

Bispecifics in AML

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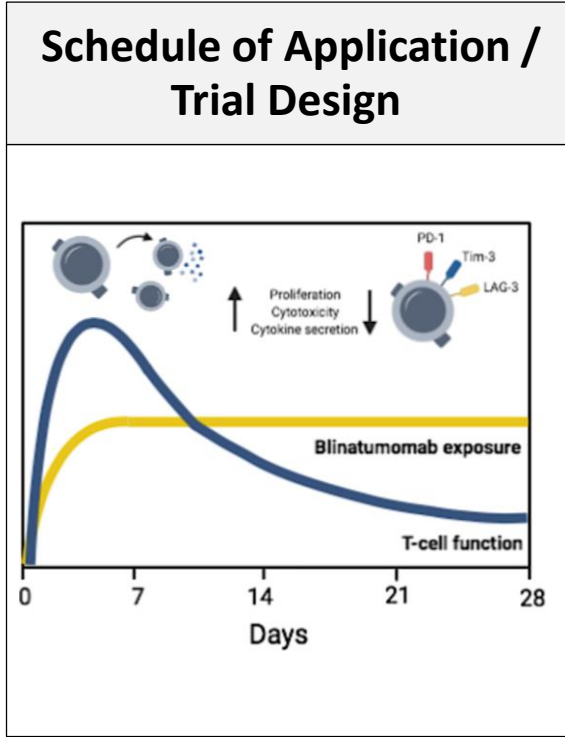
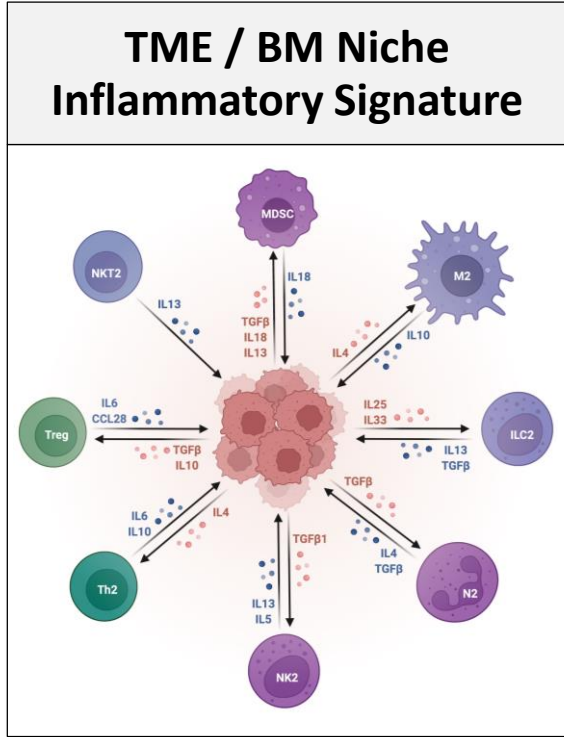
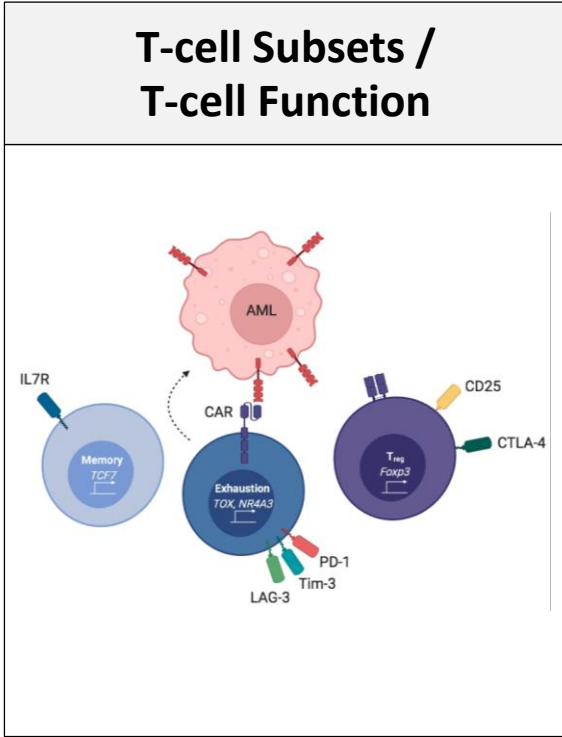
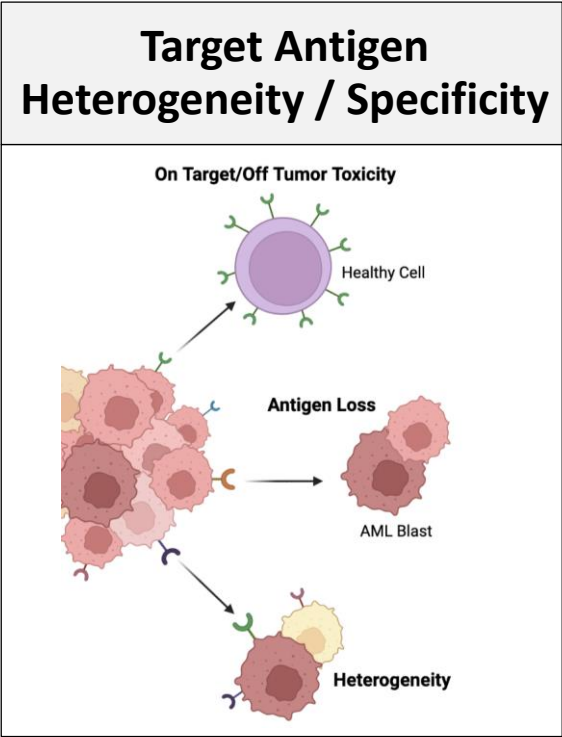
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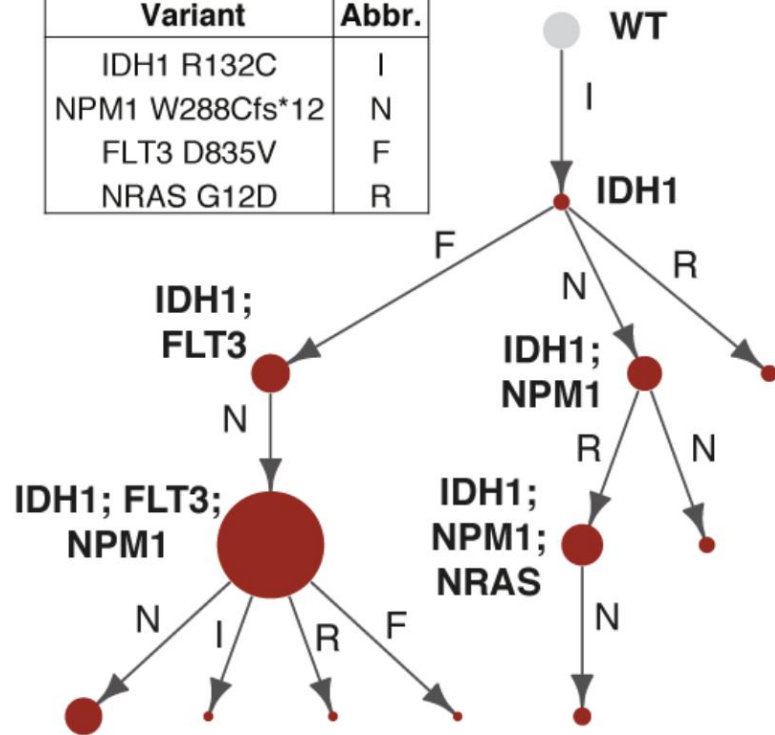
Challenges of T cell-based Immunotherapy in AML



Target Antigens for Bispecifics in AML: Inter- & Intra Patient Heterogeneity

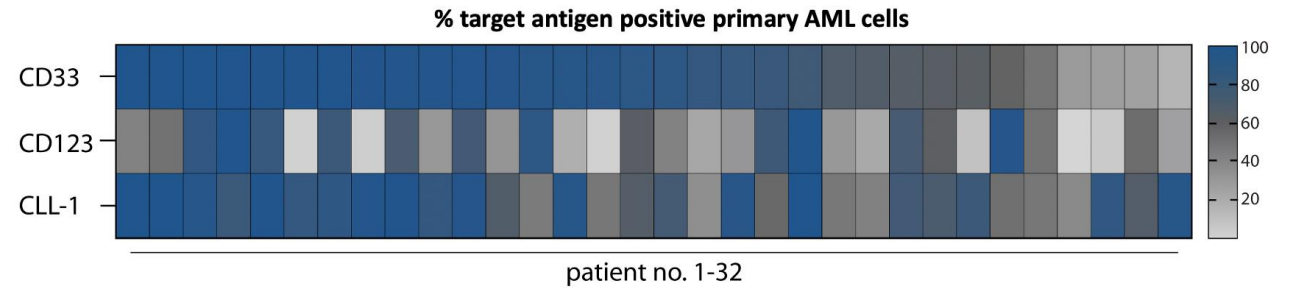
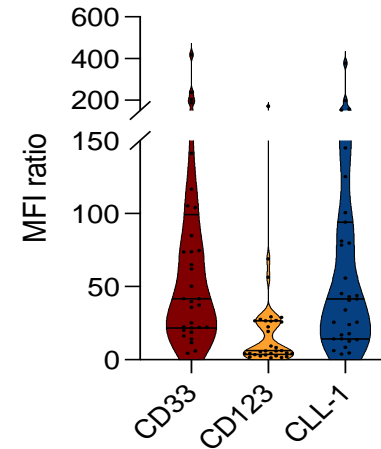
Clonal Complexity

Variant	Abbr.
IDH1 R132C	I
NPM1 W288Cfs*12	N
FLT3 D835V	F
NRAS G12D	R



Miles et al, Nature 2020

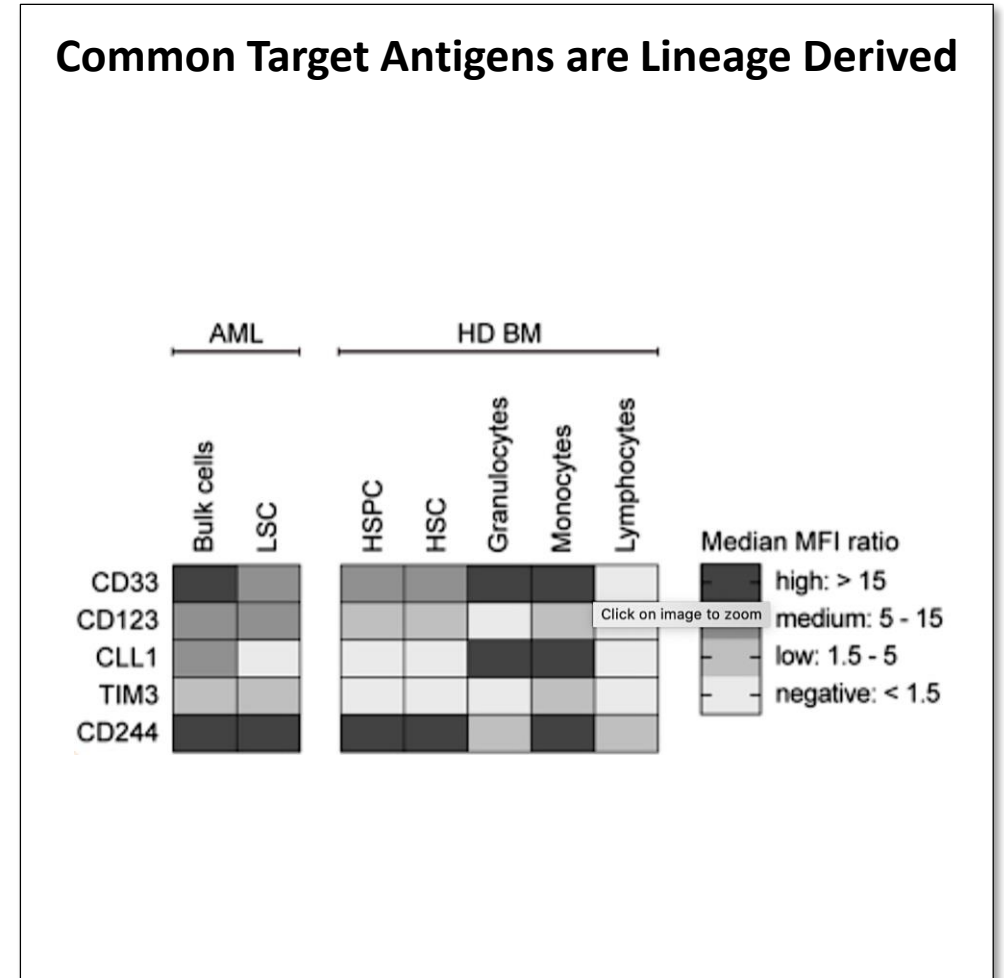
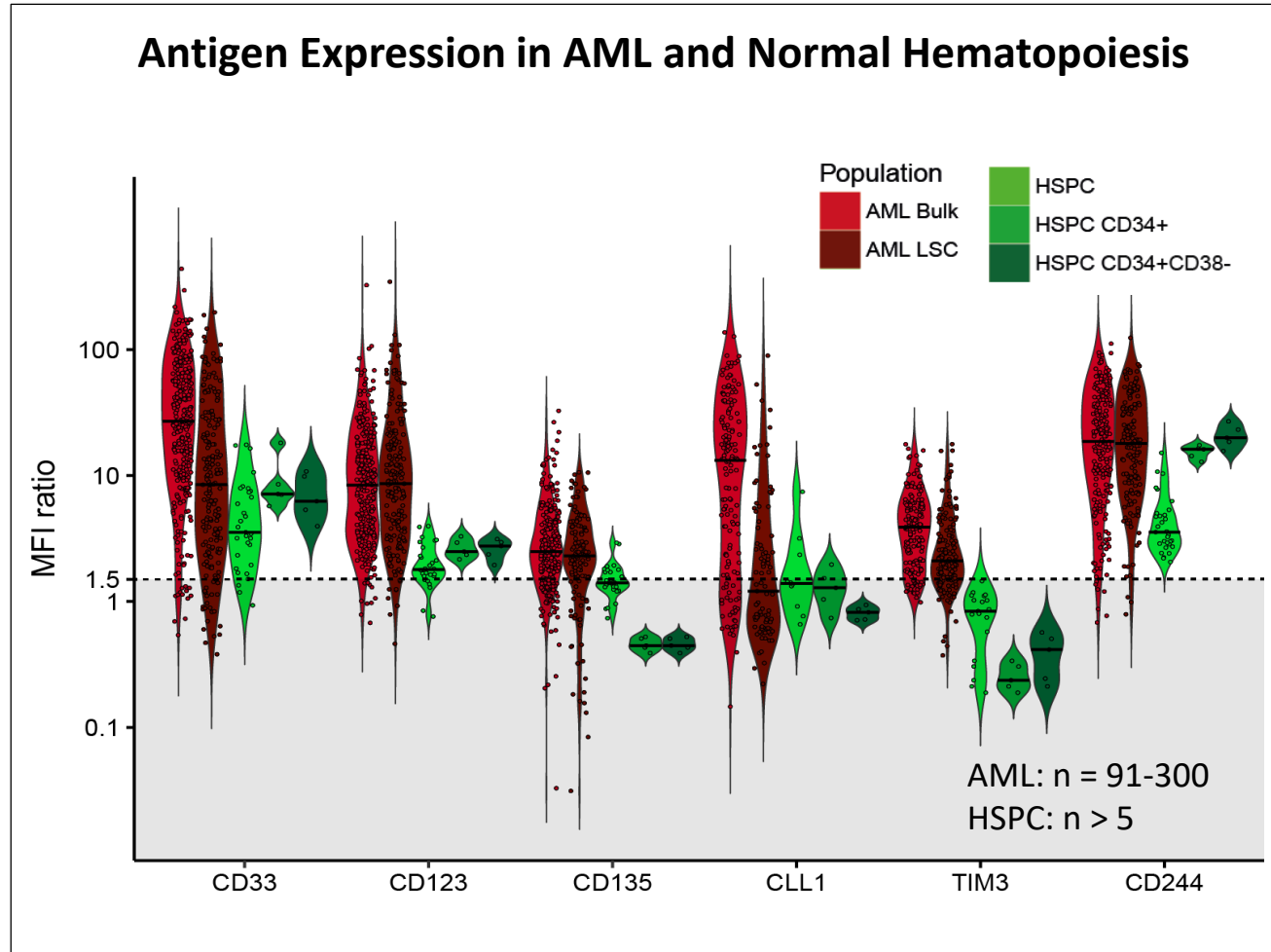
Target Heterogeneity



Nixdorf et al, EHA 2022

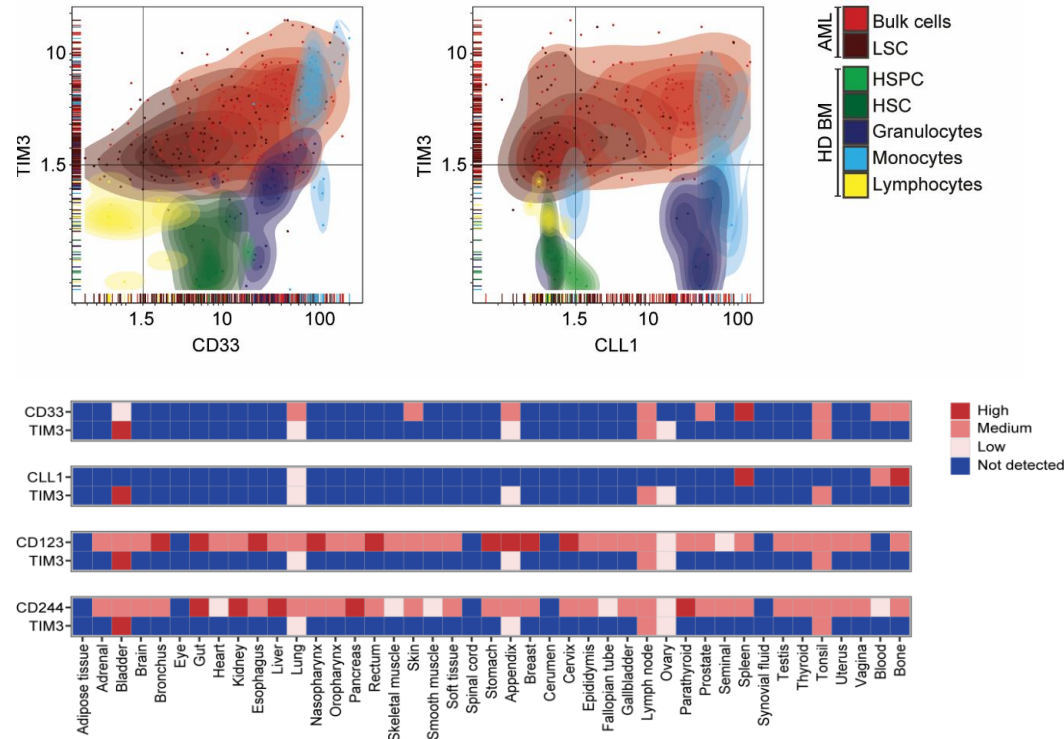
Target Antigens for Bispecifics in AML: On-Target-Off-Leukemia Toxicity

