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# Oncolytic Virus Clinical Data - The Turnstone Experience

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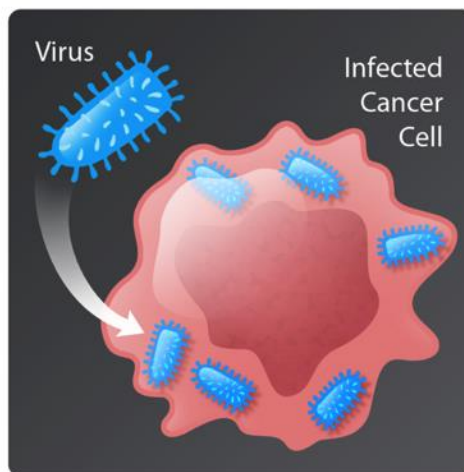
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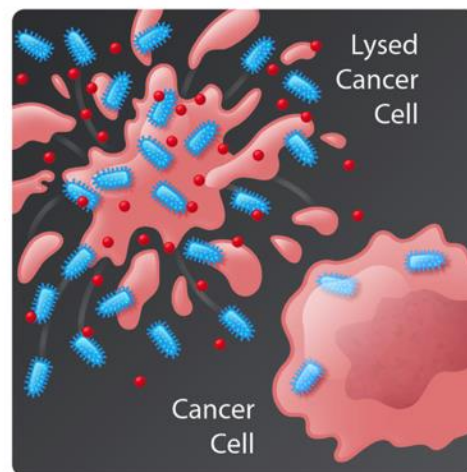


# Traditional Oncolytic Viruses

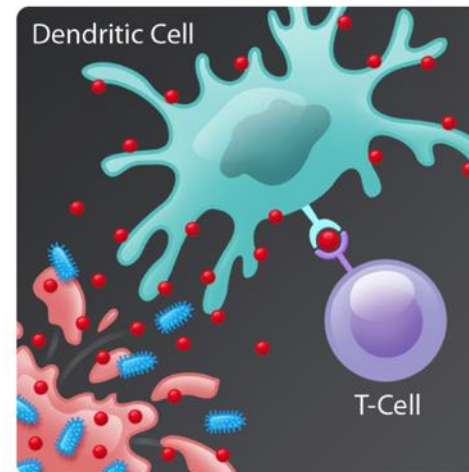
Selective viral replication  
in cancer cells



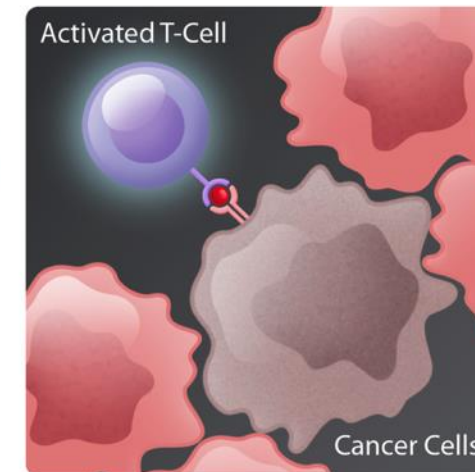
Tumor cells rupture for  
an oncolytic effect



