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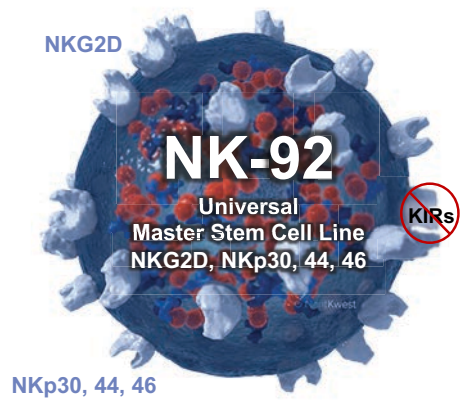
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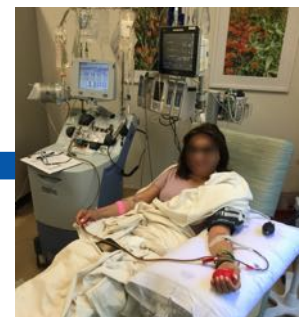
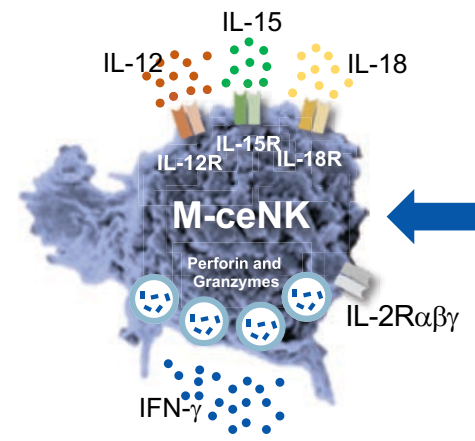
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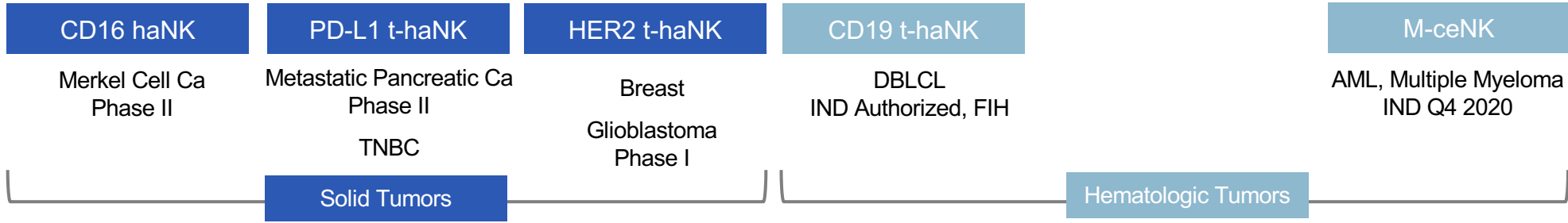
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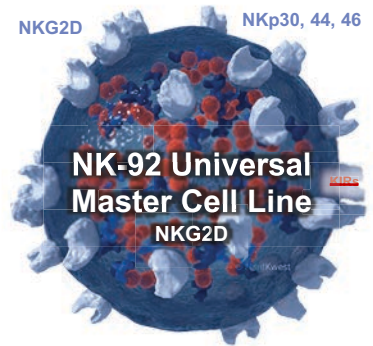
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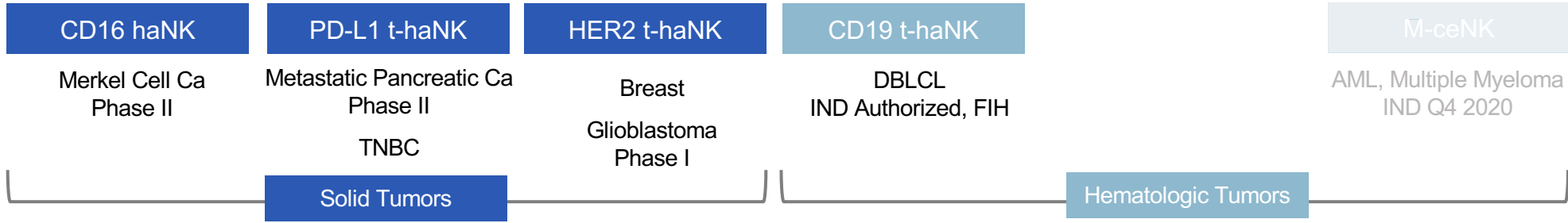
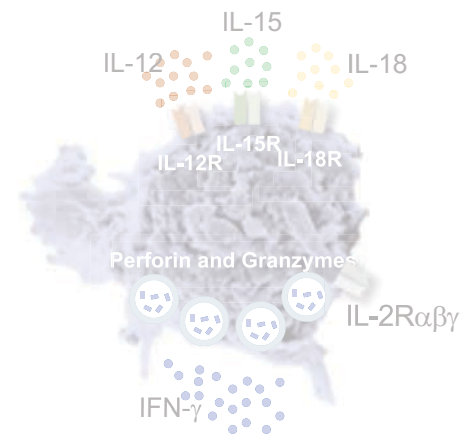
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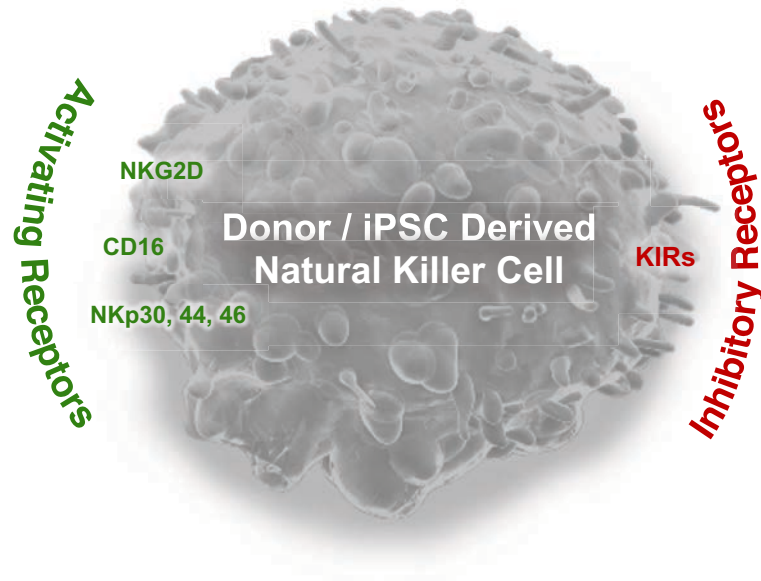


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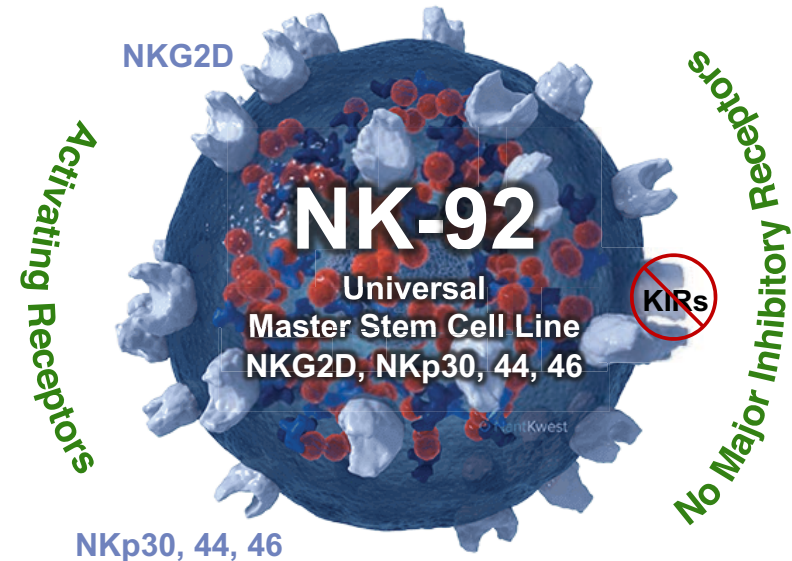
NantKwest Universal NK-92 Master Stem Cell Line

Donor / iPSC Derived Natural Killer Cell (NK Cell)



- Innate
- Rapid killing
- Activating & Inhibitory Receptors

NantKwest Universal NK-92 Cell Line Off The Shelf, Cryopreserved

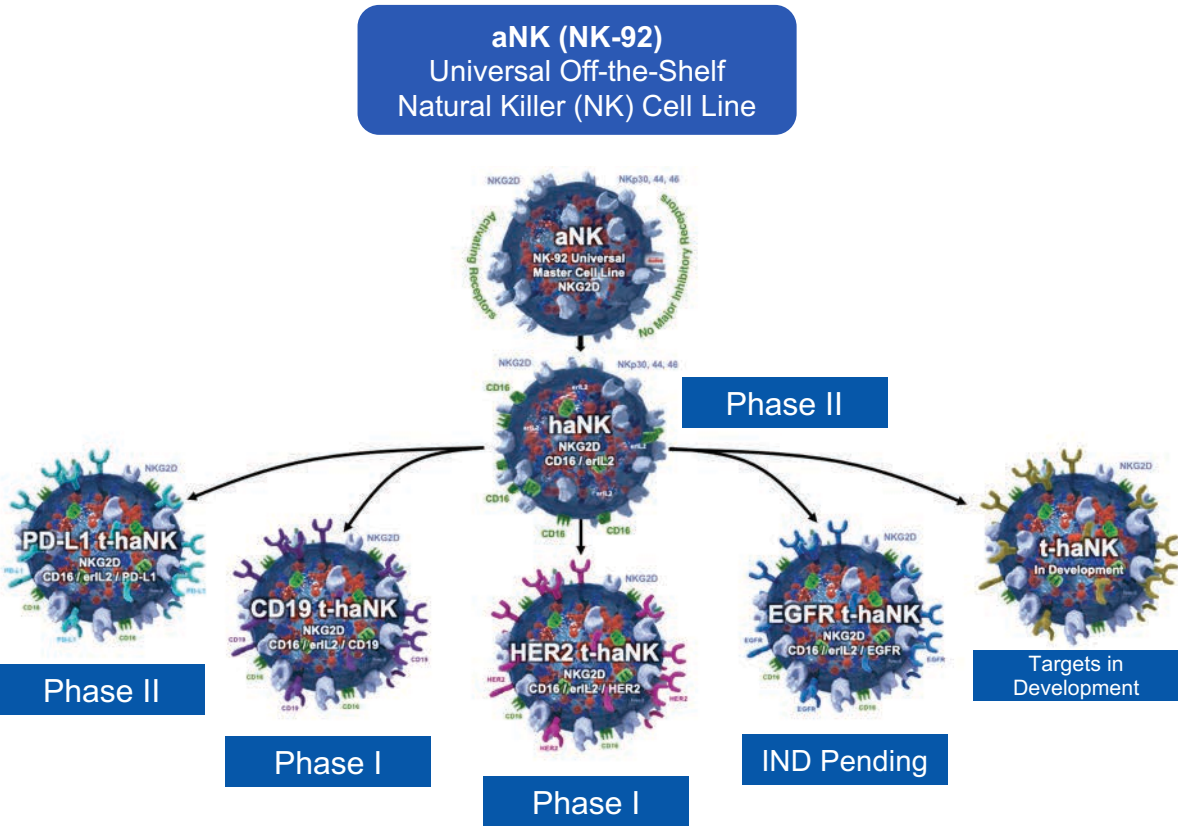


- Discovered 1992 human NK stem cell
- Loss of major inhibitory receptors
- Preserved activating receptors: NKG2D, NKp30, NKp44, NKp46
- Abundant perforin / granzyme
- Always switched on
- Rapid killing
- Rapid doubling*

