

A paradigm shift: Cancer therapy with peptide B-cell epitopes and peptide immuno-therapeutics targeting multiple solid tumor

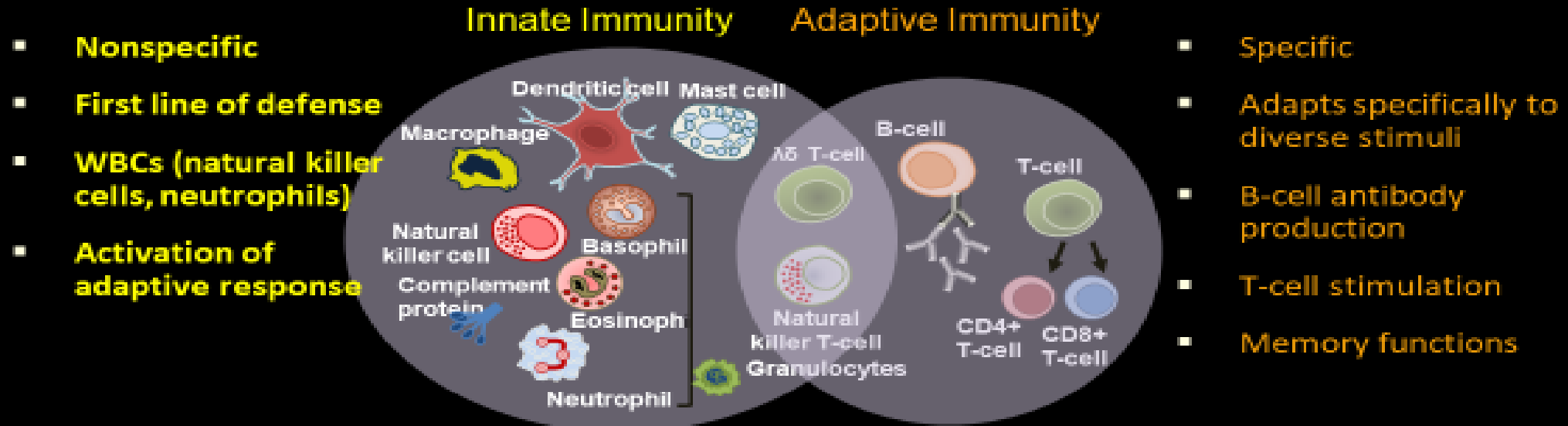
HER-2 B-CELL EPITOPE-BASED CANCER VACCINES AND COMBINATION IMMUNOTHERAPIES WITH EGFR (HER-1), HER-3, VEGF, IGF-1R , PD-1 , PD-L1 & LAG3

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Immune System Function and Immune Response

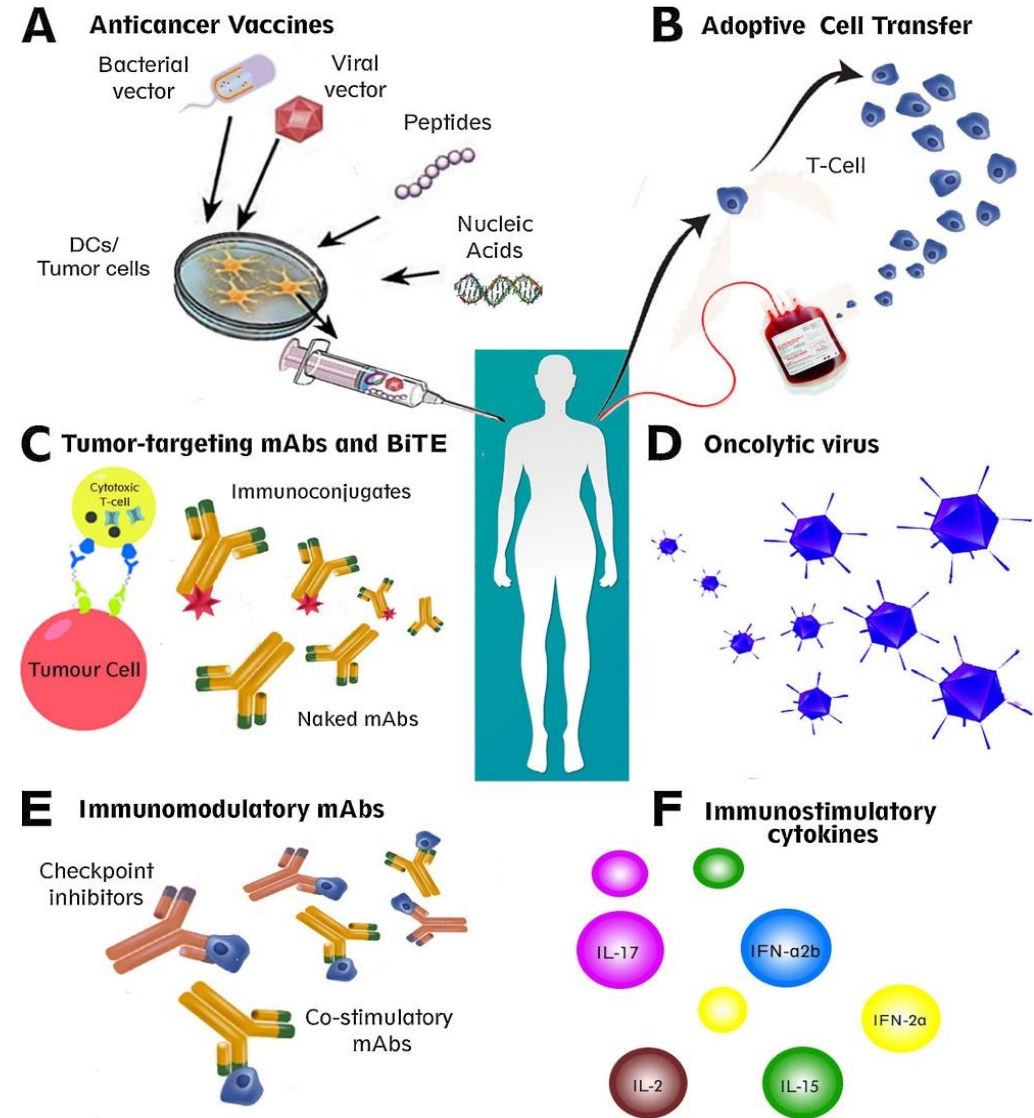
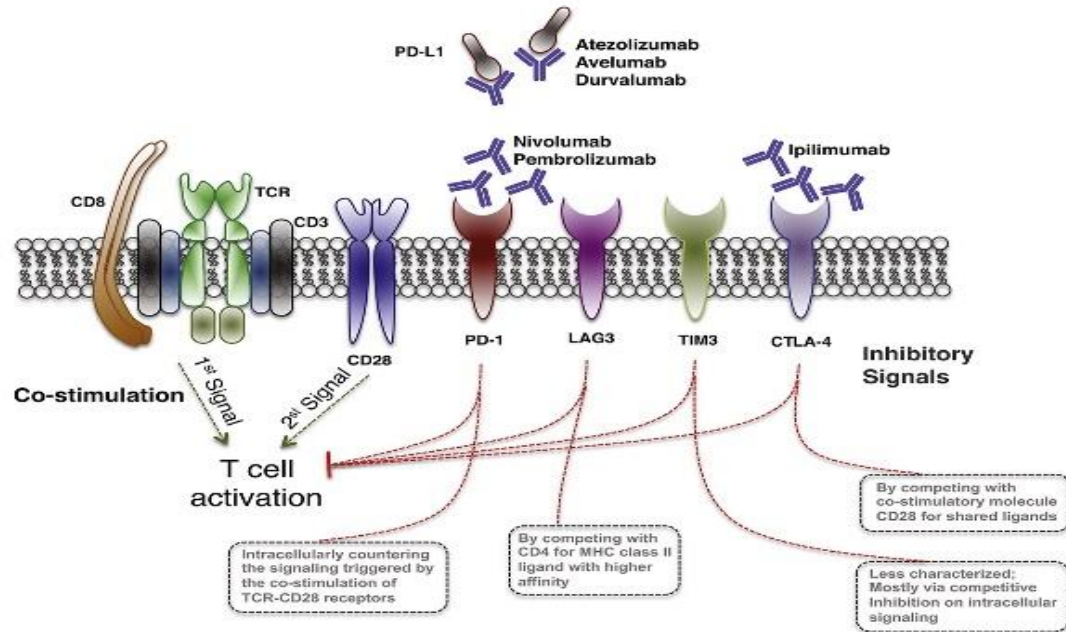
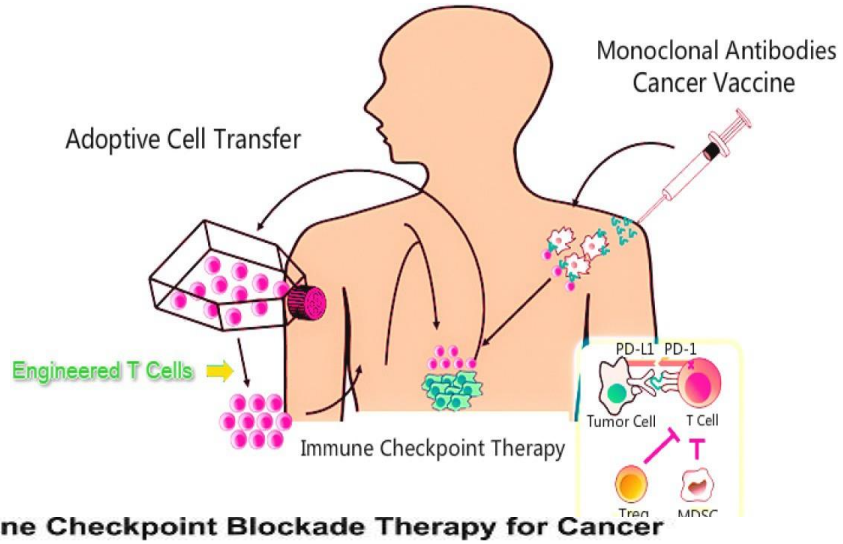
Identify and destroy foreign or abnormal cells in the body



Immune surveillance:

- **Involves both innate and adaptive immune mechanisms**
- **Goal of immunotherapy for cancer: to “educate and liberate” underlying anticancer immune responses**

Different strategies the immune system can be harnesses to target cancer



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HARNESSING B-CELLS FOR CANCER VACCINES and IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY

Monoclonal antibodies are manufactured in a facility

**HER-2: ROCHE (Trastuzumab) Herceptin®
(Pertuzumab) Perjeta®**

**PD-1: MERCK'S (Pembrolizumab) Keytruda®
BMS (Nivolumab) Opdivo®**

PD-L1: Atezolizumab) Tecentric®

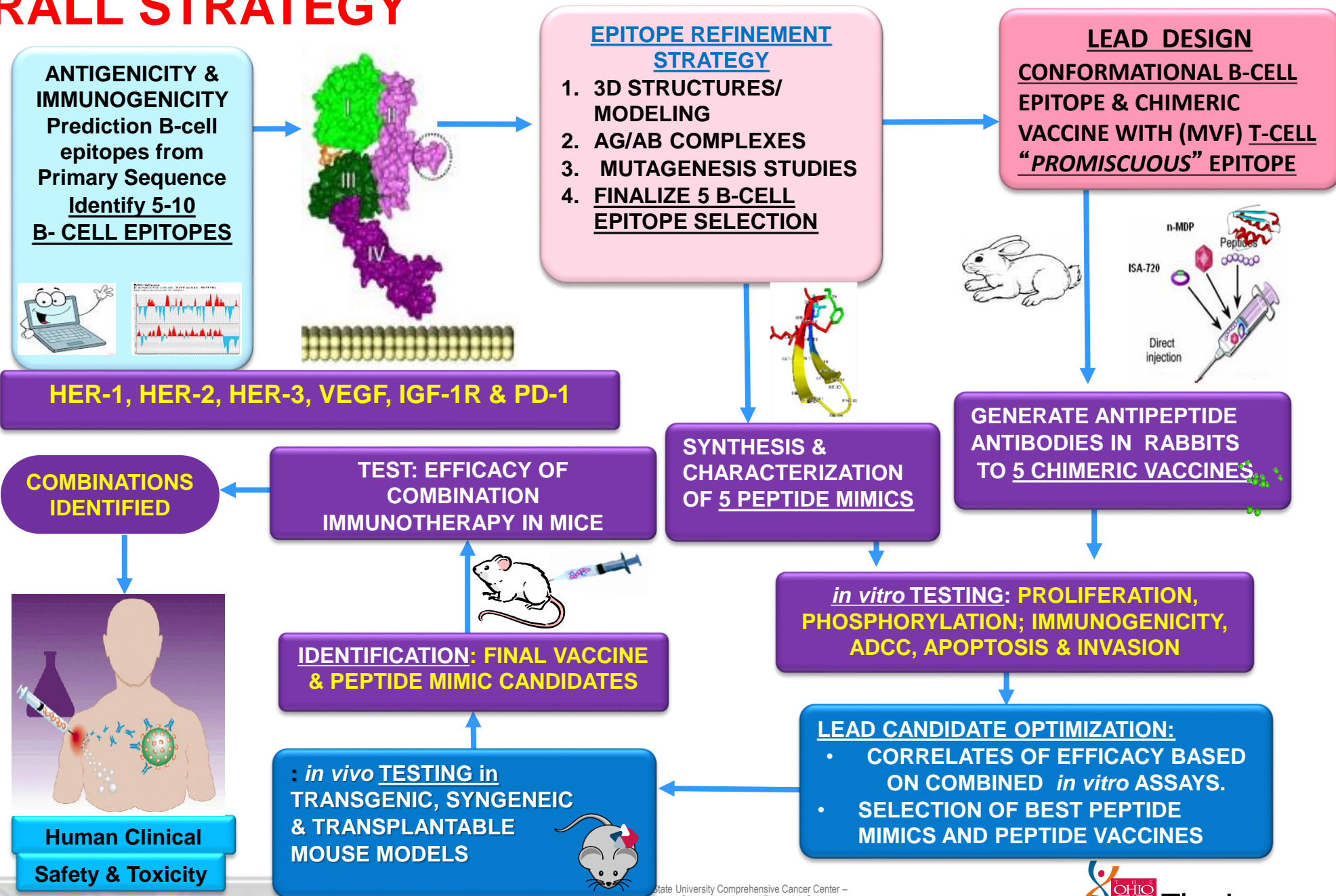
IS THERE
A BETTER
WAY TO MAKE
ANTIBODIES
TO TREAT
CANCER?

