

Nano-Metalloimmunotherapy for Cancer Eradication

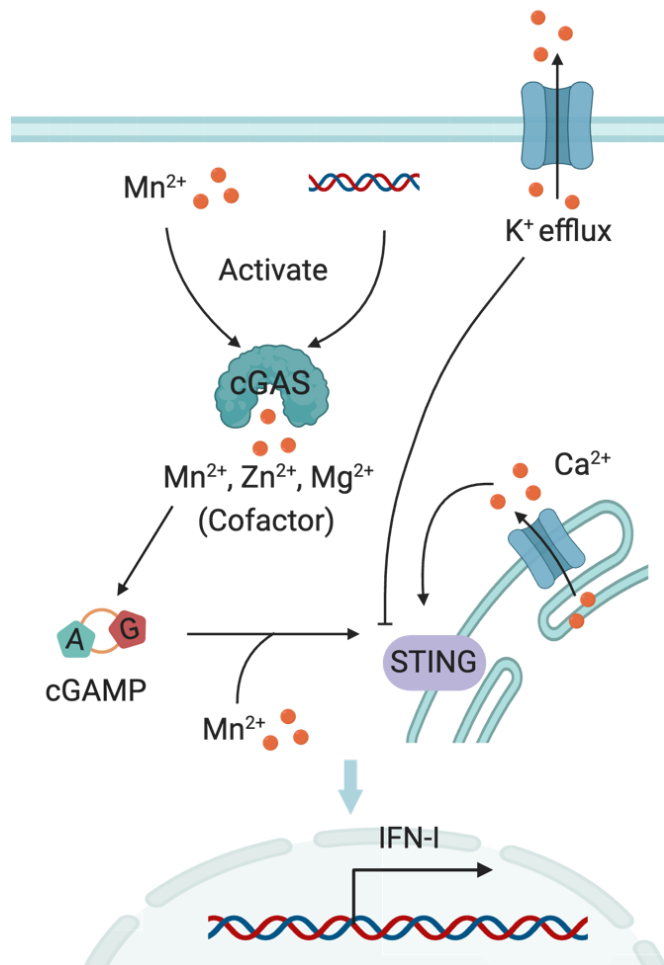
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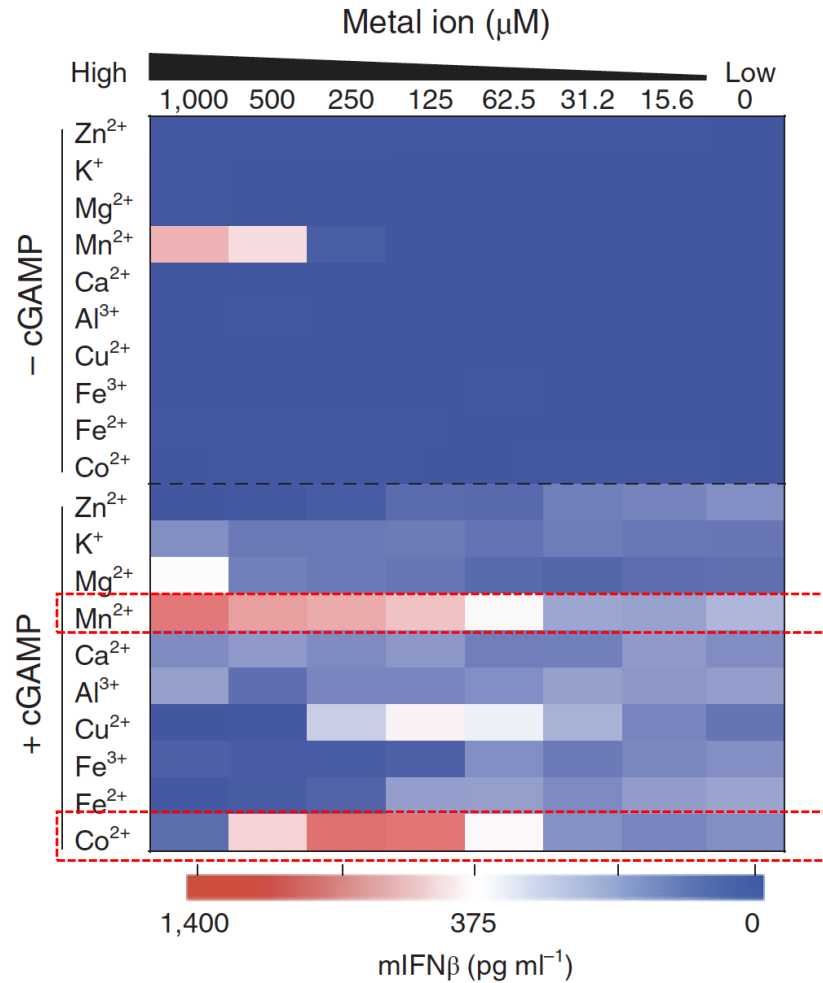
Modulation of cGAS-STING Pathway by Nutritional Metal Ions

