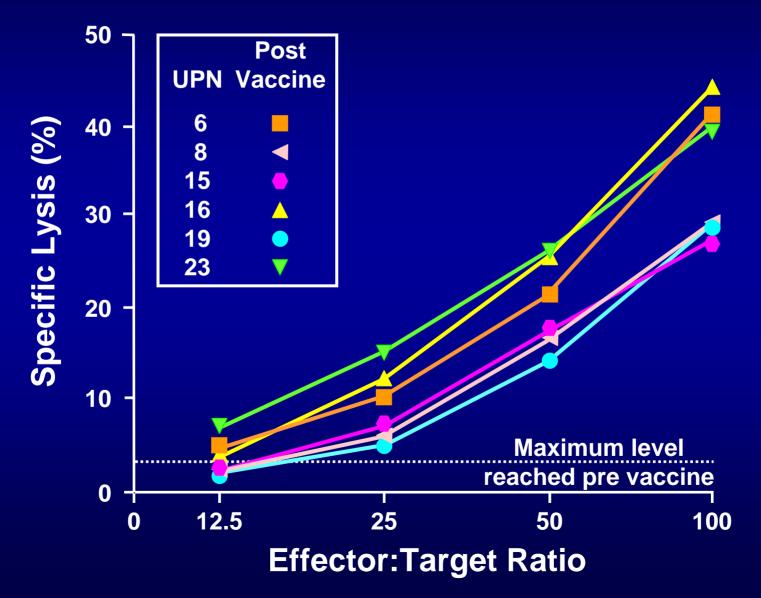


## Targeting tumor antigen delivery to DC in vivo

Larry W. Kwak, M.D., Ph.D. Professor and Chairman, Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma Justin Distinguished Chair in Leukemia Assoc. Director, Center for Cancer Immunology Research Univ. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Are T-cells a "biomarker" for antilymphoma clinical responses?

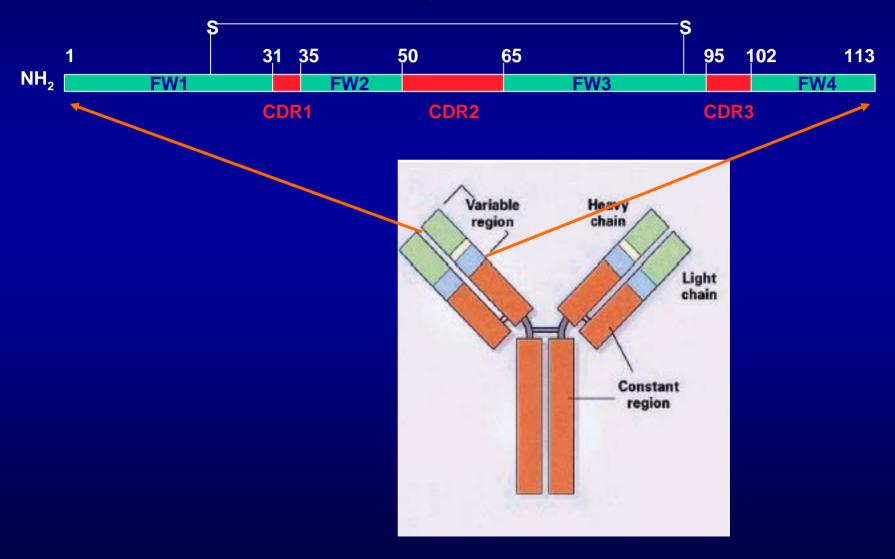
- In 19 of 22 (86%) patients, Id-KLH + GM- CSF vaccination elicited CD8+ T-cells which lysed autologous lymphoma targets Nature Med. 1999; 5:1171.
- Most achieved molecular remissions; 3 did so without a detectable antibody response *Nature Med.* 1999; 5:1171.
- In 20 of 23 (87%) vaccinated patients, mantle cell lymphoma-specific T-cells producing type 1 cytokines were detectable by ICS *Nature Med.* 2005; 11:986

