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MULTI-ANTIGEN T CELL HYBRIDIZERS

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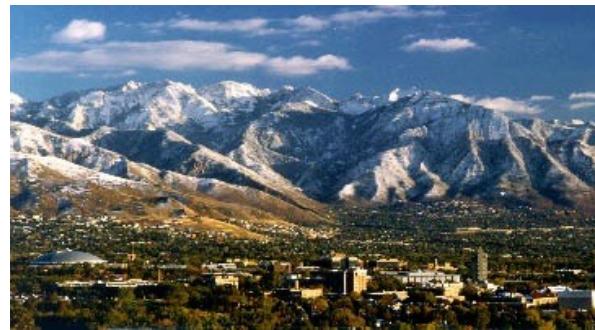
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DRUG-FREE MACROMOLECULAR THERAPEUTICS: A NEW FRONTIER IN NANOMEDICINE

- **BACKGROUND**

The Emergence of Drug-free Macromolecular Therapeutics

- **DEVELOPMENT OF DFMT**

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Crosslinking effector: HSA-(motif2)_x

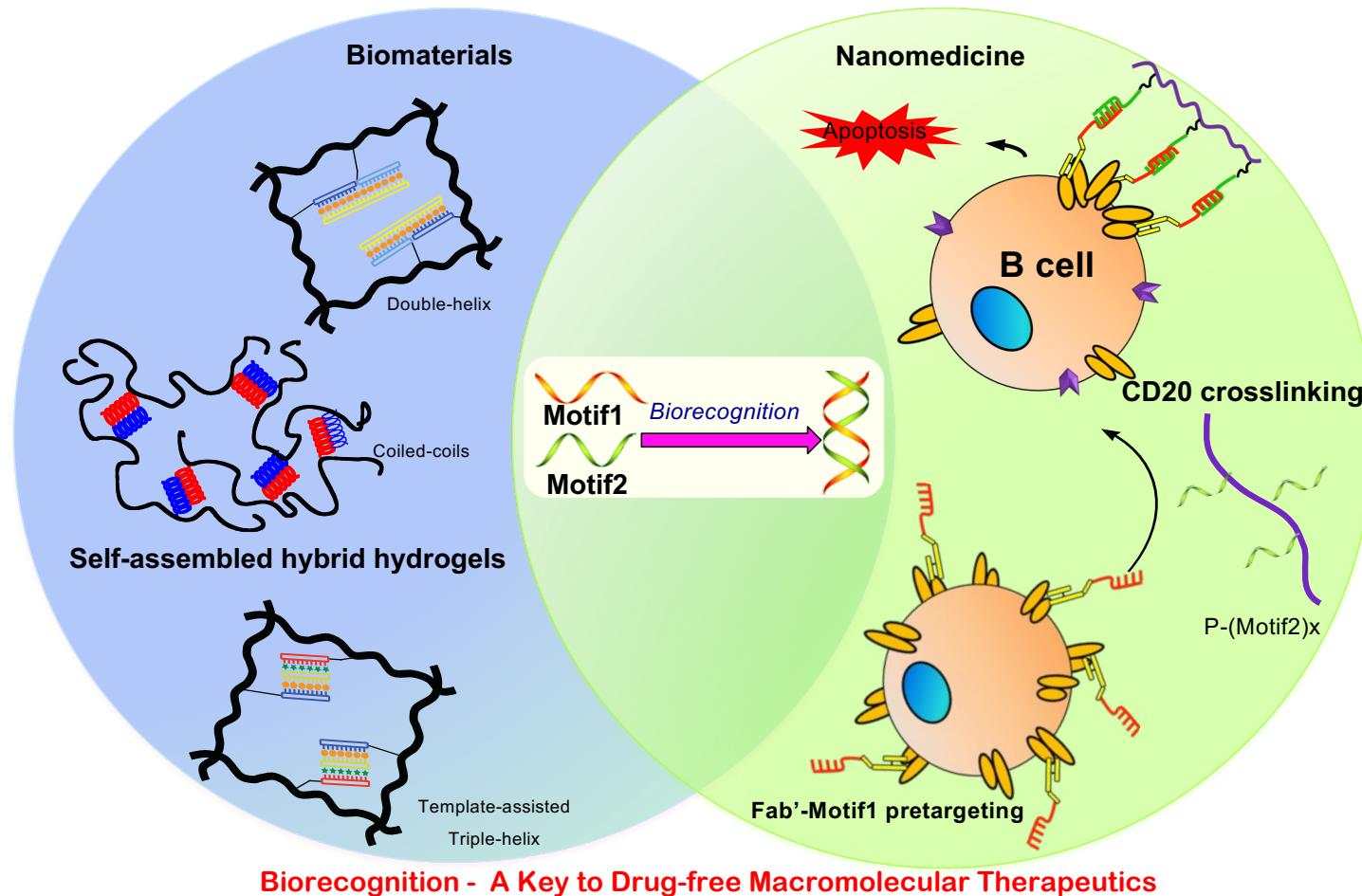
- **MULTI-ANTIGEN T CELL HYBRIDIZERS (MATCH)**

$\text{Fab}'_{\text{B cell}}\text{-MORF1} + \text{Fab}'_{\text{T cell}}\text{-MORF2}$