B-cells are cells in the human body that naturally produce millions of antibodies

ENGINEERING
CHIMERIC B-cell &
"Promiscuous" T cell
epitope vaccine

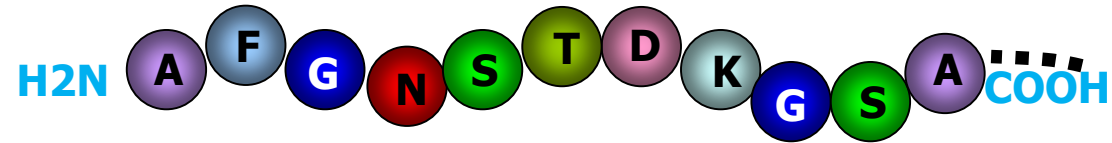
Teaching
B-cells to make
antibodies using
peptide antigens

OVERALL STRATEGY



New Paradigm: WHY B-CELL PEPTIDE VACCINES/THERAPEUTICS

PEPTIDES



As VACCINES

Majority of vaccine studies designed to elicit **CTL's** no approved

T- cell vaccine by FDA- likely due to lack of checkpoint

B & T Cell epitopes easily identified to stimulate antitumor immune responses

Active immunization with antigenic **B-cell peptides** – can stimulate patient's own immune system to develop specific high affinity

natural polyclonal antibodies- superior to treatment with mAbs

Must contain both a **conformational B-cell epitope**, a “**Promiscuous**” T-cell epitope and requires an **adjuvant/vehicle**

As THERAPEUTICS

Inhibitors of signaling pathways and Receptor:ligand interactions

Less immunogenic than recombinant proteins or mAbs

Generally small quantities are necessary to activate target receptors

Degradation to amino acids may be advantageous

Stabilized for enhanced stability

ADVANTAGES OF B-CELL PEPTIDE APPROACH

PEPTIDE VACCINES

- Safe, nontoxic, highly stable, cost effective and easily manufactured
- No oncogenic material included
- **Elicits B and T cell memory responses**
- Stimulates patient's own immune system to produce polyclonal antibodies
- Multi-epitope approach leads to broad antigen recognition and universal coverage ("promiscuous" T cell epitope)
- Elicit potent anti-tumor responses
- Break tumor tolerance

As PEPTIDE THERAPEUTICS

- safe and viable therapeutic goal
- effective blocking signaling pathways
- high affinity, selectivity and potency

DISADVANTAGES OF PRESENT THERAPIES

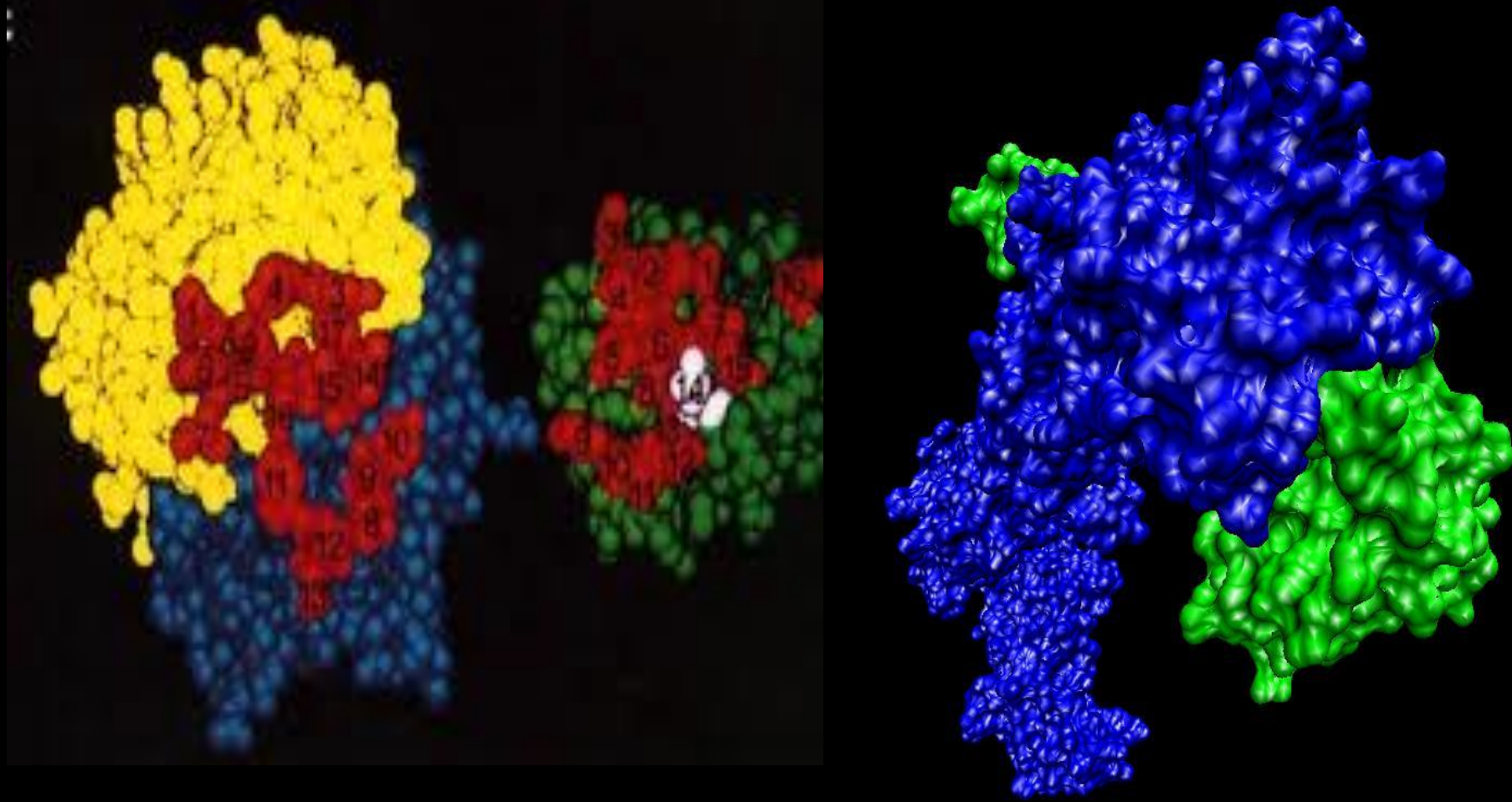
HUMANIZED MAB'S

- Poor penetration across tissues
- Ineffective tumor targeting
- Half life 12 days- requires infusion of weakly large quantities of humanized antibodies-resulting in toxicity
- Treatment is very expensive
- Cross-linking leads potential Immunogenicity
- Cardiotoxicity, GI perforation
- **NO IMMUNOLOGICAL MEMORY**
- **TREATMENT NOT A CURE**
- **RESISTANCE** to Targeted Therapies

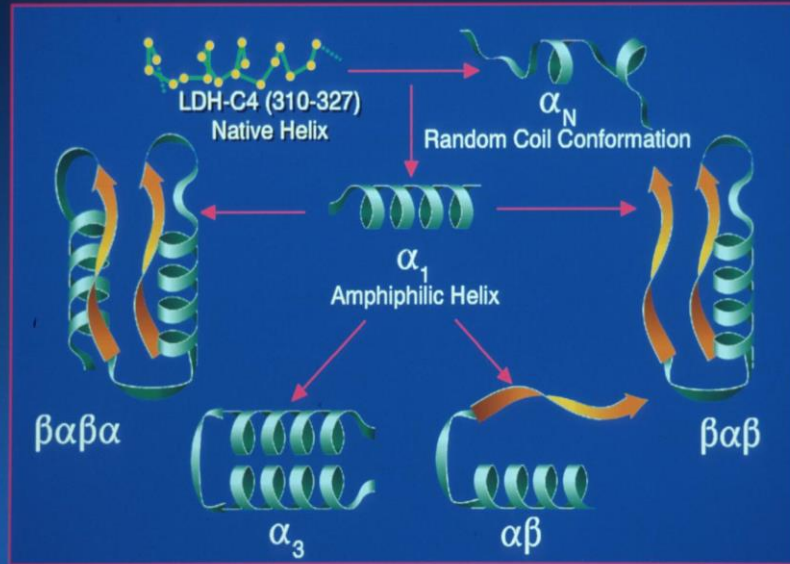
SMALL MOLECULE RTK'S

- Highly toxic, non-specific activity,
- serious side effects

Antibody B-Cell epitopes are conformational



Designing Conformational B-Cell Peptide Epitope is a requisite to elicit high affinity Ab responses

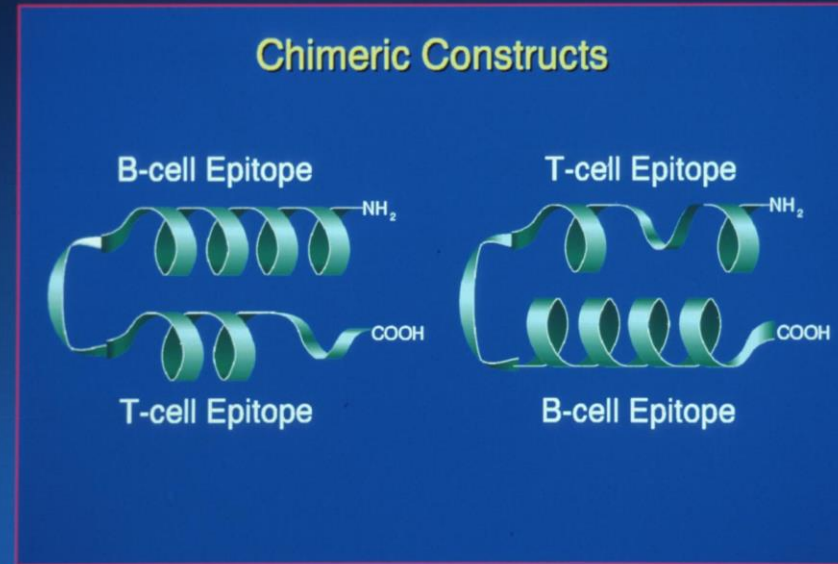


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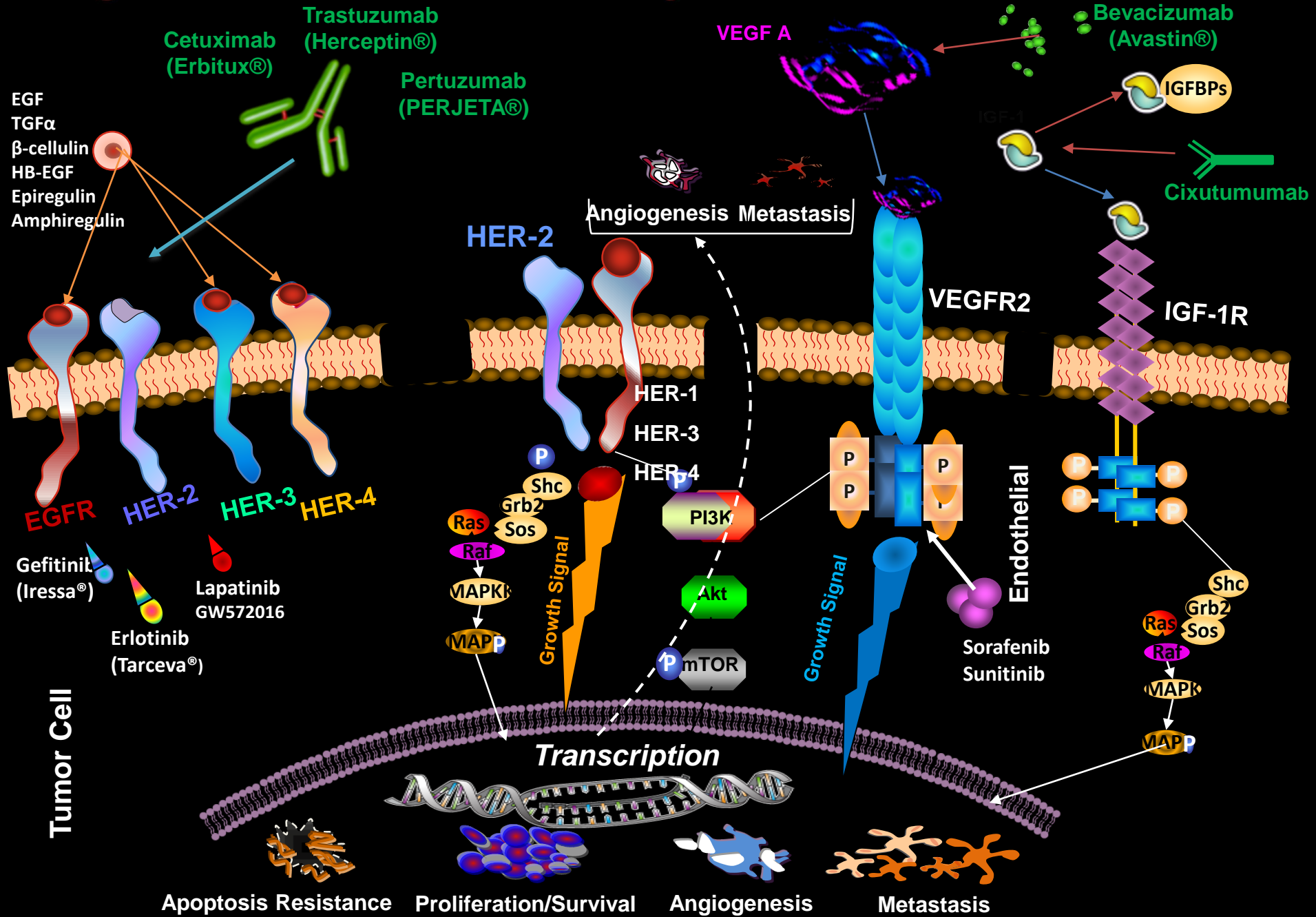
Inclusion of Promiscuous T cell Epitopes required to broaden Immune Response- Universal Vaccine



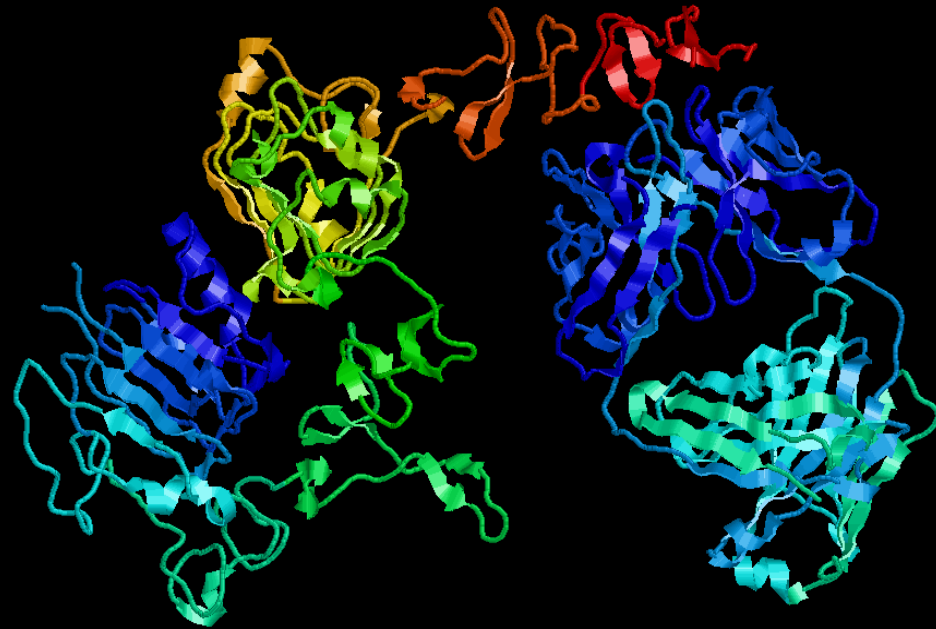
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Signal Transduction Pathways Drive Cancer Metastasis



HER-2 & Trastuzumab COMPLEX

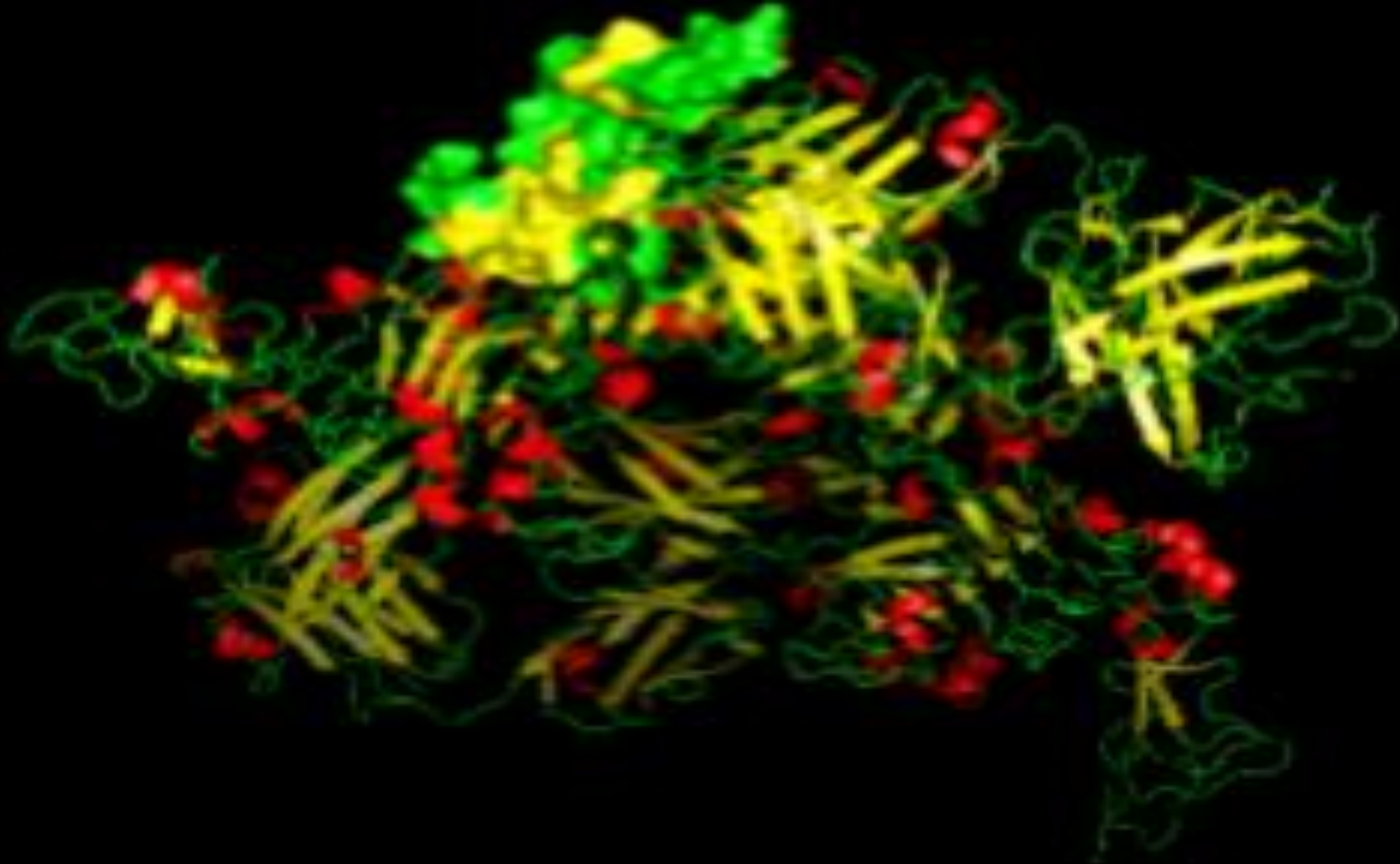


2nd GENERATION ENGINEERED HER-2 VACCINE

Designation	Peptide	Sequence	M.Wt. (da)
MVF 563 CYC	563-598 peptide with 3 disulfide bonds	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- CHPECQPQNGSVTFCFGPEADQCVACAHYKDPPFCVA-COOH	6181
MVF 585 CYC	585-598 peptide with one disulfide bond	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- VACAHYKDPPFCVA-COOH	3856
MVF 597 CYC	597-626 peptide with one disulfide bond	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- VARCPSGVKPDL SYMPIWKFPDEEGACQPL	5672
MVF 613	613-626 peptide	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- IWKFPDEEGACQPL-COOH	3977

