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## **Safety and survival outcomes in recurrent high-grade glioma patients treated with CAN-3110, a first-in-class ICP34.5 expressing oncolytic HSV1**

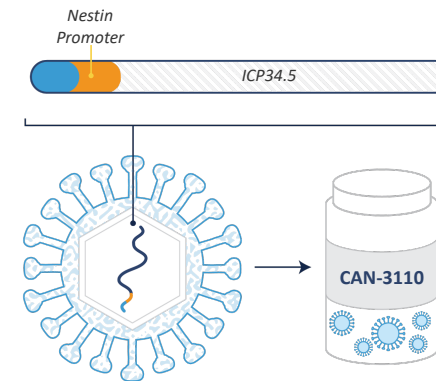


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# CAN-3110 a novel oncolytic virus engineered for enhanced activity and safety

## HSV-1 engineered for immunogenic potency and specificity

- ICP34.5-null viruses have shown safety, but replicate poorly
- CAN-3110: ICP34.5 expression under control of Nestin promoter
  - Nestin overexpressed in gliomas (and tumors outside of the brain)
  - Improves replication
  - Provides tumor-specific oncolytic activity

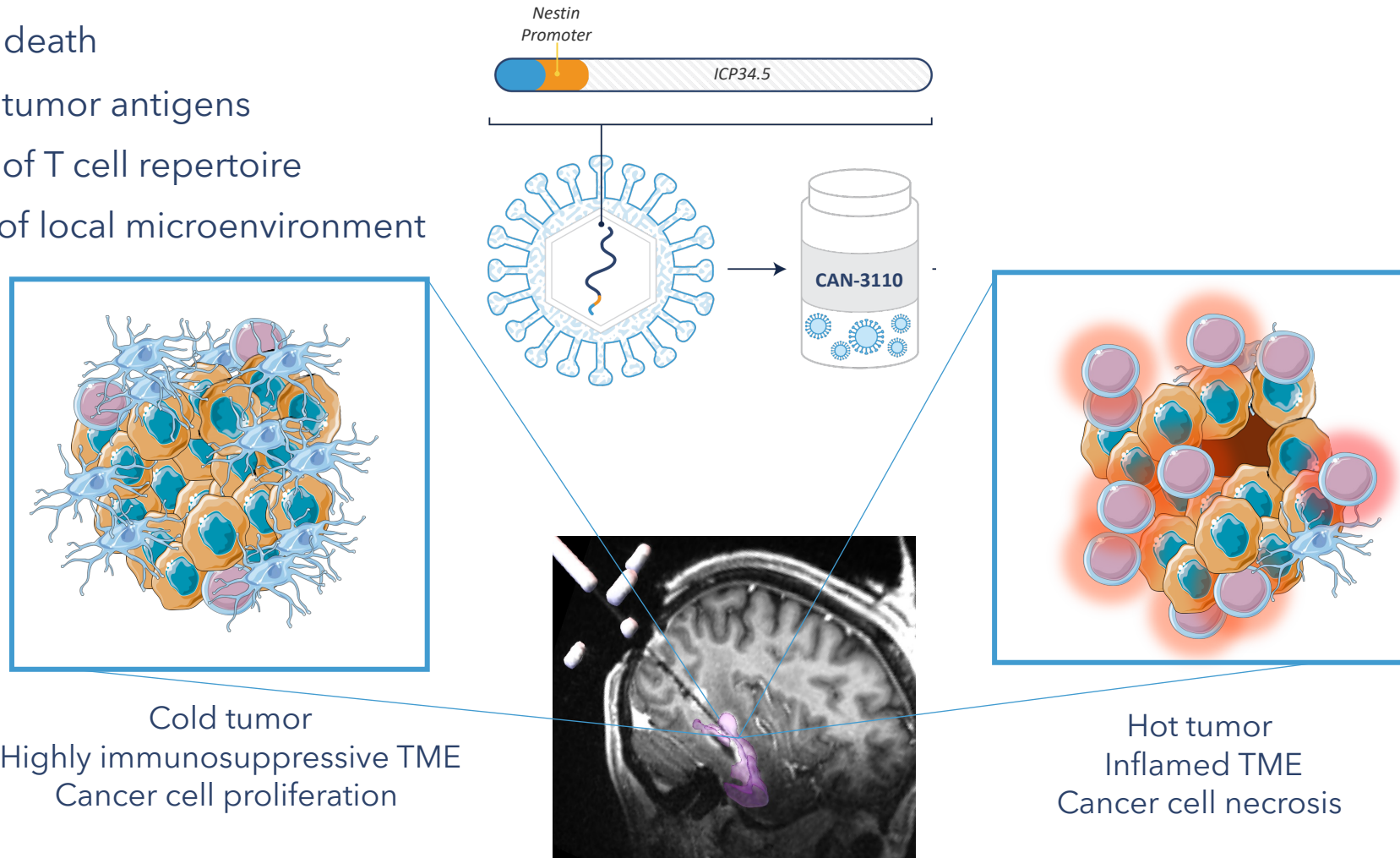


## Designed for safety

- Disruption of ICP6 limits virus replication to dividing cells or cells with p16 tumor suppressor pathway defects
- Remains sensitive to anti-herpetic drugs
- Nestin provides tumor specificity

# CAN-3110 induces tumor cell death and reprograms the highly immunosuppressive microenvironment of HGG

- Tumor cell death
- Release of tumor antigens
- Expansion of T cell repertoire
- Activation of local microenvironment



# Trial Design: Phase 1b Clinical Trial of CAN-3110 in Recurrent High-Grade Glioma

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Patients with recurrent high-grade glioma  
Lesions  $\geq 1.0$  cm

Arm A

## Dose escalation (Cohort I-IX)

Single stereotactic injection of CAN-3110

3+3 dose escalation  
 $1 \times 10^6$  to  $1 \times 10^{10}$  PFU in half-log increments  
30 patients dosed

## Dose expansion (Cohort X)

$1 \times 10^9$  PFU  
11 patients dosed

Arm B

## Pre-Administration of Cytosan

$3 \times 10^8$  PFU  
 $6 \times 10^9$  PFU  
9 patients dosed

Arm C

## Repeat Dosing (up to 6)

+  $1 \times 10^8$  PFU x 6 doses  
+  $1 \times 10^9$  PFU x 6 doses  
12 patients targeted

## Primary Endpoints

- Safety
- Determine maximum tolerated dose

## Secondary Endpoints

- Immunological biomarkers
- MRI assessment of disease and progression free survival
- MRI alteration of permeability and flow at injection site



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# Patient demographics and baseline characteristics

	Arm A (n=41*)	Arm B (n=9)	Total (n=50*)
Age, Median (range)	54 years (27 - 74)	54 years (41 - 70)	55 years (27 - 74)
Sex, n (%)			
Female	21 (51%)	3 (33%)	24 (48%)
Male	20 (49%)	6 (67%)	26 (52%)
Race, n (%)			
White	38 (93%)	8 (89%)	46 (92%)
Black or African American	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)
Asian	2 (5%)	1 (11%)	3 (6%)
Ethnicity, n (%)			
Non-Hispanic	40 (98%)	8 (89%)	48 (96%)
Hispanic or Latino	0 (0%)	1 (11%)	1 (2%)
Unknown	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (2%)
IDH Status, n (%)			
Wild-Type	32 (78%)	7 (78%)	39 (78%)
Mutant	9 (18%)	2 (22%)	11 (25%)
MGMT Status, n (%)			
Methylated	16 (39%)	2 (22%)	18 (36%)
Unmethylated	23 (56%)	7 (78%)	30 (60%)
Unknown	2 (5%)	0 (0%)	2 (4%)
Grade, n (%)			
III	7 (17%)	0 (0%)	7 (14%)
IV	34 (83%)	9 (100%)	43 (86%)
KPS Score, Median (range)	90 (70 - 100)	90 (80 - 100)	90 (70 - 100)

\* See below

- 41 unique patients were dosed; one patient was treated twice, in cohort IX and X
- A total of 50 unique patients

# CAN-3110 related SAEs in rHGG (arms A and B)

Cohort (arm)	Number of treated patients	Dose Level (PFU)	Number of patients with DLT	Number of patients with related SAE	Case #	Time (days)
1 (A)	3	1x10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
2 (A)	3	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
3 (A)	3	1x10 <sup>7</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
4 (A)	3	3x10 <sup>7</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
5 (A), 1 (B)	6	1x10 <sup>8</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
6 (A)	3	3x10 <sup>8</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
7 (A), 10 (A), 2 (B)	21	1x10 <sup>9</sup>	0	1	046(IDHmut)	2
8 (A)	3	3x10 <sup>9</sup>	0	1	033(IDHmut)	16
9 (A)	6	1x10 <sup>10</sup>	0	0	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50*</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	Time range (days)→	2 to 16

