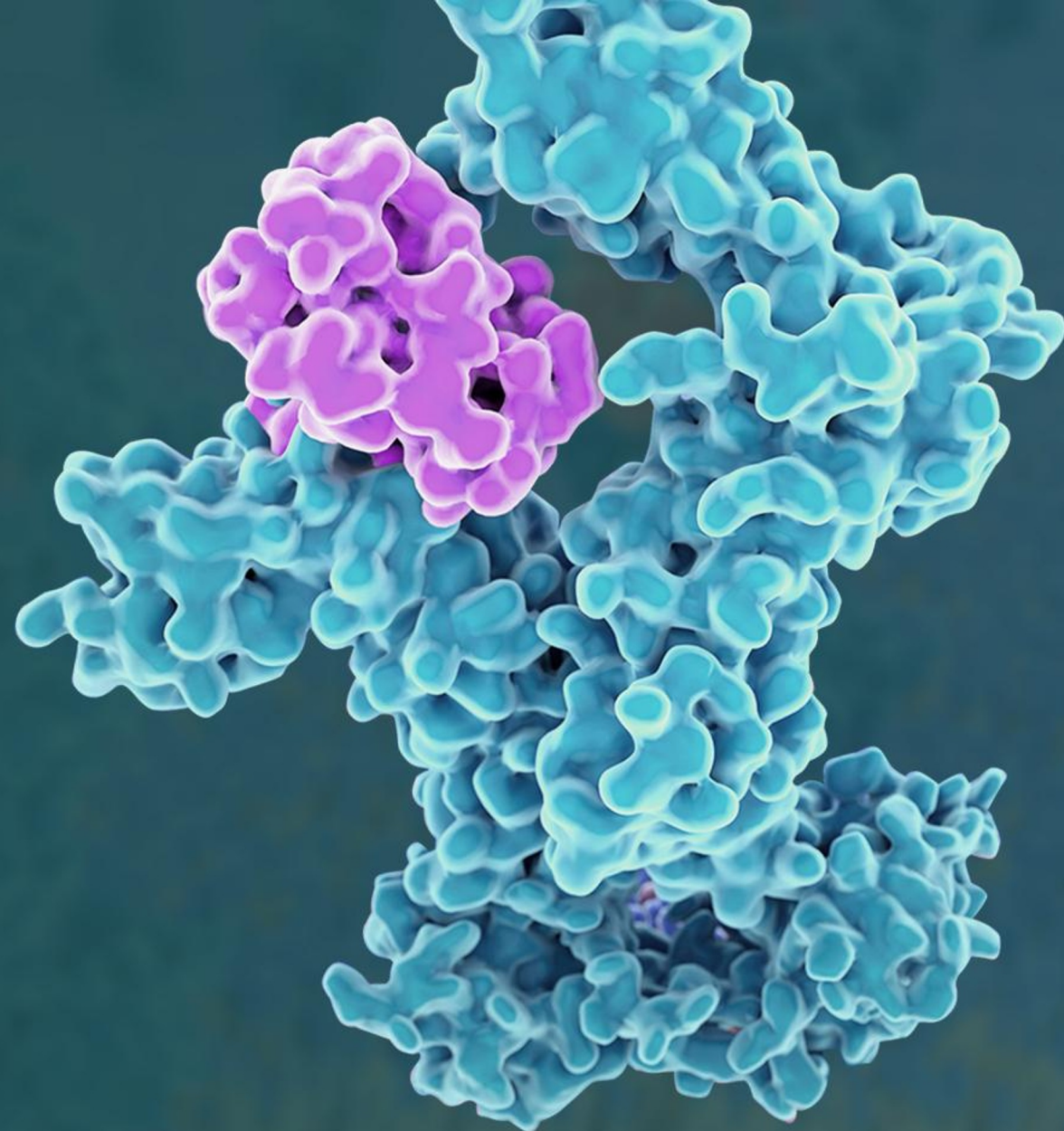


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IL-2 Superkines Engineered with Tunable Selectivity for IL-2R α , β and γ Chains Enabling Pro-and Anti-Immune Functions

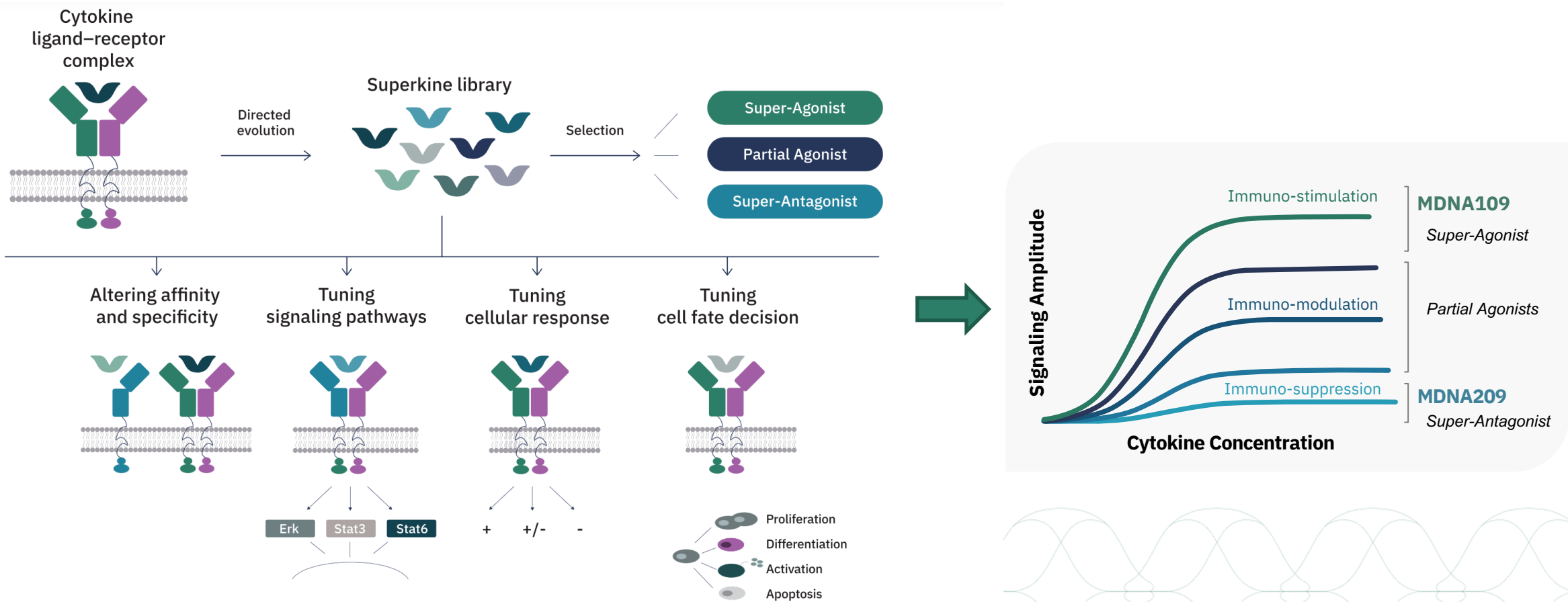
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The Promise of IL-2 Therapy (Paris, France)

Directed Evolution + Yeast Display = Tunable Superkines

- Platform has generated a library of Superkines with diverse immune modulating capabilities

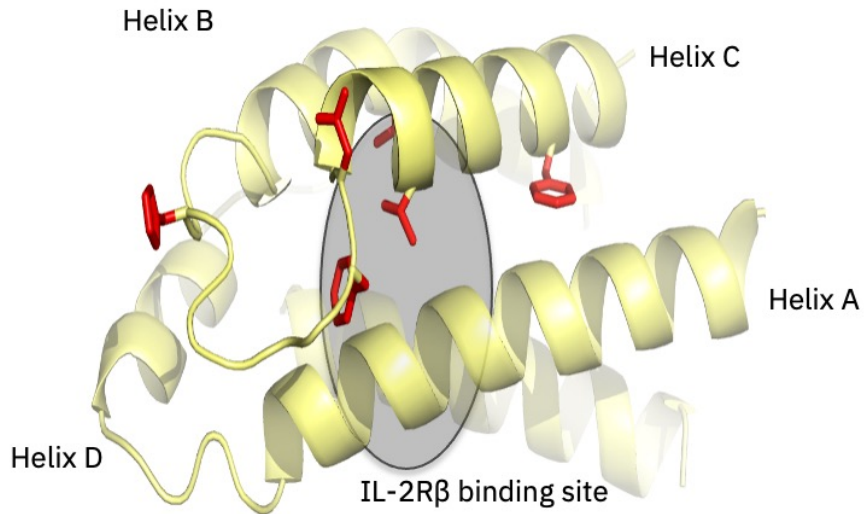


MDNA109 is a First-Generation IL-2 Superkine

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Exploiting a natural conformational switch to engineer an interleukin-2 'superkine'



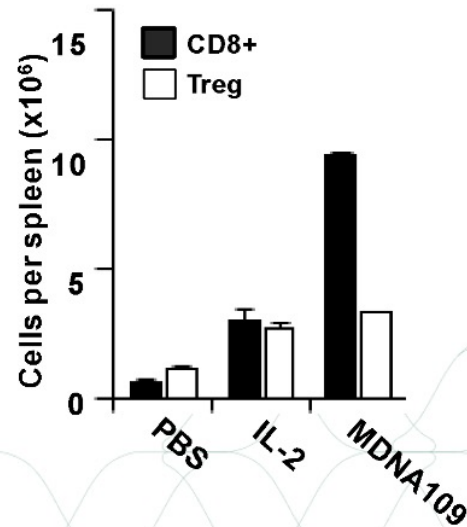
Core Mutations: L80F, R81D, L85V, I86V, I92F

[Levin et. al, Nature, 2012 484\(7395\): 529–533.](#)

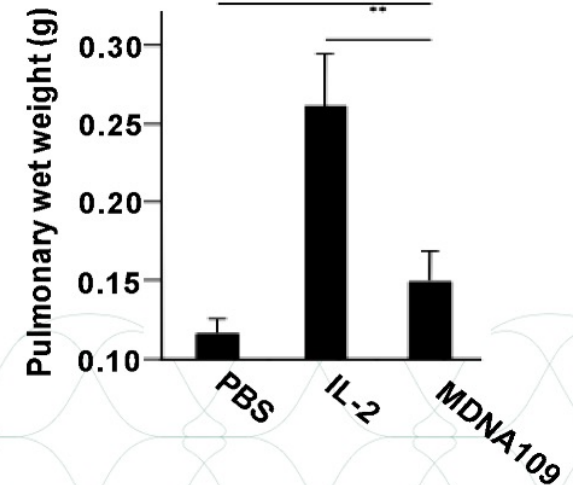
Enhanced Affinity for CD122 (IL-2R β); Retains binding to CD25 (IL-2R α)

