



# TNX-1700

## Gastric and Colorectal Cancers

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<sup>1</sup>human trefoil family factor 2 – human serum albumin fusion protein

<sup>2</sup>myeloid-derived suppressor cells

<sup>3</sup>azoxymethane/dextran sodium sulfate

<sup>4</sup>murine TFF-2 – murine serum albumin fusion protein





# TNX-1700: Targeting Gastric and Colorectal Cancer<sup>1</sup>

*Gastric and colorectal cancer are leading cancers in the US. Colorectal cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women combined.<sup>2</sup>*

**>1.4M** People living with colorectal cancer in the US<sup>3</sup>

**>140K** People living with gastric cancer in the US<sup>4</sup>

## Current standard of care:

- PD-1 blockade
  - Response rate in gastric cancer is 10-20%, however, tumors which exhibit high levels of microsatellite instability or deficient mismatch repair, response reaches 30-50%, but these patients are rare (10-15% of all gastric cancer)<sup>5,6</sup>

## Large unmet need:

- Gastric and colorectal cancer have a relative 5-year survival rate of 37.9% and 65.4%, respectively<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Despite advances in the field, patients are still in need of life saving treatment

<sup>1</sup>TNX-1700 is in the pre-IND stage and has not been approved for any indication.

<sup>2</sup>American Cancer Society, accessed March 2025 - <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/colon-rectal-cancer/about/key-statistics.html>

<sup>3</sup>NIH, accessed October 2025 - <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html>

<sup>4</sup>NIH, accessed October 2025 - <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>

<sup>5</sup>Kono et al., *Gastric Cancer* 2020; 23:565-578

<sup>6</sup>Amonkar et al., *J. Clin. Onc.* 2019; 37; suppl

# TNX-1700 (hTFF2-HSA): A Potential Treatment for Gastric and Colorectal Cancers



**Pre-IND  
Candidate**

## **Targeted as a treatment for cancer**

- Particularly for gastric and colorectal cancer
- Mechanism of Action (MOA) is different from checkpoint inhibitors
- Potential synergy with anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 monoclonal antibodies

## **Patents and patent applications directed to recombinant TFF2 (rTFF2)**

- Issued patent licensed from Columbia University

## **Inventor: Dr. Timothy Wang, MD**

- Chief, Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases at Columbia University and Cancer Research Center and Silberberg Professor of Medicine
- Investigated the molecular mechanisms of gastrointestinal carcinogenesis for decades
- Leadership roles in gastroenterology and cancer biology fields

## **Pre-clinical evidence for inhibiting growth of cancer cells**

- Several studies have shown rTFF2 to be active in the treatment of cancer<sup>1-2</sup>

**Targeting a  
Condition with  
Significant Unmet  
Need**

<sup>1</sup>Dubeykovskaya Z, et al. Nat Commun. 2016 7:1-11

<sup>2</sup>Dubeykovskaya ZA, et al, Cancer Gene Ther. 2019 26(1-2):48-57

# TNX-1700 (TFF2-HSA): Fighting Gastric (GC) and Colorectal Cancer (CRC) by Targeting the Tumor Microenvironment

## *Trefoil Factor-2 (TFF2) Targeted as an Immunotherapy Treatment for Cancer*

### ❖ Mechanism of Action

- Partial agonist for the chemokine receptor CXCR4
  - Distinct from prototypical agonist SDF-1 $\alpha$
- Activates anti-cancer CD8+ T cells by altering the tumor microenvironment (TME) via suppression of myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs)
- Redirects granulocyte differentiation towards anti-tumorigenic neutrophils and away from MDSCs
- Promotes differentiation of MDSCs to a non-immunosuppressive cell type
- Inhibits myelopoiesis/normalizes hematopoiesis
- Synergizes with anti-PD-1

#### **Activity of TFF2 is distinct from CXCR4 antagonists**

- Prototypical antagonist of CXCR4 is Mozobil® (plerixafor/AMD3100)
- Hematopoietic Stem Cell (HPSC) mobilizing agent – FDA approved for stem cell transplantation
- Blocks recruitment and migration

### ❖ Target Validation

- Human Gastric Cancer
  - TFF2 epigenetically silenced in GC
  - CXCR4+ PMN-MDSC expanded and negatively correlated with serum TFF2 level and CD8+ T cell abundance
  - CXCR4+PMN-MDSCs highly expressed immunosuppressive genes
  - Low TFF2 expression in tumor tissue in patients with diffuse-type or intestinal type GC correlated with poor overall survival
- Mouse CRC Tumor Models:
  - TFF2 knock-out in mice leads to faster tumor growth
  - Transgenic overexpression of TFF2 suppresses tumor growth
  - Adenoviral delivery suppresses tumor growth

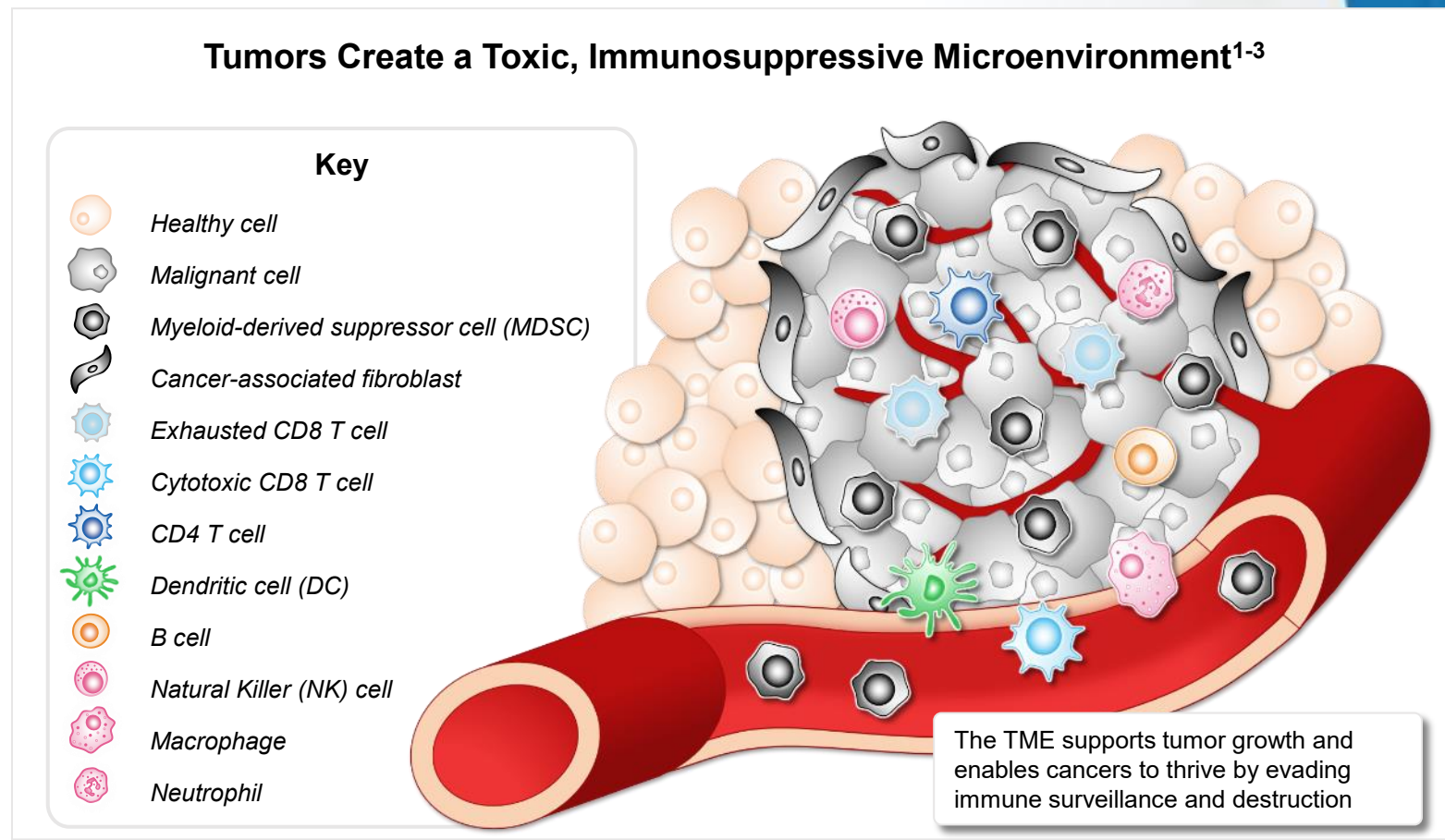
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# **TNX-1700 (hTFF2-HSA) Fusion Protein**

## **Tumor Microenvironment, MDSCs**

# Cancers Create Toxic, Immunosuppressive Tumor Microenvironments (TME)

- Tumors are surrounded by endothelial and stroma cells, and invading immune cells, both innate and adaptive<sup>1,2</sup>
- Complex regulatory network supports tumor growth, enabling cancers to thrive by evading immune surveillance and destruction<sup>2-3</sup>
- The TME sabotages tumor-killing cytotoxic CD8 T cells<sup>1</sup>
- Myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) interfere with anticancer immunity<sup>2,3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Belli C, et al. *Cancer Treat Rev.* 2018;65:22-32.

