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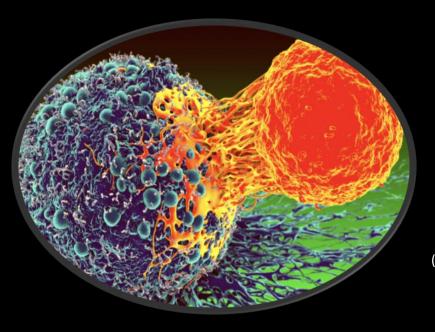
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Target-specific killing

"Intensifying" immune response (Cancer, Infectious Disease)

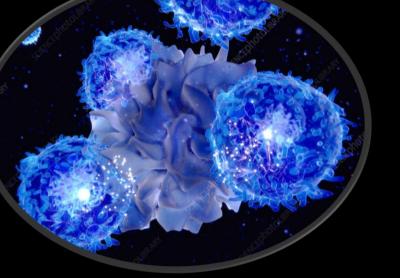
AIM[™] Platform:

Develop Therapies that Drive Antigen-Specific Cell-Mediated Immune Responses with Curative Potential

Rationally designed synthetic dendritic cell (nanoparticle) based therapeutics

Target-specific T Cell Tolerance

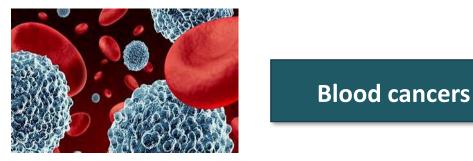
"Suppressing" or deleting immune response (Autoimmune Disorders)



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Directing antigen-specific responses is one of the top priorities in immunology, though the next wave of breakthroughs has been elusive

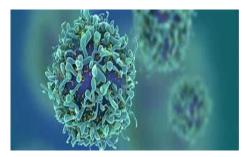
Drive multi-antigen T cell mediated durable response



- Greatest progress and approvals in blood cancers
- Novel approaches (e.g.CAR-T, bispecific TCE*) are limited to a few wellcharacterized surface targets (e.g. CD19, BCMA)
- Tumor heterogeneity, T cell persistence and ACT scale up challenging



- CPI's well established, combinations offer incremental benefit
- Increasing activated, tumor-specific T cells in the tumor, bypassing dysfunctional immune cells in TME is needed with a scalable solution
- Multi-antigen targeted therapies and combinations essential to address heterogeneity, drive persistence and increase durable response





- Most treatments are non-specific, systemic (e.g., aTNF, aCD20) and globally suppress the immune system
- Emerging opportunity to target autoreactive, disease-causing T cells directly and leave healthy tissue alone

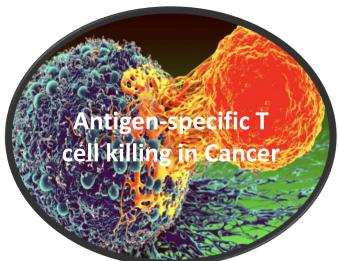


Summary: AIM[™] (Artificial Immune Modulating) Platform and Products

Unique Pharmaceutical Approach to directing *potent multi-antigen-specific T cell responses*

Transforming Treatment Paradigms

- T cells are the most effective way to specifically target and kill cancer cells
- Therapeutics to *directly* drive durable T cell mediated responses
- Expanding accessible antigen combinations to address heterogeneity
- Validated MOA:
 - Early adoptive cell therapy clinical POC
 - Pre-clinical POC in oncology and AI
- Potential "IND Engine": designed to generate new multi-antigen product INDs with increased speed
- Seeking to advance Injectable off-the-shelf IND in 2H2024 (Oncology)



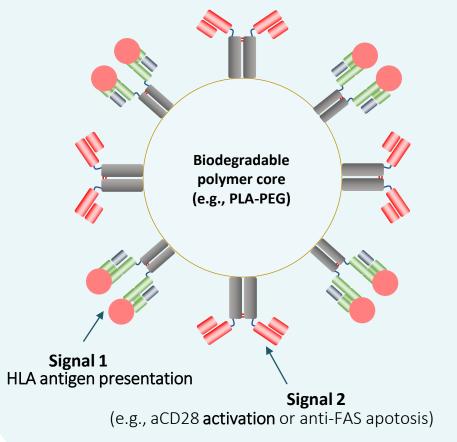


NexImmune's AIMTM platform products have breakthrough potential Directing *antigen-specific T cell responses* across Oncology, Autoimmune and Infectious Diseases

- AIM "aAPC" nanoparticles designed to act as synthetic dendritic cells to deliver precise instructions directly to T cells through natural signaling mechanisms
- Multi-antigen specific products designed to generate a T cell mediated response without impacting healthy tissue or immune function (bypassing host DC)
 - Break tolerance and drive a durable response in Cancer -Activate and expand multiple antigen-specific T cell subtypes associated with anti-tumor activity, persistence and establishment of immunologic memory (Tscm, Tcm, Tem)
 - Establish tolerance in Autoimmune Disorders Suppress or delete targeted antigen-specific autoreactive T cells
 - Direct T cells to kill virally infected cells in Infectious Diseases
- "Off-the-shelf" injectable products that are scalable

The AIM[™] aAPC nanoparticle

Directs Ag specific T cell specificity and Function through S1/S2 signaling mechanisms



One MOA - Two Therapeutic Modalities

Direct multi-antigen specific T cells to deliver potent, durable response

Establish ACT P1 POC, Advance INJ modality, a scalable, off-the-shelf solution

Validated MOA

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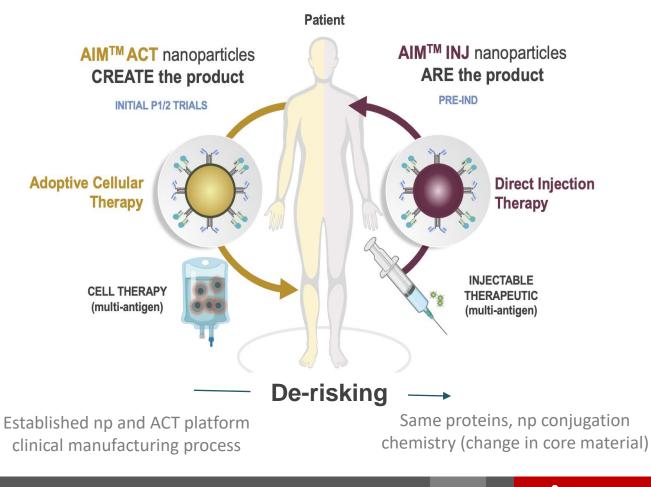
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Potent, multi-tumor-specific activated T cells that traffic to tumor and persist - Directly engages the broad TCR repertoire