Systemic tumor-specific  
immune response



Death of distant  
cancer cells



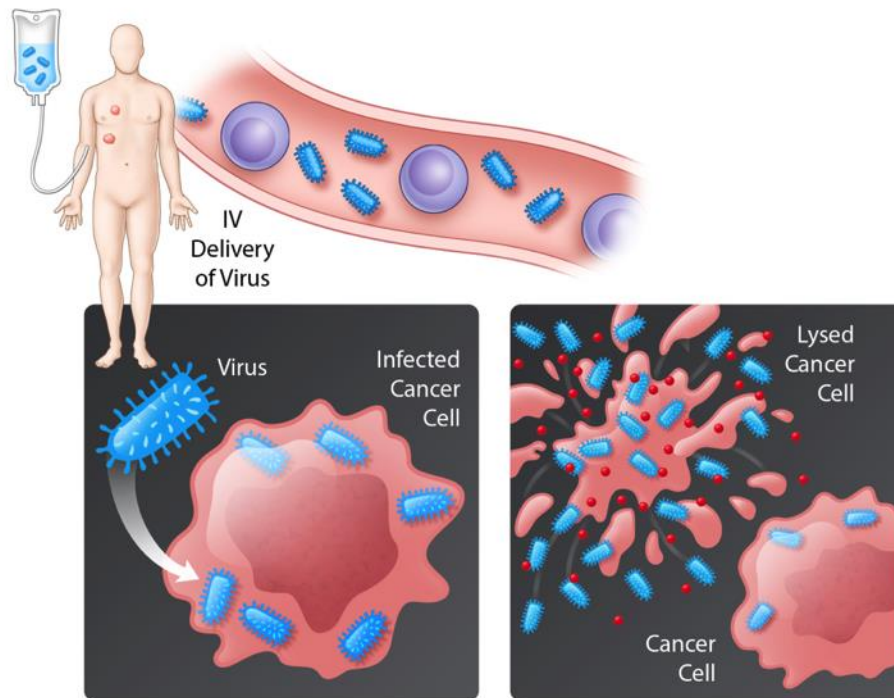
**Local Effect:**  
Tumor Cell Lysis

**Systemic Effect:**  
Tumor-Specific Immune Response

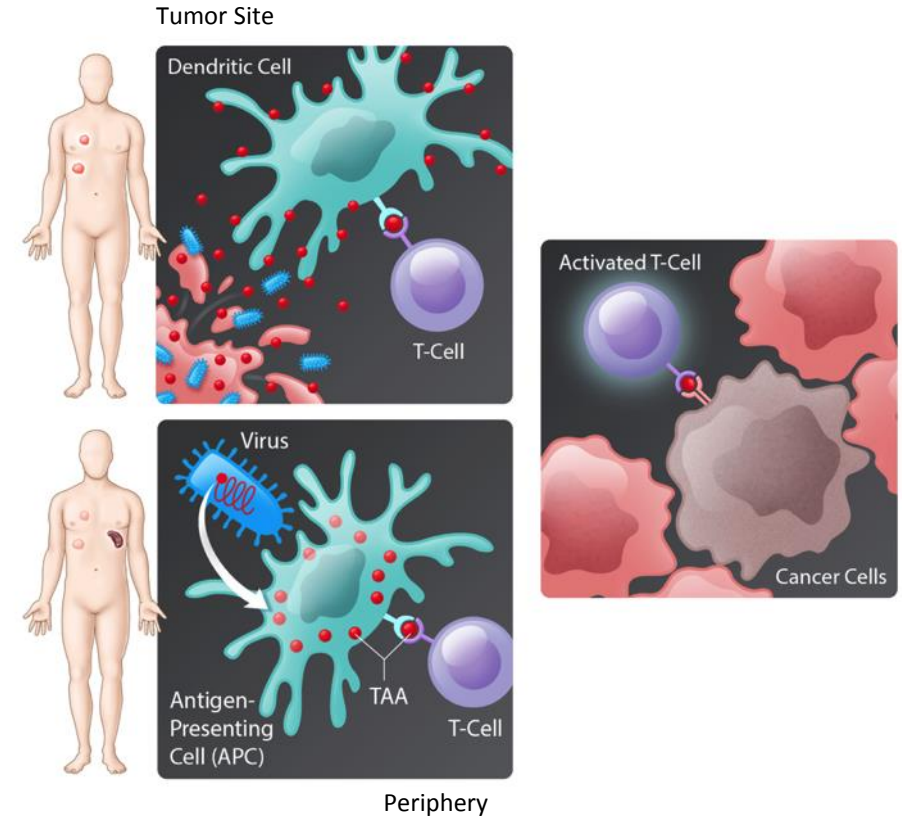


# Turnstone's Next-Gen Oncolytic Viral Immunotherapy

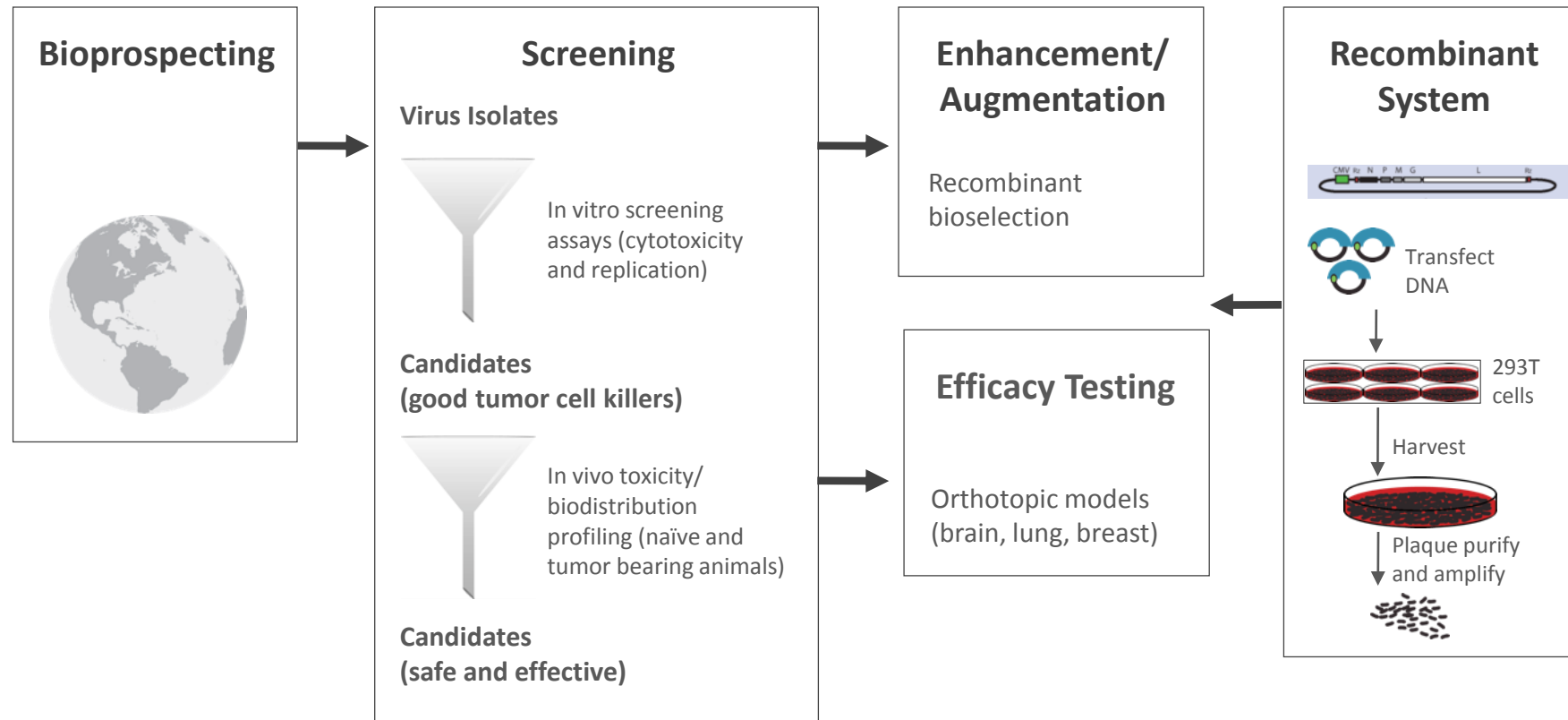
**Systemic delivery of oncolytic virus** enables lysis and microenvironment modulation at metastatic tumor sites throughout the body



Virus engineered to encode tumor antigens and act as **T-cell vaccine** to produce unprecedented CD8+ immune response



# Bioselection Process Identified Optimal Virus

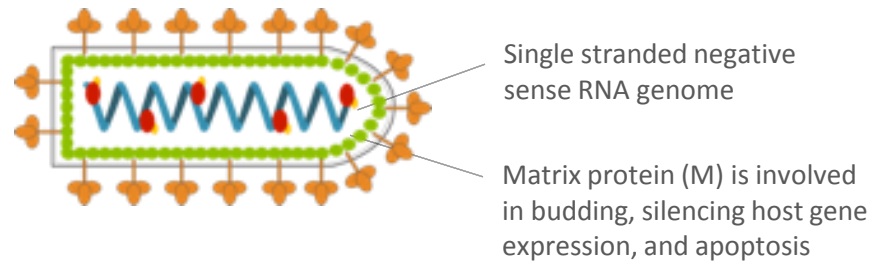


- Compared virus families in broad-based analysis leading to choice of rhabdoviridae
- Screened and evaluated over 200 different rhabdoviruses
- Selected Maraba virus based on broad potency and tumor selectivity

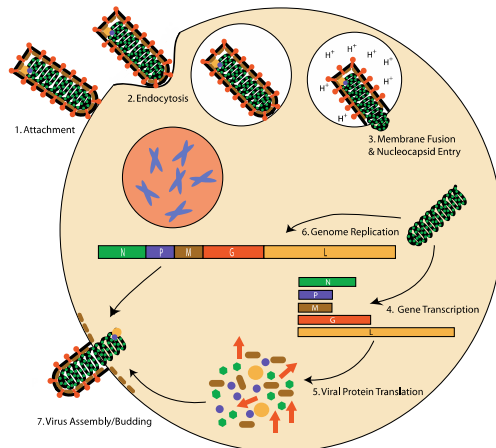


# Maraba Oncolytic Virus Platform

## Rhabdovirus Structure



## Rhabdovirus Life Cycle



## Maraba Virus

- Member of rhabdovirus family
- Isolated from Brazilian sand flies
- 11 kb RNA genome
- Broad tumor tropism with non-specific cell entry mechanism
- Induces cell death via apoptotic pathway



## Key Features

- Little pre-existing immunity
- Cytoplasmic life cycle – no genotoxicity
- Genetically stable
- Fully functionalized recombinant system
- Multiple transgene capacity
- Easy to manufacture

