

# Targeting HER2 with Immune-Stimulating Antibody Conjugates (ISACs)

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TME-mediated  
Immunosuppression

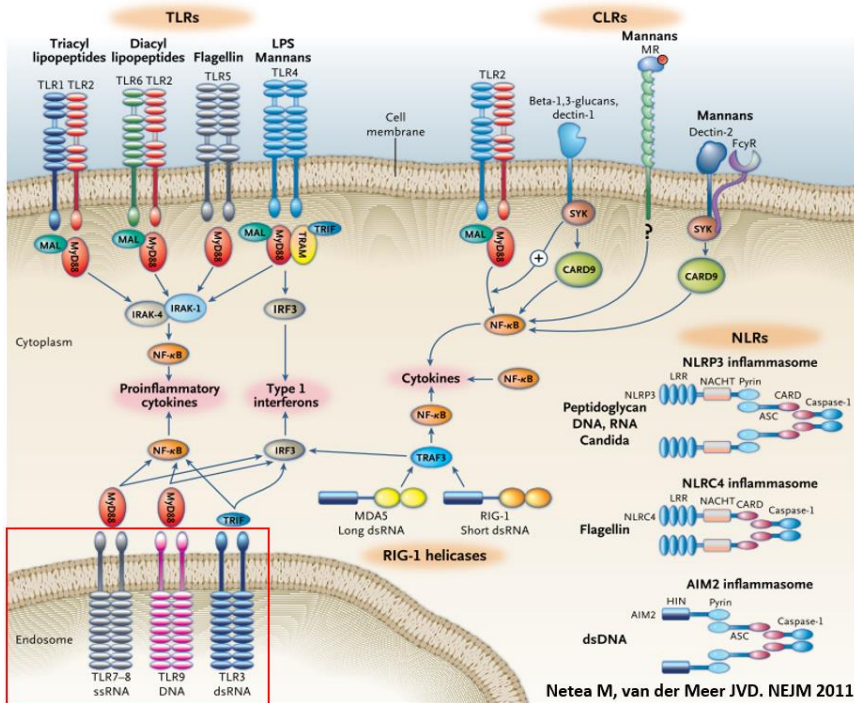
Ineffective Antigen  
Presenting Cells

Therapeutic Hypothesis

Key Experimental  
Observation

- Various cells in the TME (Tregs, MDSCs, M2s, CAFs etc.) limit a robust anti-tumor immune response by producing immunosuppressive cytokines such as:
  - PGE2 – suppresses M1 cytokine secretion and recruits MDSCs
  - IL10 – Inhibits MHCII expression and M1 cytokine secretion
  - TGFβ – Inhibits T cell priming and infiltration
- Antigen presenting cells in the tumor microenvironment are often tumor-supportive rather than tumor-destructive
- Reawakening immunosuppressed APCs may result in a productive and durable anti-tumor immune response
- Co-treatment of tumor-targeting mAbs and APC immune stimulation (CD40 + TNF) was required to eradicate tumors from mice (Carmi et al. *Nature* 2015)

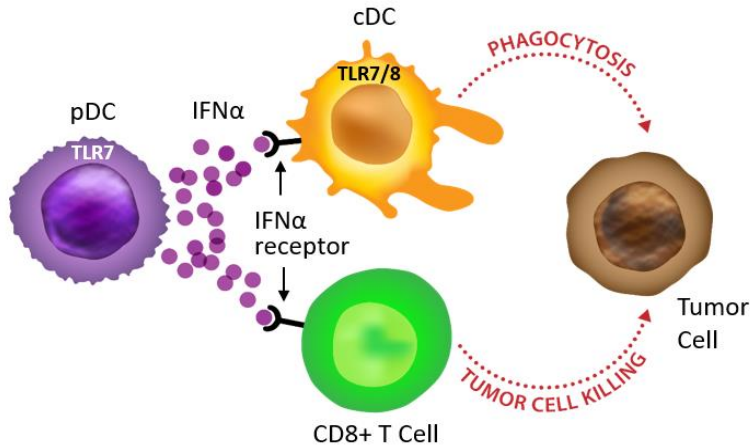
# Pattern Recognition Receptors Play Key Roles in the Activation of the Innate Immune Response



