

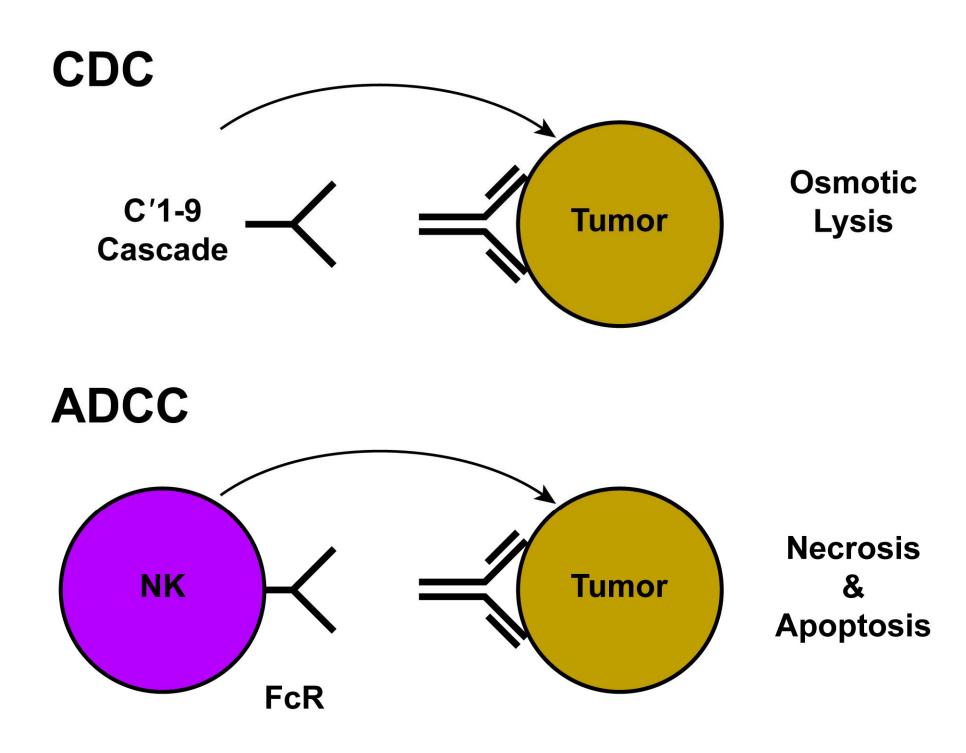
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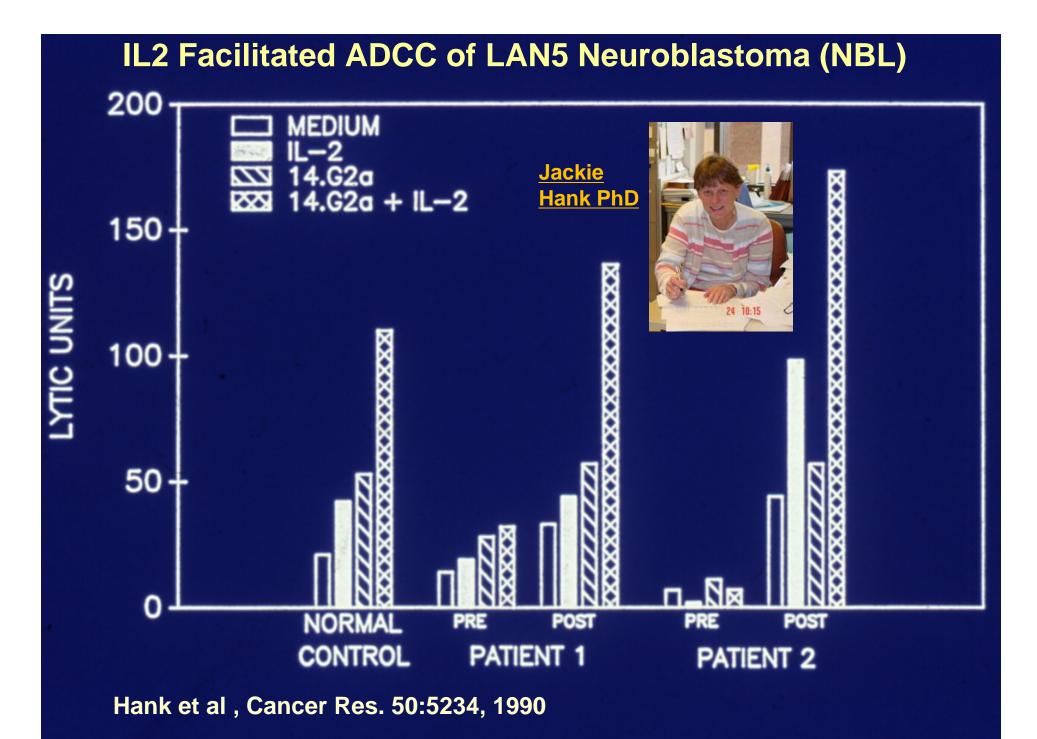


