



## Removal of Contaminating Cancer Cells and T cells from Stem Cell Grafts





## Cancer Free Stem Cell Grafts Improves Survival

- Purified HSC show 3-fold higher survival vs non-purified MPB
- Stage 4 metastatic patients failed all other therapies

Overall Survival of SyStemix Breast Cancer Trial Sites: Stanford & Detroit (all patients received hi dose chemotherapy)



## **Rescue of Diabetic Mice with HSCs**



## Hematopoietic Hierarchy



## Leukemic cells in AML patients

### LT STEM CELLS

## CD34+CD38-Thy+Lin-



## Normal colonies

## Leukemic blast colonies

**MPP** 

CD34+CD38-Thy-Lin-

Leukemia Stem Cells [LSC]

*Miyamoto, Akashi, Weissman* PNAS 2000: 97: 6924



Figure 3C. Effect of JAK2 inhibition with AG490 on normal versus polycythemia vera (PV) hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) differentiation potential *in vitro*. Representative photomicrographs obtained with a Zeiss Axiovert microscope (10x objective) and SPOT software. Normal cord blood or PV peripheral blood HSCs were FACS sorted onto methylcellulose supplemented with or without AG490 in addition to cytokines.

# CML

- Fialkow: clonal disorder in G,M.E,B cells; Rowley/Nowell bcr-abl translocation; fusion protein in chronic, myeloproliferative phase; LSC proposed to be HSC or MPP; Jamieson and Weissman HSC.
- Myeloid blast crisis is at the stage of GMP, and overexpress activated β-catenin;axin inhibits them.
- 4/7 pts overexpress  $\beta$  -catenin by mis-splicing GSK3 the other inhibitor of  $\beta$  -catenin

Jamieson and Weissman, 2004, 2009



## Cell of origin – progression to leukemia



## Identification of Somatic Mutations by Exome Sequencing



#### Analysis of Single HSC to Identify Pre-Leukemic Clones



**Cell surface markers on LSC but not HSC** 

- CD 96 > 40 fold in ~ 50% of AML samples
- CD 44 ~ 3 fold in all tested AML
- CD47 > 5 fold in all mouse AML LSC [1998] and all tested human AML LSC[2008]

Traver and Weissman; Hosen, Majeti, Alizadeh and Weissma



## CD47 was discovered as a marker of aging RBC by Oldenborg. We found it on m/h AML LSC

<u>Hypothesis</u>: Increased expression of CD47 on myeloid leukemia cells contributes to pathogenesis by facilitating evasion of phagocytosis



Net Result: No Phagocytosis

<u>Prediction</u>: Increased expression of CD47 on human AML is associated with a worse clinical outcome

Traver and IW 1998; Jaiswal, Majeti, Chao, and IW 2008.



Chao, Jaiswal, Majeti, Weissman



Jaiswal et al

## Anti-CD47 Antibodies Enable Phagocytosis of AML LSC

#### Human Macrophages

IgG1 Isotype









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▲ NBM1 ■ NBM2 ▼ NBM3 ● NBM4 ▲ SU001 ■ SU008 ▼ SU009 ▼ SU014 ● SU016 ■ SU018 × SU028 ▲ SU032 ● SU035

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## Anti-CD47 Antibody Depletes AML in the Bone Marrow

#### IgG Control

#### Anti-CD47

#### Anti-CD47



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Precancer cells express calreticulin, and emergent cancer clones overcome this with CD47

Increased expression of CD47 on myeloid leukemia cells contributes to pathogenesis by facilitating evasion of phagocytosis



Chao, Jaiswal, Weissman-Tsukamoto, Majeti, and IW

# BCL2 blocks apoptosis, but not programmed cell removal of neutrophiles: Lagasse and Weissman JEM 1994



**Table 1.** Neutrophil Content in the Bone Marrow, Blood and

 Spleen of Control and Transgenic Mice

Mice	Bone marrow	Blood	Spleen
Nontransgenic	$30.4 \pm 4.0$	$5.8 \pm 2.8$	$1.8 \pm 0.4$
Transgenic	$30.3 \pm 8.3$	$12.6~\pm~3.8$	$2.2 \pm 0.4$

Neutrophils were counted by flow cytometric analysis of cells bearing Mac-1 and Gr-1 using two-color immunofluorescence. The results are expressed as arithmetric means (three mice)  $\pm$  SD.



