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# **Nektar R&D Day Introduction**

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## Nektar Therapeutics: Building a Sustainable Biopharma Company

#### **Partnered Portfolio**

#### **Two Key Products Approved or Filed**



#### Baxter

Movantik™ Approved & launched Adynovate™ Filed (US)

#### Four Phase 3 Candidates

Bayer Bayer



Amikacin Inhale

Cipro DPI

Halozyme

PEGPH20

OPHTHOTECH Fovista<sup>®</sup>

Could Generate >\$750M/yr Royalty Income

#### Wholly-Owned Drug Candidates

#### Nine Clinical and Preclinical Drug Candidates

NKTR-181 Abuse-deterrent Opioid NCE NKTR-102 Metastatic Breast Cancer

NKTR-171 Neuropathic Pain NKTR-214 Cancer Immunotherapy

NKTR-195 Kappa Agonist NKTR-255 IL-15 Cancer Immunotherapy NKTR-218 IDO inhibitor

NKTR-173 Neuropathic Pain NKTR-223 Peptide Antibiotic



Focus in Pain and Oncology



## **Today's Presenters - Nektar**



#### Stephen Doberstein, Ph.D. Senior Vice President, Research & Chief Scientific Officer

- Over 20 years of experience in biotechnology research and development
- Former head of research at Five Prime, XOMA, Xencor



#### Ivan Gergel, M.D.

Senior Vice President, Drug Development & Chief Medical Officer

- Over 25 years of pharmaceutical leadership and drug development experience
- ▶ Head of R&D at Endo and Forest, 10 years at SmithKline Beecham
- 14 NDAs resulting in drug approvals



Jonathan Zalevsky, Ph.D. Vice President, Biology & Preclinical Development

- Over 15 years of drug development experience in immunology and cancer
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## Introduction to Chronic Pain: Movantik and NKTR-181

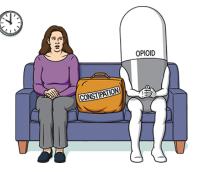
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## U.S. Launch of Movantik<sup>™</sup> (naloxegol) by AstraZeneca & Daiichi Sankyo

- First once-daily oral PAMORA tablet to treat opioid-induced constipation
  - 12.5 mg and 25 mg tablets priced at \$8.32/day
- Significant sales efforts underway with positive physician reception
  - AstraZeneca and Daiichi Sankyo co-promoting in U.S. with AZ recording all revenues
  - 1000+ sales reps (primary care and specialty care)
- Product sampling began with launch
- Direct-to-consumer (DTC) campaigns designed to reach high number of OIC patients
  - First unbranded campaign began in May
  - Branded DTC advertising campaign began in August



"The doctor said you might come with baggage, but this is a bit much."

FOR ADULTS WITH CHRONIC NON-CANCER PAIN WHEN OPIOIDS COME WITH CONSTIPATION ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT MOVANTIK





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# Significant Economics to Nektar on Global Sales of Movantik/Moventig

#### EU launch in Q3 2015

- Approval for treatment of adult patients with OIC who have had an inadequate response to laxative(s)
- AstraZeneca responsible for all development, regulatory and commercial activities

#### Economics to Nektar

- \$100 million milestone for U.S. launch (received Q1)
- \$40 million milestone for first major EU country launch (received Q3)
- U.S. tiered escalating royalty on net sales starting at 20%
- EU and ROW tiered escalating royalty on net sales starting at 18%
- Plus an additional \$375 million in sales milestones at various annual sales levels





#### Pain: Expert Panel



Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida



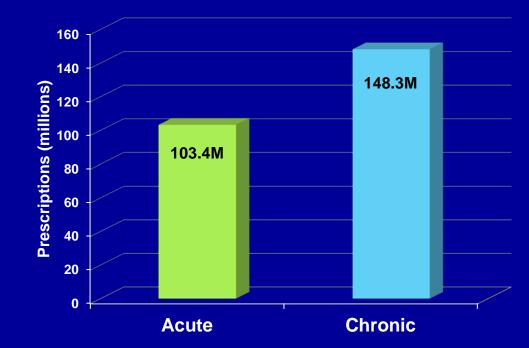
# Opioid-Induced Constipation in Chronic Pain Patients

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## 38 Million Chronic, Non-Cancer Pain Patients on Opioid Regimens

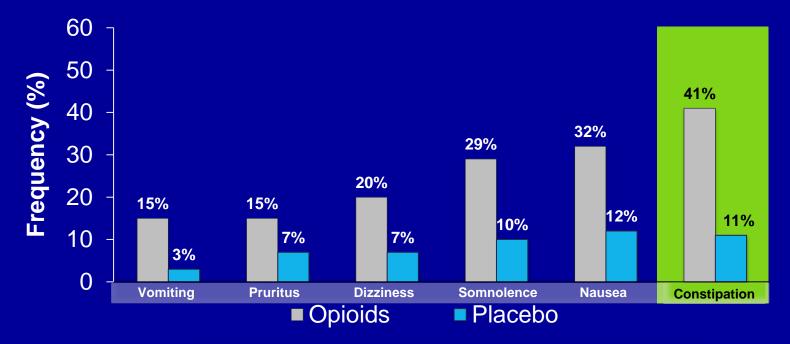
- In the United States, more than 240 million opioid prescriptions are dispensed per year
- Chronic non-cancer pain conditions include:
  - Chronic back pain
  - Musculoskeletal ailments
  - Osteoarthritis
  - Fibromyalgia
  - Neuropathic pain

#### Total U.S. Opioid Prescriptions



#### **Opioids Are Associated With Various Common Side Effects**

In a meta-analysis that included randomized controlled trials of opioid therapy in patients with chronic non-cancer pain, OIC was identified as the most common side effect<sup>1</sup>:



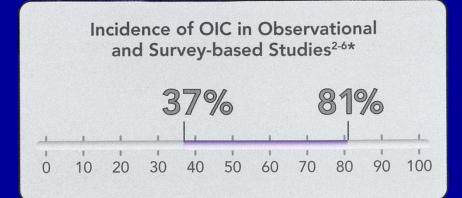
OIC can occur with initiation of opioid therapy and may persist for the duration of treatment<sup>2,3</sup>

1. Kalso E et al. *Pain*. 2004;112:372-380.

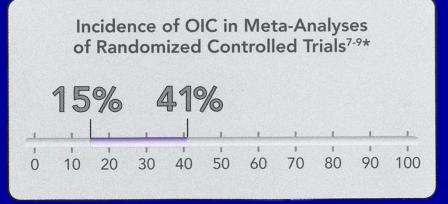
2. Panchal SJ et al. Int J Clin Pract. 2007;61:1181-1187.

## **Opioid-Induced Constipation is a Common Side Effect of Opioid Therapy**

 The incidence of OIC varies and has been reported to be as high as 81%



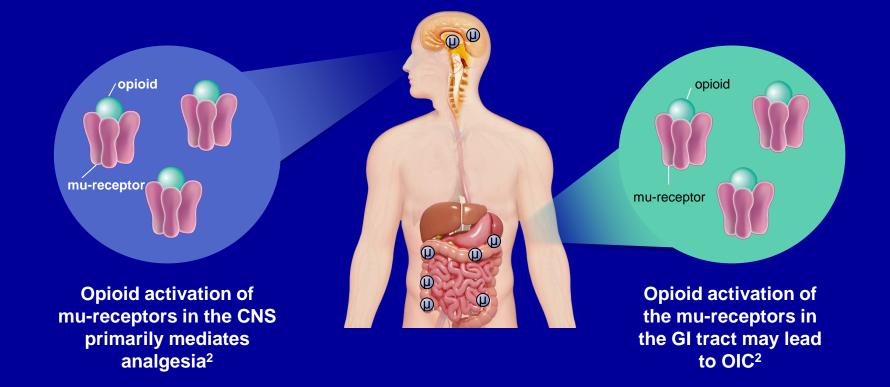
 Unlike some other opioid side effects, OIC usually persists throughout use



<sup>2</sup> Bell TJ, Pain Med. 2009;10(1):35-42; <sup>3</sup> Anastassopoulos KP, et al., J Manage Care Pharm. 2012;18(8):615-626; <sup>4</sup> Tuteja AK, et al., Neurogastroenterol. Motil. 2010;22(4):424-430, e-96; <sup>5</sup> Cook SF, et al., Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2008;27(12):1224-1232; <sup>6</sup> Mahowald ML, Arthritis Rheum. 2005;52(1):312-321; <sup>7</sup> Kalso E, et al., Pain 2004;112(3):372-380; <sup>8</sup> Papaleontiou M, J Am Geriatr Soc. 2010;58(7):1353-1369; <sup>9</sup> Moore RA, et al., Arthritis Res Ther. 2005;7(5):R1046-R1051.

#### OIC is Caused by Activation of Mu-Opioid Receptors in the GI Tract

Mu-opioid receptors are widely distributed throughout the CNS (including the brain), PNS, the GI tract, and other tissues<sup>1</sup>



CNS=central nervous system; GI=gastrointestinal; PNS=peripheral nervous system.

1. Camilleri M. Am J Gastroenterol. 2011;106:835-842.

2. Brock C et al. Drugs. 2012;72:1847-1865.

#### **OIC Consists of 4 Primary Effects**

#### Activation of mu-receptors in the GI tract may lead to<sup>1,2</sup>:

Altered GI motility	• Disruption of peristalsis and GI spasm	
Increased fluid absorption	<ul> <li>Increased passive absorption of fluids</li> </ul>	
Reduced intestinal secretions	<ul> <li>Overall decreased bowel secretions</li> </ul>	
Sphincter dysfunction	<ul> <li>Increased pyloric and anal sphincter tone</li> </ul>	

#### **OIC Burden to Patients**

- In a survey of 322 patients taking daily opioids for chronic pain<sup>1</sup>:
  - One third of patients reported missing, decreasing or stopping opioids in order to make it easier to have a bowel movement
- In a survey of 2430 patients receiving opioid therapy for chronic pain, patients with OIC experience significantly<sup>2</sup>:
  - More frequent physician visits in the previous 6 months
  - More time missed from work
  - Greater overall work impairment
  - Greater activity impairment

#### Patients May Be Reluctant to Discuss OIC With Their Health Care Provider

The baseline analysis of an ongoing multinational, longitudinal study of patients with chronic non-cancer pain and clinician-identified, patient-confirmed OIC found that of patients who saw their HCP in the past month, 37% did not discuss OIC.<sup>1,2</sup>

Why did you not talk to your doctor about your problems with constipation? n (%)	n=153
Discussed with doctor in past	90 (59%)
Concerned about need to change/reduce pain medication	20 (13%)
Embarrassed	14 (9%)
Constipation not a problem	7 (5%)
Ran out of time	7 (5%)
Other	15 (10%)

HCP=health care provider.

1. Coyne KS et al. Clinicoecon Outcomes Res. 2014;6:269-281.

2. Datto C et al. Poster 194. Presented at: American Academy of Pain Medicine Annual Meeting; March 6-9, 2014.

## A Number of Common Approaches for Managing OIC

Some of the common methods of managing OIC include<sup>1-3</sup>:

- Lifestyle Modifications (eg, increase fluids, encourage mobility)
- Bulking Agents
- Stimulant Laxatives
- Stool Softeners
- Osmotic Laxatives
- Chloride Channel Activators
- Peripherally acting mu-opioid receptor antagonists (PAMORAs)

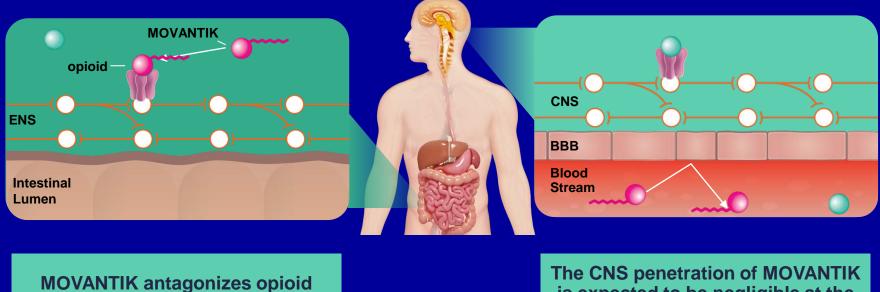
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3. Dorn S et al. Am J Gastorenterol Suppl. 2014;2:31-37.

#### **Clinical Pharmacology** Mechanism of Action<sup>1-3</sup>

When administered at the recommended dose levels, MOVANTIK functions as a PAMORA in tissues such as the GI tract, thereby decreasing the constipating effect of opioids, while limiting the potential for interference with centrally mediated opioid analgesia



binding at the mu-receptor

The CNS penetration of MOVANTIK is expected to be negligible at the recommended dose levels

- 1. Prescribing Information for MOVANTIK. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Wilmington, DE.
- 2. Brock C et al. Drugs. 2012;72:1847-1865.
- 3. Poulsen JL. Clin Exp Gastroenterol. 2014;7:345-358.

#### Adverse Reactions Clinical Trials Experience

Adverse reactions in KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05, which occurred in ≥3% of patients receiving either MOVANTIK 12.5 mg or 25 mg, and at an incidence greater than placebo:

	Placebo (n=444)	MOVANTIK 12.5 mg (n=441)	MOVANTIK 25 mg (n=446)
Abdominal pain	7%	12%	21%
Diarrhea	5%	6%	9%
Nausea	5%	7%	8%
Flatulence	3%	3%	6%
Vomiting	4%	3%	5%
Headache	3%	4%	4%
Hyperhidrosis	<1%	<1%	3%

#### Summary

- OIC is one of the most common side effects associated with the use of opioids for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain
- MOVANTIK is the only oral, once-daily PAMORA specifically designed for the treatment of OIC in adult patients with chronic non-cancer pain
- CNS penetration of MOVANTIK is expected to be negligible at the recommended dose levels, limiting the potential for interference with centrally mediated opioid analgesia
- In the KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05 trials,
  - Response rates at 12 weeks were significantly higher with MOVANTIK 25 mg compared with placebo
  - The most common adverse reactions with MOVANTIK were abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, flatulence, vomiting, headache, and hyperhidrosis
- Results from two safety and tolerability trials (one 12-week extension study and a 52-week, open-label trial) were similar to the KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05 trials

#### Adverse Reactions (cont'd) Clinical Trials Experience

- KODIAC-07 (N=302) was a safety extension study that allowed patients from KODIAC-04 to continue the same blinded treatment for an additional 12 weeks
- KODIAC-08 (N=844) was a 52-week, multicenter, open-label, randomized, parallel group safety and tolerability study of MOVANTIK 25 mg vs usual care treatment\* for OIC in patients with chronic non-cancer pain

# Safety data for KODIAC-07 and KODIAC-08 were similar to that observed in KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05

#### Additional Adverse Reactions Symptoms Related to Possible Opioid Withdrawal

- In KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05, possible opioid withdrawal was defined as at least 3 adverse reactions potentially related to opioid withdrawal that occurred on the same day and were not all related to the GI system
  - Symptoms included, but were not limited to: hyperhidrosis, chills, diarrhea, abdominal pain, anxiety, irritability, yawning
- In KODIAC-04 and KODIAC-05, possible opioid withdrawal occurred in:
  - <1% (1/444) of placebo subjects
  - 1% (5/441) receiving MOVANTIK 12.5 mg
  - 3% (14/446) receiving MOVANTIK 25 mg

#### **Important Safety Information**

- MOVANTIK is contraindicated in:
  - Patients with known or suspected gastrointestinal (GI) obstruction and patients at increased risk of recurrent obstruction due to the potential for GI perforation
  - Patients receiving strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (eg, clarithromycin, ketoconazole) because these medications can significantly increase exposure to naloxegol which may precipitate opioid withdrawal symptoms
  - Patients with a known serious or severe hypersensitivity reaction to MOVANTIK or any of its excipients
- Cases of GI perforation have been reported with the use of another peripherally acting opioid antagonist in patients with conditions that may be associated with localized or diffuse reduction of structural integrity in the wall of the GI tract. Monitor for severe, persistent, or worsening abdominal pain; discontinue if this symptom develops

#### Important Safety Information (cont'd)

- Symptoms consistent with opioid withdrawal, including hyperhidrosis, chills, diarrhea, abdominal pain, anxiety, irritability, and yawning, occurred in patients treated with MOVANTIK. Patients receiving methadone in the clinical trials were observed to have a higher frequency of GI adverse reactions that may have been related to opioid withdrawal than patients receiving other opioids. Patients with disruptions to the blood-brain barrier may be at increased risk for opioid withdrawal or reduced analgesia. Monitor for symptoms of opioid withdrawal when using MOVANTIK in such patients
- The most common adverse reactions with MOVANTIK in clinical trials were abdominal pain (21%), diarrhea (9%), nausea (8%), flatulence (6%), vomiting (5%), headache (4%), and hyperhidrosis (3%)



#### MOVANTIK<sup>®</sup> (naloxegol) is indicated for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation (OIC) in adult patients with chronic non-cancer pain



# NKTR-181: A Novel Opioid Molecule in Phase 3 Development

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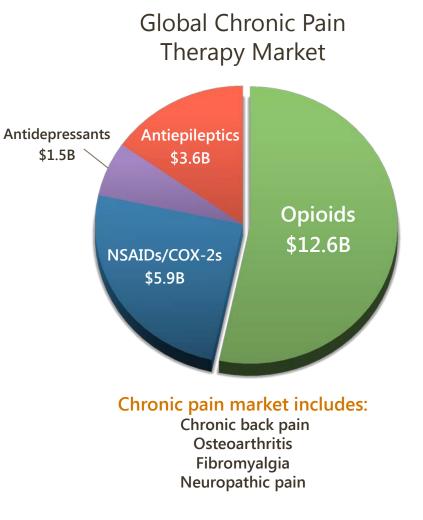
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### NKTR-181: New Opioid Molecule for Chronic Pain in Phase 3

NKTR-181 designed to target chronic pain market with a novel opioid:

- Slow rate of entry into CNS designed to reduce abuse liability
- Plasma PK profile supports BID dosing
- Properties inherent to molecule
- Received Fast Track Status from FDA

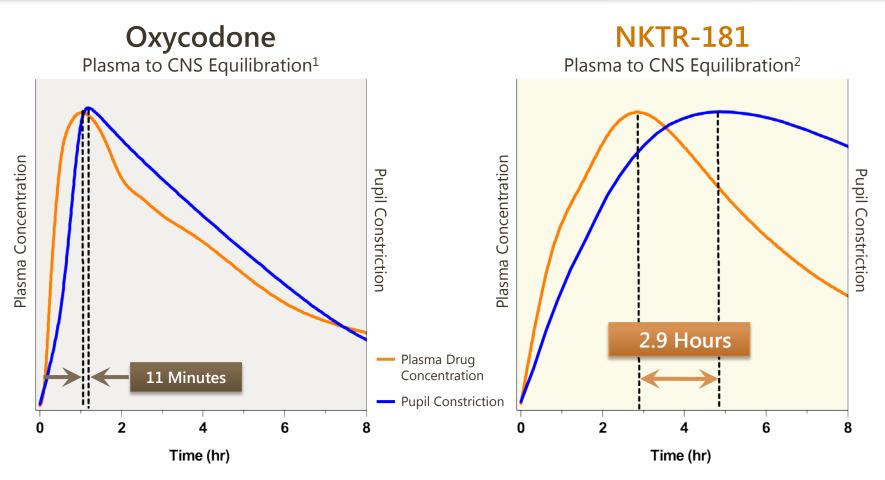


#### NKTR-181 Shows Improved Separation of Analgesia From Side Effects Compared With Oxycodone

	ANALGESIA Acetic Acid Writhing (m)	ABUSE POTENTIAL Drug Discrimination (r)	RATIO Abuse Potential :
	ED <sub>50</sub> (µmol/kg )	Min AE Dose (µmol/kg)	Analgesia
NKTR-181	14	790	56
Oxycodone	7.6	28.4	4
Ratio NKTR-181: Oxycodone	1.8	28	

	ANALGESIA	SEDATION	RATIO
	Acetic Acid Writhing (m)	Rotarod (r)	Sedation : Analgesia
	ED <sub>50</sub> (µmol/kg)	ED <sub>50</sub> (μmol/kg)	
NKTR-181	14	652	47
Oxycodone	7.6	94	12
Ratio NKTR-181: Oxycodone	1.8	5.6	

