

New bispecifics and ... trispecifics

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Agenda

- **From monospecific to bispecific and trispecific antibodies : structures and mechanisms of action**
- **Trispecific antibodies**
- **Immune-interfacing multispecific bispecific antibodies**

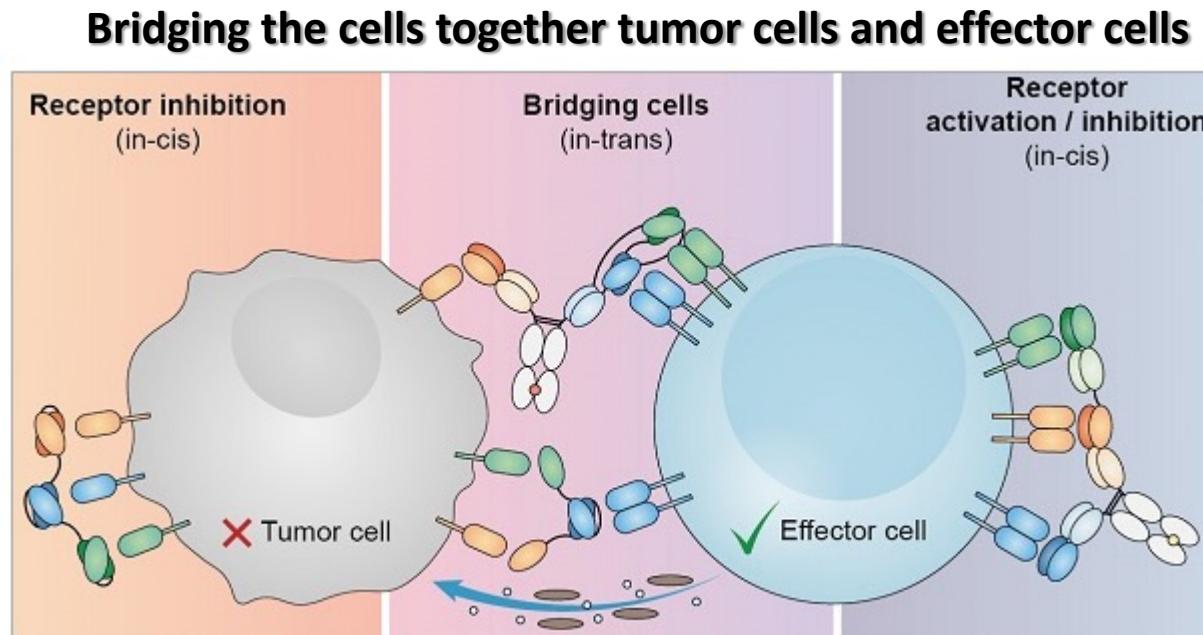
>> Goal of the presentation

To provide an overview of the development of multispecific antibodies

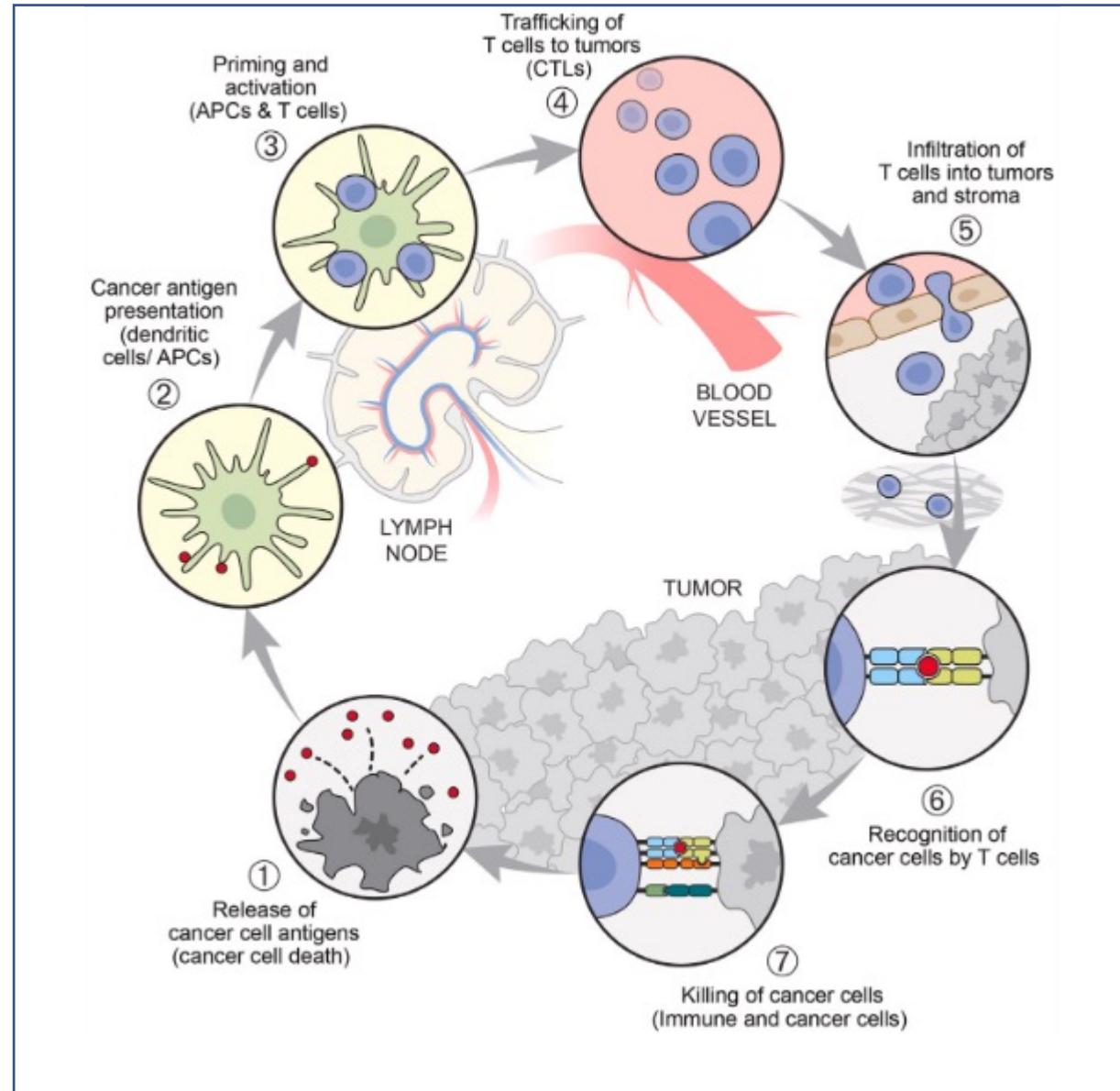
These new antibodies are offering new therapeutic strategies, especially in hematologic malignancies where immune evasion is a key challenge

Evolution of antibody engineering: from IgG → bispecific → trispecific Abs

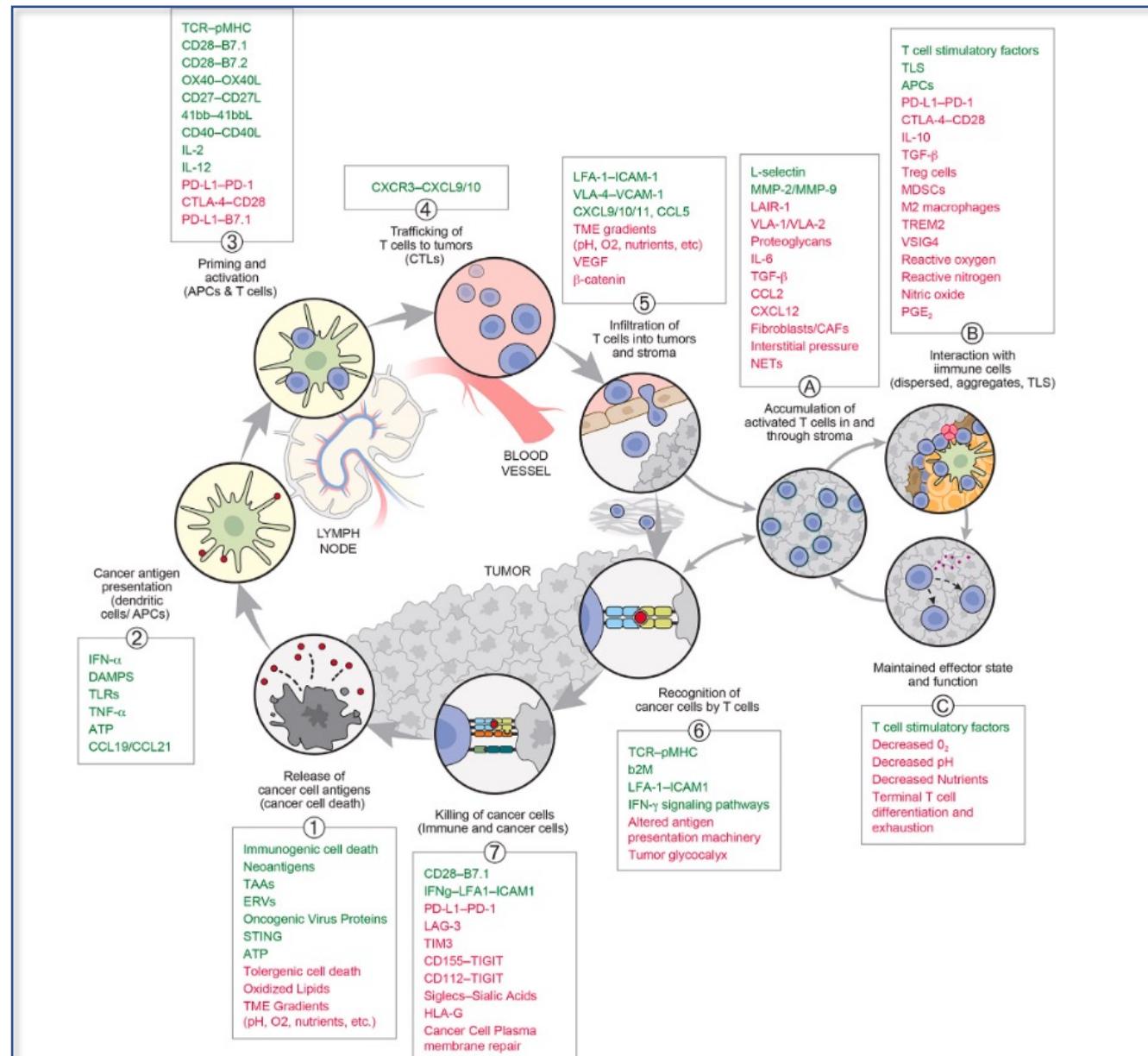
- **Monospecific:** One antigen-binding site (e.g., rituximab, targeting CD20)
- **Bispecific:** Two distinct antigen-binding sites (e.g., blinatumomab: CD3 x CD19)
- **Trispecific:** Three distinct binding specificities



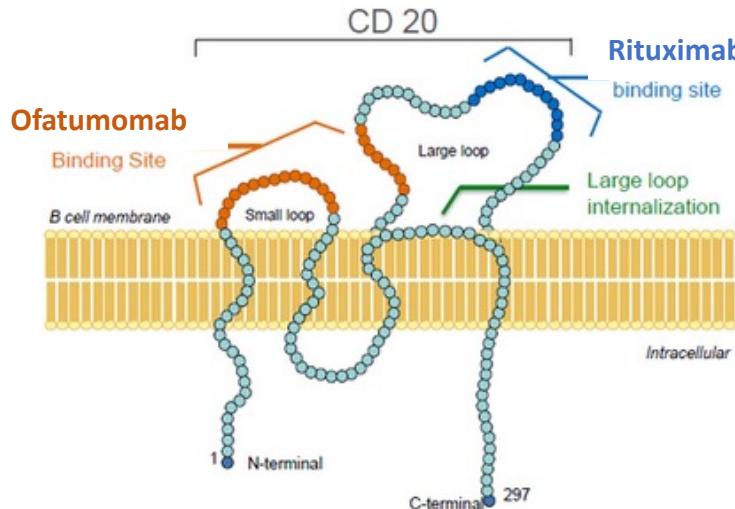
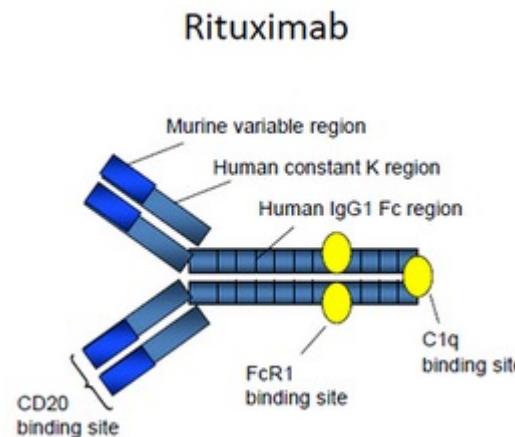
The cancer-immunity cycle in 2013 : T-cells are mediators of cancer cell killing



10 years later, in 2023, the cancer-immunity cycle : cell-cell communication and multiple stimulatory and inhibitory factors identified



Monoclonal antibody binds to one epitope/antigen, e.g. CD20



Target	Monoclonal antibodies developed in NHL
CD20	Rituximab Obituzumab Ofatumomab
CD19	Tafasitamab
CD79B	Polatuzumab vedotin (ADC)
CD30	Brentuximab vedotin (ADC)

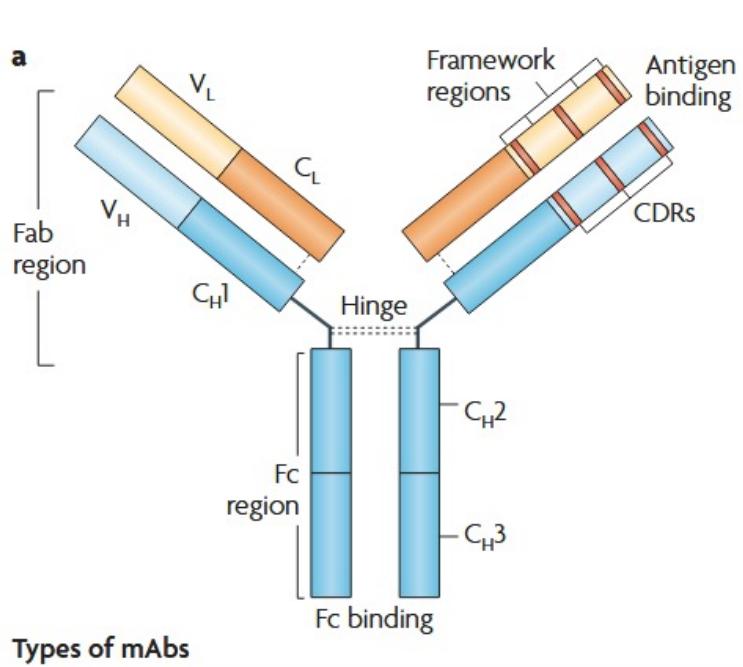
Mechanisms of actions => Lysis mediated by:	
ADCC Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity	Recruitment of immune effector cells such as natural killer (NK) cells and macrophages ; release cytotoxic molecules (such as perforin and granzymes) to destroy the B cells
CDC Complement-Dependent Cytotoxicity	Activation of the complement system : This results in the formation of the membrane attack complex (MAC) , which leads to the lysis and death of the targeted B cells.
Apoptosis	Induction of lysis by binding to CD20

Response rate :

