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Engineering Trispecific T-cell Engagers to Address Biological Challenges in the Treatment of Solid Tumors

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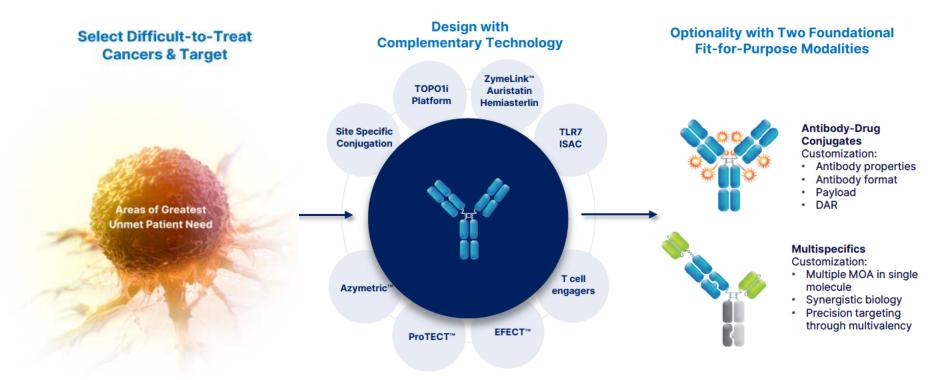


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### **ADC and Multispecific Modalities Driving Our Pipeline**





Goal of 5 New INDs by 2027

DAR: drug to antibody ratio; ISAC: immune stimulating antibody conjugate; MOA: mechanism of action

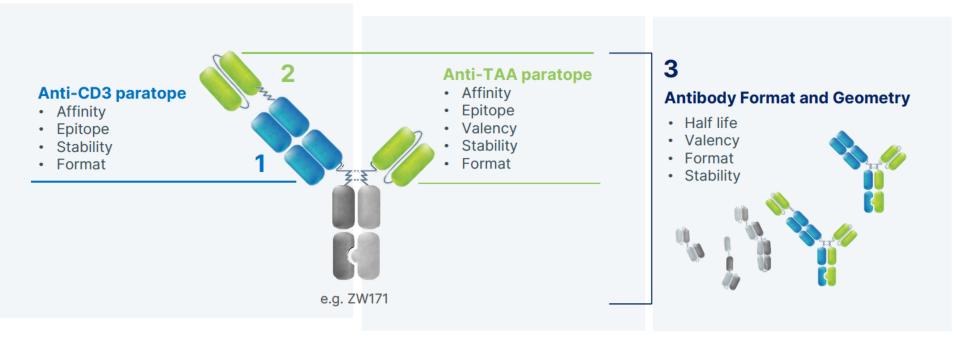


Multispecific Antibody Therapeutic (MSAT) Program

### Multispecific Antibody Therapeutics Development

### Comprehensive Engineering Solutions Applied to Optimize Fit for Purpose Therapeutics

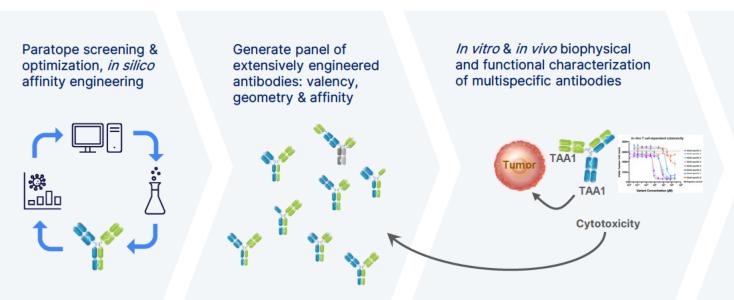




T cell engager antibody design is critical for a widened therapeutic index and optimal T cell synapse formation

## Core Competency of Protein Engineering and Flexibility of Azymetric™ Platform Enables Screening of Multiple Parameters in Parallel





