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# Combining Vaccines with other therapeutics: A strategy to accelerate proof of concept studies?

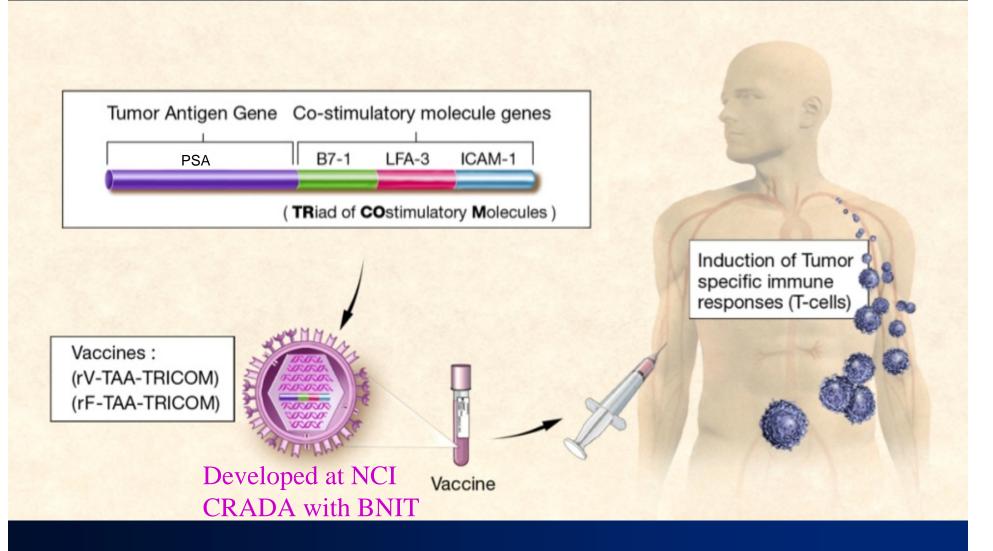
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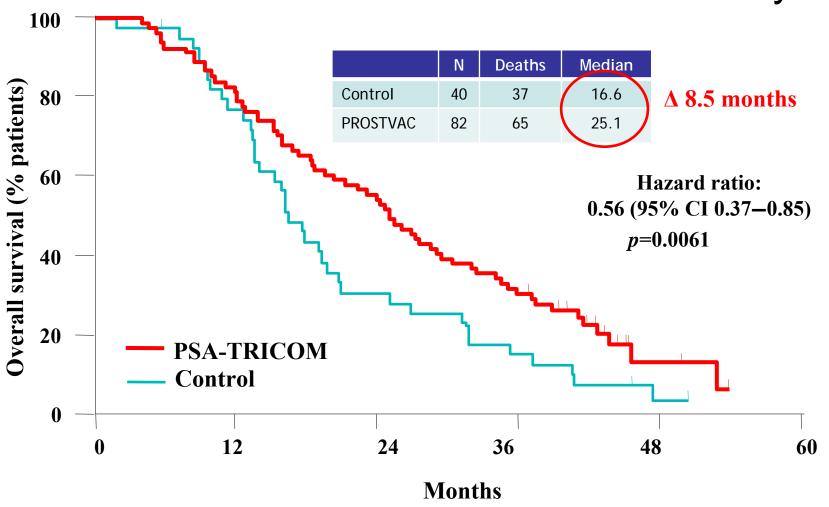
# Monotherapy

- Randomized controlled studies of immunotherapies alone have suggested that TTP may not be a discriminatory endpoint for clinical trials.
  - Sipuleucel-T (2 phase III studies)
  - Ipilimumab (phase III study)\*
  - PROSTVAC (phase II study)