Brun J, et al. Mol Ther. 2010 Aug;18(8):1440-9





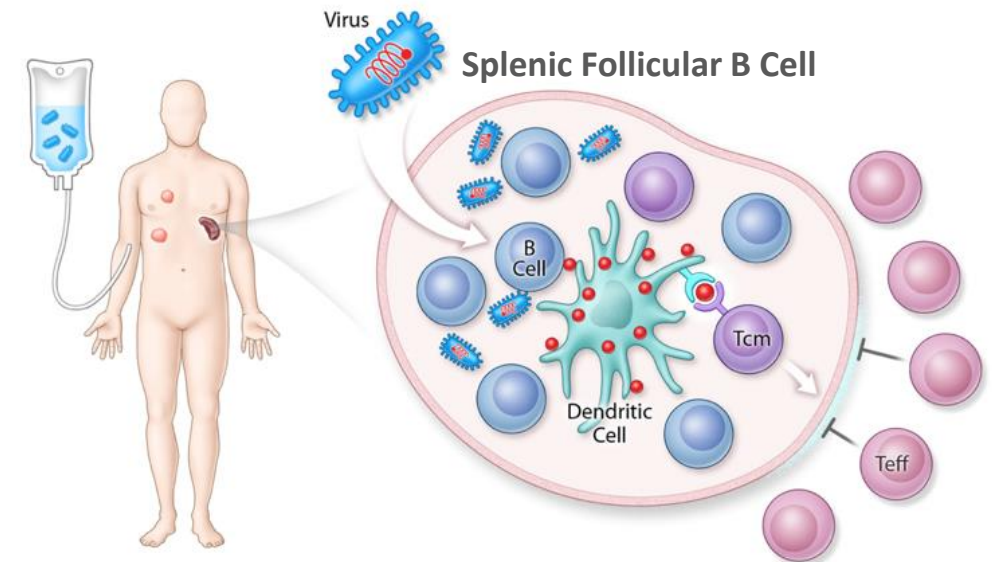
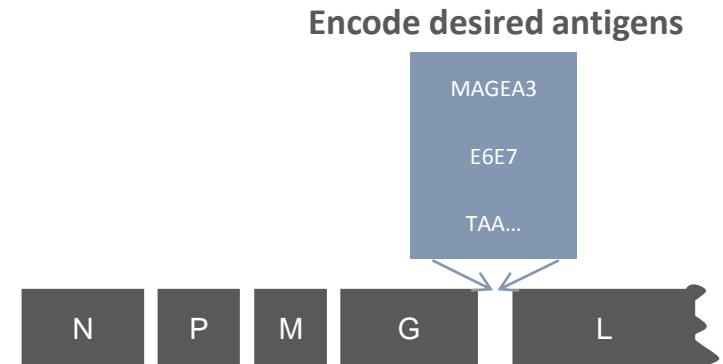
# MG1 Mechanism of Direct T Cell Induction – Unique Biology Uncovered

## MG1 as a Vaccine Vector

- MG1 engineered to encode any/multiple tumor antigens (4-5kb capacity) to specifically direct immune response
- MG1 effectively boosts pre-existing population of memory T cells (established by any mechanism)

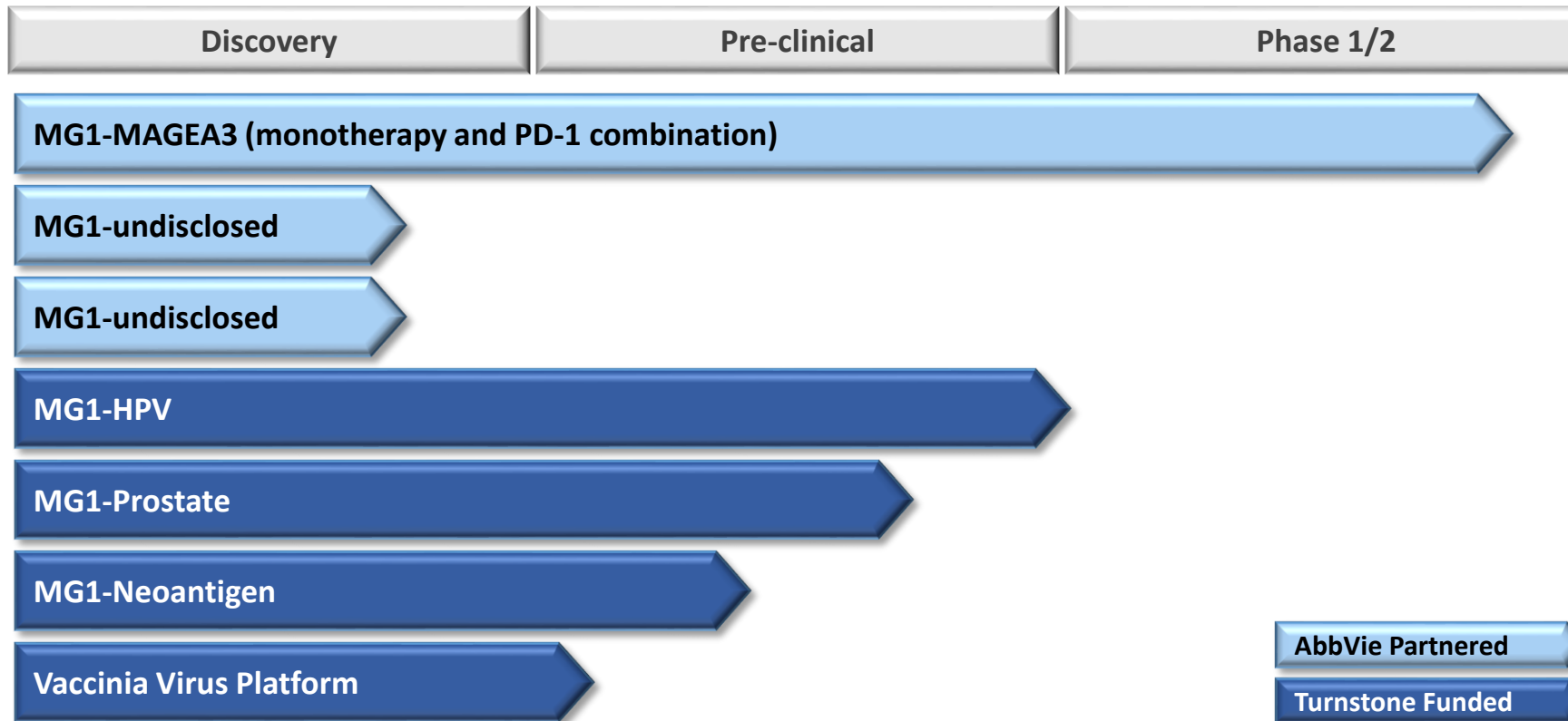
## Unique Biology of T Cell Boosting

- Virus infects follicular B cells which provide antigen to follicular dendritic cells for presentation
- Central memory T cells are directly engaged and activated to boost responses
- No negative feedback from T effector cells (privileged compartment) – allows massive T cell response





