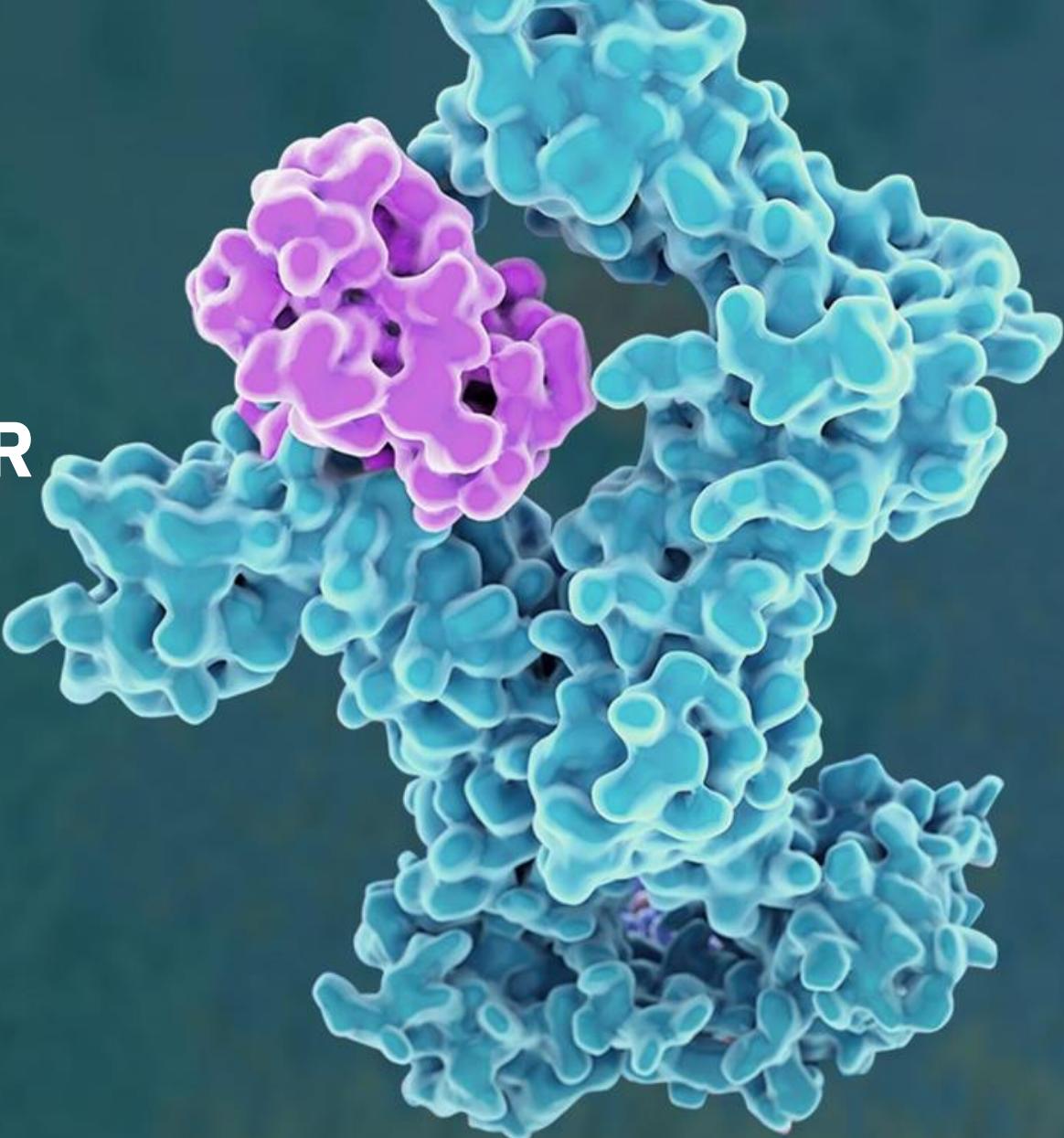


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# Invigorating Effector Immune Cells With Highly Selective IL-2R Agonists and Potential Synergy With Tumor Targeting Therapeutics for Treatment of Glioblastomas



