

**METHOD OF TREATING OR PREVENTING TISSUE
DETERIORATION, INJURY OR DAMAGE DUE TO
DISEASE OF MUCOSA**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/900,977, filed February 13, 2007.

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of mucosa disease treatment.

Description of the Background Art

Oral ulcerative mucositis is a common, painful, dose-limiting toxicity of drug and radiation therapy for cancer. The disorder is characterized by breakdown of the oral mucosa that results in the formation of ulcerative lesions. In granulocytopenic patients, the ulcerations that accompany mucositis are frequent portals of entry for indigenous oral bacteria often leading to sepsis or bacteremia. Mucositis occurs to some degree in more than one third of patients receiving anti-neoplastic drug therapy. The frequency and severity are significantly greater among patients who are treated with induction therapy for leukemia or with many of the conditioning regimens for bone marrow transplant. Among these individuals, moderate to severe mucositis is not unusual in more than three-quarters of patients. Moderate to severe mucositis occurs in virtually all patients who receive radiation therapy for tumors of the head and neck and typically begins with cumulative exposures of 15 Gy and then worsens as total doses of 60 Gy or more are reached.

Clinically mucositis progresses through three stages:

1. Inflammation accompanied by painful mucosal erythema, which can respond to local anesthetics.
2. Painful ulceration with pseudomembrane formation and, in the case of myelosuppressive treatment, potentially life-threatening sepsis, requiring antimicrobial therapy. Pain is often of such intensity as to require parenteral narcotic analgesia.
3. Spontaneous healing, occurring about 2 - 3 weeks after cessation of anti-neoplastic therapy.

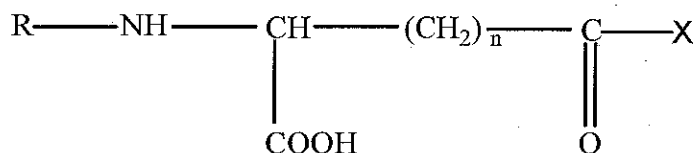
Standard therapy for mucositis is predominantly palliative, including application of topical analgesics such as lidocaine and/or systemic administration of narcotics and antibiotics. Currently, there is only one approved treatment for oral mucositis, Kepivance (Palifermin), which is only approved for the treatment of oral mucositis in patients undergoing conditioning regimens prior to hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for the treatment of hematologic malignancies.

The complexity of mucositis as a biological process has only been recently appreciated. It has been suggested that the condition represents a sequential interaction of oral mucosal cells and tissues, reactive oxygen species, pro-inflammatory cytokines, mediators of apoptosis and local factors such as saliva and the oral micro biota. While epithelial degeneration and breakdown ultimately result in mucosal ulceration, it appears that the early changes associated with radiation-induced mucosal toxicity occur within the endothelium, and connective tissue of the submucosa. Electron microscopic evaluation of mucosa within 1 week of radiation shows damage to both endothelium and connective tissue, but not epithelium. Such injury is likely mediated by free radical formation. It appears that the overall mechanism for mucositis development is similar for both radiation and chemotherapy.

There remains a need in the art for improvements in methods for treating or preventing mucosa diseases.

SUMMARY

In accordance with one aspect, there is provided use of an immunomodulator compound of Formula A, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



(A)

in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing the amount of mucosal deterioration, injury, or damage to at least one of oral and esophageal mucosal tissues, the mucosal deterioration, injury, or damage resulting from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment in a subject undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy for head and neck cancer, wherein, n is 1 or 2; R is hydrogen, C₂₋₁₀ acyl, or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and X is L-tryptophan or D-tryptophan.

In one embodiment, in Formula A, n is 1 or 2, R is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl or a peptide fragment, and X is an aromatic or heterocyclic amino acid or a derivative thereof, wherein said immunomodulator compound is administered to said target subject without administering at least one interferon to said target subject.

Preferably, X is L-tryptophan or D-tryptophan. The invention also relates to use of a compound of formula A in preparation of a medicament for treatment of mucosa disease.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

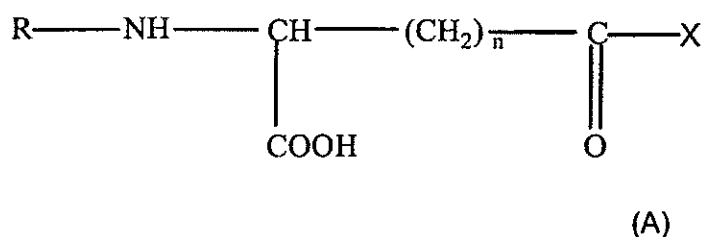
The present invention is applicable to mucosa diseases or disease manifestations thereof. In preferred embodiments, the mucosa disease results from radiation and/or chemotherapy of a subject, preferably in a human patient. The radiation may be acute or fractionated. The mucosa disease may result from a combination of radiation and chemotherapy. In certain embodiments, the disease is of oral and/or esophageal mucosa, e.g., mucositis and/or ulcerative lesions.

In accordance with one embodiment, the present invention relates to treatment of mucositis by administering an immunomodulator compound to a mammalian subject, preferably a human patient.

In certain embodiments, the immunomodulatory compounds of the present invention are administered before, during and/or after administration of radiation and/or a chemotherapeutic agent to a patient. Radiation often is administered in multiple doses, and mucosa disease occurs in virtually all patients who receive radiation therapy for tumors of the head and neck, typically beginning with cumulative exposures of 15 Gy radiation and then worsening at total cumulative doses of 60 Gy radiation or more. In preferred embodiments, an immunomodulator compound according to the invention is administered before, during or after administration of 7-8 Gy (e.g., 7.5 Gy) radiation to a patient, 15 Gy, 40 Gy, 60 Gy, or more radiation to patient.

The immunomodulator compounds of the invention also can be administered for the treatment or prevention of mucosa disease resulting from administration of chemotherapy agents, such as cis-platin, e.g., administered at a dosage within a range of about 0.1-50 mg/kg, e.g., about 5 mg/kg.

Immunomodulator compounds used in accordance with the present invention, comprise immunomodulators of Formula A:



In Formula A, n is 1 or 2, R is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl or a peptide fragment, and X is an aromatic or heterocyclic amino acid or a derivative thereof. Preferably, X is L-tryptophan or D-tryptophan. Appropriate derivatives of the aromatic or heterocyclic amino acids for "X" are: amides, mono- or di-(C₁-C₆) alkyl substituted

amides, arylamides, and (C₁-C₆) alkyl or aryl esters. Appropriate acyl or alkyl moieties for "R" are: branched or unbranched alkyl groups of 1 to about 6 carbons, acyl groups from 2 to about 10 carbon atoms, and blocking groups such as carbobenzyloxy and t-butyloxycarbonyl. Preferably the carbon of the CH group shown in Formula A has a stereoconfiguration, when n is 2, that is different from the stereoconfiguration of X.

Preferred embodiments utilize compounds such as γ -D-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, γ -L-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, γ -L-glutamyl-N_{in}-formyl-L-tryptophan, N-methyl- γ -L-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, N-acetyl- γ -L-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, γ -L-glutamyl-D-tryptophan, β -L-aspartyl-L-tryptophan, and β -D-aspartyl-L-tryptophan. Particularly preferred embodiments utilize γ -D-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, sometimes referred to as SCV-07. These compounds, methods for preparing these compounds, pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds and pharmaceutical formulations thereof are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,916,878, incorporated herein by reference.

SCV-07, γ -D-glutamyl-L-tryptophan, is a member of a class of immunomodulatory drugs that possess γ -glutamyl or β -aspartyl moieties, which was discovered by Russian scientists and is being examined for efficacy in several indications in the U.S. by SciClone Pharmaceuticals, Inc. SCV-07 possesses a number of immunomodulatory activities in vivo and in vitro. SCV-07 increases Con-A-induced thymocyte and lymphocyte proliferation, increases Con-A-induced interleukin-2 (IL-2) production and IL-2 receptor expression by spleen lymphocytes, and stimulates expression of Thy-1.2 on bone marrow cells. In vivo, SCV-07 has a strong immunostimulatory effect on 5-FU-immune-suppressed animals and in a model of immunization with sheep red blood cells.

The Formula A compounds may be administered as dosages in the range of about 0.001-2000 mg, more preferably about 0.01-100 mg. Dosages may be administered one or more times per week, preferably on a daily basis, with dosages administered one or more times per day. Administration can be by any

suitable method, including orally, nasally, transdermally, sublingually, by injection, periodic infusion, continuous infusion, and the like. The dosages may be administered by intramuscular injection, although other forms of injection and infusion may be utilized, and other forms of administration such as oral or nasal inhalation or oral ingestion may be employed.

Dosages may also be measured in micrograms per kilogram, with dosages in the range of about 0.1-10,000 ug/kg, more preferably within the range of about 1.0-1000 ug/kg.

Included are biologically active analogs having substituted, deleted, elongated, replaced, or otherwise modified portions which possess bioactivity substantially similar to that of SCV-07, e.g., an SCV-07 derived peptide having sufficient homology with SVC-07 such that it functions in substantially the same way with substantially the same activity as SCV-07.

In some embodiments, the Formula A compound is present in a pharmaceutically acceptable liquid carrier, such as water for injection, saline in physiological concentrations, or similar, or in tablet form with suitable dry carrier(s) and excipient(s).

Effective amounts of Formula A compound can be determined by routine dose-titration experiments.

EXAMPLE 1: A First Study of SCV-07 in the Treatment of Oral Mucositis Induced by Acute Radiation in Hamsters.

1. Objective

The objective of this study was to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the efficacy of SCV-07 in the treatment of oral mucositis using an acute radiation induced hamster model of the disease. SCV-07 was given at doses of 1, 10 or 100 ug/kg once daily by sub-cutaneous injection for 18 days, starting one day before radiation and continuing until day 16 after radiation. No deaths were observed in

any of the treatment groups and there were no statistically significant changes in growth rate, suggesting that SCV-07 was well tolerated at these doses. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed a statistically significant reduction in mucositis scores on day 22 ($P=0.024$). Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed a statistically significant reduction in mucositis scores on day 14 ($P=0.025$), in addition to a statistically significant reduction in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher ($P=0.029$). These data suggest that SCV-07 demonstrated a dose dependant benefit on the severity and course of radiation induced mucositis.

Acute Radiation Model

The acute radiation model in hamsters has proven to be an accurate, efficient and cost-effective technique to provide a preliminary evaluation of anti-mucositis compounds. The course of mucositis in this model is well defined and results in peak scores approximately 14-16 Days following radiation. The acute model has little systemic toxicity, resulting in few hamster deaths, thus permitting the use of smaller groups ($N=7-8$) for initial efficacy studies. It has also been used to study specific mechanistic elements in the pathogenesis of mucositis. Molecules that show efficacy in the acute radiation model may be further evaluated in the more complex models of fractionated radiation, chemotherapy, or concomitant therapy.

In this study, an acute radiation dose of 40 Gy on day 0 was administered. Clinically significant mucositis was observed on days 12 through 28.

2. Study Objective and Summary

Study Objective

The objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of SCV-07, administered by sub-cutaneous injection on different schedules between the day before radiation and the sixteenth day after radiation, on the frequency, severity and duration of oral mucositis induced by acute radiation.

Study Summary

Thirty-two (32) Syrian Golden Hamsters were given an acute radiation dose of 40 Gy directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on day 0. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily. Dosing began one day before radiation (day -1) and continued until day 16. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 28.

3. Evaluation

Mucositis Evaluation

The grade of mucositis was scored, beginning day 6, and for every second day thereafter, through and including day 28. The effect on mucositis of each drug treatment compared to placebo was assessed according to the following parameters:

The difference in the number of days hamsters in each group have ulcerative (score ≥ 3) mucositis.

On each evaluation day, the number of animals with a blinded mucositis score of ≥ 3 in each drug treatment group was compared to the control group. Differences were compared on a cumulative basis and statistical significance was determined by chi-square analysis. Efficacy, in this analysis, is defined by a significant reduction in the number of days that a group of animals had ulcerations (scores ≥ 3) when compared to the control group.

Rank sum differences in daily mucositis scores

For each evaluation day the scores of the control group were compared to those of the treated groups using non-parametric rank sum analysis. Treatment success was considered as a statistically significant lowering of scores in the treated group on 2 or more days from day 6 to day 28.

Weights and Survival

All animals were weighed daily and their survival recorded, in order to assess possible differences in animal weight among treatment groups as an indication for mucositis severity and/or possible toxicity resulting from the treatments.

4. Study Design

Thirty-two Syrian Golden Hamsters were divided into four (4) groups of eight (8) animals each. All animals received a single dose of acute radiation of 40 Gy directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on day 0. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animals with a lead shield. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily as detailed in Table 1. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on Day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 28.

