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# **A New Mechanism Of Action For Bispecific Antibodies Activating Tumor- Specific Antigen T Cells**



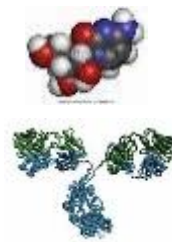
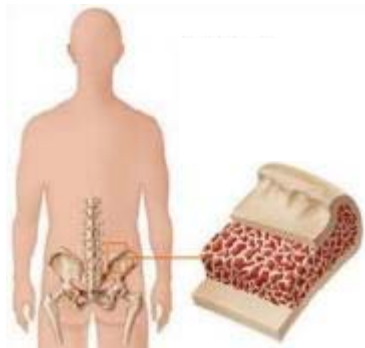
**Drug Profiling  
& Biomarker Discovery  
to Personalize Treatments**



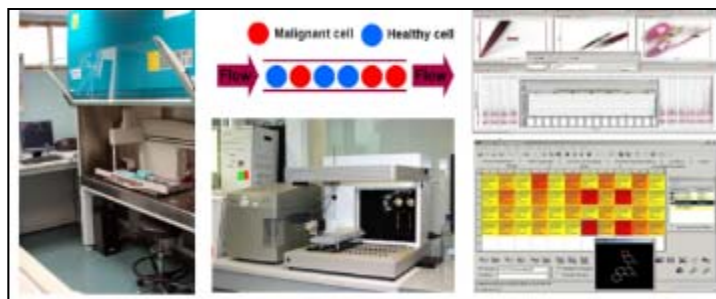
# Pioneers in Automated Flow Cytometry

## Precision Medicine in Hematological Malignancies

Patient samples  
Blood & bone marrow



Drugs  
Active ingredients



**ExviTech**  
(Ex vivo - Technology)  
Automated Flow Cytometry

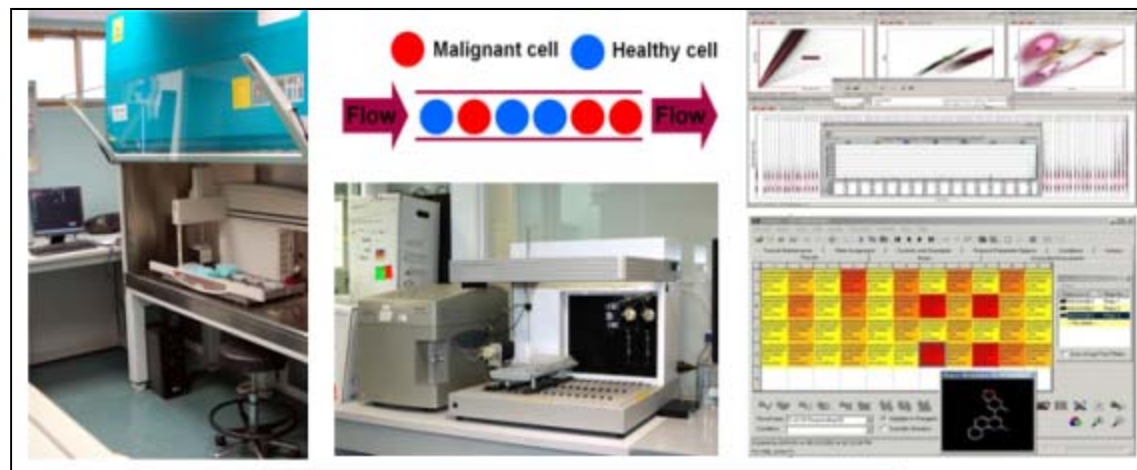
**Precision  
Medicine Test  
Hospitals & Doctors**

**Pharma Service  
Evaluate  
drug candidates**

# Key Innovations Achieve Sound Pharmacology

- Vivia has overcome shortcomings of >30 years measuring drug sensitivity in patient samples:

- Automation** capable of measuring up to 2,000 points per sample
- Evaluating drug effects **selectively** in the **cancer cell subpopulation**
- Measuring **exact % live tumor cells**, not apoptosis
- Whole sample** maintaining **Native Environment**
- PKPD Population Models** analysis

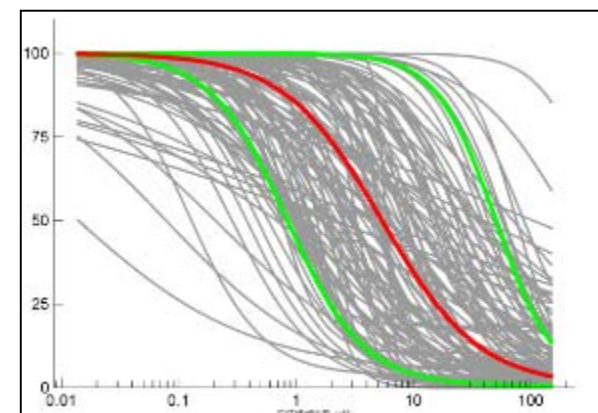
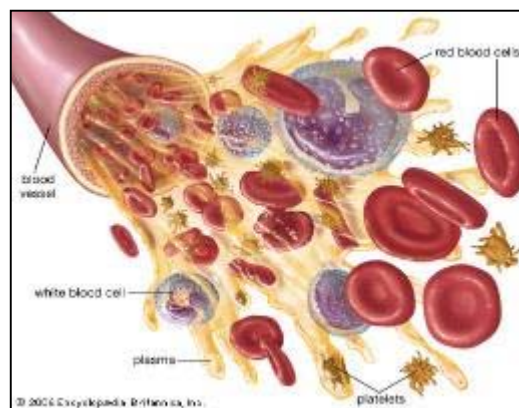


Automation & live single cancer cells

Whole Sample



PKPD Population Models



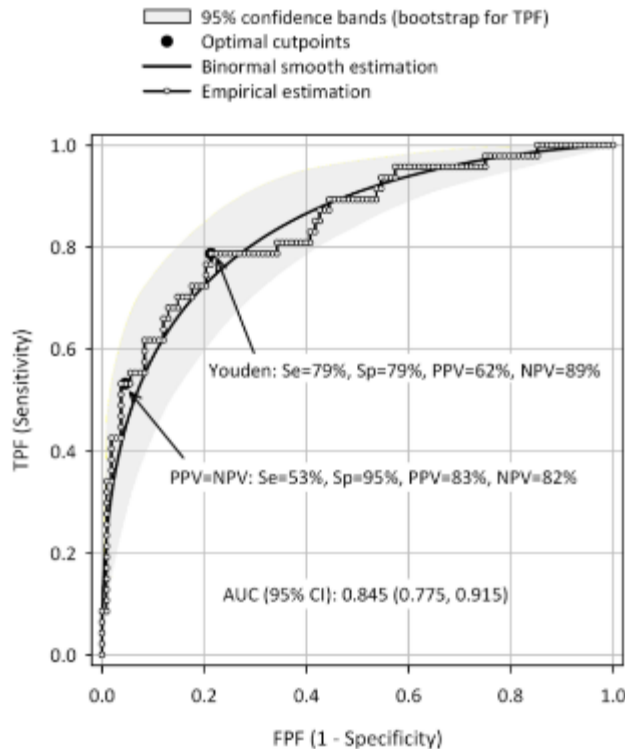
Vivia delivers high content translational data that correlates with clinical outcome



# Native Environment Assay is Clinically Predictive

## 82% Clinical Correlation with 1<sup>st</sup> Line AML Treatment N=155

### ROC Curve



### Clinical Correlation

		Clinical outcome			Subtotal
		RESISTANT	SENSITIVE		
Ex vivo response	RESISTANT	25 16.1%	5 3.2%	Positive predictive value % 83.33	30 19.4%
	SENSITIVE	22 14.2%	103 66.5%	Negative predictive value % 82.40	125 80.6%
		Sensitivity %	Specificity %	Prediction rate %	N
		53.19	95.37	82.58	
Subtotal		47 30.3%	108 69.7%		155 100.0%

When we say “sensitive”  
we’ll be right 83%

When we say “resistant”  
we’ll be right 82%

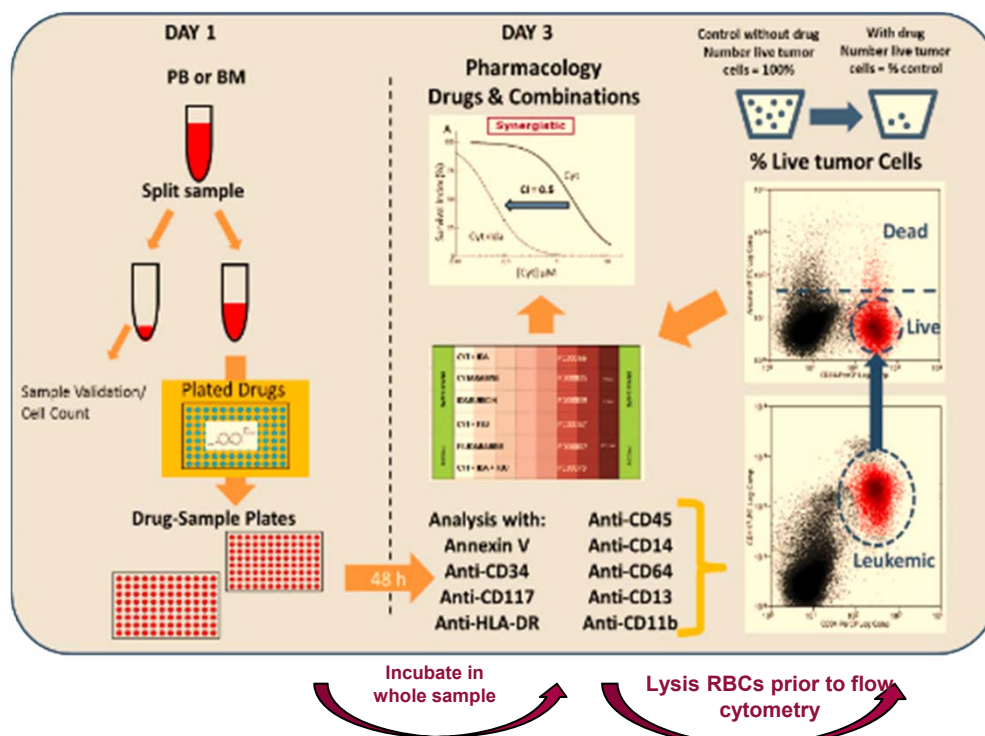
83% Correlation significantly higher than 70% 1<sup>st</sup> line response rate

**VIVIA PM TEST AML**  
Suitable for 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment  
Improves Induction Response Rates



# Operation as a Centralized Diagnostic Laboratory

- Patients **bone marrow or peripheral blood** sample received within **24 hours** from extraction, and up to 72h with max efficiency
- **ExviTech Platform** automated analysis with proprietary software



- **Exact number of cells per well**, to compare number of live tumor & T cells with/without drug
- Highest operational efficiency; 5.000 cells/s & 1.000 wells/day, **trillions of single cell data /day**