A small Therapeutic window



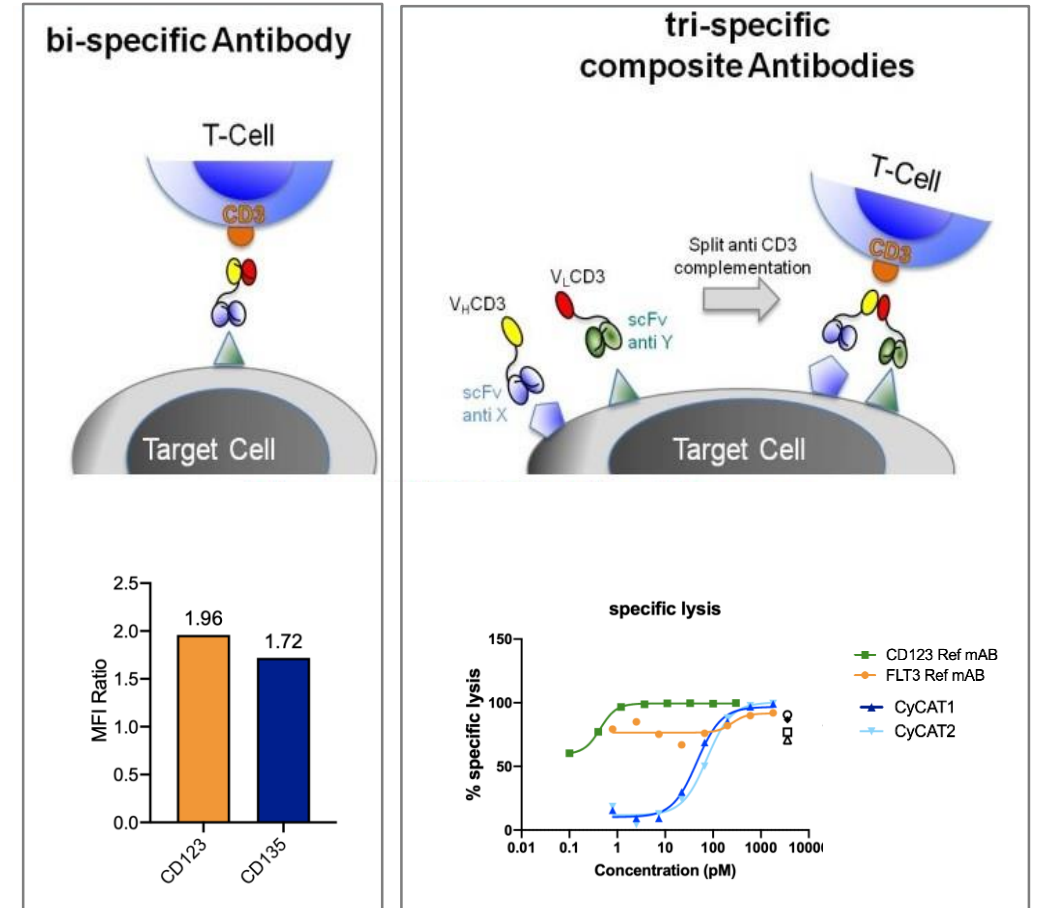
Dual Targeting Strategy in AML: Construct Design determines Specificity vs Escape

Identification of Suitable Target Antigen Combinations



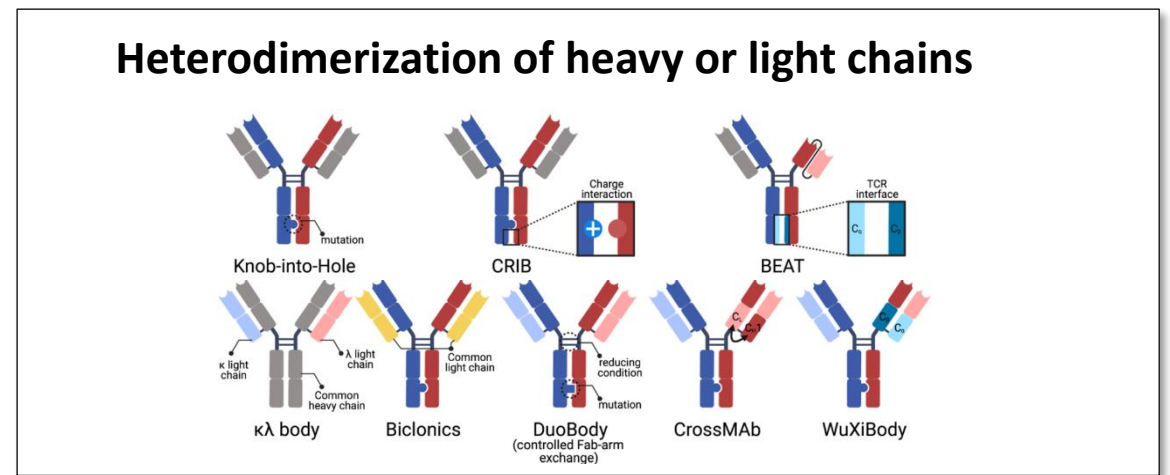
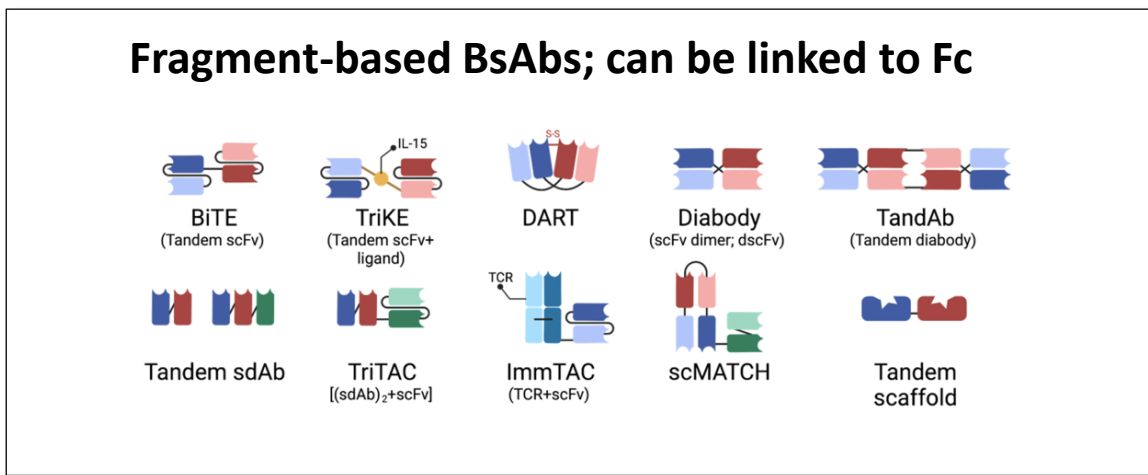
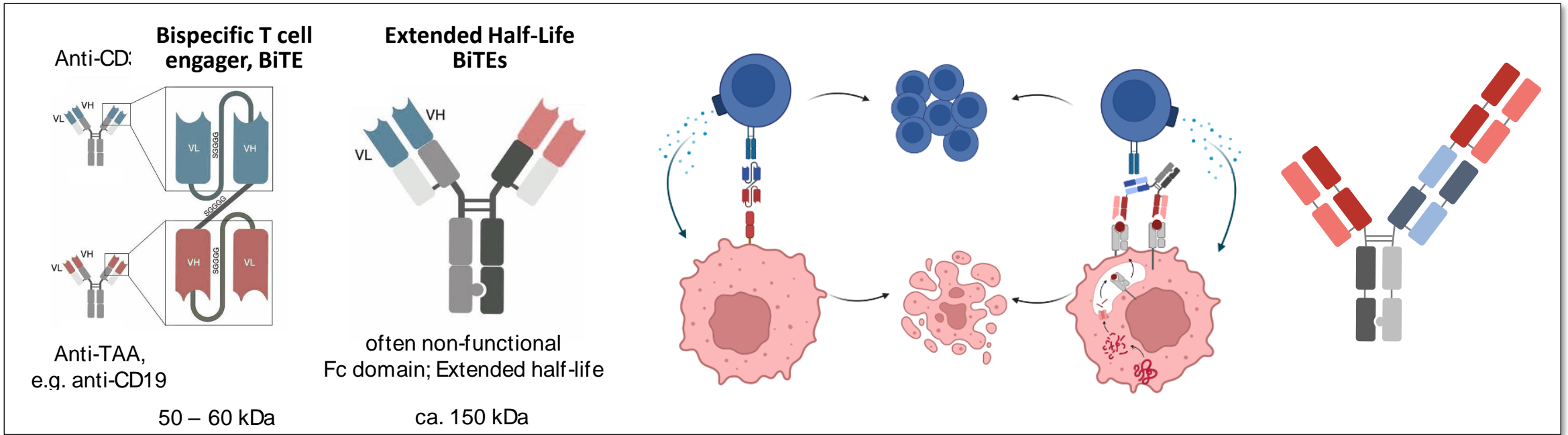
Haubner et al, Leukemia 2019

Hemibodies to Eliminate dual Antigen positive cells while sparing single positive bystanders



Work in progress

Bispecific Antibody Formats Targeting Surface & Intracellular Antigens



A New Universe of Targets: Bispecific „TCR Mimickry“ Molecules

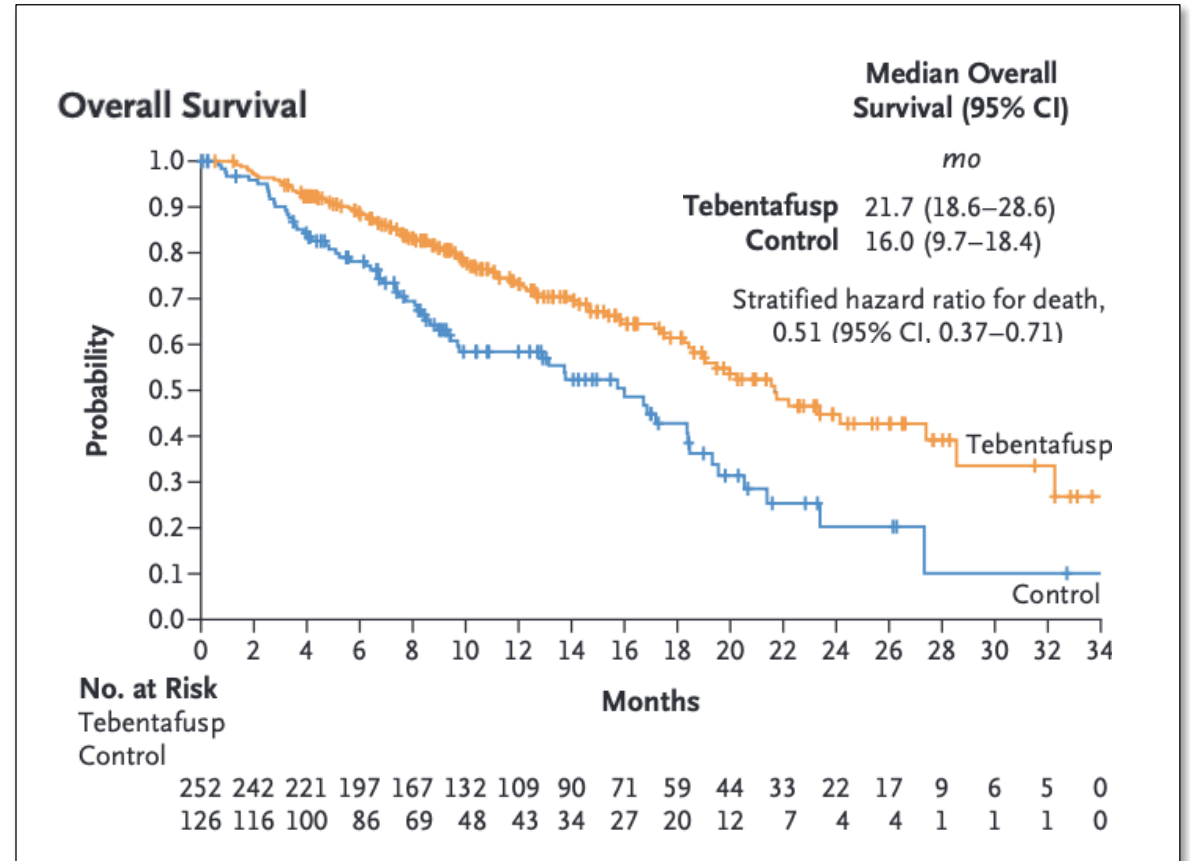
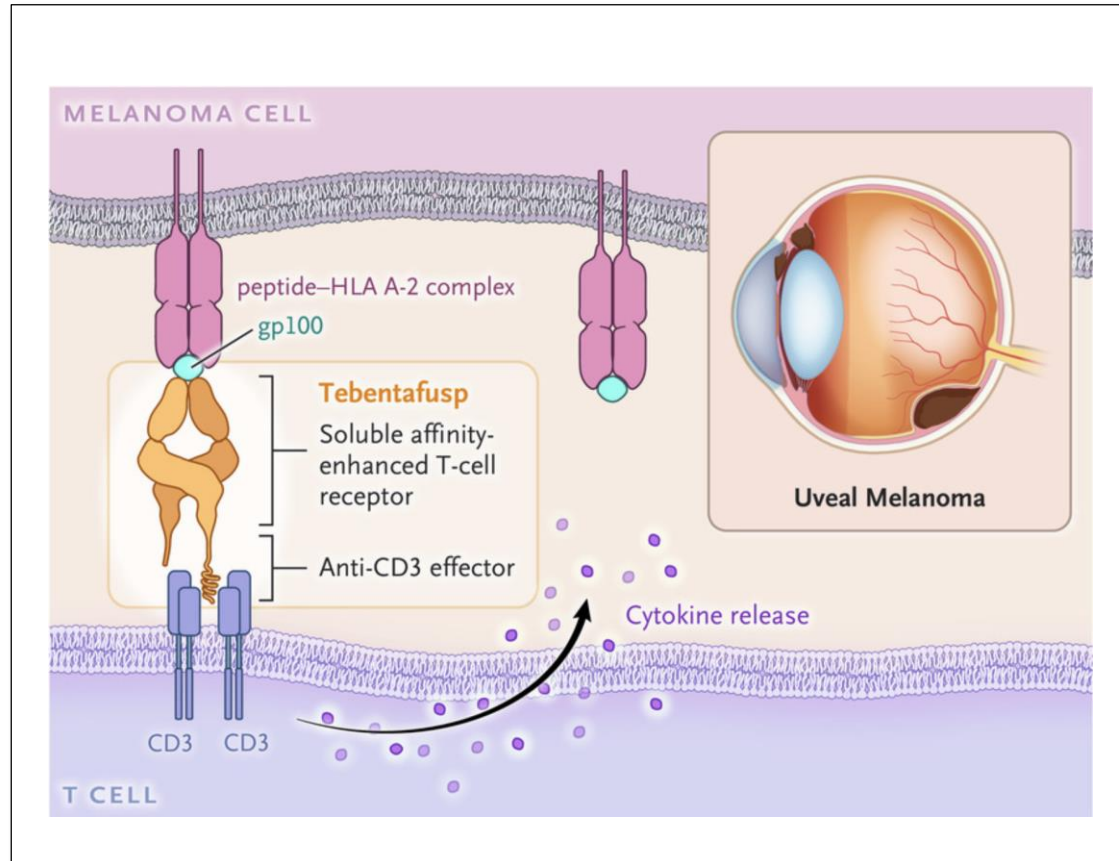
Selected TCR and TCR-like bispecifics in development

Drug	Sponsor	Target	Lead indication	Status
TCR-based target binder				
Tebentafusp	Immunocore	Gp100	Unresectable or metastatic uveal melanoma	Approved
IMC-F106C	Immunocore	PRAME	Various solid tumours	Phase I/II
IMC-C103C	Immunocore/Roche	MAGE-A4	Various solid tumours	Phase I/II
IMC-I109V	Immunocore	Env	Hepatitis B virus	Phase I
IMA401	Immatics/BMS	MAGE-A4/8	Various solid tumours	CTA filed"
IMA402	Immatics	PRAME	Various solid tumours	Preclinical
ABBV-189	AbbVie/Harpoon Therapeutics	Survivin	Cancer	Preclinical
Antibody-based target binder				
RG6007	Roche	WT1	Acute myeloid leukaemia	Phase I
RG6129	Roche	MAGE-A4	Various solid tumours	Phase I
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First Approved T-Cell Recruiting Bispecific directed against an intracellular TAA

Tebentafusp (gp100-TCRxCD3)

- Indication: HLA-A*02:01-positive Adults with inoperable/metastatic uvea Melanoma



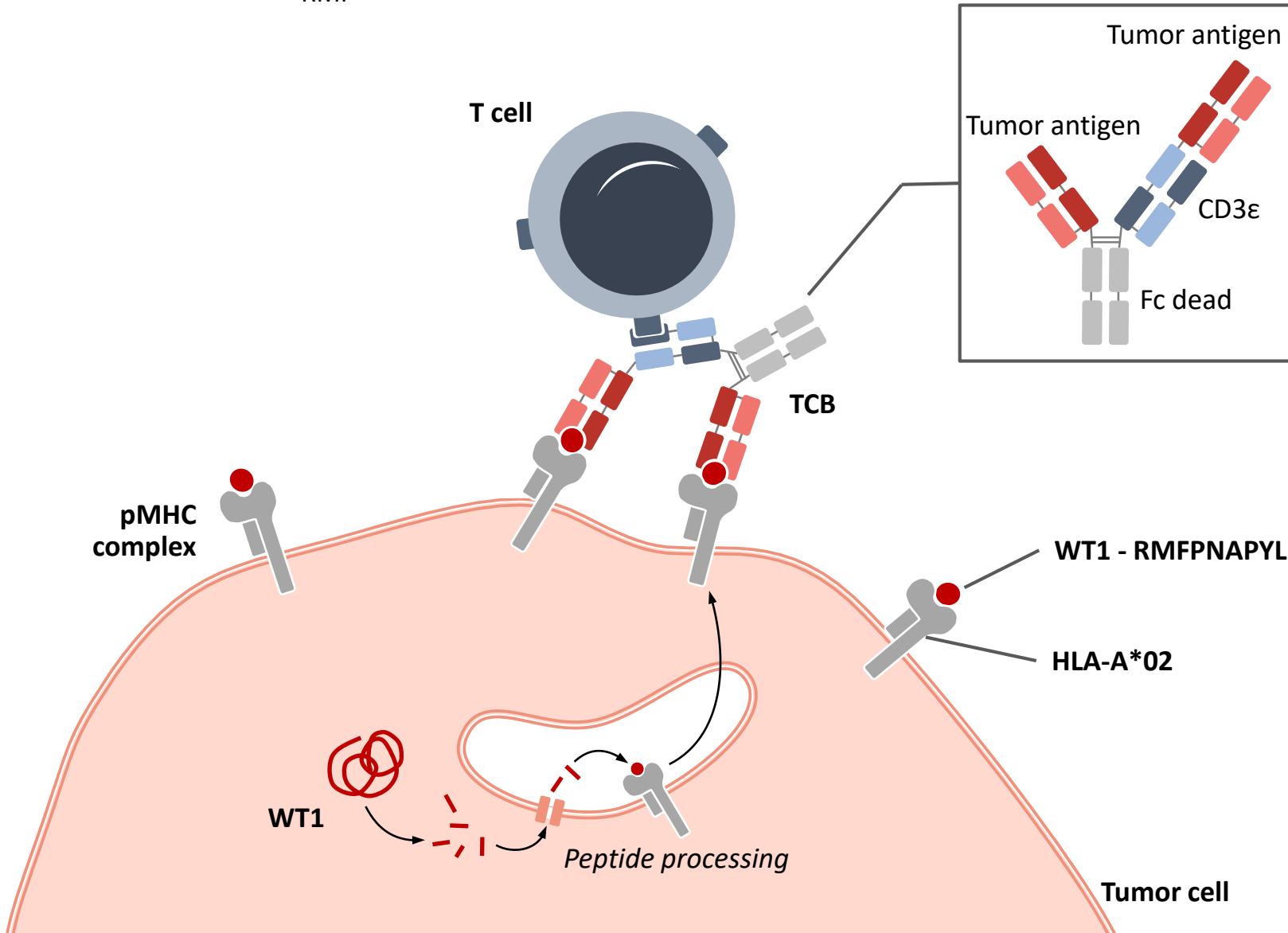
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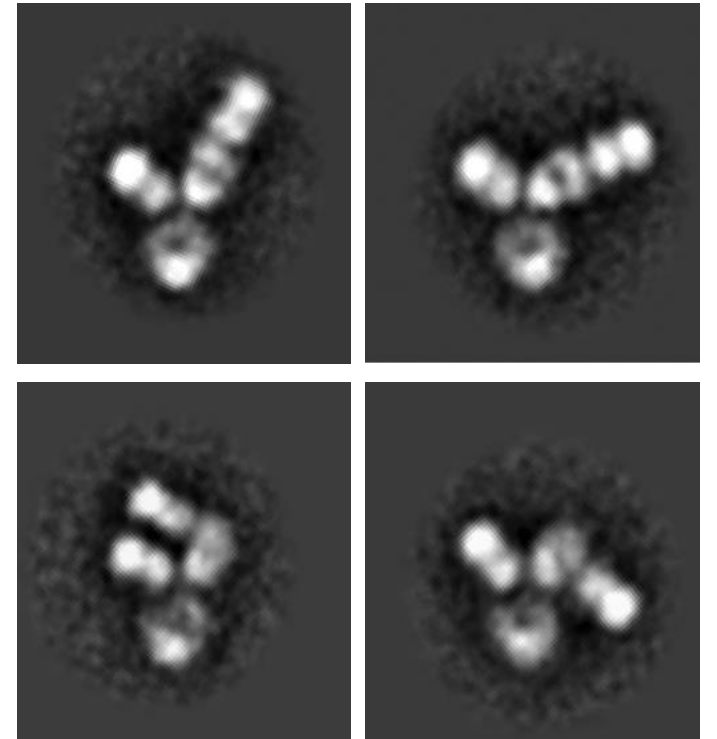
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Intracellular Antigens as Targets for Bispecific Antibodies „2+1“