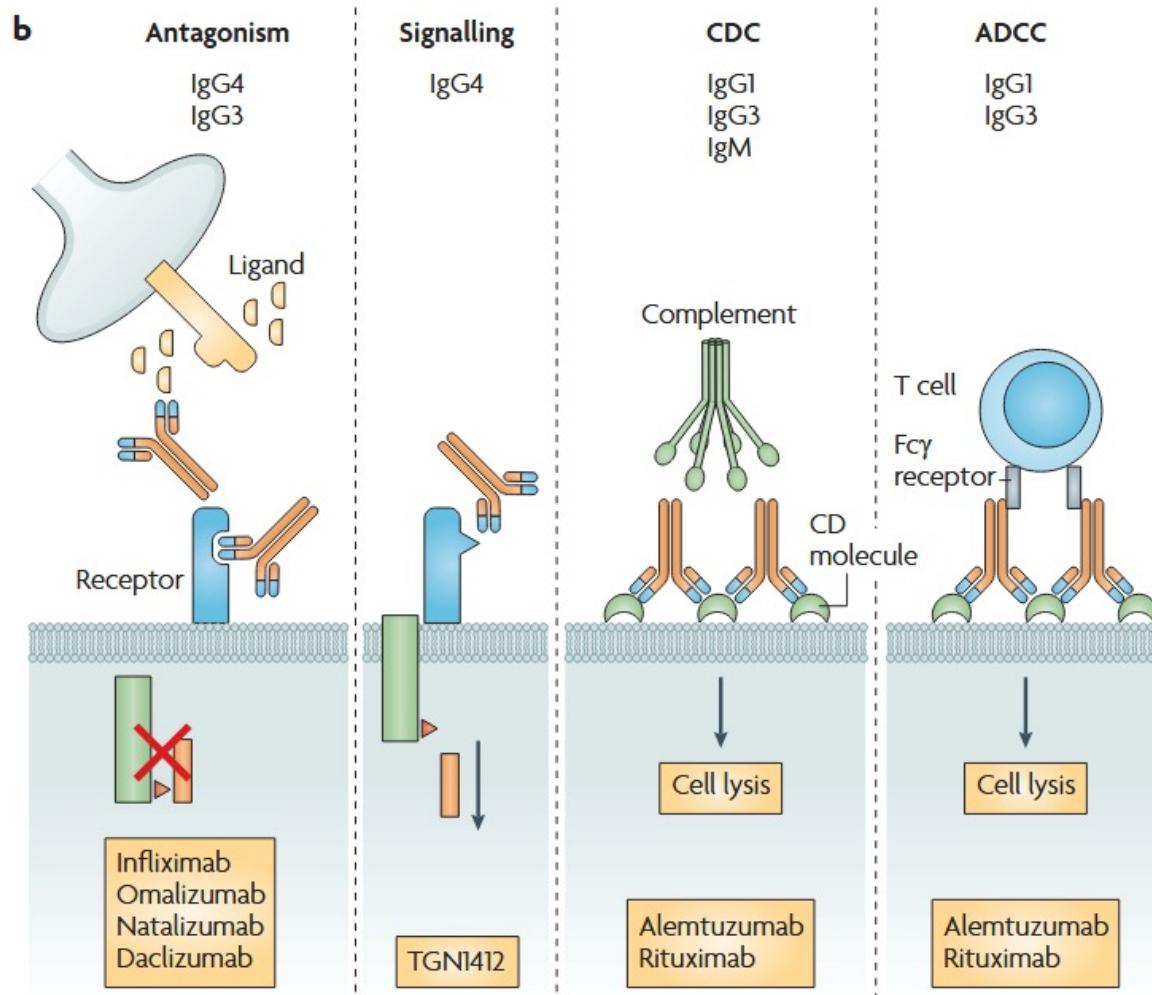
Rituximab monotherapy –first report
ORR : 31% in R/R DLBCL¹

1. Maloney DG, Liles TM, Czerwinski DK, et al. Phase I clinical trial using escalating single-dose infusion of chimeric anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody (Idec-C2B8) in patients with recurrent B-cell lymphoma. *Blood* 1994;84(8):2457–2466

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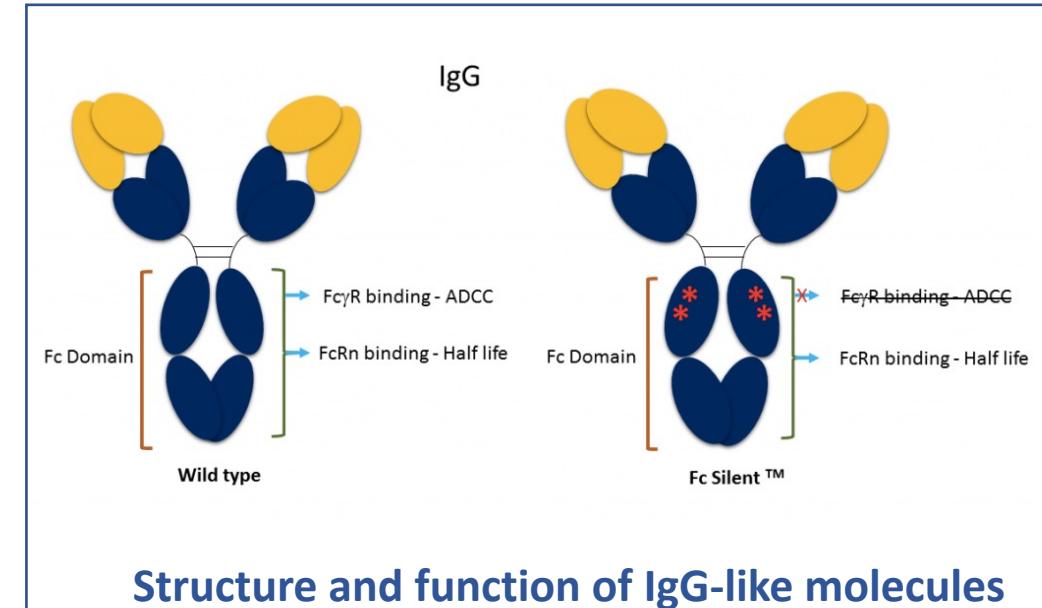
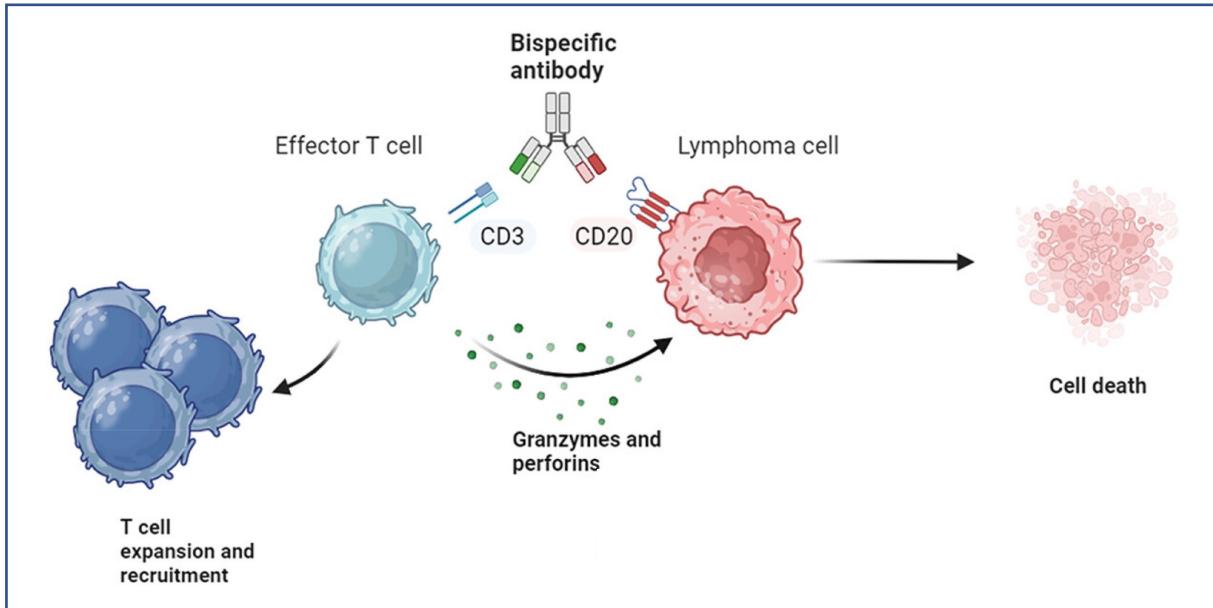
Types of mAbs		
Murine	Entirely murine amino acids	'o' = mouse e.g. muromonab
Chimeric	Human constant (C) + murine variable (V) regions	'xi' = chimeric e.g. rituximab
Humanized	Murine complementarity determining regions (CDRs)	'zu' = humanized e.g. alemtuzumab
Human	Entirely human amino acids	'u' = human e.g. adalimumab



Bispecific antibody binds to two epitopes/antigens



Bridging two types of cells together : tumor cells and effector cells



Structure and function of IgG-like molecules

- BsAbs binds to CD3 on the T-cells and to a surface Ag on the tumour cells, and form a stable immunological synapse.
- This synapse is independent of FcγR and MHC and initiates T-cell activation, leading the release of cytotoxic granules and death of the target cell.
- The activation of T-cells yields to local T-cell proliferation and cytokine release, enhancing T-cell recruitment

- Different mutations are introduced in the Fc domain of most IgG-like BsAb to prevent Fc-mediated functions (ADCC, phagocytosis, CDC)
- FcγR and C1q binding could result in T-cell activation and cytotoxicity, fratricidal antibody and complement-dependent cellular cytotoxicity

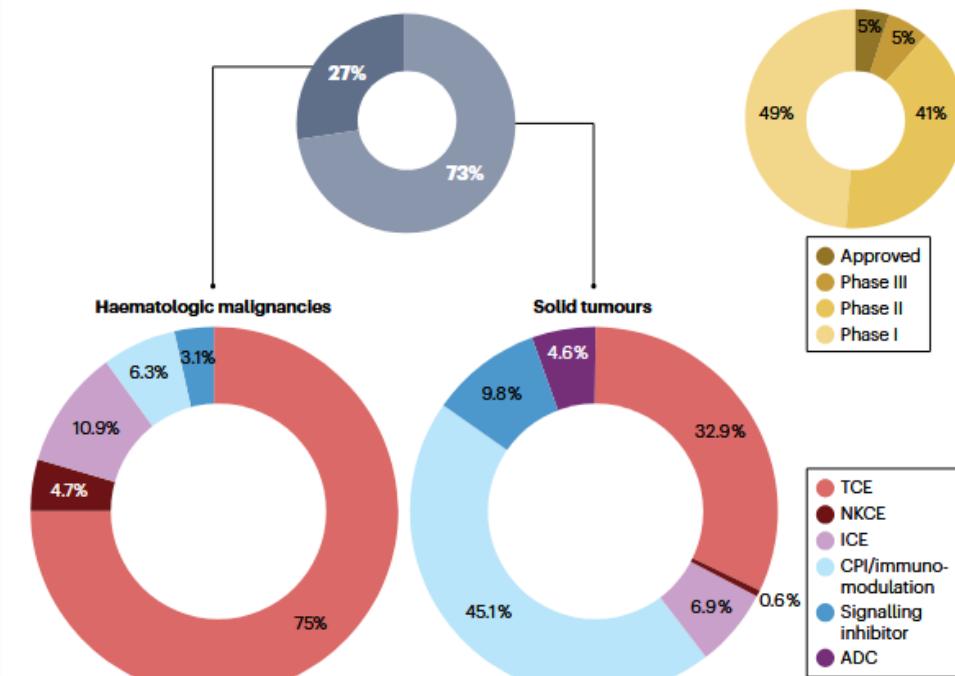
Since 2022 : approval of 10 more T-cell-recruiting bispecifics antibodies

10 approved T-cell engagers for cancer therapy

bsAb	International non-proprietary name	Targets	MoA	Format	Year of first approval/region ^a	Indications	Company
	Catumaxomab	EpCAM×CD3ε	TDCC	Quadroma mouse/rat 1+1	2009 Withdrawn EU 2013	Ovarian ascites, intraperitoneal	Trion Pharma/Fresenius
	Blinatumomab	CD19×CD3ε	TDCC	BiTE 1+1	2014 United States/EU, Japan	ALL	Amgen
	Amivantamab	EGFR×MET	Signalling inhibition, ADCC	Duobody 1+1	2021 United States/EU	NSCLC EGFR exon 20 insert mutation	J&J
	Tebentafusp	gp100-HLA-A*02× CD3ε	TDCC	scFv-TCR fusion 1+1	2022 United States/EU	Uveal melanoma	Immunocore
	Mosunetuzumab	CD20×CD3ε	TDCC	KiH 1+1 IgG	2022 United States/EU	Relapsed/refractory follicular NHL	Roche group
	Cadonilimab	PD1×CTLA4	Dual checkpoint inhibition	IgG-scFv tetrabody 2+2	2022 China	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Akeso Bio
	Teclistamab	BCMA×CD3ε	TDCC	Duobody 1+1	2022 United States/EU	Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma	J&J
	Glofitamab	CD20×CD3ε	TDCC	CrossMAb 2+1	2023 United States/EU	Relapsed/refractory DLBCL	Roche group
	Epcoritamab	CD20×CD3ε	TDCC	Duobody 1+1	2023 United States/EU, Japan	Relapsed/refractory DLBCL	Genmab, Abbvie
	Talquetamab	GPRC5D×CD3ε	TDCC	Duobody 1+1	2023 United States/EU	Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma	J&J
	Elranatamab	BCMA×CD3ε	TDCC	bsAb 1+1	2023 United States/EU	Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma	Pfizer

ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; ALL, acute lymphocytic leukaemia; BCMA, B cell maturation antigen; BiTE, bispecific T cell engager; bsAb, bispecific antibody; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; EpCAM, epithelial cellular adhesion molecule; GPRC5D, G-protein-coupled receptor class C group 5 member D; MoA, mechanism of action; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; scFv, single-chain variable fragment; TCR, T cell receptor; TDCC, T cell-dependent cellular cytotoxicity.^aRegion of approval limited to the United States, the European Union (EU), Japan and China; products may also be approved in other countries. Status as of end of 2023.