Metal ions in cGAS-STING signaling



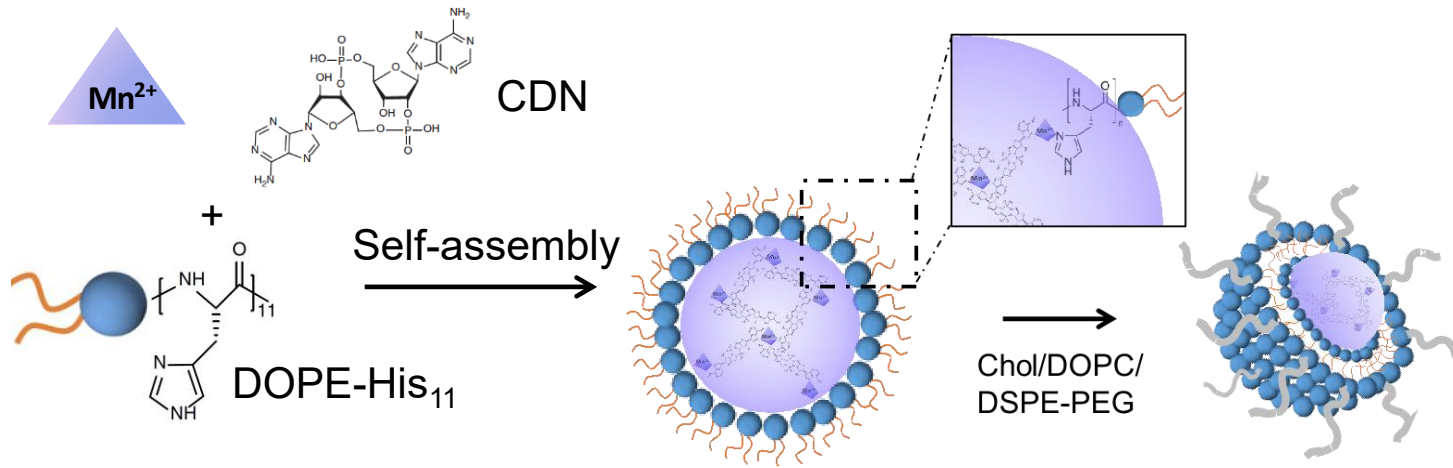
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Mn²⁺ potentiates CDN STING agonist



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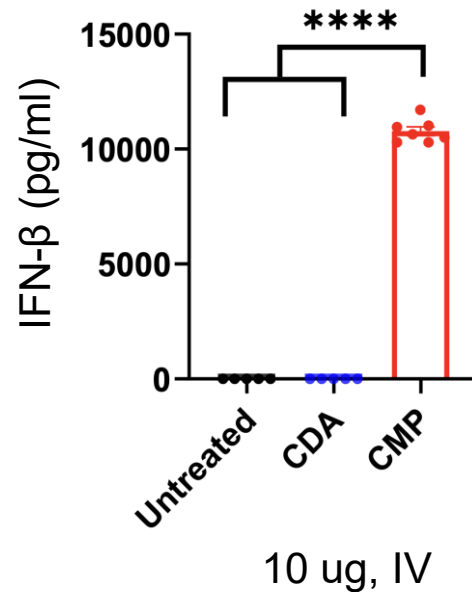
Mn²⁺ Assemble CDN into a Novel Lipid Nanoparticle Formulation



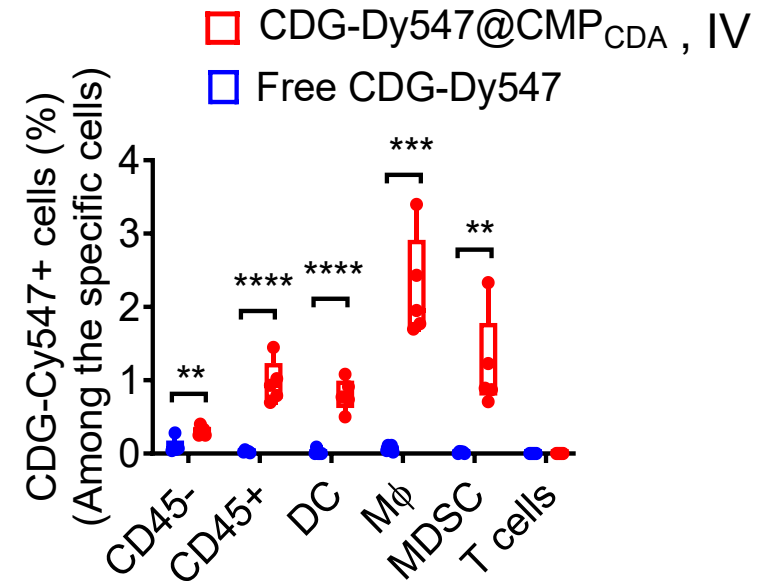
CDN-Mn Particle (CMP)

