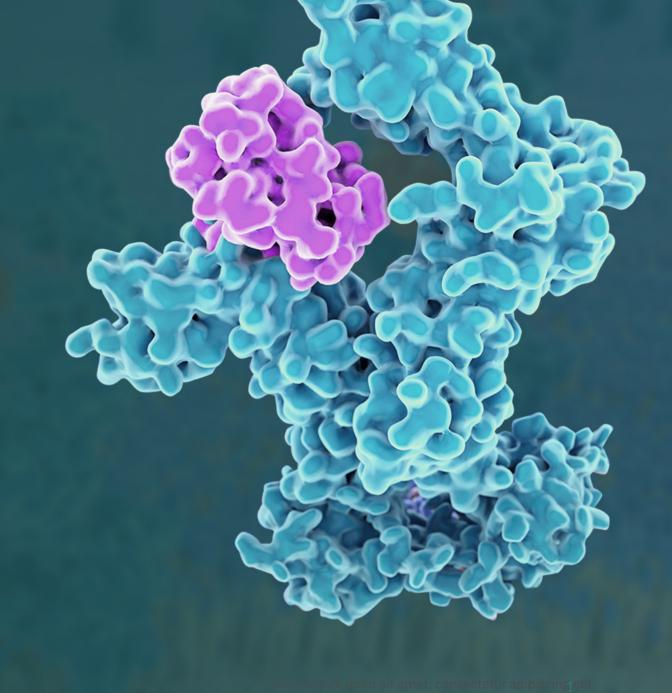
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## Investment Highlights

Clinical Data Updates from MDNA11 Program Expected in Q4 2021 and H1 2022



## **Superkine Platform:**Drug Discovery Engine

Directed evolution **enhances the desired properties** of IL-2, IL-4, & IL-13 to generate Superkines

Protein fusion can **improve PK, add an MOA, or confer new capabilities** to Superkines

IL-2, IL-4, & IL-13 are known to modulate immune activity against **2,000 different diseases** 



MDNA11: "Beta-only" & Long-acting IL-2 Superagonist in Phase 1/2

Super-agonist against IL-2R, a clinically validated anti-cancer target
Enhanced IL-2Rβ binding and lack of IL-2Rα affinity position MDNA11 to be best-in-class
Clinical data updates expected in Q4 2021 and H1 2022



MDNA55: Phase 3
Ready Empowered
IL-4 Superkine

Targeting recurrent glioblastoma, the most aggressive form of brain cancer

Phase 2b data show ~100% improvement in median OS vs. a matched external control arm

Pursing a partnership to advance development



# **BiSKIT Platform: Bi**functional **S**uper**K**ines for **I**mmuno**T**herapy

Fusion of two Superkines or a Superkine and an antibody (e.g. a checkpoint inhibitor)
Incorporate two synergistic MOAs into a single molecule

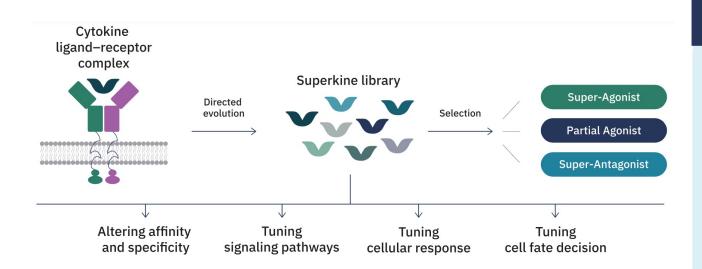


## Experienced Management Team

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## Superkine Platform Powers Drug Discovery Engine

Transforming Interleukins into Visionary Superkines with Directed Evolution



Our Superkines are derived from IL-2, IL-4, & IL-13, which are known to modulate immune activity against 2,000 different diseases

