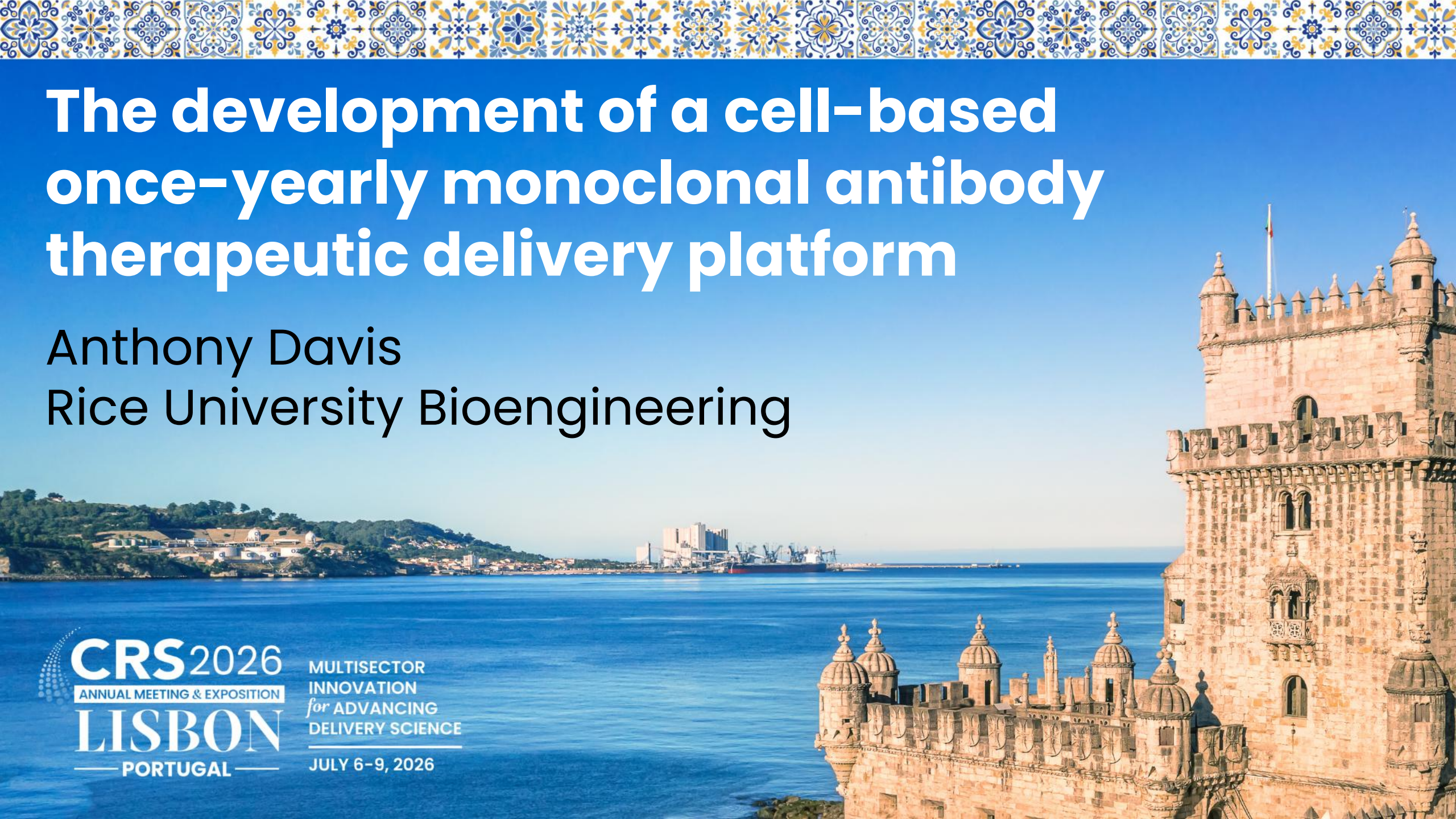




The development of a cell-based once-yearly monoclonal antibody therapeutic delivery platform

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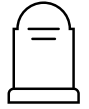


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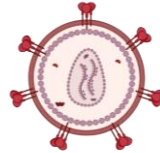
HIV and Malaria are deadly diseases; newly developed broadly neutralizing antibodies could be transformative, but need longer-term delivery options



690,000 deaths annually



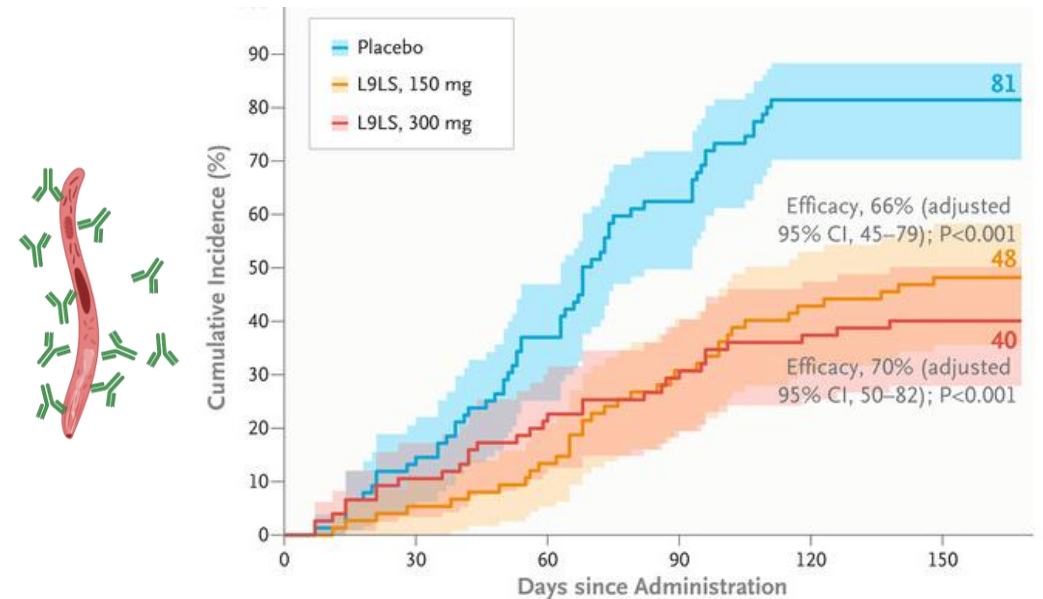
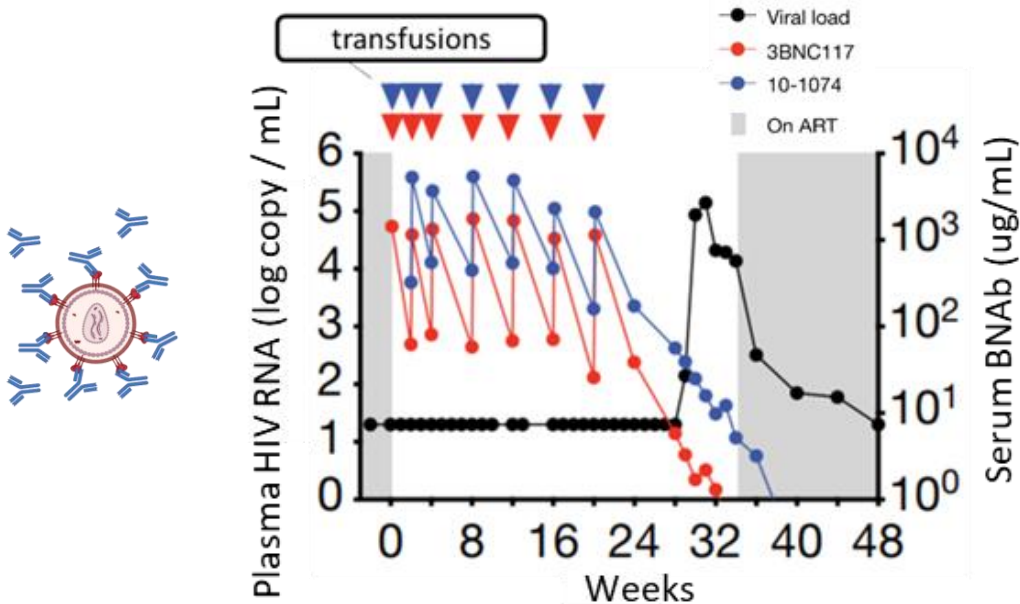
40.8 million people live with HIV