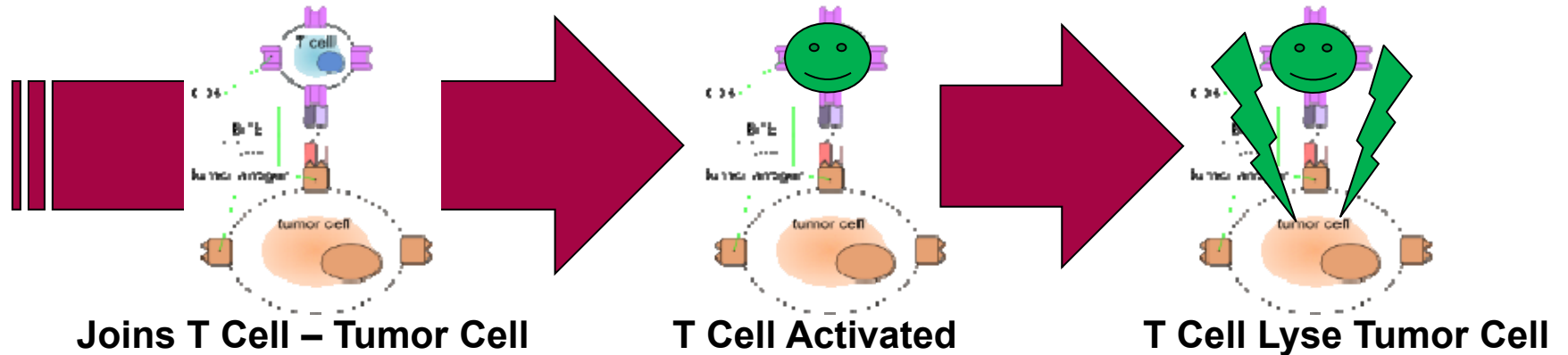
The **whole sample** is incubated at different times and 8 different concentrations of each single drug and combination

Cell Counting immune-phenotypic cell populations: mechanism unbiased & enables immune-therapy assessment (grow T-Cells vs tumor depletion)

# Simple Version Immune-Tumor Response

## How Activated (CD25+) T Cells Lead to Tumor Depletion??

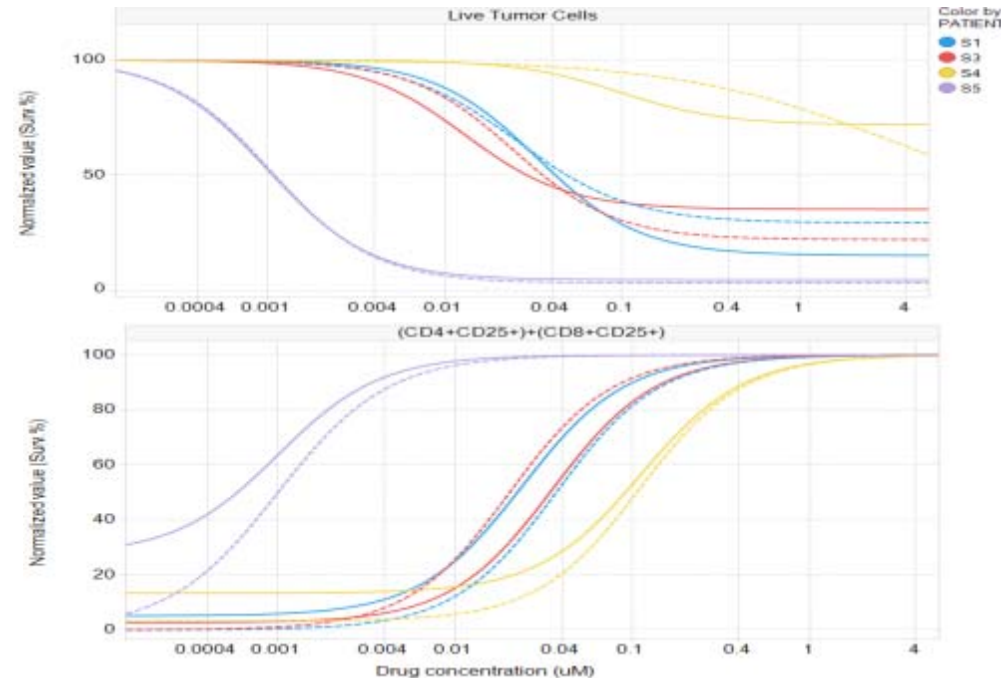
**Bispecific Antibody**



**Cytotoxic T Cell Is the real drug, bispecific Ab functions as a prodrug**

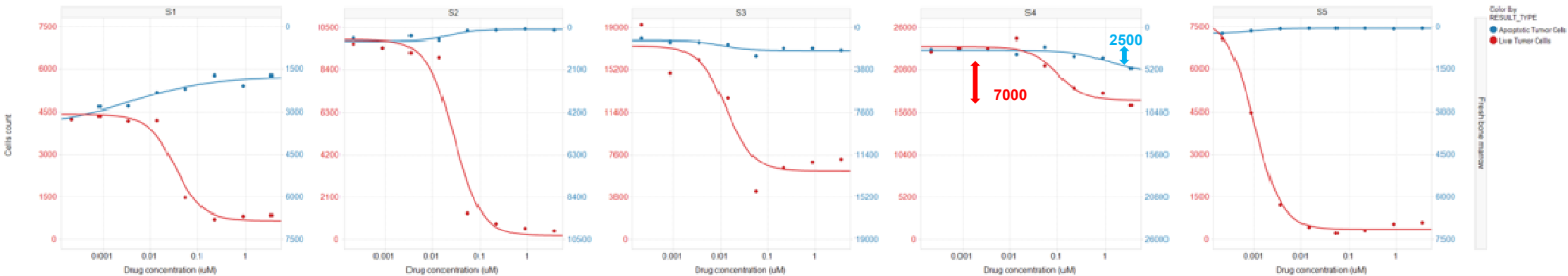
**BLAST**

**Activated T Cells  
(CD4+CD8+)CD25+**



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# Mechanism of action for T-cells after BITE exposure. AML (N=5)

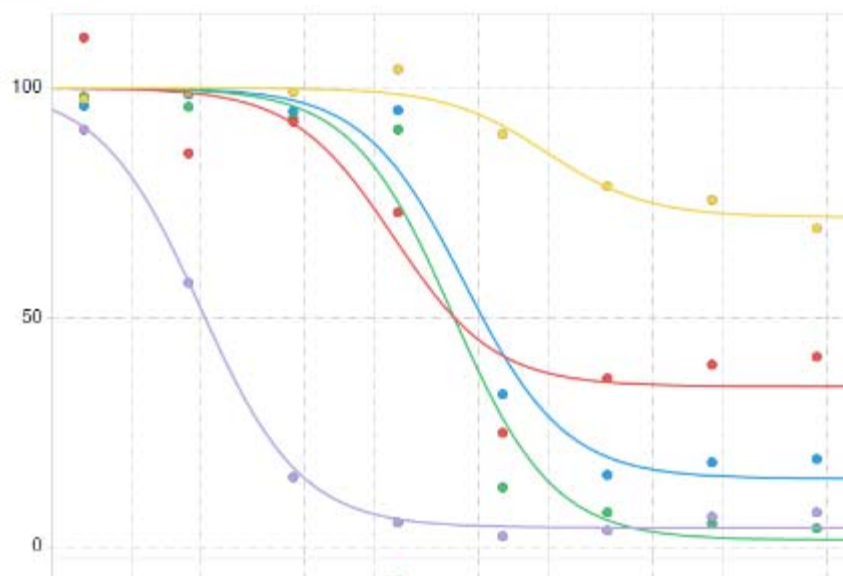


BITEs mediate their action through direct lysis (S1, S2, S3, S5) or activating pro-apoptotic components (S4).

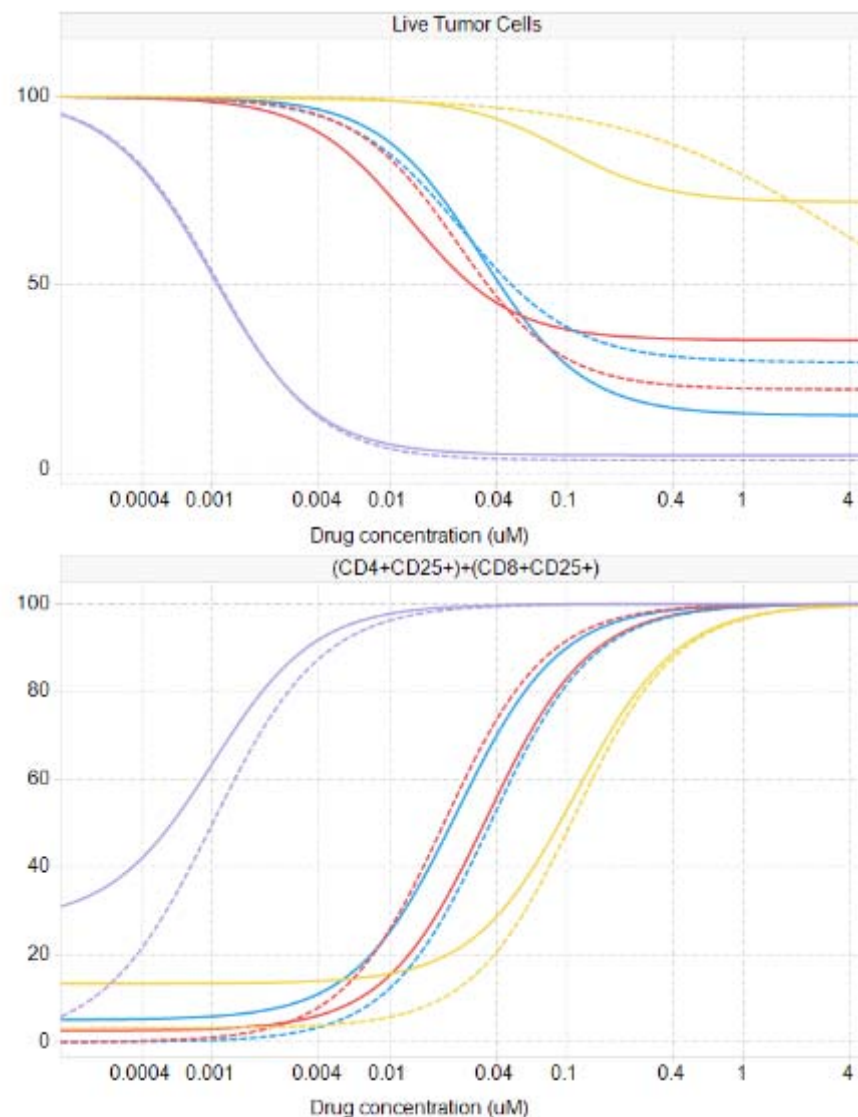
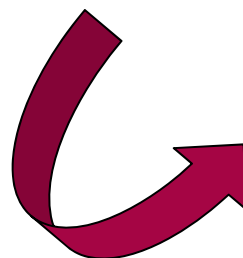
# CD3xCD123 AML Samples Dose Response Curves



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Different samples  
Show different EC50s & Emax  
For Tumor cell depletion