### **Superkine Design and Development**



### **Generate Tunable Superkine Library**

Transform interleukins using directed evolution to enhance desired properties



### **Enhance via Protein Fusion**

To improve PK, add a second MOA, or confer new capabilities



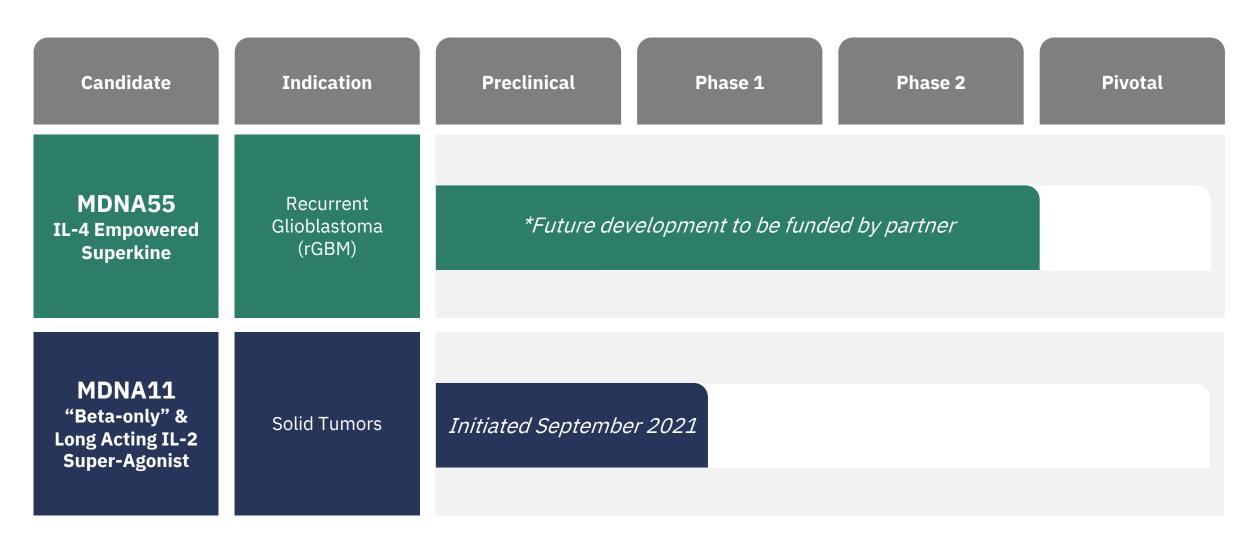
### **Lead Selection & Development**

Advance the most promising candidates towards clinical studies



## Clinical Stage Pipeline

Leveraging the Superkine Platform to Develop Novel Interleukin-based Therapies



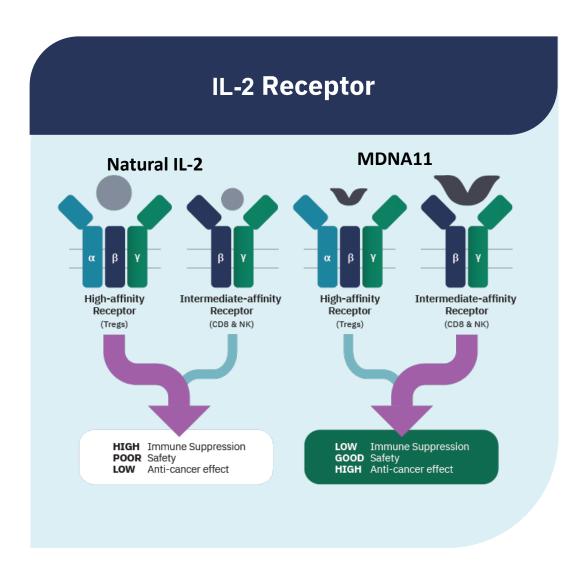


## MDNA11

"Beta-only" & Longacting IL-2 Super-Agonist for Solid Tumors



## Targeting IL-2 Receptor Subunits in Cancer Therapy



### The IL-2 receptor (IL-2R) consists of three subunits

- IL-2Rα (CD25)
- IL-2Rβ (CD122)
- IL-2Rγ (CD132)

### **Stimulation of IL-2R**β

• Key for the activation of cancer killing immune cells such as CD8+ T cells, naïve T cells, and NK cells.

#### Stimulation of IL-2Ra

- Leads to activation of immunosuppressive Tregs, which abrogate the anti-tumor response
- Causes extreme toxicity

Proleukin (recombinant human [rh] IL-2), which selectively stimulates IL-2Rα, is approved for the treatment of metastatic melanoma and renal cell carcinoma



## Improved IL-2 Variants are Needed

Proleukin and "Pegylated Not-alpha" IL-2 Variants Have Substantial Shortcomings

### **Proleukin (Recombination Human IL-2)**

### Poor safety profile due to selective stimulation of IL-2Ra



- Patients are often unable to receive a full course of therapy
- Patients must be treated in the intensive care unit

### **Poor pharmacokinetic profile**



- Half-life on the order of minutes
- Requires dosing every 8 hours for 5 days

### "Pegylated Not-alpha" IL-2 Variants

#### **Have low IL-2Rβ affinity**



Limits efficacy due to poor stimulation of immune effector cells

### Require complex manufacturing processes



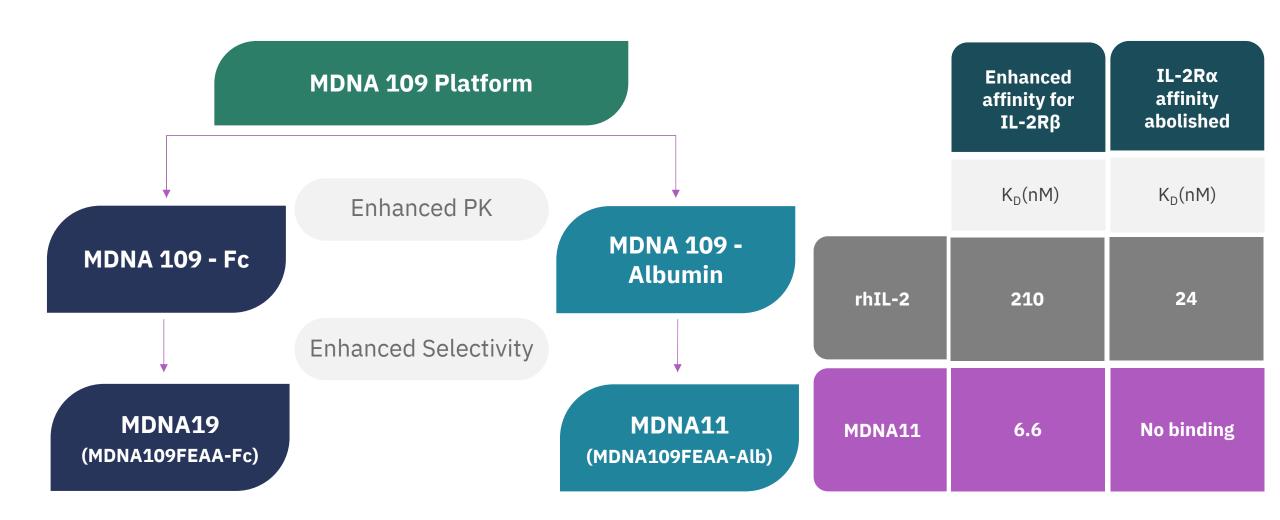
- Increases cost of goods
- Batch-to-batch heterogeneity

To overcome these shortcomings MDNA11 utilizes a differentiated "beta-only" approach with albumin to extend the half life (not PEG)