## Lysis of Autologous Tumor Targets

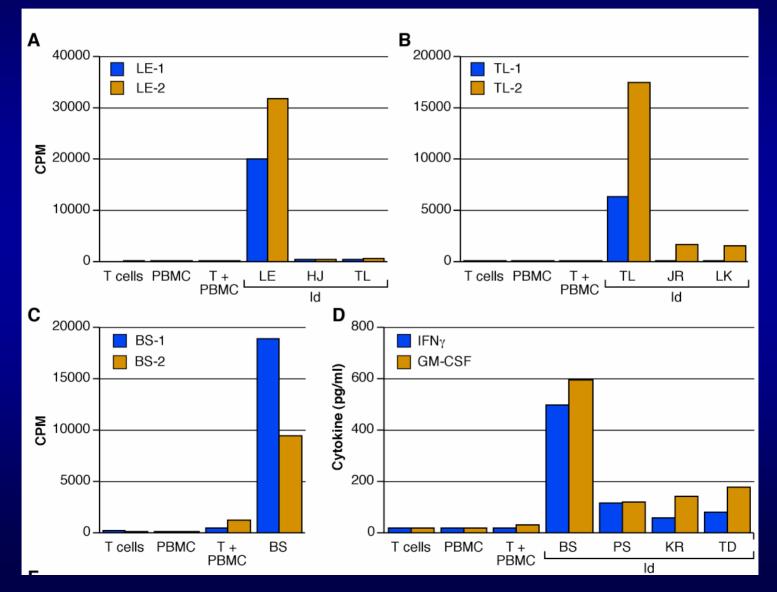




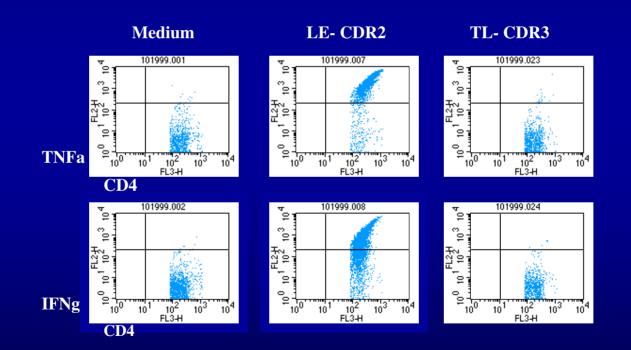
#### Variable Region - Heavy Chain



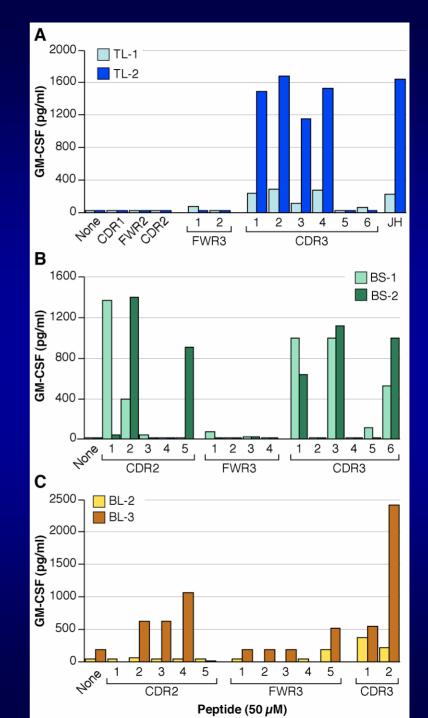
### T-cell lines specifically recognize autologous ld protein



## LE-I.1 T cells Produce Th1 Cytokines in Response to Specific CDR2 Peptide



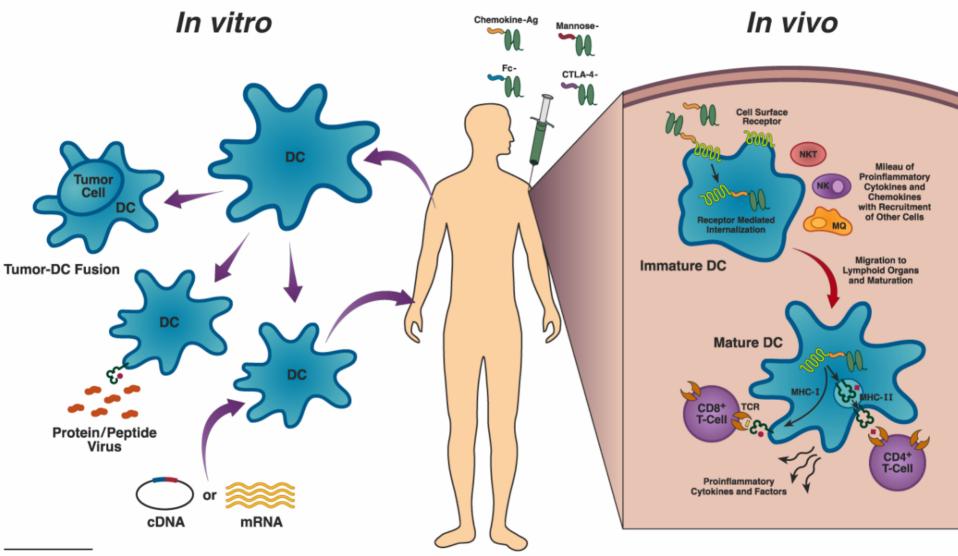
Immunodominant T-cell epitopes localize to CDR, not FWR, regions of V<sub>H</sub>