Table 1. Study Design

Group Number	Number of Animals	Treatment	Treatment Schedule*	Volume (mL)
1	8 males	Vehicle (PBS), sc, qd	Day -1 to 16	0.1mL/100g
2	8 males	SCV-07, sc, qd 1 µg/kg,	Day -1 to 16	0.1mL/100g
3	8 males	SCV-07, sc, qd 10 µg/kg	Day -1 to 16	0.1mL/100g
4	8 males	SCV-07, sc, qd 100 µg/kg	Day -1 to 16	0.1mL/100g

*The dose on day 0 will be performed 30 minutes prior to radiation

5. Material and Methods

Location of Study Performance

The study was performed at Biomodels AAALAC accredited facility in Cambridge MA. Approval for this study was obtained from Biomodels IACUC.

Animals

Male LVG Syrian Golden Hamsters (Charles River Laboratories), aged 5 to 6 weeks, with average body weight of 85.3g at study commencement, were used. Animals were individually numbered using an ear punch and housed in small groups of 8 animals per cage. Animals were acclimatized prior to study commencement. During this period of 5 days, the animals were observed daily in order to reject animals that present in poor condition.

Housing

The study was performed in animal rooms provided with filtered air at a temperature of 70°F $\pm$ 5 °F and 50% $\pm$ 20% relative humidity. Animal rooms were set to maintain a minimum of 12 to 15 air changes per hour. The room was on an automatic timer for a light/dark cycle of 12 hours on and 12 hours off with no twilight. *Bed-O-Cobs*® bedding was used. Bedding was changed a minimum of once per week. Cages, tops, bottles, etc. were washed with a commercial detergent and allowed to air dry. A commercial disinfectant was used to disinfect surfaces and materials introduced into the hood. Floors were swept daily and mopped a minimum of twice weekly with a commercial detergent. Walls and cage racks were sponged a minimum of once per month with a dilute bleach solution. A cage card or label with the appropriate information necessary to identify the study, dose, animal number and treatment group marked all cages. The temperature and relative humidity was recorded during the study, and the records retained.

Diet

Animals were fed with a Purina Labdiet® 5061 rodent diet and water was provided *ad libitum*.

Animal Randomization and Allocations

Animals were randomly and prospectively divided into four (4) treatment groups prior to irradiation. Each animal was identified by an ear punch corresponding to

an individual number. For more consistent identification, ear punch numbering was used rather than tagging, since tags may become dislodged during the course of the study. A cage card was used to identify each cage or label marked with the study number (SCI-01), treatment group number and animal numbers.

Sub-Cutaneous Dosing and Drug Application

The test compound, SCV-07 was provided as a powder and dissolved in sterile PBS immediately prior to administration. Three dilutions were prepared: 100 µg/mL, 10 µg/mL and 1 µg/mL. Drug was given in a volume of 0.1 mL per 100g body weight, with the appropriate dilution of SCV-07 for each group, using a tuberculin syringe with a 27G needle. Injections were given subcutaneously to the back or abdomen.

Mucositis Induction

Mucositis was induced using a standardized acute radiation protocol. A single dose of radiation (40 Gy/dose) was administered to all animals on day 0. Radiation was generated with a 160 kilovolt potential (15-ma) source at a focal distance of 30 cm, hardened with a 0.35 mm Cu filtration system. Irradiation targeted the left buccal pouch mucosa at a rate of 3.2 Gy/minute. Prior to irradiation, animals were anesthetized with an intraperitoneal injection of Ketamine (160 mg/kg) and Xylazine (8 mg/kg). The left buccal pouch was everted, fixed and isolated using a lead shield to protect all other parts of the hamster's body.

Mucositis Scoring

The mucositis score, weight change and survival were measured throughout the study as described above. For the evaluation of mucositis, the animals were anesthetized with an inhalation anesthetic, and the left pouch everted. Mucositis was scored visually by comparison to a validated photographic scale, ranging from 0 for normal, to 5 for severe ulceration (clinical scoring). In descriptive terms, this scale is defined as follows:

Table 2: Mucositis Scoring.

Score:	Description:
0	Pouch completely healthy. No erythema or vasodilation.
1	Light to severe erythema and vasodilation. No erosion of mucosa.
2	Severe erythema and vasodilation. Erosion of superficial aspects of mucosa leaving denuded areas. Decreased stippling of mucosa.
3	Formation of off-white ulcers in one or more places. Ulcers may have a yellow/gray due to pseudomembrane. Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about ¼ of the pouch. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
4	Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about ½ of the pouch. Loss of pliability. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
5	Virtually all of pouch is ulcerated. Loss of pliability (pouch can only partially be extracted from mouth).

A score of 1-2 is considered to represent a mild stage of the disease, whereas a score of 3-5 is considered to indicate moderate to severe mucositis. Following visual scoring, a photograph was taken of each animal's mucosa using a standardized technique. At the conclusion of the experiment, all films were developed and the photographs randomly numbered. At least two independent trained observers graded the photographs in blinded fashion using the above-described scale (blinded scoring).

6. Results and Discussion

6.1 Survival

No deaths were observed during the course of this study.

6.2 Weight Change

The mean daily percent weight change data was evaluated. The saline (PBS) treated control hamsters gained an average of 70.4% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 1 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 gained an average of 68.4% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters

in the group receiving SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 gained an average of 70.3% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 gained an average of 82.0% of their starting weight during the study. The significance of these differences was evaluated by calculating the area-under-the-curve (AUC) for the weight gain of each animal, and then comparing the different treatment groups using a One-Way ANOVA test. The results of this analysis indicated that there were no significant differences between the different treatment groups ($P=0.191$).

6.3 Mucositis (Tables 3 & 4)

Mean daily mucositis scores for each group were calculated. In the saline treated control group, peak levels of mucositis were seen on day 20, when the mean score reached 3.8. The group receiving SCV-07 at 1 ug/kg from day -1 to 16 had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.8 on day 16. The group receiving SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg from day -1 to 16 had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.7 on day 16. The group receiving SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg from day -1 to 16 had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.4 on day 18. The significance of the differences observed between the different treatment groups was evaluated by calculating the number of days with a score of 3 or higher for each group and comparing these numbers using a chi-squared test. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 2. The hamsters in the saline treated control group had a score of 3 or higher on 46.9% of the animal days evaluated. In the group receiving SCV-07 at 1 ug/kg from day -1 to 16, a mucositis score of 3 or higher also was observed on 46.9% of the animals days evaluated. The hamsters in the groups treated with SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 had a score of 3 or higher on 37.5% of animal days respectively, which was not statistically significantly different from the controls ($P=0.079$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 on days 1 to 16 had a score of 3 or higher on 35.4% of animal days, which was significantly different from controls ($P=0.029$).

A further analysis of the mucositis scores was performed using the Mann-Whitney rank sum analysis to compare the scores for each group on each day. The results

of this analysis are shown in Table 4. In this analysis, 2 days of significant reduction in the mucositis score are generally required before it is regarded as meaningful reduction in mucositis. The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 did not show any statistically significant improvement on any day of the study, relative to the saline controls. The group treated with SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed significant improvement relative to controls on day 22 ($P=0.024$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed significant improvement relative to controls on day 14 ($P=0.025$).

Group	Days ≥3	Days <3	Total Days	% Days ≥3	Chi Sq v control	P Value
Control	90	102	192	46.9	-	-
SCV-07 1 ug/kg sc Days -1 to 16	90	102	192	46.9	0.0105	0.919
SCV-07 10 ug/kg sc Days -1 to 16	72	120	192	37.5	3.0860	0.079
SCV-07 100 ug/kg sc Days -1 to 16	68	124	192	35.4	4.7420	0.029

Table 3. Chi-square analysis of the total number of days the animals in each group spent with a score of three or more. This statistic is a measure of severity of ulceration, a clinically important outcome.

Group Comparison	Day											
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Control vs SCV-07 1 ug/kg Days -1 to 16	0.555	0.775	0.069	0.531	0.234	0.145	0.557	0.373	0.230	0.558	0.554	0.733
Control vs SCV-07 10 ug/kg Days -1 to 16	0.985	0.775	0.372	0.554	0.117	0.265	0.374	0.116	<u>0.024</u>	0.316	0.608	0.361
Control vs SCV-07 100 ug/kg Days -1 to 16	0.555	0.985	0.776	0.261	<u>0.025</u>	0.061	0.112	0.100	0.461	0.192	0.484	0.531

Table 4. The significance of group differences observed in daily mucositis scores was determined using the Mann-Whitney rank sum test. This nonparametric statistic

is appropriate for the visual mucositis scoring scale. The p values for each calculation are shown. Significant improvements are shown underlined.

Conclusions

1. There was no evidence of any toxicity from SCV-07 in this study based on the observations of mortality and weight gain.
2. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 10 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed a statistically significant reduction in mucositis scores on day 22 ($P=0.024$) that was dose related.
3. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 ug/kg on days -1 to 16 showed a statistically significant reduction in mucositis scores on day 14 ($P=0.025$), in addition to a statistically significant reduction in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher ($P=0.029$).
4. A favorable dose-dependent effect of SCV-07 on the severity and course of mucositis was seen. Increasing the dosing frequency or doubling the single daily dose might enhance the effects noted.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Animal Weights

Group	Animal	DAY																													
		-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	1	77	80	78	83	85	86	91	92	96	96	98	97	102	102	101	102	101	103	100	107	109	109	112	113	116	115	119	119	121	123
1	2	87	90	92	97	99	101	106	110	113	119	118	119	124	125	125	127	126	125	130	134	140	141	143	146	149	149	153	152	154	158
1	3	89	92	91	96	99	102	107	108	113	115	111	118	126	126	122	123	122	129	123	130	134	135	137	140	142	147	147	148	149	152
1	4	81	82	82	86	87	89	94	96	96	99	102	101	107	107	106	106	106	109	106	115	116	117	119	121	126	125	130	127	131	136
1	5	83	86	86	90	89	91	94	101	99	101	106	102	108	108	108	109	108	110	109	118	119	121	122	124	129	128	131	132	135	137
1	6	82	85	87	92	94	96	99	104	106	106	112	108	110	110	111	110	111	113	113	120	121	121	124	127	128	130	135	135	138	140
1	7	82	93	93	98	102	104	109	113	115	117	120	119	124	127	126	125	127	128	127	137	139	141	143	144	149	149	153	153	156	159
1	8	88	80	79	83	84	86	92	92	97	98	100	100	103	105	104	105	105	108	106	114	117	117	119	123	126	126	129	129	132	135
2	9	78	96	98	100	101	103	109	111	114	116	118	117	122	123	122	123	123	129	126	133	136	137	139	141	143	143	147	148	150	152
2	10	94	86	86	89	91	94	97	99	99	102	104	104	109	110	110	110	110	115	114	118	121	120	122	125	128	129	131	134	135	138
2	11	93	80	79	84	88	90	91	95	96	101	101	100	104	105	104	107	111	112	108	117	118	118	121	123	124	124	129	131	134	135
2	12	79	83	83	86	86	89	94	98	100	103	104	102	105	107	109	111	111	116	112	119	123	122	123	124	130	131	137	133	139	138
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2	14	84	86	88	91	93	96	100	101	104	105	107	106	111	114	111	112	112	115	113	119	120	122	123	125	126	128	131	131	133	136
2	15	79	80	81	84	84	86	91	94	94	97	99	98	105	110	108	110	109	113	108	116	118	119	120	123	125	126	130	130	133	137
2	16	79	81	78	83	84	87	89	93	94	98	100	97	102	105	104	106	106	111	109	115	118	120	121	121	126	125	129	131	132	135
3	17	81	83	84	87	89	92	96	98	100	102	104	103	111	112	111	111	112	116	116	122	124	123	122	123	126	126	132	132	133	137
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3	19	85	87	87	90	92	93	97	98	101	103	105	104	109	109	109	103	101	111	102	107	111	112	113	115	117	120	122	123	120	129
3	20	76	76	76	79	82	84	89	90	92	96	96	96	101	101	100	102	105	107	104	113	116	115	119	119	122	122	127	127	131	134
3	21	90	93	93	96	98	100	103	106	108	109	111	110	113	117	113	110	111	115	111	117	119	120	120	123	125	125	128	129	132	135
3	22	91	95	94	98	100	103	108	109	112	114	116	115	121	124	122	122	120	124	123	130	132	134	138	137	140	139	145	145	149	151
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3	24	91	95	96	100	104	106	113	116	115	120	122	124	129	130	130	129	131	134	133	142	146	147	149	150	155	155	160	161	165	167
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4	26	87	91	98	94	95	98	101	104	105	109	112	111	119	117	115	118	117	120	119	126	126	129	132	134	135	135	138	140	143	147
4	27	97	101	101	108	110	111	119	123	124	127	132	133	137	138	134	139	138	141	142	151	153	154	156	157	161	167	167	175	169	172
4	28	88	95	93	98	101	103	101	115	118	118	124	121	130	131	132	139	138	143	143	152	155	159	159	162	164	167	173	169	175	182
4	29	86	90	86	92	97	100	104	106	108	111	114	115	120	123	121	125	126	129	130	137	139	141	143	147	151	150	156	158	160	166
4	30	84	88	89	92	95	99	106	109	111	115	120	118	129	131	127	132	133	136	136	144	149	148	150	154	156	160	165	165	167	168
4	31	95	100	99	106	109	111	118	119	122	126	127	128	136	137	133	138	139	142	140	148	151	152	153	156	156	157	164	163	164	166
4	32	85	87	89	94	94	97	105	106	108	110	114	113	118	121	118	120	119	125	125	131	134	136	137	138	141	142	147	147	149	152

Appendix 2 – Mucositis Scores

Group	Animal	DAYS											
		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	2	1
1	2	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	3	3	2	1
1	3	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	1
1	4	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	2	1
1	5	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	1	1
1	6	0	0	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	1
1	7	0	0	1	3	2	3	4	3	3	2	1	1
1	8	0	0	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1
2	9	0	1	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	0
2	10	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	1
2	11	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	1
2	12	0	0	2	3	3	3	4	3	2	3	2	1
2	13	1	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
2	14	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	2	1
2	15	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	2	2	2	1
2	16	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	1	1
3	17	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	1
3	18	0	0	1	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	2
3	19	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	2	1
3	20	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	1
3	21	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	1
3	22	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	1
3	23	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	1	2	2	1
3	24	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	0
4	25	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	1
4	26	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	2	1
4	27	0	0	2	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	2
4	28	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
4	29	0	0	1	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	1	1
4	30	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
4	31	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	1
4	32	1	0	1	2	3	4	4	3	3	2	1	1

Example 2: A Second Study of SCV-07 in the Treatment of Oral Mucositis Induced by Acute Radiation in Hamsters.

