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A new class of tumor targets for next-generation cancer immunotherapies

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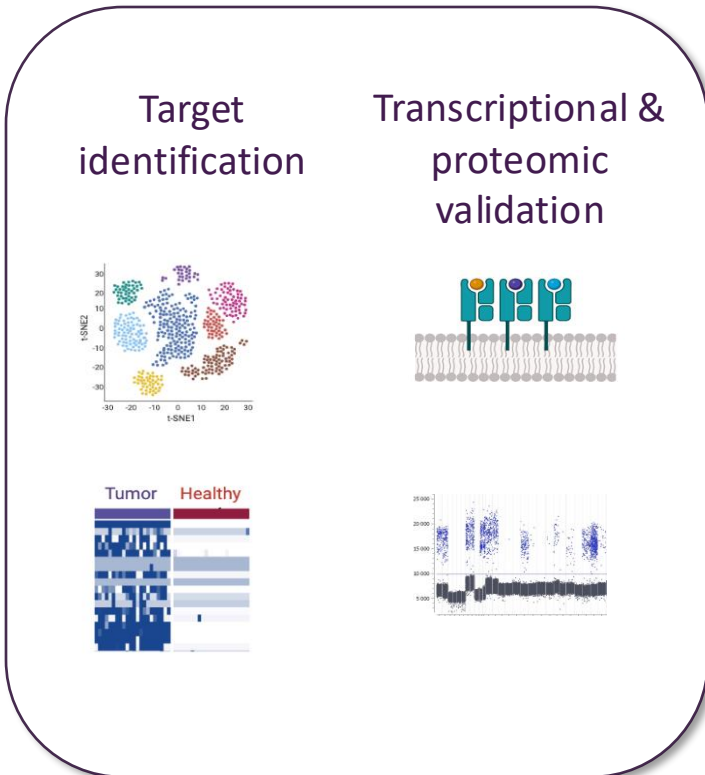
Mnemo Therapeutics: an integrated end-to-end novel target discovery and validation platform

Discovering druggable targets, developing immunotherapies



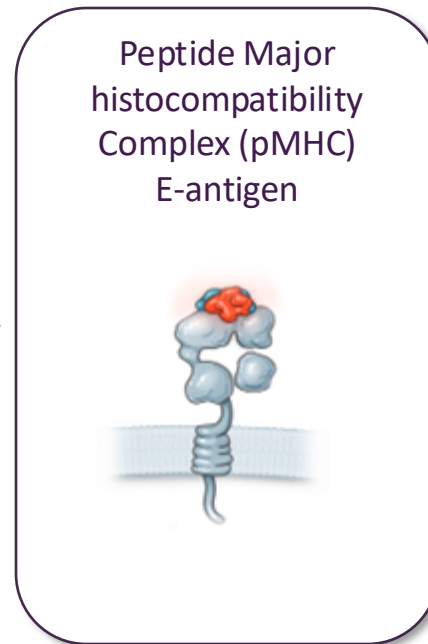
Discovery Hub

A first-in-class, end-to-end validated, proteogenomic dark genome and alternative splicing target discovery platform



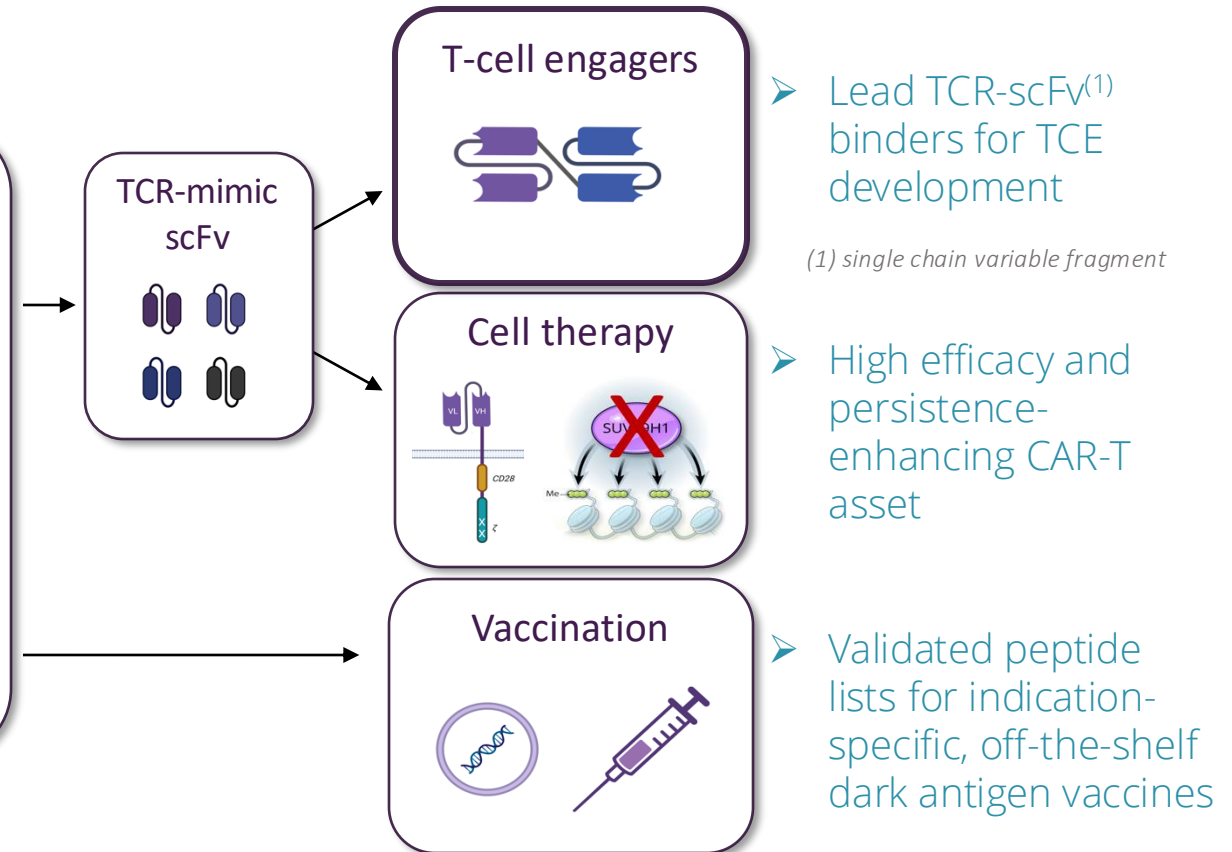
Target Library

A unique target portfolio of pan-cancer and tumor-specific actionable targets for immuno-therapy



Immunotherapy Modalities

Unique opportunities for developing multi-modality immunotherapies



Company Overview



Proprietary Technology Platform

Differentiated end-to-end target discovery platform for immuno-oncology, from discovery to validation

Key Facts

Founded December 2018

Institutional investors:



Non-dilutive funding from **bpifrance**

Strategic academic partnership: 

Assets

- Lead binders for a highly recurrent pMHC E-antigen in glioblastoma (GBM)
- Portfolio of multi-solid cancer targets
- Validated cancer E-antigens for high coverage cancer vaccine development
- Epigenetic reprogramming technology for highly persistent, exhaustion-resistant CAR-T cells

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MNEMO'S UNIQUE TECHNOLOGIES AND TARGETS ARE PROTECTED BY:

(as of September 2024)

11

Patent families worldwide

44

Patent pending

8

Patent granted

Alternative and non-canonical splicing are a source of unexploited druggable and tumor-specific isoforms

Alternative splicing expands the cellular proteome by 10 to 100-fold

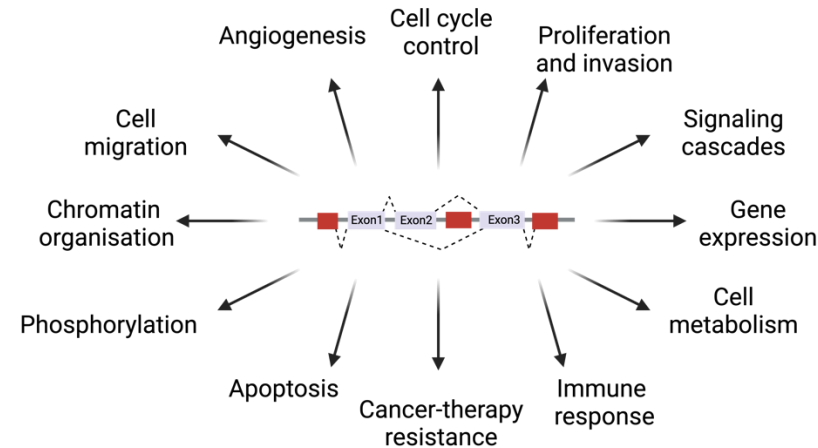
Canonical splicing
(30-100K isoforms)

Alternative splicing
(200-300K isoforms)



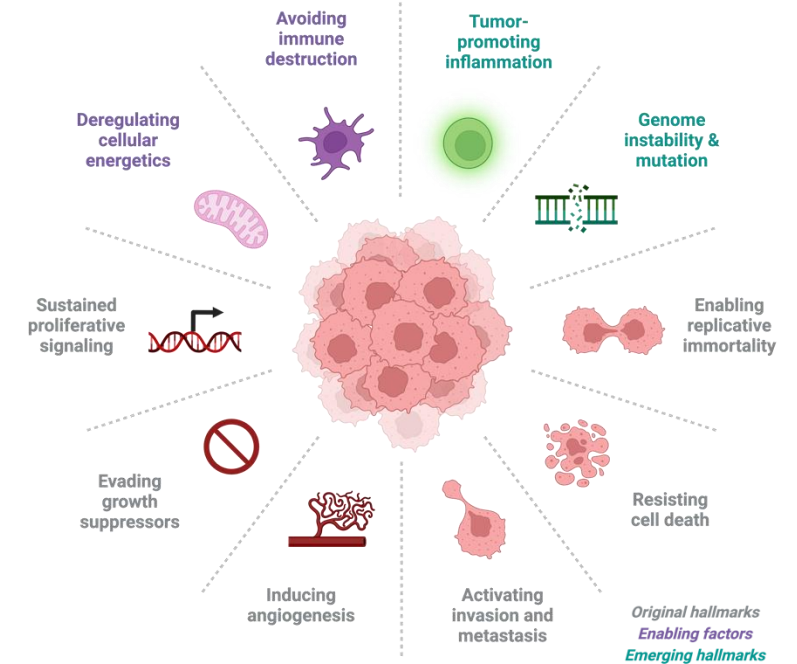
Splicing targets are druggable and can be tumor specific