ACT Early Clinical POC, INJ pre-clinical POC

Address Disease Heterogeneity Broad access to target combinations



Two Modalities

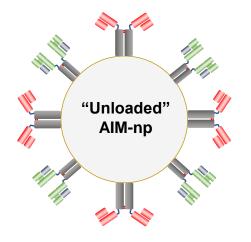
ACT and INJ



Speed, Scale and Optionality: Reduced to Practice Potential for more rapid multi-antigen product development within months - an "IND engine" HPV product candidate (NEXI-003): From target validation and selection to filing new product IND in ~6 months*

Antigen-peptide "Unloaded" AIM nanoparticle





- Manufactured in advance and stored in bulk aliquots for future use
- 3 clinical lots for ACT produced

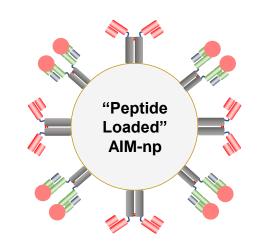
Validation and selection of disease specific antigen targets *e.g. HPV example 2 months*



- Partner world-class discovery and AI capabilities combined with NexImmune efforts
- Ability to screen and validate T cell responses to antigen targets which informs final selection (HPV example: validation screening of 50 peptides in 8 weeks)



Rapid multi-antigen new product development e.g. NEXI-003 example 6m*

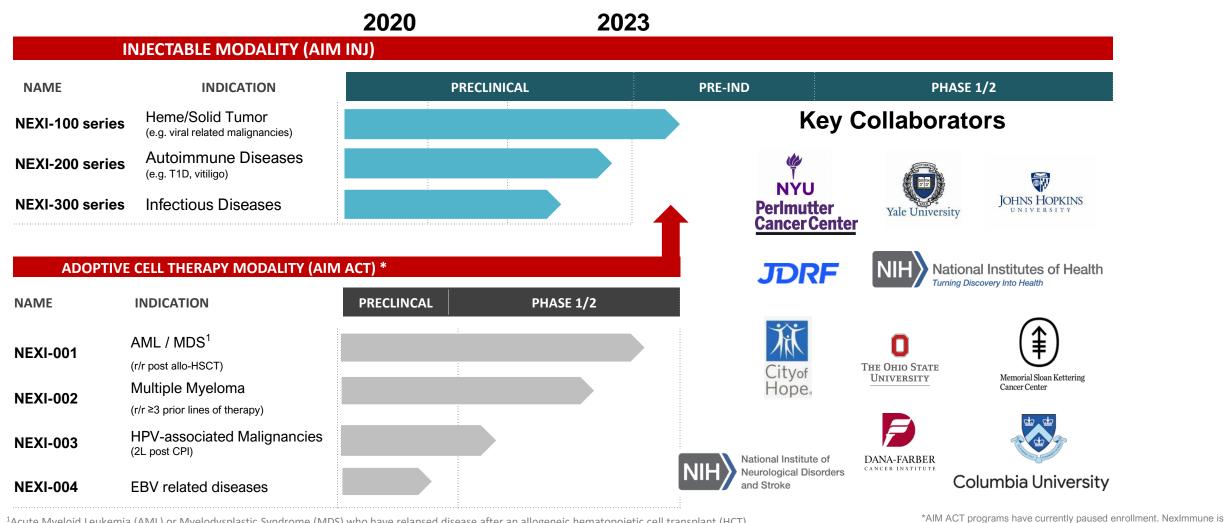


- Rapid loading of multiple antigens (hours)
- Reduces time from target selection to new product IND to months
- Nanoparticle is "loaded" with single peptides and combined to make a custom disease specific mix

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Pipeline: Developing the AIM technology in multiple therapeutic areas

Early collaboration with world-class centers, significant opportunity for disease specific partnering



¹Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) or Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) who have relapsed disease after an allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) Clinical Trial: NCT04284228 <u>https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/record/NCT04284228</u> Additional HLA's in development

actively seeking academic and industry partners and collaborators to

continue development of the AIM ACT programs.

Oncology

The Power of Multi-Antigen-Specific T cells



AIM T cell Directing Approach: Combination of Differentiating Attributes

T cells are the most effective mechanism to identify and clear cancer cells and establish immunologic memory

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Attack Multiple Tumor Targets Simultaneously

- AIM T cell populations that can attack multiple tumor-specific antigen targets simultaneously to address heterogeneity
- AIM T cells can attack a broad range of antigen targets - cell-surface proteins and survival proteins or neoantigens to increase response and limit escape
- AIM T cell are active on tumors bearing non-targeted genetic and epigenetic changes

Increase Response and Persistence

- AIM T cell subtypes (stem-cell-like memory T cells, central memory T cells) are associated with potent killing, selfrenewal and long-term immunologic memory
- Unlike fully differentiated effector T cells, which exhaust themselves in weeks or a few months (leading to tumor relapse), these subtypes persist for years or decades
- Potent AIM activated specific T cells, traffic to the tumor site and persist

Natural TCR Safety Profile

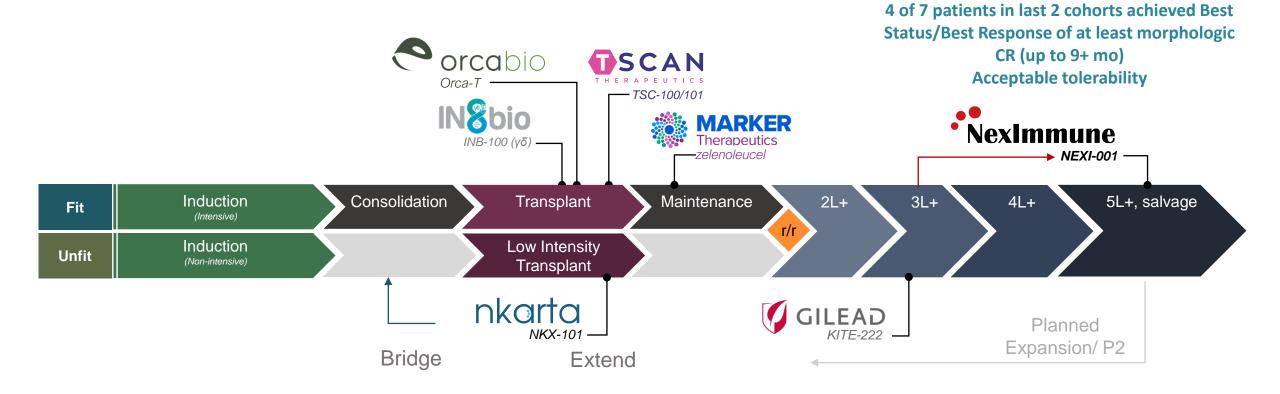
- AIM T cells maintain natural target recognition, engagement, activation and killing mechanisms
- Can effectively distinguish healthy cells from tumor cells — low potential for on-target/off-tissue toxicity
- Express a **broad range of TCRs** with both high and low affinity

NEXI-001 AML Therapeutic for r/r AML post allo-SCT and salvage therapy

POC for multi-AML antigen-specific T cell approach as cell therapy – **5 antigen peptide targets**