### Single lead optimized to:

- Target TAA overexpressing cells
- Improve T cell responses
- Maximize therapeutic index
- Modulate cytokine release

- Core competency of protein engineering harnessed to engineer and optimize multiple parameters in silico
- Flexibility of Azymetric<sup>™</sup> platform enabled extensive screening of antibodies based on valency, geometry, and affinity

### Differentiated Development of Multispecific Antibody Therapeutics



### Versatile multispecific antibody therapeutics optimizing potency and precision with proven track record and robust clinical pipeline

Program	Potential Indication	Target(s)	Preclinical Phase 1 Phase 2 Pivo	tal Collaboration Partners
Zanidatamab Bispecific	втс	HER2 x HER2	HERIZON-BTC-01	Jazz Prarmaosuticals.
	GEA	HER2 x HER2	HERIZON-GEA-01	Jazz Pharmacouticals.
	BC and other solid tumors	HER2 x HER2	8+ ongoing Phase 1 & Phase 2 trials (view)	Jazz Pharmaceuticals.  MBei Gene
<b>ZW171</b> Bispecific T-Cell Engager	Pancreatic, OVCA, CRC	MSLN x CD3 (2+1)	On track for IND filing in 2024	
TriTCE Co-Stimulatory Trispecific T cell engager	Under active evaluation	CLDN18.2 x CD3 x CD28	Pilot toxicology studies	
TriTCE Checkpoint Inhibition Trispecific T cell engager	Under active evaluation	TAA x PD-L1 x CD3	Pilot toxicology studies	
Selected Partnered Programs JNJ-78278343 Bispecific	Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer	CD3 x KLK2	Azymetric™   EFECT™	JohnsonsJohnson
Undisclosed Bispecific	Oncology	Undisclosed	Azymetric™   EFECT™	t <sup>ill</sup> i Bristo⊦Myers¹ Squibb⁻

Original Agreement with Celgene (now a Bristol-Myers Squibb company).

BTC: biliary tract cancer; CLDN: claudin; CRC: colorectal cancer, GEA: gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma; HER2: human epidermal growth factor 2; IND: investigational new drug; BC: breast cancer; MSLN: mesothelin; OVCA: ovarian cancer; TAA: tumor associated antigen; TriTCE: trispecific t-cell engager





## **ZW171** MSLN x CD3 Multispecific

A bispecific T-cell engager on track for IND filing in 2024



### Design

Optimized 2+1 avidity driven geometry incorporating novel low affinity CD3 binder to direct T-cell targeting of MSLN expressing tumors



### Mechanism

Engages immune system via MSLN-dependent T-cell activation to direct efficient tumor killing with limited cytokine release



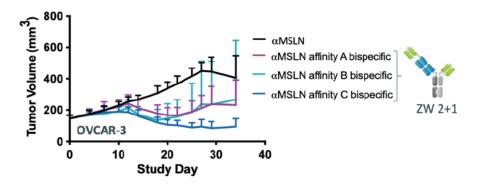
### **Profile**

Enhanced anti-tumor activity and safety profile in preclinical models supports opportunity to overcome clinical limitations of prior MSLN-directed therapies



## ZW171 Lead Candidate Confirmed through Format and Affinity Screening In Vivo

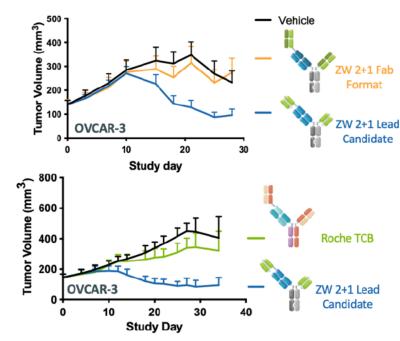
### **Anti-MSLN Paratope Affinity is Critical**



In vivo anti-tumor activity evaluated with established tumor models that have reduced sensitivity compared to co-implantation (tumor + PBMC) models