610,000 deaths annually



282 million new cases annually



Source: UNAIDS 2024, WHO World Malaria report 2025, Blower et al. Lancet (2019), Gaebler, et al., Nature (2022), Kayentao et al. N Engl J Med (2024), Byrd et al JAIDS (2019) Gardner et al. AIDS (2008), Access to monoclonal antibodies in Africa: A call to action (2024) AIVI

Key Problem: Frequent mAb injections are burdensome and incompatible with LMICs



Complex manufacturing and cold-chain logistics



Low stability



Weekly or Biweekly administration required

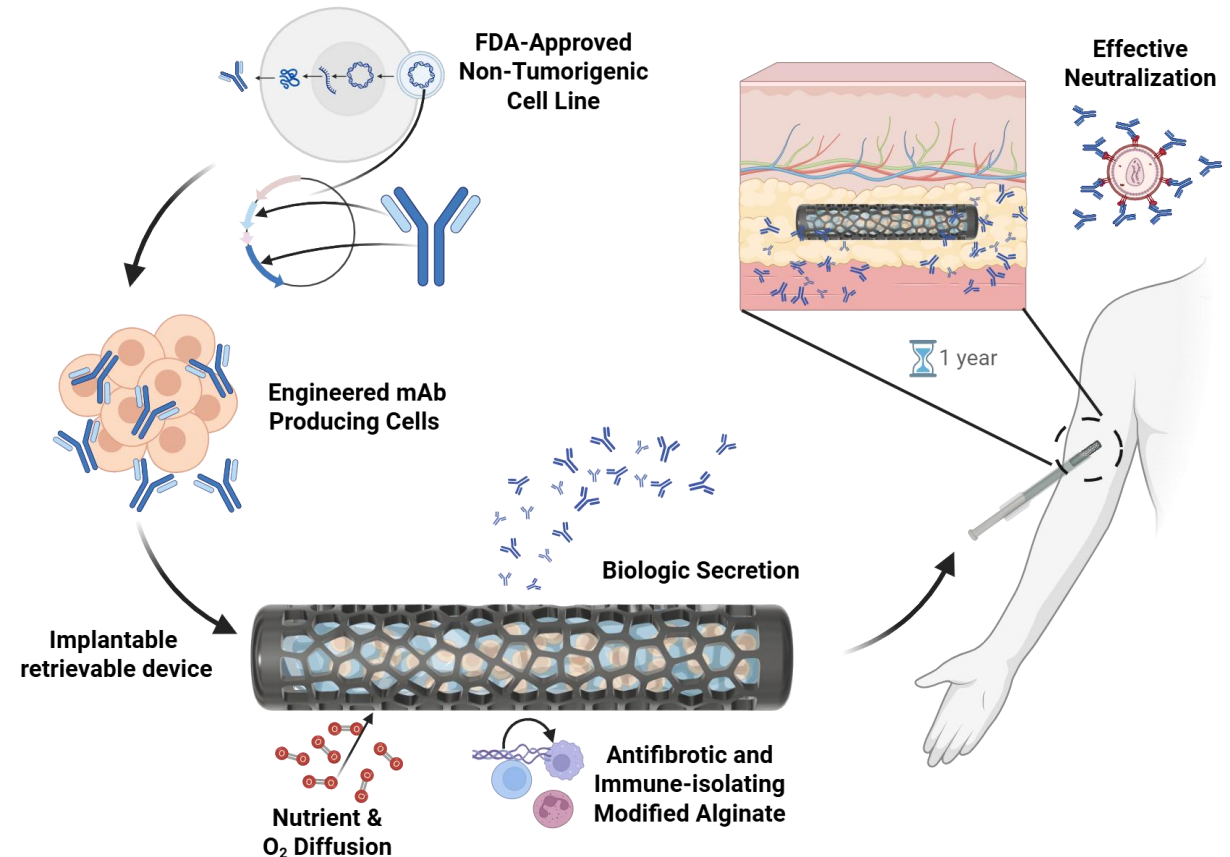


High cost: US Annual mAb avg **\$96,731**



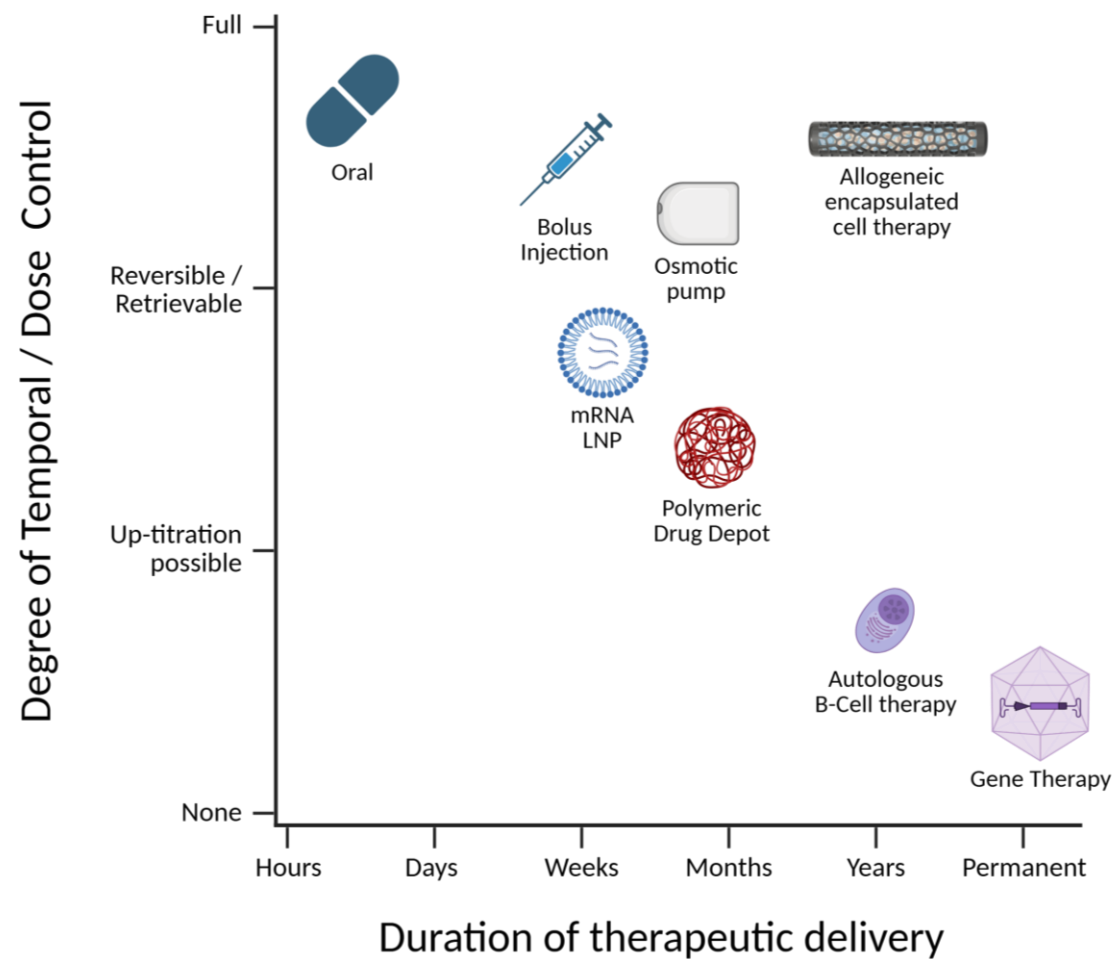
Frequent dosing schedules lead to lower adherence

