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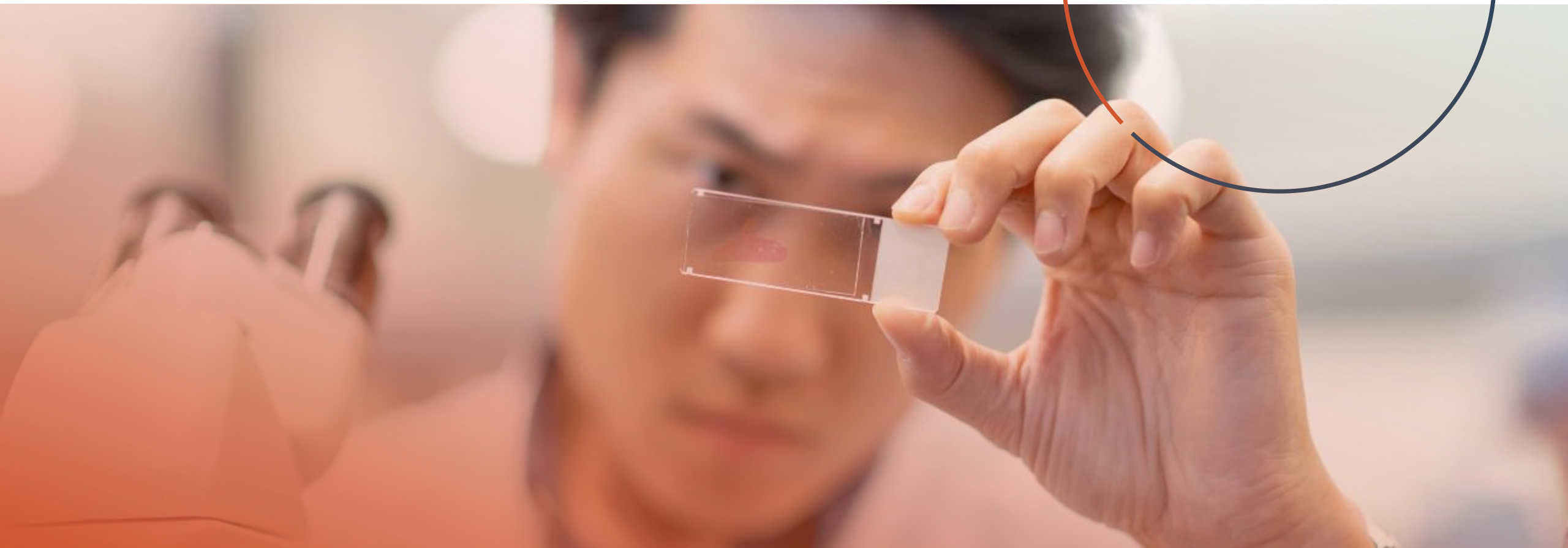
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CF33 Oncolytic Virus



The Inventor & City Of Hope



Professor
Yuman
Fong



The Sangiacomo Family Chair in Surgical Oncology and chair of The City of Hope Dept of Surgery is an *internationally recognized expert* in liver and pancreatic cancer. He has developed many new surgical techniques and instruments. He helped usher in robotic surgery for liver cancer. He has also led research efforts to use genetically modified viruses to destroy cancer cells.

Dr. Fong joined City of Hope in 2014 after more than three decades at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Dr. Fong has written and edited >1000 scholarly articles as well as 22 textbooks. He is the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Molecular Therapy Oncolytics* (Cell Press).

He is a fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biologic Engineering, and the National Academy of Medicine.

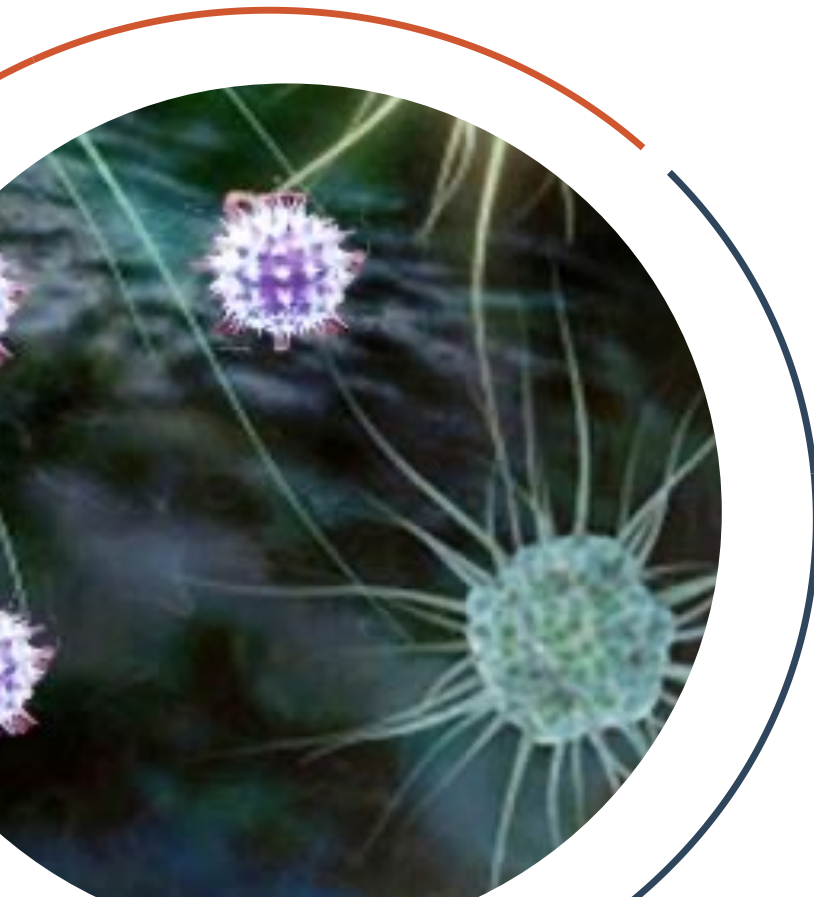
Dr. Fong has had leadership roles in regulatory aspects of gene therapy, including serving as Chair or the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health of the United States.

City of Hope, in Los Angeles, is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Founded in 1913, it is designated as a comprehensive cancer center, the highest recognition bestowed by the National Cancer Institute. City of Hope is also a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, with research and treatment protocols that advance care throughout the US.

City of Hope has been ranked as one of the nation's "Best Hospitals" in cancer by *U.S. News & World Report* for over 10 years.

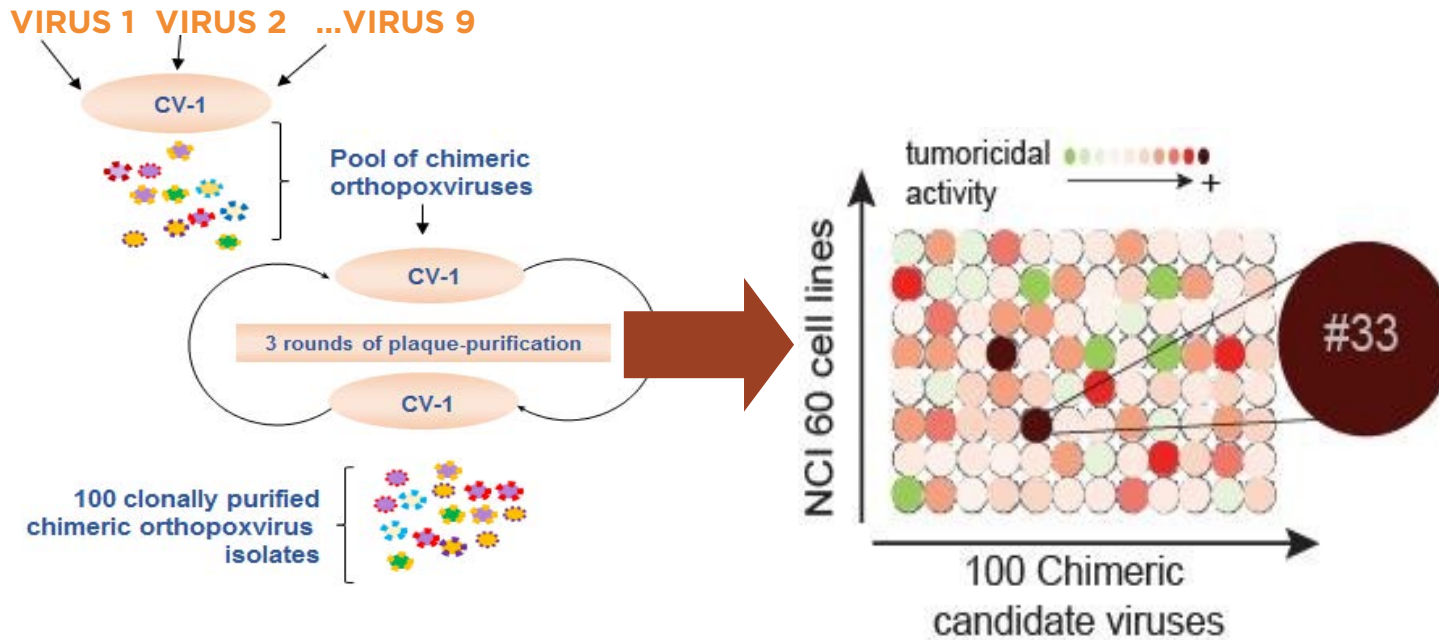
City of Hope has GMP facilities that produces clinical trials materials for many academic centers and is the alpha clinic trials site for CIRM

WHY A VACCINIA VIRUS?



