

A Phase 1/1b Study of SBT6050, a HER2-directed Monoclonal Antibody Conjugated to a Toll-like Receptor 8 Agonist, in Subjects With Advanced HER2-expressing Solid Tumors

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Introduction

- New strategies are needed to improve treatment outcomes for patients with human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-expressing cancers. One strategy is to activate or reprogram myeloid cells found in the tumor microenvironment (TME) to increase tumor cell killing.
- Toll-like receptor 8 (TLR8) is highly expressed in myeloid cells that are prevalent in the TME, including dendritic cells (DCs) and macrophages, and modulates their pro-inflammatory activity.
- SBT6050 is a product candidate comprising a selective small molecule TLR8 agonist conjugated to a HER2-directed monoclonal antibody.
- SBT6050 is designed to activate human myeloid cells only in the presence of moderate-to-high HER2 expression (immunohistochemistry [IHC] 2+ or 3+) and binds to the same epitope as pertuzumab.
- In preclinical studies, SBT6050 induces a broad spectrum of antitumor immune mechanisms, including proinflammatory cytokine and chemokine production, inflammasome activation, and indirect activation of T and natural killer (NK) cells.
- Using an SBT6050 mouse surrogate in vivo, curative single-agent activity was observed in multiple murine tumor models, including a model deficient in T, B, and NK cells.
- SBT6050 was well tolerated in preclinical toxicology studies in nonhuman primates, supporting a first-in-human starting dose that has the potential to be pharmacologically active, with a short escalation to potentially clinically active doses.
- Preclinical studies also support combinations with checkpoint inhibitors and with trastuzumab to potentially further enhance antitumor activity.

Figure 1: SBT6050 is an ImmunoTAC™ Therapeutic Designed for Systemic Administration with TME-Localized Activity

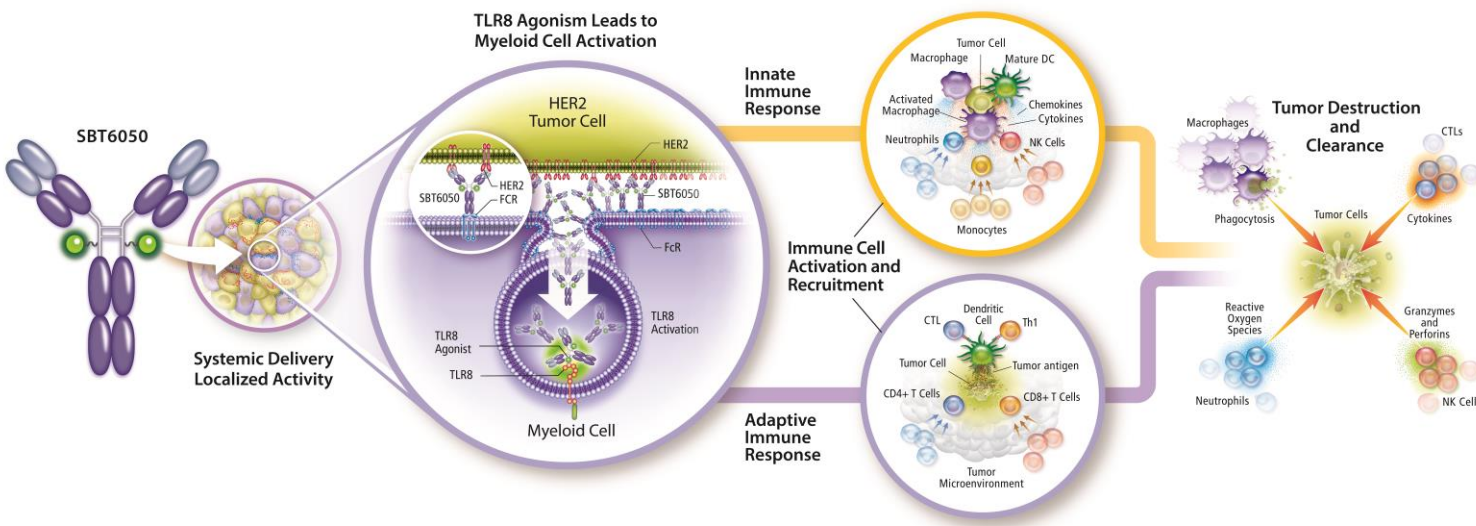


Table 1: Human Myeloid-Restricted Expression Profile Supports Development of a TLR8-Selective Payload

	Cell Type	TLR4	TLR7	TLR8	TLR9	STING	RIG-I
Myeloid Cells	Dendritic Cells	+++	+/-	++++	-	++	++
	Macrophages	++++	+	+++	-	++	++
Non-Myeloid	Fibroblasts	++	++	-	-	+++	+++
	Endothelial Cells	+++	++	-	-	+	++
Tumor	HER2+ Tumor Cell	-	-	-	-	++	++

Table 1: Expression levels were determined using publicly available RNA-Seq datasets.