SPR data K_D (nM)	CD122 (IL-2R β)	CD25 (IL-2R α)
IL-2	280	6.6
MDNA109	1.4	6.6

Selective Expansion of CD8⁺ T-cells over T_{regs}



Reduced Adverse Side Effects

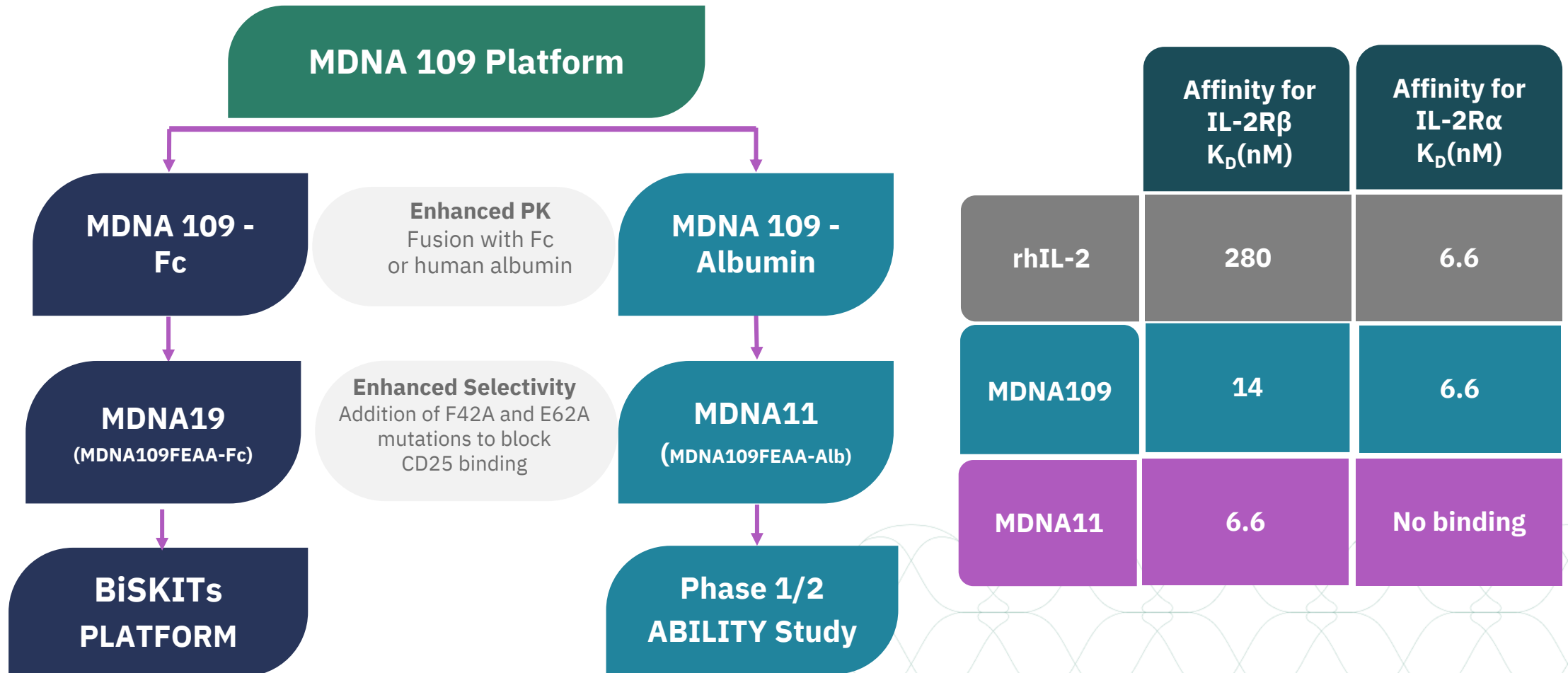


Mice were dosed with 20 μ g of IL-2 or MDNA109 (IP, for 5 days).
Data shown above based on analysis performed on day 6



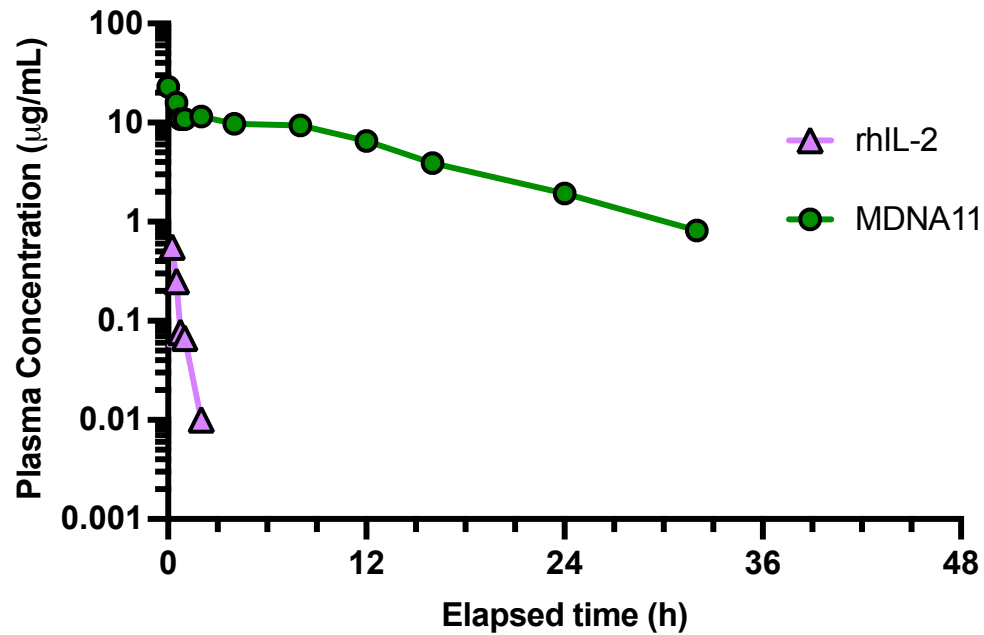
Engineering MDNA109 to Extend PK & Enhance Selectivity

- Enhanced IL-2R β Binding and Abolish IL-2R α Binding



MDNA11: Fusion to Albumin Extends Half Life and Bioavailability

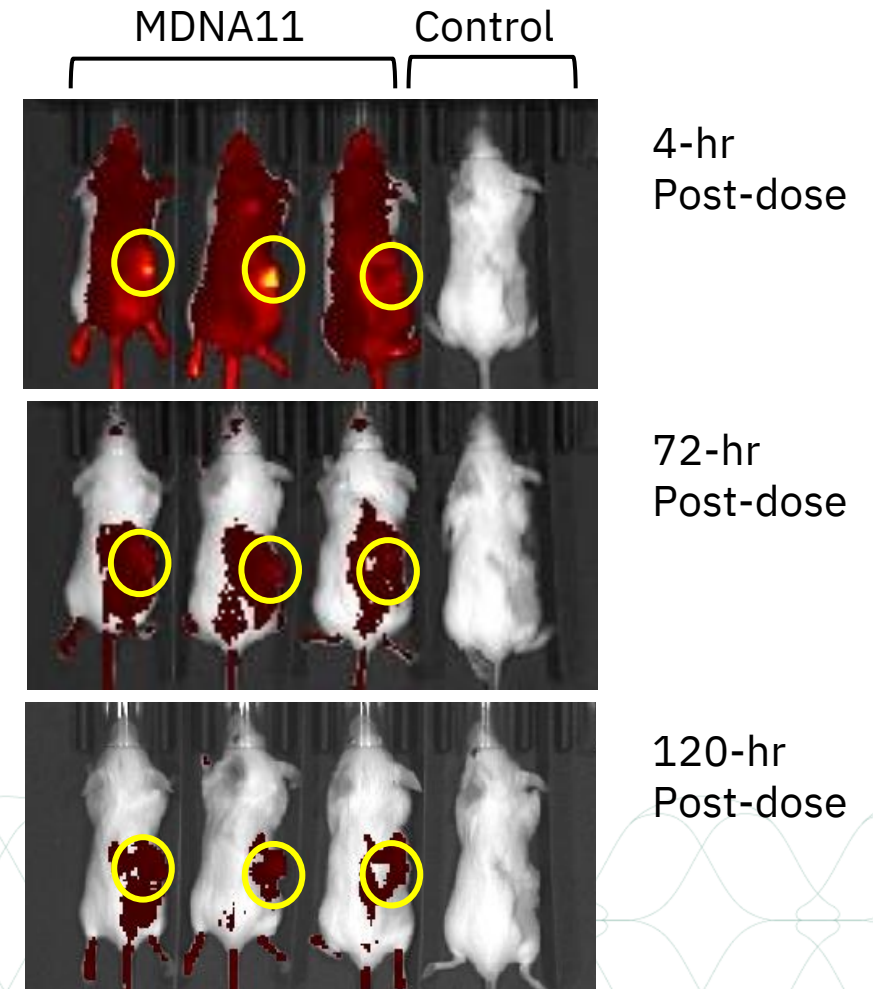
Improves PK Profile in Mice



	C_{max} (µg/mL)	AUC (µg.hr/mL)	T_{half} (hr)
rhIL-2	5.77	1.07	0.28
MDNA11	23.02	182.3	6.83