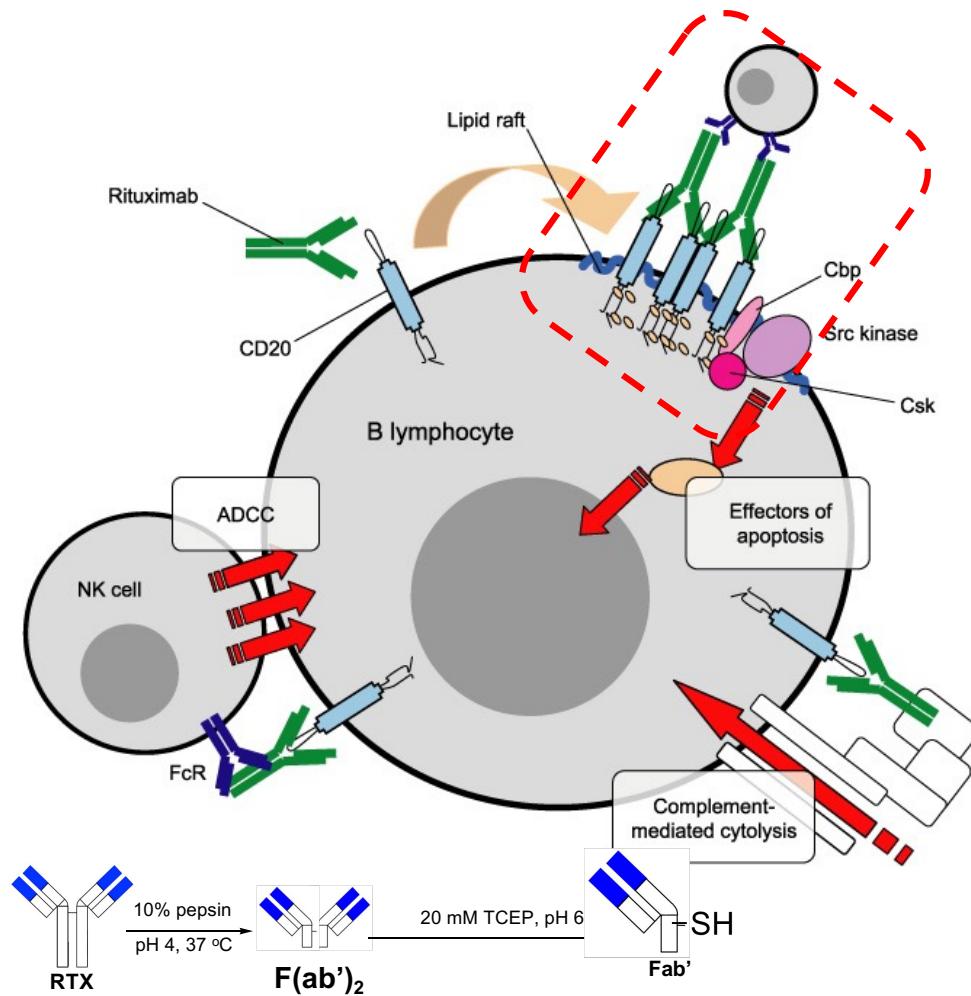
- **FUTURE DIRECTION AND CONCLUSIONS**

DFMT, an innovative paradigm for treatment of B cell malignancies, was generated by **applying biomaterials design attitudes to the design of nanomedicines**

a. Self-assembly of graft copolymers into hydrogels b. Receptor crosslinking



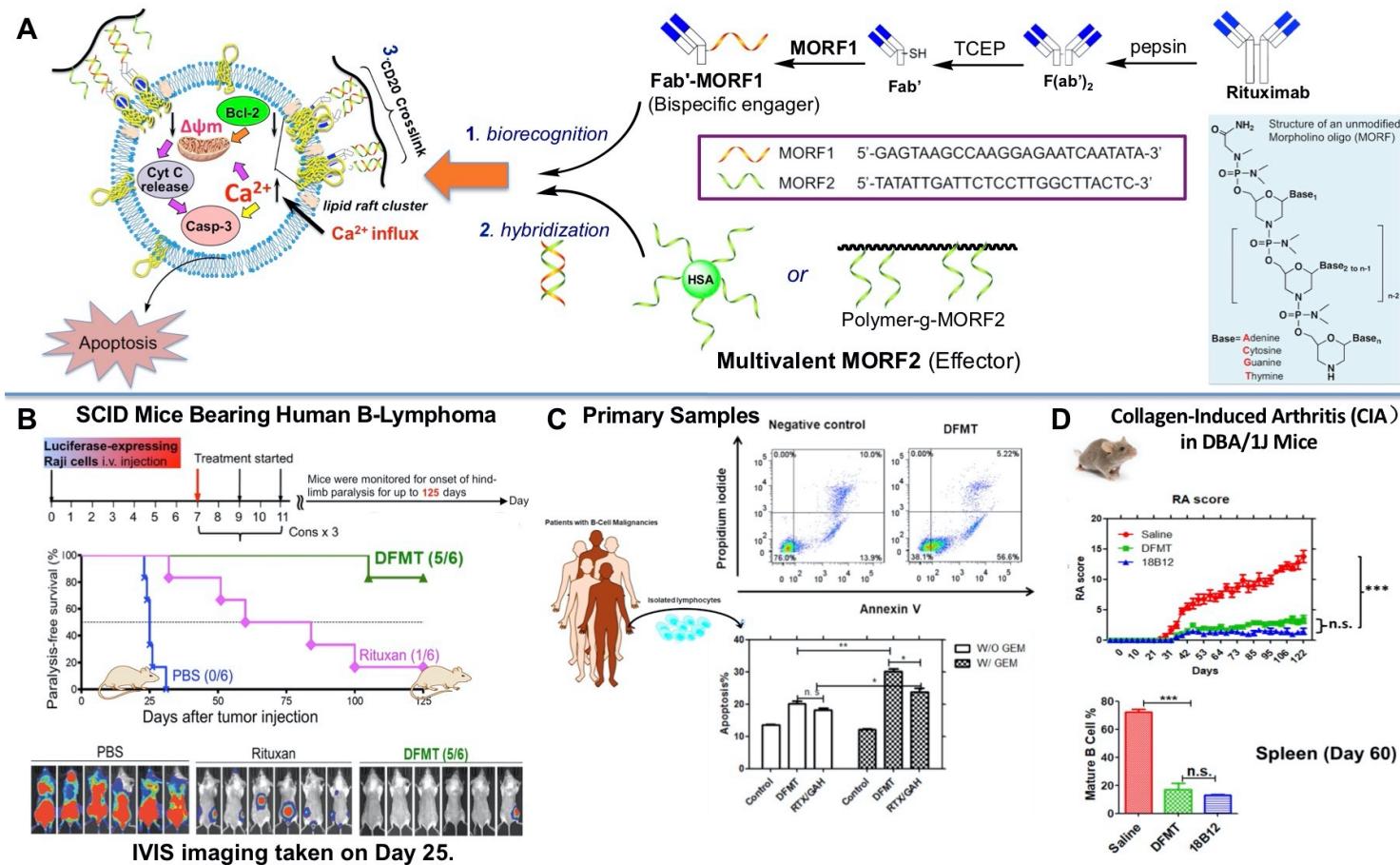
Rituximab: mAb that has Revolutionized Treatment of Lymphoma



mouse/human chimeric mAb
targeting CD20

Fc fragment ~ side effect
~ resistance

STATE-OF-THE-ART OF DRUG-FREE MACROMOLECULAR THERAPEUTICS (DFMT)