- Large DNA virus that is **genetically very stable**
- **Most effective biologic therapy in history of man:**
vaccine that eradicated smallpox
- Highly cytolytic for **a broad range of tumor cell types**
- Amenable to **large scale production**
- Does not integrate into the host genome
- May be administered via intratumoral (IT) and **intravenous (IV)** routes
- Can carry **large transgenes** and large numbers of transgenes

GENERATION & EVALUATION OF NOVEL CHIMERIC POXVIRUSES



- 200 new backbones (new species)
- High through-put screening for cancer killing in the NCI-60 cell lines
- Arming with transgenes

STRATEGY

Engineer Novel Chimeric Viruses

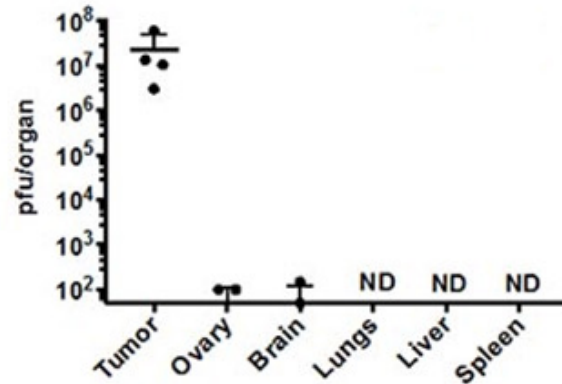
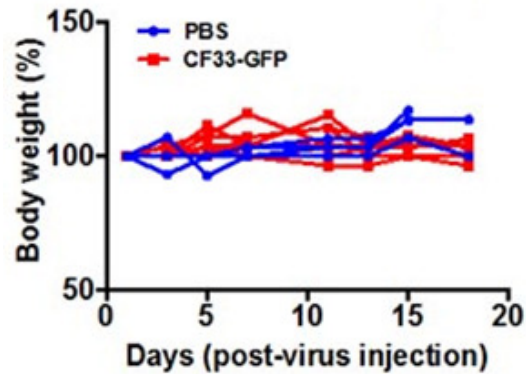
High Through-put Screening for Efficacy Against NCI60

Safe in Animals

Arming with Additional Payloads

Hope Oncolytic Viruses (HOV)

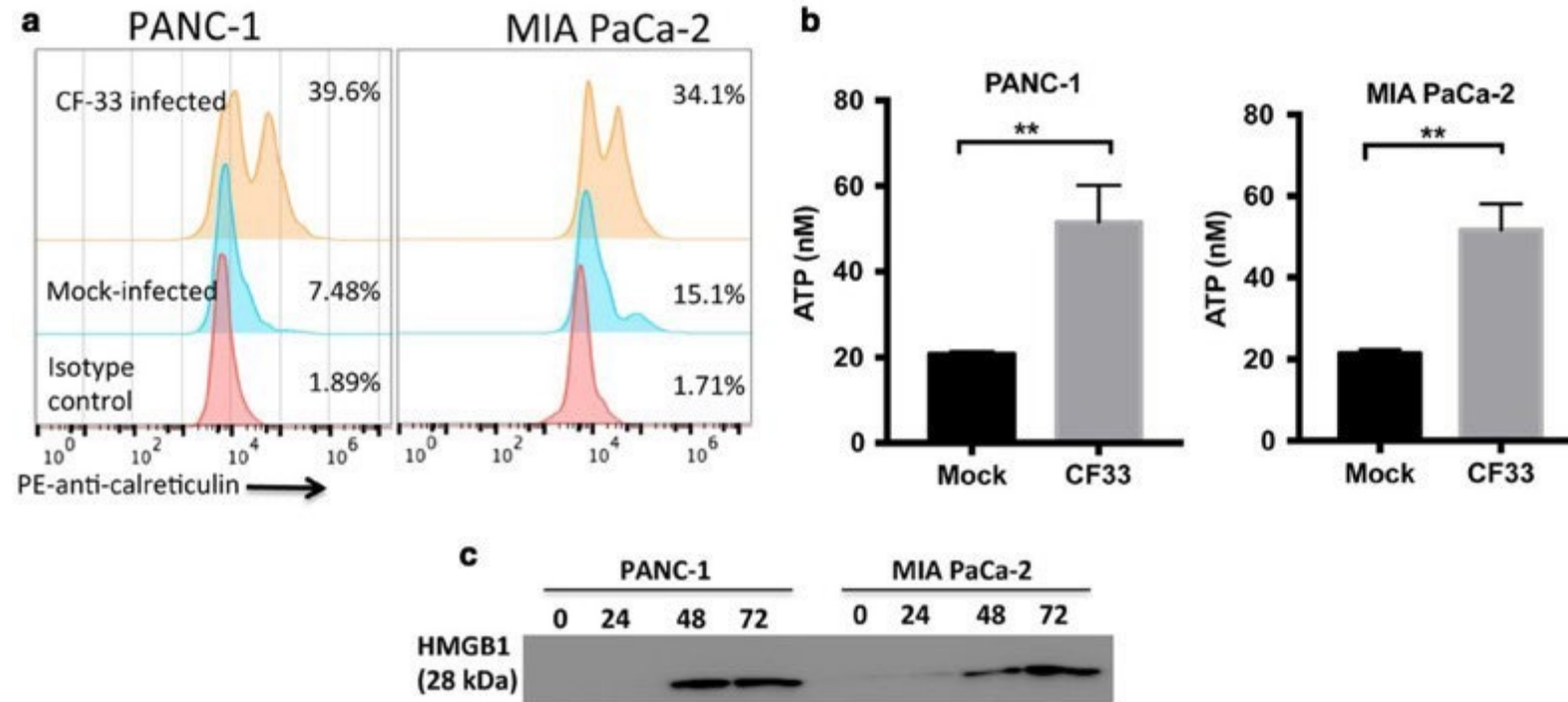
SAFELY DELIVERED IT, IP, IV WITH LARGE THERAPEUTIC INDEX



- In many tumor models, animals cured with a single injection of 1000 pfu
- NO TOXICITY UNTIL OVER 10⁹
- Virus restricted to tumor

VIRUS	MOUSE	# OF MICE	DOSE	DELIVERY	TOXICITY
CF33-NIS	Nude	73	1e3-1e5	IT	No findings
CF33-miR	Nude	41	1e3-1e5	IT	No findings
CF33-Luc	Nude NSG	48 8	1e3-2e5 1e6	IT, IV & IP IT	No findings
CF33-GFP	Nude NSG	18 8	1e3-2e7 1e6	IT IT	No findings
CF33-hNIS- αPDL1	Nude Black/6 BALB/c	52 67 31	1e4 1e5-1e8 1e7	IT IT & IV (1e6) IT & IV	No findings
CF33-hNIS- Δ14.5	Nude Black/6 BALB/c	36 16 16	1e4 1e6 - 1e8 1e7-3e7	IT IT IT & IV (2e7)	No findings
CF33-CD19	NSG	288	1e6-1e8	IT	No findings

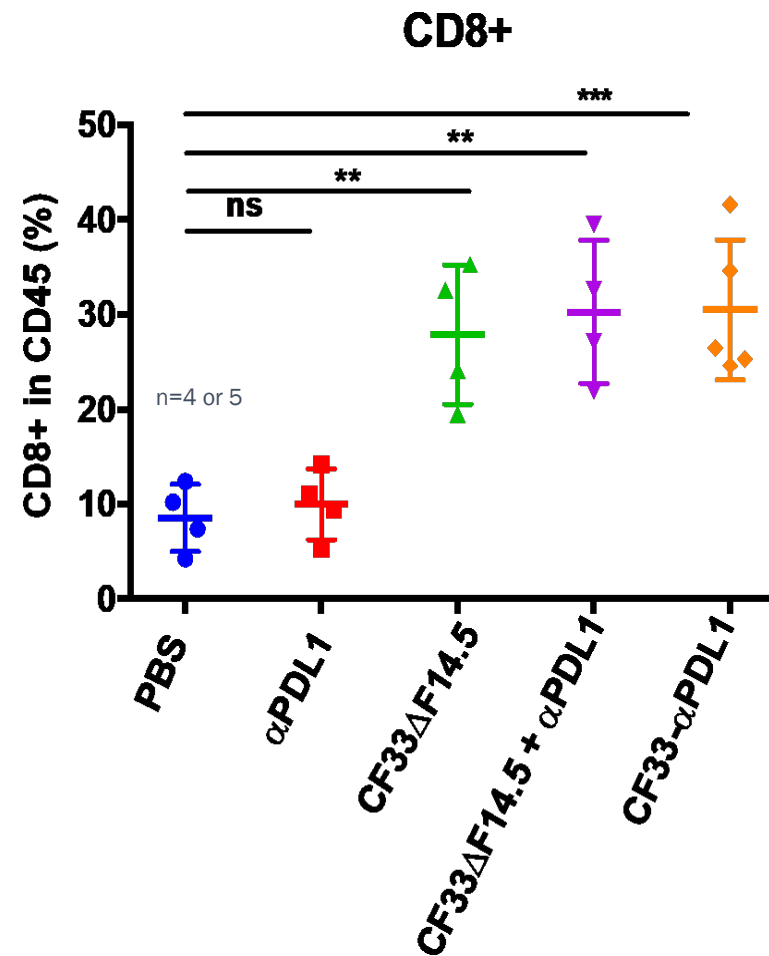
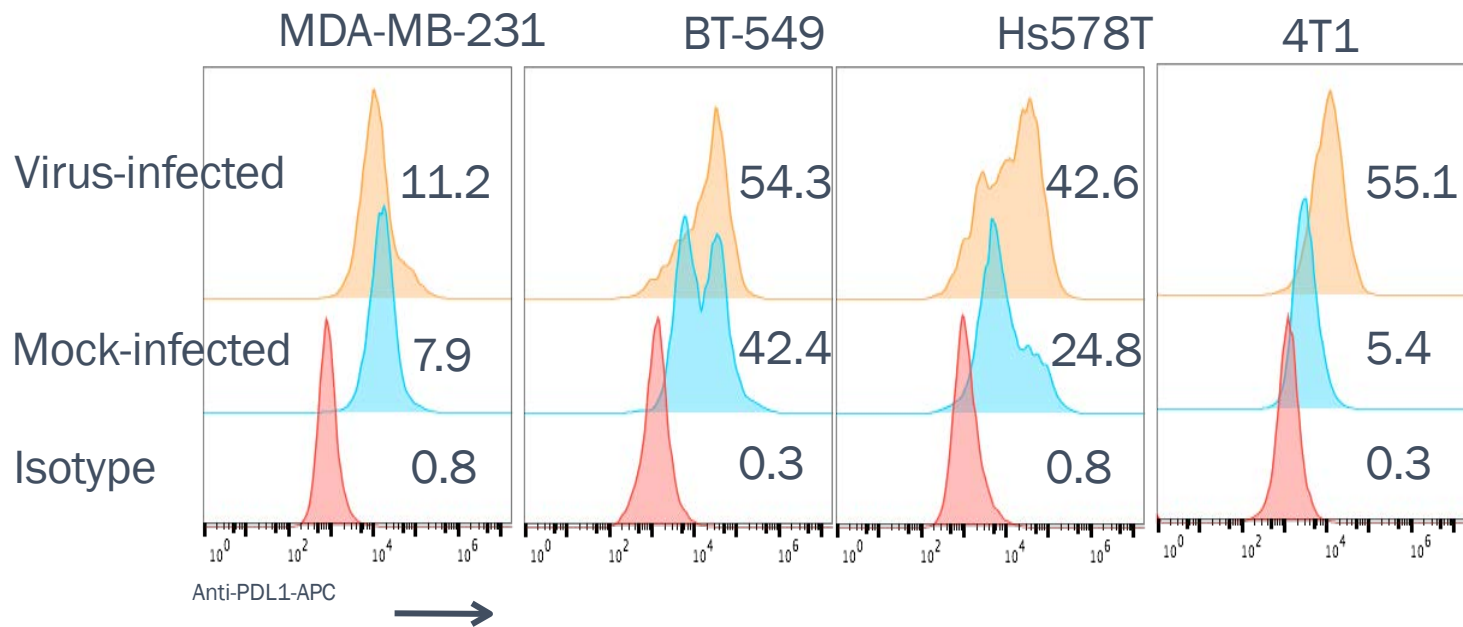
CF33 Induces Immunogenic Cell Death in Many Cancers