- High encapsulation
- Enhanced stability by coordination
- Effective endosomal escape

Systemic IFN- β Response

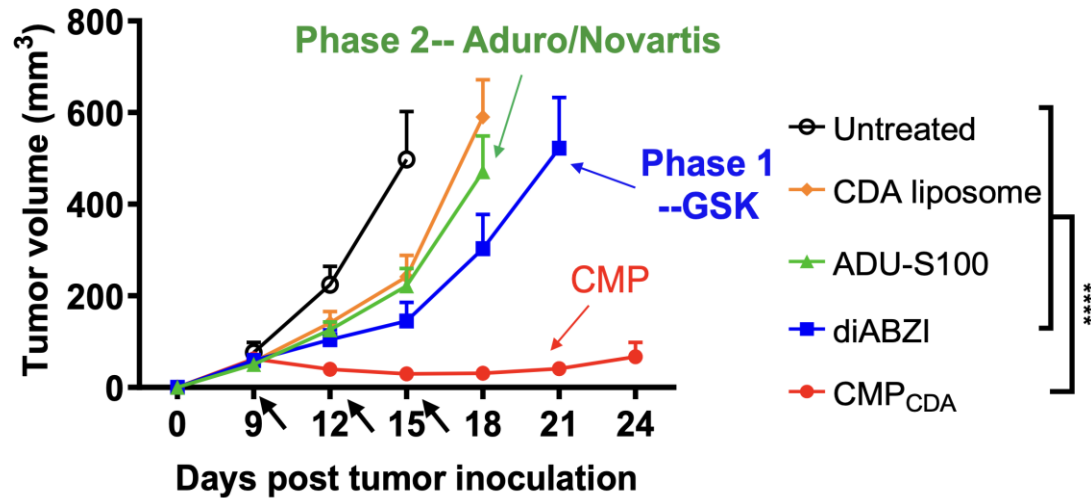


Myeloid-Selective Distribution



Robust Immunotherapeutic Effect of CMP in Advanced Tumors

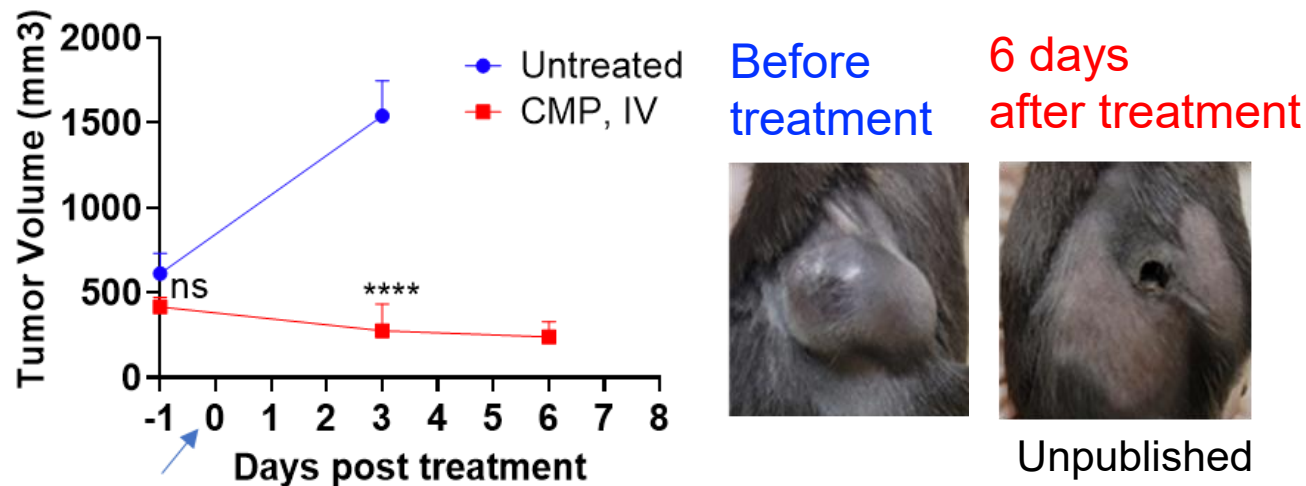
Established B16F10 Melanoma



“Best-in-Class” Therapeutic Potential

Equal dose of STING agonists, IV

Terminal-Stage B16F10 Melanoma



Eradicate terminal-stage B16F10 tumors
(1cm in diameter, 3 days before humane endpoint)