Concentrated clinical activity of cell therapies around transplant window leaves high unmet need for heavily pretreated patients with no approved options

- Rapidly progressing, heterogeneous disease where most patients succumb within 1-year and the 2-year survival rate is < 10-15%.
- Infrequent remission rates of limited duration further decline with later lines of therapy, even when combining options



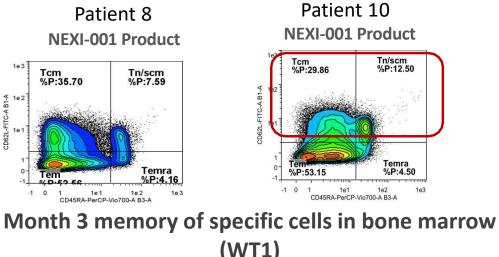
NEXI-001: Observed Dose Response

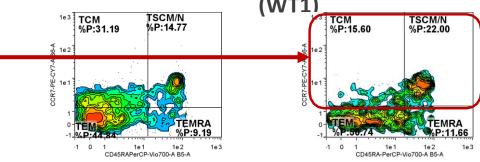
Percent of Antigen-specific CD8+ T cells increase and persist in blood and marrow with increasing dose, maintaining important phenotype

Antigen-specific T cells persisted and expanded in peripheral blood, trafficked to bone marrow and persist

Total Antigen Specificity (% of CD8 ⁺ T cells)								
	Cohort 2 Patient 8 (200M)		Cohort 3 Patient 10 (600M)					
	Visit	Total Specificity	Visit	Total Specificity				
Blood	M1	5.86	M1	14.54				
	M3	9.10	M3	14.66				
Bone	M1	33.86	M2	83.75				
	M3	51.89	M3	72.23				

Antigen-specific T cells maintain important memory subtypes over time





Optimize anti-tumor potency and durability in heterogeneous tumors Novel Combination of Bispecific TCE with AIM TAA-specific "Fit" CD8+ T cells

Cancer Cell

Article

The pre-existing T cell landscape determines the response to bispecific T cell engagers in multiple myeloma patients

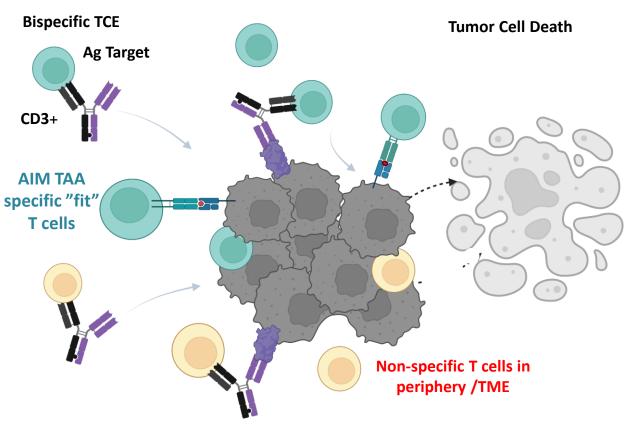
1. Increase potency and address escape

- Increase number of tumor targets (intracellular, surface)
- Increase polyclonal multi-TAA specific T cells in tumor (direct trafficking to the tumor / T cell redirecting to tumor)
- Combine MHC restricted and unrestricted killing

2. Increase persistence / durability

TAA long lived memory cells, Tscm, Tcm in absence of bispecific

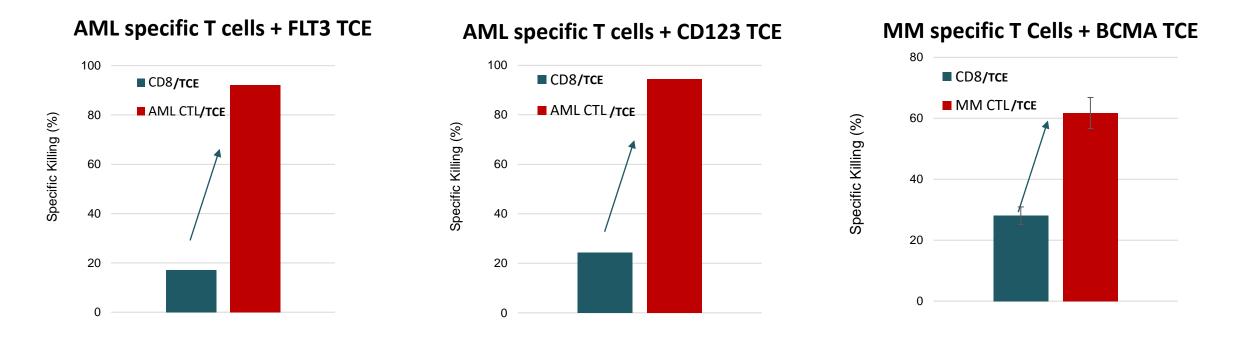
Dual Mechanism of Action



(Mirco J. Friedrich et al, The pre-existing T cell landscape determines the response to bispecific T cell engagers in multiple myeloma patients, Cancer Cell, 2023).

Superior Potency when combining Bispecific TCE¹ combination with AIM multitargeted T cells across AML and Multiple Myeloma (MM) cell lines *(low doses)*

Combines HLA dependent / independent killing, expands target repertoire and increases specific, fit memory /effector T cells at the site of tumor - demonstrating superior potency compared to bulk CD8⁺ T cells + TCE (tumor cell lines); low doses of both agents



AIM AML and MM specific CD8+ T cells are more "fit" defined by high proportions of Tscm, Tcm and Tem vs non-specific bulk CD8+ T cells from HD that were used to mimic TCE monotherapy

Low E:T ratio + Low dose Bispecific; Antigen specific cells include Tscm, Tcm, Tem memory phenotypes associated with anti-tumor activity and persistence

¹ TCE: aCD3 /Targeted T Cell Engager or BiTE's

Multiple Myeloma: Superior Potency and Enhanced Persistence Combining BCMA TCE with AIM multi-antigen specific CTL¹ (Low Doses of both)

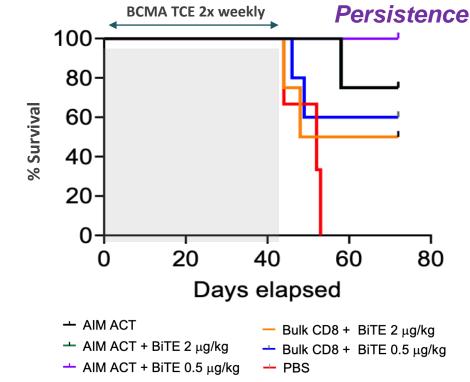
aCD3 / BCMA Bispecific + AIM ACT MM T cells provide Superior Killing and Survival

BCMA TCE 2x weekly 1×10³ 1×10² 1×10 Photos/sec x 10⁸ Potent at low 1×10⁰ doses **MM Specific** 1×10⁻¹ T cells¹ PBS AIM ACT 1×10⁻² ✓ AIM ACT + BiTE 0.5 µg/kg 두 AIM ACT + BiTE 2 µa/ka 1×10⁻³ 23 30 37 44 51 59 66 73 0 2 5 9 16