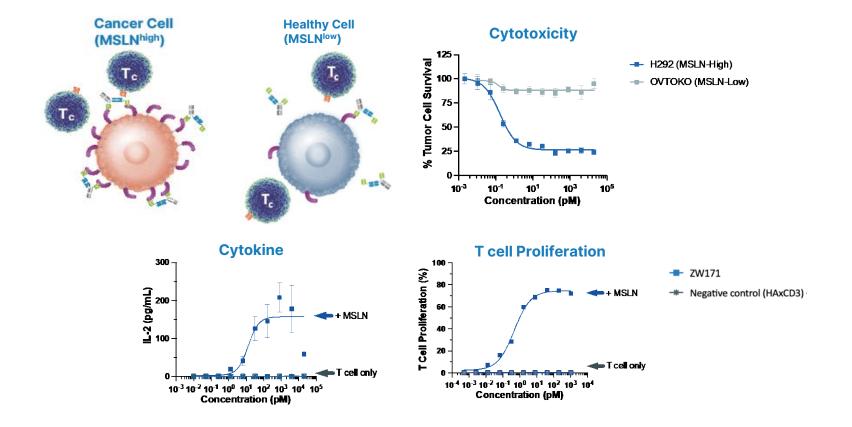


### 2 + 1 Geometry is Critical



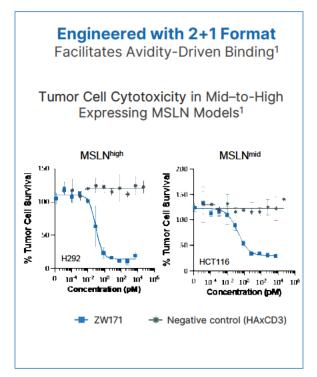
### **ZW171 Induces Potent MSLN-Dependent Cytotoxicity and T Cell Activation**

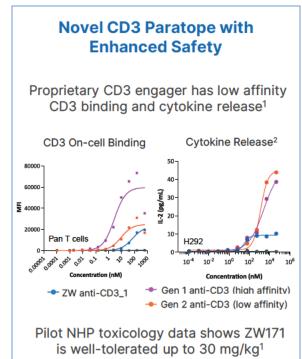


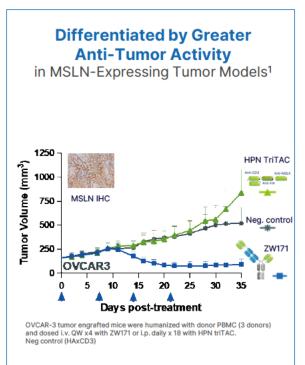


## ZW171: MSLN x CD3 T Cell Engaging Multispecific Designed to Expand the Therapeutic Window









bsAb: bispecific antibody; Gen: generation; MSLN: mesothelin

1. Afacan N et al., Abstract #2942 presented at AACR 2023 2. Cytokine release from T cell dependent cytotoxicity assay with pan T cells and H292 tumor cells at 5:1 E:T



Multispecific Antibody Therapeutic Development

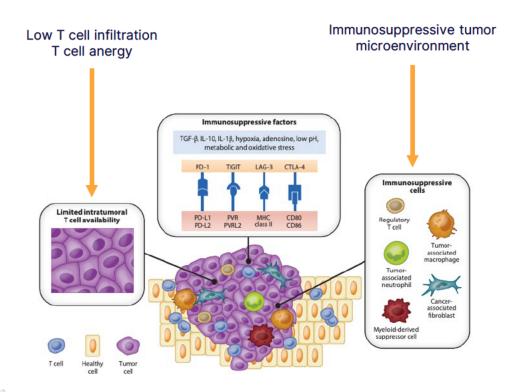
Beyond Bispecific TCE

TriTCE to Address Biological Challenges in the

**Treatment of Solid Tumors** 

## Challenges Remain: Solid Tumors Present Obstacles not Found in Blood Cancers





Arvedson T et al Ann Rev Cancer Biol 2022

## Zymeworks Multispecific T Cell Engager Strategy: Utilizing Azymetric™ to Build Differentiated & Next Generation Multispecific T Cell Engagers



