



# Allogeneic Approaches to Cell Therapy

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# An Evolving Case of CAR-T Envy!

## CILTACABTAGENE AUTOLEUCEL, A B-CELL MATURATION ANTIGEN-DIRECTED CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR T-CELL THERAPY, IN RELAPSED/REFRACTORY MULTIPLE MYELOMA: UPDATED RESULTS FROM CARTITUDE-1

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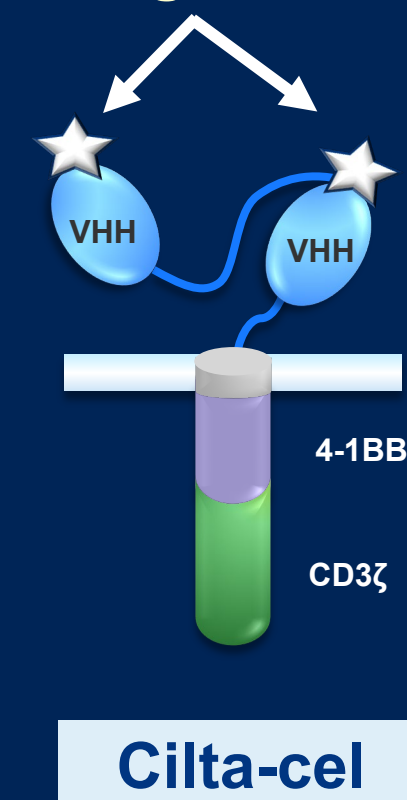
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# CARTITUDE-1: Introduction

- CARTITUDE-1 (NCT03548207) is a phase 1b/2 study evaluating cilta-cel, a CAR T-cell therapy with two BCMA–targeting single-domain antibodies, in patients with R/R MM who have been heavily pretreated<sup>1</sup>
  - At a median follow-up of 12.4 months after cilta-cel treatment, the overall response rate was 97% with an sCR rate of 67%; overall 12-month PFS and OS rates were 77% and 89%, respectively
- Here, we present updated results from CARTITUDE-1 in patients with a longer follow-up (median: 18 months)

## Binding domains



BCMA, B-cell maturation antigen; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; cilta-cel, ciltacabtagene autoleucel; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; R/R MM, relapsed refractory multiple myeloma; sCR, stringent complete response; VHH, variable heavy chain.  
1. Madduri D, et al. *Blood* 2020;136(Suppl 1):22–25.

# CARTITUDE-1: Phase 1b/2 Study Design

## Primary Objectives

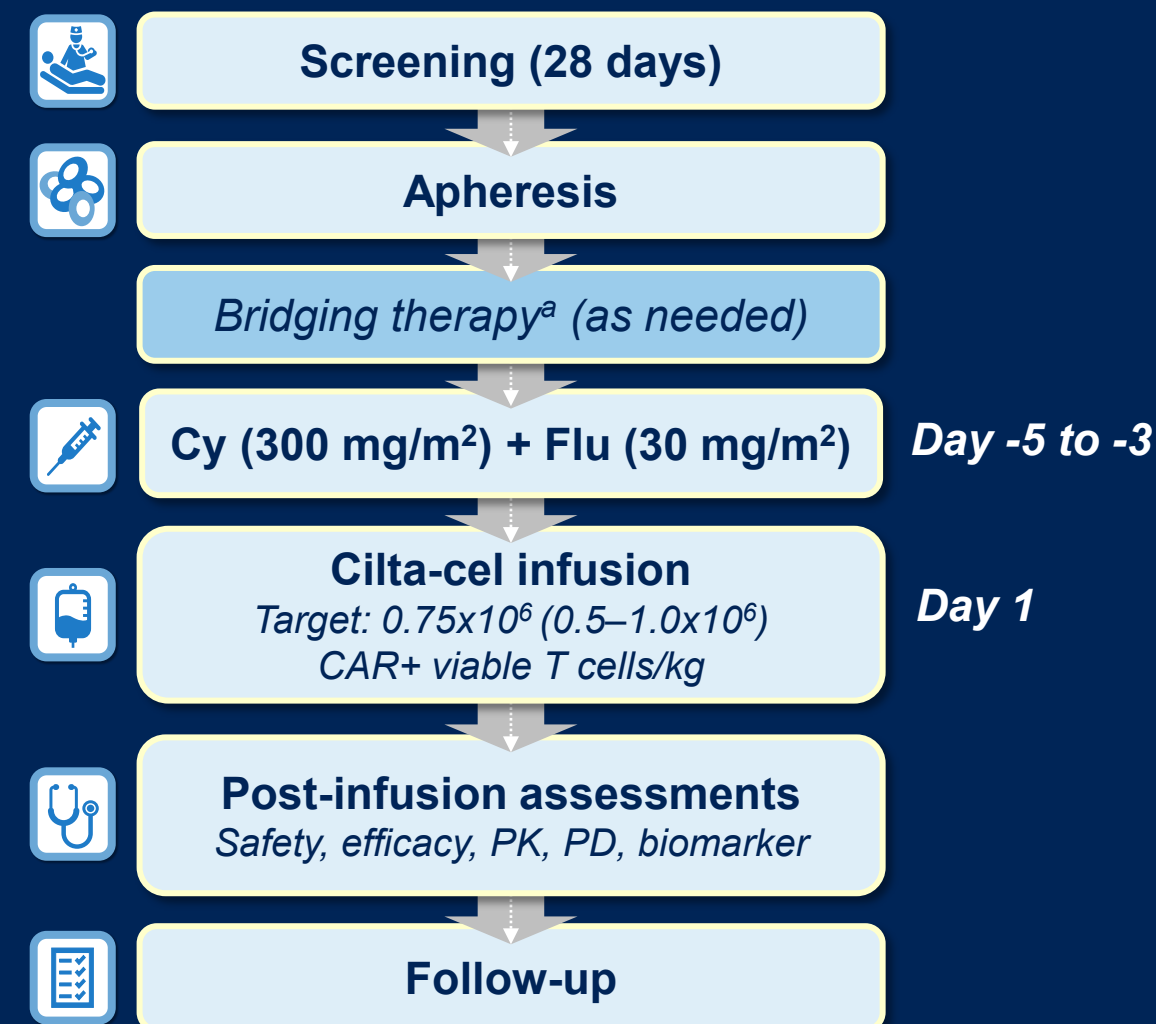
- Phase 1b: Characterize cilta-cel safety and confirm the recommended phase 2 dose
- Phase 2: Evaluate cilta-cel efficacy

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Progressive MM per IMWG criteria
- ≥3 prior therapies or double refractory
- Prior PI, IMiD, anti-CD38 therapy
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS ≤1