<sup>2</sup>Roma-Rodriguez C, et al. *Int J Mol Sci.* 2019;20(4):840.

<sup>3</sup>Tsai M, et al. *ISRN Biochem.* 2014:351959.





# MDSCs Are a Major Treatment Target

- Levels of MDSCs tend to correlate with tumor stage, patient survival, and metastatic burden and may predict poor response to certain cancer treatments<sup>1</sup>
- MDSCs represent a central mechanism of immunosuppression in cancer; targeting these cells could significantly improve our ability to fight cancer<sup>2,3</sup>
- Therapeutic strategies include<sup>3</sup>:
  - ▶ Promoting the differentiation of MDSCs to a non-immunosuppressive cell type
  - ▶ Blocking MDSC immunosuppressive functions
  - ▶ Inhibiting MDSC expansion
  - ▶ Eliminating MDSCs

<sup>1</sup>Condamine T, et al. *Annu Rev Med*. 2015;66:97-110.

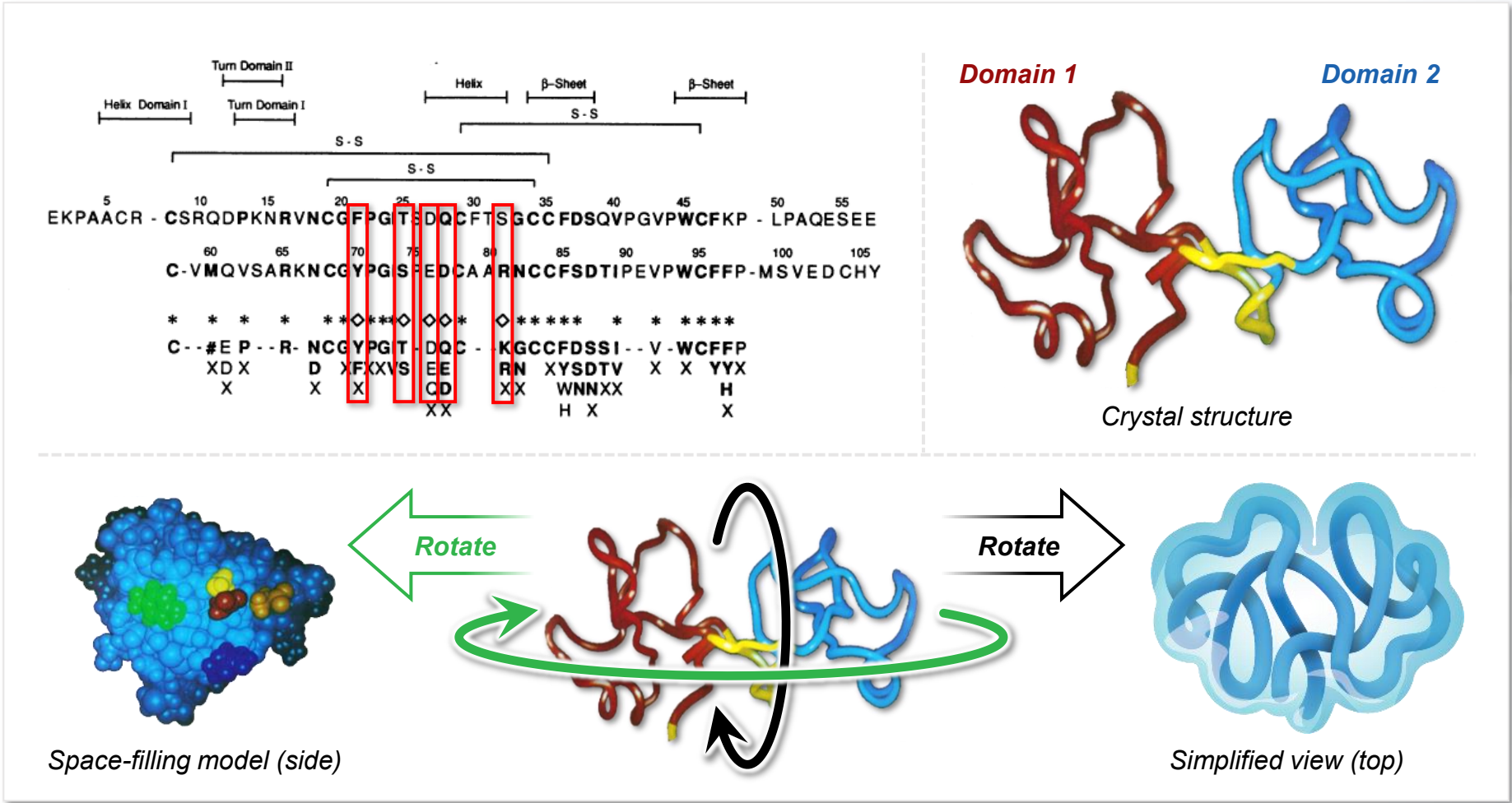
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<sup>3</sup>Gabrilovitch DI, et al. *Nat Rev Immunol*. 2009;9(3):162-174.

# TFF2 Structure

## Domains, CXCR4 Interaction, Cell Migration

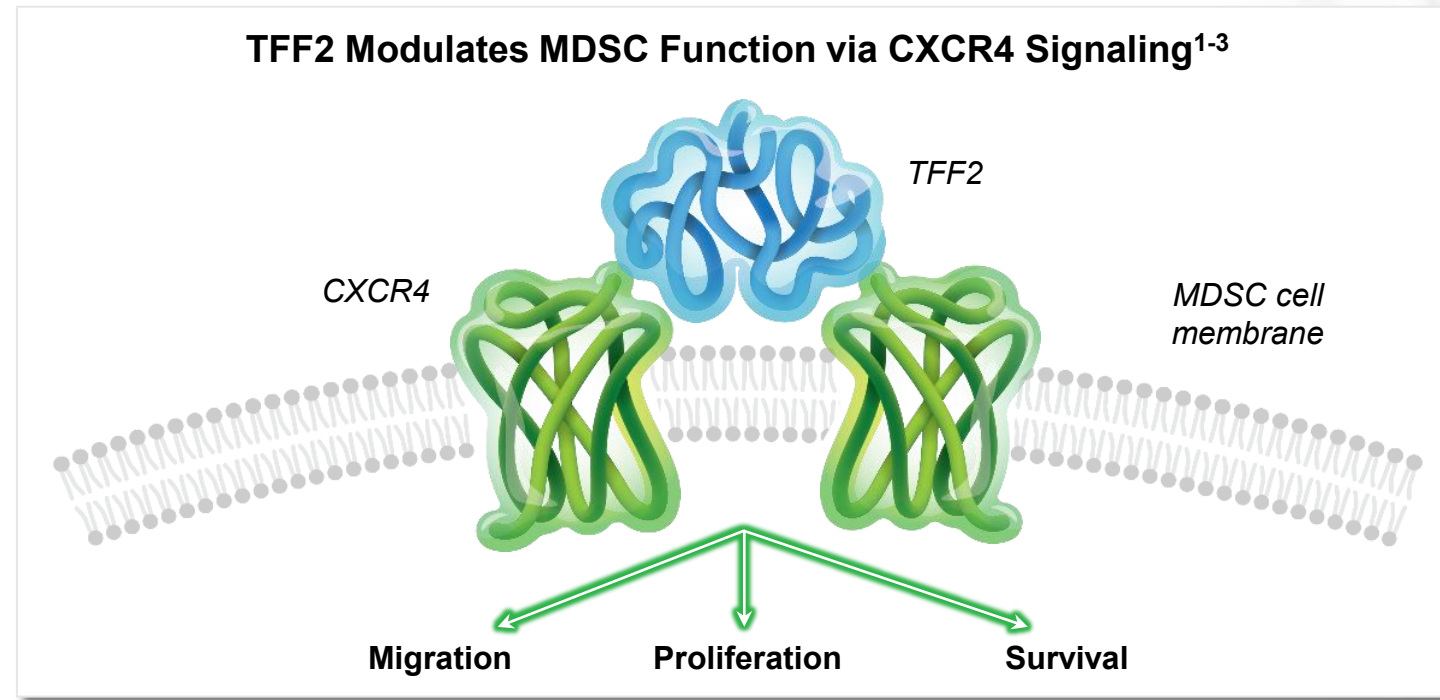
# TFF2 Contains 2 Trefoil Domains, Each Containing 5 Conserved Residues





# TFF2 Signals Through CXCR4

- Importantly, TFF2 activates CXCR4 and may therefore modulate immune and tumorigenic responses, specifically by reducing the expansion or migration of immunosuppressive MDSCs<sup>1-3</sup>
- TFF2 upregulates ApoE fifty-fold in myeloid progenitor cells; ApoE has been shown to suppress MDSCs<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Dubeykovskaya Z, et al. *J Biol Chem*. 2009;284(6):3650-3662.

<sup>2</sup>Balkwill F. *Semin Cancer Biol*. 2004;14(3):171-179.