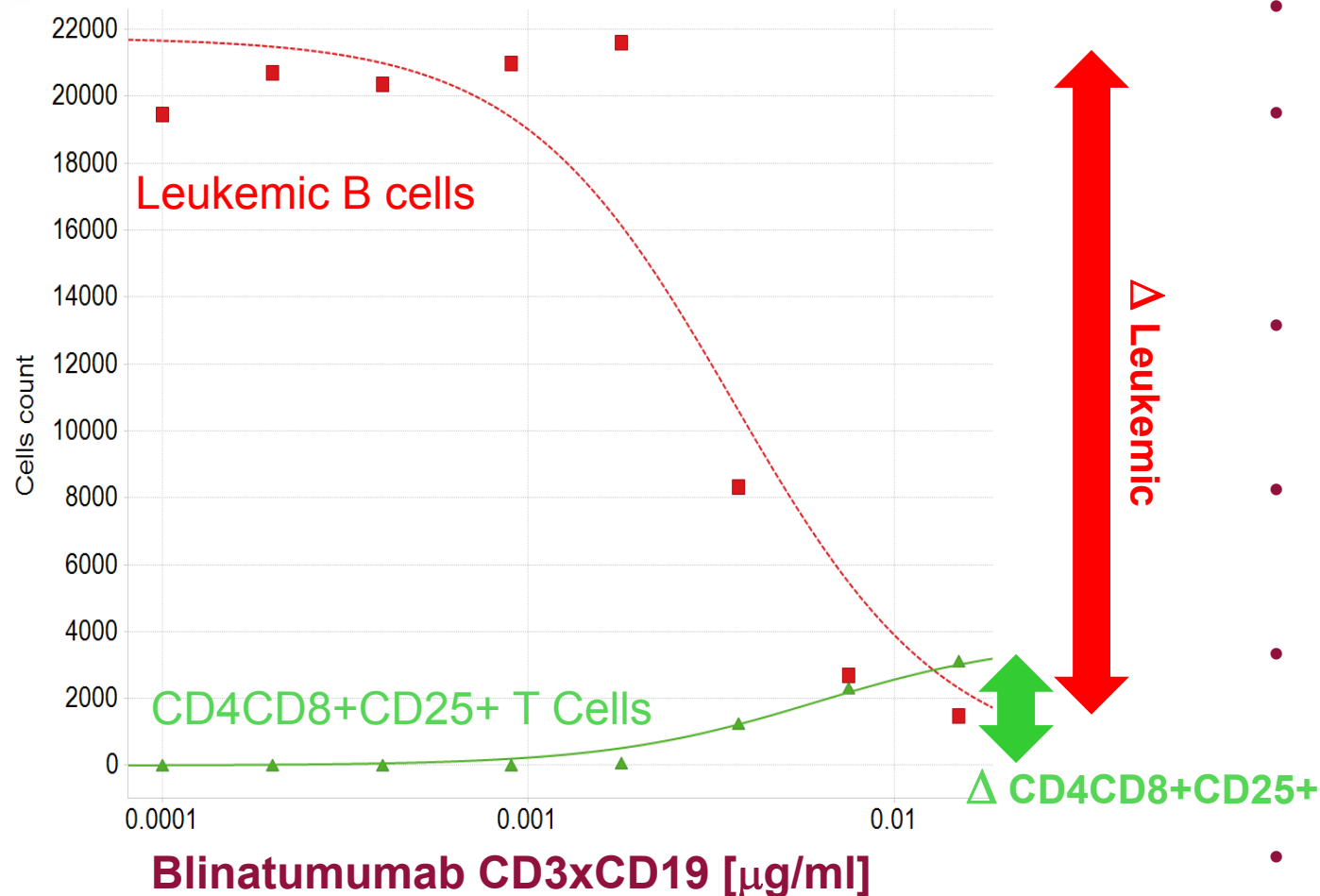


EC50s Tumor depletion are the same for T Cell activation



# New Measurement of Activity for Bispecific Antibodies

## Effective E:T Ratios for Blinatumumab on CLL

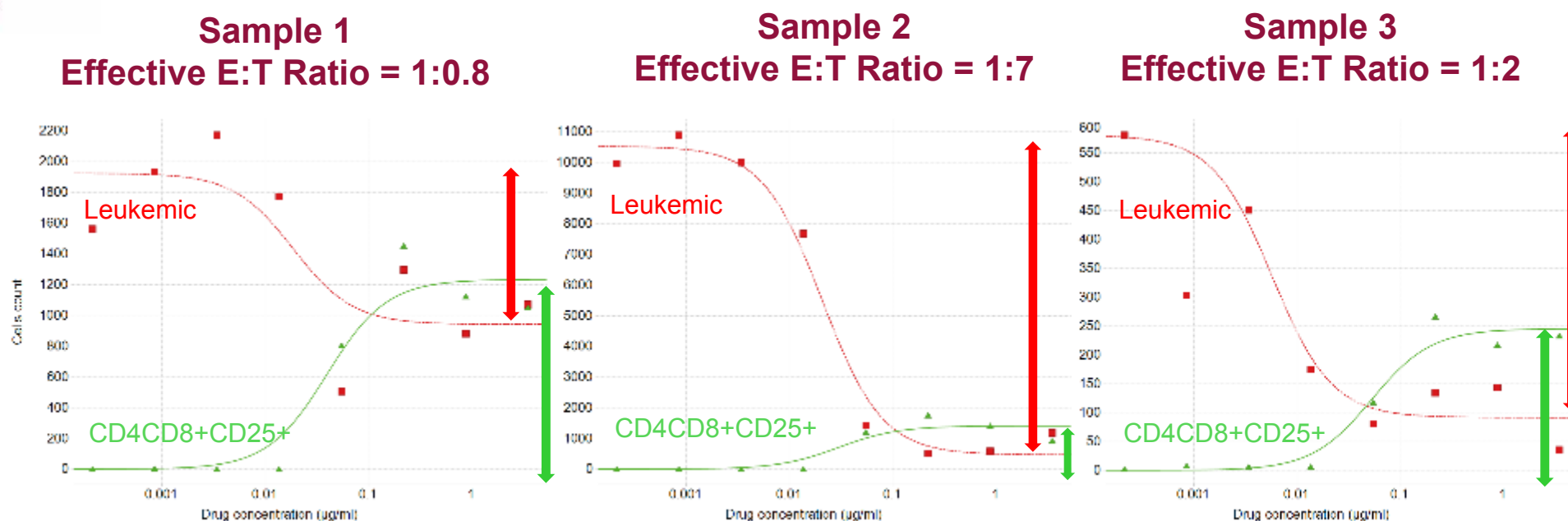


- Basal E:T ratios measure basal tumor vs total T cells
- Bispecific antibody induces cytotoxic CD4CD8+CD25+ T cells not present at basal
  - $\Delta$  CD4CD8+CD25+
- These cytotoxic T cells kill a number of leukemic cells
  - $\Delta$  Leukemic
- We define an Effective E:T Ratio as the ratio between
  - $\Delta$  CD4CD8+CD25+ :  $\Delta$  Leukemic
- Measures how many cancer cells are killed by each cytotoxic T Cell, i.e. the T Cell cancer-killing activity
- Effective E:T Ratios are different than Basal E:T ratios and may represent a better measurement of bispecific antibody activity

	T-Cells	CD19+	Basal E:T
Cells # at baseline	1101	33166	1:30.1
	T- Cells CD4CD8+CD25+	Live Tumor Cells	Effective E:T Ratio
Cell # max dose	3799	21761	1:5.7

# New Measurement of Activity for Bispecific Antibodies

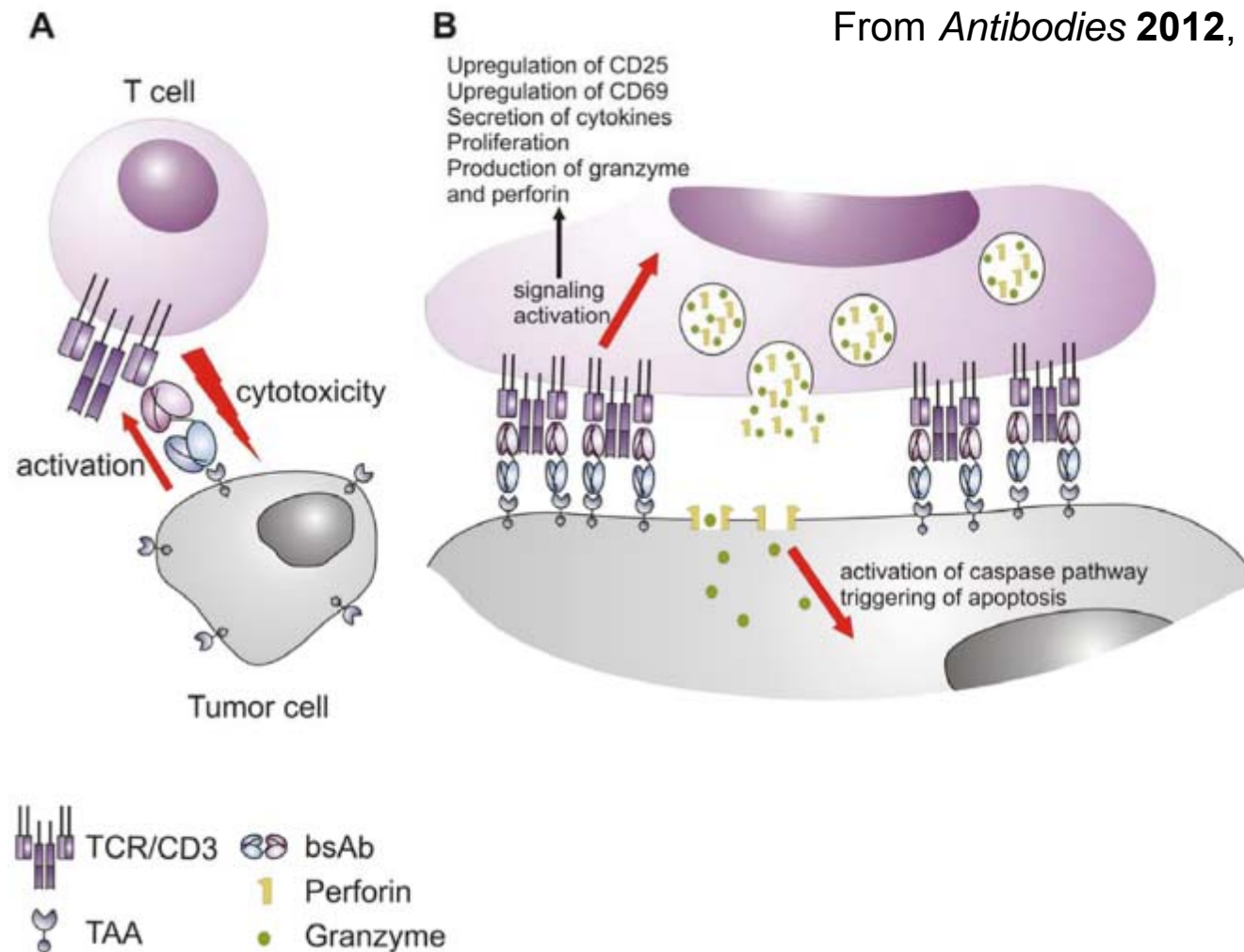
## Effective E:T Ratios for CD3xCD123 on AML



- Different samples have different Effective E:T Ratios ( $\Delta$  CD4CD8+CD25+ :  $\Delta$  Leukemic)
- Measures how many cancer cells are killed by each cytotoxic T cell (0.8, 7, and 2 above)
- Effective E:T Ratios are different than Basal E:T ratios and may represent a better measurement of clinical efficacy
- Effective E:T Ratios require only 2 points in triplicate and can be measured at each hospital flow cytometry facility and qualifies as PD marker for clinical trials