Naive C57Bl/6 mice IV dosed at 1 mg/kg IV

Durable Accumulation in CT26 Tumor Bearing Mice



MDNA11 labelled with VivoTag800

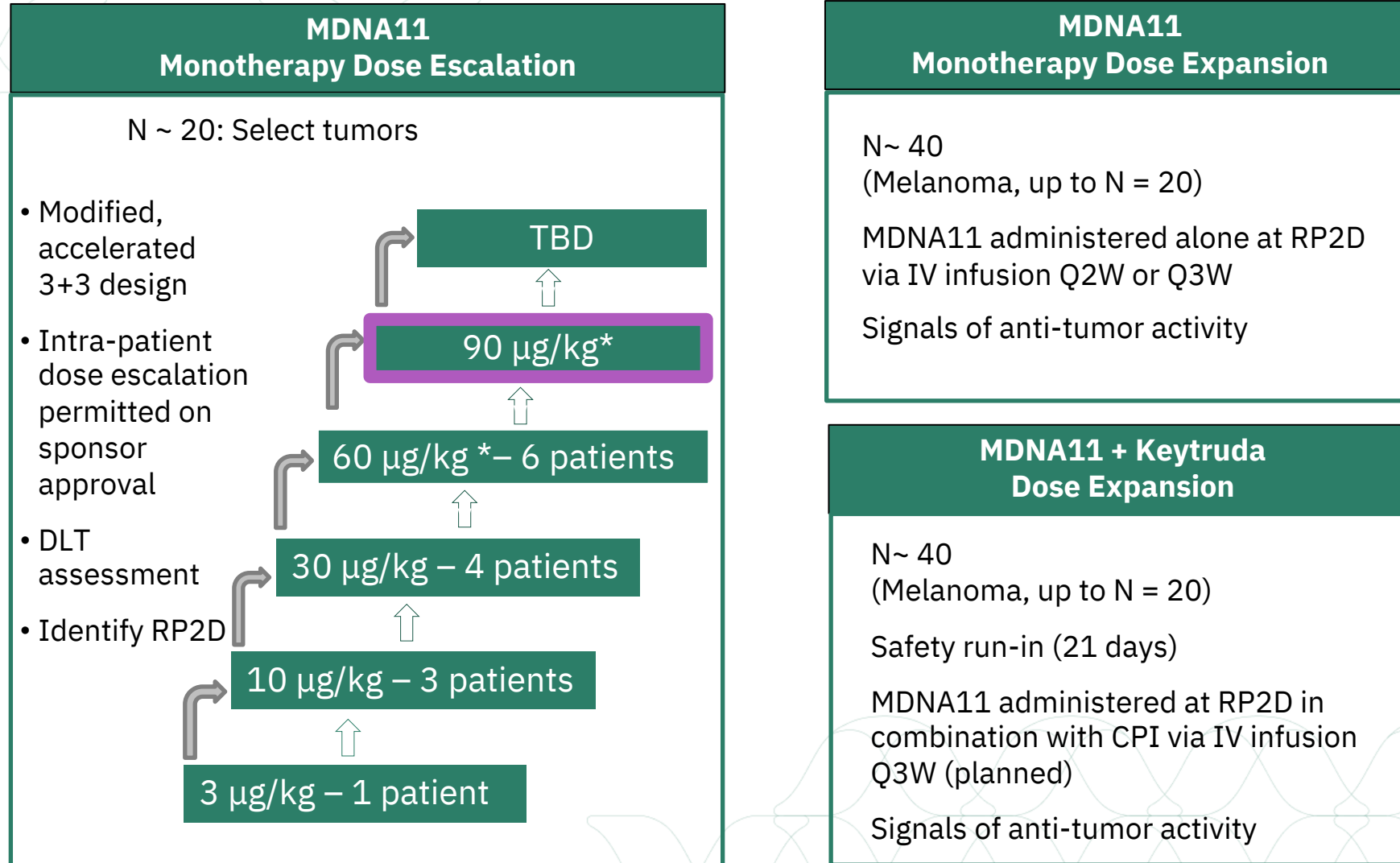
IV dose: 1 mg/kg

Tumor size: 150-200 mm³



Phase 1/2 ABILITY Study Schema: Enrolling DL5

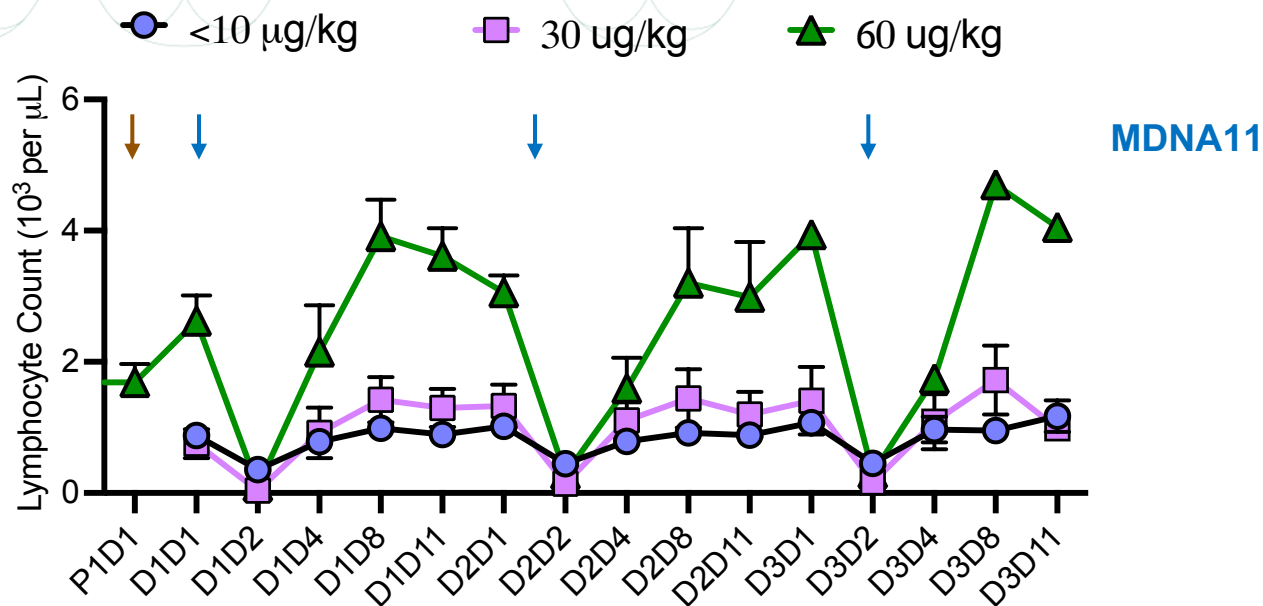
Basket, Accelerated Sequential Dose Escalation and Expansion Study of MDNA11 +/- Pembrolizumab



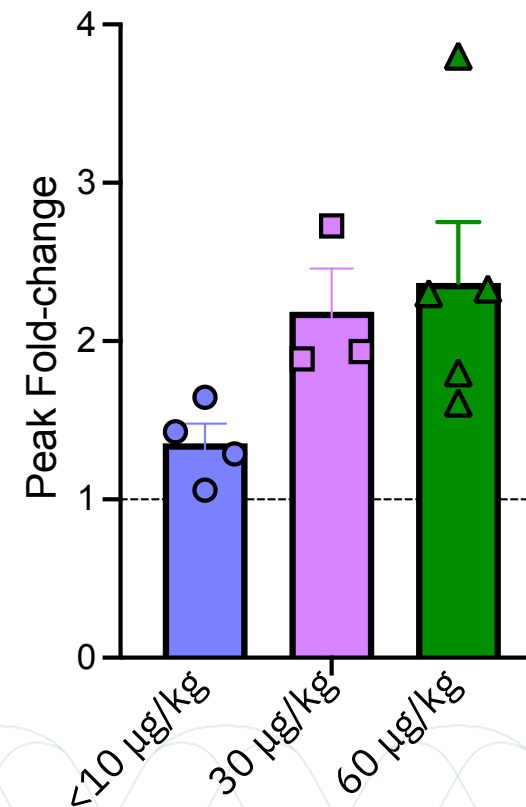
*Step-up dosing utilized: two priming doses of 30 µg/kg given before the indicated target dose



MDNA11 Induces Dose Dependent Increase in Lymphocyte Count



Peak Fold-Change



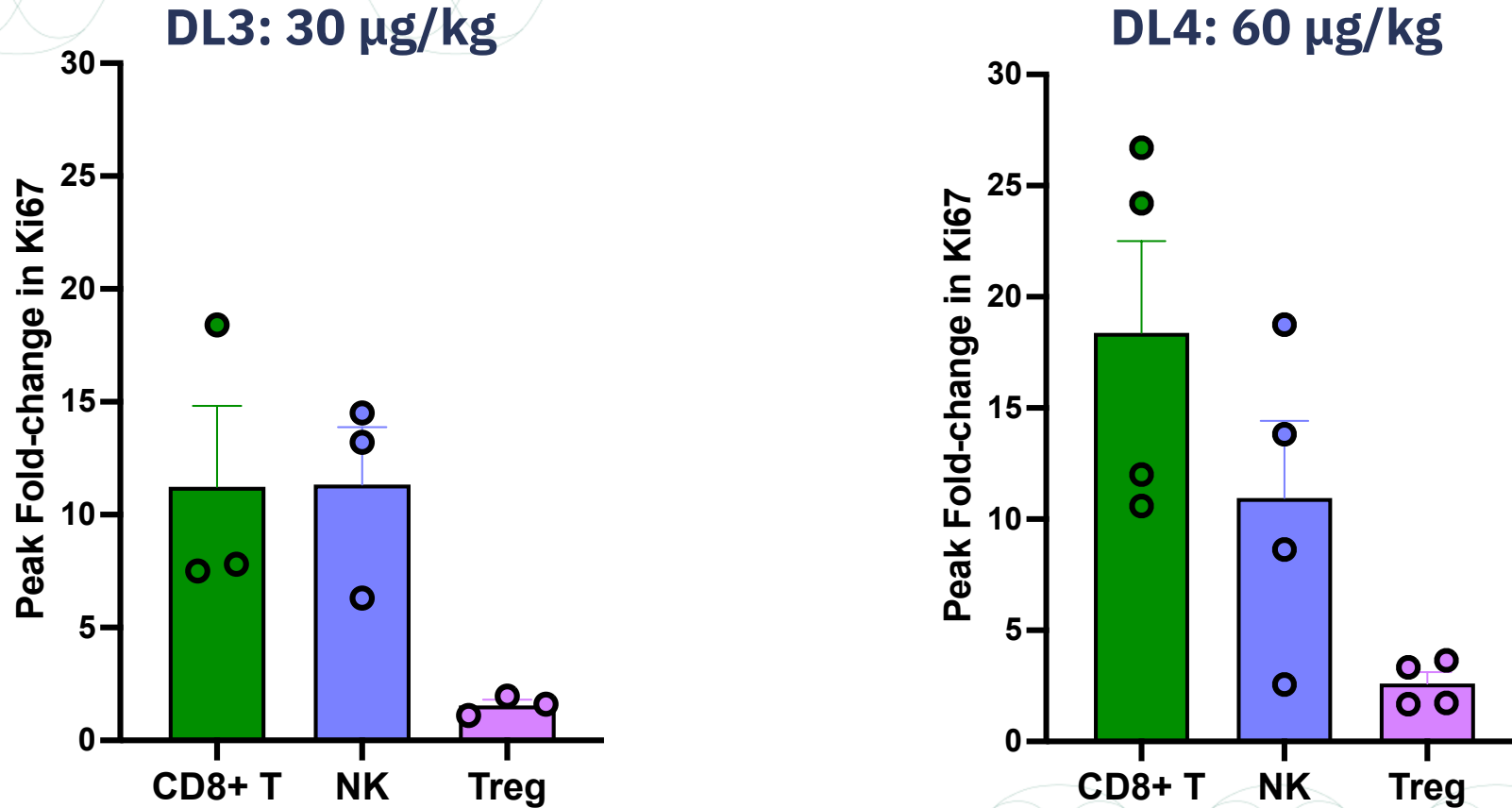
Peak fold-change relative to baseline
 For < 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ and 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, peak data for Dose 3
 For 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$, peak data for Target Dose 1