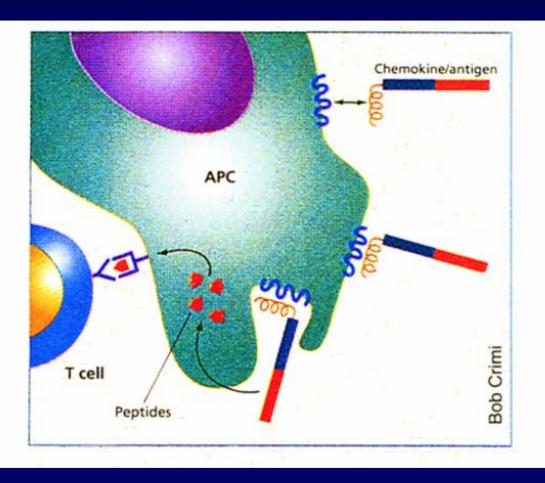
#### Baskar et al. J Clin Invest. 2004 T Cell Epitopes in Lymphoma Ig V<sub>H</sub> Regions

Patient	Synthetic Peptide	Position	Response
TL	ATTTGGGLNFGLDVV	V CDR3	YES
	FLQMNSLRV	FWR3	NO
	VPGKGLVWV	FWR2	NO
BL	GDDWSGYFK	CDR3	YES
	YVDSVKGRF	CDR2	YES
	SQSGSDTSY	CDR2	NO
	LRVEDTAIY	FWR3	NO
	GSDTSYVDS	CDR2	NO
BS	ANTIQEGSQKNYVDS	CDR2	YES
	RHNDDTSVTFDYWG	Q CDR3	YES
	LQMSSLRVEDTALYY	FWR3	NO
	RFTISRDNAKNIVFL	FWR3	NO

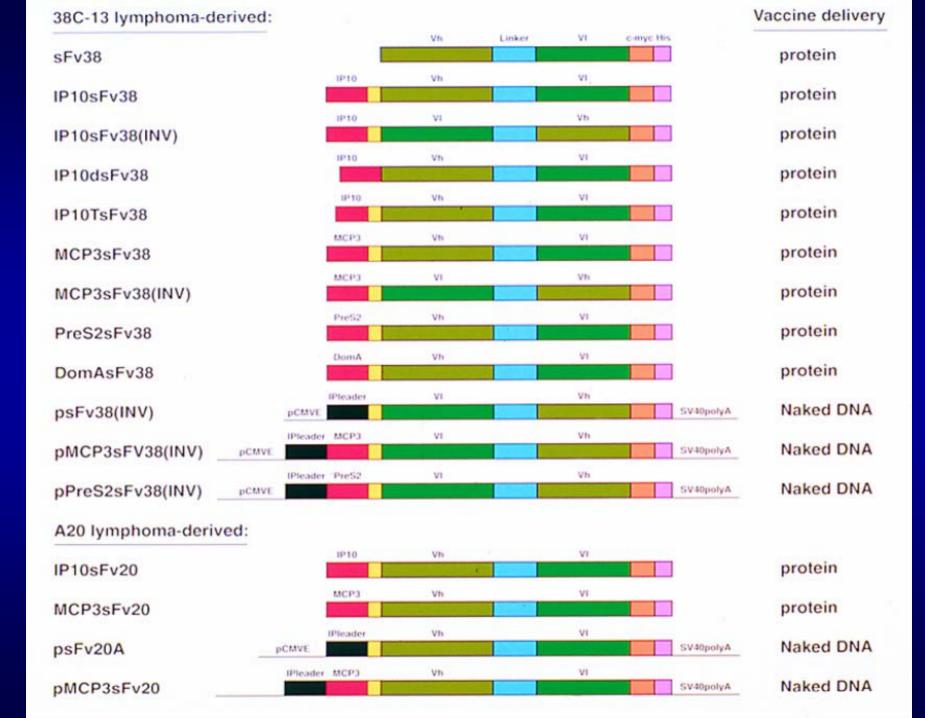
#### Harnessing DC for Tumor Vaccine Therapy