### **Biological Problem**

Limited T cell intratumoral availability and T cell anergy in solid tumors

Immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment limiting T cell responses in solid tumors

### **Zymeworks Solution**

#### **TriTCE Co-stimulation**

Increase T cell fitness, activation and proliferation via tumor-dependent T cell co-stimulation

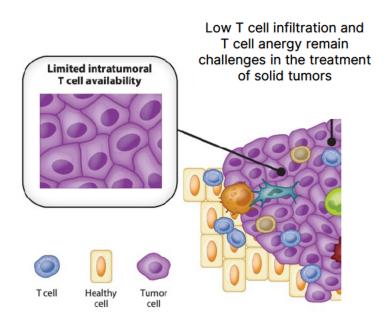
### **TriTCE Checkpoint Inhibitor**

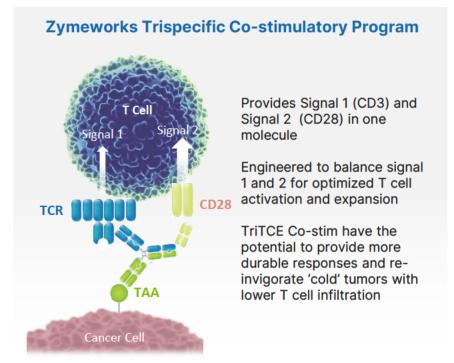
Increase T cell responses through simultaneous checkpoint blockade and avidity-driven binding





## Zymeworks Trispecific Co-stimulatory T Cell Engagers: Overcoming Lack of Efficacy and Durability of Responses in Solid Tumors by Optimization of Signal 1 and 2

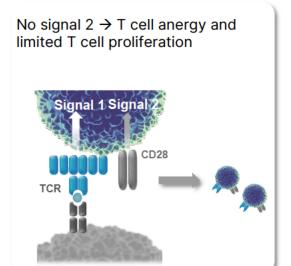




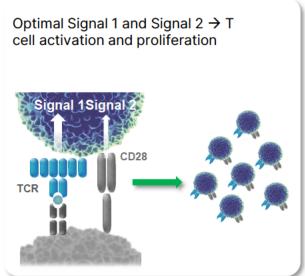
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## Balance of T Cell Activation by Signal 1 and Signal 2 Critical to Achieve Optimal T Cell Activation and Prevent Severe Adverse Events

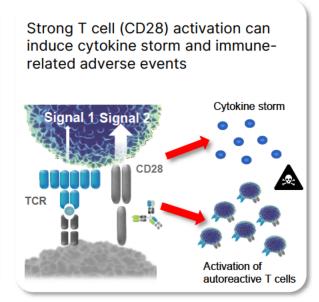




T cell anergy, reduced T cell activation and proliferation



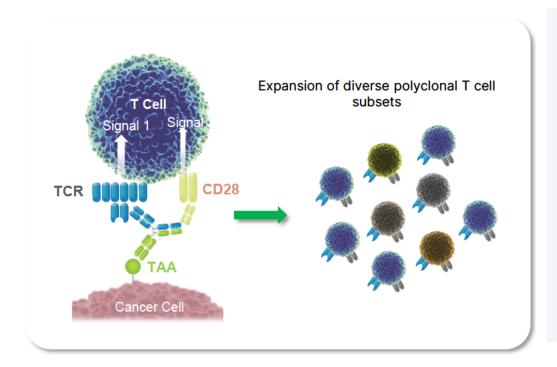
Optimal signal strength for T cell activation:



T cell overactivation potential toxicities

### Zymeworks TriTCE Co-stim: TAA-Dependent T Cell Activation and Conditional CD28 Co-stimulation



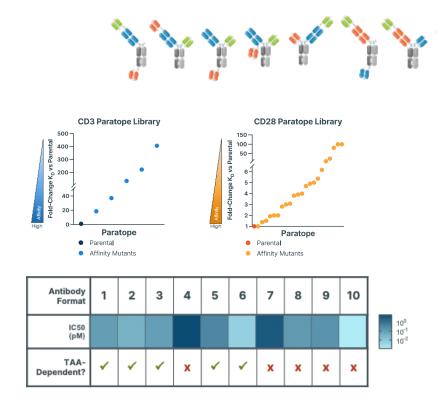


### **Design Criteria**

- ✓ Trispecific that provides Signal 1 and 2 in one molecule
- $\checkmark$  Optimized αCD3 and αCD28 affinities and formats to enhance T cell activation and expansion
- ✓ Conditional CD28 co-stimulation, dependent on CD3 engagement and TAA expression
- ✓ Target-dependent T cell activation, no T cell activity in the absence of target antigen
- Enhanced antitumor activity and CD28-dependent functionality compared to CD3xTAA bispecific

## Engineering and Screening Approaches Enable Identification of Optimal Format and Paratope Affinities for Robust 'Signal 1' + 'Signal 2' T Cell Activation and Synapse Formation

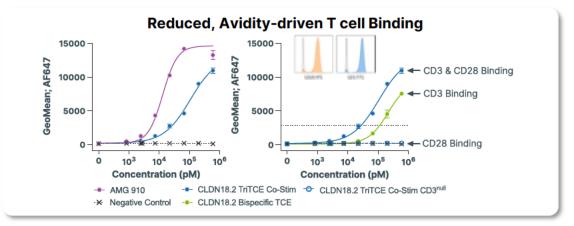


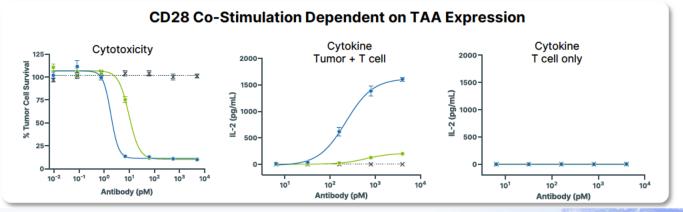


- Engineering solutions employed to optimize signal strength for T cell activation and anti-tumor activity, including modifications paratope affinities and antibody format geometries
- In vitro screening identified TriTCE Costim molecules with enhanced TAAdependent anti-tumor activity compared to a bispecific TCE, and transferability across TAA targets

