



Correlative findings following DSG3-CAART infusion with & without preconditioning in patients with Pemphigus Vulgaris (DesCAARTes™ trial)

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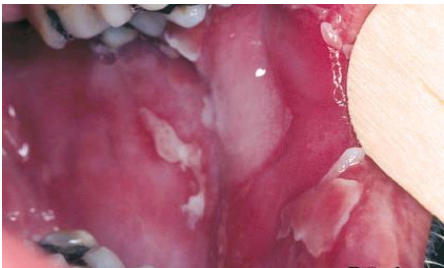

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Outline

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- DSG3 CAART design overview
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 - Persistence
 - Impact of lymphodepletion
 - Auto-antibody changes
 - Efficacy
 - Impact of CAAR expression
- Emerging translational data from MuSK CAART program (see poster P0744)
 - Persistence

Overview of pemphigus vulgaris & current treatment landscape

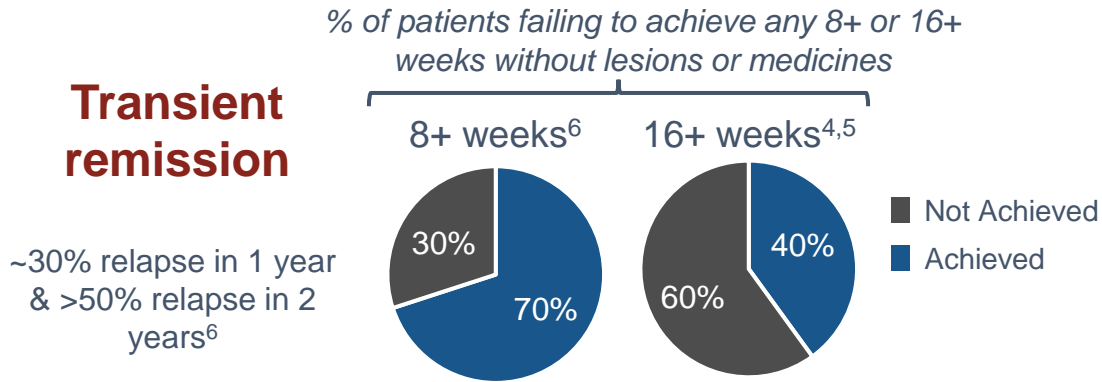
Current treatments require broad immunosuppression associated with safety risks and transient efficacy

	Mucosal PV ¹ (25%)	Mucocutaneous PV ² (75%)
		
Associated Antibody	Anti-DSG3	Anti-DSG3 + Anti-DSG1
Clinical Signs	Painful blisters of the mucous membranes (mouth, nose, larynx, esophagus, eyes, genitalia, rectum)	Blisters on orifices and skin
U.S. Disease Prevalence	3,250 to 4,750	9,750 to 14,250

Broad immunosuppression^{3,6}

Modestly effective & poorly tolerated

Rituximab plus steroids (~3,500 mg/yr)⁴



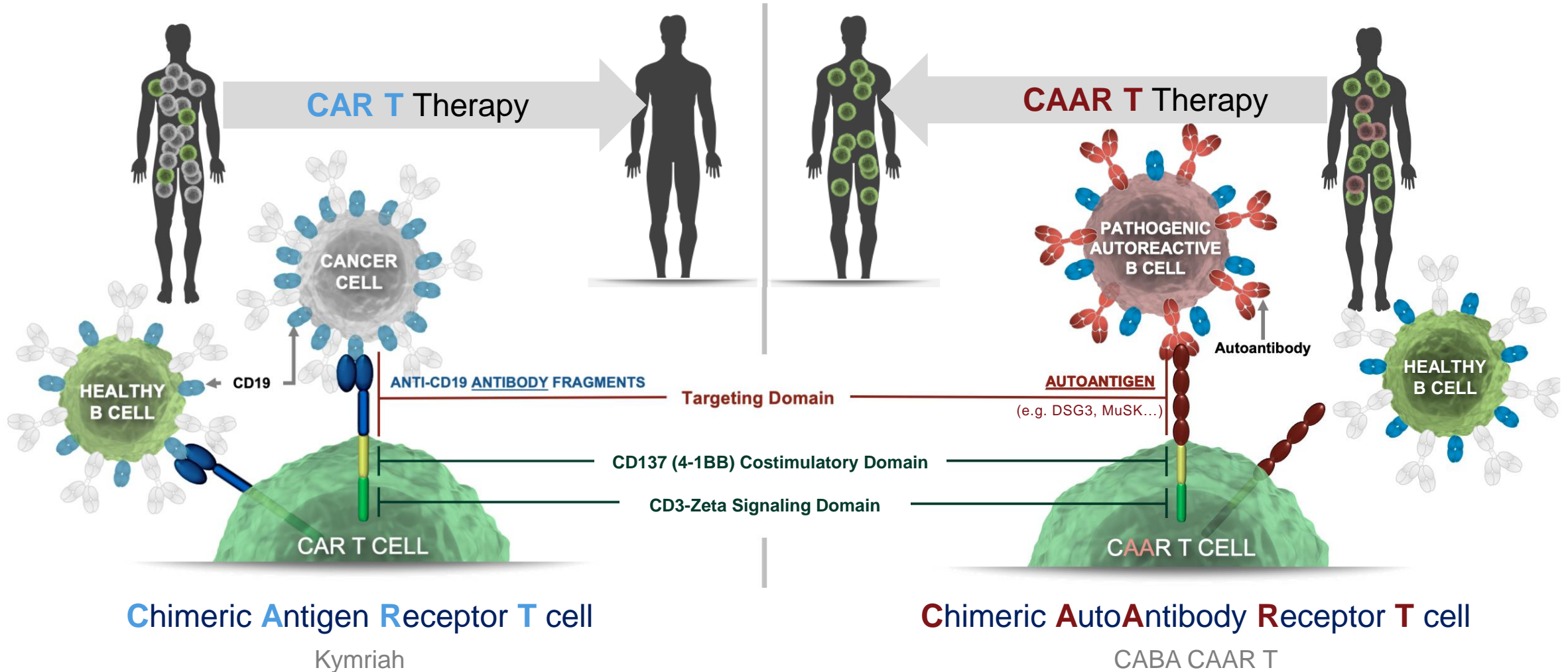
- Safety risks**
- 22% annual serious adverse event (SAE) rate⁴
 - 4-9%^{3,4,5} annual risk of severe infection in PV
 - ~1.9% lifetime risk of fatal infection⁷