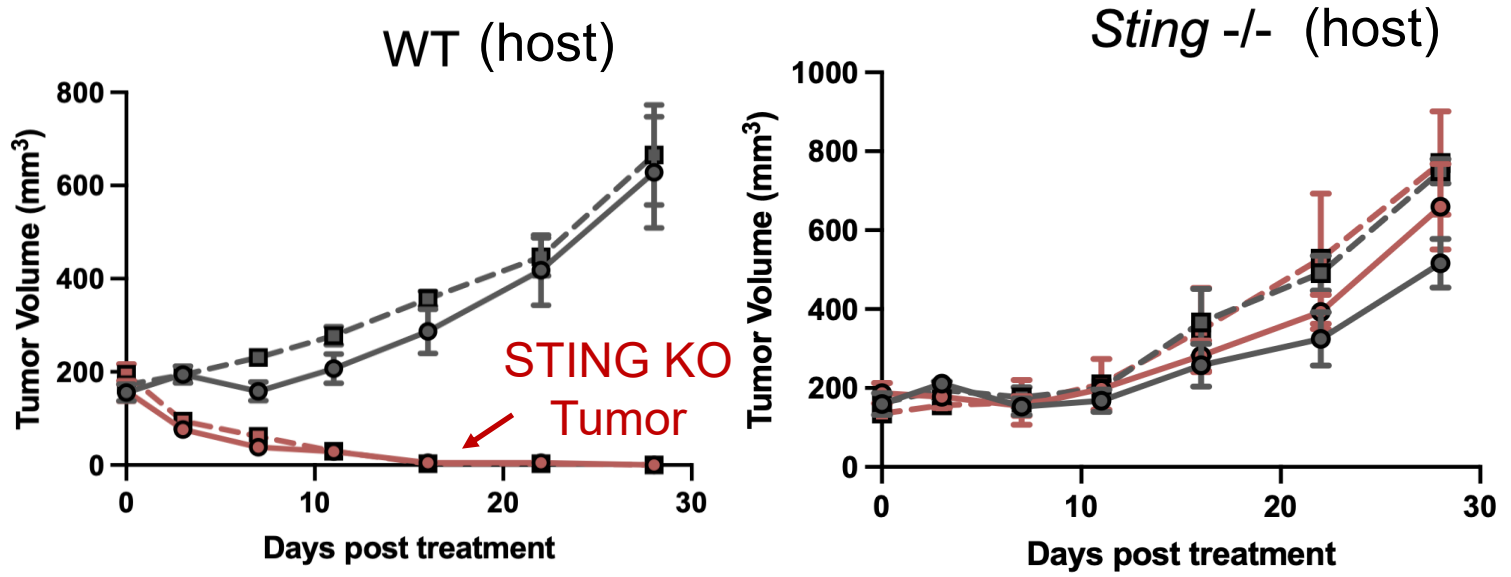
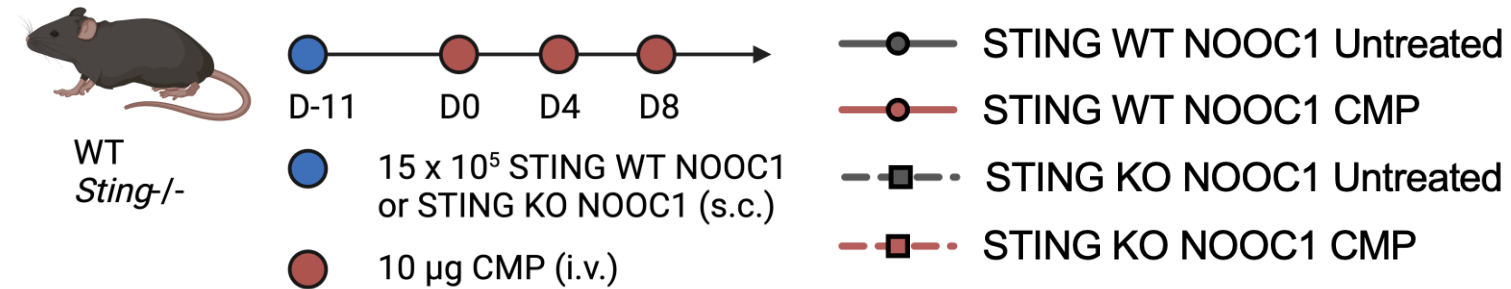