DLT: dose limiting toxicity, SAE: serious adverse event

\* Total includes one patient who received two injections, one in cohort 9 (A) and one in cohort 10 (A)

As of cutoff date  
25 Apr 2023

# Safety summary: related adverse events\* (AEs) in rHGG

Arm A (n=41)	n (%)
General disorders and administration site conditions	
Fever	3 (7%)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	
Muscle weakness	3 (7%)
Nervous system disorders	
Seizure	3 (7%)

Arm B (n=9)	n (%)
Nervous system disorders	
Edema Cerebral	1 (11%)
Hemianopia	1 (11%)
Hypoesthesia	1 (11%)

\* events manifesting in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients

# Safety summary: adverse events in rHGG

## Arm A (n=41\*)

- No patients experienced a DLT in Cohorts I-X
- All patients (n=41) experienced at least 1 AE
- 27% of patients (n=11) experienced at least 1 related AE
- 59% of patients (n=24) experienced at least 1 serious AE
  - Most Serious AEs: Edema Cerebral (n=8 [20%]) and Seizure (n=5 [12%])
- 5% of patients (n=2) experienced at least 1 serious related AE
  - 001-033: Grade 3 - Seizure, Cerebral hematoma
  - 001-046: Grade 2 - Seizure, muscle weakness , facial paresis
- Most \*TEAEs were Grade 1-3
  - Most common Grade 3 AEs include Edema Cerebral (n=8 [20%]), Seizure (n=5 [12%]) and Muscle weakness (n=5 [12%]).
  - One patient experienced a grade 5 cardiac arrest, non-related
  - No grade 4 AEs

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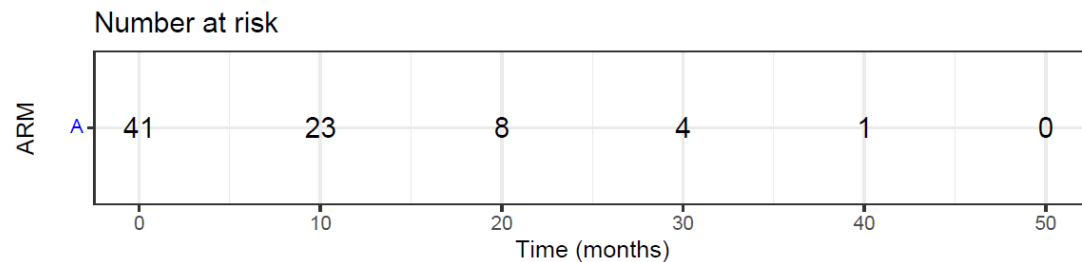
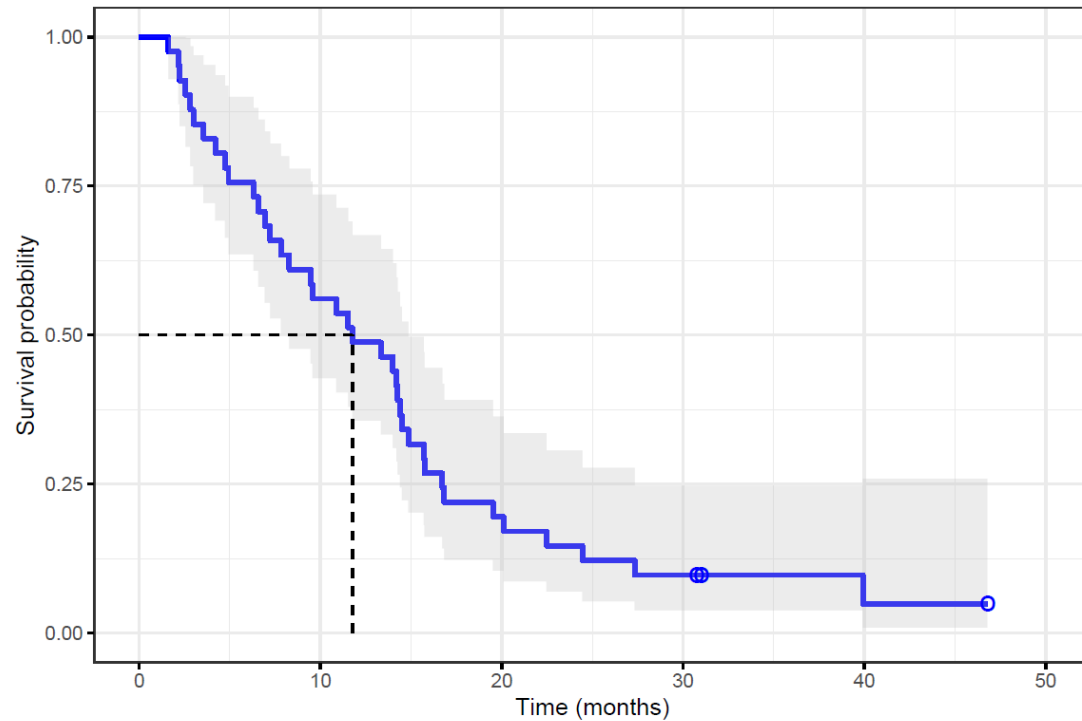
\* Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs)

## Arm B (n=9)

- All patients (n=9) experienced at least 1 AE
- 11% of patients (n=1) experienced at least 1 related AE
  - 001-060: Grade 2 - Edema cerebral, left leg numbness, left visual field defect
- 22% of patients (n=2) experienced at least 1 serious AE
  - 001-061: Grade 3 - Edema cerebral, muscle weakness
  - 001-065: Grade 3 - Cerebrospinal fluid leakage, left hemiparesis, pseudo-meningocele and muscle weakness
- No patient (n=0) experienced a serious related AE
- All \*TEAEs were grade 1-3
  - Most common Grade 3 AEs include Muscle Weakness (n=2 [22%])
  - No grade 4 or 5 AEs



# Encouraging overall survival in rHGG after single injection (arm A)



N = 41

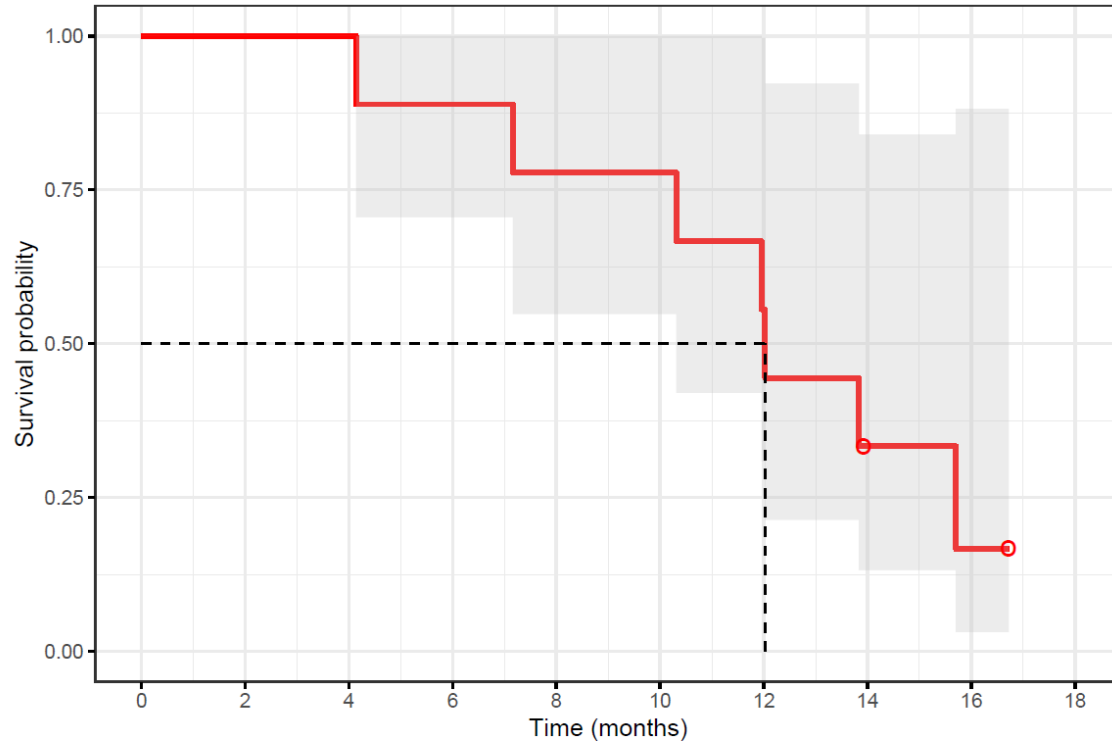
Median overall survival: 11.8 months

Cutoff date: 20 Apr 2023

Expected median overall survival: <6-9 months

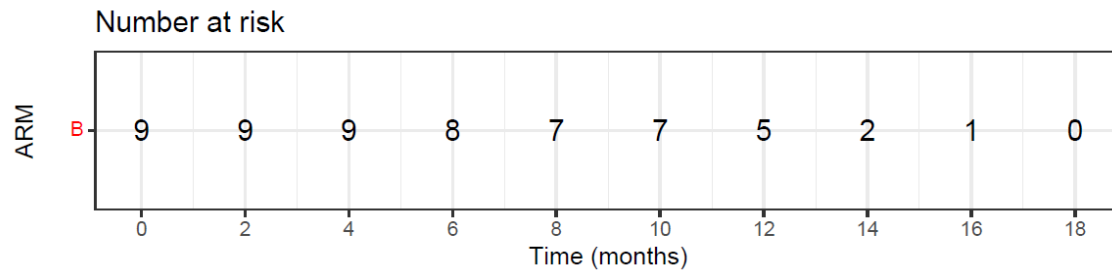
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# Overall survival data rHGG arm B confirms data in arm A



