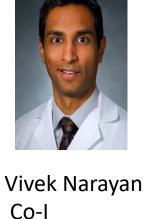
# **CAR T Prostate Cancer Trials**

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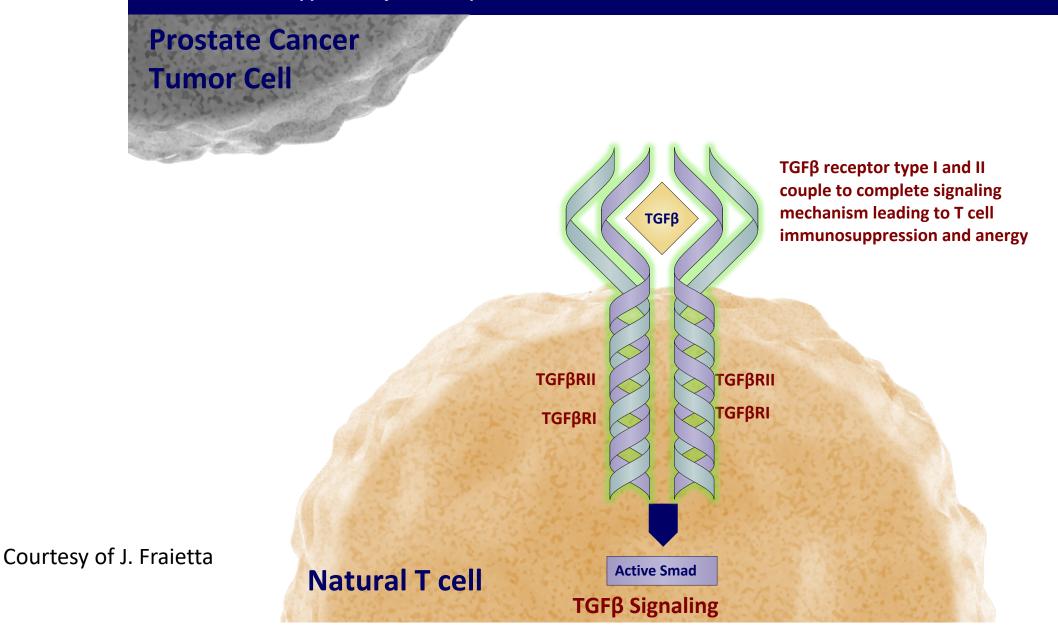
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# Prostate cancer CAR T trials in perspective

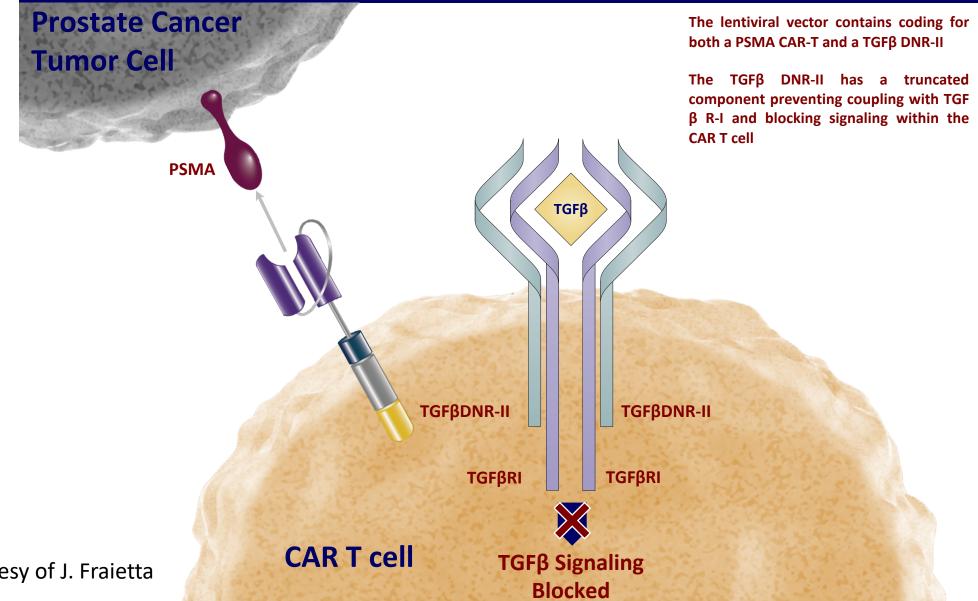
 First PSMA CART trial in CRPC (NCT01140373) used conditioning regimen cyclophosphamide one day prior to CART 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> up to 3 x 10<sup>7</sup> CAR+ T cells/kg with with increased levels of IL-4, IL-8, IP-10, sIL-2ra and IL-6