# Combining tumor-reactive mAbs with cytokines to induce ADCC in patients

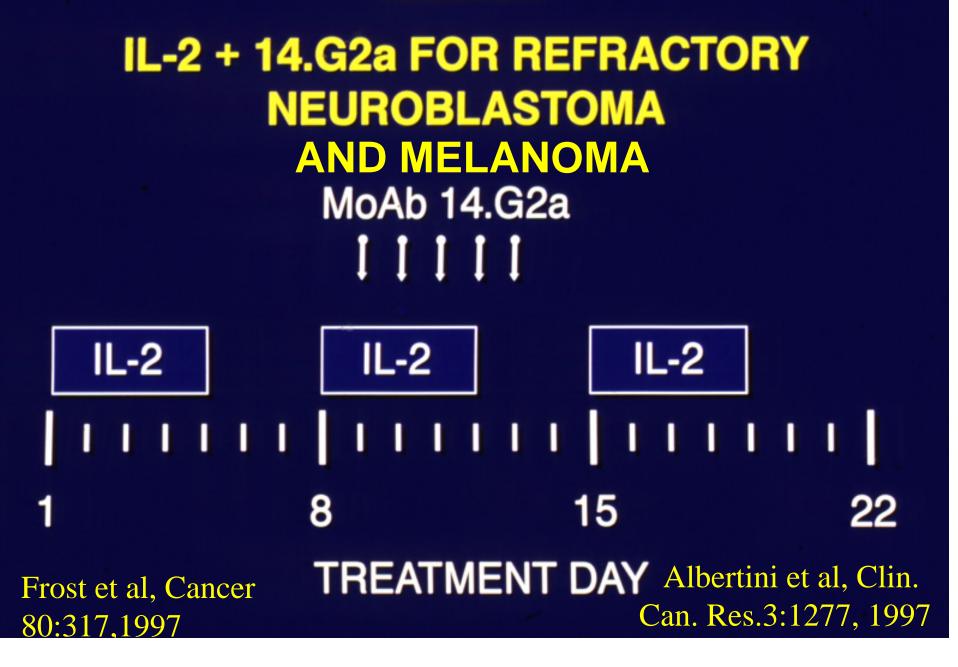








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Published 14.18 phase I studies: PK, Tox., MTD, Biologic effects, but little measurable antitumor effect

 Melanoma -UWCCC M.Albertini Chair



- 14.G2a + IL2
- Ch14.18 + IL2
- Influence of IL2 on HACA
- ch14.18 + R24 +IL2

 Neuroblastoma-COG

- 14.G2a + IL2
- Ch14.18 + GM-CSF after ASCT
- Ch14.18 + GM-CSF+ IL2 after ASCT

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  - -<u>IL2</u>



### Pilot Phase-I study of ch14.18 + IL2 + GM-CSF following ABMT for NBL

Day 0 ABMT
Day 35 Ch14.18 + GM-CSF
Day 56 Ch14.18 + IL2
Day 77 Ch14.18 + GM-CSF
Day 98 Ch14.18 + IL2
Day 119 Ch 14.18 + GM-CSF

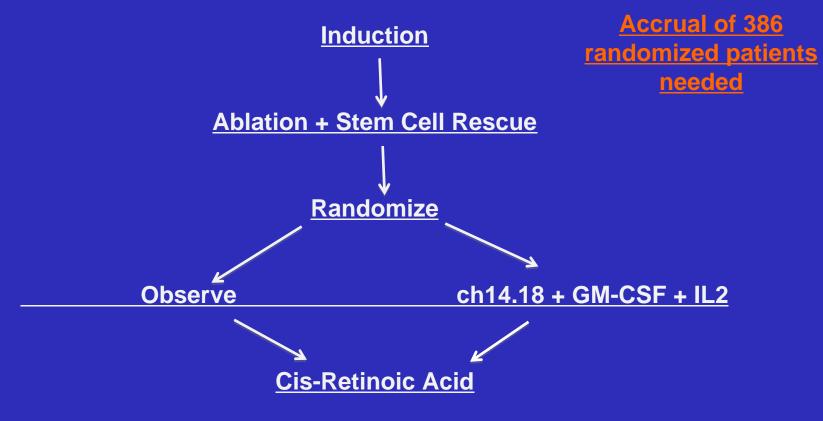
(Ozkaynak et al J. Clin. Oncol. 18:4077, 2000
and Gilman et al, J. Clin. Oncol. 27:85-91, 2009)

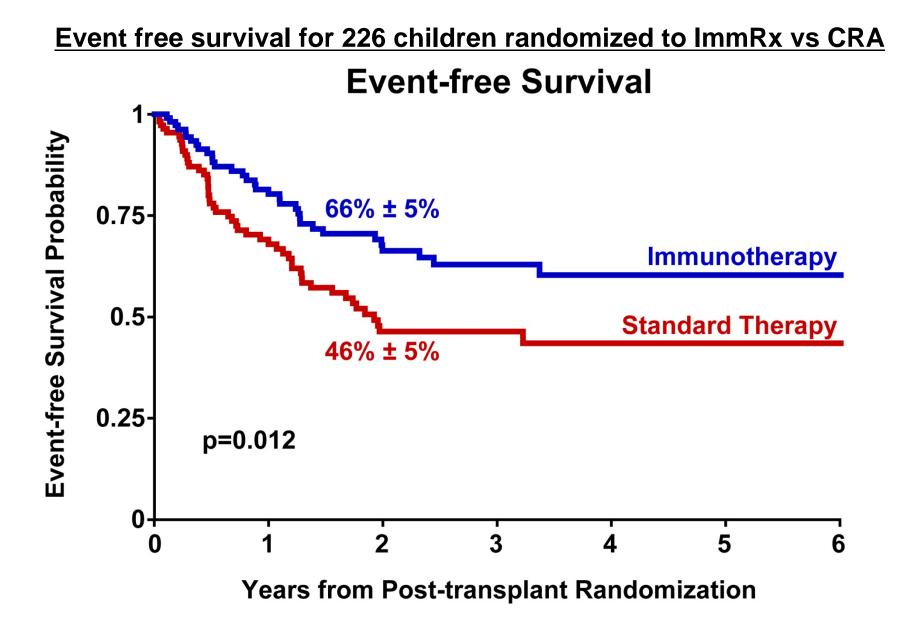
### **Overall survival ~75% at 2 years**