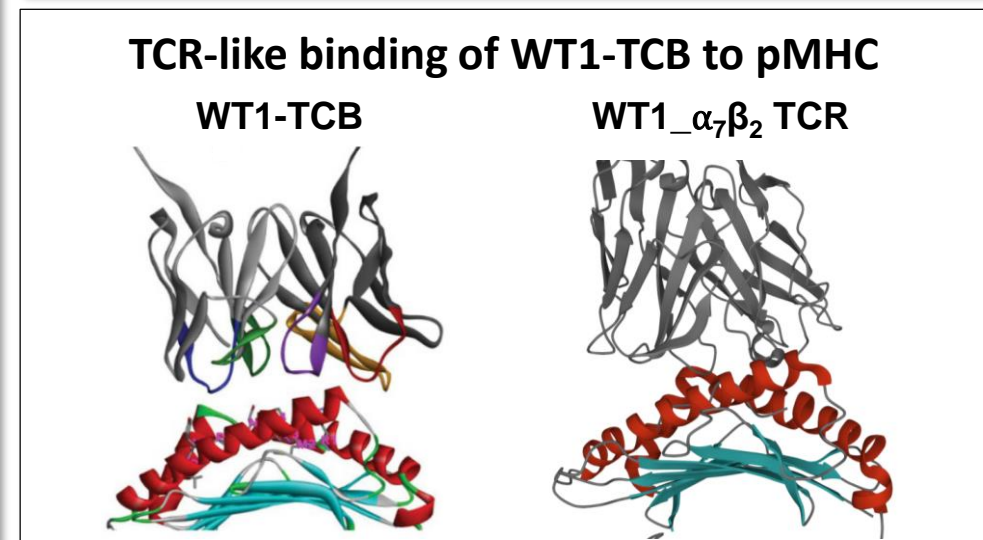
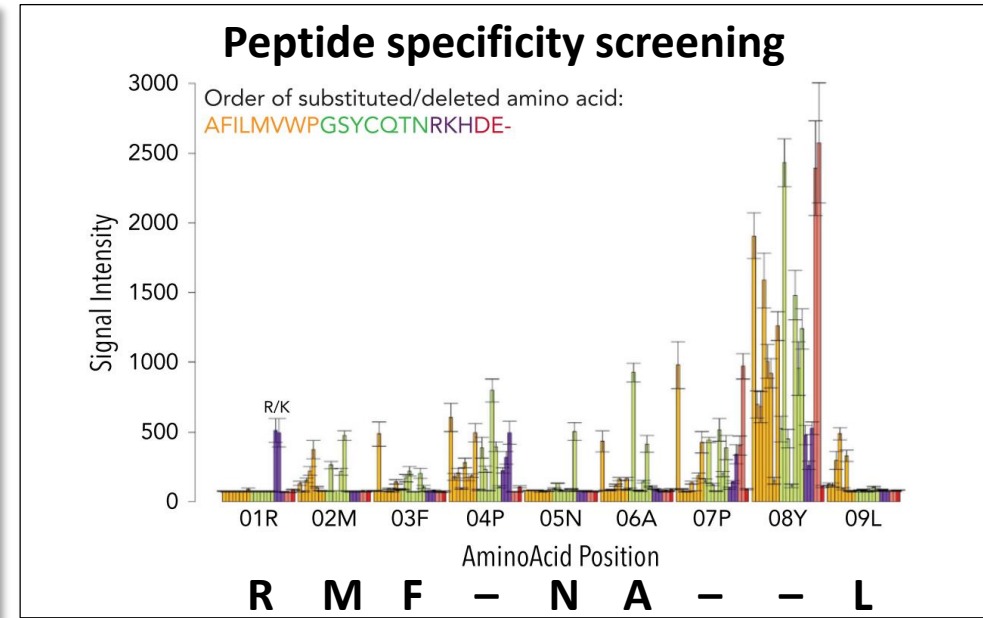
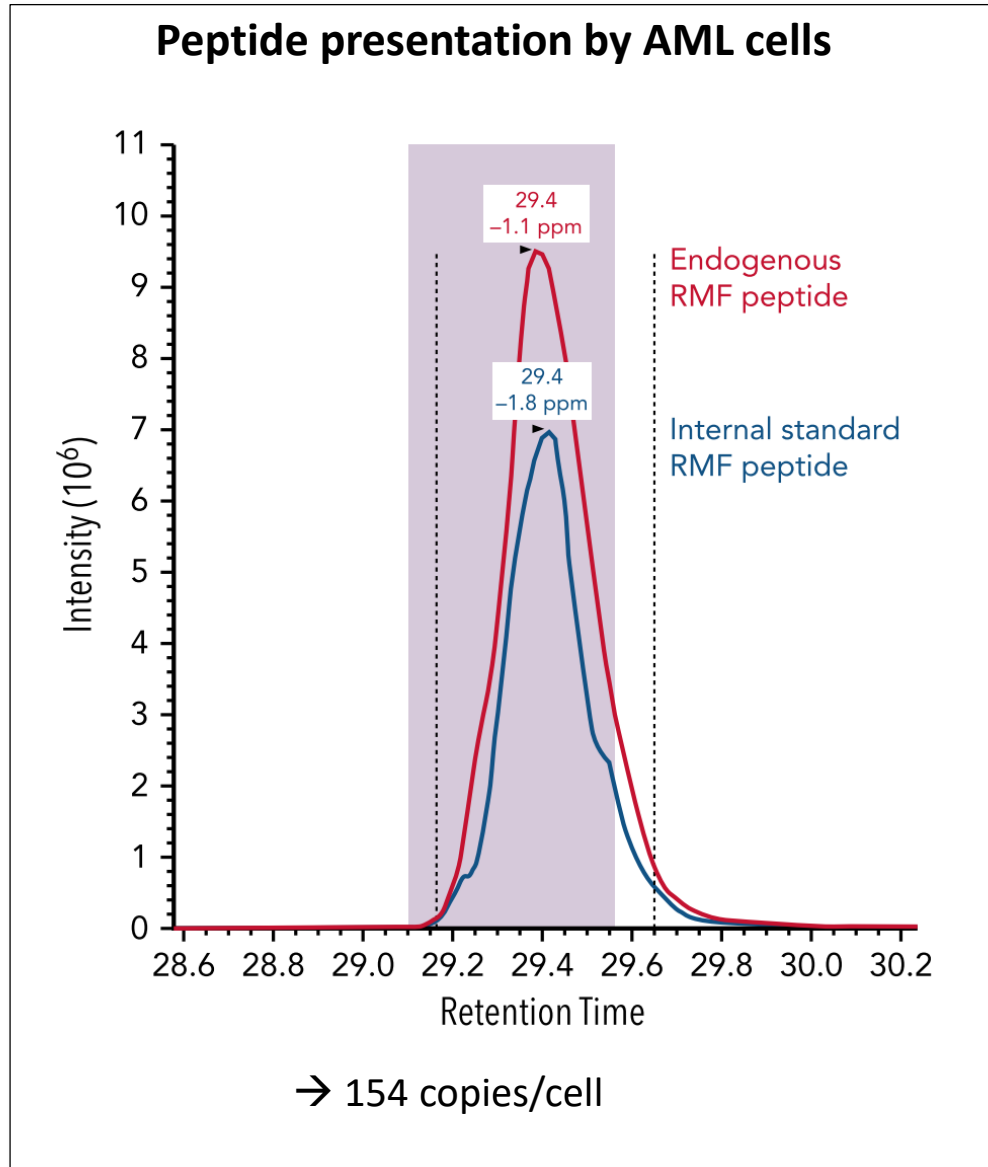
HLA-A2⁺-WT1_{RMF} specific Antibody



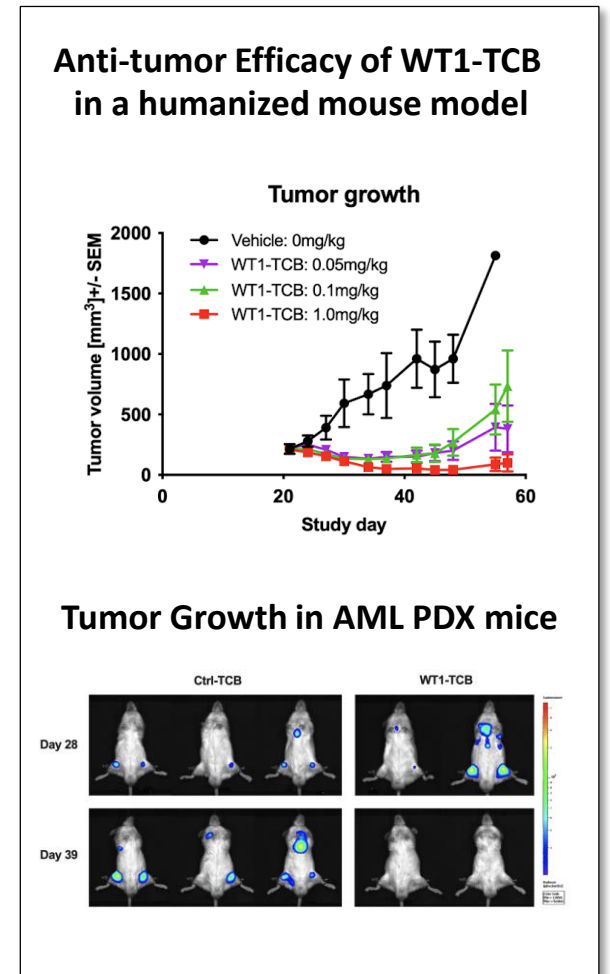
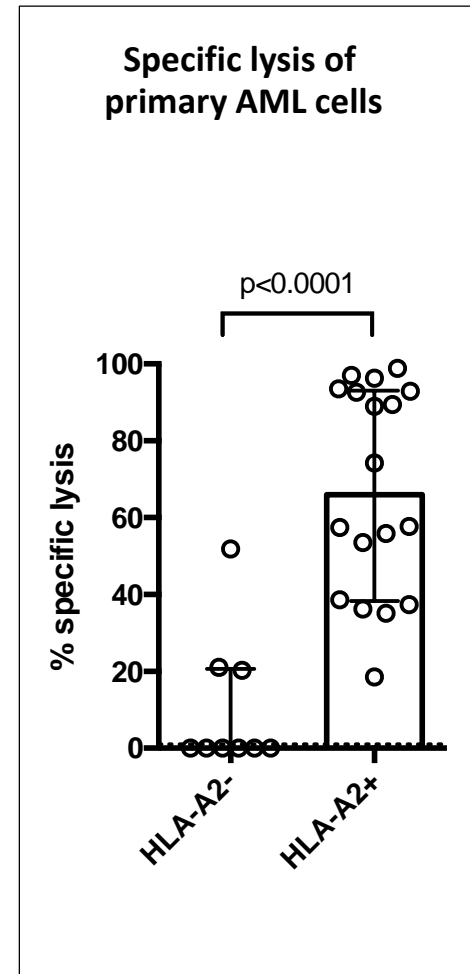
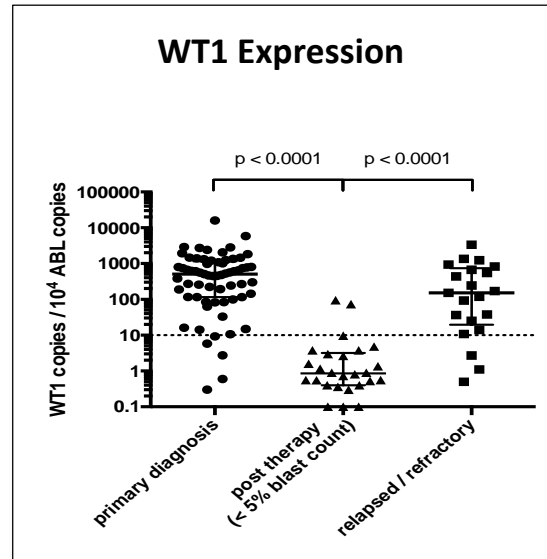
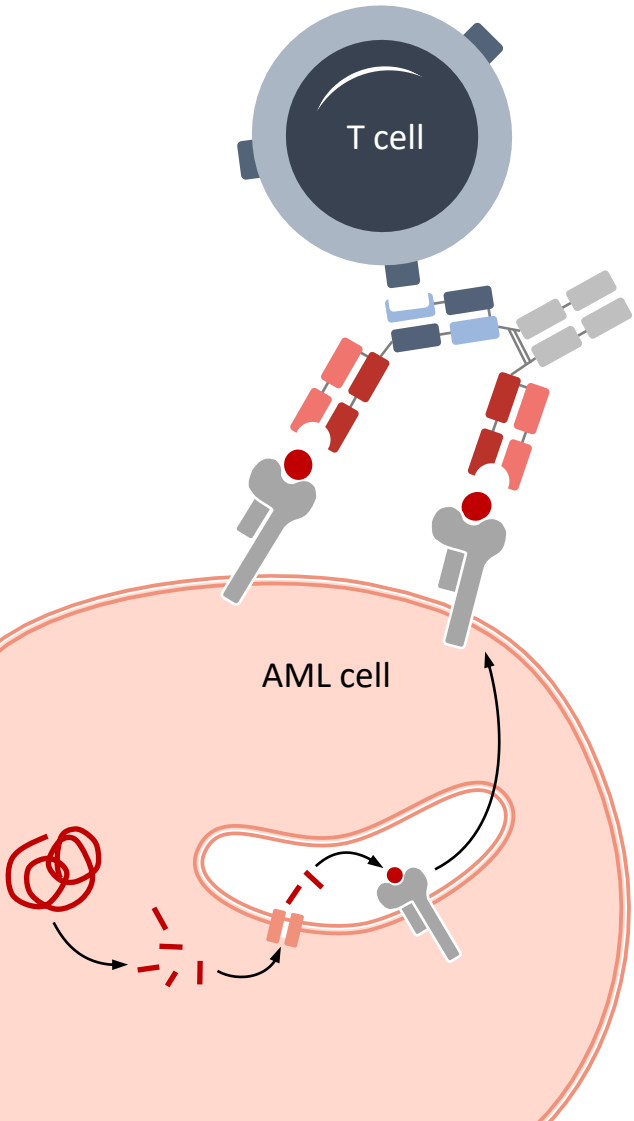
Fc dead domain:
extended half-life/
IgG-like PK properties



WT1_{RMF} is Presented on HLA-A*02+ AML Cells and is Specifically Recognized by WT1-TCB



Initiation of a Phase I trial in HLA-A2⁺ patients with r/r AML & MRD⁺ (> 0.1%)



Currently recruiting into a Phase I clinical trial in r/r AML and also MRD⁺ AML

Evolving Intracellular Target Antigens in AML: Neoantigens – AML specificity

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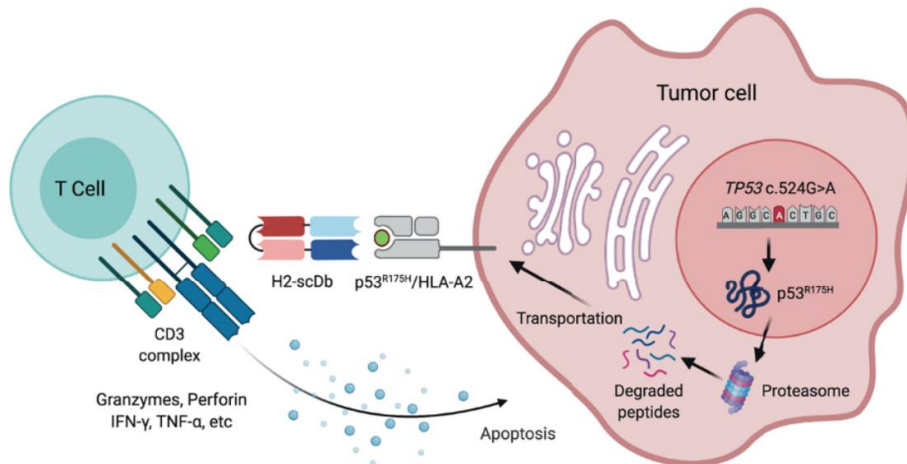
RESEARCH ARTICLES

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Targeting a neoantigen derived from a common *TP53* mutation Using TCR Tg T cells or Bispecifics

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CBFB-MYH11 fusion neoantigen enables T cell recognition and killing of acute myeloid leukemia

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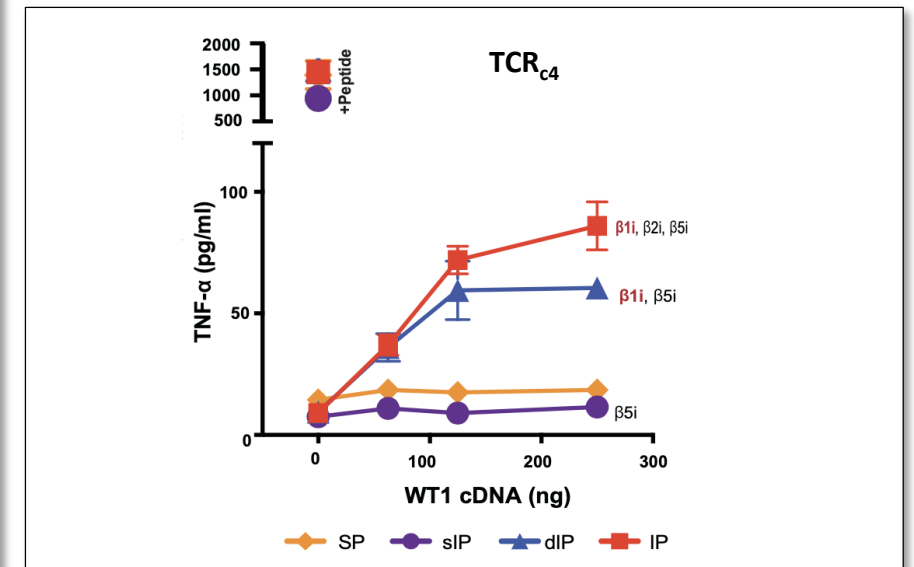
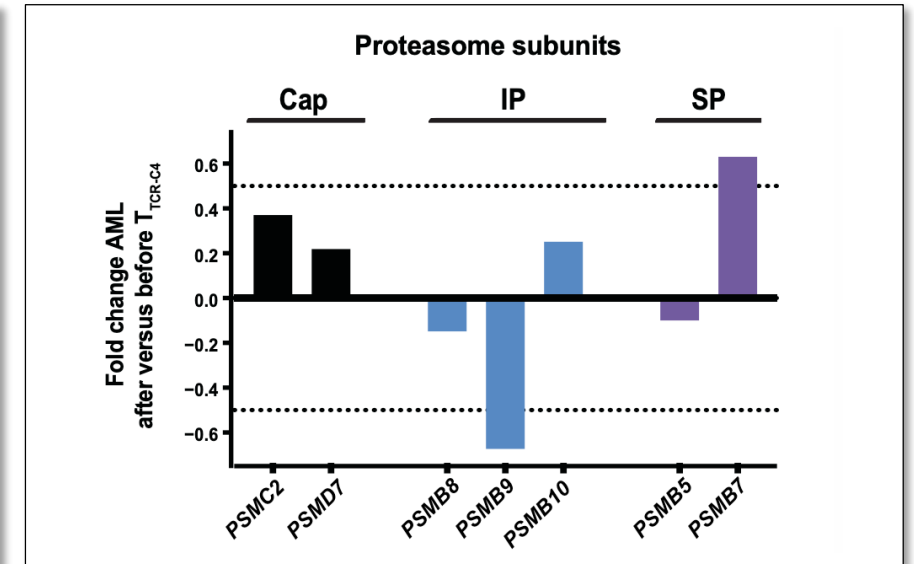
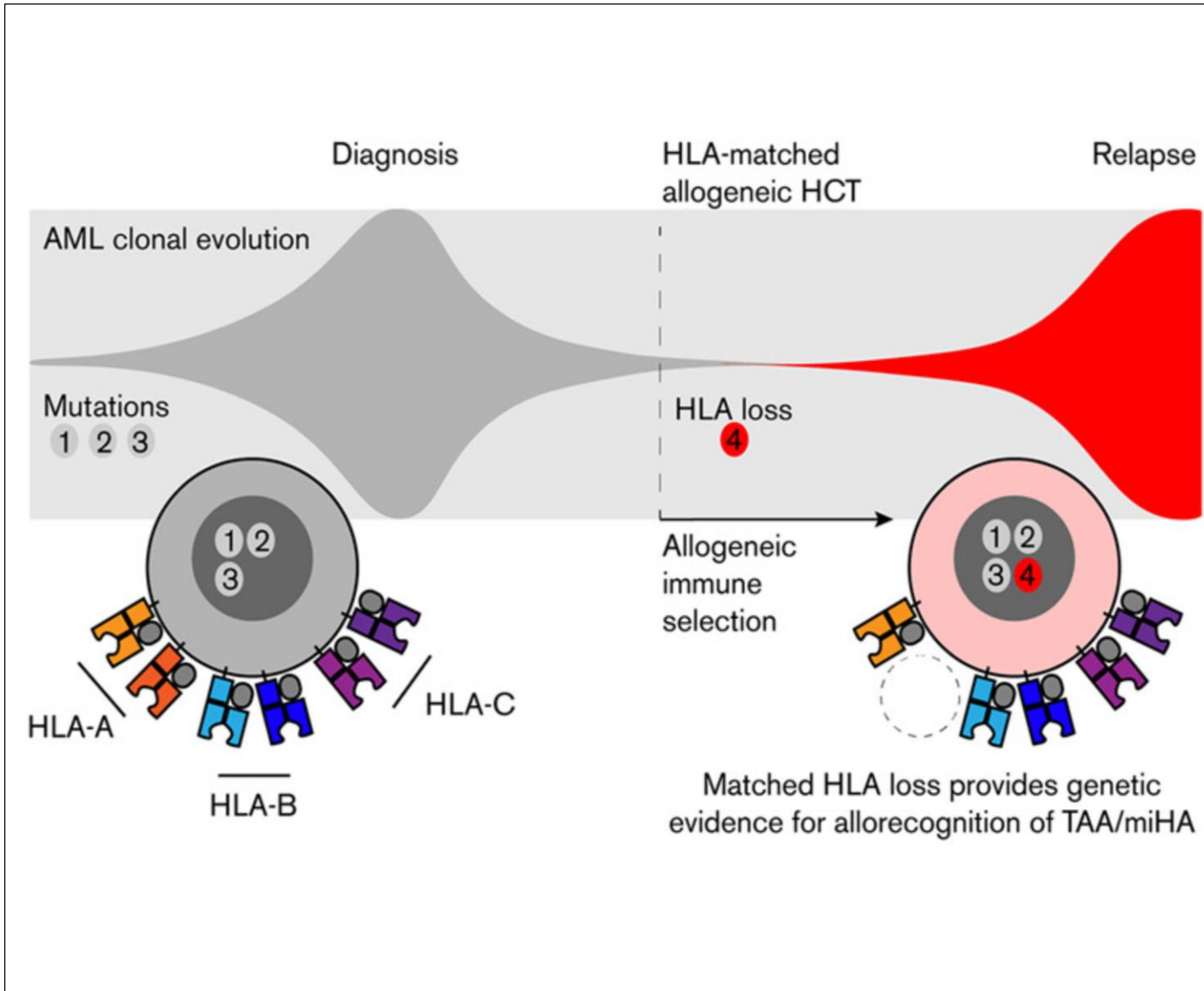
Proteins created from recurrent fusion genes like *CBFB-MYH11* are prevalent in acute myeloid leukemia (AML), often necessary for leukemogenesis, persistent throughout the disease course, and highly leukemia specific, making them attractive neoantigen targets for immunotherapy. A nonameric peptide derived from a prevalent *CBFB-MYH11* fusion protein was found to be immunogenic in *HLA-B*40:01+* donors. High-avidity CD8⁺ T cell clones isolated from healthy donors killed *CBFB-MYH11+ HLA-B*40:01+* AML cell lines and primary human AML samples in vitro. *CBFB-MYH11*-specific T cells also controlled *CBFB-MYH11+ HLA-B*40:01+* AML in vivo in a patient-derived murine xenograft model. High-avidity *CBFB-MYH11* epitope-specific T cell receptors (TCRs) transduced into CD8⁺ T cells conferred antileukemic activity in vitro. Our data indicate that the *CBFB-MYH11* fusion neoantigen is naturally presented on AML blasts and enables T cell recognition and killing of AML. We provide proof of principle for immunologically targeting AML-initiating fusions and demonstrate that targeting neoantigens has clinical relevance even in low-mutational frequency cancers like fusion-driven AML. This work also represents a first critical step toward the development of TCR T cell immunotherapy targeting fusion gene-driven AML.