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#### Molecular Therapy Original Article



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#### Dominant-Negative TGF- $\beta$ Receptor Enhances PSMA-Targeted Human CAR T Cell Proliferation And Augments Prostate Cancer Eradication

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Kloss, C...June, C. Mol Ther. 26(7) 1855-1866. 2018.

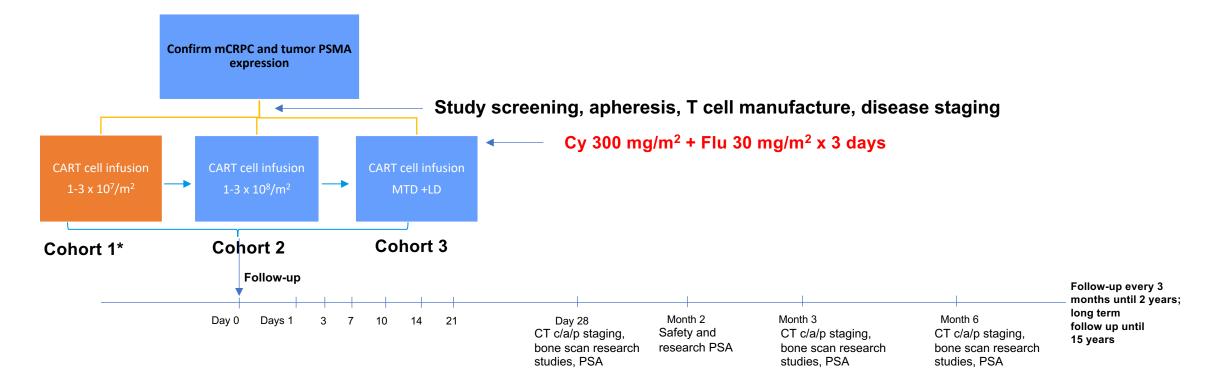
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#### <u>CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN Schema</u>:

Lentivirally-transduced modified T cell expressing PSMA CAR and TGFβ dominant negative receptor transgene scFv derived from the J591 antibody

3+3 dose escalation design



\* Enrollment follows in succession from Cohort 1 to Cohort 3

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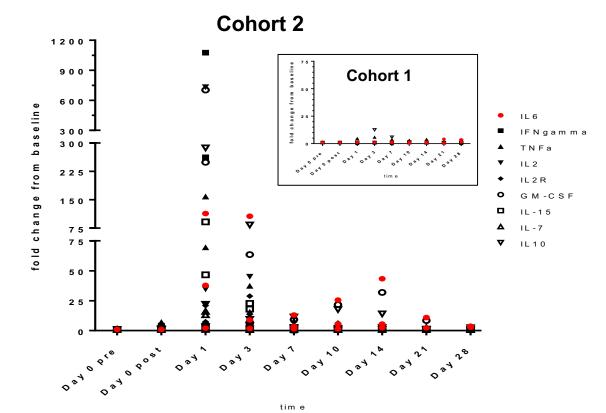
#### Key eligibility

- Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer (measurable or bony-only)
- $\geq$  10% tumor cells expressing PSMA by IHC analysis on fresh tissue
- ECOG Performance Status 0-1
- Evidence of disease progression per PCWG2 criteria
- Prior therapy with at least one standard  $17\alpha$  lyase inhibitor

or second-generation anti-androgen therapy for CRPC

## Summary of Initial Cohorts (without LD chemotherapy)

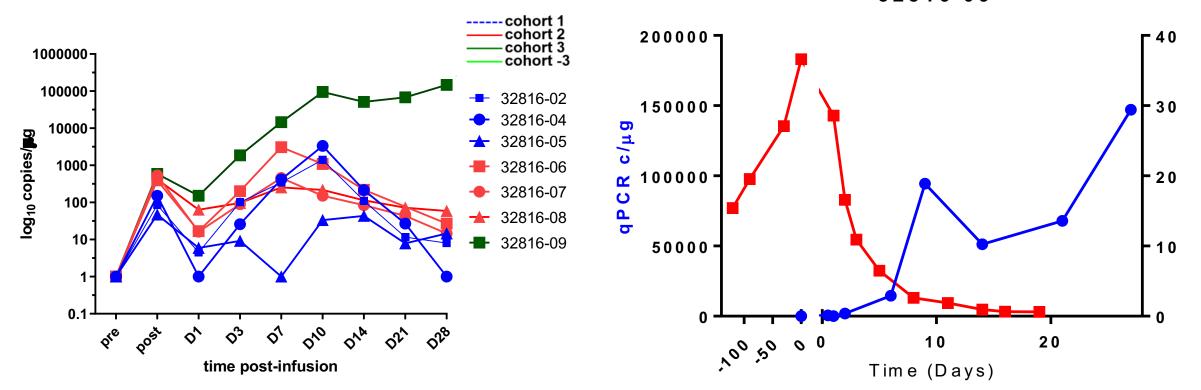
- No evidence of CAR T cell activity in Cohort 1
  - No related Adverse Events
  - Little cytokine activity (Figure Inset)
- Evidence of anti-tumor CAR T cell activity in Cohort 2
  - Grade 3 CRS within hours of CAR T cell infusion
  - Adverse events were reversible
  - Robust cytokine activity in patients with Gr3 CRS
  - First indications of CRS in solid tumor patients



#### **Conclusions:**

- CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN cells are safe at 3x10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> CAR+ cells without conditioning chemotherapy.
- There is a dose dependent relationship with cytokine detection.

## **Dose- and LD Chemo-Dependent CAR T Cell Expansion in Peripheral Blood**



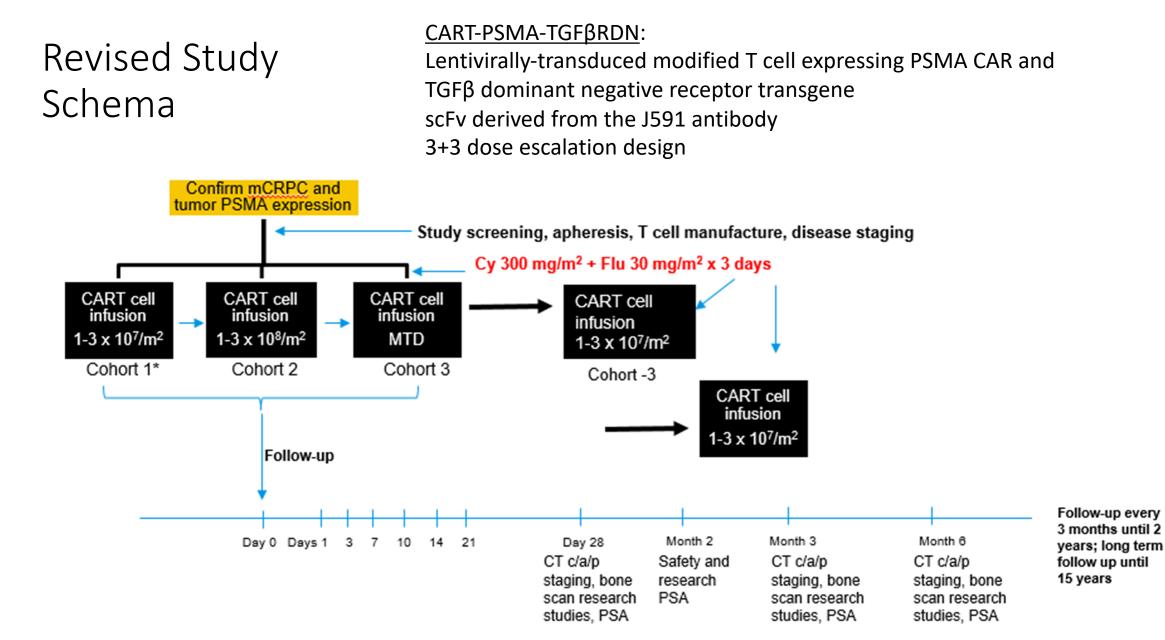
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Correlation between CART-PSMA-TGF<sup>β</sup>RDN expansion and PSA reduction

