

## D Domains: A De Novo Scaffold for the Development of Targeted Therapeutics

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## **CAR-T Cell Receptor:**

## Why use an alternative to scFv for targeting?



- High affinity not required for CAR-T
- Novel (non-CDR) topologies may bind to novel epitopes
- Creating multi-specific or multiepitopic chimeras may be less challenging with a less complex domain fold



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#### Solution structure and dynamics of a *de novo* designed three-helix bundle protein

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- $\alpha_3 D$  (PDB 2A3D)
- Single-chain, anti-parallel, three-helix bundle, containing all amino acids except cysteine
- Hydrophobic core (red), surface electrostatics and alpha-helical capping structure in loops
- Exceptional thermal stability and ultra-fast folding (Zhu etal, PNAS, 2003)

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### **D** domain Library Design



Library	Sequence Profile : X = all amino acid except proline and cysteine
F1	MGSWXXFKXXLAXIKXXLEALGGSEAELAXFEXXIAXFEXXLQXYKGKGNPEVEALRKEAAAIRDELQAYRHN
F2	MGSWAEFKQRLAAIKTRLEALGGSEAELAAFXXEIXAFXXELXAYKGKGNPEVEALXXEAXAIXXELXAYRHN
F3	MGSWXEFXXRLXAIXXRLXALGGSEAELAAFEKEIAAFESELQAYKGKGNPEVEXLRXXAAXIRXXLQAYRHN
C1	MGSWXXFKXXLAXIKXXLEALGGSEAELAAFXXEIXAFXXELXAYKGKGNPEVEXLRXXAAXIRXXLQAYRHN
C2	MGSWXEFXXRLXAIXXRLXALGGSEAELAXFEXXIAXFEXXLQXYKGKGNPEVEALXXEAXAIXXELXAYRHN

- α<sub>3</sub>D has no inherent ligand
- Strategy: Randomize contiguous surface exposed positions
- F1, F2 & F3 faces (+2) initial designs
- Used all amino acids except Pro and Cys
- Phage libraries generated with Kunkel mutagenesis and trimer-codon oligos

## **Pilot Panning Campaign**

5 Libraries Pool of F1, F2 & F3 Pool of C1 & C2



#### **10 Targets** CD137 CD47 CTLA4 KIR2DL2 DR5 LAG3 OX40 PD1 PDL1 TIM3





0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 Control Binding (A450)

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## **Screening Workflow**

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## Immunogenicity



- a<sub>3</sub>D inherently low *in silico* immunogenicity score
- D domains with high scores are excluded from development or deimmunized
- Abzena EpiScreen<sup>™</sup>: Assay responses, using donors representing diverse allelic population, are comparable to therapeutics such as trastuzumab

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Kinetics of D domains derived from naïve libraries

Many KDs are 1 to 100nM

Kinetics are comparable to those derived from naïve antibody libraries





## **Affinity and Maturation**

Single, point mutations to a CD123-binding naïve clone alter affinity over 200 fold range

Combining mutations can achieve sub-nanomolar affinities (not shown)





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### **ARC-SparX Advantage: Controllable Potency**

**Control of ARC-T potency through SparX dosing** 



**Control of ARC-T potency through** SparX affinity and valency



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CD123+ NALM6 cells Iow affinity CD123-sparX med affinity CD123-sparX Monovalent high affinity CD123-sparX Iow affinity CD123-sparX



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### **ARC-SparX Advantage: Adaptable Targeting**





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## **Clinical Programs**



#### ACLX-001

- First ARC-SparX clinical program
- 2-component therapy: ARC-T Cell + bivalent SparX, targeting BCMA
- For treatment of relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma
- FDA clearance of IND application for ACLX-001 (March 2021)
- Phase 1 clinical trial expected to begin in the second half of 2021



#### CART-ddBCMA

- First ddCAR clinical program
- Targeting BCMA
- For treatment of relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma
- Phase 1 clinical trial is in progress



## **Clinical Programs: CART-ddBCMA**

Adapted from Frigault et al, ASH 2020 Abstract #3199; please refer to full ASH presentation for safety and efficacy data.



Subject #	Age/Sex	Myeloma	Prior Lines / Prior ASCT	Prior Therapy Status	High Risk Cytogenetics	Bone Marrow Plasma Cells	Extra- Medullary	Dose (+/- 20%) CAR+ T Cells	CART-ddBCMA Release	
									VCN*	% CAR+
1	73/M	lgA	5/ No	penta-refractory	t(4;14), 1q+	95%	Yes	100 million	2.34	78
2	73/F	Light Chain	5 / No	penta-refractory + BRAFi	sample not evaluable	0%	Yes	100 million	2.12	76
3	75/M	lgA	7 / No	penta-refractory + anti-CS1 mAb	1q+	95%	Yes	100 million	2.61	72
4	74/F	lgG	5 / Yes	penta-refractory	del17p, 1q+	70%	No	100 million	2.33	76
5	66/F	Light Chain	5/Yes	Lþénta-refractory +BRAFi	1q+	10%	No	100 million	2.33	73
6	66/F	lgA	7 / Yes	penta-refractory + anti-CS1 mAb	1q+	< 5%	Yes	100 million	3.07	87

Penta-refractory: refractory to  $\geq$ 2 PIs,  $\geq$ 2 IMiDs, and anti-CD38

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\*Vector Copy Number

## Time on Study from CART-ddBCMA Infusion (as of 29 Oct 2020)

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- First 6 patients received 100 million CART-ddBCMA+ cells and showed robust cell expansion
- 100% response rate among first six patients per IMWG criteria
- 4 stringent complete responses (sCR), 2 partial responses (PR)
- 5/6 subjects experienced rapid clearance of sFLC and SPEP within 2 months



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- **Baseline:** High disease burden (95% BMPC) with IgA myeloma, extra-medullary disease, penta-refractory, and high-risk cytogenetics.
- Month 1: Bone marrow negative, Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)-negative, and PET-CT negative

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- **D domains** are a robust scaffold for the generation of binders to a variety of targets and exhibit properties required in a targeting domain
- The **ddCAR** and **ARC-SparX** platforms offer high performance and novel solutions to difficult therapeutic situations
- CART-ddBCMA facilitates deep and durable responses in patients with poor prognoses



# Thank You

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- Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
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#### **Patients and their families**

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