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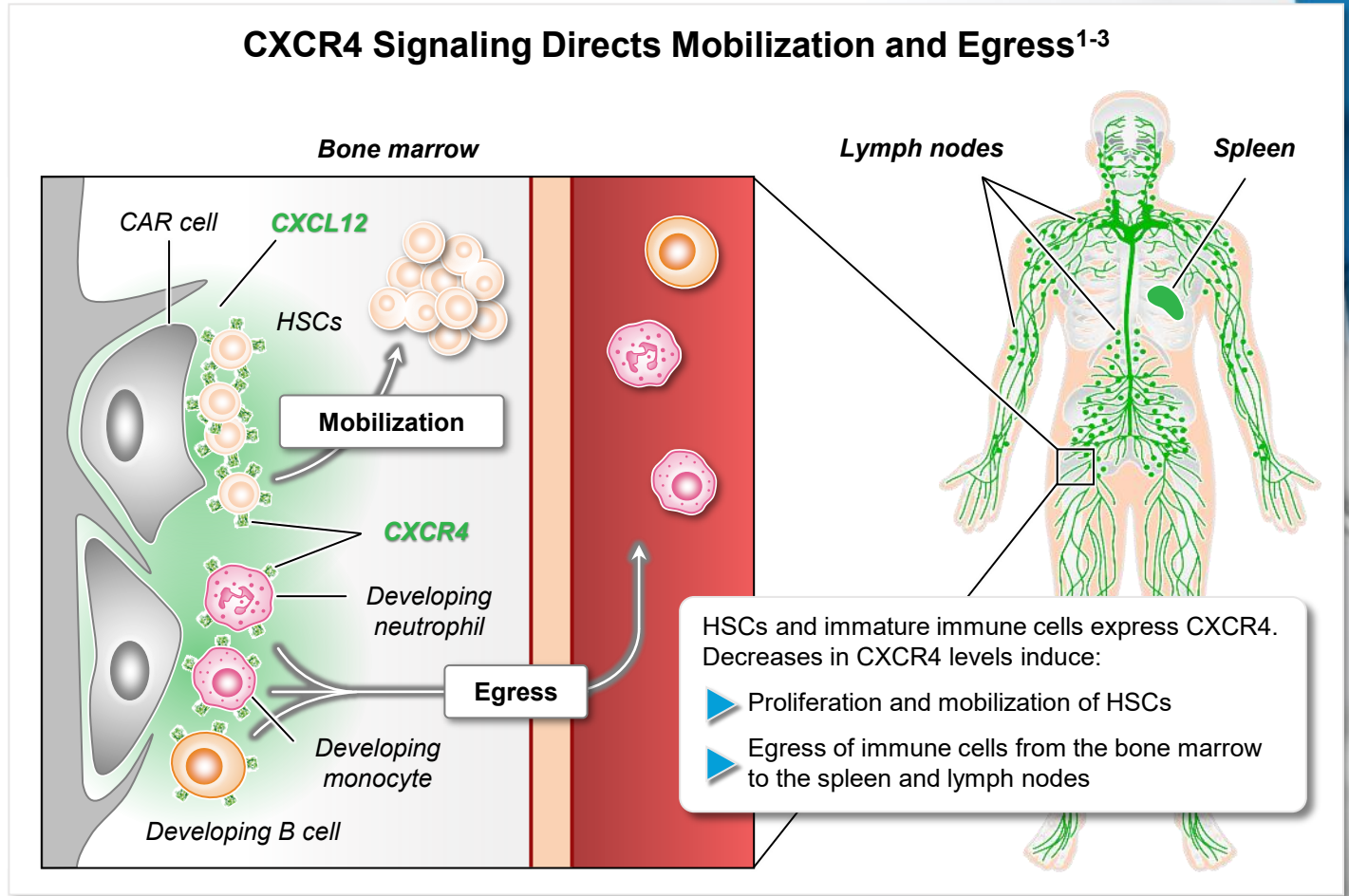
<sup>4</sup>Tavazoie MF et al, *Cell* 2018; 172:825-840.





# Chemokines Direct Immune Cell Production and Migration

- Immune cells constantly migrate from the blood into and out of lymphoid organs, processes known as homing and egress<sup>1,2</sup>
- Homing and egress are regulated by chemokines<sup>1,2</sup>
- CXCL12-CXCR4 is a crucial chemokine signaling axis that regulates<sup>1-3</sup>:
  - ▶ Proliferation and mobilization of hemopoietic stem cells (HSCs)
  - ▶ Retention of developing immune cells within the bone marrow



<sup>1</sup>Griffith JW, et al. Annu Rev Immunol. 2014;32:659-702.  
<sup>2</sup>Schultz O, et al. Annu Rev Immunol. 2014;34:203-242.  
<sup>3</sup>Balkwill F. Semin Cancer Biol. 2004;14(3):171-179.

# **TNX-1700 Protein Design**

## **Albumin Fusion Proteins**



# Strategies for Half-Life Extension: Albumin Fusion

- **Albumin**
  - Most abundant plasma protein
  - Involved in transport of nutrients in the body
  - Interaction with cellular receptors Gp18, Gp30, and Gp60, which regulate transcytosis/endocytosis of albumin across the endothelial cell surface
  - High circulatory half-life of ~ 19 days mediated mainly due to neonatal Fc (FcRn)-mediated recycling
- **Marketed albumin fusions, conjugates and albumin binders**
  - Levemir
  - Tanzeum
  - Victoza
  - Abraxane
  - Idelvion
  - Tresiba
  - Ozempic
  - Mounjaro

# TNX-1700 (hTFF2-HSA) Fusion Protein

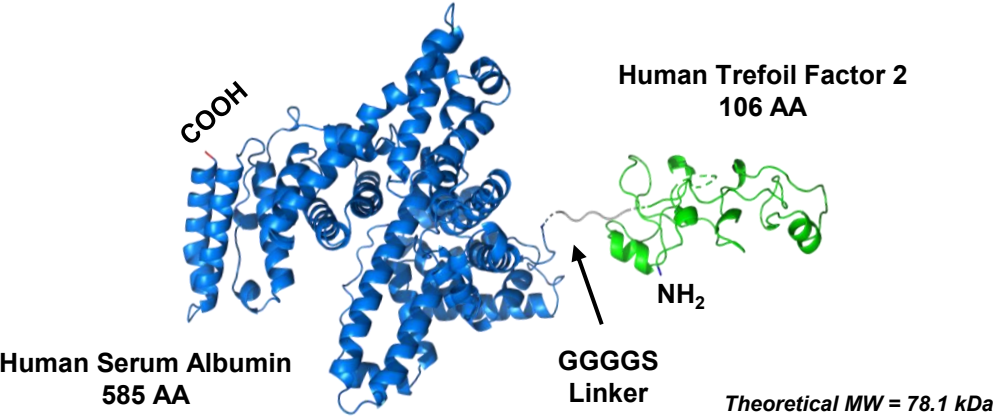
## Structure, Preliminary Safety



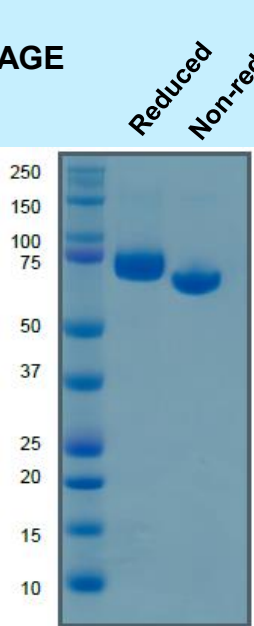
# TNX-1700 is a Fusion Protein of TFF2 and Human Serum Albumin (HSA)

Fusion of TFF2 with HSA for half-life extension

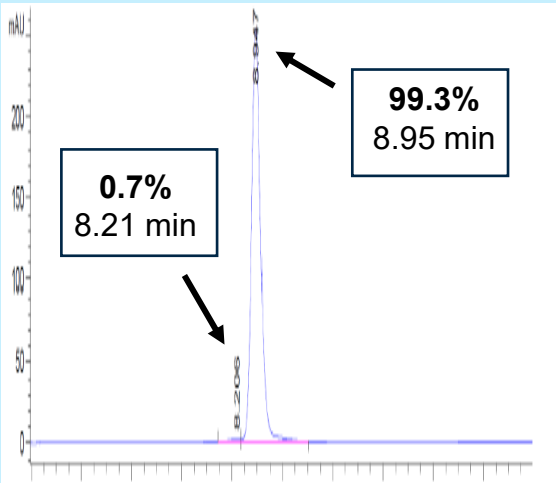
Murine TNX-1700 generated for mouse studies



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Size Exclusion



## Preliminary Safety of TNX-1700

### Mouse Toxicity Study

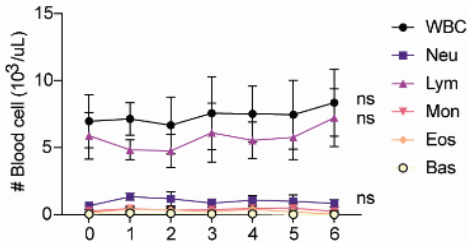
No observable toxicity at efficacious dose Mice: C57BL/6; n=3/group

