

# ONCOLYTIC VIRUSES OVERVIEW

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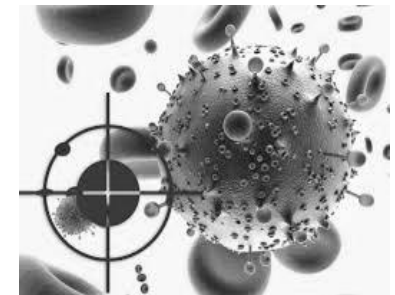
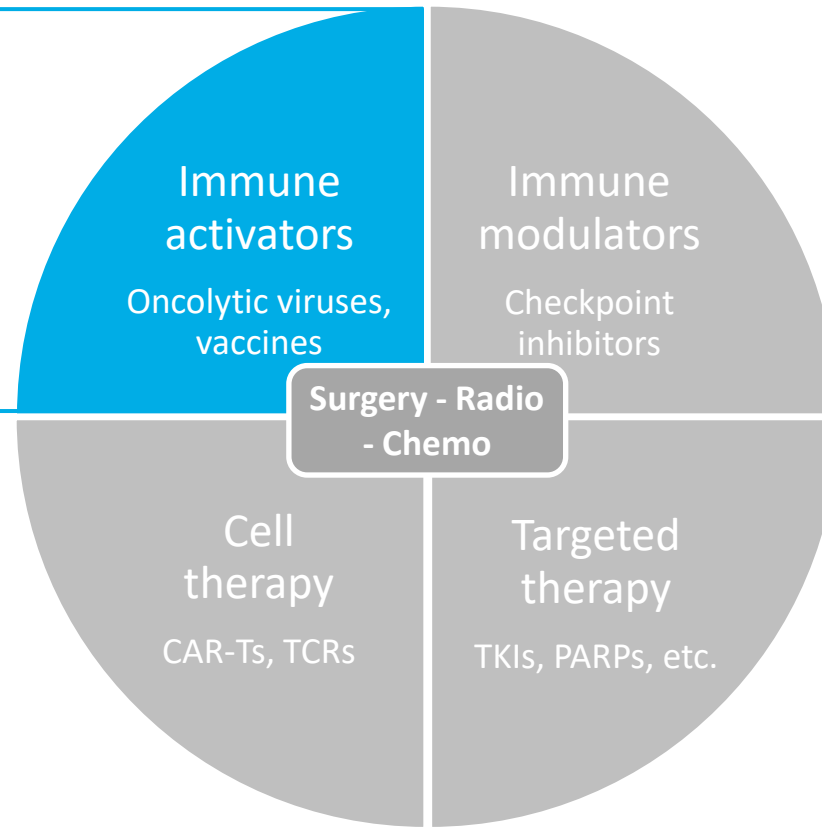
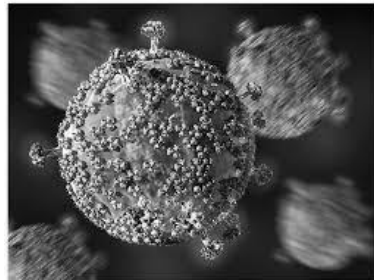
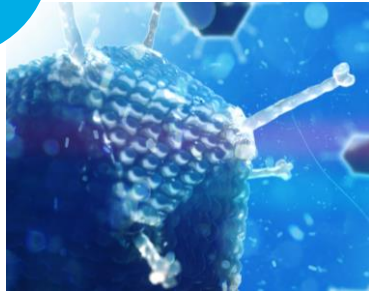
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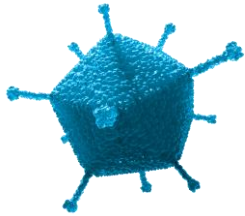
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# TARGOVAX AIMS TO ACTIVATE THE PATIENT'S OWN IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT CANCER

Targovax focus



# TARGOVAX HAS TWO CLINICAL STAGE IMMUNE ACTIVATOR PROGRAMS



**ONCOS**  
Oncolytic virus

- Genetically **armed adenovirus**
- **Clinically demonstrated powerful** innate and adaptive **immune activation**
- **Efficacy in combination with both anti-PD1 and chemotherapy**



**TG**  
Neoantigen  
vaccine

- **Shared mutant RAS neoantigen** therapeutic cancer vaccine
- Triggers **T-cell responses** to oncogenic **RAS driver mutations**
- 32 patient **phase I/II trial completed**
- Next generation TG program contingent upon **funding from Innovation Norway**

*Activates the  
immune system*

*Triggers patient-  
specific responses*

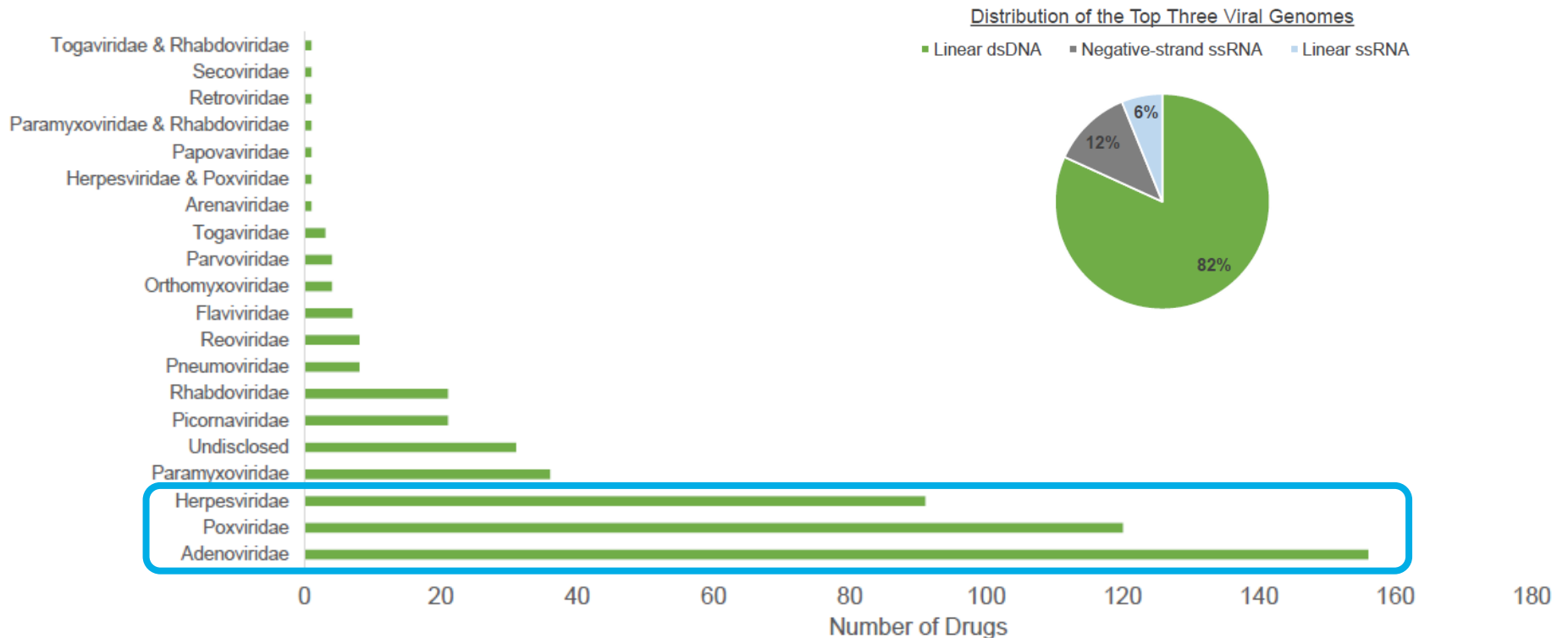
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## Oncolytic Virus Landscape Overview

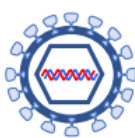

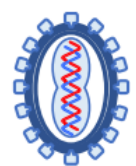
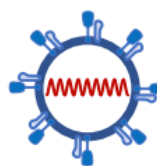
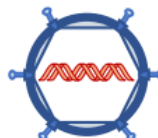
# ~550 PROGRAMS - MANY VIRAL FAMILIES

- No such thing as one OV, many subtypes with big differences
- Adenovirus are the largest OV family, followed by vaccinia and herpes simplex virus
- These are double-stranded DNA viruses, representing the majority of all OVs