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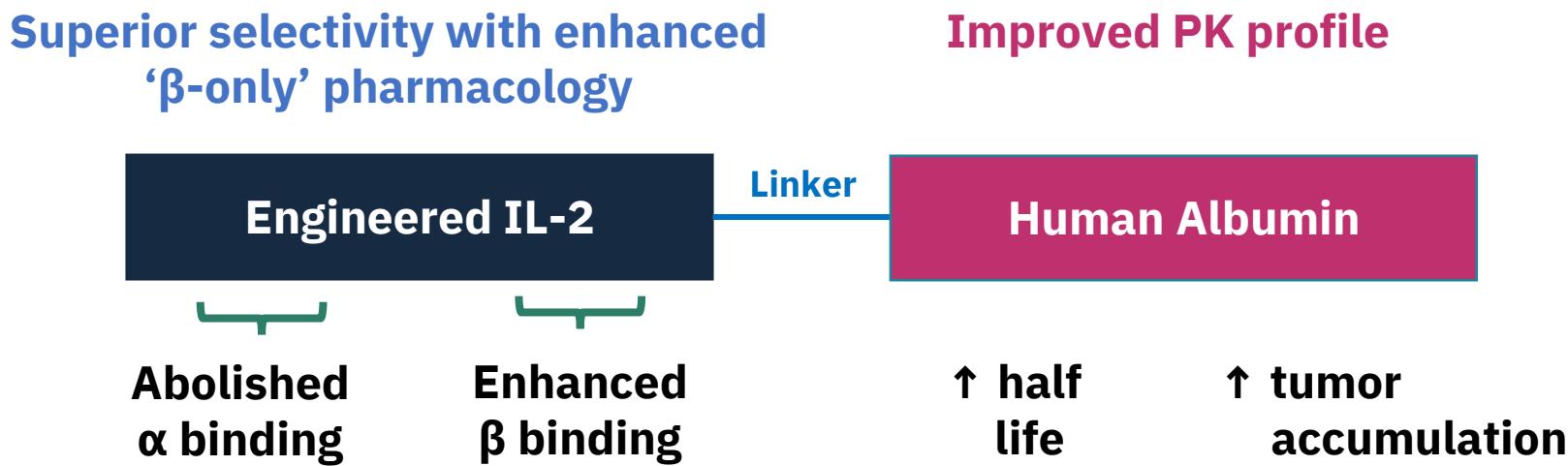
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# MDNA11: Long-acting ‘ $\beta$ -enhanced Not- $\alpha$ ’ IL-2 Superkine



## MDNA11 engineered to overcome key limitations of HD rhIL-2:

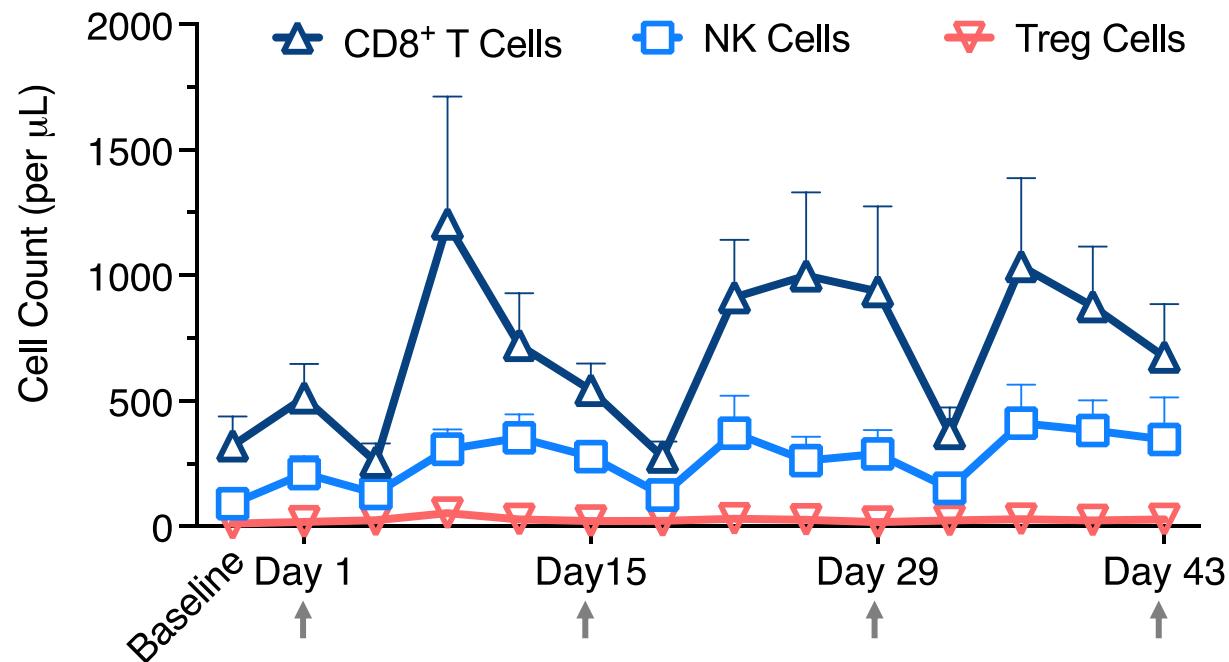
- ↑ affinity to IL-2R $\beta$  (CD122) - Potentiate effector immune activation
  - Abolish binding to IL-2R $\alpha$  (CD25) – ↓ Treg stimulation & associated toxicities
  - Fusion to albumin increases half-life and promotes accumulation in tumors
- MDNA11 demonstrates a favorable safety profile and encouraging single-agent tumor response in patients with advanced solid tumors (ongoing Phase 1/2 ABILITY study)