Dose: murine TNX-1700; 22.5 mg/kg or vehicle IP

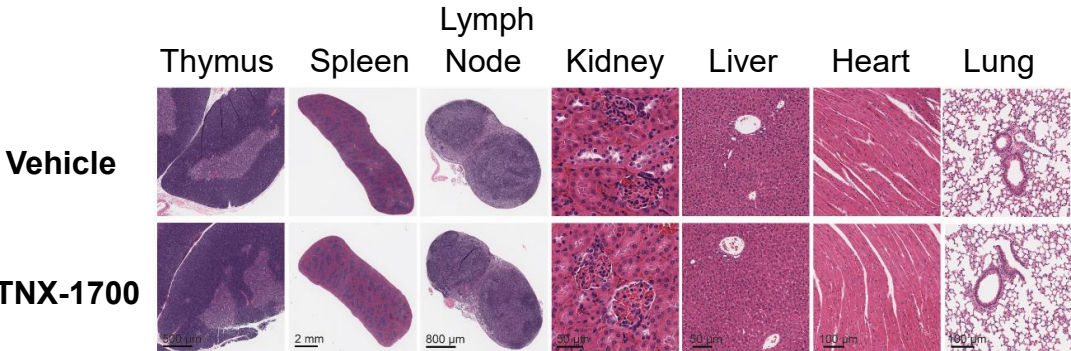
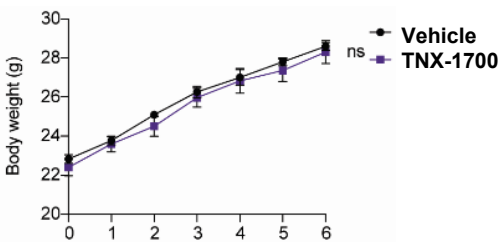
Frequency: 3x/week; 6 weeks

- No effect on WBC count and body weight
- No inflammation in lymphoid and non-lymphoid organs

WBC Count



Body Weight



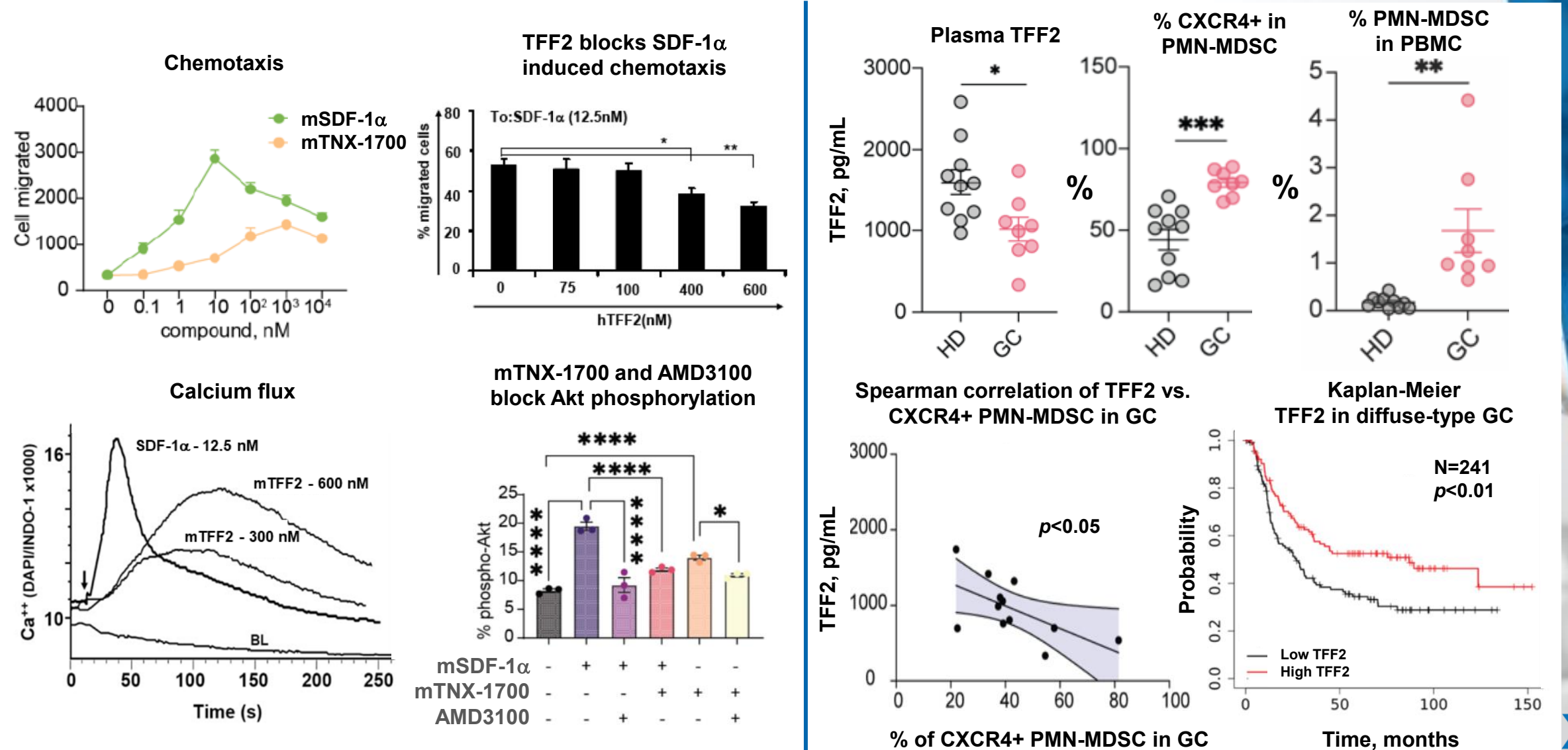
# TNX-1700 (hTFF2-HSA) Fusion Protein

## Target Validation, In Vitro

# Target Validation

## TFF2/TNX-1700 is a Partial CXCR4 Agonist (and an Antagonist to SDF-1 $\alpha$ ) *in vitro*

## Reduced Level of TFF2 Correlates with Elevated CXCR4+ PMN-MDSCs in GC



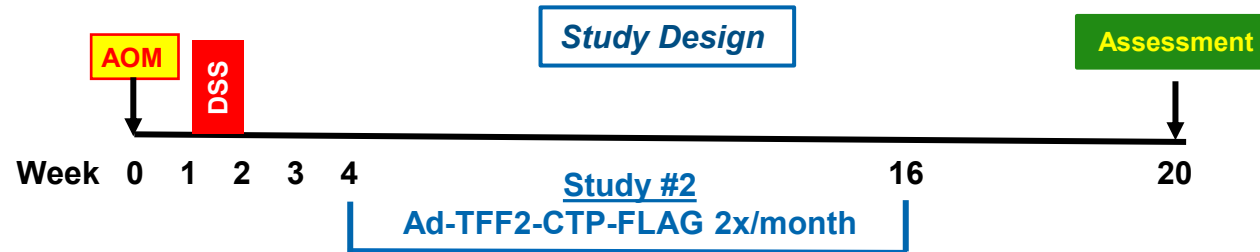
# **TNX-1700 (hTFF2-HSA) Fusion Protein**

## **Chemoprevention Studies**

### **Murine AOM/DSS Model, Target Validation, In Vivo**

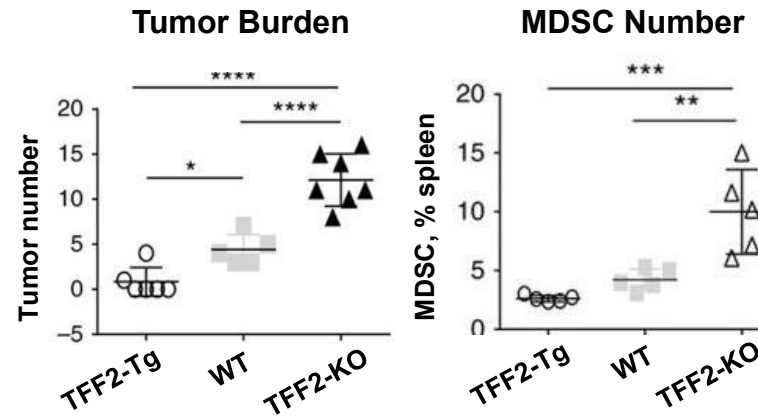


# Target Validation *in vivo*: Efficacy in the AOM/DSS CRC Induction Model in C57BL/6 Mice



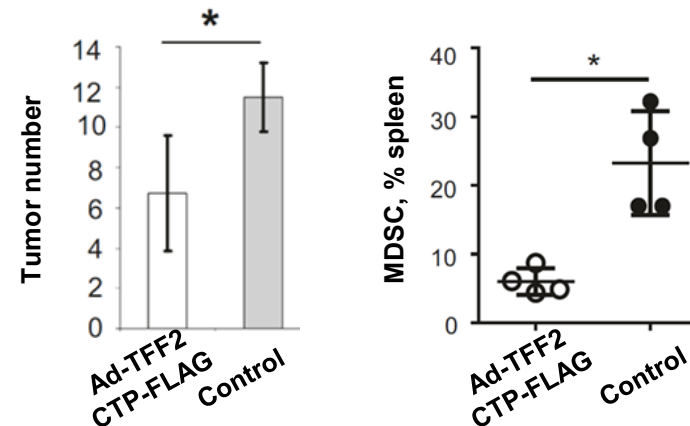
## Study #1

- TFF2-Transgenic (Tg)
- Wild-Type (WT)
- TFF2-KO
- N=6/group



## Study #2

- Ad-TFF2-CTP-FLAG
- Control
- N=4/group



\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001

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Dubeykovskaya Z, et al., Cancer Gene Ther. 2019 26(1-2):48-57

