

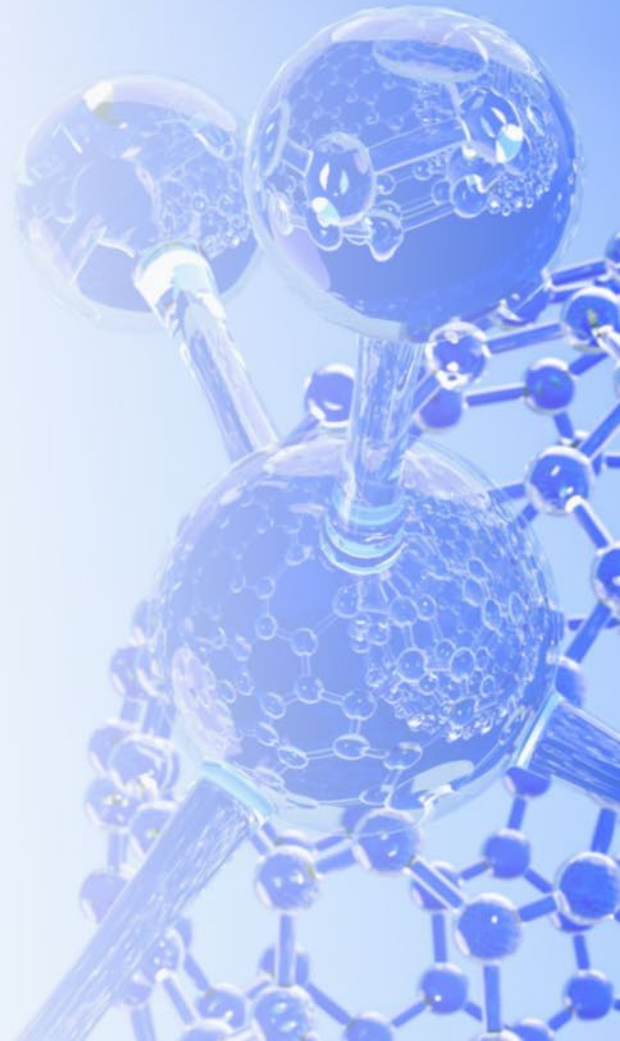


# Making a Meaningful Difference

Building Differentiated & Next Generation T Cell Engagers to Improve Responses in Difficult-to-Treat Tumors


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# Engineering Multispecifics and ADCs to Adapt to Different Tumor Environments

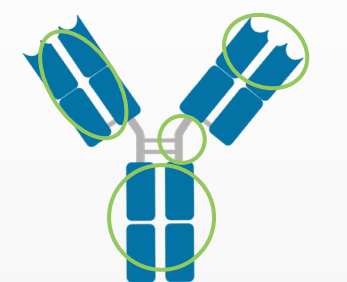
We select difficult-to-treat cancers



Areas of Greatest Unmet Patient Need

**Current focus:**  
Gynecological cancers, NSCLC, and gastrointestinal cancers

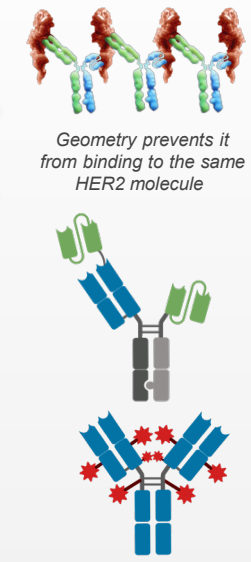
We engineer biotherapeutics with multiple in-house complementary technologies



**The foundation antibody is selected using Azymetric™ to screen multiple geometric formats**

Zymeworks technology used to design different parts of the antibody:  
*EFFECT™; ProTECT™; T-cell engagers; TOPO1i Platform; ZymeLink™ Auristatin/Hemiasterlin; TLR7, ISAC; site-specific conjugation*

We customize the modalities for the target + tumor microenvironment



Geometry prevents it from binding to the same HER2 molecule

**Zanidatamab:** Lead multispecific in clinical trials. HER2 biparatopic antibody engineered to overcome challenges in heterogenous tumors under

- FDA Priority Review (action date of Nov 29, 2024)
- Licensed to Jazz and BeiGene
- Positive pivotal data 2L+ BTC (*Lancet Oncology*)
- Phase 3, 3-arm RCT: 1L GEA topline ~ late 2024

**Multispecifics**

- Multiple MOAs in single molecule
- Synergistic biology (understand the TME)
- Precision targeting through multivalency

**Antibody-drug conjugates**

- Antibody design (mono, bispecific, etc)
- Payload (4+ in-house developed payloads)
- DAR (select according to need: 2, 4, 8)

1L: first line; 2L: second line; ADC: antibody-drug conjugate; BLA: Biologics License Application; BTC: biliary tract cancer; DAR: drug-antibody ratio; GEA: gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma; HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; ISAC: immune-stimulating antibody conjugate; MOA: mechanism of action; NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer; RCT: randomized clinical trial; TME: tumor microenvironment; TOPO1i: topoisomerase-1 inhibitor

# Differentiated Development of Multispecific Antibody Therapeutics



Versatile multispecific antibody therapeutics enhancing potency and precision with proven track record and robust clinical pipeline

Program	Potential Indication	Target(s)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Pivotal	Collaboration Partners	
<b>Zanidatamab</b> Bispecific	BTC	HER2 x HER2	HERIZON-BTC-302				Jazz Pharmaceuticals BeiGene Jazz Pharmaceuticals BeiGene Jazz Pharmaceuticals BeiGene Jazz Pharmaceuticals BeiGene	
	GEA	HER2 x HER2	HERIZON-GEA-01					
	BC	HER2 x HER2	EMPOWHER-BC-303 <sup>1</sup>					
	BC and other solid tumors	HER2 x HER2	8+ ongoing Phase 1 and Phase 2 trials ( <a href="#">view</a> )					
<b>ZW171</b> Bispecific T Cell Engager	OVCA, NSCLC and other MSLN-expressing cancers	MSLN x CD3 (2+1)	NCT06523803					
<b>TriTCE Co-stimulatory</b> Trispecific T Cell Engager	Under active evaluation	TAA x CD3 x CD28		Pilot toxicology studies				
<b>TriTCE Checkpoint Inhibition</b> Trispecific T Cell Engager	Under active evaluation	TAA x PD-L1 x CD3		Pilot toxicology studies				
Selected Partnered Programs								
<b>JNJ-78278343</b> Bispecific	Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer	CD3 x KLK2	Azymetric™   EFECT™				Johnson & Johnson INNOVATION	

BC: breast cancer; BTC: biliary tract cancers; CD3: cluster of differentiation 3 protein complex and T cell co-receptor; CD28: cluster of differentiation 28; CLDN: claudin; GEA: gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma; HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; KLK2: kallikrein-related peptidase 2; MSLN: mesothelin; NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer; OVCA: ovarian cancer; PD-L1: programmed cell death ligand 1; TAA: tumor associated antigen; TriTCE: trispecific T cell engager.