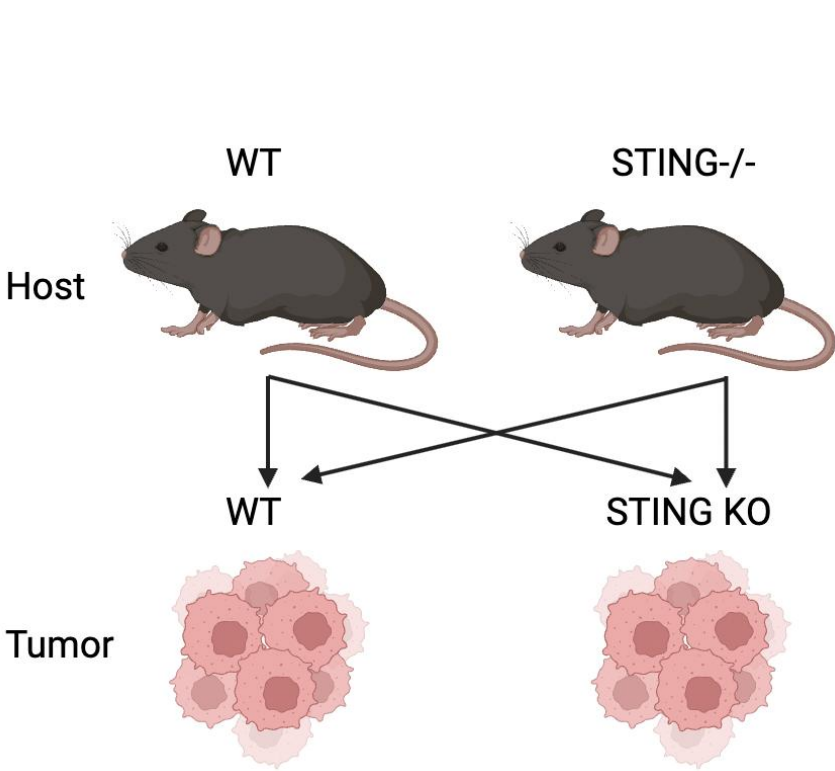
10 ug CMP, IV