# Therapeutic Studies

Synergy with PD-1 Blockade

Gastric Cancer (GC)

ACKP, PC, Orthotopic Syngeneic Murine Models



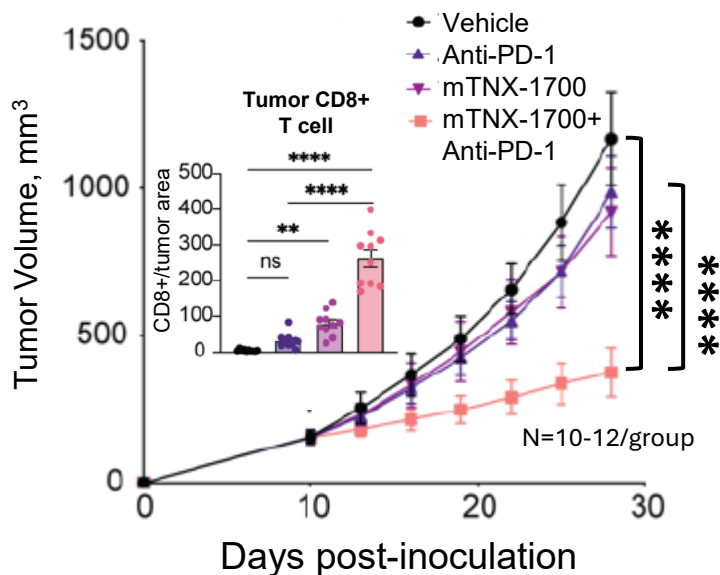
# mTNX-1700 Exhibits Synergy with anti-PD-1 mAb in Decreasing Tumor Volume, Blocking Metastasis and Increasing Survival in a Syngeneic Mouse Model of GC

*CXCR4 partial agonism + checkpoint blockade has superior efficacy in mouse model*

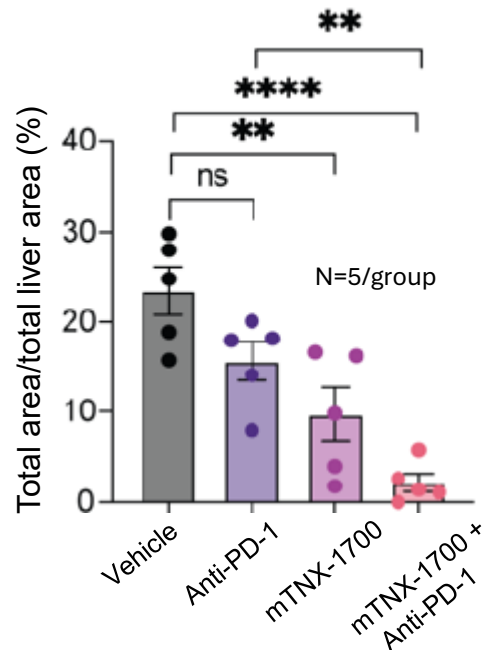
ACKP Model

**mTNX-1700 + anti-PD-1**

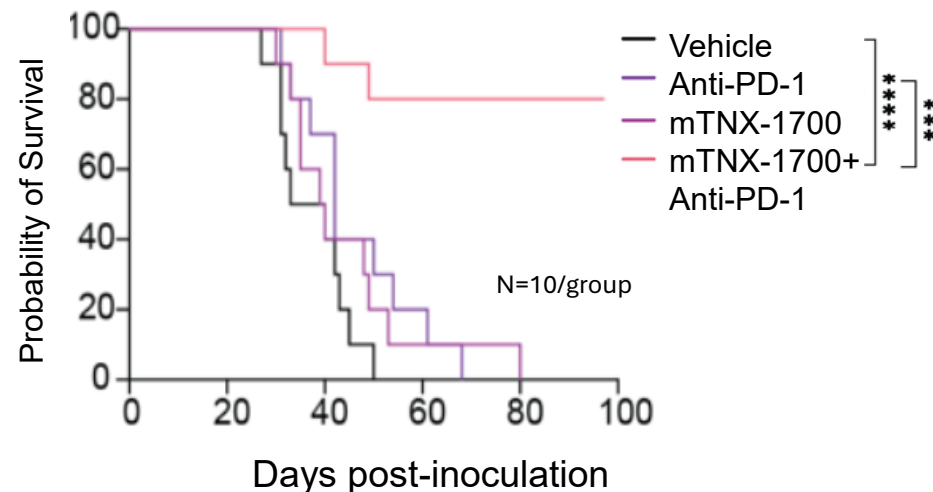
Tumor Inhibition



Blocking Liver Metastasis

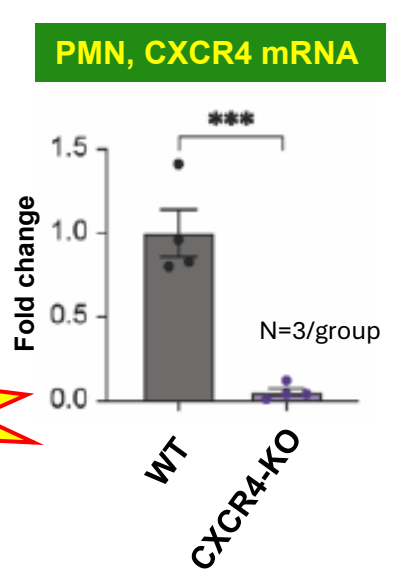
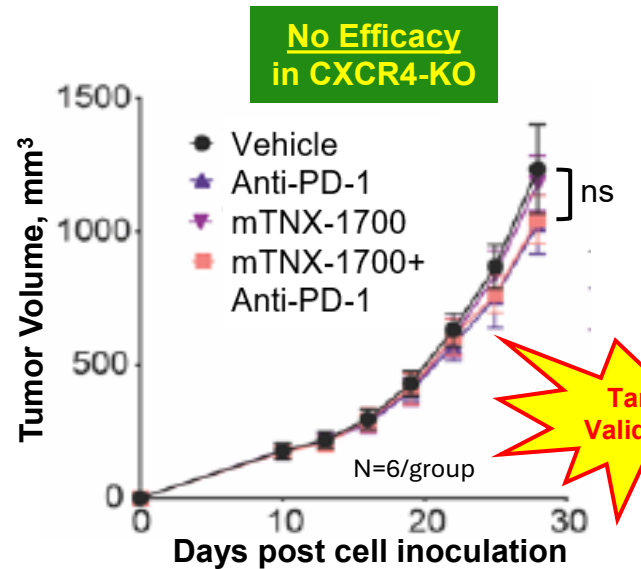
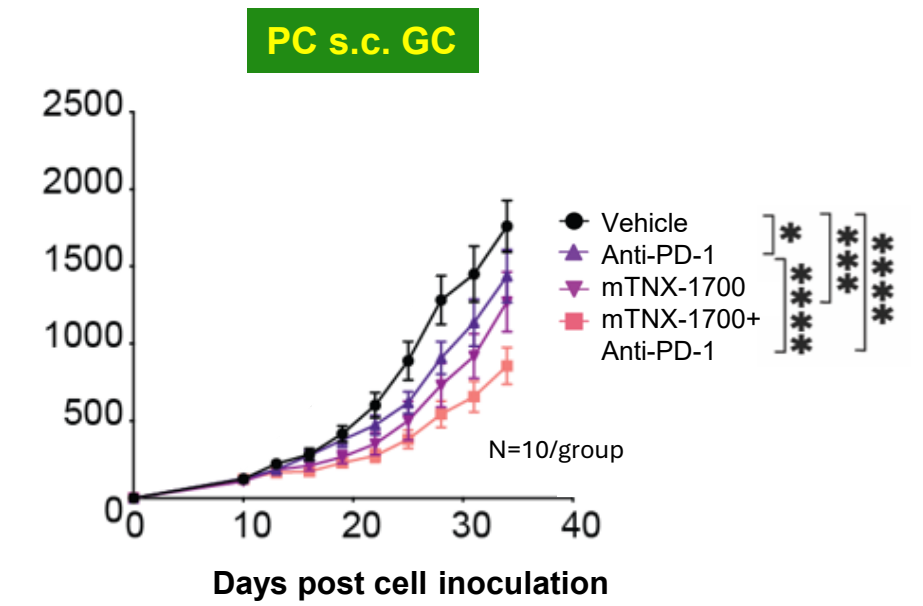
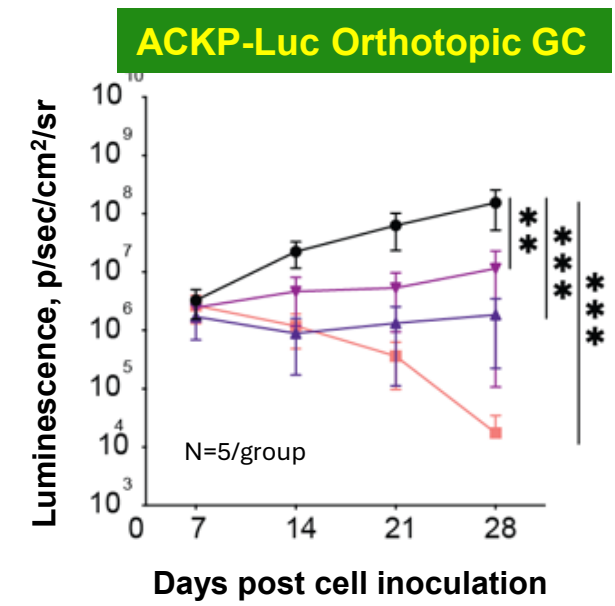
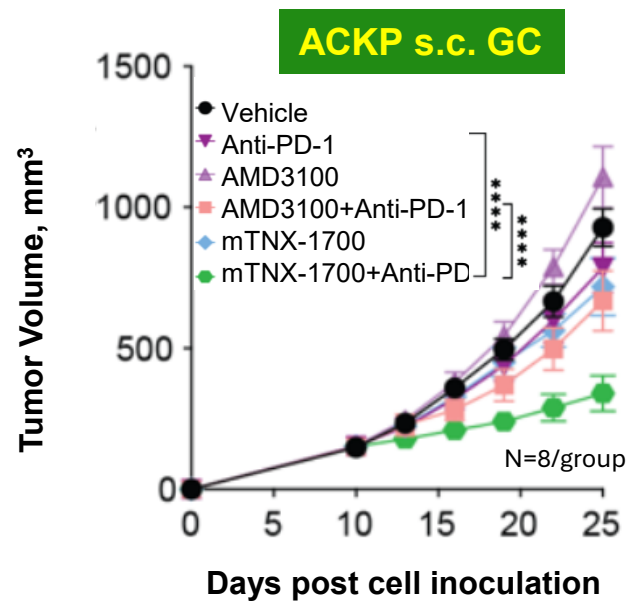


