

# Dendrimer-enhanced (DEP) SN38 (DEP irinotecan) in patients with advanced solid tumors: a Phase 1/2 trial

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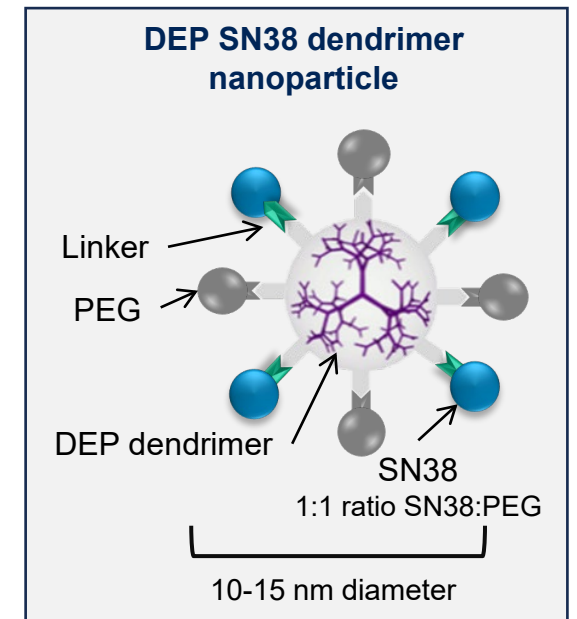
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# Summary

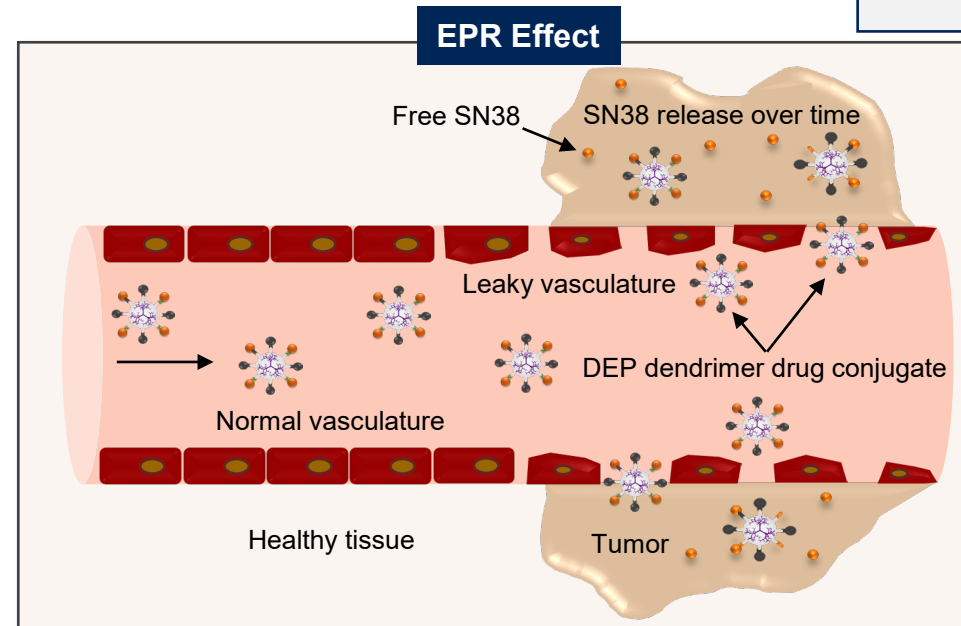
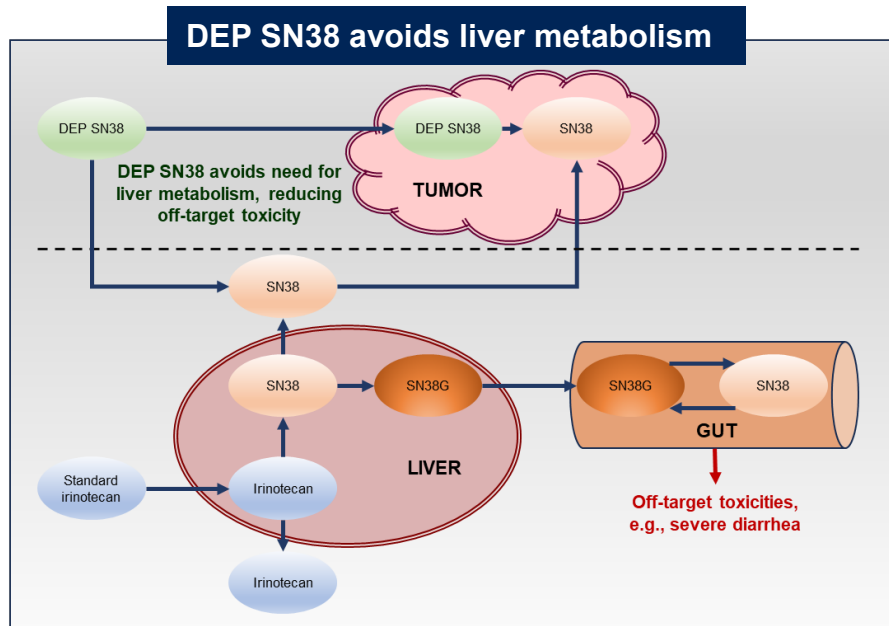
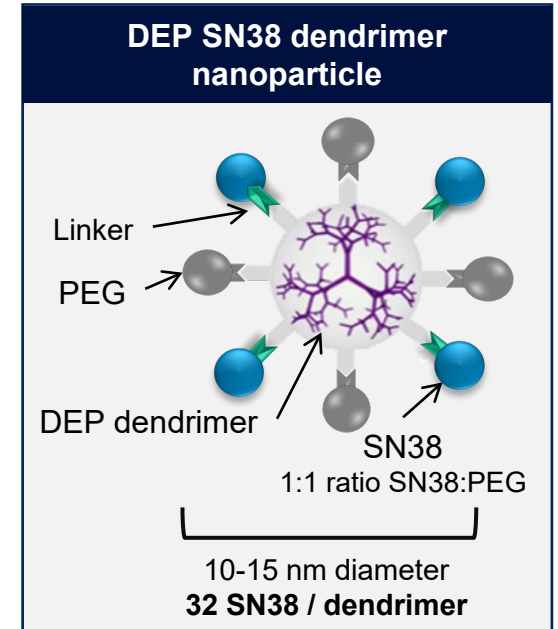
Results from DEP SN38 Phase 1/2 clinical trial in 114 patients with advanced solid tumors:

1. Dendrimer technology has potential to deliver a range of payloads with improved safety / efficacy
2. DEP SN38 (12.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) well-tolerated, with mostly mild/moderate gastrointestinal and no cholinergic toxicity
3. Promising efficacy in irinotecan-treated CRC and platinum-resistant/refractory ovarian cancer



# DEP SN38 Dendrimer Nanoparticle Mechanism

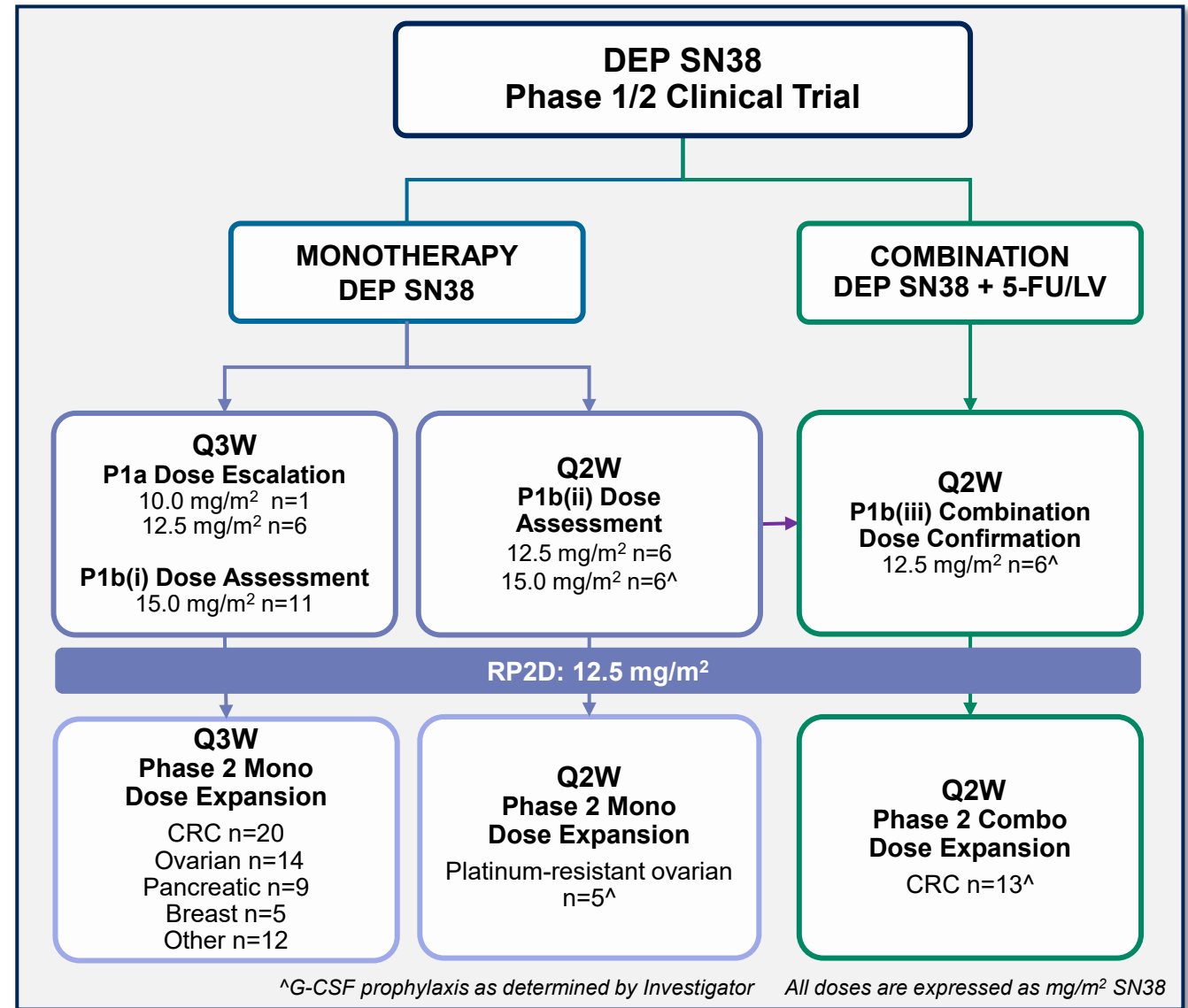
- 3D-poly-lysine dendrimers act as scaffold for delivery of a range of payloads, including cytotoxics<sup>1</sup>
- DEP SN38 does not require liver metabolism for conversion into active SN38 metabolite → reducing off-target toxicity
- DEP SN38 retained in tumor microenvironment via enhanced permeability and retention (EPR<sup>1,2</sup>) → improved efficacy



# Study Design

- Multicenter first-in-human open-label trial<sup>1,2</sup>
- DEP SN38 administered IV q3wkly or q2wkly infusion without corticosteroid/atropine pre-medication
- Dose expansion cohorts: colorectal, platinum-resistant ovarian
- Primary objective: safety profile and RP2D
- Secondary objectives: preliminary anti-tumor activity, tolerability, PK

1. EudraCT: 2019-001318-40  
 2. Liu et al, *Mol Cancer Ther* 2023, 22(12\_Supplement):B039