CROT = 8+ weeks without lesions while off systemic therapy

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Our scientific platform leverages FDA-approved CAR T technology

CAAR T product candidates are designed for selective and specific elimination of the pathogenic B cells



DSG3-CAART encompasses all known pathogenic epitopes

Antibodies or B-cell receptors against the EC5 domain of DSG3 are not known to be pathogenic

% of PV sera
targeting each domain¹

91% 71% 51% 19% 12%

EC1 EC2 EC3 EC4 EC5

Transmembrane
Domain

Cytoplasmic tail


DSG3 Protein

EC1 EC2 EC3 EC4

CD137 CD3ζ


Costimulatory
Domains

DSG3-CAART

 **anti-EC1**²
AK23, Px43, Px44, 6G2C11, F779

 **anti-EC2**²
PVB28, AK19

 **anti-EC3**²
AK18

 **anti-EC4**²
P2C1, P5D4, P5B6, P3A6, P5E4

1. Ohyama, Bungo, et al. Journal of investigative dermatology 132.4 (2012): 1158-1168.

2. Antibodies that target the specific extracellular domain are shown below each extracellular domain.

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DSG3-CAART for patients with mucosal pemphigus vulgaris

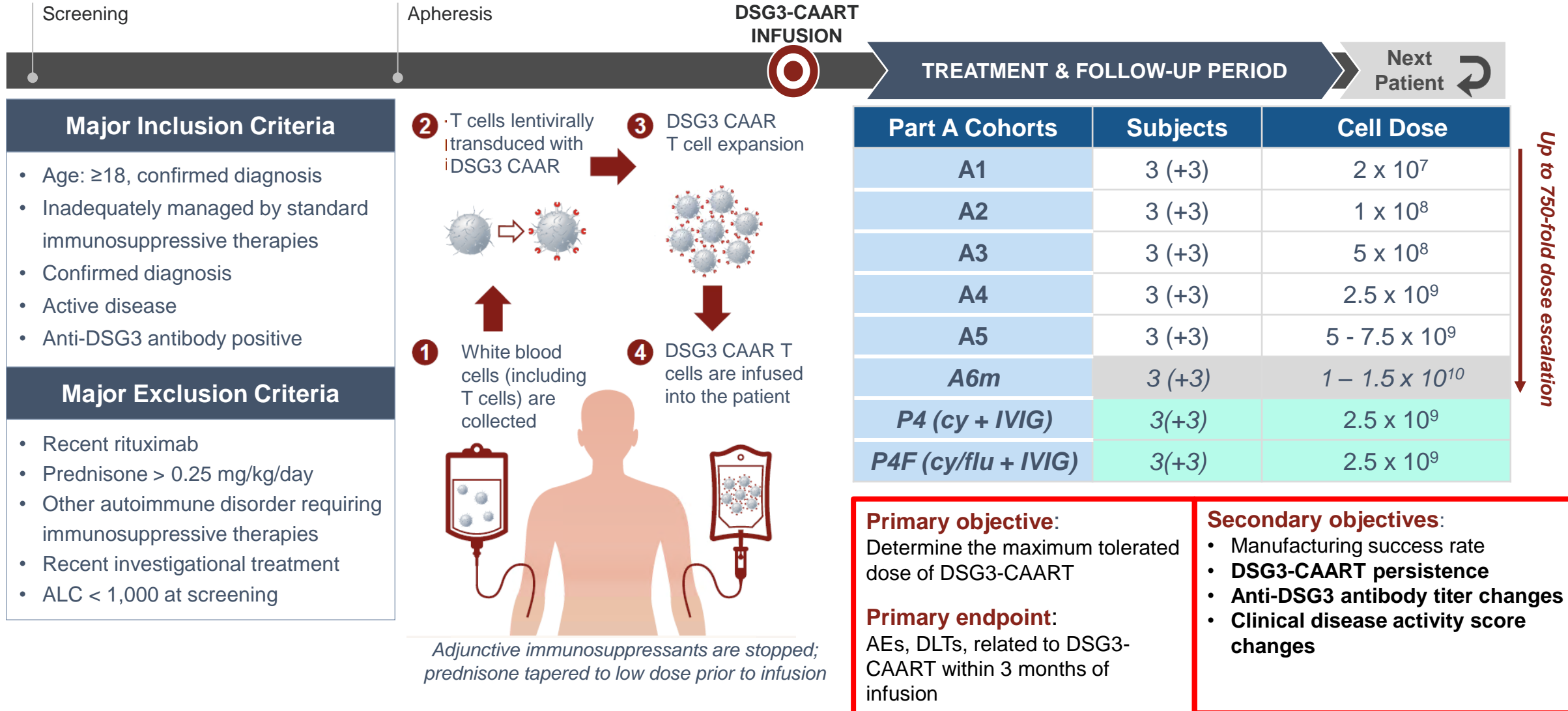
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DesCAARTes™ Phase 1 study of DSG3-CAART

Trial in patients with mPV evaluating up to 750x dose range (2×10^7 - 1.5×10^{10} cells)

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Baseline characteristics of enrolled patients

All patients enrolled in cohorts A1 (2×10^7) to P4F (2.5×10^9)