## MDNA11: A "Beta-only" IL-2 Super-agonist

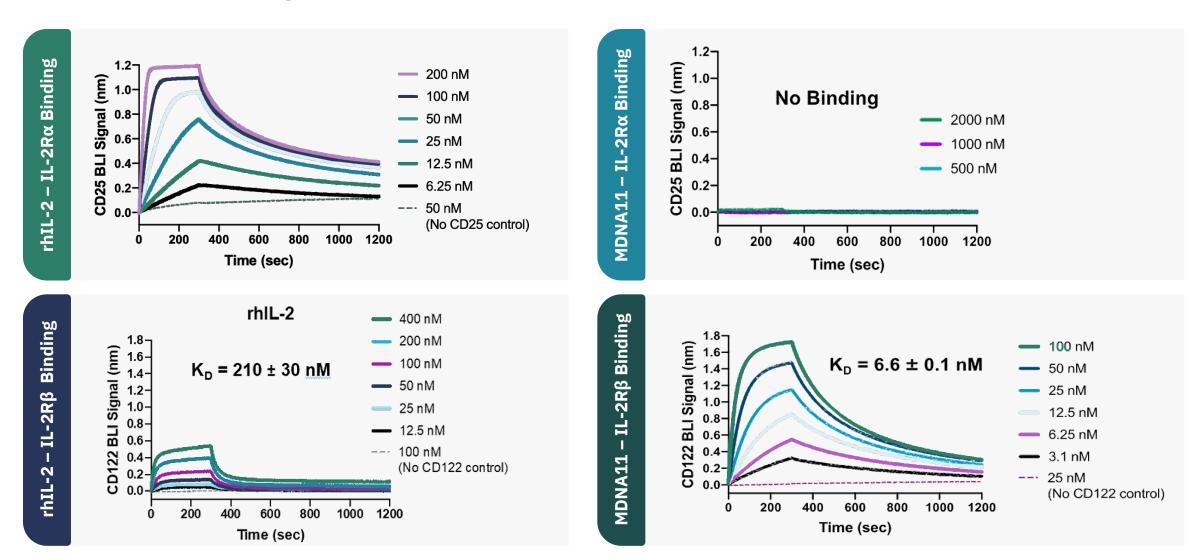
Enhanced IL-2Rβ Binding and Abolish IL-2Rα Binding and Albumin to Extend Half Life





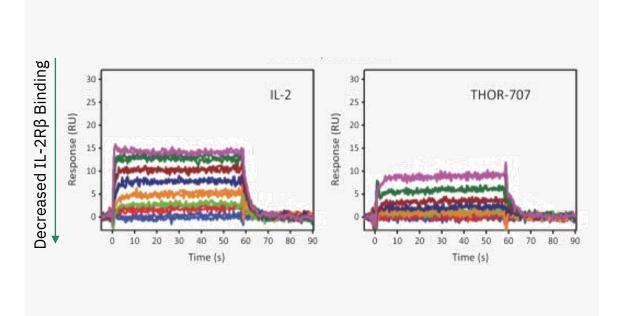
### MDNA11

No IL-2Rα (CD25) Binding and Enhanced Affinity and Selectivity for IL-2Rβ (CD122) Compared to rhIL-2

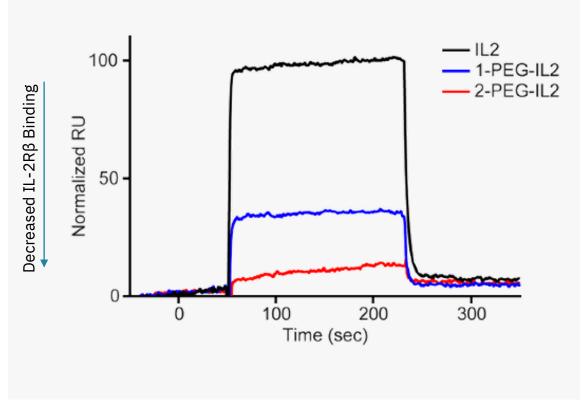


## Competing IL-2 Variants are Weak IL-2RB (CD122) Binders





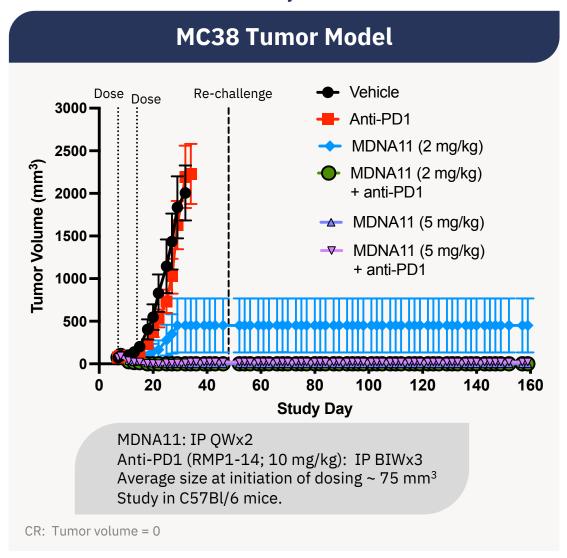
Nektar's 1-PEG-IL2 (Most Active Form of Bempeg) is a Weak IL-2Rβ (CD122) Binder

