

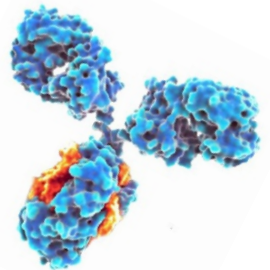
# Immunotherapy

## A Practical Perspective

A view from the dark side

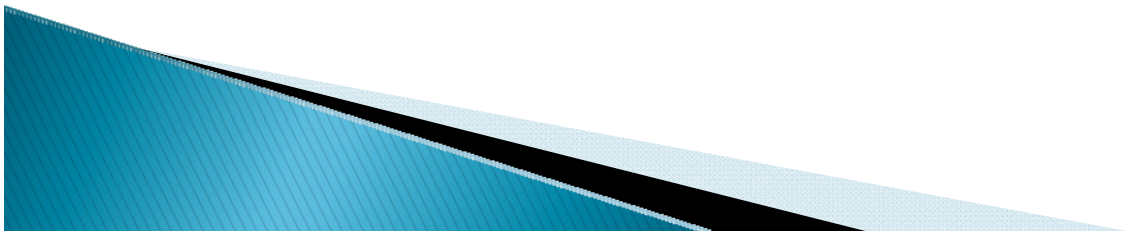
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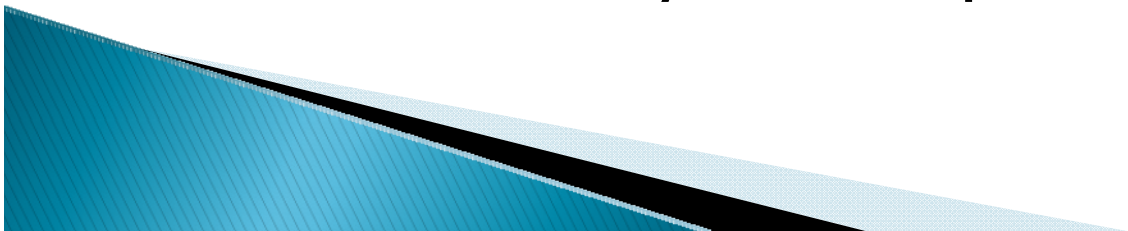
# Why is practicality important?

- ▶ Robust science is always the highest goal
- ▶ Our intent is to help people
- ▶ Within our system, effective agents require commercial marketing to make them available to patients
- ▶ The path through the regulatory and commercial gauntlet is therefore unavoidable
- ▶ Commercialization ultimately defines success, encouraging further development



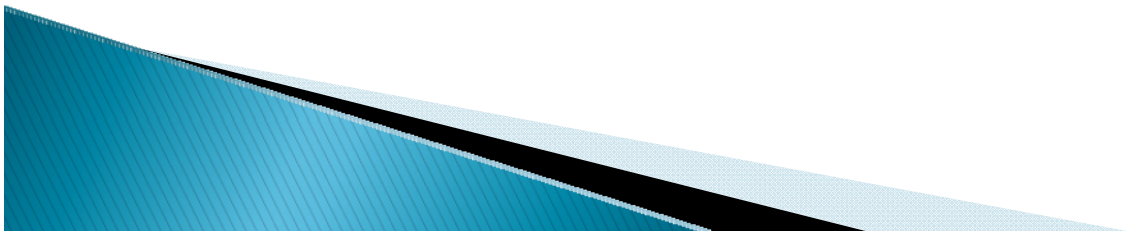
# The Corporate Mindset

- ▶ Broad view and final endpoint is critical
  - Keep next steps and final ambition in mind
- ▶ Build value with minimal risk
  - Biphasic interest curve
    - Exciting early data or proven technology more viable
- ▶ Single agent or simple development preferable
- ▶ Fail early and learn
- ▶ IP and competition are critical
- ▶ Limited ability to talk publicly



# Platform validation

- ▶ Antibodies are no longer “immunotherapy”
- ▶ “Checkpoint inhibitors” have validated generic immune activation approaches
  - Had a tenuous start
- ▶ Vaccines are still not accepted readily
  - RR versus OS
  - Manufacturing and Marketing complexity of DC vaccine has compromised the field
- ▶ Individual vaccine platforms are even harder to validate
  - Proof of principle important



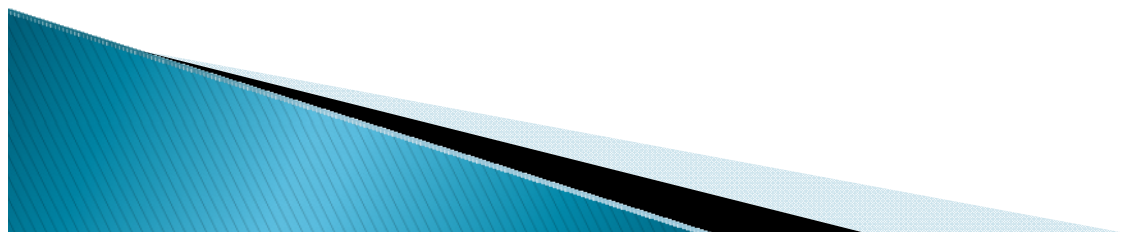
# Current Biotech Expectations

- ▶ Smaller companies more prepared to accept risks
  - Partnering or Commercialization important
  - While small companies are loath to halt development, the standards are still similar to larger companies
- ▶ More potent effects are important
  - Fail early is still important
  - Modest OS benefits are very difficult to prove efficiently
  - Immune response alone may be inadequate
  - It is hard to justify expensive advanced development based upon the subtler aspects of the Immune Response Criteria
- ▶ Reasonable path to approval
  - Feasibility is critical

