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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **June 2, 2019**

Heat Biologics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35994

(Commission File Number)

26-2844103

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**801 Capitola Drive
Durham, NC 27713**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(919) 240-7133

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

N/A

(Former Name and Former Address)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by checkmark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0002 par value per share	HTBX	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Members of the management team of Heat Biologics, Inc. (the “Company”) and certain clinical investigators in its ongoing Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®) presented the information in the presentation poster (the “Poster”) entitled “Viagenpumatucl-L (HS-110) plus Nivolumab In Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer After Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment Failure” on June 2, 2019 at the American Society of Clinical Oncology’s 2019 Annual Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the Poster is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The furnishing of the attached Poster is not an admission as to the materiality of any information therein. The information contained in the Poster is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of more complete information included in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and other public announcements that the Company has made and may make from time to time by press release or otherwise. The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to update or revise the information contained in this report, although it may do so from time to time as its management believes is appropriate. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosures.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 3, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing that on June 2, 2019 members of the management team of the Company and certain clinical investigators in its ongoing Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®) presented the Poster at the American Society of Clinical Oncology’s 2019 Annual Meeting held in Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the press release regarding the Poster is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference. The Poster provides new data (including additional interim data and 3 additional months of data since last data release) from the Company’s ongoing Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®). The updated results were obtained from Cohort B patients whose data has matured an additional 3 months since last reported at the ASCO-SITC Clinical Immuno-Oncology Symposium in February of this year.

A copy of the Company’s new corporate slide presentation that includes information from the Poster is also attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to update or revise information included in this Current Report or the Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Poster presentation entitled “Viagenpumatucl-L (HS-110) plus Nivolumab In Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer After Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment Failure”
99.2	Press Release dated June 3, 2019
99.3	Corporate Presentation dated June 2019



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 3, 2019

HEAT BIOLOGICS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey Wolf
Name: Jeffrey Wolf
Title: Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

VIAGENPUMATUCEL-L (HS-110) PLUS NIVOLUMAB IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER AFTER CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR TREATMENT FAILURE

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Background

Viagenpumatucel-L (HS-110) is an allogeneic cellular immunotherapy that incorporates a broad range of tumor antigens that are known to be shared amongst a high proportion of patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). This cell system contains HLA-A, a human histocompatibility surface antigen and gp100 in the form of a transgene constructed from sequences encoding the human gp100 gene with the C-terminal KDEL sequence removed and replaced with the FC portion of human IgG1. This construct is designed to enable the cell to express the best stock protein (allotype gp100) as secreted form. The secreted gp100 acts as a chaperone to induce cellular immune responses to the tumor antigens expressed by Viagenpumatucel-L (HS-110). gp100 is a unique chaperone because it can activate MHC and up-regulate T-cell co-stimulation and deliver chaperoned antigens to an APC for display via MHC I with the net result being CD8+ T-cell mediated immune response¹⁻⁴.

The HS-110-102 "Burge" trial is an exploratory, multi-cohort, master protocol evaluating HS-110 in combination with anti-PD-1 mAbs in the treatment of advanced non-small lung cancer. Here we present interim data from the first twenty patients enrolled in Cohort B. This cohort is comprised of previously treated patients with progressive disease (PD) after receiving a minimum of 4 months of checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) therapy at any time prior to study entry. The primary endpoint is objective response rate by RECIST 1.1.

Baseline tissue is collected and tested by Yale Specialized Translational Services Laboratory for tumoral PD-L1 expression (≥10% or >20%) as well as for CD8+ tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) within the tumor stroma (≥10% or >20%). Patient subgroups by these tumor characteristics are used in an exploratory analysis to identify potential trends and relationships to clinical outcomes.

Trial ID: NCT02439450

Mechanism of Action

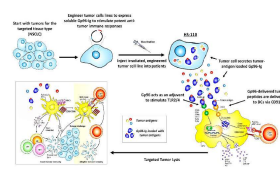


Figure 1: Viagenpumatucel-L (HS-110) Mechanism of Action
HS-110 is derived from the NSCLC lung adenocarcinoma cell line H1975, which has the gp100 KDEL ER retention sequence & replaced by IgG1 Fc. gp100 acts as a chaperone protein for tumor antigens and is secreted by HS-110. The secreted gp100 binds to tumor antigens and presents them to CD8+ T cells. The resulting CD8+ T cells then kill tumor cells. HS-110 also acts as a chaperone for presentation of tumor antigens to CD8+ T cells. CD8+ T cells kill tumor cells by releasing cytotoxic granules containing perforin and granzymes.

Study Schema

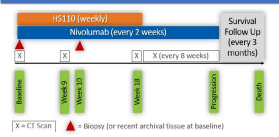


Figure 2: HS-110-102 Study Schema
Patients receive weekly HS-110 (1x10¹⁰ cells) intravenously for 8 weeks via 5 simultaneous injections of 0.2 mL each, and biweekly nivolumab 240 mg IV until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Patient Characteristics

	Cohort B (N = 20)
Median age (range)	65 (56-86)
Female gender	14 (70%)
White race	19 (95%)
ECOG PS 1	19 (95%)
EGFR or ALK positive	2 (10%)
Histology	
Adeno	17 (85%)
Squamous	3 (15%)
Smoking status	
Current/never	17 (85%)
Former	3 (15%)
Prior lines of tx	
1	3 (15%)
2	8 (40%)
3 or more	9 (45%)
PD-L1	
< 1%	7 (35%)
≥ 1%	13 (65%)
CD8+ TIL	
< 10%	7 (35%)
≥ 10%	13 (65%)
Median Time (months) between last PD disease and study entry (range)	33.3 (6 - 39)
Median Time (months) between last PD disease and study entry (range)	8.7 (0 - 31)

Table 1: Patient Characteristics
Baseline patient demographics of Cohort B (n=20).

Objective Response Rate

	RECIST 1.1 ORR = 15% (95% CI, 0 - 31.5%)
FR	3 (15%)
SD	8 (40%)
Not evaluable	9 (45%)
ORR	11 (55%)

Table 2: Objective Response Rates
ORR for cohort B patients (n=20) performed locally by investigators using RECIST 1.1.

Overall Survival

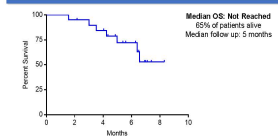


Figure 3: Overall Survival - Intent to Treat

Best Target Lesion Response

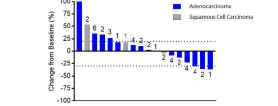


Figure 4: Best Target Lesion Response by Histology and # of Lines of Prior Therapy
Overall best target lesion response by histology type. The response is measured as the change from baseline (%). The number of lines of prior therapy are indicated by the number of lines of prior therapy.

Best Target Lesion Response by PD-L1 Status

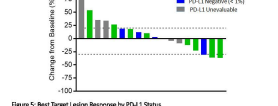


Figure 5: Best Target Lesion Response by PD-L1 Status

Best Target Lesion Response by TIL Status

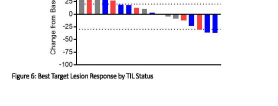


Figure 6: Best Target Lesion Response by TIL Status

Time to Progression

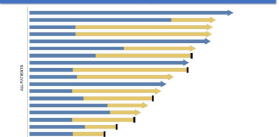


Figure 7: Time to Progression
Survival plot showing time until disease progression and current survival status (n=20).

Injection Site Reactions



Figure 8: Progression Free Survival
KM plot of patient PFS (n=20) with ISR subgroups (yes or no) shows PFS benefit in patients experiencing at least one injection site reaction (any grade) to HS-110 during study treatment.

Overall Survival

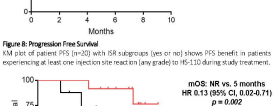


Figure 9: Overall Survival
KM plot of patient OS (n=20) with ISR subgroups (yes or no) shows survival benefit in patients experiencing at least one injection site reaction (any grade) to HS-110 during study treatment.

Frequently Reported Adverse Events

Adverse Events	Cohort B (N=20)
Any Adverse Event	20 (100%)
Fatigue	11 (55%)
Cough	7 (35%)
Dyspnea	7 (35%)
Anemia	4 (20%)
Diarrhea	4 (20%)
Hypocalcemia	4 (20%)
Weight Decrease	4 (20%)
Dizziness	4 (20%)
Headache	4 (20%)
Pruritis	4 (20%)

Table 3: Adverse Event Table
Most commonly reported (≥10%) treatment-emergent adverse events (regardless of attribution) occurring in the safety population. There were three Grade 3 events (1 case of emphysema, hypocalcemia, and pneumonia) and one Grade 4 event (atrial fibrillation), none of which were deemed related to treatment.

Conclusions

HS-110 in combination with nivolumab is well tolerated. HS-110 in combination with nivolumab demonstrates clinical activity in low CD8+ TIL and PD-L1 negative tumors.

The occurrence of dermal injection site reactions (any grade) is associated with improved progression-free survival and overall survival. Early data suggest that the addition of HS-110 to nivolumab may restore responsiveness after tumor progression on prior CPI.

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Heat Biologics Announces Promising Interim Phase 2 Lung Cancer Data Suggesting that HS-110 Plus Nivolumab May Restore Clinical Benefit After Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment Failure

Clinical benefit observed in 55% of patients receiving HS-110 plus nivolumab after checkpoint inhibitor treatment failure

HS-110 in combination with nivolumab demonstrates clinical activity in low CD8+ TIL “cold tumor” patients and PD-L1 negative tumors

The occurrence of dermal injection site reactions is associated with improved progression free survival ($p=0.013$) and overall survival ($p=0.002$)

Cohort B results presented yesterday at the 2019 ASCO Annual Meeting poster session

DURHAM, NC – – June 3, 2019 – Heat Biologics, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTBX), a biopharmaceutical company developing therapies designed to activate a patient’s immune system against cancer, today announced compelling new interim results from its ongoing Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®). The updated results were obtained from Cohort B patients whose data has matured an additional 3 months since last reported at the ASCO-SITC Clinical Immunology Symposium in February of this year. This data may represent the first Phase 2 data showing clinical activity in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients whose disease has progressed after prior treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor (CPI). The Cohort B results were presented yesterday at the 2019 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting poster session.