1. Trial initiation expected in the second half of 2024.



# Multispecific T Cell Engagers

## Technology and Expertise to Overcome the Current Key Challenges Observed in Clinic

### Key Challenges

- 1** Narrow therapeutic window and toxicity due to CRS associated with Gen 1 TCE in solid tumors
- 2** Limited T-cell intratumoral availability and T-cell anergy in solid tumors
- 3** Immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment limiting T-cell responses in solid tumors

### Proposed Zymeworks Solutions

#### **2+1 T-Cell Engager (ZW171)**

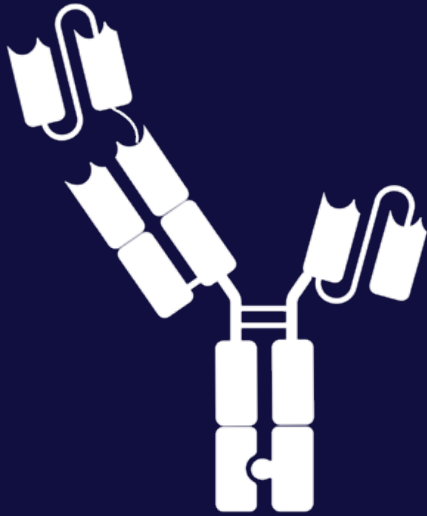
Mitigate CRS with low-affinity T-cell binding and enhanced efficacy and selectivity with avidity-driven tumor antigen binding

#### **TriTCE co-stimulation: in development**

Increase T-cell fitness, activation, and proliferation via tumor-dependent T-cell co-stimulation

#### **TriTCE checkpoint inhibitor: in development**

Increase T-cell responses through simultaneous checkpoint blockade and avidity-driven binding



# ZW171

## MSLN x CD3 Multispecific

A bispecific T cell engager expected to commence Phase 1 studies in the second half of 2024



### Opportunity

- Optimized 2+1 format and geometry with enhanced mesothelin (MSLN)-dependent anti-tumor activity<sup>1</sup>
- MSLN has a slow turnover rate making it suitable for TCE targeting<sup>2</sup>



### Rationale

- Moderate to high membranous expression is frequent in ovarian cancer, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), mesothelioma and other cancers<sup>3</sup>
- Preliminary anti-tumor activity supports utility of T-cell targeted therapies in treatment of MSLN-expressing solid tumors<sup>4</sup>



### Progress

- ZW171 exhibits MSLN-dependent cytotoxicity in MSLN-expressing cancer cell lines<sup>1</sup>
- Superior *in vitro* and *in vivo* anti-tumor activity compared to clinical benchmark in preclinical studies<sup>1</sup>
- IND cleared by the FDA

# Designed to Widen the Therapeutic Window: Enhanced Safety + Anti-Tumor Activity

## Antibody Format

2 +1 format (two  $\alpha$ MSLN paratopes, one  $\alpha$ CD3 paratope) optimized for tumor-dependent anti-tumor activity

## $\alpha$ MSLN Paratopes

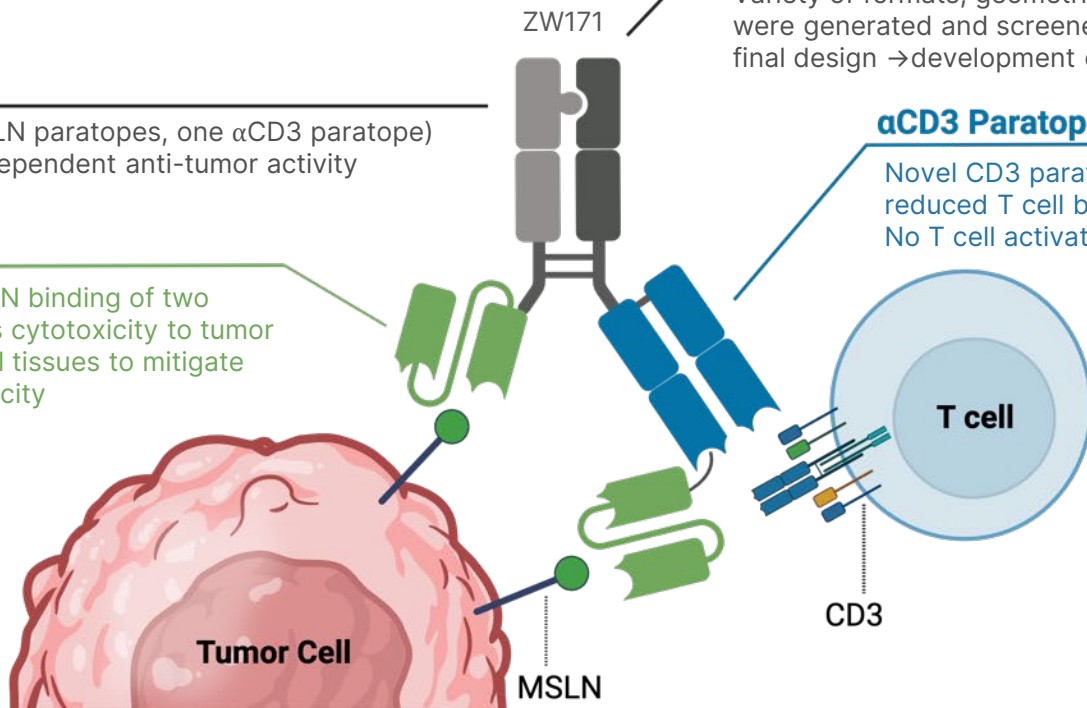
Avidity dependent MSLN binding of two  $\alpha$ MSLN paratope drives cytotoxicity to tumor cells and spares normal tissues to mitigate on target off tumor toxicity

## Azymetric™ and EFECT™ KO Fc

Variety of formats, geometries and paratope affinities were generated and screened prior to lead candidate final design → development of ZW171.

## $\alpha$ CD3 Paratope

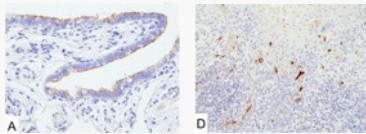
Novel CD3 paratope with low affinity and reduced T cell binding to mitigate CRS  
No T cell activation in absence of tumor



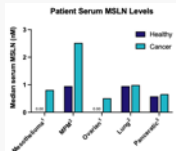
# 4 Key Challenges to Overcome in the Design of a MSLN Targeting T Cell Engager

## Challenge

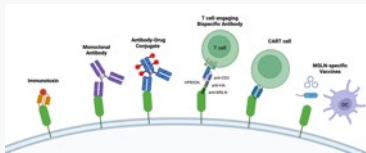
Normal tissue expression could lead to off tumor on target toxicity<sup>1</sup>



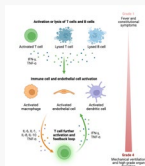
Soluble MSLN in serum may bind and neutralize targeted therapy<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>



Limited anti-tumor activity with past MSLN-targeted agents highlights need to optimize anti-tumor activity



Cytokine release syndrome elicited by T cell targeting therapies limits therapeutic window<sup>6</sup>



## ZW171 Design Solution

**Optimized 2 +1 format and geometry enables** avidity dependent MSLN binding of two  $\alpha$ MSLN paratopes and **selective cytotoxicity to tumor cells versus normal tissues** and **reduce impact of soluble MSLN** on potency

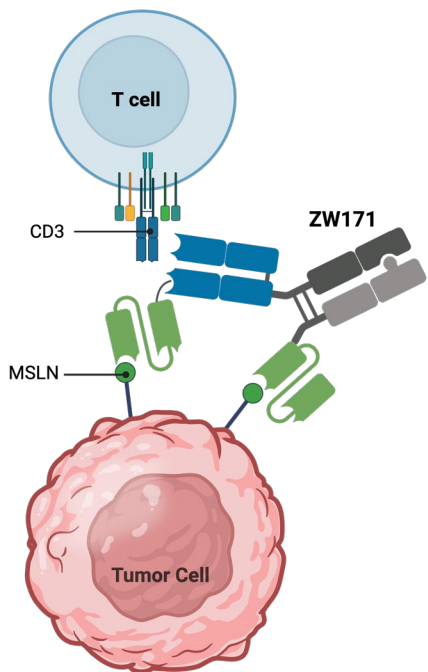
**Optimized 2 +1 format and geometry** (two  $\alpha$ MSLN scFv paratopes, one  $\alpha$ CD3 Fab paratope) with **enhanced MSLN-dependent anti-tumor activity**

**Novel CD3 paratope with low affinity and reduced T cell binding** to mitigate CRS, avoid T cell activation in the absence of tumor, and support effective MSLN-dependent tumor cell killing