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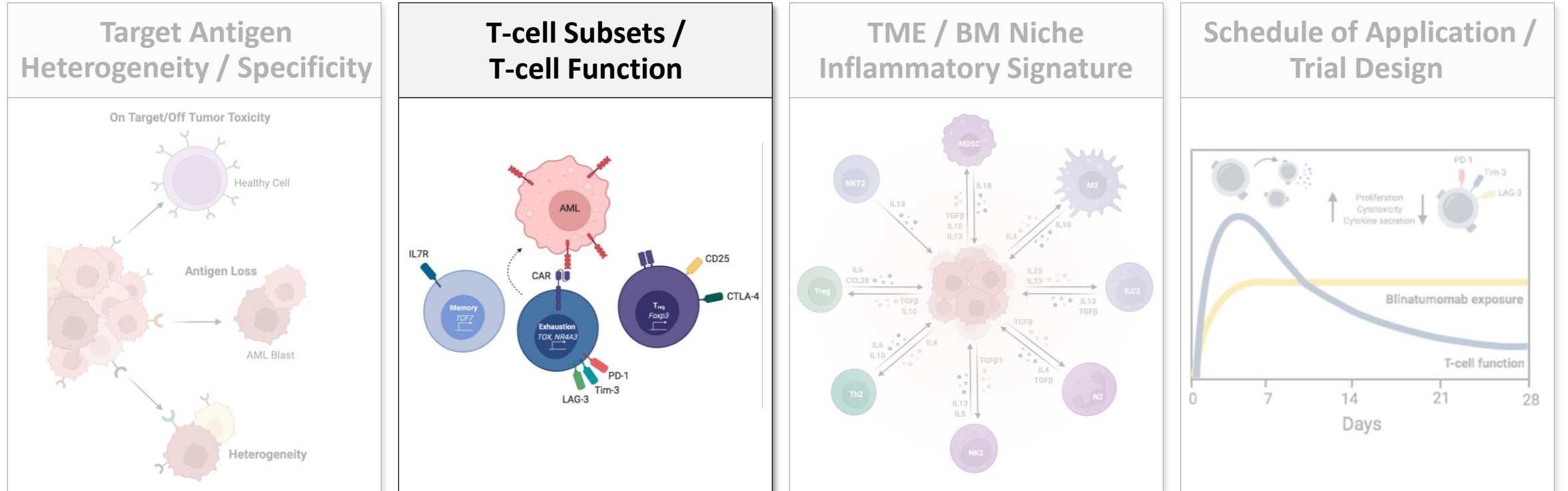
An HLA-A*11:01-Binding Neoantigen from Mutated NPM1 as Target for TCR Gene Therapy in AML

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Immune Evasion by Antigen Escape unter Immunological Pressure



Challenges of T cell-based Immunotherapy in AML



LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

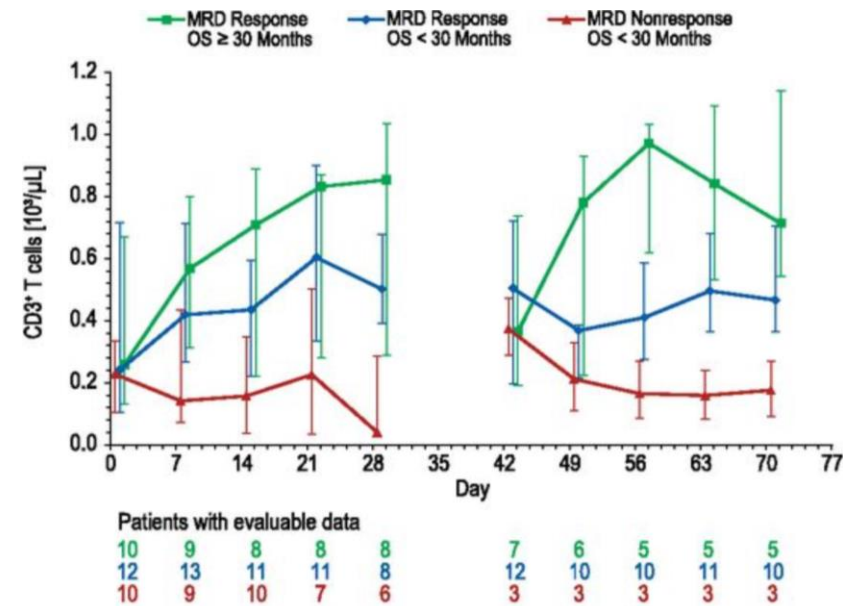
Long-term survival and T-cell kinetics in relapsed/refractory ALL patients who achieved MRD response after blinatumomab treatment

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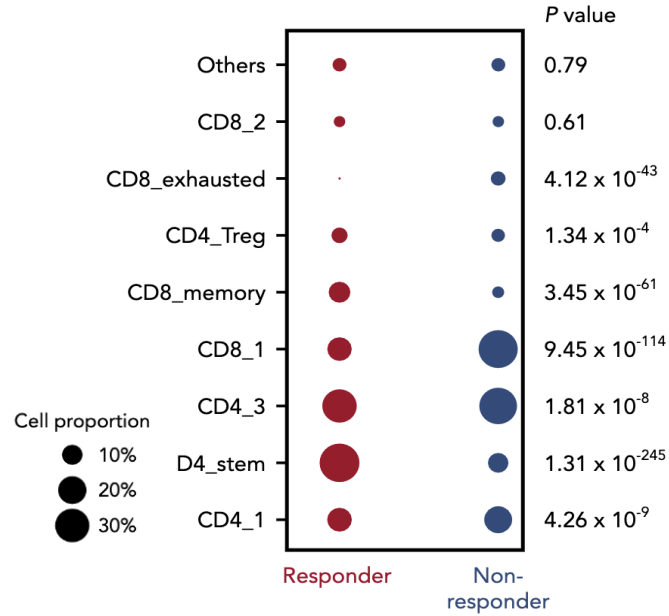
Key Points

- Ten of 36 patients (28%) achieved an OS \geq 30 months in a blinatumomab study in relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia.
- Long-term survival may be associated with T-cell expansion, B-cell depletion, and a minimal residual disease response.



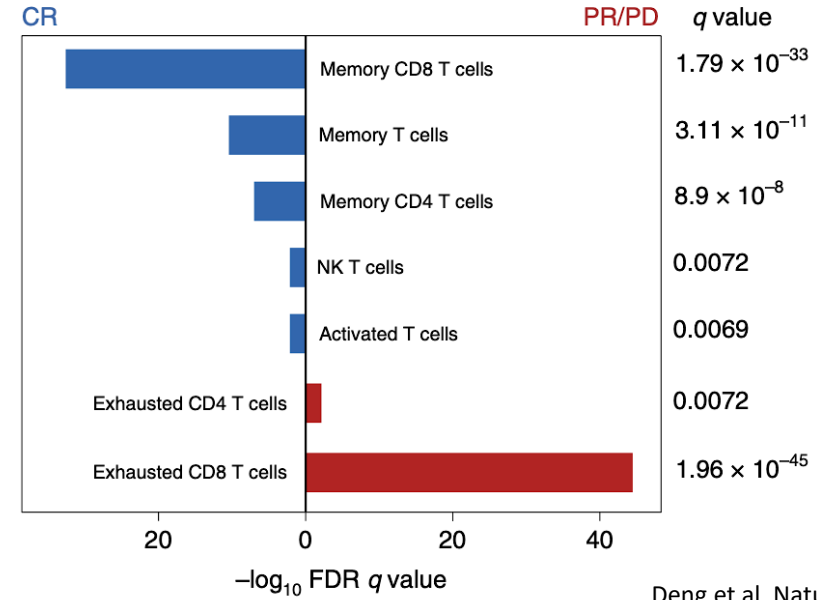
In BiTE & CART alike: T cell Fitness & Composition Determines Response Rate

Responders to Blinatumomab: Increase in naive and central memory T cells



Zhao et al, Blood 2021

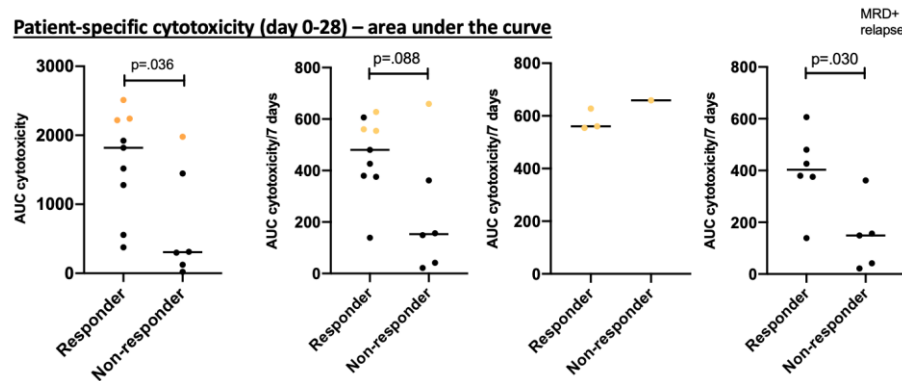
Responders to CD19 CAR T cells in DLBCL: memory CD4 & CD8 T cells



Deng et al, Nature Medicine 2020

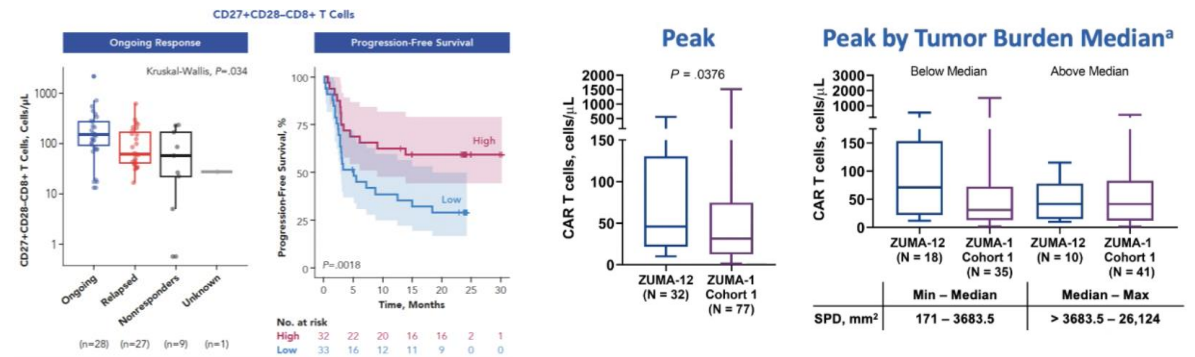
Reduced *in vitro* CD19-BiTE-mediated Cytotoxicity in non-Responders

Patient-specific cytotoxicity (day 0-28) – area under the curve



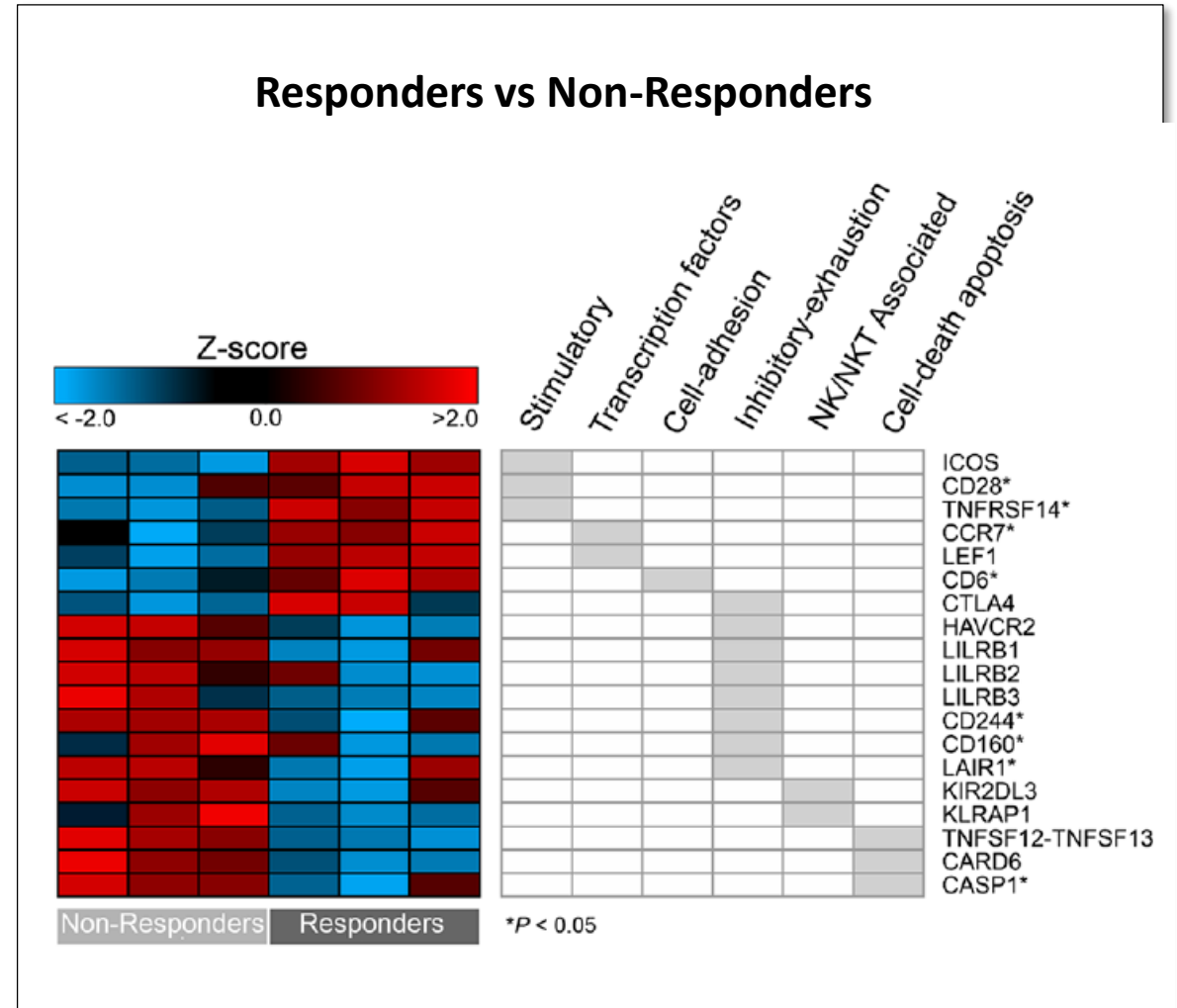
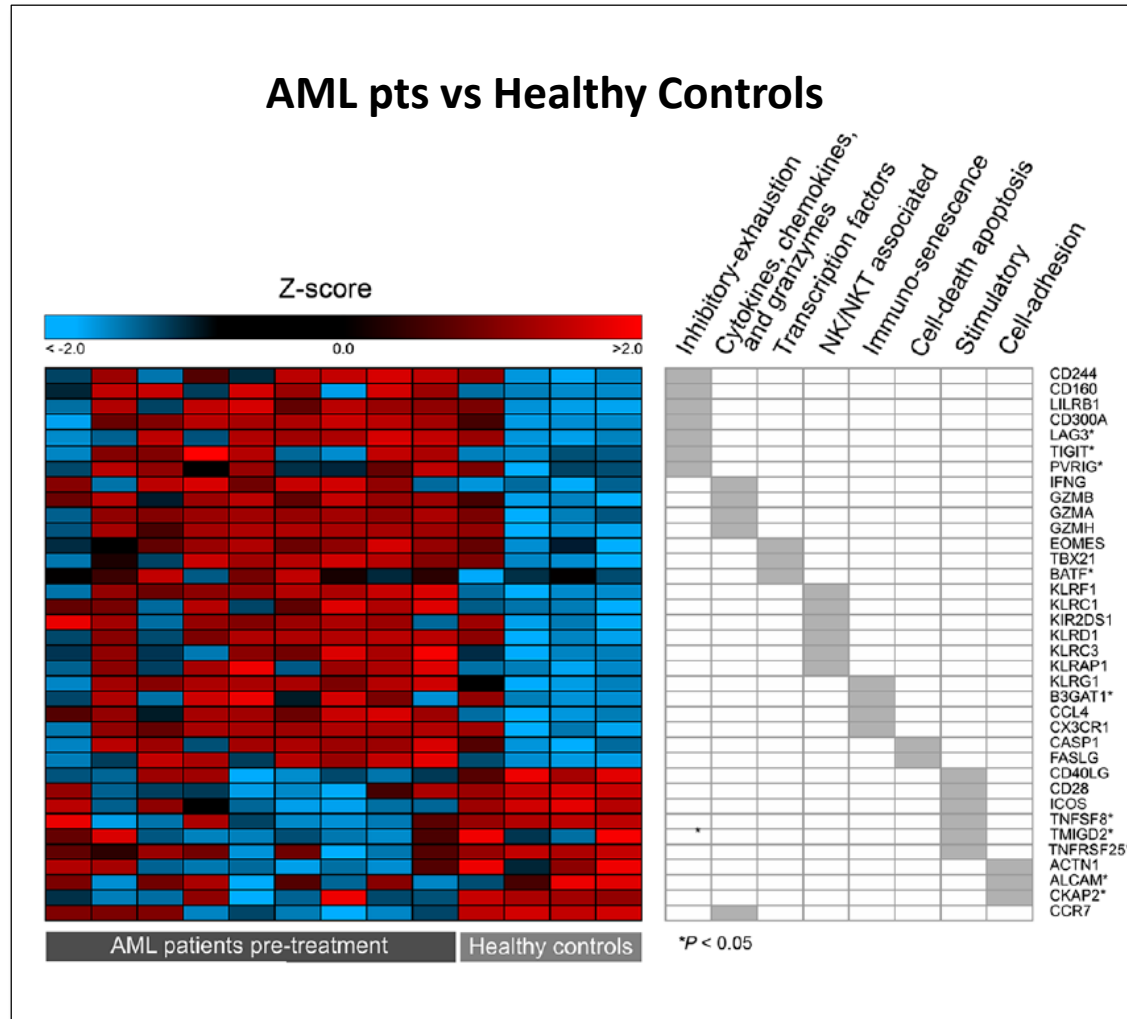
Bücklein et al, ASH 2019