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HER-2 AND PERTUZUMAB COMPLEX

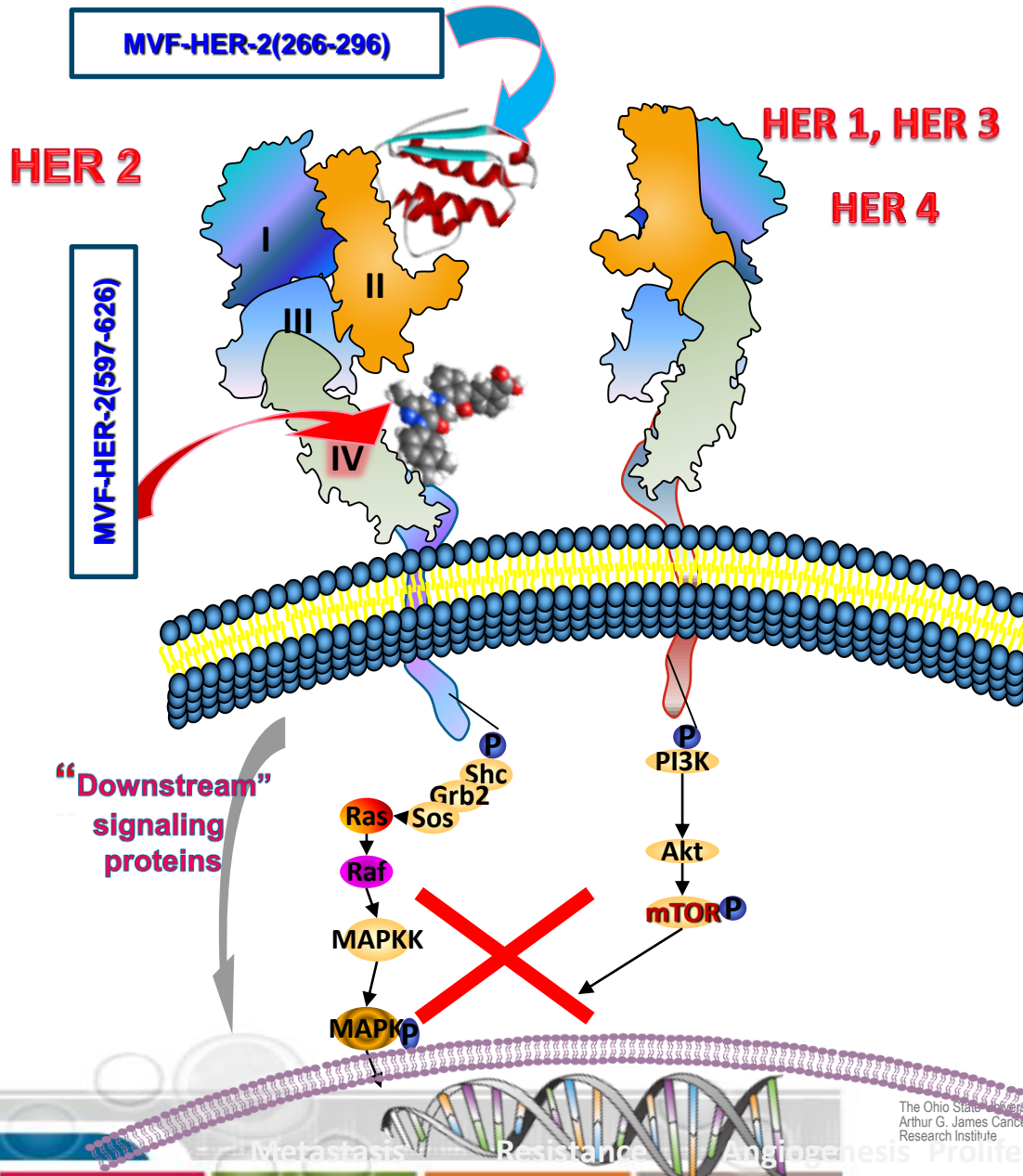


PEPTIDE VACCINES HER-2/PERTUZUMAB STRUCTURE

Designation	Peptide	Sequence	M.Wt. (da)
MVF 266 CYC	266-296 peptide with one disulfide bond	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- LHCPA LVTYNTDTFESMPNPEGRYTFGASCV-COOH	5423
MVF 298 CYC	298-333 peptide with two disulfide bonds	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- ACPYNYLSTDVGSCTLVCP LHNQEVT AEDGTQRCEK-COOH	6297
MVF 315 CYC	315-333 peptide with one disulfide bond	H₂N-KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE-GPSL- CPLHNQEVT AEDGTQRCEK-COOH	4493

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PHASE I/IIA CLINICAL TRIAL- COMBINATION OF MVF-HER-2 PEPTIDES 266-296 (pertuzumab-like) & 597-626 (trastuzumab-like)



- NCI Funds- CA 135608: \$750,000
- FORE CANCER RESEARCH-\$150,000
- OSU CCC Pelotonia-\$100,000

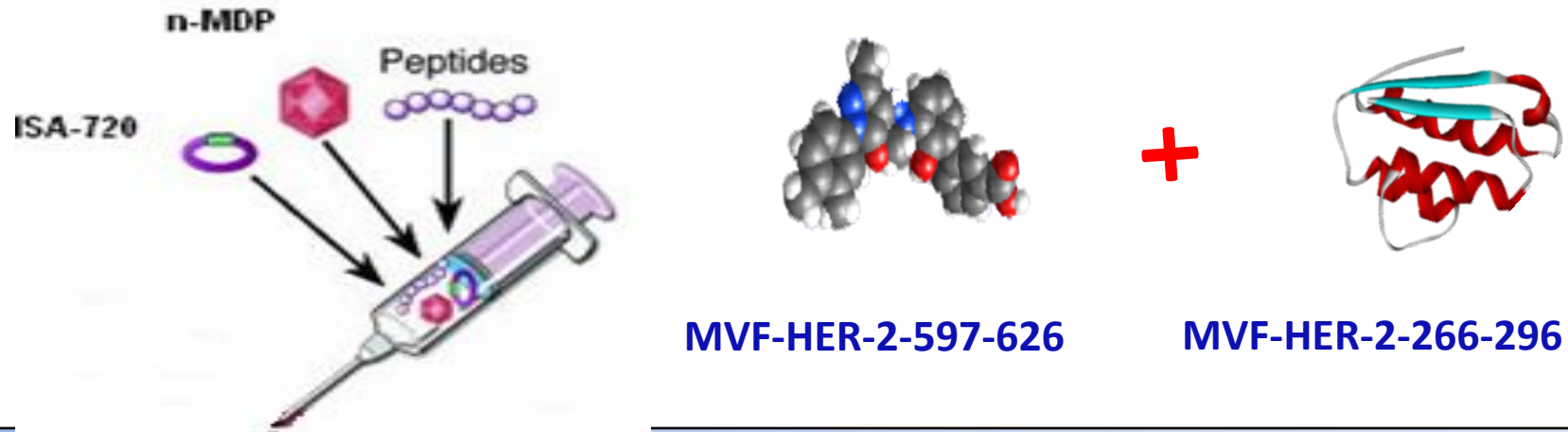
- ◆ GMP Vaccine Manufacturing
 - FDA IND FEB 2012
 - BBIND # 14633
 - IRB- OSU 09138-MAY 2012-2010C0075

- ✓ NCI Trial Identifier: 2011-00920
- ✓ ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT-01376505

- Trial Accrual-2012@ OSU James Cancer Hospital
- Primary Aims: Determine OBD, safety, toxicity and correlate immune effects

Phase II Efficacy Trial Start Dec 2018

Dose Levels:

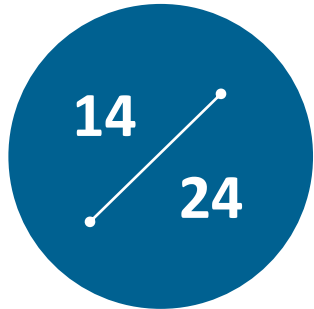


Total Phase 1: 51 Patients			
Dose level (patients)	MVF-HER-2(597-626) + MVF-HER-2(266-296) mg	Nor-MDP(mg)	Vehicle: Seppic ISA 720 volume (ml)
1 (6)	1.0 + 1.0 = 2.0 mg	0.025	1.0
2 (6)	1.5 + 1.5 = 3.0 mg	0.025	1.0
3 (6)	2.0 + 2.0 = 4.0 mg	0.025	1.0
4 (6)	2.5 + 2.5 = 5.0 mg	0.025	1.0

HARNESSING B-CELLS FOR CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

HER-2 VACCINE (B-VAXX) PI & IND Holder: Pravin Kaumaya ; Licensed to IMUGENE

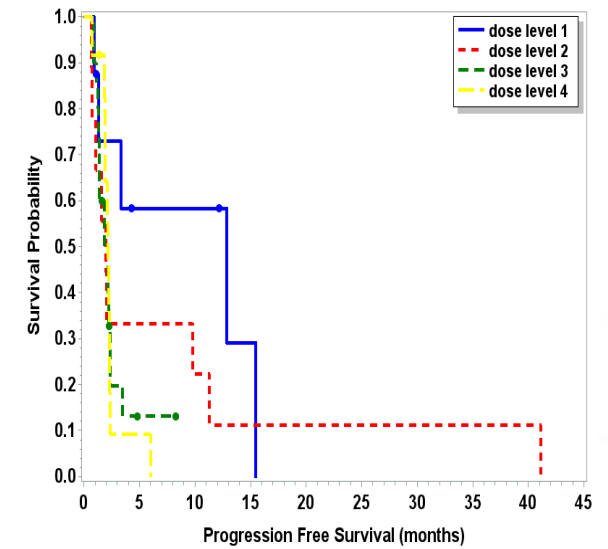
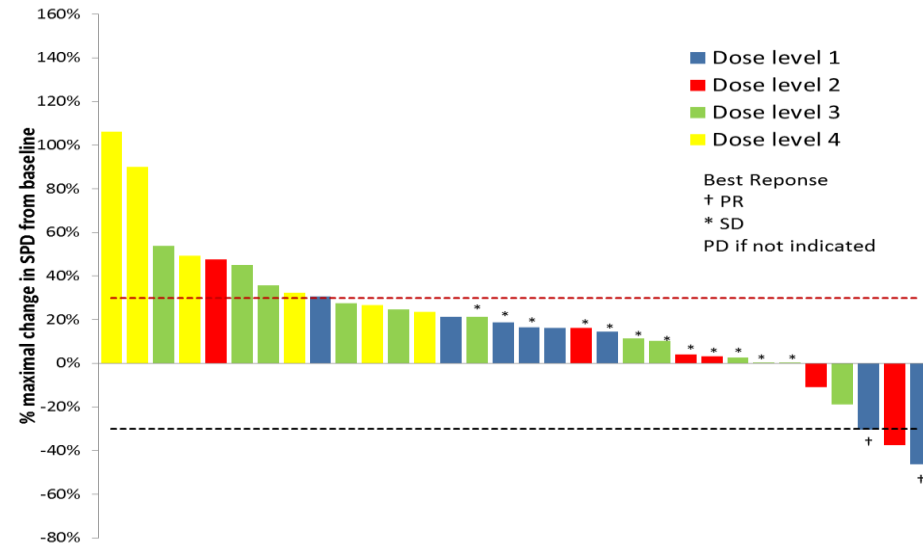
ENCOURAGING PHASE 1 TRIAL RESULTS



Patients had stable disease

- 2 out of 24 patients had partial response.
- 1 patient had PFS at 40+ months
- 6 patients received 6 months boost

NO TOXICITY OBSERVED



Phase I Immunotherapy Trial with Two Chimeric HER-2 B-cell Peptide Vaccines Emulsified in Montanide ISA 720VG and Nor-MDP Adjuvant in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors. Tanius Bekaii-Saab, Robert Wesolowski, Daniel H. Ahn, Christina Wu, Amir Mortazavi, Maryam Lustberg, Bhuvanewari Ramaswamy, Jeffrey Fowler, Lai Wei, Jay Overholser, and Pravin T.P. Kaumaya.

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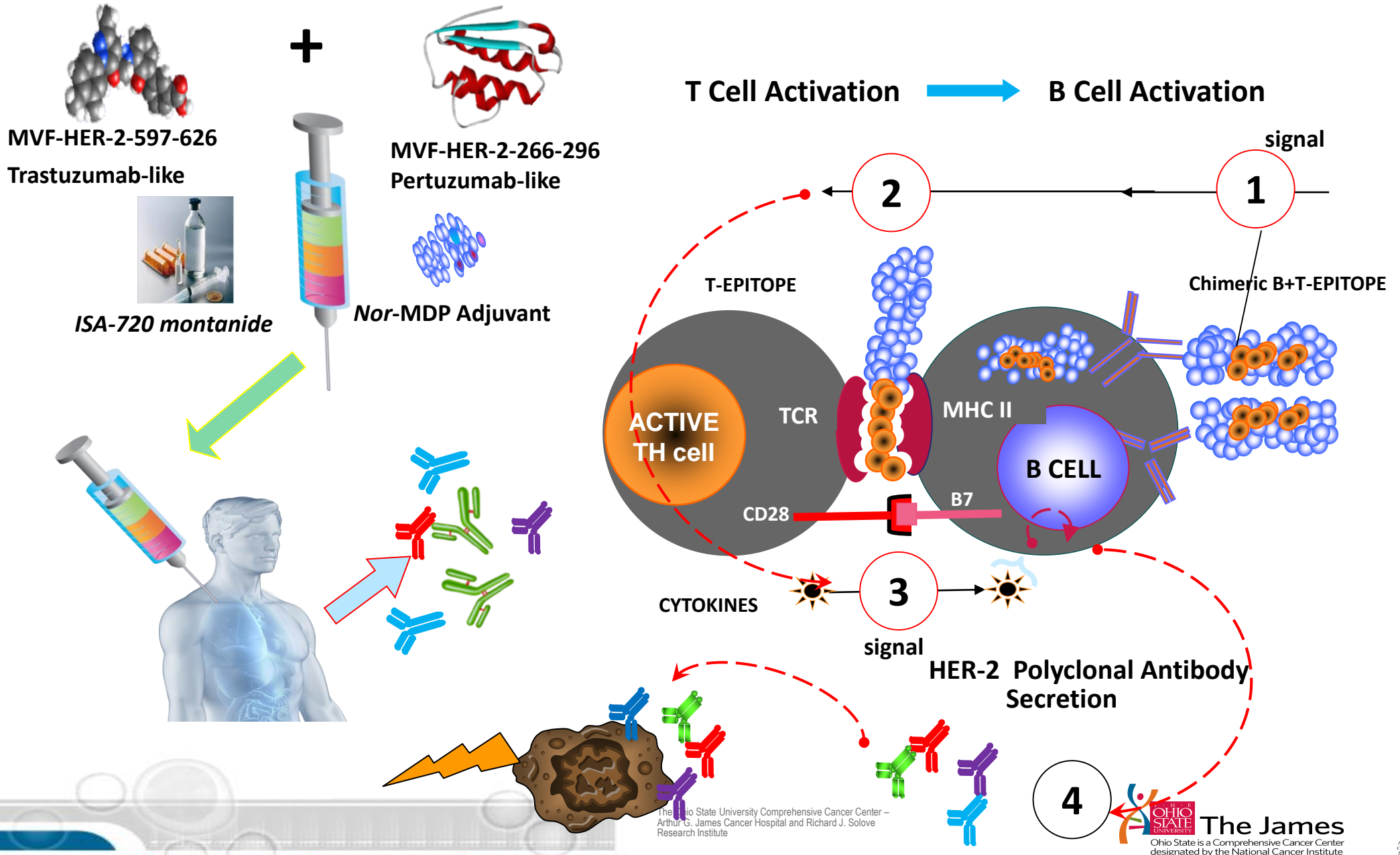


PHASE II TRIAL ongoing at the James Cancer Hospital:

PI: P Kaumaya

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THE VACCINE WORKS IN INNOVATIVE WAYS