# Pox Vector Vaccine: PSA TRICOM (PROSTVAC)



# PSA-TRICOM Significantly Extended Overall Survival in a Multicenter Phase II Study

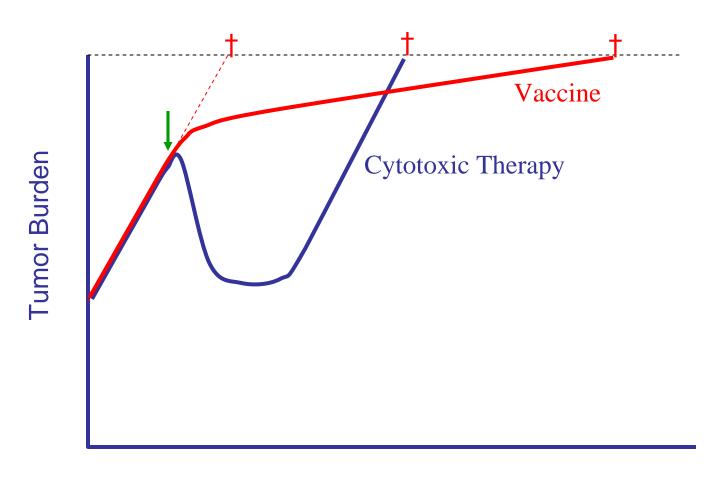


Kantoff (Schlom, Gulley) et al. J Clin Oncol 2010

### Therapeutic vaccines vs. Conventional therapy

	Conventional Therapy	Therapeutic Vaccines
Target	Tumor or its microenvironment	Immune system
Pharmacodynamics	Often immediate action	Delayed
Memory Response	No	Yes
Limitations	Toxicity	Requires adequate immune system function (both systemically and at tumor site)

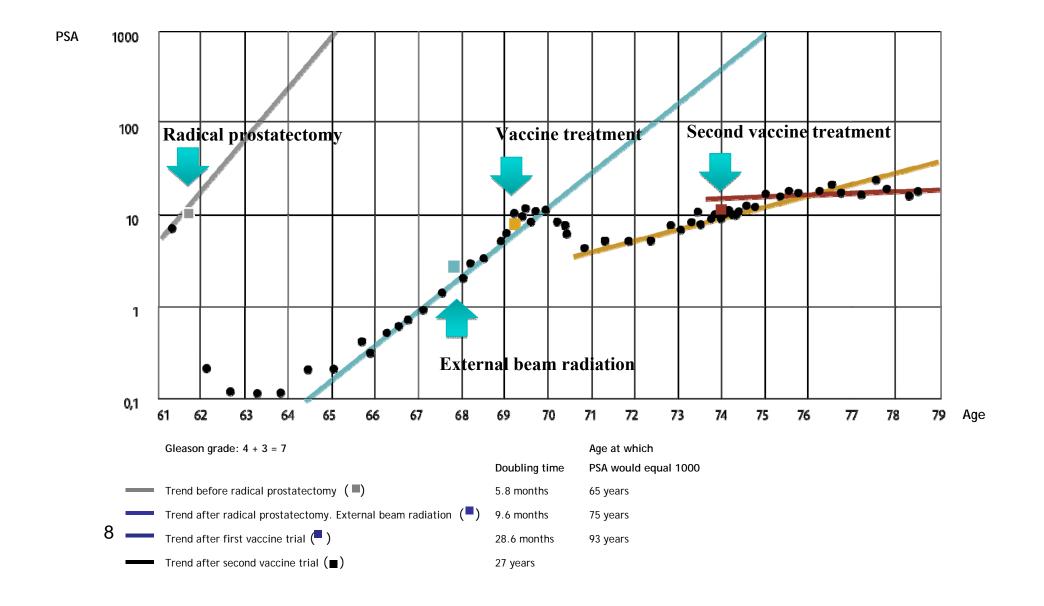
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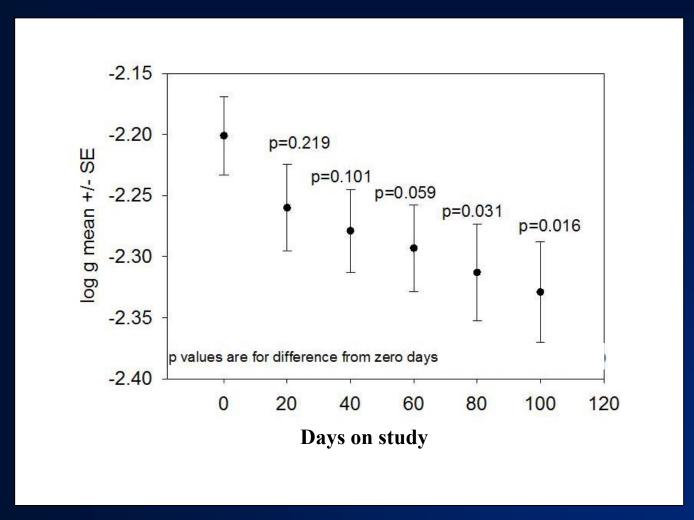
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Stein W, Gulley JL, et al. Clin Ca Res, 2011