T cell subsets & T cell expansion correlate to response: ZUMA-1 immune profile and comparison of ZUMA 1 vs ZUMA 12 data

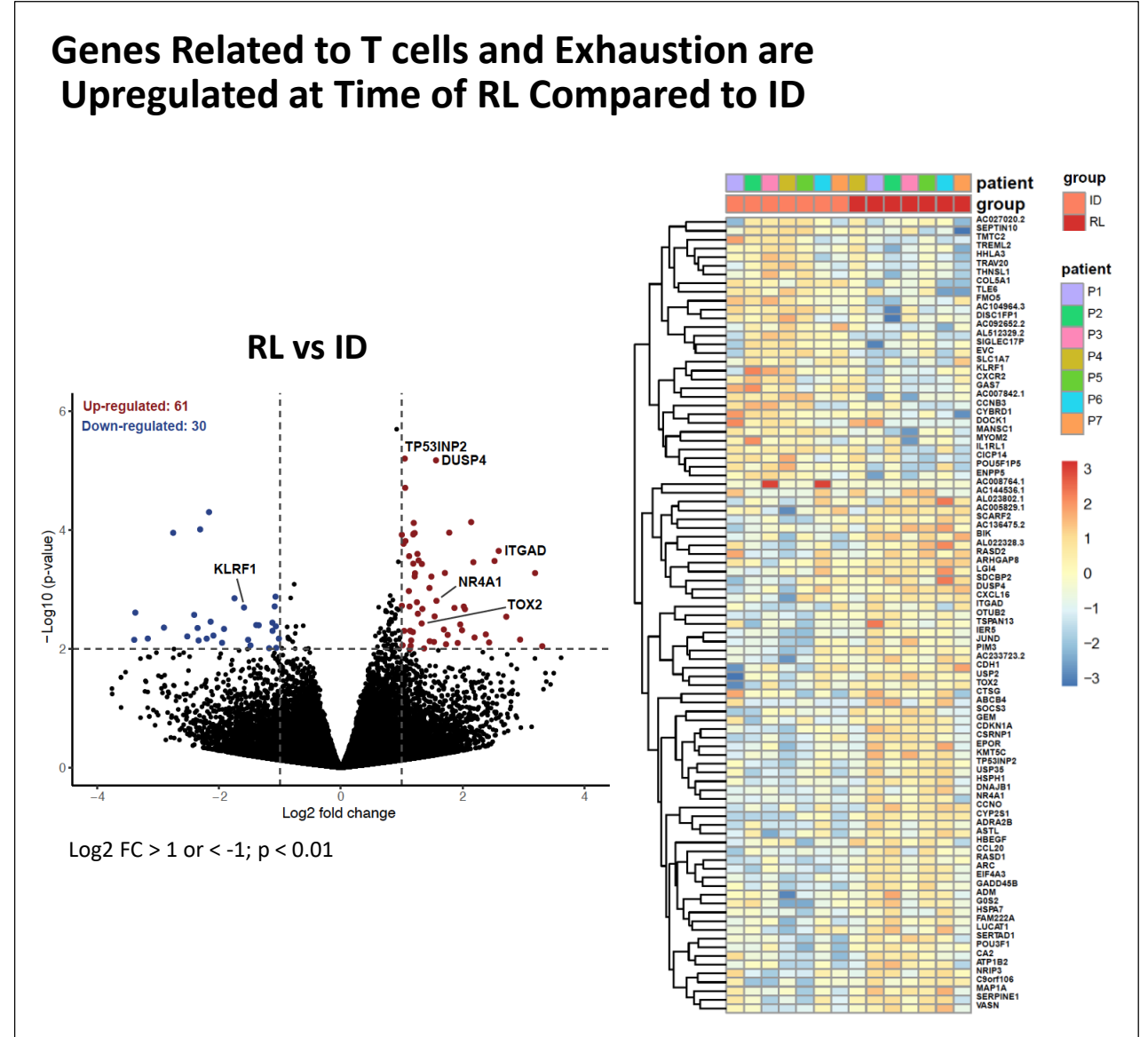
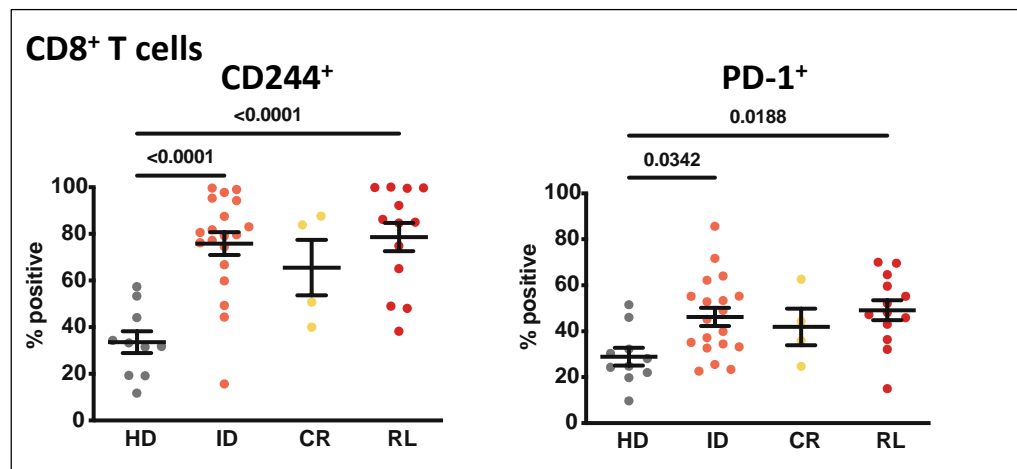
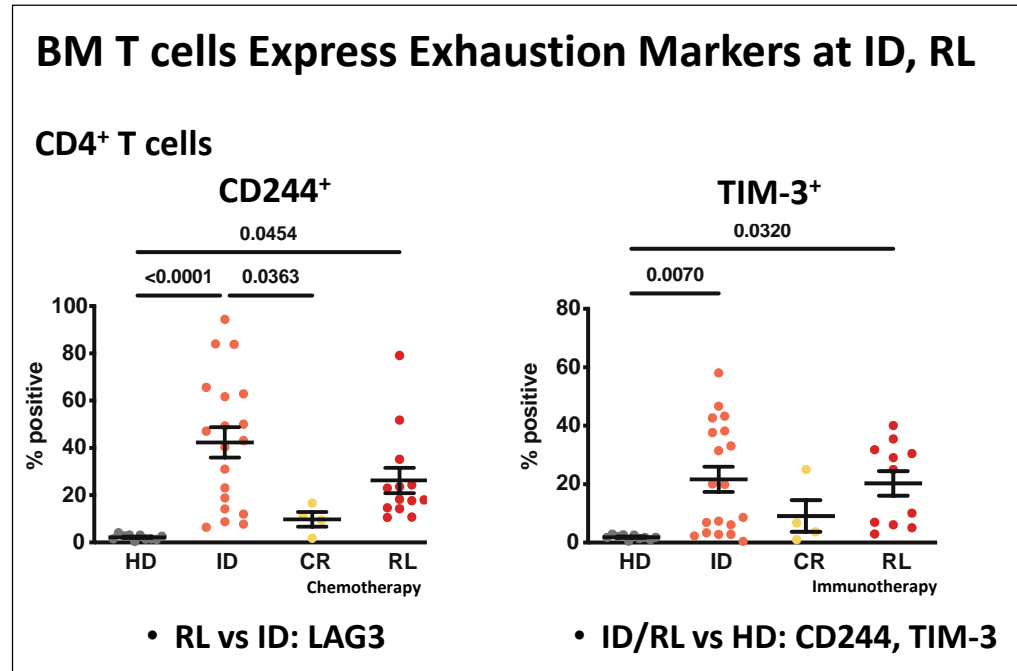


Chou et al, TCT 2022, Neelapu et al, ASH 2020

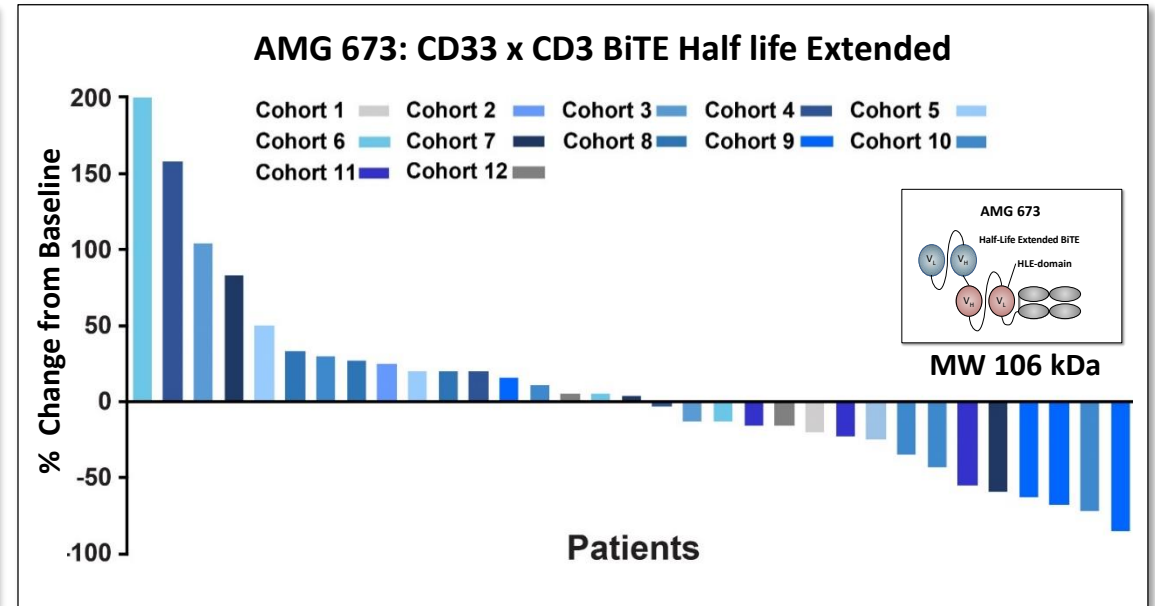
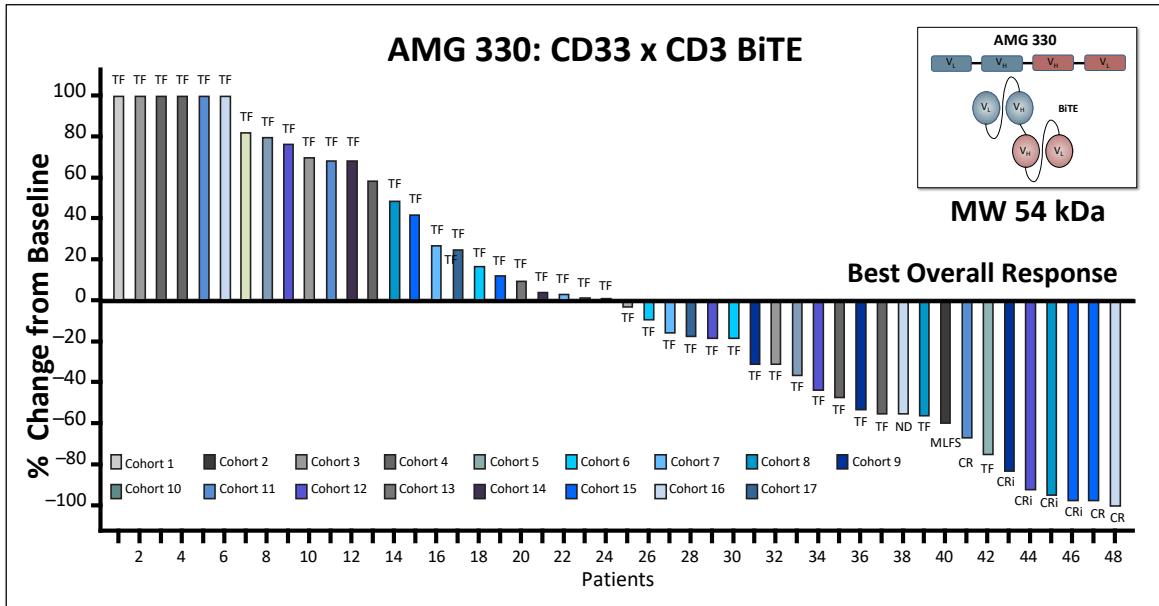
Signatures of CD8⁺ T-cell Dysfunction



Characterization of T cells during AML Progression



Phase I Clinical Trials in r/r AML: CD33-BiTE & CD33-BITE-HLE: Response to Treatment



- **48/60 Pt: > 4 prior anti AML therapies; 27/60 prior HST**
- 41/60: > 25% blast count in the BM; 24/60 > 50%
- 8 patients responded to AMG 330 treatment: CR (n=3, cohorts 11, 15, and 16), CRi (n=4, cohorts 8, 9, 12, and 15) and MLFS (n=1, cohort 2) with 3 responders out of 14 treated patients (21%) in cohorts 15-17
- Lower leukemic burden & higher E:T ratio was associated with higher likelihood of response, higher AMG 330 Exposure in responders
Response was observed after 1st cycle and sustained for a median 38.5 days (range of 14 –121 days) during the on-study period

- **25/38 patients ≥ 4 prior anti-AML therapies; 7/38 prior HSCT**
- Reduction in blasts was observed in 16/38 (42%) patients
 - ≥ 50% reduction in blasts was seen in 6 patients
 - One patient from cohort 9 achieved CRi, with 85% reduction in bone marrow blasts; 2 additional pts achieved CRh + Cri at target dose of 72 ug
- Reduction in blast numbers was observed in patients with higher exposure to AMG 673

CD123 DART – Flotetuzumab: Phase I/II Study Design

Flotetuzumab Phase 1/2 Study Design

Expansion in primary induction failure & early relapsed AML patients

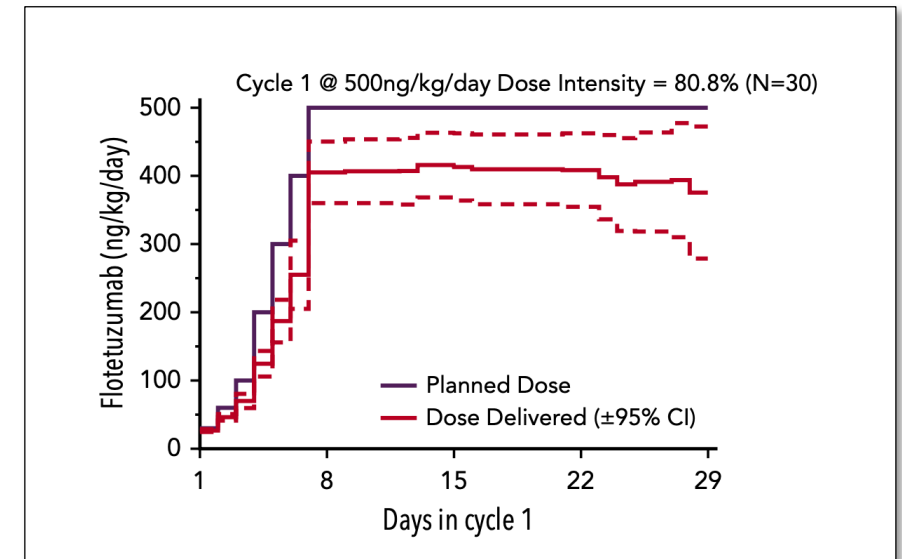
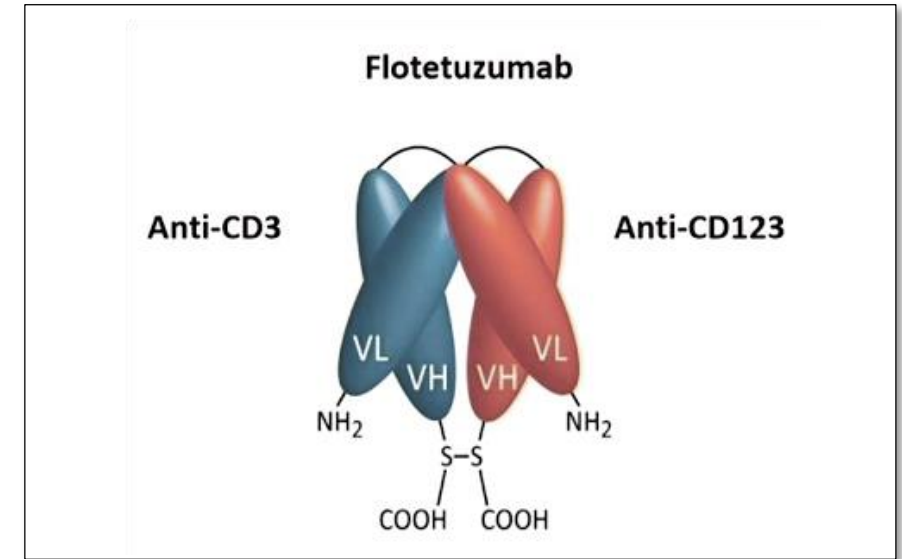
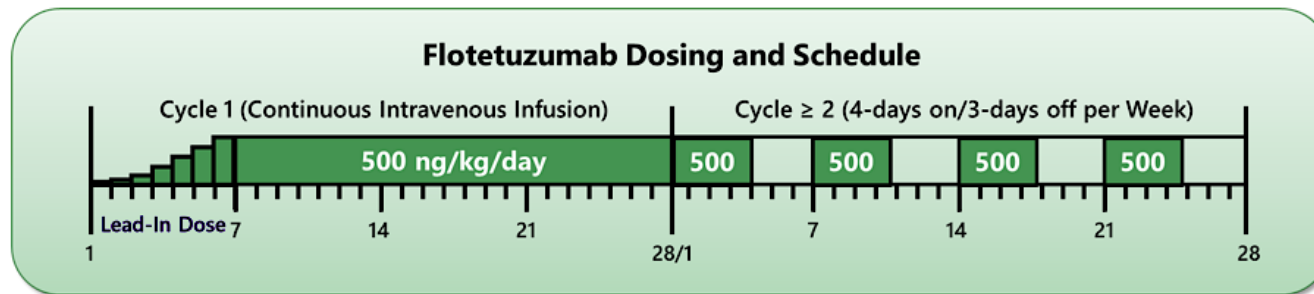


Key Entry Criteria (refractory AML population)

