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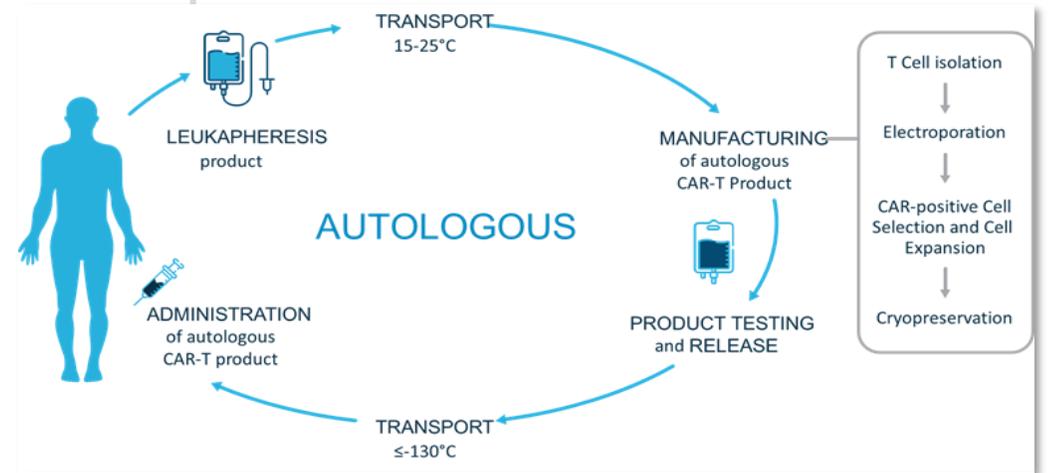
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Manufacturing Matters in CAR-T

Small Changes Can Have a Big Impact

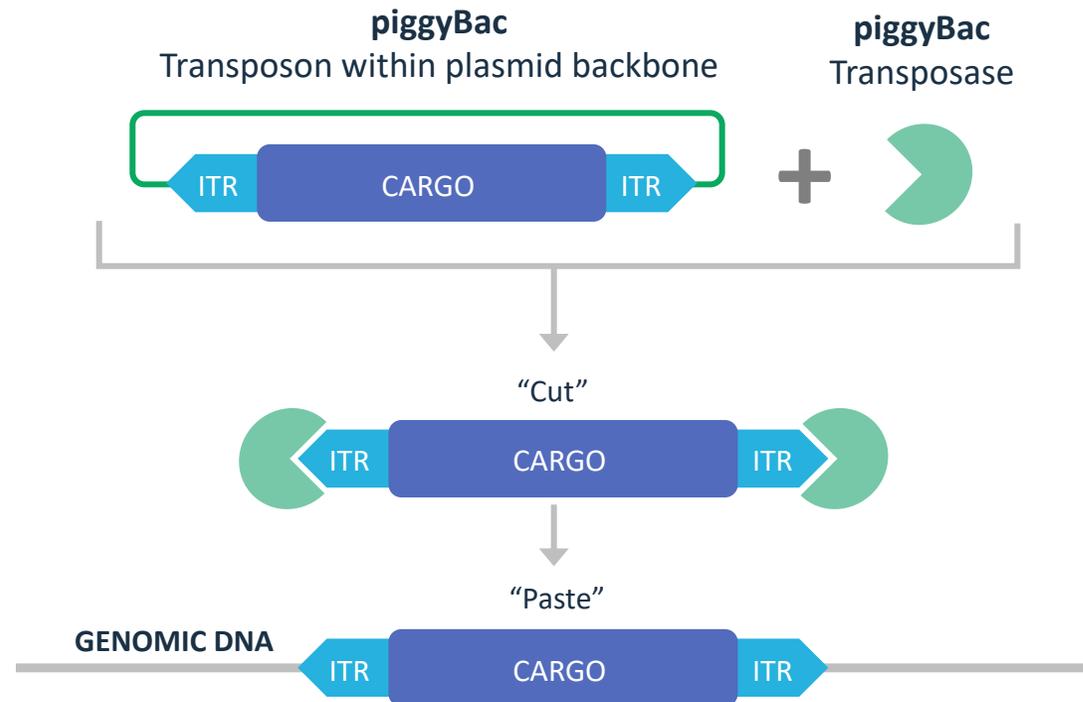
- **Cell-based products**, such as CAR-T, are emerging as a disruptive and transformational therapeutic class for many indications
- Cell-based products are **living drugs** and are affected by donor and manufacturing variability
- The **type and quality of cells** affect product performance
- What may appear to be **small changes** in manufacturing can have a **big impact** on final product performance



piggyBac[®]: A Versatile DNA Delivery System Ideal for CAR-T

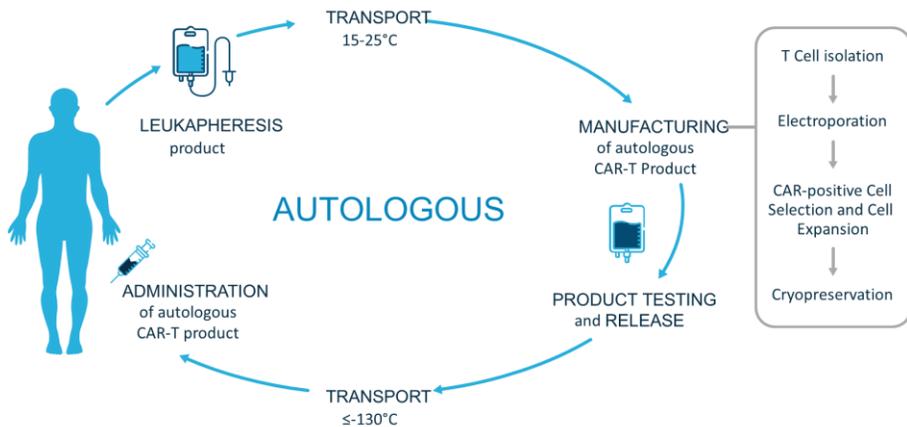
Differentiating Features

- Non-viral gene insertion
- Very large cargo capacity (~200 kB)
- Works in a wide variety of cell types
- Favorable insertion profile
- Preferentially favors stem cell memory T-cells (Tscm)
- Multiple safety benefits