## PROSTVAC – Interesting Case History



# Decrease in growth rate (PSA) over time following therapeutic vaccination

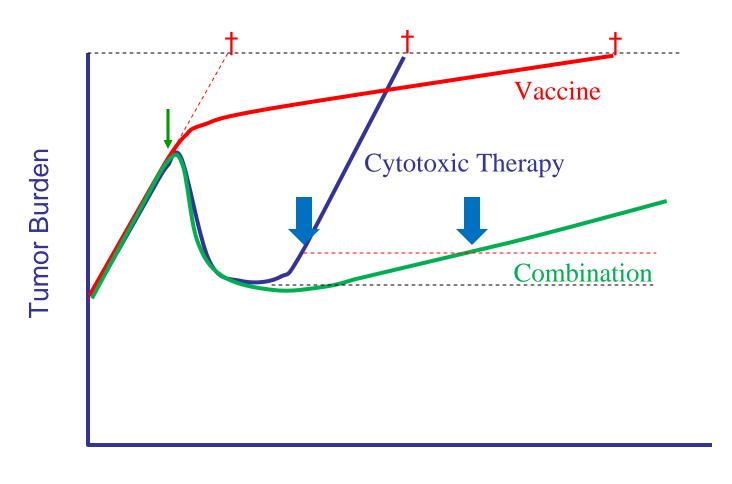


PROSTVAC treatment starting Day 0 and continued for 6 months, n=50 DiPaola et al, ASCO GU 2009 (E9802)

## Combination Studies

- Rationale: added therapy
  - Kill in an immunologic manner (boosting anti-cancer immune responses)
  - Phenotypically alter tumor cell → more amenable to immune mediated killing
    - Killing
      - Fas, improved T-cell binding (ICAM)
    - Recognition
      - MHC, TAA
  - Augment immune effectors / decrease immune regulators