T.W. Chu et al., ACS Nano 8, 719 (2014)
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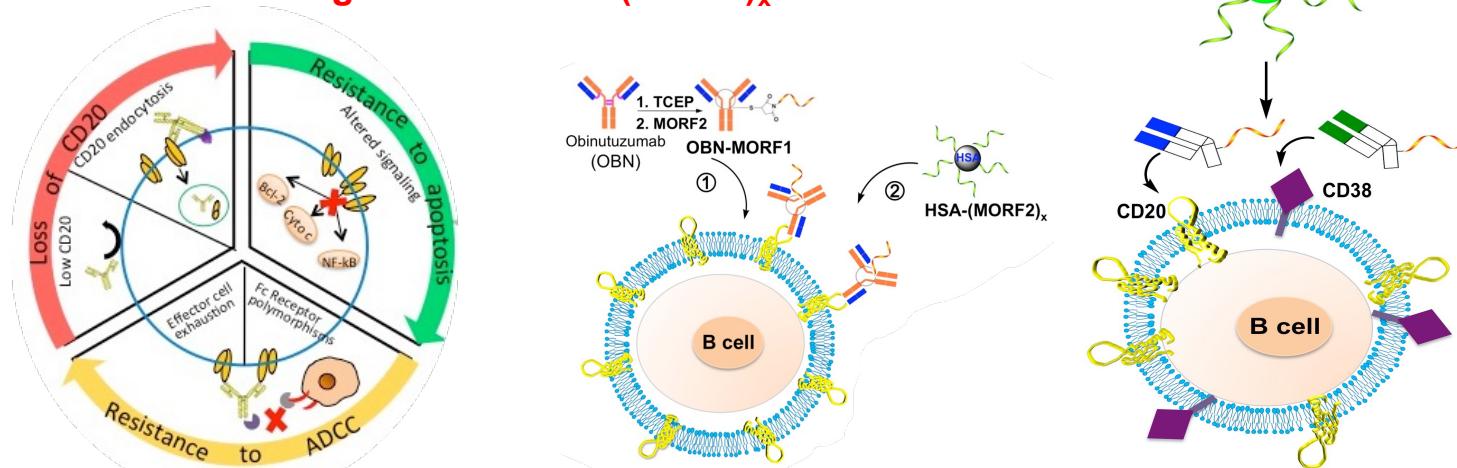
High-risk mutations such as 17p13 and 11q22 deletions, usually considered as poor prognostic factors in CLL, did not hamper the therapeutic efficacy of DFMT treatment.

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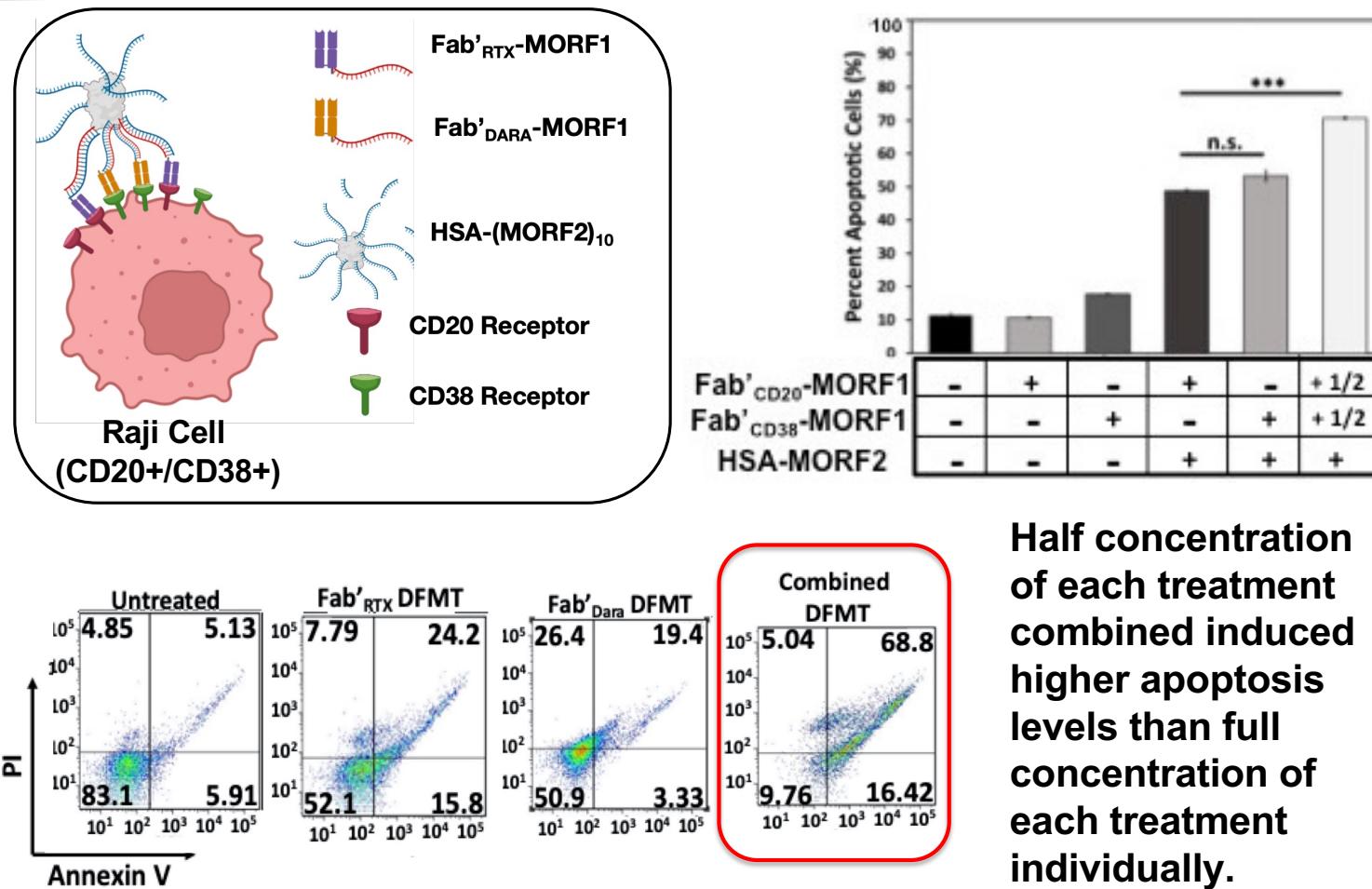