	Average AUC (day. 10^3 cells/ μL) (Average of Dose 1 & 2)
< 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$	3
30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$	4.8
60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$	12.2

DL4 patients received 2 priming doses (30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ Q2W) prior to target dose (60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ Q2W)
 AUC measured as area between minimum lymphocyte count values



MDNA11 Preferentially Stimulates CD8⁺ T & NK Cell Proliferation (Ki67)



Peak fold-change relative to respective baseline (D1D1 for DL3; P1D1 for DL4)

DL4 patients received 2 priming doses (30 µg/kg Q2W) prior to start of target dose of 60 µg/kg (Q2W)

DL3 data based on 3rd dose cycle



MDNA11 Preferentially Expands CD8⁺ T and NK Cells Over Tregs

- Increase in number of CD8⁺ T and NK cells with minimal change in Treg counts

CD8⁺ T Cells

NK Cells

Tregs

DL3: 30 µg/kg

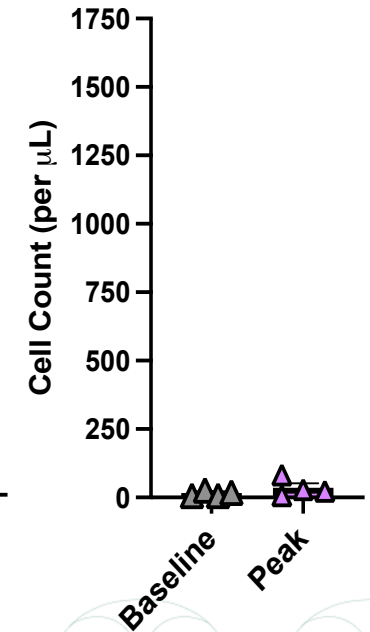
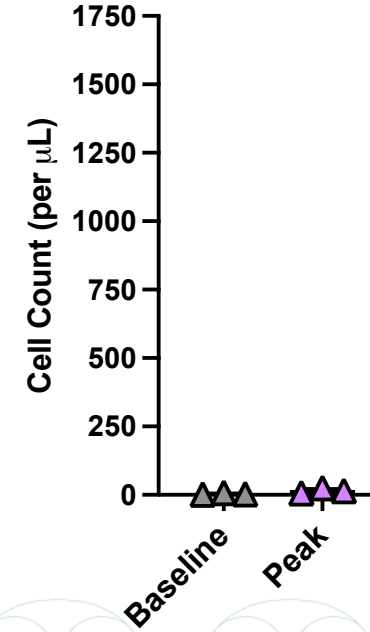
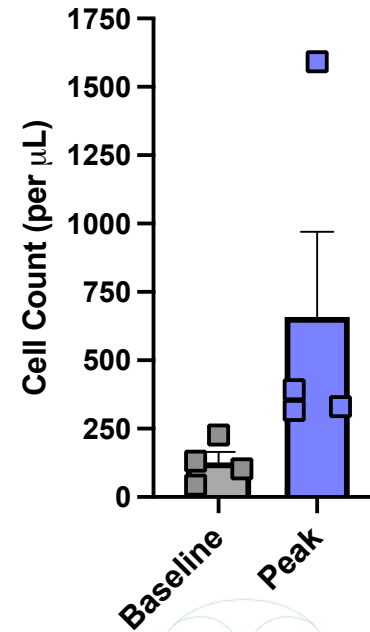
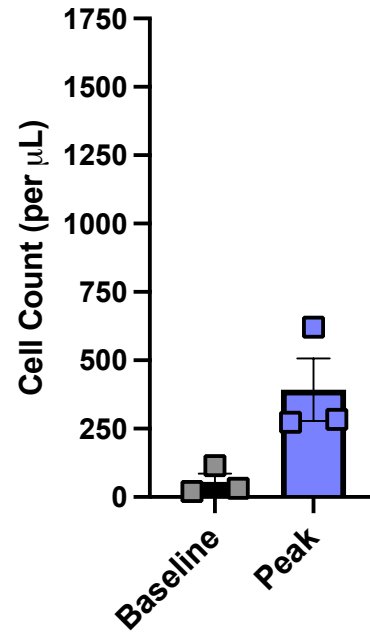
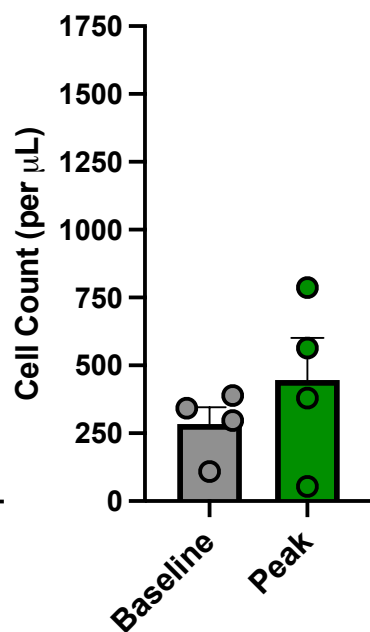
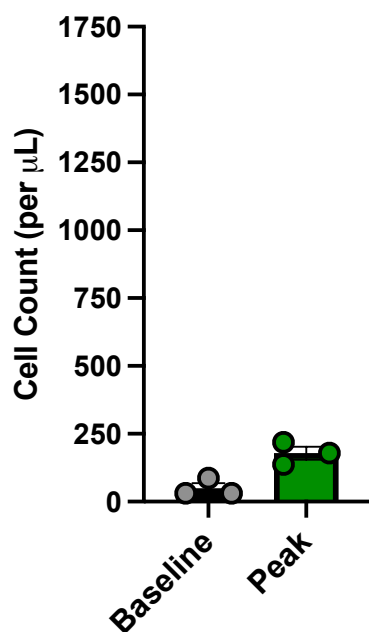
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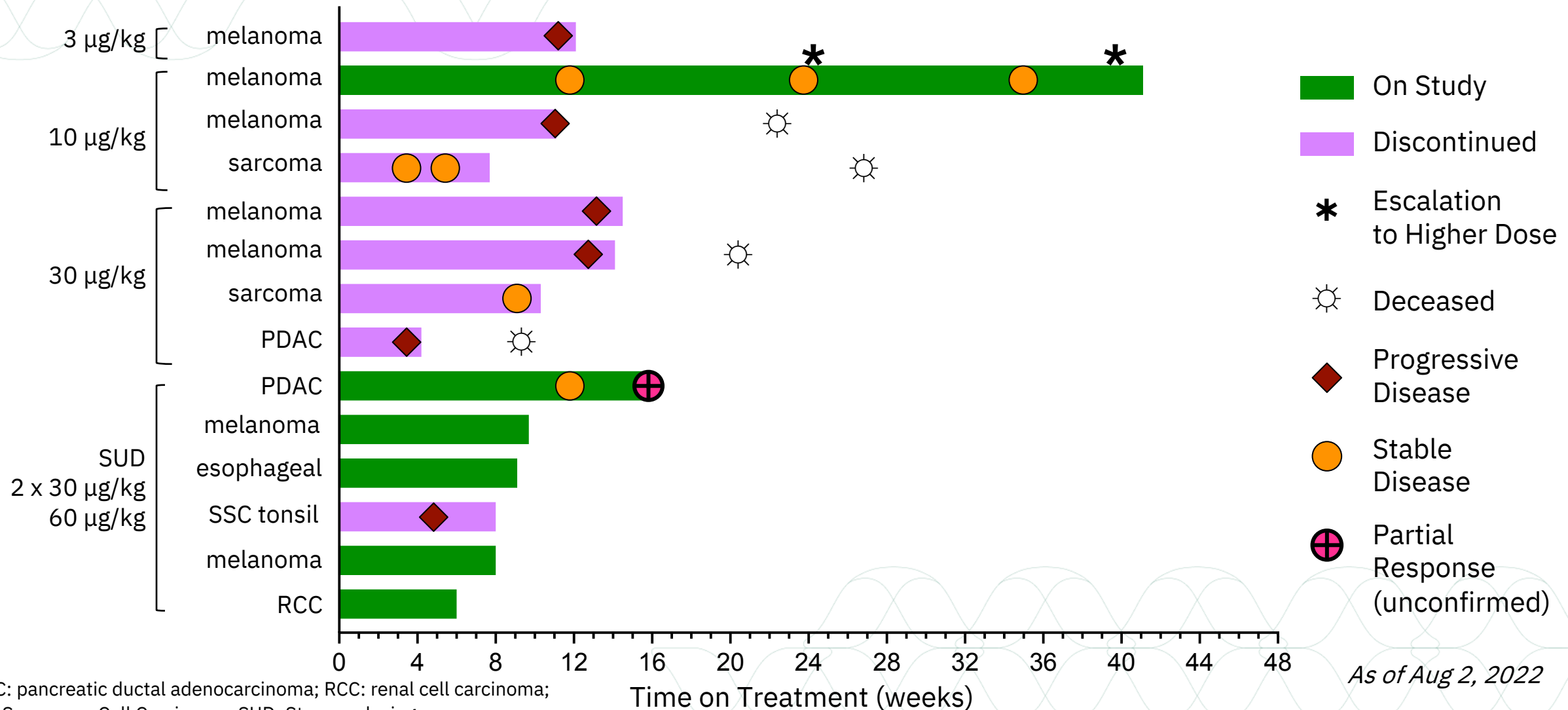
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DL3 data based on 3rd dose cycle; DL4 data based on 1st dose