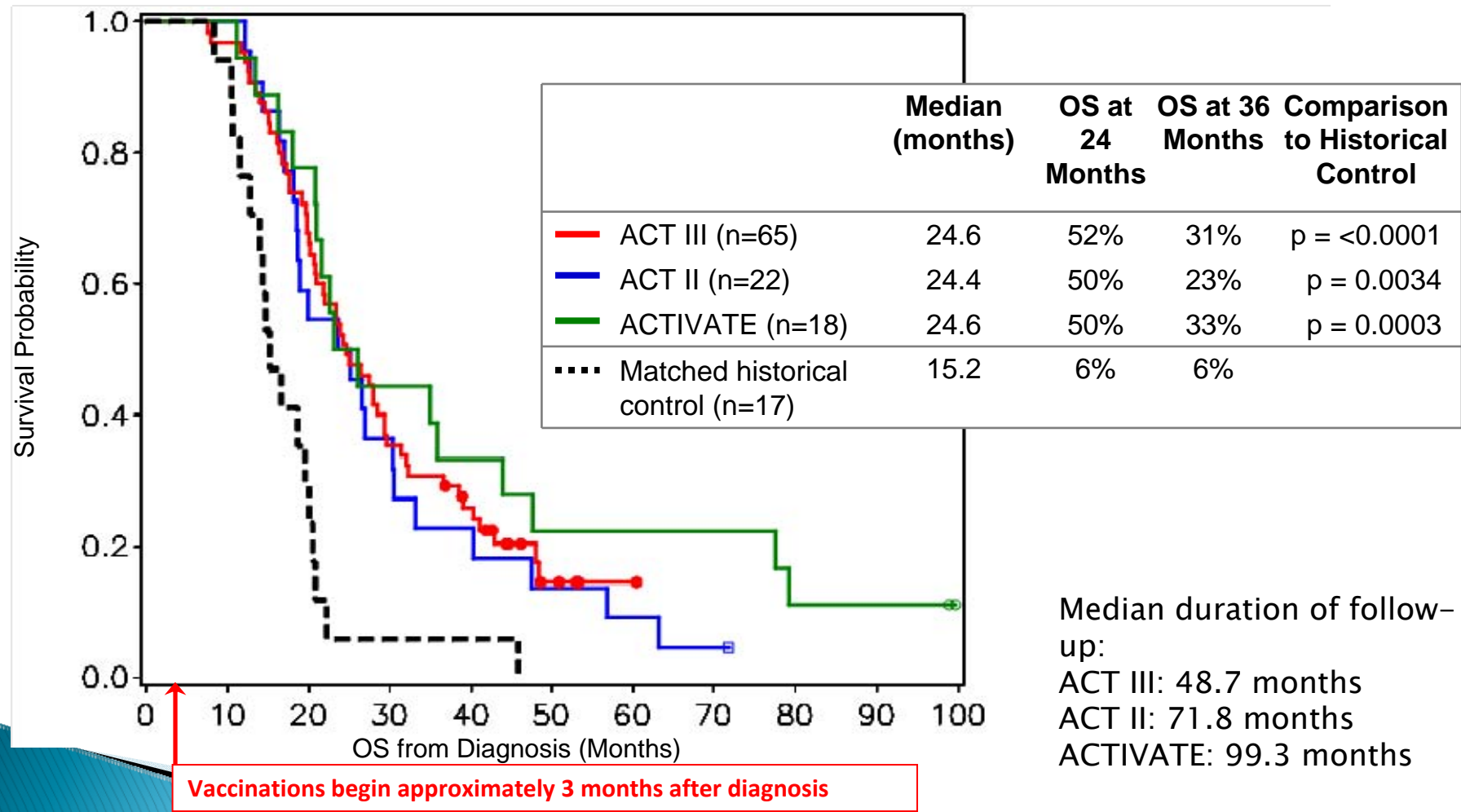


# Celldex – Internal Combination in Pipeline

CANDIDATE	INDICATION	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
Rindopepimut	Front-line Glioblastoma	ACT IV Registration Trial		
CDX-011	Breast Cancer	EMERGE Trial		
Rindopepimut	Recurrent GBM	ReACT Trial		
CDX-1135	Dense Deposit Disease	Pilot		
CDX-1127	Lymphoma, Cancer			
CDX-301	HSC Transplantation			
CDX-1401	Multiple Solid Tumors			