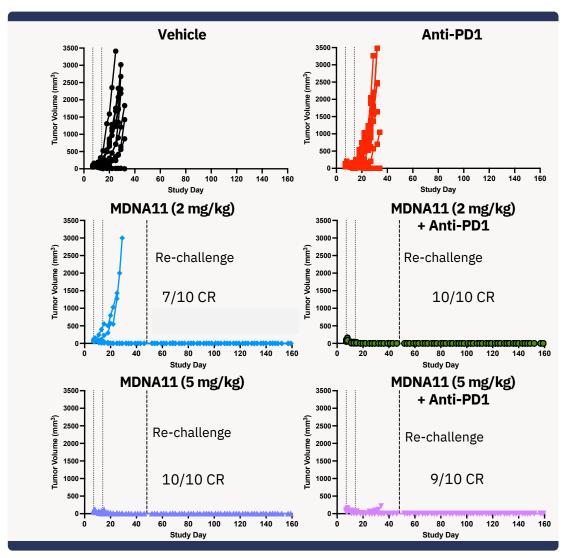




## Strong Monotherapy and Anti-PD1 Combo Effect

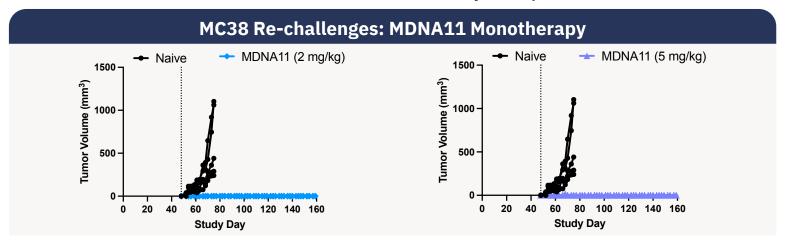
Potent Anti-Tumor Efficacy With or Without anti-PD1 in MC38 Tumor Model

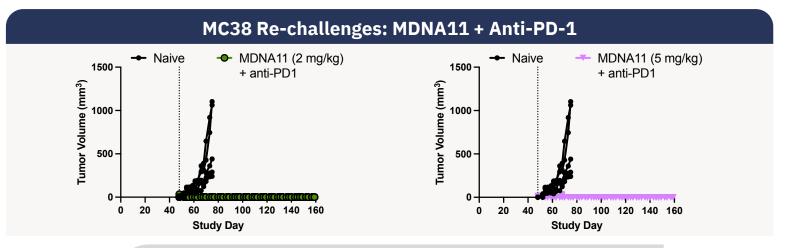


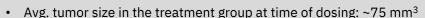


## MDNA11 ± Anti-PD-1 - Long Term Memory Response

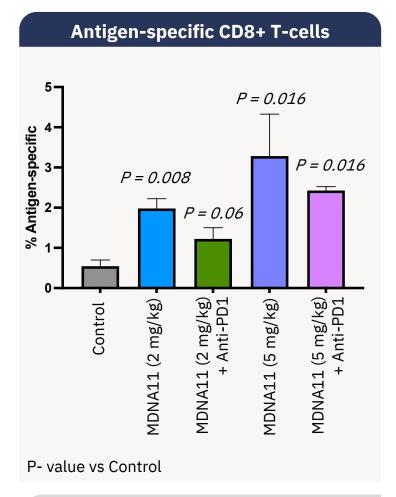
Inhibits Tumor Growth and Induces Memory Response







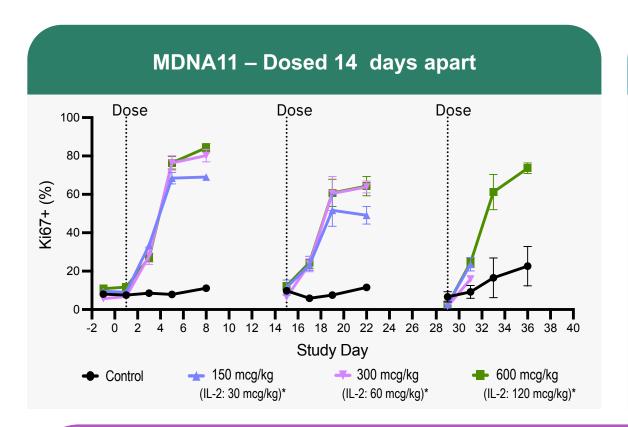
- MDNA11: IP QWx2; Anti-PD1 (RMP1-14; 10 mg/kg): IP BIWx3
- Study in C57Bl/6 mice;

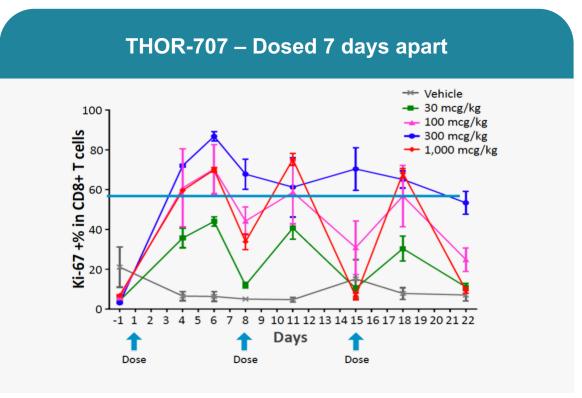


- Antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells by flow cytometry using H-2K MuLV p15E tetramer
- All mice boosted with MC38 5 days prior to flow cytometry analysis

