

Engineering trispecific and multivalent molecules: Design for selectivity and potency

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What is a Tri- or Multispecific Antibody?

An antibody with more than one targeted specificity, excluding the Fc!

New international nonproprietary names (INN) nomenclature adopted in 2021

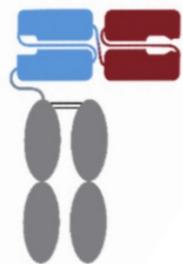
'mig' introduced, stands for multispecific immunoglobulin

'mig' covers all antibodies with **more than one specificity, regardless of format, type, or shape**

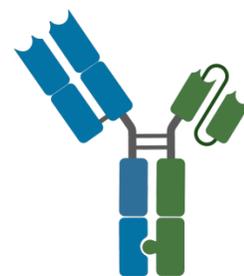
'mig' does not define whether Fc is present, engineered or effector silenced/enhanced

Antibody fusion proteins, including bsAbs, use fusion protein nomenclature (*-afusp*)

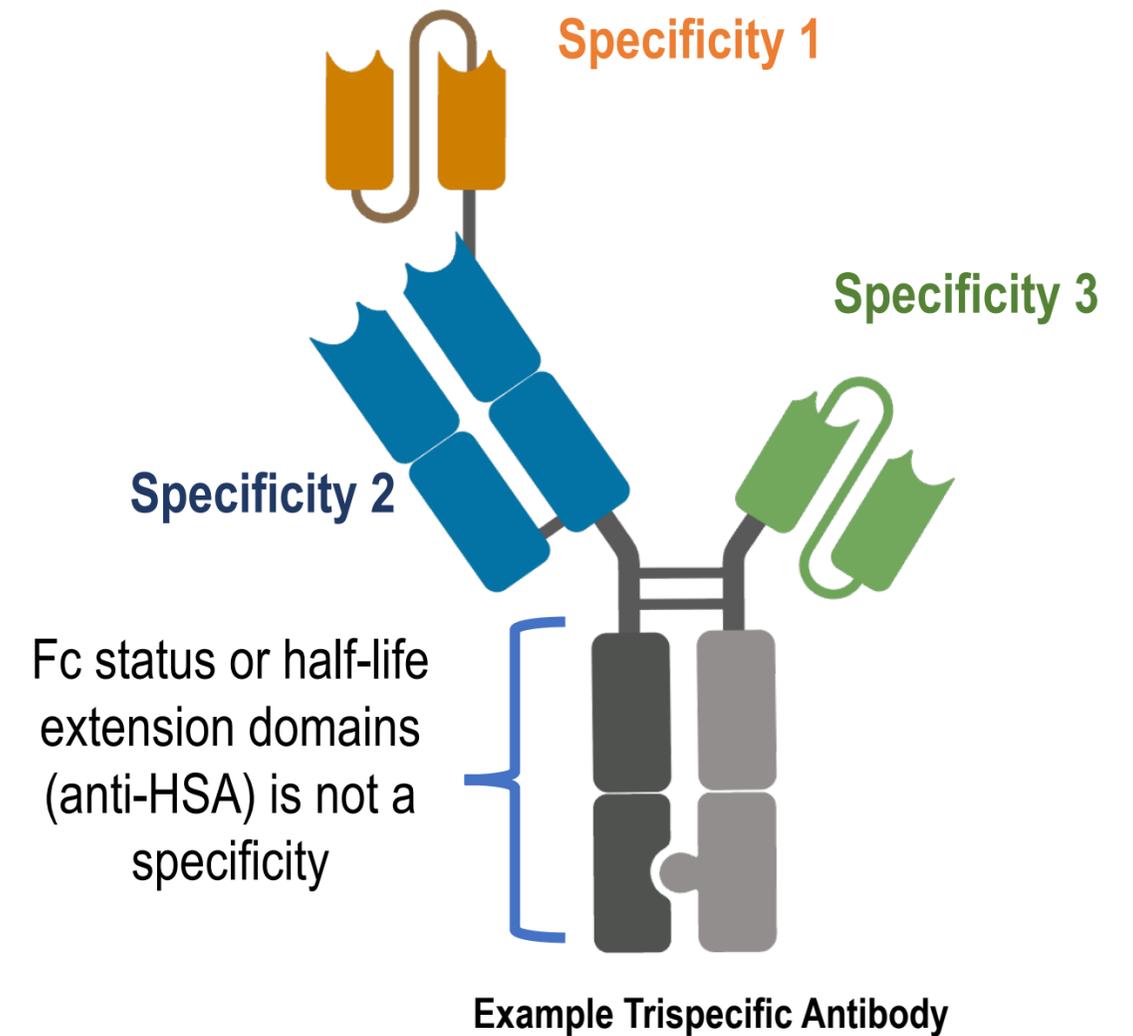
Bispecific Antibody Examples
(INN prior to 2021)



tarlatamab
CD3 x DLL3
IgG1 Fc silenced



zanidatamab
HER2 (ECD2) x HER2 (ECD4)
IgG1 Fc competent



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APPROVAL TIMELINE 2014 – 2025



BISPECIFIC ANTIBODY APPROVALS IN ONCOLOGY



LIQUID / BLOOD CANCERS

Hematologic malignancies

8 agents

✓ Blinatumomab	BLINCYTO (blinatumomab) AMGEN	CD19	X	CD3	2014
✓ Teclistamab	TECVAYLI (teclistamab-cy) janssen	BCMA	X	CD3	2022
✓ Mosunetuzumab	Lunsumio (mosunetuzumab) Roche	CD20	X	CD3	2022
✓ Epcoritamab	epkinly (epcoritamab-tycp) abbvie Genmab	CD20	X	CD3	2023
✓ Glofitamab	COLUMVI (glofitamab-gxlm) Roche	CD20	X	CD3	2023
✓ Talquetamab	TALVEY (talquetamab) janssen	GPRC5D	X	CD3	2023
✓ Elranatamab	ELREXFIO (elranatamab) Pfizer	BCMA	X	CD3	2023
✓ Odronextamab	ORDSPONO REGENERON	CD20	X	CD3	2024 EMA only



SOLID TUMORS

Solid tumor malignancies

8 agents

✓ Amivantamab	RYBREVANT (amivantamab-vm) janssen	EGFR	X	cMET	2021
✓ Tebentafusp	KIMMTRAK (tebentafusp-tebn) IMMUNOCORE	gp100	X	CD3	2022
✓ Cadonilimab	Lukina® Akesobio	PD-1	X	CTLA-4	2022 NMPA only
✓ Tarlatamab	IMDELLTRA AMGEN	DLL3	X	CD3	2024
✓ Zanidatamab	ZILHERA (zanidatamab-hz) BeOne Jazz zymeworks	HER2	X	HER2	2024
✓ Zenocutuzumab	Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbcz) Merus	HER2	X	HER3	2024
✓ Ivonescimab	Summit Therapeutics Akesobio	PD-1	X	VEGF	2024 NMPA only
✓ Catumaxomab*	Korjony LINDIS	EpCAM	X	CD3	2025 EMA only

* Approved to treat malignant ascites

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● Hematologic Malignancy

NMPA only – China approval only

● Solid Tumor Malignancy

R/R = Relapsed/Refractory

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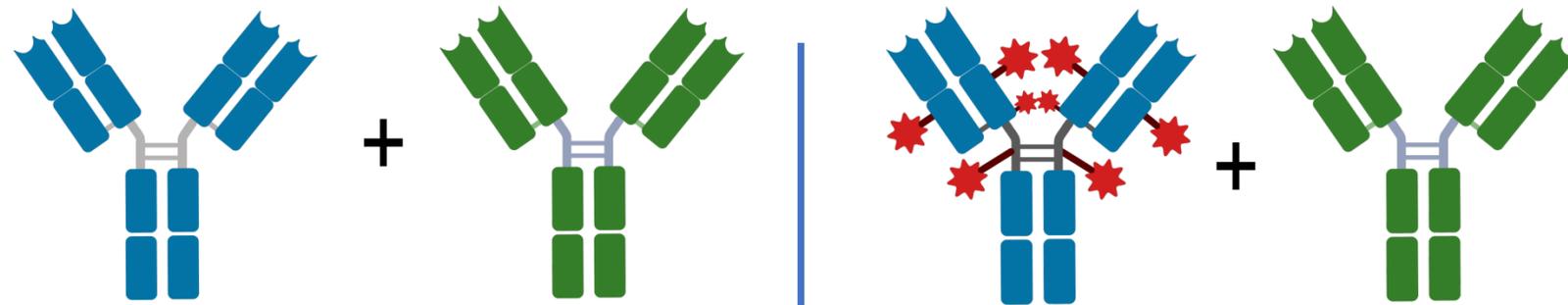
i.p.= Intraperitoneal