# Development Pipeline



# MG1-MAGEA3 Monotherapy Study Overview

## Trial Design

**Eligibility Criteria:**  
Positive MAGE-A3  
expressing tumor  
No life prolonging  
standard therapy

## Phase 1

**Arm A**  
MG1-MAGEA3 alone

**Arm B**  
Ad-MAGEA3 alone

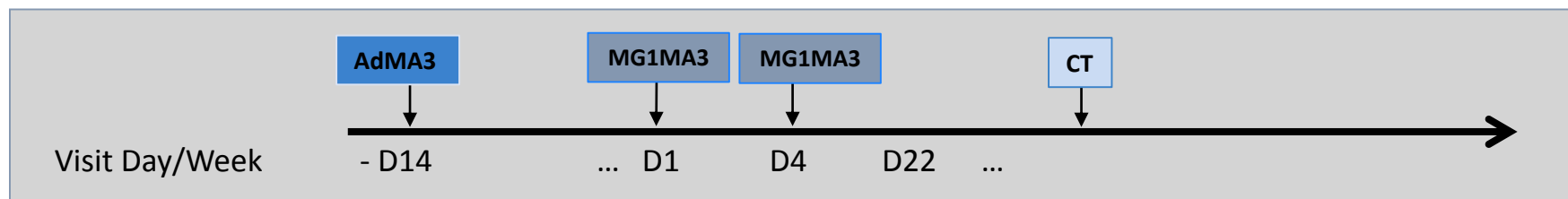
**Arm C**  
1) Ad-MAGEA3 1E10 pfu +  
MG1-MAGEA3 1E10, 1E11, 3E11 pfu  
2) Second dose step-up: MG1-MAGEA3  
1E11 + 3E11 pfu, 1E11 + 1E12 pfu  
3) Increased dosing frequency: MG1-MAGEA3  
1E11 + 3E11 pfu x 3

## Phase 2

### Simon 2-stage

- 12 evaluable in each indication (NSCLC, breast, esophageal)
- 9 additional patients in indication that shows positive clinical activity
- Dose: Ad-MAGEA3 1E10<sup>10</sup> pfu + MG1-MAGEA3 (RP2D)
- H<sub>0</sub> 5%, H<sub>a</sub> 20%
- Power 80%, Alpha (1-sided) 0.1
- Success if  $\geq 3$  total responses observed in an indication

## Treatment Regimen



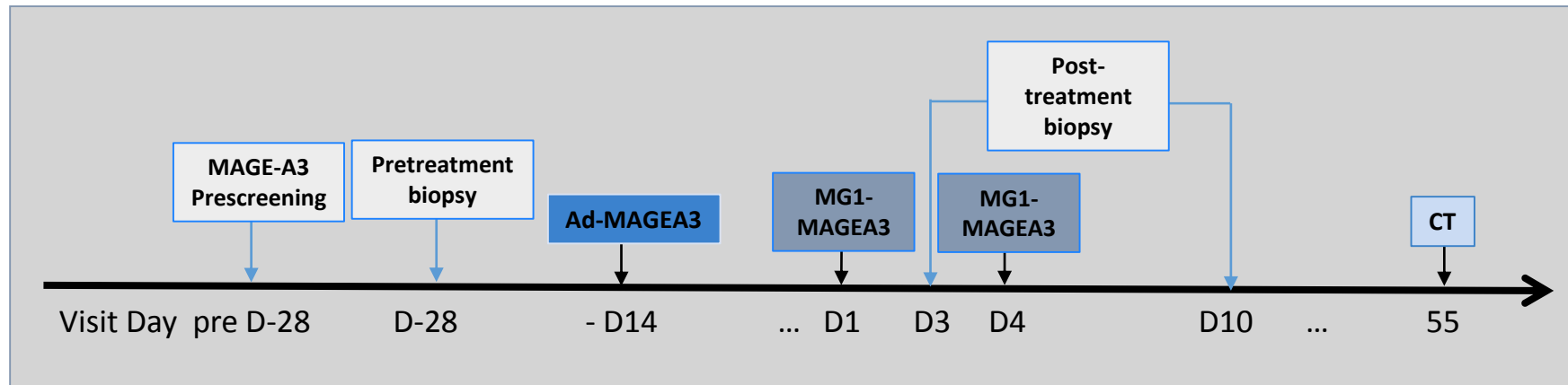
# MG1-MAGE A3 is Well Tolerated

- **Maximum tolerated dose (MTD) established:**
  - Ad-MAGEA3:  $1 \times 10^{10}$  pfu IM
  - MG1-MAGEA3:  $1 \times 10^{11}$  pfu IV
- **MG1-MAGEA3 treatment related AEs:**
  - The great majority occur in association with treatment 1 of MG1-MAGEA3; treatment 2 MG1-MAGEA3 shows markedly better safety profile
  - Generally acute and transient
  - **Most common:** Fever, fatigue, diarrhea, anorexia, nausea, chills, flu-like symptoms, and vomiting
- **Laboratory toxicity:**
  - Included generally transient, mild to moderate hypophosphatemia, cytopenia (anemia, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia), increased creatinine, and transaminitis
  - Notably, hypophosphatemia was observed within 24 hours of treatment with MG1-MAGEA3 and was as severe as grade 4





# High Content Study: Extensive Collection of Correlate Samples



- Biopsy analysis: Viral infection, change in immune microenvironment
  - MG1 delivery, innate immune changes
  - TIL infiltration
- Blood collection:
  - Immune monitoring: Days -14, 1, 8 15, 43 and 98
  - PK and viremia: Days 1, 4, 8, 15





# Major Goal of Phase 1 Study is to Establish Proof of Mechanism for MG1-MAGEA3

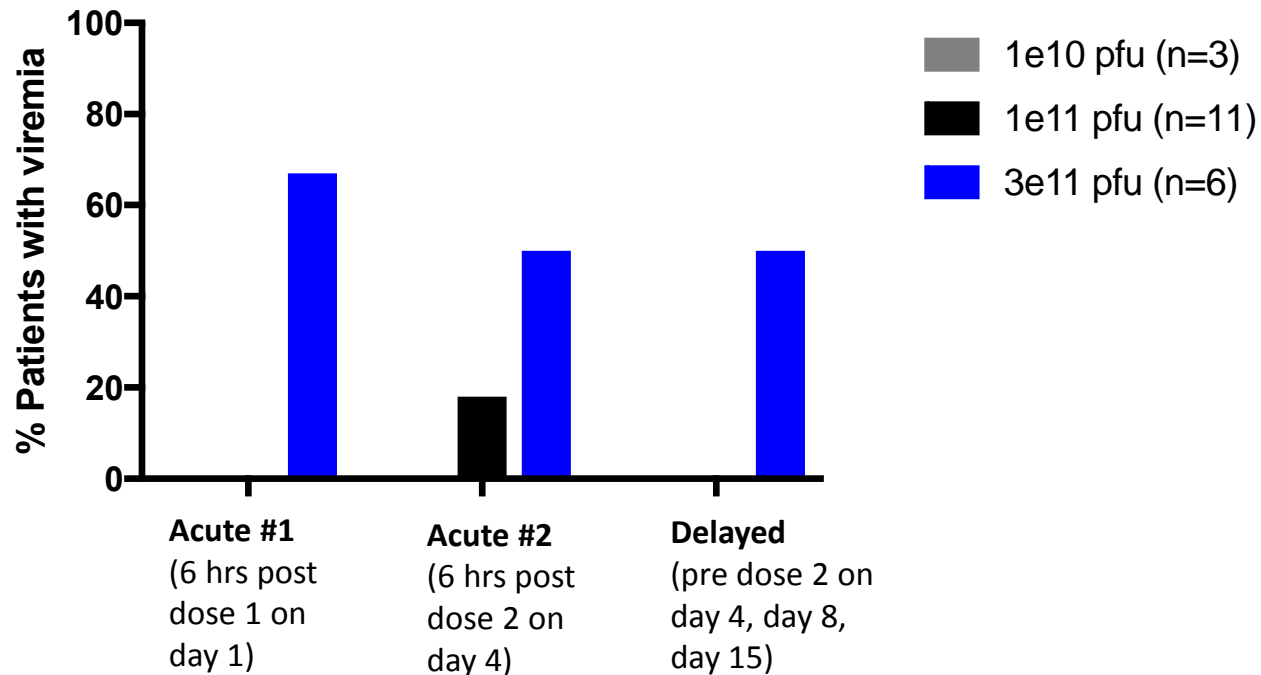
## Four primary areas of focus for correlate data:

- 1 Evidence for MG1 reaching and replicating in tumors
- 2 Evidence for modification of tumor microenvironment
- 3 Evidence for robust immune response
- 4 Evidence for clinical responses



# 1a Evidence for MG1 Reaching and Replicating in Tumors

Dose-dependent systemic exposure of MG1-MAGEA3 demonstrated by Q-PCR analysis of whole blood



Acute (post-input) and delayed (non-input) circulating virus indicate dose levels sufficient for virus to reach and replicate in tumors

Reaching critical threshold with higher doses driving viral replication in tumors

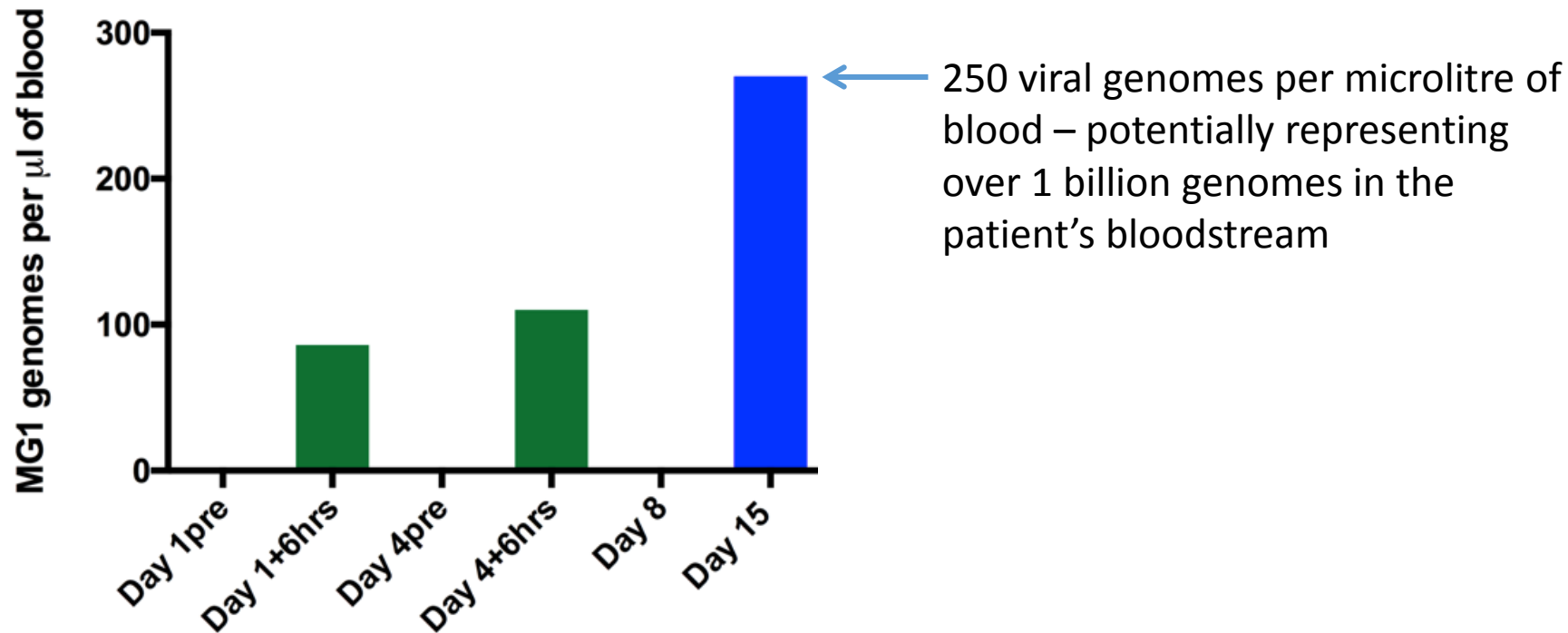
- Delayed viremia only occurs through viral replication in tumors
- Only evidence for delayed viremia at 3e11 pfu dose level
- Data supports current strategy of dose optimization





## 1b Evidence for MG1 Reaching and Replicating in Tumors

Viremia analysis in patient receiving MG1-MAGEA3 reveals re-emergence of viral genomes in blood at high concentration in the absence of additional dosing – strong indication of viral replication occurring at tumor sites

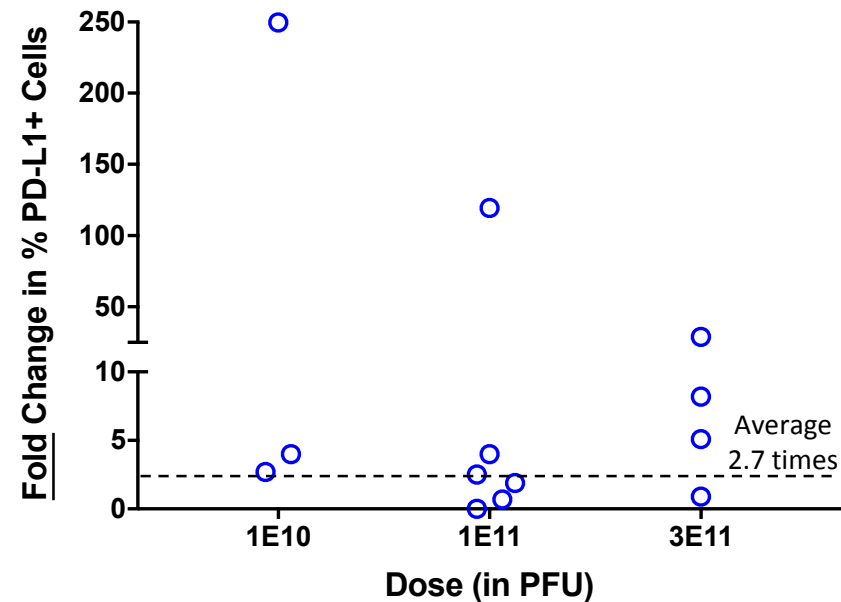


## 2 Strong Evidence of Modifying Tumor Microenvironment

Average fold change pre- to post- treatment across all patients receiving MG1\*

Anti-viral markers		Immunogenic markers	
18.0	IFIT1	8.9	CXCL10
15.9	ISG15	5.1	TNFSF10/TRAIL
12.8	MX1	4.6	IL6
13.5	IFIT2	2.8	CD80
6.5	IFITM1	2.4	IDO1
5.7	IFIH1/MDA-5	2.7	CD274 (PDL1)
5.0	DDX58/RIG-I	2.3	IL8
4.6	OAS1	2.7	CX3CL1
4.1	IRF7	2.3	HLA-B
3.6	IFI35	2.3	CCL2
2.6	STAT1	2.1	PDCD1LG2/PDL2
2.6	EIF2AK2/PKR	1.8	ICOS
2.8	TLR3	2.0	CD163
2.1	NOS2	2.0	IL1B
		2.1	CCL5
		2.0	HLA-A
		1.8	CXCL9