# MOST COMMON OV CHARACTERISTICS

	Herpesvirus	Adenovirus	Vaccinia Virus	Measles Virus	Reovirus
Structure					
Genome	152kb dsDNA	36kb dsDNA	190kb dsDNA	16kb ss(-)RNA	23kb dsRNA
Virion Size	200 nm	70-90 nm	70-100 nm	100-200 nm	75 nm
Receptor	HVEM, nectin1/2, HSPG	CAR, CD46, DSG-2	glycosaminoglycans/ laminin, MARCO	CD46	carbohydrates, JAM-A

Size

Virus type	Description	Pros	Cons
Herpes virus	Large envelope DNA virus, large payload, long DNA sequences,	Only approved OV virus class, <b>highest DNA payload capacity</b> , easily manipulated	<b>Weak innate immune response</b> , long latency, long/permanent infectivity
Vaccinia virus	Large envelope DNA virus, large payload, long DNA sequences,	Well-known vector, can <b>carry large transgenes</b> (25 kb), extra-nuclear replication	Large size, <b>slow replication</b> , <b>rapid neutralization</b> , failed in late-stage trials
Adeno-virus	Mid-size non-enveloped DNA virus, ability to carry some payload DNA sequences	Extensively studied, <b>well tolerated</b> , <b>immunogenic</b> , innate immune system	Highly immunogenic, <b>creates nAbs after IV admin</b> (in naked form), lower payload
Small RNA viruses	Small RNA genome, usually non-enveloped, limited ability to carry transgenes (except VSV)	<b>High oncolytic potency</b> , rapid replication, strong innate response	Safety issues seen with too potent lysis (VSV virus), limited platform versatility

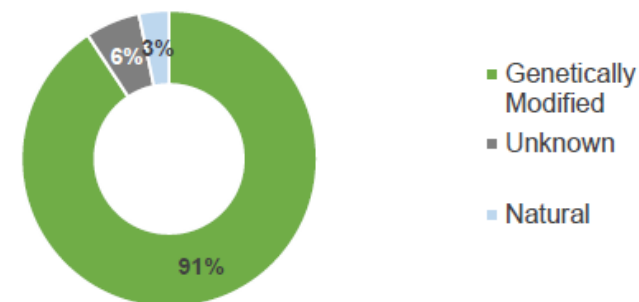
Immunogenicity

# VARIOUS AVAILABLE MODIFICATIONS OF OV

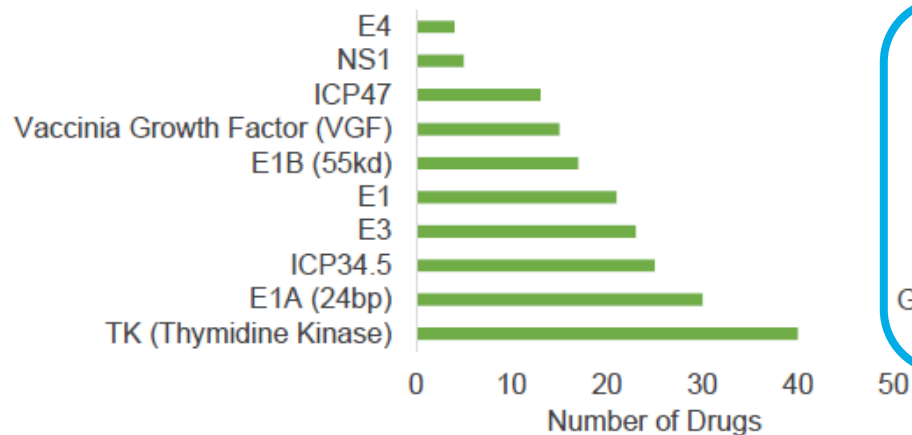
- Majority of OV products are genetically modified

→ Deletions to increase tumor cell selectivity

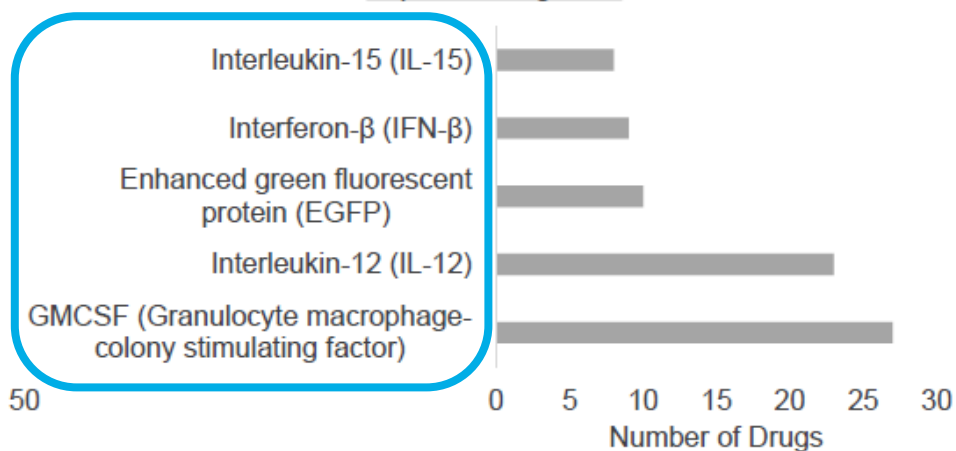
→ Additions to increase immune stimulation



Top 10 Gene Deletions



Top 5 Transgenes

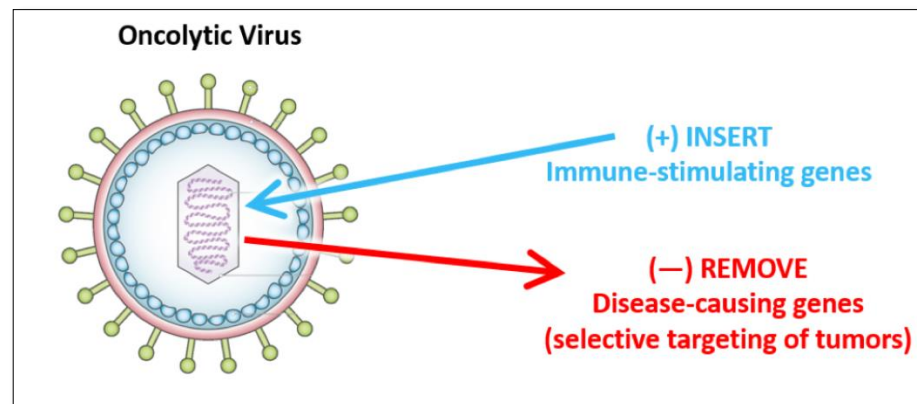




# KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VARIOUS OV

## Key differences between OV products

- Viral backbone (affecting entry receptors, replication and oncolytic capacity)
- Immunogenicity
- Transgene expression
- Payload



## Modifications:

- Enhancing tumour tropism (improve selective entry into tumor cells)
- Increase safety, restricting replication to cancer cells
- Increase immunogenicity (increase TLR stimulation for example)
- Transgene expression to increase efficacy (various categories)

# ONCOLYTIC VIRUS TRANSGENE CATEGORIES

## Transgene category

- Signalling molecules: cytokines/chemokines
- Co-stimulatory molecules
- Anti-co-inhibitory molecules
- Targeting tumour microenvironment/stroma
- Anti-tumour antigens
- Reporter transgenes (to enable tracking)
- Increasing efficacy by other drugs

## Examples

GM-CSF, IL-12, CXCL10, IFN $\beta$

CD40L, 4-1BBL, OX40L

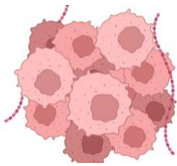
Anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1