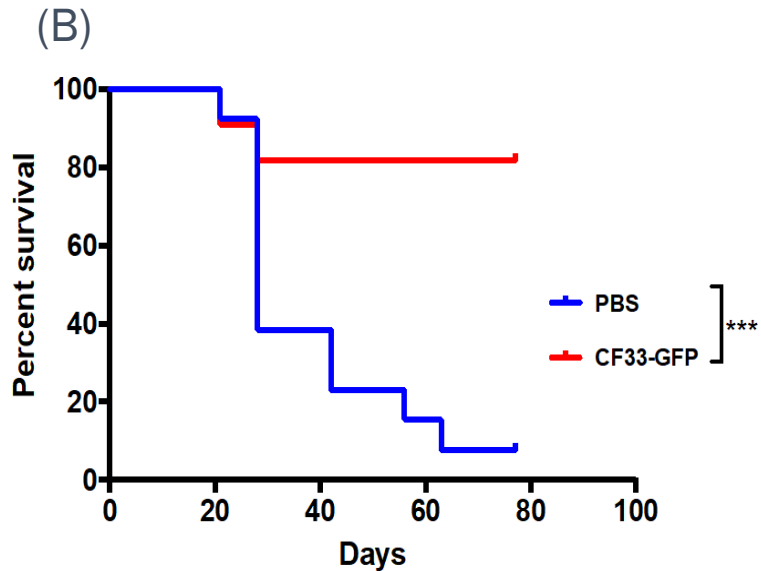
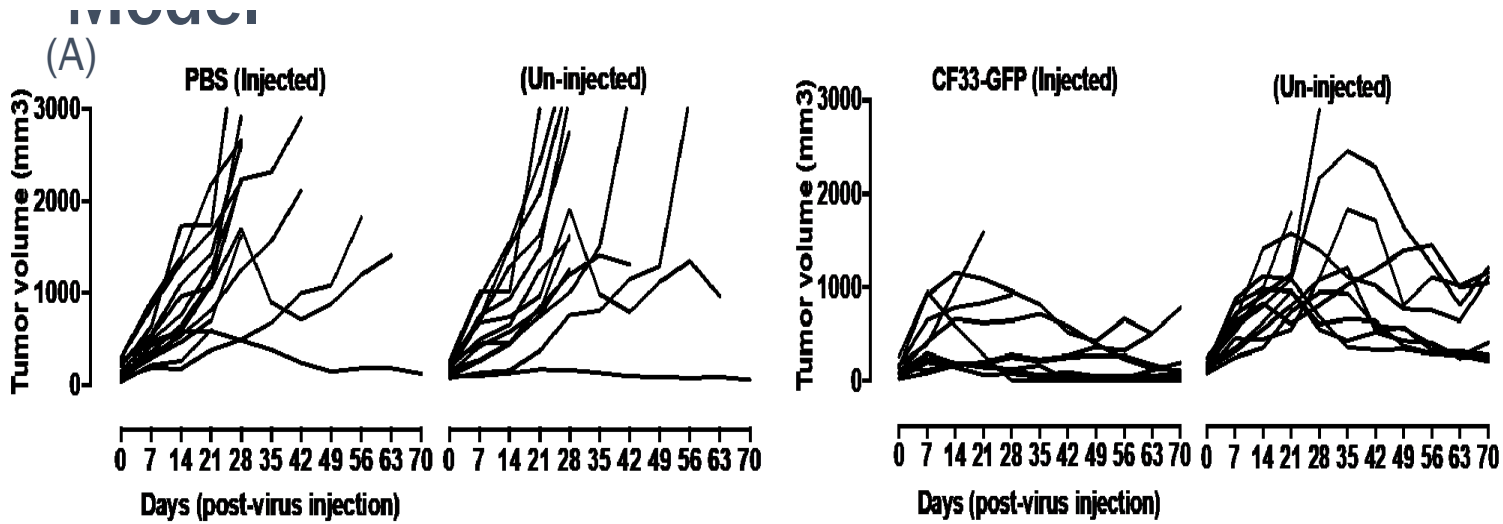
- Upregulation of calreticulin expression
- Release of ATP
- Increased expression of HMGB1

CF33 Upregulates PD-L1 Expression & Increases Infiltration by CD8+ T-cells

Increases PD-L1 Expression



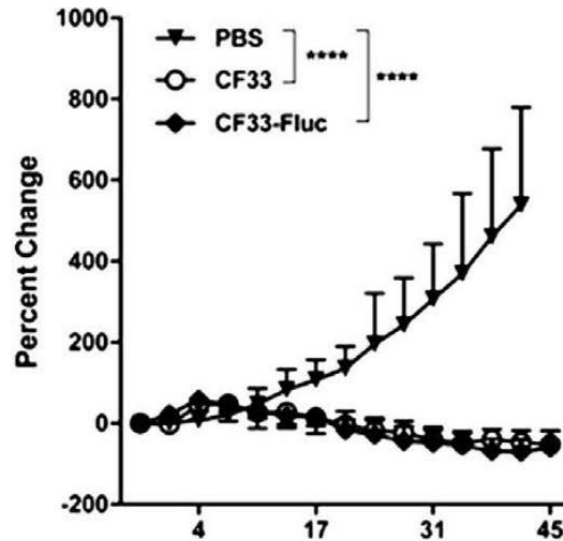
CF33-GFP Killing in Lung Cancer Tumor



- IT injection model for animals with bilateral tumors
- Killing of cancer in injected and non-injected tumors
- Enhances survival and can cure with doses as low as 10^3 pfu
- Safe

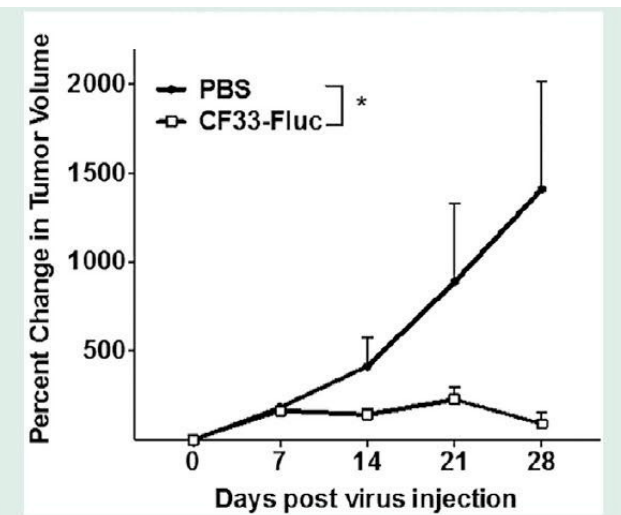
Compelling Killing of Many Tumour Types at Low Doses

PANCREATIC



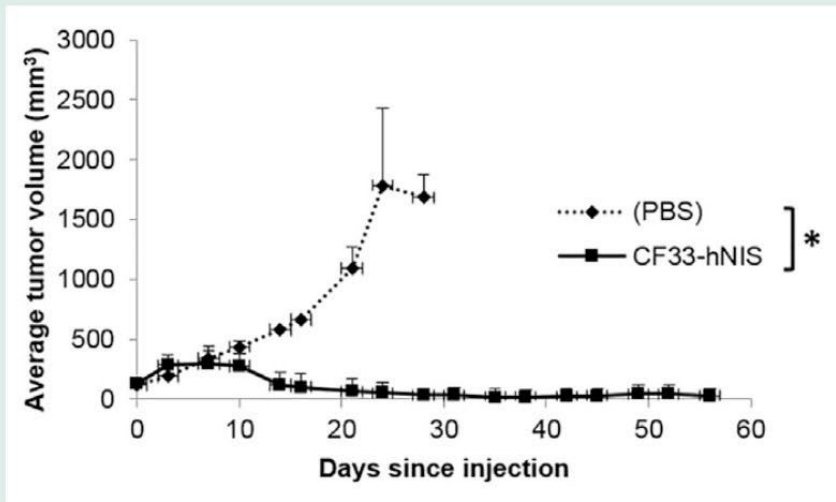
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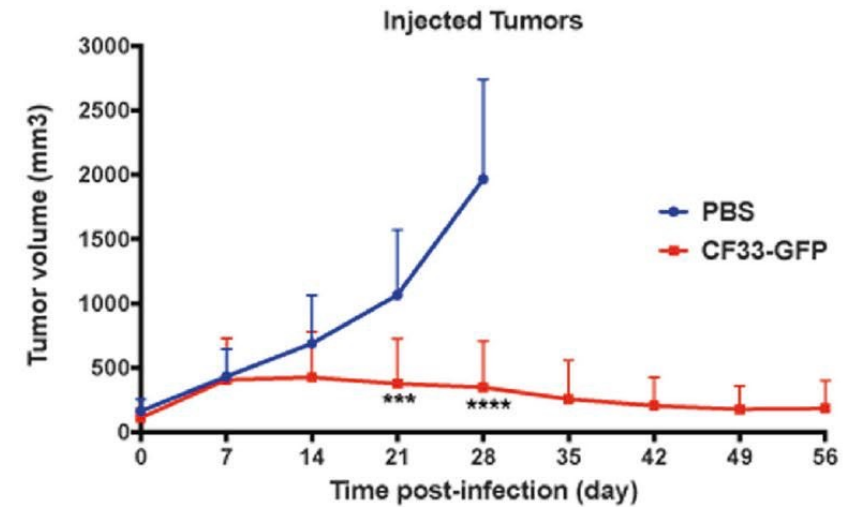
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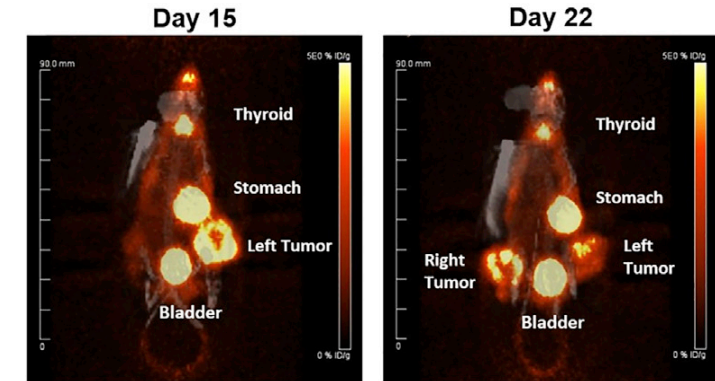
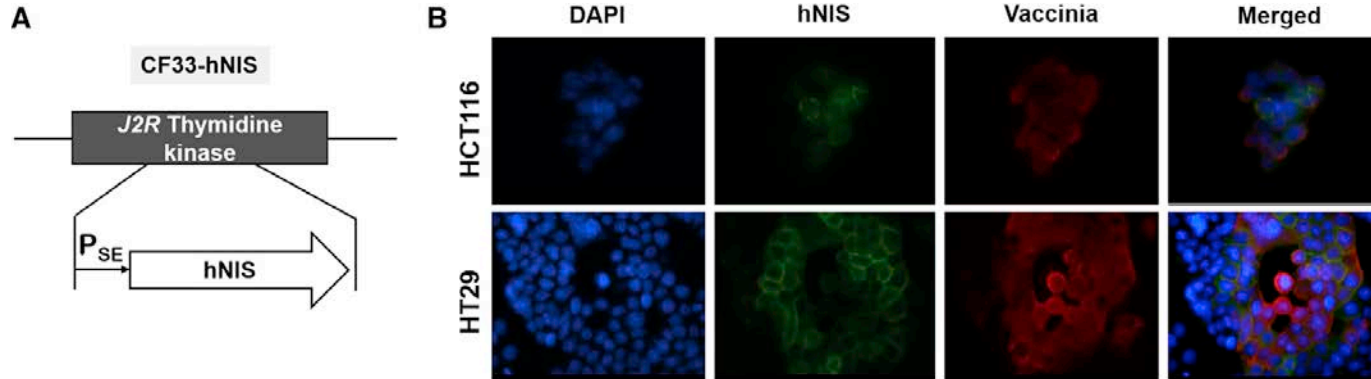
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Cancer Gene Ther. 2019

