



# **Avacta Therapeutics Science Day**

23 February, 2023



13:20 **Strategic Overview** Alastair Smith, CEO

**13:35 Transforming treatment outcomes for cancer patients** Fiona McLaughlin, CSO

**14:05 Opportunities and challenges for cell and gene therapies for oncology and beyond** Dr Krishna Komanduri

14:45 Break

**14:55 ALS-6000-101 Phase 1a Clinical Study Update** Andrew Saunders, Medical Advisor

**15:30 Current & Future Treatment Strategies for Soft Tissue Sarcoma**  
Dr William Tap

16:10 Break

**16:20 Panel Discussion on 'Targeted Oncology 2030'**

**17:00 Closing Remarks**



# Strategic Overview

Dr. Alastair Smith, Chief Executive Officer,  
Avacta Therapeutics





**Krishna Komanduri, MD**

Physician-in-chief of the Helen Diller Family  
Comprehensive Cancer Center (HDFCCC) and  
Clinical Director of the UCSF Living Therapeutics Initiative



**William D. Tap, MD**

Chief, Sarcoma Medical Oncology Service  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center



Our purpose is to improve patients' lives and grow shareholder value by developing novel cancer therapies and powerful diagnostics using our proprietary Affimer® and pre|CISION™ platforms



## Therapeutics

Harnessing our proprietary technologies to deliver innovative oncology drugs that transform treatment outcomes and improve cancer patients' lives



## Diagnostics

M&A-led strategy to build an integrated and differentiated in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) business with global reach serving professionals and consumers

## Improving cancer patients' lives through innovation and partnership

### Vision

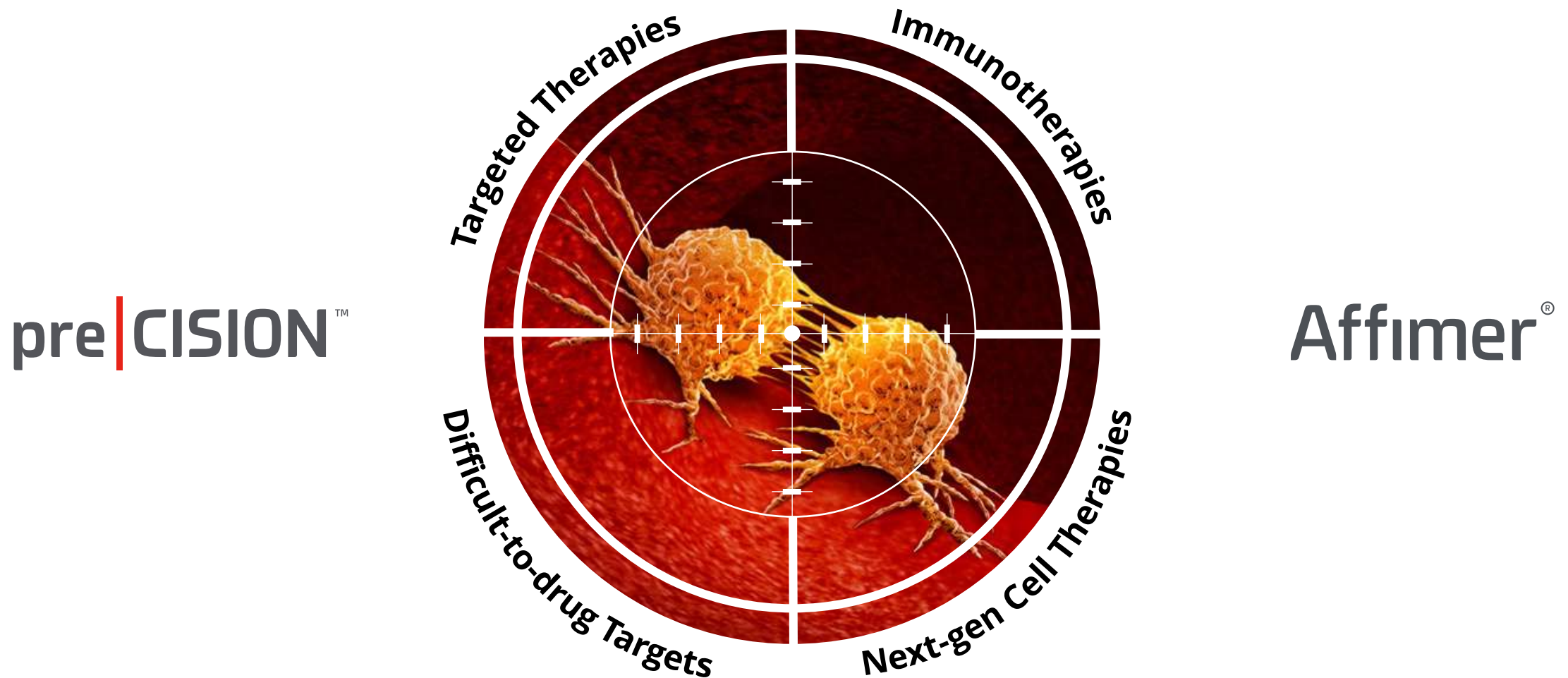
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### Strategy

- Use our proprietary pre|CISION™ and Affimer® platforms to develop best-in-class and first-in-class cancer therapies
- Combine our in-house drug development expertise with a focused partnership strategy

Harnessing the pre|CISION™ and Affimer® drug platforms enables a differentiated approach to delivering innovative cancer therapeutics





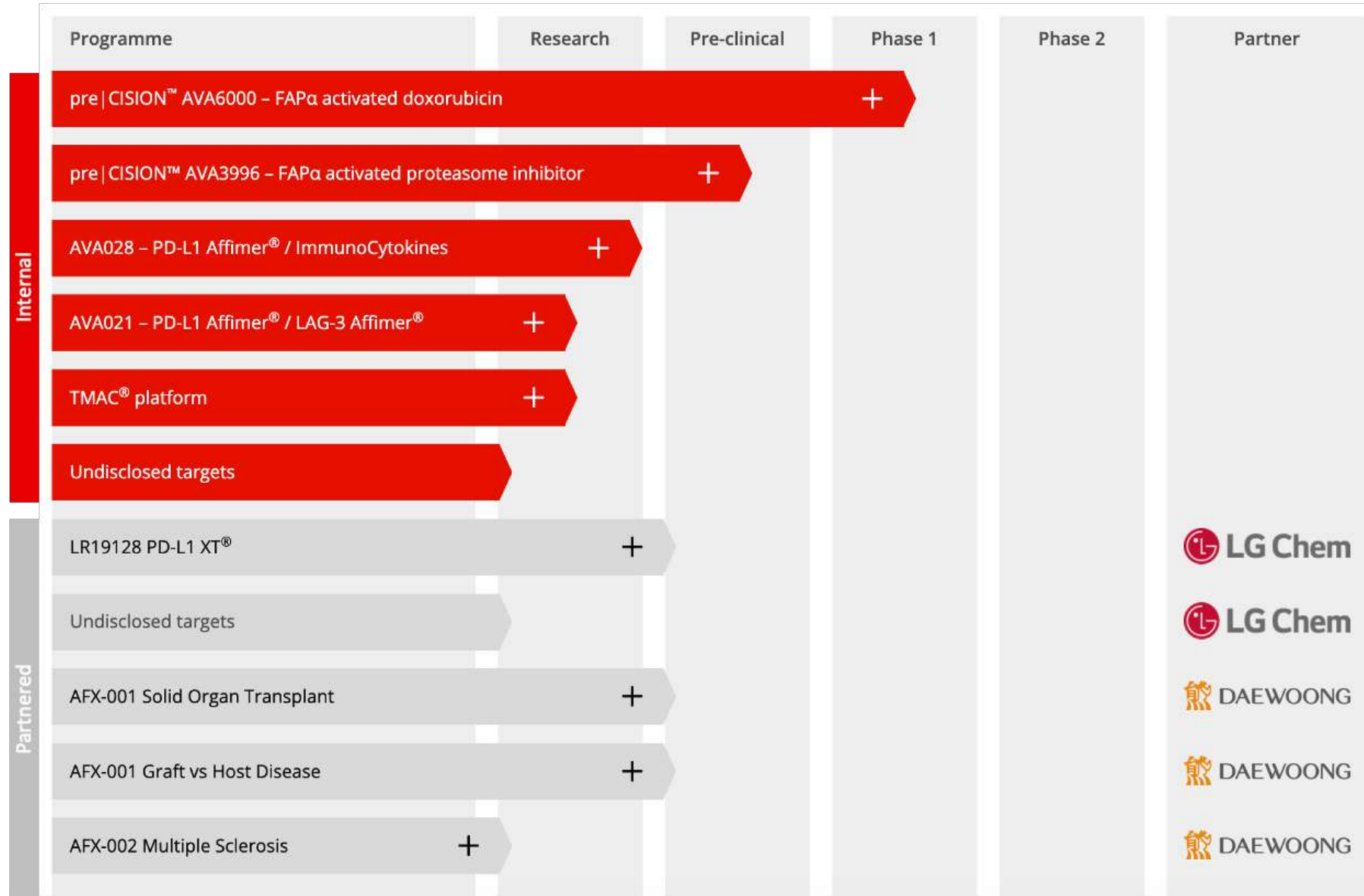




# **Transforming treatment outcomes for cancer patients**

Dr. Fiona McLaughlin, Chief Scientific Officer,  
Avacta Therapeutics

# Avacta Therapeutics Pipeline – 2023



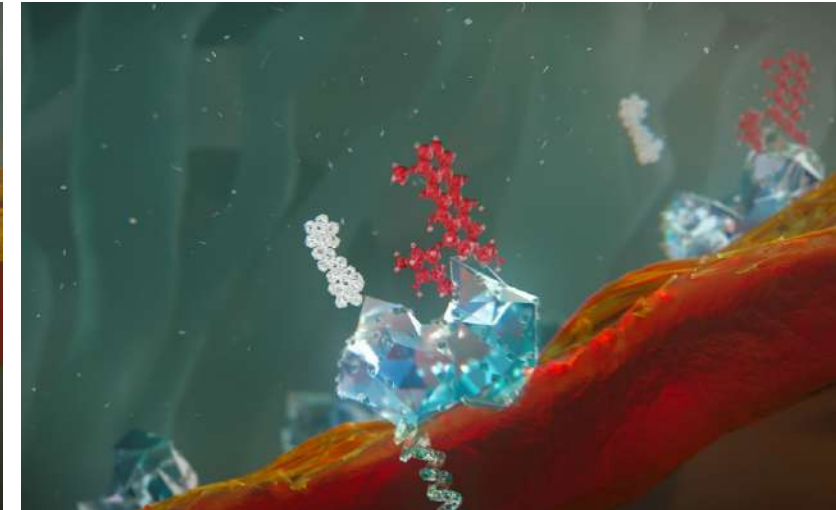




Cancer-associated fibroblasts (CAFs) are a major component of the tumour microenvironment



FAP is a membrane bound protease that is expressed on the surface of CAFs



pre | CISION™ substrate is cleaved by FAP to release a warhead selectively in the tumour microenvironment

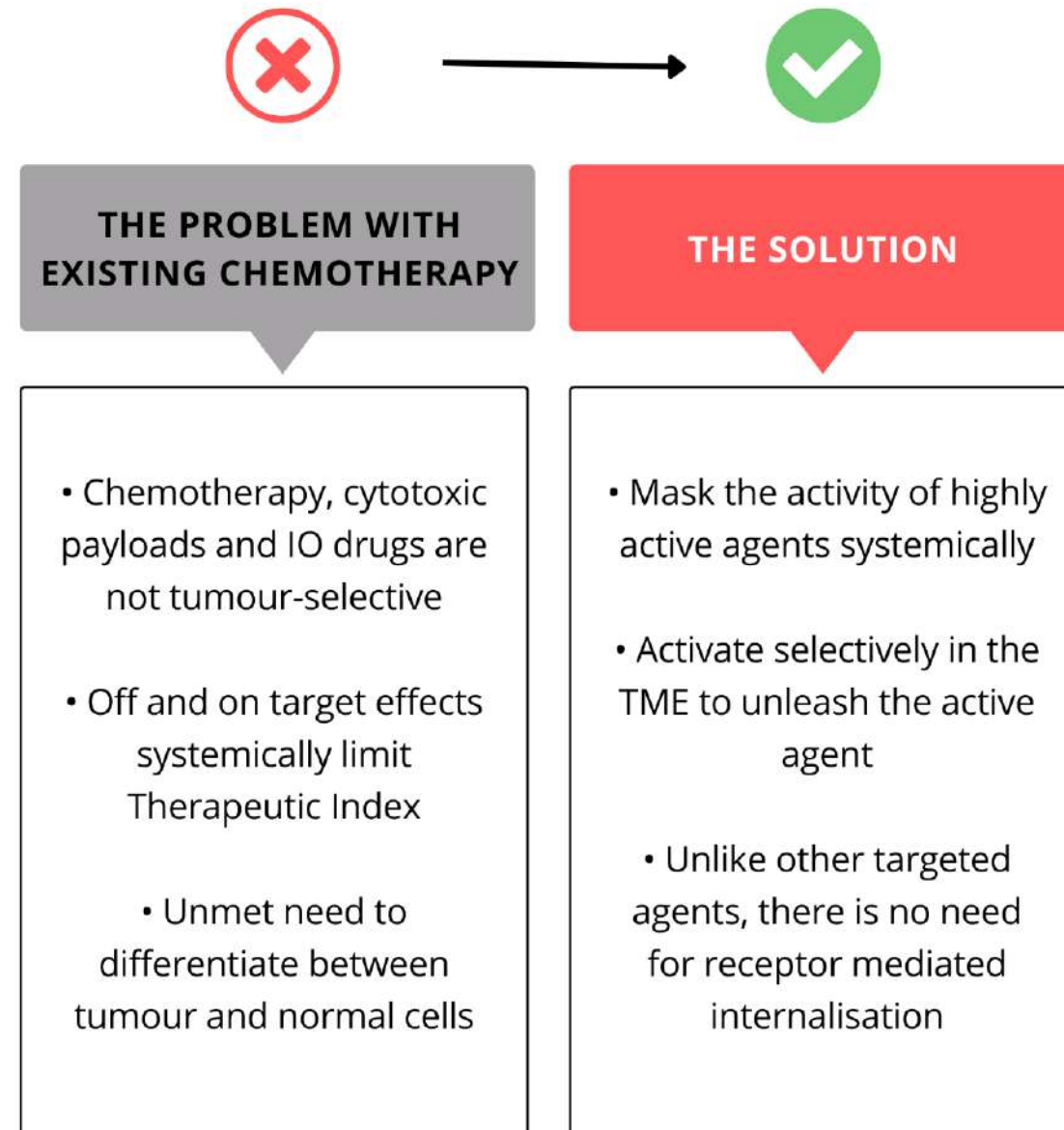




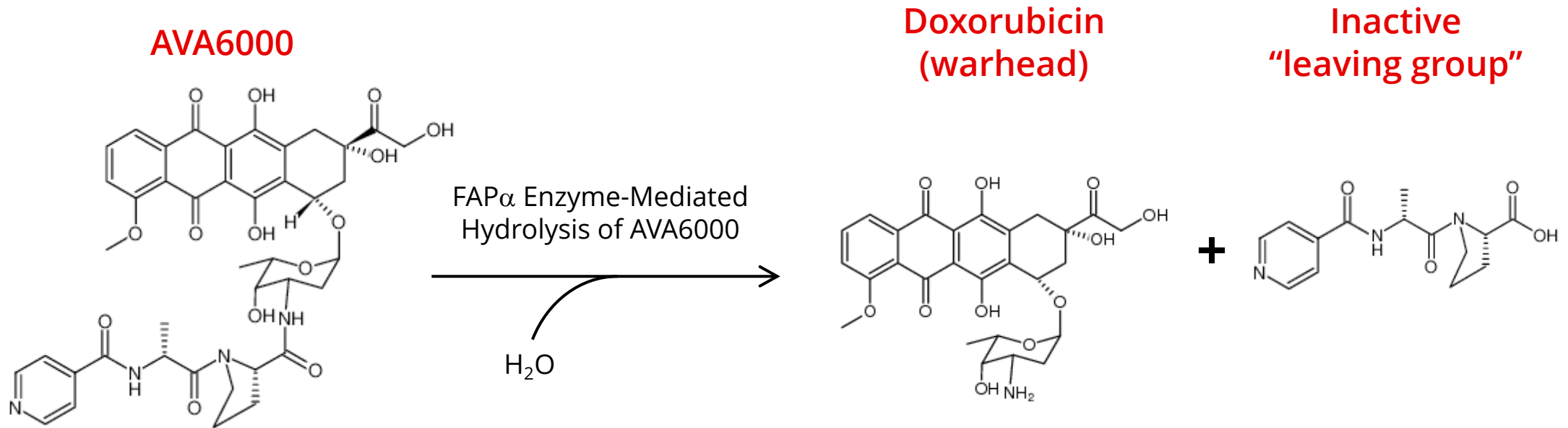
View the video at [www.avacta.com/therapeutics](http://www.avacta.com/therapeutics)

pre|CISION™

Delivering warheads direct to the tumour



# AVA6000: Targeting chemotherapy to the tumour microenvironment

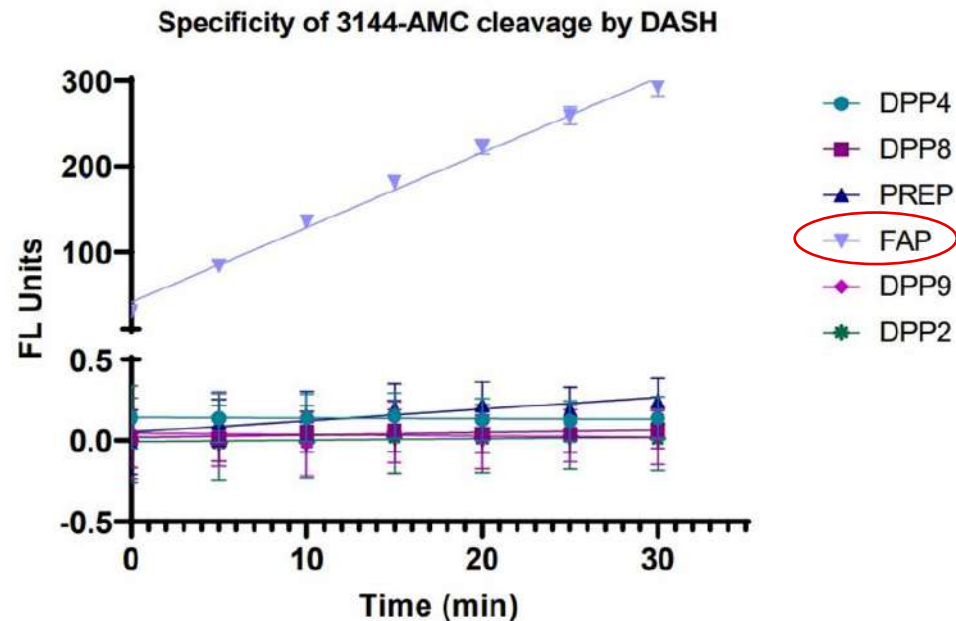


AVA6000 is inactive until it is cleaved by Fibroblast Activating Protein (FAP) to release the anthracycline Doxorubicin

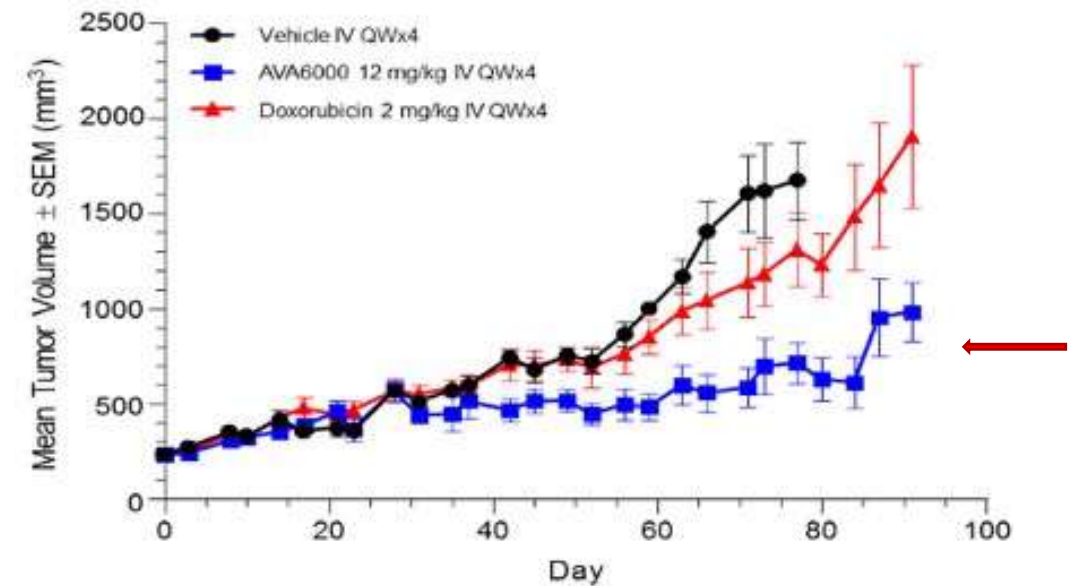


# AVA6000 is selectively cleaved by FAP to release its warhead and kills tumours

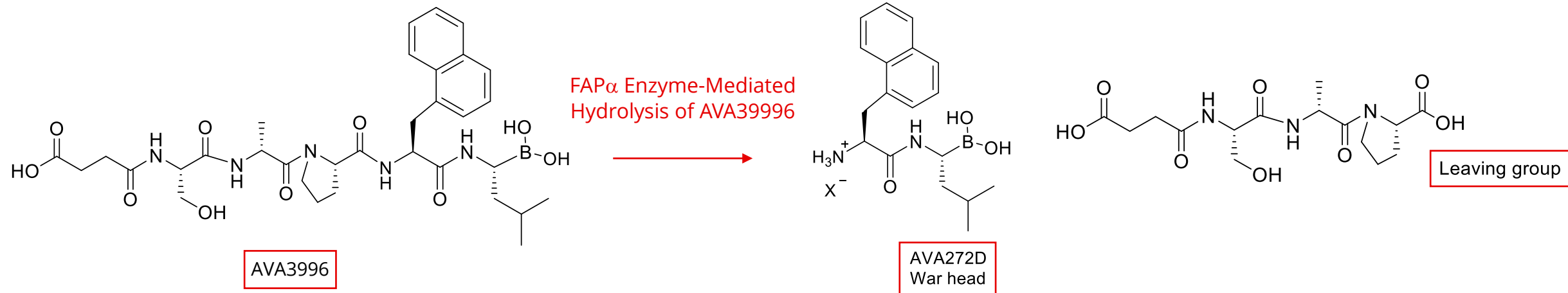
AVA6000 is **exquisitely** selective for cleavage by the protease FAP $\alpha$



In this PDX model using tumour cells from a heavily pretreated sarcoma patient, AVA6000 markedly reduces tumour growth



## AVA3996 – the 2nd pre|CISION™ Candidate



FAP activated proteasome inhibitor

New Chemical Entity

Proven specificity for FAP $\alpha$  versus other proteases

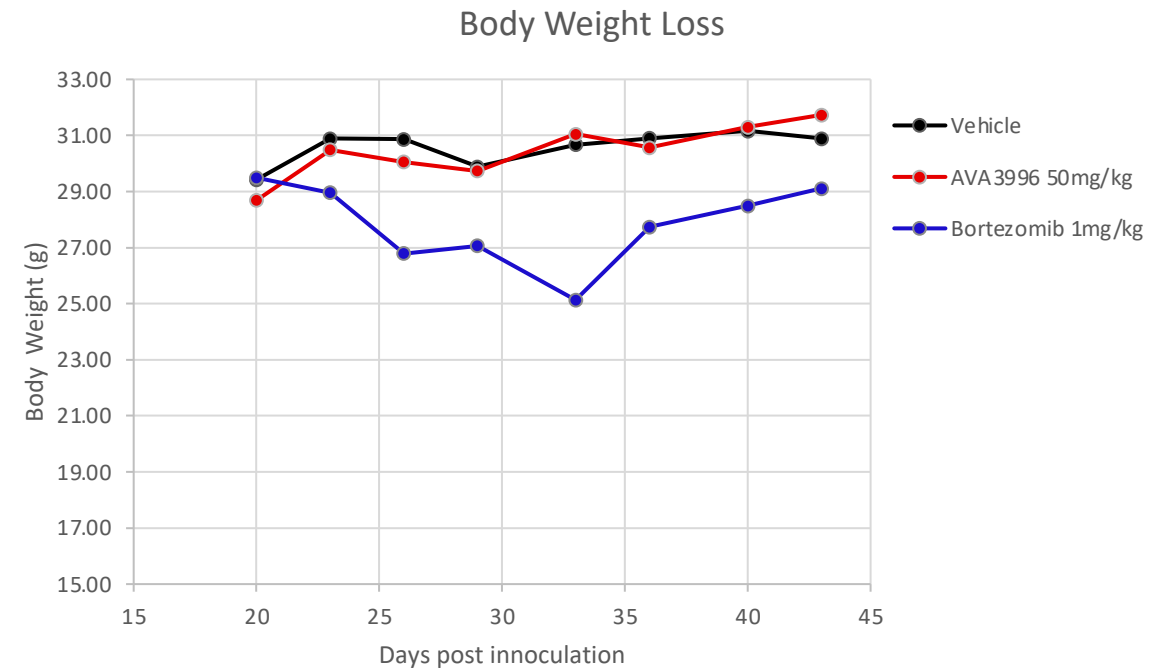
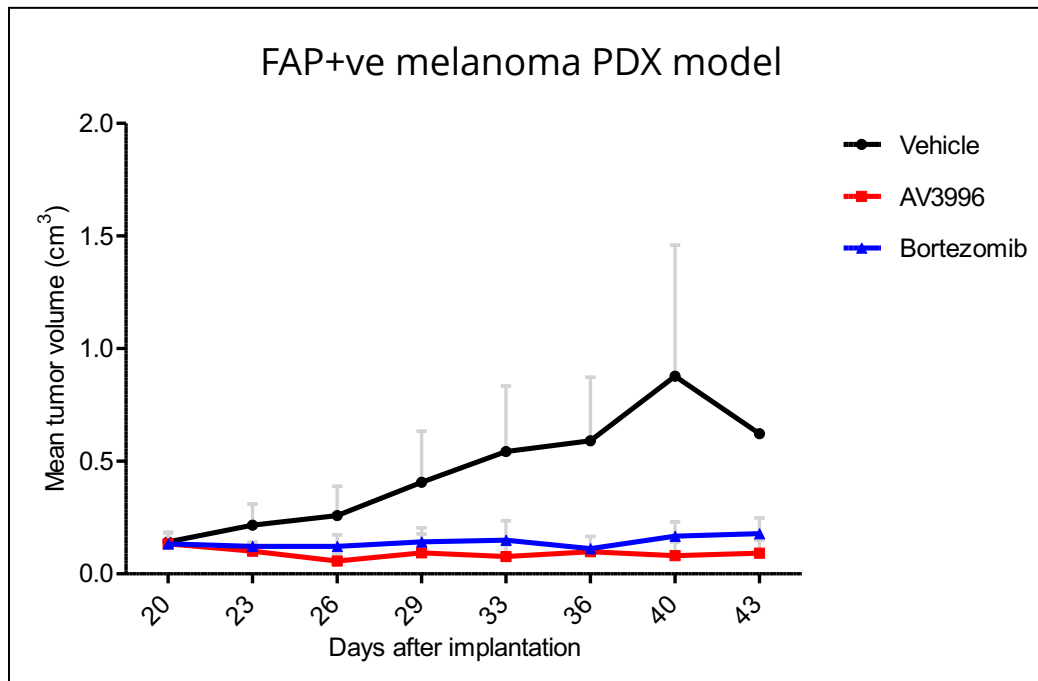
Delivers proteasome inhibitor directly to the tumour microenvironment

In IND enabling studies

FIH planned 2024

## AVA3996 – Improved Therapeutic Index vs Velcade in patient derived tumours

AVA3996 flat lines tumour growth without weight loss

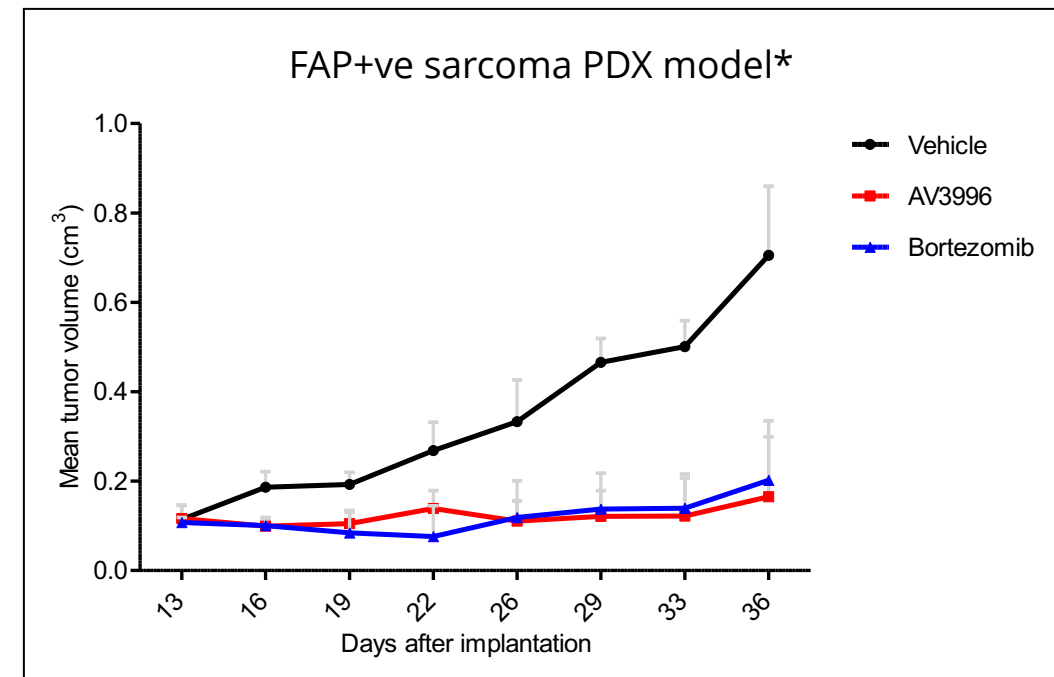
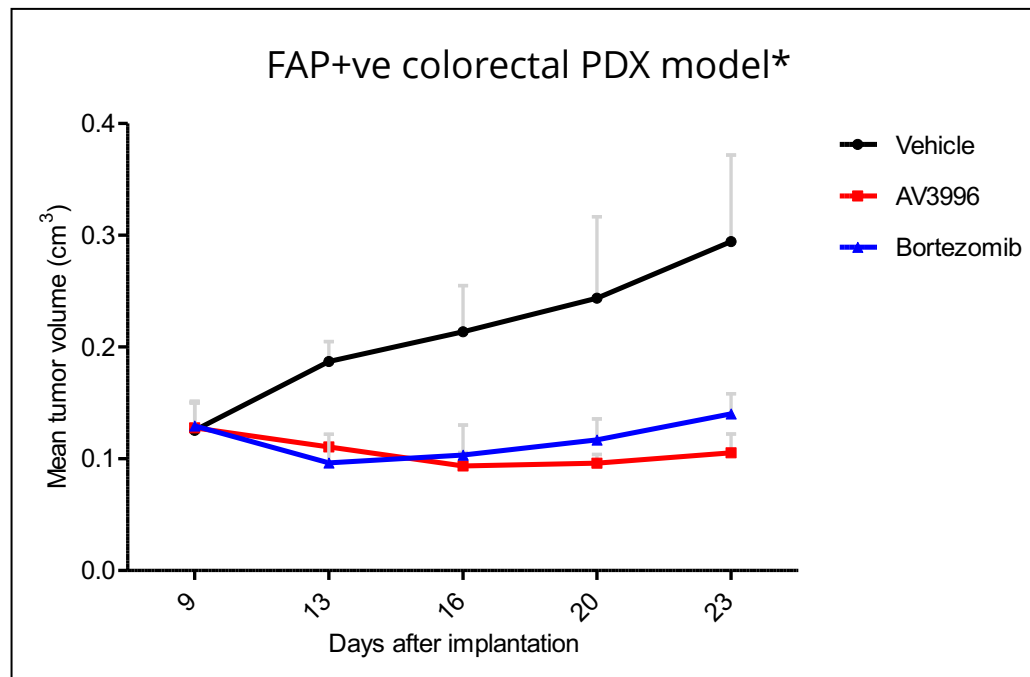