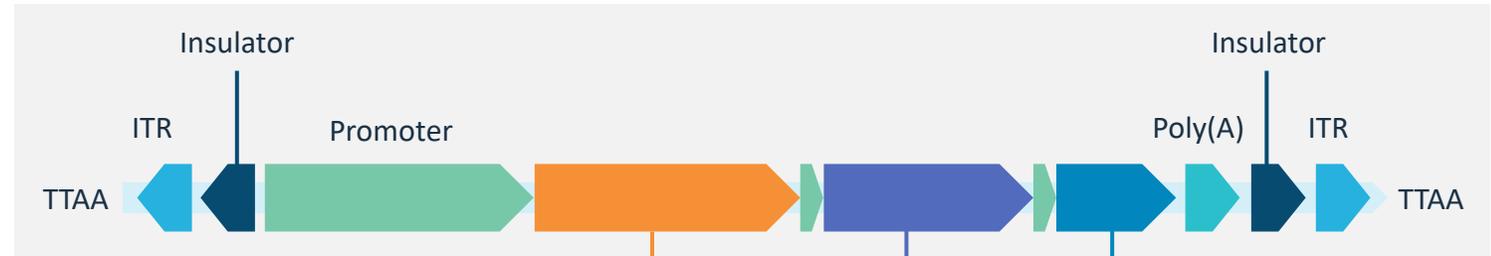
Poseida's Autologous CAR-T Manufacturing and Product Structure

Autologous Manufacturing Process



- Individualized manufacturing
- Patient donor material is variable
- Importance of T_{scm}
- **Manufacturing optimization can improve final product**

Therapeutic Transgene



INCORPORATES PROPRIETARY SAFETY SWITCH

- Rapid, dose-dependent **elimination** of engineered T- cells as needed
- Potential **management of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)** or other AEs

DIFFERENTIATED BINDING CAR-T MOLECULE

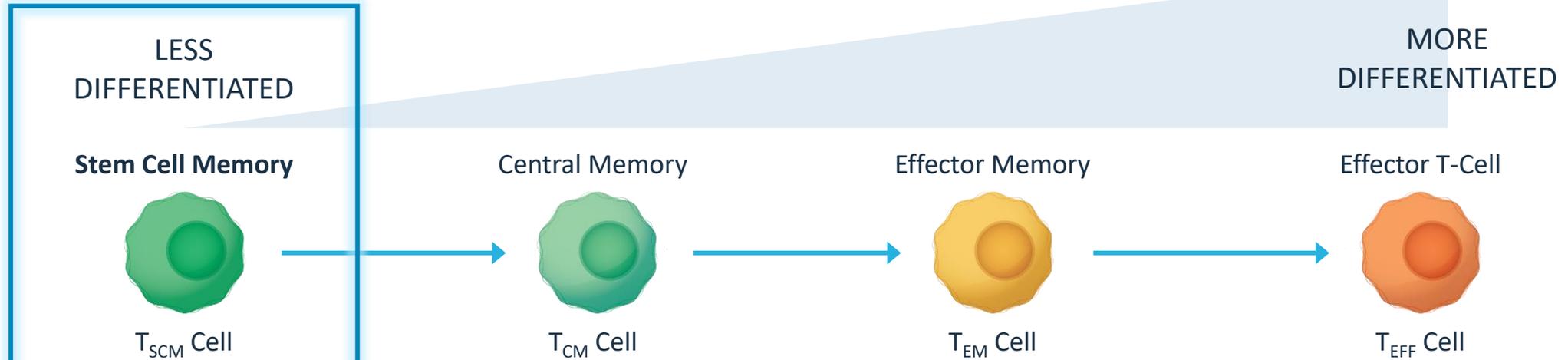
- Centyrin™ or VH molecule with **high-specificity binding**
- Fully human with no **tonic signaling observed to date**

DRUG RESISTANCE GENE PERMITS POSITIVE SELECTION

- **~100% of T-cells** in final product express the CAR molecule
- Predicted to result in **greater therapeutic index**

Not All T-Cells are Created Equally

The Importance of Stem Cell Memory T Cells (Tscm)



- Self renewing
- Long lived
- Multipotent

piggyBac

Designed to Preferentially Transpose T_{SCM} Cells

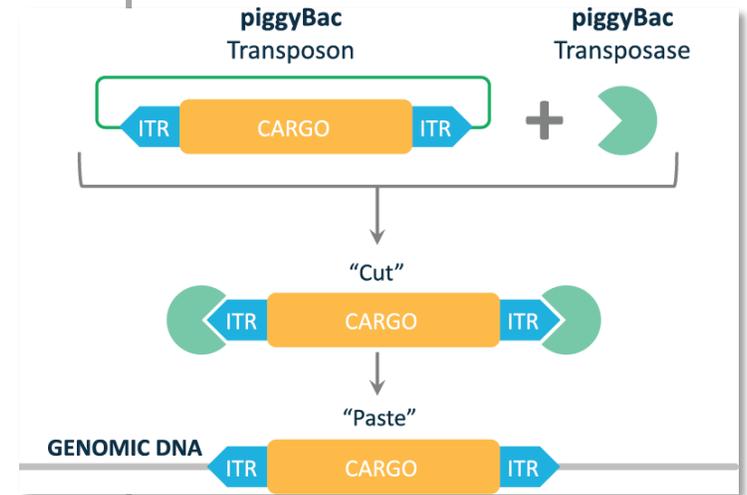
STEMNESS MATTERS

Products with High % of T_{SCM} Cells:

- Strong correlation with **best responses** in the clinic
- More gradual tumor killing with **less toxicity**
- Better **duration of response** and potential for re-response
- Key to CAR-T success in **solid tumors**

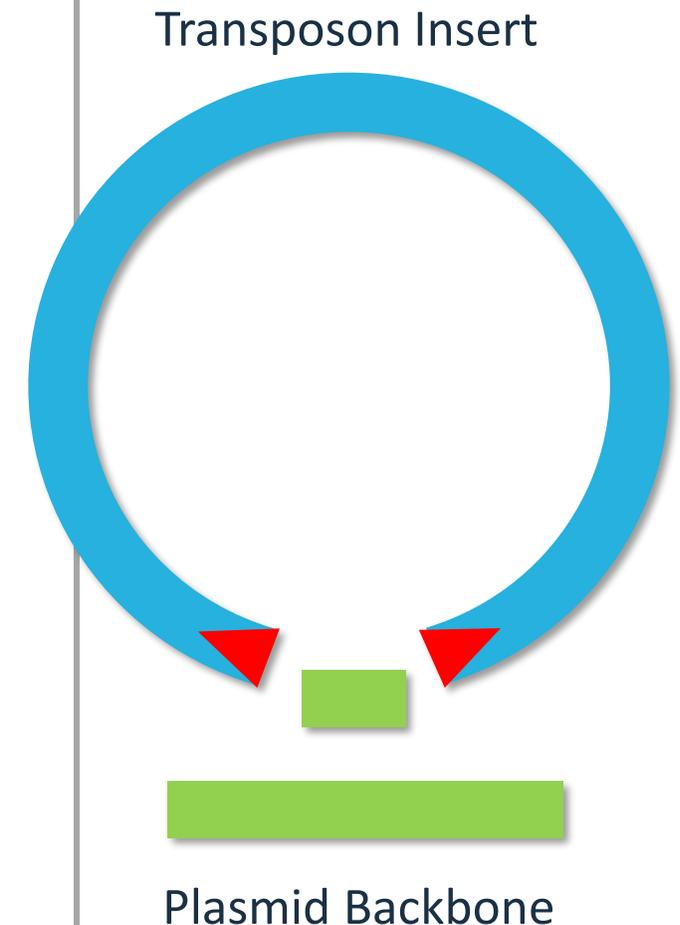
Improving Transposition Frequency During Manufacturing May Improve Final Product

- Transposition occurs in first 24 hours of manufacturing process
- Higher transposition means:
 - More CAR-positive cells at start of process
 - Less cells are killed during positive selection step
- More cells at start of process means:
 - Reduced manufacturing timelines to get same number of cells
 - Less proliferation of cells in culture = more proliferative capacity in patient = **more efficacious CAR-T product**



piggyBac Transposition Efficiency and Plasmid Size

- Hypothesis: We may increase transposition frequency by reducing the size of the “backbone” and bringing the inverted terminal repeats “ITRs” closer
- piggyBac has massive cargo capacity (>200 kb in literature; >20X lentivirus) but transposition frequency drops with increasing plasmid size
 - Retrovirus, including lentivirus, cargo capacity \cong 10-20 kb
- Recent published results from other labs suggested that a smaller backbone gives better transposition efficiency ^{1, 2, 3}



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3. Holstein M, et al. *Mol Ther*. 2018, 26(4):1137-1153

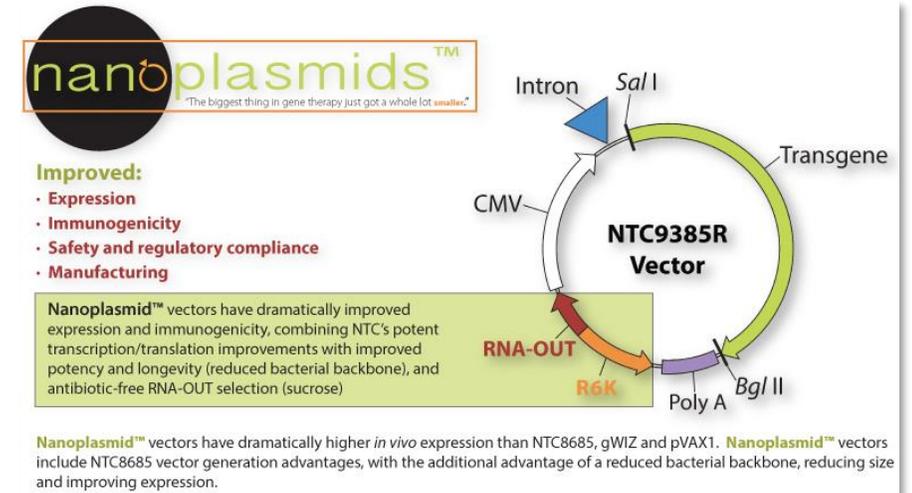
Achieving Improved piggyBac Transposition with Nanoplasmid by Reducing the Plasmid (Backbone) Size