#### Human Studies Demonstrate That NKTR-181 Enters the Brain Slowly

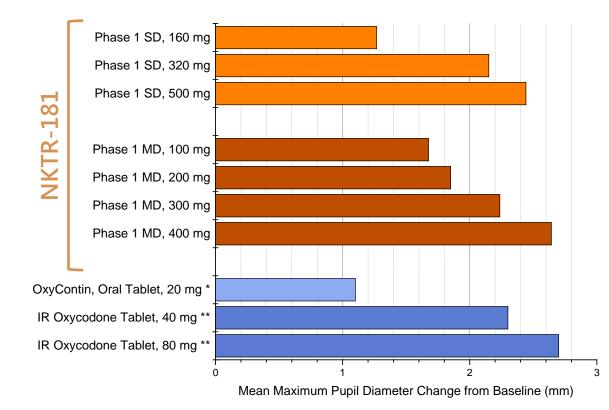


# Slow brain entry inherent to molecular structure, and not a result of a formulation approach

Source: 1) Kharash et. al, *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, 2006 (Table IV - t1/2 eO, effect site equilibration half-life); 2) Nektar Therapeutics, Data from Phase 1 Multiple Ascending Dose Study of NKTR-181 (t1/2 eO, effect site equilibration half-life)

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## NKTR-181 Achieves Maximum Pupil Diameter Reduction Comparable to Oxycodone



- Maximum CNS opioid responses are comparable to those reported for oxycodone
- Indicates that NKTR-181 can elicit substantial CNS opioid effect

## **Clinical Results for NKTR-181 To-Date**

- Demonstrated slow rate of entry into the CNS as shown by pupillometry
- Magnitude of pupil constriction consistent with efficacious doses of long-acting opioids
- Results of Phase 2 EERW efficacy study
  - Most patients in the study were on background NSAIDs
  - During randomized phase, no placebo rebound and study did not meet primary endpoint
  - In the subset analysis of the 25 patients that did not take background NSAIDs, a rebound was observed in placebo patients
- Phase 3 EERW study is designed to overcome study design issues in Phase 2

## SUMMIT-07: First Phase 3 EERW Study in Patients with Chronic Lower Back Pain

Screening Period	Open-Label Titration Period	Double-Blind Randomized Treatment Period	
21 days	2 - 7 weeks Including $\ge 1$ week at stable dose	12 weeks	
Patient		PLACEBO (n=208) 1:1 Randomization	
Screening NKTR-181 BID (mg	NKTR-181 BID (mg)	NKTR-181 (n=208)	
Patients w/	Adequate and Sustained Pain Response:	Primary Endpoint:	Key Secondary Endpoints:
Chronic Low Back Pain• Post-Titration, Baseline Pain Score must be ≤ 4, and maintained 5 of last 7 daysOpioid Naïve: ≤ 10 MSE/day• Baseline Pain Score must be a ≥ 2 point decrease from the Screening Pain Score≤ 10 MSE/day• No background NSAIDs allowed throughout study		Change in Weekly Pain Score (0-10 NRS) at the end of the double- blind Randomized Treatment Period relative to the Baseline Pain Score.	<ul> <li>≥ 30% responder analysis</li> <li>Patient Impression of Change</li> </ul>
		Single interim analysis for sample size reassessment	

#### NKTR-181: Phase 3 Registrational Program Underway

- First efficacy study underway in opioid-naïve patients with chronic low back pain (SUMMIT-07)
- Second efficacy study planned in opioid-experienced patients with chronic low back pain (SUMMIT-12)
- Long-term (52-week) safety study (SUMMIT-LTS) initiated
- Human abuse liability studies planned to support scheduling and labeling

#### FDA and Abuse-Deterrent Opioids: The Regulatory Landscape and Scheduling Considerations

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- The regulatory landscape for new analgesics
- Opportunities for differentiated labeling
- Abuse-deterrent labeling for opioids
- Scheduling process and opportunities
- NKTR-181 as a fast-track new opioid entity
  - Potential for less-restrictive scheduling
  - Potential for abuse-deterrent labeling

# FDA Priority: Incentivize Less-Abusable and Abuse-Deterrent Opioids

March 2015: FDA Commissioner Hamburg's final testimony to Congress highlighted FDA's efforts to "incentivize" less-abusable opioid analgesics:

*"In 2014, FDA approved three new opioids with abuse-deterrent features to give physicians effective new treatment options with less risk of abuse."* 



# High-Risk Opioid Analgesic

- Schedule II ("CII") of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)
- Effective pain relief
- Highly addictive
- Substantial overdose risk
  - Examples: fentanyl, hydrocodone, morphine, methadone and oxycodone
- Readily tampered or used by off-label routes of administration so as to produce a faster delivery to the brain and stronger effects
  - Examples: injection, smoking, snorting, chewing or crushing to a powder before swallowing

# NKTR-181 Goals: Compared to Prototypic CII Opioid Analgesics

- Scheduled less restrictively than CII
- Effective pain relief
- Lower addiction risk
- Lower overdose risk
- Deters tampering and conversion to routes of administration that produce faster and stronger effects than when used according to labeling

# New 2015 Guidance: Path for NKTR-181 to Receive AD Labeling

## Abuse-Deterrent Opioids — Evaluation and Labeling

Guidance for Industry

Additional copies are available from; Office of Communications Division of Divisy Information, WO31, Room 2201 10003 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring, MJ2 2009-0002 Phone: 301-706-3400; Fax: 301-847-8714 druginfo@fda.hins.gov Ingr. www.fda.govDruge.Guadan.eComplian (elegadaors) information@indawees.defaul.htm

> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

> > Clinical Medical April 2015

"New molecular entities and prodrugs— <u>The properties of a new molecular</u> <u>entity (NME)</u> or prodrug could include the need for enzymatic activation, different receptor binding profiles, <u>slower</u> <u>penetration into the central nervous</u> <u>system, or other novel effects."</u>

**Plus** an opening to lower scheduling: "New molecular entities and prodrugs are subject to evaluation of abuse potential for purposes of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)." Pre-Market Studies Required for Abuse-Deterrent Claims: NKTR-181 Status

Pre-market studies increasingly required regardless of whether AD claims are sought

FDA Study Category	Status of NKTR-181
Category 1: Laboratory-Based <i>In Vitro</i> Manipulation & Extraction	Findings are highly supportive of AD Claim
Category 2: Pharmacokinetic	Findings are highly supportive: Need to discuss with FDA if further study is needed
Category 3: Human Abuse Potential (HAP)	Exploratory study data highly supportive: Pivotal study planned

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# Abuse-Deterrent Testing: Category 1 New In Vitro Data ("Kitchen Chemistry")

#### **Smoking**

Negative

**Decomposition of API (NKTR-181)** occurs

#### **Enzymatic Hydrolysis**

**NKTR-181** 

Negative

Negative

unchanged by enzyme library

Chemical **Hydrolysis**  22 chemicals and 39 conditions tested. No morphinan derivatives generated. decomposition of API (NKTR-181) occurs

Comprehensive battery of *in* vitro studies show no formation of morphinan derivatives from NKTR-181

These data support approval and a potential abuse-deterrent claim

PK & HAP provide additional support

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# Examples of New Opioid Therapies with Abuse-Deterrent Labeling

## All in CSA Schedule II (CII)

- Oxycontin
  - Oxycodone
- Targiniq ER
  - Oxycodone/Naloxone
- Embeda
  - Morphine Sulfate/Naltrexone Hydrochloride
- Hysingla ER
  - Hydrocodone Bitartrate

# Recently Approved Therapies that Seem Candidates for AD Labeling

## All in CSA Schedule II (CII)

- Opana ER (Oxymorphone HCI)
- Exalgo (Hydromorphone)
- Nucynta (Tapentadol)
- Oxecta/Oxaydo (Oxycodone HCl/Niacin)

# Need for Effective Intermediately Scheduled Analgesic Medicines

- **CI:** not approved as medicines e.g., heroin & LSD
- Since "Vicodin" (low dose hydrocodone + acetaminophen combo) was rescheduled from CIII to CII, there is a gaping hole in the CIII analgesic category

**CII** Morphine Oxycodone Hydromorphone

**CIII** Transdermal Buprenorphine, ("Vicodin" until 2014)

**CV** Low dose Codeine + Acetaminophen **CII** drugs are the scariest and most restricted medicines

**CIV** low dose Codeine, Tramadol

# Understanding Scheduling: The 1970 Controlled Substances Act (CSA)

- FDA is the focal point for the sponsor's scheduling recommendation for Dept. Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- FDA (and NIDA) consider sponsor recommendation but base recommendation on FDA's 8 Factor analysis
- Assistant Secretary, DHHS makes recommendation to Dept. of Justice (DOJ) typically 2-6 months after drug approval
- At DOJ, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) places its recommendation for comment in the Federal Register
- Final Schedule placement by DEA/DOJ typically 6 months or more after receiving DHHS recommendation

# Scheduling Process for New Opioids (including NKTR-181)

- The law (CSA) requires "administrative" placement in CII while in development
- Schedule changes can be initiated by DEA, FDA, sponsor or others, ideally with FDA concurrence upon approval of the New Drug Application (NDA)
- For NDAs, FDA develops recommendation for DEA
- DEA generally schedules according to FDA recommendation, e.g., Nektar's naloxegol (MOVANTIK<sup>®</sup>) which was licensed to AstraZeneca, was descheduled from initial CII placement

# Prescribing Barriers are Less Onerous for CIII Opioids as Compared to CIIs

#### **Examples of Prescribing Requirements & Barriers**

CII	CIII
Requires written prescription signed by practitioner	May be faxed
No refills	Up to 5 times in 6 months
Not transferrable between pharmacies	May transfer for 1 refill (if allowed by state law)
No electronic transfer for chains	May transfer up to max number of prescriptions
Rx expires 7 days after issuance	Rx expires 6 months after issuance

# Scheduling Placement Based on Analysis of 8 Factors

- 1. Actual or relative potential for abuse
- 2. Scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known
- 3. The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the drug or other substance
- 4. History and current pattern of abuse
- 5. Scope, duration and significance of abuse
- 6. Risk, if any, to the public health
- 7. Psychic or physiological dependence liability
- 8. Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled

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# Key Factors Opening Door to Less Restrictive Scheduling for NKTR-181

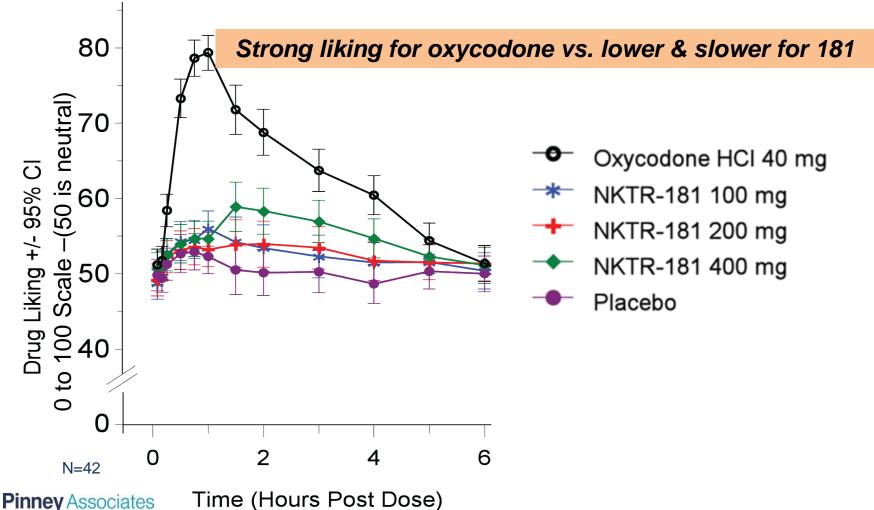
#1 "Actual abuse potential"#2 "Pharmacology" and#3 "Current knowledge"

#8 Whether the substance is an approved and already scheduled drug or an immediate precursor of an already scheduled drug These 3 factors provide the hard science supporting less restrictive scheduling <u>AND</u> abusedeterrent labeling

NKTR-181 is a new chemical entity (NCE) that had never before been scheduled

It is therefore a candidate for rescheduling from its current legal CII status

# NKTR-181: Primary Human Abuse Potential Finding: Drug Liking Profile



# Exemplary Human Findings Supporting Scheduling Less Restrictive than CII

- Human Abuse Potential study findings are consistent with other findings:
  - Gradual onset physiological effects (over approximately 1-2 hours) as opposed to 10-20 minutes for oral oxycodone
  - Low reinforcing effects in animal drug self-administration compared to CII opioids
  - Low signs of physical dependence and withdrawal in chronically dosed human volunteers

# NKTR-181: Potential Label Claims and Scheduling Differentiation

A unique candidate for both abuse-deterrent labeling and less restrictive scheduling than CII analgesics:

- 1. NKTR-181 is a new chemical entity
- 2. The molecule prevents rapid brain entry regardless of route of administration
- 3. The overall abuse potential is low compared to CII opioids
- 4. Will deter abuse by smoking, injecting, snorting & crushing

NKTR-181 has the potential to fill the need for an effective Schedule III (CIII) analgesic

#### Pain: Expert Panel



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# Introduction to Oncology

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# Nektar in Immuno-Oncology: Accessing Cytokines as New Medicines

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### Nektar's Innovative Technology Drives Our Drug Discovery

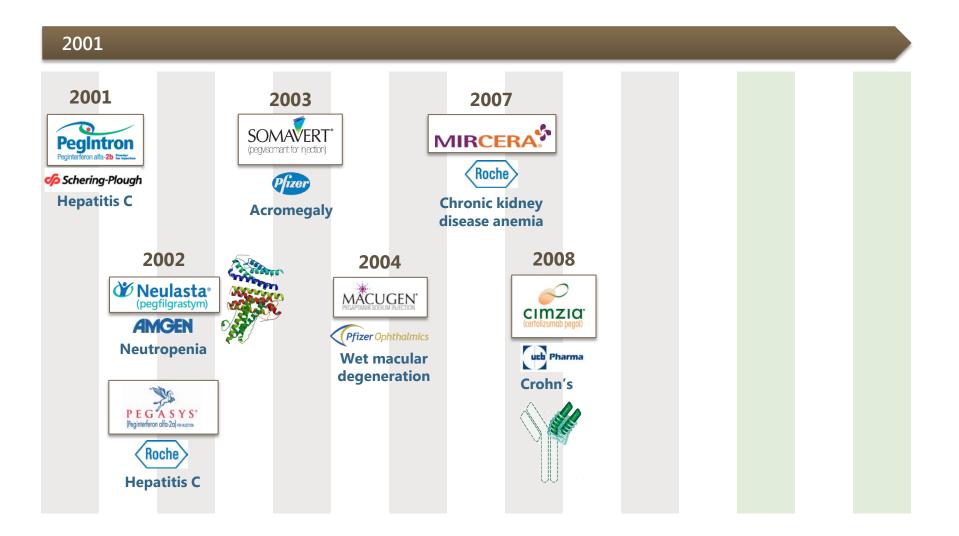
Customized polymer chain controls PK, distribution, selectivity

> Nektar proprietary linker chemistries

Scaffold based on well-validated pharmacophores

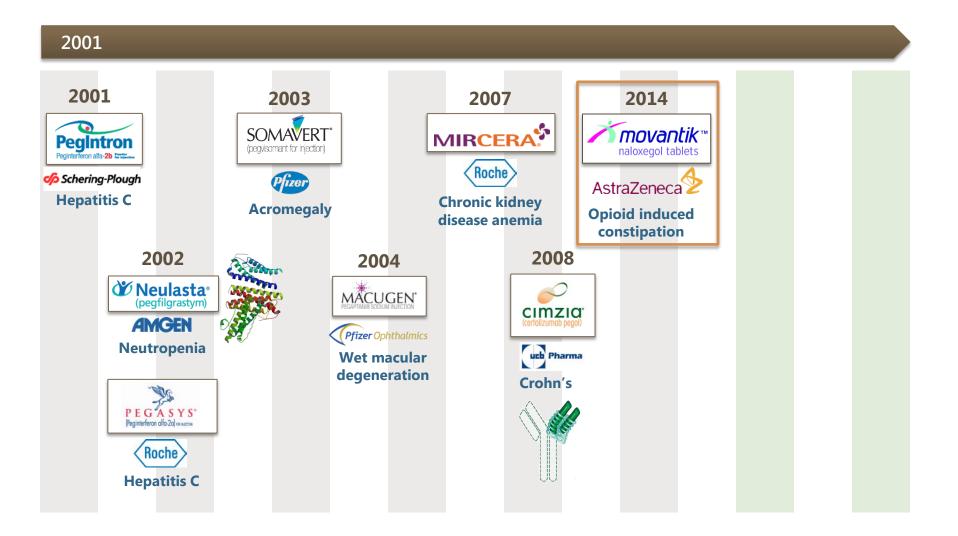
- Platform creates innovative NCEs based on well-understood biology
- NCE pipeline includes both small molecule and biologic drugs
- Technology capabilities expanded to unlock breakthrough biology
- Immuno-oncology (IO) and Pain are current focus areas in Research

### Evolution of Nektar's Polymer Conjugation Technology



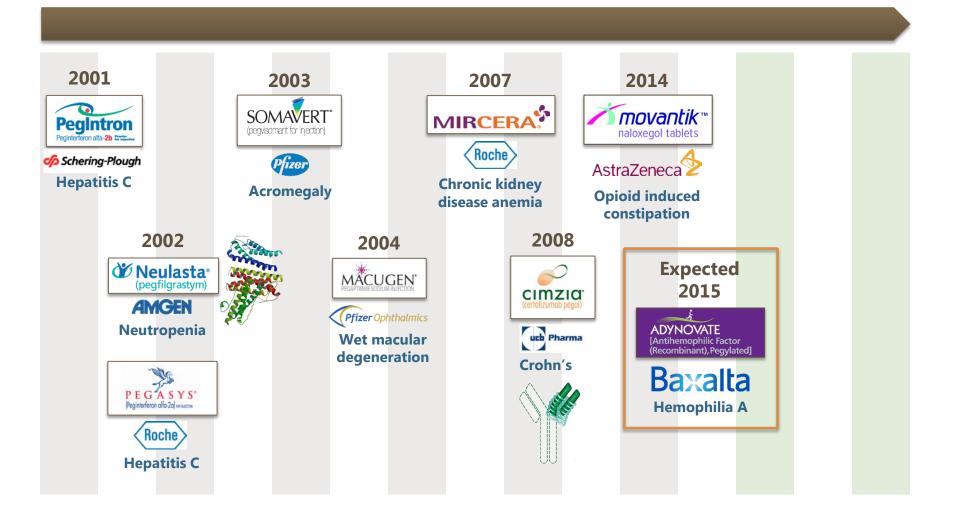
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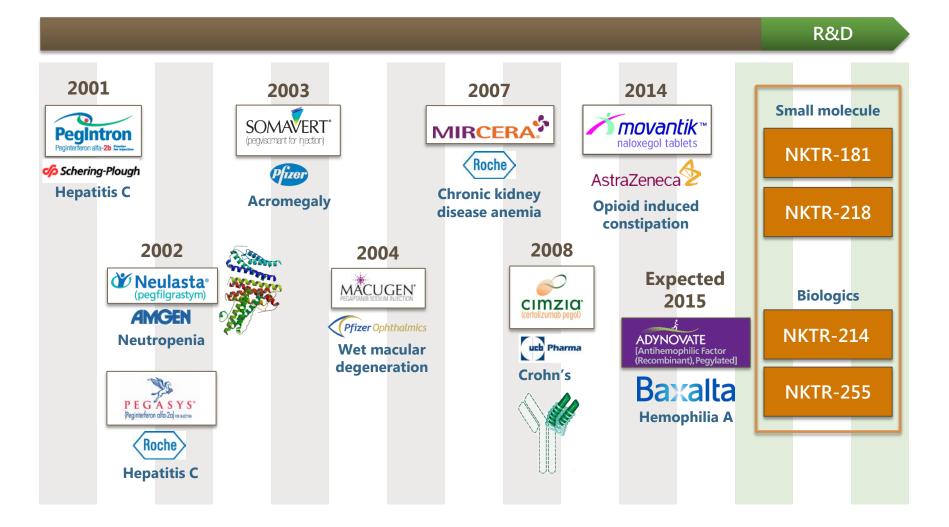


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## **ADYNOVATE®** Approval Anticipated in 2015