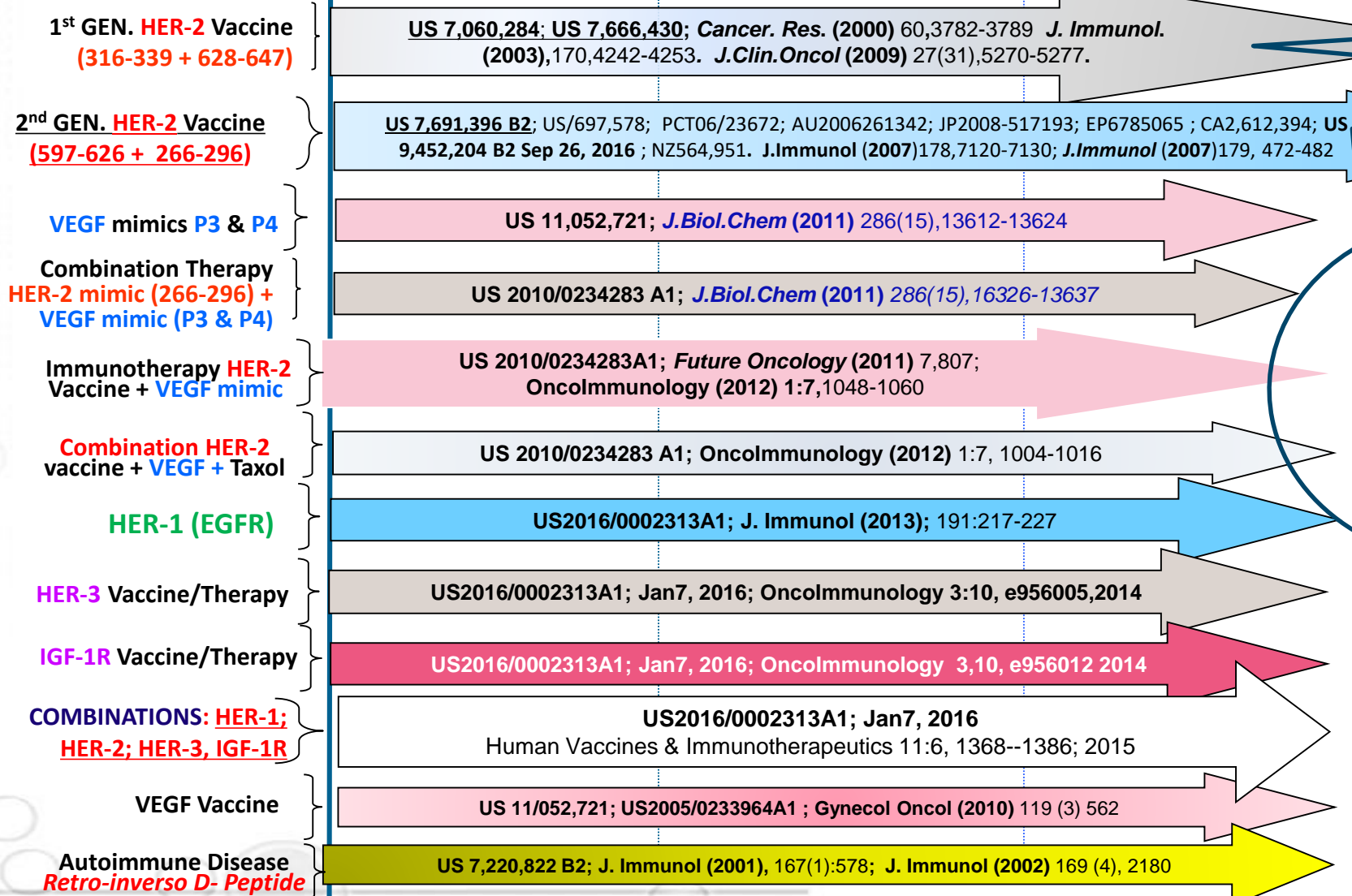
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OSU Immunotherapy & Vaccine Program LICENSED TO IMUGENE

Developmental Phase: Pre clinical

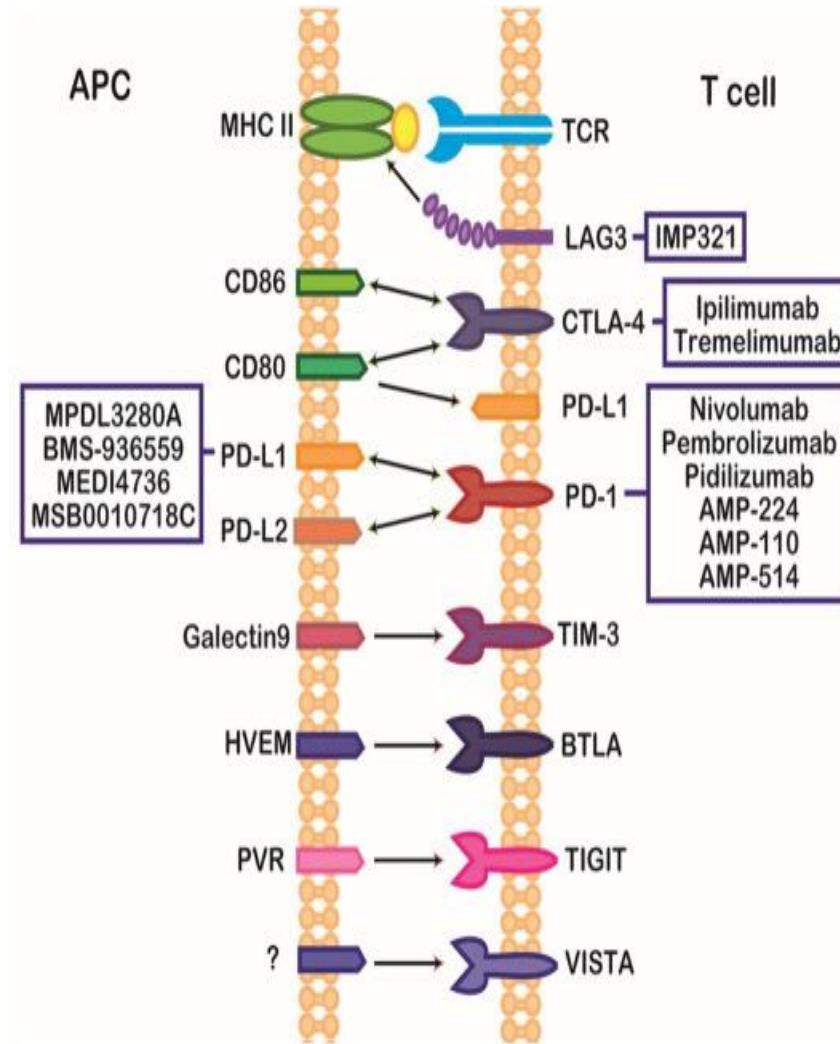
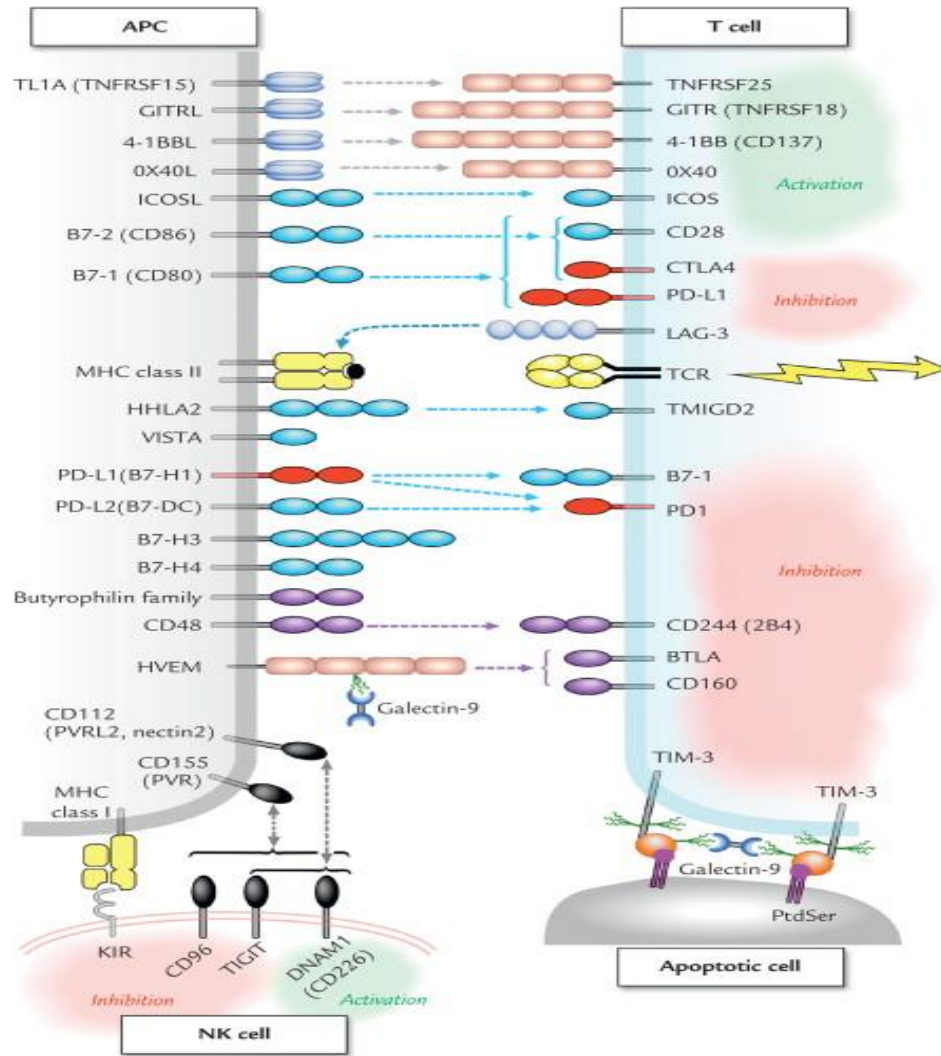
Product Development Phase II & III

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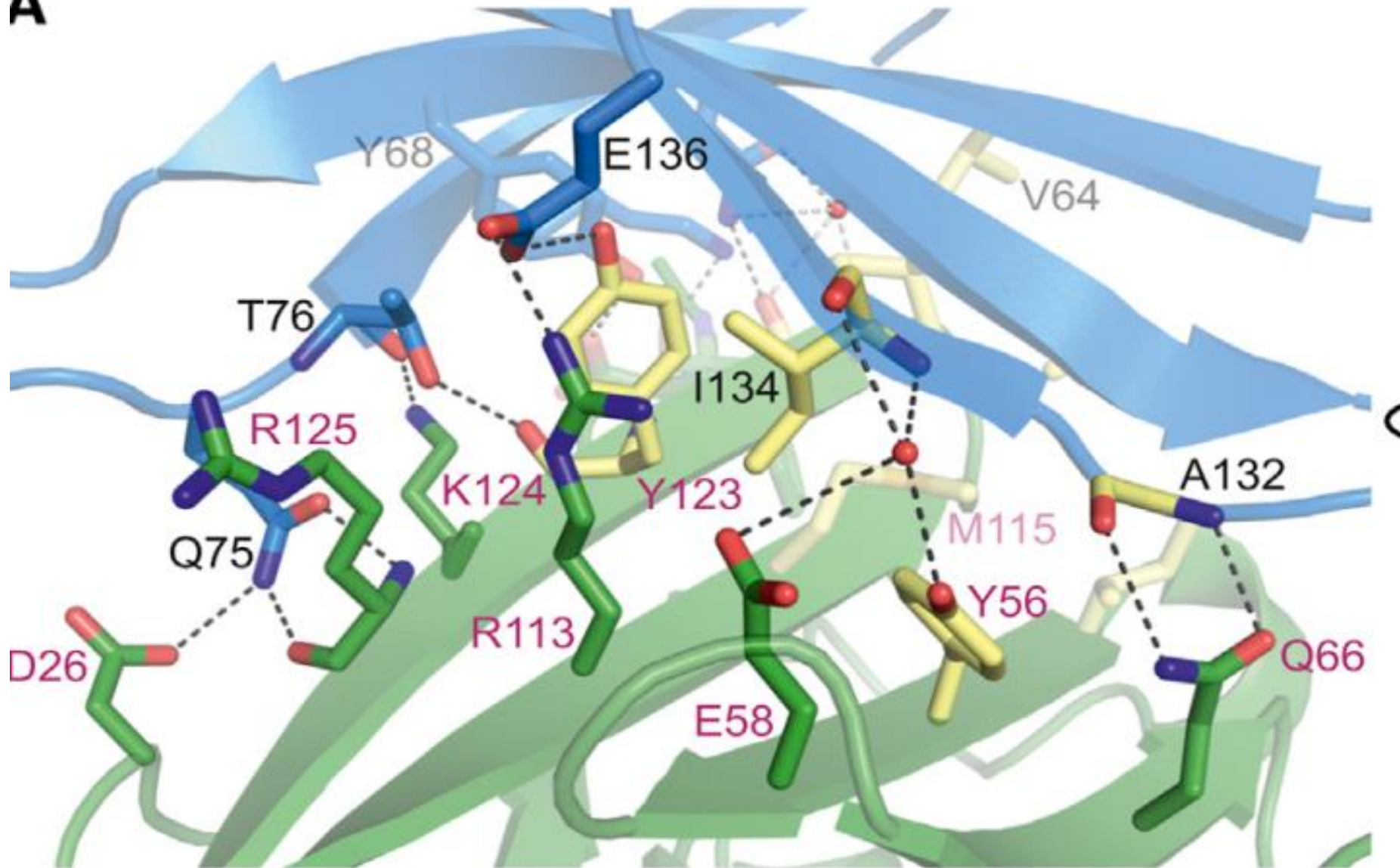
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IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS MAY LEAD TO THE NEXT-GENERATION CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

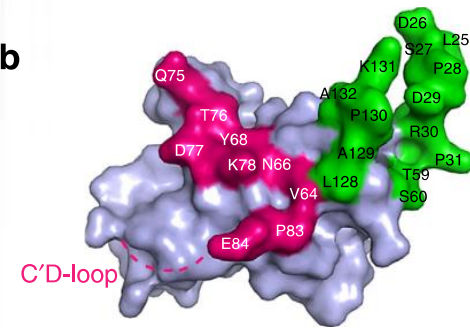
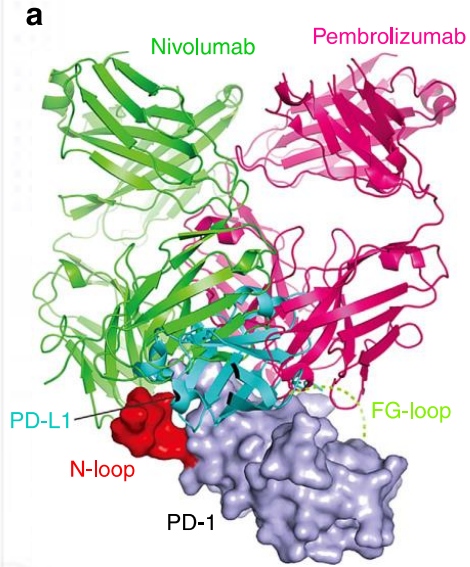


HUMAN PD-1 PREDICTED B-CELL EPITOPES*

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PD-1 B CELL VACCINES IDENTIFIED



PEPTIDES	AMINO ACID SEQUENCES OF SYNTHESIZED PD-1 PEPTIDES
PD-1 (32-50)	H ₂ N- ³² V-L-N-W-Y-R-M-S-P-S-N-Q-T-D-K-L-A-A-F ⁵⁰ -CONH ₂
AC-PD-1 (32-50)	CH ₃ CONH- ³² V-L-N-W-Y-R-M-S-P-S-N-Q-T-D-K-L-A-A-F ⁵⁰ -CONH ₂
MVF-PD-1 (32-50)	KLLSLIKGVIVHRLEGVE- <u>GPSL</u> - V-L-N-W-Y-R-M-S-P-S-N-Q-T-D-K-L-A-A-F-CONH ₂
PD-1 (45-64)	H ₂ N- ⁴⁵ K-L-A-A-F-P-E-D-R-S-Q-P-G-Q-D-C-R-F-R ⁶⁴ CONH ₂
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PD-1 (73-90)	H ₂ N- ⁷³ D-F-H-M-S-V-V-R-A-R-R-N-D-S-G-T-Y-L ⁹⁰ -CONH ₂
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PD-1 (92-110)	H ₂ N- ⁹² G-A-I-S-L-A-P-K-A-Q-I-K-E-S-L-R-A-E-L ¹¹⁰ -CONH ₂
AC-PD-1 (92-110)	CH ₃ CONH- ⁹² G-A-I-S-L-A-P-K-A-Q-I-K-E-S-L-R-A-E-L ¹¹⁰ -CONH ₂
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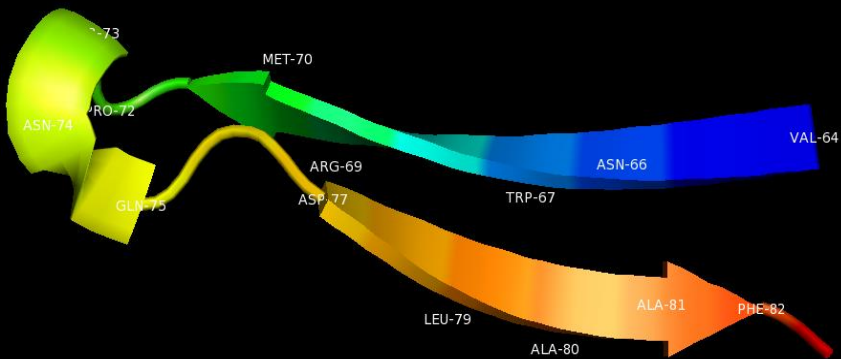
PD1-Vaxx PD-1 epitope