Alternative Paths to Multispecific Antibody Therapy

Monospecific and Bispecific Combinations

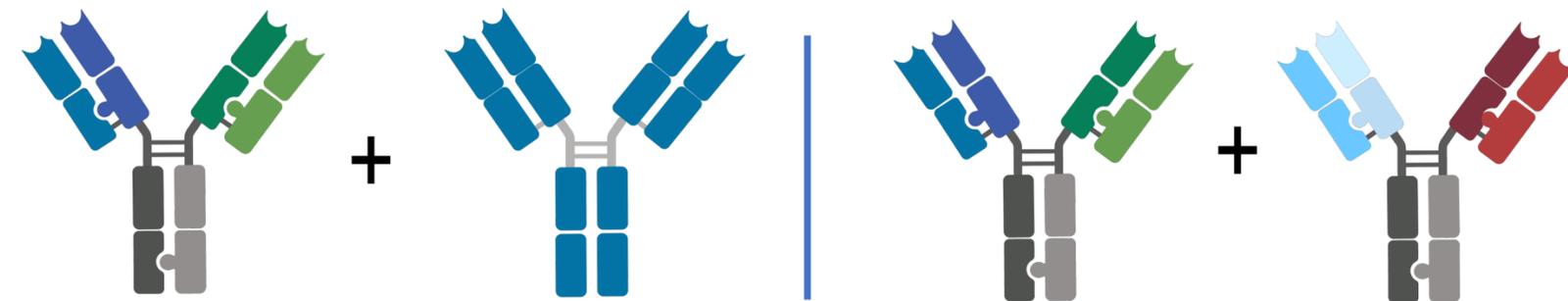
Monospecific Combinations



Approved Monospecific Combination Examples:

- **Dual RTK Inhibition:** HER2 + HER2 - Trastuzumab + Pertuzumab
- **Targeted Therapy:** SLAMF + CD38 - Elotuzumab + Daratumumab
- **Dual checkpoint inhibition:** PD-1 + CTLA-4 – Nivolumab + Ipilimumab
PD-1 + LAG-3 – Nivolumab + Relatlimab
- **ADC + checkpoint inhibition:** Nectin-4 + PD-1 – Enfortumab vedotin + Pembrolizumab
HER2 + PD-1 – Trastuzumab deruxtecan + Pembrolizumab

Bispecific + Monospecific or Bispecific Combinations



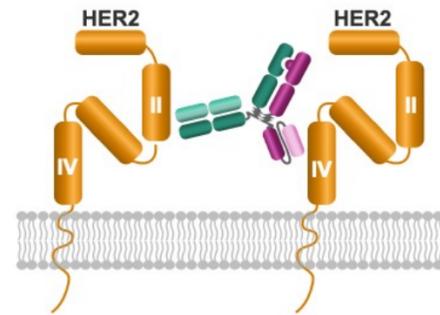
Investigational Bispecific Combination Examples:

- **TCE + checkpoint inhibition:** gp100/pMHC x CD3 + PD-L1 – tebentafusp + durvalumab
DLL3x CD3 + PD-L1 – tarlatamab + atezolizumab/durvalumab
- **TCE + TCE:** CD3 x BCMA + CD3 x GPRC5D
CD3 x KLK2 + CD28 x PSMA

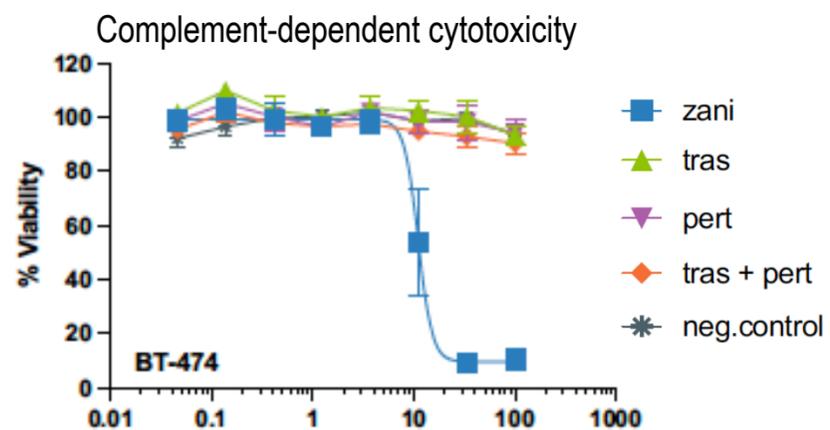
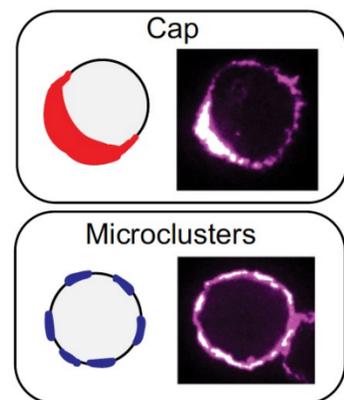
Multispecific Antibodies Can Unlock Novel Biologies

'Non-obvious' Bispecific Case Study: 1 + 1 > 2

zanidatamab¹: Anti-HER2 biparatopic



- Anti-ECD2 x ECD4 (like trastuzumab + pertuzumab)
- Cooperative *trans* HER2 binding and clustering
- Enhanced antitumor activity vs. mAb combo
- CDC competent vs. inactive in mAbs and combo
- Antibody format important. Some formats agonistic!

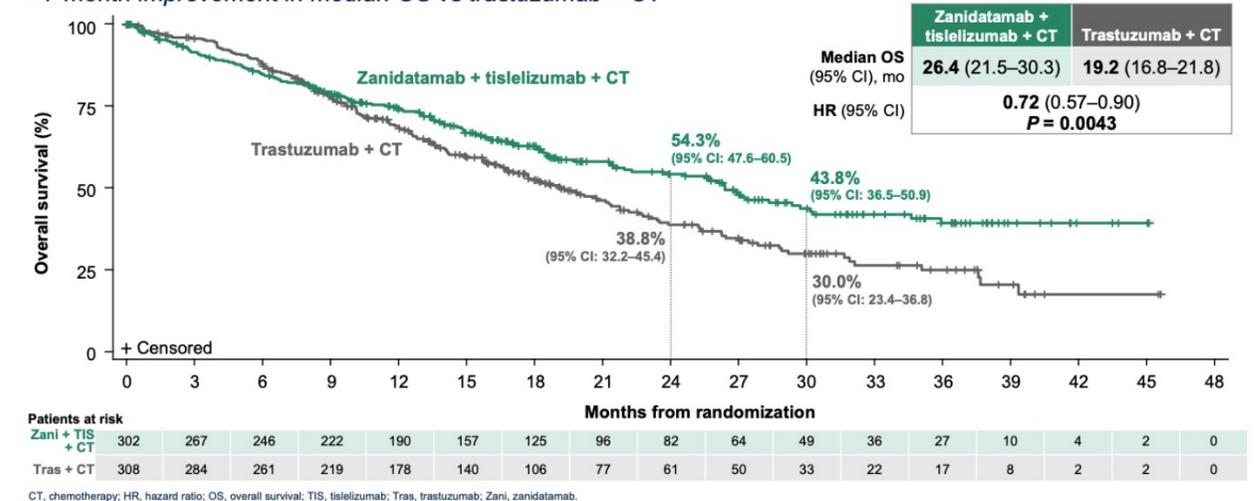


Pivotal Phase 3: First line HER2-positive gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma²

Zani + tisle + CT significantly improved OS, PFS and ORR vs tras + CT

Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

Zanidatamab + tislelizumab + CT demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful OS benefit with a >7-month improvement in median OS vs trastuzumab + CT



- Interim analysis of zanidatamab + CT showed significant improvement of PFS and ORR and strong trend toward significance for OS vs. trastuzumab + CT