Durable superior killing

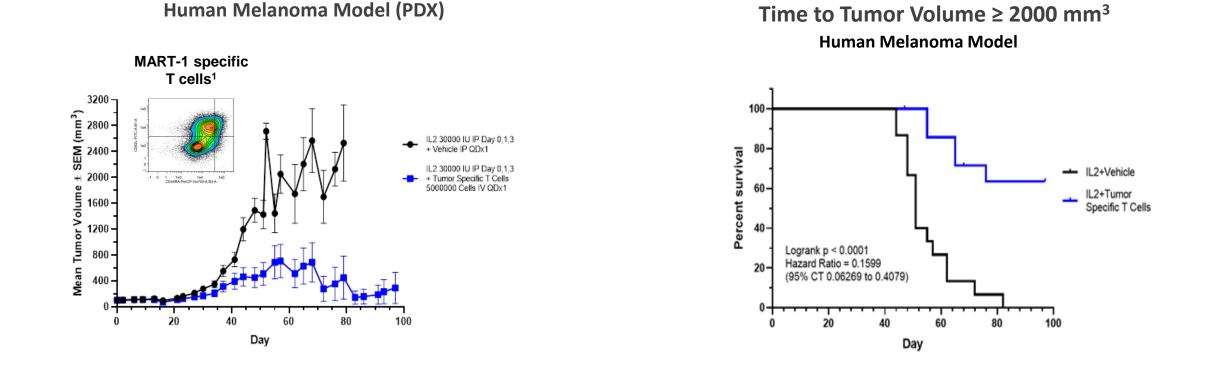
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Increased Survival



Interidian Health Data from Hackensack Lab; Day 0 tumor established, treatment started; Lower dose of T cells and low dose of BCMA bispecific agents

Melanoma: Superior anti-tumor effect and increased survival NEXI MART-1-specific T cell treated mice



Persistence of MART-1 CD3+CD8+ T Cells (TIL) Over Course of Study (D97 last day measured)

In the treatment group, 8 /15 mice (53%) survived to end-of-study (D97), with ORR = 6CR, 1PR, 1SD. All vehicle-treated mice expired on study.

¹ MART-1 specific T cells primarily Tscm, Tcm and Tem phenotypes associated with anti-tumor killing and persistence

Superior Reduction in Mean Tumor Volumes Over Time

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Superior Survival - Kaplan-Meier Survival Plot of

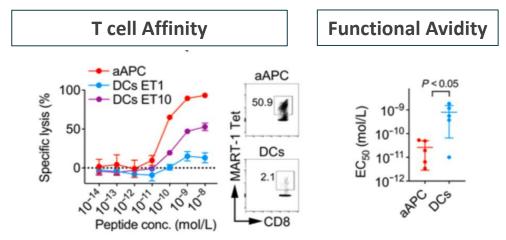
Melanoma: AIM expanded CD8⁺ T cells possess superior anti-tumor activity compared to those expanded by mature peptide-pulsed DCs

(Melanoma patients n=3, PBMC)

Study Conclusions

- Demonstrated consistent expansion of MART-1 from HD and Melanoma patient (PBMC)
- Significantly greater killing with AIM expanded MART-1 T cells vs DC expanded T cells
- AIM expanded MART-1 T cells were equally polyclonal (TCR diversity) with greater affinity vs DC expanded T cells

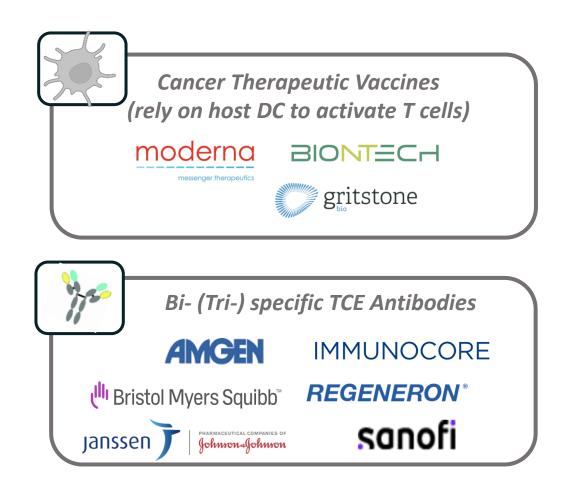
Rapid Expansion of Highly Functional Antigen-Specific T Cells from Patients with Melanoma by Nanoscale Artificial Antigen-Presenting Cells





The AIM INJ nanoparticle directly expands multi-antigen specific T-cells designed to address heterogeneity and increase durable efficacy

Early success with modalities focused on increasing antigen specific CD8⁺ T killing



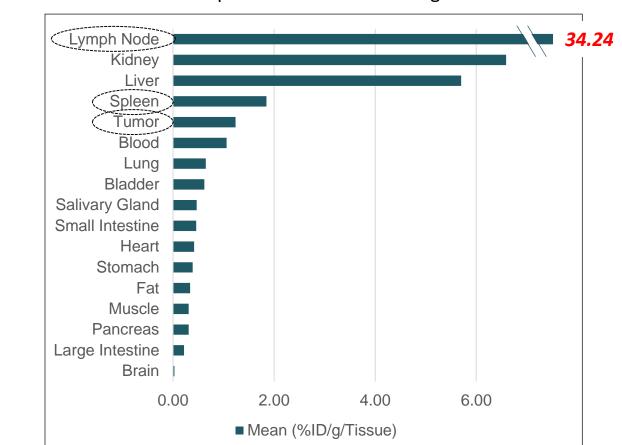


- Direct activation and expansion of antigen-specific
 T cells, bypassing dendritic cells which frequently
 become dysfunctional in cancer
- Broad accessible targets (surface, intracellular)
- Simultaneous activation of "fit" multi-tumor specific CD8+ T cells (heterogeneity) for increased efficacy and durability
- Scalable, Off-the-shelf -simplify logistics, access

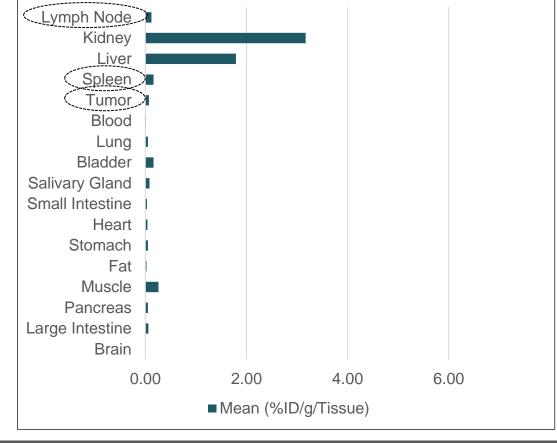
"Antigen-peptide Loaded" AIM INJ nanoparticles traffic to lymph nodes, spleen and tumor compared to "naked" nanoparticles

