



# ACTIVATING THE PATIENT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT CANCER

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## Introduction

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# THE IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY REVOLUTION

- > **500,000** patients treated per year
- > **3,000** ongoing clinical trials
- > **40%** of US cancer patients eligible
- > **10** approved products





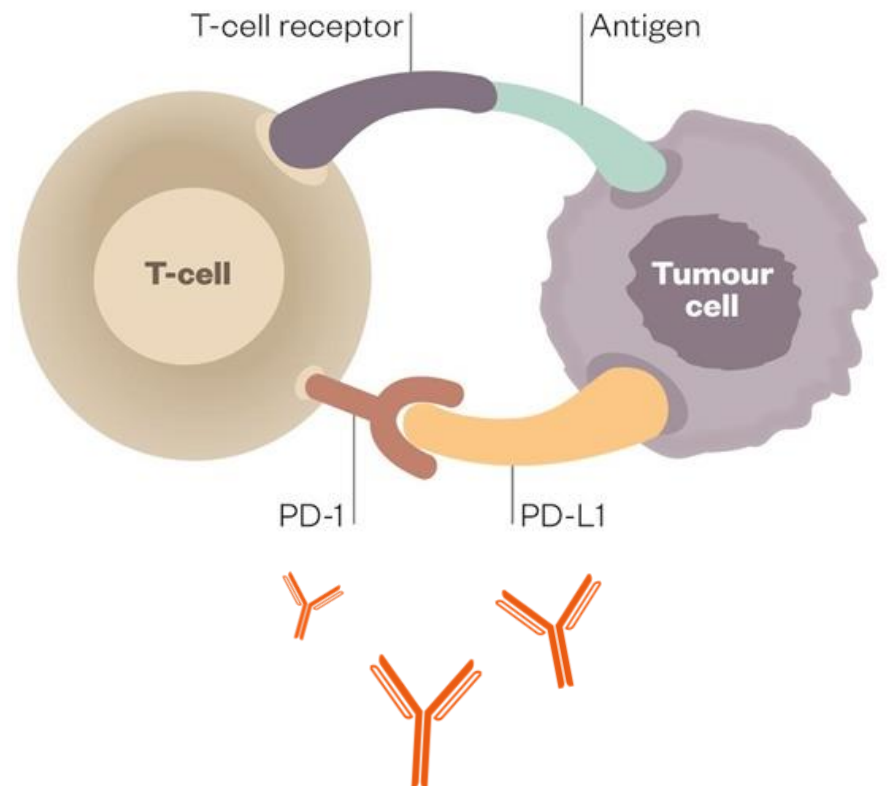
# FIRST GENERATION IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY: CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS

**Cornerstone** of current  
cancer treatment

**Deep and durable** responses

**\$30b** annual sales globally

**8 products** approved to date,  
many more in development



## *THE CHALLENGE:*

MAKE PD-1 CHECKPOINT  
INHIBITORS WORK FOR  
MORE PATIENTS

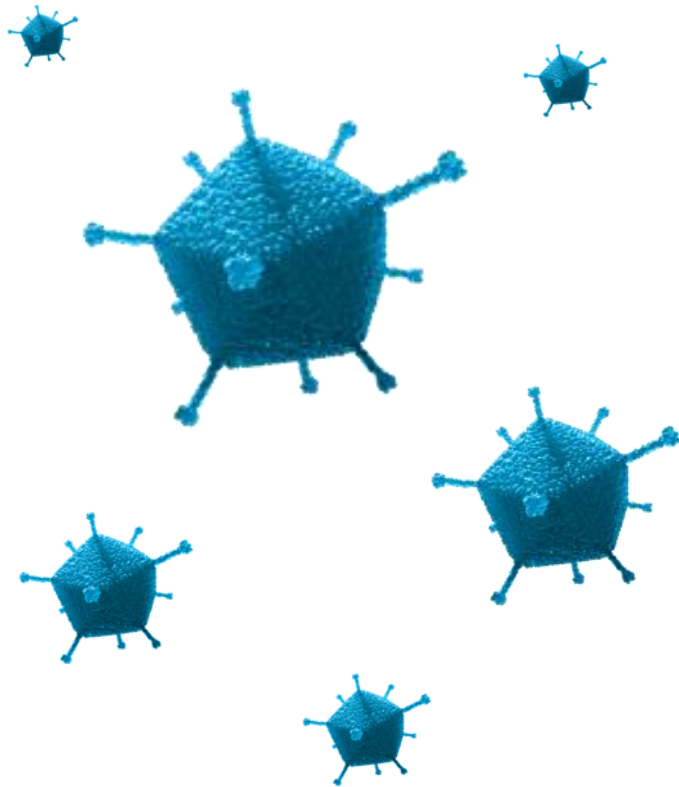


**0-40%** of treated patients  
respond

**>50%** of responding  
patients relapse

**1** PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor  
monotherapy not sufficient

# THE SOLUTION: IMMUNE ACTIVATION BY TARGOVAX'S ONCOLYTIC VIROTHERAPY ONCOS



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

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

**Delivers** immune stimulatory  
payloads

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# 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**