In comparison

- tras + pert + CT vs. tras + CT did not meet primary endpoint in JACOB trial³

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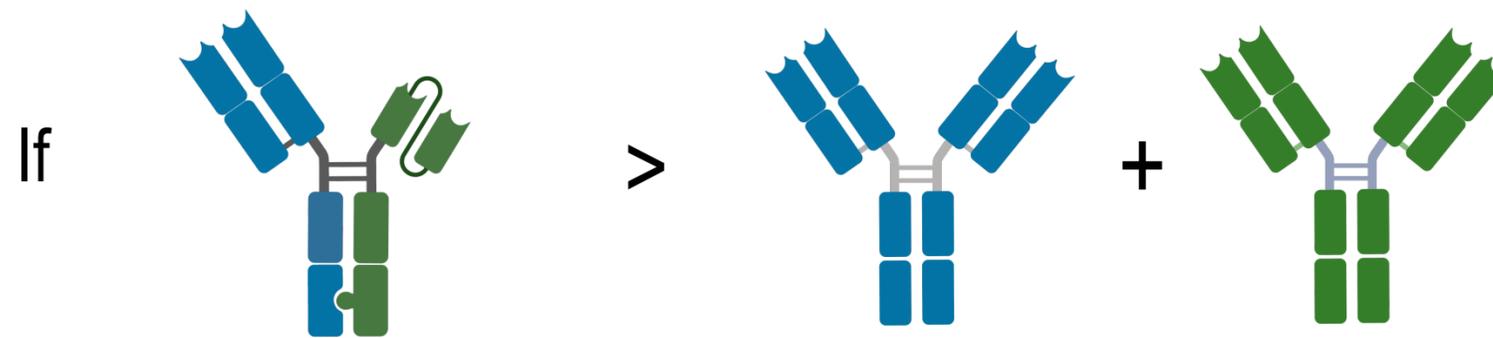
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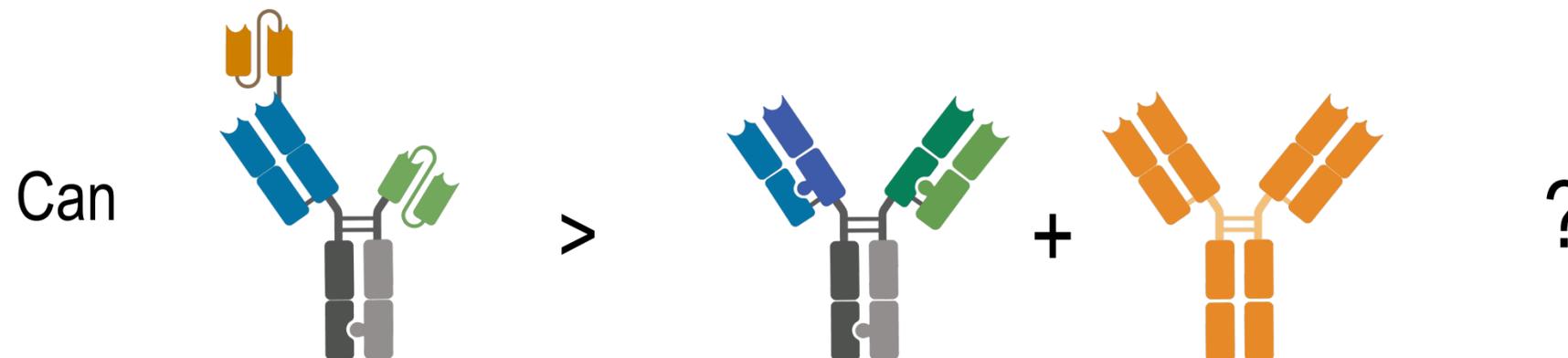
Multispecific Antibodies: Can 1 + 1 + 1 > 3?

Potential for Improvement in Efficacy and/or Safety

Bispecific vs. Monospecific Combinations

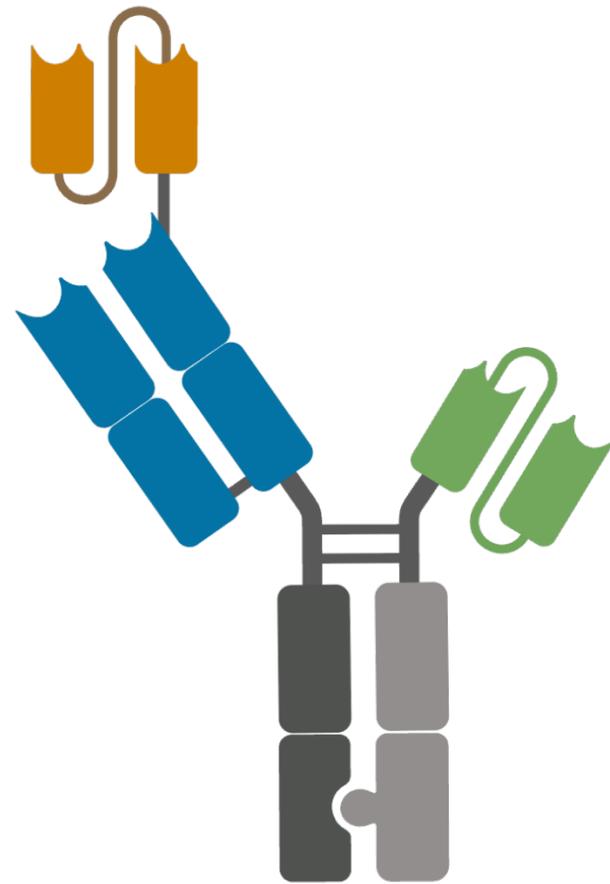


Tri or Multispecific vs. Bispecific Combinations



Why Increase Antibody Complexity?

Rationale for Tri- or Multispecific Antibody Therapy



- Combine multiple mechanisms in one molecule
- Address challenges with bsAb therapy e.g. improve tumor selectivity and/or potency
- Controlled exposure vs. independent exposure of two molecules
- Potential for unique mechanisms of action, not attainable with Ab combinations
- Potential for improved tolerability profile compared to single agents or combinations
- Simplified clinical trial design and CMC
- Challenges:
 - More complex engineering required
 - Potential increased risk in immunogenicity
 - Fixed dosing of one molecule may limit tox mitigation