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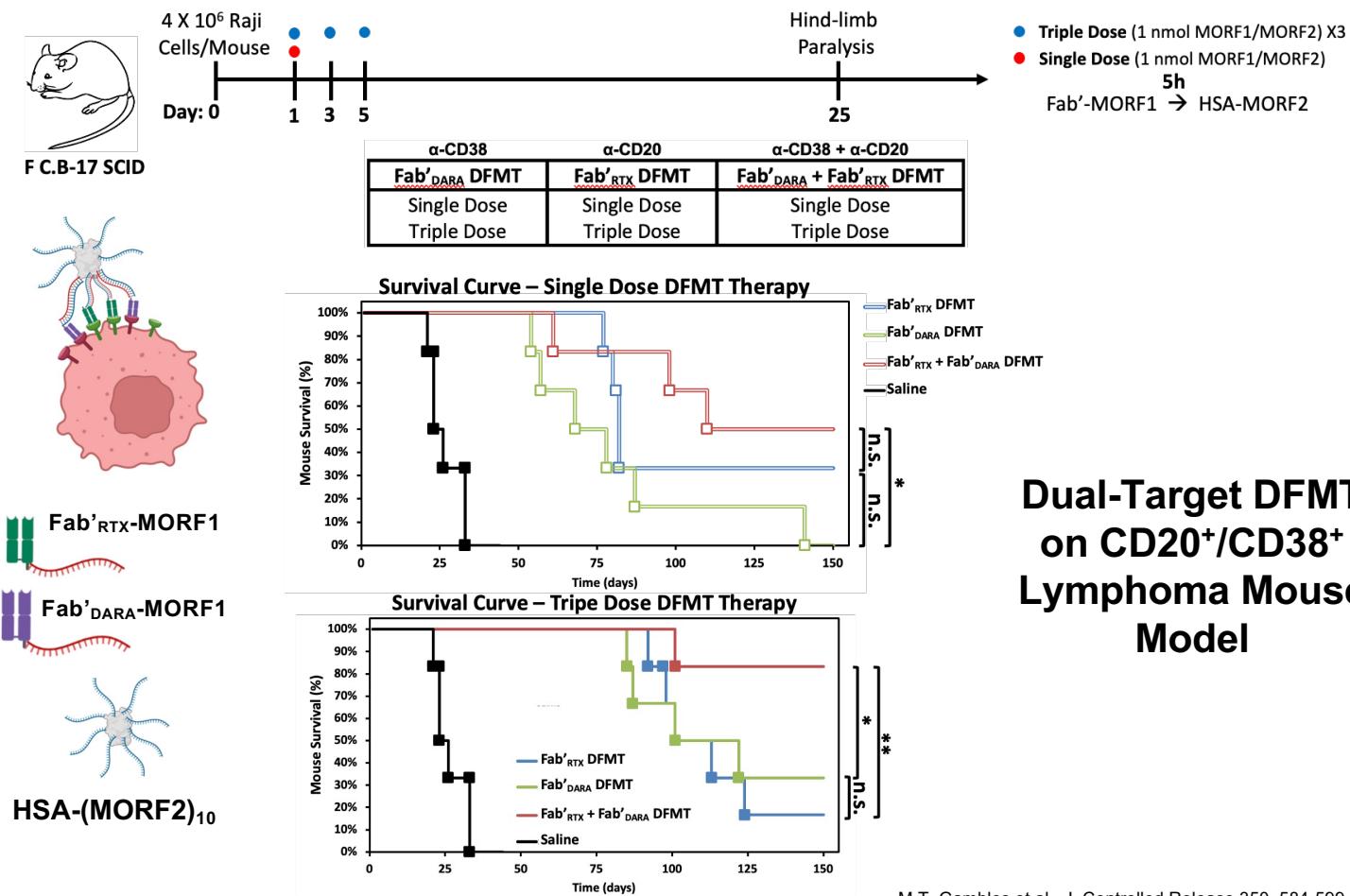
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DUAL RECEPTOR CROSSLINKING IS MORE EFFICIENT



M.T. Gambles et al., J. Controlled Release 350, 584 (2022)

HIGH EFFICACY OF DUAL-TARGET CROSSLINKING IN HUMAN XENOGRAFT MOUSE MODEL OF DISSEMINATED LYMPHOMA



**Dual-Target DFMT
on CD20⁺/CD38⁺
Lymphoma Mouse
Model**

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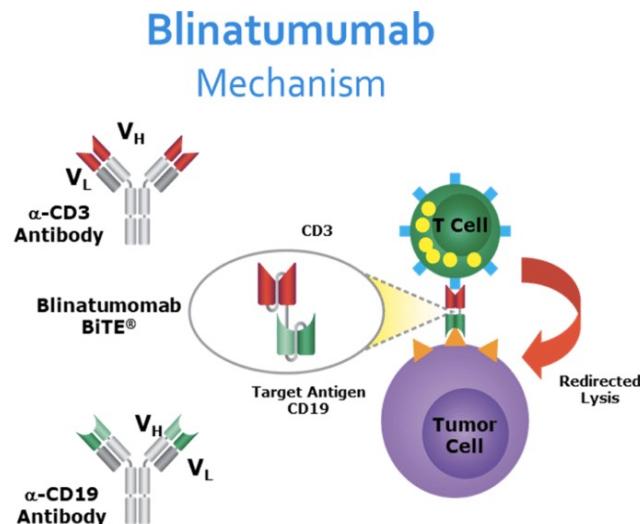
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T Cells, Cancer Cells, and BiTEs