Solution: A cell-based therapeutic for long-term antibody therapy

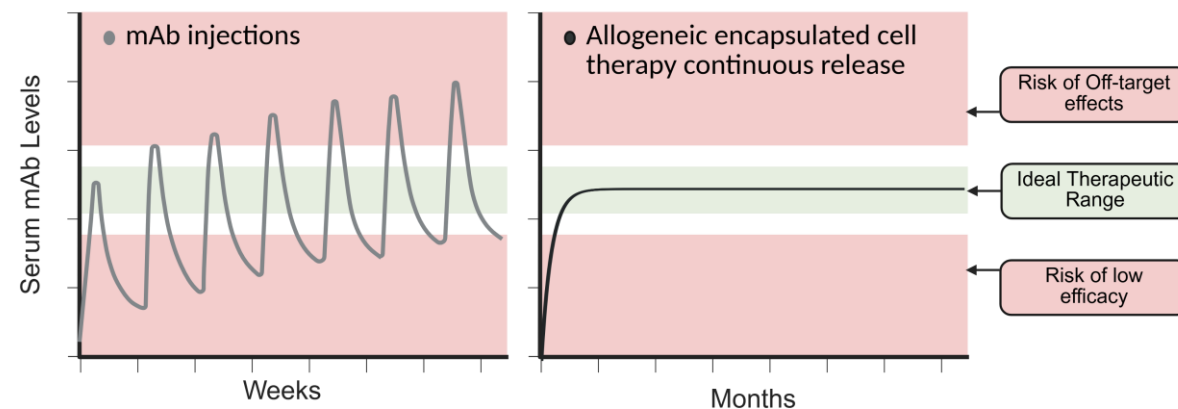


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Biologic Delivery Landscape comparison



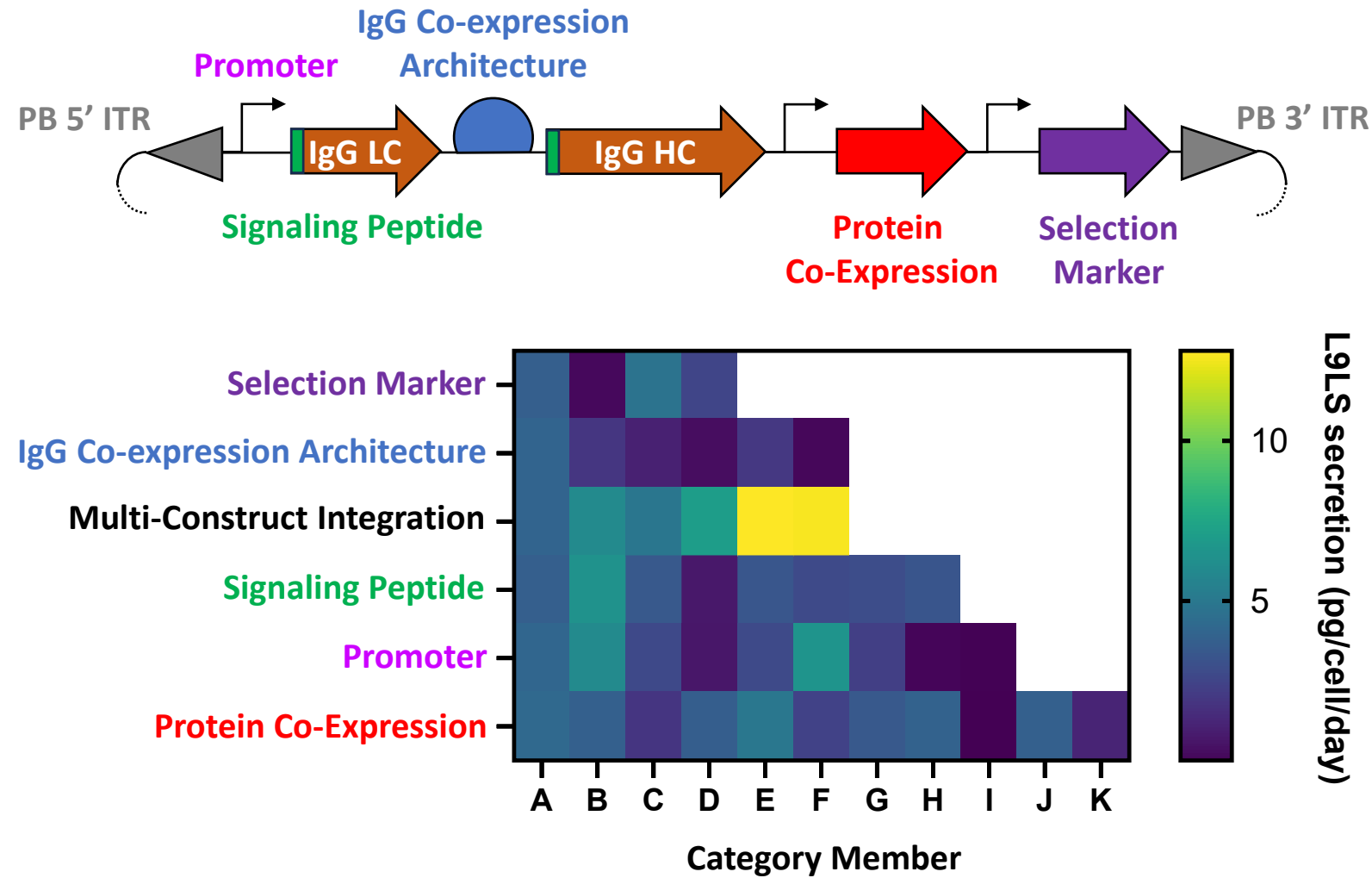
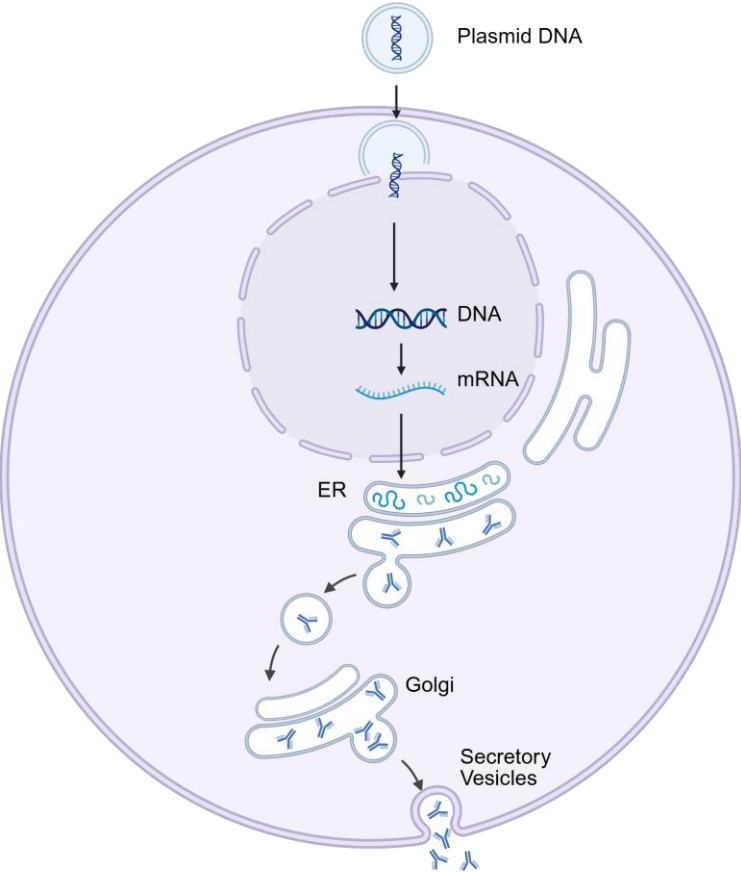
Pharmacokinetic profile