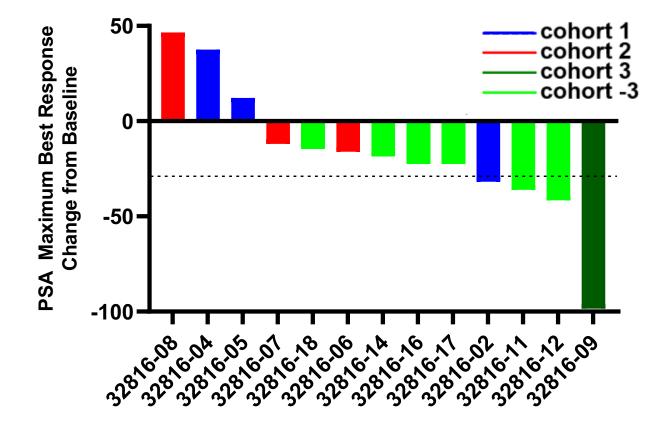


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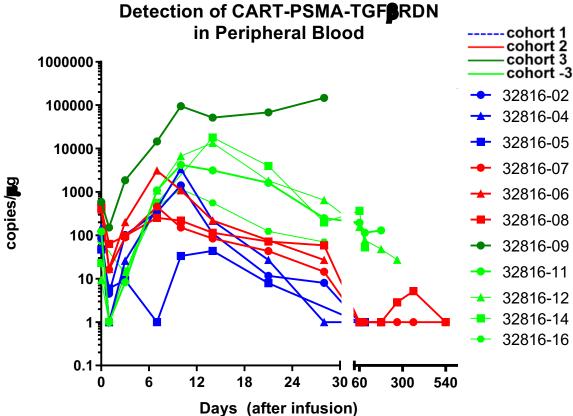
#### Phase I CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN Toxicity

Cohort	Dose (n=#)	Toxicity
1	3x10 <sup>7/</sup> m <sup>2</sup> (n=3)	1 Gr3 unrelated hip fracture 1 Gr4 hematuria
2	3x 10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> (n=3)	7 Gr3 events including encephalopathy, CRS, hypotension and AKI 1 Gr4 hypotension
3	3x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> +LD (n=1)	1Gr5 with Gr4 hypotension, CRS, AKI with recovery and later sepsis
-3	3x10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> +LD (n=6)	4 Gr3 including CRS, hypoxia and SIADH