Alternative splicing regulates cell functions



Alternative splicing and disease (2016). Genetics – Research & issues

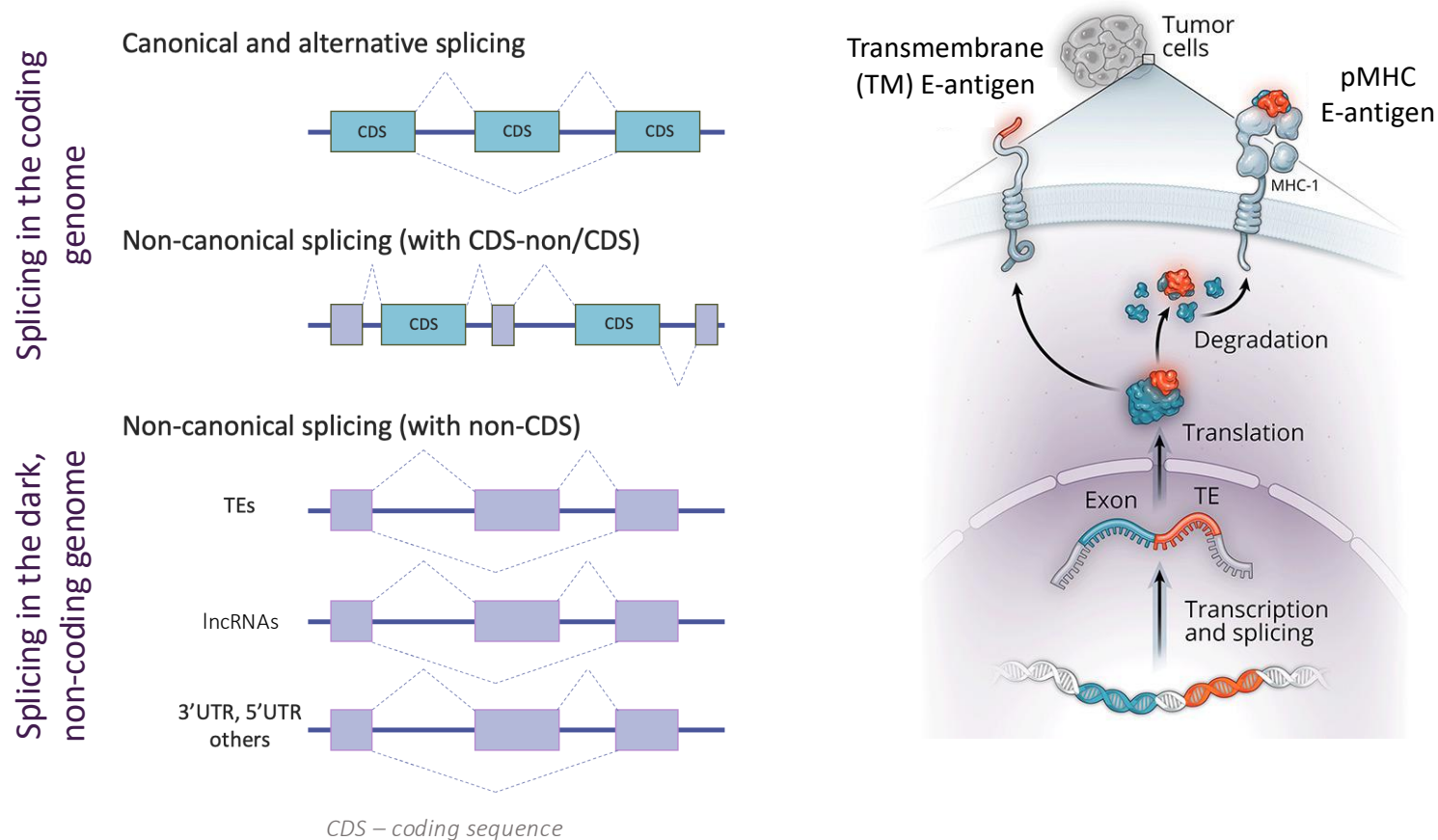
Alternative splicing is deregulated in cancer, revealing tumor-specific protein isoforms



Hanahan and Weinberg (2011). Hallmarks of Cancer: The Next Generation. Cell.

Mnemo's unique dark genome splicing platform discovers a new class of tumor-specific targets for immunotherapy: E-antigens

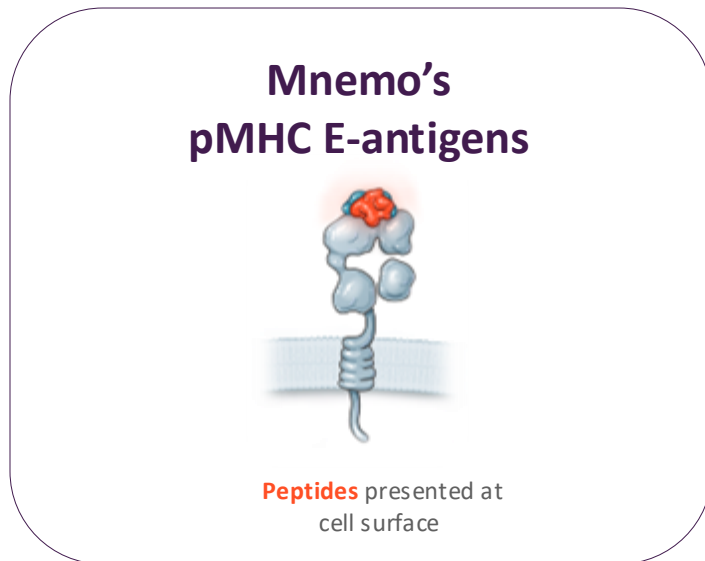
- E-antigens are a product of epigenetic dysregulation and non-canonical splicing
- They are highly **tumor specific** (including high unmet medical need indications) and **shared between patients**, due to recurrent splicing defects in tumors
- E-antigens include new **transmembrane isoforms** (TM E-antigens) and **new peptides presented by HLA** (pMHC E-antigens)



E-antigens represent a new class of tumor-specific targets shared among large populations of cancer patients

E-antigens are optimal tumor targets:

- More tumor-specific than conventional Tumor Testis Antigen (TTAs)
- More recurrent in patients than mutational or frame-shift antigens



	Coding Genome		Non-coding Genome
	Point Mutations	Tumor Associated Antigens	E-Antigens
Tumor specific	+	-	+
Tumor coverage	+	+	+
Patient recurrence	-	+	+
Immunopeptidomics (pMHC only)	-	+	+
T-cell responses in cancer patients (pMHC only)	+	+	+

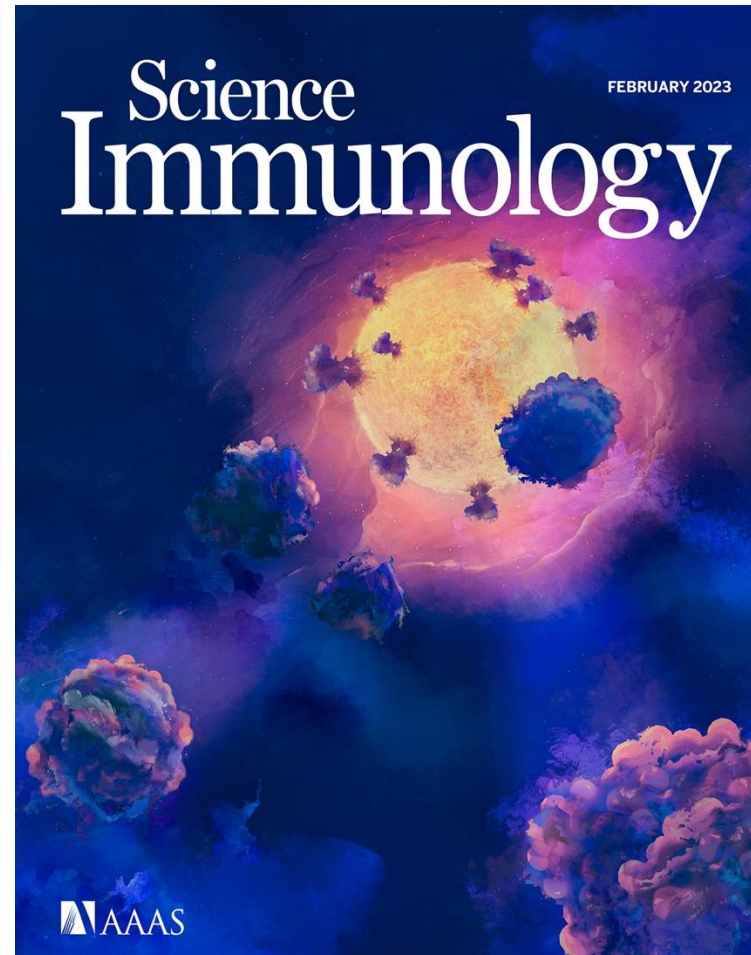
Two recent publications from the Amigorena lab describe pMHC E-antigens in cancer derived from dark genome and non-canonical splicing



Non-canonical splicing junctions produce peptides presented by HLA (E-antigens)
E-antigens are protective in mice, and immunogenic in cancer patients

ONLINE COVER: Tumor-infiltrating Lymphocytes on JET Patrol. This month's cover depicts T lymphocytes specific for tumor neoantigens near a cancer cell (yellow) displaying neoantigen peptides on a subset of its cell-surface MHC molecules. JETs (Junctions between Exons and Transposable elements) are a new class of cancer-associated neoantigens made by tumor cells as a result of noncanonical mRNA splicing linking exons to transcripts from transposable elements. [Merlotti *et al.*](#) identified recurrent JETs in human lung tumors and the presence of CD8⁺ T cells specific for JET-encoded epitopes in cancer patients. In a companion paper, [Burbage *et al.*](#) used mouse models to demonstrate that tumor-specific expression of JETs is under epigenetic control.