Table 2: HER2 Expression is Common in Many Solid Tumors

Solid Tumor	Frequency of HER2 expression (IHC 2+/3+) rate and/or amplification
Breast cancer	30% ^{a, b}
Gastric cancer	23% ^c
Esophageal cancer	3-39% ^d
Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)	16-32% ^{e, f}
Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC)	3-50% ^{g, h}
Colorectal cancer	6-13% ^{i, j}
Biliary tract cancer, including gallbladder cancer	26% ^k
Bladder cancer	9% ^l
Uterine (endometrial) cancer	17-33% ^m
Ovarian cancer	5-19% ^d

Table 2: a. Wolf et al. J Clin Oncol 31(31): 3997-4013; b. Rossi et al. Oncologist 17(11):1418-1425; c. VanCutsem et al. Gastric Cancer 18(3):475-484; d. Omar et al. Pathogenesis 2(3):1-9; e. Hirsch et al. Semin Oncol 1 (Suppl 1): 75-82; f. Langer et al. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 58(3):991-1002; g. Birkehead et al. JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg 142(6): 599-567; h. Fong et al. APICP 13(6): 2891-6; i. Seo et al. PLoS One 9(5): e98528; j. Valtorta et al. Mod Pathol 28(11); k. Galdy et al. Cancer Met Res 36:141-157; l. Lee et al. Ann Oncol. 21(4):815-819; m. Diver et al. Oncologist 2009: 1058-1068

Figure 2: SBT6050 Kills Tumors by Activating both Innate and Adaptive Immunity when HER2 is Expressed

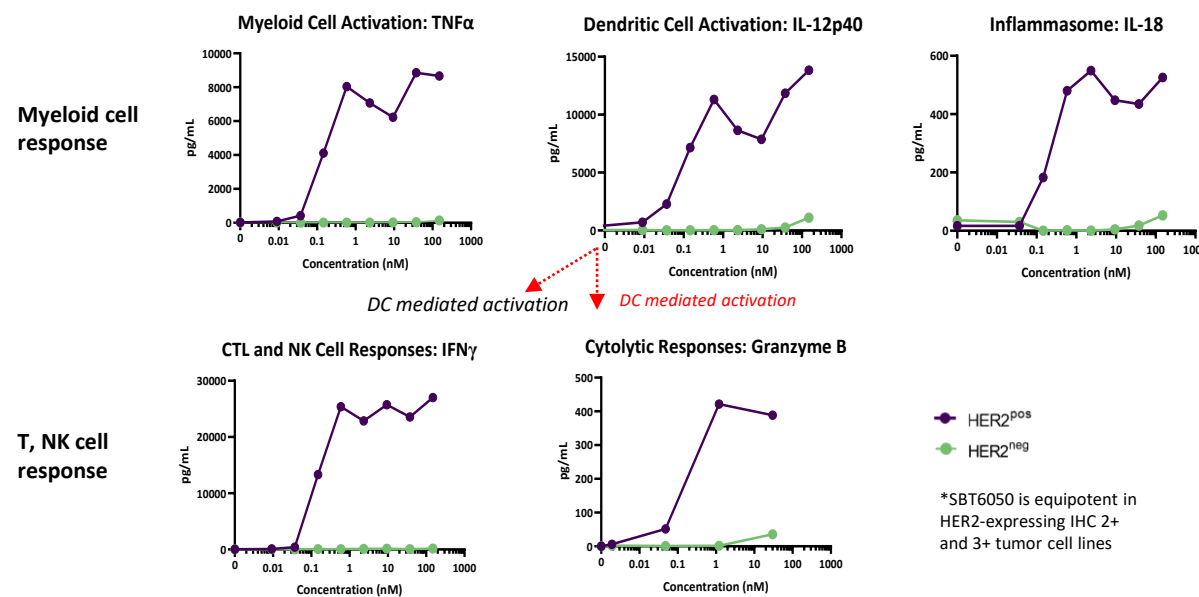


Figure 2: PBMCs were co-cultured with HER2^{hi} (BT-474) or HER2^{lo} (MDA-MB-468) tumor cell lines in the presence of SBT6050 as indicated. Supernatants were evaluated 24 hours later by MSD assay or ELISA. No activation of PBMCs was observed when co-cultured with tumor cell lines and unconjugated HER2 mAb (data not shown).