	Cohort A1 2×10^7 (n=3)	Cohort A2 1×10^8 (n=3)	Cohort A3 ¹ 5×10^8 (n=4)	Cohort A4 2.5×10^9 (n=3)	Cohort A5 $5 - 7.5 \times 10^9$ (n=4)	Cohort A6m $1 - 1.5 \times 10^{10}$ (n=3)	Cohort P4 ² 2.5×10^9 (n=3)	Cohort P4F ³ 2.5×10^9 (n=3)	Overall (n=23)
Age, years, median (range)	39 (32-57)	53 (50-54)	59 (47-70)	60 (56-70)	48 (34-57)	44 (30-50)	57 (45-58)	47 (44-60)	50 (30-70)
Female (%)	67%	67%	50%	67%	0%	67%	33%	33%	48%
Disease Duration, years, median (range)	3.4 (0.5-4.3)	4.3 (4.0-13.0)	2 (0.3-15.4)	3.5 (0.1-12.4)	1.6 (0.5-5.3)	1.4 (0.3-1.4)	1.8 (1.8-4.2)	1.6 (1.6-2.7)	1.8 (0.1-15.4)
Anti-DSG3 Ab Level, U/mL, median (range)	92 (32-119)	131 (124-169)	141 (71-166)	101 (87-160)	142 (128-165)	45 (9-95)	153 (135-188)	161 (156-164)	130 (9-188)
Pemphigus Disease Area Index, median (range)	17 (5-20)	9 (7-14)	15 (2-37)	3 (1-5)	5 (4-18)	3 (1-7)	12 (4-79)	11 (6-13)	6 (1-79)
Prior use of corticosteroids (%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	3 (75%)	3 (100%)	3 (75%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	21 (91%)
Prior use of mycophenolate (%)	1 (33%)	3 (100%)	2 (50%)	1 (33%)	3 (75%)	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	12 (52%)
Prior use of rituximab (%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	1 (25%)	2 (67%)	1 (25%)	1 (33%)	1 (33%)	1 (33%)	12 (52%)

1. Cohort A3 includes one retreated patient from Cohort A1, A1-1

2. Cohort P4 includes one retreated patient from Cohort A5, A5-1

3. Cohort P4F includes one retreated patient from Cohort A3, A3-3

Safety data in the first 3 months following infusion

No DLTs observed throughout dose escalation

	Cohort A1 2 x 10 ⁷ (n=3)	Cohort A2 1 x 10 ⁸ (n=3)	Cohort A3 5 x 10 ⁸ (n=4)	Cohort A4 2.5 x 10 ⁹ (n=3)	Cohort A5 5 – 7.5 x 10 ⁹ (n=4)	Cohort A6m 1 – 1.5 x 10 ¹⁰ (n=3)	Cohort P4 ² 2.5 x 10 ⁹ (n=3)	Cohort P4F ³ 2.5 x 10 ⁹ (n=3)	Overall (n=26)
# Subjects with ≥1 AEs (%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	4 (100%)	3 (100%)	4 (100%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	2 (67%)	25 (96%)
# Subjects with ≥1 Related AEs* (%)	3 (100%)	2 (67%)	3 (75%)	3 (100%)	2 (50%)	3 (100%)	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	19 (73%)
# Subjects with ≥1 SAEs (%)	2 (67%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (15%)
# Subjects with ≥1 Related SAEs (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)
# Subjects with Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)
# Subjects with Immune Effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS) (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
# Subjects with Dose-Limiting Toxicity (DLT) (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

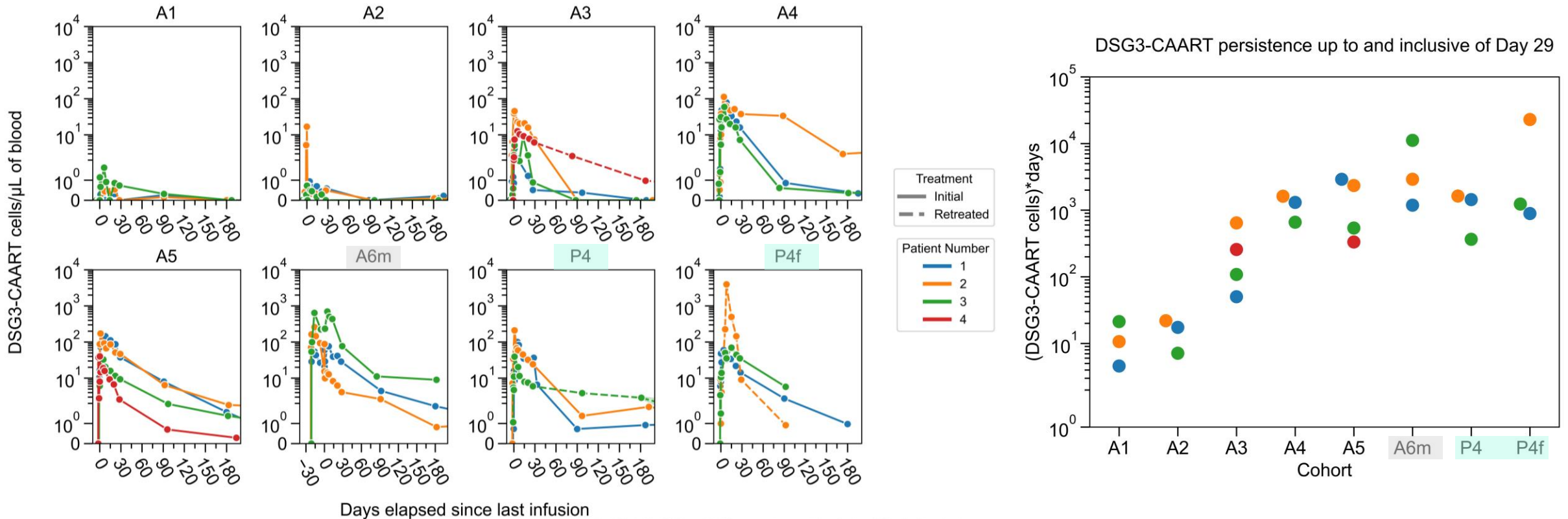
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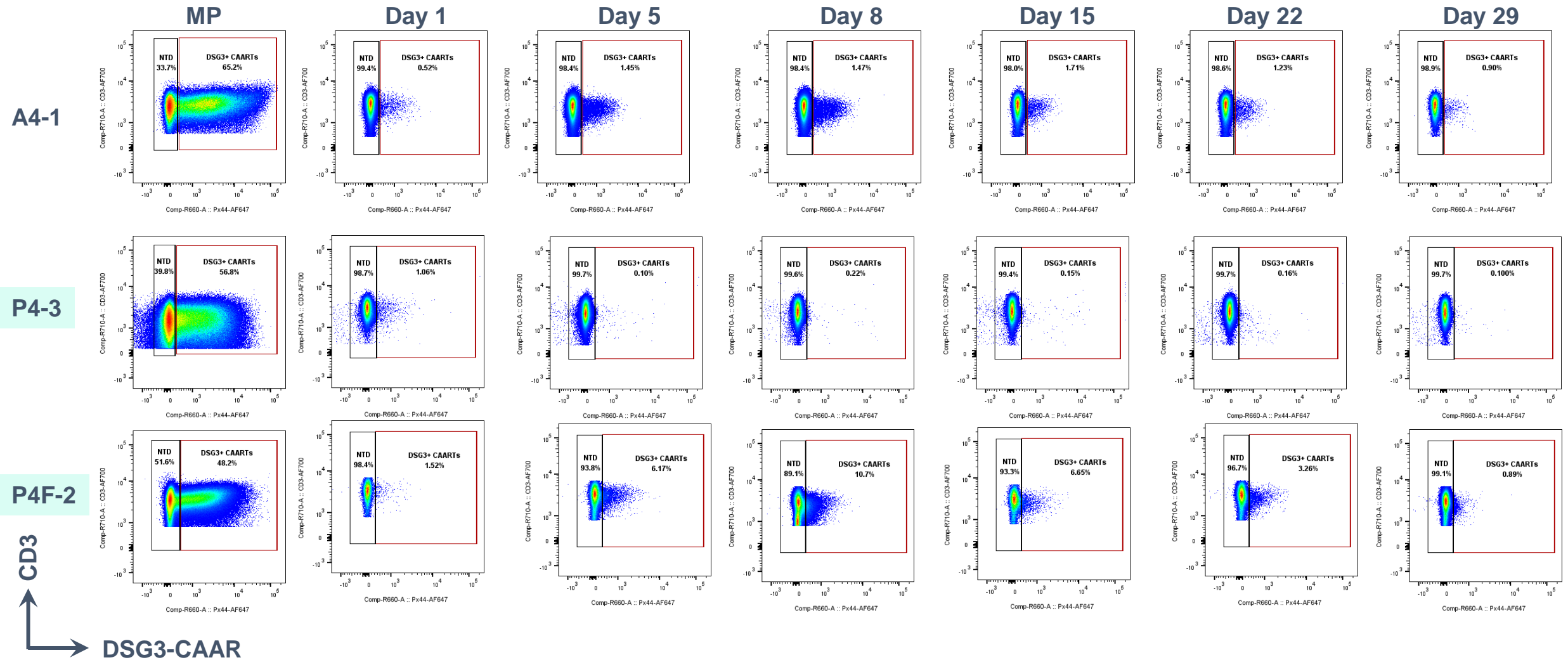
DSG3 CAART persistence increases linearly from 2×10^7 to 2.5×10^9