Patient derived xenograft melanoma

Animals dosed twice weekly for three weeks

Velcade group – mice in poor condition and BW loss, had to have a dosing holiday (D29, D33)

## AVA3996 – Efficacy demonstrated in two further patient derived, solid tumour models



\*Studies still ongoing



# Affimer<sup>®</sup>

Exquisitely selective for target of interest  
Flexible solutions for difficult-to-drug targets

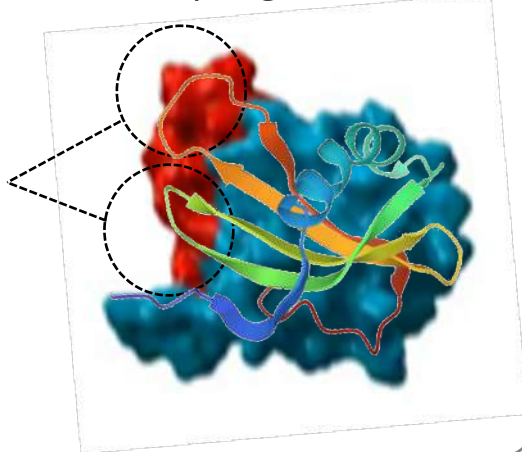
# Affimer® Next Generation Biotherapeutics

## What is an Affimer®?

Based on a naturally occurring human protein (stefin A) and engineered to display two loops that create an antigen binding surface

Variable loop regions of 9 amino acids each create a target recognition surface and can be randomised to create very large ( $10^{10}$ ) libraries for phage selections

Variable loop regions



Affimer®

## Technical Benefits

Smaller (14 kD), simpler and more robust, soluble and stable than antibodies

High affinity Affimer® candidates generated for new targets rapidly

Flexible formatting for multi-specifics, agonism, drug conjugates

High expression levels in a range of cells and tissues

Fully human: lower immunogenicity risk

## Commercial Advantages

Proprietary and unencumbered IP

Freedom to operate where there is antibody-based IP

## Differentiated Biotherapies

Flexible solutions for **difficult-to-drug** targets **eg GPCRs**

**Exquisitely selective** for target antigen

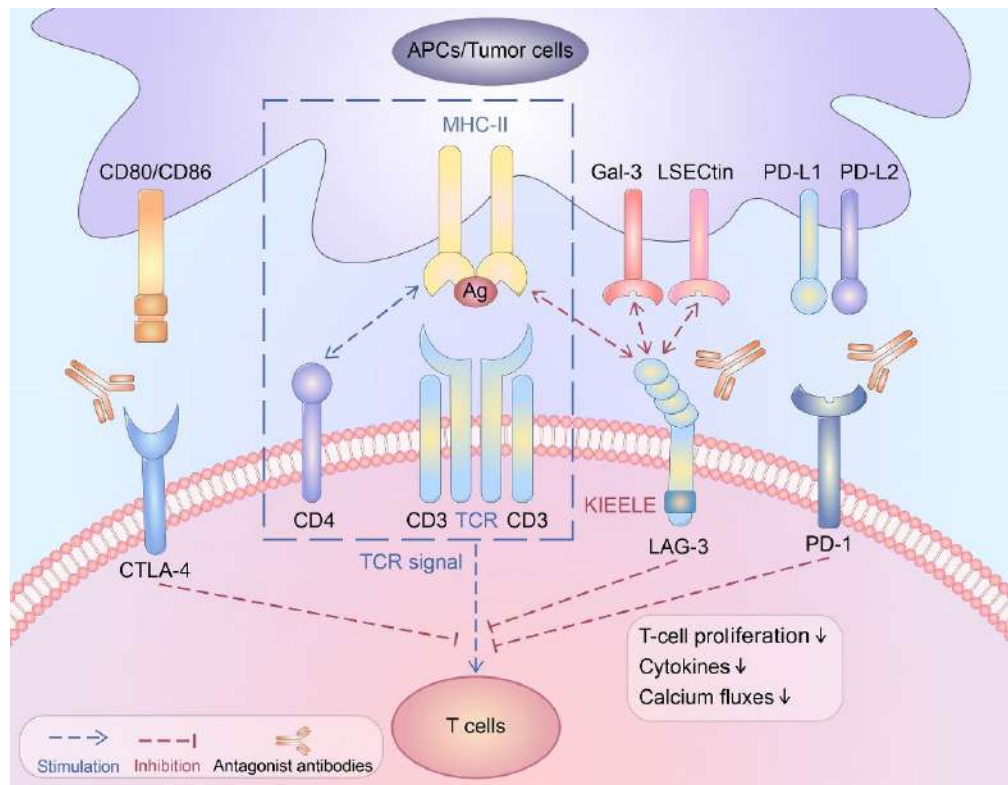
Building blocks for **developable multi-specific** formats

(Proof-of-concept multi-specific Affimers (LG Chem collaboration PD-L1 / XT) have demonstrated the developability of the platform)

**Half-life extension capability** and tunable pharmacokinetics

## AVA021: PDL1/LAG3

### Immunosuppressive functions of the immune checkpoint inhibitor LAG-3



<https://www.frontiersin.org/>

### Next Generation Immunotherapies

Tumour cells have the ability to evade adaptive immune-mediated killing

The tumour microenvironment becomes immunosuppressive and over time tumour infiltrating T cells (TILs) become dysfunctional or exhausted

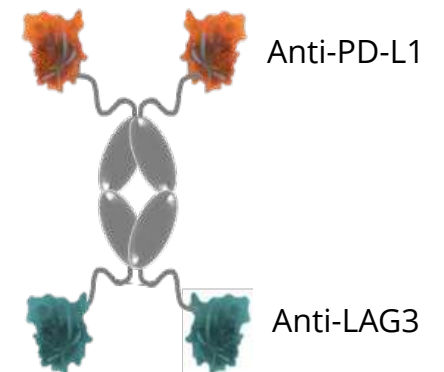
Exhausted T cells have a reduced ability to proliferate and have high-level expression of inhibitory receptors, programmed cell death-1 (PD-1) and lymphocyte-activation gene 3 (LAG-3)

LAG3 is involved in immune tolerance and is associated with poor clinical outcomes

Preclinically, combination of anti-LAG-3 and anti-PD-(L)1 antibodies has shown synergistic effects vs blocking either one alone

In March 2022, the FDA approved the first LAG-3-blocking mAb combination – Opdualag™ [(nivolumab (PD-1) and relatlimab (LAG3))] for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma. Opdualag™ more than doubled the median PFS when compared to nivolumab monotherapy, 10.1 months versus 4.6 months

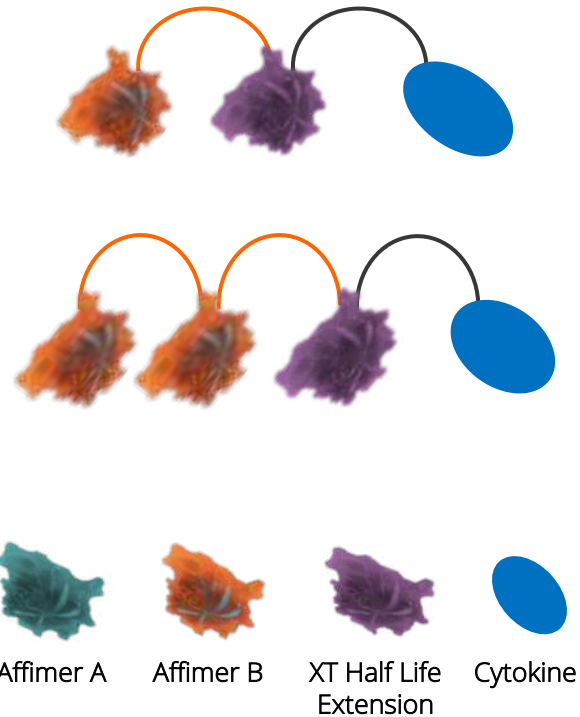
Avacta's AVA021 candidate provides PoC for the bispecific Affimer® human Fc fusion format



## AVA028: Immunocytokine PD-L1/IL-2

### Flexible solutions for multi-specifics

In-line-fusion Formats



Fc Formats



### Prototype Affimer Immunocytokine – PD-L1/IL-2

Immune checkpoint inhibitors have revolutionised the treatment of certain tumour types. However, despite major advances in immunotherapy to treat cancer, most patients either do not respond to immune checkpoint blockade or will acquire resistance.

Next generation immunotherapies aim to overcome this lack of response with combination strategies aimed at increasing response to checkpoint blockade.

Avacta's Immunocytokine approach combines immune checkpoint blockade with cytokine driven T cell stimulation

The cytokine IL2 can potently activate both NK and T cells

However, its short in vivo half-life, severe toxicity, and ability to amplify Treg cells are major barriers that prevent IL-2 from being widely used

The IL-2 component of the molecule preferentially promotes tumour-infiltrating CD8+ T-cell response

The PD-1/PD-L1 blockade using the antagonistic PD-L1 also confers tumour targeting of IL-2

These combined activities have the potential to increase immune cell recruitment, expansion and anti-tumour activity in the tumour microenvironment

# Tumour Microenvironment Activated Conjugates

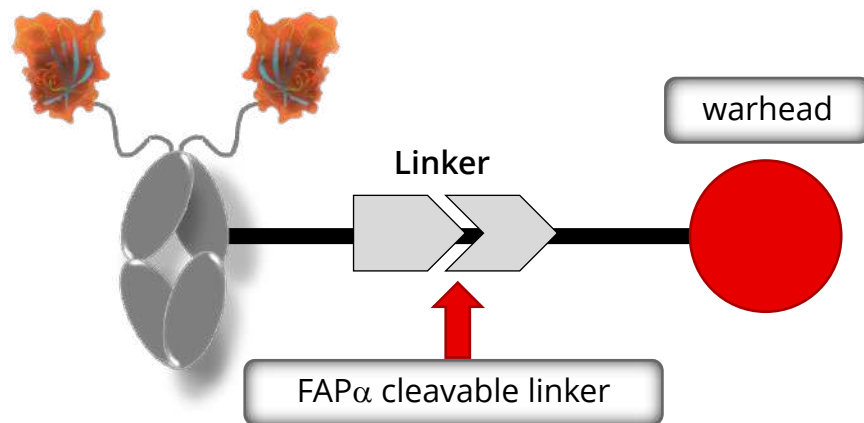
## Tumour Microenvironment Activated Conjugates and Targeting Affimers

Cytotoxin linked to Affimer® immunotherapy/targeting by pre|CISION™ linker

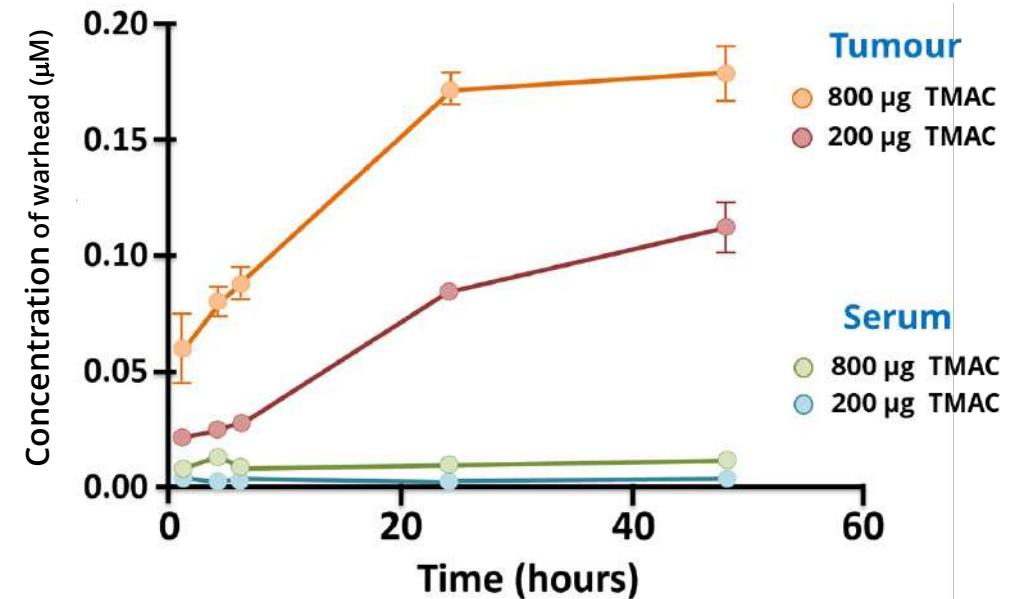
Cytotoxin released in the TME/stroma by FAP

Undisclosed Affimer® targets

Targeting first-in-class therapies



## Proof of concept – FAP $\alpha$ release of warhead in tumour vs serum



CT26 tumours engineered to overexpress FAP $\alpha$

PD-L1 Affimer targeted TMAC with toxic warhead

High levels of warhead detected in CT26 tumours– very low levels in mouse serum



# Key Partnerships

Fully funded key partnerships potentially  
accelerate clinical validation of our platforms



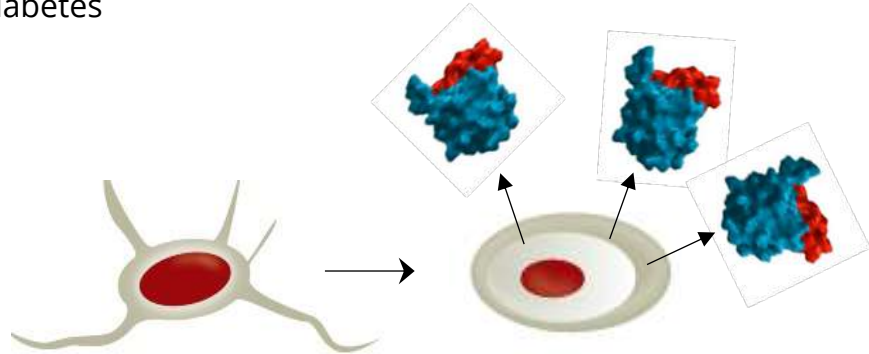
A joint venture in South Korea with Daewoong Pharmaceutical to develop engineered mesenchymal stem cells that express and secrete immuno-modulatory Affimer molecules to treat autoimmune diseases

### Next-generation Stem Cell Therapies

Renewable “off the shelf” mesenchymal stem cells

AFX001: MSC secreting anti-CD40L Affimer for use in GvHD

AFX002: MSC secreting agonist Affimer for use in MS and T1 diabetes



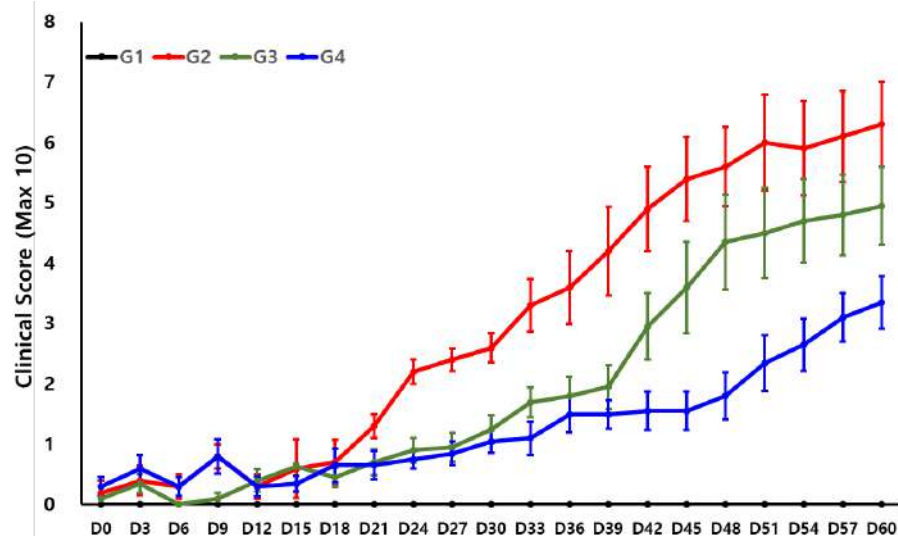
Development stage						
Product Candidate	Target Indication	Discovery	Pre-clinical	Phase1	Phase2	Phase3
AFX-001	⊕ SOT					
	⊕ GvHD					
AFX-002	⊕ MS					

## [AFX-001] *In vivo* Efficacy in GvHD mouse models of the Anti-CD40L Affimer secreted from AFX-001

AFX-001 demonstrated superior efficacy in mouse acute GvHD model.  
AFX-001 has been confirmed the MoA *in vitro* and *in vivo* proof-of-concept (PoC) studies.

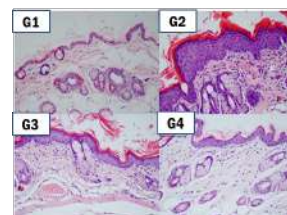
Group	Animal Model	Test Article	Injection Volume	Injection Interval
G1	Normal control	-	-	-
G2	GvHD	Vehicle	200 $\mu$ L	D0 and D7
G3	GvHD	Naïve MSCs	200 $\mu$ L	D0 and D7
G4	GvHD	AFX-001	200 $\mu$ L	D0 and D7

### Clinical Score in GvHD

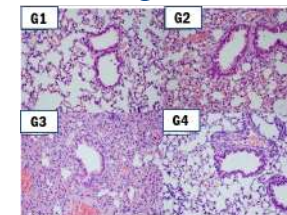


### Histopathology

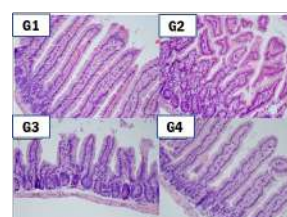
#### Skin (H&E)



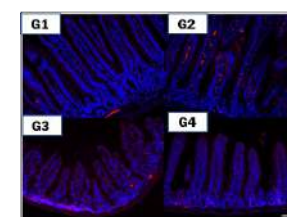
#### Lung (H&E)



#### Small Intestine (H&E)



#### CD3+ T cell in Small Intestine





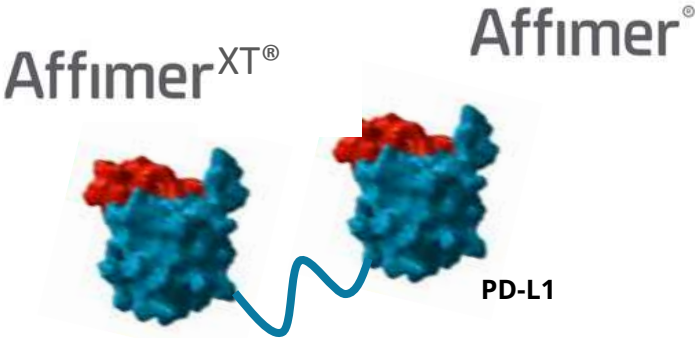
A multi-target development partnership and licensing deal worth up to \$310 million with a focus on oncology and inflammatory diseases





### PDL1/XT Antagonist

PD1/PDL1 axis Affimer inhibitor

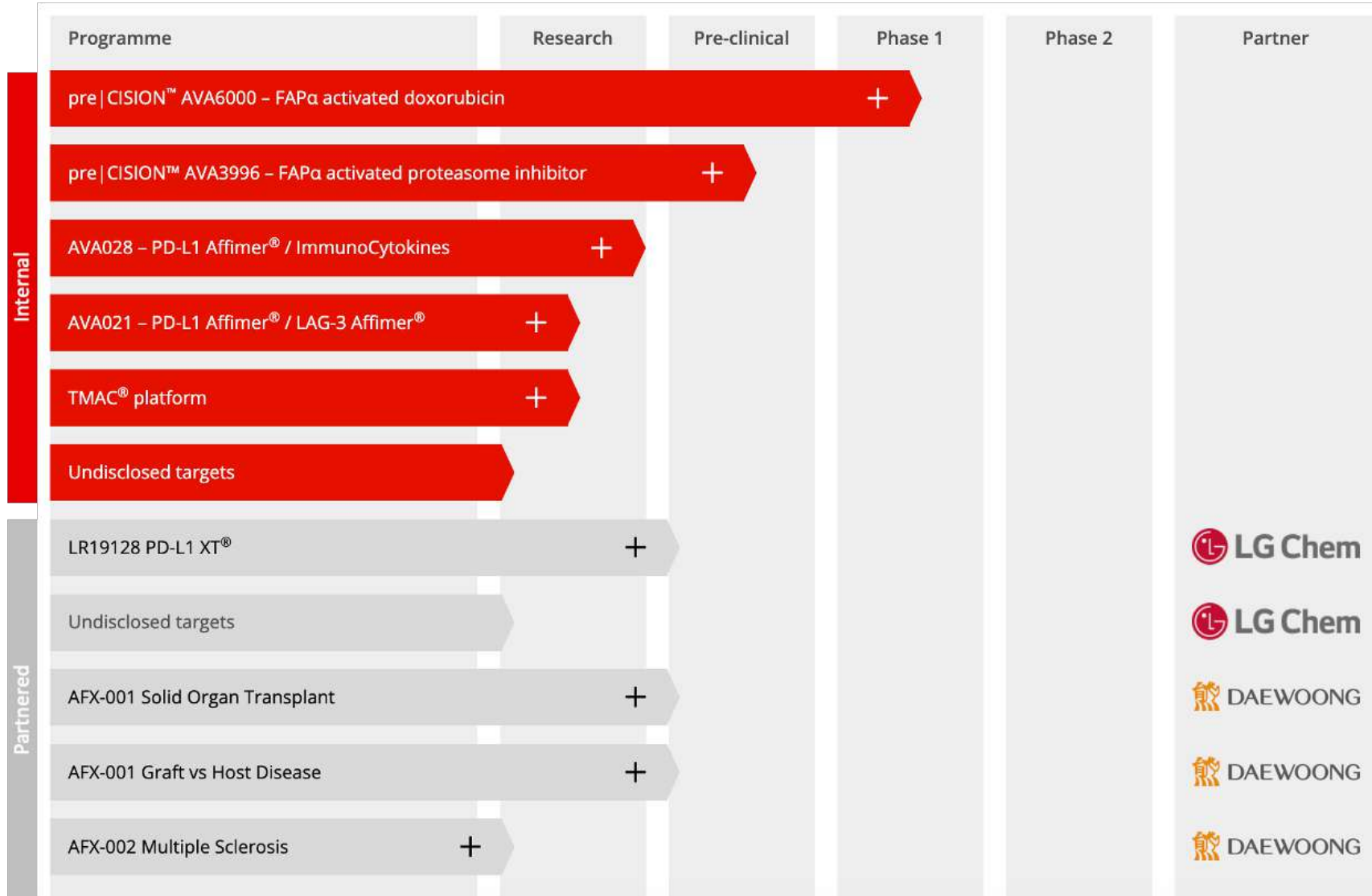
Half-life extension using Affimer XT® a human serum albumin binder

Small size potentially leads to better tumour penetration



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Disease Area	Code	Indication	Research	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	NDA	Remark
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	LR20009	Oncology							
	LR19023	Oncology							
	LR19128	Oncology							In partnership with
									
	LR19155	Oncology							

# Avacta Therapeutics Pipeline



Multiple internal assets from research to clinic

Next-Gen preCISION assets designed and developed in-house

Affimers targeting tumour/IO compartment validate platform

Novel Affimer programmes include multi-specific and difficult-to-drug targets

Multiple Partnered Affimer programmes progressing – further validates the platform





**Q&A**



# **Opportunities and challenges for cell and gene therapies for oncology and beyond**

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Physician-in-Chief, Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Scientific Advisory Board Member, Avacta Therapeutics Division

# Disclosures

- *Ad hoc* Consulting: Iovance, Incyte, BMS, Cargo Therapeutics, Instil Bio, CRISPR therapeutics, Genentech/Roche
- Scientific Advisory Board: Aegle Therapeutics, Avacta Therapeutics

# Alfred Velpeau describes leukemia in 1825



*La Leçon d'anatomie de Velpeau à la Charité*, François-Nicolas-Augustin Feytaud, 1864

1825-1950: ~1000 publications about leukemia



1960s

Combination  
chemotherapy +  
stem cell transplants

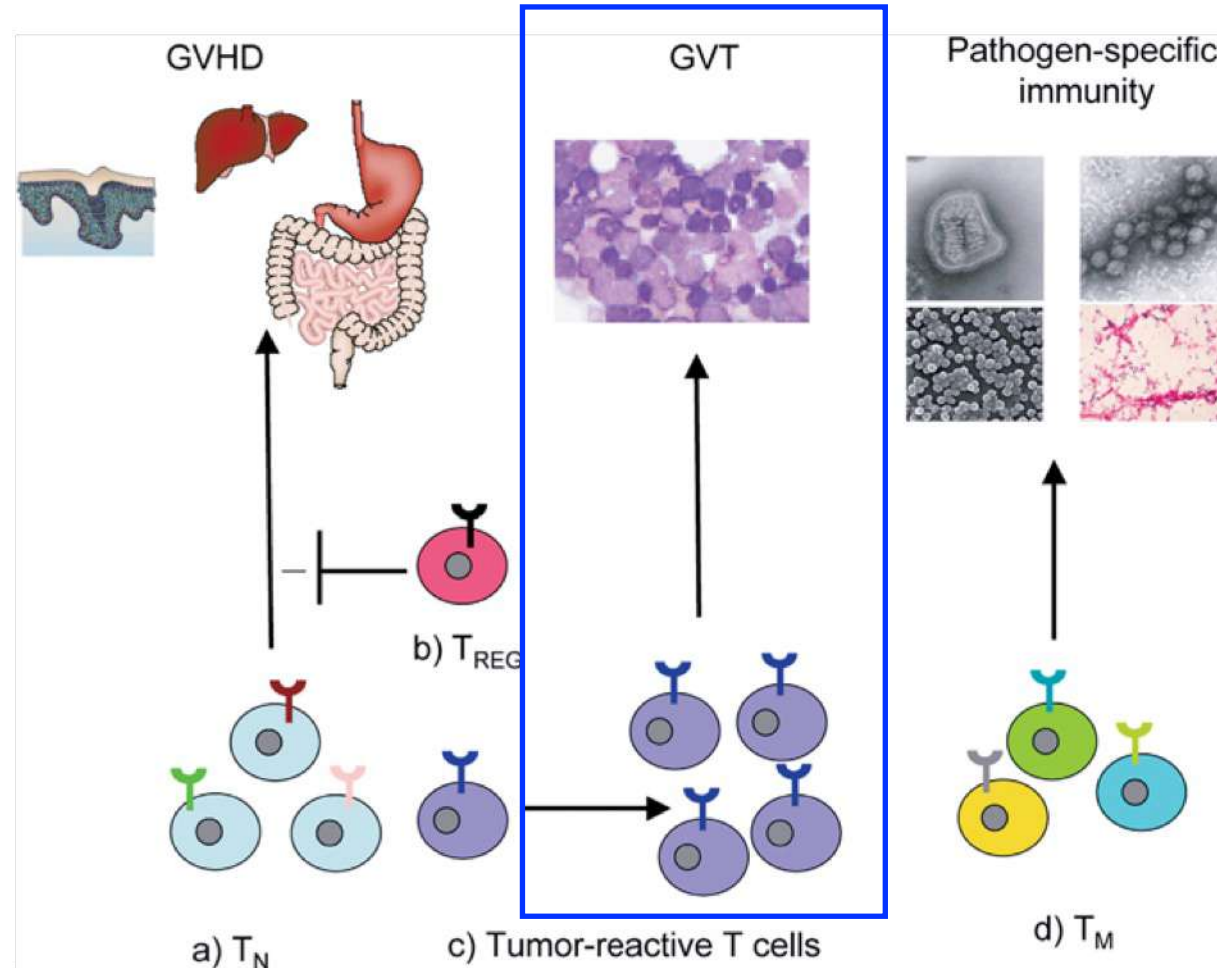
1825

First description  
of acute leukemia

*1950-2000: ~175,000 publications about leukemia*

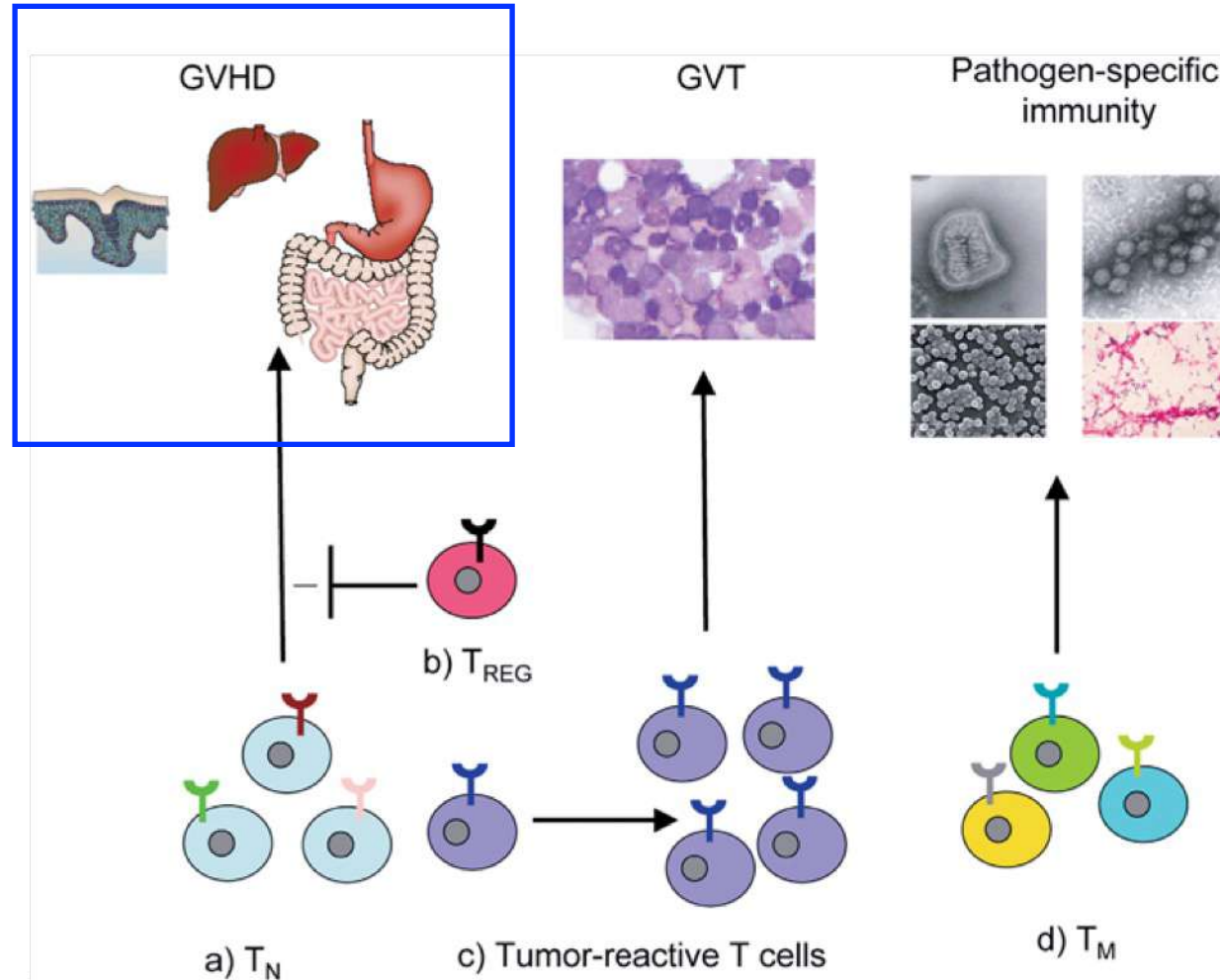


# T cells from stem cell transplant donors eliminate residual cancer...



Riddell & Appelbaum,  
Graft v. Host Disease,  
PLOS Medicine, 2007

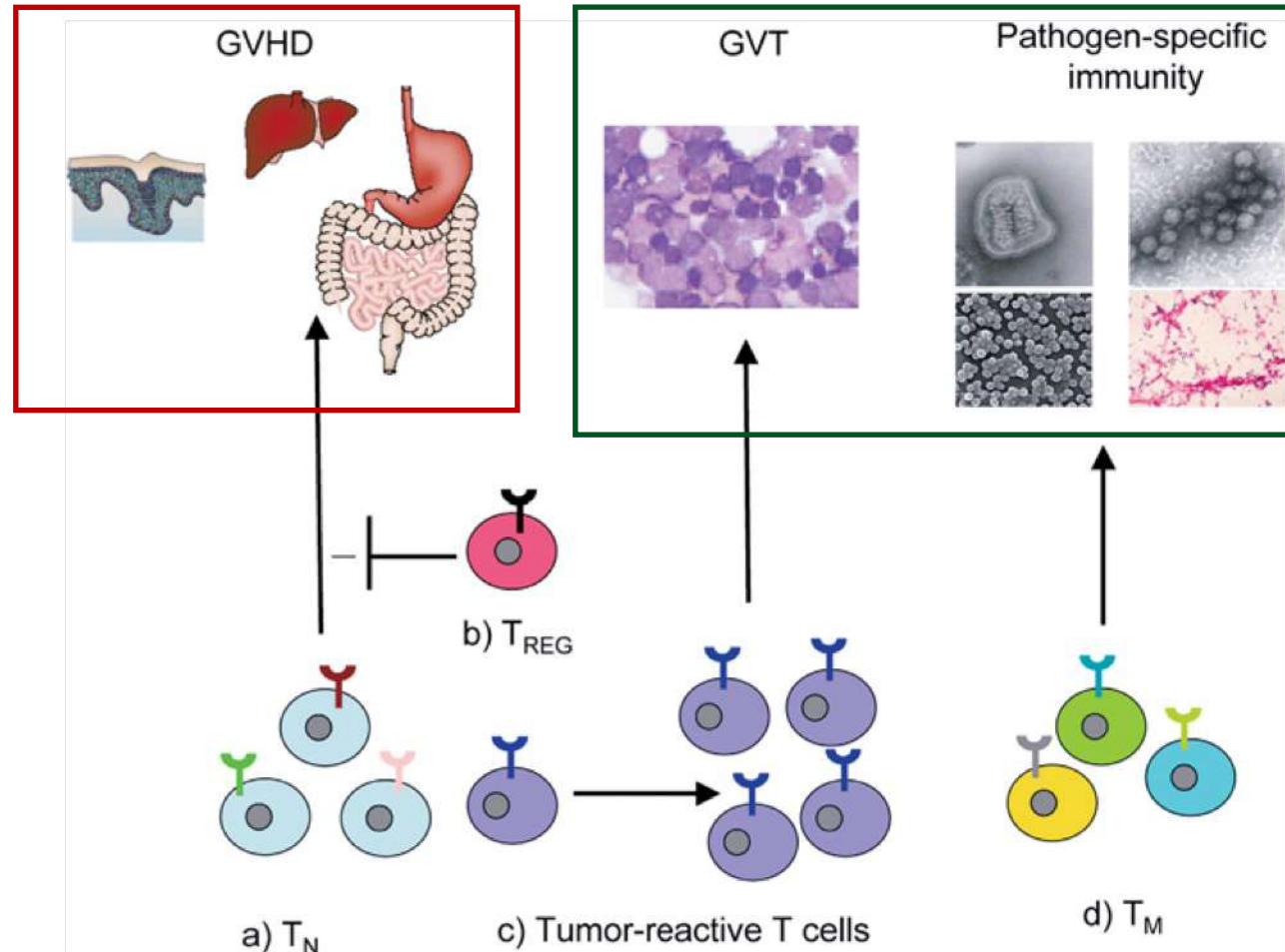
...but can attack healthy tissues in the patient



Riddell & Appelbaum,  
Graft v. Host Disease,  
PLOS Medicine, 2007

# Improving immune outcomes of stem cell transplants

Can we selectively inhibit these...