- PRR agonists (e.g., TLR7/8/9, STING, and NLRP3) create an immune microenvironment poised for an anti-tumor immune response
  - Enhanced antigen presentation for T cell-mediated killing
  - Reducing function of immunosuppressive cells (Treg, M2, MDSC)
  - Activation of innate cell-mediated tumor killing (NK, M1)
- PRR agonist therapies are largely restricted to intratumoral administration due to systemic toxicity

# Dual TLR7 & TLR8 Agonism Optimizes for Productive Anti-tumor Immune Response

## TLR7/8 dual agonist provides an amplification of the immune response



- TLR7 agonism activates pDCs, TLR7 and/or TLR8 agonism activate cDCs
- IFN $\alpha$  contributes to activation/maturation cDCs and CD8 survival
- Activated cDCs and pDCs produce cytokines and chemokines to convert “cold” to “warm” tumor microenvironment
- Dual TLR7 and TLR8 agonism provides an optimal opportunity to induce a productive anti-tumor immune response
- Potential translatability of mouse to human biology could be increased by selecting a dual TLR7/8 agonist
  - Immune cell types: mTLR7 expression = hTLR7 + hTLR8 expression

Cell Type \ TLR	TLR7 Expression	TLR8 Expression	mTLR7 Expression
Monocyte	Yes	Yes	Yes
Macrophage	Yes	Yes	Yes
cDC	Yes	Yes	Yes
pDC	Yes	No	Yes

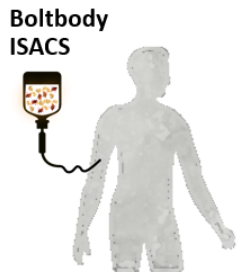
# Boltbody ISAC Mechanism of Action

## Innate Immune Response

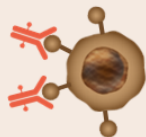
*Myeloid Cell-driven, Phagocytic Tumor Killing*

## Adaptive Immune Response

*T cell / Adaptive Immune Tumor Killing*

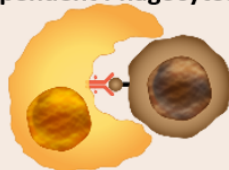


### ① Tumor Antigen Recognition



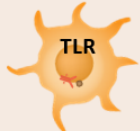
ANTIGEN EXPRESSION  
• High, medium, & low

### ② FcR-Dependent Phagocytosis



MYELOID ANTIGEN-  
PRESENTING CELLS  
• Monocytes  
• Macrophages  
• pDCs and cDCs

### ③ TLR-Mediated Activation



ACTIVATED MYELOID CELLS  
• Chemokine & cytokine  
secretion  
• Enhanced antigen  
presentation

TUMOR  
MICROENVIRONMENT

### ④ T cell Priming & Expansion



TUMOR-DRAINING  
LYMPH NODES

### ⑤ T cell Killing of Tumor Cells



#### RESULT: AN IMMUNE-“HOT” TUMOR

- Chemokines attract immune effector cells
- Cytokines lower immune activation threshold
- Increases myeloid APC phagocytosis
- Activated T cells migrate to tumor