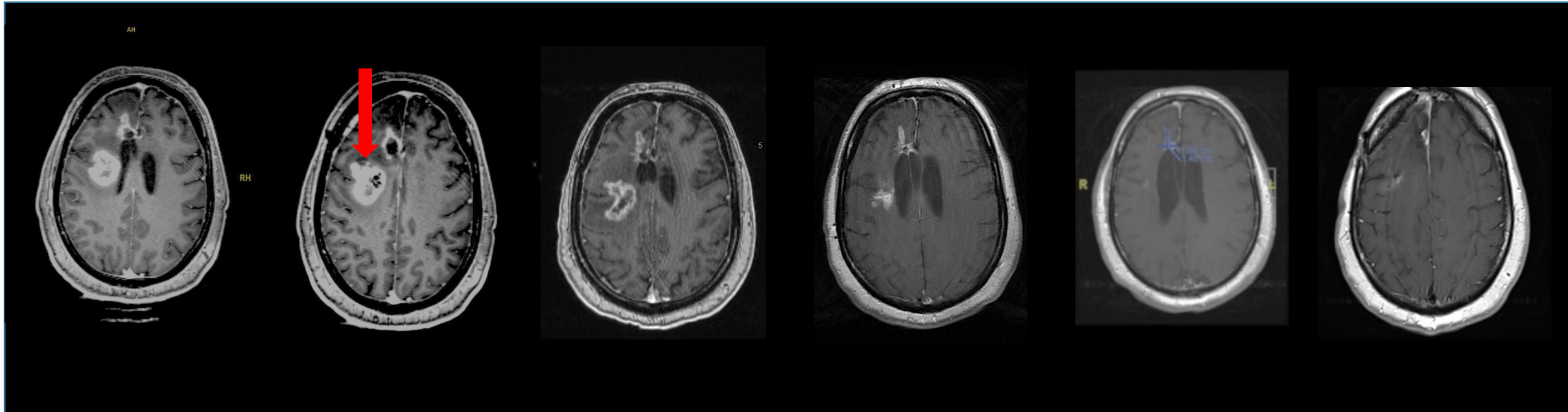
N = 9 patients pretreated with cyclophosphamide  
Median overall survival: 12 months  
Cutoff date 20 Apr 2023

Expected median overall survival: <6-9 months



# Monotherapy activity of CAN-3110 in rHGG (arm A)

Clinical effect on injected tumor and uninjected tumor



Baseline

Day 0

Black hole within tumor  
image is injection site  
10<sup>6</sup> PFU dose

Day 56

Reduction in contrast area  
with no additional treatment

Day 111

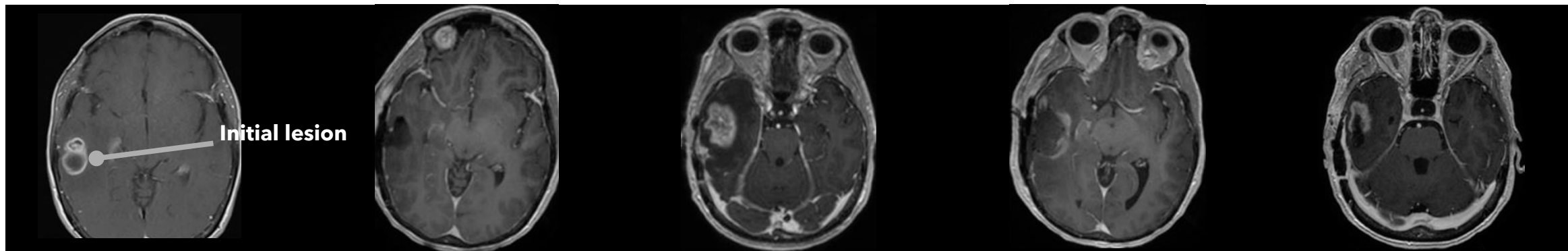
Patient back to work

Day 168

Day 280

56 YOM, IDH wild-type, MGMT partially methylated, right frontal mesial lesion initially treated with GTR, chemoradiation. Recurrences at two sites.