The objective of this study was to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the efficacy of SCV-07 in the treatment of oral mucositis using an acute radiation induced hamster model of the disease. SCV-07 was given at doses of 1 mg/kg or 100 µg/kg once or

twice daily by sub-cutaneous injection for 22 days, starting one day before radiation and continuing until day 20 after radiation. No deaths were observed in any of the treatment groups and there were statistically significant increases in growth rate, suggesting that SCV-07 was well tolerated at these doses, and may actually reduce the weight loss associated with mucositis. Control hamsters had a mucositis score of 3 or higher on 28.1% of the animal days evaluated in this study. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher to 6.3% ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 14($P=0.011$), 16($P=0.002$) and 18($P=0.001$). Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher to 8.9% ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 18 ($P<0.001$) and 20 ($P=0.003$). Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher to 12.5% ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 16 ($P=0.043$) 18 ($P=0.009$) and 20 ($P=0.007$). Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 did not show any significant reduction in mucositis scores. There was no statistically significant difference in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher between the group treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily and the group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily ($P=0.054$). When individual daily scores were compared between these two groups, a single day of significant difference was observed on day 14 ($P=0.005$). These observations suggest that treatment with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily is very close to being significantly better than treatment with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily. This observation suggests that 100 µg/kg once daily is the dose closest to the optimal dose of the doses tested in this study and in the prior study SCI-01.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Oral ulcerative mucositis is a common, painful, dose-limiting toxicity of drug and radiation therapy for cancer. The disorder is characterized by breakdown of the oral mucosa that results in the formation of ulcerative lesions. In granulocytopenic patients, the ulcerations that accompany mucositis are frequent portals of entry for indigenous oral bacteria often leading to sepsis or bacteremia. Mucositis occurs to some degree in more than one third of patients receiving anti-neoplastic drug therapy. The frequency and severity are significantly greater among patients who are treated with induction therapy for leukemia or with many of the conditioning regimens for bone marrow transplant. Among these individuals, moderate to severe mucositis is not unusual in more than three-quarters of patients. Moderate to severe mucositis occurs in virtually all patients who receive radiation therapy for tumors of the head and neck and typically begins with cumulative exposures of 15 Gy and then worsens as total doses of 60 Gy or more are reached.

Clinically mucositis progresses through three stages:

1. Inflammation accompanied by painful mucosal erythema, which can respond to local anesthetics.
2. Painful ulceration with pseudomembrane formation and, in the case of myelosuppressive treatment, potentially life-threatening sepsis, requiring antimicrobial therapy. Pain is often of such intensity as to require parenteral narcotic analgesia.
3. Spontaneous healing, occurring about 2 - 3 weeks after cessation of anti-neoplastic therapy.

Standard therapy for mucositis is predominantly palliative, including application of topical analgesics such as lidocaine and/or systemic administration of narcotics and antibiotics. Currently, there is only one approved treatment for oral mucositis, Kepivance (Palifermin), which is only approved for the treatment of oral mucositis in

patients undergoing conditioning regimens prior to hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for the treatment of hematologic malignancies.

The complexity of mucositis as a biological process has only been recently appreciated. It has been suggested that the condition represents a sequential interaction of oral mucosal cells and tissues, reactive oxygen species, pro-inflammatory cytokines, mediators of apoptosis and local factors such as saliva and the oral micro biota. While epithelial degeneration and breakdown ultimately result in mucosal ulceration, it appears that the early changes associated with radiation-induced mucosal toxicity occur within the endothelium, and connective tissue of the submucosa. Electron microscopic evaluation of mucosa within 1 week of radiation shows damage to both endothelium and connective tissue, but not epithelium. Such injury is likely mediated by free radical formation. It appears that the overall mechanism for mucositis development is similar for both radiation and chemotherapy.

1.2 Acute Radiation Model

The acute radiation model in hamsters, developed by the Principle Investigator, has proven to be an accurate, efficient and cost-effective technique to provide a preliminary evaluation of anti-mucositis compounds. The course of mucositis in this model is well defined and results in peak scores approximately 14-16 Days following radiation. The acute model has little systemic toxicity, resulting in few hamster deaths, thus permitting the use of smaller groups (N=7-8) for initial efficacy studies. It has also been used to study specific mechanistic elements in the pathogenesis of mucositis. Molecules that show efficacy in the acute radiation model may be further evaluated in the more complex models of fractionated radiation, chemotherapy, or concomitant therapy.

In this study, an acute radiation dose of 40 Gy on day 0 was administered. Clinically significant mucositis was observed on days 12 through 28.

2. STUDY OBJECTIVE AND SUMMARY

2.1 Study Objective

The objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of SCV-07, administered by sub-cutaneous injection on different schedules between the day before radiation and the twentieth day after radiation, on the frequency, severity and duration of oral mucositis induced by acute radiation. A previous study with SCV-07 (Study SCI-01, Example 1), had indicated some activity against mucositis at a dose of 100 µg/kg, given once daily from day -1 to day 16. In this study, SCV-07 was dosed at 100 µg/kg and 1 mg/kg once or twice daily from day -1 to day 20, to see if the partial effect seen in the previous study could be extended.

2.2 Study Summary

Forty (40) Syrian Golden Hamsters were given an acute radiation dose of 40 Gy directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on day 0. Test material SCV-07 was given by sub-cutaneous injection at 100 µg/kg or 1 mg/kg once or twice daily. Dosing began one day before radiation (day -1) and continued until day 20. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 28.

3. EVALUATION

3.1 Mucositis Evaluation

The grade of mucositis was scored, beginning day 6, and for every second day thereafter, through and including day 28. The effect on mucositis of each drug treatment compared to placebo was assessed according to the following parameters:

3.1.1 The difference in the number of days hamsters in each group have ulcerative (score ≥ 3) mucositis.

On each evaluation day, the number of animals with a blinded mucositis score of ≥ 3 in each drug treatment group was compared to the control group. Differences were compared on a cumulative basis and statistical significance was determined by chi-square analysis. Efficacy, in this analysis, is defined by a significant reduction in the number of days that a group of animals had ulcerations (scores ≥ 3) when compared to the control group. This same test was also used to evaluate differences between different drug treatment groups.

3.1.2 Rank sum differences in daily mucositis scores.

For each evaluation day the scores of the control group were compared to those of the treated groups using non-parametric rank sum analysis. Treatment success was considered as a statistically significant lowering of scores in the treated group on 2 or more days from day 6 to day 28.

3.2 Weights and Survival

All animals were weighed daily and their survival recorded, in order to assess possible differences in animal weight among treatment groups as an indication for mucositis severity and/or possible toxicity resulting from the treatments.

4. STUDY DESIGN

Forty Syrian Golden Hamsters were divided into five (5) groups of eight (8) animals each. All animals received a single dose of acute radiation of 40 Gy directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on day 0. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animals with a lead shield. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily as detailed in Table 5. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on Day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 28.

Table 5. SCI-02. Study Design

Group Number	Number of Animals	Treatment	Treatment Schedule*	Volume (mL)
1	8 males	Vehicle (PBS), sc, qd	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
2	8 males	SCV-07, sc, qd 100 µg/kg,	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
3	8 males	SCV-07, sc, bid 100 µg/kg,	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
4	8 males	SCV-07, sc, qd 1.0 mg/kg	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
5	8 males	SCV-07, sc, bid 1.0 mg/kg	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight

*The dose on day 0 was performed 30 minutes prior to radiation

5. MATERIAL AND METHODS

5.1 Location of Study Performance

The study was performed at Biomodels AAALAC accredited facility in Watertown MA. Approval for this study was obtained from Biomodels IACUC.

5.2 Animals

Male LVG Syrian Golden Hamsters (Charles River Laboratories), aged 5 to 6 weeks, with average body weight of 81.9g at study commencement, were used. Animals were individually numbered using an ear punch and housed in small groups of 8 animals per cage. Animals were acclimatized prior to study commencement. During this period of 5 days, the animals were observed daily in order to reject animals that presented in poor condition.

5.3 Housing

The study was performed in animal rooms provided with filtered air at a temperature of 70°F+/-5 °F and 50% +/-20% relative humidity. Animal rooms were set to maintain a minimum of 12 to 15 air changes per hour. The room was on an automatic timer for a light/dark cycle of 12 hours on and 12 hours off with no twilight. *Bed-O-Cobs®* bedding was used. Bedding was changed a minimum of once per week. Cages, tops, bottles, etc. were washed with a commercial detergent and allowed to air dry. A commercial disinfectant was used to disinfect surfaces and materials introduced into the hood. Floors were swept daily and mopped a minimum of twice weekly with a commercial detergent. Walls and cage racks were sponged a minimum of once per month with a dilute bleach solution. A cage card or label with the appropriate information necessary to identify the study, dose, animal number and treatment group marked all cages. The temperature and relative humidity was recorded during the study, and the records retained.

5.4 Diet

Animals were fed with a Purina Labdiet® 5061 rodent diet and water was provided *ad libitum*.

5.5 Animal Randomization and Allocations.

Animals were randomly and prospectively divided into five (5) treatment groups prior to irradiation. Each animal was identified by an ear punch corresponding to an individual number. For more consistent identification, ear punch numbering was used rather than tagging, since tags may become dislodged during the course of the study. A cage card was used to identify each cage or label marked with the study number (SCI-02), treatment group number and animal numbers.

5.6 Sub-Cutaneous Dosing and Drug Application

The test compound, SCV-07 was provided as a powder and dissolved in sterile PBS immediately prior to administration. Three dilutions were prepared: 100 µg/mL, 10 µg/mL and 1 µg/mL. Drug was given in a volume of 0.1 mL per 100g body weight, with the appropriate dilution of SCV-07 for each group, using a tuberculin syringe with a 27G needle. Injections were given subcutaneously to the back or abdomen.

5.7 Mucositis Induction

Mucositis was induced using a standardized acute radiation protocol. A single dose of radiation (40 Gy/dose) was administered to all animals on day 0. Radiation was generated with a 160 kilovolt potential (15-ma) source at a focal distance of 30 cm, hardened with a 0.35 mm Cu filtration system. Irradiation targeted the left buccal pouch mucosa at a rate of 3.2 Gy/minute. Prior to irradiation, animals were anesthetized with an intraperitoneal injection of Ketamine (160 mg/kg) and Xylazine (8 mg/kg). The left buccal pouch was everted, fixed and isolated using a lead shield to protect all other parts of the hamster's body.

5.8 Mucositis Scoring

The mucositis score, weight change and survival were measured throughout the study as described above. For the evaluation of mucositis, the animals were anesthetized with an inhalation anesthetic, and the left pouch everted. Mucositis was scored visually by comparison to a validated photographic scale, ranging from 0 for normal, to 5 for severe ulceration (clinical scoring). In descriptive terms, this scale is defined as follows:

Score:	Description:
0	Pouch completely healthy. No erythema or vasodilation.
1	Light to severe erythema and vasodilation. No erosion of mucosa.
2	Severe erythema and vasodilation. Erosion of superficial aspects of mucosa leaving denuded areas. Decreased stippling of mucosa.
3	Formation of off-white ulcers in one or more places. Ulcers may have a yellow/gray due to pseudomembrane. Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the pouch. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
4	Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pouch. Loss of pliability. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
5	Virtually all of pouch is ulcerated. Loss of pliability (pouch can only partially be extracted from mouth).

Table 6 SCI-02: Mucositis Scoring.

A score of 1-2 is considered to represent a mild stage of the disease, whereas a score of 3-5 is considered to indicate moderate to severe mucositis. Following visual scoring, a photograph was taken of each animal's mucosa using a standardized technique. At the conclusion of the experiment, all films were developed and the photographs randomly numbered. At least two independent trained observers graded the photographs in blinded fashion using the above-described scale (blinded scoring).

