrations of Immunocidin[®] in cats and dogs with malignancies

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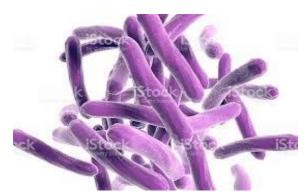
I will discuss the results of a pilot clinical trial for the following agent that are currently NOT approved for use in animals intravenously.



MCWF composition



➤ MCWF - mycobacterial cell wall fraction; composition derived from *Mycobacterium phlei (M. phlei)*.

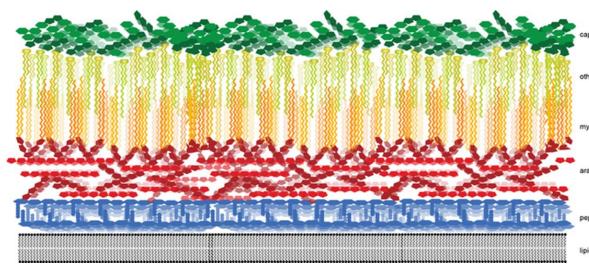


- ➤ M. phlei is a **non-pathogenic**, gram-positive, ubiquitous bacteria commonly found in the environment, soil, dust and on the leaves of plants.
- ➤ MCWF contains mycobacterial cell wall complexed with bacterial nucleic acid (DNA and RNA)



MCWF composition





Major immunodominant components

Elemental Analysis

Carbon 5	8.0	%
Hydrogen	8.0	%
Nitrogen	7.3	%

Lipid Content

Non polar lipids	53.0	%
Polar lipids	7.9	%

Muramyl Dipeptide Content

 4.0	9

Carboxymycolate 18.3 %

Carbohydrate Content

Arabinose	2.9	%
Galactose	1.4	%
Glucosamine	0.5	%
Muramic acid	1.9	%



MCWF Immune-Based Mechanism of Action



➤ MCWF - induces:

- Activation of immune system receptors (TLR-2, NOD-2)
- Cytokine production by immune system cells (monocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells)
- Colony stimulating factor production (G-CSF, GM-CSF etc.)
- In general, induction of innate immune responses and cell-mediated immunity.



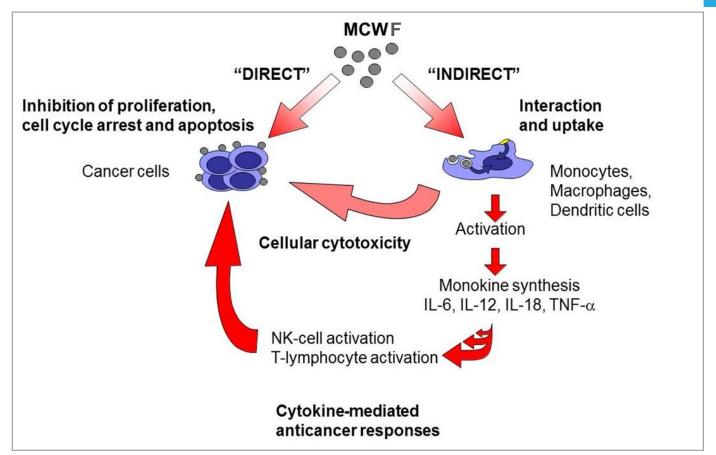
MCWF Immunomodulatory and Anti-Cancer Activity



Biological Modulator

Induces cytokine production

Induces apoptosis



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MCWF application



- ➤ MCWF formulation used in final phase III clinical trials for the treatment of human bladder cancer (BCG refractory patients)
- ➤ Veterinary use: MCWF formulations various licensed products (USA, CAD, AUS, NZ) for different indications in equine, bovine and canine species.
- ➤ Immunocidin®- MCWF formulation fully licensed for treatment of mixed mammary tumors and mammary adenocarcinoma in dogs.
- ➤ Immunocidin® has been used for treatment of other malignancies such as osteosarcoma, transitional cell carcinoma, soft tissue sarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and transmissible venereal tumors in dogs

Study Objectives:



- ➤ To assess clinical and safety profile of Immunocidin® following multiple intravenous administrations in cats and dogs with various malignancies.
- To explore Immunocidin® immunomodulatory potential and effectiveness as an adjunct treatment to oncology standard of care protocols for treatment of various histologies in dogs and cats.







Study Design:



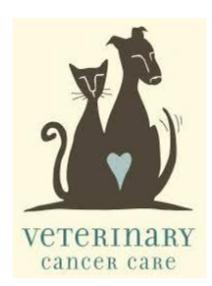
- > Study was single site specific (oncology referral clinic Veterinary Cancer Care, Santa Fe, NM, USA).
- Non-blinded
- ➤ Clinical, pilot-study

> Inclusion criteria:

- life expectancy of minimum of 6 weeks,
- confirmed neoplasia by histology or cytology
- no concurrent radiation or steroid therapy.



