



HARNESSING THE POWER OF MACROPHAGES

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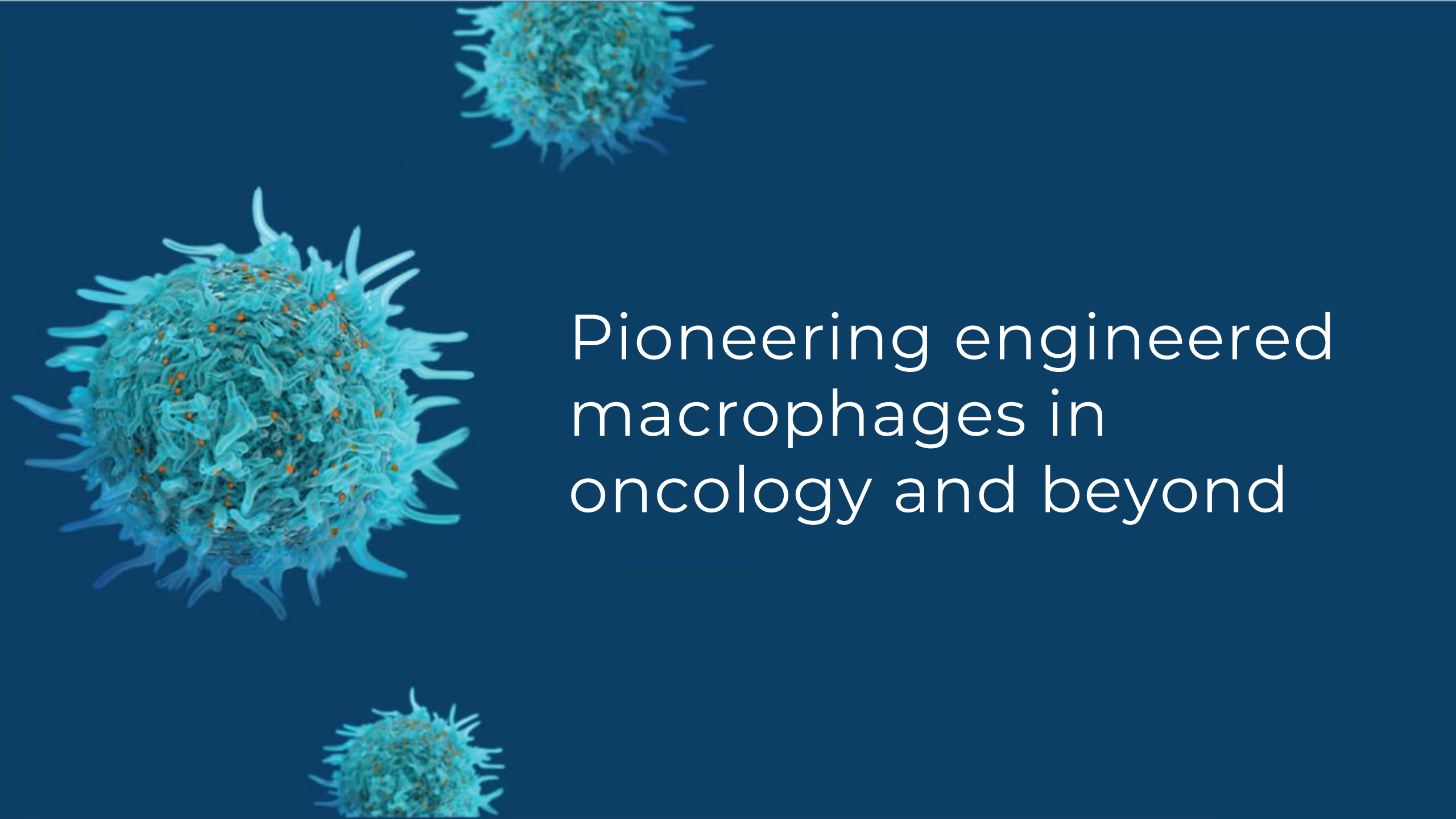




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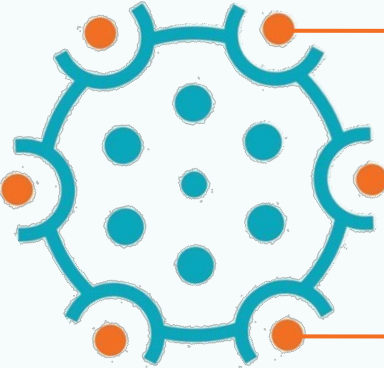
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Pioneering engineered
macrophages in
oncology and beyond

Engineering Myeloid Cells: CAR-M and Beyond

Technology	Current Status
 <p>Ex Vivo CAR-M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 clinical program for HER2+ solid tumors
<p>In Vivo CAR-M* Collaboration with moderna</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Oncology</i>: First Development Candidate targets GPC3 for the treatment of solid tumors, including HCC** <i>Autoimmune disease</i>: Expanded Collaboration and nominated two targets***
<p>Anti-fibrotic macrophages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery programs in liver and lung fibrosis; Preclinical PoC achieved in liver fibrosis¹

Corporate

- **Cash:** Runway into 3Q 2025, funding multiple clinical and preclinical catalysts
- **Intellectual Property:** Strong IP leadership position in the CAR-M/engineered myeloid cell fields (37 granted patents, 100+ pending)
- **Partnership:** All programs wholly owned beyond *in vivo* oncology partnership with Moderna



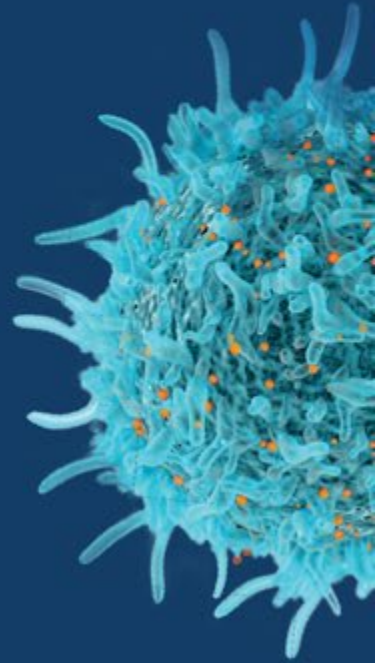
First-in-Class Pipeline

Multiple value inflection points across therapeutic areas and modalities

PRODUCT CANDIDATE	INDICATION	PLATFORM	DISCOVERY	PRE-CLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	COLLABORATOR
Oncology								
CT-0525	HER2+ solid tumors	CAR-Monocyte (Autologous)				Next milestone: Initial Phase 1 data ¹ (4Q 2024)		
Undisclosed	GPC3+ solid tumors ²	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)				Next milestone: IND filing (Undisclosed)		
CT-1119*	Mesothelin+ solid tumors	CAR-Monocyte ³ (Autologous)				Next milestone: IND filing (Undisclosed)		
4 Nominated Targets	Undisclosed	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)				Next milestone: Lead nomination (Undisclosed)		
Fibrosis and Autoimmune								
TBD	Liver Fibrosis	Engineered macrophage				Next milestone: Development candidate nomination ¹ (1Q 2025)		
2 Nominated ⁴ Targets	Autoimmune Disease	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)				Next milestone: Lead nomination (Undisclosed)		

Targeting HER2:

From CAR-Macrophages (CT-0508)
to CAR-Monocytes (CT-0525)

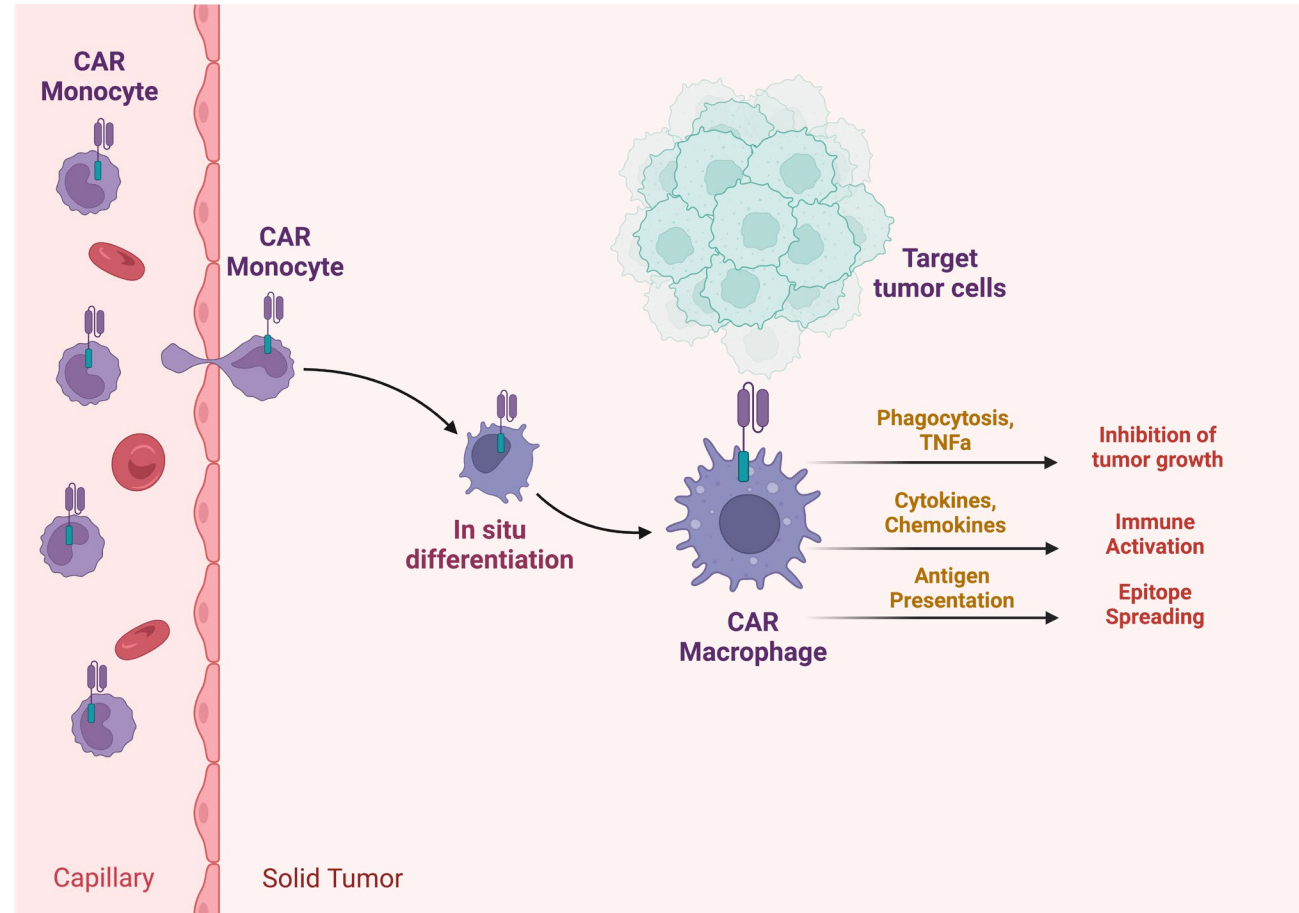


Macrophages are Ideally Suited for Solid Tumor Cell Therapy

CAR-M: Carisma's proprietary technology converts myeloid cells into targeted therapies with CARs

CAR-Monocytes differentiate into CAR-Macrophages *in vivo*

- Myeloid cells are abundantly recruited to tumors
- Carisma's proprietary platforms enable robust *ex vivo* and *in vivo* myeloid cell engineering with CARs
- The CAR-M mechanism of action includes:
 - Eradication of cancer cells via phagocytosis
 - Immune activation via cytokine release
 - Recruitment of immune cells via chemokine release
 - Antigen presentation to T cells leading to adaptive anti-tumor immunity
- Monocytes differentiate into macrophages in tissues
- Initial clinical development focused on monocyte-derived-macrophages to evaluate the safety of the final effector cell
- Ongoing development is focused on precursor monocytes which have biological, pharmacokinetic, and manufacturing advantages



Key Learnings from CT-0508 Monotherapy Study*

CT-0508 was a well-tolerated and active therapy; strong rationale for further development of anti-HER2 CAR-M

Safety and Tolerability

- Well-tolerated with no severe CRS, no ICANS, and no dose-limiting toxicities

Manufacturing

- Successful autologous manufacturing with high CAR expression, viability, purity, M1 phenotype
- Median dose 1.66×10^9 cells

Anti-tumor activity

- SD in 29% of patients (n=4/14), per RECIST 1.1
- Clear evidence of activity as measured by ctDNA

Mechanism of action

- Remodeling of the TME observed
- Evidence of immune system activation correlating with Best Overall Response

Pharmacokinetics

- CT-0508 detected in tumor samples of 75% of patients at Day 8, 27% at Week 4
- CT-0508 detected at low numbers (~1-2 per biopsy slide)

Observations

- Activity of CT-0508 superior in patients with higher HER2 expression
- HER2 3+ pts experienced greater anti-tumor effects with SD in 44% vs 0% in HER2 2+
- Lower baseline CD8 T cell exhaustion correlated with improved Best Overall Response

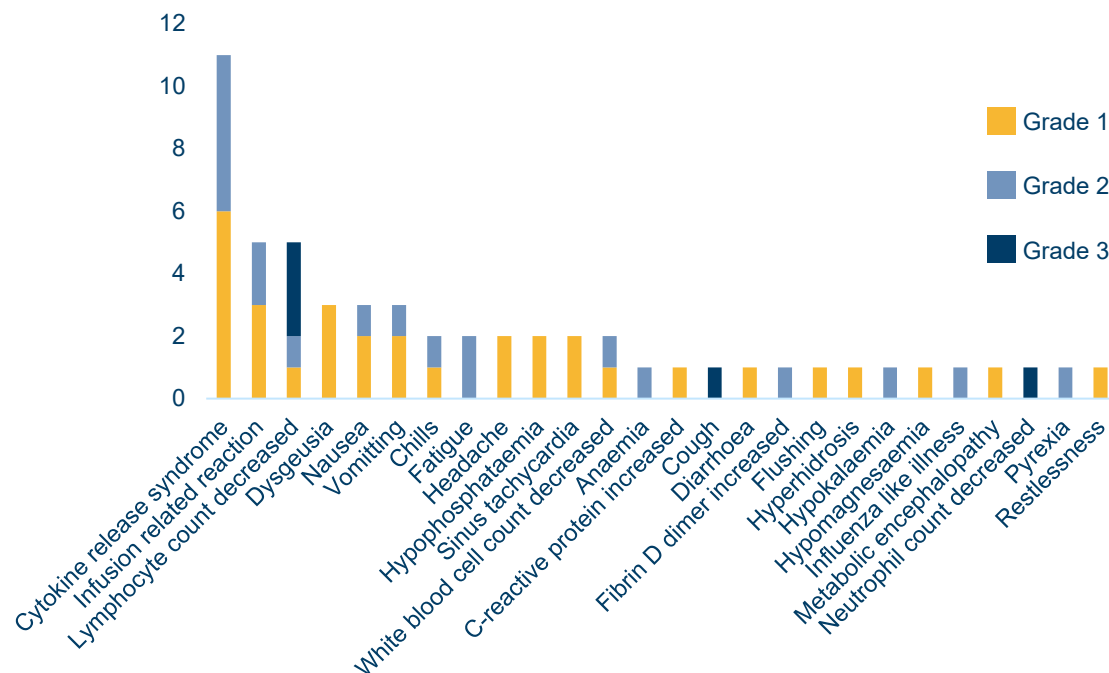
**CT-0508 is well-tolerated and shows clear evidence of activity in advanced HER2 3+ patients
Persistence, trafficking, dose, and exhaustion of patient T cells limit clinical potential**



CT-0508 is Well-Tolerated with No Dose Limiting Toxicities

Preliminary data supports a safe and well-tolerated product profile

Number of Adverse Events



Adverse Event Data by Patient

	G1: Fractionated	G2: Bolus	Combined
Patients Treated	N=9 (%)	N=5 (%)	N=14 (%)
Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)	6 (67)	3 (60)	9 (64)
Grade 1-2	6 (67)	3 (60)	9 (64)
Grade 3-4	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Infusion Reaction	2 (22)	1 (20)	3 (21)
Grade 1-2	2 (22)	1 (20)	3 (21)
Grade 3-4	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
ICANS	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
SAEs Related To Treatment¹	2 (22)	3 (60)	5 (36)

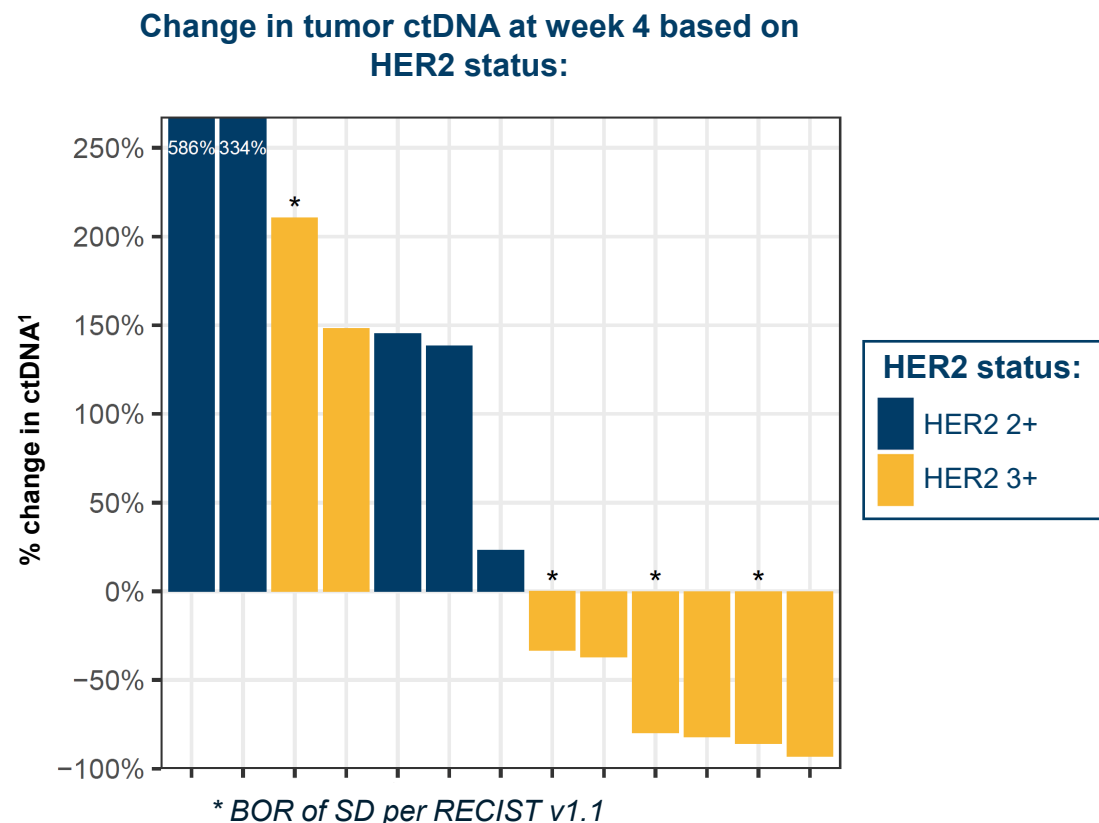
Similar safety profile between
Group 1 and Group 2

No severe CRS
or ICANS

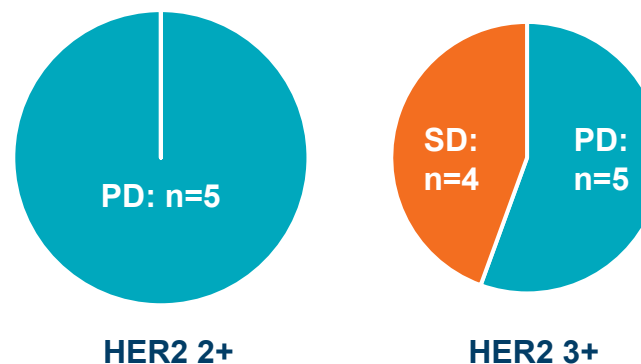
Majority of adverse events
were Grade 1-2