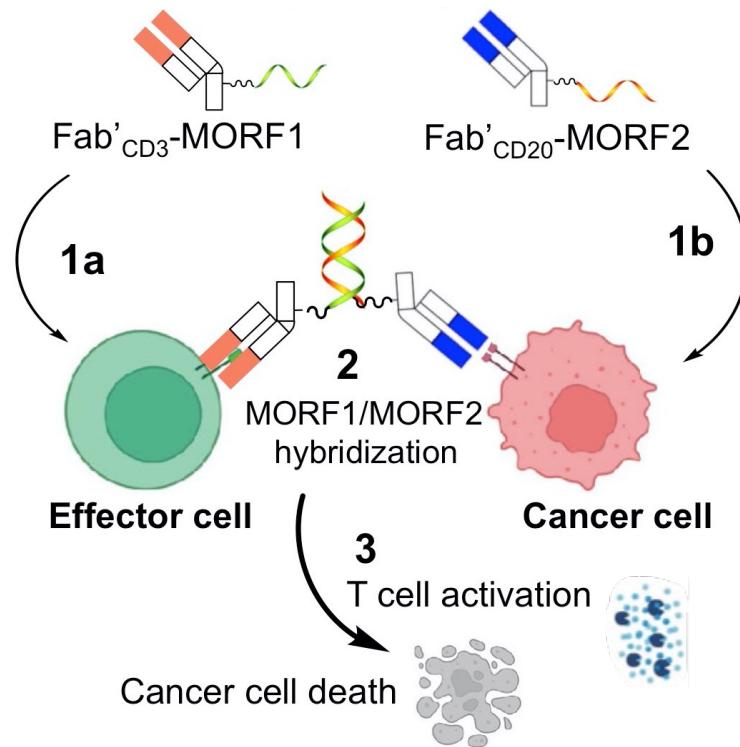
Bispecific T-cell engager antibody

Designed to direct cytotoxic T cells to CD19 expressing cancer cells



Teclistamab

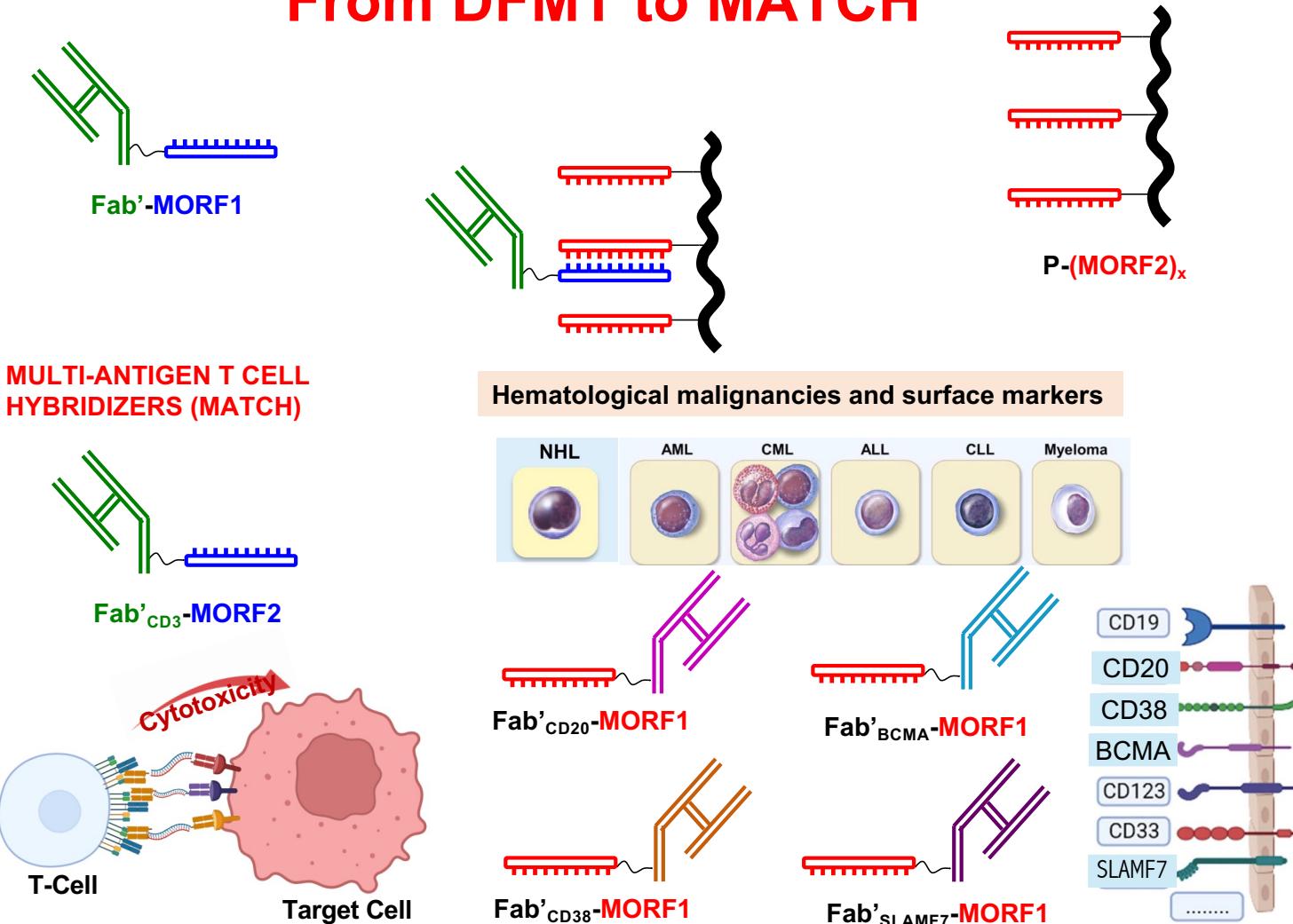
Designed to direct cytotoxic T cells to BCMA* expressing cancer cells