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Response of CMP is Independent of STING in Cancer Cells



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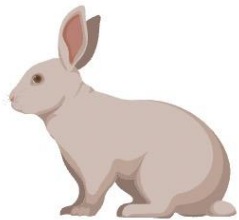


CMP Inhibit Established VX2 Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Rabbits

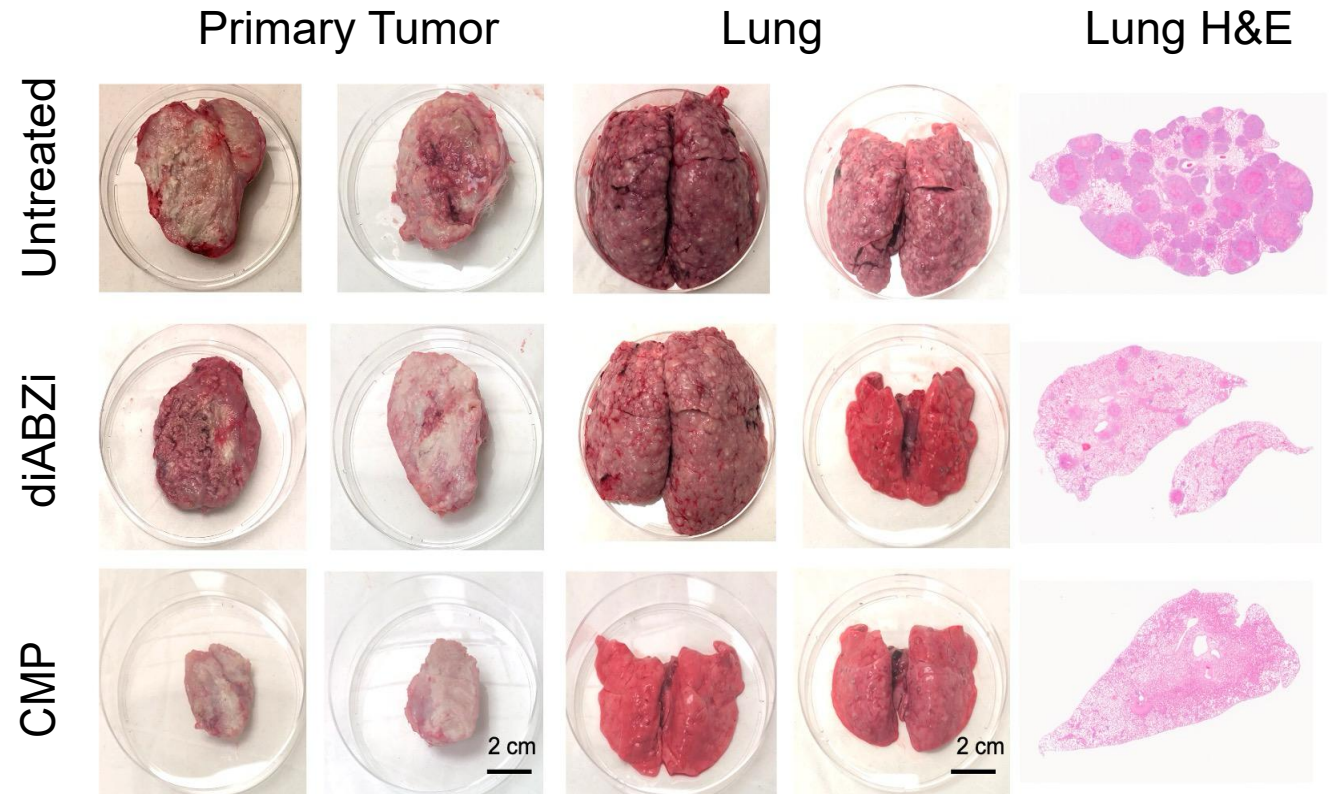
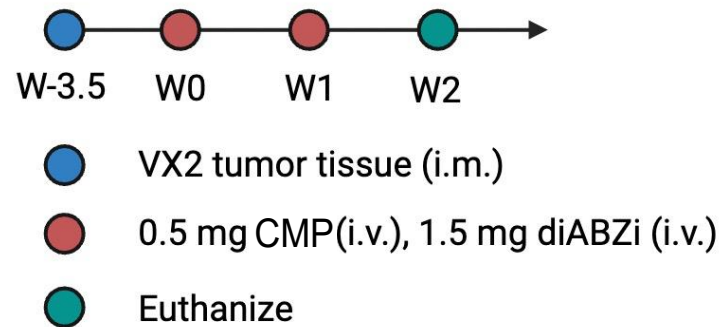


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Inhibit established rabbit tumor and metastasis (~200x of mice body weight)



New Zealand white rabbit



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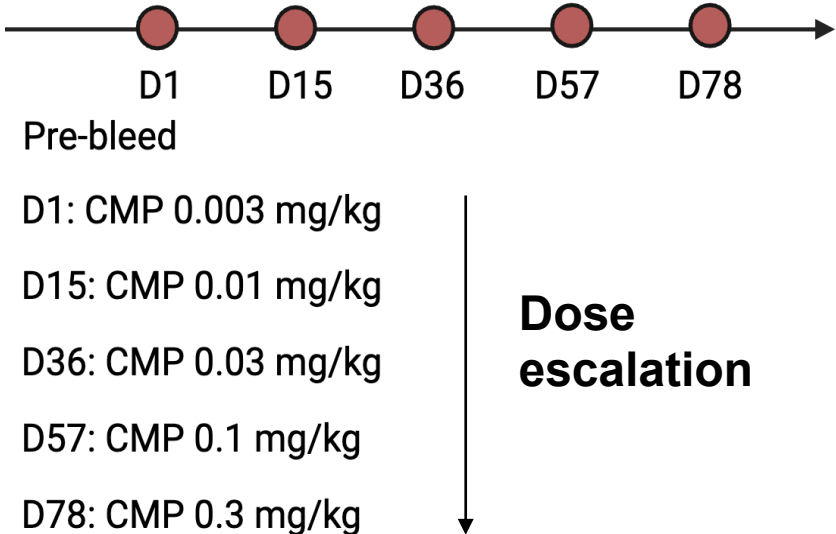
Therapeutic Response and Safety after CMP Repeated Dosing