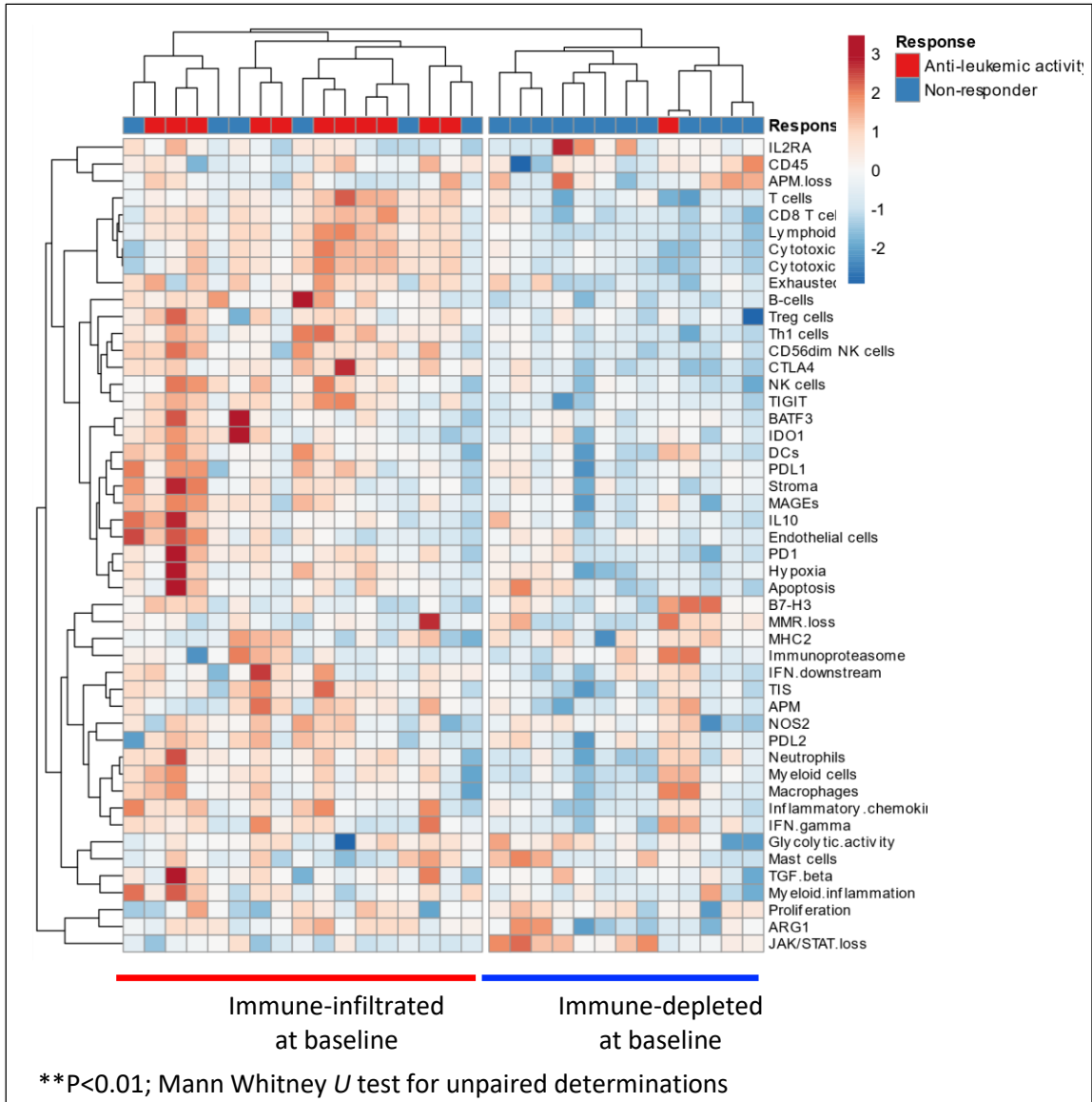
- Primary induction failure (PIF): refractory to 2 induction attempts
- Early relapse: First relapse with initial CR duration of 6 months or any prior unsuccessful salvage
- No prior allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant

Study Objectives

- Safety and preliminary clinical activity
- Optimize delivery and supportive care
- Define PK, PD and PK/PD relationships



Immune Infiltration and response to Flotetuzumab



Immune:	Infiltrated (n=17)	Depleted (n=13)
CR	29.4% (5)	0
CRh	5.9% (1)	7.7% (1)
CRi	5.9% (1)	0
CR/CRh/CRi	41.2%	7.7%
% BM change (avg)	-48%	+37%

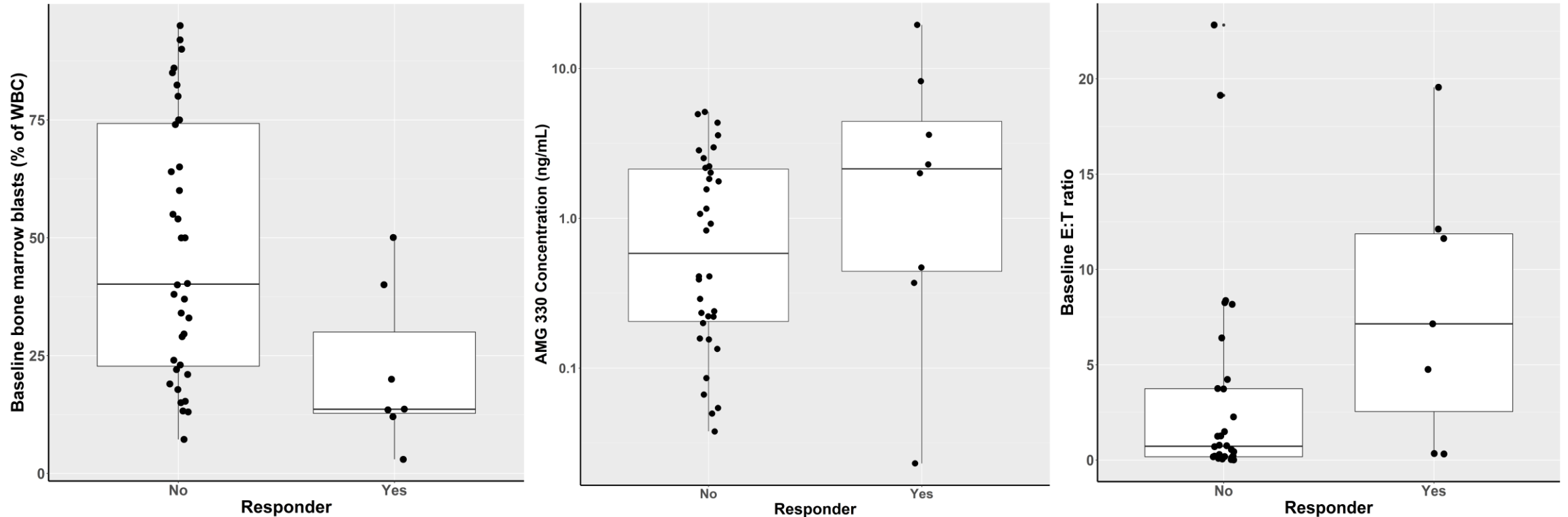
Clinical trials of Bispecifics in AML

Target, Construct	N	CR	CRS
CD123 ⁴ , Flotetuzumab	30	30%	100%
CD33 ⁵ , AMG330	55	19%	60%
CD33 ⁶ , AMG673	30	44 % with Blast reduction	50%
CD123 ⁷ , XmAb14045	104	14%	59%

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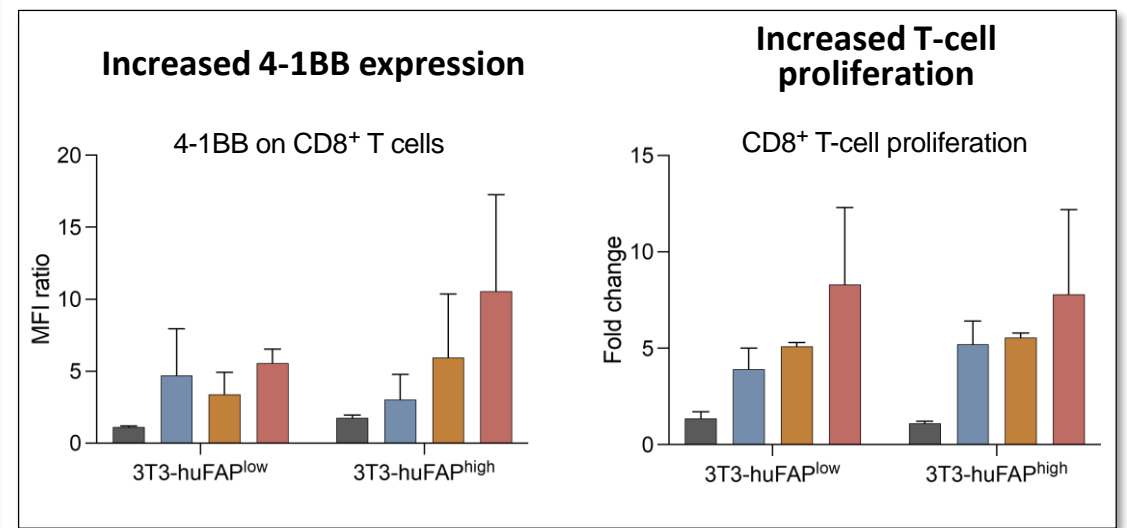
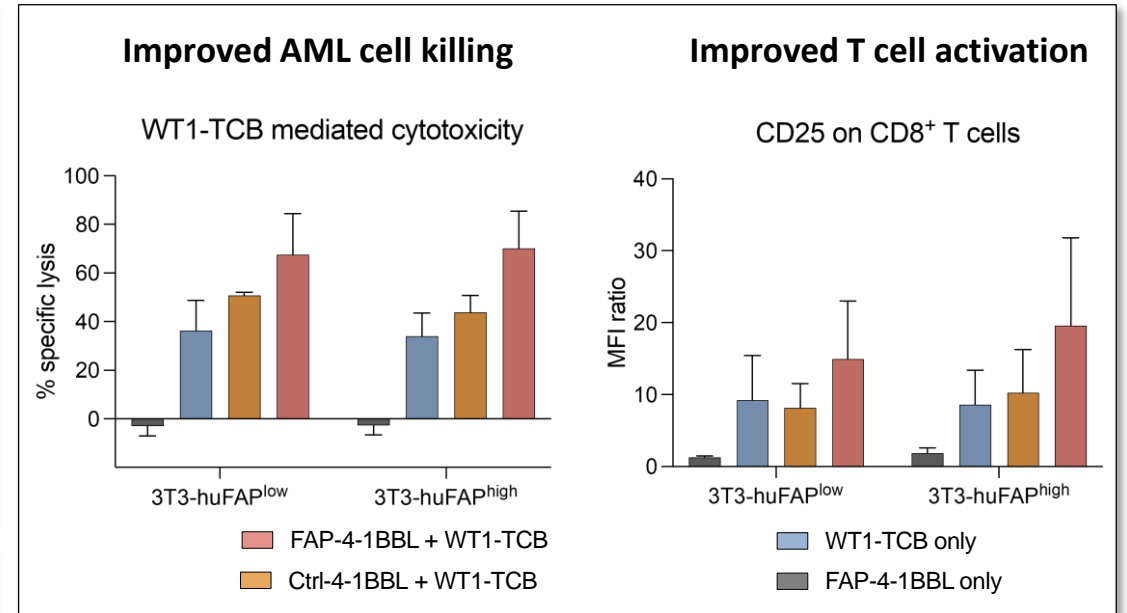
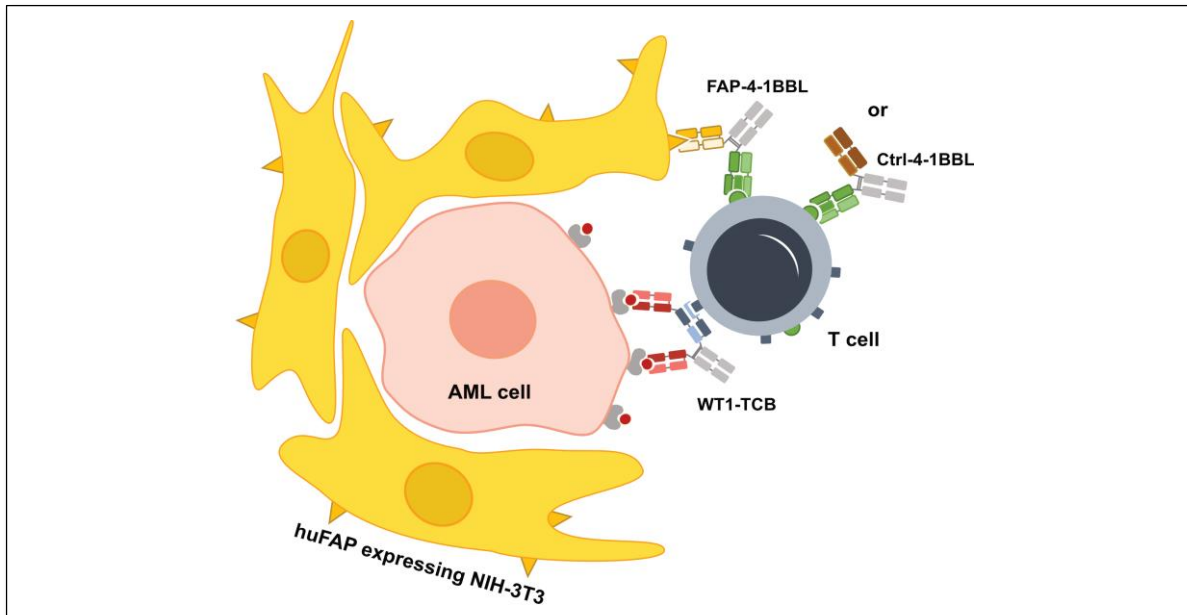
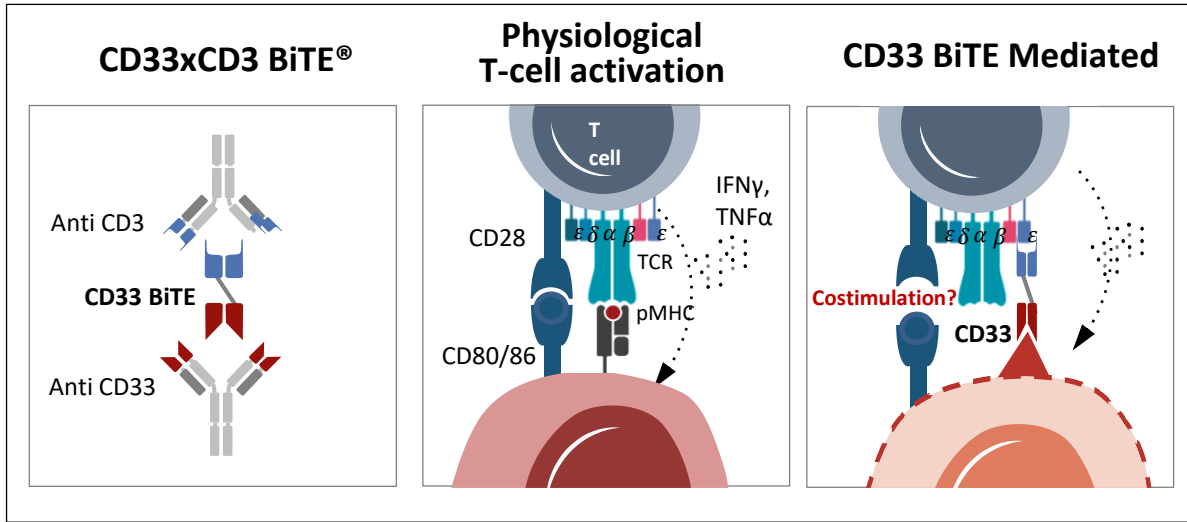
AMG 673: Exposure-Baseline Patient Characteristics–Efficacy Relationships

Responses vs. baseline tumor burden, AMG 330 exposures, and baseline E:T ratio

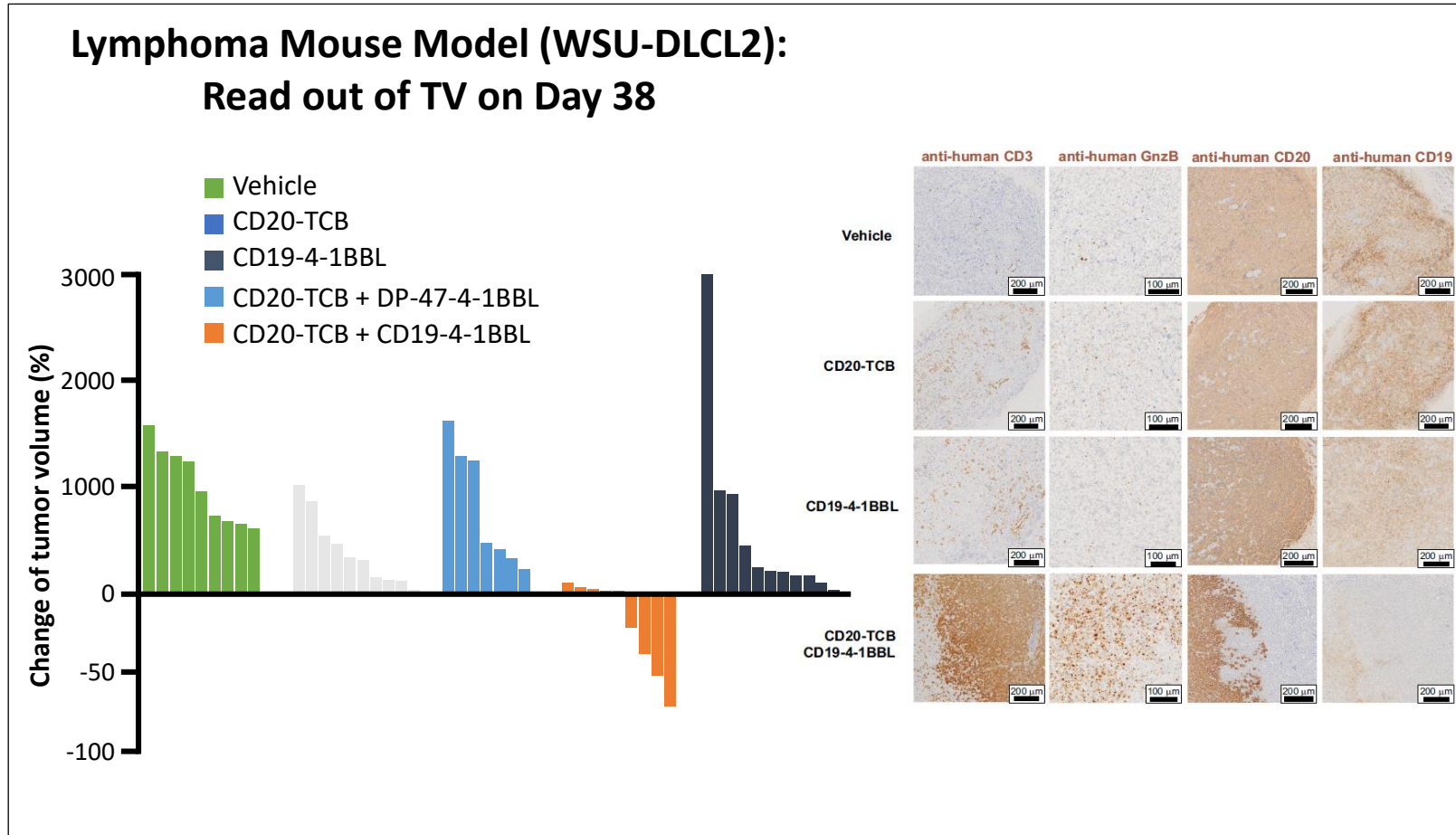


- A trend towards better clinical responses was observed in patients with lower baseline leukemic burden in bone marrow, higher AMG 330 exposures, and higher baseline Effector (CD3): Target (blasts) cell ratio

Reversing T-cell Dysfunction: Providing Positive Costimulation by a FAP-4-1BBL biAb



Combination of CD20-Bispecific + CD19-4-1BBL induces Complete Tumor Regression



4-1BB agonism enhances T cell

Proliferation

Cytotoxicity

Cytokine secretion
(e.g IFN γ , IL-2, TNF α , GM-CSF)