COL(ret) George E Peoples, MD, FACS, Heat’s Chief Medical Advisor, noted, “These latest Cohort B data provides us even greater confidence that the addition of HS-110 to nivolumab may restore anti-tumor activity in patients whose disease has progressed after treatment with a CPI. Of particular note, 4 out of 5 evaluable patients in Cohort B with PD-L1 negative tumors achieved disease stabilization and 4 out of 7 evaluable patients with low CD8+ TIL levels in their tumors achieved disease stabilization. We are encouraged by these positive results and look forward to reporting additional data later this year.”

Jeff Hutchins, Ph.D., Heat’s Chief Scientific and Operating Officer said, “The fact that we saw tumor shrinkage in 35% of patients and disease control in 55% of patients whose disease has progressed after treatment with a CPI supports our mechanistic hypothesis that the broad, T-cell mediated immune response activated by HS-110 may improve clinical outcomes for patients who have lost the benefit of treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor. It is also important to note that the occurrence of dermal injection site reactions is associated with statistically significant improved progression free survival and overall survival, providing further support for the mechanism of action of HS-110.”

Highlights for Cohort B patients are presented below:

- HS-110 in combination with nivolumab demonstrates clinical activity in 'difficult to treat' low CD8+ TIL ($\leq 10\%$) and PD-L1 negative ($< 1\%$) tumors:
 - 4 out of 5 evaluable patients with PD-L1 negative tumors achieved disease stabilization, 1 of which was a RECIST partial response.
 - 4 out of 7 evaluable patients with low CD8+ TIL tumors achieved disease stabilization, 2 of which were RECIST partial responses.
- The addition of HS-110 to nivolumab may restore clinical benefit to patients whose disease has progressed after CPI treatment failure:
 - Tumor shrinkage observed in 35% of patients
 - Disease control rate of 55%
 - Median Progression-Free Survival (mPFS) of 2.7 months
 - Median Overall Survival (mOS) not yet reached
- The occurrence of any grade dermal Injection Site Reaction during treatment (Y/N) is associated with improved Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival:
 - mPFS: NR vs 1.8 months; HR 0.17 (95% CI, 0.03-0.84); $p=0.013$
 - mOS: NR vs 5 months; HR 0.13 (95% CI, 0.02-0.71); $p=0.002$

Treatment with HS-110 in combination with nivolumab was well tolerated, with no additional toxicities beyond those observed with single agent CPI therapy.

Trial results are summarized in the official 2019 ASCO Annual Meeting poster.

Trial Design

The Phase 2 trial is designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of HS-110 combined with an immune checkpoint inhibitor for the treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer. Cohort B consists of patients who received a minimum of 4 months of treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor (CPI) as part of their prior therapy, but subsequently had documented progressive disease. Patients receive weekly HS-110 (1×10^7 cells) administered as 5 intradermal 0.1 mL injections for 18 weeks in combination with bi-weekly nivolumab 240 mg IV administered until confirmed disease progression or unacceptable toxicity, whichever occurs first. The primary endpoint is objective response rate (ORR); secondary endpoints include overall survival (OS), progression-free survival (PFS), disease control rate (DCR) and duration of response (DOR). Exploratory endpoints include correlation of clinical outcomes to baseline CD8+ TILs, PD-L1 expression, peripheral blood tumor mutation burden and ELISPOT analysis.

About Heat Biologics, Inc.

Heat Biologics is a biopharmaceutical company developing immunotherapies designed to activate a patient's immune system against cancer using of CD8+ "Killer" T-cells. Our T-Cell Activation Platform ("TCAP") produces therapies designed to turn "cold" tumors "hot" and be administered in combination with checkpoint therapies and other immuno-modulators to increase their effectiveness. HS-110 is our first biologic product candidate in a series of proprietary immunotherapies designed to stimulate a patient's own T-cells to attack cancer. Our *ComPACT* technology is the first potential, dual-acting immunotherapy designed to deliver T-cell activation and co-stimulation in a single product. We are currently enrolling patients in our Phase 2 clinical trial for advanced non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's nivolumab (Opdivo®) and with Merck's pembrolizumab (Keytruda®). Pelican Therapeutics, Inc., a subsidiary of Heat, is focused on the development of co-stimulatory monoclonal antibody and fusion protein-based therapies designed to activate the immune system. For more information, please visit www.heatbio.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 on our current expectations and projections about future events. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "should," "potential," "continue," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," and similar expressions. These statements are based upon current beliefs, expectation, and assumptions and include statements that the data may represent the first Phase 2 data showing clinical efficacy for non-small cell lung cancer patients whose disease has progressed after treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor (CPI), that the addition of HS-110 to nivolumab may restore anti-tumor activity in patients whose disease has progressed after treatment with a CPI, that the broad, T-cell mediated immune response activated by HS-110 may improve clinical outcomes for patients who have lost the benefit of treatment with a checkpoint inhibitor and the ability of Heat's T-Cell Activation Platform to produce therapies designed to turn "cold" tumors "hot" and to increase their effectiveness of checkpoint therapies and other immuno-modulators. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict, including the ability of Heat's therapies to perform as designed, to demonstrate safety and efficacy, as well as results that are consistent with prior results, the ability to enroll patients and complete the clinical trials on time and achieve desired results and benefits, Heat's ability to obtain regulatory approvals for commercialization of product candidates or to comply with ongoing regulatory requirements, regulatory limitations relating to Heat's ability to promote or commercialize its product candidates for specific indications, acceptance of its product candidates in the marketplace and the successful development, marketing or sale of products, Heat's ability to maintain its license agreements, the continued maintenance and growth of its patent estate, its ability to establish and maintain collaborations, its ability to obtain or maintain the capital or grants necessary to fund its research and development activities, and its ability to retain its key scientists or management personnel, and the other factors described in Heat's filings with the SEC. The information in this release is provided only as of the date of this release, and Heat undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release based on new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

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Heat Biologics

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CORPORATE PRESENTATION

June 2019



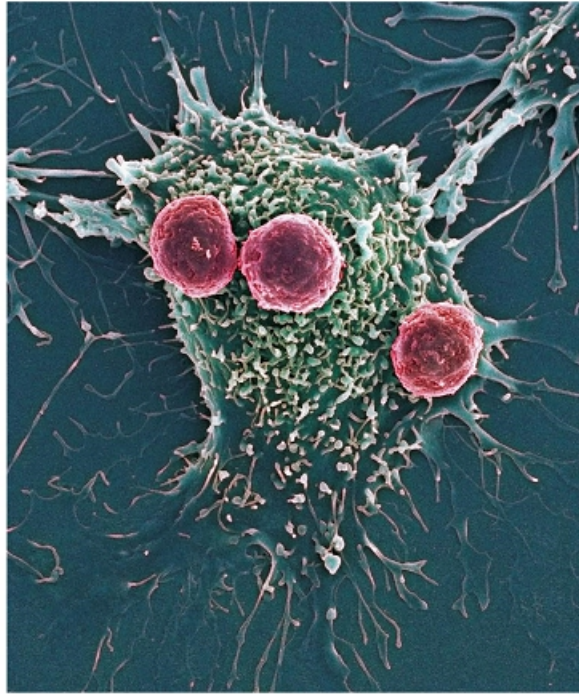
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By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events, competitive dynamics, and healthcare, regulatory and scientific developments and depend on the economic circumstances that may or may not occur in the future or may occur on longer or shorter timelines than anticipated. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this presentation, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this presentation as a result of, among other factors, the factors referenced in the “Risk Factors” section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2018, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the subsequent quarters and our other subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (collectively, our “SEC Filings”). In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this presentation, they may not be predictive of results or developments in future periods. Any forward-looking statements that we make in this presentation speak only as of the date of such statement, and we undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this presentation, except as required by law.

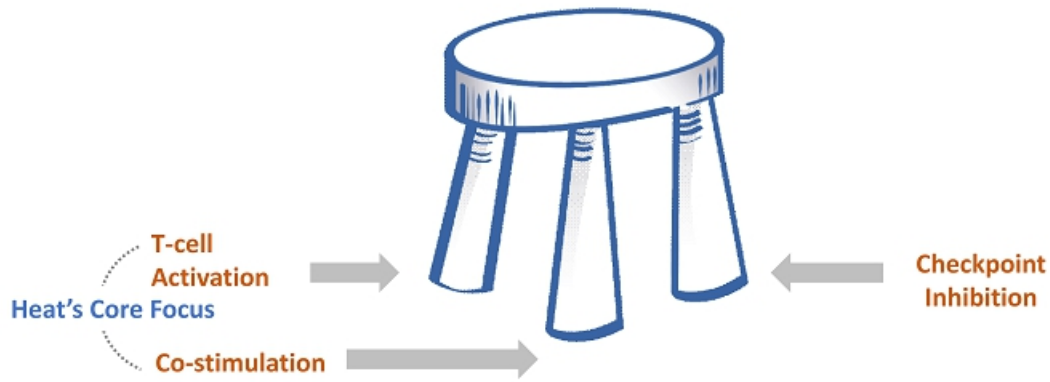
Our Mission

To improve patient outcomes by
developing more effective
immunotherapies designed to
Turn **"COLD"** tumors **"HOT"**



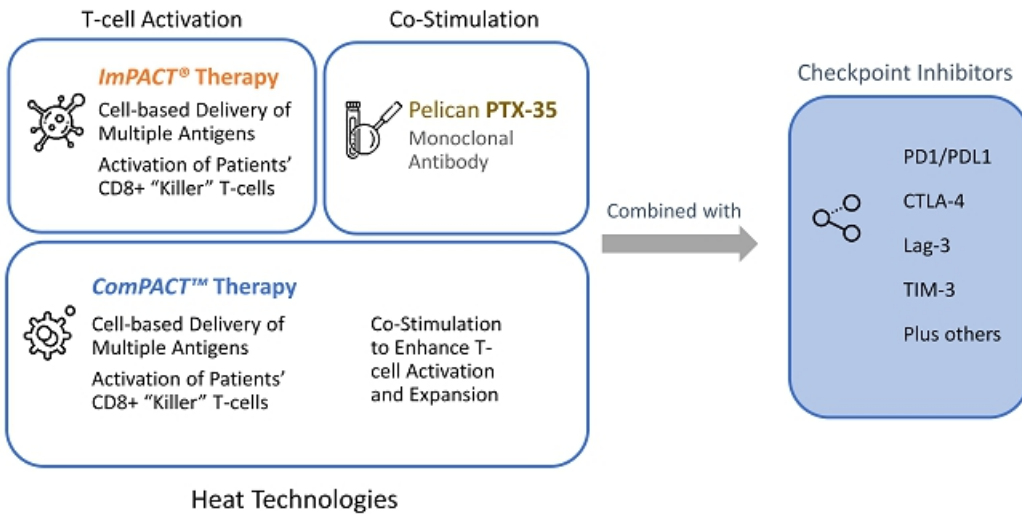
Effective Immuno-Oncology Therapy

The three legs of an Immuno-Oncology Stool













Heat's Combination Platforms

Unlocking the Body's Natural Defenses with a Broad Range of Combination Therapies