Increasing Survival





# Efficacy of mTNX-1700 on Tumor Growth in Multiple Syngeneic Murine Models of Gastric Cancer (GC) and Colorectal Cancer (CRC)



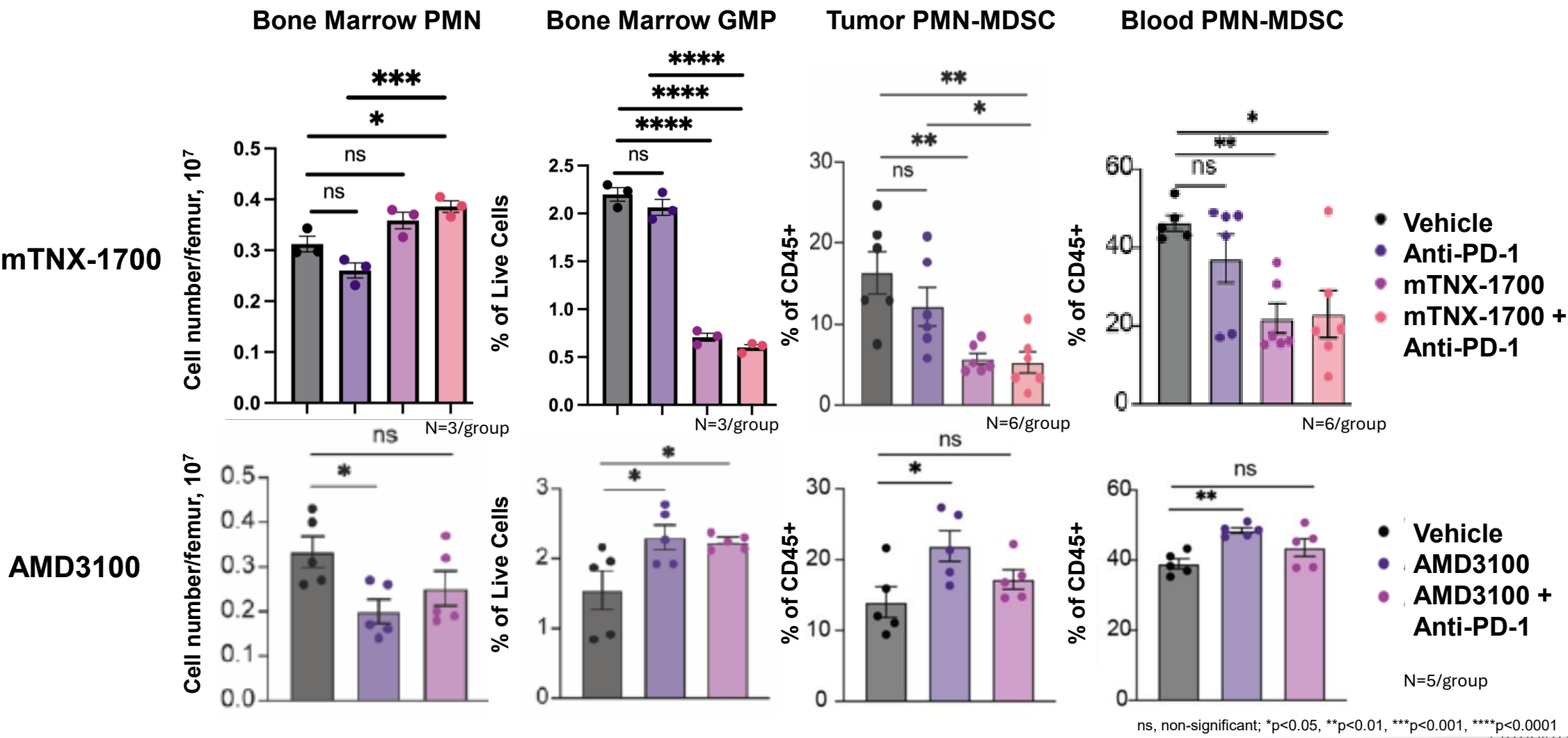
## ❖ TNX-1700 is Active in Multiple Models in Two Cancer Types:

- Autochthonous GC model
- ACKP lung metastasis model
- MC38 s.c. CRC model
- CT26.wt s.c. CRC model
- CT26-Luc orthotopic CRC model