Hyaluronidase, HPGD

Anti-FAP, EGFR

GFP

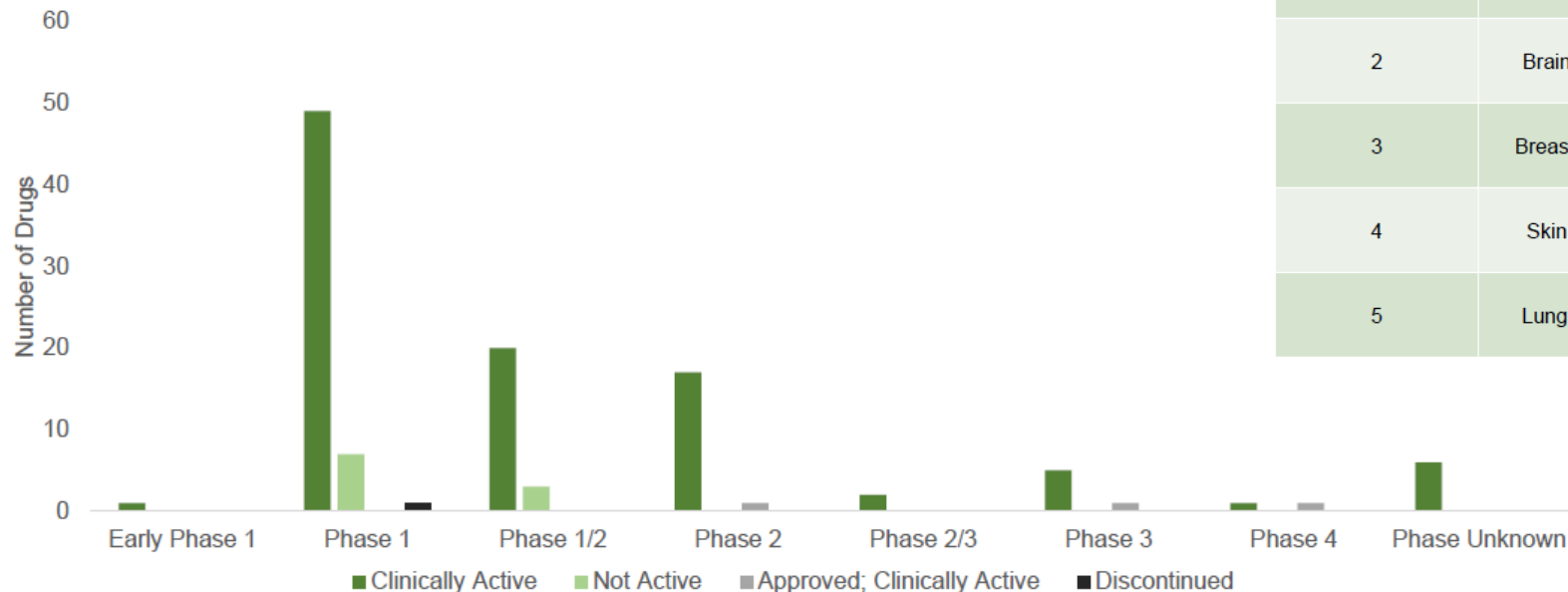
hNIS (concentrating radioiodine)  
FCU1 (chemotherapy)



# DELIVERY AND INDICATIONS

- Majority of OV products are delivered intratumorally but there are several aiming for intravenous delivery
- Majority of OV products are in early stages of development
- Majority are targeting solid tumours

Highest phase of development and status distribution of OV therapies

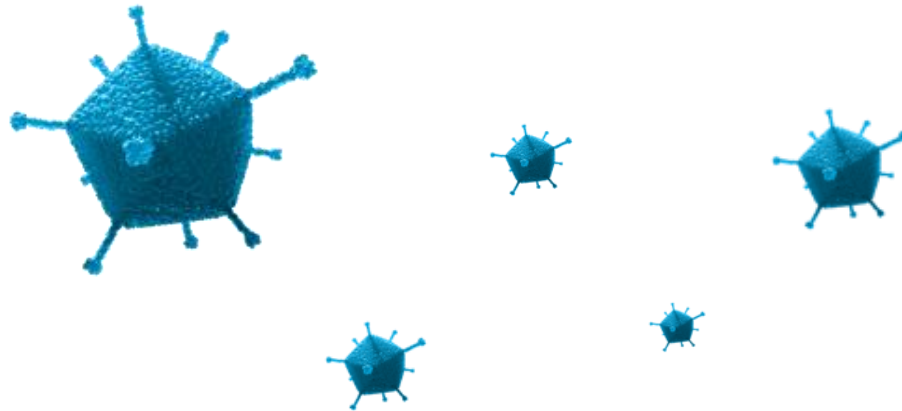


Rank	Preclinical	Clinically Active
1	Pancreatic Cancer	Brain cancer
2	Brain cancer	Skin cancer
3	Breast Cancer	Breast Cancer
4	Skin cancer	Lung Cancer
5	Lung Cancer	Head and Neck Cancer

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## Oncolytic virus ONCOS 102 OVERVIEW

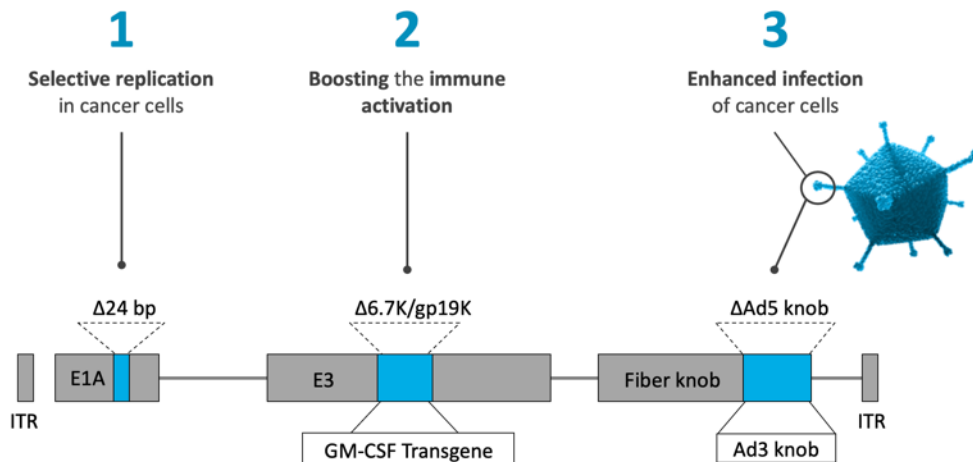
# ONCOS-102 – ONCOLYTIC ADENOVIRUS



**Reverses** immuno-suppressive defence mechanisms in the tumor

**Primes** anti-cancer T-cell responses

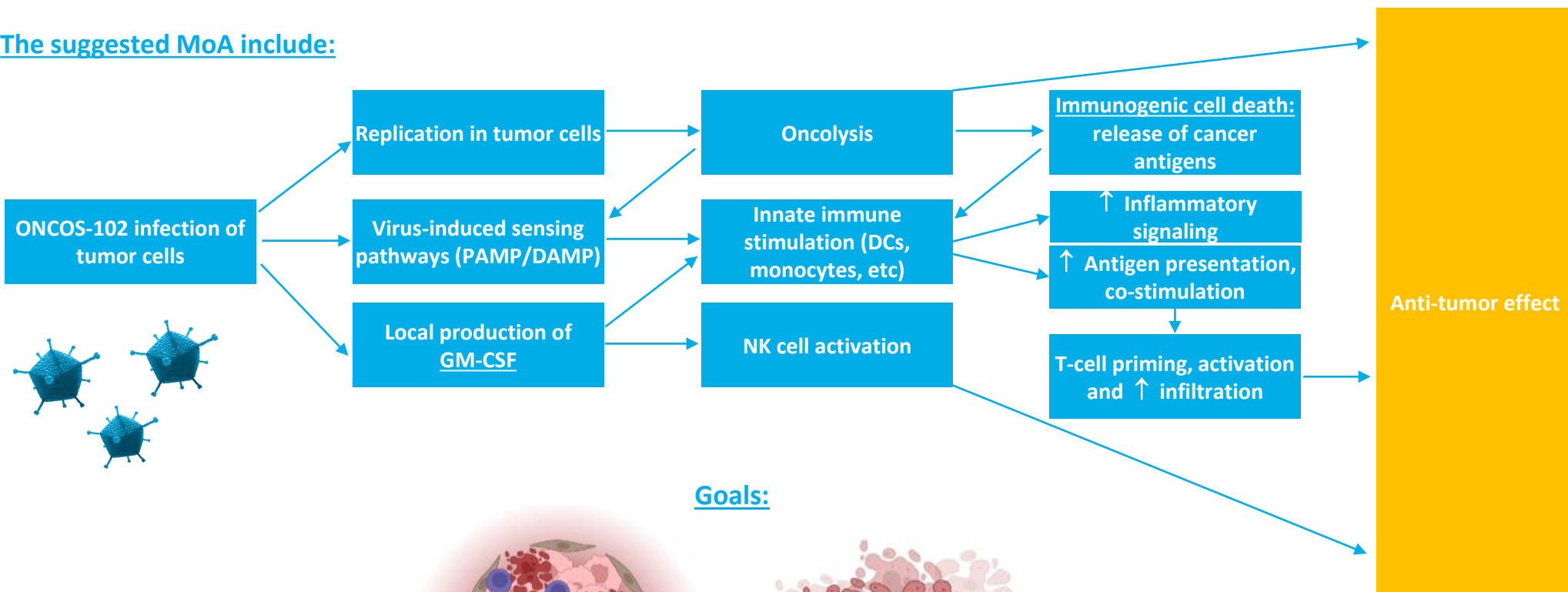
**Delivers** immune stimulatory payloads