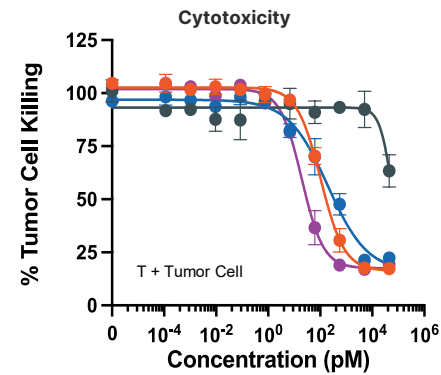
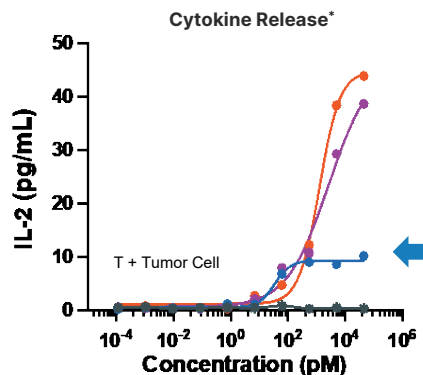
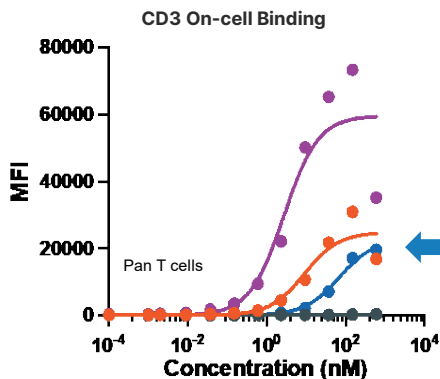
$\alpha$ : anti; DC: dendritic cell; Fab: fragment antigen-binding region scFv: single chain variable fragment  
1. Inaguma S, et al., *Oncotarget*. 2017; 8:26744-26754 2. Hassan et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2006;12(2):447-53; 3. Smith KER, et al., *JCO* 2024; 42, 2565-2565; 4. Hollevoet et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2010;181(6):620-5; 5. Sharon et al. *Clin Chem Lab Med*. 2012;50(4):721-5; 6. Shimabukuro-Vornhagen, A., et al. *J. Immunotherapy cancer* 2018; 6, 56

# Designed for Safety both in T Cell and Tumor Cell Engagement

- Novel anti-CD3 paratope engages CD3 at a different epitope than prior anti-CD3 antibodies utilized in T-cell engagers



- Exhibits reduced T cell binding and cytokine release but no impact on redirected T cell-mediated lysis of tumor cells
- NHP toxicology data shows ZW171 is well-tolerated up to 30 mg/kg



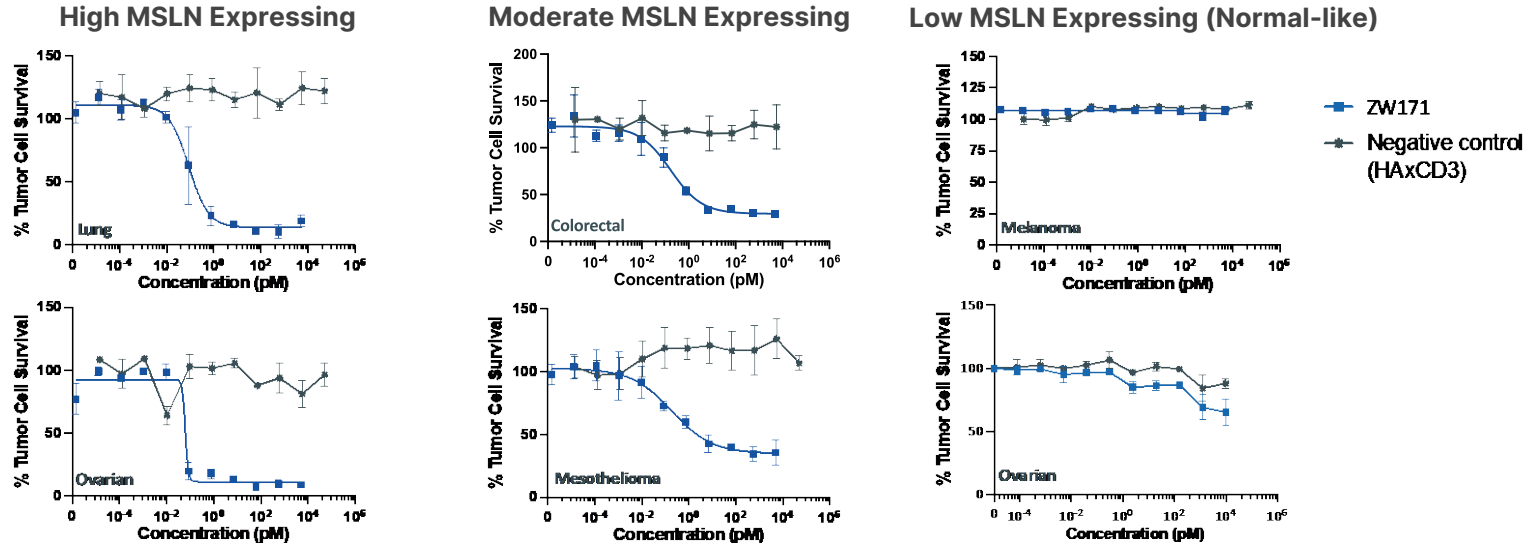
● ZW171 anti-CD3   
 ● Gen 1 anti-CD3 (high affinity)   
 ● Gen 2 anti-CD3 (low affinity)

\*Cytokine release from T -cell-dependent cytotoxicity assay with pan T cells and H292 lung tumor cells at 5:1 E:T. 1. Afacan N, et al. Presented at: AACR. 2023 (abstr #2942).



# ZW171 Mediates Cytotoxicity Against High and Moderate MSLN-Expressing Tumor Cells

Bivalent MSLN binding drives binding to tumor cells that express moderate to high levels of MSLN and spares binding to low MSLN-expressing normal tissue

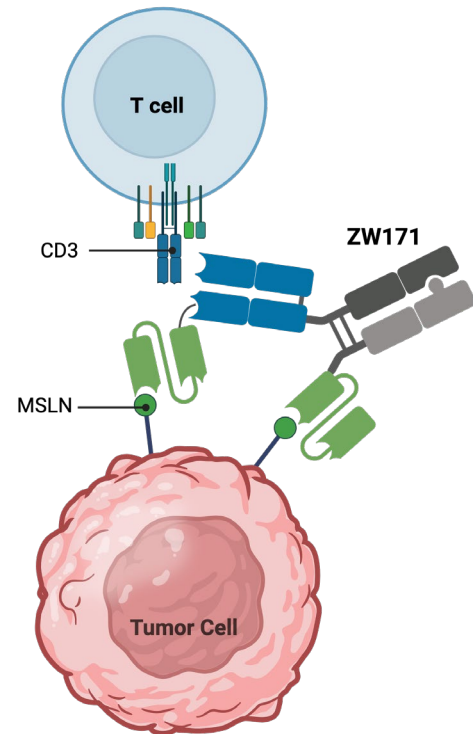
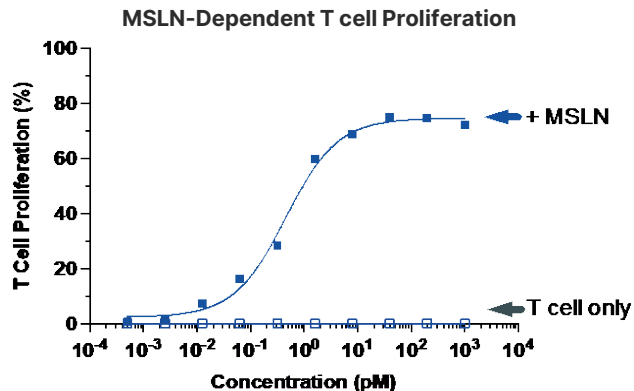
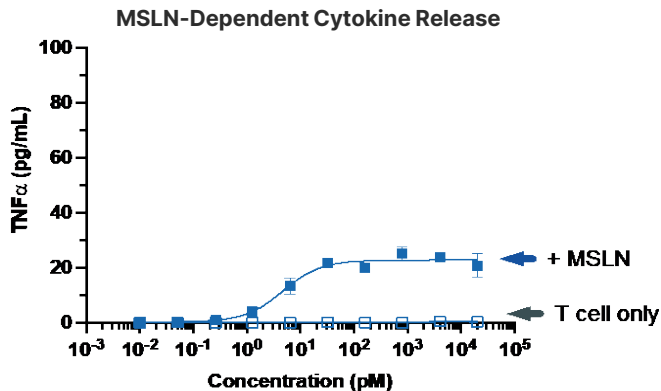