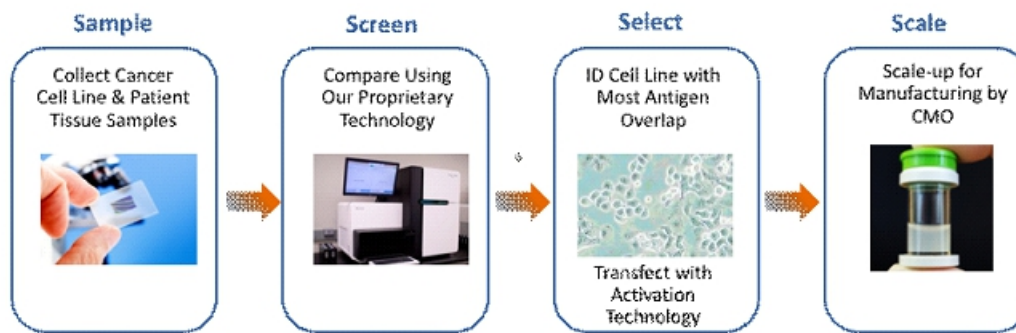
Product Pipeline

Combination Therapies Designed to Activate CD8+ T-cells Against Cancer

Combination Therapies	Indication	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Comments
<i>ImPACT</i> [®] HS-110	NSCLC					<i>ImPACT</i> [™] activation technology in combination with nivolumab and pembrolizumab
<i>ComPACT</i> [®] HS-130	Multiple Solid Tumors					<i>ComPACT</i> [™] activation technology in combination with checkpoint inhibitors
Co-stimulators						
PTX-35	Multiple Solid Tumors					Humanized monoclonal antibody, functional agonist of human TNFRSF25 (\$15.2M CPRIT grant)

ImPACT® “Off-the-shelf” Manufacturing

Designed for Robust, Pan-antigen T-cell Activation

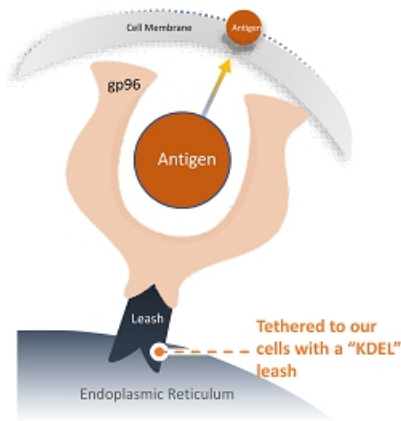


- Frozen, fully-diluted single-dose vial
- Final drug product: 10 million cells
- Easily scaled manufacturing

**Low COG, off-the-shelf
alternative to autologous therapies**

Introducing gp96 – Its dual role

*The Immune System's "Swiss Army Knife"**



"Molecular Warning System"

- A natural biological process to deliver proteins (antigens) & gp96 to our immune system
- Gp96 "chaperones" newly-created proteins to the cell membrane where they are released and embedded
- Gp96 chaperoned proteins are only naturally released via necrosis
- Gp96, when present outside the cell, alerts the immune system and then becomes one of the most powerful adjuvants that show exclusive specificity to CD8+ ("killer") T-cells

*Schild, H. & Rammensee, H. Gp-96 – The Immune System's Swiss Army Knife. *Nature Immunology* 2, 100-101 (2000)

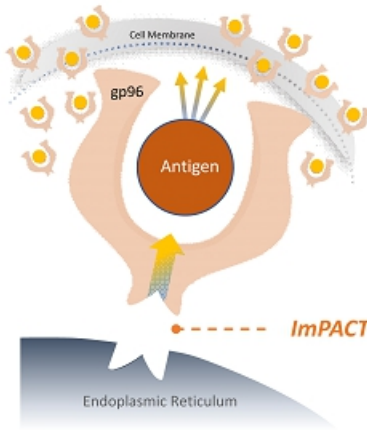
Heat's T Cell Activation Platform - *ImPACT*[®]

"Severing the Leash"

Heat Biologics *ImPACT*[®] technology reprograms cancer cells to continuously secrete their own antigens

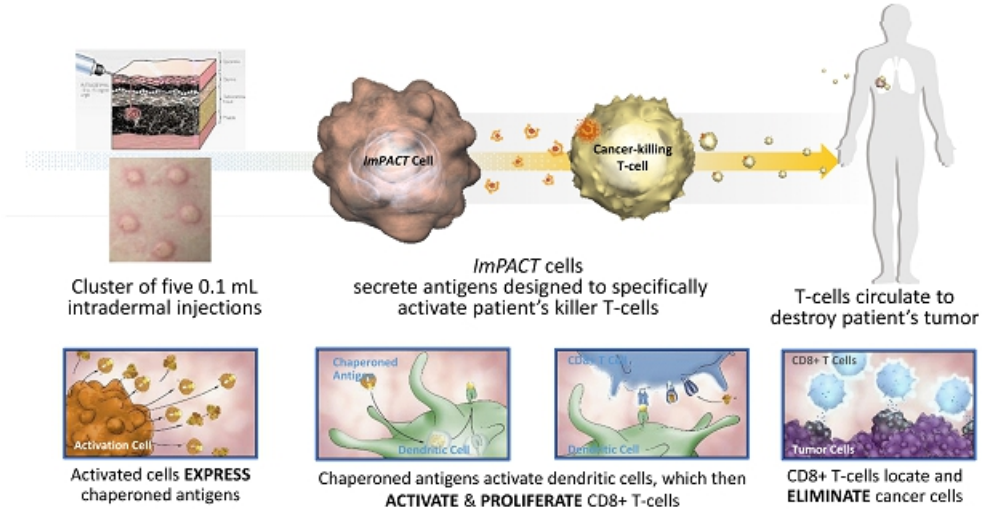
ImPACT[®] technology genetically modifies tumor cells by "severing the leash" that binds the gp96 to the endoplasmic reticulum, and replacing it with a secretory sequence that pumps gp96 out of the cell

Mimics necrotic cell death by enabling fully-allogeneic "off-the-shelf" living cancer cells to "pump-out" their own antigens along with their gp96 chaperone



Designed to activate a powerful pan-antigen cytotoxic T-cell immune response

ImPACT®: Immune Pan-antigen Cytotoxic Therapy



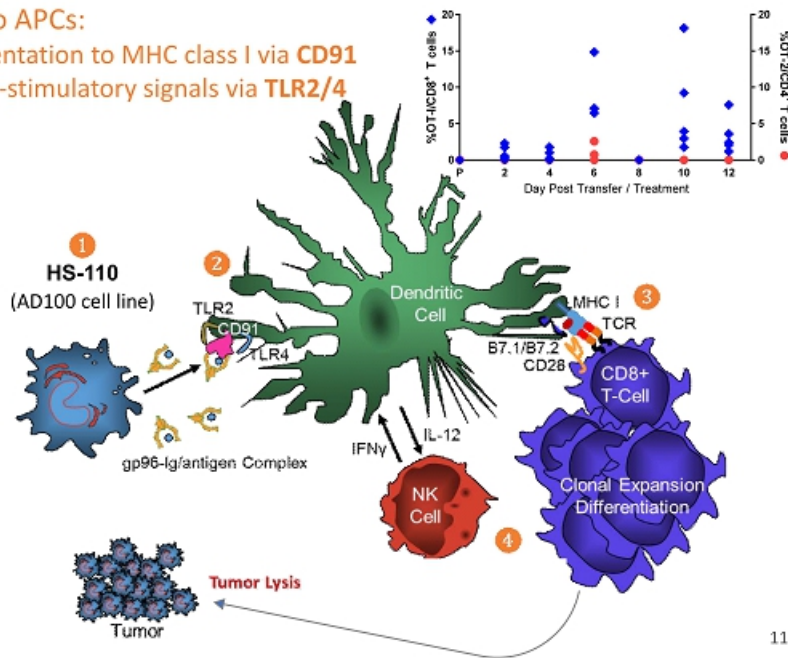
Heat's unique cell-secreted gp96 firstly activates dendritic cells via TLR signaling and subsequently CD8+ T cells via antigen cross presentation

HS-110 Generates an Adaptive Immune Response

2 signals Delivered to APCs:

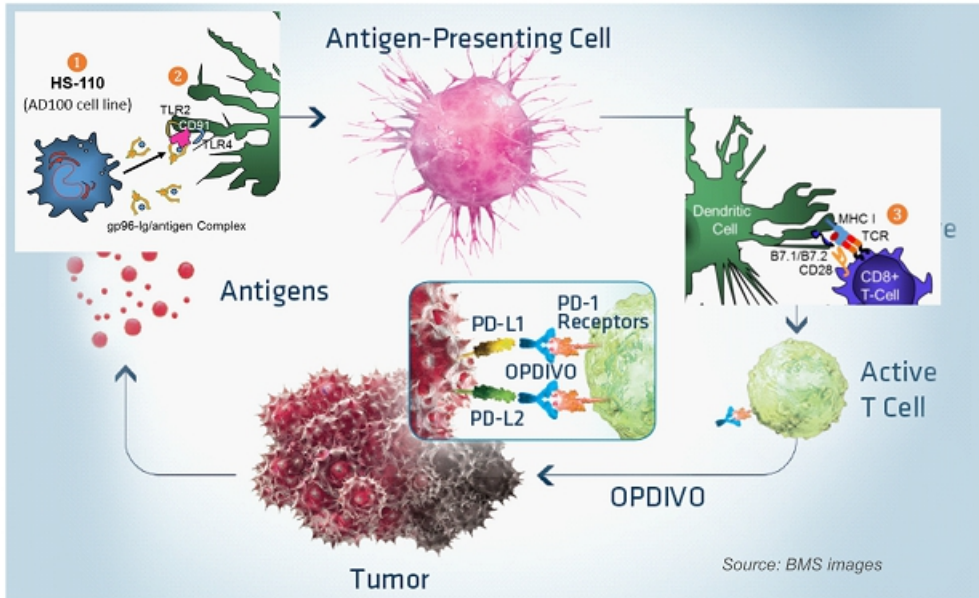
- ✓ Antigen cross presentation to MHC class I via **CD91**
- ✓ Up regulation of co-stimulatory signals via **TLR2/4**

1. Secretion of gp96-Ig carrying tumor specific proteins represented on the patients tumor
2. Activation of APCs (TLR2/4) and cross-presentation of antigens (CD91)
3. Specific T-cell receptor engagement
4. Clonal Expansion of Tumor Antigen Specific T cells.