Bispecific Abs in clinical development



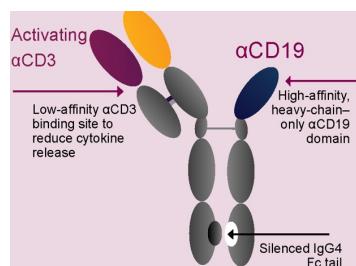
CPI, checkpoint inhibitor;
ICE, innate cell engager;
NKCE, natural killer cell engager

Bispecific antibodies in B-cell malignancies

CD3 x CD19

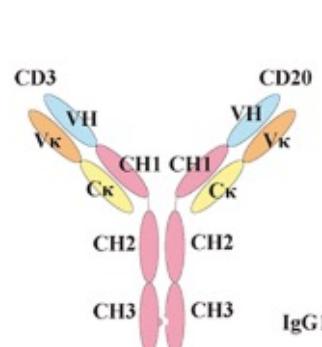


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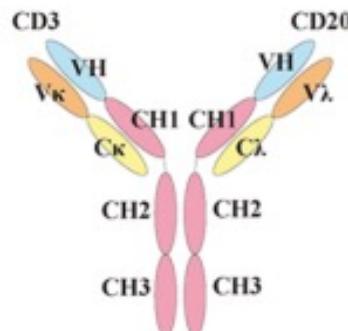


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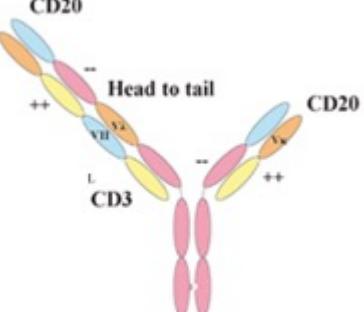
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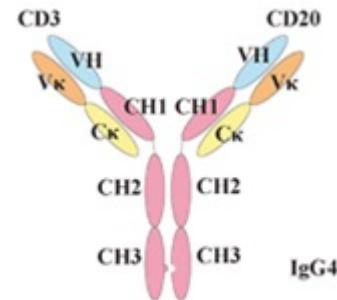
Mosunetuzumab



Epcoritamab

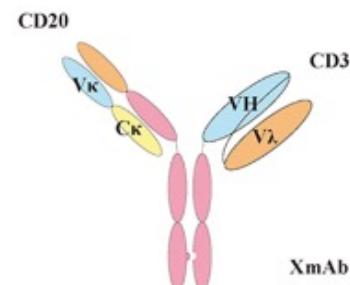


Golfitamab

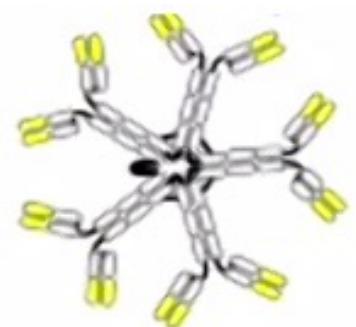


Odronextamab

Ig M-based



Plamotamab



Imvotamab

Under development

BsAbs single agents in R/R LBCL : space to improve

ORR : 40-67%
mPFS : 3.2 – 8.6 mo

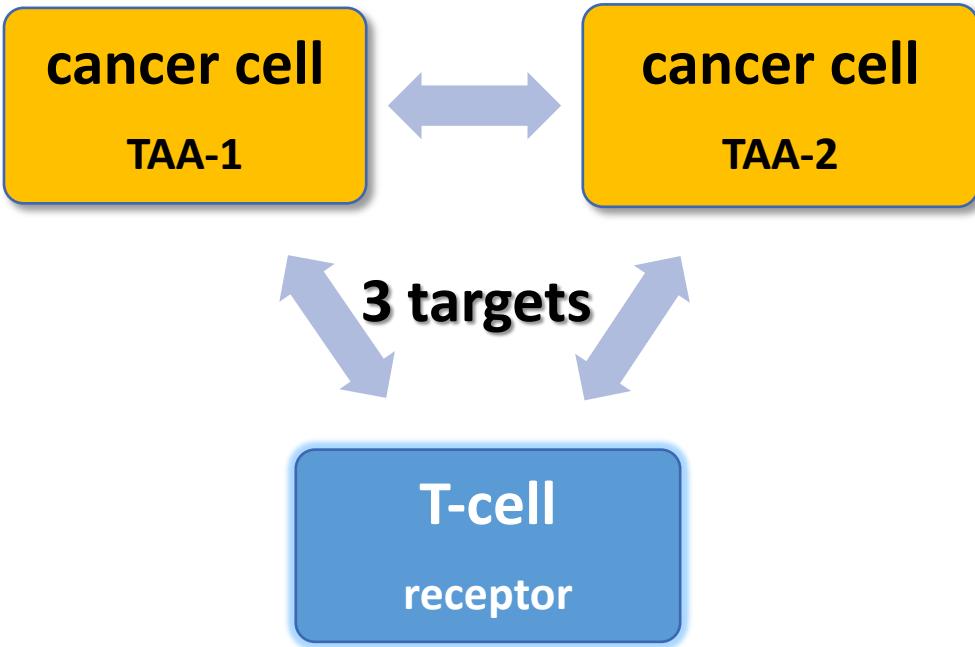
in R/R LBCL						ORR, CR, mPFS, mDOR				Grade 3-4 CRS	Grade 3-4 ICANS	Grade 3-4 NP	mFU (months)
Clinical Trial	Phase	Drug(s)	Histology	Modifiers	N	ORR	CR	mPFS (months)	mDOR (months)				
NCT02500407	I/II	MOSUNETUZUMAB	DLBCL	Dose expansion cohort	88	40%	24%	3.2	7	2.3%	None	21.6%	10.1
NCT03625037	I/II	EPCORITAMAB	DLBCL	Dose expansion cohort	157	63%	39%	4.4	12	2.5%	0.6%	14.6%	10.7
NCT03075696	II	GLOFITAMAB	DLBCL	Dose expansion cohort	155	52%	39%	4.4	18.4	4%	3%	27%	12.6
NCT04657302	I	GLOFITAMAB	DLBCL	Dose expansion cohort	27	67%	52%	8.6	14.4	3.3%	3.3%	30%	15
NCT03888105	II	ODRONEXTAMAB	DLBCL	Dose expansion cohort	127	52%	31%	N/A	10.2	0.7%	None	N/A	26.2
NCT02924402	I	PLAMOTAMAB	DLBCL	Dose escalation cohort	19	47%	26%	N/A	N/A	None	None	16.7%	N/A
NCT04082936	I	IgM-2323	B-NHL	Dose escalation cohort	23	35%	22%	N/A	N/A	3.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
NCT04594642	I	AZD0486	DLBCL	Dose escalation cohort	5	40%	20%	N/A	N/A	None	7%	15%	3.8
NCT04923048	I/II	GB261	B-NHL	Dose escalation cohort	22	73%	45%	N/A	NR	None	None	14.9%	4.1

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Diverse structures of the trispecific Abs

Dual targeting T-cell engagers

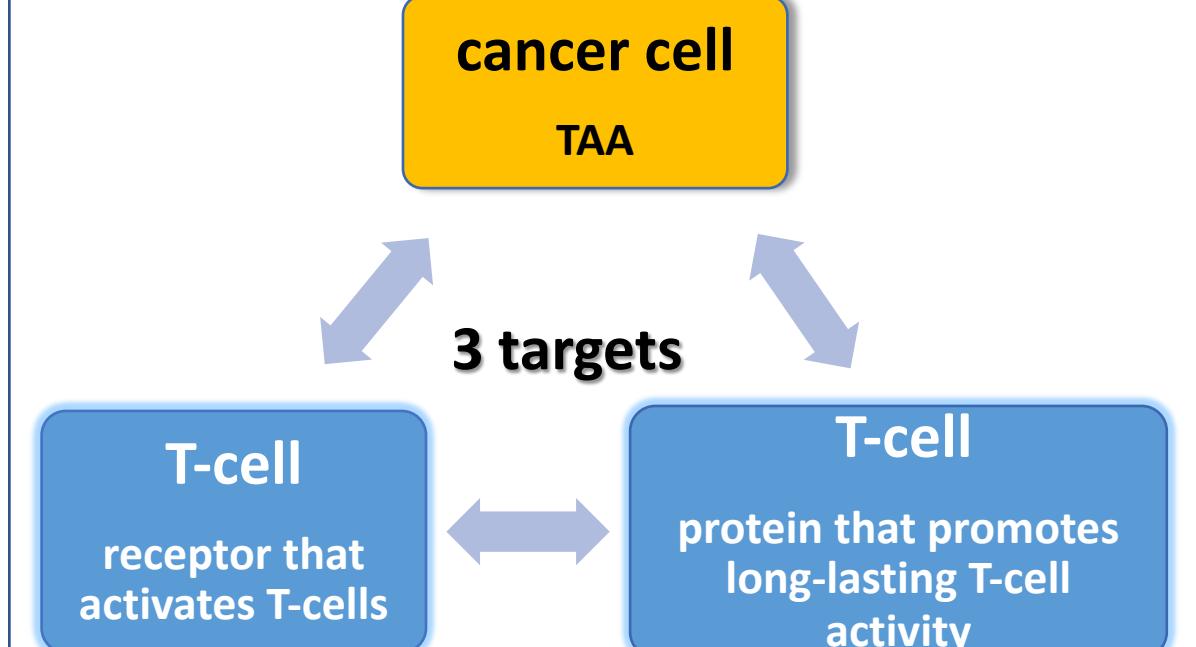


CD3 x TAA-1 x TAA-2

- **2 targets on the cancer cells**
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TAA = tumour-associated antigen

T-cell engagers with integrated co-stimulation

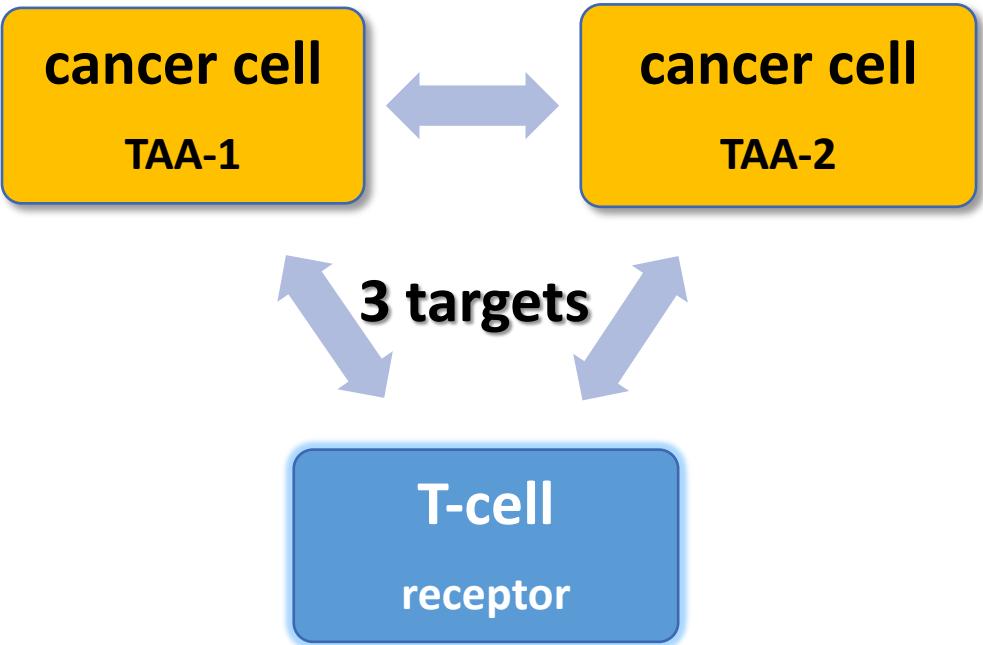


CD3 x CD28 x TAA-2

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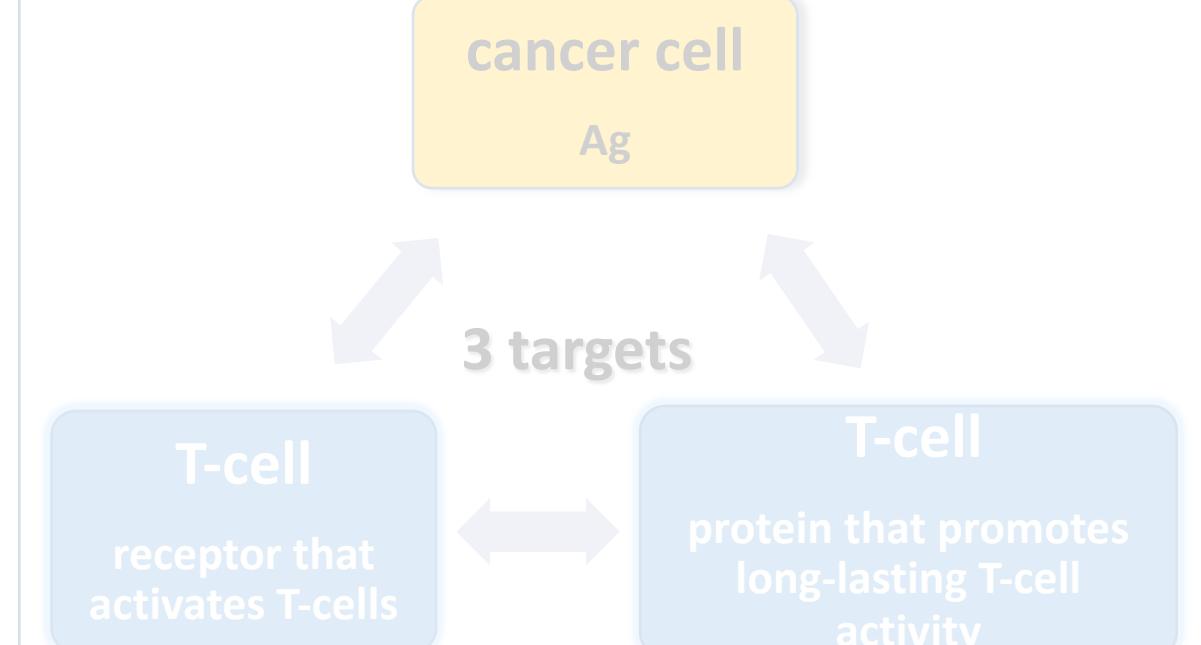
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Dual targeting with trispecific antibodies

>>> to overcome Target Antigen loss or Target Antigen escape variants

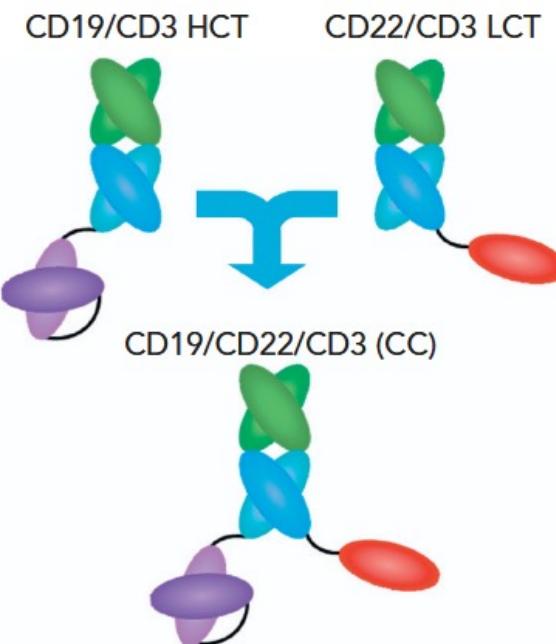
TAA-1 x TAA-2 x CD3

Drug	Targets	indication	Phase	NCT	compagny
A-2019	CD19/CD20/CD3	B-ALL	-	-	Wang et al
TsAb	CD19/CD22/CD3	B-ALL	-	-	Zhao et al
JNJ-80948543	CD79b/CD20/CD3	B-cell NHL, CLL	Phase I, First-in-human Study	NCT05424822	Janssen
1A46	CD19/CD20/CD3	B-cell NHL, ALL	Phase I, First-in-human Study	NCT05348889	GSK