Credit: Alexis Finkbeiner/Mnemo Therapeutics



SCIENCE IMMUNOLOGY | RESEARCH ARTICLE

CANCER IMMUNOLOGY

Epigenetically controlled tumor antigens derived from splice junctions between exons and transposable elements

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CANCER IMMUNOLOGY

Noncanonical splicing junctions between exons and transposable elements represent a source of immunogenic recurrent neo-antigens in patients with lung cancer

Antonela Merlotti^{1†}, Benjamin Sadacca^{1,2,3†}, Yago A. Arribas^{1†}, Mercia Ngoma^{1†}, Marianne Burbage¹, Christel Goudot¹, Alexandre Houy², Ares Rocañín-Arjón¹, Ana Lalanne^{4,5}, Agathe Seguin-Givelet^{6,7}, Marine Lefevre⁸, Sandrine Heurtebise-Chrétien¹, Blandine Baudon¹, Giacomo Oliveira^{9,10}, Damarys Loew¹¹, Montserrat Carrascal¹², Catherine J. Wu^{9,10,13}, Olivier Lantz^{1,4,5}, Marc-Henri Stern², Nicolas Girard⁶, Joshua J. Waterfall^{2,3,5*}, Sebastian Amigorena^{1,5*}

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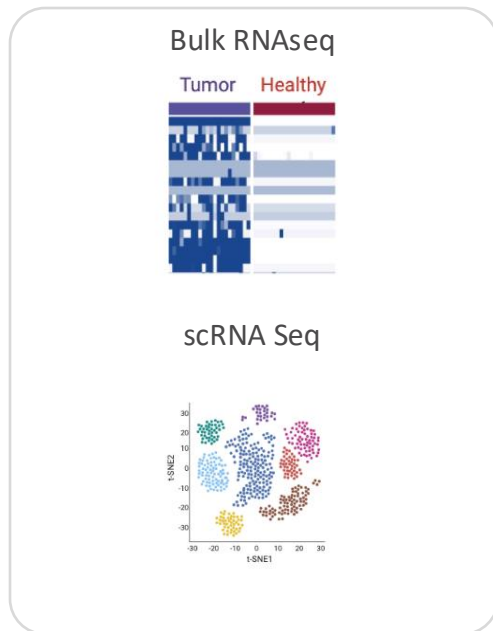
- Bonté et al (2022)
Cell Reports
- Arribas et al (2024)
Cell

Discovery hub and targets

A best-in-class discovery hub for dark genome and unannotated splicing antigens

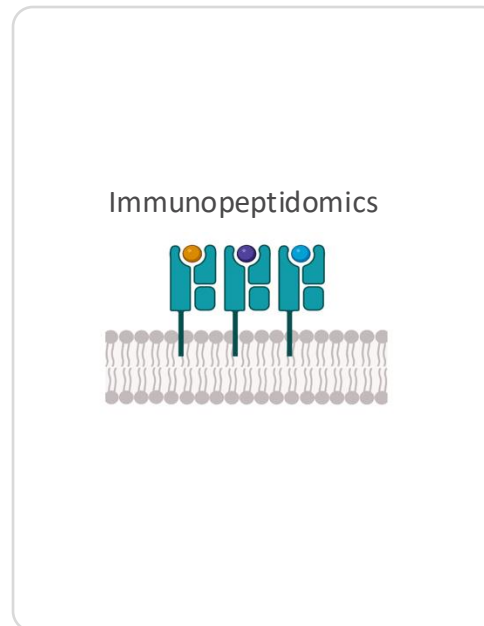
Mnemo has validated its end-to-end discovery workflow, which integrates transcriptomic, proteomic and wet lab techniques

Target discovery



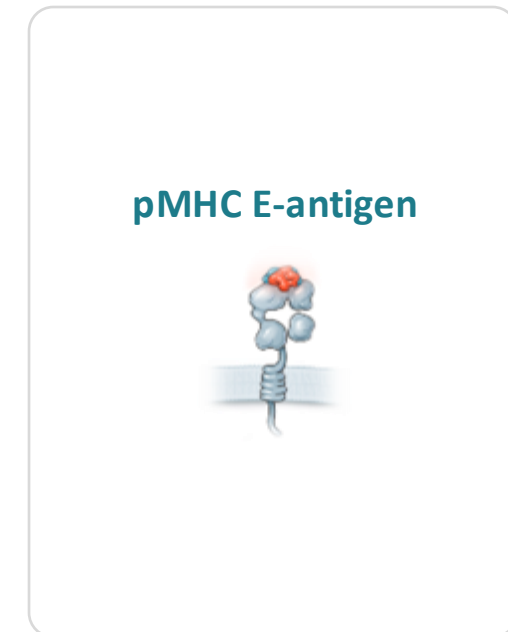
- Identify E-antigen transcripts

MS Immunopeptidomic validation



- Validate transcript expression
- Assess surface expression by proteomics

Target nomination



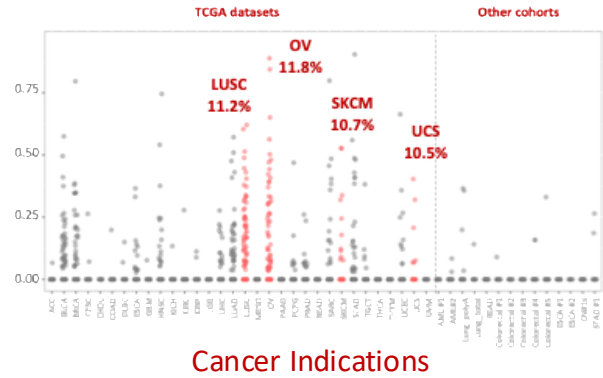
- Nominate lead candidates

Mnemo's pMHC targets show high tumor-specificity in high proportions of patients and are not expressed in healthy tissues

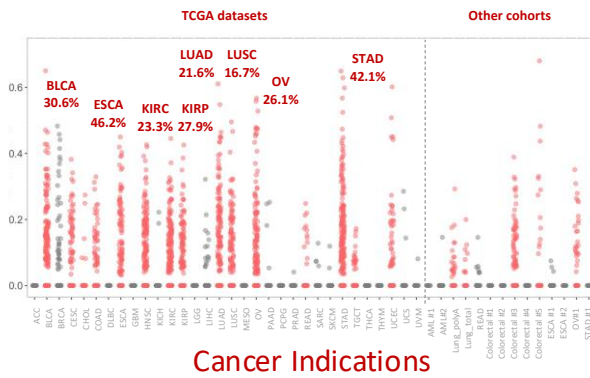


RNA expression profiles of "conventional" surface targets exhibit medium / no tumor specificity