# Patient Characteristics – All Treated Patients

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS		COLORECTAL	OVARIAN	PANCREATIC	BREAST	OTHER <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL
<b>Subjects enrolled (n, %)</b>		55 (48%)	23 (20%)	15 (13%)	8 (7%)	13 (11%)	114 (100%)
<b>Subjects ongoing (n, %)</b>		4 (7%)	2 (9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (5%)
<b>Age (years)</b>	Median	59	64	65	53	60	61
	(range)	(31-78)	(42-74)	(48-76)	(42-66)	(38-73)	(31-78)
<b>Sex (n, %)</b>	Male	24 (44%)	0	8 (53%)	0	9 (69%)	41 (36%)
	Female	31 (56%)	23 (100%)	7 (47%)	8 (100%)	4 (31%)	73 (64%)
<b>ECOG PS</b>	0	23 (42%)	6 (26%)	6 (40%)	2 (25%)	-	40 (35%)
	1	32 (58%)	17 (74%)	9 (60%)	6 (75%)	2	74 (65%)
<b>Stage at diagnosis</b>	III	2 (4%)	4 (17%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (15%)	8 (7%)
	IV	53 (96%)	19 (83%)	15 (100%)	8 (100%)	11 (85%)	106 (93%)
<b>Prior systemic therapy (n, %)</b>	Irinotecan	54 (98%)	0 (0%)	11 (73%)	0 (0%)	3 (23%)	68 (60%)
	Platinum	29 (53%)	23 (100%)	9 (60%)	0 (0%)	12 (92%)	73 (64%)
	Taxanes	0 (0%)	23 (100%)	2 (13%)	7 (88%)	9 (69%)	41 (36%)
<b>Prior lines of therapy</b>	Median (range)	4 (2-9)	6 (3 to 9)	2 (2 to 5)	7 (3 to 12)	3 (1 to 6)	4 (1 to 12)