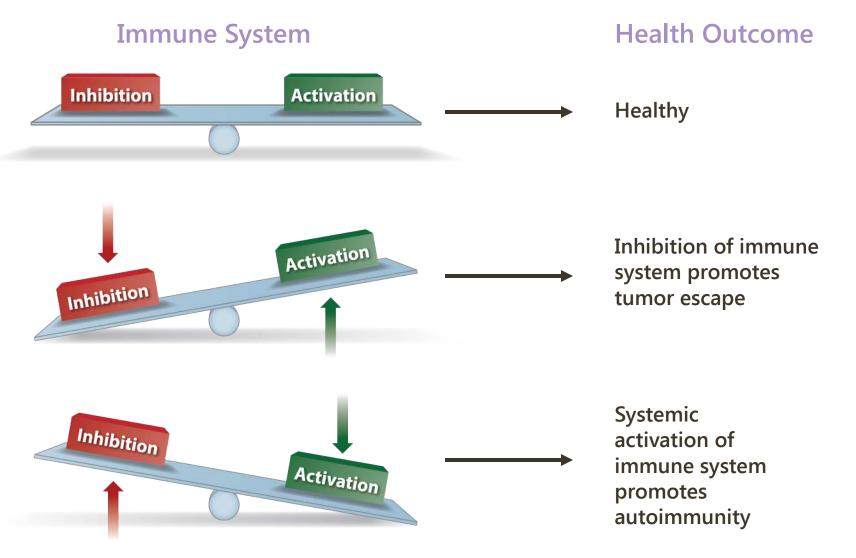


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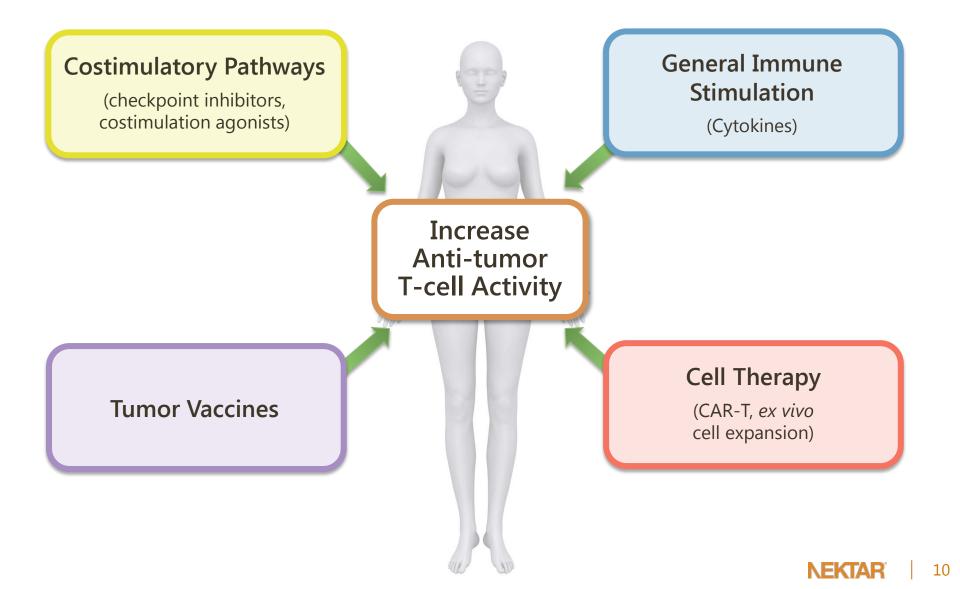
## Loss of Immune Balance and Disease



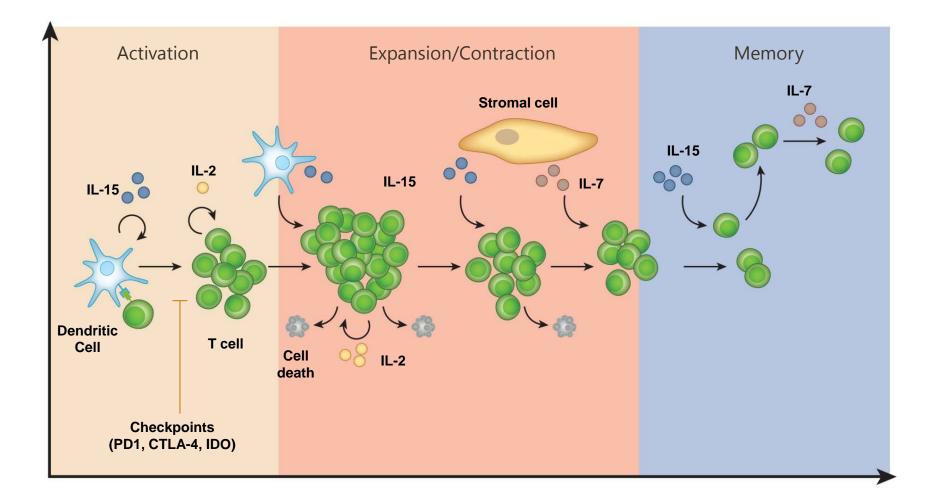
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### The Four Major Classes of Immunotherapy Drugs All Increase T-Cell Activity



### Cytokines Control T-Cell Growth and Survival



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#### Differentiated Strategy in IO: Accessing Cytokines as New Medicines

Cytokines are the master regulators of growth and activity of the immune system

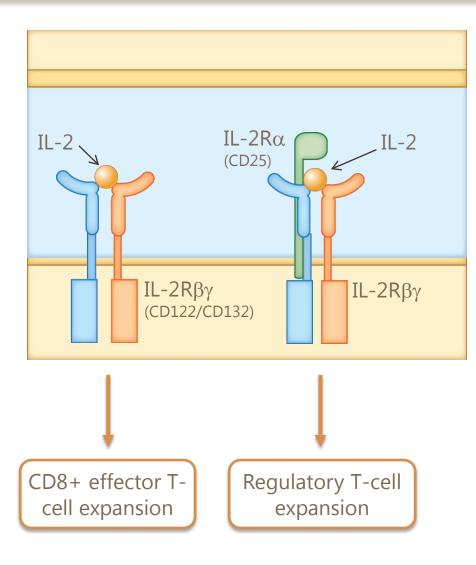
#### HOWEVER

#### Most native cytokines make suboptimal drugs

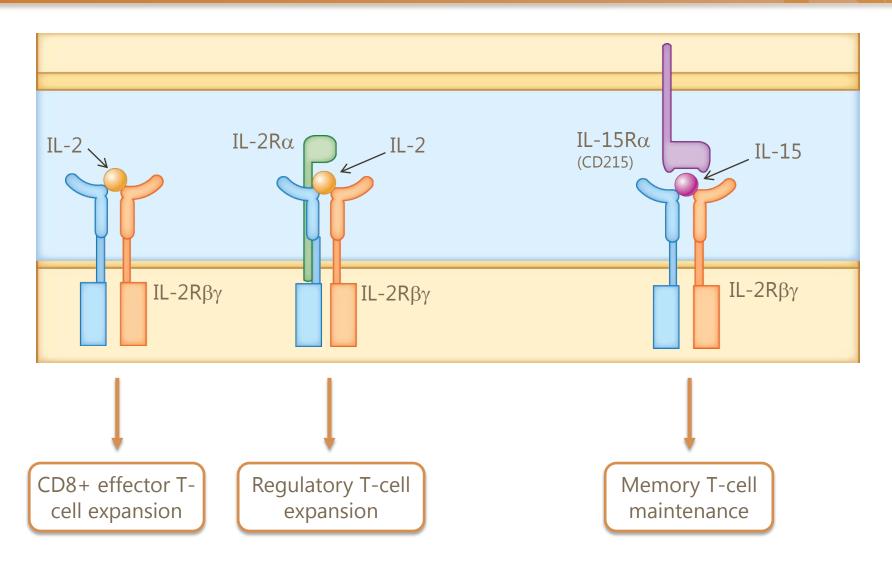
Nektar technology is well-suited to give cytokines drug-like properties

Advances in our technology allow us to access new cytokine biology These mechanisms represent opportunities for differentiated drugs in IO

## **Cytokine Signaling Is Context-Dependent**

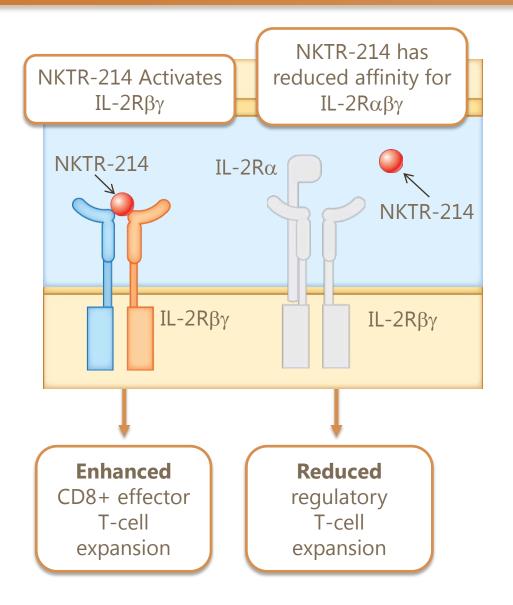


## **Cytokine Signaling Is Context-Dependent**



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## NKTR-214: Biased IL-2 Receptor Agonist

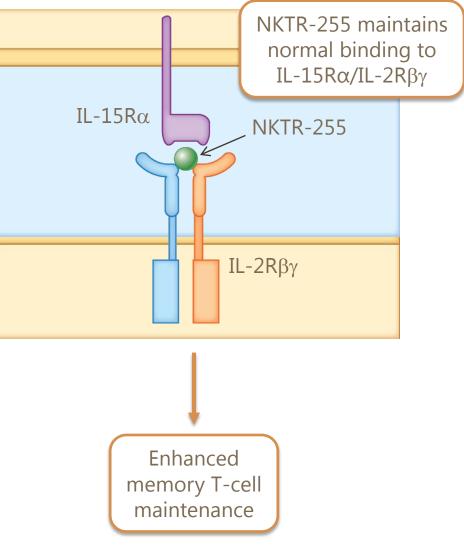


 CD122 (IL-2Rβ) bias causes dramatic expansion of effector cells without increase in Tregs

- Tunable PEG allows precise control of receptor affinity and cytokine exposure
- Breakthrough biology uniquely enabled by Nektar technology

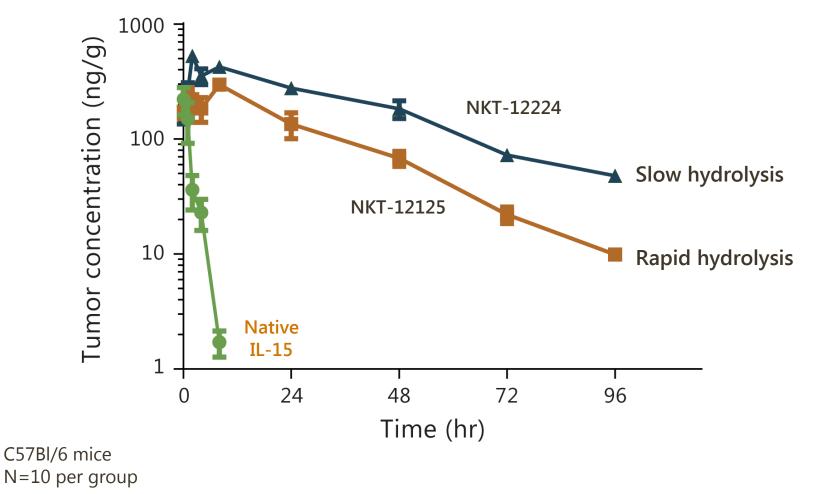
## NKTR-255: Preserve Unique Biology of IL-15 in a Long-Acting Cytokine

- Highly active, longexposure cytokine to improve T-cell memory
- Optimal drug must maintain the unique binding of IL-15 to IL-15Rα
- Eliminate spikes in exposure that cause increased side effects in rhIL-15 dosing



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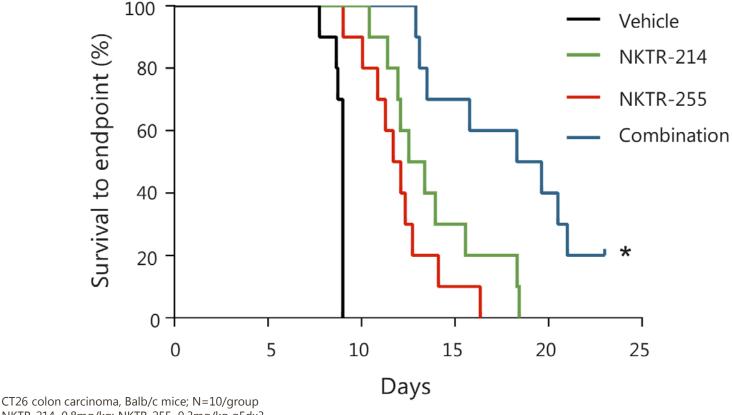
# Nektar Tunable Linkers Increase Tumor Exposure of IL-15 Conjugates



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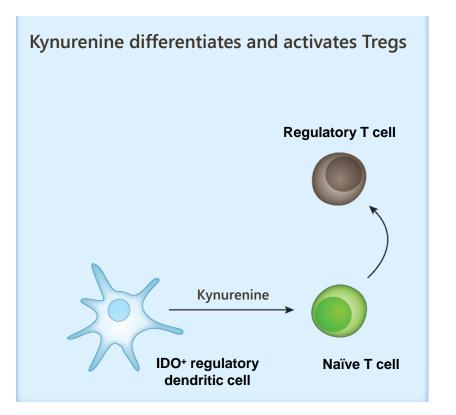
#### NKTR-255 Candidate Improves Efficacy of NKTR-214 in a Mouse Colon Carcinoma Model

Mouse colon carcinoma



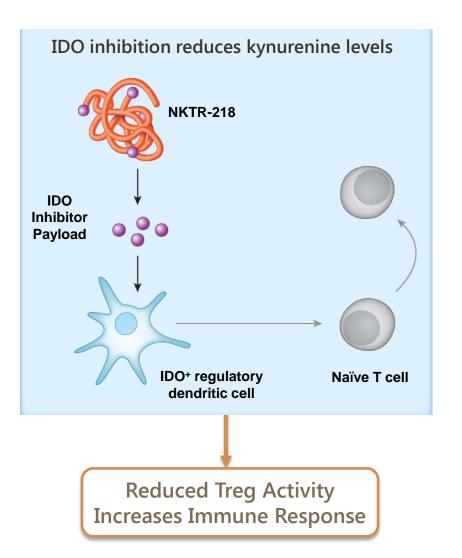
NKTR-214, 0.8mg/kg; NKTR-255, 0.3mg/kg q5dx3 Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test

# **Beyond Cytokines: NKTR-218**



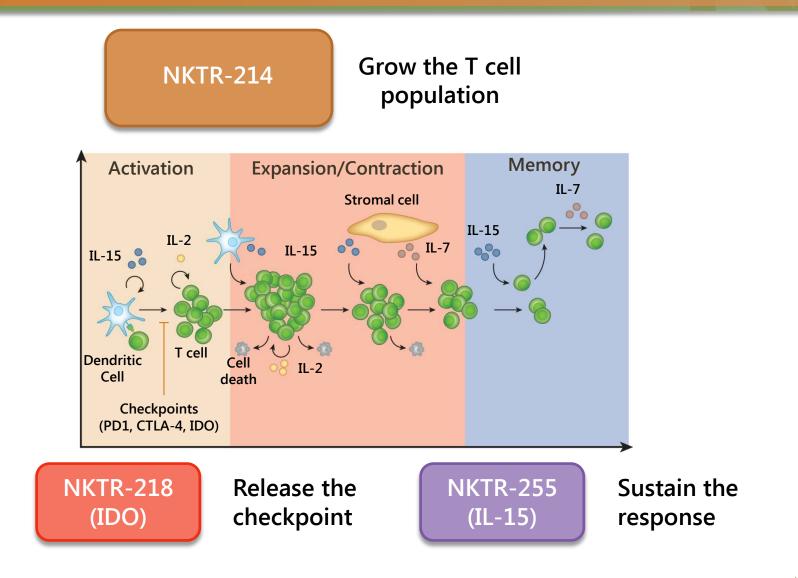
- IDO is an enzyme that controls synthesis of kynurenine from tryptophan
- Kynurenine is a potent activator of regulatory T cells
- Inhibition of kynurenine production will promote immune activation in the tumor microenvironment

# **Beyond Cytokines: NKTR-218**



- Highly active, longlasting exposure to tumor IDO inhibition
- Allows for IV dosing
  - Eliminates the compromises in potency and specificity required to permit oral dosing of short-acting candidates in development

#### Nektar IO Strategy: Focus on the T cell





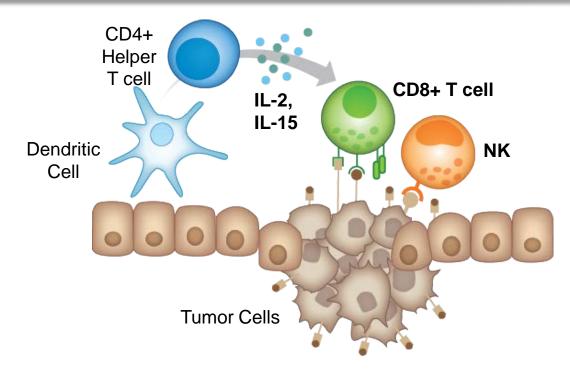
# NKTR-214: A T-Cell Growth Engine in Immuno-Oncology

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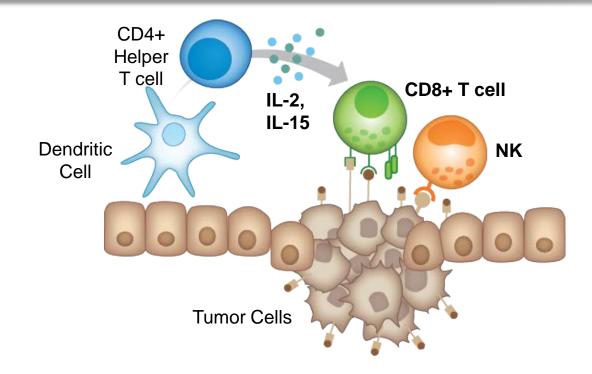


## The Immune System Is The Primary Defense Against Development Of Cancer



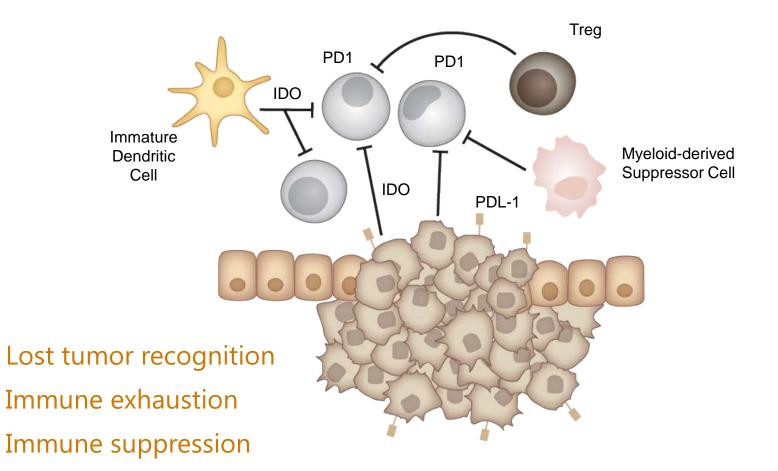
- Almost all microtumors are recognized as non-self and destroyed
- Immune surveillance eliminates tumor cells and prevents emergence of detectable tumors
- Immune system must be 100% effective

#### Selective Advantage To Tumors That Can Evade Surveillance



- Constant rounds of elimination select for evading cells
- Mutations distort self/non-self recognition
- Microenvironment remodeling promotes tumor survival

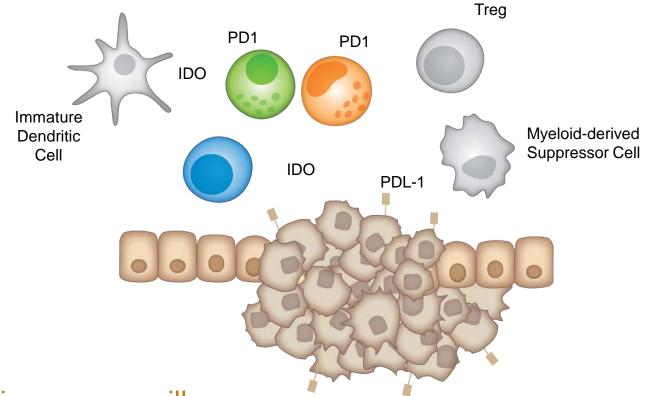
#### Tumor Growth Dramatically Increases When Tumor Evolves To Escape Surveillance