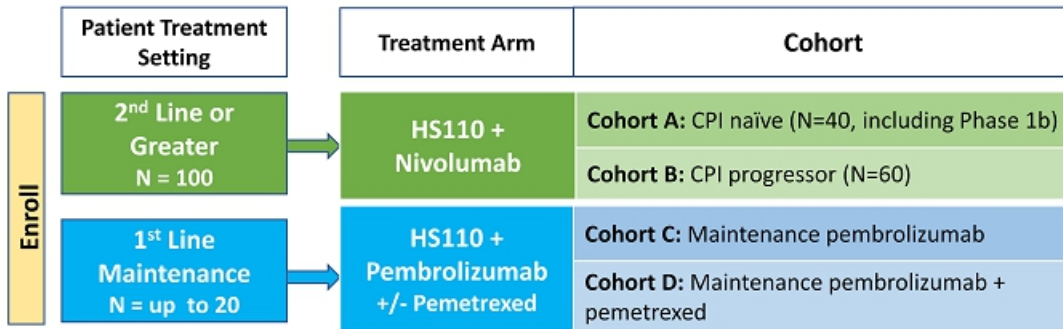
HS-110 + Opdivo Combination Therapy

Potential to improve clinical responses and survival, without additional toxicity



HS-110 Trial Design

A Phase 1b/2 study of HS-110 in combination with multiple treatment regimens for patients with non-small cell lung cancer (The "DURGA" Trial)



Primary Endpoints

Phase 1b:
Safety

Phase 2:

Cohort A&B: ORR
Cohort C&D: PFS

Secondary Endpoints

OS, PFS, DCR,
DOR

Exploratory Endpoints

Correlation of clinical outcomes to the following factors

- **Baseline CD8+ TILs**
(Low defined as ≤ 10% stromal CD8+ TILs)
- **Baseline PD-L1 expression**
(Negative defined as < 1% on tumor cells)
- **Peripheral blood tumor mutation burden**
(Low defined as < 10 mutations / Mb)
- **ELISPOT cytokine analysis**

Cohort A: Patient Characteristics

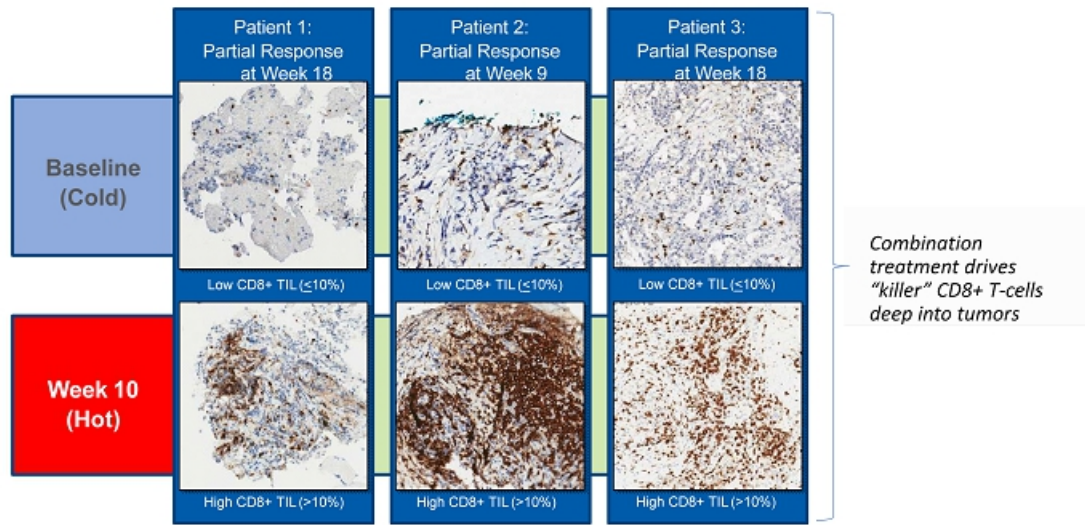
Stage III or IV Advanced NSCLC Patients

		Cohort A (N = 42)			Cohort A (N = 42)
Median age (range)		64 (37-87)	EGFR or ALK positive		9 (22%)
Female gender		22 (52%)	Prior lines of Tx		27 (64%)
Caucasian		38 (90%)	1	27 (64%)	
ECOG PS 1		26 (62%)	2 or more	13 (30%)	
Histology			Unavailable	2 (5%)	
Adeno		39 (93%)	PD-L1		
Squamous		3 (7%)	< 1%	16 (38%)	
Smoking Status			≥ 1%	13 (31%)	
Current/past		37 (88%)	Unevaluable	13 (31%)	
Never		5 (12%)	CD8+ TIL		
			≤ 10%	12 (29%)	
			> 10%	8 (19%)	
			Unevaluable	22 (52%)	

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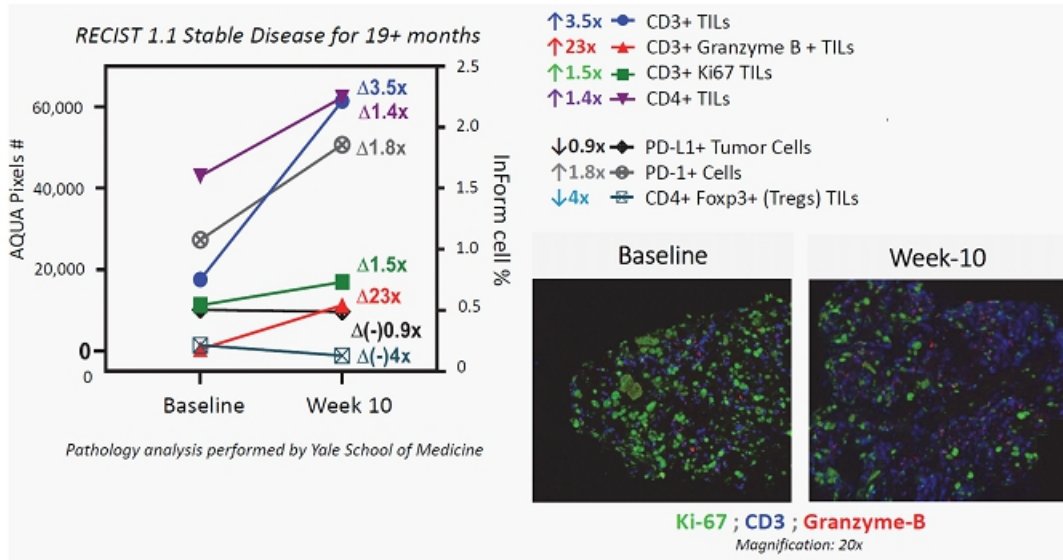
Clinical Support for HS-110 + Nivolumab Mechanism of Action

“Turning **COLD** Tumors **HOT**”



CD8+ TIL Infiltration Associated with Clinical Response

Combination Treatment Substantially Increased Killing Activity in Patient Tumor Microenvironment

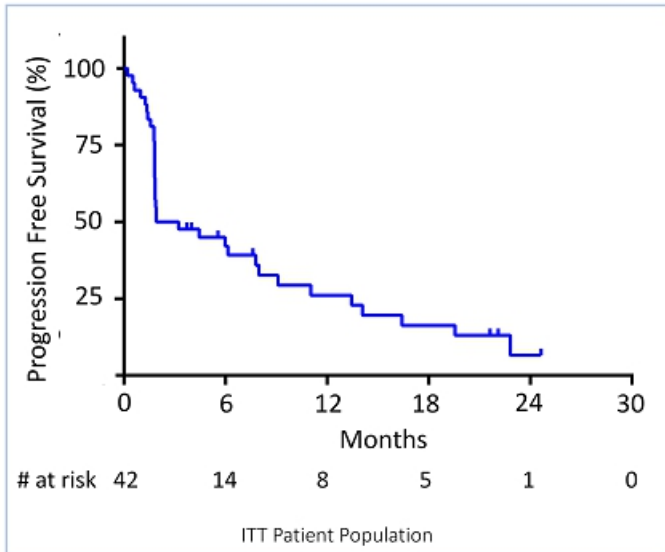


Substantial increase of CD3+ TILs and CD3+ Granzyme B+ TILs for enhanced tumor killing activity 16

Cohort A:

CPI Naïve pts treated by
HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Progression-Free Survival (PFS)



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Median PFS
2.6 months
(95% CI: 1.8 - 8 months)

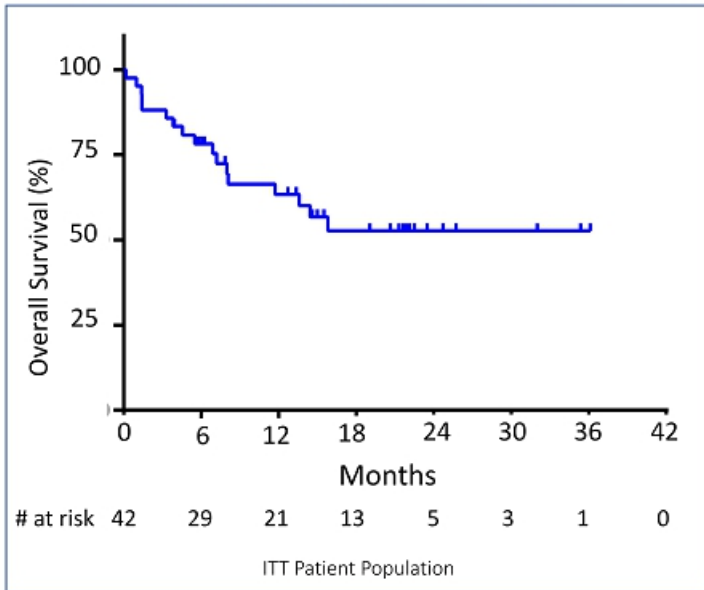
Median PFS of nivolumab alone
2.3 months *
(95% CI: 2.2 – 3.3 months)