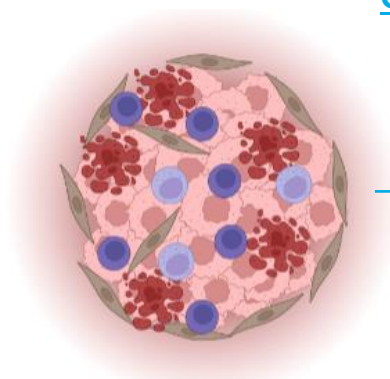
# ONCOS-102 – VARIOUS MECHANISMS OF ACTION



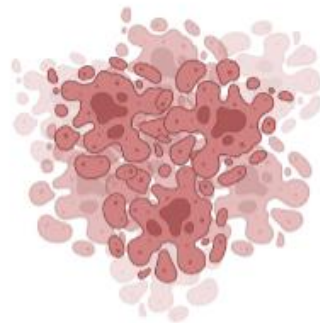
The suggested MoA include:



Goals:



Turning cold into hot



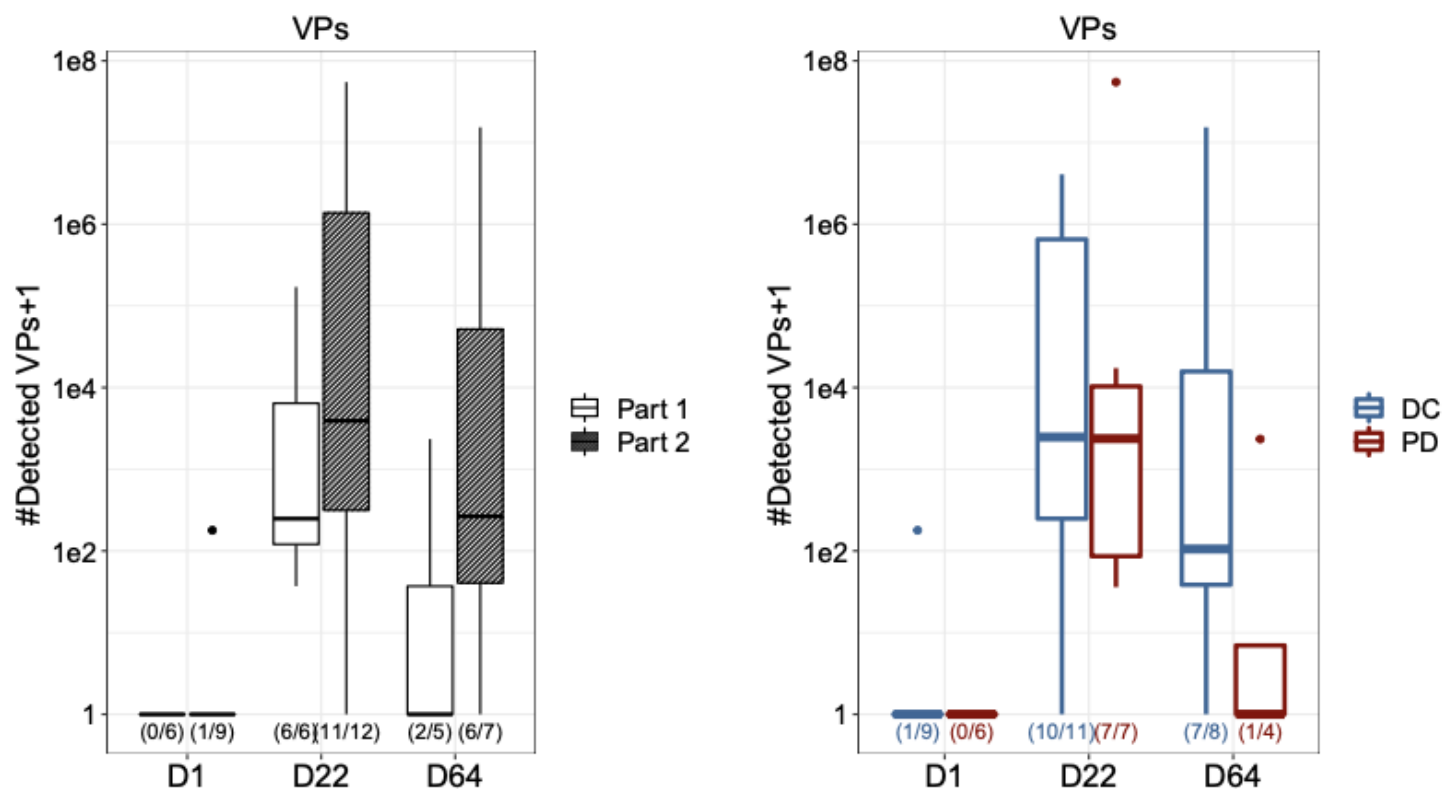
Tumor cell death

# ONCOS-102 IS ROBUSTLY DETECTABLE IN TUMORS AND REMAIN PRESENT IN RESPONDERS AT LEAST UNTIL WEEK 9

ONCOS-102 viral particles (VP) in tumor, qPCR on tumor biopsy DNA

Part 1 vs. Part 2 patients

Patients w/DCR vs. PD



- **High ONCOS-102 levels** observed at week 9 in **responding tumors**
- **More virus** detected in **Part 2** patients (concomitant dosing)
- **Virus replication** in the tumor at least beyond 6 injections up **until week 9** (last data point)

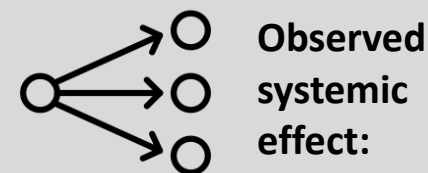
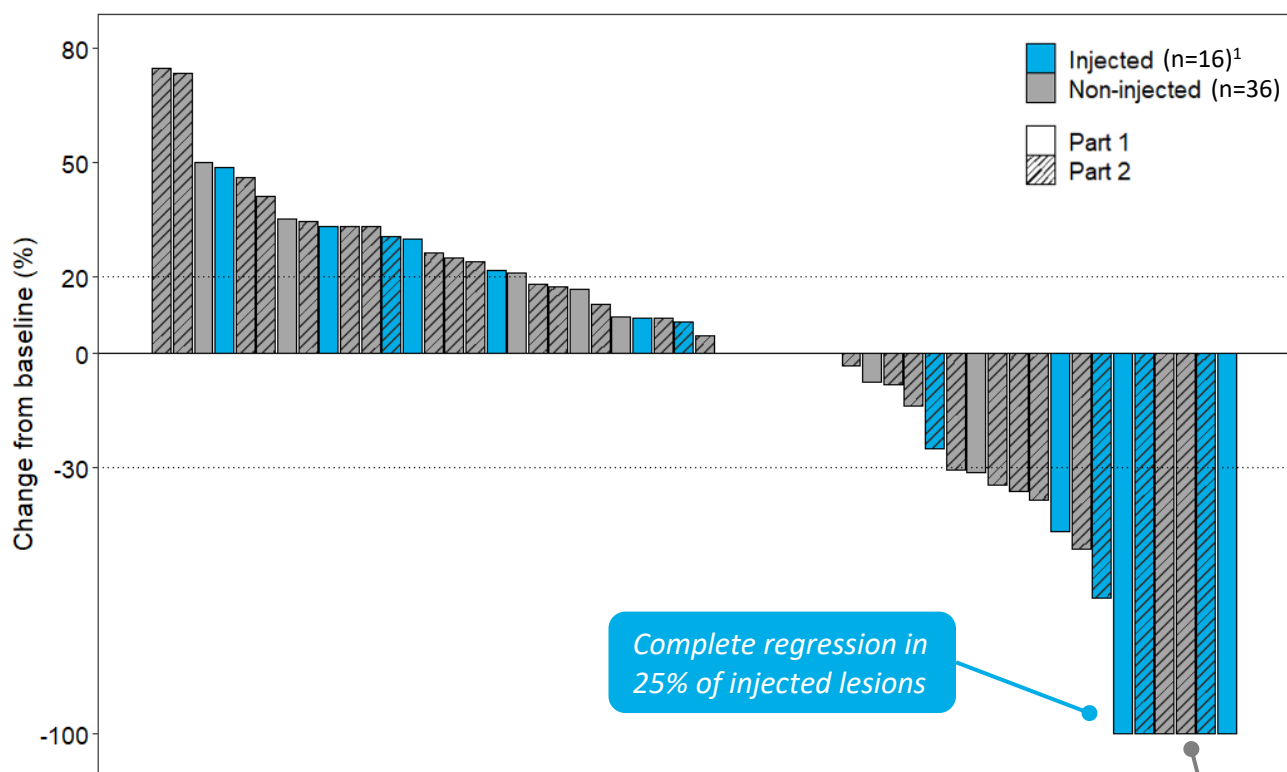