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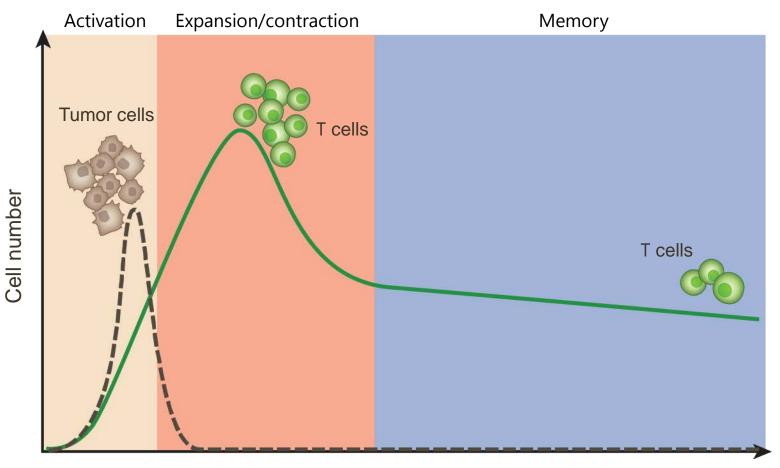
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# Goal of IO: Reactivate Immune Surveillance and Restore Homeostasis



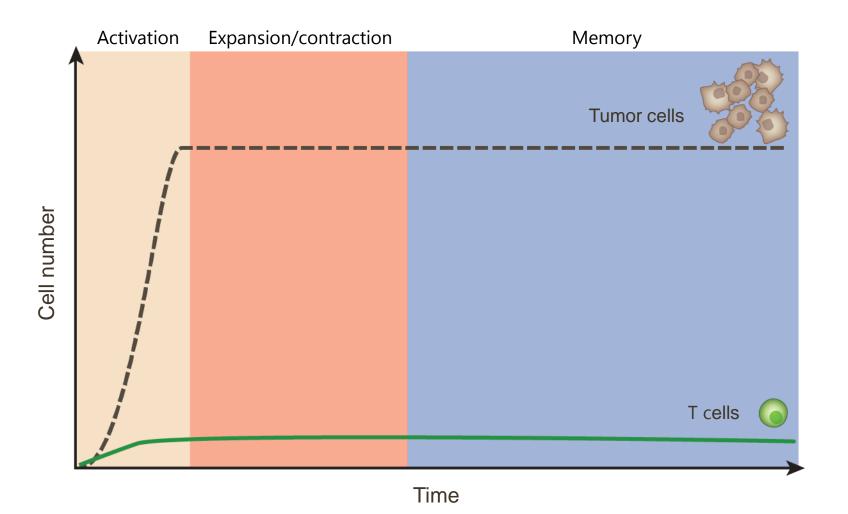
- Robust immune surveillance
- Immune activation in the tumor microenvironment

#### Time Course Of Normal T-Cell Responses

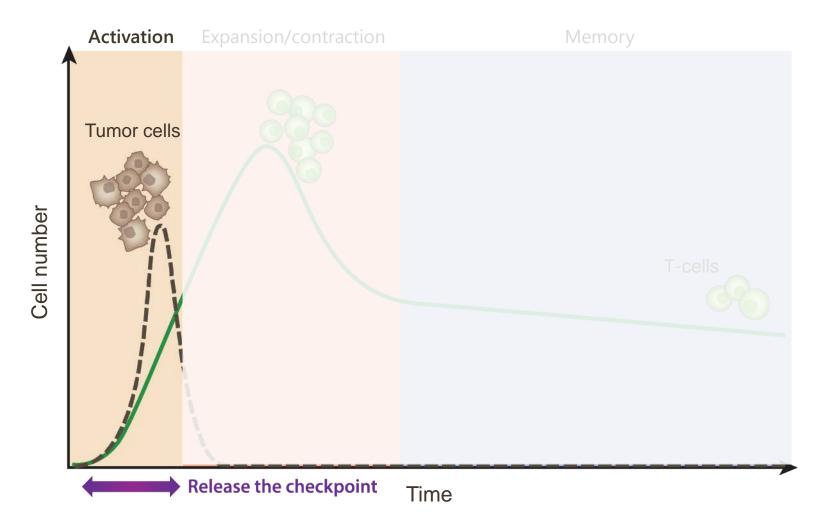


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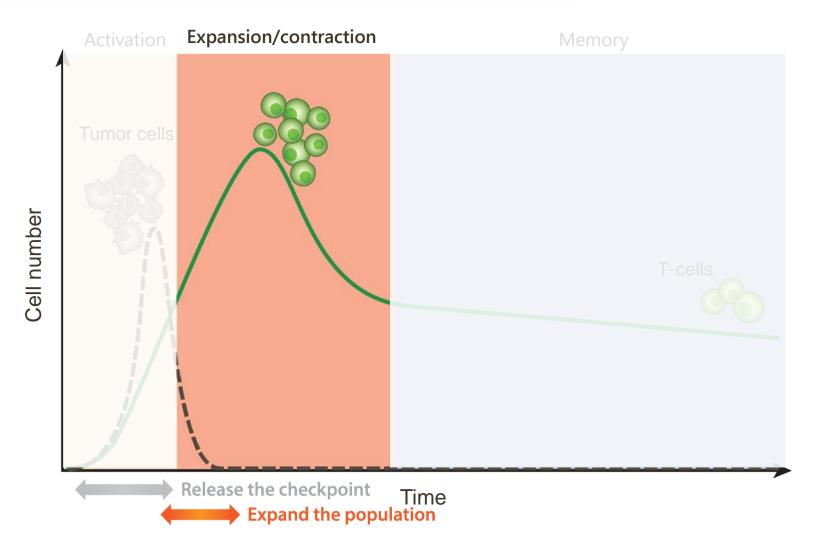
## Tumors Inhibit T-Cell Growth And Differentiation



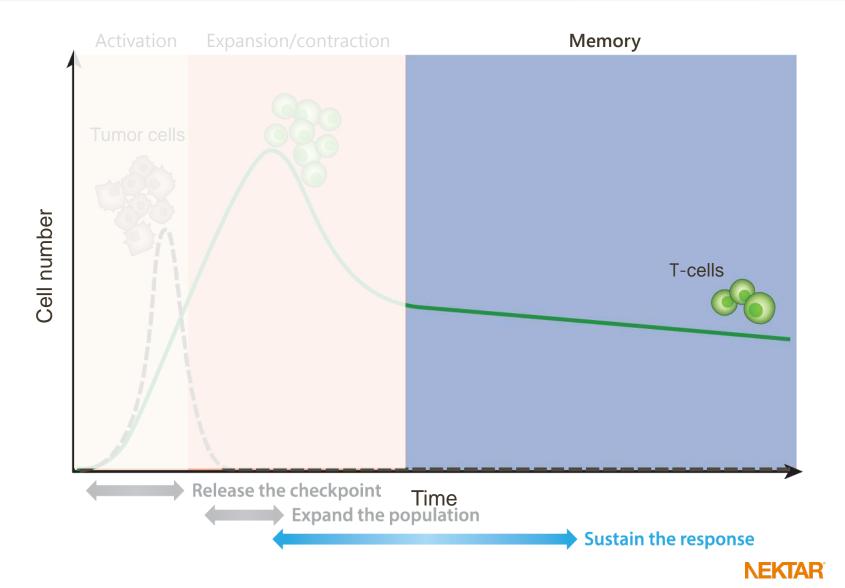
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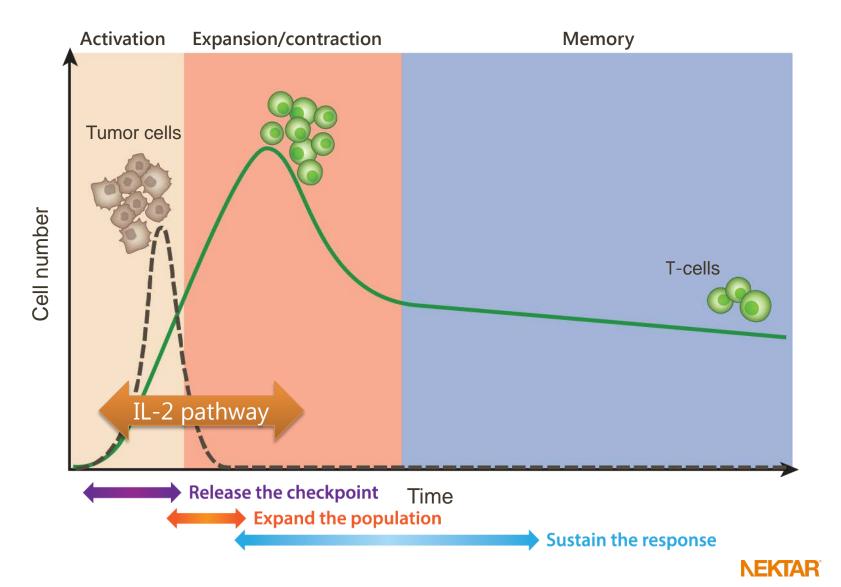
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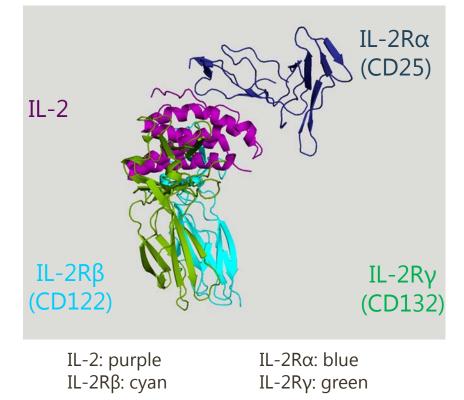
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#### The IL-2 Pathway Regulates T-Cell Response

- First discovered cytokine
- Regulates T-cell and NK-cell activation and expansion
- Signals through multiple receptor complexes
  - IL-2R $\alpha\beta\gamma$  and IL-2R $\beta\gamma$
- First approved immunotherapy
  - High promise of the therapeutic potential of the IL-2 pathway
  - Overall tolerability and side-effect profile limit utility
  - High opportunity to deliver an optimized drug to effectively target the IL-2 pathway

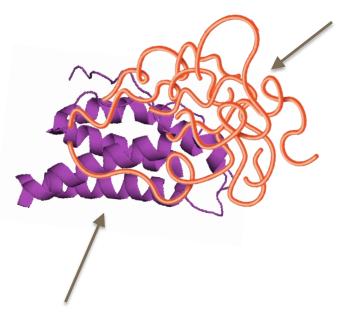
# **Design Goals For Targeting The IL-2 Pathway**

#### Structural model of IL-2 docked with IL-2Rαβγ



- Bias signaling to favor the IL-2Rβγ complex
- Deliver a sustained and controlled signal to the IL-2 pathway
- Enhance CD8+ T-cell and NKcell anti-tumor function and minimize Treg expansion
- Improve on the benefit/risk profile of IL-2

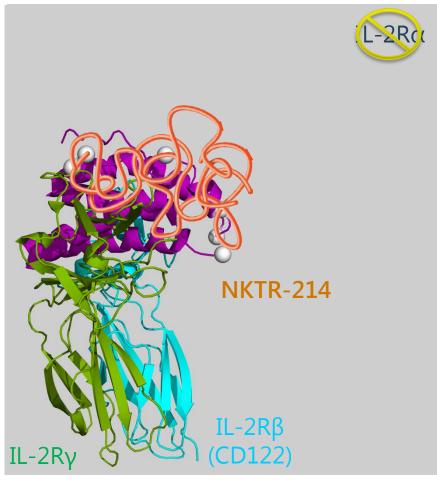
#### NKTR-214 Is A CD122-biased Cytokine, Designed To Improve Efficacy And Mitigate Toxicity



#### IL-2 cytokine core

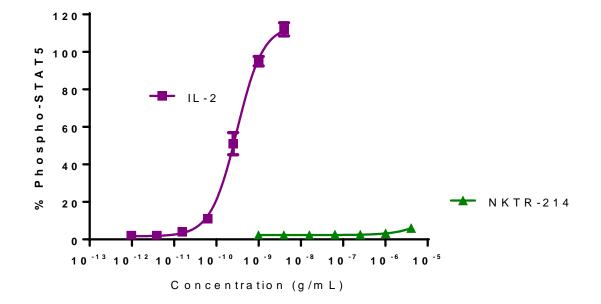
 rhIL-2, same amino acid sequence as clinically validated molecule (aldesleukin)

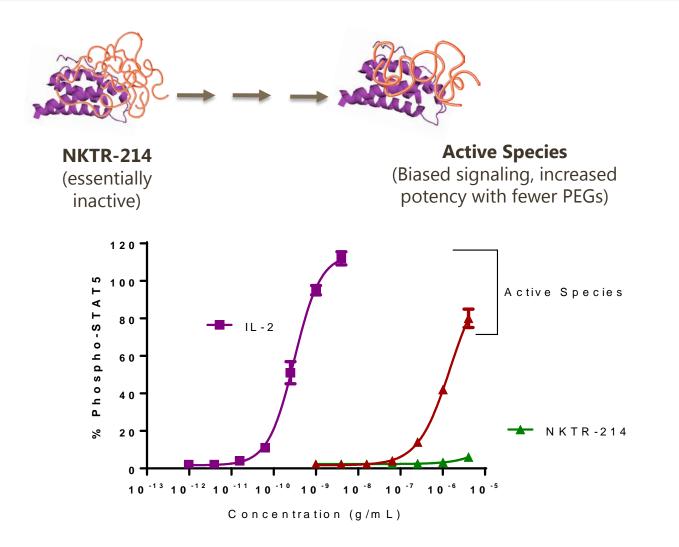
High molecular weight hydrolyzable polymers located at strategic sites



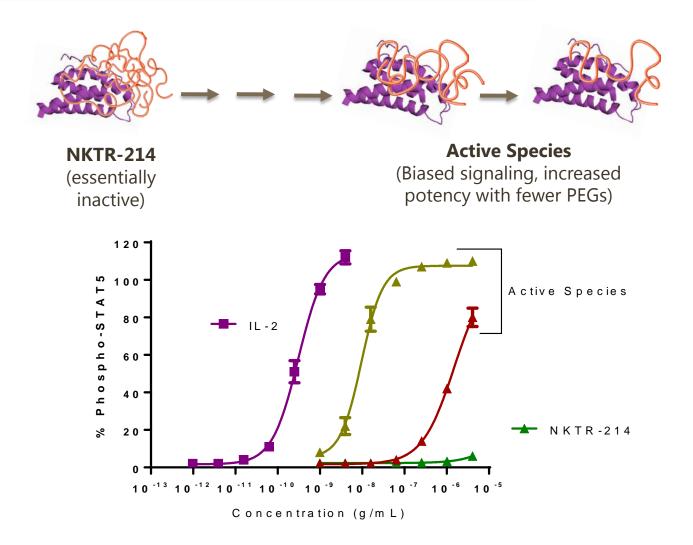


NKTR-214 (essentially inactive)

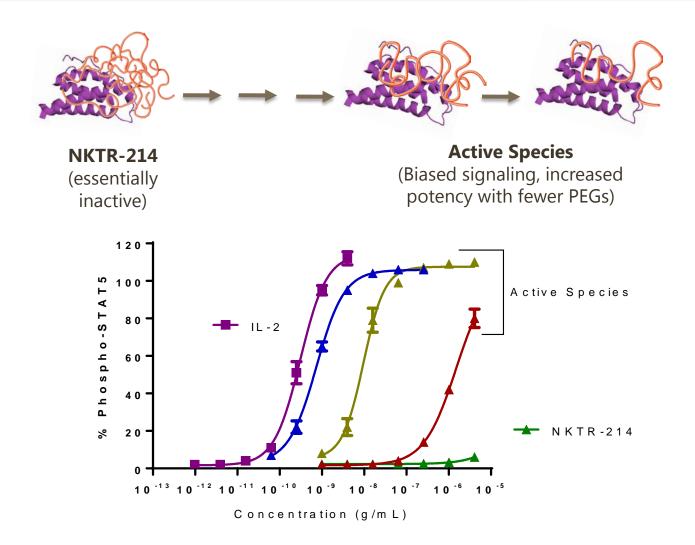




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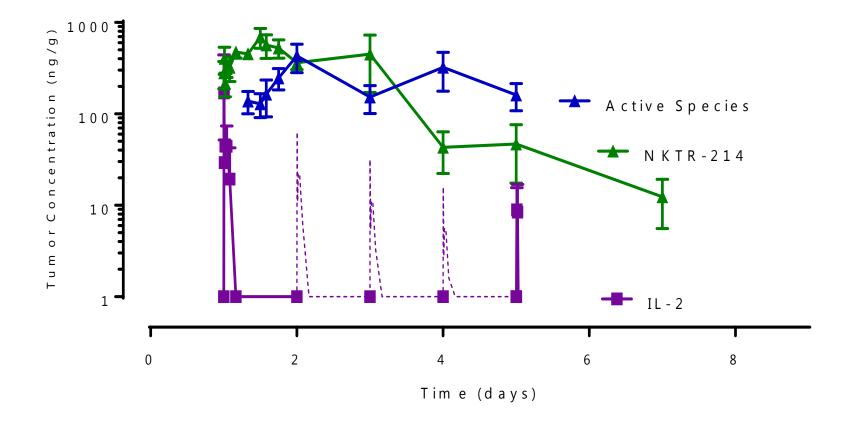


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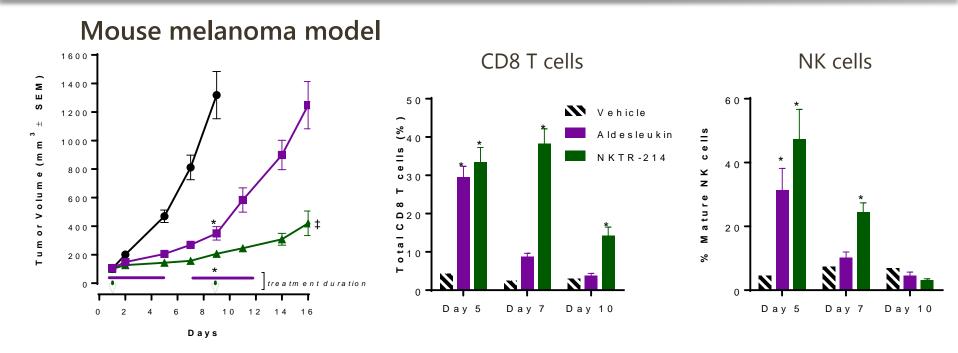


#### NKTR-214: Sustained Exposure Of Biased Cytokine Activity In Tumor Microenvironment



Multiple doses of IL-2 (3mg/kg, I.P.) or single dose of NKTR-214 (2mg/kg, I.V.) was given to tumor-bearing mice (N=4 mice/timepoint). Concentrations of IL-2, Active cytokine (PEG-IL-2 derived from NKTR-214 hydrolysis), and NKTR-214 were measured using immunoassay methods

# NKTR-214 Increases The Quality And Quantity Of The T-cell Response



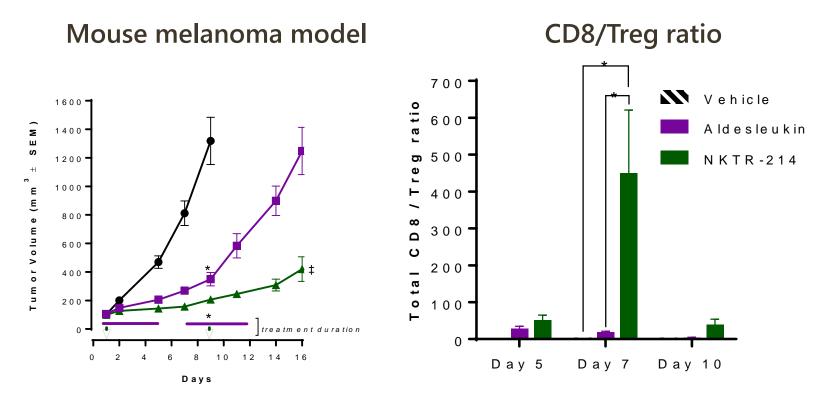
- Single agent efficacy in aggressive mouse melanoma
- Strong and sustained elevation of anti-tumor T and NK cells