# MDNA11: Potent Immune Agonist

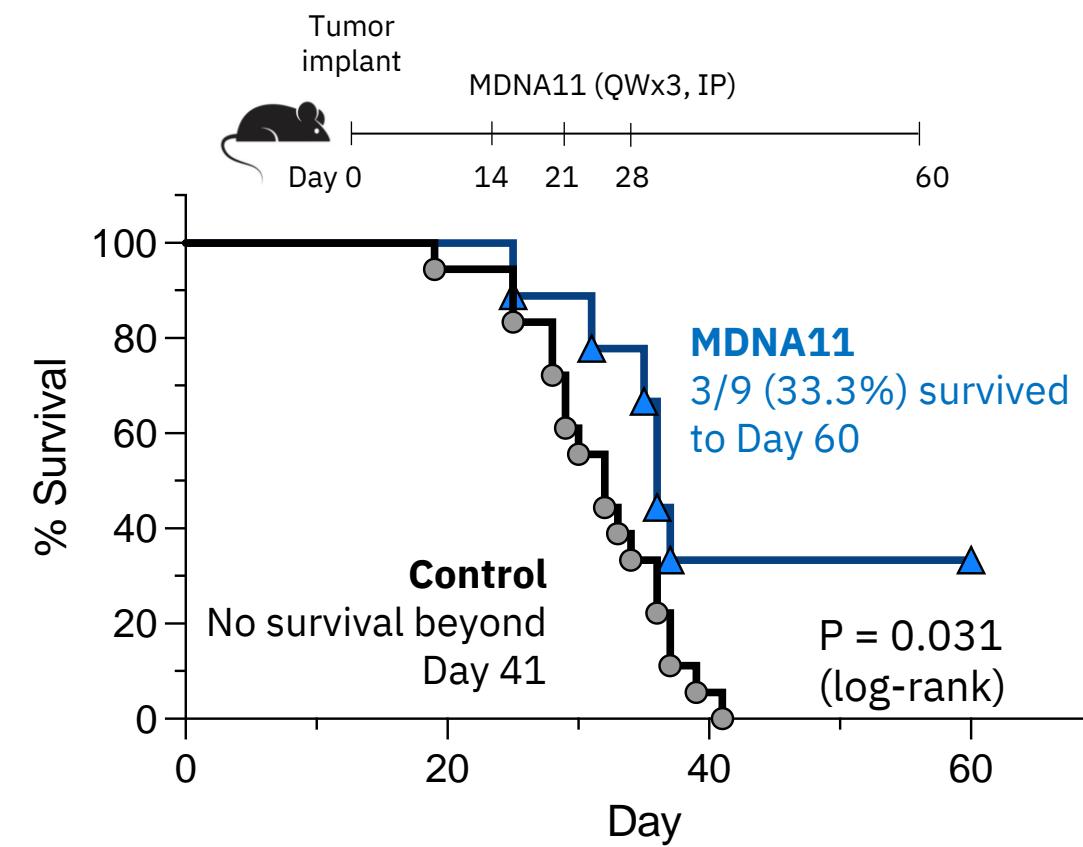
## MDNA11 Preferentially Expands CD8<sup>+</sup> T and NK Cells

MDNA11 at 90 µg/kg (IP Q2W; Recommended Dose for Expansion)



To et al., SITC (2024)

## MDNA11 Significantly Extends Survival in an Orthotopic GL261 GBM Model



Liu et al., SITC (2024)