But not these?

Riddell & Appelbaum,  
Graft v. Host Disease,  
PLOS Medicine, 2007

# From stem cell transplants to personalized immunotherapy

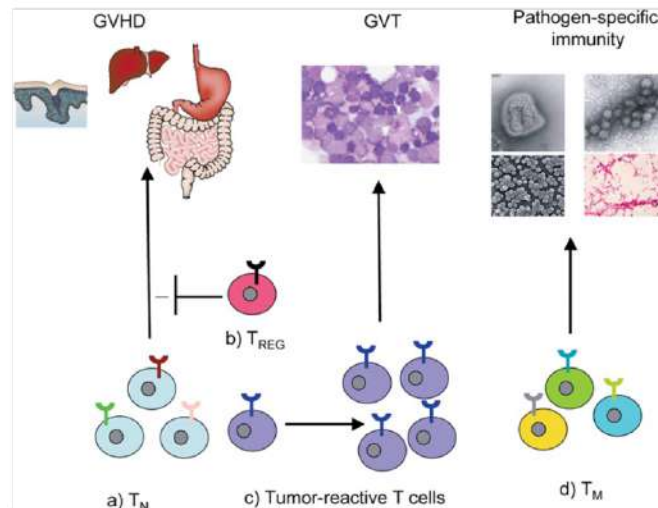


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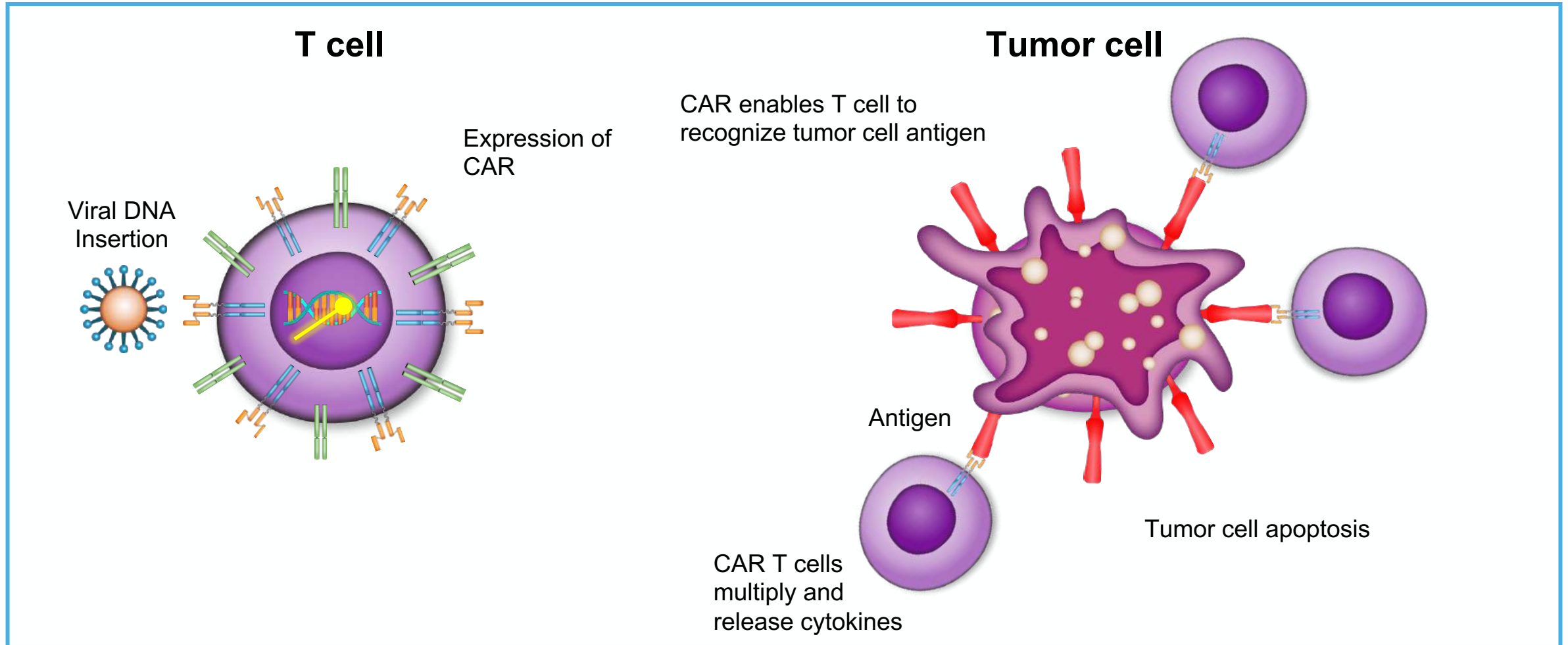
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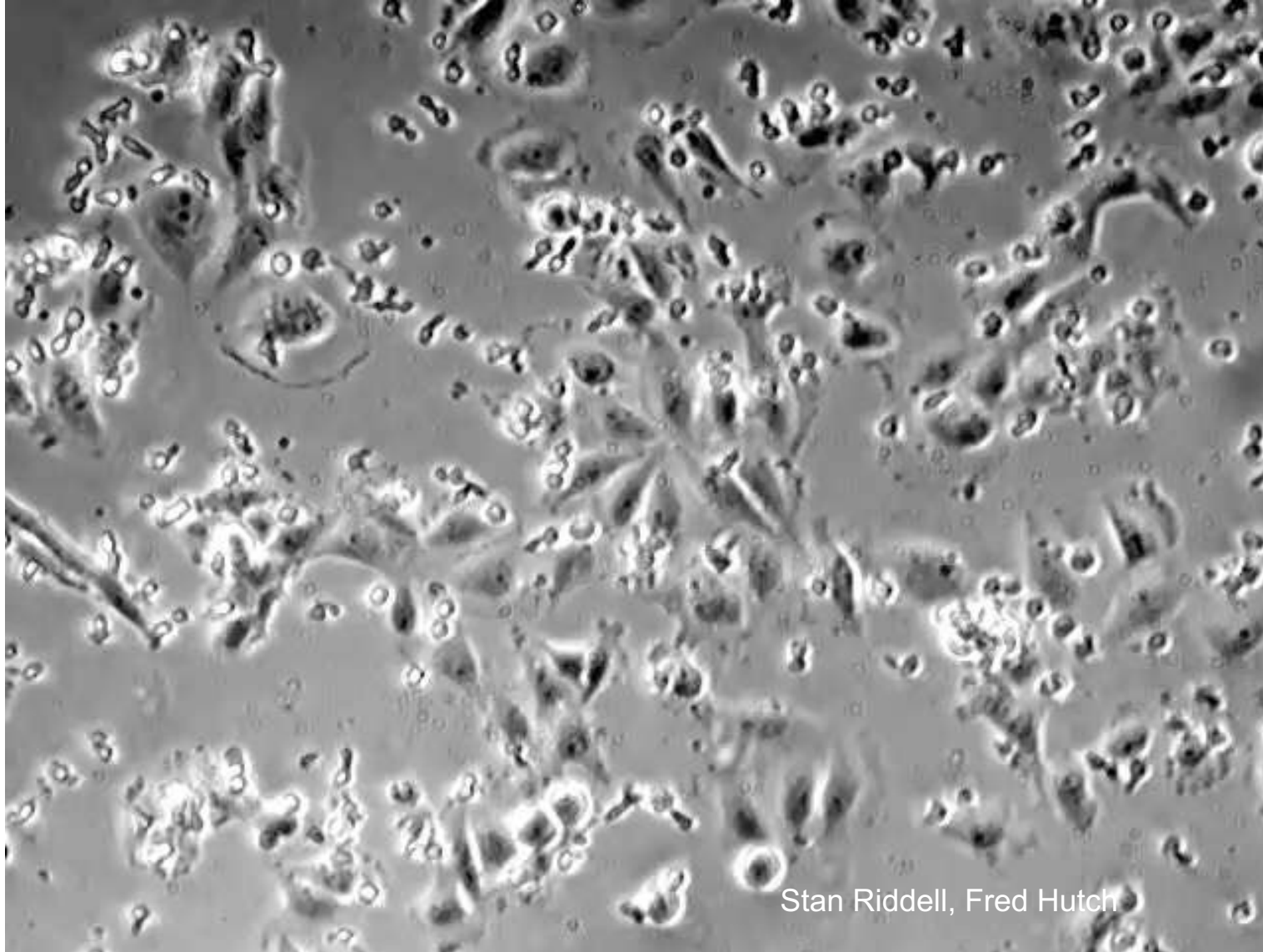
T cells critical for  
transplant cures—  
dramatic increase in  
success

# CAR-T therapy: an overview



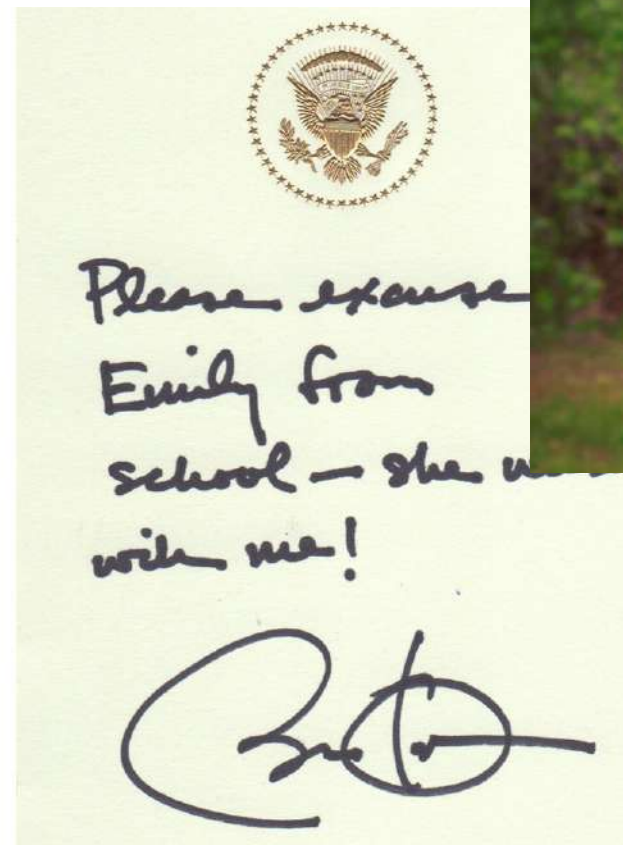


# ***In vivo* killing of cancer cells with CAR-T cells (S. Riddell)**



Stan Riddell, Fred Hutch

# Emily Whitehead: CAR-T Patient #1



**2022**

# CAR-T therapy: a breakthrough therapy for lymphoma



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Axicabtagene Ciloleucel CAR T-Cell Therapy in Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma

S.S. Neelapu, F.L. Locke, N.L. Bartlett, L.J. Lekakis, D.B. Miklos, C.A. Jacobson, I. Braunschweig, O.O. Oluwole, T. Siddiqi, Y. Lin, J.M. Timmerman, P.J. Stiff, J.W. Friedberg, I.W. Flinn, A. Goy, B.T. Hill, M.R. Smith, A. Deol, U. Farooq, P. McSweeney, J. Munoz, I. Avivi, J.E. Castro, J.R. Westin, J.C. Chavez, A. Ghobadi, K.V. Komanduri, R. Levy, E.D. Jacobsen, T.E. Witzig, P. Reagan, A. Bot, J. Rossi, L. Navale, Y. Jiang, J. Aycock, M. Elias, D. Chang, J. Wieszorek, and W.Y. Go

# ZUMA-1: Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	DLBCL (n=73)	TFL/PMBC L (n=20)	All Patients (n=93)
Median age (range), years	59 (25-76)	58 (28-76)	59 (25-76)
Age ≥60 years, n (%)	36 (49)	9 (45)	45 (48)
Male, n (%)	47 (64)	15 (75)	62 (67)
ECOG performance status 1, n (%)	48 (66)	8 (40)	56 (60)
Median number of prior therapies (#)	3 (1-7)	4 (2-12)	3 (1-12)
IPI 3-4, n (%)	32 (44)	9 (45)	41 (44)
Disease stage III/IV, n (%)	64 (88)	15 (75)	79 (85)
Refractory subgroup, n (%)*			
Refractory to 2 <sup>nd</sup> or later-line therapy	56 (77)	16 (80)	72 (77)
Relapse post-ASCT	15 (21)	4 (20)	19 (20)

\*2 patients had primary refractory status



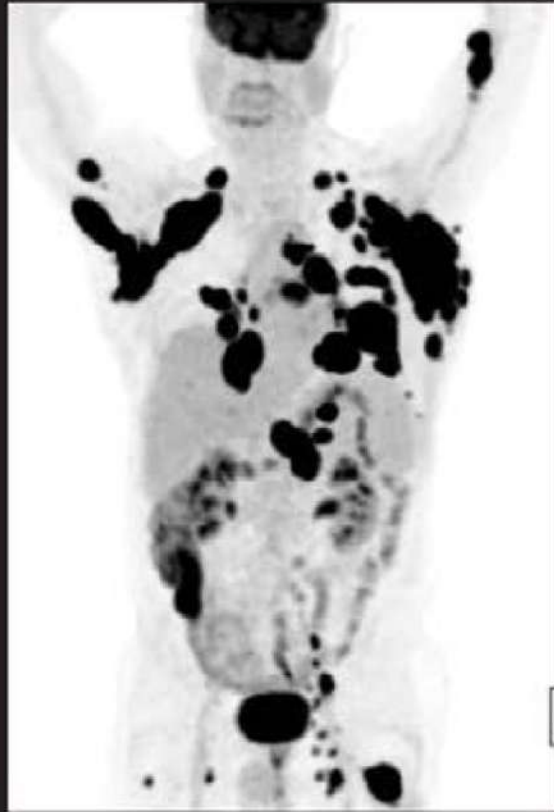
# ZUMA-1 Met Primary Endpoint of ORR in Combined Group

Best Response	ZUMA-1 Phase 2					
	DLBCL		TFL/PMBCL		Combined	
	ORR (%)	CR (%)	ORR (%)	CR (%)	ORR (%)	CR (%)
mITT <sup>b</sup>	n = 77		n = 24		n = 101	
	82	49	83	71	82	54

aInferential testing when 92 axi-cel–dosed patients had 6 mo of follow-up. ORR 82%,  $P<0.0001$ . bmITT (modified intention-to-treat) set of all patients dosed with axi-cel.

CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; ORR; objective response rate; PMBCL; primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma; TFL, transformed follicular lymphoma.

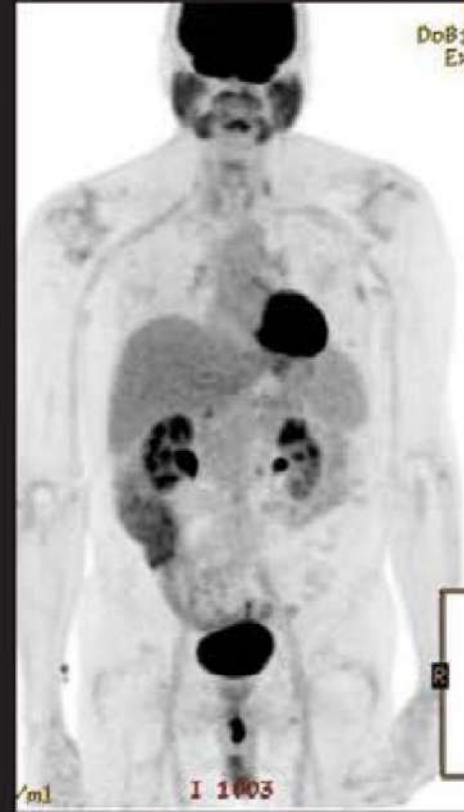
# Cure of refractory lymphoma with CAR-T therapy (axi-cel)



Baseline



Month 3

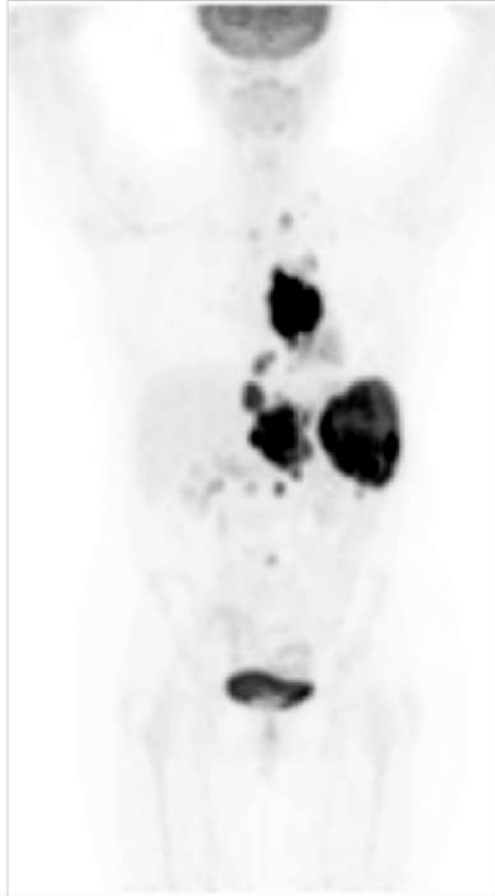


Month 12



Month 18

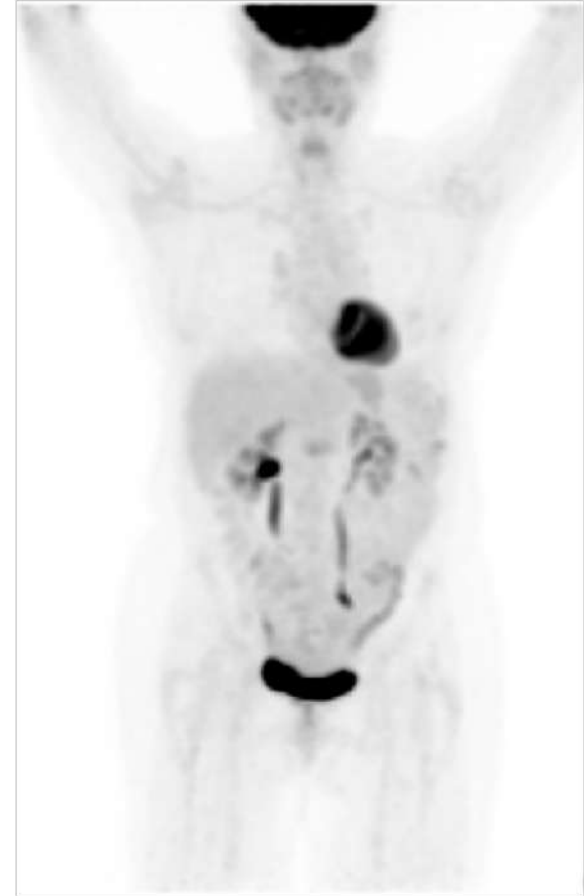
# CAR-T therapy after six prior lines of therapy



December 2015



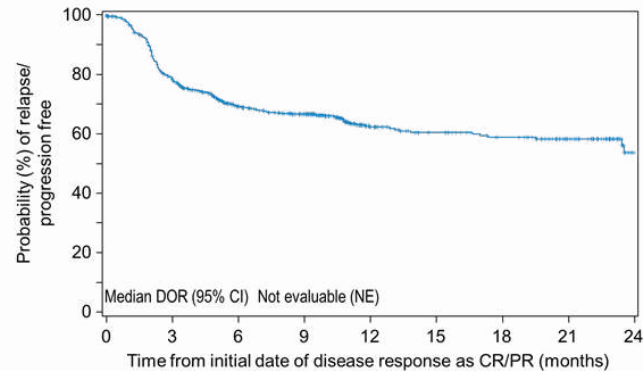
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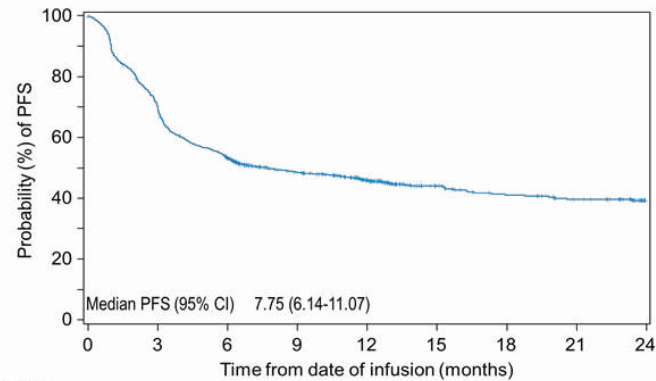
# Comparable data between the CIBMTR and the pivotal trials: Axi-cel

## Axi-cel PASS - CIBMTR



### N at Risk

All subjects 834 623 426 353 157 123 107 78 10  
Patients who did not achieve CR/PR as best response during the follow-up period were excluded.



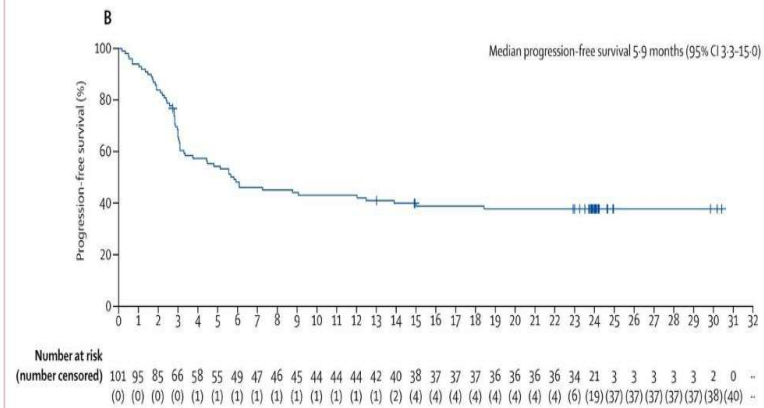
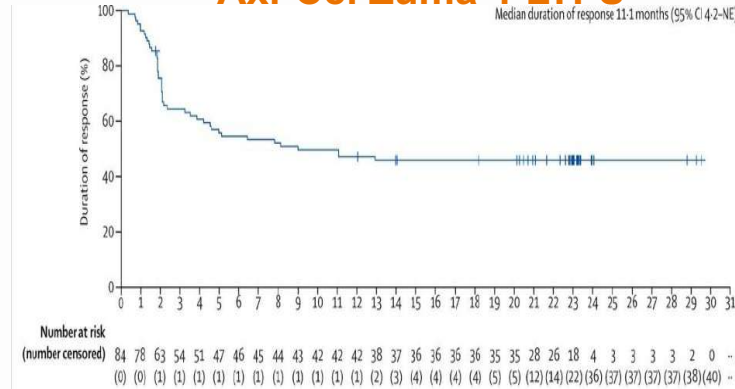
### N at Risk

All subjects 1174 823 610 426 323 138 121 110 65

Duration of  
response

Progression-  
free Survival

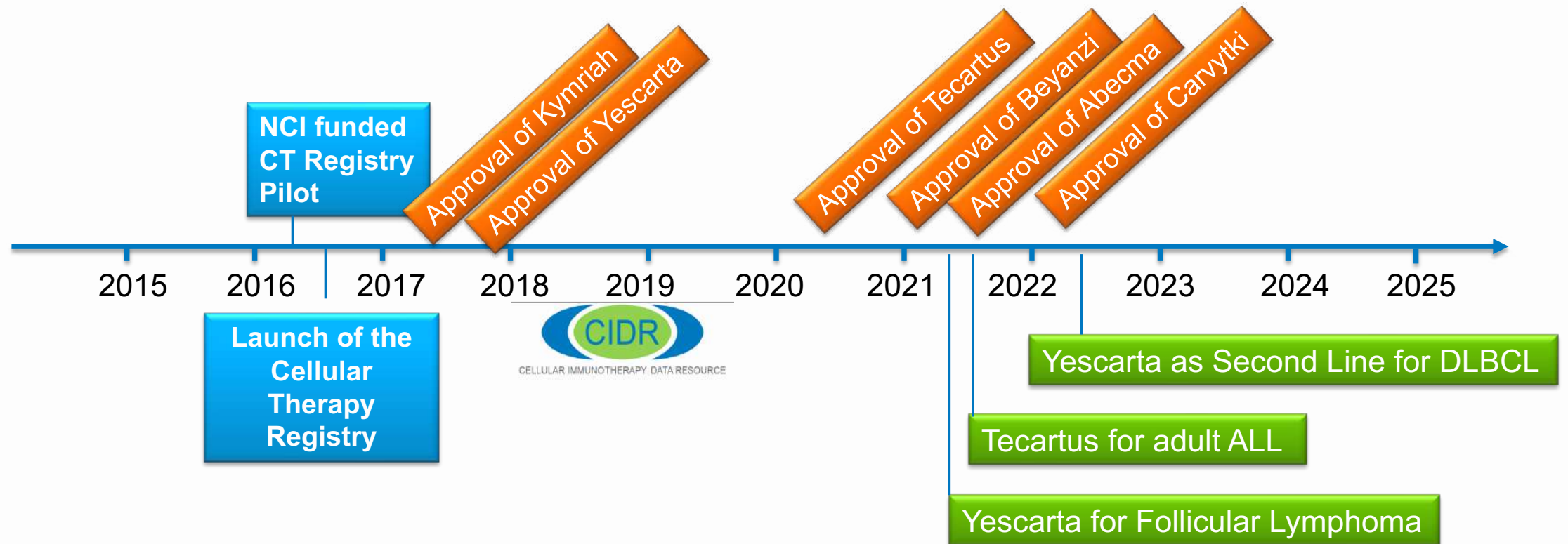
## Axi-Cel Zuma-1 LTFU



Jacobson C. et al ASCO 2021, Locke F et al Lancet Oncology 2019

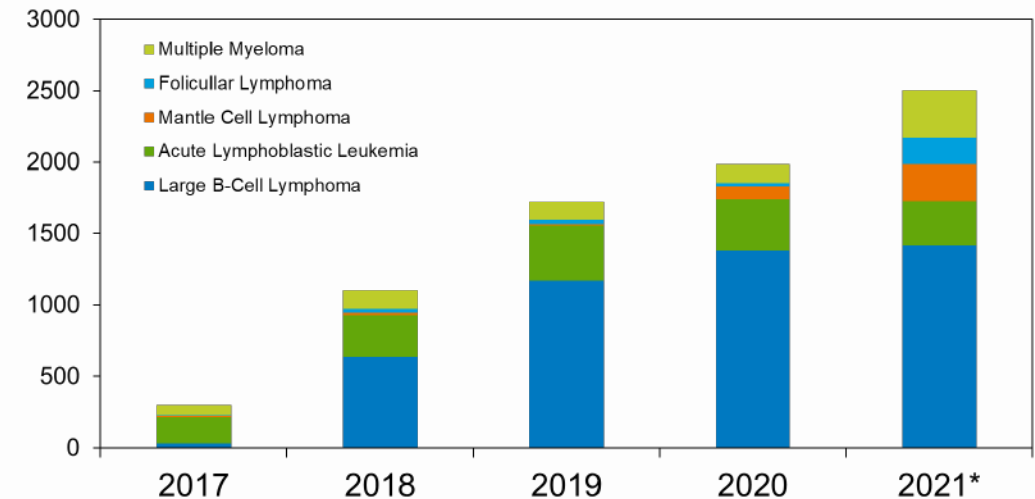
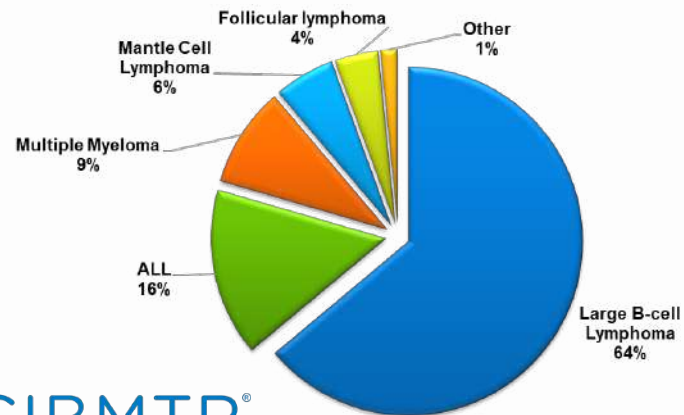
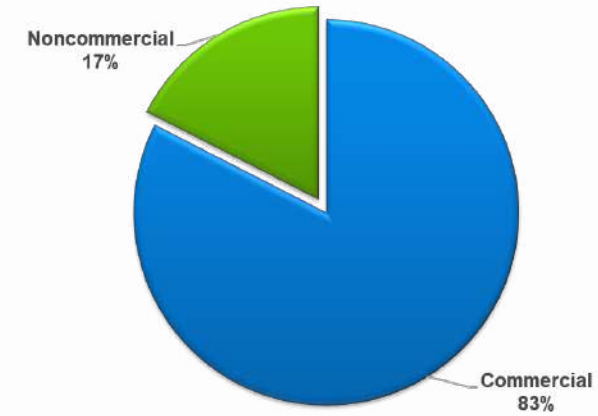
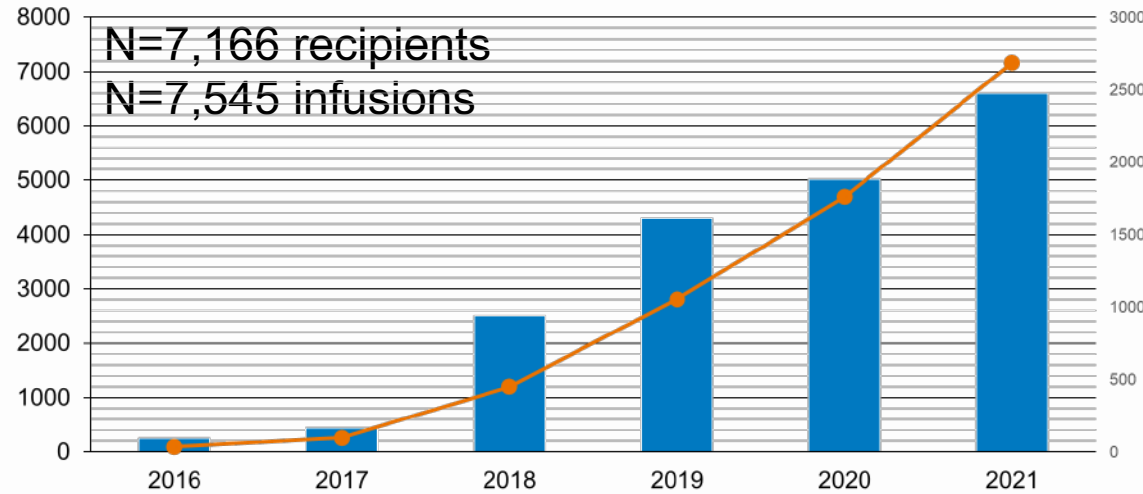
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# The Development of the Registry Parallel to the Expansion of the Field of Cellular Immunotherapy





