



Mongoose Bio

Delivering clinically proven epigenetically programmed
memory TCR-T cells to fight cancer

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Potential to Transform the Treatment of Cancer

- **Pioneering discoveries by Dr. Cassian Yee at MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC)**
- **Advancing two very important technologies:**
 - Epigenetic Reprogramming of T-cells: to generate active, long-lived Central Memory T cells (Tcm)
 - Immunoepitome Discovery Platform: highly immunogenic, novel targets and their associated T-cell receptors (TCRs)
- **Pipeline of 4 unique and qualified programs for patients with common and rare solid tumors**
 - Ph1b to target gastric, esophageal and lung
 - IND submission expected in 12 months
- **Strong Financial Support**
 - Awarded \$10.6 M in non-dilutive funding from the prestigious CPRIT Product Development award in 2023
 - Closing \$3M in seed financing



Scientific Founder
Cassian Yee, MD

- Endowed Professor and medical oncologist in the Division of Cancer Medicine, University of Texas MD Anderson
- Director, Solid Tumor Cell Therapy and TCR-based Therapeutics
- Professor, Dept of Melanoma Medical Oncology
- 25+ years experience in ACT
- Pioneered Endogenous T Cell (ETC) therapy, precursor to TCR-T therapy
- Holds > 15 Worldwide Patents on ACT, memory and Ag discovery
- 80+ publications, 16,000 citations in field of ACT and immunotherapy



President & CEO
Neil Warma

- Former CEO Genexine (Seoul, S. Korea)
- Former CEO/General Manager of I-Mab Biopharma U.S. (Shanghai, San Diego)
- Former President and CEO of Opexa Therapeutics (Houston)
- Former CEO of Viron, and President and Co-Founder of MedExact
- Senior management, Novartis Pharma, Basel, CH
- Member of Board of Directors of Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and ProMIS Neurosciences (Nasdaq:PMN)

T-Cell Receptor Therapy (TCR-T)

Reprogramming T-cells to deliver unprecedented coverage of common and rare solid tumors with long-lasting immunoprotection

Two Distinct Challenges

- 1) Identifying and accessing novel and meaningful cancer targets
- 2) Persistence: Preventing exhaustion of T-cells, thereby preventing or delaying relapses

Mongoose Bio has Overcome the Challenges:

1) Tumor Immunopeptidome Discovery Platform (IDP)

- We used mass spectrometry to identify immunogenic T cell target antigens
- We produced > **2 million spectra** from common and rare tumors
 - **4 top scoring targets** that cover > 80% of Class I MHC (HLA) have been selected for the pipeline

2) Epigenetic T-cell Reprogramming

- We generated *bona fide* human central memory T cells (Tcm) *ex vivo*
- We consistently reprogrammed Tcm and demonstrated persistence *in vivo*
- We have demonstrated clinically proven durable anti-tumor responses

➤ **TCR-T therapy, or T-cell receptor-engineered T cell therapy**, is a form of adoptive cell therapy

- A cutting-edge approach where the patient's own T cells, (white blood cells) crucial for the immune response, are genetically modified to better recognize and attack cancer cells.
- Unlike **CAR-T (chimeric antigen receptor T-cell)** therapy, which targets cell surface antigens, TCR-T therapy recognizes a broader set of **intracellular antigen fragments** presented by **MHC (major histocompatibility complex)** molecules.

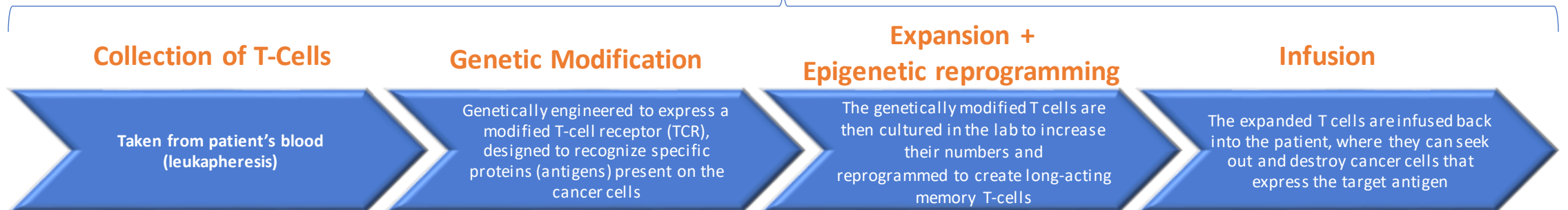
➤ **Advantages:**

- **Broad Antigen Recognition:** TCR-T cells can recognize a wider range of tumor antigens, including those within the cell.
- **High Antigen Sensitivity:** TCRs exhibit high sensitivity to antigens, enhancing tumor cell detection.
- **Near-Physiological Signaling:** TCR-T cells mimic natural T-cell responses.