Conditioning with cyclophosphamide or fludarabine and cyclophosphamide does not impact persistence



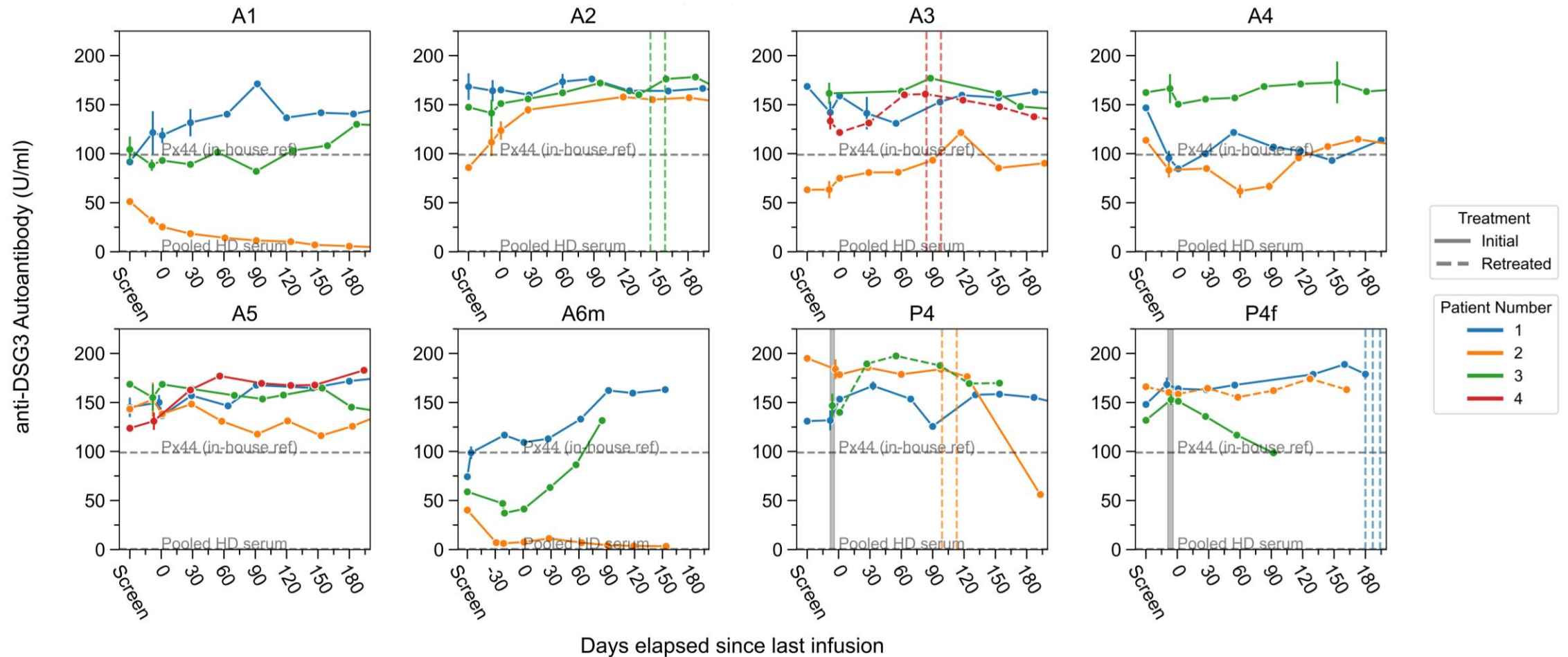
Conditioning does not impact persistence over the 1st month post-infusion