# MULTIPLE EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMIC (ABSCOPAL) EFFECT

## NON-INJECTED LESIONS COMPLETELY REGRESSED IN TWO PATIENTS

### Response in individual tumors

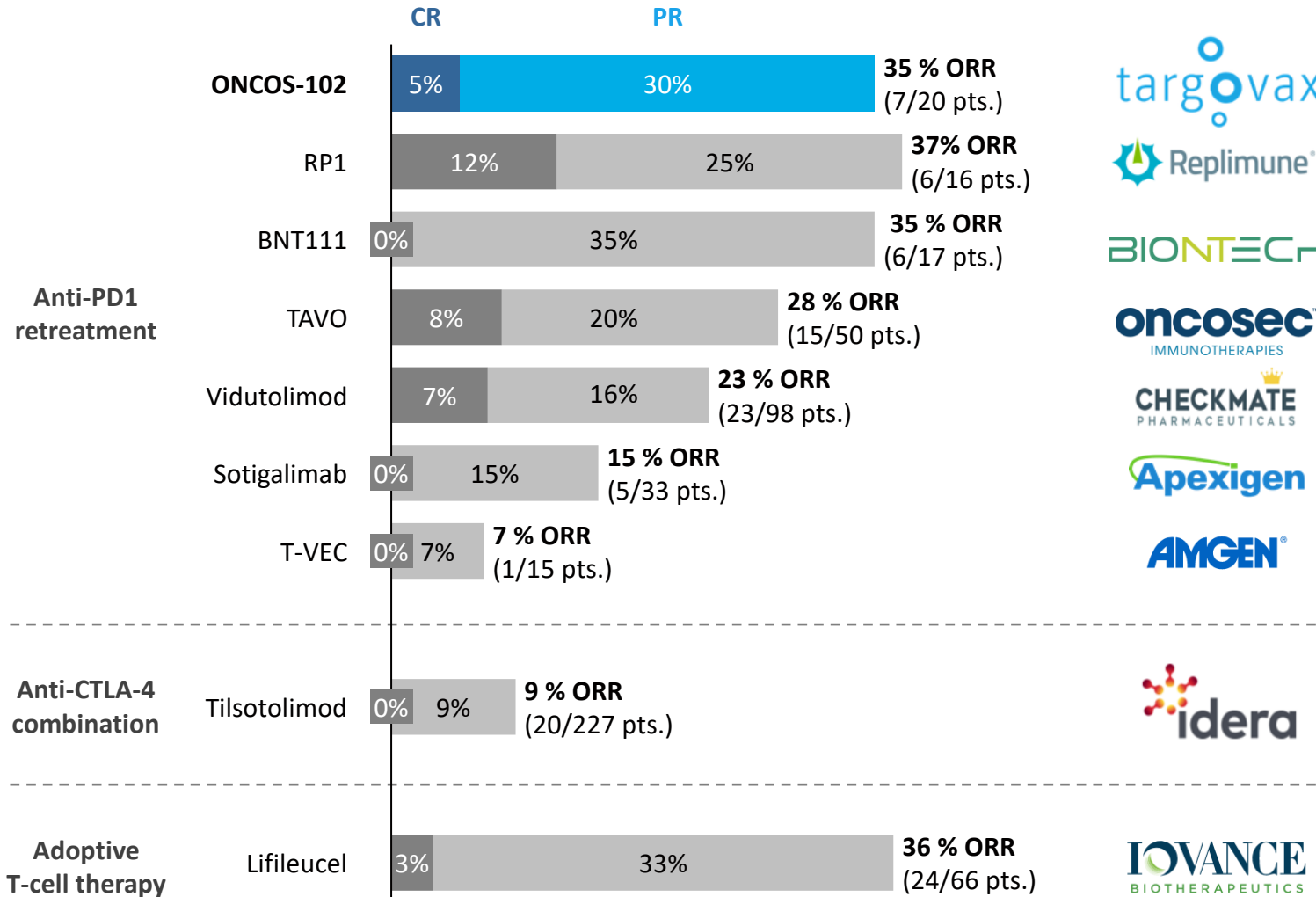
% change from baseline; injected and non-injected target lesions



- **12 of 36 (33%)** non-injected target lesions reduced in size
- **8 of 15 (53%) patients** had reduction in non-injected target lesions
- **6 of 15 patients (40%)** with abscopal objective response (PR) according to RECIST 1.1 30% tumor shrinkage criteria

Complete regression in two non-injected lesions

# ONCOS-102 HAS DEMONSTRATED HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ORR OF 35% IN PD1 REFRACTORY MELANOMA



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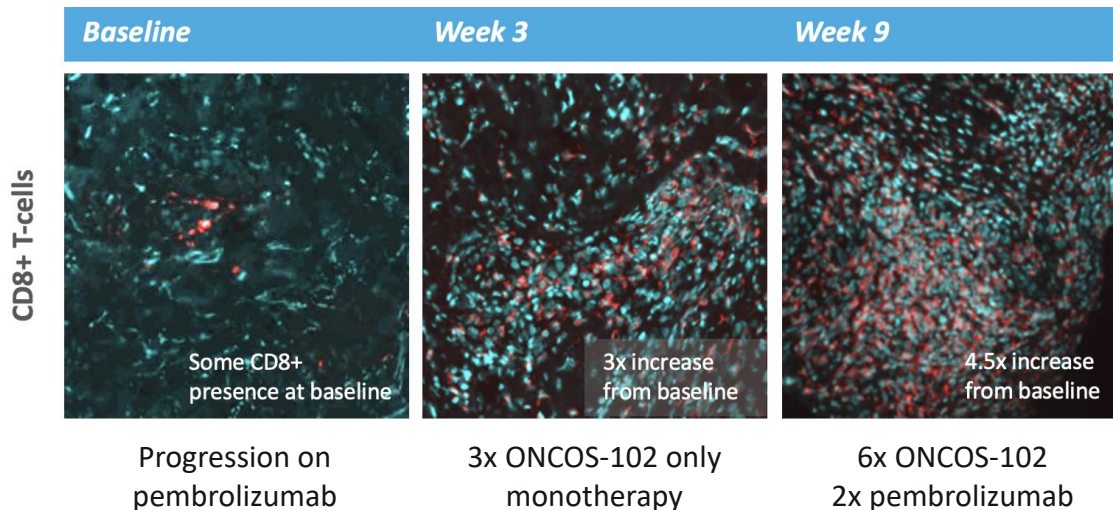
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# ONCOS-102 DRIVES STRONG AND CONSISTENT T-CELL INFILTRATION IN RESPONDING PATIENTS

## CD8+ T-cell tumor infiltration

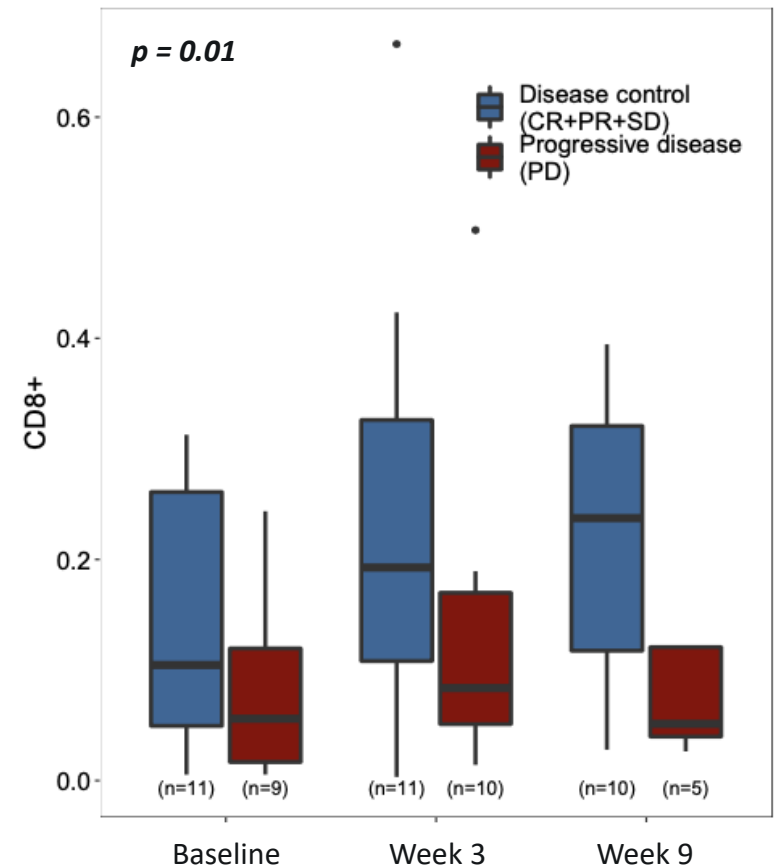
Tumor biopsy IHC, patient case example



**Prior therapies:** T-vec (oncolytic virus)  
Ipilimumab (aCTLA-4)  
Pembrolizumab (aPD-1)

**Disease stage:** T4a-M1  
**Outcome:** PR RECIST 1.1  
Week 9 - EoS

CD8+ T-cell infiltration increased over time in patients with clinical benefit (CR+PR+SD)