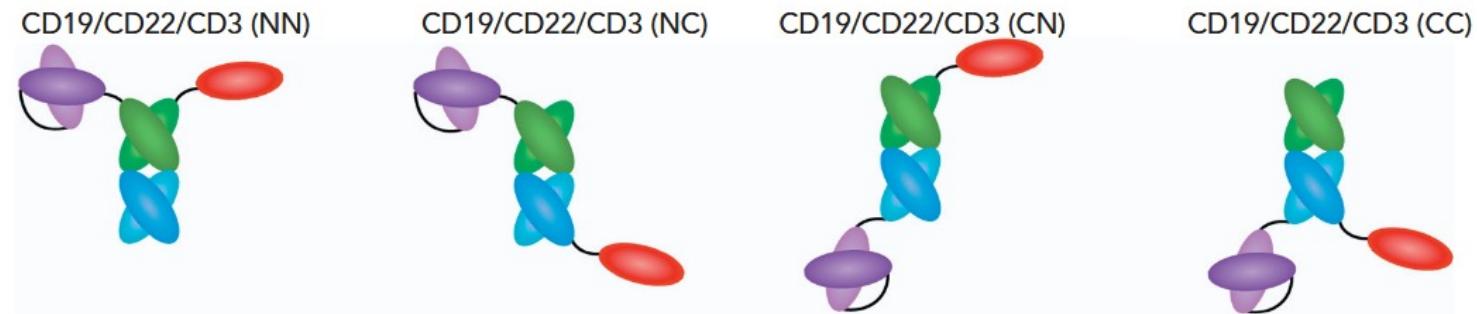
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CD19/CD22/CD3 TsAb in ALL

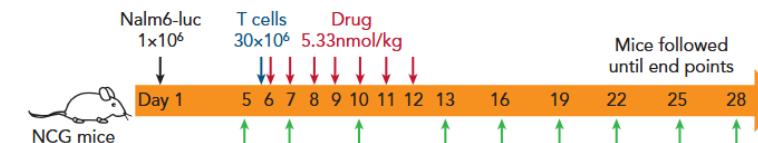
Schematic structure of CD19/CD22/CD3 by fusing CD19/CD3 and CD22/CD3



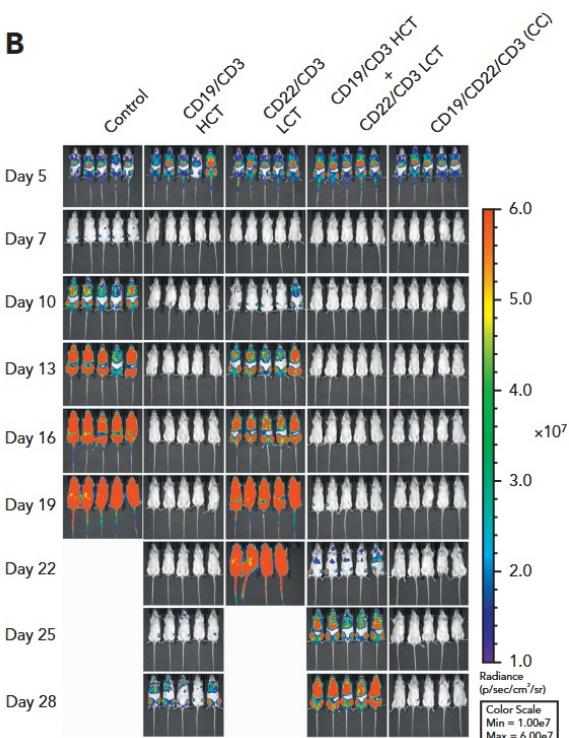
Schematic structures of different CD19/CD22/CD3 tsAbs



A experimental design



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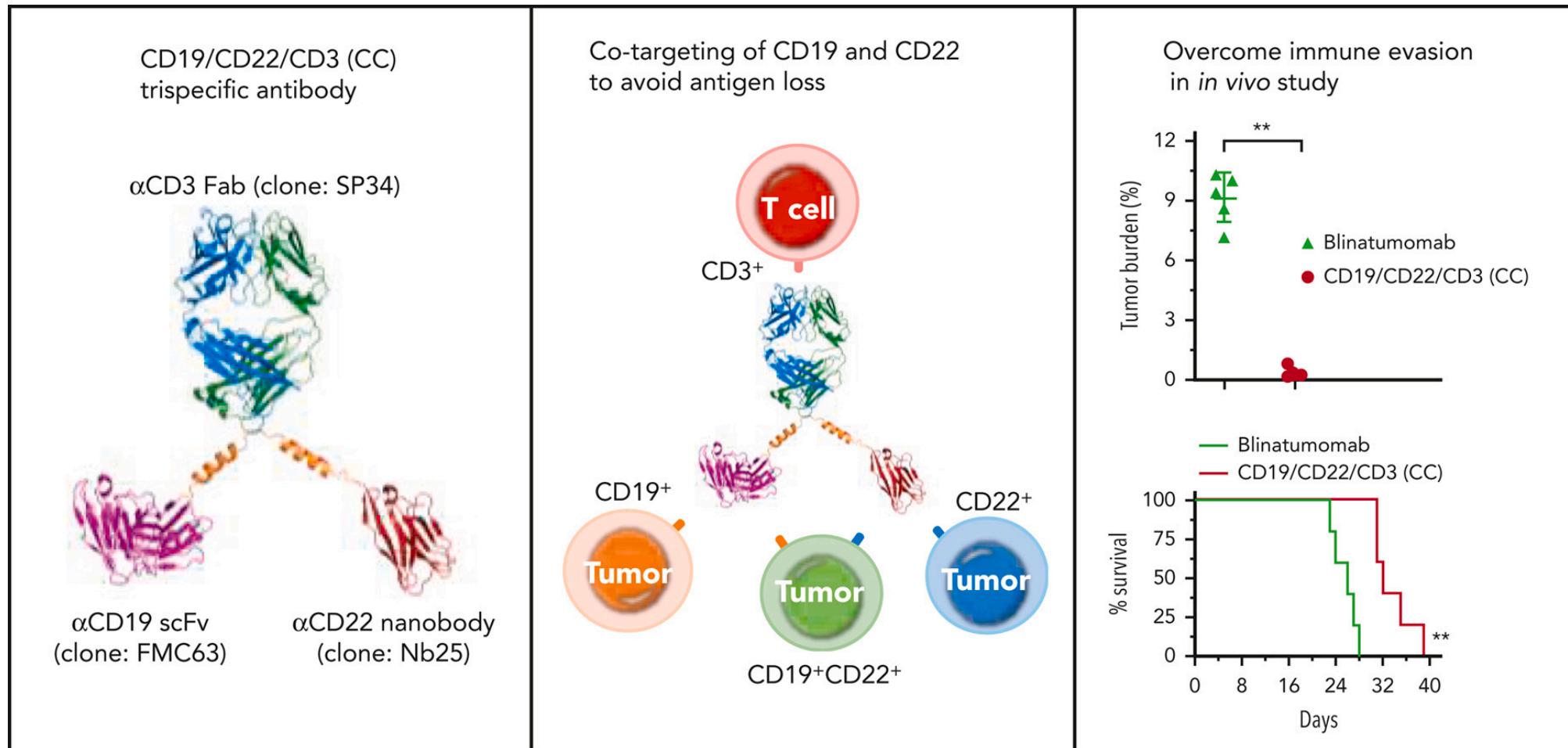


B-ALL patient samples for PDX model

Patient	Sex	Age, y	Diagnosis	Disease status	% Blasts in the blood
B-ALL Pt #1	F	29	B-ALL	De novo	75.50
B-ALL Pt #2	M	45	CML to Com-B-ALL	Relapse	35.11
B-ALL Pt #3	F	72	B-ALL	De novo	88.67
B-ALL Pt #4	M	14	Pre-B-ALL	De novo	94.85
B-ALL Pt #5	M	17	Pre-B-ALL	De novo	71.90
B-ALL Pt #6	F	67	B-ALL	De novo	89.83

CD19/CD22/CD3 TsAb in ALL

A novel CD19/CD22/CD3 trispecific antibody enhances therapeutic efficacy and overcomes immune escape against B-ALL

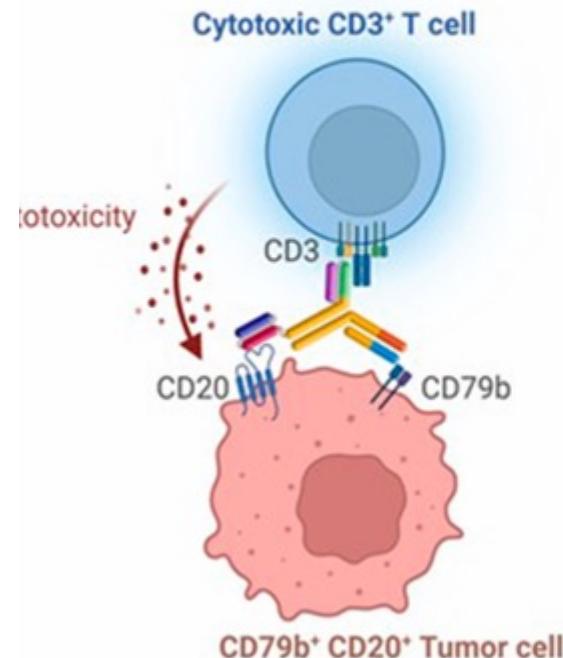


CD79b/CD20/CD3 Trispecific in B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

CD79b/CD20/CD3

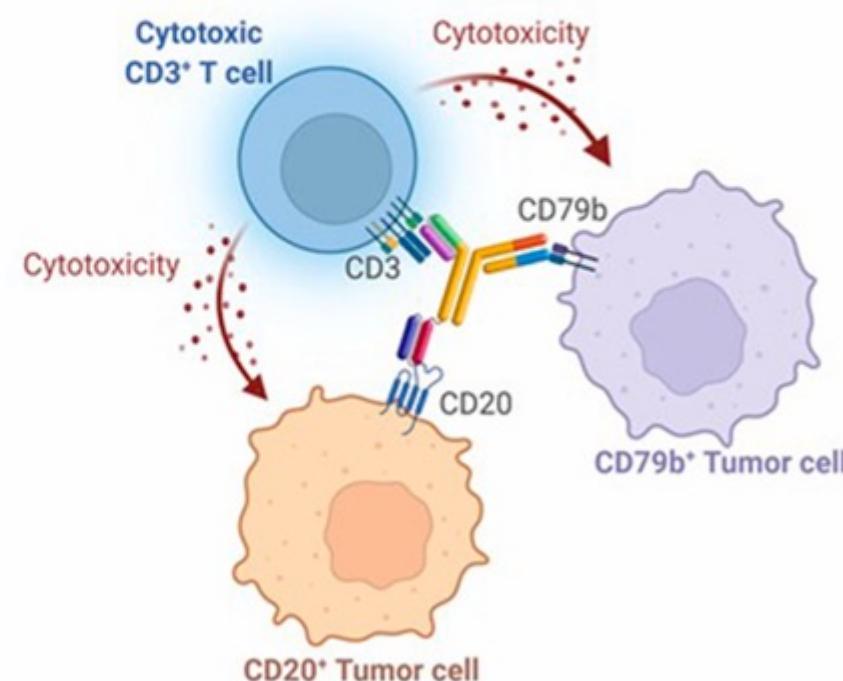
A. Avidity effect:

Engagement of CD79b and CD20 on tumor cell leading to increased potency



B. Improved efficacy:

Engagement of tumor cells when expressing only CD79b or CD20



Phase I/II trial with CD79b/CD20/CD3 trispecific antibody in patients with NHL and CLL

: CD79b/CD20/CD3 TsAbs

Recruitment status	Recruiting
Disease entity	R/R NHL + CLL Including LBCL, FL, MW, MZL, MCL, CLL
Date of first enrollment	31/07/2024
Target sample size	180

Part A Dose Escalation

JNJ-80948543 SC

Putative RP2Ds

Part B Cohort Expansion

Expansion Cohort(s)
JNJ-80948543 SC

RP2Ds as determined in
Part A

Primary Endpoints

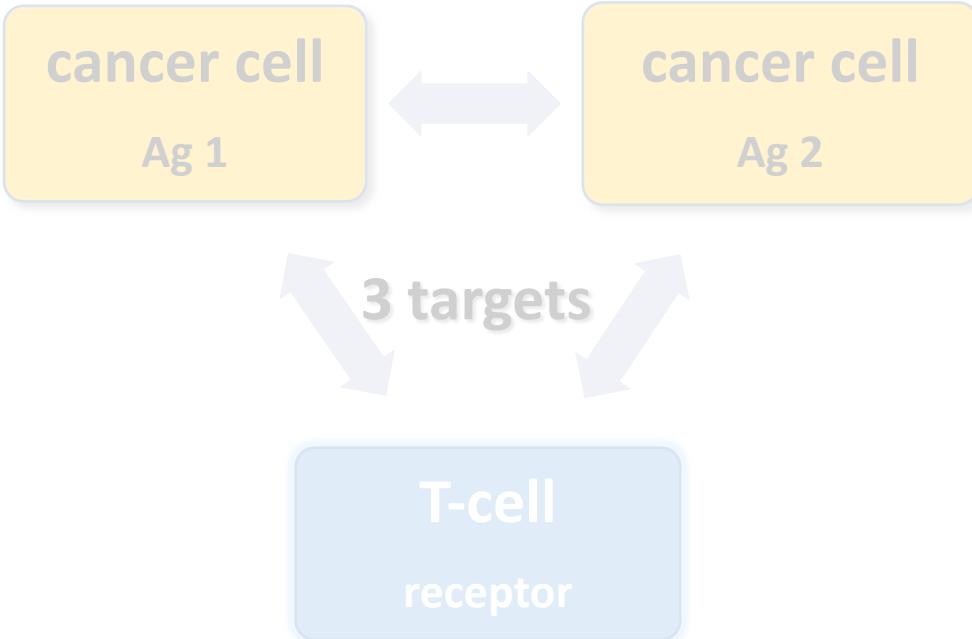
- Occurrence and severity of AEs
- DLT

Secondary Endpoints

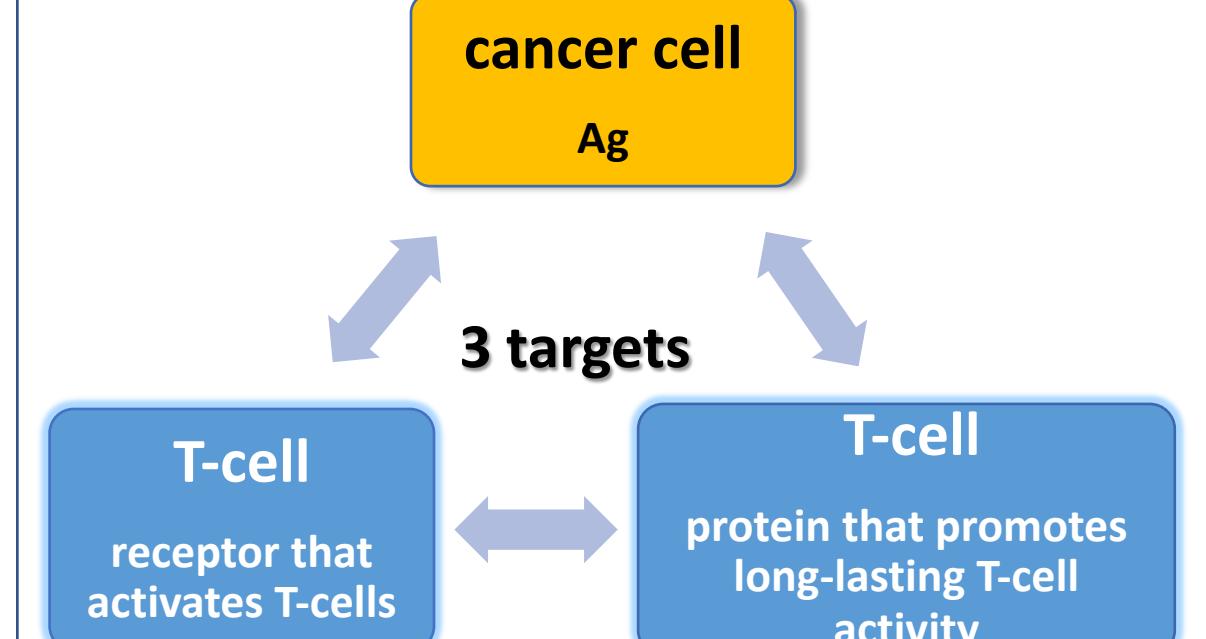
- Serum concentration of JNJ-80948543
- Number of participants with anti-drugs Abs
- ORR
- CR
- GVPR (for WM)
- TTR
- DOR