### Schema: C.O.G. NBL Study ANBL0032

#### (2003) - A. Yu Chair







Yu AL, Gilman AL, Ozkaynak MF, London WB, Kreissman S, Chen H, Smith M, Anderson B, Villablanca J, Matthay KK, Shimada H, Grupp SA, Seeger R, Reynolds CP, Buxton A, Reisfeld RA, Gillies SD, Cohn SL, Maris JM, Sondel PM. New Eng. J. Med. 335: 1324, 9/30/10

### Implications of this result for neuroblastoma clinicians:

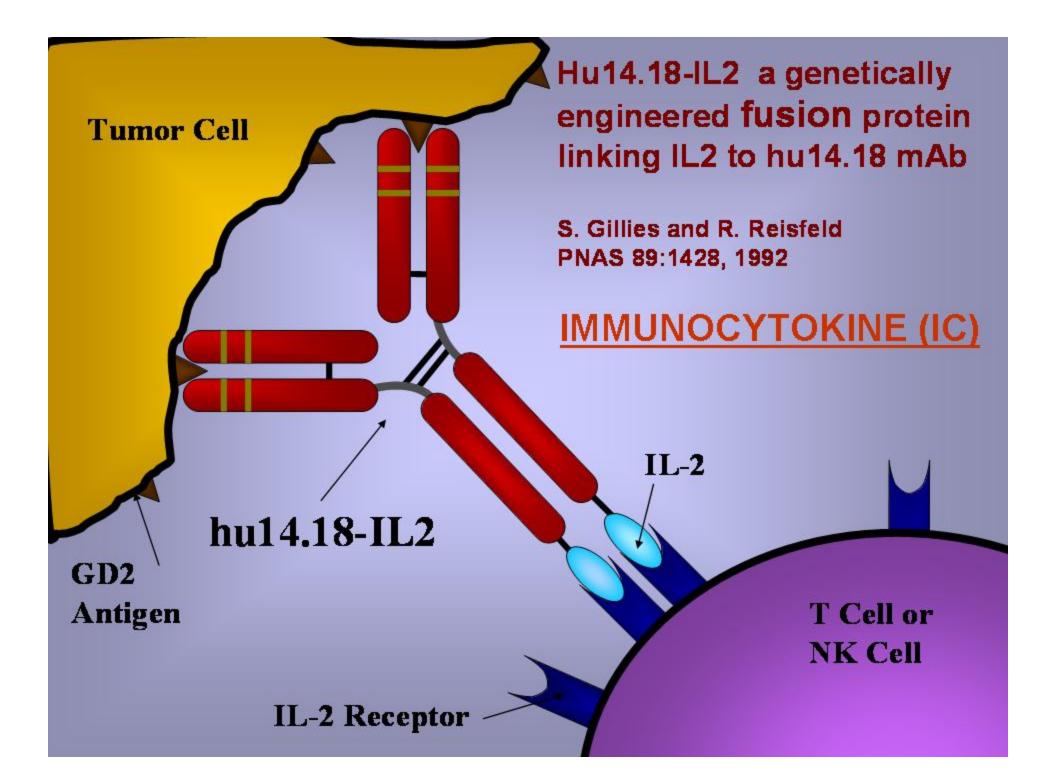
Simon et al (J.C.O 22:3549, 2004) 334 pts treated after consolidation, 166 got ch14.18 (no cytokines). Multivariate analyses showed no benefit in OS or EFS <u>"Because of these results, the MAB ch14.18</u> <u>treatment is not continued in the current German NBL</u> <u>trial".</u>

Why did the COG trial show the ch14.18 + cytokine regimen provides clear benefit for OS and EFS?

Might it be the addition of the IL2 + GM-CSF?

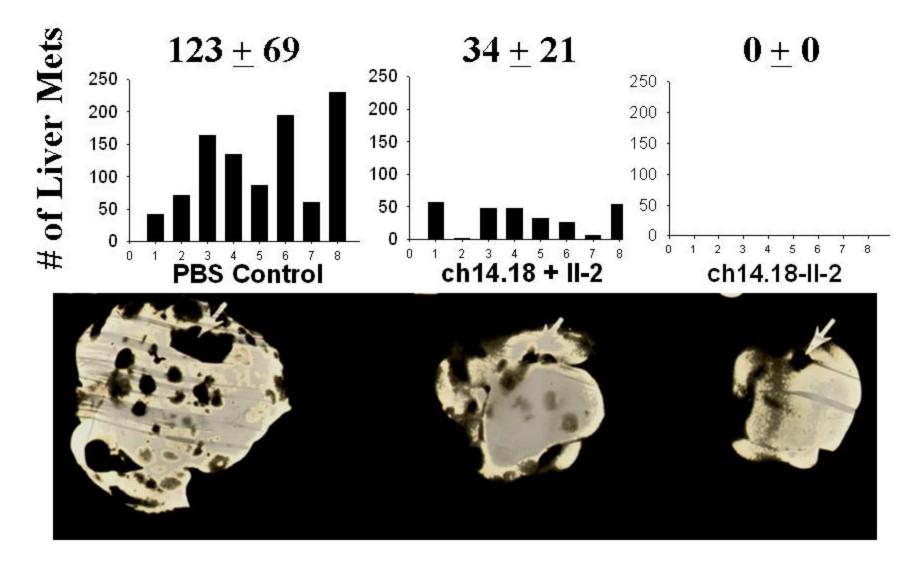
### Implications of this result for other cancers:

- 1. Rituxan, Herceptin, Erbitux mediate ADCC
- 2. Trials combining these mAbs with IL2 or GM-CSF to augment ADCC have been for patients with bulky (measurable) relapsed disease
- 3. Based on this COG result of ch14.18 + GM-CSF + IL2, it may be appropriate to consider combining these other mAbs with IL2 + GM-CSF in a randomized trial for patients in remission but at high risk of relapse.