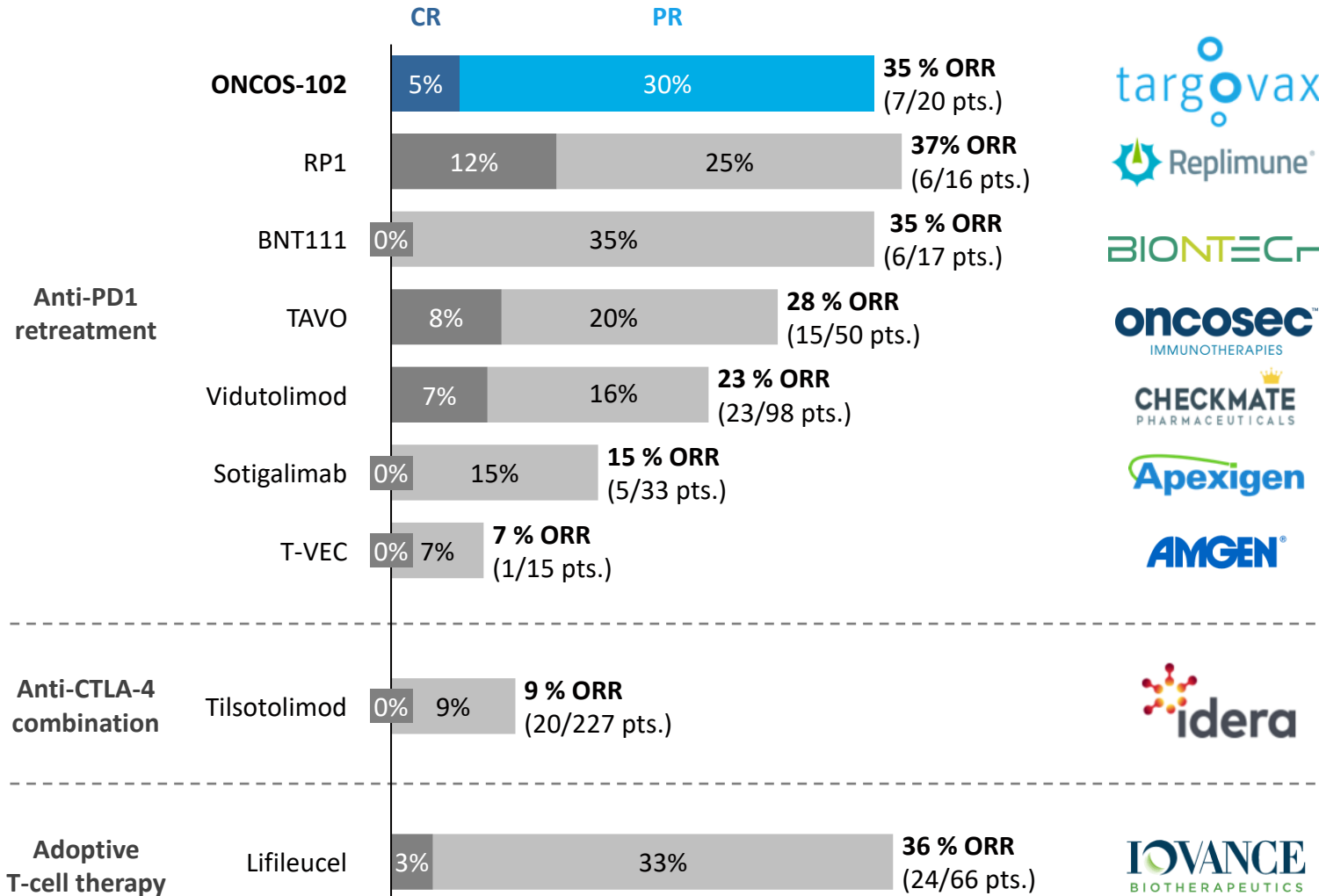
## Addressable

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**

# ONCOS-102 ACHIEVED A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ORR OF 35% IN A PD-1 REFRACTORY MELANOMA PHASE 1