# Preliminary Evidence for Dose-Dependent and LD-Chemo Dependent Anti-Tumor Response



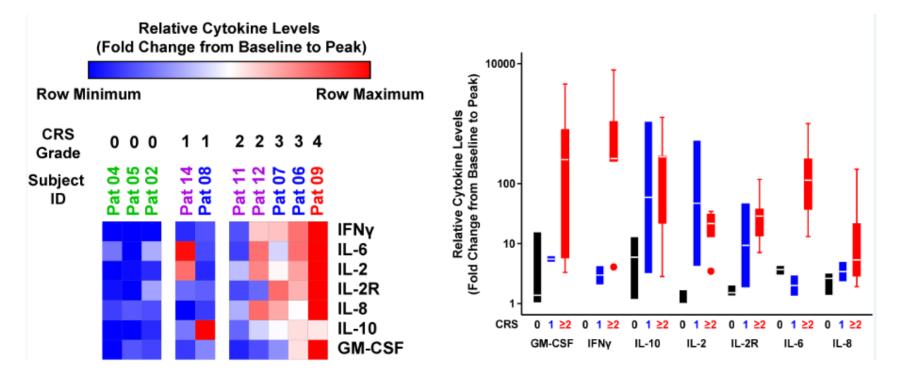
CART-PSMA-TGFbRDN Cell Engraftment (qPCR in peripheral blood)



- CAR-T peak expansion increased with dose-escalation
- 16-07 and incorporation of Cy / Flu LD chemotherapy

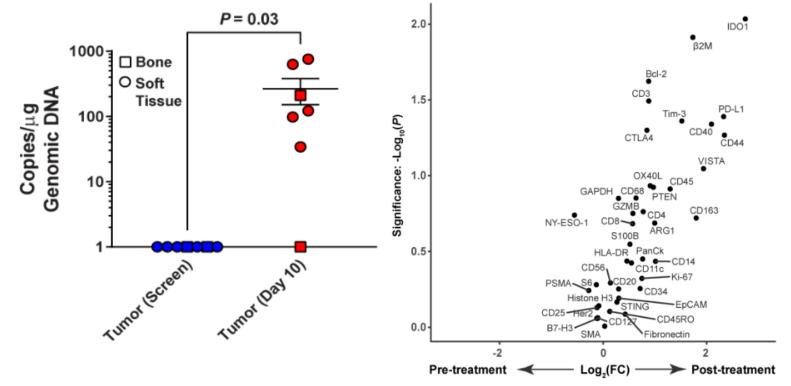
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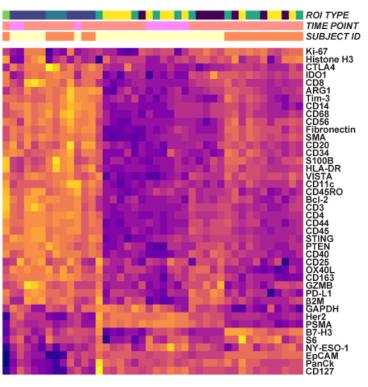
## Peak Fold-Change in Pro-Inflammatory Cytokine Production



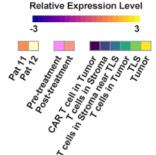
• Higher grade CRS was associated with a greater magnitude of fold change in proinflammatory analytes post-infusion.

# Tumor Trafficking and Tumor Microenvironment





- Observed tumor tissue trafficking in 6 of 7 available metastatic biopsies (~10 days post-infusion)
- Protein-based DSP analyses of TME: Increased expression of inhibitory molecules (IDO1, Tim-3, PD-L1, CTLA-4, VISTA) within T cell-rich regions
- Preliminary anti-tumor effector functions are accompanied by upregulation of multiple potential immunosuppressive resistance mechanisms within the TME