TUMOR  
MICROENVIRONMENT

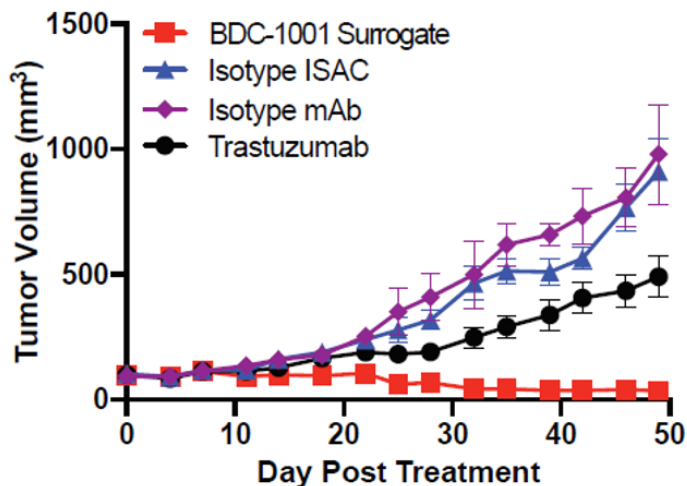


# ISACs Require Tumor Antigen Recognition, FcR engagement, and TLR Agonism

## Activity dependent on

### 1) Tumor antigen recognition

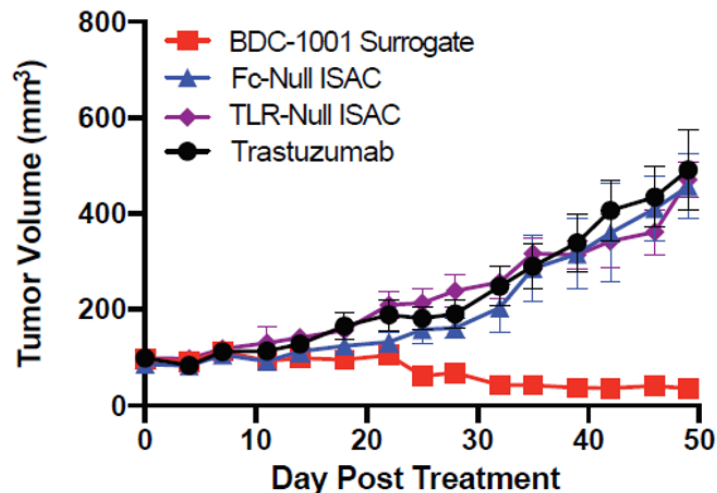
Mice implanted with HER2-expressing HCC1954 cell line