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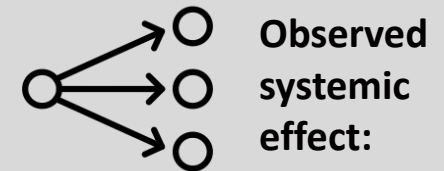
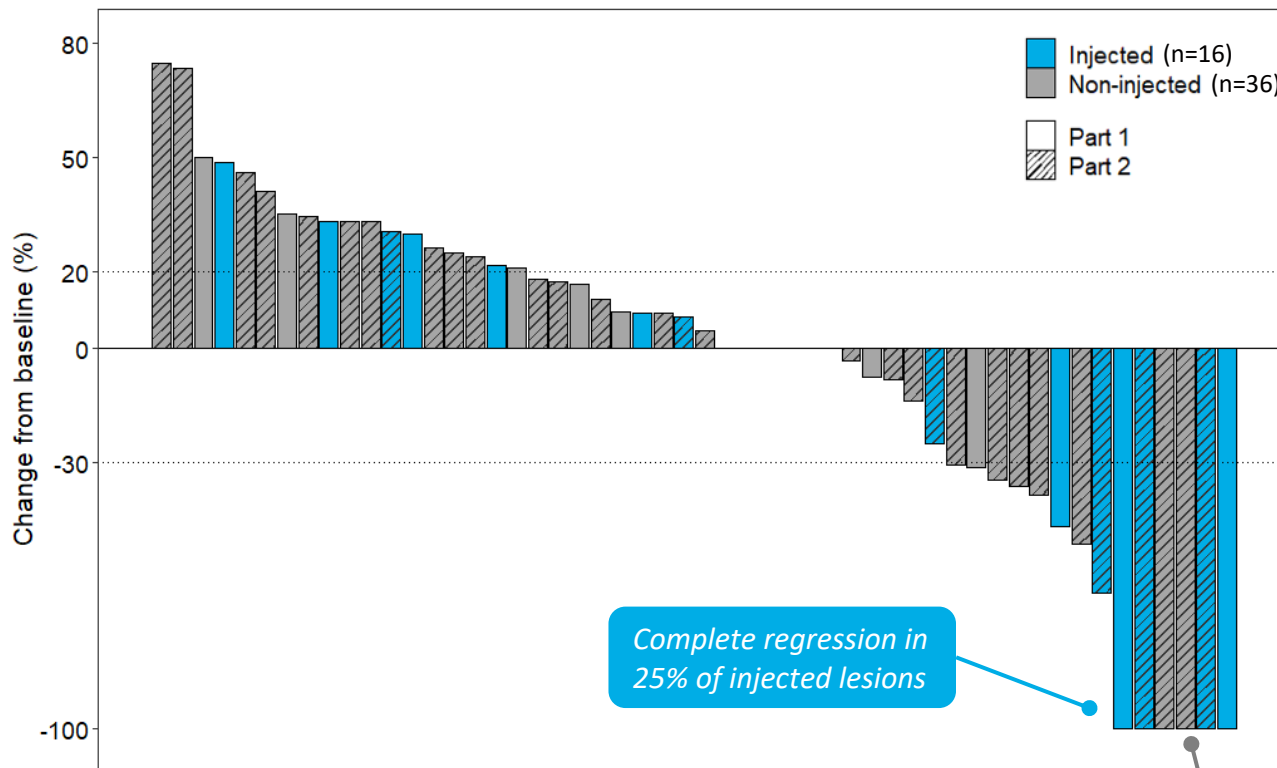
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# LOCALLY DELIVERED ONCOS-102 GENERATES ROBUST SYSTEMIC ACTIVITY

## Response in individual tumors

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



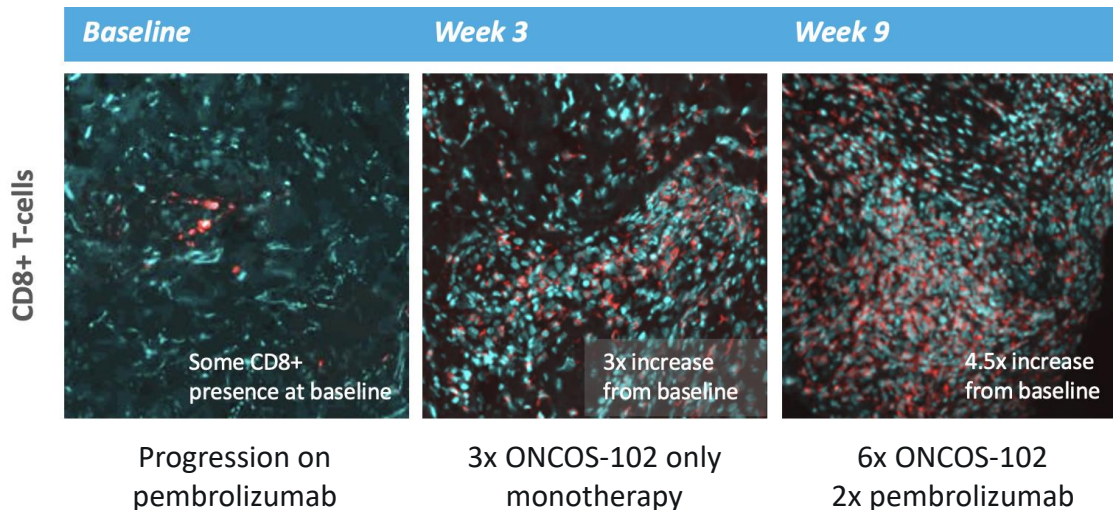
- **12 of 36 (33%)** non-injected target lesions reduced in size
- **8 of 15 (53%) patients** had reduction in non-injected target lesions
- **6 of 15 patients (40%)** with abscopal objective response (PR) according to RECIST 1.1 30% tumor shrinkage criteria