PD1-Vaxx peptide vaccine

Engineered HUMAN PD-1 *B-CELL* EPITOPES

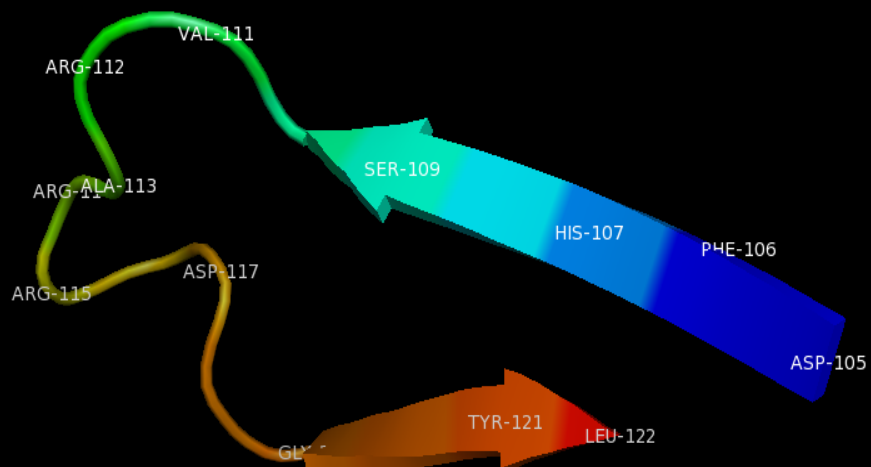
PD-1: 32-50:

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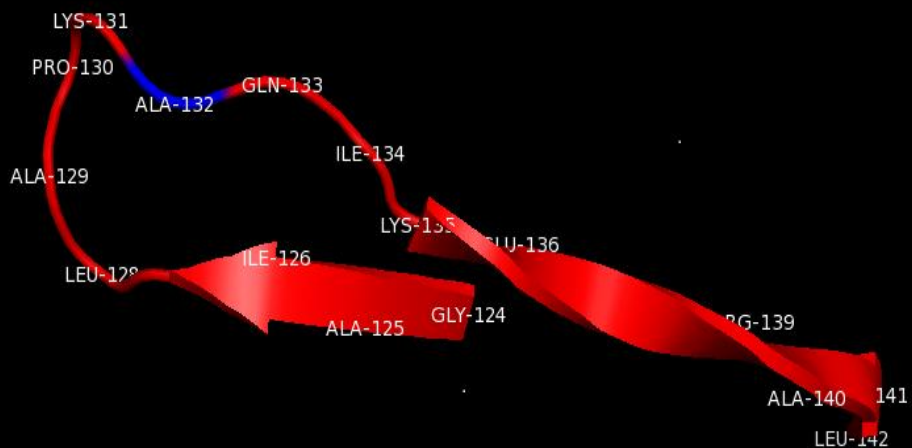
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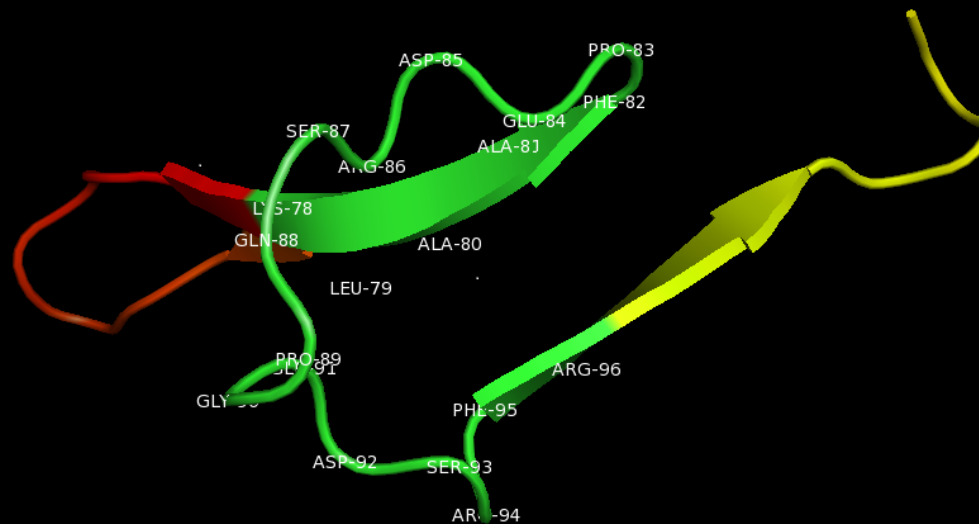
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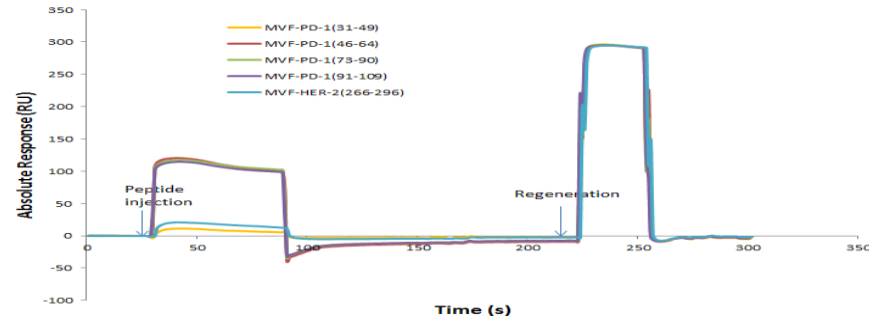
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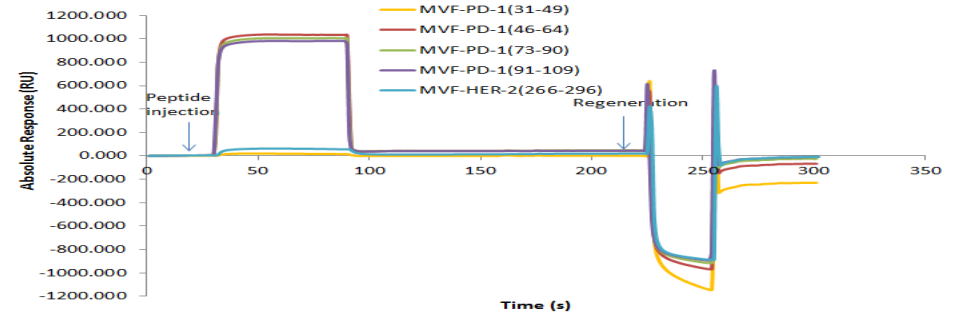


BINDING of HuPD-1 B-CELL EPITOPES to rPD-L1 & NIVOLUMAB

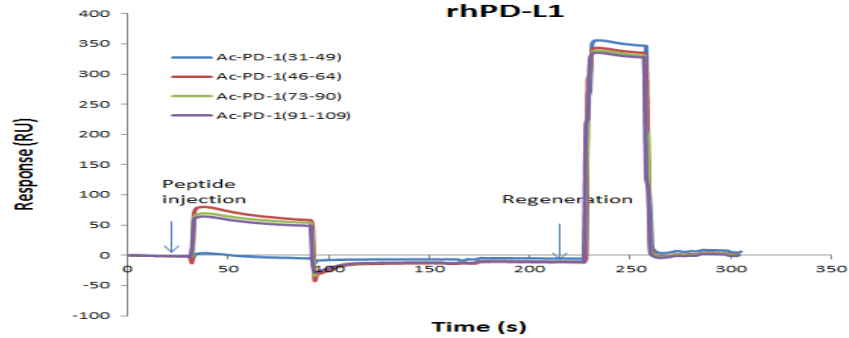
MVF-PD-1 peptides binding to immobilized rhPD-L1



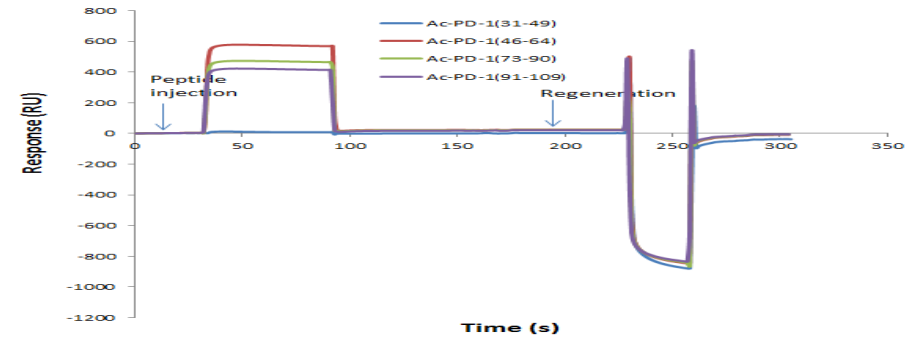
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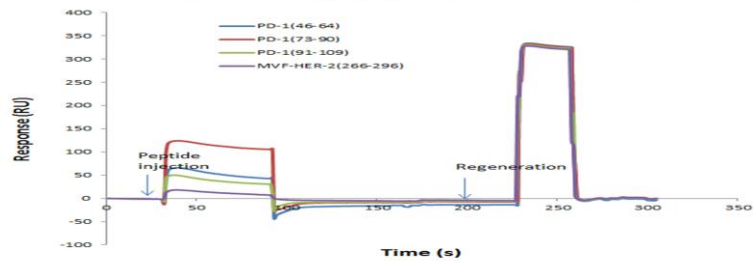
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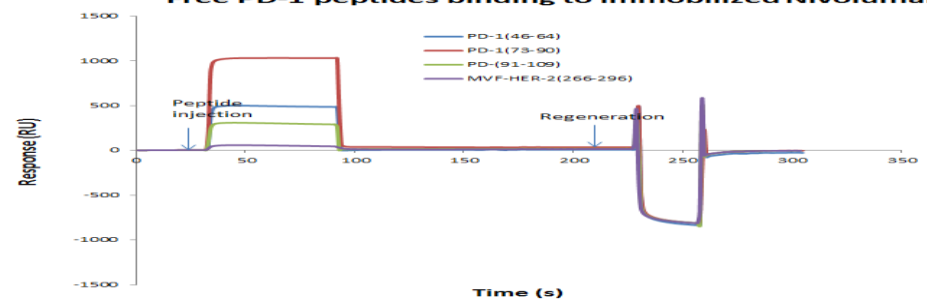
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Free PD-1 peptides binding to immobilized rhPD-L1



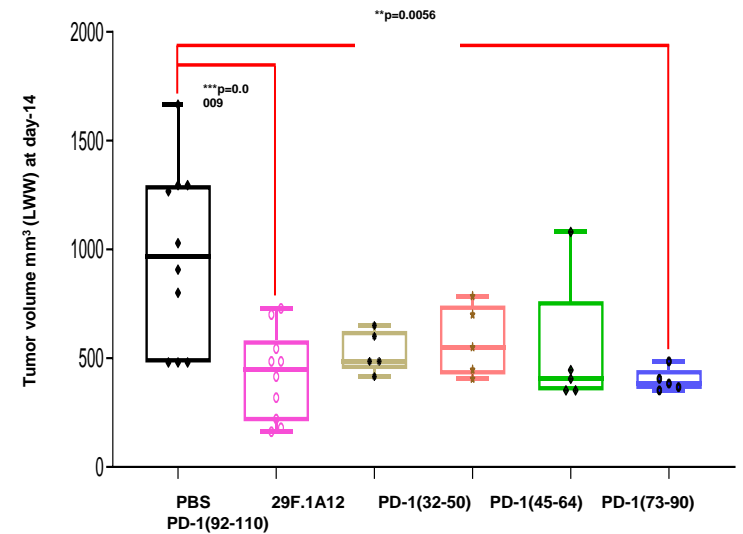
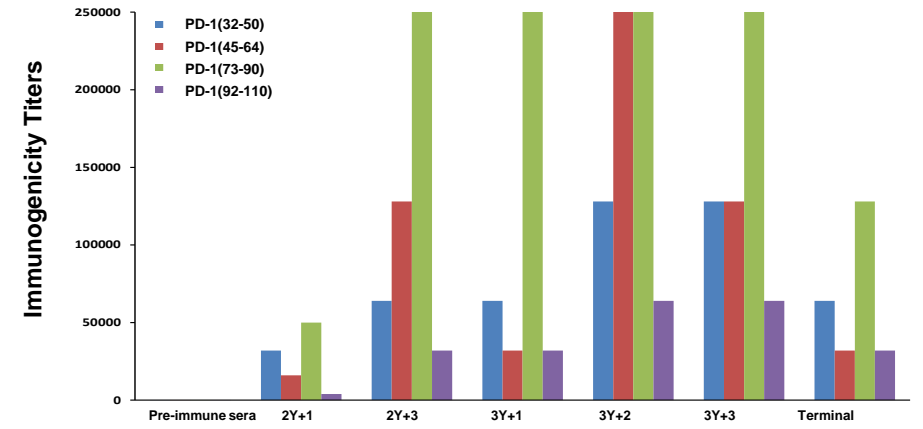
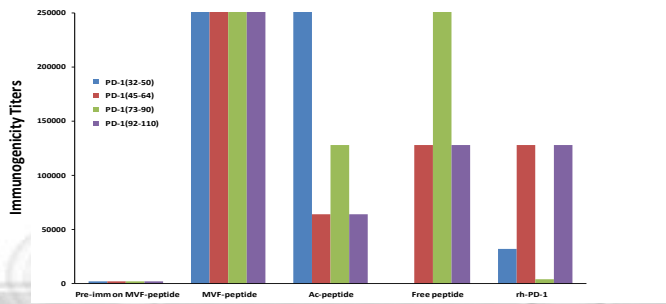
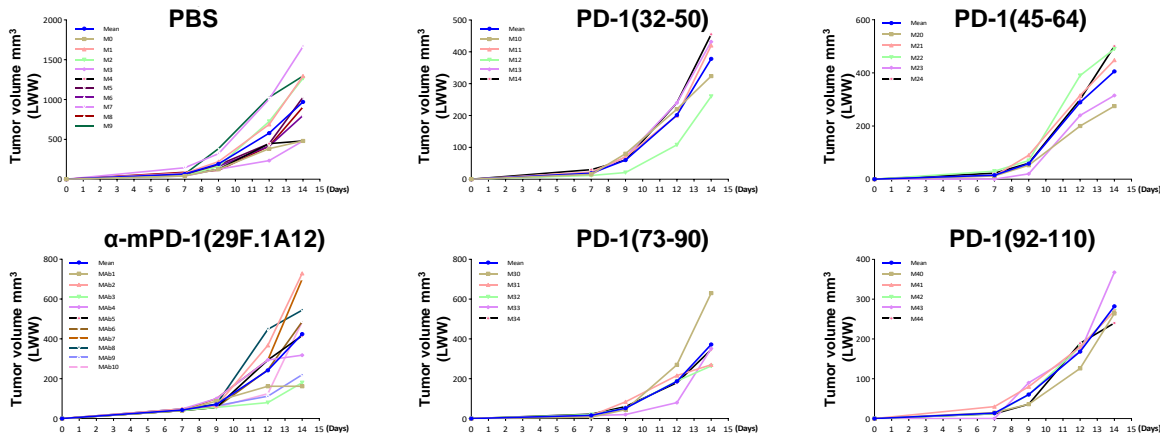
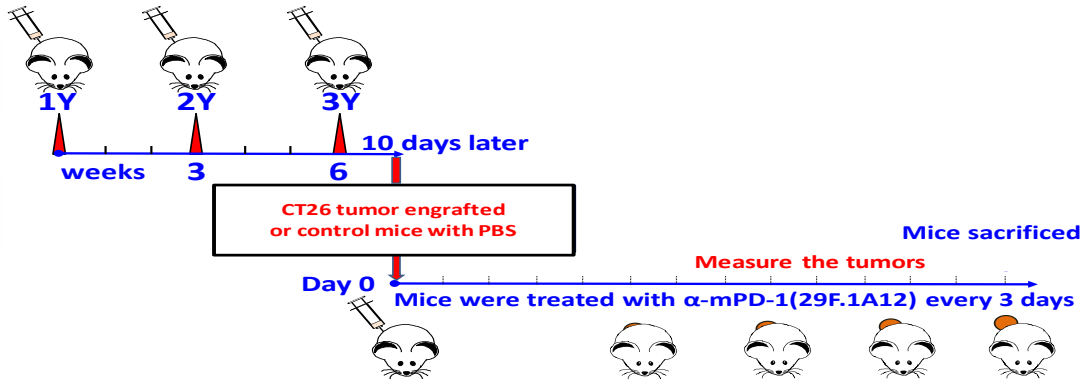
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EPITOPE SCREENING OF HUMAN PD-1 B-CELL EPITOPES IN SYNGENEIC Balb/c CT26 COLON CANCER MODEL