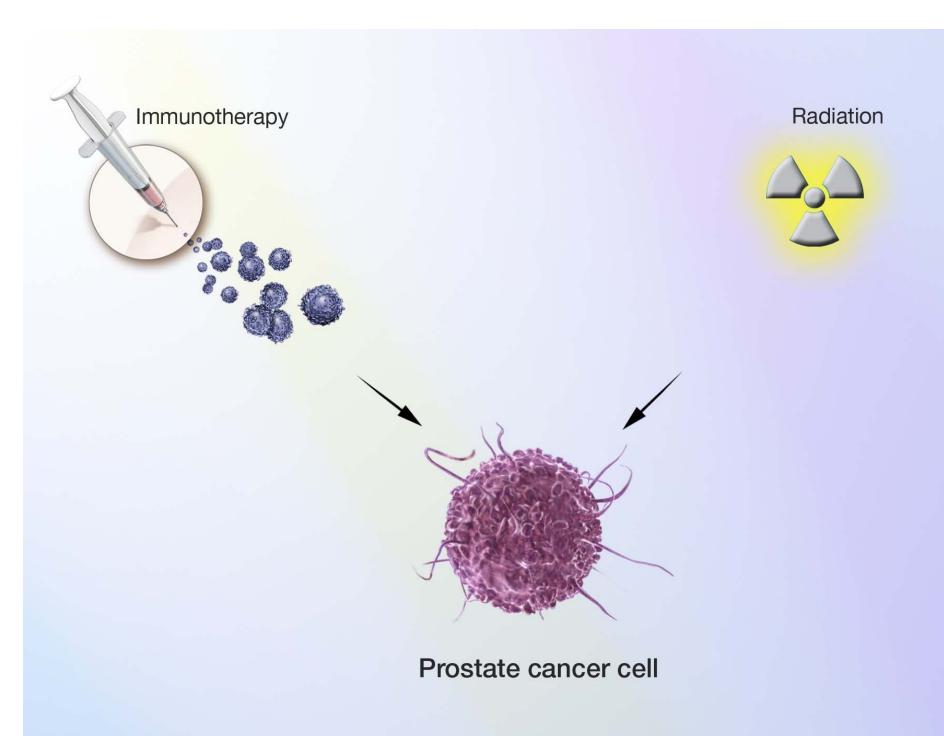
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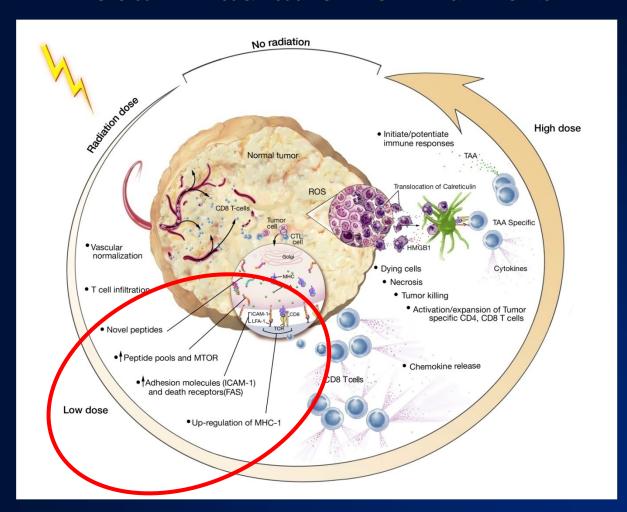
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# **Combination Studies**

		Clinical Trials	
	Preclinical Studies	Immune Endpoint	Clinical Endpoint
Radiation	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	ongoing
Chemotherapy	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	ongoing
Hormonal Manipulation	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	ongoing
Small Molecule	$\checkmark$		
Immune Checkpoint inhibition	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	



## Potential Multiple Effects of Local Irradiation of Tumors





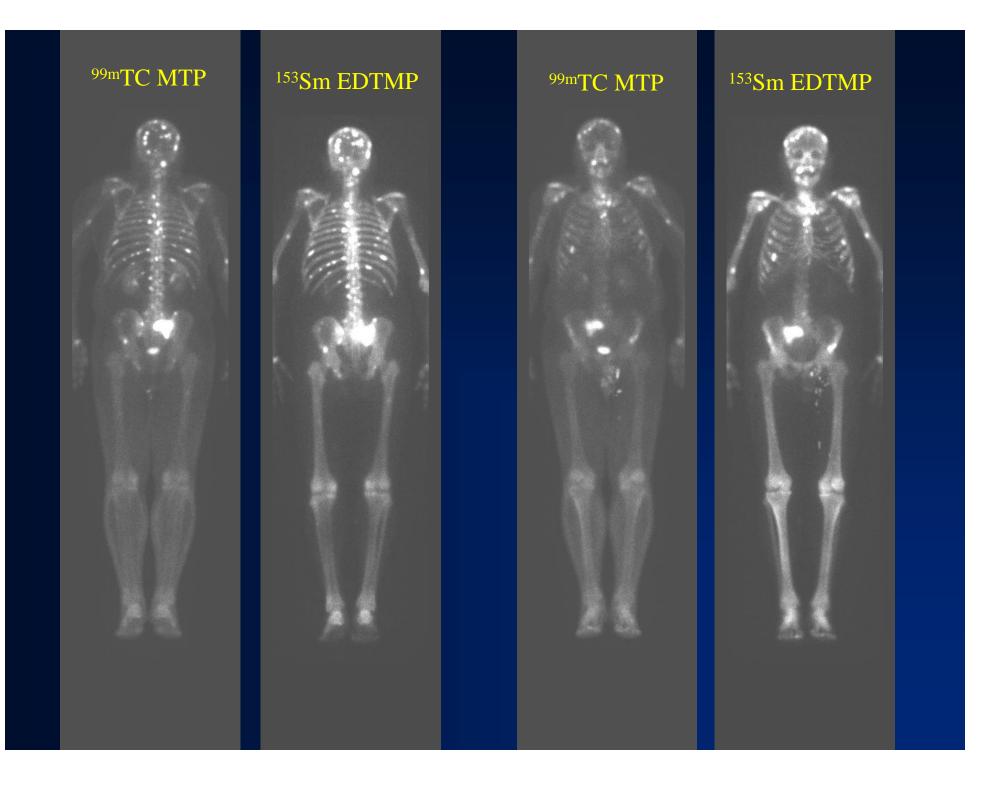
QUADRAMET is a therapeutic agent consisting of radioactive samarium (153Sm) and chelator.