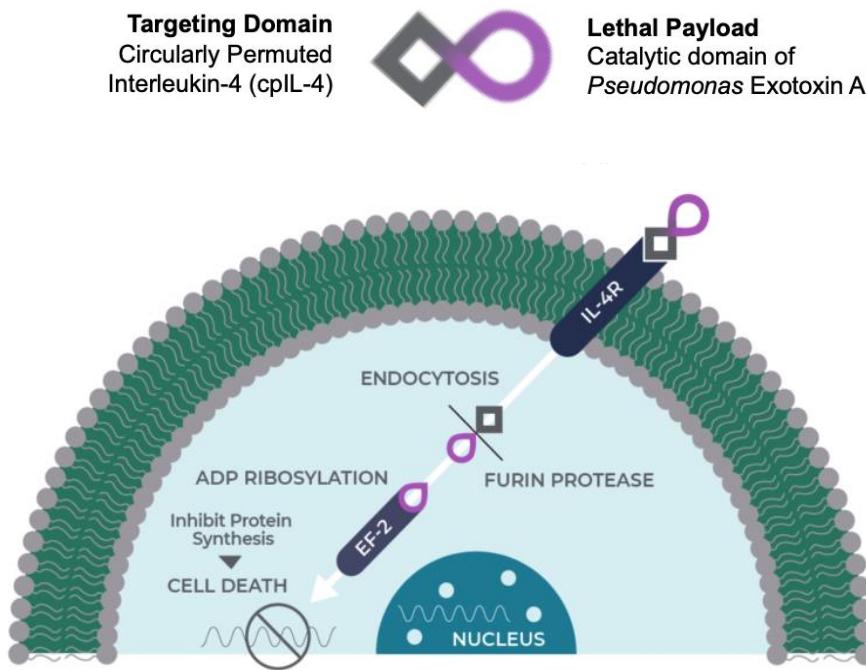


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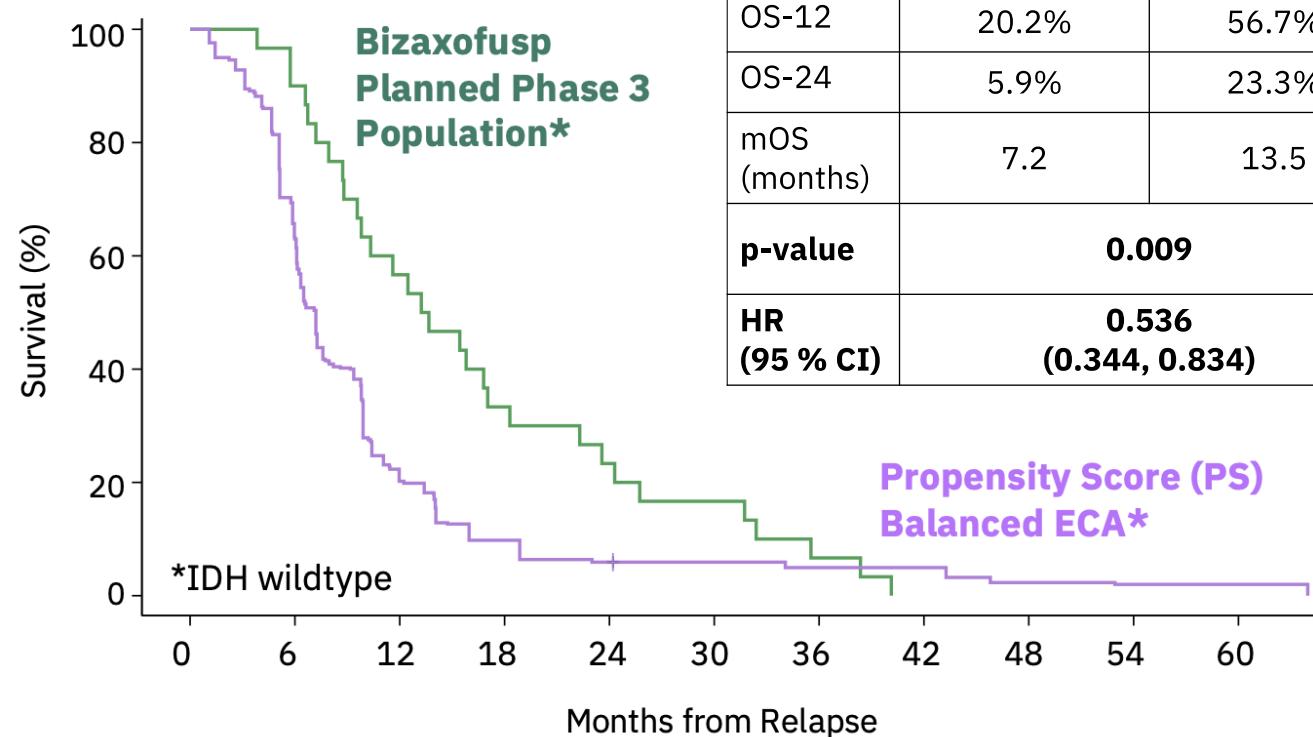
# Bizaxofusp (aka MDNA55): A Potent IL-4R Targeted Toxin Payload