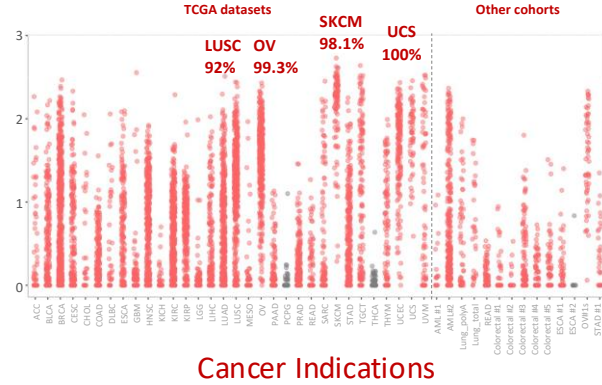
NY-ESO-1
A*02:01



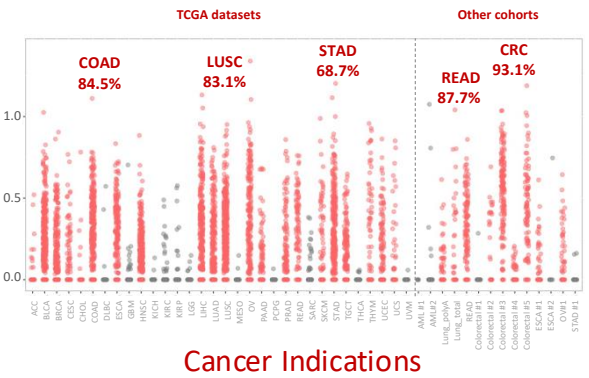
MNO-P7
A*03:01



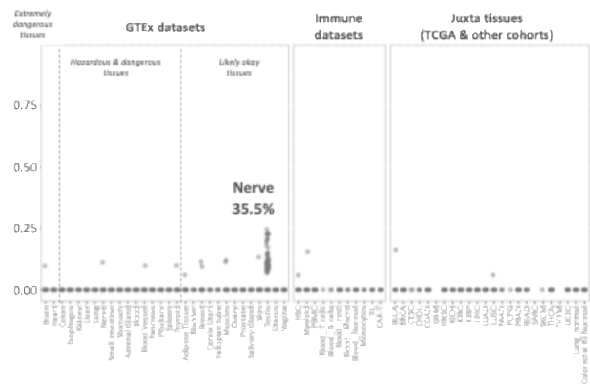
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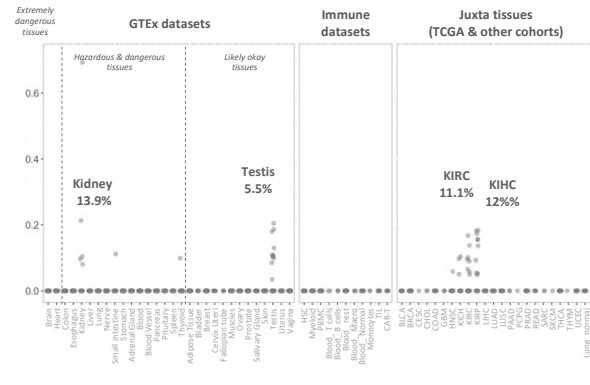
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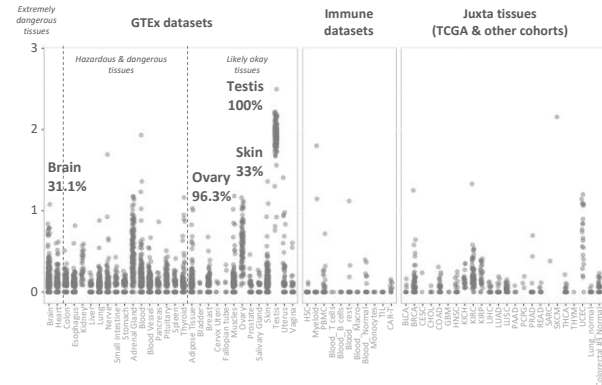
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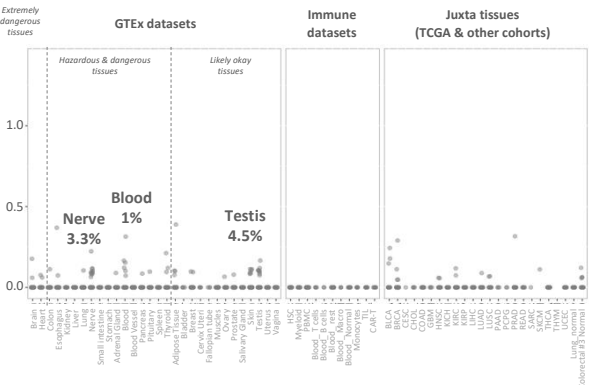
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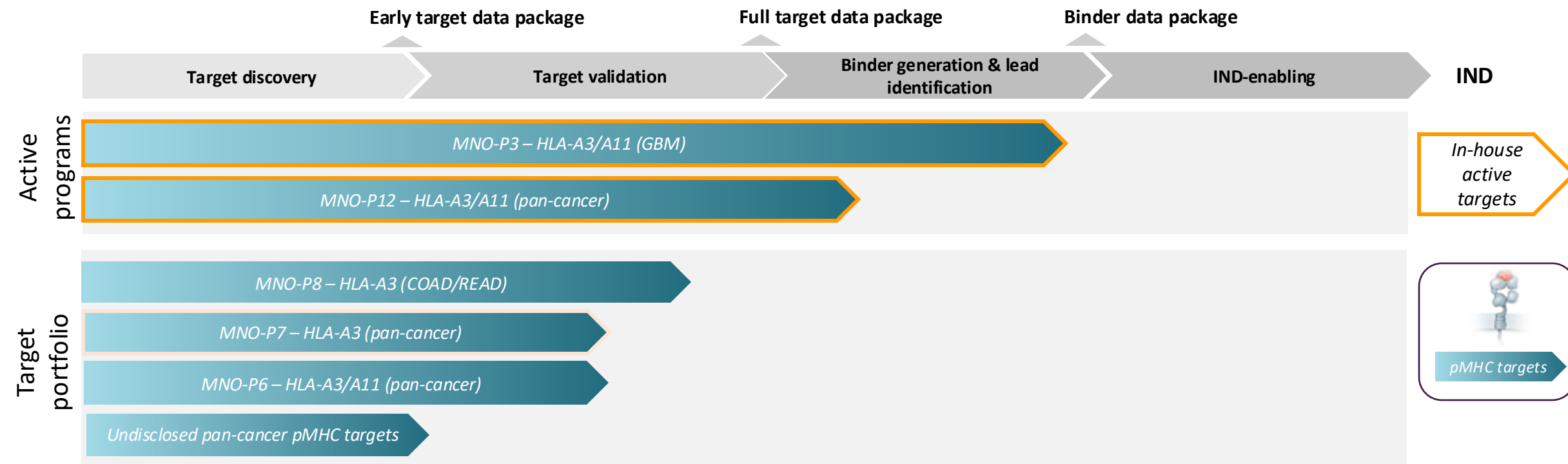
Healthy Tissues



Active programs for TCE development

A pipeline of tumor-specific targets in multiple cancer indications

- Active programs focus on highly tumor-specific, highly recurrent targets in major cancer indications with strong medical needs

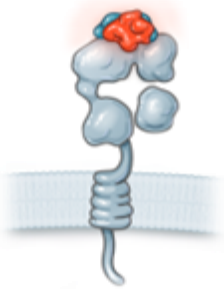


MNO-P3 is a highly specific pMHC target for glioblastoma, druggable by immunotherapies

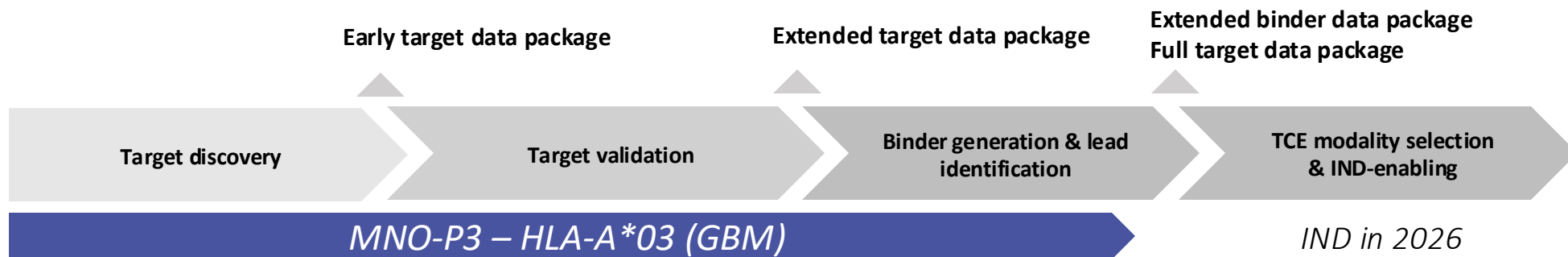


MNO-P3

HLA-A*03 and HLA-A*11



- *First-in-class Dark Genome pMHC target in Glioblastoma*
- *High recurrence in GBM patients: 25-30% US & EU and 40-50% CN*
- *dPCR-based assay & HLA-typing for patient selection*
- *One lead binder with in vivo efficacy*

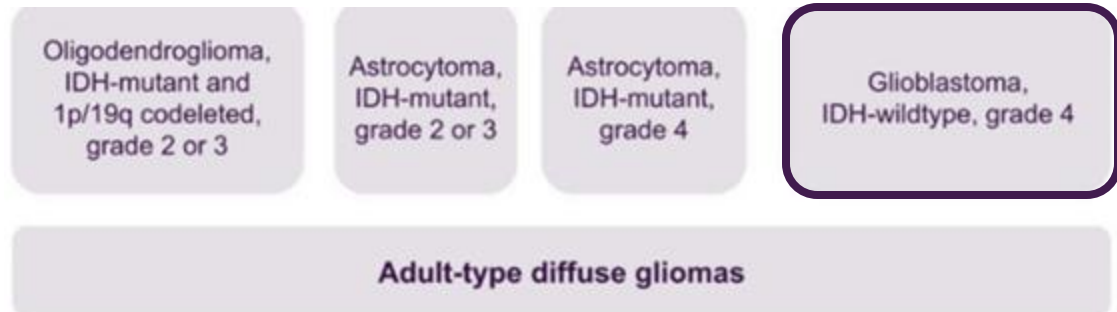


MNO-P3 is a first-in-class pMHC target in glioblastoma

Glioblastoma has one of the highest levels of unmet need across all of oncology

- More than 79,000 incident cases of GBM in 2023¹, expected to rise to 86,900 cases by 2028, especially A*11 high markets (Asia)
- Average survival lower than 8 months

MNO-P3 is expressed in aggressive non-curable Grade-4 gliomas



- Glioblastoma is an important unmet medical need for immunotherapies
- Bispecific antibodies and CAR-Ts are under early clinical investigation
- Paucity of high quality targets hampers clinical response
- Manufacturing costs remain a limiting factor for clinical development

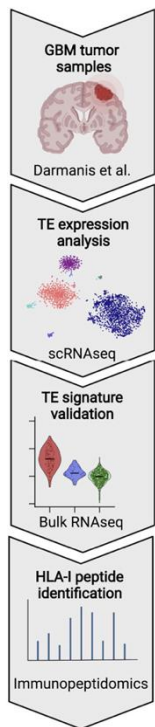
➤ **Mnemo's MNO-P3 program offers an off-the-shelf first-in-class therapeutic solution**

¹ 16 countries covered in GlobalData's epidemiology forecast, Global Data Reports 2023; Alsajjan & Mason, 2023, Curr Oncol; Ajeeb & Clegg, 2023, Adv Drug Deliv Rev Testa et al, 2024, Cancers

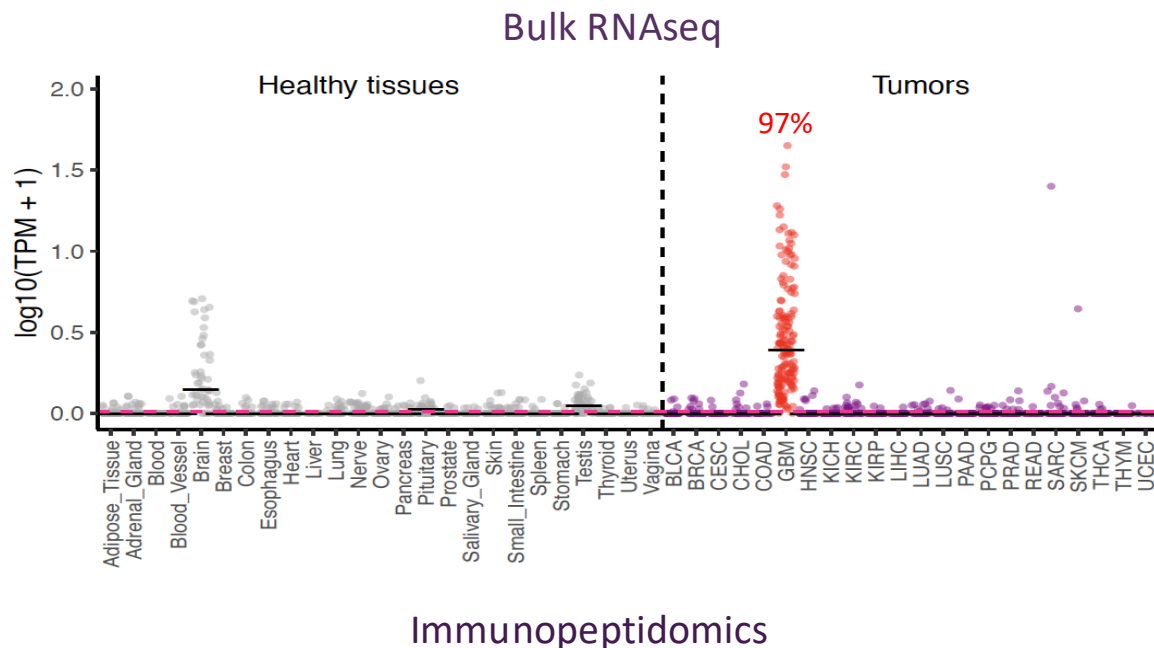
MNO-P3 expression is highly brain tumor-specific