It preferentially binds to osteoblastic metastatic tumor deposits in bone.

<sup>153</sup>Sm is currently FDA approved and clinically utilized for palliation of bone metastasis in multiple tumor histologies.

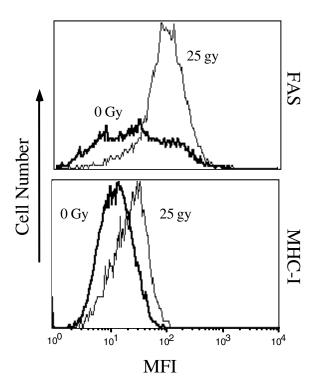






# Treatment of LnCaP Prostate Cells with Palliative Levels of <sup>153</sup>Sm (Quadramet) Modulates Phenotype, Upregulates TAA, and Increases Sensitivity to Antigen-specific CTL Killing

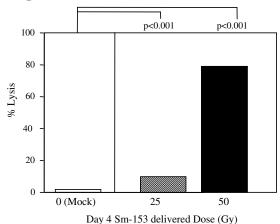
Treatment of LnCaP prostate cancer cells with palliative doses of <sup>153</sup>Sm results in the upregulation of MHC class I and Fas



Treatment of LnCaP prostate cancer cells with palliative doses of <sup>153</sup>Sm results in the upregulation of TAAs

	0 Gy	25 Gy
PSA	1	2.79
PSMA	1	4.14
PAP	1	29.0
CEA	1	10.3
MUC-1	1	3.67

Treatment of LnCaP prostate cancer cells with palliative doses of <sup>153</sup>Sm results in increased sensitivity to multiple CTLs



Chakraborty, Wansley...Schlom, Hodge, NCI. Clin Cancer Res. 2008 Collaboration with Nuclear Medicine Branch

### <sup>153</sup>Sm +/- PSA-TRICOM

#### Patient Population: CRPC Metastatic to bone



Arm A:  $PSA-TRICOM + ^{153}Sm (n=34)$ 

Arm B: <sup>153</sup>Sm (n=34)