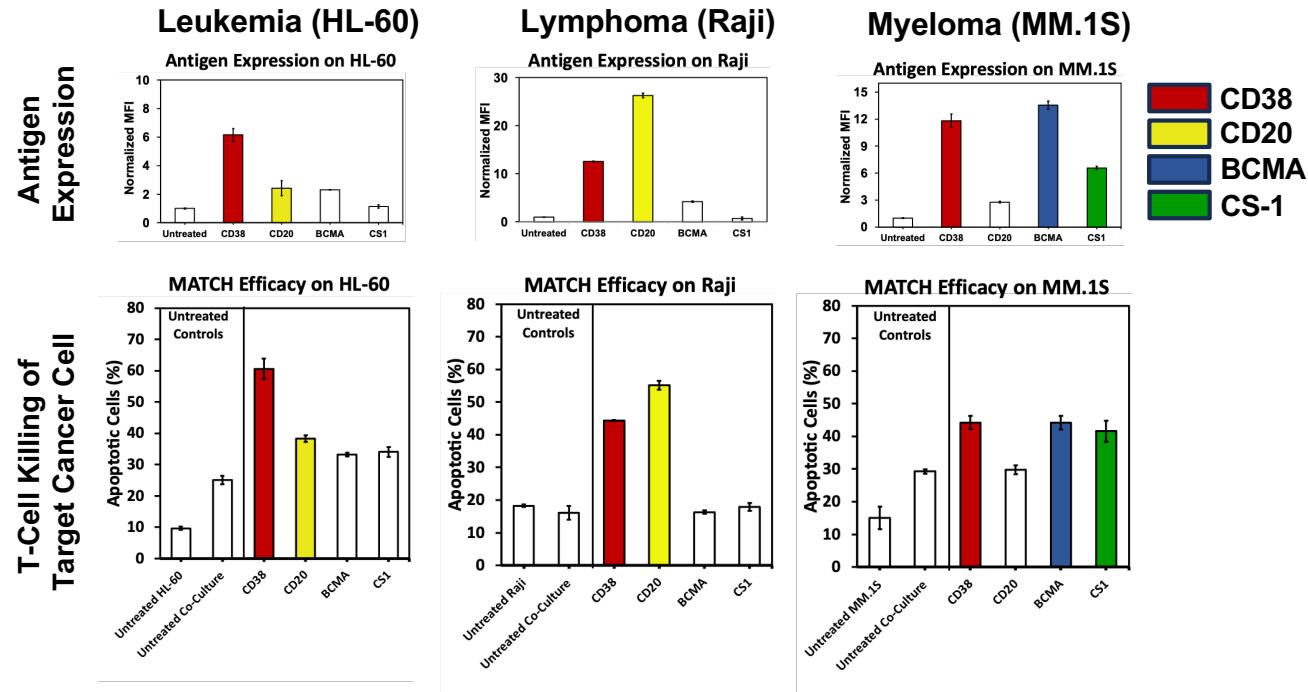
* B cell maturation antigen

M. Sanford, Drugs 75, 321 (2015)

From DFMT to MATCH



MATCH Induces Antigen-Specific T-Cell Activation on B-Cell Cancers

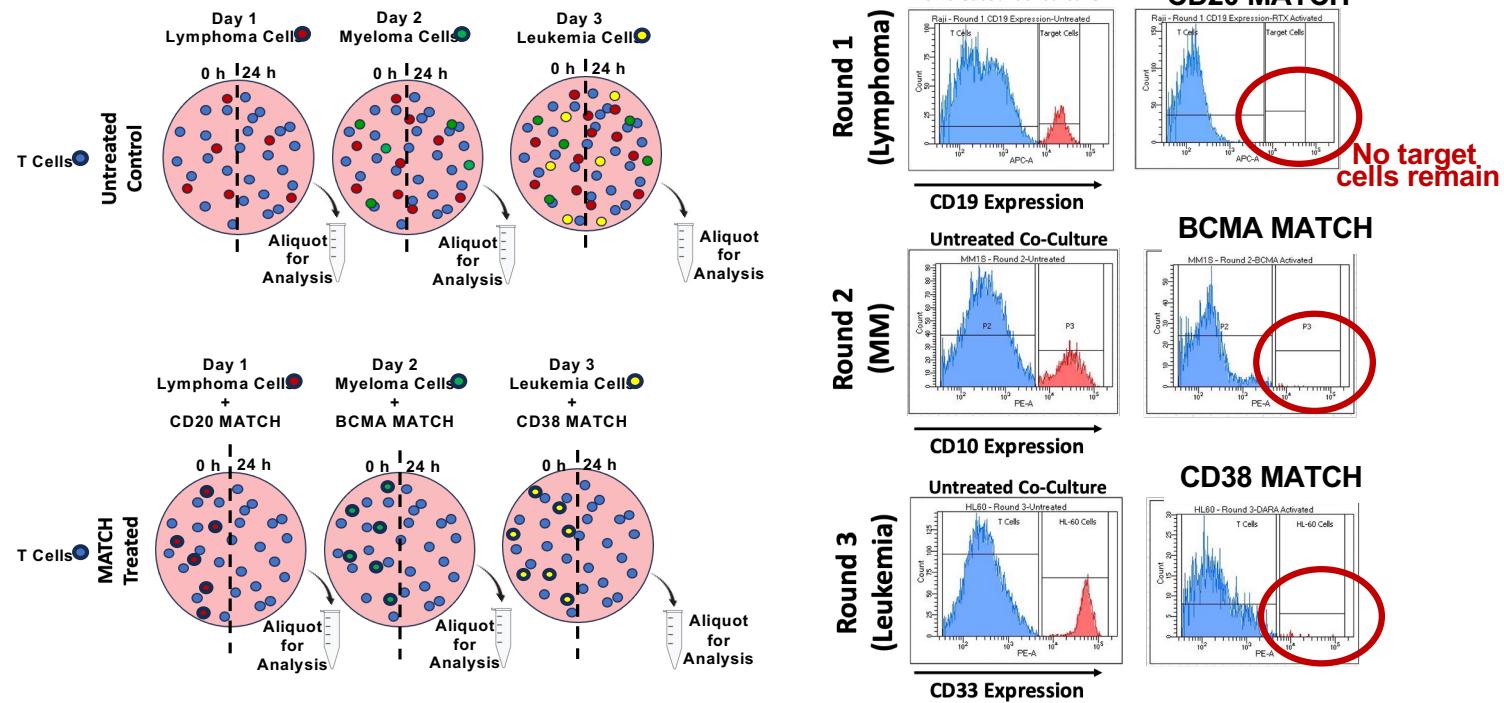


T-cell activation and cytotoxicity is achievable on an antigen-specific basis against three different B-cell cancers: leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma.

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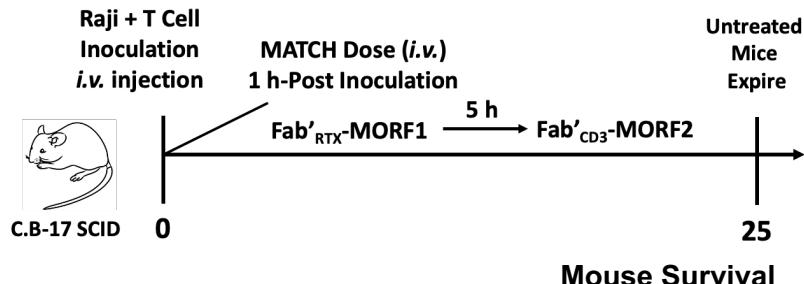
Challenging T-Cells with Three Different B-Cell Cancers