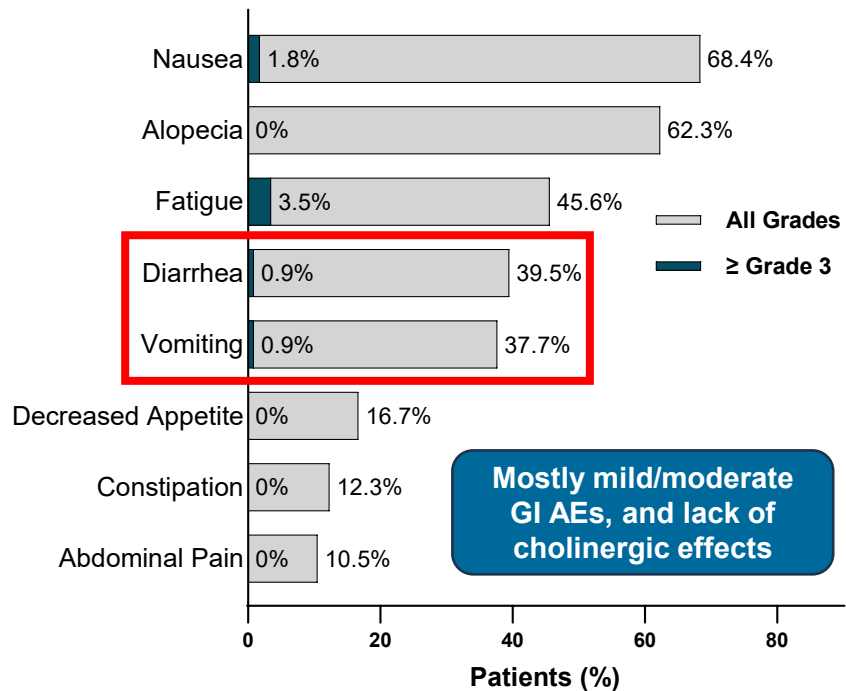
<sup>1</sup>Other cancer types included lung, upper gastrointestinal, and kidney.

# DEP SN38 Safety and Tolerability

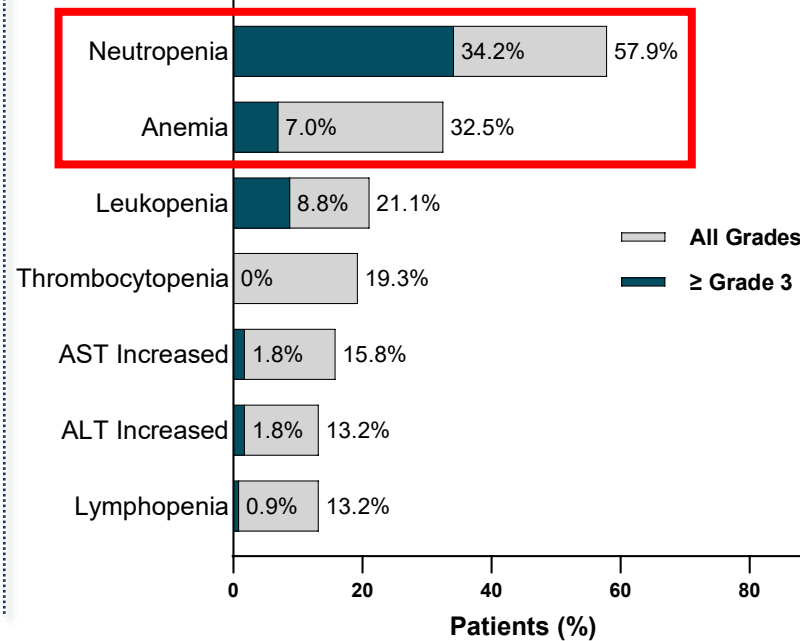
DEP SN38 is well-tolerated with a notable lack of severe GI toxicity and mostly mild/moderate AEs

## Treatment-related AEs in ≥10% patients (N=114)

### Non-hematological AEs



### Hematological / Lab AEs



RP2D 12.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for Q2W and Q3W

Dose Level / Regimen	DLT
12.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup> Q3W	G4 neutropenia >7 days
15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> Q2W	G3 febrile neutropenia
15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> Q2W	G3 neutropenic colitis