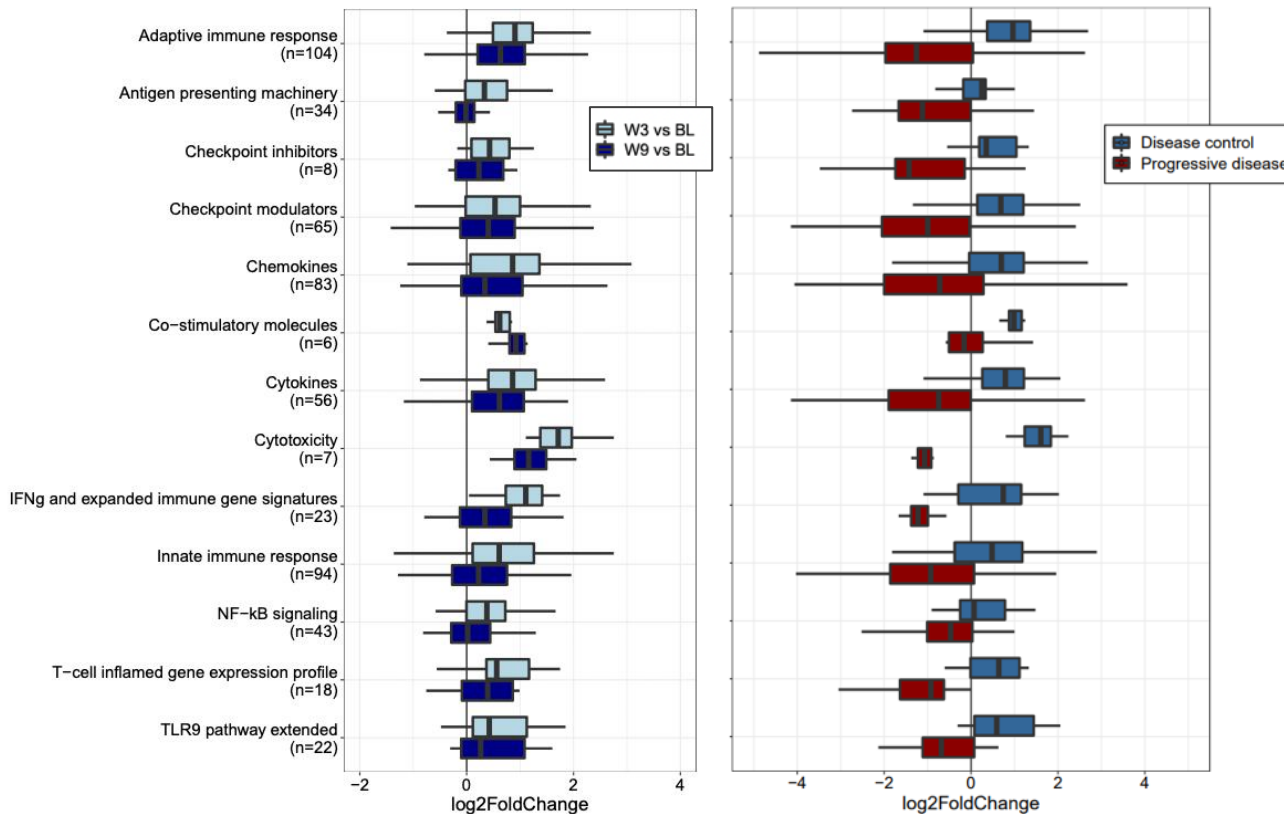


# GENE EXPRESSION DATA CONFIRMS IHC OBSERVATIONS AND DETAILS BROAD PRO-INFLAMMATORY TUMOR RE-PROGRAMING

## Activation of immune related gene signatures

Week 3 & 9 vs. Baseline

DCR vs. progression



*All patients: Broad activation of immune gene signatures relative to BL*

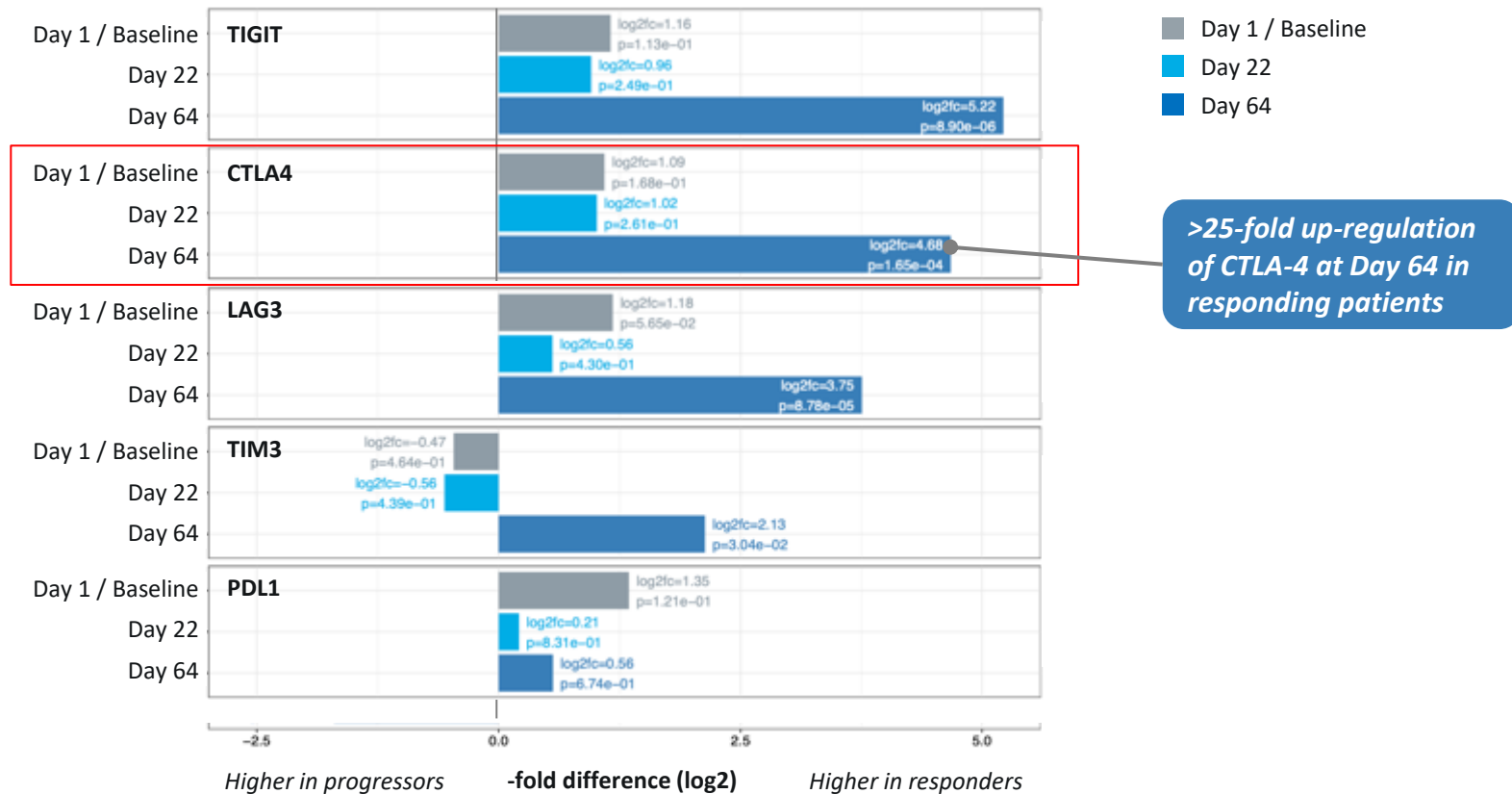
*Responders vs. non-responders: Immune gene activation only persists in responders at week 9*

