



# Novel Conditionally Active Bispecific T Cell Engagers Targeting Solid Tumors

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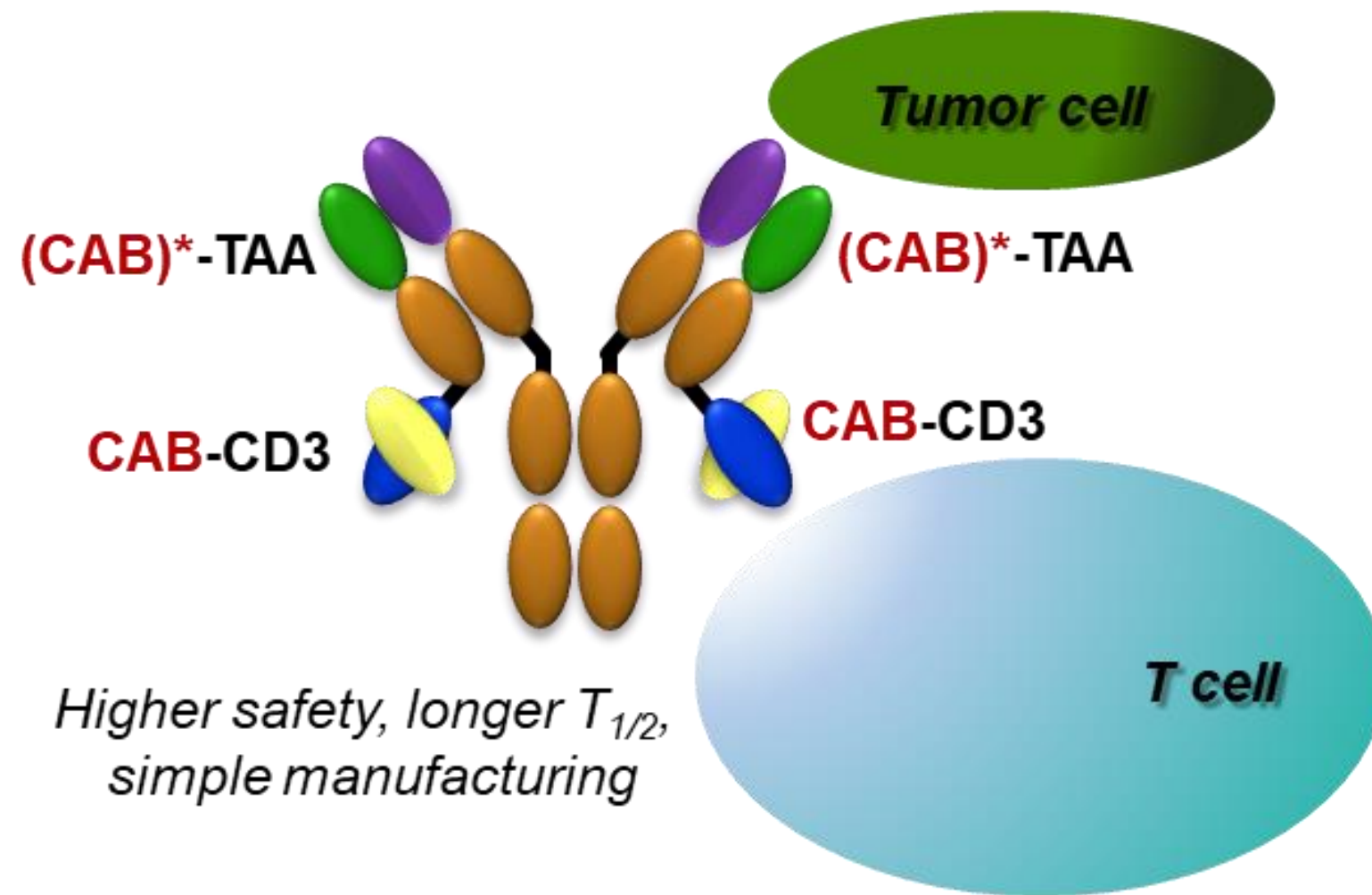
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- *BioAtla's CAB Technology*
- *BioAtla's CAB Butterfly Bispecific Antibodies Targeting EpCAM and B7H3 TAAs*

# Conditionally Active Biologics (CAB) Bispecific Platform



## *Butterfly CAB Bispecific Platform*



\*Optional CAB directed against the tumor associated antigen (TAA)

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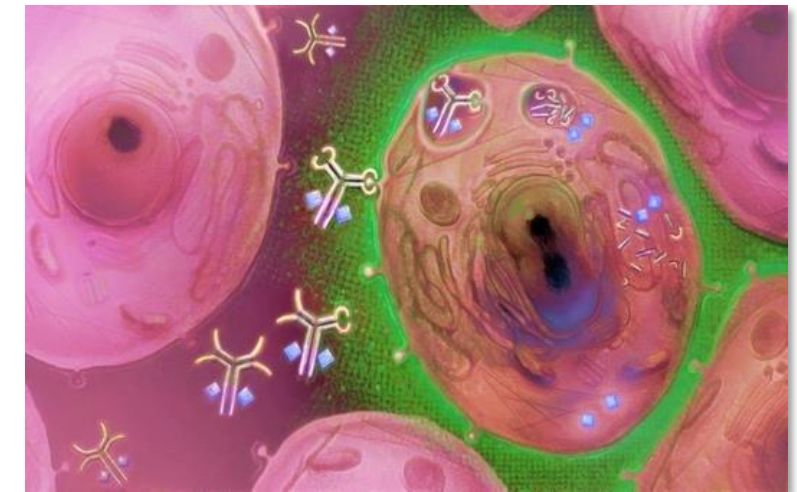
# CAB Technology Leverages Differential pH of Cancer Cells