- > 40 Dogs
 - ➤ Note: 2 canine patients were each diagnosed with 2 malignancies, but were considered only for the more severe malignancy
- > 4 Cats





> Patients enrolled in the study had the following tumor types:

Tumor Type Treated	Number of Canine Patients	Number of Feline Patients
Lymphoma	10	1
Osteosarcoma	5	
Hemangiosarcoma	4	
Anal Gland Adenocarcinoma	2	
High Grade Soft Tissue Sarcoma	2	
Mammary Adenocarcinoma	2	1
Transitional Cell Carcinoma	2	1
Histiocytic Sarcoma	2	
Oral Melanoma	2	
Mast Cell Tumor	1	
Fibrosarcoma	1	
Pulmonary Carcinoma	1	
Multiple Myeloma	1	
Pheochromocytoma	1	
Hepatocellular Carcinoma	1	
Apocrine Adenocarcinoma	1	
Acanthomatous Epulis	1	
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	1	
Injection Site Sarcoma		1



Both canines and felines were treated using the same administration protocol!



Immunocidin® I.V Protocol



Dosages range administered :

Body Weight (kg)	Immunocidin® dose (mL)	
<5	0.1	
5-10	0.2-0.25	
10-15	0.3	
15-25	0.5	
25-35	0.75	
>35	1	



- Prior to administration, each dose <u>was diluted into</u> <u>150ml sterile 0.9% NaCl</u> and administered intravenously over 30 minutes
- Each patient was <u>pre-treated with diphenhydramine</u>
- Treatments were <u>performed weekly or every other</u> week depending on standard chemotherapy protocol
- Anal gland carcinoma patients were treated every 3 weeks in combination with Carboplatin

Immunocidin® I.V Protocol



Each administration was performed <u>on the</u> <u>same day following standard chemotherapy</u> dosing of one of the following:

- Vincristine (0.5mg/m²)
- ➤ Doxorubicin (25mg/m²)
- Dacarbazine (800mg/m²)
- Carboplatin (225mg/m²)



Following administration, all animals were closely monitored for 2h in the clinic

- ➤ Temperature, blood pressure, heart, and respiratory rate were assessed every 30-45 min
- Whole blood samples were taken every two to four weeks and complete blood counts and clinical chemistry analysis were performed



Results

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- Adverse events were observed in 5 animals within hours after MCWF administration, and were considered minimal
- Adverse events included:
 - Mild lethargy
 - Mild transient hyperthermia
- One canine patient with histiocytic sarcoma and high grade soft tissue sarcoma had hyperthermia (104.2 F) and vomiting
 - ❖ Resolved within 12 hours with diphenhydramine and Cerenia® but required prednisone to resolve the fever
- No clinically relevant hematology changes observed
- > Total treatments administered:
 - > Canines (40 patients): 146 treatments
 - > Felines (4 patients): 11 treatments



Immunocidin® used in patients with metastasis

- MCWF was used in combination with standard chemotherapy protocols in several cases with measurable pulmonary metastasis:
 - Injection site sarcoma (1 feline)
 - Histiocytic sarcoma (1 canine)
 - Osteosarcoma (2 canines)
 - ➤ High grade soft tissue sarcoma (1 canine)
 - Mammary adenocarcinoma (1 canine)
 - Pheochromocytoma (1 canine)
 - Squamous cell carcinoma (1 canine)
 - Transitional cell carcinoma (2 canines)

- Pulmonary metastasis remained stable or showed regression radiographically
 - ➤ 6 canines/1 feline remained stable or regressed in 11 treatments or less





Average Survival Times for Deceased Patients

> The average survival times from diagnosis were calculated as follows:

Cancer	Average Survival Time (Mths)	Average Number of Treatments
Hemangiosarcoma (3)	7.0	3
High grade soft tissue sarcoma (1)	14.9	3
Histiocytic sarcoma (1)	9.5	4
Injection site sarcoma (1)	21.6	4
Lymphoma (5)	6.7	3
Mammary adenocarcinoma (1)	8.8	2
Mast cell tumor (1)	39.8	1
Oral melanoma (1)	9.1	2
Osteosarcoma (3)	8.2	4
Pheochromocytoma (1)	4.6	3
Pulmonary carcinoma (1)	1.5	4
Transitional cell carcinoma (1)	12.2	6

- Currently, 24 patients are still alive
- Survival times available for 20 deceased patients:
 - > 19 of 40 canines
 - > 1 of 4 felines



Average Follow Up Times for Active Patients

Cancer	Average Follow Up Times (Mths)	Average Number of Treatments
Acanthatomatous Epulis (1)	83.5	1
Anal Gland Adenocarcinoma (2)	12.1	3
Apocrine Adenocarcinoma (1)	52.1	5
Fibrosarcoma (1)	19.4	1
Hepatocellular Carcinoma (1)	1.73	8
Hemangiosarcoma (1)	8.7	2
High Grade Soft Tissue Sarcoma (1)	42.8	2
Histiocytic Sarcoma (1)	10.7	11
Lymphoma (6)	14.5	3.5
Mammary Adenocarcinoma (2)	5.7	2.5
Multiple Myeloma (1)	14.4	3
Oral Melanoma (1)	10.8	5
Osteosarcoma (2)	5.4	3.5
Squamous Cell Carcinoma (1)	3.1	6
Transitional Cell Carcinoma (2)	5.3	4.5



- > 21 of 40 canines
- > 3 of 4 felines



Conclusions

- > Current observations on safety of IV administration of Immunocidin® to cats and dogs with various neoplasms are satisfactory and provide a solid base for future research
- MCWF has immunomodulatory potential that may help treat additional neoplasms beyond mammary tumors as an adjunct treatment in combination with standard protocols
- Additional, controlled clinical studies are planned to demonstrate Immunocidin® efficacy as conjunctive therapy to standard treatment of hemangiosarcoma and soft tissue sarcoma





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