➤ **Clinical Applications:**

- TCR-T therapies are being explored for various tumor antigen families.
- They hold promise for solid tumors, where CAR-T therapies have shown limited efficacy in solid tumors

Mongoose Process



1. Highly Immunogenic Tumor Selective Native T Cell Receptor Targets

- Immunopeptidome Discovery Platform identifies and characterizes *bona fide* MHC-presented tumor derived peptides
 - 250 high value TCR target antigens have been empirically validated with an *ex vivo* workflow
 - 4 top scoring targets that cover > 80% of Class I MHC (HLA) already selected for the pipeline

2. Native TCR Isolation Precludes Synthetic TCR Binding Optimization or Inappropriate CD28- / 41BB- Signaling

- High affinity MHC-restricted target specific patient derived CTL's identified
- Bespoke TCR α & TCR β chains sequenced and expressed in a characterized retroviral vector

3. Clinically Proven Epigenetic Central Memory T Cell Reprogramming

- IL-21 and HDACi based protocols drive T cells into central memory state
- Patients receiving target specific Tcm demonstrate complete and durable responses in clinical trials

4. Autologous CTL-T Therapy Does Not Require Aggressive Lymphodepletion

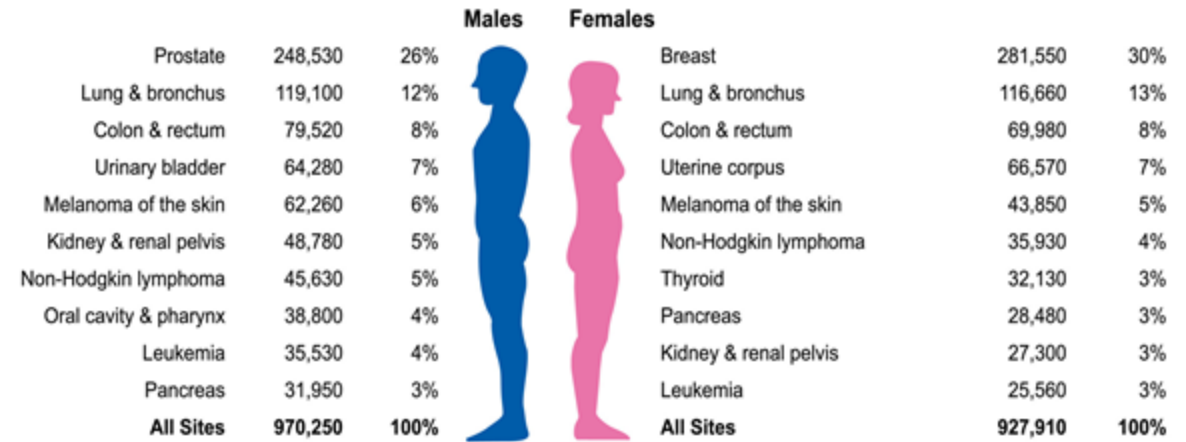
- Several first-in-human clinical studies demonstrate long-term *in vivo* persistence of transferred central memory CD8⁺ T cells without any requirement for high dose lymphodepletion
- Favors therapy shaping by combinations with immuno-modulators (ex. anti-CTLA4, anti-PD1/PD-L1)

Unmet Medical Need

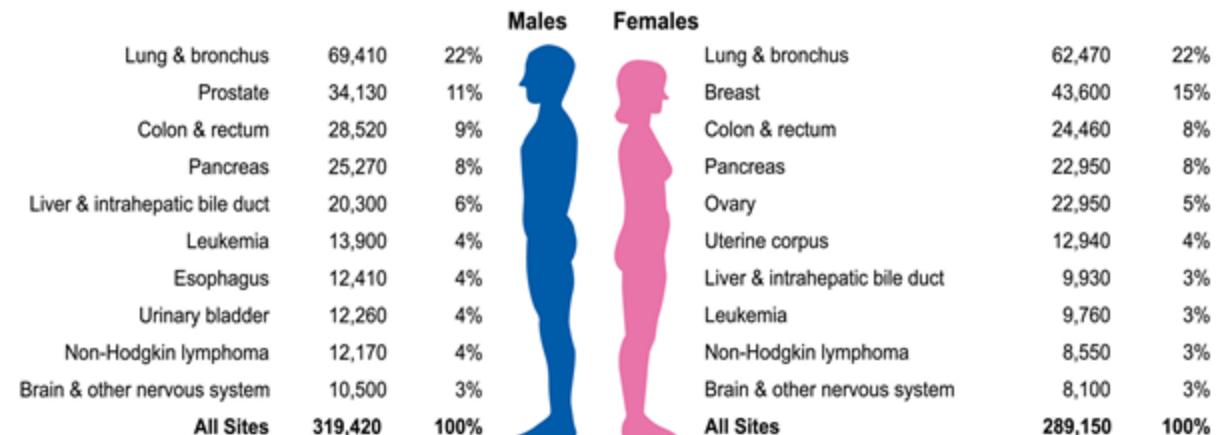
- Mongoose Bio is developing novel and differentiated adoptive T cell therapies to address common and rare cancer indications
- Bold:** Phase 1b cancer targets