## CABs designed to be active only under certain conditions found in disease tissue

### ○ Ability to generate antibodies that are only active in the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

- Increased safety
- Higher potency

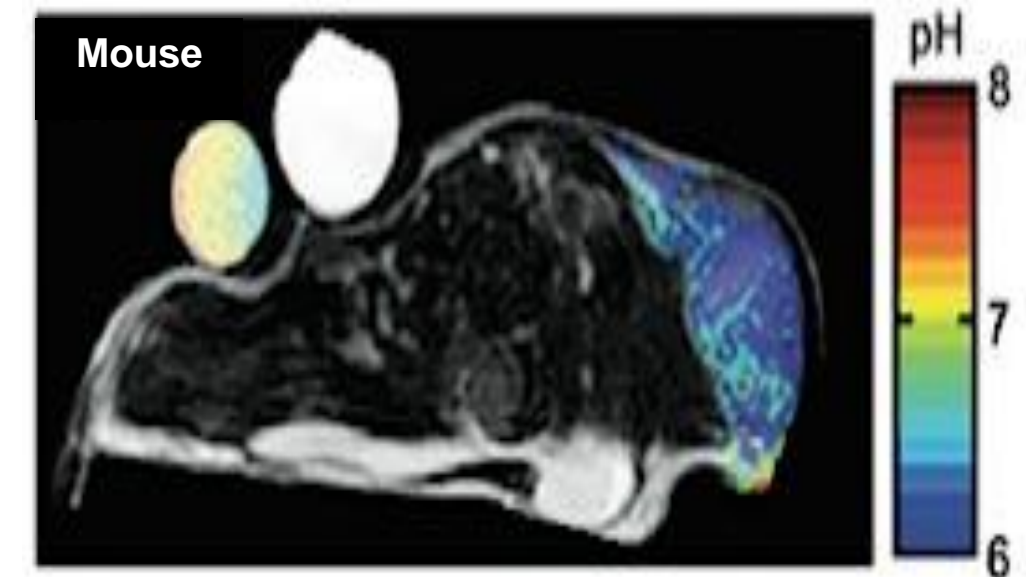


### ○ Warburg Effect

- Cancer cells have high rate of glycolysis (reduces immune attack and apoptosis)
- Well established in scientific literature since the 1920's by Prof. Otto Warburg
- Glycolysis theorized to be required for single cell neoplastic transformation
- Glycolysis is required for active proliferating cells

### ○ High glycolysis creates a unique TME

- High external lactic acid levels leading to acidic pH (5.5-7.0) in the tumor
- Contrasts with alkaline pH (7.4) in healthy tissue



Liu G et al. (2012) Imaging *in vivo* extracellular pH with a Single PARACEST MRI Contrast Agent. *Molec Imaging* 11(1): 47-57

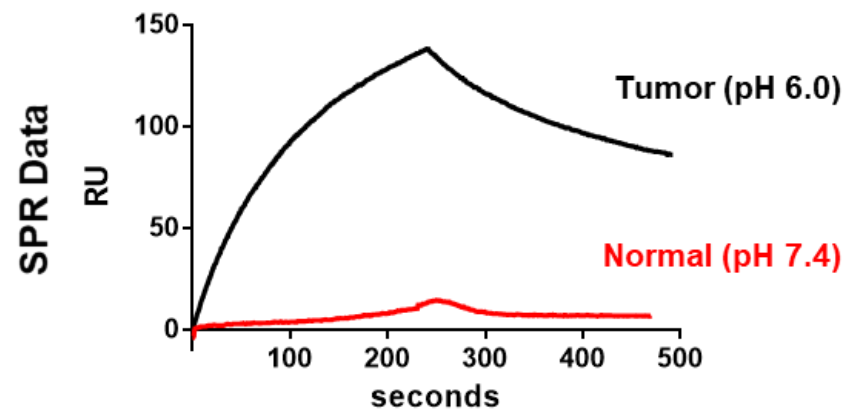
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# CABs Bind Selectively and Reversibly Based on the Cellular Microenvironment

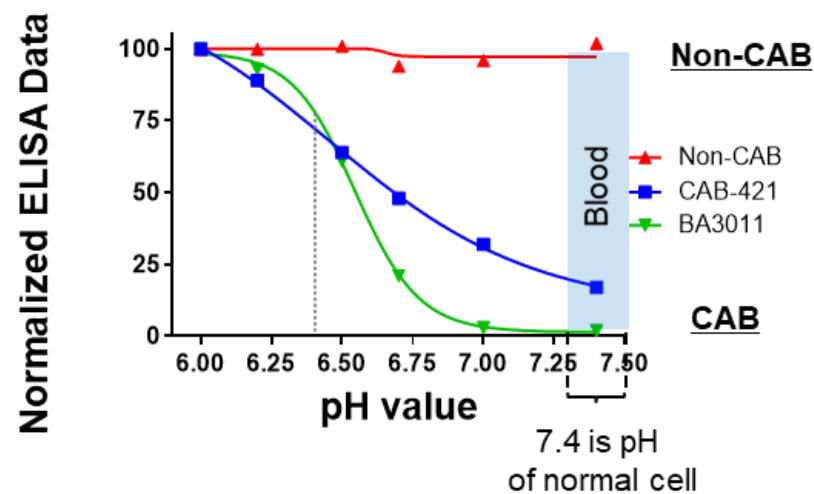


## CABs Bind Selectively in the TME...

CAB antibody binds to target antigen under TME conditions



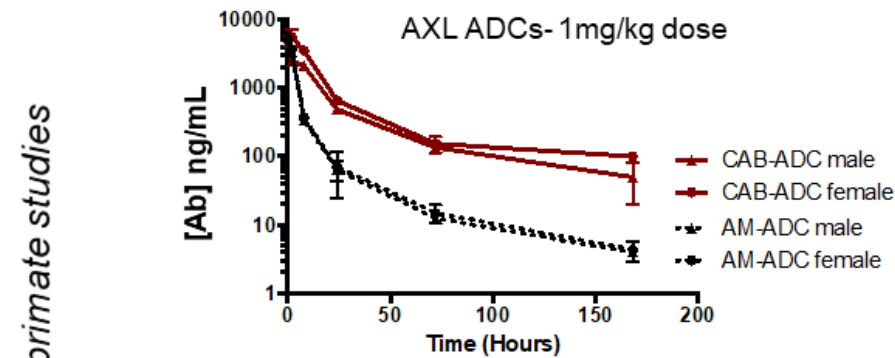
Adjustable CAB pH binding inflection point  
CAB mAbs Undisclosed Targets