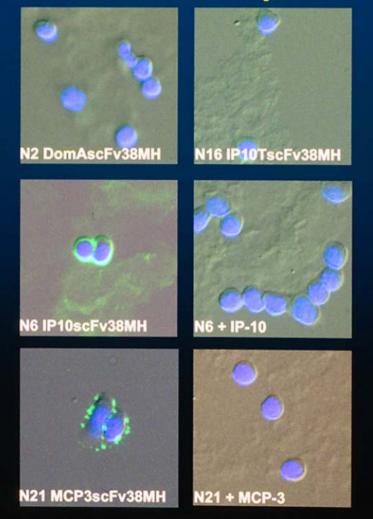
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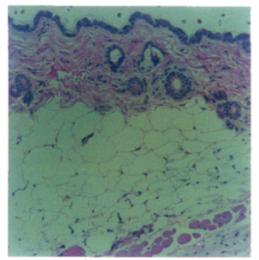
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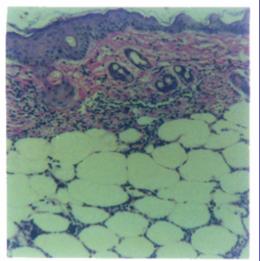
IP-10 and MCP-3-fused scFv bind specifically to murine chemokine receptors



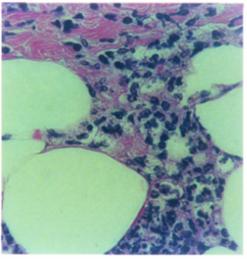
#### *In vivo* Chemotaxis by scFV Fusion Proteins (72h, Injected 10µg s.c.)



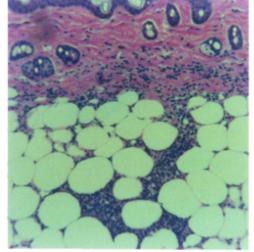
PreS2-scFV38 (x100)



MCP3-scFV (x100)