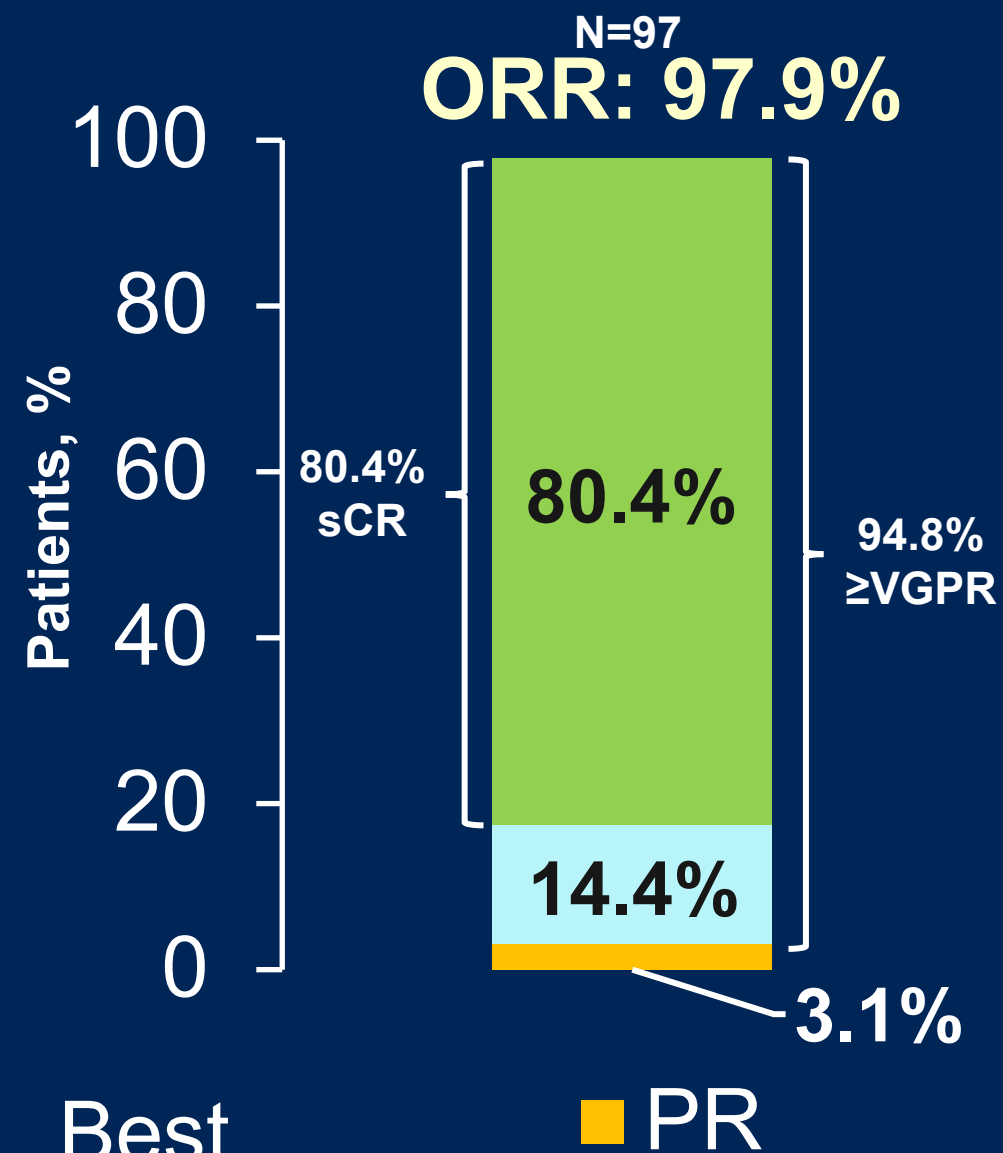
Median administered dose:

**$0.71 \times 10^6$  ( $0.51 - 0.95 \times 10^6$ ) CAR+ viable T cells/kg**  
**For 80 kg pt ≈ 50 Million CAR-T Cells**



CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; Cy, cyclophosphamide; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; Flu, fludarabine; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; IMWG, International Myeloma Working Group; MM, multiple myeloma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PI, proteasome inhibitor; PK, pharmacokinetics. Feb 11, 2021 data cut-off. <sup>a</sup>Treatment with previously used agent resulting in at least stable disease.

# CARTITUDE-1: Overall Response Rate

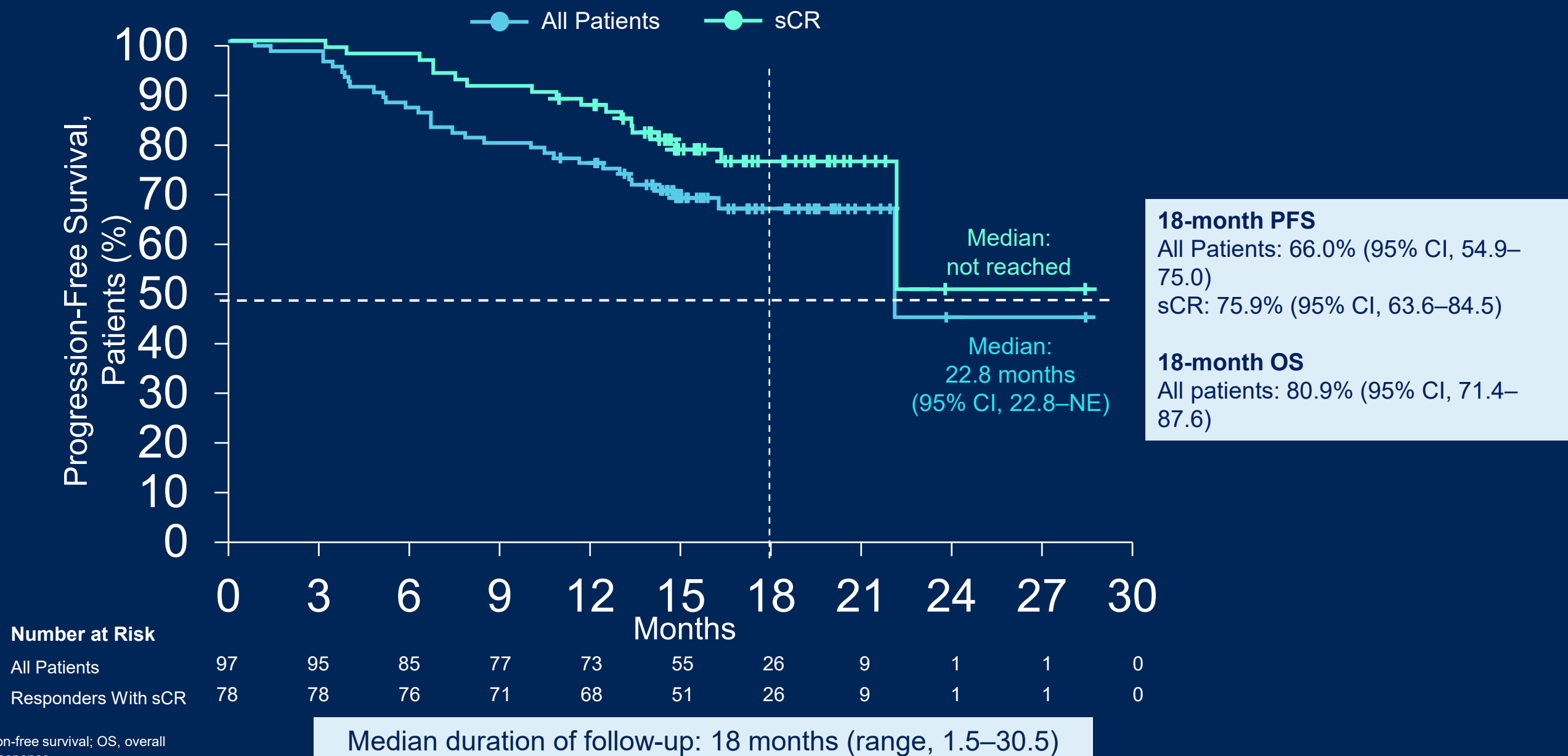


**With longer follow-up, responses deepened with increasing rate of sCR**

- Median time to first response: **1 month** (range, 0.9–10.7)
- Median time to best response: **2.6 months** (range, 0.9–15.2)
- Median time to ≥CR: 2.6 months (range, 0.9–15.2)
- Median duration of response: 21.8 months (95% CI, 21.8–NE)
  - Estimated 73% of responders have NOT progressed or died at 12 months
  - Median duration of response not reached in patients with sCR
- Response rates were comparable (range, 95–100%) across different subgroups (eg, number of prior lines of therapy, refractoriness, extramedullary plasmacytomas, and cytogenetic risk)<sup>a</sup>