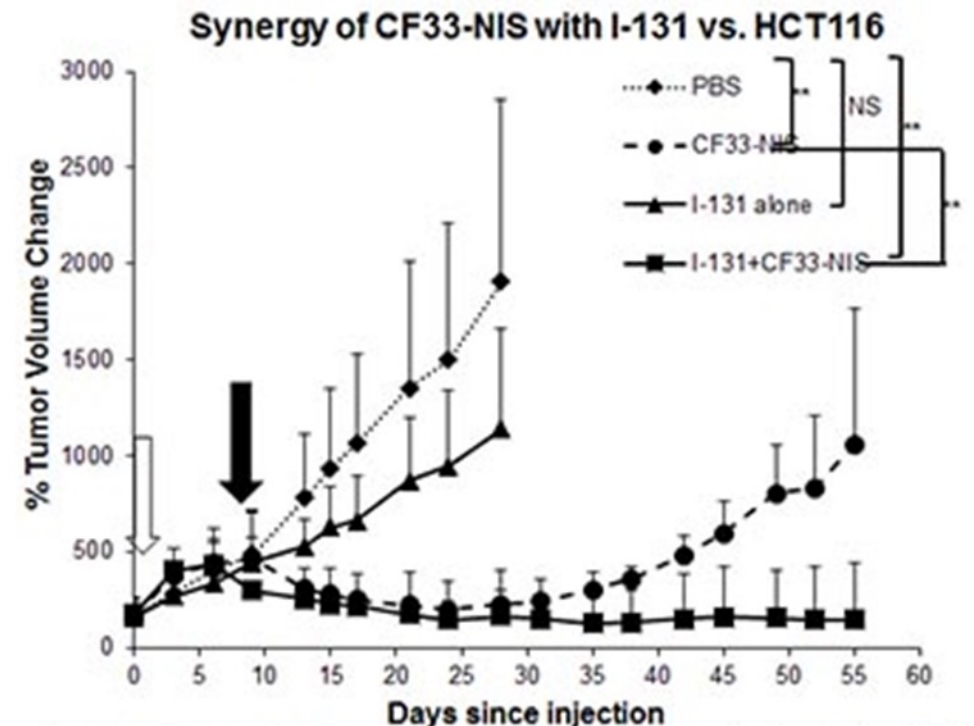
VAXINIA: CF33-hNIS “Parental Virus”

PET/CT I-124 imaging of CF33-hNIS



- hNIS transgene inserted within J2R locus (Tk) to transport radioactive iodine for imaging or therapy
- hNIS protein expressed on tumour cell surface (green)
- PET imaging shows virus in injected tumour at day 15 and virus infecting non-injected tumour by day 22
- CF33-hNIS infection is synergistic with I-131 radioisotope and induces sustained tumour growth abrogation in HCT116 colorectal cancer xenografts

Ref: *Mol Ther Oncolytics*, 2019, 13, 82



MAJOR ADVANTAGES OF CF33



- Preclinical data has demonstrated that CF33 is more efficacious than all parental viruses and most viruses in clinical trials
- Can shrink multiple types of cancer at an extremely low dose (1000 pfu).



- Tumor type-agnostic: 'universal' approach to targeting solid tumors
- Turns immunologically 'cold' tumors to immunologically responsive 'warm' tumors
- CF33 shrinks not only injected tumors, but also non-injected distant tumors, indicating tumor tropism and abscopal effect



- Novel combination use of FDA-approved cellular immunotherapy (CD19-CAR T cells) along with OV that presents CAR target, CD19, on solid tumors
- CAR T cell-mediated cancer killing helps OV spread in tumors



KEY DIFFERENTIATION

1. CF33 OV Platform:
 - high potency in cancer killing
 - range of cancer cell types infectible
 - Big therapeutic window
2. CF33 can be made in high titres
3. Great stability profile
 - Genetic stability
 - Storage stability
 - Clinic stability after mixing
4. CF33 can be used in multiple doses without complete neutralization by host immune system

VAXINIA Phase 1 MAST Study (Metastatic Advanced Solid Tumours)

First Patient Enrolled May 2022, IT Cohort 1 Cleared Sept 2022

Dose Administration (Parallel Groups)

n=52-100

IT

IT Administration

Metastatic and
Advanced Solid
Tumours

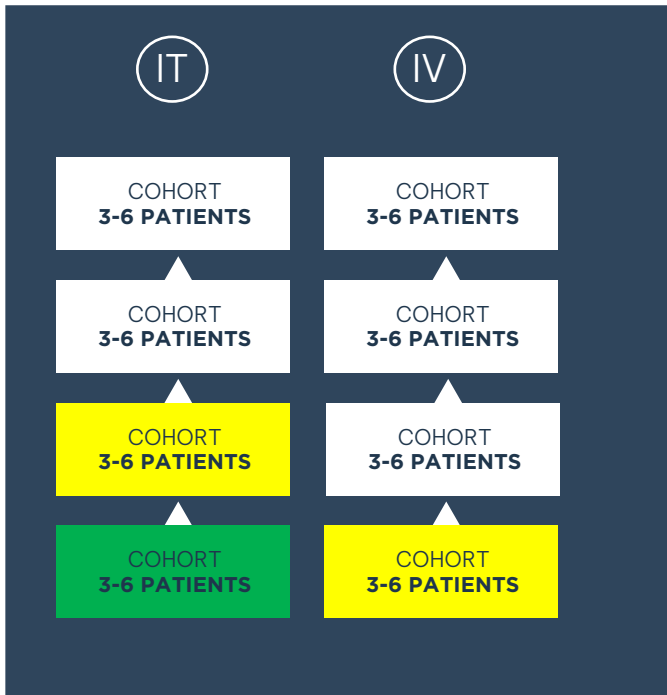
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IV Administration

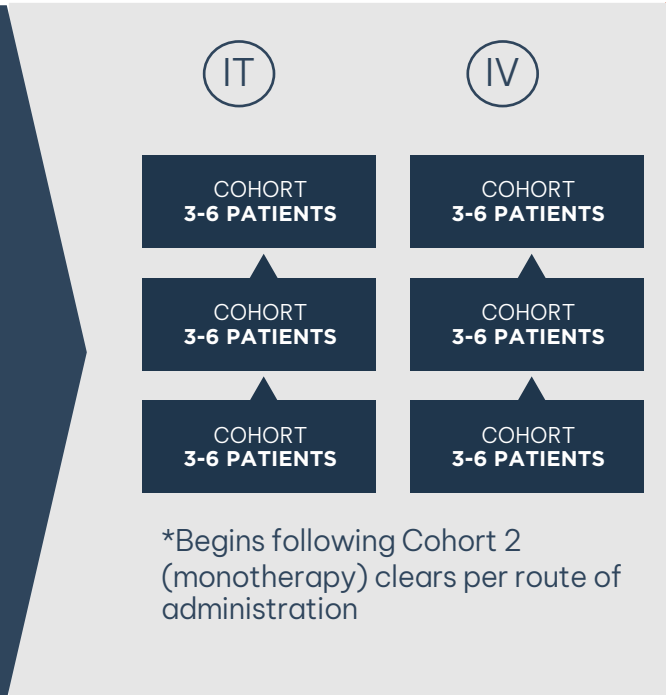
Metastatic and
Advanced Solid
Tumours

Site Location: USA,
AUS

VAXINIA Monotherapy Dose Escalation



VAXINIA + Pembrolizumab Combination Dose Escalation*



*Begins following Cohort 2
(monotherapy) clears per route of
administration

Cohort Expansion

RP2D Expansion
(N=10)