Vaccine: rV-PSA/TRICOM s.c. d 1

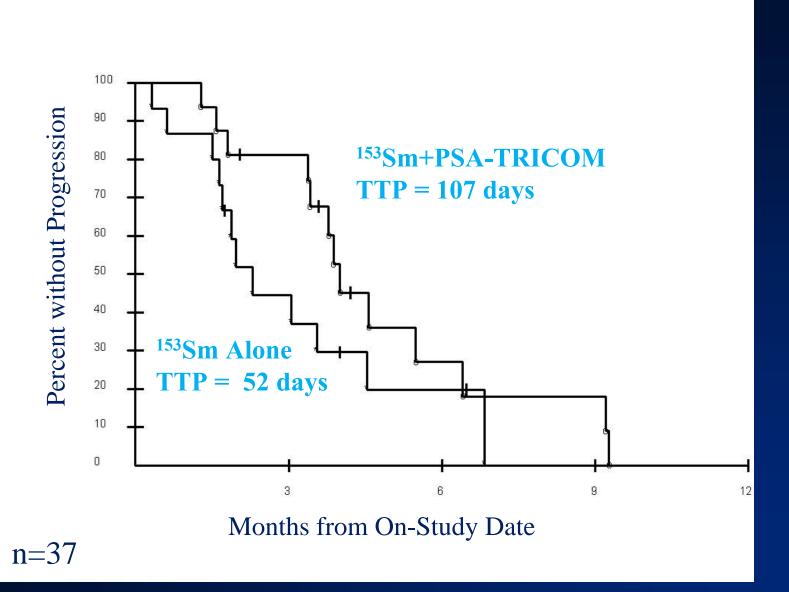
rF-PSA/TRICOM s.c. d 15, 29, q 4 wks

<sup>153</sup>Sm: 1 mCi/kg d 8, may be repeated

q 12 wks upon hematologic recovery.

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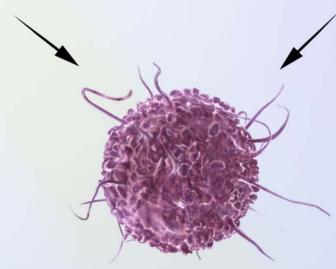
## Preliminary Data: 153Sm +/- PSA-TRICOM





#### Hormonal Therapy





Prostate cancer cell

# Rationale for Vaccine Combined With Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT)

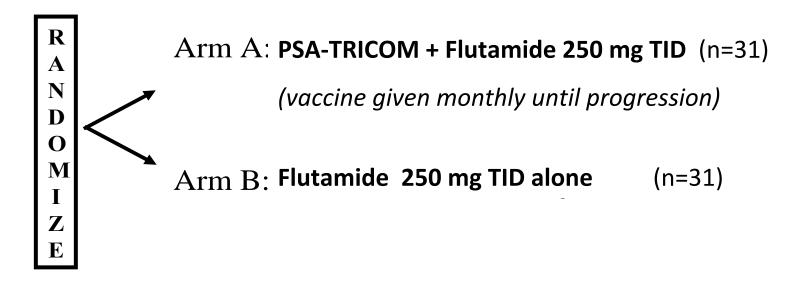
• Increase thymic emigrants (naïve immune cells)

Increased T-cell trafficking to the prostate

Decreases immune tolerance to tumor antigens

## **ADT+ Fluatmide +/- PSA-TRICOM**

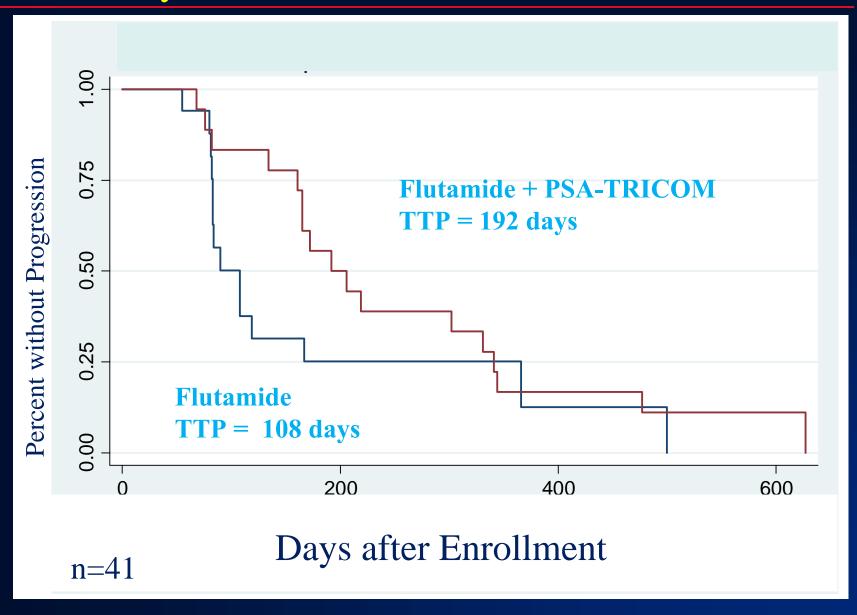
#### **Patient Population: D0.5 Prostate Cancer**



Primary End Point: Time To Progression (PSA rise or mets)