MONOSPECIFIC & BISPECIFIC PROBLEM



1 Antigen escape & tumor heterogeneity

2 On-target toxicity

3 Low T cell function & exhaustion

4 Treatment-related T cell anergy

5 Immunosuppressive microenvironment & cold tumors

6 Innate immunity untapped

MULTI-SPECIFIC SOLUTION



Dual tumor antigen targeting

1 2

Logic-gating multiple tumor targets

1 2

Conditional activation

2

Co-stimulation

3 4 5

Dual checkpoint + VEGF blockade

3 5

NK cell engagers

5 6

Multi-pathway blockade

1 5

Increasing Clinical Development of Multispecific Abs

Addressing Challenges and Targeting Diverse Mechanisms of Action in Oncology

Tri or multispecific antibodies entered, completed or entering Phase 1 2026

T CELL ENGAGER

Dual antigen targeting

10

Co-stimulation

8

CD8 redirection

3

Dual antigen targeting + co-stimulation

5

NK CELL ENGAGER

4

MULTI PATHWAY INHIBITION

2

DUAL CPI + VEGF BLOCKADE

3

MULTI IMMUNE AGONIST

1

Trispecific Dual Tumor Antigen Targeting T cell Engagers

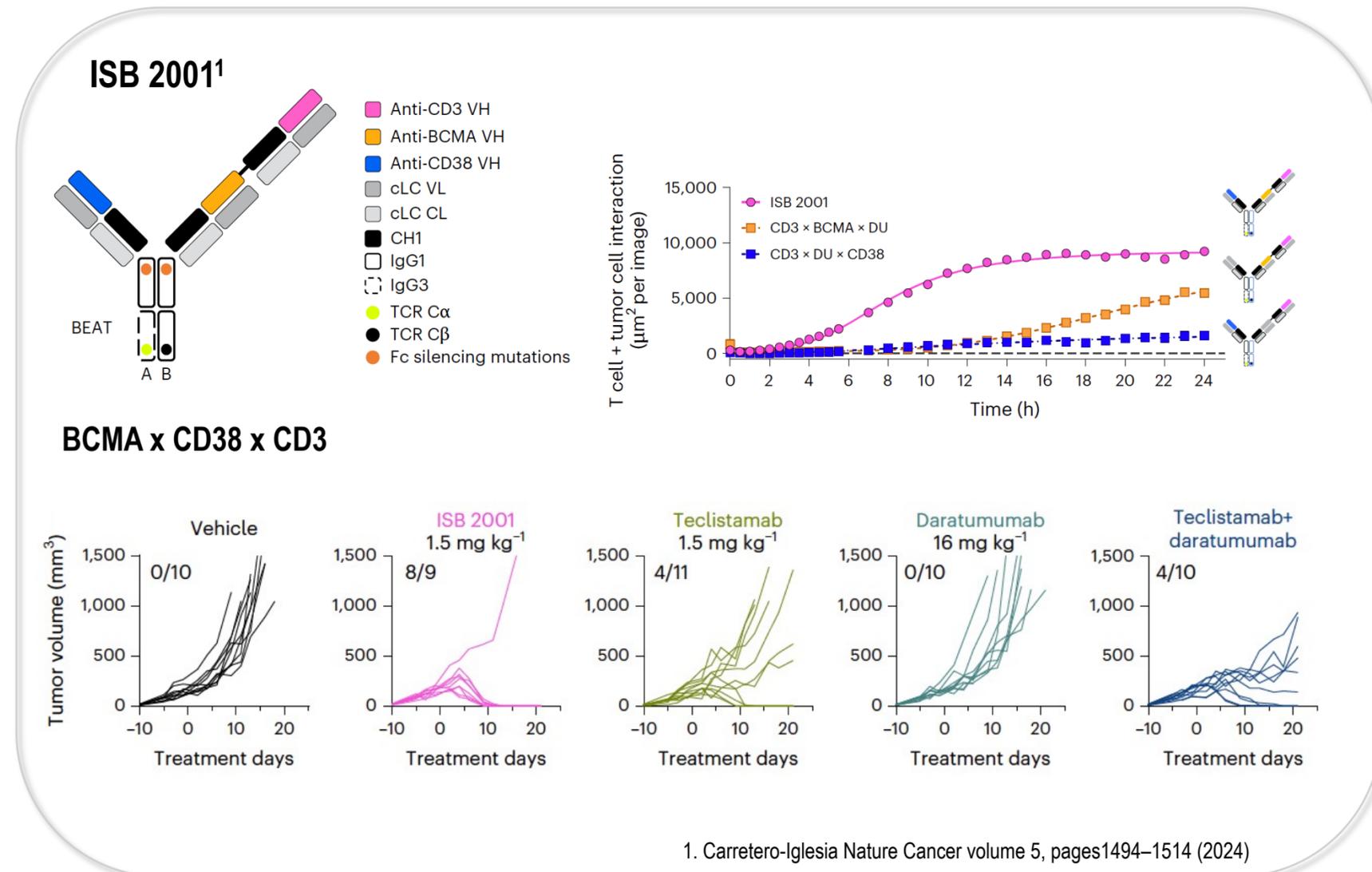
Addressing Tumor Heterogeneity and Prevention of Antigen Loss

Dual tumor antigen targeting 1 2

- Reduce antigen escape resistance
- Enhance potency in heterogenous tumors
- Improve tumor selectivity through avidity

Indication	Trispecific Targets	No. Molecules in Clinical Development#
Multiple Myeloma	BCMA × GPRC5D × CD3	4
	BCMA × CD38 × CD3	1
B-cell cancers*	CD79b × CD20 × CD3	2
	CD19 × CD20 × CD3	1

Molecules in Phase 1 or Phase 1 / 2
 BCMA x GPRC5D x CD3: Ramantamig (J&J); MBS314 (Mabworks); SIM0500 (Simcere); IBI3003 (Innovent)
 BCMA x CD38 x CD3: ISB 2001 (Ichnos Science)
 CD79b x CD20 x CD3: JNJ-80948543, JNJ-95566692 (J&J)
 CD19 x CD20 x CD3: CMG1A46 (GSK)
 # 2 additional solid tumor targeting molecules include SOA101 and alveltamig; * B-NHL, B-ALL and/or CLL



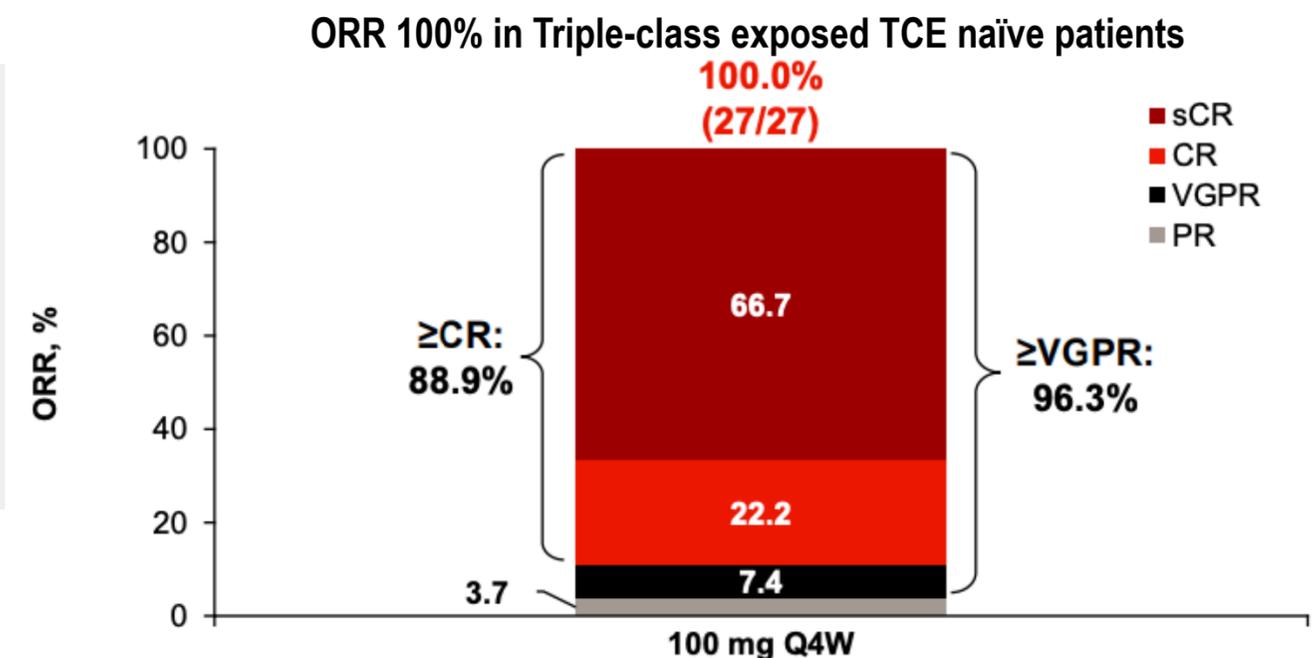
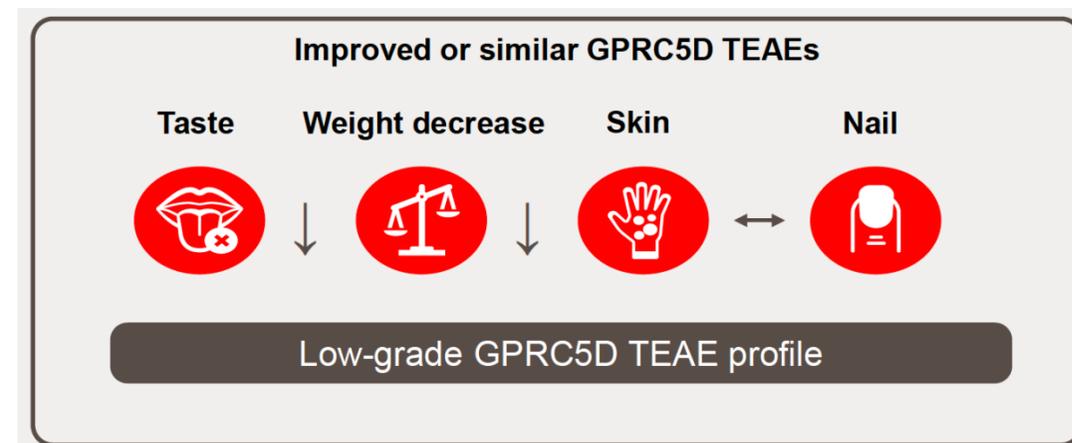
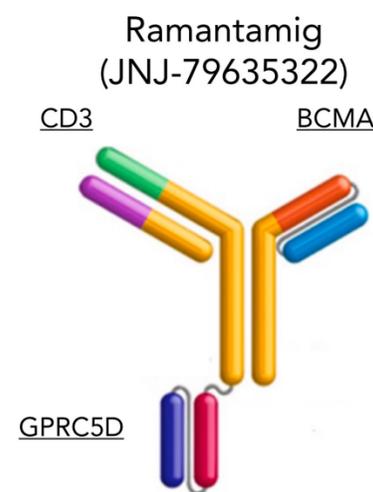
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Trispecific Dual Tumor Antigen Targeting T cell Engagers