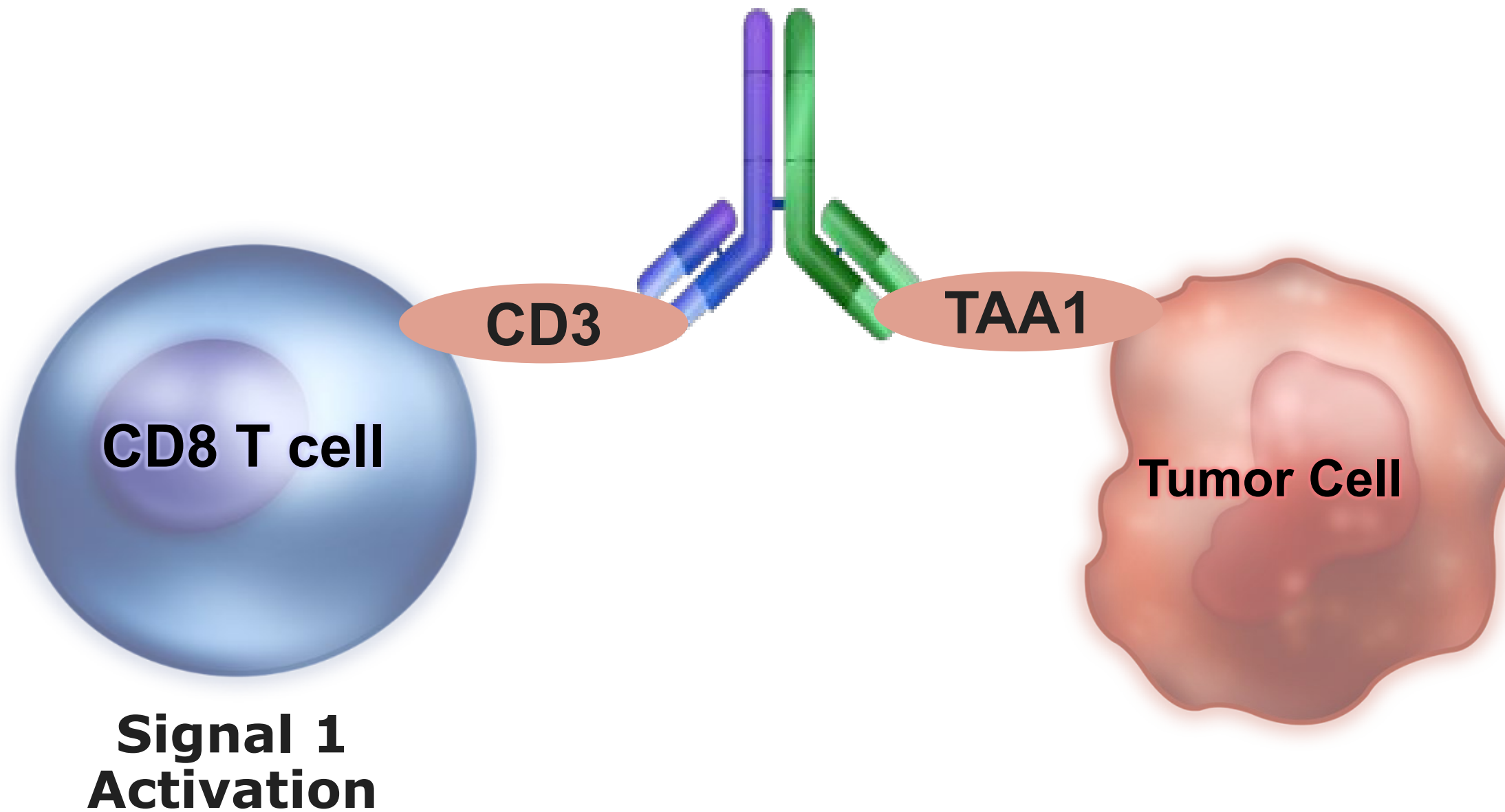
CR, complete response; ORR, overall response rate; sCR, stringent complete response; VGPR, very good partial response. ORR assessed by independent review committee. <sup>a</sup>Subgroups by number of prior lines of therapy (≤4, >4), refractoriness (triple-class, penta-drug), cytogenetic risk (high risk, standard risk), baseline bone marrow plasma cells (≤30%, >30 to <60%, ≥60%), baseline tumor BCMA expression (≥median, <median), and baseline plasmacytomas (including extramedullary and bone-based).

# CARTITUDE-1: Progression-Free Survival



NE, not estimable; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; sCR, stringent complete response.