6. RESULTS and DISCUSSION

6.1 Survival

No deaths were observed during the course of this study.

6.2 Weight Change

The mean daily percent weight change data was evaluated. The saline treated control hamsters gained an average of 44.1% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 100 µg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 49.9% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 61.3% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 63.4% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 69.1% of their starting weight during the study. The significance of these differences was evaluated by calculating the area-under-the-curve (AUC) for the weight gain of each animal, and then comparing the different treatment groups using a One-Way ANOVA test. The results of this analysis indicated that there were significant differences between the SCV-07 treated groups and the control group ($P=0.012$). The groups treated with SCV-07 100 µg/kg twice daily, 1 mg/kg once and twice daily all had significantly greater weight gain than the saline controls ($P=0.014$, $P=0.009$ and $P=0.004$ respectively).

6.3 Mucositis (Tables 7 & 8)

Mean daily mucositis scores for each group were determined. In the saline treated control group, peak levels of mucositis were seen on day 18, when the mean score reached 3.0. The group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily from day -1 to 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.2 on day 16. The group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg twice daily from day -1 to 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.5 which occurred on days 14 and 16. The group receiving

SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg once daily from day -1 to 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.9 on day 14. The group receiving SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily from day -1 to 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.6 on day 14. The significance of the differences observed between the different treatment groups was evaluated by calculating the number of days with a score of 3 or higher for each group and comparing these numbers using a chi-squared (χ^2) test. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 7. The hamsters in the saline treated control group had a score of 3 or higher on 28.1% of the animal days evaluated. In the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg once daily from day -1 to 20, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 6.3% of the animals days evaluated, which was statistically significantly different than the controls ($P<0.001$). The hamsters in the groups treated with SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 had a score of 3 or higher on 8.9% of animal days respectively, which was statistically significantly different from the controls ($P<0.001$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 had a score of 3 or higher on 28.1% of animal days, which was not significantly different from controls ($P=1.000$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 had a score of 3 or higher on 12.5% of animal days, which was significantly different from controls ($P<0.001$). There was no statistically significant difference in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher between the group treated with SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg once daily and the group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily ($P=0.054$).

A further analysis of the mucositis scores was performed using the Mann-Whitney rank sum analysis to compare the scores for each group on each day. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 8. In this analysis, 2 days of significant reduction in the mucositis score are generally required before it is regarded as meaningful reduction in mucositis. The group treated with SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 showed statistically significant improvement on days 14($P=0.011$), 16($P=0.002$) and 18($P=0.001$) of the study relative to the saline controls. The group treated with SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed significant improvement relative to controls on days 18 ($P<0.001$) and 20

($P=0.003$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 showed no significant improvement in mucositis on any day of the study relative to controls. The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed significant improvement relative to controls on days 16 ($P=0.043$) 18 ($P=0.009$) and 20 ($P=0.007$). A comparison between the group treated with SCV-07 at 100 μ g/kg once daily and the group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily showed a single day of statistically significant difference on day 14 ($P=0.005$).

Group	Days ≥ 3	Days < 3	Total Days	% Days ≥ 3	Chi Sq v control	P Value
Vehicle (PBS), qd, sc	54	138	192	28.1	-	-
SCV-07 100 μ g/kg, qd, sc	12	180	192	6.3	27.828	<0.001
SCV-07 100 μ g/kg, bid, sc	17	175	192	8.9	21.4010	<0.001
SCV-07 1 mg/kg, qd, sc	54	138	192	28.1	0.0000	1.000
SCV-07 1 mg/kg, bid, sc	24	168	192	12.5	12.7360	<0.001

Table 7. SCI-02. Chi-square analysis of the total number of days the animals in each group spent with a score of three or more. This statistic is a measure of severity of ulceration, a clinically important outcome.

Group Comparison	Day											
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	0.558	0.985	0.985	0.425	<u>0.011</u>	<u>0.002</u>	<u>0.001</u>	0.092	0.413	0.436	0.555	0.374
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, bid, sc Days -1 to 20	0.558	0.554	0.985	0.581	0.664	0.204	<u><0.001</u>	<u>0.003</u>	0.279	0.805	0.775	0.558
Control vs SCV-7 1 mg/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	0.233	0.985	0.985	0.775	0.218	0.662	0.116	0.405	0.404	0.298	0.774	0.895
Control vs SCV-7 1 mg/kg, bid, sc Days -1 to 20	0.072	0.985	0.985	0.805	0.925	<u>0.043</u>	<u>0.009</u>	<u>0.007</u>	0.581	0.985	0.774	0.777
SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc vs SCV-7 1 mg/kg, bid, sc Days -1 to 20	0.233	0.985	0.985	0.279	<u>0.005</u>	0.232	0.335	0.371	0.775	0.370	0.370	0.557

Table 8. SCI-02. The significance of group differences observed in daily mucositis scores was determined using the Mann-Whitney rank sum test. This nonparametric statistic is appropriate for the visual mucositis scoring scale. The p values for each calculation are shown. Significant improvements are shown underlined.

7. CONCLUSIONS

1. There was no evidence of any toxicity from SCV-07 in this study based on the observations of mortality and weight gain.
2. The groups treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/ml twice daily or SCV-07 1 mg/ml once or twice daily showed significant increases in weight gain relative to the saline controls ($P=0.014$, $P=0.009$ and $P=0.004$ respectively)..
3. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 14($P=0.011$), 16($P=0.002$) and 18($P=0.001$).
4. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 18 ($P<0.001$) and 20 ($P=0.003$).
5. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of animals days with a score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a statistically significant reduction in individual daily scores on days 16 ($P=0.043$) 18 ($P=0.009$) and 20 ($P=0.007$).
6. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily on days -1 to 20 did not show any significant reduction in mucositis scores.
7. There was no statistically significant difference in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher between the group treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily and the group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily ($P=0.054$). When individual daily scores were compared between these two groups, a single day of significant difference was observed on day 14 ($P=0.005$).

These observations suggest that treatment with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg once daily is very close to being significantly better than treatment with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg twice daily.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 3 – Animal Weights

Group	Animal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	1	84.7	84.6	87	89	92	94	96	98	98	102	104	105	107	104	108	105	109	104	102	109	110	113	113	117	118	119	118	118	118
1	2	79.1	79	79	83	88	88	92	91	93	101	101	102	104	105	108	108	112	106	108	116	115	122	122	127	129	129	128	132	126
1	3	84.1	84.3	86	88	93	93	95	97	97	102	104	105	115	105	105	103	107	101	99	107	108	111	111	114	116	119	117	118	114
1	4	81.3	79.1	81	82	84	84	86	89	90	92	90	96	99	97	99	100	105	99	97	105	104	108	125	112	112	114	114	115	111
1	5	84.6	86.9	86	89	93	95	98	100	99	106	108	109	110	109	108	108	112	106	107	113	113	118	121	121	123	125	124	123	123
1	6	90.9	92.3	94	96	99	103	107	108	107	113	113	113	105	113	117	116	120	112	111	120	119	127	127	132	134	134	133	134	132
1	7	80.3	78.5	82	83	86	89	91	92	95	97	100	100	103	99	101	101	105	97	95	105	107	111	113	118	117	121	118	121	120
1	8	85.3	85.2	89	90	95	98	99	100	105	108	108	108	109	109	111	110	1131	107	106	111	118	117	117	121	123	125	123	129	123
2	9	87.6	86.5	92	96	98	102	105	107	108	114	117	109	120	118	124	123	130	122	123	130	124	124	135	142	135	142	137	136	142
2	10	87.2	80.5	86	94	97	99	101	103	105	111	110	103	114	110	116	116	121	117	110	124	117	117	134	130	124	131	127	125	131
2	11	81.6	81.7	86	86	87	88	90	90	94	95	97	90	98	95	98	99	104	98	107	105	98	98	100	108	102	108	116	101	107
2	12	71.9	72.8	75	77	79	79	85	84	85	88	91	88	97	97	101	98	108	101	100	108	102	102	112	120	112	120	104	114	120
2	13	86.2	85.7	91	93	94	95	98	97	99	101	105	98	109	104	110	110	115	109	108	115	108	107	115	122	116	120	118	114	121
2	14	81.9	82.6	86	87	90	90	92	94	94	101	100	95	104	102	106	102	105	100	98	109	103	103	110	118	110	117	115	110	117
2	15	82.7	83.4	88	91	93	95	97	99	100	105	106	101	109	106	110	111	118	111	95	119	111	110	120	128	121	119	118	113	118
2	16	80.4	81.2	90	88	89	92	93	94	98	98	103	99	107	106	111	113	118	117	114	120	114	114	121	128	126	128	128	124	131
3	17	77.1	77.1	80	83	79	84	91	91	85	98	100	99	101	97	103	104	107	108	111	111	114	117	110	122	115	126	122	129	127
3	18	75	75.8	82	81	81	82	85	85	81	90	92	91	92	88	94	94	98	100	101	102	105	108	105	110	112	114	111	117	117
3	19	86.6	86.1	93	94	92	98	102	105	99	113	115	117	120	116	121	127	134	133	138	136	140	141	136	145	147	150	145	153	151
3	20	80.2	79.1	86	89	84	86	93	95	89	100	103	102	104	101	105	106	113	110	115	112	114	116	112	117	119	121	119	123	120
3	21	81.7	81	87	90	85	89	92	94	87	98	100	100	104	99	105	104	109	106	109	109	110	112	105	114	120	116	114	119	118
3	22	82	80.3	86	89	85	89	92	95	88	99	102	102	104	100	106	105	110	112	114	114	118	118	112	122	124	124	122	129	126
3	23	80.8	80.8	87	90	89	93	101	100	93	107	107	108	115	108	113	114	119	119	123	123	126	129	120	134	136	137	135	141	139
3	24	83	80.7	88	94	85	94	102	102	95	110	113	113	118	117	120	121	126	128	130	131	133	137	127	140	142	143	142	147	146
4	25	85.2	84.3	86	89	93	92	98	98	100	106	105	107	109	108	110	107	113	114	116	116	120	119	113	123	126	126	126	129	133
4	26	88.7	89.4	94	98	100	101	104	107	108	113	114	116	119	118	121	120	126	127	125	130	133	136	136	139	142	142	144	145	147
4	27	83.4	84.9	86	90	92	93	97	97	98	102	103	105	105	105	108	105	111	114	115	115	118	122	114	126	127	129	130	132	135
4	28	72.4	75.7	77	79	81	81	85	85	86	90	92	93	94	94	93	91	93	94	96	95	98	99	99	104	103	105	105	107	111
4	29	72.3	75.8	77	78	83	82	87	91	91	99	99	102	103	104	105	106	110	114	111	115	119	121	112	125	127	129	130	130	134
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4	31	75.9	77.5	79	82	84	85	89	91	91	98	99	100	117	103	105	105	112	112	114	115	117	118	112	120	123	127	127	126	131
4	32	84.8	86.4	91	95	99	98	103	104	102	109	111	111	116	116	118	118	122	123	124	122	124	126	119	130	131	133	131	132	135
5	33	90.1	87.6	89	93	94	98	106	106	107	112	113	113	117	118	119	118	125	125	128	131	130	136	134	137	135	142	145	148	150
5	34	76.5	77.3	78	79	81	81	83	86	87	90	91	90	92	93	117	99	103	104	106	106	107	109	113	115	113	120	117	121	123
5	35	87.5	89.6	91	95	98	98	105	106	109	114	116	118	122	119	95	120	127	127	129	130	130	133	133	137	135	141	141	144	147
5	36	81	82.8	84	89	96	93	101	100	101	106	107	107	110	113	122	114	120	122	125	124	127	132	131	138	135	140	141	144	147
5	37	74.7	74.2	83	79	81	85	87	88	91	95	97	98	99	99	100	99	105	104	106	107	109	111	110	115	112	118	120	124	128
5	38	79.8	81.8	81	87	90	90	94	96	98	104	104	105	109	108	112	112	115	118	120	121	121	124	124	129	129	132	133	137	139
5	39	77.3	76.6	75	85	87	88	90	92	94	97	99	99	102	103	106	107	112	113	115	115	117	120	120	125	127	131	132	133	137
5	40	80.1	78.8	80	83	86	86	95	96	97	99	102	100	102	102	104	104	108	107	109	111	111	114	113	117	116	121	123	124	125

9.2 Appendix 4 – Mucositis Scores

Group	Animal	DAY											
		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
1	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	2
1	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	1
1	2	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1
1	2	0	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
1	3	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
1	3	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
1	4	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2
1	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	5	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
1	5	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
1	6	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
1	6	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
1	7	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
1	7	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
1	8	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
1	8	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
2	9	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	9	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	10	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	10	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	11	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	2
2	11	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1
2	12	0	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
2	12	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	13	0	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
2	13	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	14	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
2	14	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
2	15	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	15	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
2	16	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
2	16	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	17	0	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	1
3	17	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	18	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
3	18	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	19	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	19	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	20	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	20	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	21	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	2
3	21	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	22	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
3	22	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	23	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	23	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
3	24	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	24	0	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1

		DAY											
Group	Animal	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
4	25	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	25	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
4	26	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
4	26	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
4	27	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
4	27	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
4	28	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
4	28	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
4	29	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
4	29	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
4	30	0	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	30	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
4	31	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	31	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
4	32	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
4	32	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	33	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	33	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	34	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	34	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	35	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
5	35	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
5	36	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	36	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	37	0	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	37	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
5	38	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	38	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5	39	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
5	39	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
5	40	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
5	40	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1

Example 3: A Study of the Efficacy of Effect of SCV-07 in the Treatment of Oral Mucositis Induced by Fractionated Radiation in Hamsters.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

KGF-1 and other FGF family members have been shown to induce epithelial thickening of the oral and esophageal mucosal surfaces in BDF-1. SCV-07 and the derived SCV-07 peptide are believed to have mechanisms that that may overlap with KGF-1, and have been shown to be protective in other models of mucosal injury.