# Cellular Immunotherapy Registry at a Glance



# What about earlier lines of lymphoma therapy?

# CD19 CAR T-cells in DLBCL: Earlier Lines

**ZUMA-7**  
Axi-cel

**BELINDA**  
Tisa-cel

**TRANSFORM**  
Liso-cel

High Risk DLBCL:

- Refractory to 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy
- Relapsed within 12m of 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy

**CAR T**

**Salvage/  
Auto**

# Is CAR-T therapy the 2<sup>nd</sup> line DLBCL standard?

- Two of three RCTs favored CAR-T therapy in the second line setting (ZUMA-7 and TRANSFORM)
- RCTs demonstrated traditional salvage therapies are suboptimally effective (<40% achieved PR and had AutoSCT)
- Additional RCTs would be helpful (but are unlikely)
- *CAR-T therapies are 2nd line standard for patients with early relapse*

# What about fourth line? First line?

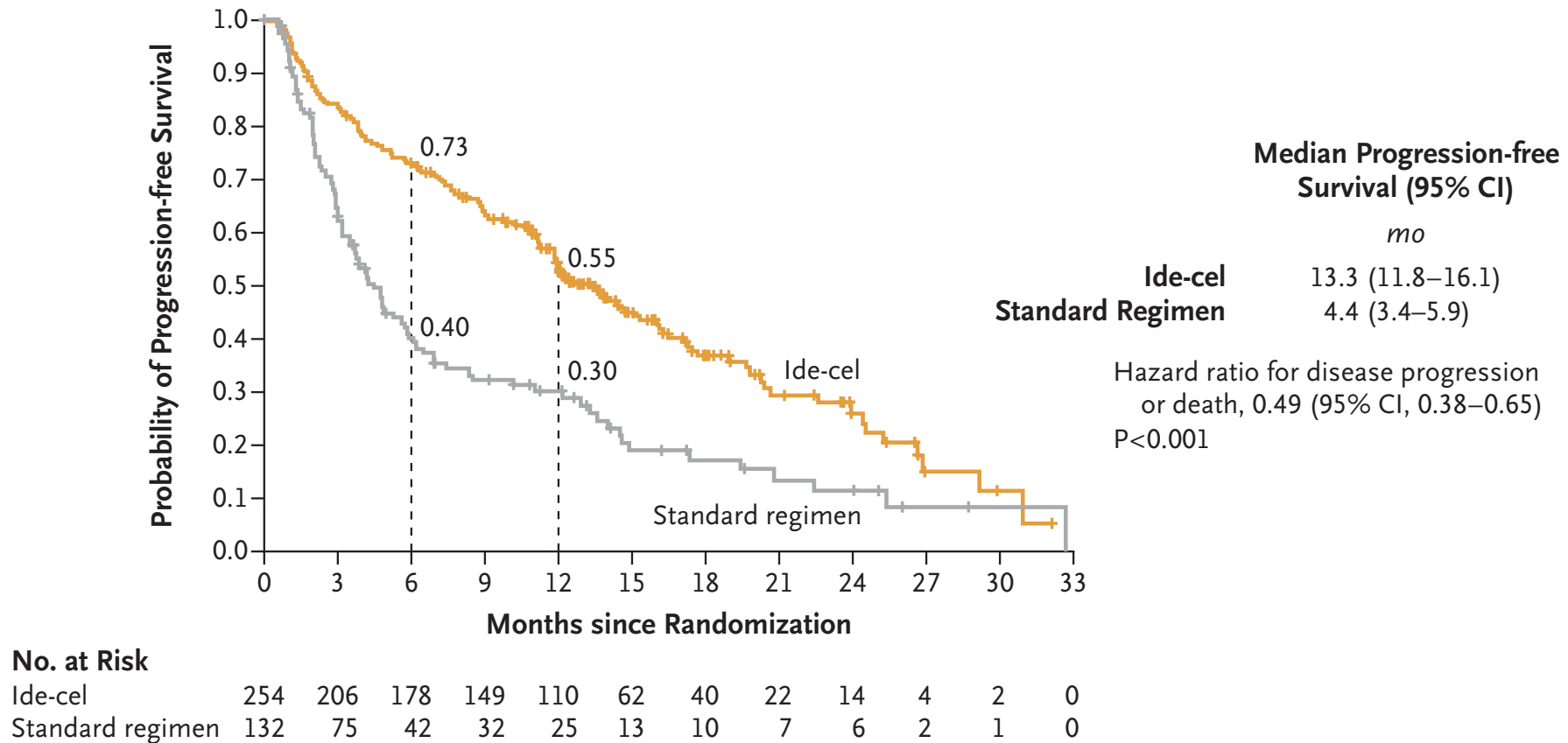
- Long-term results of all three commercial products suggest only 30-40% cure rates
- Trials of second CAR-T infusions (including targeting CD19/22 or CD19/20) demonstrate  $\leq 30\%$  ORR
- We need better therapies following CAR-T failure, including those that target different antigens (or combinations)
- First-line studies of newly diagnosed lymphoma promising (ZUMA-12, Neelapu, *Nat Med* 2022) but additional data, RCTs needed





# Emerging data in myeloma

# Ide-cel is superior to SOC in R/R myeloma, but not curative

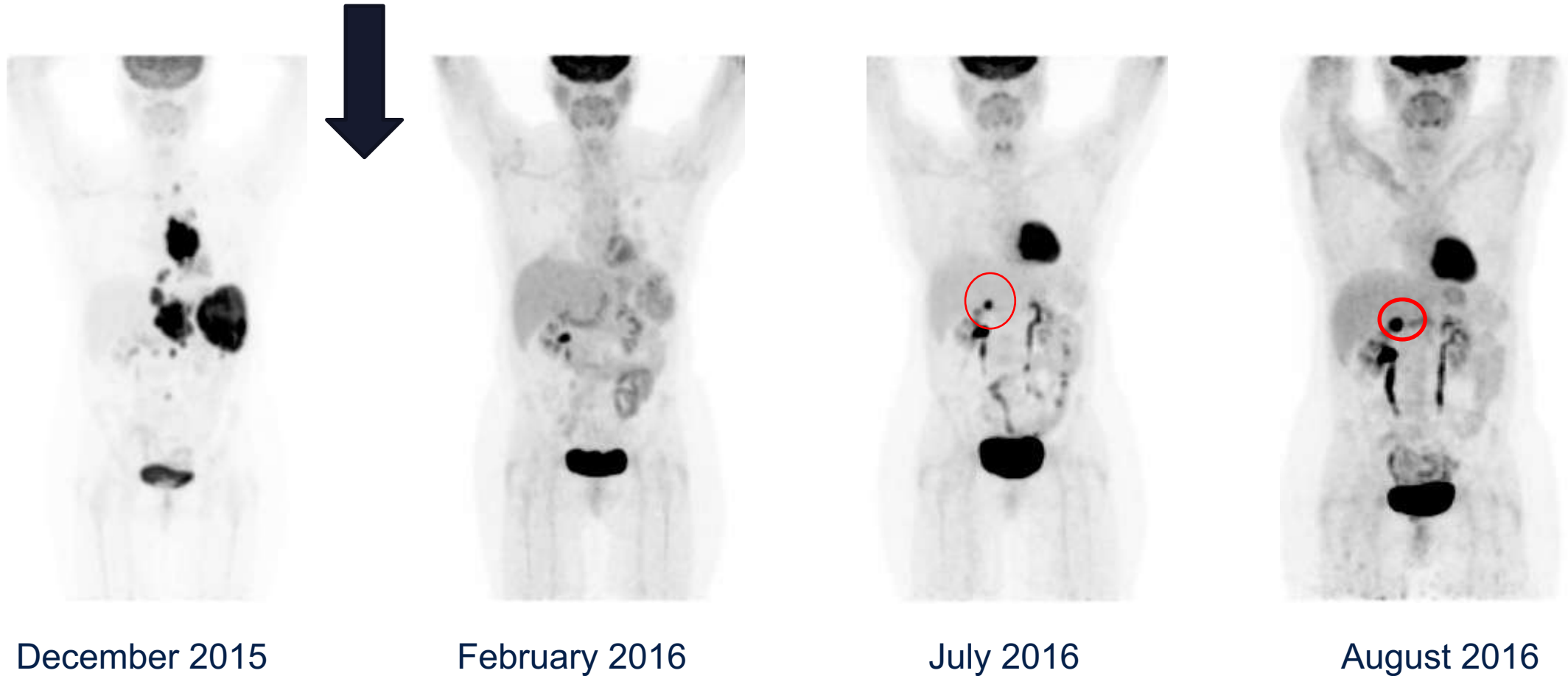


# RCT of ide-cel vs. standard regimens in R/R myeloma

- Overall, ide-cel outperformed other SOC regimens in this population
- However, no plateau suggesting curative potential evident in PFS curves
- When progression did occur, BCMA (target) downregulation was NOT seen, in contrast to frequent target loss in CD19 CAR-T treatment failures

# Can we predict cellular therapy failures?

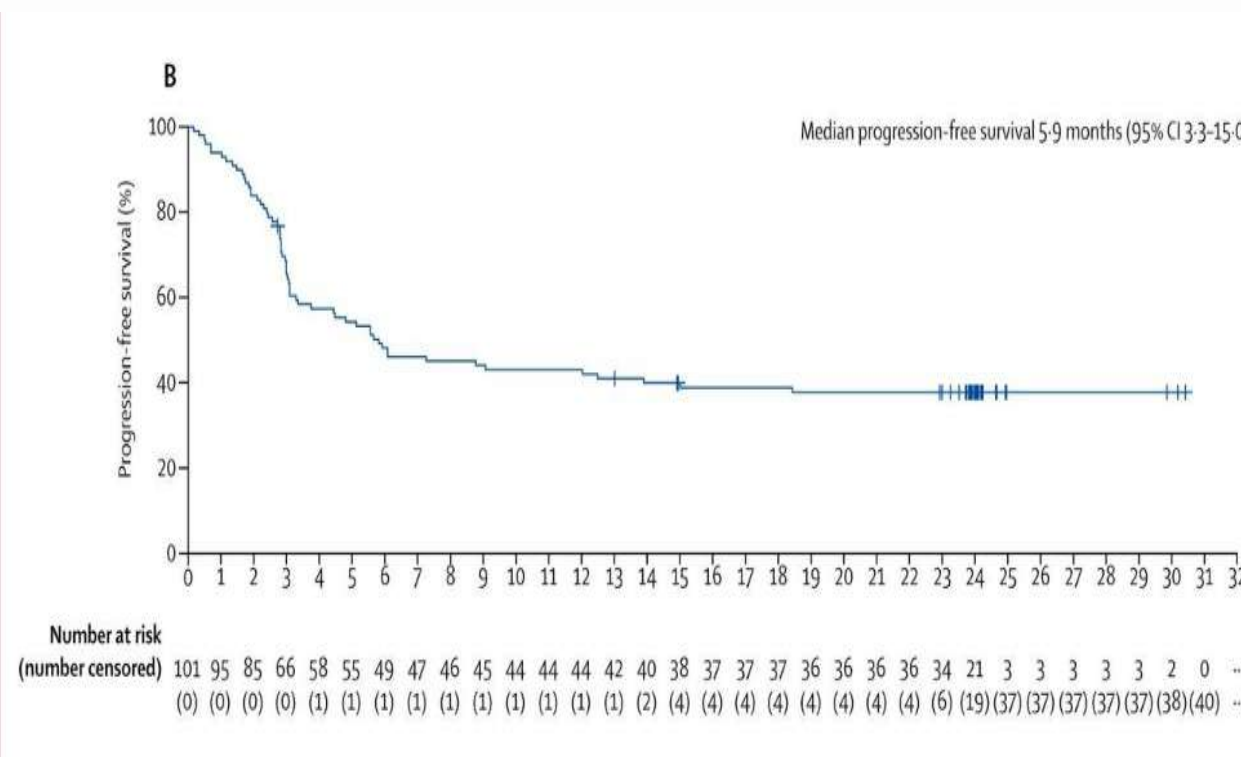
# Localized relapse of refractory lymphoma after CAR-T therapy





# Most patients receiving CD19+ CAR-T therapy relapse

## Progression-free Survival

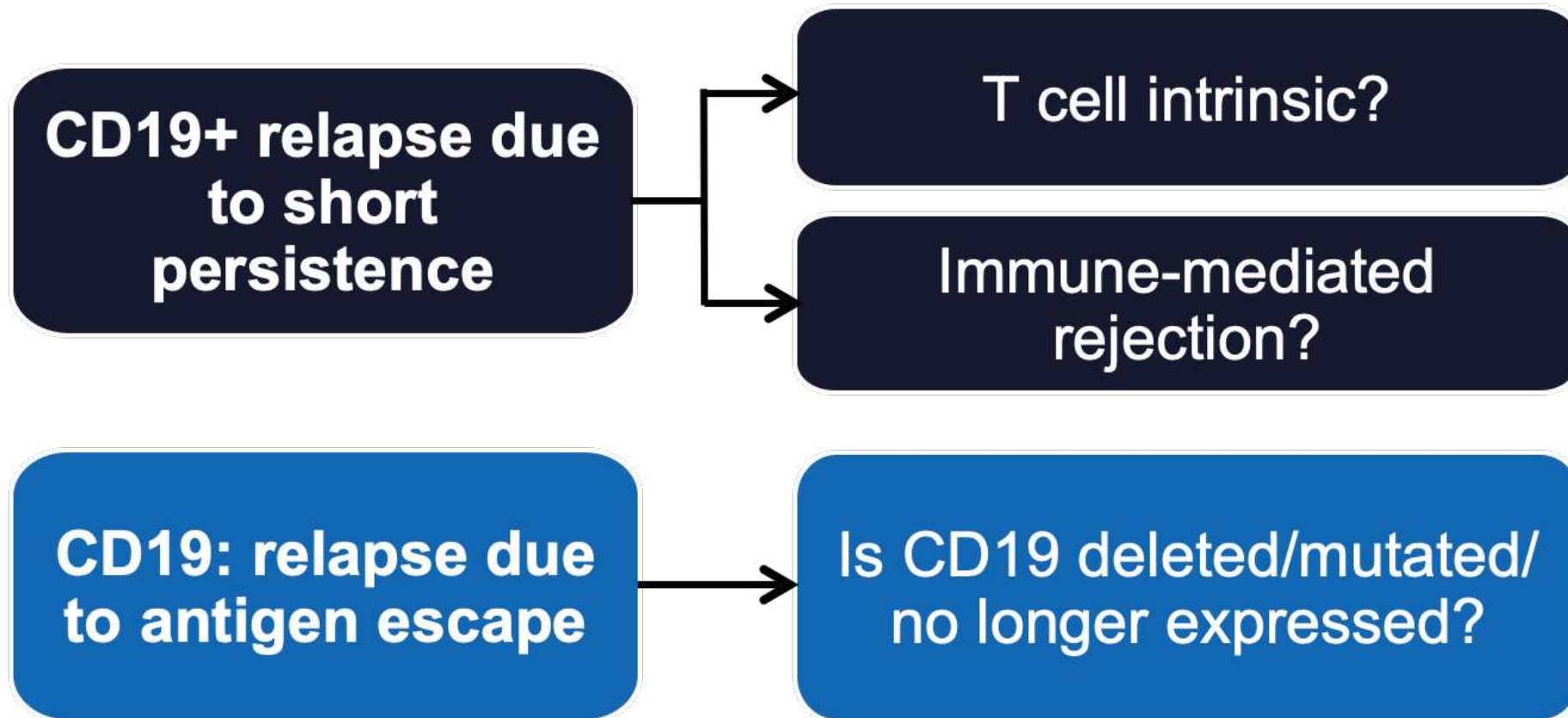


Jacobson C. et al ASCO 2021, Locke F et al Lancet Oncology 2019

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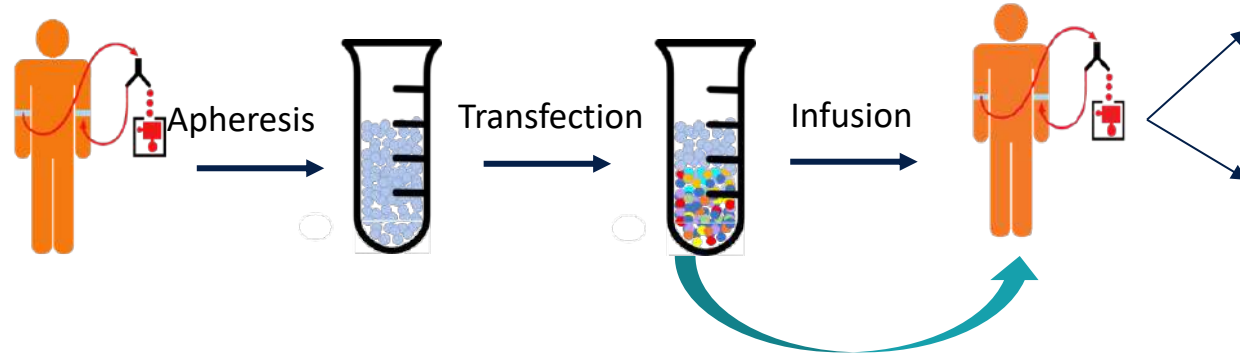
# Mechanisms of relapse after CD19 CAR-T therapy



# Optimizing CAR-T Therapy: Model by Spiegel and Miklos

Patient

CAR-T Product



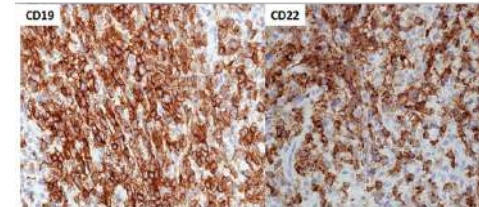
## CAR-T Product Fitness:

- Patient T cell fitness
- CAR-T construct
- CAR-T manufacturing

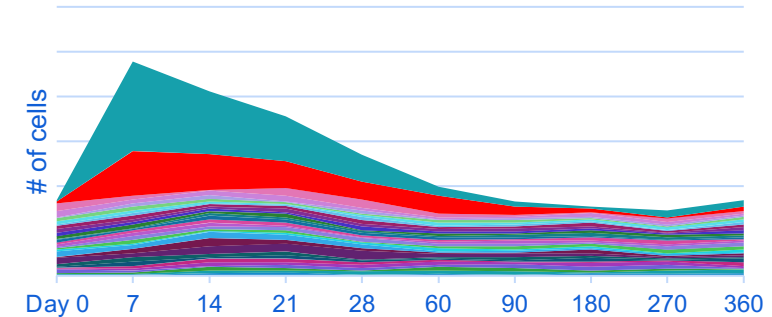
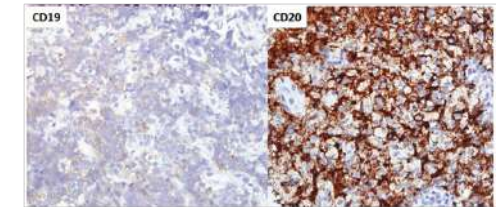
## Tumor Biology:

- Tumor Antigen Density
- Tumor microenvironment

PRE-THERAPY



DAY 60 RELAPSE



## CAR-T Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

- Characterize which CAR-T localize to tumor
- Immune Phenotype of CAR-T blood expansion

# Solid tumor T cell therapies: challenges

# Solid tumor targets



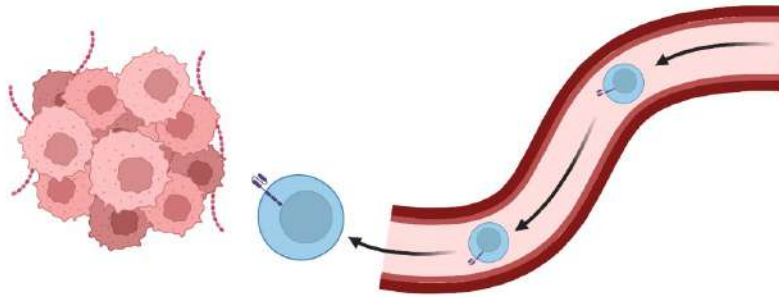
Antigen	Cancer	Phase	ID
EGFR	Lung, liver, stomach	Phase 1/2	NCT03179007, NCT03525782
HER2	Central nervous system tumor, pediatric glioma	Phase 1	NCT03500991
EGFR806	Central nervous system tumor, pediatric glioma	Phase 1	NCT03179012
Mesothelin	Ovarian, cervical, pancreatic, lung	Phase 1/2	NCT01583686
PSCA	Lung	Phase 1	NCT03198052
MUC1	Advanced solid tumors, lung	Phase 1/2	NCT03179007, NCT03525782
Claudin 18.2	Advanced solid tumor	Phase 1	NCT03874897
EpCAM	Colon, pancreatic, prostate, gastric, liver	Phase 1/2	NCT03013712
GD2	Brain	Phase 1	NCT04099797
VEGFR2	Melanoma, brain	Phase 1	NCT01218867
AFP	Hepatocellular carcinoma liver cancer	Phase 1	NCT03349255
Nectin4/FAP	Nectin4-positive advanced malignant solid tumor	Phase 1	NCT03932565
CEA	Lung, colorectal, gastric, breast, pancreatic cancer	Phase 1	NCT02349724
Lewis Y	Advanced cancer	Phase 1	NCT03851146
Glypican-3	Liver	Phase 1	NCT02932956
EGFRIII	Glioblastoma and brain tumor	Phase 1	NCT01454596
IL-13Ra2	Glioblastoma	Phase 1	NCT02208362
CD171	Neuroblastoma	Phase 1	NCT02311621
MUC16	Ovarian	Phase 1	NCT02311621
PSMA	Prostate	Phase 1	NCT01140373
AFP	Hepatocellular carcinoma, liver	Phase 1	NCT03349255
AXL	Renal	Phase 1	NCT03393936
CD20	Melanoma	Phase 1	NCT03893019
CD80/86	Lung	Phase 1	NCT03198052
c-MET	Breast, hepatocellular	Phase 1	NCT03060356, NCT03638206
DLL-3	Lung	Phase 1	NCT03392064
DR5	Hepatoma	Phase 1	NCT03638206
EphA2	Glioma	Phase 1	NCT02575261
FR-α	Ovarian	Phase 1	NCT00019136
gp100	Melanoma	Phase 1	NCT03649529
MAGE-A1/3/4	Lung	Phase 1	NCT03356808, NCT03535246
LMP1	Nasopharyngeal	Phase 1	NCT02980315

*EGFR* epidermal growth factor receptor, *HER2* human epidermal growth factor receptor 2, *PSCA* prostate stem cell antigen, *MUC1* mucin1, *EpCAM* epithelial cell adhesion molecule, *AFP* alpha-fetoprotein, *FAP* familial adenomatous polyposis, *CEA* carcinoembryonic antigen, *MUC16* mucin16, *PSMA* prostate-specific membrane antigen, *AXL* AXL receptor tyrosine kinase, *DLL3* delta-like 3, *EPHA2* EPH receptor A2, *Fra* folate receptor alpha, *LMP1* Epstein-Barr virus latent membrane protein 1, *MAGE* melanoma antigen gene protein, *DR5* death receptor 5

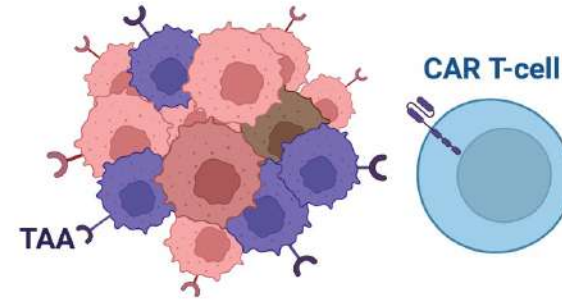


# Challenges to CAR-T cell efficacy/safety in solid tumors

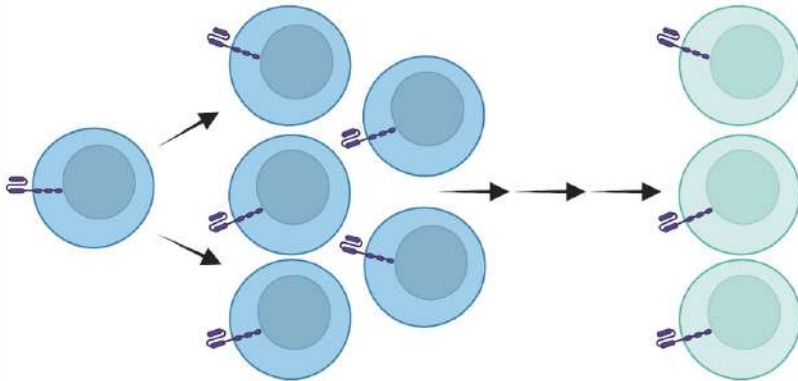
## 1 CAR T-cell trafficking and infiltration



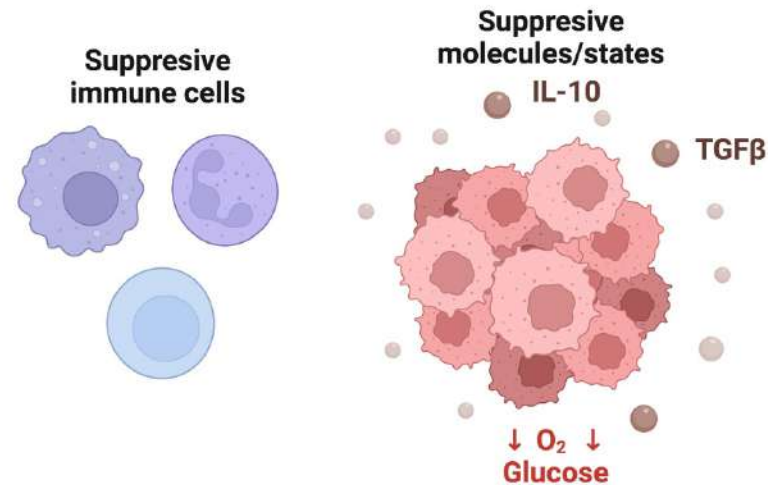
## 2 Tumor heterogeneity & antigen escape



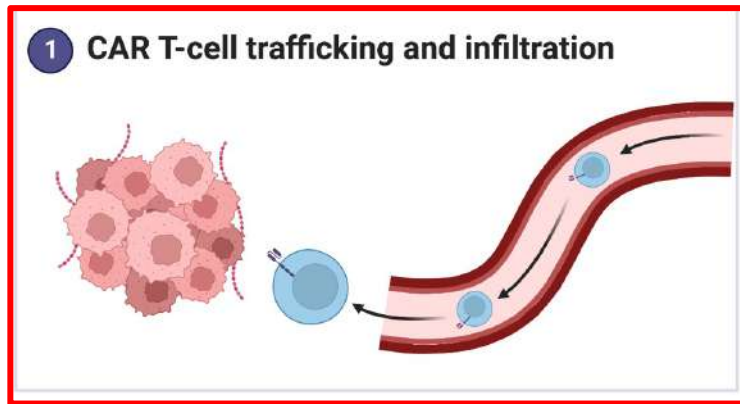
## 3 Proliferation and Persistence



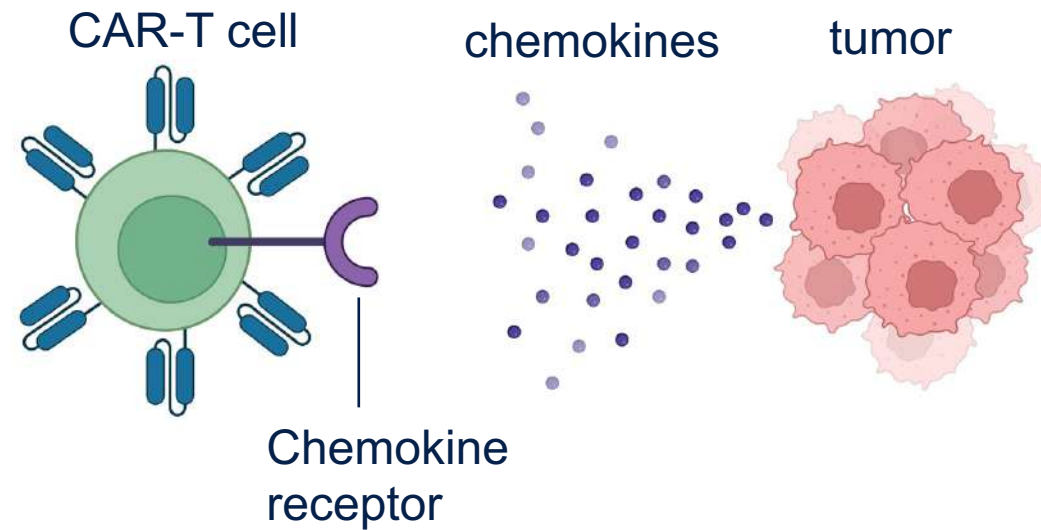
## 4 Immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment



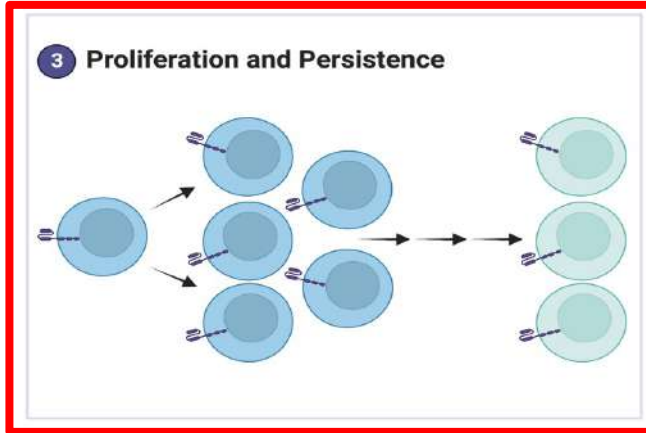
# Improving targeting of solid tumor targeted T cells



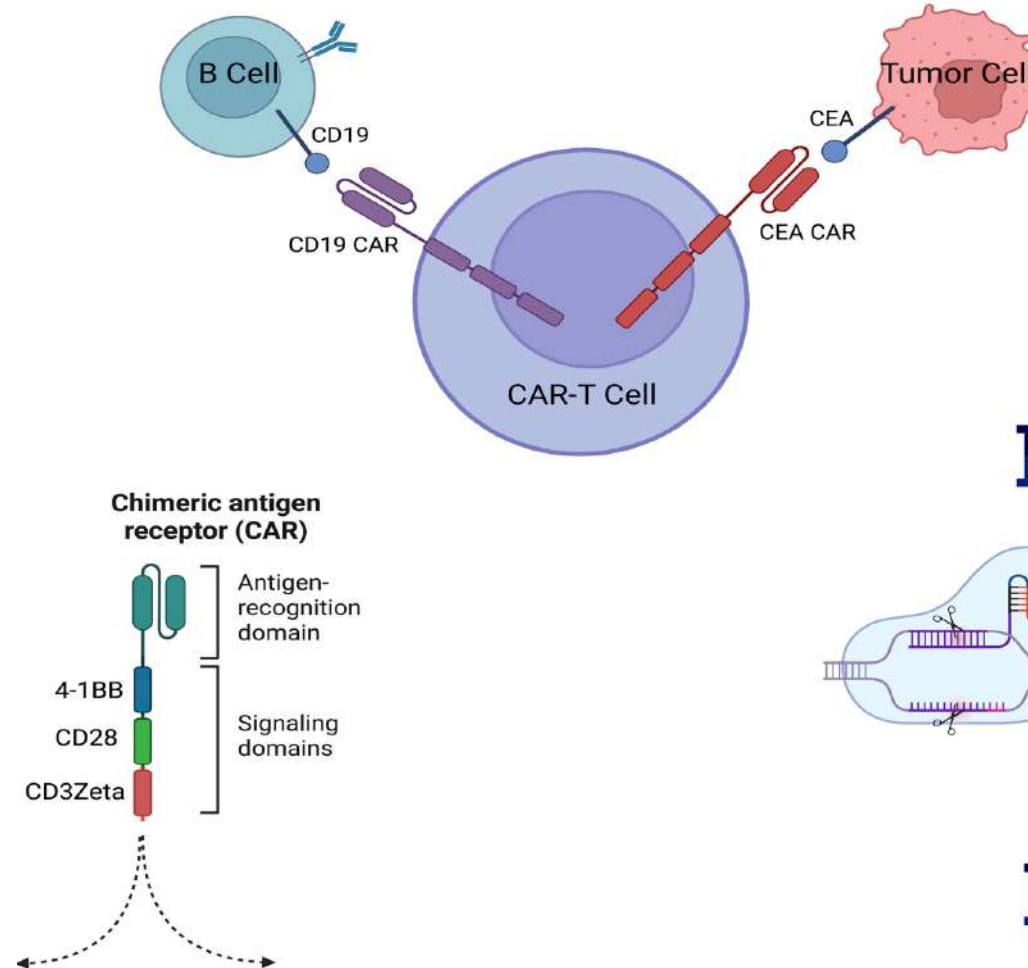
- Chemokine receptors
- Target tumor stroma/vasculature



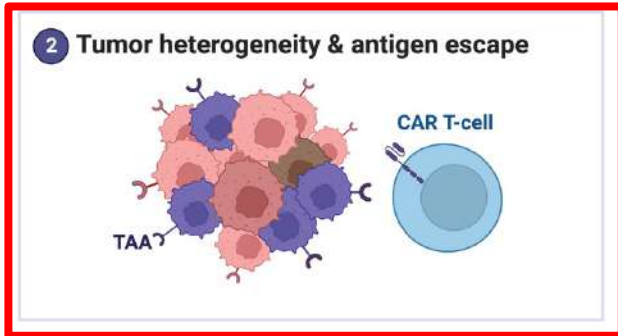
# Strategies to improve tumor persistence and proliferation



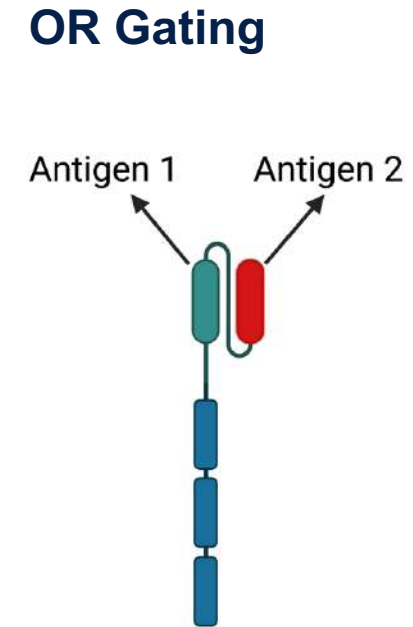
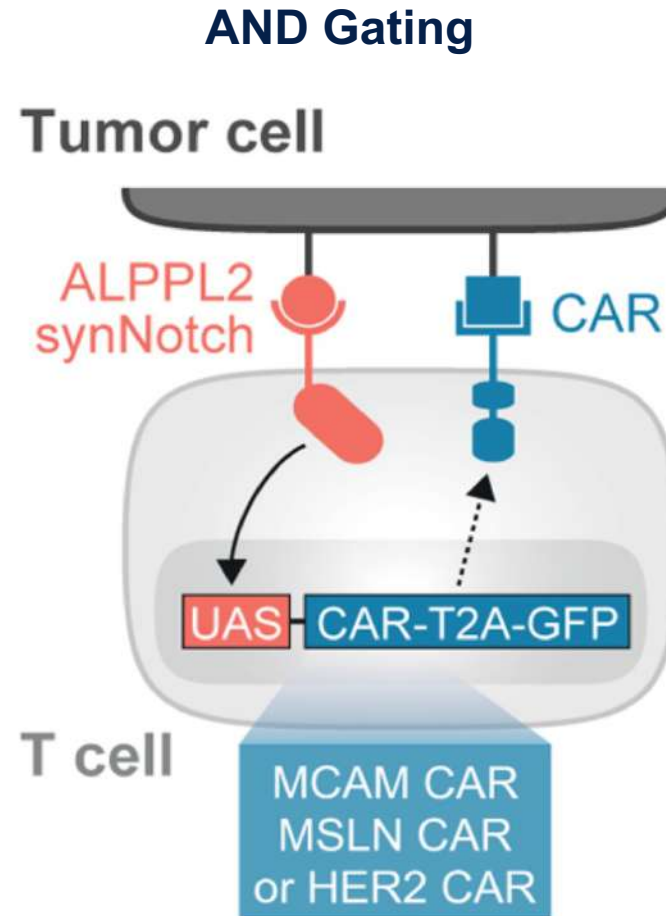
- Co-stim domains
- Dual targeting
- TRAC KI
- Gene editing (counter exhaustion, metabolic reprogramming)



# Overcoming the challenge of tumor heterogeneity

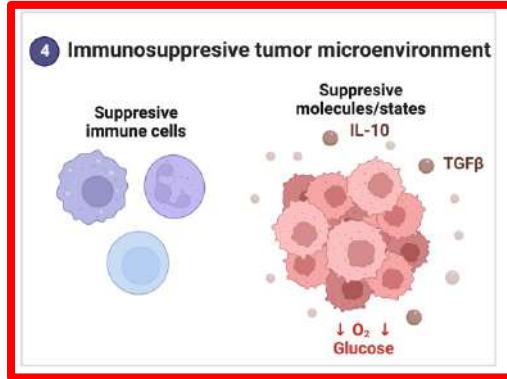


- Bivalent CARs
- Combinatorial antigen recognition with circuits/logic gating

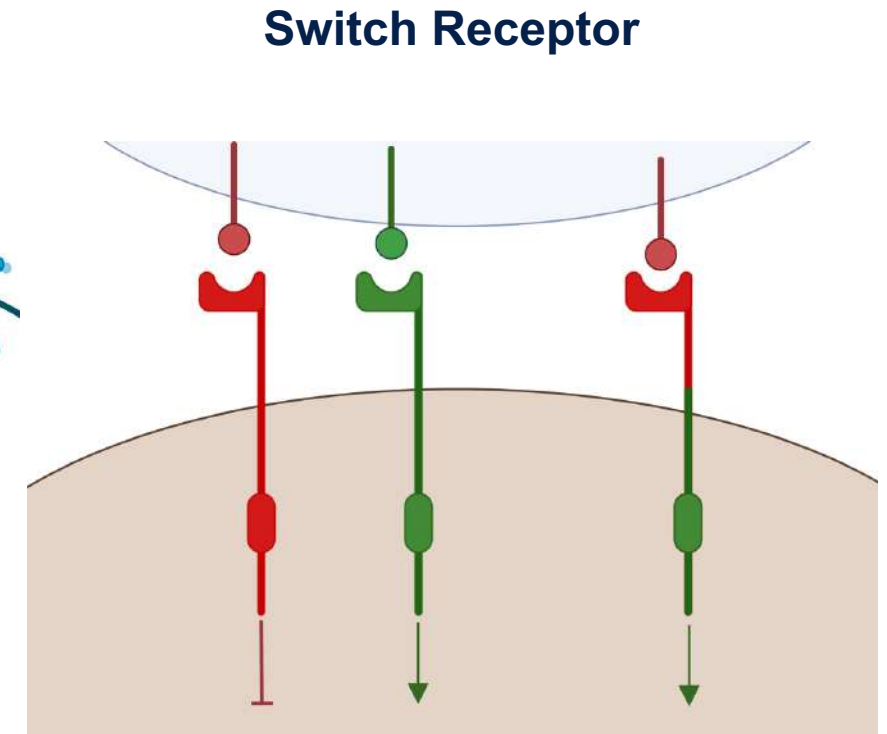
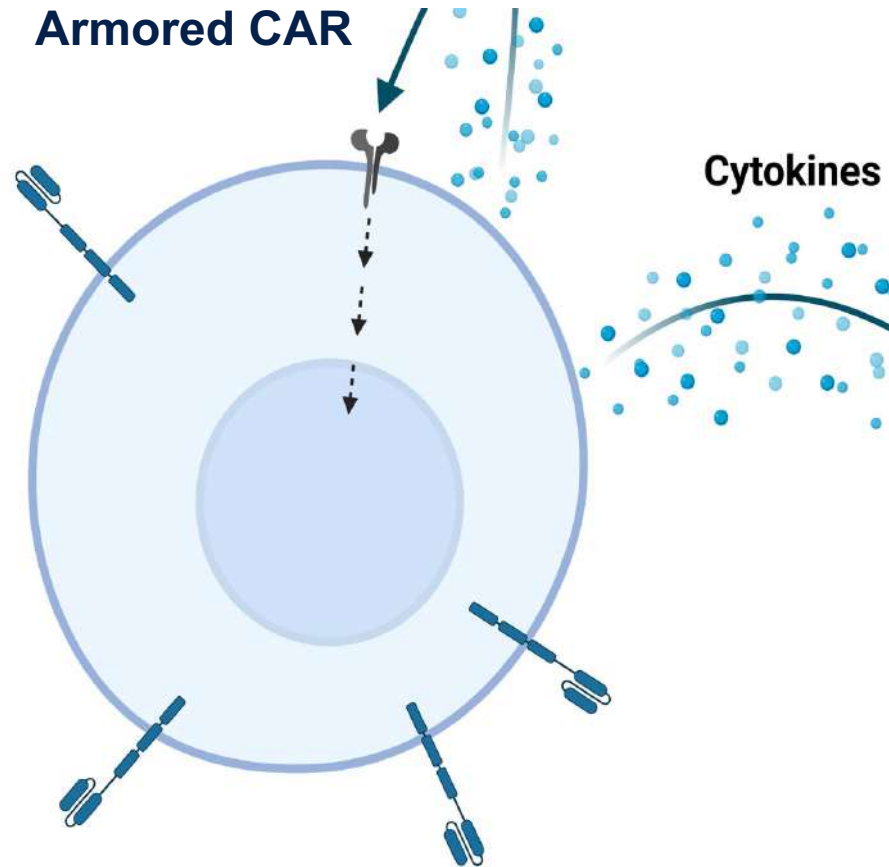


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# Overcoming local immunosuppression



- Switch receptors
- Armored CARs
- Remodel TME
- Gene editing to ignore suppression or withstand metabolic derangements





# Solid tumor T cell therapies: directions

- CAR-T cells can induce meaningful radiographic, biochemical, and clinical responses in solid tumors, but are relatively short-lived
- Safety remains an additional barrier to the success of these therapies as non-dispensable cell types (e.g., B cells) are targeted
- Solid tumors pose unique challenges to CAR-T cells, including antigenic heterogeneity and a hostile tumor microenvironment
- Synthetic biology (e.g., cytokines, targeting multiple antigens with logic gating) will improve efficacy and toxicity of CAR-T therapy

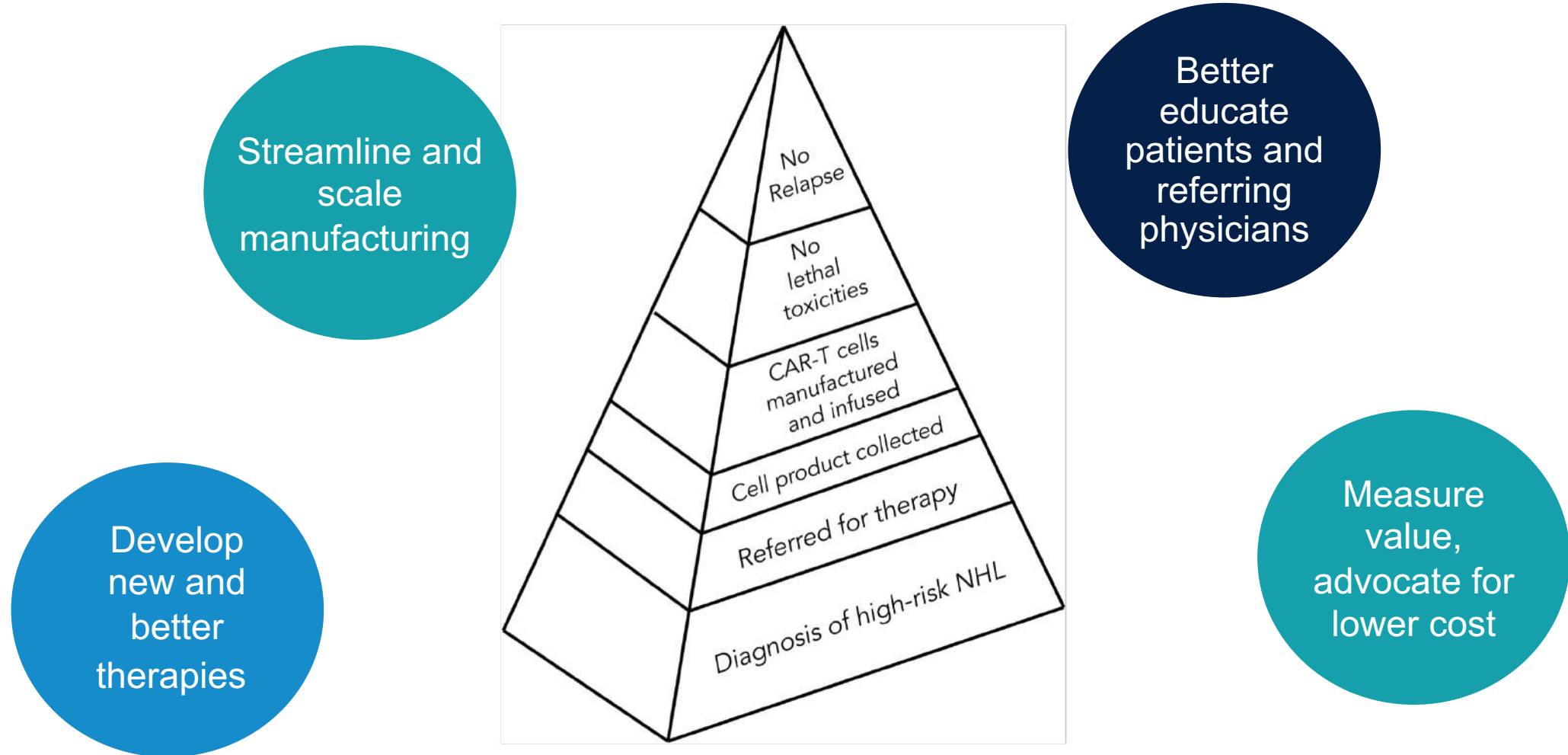


# Conclusions and future directions

# Next steps in T cell therapies

- CAR-T therapies have been transformative for patients with relapsed/refractory pediatric ALL, lymphoma and myeloma; solid tumor successes lie ahead
- Hematology: broader targets, improved manufacturing, allogeneic products
- Solid tumors: Novel strategies to optimize T cell activities in hostile environments and to optimize tumor recognition while minimizing toxicities are being developed and are particularly important as we transition to solid tumor therapies
- We must improve access—even in the US it is estimated that less than 30% of patients who qualify are receiving commercial CAR-T therapies

# Improving T cell therapy outcomes



*No effective  
therapies*



*Chemotherapy  
era*



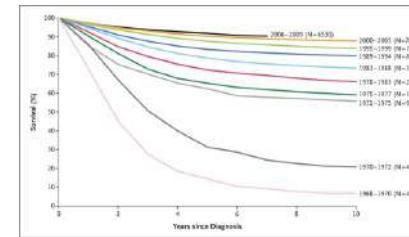
*Stem Cell  
Transplant era  
(Combinations of  
chemotherapy,  
immunotherapy)*



*Better  
chemotherapies,  
advanced stem cell  
transplants and more  
effective  
immunotherapies*

**1960s**

Combination  
chemotherapy +  
stem cell transplants

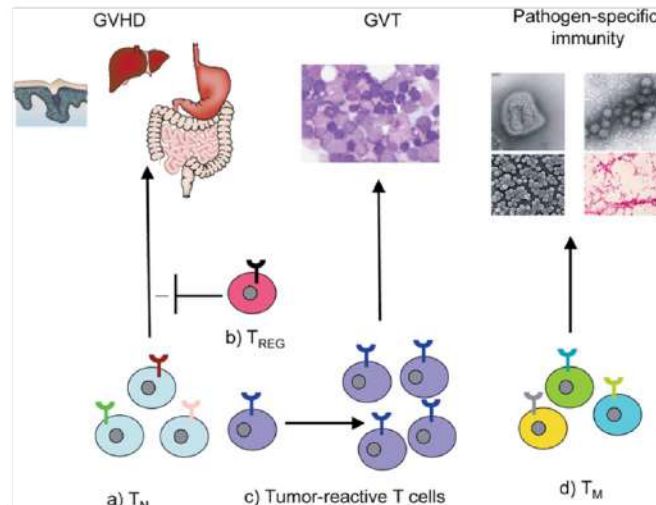


**2017**

Approval of engineered  
T cell therapies

**1825**

First description  
of acute leukemia



**1990s**

T cells critical for  
transplant cures—  
dramatic increase in  
success



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**AVA6000**

**Phase 1a Clinical Study Update – ALS-6000-101**

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23 February 2023



## Exploiting FAP specificity within the tumour by selectively cleaving AVA6000 & activating doxorubicin at tumour sites to...

- ✓ Precisely target FAP-positive solid tumours
- ✓ Maximise tumour concentrations
- ✓ Limit systemic exposure to healthy tissues & organs
- ✓ Increase overall efficacy
- ✓ Enhance safety & tolerability

## Doxorubicin is a very successful chemotherapy due to its efficacy in fighting a wide range of cancers....but it has limitations

- Injury to non-targeted tissues complicates cancer treatment by limiting therapeutic dosages & diminishes the quality of patients' lives during and after treatment
- The heart is a preferential target and cumulative doses above 450mg/m<sup>2</sup> increase risk of heart damage dramatically
- Improving tolerability increases patients' ability to continue treatment and improves cancer outcomes

Hypothesis: Using the pre | CISION linker to mask doxorubicin until it reaches the tumour site where FAP removes the linker and activates doxorubicin within the tumour environment. Systemic concentrations of doxorubicin are lowered substantially while tumour concentrations are increased, sparing healthy tissues and organs.

## AVA6000 in Patients with Advanced, Metastatic Solid Tumours

### Phase 1a

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Locally Advanced, Metastatic Selected Solid Tumours

#### Endpoints

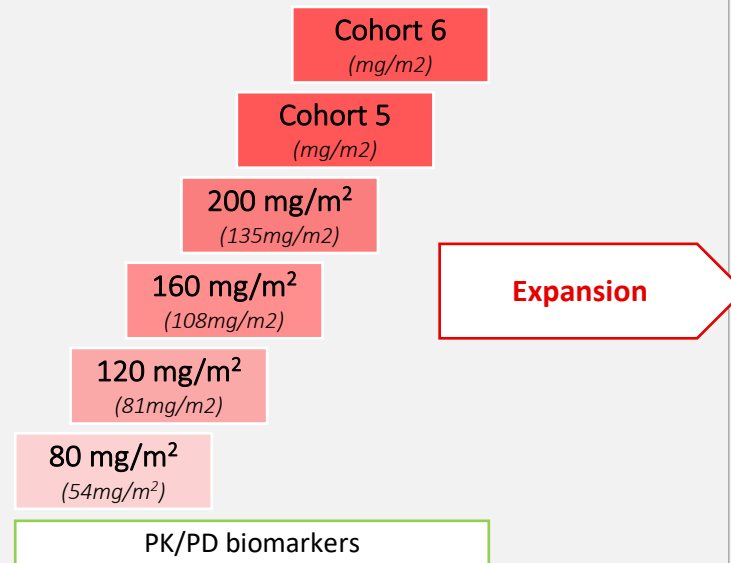
DLTs, Safety, Tolerability & Cardiac Safety  
PK profiles for Cycle 1 & 2  
Optional biopsies (AVA6000/Dox levels)  
Biomarker assessments  
Tumour assessments

#### Centres

5 UK  
2 US

Expand into additional centres for Phase 1b

### Phase 1a: Dose Escalation



#### Phase 1a Endpoints

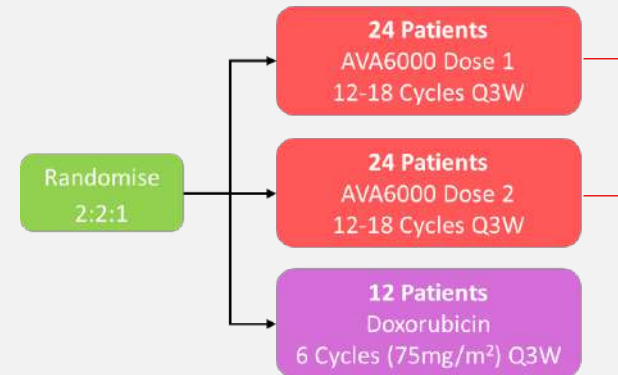
**Primary:** Safety, MTD, PK, RP2D

**Secondary:** ORR, DOR

**Design:** PK-Guided Dose Escalation (3+3)

- **PK-guided dosing:** cumulative systemic exposure of released doxorubicin guides dose escalation decisions
- 19 patients in four dose cohorts have received an IV dose of AVA6000 every 3 weeks until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, or other discontinuation criteria were met

### Phase 1b: Dose Expansion



#### Phase 1b Endpoints

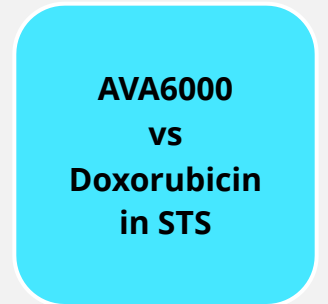
**Primary:** Safety

**Secondary:** ORR, DOR, PFS, Pop PK

**Design:** Open, randomised, parallel group, doxorubicin comparator

- Advanced, metastatic Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- 60 randomised patients
- 2 AVA6000 dose levels for Phase 1b
- Tumour Biopsies in a subset of pts
- Population PK

### Phase 2



#### Phase 2 Endpoints

**Primary:** PFS

**Secondary:** Safety, OS, ORR, DOR

**Design:** Open, randomised, parallel group, doxorubicin comparator

- Advanced, metastatic Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- 120 randomised patients
- RP2D AVA6000

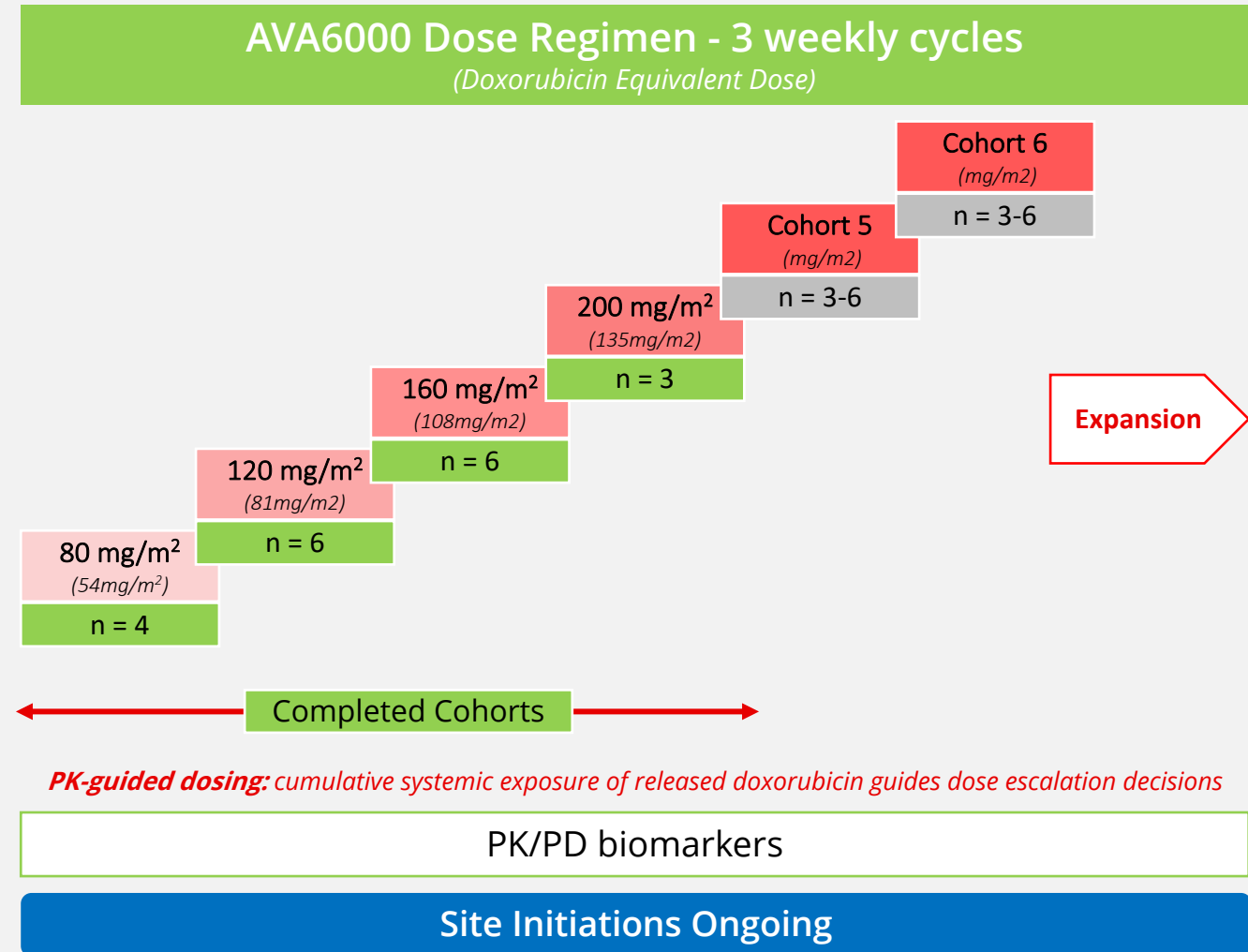
# Overview of Clinical Study ALS-600-101

## Phase 1 Dose Escalation of AVA6000 across a range of solid tumours known to be FAP +ve

### Interim Data Supports AVA6000 Mechanism

- 19 patients dosed across 4 AVA6000 cohorts
  - Median (range) = 2 Cycles (1-8 Cycles)
- AVA600 has a modest and predictable safety profile
- The most frequent adverse events were grade 1-2 nausea, fatigue & decreased appetite
- PK data indicate systemic levels of doxorubicin are considerably lower compared to standard 75mg/m<sup>2</sup> doxorubicin
  - Maximal concentrations of doxorubicin reduced by 80-90%
  - Exposure (AUC) reduced by 60-90%
- PK exposure data suggest that AVA6000 may have the potential to be used for 12-18 cycles depending on dose
- Tumour biopsies across 3 cohorts confirm higher concentrations of doxorubicin compared to systemic levels at same timepoint

Ongoing Phase 1 Dose Escalation Study in metastatic solid tumours (ALS-6000-101):  
ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04969835



# Patient Demographics & Baseline Characteristics

## Study ALS -6000-101

	80mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n=4)	120mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n=6)	160mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n=6)	200mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n=3)
Median Age (range), years	58 (56-71)	58 (30-76)	63 (50-73)	63 (53-72)
Female, n (%)	3 (75)	2 (33)	0 (0)	1 (33)
Male, n (%)	1 (25)	4 (66)	6 (100)	2 (66)
Race, n (%)				
White	3 (75)	5 (83)	6 (100)	3 (100)
Asian	1 (25)	0 (0)	0	0
Black	0	0 (0)	0	0
Other	0	1 (17)	0	0
ECOG PS, n (%)				
0 (Capable of normal activity)	2 (50)	1 (17)	3 (50)	1 (33)
1 (Restricted in strenuous activity)	2 (50)	5 (83)	3 (50)	2 (66)
Tumour Types, n				
Colorectal	2	5	1	3
Pancreatic	1	1	3	0
Ovarian	1	0	0	0
Soft Tissue Sarcoma	0	0	1	0
Oesophageal	0	0	1	0
Prior lines of anticancer therapy, median (range)	4 (1-7)	3 (2-4)	3 (0-6)	5 (4-8)
Anthracycline Prior Treatment n (%)	2 (50)	0	0	0

## Treatment-Related Adverse Events

	Cohort 1 80mg/m <sup>2</sup> (N = 4)	Cohort 2 120mg/m <sup>2</sup> (N = 6)	Cohort 3 160mg/m <sup>2</sup> (N = 6)	Cohort 4 200mg/m <sup>2</sup> (N = 3)	Total (N=19)
<b>Dose Limiting Toxicity</b>	0	1	0	0	1 (5%)
<b>Subjects ≥ Grade 3</b>	0	0	1	1	2 (11%)
Neutropenia	0	0	0	1	1 (5%)
Lymphopenia	0	0	0	1	1 (5%)
Mouth ulceration	0	0	1	0	1 (5%)
<b>Subjects Grade 1-2</b>	3	5	6	3	17 (89%)
Neutropenia	0	1	0	1	2 (11%)
Anaemia	1	1	1	0	3 (16%)
Platelet Count Decreased	1	0	0	0	1 (5%)
Heart Failure	0	1	0	0	1 (5%)
Fatigue	0	2	3	1	7 (37%)
Nausea	1	2	2	3	8 (42%)
Decreased appetite	0	2	1	1	4 (21%)
Alopecia	0	1	1	2	4 (21%)

- Overall AVA6000 has a modest and predictable safety profile
- 2 patients had Grade 3 related AEs
  - Neutropenia & lymphopenia (1 pt); mouth ulceration (1 pt)
- Most frequent adverse events were nausea, fatigue, decreased appetite & alopecia
- One dose-limiting toxicity (120mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Grade 1 heart failure during Cycle 1
- Excluding DLT patient, no patient had AVA6000 related cardiac toxicity
- Classical acute doxorubicin related toxicities were infrequent across the dose range
  - Myelosuppression
  - Alopecia

# Safety Profile: AVA6000 vs Doxorubicin

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE)	<sup>1</sup> AVA6000 (80-200mg/m <sup>2</sup> Q3W) N = 19 Median No. Cycles = 2 (Range 1-8)		<sup>2</sup> Doxorubicin (75mg/m <sup>2</sup> Q3W) N = 249 Median No. Cycles = 7 (Range 1-8)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Nausea	10 (52.6)	0	166 (66.7)	6 (2.4)
Fatigue	11 (57.9)	0	147 (59)	12 (4.8)
Lethargy	4 (21.1)	0	NR	NR
Decreased appetite	4 (21.1)	0	92 (36.9)	1 (0.4)
Vomiting	6 (31.6)	1 (5.3)	69 (27.7)	2 (0.8)
Constipation	5 (26.3)	0	87 (34.9)	2 (2.8)
Diarrhoea	4 (21.1)	0	75 (31.1)	3 (1.2)
Abdominal Pain	3 (15.8)	0	53 (21.3)	3 (1.2)
Weight Decrease	2 (10.5)	0	NR	NR
Mucositis	3 (15.8)	1 (5.3)	NR	NR
Stomatitis	1 (5.3)	0	NR	NR
ALT increase	6 (31.6)	0	19 (7.6)	4 (1.6)
AST Increase	4 (21.1)	0	NR	NR
Bilirubin	3 (15.8)	1 (5.3)	NR	NR
<b>Anaemia</b>	<b>6 (31.6)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113 (45.4)</b>	<b>31 (12.4)</b>
<b>Neutropenia</b>	<b>2 (10.5)</b>	<b>1 (5.3)</b>	<b>144 (57)</b>	<b>122 (49)</b>
<b>Thrombocytopenia</b>	<b>1 (5.3)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62 (24.9)</b>	<b>21 (8.4)</b>
Lymphopenia	2 (10.5)	1 (5.3)	NR	NR
Alopecia	5 (26.3)	0	124 (49.8)	1 (0.4)
Heart Failure	1 (5.3)	0	NR	NR
Dyspnoea	3 (15.8)	0	36 (14.5)	2 (0.8)
Pyrexia	2 (10.5)	0	46 (18.5)	0
Cough	1 (5.3)	0	61 (24.5)	1 (0.4)
Rash	3 (15.8)	0	23 (9.2)	0
Troponin T increase	1 (5.3)	0	NR	NR
Upper respiratory tract Infection	2 (10.5)	0	25 (10)	1 (0.4)
Urinary Tract Infection	1 (5.3)	1 (5.3)	22 (8.8)	1 (0.4)
Arthralgia	1 (5.3)	0	NR	NR

NR = Not Reported

- No Dose related increase in frequency or severity of AVA6000 TEAEs with increasing dose (80, 120, 160 & 200mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- AVA6000 Tumour Type heavily pre-treated metastatic CRC (11), Pancreatic (5), STS (1), Ovarian (1) & Oesophageal (1)
- Doxorubicin Tumour Type: first line metastatic soft tissue sarcoma

Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events was used to categorize TEAEs. Grades; mild (grade 1), moderate (grade 2), severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening (grade 3), life-threatening (grade 4), and death related to TEAE (grade 5).