Studies done in an oncology model illustrate how AIM nanoparticles (e.g., loaded with target antigen) that are administered systemically travel naturally to critical immune sites (96 hrs)

"Naked" nanoparticle without proteins or peptide targets in tumor-bearing mice

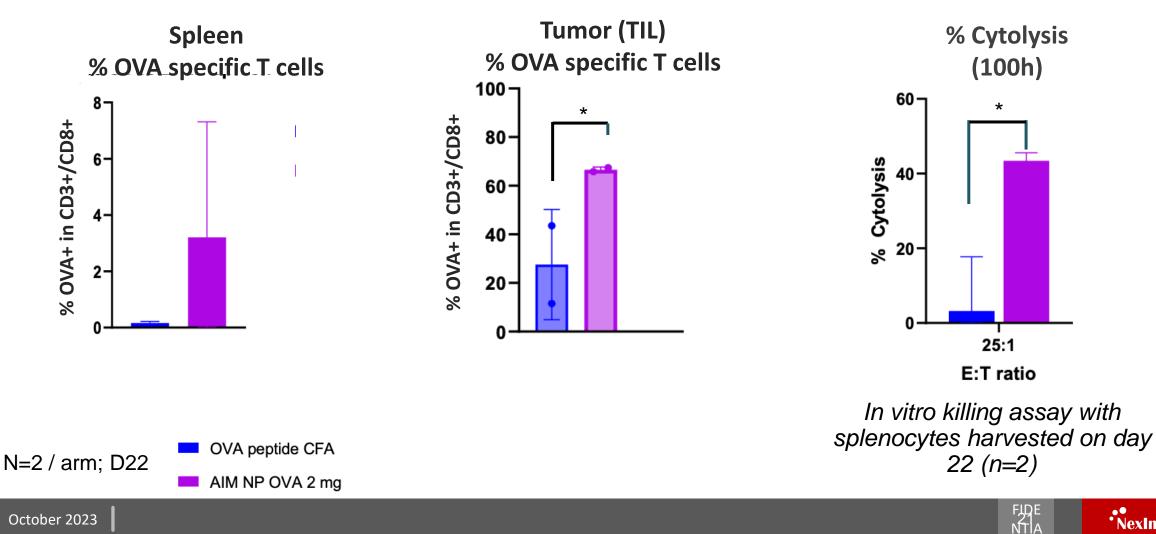


AIM nanoparticle with peptide-loaded proteins in tumor-bearing mice



AIM INJ NPs significantly increased antigen-specific T cells in spleen and tumor with greater killing when compared to peptide in CFA

B16-OVA (implanted OT-1 T cells); OVA loaded NP compared to OVA peptide in CFA

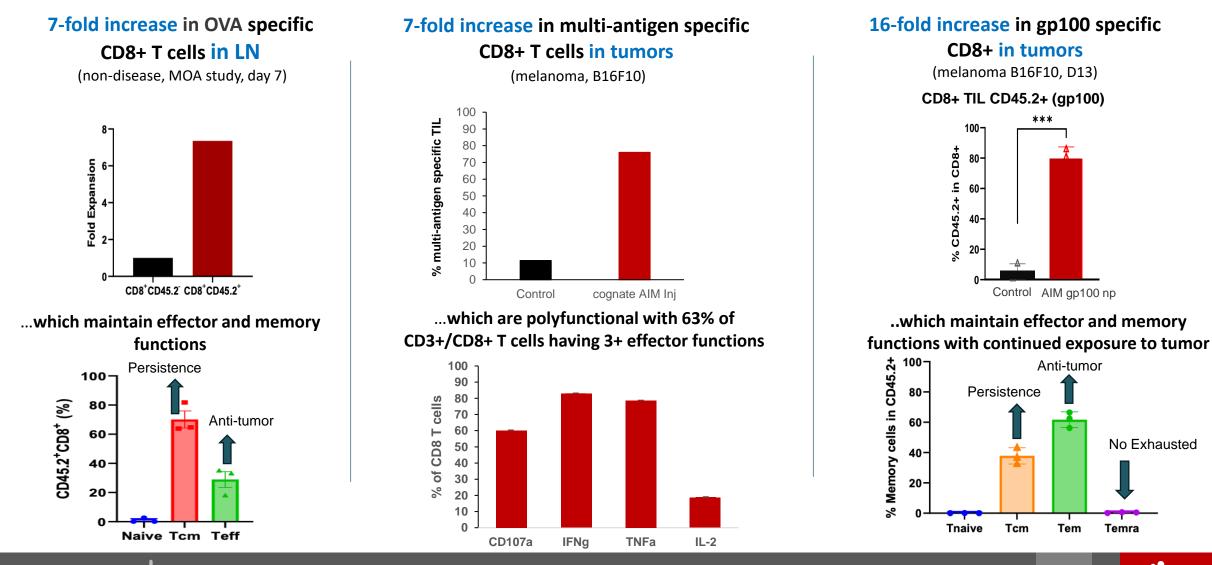


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Reproducible: 7-16-fold increase of antigen-specific activated T cells using "Peptide loaded" INJ nanoparticles (3 models, multiple targets)

The activated antigen-specific T cells are polyfunctional, maintaining effector and memory functions with no exhausted phenotypes



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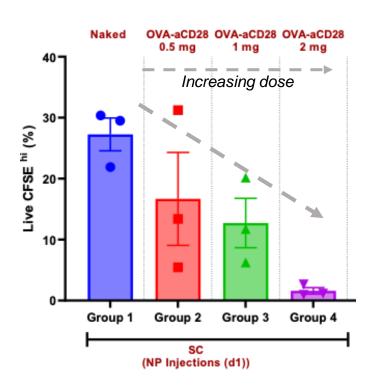
Significant AIM np single ascending dose dependent *in vivo* killing of antigen pulsed target cells in Spleen and LN

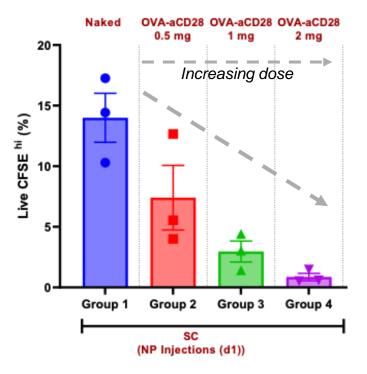
(OVA-loaded AIM INJ activated T cells)

Mice were injected with OT-1 cells (D0); single, ascending sc dose of np (D1); CSFE labeled, peptide pulsed targets (splenocytes) were administered i.v. (D9); and killing of target cells was measured by flow (D10)

Dose Dependent Specific Killing Spleen (CFSE^{hi})

Dose Dependent Specific Killing Lymph Node (LN) (CFSE^{hi})





N=3 mice/group; CFSE fluorescence cell mediated killing assay

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NEXI-101 AIM INJ Product: HPV⁺ HNSCC Lead indication Multi-antigen targeted approach has broad potential in HPV+ Cancers