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

## CD8+ T-cell tumor infiltration

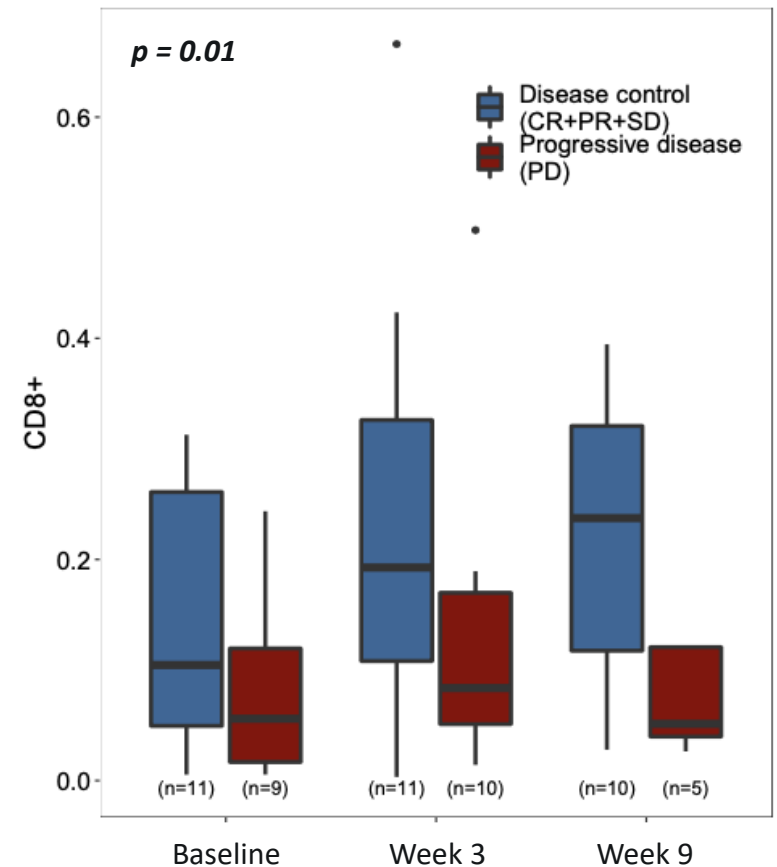
Tumor biopsy IHC, patient case example



**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)

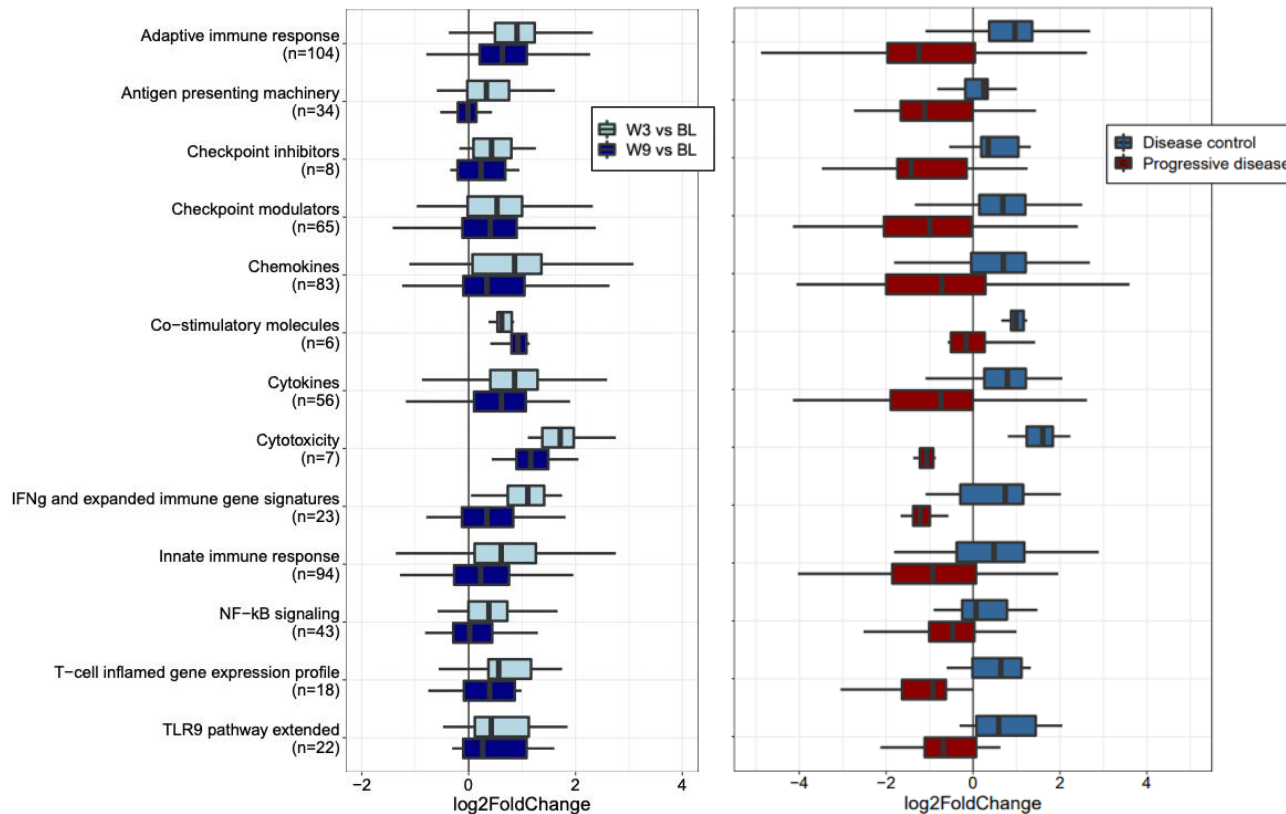


# GENE EXPRESSION CONFIRMS CELLULAR ANALYSES, REVEALING BROAD PRO-INFLAMMATORY TUMOR RE-PROGRAMING

## 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*

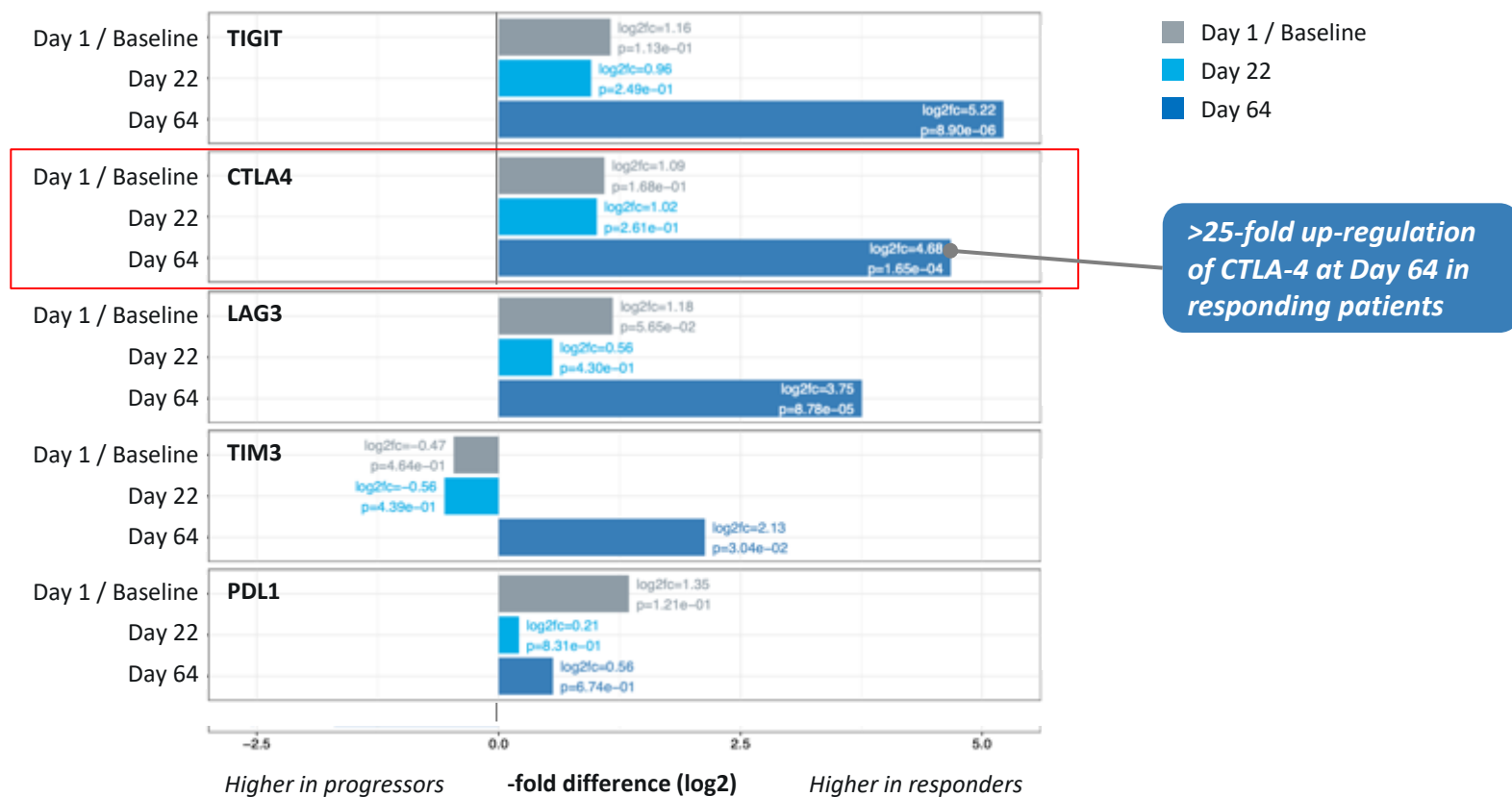
*Responders vs. non-responders: Immune gene activation only persists in responders at week 9*

## RNAseq gene expression insights:

- Pro-inflammatory “hot” tumor remodeling by multiple pathways
- “Hot” tumor remodeling persists long-term over multiple local 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 IN MELANOMA

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

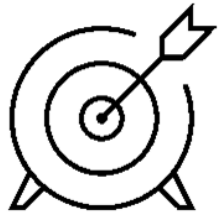


# STRONG RATIONALE FOR COMBINING ONCOS-102 ALSO WITH A CTLA-4 CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR



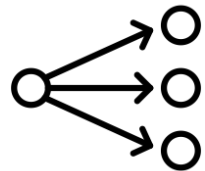
**Reverse  
immuno-  
suppression**

*CTLA-4 blockade depletes inhibitory regulatory T-cells both within the tumor and systemically*