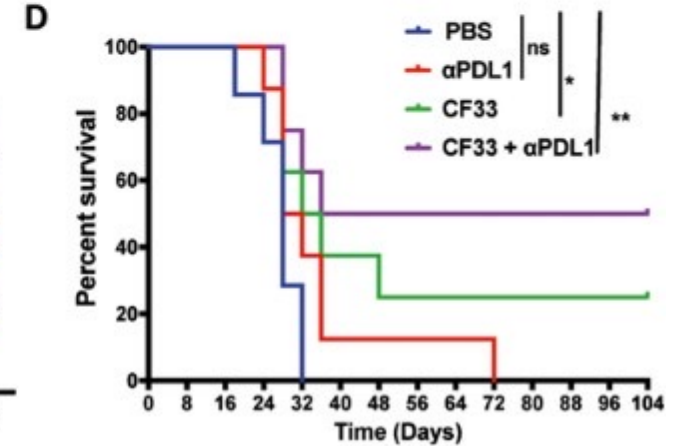
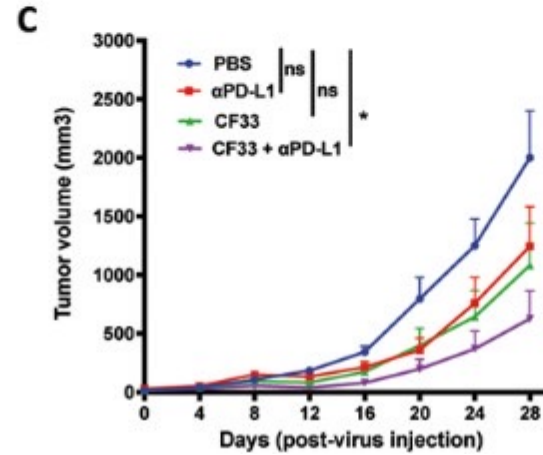
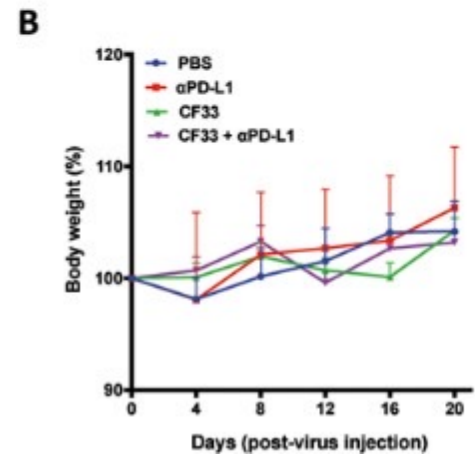
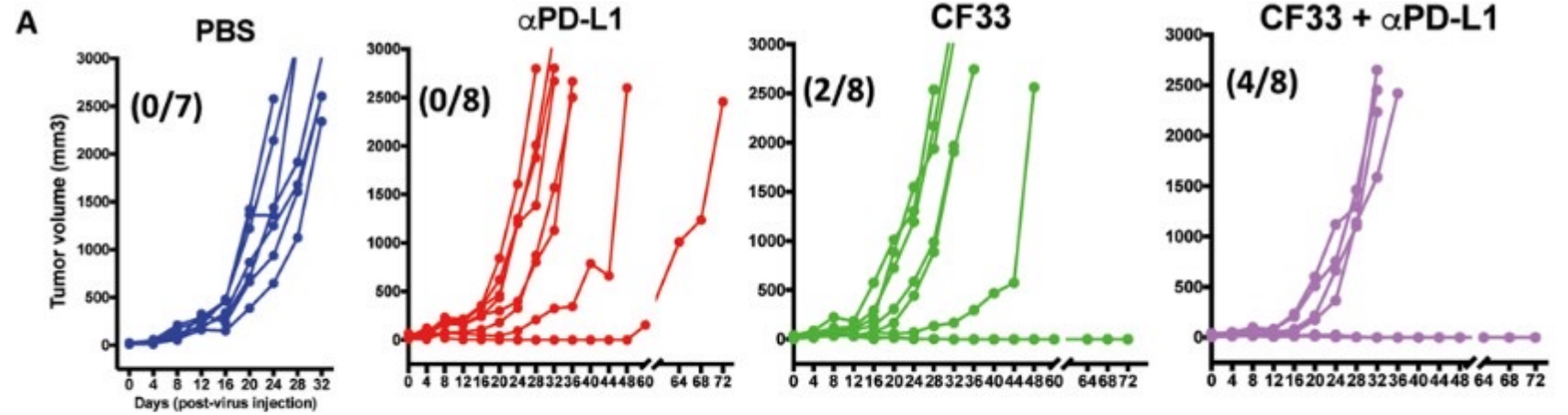
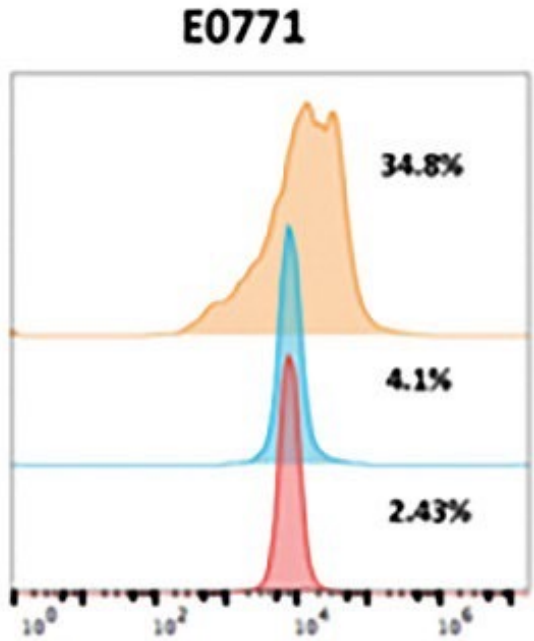
Tumor Types of
Interest
(cleared cohorts)

Identify: Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D) – Monotherapy and Combination
Based on: Safety, Immunogenicity, Tumour Response

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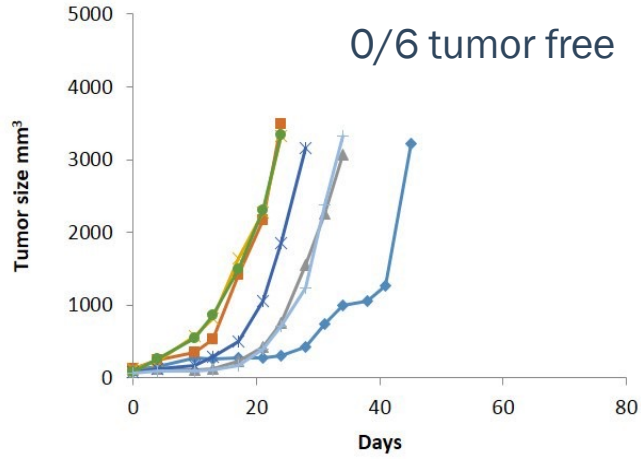
CF33-hNIS + Anti-PD-L1 Synergizes for Tumor Killing Breast Cancer and Other Cancers

- E0771 TNBC in C57BL/6 mice
- 100 µg anti-PD-L1 (Bio X)

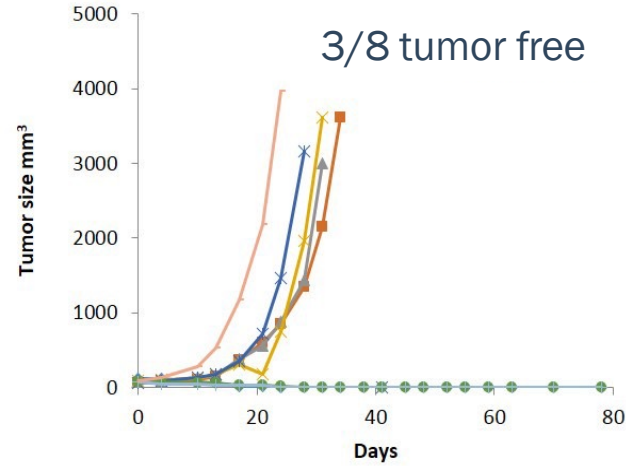


CF33-hNIS + Anti-PD-L1 Synergizes for Tumor Killing Colorectal Cancer

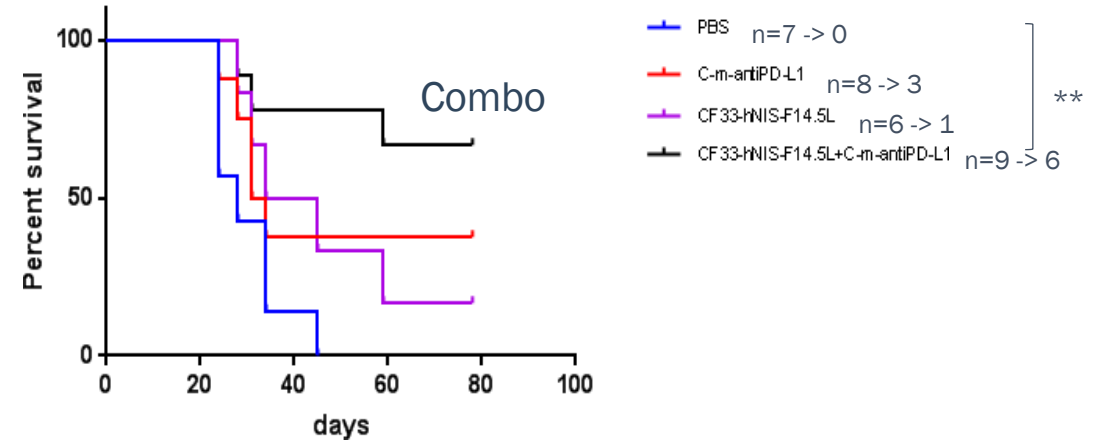
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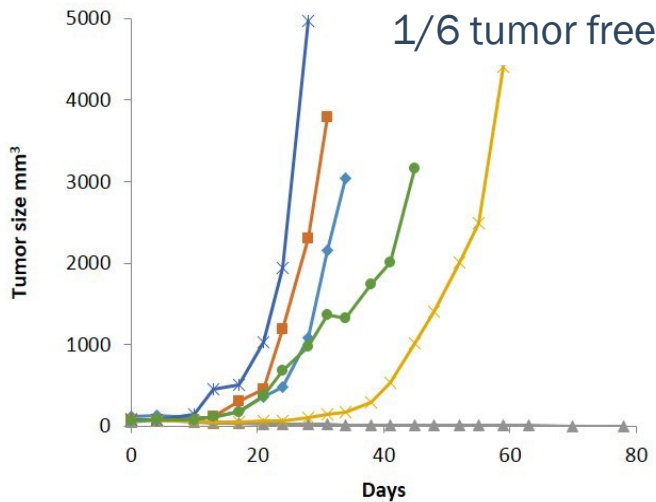
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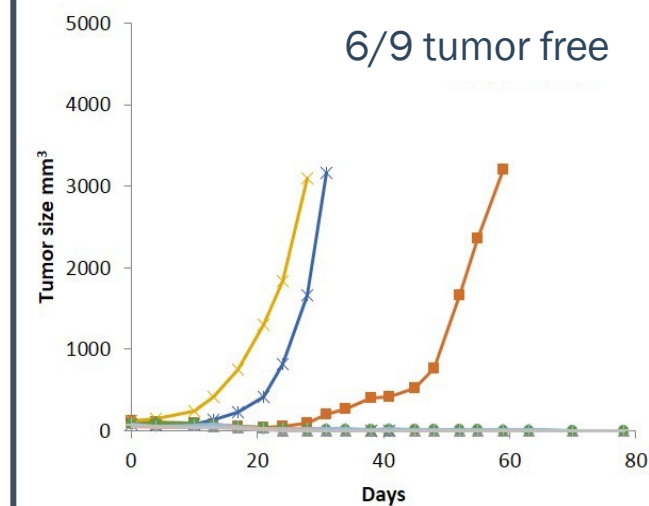
Survival



CF33-hNIS-Δ14.5



CF33-NIS-Δ14.5 & m-anti-PD-L1

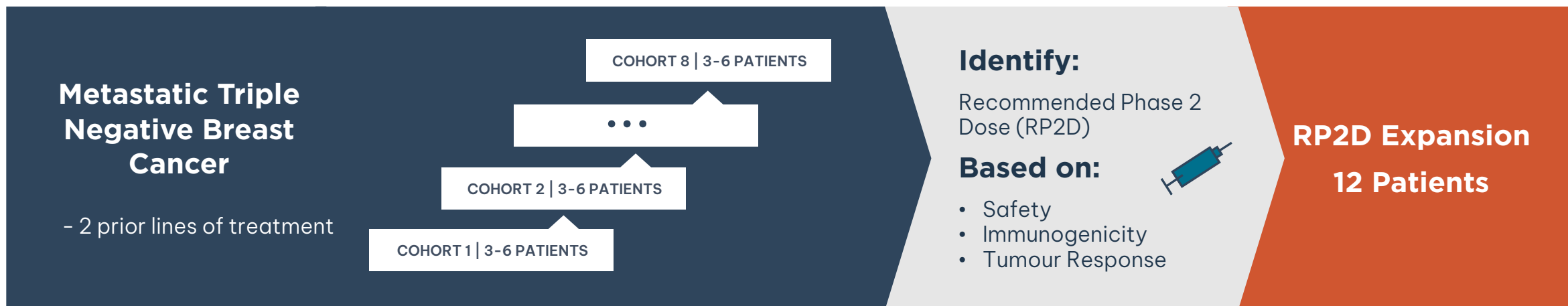


CHECKvacc PHASE 1 TNBC STUDY

CF33+hNIS+aPD-L1 (“Armed” Virus)