Secondary End Points: Immunologic Response

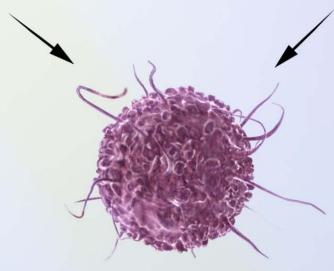
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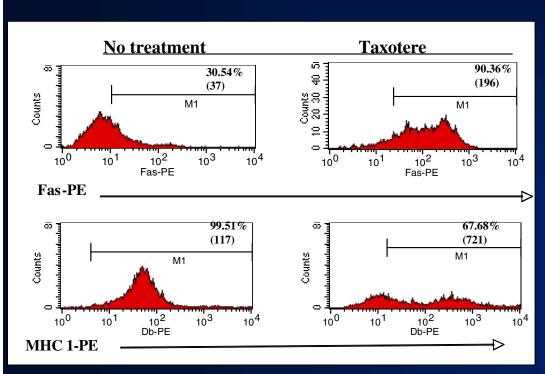
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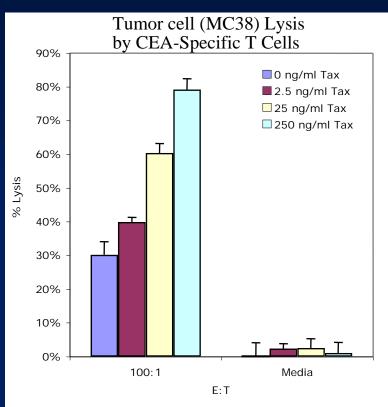




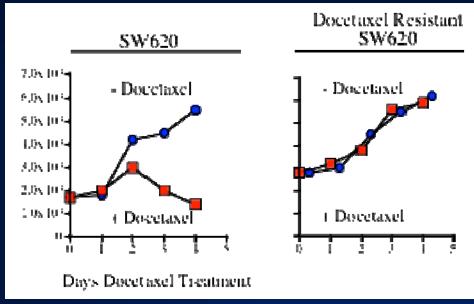
Cancer Cell

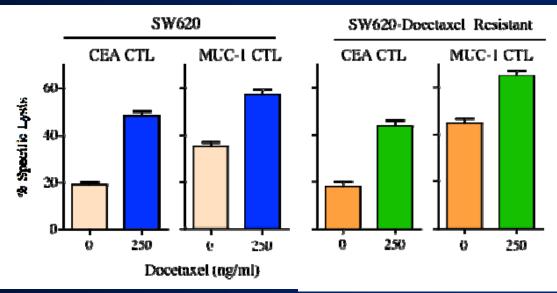
### Ability of Docetaxel to Alter Tumor-Cell Phenotype: Enhanced Sensitivity to Antigen-Specific T-Cell Lysis





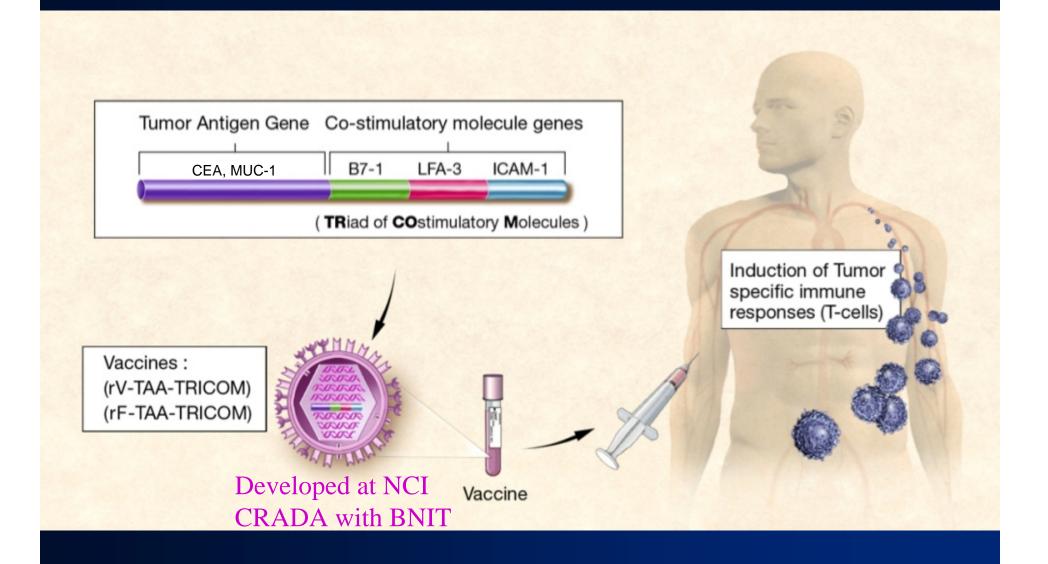
### Human Carcinoma Cells Resistant to Chemotherapy Are Sensitive to CTL Killing After Treatment