### Treatment-related dose modifications (N=114)

Delay, n (%)	27 (23.7%)
Reduction, n (%)	12 (10.5%)
Discontinuation, n (%)	4 (3.6%)

### DEP SN38 GI toxicity profile improved vs known toxicity of irinotecan

TRAE	DEP SN38 (Q2W, Q3W)	Irinotecan <sup>†</sup> (Q3W)
Diarrhea ≥ Grade 3	0.9%	~20%
Vomiting ≥ Grade 3	0.9%	~10%
Nausea ≥ Grade 3	1.8%	~10%
Cholinergic Syndrome	0%	47%

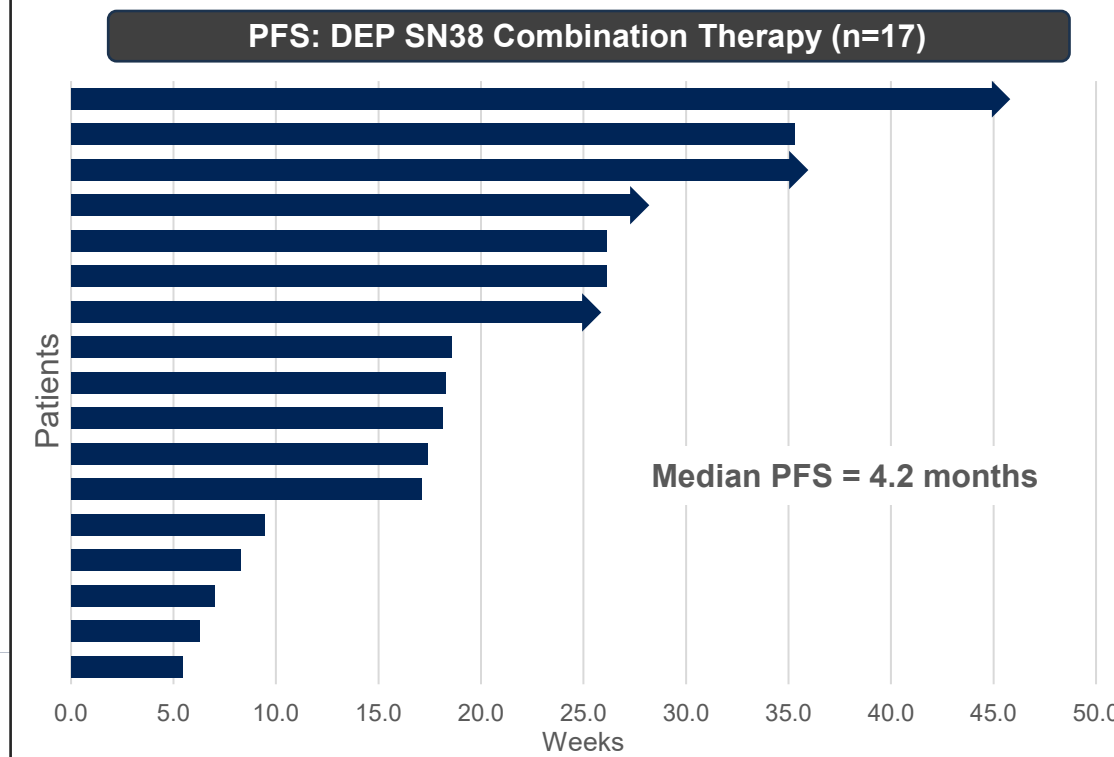
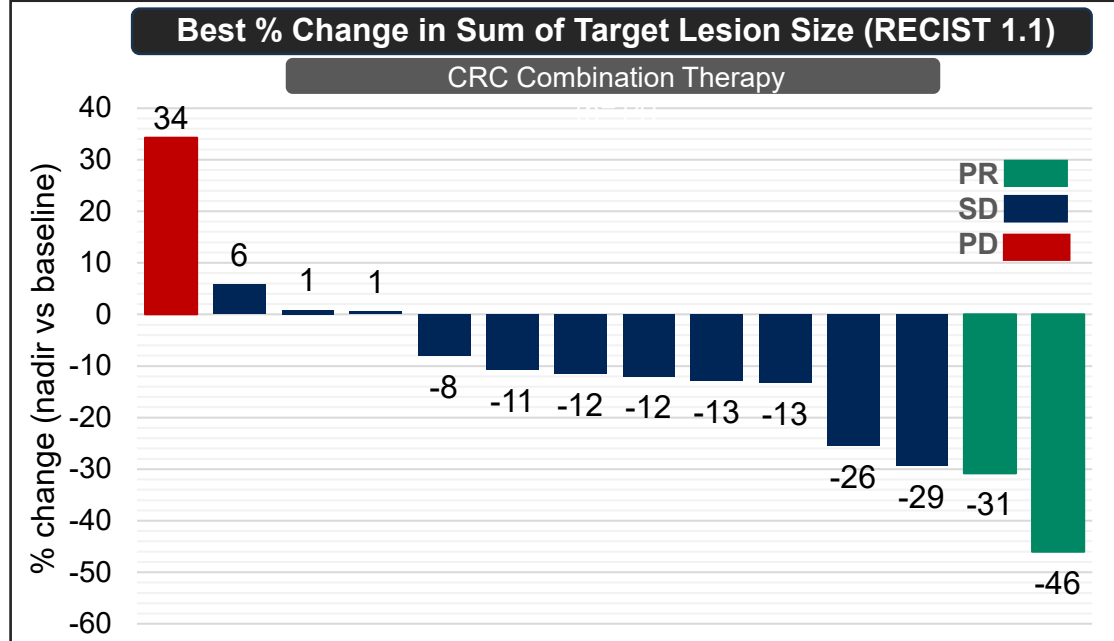
N=114 N=765