DSG3-CAART expression (MFI) decreases rapidly after infusion



Anti-DSG3 antibody levels do not decrease post DSG3-CAART infusion

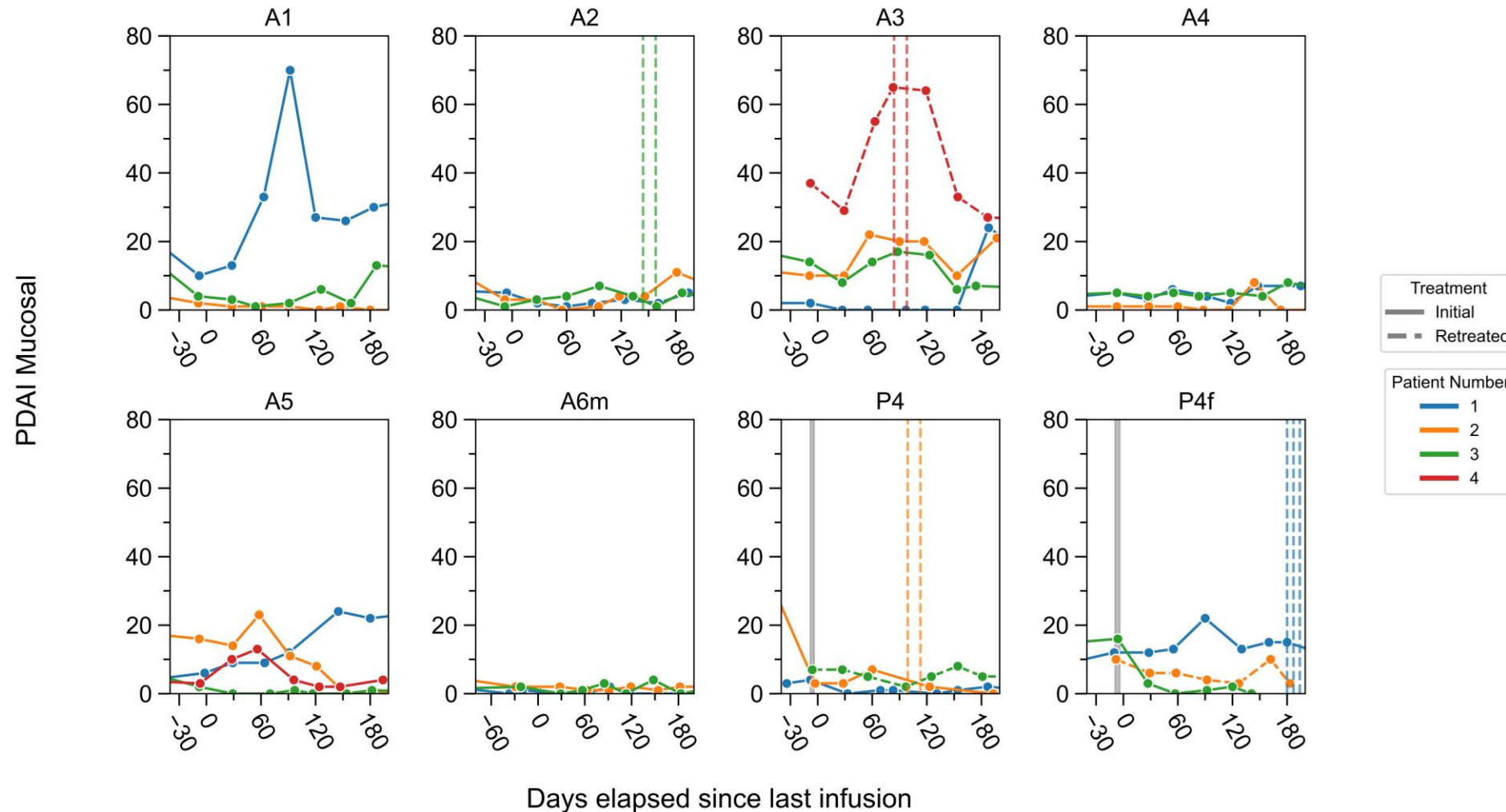
Rituximab elicits a decrease in subject P4-2 post-infusion



1. Vertical dashed lines indicate use of Rituximab
2. Horizontal dashed line indicates average U/mL value for anti-DSG3 reference control