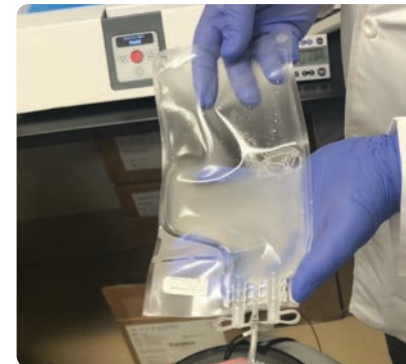
NantKwest Leading Clinical Stage Platform for Off-The-Shelf Natural Killer Cells

	aNK (NK-92)	haNK	PD-L1 t-haNK	CD-19 t-haNK	HER2 t-haNK	EGFR t-haNK
Clinical Indication	Core Universal Cell Line	Merkel Cell	1L, 2L, 3L Pancreatic, TNBC, & NSCLC	Lymphoma	Breast Glioblastoma	Head & Neck
Current Status	Universal NK Cell Line	Phase II	Phase II	Phase I	Breast: IND, Q4 2020 Glioblastoma: Phase I	IND Pending
Innate Immunity Without Major Inhibitory Receptors (e.g. NKG2D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
High-Affinity CD16	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
erIL2	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CAR Insertion(s)	X	-	PD-L1	CD19	HER2	EGFR

NantKwest Leading Clinical Stage Platform for Off-The-Shelf Natural Killer Cells with Commercial Scale GMP Manufacturing



Cryopreserved / Ready-to-Use



Natural Killer Cell Administration Thaw and Transfuse

Commercial Scale GMP Manufacturing Facility



haNK / PD-L1 t-haNK / HER2.taNK	2017 - 2020
Number of Cells Manufactured in GMP Facility to Date	>3 Trillion Cells*
Number of Patients Dosed as Outpatient	>60
Number of Doses Administered	>800
Number of Cells Administered to Over 60 Patients Since 2017	>1 Trillion Cells*
Number of Cells in Storage	>1 Trillion Cells*
NK Treatment Related Cytokine Storm	Zero**

*Based on Internal Production Numbers and Patients Dosed to Date
**Based on clinical trial safety data to date

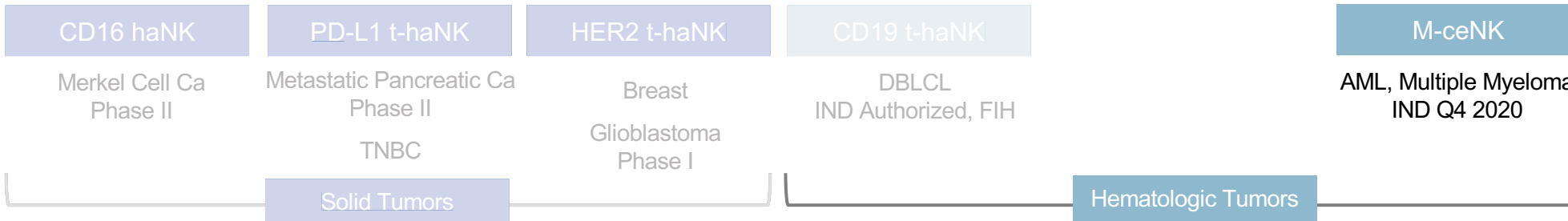
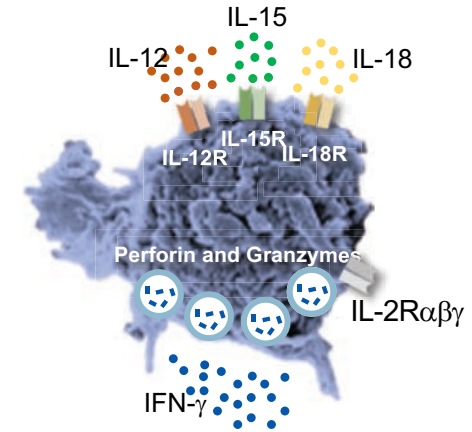
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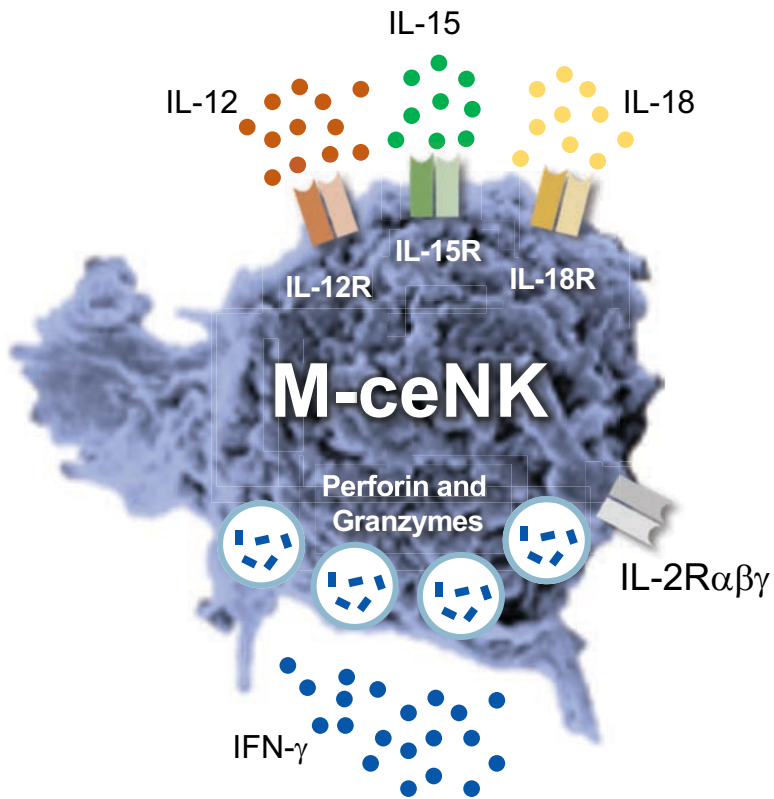


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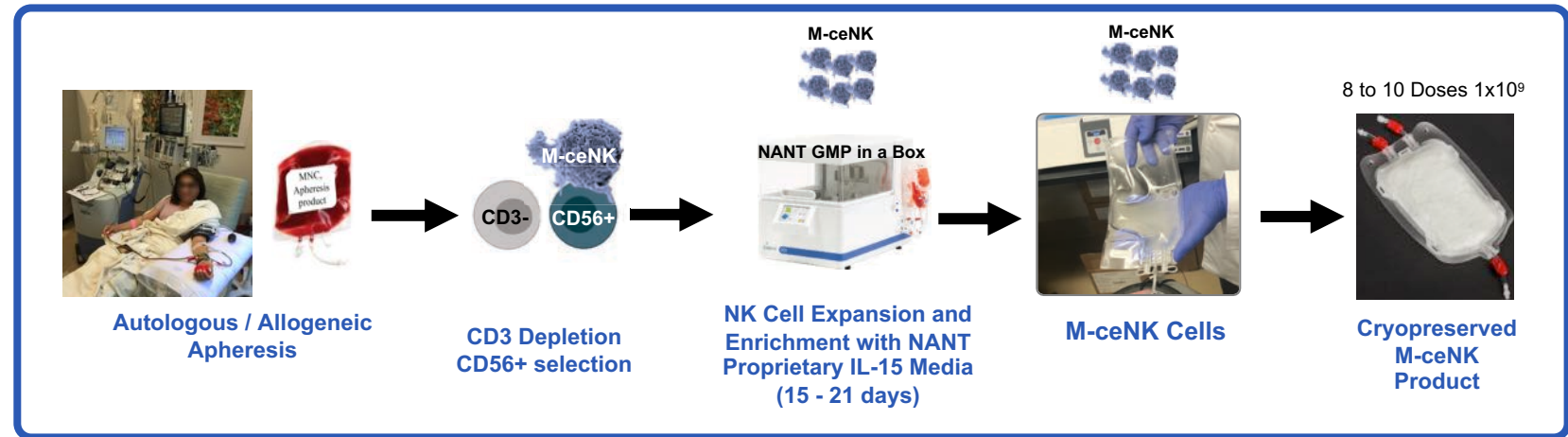
NantKwest Proprietary – IND Ready Memory Cytokine Enhanced Natural Killer cells (M-ceNK)

Stem Cell Memory NK Cytokine Induced



**Cytokines and Activating Receptors
Enhanced IFN- γ Production**

A Single Apheresis Collection Provides 8-10 Doses of 1×10^9 M-ceNK



IND Ready Q1 2021

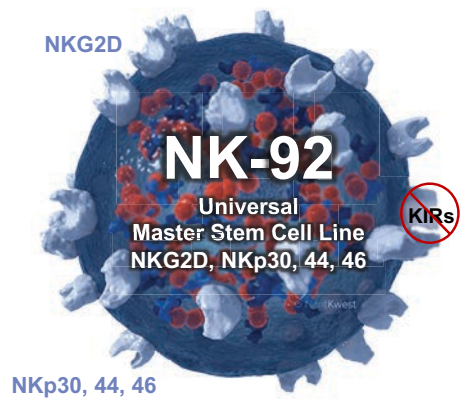
Barrier Addressed	Property
Persistence	Proliferate, Long lived
Enhanced Function	Enhanced Cytokine / Chemokine, Enhanced Killing
Recognition	Non-functional Inhibitory KIR, Fully Activated NK Cell