## CLDN18.2 TriTCE Co-stim Mediate Conditional CD28 Co-stimulation Dependent on CD3 Engagement and TAA Expression

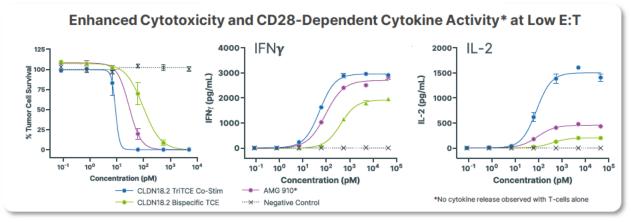


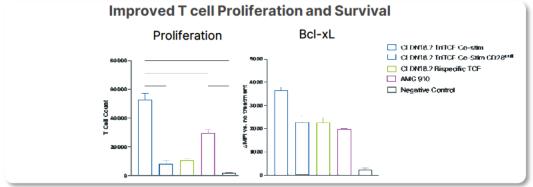




## TriTCE Co-stim Enhance T Cell Responses at Low Effector to Target Cell Ratios

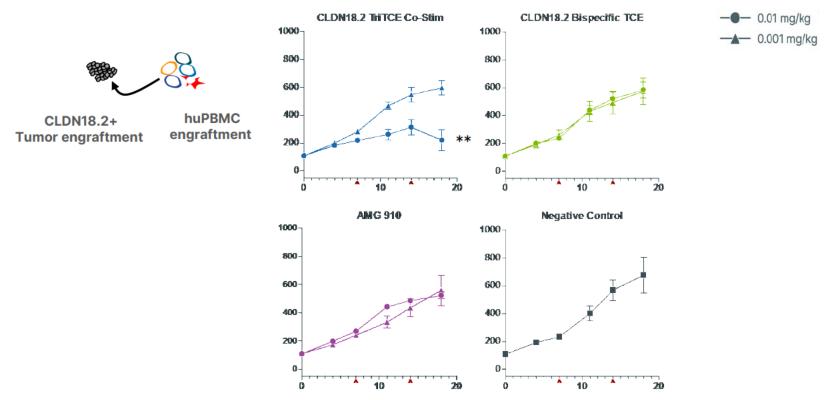






## CLDN18.2 TriTCE Molecule Show Greater Anti-tumor Activity Compared to Bispecific TCE







### Next Generation CD28 Co-stimulatory Trispecific T cell Engager

Designed to provide more durable responses in solid tumors and superior activity in 'cold' tumors



### Therapeutic Rationale

Next Gen TriTCE Co-stim can provide increased T cell fitness, activation, and proliferation via tumor-dependent T cell co-stimulation



### **Product Differentiation**

Novel approach of modular geometry and avidity screening of trispecifics to optimize T cell activation by Signal 1 and Signal 2

TriTCE Co-stim show superior anti-tumor activity to bispecific benchmarks and exhibit no activation of T cells in absence of tumor cells

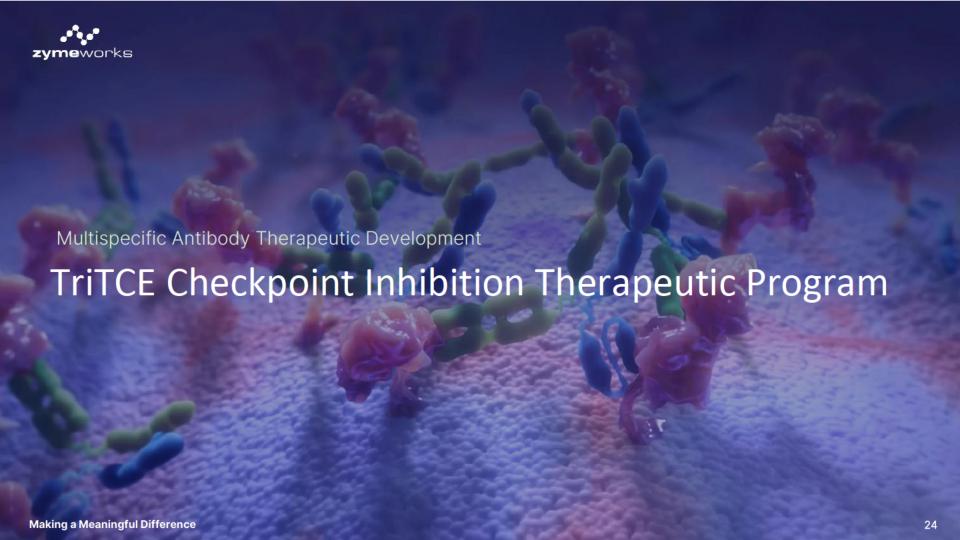


### **Next Milestones**

Additional mechanistic and safety data to be presented at SITC 2023, Abstract #1372

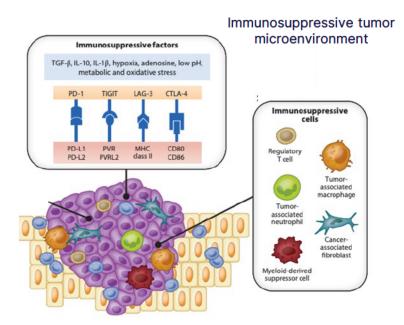
Pilot toxicology studies and PK analyses with lead CLDN18.2 Co-stim