Common	Rare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prostate Breast Cancer Lung Colorectal Bladder Cancer AML Cervical Lymphoma Sarcoma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angiosarcoma Anaplastic Thyroid Esophageal Chordoma Gastric / Stomach Glioblastoma

Estimated New Cases



Estimated Deaths

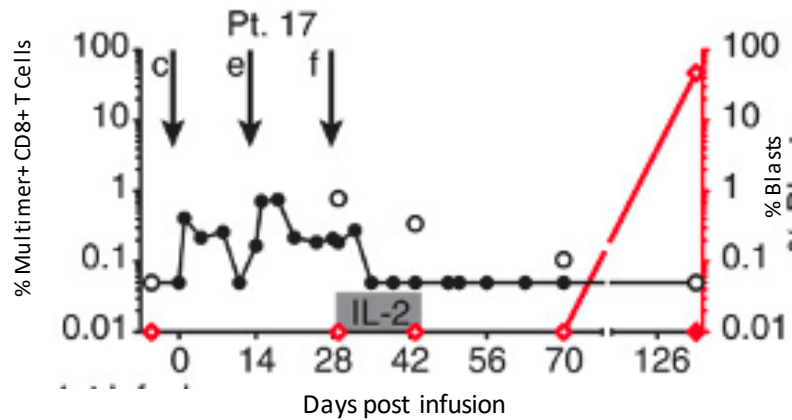


Siegel, RL, Miller, KD, Fuchs, H, Jemal, A. Cancer Statistics, 2021. CA Cancer J Clin. 2021; 71: 7-33. <https://doi.org/10.3322/caac.21654>

Clinical Evidence shows Epigenetic Tcm Reprogramming Prevents Recurrence of High-risk AML



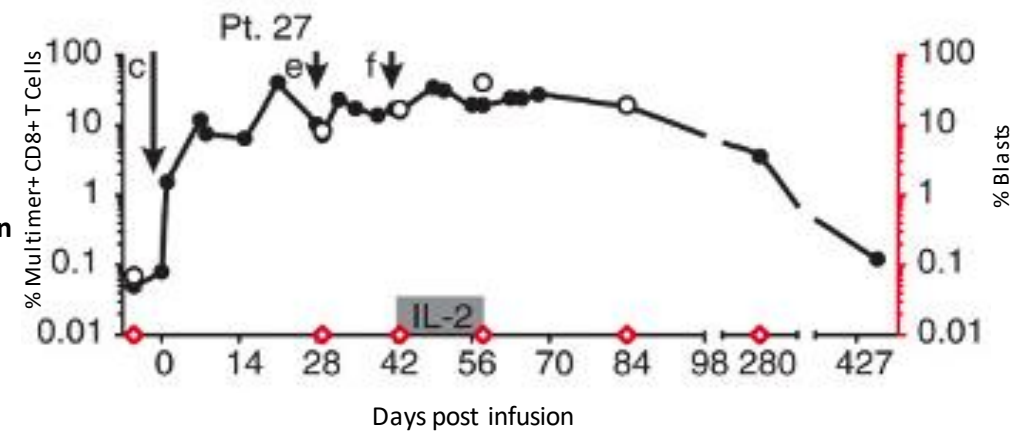
Untreated WT1-specific T_{eff} CTL



Patients receiving T_{eff} CTL for high-risk AML relapse when WT1-CTL do not persist