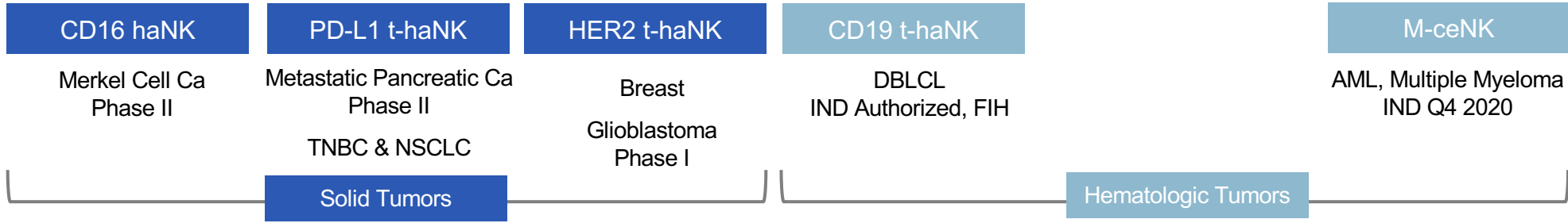
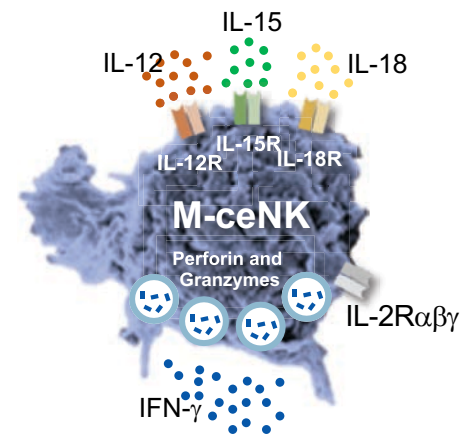
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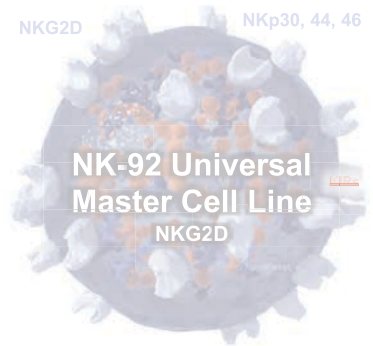
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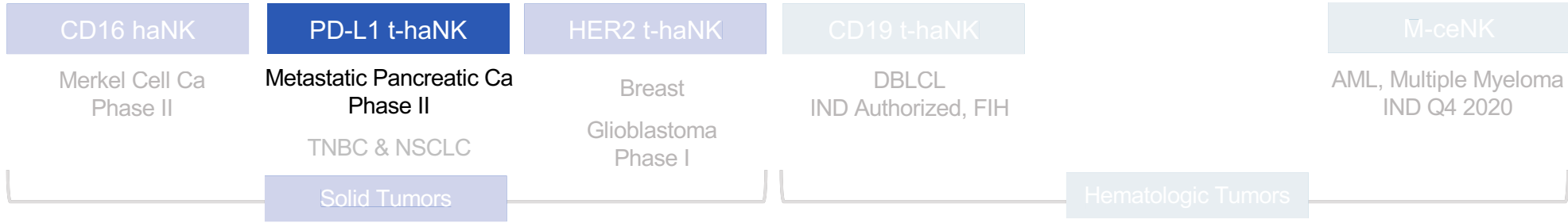
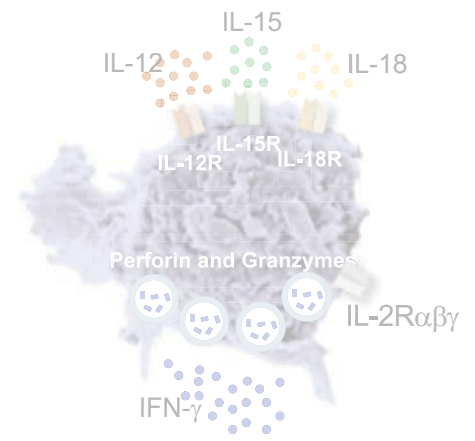
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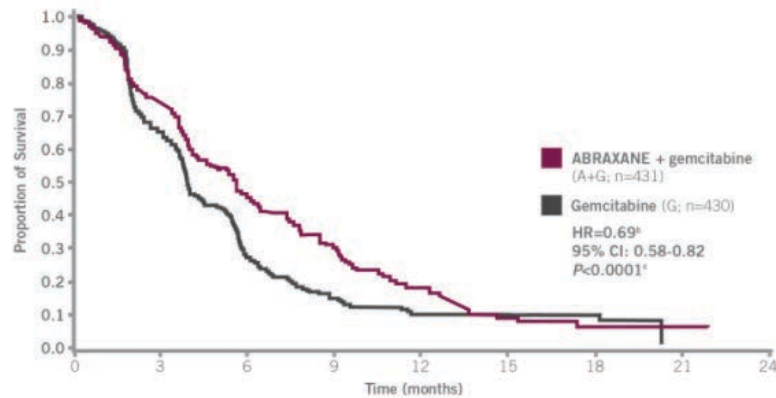
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2nd Line or Greater Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

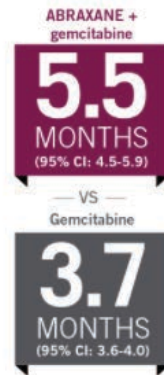


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First Line



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Second Line or Greater

Progression Free Survival using RECIST by Local Independent Radiologist Assessment

Variable	All Subjects (N=17)
Number of Subjects with Disease Progression or Death	11 (65%)
Median Progression-Free Survival (months)	7.1
95% CI for the Median PFS	4.4, 8.8

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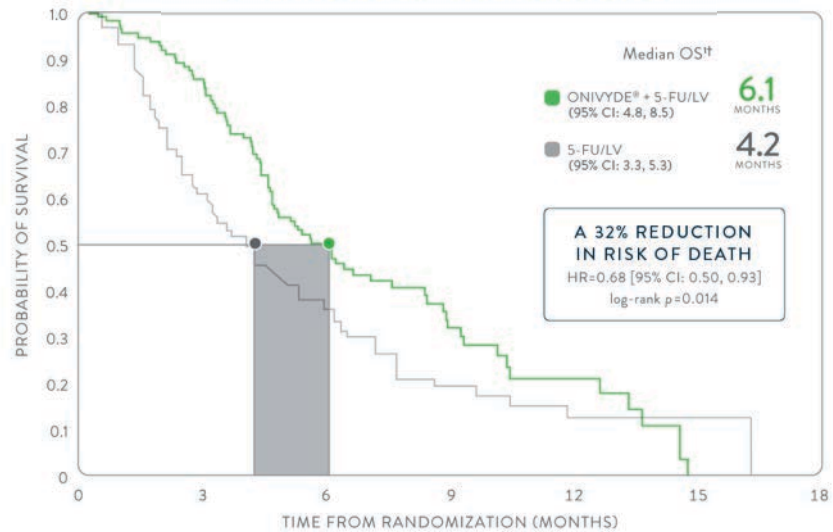
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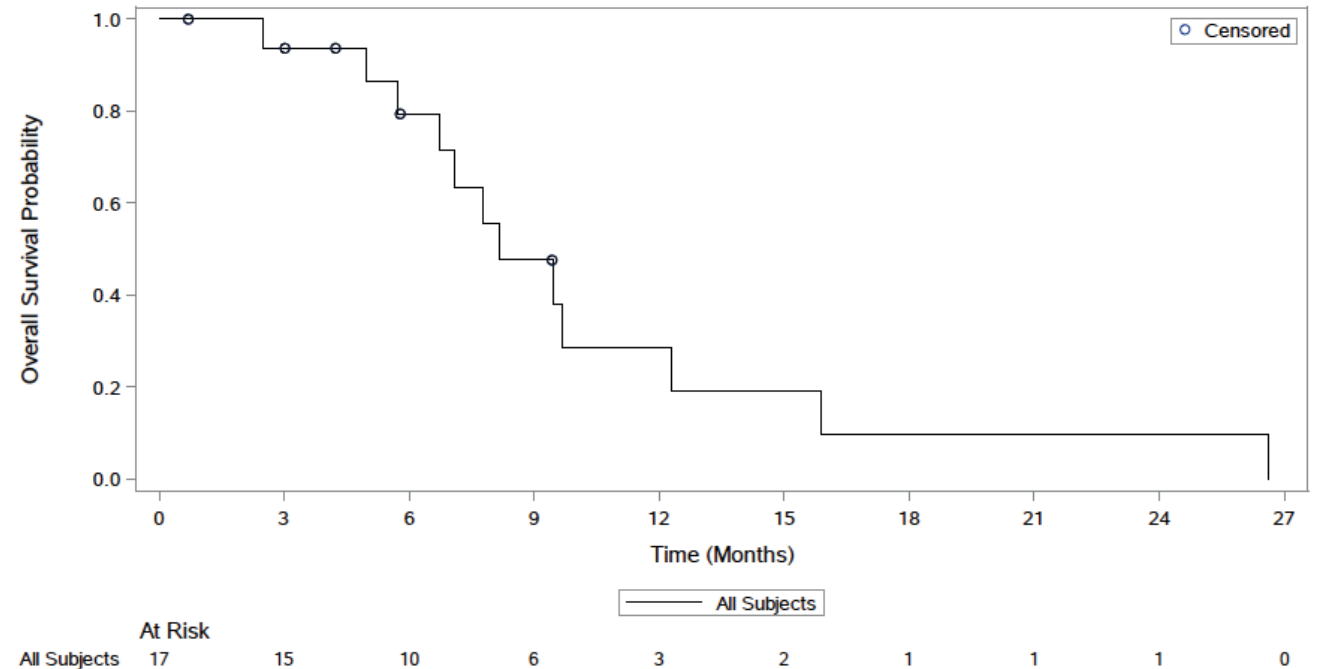
Variable	All Subjects (N=17)
Number of Deaths	12 (71%)
Median Survival (months)	8.2
95% CI for the Median Survival	5.7, 12.3