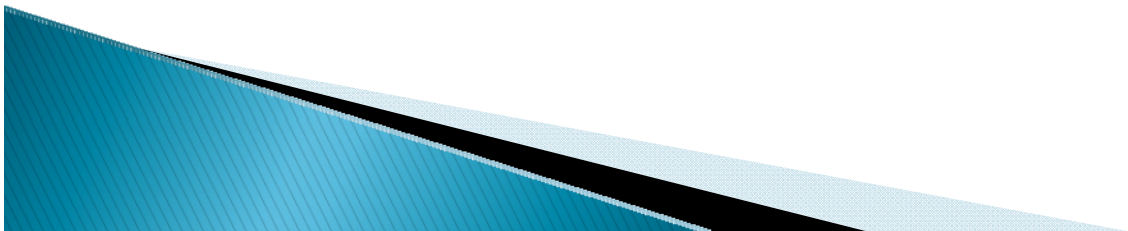


# Rindopepimut: both PFS and OS improvement against non-study comparators



# Approaches to improving anti-tumor immunity

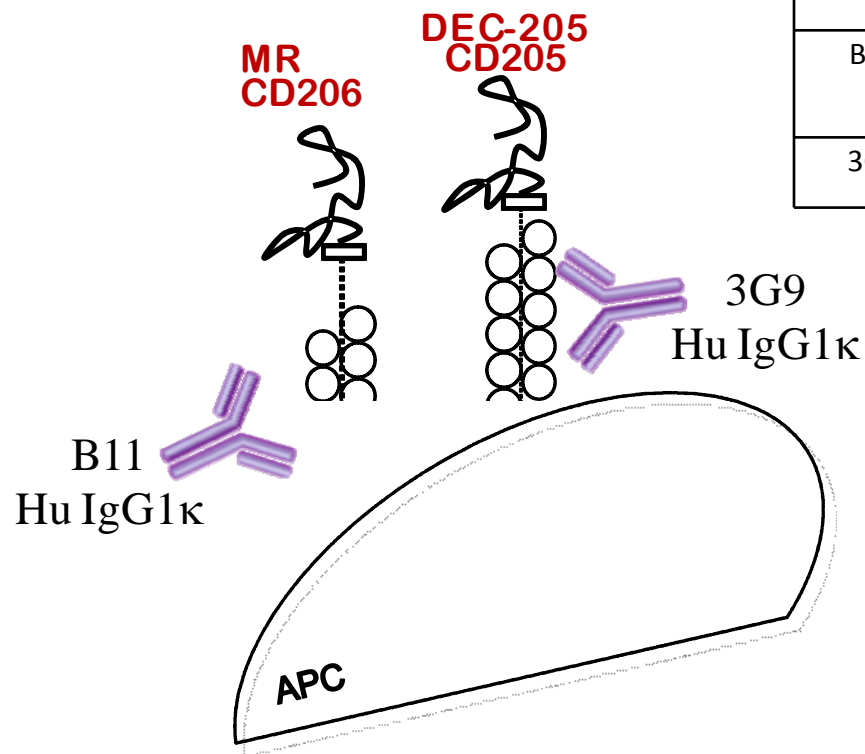
- ▶ Enhanced immunity to protein vaccines by antigen delivery to DCs in situ
  - Targeting antigens with mAbs to MR and DEC-205
- ▶ Enhancing T cell responses with co-stimulation
  - Development of an anti-human CD27 agonist mAb
- ▶ Expansion of DC subsets
  - Flt3L-back in the clinic



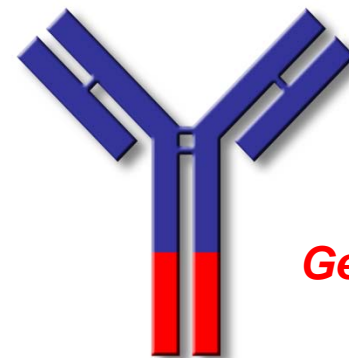


# Antigen delivery to C-type lectin receptors

Antibody	Specificity	APC Binding in human tissues	Affinity KD (M)
B11	Mannose receptor	Dermal DCs, Interstitial DCs, macrophages in most tissues	$\sim 7 \times 10^{-10}$
3G9	DEC-205	DCs in lymph nodes, tissue DCs	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-10}$



