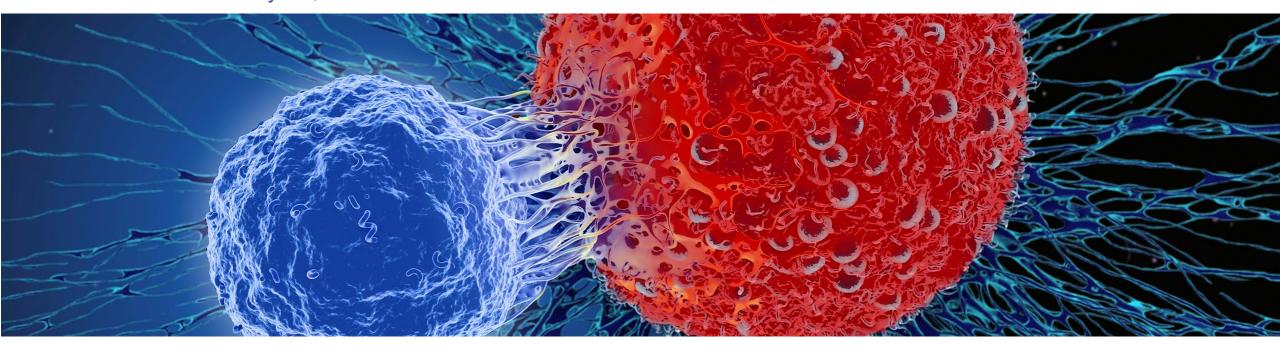
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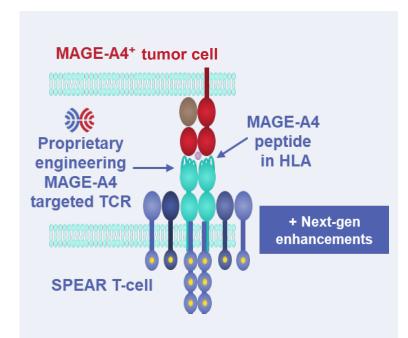


Mechanistic Characterization of Afamitresgene Autoleucel (Afami-cel; Formerly ADP-A2M4)

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Afami-cel: a genetically modified autologous T-cell immunotherapy product



- T-cells are transduced with a selfinactivating lentiviral vector expressing an enhanced-affinity T-cell receptor specific for human MAGE-A4
- The TCR recognizes an HLA-A*02 restricted MAGE-A4 peptide

MAGE-A4 is a validated target

- A cancer testis antigen
- "Clean" target
- Intracellular protein
- Only addressable with a T-cell receptor

MAGE-A4 patient population

- Expression levels ~15%–70%^a
 across a broad range of solid tumors
- Confirmed responses in
 - Head and neck
 - od Dladdar

Melanoma

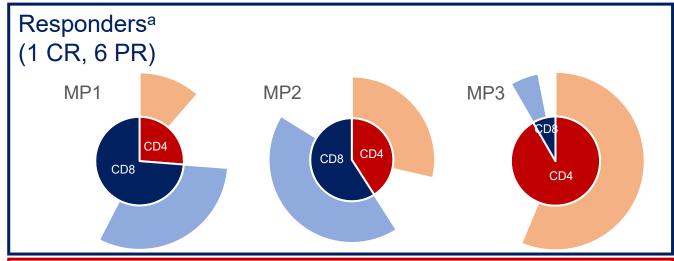
- GastroesophagealBladder
- NSCLC-squamous Ovarian
- Synovial sarcomaMRCLS