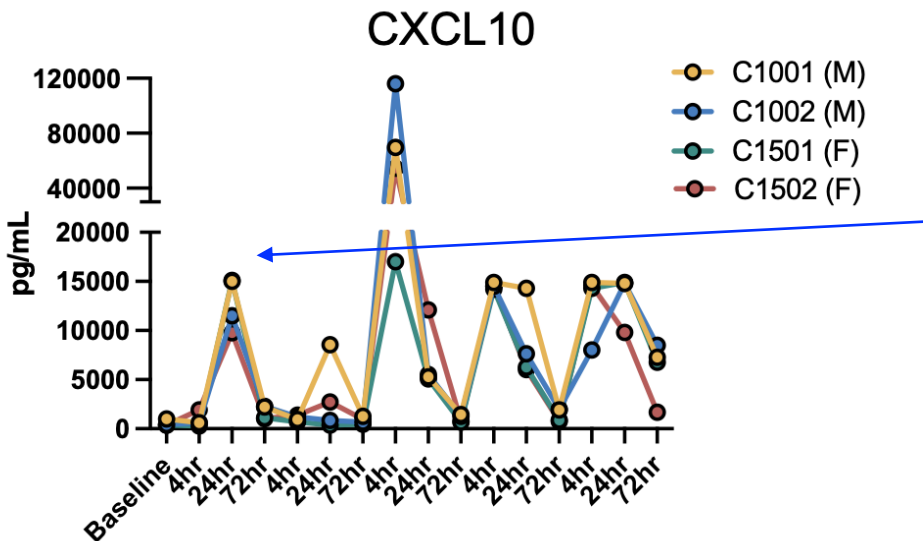
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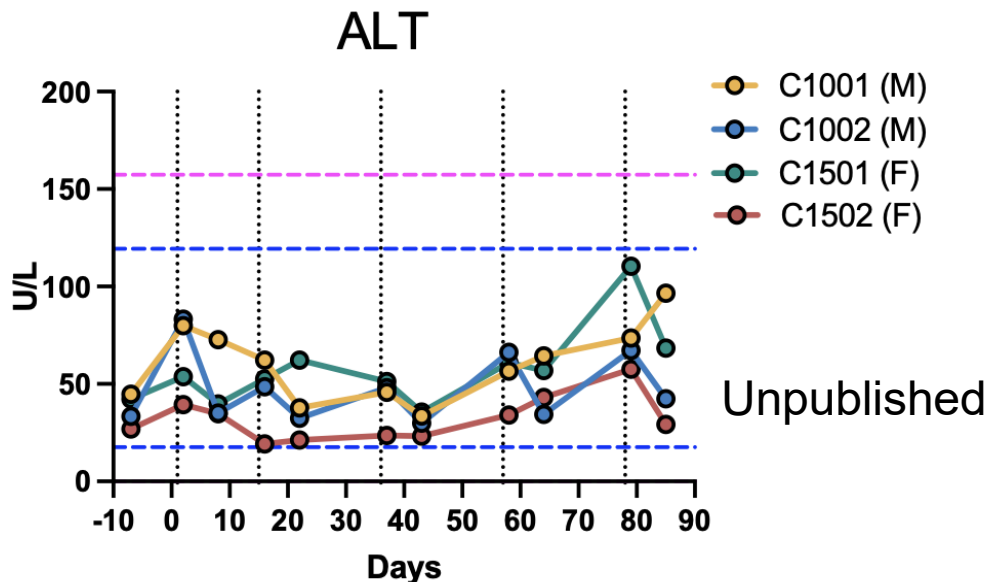
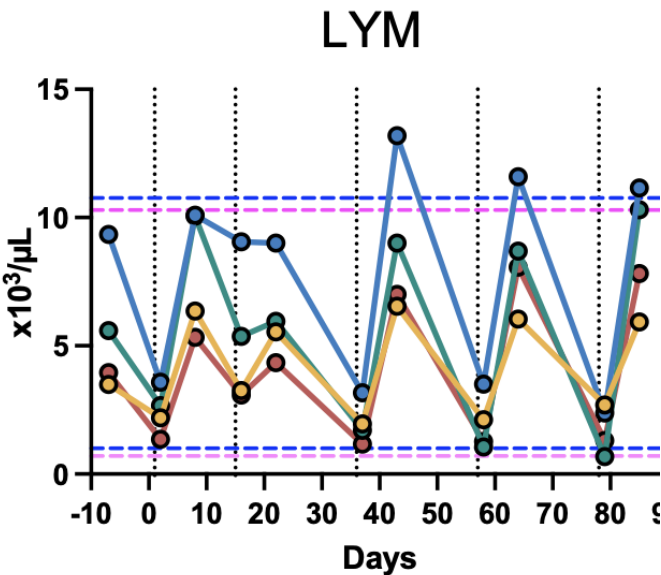
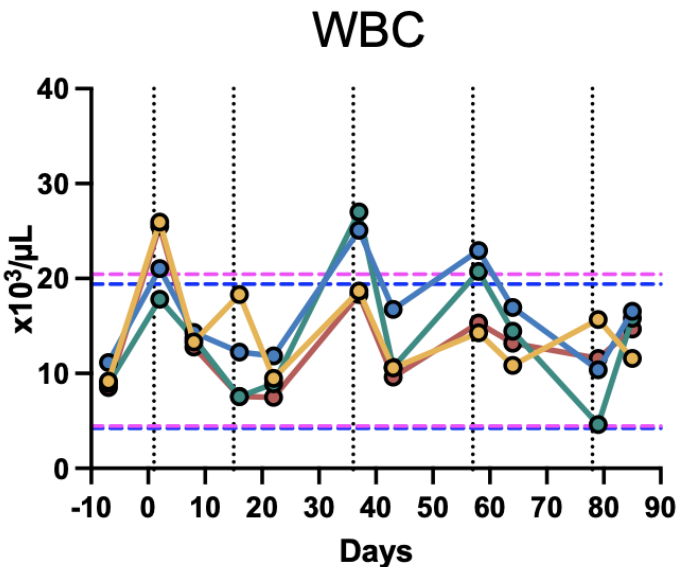
NHP