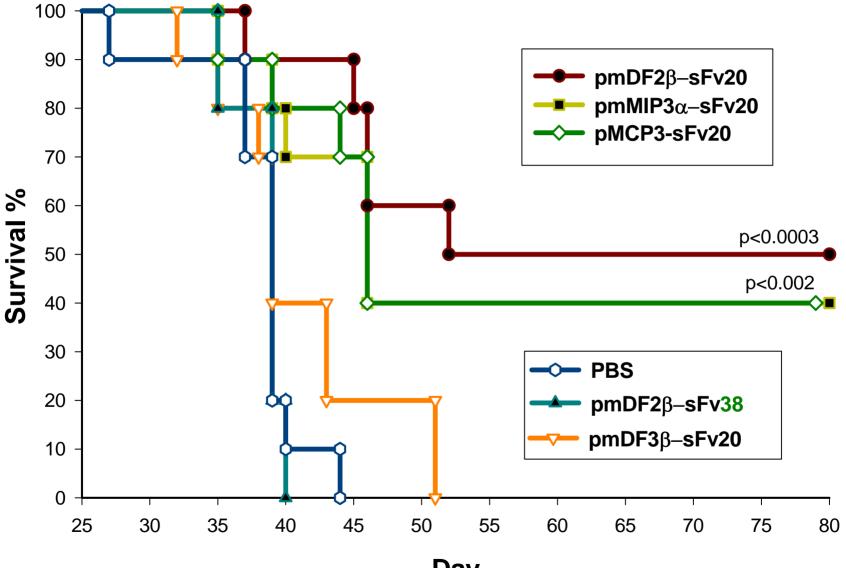


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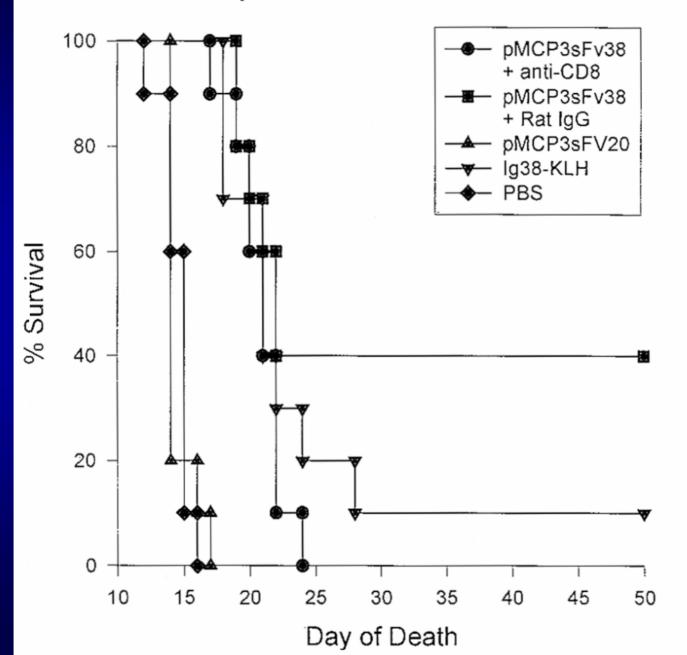
IP10-scFV38

Injection of plasmid DNA encoding iDC chemo-attractant fusions elicit therapeutic antitumor immunity

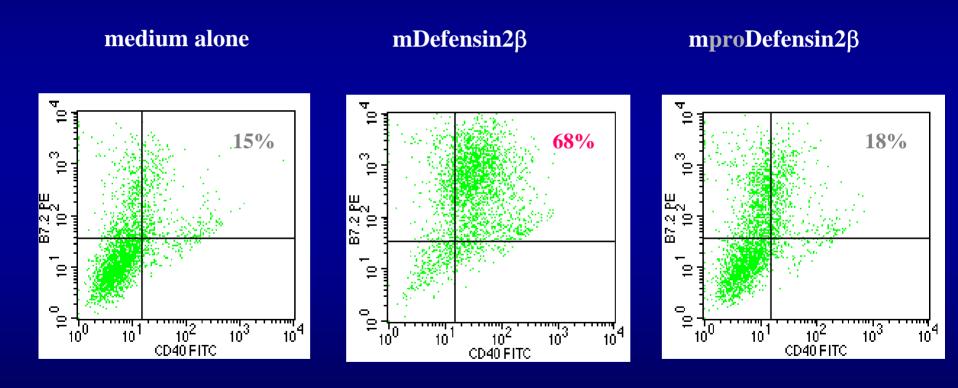


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Protective immunity induced by naked DNA MCP3-sFv38 vaccine requires effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.

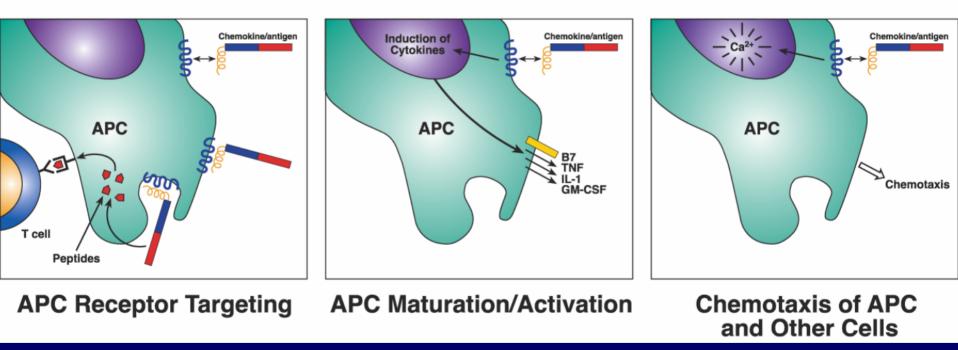


## Murine defensin induces maturation of bone marrow-derived immature DC



Biragyn et al Science 2002

#### **Possible Modes of Action of Chemokine-Ag Fusions In Vivo**



## Summary of Published Results: Second-Generation Genetic Vaccines

- Genetic fusion of weak tumor antigens to chemokines or related chemoattractant peptides (eg, defensins) converts them into potent vaccines
- CD8+ effector T-cell immunity is required
- Defensins induce DC maturation through TLR-4, providing a link between innate and adaptive immunity
- Mixing separate plasmids encoding antigen and chemokine failed to elicit immunity