PRIMARY ANALYSIS



# at risk:	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
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5-FU/LV:	119	73	37	12	7	1	

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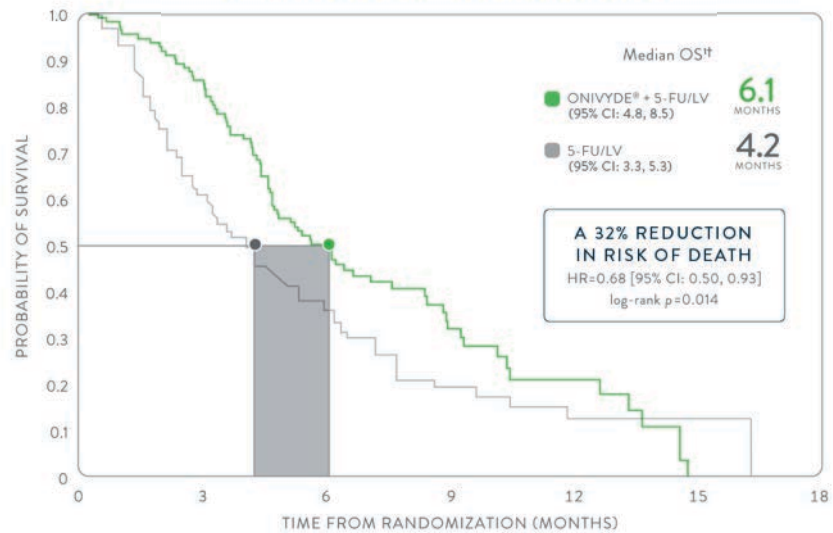
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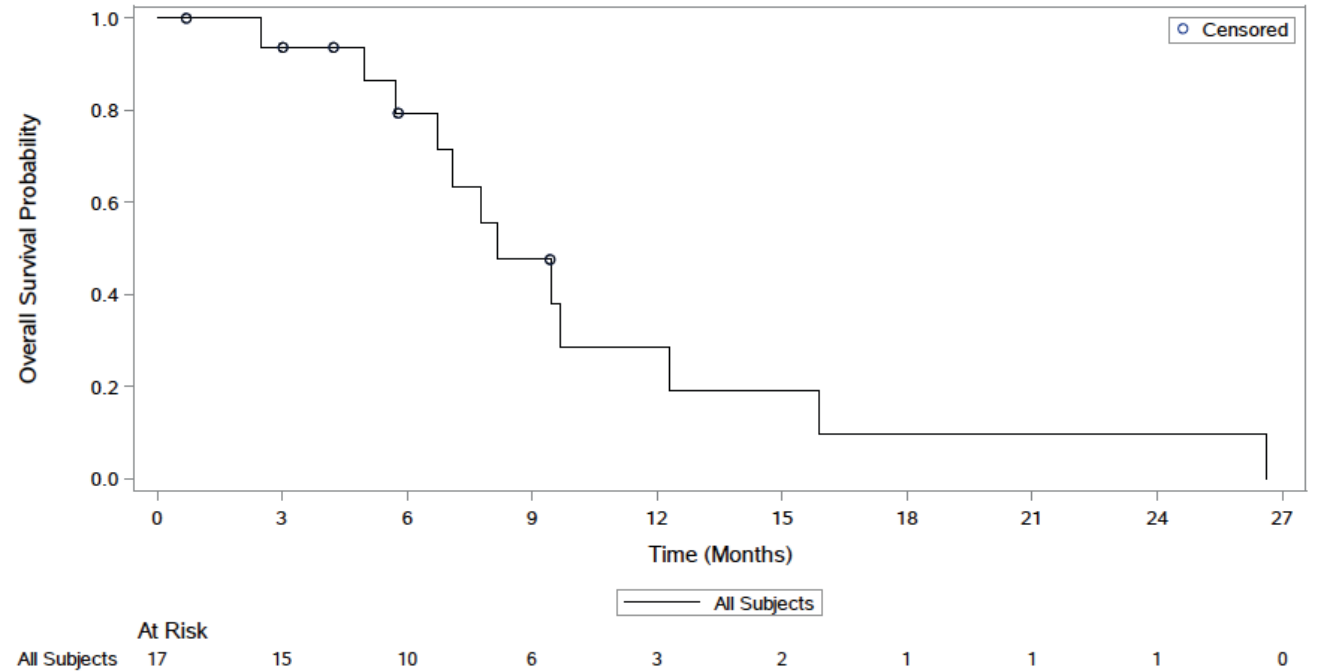
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PD-L1 t-haNK is Superior to haNK + PD-L1 Checkpoint Inhibitor

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ABSTRACT

Background Although immune checkpoint inhibitors have revolutionized cancer treatment, clinical benefit with this class of agents has been limited to a subset of patients. Hence, more effective means to target tumor cells that express immune checkpoint molecules should be developed. For the first time, we report a novel natural killer (NK) cell line, programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) targeting high-affinity natural killer (t-haNK), which was derived from NK-92 and was engineered to express high-affinity CD16, endoplasmic reticulum-retained interleukin (IL)-2, and a PD-L1-specific chimeric antigen receptor (CAR). We show that PD-L1 t-haNK cells also retained the expression of native NK receptors and carried a high content of granzyme and perforin granules.

Methods NanoString, flow cytometry, and immunofluorescence analyses were performed to

preferentially lysed the myeloid-derived suppressor cell population but not other immune cell types.

Conclusion These studies demonstrate the antitumor efficacy of PD-L1 t-haNK cells and provide a rationale for the potential use of these cells in clinical studies.

BACKGROUND

The discovery and establishment of continuously expanding natural killer (NK) cell lines provide a potential source of allogeneic ‘off-the-shelf’ cellular therapy due to its low risk of causing graft-versus-host disease or other allo-immune toxicities.¹ NK-92, which was derived from a non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma patient, is a highly cytotoxic NK shown to have activity

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Tumor control via targeting PD-L1 with chimeric antigen receptor modified NK cells

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Abstract Failed T cell-based immunotherapies in the presence of genomic alterations in antigen presentations pathways may be overcome by NK cell-based immunotherapy. This approach may still be limited by the presence of immunosuppressive myeloid populations. Here, we demonstrate that NK cells (haNKs) engineered to express a PD-L1 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) haNKs killed a panel of human and murine head and neck cancer cells at low effector-to-target ratios in a PD-L1-dependent fashion. Treatment of syngeneic tumors resulted in CD8 and PD-L1-dependent tumor rejection or growth inhibition and a reduction in myeloid cells endogenously expressing high levels of PD-L1. Treatment of xenograft tumors resulted in PD-L1-dependent tumor growth inhibition. PD-L1 CAR haNKs reduced levels of macrophages and other myeloid cells endogenously expressing high PD-L1 in peripheral blood from patients with head and neck cancer. The clinical study of PD-L1 CAR haNKs is warranted.

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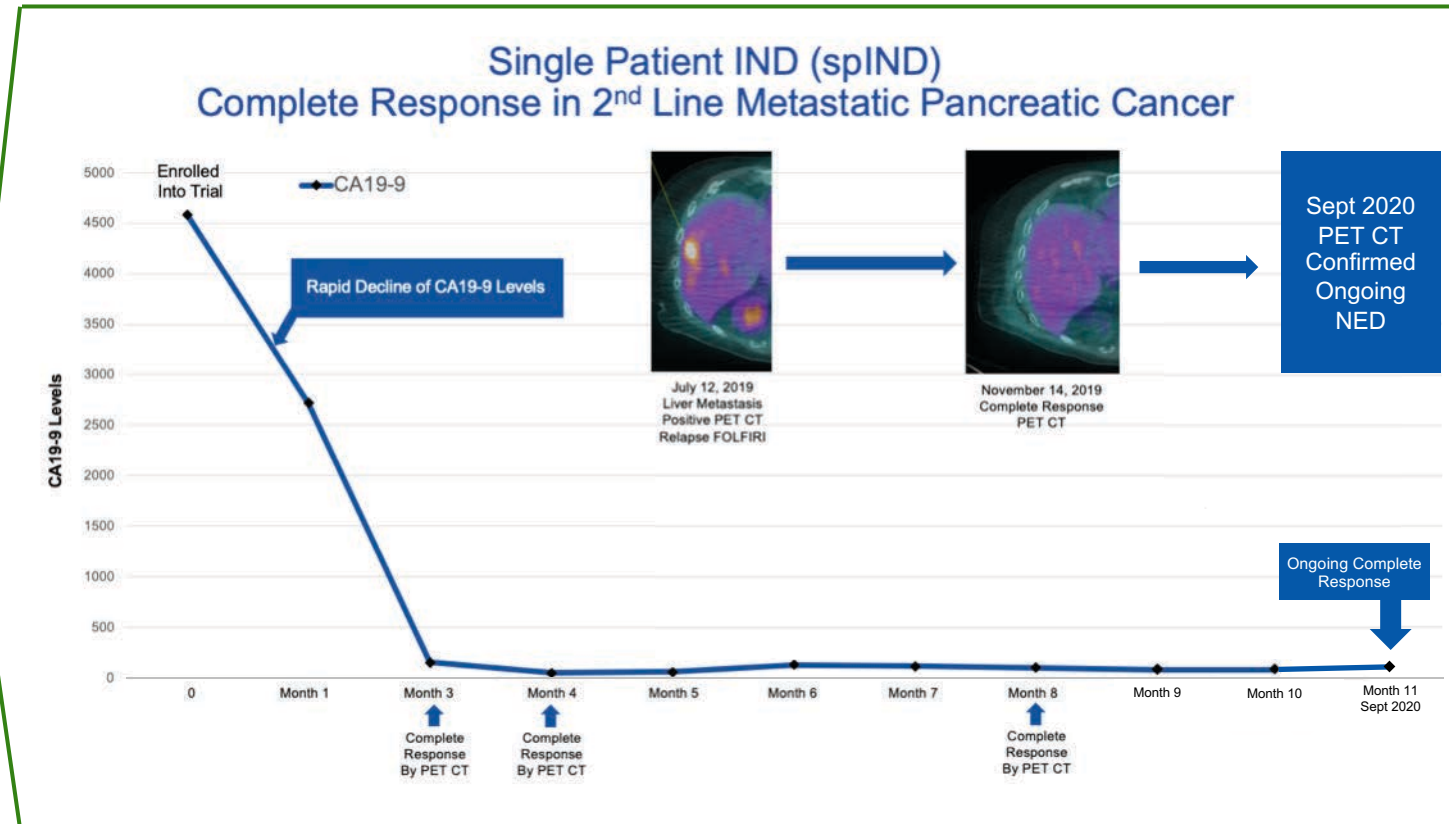
Introduction