Clinical Activity Observed in HER2 3+ Patients

Correlation of target expression and clinical activity supports mechanism of action



Correlation between HER2 status and Best Overall Response



KEY TAKEAWAYS

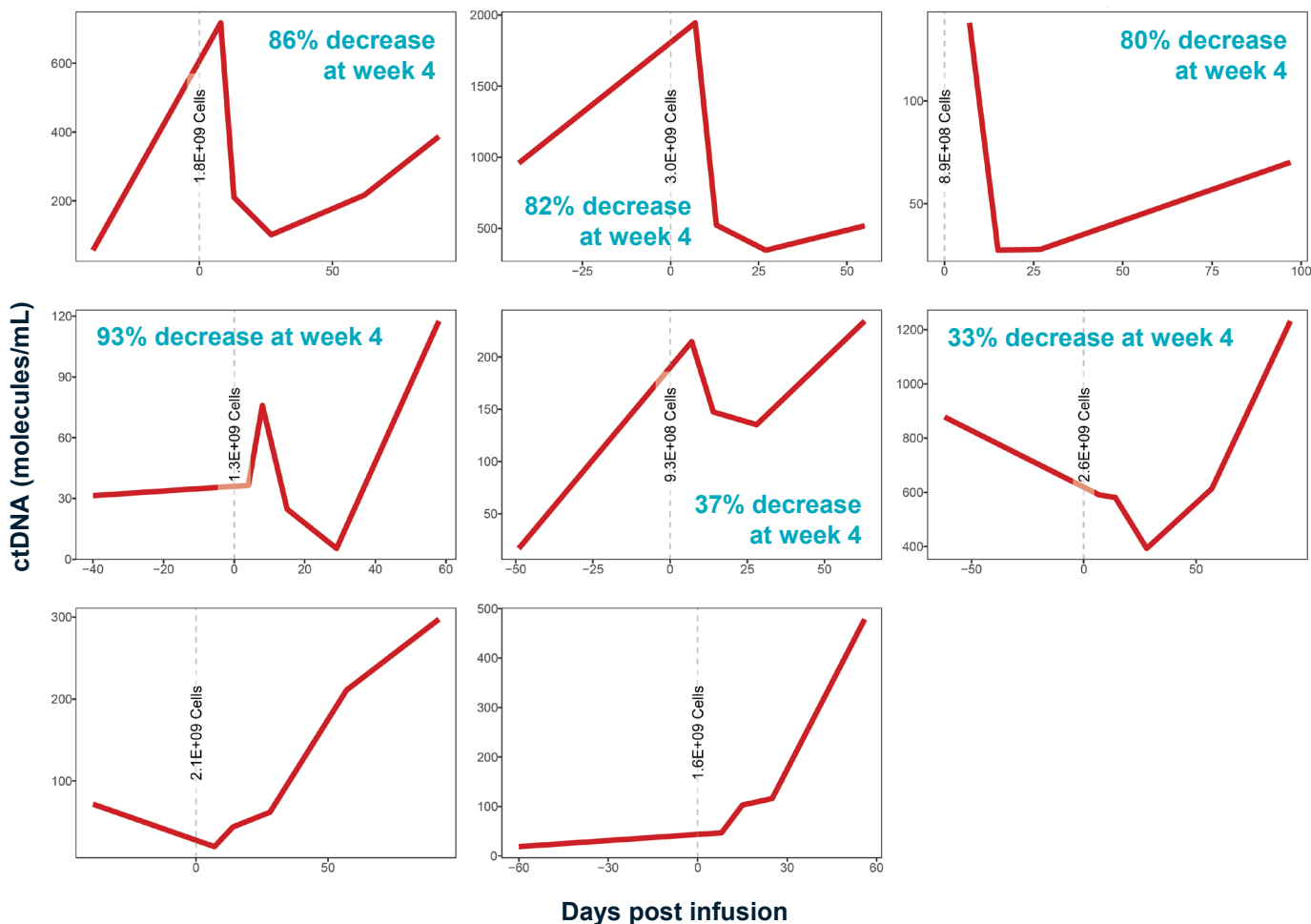
- Best Overall Response of Stable Disease was seen in HER2 3+ (n=4/9, 44% SD)
- All pts with HER2 2+ tumors had PD

Clinical activity as measured by imaging or ctDNA correlates with HER2 expression

ctDNA Reduction Observed in 75% of HER2 3+ Patients

ctDNA reductions are clear evidence of clinical activity

ctDNA in 8 evaluable HER2 3+ pts



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **75% (6/8) of HER2 3+ patients** exhibited a decrease in ctDNA, indicating anti-tumor activity
- **Up to 93% decrease in ctDNA levels**
- **Decreases were observed in multiple tumor types**
- **Peak response occurred ~4 weeks post CT-0508 infusion**, suggesting potential timing for redosing
- **Consistent with clinical assessments**, no decreases in ctDNA were observed in HER2 2+ patients

CAR-Macrophage Monotherapy: Individual Case Study

Activity in patient with HER2 3+ inflammatory breast cancer with skin involvement

Cancer Type & Prior History

- Stage IV Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC)
- HER2 3+
- Patient progressed on 8 prior lines of therapy

Dosing

- Patient received $1.3E+09$ cells as bolus administration

Clinical assessments

- 93% reduction in ctDNA at week 4, consistent with skin lesion improvement post infusion
- Patient progressed at first restaging scan per RECIST v1.1 (increase in target lesion and new lesion)

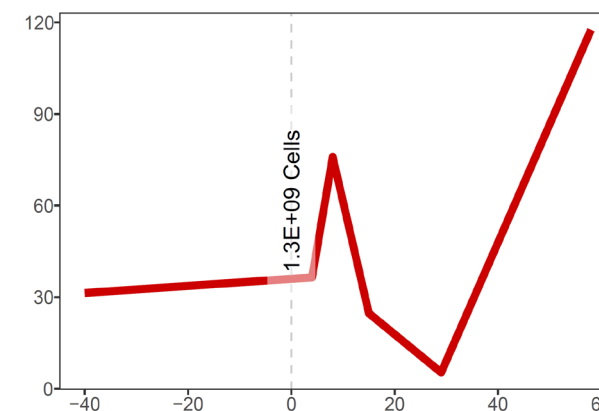
Prior to treatment



Following CT-0508 treatment



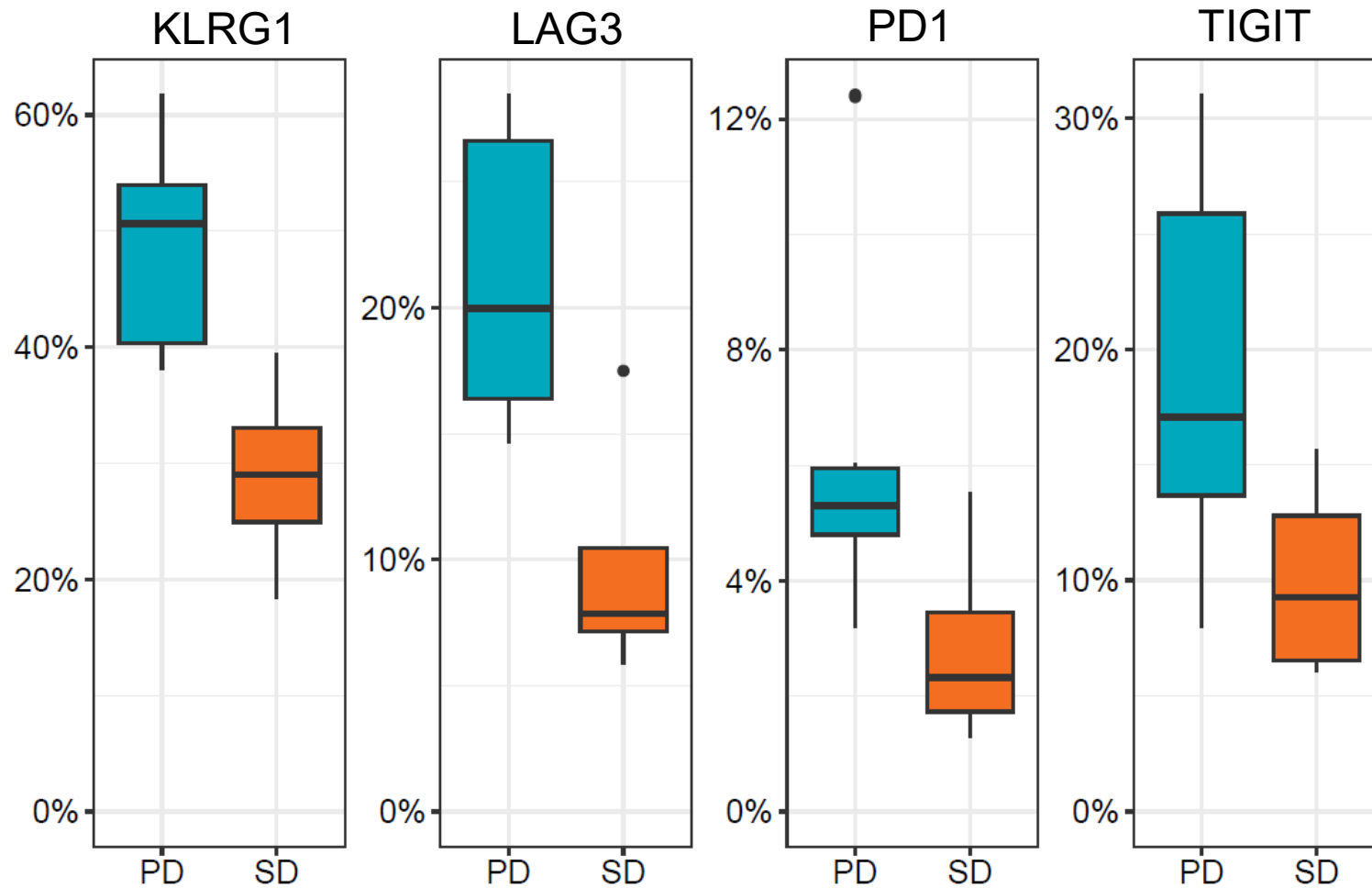
Circulating Tumor DNA: 93% reduction



9th line HER2 3+ inflammatory breast cancer demonstrated improvement in cancerous skin lesion and concomitant deep reduction (93%) in ctDNA

T cell Exhaustion Was a Limiting Factor to CAR-Macrophage Efficacy

Study 101 patients with lower baseline CD8 T cell exhaustion (in blood) trended toward Stable Disease



Key Learnings from CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination*

Study successfully met its primary endpoint of safety, tolerability and manufacturing feasibility

Safety and Tolerability

- Well-tolerated with no severe CRS, no ICANs, and no on-target off-tumor toxicity

Feasibility

- Successful manufacturing of CT-0508 for 6/6 pts; Median dose of 2.7×10^9 cells administered

Anti-tumor activity

- SD seen in 1/6 patients; heavily pretreated HER2 3+ esophageal adenocarcinoma
 - Mixed response with 46% reduction in one of two target lesions in this patient
- 3/6 patients either treated with corticosteroids or presented with baseline HLA-I loss of heterozygosity, both potentially limiting the CAR-M mechanism of action

Synergistic immune activation

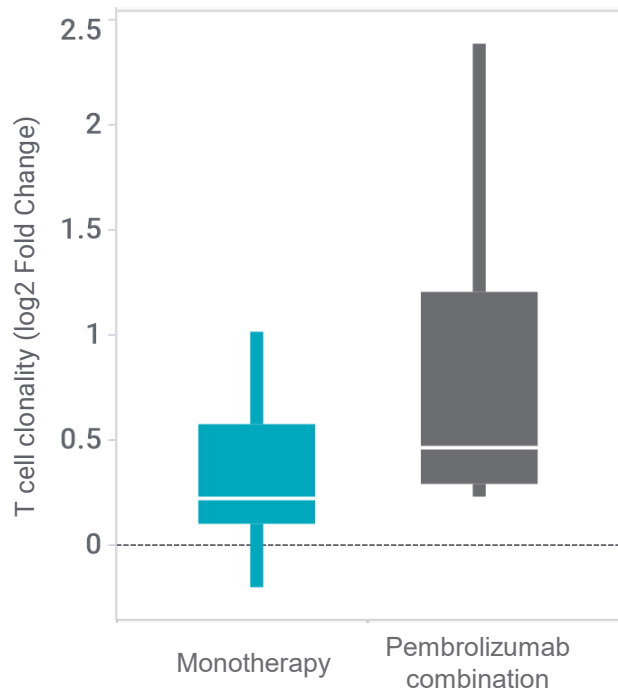
- Increase in peripheral blood T cell clonality compared to CT-0508 alone
- Increase in the frequency of activated and effector memory CD8+ T cell in the peripheral blood compared to CT-0508 alone
- Activation of the TME, leading to an increase in the PD-L1 CPS – a biomarker associated with improved response to immunotherapy

Combination of CT-0508 and pembrolizumab was well tolerated and the checkpoint inhibitor combination strategy will be further explored with our CT-0525 lead program

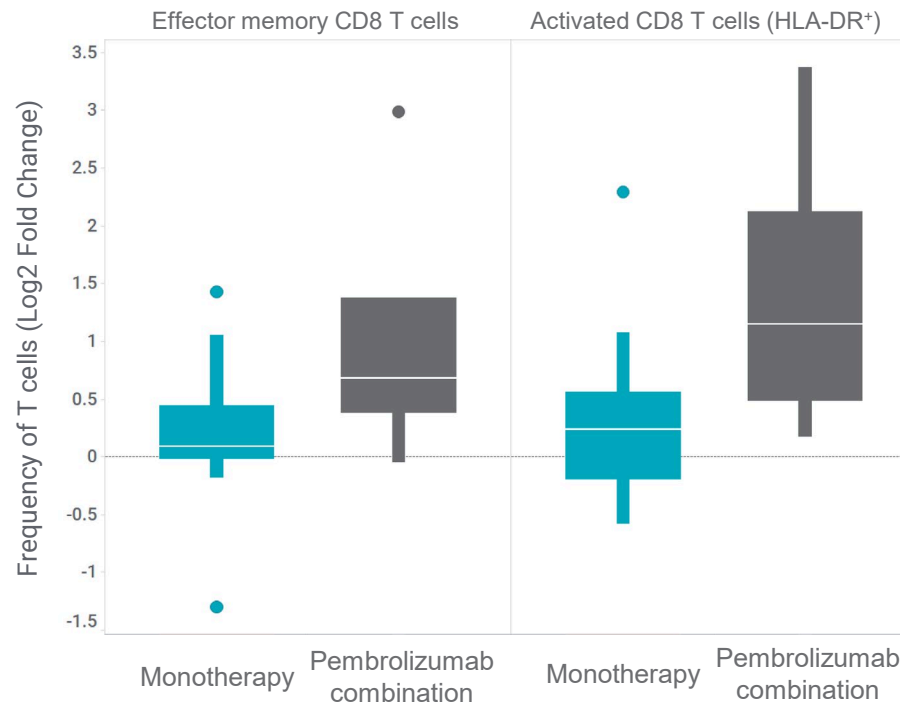
Synergistic Immune Activation

Pembrolizumab Potentiates the Ability of CT-0508 to Stimulate the Adaptive Immune System

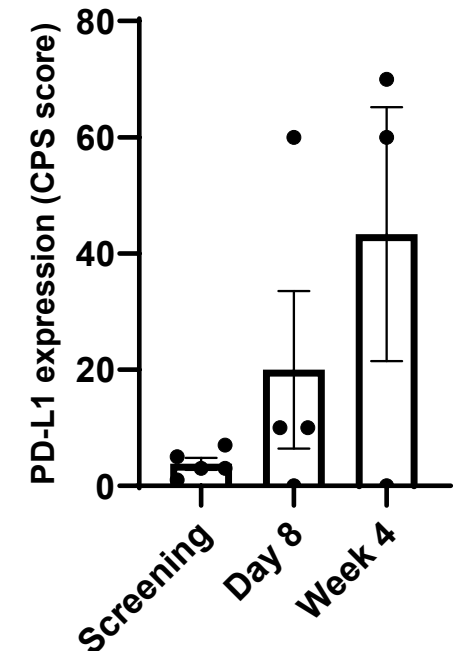
Increased T cell clonality (blood)¹



Increased effector memory and activated CD8 T cells (blood)²



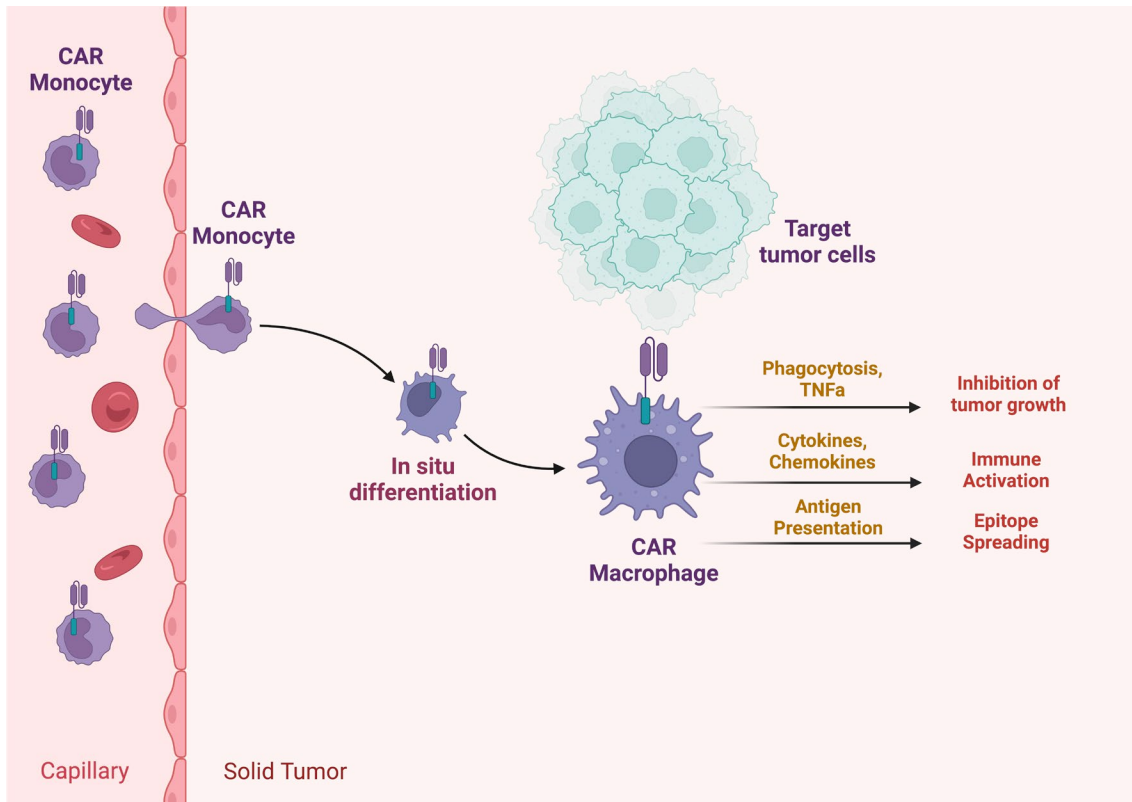
Increased PDL1 CPS in TME, a biomarker of CPI response³



From CAR-Macrophage to CAR-Monocyte:

Monocytes are a favorable cell type for solid tumor cell therapy

CAR-Monocyte Mechanism of Action:



Benefits to the CAR-Monocyte platform:

- Increased persistence¹
- Increased tumor infiltration¹
- Increased anti-tumor activity¹
- *In vivo* differentiation into CAR-macrophages¹
- Rapid manufacturing time (1 day)
- Increased cell yield enabling higher dose and dosing flexibility

Carisma's CAR-Monocyte Process:

- Proprietary, fully automated, autologous process with 1-day manufacturing
- Phenotype locked into M1 (inflammatory)
- High yield, CAR expression, viability and purity

CAR-Monocyte enables higher dose, improved persistence, enhanced trafficking, one day manufacturing, and potential for redosing²

CT-0525: HER2 Targeted CAR-Monocyte (Macrophage Precursor)

Potential to significantly improve upon the observed biological activity of CT-0508

Highlights



Key Manufacturing Advantages Over CAR-Macrophage

- Higher cell numbers
- Faster manufacturing (1 day)
- Reduced COGS



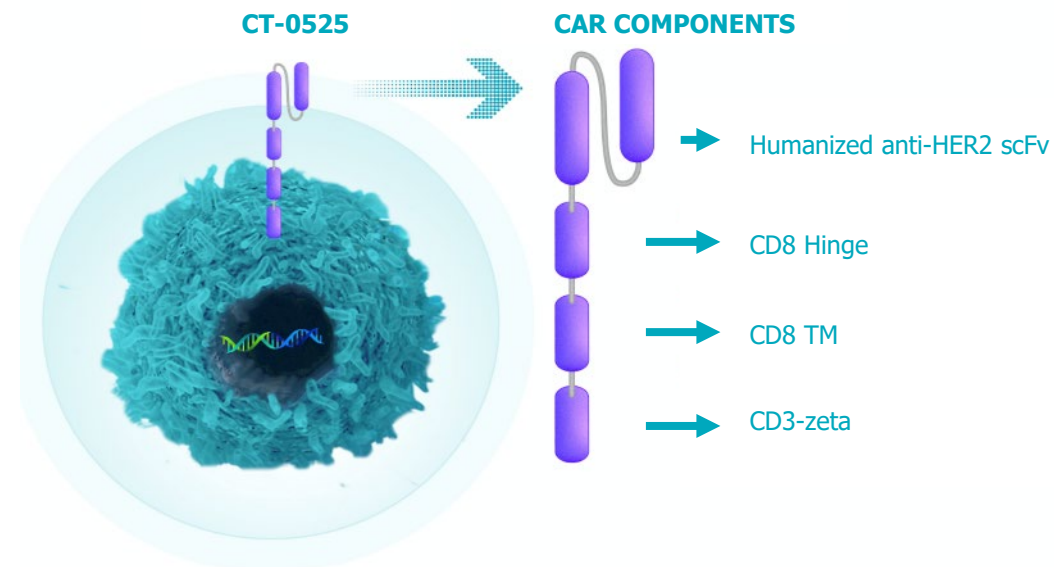
Potential Biological Advantages Over CAR-Macrophage

- 2,000-fold increased exposure
 - Manufacturing yield, trafficking, and persistence
- Increased potency
 - Killing, cytokine release, and antigen presentation
- Dosing flexibility (high yield enables redosing)



Development Plan & Timeline

- ✓ IND cleared
- ✓ First patient treated in 2Q 2024
- Initial data expected in 4Q 2024



CT-0525 Product Description	
Cells	Autologous monocytes
Vector	Ad5f35
Phenotype	M1
CAR	1 st Generation

CT-0525 Directly Addresses the Key Limitations of CT-0508

Pre-clinical models demonstrate increased potency with ~2,000-fold increased exposure over CT-0508

Dose

5X↑

Cell Number

Trafficking

40X↑

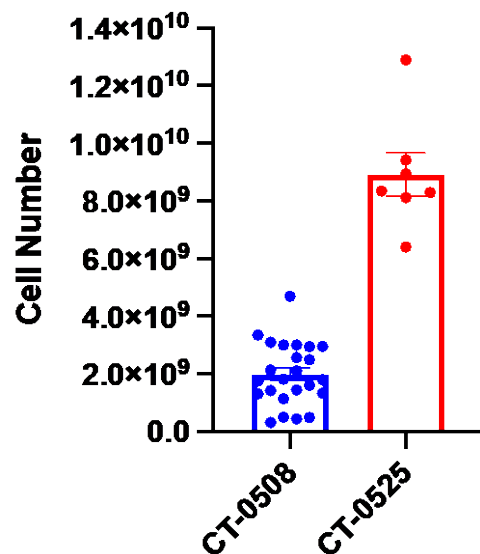
Tumor Infiltration

Persistence

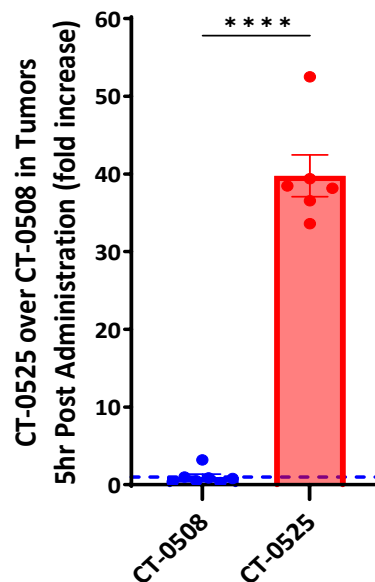
10X↑

in vivo half-life

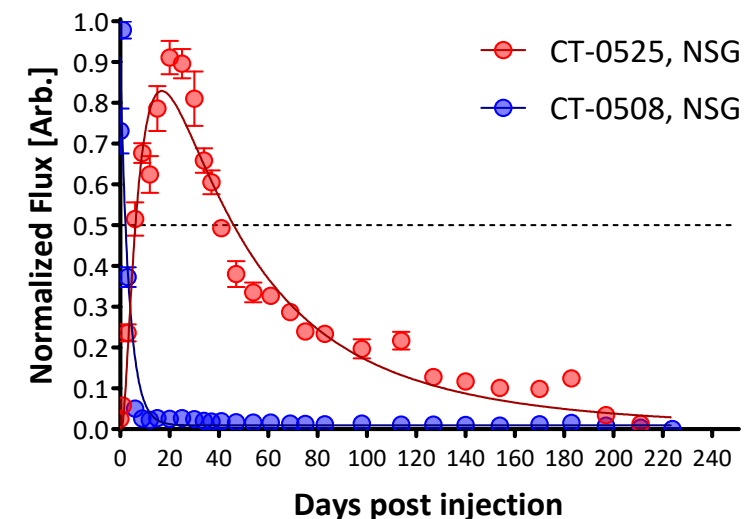
Cells Produced from Single Apheresis:



Trafficking in solid tumor model:

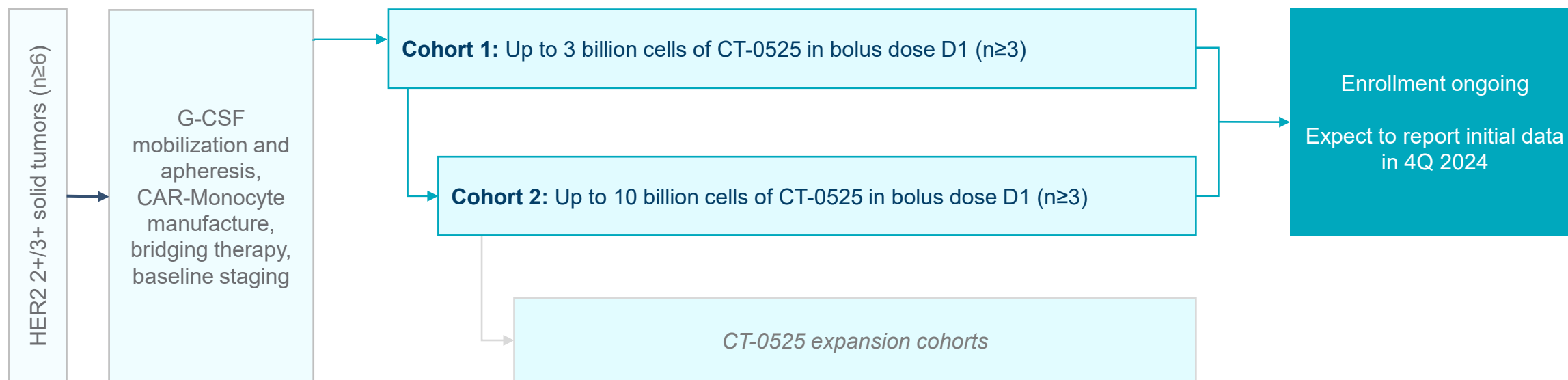


CT-0525 half-life is ~45 days*:



CT-0525 Study 102: Phase 1 Clinical Trial Design

Assessing safety, tolerability, and manufacturing feasibility of CT-0525; additional analyses on TME impact

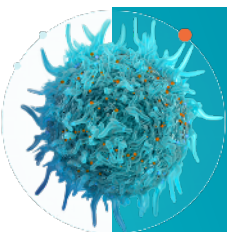


PRIMARY OUTCOMES

- Safety and tolerability
- Manufacturing feasibility

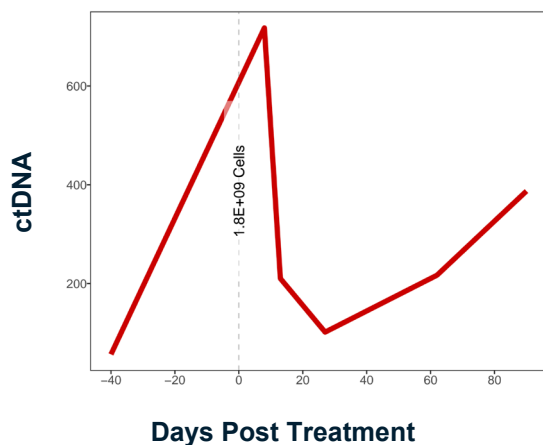
SECONDARY OUTCOMES¹

- In vivo cellular kinetics profile (levels, persistence, trafficking)
- ORR (RECIST 1.1)
- DOR



Potential to Enhance Response with Repeat Dosing of CT-0525

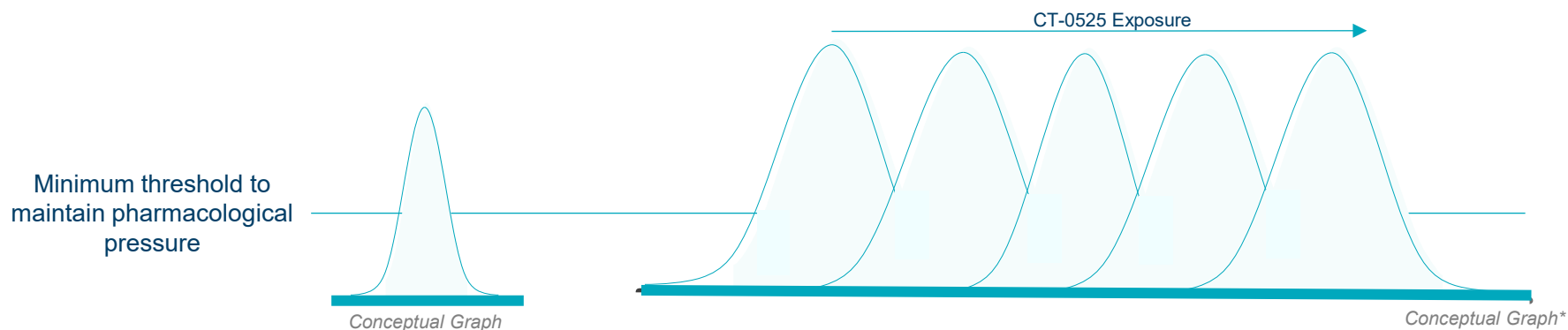
ctDNA: single dose CT-0508



Improved persistence plus redosing to increase potential response

Single Dose CAR-Macrophage

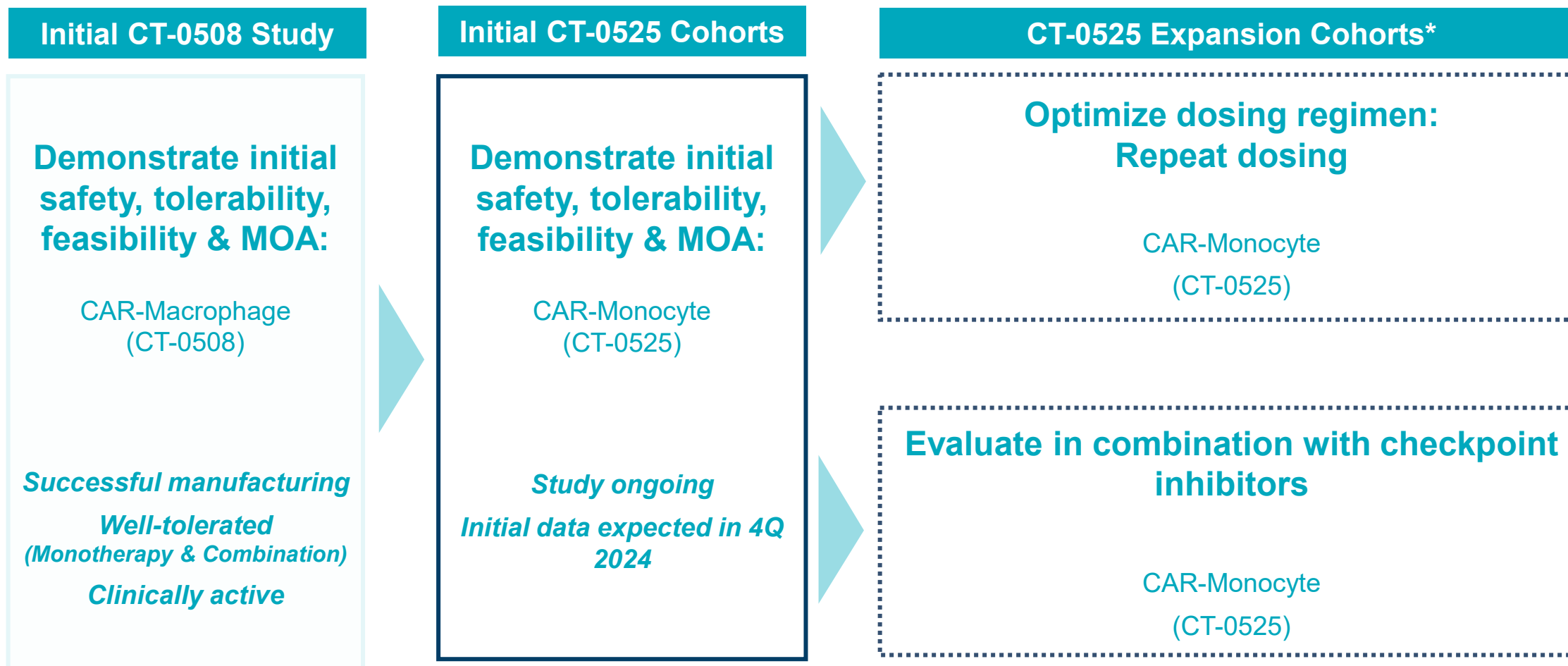
Redosing CAR-Monocyte



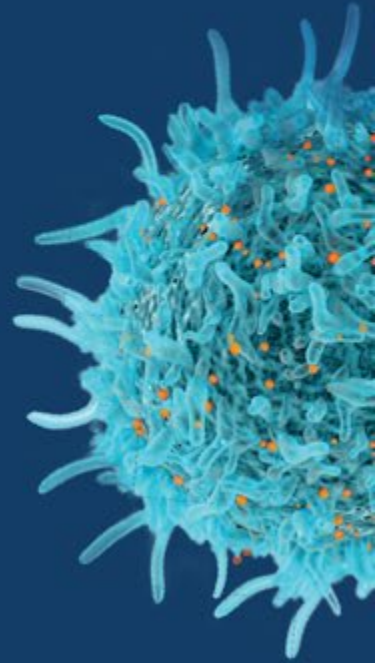
Potential
Development
Strategies
for CT-0525

- **Repeat dosing:** Maintain pharmacologic pressure on tumor to potentially deepen and prolong response
- **Combination therapy with pembrolizumab:** Potentially increases long-term anti-tumor immunity and may lead to durable clinical benefit

CT-0525 Represents the Next Stage of CAR-M Development



In Vivo CAR-M: Oncology & Autoimmune disease



In Vivo CAR-M

Collaboration with Moderna to discover, develop & commercialize *in vivo* CAR-M in oncology & autoimmune disease

Highlights

Collaboration Overview



- Combines Carisma’s CAR macrophage technology with Moderna’s mRNA/LNP platform
- *In vivo* CAR-M for oncology: First Development Candidate nominated, targets GPC3 for the treatment of HCC
 - Nomination triggered \$2 million milestone payment to Carisma
- *In vivo* CAR-M for autoimmune disease: Nominated two targets¹

Key Advantages of *in vivo* CAR-M



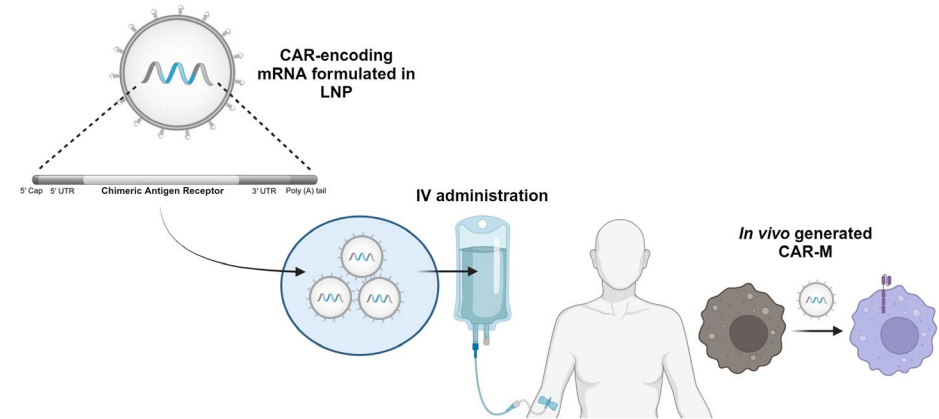
- Robust platform with applications in diverse indications
- Off-the-shelf product with ability to re-dose
- Maintains functionality of *ex vivo* CAR-M

Key Takeaways from Pre-clinical Data



- mRNA/LNP CAR-M are highly functional
- *In vivo* CAR-M controls tumors upon regional or systemic administration and clears metastasis
- *In vivo* CAR-M well-tolerated in pre-clinical models