## **Future Plans**

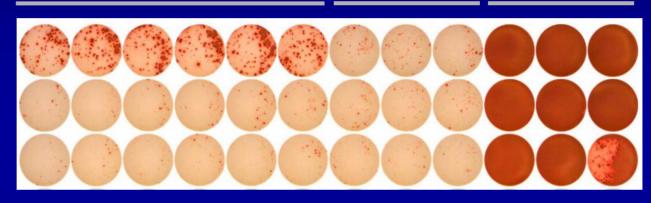
- Determine the mechanism(s) of action of sFv-chemokine fusion DNA vaccines (vivo and vitro)
- Test selected additional chemokine receptor ligands for fusion to sFv antigen
- Design a pilot clinical trial of sFv-chemokine fusion DNA vaccination

## Priming in vivo to melanoma Ag gp100 is facilitated by chemokine fusion

**CD8 peptide** (gp100 25-33)

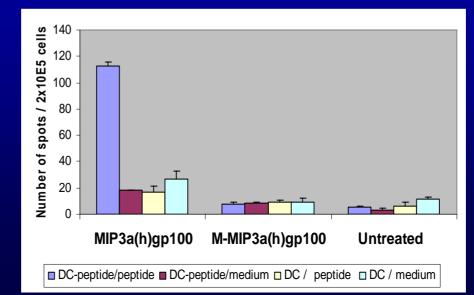
DNA Vaccine (i.m. x 3)

MIP3α(h)gp100 (M)MIP3α(h)gp100 Untreated

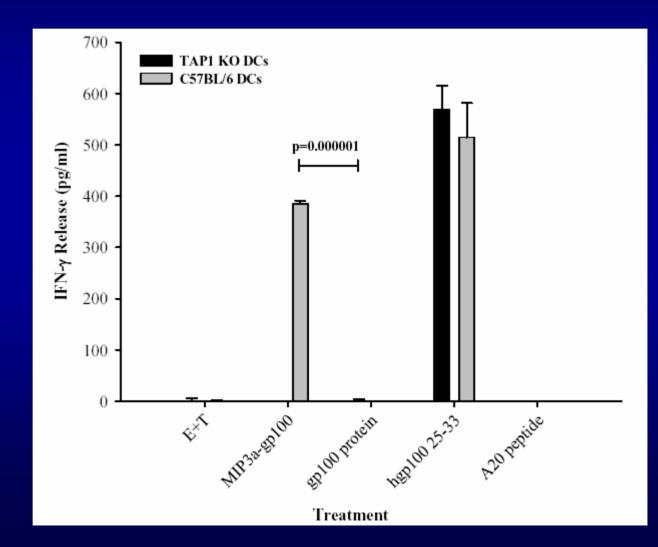


Medium

Mitogen

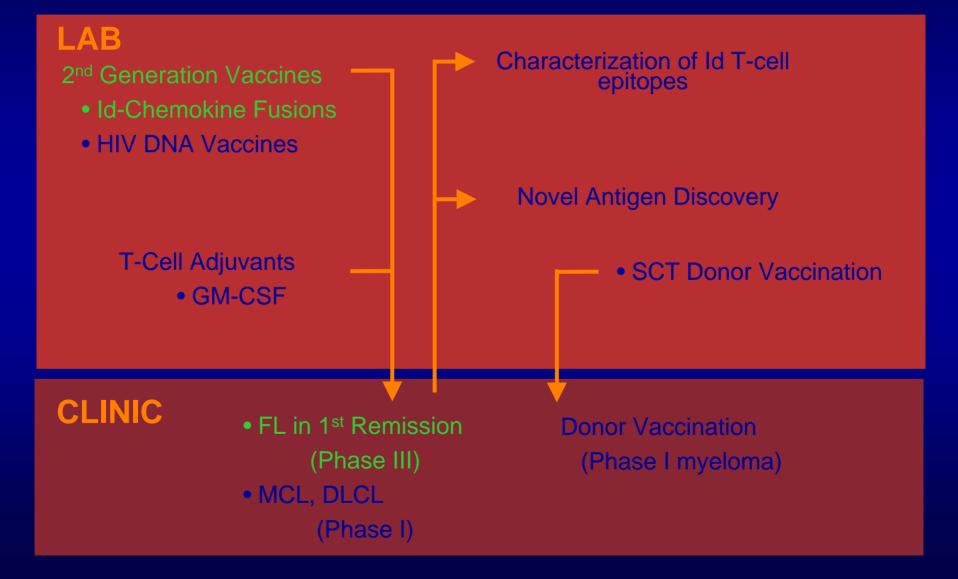


# Cross-presentation of chemokine – gp100 fusions



Schiavo et al. Blood 2006

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