Ramantamig Shows Promising Phase 1 Clinical Efficacy and Safety



- Ramantamig showed enhanced antitumor activity with ramantamig over combination of bispecific antibodies in primary patient BM samples¹
- At RP2D: **ORR of 86.1%** (n=36), ≥ CR rat of 75%, and MRD negativity of 100.0% at 10⁻⁵ (n=10/10) and 10⁻⁶ (n=7/7)²
- At RP2D, triple-class exposed patients naïve to TCE therapies achieved an **ORR of 100%**²
- Improved or similar TEAE^{2,3}

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Trispecific TCE with Integrated Co-Stimulation

Enhancing T cell Fitness to Increase Antitumor Activity

Co-stimulation



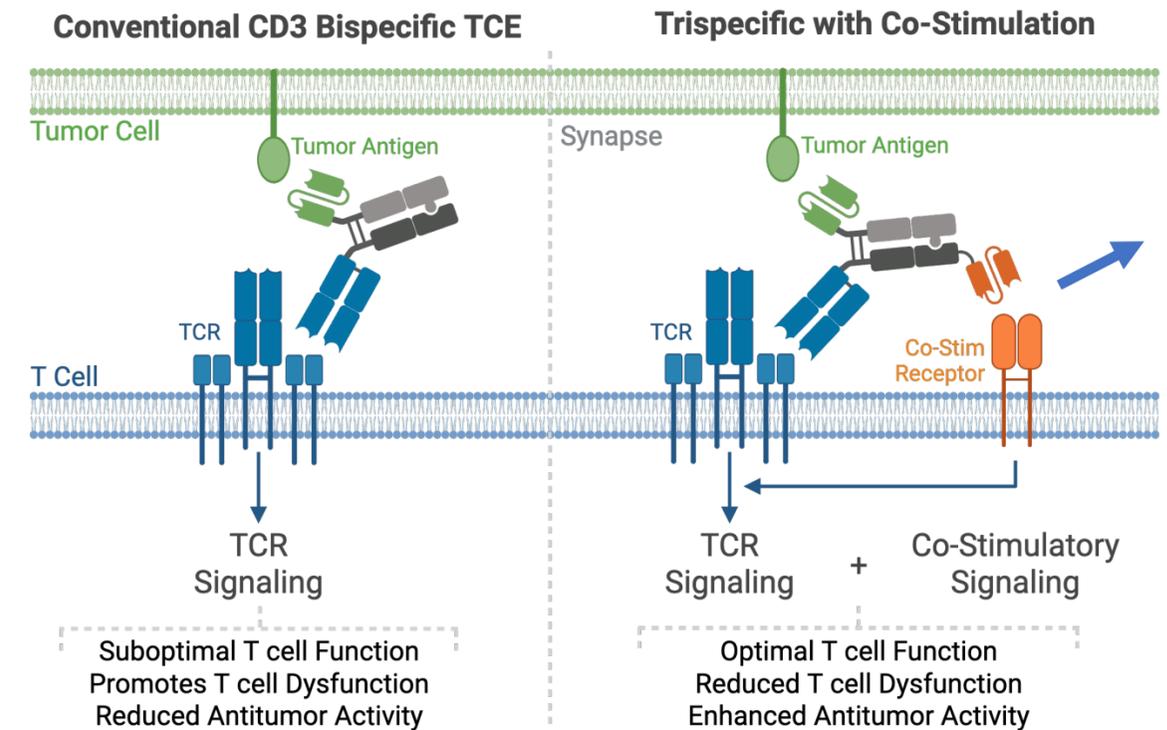
- Enhance T cell proliferation and survival (signal 1 + signal 2)
- Overcome innate or treatment-related T cell anergy
- Improve the depth and durability of antitumor response

Clinical Status	Molecule	Trispecific Targets	Company
Discontinued	SAR442257	CD38 × CD3 × CD28	Sanofi
	SAR443216	HER2 × CD3 × CD28	Sanofi
	SAIL 66	CLDN6 × CD28 × 4-1BB	Roche (Chugai)
	PIT565	CD19 × CD3 × CD2	Novartis
Completed	RO7616789	DLL3 × CD3 × 41BB	Roche (Chugai)
Active Phase 1	CC312	CD19 x CD3 x CD28	Cytocares
	EVOLVE104	ULBP2/5/6 x CD3 x C2	EvolveImmune
Phase 1 - 2026	ZW209	DLL3 x CD3 x CD28	Zymeworks

Active or discontinued molecules in Phase 1 or Phase 1/2

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Co-Stimulatory Targets

- CD28
- 4-1BB
- CD2

Engineering Challenge:

- Optimize T cell binding to avoid T-T bridging and fratricide
- Risk for peripheral T cell activation & reduced antitumor activity

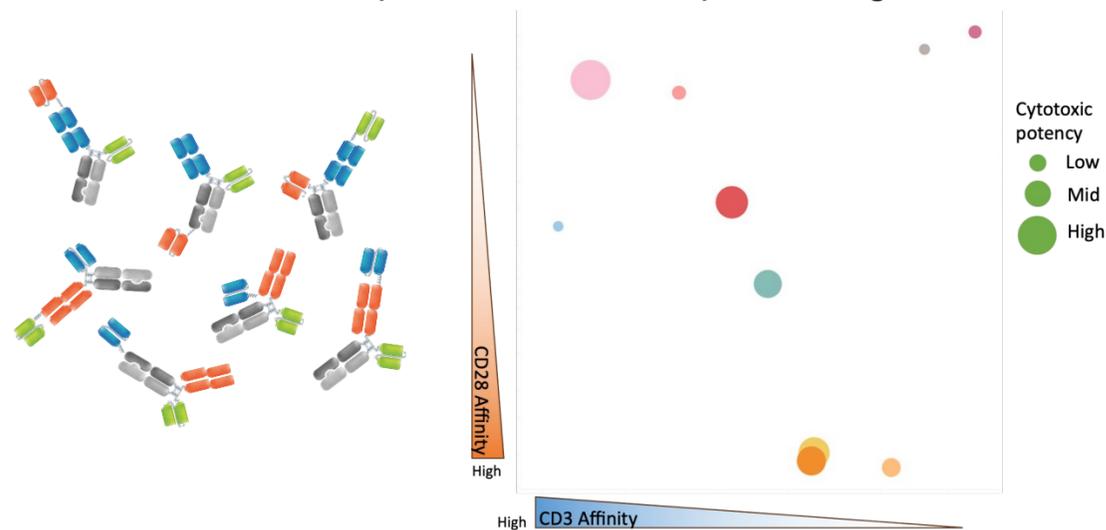
Questions:

- Optimal tumor target? Optimal co-stim target?