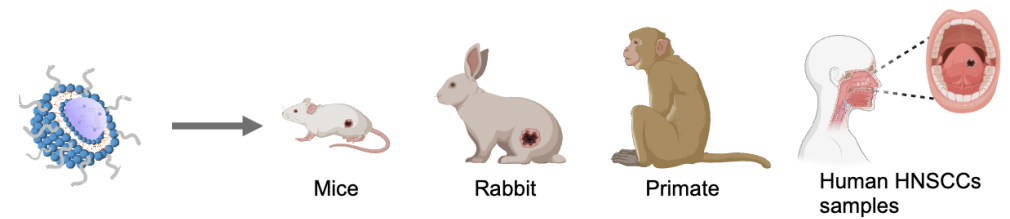
Therapeutic Window: 0.003-0.3mg/kg



IFN response
at as low as
0.003 mg/kg



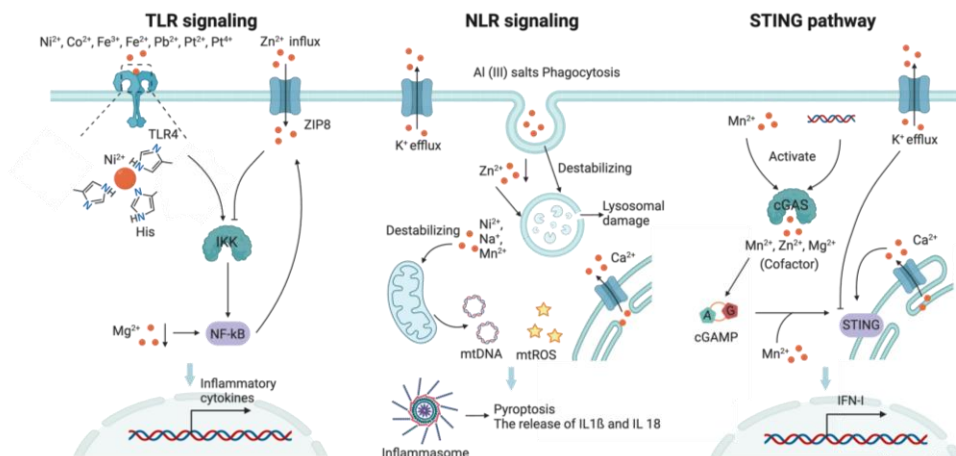
Summary



- Metal ions in immune process are potentially a new class of immune therapeutic targets
- A novel lipid nanoparticle, CMP, was design for co-delivery of Mn^{2+} and CDN STING agonist
- CMP induced robust STING activation after IV injection and exerted remarkable anti-tumor efficacy in advanced tumor models.
- CMP demonstrated good response and safety profile in NHPs, with a therapeutic index of ~ 100 .

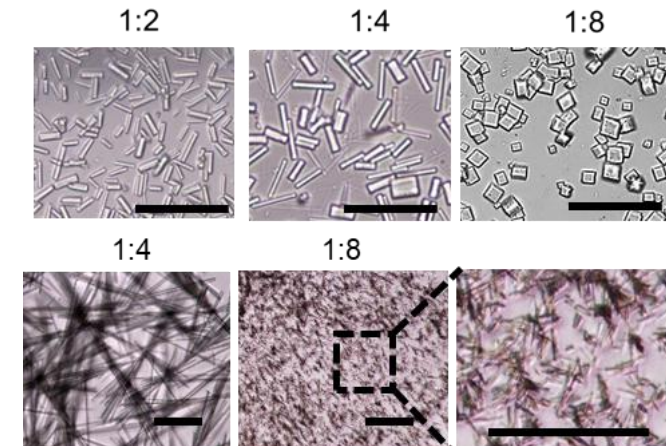
Perspective for metalloimmunotherapy

New therapeutic targets



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New formulation mechanisms



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