Diverse structures of the trispecific Abs

Dual targetting T-cell engager



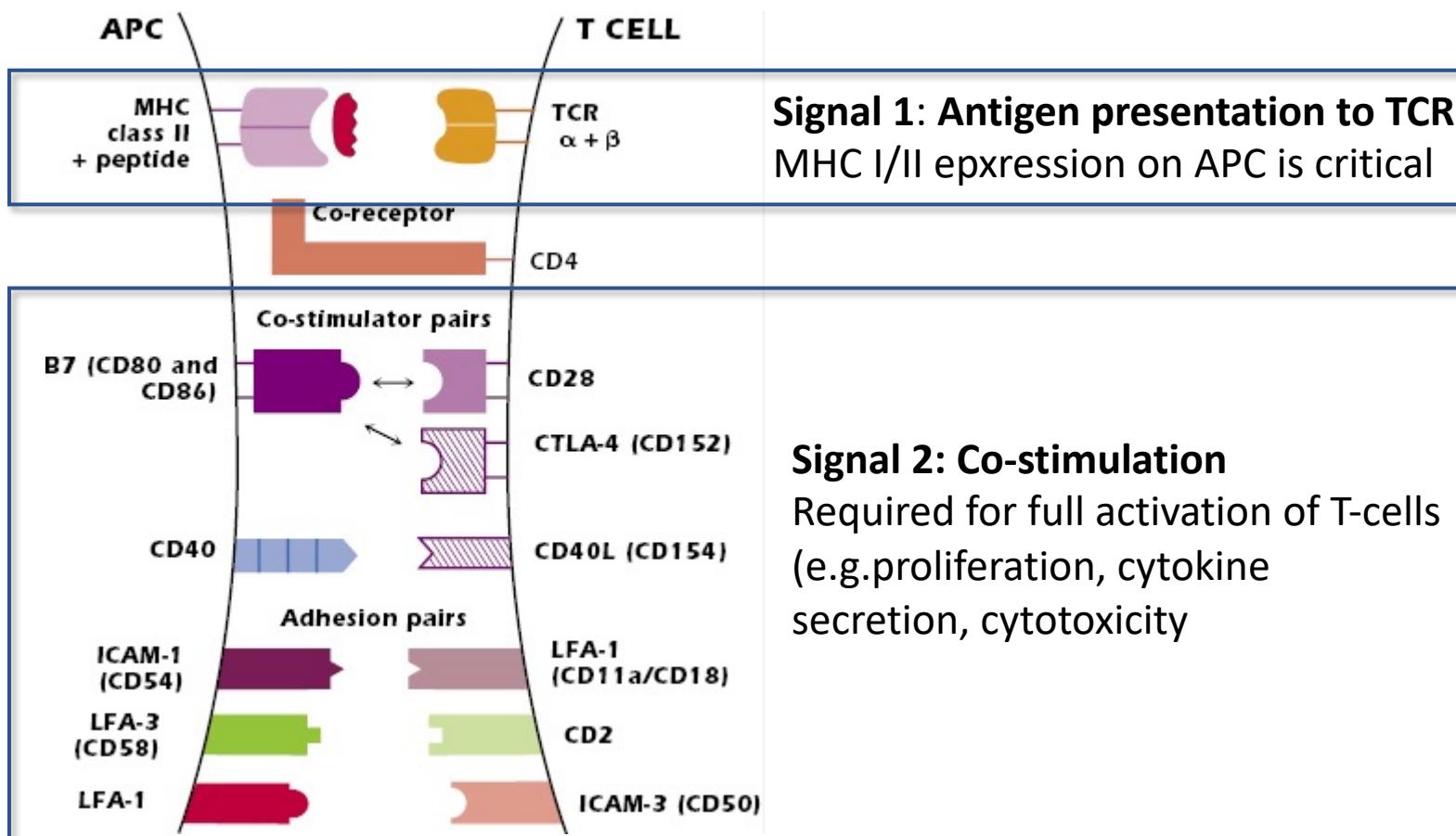
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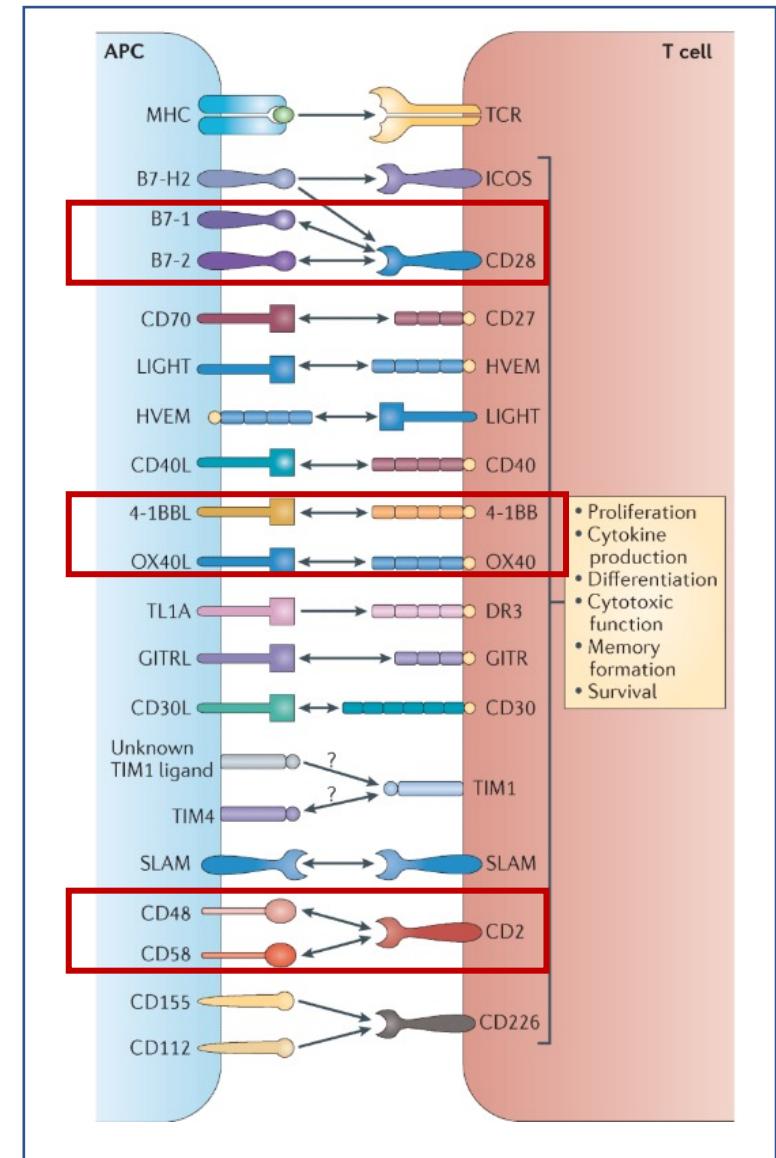
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Physiological T-cell activation relies on Signal 1 (TCR-MHC) & Signal 2 (e.g. CD28-CD86)

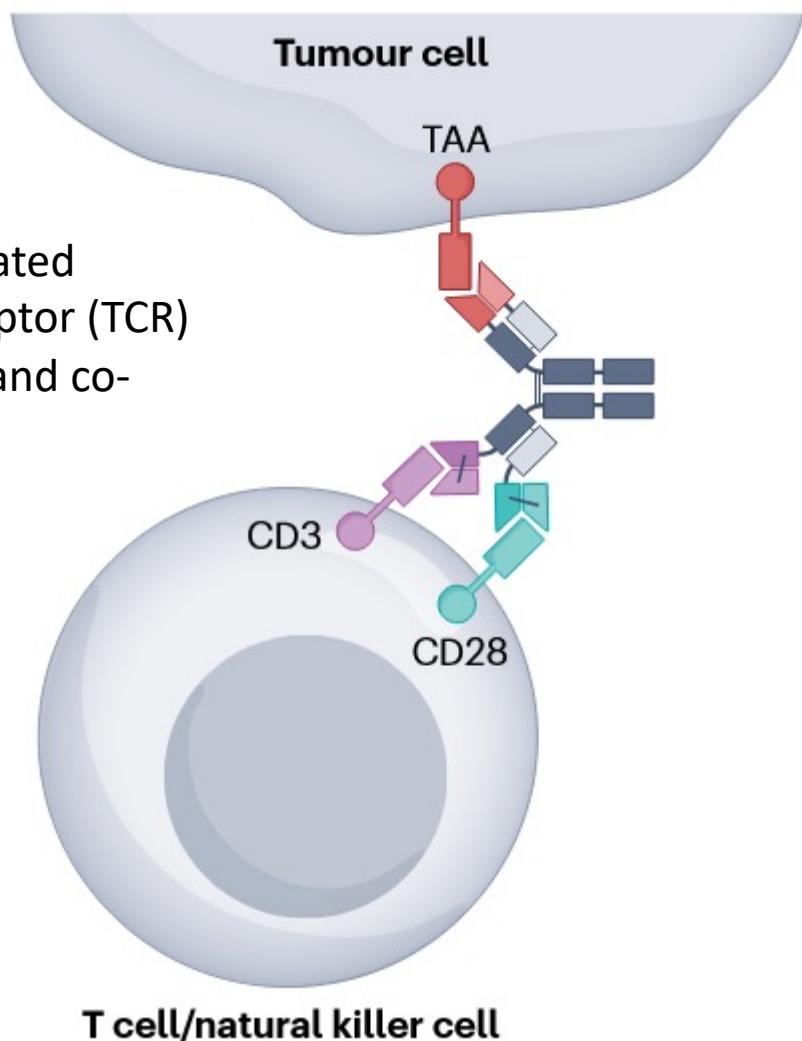


Signal 2: Co-stimulation
Required for full activation of T-cells (e.g. proliferation, cytokine secretion, cytotoxicity)



T-cell engager with integrated co-stimulation

Trispecific T-cell engager (TCE) with integrated costimulation for simultaneous T cell receptor (TCR) activation (signal 1) through CD3 binding and co-stimulation (signal 2) by binding to CD28.

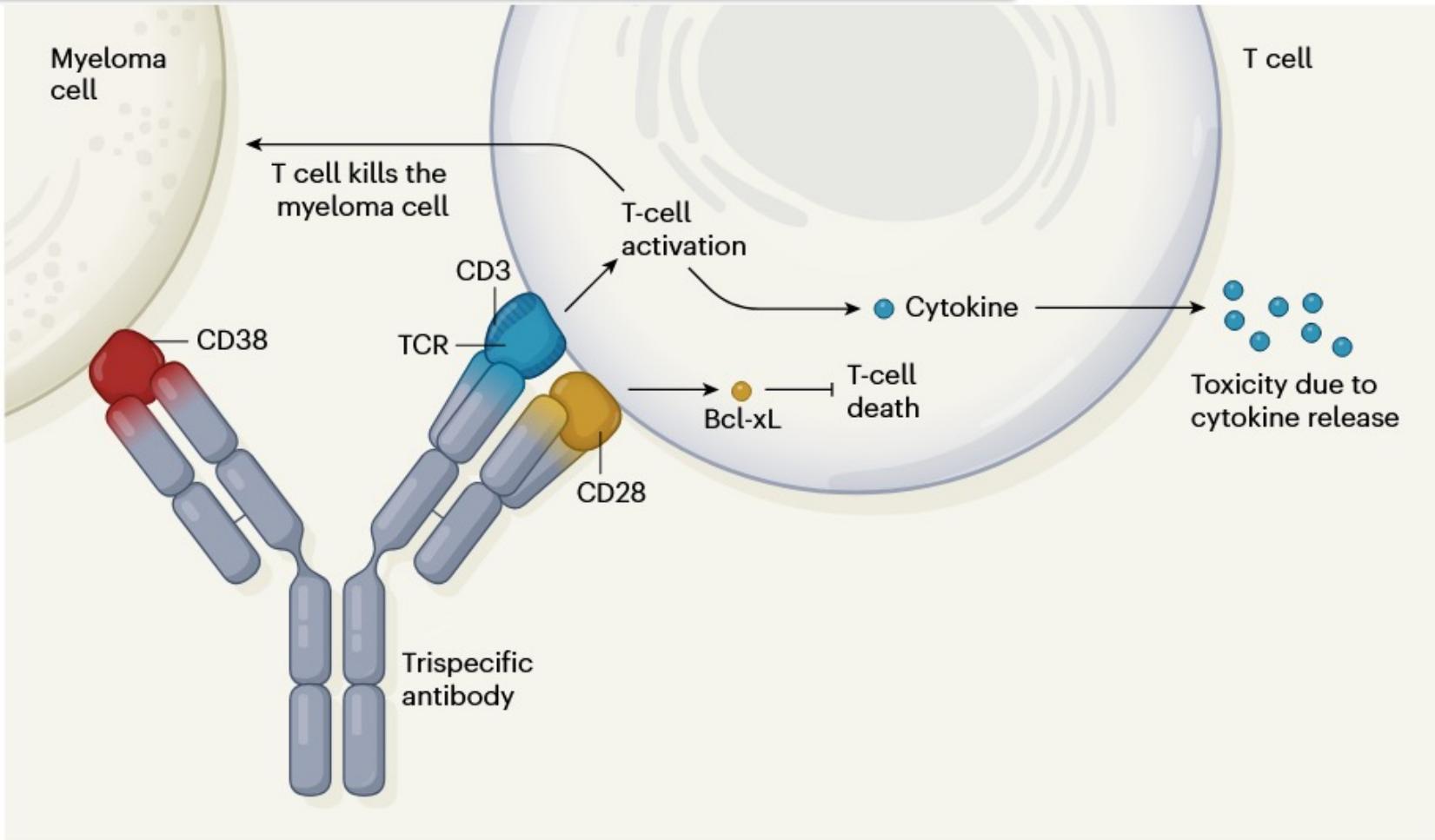


TAA = tumour-associated antigen

The first exemple : in myeloma

The trispecific antibody binds :

- **CD38** on a myeloma cell
- and the protein **CD28** and the protein complex **CD3** on a T-cell