Standard Plasmid

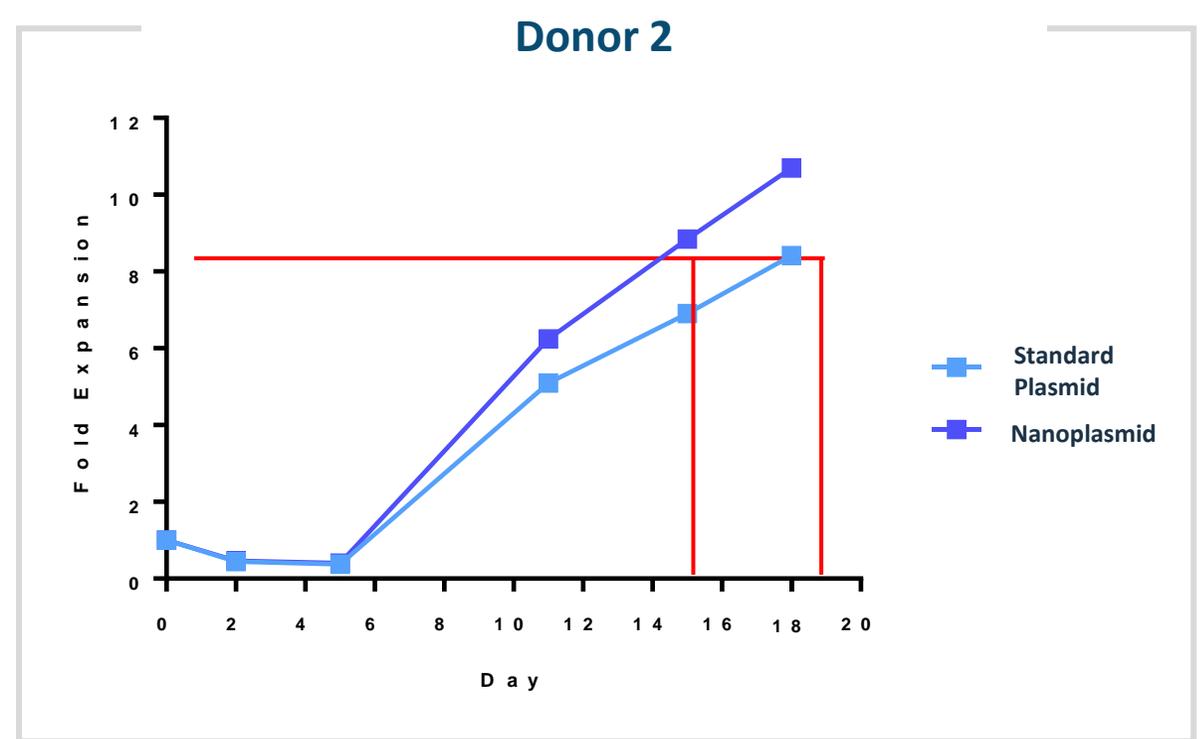
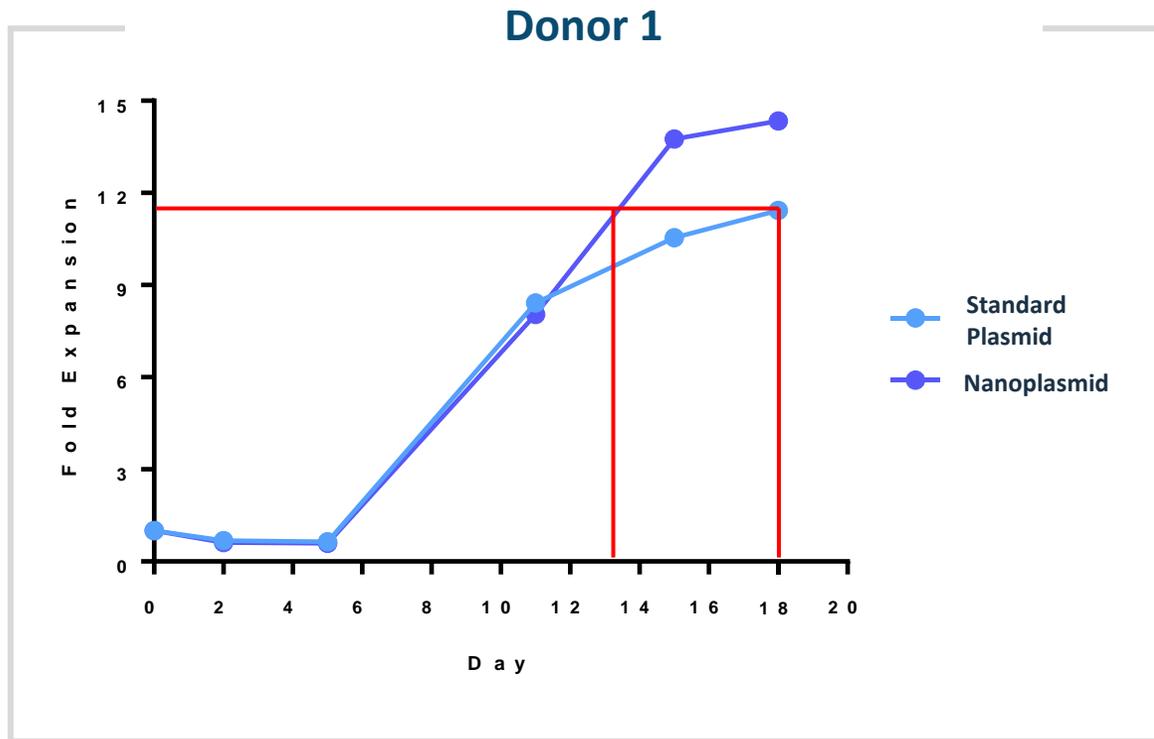
- Antibiotic resistance marker and replication origin (> 2,000 bp)

