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# Key Learnings From BDC-1001 Phase 1 FIH Dose Escalation Trial Inform Next-Generation ISACs

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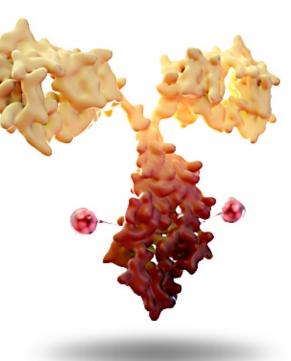


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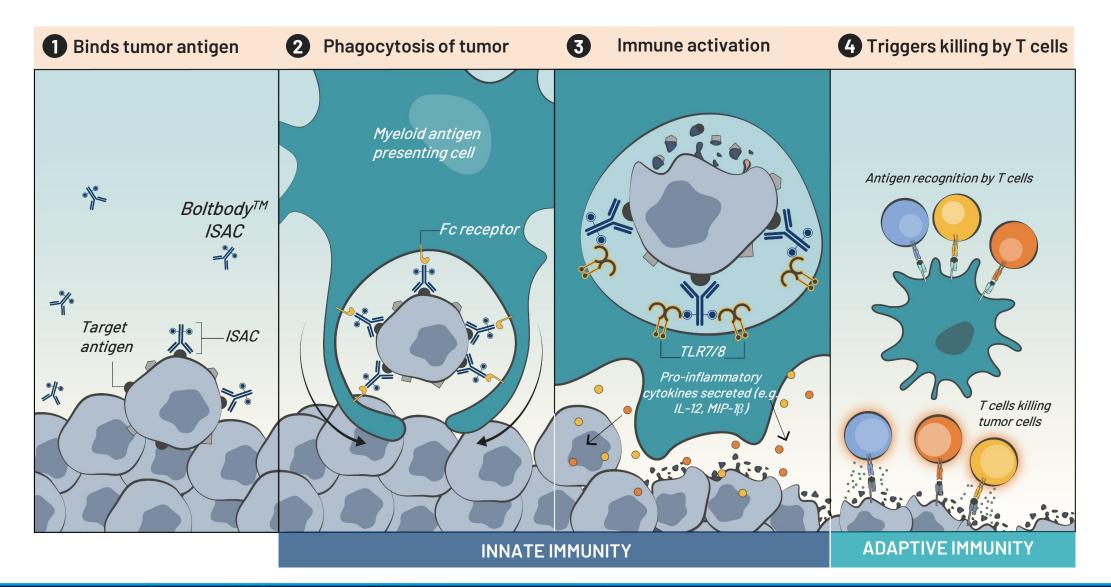
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## BBI-20201001 Trial Overview and Translational Questions



- Phase 1 dose escalation completed & RP2D selected<sup>1</sup>
  - 18 cohorts with 16 different HER2-expressing<sup>2</sup> solid tumor types
    - doses: 0.5 20 mg/kg IV; schedules: q3w, q2w, q1w
  - BDC-1001 well tolerated up to 20 mg/kg q1w as monotherapy and in combination with nivolumab at 240 mg q2w (no MTD identified)
  - Clinical activity in a heavily pre-treated patient population: 1 CR, 5 PRs, 14 SDs ≥ 24 weeks

### • Translational questions

- What is the immune activity of BDC-1001 in both peripheral blood and tumor tissue?
  - Does BDC-1001 induce recruitment of myeloid cells and T cells into tumors?
  - Does BDC-1001 induce innate and adaptive immune activation in tumors?
- What patient groups are most responsive to BDC-1001 immune activity?