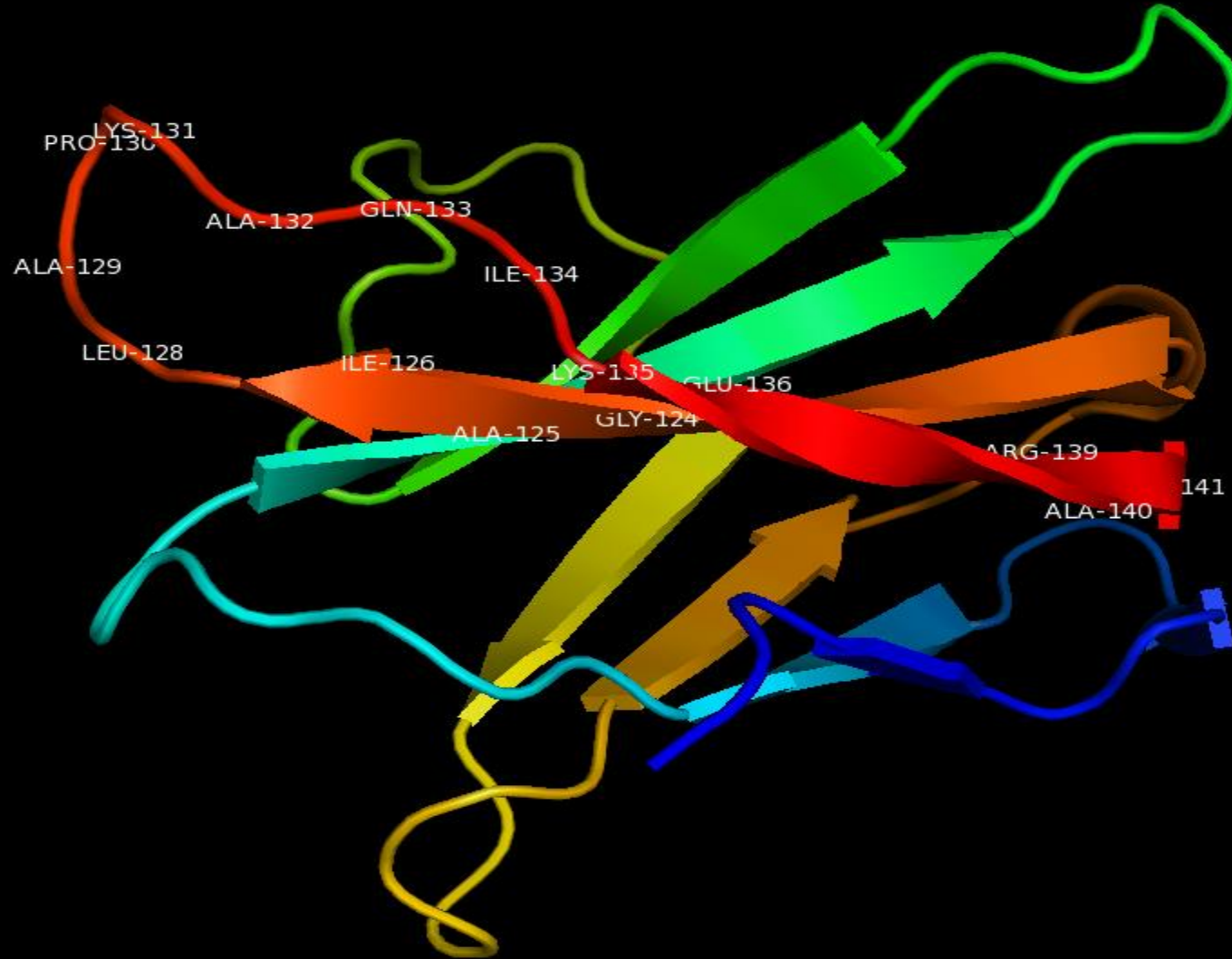
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Immunized every 3 weeks



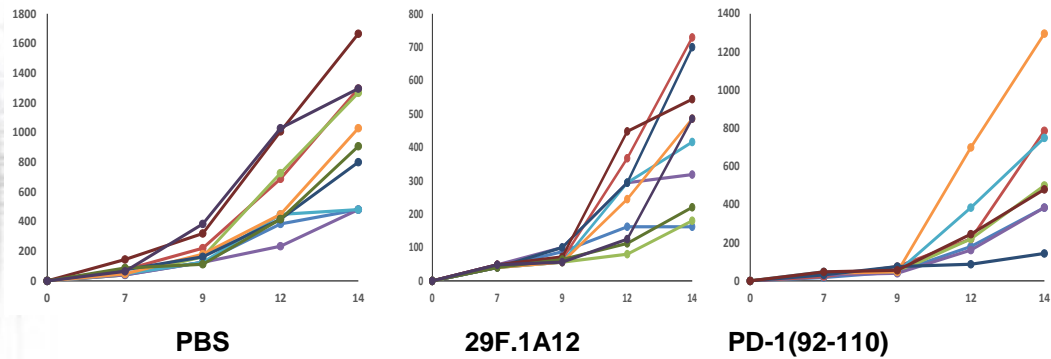
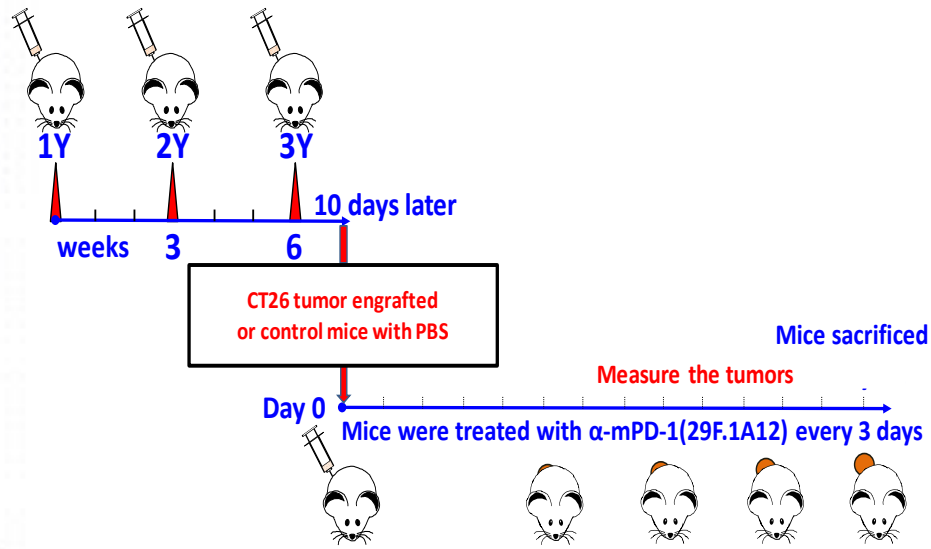
HUMAN PD1-Vaxx (92-110)

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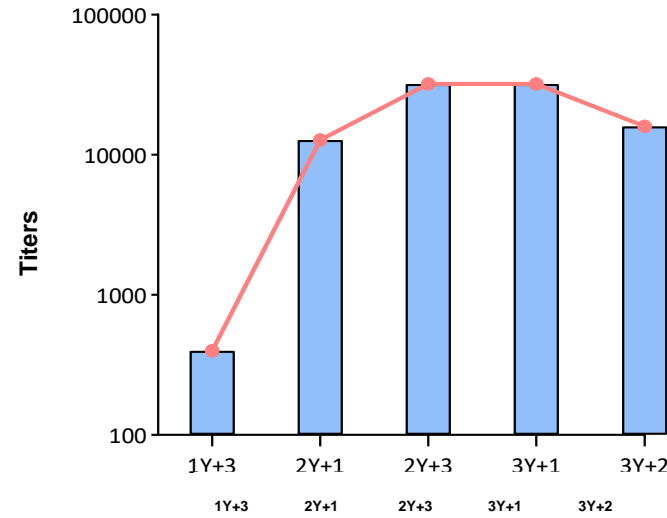


HUMAN PD-1 B-CELL EPITOPE (92-110) INHIBIT TUMOR GROWTH IN SYNGENEIC Balb/c CT26 COLON CANCER MODEL

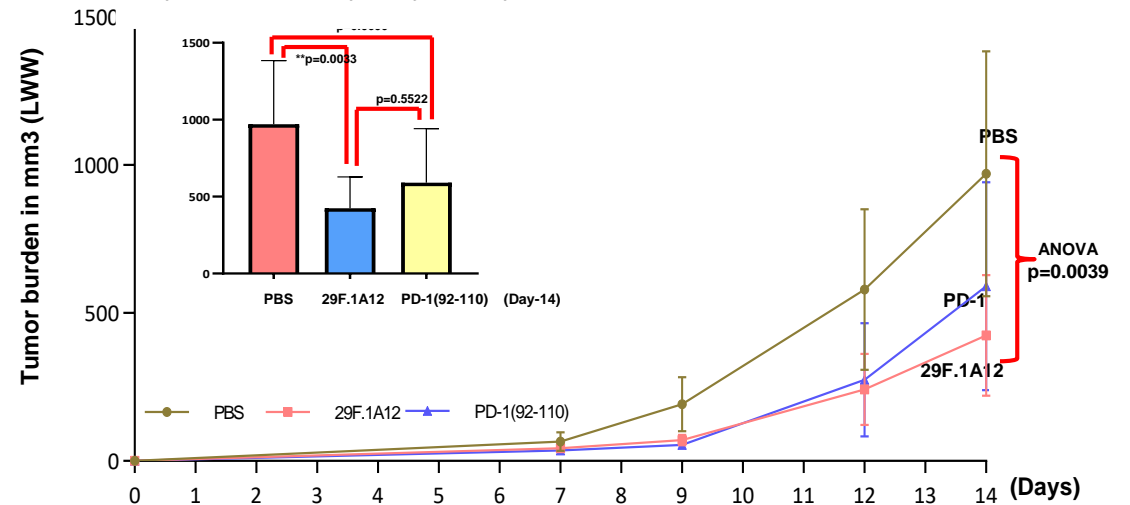
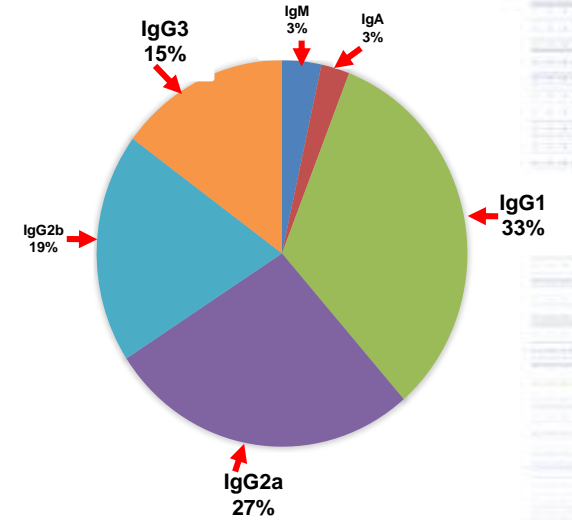
Immunized every 3 weeks



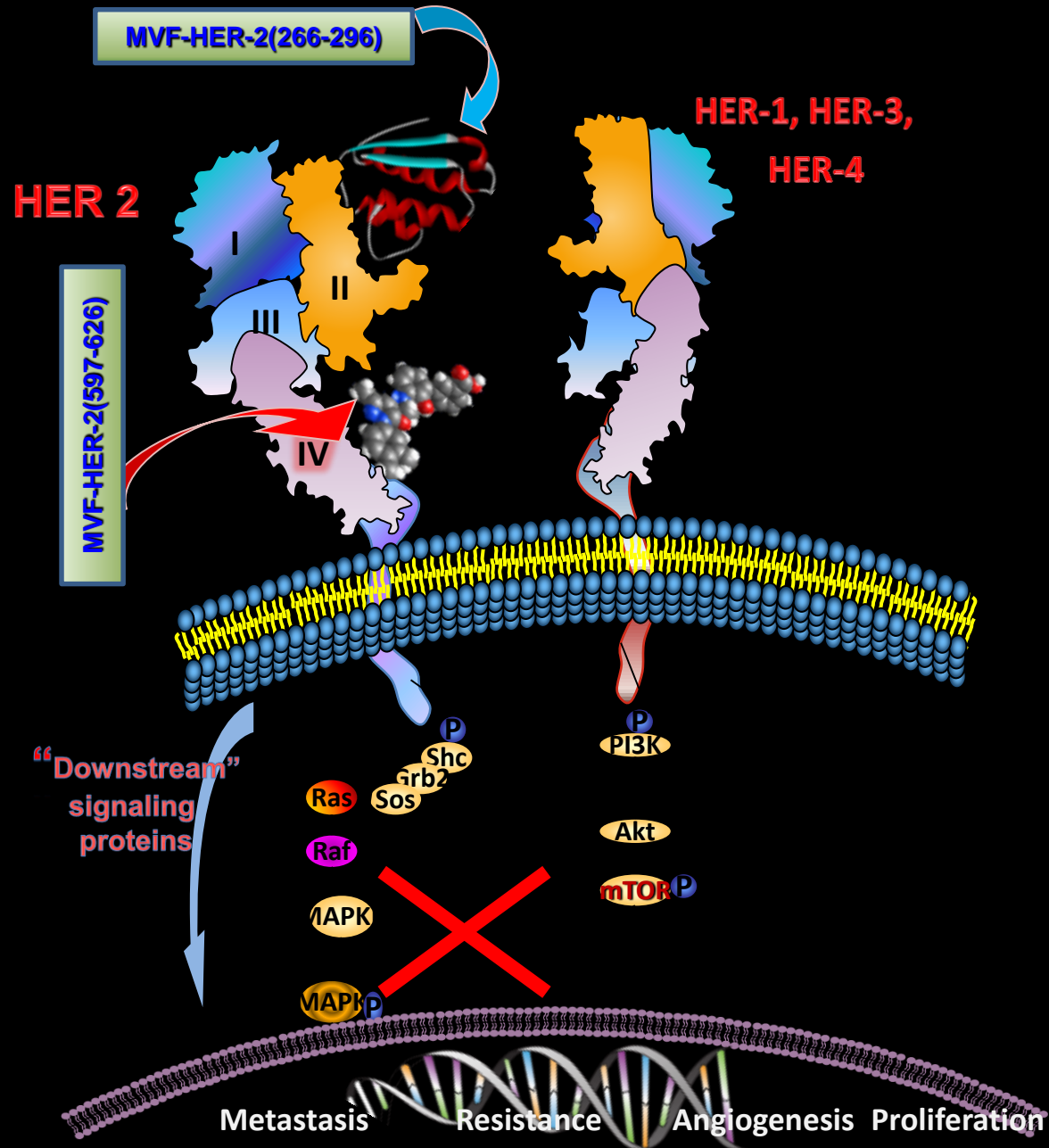
Immunogenicity of MVF-PD-1(92-110) vaccination



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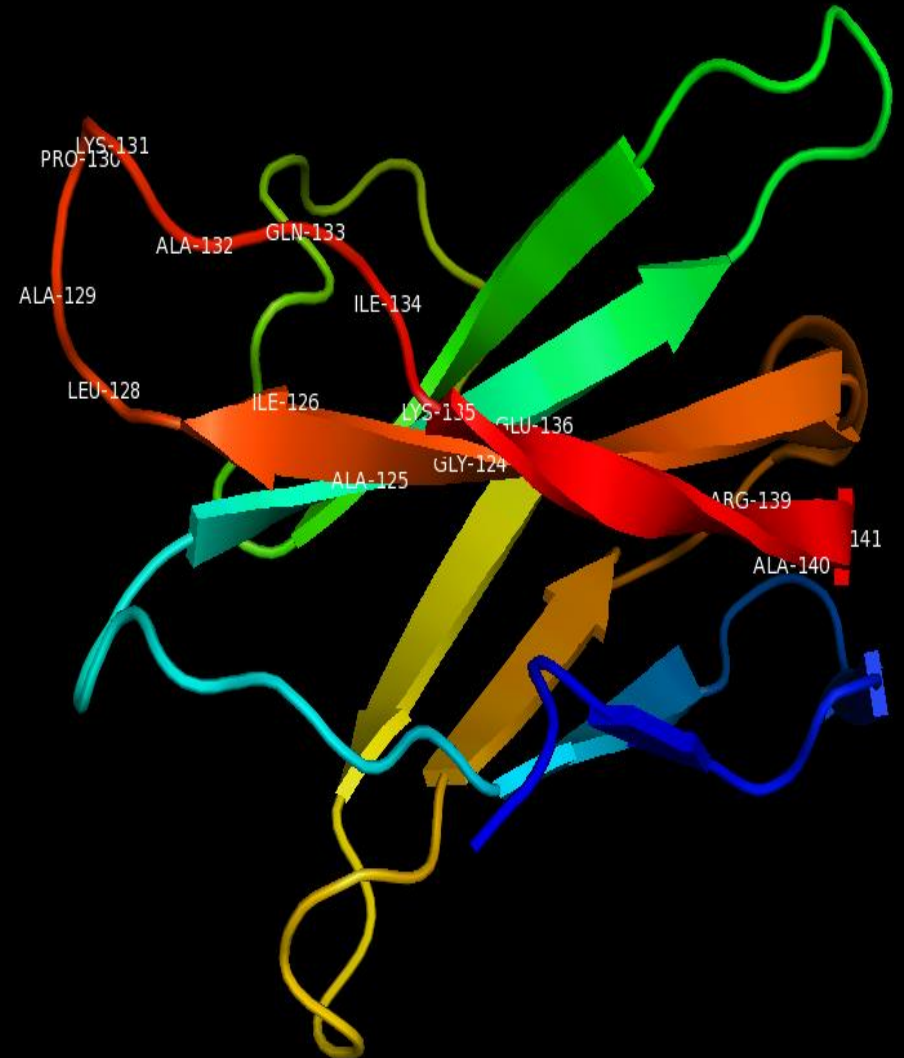