## PCDeath and PCRemoval

- PCD is accompanied by PCR; blocking PCD with bcl2 does NOT block PCR [Lagasse and Weissman 1994, JEM]. PCR prevents inflammation.
- All cancers defeat PCD: p53, bcl2, bax, etc
- All cancers defeat PCR: calreticulin, Ph-serine, asialoglycoprotein 'eat me' and CD47 'don't eat me'
- Stimuli that induce PCD and/or PCR develop cell competition/selection in pre-cancer lineages that can result in cancer clones

## Model for Synergy of Anti-CD47 with Rituximab

Investigate the combination of anti-CD47 antibody with rituximab for synergy in eradicating NHL.



## Combination antibodies eliminate a primary human lymphoma from immune deficient mice



Chao, Majeti, Alizadeh, and Weissman, 20



Jens Volkmer, Stephen Willingham, Sidd Mitra, Matt van de Rijn, Sam Chehshier Robert Chin, Ferenc Scheeren, Mike Clarke and IW



## ANTI-CD47 ANTIBODIES CAN ELIMINATE Established Metastasized Tumors



#### **Investigation and Targeting of CD47 in Human Cancers**

Breast Ovarian Bladder Pancreatic Colon Prostate Lung Kidney Leiomyosarcoma Head & Neck Melanoma Glioblastoma Medulloblastoma Oligodendroglioma Hepatocellular Carcinoma Gastric Cancer Multiple Myeloma Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Acute Myeloid Leukemia Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma T-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia B-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

What stage of stem cell vs progenitors carry cancer stem cells ?

Patient Tumor Xenotransplantation Model Treatment Data Available



MDS is a pre-AML disease of older patients in which a cytopenia Precedes leukemia.

MDS HSC outcompete normal HSC in MDS patients and in transplanted NSG mice Wendy Pang, John Pluvinage, Chris Park, IW, et al



Wendy Pang, John Pluvinage, Chris Park, IW, et al

cell removal



## Conclusions

MDS HSC outcompete normal HSC in patient and xenotransplant

The MDS-initiating cell resides in HSC compartment

High CRT predisposes MDS myeloid progenitors for programmed cell removal

Increased CD47 expression is a crucial step in the progression from MDS to AML

Calreticulin is a potential therapeutic target

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Fig. 1 Directed evolution of high-affinity SIRPα variants.(A) Summary of sequences and SPR affinity measurements of engineered SIRPa variants.



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### Anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis of tumors by macrophages leads to increased MHC I antigen presentation



### Anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis of tumors by macrophages leads to increased antigen presentation of CD8+ T cells



Conclusion: Following anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis, macrophages activate the CD8+ T cell response

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# Following anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis of cancer, macrophages prime an effective anti-tumor CD8 T cell response *in vivo*



**Conclusion:** Following anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis, macrophages prime an effective T cell response that protects against tumor challenge

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# Anti-CD47-mediated phagocytosis of cancer by macrophages do not present antigen to OTII (CD4) T cells

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Anti-CD47 antibody leads to less efficient regulatory CD4+ T cell generation

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The 5F9g4 antibody is humanized and headed to an AML trial and an all comers solid tumors in California and the UK.

- Paresh Vyas and Alan Burnett have an MRC grant to do part of the trial: single payer.
- IW and Ravi Majeti have a California Institute of Regenerative Medicine grant of \$20 M to take the antibody through phase 1/2 trials. Disease Team of Maureen Howard, Susan Prohaska, Jens Volkmer, Jie Liu, students, MD/PhD trainees to do it.

Hu5F9-G4 inhibits Tumor Growth & eliminates Metastases

PBS

## hu5F9-G4

Lung

Brain

2 mm

![](_page_40_Picture_4.jpeg)

## Lokey Stem Cell Institute at Stanford

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Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

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Ludwig Center at Stanford

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