MSLN-dependent cytotoxicity in MSLN<sup>+</sup> lung, ovarian, colon, mesothelioma, gastric and pancreatic cancer cell lines

Human pan T cells and tumor cells were co-cultured at an effector-to-target ratio of 5:1 in the presence of ZW171 or negative control for 72 hours. H292 and OVCAR8 MSLN<sup>high</sup>; HCT116 and H2452 MSLN<sup>mod</sup>; OVTKO and A375 MSLN<sup>low</sup> cell lines  
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## ZW171 mediates MSLN-dependent cytokine release and T cell proliferation



→ Mitigates the risk of

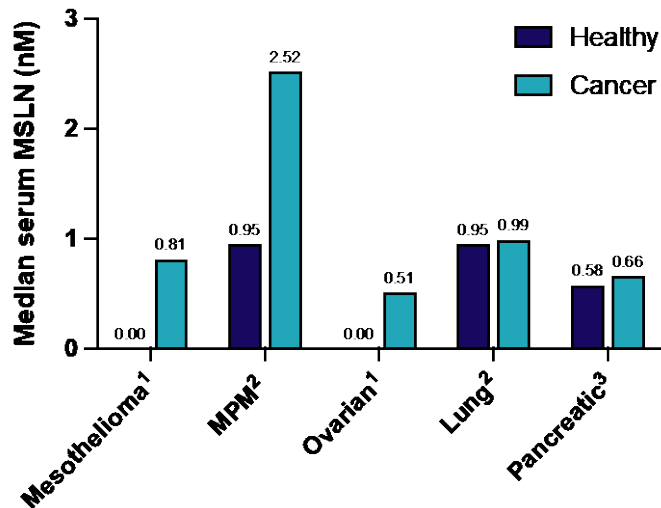
- Peripheral T cell activation
- Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

Coculture of Pan-T + H292 lung tumor cells at 2:1 E:T. TNFα release was measured from collected supernatants by MSD. T cell proliferation assay with pan T cells with/without OVCAR-3 ovarian tumor cells at 10:1 E:T. Afacan N, et al. Presented at: AACR. 2023 (abstr #2942)

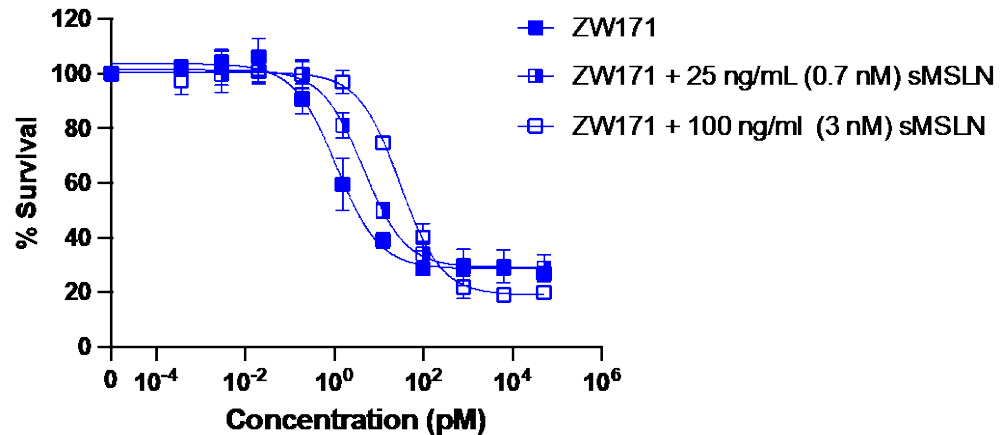
# ZW171 Maintains Cytotoxic Potency in Presence of Clinically Relevant MSLN Concentrations Observed in Patient Serum Samples

- Soluble serum MSLN levels are elevated in some, but not all, MSLN-expressing cancers
- Serum MSLN levels are elevated in mesothelioma and ovarian cancer patients, but remain comparable to healthy controls in lung and pancreatic cancer patients

### Patient Serum MSLN Levels

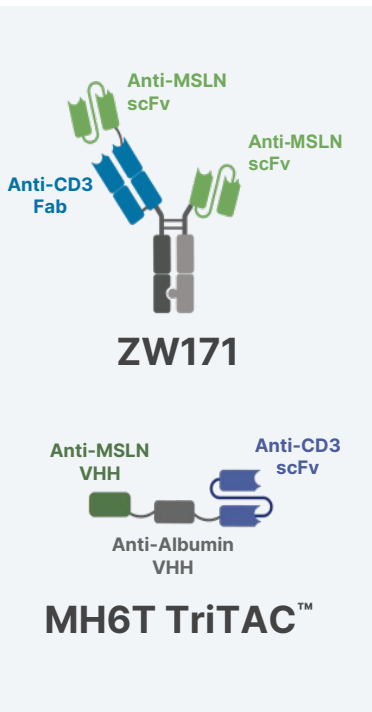


### Cytotoxicity in the presence of soluble MSLN



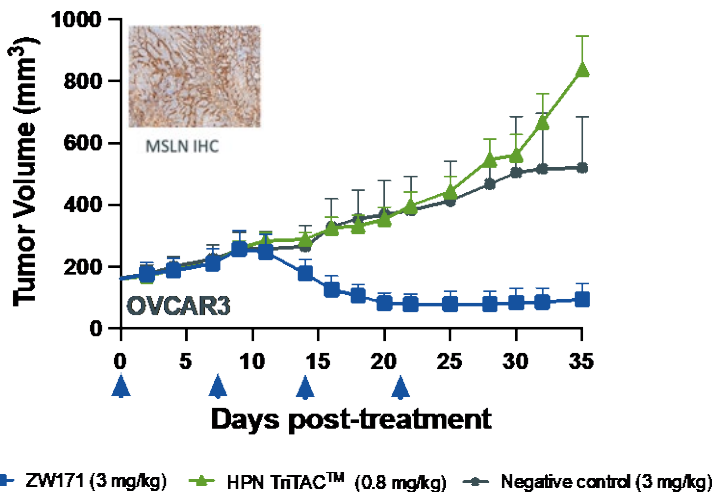
MPM: Malignant pleural mesothelioma  
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# ZW171 Mediates Greater Cytotoxicity Against MSLN-Expressing Tumor Cells Compared to Benchmark



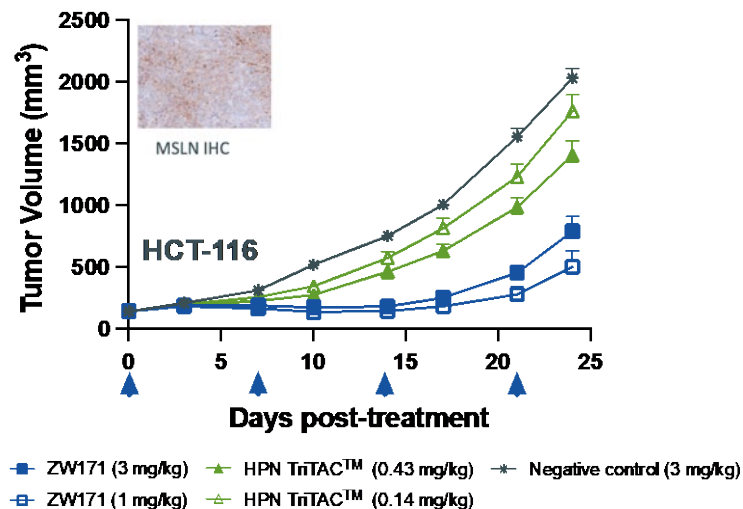
The activity of ZW171 was benchmarked against Harpoon's MSLN targeting MH6T TriTAC™

