# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

#### PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 19, 2005

# ImmunoGen, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

**0-17999** (Commission File Number) 04-2726691 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**128 Sidney Street, Cambridge, MA 02139** (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 995-2500

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### **ITEM 8.01 – OTHER EVENTS**

On April 19, 2005, ImmunoGen, Inc. issued a press release to announce the presentation of preclinical data on the Tumor-Activated Prodrug (TAP) compound AVE9633 (huMy9-6-DM4) at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. ImmunoGen developed this CD33-targeting compound for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia, and licensed it to the sanofi-aventis Group as part of a broader collaboration between the companies. The sanofi-aventis Group recently began clinical testing of AVE9633.

A copy of the press release is attached to this current report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of ImmunoGen, Inc. dated April 19, 2005

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ImmunoGen, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: April 19, 2005

/s/ Karleen M. Oberton

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## ImmunoGen, Inc. Announces Data Reported at AACR on AVE9633 Anticancer Compound

**CAMBRIDGE, MA, April 19, 2005** – ImmunoGen, Inc. (Nasdaq: IMGN) today announced the presentation of preclinical data on the Tumor-Activated Prodrug (TAP) compound AVE9633 (huMy9-6-DM4) at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) annual meeting in Anaheim, CA. ImmunoGen developed this CD33-targeting compound for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia, and licensed it to the sanofi-aventis Group as part of a broader collaboration between the companies. The sanofi-aventis Group recently began clinical testing of AVE9633.

The data reported at AACR were from preclinical studies conducted by ImmunoGen and by the sanofi-aventis Group. *In vitro*, AVE9633 was found to selectively target and kill CD33-positive leukemia cells, as the compound was designed to do. *In vivo*, AVE9633 was able to eradicate tumors consisting of human leukemia cells in xenograft models, and achieved complete responses and cures at doses that caused little or no toxicity. Additionally, AVE9633 was found to be more active than Mylotarg® – an approved treatment of acute myeloid leukemia – against human leukemia cells in a xenograft model, and able to achieve tumor-free survival.

Mitchel Sayare, PhD, ImmunoGen Chairman and CEO, commented, "Our preclinical studies and those conducted by sanofi-aventis supported the advancement of AVE9633 into clinical testing. We are pleased that this compound has begun clinical evaluation, and with the progress made by sanofi-aventis."

AVE9633 comprises the huMy9-6 antibody, which targets the CD33 antigen found on acute myeloid leukemia cells, and the potent cell-killing agent DM4. The antibody component of AVE9633 enables the compound to bind selectively to the leukemia cells, and the DM4 component is used to kill these cells.

#### About ImmunoGen, Inc.

ImmunoGen, Inc. develops targeted anticancer biopharmaceuticals. The Company's proprietary TAP technology uses tumor-targeting antibodies to deliver a potent, cell-killing agent specifically to cancer cells. ImmunoGen is advancing its wholly-ownedTAP

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compounds, huN901-DM1 and huC242-DM4. Centocor (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson), Biogen Idec, Genentech, the sanofi-aventis Group, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, and Abgenix have licensed the right to develop or test TAP compounds to specific targets; ImmunoGen also has a broader collaboration with the sanofi-aventis Group.

This press release includes forward-looking statements based on management's current expectations. For these statements, ImmunoGen claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Various factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those discussed or implied in the forward-looking statements and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are current only as of the date of this release. Factors that could cause future results to differ materially from such expectations include, but are not limited to: the outcome of the Company's research and clinical development processes, including the anticipated clinical advancement of huN901-DM1 and huC242-DM4; the outcome of the Company's collaboration partners' research and clinical development processes, including the anticipated clinical advancement of partner compounds; the difficulties inherent in the development of pharmaceuticals, including uncertainties as to the timing, expense and results of preclinical studies and clinical trials; the Company's existing partners; uncertainty as to whether the Company's potential products or those of the Company's collaborators will succeed in entering human clinical trials and uncertainty as to the results of such trials; the potential development by competitors of competing products and technologies; uncertainty whether the Company's TAP technology will produce safe, effective and commercially viable products; and other factors more fully described in ImmunoGen's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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