COMBINATION OF MVF-HER-2 PEPTIDES



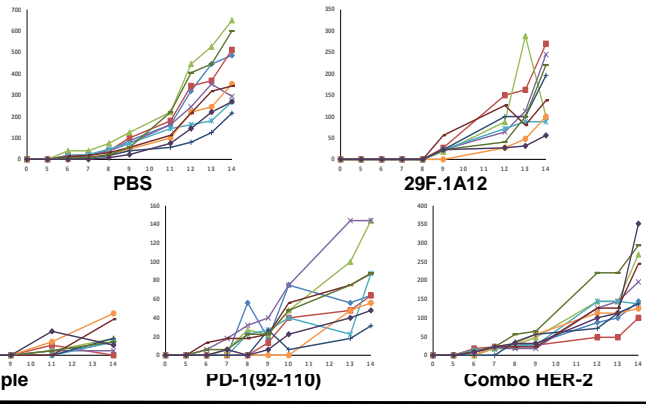
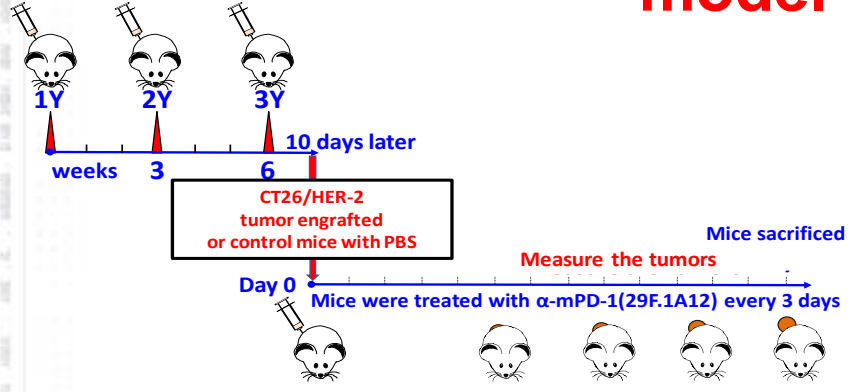
HUMAN PD1-Vaxx (92-110)

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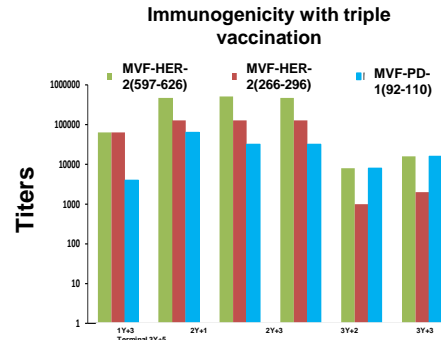
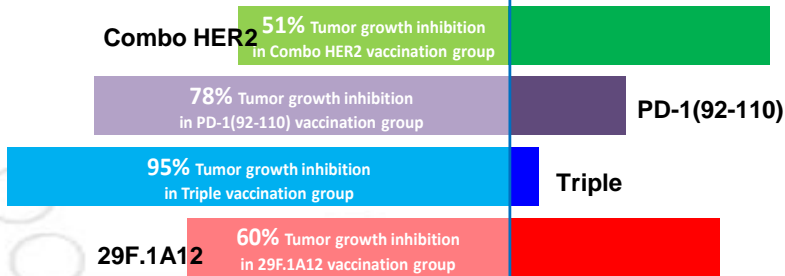
Combination B-Vaxx & PD1-Vaxx synergistically inhibit tumor growth in Balb/c model challenged with CT26/HER

Immunized every 3 weeks

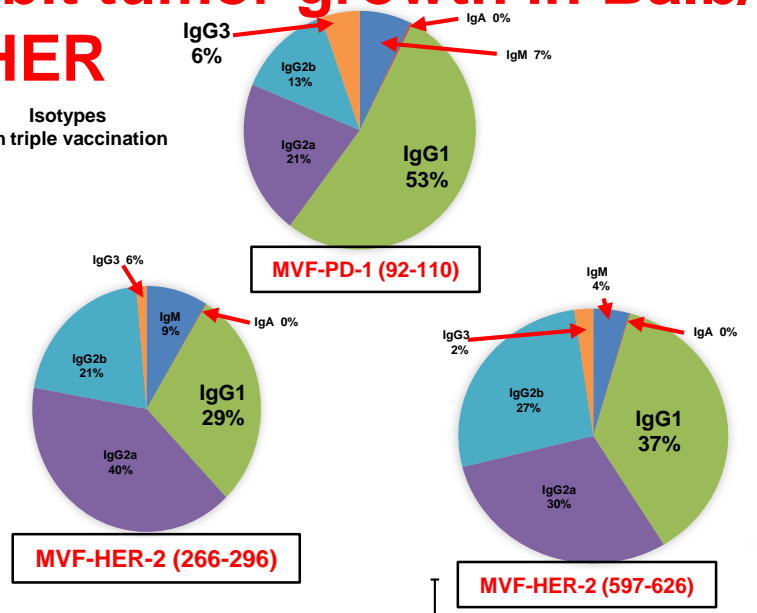


Individual tumor growth in each group tumor burden in mm³ (LWW) by days

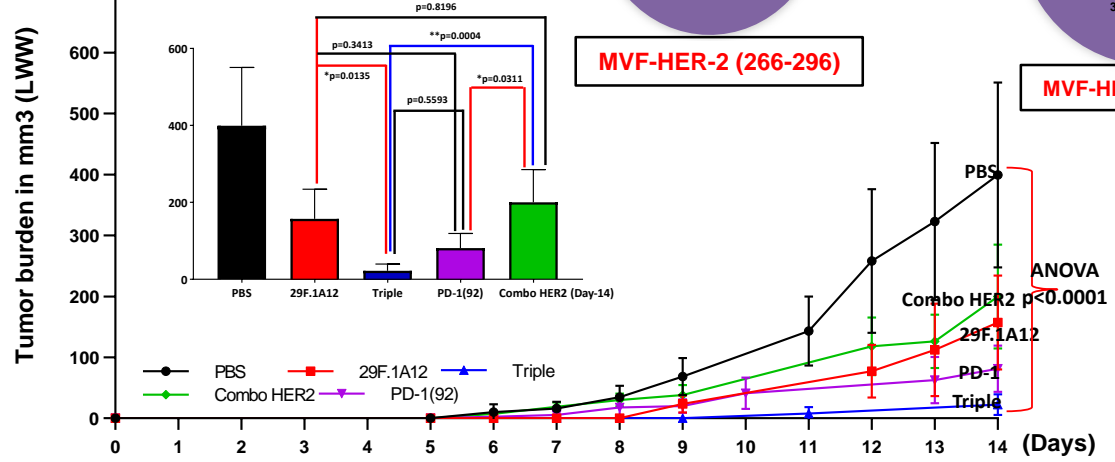
% tumor growth inhibition (% TGI) % tumor growth



Isotypes with triple vaccination



All groups vs PBS **p<0.0001

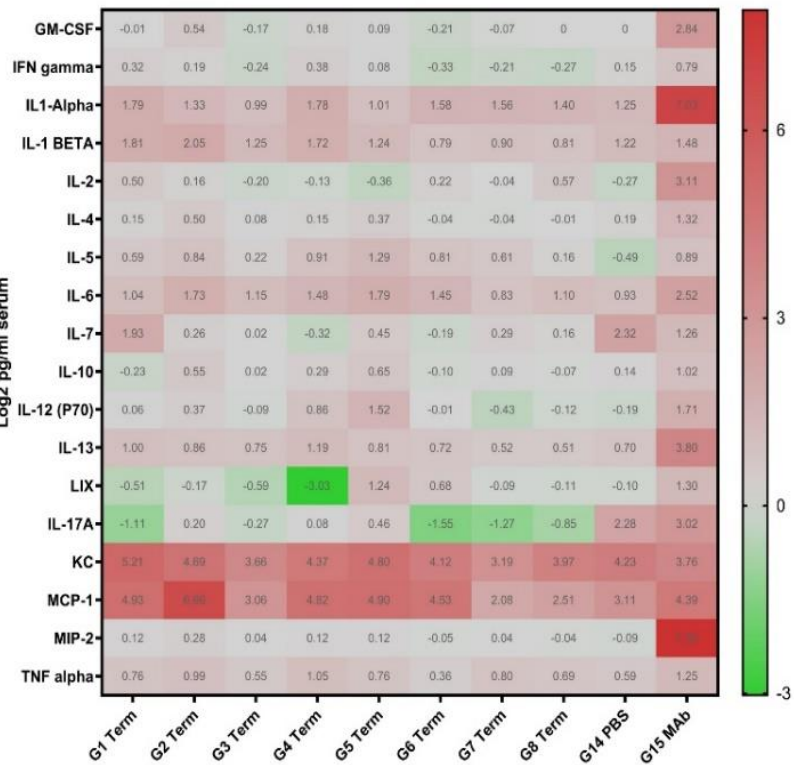


No. of Mice	PBS	29F.1A12	Triple	PD-1(92)	Combo HER-2
CR	0	0	9	1	0
no-CR	10	9	1	9	10

	Number of CR	Number of no-CR
PD-1(92-110)	1	9
Triple	9	1

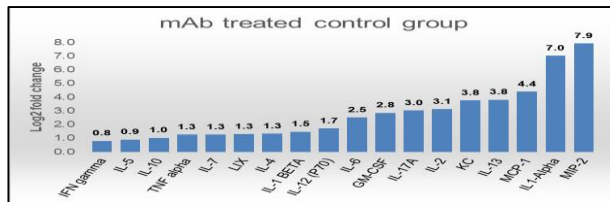
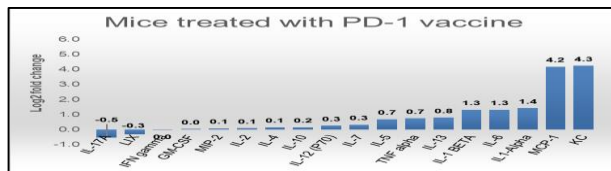
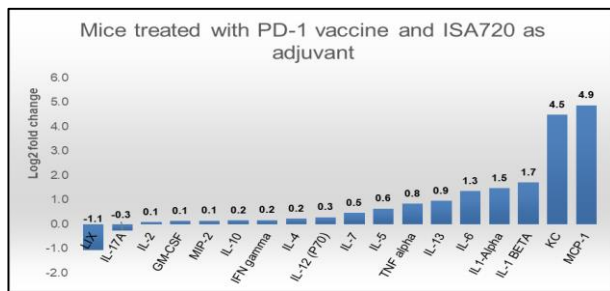
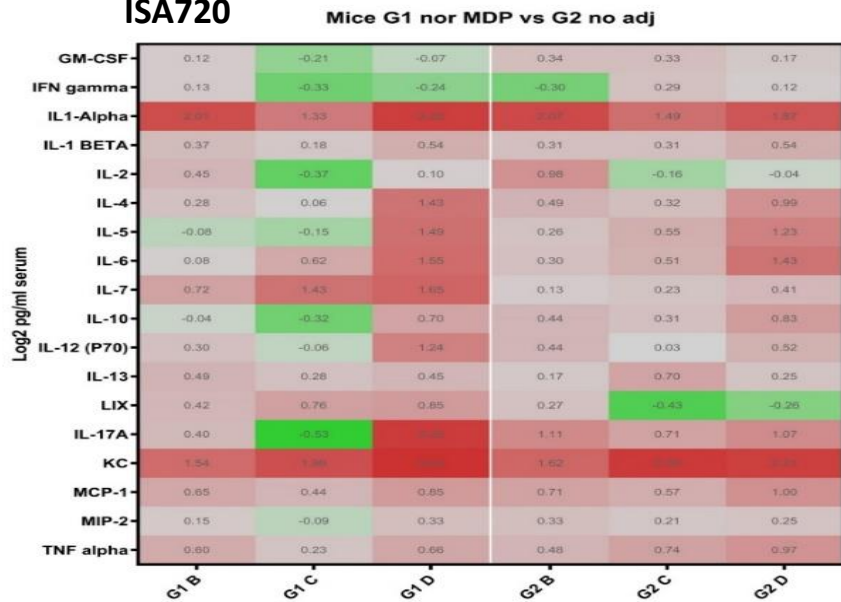
Fisher's exact test p=0.0011

Mice Term bleeds

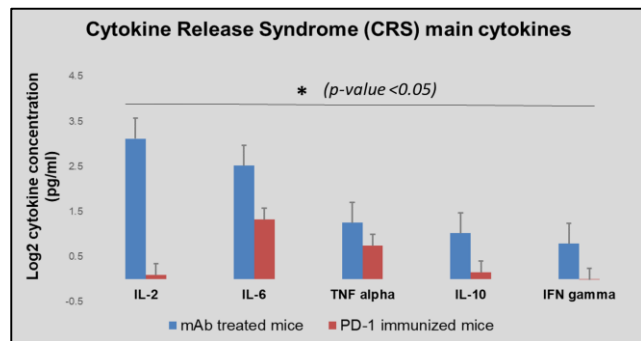
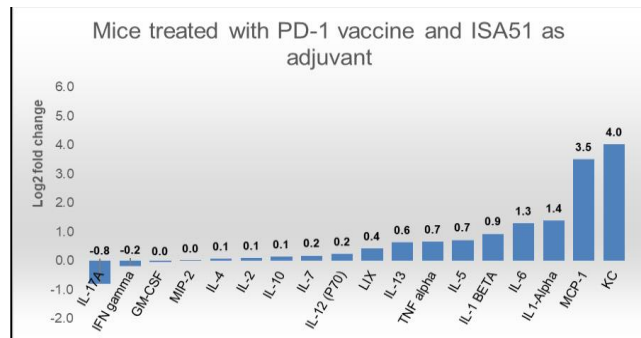
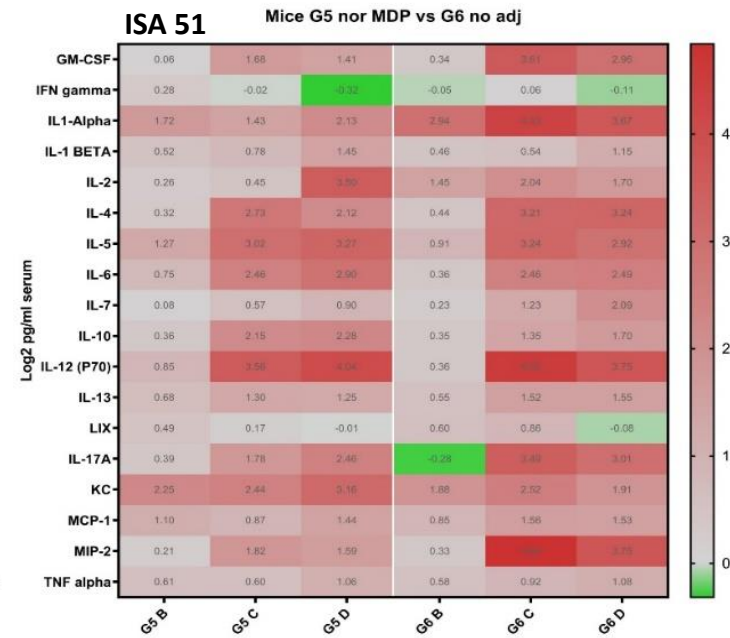


Group 1	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	nor MDP	ISA 720	3 week interval
Group 2	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	no adjuvant	ISA 720	3 week interval
Group 5	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	nor MDP	ISA 51	3 week interval
Group 6	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	no adjuvant	ISA 51	3 week interval
Group 3	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	nor MDP	ISA 720	2 week interval
Group 4	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	no adjuvant	ISA 720	2 week interval
Group 7	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	nor MDP	ISA 51	2 week interval
Group 8	MVF-PD-1(92-110)	no adjuvant	ISA 51	2 week interval
Group 14	PBS control group			
Group 15	29F.1A12 mAb positive control			