* Borghaei et al. 2015 Nivolumab versus Docetaxel in Advanced Nonsquamous Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer. *New England Journal of Medicine*

Cohort A:

CPI Naïve pts treated by
HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Overall Survival (OS)



**Median OS
Not Reached**

(95% CI: 8.1 months - NR)

60% of patients still alive with
median follow-up time of 14.4
months

Median OS of nivolumab alone
12.2 months*
(95% CI: 9.7 – 15.0 months)

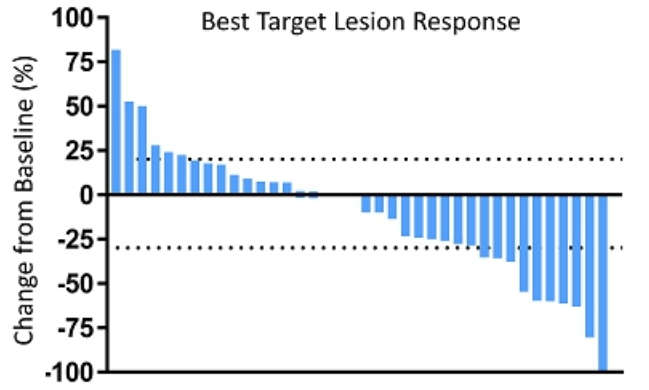
*Borghaei et al. 2015 *NEJM*

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Cohort A:

CPI Naïve pts treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Best Overall Response



Waterfall plot of best target lesion response using percent change from baseline of the SLD (sum of longest diameters) for all patients who received at least 1 post-baseline scan (n=38)

22 out of 38 patients had no increase in tumor burden from baseline

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RECIST 1.1 Objective Response Rate = 21.4%
(95% CI: 10.3 - 36.8%)

ITT (N=42)

PR	9 (21%)
SD	12 (29%)
Not evaluable	4 (10%)
DCR	21 (50%)

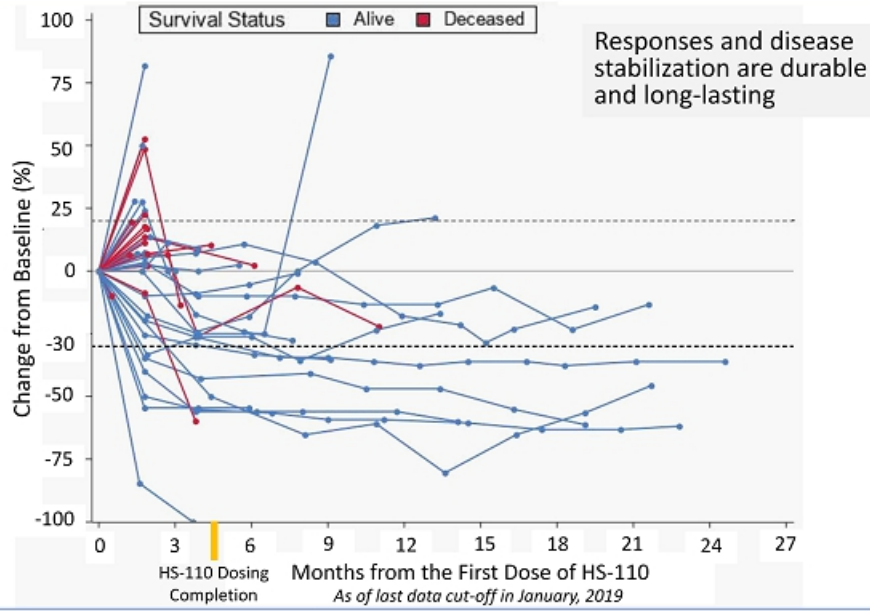
Nivolumab alone in CPI naïve patients*
ORR = 19% (95% CI: 15% - 24%)
DCR = 44%

*Borghaei et al 2015 NEJM

Cohort A:

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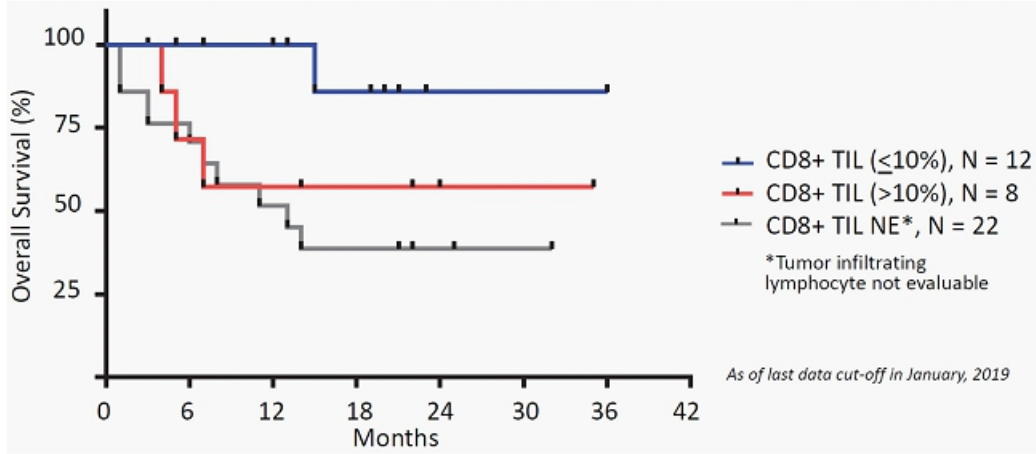
Duration of Benefit



Cohort A: Improved Survival in “Cold” Tumor Patients

CPI Naive pts treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Overall Survival (OS) by Baseline CD8+ TIL

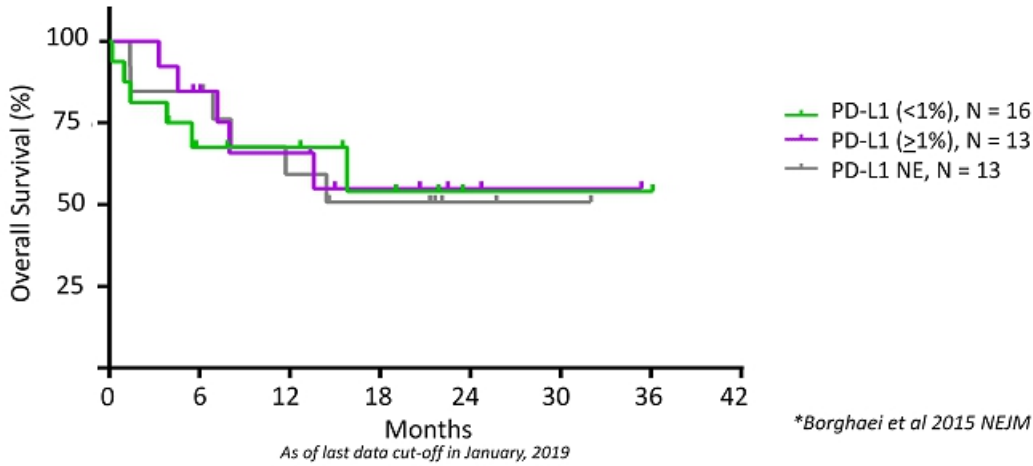


- **Survival benefit observed in patients with low CD8+ TIL at baseline**, as compared to high CD8+ TIL at baseline, **HR = 0.39 (95% CI: 0.06 – 2.31)**
- Median overall survival not reached for both groups
- The above benefit is **contrary to what is expected** based on current literature
Gibney et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016 December ; 17(12): e542–e551

Cohort A: Benefit Independent of PD-L1 Status

CPI Naive pts treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Overall Survival (OS) by Baseline PD-L1 Status

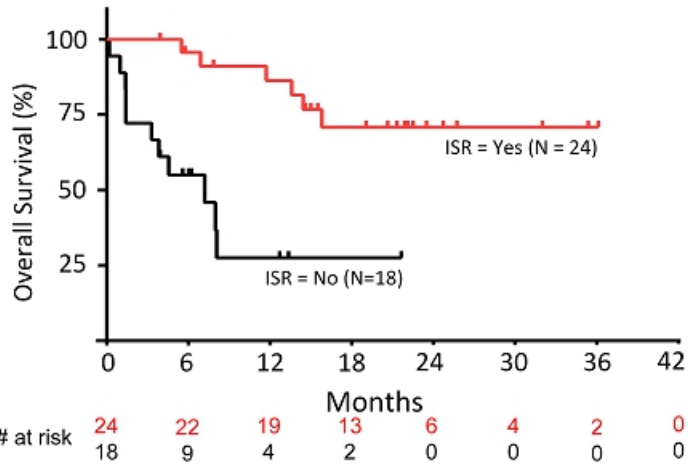


- **Our therapy is agnostic to PD-L1 status**
- Similar survival observed in both PD-L1 positive and PD-L1 negative patients
HR 0.85 (95% CI: 0.26 – 2.79)
- For nivolumab alone, PD-L1 positive patients typically have better outcomes*

Cohort A:

CPI Naive pts treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

OS by Injection Site Reaction (ISR)