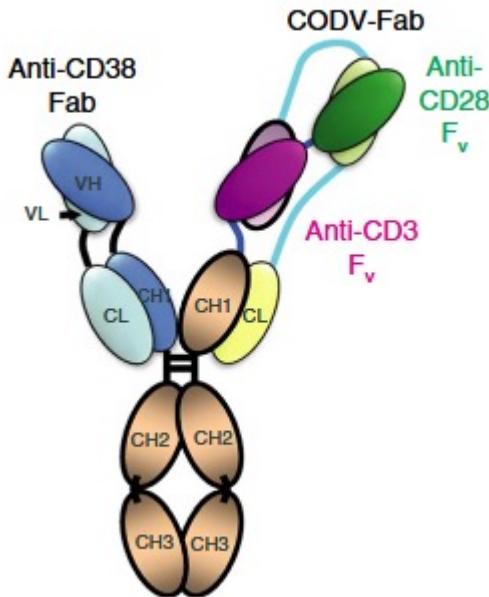


Trispecific Antibodies in Development

Drug	Targets	indication	Phase	NCT	compagny
SAR442257	CD38 /CD28xCD3	Multiple myeloma, AML	Phase I, First-in-human Study	NCT04401020	
PIT565	CD19/CD3xCD2	B-cell NHL, B-ALL	Phase I, First-in-human Study	NCT05397496	

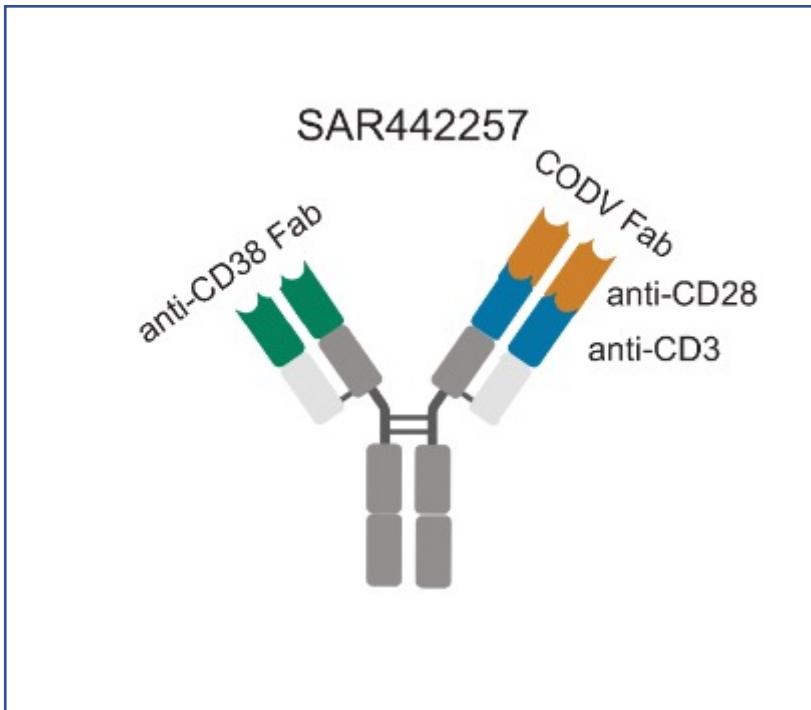
Trispecific antibodies enhance the therapeutic efficacy of tumor-directed T cells through T cell receptor co-stimulation

Research and Development



- The trispecific antibody interacts with CD38, CD3 and CD28 to enhance both T cell activation and tumor targeting
- The engagement of both CD3 and CD28 affords efficient T cell stimulation, whereas the anti-CD38 domain directs T cells to myeloma cells.

CD38/CD28xCD3 Trispecific T-Cell Engager (TCE) in multiple myeloma

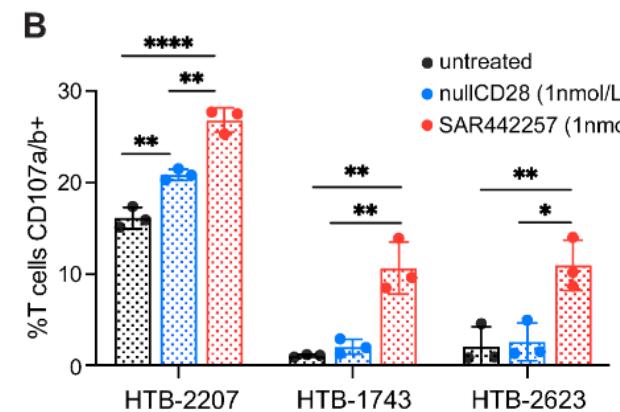


Effect of SAR442257 on multiple myeloma cell viability in 3 populations of patients :

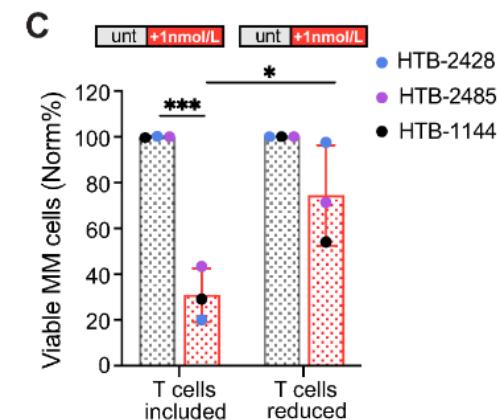
- newly diagnosed multiple myeloma
- Dara-exposed
- Dara-exposed + post-BCMA therapy patients

34 samples

Highly effective in patients relapsing after BCMA therapy

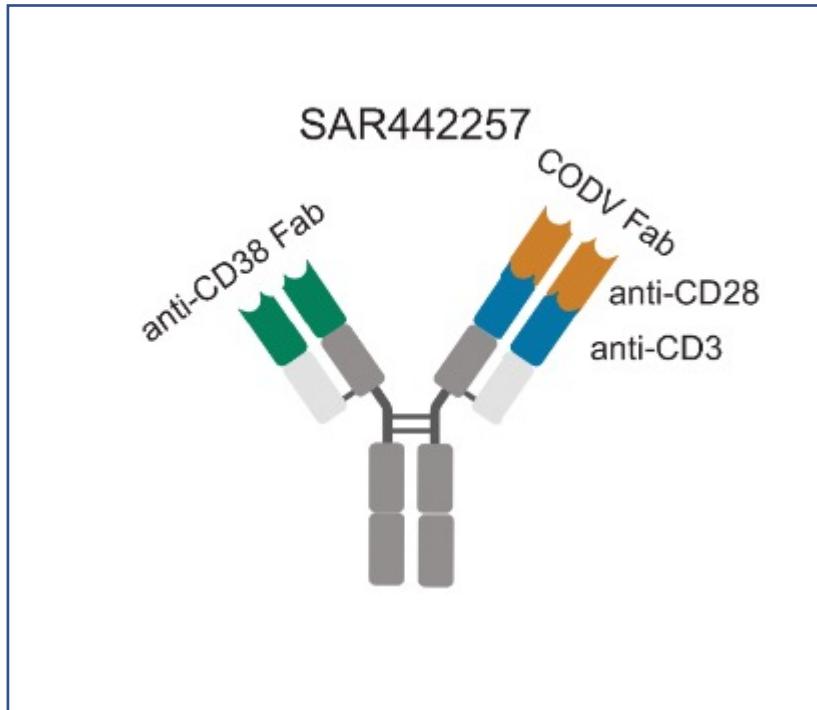


higher degranulation of CD3+ T cells in the presence of 1 nmol/L SAR442257



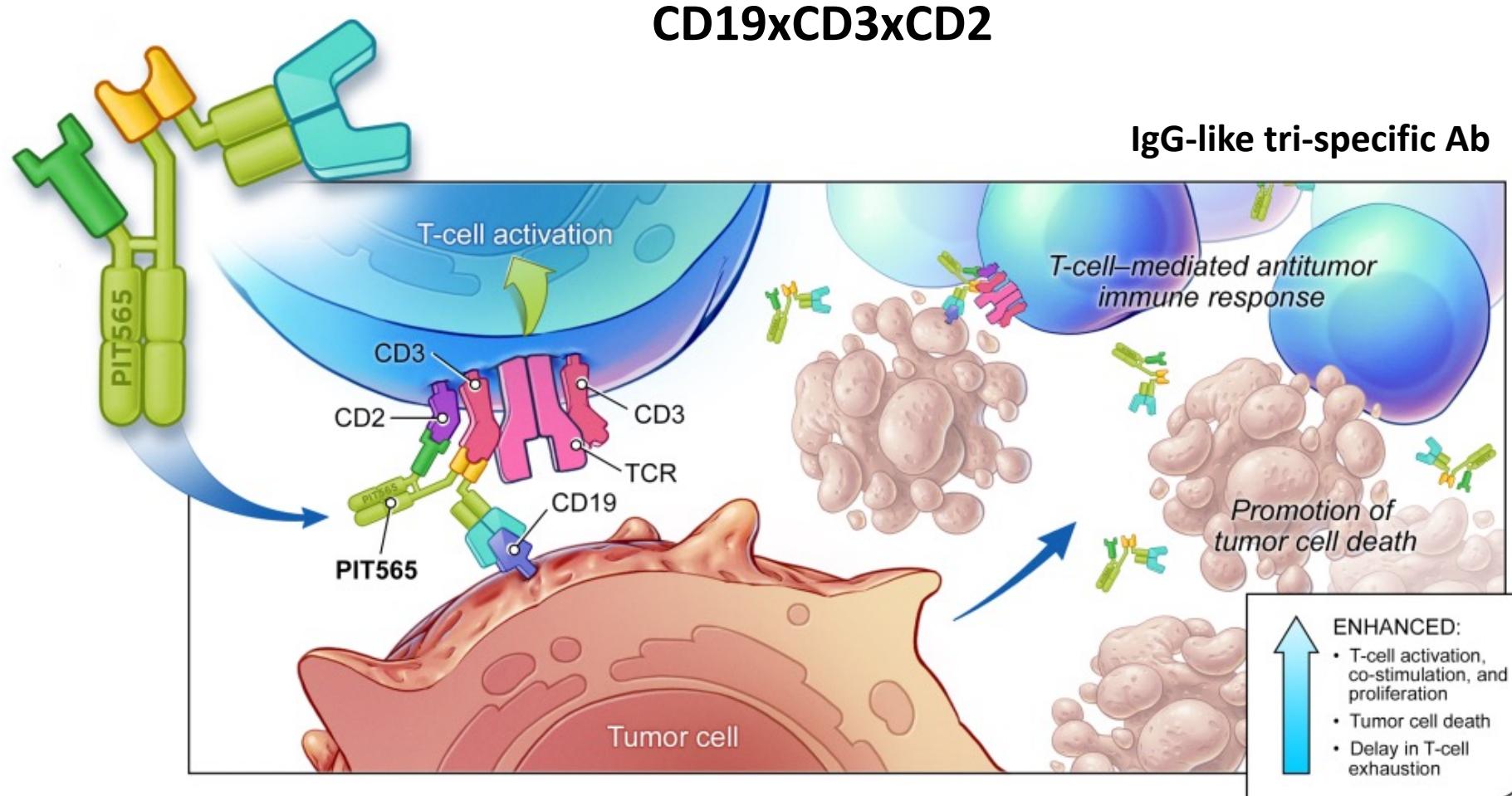
Efficacy of SAR442257 in My-DST

CD38/CD28xCD3 Trispecific T-Cell Engager (TCE) As a Potentially Active Agent for the Treatment of Older Patients with AML



- CD38/CD28xCD3 TCE exerted its anti-tumor efficacy regardless of CD38 density
- AML patients expressing both high and low/heterogenous levels of CD38 could benefit from T-cell based immunotherapeutic strategies targeting CD38.

A phase 1 study of PIT565, CD19xCD3xCD2, Trispecific Ab, First-in-class in patients with R/R B-cell NHL (R/R HGBCL, PMBL, FL3B, ALL)



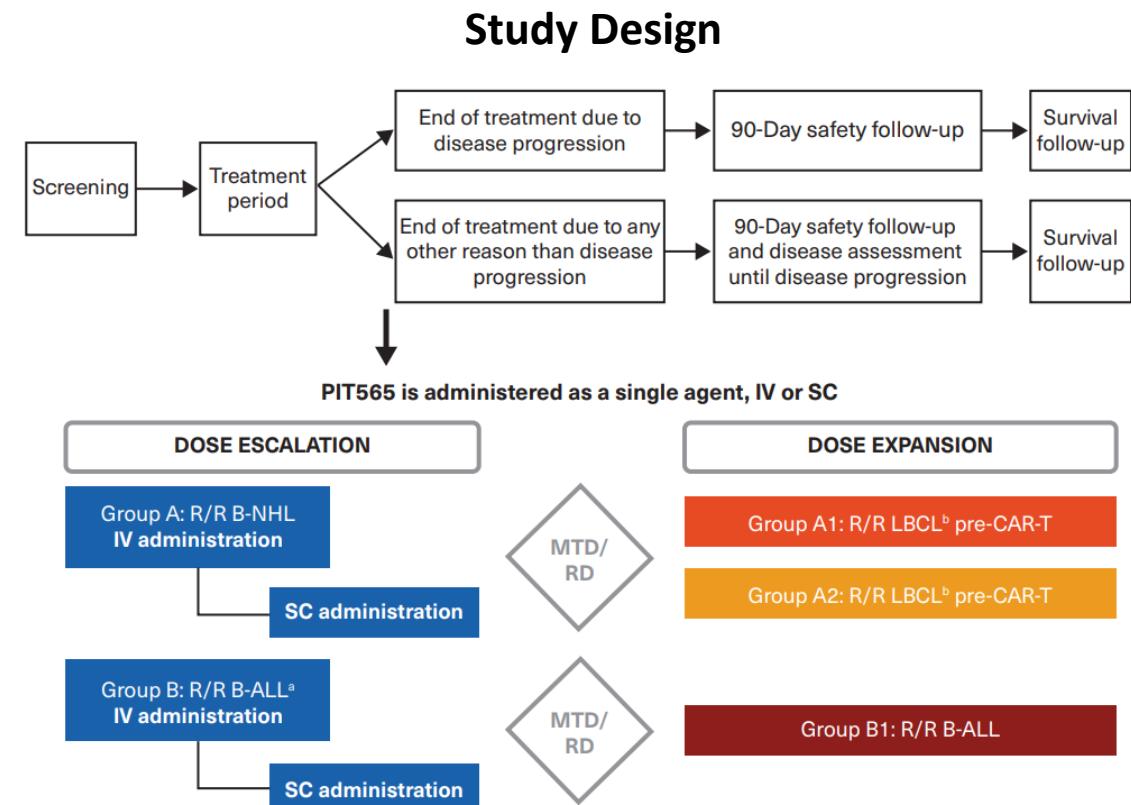
PIT565, trispecific Ab : CD19/CD3/CD2

n=140 patients

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Eligible patients (age: ≥ 18 years) with R/R B-NHL and R/R CD19-positive B-ALL who had relapsed/failed to respond to ≥ 2 lines of prior therapy, including an α CD20 monoclonal antibody-containing chemotherapy combination regimen
- ECOG ≤ 2
- R/R B-NHL patients must have at least 1 bi-dimensionally measurable nodal lesion or 1 bi-dimensionally measurable extranodal lesion as measured on positron emission tomography-computed tomography scan
- For R/R B-ALL patients, conformed morphologic of BM ($\geq 5\%$ blasts)