# MOA: BsAbs Promote Direct Tumor Lysis by Proximity

From *Antibodies* **2012**, 1(2), 172-198

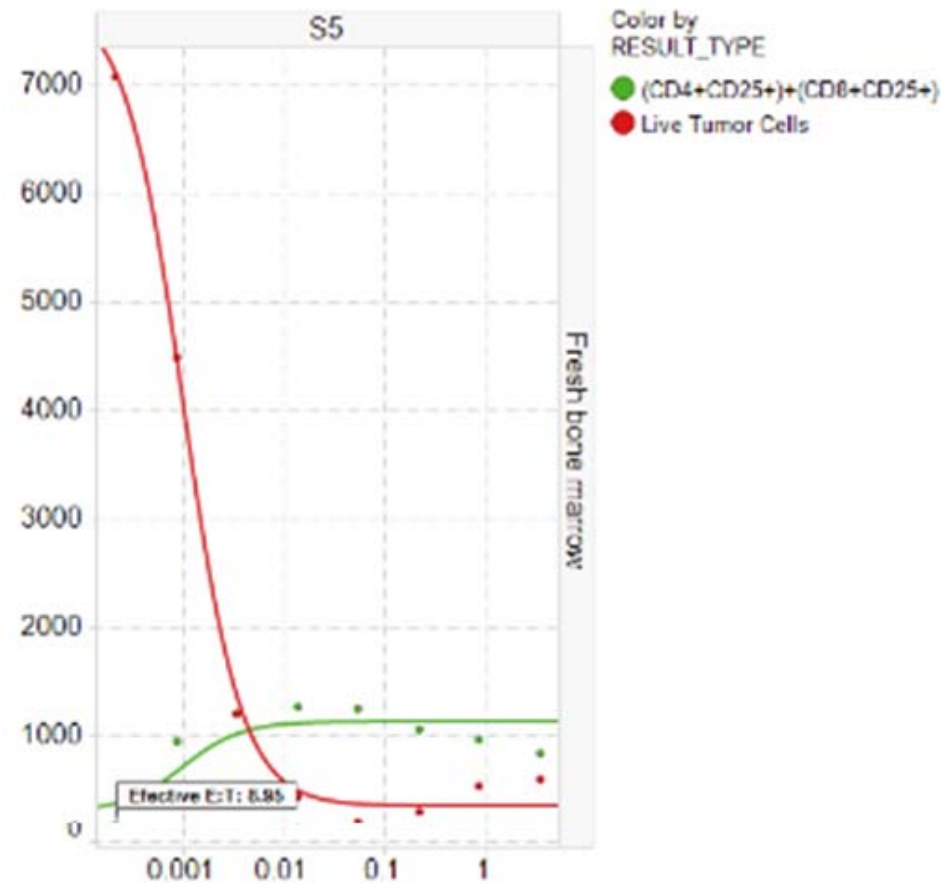


Hypothesis: BsAb-efficacy is not dependent on the antigen specificity of bound T-cells - it essentially confers Tumor Associated Antigen-specificity to the entire contacted T-cell populous

*Are BiTEs the “missing link” in cancer therapy?, Oncolmunology, 4:6, 2015*

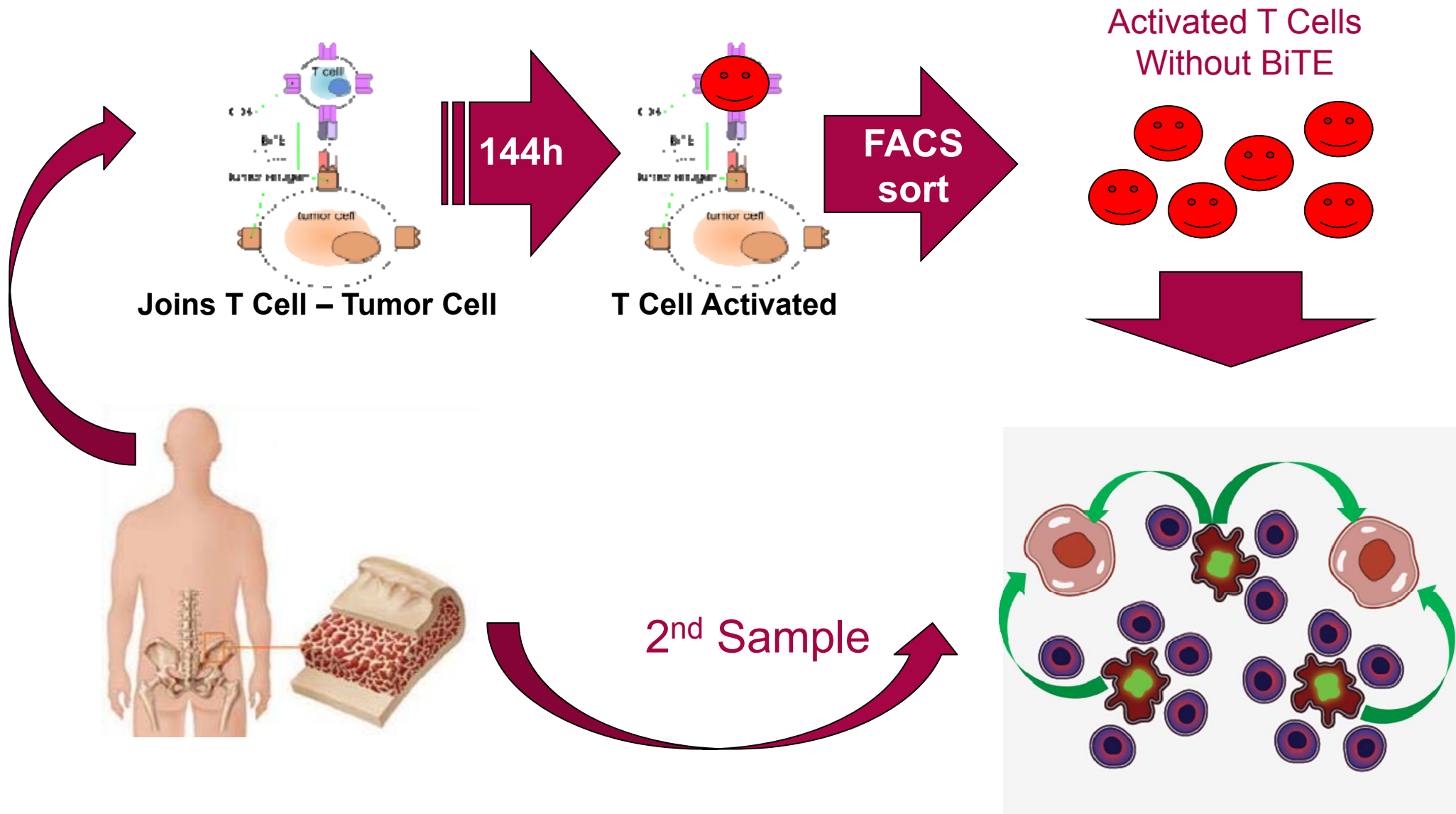
# Samples with low % CD123+ in Tumor Cells

show strong depletion blasts & high Effective E:T Ratio



**Activated cytotoxic T Cell kills blasts through a CD123 independent MOA**

# Activated Cytotoxic T Cell Kills Blasts Through a CD123 Independent MOA

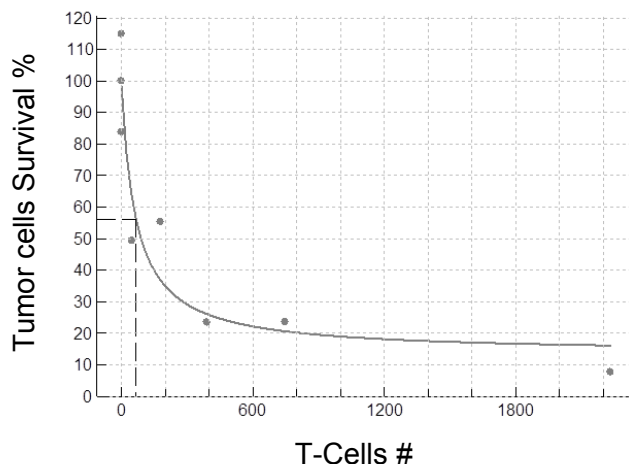




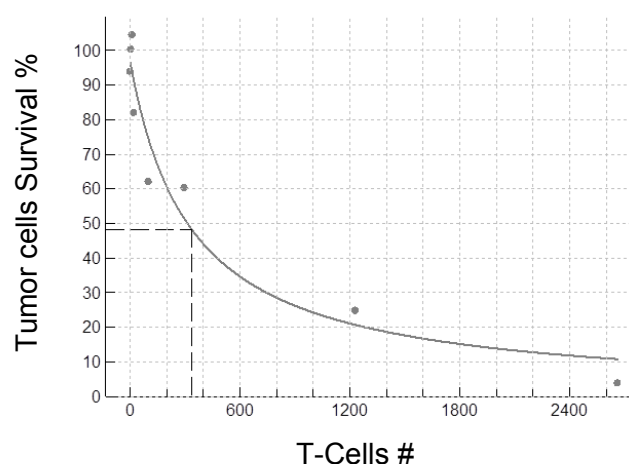
# Measuring Dose Responses of Sorted Activated T Cells Without Bispecific Antibody



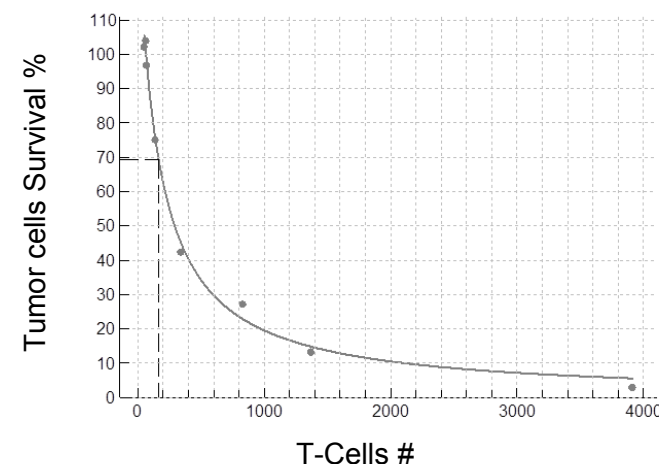
**CD8+CD25+**



**CD4+CD25+**



**(CD8+CD25+) + (CD4+CD25+) 1:1**



Tumor cells survival % estimated regarding plate no-drug control. Intercept dashed line correspond to IC50 value

	IC50 (T-Cells#)	E0 (Survival %)	Emax (% Survival)	AUC(0-1000)
CD8+CD25+	67	84.8	13.7	29392.1
CD4+CD25+	336	96.5	0.0	44769.0
(CD4+CD25+)&(CD8+CD25+) [1:1]	164	138.4	0.0	44499.9

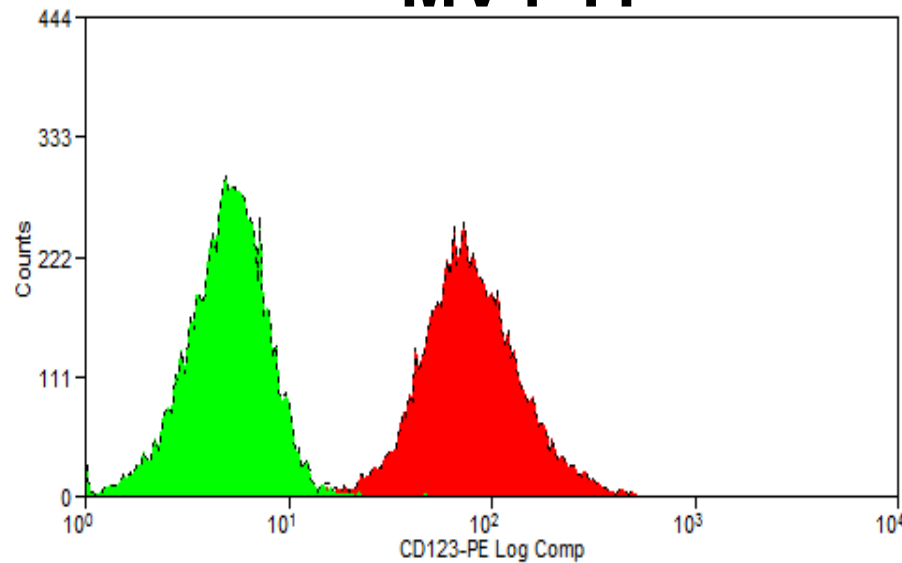
**Both CD8 & CD4 activated T Cells kill tumor cells**  
**CD8+ 5x more potent than CD4+**  
**Effective E:T Ratios with CD4 & CD8 activated T Cells**