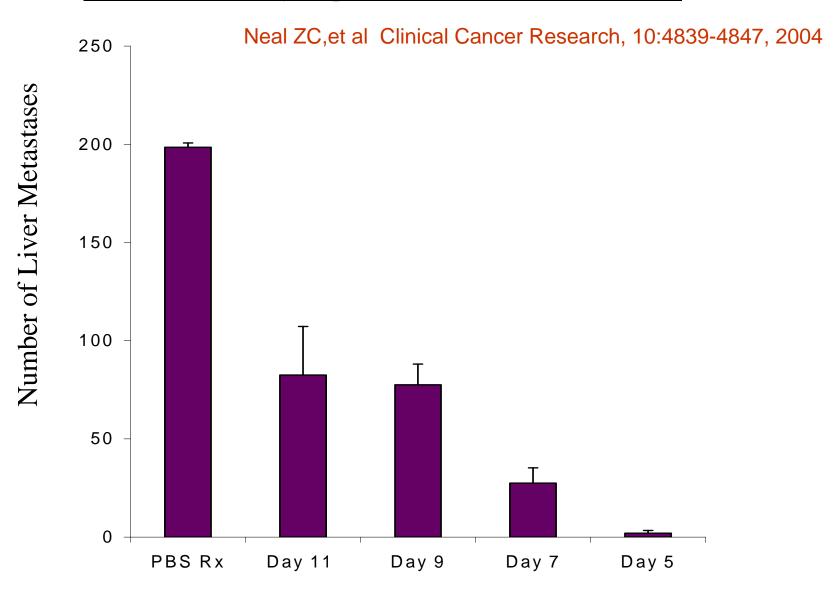


### Efficacy of ch14.18-IL2 Immunocytokine against Murine Neuroblastoma Liver Metastases

Lode et al: J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 89:1586, 1997



#### Hu14.18-IL2 Efficacy: Dependence on Minimal Tumor Status



hu14.18-IL2 (10ug/d) for 5 days starting on day 5, 7, 9, or 11 following 5 X  $10^5$  NXS2 cells injected on day 0, and harvested on day 28.

### **Preclinical Conclusions for hu14.18-IL2**

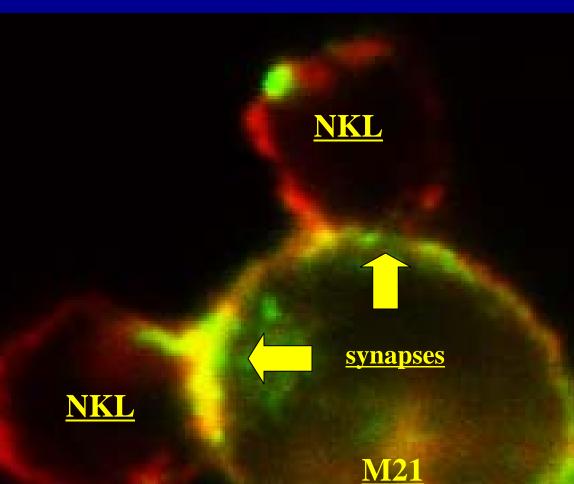
- 1. NK cells and T cells can be involved in the response
- Antibody Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity (ADCC) is involved
- 3. Efficacy in MRD setting
- 4. <u>14.18-IL2 is more effective than 14.18</u> + IL2

### WHY?

## Hu14.18-IL2 (FITC) localizes at immune synapse of NKL-M21 conjugates

Form conjugates with Hu14.18-IL2-FITC + NKL + M21, and stain with actin.

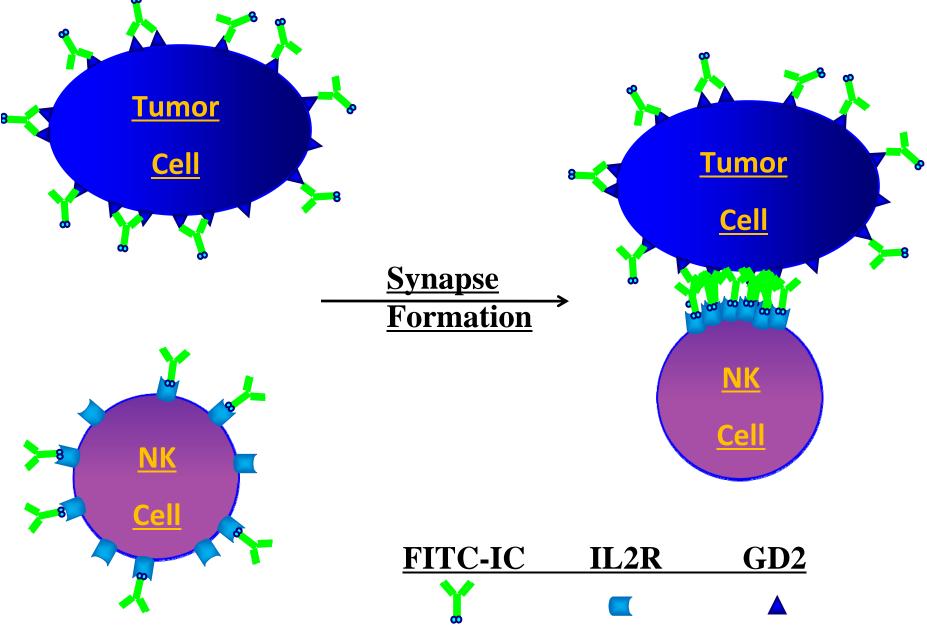
IC gives "ring staining" On M21 (via GD2), but localizes to synapse on NKL (CD25-pos., CD16-neg.)