### MSLN<sup>High</sup>-Expressing Ovarian Cancer Model



OVCAR-3 tumor engrafted mice were humanized with donor PBMC (3 donors) and dosed i.v. QW x4 with ZW171 or i.p. daily x 18 with HPN TriTAC. Neg control (HAxCD3)

### MSLN<sup>Med</sup>-Expressing Colorectal Cancer Model



Mice were engrafted with HCT-116 cells and humanized with donor PBMC (3 donors). Mice were dosed i.v. QW x4 with ZW171 or i.p. daily x 18 with HPN TriTAC. Neg control (HAxCD3)

# ZW171: A Differentiated MSLN x CD3 Bispecific T Cell Engager

Widening the therapeutic window of bispecific T-cell engagers



## Therapeutic Rationale

**MSLN** is a **clinically validated target** with high **expression in many solid tumor types** that represent a **high unmet medical need**

Investigational MSLN-targeted biologics have demonstrated clinical activity in MSLN-expressing cancers



## Product Differentiation

**Engineered for optimal format, paratope affinity, and stability**

**Reduced anti-CD3 affinity** and 2+1 avidity-driven format expected to translate to **improved safety profile and widened therapeutic index**



## Opportunity

**First and best-in class treatment** for MSLN-expressing cancers

**Improved anti-tumor activity** in MSLN-expressing in vivo tumor models **compared to clinical benchmark**



## Next Milestones

**The Company has received IND clearance by the FDA to commence clinical studies for ZW171 and commence Phase 1 studies in the second half of 2024**

# Next Generation CD28 Co-stimulatory Trispecific T Cell Engager Platform

Designed to provide more durable responses in solid tumors and superior activity in 'cold' tumors



## Therapeutic Rationale

- Next Gen TriTCE Co-stim can provide increased T cell fitness, activation, and proliferation via tumor-dependent T cell co-stimulation



## Product Differentiation

- Novel approach of modular geometry and avidity screening of trispecifics to optimize T cell activation by Signal 1 and Signal 2
- TriTCE Co-stim show superior anti-tumor activity to bispecific benchmarks and exhibit no activation of T cells in absence of tumor cells

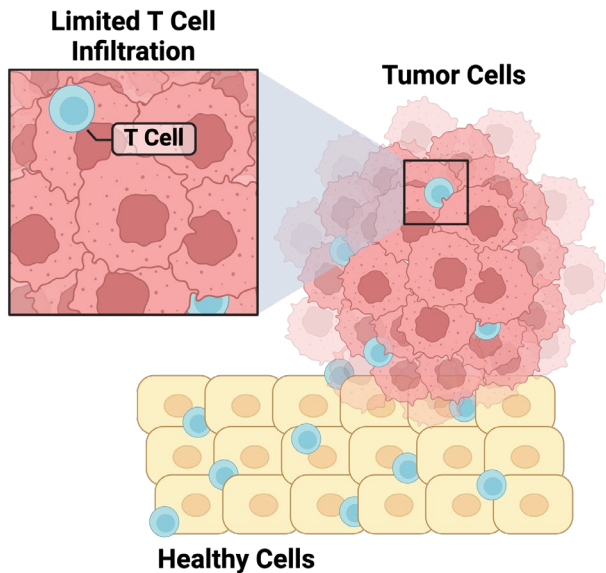


## Next Milestones

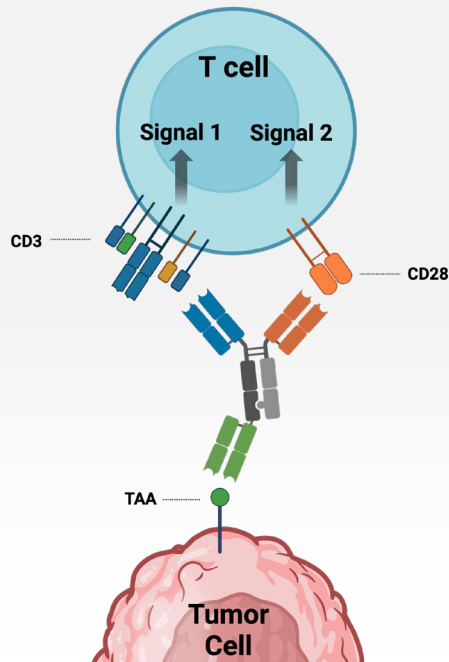
- Expand utility to additional tumor targets

# Zymeworks Trispecific Co-stimulatory T Cell Engagers: Overcoming Lack of Efficacy and Durability of Responses in Solid Tumors by Optimization of Signal 1 and 2

Low T cell infiltration and T cell anergy remain challenges in the treatment of solid tumors



## Zymeworks Trispecific Co-stimulatory Program

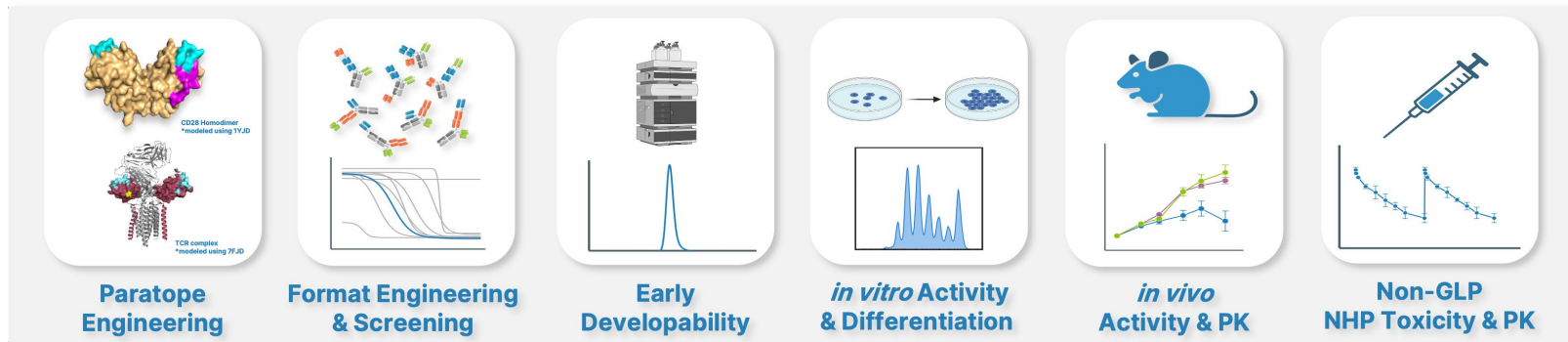


Provides Signal 1 (CD3) and Signal 2 (CD28) in one molecule to **increase T cell activation and proliferation**

Engineered to balance signal 1 and 2 for optimized **TAA-dependent T cell activation** and expansion

TrITCE Co-stim have the potential to provide **more durable responses** and reinvigorate T cell responses in 'cold' tumors with lower T cell infiltration