- Dark Genome-derived peptide, expressed in >97% of GBM tumors with very low healthy brain tissue expression
- MNO-P3 is presented by multiple HLA alleles: HLA-A*03:01 (25-30% US & EU) and HLA-A*11:01 (40-50% CN)

Bonté et al.
Cell Rep. (2022)



MNO-P3
identification

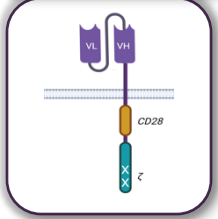


- MNO-P3 is expressed in aggressive non-curable Grade-4 gliomas (GBM)
- Safe profile with very low healthy tissue expression
- MNO-P3 expression is only detected in neoplastic cells in single-cell RNA-seq GBM datasets
- MNO-P3 peptide is detected in brain tumour and not in healthy samples

Dataset	Sample type	MNO-P3 detection
Shraibman et al (A*03)	GBM sample	Yes
Bartok et al (A*03)	SKCM cell line	Yes
Daoy-HLA-A*11	MB cell line	Yes
HLA Ligand Atlas	Normal brain tissue	No

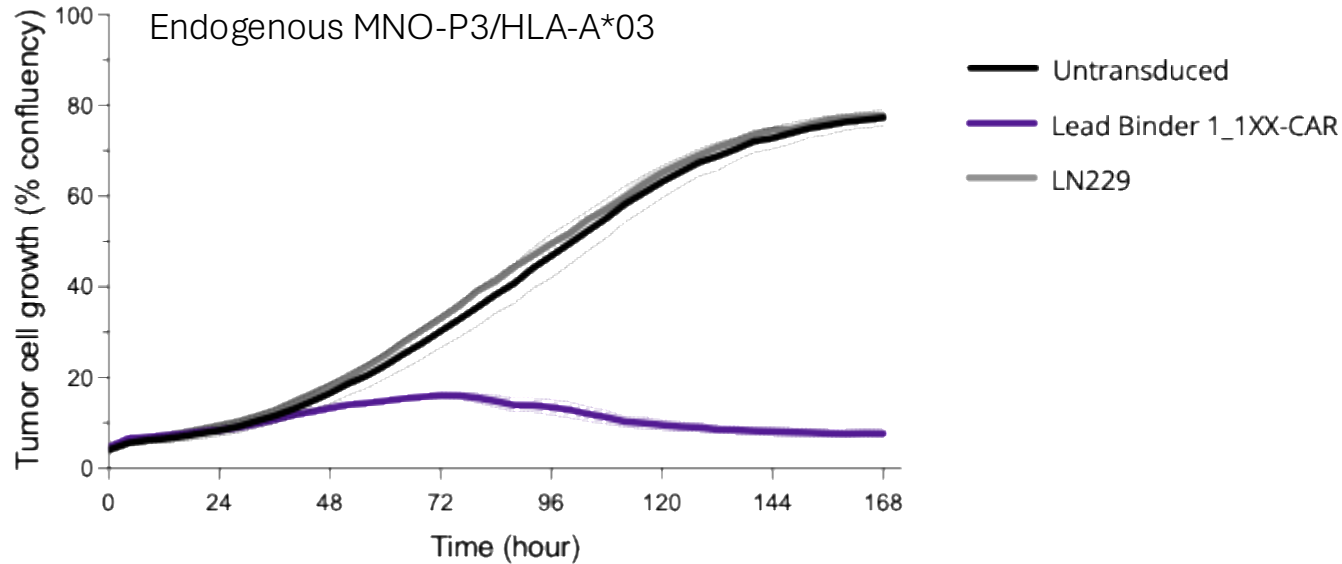
MNO-P3 targeting CAR T cells promote rejection of GBM cell lines in vitro and in vivo

1XX-CAR

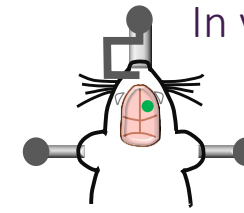


CAR long CTL assay with low E:T ratios
7 days, Fluorescence live imaging

Tumor cell growth



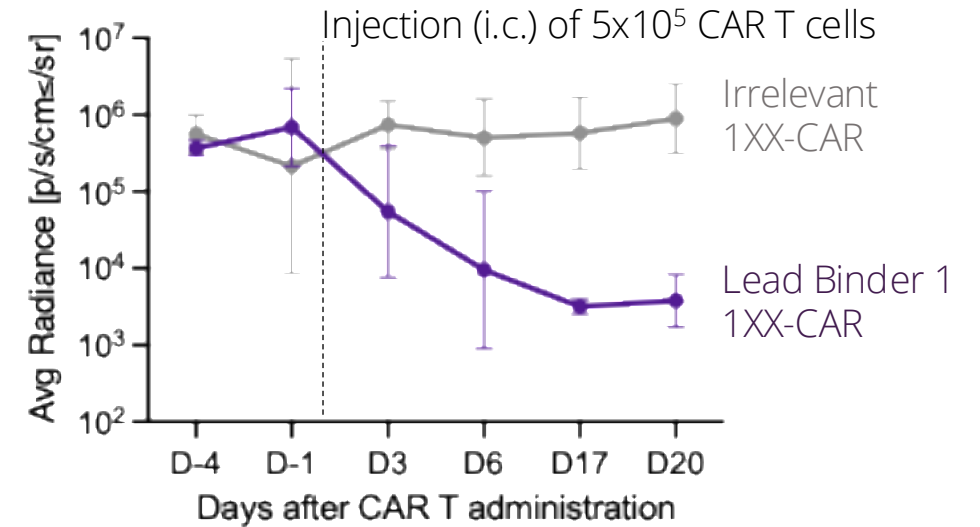
➤ 100% killing of target cells in vitro



NSG mice
(n=3-4/group)

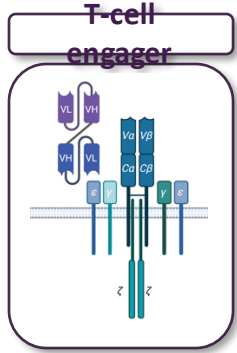
In vivo validation (preliminary results)

D-7: Intracranial injection of
GBM cell line LN229
(MNO-P3^{pos} / HLA-A3^{pos})

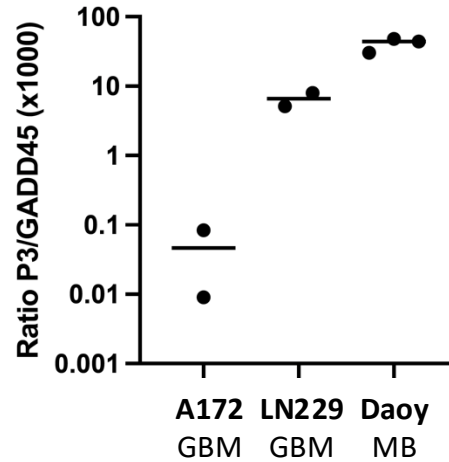


➤ In vivo rejection of intracranial GBM tumors

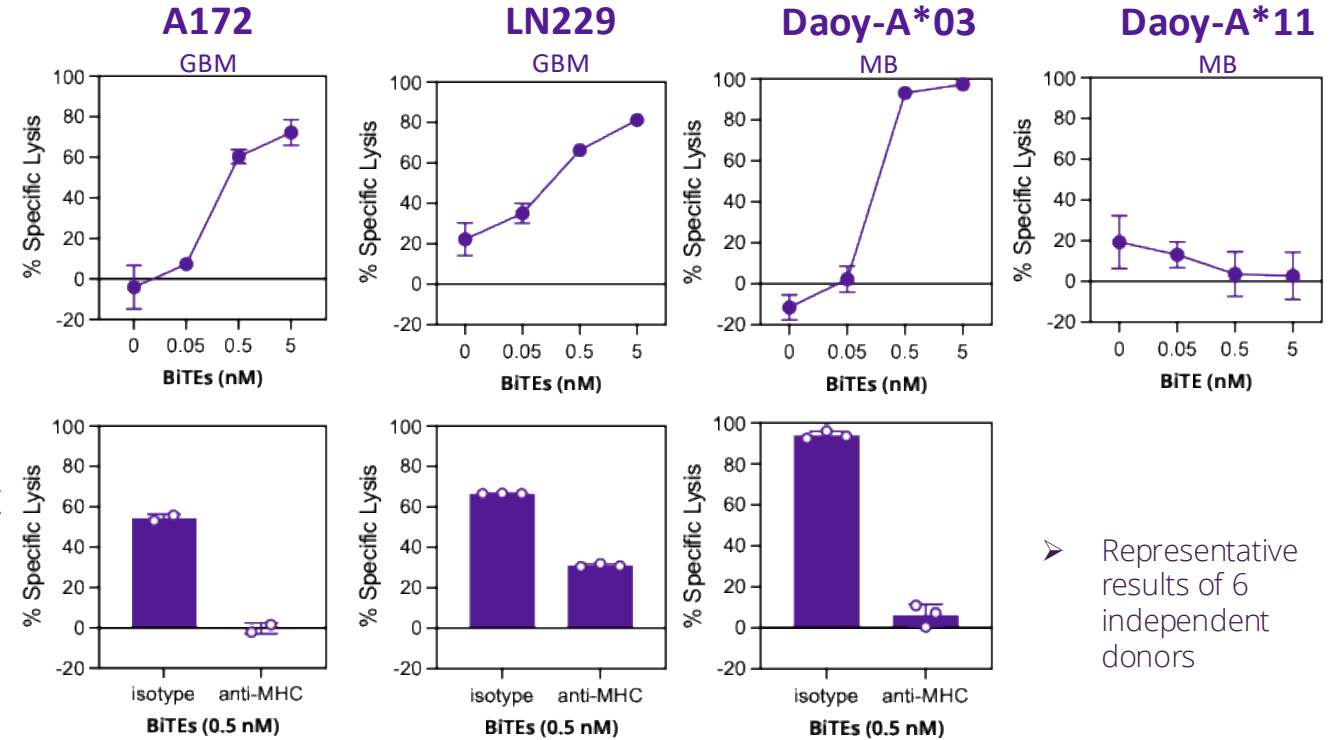
MNO-P3 targeting BiTEs promote specific cytotoxicity of brain tumor cell lines