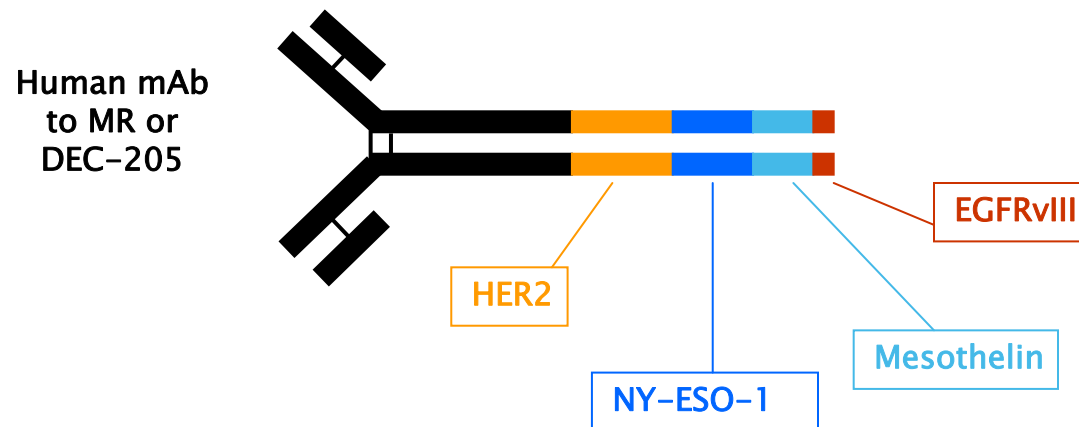
Recombinant antibody product



**Genetically  
fused  
antigen**

# Dendritic Cell Targeting vaccines Opportunities

- ▶ Multiple antigen constructs



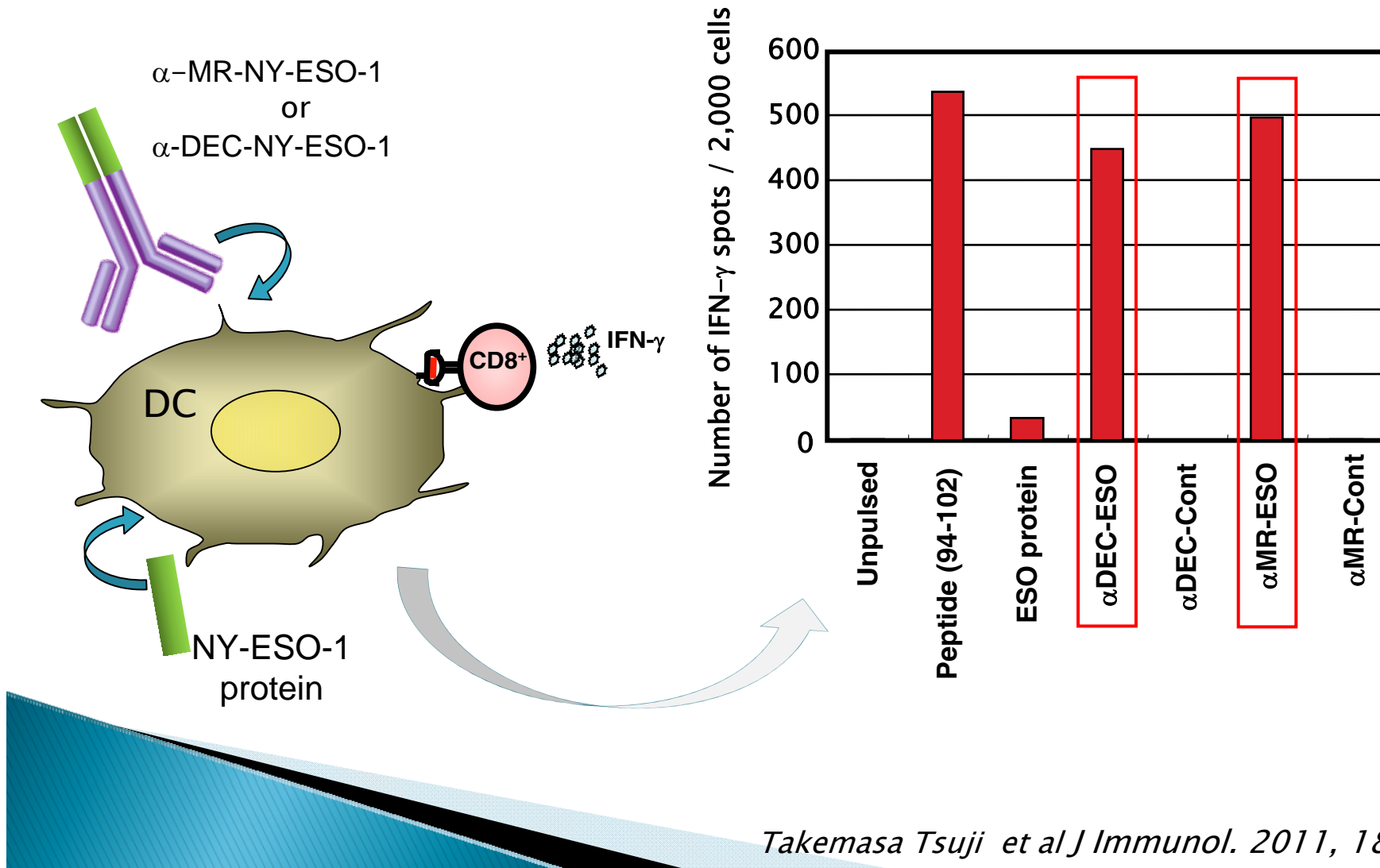
- ▶ Prime boost with viral vectors

- ▶ Combination studies with immune modulators

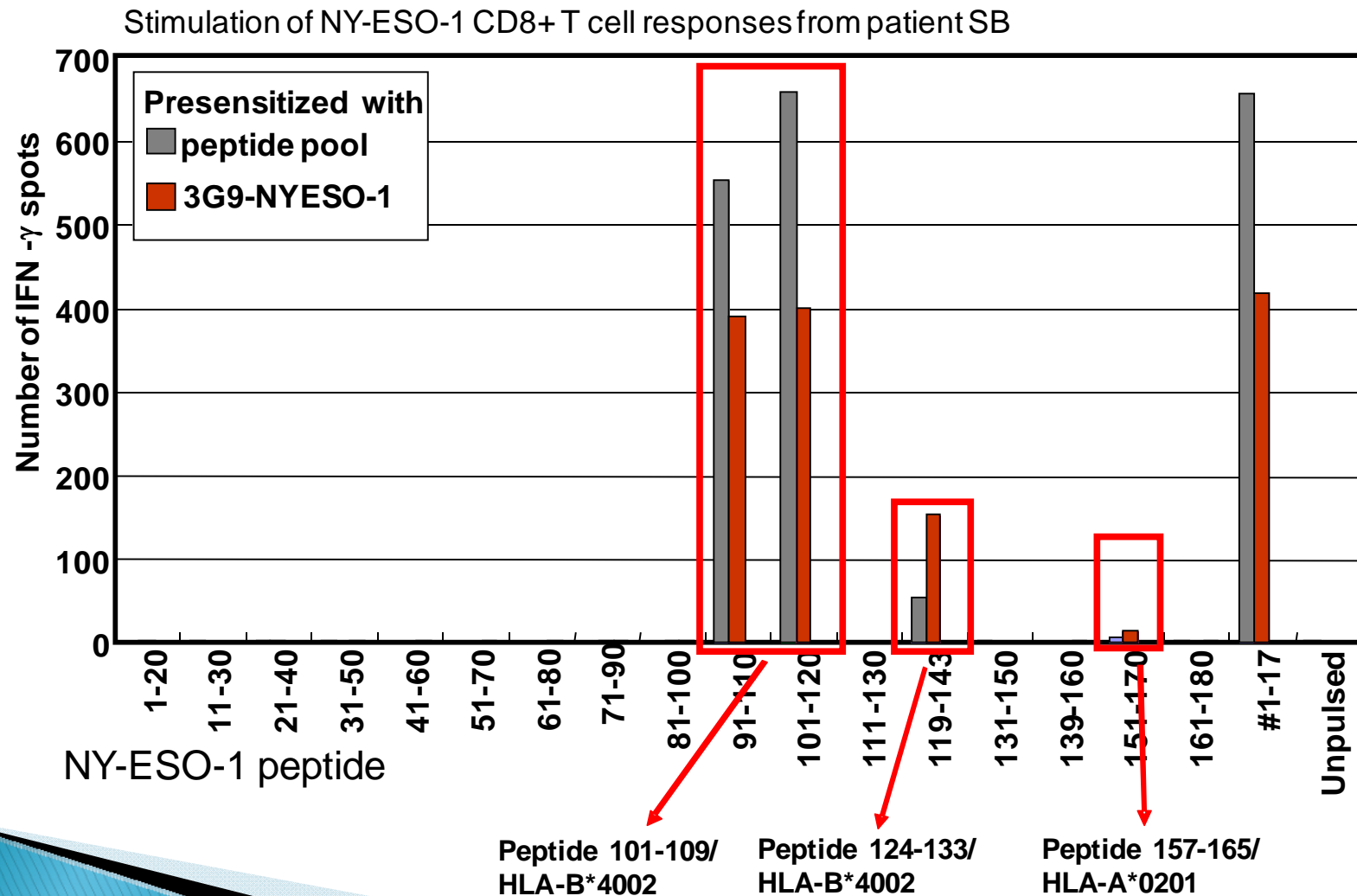
- Anti-CTLA-4, Flt3 ligand, anti-CD27...