**Enhance anti-  
tumor T-cell  
priming**

*CTLA-4 blockade enhances the priming of tumor-specific cytotoxic T-cells*

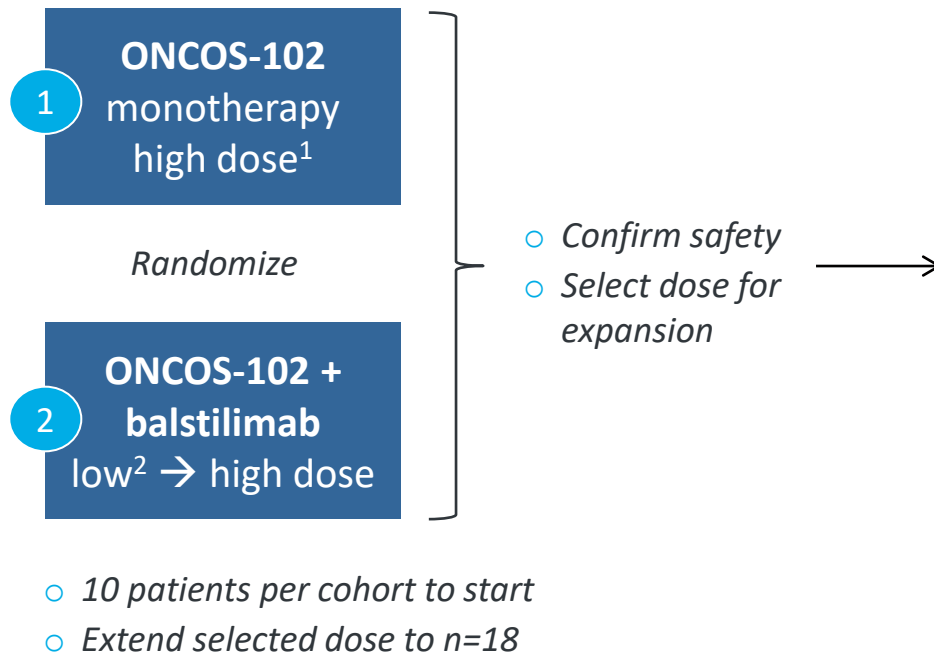


**Boost  
systemic  
activity**

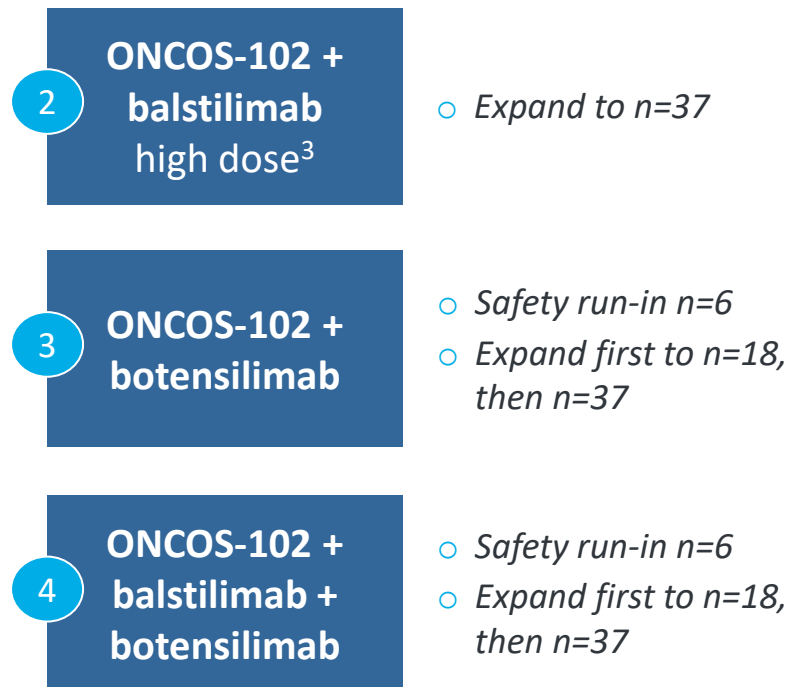
*Enhanced tumor-specific T-cell priming leads to better systemic effect*

# 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:

**a**genus

**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



# BOTENSILIMAB IS A NOVEL CTLA-4 CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR OFFERING SEVERAL ADVANTAGES OVER 1<sup>ST</sup> GEN aCTLA-4



## Improved safety

- Designed for **reduced activation** of the **complement cascade**, lowering immune-mediated adverse events
- Emerging differentiated safety profile vs. ipilimumab with **low rates of tox discontinuation** (mono & combo)



## Stronger immune activation

- Improved stimulation of **antigen presenting cells** (APCs and DCs) boosts immune activation
- **Engineered for enhanced binding** to broader set of activating **Fcγ-receptor variants** than ipilimumab



## Better efficacy

- **Strong responses observed** in several tumor types
- Monotherapy **responses shown** in prior PD-1 +/- CTLA-4 (incl. ipi/nivo) failures in **melanoma**
- **Unprecedented 24% ORR in MS-stable metastatic colorectal cancer** in combination with anti-PD1