DEP SN38 cycles administered: median 4 (1 – 38 to date)

# CRC Efficacy Overview

Efficacy Response		
<b>DEP SN38 Monotherapy Q3W/Q2W (N=38)</b>	Median number of prior lines (range)	<b>4 (2-9)</b>
	RECIST 1.1 Evaluable (n)	<b>31</b>
	DCR (n)	48% (15)
	ORR (n)	0% (0)
	Duration of response	up to 72 weeks
	Median PFS [95% CI]	2.1 months [9.9-18.4]
<b>DEP SN38 + 5-FU/LV Combination Q2W (N=17)</b>	Median number of prior lines (range)	<b>3 (2-6)</b>
	RECIST 1.1 Evaluable (n)	<b>14</b>
	DCR (n)	86% (12)
	ORR (n)	14% (2)
	Duration of response	up to 45 weeks*
	Median PFS [95% CI]	4.2 months [14.5-26.2]

\* 4 patients ongoing treatment  
 Evaluable: patients who received ≥ 1 dose DEP SN38 and a CT scan at ≥ ~week 8 after first dose.  
 DCR: : Disease Control Rate (CR+PR+SD/RECIST Evaluable).



# Ovarian Efficacy Overview

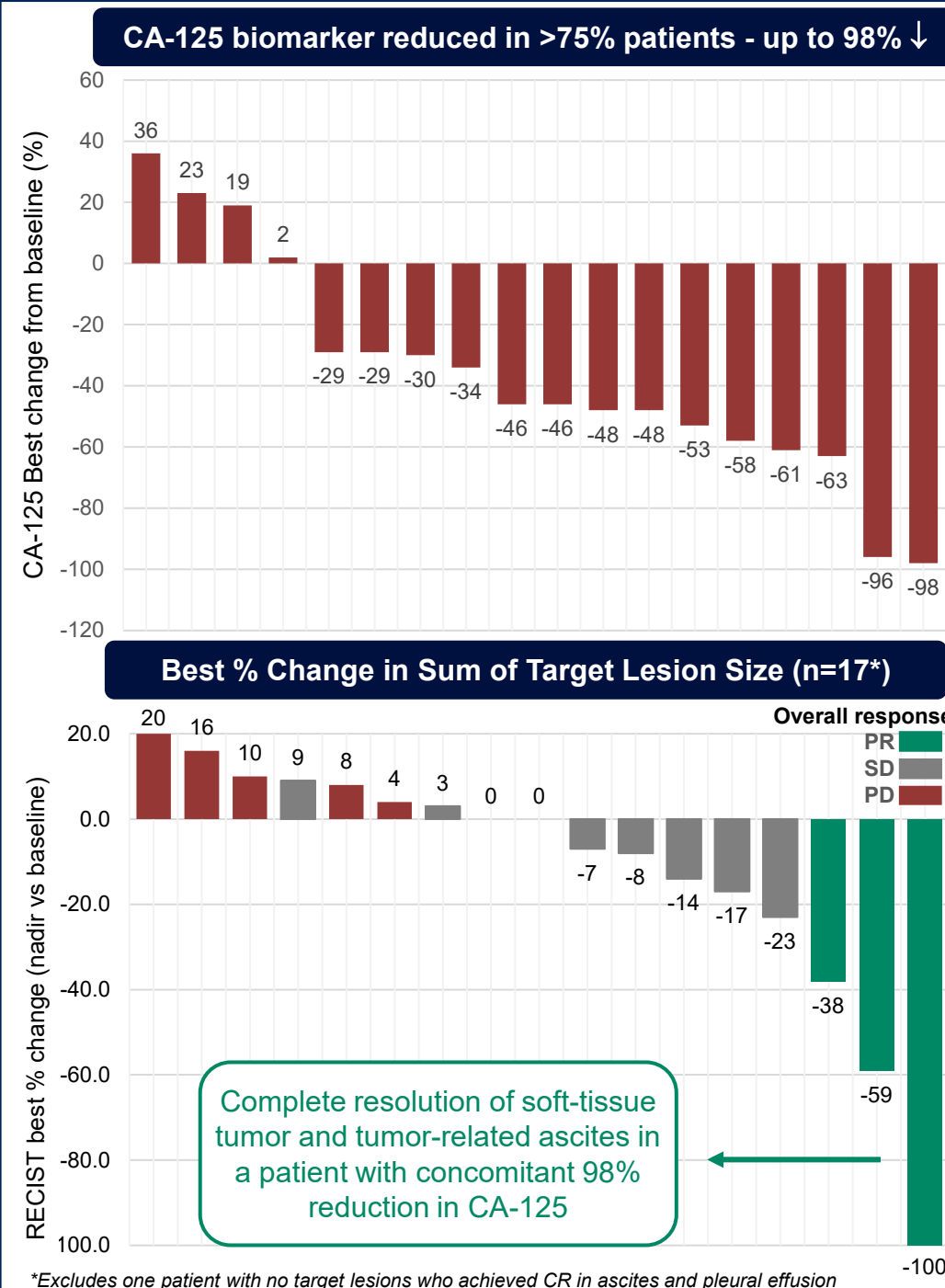
Efficacy Response		Total (n=23)	Q2W (n=8)	Q3W (n=15)
DEP SN38 Monotherapy	Median prior lines (range)	6 (3-9)	6 (4-8)	6 (3-9)
	RECIST 1.1 Evaluable (n)	18	7	11
	ORR % (n)	22% (4 <sup>†</sup> )	43% (3 <sup>†</sup> )	9% (1)
	DCR % (n)	72% (13)	100% (7)	55% (6)
	Duration of response	up to 62 weeks*	up to 62 weeks*	up to 33 weeks
	Median PFS [95% CI]	3.2 months [12.6 – 29.5]	9.3 months [14.4 – 56.3]	1.9 months [7.3 – 17.7]

\* 2 patients – ongoing treatment

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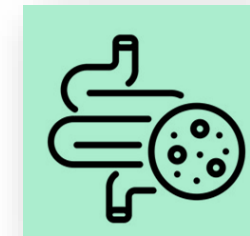
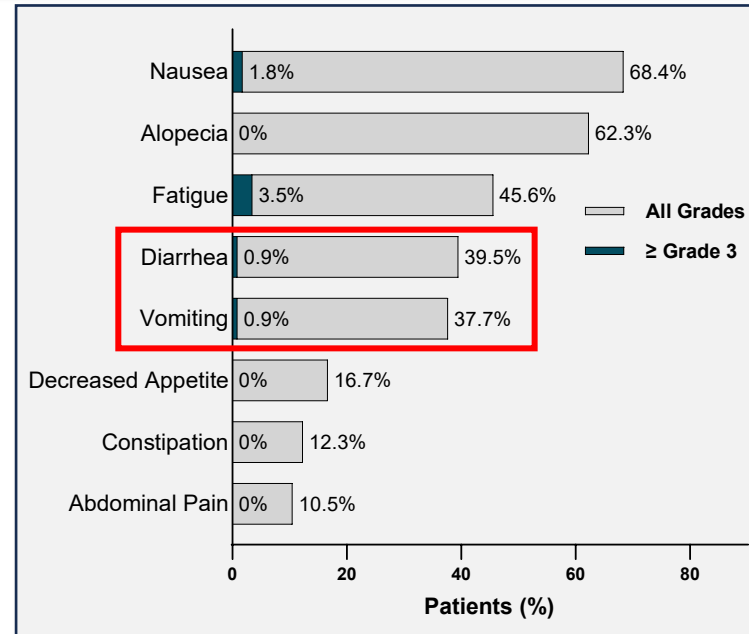
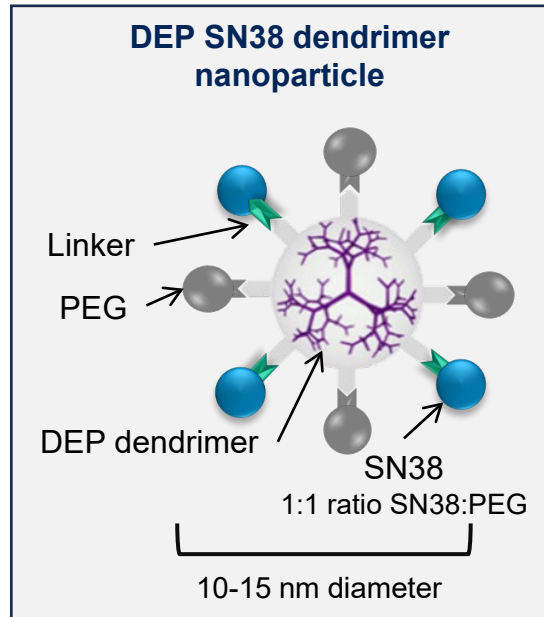
† Includes a patient with no target lesions had complete resolution in tumor ascites and pleural effusion.





