

Memory Natural Killer Cells

Unlocking the potential of our innate immunity



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Patented cGMP manufacturing process



Memory-like NK cells in a fully cGMP process

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* Conventional NK from PBMC

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Use of mixed immune cells result in much higher cell numbers vs. known methods

Unprecedented numbers (~5x10¹⁰ cells) equivalent to 100+ doses⁽¹⁾ from single donor

O3 Fully cGMP process with consistent cell production quality (<u>150+ lots</u> to date)

More receptors \implies Better tumor recognition/killing

Higher IFN- $\gamma \implies$ Better adaptive/regulatory

(1) Based on expected dose for solid tumor indications

Pipeline

Memory NK	Indications	POC	Preclinical	P1	P2	Рз
IGNK001		P2 III complete – preparing P2 SII				
IGNK002a	NSCLC ⁽²⁾	P1 autho	orized			
IGNK002b	Liver cancer	P1 autho	orized			
IGNK002c	Colorectal cancer	Preclinic	al			
Peptide/Engager						
IGTN13	Solid tumors	Preclinic	al			
 IGTK (TriKE)	Solid tumors	Explorat	cory			
CAR-NK						
IGCAR	Solid tumors	Ab disco complet	e e			

R/R AML = relapsed/refractory acute myeloid leukemia
NSCLC = non-small cell lung cancer



Investigator trials

IIT Phase 1/2 clinical study treatment scheme

Diverse genetic factors, high relapse rate and poor patient prognosis characterize R/R AML

- 01
- Total of 4 investigator trials completed (100+ patients infused) with demonstrated safety and efficacy
- 02
- Dose escalation study (P1) and different treatment scheme (4x infusions vs. 2x infusions) attempted over 2 trials
- → No added benefits from 4x infusions
- 03
- Current treatment scheme (2x infusions) developed and applied to 2 trials including a randomization study
- * Reduced-intensity with busulfan, fludarabine, and antithymocyte globulin



Note:

G-CSF = granulocyte colony stimulating factor; MNC = mononuclear cells; DNKI = donor NK cell infusion (IGNK); HSCT = hematopoietic stem cell transplant; HLA = human leukocyte antigen



Pooled patient data from phase II trials

	DNKI (n=69)	Control (n=58)	P-value
CR after HCT	82.4% (56/68)	51.2% (21/41)	.001
PFS, median, 2/5-yr	5.7 (33.3/24.1%)	3.7 (15.5/11.0%)	.028
CIR, median, 2/5-yr	37.7/46.9%	58.6/63.1%	.040

* Combined data from NCT00823524 and NCT02477787 IIT

- $\checkmark\,$ Over 100 patients and 5+ years follow-up
- ✓ Proven safety with minimal side effects
- ✓ Statistically significant treatment effects
- Patient survival increased by x3-fold



- (1) NCT00823524: IGNK+HSCT (n=29) vs HSCT only (n=22) historical cohort (BBMT 20 (2014) 696-702)
- (2) NCT02477787: IGNK+HSCT (n=40) vs HSCT only (n=36) randomization study (manuscript under review)
- (3) CR=complete remission, PFS=progression-free survival, CIR=cumulative incidence of relapse, NRM=non-relapse mortality, GVHD=graft-vs-host disease



Memory-like NK cells with lasting persistence

- O1 Dramatic increase in CD56^{bright} NK cells with immunoregulatory functions
- O2 Up to 30-fold increase in memory-like NK cells
- 03 Improvement in NK cell condition as a result of reduced exhausted NK cells

Single treatment of IGNK001 results in NK cell recovery with persistence lasting months



* Manuscript under review



Lymphocyte population shift post treatment

- O1 Higher number of NK cells (~1.8 times) compared to pre-treatment
- O2 Significantly, CD8 effector memory T cells increased vs. pre-treatment
- O3 Immune reconstitution observed in patients' peripheral blood



Lasting effects observed for at least 12 months post-treatment

I. Choi et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 20 (2014) 696-704

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Mode of Action (MOA)

Donor-NK cell mediated T cell activation



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Gene expression profiling results before and after IGNK treatment and scRNA-seq analysis at single cell level suggests immunoregulatory mechanism of IGNK001 that includes activation of CD8 T cells by IGN- γ to effector memory CD8 cells.

