



Transforming patients' lives through cellular immunotherapy

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Novel Approaches for the Treatment of Solid Tumours



### Overview of Cell Medica

Our mission: Transform the treatment of cancer with cellular immunotherapy

- Founded 2007
- Treating patients since 2008
- 55 staff
- London, Zurich, Houston



Two oncology platforms with leading research partners, targeting solid tumours

#### **CAR-NKT Cells**

NKT cells modified with chimeric antigen receptors

Planned Phase I by Q1 2018





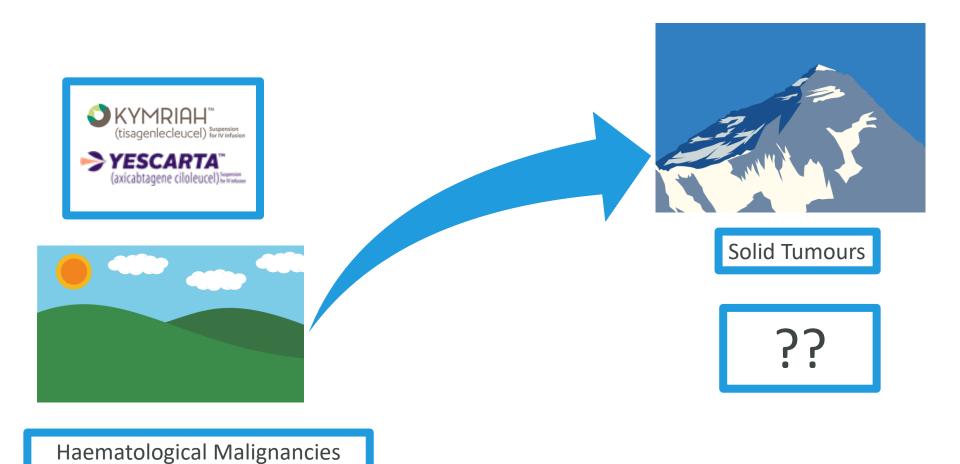
#### **Engineered TCRs**

T cells modified to express Dominant TCRs

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# The Challenge in Oncology





# Haematological malignancies: Efficacy comparison to other treatments

	Clofarabine mono	Blinatumomab	Kymriah (B2202)
Patients (N)	61	70	68
≥3 prior regimens	62%	7%	60%
ORR (CR+CRi)	20%	39%	83%
MRD negative	NA	20%	83%
Median OS	3 months	7.5 months	16.6 months
12 months OS	20%	40%	79%
Early mortality (within 30 days)	25%	7%	3%

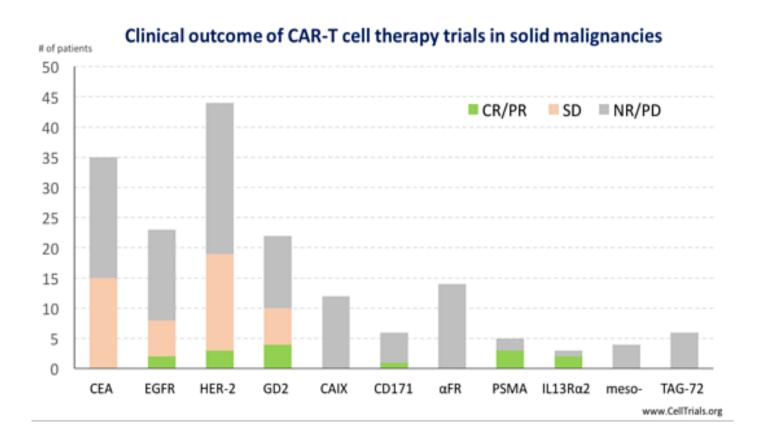
Disclaimer: Cross-trial comparisons cannot be made based upon differences in study designs, patient populations, and other factors.