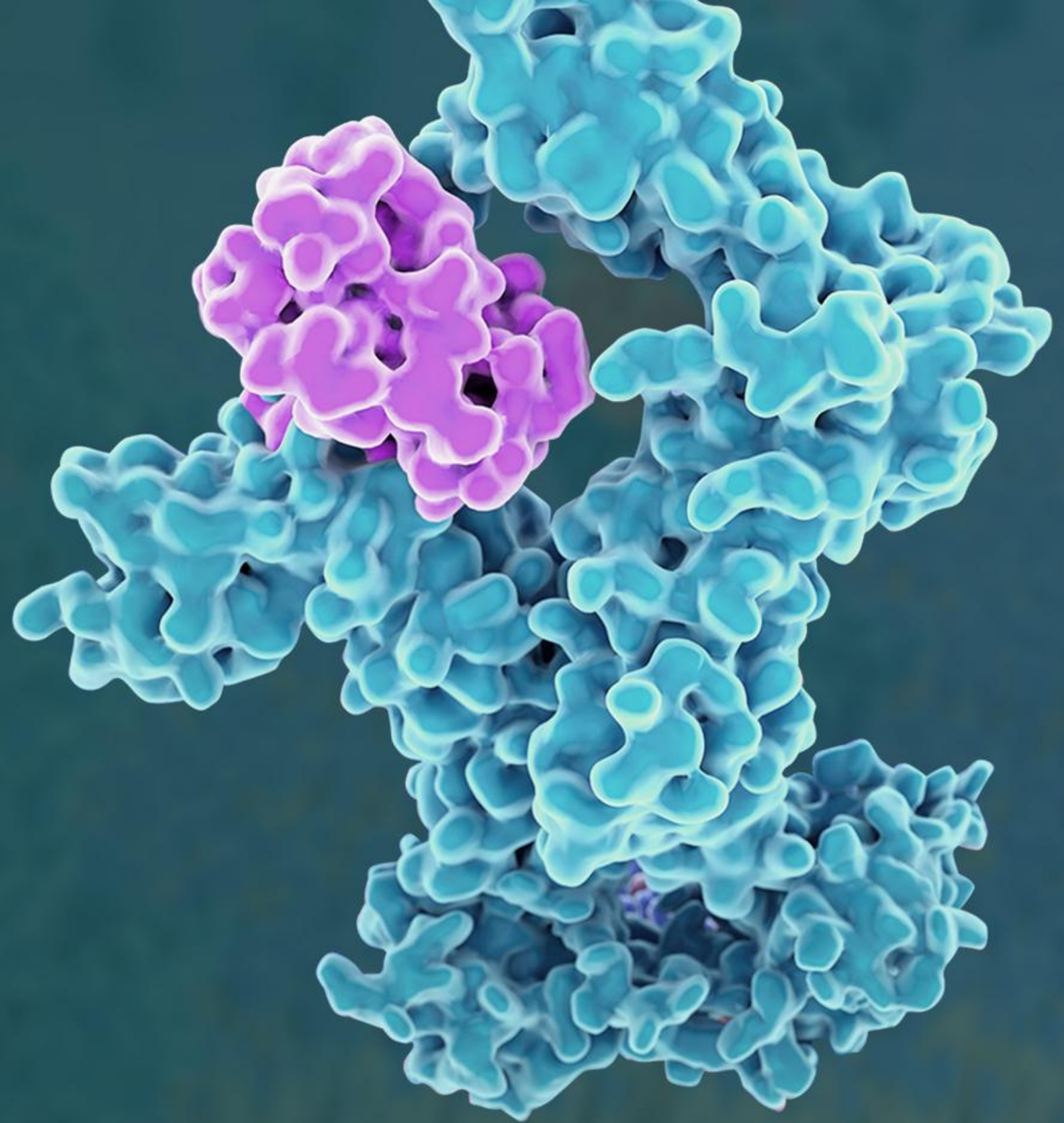
Duration of Treatment and Summary of Treatment Response

➤ Of the 10 evaluable patients, 3 show stable disease (SD) and 1 shows partial response (PR; unconfirmed)



PDAC: pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma; RCC: renal cell carcinoma;
SSC: Squamous Cell Carcinoma; SUD: Step-up dosing

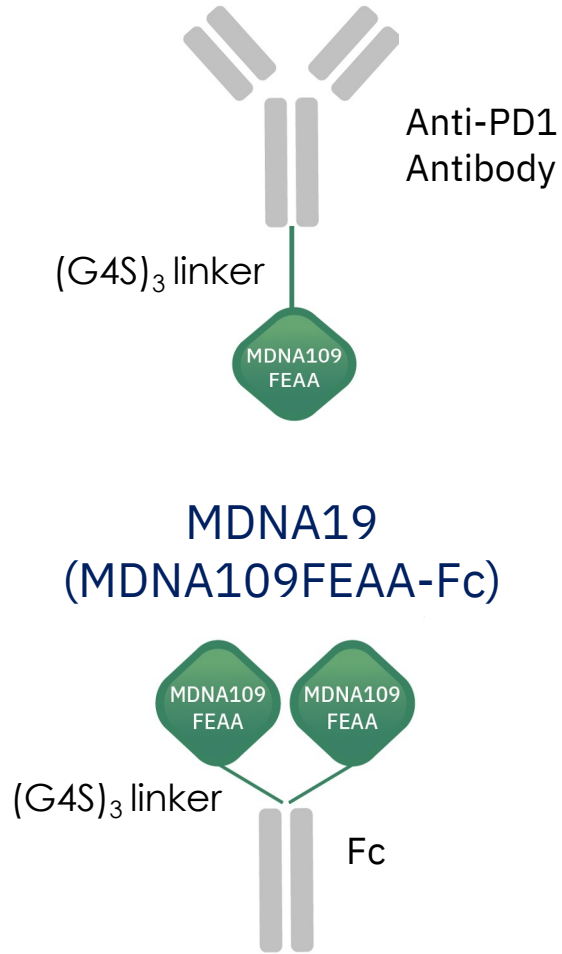
Bifunctional SuperKines
for **ImmunoTherapy**
(BiSKIT)



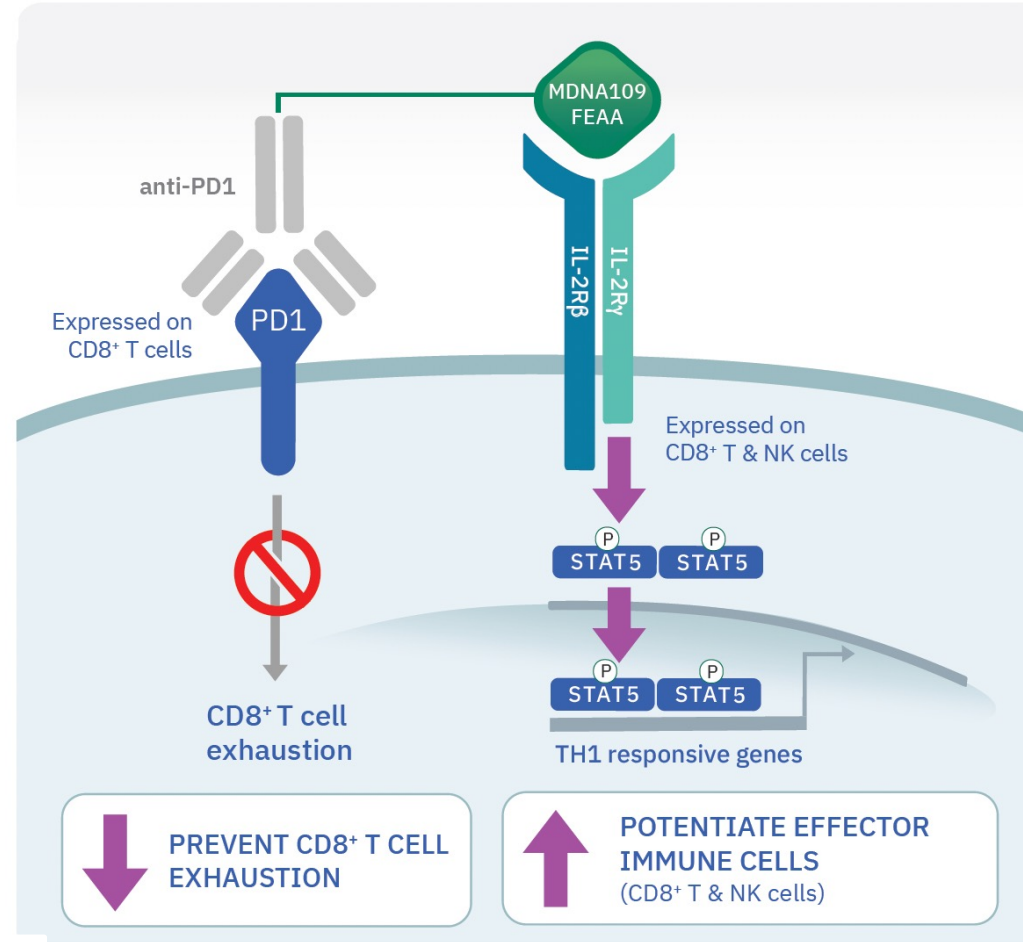
Overview of Anti-PD1-MDNA109FEAA (MDNA223) and Proposed MOA

MDNA223
(Anti-PD1-MDNA109FEAA)

cis-Binding to IL-2R and PD1 on Same CD8⁺ T Cell



MDNA223



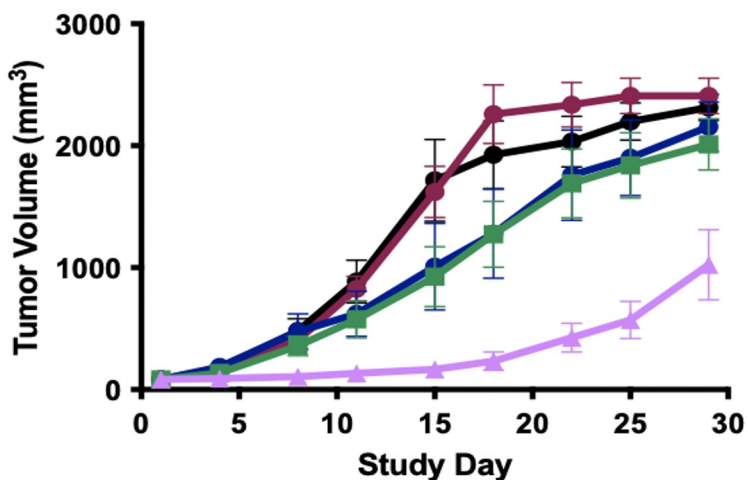
Synchronized
IL-2R Activation
+
PD1 Blockade
↓
Superior
Therapeutic
Efficacy