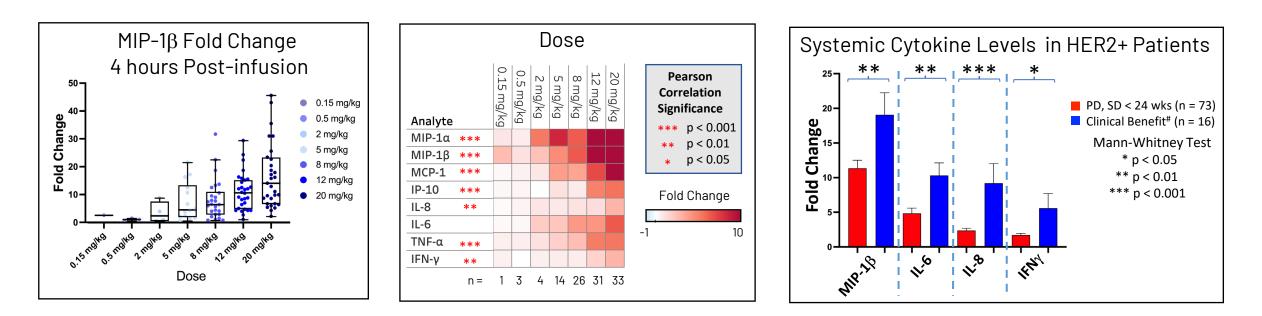
<sup>1</sup>Li B, et al. Ann Oncol. 2023;34(suppl\_2):S458-S497 (ESMO, 2023) <sup>2</sup>HER2-expressing: Either HER2+ (IHC 3+ or HER2 gene amplification) or HER2 Low (IHC 2+ without gene amplification) RP2D = Recommended Phase 2 Dose, MTD = Maximum Tolerated Dose, IV = Intravenous



## BDC-1001 Elicits Proinflammatory Cytokines, Associated With Clinical Benefit

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- Fold change in biomarkers significantly correlated to dose
- Higher peripheral blood cytokine levels are associated with clinical benefit



<sup>#</sup>Clinical benefit = CR, PR, or SD for  $\ge$  24 weeks

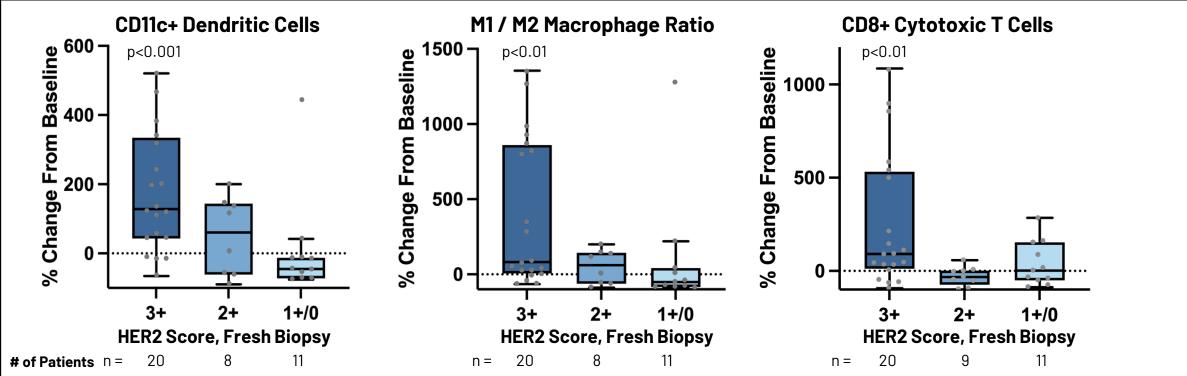
Patient population: HER2+ by enrollment status, doses 8 – 20 mg/kg, schedules q1w, q2w, q3w; 73 PD, SD < 24 wks patients comprised of 50 monotherapy and 23 combination; 16 clinical benefit patients comprised of 9 monotherapy and 7 combination



## BDC-1001 Monotherapy Drives Immune Cell Infiltration in HER2 IHC 3+ Tumors



- BDC-1001 shows the potential to alter the tumor microenvironment
- These changes were statistically significant in HER2 IHC 3+ tumors only



Multiplex IHC assays were utilized to enumerate immune populations in baseline and on-treatment biopsies collected at 4 weeks after first dose Analysis of blended monotherapy and combination data showed similar trends



# BDC-1001 Monotherapy Drives Increased Immune Gene Signatures in HER2 IHC 3+ Tumors



• Transcriptomic analysis performed by RNAseq of baseline and on-treatment tumor biopsies

• Activation of TLR, innate and adaptive immunity pathways in on-treatment tumor biopsies

• Statistically significant activations in HER2 3+ tumors (n=13)