Source: FDA Briefing pack, Kymriah

## Kymriah: Duration of Response Response CR **CRi** Median follow-up: 4.8 months Subjects Received Study Drug (min=1.2, max=14.1) **Median DOR: Not Reached** ■ New cancer therapy other than HSCT ◆ Relapse HSCT □ Adequate assessment no longer available 3 12



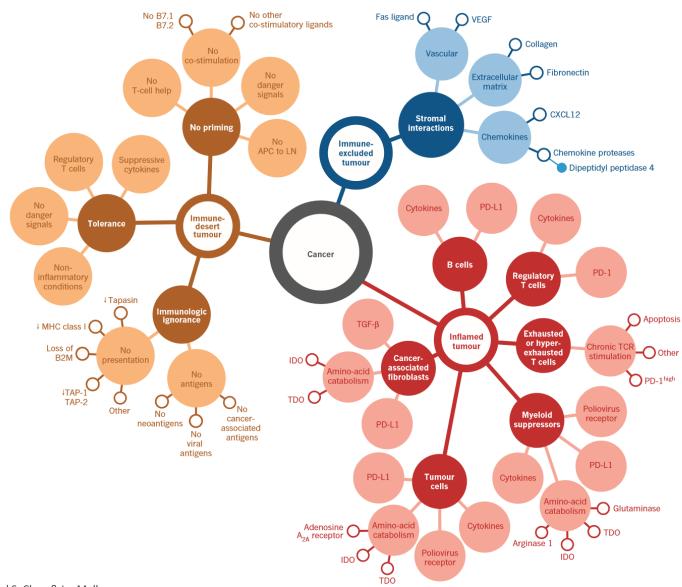
## In Contrast: Data with CARs in solid tumours



Source: Cell Trials Data by Couto, Verter, Bersenev 2017

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## Cancer Immunity/Phenotype

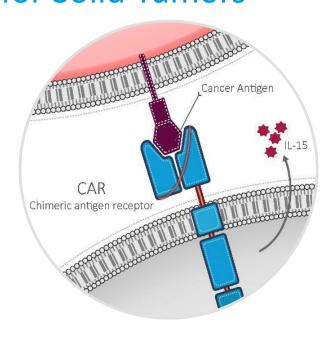


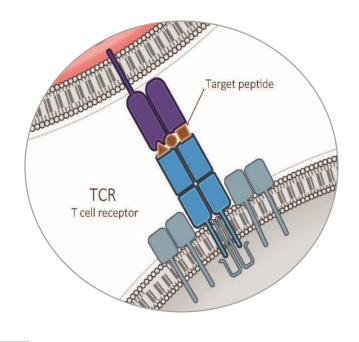


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# Cell Medica's Approaches for CAR/TCR Cell Therapies for Solid Tumors





NKT Cell (subset of T cells)
Powerful cytolytic activity
No GvHD in allo setting

**Humanised scFvs**Improves persistence by preventing immune rejection

Activating Cytokines
Helps to overcome tumor
microenvironment

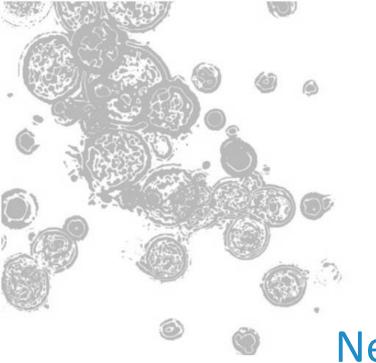
Localised anti-PDL1 and other engineered immuno-modulators

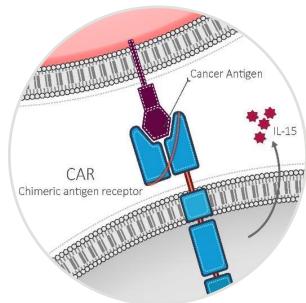
Creates a more favourable TME

5 Dominant TCR technology
Improves TCR expression and efficacy

Panel of CAR/TCR High Value Cancer Targets

Targeting large patient populations solid and liquid tumours





# Next Generation CAR NKTs for Solid Tumours

### **Autologous**

- CMD 501-CAR-IL15-NKT cells for Neuroblastoma, Small Cell Lung Cancer/Melanoma
- CMD 504-CAR-IL15-NKT cells for Triple Negative Breast, Glioblastoma, Colorectal Cancer
- CMD-503-CAR-IL15-NKT cells for Hepatocellular Cancer

### Allogeneic

CD19-CAR-IL15-NKT cells for CD19+ Lymphomas (off-the-shelf)