## Activity dependent on both

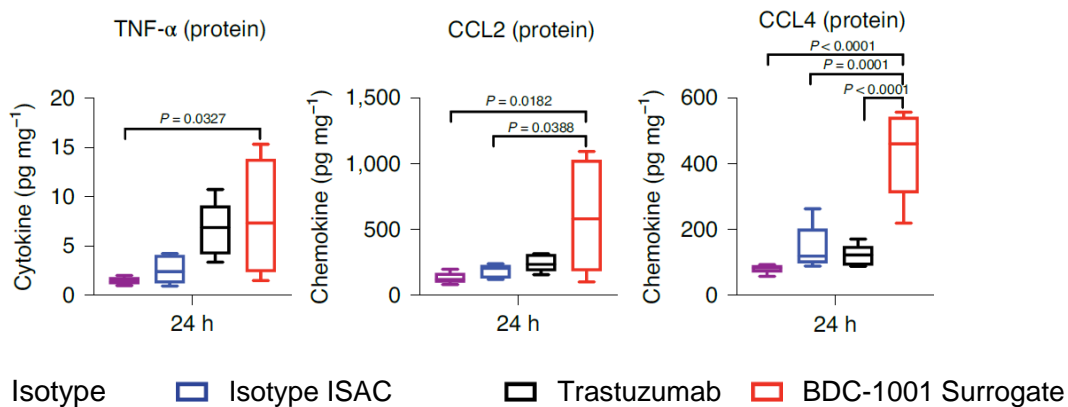
### 2) FcR engagement & 3) TLR agonism

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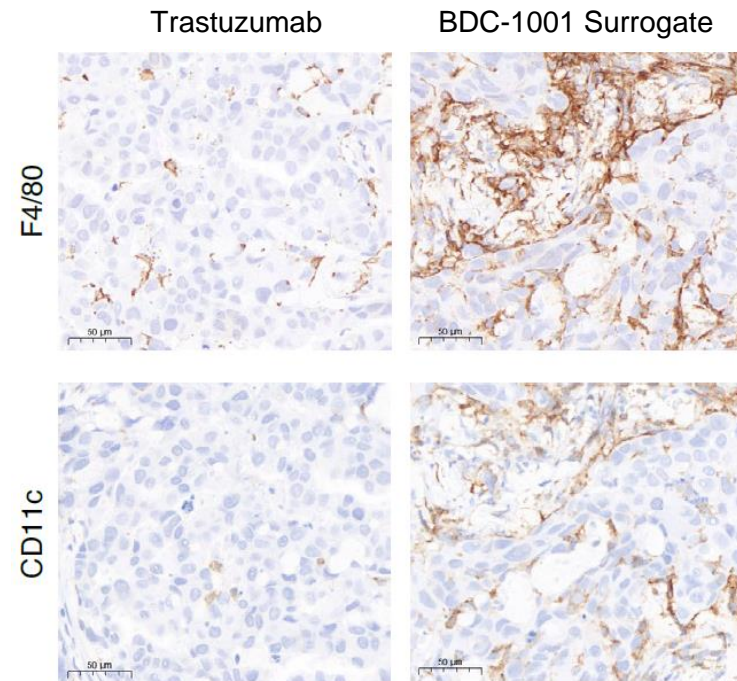