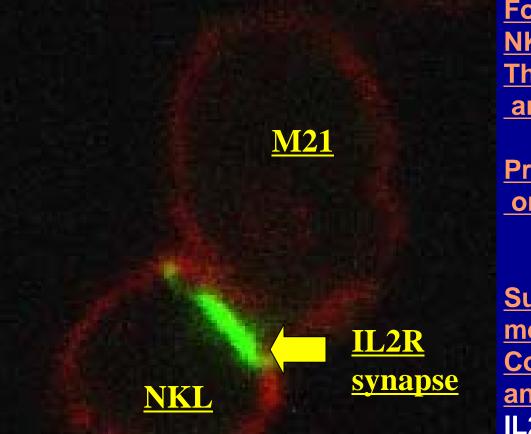
Cell-bound IL2 induces IL2Rs To cause activating synapses.

Arens, Buhtoiarov et al: submitted 2010

## **FITC-IC** Distribution



### All IL2Rs on NKLs localize to immune synapse induced by hu14.18-IL2



Form conjugates with NKL + M21 + HU14.18-IL2, Then stain IL2Rs with anti-CD25 mAb.

Proves that all IL2Rs on NKL cells go to synapse

Suggests that hu14.18-IL2 mediates: Conventional ADCC. and IL2R-facilitated ADCC

Arens, Buhtoiarov et al: Submitted 2010

COG Phase II NBL Trial\*\*includes minimal residual disease (MRD) Stratum\*

 <u>Stratum 1:</u> residual/refractory NBL measurable by standard radiographic criteria

 <u>\*Stratum 2</u>: residual/refractory NBL not measurable by standard radiographic criteria, but evaluable by MIBG scanning or by bone marrow histology

\*\* Shusterman et al-JCO In Press, 2010

### **ANBL0322 Response Details**

Pt. #	Response	Description		
2	CR	BM disease only at study entry (10/05). BM clear and ICC negative following course 2. Completed 6 courses antibody at full dose with NED (4/06). CRA post treatment. Recurred 12/06 with BM and abdominal disease (10 mo CR)		
10	CR	BM disease only at study entry (6/06) although ICC negative. BM clear following course 2. Completed 4 courses with NED (10/06). No further rx given due to hypotension at 50% dose. Recurrence by marrow and bone scan 4/07 (8 mo CR).		
22	CR	R tibia MIBG avid at study entry (10/06). MIBG clear after course 2. Competed 6 courses of treatment with NED 3/07. F/u MIBG 1/08 with NED. Recurrence 6/08 at tibial site (18 mo CR).		
27	CR	BM disease only at study entry 11/06. BM clear following course 2. Completed 6 courses of treatment with NED 6/07. Recurrence 4/09 in scalp (28 mo CR)		
29	CR	BM disease and MIBG at 4 sites at study entry. After course 2, BM morphology negative and MIBG cleared, but ICC slightly positive. All clear after courses 4 and 6. NED. F/U 12/08 NED. (35 <sup>+</sup> mo CR)		

Shusterman et al, JCO, In Press, 2010

### Hu14.18-IL2 as a MRD agent

- Stratum 1: 0 of 13 patients respond
- **Stratum 2**: 5 of 24 patients with CR, (+ 2 with clear improvement)
- 5 of 24 responses (stratum 2) > 0 of 13 (stratum 1) (p= 0.07)
- 7 (improved) of 24 (stratum 2)> 0 of 13 (stratum1) (p= 0.03) <u>as hypothesized by preclinical data</u>

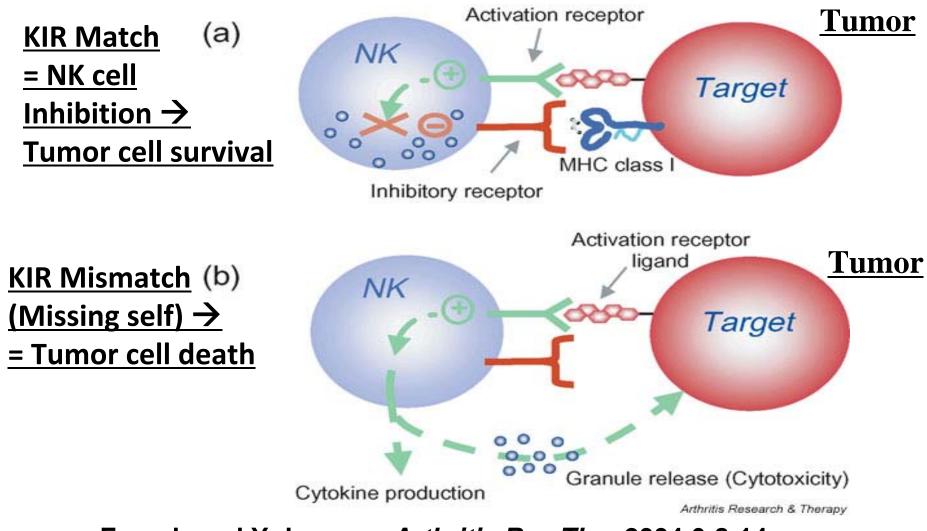
Shusterman et al, JCO, In Press, 2010

Potential role of genotypes related to NK and ADCC functioning in anti-NBL Phase-II effects of hu14.18-IL2?