# Durable response for 2Yrs after CAN-3110 in rHGG (arm A)



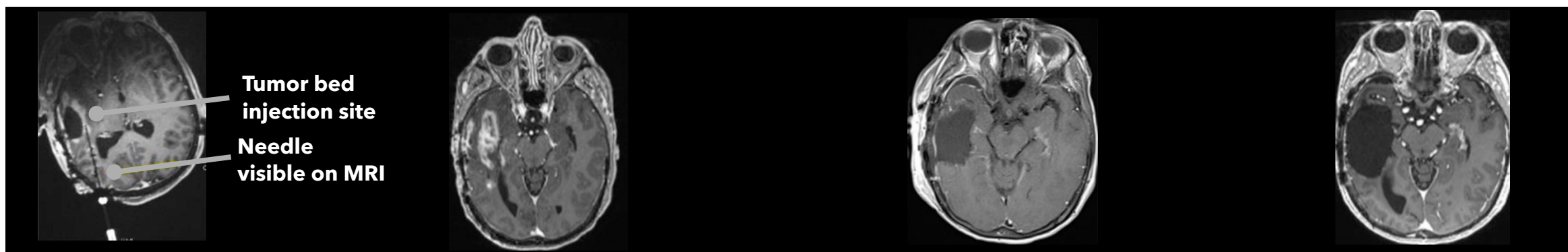
Day -262  
Initial presentation

Day -259  
Initial resection

Day -47  
Tumor recurrence

Day -30  
2<sup>nd</sup> subtotal resection

Day -14  
Rapid progression



Day 0  
**CAN-3110 Injection**

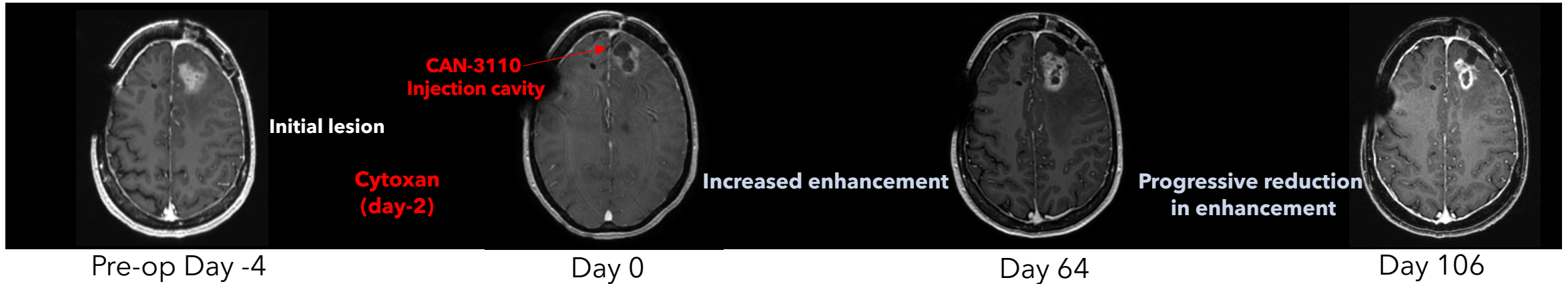
Day 91  
Tumor recurrence with TIL

Day 96  
After resection,  
histology shows TILs

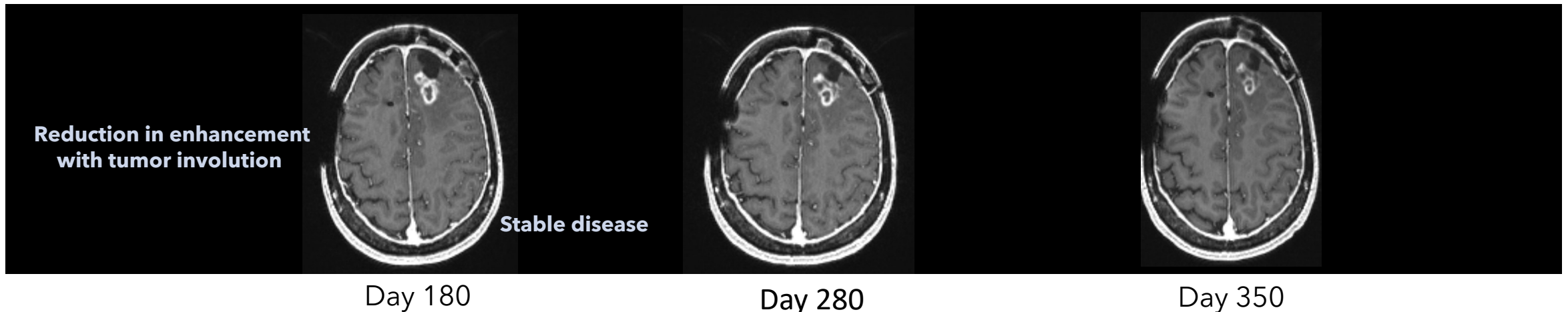
Day 630  
No visible tumor

61 YOF, IDH wild-type, MGMT methylated glioblastoma, right temporal lesion initially treated with surgery, chemoradiation and temozolomide  
CAN-3110 dose:  $10^8$  PFUs. Patient passed away as passenger in a motor vehicle accident on day 717.

# Continued improvement for >12Mos after CAN-3110 monotherapy (arm B)

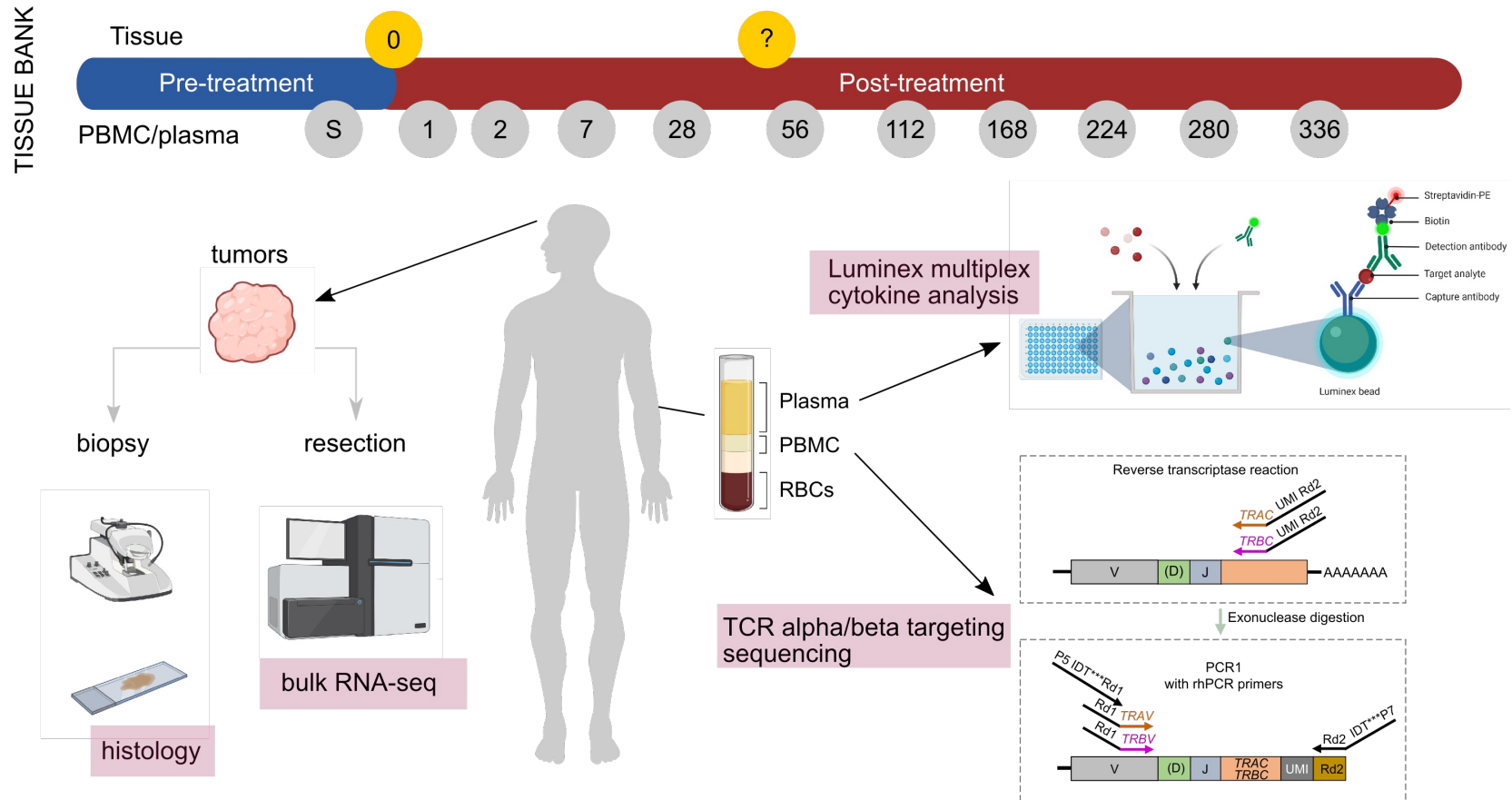


CAN-3110 injection

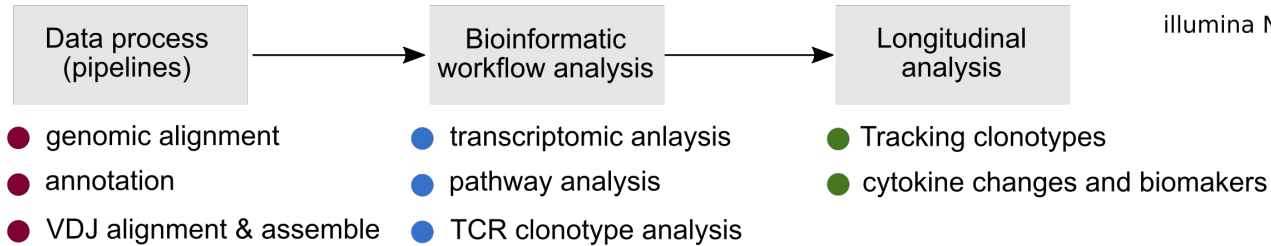


52 YO RH WF, IDH mutant, MGMT methylated grade IV astrocytoma (left frontal, invading corpus callosum in a butterfly fashion and lobulating into lateral and third ventricle). Recurrent disease, 1Yr after original resection. Enrolled in arm B: Cytosin (24 mg/kg; day -2) & CAN-3110. Since injection KPS remains between 90 and 100, pt. independent at home with family, without other therapies.

# Biomarker Analysis



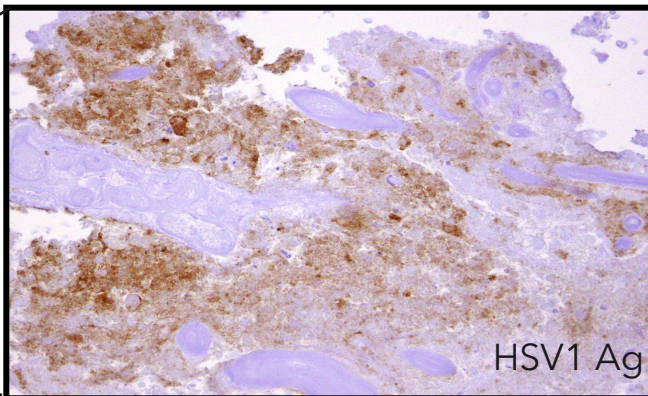
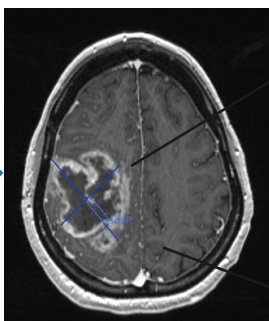
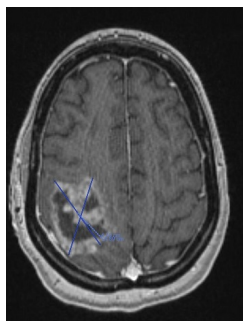
## Bioinformatic Analysis