Typical Injection Site Reaction

mOS: NR vs. 7.2 months
HR: 0.15
 (95% CI: 0.05-0.45)
p = 0.0001

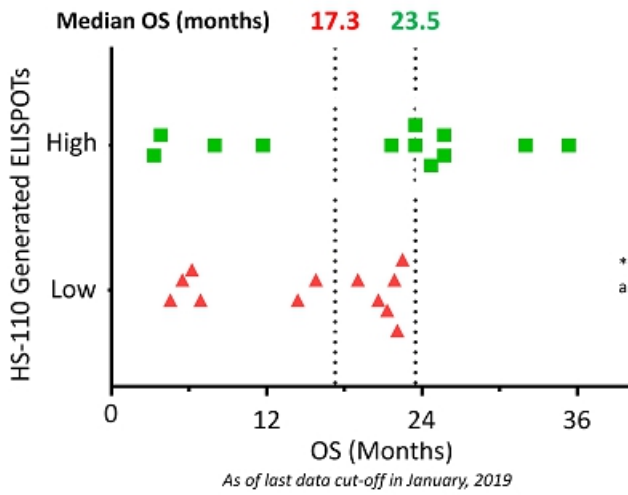
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Survival is significantly better in patients who experienced dermal injection site reaction, thus supporting the HS-110 mechanism of action

Cohort A:

CPI Naïve pts treated by
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Survival Benefit with Increased Immune Activity



Over the course of treatment, patients* with higher levels of HS-110 elicited immune response from peripheral blood demonstrated a survival benefit of approximately 6 months

* Only patients with blood samples available at baseline and during treatment were included in this analysis

High = Patients with absolute ELISPOT increases **above** the group median
Low = Patients with absolute ELISPOT increases **below** the group median

Cohort B: Patient Characteristics

- Stage III or IV advanced NSCLC patients
- Patients were heavily pretreated (80% with 2+ lines of prior therapy)

		Cohort B (N = 20)
Median age (range)		65 (56-84)
Female gender		14 (70%)
Caucasian		15 (75%)
ECOG PS 1		10 (50%)
EGFR or ALK positive		2 (10%)
Histology	Adeno	17 (85%)
	Squamous	3 (15%)
Smoking Status	Current/past	17 (85%)
	Never	3 (15%)
Prior lines of Tx	1	3 (15%)
	2	9 (45%)
	≥ 3	8 (40%)

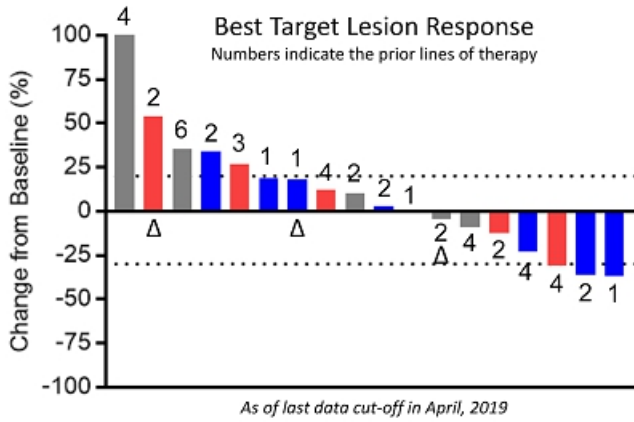
		Cohort B (N = 20)
PD-L1	< 1%	7 (35%)
	≥ 1%	8 (40%)
	Unevaluable	5 (25%)
CD8+ TIL	≤ 10%	7 (35%)
	> 10%	6 (30%)
	Unevaluable	7 (35%)
Time (months) on prior CPI: Median (range)		10.2 (6, 19)
Time (months) between last CPI dose and study entry: Median(range)		1.7 (1, 21)

As of last data cut-off in January, 2019

Cohort B:

CPI progressors treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Objective Response Rate



RECIST 1.1 ORR = 15%
(95% CI: 3.2% - 37.9%)

Per investigator assessment:

PR = 4 (20%)

SD = 7 (35%)

DCR = 11 (55%)

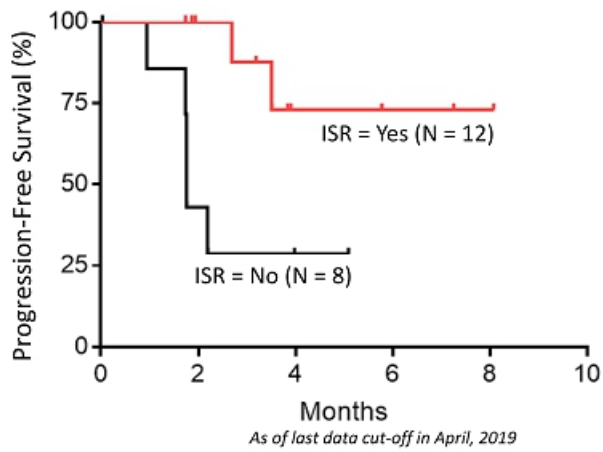
- CD8+ TIL High (> 10%)
- CD8+ TIL Low (≤10%)
- CD8+ TIL Unevaluable

The majority of patients had adenocarcinoma
Δ indicates patients with squamous cell carcinoma

- Stabilization of disease in > 50% of patients
- Tumor shrinkage observed in 35% of patients
- Signal of efficacy observed in patients that have failed multiple therapies
- Benefit observed in patients with “cold” tumor at baseline (CD8+ TIL ≤ 10%)

Cohort B: PFS by Injection Site Reaction (ISR)

CPI progressors treated by HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$



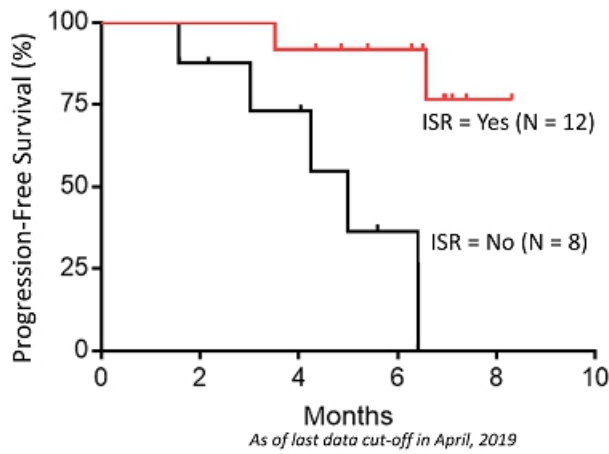
mPFS: NR vs. 1.8 months
HR = 0.17 (95% CI, 0.03-0.84)
p = 0.013

PFS is significantly better in patients who experienced dermal injection site reaction, thus supporting the HS-110 mechanism of action

Cohort B:

CPI progressors treated by
HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

OS by Injection Site Reaction (ISR)



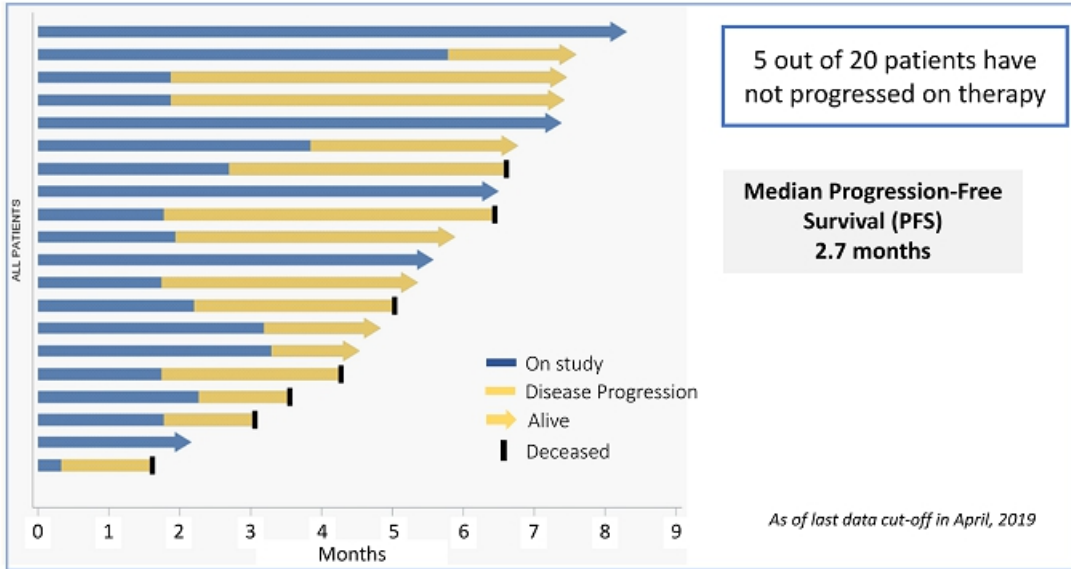
mOS: NR vs. 5 months
HR = 0.13 (95% CI, 0.02-0.71)
p = 0.002

OS is significantly better in patients who experienced dermal injection site reaction, thus supporting the HS-110 mechanism of action

Cohort B:

CPI progressors treated by
HS-110 + Nivolumab at $\geq 2L$

Duration of Clinical Benefit



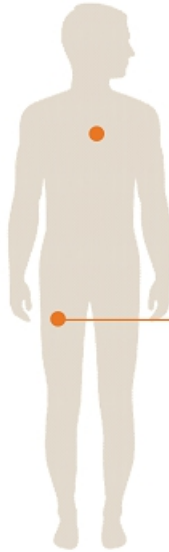
Safety Profile to Date

1,000+ Doses - No Serious Adverse Reactions

Favorable Safety Profile To Date

- Over 1,000 doses administered to 120+ patients
- Only one patient ended treatment due to a non-serious adverse reaction*
- No systemic use of steroids required to treat reactions
- No treatment-related serious adverse reactions

No additive toxicities to standard of care



Immune Reaction* ≤ Grade 3 toxicity



Injection Reactions

Week 1

Week 2



*Represents the only patient of ~200 patients dosed who discontinued treatment for a vaccine-related adverse event

Summary of HS-110 Phase 2 Interim Data

- HS-110 in combination with nivolumab appears safe and well tolerated
- Preliminary results demonstrate the ability of HS-110 plus nivolumab to induce CD8+ T-cell tumor infiltration in previously “cold” tumors
- The occurrence of dermal injection site reactions is associated with improved overall survival in Cohort A
- Data in Cohort B suggests that the addition of HS-110 to nivolumab may restore responsiveness after tumor progression on prior checkpoint inhibitors
- The occurrence of dermal injection site reactions (any grade) is associated with improved progression-free survival and overall survival in Cohort B

Heat Biologics Acquires Pelican Therapeutics

Unlocking the Body's Natural Defenses with a Broad Range of Combination Therapies