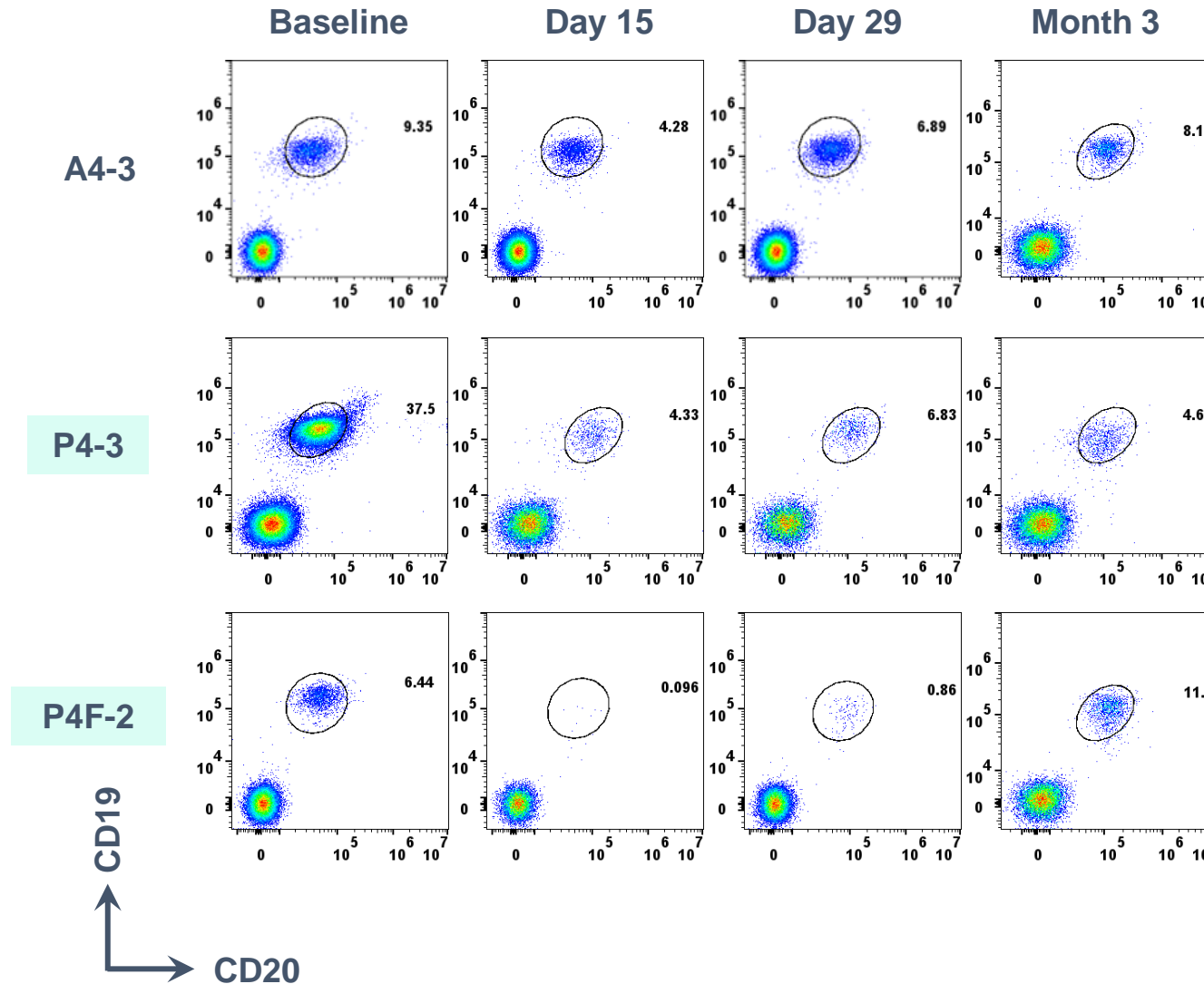
No significant decreases observed in PDAI¹ scores post-CAART infusion

Mucosal PDAI scores



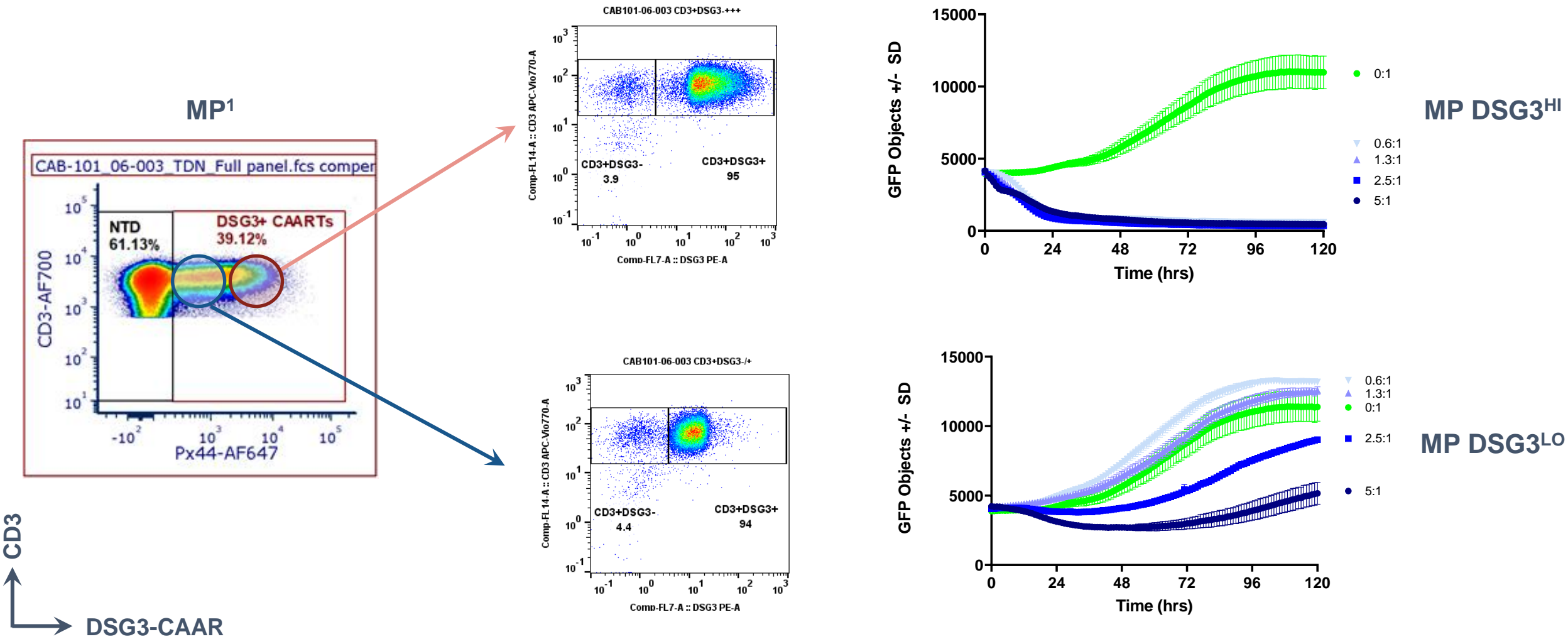
Conditioning transiently impacts circulating B-cells following infusion

CD19⁺CD20⁺ B-cells return at one-month post-infusion; no long-term impact of conditioning observed



DSG3-CAAR expression appears to impact cytolytic capacity

Loss of DSG3-CAAR^{HI} expressors could contribute to minimal activity post-infusion



1. MP – Manufactured product of representative patient

Conclusions

Implications for adoptive cell therapy in autoimmune disease (CAART and CD19 approaches)