Fresh Biopsy HER2 Score						
	Gene Signatures	3+	2+	1+/0		
TLR Pathway -	Toll Like Receptor Signaling Pathway (KEGG)	**			Log2 Fold Change	
	Toll Like Receptor Signaling Pathway (Wikipathways)	**				
	Myeloid Activation (Kremenovic et al.)	**			-0.75 0.7	′5
Myeloid . Activation	Myeloid Compartment (Nanostring)	*			Permutation Test * p < 0.10 ** p < 0.05 *** p < 0.01	
	Myeloid Cell Development (Brown et al.)	**				
	Myeloid Cell Activity (Nanostring)	*				
	Innate Immunity (Wang et al.)	**				
	Innate Immune System (Reactome)	*			ana p < 0.01	
	Prostaglandin Signaling (Wikipathways)	*			Statistical analysis	
	Macrophages (Nanostring)	*			included adjustment	:
	Macrophage Functions (Nanostring)	*			for multiplicity	
	Macrophage Markers (Wikipathways)	**				
Antigen Presentation	Dendritic Cell (Hoek et al.)	***				
	Antigen Processing (Nanostring)	*				
	Antigen Presentation (Nanostring)	**				
	Cancer Antigen Presentation (Nanostring)	*				
	Dendritic Cell And Induction Of Ifn1 (Wikipathways)	**				
	Signaling During Sarscov2 Infection (Wikipathway)	**				
	IFNg (Poplar et al.)	*				
Adaptive	IFNg (Ayers et al.)	**				
Immunity	T Cell Inflamed 18 gene (Ayers et al.)	*				
	T Cell Priming and Activation (Nanostring)	*				
	# of Monotherapy Patients	13	8	7		



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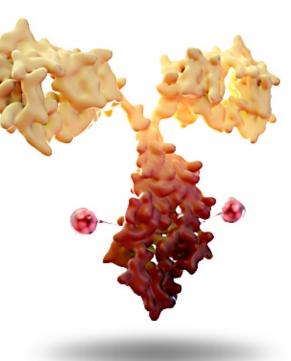


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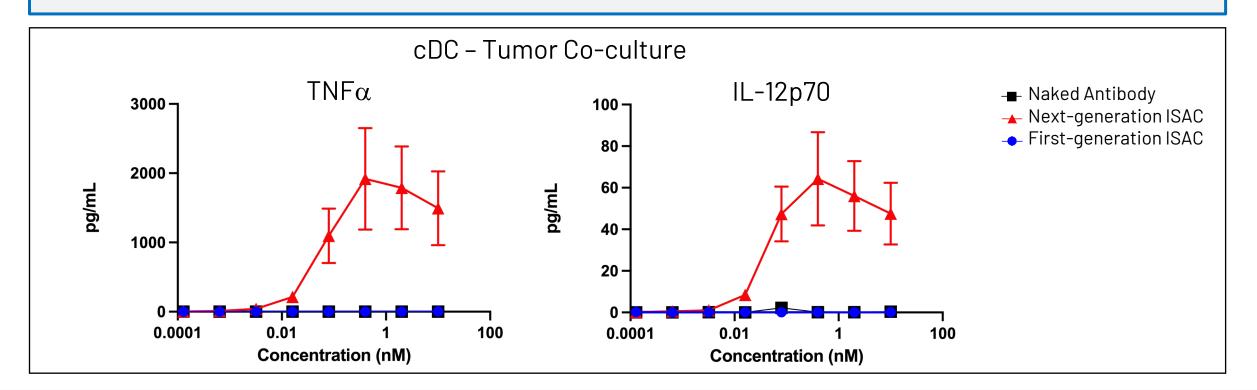
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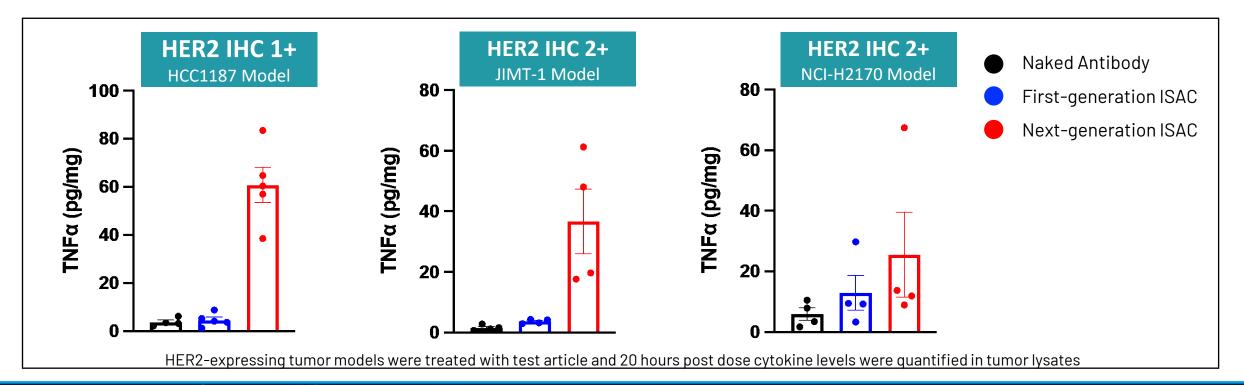
- Next-gen ISACs outperforms first-gen ISAC in cDC-tumor co-culture with low CLDN18.2 (IHC 1+) expressing PA-TU-8988S tumor cells
- Next-generation CLDN18.2 ISAC was tolerated in NHP at the highest dose evaluated