# Can FACS Sorted CD25+ T Cells Kill AML Cells Lines w/o CD123 Expression?



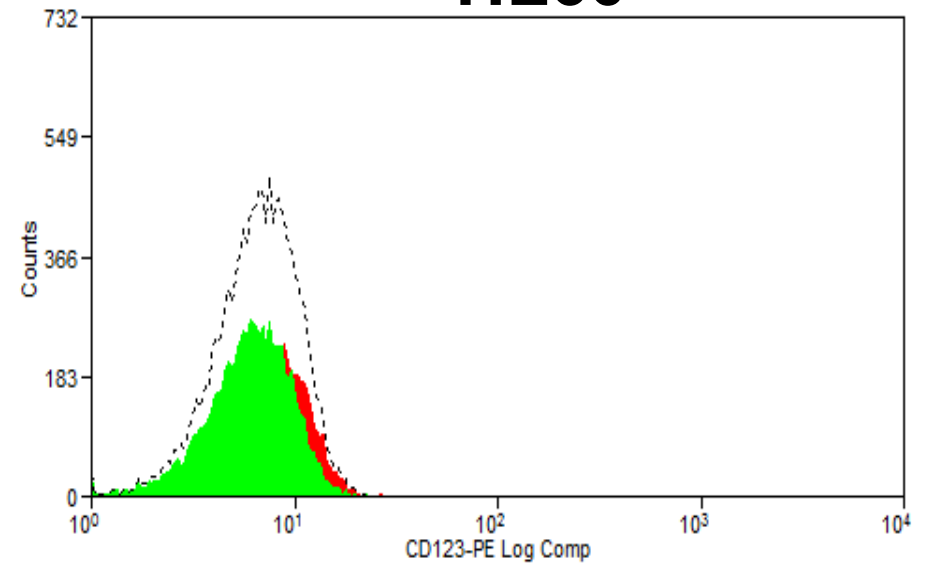
**CONTROL**  
**CD123**

**MV4-11**



**Positive**

**HL60**



**Negative**

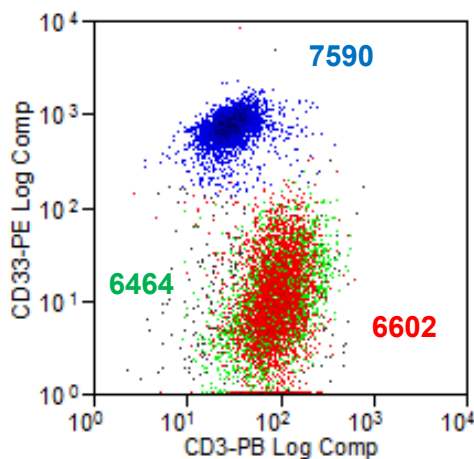
# Can They Kill AML Cells Lines w/o CD123 Expression? YES

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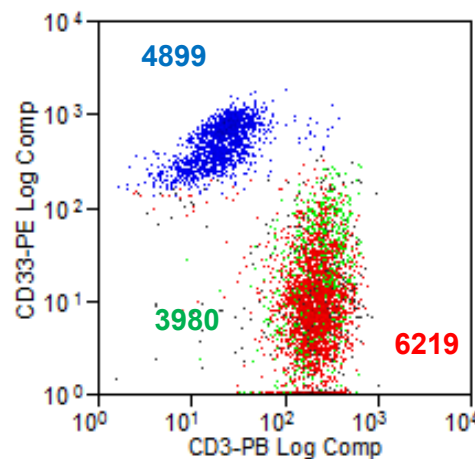
HL60

No CD123

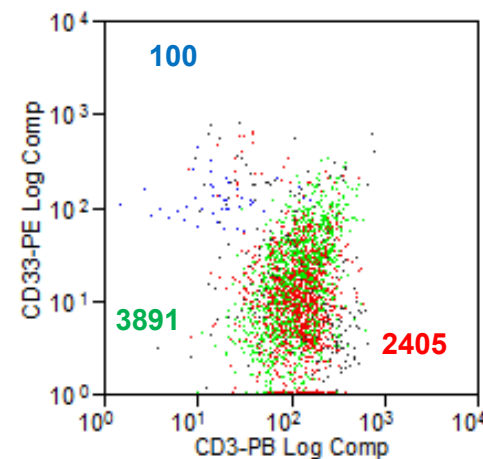
Basal



4h



24h



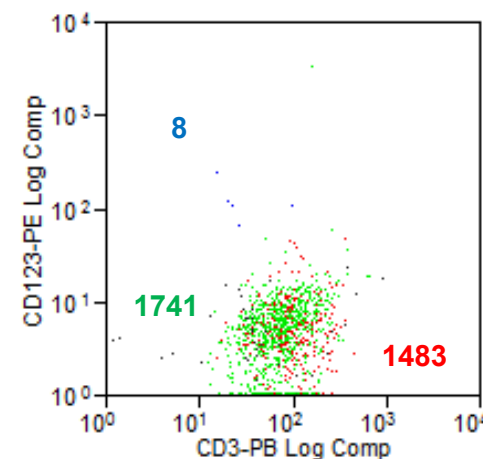
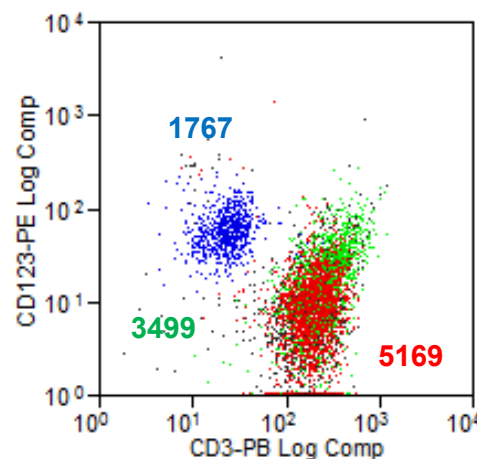
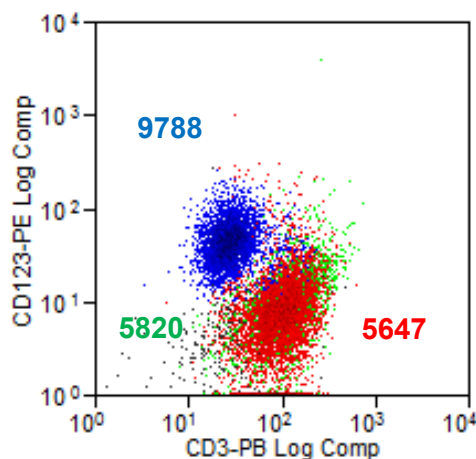
Cell Line

CD4

CD8

MV4-11

Yes CD123



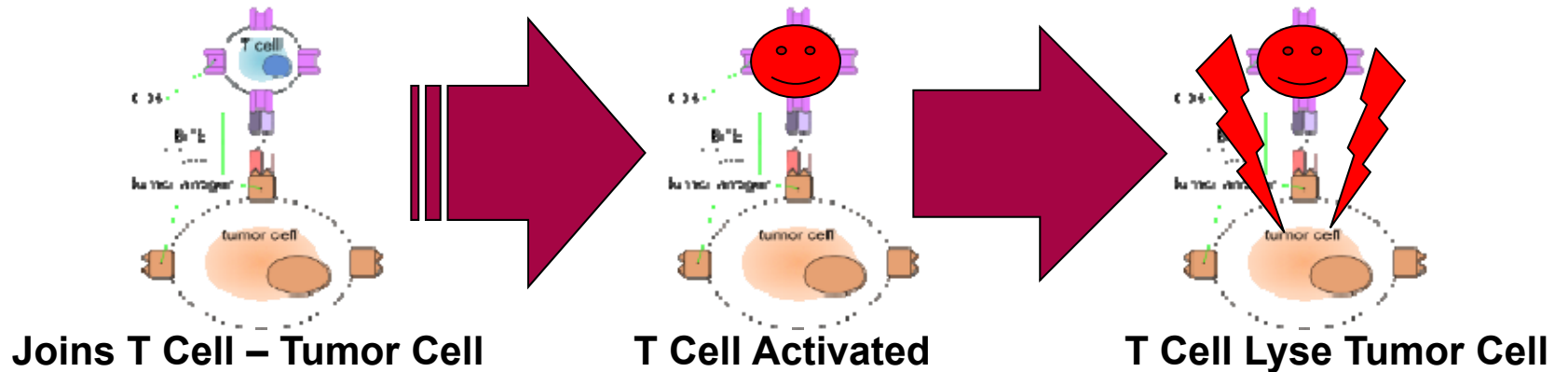
FACS sorted activated cells kill in a CD123 independent MOA

# Standard MOA: BsAbs Promote Direct Tumor Lysis by Proximity

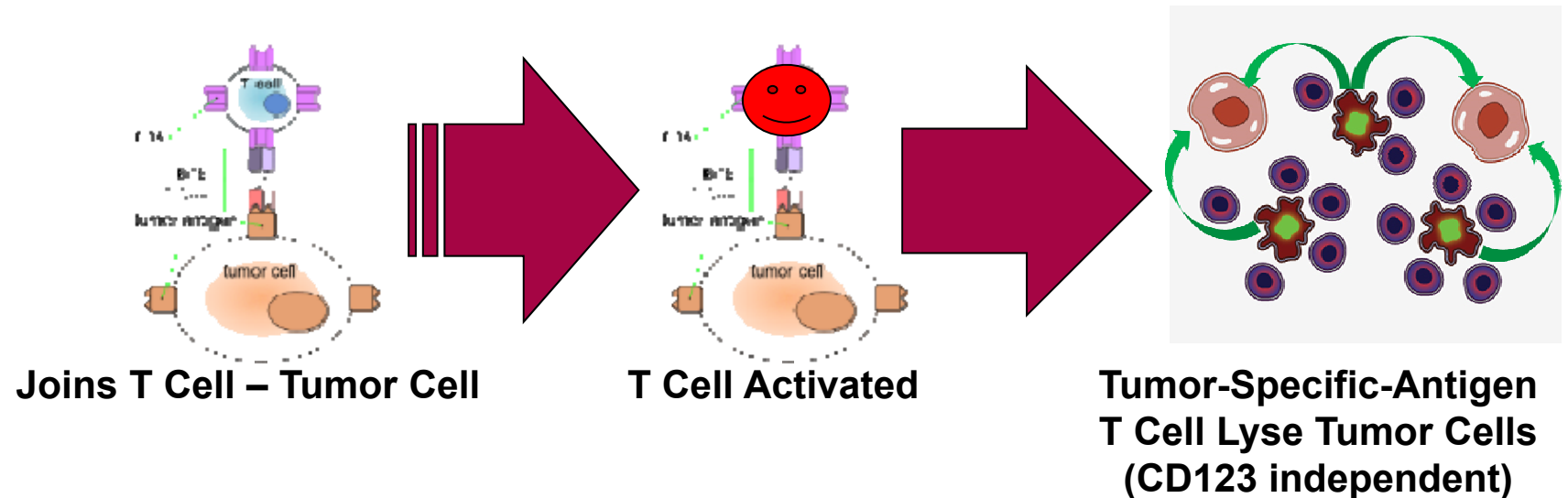
## New MOA: BsAbs may activate Tumor-Specific-Antigen T Cells