- HPV+ cancers represent ~5% of all cancers globally ~300,000 new cases / year globally, and >45,000 new cases per year in the US (ref)
- HPV vaccines are not approved to treat related malignancies and with marginal vaccination rates, many remain vulnerable
- Treatments include chemo and checkpoint inhibitors (CPI) yet responses remain low
- Estimated 79% of cervical, vulvar, penile, vaginal, anal, and oropharyngeal cancers attributed to HPV, predominantly high-risk HPV 16 and 18 strains.
- Oncoproteins E6 and E7 are important for cancer survival; and DC impairment in directing T cells to tumor targets has been observed in cervical and HN cancers

NEXI-101 HPV+ Solid Tumor Vision

Direct simultaneous T cell responses against <u>both</u> high-risk strains <u>and</u> cancer survival proteins Targets: HPV-16 (E6, E7) and HPV-18 (E6, E7), survivin

ESTABLISH monotherapy (Head and Neck cancer)

Dose escalation (RP2D) and expansion phase



COMBINE with current CPI SOC (RP2D)



EXPAND into basket trial of HPV+ cancers and additional HLA's when available

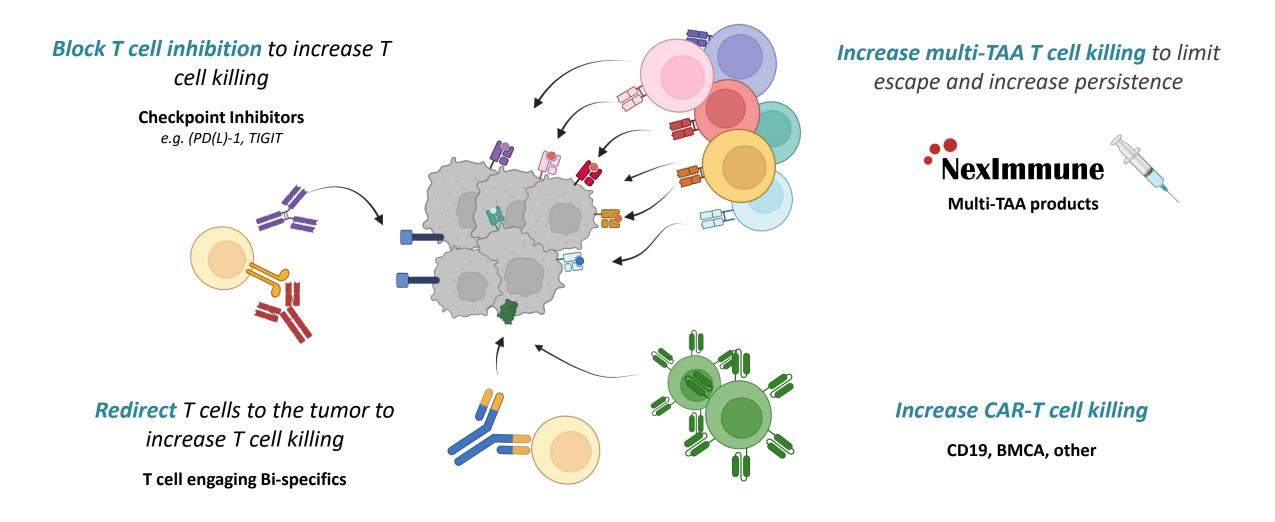
RP2D, Recommended Phase 2 Dose; PD, pharmacodynamics; CPI, Checkpoint Inhibitor(s) approved for the indication

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IO/IO treatment paradigm shift:

Combining multi-antigen T cells with current and emerging approaches to limit escape and increase response



Beyond Oncology

Autoimmune Disorders and Virally Driven Diseases

Autoimmune Disorders: AIM nanoparticles designed to target and suppress, or delete disease causing antigen specific T cells

Antigen-targeting therapies are emerging focus in autoimmune disorders; the AIM[™] platform has the potential to address multiple areas of unmet need

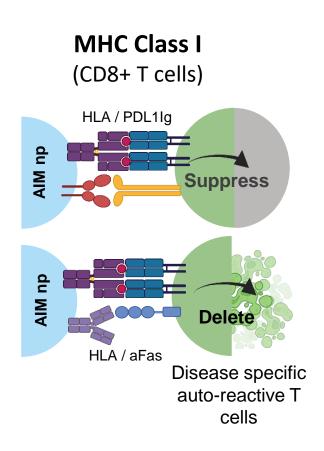
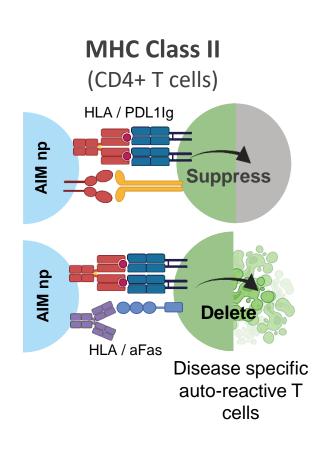


Illustration of T-cell Mediated Diseases > 80 Diseases with 24 Million US Affected ¹						
Alopecia	Rheumatoid Arthritis					
Ankylosing Spondylitis	Scleroderma					
Celiac Disease	Sjogren's Disease					
Crohn's Disease	Systemic Lupus (SLE)					
HAM/TSP	Type 1 Diabetes					
Multiple Sclerosis	Vitiligo					



Leading experts guide T1D program: Yale | JDRF

Recent publications in Type 1 diabetes suggest targeting stem like CD8⁺ autoreactive cells could emerge as a novel, powerful intervention

- Collaboration with Dr. Kevan Herold and Yale for murine model research
- Dr. Gerry Nepom (Director, Immune Tolerance Network) as Chair of NexImmune's Autoimmune SAB
- Based on early findings, received significant grant from Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) to support and accelerate work
- Data continues to be encouraging and supports our technology as potentially breakthrough and disruptive therapeutic in T1D