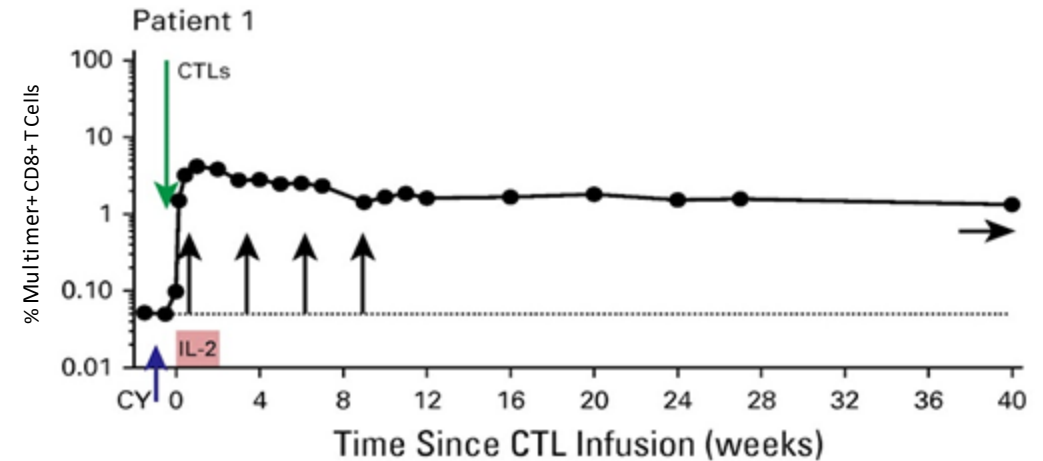
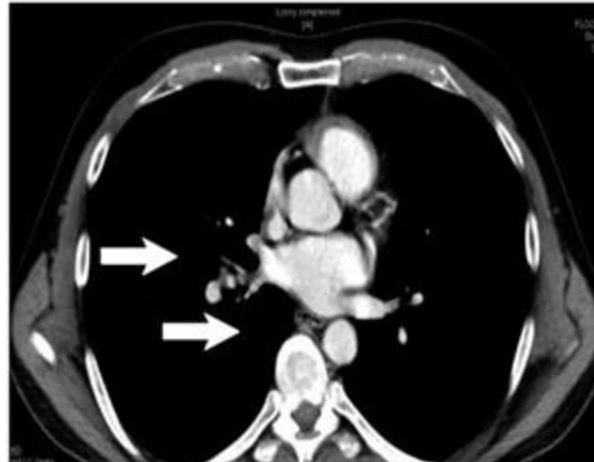
WT1-specific T_{cm} CTL



Patients receiving WT-1 specific Tcm CTL remain in CR; WT1-specific CTL persist

Epi-genetic reprogramming leads to persistence of T-cells and clinical benefit

Memory T cells in combination strategies eradicate metastatic cancer



Patient failing anti CTLA4 monotherapy, Rx with MART-1 specific Tcm + ICI complete → response of intrathoracic metastases

MART-1 specific Tcm persist long term (> 40 weeks)

Chapuis A...Yee C.J. *Clin Onc* 2017

Novel Pipeline of four novel Cancer targets

Antigen	HLA Epitopes Defined	Common Cancers	Rare Cancers	T Cell Lines	TCR-T Viral Vector
MGB-001	HLA-A2 HLA-A11	Lung HNSCC, Cervical, Bladder	Esophageal Gastric	YES	YES (pre-clinical)
MGB-002	HLA-A2 HLA-A24	Prostate, TNBC, Lung, Colorectal	Chordoma	YES	YES (pre-clinical)
MGB-003	HLA-A2 HLA-A3/A11	Breast Cancer		YES	YES (pre-clinical)
MGB-004	HLA-A2	AML, Bladder Cancer Breast, Cervical, Esophageal, Lymphoma, Sarcoma	Angiosarcoma. Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Glioblastoma	YES	YES (pre-clinical)

- Lead program (targeting MGB-001) is available for both HLA-A2+ and HLA-A3/A11+ patients
- Targets MGB-002, MGB-003 and MGB-004 were selected for prevalence across tumor types, immunogenicity and functional upregulation in resistant tumors
- Targets MGB-002 and MGB-004 have been shown to display high intra-tumoral expression and high prevalence among rare cancer types

MGB-001: Validated as a target, unexploited in solid organ treatment

- Lead candidate: MGB-001 is a classic cancer-testis antigen
 - Over 60% in breast cancer
 - Approximately 45% in prostate, lung, bladder, gastric, ovarian, head/neck cancers
 - Presented by both HLA-A2 and A3/A11 subtypes representing >60% of all Western & Asian cancer patients
- No previously known TCR targets
- Highly tumor selective and tumorigenic
- Associated with epithelial mesenchymal transformation (EMT) and DNA repair following radiation and chemotherapy
- Expressed at high levels across multiple common and rare cancers