- DSG3-CAART is well-tolerated across a large dose range
- DSG3-CAART does not impact clinical scores in pemphigus vulgaris at 6 months post-infusion
- DSG3-CAART persistence increases linearly with dose from a 2×10^7 to 2.5×10^9 cell dose
 - After 2.5×10^9 cells, there is a plateau in exposure
 - Loss of high DSG3-CAAR expressing cells observed post-infusion
- Lymphodepletion does not impact the persistence of DSG3-CAART
- Lymphodepletion does not deeply deplete B-cell levels
- Lymphodepletion has no direct impact on clinical efficacy in pemphigus
 - No substantial changes in PDAI observed at 6 months post-infusion
- DSG3-CAART expression impacts cytolytic activity
 - Low expressing DSG3-CAART cells have inferior cytolytic activity compared to high expressing DSG3-CAART cells

Potential hypotheses for translational/clinical outcomes seen to date


Hypotheses are not mutually exclusive

- CAART cells target a small number of B-cells (low antigen burden)
 - DSG3 memory B-cells represent < 1% of all B-cells
 - Antigen load in oncology and autoimmune disease with CD19 or BCMA directed approaches is $\sim 10^2$ - 10^5 fold higher
 - Insufficient antigen load to drive expansion of CAART cells
- Relatively high levels of circulating auto-antibodies could impact DSG3-CAART function or DSG3-CAAR function
 - Anti-DSG3 antibodies could inhibit DSG3-CAART activity or DSG3-CAAR expression
- DSG3 could be a non-optimal extracellular domain for the CAART approach

Question: How do we evaluate and/or address potential hypotheses?

Answer: Use the MuSK CAART in MuSK subtype myasthenia gravis (see poster P0744)

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- MuSK subtype MG has 10^1 - 10^2 lower levels of circulating auto-antibody
- DSG3 is a non-optimal extracellular domain for the CAART approach
- MuSK-CAART utilizes a different extracellular domain

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MuSK-CAART for patients with MuSK subtype Myasthenia Gravis

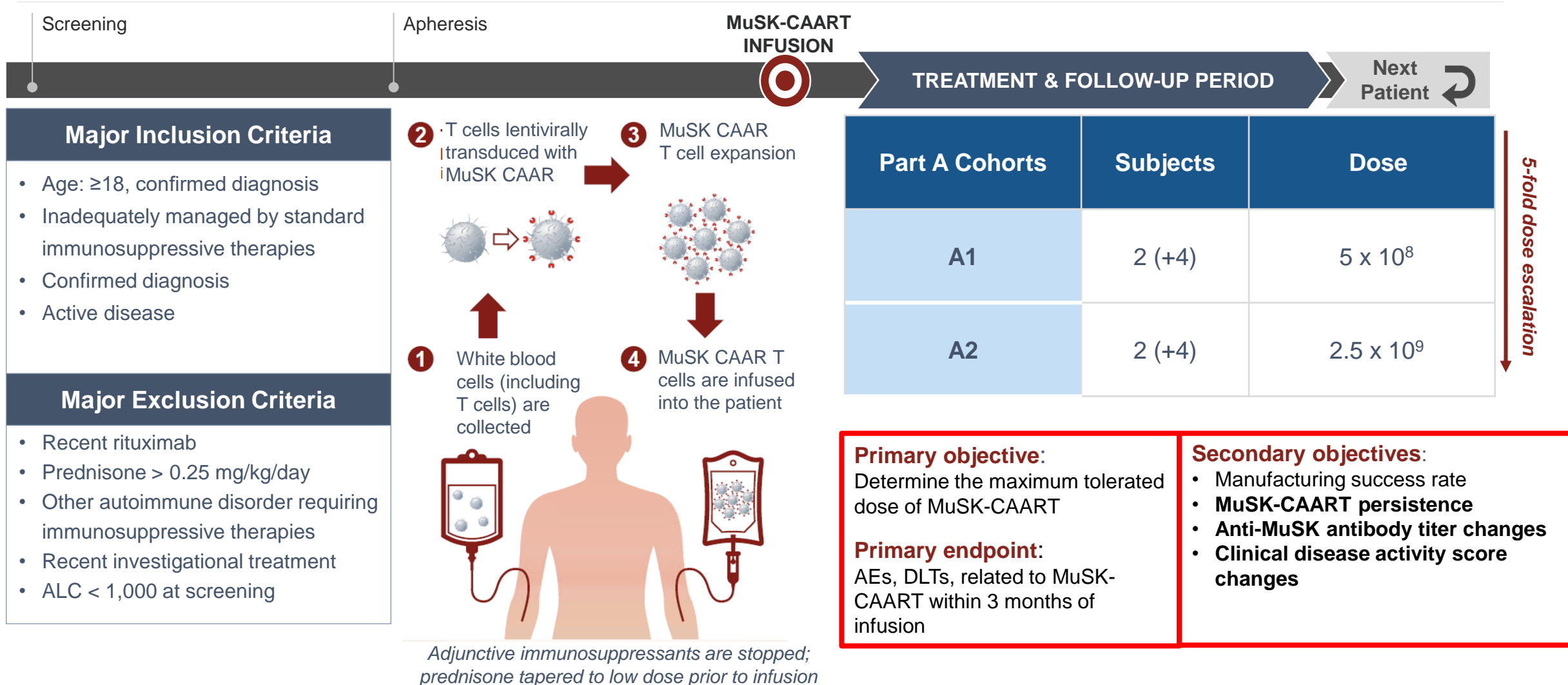
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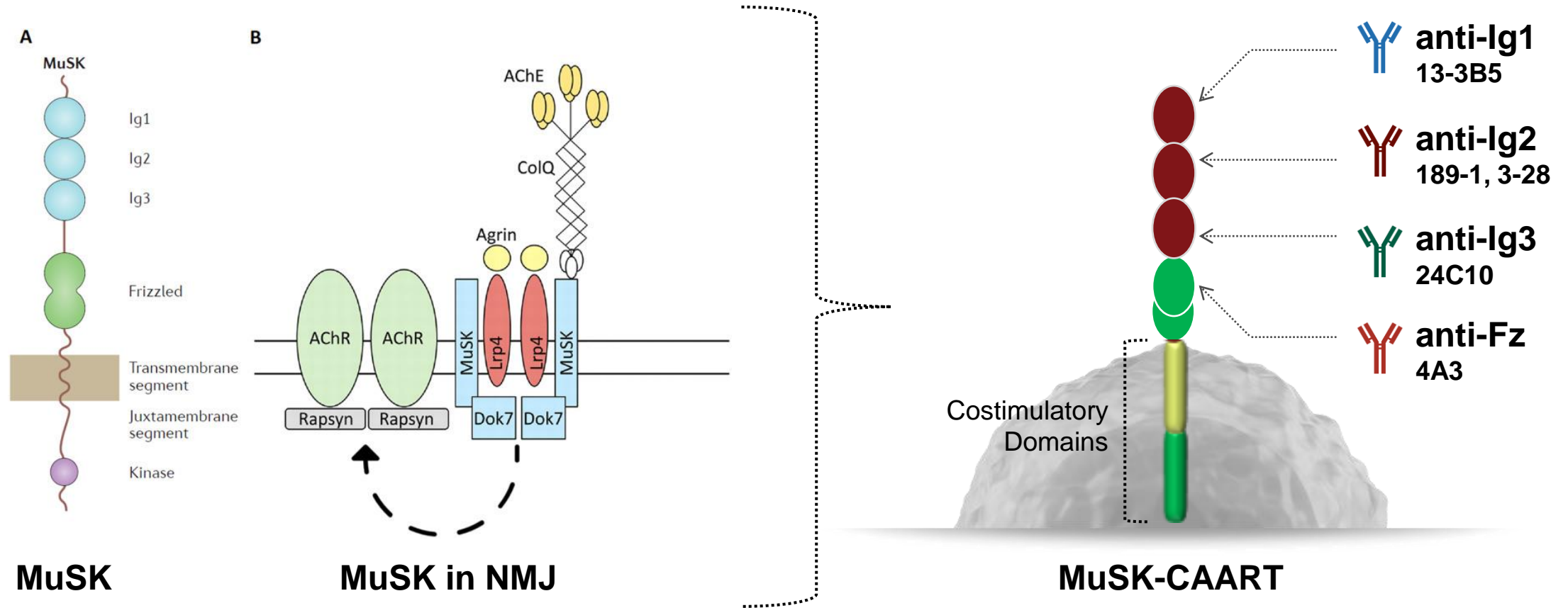
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MuSK-CAART design