# Persistent HSV antigen expression associated with CD8+ T cell infiltration after CAN-3110 treatment

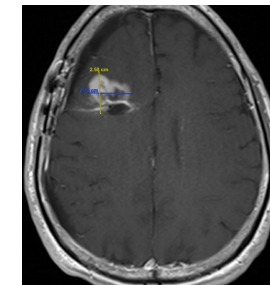
Patient A

(6 weeks post-HSV 10e6 PFUs)

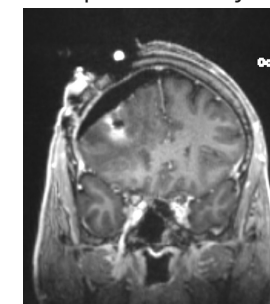


HSV1 Ag

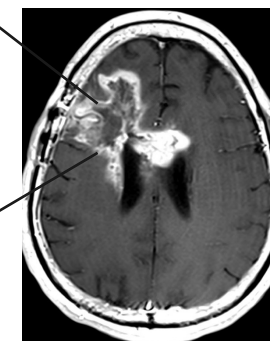
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Intraoperative injection

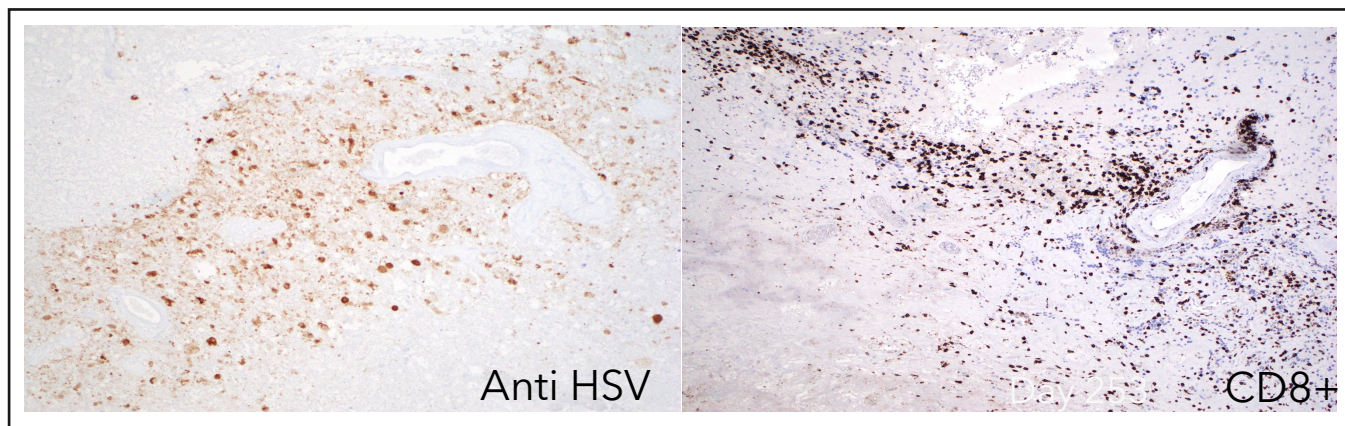


Recurrence



Patient B

(9 mos post-HSV 10e9 PFUs)

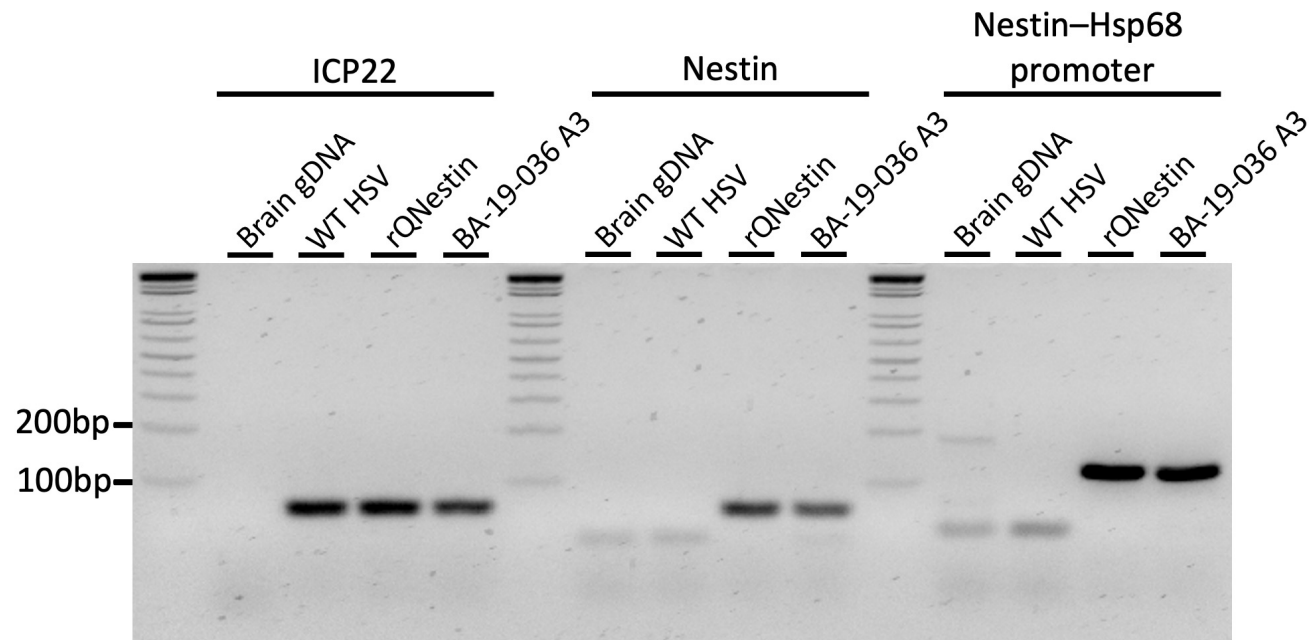


Anti HSV

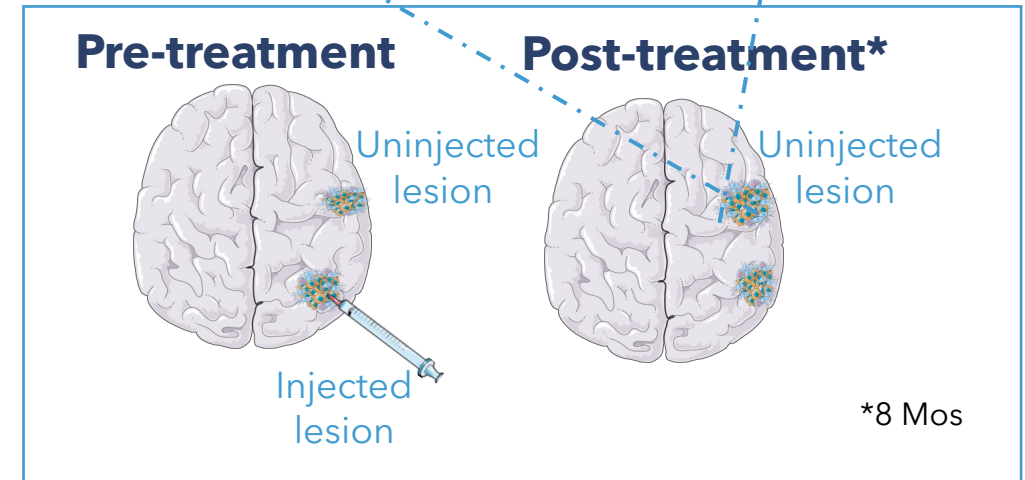
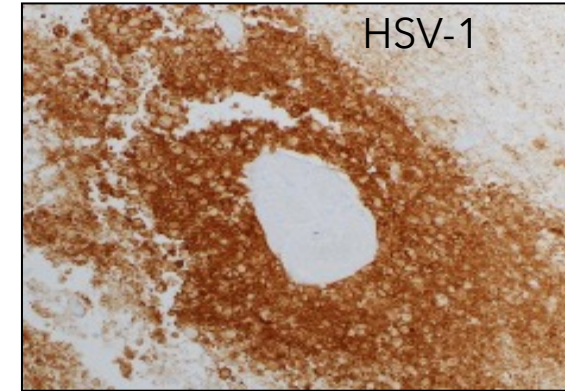
CD8+

13/27 patients presented positive oHSV antigen in post-injection samples collected in a range of 24 to 801 days post treatment