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Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

Promising Complete Remission in Patients with 2nd Line Metastatic Pancreatic Disease

- In aggregate, **82% of patients (14 / 17)** with advanced pancreatic cancer achieved disease control
- A single patient demonstrated an ongoing complete response, over 10 months and ongoing

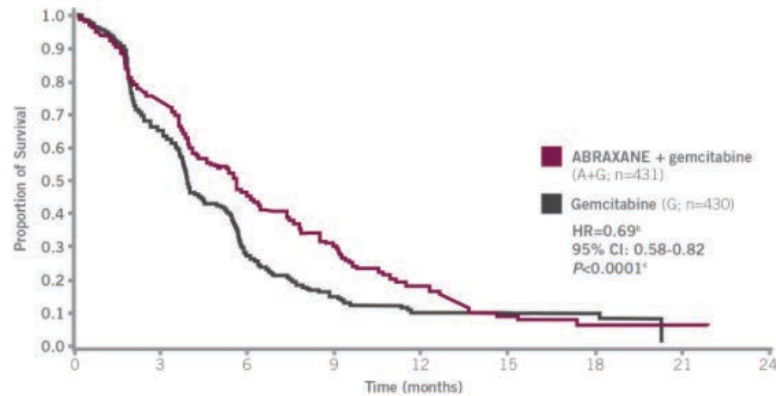


Randomized Phase II Trial with Registrational Intent Trials First Line Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer (QUILT-88)



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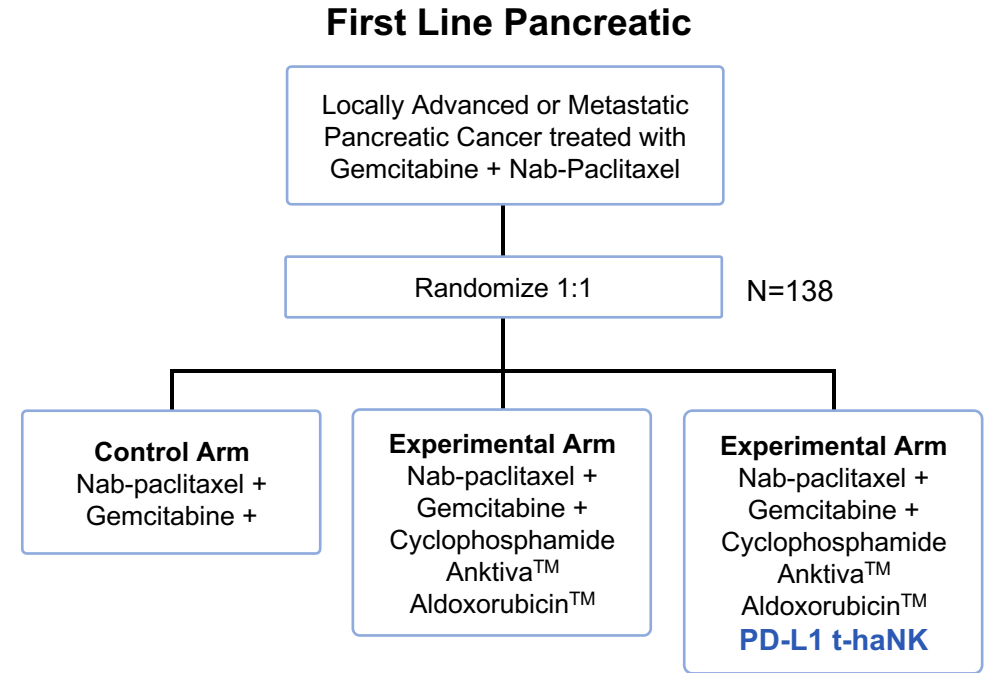
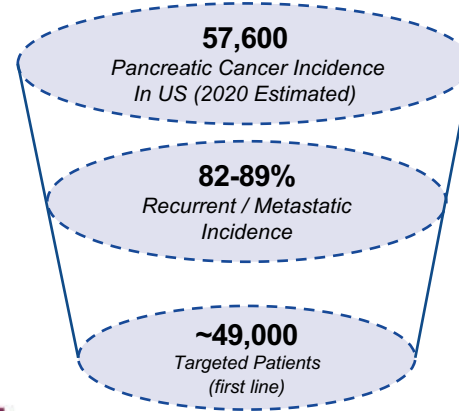
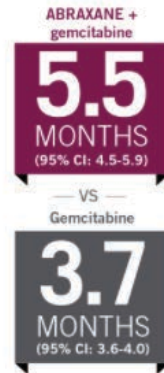
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Status as of Oct 2020:

- Study opened, actively recruiting
- Number of sites opened to date: 3



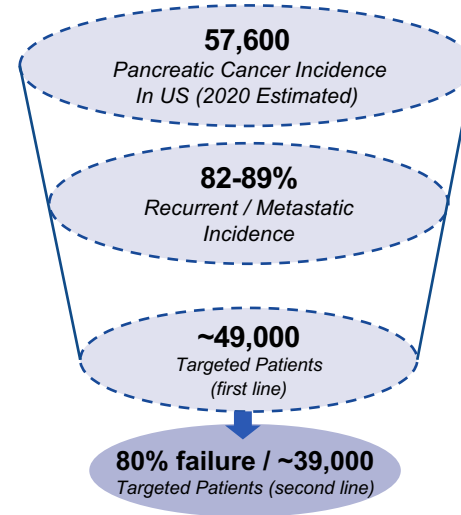
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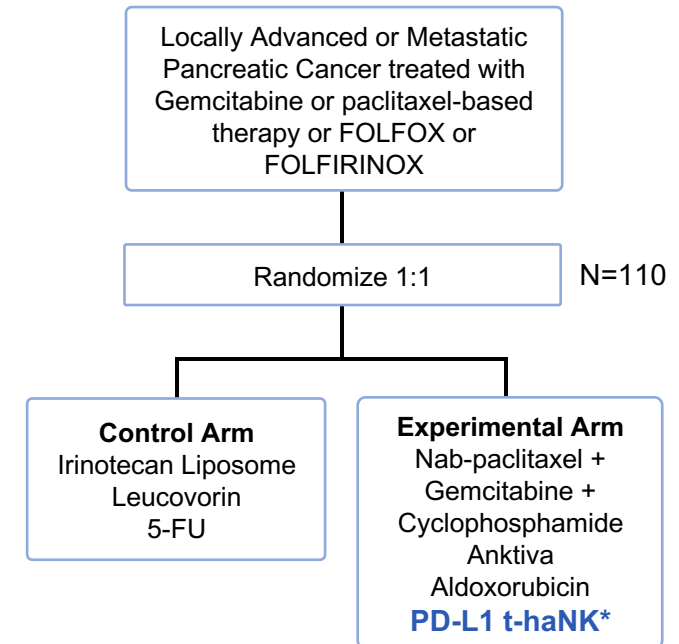
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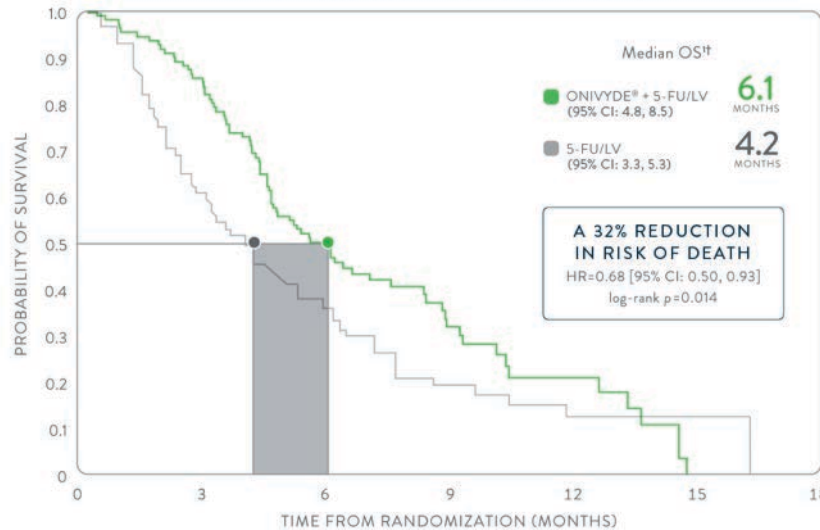
NAPOLI-1 phase 3 study of liposomal irinotecan in metastatic pancreatic cancer: Final overall survival analysis and characteristics of long-term survivors



Second Line Pancreatic



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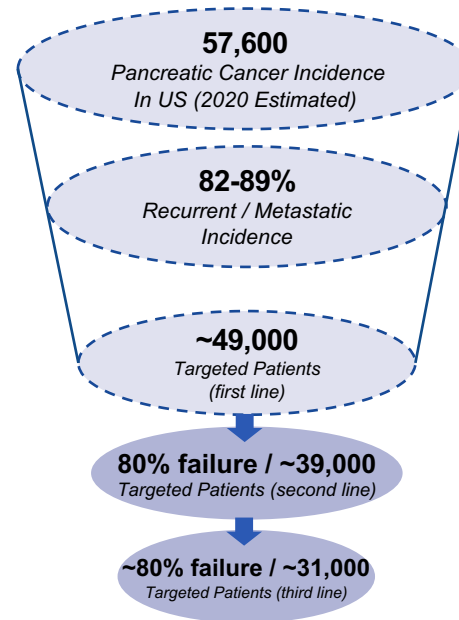
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 - Number of patients enrolled to date: 14 (in 9 weeks since opening)



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Randomized Phase II Trial with Registrational Intent Trials Third Line or Greater Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer (QUILT-88)

No standard of care to date for patients in third line or greater metastatic pancreatic cancer



Third-Line or Greater Pancreatic

Locally Advanced or Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer Treated with at Least 2 Lines of Therapy

Experimental Arm
Nab-paclitaxel +
Gemcitabine +
Cyclophosphamide
Anktiva
Aldoxorubicin
PD-L1 t-haNK*