### **Next Generation CAR-NKTs for Solid Tumours**

#### **Homing to Sites of Tumour**

 NKT Cell (subset of T cells) navigate to sites of solid tumor

## Engineered to overcome the suppressive tumour microenvironment

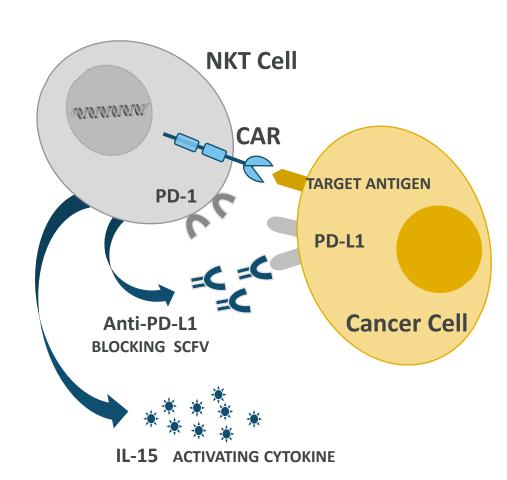
- CAR-NKTs kill cancer cells through CAR
- Alter tumour microenvironment through modulating suppressive tumour-associated macrophages
- IL15 is an activating cytokine associated with T cell memory and long-term activation
- Localized checkpoint inhibitor can be delivered in CAR construct

#### **Humanised scFvs**

Humanized scFvs improve persistence by minimizing rejection

#### **Optimal Targets for Tumor Antigens**

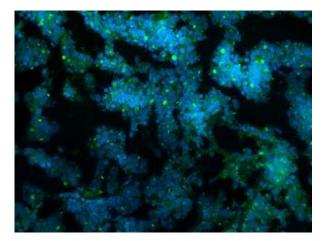
 High differential expression of tumor antigen on malignant cells relative to healthy tissue



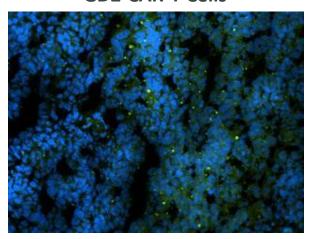


## **CAR-NKTs Homing to Tumour Superior to CAR-Ts**

**GD2- CAR- NKT Cells** 

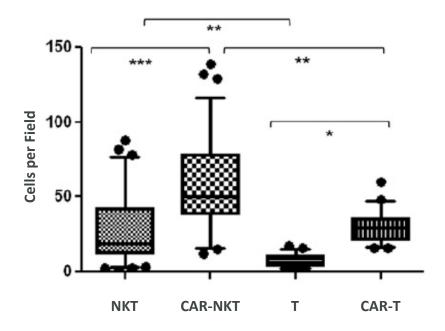


**GD2-CAR-T Cells** 



 Significantly more intra-tumoral CAR-NKT cells compared to CAR-T cells in mouse neuroblastoma model

Source: Heczey et al. (2014), Blood 124:2824.



\*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; \*\*\*p < 0.001



### CMD-502- Off the Shelf Product

NKT Cells recognize a specific glycolipid antigen which is not associated with Graft vs Host Disease – safety is increased



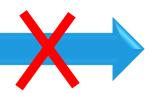
Reduces complexity of manufacturing product by avoiding need to gene-edit the endogenous T cell receptor



Off the shelf product (allogeneic cells) will be mass produced from healthy donors who are "non-self" to patient T cell off-the-shelf product may attack patient's body as "non-self" relative to donor.

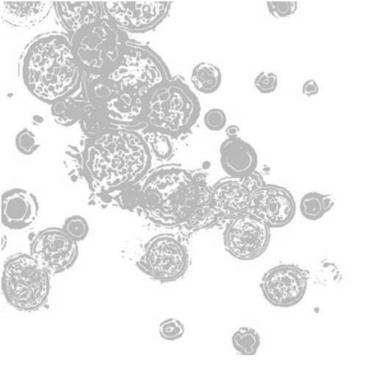
NKT cells do not and are advantageous for this application

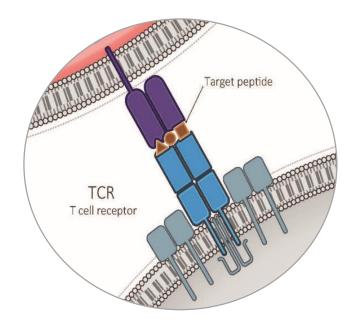






Cell Medica is currently developing off-the-shelf CAR NKT products with Baylor College of Medicine





## Next Generation Engineered T Cell Receptors

#### For treatment of

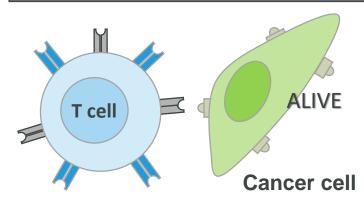
- CMD-601 (Survivin-Dominant TCR) for Ovarian and Pancreatic Cancer
- CMD-602 (WT1-Dominant TCR) for multiple cancers