# Established a Workflow for TriTCE Co-stim Platform Lead Format Selection



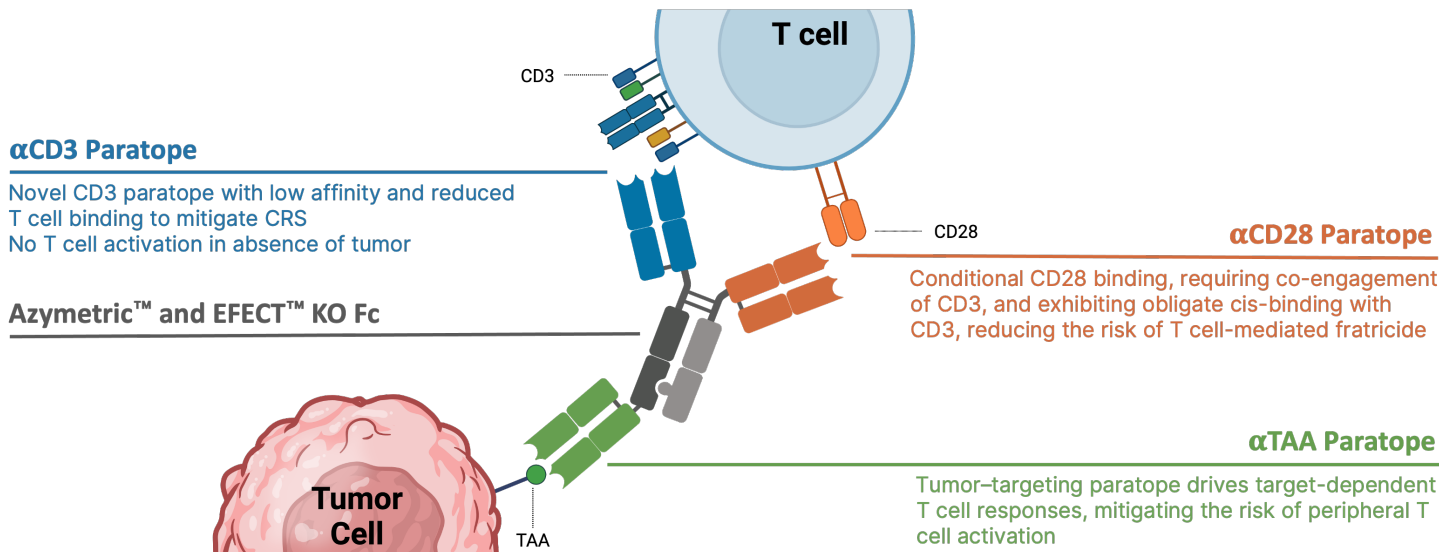
## Lead TriTCE Co-stim Format with Desired Characteristics

- ✓ Target-Dependent Activity
  - ✓ Cytotoxicity of Target Cells
  - ✓ T Cell Activation
- ✓ No Loss of T Cell Viability
- ✓ No T Cell:T Cell Bridging



# TriTCE Co-stim Engineered for Enhanced T Cell Functionality, Anti-tumor Activity and Tolerability

T cell engager antibody design is critical to elicit **optimal T cell synapse formation** and to the **widened therapeutic index**

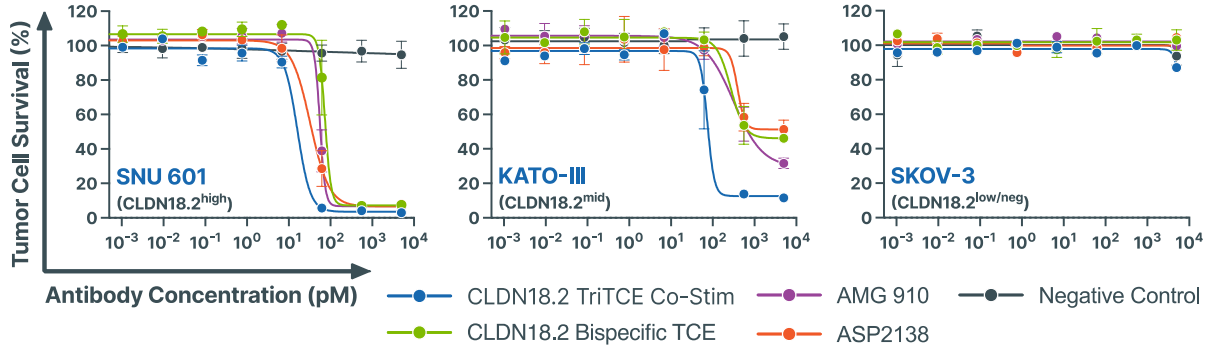


TriTCE Co-stim platform tested with several targets including **CLDN18.2<sup>1</sup>** and **DLL3<sup>2</sup>**

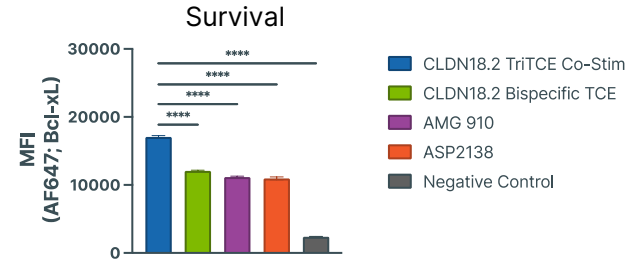
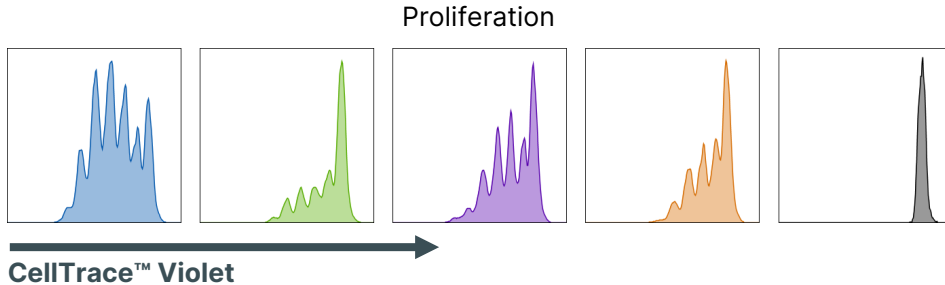
CRS: cytokine release syndrome; KO Fc: knocked out fragment crystallizable region of antibody (Fc).  
1. Newhook L, et al. Presented at: SITC Annual Meeting. 2023 (abstr # 1372) 2. Newhook L, et al. Presented at: AACR Annual Meeting. 2024 (abstr # 6719)

# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Enhances T Cell Responses and Anti-tumor Activity Versus Benchmark Bispecific TCEs

## Enhanced Cytotoxicity at Low E:T



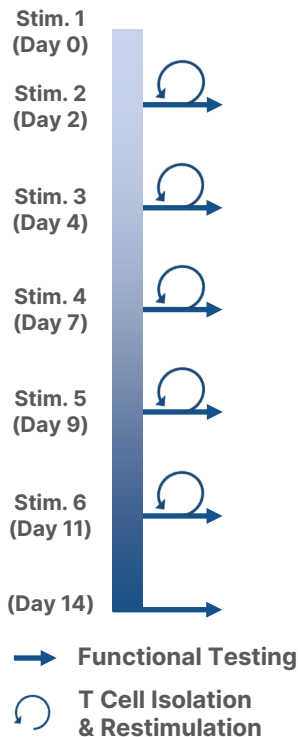
## Improved T Cell Proliferation and Survival



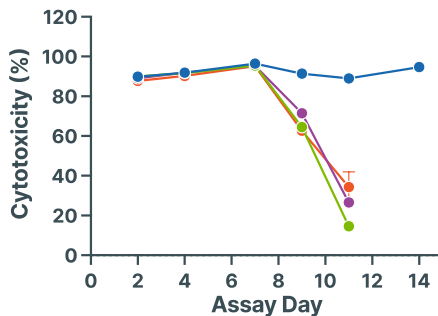
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# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Displays Sustained T Cell Fitness and Anti-tumor Activity in a Serial Repeat Challenge Assay

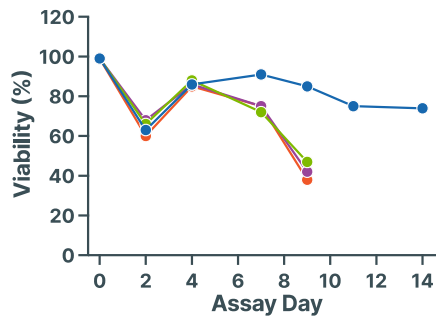
## Sustained Tumor Cell Cytotoxicity, T Cell Viability and T Cell Proliferation Over Repeated T Cell Stimulation