 <u>KIR (killer inhibitory receptors) and</u> <u>their ligands</u>

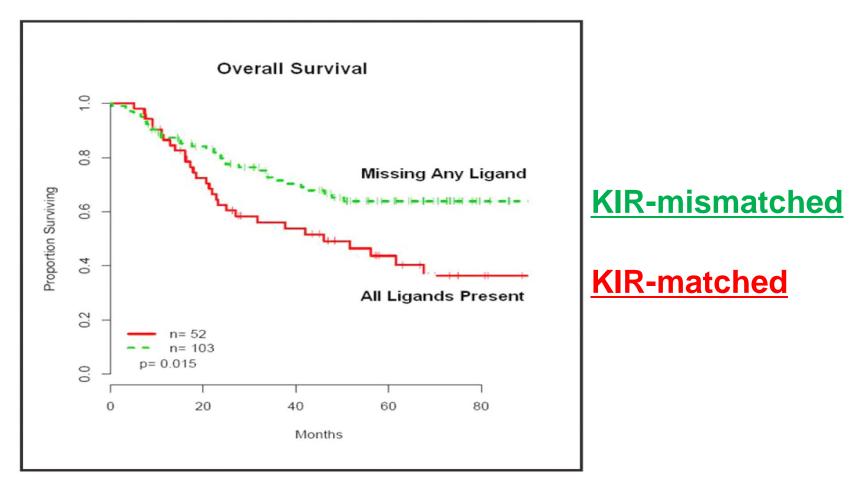
 <u>FcR polymorphisms for FcyR2A and</u> <u>FcyR3A</u>

## "Missing Self Hypothesis" & KIR Mismatch



French and Yokoyama Arthritis Res Ther 2004 6:8-14

### KIR ligand mismatch helps ABMT



155 neuroblastoma pts: those with KIR mismatch w/ 45% lower risk of death.

Venstrom et al, Clin. Can. Res 15:7330, 2009

## Hypothesis: Autologous KIR/Ligand mismatch will influence response to hu14.18-IL2 in completed COG Phase II study

#### Mismatch vs. Response/Improvement (Stratum 1 & 2)

	KIR-Mismatch	KIR-Match	Total
Response/ improvement	<u>7 (29%)</u>	<u>0 (0%)</u>	<u>7</u>
No Response/No improvement	17 (71%)	14 (100%)	31
Total	24 (63%)	14 (37%)	38

#### <u>P= 0.03</u>

Demonstrates an association between "mismatch" and clinical response

Consistent with in vivo role for NK cells in the antitumor response to hu14.18-IL2

Delgado et al- Cancer Research, In Press, 2010

## Summary: <u>Potential</u> role for IV ICs in standard therapy

- Include a IC containing regimen (possibly combined with other therapy) in the standard care for patients with high-risk cancers in remission (i.e. likely to relapse)
- <u>Goal</u> <u>to prevent recurrence</u>
  - Who is most likely to benefit?
  - When is the best time to treat?

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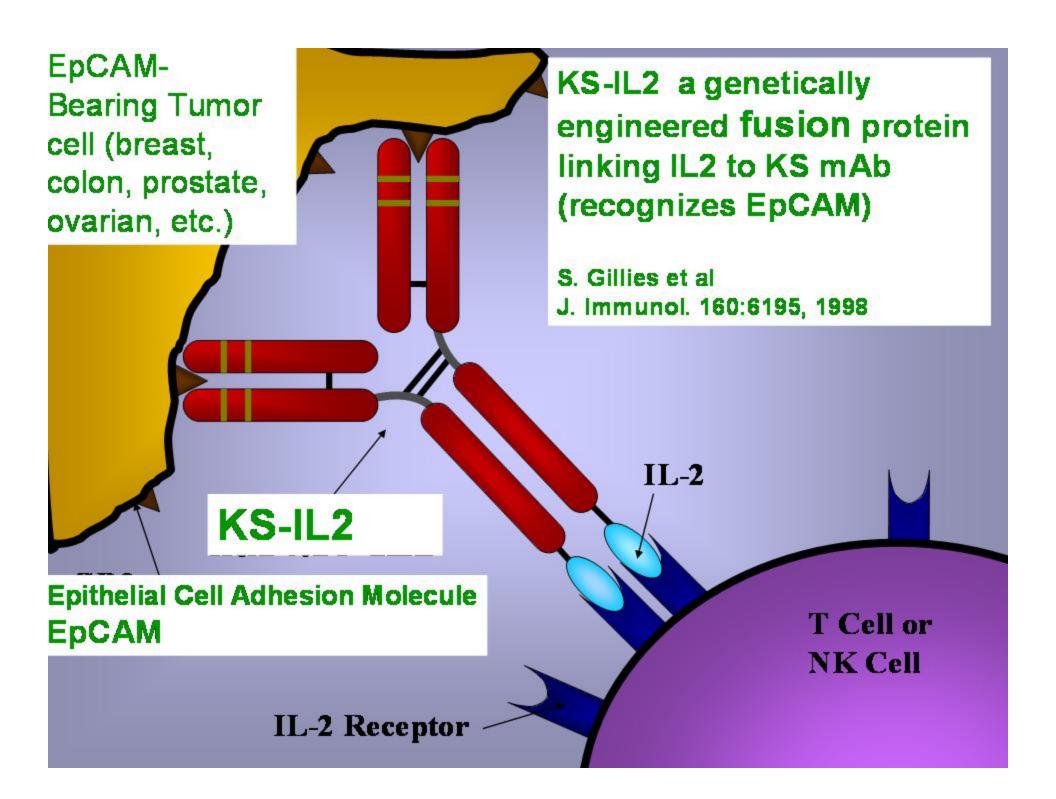
## The following slides are available to address questions that may arise