# Targeting improves cross-presentation of NY-ESO-1

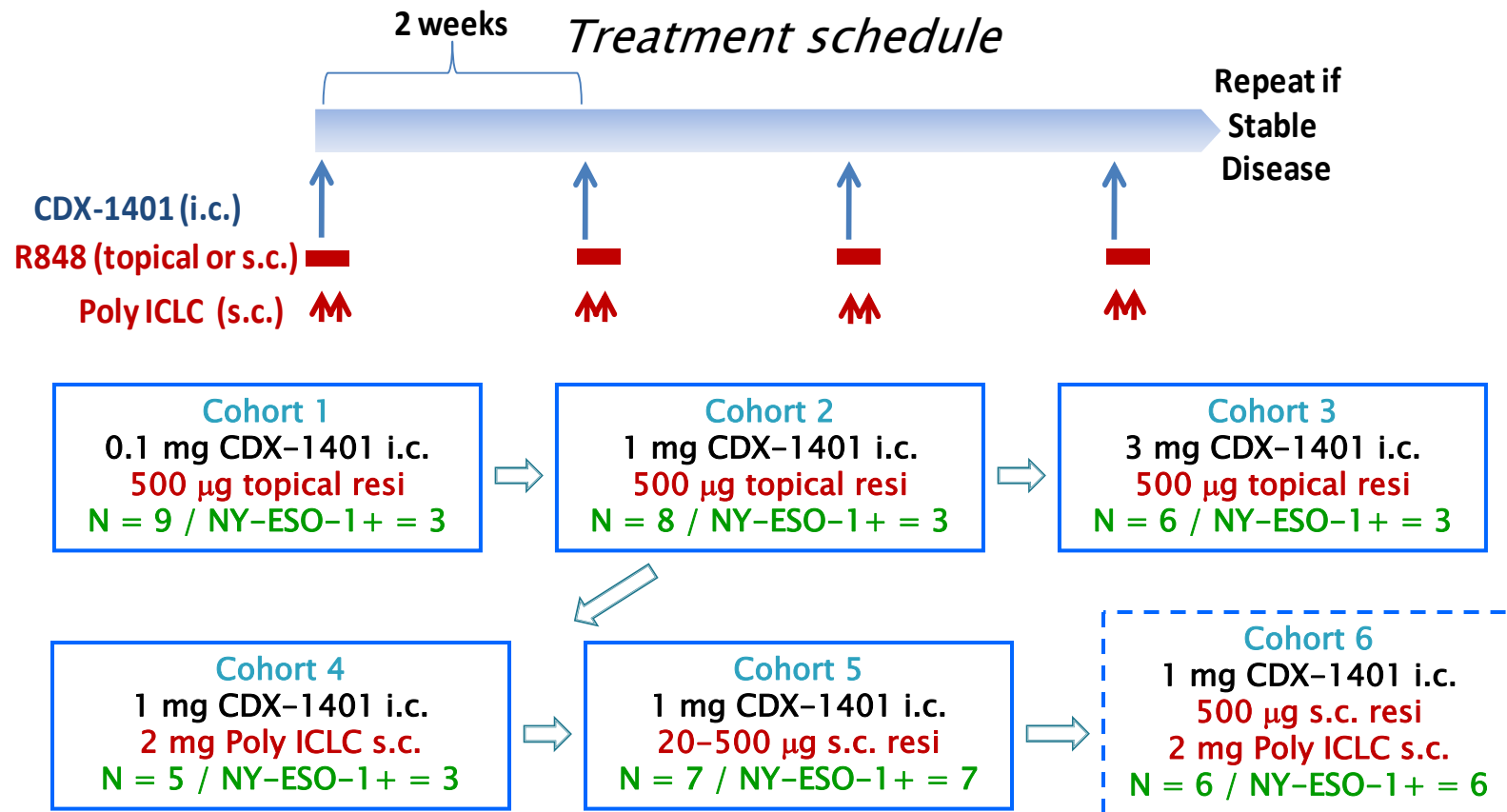
Recognition by NY-ESO-1-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell clone