Case Study #1

Relapsed AML patient (66 years old, female)

- Apr 2009: Palpitation, WBC 4,800 with blast 33%
- 4 May 2009: Bone marrow (BM) showed AML M2, 46, XX
- **7 May 2009: Achieved CR** after induction chemo (AD), followed by 3x consolidation
- 15 Sep 2010: Blasts in PB, BM showed AML recurrence (blast 40%)
- 8 Oct 2010: Salvage chemo (AD); persistent leukemia (BM blast 70%)
- 14 Dec 2010: Received haplo-identical HSCT from donor (son) with 2x NK cell infusions
- Currently living healthily and disease-free (last follow-up: Sep 2022, 12 years post-treatment)
 - 1) Schmid et al, Blood. 2006;108(3):1092-9.)
 - 2) Hiddemann et al, Leukemia. 1990;4(3):184-8
 - (3) Shallis et al, Blood Rev, Vol. 36, 2019

Data from investigator trial courtesy of Seoul Asan Medical Center, Korea



✓ 50-70% of AML patients relapse after CR^{(1),(2)}

- ✓ 1-year survival for patients aged >65 less than 20%⁽³⁾
- Patient relapsed after chemo but was cured with a single treatment of IGNK001 alone following HSCT



Case Study #2

Refractory AML patient (66 years old, male)

- Dec 2010: Palpitation
- 9 Feb 2011: Pancytopenia, BM showed AML with MDS related change
- 20 Feb 2011: Failed to achieve CR after induction chemo (AI "7+3")
- **5 Apr 2011: Failed to achieve CR** after re-induction chemo (AI "5+2")
- 6 Jul 2011: Received haplo-identical HSCT from donor (son) with 2x NK cell infusions
- Currently living healthily and disease-free (last follow-up: Sep 2022, 11 years post-treatment)

Data from investigator trial courtesy of Seoul Asan Medical Center, Korea



- Patient failed to achieve CR after 2 rounds of chemo
- Now living disease free after only a single treatment of IGNK001 alone following HSCT
- ✓ Demonstrates lasting effect of IGNK001 treatment



Next step -IGNK001 P2 sponsor trials (IND submitted & processing)





Three major oncology institutions in Korea recruited for P2 study sites (clockwise)

- Seoul St. Mary's Hospital
- Seoul Asan Medical Center
- Samsung Medical Center

P2 sponsor trials for R/R AML

- Single-arm, open-label, multicenter,
- pivotal study recruiting up to 45 patients
- Follow-up
- Trial to proceed with 18-months follow-up
- and expanded access program (EAP)
- available
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- Marketing authorization
- Full commercialization upon completion
- of study by end-2024

Study designed to maximize trial success

- In depth statistical analysis were performed on pooled results IIT
- P-values and survival curves calculated for different follow-up (F/U) periods, PFS (%), median PFS (months) and patient subgroups
- <u>Objective response rate (ORR) is the typical primary end-point</u> for current cell therapy trials
- IGNK001 achieved CR (ORR) of >82% vs. HSCT alone (p=0.001)
- Statistical significance in median PFS (months) with p=0.034 after excluding rel <u>AND</u> ref patients

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18-months F/U Kaplan-Meier plot after excluding rel AND ref patients

High probability of trial success

CAR-T vs IGNK001

	YESCARTA	KYMRIAH	IGNK001*
First approved indication	R/R DLBCL	ALL	R/R AML (IIT)
Primary Endpoint	ORR ⁽¹⁾	ORR ⁽¹⁾	TBD ⁽²⁾
ORR	83%	83%	82% (CR) ^{(3),(4)}
CR	54%	64%	82 % ⁽⁴⁾
Median F/U period	7.9 months	4.8 months	68.9 months ⁽⁴⁾
Side effects ⁽⁵⁾	CRS 94% neurotoxicity 87% TRM 4%	CRS 79% neurotoxicity 65% TRM 3%	No effect on CRS, neurotoxicity, GVHD
Manufacture duration	Median 17 days (Range: 14-51 days) ⁽⁶⁾	22 days (Target turnaround time) ⁽⁶⁾	7-13 days
Price per treatment	\$373,000 ⁽⁶⁾	\$475,000 ⁽⁶⁾	~\$150,000 (est.)

<u>Note:</u> (1) FDA approval on the basis of ORR improvement compared to standard treatment

(2) To be decided following consultation with the Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (Korea)

(3) ORR not measured during investigator trials but will be included in P2 sponsor trials

- (4) Pooled results from 2 investigator trials
- (5) Percentage of total patients treated with symptoms

(6) According to manufacturer

CRS=cytokine release syndrome, TRM=treatment related mortality

IGNK001 already fulfils FDA approval criteria



Optimization of IGNK platform



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1 TXNIP-derived patented TN13 peptide inhibits p38 kinase and restores TGF-βmediated NK cell suppression in TME

2 Ingenium CAR-NK delivered via mRNA for enhanced tumor cell targeting

13 Ingenium IL15/NKp30 TriKE NK engager for increased NK cell-mediated killing



Promising preclinical anti-tumor effects

O1 Increasing IGNK001 dosage resulted in greater tumor suppression against various cancers including lung, liver and colon (Right image depicts liver cancer mouse model)

- O2 Higher IGNK001 dosage approached similar tumor suppression effects to positive control (doxorubin/ADR)
- O3 Infusing patients with sufficient numbers of NK cells is critical to ensuring treatment success





Comparison of tumor volume in nude mice (=4) implanted with SNU-354 human hepatoma cells followed by IGNK treatment at different doses between $1-4x10^6$ cells/mouse.