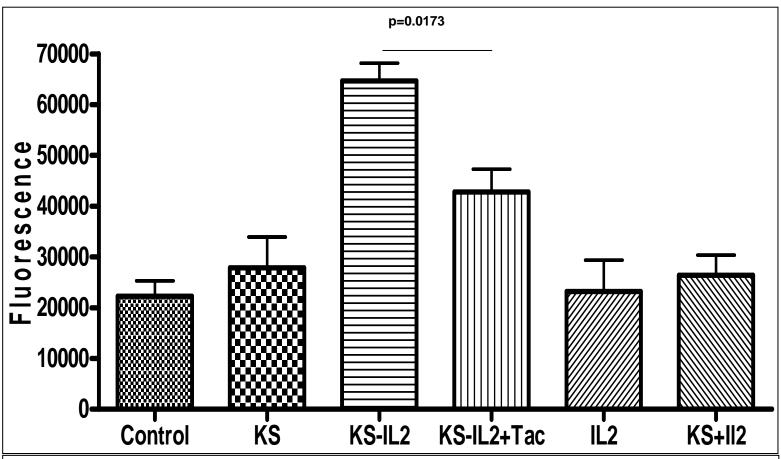
Hypothesis: FcR polymorphisms for FcγR2A and FcγR3A will influence response to hu14.18-IL2

- Result: For the FcγR2A (on PMNs and macrophages) there is a weak association (p=0.06) between high affinity genotype (HH) and response/improvement.
- This suggests (but clearly doesn't prove) that even with monotherapy by hu14.18-IL2, some endogenous GM-CSF might be induced and pmns and macrophages may be making ADCC with the IC (and doing so more effectively with the right FcR genotype)

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- Result: For the FcγR3A (on NK cells) there is no hint of any association (p=0.40) between high affinity genotype (VV) and response or improvement.
- This would be consistent with the hypothesis that the hu14.18-IL2 IC molecule potentially mediates effective ADCC even with the "lower affinity" FcγR3A genotypes (VF and FF), by interacting with IL2 receptors on NK cells and mediating ADCC

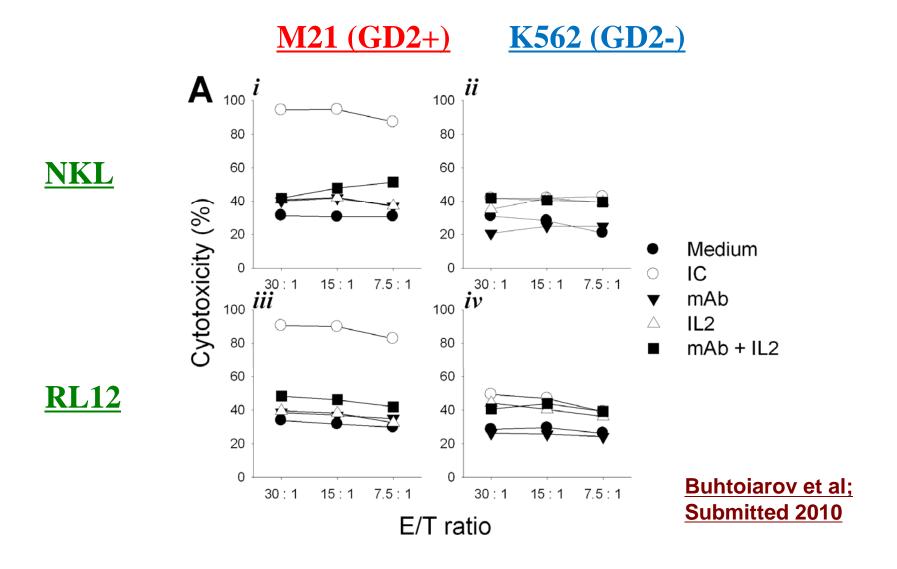


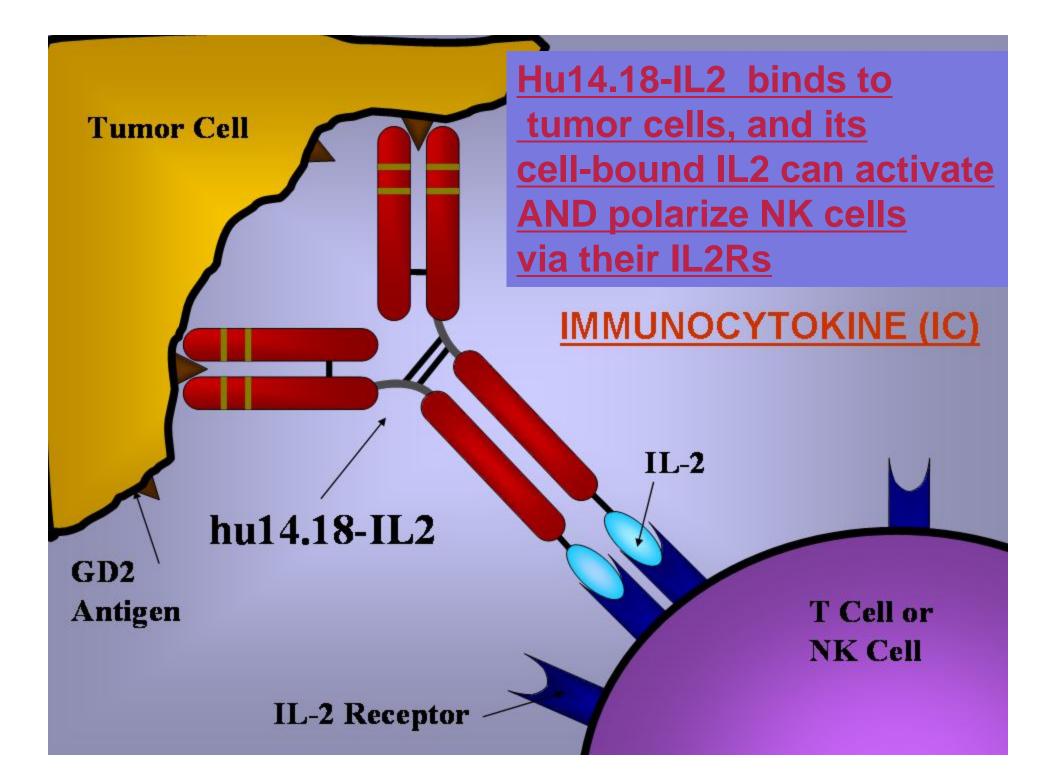


**Fig. 7**. KS-IL2 mediates NKL-OVCAR-3 binding via IL-2 receptor. Calcein AM –labeled CD16<sup>neg</sup> NKL cells were added to confluent cultures of OVCAR-3 in the presence or absence of the designated reagents. After 25 min incubation, cultures were washed three times and fluorescence in individual wells was determined on a fluorescence plate reader. Data shown is mean of 6 repeats.