Th1 polarization

Memory formation

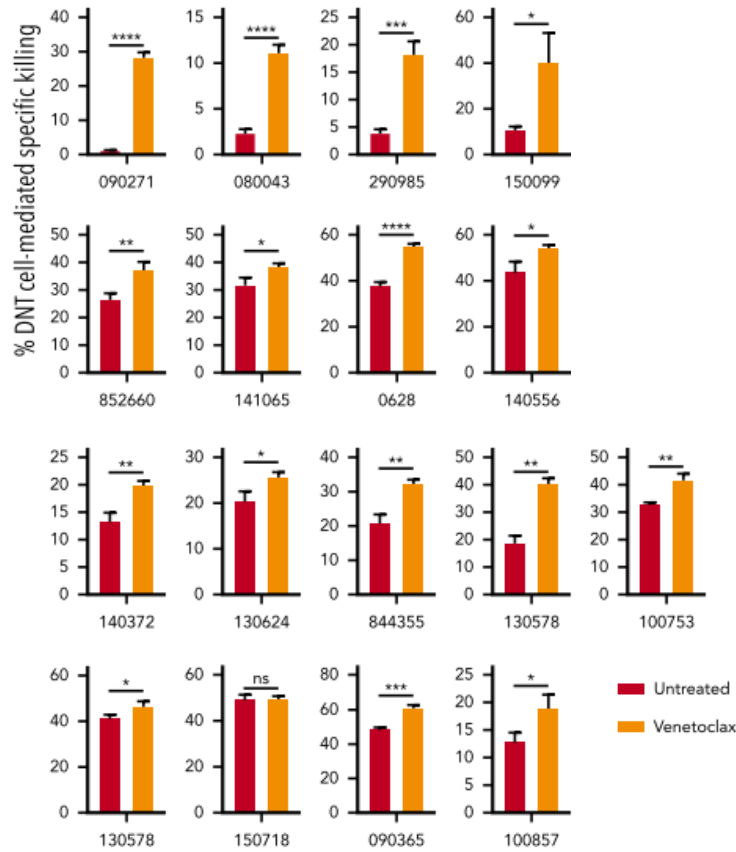
T cell survival (anti-apoptosis)

Resistance to exhaustion

Metabolic fitness

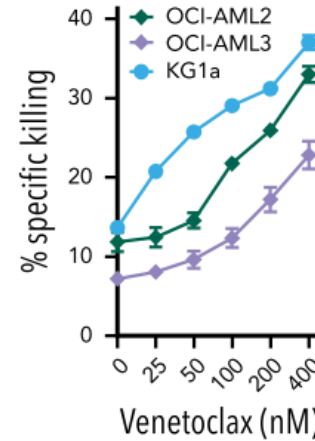
Venetoclax improves T-cell mediated cytotoxicity in AML

Venetoclax causes superior killing of primary AML cells by T cells

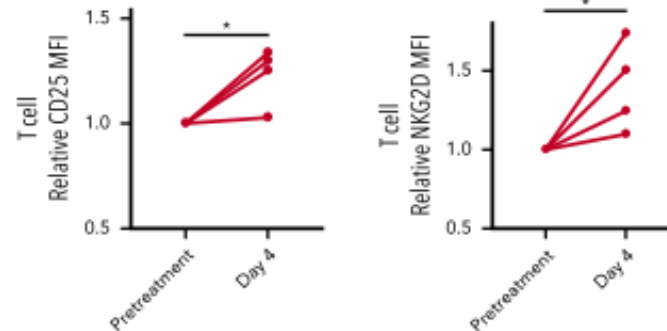


DNT: CD3⁺ CD4⁻ CD8⁻ double-negative T cells

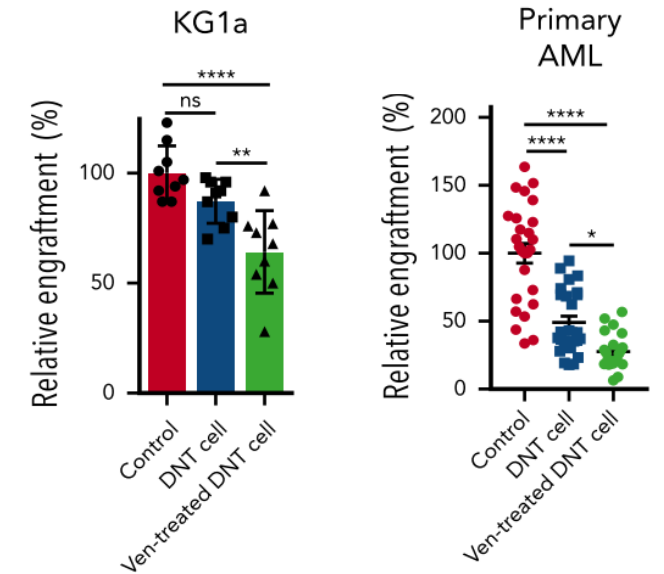
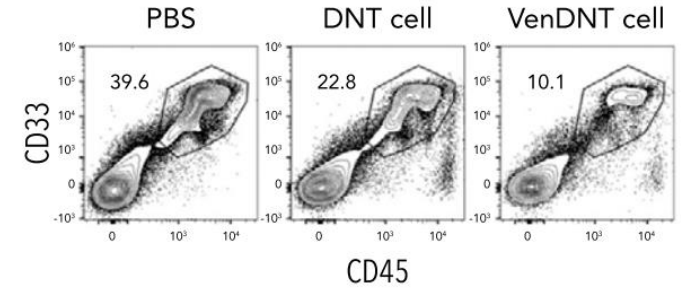
Improved AML cell killing by conventional T cells



Venetoclax causes T-cell activation in patients



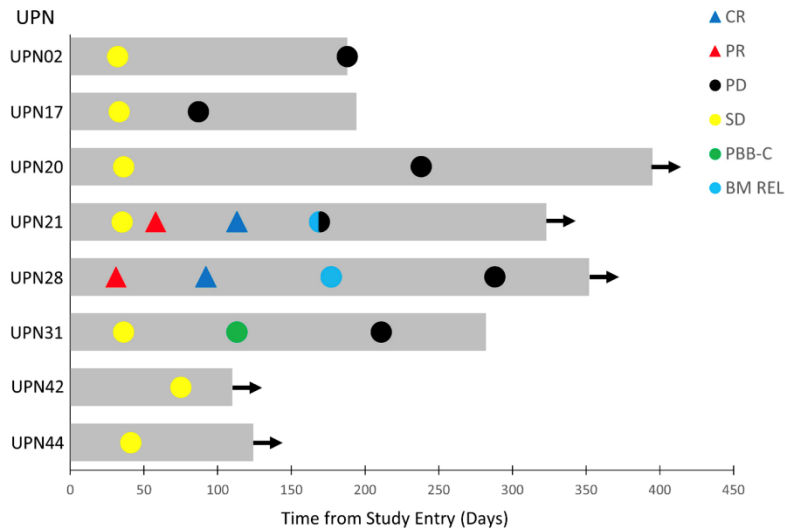
Reduction of AML burden *in vivo*



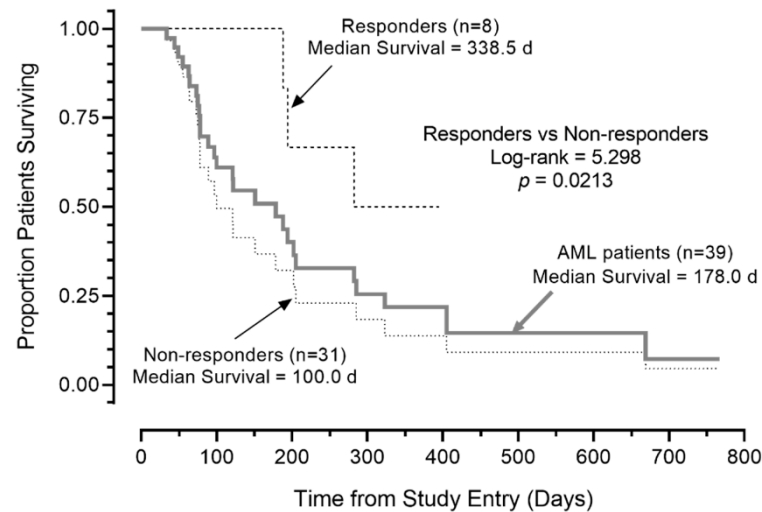
CD3 x CD123 BiAb + Ven/AZA in Pt with R/R AML or high Risk MDS

- The most common APVO436-related AEs were IRRs occurring in 13 (28.3%) patients and CRS occurring in 10 (21.7%) patients

Swimmer Plot of Best Overall Responses of the 8-Patient Favorable Response Population of R/R AML Patients. The onset and duration of SD, PR, CR, clearance of peripheral blasts (PBB-C), bone marrow relapse (BM REL) and onset of PD are indicated with specific symbols. Arrow: Alive.

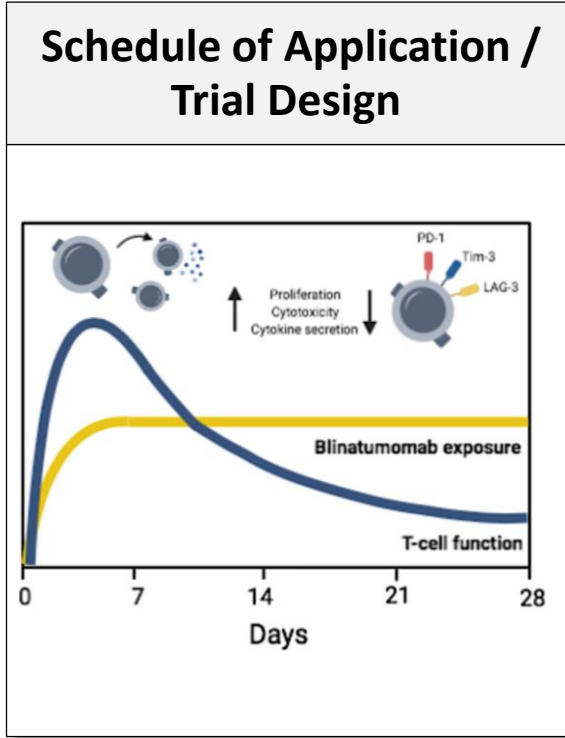
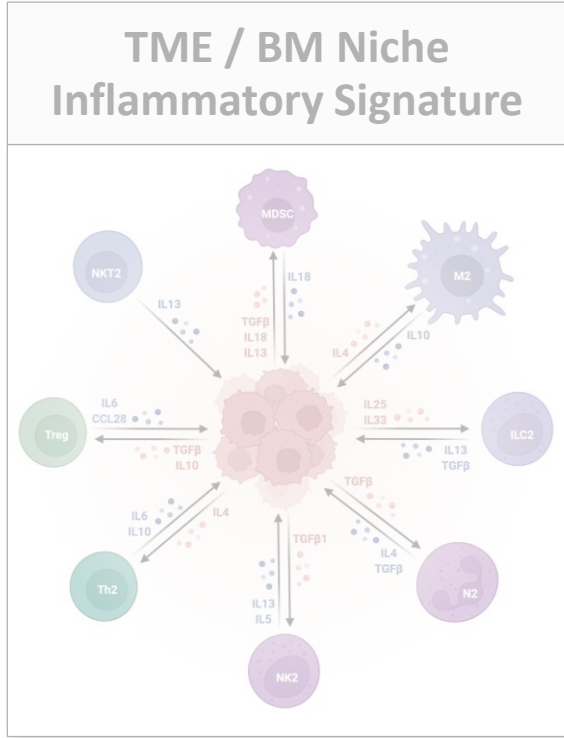
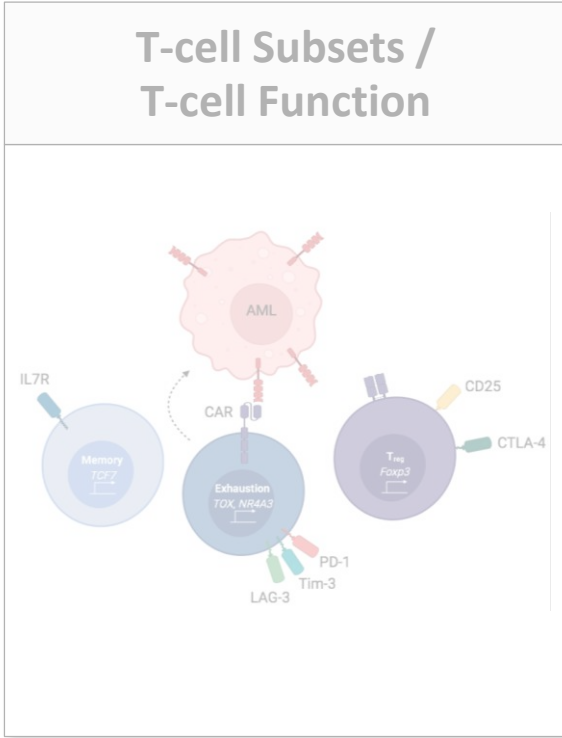
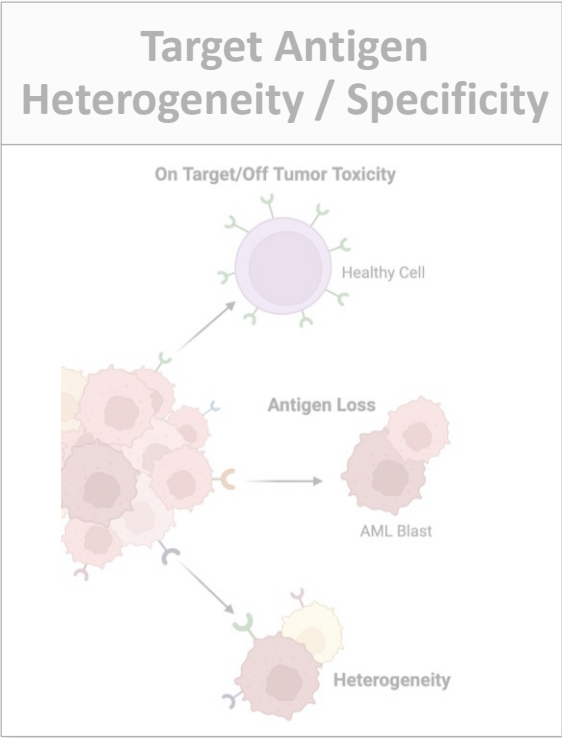


Survival Outcome of AML Patients According to Response to APVO436. Depicted are the overall survival curves of the 8 patients favorable responses, 31 patients who did not respond, and all 39 patients combined. Favorable responses of CR, PR or SD \geq 3 months is associated with improved overall survival in R/R AML patients treated with APVO436 monotherapy.

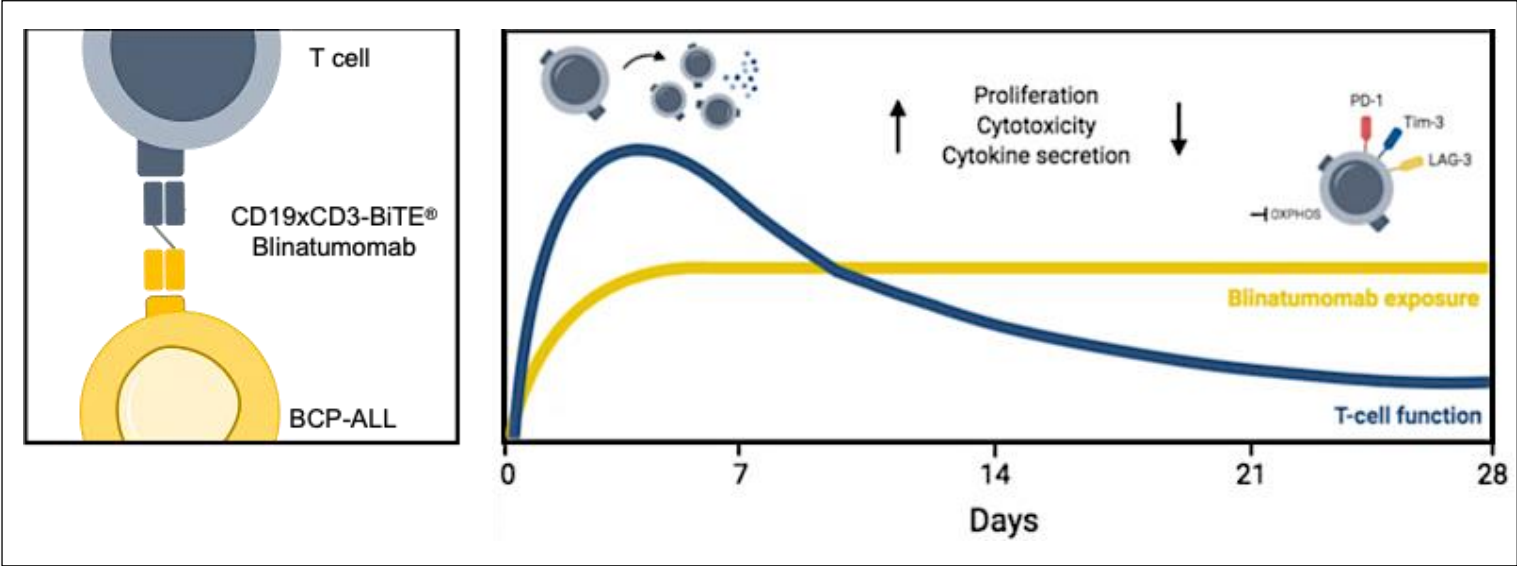


- In this trial a bivalent aCD123 x aCD3 bispecific was tested, kDA 161, given 1 x week i.v., in conjunction with chemo, AZA + Ven
- Safety profile better than in other early trials reported, not clear how CRS was mitigated
- In this trial 46 R/R AML pts included, of the 34 evaluable pts, 8 had SD, PR or CR, median OS of 300 d

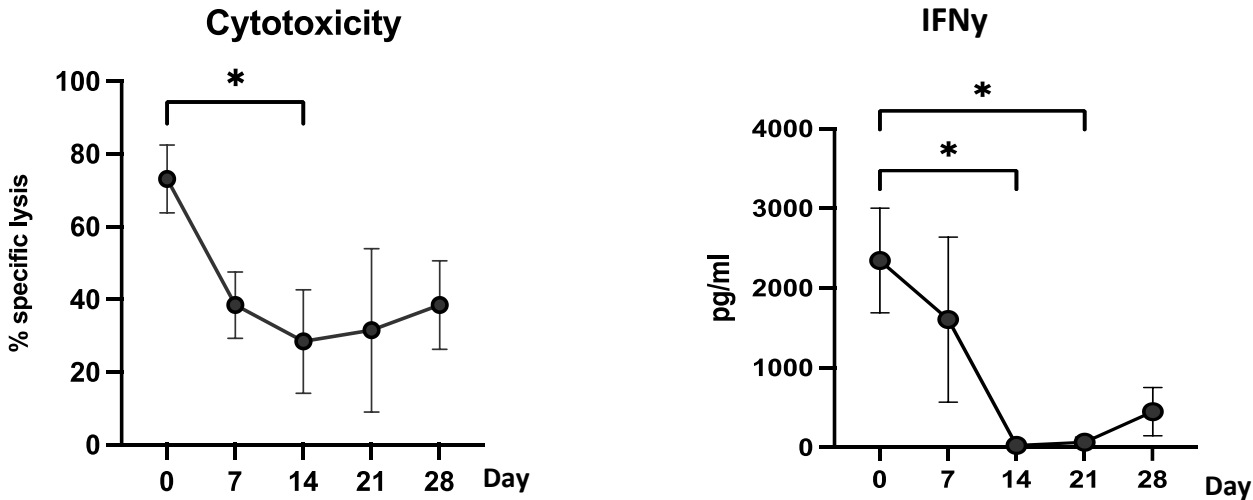
Challenges of T cell-based Immunotherapy in AML



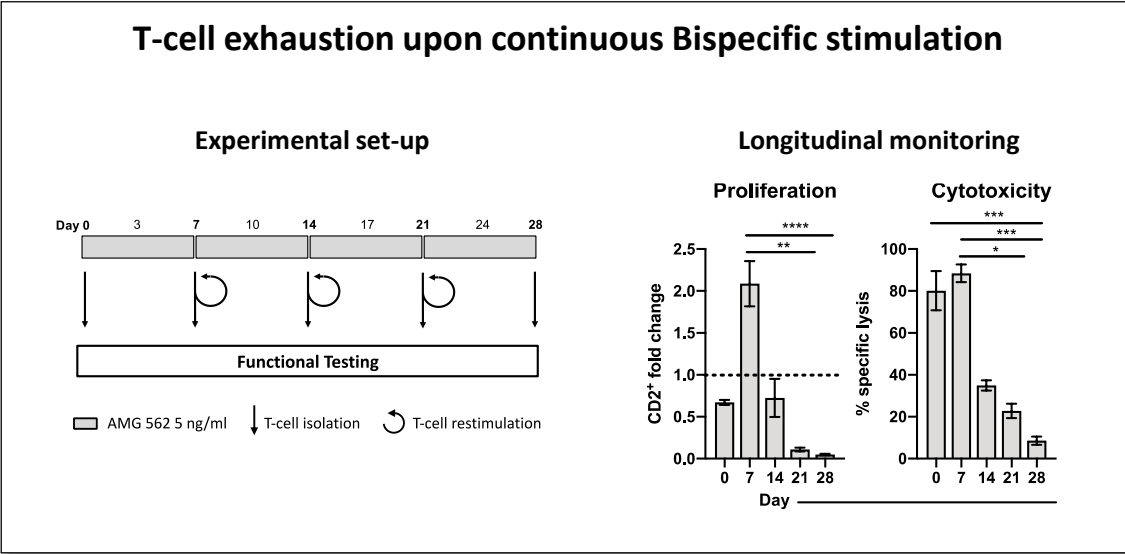
Continuous Blinatumomab Exposure Induces T-cell Exhaustion