MNO-P3 expression validated in brain tumor cell lines by Digital PCR

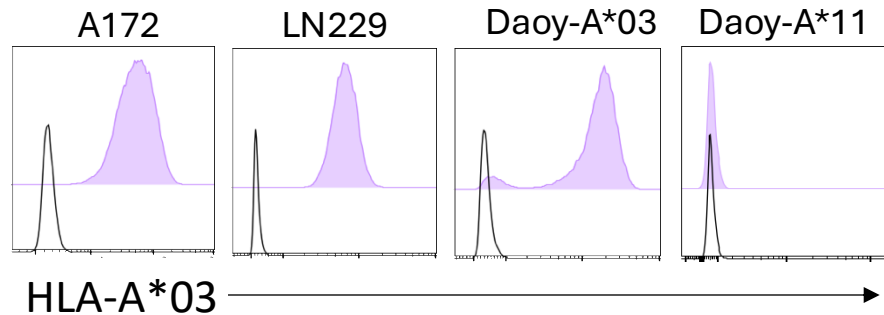


BiTE titration



➤ Representative results of 6 independent donors

HLA-A*03 expression by flow cytometry

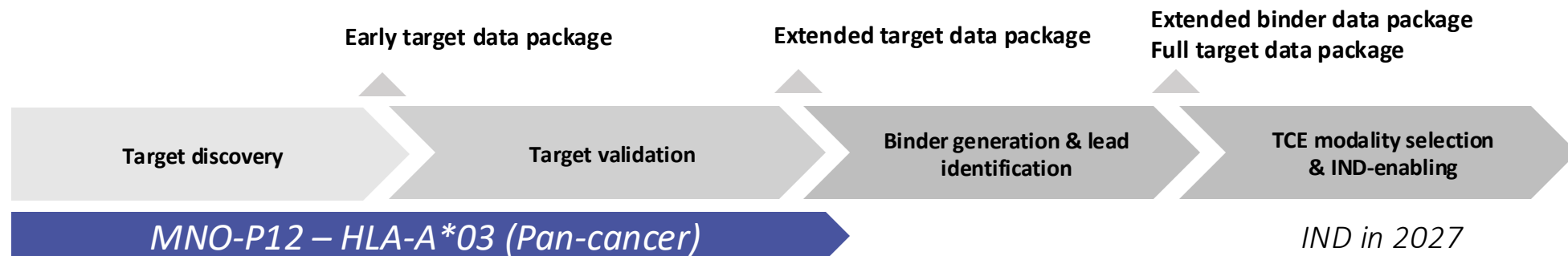
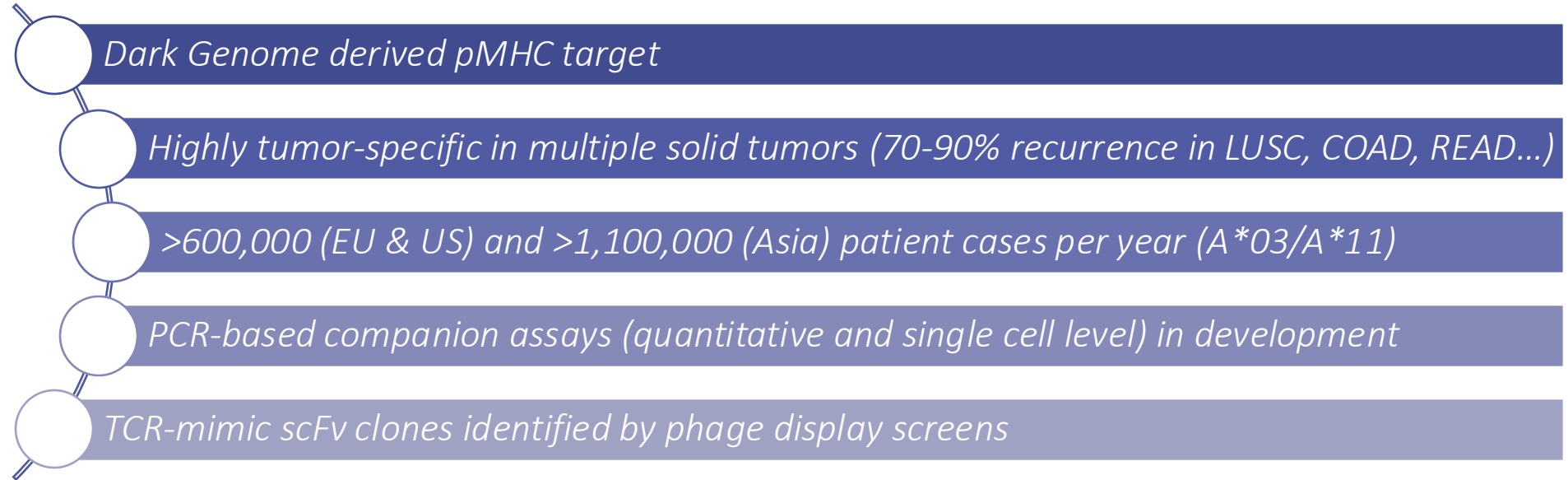
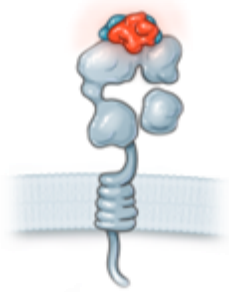


- MNO-P3/HLA-A*03 targeting BiTEs promote specific cytotoxicity of brain tumor cells with both peptide pulsing and endogenous MNO-P3 expression
- Lead binder cytotoxicity is dose-dependent and HLA-specific
- Similar results with Lead Binder 2
- “Novel clinical TCE format” under evaluation

MNO-P12 is a highly tumor-specific pan-cancer target

MNO-P12

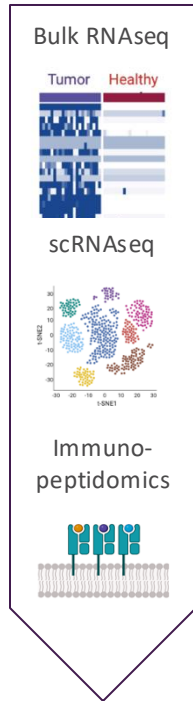
HLA-A*03 and HLA-A*11



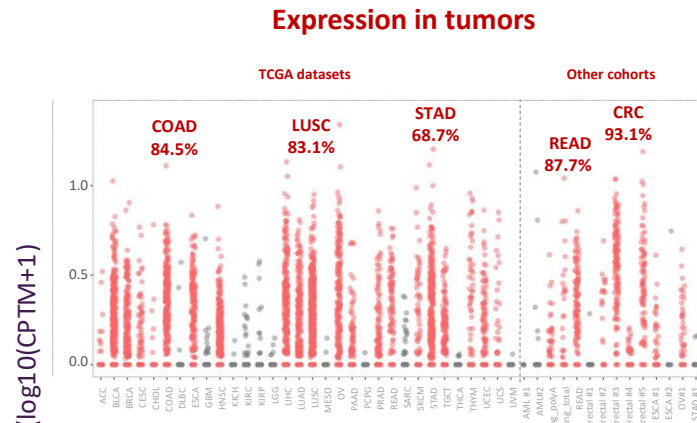
MNO-P12 is a highly tumor-specific pMHC target for multiple cancers

- MNO-P12 is a peptide derived from a *IncRNA* involved in cancer progression
- MNO-P12 is presented by multiple HLA alleles: HLA-A*03:01 (25-30% US & EU) and HLA-A*11:01 (40-50% CN)

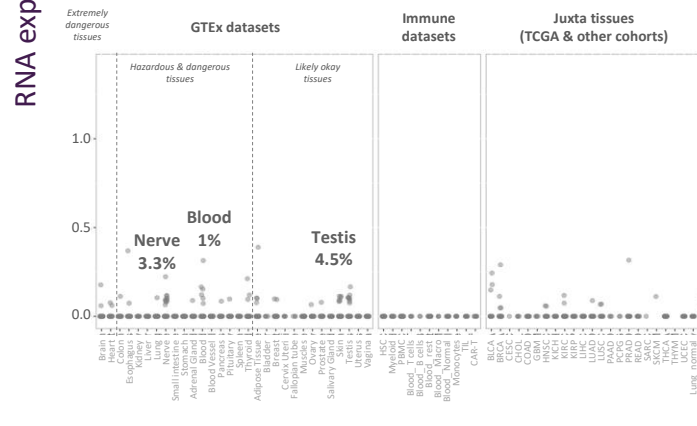
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RNA expression profile

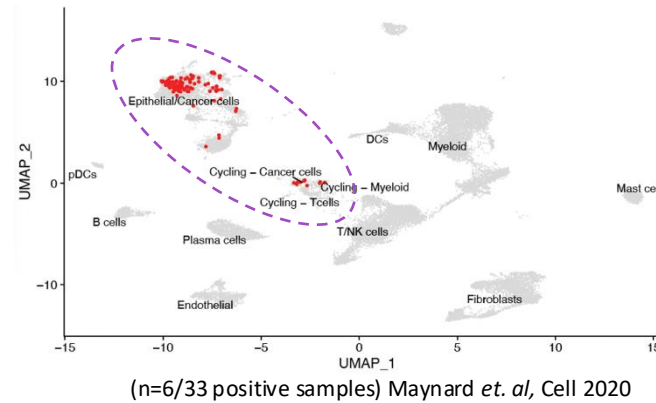


Expression in healthy tissues



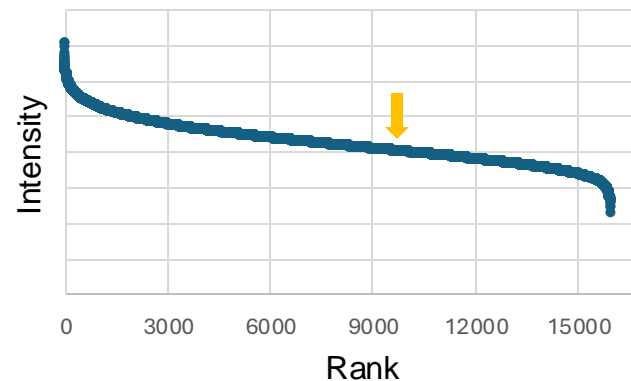
Single-cell RNAseq (scRNAseq)

100% of MNO-P12 expressing cells are malignant



Immunopeptidomics

Relative intensity of MS-detected MNO-P12



➤ MNO-P12 splicing junction is highly recurrent in multiple cancer indications, (Lung / Gastro-intestinal / Ovarian cancers...)