ACCEPTED TO SABC 2022



First Patient Enrolled October 2021

Disease of need

- 8-13 month survival for metastatic disease with few treatments

Potential target for immunotherapy

- Expresses PD1, PD-L1

Treatment responses to Atezolizumab (JAMA Oncology, 5:74, 2019)

- 1st line: 24%; 2nd line: 6%
- Approved by FDA 8 March 2019

Potential for registration in well-designed, randomised P2 study

Indication	TNBC
FDA IND	CHECKvacc: CF33-hNIS-aPDL1
N	33-78
Location	Single Center: COH
Admin Route	Intratumoral (IT)



CF33-CD19



The Cell Therapy Solid Tumour Challenge & Imugene's Solution

Cell therapy, including Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T cell therapy, has had limited activity in solid tumours, largely due to a lack of selectively and highly expressed surface antigens, such as the blood B cell antigen CD19

CD19 Targeting domain

CD19 Targeting Cells

OV generated CD19

Solid Tumour

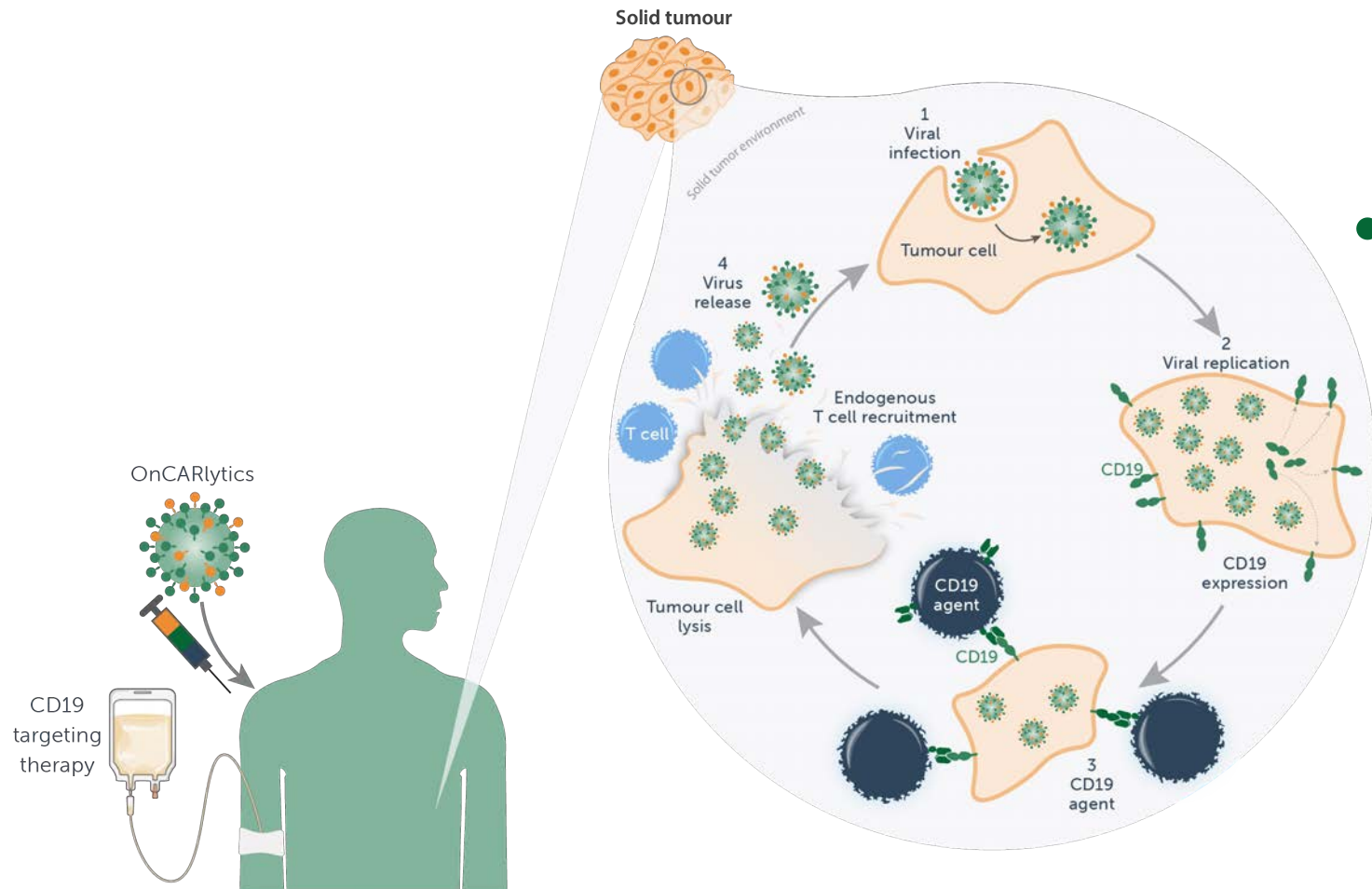
NEW CONCEPT

Utilise OV's as a delivery vector to deliver CD19 antigen to solid tumour cells

Engineer Imugene's CF33 to infect solid tumour cells and insert CD19 transgene to enable presentation of CD19 over the tumour cells during tumour cell infection, onCARlytics (CF33-CD19)

Combination use of CD19 targeting therapies, including autologous or allogeneic CD19 CAR Ts and bispecifics, with onCARlytics (CF33-CD19) presented CD19 targets on solid tumours

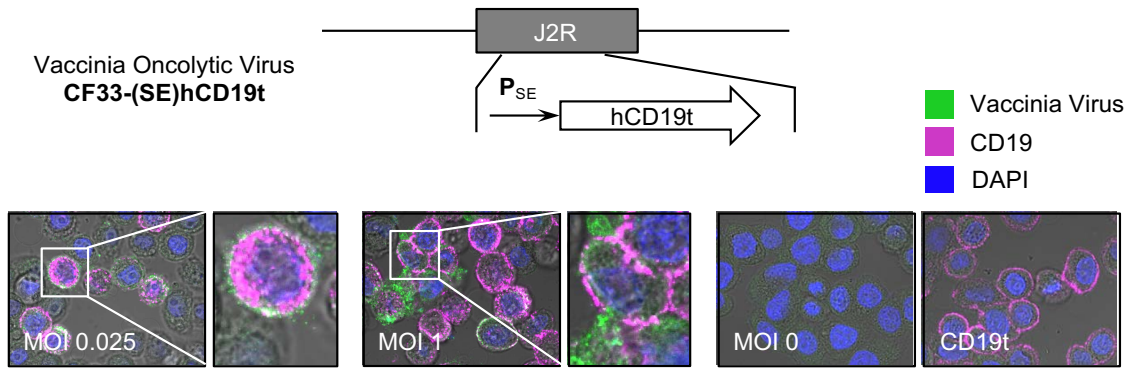
MECHANISM OF ACTION: How does it work?



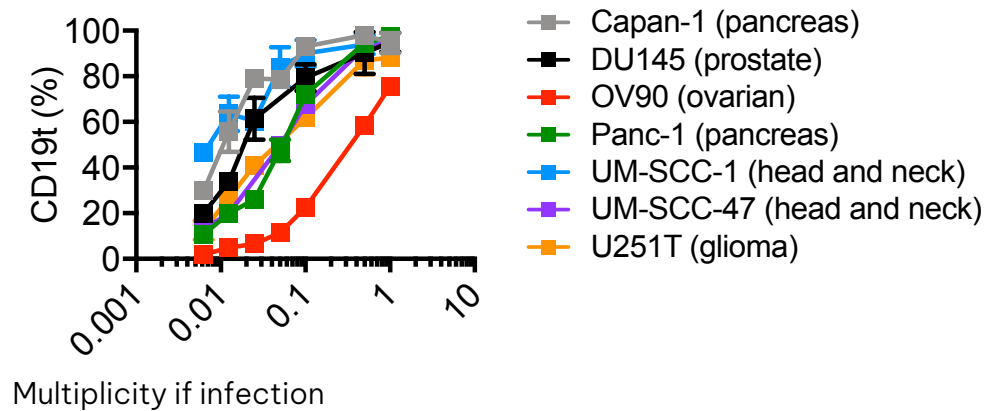
onCARlytics makes solid tumours “seen” by CD19 targeting therapies

1. OnCARlytics infects tumour cells
2. Virus replication and production of CF33-CD19 on the cell surface enabling CD19 cell targeting
3. Tumour cell lysis leads to viral particle release and the combination promotes endogenous immune cell recruitment to tumours
4. Released viral particles re-initiate virus infection of surrounding tumour cells.

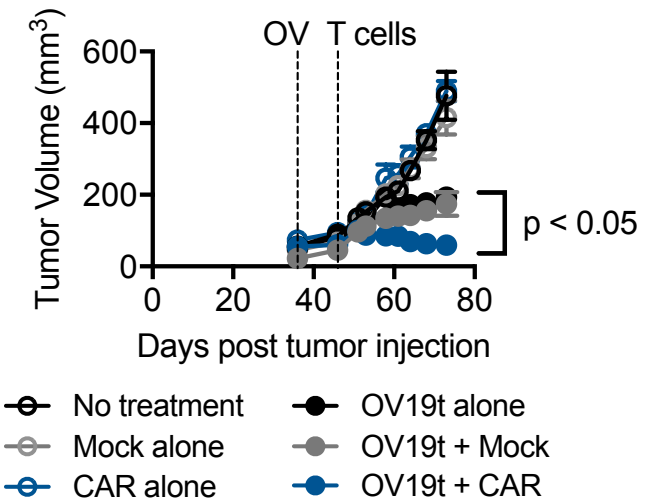
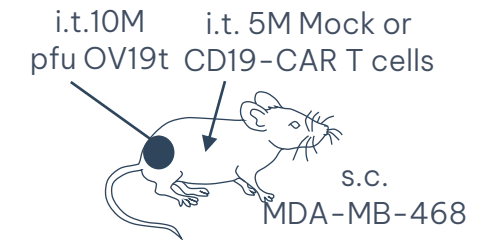
onCARLYTICS DELIVERS CAR TARGETS TO “TARGETLESS” SOLID TUMOURS



onCARlytics (CF33-CD19) infects a wide array of solid tumour cell lines, with dose-dependent CD19 cell surface expression



Combination of onCARlytics (CF33-CD19) and CD19-CAR T cells promotes tumour regression in xenograft model of TNBC



onCARLYTICS COMBINATION WITH CD19 TARGETING THERAPIES



AUG 2021
Strategic
Partnership
with Celularity



NOV 2021
Strategic
Partnership
with Eureka



SEP 2022
Strategic
Partnership
with Arovella



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

3 x POSTERS PRESENTED AT SITC 2022

FDA APPROVED CD19 TARGETING THERAPIES

Approved and in-development autologous and allogeneic CD19 CAR Ts and bispecifics can be partnered with Imugene's onCARlytics for treating solid tumours:



Figure 4

Activation of CYCART-19 by targeting of tumor cells expressing CD19t following onCARlytic infection

Imigene Limited, Sydney, Australia

Introduction

Autologous chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T has shown impressive clinical responses against hematological malignancies and is being evaluated for the treatment of solid tumors. However, several precluded therapeutic responses in solid tumor models due to tumor-restricted CAR targets and the immunosuppressive microenvironment. We have recently reported combination immunotherapy using a novel chimeric oncolytic virus (OV), called onCARlytic that is engineered to express a non-signaling, (CD19t) antigen for tumor-selective delivery, targeting of tumor cells by autologous CD19-CAR T cells. One of the field's unanswered questions is whether allogeneic CAR T Cells are superior to cancer patient-derived CAR T Cells for product manufacturing to improve against solid tumors.