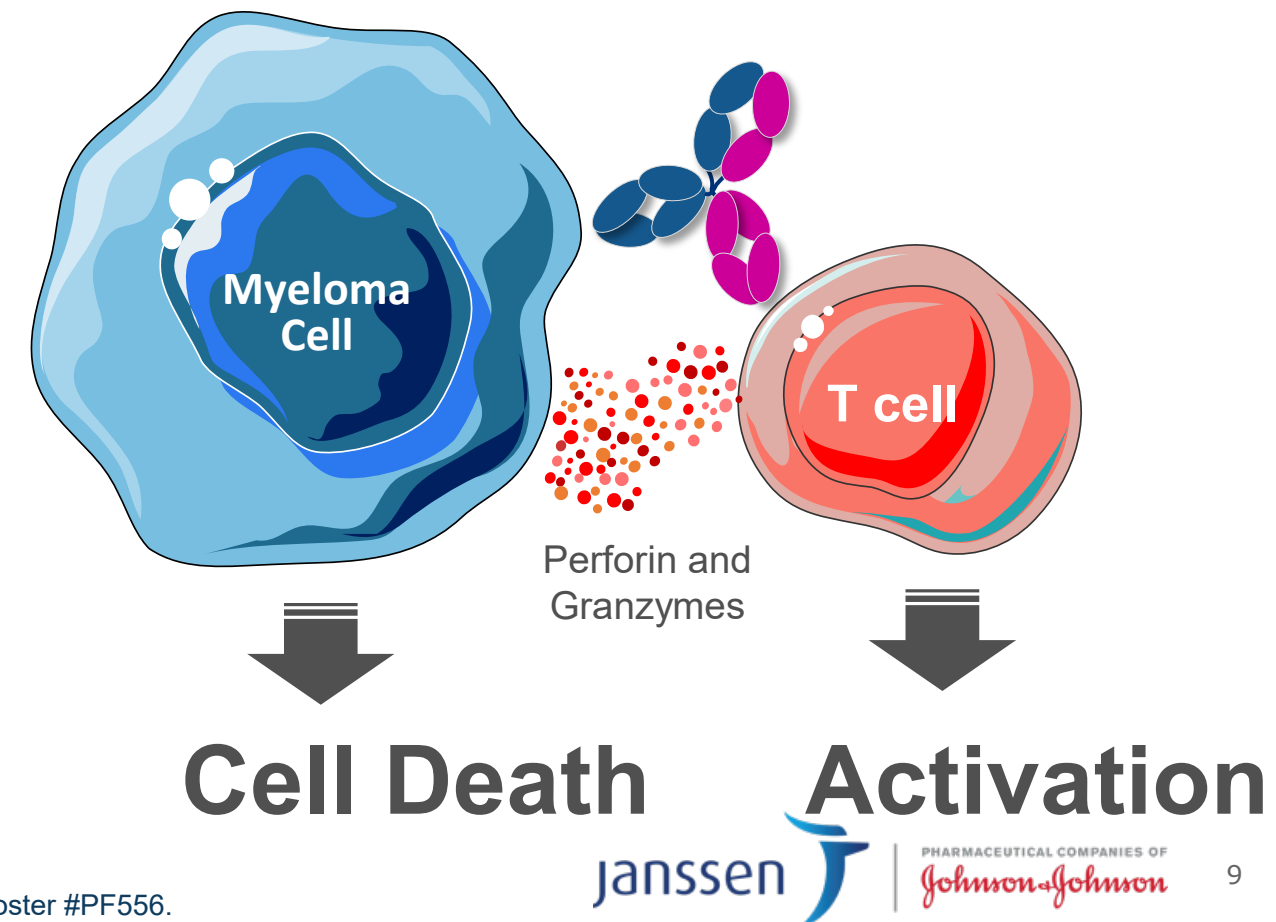
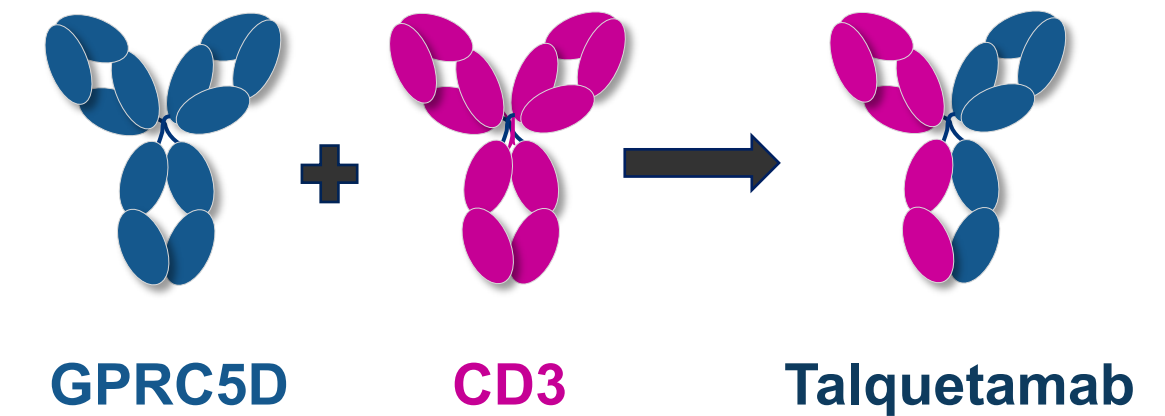
# T-Cell Redirectors





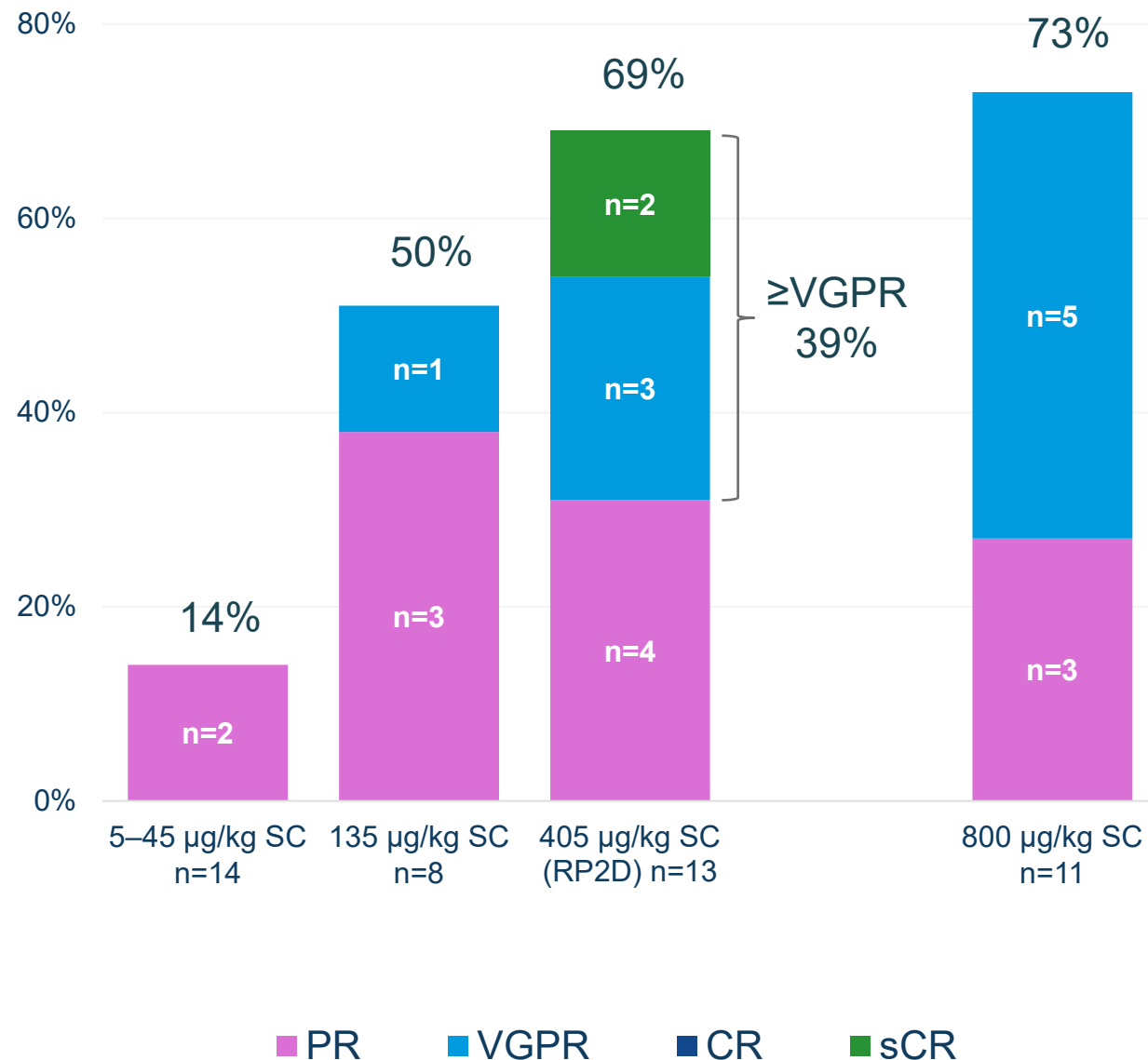
# Talquetamab: GPRC5D x CD3 Bispecific Antibody