Nanoplasmid

- Reduces the backbone size to < 500 bp (less DNA = less toxicity)
- Brings piggyBac[®] ITRs closer together (enhanced transposition efficiency)
- Antibiotic-free selection (superior for manufacturing and regulatory)
- Higher manufacturing yield
- Tested in multiple clinical trials with no serious adverse events reported



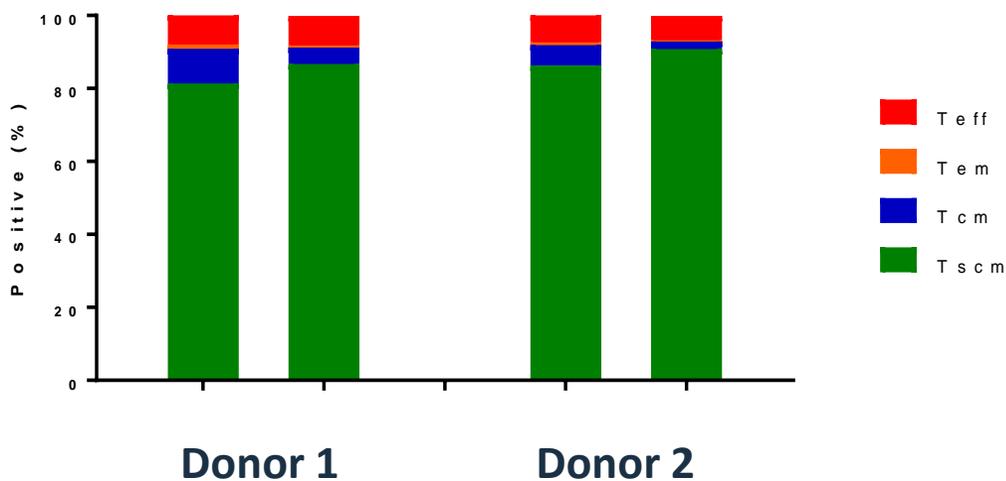
Nanoplasmid Shortens Manufacturing Time



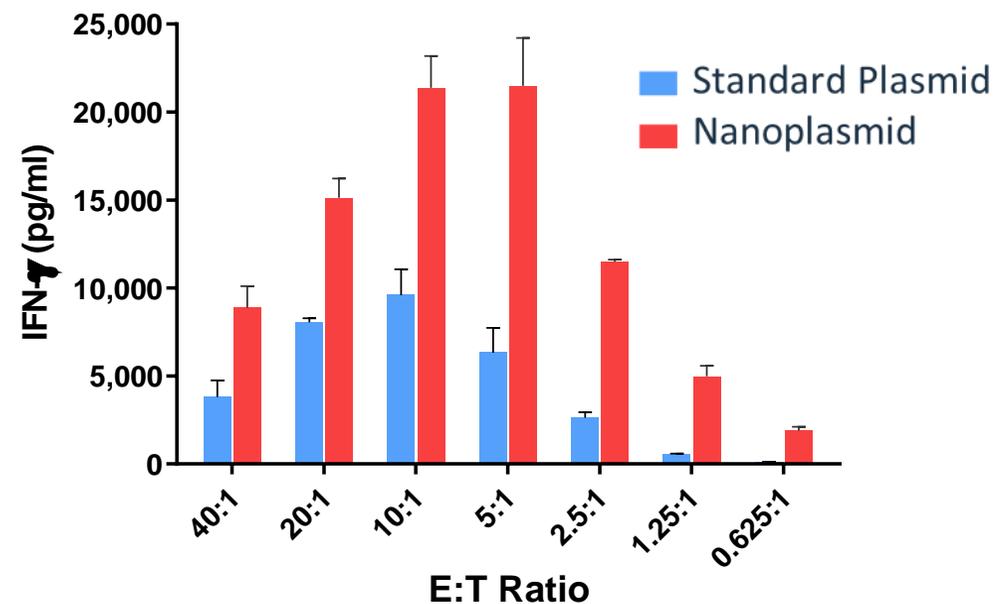
CAR-T product made from nanoplasmid reaches the same number of cells as CAR-T made from standard plasmid in ~4 fewer days