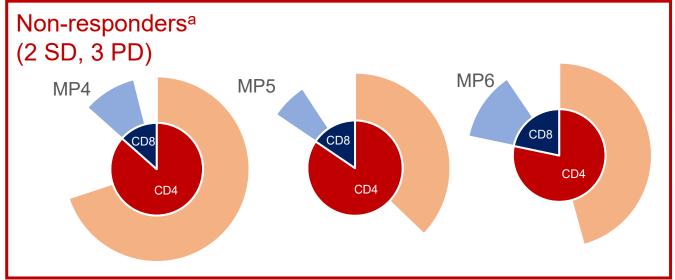


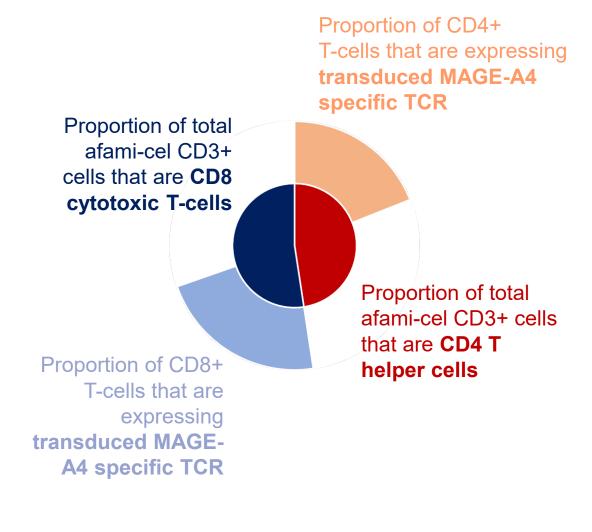
- Pivotal trial (SPEARHEAD-1, NCT04044768) met the efficacy endpoint in patients with synovial sarcoma and MRCLS¹
- In-depth quality control and efficacy testing is performed prior to product release
- The assays presented here are additional analyses for translational insights only
- Variable transduction efficiency values and CD4/CD8 balance is evident across patients in SPEARHEAD-1



In vitro profiling of afami-cel clinical patient products to translate phenotype to function









Increase in activation marker expression upon stimulation relates to cytokine and mitochondrial response

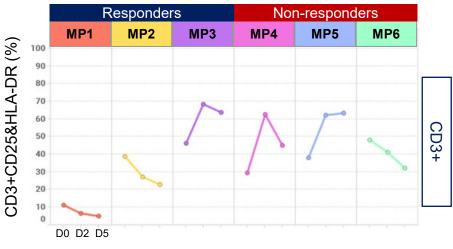
■ IFN-y

TNF-α

IL-2

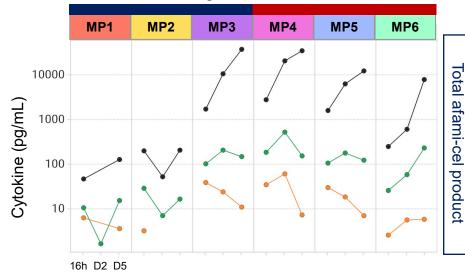
 MP3, MP4, and MP5 show high activation at baseline, high levels of cytokine, and the greatest increase in mitochondrial mass upon stimulation

Activation markers CD25&HLA-DR (%)

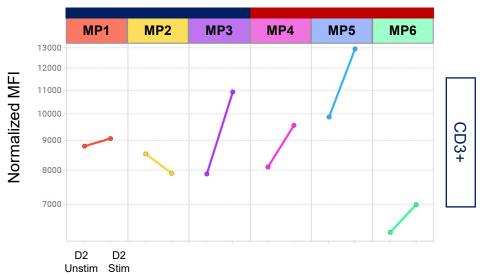


MP1, MP2, and MP6 have a lower activation state upon stimulation, reflected in less cytokine production and small changes in mitochondrial mass



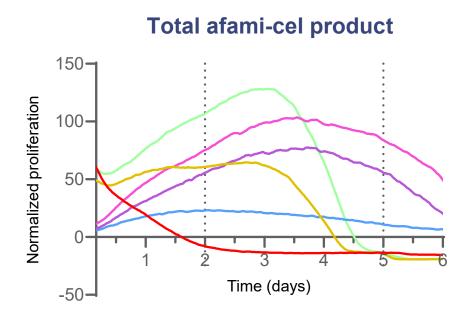


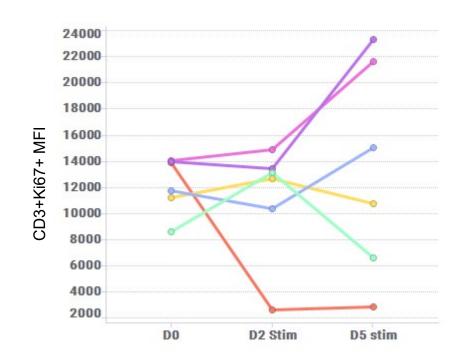
Mitochondrial mass

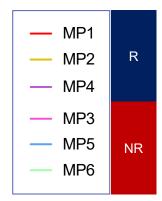




Less sustained proliferation curve relates to transient increase in Ki67 expression