“increasing the effectiveness of adherence interventions may have a far greater impact on the health of the population than any improvement in specific medical treatments.” – W.H.O, 2023

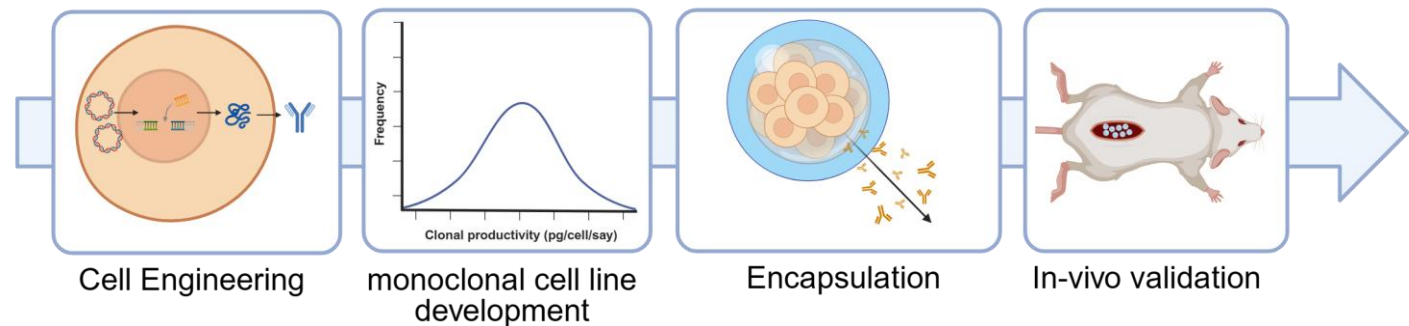
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Screening genetic construct designs for engineering potent mAb secretion from ARPE-19 cells



Source: Schematic created in Biorender

Engineering RPE cells for potent, stable, and functional mAb secretion

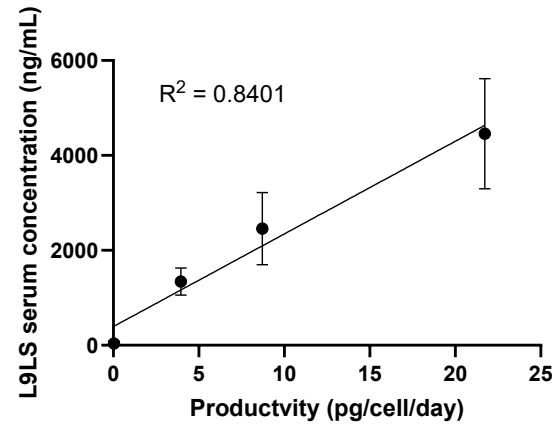
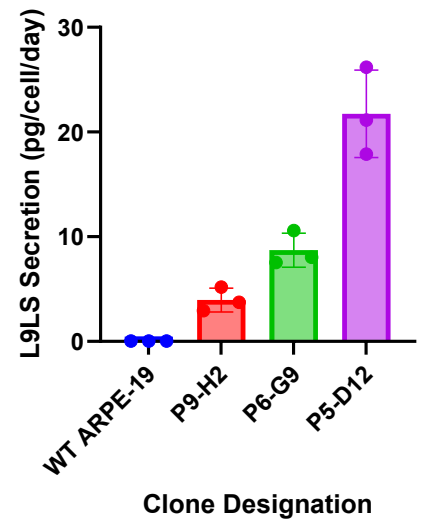
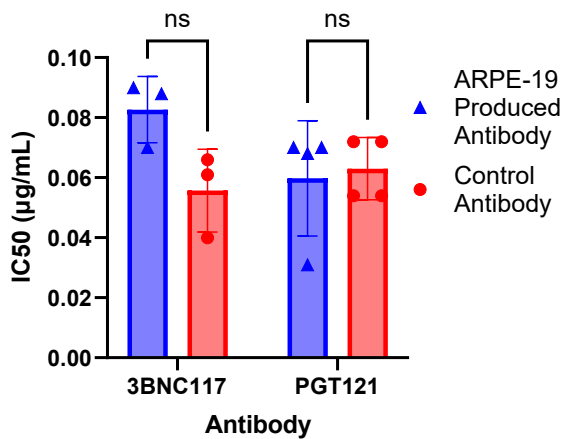
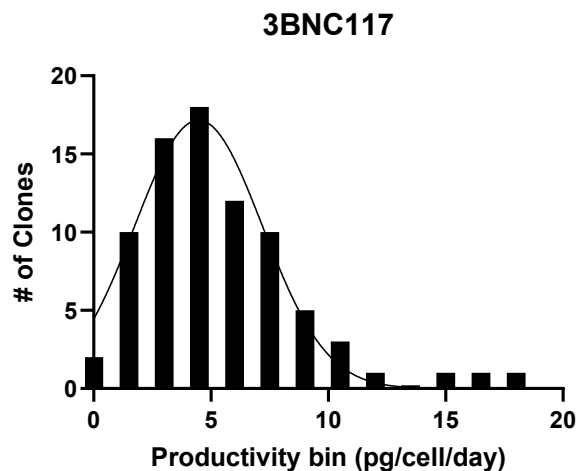