# Next-Generation ISACs Show Enhanced Immune Activation *In Vivo* in Preclinical Models With Lower Antigen Levels

- Next-generation ISAC produced greater levels of proinflammatory cytokines across all tumor models
- The advantage of the next-generation ISAC was particularly noticeable in lower-antigen tumor models

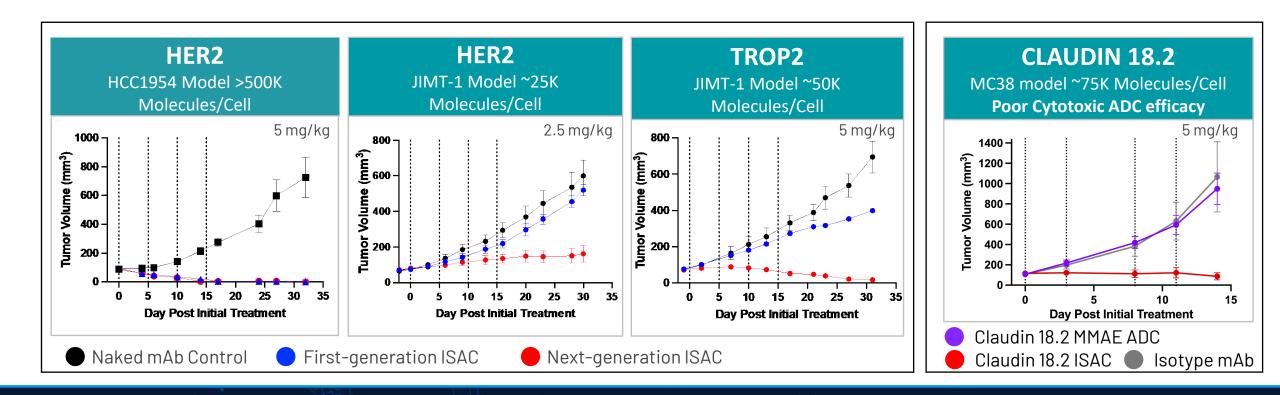




# Next-Generation ISACs Outperform First-Generation ISACs and Cytotoxic ADC in Models With Lower Tumor Antigen Expression



- Multiple tumor antigens with varying expression levels were evaluated with different ISACs
- Next-generation ISACs show greater tumor growth inhibition across models compared to firstgeneration ISACs and cytotoxic ADC



### Conclusions



- BDC-1001 drives immune activation, leading to anti-tumor activity
  - Stimulates the production of chemokines and cytokines, mobilizes immune cells and promote immune cell activation related to TLR signaling, innate immunity, antigen presentation, and IFN and T cell inflamed signatures
  - Pharmacodynamic changes were statistically significant in patients with HER2 IHC 3+ tumors and trended higher in patients achieving clinical benefit
- Next-generation ISACs have shown superior immunological activity and efficacy in tumors with lower antigen density in preclinical models<sup>1</sup>
- These enhanced next-generation ISACs outperform ADCs in preclinical studies and merit clinical advancement to assess their potential in transforming cancer treatment paradigms

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