## ...Enhancing Therapeutic Exposure and Reducing Toxicity

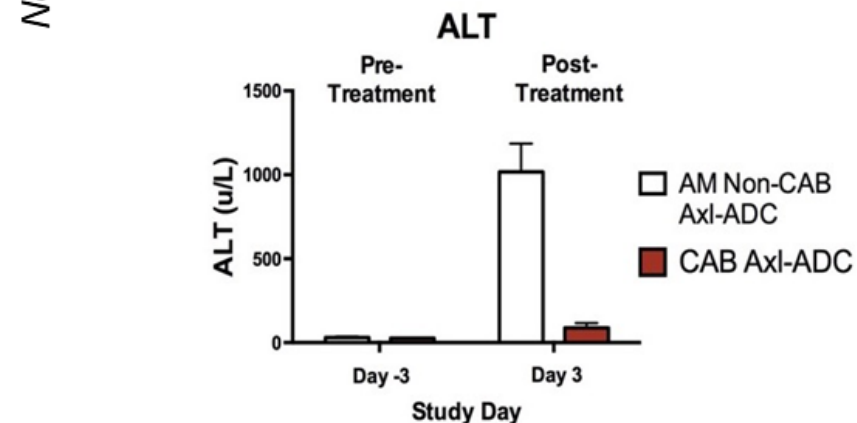
CAB enhances therapeutic exposure

CAB improves PK by eliminating Tissue Mediated Drug Deposition (TMDD)



CAB lowers liver toxicity, no on-target tox

CAB lowers liver ALT levels compared to affinity matched (AM) non-CAB-ADC



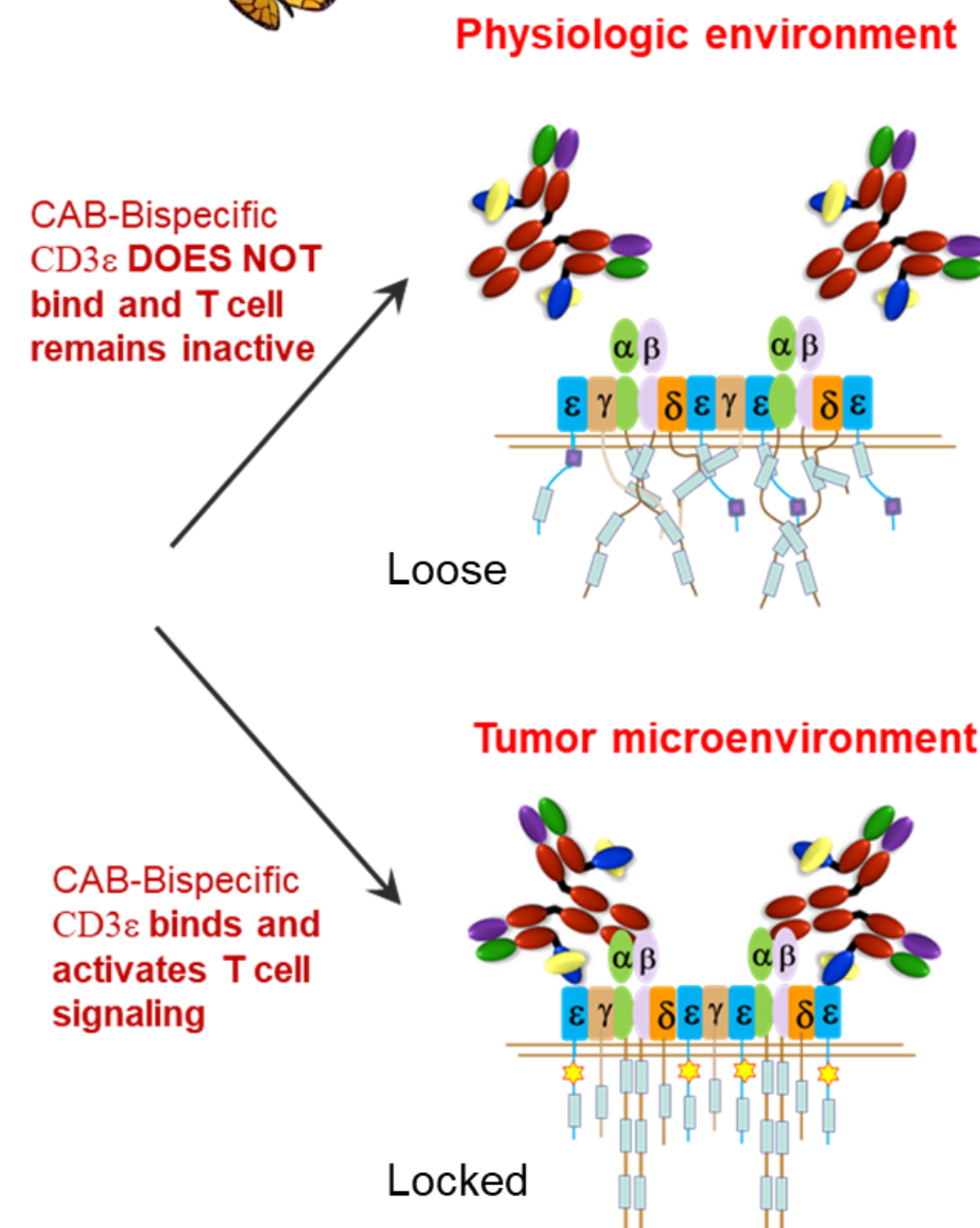
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# CAB Bispecific Antibody Activates T cells in the Tumor Microenvironment Minimizing Toxicity while Maintaining Potency

- T cells are physically linked to tumor cells via Bispecific mAbs composed of a T cell-binding domain and a tumor-binding domain
- Bispecific mAbs activate T cells through binding of CD3 $\epsilon$  in the TCR complex, thereby bypassing MHC restriction and epitope specificity of the TCR.
- CD3  $\epsilon$  engagement changes the TCR complex to a locked configuration that promotes signaling and T cell activation.