Nanoplasmid-produced CAR-T Shows Comparable or Better Phenotype and Function

Post-Thaw CD8+ Memory

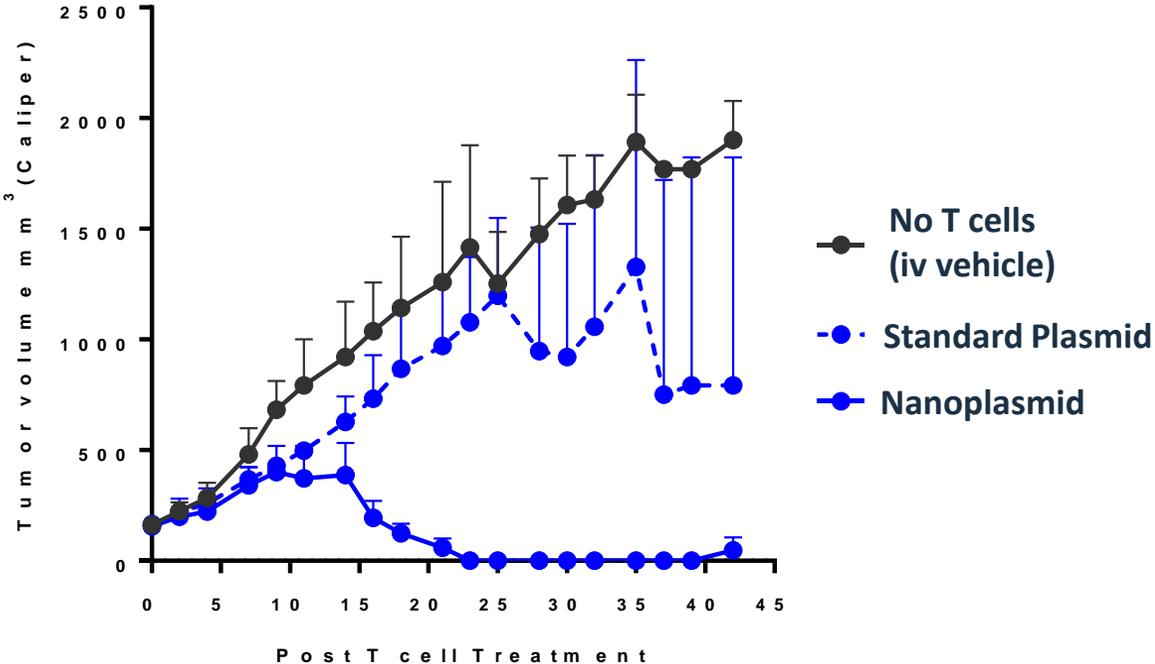


BCMA on K562

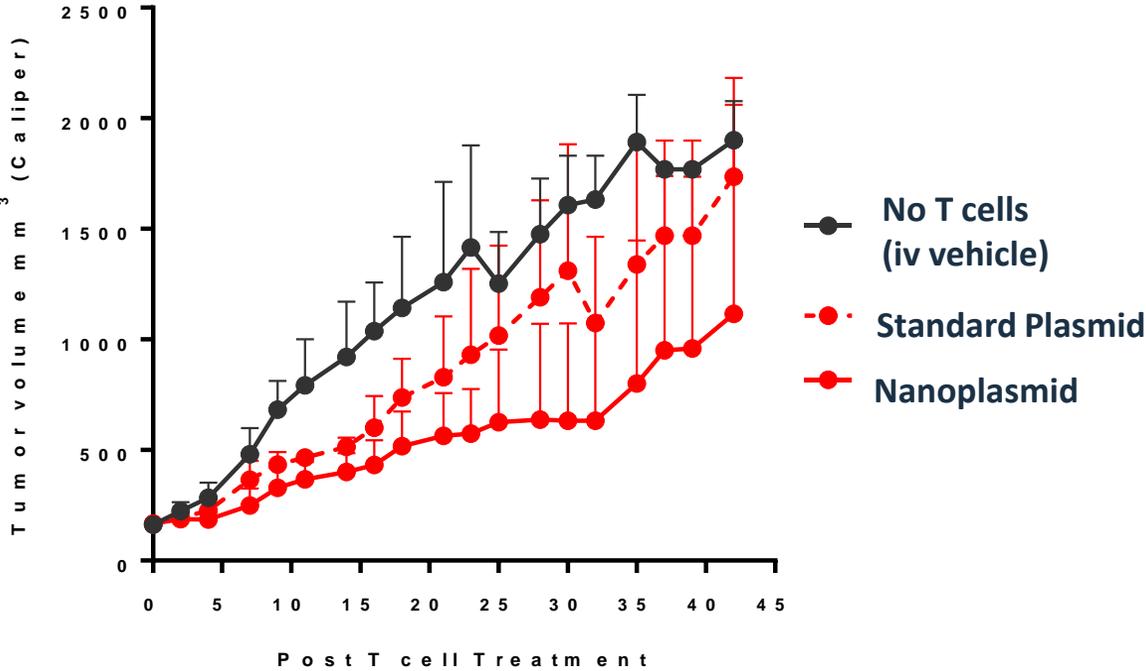


Nanoplasmid CAR-T Improves Efficacy in a Prostate Cancer Model (LNCaP)

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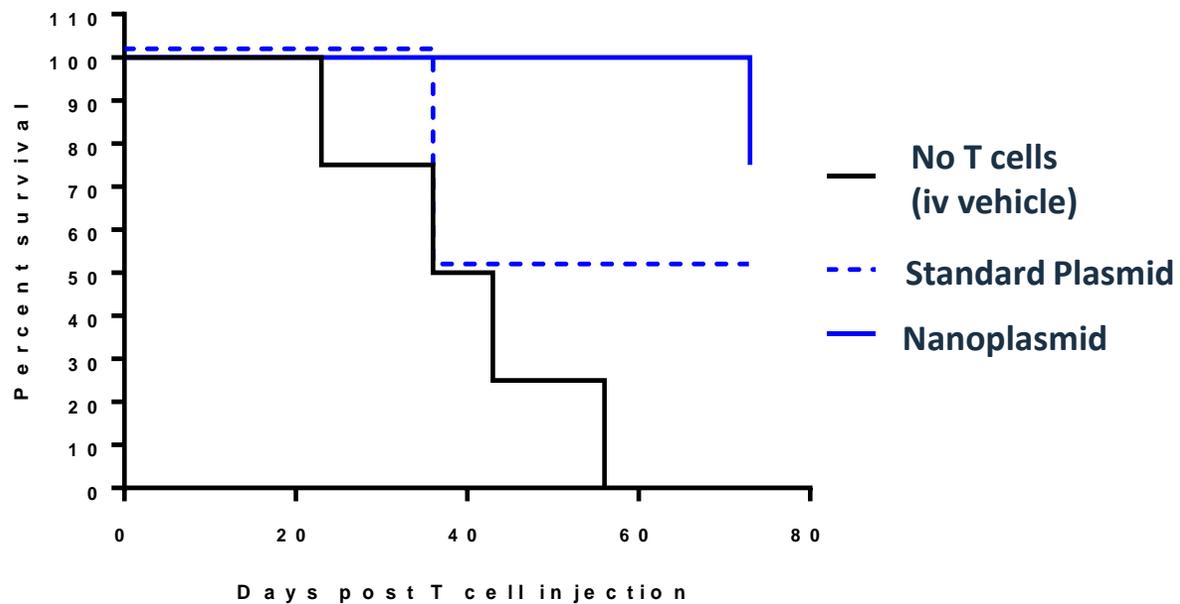