Extracellular domain of the CAAR T is designed to bind all MuSK reactive BCRs

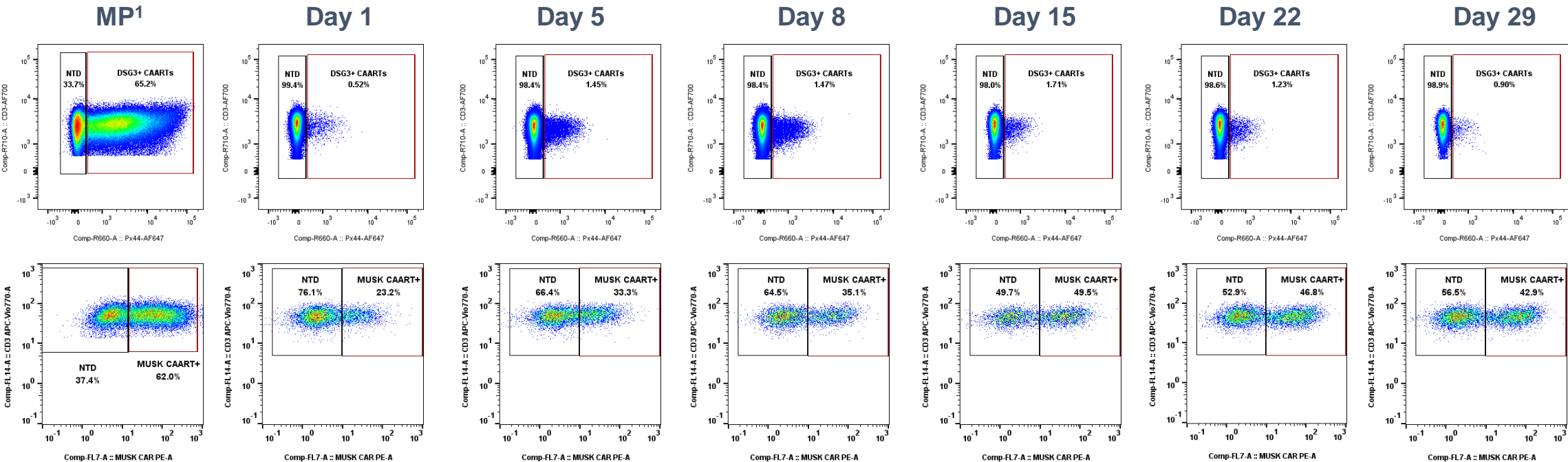


DSG3- versus MuSK-CAAR expression in T cells post-infusion

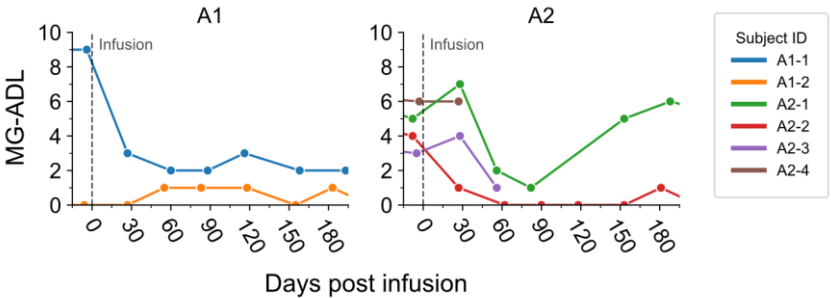
MuSK-CAAR MFI remains comparable to that in the MP

DSG3
2.5x10⁹cells

MuSK
2.5x10⁹cells



T cell expansion is seen with biological activity in the absence of preconditioning



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