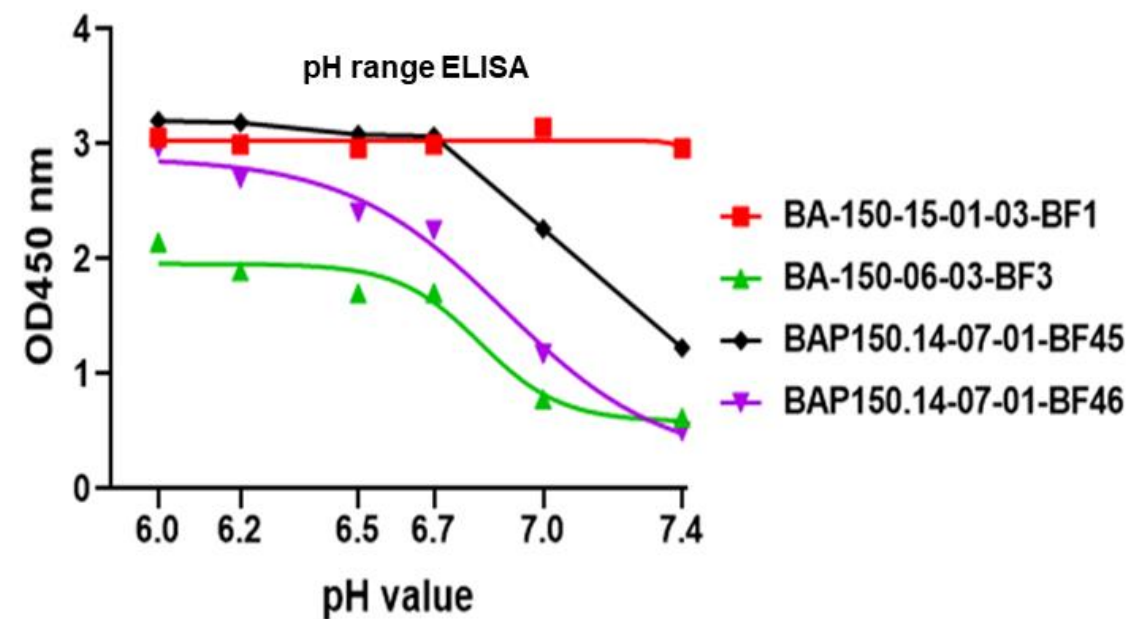
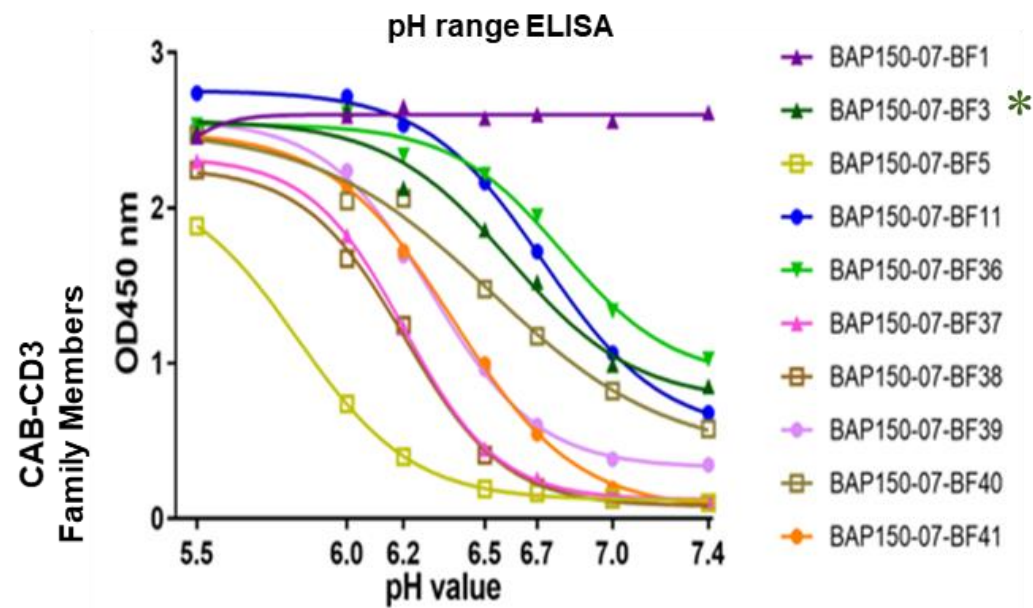
## Advantages of CAB Bispecific Platform

- Potential to increase safety by reducing systemic activation, *i.e.* reduce cytokine release syndrome, neurological toxicity and anaphylaxis
- Enables T cell engaging therapies with high potency *in vitro* and *in vivo*
- Expands the universe of targets for drug development in the context of T cell engagers



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# CAB T Cell Engagers Family for Rapid Generation and Maximum Therapeutic Index