# Persistent HSV antigen expression in uninjected lesion 8 Mos after CAN-3110 injection in multifocal rHGG



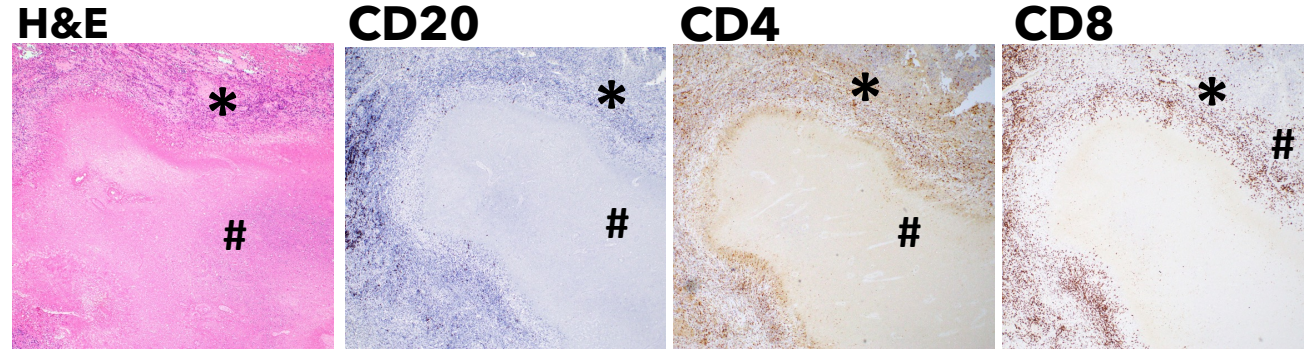
Uninjected lesion



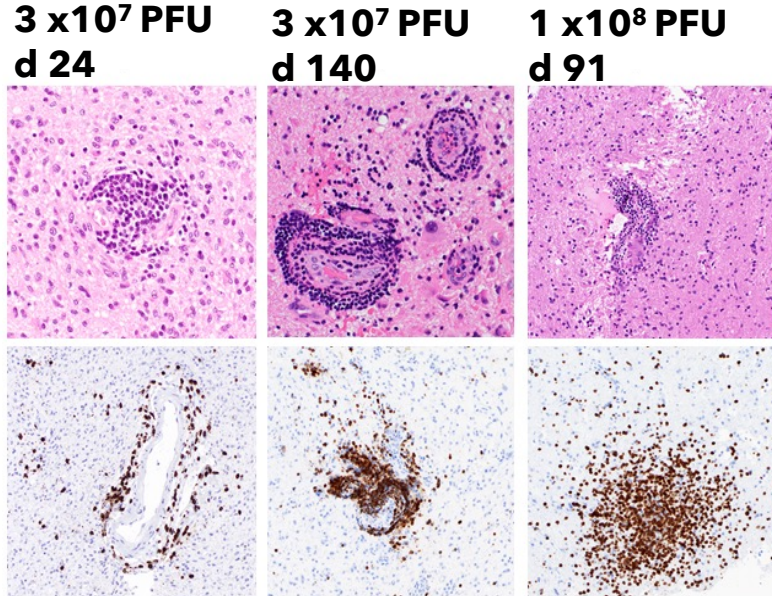


# Increased infiltration by immune cells at the site of the tumor after CAN-3110 treatment in rHGG

Post-injection necrotic tumor areas surrounded by T cells

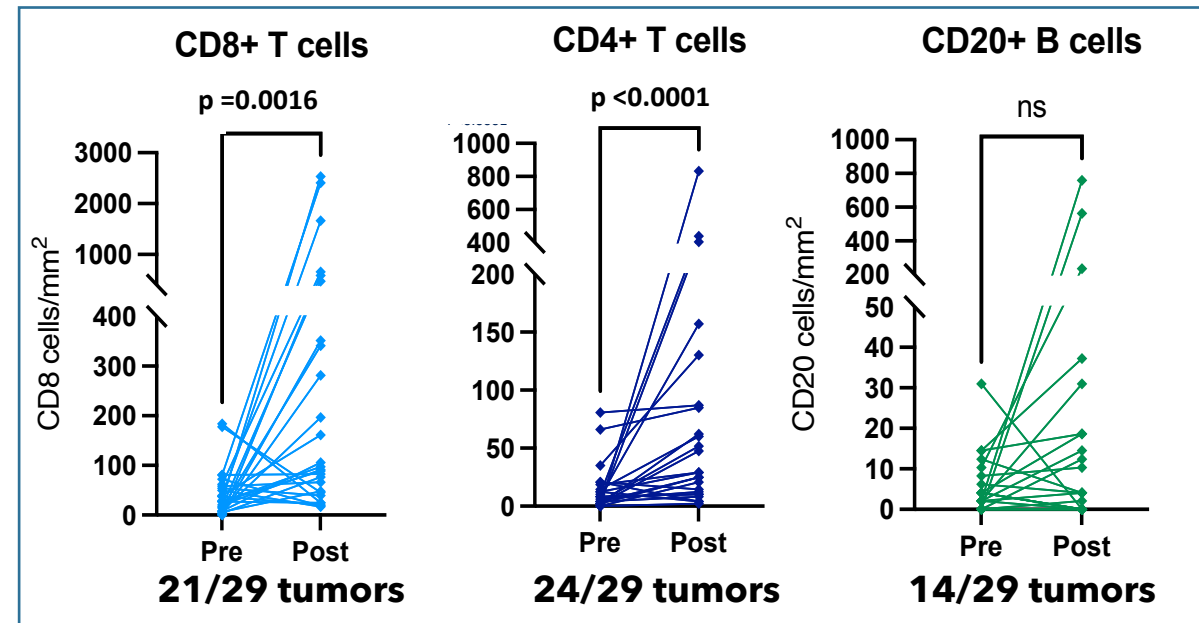


# necrosis; \* immune cell infiltrate

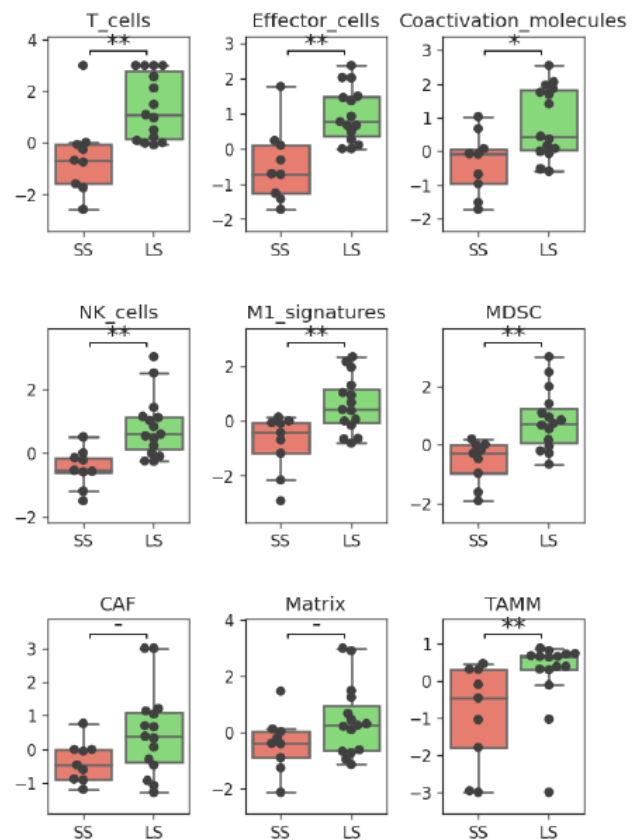
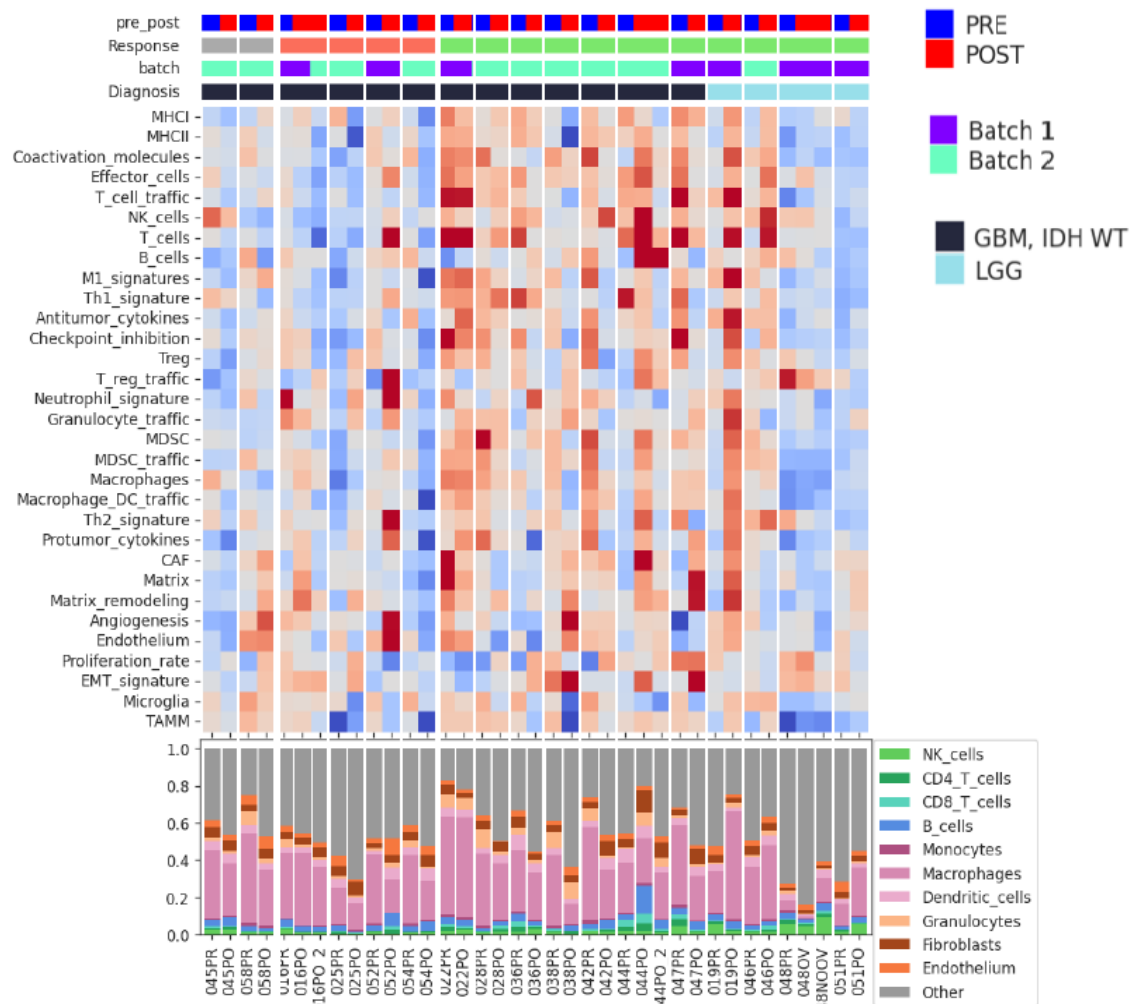