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B16F10 melanoma, C57Bl/6 mice; N=9-12/group NKTR-214, 2mg/kg i.v. q9dx3; Aldesleukin, 3mg/kg i.p. bidx5, 2 cycles \*, p<0.05, ANOVA with Tukey's post-test (left) or Log-Rank (right) w.r.t. vehicle ‡, p<0.05, Student's T-test (left) or Log-Rank (right) w.r.t. Aldesleukin

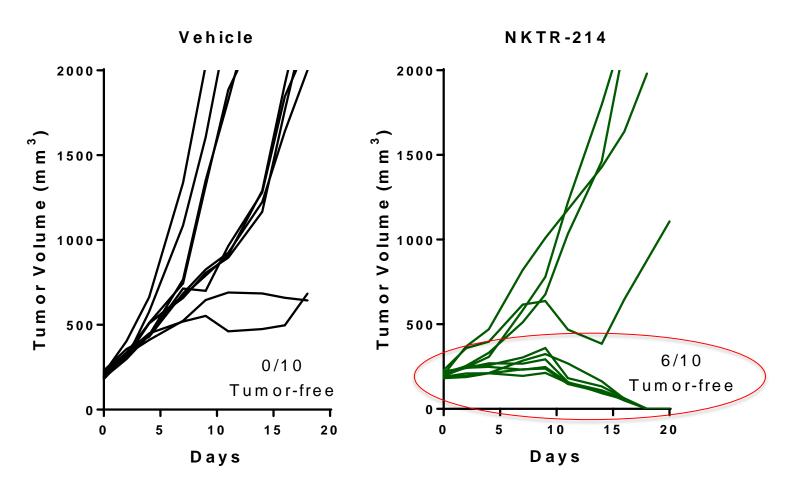
# NKTR-214 Increases The Quality And Quantity Of The T-cell Response



#### > 400-fold increased ratio of CD8 to Treg cells

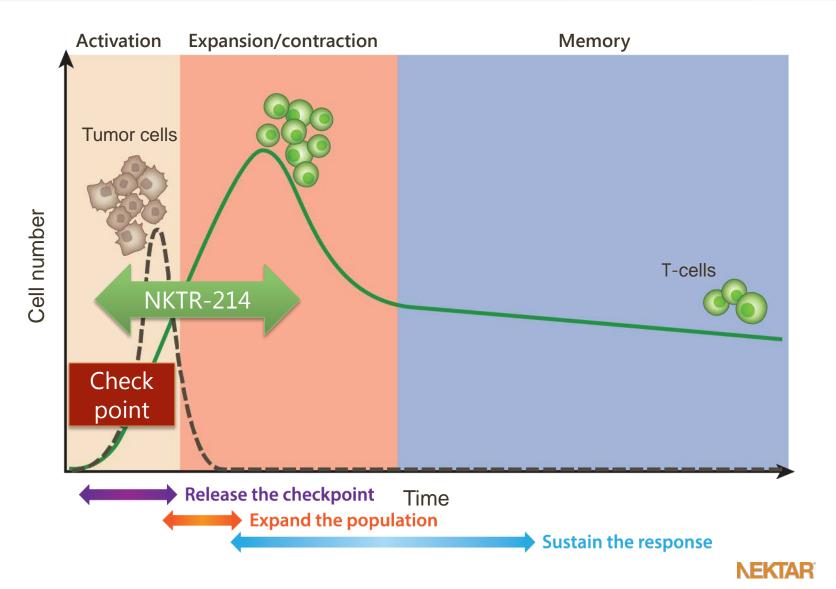
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#### NKTR-214 Produced Complete Responses In Lewis Lung Carcinoma As Single-Agent



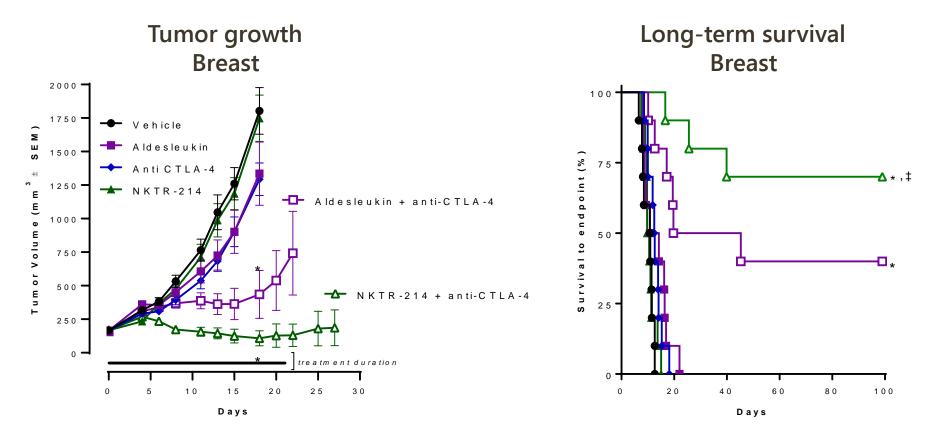
LLC lung carcinoma, C57Bl/6 mice NKTR-214, 0.7mg/kg i.v. q9dx3 N=10/group

## NKTR-214: Combination With Checkpoint Inhibitors Can Optimize Anti-tumor Activity



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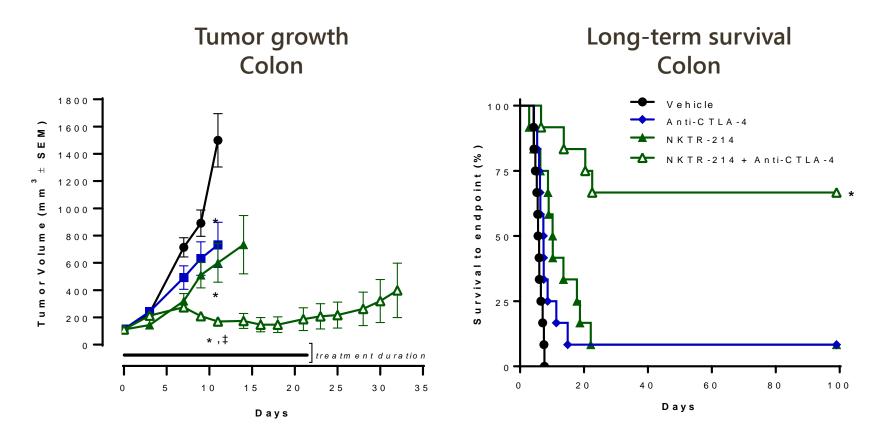
#### NKTR-214: Combination With Anti-CTLA-4 Produces Durable Responses



#### NKTR-214 superior to aldesleukin in head to head study

EMT6 mammary carcinoma, Balb/c mice; N=10/group Anti-CTLA-4, 100µg i.p., twice-weekly ; Aldesleukin 0.5mg/kg qdx5, 2 cycles; NKTR-214, 0.8mg/kg i.v. q9dx3 \*, p<0.05, ANOVA with Tukey's post-test (left) or Log-Rank (right) w.r.t. vehicle ‡, p<0.05, Log-Rank (right) w.r.t. Aldesleukin + anti-CTLA-4

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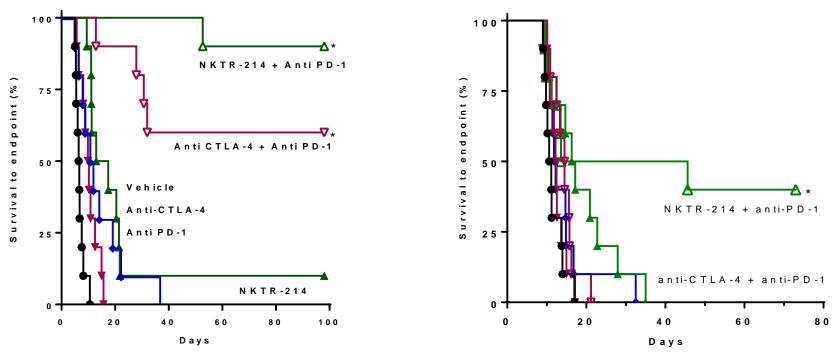


#### NKTR-214 + anti-CTLA-4 is superior to single agent

CT26 colon carcinoma, Balb/c mice; N=12/group Anti-CTLA-4, 100µg i.p., twice-weekly; NKTR-214, 0.8mg/kg i.v. q9dx3 \*, p <0.05, ANOVA with Tukey's post-test (left) or Log-Rank (right) w.r.t. vehicle ‡, p <0.05, Student's T-test (left) w.r.t. anti-CTLA-4

## NKTR-214: Combination With Anti-PD-1 Consistently Produces Durable Responses

Long-term survival Colon Long-term survival Breast

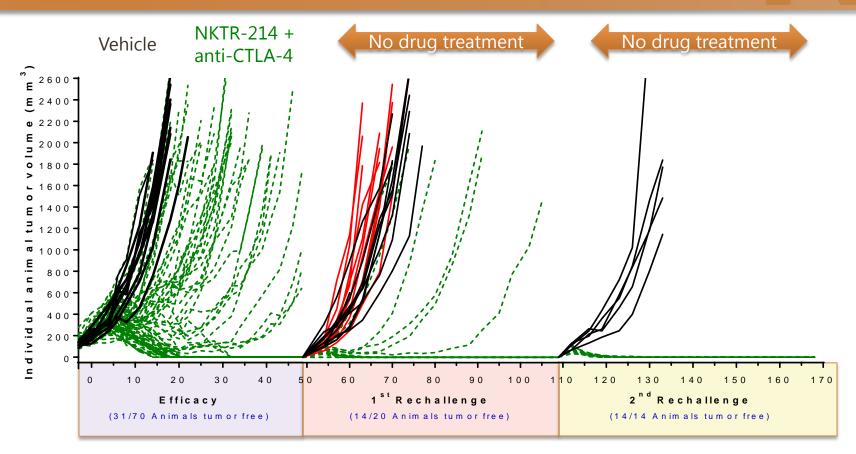


#### NKTR-214 + anti-PD-1 is superior to anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1

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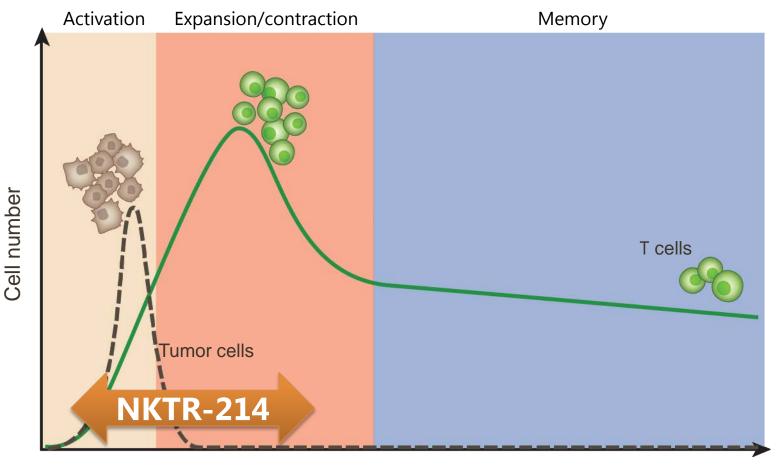
# NKTR-214: Vaccine-like Tumor Resistance In Combination With Anti-CTLA-4 In Breast



#### NKTR-214 + anti-CTLA-4 re-educated the immune system to provide long-term vaccine-like tumor resistance

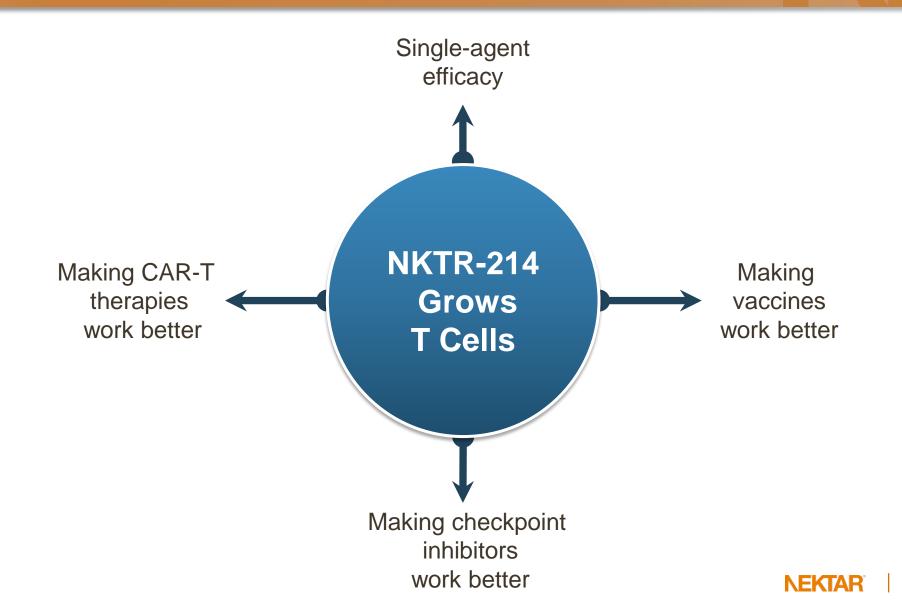
Primary model : EMT6 mammary carcinoma (green), Non-related rechallenge model : CT26 colon carcinoma (red) Balb/c mice; N=70 for primary efficacy; N=20 for EMT6 rechallenge and N=10 for CT26 challenge; N=14 for second EMT6 rechallenge Anti-CTLA-4, 100µg i.p., twice-weekly; NKTR-214, 0.8mg/kg i.v. q9dx3

## NKTR-214 Unlocks the IL-2 Pathway to Improve the Quality of IO Therapy



Time

#### NKTR-214: A Differentiated IO Opportunity



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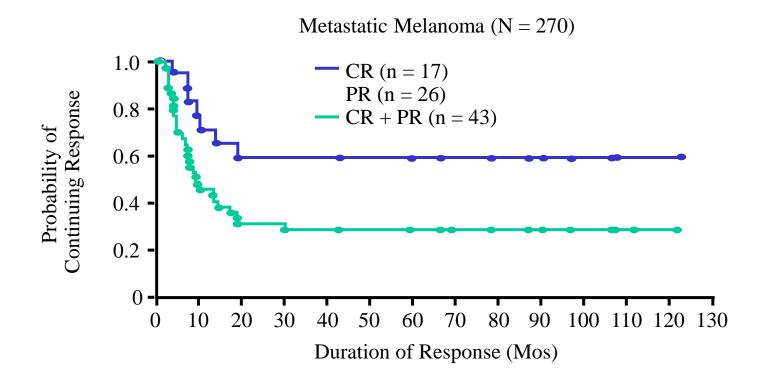
# Systemic Immunotherapy for Metastatic Melanoma

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#### **High-Dose IL-2 Therapy: Durable Responses Seen**

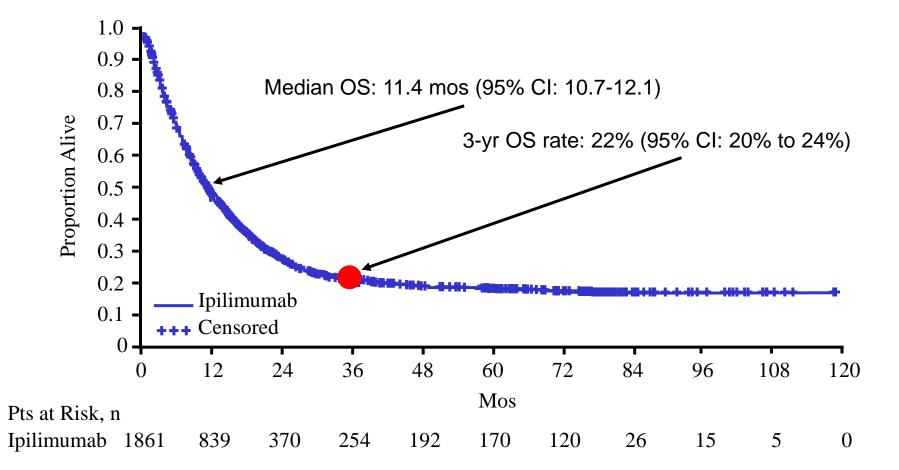
- High-dose IL-2 produces durable responses in 16% of pts with advanced melanoma
- Few relapses in pts responding for over 2.5 yrs (likely cured)
- FDA approval in 1998 for melanoma



### **High-Dose IL-2 Therapy in Melanoma-30 year history**

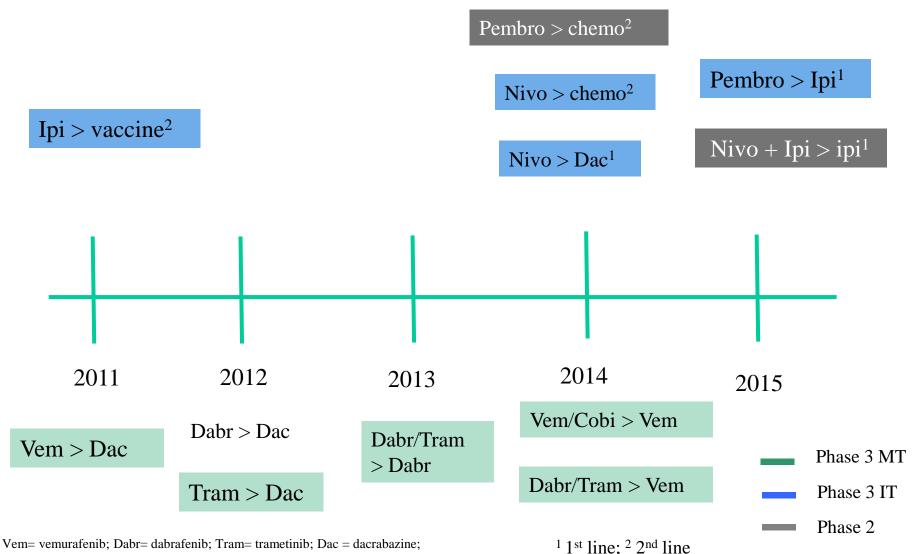
- High-dose IL-2 appears to benefit pts, but:
  - Toxic, complex; must be delivered as an inpatient regimen
- Use remained limited to selected pts treated at experienced centers
- Efforts to develop more tolerable regimens unsuccessful
- Efforts to better select pts who might benefit from high-dose IL-2 therapy produced modest advances
- Proof of principle that immunotherapy can produce durable benefit in pts with cancer, but newer immunotherapies are needed

#### Analysis From Phase II and Phase III Trials of Ipilimumab Show OS Plateau at 3 Years



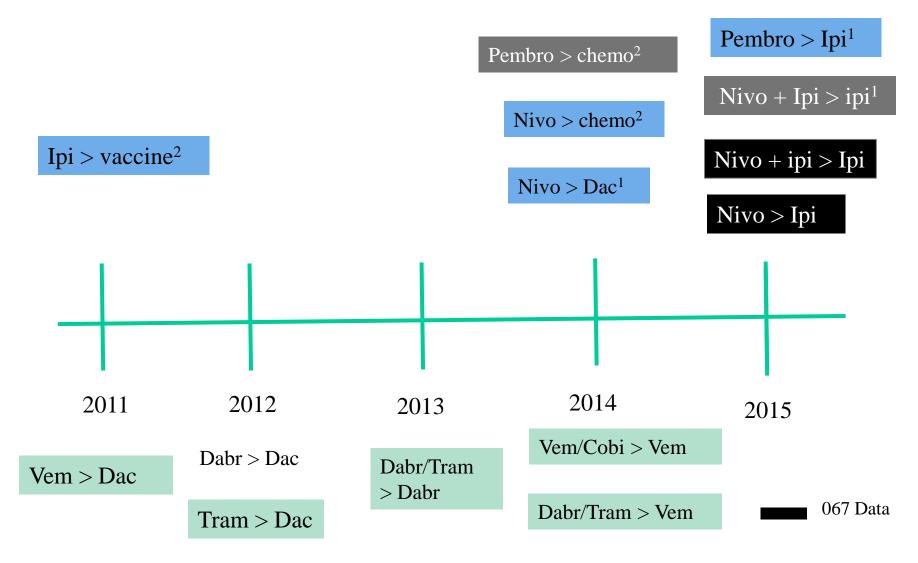
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#### **Major Treatment Advances For Metastatic Melanoma**