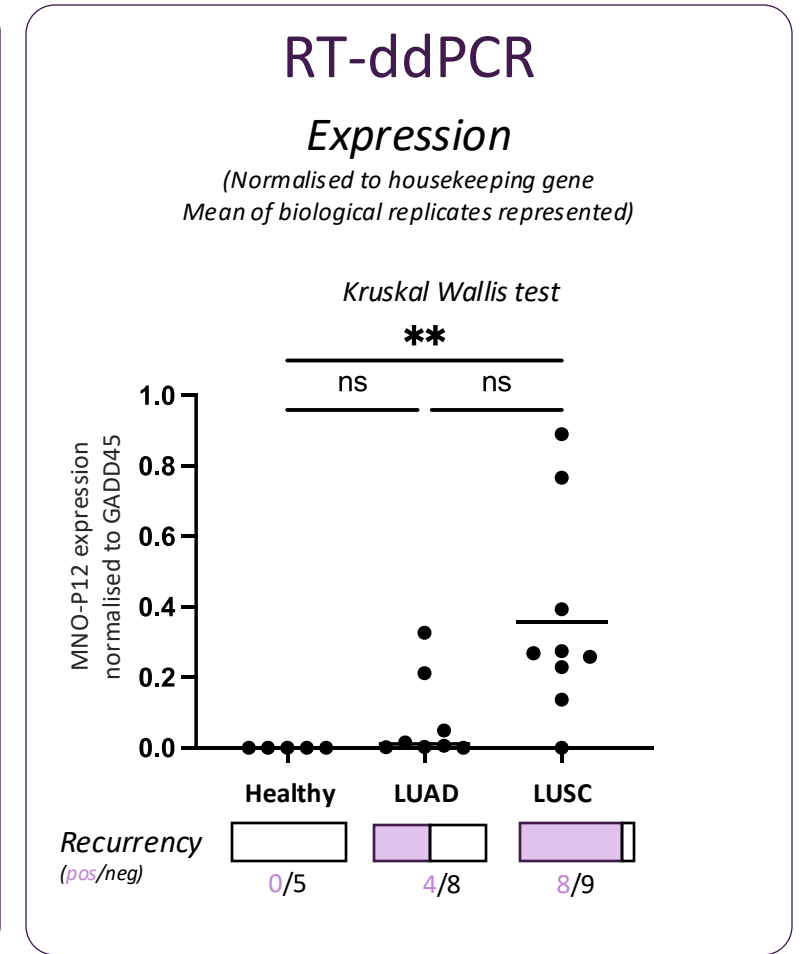
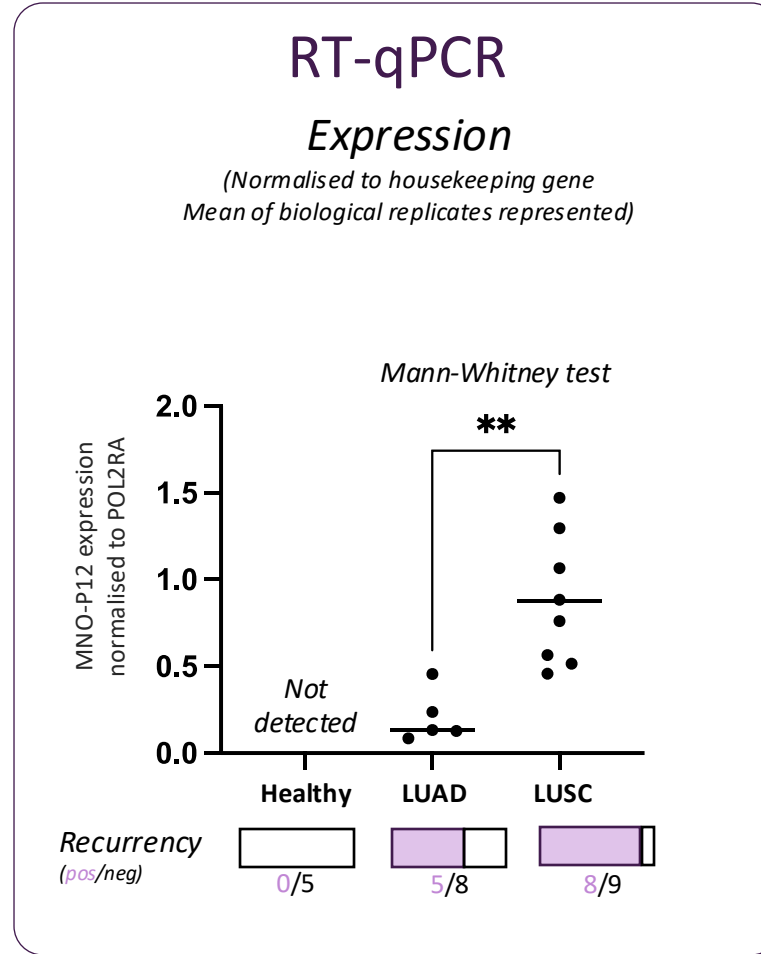
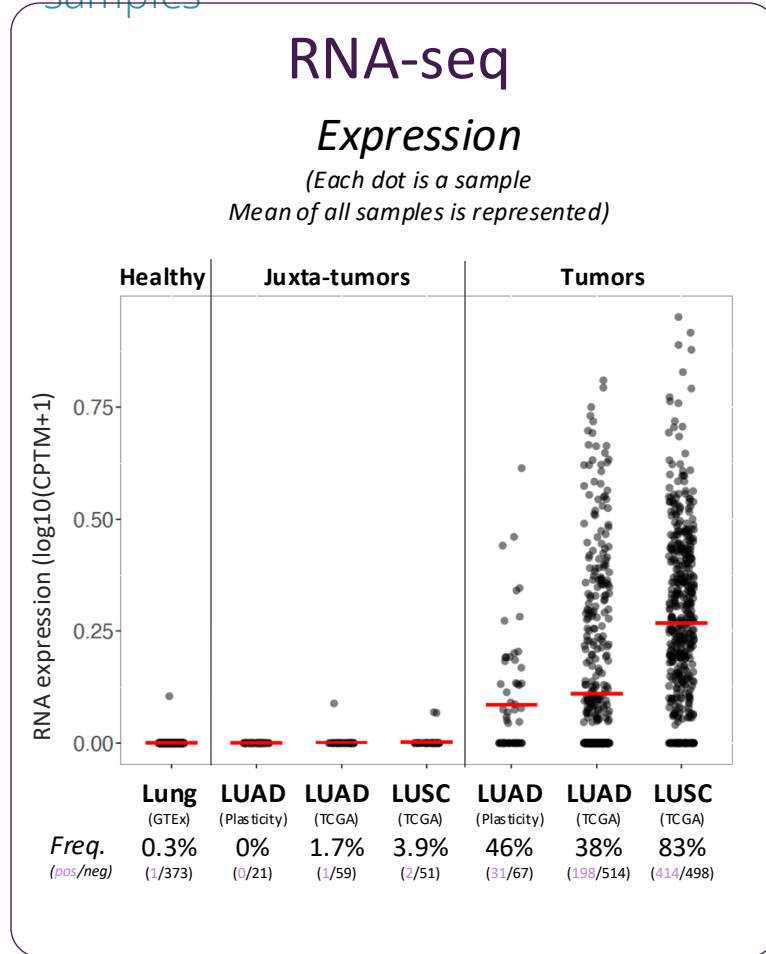
➤ MNO-P12 transcript has been found in malignant cells only by scRNAseq in Lung Cancer and Melanoma

➤ MNO-P12 peptide is presented by HLA-A*03 on the surface of tumor cells and can be detected by mass spectrometry

Identification of MNO-P12

Expression of MNO-P12 splicing junction is highly tumor-specific

- MNO-P12 splicing junction was assessed in healthy lung (n=5), LUAD (n=8) and LUSC (n=9) patient samples



- MNO-P12 junction expression is tumor-specific, not detected in healthy samples
- MNO-P12 junction expression is increased in LUSC over LUAD tumor samples

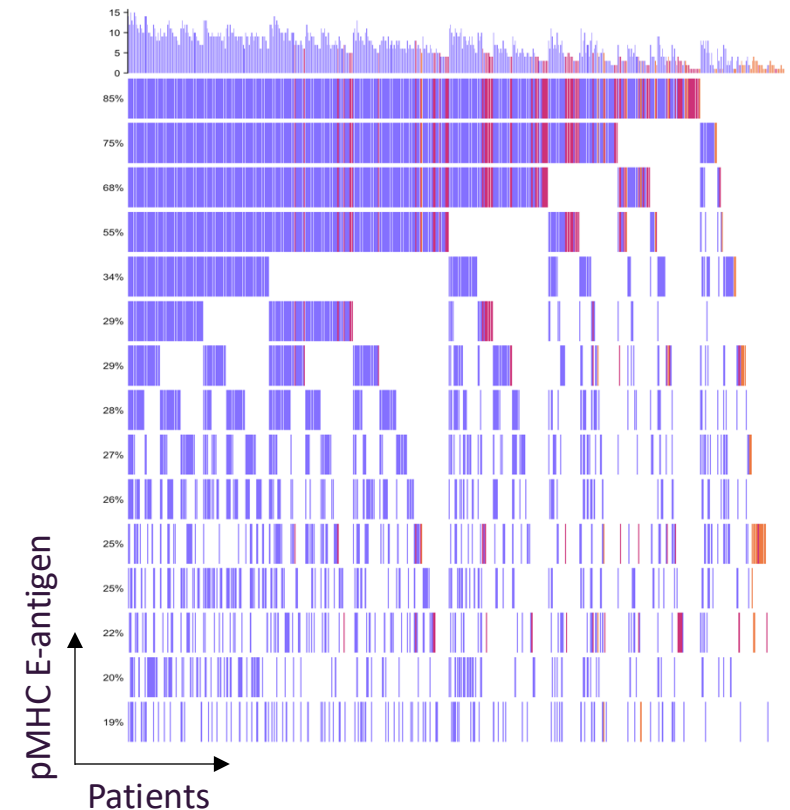
Cancer Vaccines

Mnemo's novel pMHC E-antigens can also be used to develop cancer vaccines

- pMHC E-antigens are highly recurrent and tumor-specific
- E-antigens are all MS-validated
- Novel and proprietary peptide bank generated across cancer indications and HLA alleles
- High patient coverage with a small pool (10-20) of pMHC E-antigens in main HLA alleles