TEAE: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events are undesirable events not present prior to medical treatment, or an already present event that worsens either in intensity or frequency following the treatment. TEAEs may therefore be treatment-related or unrelated as assessed by the treating physician.

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## Plasma vs Biopsy Doxorubicin Concentrations

Cohort	AVA6000 (Dox Dose) mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Patient	DOX Plasma @24h ng/ml	DOX Biopsy @24h		DOX Ratio** Biopsy:Plasma	Biopsy Source
				ng/g	nM		
Cohort 1	80 (54)	101-006 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	4.9	135	248nM	28:1	Liver
		101-006 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	4.9	43	79nM	9:1	Liver
Cohort 3	160 (108)	103-021*	4.4	376	690nM	85:1	Liver
		103-022*	2.4	270	496nM	113:1	Liver
		102-023*	7.5	875	1607nM	117:1	Liver
Cohort 4	200 (135)	103-017	15.9	553	1015nM	35:1	Liver
		102-018	10.5	1317	2419nM	125:1	Lung

\*Preliminary Data

\*\* ng/ml ~ ng/g



Doxorubicin Target Activity	DOX IC50
DNA adduct formation <sup>1</sup>	25nM
Free radical formation/cardiomyocyte apoptosis <sup>1</sup>	100nM
Topoisomerase Inhibition <sup>1</sup>	400nM
In vitro cytotoxicity <sup>2</sup>	30nM-3µM

<sup>1</sup> doi:10.1007/s11095-018-2456-8

<sup>2</sup> internal data

## Clinical Development in Soft-Tissue Sarcoma (Phase 1 to 2)

### Development Rationale in Soft Tissue Sarcoma (STS)

- Advanced, Metastatic STS tumours
- Doxorubicin is the only therapy indicated for first-line monotherapy in advanced STS
- No current or near future competition for doxorubicin in 1<sup>st</sup> line STS
- Conventional doxorubicin has marginal efficacy (18% ORR; 6mth PFS) & Rx limitation due to cumulative dose limit (450mg/m<sup>2</sup> – 6 cycles maximum)
- AVA6000 has potential to safely increase Rx duration beyond 6 cycles (18 weeks) by x2-3 times (12-18 cycles – 36-54 weeks) with increased efficacy

### Phase 1a

- Select 2 AVA6000 dose levels for Phase 1b study
- Use PK/PD modelling to identify safe & effective dose from preclinical and emerging clinical data

### Phase 1b

#### Expansion Design

- Open-label, randomised design
- Metastatic Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- FAP positive tumours
- 2 AVA6000 dose levels selected
- 3 Rx arms (2 x AVA6000 vs Dox)
- N = 60
- Up to 12 -18 cycles of AVA6000
- 20 US & European Investigator Sites

### Outcome Measures

- PFS
- RECIST
- AE/Cardiac safety

Randomise  
2:2:1

- Mandate biopsies in patient subset
- Population pK

### 24 Patients

AVA6000 Dose 1  
12-18 Cycles Q3W

### 24 Patients

AVA6000 Dose 2  
12-18 Cycles Q3W

### 12 Patients

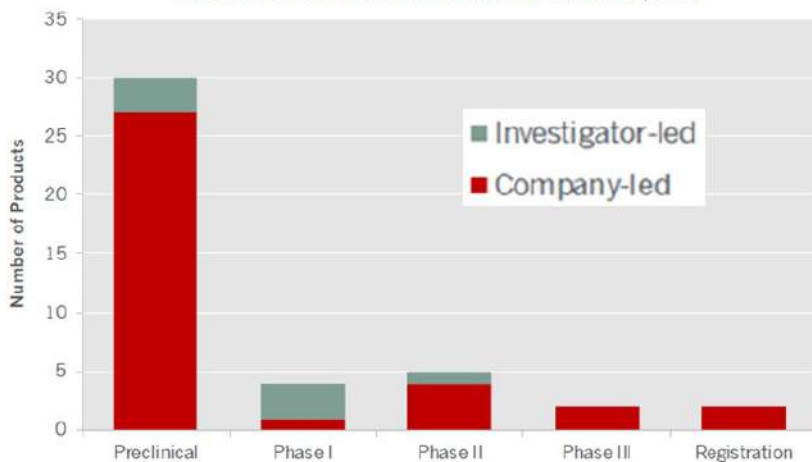
Doxorubicin  
6 Cycles (75mg/m<sup>2</sup>) Q3W

Select  
AVA6000  
RP2D Dose  
for Phase 2

# Soft Tissue Sarcoma Drugs in Development

- Modest number of products in clinical development for STS with majority of R&D activity in early stage
- KOLs indicate no serious competition in Soft Tissue Sarcoma indication for 1<sup>st</sup> Line Therapy

Overview of Doxorubicin-based Products in Development



Product	Company	Mechanism	Status/Indication	Comment
Aldoxorubicin	ImmunityBio	Doxorubicin coupled to acid sensitive linker	Ph III Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Failed Phase III study
Fibromun	Philogen	Fully human immunocytokine	Ph. III Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Combination with DOX
Xpovio (selinexor)	Karyopharm Therapeutics	Selective inhibitor of nuclear export protein (XPO1)	Ph. II/III Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Approved in MM/DLBCL & being evaluated for STS
Camsirubicin	Gem Pharma / Monopar Therapeutics	Doxorubicin analog selective inhibition of topoisomerase II $\alpha$	Phase II Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Completed Phase II in 2016
Imx-110	Immix Biopharma	Nanoparticle small dose doxorubicin-Curcumin (pan-kinase inhibitor)	Phase I/II	Positive interim data reported in Dec 2018

# Market Potential for AVA6000

There is huge potential for an improved next generation doxorubicin product considering:

- The market value being generated by current doxorubicin therapies and the expectation that doxorubicin-based therapies will continue to be a key approach for oncology treatment
- There is considerable scope for improvement on the profile of conventional and liposomal doxorubicin, around both safety / tolerability and efficacy
- There is modest future competitor activity exploring new doxorubicin approaches and few products identified to be in direct competition to AVA6000's approach

## Indications approved for unencapsulated / liposomal doxorubicin

- Soft tissue sarcoma – Advanced 1L setting
- Breast cancer – Neoadjuvant / adjuvant and metastatic setting
- Ovarian cancer – Advanced recurrent setting (2L)

- Hodgkin lymphoma
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Acute myeloblastic leukaemia | • Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia |
| • Bladder cancer               | • AIDS-related Kaposi sarcoma   |
| • Endometrial cancer           | • Ewing's sarcoma               |
| • Gastric cancer               | • Osteosarcoma                  |
| • Lung carcinoma               | • Neuroblastoma                 |
| • Multiple myeloma             | • Wilm's tumour                 |
| • Thyroid cancer               |                                 |

Potentially attractive opportunities as initial target indications

Other potential indications

Apparent limited role of doxorubicin / niche target indications

## **Dose Escalation**

- AVA6000 has a modest and predictable safety profile across the dose range (80-200mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- PK data for released doxorubicin highlights a positive profile
  - Doxorubicin Exposure (AUC) & Maximal Concentrations (C<sub>max</sub>) substantially reduced across doses
  - Doxorubicin concentrations are higher in tumour biopsies compared to plasma at 24 hrs timepoint
  - Emerging PK profiles offer the opportunity to increase dosing duration & intensity of doxorubicin targeted to the tumour

## **Confidence in Development Strategy for AVA6000 in 1st Line Soft Tissue Sarcoma (STS)**

- Advanced, Metastatic STS tumours are known to be highly FAP positive
- Doxorubicin monotherapy is the only therapy indicated for first-line advanced, metastatic STS
- Large unmet clinical need in STS to improve patients outcomes in difficult to treat tumours
- AVA6000 preferentially targets the tumour environment using FAP specificity to activate doxorubicin
- AVA6000 can safely deliver larger doses of doxorubicin to tumour whilst sparing healthy tissues & organs

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# **Current & Future Treatment Strategies for Soft Tissue Sarcoma**

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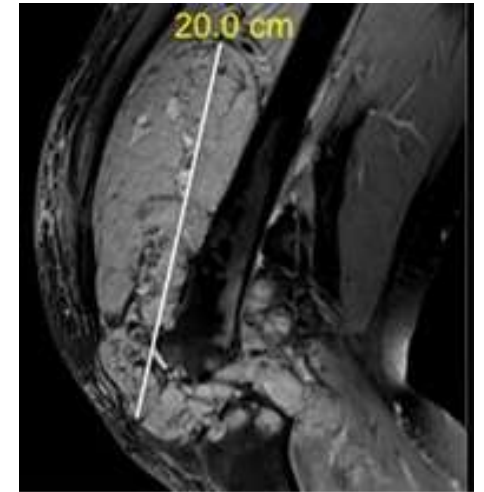
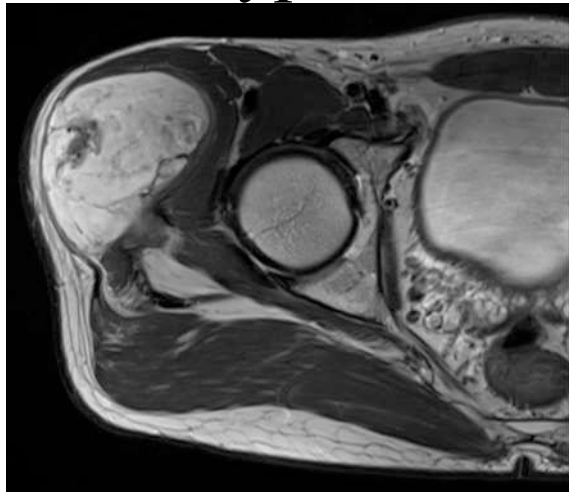
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# Sarcoma

Heterogeneous group of malignancies

- Arise from the bone and soft tissue of individuals of all ages
- 16,000 new cases diagnosed in the United States per year
  - (similar to testicular cancer, esophageal cancer – well defined treatment strategies)
- 100 (?) different subtypes bone and soft tissue sarcoma



How to develop research programs (basic science + clinical) to meet the needs of our patient population?



# Simplest Conceptual Level

Table 3 Biological characteristics of sarcomas by type of associated genetic alterations

Characteristic	Sarcomas with specific genetic alterations	Sarcomas with nonspecific genetic alterations
Karyotypes	Often simple	Usually complex
Translocations	Reciprocal & specific	Nonreciprocal & nonspecific
Average age at diagnosis <sup>a</sup>	27	57
Prevalence of p53 pathway alterations	Relatively low	High
Prognostic impact of p53 pathway alterations	Strong	Weak to moderate
Incidence in p53 mutant or knockout mouse models	Rare, if ever	Common
Incidence in bilateral retinoblastoma and Li-Fraumeni syndrome <sup>b</sup>	Rare	Common
Incidence among radiation-induced sarcomas	Rare	Common

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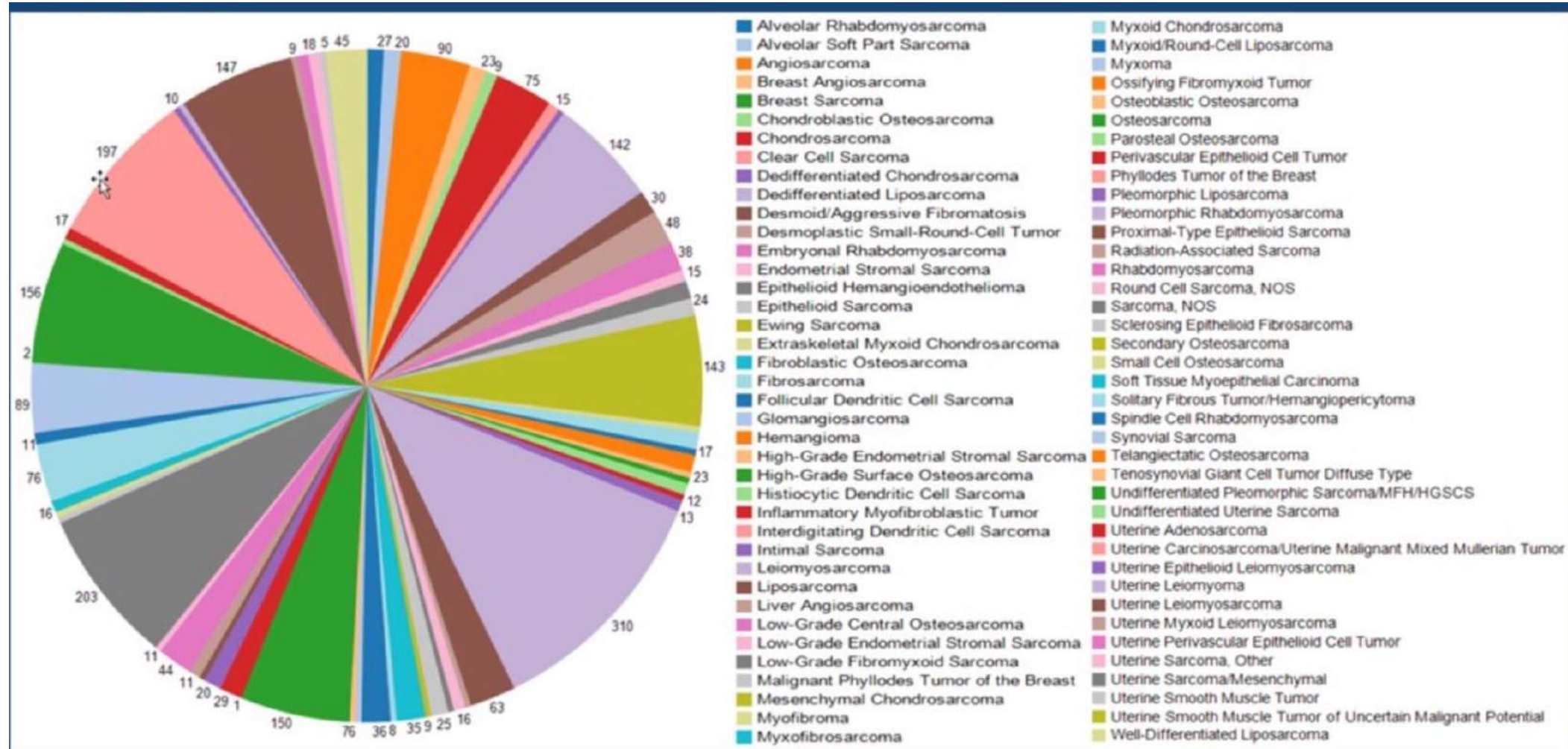
Ewing's Sarcoma  
Rhabdomyosarcoma  
Synovial Sarcoma  
DFSP  
Myxoid Round Cell Liposarcoma  
ASPS  
GIST

Osteosarcoma  
Liposarcoma  
Myxofibrosarcoma  
Leiomyosarcoma  
Angiosarcoma  
Undifferentiated Pleomorphic



# 2020 WHO Classification of Soft Tissue Sarcoma

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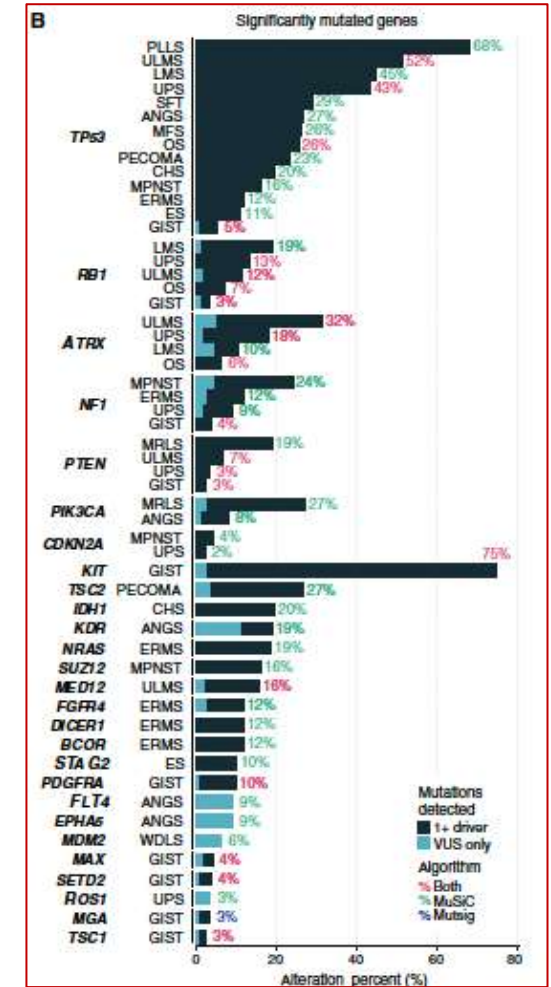
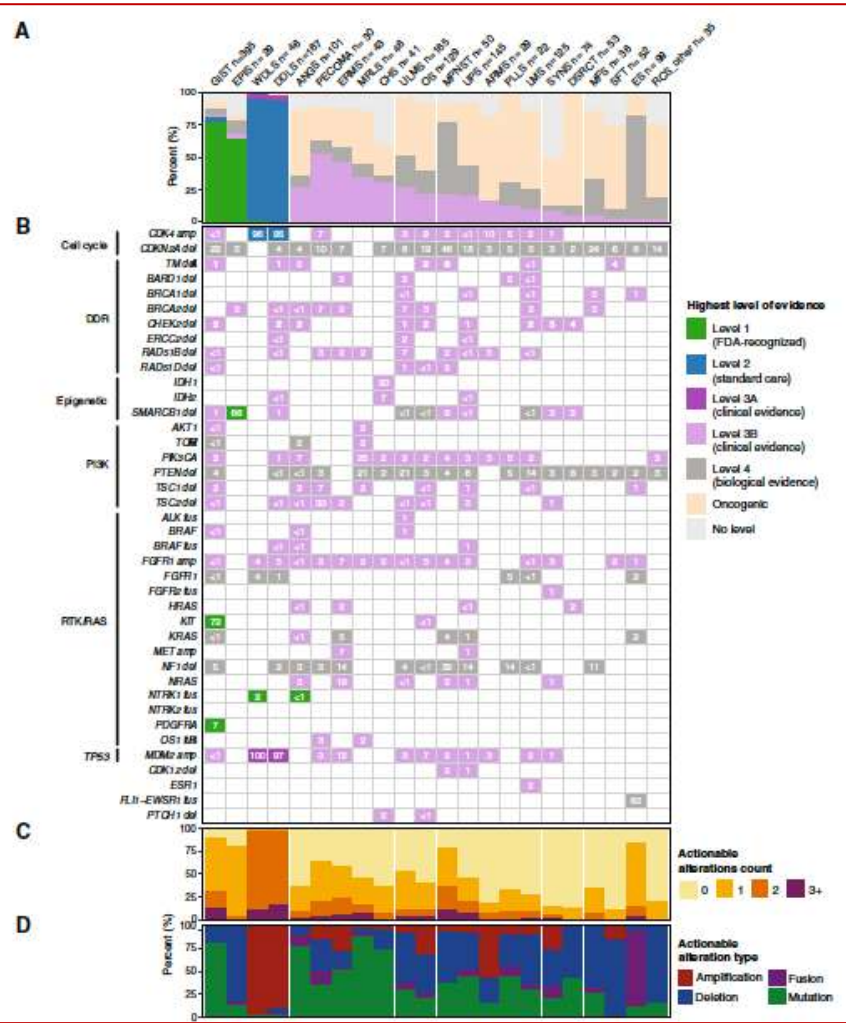


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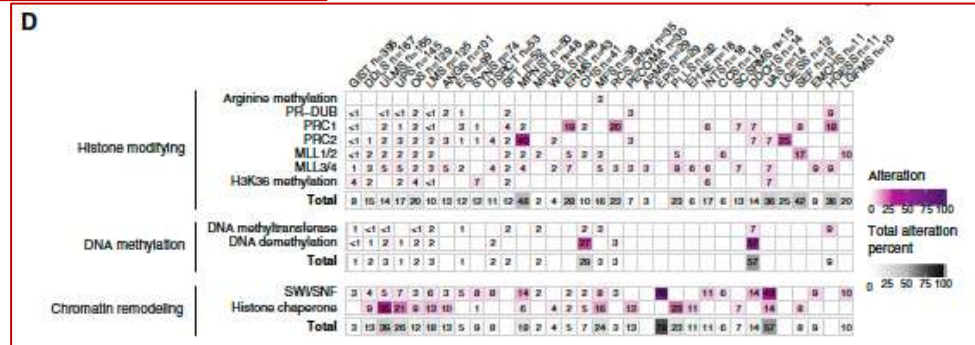
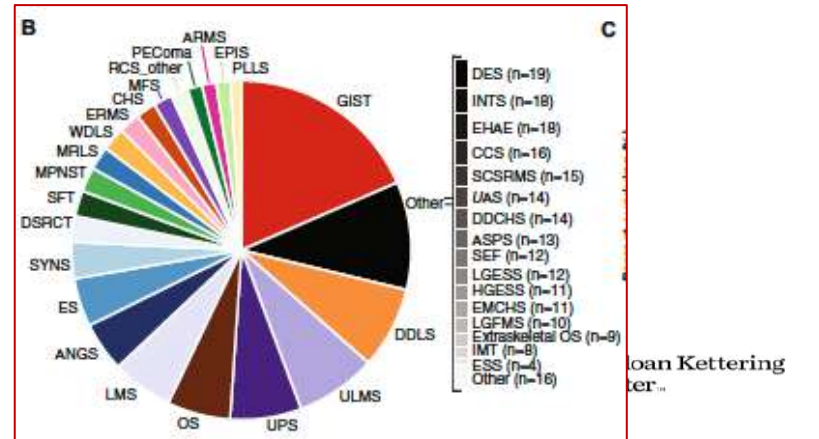
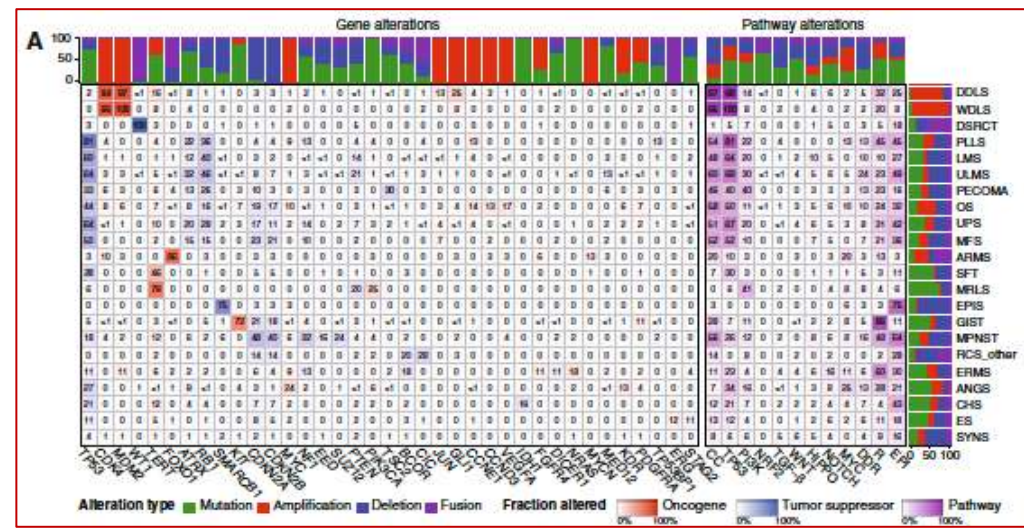
Sarcomas with fusion genes						Endometrial stromal sarcoma	JAZF1-SUZ12 JAZF1-PHF1 EPC1-PHF1	t(7;17)(p15;q21) t(11;17)(p11;q21)	Diagnosis		RT-PCR
Fusion genes involving TET genes						Hormonal blockade					
	Gene (N-C)	Chromosomal location	Clinical Significance	Proposed function of gene product	Detection Method						
Ewing's/PNET	EWSR1-FLI1 EWSR1-ERG	t(11;22)(q24;q12) t(11;22)(q24;q12)	Diagnostic EWSR1	Overexpression of EWSR1	IHC (FLI1) Karyotype						
CDK4i/PARPi/LSDi/bi-specifics Splice Switch/GAMPER Oligos											
	FUS-FEV EWSR1-Z5G										
Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumor	EWSR1-WT1 EWSR1	t(11;22)(p13;q12) t(11;22)(p13;q12)	Diagnosis, therapeutic (PDGF inhibitors)	Up-regulates oncogenic factors e.g. PDGF, IL2Rβ, BA1ALP3, TALLA1, MLF1	IHC (WT1) FISH (EWSR1 break-apart probe) Karyotype						
CHK1i											
Clear cell sarcoma(CCS)				Up-regulation of TGF-β, GPP34, etc.	FISH (EWSR1 break apart probe), PCR						
cMET/HGF inhibitor											
Angiomatoid Fibrous Histiocytoma	FUS-ATF1 EWSR1-ATF1 EWSR1-CREB1	t(12;16)(q13;p11) t(12;22)(q13;q12) t(2;22)(q33;q12)	Diagnosis		FISH						
Extraskeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma	EWSR1-NR4A3 TAF2N-NR4A3 TCF12-NR4A3 TRG-NR4A3	t(9;22)(q22;q12) t(9;17)(q22;q11) t(1;22)(p11;q12) t(1;22)(p11;q12)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR (NR3A3-EWS fusion)						
TKIs/Trabectedin											
Trabectedin/PI3Ki/NYESO/MAGE(ACT)/Eribulin											
Myxoid liposarcoma											
Low Grade Sarcoma / HSCT	CREB3L2 FUS- CREB3L1	t(11;16)(p11;p11)			break-apart probe), RT-PCR						
Fusion genes involving RTK genes											
Congenital mesoblastic nephroma	ETV6-NTRK3	t(12;15)(p13;q25)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR						
Congenital fibrosarcoma	ETV6-NTRK3	t(12;15)(p13;q25)	Diagnosis		FISH, RT-PCR						
Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor	TPM3-ALK TPM4-ALK CLTC-ALK RANBP2-ALK	t(1;2)(q21;q21) t(2;19)(p12;p13) t(2;17)(p11;p11) t(2;2)(p23;q13)			IHC (ALK protein) FISH, RT-PCR						
ALK inhibitors											
Fusion genes involving chromatin remodeling genes											
Synovial sarcoma	SS18-SSX1	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	Diagnosis,		FISH (SYT)						
PDGFRi/NYESO/MAGE/BRD9 degraders											
	TLE1 gene										





# Clinical sequencing of soft tissue and bone sarcomas delineates diverse genomic landscapes and potential therapeutic targets

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# Changing Tide...

- Genetic diversity attractive drug development
- Open field application new technology and scientific advancement
- Influx of new agents and trials
- Subtype and disease specific - Potential registration tracts
- Sarcoma as a bridge to other malignancies/markets
- Discovery into mesenchymal biology and the tumor microenvironment

# Subclassifications of Sarcoma Based on Treatment

## Sarcomas with...

- Genomic alterations with a definitive target and therapy and not responsive to chemo (minority)
  - GIST (KIT/PDGFR), PEComa (TSC1/2), Chondrosarcoma (IDH1)
- Genomic alterations with target but chemo remains front line
  - Epithelioid sarcoma (SMACB1), Dedifferentiated Liposarcoma (CDK4/MDM2), Synovial Sarcoma (MAGE/NYESO, BRD9d)
- Complex genome, with no or untaractable driver (TP53, RB, NF1), chemo front line
  - Leiomyosarcoma, Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma, MPNST



# What is First Line?

## Pharmacokinetics and metabolism of adriamycin in man

*Clinical Pharmacology  
and Therapeutics*

*A pharmacokinetic evaluation of adriamycin and its metabolites was undertaken in cancer patients treated according to an intermittent single high-dosage schedule. The long plasma half-life of adriamycin and metabolites, 26.7 hours, was similar to that of daunorubicin and its metabolites. Long plasma half-life of adriamycin, 16.7 hours, was shorter than that of its metabolites, 31.7 hours. In addition to differences in the metabolism of the two drugs, the cumulative 5 day urinary excretion of adriamycin and its metabolites was only 5.7% of the administered dose in contrast to 23% for daunorubicin and its metabolites. This study establishes that after a single intravenous dose plasma levels of adriamycin are maintained for long periods; it lays a rational foundation for the empirically effective intermittent single high-dosage schedule. That adriamycin undergoes extensive metabolic degradation in patients is described for the first time.*

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# Adria vs Adria/Ifos

2003-2010 – published 2014

## Doxorubicin alone versus intensified doxorubicin plus ifosfamide for first-line treatment of advanced or metastatic soft-tissue sarcoma: a randomised controlled phase 3 trial

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- 455 patients 38 centers; Age  $\leq 60$ yo; 7 years to enroll
- Adria 75mg/m<sup>2</sup> (6 cycles – 4.2 months); Ifos 10grams/m<sup>2</sup>
- OS primary endpoint
- Median f/u 56 months
- Median OS 12.8 vs. 14.3 HR 0.83 p=0.76
- Median PFS: Adria 4.6 mos; AI 7.4 months  
– HR 0.72; P0.002
- RR 14% (A) v 26% (AI)
- Significant more toxicity with AI

	Doxorubicin group (n=215)	Doxorubicin and ifosfamide group (n=210)
Surgery	44 (20%)	43 (20%)
Chemotherapy	136 (63%)	134 (64%)
Doxorubicin	12 (6%)	27 (13%)
Epirubicin	3 (1%)	1 (<1%)
<b>Ifosfamide</b>	<b>99 (46%)</b>	<b>32 (15%)</b>
Trofosfamide	6 (3%)	13 (6%)
Trabectedin	33 (15%)	37 (18%)
Docetaxel	25 (12%)	34 (16%)
Paclitaxel	5 (2%)	6 (3%)
Gemcitabine	32 (15%)	40 (19%)
Dacarbazine	7 (3%)	18 (9%)
Temozolomide	0 (0%)	1 (<1%)
Pazopanib	14 (7%)	14 (7%)
Eribulin	7 (3%)	11 (5%)
Etoposide	8 (4%)	11 (5%)

Data are n (%).