Cobi= cobimetinib; Ipi = ipilimumab; Pembro= pemborlizumab; Nivo= nivolumab

#### **Major Treatment Advances For Metastatic Melanoma**



Vem= vemurafenib; Dabr= dabrafenib; Tram= trametinib; Dac = dacrabazine; Cobi= cobimetinib; Ipi = ipilimumab; Pembro= pemborlizumab; Nivo= nivolumab <sup>1</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> line; <sup>2</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> line

## Principal Take Home Message From AACR/ASCO 2015

Ipilimumab can no longer be considered a standard first line immunotherapy for patients with advanced melanoma

# **Single Agent Anti-PD1 Blockade: Future Directions**

- Determine when to stop
  - Our current approach
- Adjuvant protocols
- Biomarker refinement
- Treatment of resistance
- Combinations:
  - Immunotherapy, targeted therapy, RT, Vaccines

# **Clinical Development of Inhibitors of PD-1 Immune Checkpoint**

Target	Antibody	Molecule	Company	Development stage
	Nivolumab	Fully human IgG4	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Approved in Melanoma, NSCLCa Phase III in RCC, HNSCC etc
PD-1	Pembrolizumab	Humanized IgG4	Merck	Approved in Melanoma, Phase III in Lung, bladder etc
	Pidilizumab	Humanized IgG1	Curetech Medivation	Phase II Melanoma, Heme Malignancies
	MEDI-4736 (Durvalumab)	Engineered human lgG1	MedImmune	Phase I-II multiple tumors
PD-L1	MPDL-3280A* (Atezolizumab)	Engineered human IgG1	Genentech	Phase III in bladder, RCC, NSCLC
	MSB0010718C (Avelumab)	Fully human IgG1	EMD Serono (Pfizer)	Phase II in ovarian, Phase I in multiple solid tumors

# **Role of anti-PD-L1 Antibodies in Melanoma**

- Activity appears equivalent to nivo or pembro in many diseases including melanoma
- Limited data in melanoma, to date
- Don't see a role for single agent anti-PDL1 antibodies in melanoma
- May find a role in combinations particularly with BRAF/MEK inhibitors (or other proprietary drugs)

# Nivo vs Nivo + Ipi: Topline data

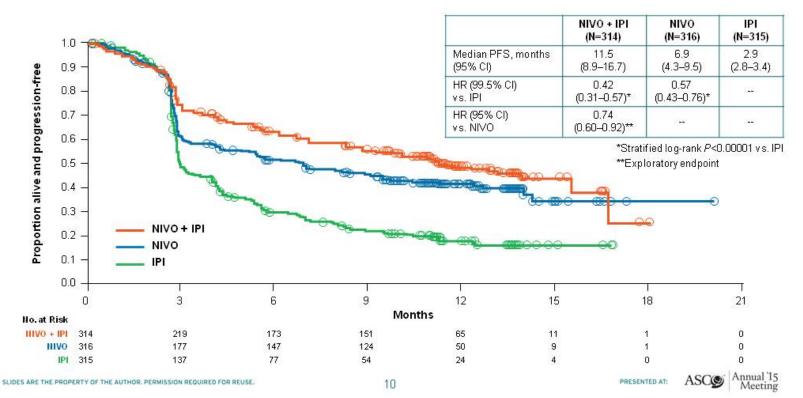
	Nivo	Nivo + Ipi	
Med PFS (months)	<b>6.9</b> (4.3-9.5)	<b>11.5</b> (8.9-16.7)	
ORR, % (95% CI)	<b>43.7</b> (38.1-49.3)	<b>57.6</b> (52.0-63.2)	
CR %	8.9	11.5	
Tumor Burden change	- 34.5%	- 51.9%	
Response Duration	NR	NR	
Med OS	NR	NR	
Grade 3-4 SAEs	16%	55%	

Proof of principle that combination immunotherapy can produce greater activity than anti-PD1 alone

### **Melanoma Clinical Opportunities**

Combination therapy improves PFS but at 1 year 50% of patients have progressed

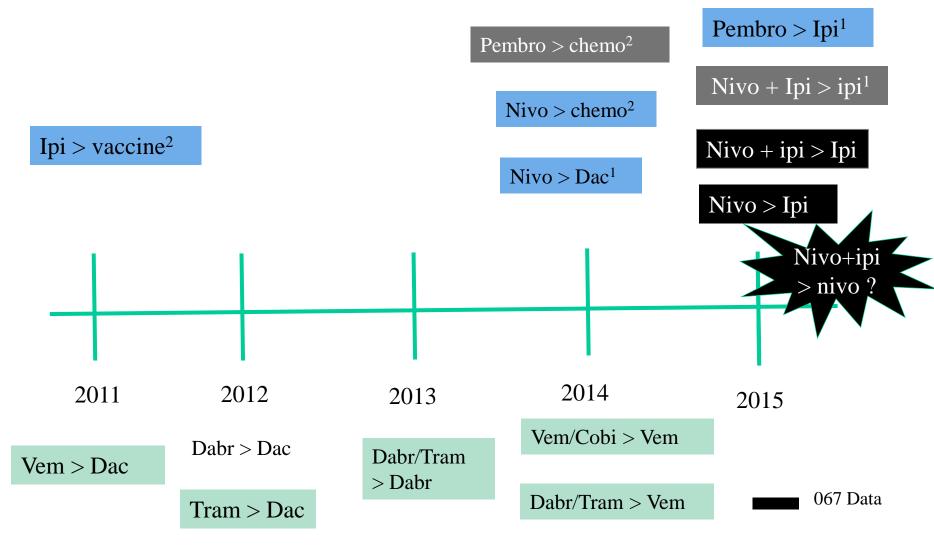
#### PFS (Intent-to-Treat)



## Nivo + Ipi Toxicity

- Toxicity is severe
  - Mostly immune related AEs (irAEs)
  - 55% of patients have G3-4 SAEs
  - ~36% of patients had treatment discontinuation
- Manageable with immune modulatory drugs
  - No treatment related deaths
- irAE treatment doesn't prevent tumor response
  - 67% (81/120) developed a response
  - 50% of responses appeared after treatment stopped

### **Major Treatment Advances For Metastatic Melanoma**

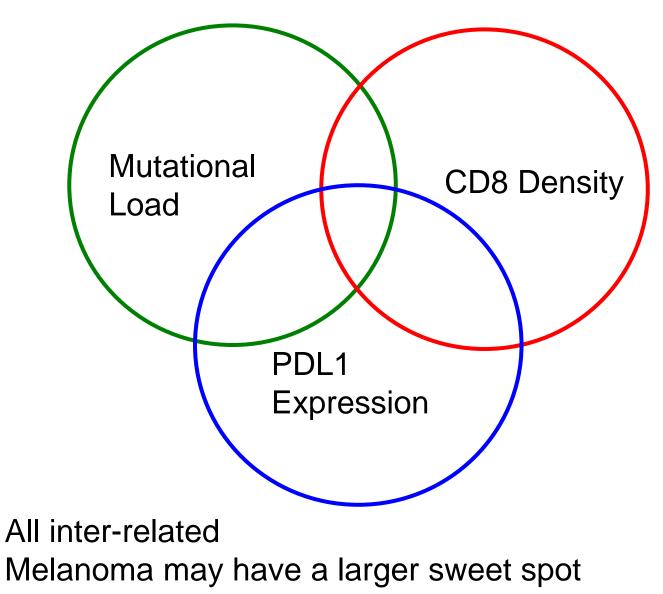


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# **PD-L1 Expression is a Weak Biomarker in Melanoma**

- Assays are technically difficult and imperfect
  - Low expression, Tumor heterogeneity, Inducible gene expression sampling errors
  - $\sim 2/3^{rd}$  of responders to nivo alone were PDL1 negative
- Variable assay conditions
  - Antibody/assay (tumor vs immune cells)
  - Specimen used (archived vs fresh, primary vs met)
  - Threshold (067- 27% PDL1+ vs. Keynote 006 study 80% PDL1+)
- Biomarker refinement and standardization needed for clinical decision making- (yet to be validated subset analysis)
- Even with a high threshold for positivity, the utility of biomarker for selection of nivo monotherapy is unconvincing

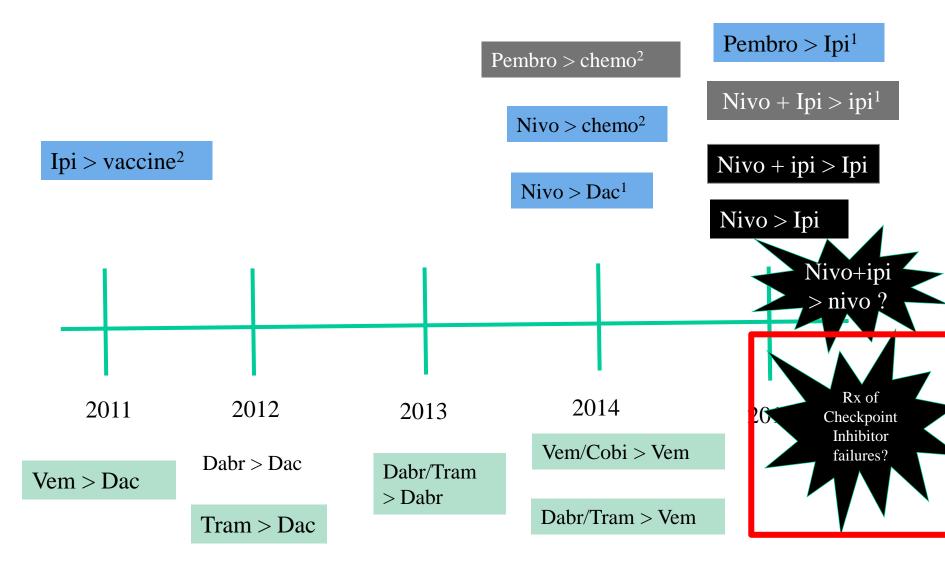
#### **Biomarker Model**



## **Treatment of Anti-PD1 Failures**

- 60-70% of patients on anti-PD1 monotherapy and 40-50% of patients Nivo + Ipi will eventually exhibit disease progression
- The mechanism of disease progression after response is unclear, but likely involves either upregulation of other checkpoints, lack of diversity of T cell response or insufficient T cells.
- The major unmet need in the future will be restoring antitumor immunity in patients with time limited response to anti-PD1 therapy

#### **Major Treatment Advances For Metastatic Melanoma- Future**



Vem= vemurafenib; Dabr= dabrafenib; Tram= trametinib; Dac = dacrabazine; Cobi= cobimetinib; Ipi = ipilimumab; Pembro= pemborlizumab; Nivo= nivolumab <sup>1</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> line; <sup>2</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> line

# Conclusions

- Nivo and pembro are <u>new standards</u> for advanced melanoma therapy
- Nivo + Ipi is likely more effective than anti-PD1 monotherapy
- Biomarker-based selection is not ready for Prime Time
- Combination immunotherapy has been established as a platform on which to explore- many options
- Treatment of anti-PD1 failures represents a new challenge/opportunity
- Much work remains to be done

# Mutational Profiles and Immuno-Oncology Therapies in NSCLC

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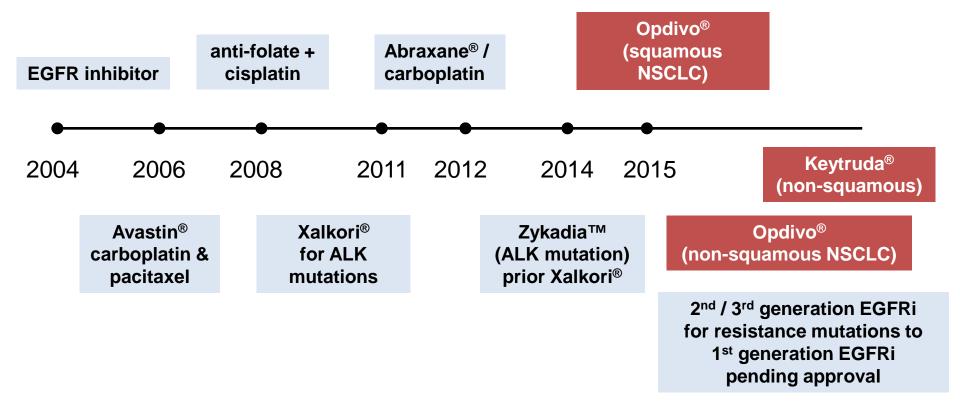
## Major Treatment Advances for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Mostly Focused on Targeting Driver Mutations

#### Non-squamous wild-type (wt):

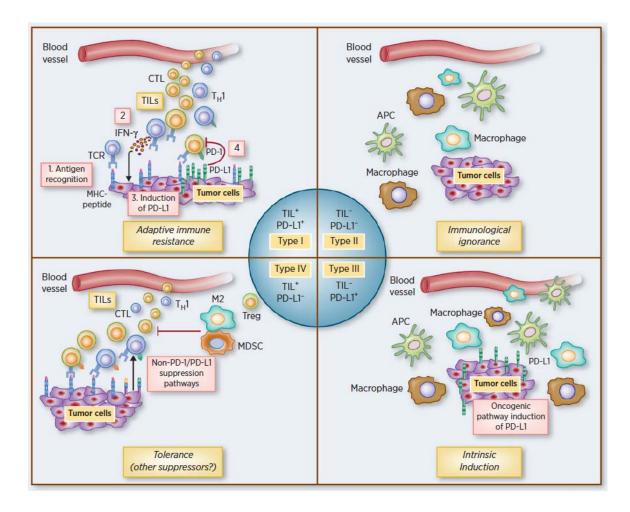
Avastin, gemcitabine, cisplatin, docetaxel

#### Squamous wt:

Carboplatin + paclitaxel, Abraxane or gemcitabine are the most common therapies



# **Immunosuppressive Tumor Phenotypes**



# CheckMate 017: Nivo in Squamous (SQ) NSCLC

- Nivolumab is the first PD-1 inhibitor to demonstrate a survival benefit versus standard-of-care docetaxel in previously-treated patients with advanced SQ NSCLC
  - 41% reduction in risk of death (HR 0.59; P=0.00025)
  - 1-year OS: 42% vs 24%
  - mOS: 9.2 vs. 6.0 mo
- Nivolumab received FDA approval in the U.S. on March 4, 2015 for metastatic SQ NSCLC with progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy
- Nivolumab benefit was independent of PD-L1 expression

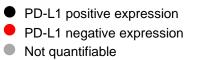
# CheckMate 057: Nivo in Non-SQ NSCLC

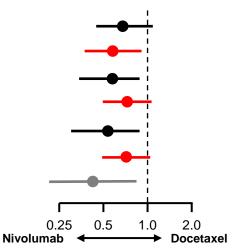
- Nivolumab is the first PD-1 inhibitor to significantly improve OS and ORR vs. docetaxel in previously treated patients with advanced non-SQ NSCLC
  - 27% reduction in risk of death (HR = 0.73; *P* = 0.0015)
- CheckMate 057 is the second phase 3 trial to demonstrate superior survival of nivolumab over docetaxel in advanced NSCLC
- PD-L1 expression is predictive of benefit with nivolumab, starting at the lowest expression level (1%)
  - Median OS nearly doubled with nivolumab vs. docetaxel across
     PD-L1 expression continuum
  - ORR nearly tripled in PD-L1 expressors

## CheckMate 017 and 057: Nivo Benefit +/- PD-L1 Expression

#### CheckMate 017

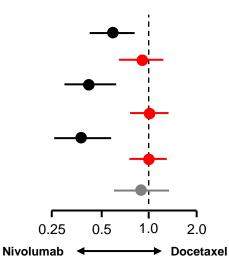
PD-L1	Patients, n		Unstratified	Interaction
Expression	Nivolumab	Docetaxel	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> -value
OS				
≥1%	63	56	0.69 (0.45, 1.05)	0.56
<1%	54	52	0.58 (0.37, 0.92)	0.30
≥5%	42	39	0.53 (0.31, 0.89)	0.47
<5%	75	69	0.70 (0.47, 1.02)	0.47
≥10%	36	33	0.50 (0.28, 0.89)	0.41
<10%	81	75	0.70 (0.48, 1.01)	0.41
Not quantifiable	18	29	0.39 (0.19, 0.82)	





#### CheckMate 057

PD-L1 Expression	Nivolumab	Docetaxel	Unstratified HR (95% CI)	Interaction <i>P</i> -value
OS				
≥1%	123	123	0.59 (0.43, 0.82)	0.0646
<1%	108	101	0.90 (0.66, 1.24)	0.0646
≥5%	95	86	0.43 (0.30, 0.63)	0.0004
<5%	136	138	1.01 (0.77, 1.34)	0.0004
≥10%	86	79	0.40 (0.26, 0.59)	0.0002
<10%	145	145	1.00 (0.76, 1.31)	0.0002
Not quantifiable	61	66	0.91 (0.61, 1.35)	

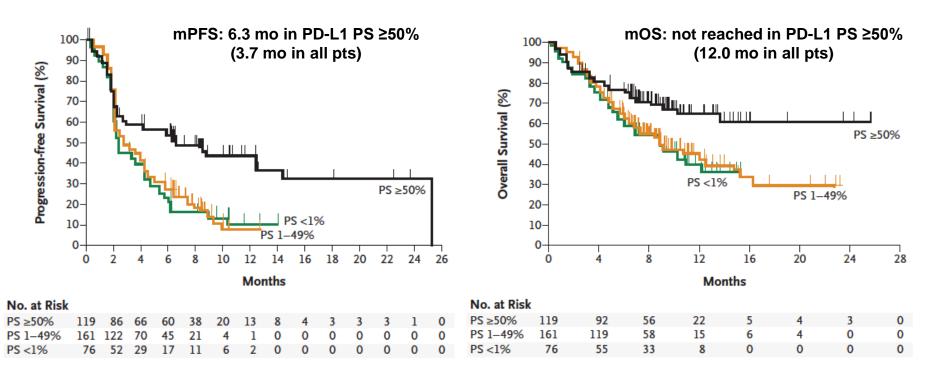


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# **KEYNOTE-001: PFS and OS by PD-L1 Expression in Tumor Cells in NSCLC**

PFS

OS



# Pembrolizumab Monotherapy for NSCLC: Efficacy Data Supporting the Approved Indication

KEYTRUDA is indicated for the treatment of:

- Patients with metastatic NSCLC whose tumors express PD-L1 as determined by an FDA-approved test and who have disease progression on or after platinumcontaining chemotherapy
- Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA-approved therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving KEYTRUDA

#### **Efficacy Results**

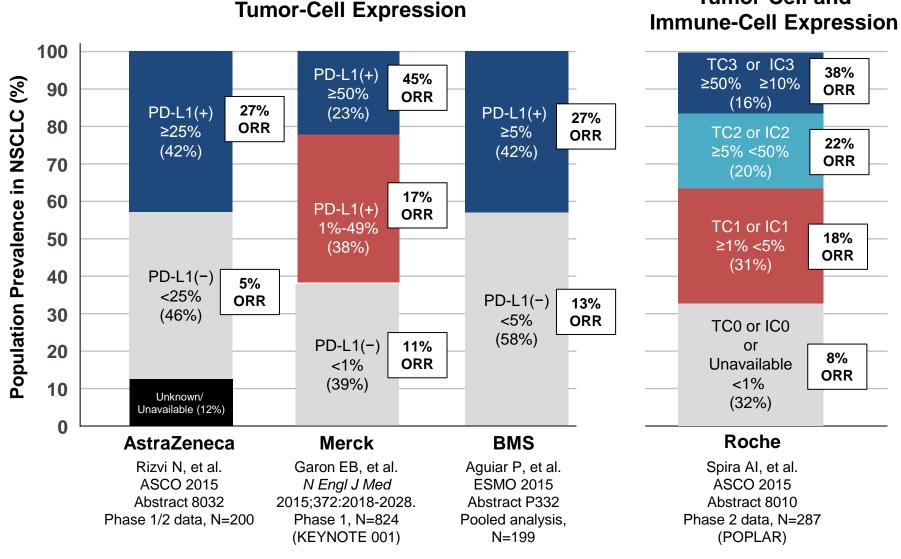
Endpoint	N=61
Overall Response Rate	
ORR%, (95% CI)	41% (29, 54)
Complete Response	0%
Partial Response	41%

# **Comparison of Companion Diagnostics in Development**

		Bristol-Myers Squibb	AstraZeneca	Roche	Pfizer MERCK
Lead Rx asset	Pembrolizumab KEYTRUDA (anti-PD-1)	Nivolumab OPDIVO (anti-PD-1)	Durvalumab (anti-PD-L1)	Atezolizumab (anti-PD-L1)	Avelumab (anti-PD-L1)
Diagnostic partner	Dako	Dako	Ventana	Ventana	Dako
Clones	22C3	28-8	SP263	SP142	?
Machines Utilized	Link 48	Link 48	BenchMark ULTRA	BenchMark ULTRA	?
Compartment	ТМ	ТМ	ТМ	TC/IC	?
Variables	% of cells	% of cells	% of cells	% of cells	?
Definition of positive	PD-L1(+): >1% Strong(+): >50%	PD-L1(+): >1% Strong(+): >5%	PD-L1(+): ≥25%	TC / IC 3(+) TC / IC 2(+) TC / IC 1(+) TC / IC 0(-)	?
	Approved				

IC, immune cells; TC, tumor cells; TM, tumor membrane.