Clonal isolation and screening leads to productive and stable clones

Anti-HIV mAb bioactivity verified

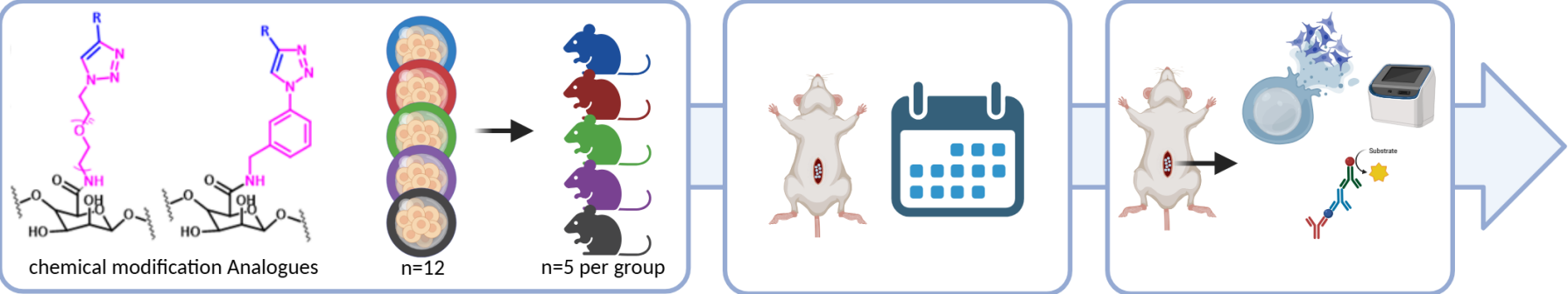
Encapsulated clonal secretion

In vitro secretion rate correlates with in vivo titer

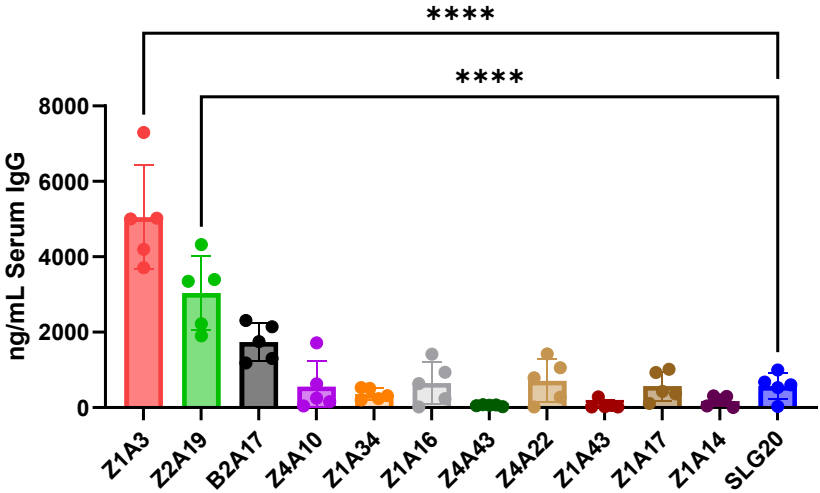


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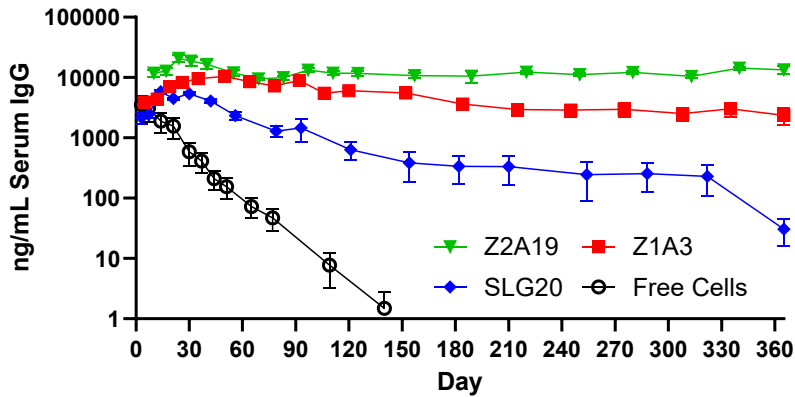
Anti-fibrotic small molecule screen finds lead formulation that allows for year long mAb Delivery



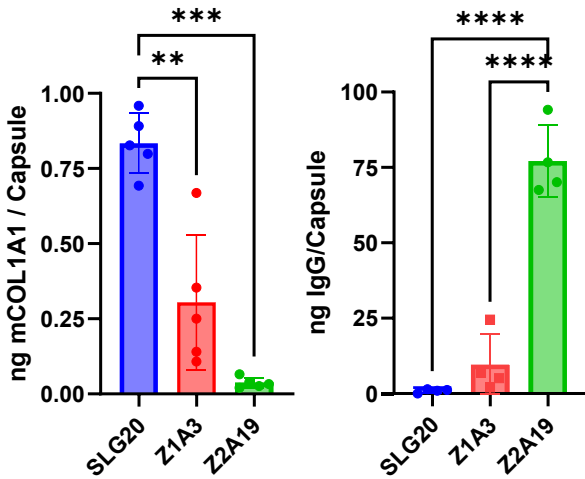
60 day material screen



1 year durability



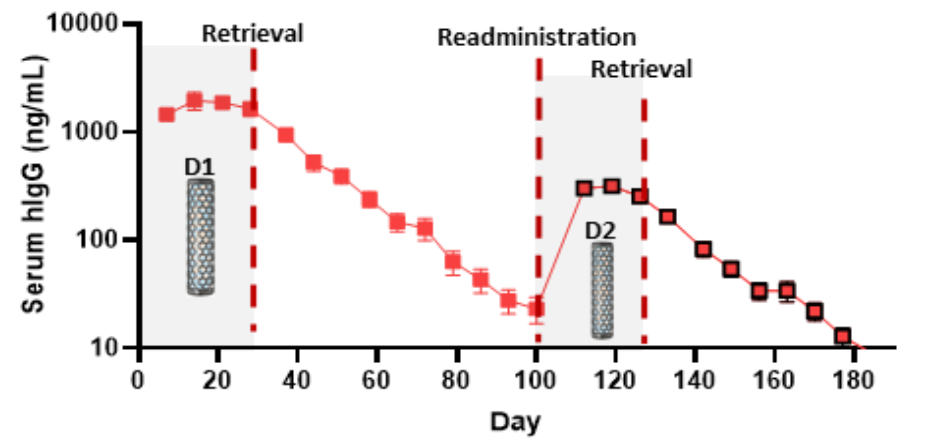
Explanted capsule analysis



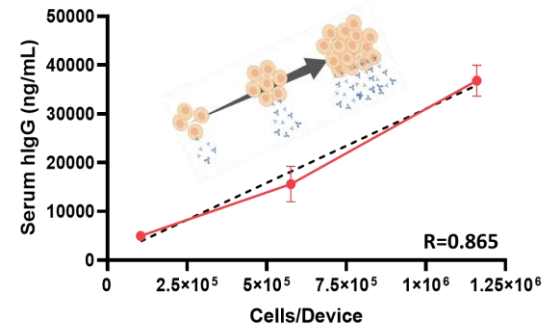
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Developed retrievable device form-factor shows tunable mAb delivery over time and enables on demand therapy termination and adjustment and durability over 1 year