## Durable, Dose-Dependent Ki67 Expression in NHP

Ki67 is a key marker of anti-tumor CD8+ T-cell proliferation



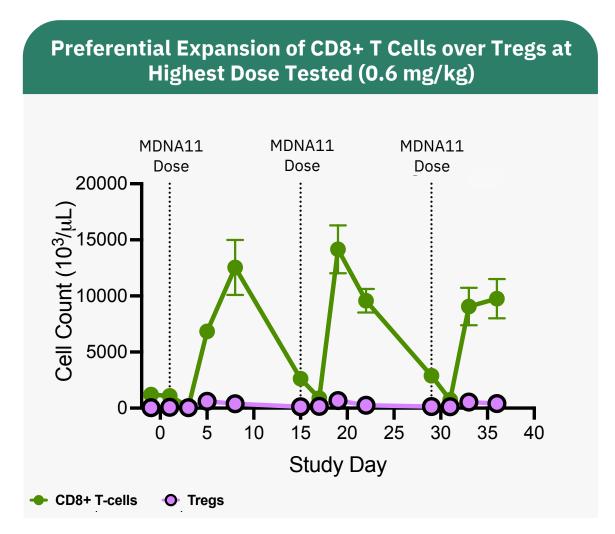


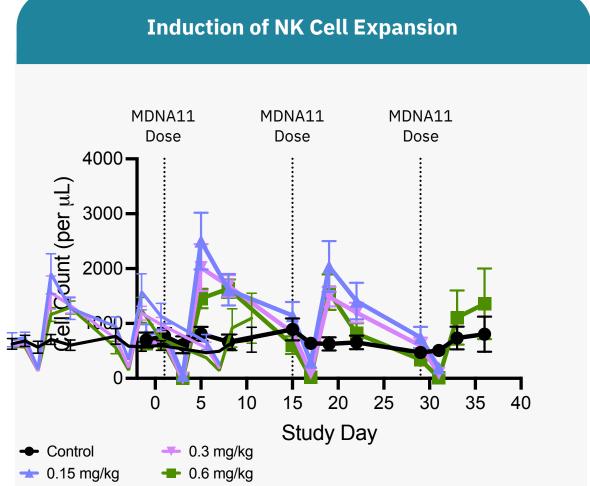
Target Ki 7 expression of >50% clearly demonstrated with MDNA11 treatment

\* refers to dose based on IL-2 content

## Preferential Expansion of Anti-Cancer Immune Cells Over Tregs

Activation of Immunosuppressive T<sub>regs</sub> Abrogates the Anti-cancer Immune Response







Basket, Accelerated Sequential Dose Escalation and Expansion Study of MDNA11 +/- CPI

### **MDNA11: Monotherapy Dose Escalation** N~ 20: Select tumors DL6 Modified, accelerated 3+3 Design DL5 Intra-patient dose escalation permitted DL4 DLTs assessment DL3 **Identify RP2D** DL1 MDNA11 monotherapy 0.003-0.6 mg/kg, DL-1 i.v. infusion O2W

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Monotherapy Dose Expansion

N~ 30: Melanoma, renal cell carcinoma and other select tumors (1:1:1)

MDNA11 administered alone at RP2D via i.v. infusion Q2W or Q3W

Signals of anti-tumor activity

MDNA11 + Checkpoint Inhibitor (CPI) Dose Expansion

N~ 30: Melanoma, renal cell carcinoma and other select tumors (1:1:1)

Safety run-in

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MDNA11 administered at RP2D in combination with CPI via i.v. infusion Q3W (planned)

Signals of anti-tumor activity

## IL-2 Superkine Program

**Next Steps** 

### **MDNA11 Recent & Upcoming** Milestones



Initiated Phase 1/2 clinical trial (September 2021)



Safety, PK/PD and biomarker data update from Phase 1/2 monotherapy study (End 2021)



Phase 1/2 efficacy data update (Mid 2022)

Fc or Albumin **Fusions for Long Acting Versions Superkine Targeting** with Antibodies (STAb Cancer™) **Dual or Trispecific** Cytokines (DuCK or TRiCK Cancer™)

**Mutations** to create Super-antagonists

**Checkpoint Inhibitors** fused with cytokines (CHeCK Cancer™)

**Fusion with Cytokines** to Create New **Class of Synthekines** 

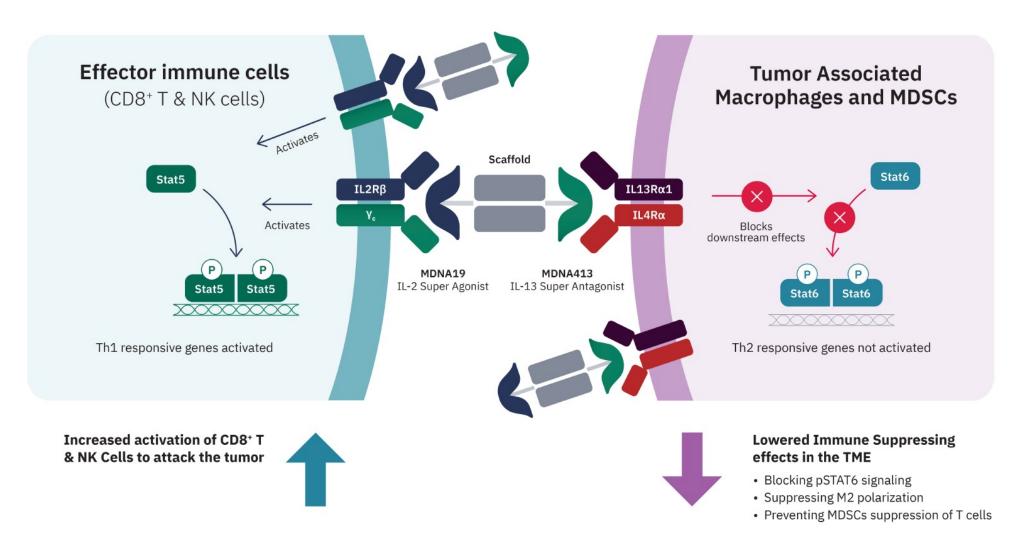
> **Arming Oncolytic** Viruses or **CAR-T Cells**





## Dual Cytokines: Mechanism of Action

Targeting immunologically "cold" tumors by modulation of the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