PD-L1 is reproducibly upregulated in tumors at early biopsy point (3 days post-treatment) – expectation of further increase at later time points

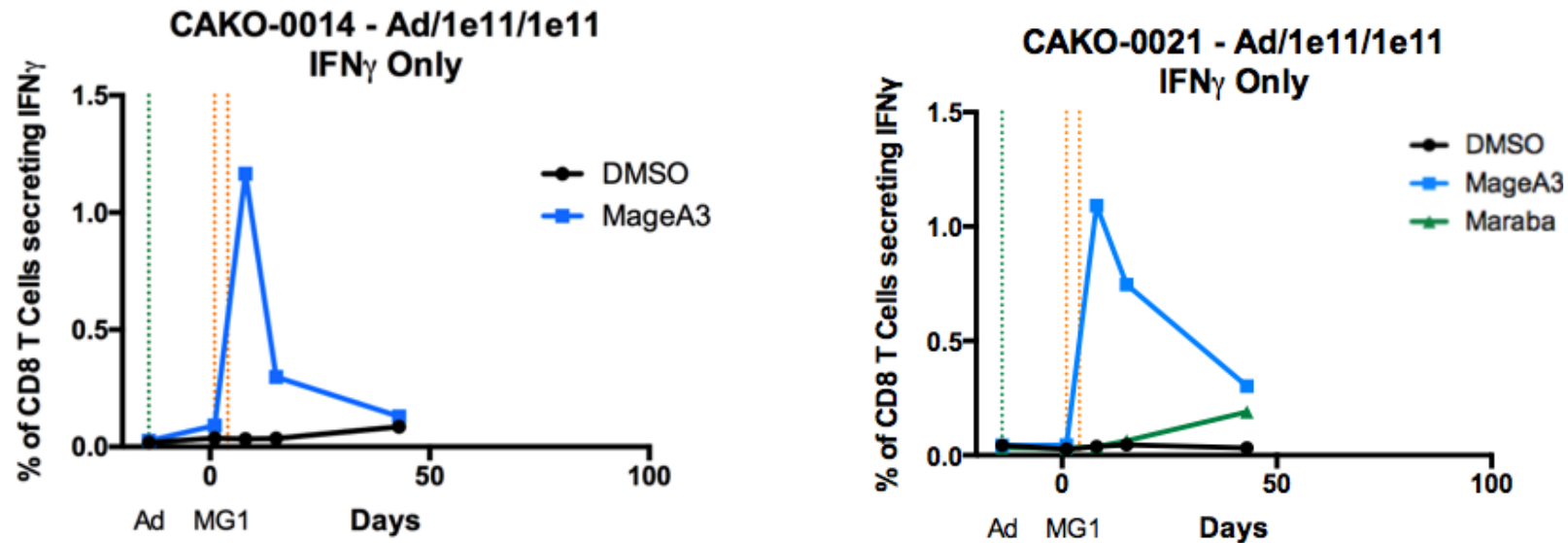


\* Intratumoural gene expression analysis by nanostring assay comparing pre-MG1 and 48hr post-MG1 gene expression changes within tumor biopsies (Interim data as of Aug 2017 n=20 Arm C pts)



# 3 Unprecedented Magnitude of Immune Response

Immune responses for two patients at 1E11 dose of MG1-MAGEA3



## Unprecedented immune responses to self-cancer-antigen observed

- 41% of all patients have strong immune response to MAGEA3 as detected by ELISpot without the need for ex vivo cell expansion
- Multiple patients with >1% of CD8+ T cells positive for MAGEA3

**Strong durability with immune response noted over 6 weeks post MG1-MAGEA3 boost at  $1 \times 10^{11}$  dose**

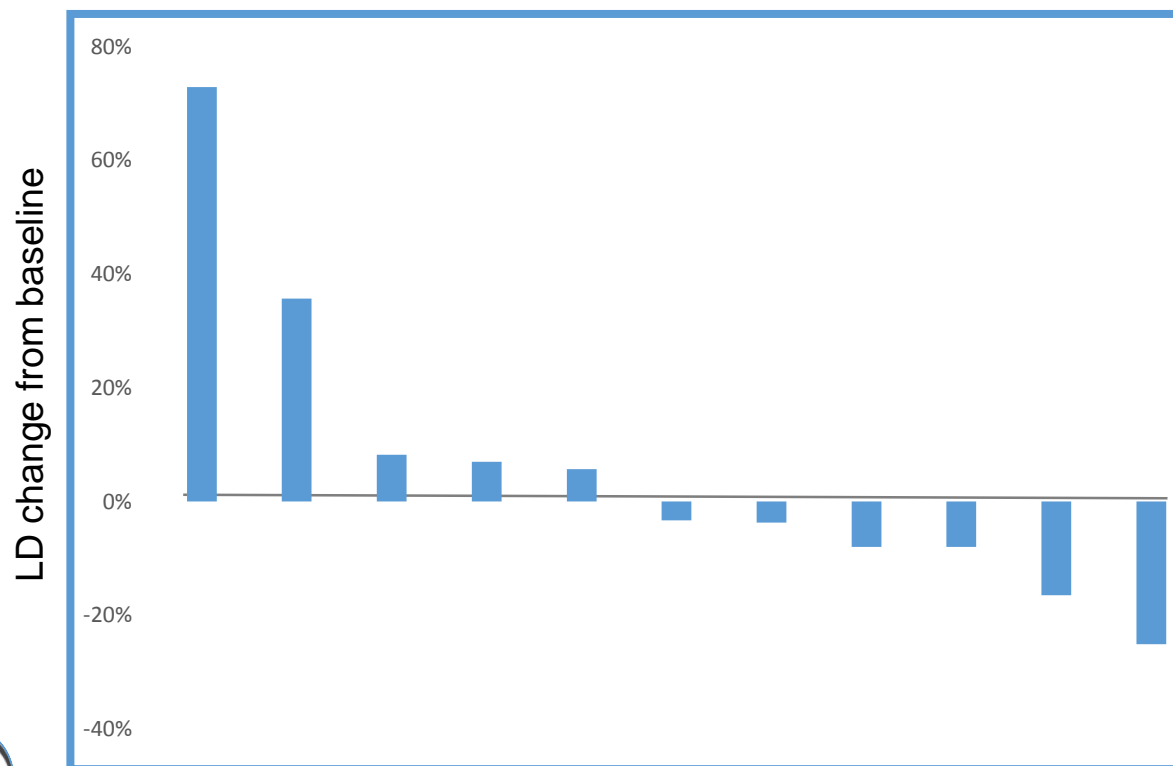




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# Evidence for Clinical Benefit - Stable Disease and Tumor Shrinkage

