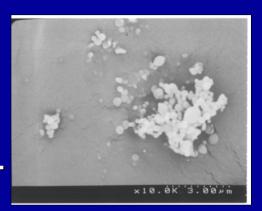
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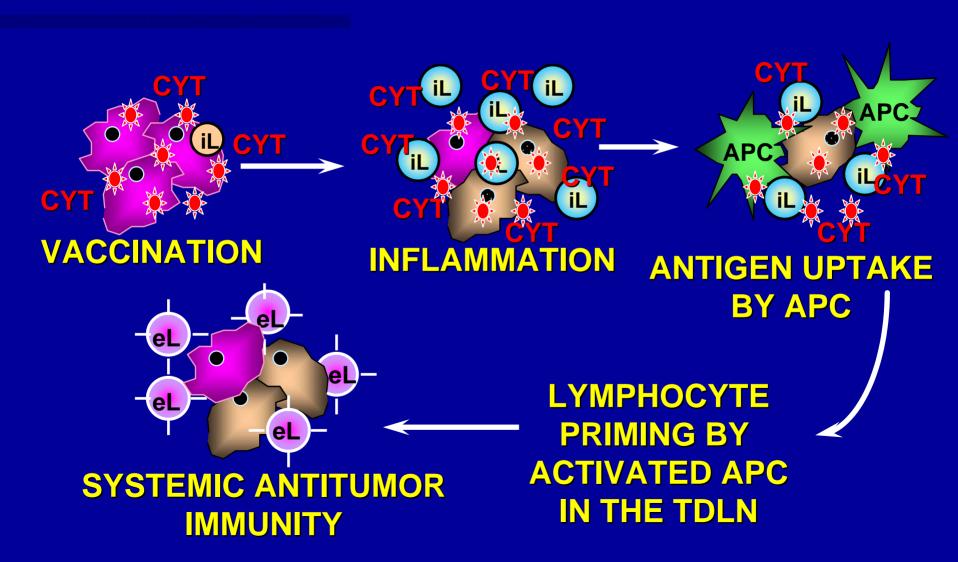
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# Biodegradable Controlled-Release Microsphere Adjuvants

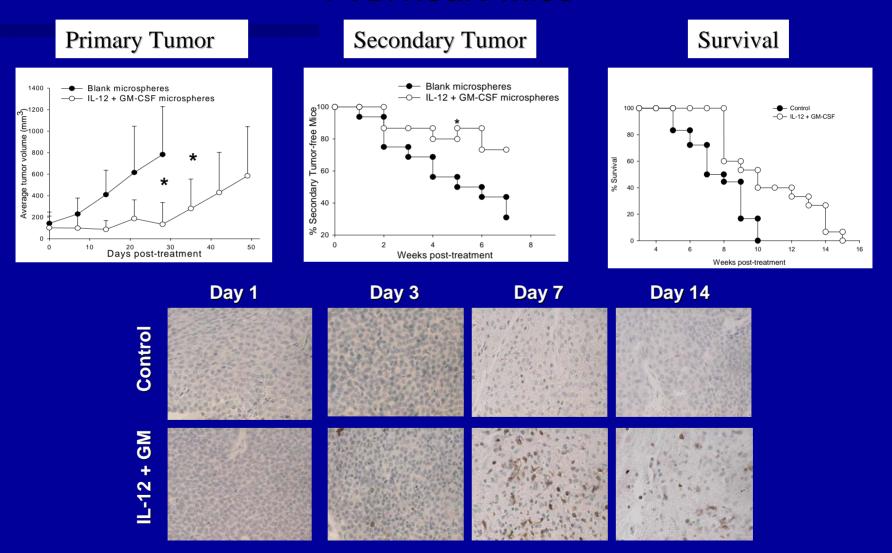
- Biodegradable polymer (poly-lactic acid).
- Injectable (0.1-5 micron in size).
- Local, sustained release of macromolecules.
- Biological activity of macromolecules preserved.
- Storage stability depends on macromolecule.
- A clinically feasible alternative to gene- modification.



## IN SITU TUMOR VACCINATION WITH CYTOKINE-ENCAPSULATED MICROSPHERES

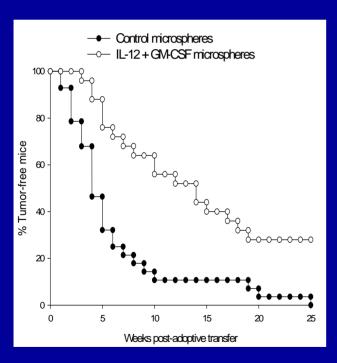


## A Single Treatment w/IL-12 + GM-CSF Microspheres Induces Potent But Transient Tumor Suppression in FVB/neuN Mice

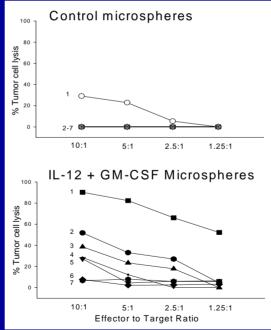


# A Single Intra-tumoral Injection of IL-12 + GM-CSF Microspheres Induces Systemic Anti-tumor Immunity in FVB/neuN Mice

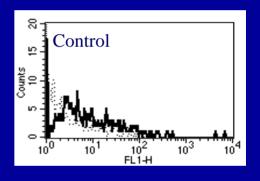
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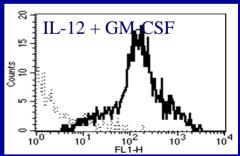


#### **Anti-tumor CTL**



#### **Anti-tumor Antibodies**



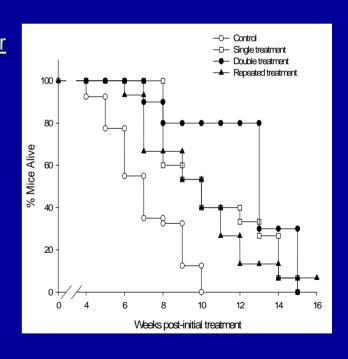


# Chronic Immune Therapy with IL-12 + GM-CSF Microspheres Enhances Short-term Tumor Suppression But Does not Achieve Cure

8-weeks Post-first Treatment

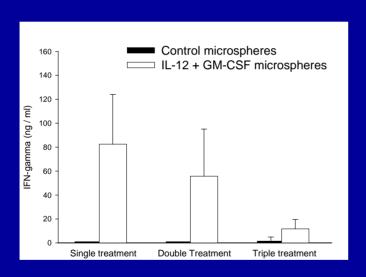
Long-term Survival

Rx	1° Tumor growth	% 1º Regression	% w/2º Tumo
0	N/A	0	31
1	13-fold	0	73
2	2.7-fold	20	90
3	3.9-fold	14	73

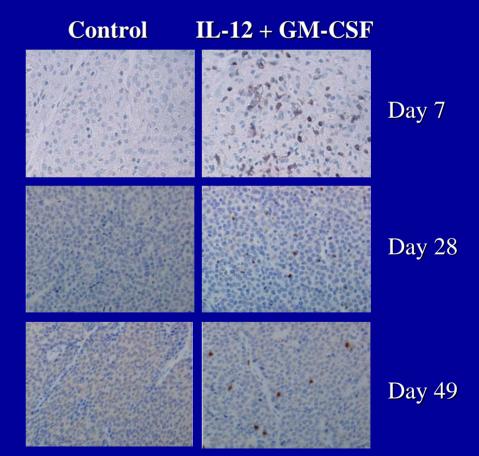


# Repeated Treatment Results in a Progressively Weaker T-cell Response

### IFN-γ response



### T-cell infiltration



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