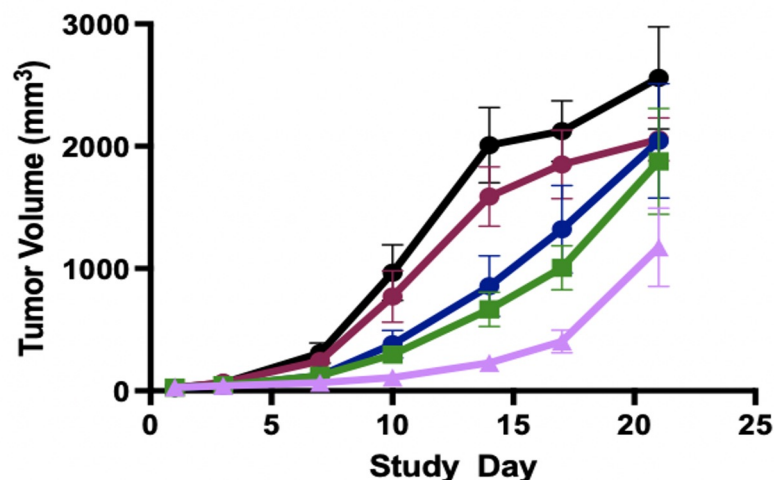
MDNA223m Demonstrates Superior Efficacy in Multiple Tumor Models

➤ MDNA223m is more efficacious than co-administration of anti-mPD1 and MDNA19 (MDNA109FEAA-Fc)

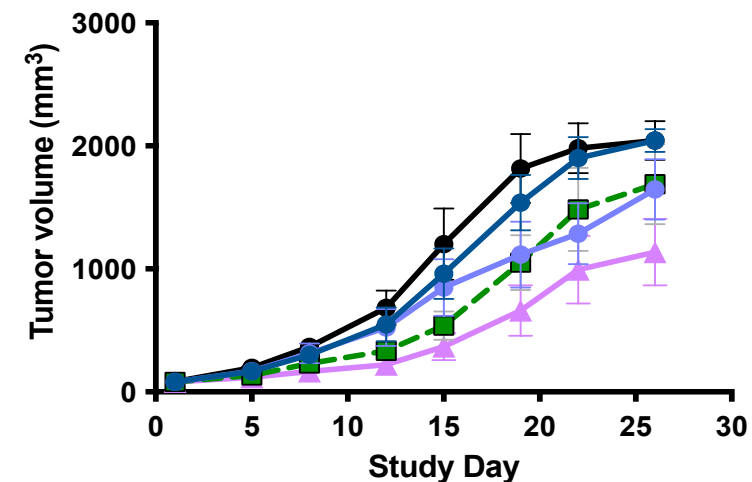
CT26 Colon Tumor Model



B16F10 Melanoma Model



E0771 Breast Tumor Model



Vehicle
 MDNA19 (1 mg/kg)
 MDNA223m (2 mg/kg)

Anti-mPD1 (1.8 mg/kg)
 Anti-mPD1 (1.8 mg/kg) + MDNA19

Vehicle
 MDNA19 (1 mg/kg)

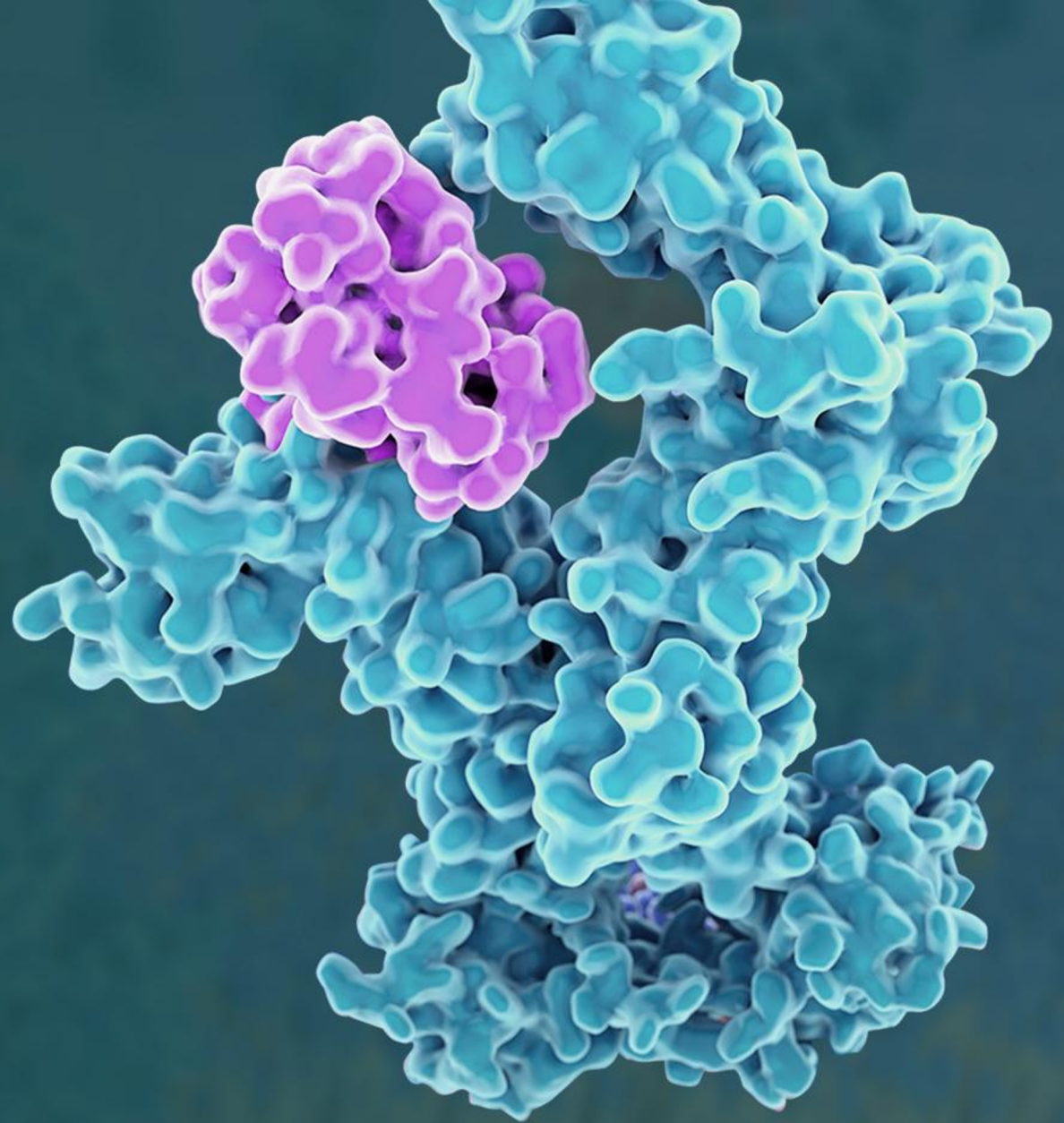
Anti-PD1 (10 mg/kg)
 Anti-PD1 (10 mg/kg) + MDNA19

MDNA223m (2 mg/kg)

Treatment with molar equivalent doses of anti-PD1 (150 KDa), MDNA19 (83 Kda) or MDNA223m (165 KDa).
 IP treatment QWx2 (CT26 and E0771) and QWx3 (B16F10)
 Avg tumor size at initiation of dosing: 127 mm³ (CT26), 80 mm³ (E0771) or 30 mm³ (B16F10)



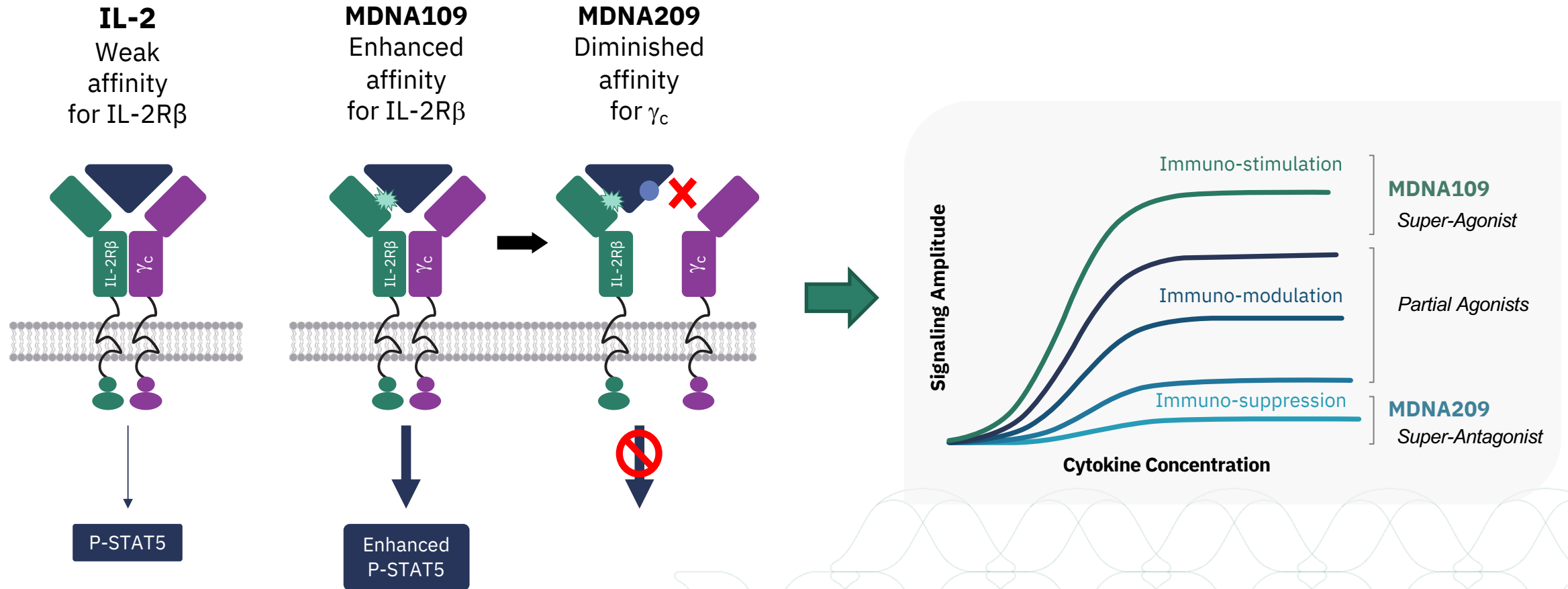
MDNA209:
IL-2 Super-Antagonist



MDNA209: An IL-2/IL-15 Antagonist with a Unique MOA

Dominant-negative Inhibitor of IL-2R Signaling

- Binds IL-2R β with high affinity and blocks engagement of γ_c to suppress downstream signaling