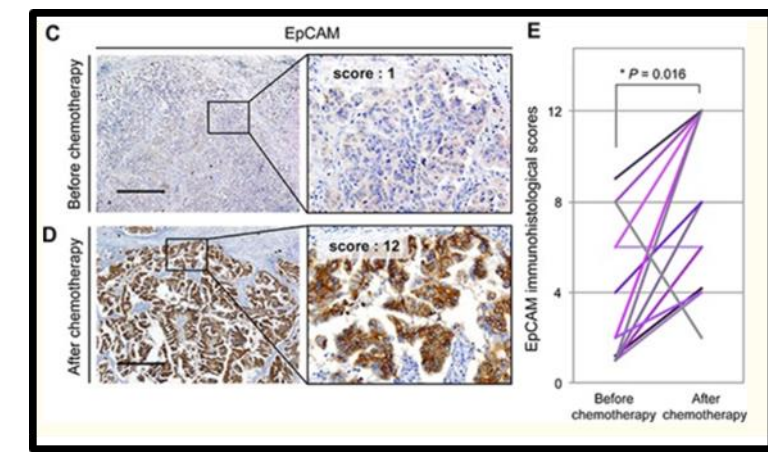
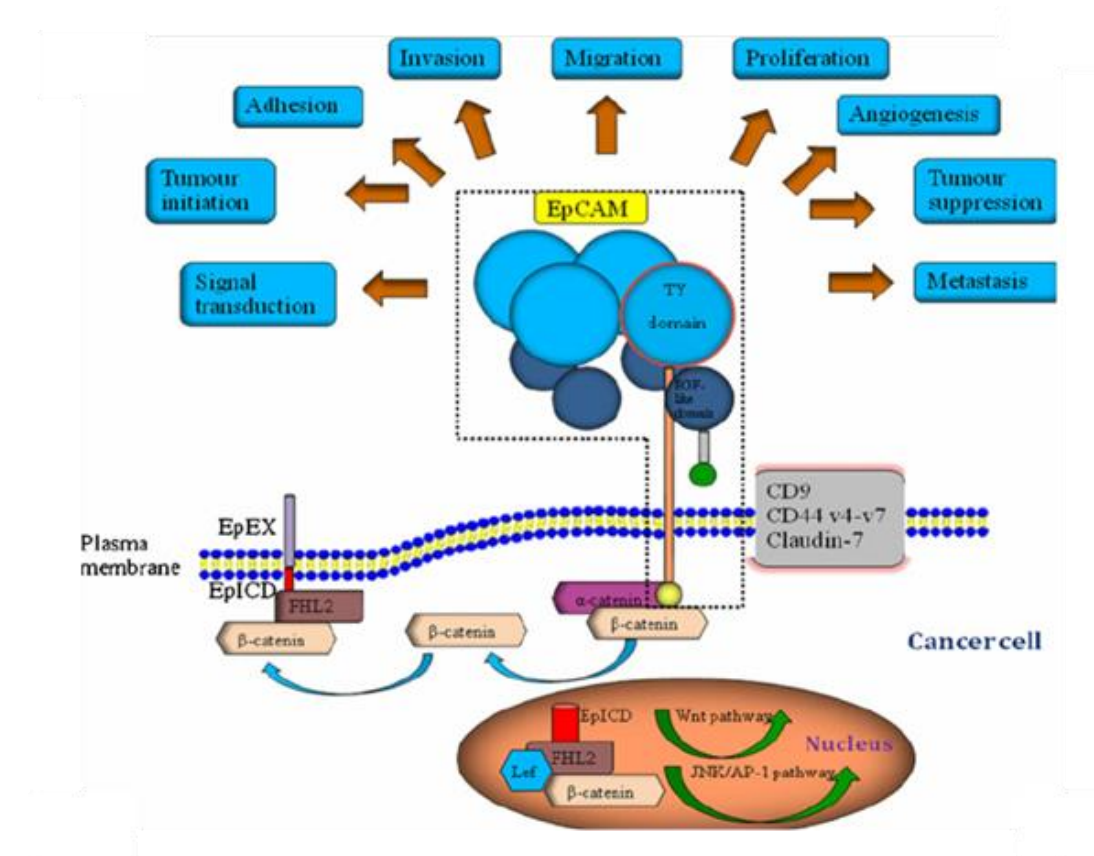
- Potent and selective CAB-CD3 T cell activators
- Long  $T_{1/2}$  with high safety
- Rapid conversion of mAbs to potent a CAB bispecific
- CAB-CD3 family enables cost-effective selection of optimal target-effector combination bispecific antibody
- Reduce T cell exhaustion by activation selectively in the TME
- Optional CAB on the tumor targeting arm for higher selectivity and reduction of potential Target Mediated Drug Deposition (TMDD)

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# EpCAM (Epithelial Cell Adhesion Molecule)



- Highly expressed on adenocarcinomas
  - Lung, colon, Ovarian, Prostate, Breast.
- Epithelial cell proliferation is driven through EpCAM signal transduction
- Expressed in virtually all epithelia containing tissues
- Loss of function in normal tissues causes significant pathology and morbidity
- CAB-EpCAM ADC drug concept
  - High solid tumors expressing high levels.
  - Internalization to deliver conjugated cytotoxin.
  - Minimize on-target normal tissue toxicity – Micromet EpCAM-CD3 (Solitomab) is toxic, development stopped.
- Attractive target for immunotherapy of cancer; significant commercial potential
  - EpCAM is overexpressed in many cancers (epithelial carcinomas).
  - Lack of selectivity for affected tissues and cells is a significant concern for use in the clinic.