Trispecific TCE with Integrated Co-Stimulation

Importance of Engineering & Format Screening For Optimal T cell Engagement

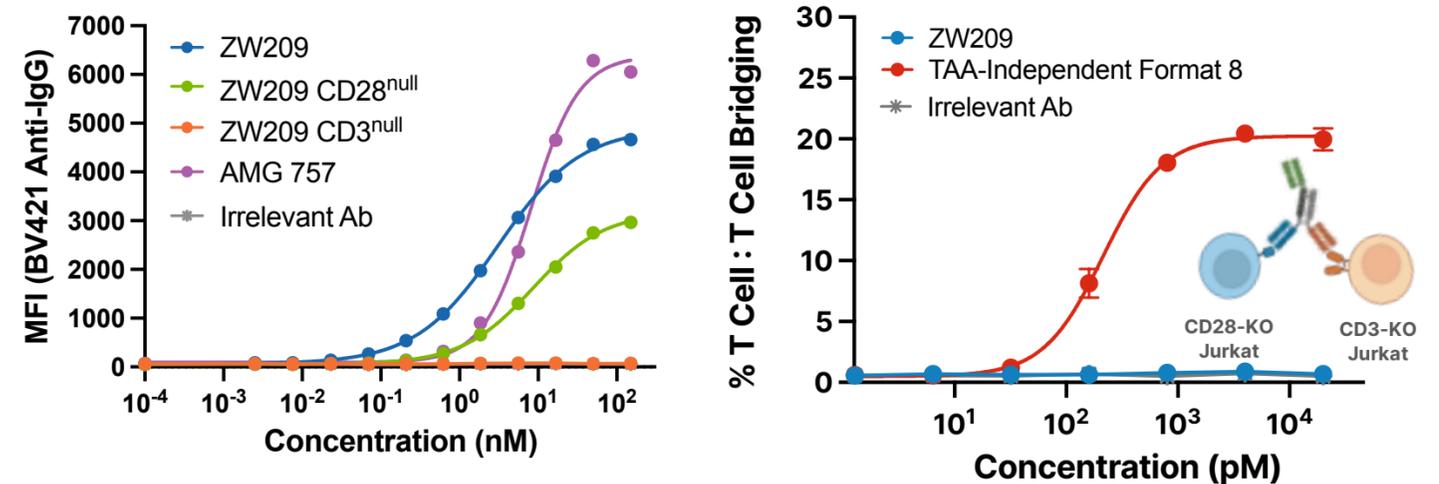
ZW209 (DLL3 x CD3 x CD28) Screening



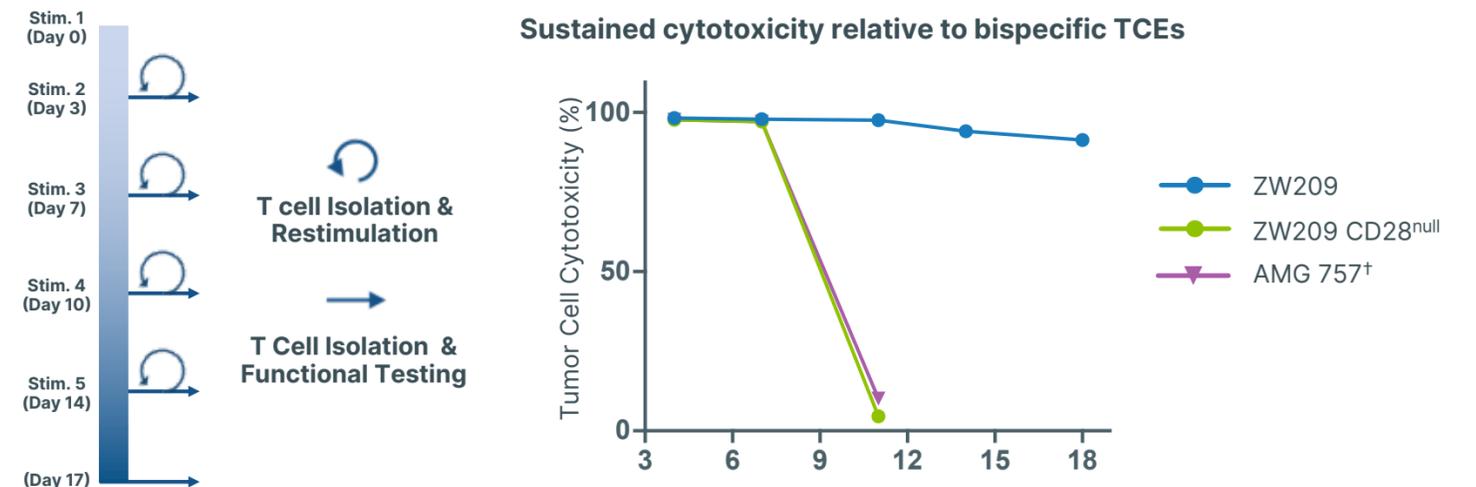
DLL3 Co-stim Molecule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cytotoxicity				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Target-Dependent	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

Cytotoxicity ↑

ZW209: Obligate Cis & Conditional CD28 Binding, Requiring Co-engagement of CD3



Sustained cytotoxicity relative to bispecific TCEs



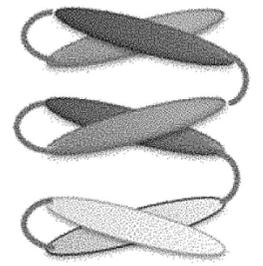
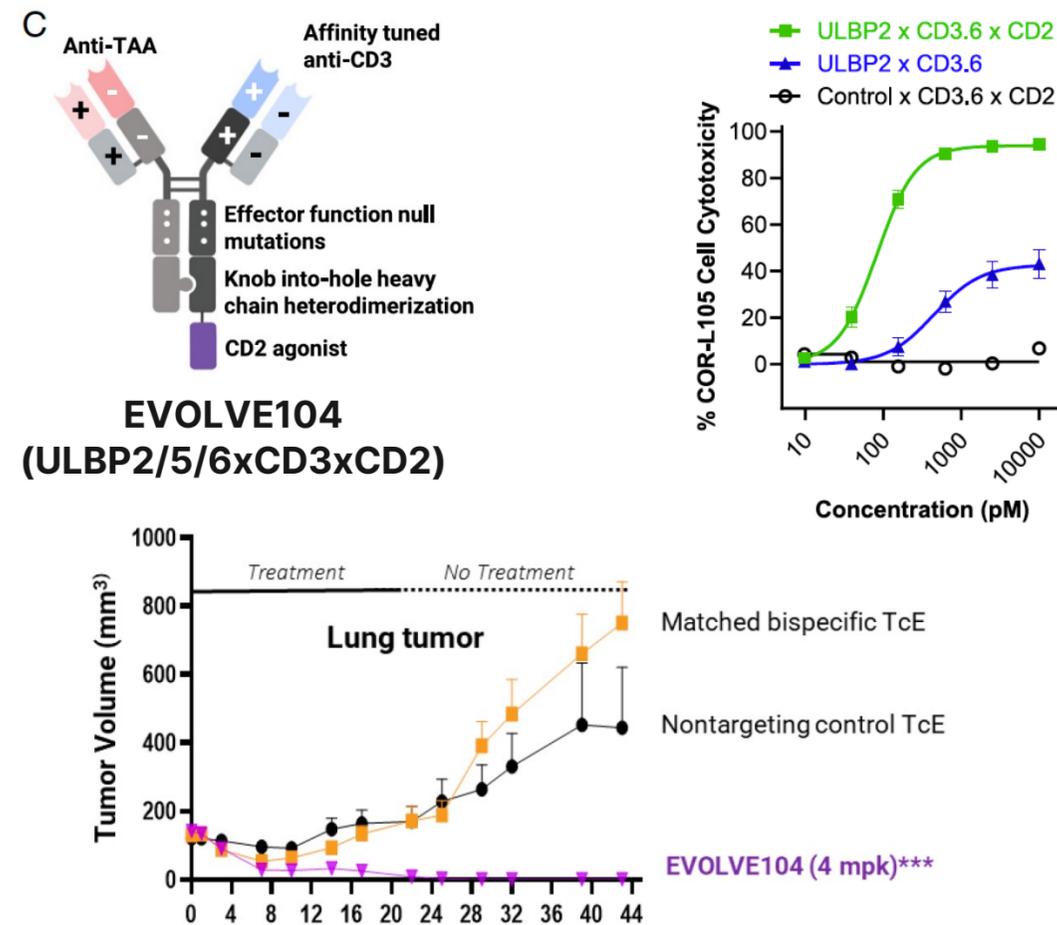
- Placement of CD3 and CD28 paratope affects binding affinity, potency and biological profile
- Many formats failed screen for strict target-dependent activity

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Trispecific TCE with Integrated Co-Stimulation