- Phase IB basket trial targeting MGB-001-associated tumors
- An expansion cohort is planned that will include gastric, esophageal and non small cell lung cancers
- Combining gastric, esophageal, and lung cancers into one trial was done for several strategic reasons:
 1. Unmet need and global and sector prevalence
 2. Opportunity for a Breakthrough Designation
 3. High accrual rates and catchment area

Global New Cases and Deaths (2020)		
Site	New Cases (% of All Sites)	New Deaths (% of All Sites)
Lung	2,206,771 (11.4)	1,796,144 (18.0)
Gastric	1,089,103 (5.6)	768,793 (7.7)
Esophageal	604,100 (3.1)	544,076 (5.5)

- Gastric, esophageal and non-small cell lung cancers represent clinical unmet needs following 1st or 2nd line therapy as there are no standard treatment options
- Gastric and esophageal cancers are considered rare cancers in the US (< 40,000/yr) and effective therapies for rare cancer may receive 'Breakthrough Therapy' designation with the FDA
- Gastric and esophageal cancers are among the most lethal and prevalent cancers in SE Asia and globally
- Non small cell lung cancer is among the most lethal and prevalent cancers in US and globally
- The MD Anderson Investigational Cancer Therapeutics (ICT) Dept (PI David Hong) is designed for precisely this type of trial that includes more than one cancer type and receives feeder referrals from one of the largest cancer centers that sees patients with GI and thoracic malignancies

Experts ensure high likelihood of success in clinical trial and manufacturing execution

➤ **Phase 1b trial site: MD Anderson**

- Largest cancer treatment center in the world
- Specializes in rare and common tumors, high enrolling site
- Treated over 1000 patients with CAR-T and other cellular therapy regimens; more than any other academic institution in the world
- Specialized inpatient unit: all patients receiving cell therapies who need to be admitted are allocated to a specialized floor G18 that has designated beds, nurses, and staff who are specifically trained and experienced in recognizing immunotherapy-linked syndromes CRS and ICANS

➤ **Principle Investigator: David Hong, M.D.**

- Deputy Chair, Department of Investigational Cancer Therapeutics
- Has managed and overseen multiple cellular therapy trials

➤ **cGMP Manufacturing (CDMO): CTMC**

- Strong expertise in tech transferring, industrializing the process, interacting with the FDA to assure phase appropriate adherence to all specifications
- CTMC has manufactured >100 GMP batches over the last 2 years

Goals

1. Close \$3M Seed Round in 1H'24, (\$1M has already been secured). This plus the \$10.6M CPRIT award will enable us to
 - Complete IND preparation and submission
 - Hire key personnel, establish a physical presence in the TMC area
 - Initiate a Ph IB clinical trial with MGB-001 that targets an antigen in select solid cancers
2. Close \$60M Series A financing in 2H 2025 to continue the clinical trial of MGB-001 and advance 3 additional proprietary TCR-T therapeutics

- *Our first clinical trial project will generate safety, toxicity, and efficacy data needed for FDA approval for patients with a number of advanced, recurrent/relapsed rare and common cancers*
- *Many of these patients fail 1st line standard of care therapy and often face few, if any, other meaningful treatment options*

➤ Differentiated Foundational Research

- Mongoose Bio was borne out of 18 years of pioneering research that has been cited > 10,000 times
- We are driven by first principles of memory and immunogenicity

➤ Clinical Experience

- We have been growing memory T cells and treating patients with memory T cells for > 12 years

➤ Strong Management Team

- In Clinical, Scientific, CMC and Operational ability

➤ Deep Understanding of T cell Differentiation

- We have clear knowledge of the epigenetic mechanisms that lead to stable memory human T cells

➤ Proprietary Reprogramming Technology

- Reproducibility in generating *bona fide* memory T cells
- Clinical proven epigenetic reprogramming Tcm technology has produced durable clinical responses

➤ Wide Aperture Discovery

- We have identified 250 immunogenic TCR targets
- These highly immunogenic TCR targets broadly cover common (ex. lung, esophageal, gastric, breast, prostate) and rare (ex. chordoma) cancers

➤ Natural TCR Selection

- Identify and prepare viral vectored natural human cognate HLA restricted TCRs for each of our highly immunogenic targets

➤ Trial Design

- First clinical trial expected in 1H 25, targeting gastric, esophageal, lung cancers
- PI, Dr. David Hong, leading specialist at MD Anderson Cancer Center

Thank You



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