H&E

anti HSV



# Changes in tumor microenvironment after CAN-3110 are associated with improved survival in rHGG

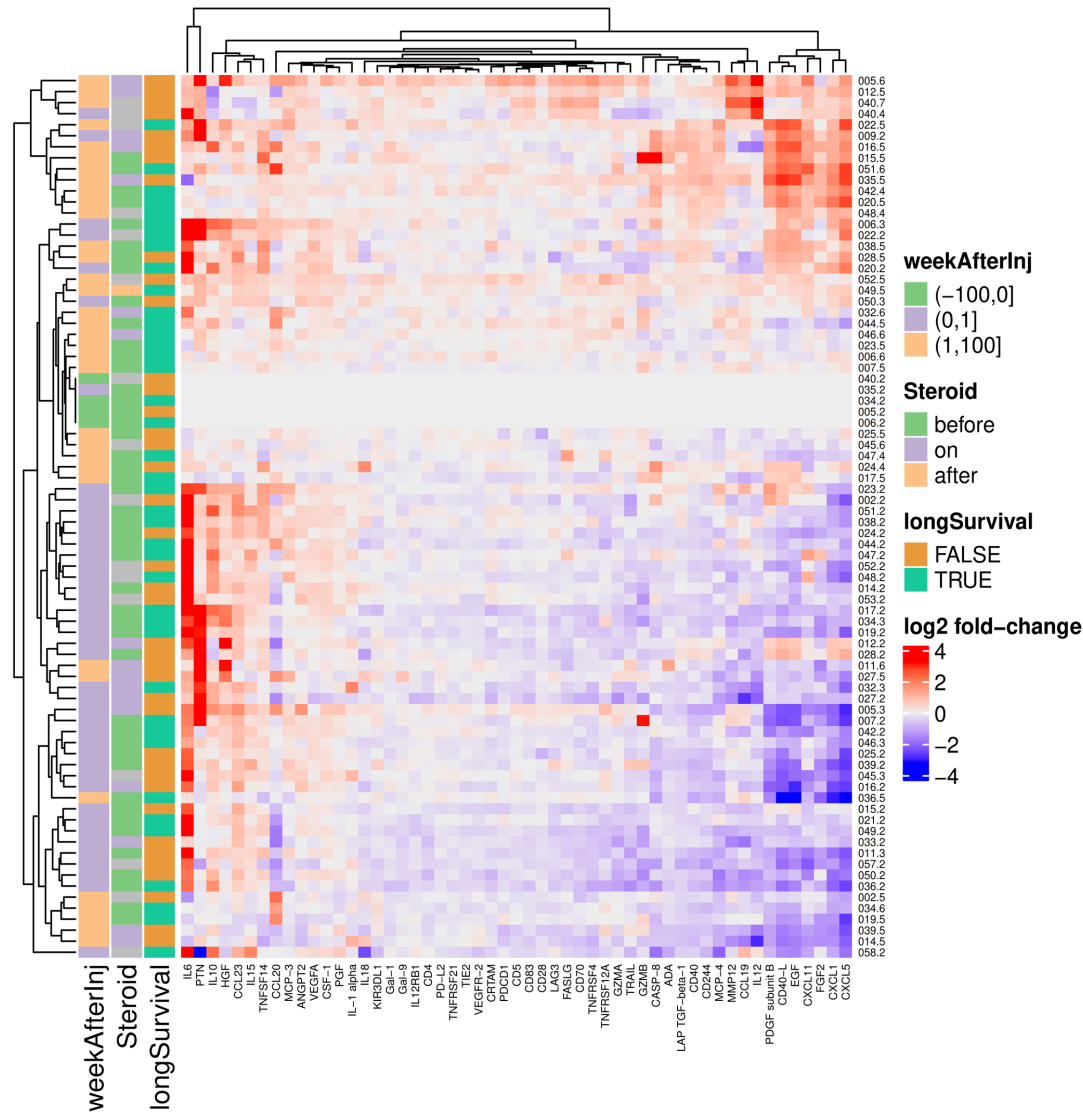


\*only GBM IDH WT samples are shown on the boxplots

■ LS - long survivors, post-injection survival > 12 months  
■ SS - short survivors, post-injection survival < 12 months  
■ ND - insufficient data

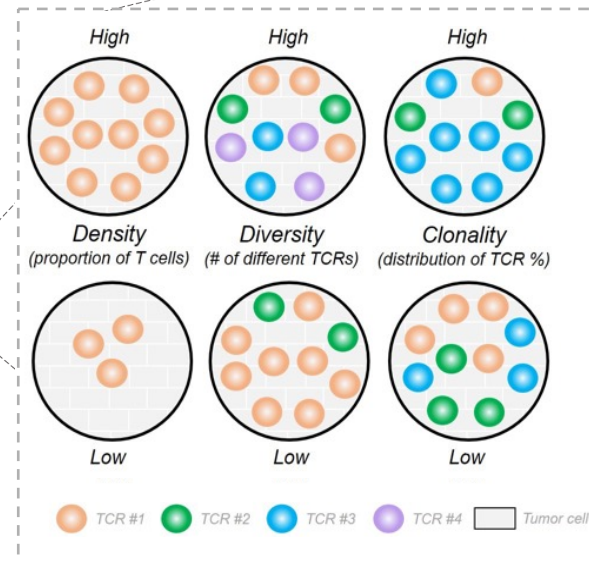
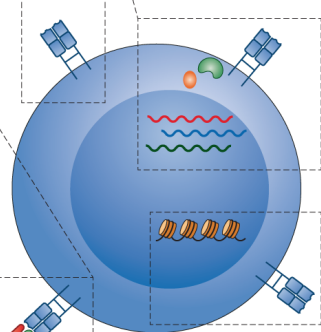
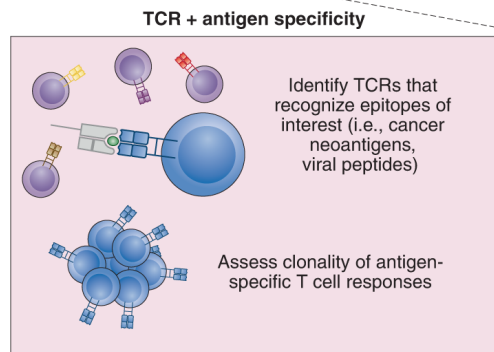
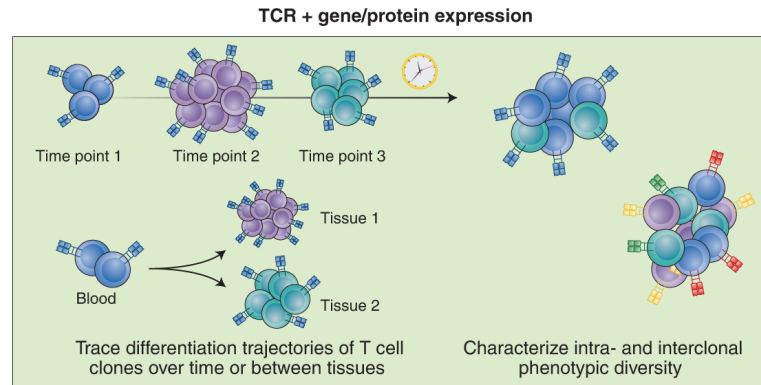
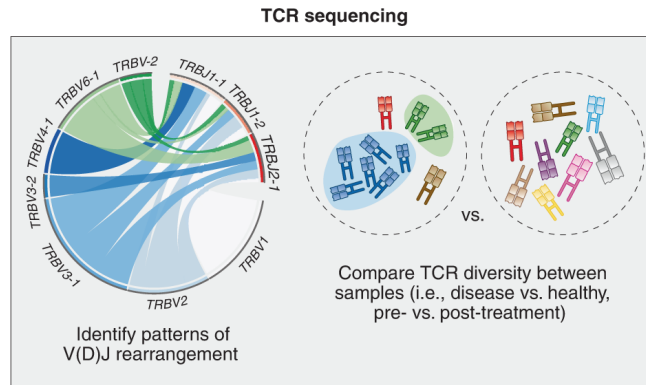
17 paired samples bioinformatic analyses by BostonGene, Inc.