# Presentation of multiple NY-ESO-1 MHC I epitopes

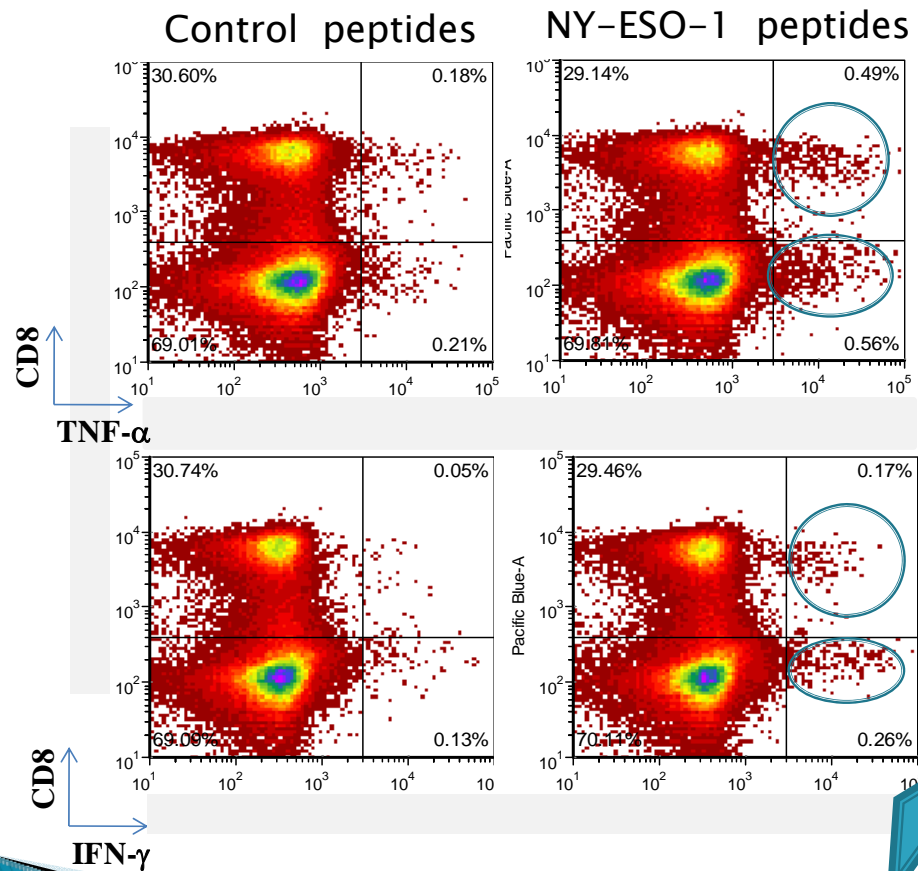


# Phase 1 CDX-1401 (3G9-ESO) trial



- Advanced melanoma and other cancers
- 45 patients enrolled, no SAEs
- Of 38 pts analyzed, 12 pts with SD (up 13 Mo)
- 3 with documented tumor shrinkage