### NKL cells use their IL2Rs to bind to tumor via KS-IL2 Gubbels et al, submitted 2010

## ADCC via IL2Rs requires IC for FcR-/IL2R+ NK Cells (NKL and RL12)





Mechanistic Hypotheses\* for greater killing by IC than by mAb + IL2:

- <u>1. IC enables ADCC via conventional FcR</u> interactions, while simultaneously further activating effectors via IL2Rs\*
- <u>2. IC enables "novel ADCC" mediated via FcRs</u> (enables cells without FcRs to mediate ADCC)
- <u>3. Both mechanisms (ie: 1 + 2) can occur</u> <u>simultaneously, to generate greater tumor</u> <u>killing (and greater localized cytokine release</u> <u>at tumor sites in vivo)</u>
- \* These need to be tested further in our lab

## Next clinical steps for COG

- Obtain additional data with hu14.18-IL2 treatment in stratum 2 NB patients to confirm efficacy of single agent in MRD setting
- Compare hu14.18-IL2 with GM-CSF and CRA as an experimental arm vs ch14.18 + IL2 + GM-CSF + CRA immunotherapy in subsequent Phase III trial.
- Both studies approved by COG-NBL committee

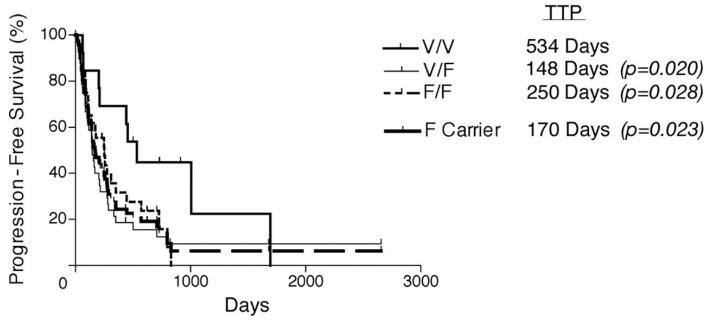
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#### **Importance of FcyRIIIA on NK cells in Rituxan Therapy**

<u>Fig. 2</u>



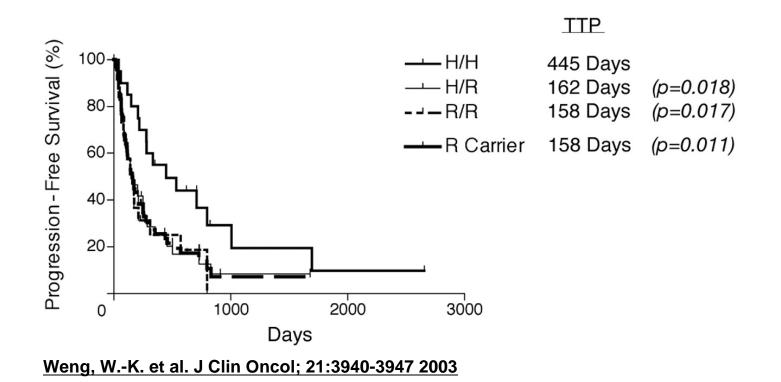
Weng, W.-K. et al. J Clin Oncol; 21:3940-3947 2003

#### <u>Kaplan-Meier estimates of progression-free survival by immunoglobulin G fragment C</u> <u>receptor IIIa (Fc RIIIa) 158 valine (V)/phenylalanine (F) polymorphism.</u>

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#### **Importance of FcgRIIA on Møs and PMNs cells in Rituxan Therapy**

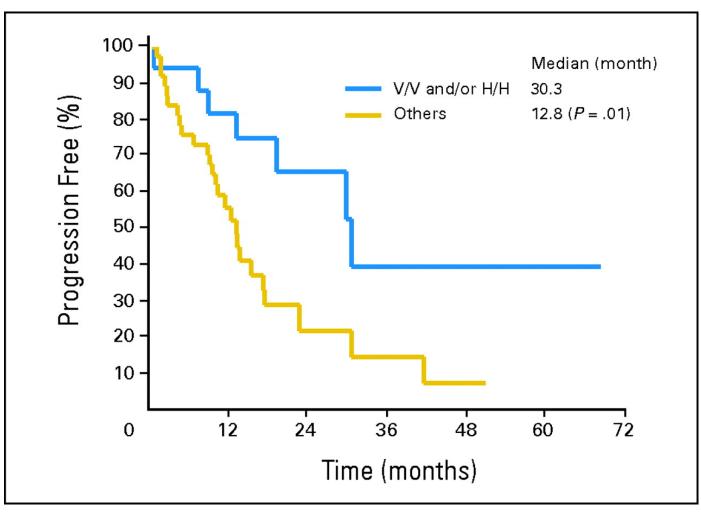
<u>Fig. 3</u>



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Fig 2. Progression-free survival (PFS) by immunoglobulin G (IgG) fragment C receptor Illa (Fc{gamma}RIIIa) 158 valine (V)/phenylalanine (F) and Fc{gamma}RIIa 131 histidine (H)/arginine (R) polymorphisms



Musolino, A. et al. J Clin Oncol; 26:1789-1796 2008