- Talquetamab is a first-in-class DuoBody<sup>®</sup> IgG4 PAA antibody that binds to both GPRC5D and CD3
- Talquetamab redirects T cells to GPRC5D-expressing myeloma cells to mediate cell killing
- Antitumor activity was demonstrated in primary myeloma cells and xenograft models of MM<sup>1-3</sup>
- Talquetamab's pharmacokinetic profile presents an opportunity for less frequent SC dosing
- First-in-human phase 1 study is ongoing to evaluate talquetamab in patients with RRMM (NCT03399799)



# Talquetamab: Reasonable Activity for an Off-the-shelf Product

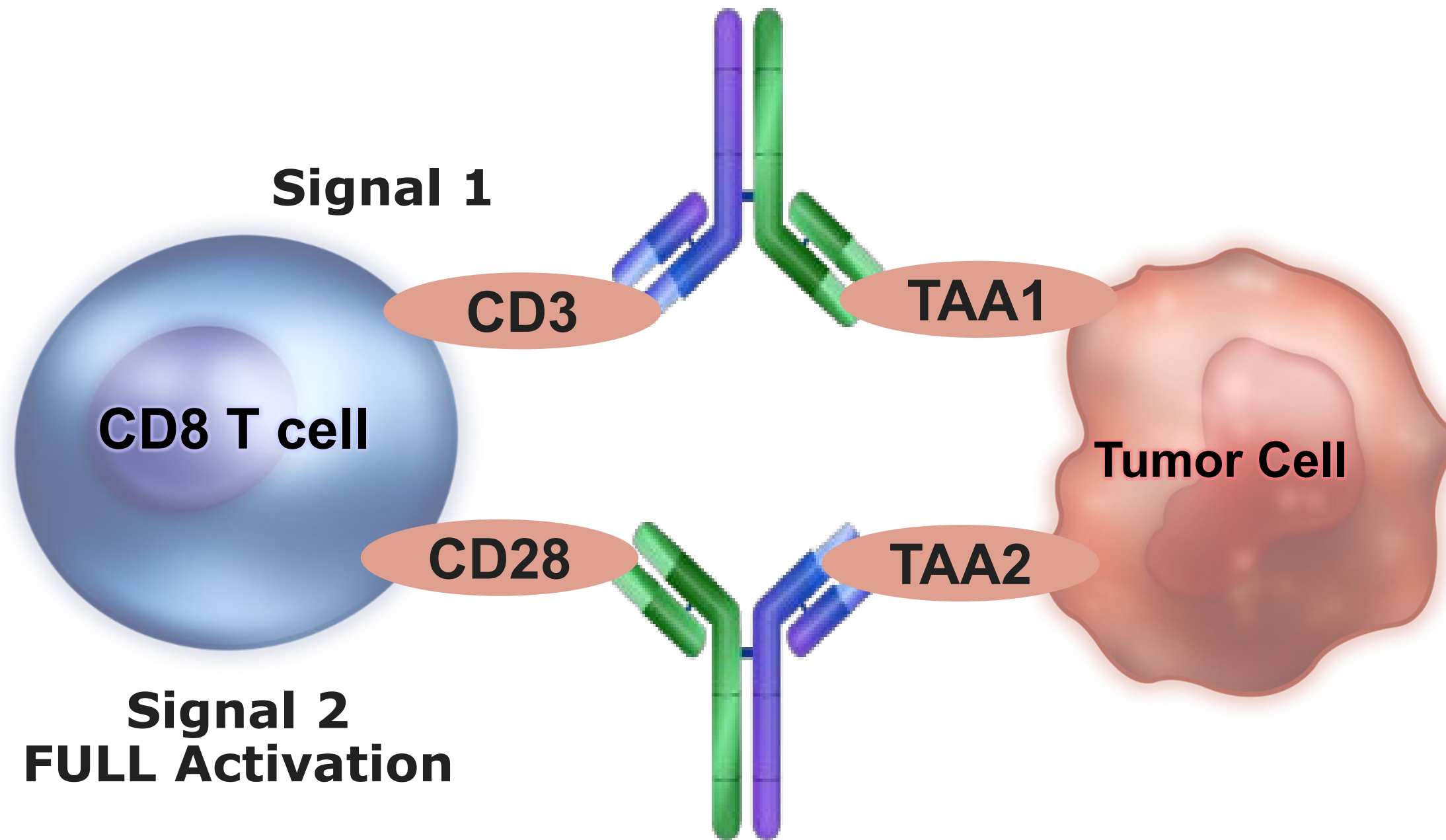
ORR<sup>a</sup> for SC Doses



- **At the RP2D of 405 µg/kg SC**
  - 69% ORR (9/13)
  - Median 3.7-month (1.7–6.5) follow-up for responders
  - Median time to first confirmed response was 1 month (1–2)
  - 67% (6/9) of triple-class refractory patients responded
  - 100% (2/2) of penta-drug refractory patients responded
- **At most active doses of 20–180 µg/kg IV and 135–800 µg/kg SC**
  - 66% ORR (33/50)
  - ≥VGPR was 42%
  - 67% ORR (12/18) in IV cohorts and 66% ORR<sup>a</sup> (21/32) in SC cohorts

<sup>a</sup>Among response-evaluable patients who had at least 1 study treatment and 1 postbaseline disease evaluation; includes unconfirmed responses. CR, complete response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; sCR, stringent complete response, VGPR, very good partial response