Figure 3: SBT6050 Activates Myeloid Cells Only in the Presence of 2+ and 3+ Levels of HER2 Expression

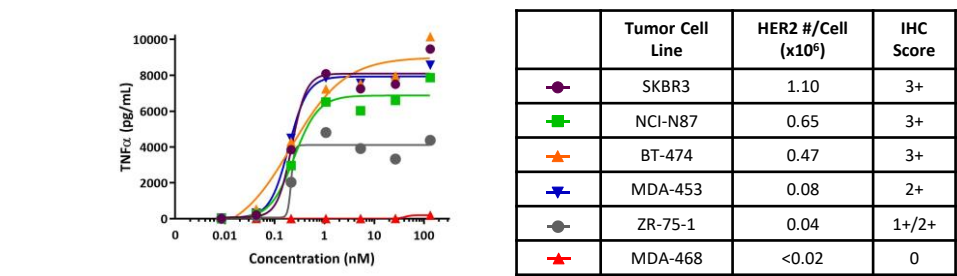


Figure 3: Tumor cell lines were co-cultured with human PBMC and the indicated concentrations of SBT6050. Activation was determined by TNFα production.

Figure 4: SBT6050-S Induces Robust Single Agent Activity in T, B, and NK Cell Deficient Mice

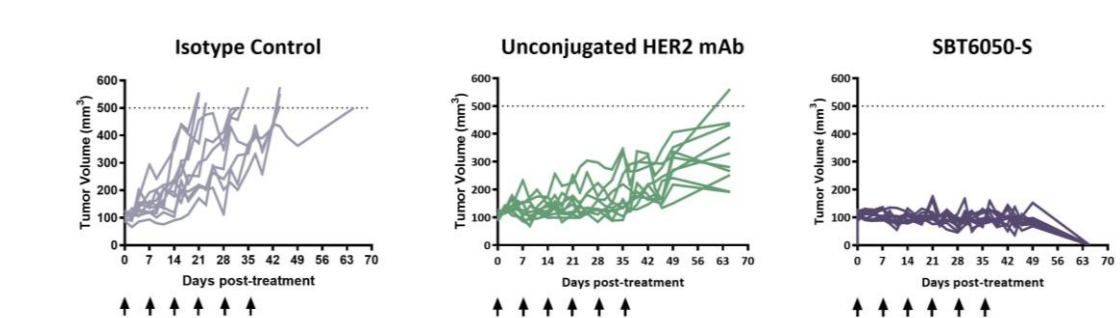


Figure 4: SCID-Beige mice (n=10) bearing NCI-N87 gastric tumors were treated with 10 mg/kg unconjugated HER2 mAb, 10 mg/kg isotype control, or 10 mg/kg SBT6050-S mouse surrogate (SBT6050-S). Arrows indicate timing of doses administered. SBT6050-S is SBT6050 mouse surrogate (HER2-TLR7); mice do not express a functional homolog of human TLR8, but mouse TLR7 phenotypically matches the myeloid expression of human TLR8. Unconjugated HER2 mAb denotes SBT6050-S without an agonist payload. Isotype control matched to unconjugated HER2 mAb.

Figure 5: In the EMT6 Model, Refractory to anti-PD-1 Treatment, the Combination of SBT6050-S and Anti-PD-1 Drives Robust Anti-Tumor Activity