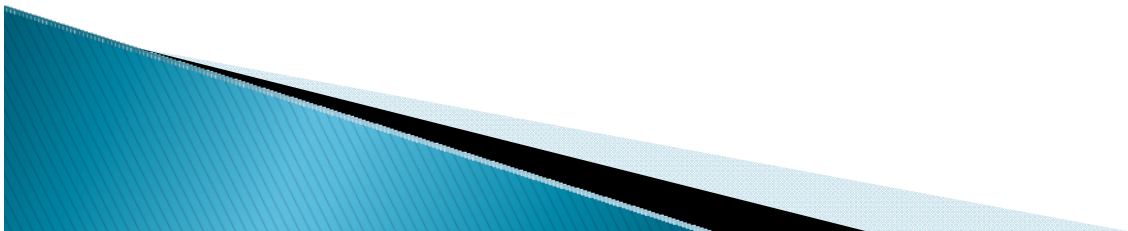
# CDX-1401: T cell responses



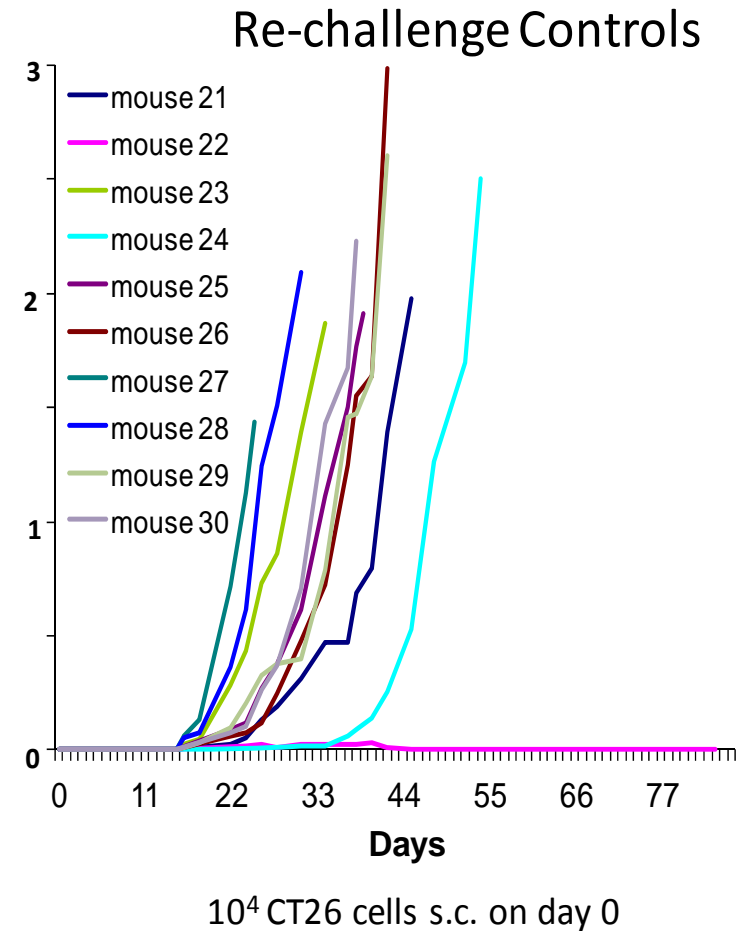
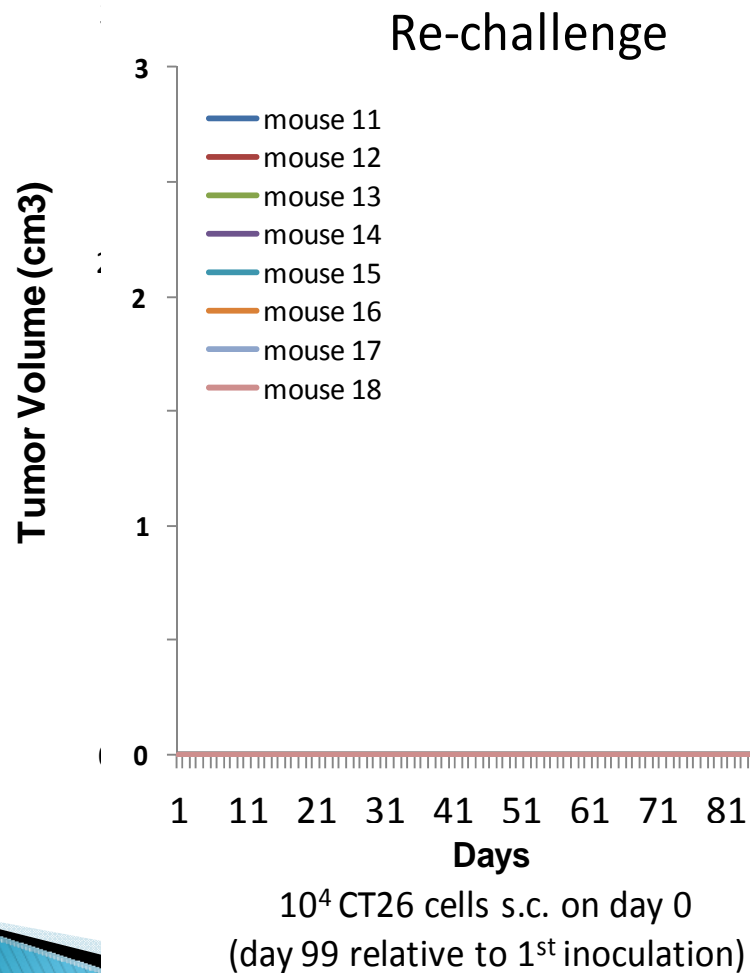
#	CDX-1401	Adjuvant	Pre		Post	
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1	1.0 mg	S.C. Resi + Poly ICLC	On-going			
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# CD27: a critical regulator of T cells

- ▶ **Member of the TNF-receptor superfamily (CD40, 4-1 BB, OX-40)**
  - Single ligand is CD70 (tightly regulated)
  - Constitutively expressed on most T cells and a subset of B and NK cells
- ▶ **Co-stimulatory molecule**
  - Role in generation and long-term maintenance of T cell immunity
  - Role in NK cell differentiation/activation
- ▶ **CD27 activation:**
  - Signaling through Traf2, Traf5
  - Activation of the NF- $\kappa$ B pathway
  - Cell survival, activation, proliferation



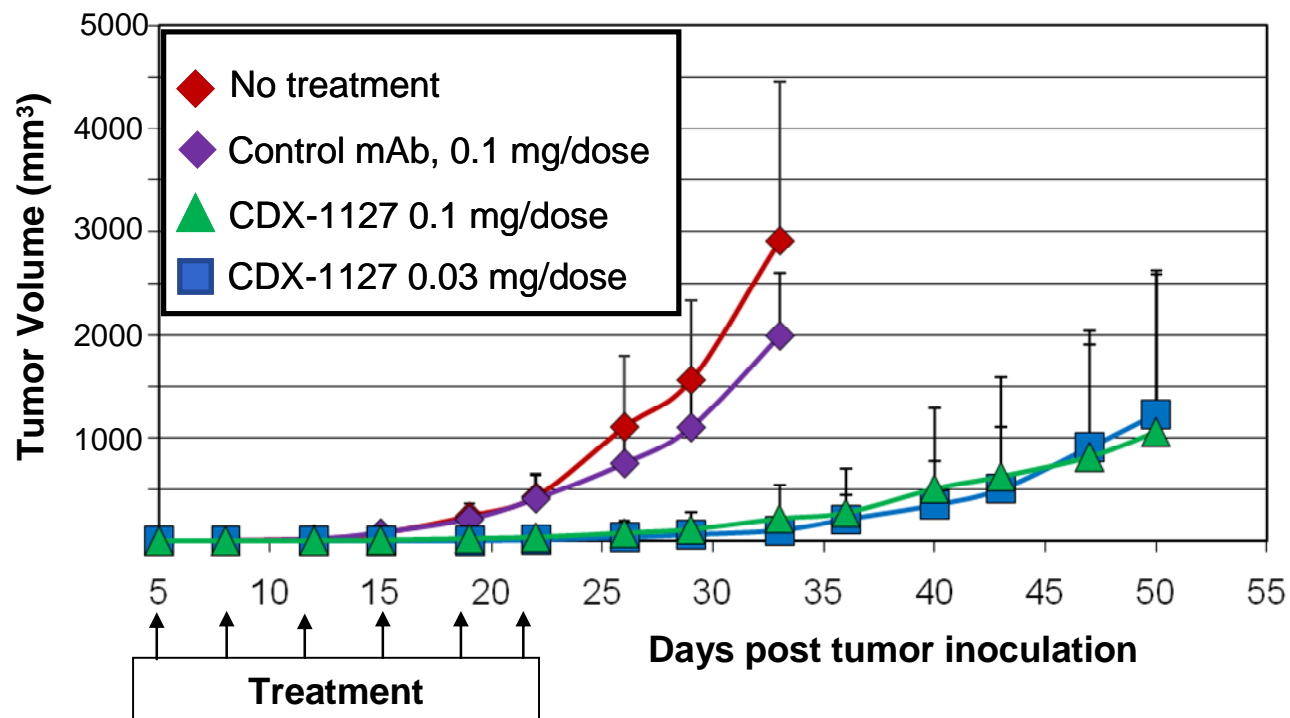
# Efficacy of CDX-1127 in colon carcinoma model (CT26) in huCD27 Tg mice