NexImmune: Autoimmune SAB Members



Kevan Herold, MD, C.N.H. Long Professor of Immunology, Yale University

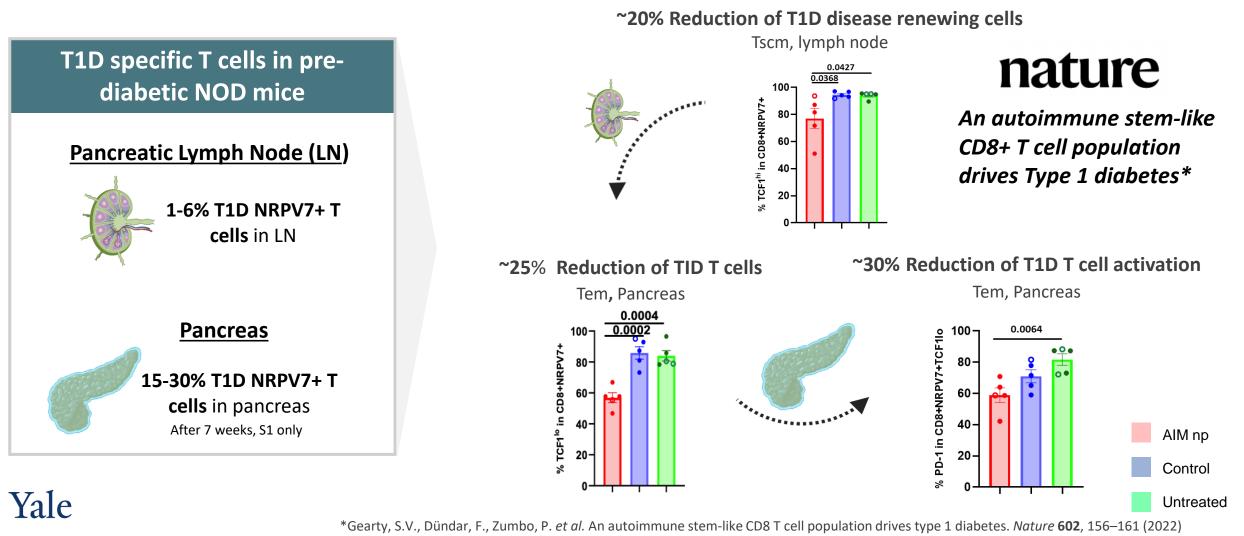


Gerry Nepom, M.D., PhD Director, ITN; Founder of Benaroya Research Institute

¹Nature Immunology | VOL 21 | 578 May 2020 | 578–587 | <u>www.nature.com/natureimmunology</u> NATURE https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04248-x (2021

AIM INJ significantly reduces and inhibits T1D disease causing T-cells in lymph node and pancreas delaying onset of T1D (Antigen presentation, signal 1 only)

T1D specific T cells in the pancreas of 13-week-old NOD mice are significantly less activated than in control mice; Signal 1 (Antigen presentation)

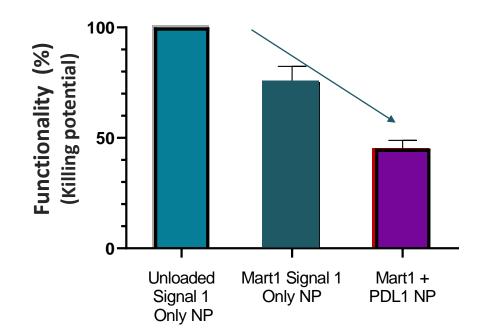


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S1+S2 POM: HLA/PD-L1-Ig inhibits antigen-specific CD8+ T cell function (cytotoxic activity) – Yale initiated in vivo study

Signal 2 options in development to enable antigen-specific suppression (PDL1-Ig) or elimination (anti-Fas) in autoimmune diseases

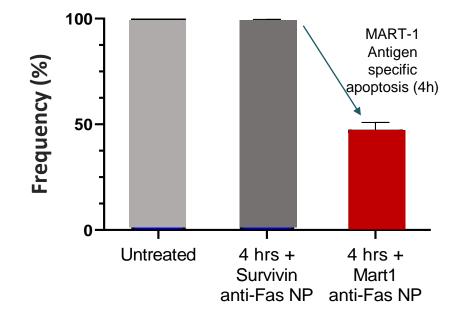
PDL1-Ig-NP inhibits antigen-specific killing of peptide loaded target cells



Mart-1 cells were incubated for 90 minutes with 50 ug/ml nanoparticles. After washing cells were incubated with peptide loaded targets for 4 hours and antigen specific killing was assessed by caspase 3/7 assay.

S1+S2 POM: Combined HLA / a-FAS nanoparticles demonstrate initial antigenspecific CD8+ apoptosis within 4 hours leaving non-target cells alone

HLA / anti-Fas np eliminates 50% of MART-1 antigen-specific CD8+ T cells



Reduction in number of MART-1+ T cells

- Dose dependent effect observed
- Time course evaluation planned

Novel functional validation: 3rd dimension can enhance target discovery and screening

Well understood that immune cells can become dysfunctional in the face of cancer and certain other diseases

Multiple approaches to target discovery

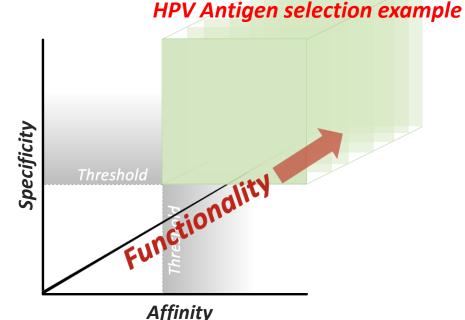
- Tissue, tumor, TCR
- Genomic, proteomic, immunopeptidomes and transcriptomes

Screening and algorithms primarily focus on:

- High affinity TCR's (assumes target on tumor)
- Prevalence of target (on tumor cells)
- Affinity enhanced TCR's
- Absence /low detection on healthy tissue

3rd Dimension: Functional T cell response

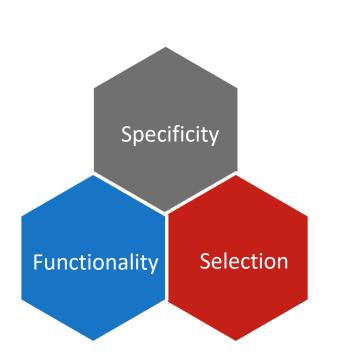
Multiplex interrogation of antigen T cell responses -Specificity and functionality (killing capacity)



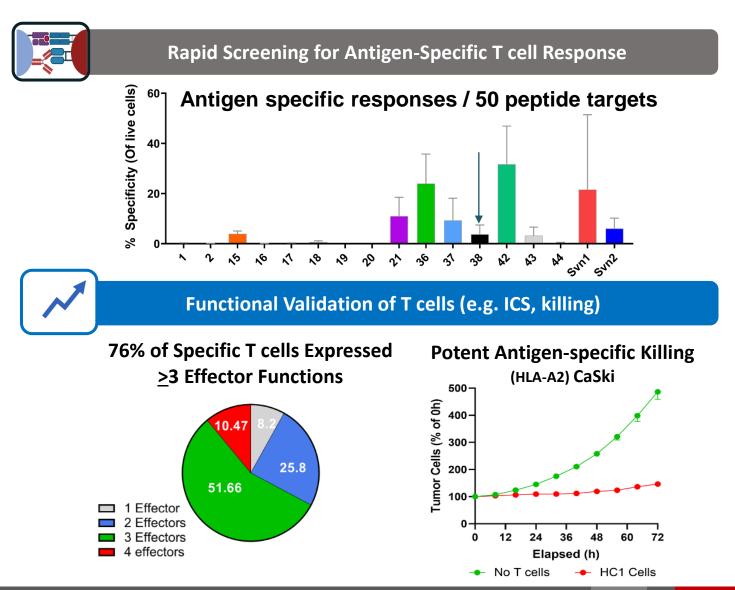
Affinity is an important factor in selecting targets or TCR's, however, high affinity does not always correlate with best response