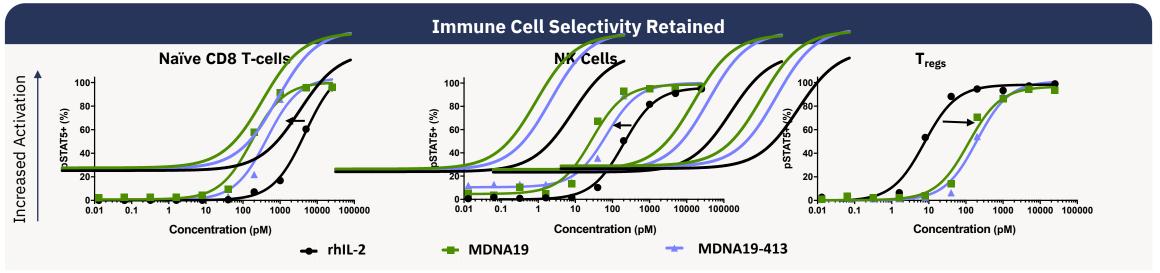


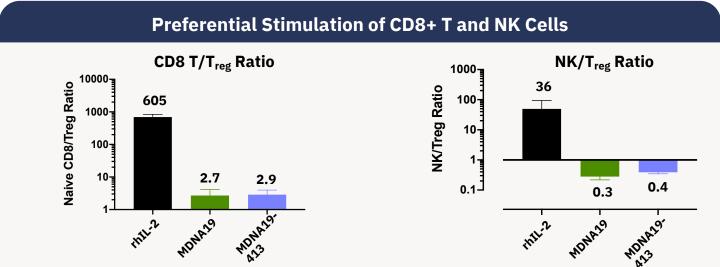
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## MDNA19-413: IL-2 Agonism Maintained

Enhanced Signaling in Anti-tumor CD8+ T and NK cells; Diminished Signaling in Pro-tumor Tregs



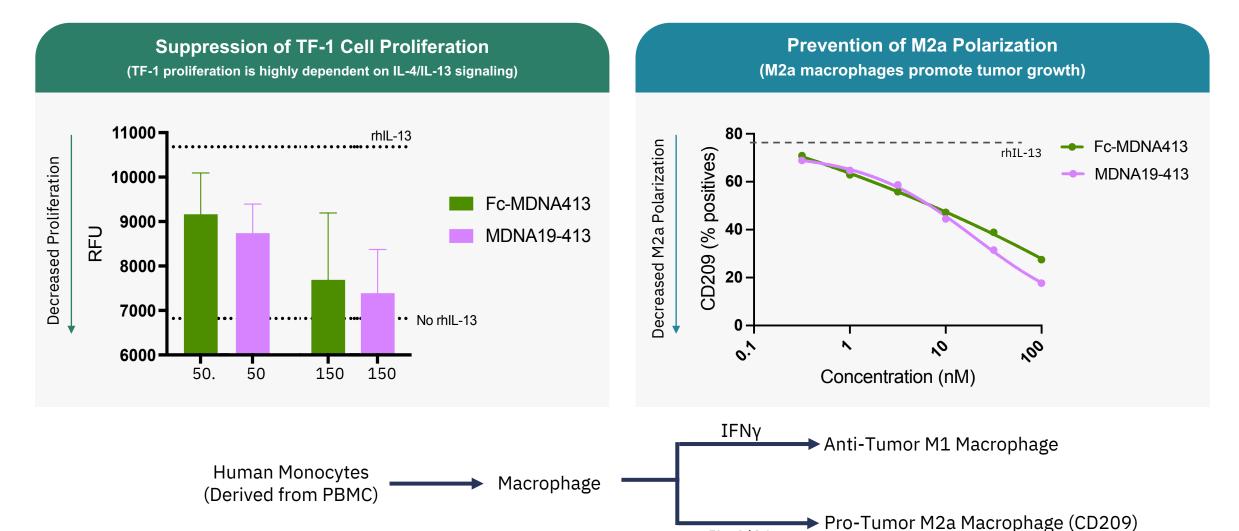




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## MDNA19-413: IL-4/IL-13 Antagonism Maintained

Inhibits Pro-tumor IL-4/IL-13 Induced Proliferation and M2a Polarization





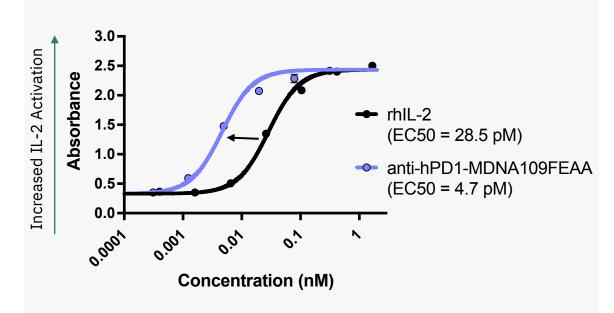
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IL-4/13

## Checkpoint Inhibitors Fused to Cytokines

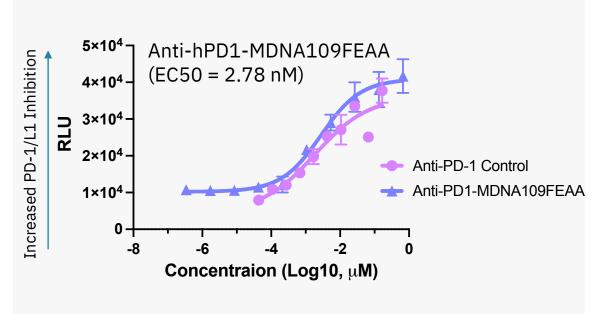
T-cell activation + Suppression of Exhaustion = Superior Therapeutic Efficacy