Differentiated Activity vs. Bispecific TCE & Preliminary Clinical Data



CC312 (CD19xCD3xCD28)

CC312 is Well Tolerated, and Shows Preliminary Efficacy at Lowest Few Dosages

Table 1. Summary of Safety and Preliminary Efficacy

Dose Level	N	DLT	CRS (Grade)	ICANS(Grade)	BOR	Enrolling Status
0.3 µg	2	0/2	0/2	0/2	SD	Completed
0.6 µg	3	0/3	0/3	0/3	SD	Completed
1.2 µg	2	0/2	0/2	0/2	SD	Completed
2.4 µg	3	0/3	1/3(G1)	0/3	SD(>7 months)	Completed
4.8 µg	2	0/2	1/2(G1)	0/2	PD	Completed
9.6 µg	10	0/10	2/10(G1, G2)	1/10(G1)	PD	Completed
19.2 µg	2	0/2	1/2(G1)	0/2	MR	Ongoing

Two active co-stimulatory trispecific clinical programs in early stages with CC312 showing early signs of tolerability and antitumor activity

Dual-Checkpoint Inhibition with VEGF Blockade

Capture CTLA-4 Benefit While Limiting Systemic CTLA-4 Toxicity

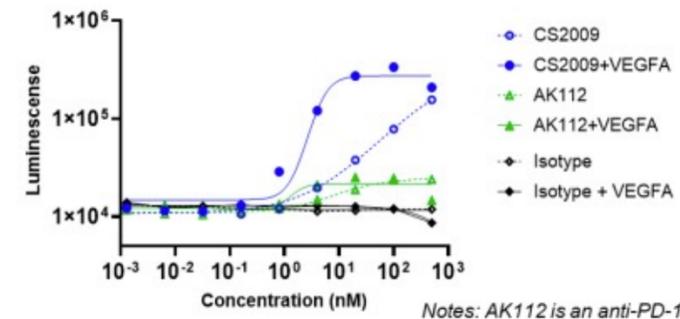
Dual checkpoint Inhibition + VEGF blockade 3 5

- Avidity/TME based PD1/CTLA-4 engagement or tuned CTLA-4 blockade
- Leverage VEGF-rich TME to enhance local activity and reduce peripheral CTLA-4 effects
- Enhanced checkpoint inhibition via VEGFA dimer crosslinking

Targets	Molecule	Company
PD-1 x CTLA-4 x VEGF	CS2009	CStone Pharmaceuticals
	GB268	Genor Biopharma
	HC010	HC Biopharma

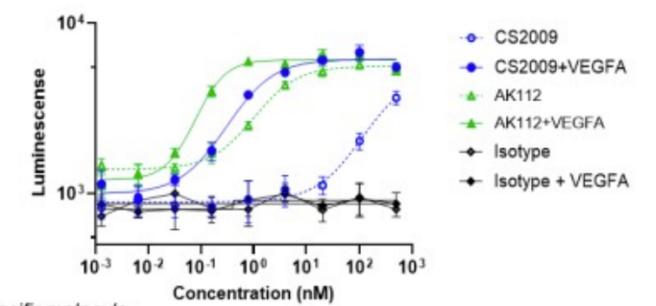
Molecules in Phase 1 or Phase 1/2

PD-1/CTLA-4 Dual-reporter Assay with PD-L1/CD80 APC



Notes: AK112 is an anti-PD-1/VEGFA bispecific molecule

PD-1 reporter Assay with PD-L1 APC



- CS2009 demonstrates enhanced activity on PD1+ / CTLA-4+ cells that is further enhanced with crosslinking by VEGFA dimers¹
- ESMO 2025 Phase 1²:
 - 49 evaluable patients: ORR 12.2%, DCR 71.4%; post-cutoff follow-up ORR 14.3%. Higher activity at tentative RP2D 30 mg/kg: ORR 25.0%.
 - irAE 16.7%, Grade 3 ≥ irAE 4.2 %, Grade ≥3 TRAEs 13.9%, No Grade 4/5 TRAEs

Modality Question:

Can this class of trispecific achieve responses in PD-1 non-responsive setting?

1. Wang *Cancer Res* (2025) 85 (8_Supplement_1): 7299
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Is There an Increase in Immunogenicity?

Immunogenicity is Molecule Dependent

Most approved bispecific antibodies have ADA incidence of $\leq 10\%$ with a range of 0-25%

Based on disclosed examples, tri- and multispecifics have ADA incident range of ~9 - 63%

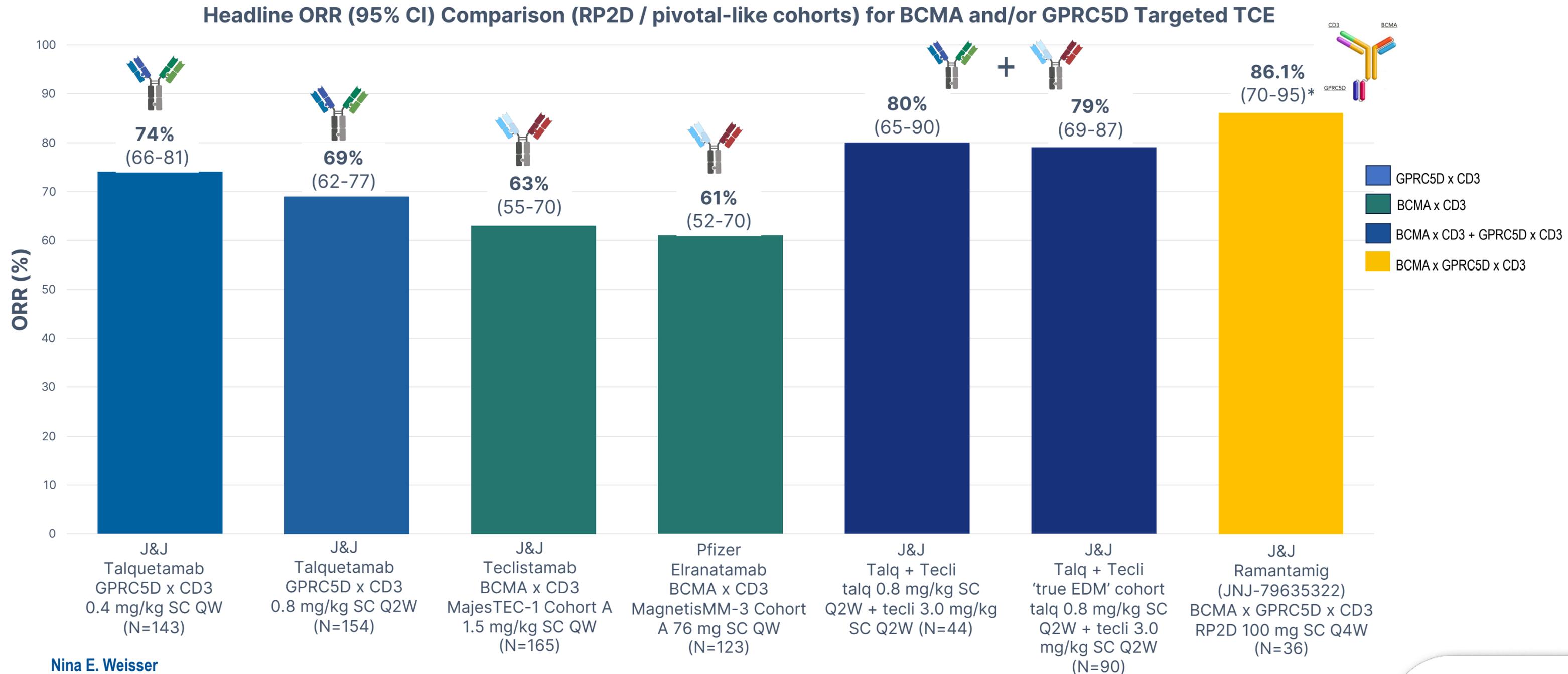
Multispecifics are not inherently more immunogenic, construct design, platform, dosing and clinical context play a role

	Molecule	Targets	Format / platform	Status	ADA Incidence
Approved Bispecific - ADA Benchmarks					
Low ADA	Teclistamab	BCMA × CD3	IgG-like (IgG4, Fc-silenced)	Approved	0.5% (1/186)*
Mid ADA	Elranatamab	BCMA × CD3	IgG-like (IgG2a, Fc-silenced)		8.9% (15/168)* ~5.4% neutralizing
High ADA	Talquetamab	GPRC5D × CD3	IgG-like (IgG4, Fc-silenced)		18–25% * Neutralizing Abs observed