# The CXCR4 Partial Agonist mTNX-1700 Reduces PMN-MDSCs in the TME, Blood and Biogenesis in the Bone Marrow

ACKP GC Model

*The CXCR4 full antagonist AMD3100 has the opposite effect*





# Therapeutic Studies

**Synergy with PD-1 Blockade**

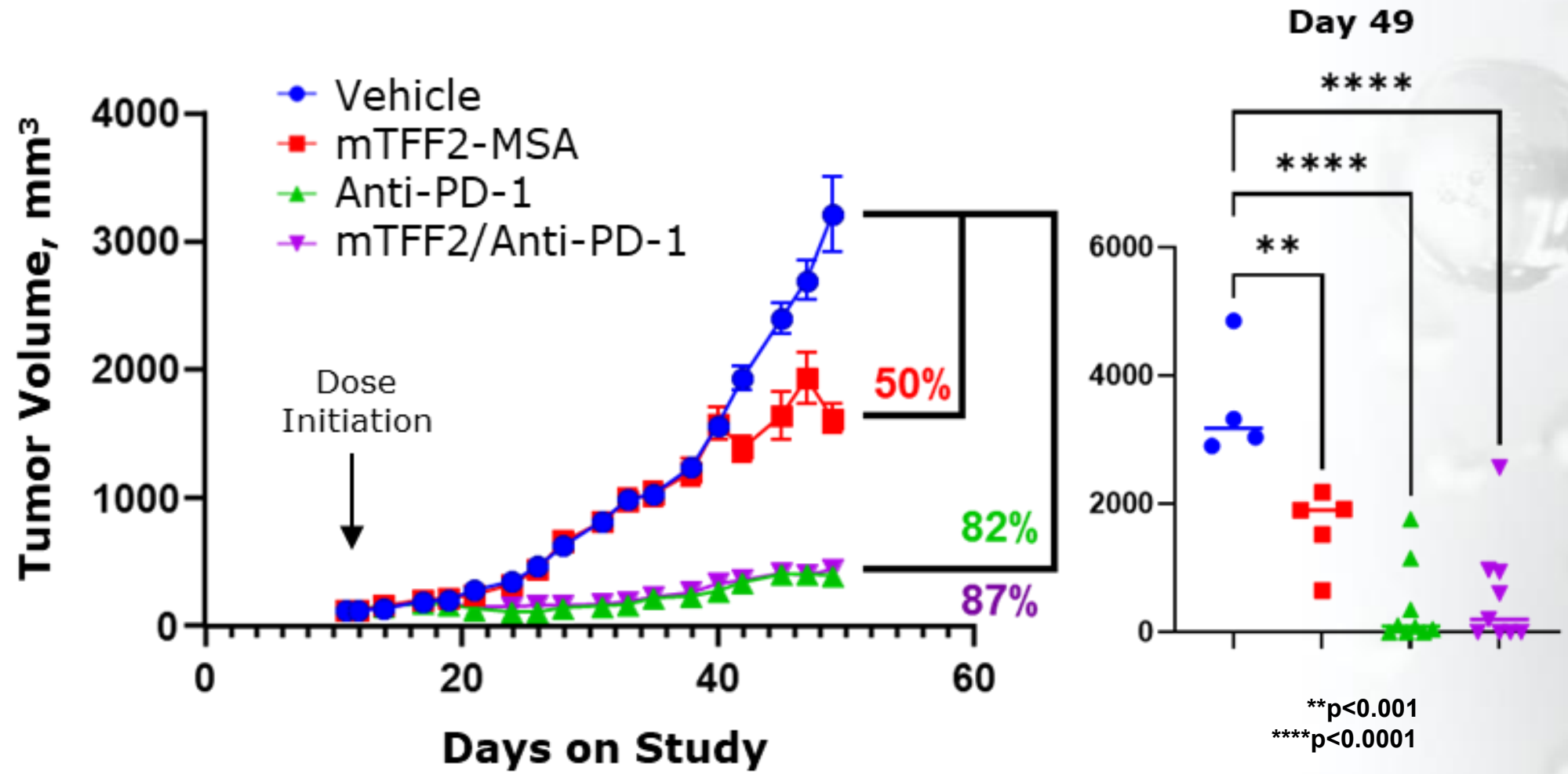
**Colorectal Cancer (CRC)**

**MC38 and CT26.wt Subcutaneous and CT26-Luc**

**Orthotopic Syngeneic Murine Models**

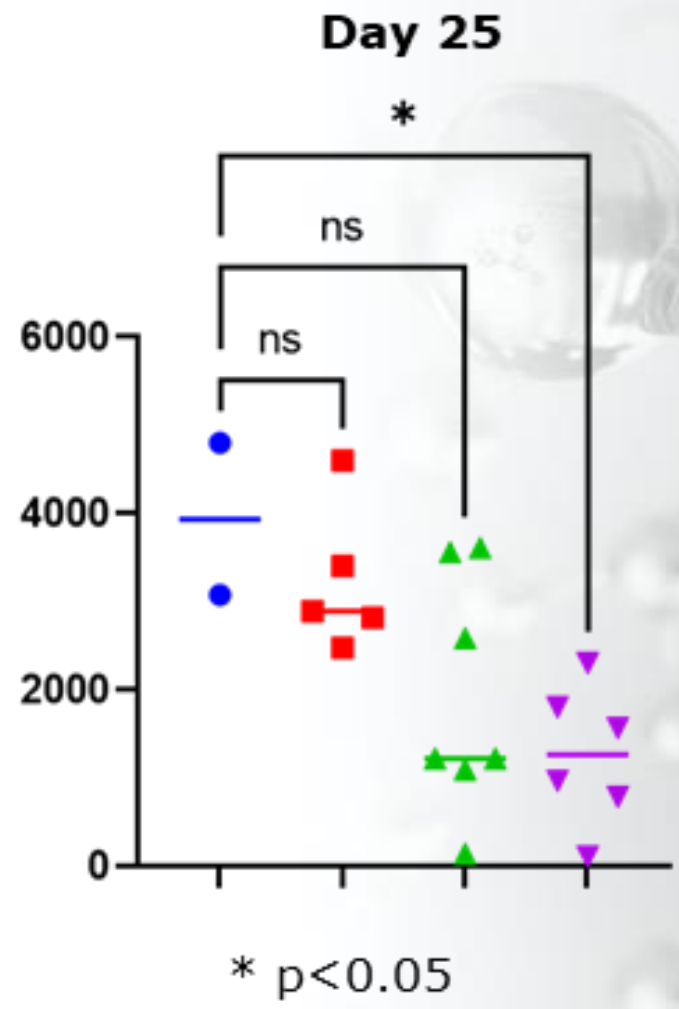
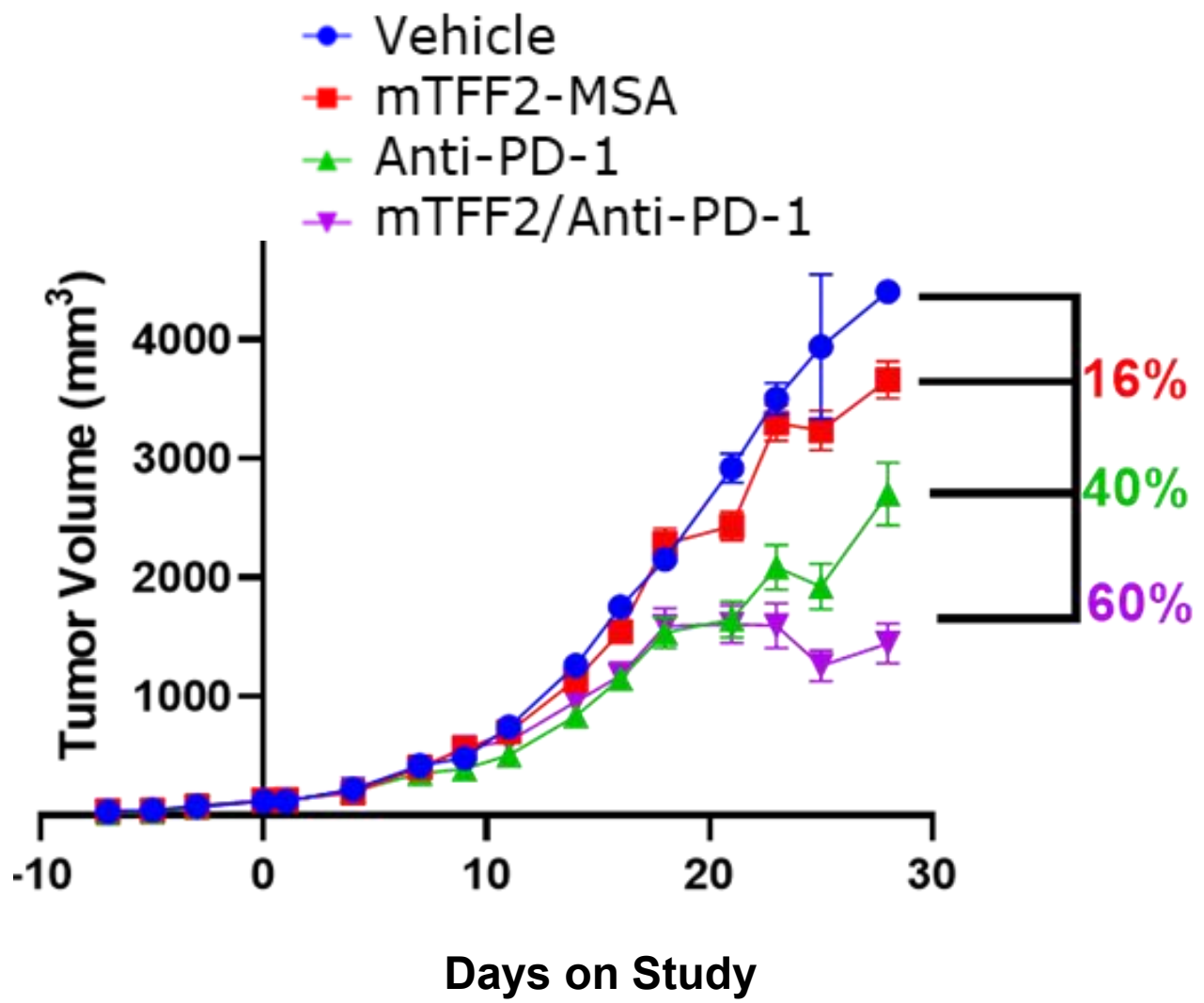