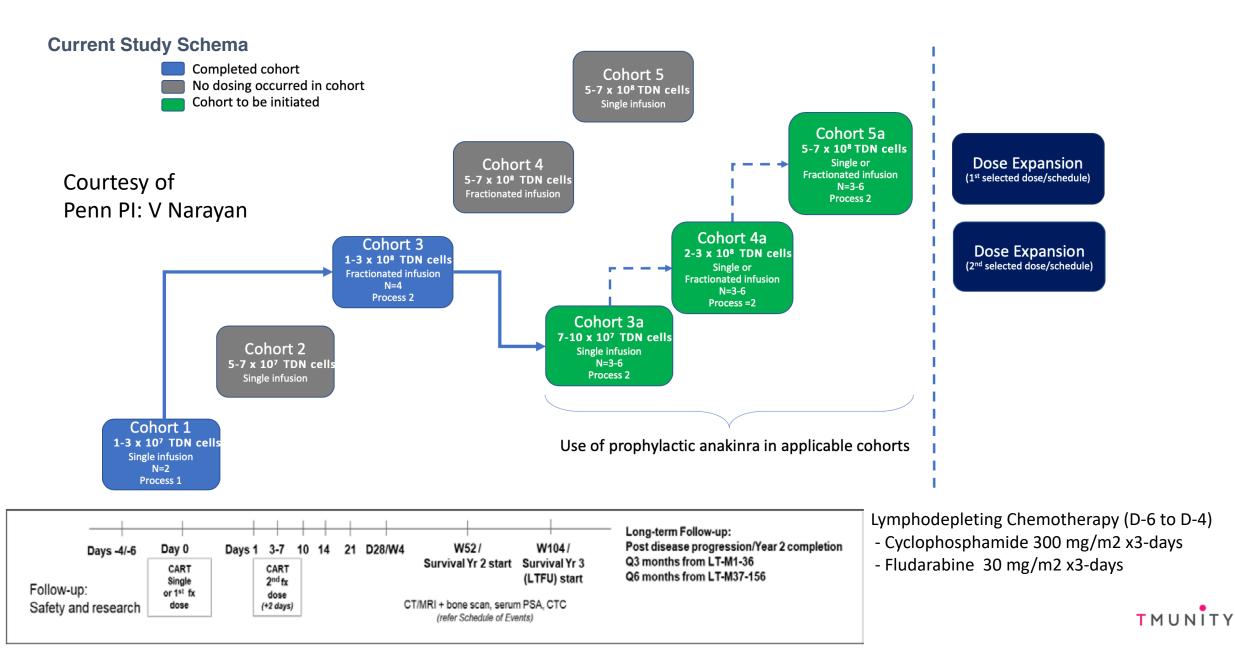


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# Conclusions

- PSMA TGFβRDN CART (NCT03089203) is feasible and safe at current dosing
- Response is dose dependent and enhanced with lymphodepletion
- Serial dosing is likely to be safe and more effective
- Accrual to other solid tumor types planned using this CART
- Nanostring T cell sequencing, CTC, cytokine, and CART trafficking analysis are all ongoing.
- Phase I/II Multi-Center Industry Trial (NCT04227275) using serial dosing is ongoing

CART-PSMA-TGFβRDN-02: A Phase 1 Open-Label Multi-Center Study of PSMA Targeted Genetically Modified Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cells in Patients with Metastatic Castration Resistant Prostate Cancer



### Phase I Clinical Trial to Evaluate PSCA-BBζ CAR T Cells in mCRPC

#### PSCA+ metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer

(Clinical PI: Tanya Dorff, MD, Research PI: Saul Priceman, PhD) - enrolling

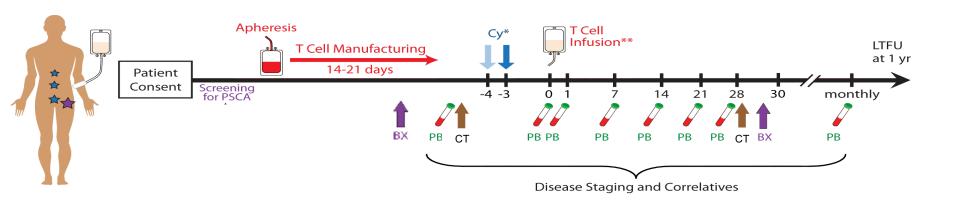


Figure 3: T cell product manufacturing and patient treatment plan. BX = biopsy, PB = peripheral blood for correlative assays, computed tomography scan PET = positron emission tomography LTELL = long-term follow-up \*Cyclophosphamide infusion may be

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Dose -1	Starting Dose 0a	Dose 0b	Dose 1	Dose 2
50M	100M	100M +precond.	300M +precond.	600M + precond.

Cy\* = cytoreductive chemotherapy Bx = biopsy CT = imaging PB = peripheral blood