### **IL-2 Reporter Assay**



HEK Blue IL-2 assay Measures P-STAT5 signaling

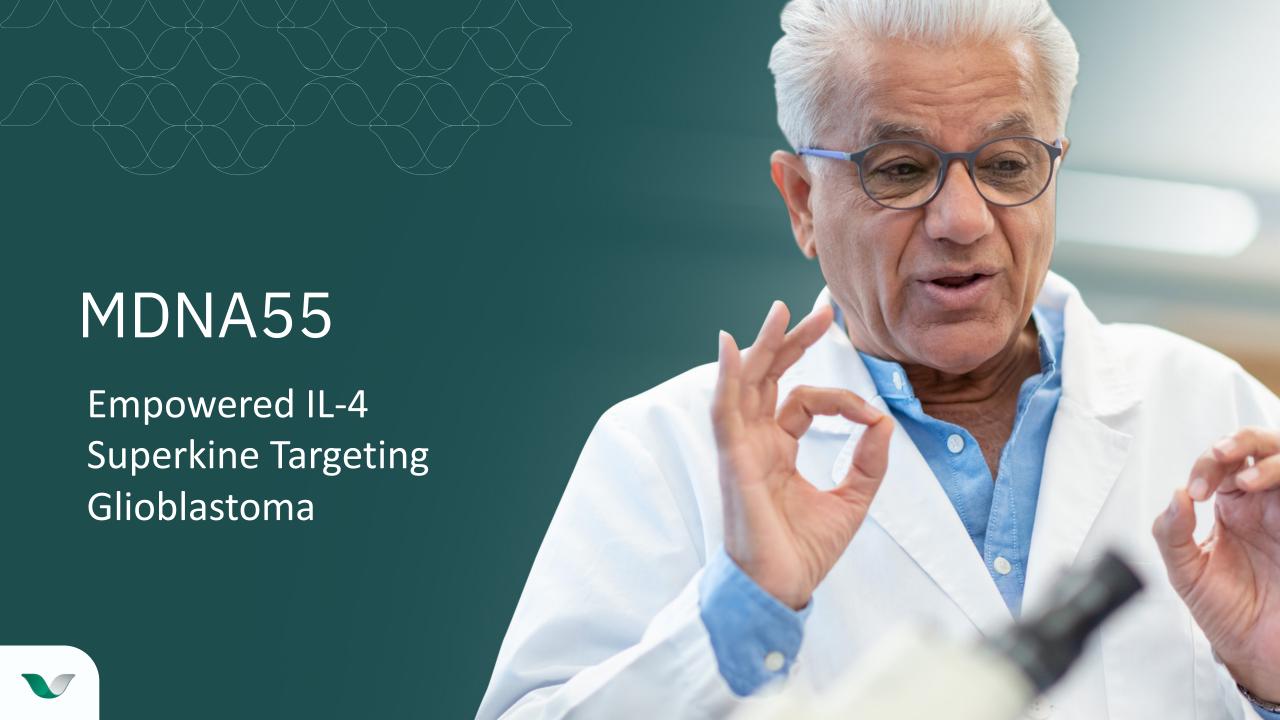
### Human PD-1/PD-L1 Blockade Bioassay (Promega)



PD1 effector cells co-cultured with PD-L1 aAPC/CHO-K1 cells Blockade of PD-1/PD-L1 interaction induces NFAT-luciferase reporter

Anti-PD1-MDNA109FEAA = Anti-PD1 fused with IL-2 Agonist





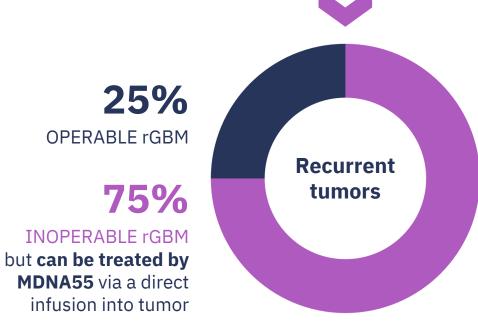
## Current Treatment Strategies for GBM are Ineffective



- Not all patients are eligible for surgery and chemotherapy regimen in the first place, while the vast majority of recurrent tumors are inoperable
- Survival for patients undergoing the standard therapy is extremely low: The two-year survival rate is 5-10%

### RELAPSE

Even after going through the standard treatment regimen, all tumors recur invariably



## MDNA55: A Targeted Immunotherapy for GBM

### **By Passes BBB**

Single intra-tumoral infusion avoids systemic toxicity and achieves tumor control

### **Targets IL4R**

Receptor is expressed in brain tumors and in the tumor microenvironment (TME), but not in healthy brain cells