Change in target tumor longest diameter from baseline to Week 9 in all evaluable 1 x 10<sup>11</sup> PFU MG1 treated patients



**Promising evidence of anti-tumor activity in dose escalation phase:**

- 9/11 treated patients (81%) exhibit stable disease at Week 9
- 6/11 treated patients exhibit tumor shrinkage between 3-25% at Week 9

Data updated as of July 31, 2017



# Subsequent Response to ICI

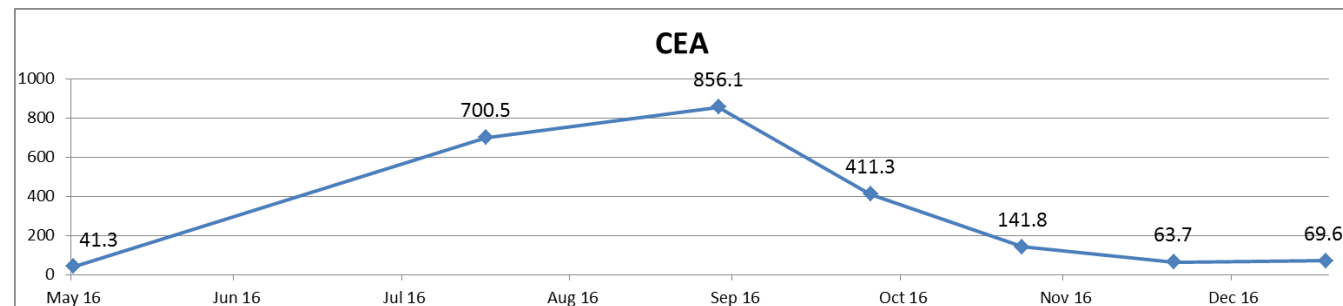
**Response to ICI therapy in MSS colorectal patient after MG1-MAGEA3 therapy  
compelling given lack of single-agent ICI activity in this indication**

Radiographic and CEA response on PD-1 therapy after treatment with Ad/MG1-MAGEA3 at 3E11 pfu

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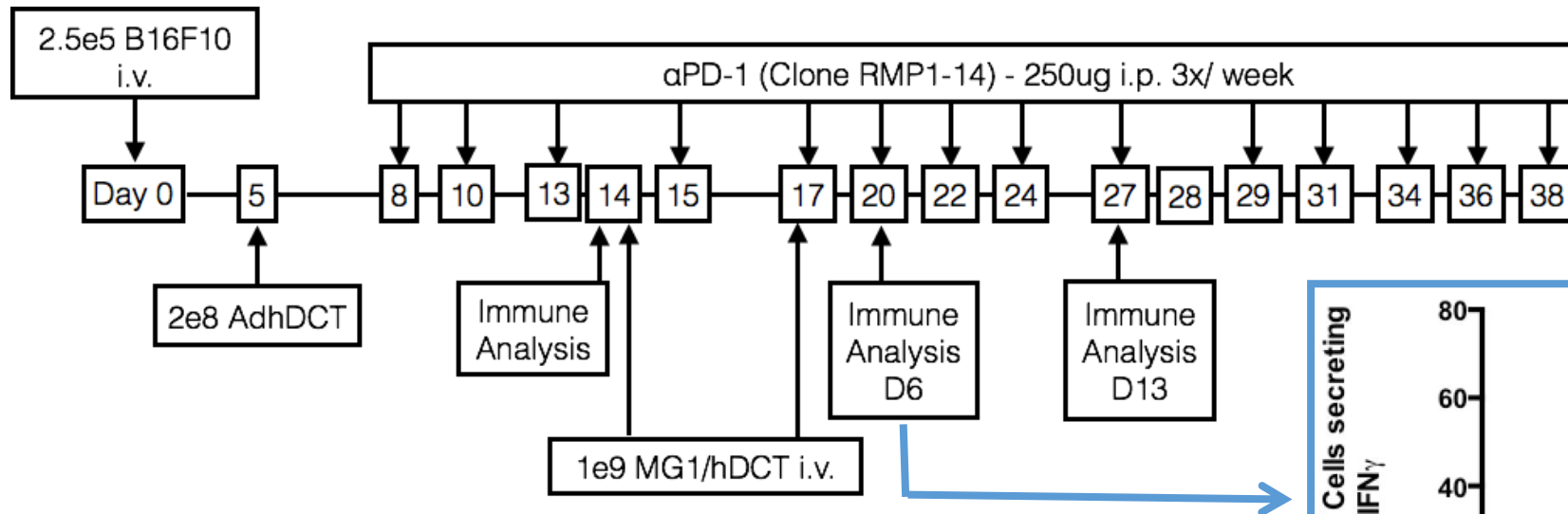
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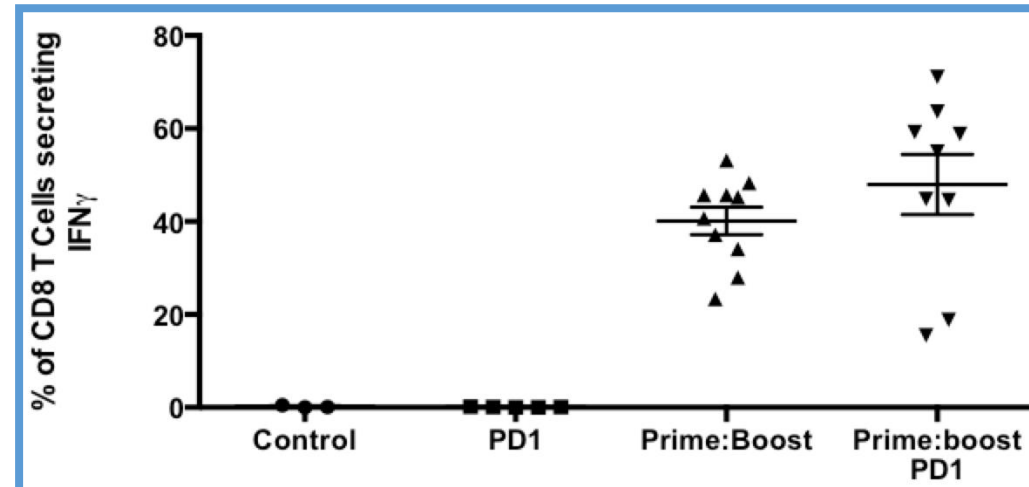


# Evaluating the Efficacy of Anti-PD1 Treatment in Combination with Ad/MG1 Oncolytic Vaccine

Murine B16-F10 Melanoma Metastatic Lung Model (DCT Endogenous Antigen)