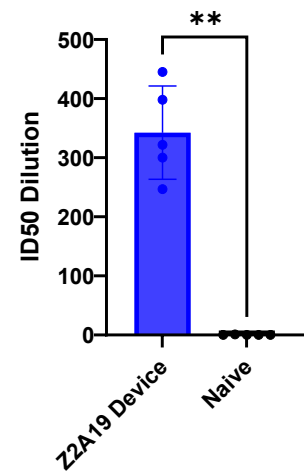
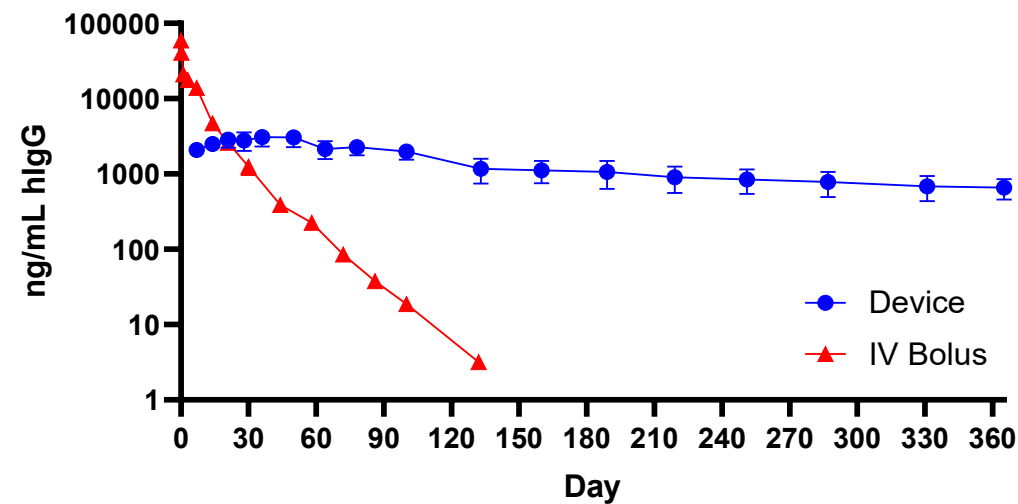
Device retrieval and re-administration with demonstration of dose change



mAb serum concentration is linearly correlated with encapsulated cell number



Device form factor retains year-long durability and mouse serum from device-implanted mice neutralizes HIV pseudo-virus



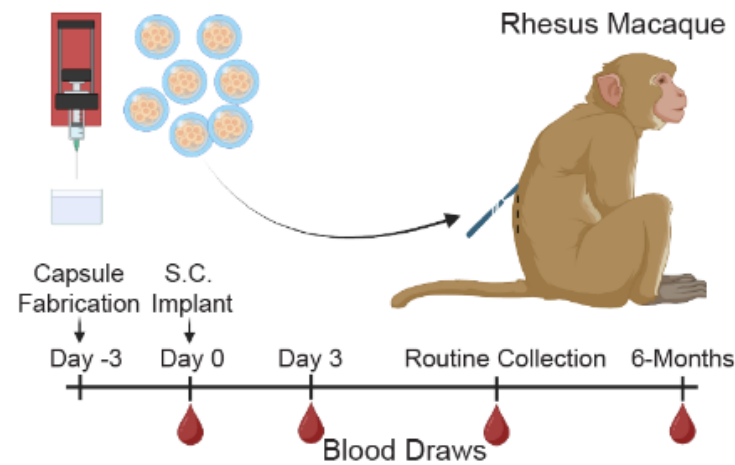
Device compatible with sutureless implantation



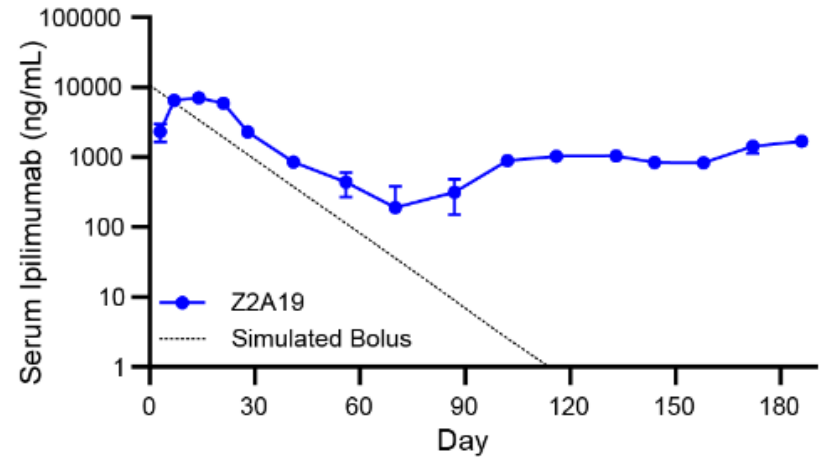
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Platform successfully maintains mAb serum levels in a non-human primate for > 6 months.