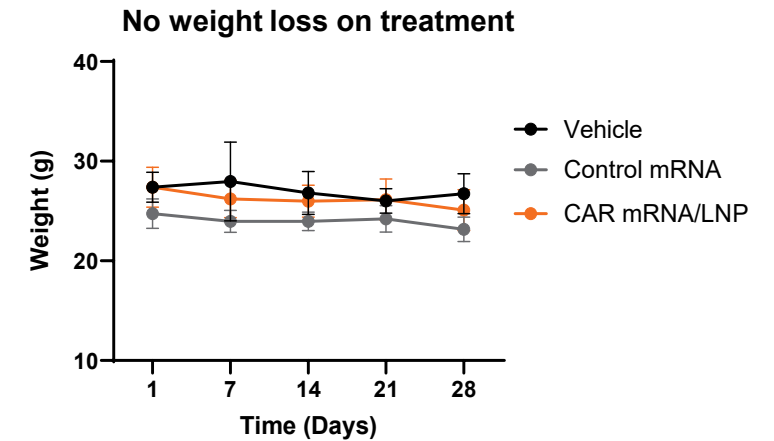
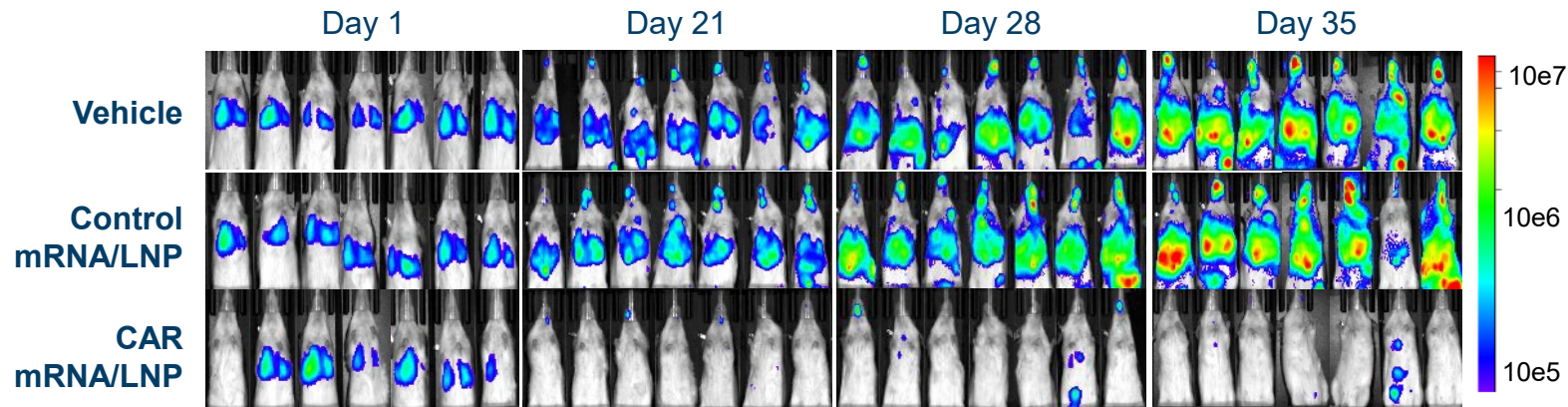
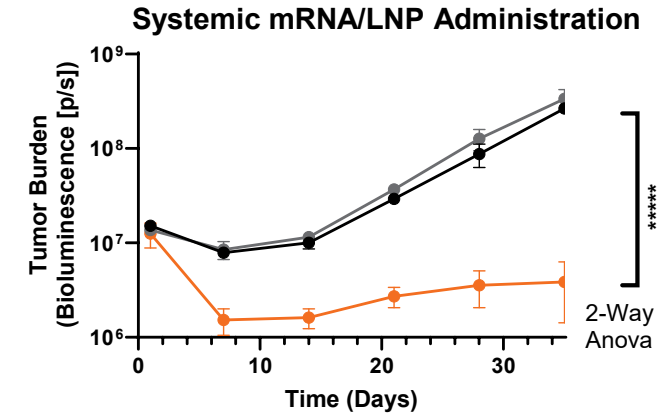
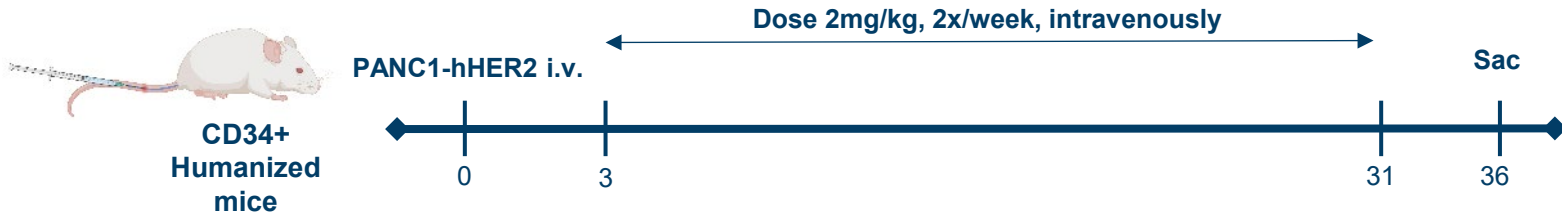
Redirecting endogenous myeloid cells with mRNA for cancer immunotherapy



	carisma THERAPEUTICS	Collaboration Terms	moderna®
Number of Targets		Up to 12 (7 nominated)	
Upfront Payment		\$80M	
Total Potential Milestones and Royalties		\$3B+	
R&D Funding		Fully funded by Moderna	

In Vivo CAR-M Controls Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

Systemic LNP administration in humanized mouse model of pancreatic cancer



Glypican-3 (GPC3): A validated target in HCC

HCC remains an area of significant unmet medical need

HCC overview:

- **>40,000 new cases** in the US in 2024, and the **2nd leading** cause of cancer-deaths worldwide^{1,2}
- **22% 5-year** survival for all HCC cases; **3.5% 5-year** survival for advanced HCC¹

GPC3

- GPC3 is a cell surface tumor-associated antigen
- Overexpressed in 70-80% of HCC cases, linked to poor prognosis²
- Silenced postnatally, minimally expressed in healthy tissues²
- Safety demonstrated with antibodies, ADCs, and CAR-T cells²
- No approved GPC3-targeted therapies

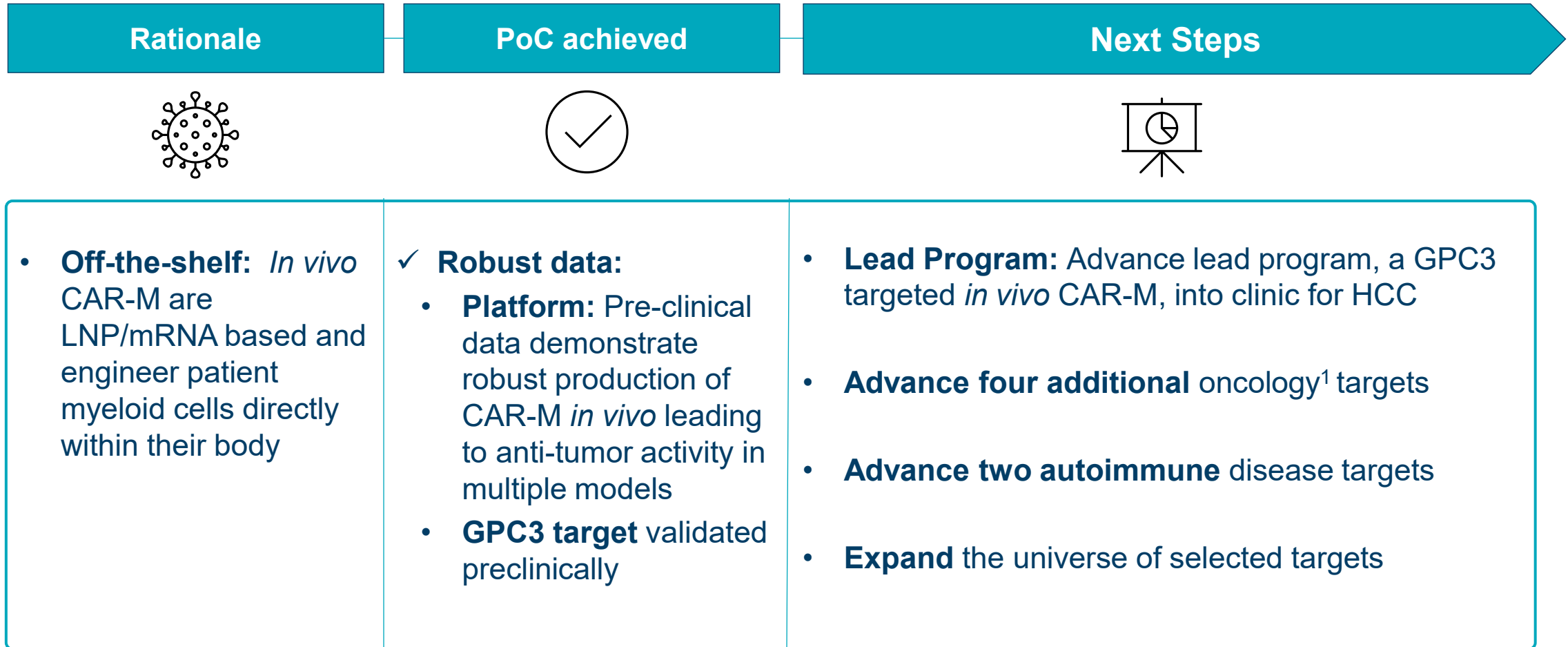


Development Candidate

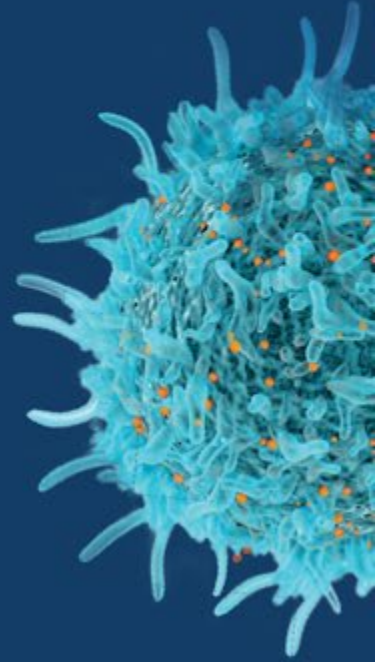
- Direct *in vivo* CAR-M utilizing mRNA/LNP encoding a novel, next-gen CAR targeting GPC3
- Pre-clinical data demonstrate robust tumor control in animal models
- Additional pre-clinical data will be presented in 2024

In Vivo CAR-M: Next Steps

Strategic alliance, fully funded by Moderna



Developing macrophage cell therapies beyond oncology: Fibrosis



Macrophages have Robust Anti-fibrotic and Anti-inflammatory Potential

Substantial Unmet Need In Liver Fibrosis

Large (and growing) patient population

Limited success in improving fibrosis in late-stage MASH patients

Clinical Evidence of Macrophage Cell Therapy

Non-engineered macrophage cell therapy has demonstrated therapeutic potential in the clinic^{1,2}

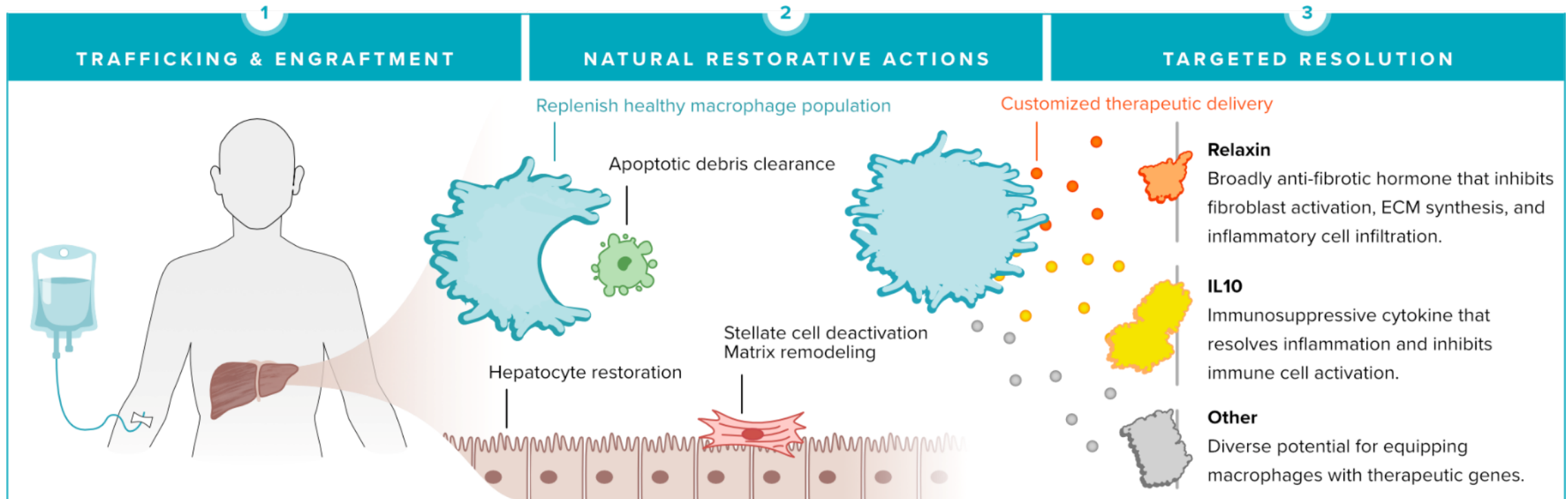
Promising Preclinical Results from Engineered Macrophages

Carisma's engineered macrophages have shown significant reduction of established liver fibrosis in multiple preclinical studies³

Carisma's pre-clinical proof-of-concept data demonstrate that engineered macrophages can improve liver fibrosis and outperform non-engineered macrophages³

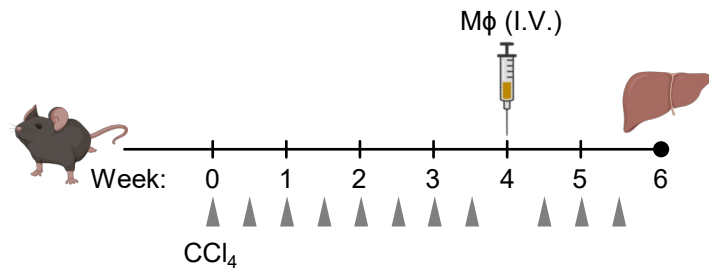
Carisma's Platform: Engineered Anti-fibrotic Macrophages

Pre-clinical proof-of-concept with relaxin-IL10 co-expressing macrophages



A Single Dose of Engineered Macrophages Significantly Reduced Liver Fibrosis¹

CCl₄ model of established fibrosis



Engineered Mφ significantly reduced hepatic collagen

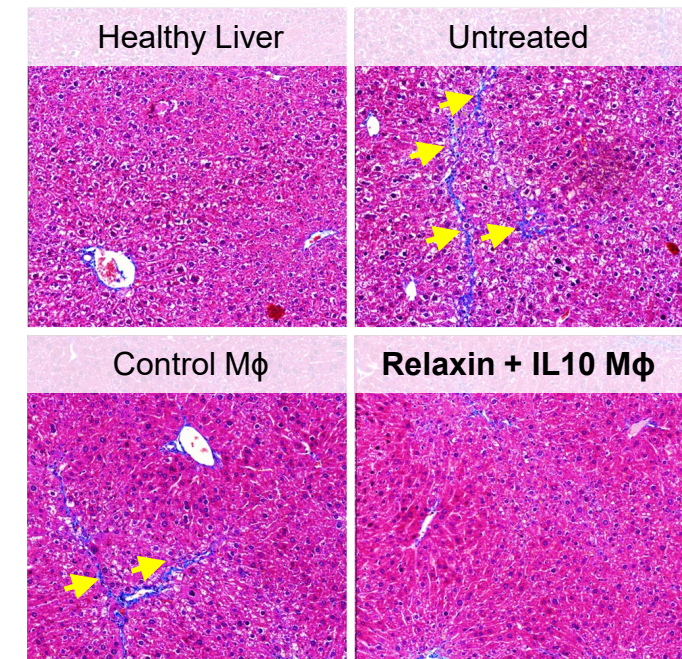
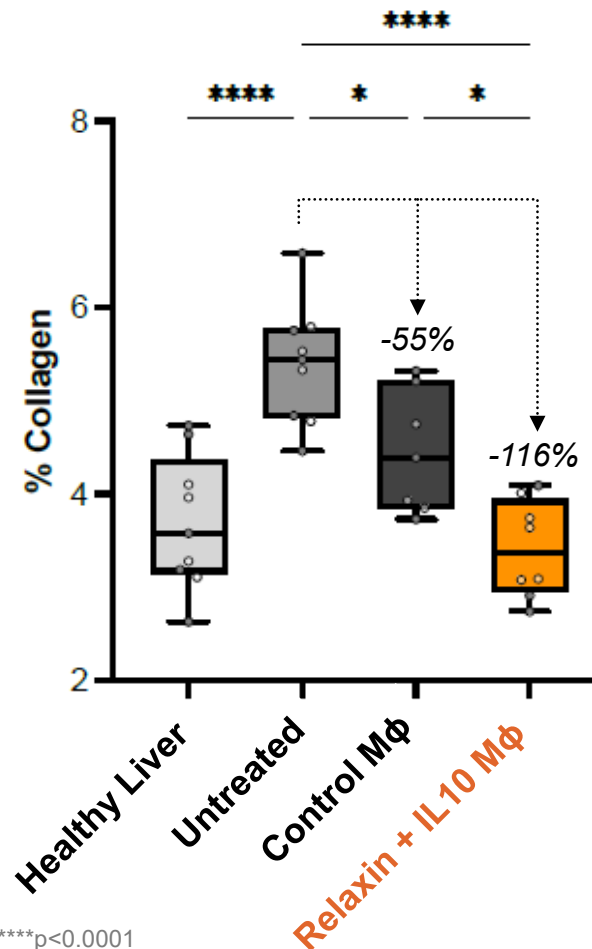
Control Mφ:

- 55% reduction in collagen

Relaxin-IL10 Mφ:

- >100% reduction in collagen²
- 8/8 mice return to healthy range

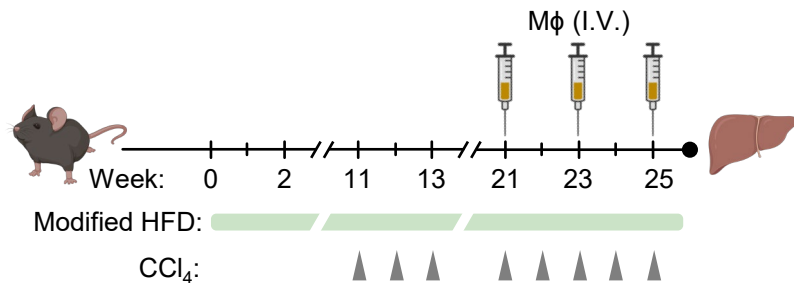
Relaxin-IL10 macrophages significantly reduced established fibrosis



Masson's Trichrome Staining
Fibrosis shown in blue

Engineered Macrophages Reduced Liver Fibrosis in a High Fat Diet-Induced Model¹

High fat diet MASH model



Engineered Mφ significantly reduced fibrotic collagen

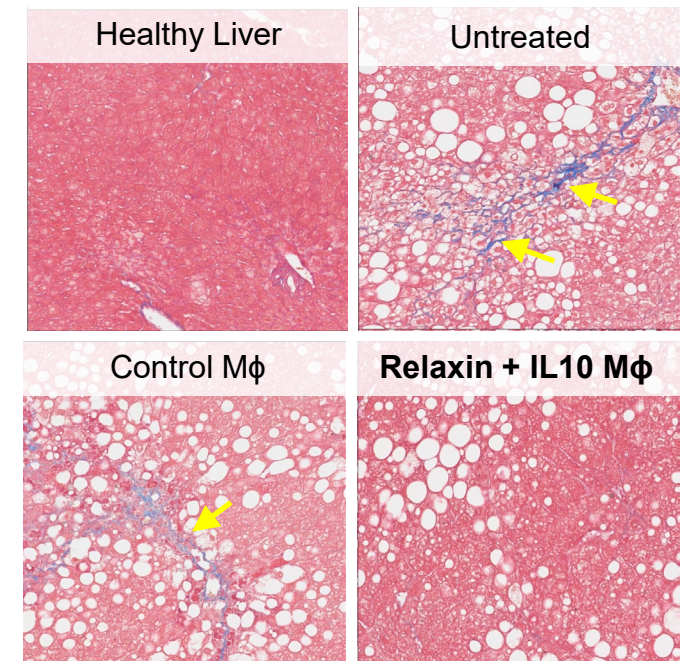
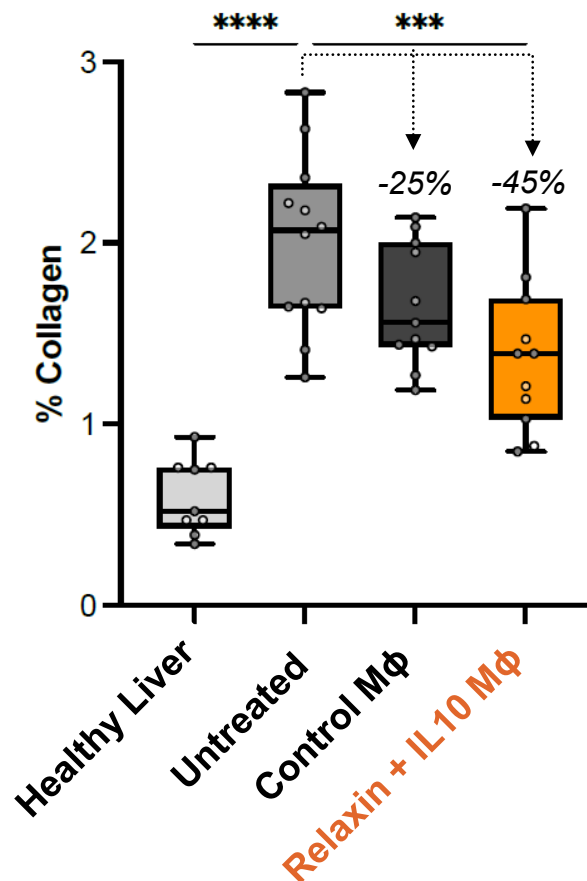
Control Mφ:

- **25%** reduction in collagen

Relaxin-IL10 Mφ:

- **45%** reduction²

Relaxin-IL10 macrophages significantly reduced fibrosis



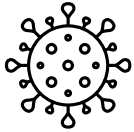
Masson's Trichrome Staining
Fibrosis shown in blue



Liver Fibrosis: Next steps

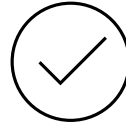
Wholly-owned program

Rationale



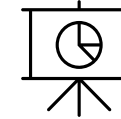
- **Resolution of liver fibrosis:** Engineered macrophages enhance innate activity of macrophages in liver
- **Off-the-shelf:** Development of an off-the-shelf **approach** ongoing

PoC achieved



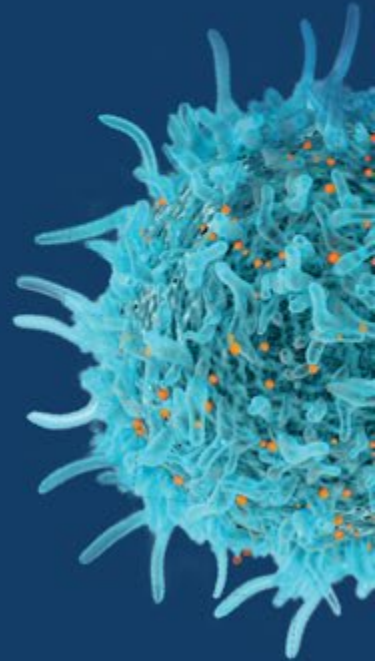
- ✓ **Pre-clinical PoC** data shows anti-fibrotic effect with relaxin-IL10 as payload
- ✓ **Clinical data** with non-engineered macrophages have shown clinical benefit in patients

Next Steps



- **Present additional liver fibrosis** data at AASLD November 2024
- **Optimize** anti-fibrotic constructs
- **Nomination** of development candidate expected in 1Q 2025
- **Expand** fibrosis program beyond liver

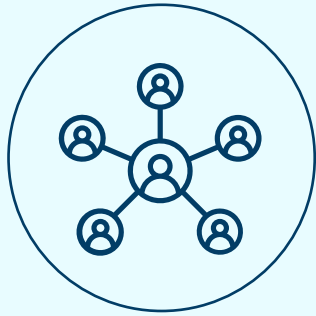
Corporate & Financial





Financial Snapshot

As of June 30, 2024



41.5M

Shares outstanding



\$40.4M

Cash and cash equivalents



Into 3Q 2025

Expected cash runway

Operating Plan and Corporate Milestones

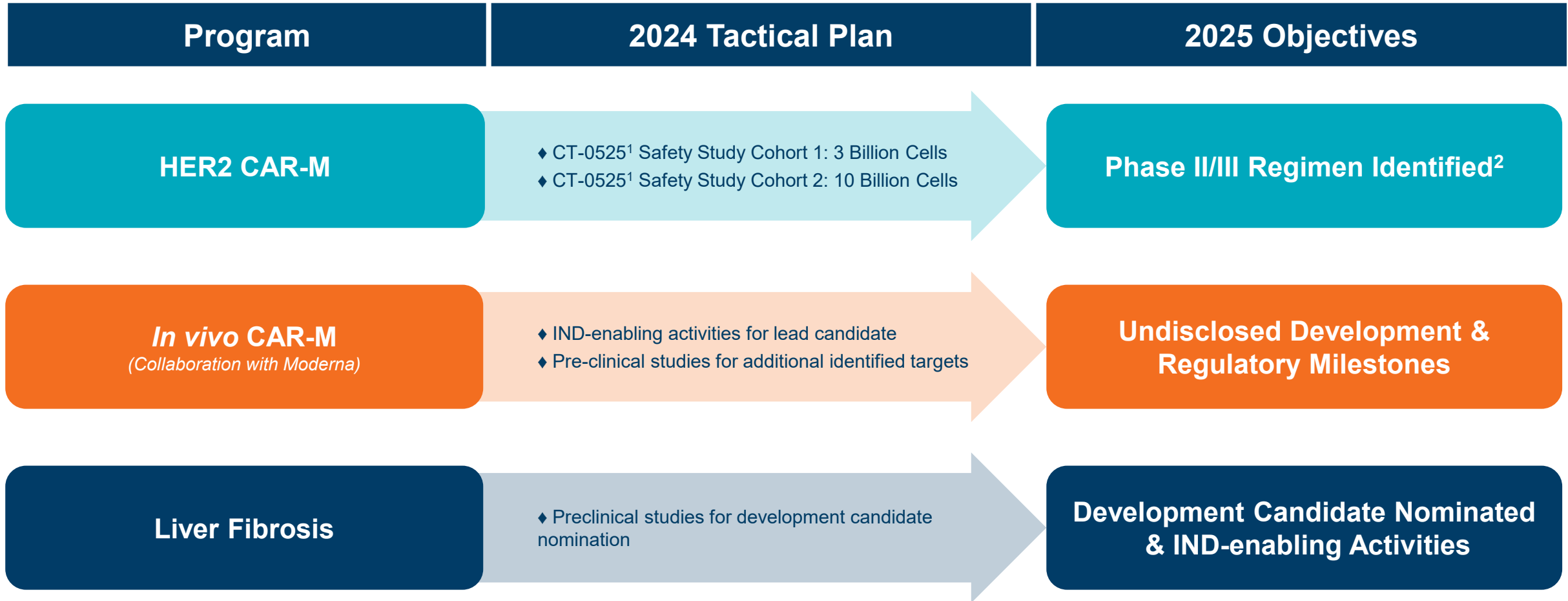
Capital efficient R&D program designed to reach significant value inflection points

INDICATION	PRODUCT CANDIDATE	PLATFORM	RECENT AND ANTICIPATED MILESTONES
Oncology			
HER2+ solid tumors	CT-0525	CAR-Monocyte (Autologous)	4Q'23 IND cleared ✓
			2Q'24 Treat first patient ✓
			4Q'24 Report initial data from Phase 1 study ☐
	CT-0508	CAR-Macrophage (Autologous)	3Q'24 Report data from Phase 1 combination sub-study ✓
GPC3+ solid tumors	Undisclosed	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)	4Q'23 Nominate first <i>in vivo</i> CAR-M lead candidate ✓
			2Q'24 Development Candidate nominated ✓
			TBD IND submission ☐
Undisclosed	4 Nominated Targets ¹	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)	TBD Nominate next lead candidate ☐
Fibrosis and Immunology			
Liver Fibrosis	TBD	Engineered macrophage	2Q'24 Report preclinical proof of concept data (ASGCT 2024) ✓
			1Q'25 Nominate Development Candidate ☐
Autoimmune disease	2 Nominated Targets	CAR-M/mRNA/LNP (In Vivo)	TBD Nominate lead candidate ☐



Drive to 2025

Leverage world-leading macrophage engineering platform to deliver three product opportunities



THANK YOU



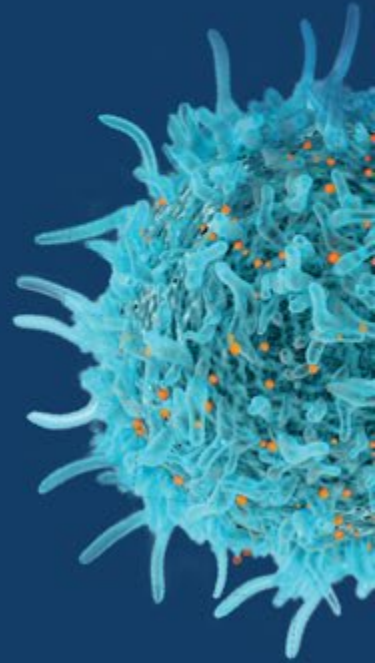
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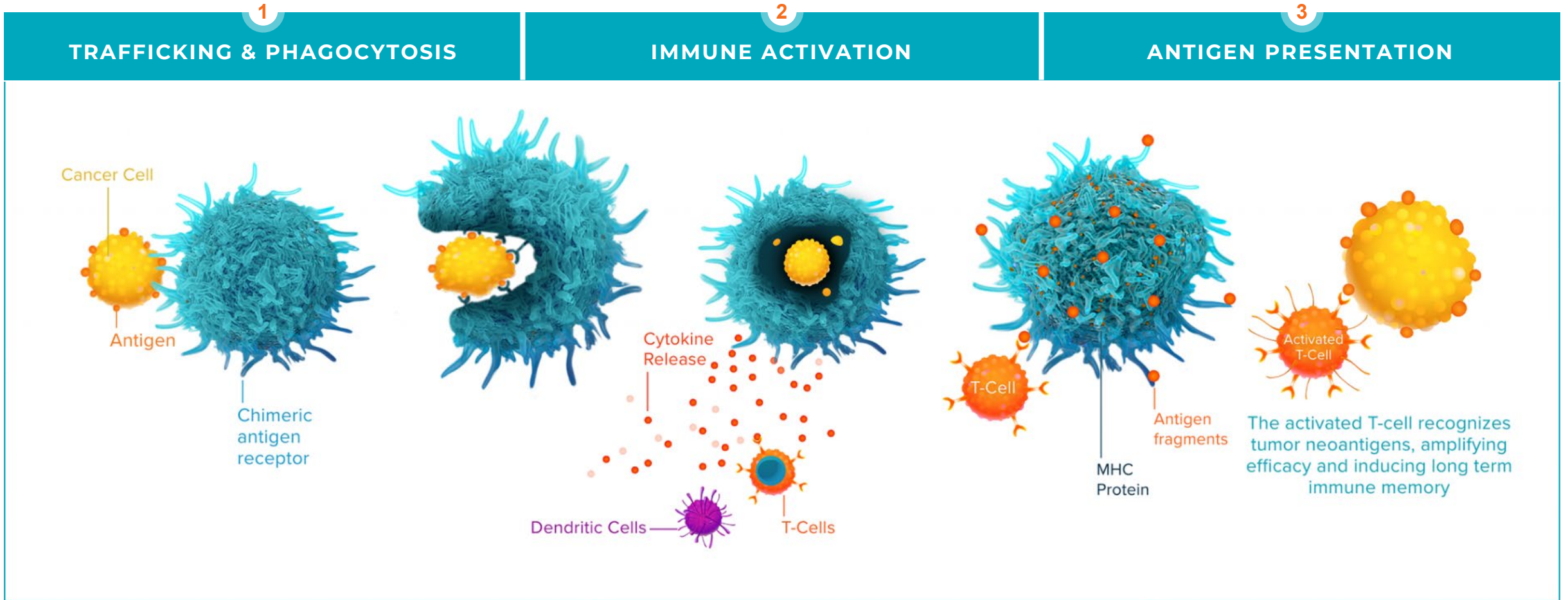
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CAR-M Mechanism of Action in Oncology

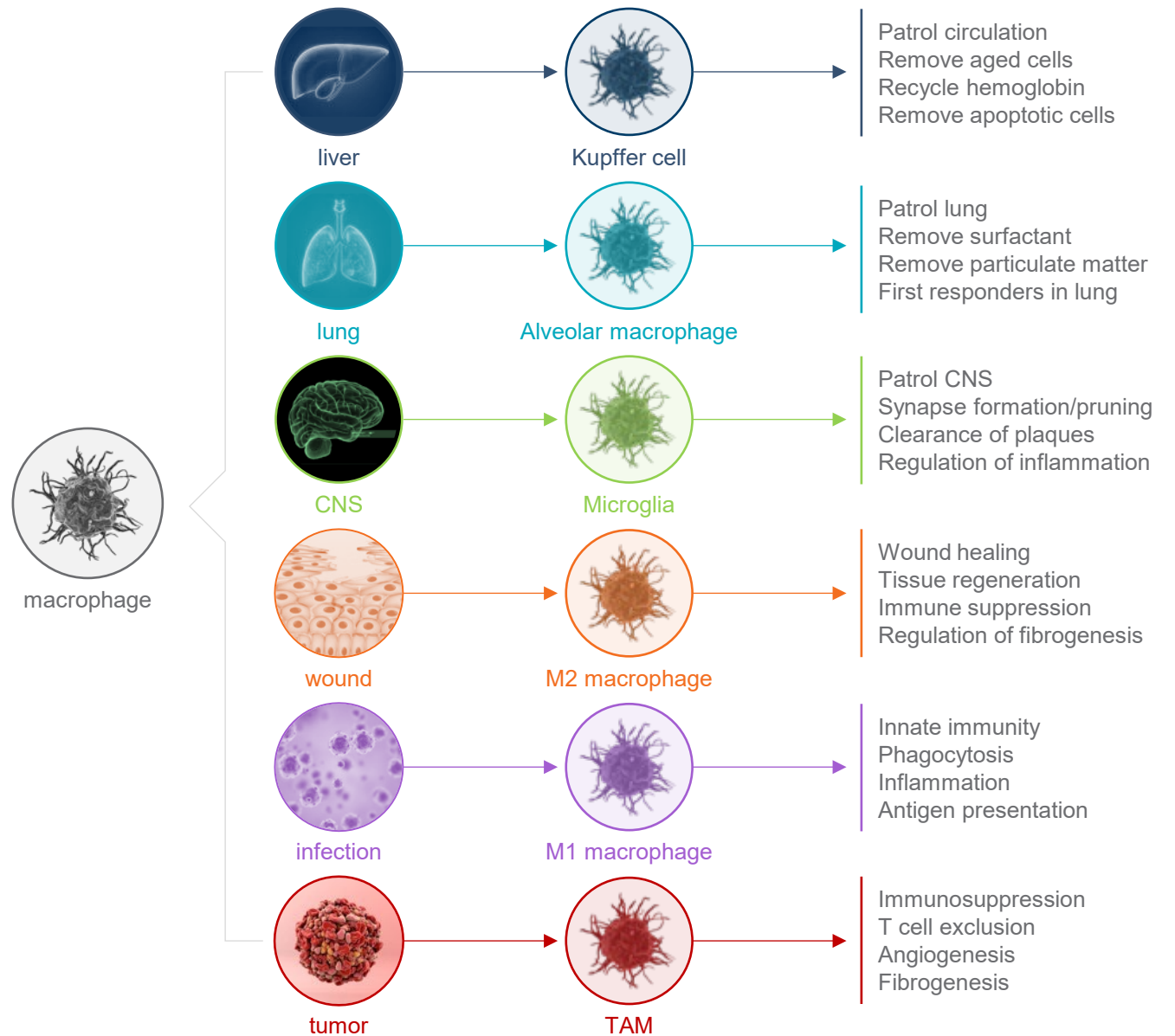
Potential to address the challenges of treating solid tumors with cell therapies



Macrophages: The Ultimate Multitasker

Macrophages can:

- Traffic to tumors/inflammation
- Phagocytose
- Initiate immune response
- Present antigen to T-cells
- Resolve fibrosis
- Induce tissue regeneration
- Resolve immune response

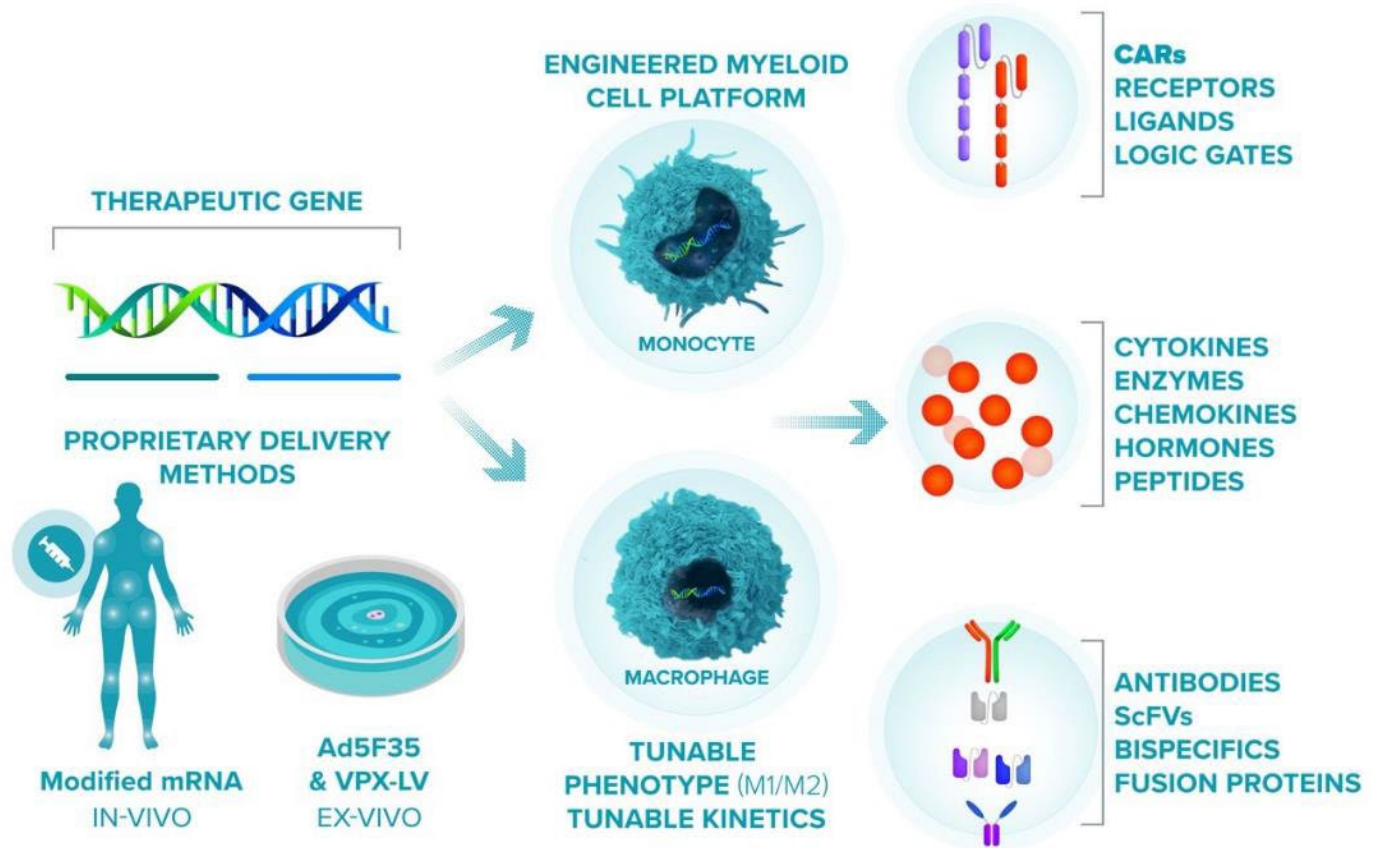


CARISMA's Broad Myeloid Cell Engineering Platform

Proprietary technology, world-leading macrophage engineering know-how, and strong IP position ensure leadership position