- Heat **acquired 80% controlling interest** in Pelican in May 2017
- Pre-clinical synergy with Heat's *ImpACT*® and checkpoint therapy
- **\$15.2M grant award** from the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) propels PTX-35 through a **~70-patient, first-in-human clinical program**
- PTX-35 is a potential **best-in-class, T-cell co-stimulator** specific to "killer" CD8+ "memory" T-cells

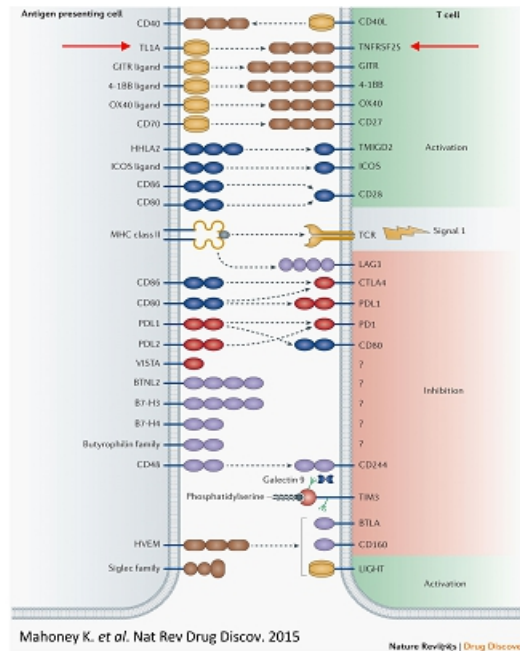
TNFRSF25 represents an emerging target in immuno-oncology

TNFRSF25 as a Novel I/O Combination Target

- TNFRSF25 is the most recently discovered T cell costimulator, and is a rapidly emerging target
- Pelican is the only company that has publicly announced developing TNFRSF25 agonist antibodies for I/O

“Although TNFRSF25 is chromosomally localized with 4-1BB, OX40, GITR and CD27, sequence analysis suggests that TNFRSF25 is relatively divergent or perhaps ancestral...Thus we might expect that therapeutics directed against this pathway will have unique activity.”

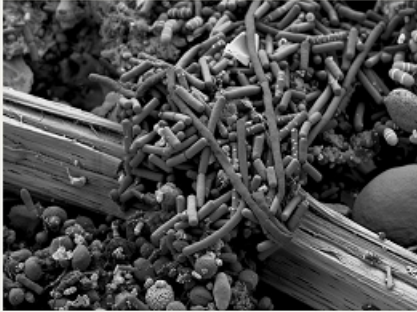
-Gordon Freeman et al



TNFRSF25: Why So Complicated?

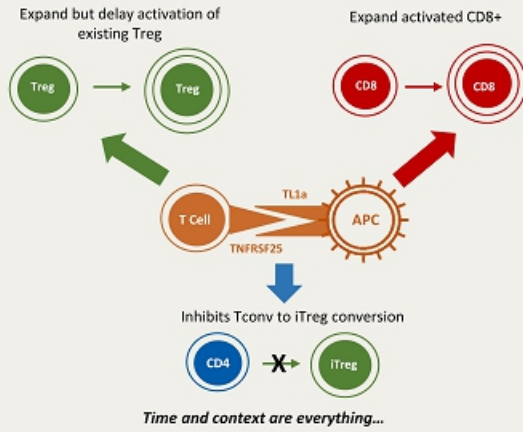
TNFRSF25's evolutionary origin

Potentially a mechanism that preserves needed tissue and friendly bacteria during an immune response

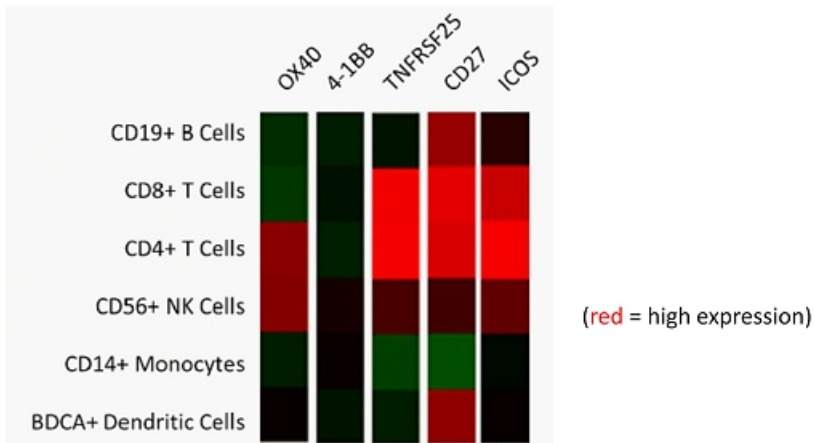


Example: gut invasion occurs in the context of friendly microbiome bacteria. How does the body protect what is needed while weeding out invaders?

One molecule – three types of T-cells



TNFRSF25 is Primarily Expressed on CD8+ and CD4+ T-Cells *compared to other T-cell co-stimulators*



Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation Su et al. PNAS 2004;101(16):6062-7

PTX-35 Data Highlights CD8+ T-cell Specificity

TNFRSF25 is preferentially expressed on CD8+ T-cells compared to other T-cell co-stimulators

- Co-stimulation occurs only in the context of **TCR recognition of antigen**
- Drives the development of **antigen-specific CD8+ T-cells**
(mimics TL1A, the specific ligand of TNFRSF25)

In mice, TNFRSF25 agonists increases

Antigen-specific
T-cell
proliferation



Increased effector
cytokine
production



Increased
effector immune
function



Increased survival
in mice cancer
models

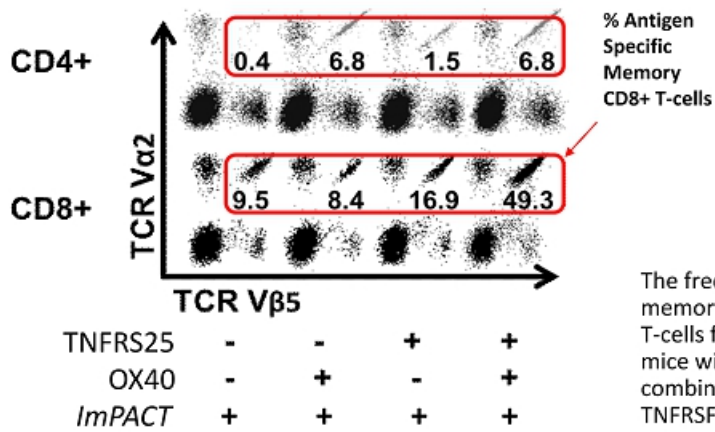
Compared to agonists OX40, GITR, 4-1BB:

- TNFRSF25 shows superior activity in stimulating memory CD8+ cells in mice
- TNFRSF25 agonism plus *ImPACT* results in improved survival in mouse melanoma models

Preferential CD8+ T-cell Induction with TNFRSF25 in Mice

Pre-clinical studies with murine agonist antibody shows

TNFRSF25 preferentially 'boosts' CD8+ T-cells, whereas OX40 is preferential to CD4+ T-cells

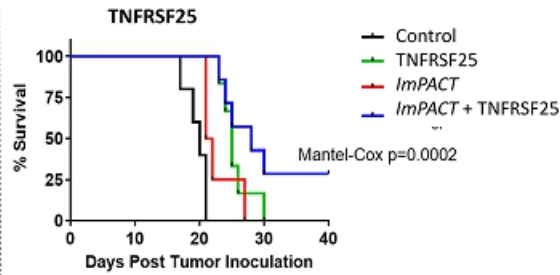
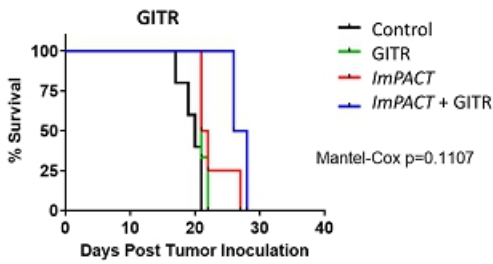
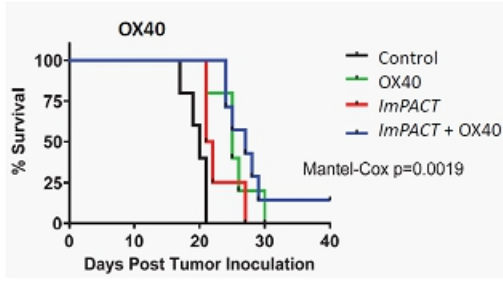
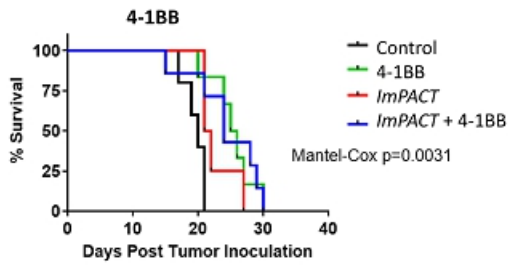


The frequency of antigen-specific memory CD4+ or memory CD8+ T-cells following treatment of mice with *ImPACT*[™] alone, or in combination with OX40 or TNFRSF25 antibodies

Schreiber et al. *J Immunol* 2012;189(7):3311-8

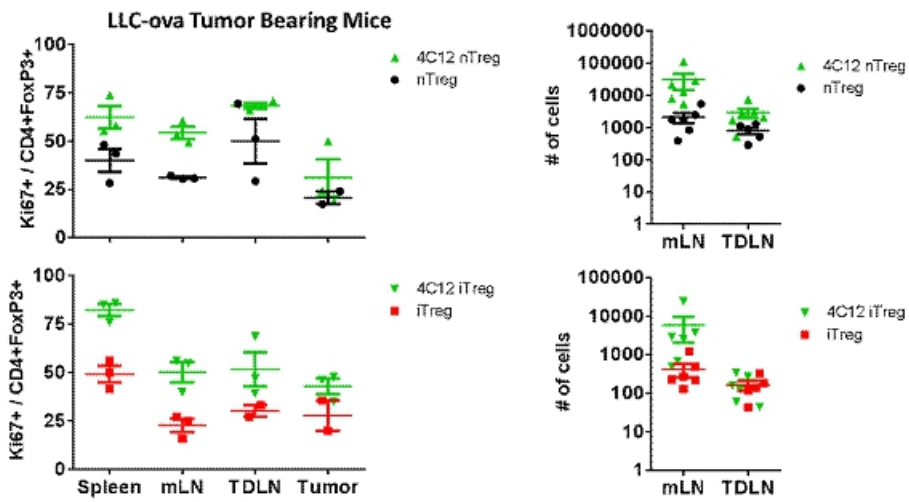
TNFRSF25 Agonist + ImPACT Significantly Increases Survival