HCC1954, 5 mg/kg, q5d x 6

# BDC-1001 Surrogate Enhances Secretion of Cytokines, Chemokines, and Recruitment of Myeloid Cells in the TME



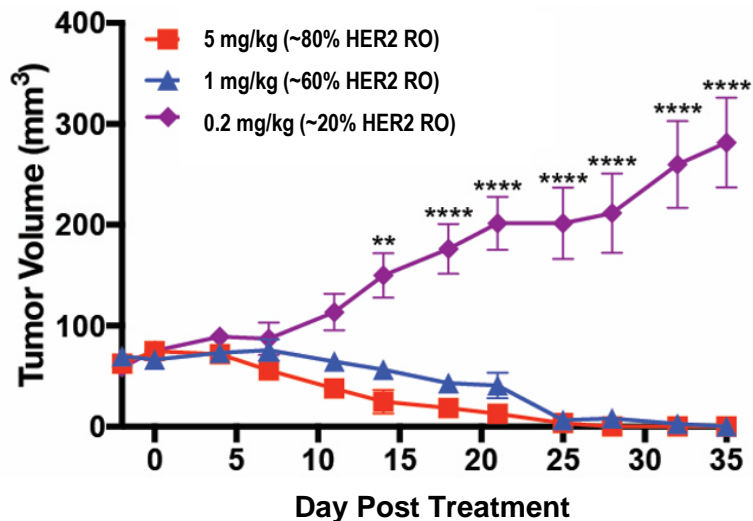
HCC1954, 5 mg/kg, 24 hours post-Tx



HCC1954, 9 days post-Tx

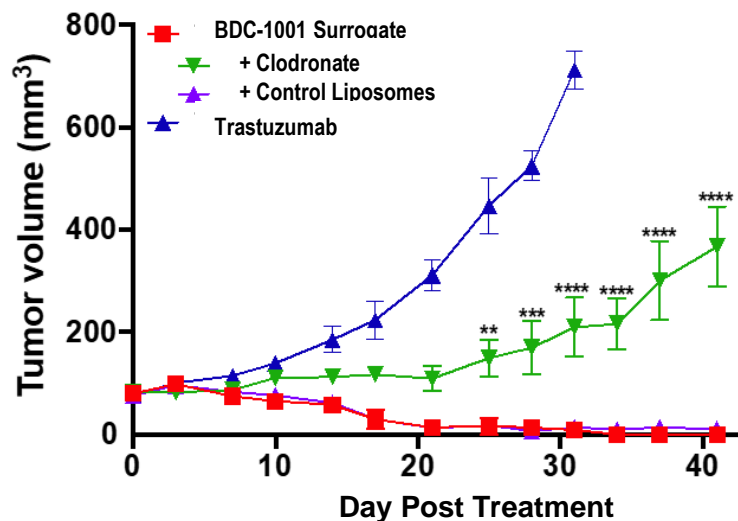


# BDC-1001 Surrogate Efficacy Requirements



Requirement for ~60% HER2 RO

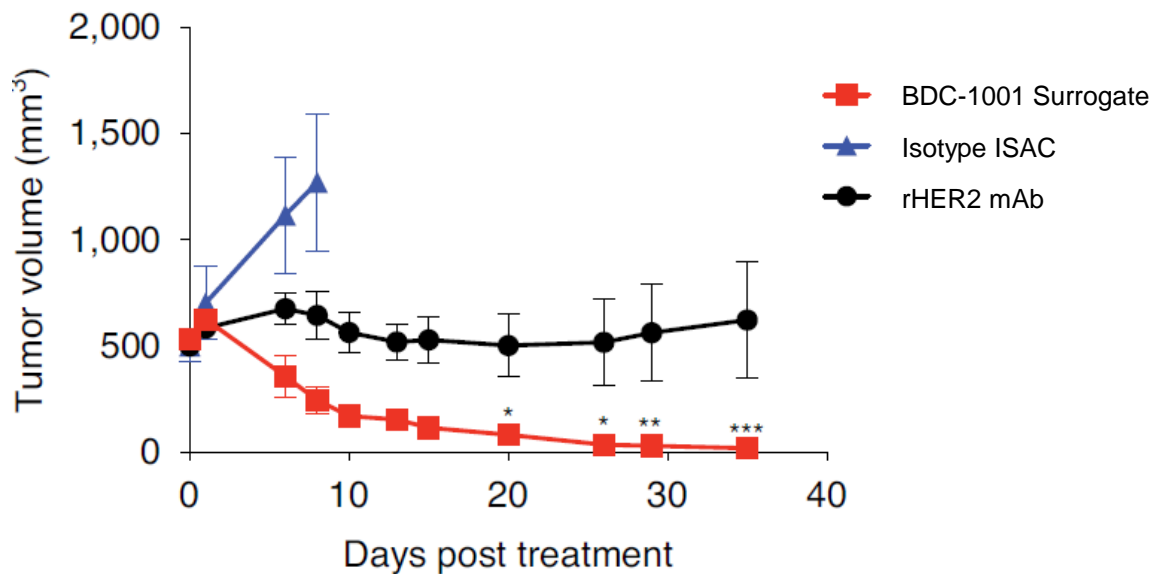
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Requirement for Phagocytes