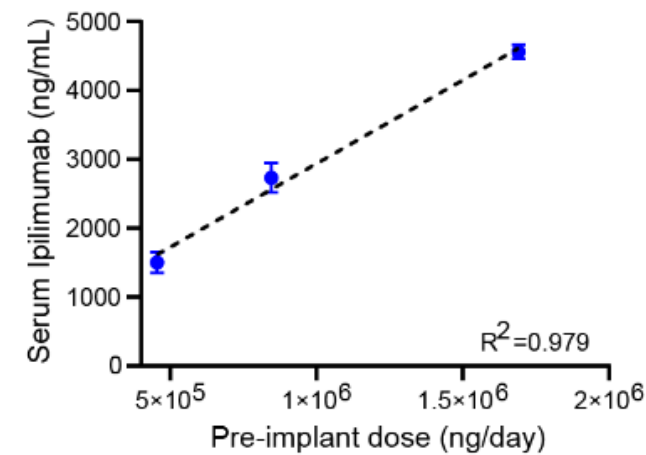
Experimental Design



Ipilimumab Serum titers over time

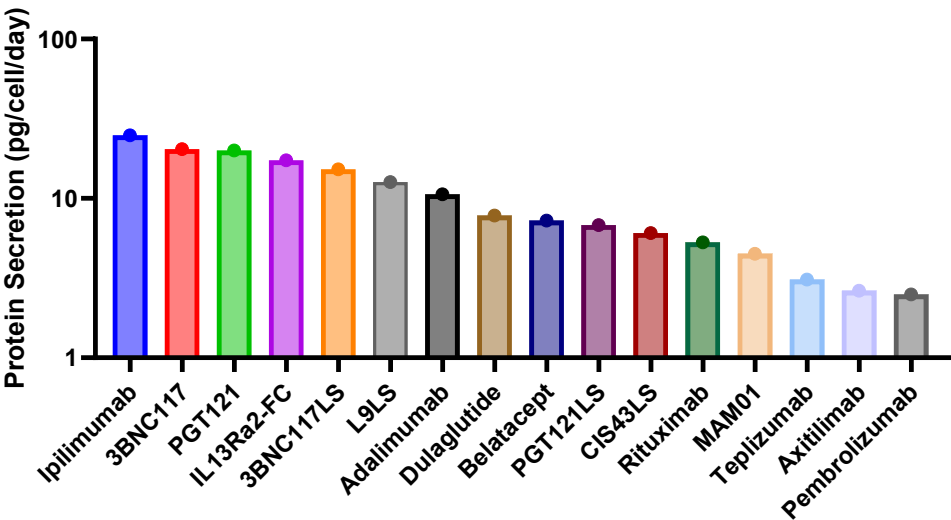
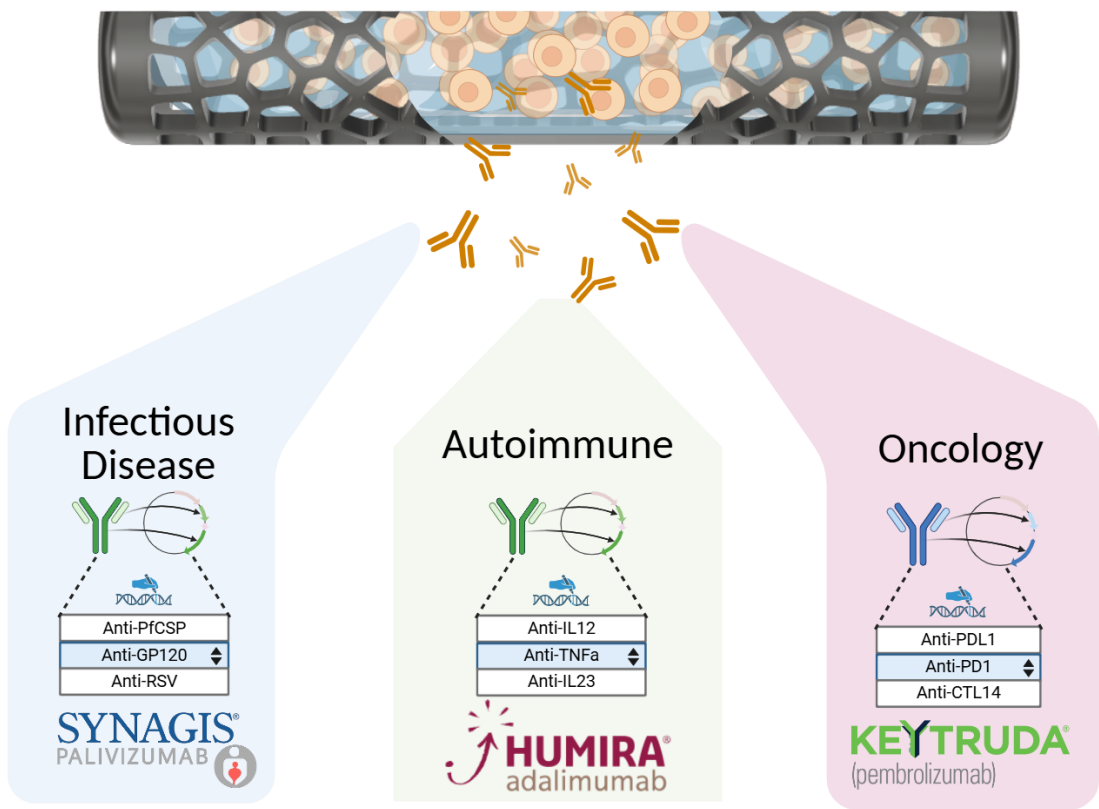


Serum titer is proportional to dose delivered

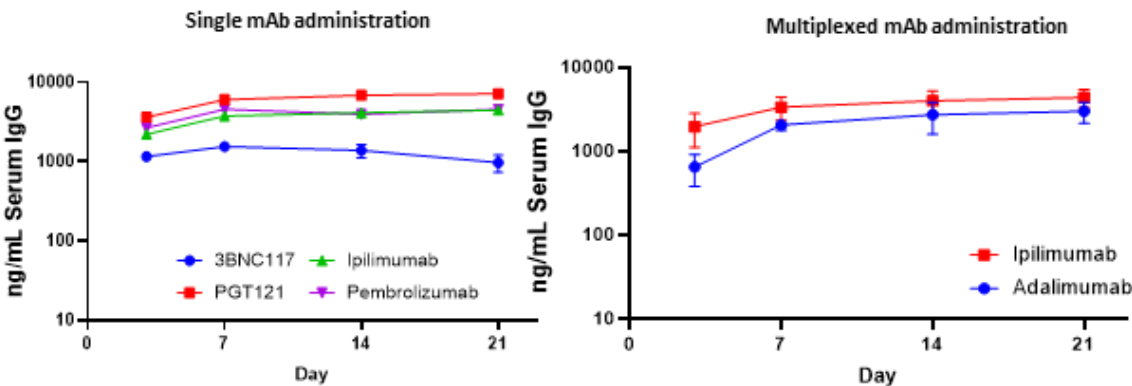


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Future Outlook: Expand the platform to other indications



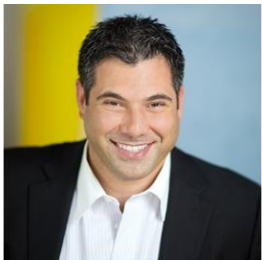
mAbs and FC-Fusions produced



Over 190 mAbs are FDA approved or under review

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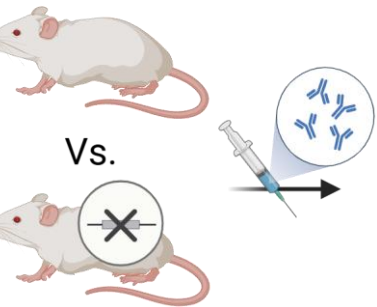
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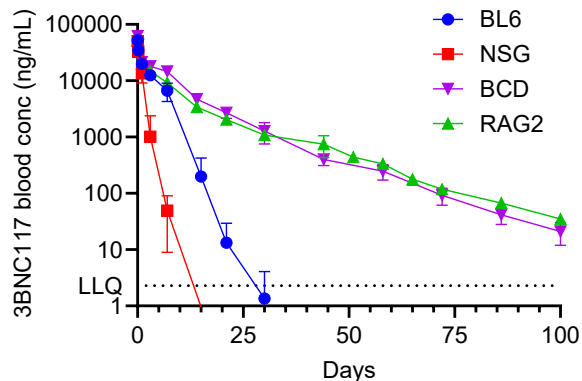
Appendix



Pharmacokinetic studies and modeling are used to find a rodent model that is predictive of human pharmacokinetics