IGNK001 preclinical studies



Off-the-shelf memory-like NK against NSCLC

- O1 Cryogenic formulation: No change in cytotoxicity or viability after 16 weeks of cryogenic storage (as of July 2022, test to continue for up to 2 yrs)
- O2 Overcoming TME: "IGNK Shield" (IGNK002 + IGTN13 peptide) at preclinical stage

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O3 ADCC: Combination possibility with current targeted therapies (pembrolizumab combination study in progress)





IGCAR: Ingenium Tx CAR-NK

Next generation cancer therapy

- O1 Transient CAR NK from IGNK002 through targeted CAR mRNA expression
- O2 Using the latest scientific breakthroughs from COVID-19 vaccine
- O3 End goal of to use mAb-conjugated mRNA LNPs to target patient's NK cells *in vivo* to become transient CAR-NK cells



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- A. Transient CAR for enhanced tumor targeting
- B. IFN-g induced immune activation
- C. Memory-like NK cells with innate non-specific tumor recognition for immunosurveillance and to avoid antigen-specific tumor escape

TME infiltrator: patented IGTN13 peptide

- O1 TXNIP k/o shows defective NK differentiation [Lee & Choi. Immunity 2005]
- O2 TXNIP as a functional switch for p53 activity [Jung & Choi. Cell Metabolism 2013]
- O3 TXNIP-derived IGTN13 peptide binds and inhibits p38 kinase [Jung & Choi, Nature Communications 2016]
 - IGTN13 restores both TGF-β-mediated NK cell suppression and fratricide and simultaneously lowers TGF-β secretion in cancer cells [* Preclinical studies]

Preclinical efficacy study with IGNK002 against lung cancer underway (completion by Nov 2022)



IGTN13 preclinical

<u>Figure 1:</u> Restoration of NK cell cytotoxicity by IGTN13 against lung cancer cell line (right) after being suppressed by TGF- β (middle)



Figure 2:IGTN13 action reduces TGF-β expression in H460 tumorcells dose-dependently (left) and can also reduce TGF-β-mediatedNK cell fratricide (right)NK92 fratricide



Figure 3: Tumor volume reduction by IGTN13 in BALB/C SPF nude mice transfected with H460

01 Promising *in vitro* preclinical results against lung cancer

- **O2** Restores NK cell activity within high TGF- β setting
- O3 Significant anti-tumor effects with no observed safety issues





IGTN13: Potential applications

TAT-IGTN13 effectively prevents OVX-induced bone loss in vivo and inhibits RANKL-induced osteoclast formation





Article

Inhibition of Osteoclastogenesis by Thioredoxin-Interacting Protein-Derived Peptide (TN13)

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Thioredoxin-interacting protein-derived peptide (TN13) inhibits LPS-induced inflammation by inhibiting p38 MAPK signaling



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Alzheimer's Disease treatment candidate

- O1 P38 MAPK inhibition is a crucial target for chronic inflammatory diseases including Alzheimer's Disease (AD) [Lee & Kim. Molecules 2017 Aug 2;22(8):1287]
- O2 A selective p38 MAPK inhibitor alleviates neuropathology and cognitive impairment in AD mouse model 5XFAD [Lee et al. Alzheimer's Research & Therapy 12: 45 (2020)]
- O3 Numerous studies underway using selective p38 MAPK inhibitors for the treatment of AD

IGTN13 specifically inhibits p38a MAPK and is a potential candidate for AD treatment



Nature Review Molecular Cell Biology 22, 346-366 (2021)



First-in-class peptide P38 MAPK inhibitor

- P38 MAPK inhibitors failed at clinical trials despite promising preclinical results due to selectivity and/or toxicity issues
 None have reached commercialization so far
- Peptides offer higher potency and selectivity with low toxicity
- Options include IGNK002 pretreatment with IGTN13, IV infusion with IGNK002 treatment or targeted LNP payload delivery

Notable P38 MAPK inhibitors:

Doramapimod (Boehringer Ingelheim) and **VX-745** (Vertex) <u>discontinued</u> due to adverse effects

ARRY-371797 (Pfizer) for treatment of dilated cardiomyopathy due to a Lamin A/C gene mutation <u>discontinued</u> in Aug 2022

Losmapimod (Fulcrum/GSK) under P3 and granted FDA fast track/orphan drug status - Fulcrum obtained full rights from GSK who discontinued development

Peptides vs small molecules



Only peptide P38 MAPK inhibitor under development

No observed side effects from in vivo studies to date

Careful approach in treatment applications and strategy





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