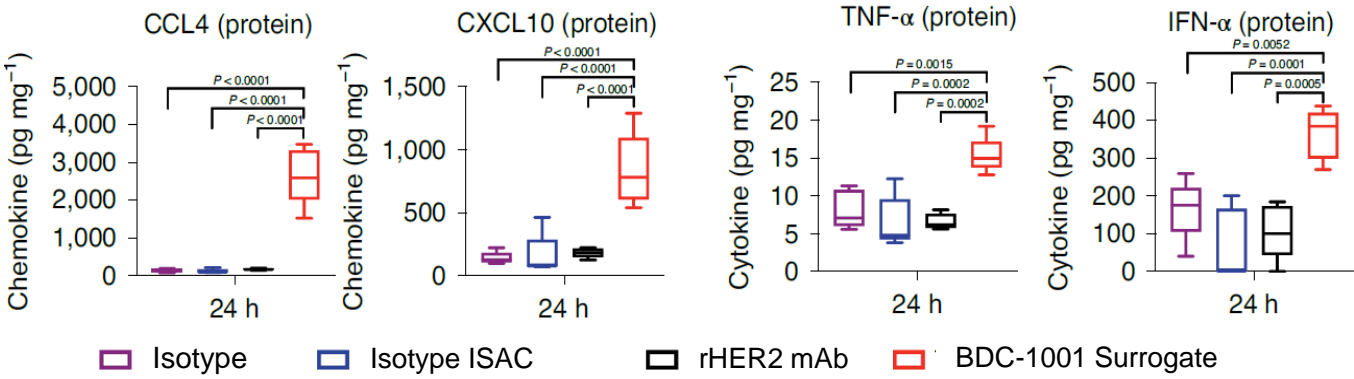
HCC1954, Tx 5 mg/kg, q5d x 3

# Tumor Elimination in Large, Immunologically Cold & Well-Established Tumors

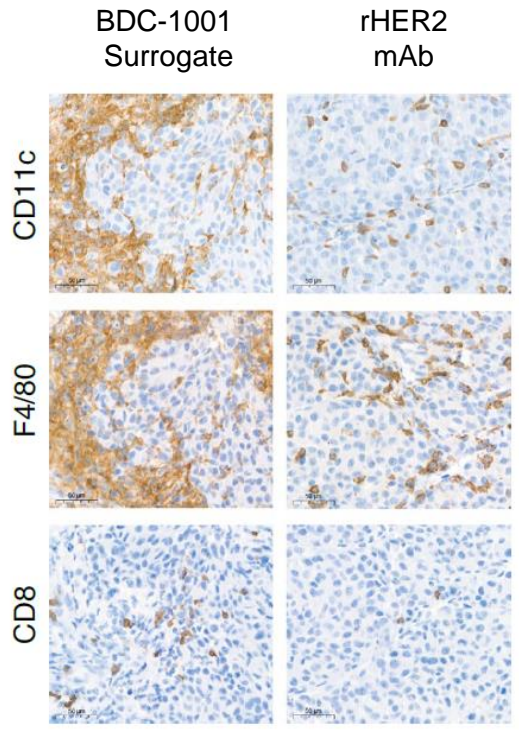


MMC syngeneic, Tx 5 mg/kg, q5d x2

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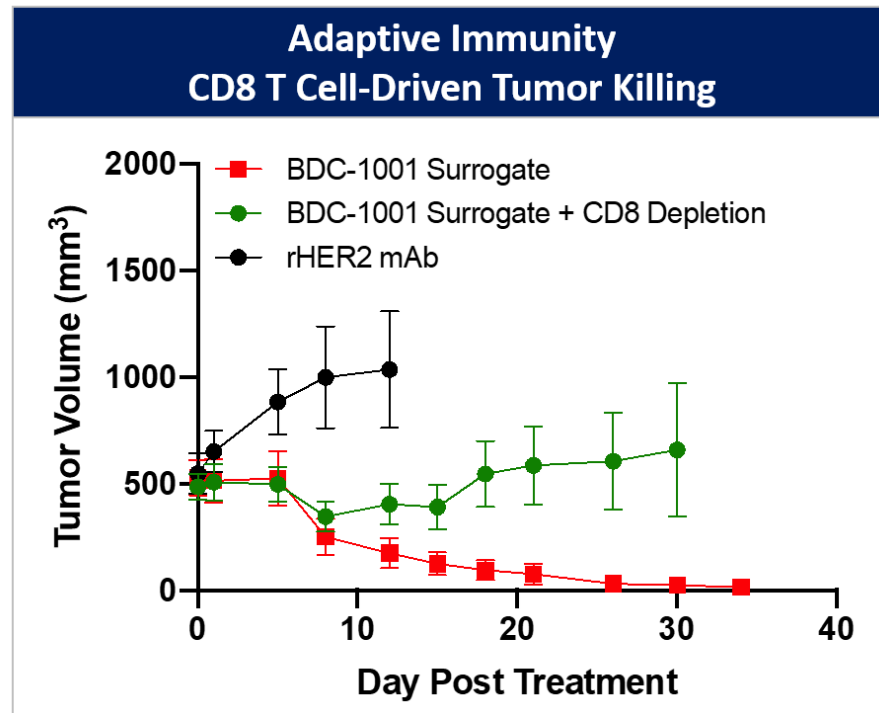
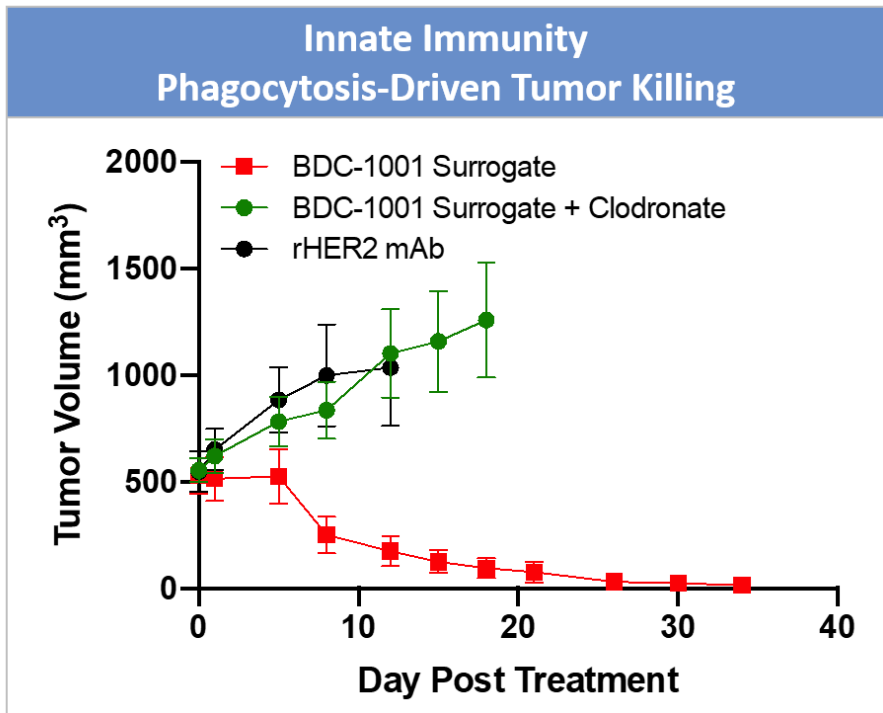