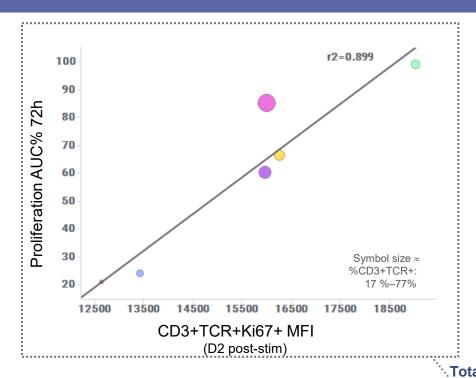


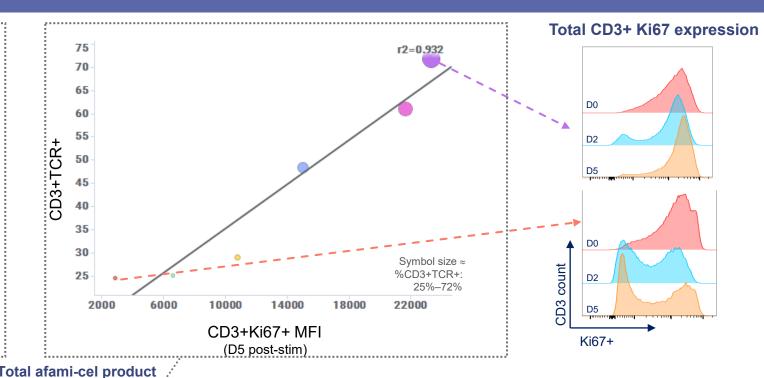


- MP1 does not proliferate well and has low induction of Ki67 expression
- MP2 and MP6 proliferate well initially but stop around Day 4, mirrored with a drop in Ki67 expression by Day 5
- Contribution to proliferation AUC is from height of proliferative response, and how well the response is sustained
- MP3, MP4, and MP5 maintain a sustained proliferative response

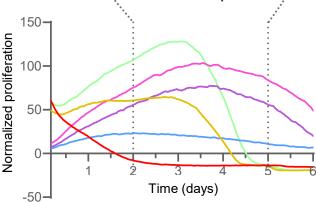


Greater proliferative response of afami-cel product associates with Ki67 expression and retention of transduced cells on stimulation





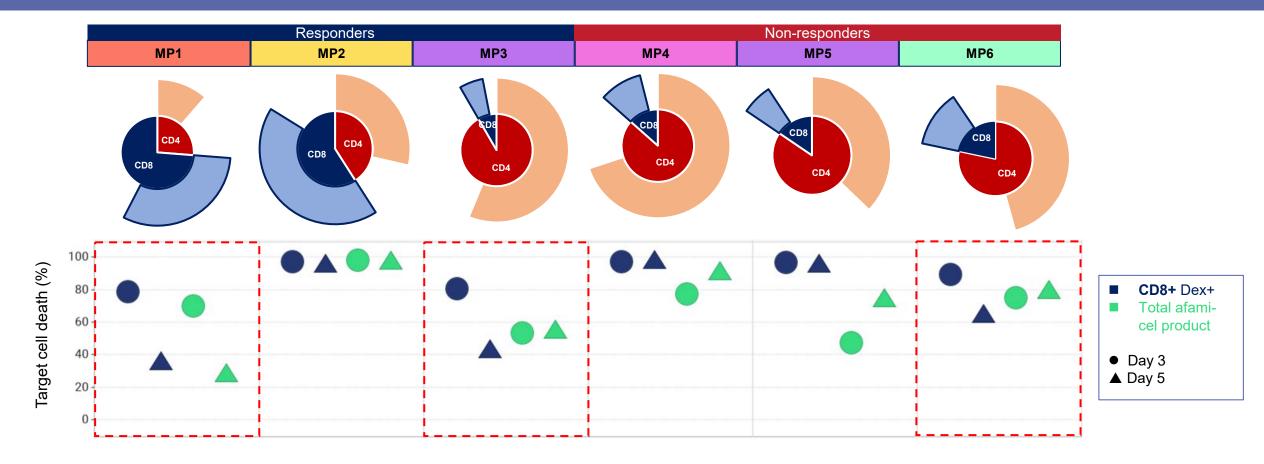
- MP1 loses TCR+ cells by Day 2 and has the lowest AUC for proliferation time course and lowest Ki67 expression
- MP2 and MP6 proliferate well and retain TCR cells at Day 2 but lose their TCR expression by Day 5, resulting in loss of proliferative response



- MP3, MP4, and MP5 retain their TCR over 5 days and proliferate longest
 Although MP5 has low Ki67 expression at
- Although MP5 has low Ki67 expression at Day 2 reflected in a flatter proliferation curve, TCR retention leads to increased Ki67 expression at Day 5 and sustained proliferative response



Cytotoxic response of total afami-cel product relates to number of functional CD8+TCR+ T-cells