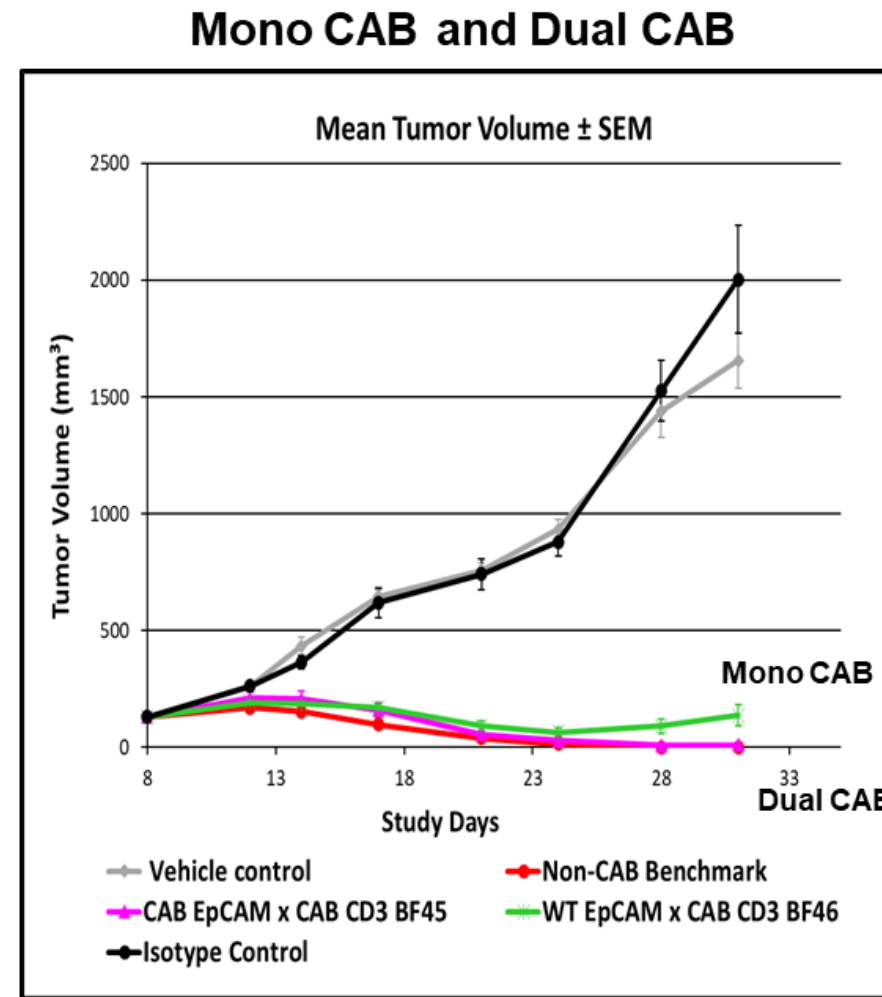
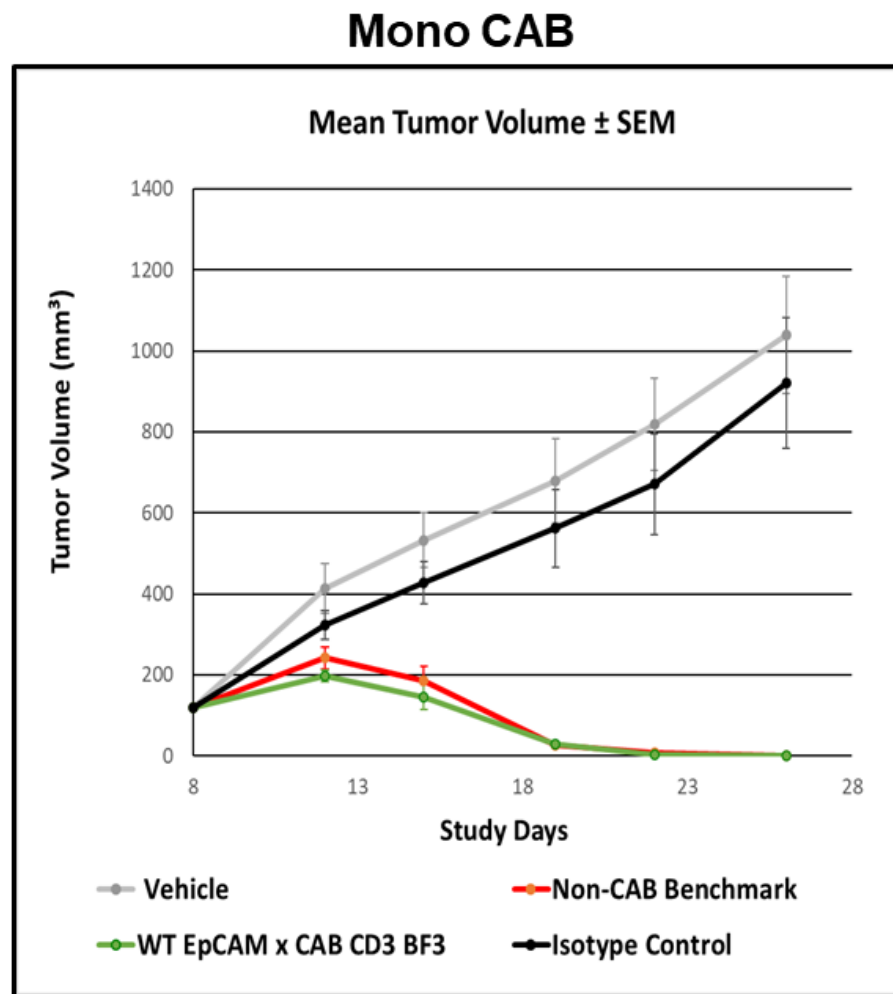


Biology of EpCAM; modified from Ni, J., et al. (2012). "Role of the EpCAM (CD326) in prostate cancer metastasis and progression." *Cancer Metastasis Rev* 31(3-4): 779-791

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# EpCAM x CD3 Mono and Dual CAB Bispecific mAbs MiXeno HCT116 Xenograft Studies



**Mixeno Model with HCT116 Colorectal Cancer Cell Line**  
 2.5mg/kg twice/week in mice  
 (equivalent to 0.2mg/kg in non-human primates)

***Both WT-EpCAM x CAB-CD3 and CAB-EpCAM x CAB-CD3 demonstrated high efficacy in in vivo Mixeno xenograft studies***

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# Lower Inflammatory Response is Observed in Non-Human Primates Treated with Mono CAB WT-EpCAM x CAB-CD3



Lower levels of IL-6 and higher level of CD3+ cells observed in the serum of NHPs 4h after treatment with WT-EpCAM x CAB-CD3 vs WT-EPCAM x WT-CD3 antibody

**Non-human Primates  
WT-EpCAM x WT-CD3**  
 0.25mg/kg = 2 expired  
 0.05mg/kg = 1 expired; 1 ill (recovered)  
 0.025mg/kg = 2 ill (recovered)