### **Highly Selective**

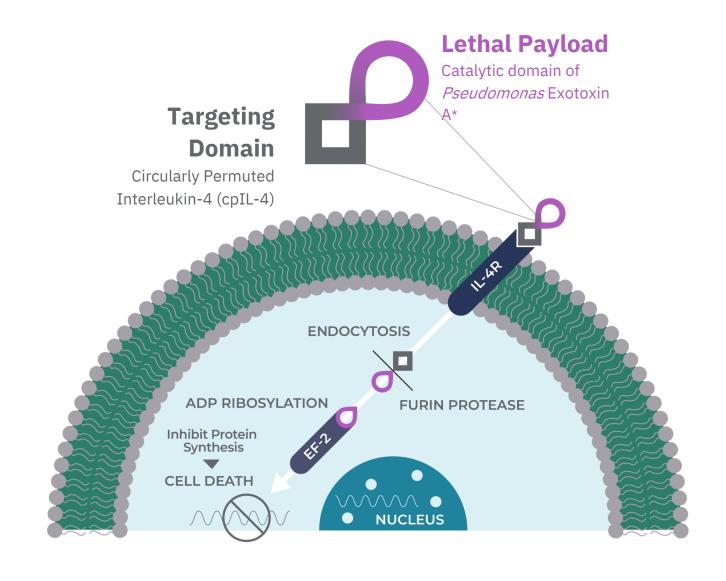
Avoids off-target toxicity

### **Disrupts the TME**

Targets IL4R positive MDSCs in GBM unblinds the immunosuppressive TME

### **Causes Immunogenic Cell Death**

Anti-tumor immunity is initiated and remains active after MDNA55 is cleared



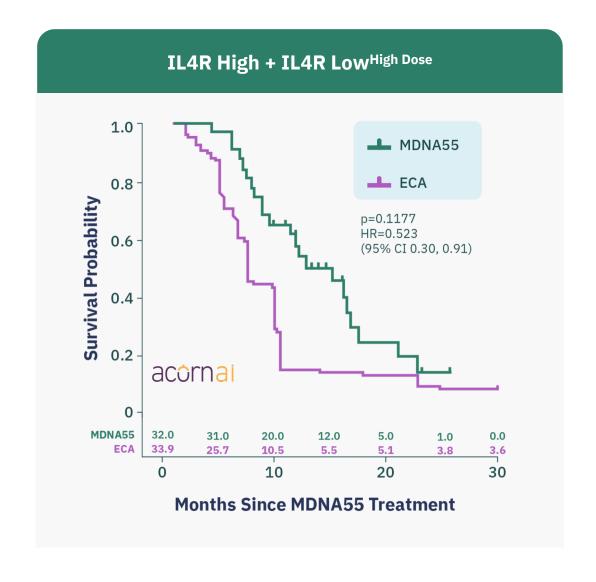


## Improvement of ~ 100% in mOS vs External Control Arm (ECA)

### Results\*

Weighted IL4R High + IL4R Low<sup>High Dose</sup> (n=32)
mOS is 15.7 months vs 7.2 months in ECA

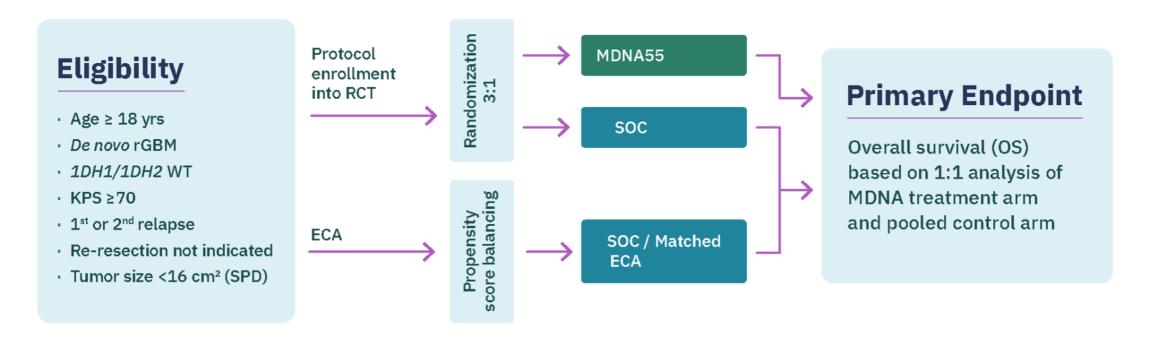
→ Survival time more than doubled in the IL4R High + IL4R Low<sup>High Dose</sup> group compared to ECA





## Planned MDNA55 Phase 3 Trial – Hybrid Design With ECA

Hybrid Design Trial with an External Control Arm



### **Study Assumptions**

- 90% power
- HR of MDNA55 vs. pooled control = 0.65
- 2-sided alpha = 0.05
- Effect size = 4.6 months in mOS time
- Drop-out rate =  $\sim$ 5%



### Financial Overview

# **Evolutionary Cytokines, Revolutionary Medicines**

Medicenna is a clinical stage immunotherapy company that uses directed evolution to generate engineered interleukins called Superkines that can amplify, blunt or fine tune the immune system in order to combat the most challenging diseases and provide hope to patients with unmet needs

Nasdaq MDNA

TSX MDNA

**Headquarters** Toronto, CA

Cash CDN \$26.7 million \*\*

Debt \$0

**Preferred Shares** 0

**Issued and Outstanding** 

53,979,576\*

**Fully Diluted** 

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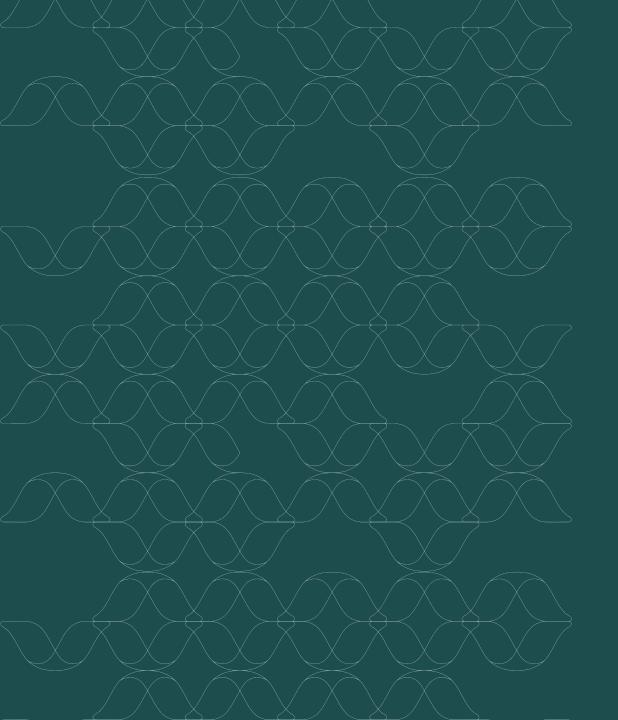
<sup>\*</sup>As of November 12, 2021

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### Near-Term Value Inflection Milestones

H1 2022 H2 2021 MDNA11 **Dosed 1st Patient in Phase 1/2** Clinical Study 📀 **Initial Efficacy Data Update Safety, PK/PD and Biomarker Data Update BISKIT Initiate IND Enabling Platform Identify new lead candidate Studies** 





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