Established (nine-day) B16-F10 melanoma mouse model



Schreiber T. et al. *SITC* 2014

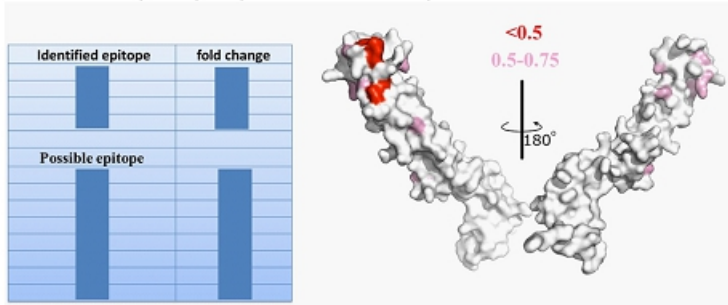
TNFRSF25 Causes No Intra-tumoral T-reg Proliferation in a Lung-tumor Model



Unpublished
George Fromm et al; Heat Biologics, 2014

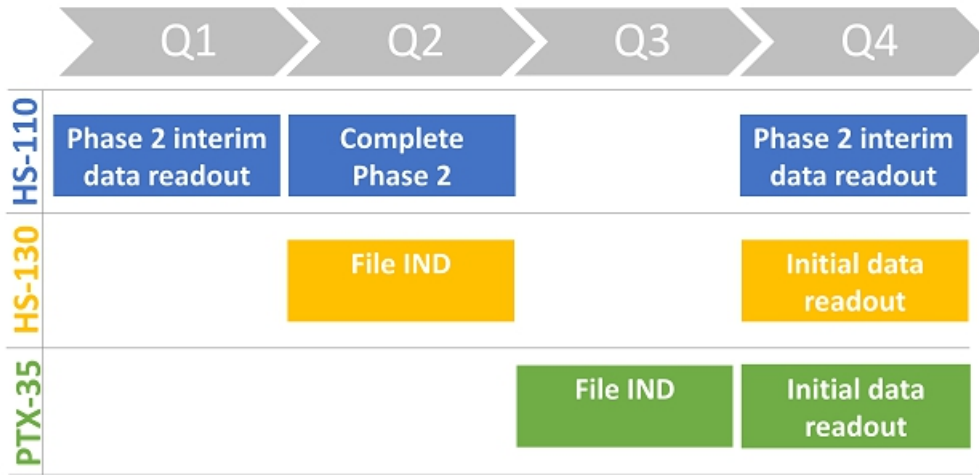
Development of Agonist Antibody: PTX-35

- The lead mAb, PTX-35, was affinity-matured and selected based on functional activation of TNFRSF25 across species.
- The functional cross-reactivity of PTX-35 was further validated by demonstrating that PTX-35 binds a unique epitope conserved in placental mammals.



- Humanized and affinity matured PTX-35 is now in IND enabling development.
- IND filing slated for 2Q2019.

2019 Corporate Milestones



Corporate Highlights

Potential Best in Class Oncology Treatment - T-cell activating platform (TCAP) produces allogeneic, off-the-shelf therapies designed to activate the immune system to turn immunologically “cold” tumors “hot”

Combination Effect - Our therapies are designed to be administered with checkpoint inhibitors and other immuno-modulators to enhance immune response

Off-the-shelf Therapies - We can administer drug immediately without extracting patient material, simplifying treatment and substantially lowering cost of goods

Clinical Data with Checkpoint Inhibitors (CPI) - Positive interim data from ongoing Phase 2 trial of HS-110 + CPI in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients (both CPI naïve and CPI progressors)

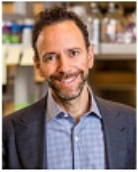
Diverse Technology Platforms - Multiple complementary platform technologies

Strong Management Team - Senior team with broad experience in biotech, pharma, clinical development and research

Appendix

Management and Advisors

Management



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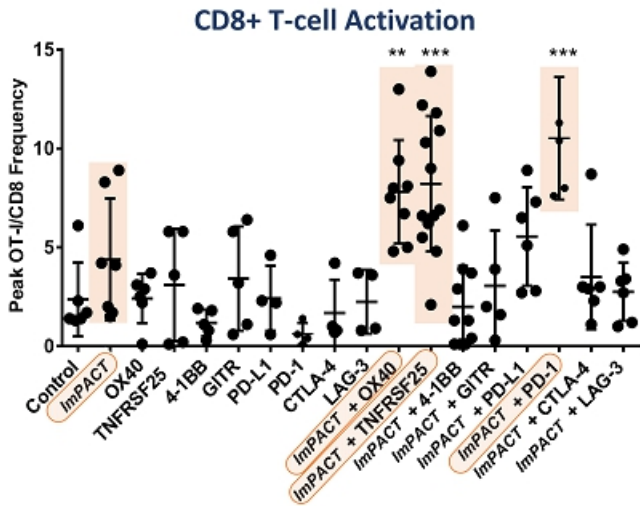
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Preclinical Data of CD8+ T cell Activation

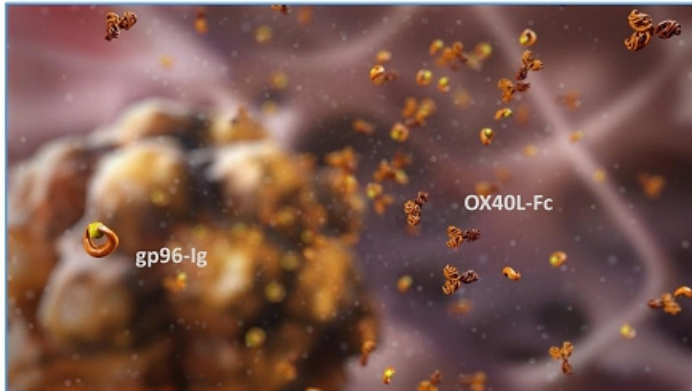
ImPACT® alone and in combination with co-stimulator agonists: OX40, TNFRSF25, PD-1



- Higher T-cell responses observed in mice treated with *ImPACT* alone
- *ImPACT*® boosted CD8+ T-cells to even higher levels when combined with co-stimulator agonist antibodies: OX40, TNFRSF25, PD-1
- Findings suggest synergies when combining *ImPACT* with Pelican's TNFRSF25 antibody

Source: Fromm et al. Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Annual Meeting, 2016

ComPACT™ Platform Technology



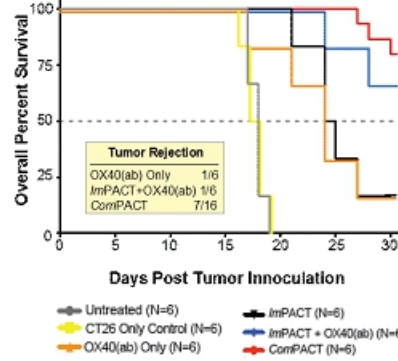
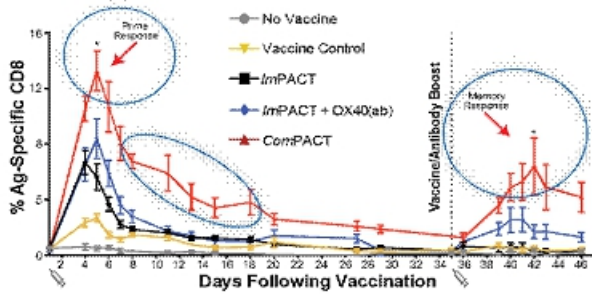
The first potential dual-acting immunotherapy designed to deliver T-cell activation and co-stimulation in a single product – combination therapy without additive costs

ComPACT™ Outperforms OX40

Monoclonal Antibodies in Pre-clinical Models

Superior primary and memory T-cell response in mouse model

Translates into increased overall survival and tumor reduction in a mouse tumor model



ComPACT generates ~50% complete tumor rejection compared to ~16% with OX40 agonist antibody combinations

TNFRSF25 - An Emerging Target for T-cell Co-stimulation

Target	Companies	Co-stimulator Combinations
4-1BB	Pfizer, ISA Pharma, Gilead, Bristol Myers, Inhibrx, Immatics, Pieris, NCI	Phase 1/2 Combinations: Chemotherapy, epigenetic modulator, CD20 mAb, HPV vaccine, CART, PD-L1, BTK, Herceptin, modified CD8+ T cells, IL-2, CSF1R, LAG-3, bispecific w/ HER-2, two co-stimulators (w/ OX40)
OX40	MedImmune, GSK, Incyte, Genentech, Pfizer, AbbVie, Bristol Myers, Alligator Bio	Phase 1/2 OX-40 prior to surgery. Other combinations: PD-1, PD-L1, CTLA4, axitinib, 41BB, smoothened inhibitor Anti-CD33, azacitidine, TLRs, bi-specifics of OX40 and CTLA-4
GITR	Novartis, Incyte-Agenus, MedImmune, Leap Therapeutics, BMS, OncoMed	Phase 1 Combinations: PD-1, Fc disabled co-stimulation, hexameric GITR ligand, IDO inhibitor, CTLA-4, GITR ligand-fusion
CD27	Celldex-BMS, Merck-Aduro	Phase 1/2 Combinations: PD-1/L-1, sunitinib, CD20, melanoma vaccine, TL3 agonist
ICOS	Celgene-Jounce, GSK	Phase 1/2 Combinations: PD-1, CTLA4, docetaxel
TNFRSF25	Heat (under Pelican)	Filing IND in Q2 2019 in advanced solid tumors. Combination studies being planned

- TNFRSF25 is a potential best-in-class T cell co-stimulator due to its **preferential specificity to 'memory' CD8+ T cells**
- **Pelican is the only company** with a disclosed program targeting TNFRSF25