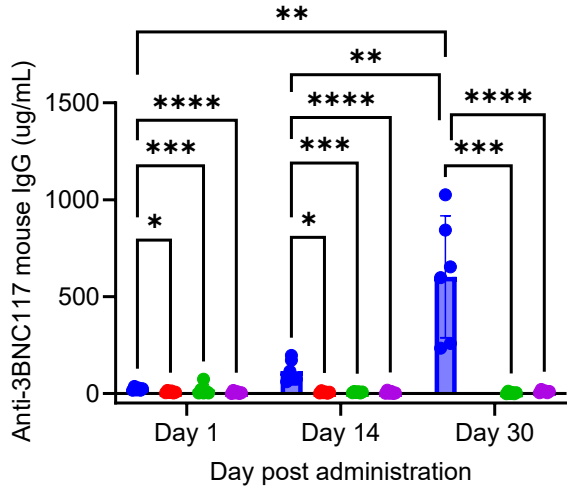


IV bolus injection of 3BNC117

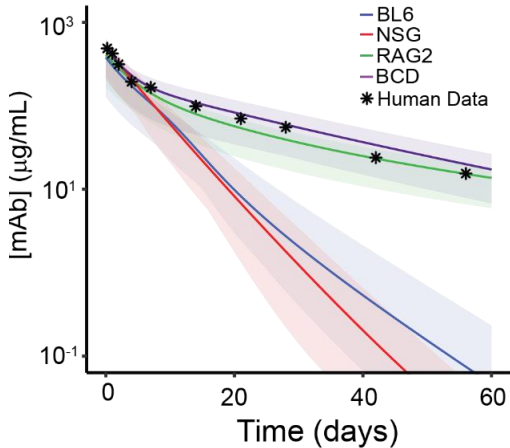


Functional Immune Cell Population	BL6 mice C57BL/6NCrl	BCD mice B6.129S2-Ighmtm1Cgn/J	RAG2 mice B6.Cg-Rag2tm1.1Cgn/J	NSG mice NOD.CgPrkdcscid Il2rgtm1Wjl/SzJ
Monocyte	+	+	+	+
Macrophage	+	+	+	-
Basophil	+	+	+	+
T-Cell	+	+	-	-
B-Cell	+	-	-	-
Neutrophil	+	+	+	+
Dendritic Cell	+	+	+	-
Eosinophil	+	+	+	+
Natural Killer Cell	+	+	+	-

Anti-Drug Antibody Generation



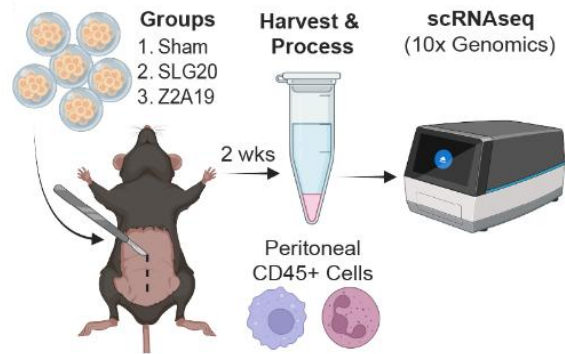
RAG2 and BCD mice scaling fit human data



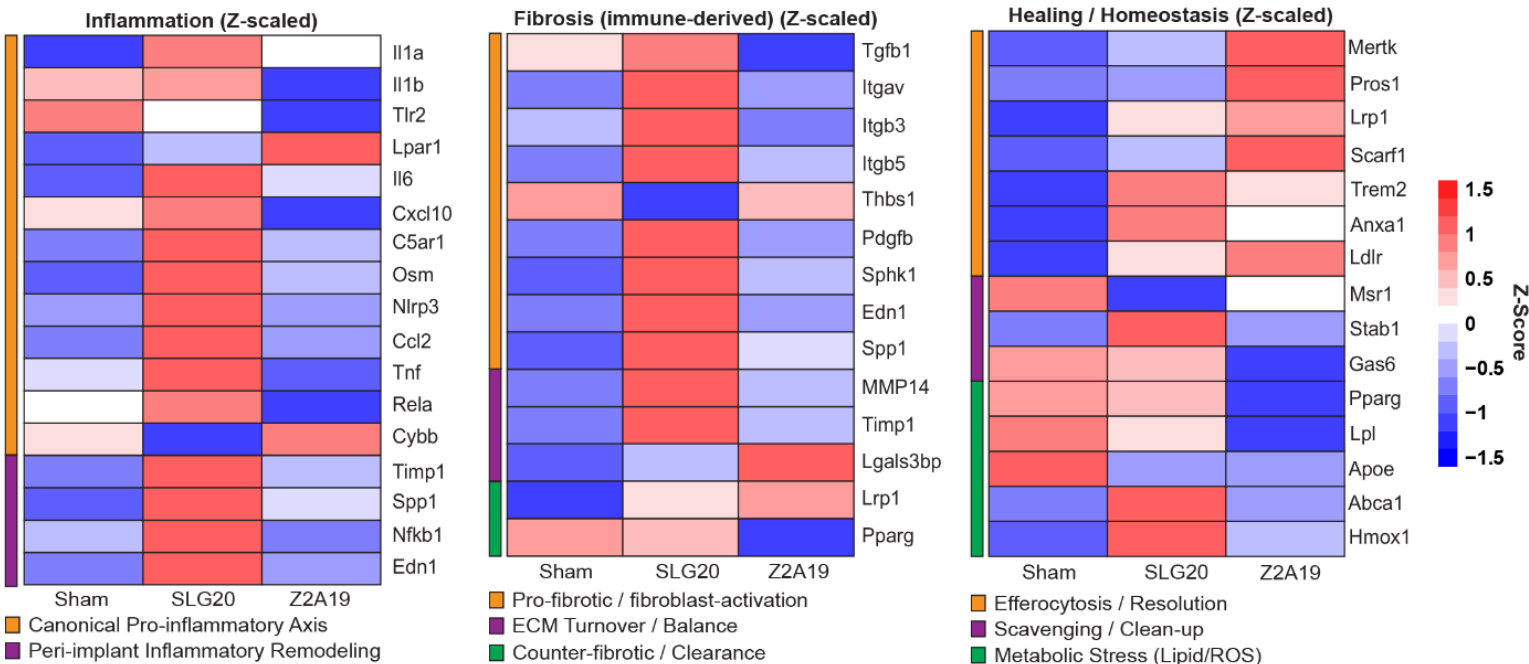
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Mechanistic analysis identifies gene signatures associated with inflammatory macrophages driving exacerbated FBR in unmodified alginate groups

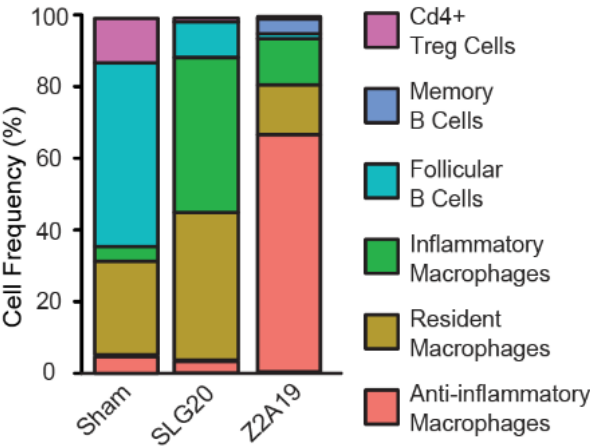
Experimental Design



Heat maps of gene signatures



Immune cell populations across groups



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