ISA720



ISA 51



PD-1 VACCINE DO NOT EXHIBIT TOXICITY OR AUTOIMMUNITY

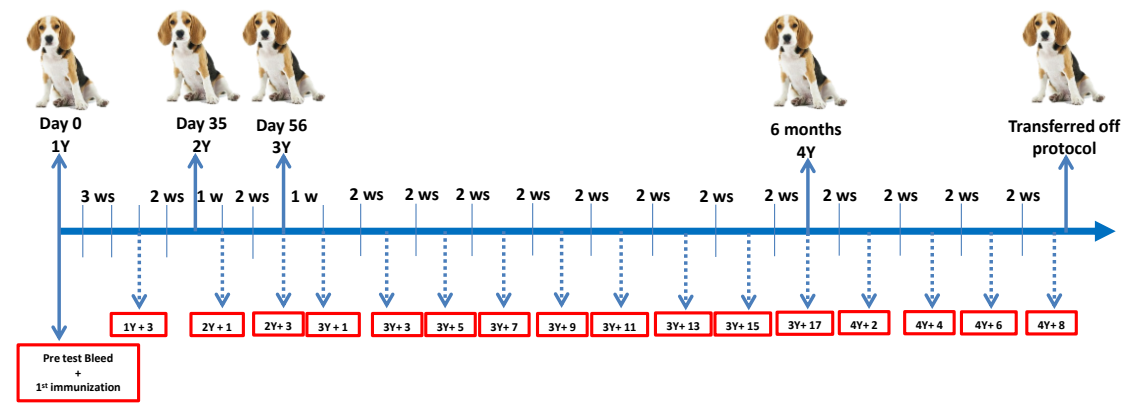
- All mice vaccinated over a period of 9 weeks showed no signs of scruffiness, lesions, and lethargy
- Organs (spleen, liver, heart, lung, kidney, and tumor) from the Balb/c mice vaccinated with combination peptides (HER-2 and PD-1) were collected from mice and submitted for analysis at the Comparative Pathology & Mouse Phenotyping Core facility of the Comprehensive Cancer Center department of Veterinary Biosciences (Pathologist: Krista M. D. La Perle, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVP)
- No significant lesions were noted in any of the organs submitted for histologic evaluation.
- There were also no overt biochemical abnormalities noted.
- **Results indicate the HER-2 vaccines are synergistic with PD-1 vaccine by inhibiting tumor growth in animal models**

Figure 6 Immunogenicity, Safety and Toxicity Profile in Beagle Dogs

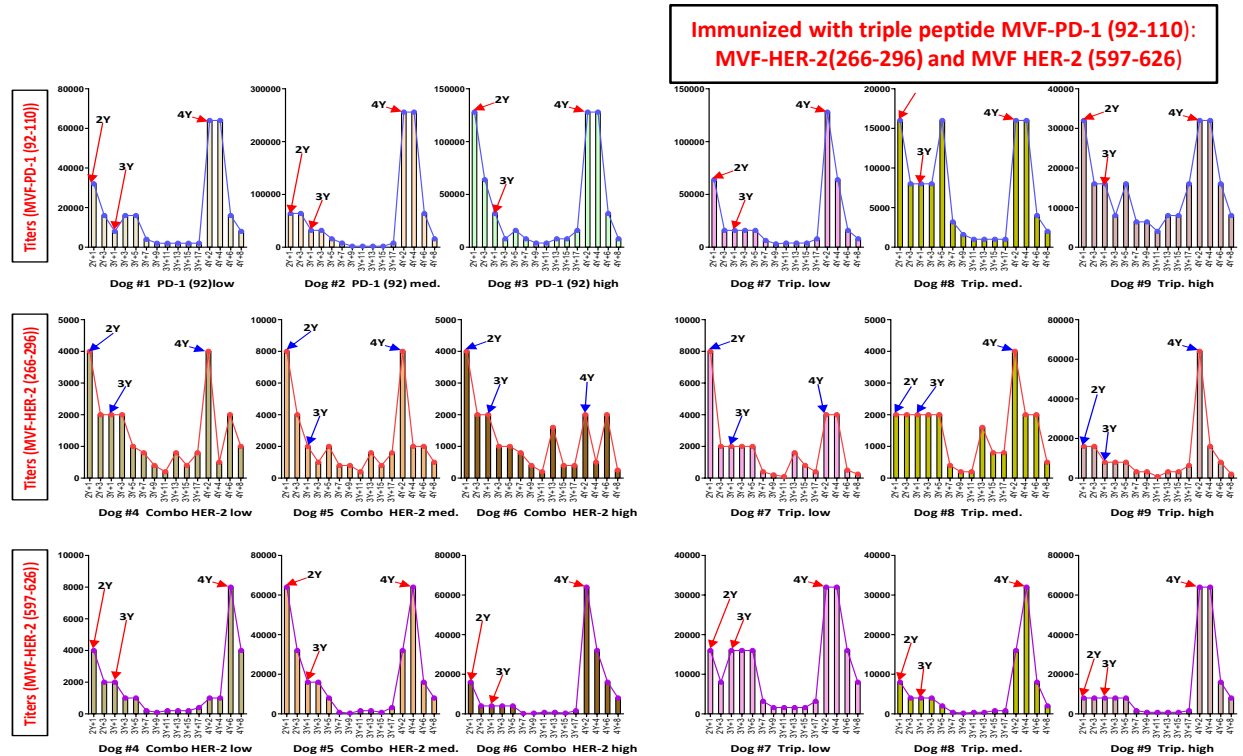
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Treatment	Dog ID	concentration	dose each peptide
MVF-PD-1 (92-110) nor-MDP, ISA720	#1-CGA	low dose	1.0mg
	#2-CGB	medium dose	1.5mg
	#3-CJV	high dose	3.0mg
MVF-HER-2 (266-296) & MVF-HER-2 (597-626) nor-MDP, ISA720	#4-CKN	low dose	0.5mg/0.5mg
	#5-CLS	medium dose	1.0mg/1.0mg
	#6-CME	high dose	1.5mg/1.5mg
MVF-PD-1 (92-110)& MVF-HER-2 (266-296) & MVF-HER-2 (597-626) nor-MDP, ISA720	#7-CMT	low dose	1.0mg/0.5mg/0.5mg
	#8-CMW	medium dose	1.5mg/1.0mg/1.0mg
	#9-CNE	high dose	3.0mg/1.5mg/1.5mg
MVF, nor-MDP, ISA720	#10-CNF	Negative control	1.5mg

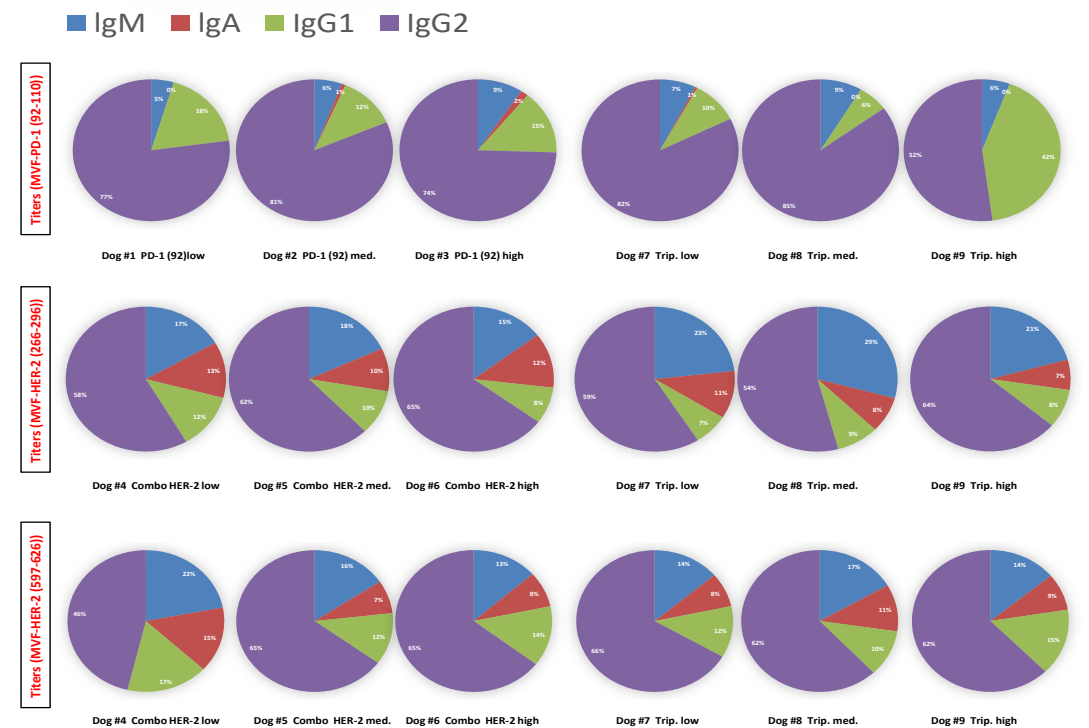
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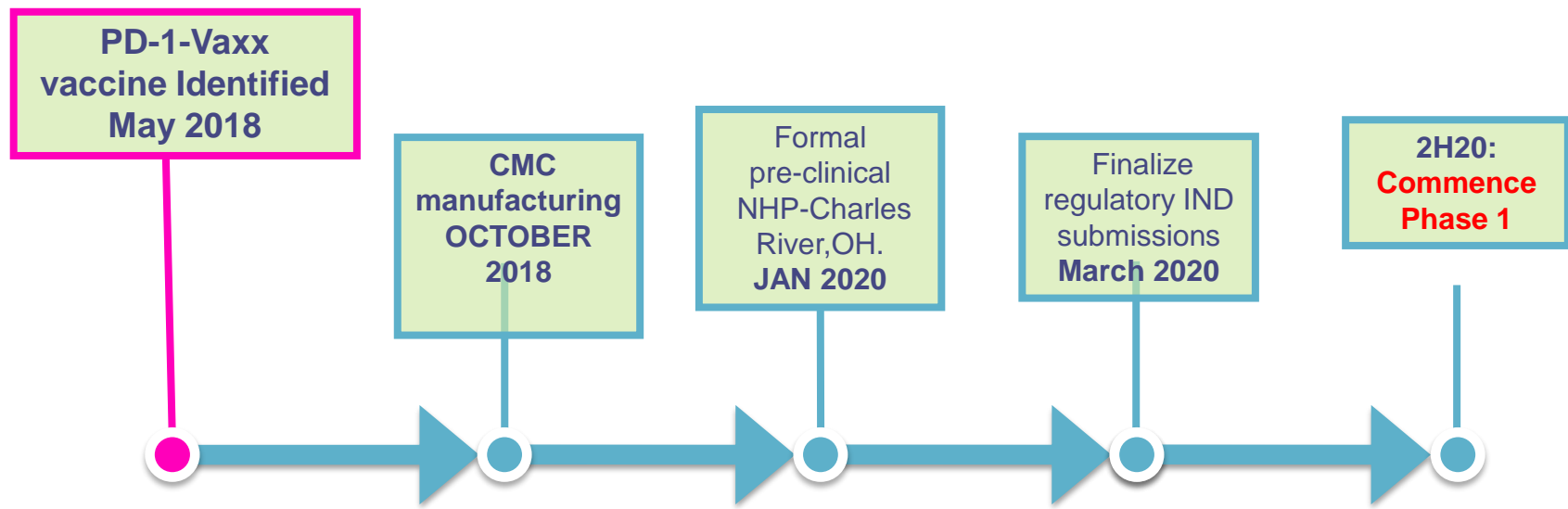
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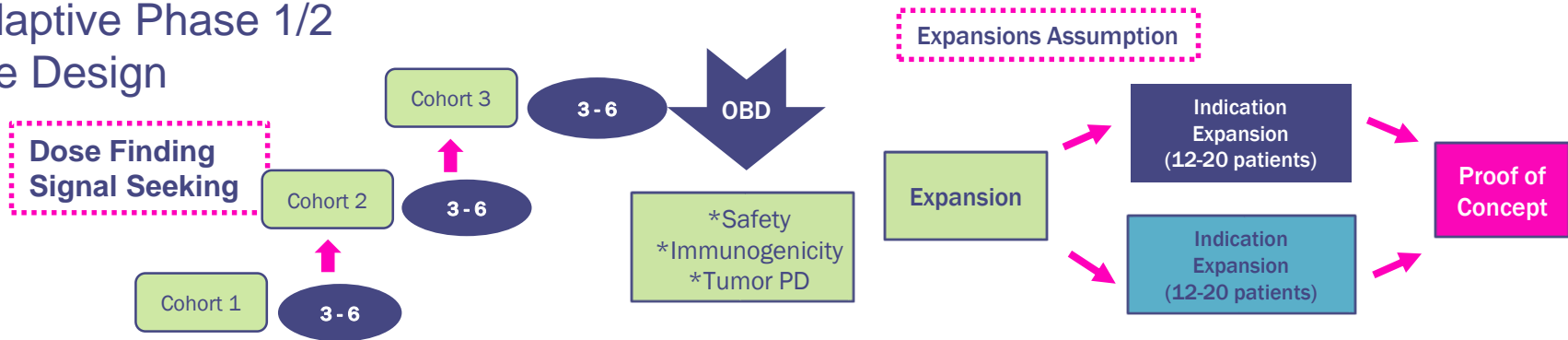
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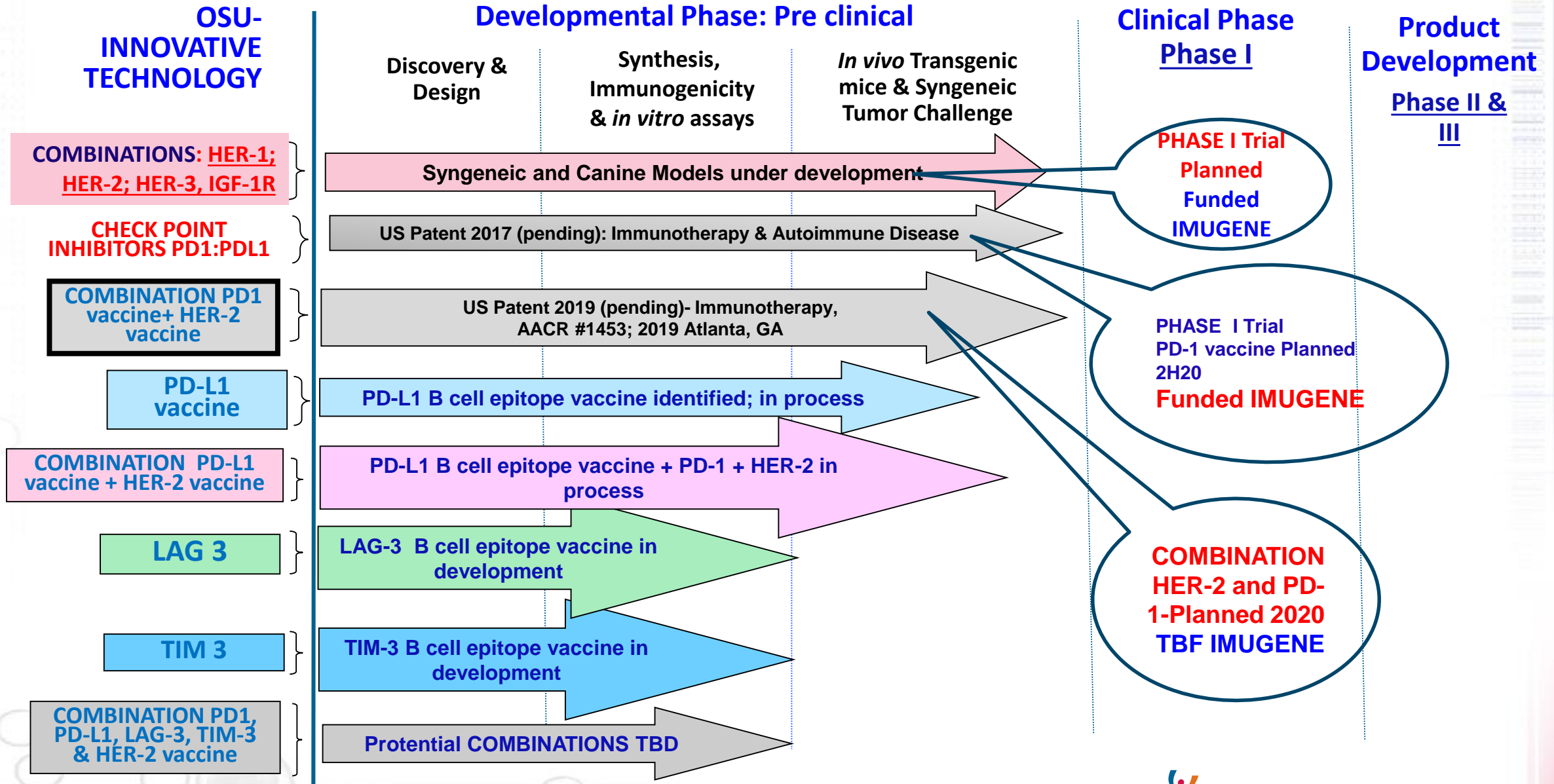
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Proposed Adaptive Phase 1/2 PD-1 Vaccine Design



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