# Summary of PD-L1+ Cutoffs



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**Tumor-Cell and** 

# How to Treat the Low PD-L1 Patient

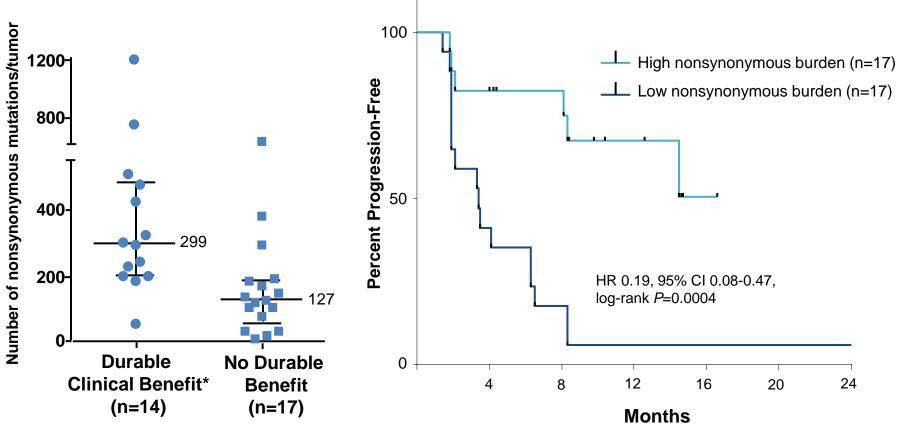
- Despite differences in histological subtype, antibody reagents used and cutoffs, trend is towards lower ORR for lower PD-L1 epression
- New agents may be needed to boost the ORR in the low expressing population
- New agents alone or in combination may boost the overall ORR irrespective of PD-L1 expression
- Treatment options for patients failing anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors

# CheckMate 012: Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in First-line NSCLC: Efficacy

	Nivo 1 + Ipi 1 Q3W	Nivo 1 Q2W + Ipi 1 Q6W	Nivo 3 Q2W + Ipi 1 Q12W	Nivo 3 Q2W + Ipi 1 Q6W
Confirmed ORR, %	13	25	39	31
Unconfirmed PR, %	3	3	5	8
Confirmed DCR, %	55	58	74	51
ORR in PD-L1 ≥1% (+)	8	24	48	48
ORR in PD-L1 negative	15	14	22	0

# Mutation Burden and Sensitivity to PD-1 Blockade in NSCLC

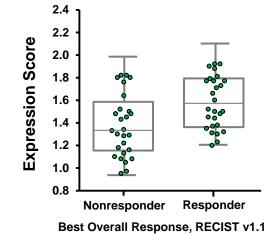
- Mutation burden was associated with improved objective response, durable clinical benefit, and longer PFS in patients treated with pembrolizumab
  - The median nonsynonymous mutation burden was 299 in the group of patients with durable clinical benefit versus 127 in the group of patients with no durable benefit (Mann-Whitney *P*=0.0008).



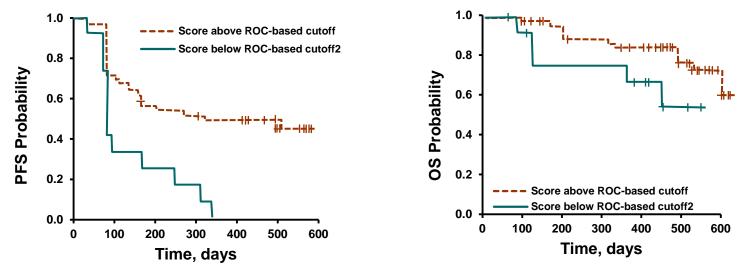
\*Partial or stable response lasting >6 months. Rizvi N, et al. Science. 2015;348(6230):124-128.

#### Association of Response to Pembrolizumab With an Interferon-Inflammatory Immune Gene Signature in Melanoma

 The 28-gene immune signature showed statistically significant associations with ORR (*P*=0.027) and PFS (*P*=0.015)



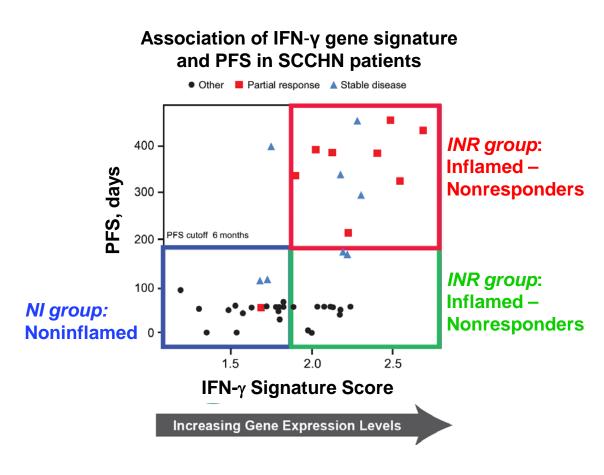
PFS and OS in patients with INF- $\gamma$  signature score above and below the cutoff



ROC=receiver operating characteristic. Ribas A, et al. ASCO 2015. Abstract 3001.

#### Correlation of Gene Expression Signatures and Clinical Outcomes in PD-L1(+) SCCHN Patients Treated With Pembrolizumab

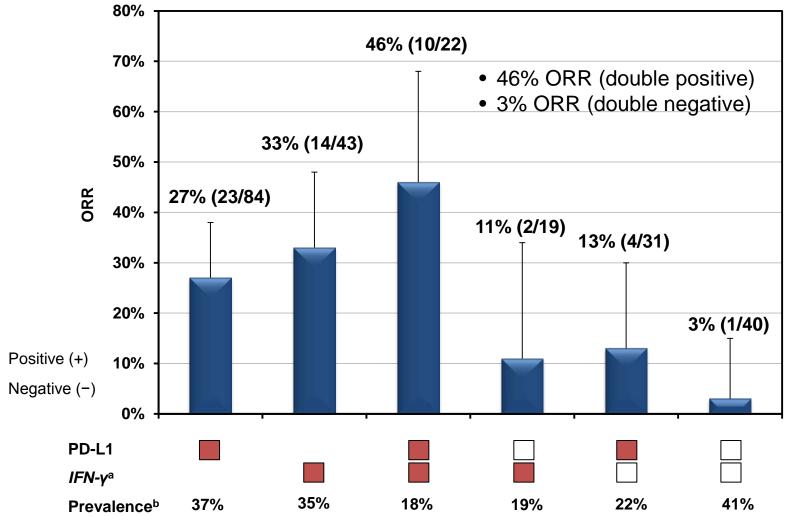
- The immune-related gene expression signatures identified in melanoma patients were independently tested in 43 patients with R/M PD-L1(+) SCCHN treated with pembrolizumab in the KEYNOTE-012 study
- Significant association was observed between the identified gene signatures and best overall response and PFS



#### Siewert TY, et al. ASCO 2015. Abstract 6017.

## Pretreatment PD-L1(+) and IFN-γ(+) NSCLC Patients May Respond Best to Durvalumab Monotherapy





<sup>a</sup>IFN-γ positivity was defined by a cycle threshold of less than 25. <sup>b</sup>Calculated prior to PD-L1 status enrichment; Error bars indicate 95% Cls; *IFN*γ(–) ORR=8% (6/79); PD-L1(–) ORR=5% (5/92). Higgs BW, et al. ECC 2015. Abstract 15LBA.

# Phase 3 First-Line Combination NSCLC Trials (all PD-L1 unselected)

Treatment	Ν	Arms		
Checkmate 227		lpi, Nivo	Chemo	OS
Mystic		Durva, Treme	Chemo	PFS
Neptune	800	Durva, Treme	Chemo	OS
IMpower 111	400	Atezo	Chemo	PFS
IMpower 130	400	Atezo	Chemo	PFS
IMpower 150	1200	Atezo, Chemo, Bev	Chemo, Bev	PFS
IMpower 131	1200	Atezo, Chemo	Chemo	PFS

# **Current IO Combinations in Development Exploit Similar Mechanisms**

Target	Agent	Combination	Mechanisms Provided by the Combination
4-1BB	PF-05082566	Pembrolizumab	Co-stimulation agonist and checkpoint inhibitor
LAG-3	BMS-986016	Nivolumab	Two checkpoint inhibitors
LAG-3	LAG-525	PDR001	Two checkpoint inhibitors
OX40	MOXR0916	Atezolizumab	Co-stimulation agonist and checkpoint inhibitor
CD27	Varlilumab	Nivolumab	Co-stimulation agonist and checkpoint inhibitor
B7-H3	MGA-271	Pembrolizumab	Co-stimulation agonist and checkpoint inhibitor

Opportunity for a T-cell expanding agent to be developed in the future

# **Summary and Conclusions**

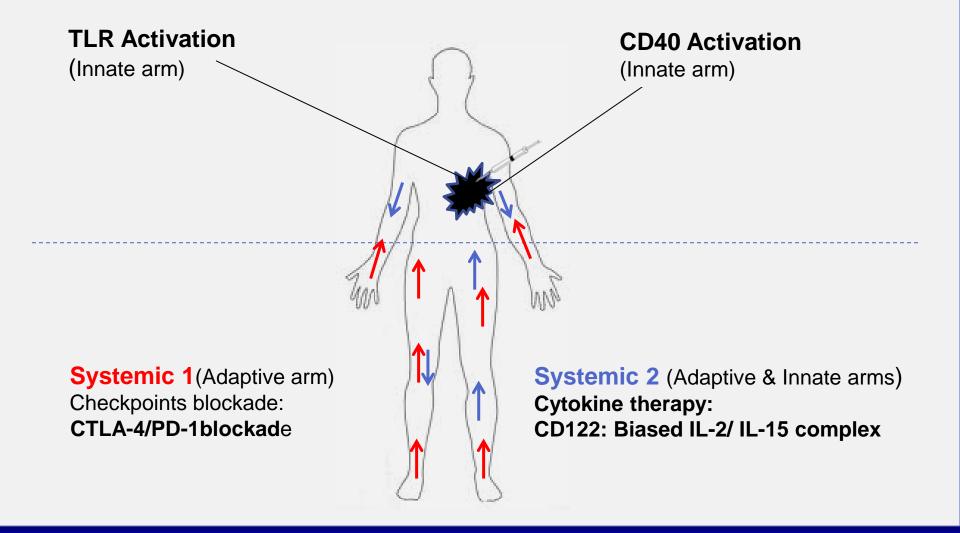
- Immunotherapy has played a surprisingly important role in NSCLC; chemo and targeted therapies have led historically
- Single agent anti-PD1 tends to benefit patients who express PD-L1
  - The large majority do not respond however
- Combination immunotherapies must employ multiple complementary immune activation mechanisms
  - Ultimately T cells require an agonist signal through the IL-2 pathway
- Agonizing the IL-2 pathway may increase the number and duration of responders for patients with lung cancer

## Clinical and Biomarker Strategy for NKTR-214 Development Translating into the Clinic

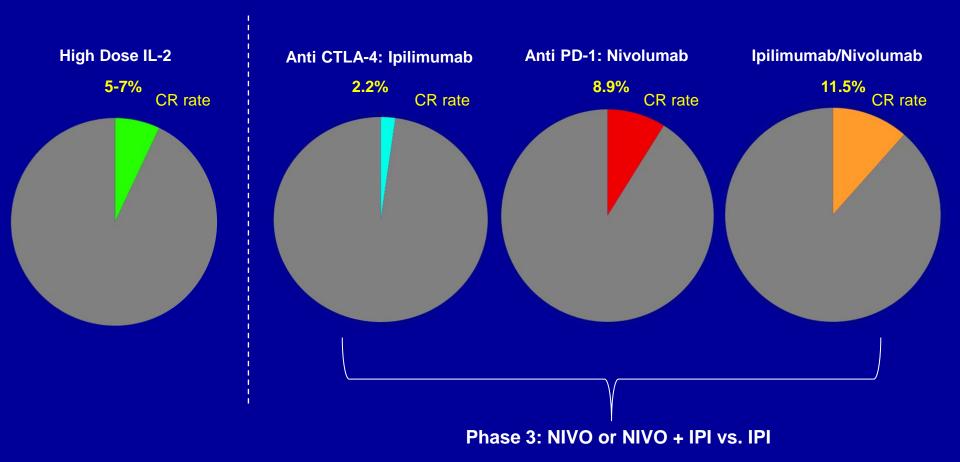
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## **4 Pillars of Immunotherapy**

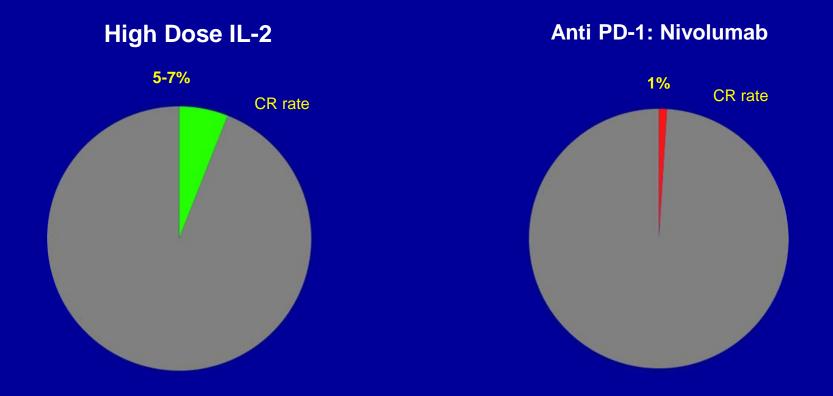


#### **Complete Response Rate in Immunotherapy Metastatic Melanoma**



Larkin J et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1504030

#### Complete Response Rate in Immunotherapy Renal Cell Carcinoma



#### Fisher RI et al .*Cancer J Sci Am.* 2000 Feb;6 Suppl 1:S55-7. Fyfe G, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 1995 Mar;13(3):688–696.

#### How to Improve Clinical Benefit of IL-2

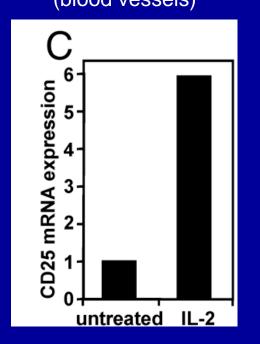
#### **Decrease Toxicity**

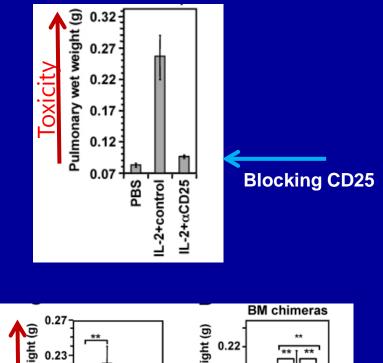


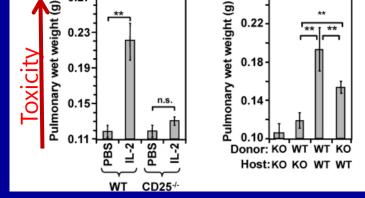
#### Increase Efficacy

## Vascular Leak Syndrome/Capillary Leak Syndrome: The Critical Role of CD25/IL-2Rα

#### CD25 expressed on lung endothelial cells (blood vessels)

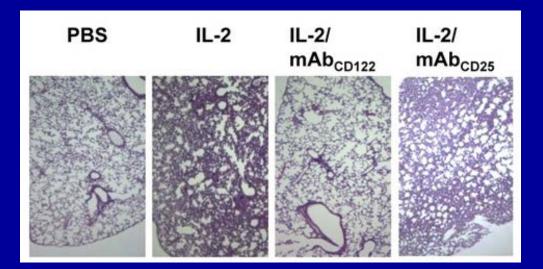


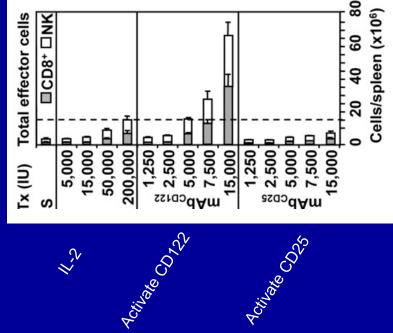




#### Improved IL-2 Immunotherapy by Selective Stimulation of IL-2 Receptors on Lymphocytes and Endothelial Cells

NKTR-214 mitigates both the immune suppression and the stimulation of CD25 expressed on endothelial cells





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#### **IL-2 as Immune Inhibitor/Stimulator**

# The promise of low-dose interleukin-2 therapy for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases

David Klatzmann<sup>1–3</sup> and Abul K. Abbas<sup>4</sup>

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#### CUTTING EDGE

Cutting Edge: A Regulatory T Cell-Dependent Novel Function of CD25 (IL-2R $\alpha$ ) Controlling Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cell Homeostasis<sup>1</sup>

Rahul Sharma, Lingjie Zheng, Umesh S. Deshmukh, Wael N. Jarjour, Sun-sang J. Sung, Shu Man Fu,<sup>2</sup> and Shyr-Te Ju<sup>2,3</sup>

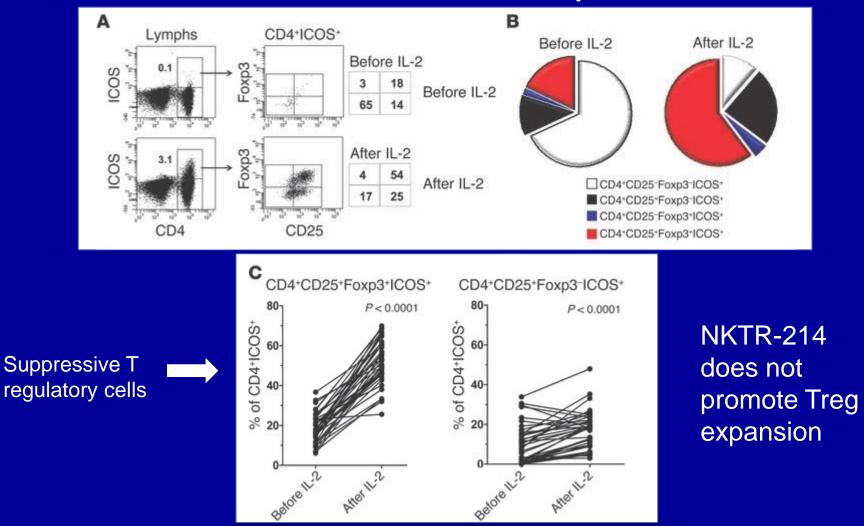
#### Interleukin 2 Signaling Is Required for CD4<sup>+</sup> Regulatory T Cell Function

Gláucia C. Furtado,<sup>1</sup> Maria A. Curotto de Lafaille,<sup>1</sup> Nino Kutchukhidze,<sup>1</sup> and Juan J. Lafaille<sup>1,2</sup>

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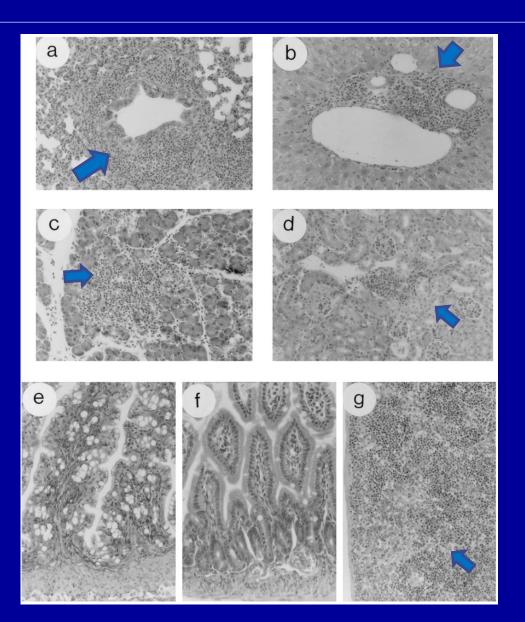
## IL-2 Therapy Promotes Suppressive ICOS<sup>+</sup> Treg Expansion in Melanoma Patients

HD IL2 increases CD4+CD25+Foxp3+ICOS+



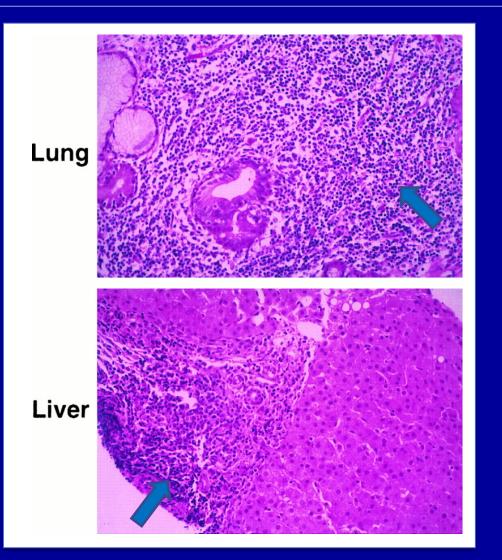
Sim G et al J Clin Invest. 2014;124(1):99-110. doi:10.1172/JCI46266.