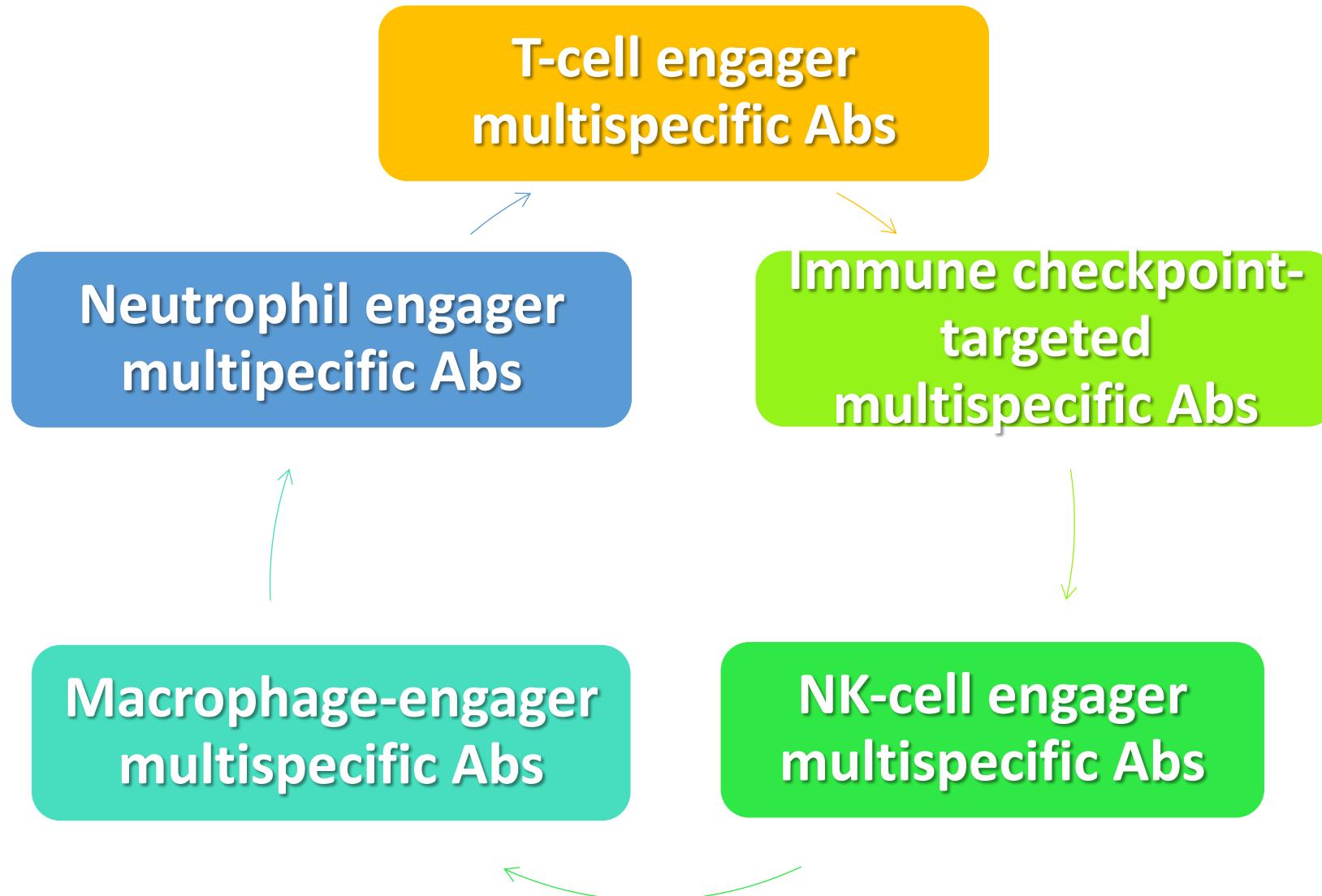
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Agenda

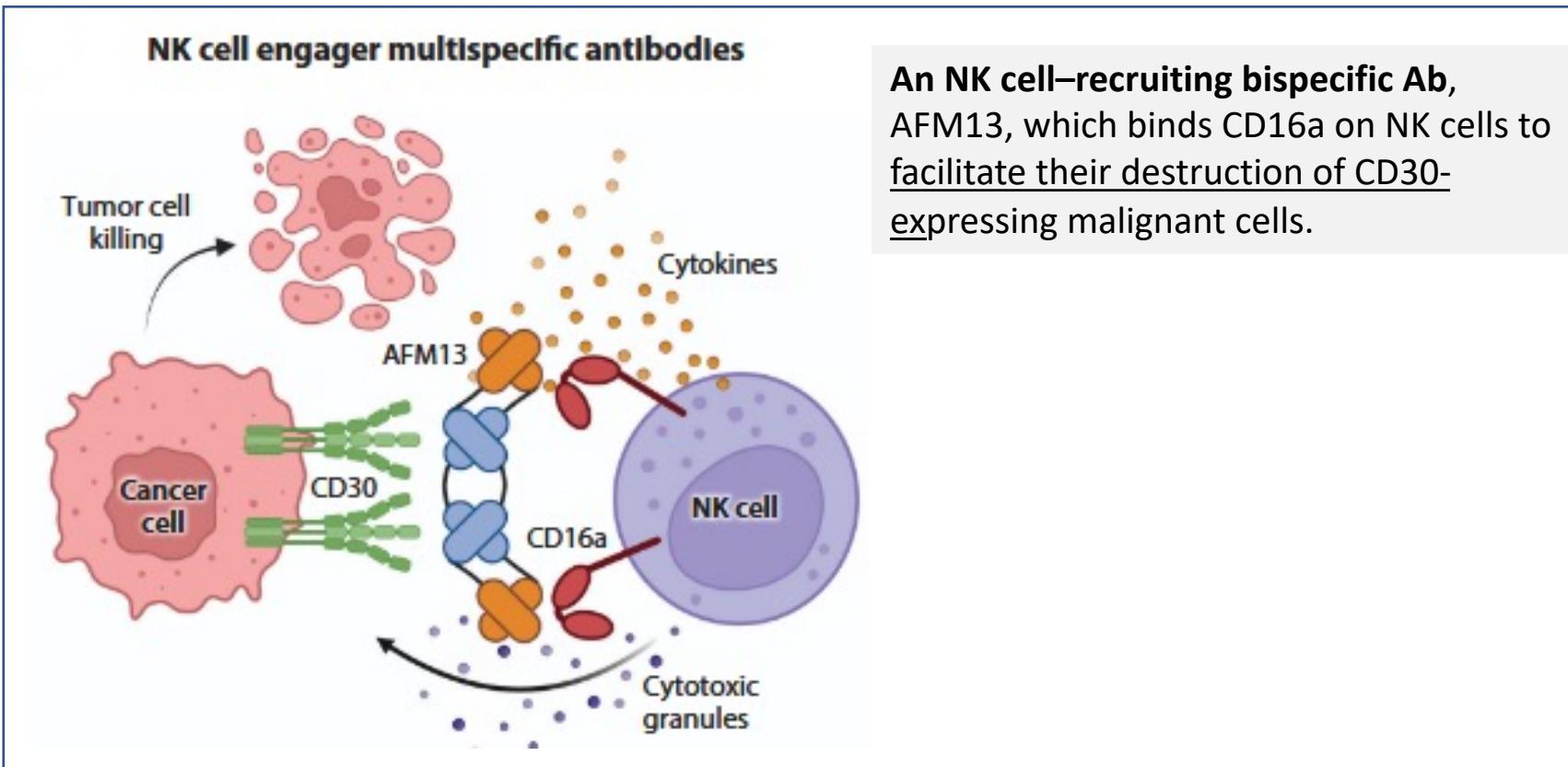
- **From monospecific to bispecific and trispecific antibodies : structures and mechanisms of action**
- **Trispecific antibodies**
- **Immune-interfacing multispecific bispecific antibodies**

Immune-interfacing multispecific antibodies



Immune-interfacing multispecific antibodies

NK-cell engager multispecific Abs



Redirecting NK cells to kill tumors

NK-cell engager multispecific Abs

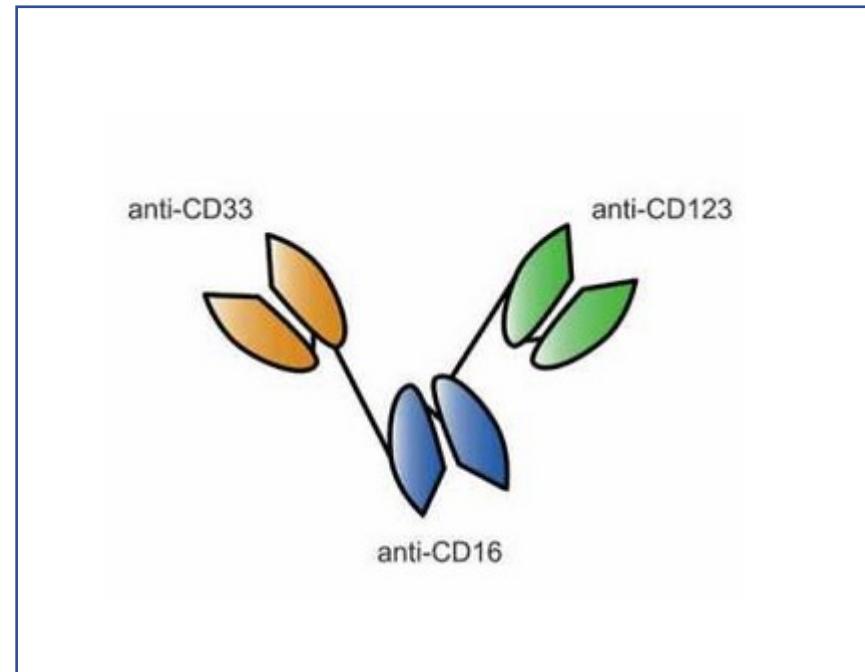
- >> To engage NK cells as cytolytic effector.
- >> To reduce the Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

Multispecific NK cell engagers in clinical trials (all stages), as of July 2023

Drug name	Format	Specificity	Indication	Clinical trial	Phase	Sponsor
AFM13	TandAb	CD30/CD16a	HL, NHL	NCT04074746	1/2	
AFM28	IgG-like ROCK	CD123/CD16a	AML	NCT05817058	1	
LAVA-051	Gammabody	CD1d/NKTTCR	CLL, MM, AML	NCT04887259	1/2	
IPH6101/SAR443579	ANKET	CD123/CD16/NKp46	AML, MDS	NCT05086315	1/2	
IPH6401/SAR445514	ANKET	BCMA/CD16/NKp46	R/R MM	NCT05839626	1/2	
CC-92328/DF3001	TriNKET	BCMA/CD16/NKG2D	R/R MM	NCT04975399	1	
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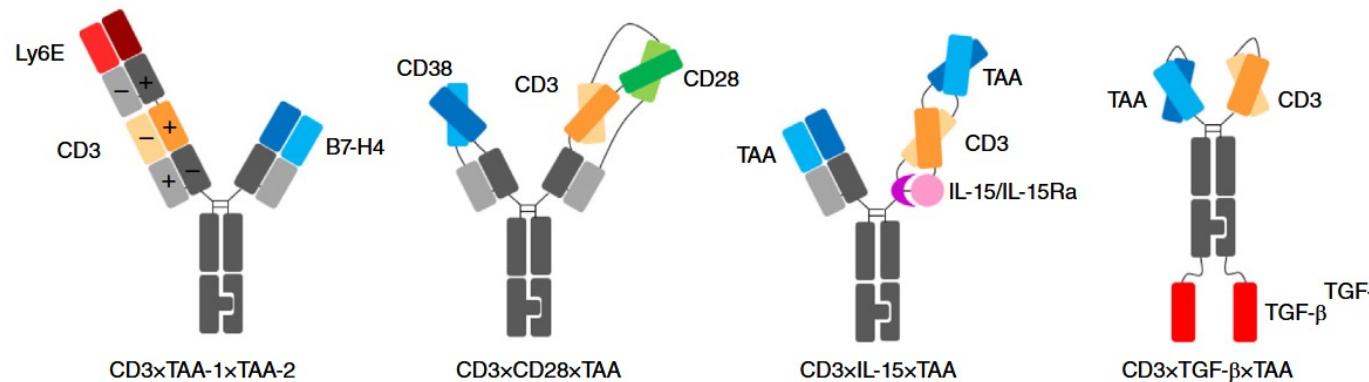
Dual-targeting triplebody 33-16-123 (SPM-2) to engage NK cells as cytolytic effector in AML

CD33 × CD16a × CD123 TsAb to engage NK cells as cytolytic effector

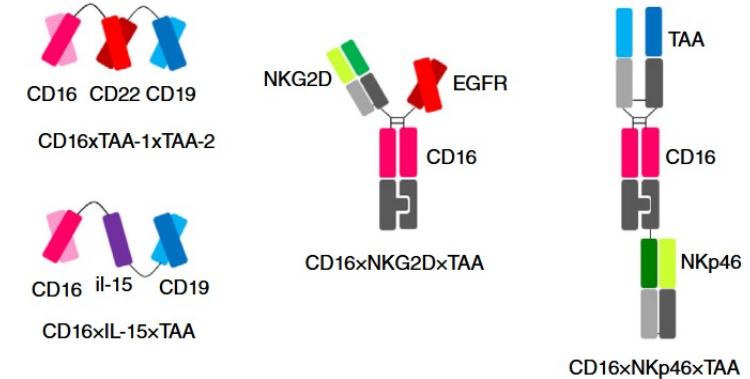


Continuous optimization of target combinations, antibody forms, and sequences modification