The same cohort of T-cells killed three different malignancies, consecutively

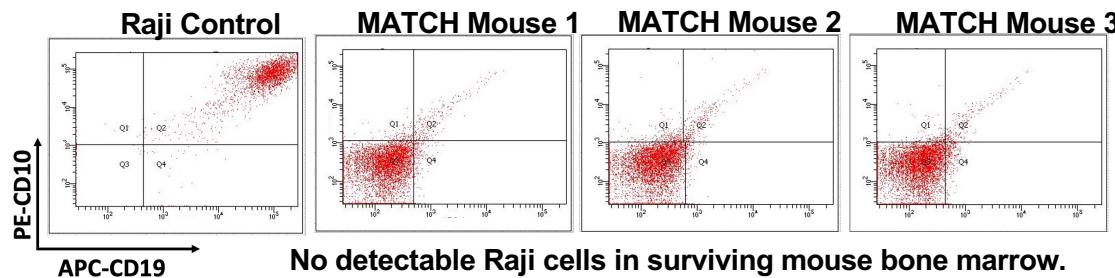
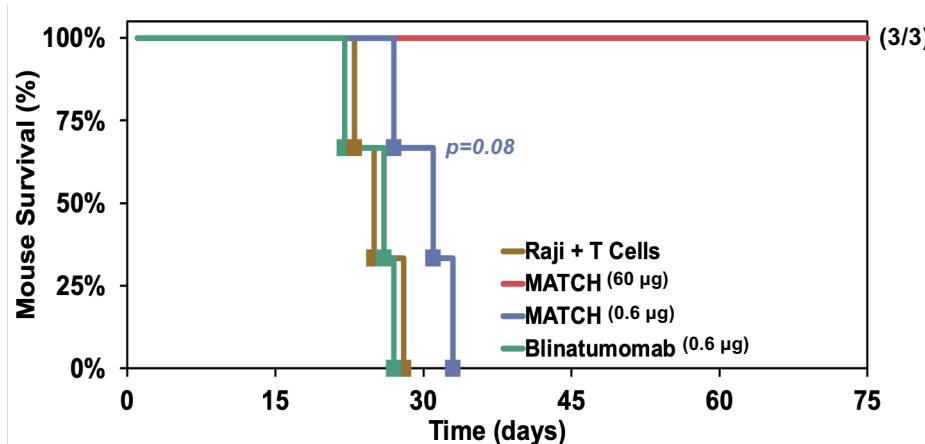


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CD20-Directed MATCH Efficacy *In Vivo* – Pilot Efficacy Study



A single dose of CD20-directed
MATCH cured 3/3 mice

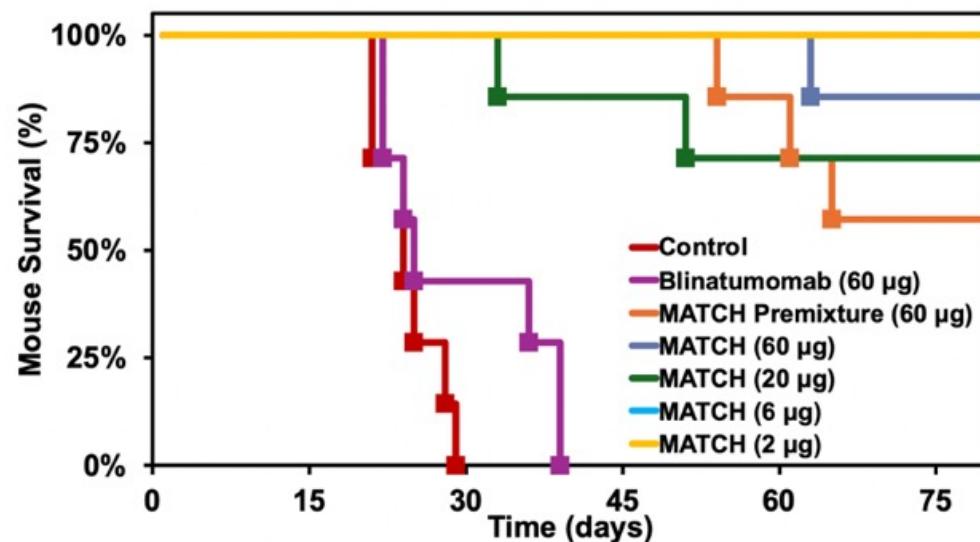


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MATCH: In vivo evaluation of optimal T cell engager dose

Comparison of Blinatumomab with MATCH: Fab'_{RTX}-MORF1 + Fab'_{CD3}-MORF2

Hypothesis: A lower dose of the T cell engager (lower than 1-to-1 MORF1/MORF2) will be more efficacious.