# Treatment of Human Lymphoma with CDX-1127

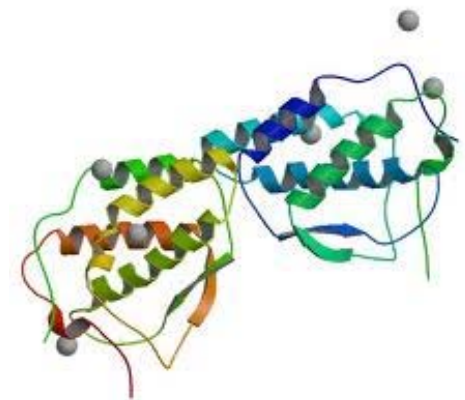
Xenograft model of human B lymphoblastic tumor cell line (Raji) in SCID mice



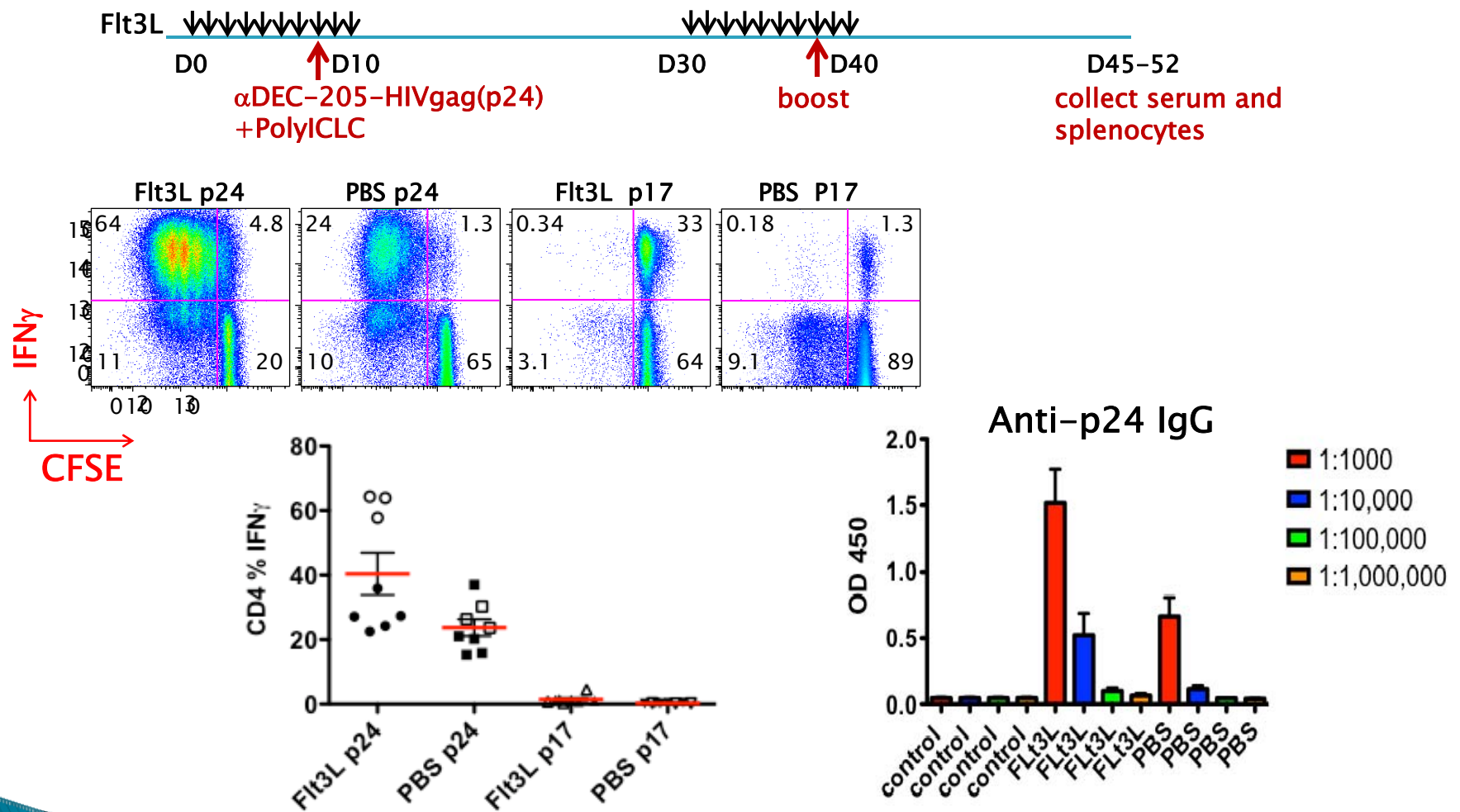
Similar efficacy with other human B and T cell tumor lines- Daudi, Namalwa, CCRF-CEM

# CDX-301: FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 Ligand (Flt3L)

- ▶ Flt3L: potent stem cell mobilizer and dendritic cell growth factor
- ▶ Previous clinical studies (Immunex/Amgen) demonstrated safety and biological activity (>500 subjects dosed)
- ▶ Program acquired from Amgen in 2009
- ▶ Multiple clinical opportunities



# FLt3L improves T cell expansion and IgG response to DEC-205 targeted vaccine



Niro Anandasabapathy and Ralph Steinman