# THE PHASE 2 TRIAL IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE FUTURE OUT-LICENSING AND ADDRESS REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Opportunity to achieve **best-in-class data**
- ✓ **Differentiated combinations** vs. competitors, with strong scientific and strategic rationale
- ✓ **Design and size to enable licensing decisions** for big pharma partners
- ✓ **Confirm ONCOS-102 high dose** and address FDA requirements for contribution of components
- ✓ Support future **expansion of combinations into earlier lines** of melanoma

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# EMERGING CIRCULAR RNA TECHNOLOGY OPENS NOVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

Article | 30 September 2011 | FREE ACCESS

## miRNA-dependent gene silencing involving Ago2-mediated cleavage of a circular antisense RNA

Thomas B Hansen, Erik D Wiklund, Jesper B Bramsen, Sune B Villadsen, Aaron L Statham, Susan Jørgen Kiems

The circRNA discoverers work for Targovax



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## As RNA remains hot, Flagship's Laronde raises \$440m for a new class of medicines

By Anissa Gardizy | Globe Staff. Updated August 30, 2021, 6:30 a.m.



### Merck bets big on circular RNA, paying \$150M to work with Orna

Orna revealed a double dose of good news, taking the lid off an alliance with Merck worth \$150 million upfront and a \$221 million series B round.

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## Natural RNA circles function as efficient microRNA sponges

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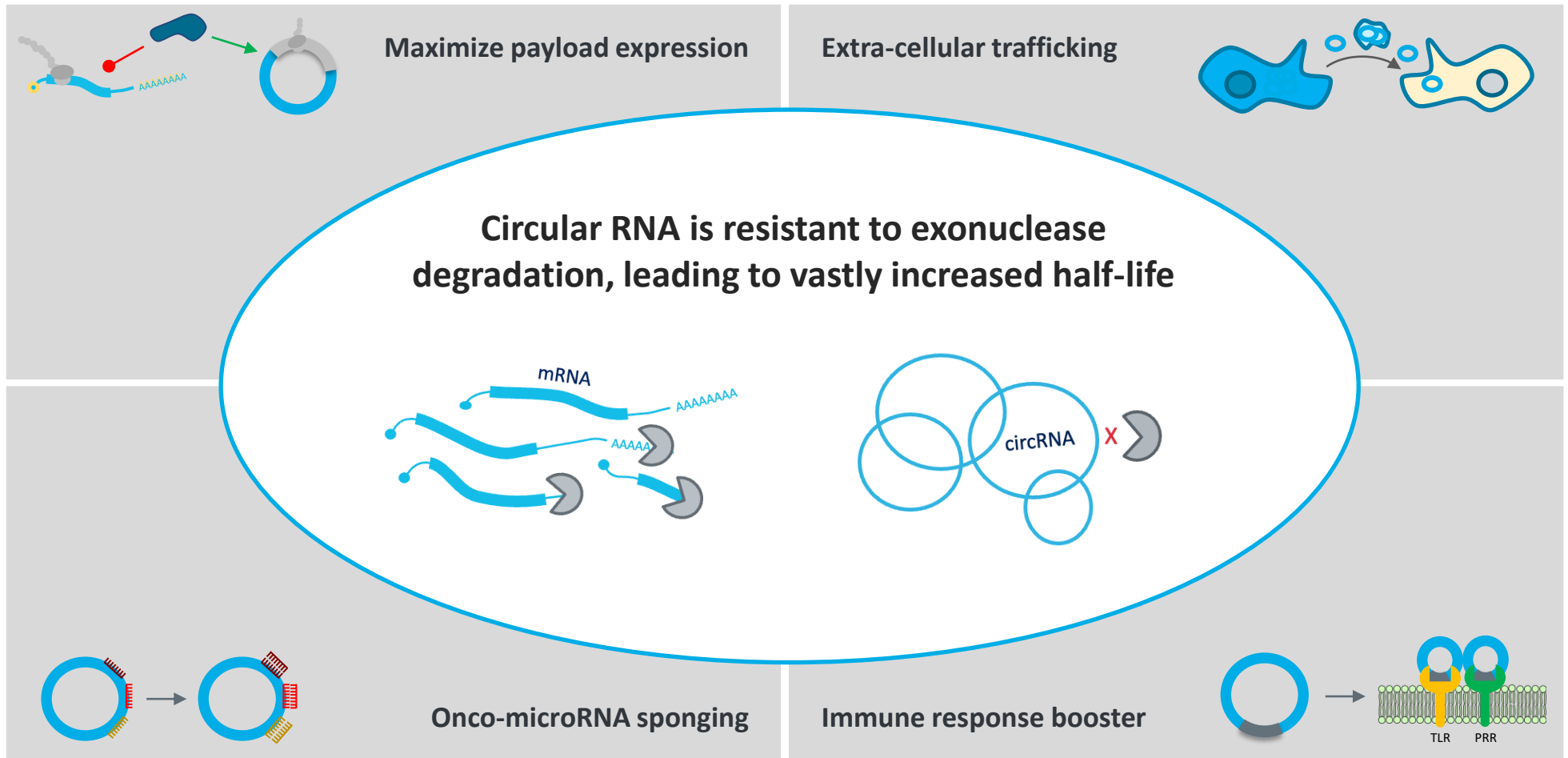
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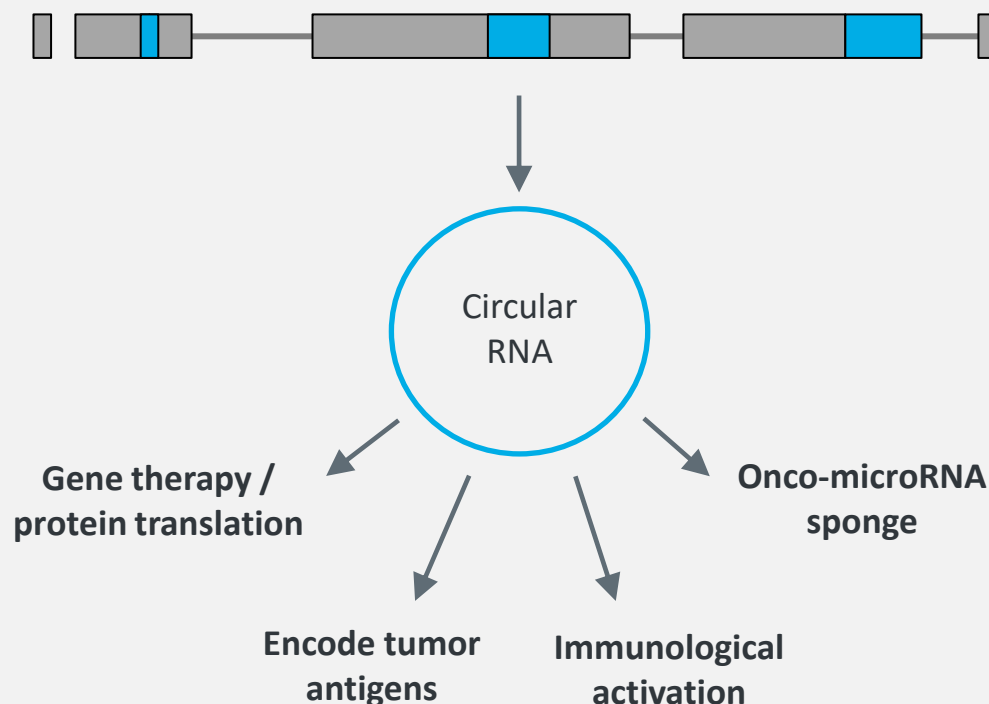