### Standard MOA



### New MOA



High Effective E:T Ratios (e.g. 25) samples may activate TSA-T Cells  
Low Effective E:T Ratios (e.g. 1-5) may kill only by low potency proximity



# TILs in Solid Tumors:

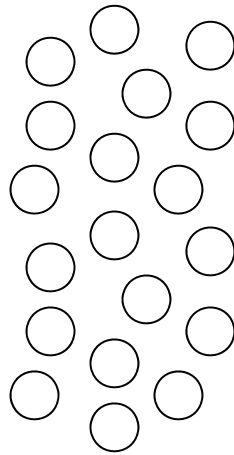
## TSA T Cells Immunosuppressed by Tumor Microenvironment



T cells travel throughout body  
Searching for tumor cells

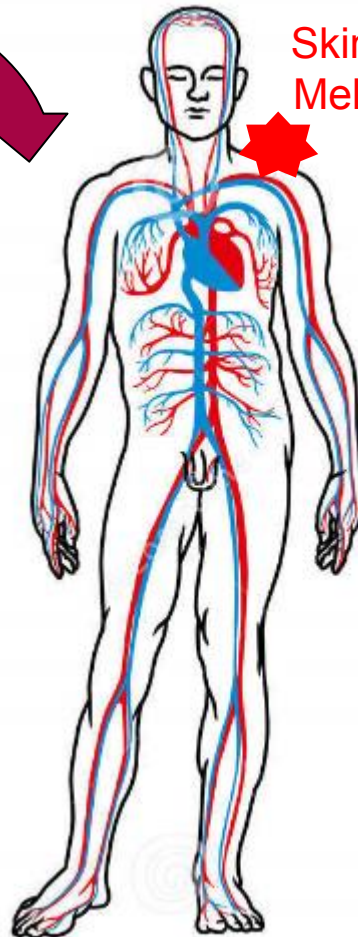


Thymus generates  
millions of T cells  
each recognize  
1 foreign antigen



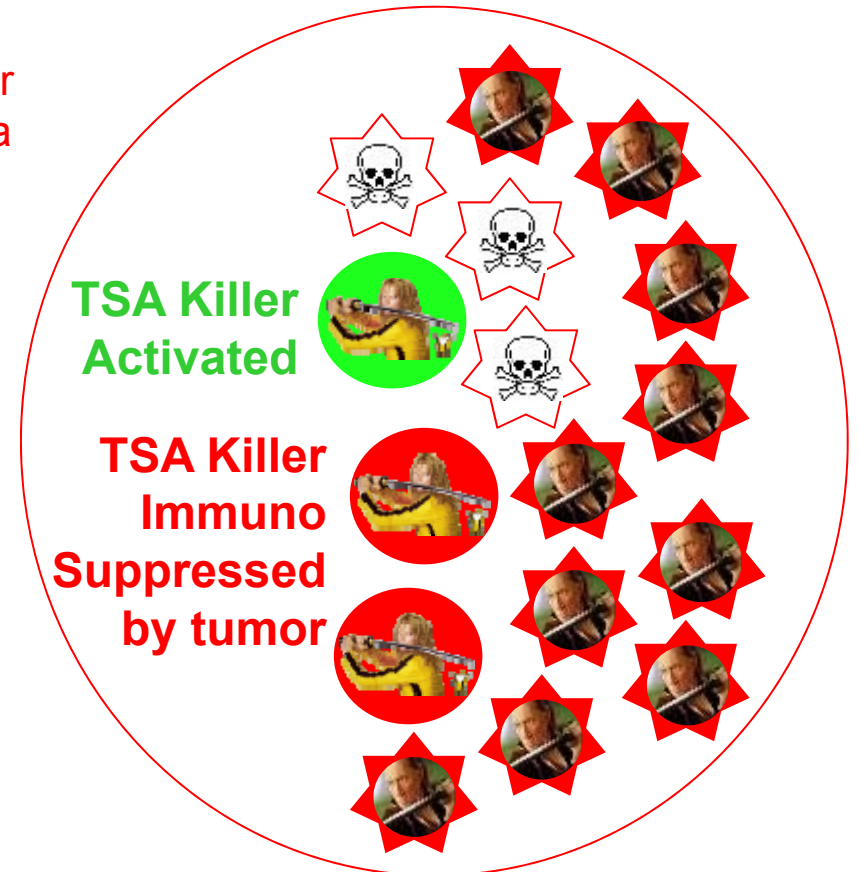
Few T cells  
recognize  
Selectively  
Tumor cells

(e.g. neo-antigens)  
Tumor-Specific-Antigen (TSA) T Cells



Skin tumor  
Melanoma

## TUMOR



Tumor Infiltrated Lymphocytes (TILs)  
Contain TSA T Cells but most are  
immunosuppressed by tumor microenvironment



# How Can BM Samples With Low % T Cells Have TSA TILs?

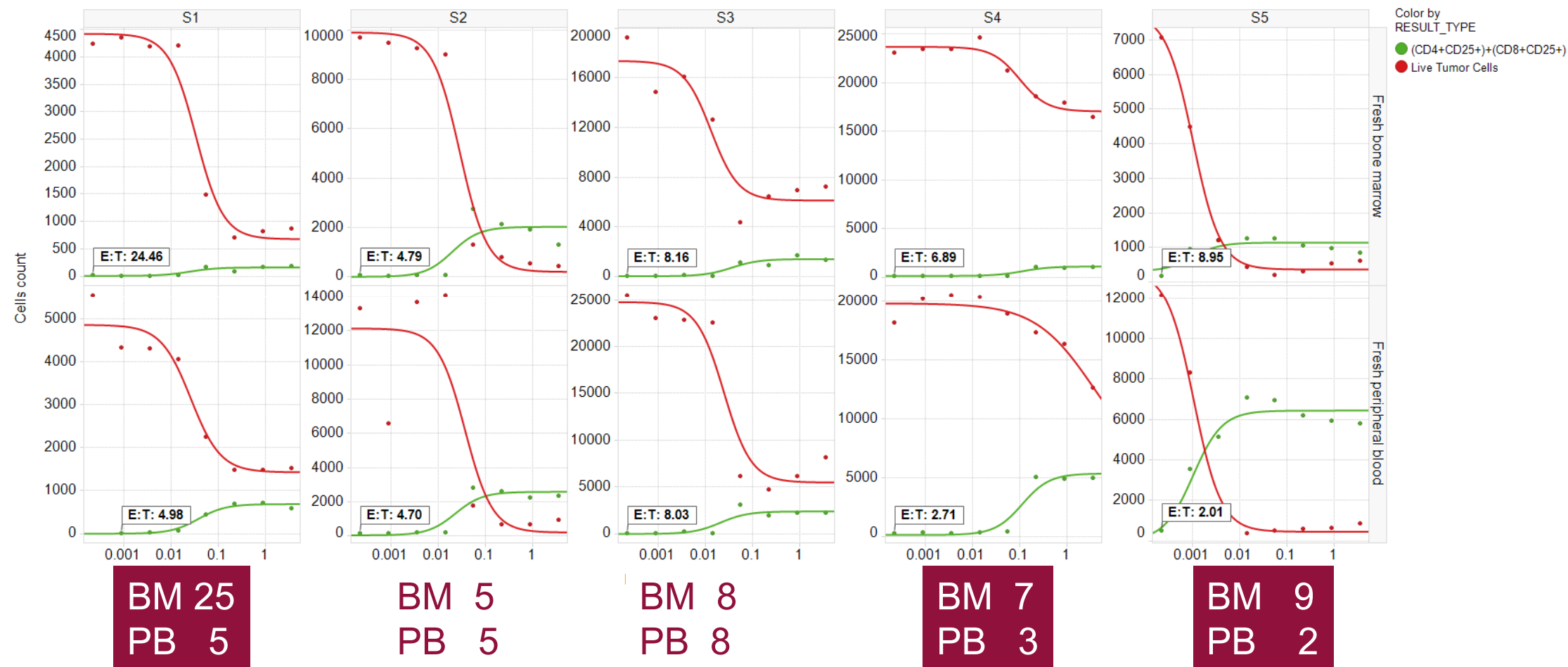
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- **Solid tumor Immuno-Oncology TILs**
  - TSA T Cells generated in Thymus travel to tumor site
  - Tumor microenvironment immunosuppresses TSA → TILs
  - Higher % TILs prognostic factor for immune therapy response
- **Hematological Malignancies → same in BM**
  - BM samples enriched in TILs
    - **Not appreciated before because is normal to have T cells in BM**
  - TSA T Cells present in 50-1.000 T-Cells/well
    - **vs 7.000-22.000 tumor cells in same well**
  - Higher % TILs → High Effective E:T Ratio → better patient response to bispecific therapy?

# If Bone Marrow T Cells Are Enriched in TSA Immunosuppressed TILs BM vs Peripheral Blood Activated T Cells should behave differently