MMC syngeneic, Tx 5 mg/kg



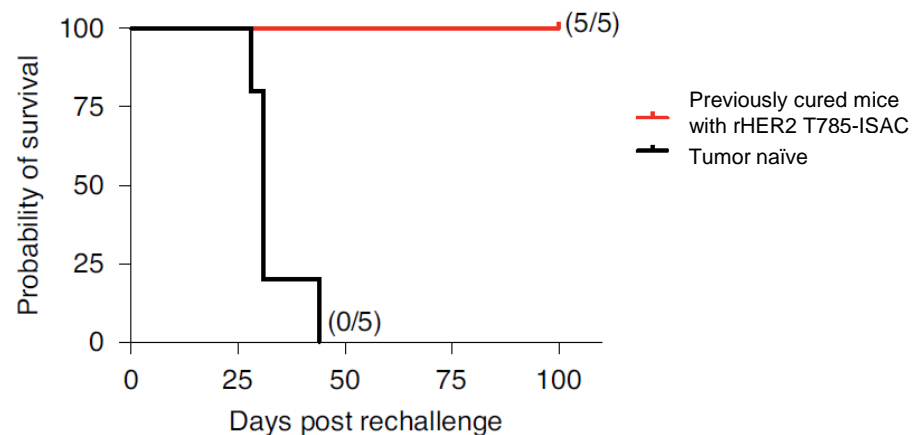
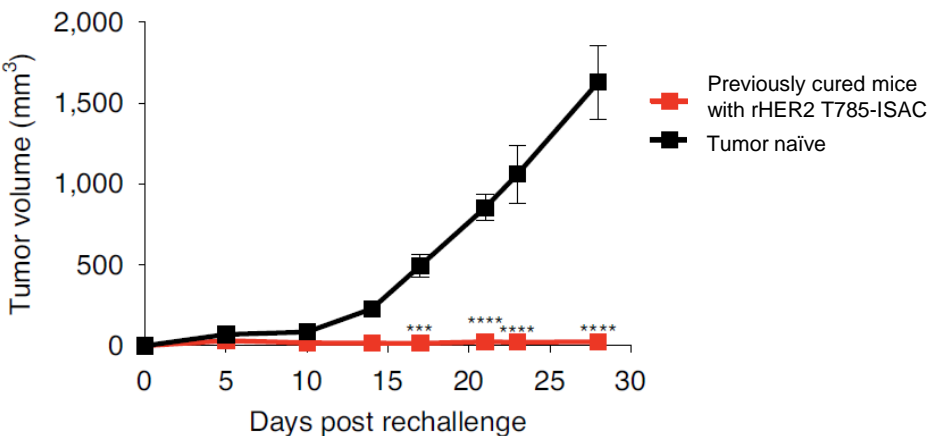
MMC syngeneic, 6 days post-Tx