N=50

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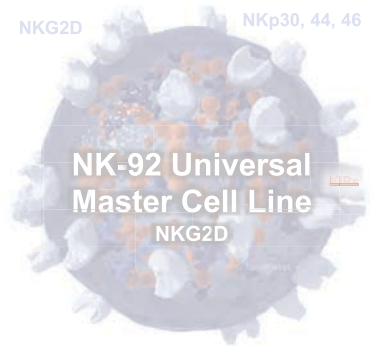
- Study opened, actively recruiting
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- Number of patients enrolled to date: 2 (Open less than 1 week)
- Number of patients being evaluated >25



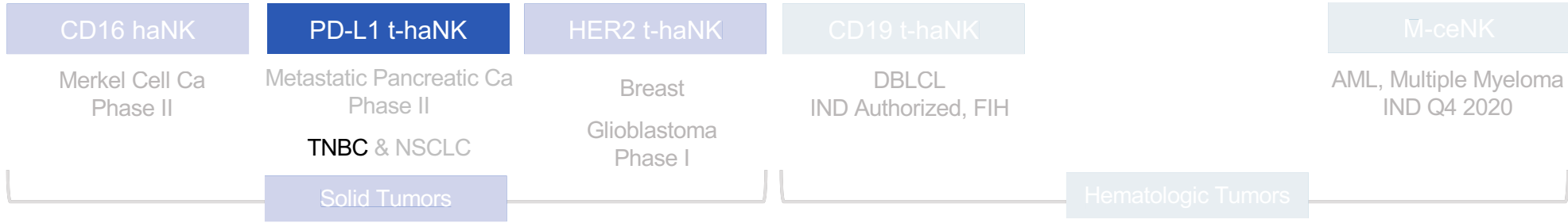
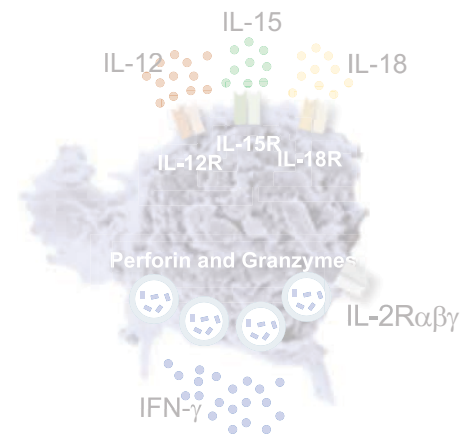
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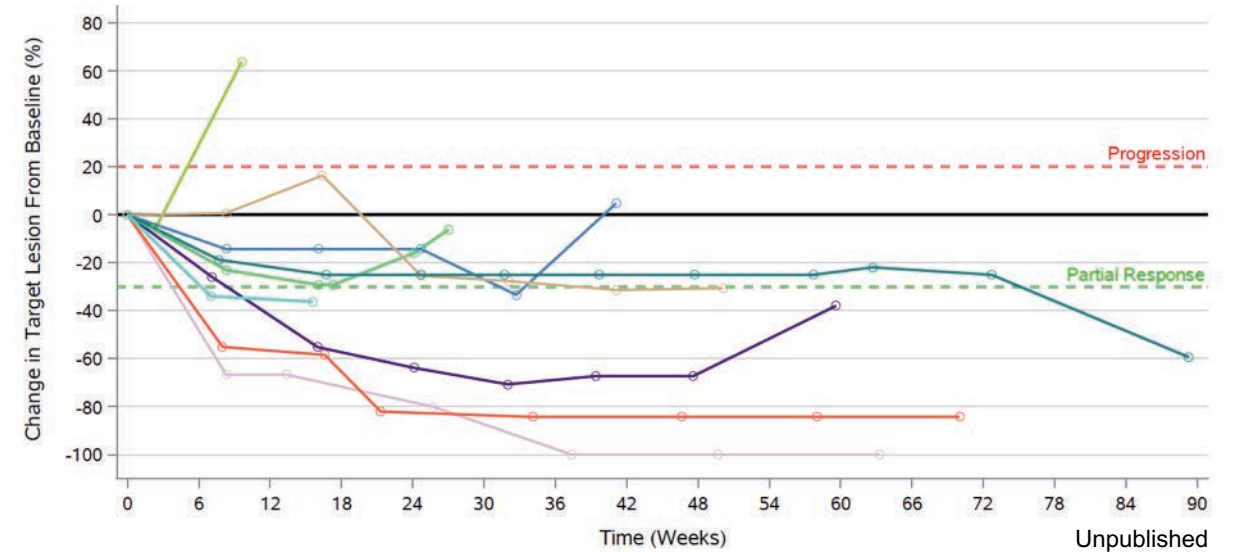
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Completed Phase Ib Trial (N=9) in Triple Negative Breast Cancer with haNK + Avelumab: Data Locked Promising Disease Control (89%) and Complete Response (22%) in Advanced Metastatic Disease

Phase Ib Exploratory Trial in Advanced Triple Negative Breast Cancer	
Subjects with Complete or Partial Overall Response (irRC)	6 / 9 (67%)
Subjects with Complete Response (irRC)	2 / 9 (22%)
Subjects with Disease Control (irRC)	8 / 9 (89%)
Median Duration of Response (irRC)	12.7 months
Median Progression-Free survival (irRC)	13.7 months
Median Overall Survival	19.2 months

- Median progression free survival was 13.7 months with median overall survival of 19.2 months to date**



Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Progression Free Survival using irRC

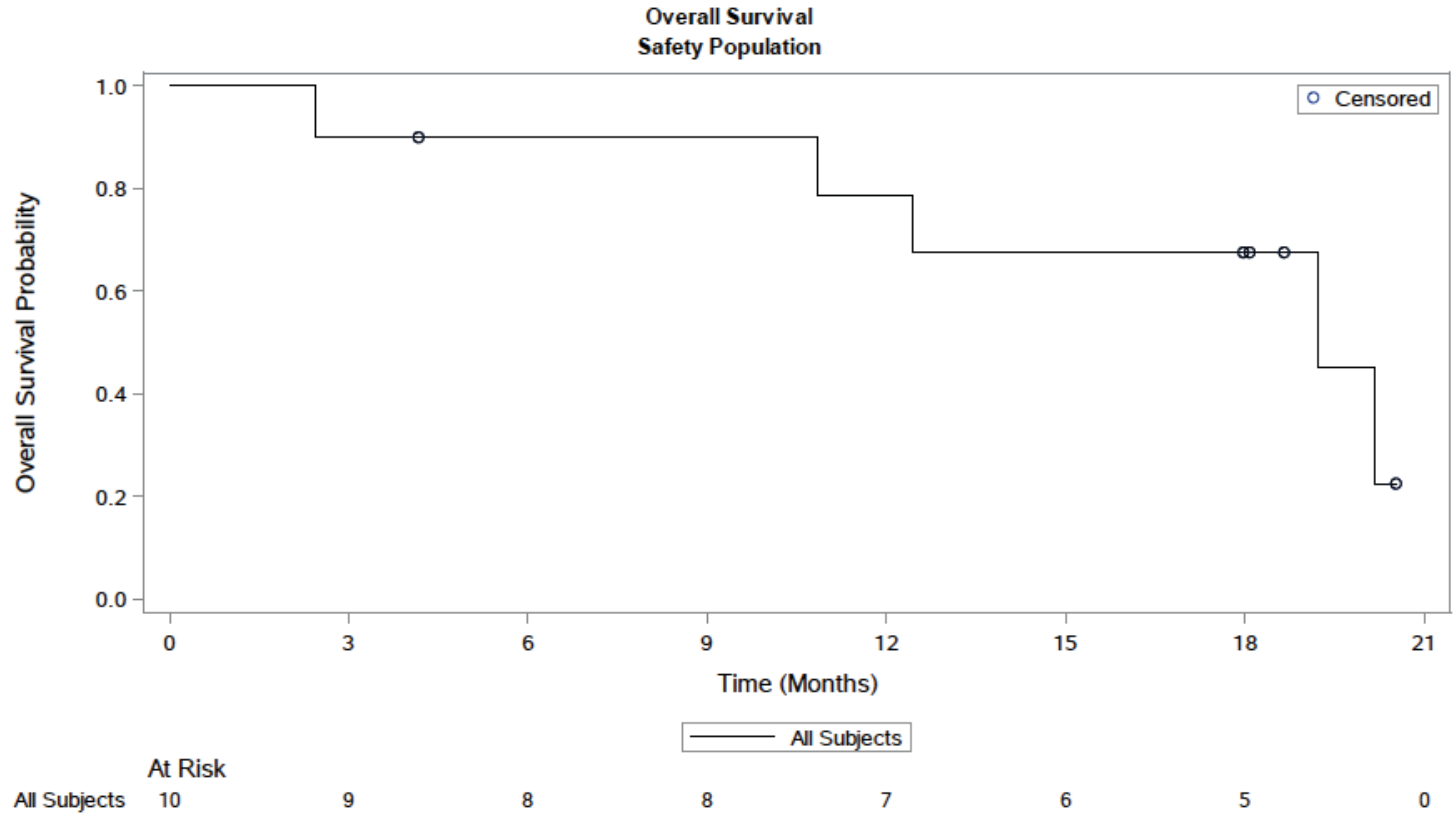
Variable	All Subjects (N=9)
Number of Subjects with Disease Progression or Death	5 (56%)
Median Progression-Free Survival (months)	13.7
95% CI for the Median PFS	2.2, -

Competitive Analysis in TNBC 2nd Line or Greater



Trodelvy (Immunomedics/Gilead)

- **OS with a median of 12.1 months** (95% confidence interval (CI), 10.7-14.0) versus 6.7 months (95% CI, 5.8-7.7) for chemotherapy
- **4% complete responses**