## RNAseq gene expression insights:

- Pro-inflammatory “hot” tumor remodeling by multiple pathways
- “Hot” tumor remodeling persists at least until week 9, following 6 ONCOS-102 injections
- Immune gene activation **strongest and most persistent in responders**
- Strong activation of **cytotoxicity** and increased expression of **chemokines and cytokines**

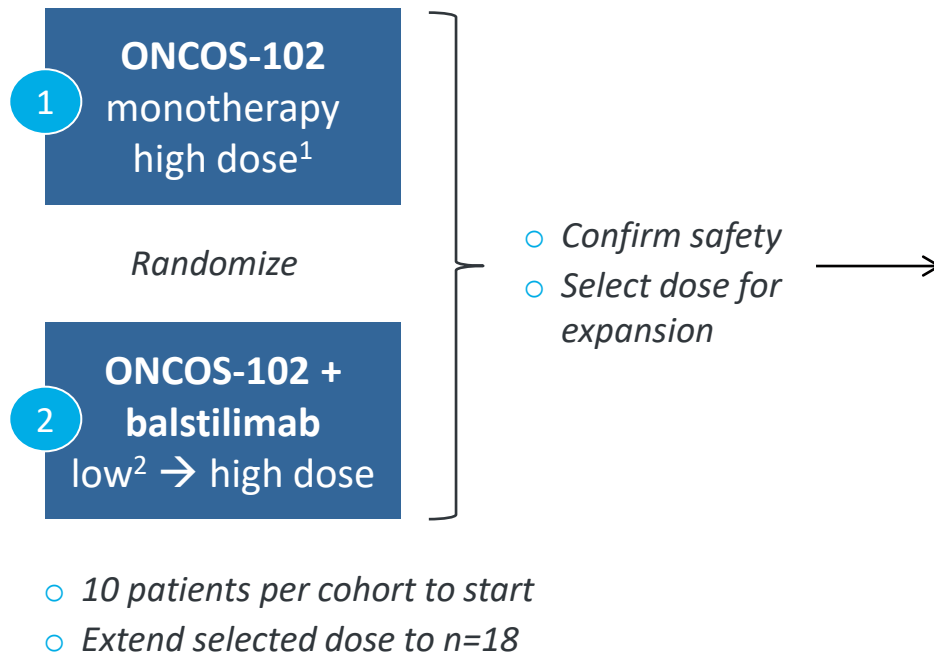
# CTLA-4 IS STRONGLY UPREGULATED IN RESPONSE TO ONCOS-102 TREATMENT IN MELANOMA

Expression of immune checkpoint inhibitors, tumor biopsy RNAseq, difference in PR vs. PD patients

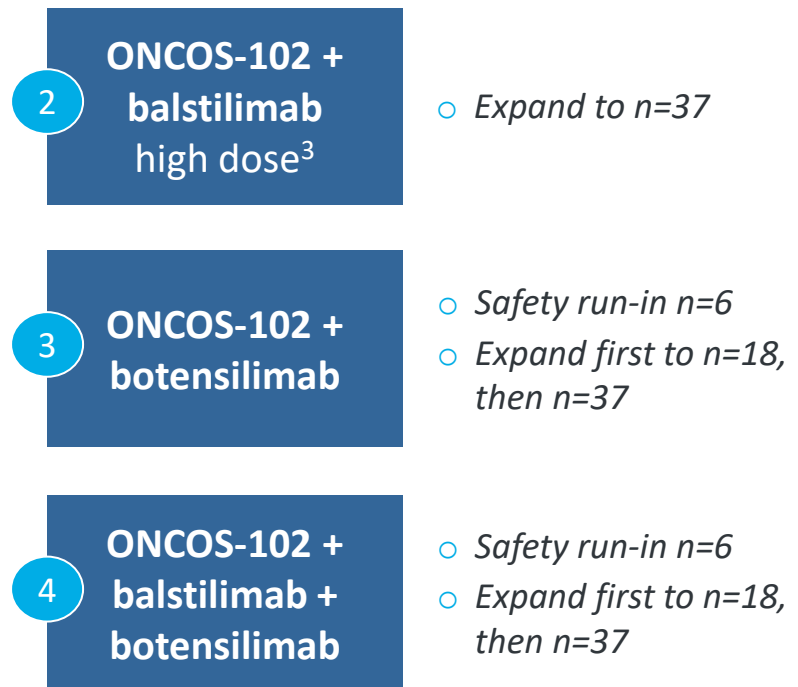


# NEXT STEP ONCOS-102: MULTI-COHORT PHASE 2 TRIAL WITH 2<sup>ND</sup> GEN CTLA-4 CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR COMBINATION

## Part 1 – higher dose exploration run-in



## Part 2 – multi-cohort extension



Collaboration partner:

**agenus**

**Balstilimab:** anti-PD-1

**Botensilimab:** Fc-enhanced anti-CTLA-4

1: High dose: 1x10<sup>12</sup> viral particles (VP)

2: Low dose 3x10<sup>11</sup> VP

3: High dose expected selection for Part 2

# PD-1 RESISTANCE MARKET OPPORTUNITY

GROWING UNMET NEED WITH INCREASED ANTI-PD-1 USE

## Incidence

Total **~50,000 patients per year**  
diagnosed with unresectable advanced  
malignant melanoma globally

## PD-1 resistance

~50% of cases become PD-1 resistant  
Total **~25,000 patients per year**

## Addressable

Estimated **10,000 – 20,000 patients per year**  
addressable with intra-tumoral therapies