# Key Points

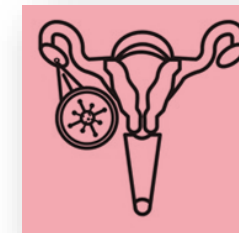
Dendrimer nanoparticles offer a better way to deliver chemotherapy, focusing the treatment on cancer cells and sparing healthy tissue, helping to improve effectiveness and reduce side effects



(n=55)

Monotherapy  
DCR 48%

Combo + 5FU/LV  
DCR 86%



(n=23)

Q2W ORR 43%  
Q2W+Q3W DCR 72%

CA125 ↓ 75%

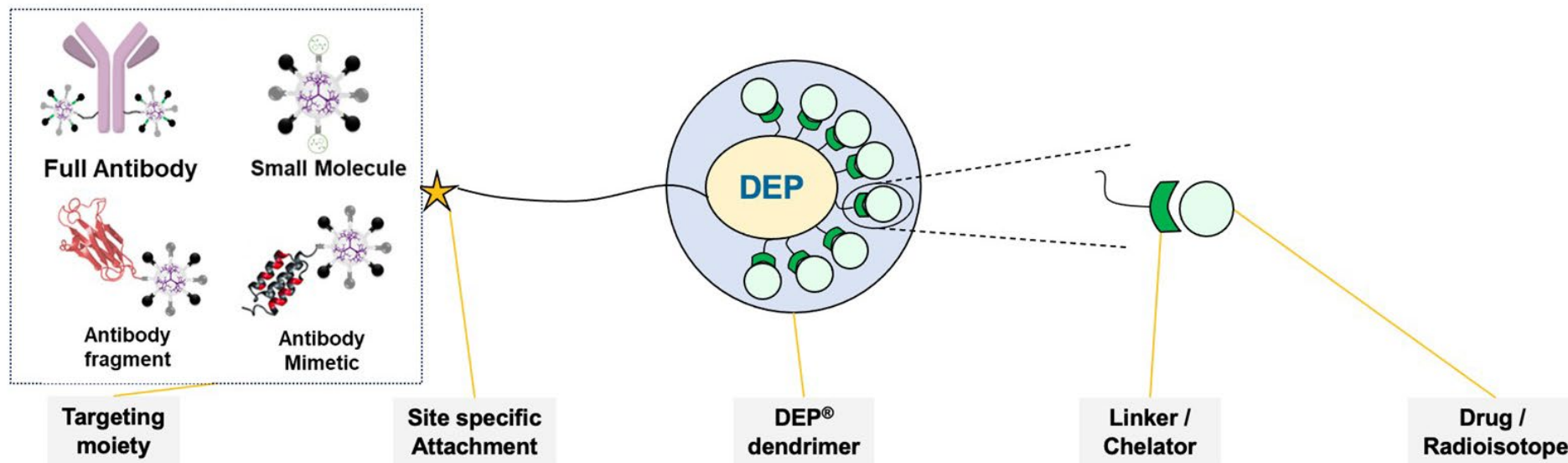
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# Future Directions

- Confirm efficacy of DEP SN 38 vs irinotecan in randomized trials
- Explore synergy of DEP SN38 in combination with checkpoint / PARP inhibition
- Dendrimer platform to improve efficacy and safety profile of different payloads



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