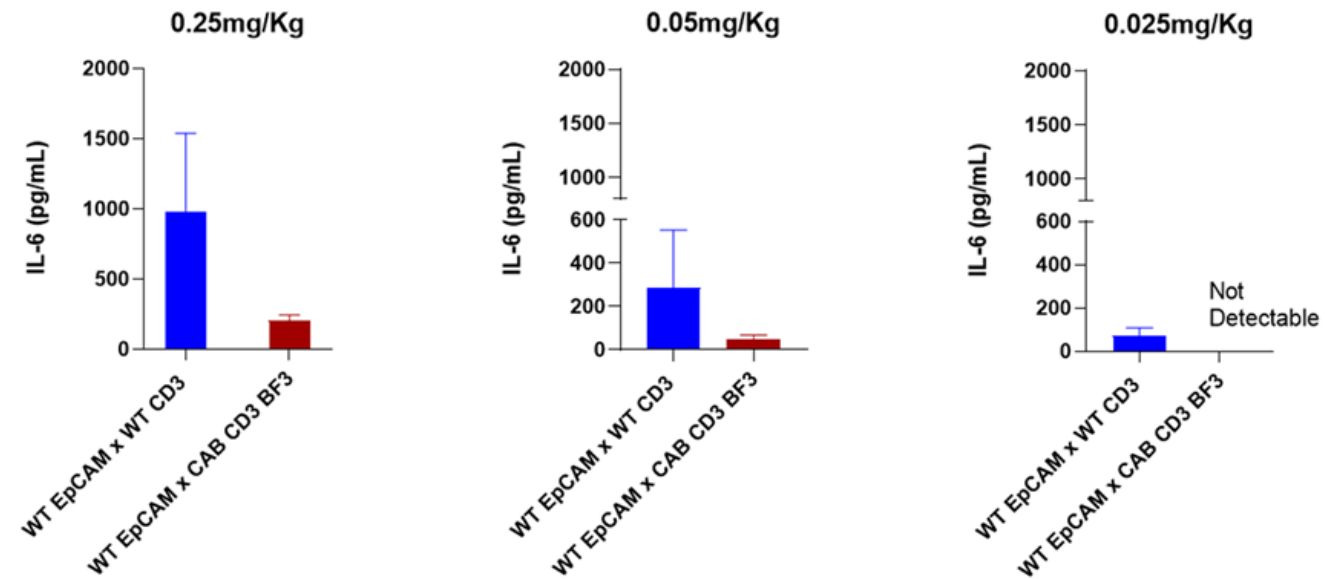
- GI and kidney function was impacted.
- Marked increase in ALP, ALT, AST, TBIL, CK were noted in these animals.
- Hepatocellular and cholestatic injury was identified based on the current clin path data.

**Non-human Primates  
WT-EpCAM x CAB-CD3**  
 0.25mg/kg = 1 healthy; 1 ill (recovered)  
 0.05mg/kg = 2 healthy  
 0.025mg/kg = 2 normal

- At high dose see some early signs of toxicity
- No toxicity observed at the lower doses

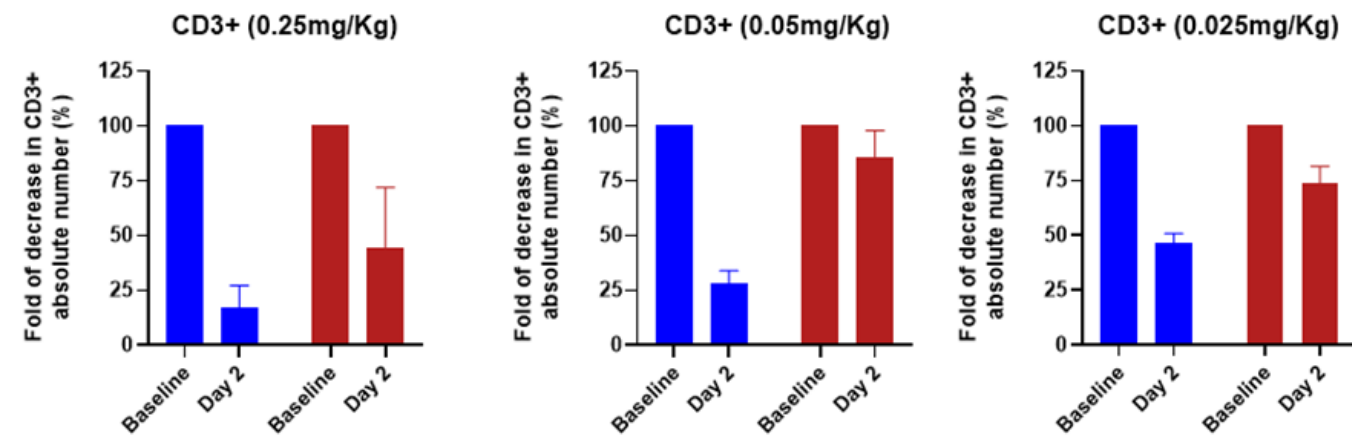
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## IL-6



## CD3+ Cells

■ WT EpCAM x WT CD3  
 ■ WT EpCAM x CAB CD3 BF3



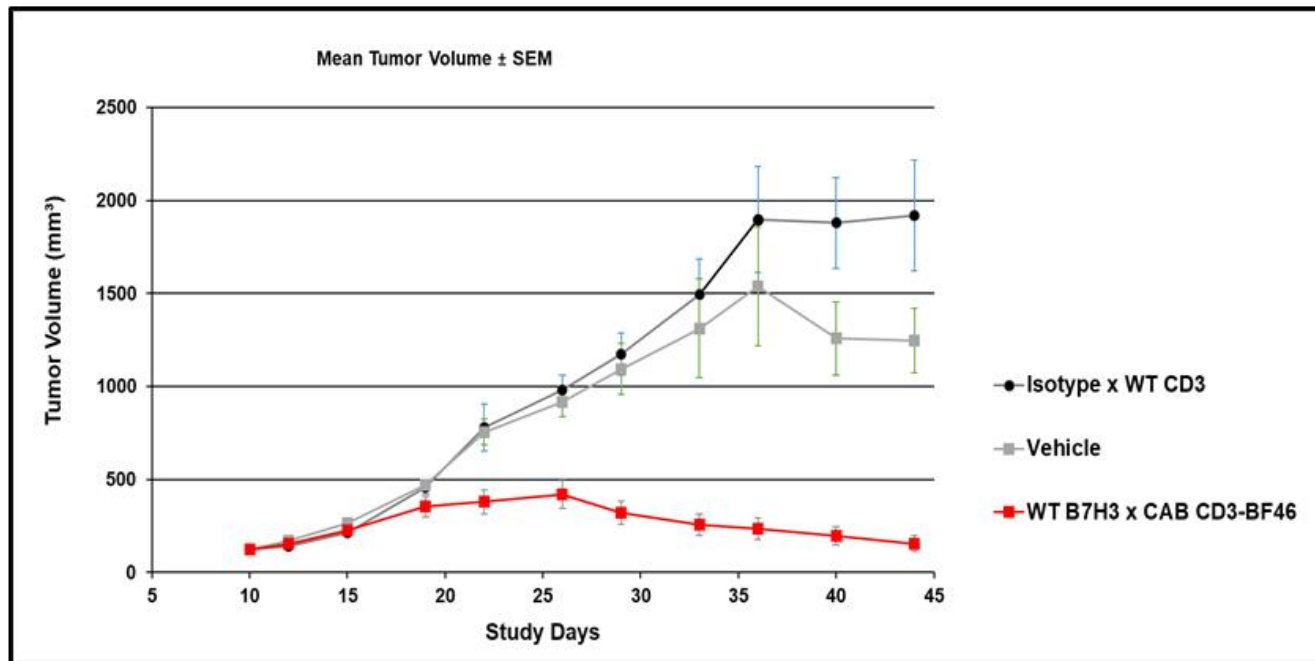
Expected dosing in Non-human Primates <0.25mg/kg w/ current CABs