# Inhibition of Tumor Growth in the MC38 CRC Model



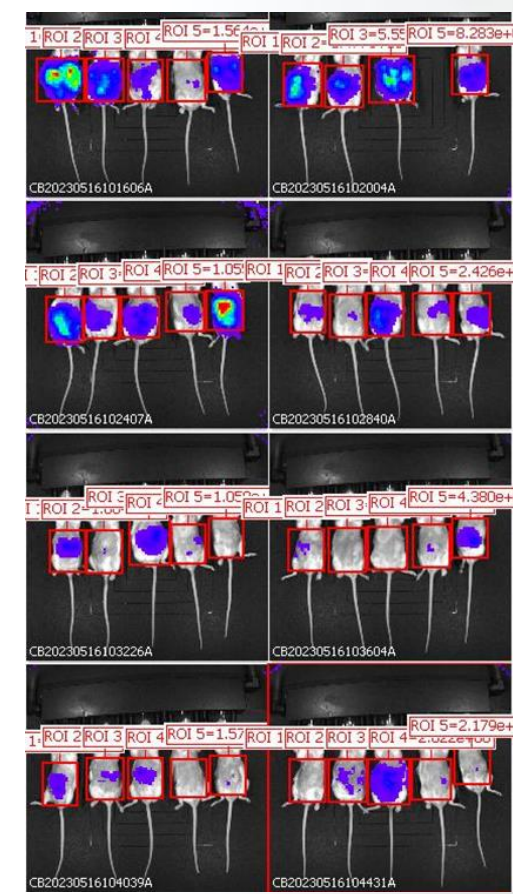
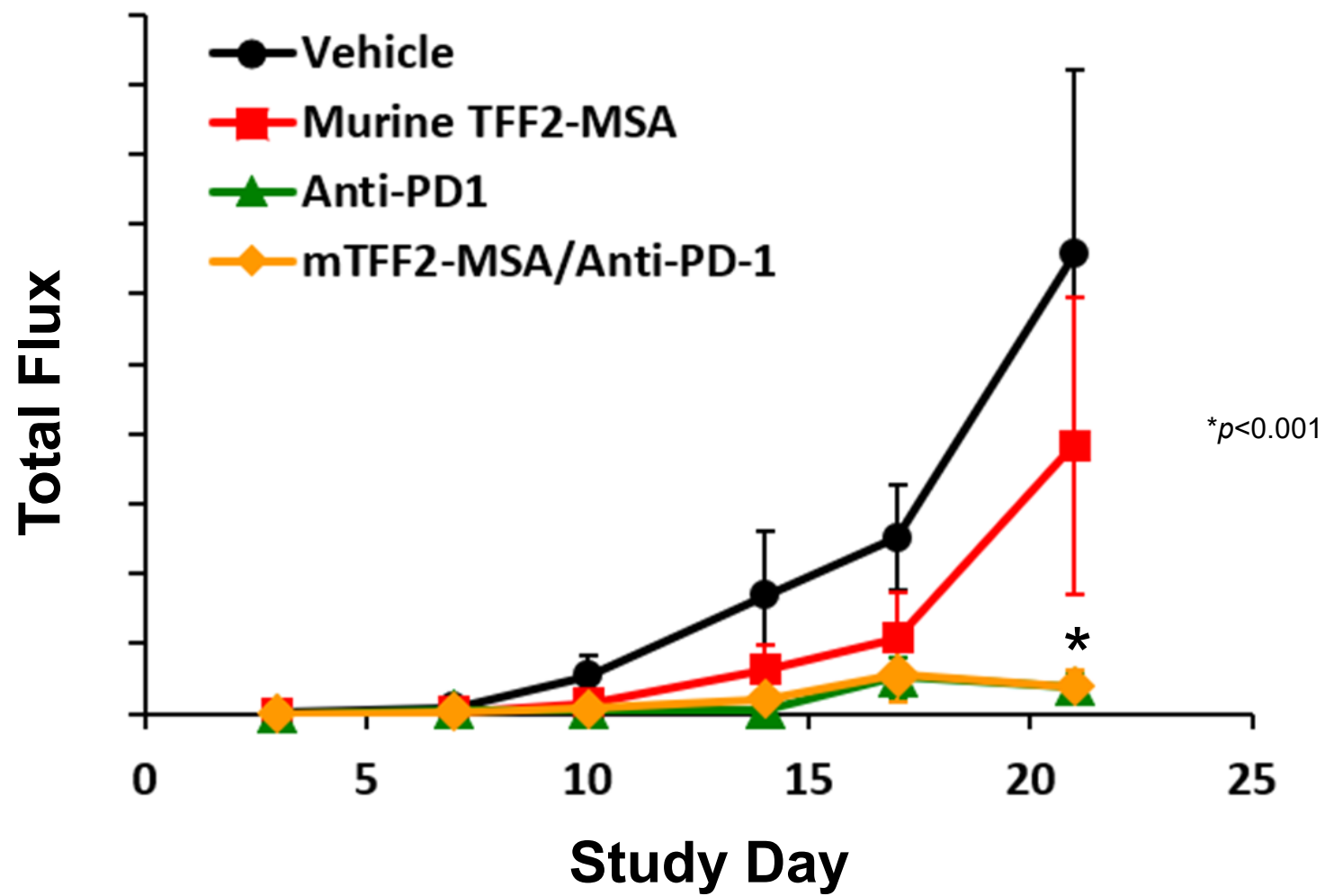


# Inhibition of Tumor Growth in the CT26.wt CRC Model





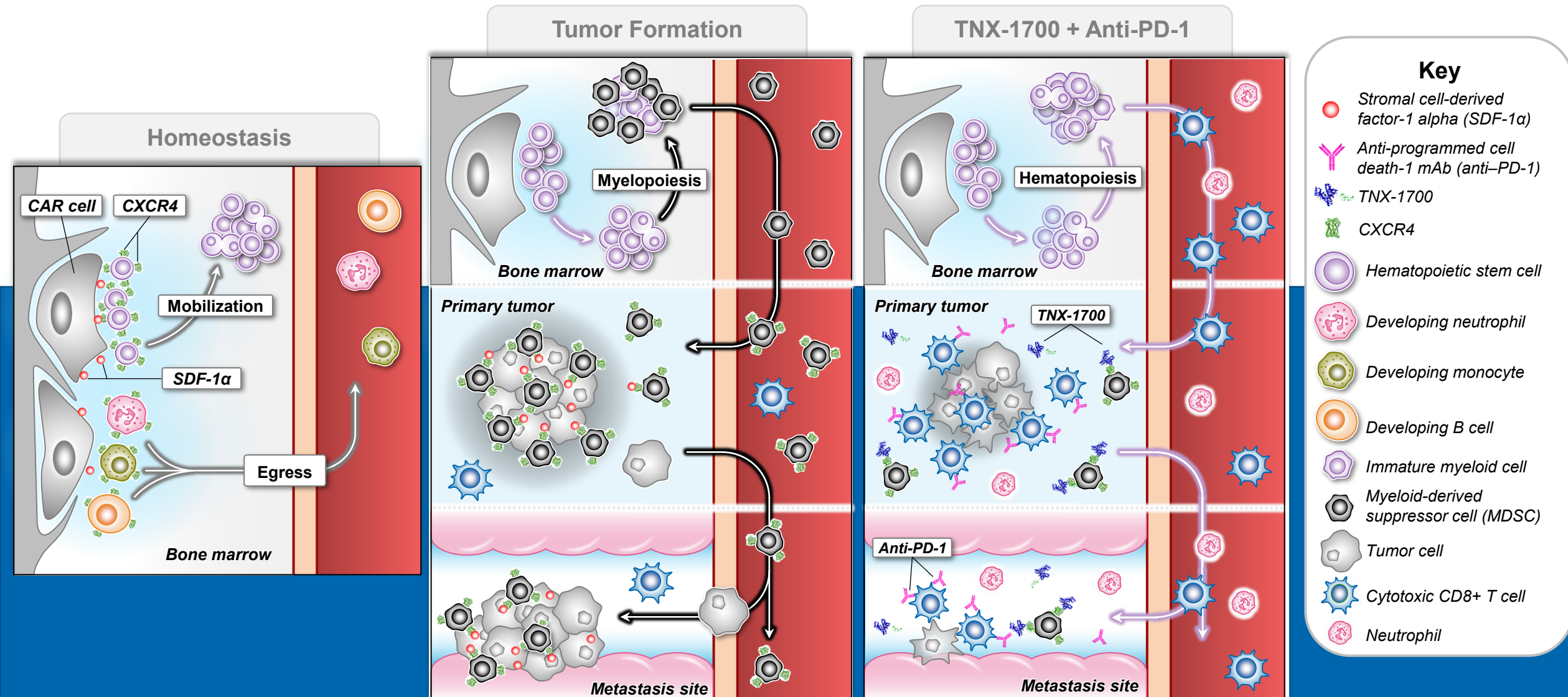
# Inhibition of Tumor Growth in the CT26-Luc Orthotopic Tumor Model



# Summary



# TNX-1700 Alters the TME by Activating Anti-Cancer CD8+ T Cells via Suppression of MDSCs Resulting in Reduction of Tumor Growth and Metastasis





## Conclusions

- TFF2 is a naturally occurring anti-inflammatory peptide that is a key part of the inflammatory reflex.
- TFF2 is a partial agonist for CXCR4, suppresses the proliferation and expansion of myeloid progenitors, thus reducing MDSCs.
- Overexpression of TFF2, either through transgenic or adenoviral expression, reduces the development of colorectal cancer (CRC) following AOM/DSS treatment. mTNX-1700 synergizes with anti-PD-1 blockade to increase survival and eradicate gastric cancer (GC) in advanced orthotopic and metastatic models.
- mTFF2-MSA (mTNX-1700) peptide synergizes with PD1 blockade therapy to reduce tumor size and increase survival in CRC syngeneic subcutaneous and orthotopic mouse models.
- mTNX-1700 reduces the production of MDSC and promotes a T-cell rich microenvironment, inducing a 50-fold increase in intratumor CD8+ T cells.



# THANK YOU APPENDIX





# AACR Presentations

## Presentation #1

Title: MDSC-targeted TFF2-MSA suppresses tumor growth and increases survival in anti-PD-1 treated MC38 and CT26.wt murine colorectal cancer models  
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## Presentation #2

Title: MDSC-targeted TFF2-MSA synergizes with PD-1 blockade therapy in diffuse-type gastric cancer  
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## Presentation #3

Title: A CXCR4 partial agonist TFF2-MSA improves anti-PD-1 immunotherapy in advanced gastric cancer by selectively targeting PMN-MDSC  
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