**Table 6: Post-protocol treatment**

Doxorubicin	227	104	40	20	25	14	11	0
Doxorubicin and ifosfamide	227	149	62	34	21	16	12	12

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curves for overall survival (A) and progression-free survival (B)  
HR=hazard ratio.

Phase II Study of the Safety and Antitumor Activity  
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With Doxorubicin in Patients With Advanced Soft  
Tissue Sarcoma

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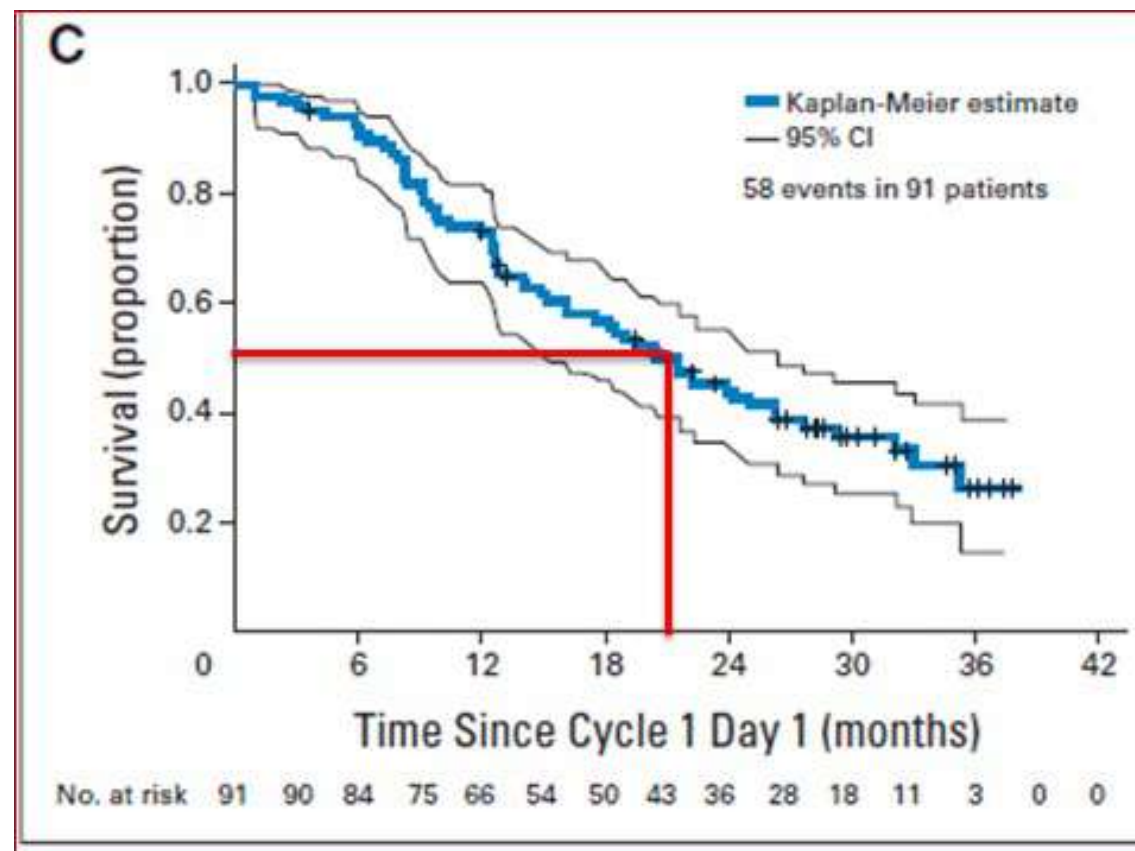
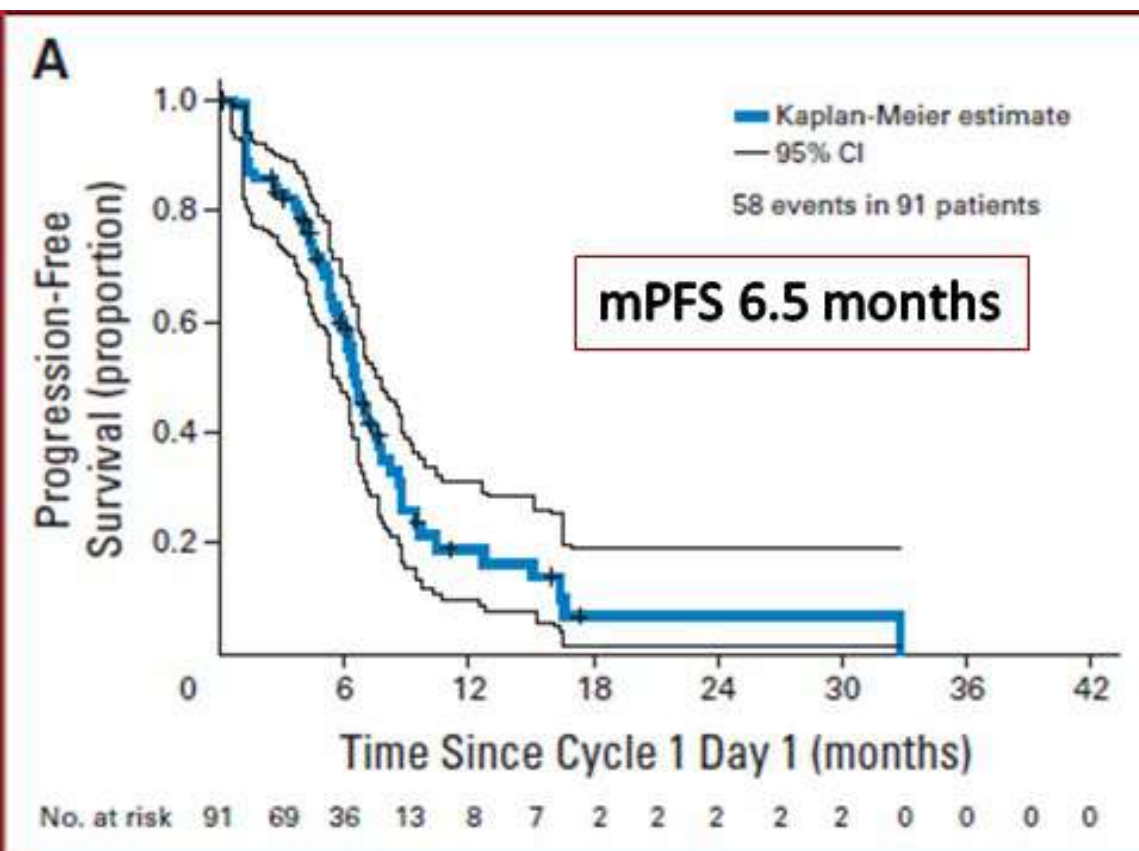
Front line setting

Adria x 6, 18 weeks (4.2 Months)

TH302 (evofosfamide) single agent

Median Overall Survival  
Adria/Evo 21.5 m

2-year Overall Survival  
Adria/Evo ≈43%





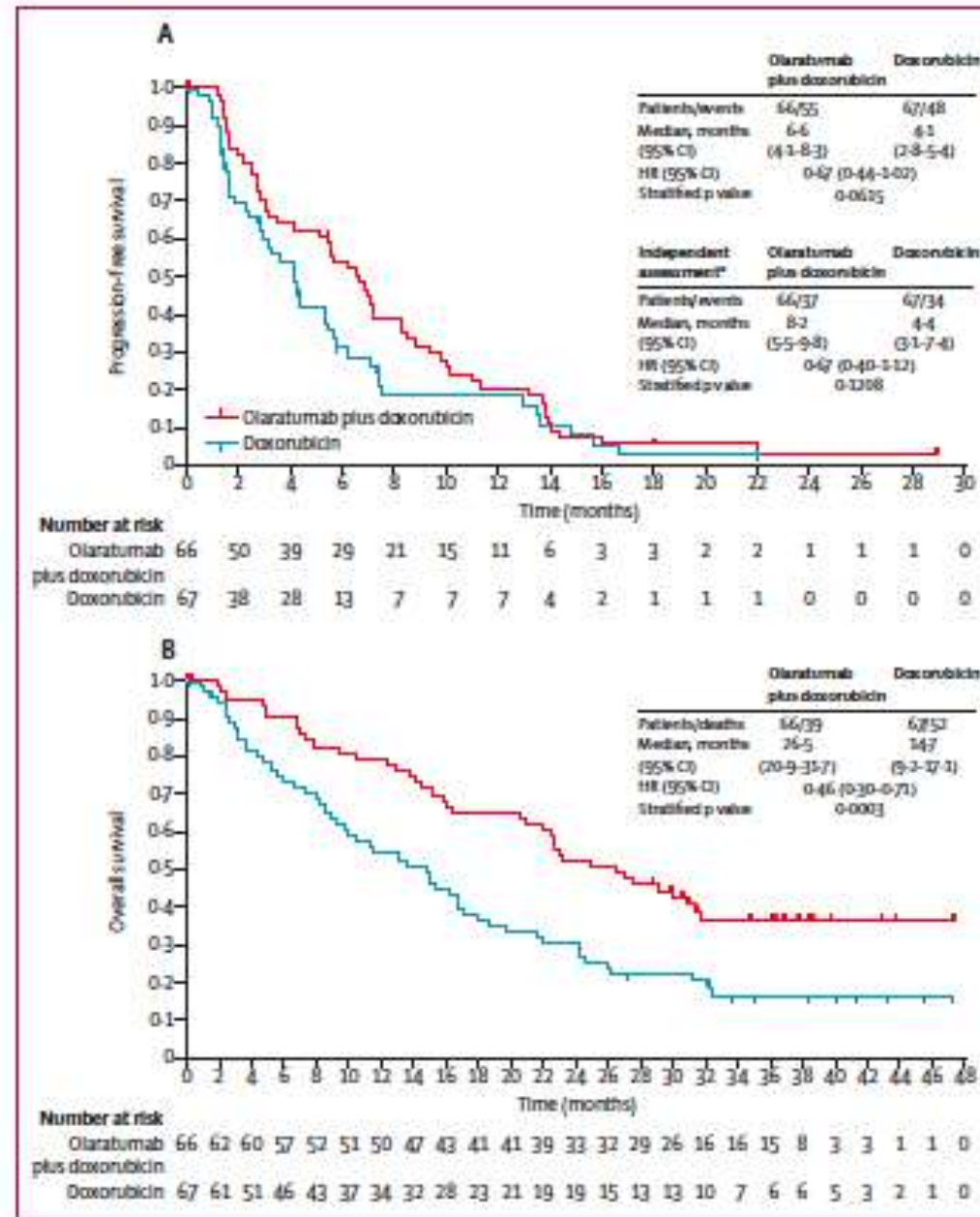
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Lancet 2016; 388: 488-97

William D Tap, Robin L Jones, Brian A Van Tine, Bartosz Chmielowski, Anthony D Elias, Douglas Adkins, Mark Agulnik, Matthew M Cooney, Michael B Livingston, Gregory Pennock, Meera RHameed, Gaurav D Shah, Amy Qin, Ashwin Shahir, Damien M Cronier, Robert Ilaria Jr, Ilaria Conti, Jan Coscort, Gary K Schwartz

	Olaratumab plus doxorubicin (n=66)	Doxorubicin (n=67)
<b>Age (years)</b>		
Median (range)	58.5 (23-85)	58.0 (29-86)
<b>Sex</b>		
Men	26 (39%)	33 (49%)
Women	40 (61%)	34 (51%)
<b>Race</b>		
White	55 (83%)	60 (90%)
Black	6 (9%)	5 (8%)
Asian	2 (3%)	2 (3%)
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1 (2%)	0
Other	2 (3%)	0
<b>Ethnic origin</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	6 (9%)	2 (3%)
Not Hispanic or Latino	60 (91%)	64 (96%)
Missing	0	1 (2%)
<b>ECOG performance status</b>		
0-1	62 (94%)	63 (94%)
2	4 (6%)	4 (6%)
<b>PDGFRa status*</b>		
Stratification assay		
Positive	58 (88%)	59 (88%)
Negative	8 (12%)	8 (12%)
Exploratory assay (post hoc)†		
Positive	18 (33%)	19 (34%)
Negative	37 (67%)	37 (66%)
<b>Histological type</b>		
Leiomyosarcoma	24 (36%)	27 (40%)
Non-leiomyosarcoma‡	42 (64%)	40 (60%)
<b>Previous treatments</b>		
0	27 (41%)	31 (46%)
≥1	39 (59%)	36 (54%)
<b>Histological type</b>		
Leiomyosarcoma	24 (36%)	27 (40%)
Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma	10 (15%)	14 (21%)
Liposarcoma	8 (12%)	15 (22%)
Angiosarcoma	4 (6%)	3 (5%)
Synovial sarcoma	1 (2%)	2 (3%)
Neurofibrosarcoma	1 (2%)	0
Fibrosarcoma	1 (2%)	0
Other‡	17 (26%)	6 (9%)

## Adriamycin 8 cycles (600mg/m<sup>2</sup>) ; Any line of treatment



PFS 4.2m vs 6.6m

OS 14.7m vs 26.5m

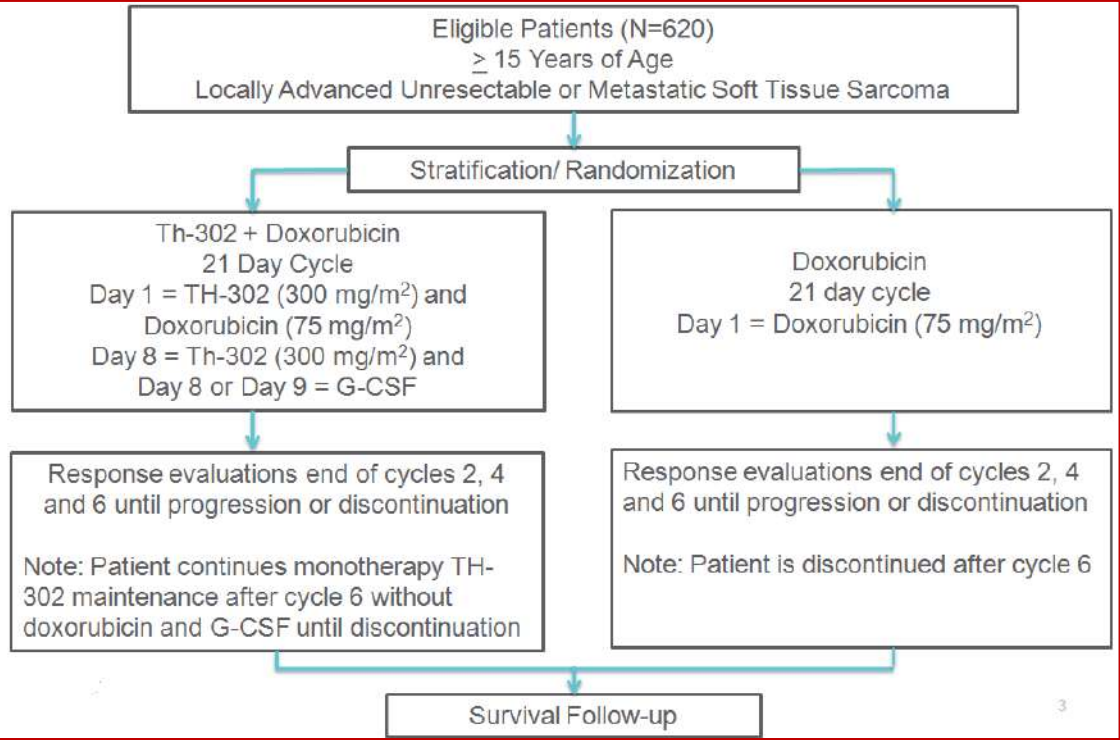


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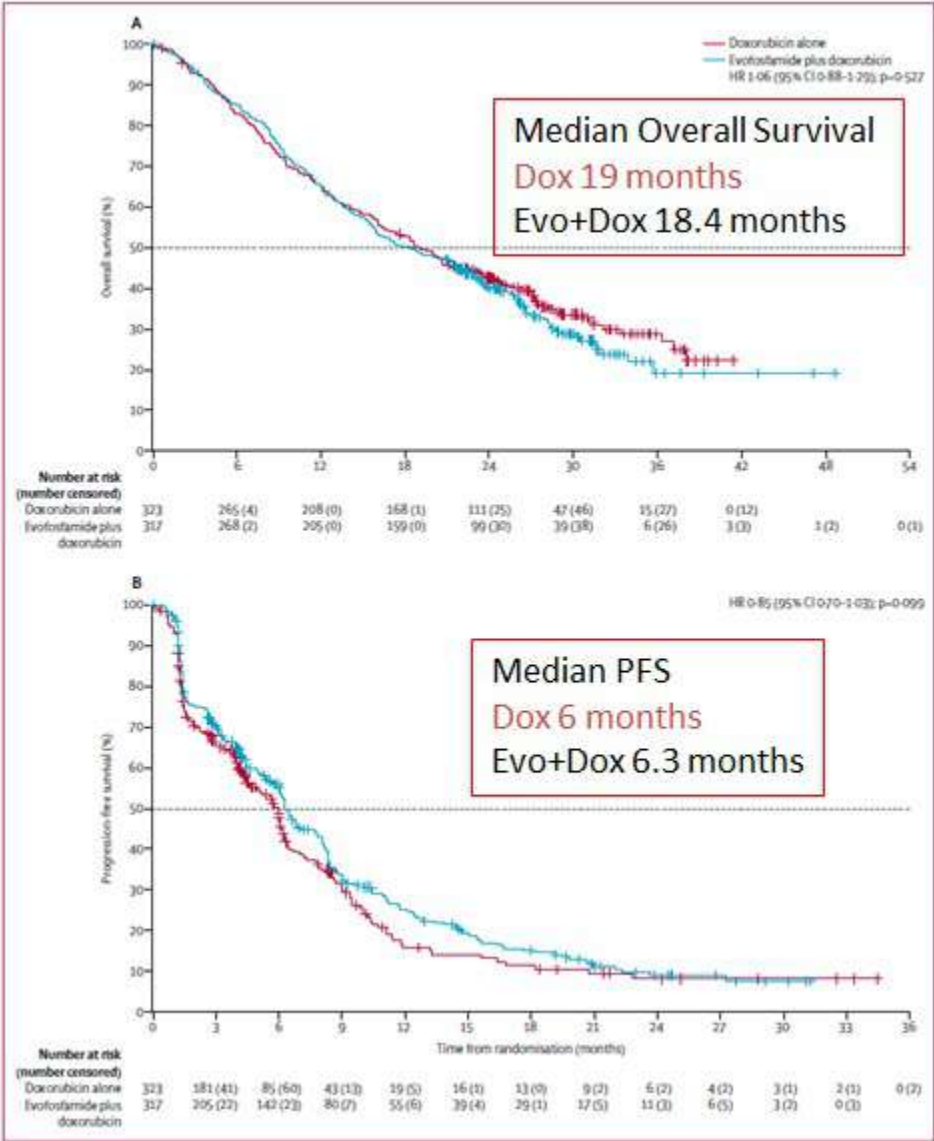
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**Contemporary Data Set – Doxorubicin – Front line Setting**

Not blinded; OS primary endpoint  
1<sup>st</sup> line setting  
Evo maintenance component



640 patients  
28 months

# Contemporary Data Set of Doxorubicin Front Line

- Median 6 Cycles – 4.2 months
  - 45% of patients required a dose modification
  - 10% pts had decrease LVEF >10% or more (EF <55%)
  - 30-35% patients had a serious adverse event (neutropenia and anemia)
- 
- 6 months PFS
  - 19 months OS
  - ORR 18%



# **Bolus versus Continuous Intravenous Delivery of Doxorubicin in Soft-Tissue Sarcomas: *Post Hoc* Analysis of a Prospective Randomized Trial (SARC021/TH CR-406)**

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Cardiac tox related  
to cumulative  
doxorubicin dose

## Subgroup analysis of older patients treated within the randomized phase 3 doxorubicin versus doxorubicin plus evofosfamide (SARC021) trial

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- No Difference in median OS, PFS, or RR,  $\geq 65$ yo (209 patients)
- Significantly more hematological and Grade  $\geq 3$  AEs
- No significant difference in cardiotoxicity
- More likely to stop treatment early



# Effect of Doxorubicin Plus Olaratumab vs Doxorubicin Plus Placebo on Survival in Patients With Advanced Soft Tissue Sarcomas

## The ANNOUNCE Randomized Clinical Trial

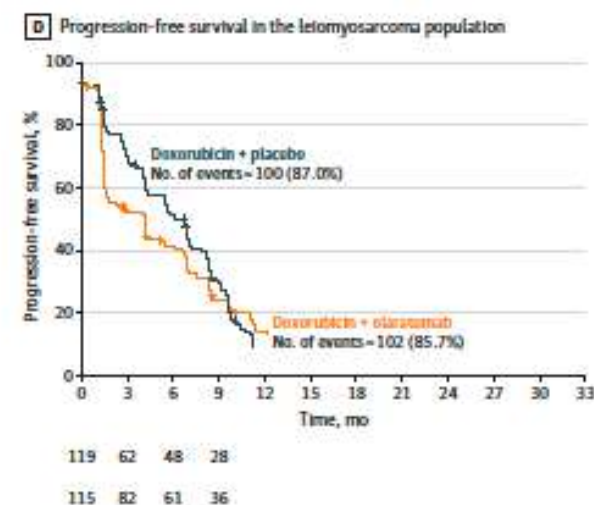
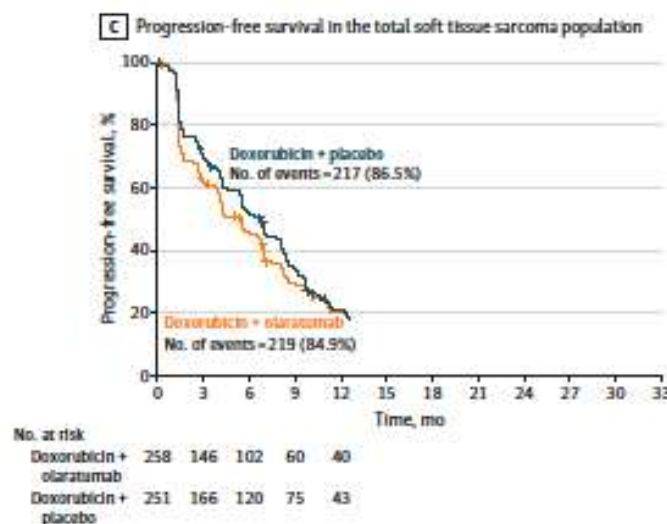
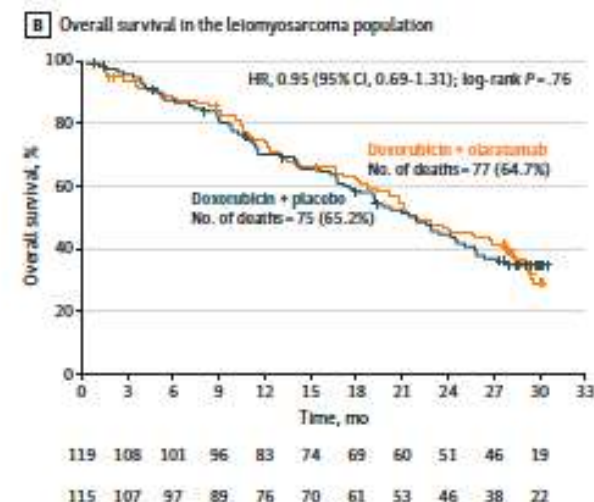
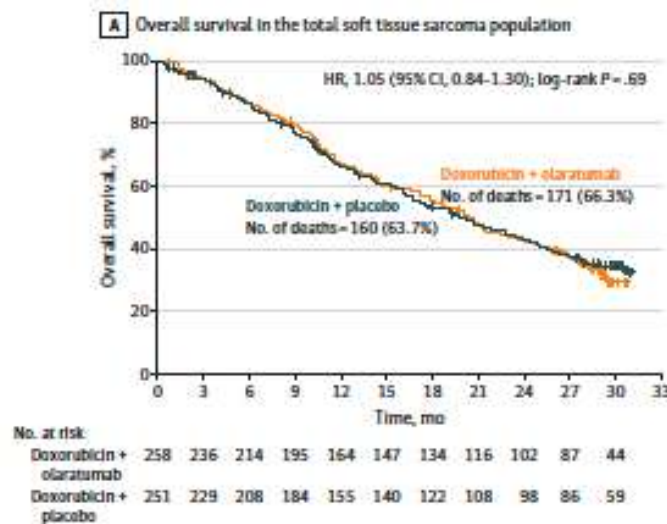
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Blinded/Placebo; OS primary endpoint  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> line setting  
Dual Primary endpoint (STS:LMS)  
Olara maintenance component

624 patients  
10 months

Characteristic	No. (%) Doxorubicin + olaratumab (n = 258)	Doxorubicin + placebo (n = 251)
Age, median (range), y	57.0 (23-84)	57.0 (20-82)
<65	180 (69.8)	180 (71.7)
≥65	78 (30.2)	71 (28.3)
Sex		
Male	114 (44.2)	99 (39.4)
Female	144 (55.8)	152 (60.6)
Race <sup>a</sup>		
White	186 (72.1)	193 (76.9)
Asian	50 (19.4)	48 (19.1)
Black or African American	12 (4.7)	2 (0.8)
Other <sup>b</sup>	10 (3.9)	8 (3.2)
Hispanic or Latino ethnicity <sup>a</sup>	26 (10.1)	29 (11.6)
Geographic region		
Europe	108 (41.9)	106 (42.2)
North America	88 (34.1)	85 (33.9)
Rest of the world	62 (24.0)	60 (23.9)
ECOG PS <sup>c</sup>		
0 (Capable of normal activity)	153 (59.3)	150 (59.8)
1 (Restricted in strenuous activity)	105 (40.7)	101 (40.2)
Histology		
Leiomyosarcoma	119 (46.1)	115 (45.8)
Liposarcoma	48 (18.6)	43 (17.1)
Pleomorphic sarcoma	34 (13.2)	30 (12.0)
Other <sup>d</sup>	57 (22.1)	63 (25.1)
Duration of disease, median (range), mo	11.3 (0-260)	11.8 (0-192)
Metastatic disease at randomization	216 (83.7)	206 (82.1)
Prior systemic therapies <sup>e</sup>	73 (28.3)	69 (27.5)
Neoadjuvant	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Adjuvant	8 (3.1)	10 (4.0)
Locally advanced	14 (5.4)	9 (3.6)
Metastatic	59 (22.9)	54 (21.5)
Prior radiation therapy	87 (33.7)	85 (33.9)



OS 20.4 v 19.7  
STS

OS 21.6 vs 21.9  
LMS

PFS 5.4 v 6.8  
STS

PFS 4.3 vs 6.9  
LMS



# Contemporary Data Set of Doxorubicin 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Line

- Median 7 Cycles – 5.3 months; median cumulative dose 483mg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 6.8 months PFS; 20 months OS; ORR 18%

## **Prospective Evaluation of Doxorubicin Cardiotoxicity in Patients with Advanced Soft-tissue Sarcoma Treated in the ANNOUNCE Phase III Randomized Trial**

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Median cumulative dose total population - 450mg/m<sup>2</sup> (504 pts; 43% (219) received 8 cycles)

Median follow-up of cardiac AEs was 28 weeks

Dexrazoxane more frequently administered higher dose; did not affect treatment efficacy

LVEF deterioration

		≥Grade 3 Cardiac Dysfunction (Clinical grade)
40.5%	≤450mg/m <sup>2</sup>	2%
51.6%	≤450-600mg/m <sup>2</sup>	3%
56.2%	≥600mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1.1%



# How Many Variables Confound a Trial?

620-640 randomized participants  
80-99 sites, 12+ countries  
40+ Disease Entities; intra-subtype variability  
Locally Advanced/Metastatic  
Variations in clinical behavior  
Trial Endpoints, Overall Survival?  
Practice/subsequent treatment variability  
Maintenance Therapy with Inactive Drugs?  
DRUG MOA; Pharmacodynamics  
Confounding P1/2 lead in data

True numbers of comparable diseases (In P3; P2 vs P3)  
Studying different populations of those diseases in the P2 and P3

# Subtype specific trials

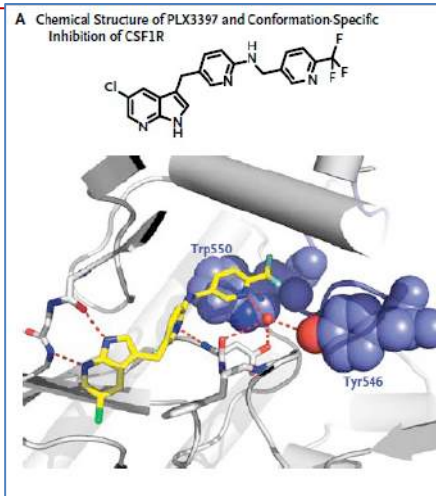
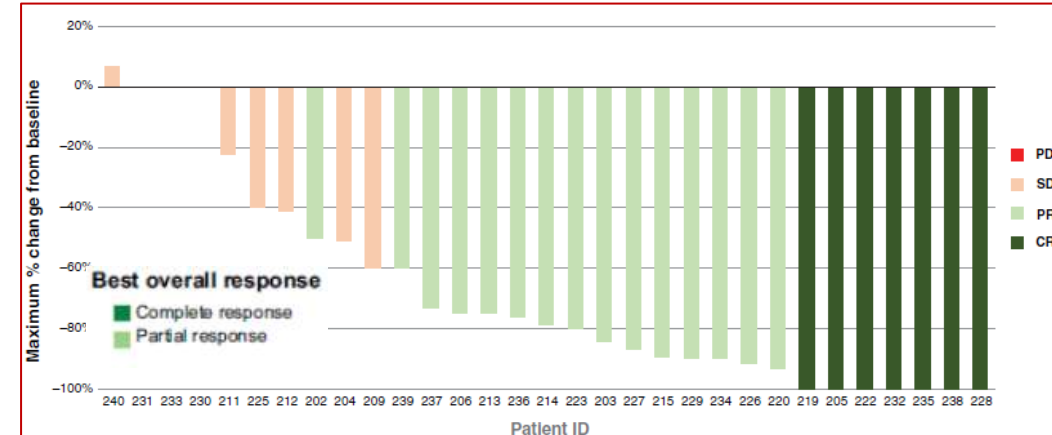
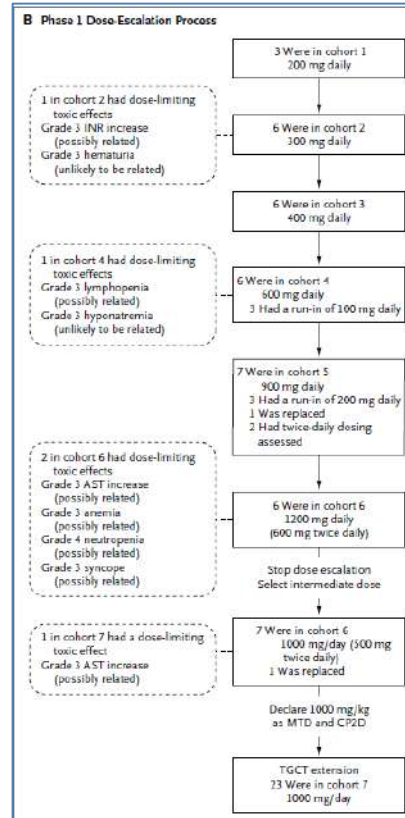
- Subtype specific – true understanding subtype
  - Often new disease entities, recently genetically defined
  - Natural history of the disease poorly understood/defined
  - Genomic and clinical variability not ordered
  - Clinical needs patient population need to be defined/measured
  - Meaningful clinical and research outcome measures
  - Unique features drug/technology need to be understood
  - Unknown response or usage patterns for repurposed drugs
- Does our community have the bandwidth for each subtype
  - Early signal finding studies to pivotal efforts
  - Appropriate outcomes measures
  - Novel unique trial designs (redefine our approach)
  - New drugs technology – understanding of biology and MOA
  - Understanding the science
  - What is the correct long-term application
  - Reliance on Pharma and discordant goals
  - Unique Regulatory tracts