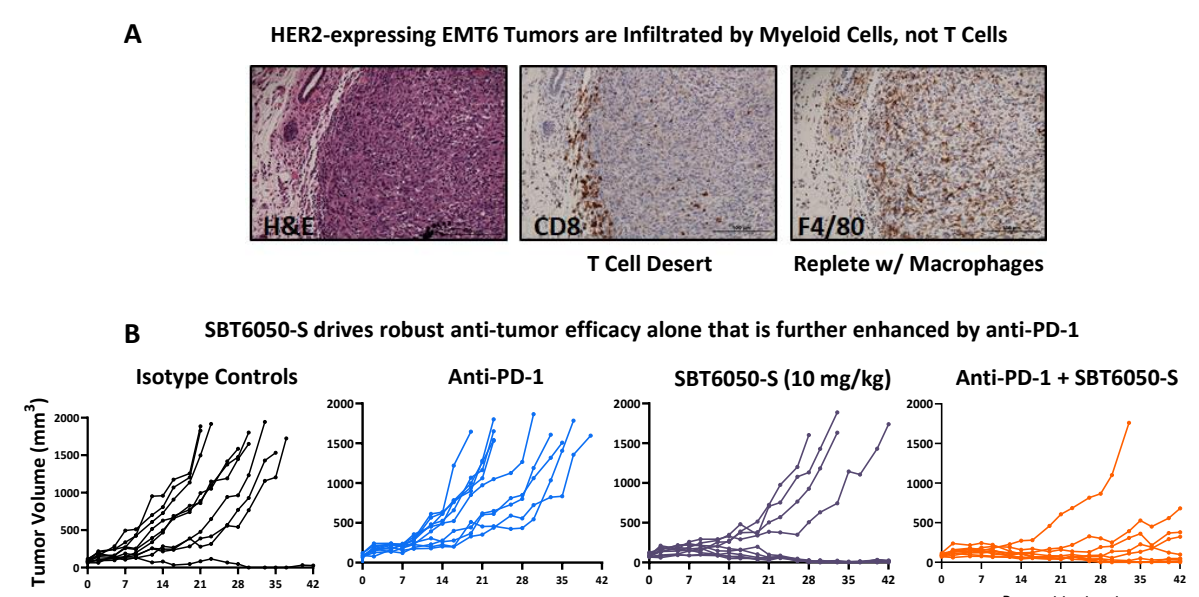
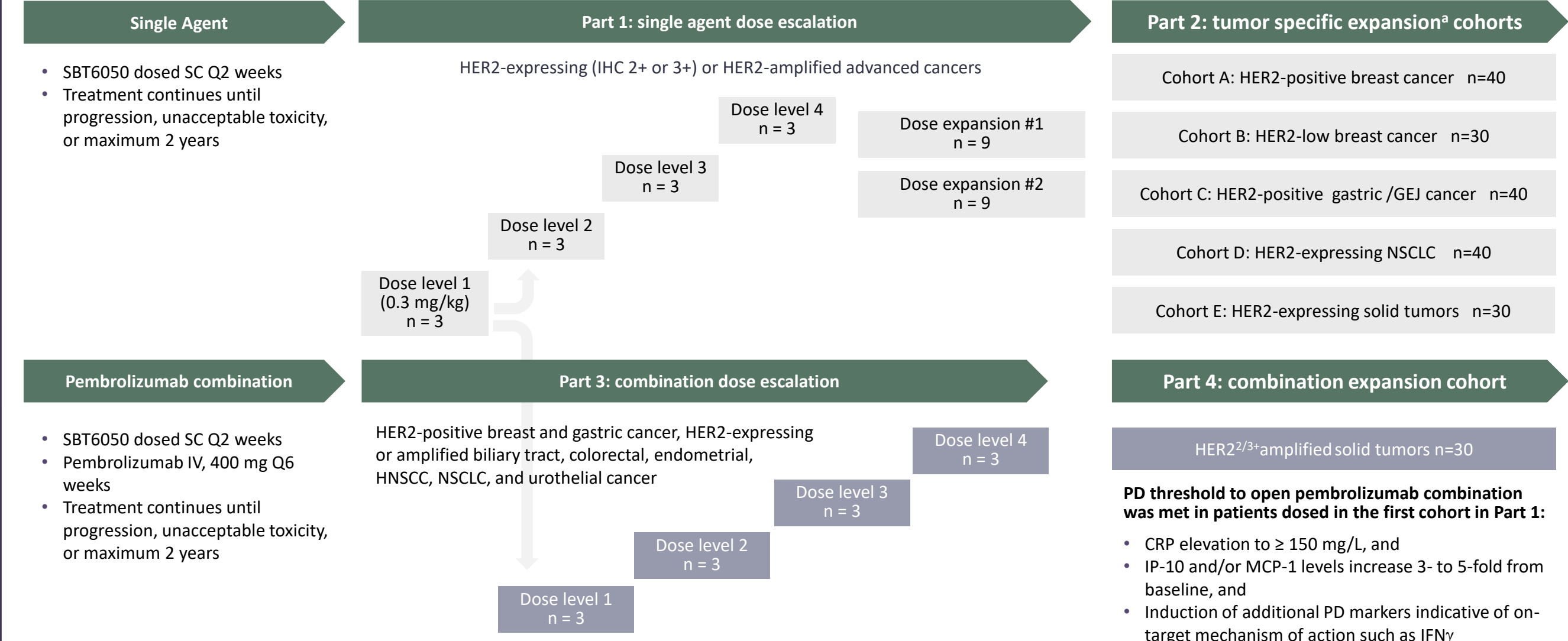


Figure 5: (A) IHC of untreated EMT6 tumors. (B) Tumor growth curves for mice bearing HER2-expressing EMT6 tumors, treated once per week for 3 weeks with SBT6050-S at 10 mg/kg, anti-HER2 antibody (SBT6050-S without payload) at 10 mg/kg alone or in combination with anti-PD-1.