Oral ulcerative mucositis is a common, painful, dose-limiting toxicity of drug and radiation therapy for cancer. The disorder is characterized by breakdown of the oral mucosa that results in the formation of ulcerative lesions. In granulocytopenic patients, the ulcerations that accompany mucositis are frequent portals of entry for indigenous oral bacteria often leading to sepsis or bacteremia. Mucositis occurs to some degree in more than one third of patients receiving anti-neoplastic drug therapy. The frequency and severity are significantly greater among patients who are treated with induction therapy for leukemia or with many of the conditioning regimens for bone marrow transplant. Among these individuals, moderate to severe mucositis is not unusual in more than three-quarters of patients. Moderate to severe mucositis occurs in virtually all patients who receive radiation therapy for tumors of the head and neck and typically begins with cumulative exposures of 15 Gy and then worsens as total doses of 60 Gy or more are reached.

Clinically mucositis progresses through three stages:

1. Painful erythema which can generally be managed by topical anesthetics or non-narcotic analgesics...
2. Painful ulceration often with pseudomembrane formation. In the case of concomitant myelosuppression, bacteremias or sepsis of oral origin are not

uncommon. Pain is often of such intensity as to require narcotic analgesia, frequently parenterally.

3. Spontaneous healing, occurring about 2 - 3 weeks after cessation of anti-neoplastic therapy.

Currently, the only approved biologic or drug for mucositis prevention and/or treatment is Kepivance (palifermin). Kepivance use is limited to mucositis in patients receiving stem cell transplant for hematologic malignancies. Consequently, standard therapy for mucositis consists of palliative rinses, such as saline, bicarbonate solutions, mouthwashes, topical analgesics such as lidocaine and/or systemic administration of narcotics.

The complexity of mucositis as a biological process has only been recently appreciated. It has been suggested that the condition represents a sequential interaction of oral mucosal cells and tissues reactive oxygen species, pro-inflammatory cytokines, mediators of apoptosis, a range of signaling pathways, and local factors such as saliva and the oral micro biota. While epithelial degeneration and breakdown ultimately result in mucosal ulceration, it appears that the early changes associated with radiation-induced mucosal toxicity occur within the endothelium, and connective tissue of the submucosa. It appears that the overall mechanism for mucositis development is similar for both radiation and chemotherapy.

1.2 Fractionated Radiation Model

The fractionated radiation model in hamsters, developed by the Principal Investigator, has proven to be an accurate, efficient and cost-effective technique to provide a preliminary evaluation of anti-mucositis compounds. In this model, hamsters receive 8 doses of 7.5 Gy to the left cheek pouch on days 0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, rather than the single dose of 40 Gy on day 0 that is used in acute radiation studies. The rationale for using this scheduling for the radiation is that it more closely resembles the clinical courses of radiotherapy given to cancer patients. The course of mucositis

in this model is well defined and results in peak mucositis scores approximately 14-16 days following radiation. Mortality (generally from the side effects of anesthesia) in the fractionated radiation model is slightly higher than that seen in the acute radiation model and group sizes are increased (to 10 per group) to allow for this.

2. STUDY OBJECTIVE AND SUMMARY

2.1 Study Objective

The objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of SCV-07, administered by sub-cutaneous injection, on the frequency, severity and duration of oral mucositis induced by a fractionated radiation protocol.

2.2 Study Summary

Forty (40) male Syrian Golden Hamsters were given eight doses of radiation of 7.5 Gy each directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on days 0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animal's bodies with a lead shield. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily as detailed in Table 9. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on day 7, and continuing on alternate days until day 35. Test articles were given as outlined Table 9, Groups 1 and 2 were dosed from Day -1 to Day 29, Group 3 was dosed on the days of radiation only, Group 4 was dosed on the days between Day -15 and Day 29 on which no radiation is given (Day -1, Day 4, Day 5 and Day 10 to Day 29).

3. EVALUATION

3.1 Mucositis Evaluation

The grade of mucositis was scored, beginning day 6, and for every second day thereafter, through and including day 34. The effect on mucositis of each drug treatment compared to placebo was assessed according to the following parameters:

3.1.1 The difference in the number of days hamsters in each group have ulcerative (score ≥ 3) mucositis.

On each evaluation day, the number of animals with a blinded mucositis score of ≥ 3 in each drug treatment group was compared to the control group. Differences were compared on a cumulative basis and statistical significance was determined by chi-square analysis. Efficacy, in this analysis, is defined by a significant reduction in the number of days that a group of animals had ulcerations (scores ≥ 3) when compared to the control group.

3.1.2 Rank sum differences in daily mucositis scores.

For each evaluation day the scores of the control group were compared to those of the treated groups using non-parametric rank sum analysis. Treatment success was considered as a statistically significant lowering of scores in the treated group on 2 or more days from day 6 to day 28.

3.2 Weights and Survival

All animals were weighed daily and their survival recorded, in order to assess possible differences in animal weight among treatment groups as an indication for mucositis severity and/or possible toxicity resulting from the treatments.

4. STUDY DESIGN

Forty (40) male Syrian Golden Hamsters were given eight doses of radiation of 7.5 Gy each directed to their left buccal cheek pouch on days 0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animal's bodies with a lead shield. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily at 8:00 am as detailed in Table 9.

Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on Day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 34. Test articles were given as outlined Table 9, Groups 1 and 2 was dosed from Day -1 to Day 29, Group 3 was dosed on the days of radiation only (days 0-3 and days 6-10), Group 4 was dosed on the days between Day -1 and Day 29 on which no radiation is given (Day -1, Day 4 to Day 5 and Day 10 to Day 29).

Table 9. SCI-03. Study Design

Group	Number of	Treatment	Treatment	Number of
Number	Animals		Schedule	Doses
1	10 males	Vehicle Control	Day -1 to Day 29	31
2	10 males	SCV-07 100 µg/kg	Day -1 to Day 29	31
3	10 males	SCV-07 100 µg/kg	Day 0 to Day 3 and Day 6 to Day 9	8
4	10 males	SCV-07 100 µg/kg	Day -1, Days 4, 5 Day 10 to Day 29	23

Injections of SCV-07 on Days 0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were given approximately 30 minutes prior to radiation.

5. MATERIAL AND METHODS

5.1 Location of Study Performance

The study was performed at Biomodels AAALAC-accredited facility in Watertown, MA.

5.2 Animals

Male LVG Syrian Golden Hamsters (Charles River Laboratories), aged 5 to 6 weeks, with average body weight of 81.0g at study commencement, were used. Animals were individually numbered using an ear punch and housed in small groups of approximately 10 animals per cage. Animals were acclimatized for 5 days prior to study commencement and during this period, the animals were observed daily in order to reject animals that present in poor condition.

5.3 Housing

The study was performed in animal rooms provided with filtered air at a temperature of 70°F +/- 5 °F and 50% +/- 20% relative humidity. Animal rooms were set to maintain a minimum of 12 to 15 air changes per hour. The room was on an automatic timer for a light/dark cycle of 12 hours on and 12 hours off with no twilight. *Bed-O-Cobs®* bedding was used. Bedding was changed a minimum of once per week. Cages, tops, bottles, etc. were washed with a commercial detergent and allowed to air dry. A commercial disinfectant was used to disinfect surfaces and materials introduced into the hood. Floors were swept daily and mopped a minimum of twice weekly with a commercial detergent. Walls and cage racks were sponged a minimum of once per month with a dilute bleach solution. A cage card or label with the appropriate information necessary to identify the study, dose, animal number and treatment group marked all cages. The temperature and relative humidity was recorded during the study, and the records retained.

5.4 Diet

Animals were fed with a Purina Labdiet® 5061 rodent diet and water was provided *ad libitum*.

5.5 Animal Randomization and Allocations.

Animals were randomly and prospectively divided into four (4) treatment groups prior to irradiation. Each animal was identified by an ear punch corresponding to an individual number. For more consistent identification, ear punch numbering was used rather than tagging, since tags may become dislodged during the course of the study. A cage card was used to identify each cage or label marked with the study number (SCI-03), treatment group number and animal numbers.

5.6 Sub-Cutaneous Dosing and Drug Application

The test compound, human SCV-07 peptide was provided as a powder and dissolved in sterile PBS immediately prior to administration. Drug was given in a volume of 0.1, using a tuberculin syringe with a 27G needle. Injections were given subcutaneously to the back or abdomen.

5.7 Mucositis Induction

Radiation was generated with a Philips 160 kVp (kilovolt potential) (18.75-ma) X-ray source at a focal distance of 30 cm, with a 3.0 mm hardened Al filtration system. Irradiation was targeted to the left buccal pouch mucosa at a rate of 3.32 Gy/minute. Calibration of this source with a Victoreen model 530 dosimeter indicated that the dose rate was 28.57 nC/min. Using this calibration, the energy received by each animal at each radiation dose was approximately 64.5 nC (nanoCoulombs) at each time point. Prior to irradiation, animals were anesthetized with an intraperitoneal injection of ketamine (160mg/kg) and xylazine (8 mg/kg). The left buccal pouch was everted, fixed and isolated using a lead shield.

5.8 Mucositis Scoring

The mucositis score, weight change and survival were measured throughout the study as described above. For the evaluation of mucositis, the animals were anesthetized with an inhalation anesthetic, and the left pouch everted. Mucositis was scored visually by comparison to a validated photographic scale, ranging from 0 for normal, to 5 for severe ulceration (clinical scoring). In descriptive terms, this scale is defined as follows:

Score:	Description:
0	Pouch completely healthy. No erythema or vasodilation.
1	Light to severe erythema and vasodilation. No erosion of mucosa.
2	Severe erythema and vasodilation. Erosion of superficial aspects of mucosa leaving denuded areas, but no frank ulceration. Decreased stippling of mucosa.
3	Formation of off-white ulcers in one or more places. Ulcers may have a yellow/gray due to pseudomembrane. Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the pouch. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
4	Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the pouch. Loss of pliability. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
5	Virtually all of pouch is ulcerated. Loss of pliability (pouch can only partially be extracted from mouth).

Table 10 SCI-03: Mucositis Scoring.

A score of 1-2 is considered to represent a mild stage of the disease, whereas a score of 3-5 is considered to indicate moderate to severe mucositis. Following visual scoring, a photograph was taken of each animal's mucosa using a standardized technique. At the conclusion of the experiment, all films were developed and the photographs randomly numbered. At least two independent trained observers graded the photographs in blinded fashion using the above-described scale (blinded scoring).

6. RESULTS

6.1 Survival

One death occurred during this study in the control group on day 8 as a consequence of anesthesia for radiation.

6.2 Weight Change

There were no significant differences in weight changes between study groups. The mean daily percent weight change data was evaluated. The saline treated control hamsters gained an average of 76.3% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days -1 to 29 gained an average of 80.7% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days of radiation only gained an average of 66.3% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on day -1, day 4, day 5 and days 10-29 gained an average of 69.7% of their starting weight during the study. The significance of these differences was evaluated by calculating the area-under-the-curve (AUC) for the weight gain of each animal, and then comparing the different treatment groups using a One-Way ANOVA test. The results of this analysis indicated that there were no significant differences between the different treatment groups ($P=0.490$).

6.3 Mucositis (Tables 11 & 12)

The kinetics and severity of mucositis development among control animals was consistent with that which was expected.