Investigational Multispecifics with ADA reported

Tri- or Multispecific Antibodies	ISB-2001	BCMA × CD38 × CD3	IgG-like (IgG1, Fc-silenced)	Phase 1	10% (2/20 evaluable) ¹
	SAR443216	HER2 × CD3 × CD28	IgG-like (IgG4, Fc-silenced)	Phase 1	27.6% (2-wk lead-in) ² 9.1% (3-wk lead-in)
	SAR444200	GPC3 × GPC3 × CD3	Nanobody-based scaffold	Phase 1/2	24.2% (8/33) ³
	MP0533	CD33 × CD123 × CD70 × CD3	DARPin-based scaffold	Phase 1	62.9% (34/54) ⁴

Trispecific TCE Demonstrate Promising Early Data in MM



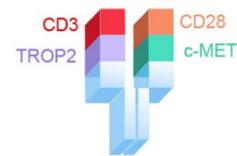
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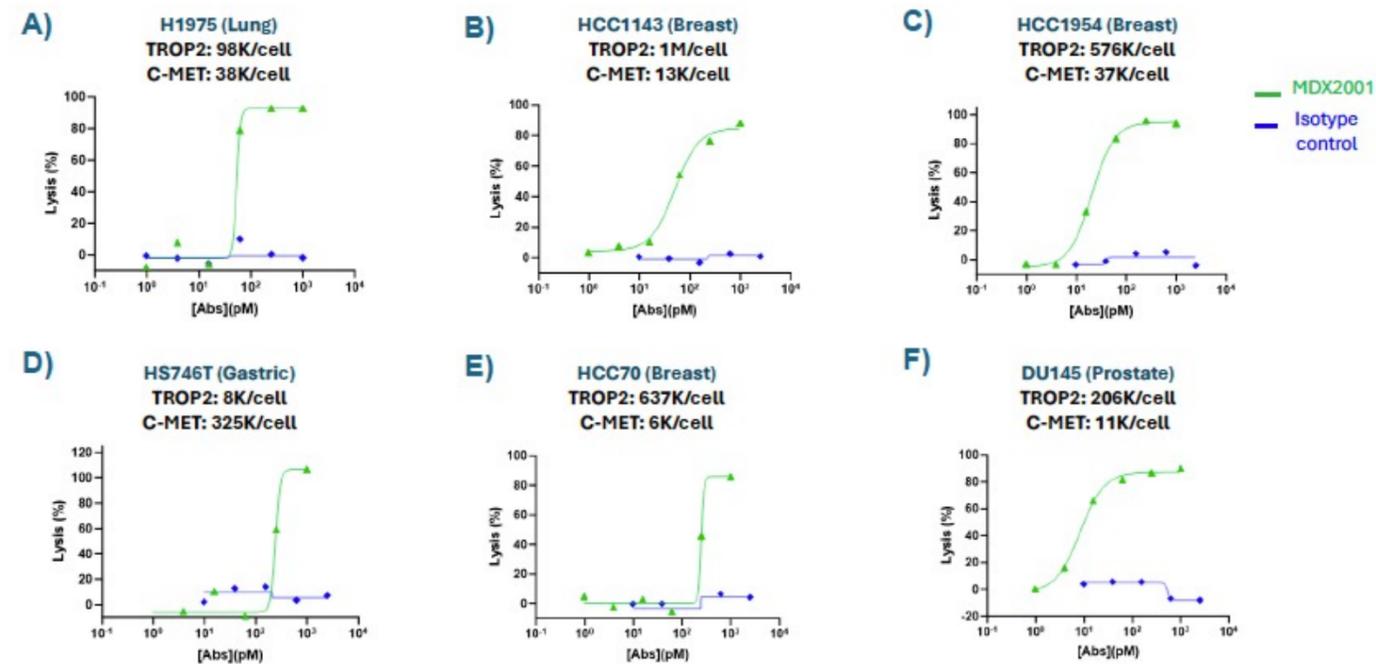
Next Generation Multispecifics Combine Strategies

Dual tumor antigen targeting or Logic-Gating + Co-Stimulation

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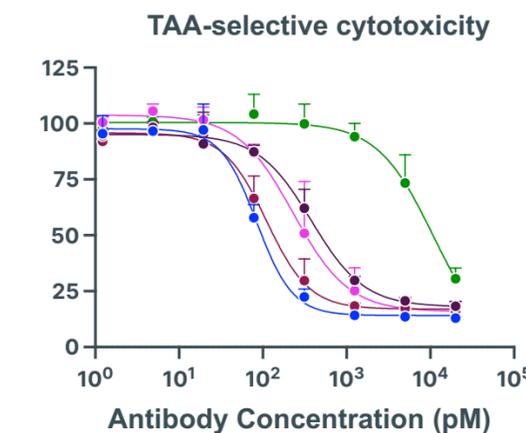
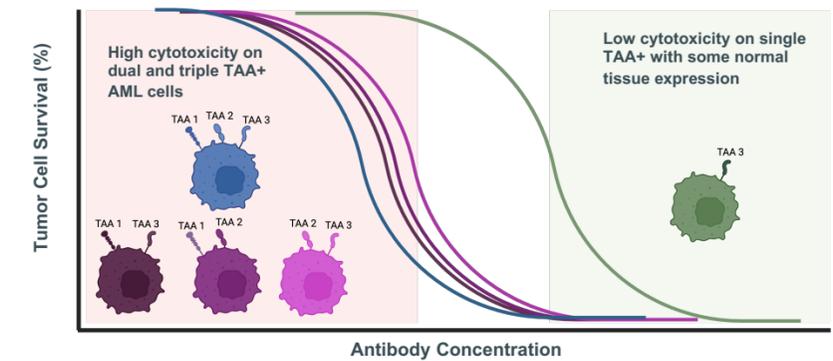
Dual Antigen Targeting + Co-Stimulation



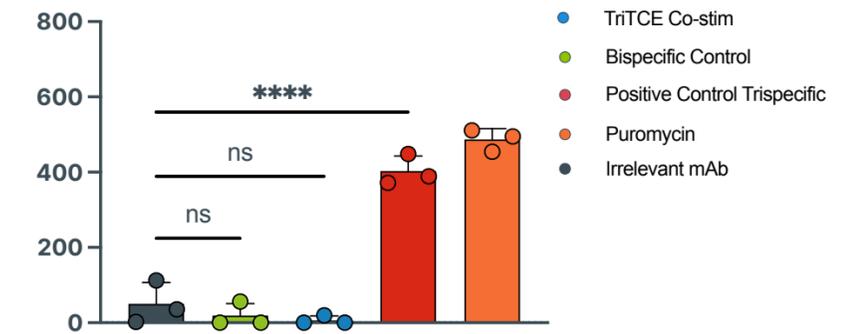
Xu et al. 2024 SITC (Modex)

Logic-Gating + Co-Stimulation

TAA expression profile	TAA	Cytotoxicity
Triple positive	TAA 1 & TAA 2 & TAA 3	✓
Dual positive	TAA 1 & TAA 2 OR TAA 2 & TAA 3 OR TAA 1 & TAA 3	✓
Single positive	TAA 3	✗



No induction of T cell fratricide



Verstraete et al. 2025 SITC (Zymeworks)

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Tri- & Multispecific Antibody Summary

Rapid and Promising Multispecific Antibody Development

- Multispecifics antibodies comprise a class of antibodies that bind more than one target
- Multiple multispecific antibodies that bind 3 or more targets are in Phase 1, Phase 1 / 2 and preclinical development
- Tri- and multispecific strategies are designed to address tumor or treatment-specific challenges
 - 4 main classes engineered for increased selectivity and potency
 - TCE – various strategies
 - Dual-CPI + VEGF blockade
 - NK engagers
 - Multipathway Blockade
- Tri- and multispecifics show enhanced preclinical activity compared to clinically approved bispecifics
- Trispecific antibodies have shown early and promising antitumor activity and safety
- Depending on the target biological requirements, certain multispecifics may require more extensive engineering assessments

Thank you