# Next Generation T Cell Redirection





# Next-Generation Cell Therapy



## J&J inks Fate deal to move into allogeneic CAR therapies

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## **Autologous CAR-T**

- Heterogenous product
- Logistical issues
- High COGS

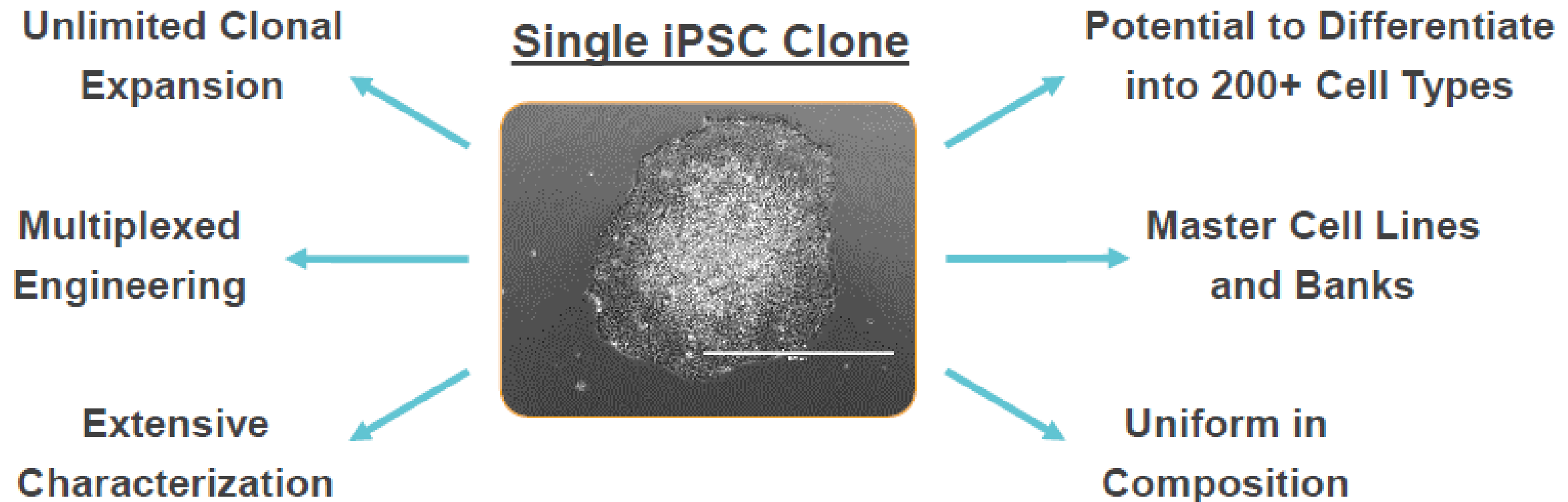
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## **Allogeneic CAR-X (ipsc derived)**

- Clonal/uniform product—from a master cell bank
- Precision engineering
- Targetable with CAR and/or mAb
- Lower COGs

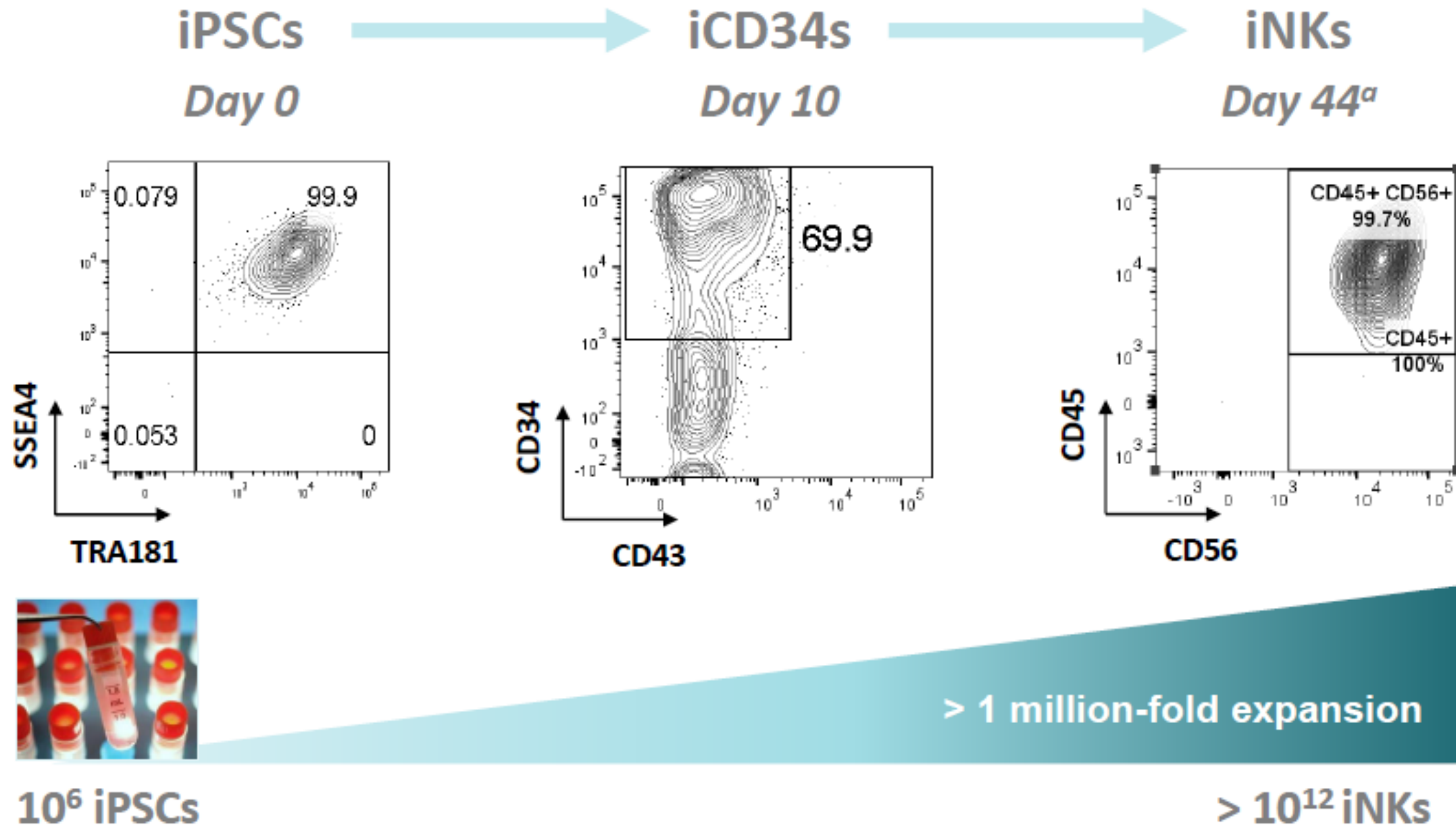
# **A Single Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC)**