Here, we evaluated this combination strategy using CAR T Cell products generated from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and placental T-Cells, respectively. CAR T Cells were manufactured from normal human placental T-Cells that are genetically targeted to express the CD19-CAR followed by CRISPR-Cas9-mediated deletion of the endogenous TCR and expanded to produce allogeneic "off the shelf" treatment.

CYCART-19 T-Cells induced potent cytotoxicity against solid tumor cells infected with onCARlytics. In addition, we observed comparable anti-tumor activity between patient-derived CD19-CAR T Cells and CYCART-19, suggesting that in vivo cytokine secretion was detected. This work demonstrates that the placental-derived CAR T product may have potential in patients with maintained or improved response in human tumor xenograft models. In combination with the demonstrated impressive response in human tumor xenograft models, we have demonstrated that further development of immunotherapy for the potential treatment of solid tumors is warranted.

Figure 1

Delivering truncated CD19t (CD19t) to tumor cells using oncolytic virus (OV) as a CD19-CAR T Cell.

onCARlytics selectively infect solid tumor cells and deliver CD19t (CD19t) as a target for CD19-CAR T Cell.

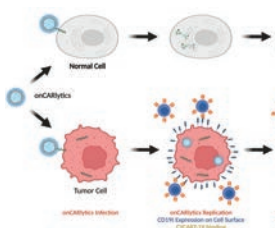
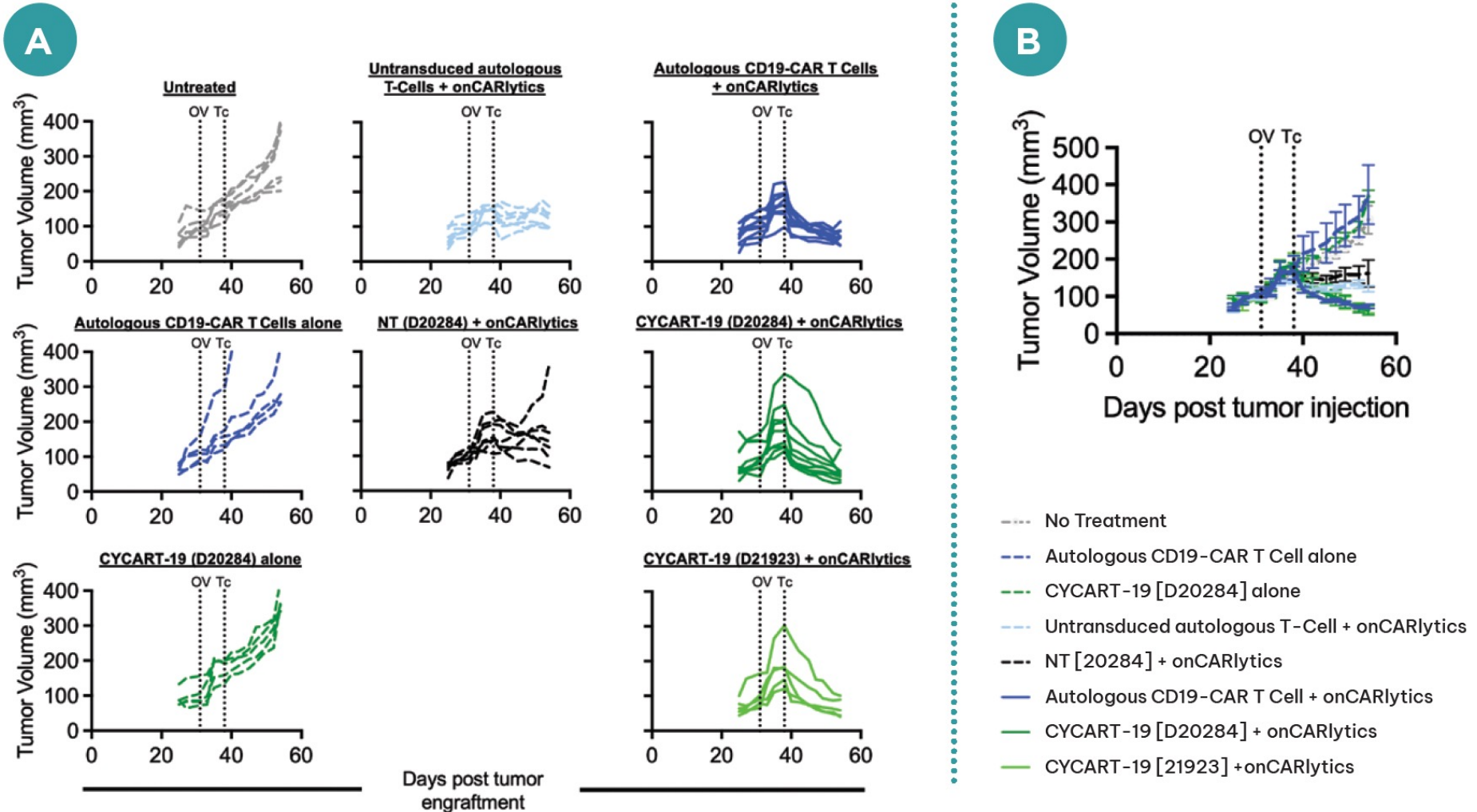


Figure 8

Anti-tumor activity of CYCART-19 in combination with onCARlytics in human xenograft triple negative breast cancer tumor model

Figure 2



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expressing CD19t
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infection in vivo.

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Figure 3

CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells effectively targets triple negative breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-468 following onCARlytics infection

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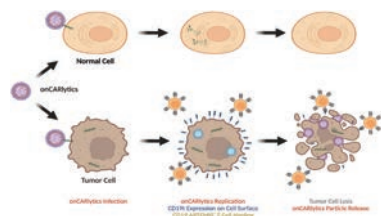
Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the world with a 5-year survival rate at less than 12%. Currently, curative treatments include ablation, surgical resection, and liver transplantation. For majority of patients with advanced-stage disease, treatment with agents such as sorafenib, lenvatinib, and atezolizumab/bevacizumab and other investigational agents yield modest success rates and justify the need for further development of new therapies. T-Cell therapy against HCC targeting antigens such as alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) and glypican-3 (GPC-3) have shown some efficacy in clinical trials with conventional challenges against solid tumors including antigen heterogeneity, the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment, and off-tumor on-target activity. Therefore, novel therapies are desperately needed to improve clinical outcomes for patients with HCC.

We have developed a novel chimeric vaccinia-based oncolytic virus, called onCARlytics (CF33-CD19t, Imugene Limited in collaboration with City of Hope*), that delivers a non-signaling, truncated CD19t (CD19t) antigen to tumors that allows for targeting of solid tumors by CD19 T-Cells. Once the CD19t is expressed on solid tumor cells, to enable cell killing, we have combined onCARlytics with CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cell, a CD19-targeting adoptive engineered T-Cell powered by the ARTEMIS® antibody-T-Cell receptor (AbTCR) platform (Eureka Therapeutics®, Inc.). ARTEMIS® AbTCR is distinct from CAR by recruiting the endogenous CD3 complex and utilizing the same activation and regulatory signaling pathways employed by natural TCRs, which enables both potent killing activity against CD19+ tumor cells and a superior safety profile. When administrated after onCARlytics, CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells were able to induce potent cytolytic activity against triple negative breast cancer and HCC tumor cells. OnCARlytics demonstrated expression of CD19t and robust in vivo anti-tumor efficacy against human HCC tumor xenografts. In summary, CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells combined with onCARlytics is a potentially effective immunotherapy strategy for the treatment of patients with HCC and can be applied to other solid tumors.

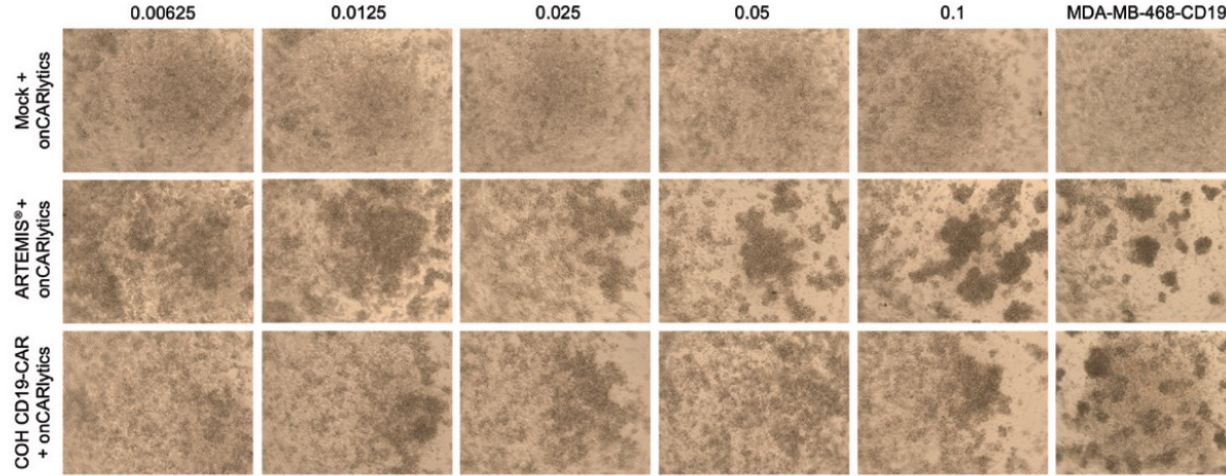
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Delivering truncated CD19t (CD19t) to tumor cells using oncolytic virus (OV) as a target for CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells.

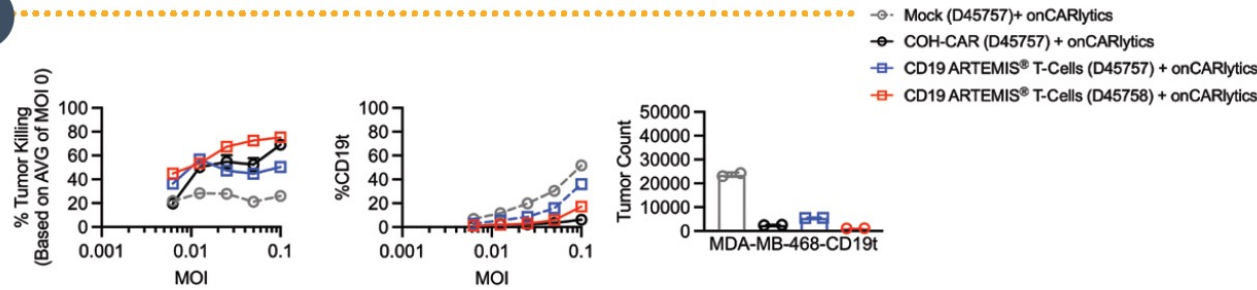
onCARlytics selectively infect solid tumor cells and deliver truncated CD19 (CD19t) as a target for CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells.