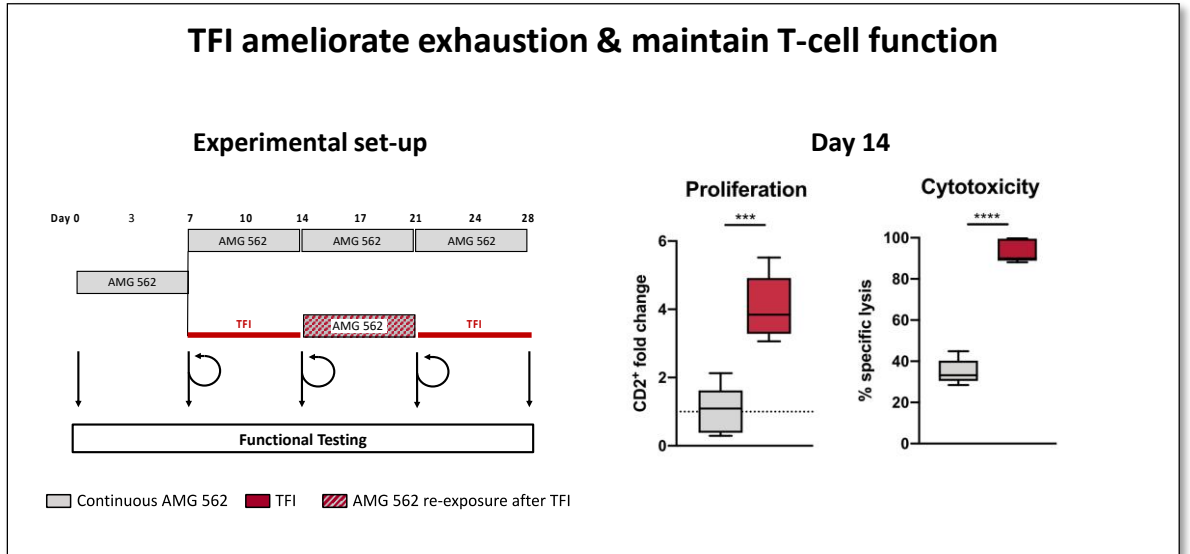
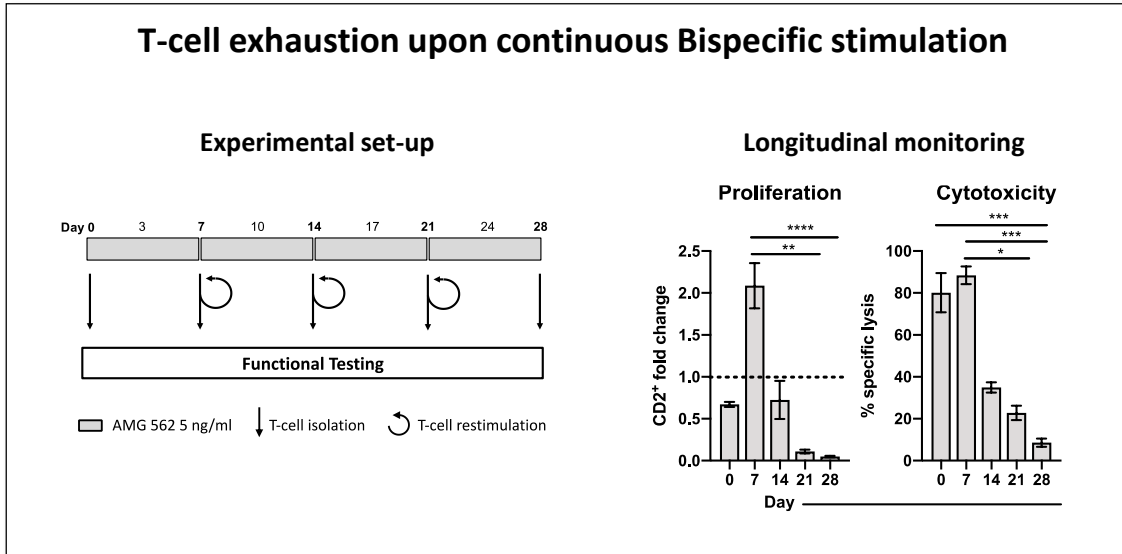
Immunomonitoring of ALL pt on Blin Tx (CD19 x CD3 BiTE)



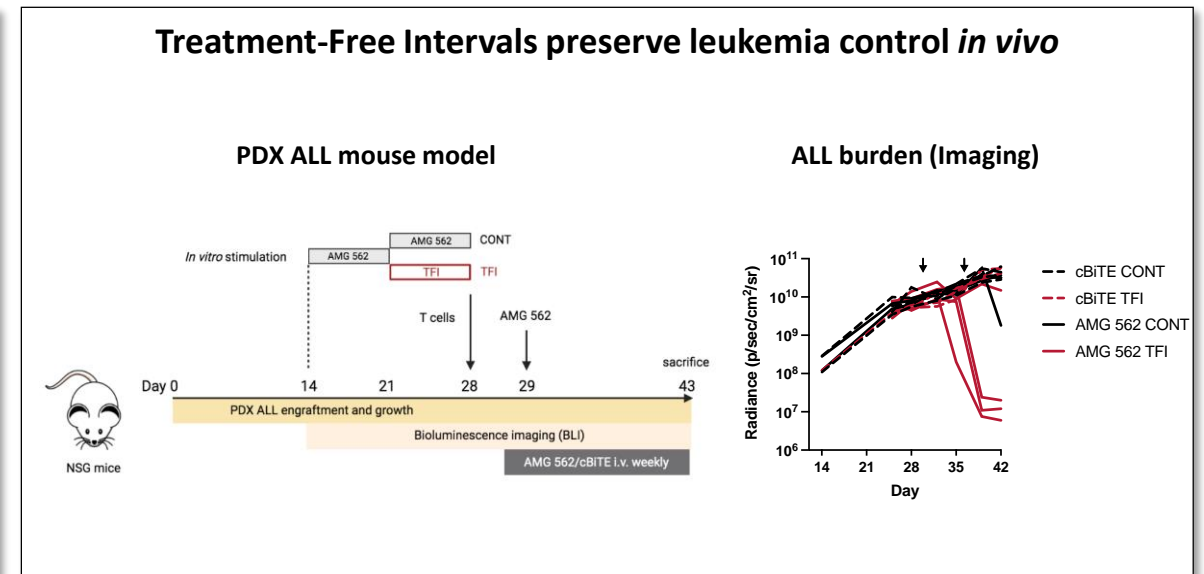
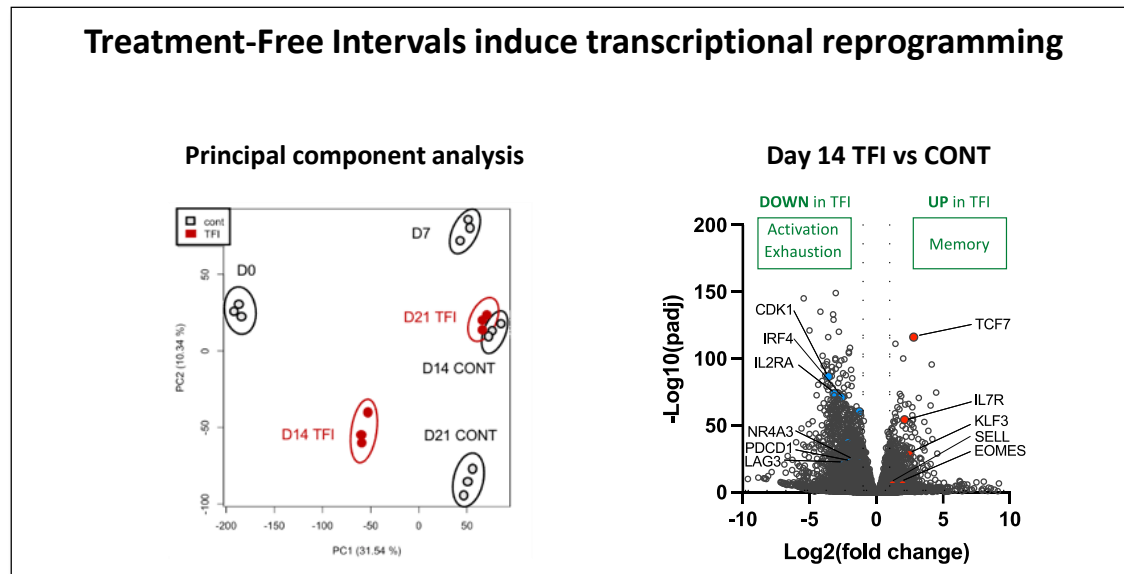
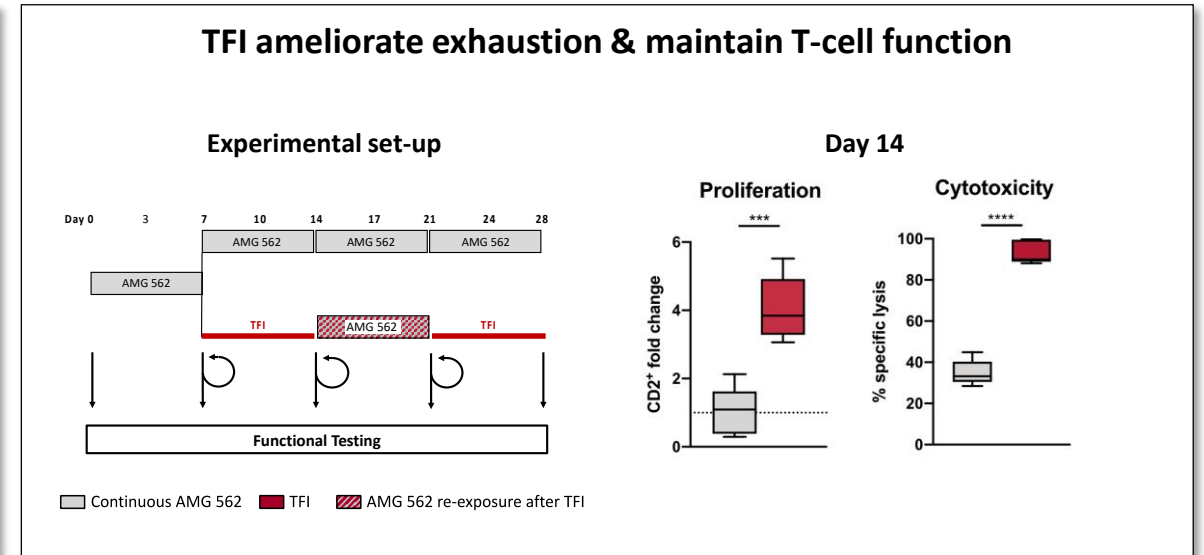
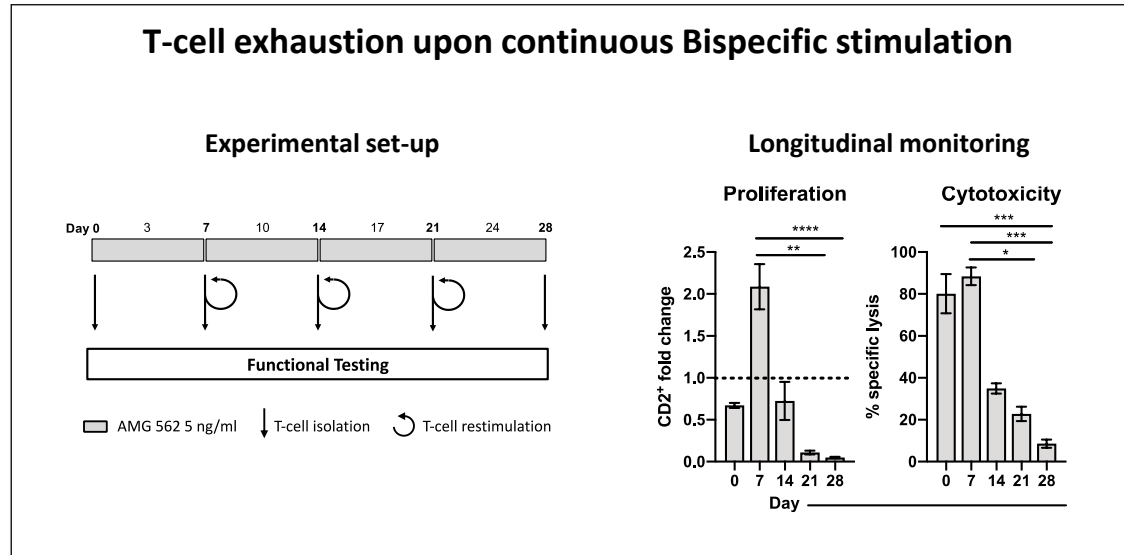
Mimicking the Clinical Application in an *in vitro* model system: Continuous BisAb Exposure



Treatment-Free Intervals Ameliorate T-cell Exhaustion Induced by Bispecifics



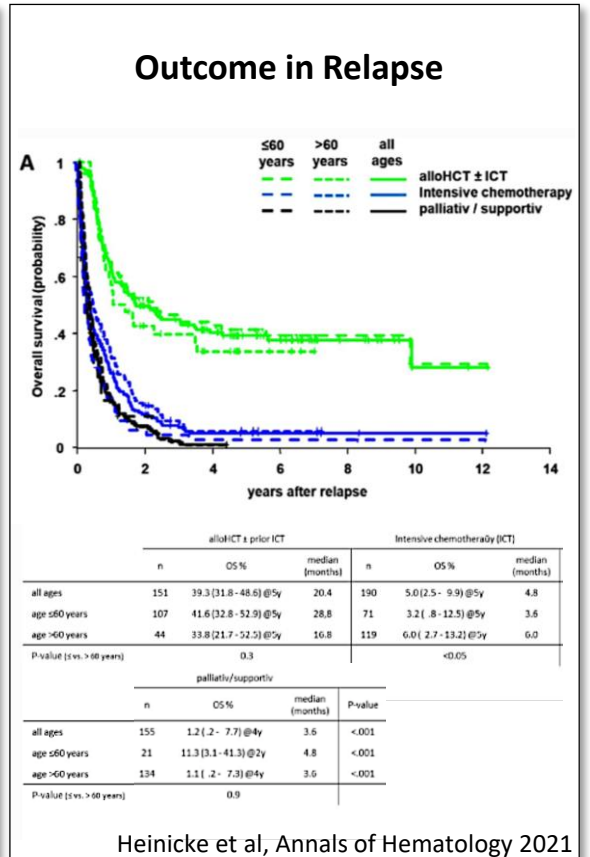
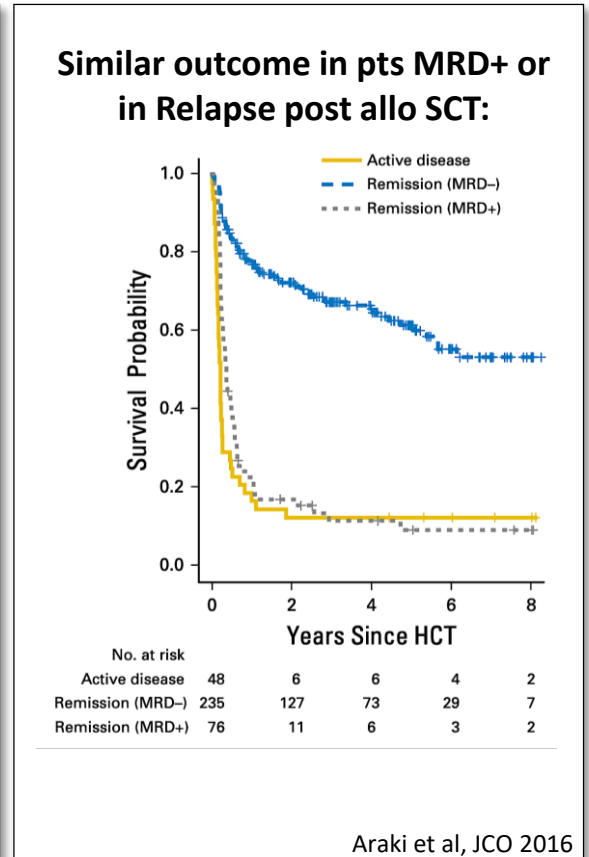
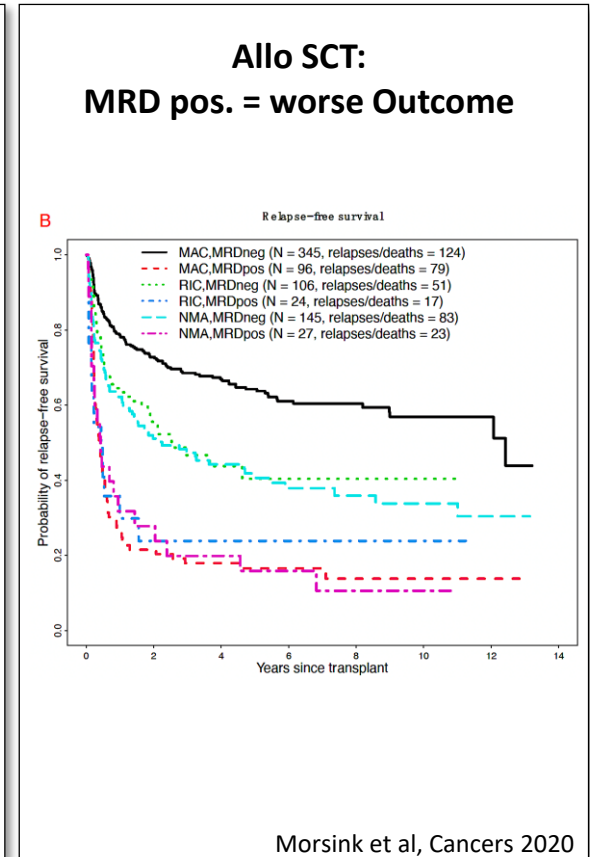
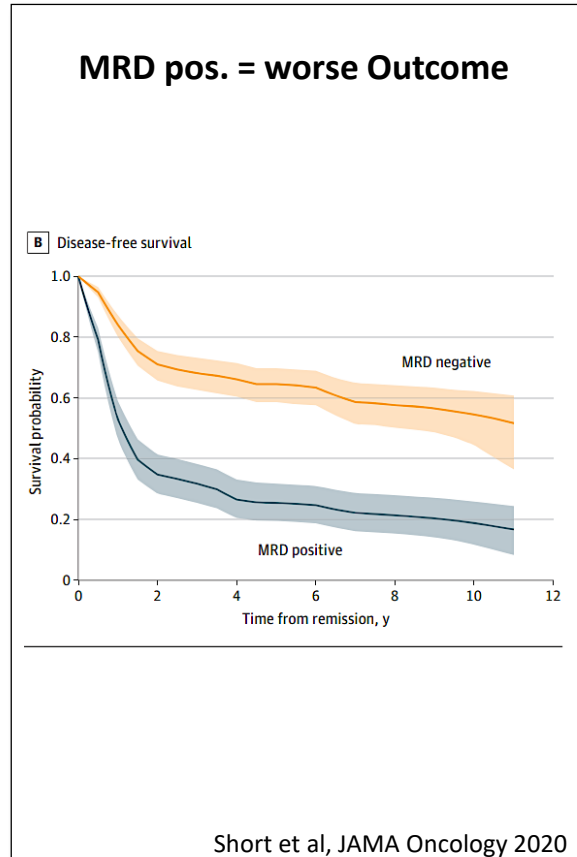
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TFI=treatment-free interval

Comparison to Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation: also not successful in MRD & Relapse

Majority of Clinical Trials of Bispecifics in R/R AML post > 3 prior treatment lines are prone to fail: dysfunctional T cells; immunosuppressive TME, high tumor burden



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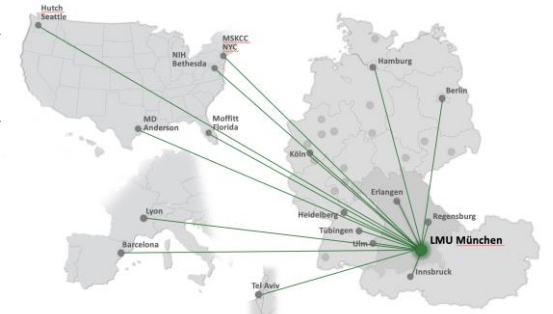
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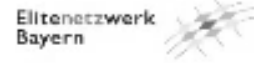
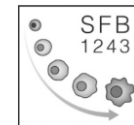
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