*A renewable source for making cell products*



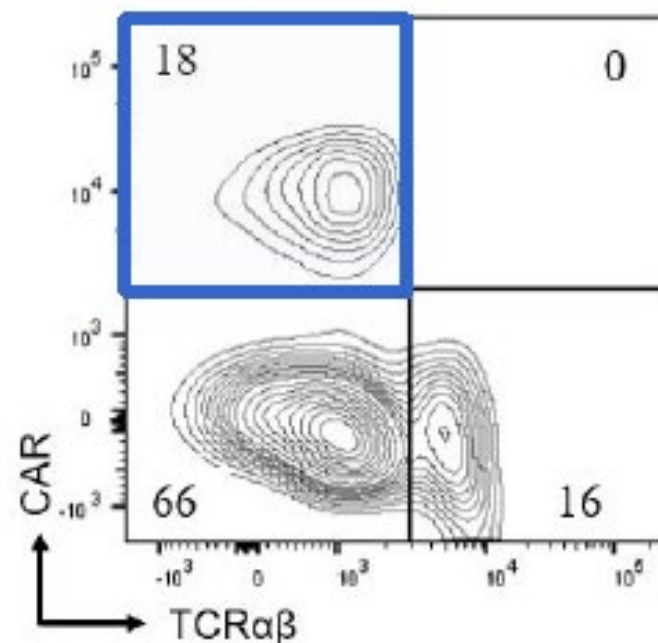


# From iPSC to Natural Killer Cells (ipsc derived NK's)

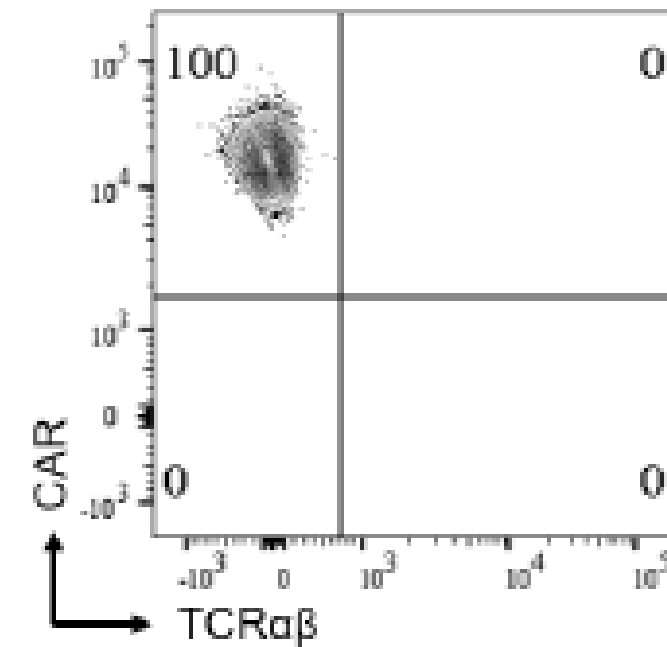


# Some Gene Editing (Engineering) In The Process

## *Cell Population Engineering*



Single cell ipsc  
isolation,  
characterization  
and selection



**Clonal Master Cell Line**

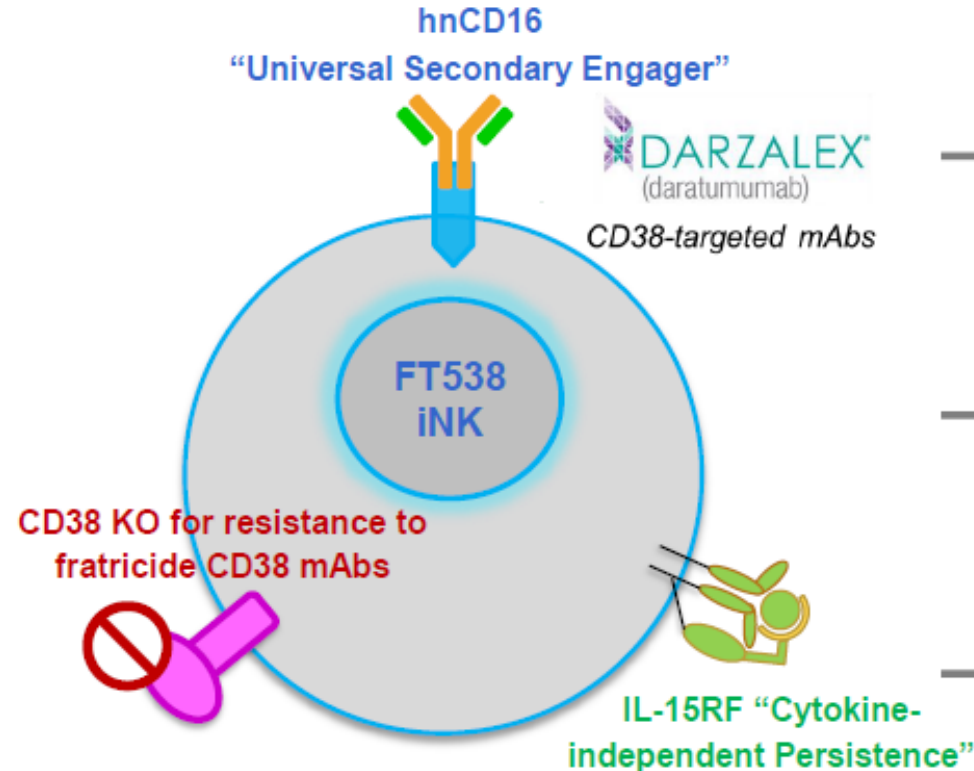
# Three Edits

## FT538: hnCD16 + IL-15RF + CD38KO NK Cell Product Candidate

*First-ever CRISPR-edited iPSC-derived Cell Therapy*



### Engineered with Three Components to Enhance Multiple Mechanisms of Innate Immunity



→ **hnCD16**: High-affinity 158V, non-cleavable CD16 Fc receptor that has been modified to augment antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity by preventing CD16 down-regulation and enhancing CD16 binding to tumor-targeting antibodies

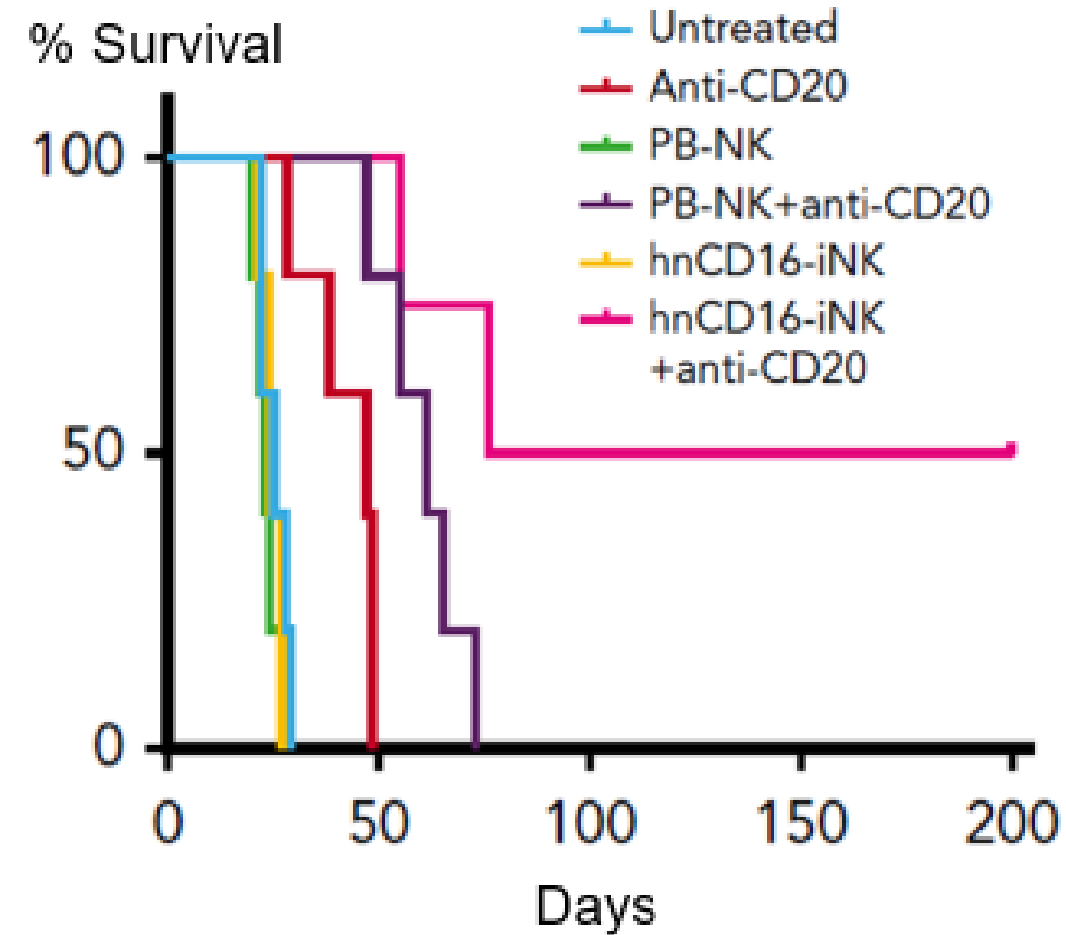
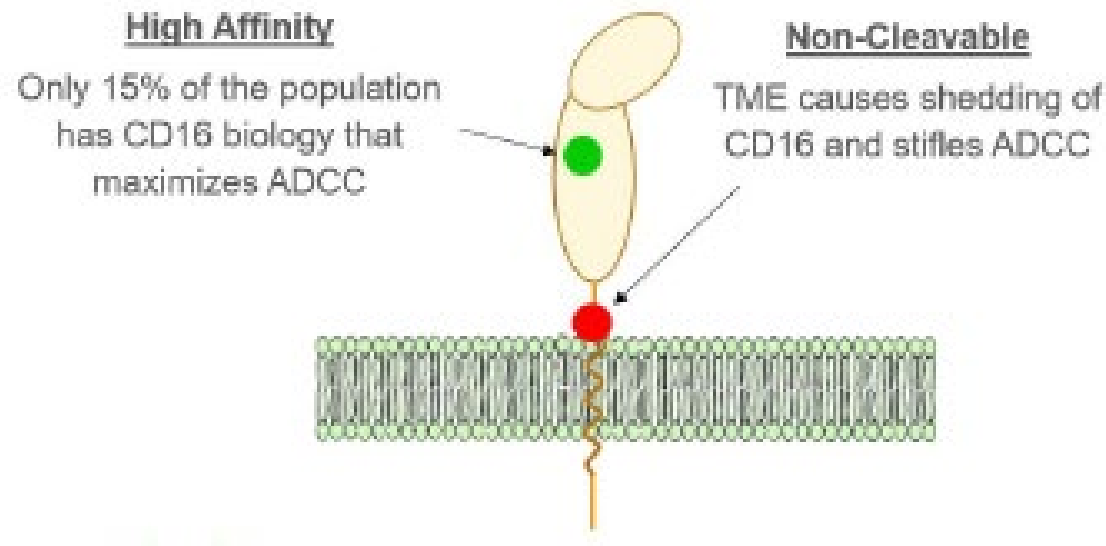
→ **CD38KO**: Deletion of CD38 to eliminate anti-CD38 antibody mediated NK cell fratricide. Also shown to improve NK cell biology and potency through optimization of metabolic signaling