Mean daily mucositis scores for each group were evaluated. In the saline treated control group, the mean peak mucositis score was 3.2, which occurred on day 19. The group receiving SCV-07 from day -1 to day 29 had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.3, which occurred on day 19. The group receiving SCV-07 on the days

of radiation (0-3 and 6-9) had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.0, which occurred on day 17. The group receiving SCV-07 on days 1, 4, 5 and 10 through 29 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.9, which occurred on days 17, 19 and 23. The significance of the differences observed between the different treatment groups was evaluated by calculating the number of days with a score of 3 or higher for each group and comparing these numbers using a chi-squared (χ^2) test. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 11. The hamsters in the saline treated control group had a score of 3 or higher on 36% of the animal days evaluated. In the group receiving SCV-07 from day -1 to day 29, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 32.7% of the animals days evaluated, which was not statistically significantly different from controls ($P=0.448$). In the group receiving SCV-07 on days 0-3 and days 6-9, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 24% of the animals days evaluated, which was statistically significantly different from controls ($P=0.002$). In the group receiving SCV-07 on days -1, day 4 day 5 and day 10 to day 29, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 30.7% of the animals days evaluated, which was not statistically significantly different from controls ($P=0.204$). A further analysis of the mucositis scores was performed using the Mann-Whitney rank sum analysis to compare the scores for each group on each day. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 12. In this analysis, 2 days of significant reduction in the mucositis score are generally required before it is regarded as meaningful. The group treated with SCV-07 on days -1 to 29 was significantly better than the saline controls on days 29 ($P=0.004$), 31 ($P=0.017$) and 33 ($P=0.002$). The group treated with SCV-07 on days 0 to 3 and day 6 to day 9 was significantly better than the saline controls on days 21 ($P=0.047$), 23 ($P<0.001$), 25 ($P=0.009$), 29 ($P<0.001$), 31 ($P=0.015$) and 33 ($P<0.001$). The group treated with SCV-07 on days -1, 4, 5 and days 10 to 29 was significantly better than the saline controls on days 29 ($P<0.001$), 31 ($P=0.004$) and 33 ($P<0.001$).

Group	Days ≥3	Days <3	Total Days	% Days ≥3	Chi Sq v control	P Value
Vehicle (PBS), qd, sc Days -1 to 29	98	174	272	36.0	-	-
SCV-07 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 29	98	202	300	32.7	0.575	0.448
SCV-07 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days 0 to 3 and 6 to 9	72	228	300	24.0	0.3160	0.002
SCV-07 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1, 4, 5 10 to 29	92	208	300	30.7	0.2300	0.204

Table 11 SCI-03. Chi-square analysis of the total number of days the animals in each group spent with a score of three or more. This statistic is a measure of severity of ulceration, a clinically important outcome.

Group Comparison	Day														
	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 29	0.989	0.295	0.526	0.297	0.490	0.988	0.608	0.129	0.062	0.761	0.526	<u>0.004</u>	<u>0.017</u>	<u>0.002</u>	0.872
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days 0 to 3 and 6 to 9	0.989	0.296	0.244	0.080	0.490	0.988	0.115	<u>0.047</u>	<u><0.001</u>	<u>0.009</u>	0.224	<u><0.001</u>	<u>0.015</u>	<u><0.001</u>	0.872
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1, 4, 5 10 to 29	0.989	0.605	0.918	0.406	0.164	0.605	0.115	0.129	0.648	0.420	0.528	<u><0.001</u>	<u>0.004</u>	<u><0.001</u>	0.490

Table 12. SCI-03. The significance of group differences observed in daily mucositis scores was determined using the Mann-Whitney rank sum test. This nonparametric statistic is appropriate for the visual mucositis scoring scale. The p values for each calculation are shown. Significant reductions in mucositis scores relative to controls are shown underlined.

7. CONCLUSIONS

1. There was no evidence of any toxicity from SCV-07 in this study based on the observations of mortality and weight gain.
2. Animals treated with human SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days on which radiation was administered (days 0-3 and 6-9) showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P=0.002$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 21 ($P=0.047$), 23 ($P<0.001$), 25 ($P=0.009$), 29 ($P<0.001$), 31 ($P=0.015$) and 33 ($P<0.001$). This result suggests that SCV-07 may be effective in reducing the overall severity of mucositis, which, consequently, results in enhanced resolution of mucosal injury.
3. Hamsters treated with SCV-07 on days -1 to 29 or on days on which radiation was not administered (days -1, 4, 5 and 10-29), did not show a significant reduction in the number of animal days with a score of 3 or higher, but did show significant reductions in mucositis scores on days 29, 31 and 33.
4. The contrast in effect of SCV-07 based on the schedule of radiation administration may provide some insight into its mechanism of action, but requires further evaluation. The fact that SCV-07 schedules in which the drug was administered on non-radiation days were not as efficacious is of interest, especially for animals treated on consecutive days. Furthermore, the observation that all animals treated with SCV-07 responded identically at the late stages of the study might suggest multiple effects of SCV-07 on the overall pathogenesis and resolution of radiation-induced mucositis.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 5 – Animal Weights

Group	Animal	Day																																					
		-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
1	1	82	87	86	88	89	89	94	95	98	97	100.8	103	105	108	109	110	110	112	115	115	117	119	120	122	124	125	126	130	130	132	132	135	137	137	141	143	144	
1	2	78	82	81	84	87	85	91	94	95	Dead																												
1	3	79	79	77	76	75	75	77	77	79	80	82.2	85	85	89	88	87	86	86	89	90	95	95	97	98	101	101	102	106	108	107	108	111	114	115	119	118	120	
1	4	88	92	93	96	98	99	103	107	108	107	113.9	116	116	120	121	123	122	124	125	126	129	130	128	130	133	131	131	134	135	138	136	138	138	139	143	142	143	
1	5	77	80	79	84	88	86	91	93	90	88	96	96	96	97	98	98	98	100	104	105	106	109	113	114	117	120	121	126	129	129	128	134	135	137	142	143	142	
1	6	83	85	90	91	95	94	90	100	100	101	106.1	107	109	112	113	114	115	115	118	120	123	126	128	130	132	138	138	144	147	146	147	152	155	155	160	159	159	
1	7	76	78	78	79	81	83	88	88	90	89	93.4	95	93	96	98	98	99	99	102	103	109	111	111	111	116	118	118	124	123	125	125	130	131	133	137	138	137	
1	8	73	76	75	76	77	78	84	86	86	87	90.5	93	97	98	99	101	103	102	103	103	110	109	110	112	115	115	117	121	122	123	121	126	129	129	133	131	134	
1	9	81	86	87	88	87	90	94	99	98	100	104.4	105	108	111	113	113	114	114	119	120	124	128	126	129	132	132	134	138	139	140	140	145	146	147	151	155	153	
1	10	79	83	84	82	84	80	88	90	91	90	93.7	95	95	97	96	97	95	100	102	105	105	109	110	110	113	114	115	118	119	121	120	122	124	125	129	131	133	
2	11	82	86	89	78	77	80	83	88	88	89	94.5	95	98	100	103	104	104	105	108	108	113	114	116	117	120	122	123	129	131	134	132	136	138	141	146	145	146	
2	12	80	82	82	83	86	85	88	92	91	90	93.4	92	95	96	97	96	97	99	100	98	104	105	107	108	111	113	113	117	116	118	118	122	124	126	131	130	131	
2	13	82	84	84	87	88	88	92	94	93	94	98.3	100	99	103	104	106	105	107	108	109	114	116	117	119	120	124	124	129	130	130	130	137	138	141	136	145	136	
2	14	73	77	76	79	79	82	84	87	87	87	90.6	92	96	97	97	98	99	99	101	103	107	109	110	112	114	116	117	121	124	124	123	128	131	120	145	136	145	
2	15	82	87	89	92	95	95	98	102	102	103	108.5	108	110	114	115	116	117	117	120	120	124	126	127	127	130	132	132	137	138	139	139	142	143	143	147	146	147	
2	16	83	85	88	91	94	93	97	102	99	99	103.5	105	107	111	111	109	108	109	111	113	116	117	122	123	126	128	128	132	133	135	134	138	142	142	148	147	148	
2	17	81	82	83	87	88	87	91	95	93	95	99.7	97	101	104	106	105	107	106	107	118	122	121	126	127	130	130	132	136	137	140	140	144	146	147	152	153	154	
2	18	76	77	76	80	79	79	84	86	85	87	88.2	92	92	95	94	95	94	96	97	98	102	103	104	105	108	111	110	114	115	114	114	120	121	122	125	125	127	
2	19	84	87	87	88	90	91	94	98	100	98	102.3	104	104	107	108	108	108	111	110	113	115	116	119	120	120	123	126	129	130	133	133	137	139	139	144	147	146	
2	20	69	70	74	76	75	76	79	79	84	84	88.6	90	94	97	98	98	98	99	103	106	108	111	118	117	118	120	121	124	126	131	127	133	138	138	144	146	147	
3	21	87	92	92	97	94	95	100	104	106	103	110.6	111	112	102	114	113	112	113	118	117	122	123	124	127	127	128	128	131	133	134	132	135	138	139	143	143	144	
3	22	76	78	79	80	80	82	85	89	90	88	94.6	95	96	110	101	100	100	103	106	109	112	114	115	114	121	122	121	124	125	127	126	130	132	133	136	136	137	
3	23	93	98	95	102	104	102	108	111	115	113	117.4	119	122	125	124	125	126	129	132	137	138	141	141	144	152	148	150	153	158	158	158	162	165	165	172	171	170	
3	24	78	82	79	80	82	81	85	88	89	88	92.6	93	95	97	98	99	97	97	100	101	105	107	108	108	113	114	115	119	119	122	122	126	128	128	133	134	135	
3	25	80	84	82	85	84	86	88	90	91	93	94.4	96	99	101	103	100	102	101	104	104	108	109	108	112	113	115	116	117	119	121	120	122	123	124	127	127	128	
3	26	87	89	86	88	86	86	86	89	91	89	90	93.7	95	97	98	101	100	101	100	101	102	106	108	109	111	113	115	116	122	119	121	122	125	128	130	133	133	135
3	27	84	87	87	88	89	88	93	97	97	97	101.7	103	104	103	109	112	111	113	115	108	111	112	114	115	118	120	121	124	124	125	126	129	131	131	132	134	134	
3	28	80	82	83	84	88	85	88	94	93	94	97.5	98	99	99	105	103	105	106	106	108	113	114	114	118	120	121	122	120	126	128	128	132	134	134	140	138	140	
3	29	79	79	78	81	83	83	87	89	90	88	91.6	94	94	96	96	97	96	99	102	104	107	107	109	111	114	115	114	119	122	120	121	125	125	128	131	131	132	
3	30	76	76	73	74	76	74	77	78	78	78	79.2	80	81	84	84	84	82	85	86	87	90	90	93	93	96	95	95	97	97	100	99	102	104	103	107	107	110	
4	31	80	84	85	89	90	93	94	96	97	98	101.2	102	104	105	107	105	106	109	111	112	118	118	120	124	124	124	123	125	126	129	131	131	133	136	138	141	140	141
4	32	85	88	90	91	94	94	99	102	103	105	110.3	110	112	116	116	116	116	117	117	114	120	121	124	124	127	128	131	134	134	136	134	138	142	142	146	147	146	
4	33	82	85	82	96	87	85	89	92	93	91	95.3	95	96	97	97	96	96	96	96	95	98	99	101	102	105	107	108	110	114	114	112	116	118	119	122	122	124	
4	34	87	89	87	90	86	91	97	99	101	103	108.6	110	110	115	117	118	120	122	123	122	128	128	131	133	135	138	139	142	143	145	146	150	152	153	158	157	158	
4	35	84	89	90	92	97	97	104	107	110	108	111.7	114	115	117	119	121	122	124	127	127	132	133	136	134	137	138	140	143	144	146	144	149	151	152	157	158	159	
4	36	85	90	89	91	94	96	98	101	103	102	104.7	108	107	109	110	110	111	112	113	115	119	118	1															

9.2 Appendix 6 – Mucositis Scores

Group	Animal	Day Number														
		7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35
1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
1	2	0	dead													
1	2	0														
1	3	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	3	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	4	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	1
1	4	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	1
1	5	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	5	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
1	6	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
1	6	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
1	7	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
1	7	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
1	8	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	0
1	8	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	0
1	9	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
1	9	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
1	10	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
1	10	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
2	11	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
2	11	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
2	12	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
2	12	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
2	13	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
2	13	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
2	14	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	14	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	15	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	15	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	16	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	16	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
2	17	0	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
2	17	0	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
2	18	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	0	1	1	1
2	18	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	0	1	1	1
2	19	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	19	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	20	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	20	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

Group	Animal	Day Number														
		7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35
3	21	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
3	21	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
3	22	0	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
3	22	0	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
3	23	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	1
3	23	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	1
3	24	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	24	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	25	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	25	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	26	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	26	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	27	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	27	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
3	28	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
3	28	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
3	29	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
3	29	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
3	30	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
3	30	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
4	31	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
4	31	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0
4	32	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	1
4	32	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	1
4	33	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	1
4	33	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	1
4	34	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
4	34	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
4	35	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	1	1
4	35	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	1	1
4	36	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
4	36	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
4	37	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	1	1
4	37	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	1	1
4	38	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
4	38	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
4	39	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
4	39	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
4	40	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
4	40	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0

Example 4: A Study of SCV-07 in the Treatment of Oral Mucositis Induced by a Combination of Cisplatin and Acute Radiation in Hamsters.

Introduction

Prior studies with SCV-07 have shown that it is effective in treating oral mucositis in hamster models of the disease induced by both acute and fractionated radiation. In this study, the efficacy of SCV-07 was evaluated in a hamster model of oral mucositis induced by a combination of chemotherapy and radiation, and specifically, by the combination of cis-platin and radiation.