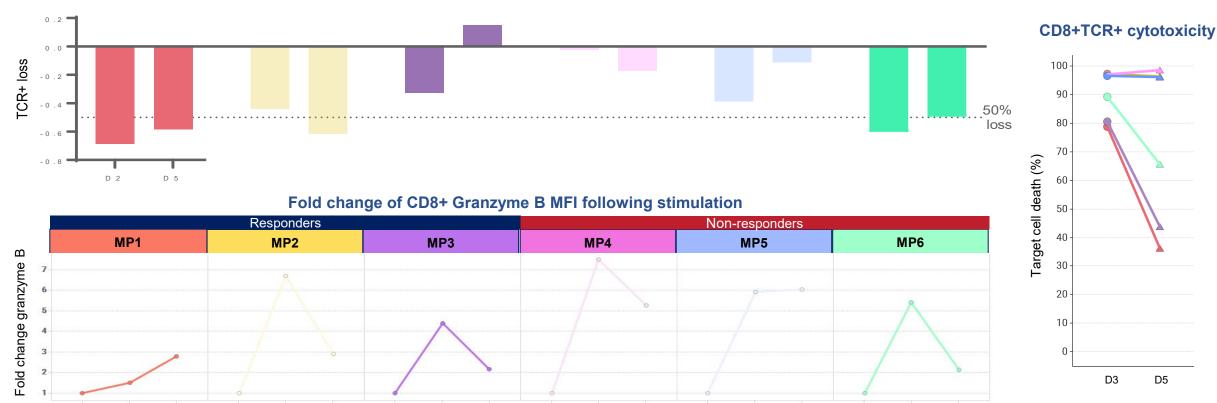


- MP2 performs very well in this assay; CD8+ TCR+ cells alone and the total afami-cel product show 100% killing by Day 3
- MP4 and MP5 show 100% killing for isolated CD8+ TCR+ cells but not for the total afami-cel product, likely due to the lower number
 of transduced cytotoxic CD8+ T-cells in the MP
- Isolated CD8+TCR+ cells for MP1, MP3, and MP6 do not kill efficiently



Retention of CD8+TCR+ cells following stimulation is linked to cytotoxic response of CD8+TCR+ populations and associated with cytolytic granzyme B release





D2

D5

D2

D5

D0

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MP1 shows over 50% TCR+ loss by Day 2 and is induced to express the lowest levels of granzyme B

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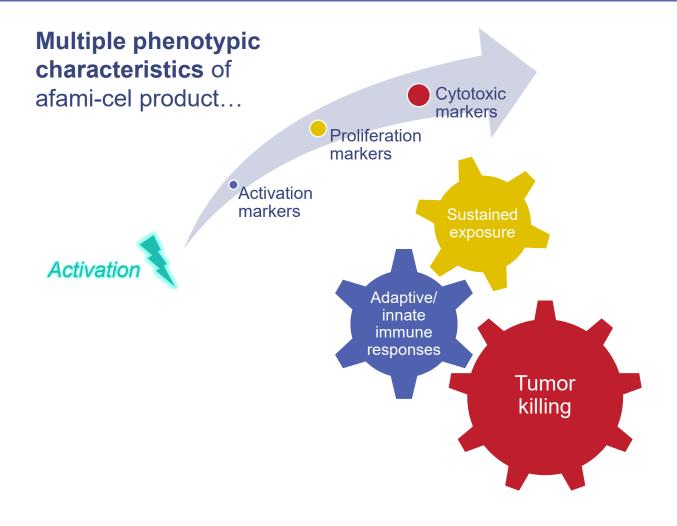
• MP6 shows over 50% TCR+ loss by Day 2 and although there is granzyme B expression induced, it is hypothesised that not enough cells are retained and producing these levels of granzyme B to have a 100% cytotoxic response

D0

• MP3 retains TCR+ cells; however, these cells are not induced to express high levels of granzyme B leading to lack of 100% efficient cytotoxic response



Evidence of afami-cel product anti-tumor mechanism through translation of phenotypic characteristics to functional response



... are required to support a range of **effector functions**:

- TCR+ T-cells need to be able to expand upon cognate antigen exposure
 - Long-term persistence and formation of memory
- These TCR+ T-cells need to have the capacity to become functionally active
 - Functional cytotoxic response post infusion
- Retain the ability for mobilization of adaptive and innate immune responses (by secreting cytokines/chemokines)
 - Serum cytokine analysis
- These T-cells need fit and healthy mitochondria
 - TCR+ T-cell health post infusion

Ongoing analyses are examining correlative relationships with clinical endpoints



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