Monocyte & Macrophage Engineering Capabilities:

- Proprietary platforms for robust/durable monocyte & macrophage engineering
- Established rapid GMP manufacturing processes for monocytes and macrophages
- In vivo myeloid cell reprogramming using LNP/mRNA technology
- Novel next-gen CAR constructs
- Cytokine targeting with switch receptor platform
- Applications beyond oncology





Strong Patent Position

Broad Coverage for Monocyte and Macrophage Targeted Therapies

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PATENTS GRANTED
WORLDWIDE*

100+

PATENT APPLICATIONS
PENDING WORLDWIDE*

- Worldwide patent coverage with issued and pending applications in major markets
- Multiple issued US patents covering CAR-M composition of matter
- Broad patent portfolio covering:
 - Viral and non-viral methods for engineering monocytes and macrophages
 - Methods for treatment of protein aggregate disorders
 - Methods for in vivo targeting of monocytes and macrophages

Strong Leadership Team and Advisors

Deep research, clinical and operational expertise in cell and gene therapy and oncology



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CAR-Monocytes: Differentiated from CAR-T and CAR-NK

CAR-M has advantages that are potentially key for solid tumor oncology

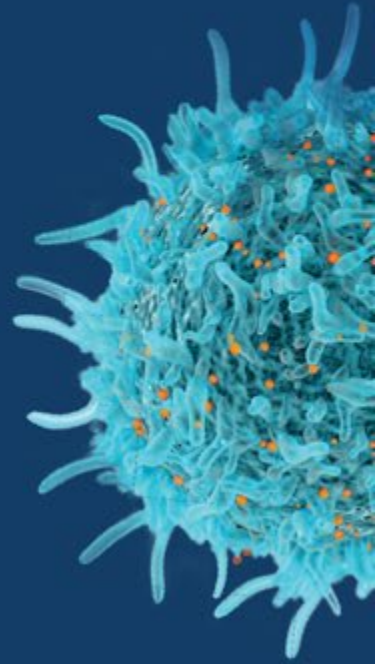
	CAR-T	CAR-NK	CAR-Mono
Mechanism of Action			
Effector Cell	CD4/CD8 T cells	Natural Killer Cells	Monocytes
Persistence	Months/Years	Days/Weeks	45-day half-life*
Trafficking Potential	Low	Low	High
TME Activation	Low	Low	High
Antigen Presentation	None	None	High
Epitope Spreading	Low	Low	High
Safety			
Chemotherapy Conditioning	Yes	Yes	No
CRS / ICANS	High / High	Low / Low	Low / Low
Manufacturing			
Manufacturing Time	Days to weeks	Days to weeks	1 day

CAR-M has direct anti-tumor effects as well as immune activation

CAR Monocytes: Numerous Advantages Over CAR Macrophages

	CAR Macrophage	CAR Monocyte
Cell Characteristics		
Origin	Monocyte-derived macrophage (ex vivo differentiated for 7 days)	CD14+ monocyte from peripheral blood
Natural location	Macrophages: Various tissues	Monocytes: Blood
Cell size	16-20µm	10µm
Differentiation Potential	M1/M2 polarization in response to cytokines	Macrophages or dendritic cells
Trafficking Potential	Low (tissue resident cells)	High (blood to tissue via chemotaxis)
Persistence	Limited (5-day half-life)	High (45-day half-life)
Mechanism of Action		
Direct Killing/Phagocytosis	Yes	Yes; increases w/ differentiation
Cytokine/Chemokine Release	Yes	Yes
Antigen Presentation	Yes	Yes
Manufacturing/Dosing		
Manufacturing Time	8 days	1 day
Cell Yield Per Apheresis	~2x10 ⁹	Up to 1x10 ¹⁰
Chemotherapy Conditioning	No	No
Ability to Re-dose	Limited	Up to 5 doses per apheresis

Targeting HER2: CT-0525



CT-0525 Manufacturing Process

One day, automated process yielding up to 5x more cells per apheresis than CT-0508

Highlights

CAR Expression: >90%*



Viability: >90%*

Purity: >95%*

Ad5f35 (adenovirus) based process



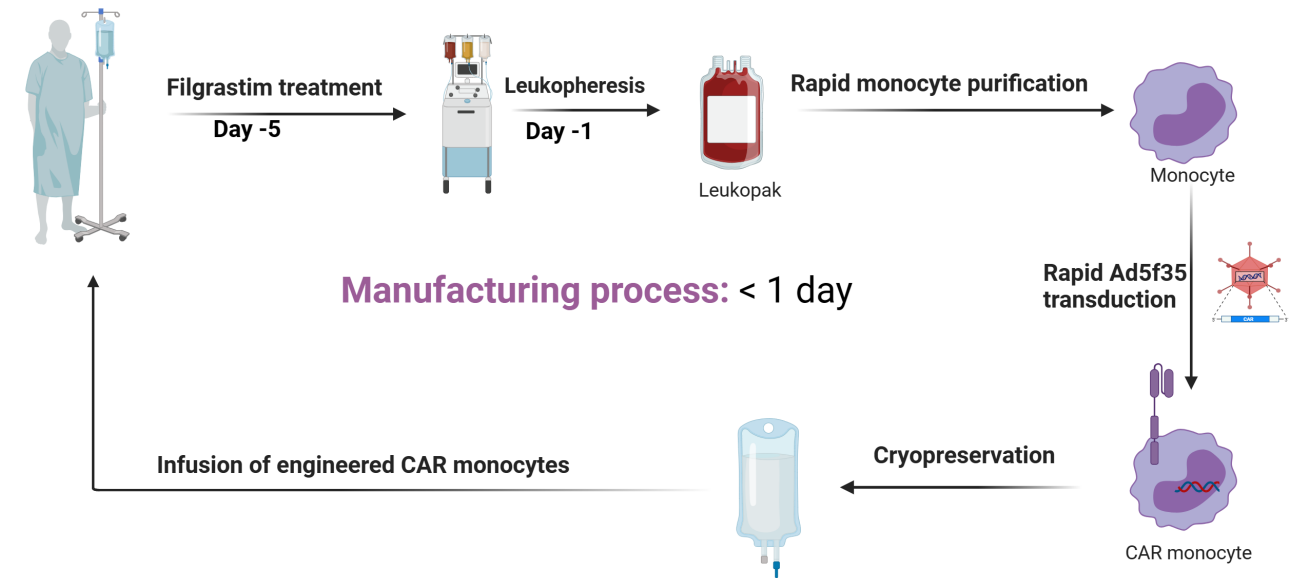
Monocytes are primed to support *in situ* differentiation into M1 macrophages

First patient successfully manufactured/treated in 2Q 2024

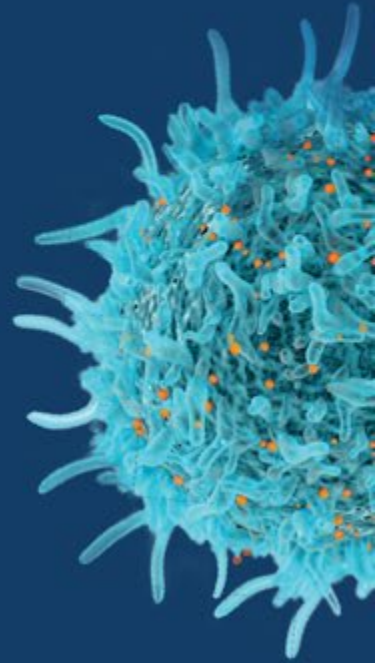


Can produce up to 10B cells

CAR-Monocyte Rapid Manufacturing Process

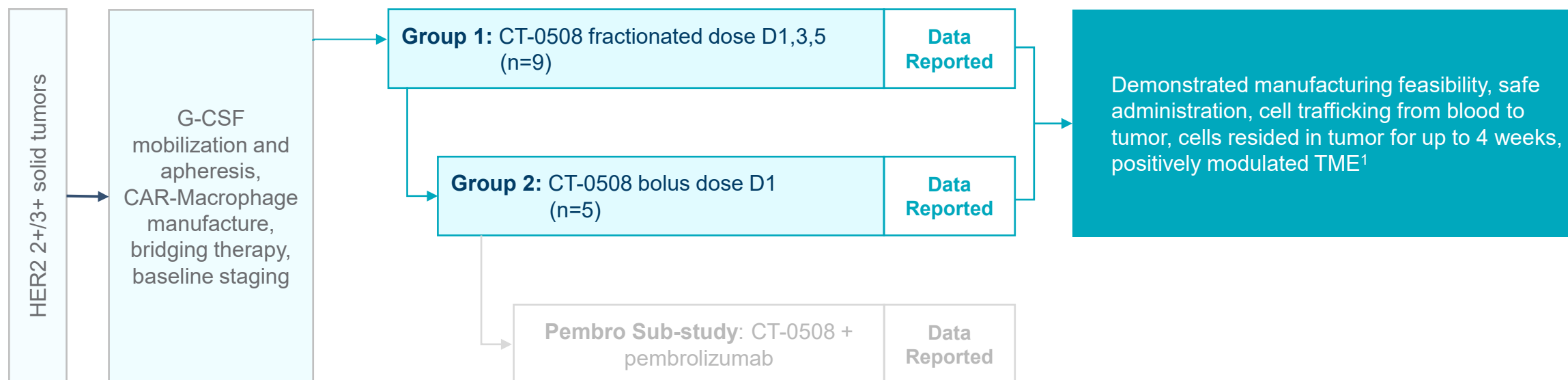


Targeting HER2: CT-0508 Monotherapy



CT-0508 Study 101: First in Human Phase 1 Clinical Design

Assessing safety, tolerability, feasibility and TME impact of CT-0508 monotherapy



PRIMARY OUTCOMES²

- Safety and tolerability
- Manufacturing feasibility

SECONDARY OUTCOMES & ADDITIONAL ANALYSES²

- ORR (RECIST 1.1)
- PFS
- Trafficking
- TME activation
- T cell recruitment/activation
- T cell expansion/clonality

Biopsy performed at screening, Day 8, Week 4 and Week 6 or 7 RECIST v1.1

ORR: Objective Response Rate; PFS: Progression-Free Survival

1. Data from Reiss, et al. SITC 2022; and Klichinsky, et al. CAR-TCR 2023. 2. Outcomes are specific to Group 1 and Group 2 study.

CT-0508 Study 101: Phase 1 Study Patient Demographics

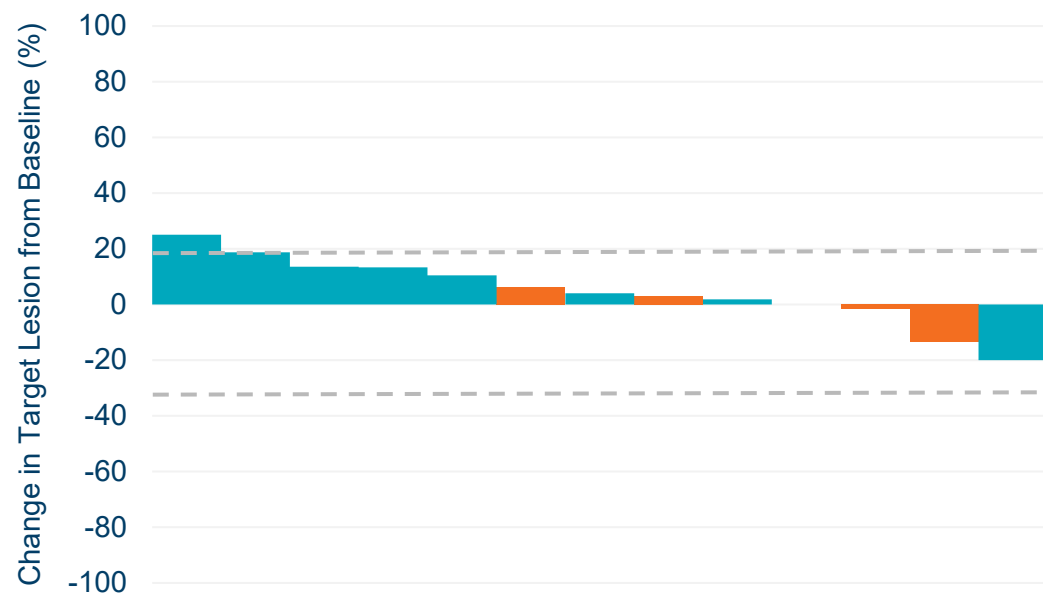
Heavily pre-treated patients with Stage IV HER2 2+/3+ solid tumors

Characteristics	N=14
Tumor Type, n (%)	
Breast Cancer	8 (57.1)
Esophageal Cancer	2 (14.3)
Salivary Carcinoma	2 (14.3)
Cholangiocarcinoma	1 (7.1)
Ovarian Cancer	1 (7.1)
HER2 Overexpression, n (%)	
IHC 3+	9 (64.3)
IHC 2+/FISH+	5 (35.7)
Pre-Treatment History	
Median Number of Prior Cancer Therapies, n (range)	5 (2, 12)
Median Number of Prior Anti-HER2 Therapies, n (range)	2 (0, 9)
Subjects with Prior Anti-HER2 Therapy	13 (92.9)
Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB)	
Low (<10 mut/Mb)	11 (78.6)
High (≥10 mut/Mb)†	2 (14.3)†
Unknown	1 (7.1)
Microsatellite Instability (MSI)	
MSS/MSI-Low	13 (92.9)
MSI-High	0 (0)
Unknown	1 (7.1)

Early Efficacy Evaluation

Best Overall Response of Stable Disease

Best Overall Change in Tumor Burden

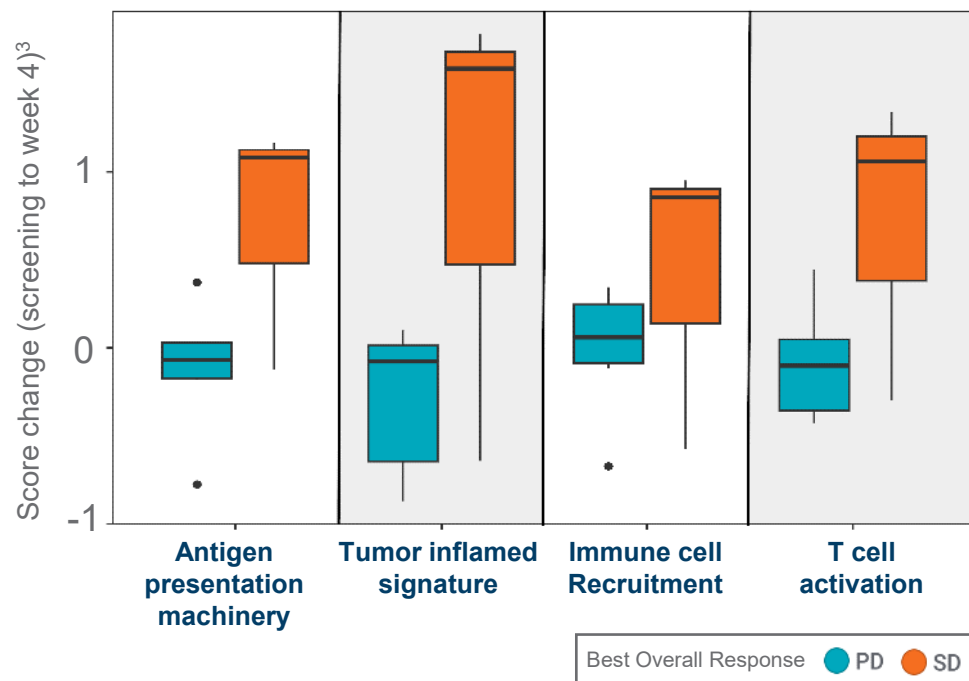


RESULTS

- Best Overall Response of Stable Disease in 4 of the 14 evaluated participants (28.6%)*+
- Largest reduction in target lesion
 - 20% in a breast cancer patient
 - 14% in a salivary gland cancer patient
- Stable Disease was enriched in HER2 3+ subpopulation (n=4/9, 44.4% SD)
- Stable Disease correlated with CT-0508 induced TME remodeling and T cell activation

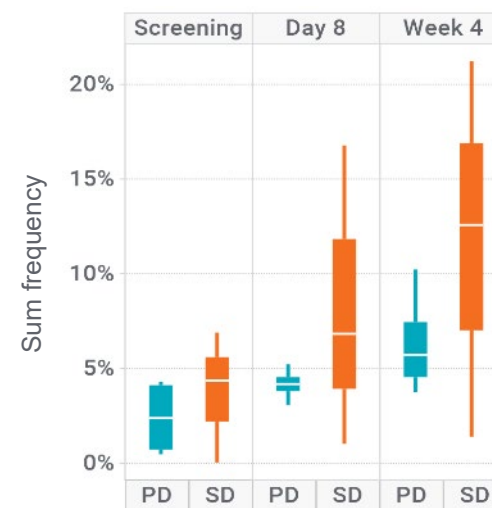
CT-0508 remodeled the TME and induced anti-tumor T cell immunity

Improved TME remodeling and T cell dynamics seen in patients that achieved Stable Disease

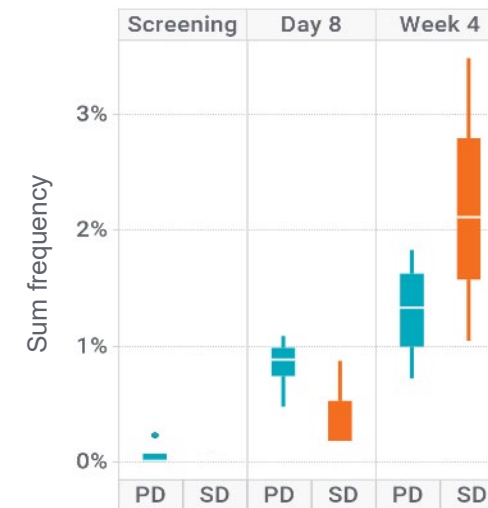


TME activation, based on multiple gene sets, was enriched in patients that had Stable Disease

Expanding T Cell Clones



Emergent T Cell Clones

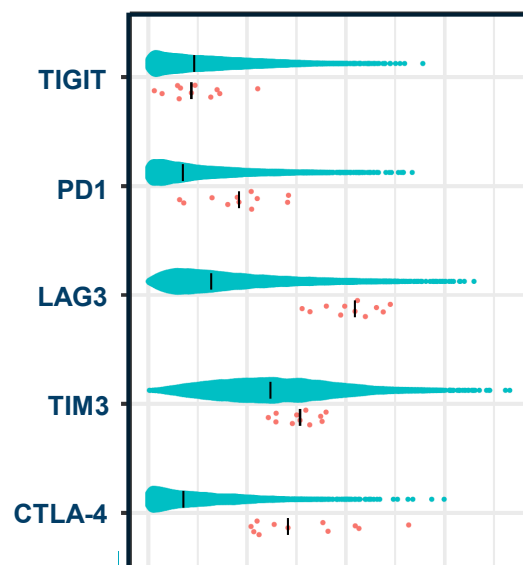


Accumulation of peripherally expanded and emergent T cell clones was increased in patients that had Stable Disease