# Structure-Guided Blockade of CSF1R Kinase in Tenosynovial Giant-Cell Tumor

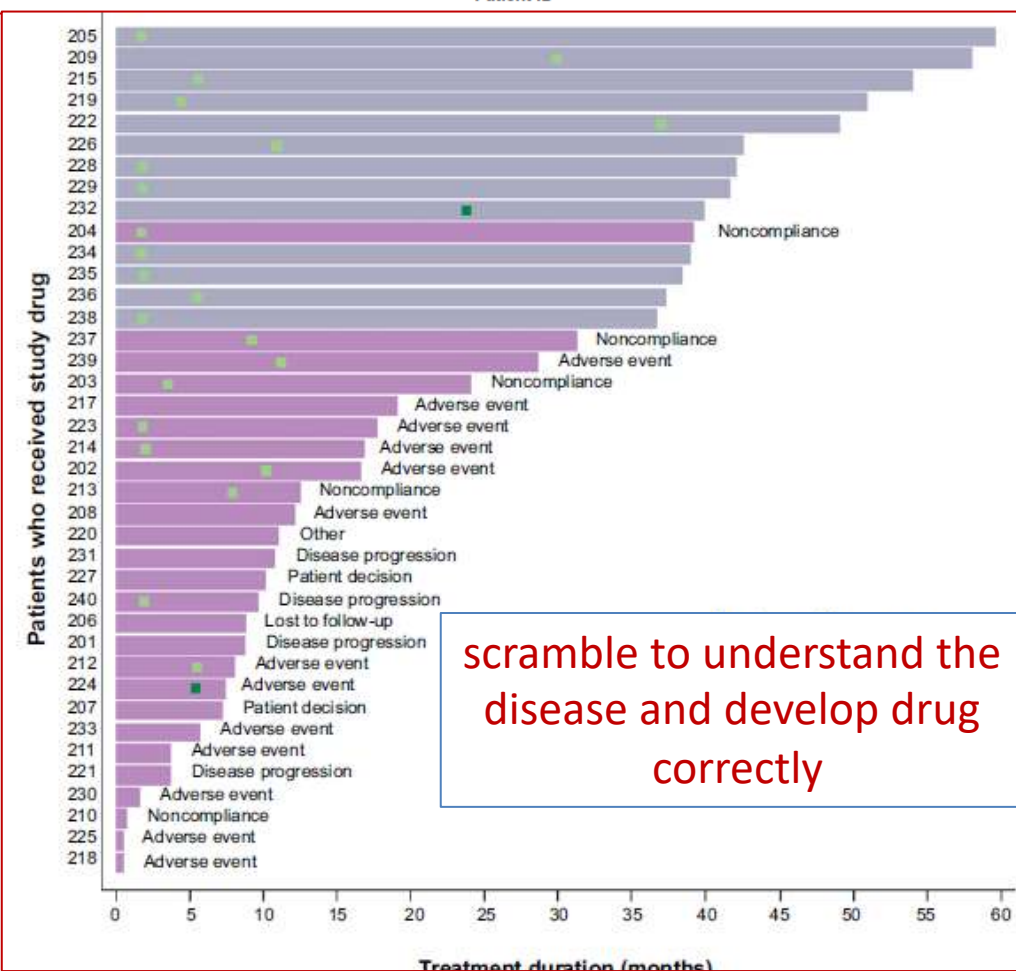
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Part 2 Extension, six cohorts:

- 1) Mucoepidermal carcinoma salivary gland
- 2) Tenosynovial giant cell tumor
- 3) Gastrointestinal stromal tumor
- 4) Anaplastic thyroid carcinoma
- 5) Solid tumors with documented malignant pleural or peritoneal effusions, and
- 6) Miscellaneous tumor types, with scientific evidence supporting the involvement of CSF1R/KIT signaling in tumorigenesis



Tumor	Total treatment duration (days)	Best response
GIST	80	SD
GIST	111	SD
GIST	169	SD
GIST	345	SD
MEC	350	SD
Malignant effusion <sup>a</sup>	55	SD
Malignant effusion <sup>b</sup>	263	SD
Malignant effusion <sup>c</sup>	56	SD
Familial schwannomatosis	187	SD
Neurofibromatosis	199	SD
Neurofibromatosis	113	SD
ACC	57	SD
Mesothelioma	150	SD
Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor	413	SD
Erdheim-Chester disease	494	PR
Mesothelioma	55	SD



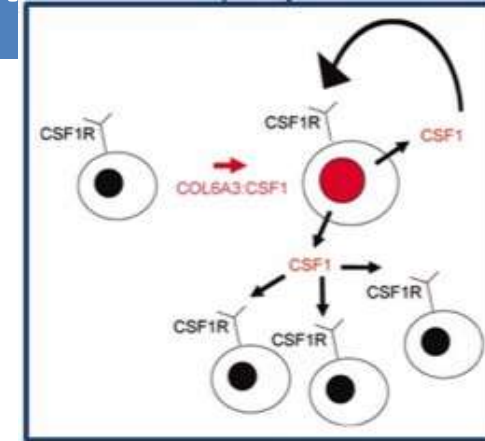
scramble to understand the disease and develop drug correctly



# Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (TGCT)

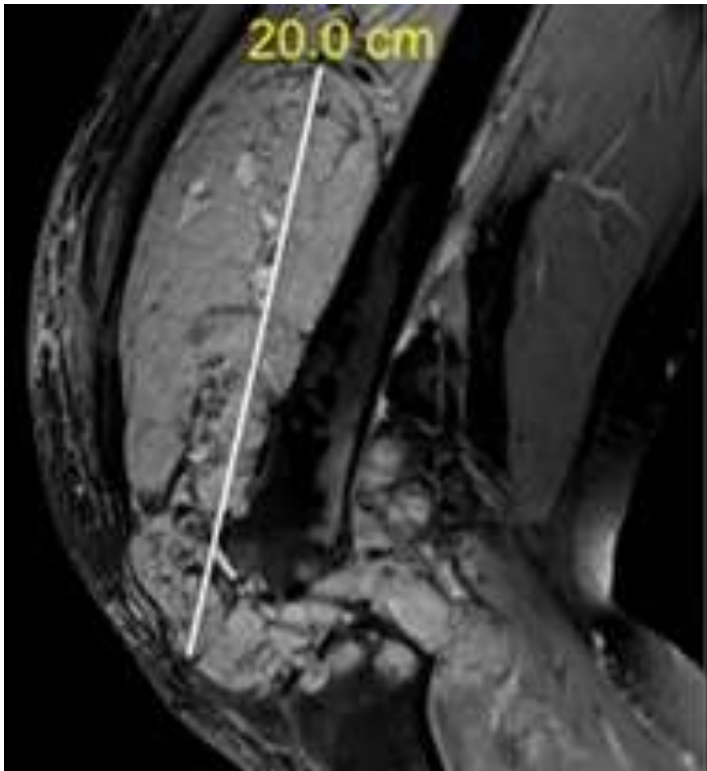
## High Morbidity

- While usually not metastatic, disease is locally aggressive, and recurrence is common after surgical resection (particularly with Diffuse PVNS)
- Affects young & middle-aged adults of both sexes; no ethnic predisposition; patients are diagnosed in their 30s and 40s; and can live ~40 years after diagnosis



## Gross features:

- Collagen deposition
- Subchondral bone erosions
- Repeat hemarthrosis



## Clinical features:

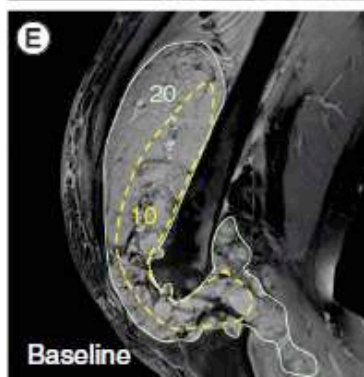
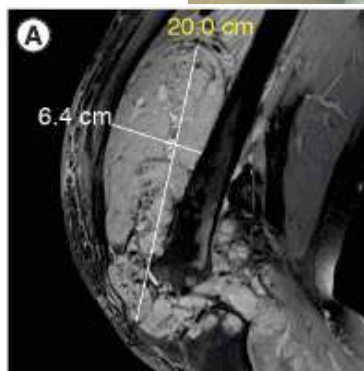
- Usually single joint:
  - Swelling
  - Pain
  - ↓ range of motion
  - Stiffness
- Functional impairment
- Narcotic use
- Disability



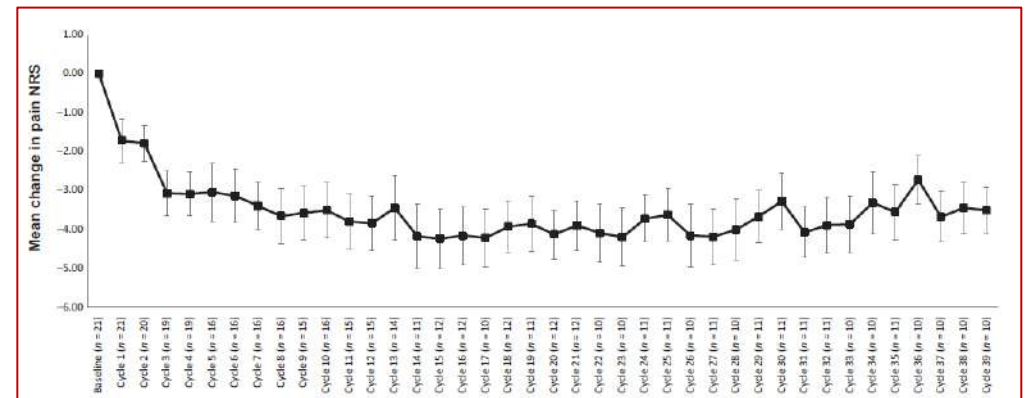
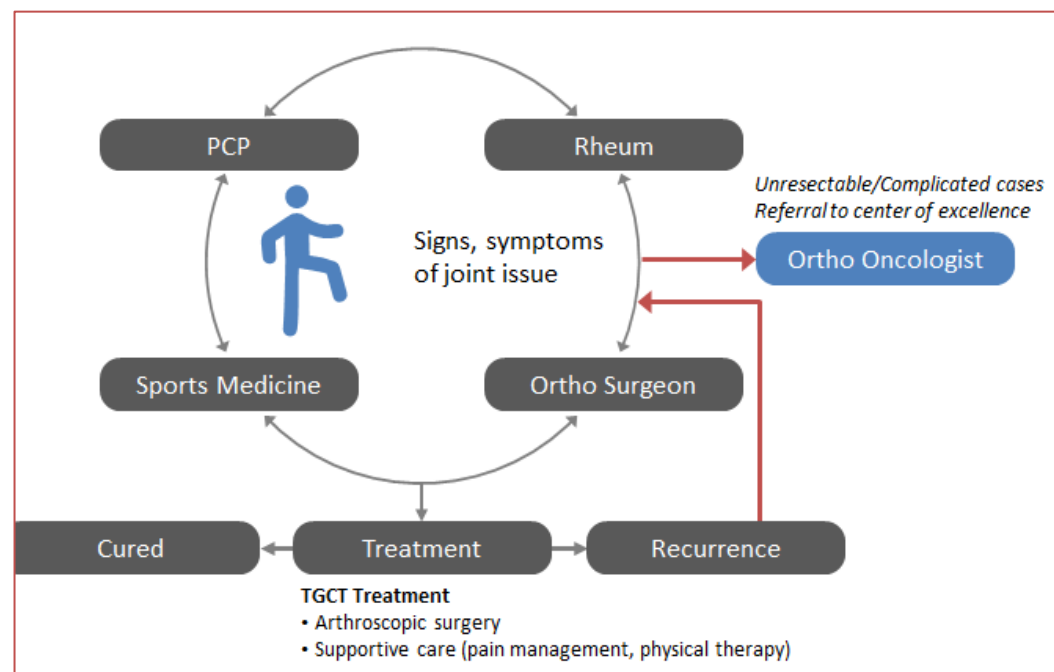


## CSF1 receptor inhibition of tenosynovial giant cell tumor using novel disease-specific MRI measures of tumor burden

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## The measurement of physical functioning among patients with Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (TGCT) using the Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS)

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## Patient-Reported Symptoms of Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumors

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Leave of absence from undergrad

1 year leave from law school

Transfer jobs for weather related swelling

Transfer jobs to be in a city with a trial drug



- Over 750 “days off”
- Intermittent physical therapy for 18 years
- Dozens of braces, compression socks, ice machines

A, S=arthroscopic surgery; TKA=total knee arthroplasty; OR=operating room.  
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# Pexidartinib versus placebo for advanced tenosynovial giant cell tumour (ENLIVEN): a randomised phase 3 trial

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Need for Placebo?  
Outcome assumptions?  
Based on ORR P1  
Doing too much?

## Patients

- Histologically confirmed, advanced, symptomatic tenosynovial giant cell tumours
- Surgical resection associated with potential for worsening of functional limitation or severe morbidity
- Measurable disease  $\geq 2$  cm by RECIST 1.1

## Stratification

- US versus non-US sites
- Upper versus lower extremity

Randomly assigned 1:1

## Part one

Placebo-controlled and masked (24 weeks)

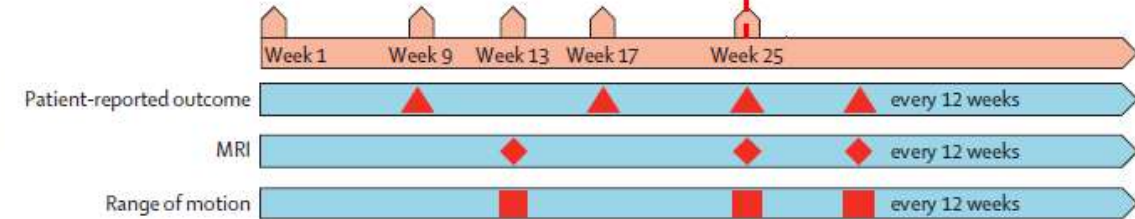
**Pexidartinib**  
1000 mg per day split twice a day (2 weeks), then  
800 mg per day split twice a day (22 weeks)

**Placebo**  
(matching placebo)

## Part two

Open-label extension ( $\geq 25$  weeks)

**Pexidartinib**  
Current dose



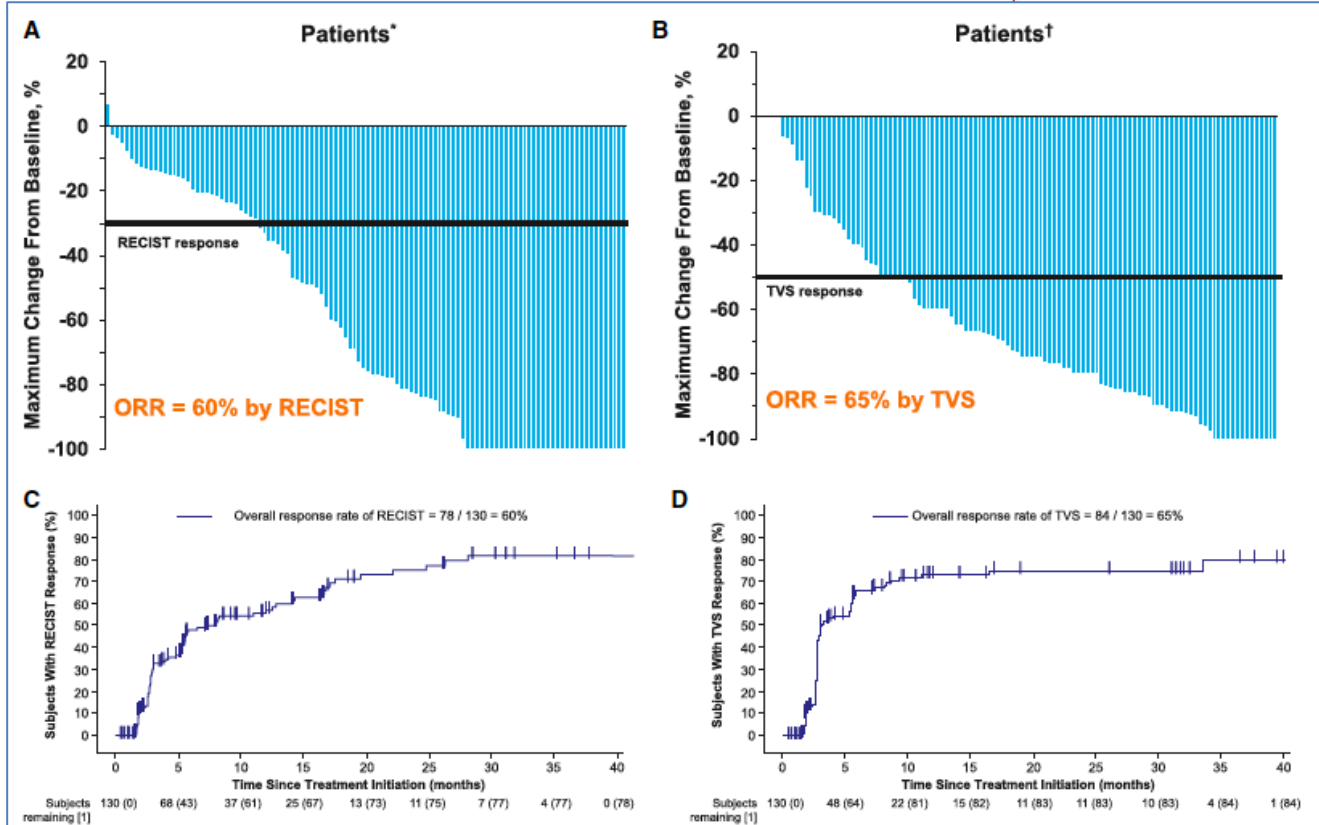
56-year-old female diagnosed w/TGCT Jun 10, 1988

Multiple prior surgeries, regular RBC transfusions

- Started pexidartinib Sep 5, 2016, and still ongoing
- Baseline pain: 5.6, decreased to 0.6 at week 25



Data Missingness  
Reordered endpoints  
Rare but dangerous cholestatic hepatotoxicity  
Vanishing Bile Duct Syndrome  
ODAC and REMS





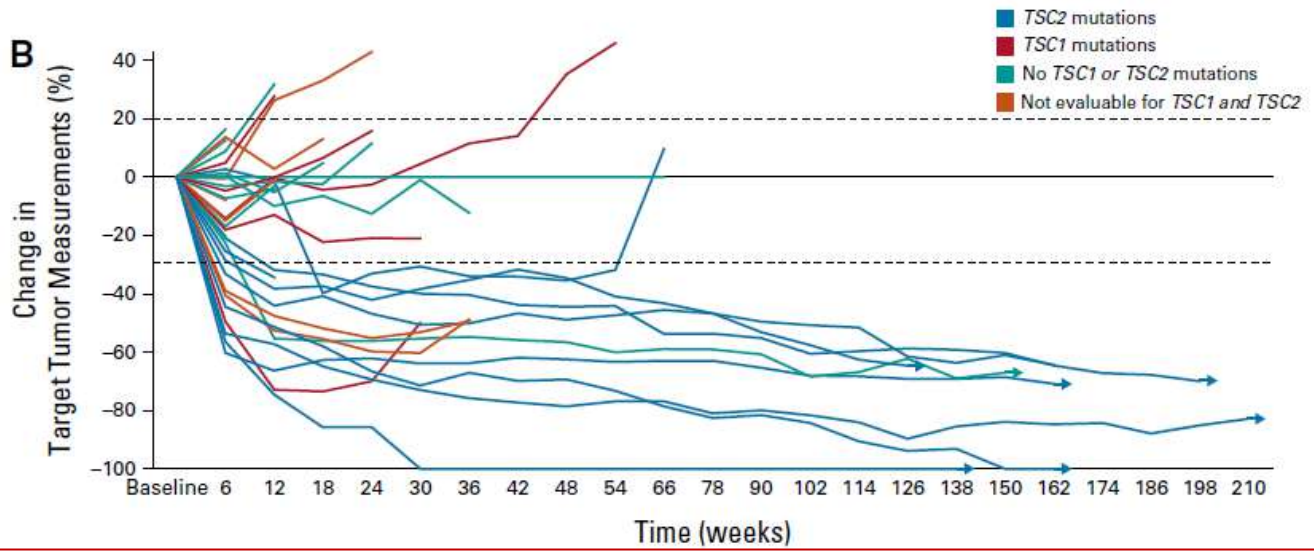
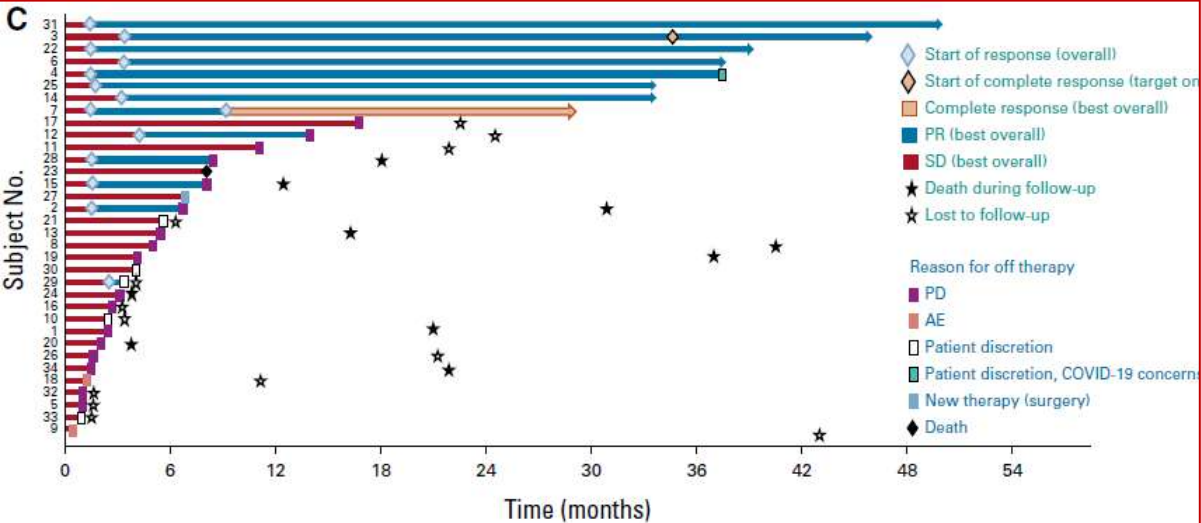
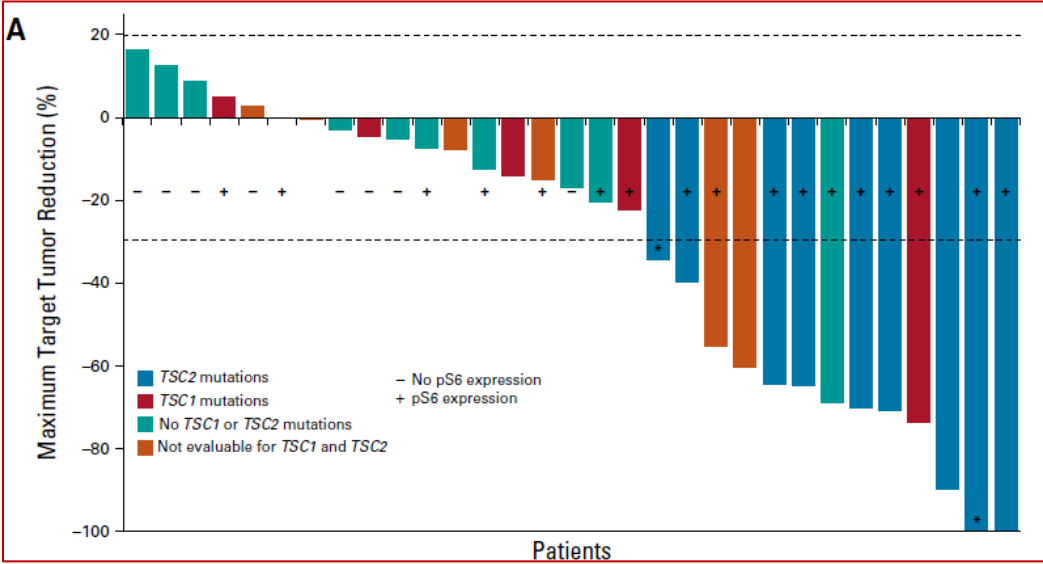
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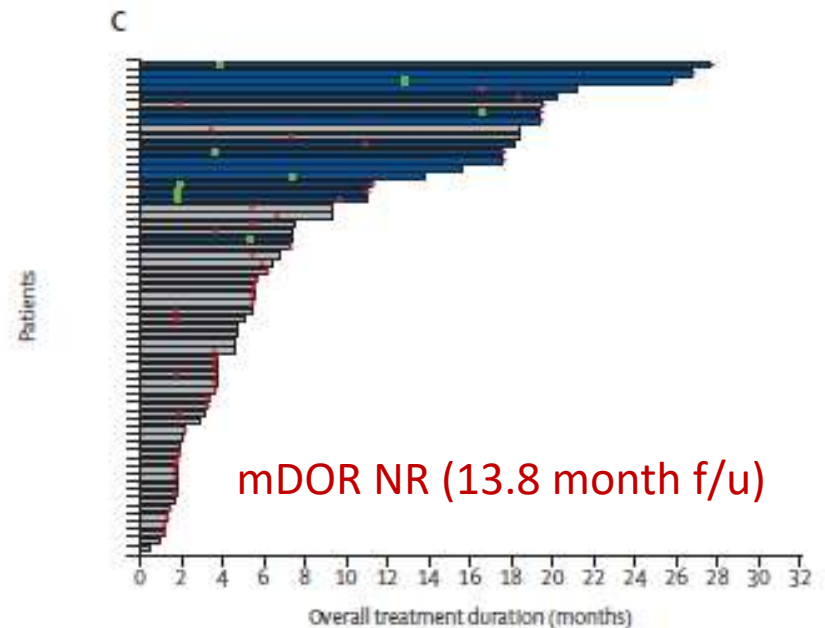
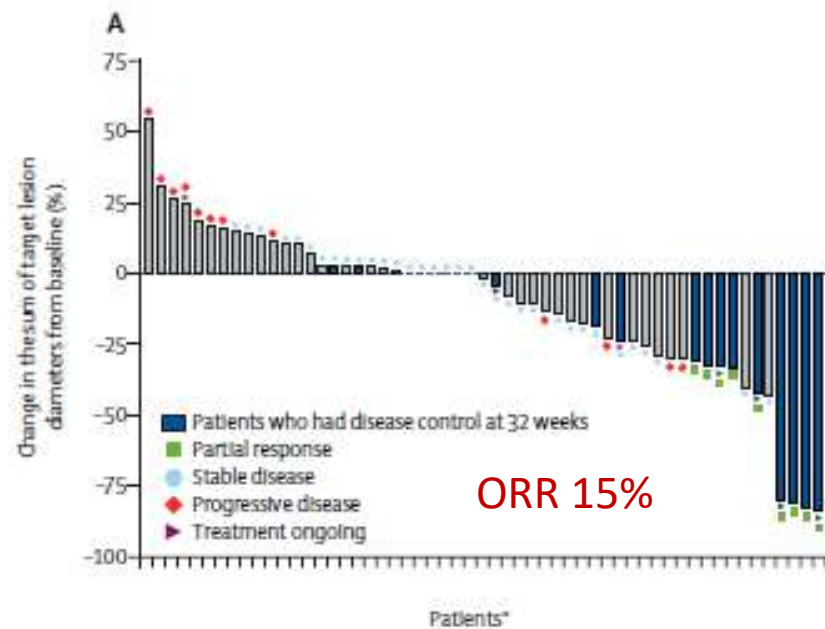
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ORR 39%  
mDOR NR (2.5 years f/u)  
mPFS 10 months  
mOS 40.8 months



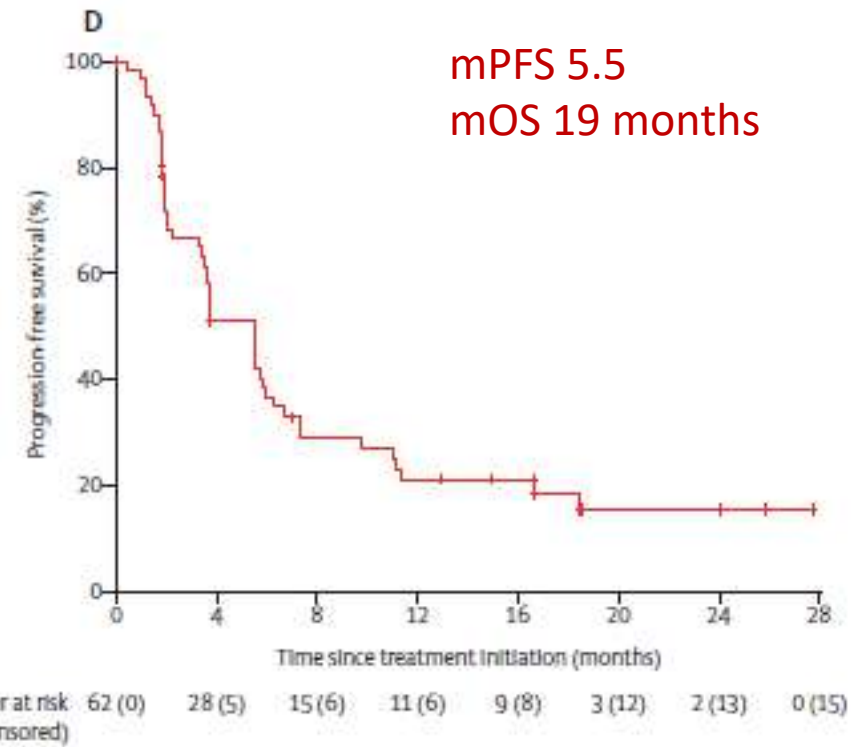




## Tazemetostat in advanced epithelioid sarcoma with loss of INI1/SMARCB1: an international, open-label, phase 2 basket study

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FDA ODAC December 18, 2019  
11-0 for Accelerated Approval

A Phase 1b/3 trial of tazemetostat plus doxorubicin in the 1<sup>st</sup> line setting



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# “The Pit and the Pendulum”

## Clinical Need and Opportunity in Sarcoma



- Need to start with early FOCUSED development
  - Single diseases, homogenous presentations
- Understand historical response patterns/outcomes
- Objective measures of disease behavior and impact
  - Applicable endpoints and measurements
  - Account for practice variations
- Mirror Design and Population in P1 through P3
- Complete Development Strategies to inform correct clinical usage
  - Simple Designs
  - Incorporating/not over interpreting MOA
    - Biomarkers and patient selection
    - Correlative work is critical

# THANK YOU



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# Targeted Oncology 2030

Panel Discussion



# Closing Remarks