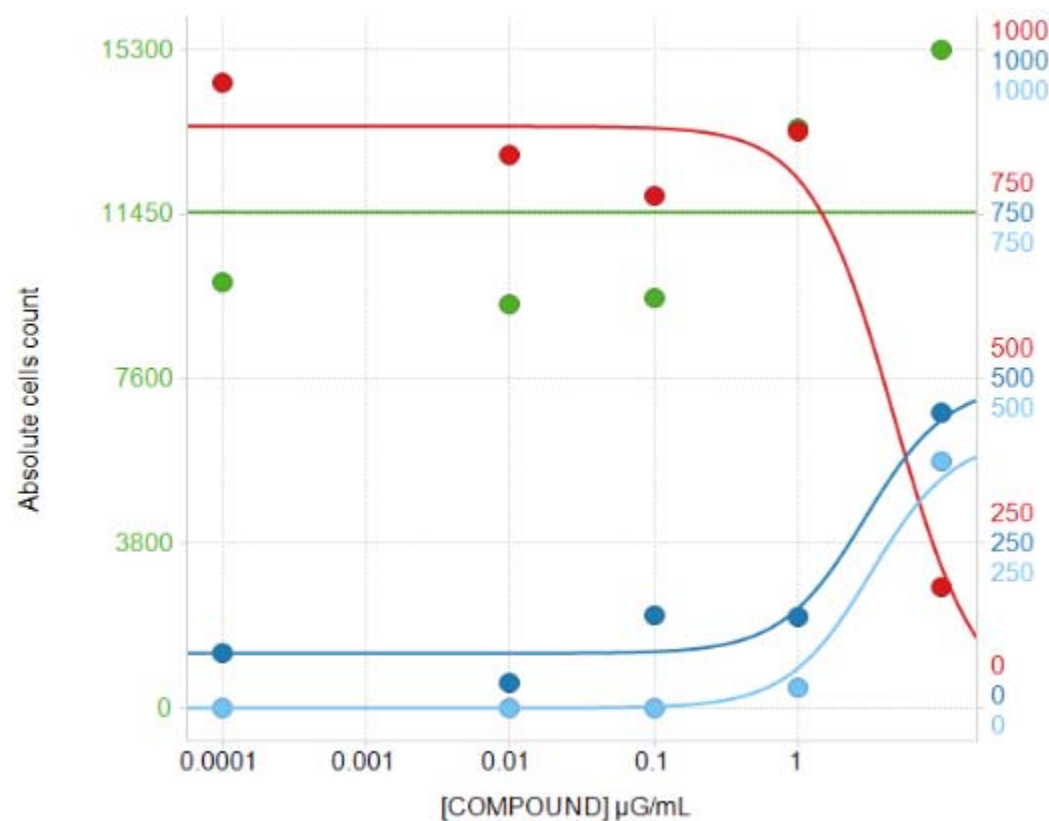
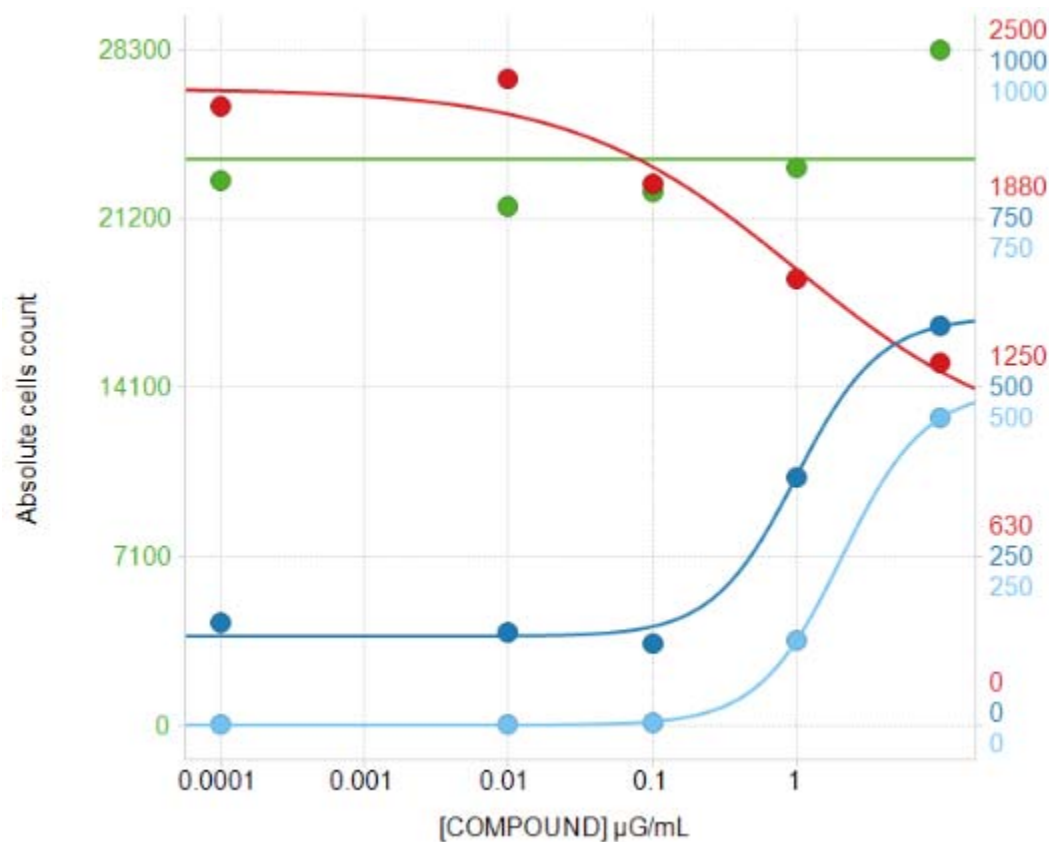
BM vs PB samples same AML patient incubated 72h with BsAb CD3xCD123



**BM T cells are better killers in 3/5 samples  
consistent with BM immunosuppressed TILs in 3/5 samples**

# If Activated BM T Cells are TSA They Should Kill Selectively Tumor Cells and Not Kill Healthy Cells

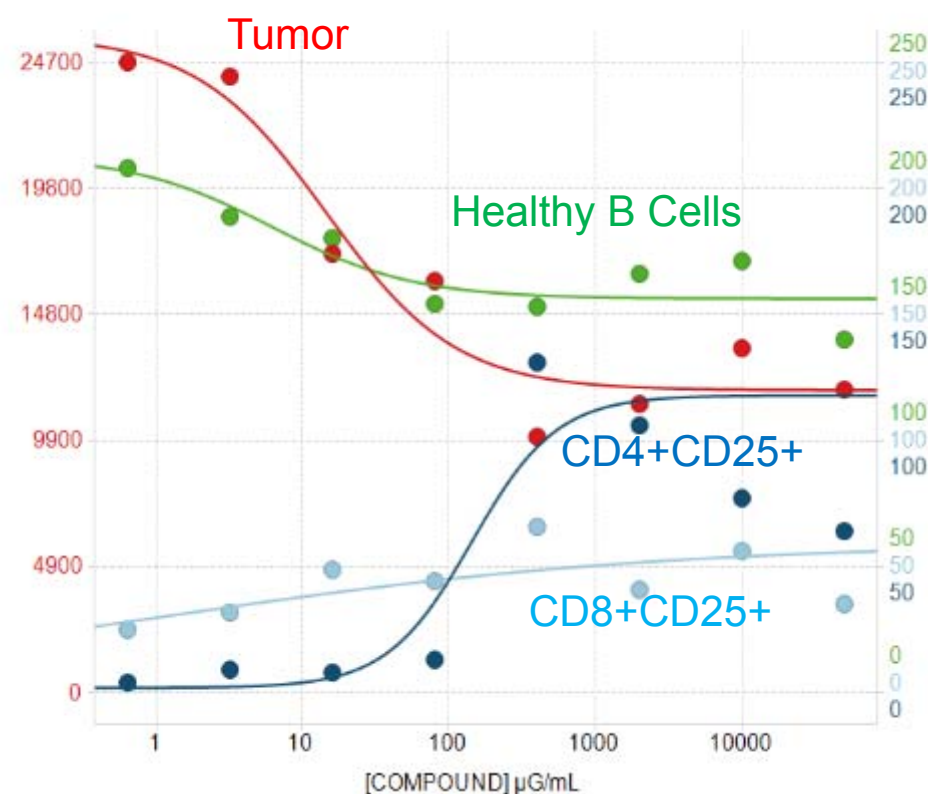
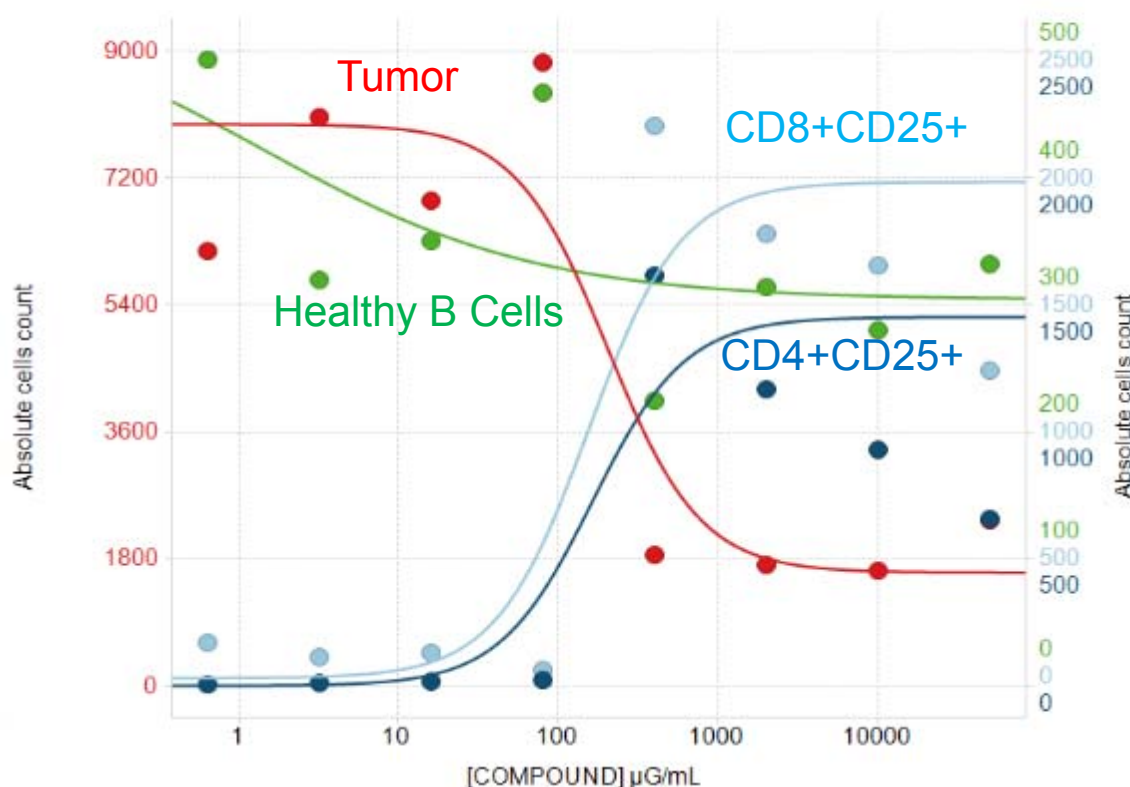
2 Multiple Myeloma samples, T Cells induced by Bispecific Ab



**Activated proliferating T Cells kill tumor cells**  
**but not healthy granulocytes within the same bone marrow sample**