## Phenotype of IL-2R α/CD25 KO



Extensive lymphocyte hyperplasia in all tissues

## Human Immune Disorder Arising From Mutation of the α Chain of the Interleukin-2 Receptor

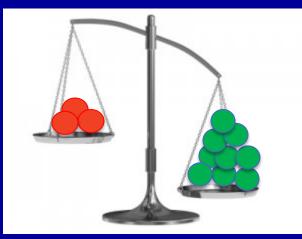


Extensive lymphocytic infiltration of tissues, including lung, liver, gut, and bone, is observed, accompanied by tissue atrophy and inflammation.

#### How to Improve Clinical Benefit of IL-2

Biased activation of IL-2Rβγ (CD122/132) with reduced IL-2Rα (CD25) binding

**Decrease Toxicity** 



**Increase Efficacy** 

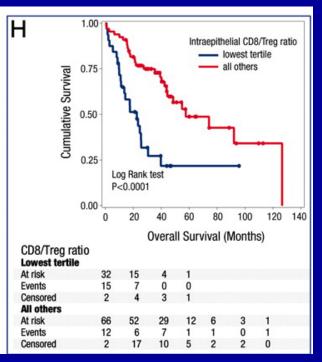
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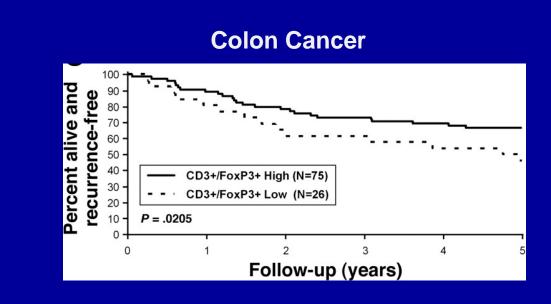
## **Nonclinical Toxicology Summary**

- Findings from toxicology studies were consistent with the immunostimulatory mechanism of action of NKTR-214
- NKTR-214 results compared to IL-2 (literature):
  - No hypotension, vascular leak or anemia in animals
  - NKTR-214 was better tolerated despite higher cytokine exposure
- Similar degree of immune stimulation at MTD compared to that seen at efficacious dose levels
- NKTR-214 has a wider therapeutic margin compared to IL-2

Intraepithelial CD8<sup>+</sup> Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes and a High CD8<sup>+</sup> / Regulatory T Cell Ratio are Associated With Favorable Prognosis in Ovarian Cancer

#### **Ovarian Cancer**

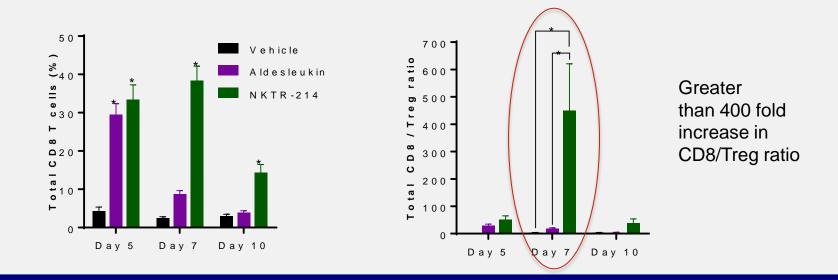


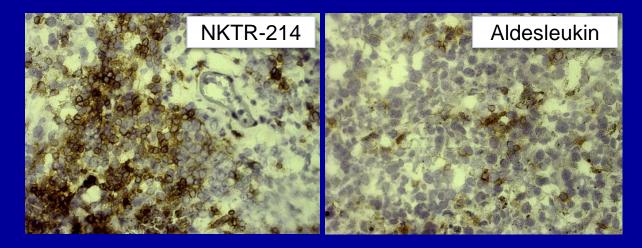


Multiple clinical and pre clinical studies have demonstrated that an <u>elevated CD8/Treg</u> ratio at the tumor site is associated with a <u>better prognosis</u>.

Frank A. Sinicrope et al. *Gastroenterology*, 2009; 137: 1270–1279

#### NKTR-214 vs. Aldesleukin Single Agent in B16 (Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes)

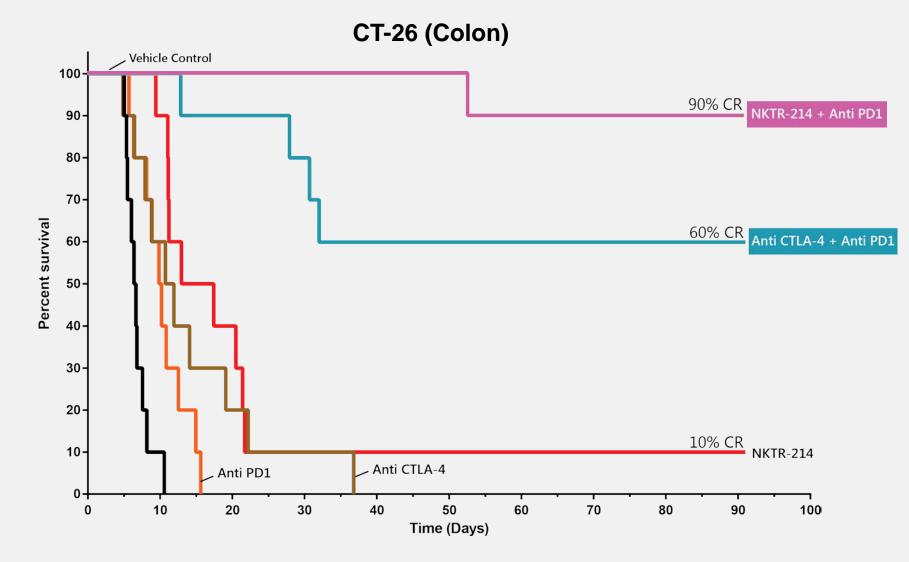




B16F10 melanoma, C57Bl/6 mice NKTR-214, 2mg/kg i.v. single-dose Aldesleukin, 3mg/kg i.p. qdx5 N=6-13/group \*, *p*<0.05, ANOVA with Tukey's post-test

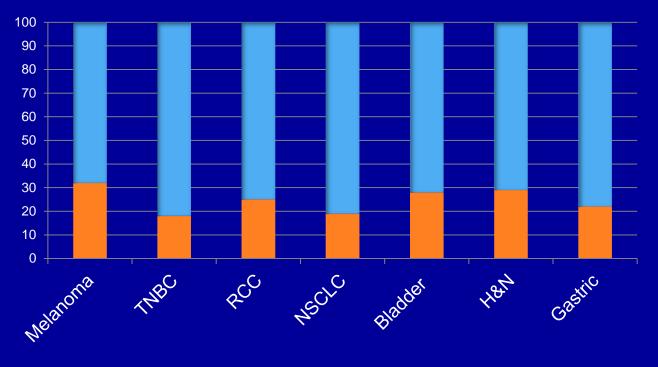
Tumor cells, purple CD8 T cells, brown

#### Synergistic Response With NKTR-214 & Anti-PD-1 Combination in Mouse Colon Cancer Model



Source: Nektar Therapeutics. CT-26 Colon Model, End Points: Tumor Volume Growth to 400% Deep Tumor Lesion, N=12; Dosing: NKTR-214: 0.8 mg/kg Q9Dx3; Anti CTLA-4: 100 µg; Anti PD1: 200 µg; NKTR-214, 0.8 mg/kg (Day 4) + Anti PD1 200 µg (Day 0); Anti CTLA-4, 100 µg (Day 0) + Anti PD1, 200 µg (Day 0)

## The Majority of Patients Do Not Respond to Anti-PD1/PD-L1 Across Multiple Tumor Types



■ % Responders ■ % Non-responders

Melanoma: Opdivo (nivolumab) package insert
TNBC: Nanda et al, San Antonio Breast Cancer Conference 2014
RCC: Motzer et al, New Engl. J. Med 2015, Nivolumab vs Everolimus
NSCLC: Borghaiei et al, New Engl. J. Med 2015, Nivolumab vs. docetaxel non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer
Bladder: Plimack et al, ASCO 2015, pembrolizumab for urothelial bladder cancer, Keynote 012
H&N: Seiwert et al, ASCO 2015, pembrolizumab in head and neck cancer (HNSCC) Keynote 012
Gastric: Bang et al, ASCO 2015, pembrolizumab in gastric cancer Keynote 012

#### Advantages of NKTR-214 Over Checkpoint Inhibitors

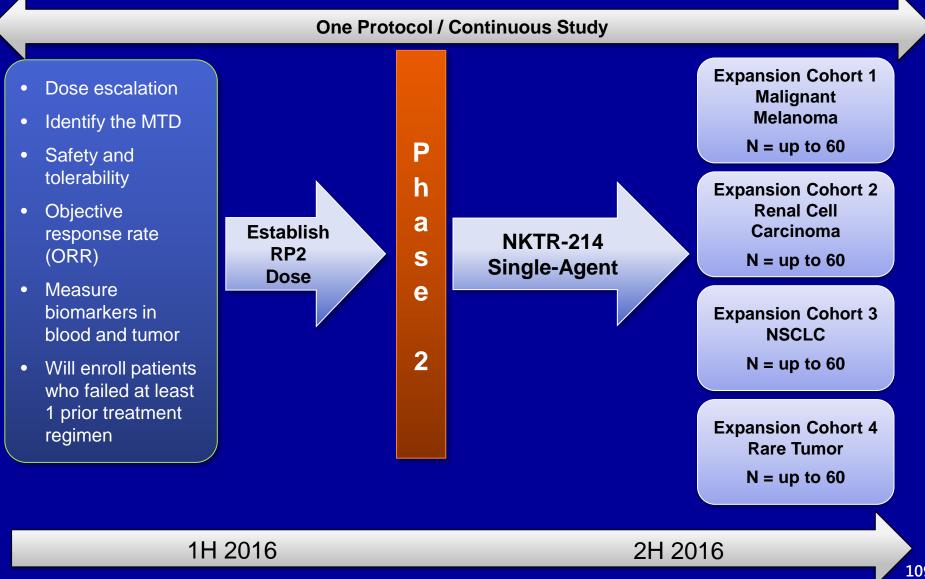
- Pre-clinical animal models in multiple cell lines demonstrated superior single agent activity of NKTR-214 vs. anti-PD1 and anti-CTLA-4
- NKTR-214 leads to greater expansion of CD8+ memory effector T cells vs. checkpoint inhibitors
- NKTR-214 increases NK cells
- Combination strategies with IO therapies that have nonoverlapping mechanisms of action can lead to improved efficacy

## Phase 1/2 Clinical Plan

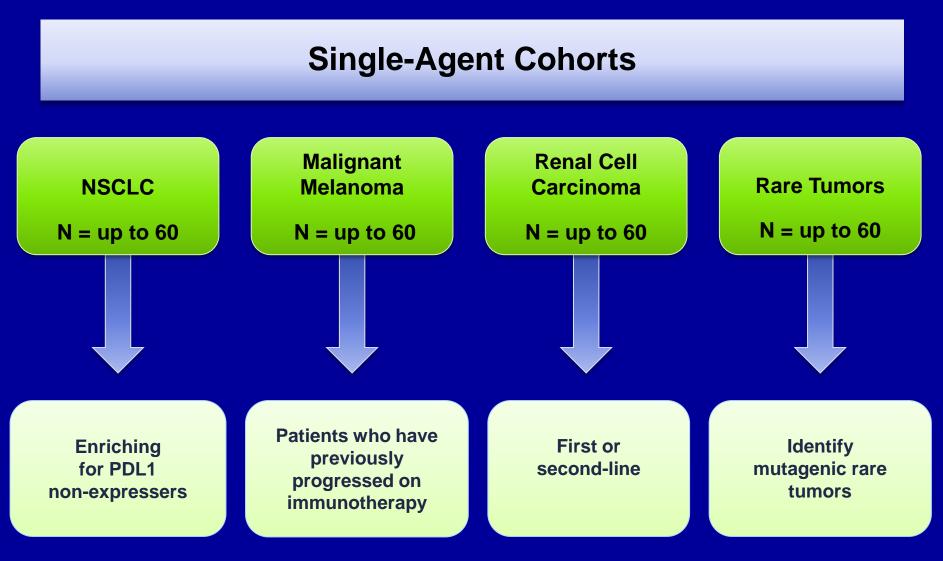
#### **Initial Planned Study Sites & Investigators**

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  - Patrick Hwu, MD & Adi Diab, MD
- Yale Cancer Center
  - Mario Sznol, MD
- California Pacific Medical Center
  - Kevin Kim, MD

## NKTR-214 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial: **Single-Agent Strategy**



#### **Clinical Development Opportunities for Expansion Cohorts for Potential Accelerated Pathways**



## Phase 1/2 Primary and Secondary Endpoints

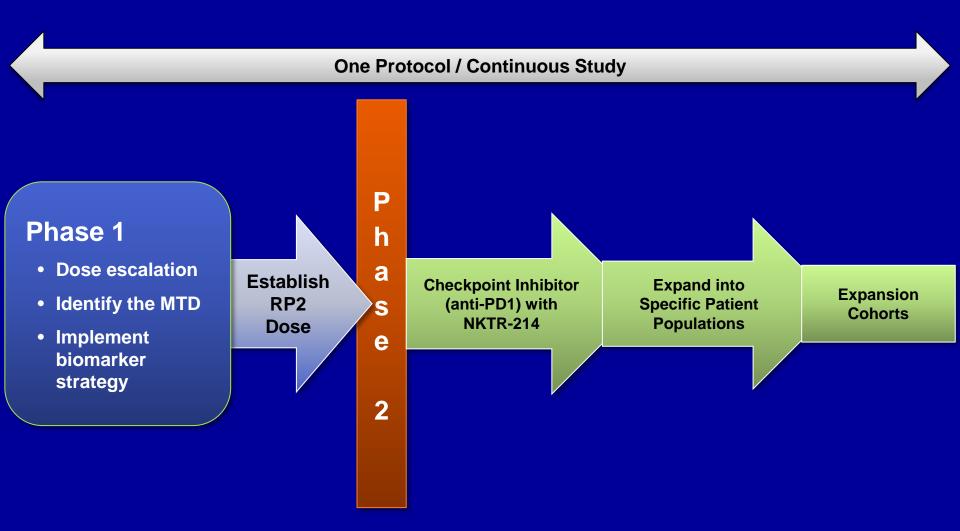
#### **Primary Endpoints**

- Identify the maximum tolerated dose (MTD)
- Safety and tolerability
- Objective response rate (ORR)

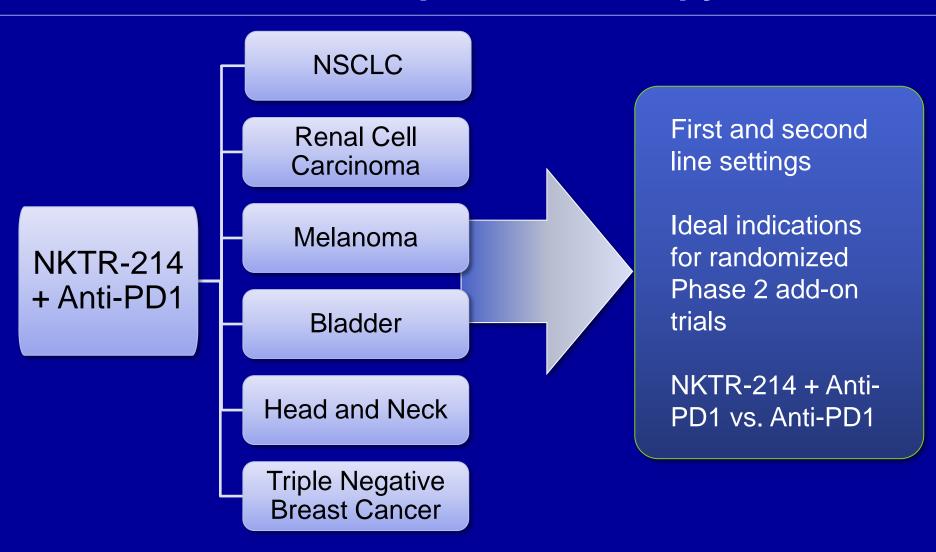
#### Secondary Efficacy Endpoints

- Clinical benefit rate
- Median time to response
- Duration of response
- Total lymphocyte count
- Progression free survival
- Overall survival
- Biomarkers in blood and tumor tissue

## NKTR-214 Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial: Combination or Sequential Strategy



## **Clinical Development Opportunities for Combination or Sequential Therapy**



### Strategy to Identify Predictive and Diagnostic Biomarkers for NKTR-214

## Primary pharmacodynamics of NKTR-214

- IL-2 pathway activation
- Induction of immune activity

*Lymphocyte levels, sCD25, cytokines* 

Baseline and on-treatment measurements in blood and tumor

## Induction of an anti-tumor immune response

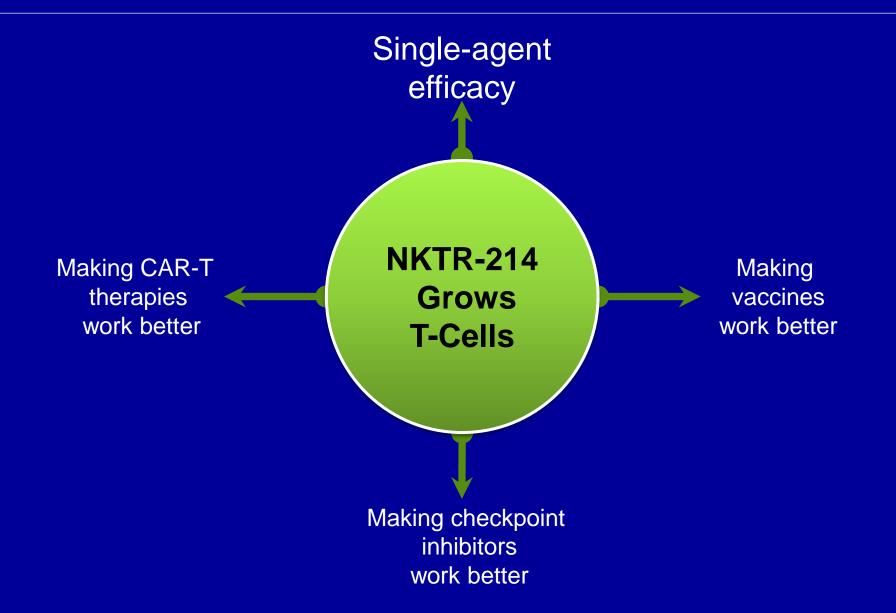
- T-cell infiltration
- Generation of an immuno-activated environment
- Overcoming T-cell exhaustion
- Change in immune tolerance to tumor

IHC, TIL analysis and enumeration, gene expression changes, T-cell receptor repertoire, mutational load

#### Key Takeaways

- NKTR-214 grows T cells
- NKTR-214 increases Natural Killer (NK) cells
- NKTR-214 could potentiate all IO therapies
- NKTR-214 could become the ideal immune-stimulating agent

#### **NKTR-214 Opportunity**



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