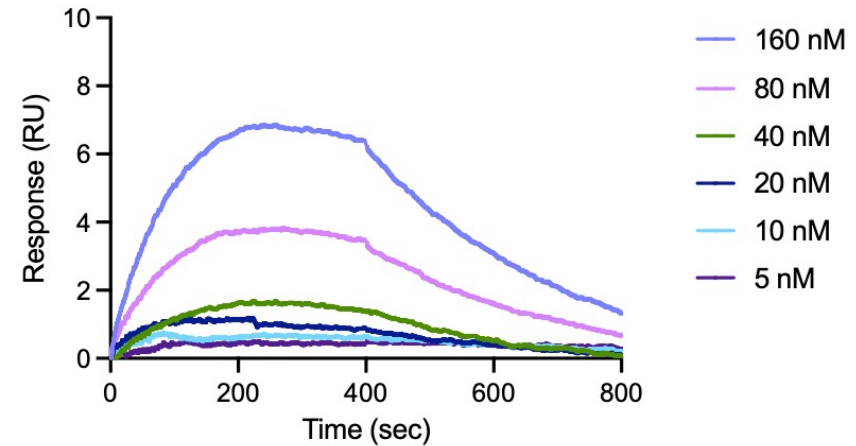
MDNA209 Blocks Formation of Functional IL-2R $\beta\gamma_c$ Complex

Individual Receptor Subunit Binding

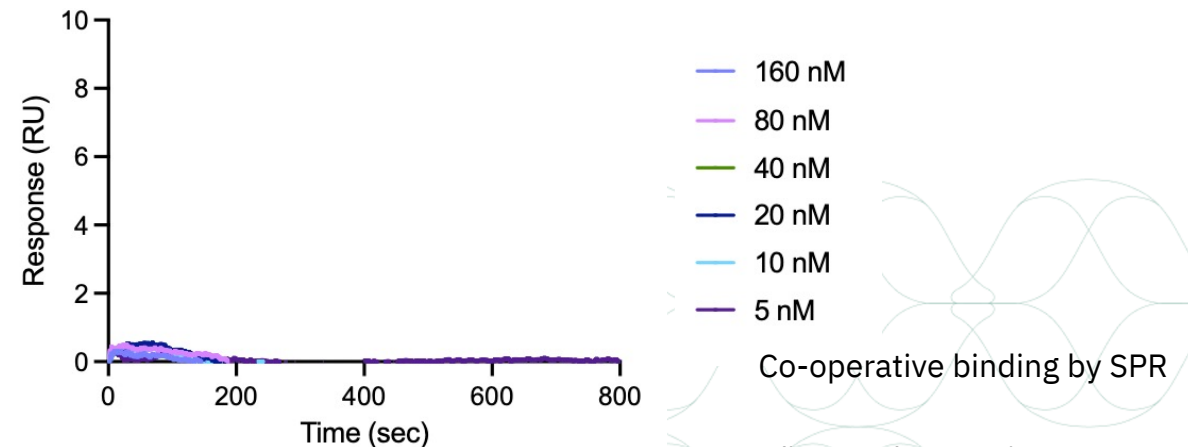
	Affinity for IL-2R β K _D (nM)	Affinity for IL-2R α K _D (nM)
IL2-Fc	135	26
MDNA109-Fc	2.7	14
MDNA209-Fc	3.9	39.1

Affinity measured using SPR

High Affinity of γ_c to Dimeric MDNA109-Fc/IL-2R β Complex



No Binding of γ_c to Dimeric MDNA209-Fc/IL-2R β Complex



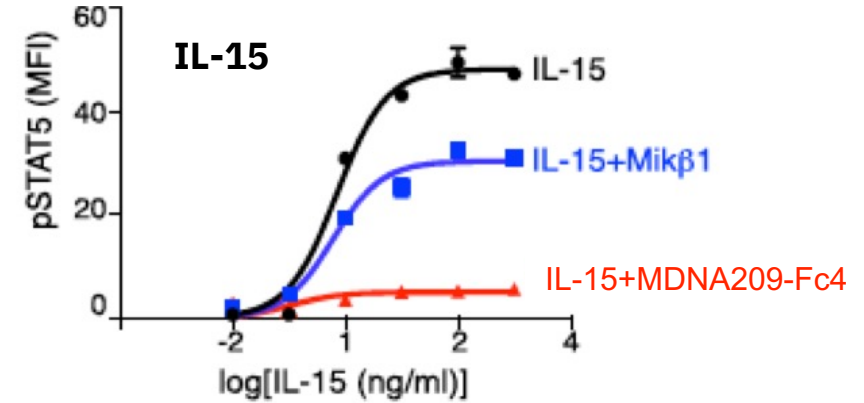
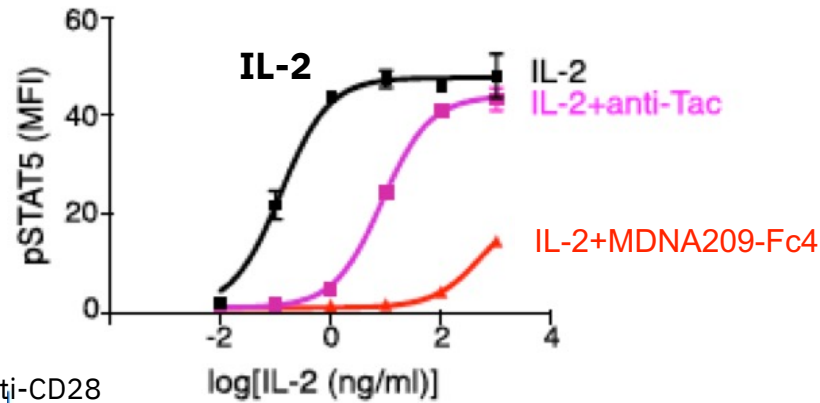
Co-operative binding by SPR



MDNA209 Blocks IL-2/IL-15 Mediated Signaling and Proliferation

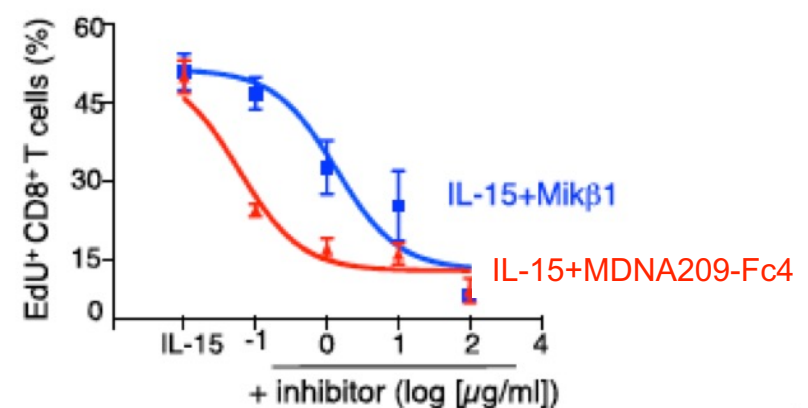
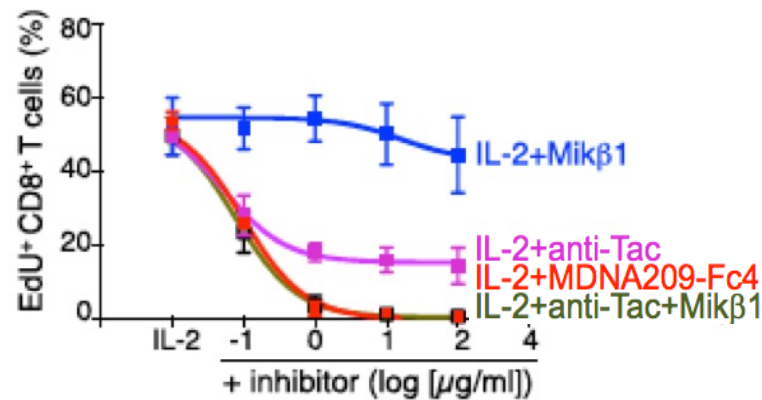
- MDNA209-Fc4 Inhibits IL-2 and IL-15 Induced Signaling & Function More Potently than anti-Tac (anti-IL2R α) and Mikb1 (anti-IL2R β) Blocking Antibodies

Signaling



Human CD8+ T cells
pre-activated with anti-CD3 + anti-CD28

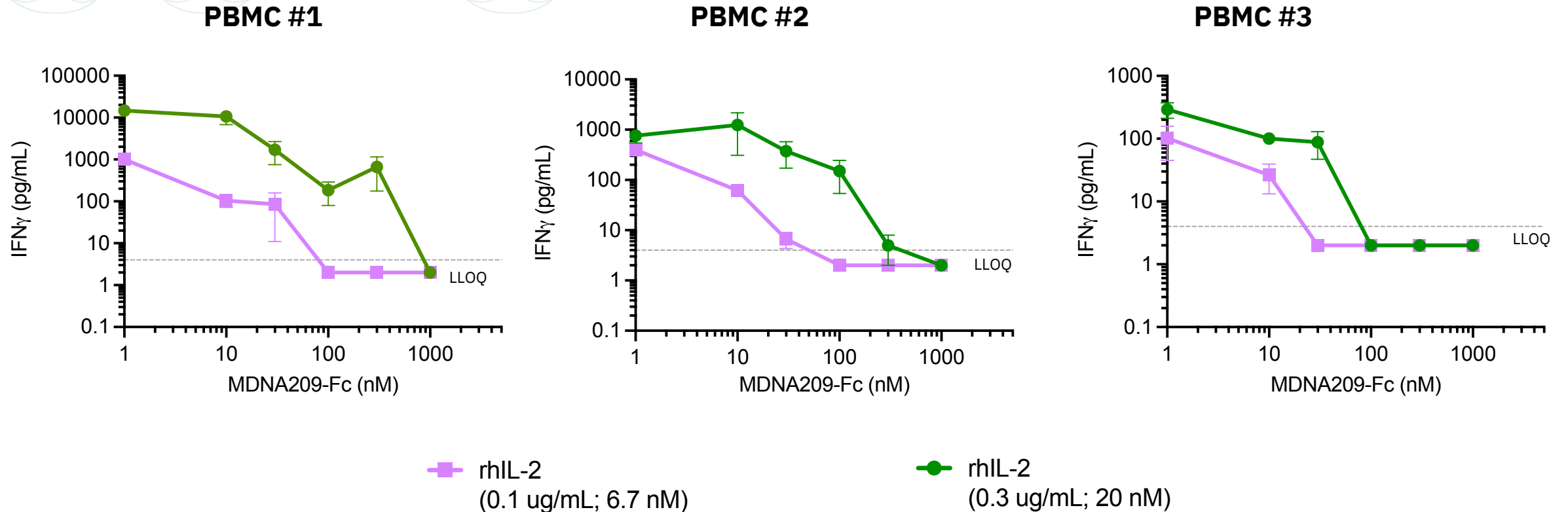
Proliferation



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Blockade of IL-2 Induced IFN γ Secretion by MDNA209-Fc