HPV Example: Rapid T-cell based screening and functional validation of targets

Screened 50 targets for HPV+ cancer(s) product mix selection



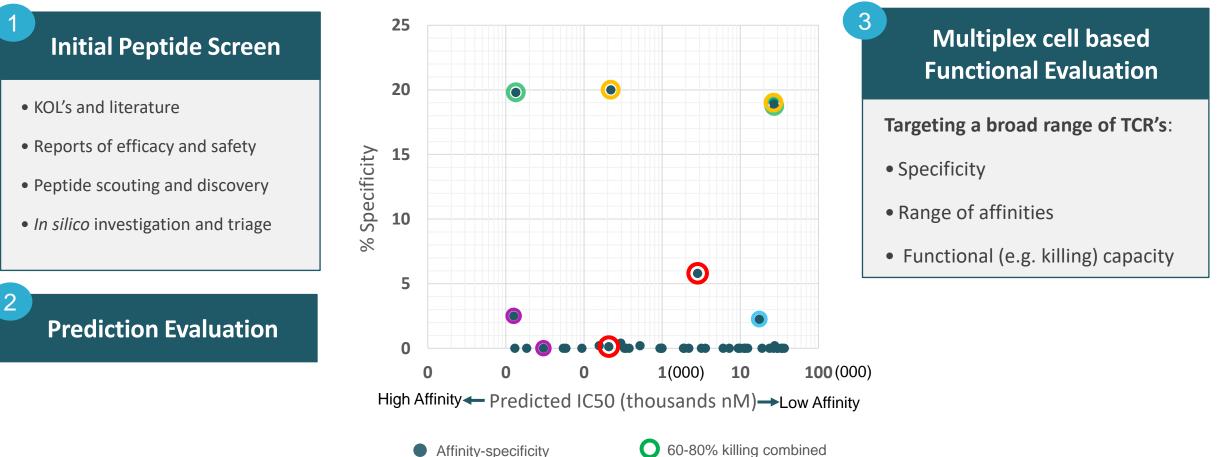
Selection of targets and Disease-specific Product Mix



*Cells stimulated non-specific (ICS); A2 + Killing of tumor target / A2- not shown

HPV Illustration: AIM enables multiplex evaluation of peptide/MHC and TCR adding a functional dimension to screening and prediction of antigen targets

No single factor predicts function, no single peptide provides broadest response



60-80% killing combined 60-80% killing individual

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40-60% killing combined

40-60% killing individual

EBV/MS Example: AIM based Functional Validation reveals functional defect in MS patients to EBV specific peptide(s)

Antigen-specific T-cell approach represent a disruptive clinical strategy over current MS treatments



National Institutes of Health Turning Discovery Into Health

Collaboration with Steve Jacobson's Lab

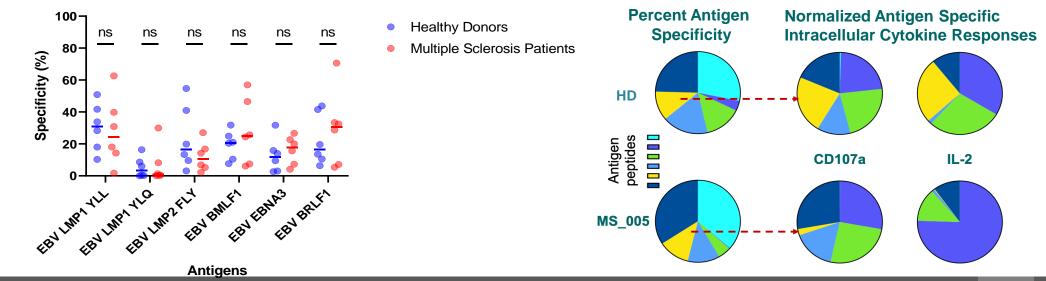
- Expanded EBV specific T cells similar between HD and MS PBMC
- However, specific T cell defects against known EBV targets were identified in treated patients

EBV antigen specificity from healthy donors & MS patients

Yale

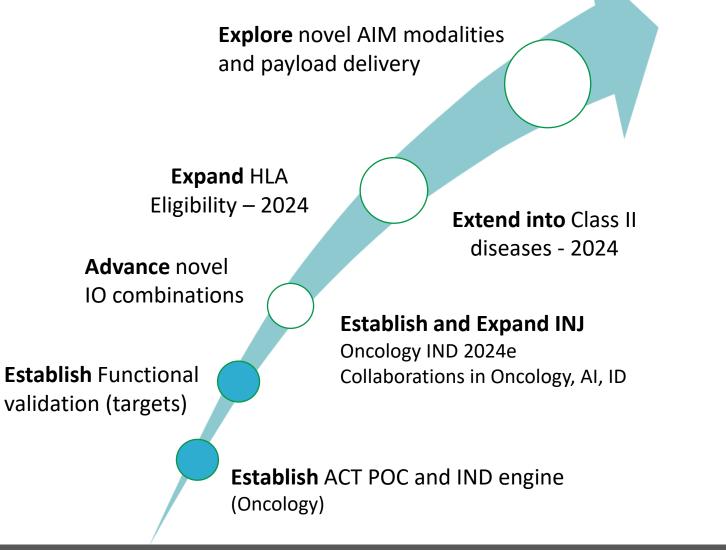
Collaboration with David Hafler's Lab

- Evaluate functional status of T cell responses to specific EBV targets in **MS patients at initial diagnosis** (blood and tissue)
- Inform strategies for multi-antigen therapies to improve outcomes



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Advance Transformative Paradigms with multi-antigen specific therapeutics Collaborative target selection, product development and combinations



- Novel multi-antigen specific products with potential to direct T cell function
- Synergistic IO/IO combinations
- Collaborative approach to advance new indications and combinations
- Functional validation dimension to enhance target prediction
- Platform-based IND engine
- Initial manufacturing platforms established
- Broad IP

Potential to Transform Treatment Paradigms: Designed to deliver durable antigen-specific T cell responses

- Validated Oncology MOA: Early Clinical POC; consistent pre-clinical data across indications, ACT and INJ
 - Address heterogeneity to increase response and persistence
 - "Fit" tumor specific T cells ideal for synergistic Immunotherapy combinations
- Validated Autoimmune MOA: Eliminate or inhibit autoreactive, diseases-causing T cells (T1D*, pre-clinical)
- **Reproducible data** across multiple collaborations and KOL's demonstrate broad potential
- **Potential "IND Engine"** designed to rapidly generate new multi-antigen product INDs
- Advancing T-cell based functional validation of targets designed to enhance target discovery and improve success
- Unlocking significant expansion opportunities with INJ and next generation approaches (e.g. Class II, bifunctional signaling)

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