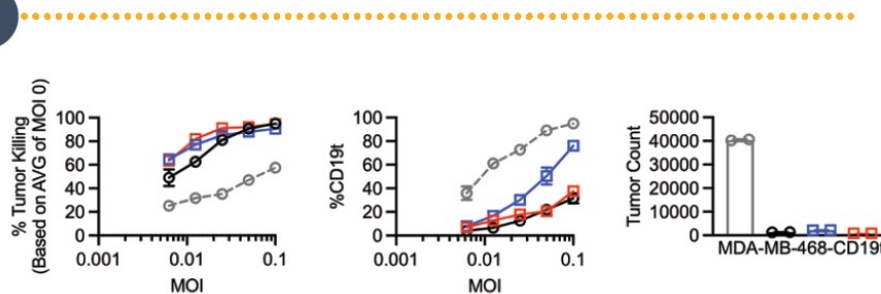
onCARlytics) TARGETS HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC)



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Summary

- onCARlytics can target triple negative breast cancer cell line MDA-MB-468 to express CD19t as a target for engineered T-Cells in an MOI-dependent manner.
- onCARlytics can target hepatocellular carcinoma cell lines HepG2 and Hep3B to express CD19t as a target for engineered T-Cells in an MOI-dependent manner.
- Eureka's CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells in combination with onCARlytics demonstrated greater in vitro efficacy against MDA-MB-468, HepG2, and Hep3B tumor cell lines compared to onCARlytics alone.
- There is an increasing trend in CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cell activation in an onCARlytics MOI-dependent manner.
- CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells demonstrated higher trend of IL-2 production and lower IFN γ production compared to COH CD19-CAR T Cells when co-cultured with onCARlytics.
- CD19t expression was detected in tumors following onCARlytics infection in vivo.
- CD19 ARTEMIS® T-Cells and onCARlytics combination therapy efficacy will be tested in multiple in vivo models.

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Figure 7

Blinatumomab dependent T-Cell infiltration following onCARlytics infection

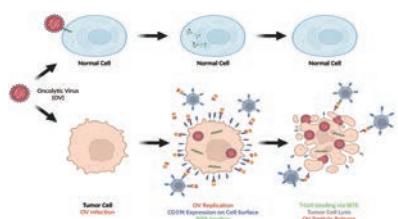
Introduction

Bispecific T-Cell engager (BiTE) monoclonal antibodies have emerged as a promising immunotherapy strategy for the treatment of hematological malignancies. Blinatumomab, an FDA approved BiTE carrying CD19 and CD3 scFv's has shown durable clinical responses for the treatment of B-Cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) and non-Hodgkins lymphomas. Despite a wide array of research in hematological malignancies, BiTE therapies for the treatment of solid tumors have remained a significant challenge in demonstrating comparable efficacy. Solid tumors often lack amenable and targetable tumor antigens, and in many tumor types the tumor microenvironment (TME) is largely known to be immunologically "cold" and a barrier to immunotherapy responses.

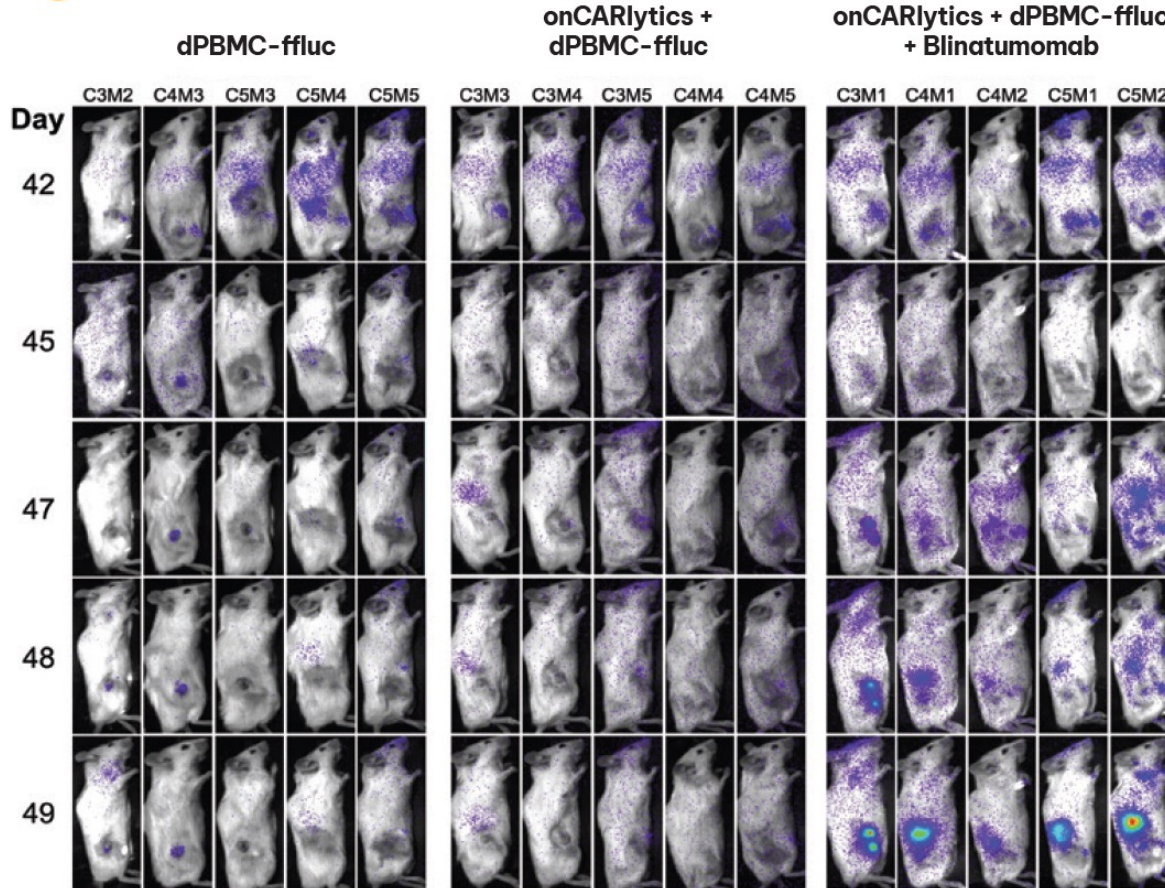
Oncolytic viruses have recently gained traction in the field for the treatment of solid tumors because of their ability to target tumor-intrinsic properties and reshape the immunosuppressive TME. We have previously described the use of a chimeric oncolytic vaccinia virus (OV), CF33, for the treatment of a variety of tumor cell types, including triple-negative breast cancer, lung cancer, and liver cancer. Building on this, we generated an OV that expresses a non-signaling, truncated CD19 (CD19t), onto the surface of infected tumor cells prior to virus mediated tumor lysis, which redirected CD19-targeting chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T Cell activity against solid tumors (Park et al. STM 2020). Using this OV, we have created a universal system that is agnostic to solid tumor type and can be provided with a targetable and well-characterized antigen. We now demonstrate that onCARlytics can redirect cytolytic functions of blinatumomab. We have demonstrated that tumors infected with onCARlytics in combination with blinatumomab show improved tumor cell killing, comparable to CD19-CAR T Cell. Using this approach, we show that a clinically-approved CD19-directed BiTE can be combined with onCARlytics to activate endogenous immune responses against solid tumors.

Figure 1

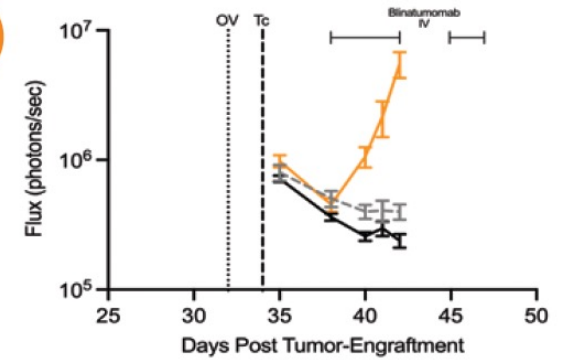
Delivering truncated CD19t (CD19t) to tumor cells using oncolytic virus (OV) as a target for bispecific T-Cell engagers (BiTEs)



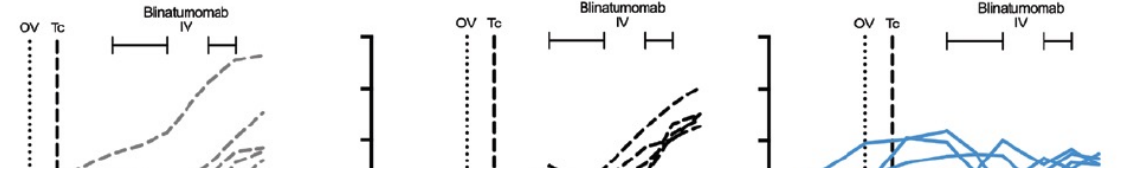
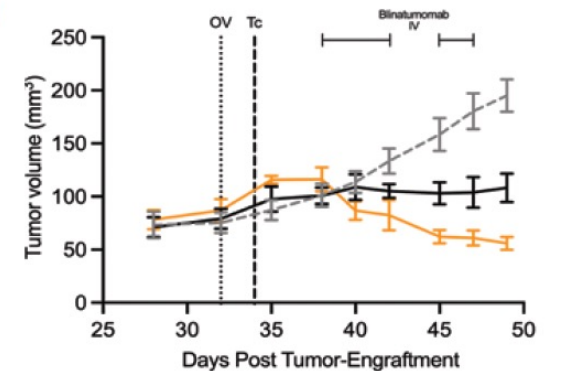
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Summary

- **CF33 OV** is an engineer novel chimeric orthopoxvirus platform that can be armed with differing “payloads”.
 - Pre-clinical studies have shown that CF33 can infect and kill a range of cancer cell types.
 - **VAXINA (CF33-hNIS)** is being evaluated in a phase 1 study for patient with metastatic and advanced solid tumors.
 - **CHECKvacc (CF33-PD-L1)** is being evaluated in a phase 1 study in patients with metastatic triple negative breast cancer.
- **onCARlytics (CF33-CD19)** is an OV that infects and inserts CD19 into solid tumor cells “marking” these cells for killing by CD19 targeting agents.
 - Three independent studies showed that onCARlytics can target and mark solid tumors (TNBC, HCC). Combination with T-cell therapies (blinatumumab, CyCART-CD-19 T-cells, and CD-19-Redirected ARTEMIS T-cell therapy) confirmed the mark and kill strategy.
- Additional studies and currently being considered.