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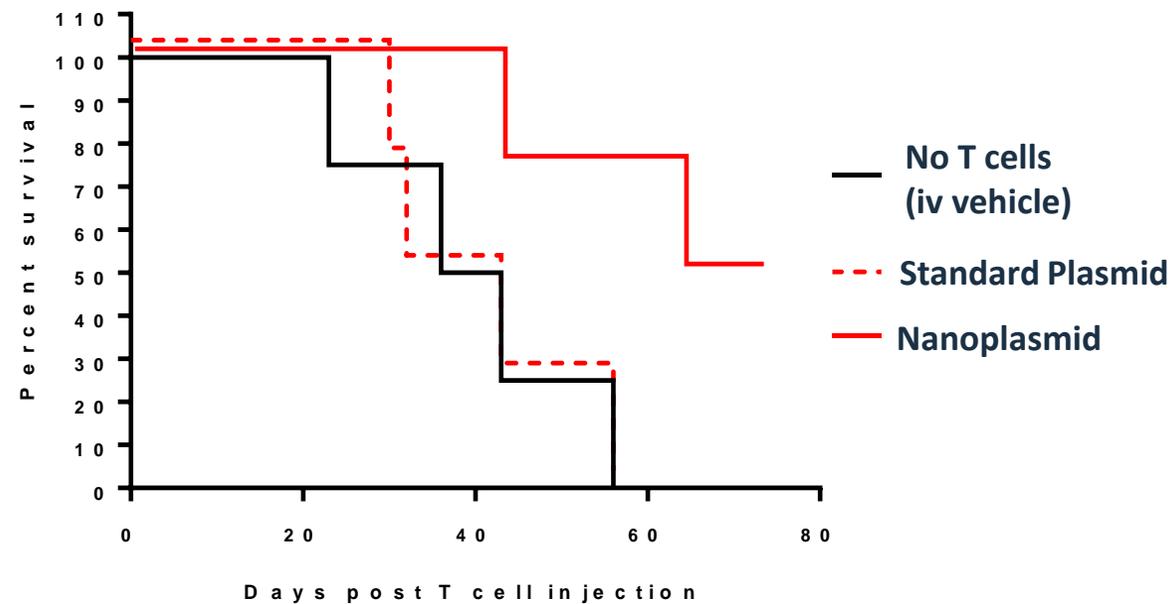


Nanoplasmid CAR-T Provided a Survival Advantage in Prostate Cancer Model (LNCaP)

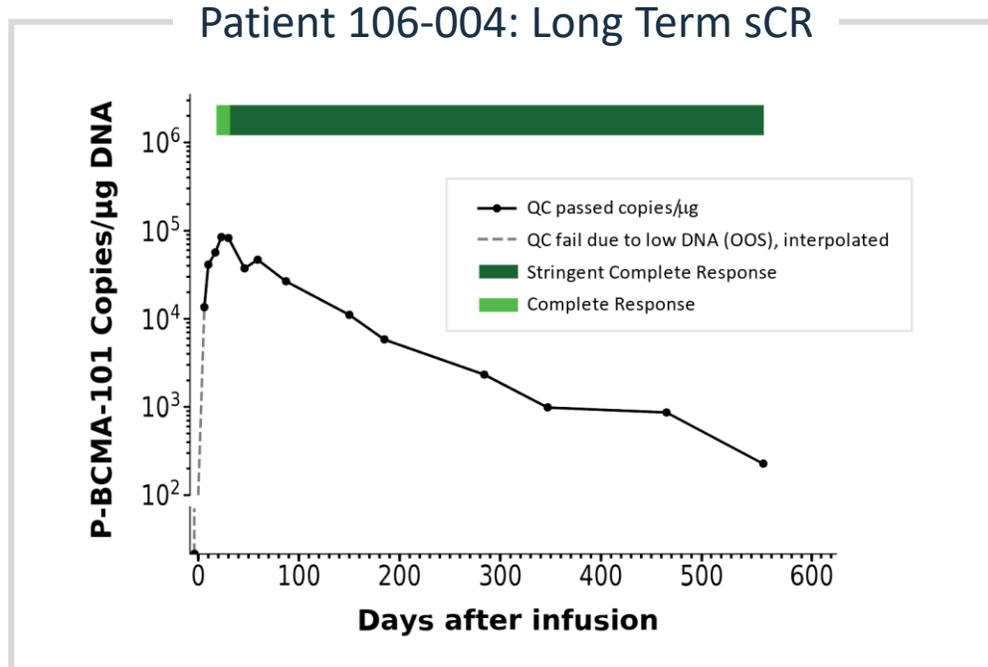
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CAR-T Expansion is Associated with Best Responses: *Nanoplasmid CAR-T Showed Robust Expansion in the Clinic*