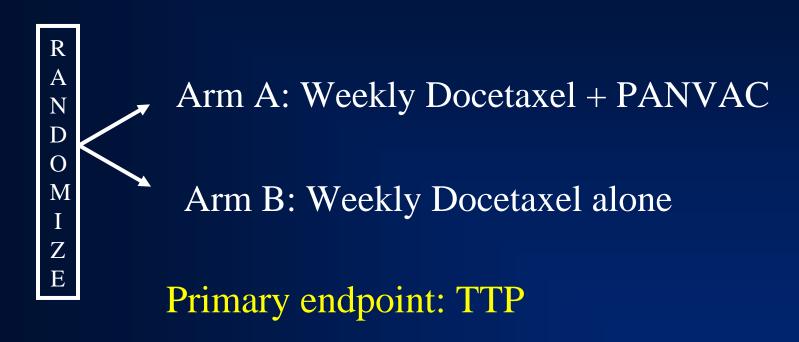
Preclinical Data from Hodge et al.

#### Pox Vector Vaccine: PANVAC



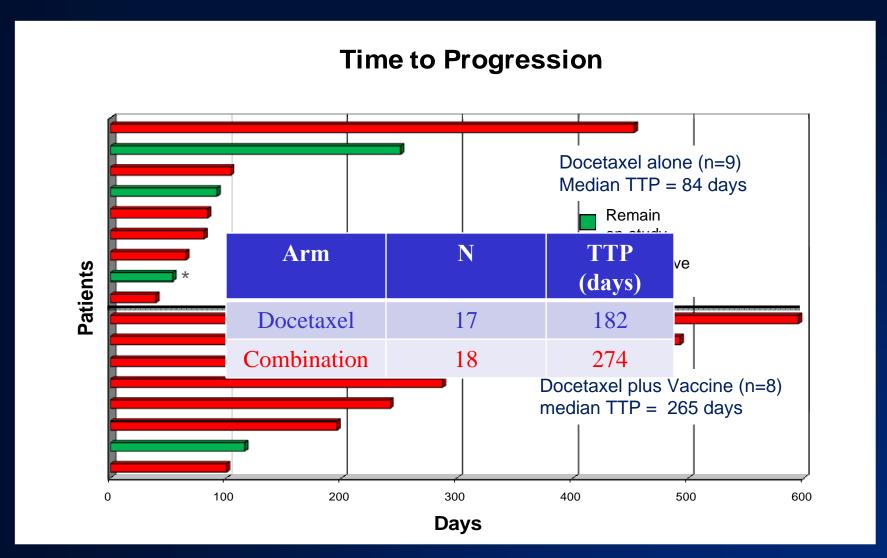
## Docetaxel +/- PANVAC

Patient Population: Metastatic Breast Cancer (Docetaxel Naïve) n=48



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### **Preliminary Data: Docetaxel +/- PANVAC**



Median TTP for docetaxel in 2<sup>nd</sup> line setting is 4 months (Buzdar et al, *The Breast* 1996)

## Conclusions

- Immunotherapy monotherapy does not appear to impact PFS
- However, delayed impact on tumor growth kinetics may eventually lead to improved OS
- Rationally designed combination studies
  - may control tumor burden for long enough → optimal immune mediated tumor growth slowing
  - improved PFS for combination arms vs. standard of care
  - This platform may lead to accelerated proof of concept studies and improved patient outcomes







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