Methods

Forty Golden Syrian hamsters were prospectively randomized into four equally sized groups. Mucositis was induced on the left cheek pouch mucosa of golden Syrian hamsters by a single dose of cis-platin at 5 mg/kg given on day -1, and a single dose of radiation administered on day 0 at a dose of 35Gy. Beginning on day -1 and continuing once daily until day 20, SCV-07 was given by sub-cutaneous injection at doses of 10 µg/kg, 100 µg/kg or 1 mg/kg in a volume of 100 µL. Animals' activity and weight were evaluated daily. Beginning on day 6 and continuing on alternate days for the duration of the study, oral mucositis was evaluated using a standard scoring six point scale. The number of days of ulcerative mucositis was evaluated using a Chi-squared test of scores of ≥3 throughout the study, and the individual daily group scores were assessed with a Rank Sum Test.

Results

Mucositis was favorably and consistently impacted in animals treated with SCV-07 in all test groups. Severe mucositis was reduced from 50% of animals days evaluated in vehicle controls to approximately 30% in SCV-07 treated animals. The most significant impact was seen in the later stages of the disease process, after the peak of mucositis. No significant differences were observed among groups relative to weight changes. No animals died during the course of the experiment.

Conclusions

1. There was no evidence of any toxicity from SCV-07 in this study based on the observations of mortality and weight gain.
2. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 22 ($P=0.010$), 24 ($P=0.022$), 26 ($P=0.015$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).
3. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 6 ($P=0.015$), 22 ($P=0.003$), 24 ($P=0.005$), 26 ($P<0.001$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).
4. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 6 ($P=0.015$), 20 ($P=0.029$), 22 ($P=0.012$), 24 ($P=0.001$), 26 ($P=0.003$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).

1.1 Background

KGF-1 and other FGF family members have been shown to induce epithelial thickening of the oral and esophageal mucosal surfaces in BDF-1. SCV-07 and the derived SCV-07 peptide are believed to have mechanisms that may overlap with KGF-1, and have been shown to be protective in other models of mucosal injury.

Oral ulcerative mucositis is a common, painful, dose-limiting toxicity of drug and radiation therapy for cancer. The disorder is characterized by breakdown of the oral mucosa that results in the formation of ulcerative lesions. In granulocytopenic patients, the ulcerations that accompany mucositis are frequent portals of entry for indigenous oral bacteria often leading to sepsis or bacteremia. Mucositis occurs to some degree in more than one third of patients receiving anti-neoplastic drug therapy. The frequency and severity are significantly greater among patients who are treated with induction therapy for leukemia or with many of the conditioning regimens for bone marrow transplant. Among these individuals, moderate to severe mucositis is not unusual in more than three-quarters of patients. Moderate to severe mucositis occurs in virtually all patients who receive radiation therapy for tumors of the head and neck and typically begins with cumulative exposures of 15 Gy and then worsens as total doses of 60 Gy or more are reached.

Clinically mucositis progresses through three stages:

1. Painful erythema which can generally be managed by topical anesthetics or non-narcotic analgesics..
2. Painful ulceration often with pseudomembrane formation. In the case of concomitant myelosuppression, bacteremias or sepsis of oral origin are not uncommon. Pain is often of such intensity as to require narcotic analgesia, frequently parenterally.
3. Spontaneous healing, occurring about 2 - 3 weeks after cessation of anti-neoplastic therapy.

Currently, the only approved biologic or drug for mucositis prevention and/or treatment is Kepivance (palifermin). Kepivance use is limited to mucositis in patients receiving stem cell transplant for hematologic malignancies. Consequently, standard therapy for mucositis consists of palliative rinses, such as saline, bicarbonate solutions, mouthwashes, topical analgesics such as lidocaine and/or systemic administration of narcotics.

The complexity of mucositis as a biological process has only been recently appreciated. It has been suggested that the condition represents a sequential interaction of oral mucosal cells and tissues reactive oxygen species, pro-inflammatory cytokines, mediators of apoptosis, a range of signaling pathways, and local factors such as saliva and the oral micro biota. While epithelial degeneration and breakdown ultimately result in mucosal ulceration, it appears that the early changes associated with radiation-induced mucosal toxicity occur within the endothelium, and connective tissue of the submucosa. It appears that the overall mechanism for mucositis development is similar for both radiation and chemotherapy.

1.2 Chemo-Radiation Model of Oral Mucositis with Cis-Platin.

The chemo-radiation model of oral mucositis in hamsters, developed by the Principal Investigator, has proven to be an accurate, efficient and cost-effective technique to provide a preliminary evaluation of anti-mucositis compounds. In this model, hamsters received a single dose of cis-platin at 5 mg/kg on day -1, followed by a single dose of radiation of 35 Gy to the left cheek pouch on day 0, rather than the single dose of 40 Gy on day 0 that is used in acute radiation studies. The course of mucositis in this model is very similar to the acute radiation model and results in peak mucositis scores approximately 16-18 days following radiation.

2. STUDY OBJECTIVE AND SUMMARY

2.1 Study Objective

The objective of this study was to evaluate the effect of SCV-07, administered by sub-cutaneous injection, on the frequency, severity and duration of oral mucositis induced by a fractionated radiation protocol.

2.2 Study Summary

Hamsters received a single dose of cis-platin at 5 mg/kg on day -1 by intra-peritoneal injection, followed by a single dose of radiation of 35 Gy to the left cheek pouch on day 0. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animal's bodies with a lead shield. Test materials were given by sub-cutaneous injection once daily as detailed in Table 13. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on day 6, and continuing on alternate days until day 28. Test articles were given as from day -1 to day 20.

3. EVALUATION

3.1 Mucositis Evaluation

The grade of mucositis was scored, beginning day 6, and for every second day thereafter, through and including day 28. The effect on mucositis of each drug treatment compared to placebo was assessed according to the following parameters:

3.1.1 The difference in the number of days hamsters in each group have ulcerative (score ≥ 3) mucositis.

On each evaluation day, the number of animals with a blinded mucositis score of ≥ 3 in each drug treatment group was compared to the control group. Differences were compared on a cumulative basis and statistical significance was determined by chi-square analysis. Efficacy, in this analysis, is defined by a significant reduction in the number of days that a group of animals had ulcerations (scores ≥ 3) when compared to the control group.

3.1.2 Rank sum differences in daily mucositis scores.

For each evaluation day the scores of the control group were compared to those of the treated groups using non-parametric rank sum analysis. Treatment success was considered as a statistically significant lowering of scores in the treated group on 2 or more days from day 6 to day 28.

3.2 Weights and Survival

All animals were weighed daily and their survival recorded, in order to assess possible differences in animal weight among treatment groups as an indication for mucositis severity and/or possible toxicity resulting from the treatments.

4. STUDY DESIGN

Forty (40) male Syrian Golden Hamsters were given an intraperitoneal injection of 5 mg/kg Cisplatin on day -1. On day 0 all animals were given an acute radiation dose of 35 Gy directed to their left buccal cheek pouch. This was accomplished by anesthetizing the animals and everting the left buccal pouch, while protecting the rest of the animals with a lead shield. Test materials were given by subcutaneous injection once daily as detailed in Table 13. Mucositis was evaluated clinically starting on Day 6, and continued on alternate days until day 28.

Table 13. SCI-04. Study Design

Group	Number of Animals	Cisplatin	Radiation	Treatment	Treatment Schedule*	Volume (mL)
1	10 males	5 mg/kg, day -1	35 Gy, day 0	Vehicle (PBS), sc, qd	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
2	10 males	5 mg/kg, day -1	35 Gy, day 0	SCV-07, sc, qd 10 µg/kg,	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
3	10 males	5mg/kg, day -1	35 Gy, day 0	SCV-07, sc, qd 100 µg/kg,	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight
4	10 males	5 mg/kg, day -1	35 Gy, day 0	SCV-07, sc, qd 1.0 mg/kg	Day -1 to 20	Adjust per body weight

*The dose on day 0 will be performed 30 minutes prior to radiation

5. MATERIAL AND METHODS

5.1 Location of Study Performance

The study was performed at Biomodels AAALAC-accredited facility in Watertown, MA. IACUC approval number 07-0620-01 for this study was obtained from Biomodels IACUC.

5.2 Animals

Male LVG Syrian Golden Hamsters (Charles River Laboratories), aged 5 to 6 weeks, with average body weight of 90g at study commencement, were used. Animals were individually numbered using an ear punch and housed in small groups of approximately 10 animals per cage. Animals were acclimatized for 5 days prior to study commencement and during this period, the animals were observed daily in order to reject animals that present in poor condition.

5.3 Housing

The study was performed in animal rooms provided with filtered air at a temperature of 70°F±5 °F and 50% ±20% relative humidity. Animal rooms were set to maintain a minimum of 12 to 15 air changes per hour. The room was on an automatic timer for a light/dark cycle of 12 hours on and 12 hours off with no twilight. *Bed-O-Cobs*® bedding was used. Bedding was changed a minimum of once per week. Cages, tops, bottles, etc. were washed with a commercial detergent and allowed to air dry. A commercial disinfectant was used to disinfect surfaces and materials introduced into the hood. Floors were swept daily and mopped a minimum of twice weekly with a commercial detergent. Walls and cage racks were sponged a minimum of once per month with a dilute bleach solution. A cage card or label with the appropriate information necessary to identify the study, dose, animal number and treatment group marked all cages. The temperature and relative humidity was recorded during the study, and the records retained.

5.4 Diet

Animals were fed with a Purina Labdiet® 5061 rodent diet and water was provided *ad libitum*.

5.5 Animal Randomization and Allocations.

Animals were randomly and prospectively divided into four (4) treatment groups prior to irradiation. Each animal was identified by an ear punch corresponding to an individual number. For more consistent identification, ear punch numbering was used rather than tagging, since tags may become dislodged during the course of the study. A cage card was used to identify each cage or label marked with the study number (SCI-04), treatment group number and animal numbers.

5.6 Sub-Cutaneous Dosing and Drug Application

The test compound, human SCV-07 peptide was provided as a powder and dissolved in sterile PBS immediately prior to administration. Drug was given in a volume of 0.1, using a tuberculin syringe with a 27G needle. Injections were given subcutaneously to the back or abdomen.

5.7 Mucositis Induction

In this study, mucositis was induced with a combination of Cis-platin and radiation. Cis-platin was given as a single injection (IP) of 5 mg/kg on day -1. Radiation was given as a single focal dose of 35 Gy on day 0. Radiation was generated with a Philips 160 kVp (kilovolt potential) (18.75-ma) X-ray source at a focal distance of 30 cm, with a 3.0 mm hardened Al filtration system. Irradiation was targeted to the left buccal pouch mucosa at a rate of 3.32 Gy/minute. Calibration of this source with a Victoreen model 530 dosimeter indicated that the dose rate was 28.57 nC/min. Using this calibration, the energy received by each animal at each radiation dose was approximately 688.6 nC (nanoCoulombs). Prior to irradiation,

animals were anesthetized with an intraperitoneal injection of ketamine (160mg/kg) and xylazine (8 mg/kg). The left buccal pouch was everted, fixed and isolated using a lead shield.

5.8 Mucositis Scoring

The mucositis score, weight change and survival were measured throughout the study as described above. For the evaluation of mucositis, the animals were anesthetized with an inhalation anesthetic, and the left pouch everted. Mucositis was scored visually by comparison to a validated photographic scale, ranging from 0 for normal, to 5 for severe ulceration (clinical scoring). In descriptive terms, this scale is defined as follows:

Score:	Description:
0	Pouch completely healthy. No erythema or vasodilation.
1	Light to severe erythema and vasodilation. No erosion of mucosa.
2	Severe erythema and vasodilation. Erosion of superficial aspects of mucosa leaving denuded areas, but no frank ulceration. Decreased stippling of mucosa.
3	Formation of off-white ulcers in one or more places. Ulcers may have a yellow/gray due to pseudomembrane. Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about ¼ of the pouch. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
4	Cumulative size of ulcers should equal about ½ of the pouch. Loss of pliability. Severe erythema and vasodilation.
5	Virtually all of pouch is ulcerated. Loss of pliability (pouch can only partially be extracted from mouth).

Table 14 SCI-04: Mucositis Scoring.

A score of 1-2 is considered to represent a mild stage of the disease, whereas a score of 3-5 is considered to indicate moderate to severe mucositis. Following visual scoring, a photograph was taken of each animal's mucosa using a standardized technique. At the conclusion of the experiment, all films were

developed and the photographs randomly numbered. At least two independent trained observers graded the photographs in blinded fashion using the above-described scale (blinded scoring).

6. RESULTS and DISCUSSION

6.1 Survival

No deaths were seen in this study

6.2 Weight Change

There were no significant differences in weight changes between study groups. The mean daily percent weight change data was evaluated. The saline treated control hamsters gained an average of 46.5% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 51.3% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days -1 to 20 gained an average of 46.7% of their starting weight during the study. Hamsters in the group receiving SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg from day -1 to day 20 gained an average of 48.8% of their starting weight during the study. The significance of these differences was evaluated by calculating the area-under-the-curve (AUC) for the weight gain of each animal, and then comparing the different treatment groups using a One-Way ANOVA test. The results of this analysis indicated that there were no significant differences between the different treatment groups ($P=0.663$).