## **Exclusive License to UCL Dominant TCR Platform**

High TCR expression levels enhance antigen-specific activation

Genetically modified TCRs often do not express well relative to endogenous TCRs

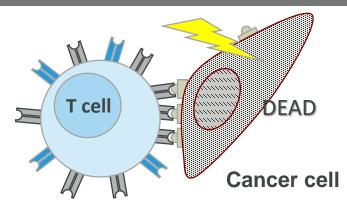


T cells with modified TCRs are usually expressed at too low levels to achieve activation and are therefore ineffective

Key: I Endogenous TCR

MHC/Target Complex

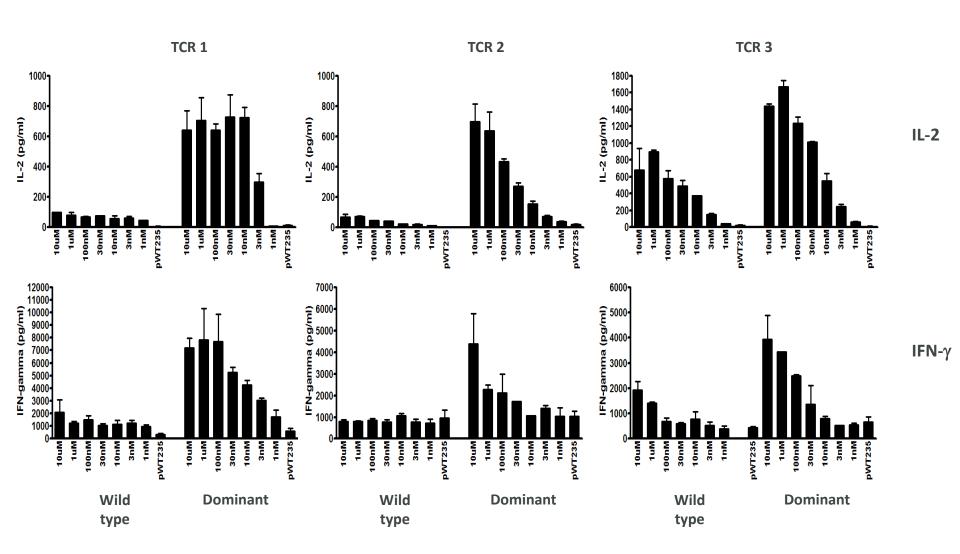
Dominant TCR technology increases number of T cells expressing TCR and expression level on each T cell



- Recognition of cancer targets expressed at low levels, or rare mutations, even when levels of HLA presentation are reduced (common in tumours)
- Reduced mispairing with endogenous TCR
- ✓ Validated with multiple TCRs

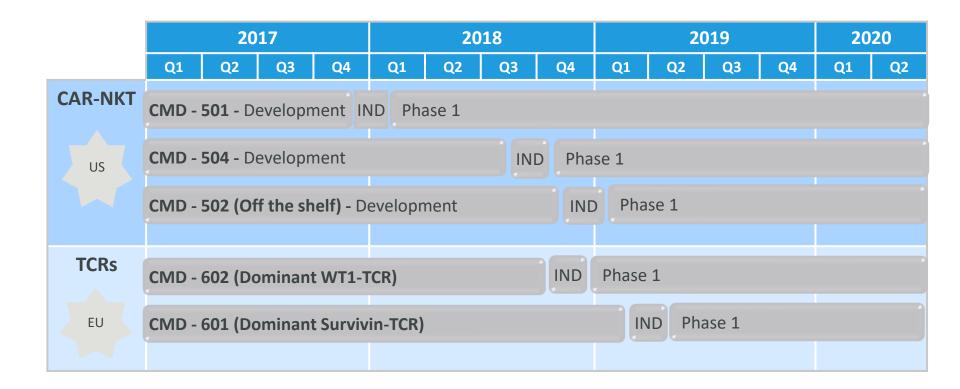


# UCL Dominant TCR Platform High expression levels lead to improved effector function





## Pipeline: Five New Programs progressing towards the Clinic





## Conclusions: ATMPs as Cures – for solid tumours

- We are not there yet!
- But... many attempts to scale the summit!
- Thank you