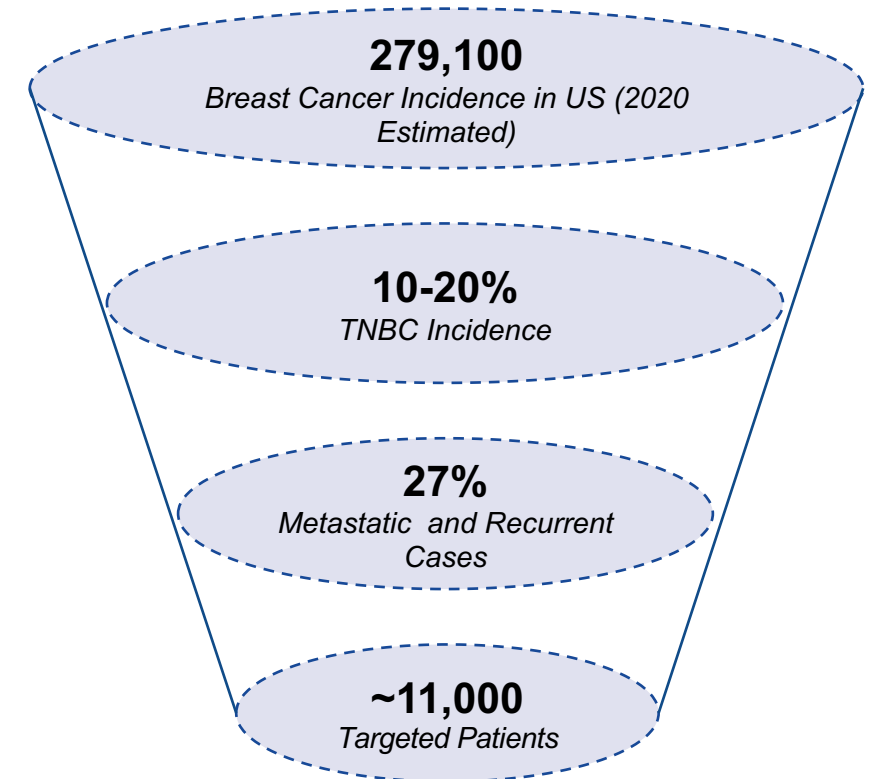
2nd Line or Greater: Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Overall Survival

Variable	All Subjects (N=10)
Number of Deaths	5 (50%)
Median Survival (months)	19.2
95% CI for the Median Survival	2.4, -

Phase II / III Randomized Clinical Trial in 2nd Line or Greater TNBC with PD-L1 t-haNK

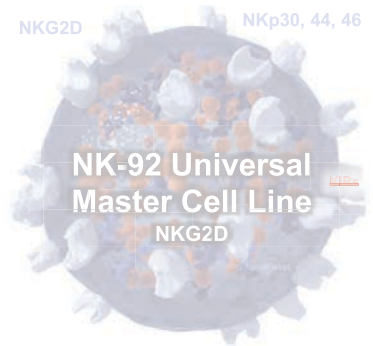
- **Median progression free survival of 13.7 months with median overall survival of 19.2 months to date compares favorably to Sacituzumab (Trodelvy)**
- Based on promising results of durable complete responses in the exploratory Phase I clinical trials on metastatic triple negative breast, **a third line metastatic triple negative breast cancer trial is currently being designed as a randomized trial using PD-L1 t-haNK in combination therapy in patients with 2nd line or greater TNBC.**



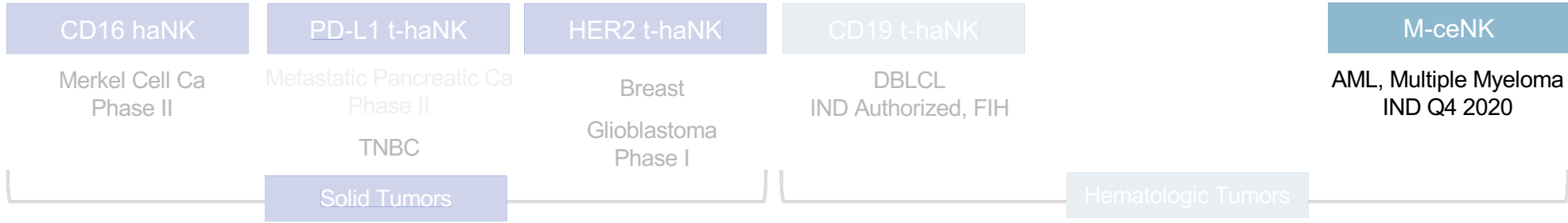
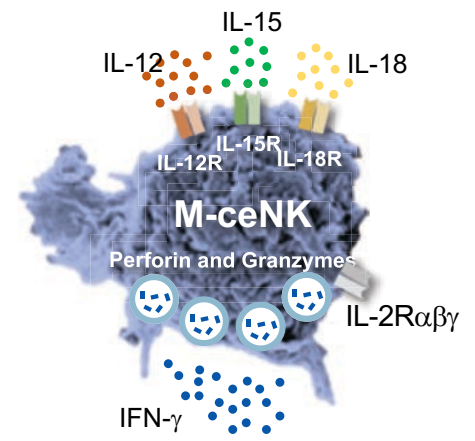
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The Untapped Potential of Memory-Like Natural Killer Cells

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Cytokine-induced memory-like natural killer cells

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The mammalian immune response to infection is mediated by 2 broad arms, the innate and adaptive immune systems. Innate immune cells are a first-line defense against pathogens and are thought to respond consistently to infection, regardless of previous exposure, i.e., they do not exhibit memory of prior activation. By contrast, adaptive immune cells display immunologic memory that has 2 basic characteristics, antigen specificity and an amplified response upon subsequent exposure. Whereas adaptive immune cells have rearranged receptor genes to recognize the universe of antigens, natural killer (NK) cells are innate immune lymphocytes

properties, because they were shown to mediate a hapten-specific contact hypersensitivity-like reaction in mice lacking T and B lymphocytes (14). The mechanism of NK cell activation is unclear in this model and whether the observed memory-like property is intrinsic to the NK cell is unknown. When considering the possibility of a memory-phenotype among innate immune cells, such as NK cells, it is important to note that current concepts of memory are built upon studies of adaptive immune lymphocytes, which antigens. However, does this



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Abstract: Natural killer (NK) cells are an emerging cellular immunotherapy for patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML); however, the best approach to maximize NK cell antileukemia potential is unclear. Cytokine-induced memory-like NK cells differentiate after a brief pre-activation with interleukin-12 (IL-12), IL-15, and IL-18 and exhibit enhanced responses to cytokine or activating receptor re-stimulation for weeks to months after pre-activation. We hypothesized that memory-like NK cells exhibit enhanced antileukemia functionality. We demonstrated that human memory-like NK cells have enhanced interferon- γ production and cytotoxicity against leukemia cell lines or primary human AML blasts in vitro. Using mass cytometry, we found that memory-like NK cell functional responses were triggered against primary AML blasts, regardless of killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor (KIR) to KIR-ligand interactions. In addition, multidimensional analyses identified distinct phenotypes of control and memory-like NK cells from the same individuals. Human memory-like NK cells xenografted into mice substantially reduced AML burden in vivo and improved overall survival. In the context of a first-in-human phase 1 clinical

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Cytokine-induced memory-like natural killer cells have enhanced function, proliferation, and *in vivo* expansion against ovarian cancer cells

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Objective: Natural killer (NK) cells are lymphocytes well suited for adoptive immunotherapy. Attempts with adoptive NK cell immunotherapy against ovarian cancer have proven unsuccessful, with the main limitations including failure to expand and diminished effector function. We investigated if incubation of NK cells with interleukin (IL)-12, IL-15, and IL-18 for 16 hours could produce cytokine-induced memory-like (CIML) NK cells capable of enhanced function against ovarian cancer.

Methods: NK cells were preactivated briefly with IL-12, IL-15, and IL-18, rested, then placed against ovarian cancer targets to assess phenotype and function via flow cytometry. Real-time NK-cell-mediated tumor-killing was evaluated. Using ascites cells and cell-free ascites fluid, NK cell proliferation and function within the immunosuppressive microenvironment was evaluated *in vitro*. Finally, CIML NK cells were injected intraperitoneal (IP) into an *in vivo* xenogeneic mouse model of ovarian cancer.

Results: CIML NK cells demonstrate enhanced cytokine (IFN- γ) production and NK-cell-mediated killing of ovarian cancer. NK cells treated overnight with cytokines led to robust

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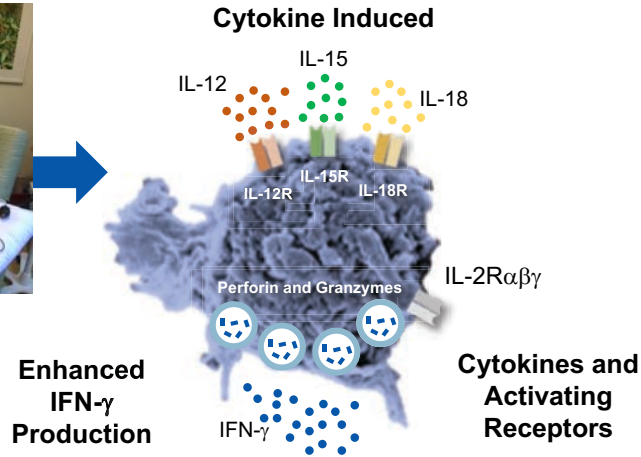
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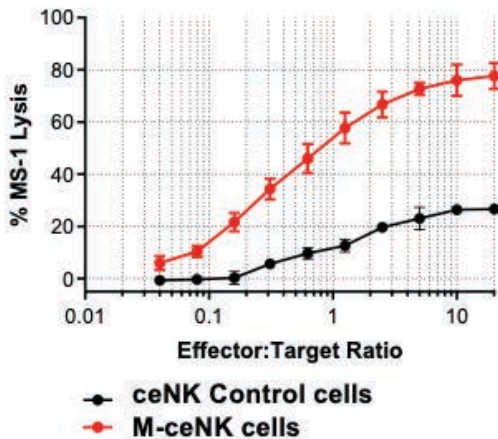
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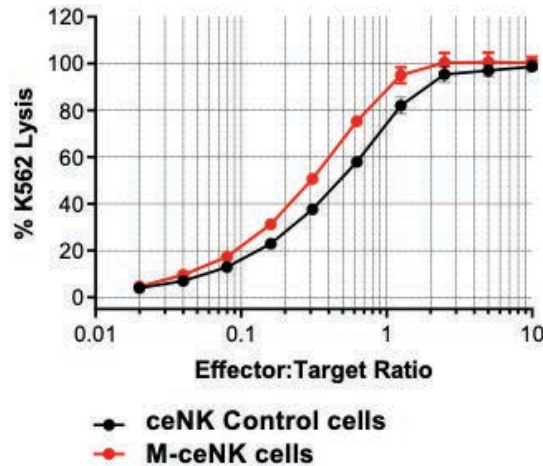