T cell Exhaustion is a Limiting Factor to CAR-Macrophage Efficacy

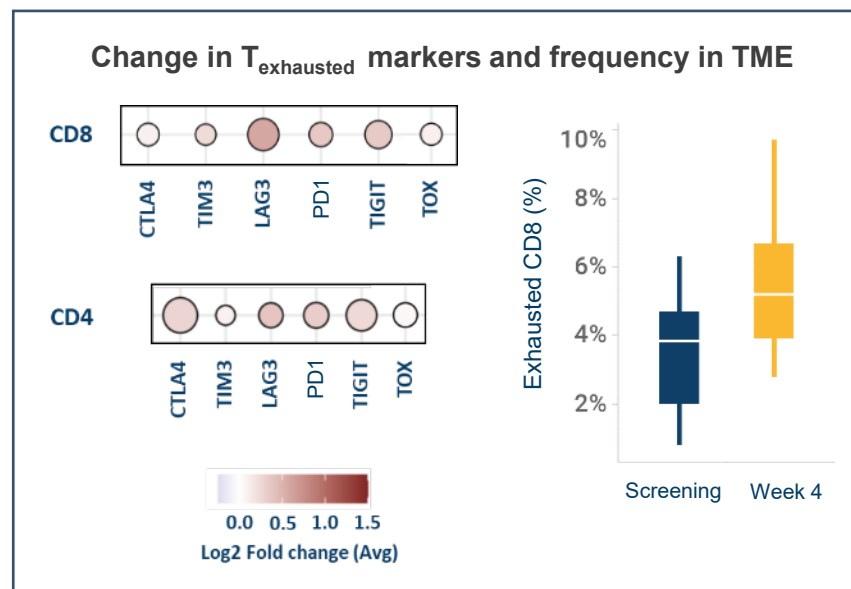
Study 101 patients show high baseline T cell exhaustion, and inhibitory pathways are further upregulated

T cell exhaustion markers in CT-0508 Study 101 pts compared to ~10,000 cancer patients in the TCGA database



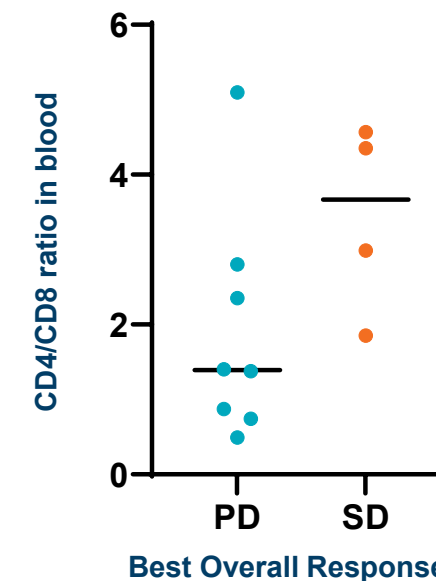
High T cell exhaustion in the TME of Study 101 pts

Changes in exhaustion markers (left) and exhausted CD8 T cell frequency (right) in the TME (Week 4 vs. Screening)



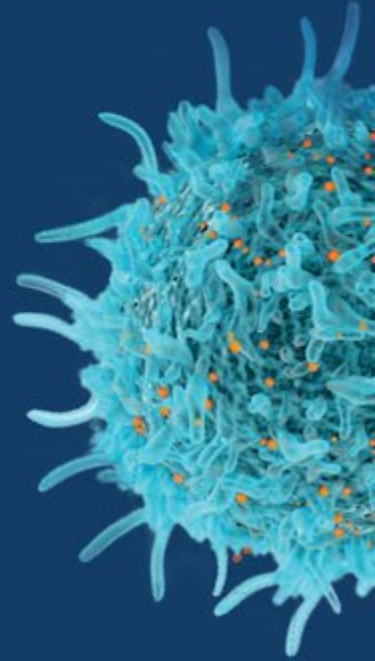
The pro-inflammatory effects of CT-0508 further upregulate inhibitory pathways

Correlation of outcomes with baseline peripheral blood T cell fitness



T cell fitness¹ correlates with clinical outcome

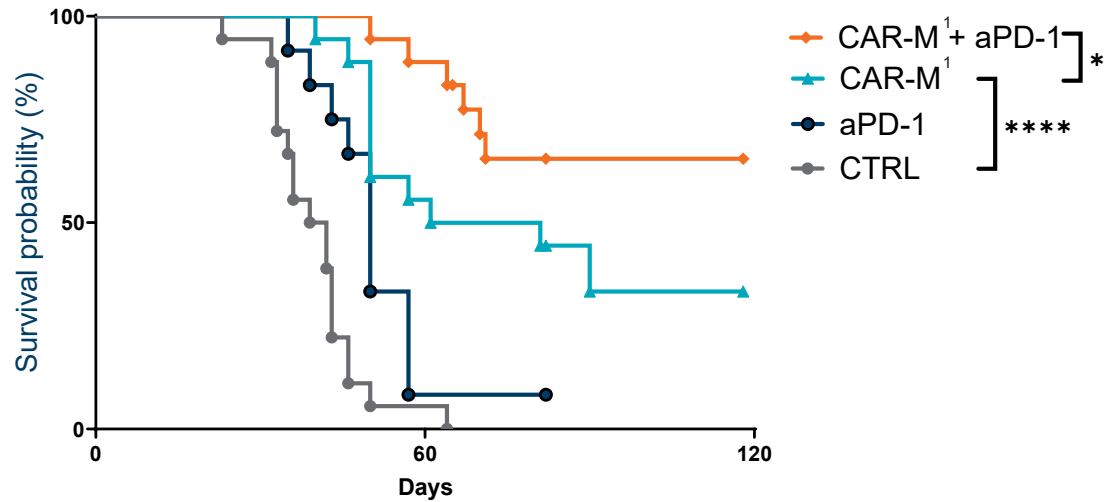
Targeting HER2: CAR-M + anti-PD1



CAR-M + Anti-PD1: Robust Synergy

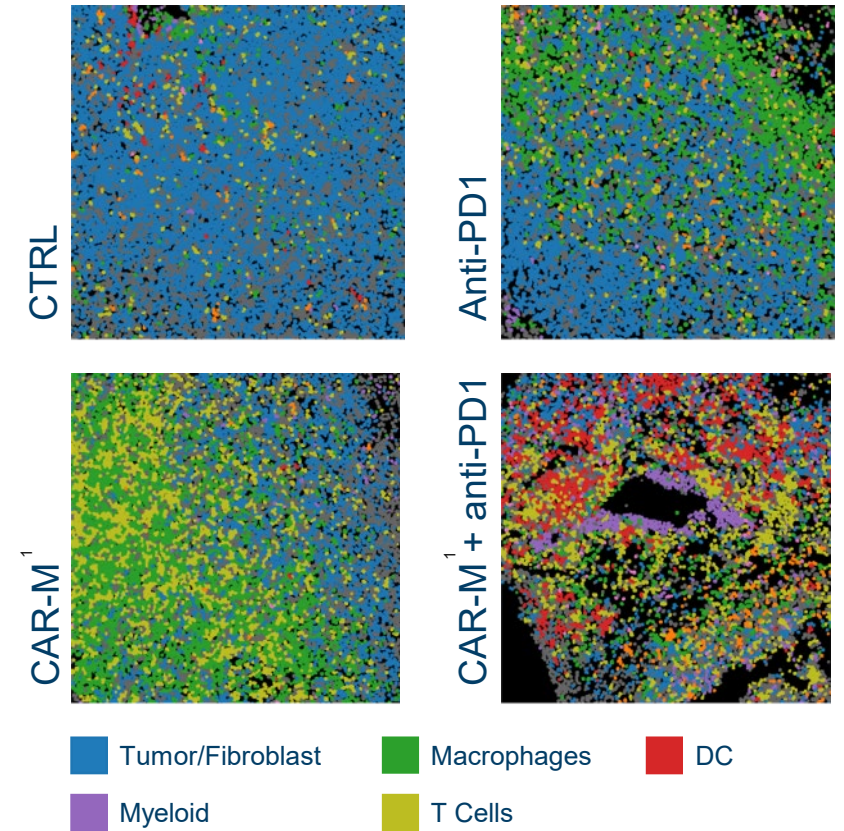
Synergy in a solid tumor model that is resistant to anti-PD1 monotherapy

Synergistic anti-tumor activity



Syngeneic CT26-HER2 solid tumor model.
Resistant to anti-PD1 monotherapy.

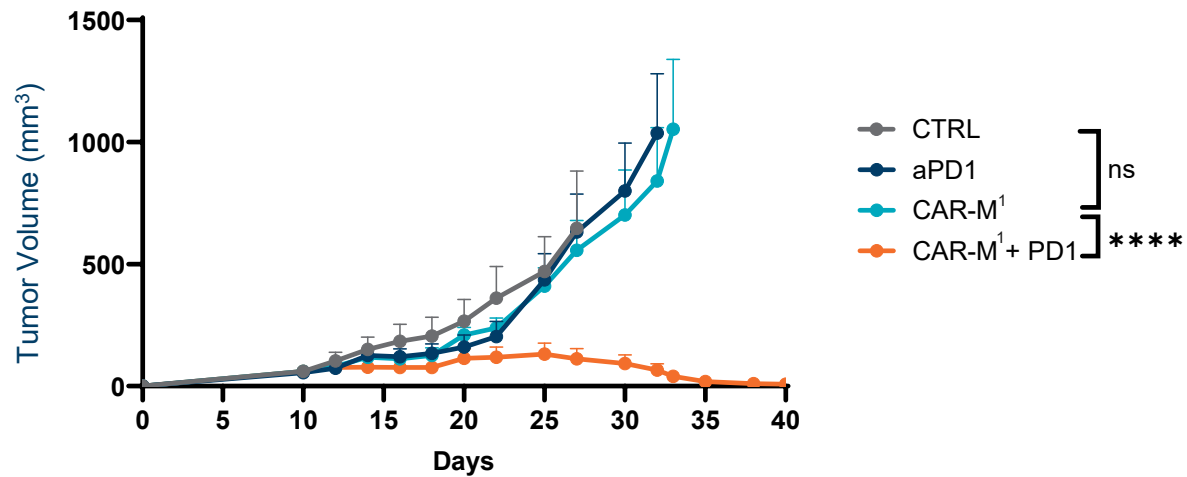
Synergistic TME modulation with combination



CAR-M + Anti-PD1: Robust Synergy

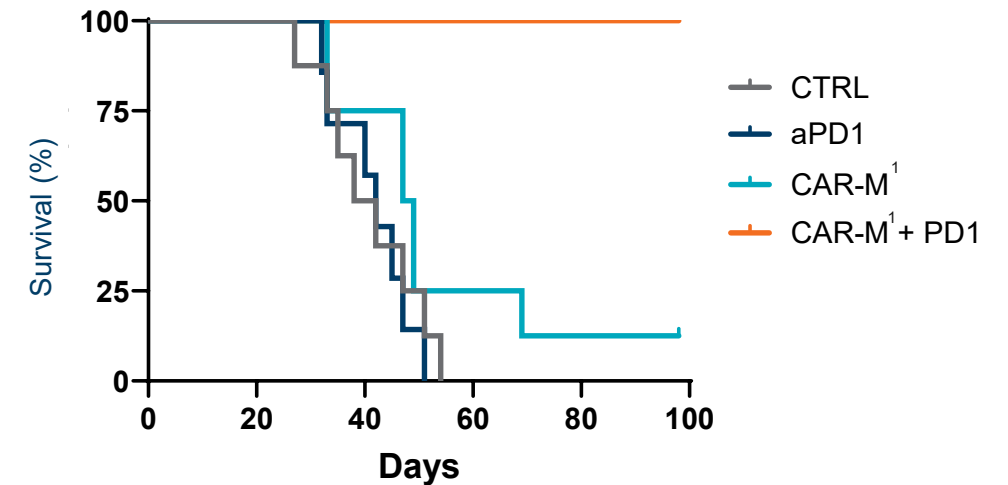
Synergy in a solid tumor model that is resistant to both CAR-Macrophage *and* anti-PD1 monotherapy

I.V. CAR-M¹ + anti-PD1 leads to synergistic tumor control

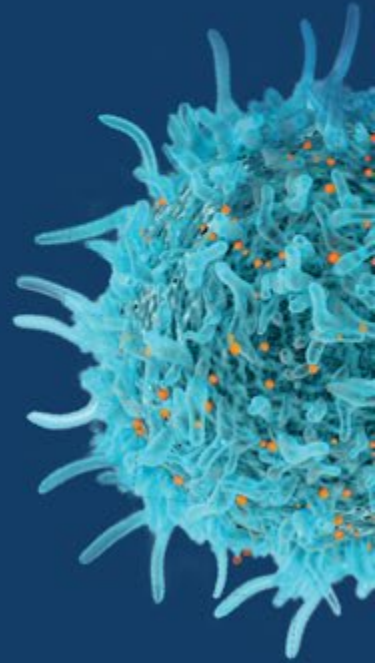


Syngeneic CT26-HER2 solid tumor model.
Resistant to anti-PD1 monotherapy.

I.V. CAR-M¹ + anti-PD1 leads to 100% survival

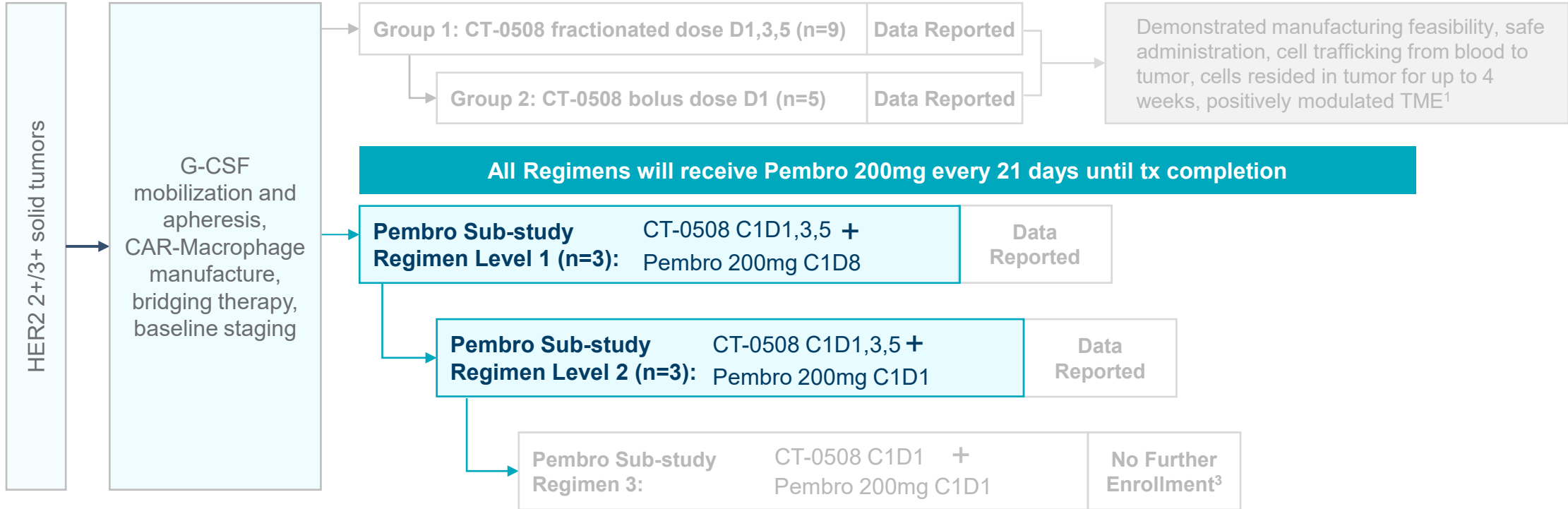


Targeting HER2: CT-0508 + anti-PD1



CT-0508 Study 101: CT-0508 + Pembrolizumab Sub-study

Assessing safety, tolerability and TME impact of CT-0508 in combination with anti-PD1 pembrolizumab

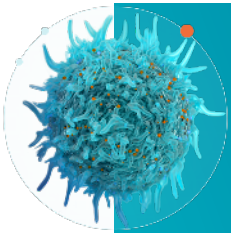


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- ORR (RECIST 1.1)
- PFS
- Trafficking
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- T cell recruitment/activation
- T cell expansion/clonality



CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination: Demographics¹

Patient Demographics were consistent with patients enrolled in the monotherapy groups

Summary of Participant and Tumor Characteristics			
Characteristic	N = 6	Characteristic	N = 6
Median age (range), years	58 (45, 73)	Tumor Type, n (%)	
Gender, n (%)		Breast Cancer	3 (50.0)
Male	2 (33.3)	Esophageal Cancer	1 (16.7)
Female	4 (66.7)	Ovarian Cancer	1 (16.7)
		Colorectal Cancer	1 (16.7)
Race, n (%)		Median Number of Prior Cancer Therapies, n (range)	6 (3, 10)
White	6 (100.0)		
ECOG PS, n (%)		Median Number of Prior Anti-HER2 Therapies, n (range)	5 (0, 7)
0	1 (16.7)	Subjects with Prior Anti-HER2 Therapy	4 (66.7)
1	5 (83.3)		
HER2 Overexpression, n (%)		Prior Radiotherapy, n (%)	
IHC 3+	5 (83.3)	Yes	5 (83.3)
IHC 2+/FISH+	1 (16.7)		
Microsatellite Instability (MSI)*		Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB)*	
MSS/MSI-Low	6 (100.0)	Low (<10 mut/Mb)	5 (83.3)
MSI-High	0 (0)	High (≥10 mut/Mb)	1 (16.7) [†]

CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination: Well-Tolerated, No Dose Limiting Toxicities

Similar safety profile to CT-0508 monotherapy

	CT-0508 Monotherapy Group 1: Fractionated Dosing	CT-0508 Monotherapy Group 2: Bolus Dosing	CT-0508 + Pembrolizumab Regimen 1	CT-0508 + Pembrolizumab Regimen 2
Patients Treated	N=9 (%)	N=5 (%)	N=3 (%)¹	N=3 (%)
Any treatment-emergent AEs (TEAE)	9 (100)	5 (100)	3 (100)	3 (100)
Grade 1-2	4 (44)	2 (40)	1 (33)	2 (66)
Grade 3-4	5 (56)	3 (60)	2 (66)	1 (33)
Any TEAEs related to CT-0508	8 (89)	4 (80)	3 (100)	3 (100)
Any TEAEs related to pembrolizumab	N/A	N/A	1 (33)	2 (66)
Any treatment-emergent SAEs (TESAE)	4 (44)	3 (60)	3 (100)	1 (33)
Any TESAEs related to CT-0508²	2 (22)	2 (40)	3 (100)	1 (33)
Any TESAEs related to pembrolizumab	N/A	N/A	0 (0)	0 (0)
Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)	6 (67)	3 (60)	2 (67)	3 (100)
Grade 1-2	6 (67)	3 (60)	2 (67)	3 (100)
Grade 3-4	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
ICANS	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Similar safety profile between CT-0508 as monotherapy & in combination with pembrolizumab

No severe CRS or ICANS

CT-0508+Pembro Combination: Regimen Level 1 and 2 Summary

Patient	Regimen Level	Best Overall Response	Disease	HER2 Status	Additional Treatment Details
Patient 1	RL1	PD	Stage IV Breast Cancer	HER2 2+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated with dexamethasone due to G2 CRS post CT-0508 infusion, prior to pembrolizumab administration
Patient 2	RL1	PD	Stage IV Ovarian Cancer	HER2 3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated with methylprednisolone due to G3 Infusion reaction post CT-0508 infusion, prior to pembrolizumab administration Triple HLA Class I loss of heterozygosity (HLA-A, B and C deletion in tumor genome).
Patient 3	RL1	SD (One out of two target lesions reduced by ~46%)	Stage IV Esophageal Cancer	HER2 3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missed an early cycle (2nd infusion) of pembrolizumab due to medical issues unrelated to therapy Patient had brain metastasis and progressed per RECIST 1.1 week 14 due to new brain met
Patient 4	RL2	PD	Stage IV Breast Cancer	HER2 3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 2 Pembro doses administered
Patient 5	RL2	PD	Stage IV Breast Cancer	HER2 3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 2 Pembro doses administered
Patient 6	RL2	PD	Stage IV Colorectal Cancer	HER2 3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missed 2nd cycle of pembrolizumab - Total 1 Pembro doses administered Triple HLA Class I loss of heterozygosity (HLA-A, B and C deletion in tumor genome).

CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination: Individual Case Study

Patient 3: EAC patient with 6 prior lines of therapy and refractory to Enhertu

Cancer type: Stage IV Esophageal adenocarcinoma (EAC), HER2 3+

Prior history: 6 Prior lines of therapy; Most recent prior line: achieved BOR* of PD and discontinued in 2 months on Enhertu

Pembrolizumab clinical studies in EAC:

- EAC is often refractory to pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy in EAC: ORR 5%, PFS 1.5 months (KEYNOTE 180)
- Pembrolizumab did not show a survival benefit over SOC chemotherapy in PDL1+ EAC (KEYNOTE 181)

Patient 3 - Prior Line	Prior Therapy	Start Time	End Time	Best Overall Response
1	Neoadjuvant carboplatin/paclitaxel	Feb 2019	April 2019	CR
2	Adjuvant Capecitabine, oxaliplatin, trastuzumab	Nov 2020	Nov 2020	Unknown
3	Fluorouracil, folinic acid, oxaliplatin, trastuzumab	Dec 2020	April 2021	PR
4	Fluorouracil, trastuzumab	May 2021	March 2022	SD
5	Paclitaxel, ramucirumab, trastuzumab, tucatinib	May 2022	Jan 2023	SD
6	Enhertu	Feb 2023	April 2023	PD

CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination : Individual Case Study

Patient 3: 46% reduction in 1 of 2 target lesions

Paratracheal LN Target Lesion: 46% reduction by week 13

Dosing

- Patient received 3.10E+09 cells
- Patient missed the 2nd cycle of pembrolizumab

Tumor assessments

- Paratracheal target lesion reduction of 46% by week 13; 21.9mm to 11.8mm
- Mediastinal mass target lesion grew 31% by week 13; 26.9 to 35.3mm

Clinical assessments

- Achieved a BOR of SD per RECIST 1.1
- PD per RECIST at week 13 due to new CNS metastasis
- PFS of 3.25 months (13.3 weeks)

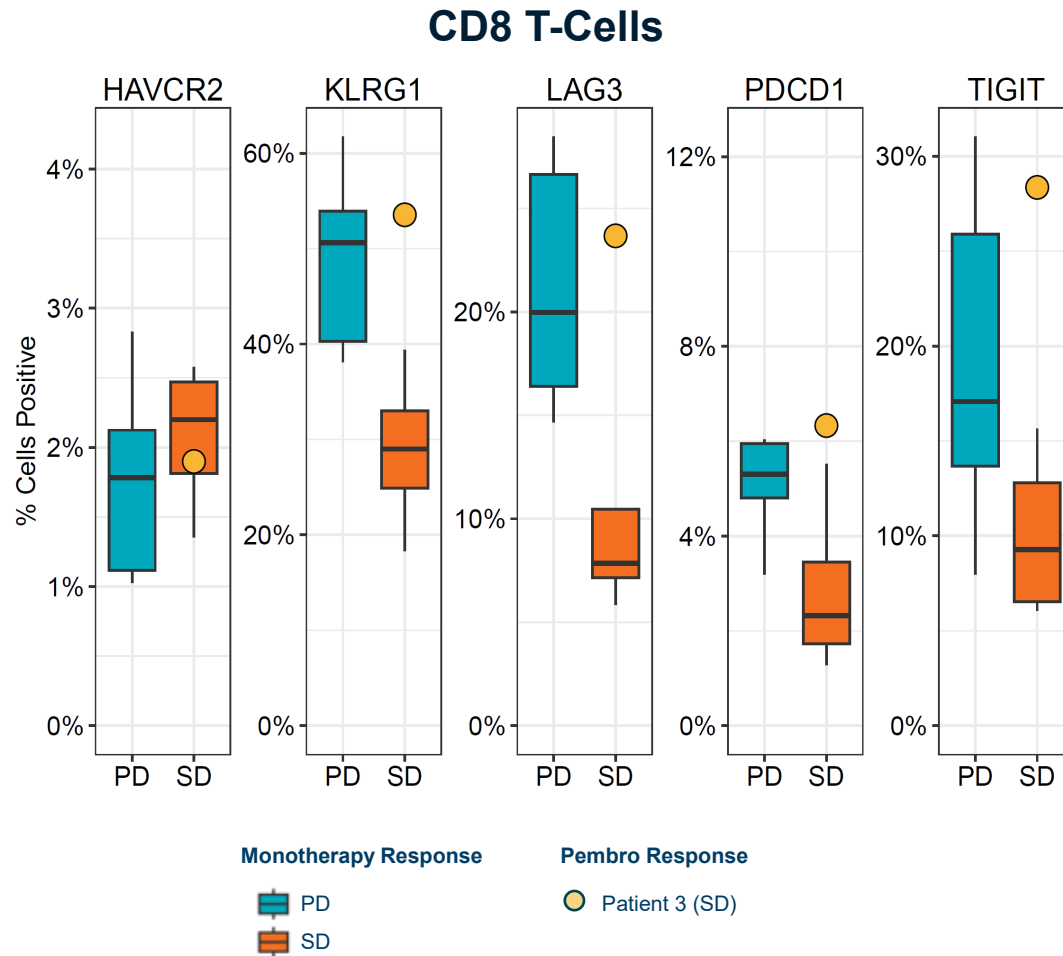


Outcome Comparators	PFS
Patient 3 – Regimen 1 CT-0508 / Pembro	3.25 months
Patient 3 – 6 th Line of Therapy on Enhertu	2.0 months
Pembrolizumab monotherapy in KEYNOTE 180*	1.5 months

Patient 3's paratracheal target lesion reduction of 46% was the largest reduction of tumor in any patient treated with CT-0508

CT-0508+Pembrolizumab Combination : Individual Case Study

Patient 3: High baseline peripheral CD8 T cell exhaustion and achieved BOR of SD

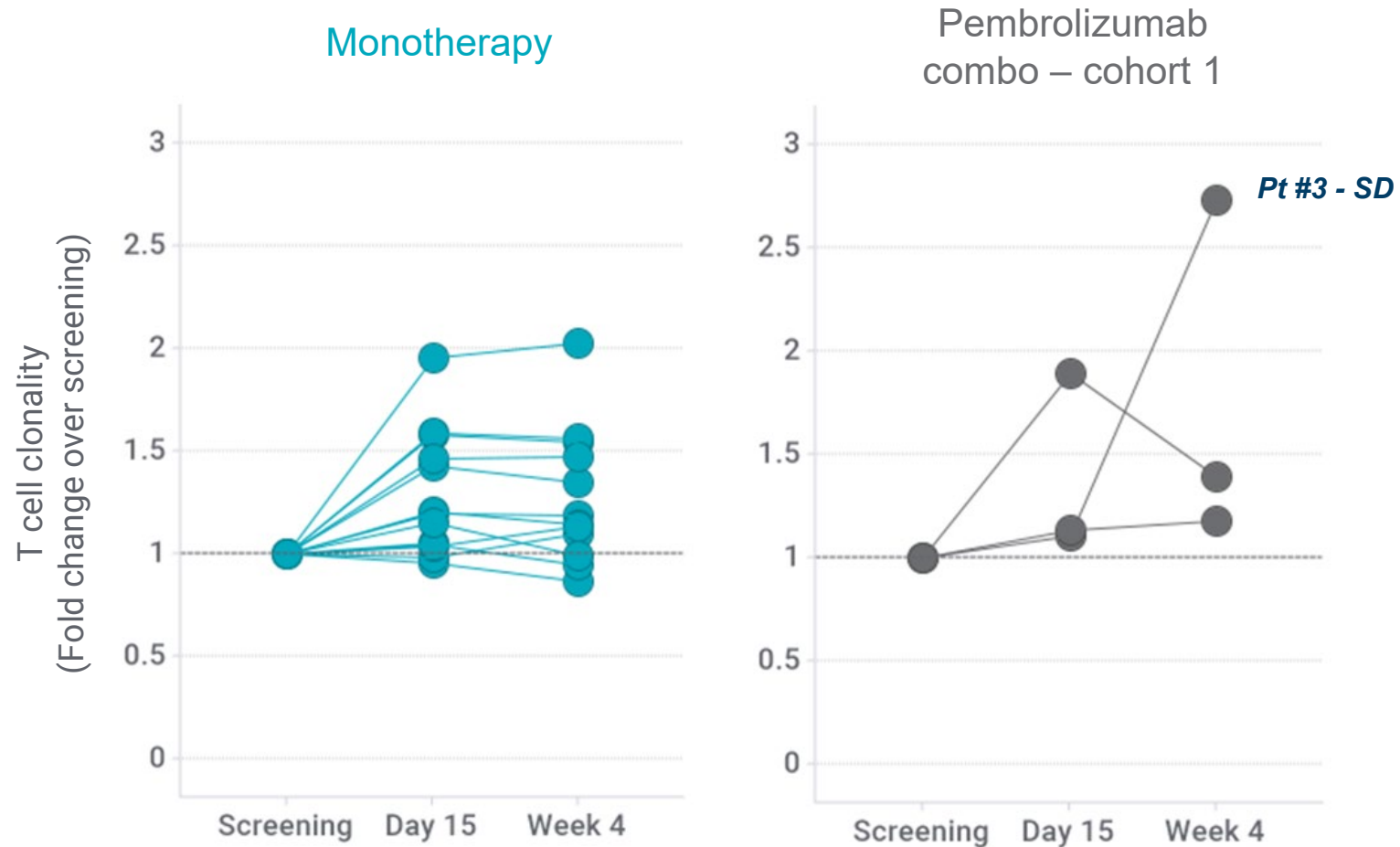


Patient 3 achieved BOR of SD despite high baseline peripheral CD8 T cell exhaustion

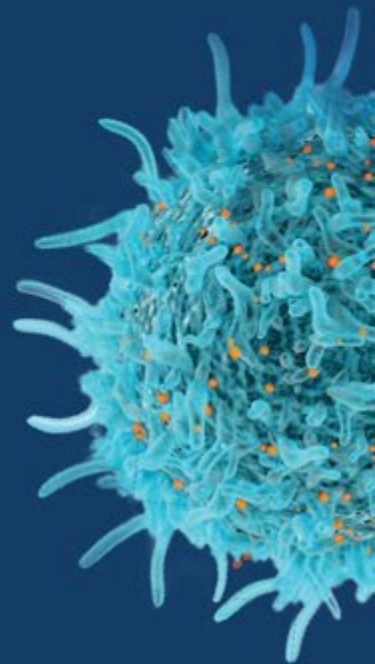
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Patient 3: Greatest increase in peripheral blood T cell clonality seen to-date across all 17 patients treated with CT-0508

Increased T cell clonality in the peripheral blood

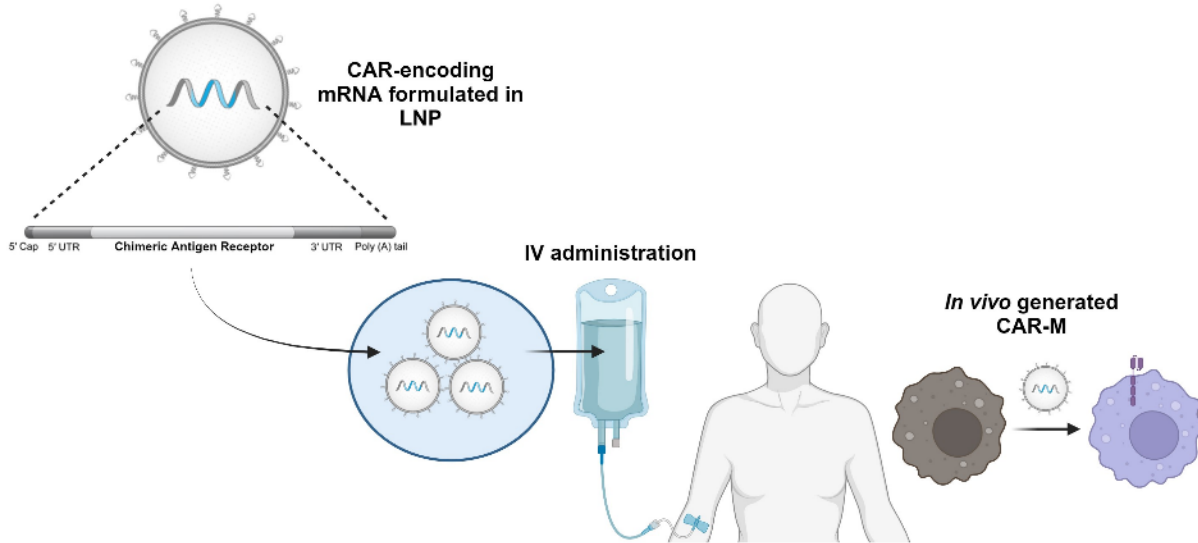


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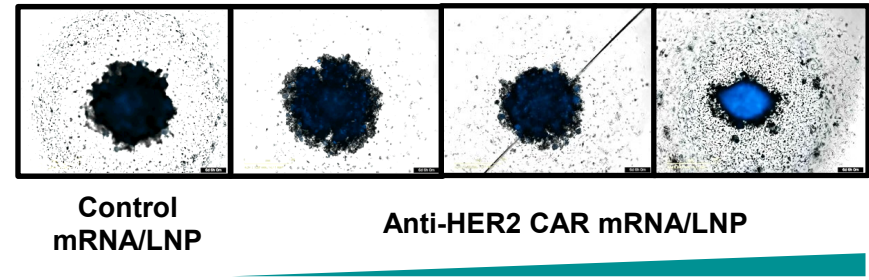


Directly Reprogramming Myeloid Cells *In Vivo* with mRNA/LNP

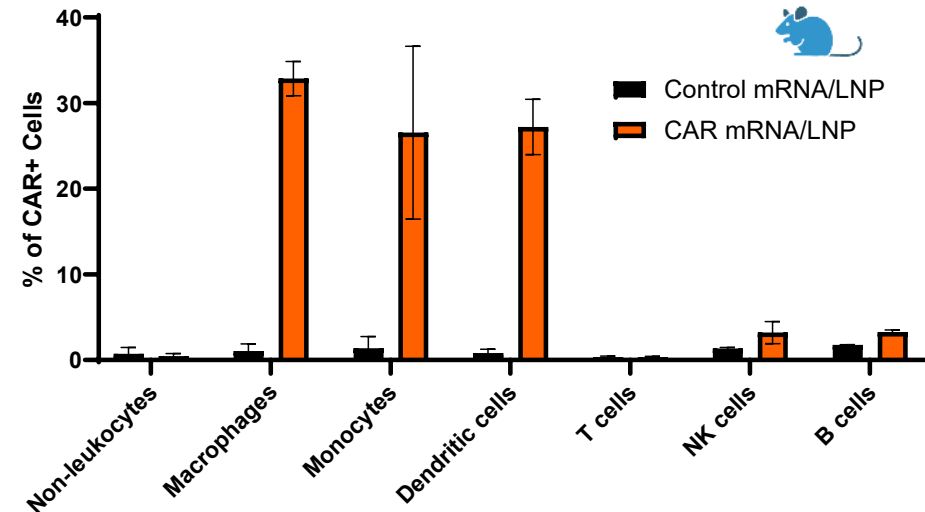
Redirecting endogenous myeloid cells with mRNA for cancer immunotherapy



Direct TAM reprogramming shrinks tumors*



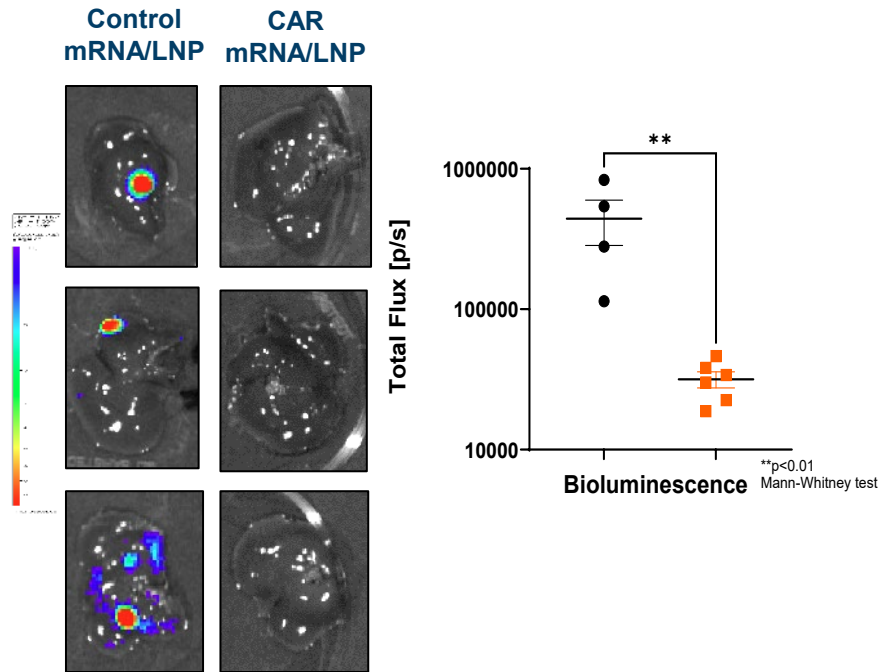
CAR Distribution *in vivo* (Mouse Blood)



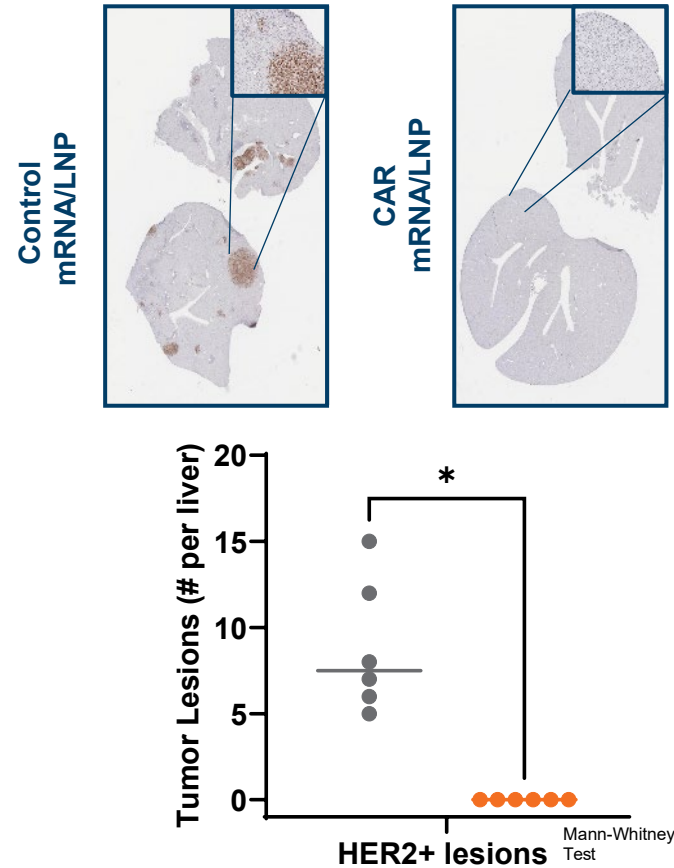
In Vivo CAR-M Suppresses Liver and Lung Metastasis

Systemic LNP administration in humanized model leads to robust disease control

Tumor Lesions in Liver (BLI)



Tumor Lesions/Liver (IHC)



Tumor Lesions in Lung (IHC)