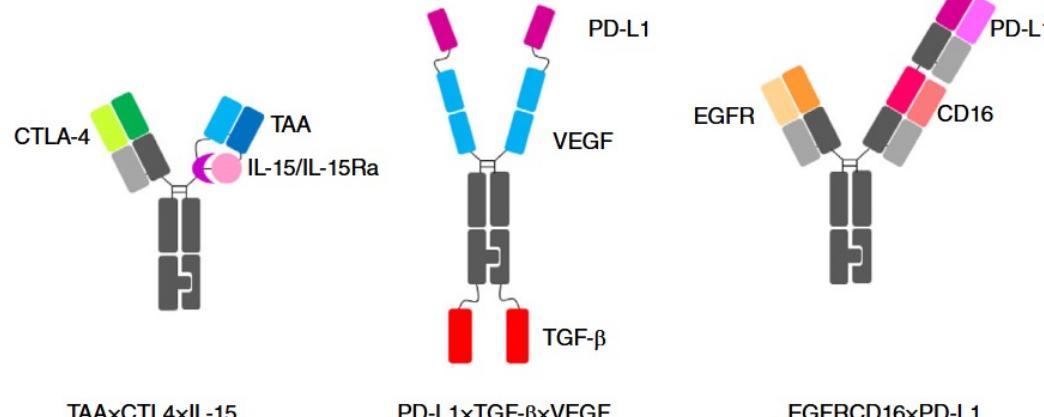
(a) T cell engager



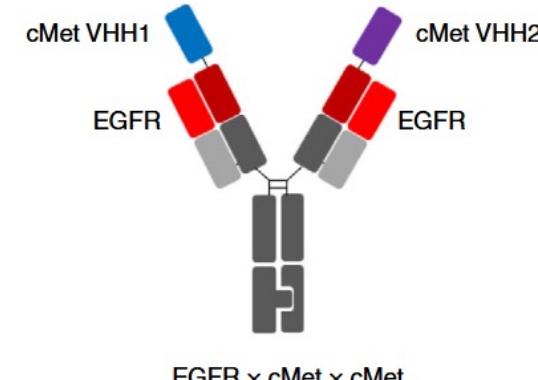
(b) NK cell engager



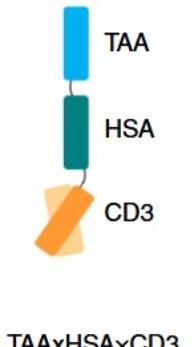
Immune checkpoint blockade



(d) Targeting three TAAs

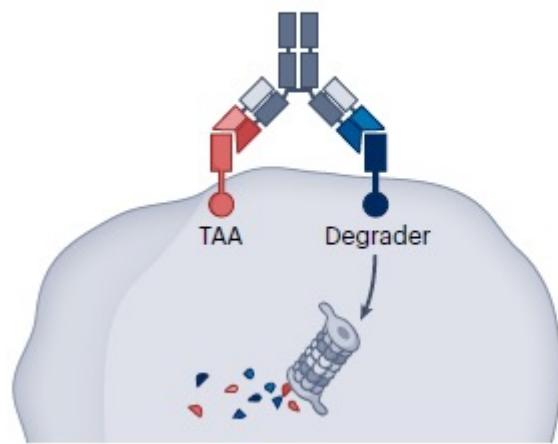


(e) HSA application



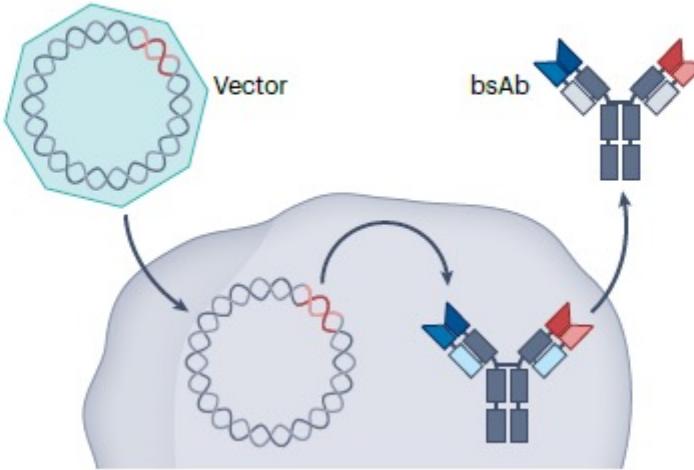
Emerging concepts

C PROTAC approaches



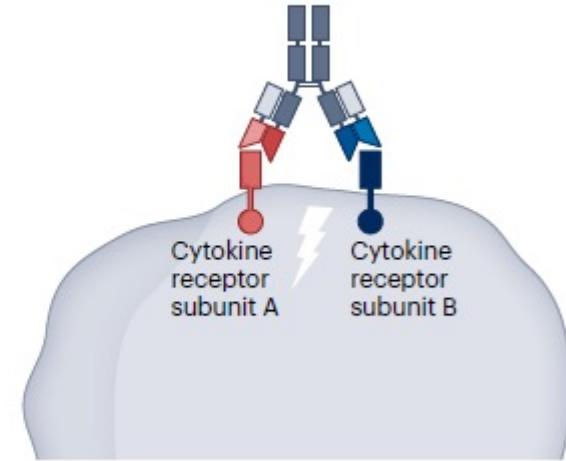
Proteolysis target chimera (PROTAC)
Bind a TAA and a degrader molecule

d bsAb delivery



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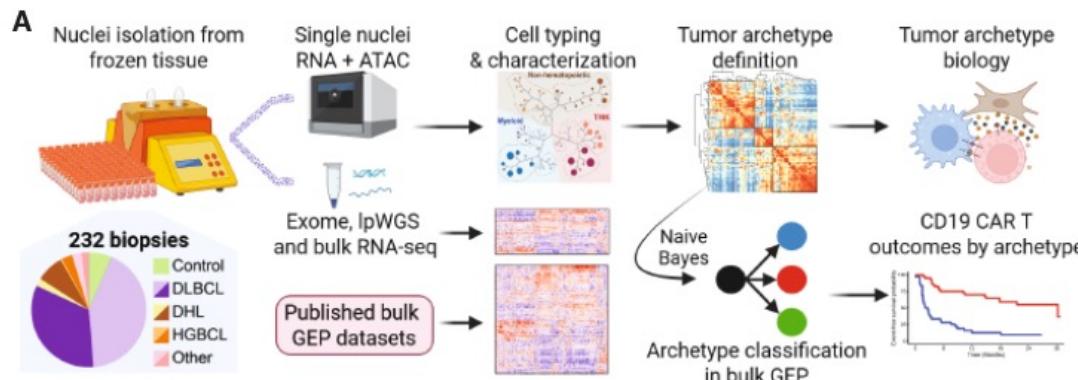
e Cytokine-mimetic bsAbs



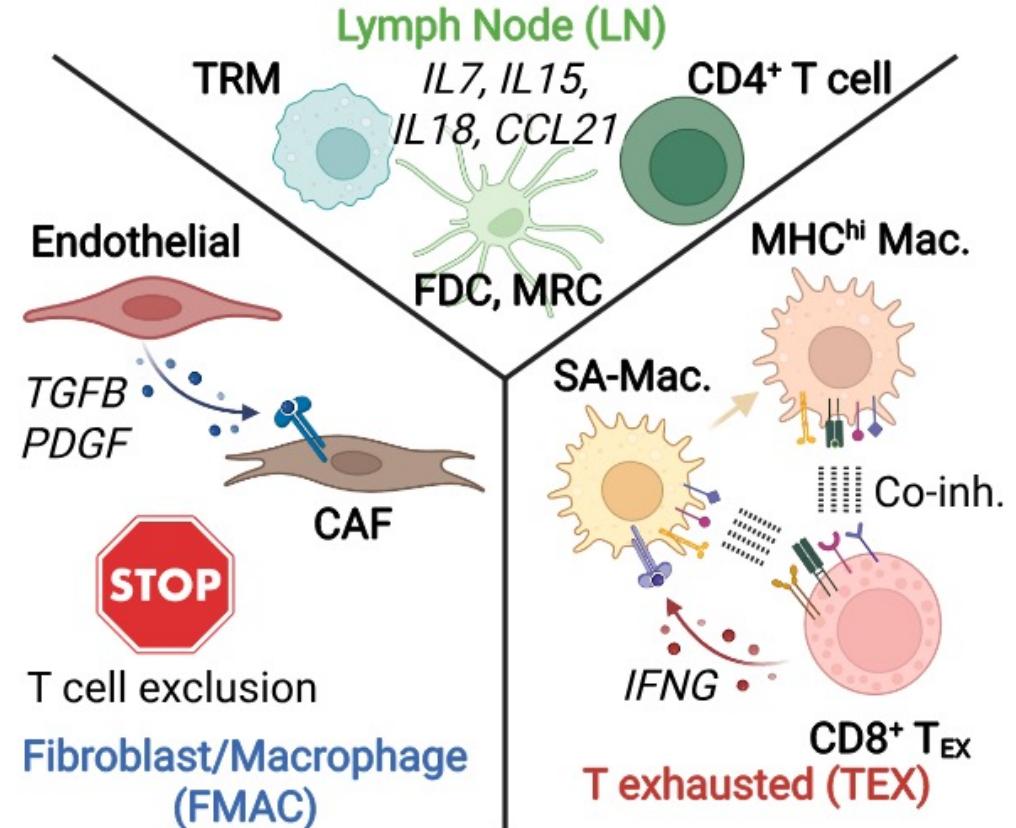
Trigger cytokine receptor pathways, mimicking cytokine action

LymphoMAPs : characterization of 3 lymphoma associated ImmunoProfiles

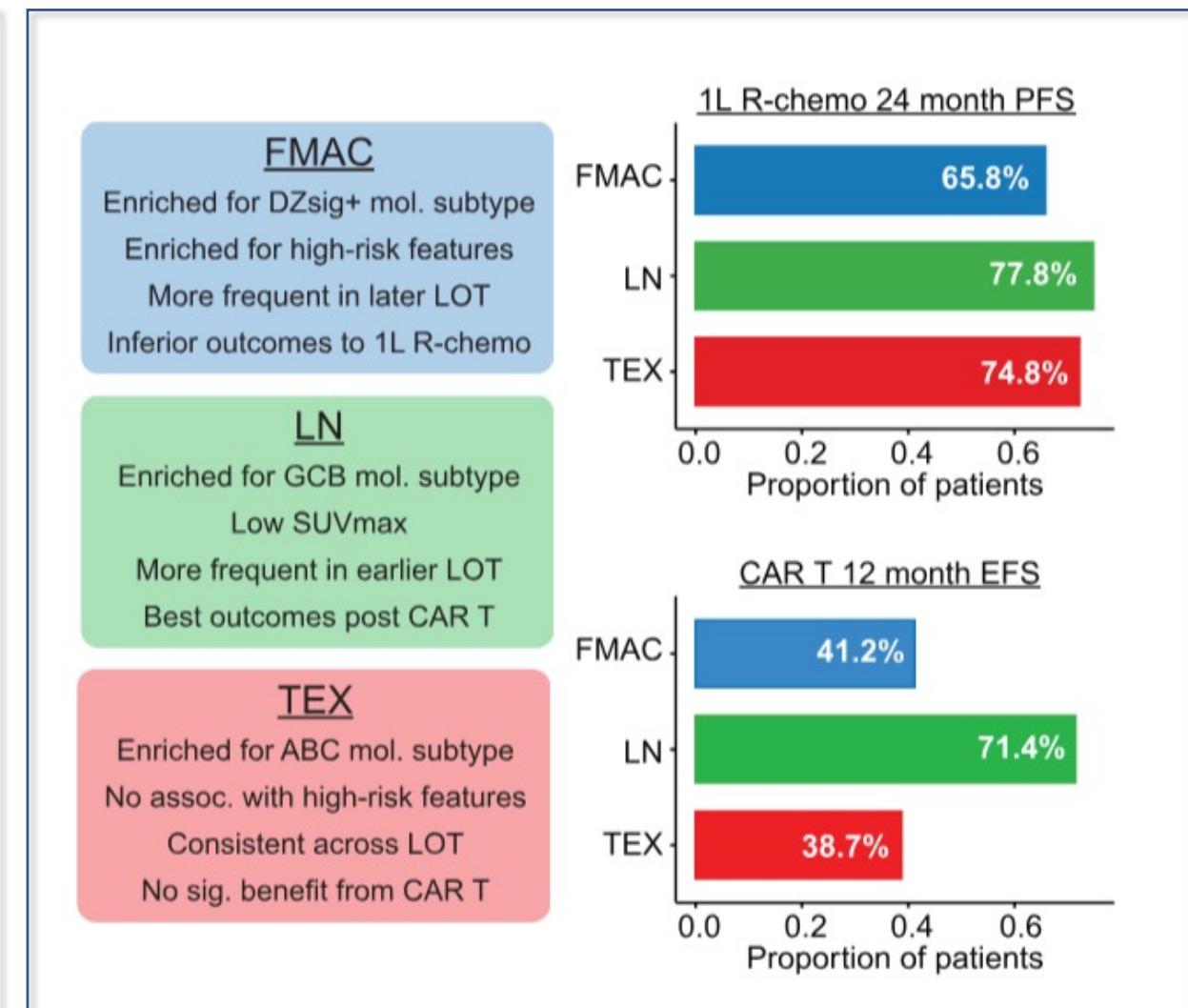
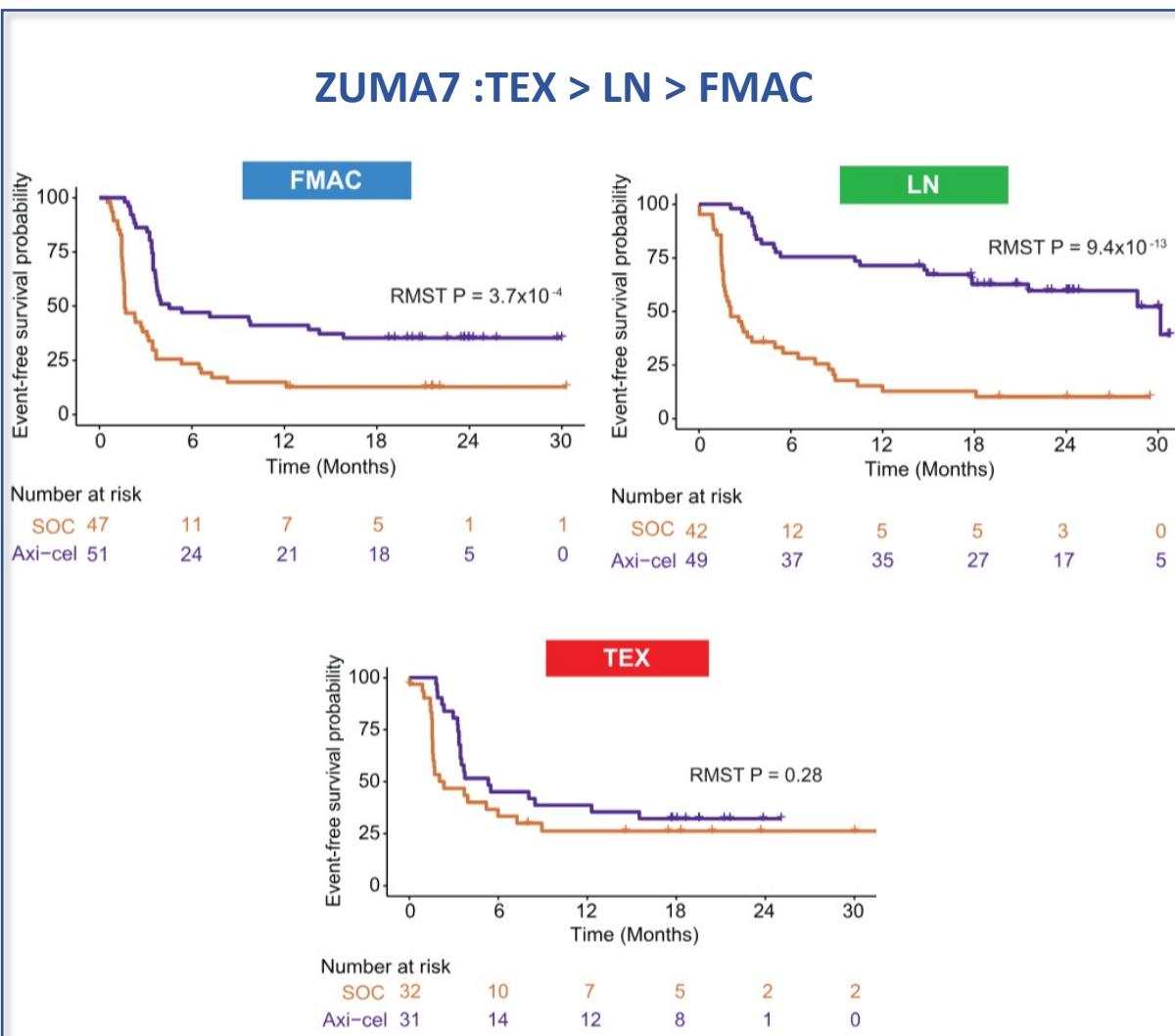
- Single nucleus multiome profiling of non-malignant cell subsets from 217 LBCLs
- Discovery of **Lymphoma Microenvironment archetype profiles** (LymMAPs) : Cell-cell communication pathways
- Association with **outcome of patients treated with anti-CD19 CAR T-cells**



Lymphoma Microenvironment Archetype Profiles (LymphoMAPs)



Association between archetype profiles and response to first-line therapy and CART19



Conclusion

- Technologies evolving allowing modulation of Abs constructs
- Bispecifics and Trispecific antibodies represent a flexible platform, offering a way to deliver precise combinations of immunomodulatory signals (for example, a co-stimulatory signal and a checkpoint blocker) specifically in the tumour microenvironment
- Several are in early clinical trials with encouraging preliminary data

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