SBT6050-101 Study Schema



Definitions:

- HER2-positive: HER2 IHC 3+ or HER2 IHC 2+/HER2 amplified
- HER2-expressing: HER2 IHC 2-3+, or HER2 amplified
- HER2 low: HER2 IHC 2-/HER2 not amplified

Abbreviations:

- CRP = C-reactive protein
- GEJ = gastric/gastroesophageal junction
- HER2 = human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
- HNSCC = head and neck squamous cell carcinoma
- IFNγ = interferon gamma
- IP-10 = interferon-inducible protein 10
- MBC = metastatic breast cancer
- MCP-1 = monocyte chemoattractant protein-1
- MoA = mechanism of action
- IHC = immunohistochemistry
- NSCLC = non-small-cell lung carcinoma
- PD = pharmacodynamic
- Q = every
- SC = subcutaneous

Figure shows estimated number of cohorts in Part 1 and Part 3, planned number of cohorts for Part 2

* Expansion cohorts A, B, C, and D will enroll subjects in 2 stages using a Simon 2-stage design, while Cohort E will be a single-stage enrollment.

Study Overview

- SBT6050-101 is an ongoing, first-in-human, open-label, multicenter study enrolling subjects from the US, Australia and (planned) South Korea.
- The study has 4 parts: a single-agent dose-escalation followed by tumor-specific expansion cohorts (Parts 1 and 2, respectively), and a pembrolizumab combination dose escalation and subsequent expansion cohort (Parts 3 and 4, respectively).
- The Part 3 dose-escalation may enroll in parallel with Part 1, and the expansion cohorts in Parts 2 and 4 may enroll in parallel with each other.

Study Objectives

- Primary**
 - To estimate the MTD (maximum tolerated dose) and determine the RP2D (recommended phase 2 dose) of SBT6050 as monotherapy (Part 1) and in combination with pembrolizumab (Part 3)
 - To evaluate the safety and tolerability of SBT6050 alone (Parts 1 and 2) or in combination with pembrolizumab (Parts 3 and 4)
 - To assess the antitumor activity of SBT6050 alone (Part 2) or in combination with pembrolizumab (Part 4)
- Secondary**
 - To assess preliminary antitumor activity (Parts 1 and 3)
 - To assess pharmacokinetics (PK)
 - To assess the immunogenicity of SBT6050
- Exploratory**
 - To assess potential biomarkers of activity and safety
 - To assess the immunogenicity of SBT6050 in combination with pembrolizumab (Parts 3 and 4)

Study Population

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Advanced or metastatic HER2-expressing (IHC2+ or 3+) or HER2-amplified solid tumors (see figure for cohort-specific requirements)
- Subjects must have measurable disease per the Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST) Version 1.1 and have previously received all therapies known to confer clinical benefit
- Tumor lesion amenable for biopsy (except first 3 subjects in monotherapy dose level 1)
- Age > 18 years of age
- ECOG Performance Status of 0 or 1
- Adequate hematologic, hepatic, renal and cardiac function

Key Exclusion Criteria

- History of allergic reactions to certain components of SBT6050 or similar drugs
- Untreated brain metastases (brain MRI is required for subjects with breast cancer, NSCLC, or signs/symptoms suggestive of central nervous system disease)
- Active autoimmune disease or a documented history of autoimmune disease or syndrome
- HIV infection, active hepatitis B or hepatitis C infection

Study Status

SBT6050-101 is actively enrolling in the US and Australia, and in start-up in South Korea. The pharmacodynamic threshold to initiate the Part 3 pembrolizumab combination dose escalation has been reached, based on data from subjects in monotherapy cohort 1. www.clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT04460456

Global Recruitment Planned

Current Active Sites:
San Antonio, TX
Houston, TX
Nashville, TN
Pittsburgh, PA
Boston, MA
Sydney, AU

In Start Up:
Perth, AU
Melbourne, AU
Seoul, SK