Barrier Addressed	Property
Persistence	Proliferate, Long lived
Enhanced Function	Enhanced Cytokine / Chemokine, Enhanced Killing
Recognition	Non-functional Inhibitory KIR, Fully Activated NK Cell

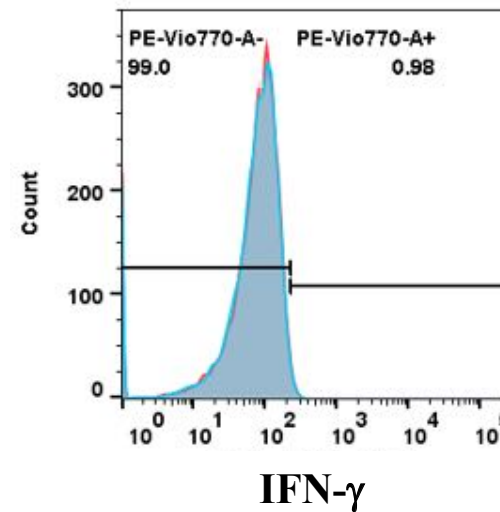
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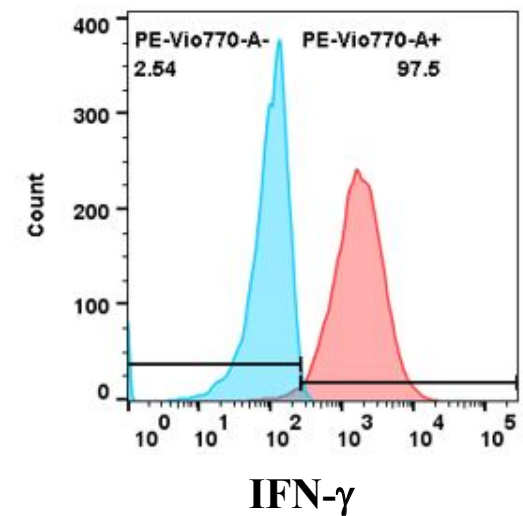
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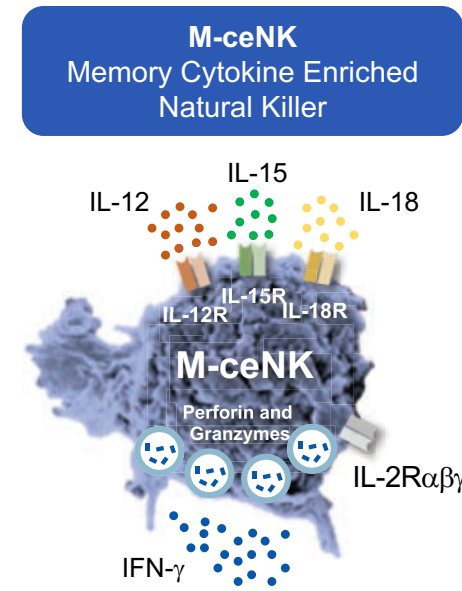
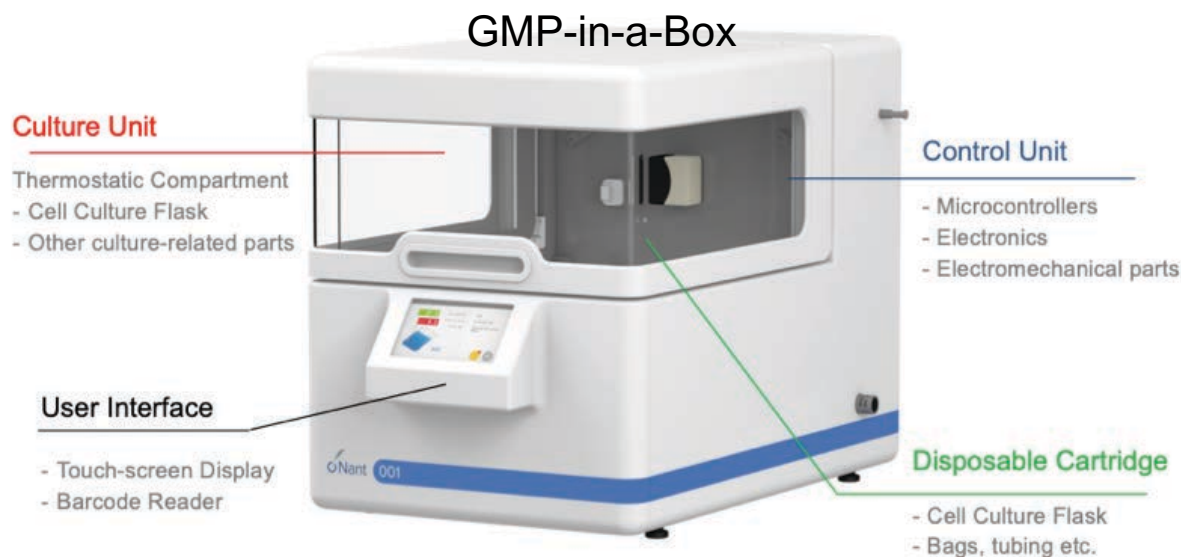
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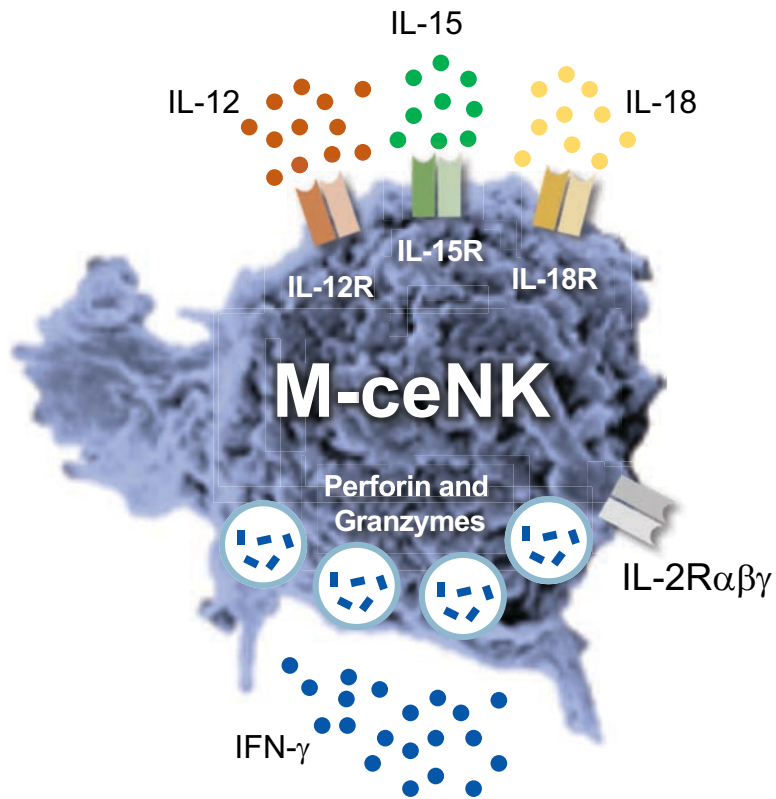


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Autologous & Allogenic Cytokine Enriched Stem Cells	Peripheral Blood / Cord Blood
Cytokine Enriched Closed System GMP in a Box	✓
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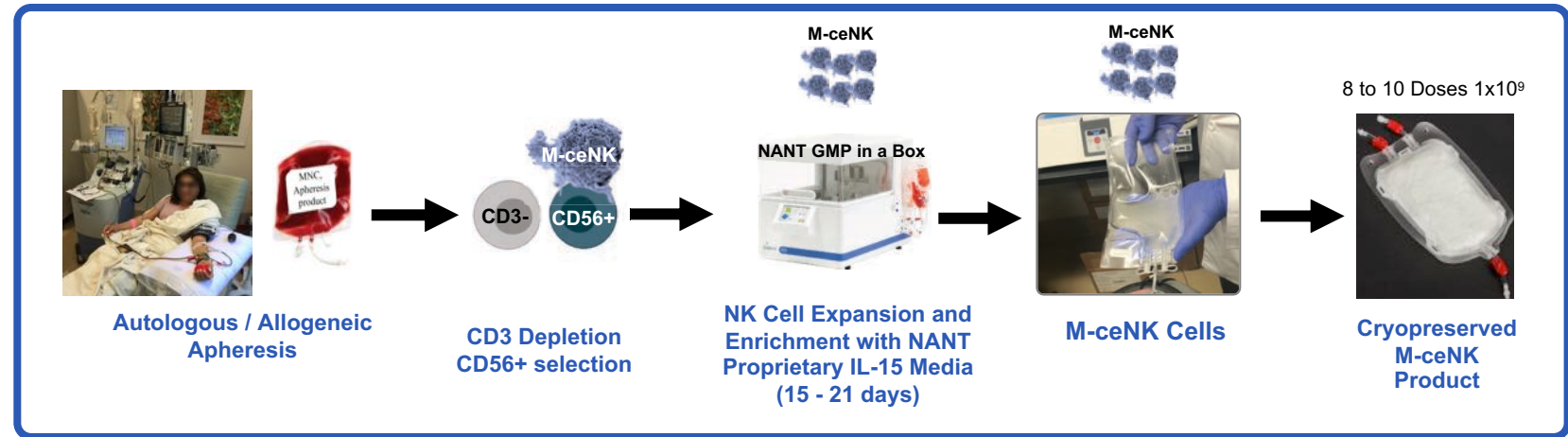
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Stem Cell Memory NK Cytokine Induced



**Cytokines and Activating Receptors
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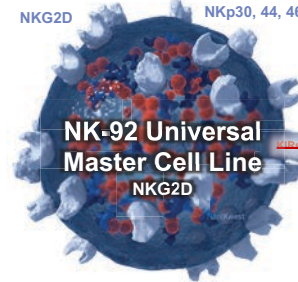
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Investment Highlights:

- Most mature natural killer cell platform
- First in human and first in class clinical experience
- Established GMP manufacturing at commercial scale
- Broadest natural killer cell therapy platform from both universal cell line and allogeneic / autologous source
- Advanced clinical trials across multiple indications
- Addressing large unmet needs in solid and liquid tumors with promising safety and efficacy data to date

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