6.3 Mucositis (Tables 15 & 16)

The kinetics and severity of mucositis development among control animals was consistent with that which was expected.

Mean daily mucositis scores for each group were evaluated. In the saline treated control group, the mean peak mucositis score was 3.1, which occurred on day 18. The group receiving SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.9, which occurred on day 16. The group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 2.8, which occurred on days 14 and 16. The group receiving SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg from day -1 to day 20 had a peak mean mucositis score of 3.2, which occurred on day 16. The significance of the differences observed between the different treatment groups was evaluated by calculating the number of days with a score of 3 or higher for each group and comparing these numbers using a chi-squared (χ^2) test. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 15. The hamsters in the saline treated control group had a score of 3 or higher on 50% of the animal days evaluated. In the group receiving SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 34.2% of the animals days evaluated, which was not statistically significantly different from controls ($P < 0.001$). In the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days -1 to 20, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 29.2% of the animals days evaluated, which was statistically significantly different from controls ($P < 0.001$). In the group receiving SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days -1 to 20,, a mucositis score of 3 or higher was observed on 30.8% of the animals days evaluated, which was not statistically significantly different from controls ($P < 0.001$). A further analysis of the mucositis scores was performed using the Mann-Whitney rank sum analysis to compare the scores for each group on each day. The results of this analysis are shown in Table 16. In this analysis, 2 days of significant reduction in the mucositis score are generally required before it is regarded as meaningful. The group treated with SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg on days -1 to 20, had significantly less mucositis than the saline controls on days 22 ($P = 0.010$), 24 ($P = 0.022$), 26 ($P = 0.015$), and 28 ($P < 0.001$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg on days -1 to 20, had significantly less mucositis than the saline controls on days 6 ($P = 0.015$), 22 ($P = 0.003$), 24 ($P = 0.005$), 26 ($P < 0.001$), and 28 ($P < 0.001$). The group treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg on days -1 to 20, had significantly less mucositis than the saline controls on days 6

(P=0.015), 20 (P=0.029), 22 (P=0.012), 24 (P=0.001), 26 (P=0.003), and 28 (P<0.001).

Group	Days ≥3	Days <3	Total Days	% Days ≥3	Chi Sq v control	P Value
Vehicle, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	120	120	240	50.0	-	-
SCV-07 10 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	82	158	240	34.2	11.702	<0.001
SCV-07 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	70	170	240	29.2	20.9160	<0.001
SCV-07 1 mg/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	74	166	240	30.8	17.5190	<0.001

Table 15 SCI-04. Chi-square analysis of the total number of days the animals in each group spent with a score of three or more. This statistic is a measure of severity of ulceration, a clinically important outcome.

Group Comparison	Day											
	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Control vs SCV-7 10 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	0.296	0.422	0.393	0.560	0.271	0.488	0.179	0.100	<u>0.010</u>	<u>0.022</u>	<u>0.015</u>	<u><0.001</u>
Control vs SCV-7 100 ug/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	<u>0.015</u>	0.422	0.510	0.957	0.506	0.248	0.100	0.455	<u>0.003</u>	<u>0.005</u>	<u><0.001</u>	<u><0.001</u>
Control vs SCV-7 1 mg/kg, qd, sc Days -1 to 20	<u>0.015</u>	0.282	0.146	0.924	0.506	0.634	0.112	<u>0.029</u>	<u>0.012</u>	<u>0.001</u>	<u>0.003</u>	<u><0.001</u>

Table 16. SCI-04. The significance of group differences observed in daily mucositis scores was determined using the Mann-Whitney rank sum test. This nonparametric statistic is appropriate for the visual mucositis scoring scale. The p values for each calculation are shown. Significant reductions in mucositis scores relative to controls are shown underlined.

7. CONCLUSIONS

1. There was no evidence of any toxicity from SCV-07 in this study based on the observations of mortality and weight gain.
2. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 10 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 22 ($P=0.010$), 24 ($P=0.022$), 26 ($P=0.015$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).
3. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 100 µg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 6 ($P=0.015$), 22 ($P=0.003$), 24 ($P=0.005$), 26 ($P<0.001$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).
4. Animals treated with SCV-07 at 1 mg/kg from day -1 to day 20 showed a statistically significant reduction in the number of days with a mucositis score of 3 or higher ($P<0.001$), and a significant reduction in mucositis scores on days 6 ($P=0.015$), 20 ($P=0.029$), 22 ($P=0.012$), 24 ($P=0.001$), 26 ($P=0.003$), and 28 ($P<0.001$).

9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 7 – Animal Weights

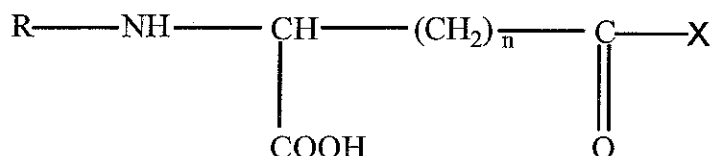
Group	Animal	DAY																													
		-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	1	105	104	100	103	106	108	111	111	113	113	115	116	118	121	119	121	119	121	124	125	126	127	130	133	133	137	137	138	139	140
1	2	88	86	83	89	92	94	96	97	101	103	106	105	104	103	104	108	112	110	117	116	120	121	124	125	123	131	134	136	135	139
1	3	90	92	88	91	95	99	101	103	104	92	105	109	109	108	107	109	112	117	116	117	118	120	126	127	129	131	132	135	134	138
1	4	87	86	83	87	90	93	96	98	100	102	105	106	106	109	109	110	110	109	113	115	115	115	121	120	121	126	126	129	129	133
1	5	106	101	99	105	107	111	113	113	117	118	120	122	120	121	120	124	123	125	129	129	129	130	133	136	135	141	141	143	144	144
1	6	82	83	79	82	84	86	87	89	90	97	96	97	97	98	96	95	95	96	97	99	99	100	102	107	104	106	107	108	109	111
1	7	86	85	84	85	88	90	93	94	95	97	98	99	100	101	103	104	103	104	107	107	108	108	111	113	113	115	118	120	120	122
1	8	82	81	78	83	86	89	92	93	98	105	105	103	103	107	106	107	108	109	113	115	115	115	119	122	123	125	127	128	129	132
1	9	90	89	91	93	95	101	101	103	104	106	107	111	112	113	114	118	118	117	122	123	123	126	128	130	131	134	135	136	138	138
1	10	108	109	104	105	110	112	117	118	120	122	123	126	128	129	124	126	126	128	131	134	134	135	137	139	141	144	147	148	148	151
2	11	77	77	74	78	82	83	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	98	98	99	99	100	103	103	105	104	108	110	110	114	115	117	117	119
2	12	101	102	101	104	111	113	112	114	117	121	122	125	125	128	128	130	132	132	136	137	138	137	141	144	143	148	150	151	152	156
2	13	85	84	83	89	93	95	98	101	103	106	106	112	111	111	112	115	117	119	123	125	125	127	130	133	133	139	139	140	145	146
2	14	82	80	80	86	88	90	93	96	98	101	102	105	105	107	108	109	109	112	113	113	115	117	120	121	123	124	126	127	130	
2	15	76	77	76	77	79	82	83	84	86	88	91	90	92	91	90	91	93	92	96	98	100	100	103	104	104	105	108	109	110	113
2	16	94	94	91	94	98	101	103	106	108	109	108	109	109	109	108	111	112	112	117	117	118	118	121	122	123	126	126	129	128	132
2	17	74	72	70	77	79	76	81	79	80	83	83	85	87	88	88	90	90	90	96	97	99	101	105	104	106	109	113	114	114	117
2	18	80	78	75	78	81	85	85	89	89	92	92	94	95	94	95	96	97	96	103	102	101	109	105	108	108	111	112	116	114	116
2	19	91	90	87	90	91	93	94	94	97	98	98	100	100	97	98	99	98	99	100	104	103	104	106	107	108	111	113	115	113	115
2	20	92	92	90	95	96	99	100	102	105	106	108	110	111	113	114	114	115	117	121	122	123	123	127	131	129	134	136	137	138	143
3	21	87	84	87	90	94	98	99	98	100	103	106	111	109	111	111	110	109	110	112	114	115	118	117	123	123	128	127	130	130	133
3	22	81	80	75	77	81	84	86	88	87	90	91	95	95	98	96	97	97	98	100	102	103	104	107	109	108	113	112	115	112	117
3	23	85	86	83	86	88	91	93	96	95	98	96	101	100	102	102	103	103	103	106	107	110	110	113	114	113	117	117	123	119	123
3	24	104	102	99	102	106	109	113	112	116	118	118	123	123	126	127	130	131	132	134	134	140	139	142	146	146	146	148	149	149	154
3	25	78	76	73	76	82	83	84	84	87	90	89	95	94	92	92	95	95	97	99	101	101	105	106	108	106	113	115	118	116	120
3	26	92	91	88	90	91	92	95	95	96	98	98	100	100	101	100	100	110	101	103	104	105	106	106	109	109	112	112	113	113	116
3	27	103	103	102	100	108	110	115	118	119	120	120	124	124	127	125	128	128	128	129	132	134	136	138	139	138	141	143	146	146	149
3	28	96	96	91	90	101	114	105	106	107	108	111	113	114	117	116	116	116	117	119	120	123	123	126	128	128	131	133	132	133	137
3	29	83	82	84	87	91	91	94	94	97	98	97	103	101	102	102	101	103	105	106	108	112	112	117	118	117	123	123	125	126	130
3	30	77	78	74	76	78	79	81	83	86	88	88	92	94	93	94	94	95	97	100	101	102	102	104	107	107	111	114	116	115	118
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4	32	96	96	93	95	99	103	104	106	109	110	111	113	113	113	114	113	123	116	118	119	119	122	123	125	124	129	130	132	133	136
4	33	93	91	89	90	94	100	101	103	107	110	110	114	115	114	113	113	112	114	117	119	122	122	126	129	128	133	137	138	138	141
4	34	87	85	85	89	92	96	98	103	104	120	107	109	112	113	113	115	116	116	120	120	123	122	125	126	127	129	131	131	131	133
4	35	100	96	97	101	106	108	111	115	118	105	121	124	122	126	124	124	114	123	127	130	130	132	137	141	139	142	147	147	145	150
4	36	88	88	85	87	93	96	99	103	105	108	109	113	114	118	120	121	118	119	120	123	123	125	128	130	129	134	136	139	137	142
4	37	104	102	104	108	114	115	120	119	123	125	127	128	127	127	122	125	125	128	131	132	134	135	139	143	143	145	148	150	150	153
4	38	97	96	93	93	98	103	105	107	110	113	113	116	116	116	115	114	115	115	119	119	121	122	123	125	126	128	130	133	132	135
4	39	88	88	83	85	93	93	95	95	98	100	102	104	102	104	104	103	105	107	110	112	114	114	115	117	116	119	123	126	125	130
4	40	99	97	99	101	107	107	112	113	115	117	118	120	123	125	125	127	125	128	131	134	135	133	138	142	144	148	149	152	151	155

9.2 Appendix 8 – Mucositis Scores

Group	Animal	DAY											
		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
1	1	2	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
1	2	0	0	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2
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CLAIMS

1. Use of an immunomodulator compound of Formula A, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,



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in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing the amount of mucosal deterioration, injury, or damage to at least one of oral and esophageal mucosal tissues, the mucosal deterioration, injury, or damage resulting from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment in a subject undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy for head and neck cancer, wherein, n is 1 or 2; R is hydrogen, C₂₋₁₀ acyl, or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and X is L-tryptophan or D-tryptophan.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein said compound is γ -D-glutamyl-L-tryptophan.

3. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound to be is administered at a dosage within a range of about 0.001-2000 mg.

4. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound is to be administered at a dosage within a range of about 0.01-100 mg.

5. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound is to be administered at a dosage within a range of about 0.1-10,000 ug/kg subject body weight.

6. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound is to be administered at a dosage within a range of about 1-1,000 ug/kg subject body weight.
7. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein the oral and/or esophageal mucosal deterioration, injury, or damage comprises ulcerative lesions.
8. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said radiation is to be administered at a cumulative dose of at least about 15 Gy.
9. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said radiation is to be administered at a cumulative dose of at least about 40 Gy.
10. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said radiation is to be administered at a cumulative dose of at least about 60 Gy.
11. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein the chemotherapy is cis-platin.
12. The use of claim 11, wherein said cis-platin is to be administered at a dosage within a range of about 0.1-50 mg/kg.
13. The use of claim 11, wherein said cis-platin is to be administered at a dosage of about 5 mg/kg.

14. The use of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the compound is present in a pharmaceutically acceptable liquid carrier.

15. The use of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the compound is in tablet form
5 with a suitable dry carrier and excipient.

16. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound is to be administered before radiation exposure, during radiation exposure or after radiation exposure.

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17. The use of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein said compound is to be administered before administration of 7-8 Gy of radiation.