# Changes in protein biomarkers in peripheral blood after CAN-3110 injection in rHGG

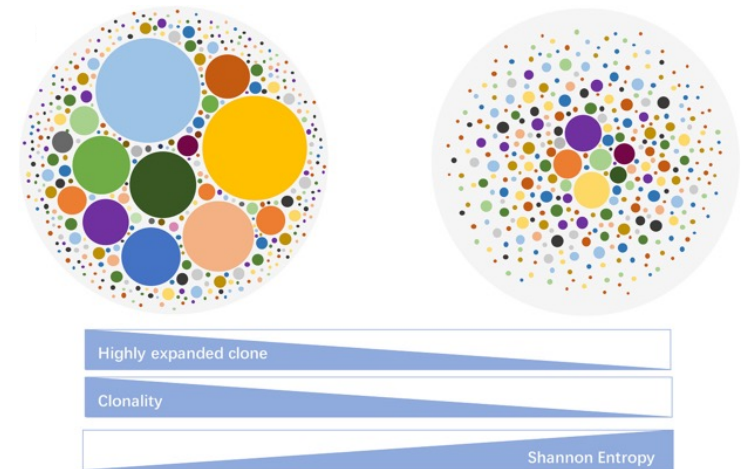


From 96 protein panel biomarkers, 53 showed statistically significant changes compared to baseline at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time points after treatment; those include IL-6, PTN, MMP12, CCL19, CD40L

# T cell receptor (TCR) analysis interpretation tool



## Relationship between clonality and diversity/entropy

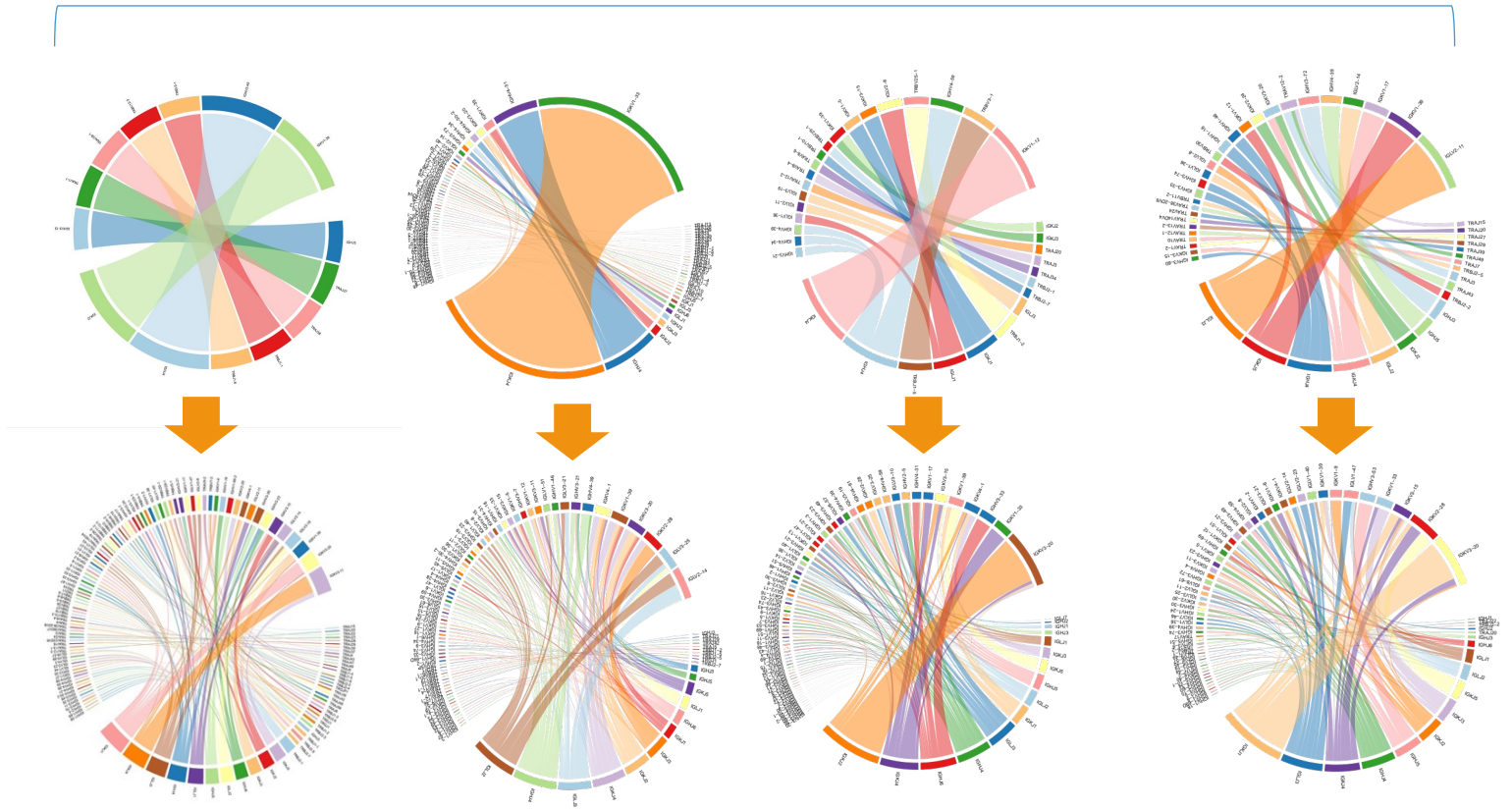
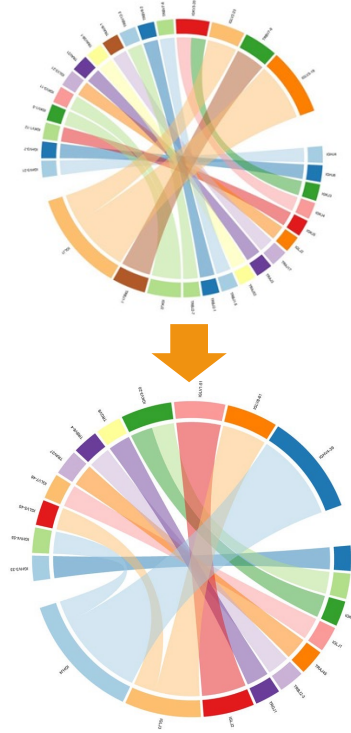


# Increases in T cell density, entropy, and clonality are observed in long survivors after CAN-3110 injection

Long survivors

Short survivor

CAN-3110 injection



# Conclusions

- Treatment with CAN-3110 in rHGG is well tolerated with no dose-limiting toxicity observed
- Persistence of HSV antigen expression associated with tumor necrosis and increased immune cell infiltration after CAN-3110 injection in both injected and uninjected lesions
- Evidence of abscopal effect
- Increase in pro-inflammatory mediators after CAN-3110 injection in rHGG
- Immunological changes in the tumor microenvironment after CAN-3110 injection in rHGG are associated with improved survival
- Increases in T cell density, entropy, and clonality are observed in long survivors after CAN-3110 injection
- Next, we will evaluate the effects of repeat injections with CAN-3110, supported by the Break Through Cancer foundation

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