PBMC treated with increasing concentration of MDNA209-Fc in presence of indicated rhIL-2 concentration for 48 hours

IFN γ quantify by ELISA

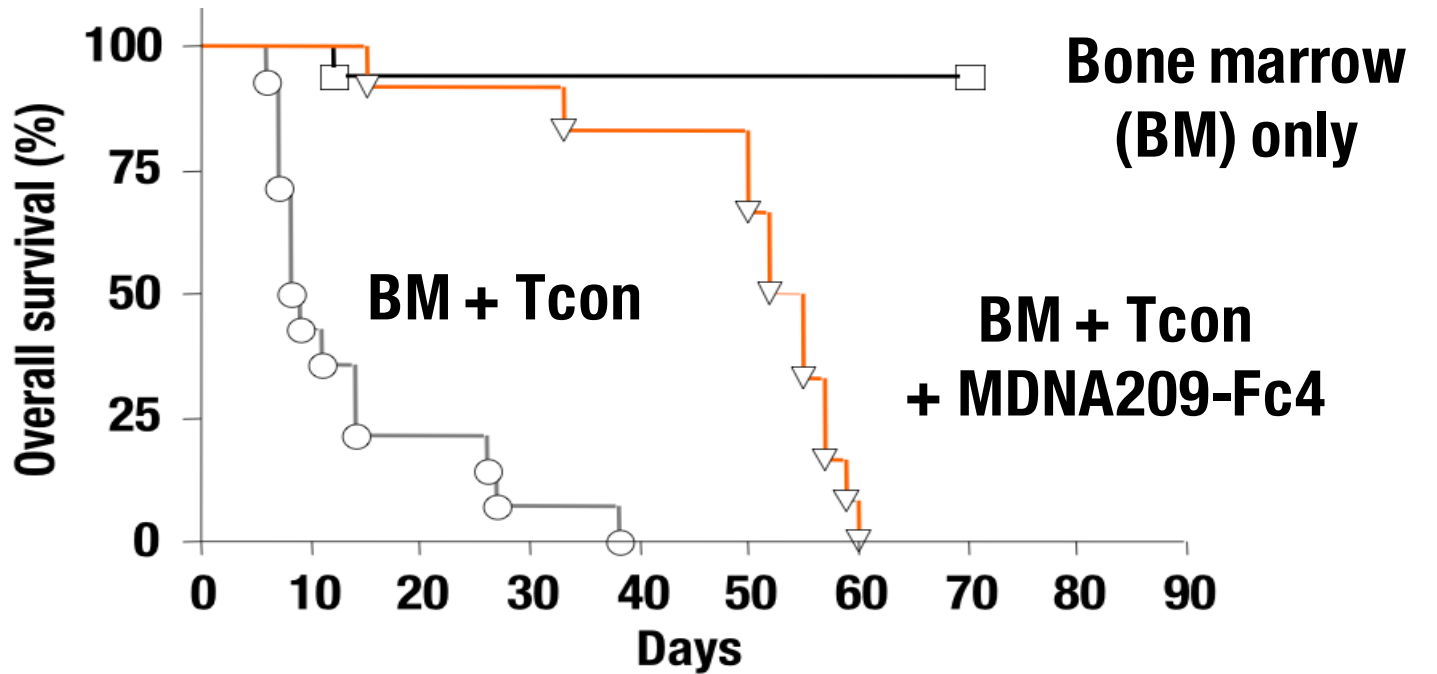
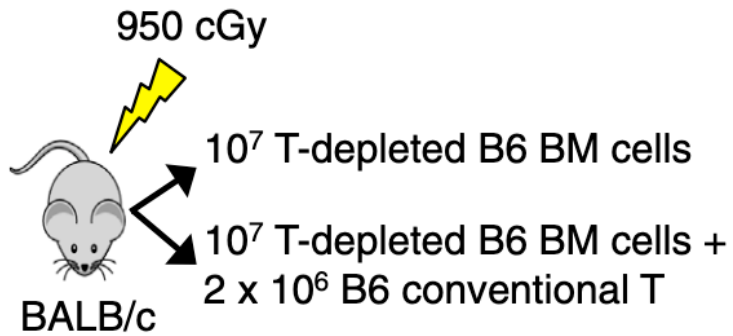
Values below Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ) plotted as 0.5 x LLOQ

Values above Upper Limit of Quantification (ULLOQ) plotted as 2 x LLOQ



Long-Acting MDNA209 Demonstrates In Vivo Efficacy in GVHD Model

Allogeneic Model with BALB/c Host
and C57Bl/6 Donor



10-day treatment with MDNA209-Fc4 (100 μ g twice per day by IP injection)

GVHD: Graft Vs. Host Disease;
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MDNA209's Differentiated MOA Offers Opportunity

IL-2-Targeting Competitive Class

Agonists of Regulatory T-cells

- ✗ Indirect targeting of effector immune cells
- ✗ Dependent on regulatory T-cells *not always present during acute autoimmunity*
- ✗ Do not *directly* reduce the destructive activity of self-reactive T or NK cells

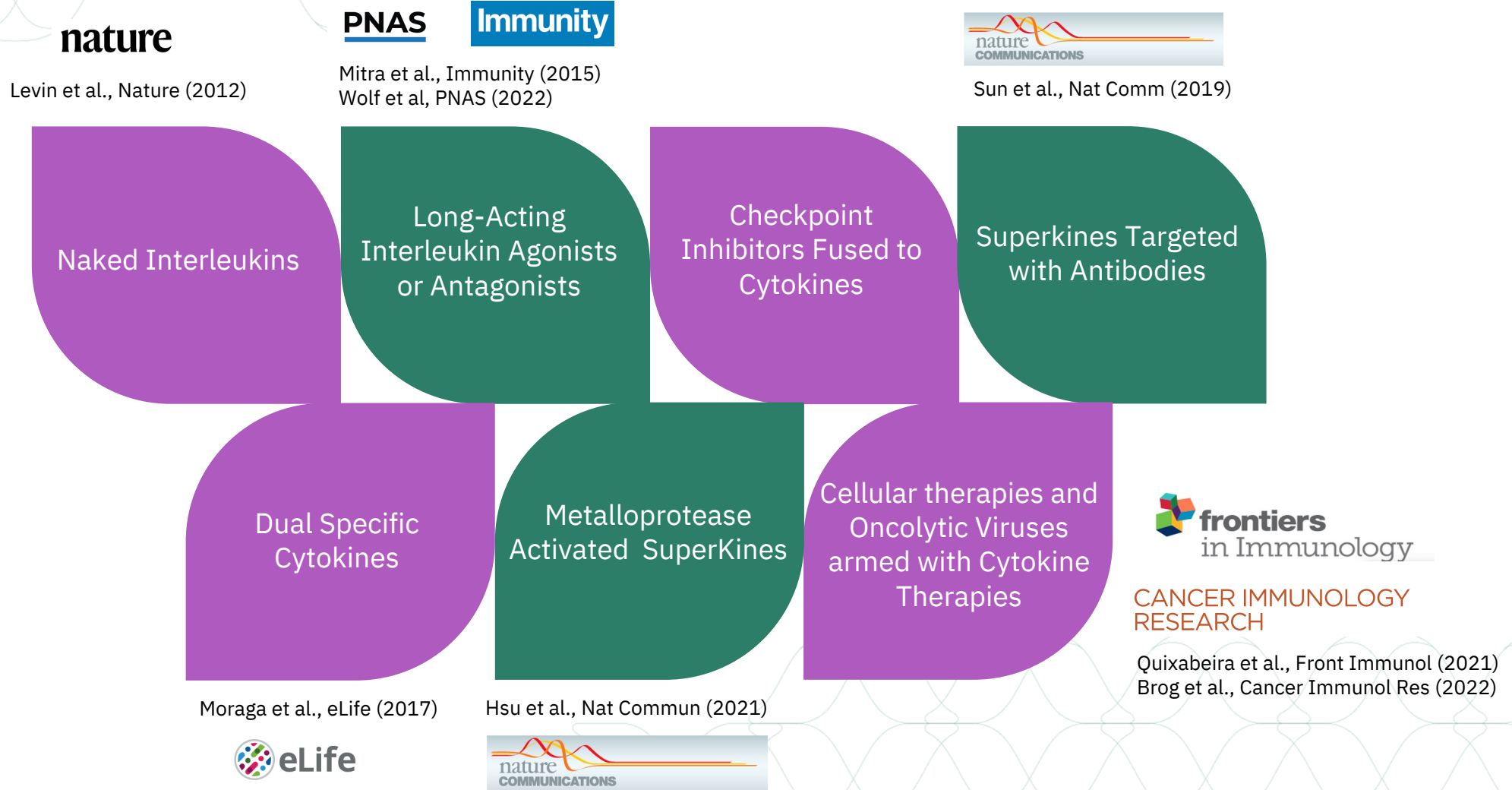
MDNA209

Antagonist of Effector Cells

- ✓ *Directly* targets disease-driving effector immune cells
 - Blocks CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells and NK cells
- ✓ Opportunity for broad use in autoimmune indications with minimal T-reg involvement



IL-2 Superkines Independently Validated Across Diverse Treatment Modalities



Thank You