Dark genome cancer vaccine with high patient coverage in lung, ovarian, and colon cancer

pMHC E-antigens expressed per patient



Identification of tumor-specific transcripts

HLA-presented antigens

Bank of multi-allelic public dark genome validated antigens

NeoJunctions

Exon1 Exon2 Exon3

Mass Spectrometry

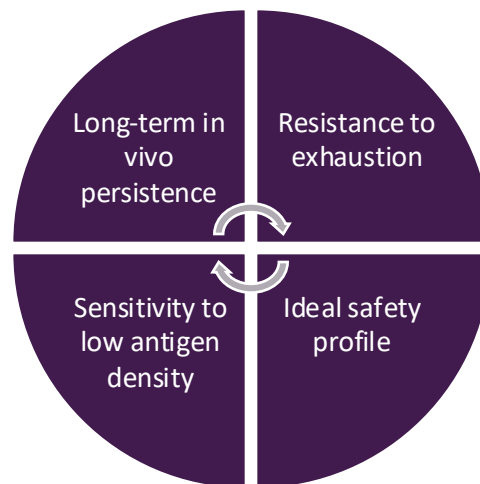
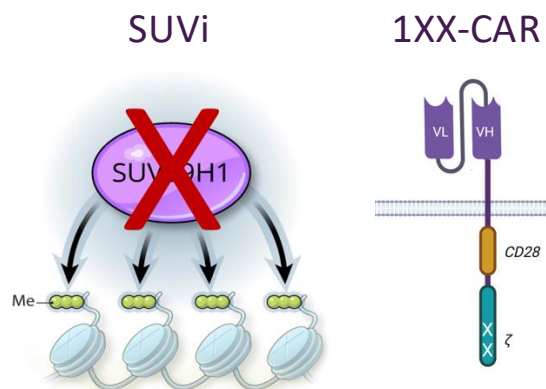
Immunopeptidomics

Peptide	Pipeline	Allele/s found	Immunopeptidomics	Main Indication	Recurrence	Healthy	Single Cell	Binding
1	NeoJ	A11:01, A03:01	Yes	Colon	COAD 81.4%, READ 9.4%, SCLC 9.2%	Negative	Yes	Yes
2	TE	A02:01	Yes	GBM	GBM 10.4%, SKCM 14.2%	Negative	No	Yes
3	NeoJ	A03:01, A11:01	Yes	Colon	COAD 16.4%, READ 24.5%	Negative	NA	Yes
4	NeoJ	A24:01, A02:01	Yes	Lung	USC 31.4%, LUAD 9.4%, LUSC 9.2%	Negative	Yes	Yes
5	NeoJ	A08:01	Yes	GBM	GBM 22.4%, SKCM 14.2%	Negative	Yes	No
6	NeoJ	A03:01, A11:01	Yes	OV	OV 24.4%, SKCM 11.1%, SCLC 8.2%	Negative	NA	Yes
7	Lnc	A02:01	Yes	PanCancer	COAD 60.9%, LUAD 34.2%, SKCM 9%	Negative	Yes	Yes

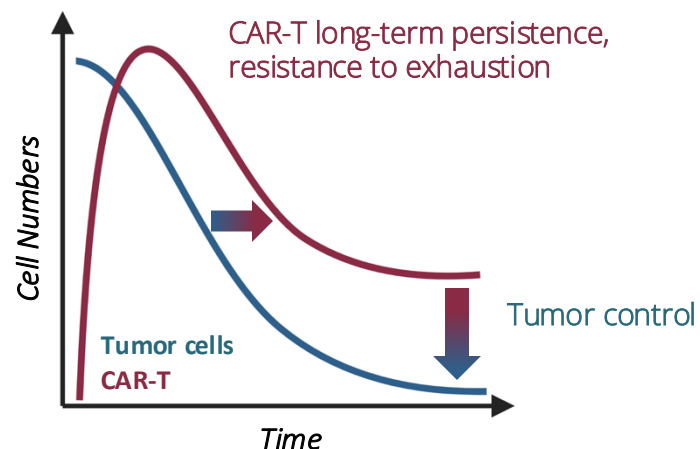
CAR-T cells

Mnemo's technology for CAR-T epigenetic reprogramming enhances long-term protection in pre-clinical solid tumor models

Mnemo's Approach

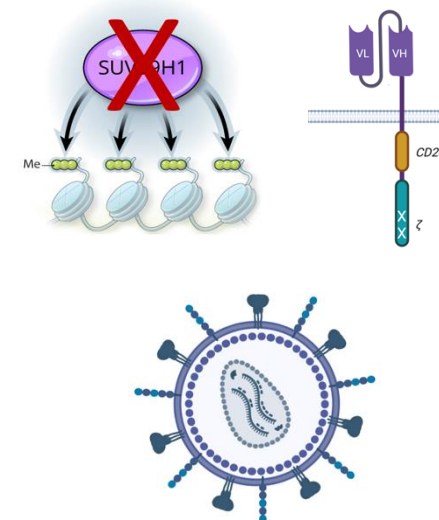


- Ablation of SUV39H1, a histone methyl transferase, enhances CAR-T cell persistence and activity in vivo, and prevents CAR-T exhaustion in solid tumors
- Best-in-class combination with the powerful 1XX-CAR



1XX-SUVi can be used in:

- Autologous setting
- Allogeneic (off-the-shelf) setting
- In vivo cell engineering
- NKs, iPSCs, TILs

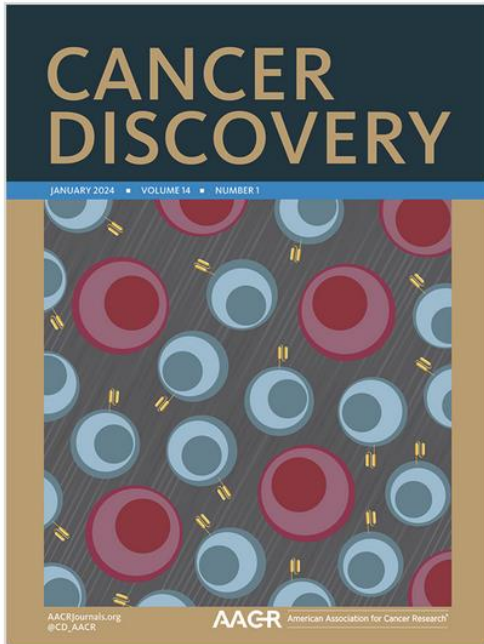


Two recent publications from Amigorena and Sadelain labs demonstrate robust CAR-T epigenetic reprogramming by SUV39H1 deletion

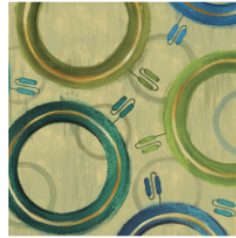
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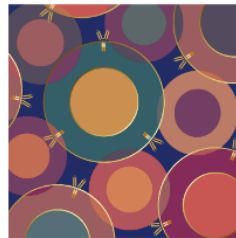
Long-Term CAR-T Function in Solid Tumors Is Enhanced by SUV39H1 Ablation



Limited chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell expansion and persistence contributes to the failure of adoptive T cell therapies in patients with cancer. López-Cobo, Fuentealba, and colleagues demonstrate that CAR T cell stem/memory differentiation and persistence can be epigenetically enhanced via ablation of *SUV39H1*, a histone methyltransferase. *SUV39H1* gene-edited BBz-CAR T cells showed early reprogramming into stem-like populations with decreased expression of dysfunction genes, increased long-term *in vivo* persistence, and also protected mice against tumor relapses and rechallenges in solid tumor models, encouraging the use of SUV39H1 inactivation in adoptive cell therapy products. ■

Lopez-Cobo et al (2024)  See article, p. 120.

SUV39H1 Disruption Promotes CAR T Cell Efficacy



Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells have demonstrated clinical success, but many patients will eventually relapse, in part, due to poor T cell function and persistence. Jain, Zhao, and colleagues showed that genetic disruption of *SUV39H1*, which encodes a histone-3, lysine-9 methyl-transferase, leads to enhanced early expansion, long-term persistence, and antitumor efficacy in leukemia and prostate cancer models. Moreover, upon multiple rechallenges, *SUV39H1*-edited CAR T cells had improved expansion and tumor rejection while also having limited exhaustion and reduced inhibitory receptors. Together, these results suggest that CAR T cell epigenetic programming could lead to improved anti-cancer adoptive cell therapies. ■

Jain et al (2024)  See article, p. 142.

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- Mnemo has a cutting-edge end-to-end validated platform, providing multiple partnering opportunities

Discovery Hub

A first-in-class, end-to-end validated, proteogenomic Dark Genome target discovery platform

Tumor targets

A unique target portfolio of pan-cancer and tumor-specific actionable dark genome targets for immunotherapy

Immunotherapy Modalities

Unique opportunities for developing T-cell engagers, cancer vaccines and CAR T cells

Assets:

- End-to-end validated, proteogenomic dark genome target discovery platform
- Lead and backup binders for a highly recurrent pMHC E-antigen in GBM
- Portfolio of multi-solid cancer targets
- Validated cancer E-antigens for high coverage cancer vaccine development
- Epigenetic reprogramming technology for highly persistent, exhaustion resistant, CAR-T cells



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