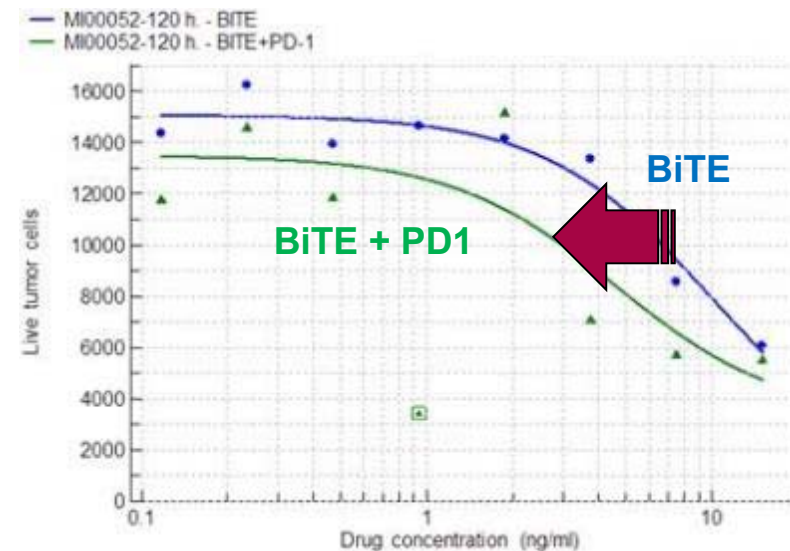
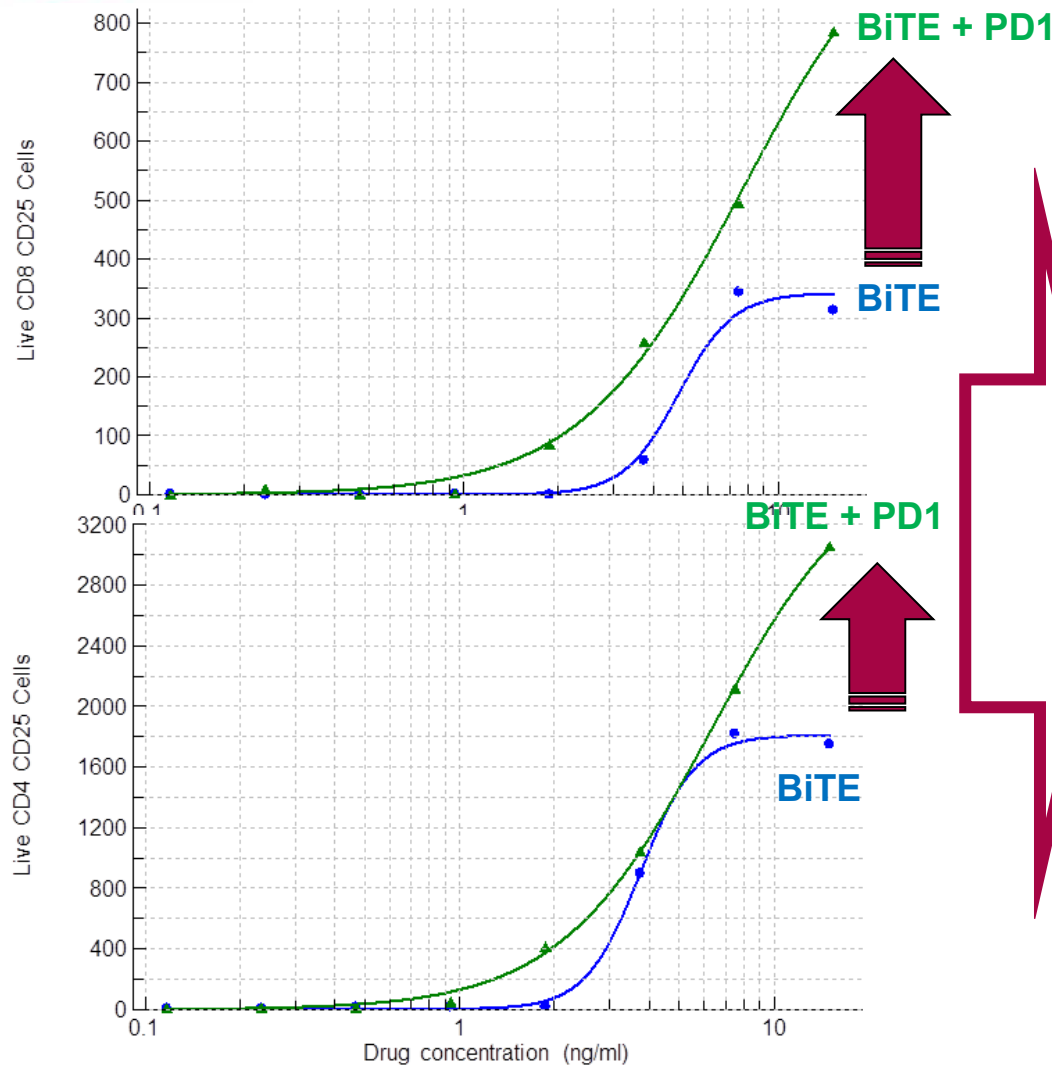
# If Activated BM T Cells are TSA They Should Kill Selectively Tumor Cells and Not Kill Healthy Cells

2 AML BM samples, T Cells induced by Bispecific Ab CD3xCD123



**Activated proliferating T Cells kill tumor cells but not healthy B Cells within the same bone marrow sample**

# If Activated T Cells are TSA TILs They Should Respond To PD1 (Nivolumab)

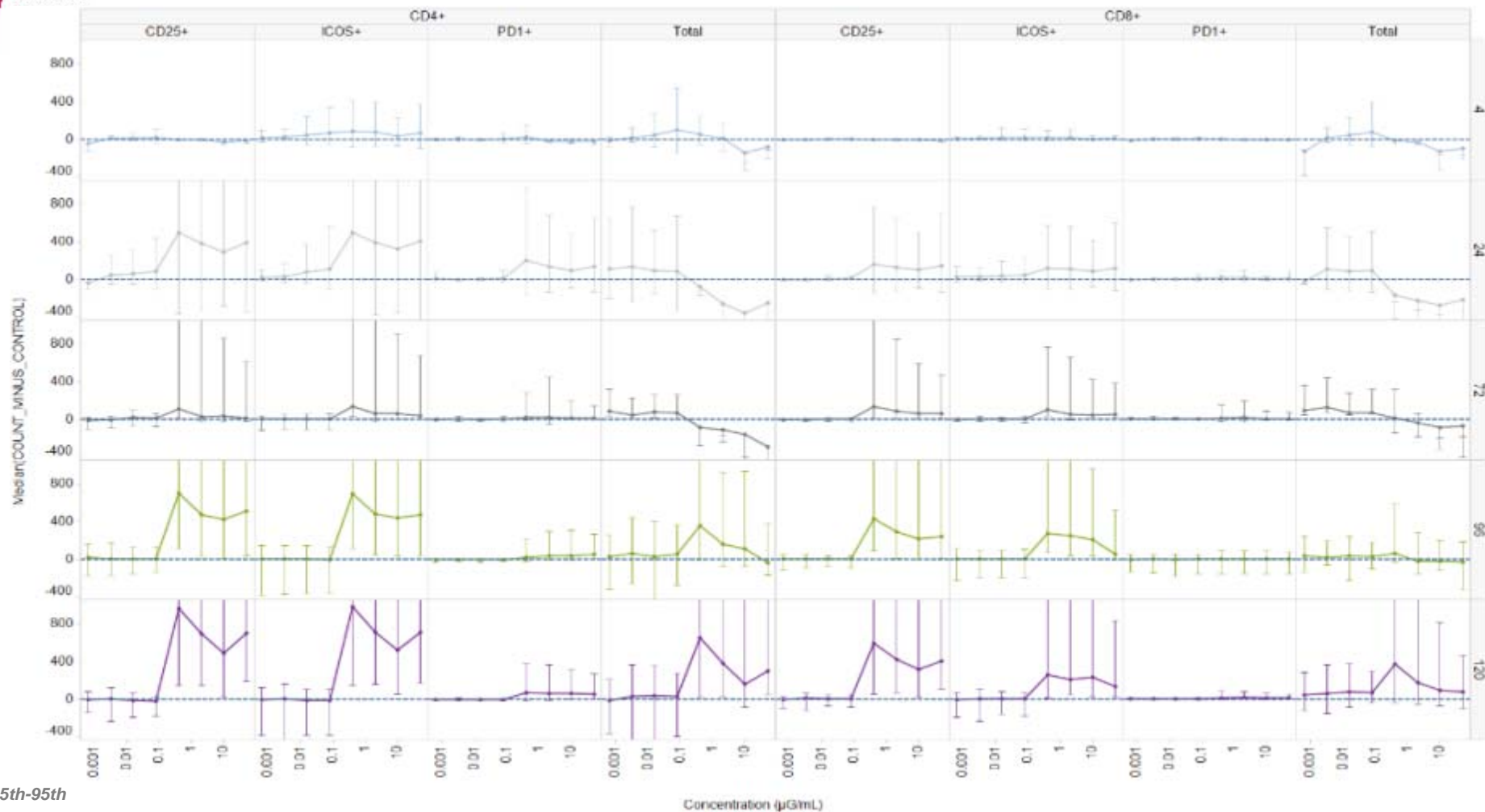


**PD1 Increases activated CD4 & CD8 T Cells, enhancing tumor killing**  
**Effect of PD1 more pronounced on more immunosuppressed**  
**samples with low Emax (CLL > ALL, AML, MM)**



# TSA T Cells Killers are ICOS+ (JP Allison, AACR 2016)

## T Cell Immunophenotyping 5 AML Samples CD3xCD123



- ICOS+ similar to CD25+ supporting these activated T cells are TSA
- PD1 expression weak at 5 days, higher at 6-7 days incubation
- Total T Cell counts decrease 48-72 h, non-effector memory T cells die

# New MOA Desirable for Bispecifics Discovery & Development

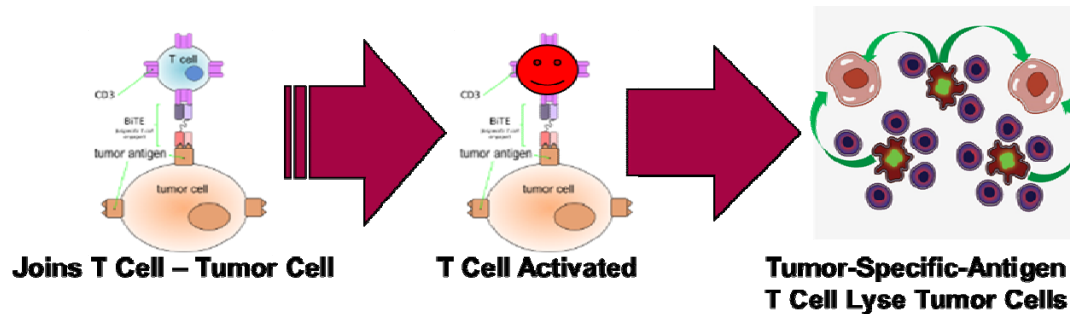


- **New MOA activating patient's TSA-T Cell is very desirable for bispecific candidates**
  - Higher efficacy T Cells (Effective E:T Ratios)
  - Higher safety, TSA T Cell kill selectively cancer cells
  - Occurs in addition to standard proximity MOA
- **Bispecific Development & Clinical**
  - Assay enables patient selection clinical trials (CDx)
  - Assay identifies combinations to maximize new MOA (PD1 etc...)
- **Bispecific Discovery**
  - Assay can be applied from hits to leads (we can screen 400 to 20.000 wells/sample)
  - Iterations of screens of 10 samples, discarding bad hits keeping best hits, so that best hits become validated in 50-100 samples

# New MOA Suggest novel design of BsAbs

## Alternative surface targets on T Cells & Tumor cells

**New MOA**



**CD3xCDTumor**

**PD1xPDL1**

**CD3xCDTumor  
PD1xPDL1**

**100s  
1000s**

**Best I-O**

- **Bispecifics of Immune check point inhibitors & ligands also join T cells & tumor cells → same MOA**
  - Ideal for immuno-resistant tumor cells
- **Tetraspecifics may combine both designs**
  - E.g. CD3xCDTumor & PD1xPDL1
- **Vivia can screen 100s constructs/sample**
- **Enable partner with expertise BsAb designs**
- **Together High Throughput discovery of new wave of multi-specific Ab I-O candidates**

# Bispecific Ab Assay Cancer Indications

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- **Established in Hematological Malignancies**

- AML
- MDS
- MM
- ALL
- CLL
- Available for Cryopreserved biobank samples of all above except CLL

- **Expanding to solid tumors**

- Lung cancer pleural liquid
- Ovarian cancer ascetic fluid

# Conclusions

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- Novel proprietary ex vivo assay for Bispecific Antibodies (BsAb) with novel measurement of activity “Effective E:T Ratios”
  - Assay enable searching best of multiple combinations Bispecifics & SOC
  - BsAbs generate CTLs that kill tumor independent of BsAb & target. These CTL may be Tumor-Specific-Antigen CTLs immunosuppressed in bone marrow, same as TILs in solid tumors. This should be very beneficial for patients and may be a criteria for bispecific optimization and patient selection
  - Clinical trials should not exclude patient for low expression of targetxCD3
  - New design of multi-specific antibodies from our new MOA empowered by our screening of 100’s constructs ex vivo
  - Offered on a collaborative or service basis
  - Novel Immuno-Oncology assay: Activated T Cells ex vivo by bispecific T cell engagers are tumor associated and thus better than CD3+CD28 non-selectively activated T Cells as representative of the immuno-oncology response. These bispecifics can be used as reagents for a novel I-O assay to explore new immunotherapies.
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