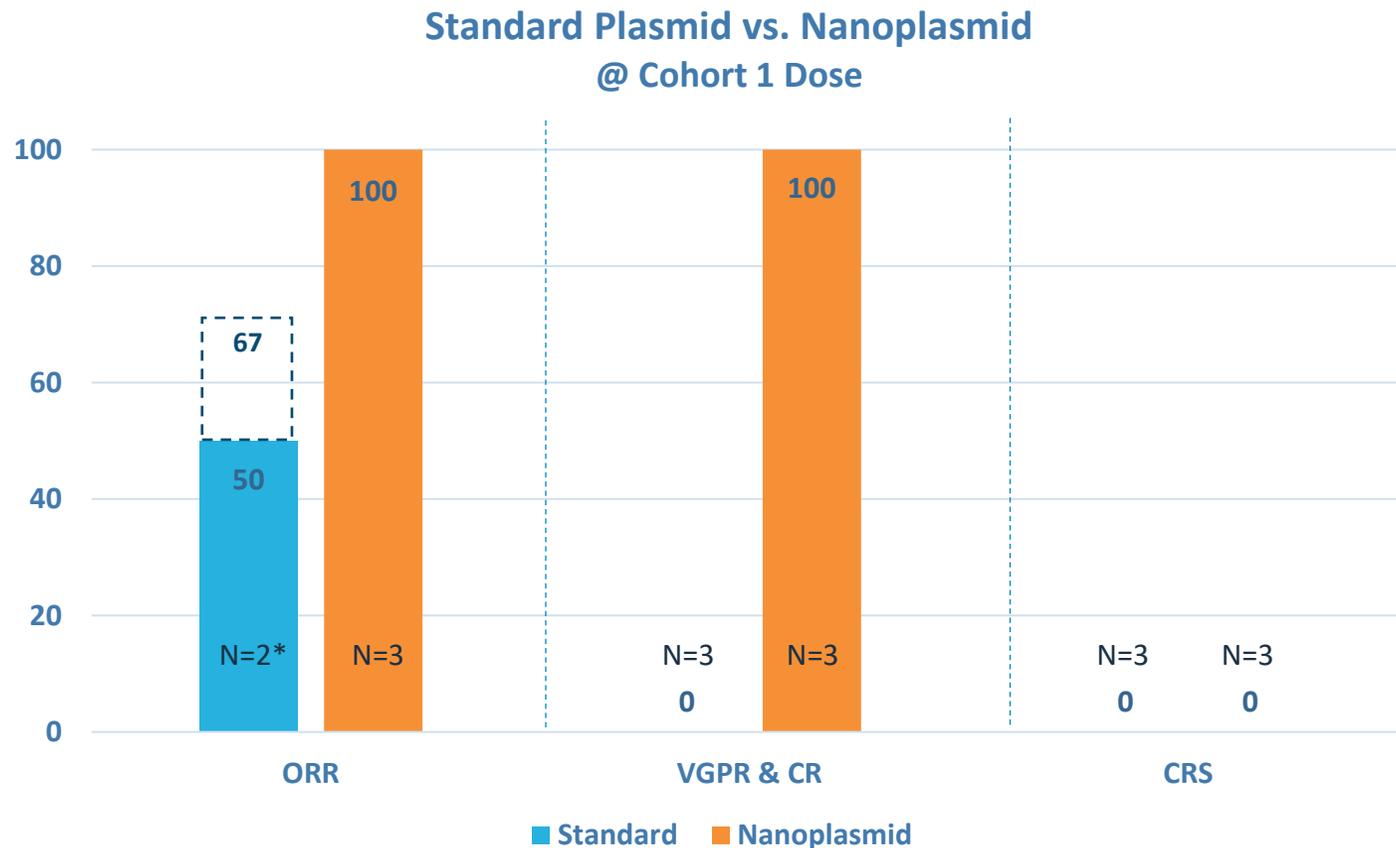
- 3rd Cohort Patient: 59 y/o male with 4 prior lines
- Treated with P-BCMA-101 in August 2018
- Rapidly reached VGPR then sCR, continues on study at > 2 years
- Clinical evidence of engraftment and persistence of CAR+ cells at ~18 months as of March 9, 2020

Nanoplasmid-produced products have shown robust CAR-T expansion in the clinic

- P-BCMA-101 (multiple myeloma)
- P-PSMA-101 (prostate cancer)

P-BCMA-101 Manufactured with Nanoplasmid Product Shows Better Efficacy and Equal Safety in Patients Compared to Standard Plasmid

- P-BCMA-101 **Nano demonstrated higher ORR** than P-BCMA-101
 - 100% vs. 50% by IMWG
 - 100% vs. 67% overall
- P-BCMA-101 **Nano delivered deeper responses** than P-BCMA-101
 - All 3 P-BCMA-101 Nano patients at VGPR or CR compared to zero for P-BCMA-101
- **Safety profile** was preserved with **no CRS** observed with either product in these patients



*3 patients dosed but only 2 evaluable by IMWG criteria; 3rd patient had plasmacytomas and had significant response by PET scan

Conclusions and Summary

- CAR-T is a **living drug** and **small changes in manufacturing can have a big impact** on final product
- PiggyBac with **nanoplasmid exemplifies continuous innovation** in manufacturing:
 - Improved transposition efficiency delivers benefits including shorter manufacturing timelines
 - Produces CAR-T product with increased percentage of desirable Tscm cells
 - Produces CAR-T product with better efficacy and survival benefit in animal models
- **Product manufactured with nanoplasmid** in Poseida's P-BCMA-101 clinical trial **improved outcomes**:
 - Showed robust expansion curves, which are associated with best responses
 - Increased ORR
 - Increased depth of response
- We have incorporated **nanoplasmid into all existing and future CAR-T products**
 - P-PSMA-101 showing robust expansion curves in the clinic
- We have discovered **other methods to enhance final product** that are in process including
 - Improved transposase
 - Media supplements
 - Booster molecule