## Other PD-1 resistance

**>100,000 patients per year lung cancer**  
**>50,000 patients per year head and neck**



# THERE IS A HIGH UNMET MEDICAL NEED IN MALIGNANT PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA



## Surgery

**Only 10% of patients suitable for resection**

Often diagnosed too late for surgery

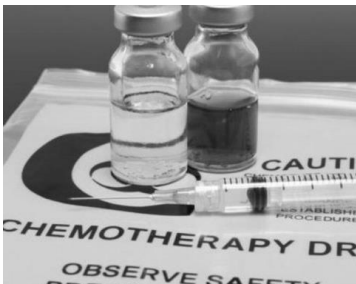
Technically challenging

## Radiotherapy

**Rarely effective due to tumor shape**

Hard to focus radiation

Mainly palliative care



## Chemotherapy

**Standard of care (SoC) with limited efficacy**

Pemetrexed/cisplatin only approved option until 2020

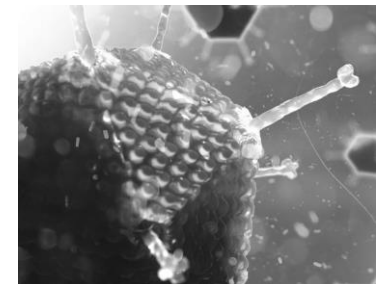
12-16 mo. mOS in 1L

## Immunotherapy

**Opdivo/Yervoy combination approved in 1L in 2020**

Replacing chemotherapy as preferred first-line option in sarcomatoid patients

18 mo. mOS in 1L, high toxicity



# CLINICAL BENEFIT OF ONCOS-102 COMBINATION WITH CHEMOTHERAPY IN FRONT-LINE MESOTHELIOMA

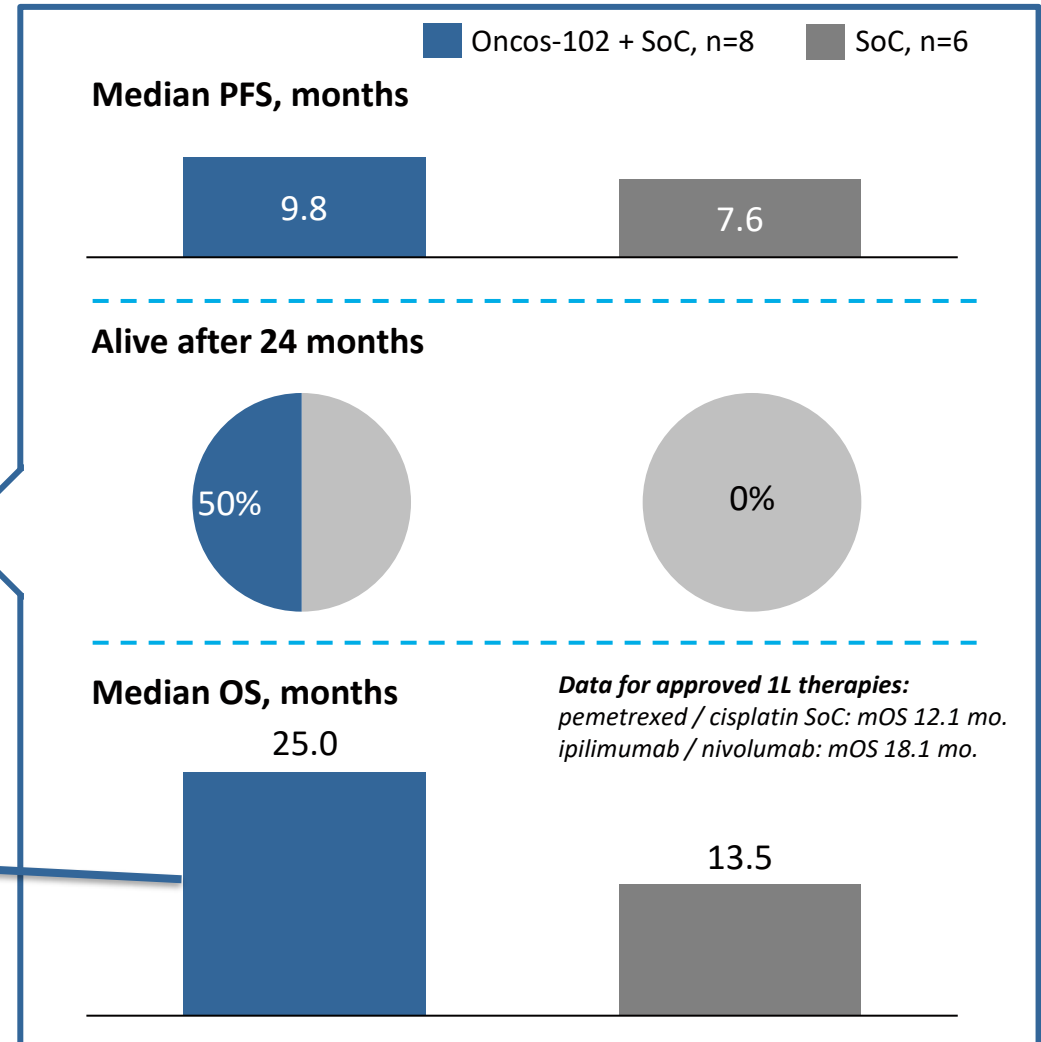
## Trial design

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (or later) line
- ONCOS-102: 6 intra-tumoral injections
- SoC chemo: pemetrexed and cisplatin, 6 cycles

	Safety lead-in n=6	Experi- mental n=14	Control n=11
Front line	3	8	6
Later line*	3	6	5

*ONCOS-102 + SOC mOS compares well to ipilimumab/nivolumab 18.1 month mOS in phase 3 that lead to FDA approval late 2020*

*ONCOS-102 shows survival benefit even in the absence of checkpoint inhibition*

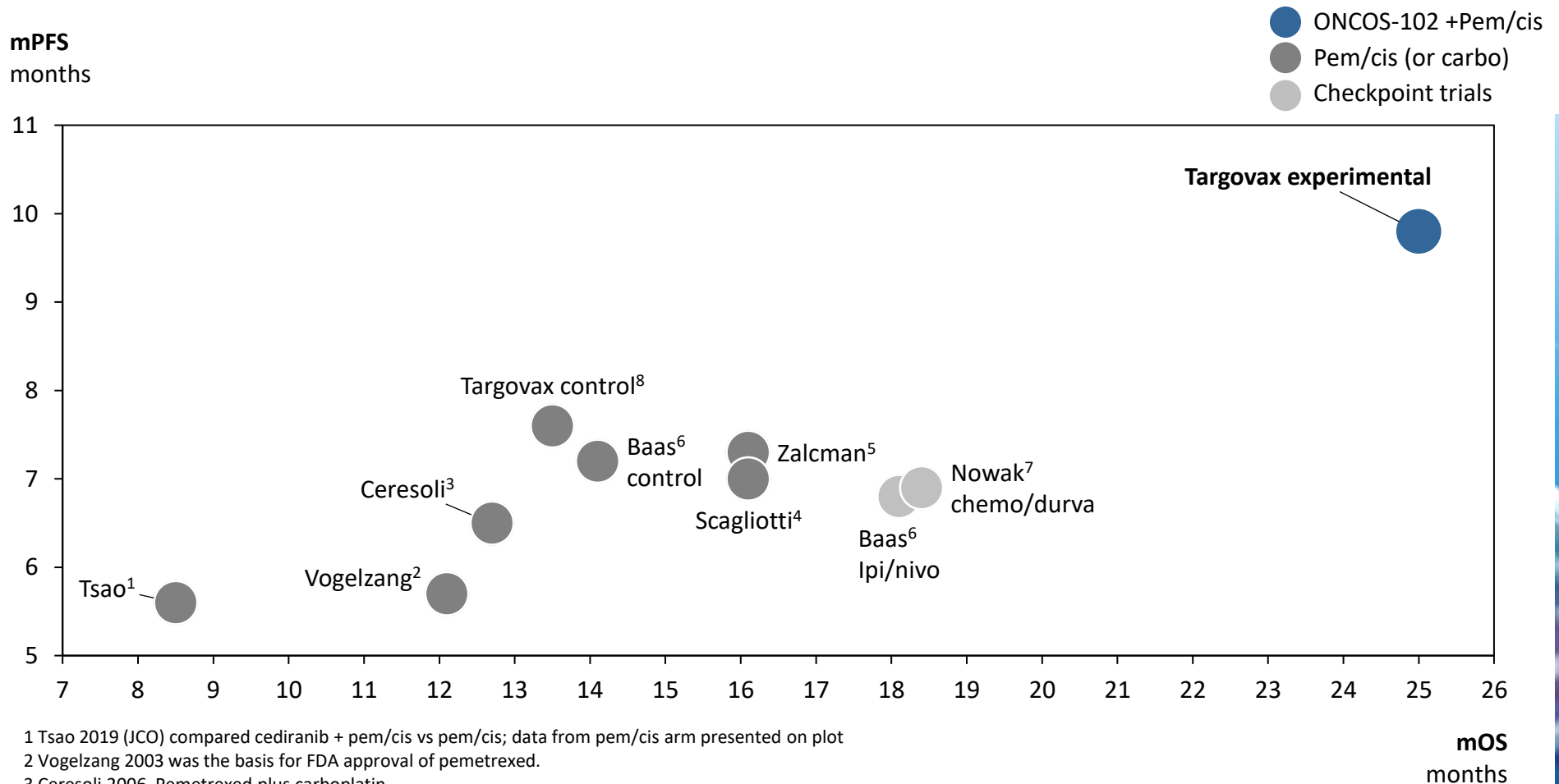


\* Second or later line treatment

mOS: median Overall Survival. mPFS: median Progression Free Survival

mPFS when combining safety lead-in and randomized part in first line is 8.9 months

# ONCOS-102 + CHEMOTHERAPY: 25 MONTHS mOS IN 1L MESOTHELIOMA, BEST SURVIVAL DATA REPORTED IN THIS POPULATION



1 Tsao 2019 (JCO) compared cediranib + pem/cis vs pem/cis; data from pem/cis arm presented on plot

2 Vogelzang 2003 was the basis for FDA approval of pemetrexed.

3 Ceresoli 2006, Pemetrexed plus carboplatin

4 Scagliotti 2019 (Lancet) compared nintedanib + pem/cis vs pem/cis; data from pem/cis arm presented on plot

5 Zalcman 2016 (Lancet) compared bevacizumab + pem/cis vs pem/cis; data from pem/cis arm presented on plot.

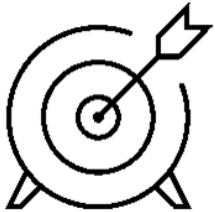
6 Baas 2021 (The Lancet) CheckMate 743. Nivolumab + ipilimumab for two years vs pem/cis (or carboplatin). Ipi/nivo was approved in first line by FDA on October 2, 2020.

7 Nowak 2020 (Lancet Oncology) Pem / cis (6 cycles) + durvalumab (12 months)

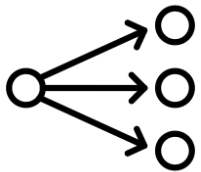
# SUMMARY



- OV class is alive and kicking, over 500 OV programs reported
- There is no one OV, each family is different, findings cannot be generalized
- Even within a family, OVs are very different:
  - Genetic modifications creating new properties (infection, safety, selectivity)
  - Transgene selection (boost immune response, tumor cell killing)



- Deeper understanding of OV biology and targeted effects on tumors
- OVs are being tested in combination treatments, primarily I-O agents
- Some OV like ONCOS-102 have shown synergy with PD-1 and chemotherapy



- Many clinical trials ongoing with data read out in late 2022 or 1H 2023
- Exciting times for OV developers and cancer patients



# Questions?

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