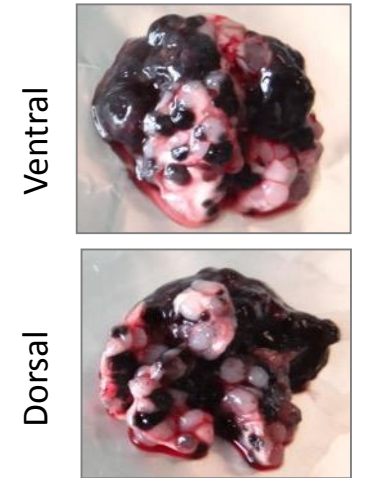
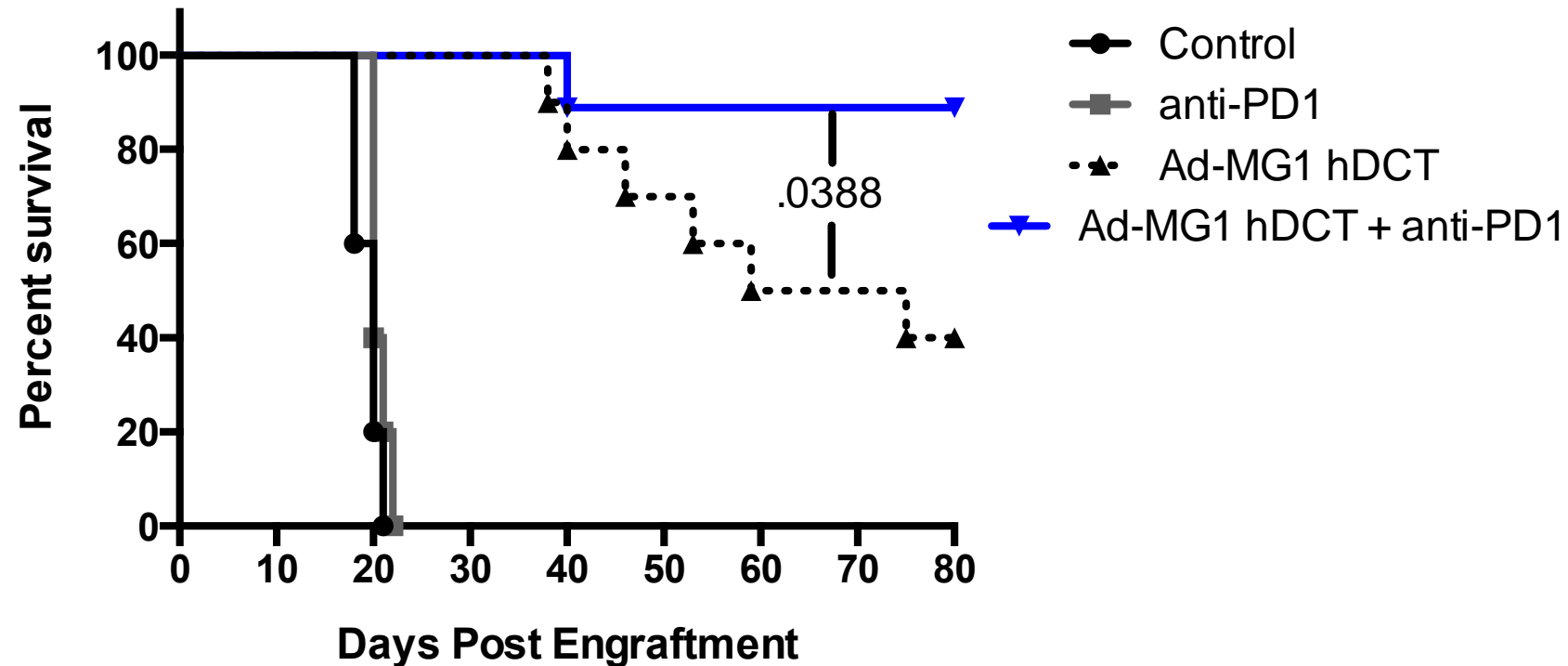
Groups:  
 1 - Control n=5  
 2 - αPD-1 n=5  
 3 - Ad:MG1 hDCT n=10  
 4 - Ad:MG1 hDCT + αPD-1 n=10





# Evaluating the Efficacy of Anti-PD1 Treatment in Combination with Ad/MG1 Oncolytic Vaccine

- Treatment with Ad-MG1 hDCT sensitizes tumours to anti-PD1 antibody
- Anti-PD1 antibody alone does not have anti-tumour activity in this model



Lung tumor burden at time of MG1 dosing



# AdMA3/MG1MA3 + Pembrolizumab – Sandpiper Trial

N = 52

## Eligibility Criteria

- Squamous, non-squamous NSCLC
- Platinum-failure
- MAGE-A3 expressing tumour

## Phase 1

Ad-MAGEA3 IM  
MG1-MAGEA3 IV  
( $1 \times 10^{11}$ ,  $3 \times 10^{11}$  pfu)  
+ ICI

## Phase 2

Ad-MAGEA3 IM  
MG1-MAGEA3 IV  
RP2D  
+ ICI

## Primary Endpoint

Ph1b: Safety

Ph 2: Response rate

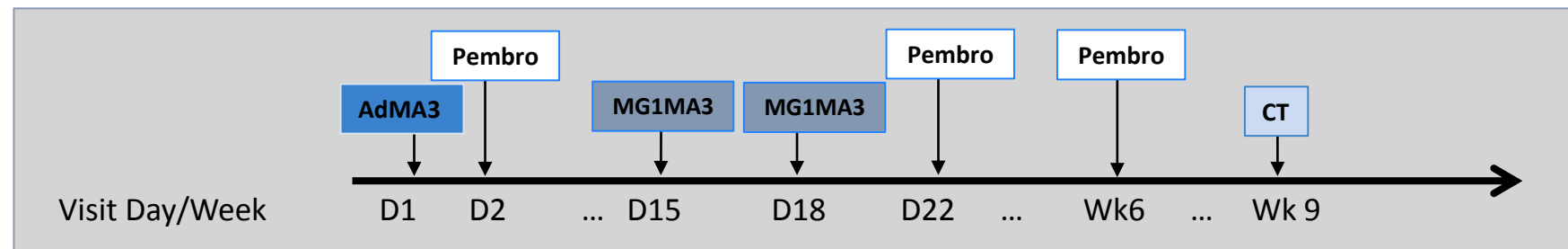
## Secondary endpoints

Ph 1b: ORR

Ph 1b & Ph 2: Safety

Ph 2: ORR (RECIST), ORR (irRECIST), time to response, response duration, PFS

Correlative endpoints:  
tumour microenvironment changes; anti-tumour CTL



# Lessons and Take Home Messages

- MG1 Maraba is a promising emerging oncolytic virus that mediates IV infection of tumours and positively alters the tumour microenvironment
- MG1 Maraba oncolytic vaccine accesses unique splenic biology to drive very large anti-tumoural immunity
- MG1 Maraba oncolytic vaccine can enhance the activity of immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Pre-clinical data in mice and NHPs now being borne out in ongoing phase I trials