→ **IL-15RF**: Interleukin-15 receptor fusion, a potent cytokine complex that promotes survival, proliferation and trans-activation of NK cells and CD8 T cells

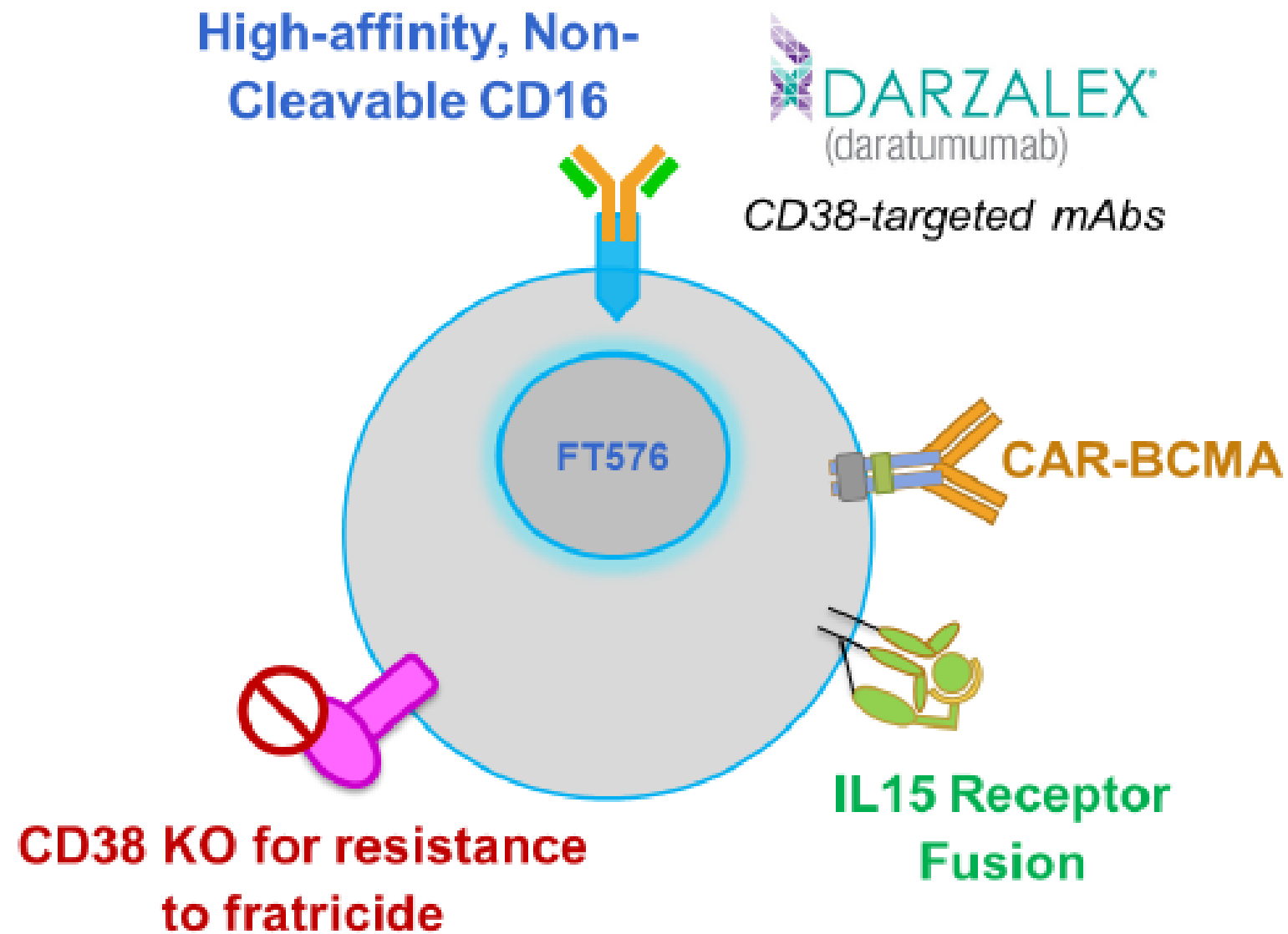


# High-Affinity Non-Cleavable CD16 (Fc $\gamma$ RIIIa)

*Raji Cancer Cells in Disseminated  
Xenograft Model of Lymphoma*



# The Fourth Edit – Adding in CAR (FT576)



Note: This is a FATE Product Developed Independently of Janssen

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# Summary

- 1 Striking efficacy of Autologous CAR-T in Multiple Myeloma  
Aspirational goal  
Solid tumors (like PC) = work in progress
- 2 CD3 Redirectors: Active Agents / Room for Improvement
- 3 Allogeneic CAR iNK Cell Therapy  
Early Days