# Immuno-oncology B7 Family Member- B7-H3

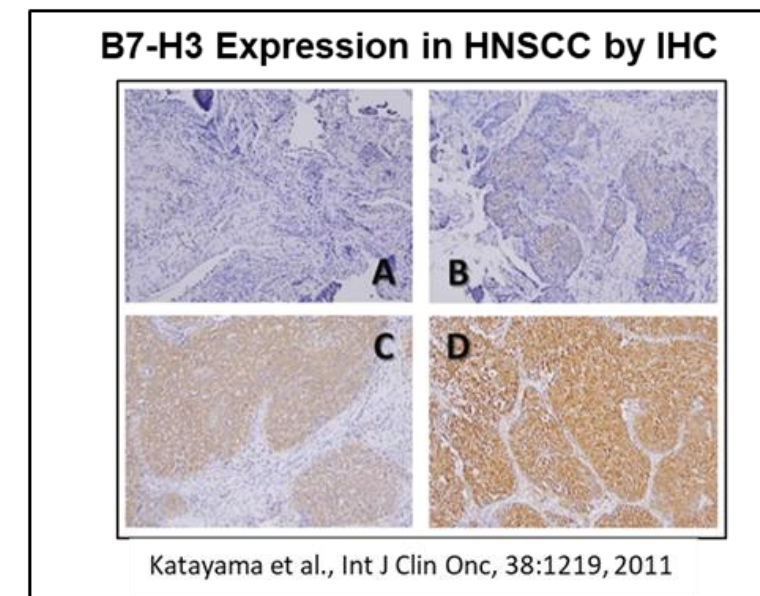
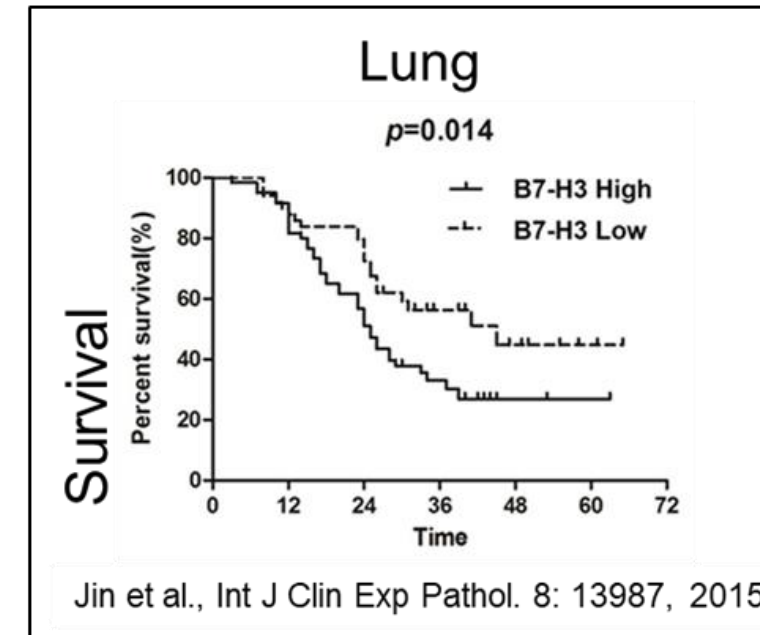


## Target Expression in Cancer

- **B7-H3 overexpression correlates with poor prognosis in multiple tumor types including:**
  - Head and Neck, Lung, Melanoma, Pancreatic, Prostate, Sarcoma
- **Overexpression of B7-H3 in cancer cell lines**
  - increases tumor growth *in vivo*
  - Increases glucose uptake *in vivo*
- **Potential toxicity risk due to expression in normal tissues**
  - Small and large intestine
  - Skin
  - Esophagus



**WT-B7H3 x CAB-CD3 demonstrates high efficacy in *in vivo* Detroit-563 Mixeno xenograft studies**



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# Summary of CAB CD3 Bispecific Antibodies



- Mouse tumor xenograft efficacy data demonstrated that WT and CAB CD3 bispecific antibodies which target WT EpCAM have equivalent efficacy (nominal value = 1).
- NHP administered with single doses of either WT-EpCAM x CAB-CD3 or WT-EpCAM x WT-CD3:
  - CAB-CD3 has an MTD that is about 10 times higher than WT-CD3 (CAB-CD3 MTD is 0.25mg/kg vs WT-CD3 MTD of 0.025mg/kg).
  - In the WT bispecific antibody, there is a dose dependent decrease in the level of CD3 positive T cells (both for CD4 and CD8 positives) in the peripheral blood, but not for the CAB-CD3 bispecific antibody indicating that the T cell pool is likely being deposited to tissues/cells expressing EpCAM.
- Overall, harmful inflammatory cytokines and toxicity-related clinical signs are ~10x greater with the WT-CD3 vs the CAB-CD3 bispecific antibodies in non-human primates.
- Dual CAB bispecific antibodies also show good efficacy and may further widen the therapeutic window as will soon be determined in ongoing non-human primates.
- WT-B7-H3 x CAB-CD3 bispecific antibody show good efficacy *in vivo*.

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# Summary



- CAB Technology platform allows the generation of biologics with conditional and reversible binding activity.
- Broadly applicable to antibody formats including ADCs, bispecifics, CAR-Ts and other therapeutic proteins.
- CABs are active in the tumor microenvironment, but not under physiological conditions, enhancing the therapeutic index by increasing both potency and safety.

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