### Tumor Cell Cytotoxicity

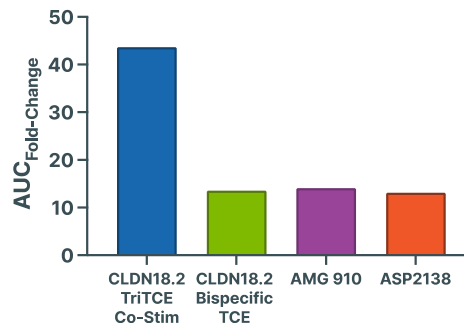
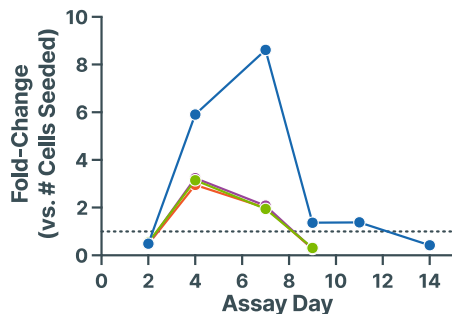


### T Cell Viability



- CLDN18.2 TriTCE Co-Stim
- CLDN18.2 Bispecific TCE
- AMG 910
- ASP2138

### T Cell Proliferation

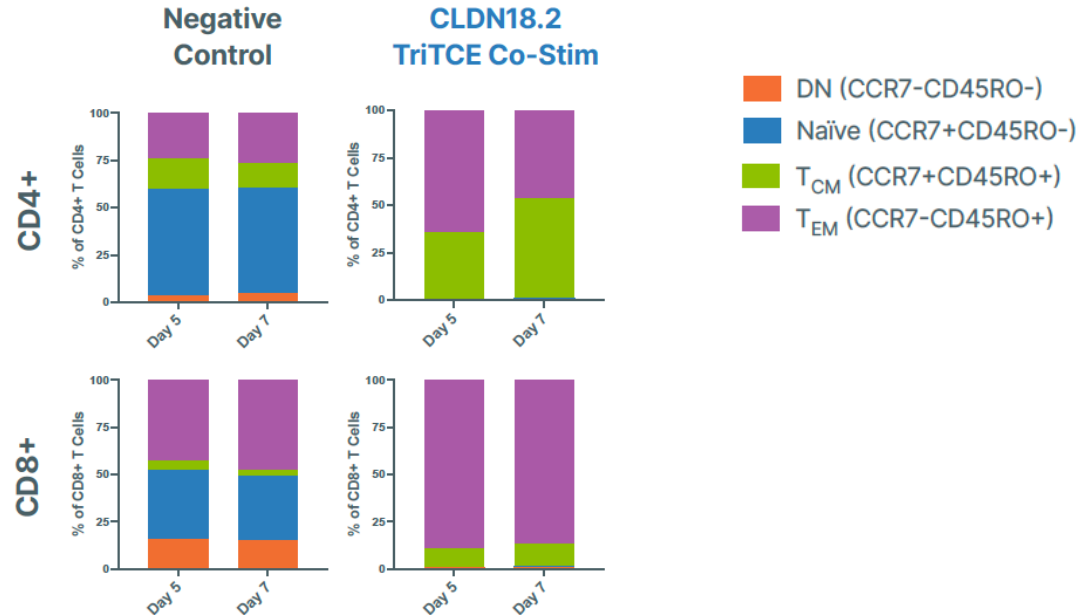


**CD28 costimulation mediates sustained T cell activity *in vitro* relative to bispecific TCE, which may translate to more durable anti-tumor responses**

TCE: T cell engager  
Newhook L, et al. Presented at: AACR Annual Meeting, 2024 (abstr # 6719)

# Treatment with CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Results in Activation of Naive and Expansion of T<sub>CM</sub> and T<sub>EM</sub> Memory Cell Subsets

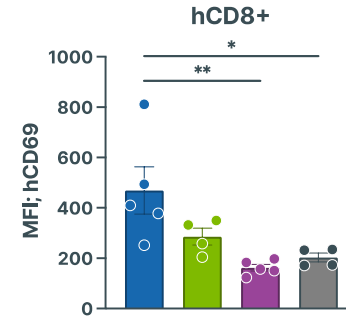
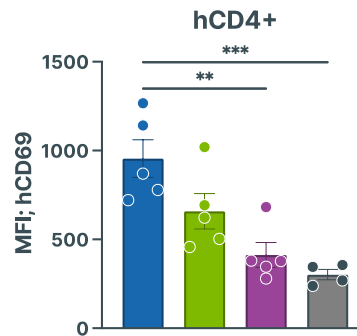
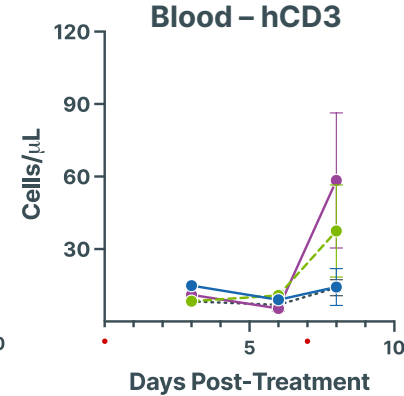
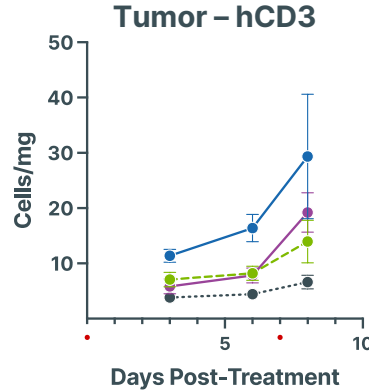
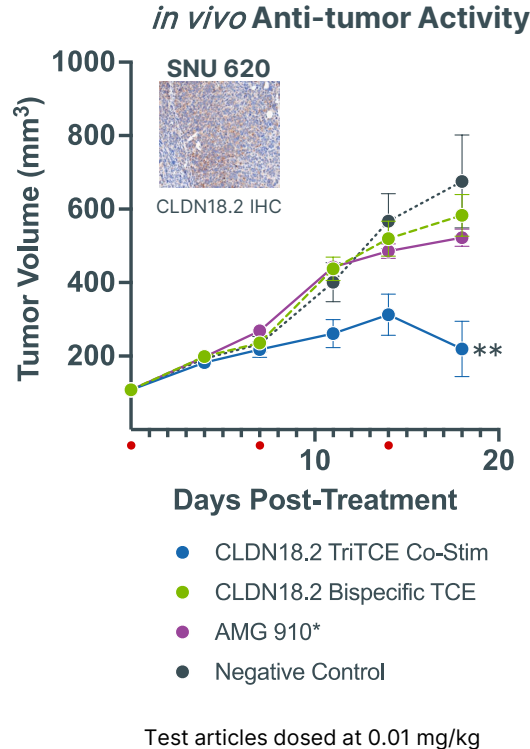
## T<sub>CM</sub> and T<sub>EM</sub> Expansion of CD4+ and CD8+ T cell at E:T of 1:1



Test articles incubated with PBMCs co-cultured with CLDN18.2-expressing SNU 601 target cells and assessed for expansion of memory subsets. Memory subsets of CD4+ or CD8+ T cells were analyzed by flow cytometry after 5 and 7 days of co-culture at an E:T of 1:1.

# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Mediates Enhanced Anti-Tumor Activity and Increases Activated Intratumoral T Cells *In Vivo* Compared to Benchmark Bispecific TCEs

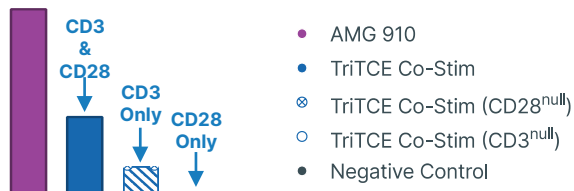
## Greater Anti-Tumor Activity and Increased Activated T Cell Infiltration in Tumor but not in Blood



# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Exhibits Conditional CD28 Binding and Obligate Cis T Cell Engagement