Expand utility to additional tumor targets

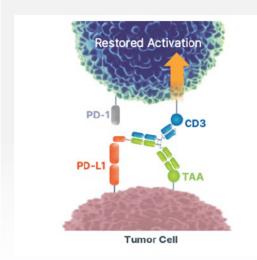


## Zymeworks Trispecific Checkpoint Inhibition: Integrated Checkpoint Inhibition (CPI) for the Treatment of Solid Tumors





### **Zymeworks Trispecific Checkpoint Inhibition (CPI) Program**



Trispecific with integrated CD3 and PD-L1 engagement (engineered PD1 domain)

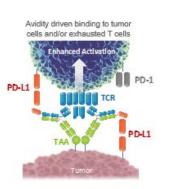
Engineered for enhanced activity in TAA+PDL1+ tumors with multiple MOA

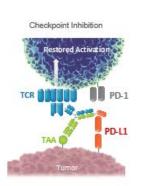
TriTCE CPI have the potential to enhance T cell responses in immunosuppressed and exhausted T cell microenvironments

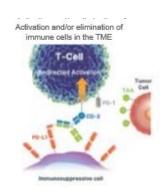
## TriTCE CPI: Next Generation Trispecific T Cell Engagers (TriTCE) with Integrated Checkpoint Inhibition (CPI) for the Treatment of Solid Tumors



Proposed mechanisms of action for TriTCE CPI therapeutics





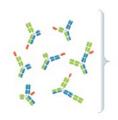


Improve T cell responses and anti-tumor activity in immunosuppressed solid tumors via concurrent T cell activation and checkpoint inhibition

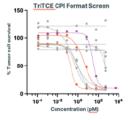
### Different TriTCE CPI geometries and PD-L1 affinities were screened for increased T cell-dependent cytotoxicity



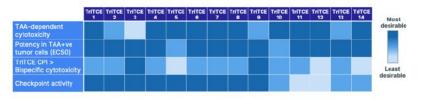
Engineered PD1 domain library with various domain affinities



Panel of molecules including modifications PD1 domain affinities and antibody format geometries







In vitro screening identified TriTCE CPI molecules with enhanced TAAdependent anti-tumor activity and CPI compared to a bispecific TCE

Poffenberger MC et al., TriTCE CPI, next generation trispecific T cell engagers with integrated checkpoint inhibition (CPI) for the treatment of solid tumors. Abstract #2982 presented at American Association for Cancer Research annual meeting 2023.



### Next Generation PD1 Checkpoint Inhibition Trispecific T cell Engager

Designed to provide more durable responses in immunosuppressed solid tumors



### **Therapeutic Rationale**

Next Gen TriTCE CPI can provide increased T cell responses in suppressive tumor microenvironments



### **Product Differentiation**

Novel approach of modular geometry and avidity screening of trispecifics to optimize avidity-driven activity and checkpoint inhibition

TriTCE CPI show superior anti-tumor activity to bispecific benchmarks and exhibit no activation of T cells in absence of tumor cells



### **Next Milestones**

Additional mechanistic and safety data to be presented at SITC 2023, Abstract #4766

Pilot toxicology studies and PK analyses

Expand utility to additional tumor targets

### **Summary**



- Protein engineering strengths and Azymetric<sup>™</sup> platform enables comprehensive design and screening of multiple parameters in parallel
- ZW171 is a 2+1 bispecific TCE with a promising antitumor and safety profile and has the potential for first or best in class treatment for the treatment of MSLN expressing tumors
- TriTCE Co-stim molecule have differentiated antitumor activity in low E:T settings and have potential in improve responses in tumors with low T cell infiltration
- TriTCE CPI molecules have differentiated antitumor activity in TAA+PD-L1+ tumors and have potential to improve responses in immunosuppressed tumors