# Requirement for Phagocytes and CD8 T cells for Maximal ISAC Efficacy



MMC syngeneic, Tx 5 mg/kg, q5d x 2

# BDC-1001 Surrogate MMC Mice that are Cured by Tx are Resistant to Rechallenge

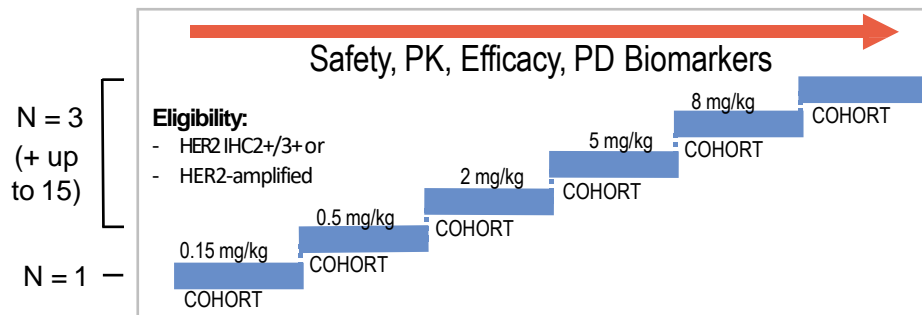


BDC-1001 surrogate-treated mice that experienced complete tumor regression for >90 d after their last treatment were rechallenged with the MMC tumor cell line (n=5)

# BDC-1001 – Ongoing Phase 1/2 Schema in Advance HER2-Expressing Solid Tumors

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04278144

## Phase 1/2 Monotherapy Trial Schema: Parts 1 and 3



## HER2 eligibility based on cohort

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	HER2 Low Breast Cancer	16+14
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	Other HER2+ Cancers	16+14

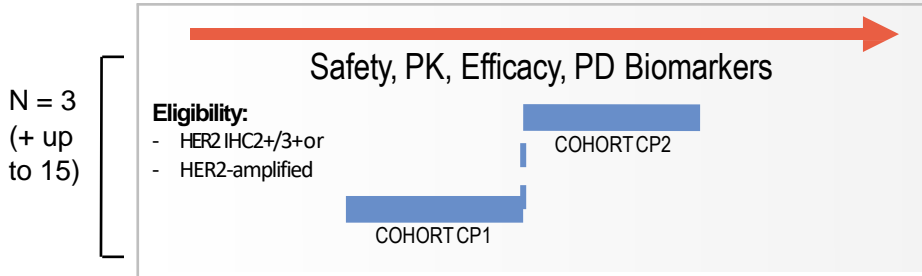
**Endpoints:**

- **Primary:** Safety, MTD, Dose Selection
- **Secondary:** PK, preliminary anti-tumor activity
- Expl. Biomarkers: Proof of Mechanism

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- **Primary:** Anti-tumor activity
- **Secondary:** Safety and tolerability of BDC-1001, PK and immunogenicity of BDC-1001
- Expl. Biomarkers: Proof of Mechanism

## Combination Therapy with Checkpoint Inhibitor (CPI): Parts 2 and 4



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# Generating Proof of Mechanism for the ISAC Approach

## BDC-1001

### Trastuzumab (anti-HER2) biosimilar conjugated to proprietary TLR7/8 agonist via a non-cleavable linker

#### Preclinical Proof of Mechanism:

- “Three-Factor Authentication” for localized immune response and safety
- Engagement of both innate and adaptive immunity
- Elimination of established / treatment-resistant tumors

#### No Adverse Findings in GLP NHP Toxicology Study at Highest Dose

**Status:** Phase 1/2 trial dose escalation, well tolerated, PD biomarkers consistent with MOA, and signs of stable disease & tumor volume reduction

#### Expected Upcoming Milestones:

- Complete monotherapy dose escalation
- Initiate monotherapy Phase 2 dose expansions
- Initiate combination trial with anti-PD-1