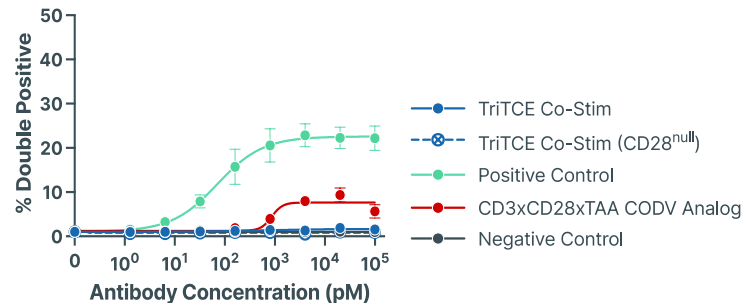
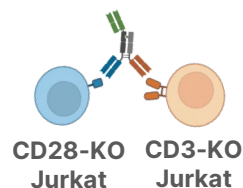
## Conditional Binding of CD28, Requiring Co-engagement of CD3

### T Cell Binding



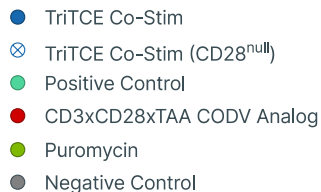
## Obligate *cis* Binding of CD3 and CD28 on T Cells

### T Cell: T cell Bridging



## No Reduction of T Cell Viability

### T Cell Monoculture Viability



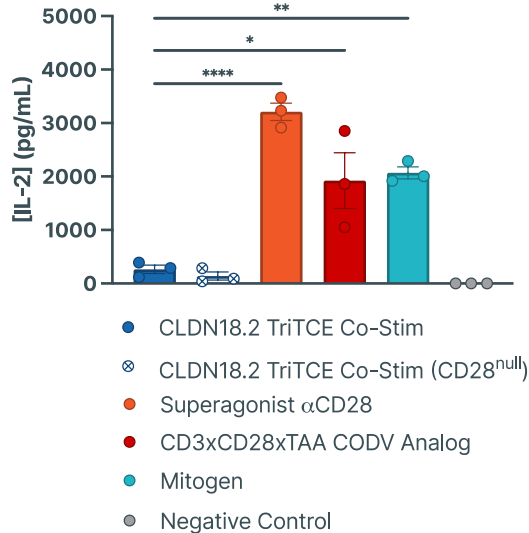
- TriTCE co-stim does not mediate T cell: T cell bridging
- Cell bridging by immune cell-engaging antibodies has the potential to mediate effector cell fratricide, ultimately depleting cells required for therapeutic efficacy (Wang et al., 2018).

# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim has a Favorable Safety Profile *In Vitro* and in a Mouse CRS *In Vivo* Model

No cytokine release observed using *in vitro* or *in vivo* models of CRS

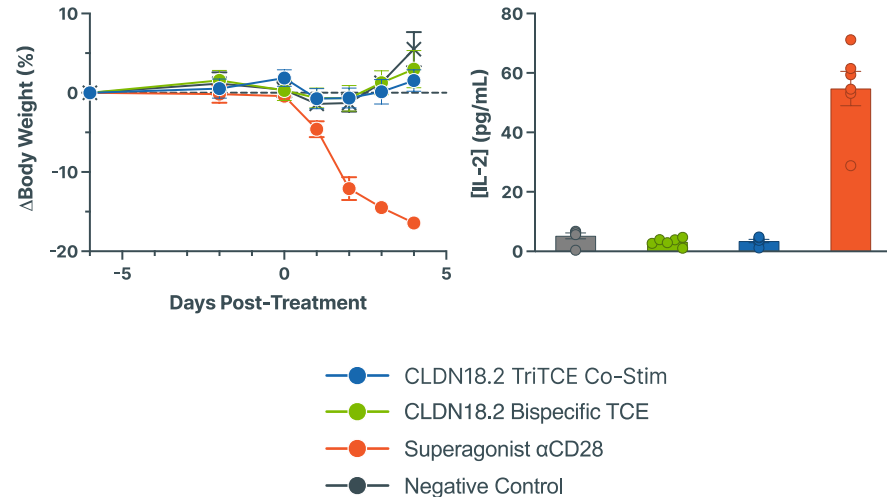
No Cytokine Release *in vitro* with Human PBMC Only

Solid-Phase Cytokine Release Assay



No Body Weigh Loss or Systemic Cytokine Release *in vivo*

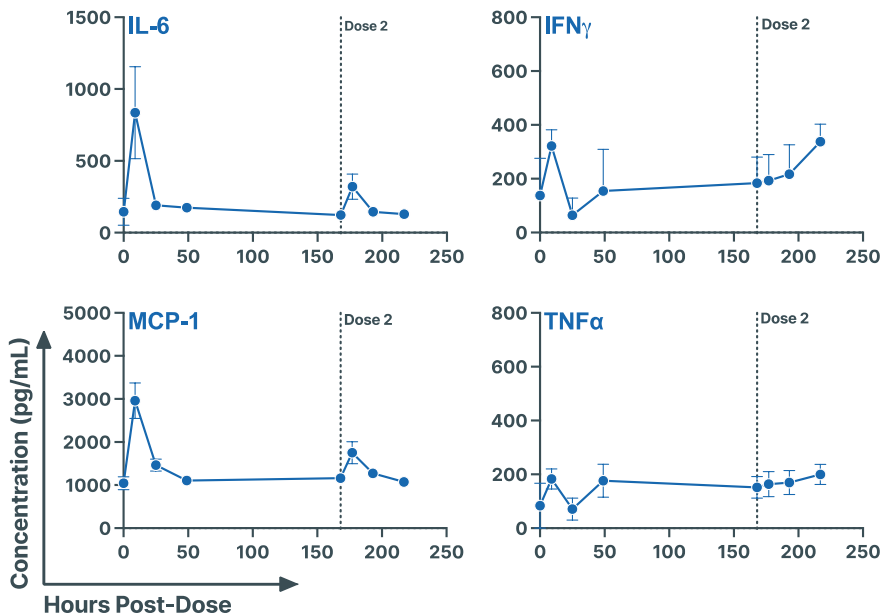
Humanized Mouse CRS Model



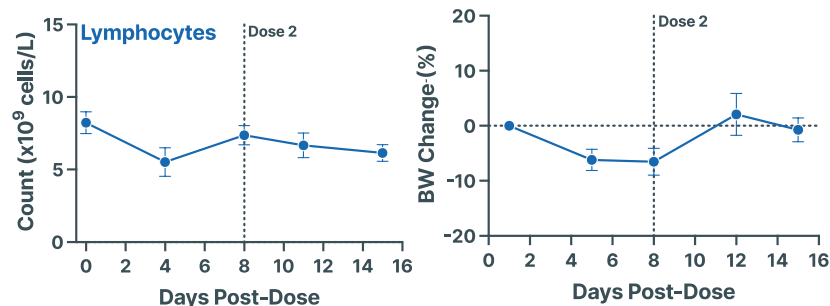
CRS: Cytokine release syndrome  
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# CLDN 18.2 TriTCE Co-stim is Well-Tolerated in Cynomolgus Monkeys

## Transient, Minor Increase in Serum Cytokine Post-Dosing



## Transient, Minor Decrease in Lymphocyte Count and Body Weight Post-Dosing



—●— Surrogate TriTCE Co-Stim\* - 3 mg/kg

- Toxicology findings were mild and associated with the known mechanism of action of TCEs
- No histopathological changes observed in the stomach, where CLDN18.2 is expressed (Türeci et al., 2011)
  - Other histopathological changes were secondary to decreased food consumption and body weight loss

\*Surrogate TriTCE Co-Stim exhibited ~10-fold increased cytotoxic potency vs. lead TriTCE Co-Stim and ~15-fold reduced cytotoxic potency vs. AMG 910 in cynomolgus T cell-dependent cytotoxicity assays *in vitro*. AMG 910 dosed up to 0.03 mg/kg in a one-month, repeat dose NHP toxicology study (Biallis et al, 2020).  
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Next generation multispecific T cell engagers with additional modalities can address existing challenges limiting the efficacy of TCE in solid tumors.

2

TriTCE Co-stim approach results in differentiated anti-tumor activity in low E:T settings and has potential to improve outcome for patients, especially those with poorly infiltrated tumors, by increasing the depth and durability of response.

3

Demonstrated *in vitro* and *in vivo* activity across multiple programs, including CLDN 18.2 and DLL3 targeted TriTCE, with a favorable safety profile.

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