# CIRC RNA PROVIDES A TOOLBOX TO TAKE CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY TO THE NEXT LEVEL



# TARGOVAX HAS A CLINICALLY VALIDATED, VERSATILE VECTOR SYSTEM THAT WILL BE DEPLOYED FOR CIRCRNA DELIVERY

## Targovax circRNA vectors



## Objectives for circRNA program:

- Validate advantages of circRNA approach
- Optimize expression constructs
- Select and optimize payloads
- Generate proof-of-concept data
- Build strong IP portfolio
- Establish external collaborations

*Highly versatile delivery system – Broad functionality*

# TARGOVAX HAS A UNIQUE EDGE IN THE EMERGING CIRC RNA SPACE



## **World-leading circRNA experts in-house with deep technical experience**

- Head of program is circRNA discoverer Dr. Thomas Hansen, the pioneer of early circRNA research with over 10 years experience in the field



## **Clinically validated vector system for intra-tumoral RNA delivery**

- Synthetic circRNA faces the same delivery issues as mRNA, relying on LNP systems with limited ability for tumor targeting



## **GMP vector manufacturing process scale-up already ongoing**

- Validated technology for synthetic circRNA GMP manufacturing at scale does not yet exist and faces unresolved challenges



## **No known competitors active in circRNA therapeutics for solid tumors**

- Building on deep translational data from prior ONCOS-102 trials

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## Outlook & Strategy

# OUTLOOK: MULTIPLE PATHS TO VALUE CREATION

## Pillar

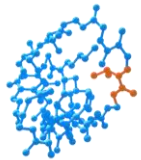
## Value creation strategy



### ONCOS-102

#### **Out-license ONCOS-102 with results from phase 2 melanoma trial**

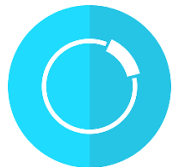
- Aim to “knock-it-out-of-the-park” with novel triple combination
- Study designed and sized to be attractive for big pharma partners



### KRAS program

#### **Create broad optionality and multiple shots on goal in KRAS cancers**

- Two academically sponsored TG01 trials set to open during 2H 2022
- Collaborative networks being established in several cancers and combinations



### Circular RNA

#### **Pursue early pre-clinical circRNA partnering**

- Capitalize on current circRNA momentum
- Strategy to enable broad circRNA platform and future pipeline engine



A detailed 3D rendering of several virus particles against a blue background. The particles are spherical with a textured surface and have long, thin, hair-like projections (spikes) extending from them. One large particle is in the upper right, and another is in the lower right. Several smaller particles are scattered in the background.

# QUESTIONS?

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