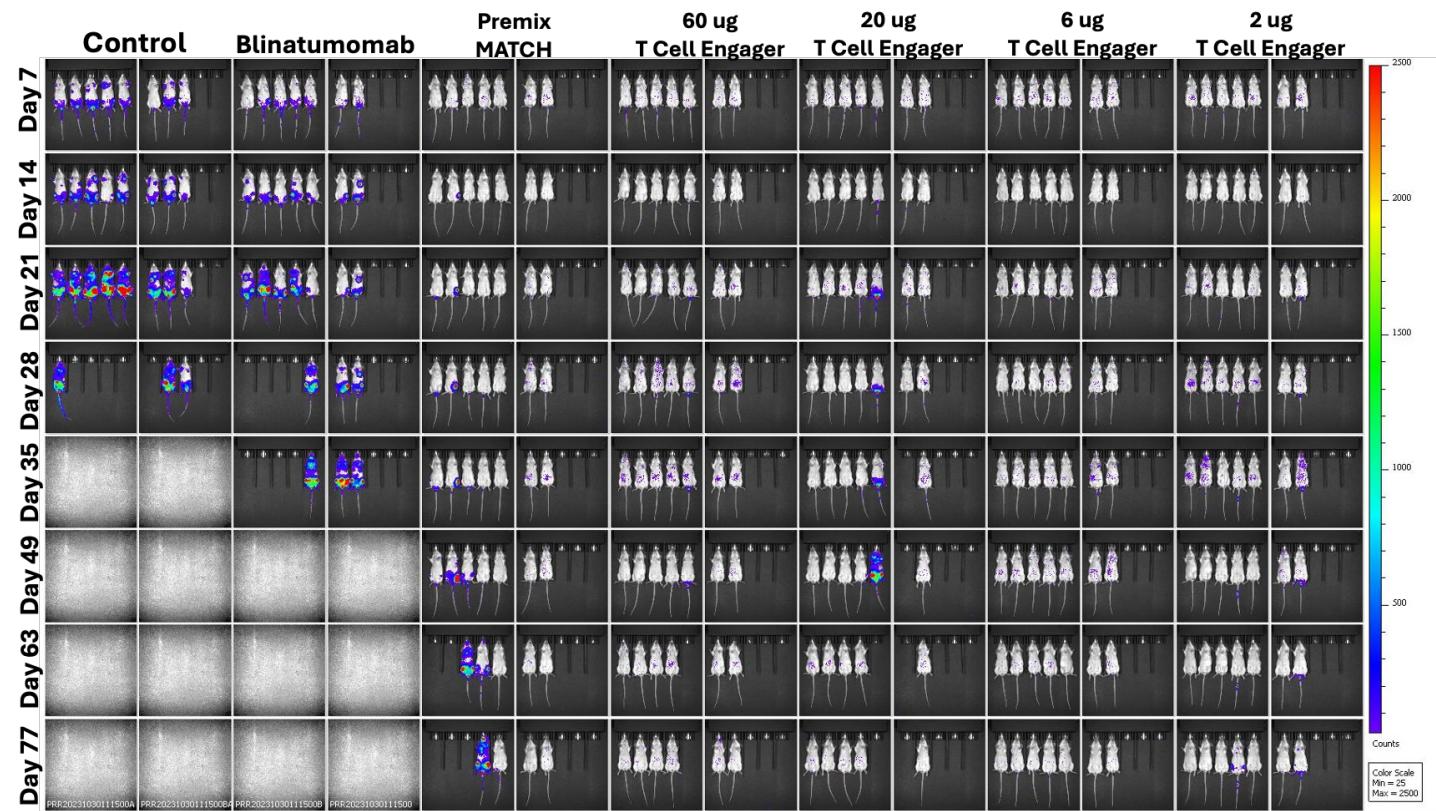


C.B-17 SCID mice, Raji-Luc cells, consecutive administration: 1 nmol Fab'_{RTX}-MORF1
+ 5 h later 1 nmol Fab'_{CD3}-MORF2

Groups of mice were given different concentrations of T-cell engager (Fab'_{CD3}-MORF2). CD20-directed MATCH was also compared to blinatumomab administered as a single, 60 µg bolus *i.v.* injection.

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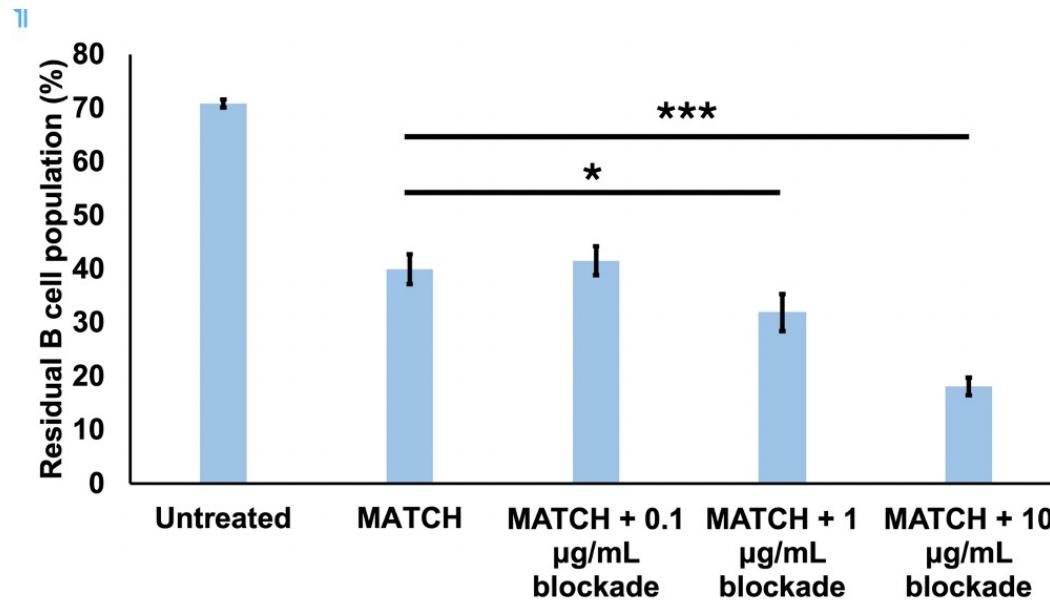
Fab' $_{\text{CD3}}$ -MORF2 Dose Optimization *In Vivo*



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B CELL RESIDUAL POPULATIONS FOLLOWING SIMULTANEOUS MATCH TREATMENT AND IL-10 BLOCKADE

T cell exhaustion is a dysfunctional state wherein T cells demonstrate reduced cytotoxic capacity, is a significant hurdle for T cell-mediated cancer clearance. Surface markers of T cell exhaustion include PD-1, TIM3, LAG3, TIGIT, CTLA-4. Reduction of exhaustion: blockade of PD-1, TIM3, IL-10.



IL-10 blockade attenuates exhaustion and improves rates of B cell ablation.

Co-culture (48 h) in 24-well plate seeded with 50,000 T cells and 150,000 B cells per well in 800 μL RPMI medium. Samples were treated with 50 nM Fab'_{RTX}-MORF1 and 50 nM Fab'_{CD3}-MORF2. Experimental groups were treated with 0.1, 1.0, or 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of α IL-10 monoclonal Ab.

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Conclusions and Future Directions

- Drug-free macromolecular therapeutics (DFMT) represent a promising avenue for developing highly specific, effective and safer treatments.
- MATCH involves the creation of a cancer B cell targeting mini-library based on the antigen profile on target cells that dimerize with T cell engaging conjugate.
- Further research will focus on optimization of MATCH multi-target therapeutic approaches for the treatment of lymphomas, multiple myelomas, and leukemias.
- Development of Personalized Medicine based on individual patient disease profiles.

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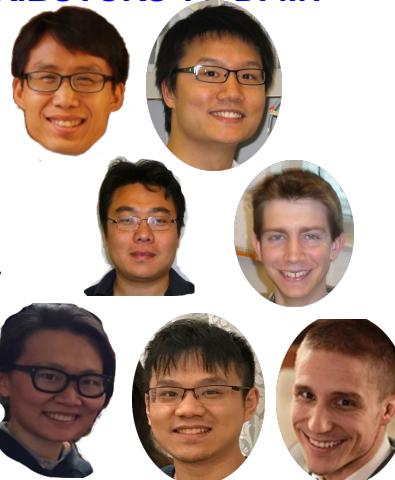
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