- Direct killing of IL-4R expressing tumor cells by inhibiting protein synthesis
- Kills IL-4R expressing myeloid cells to invigorate anti-tumor immunity within the TME

## Mechanism of Action



## Phase 2b Study: Unresectable Recurrent GBM (rGBM)

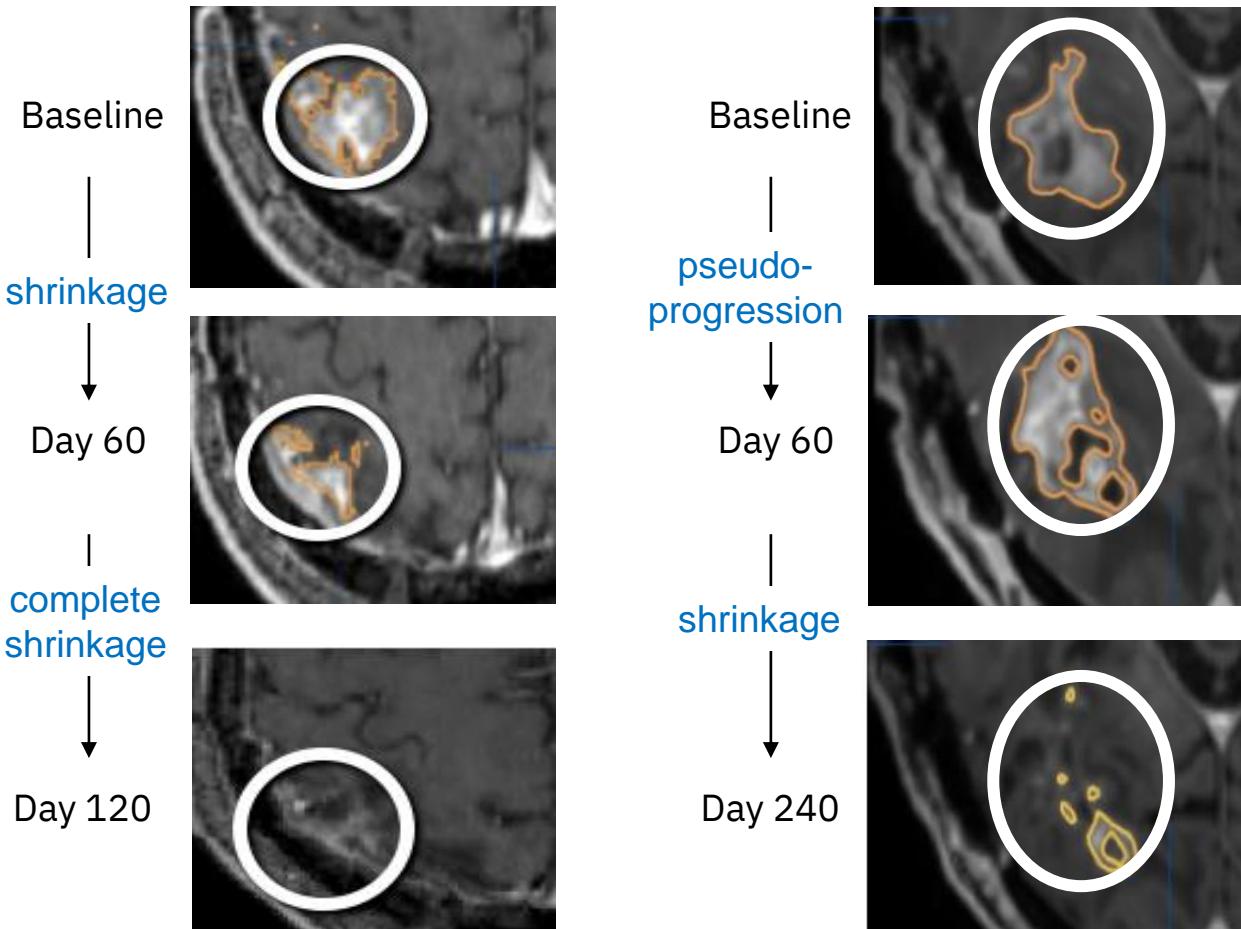


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Sampson et al., ASCO 2024

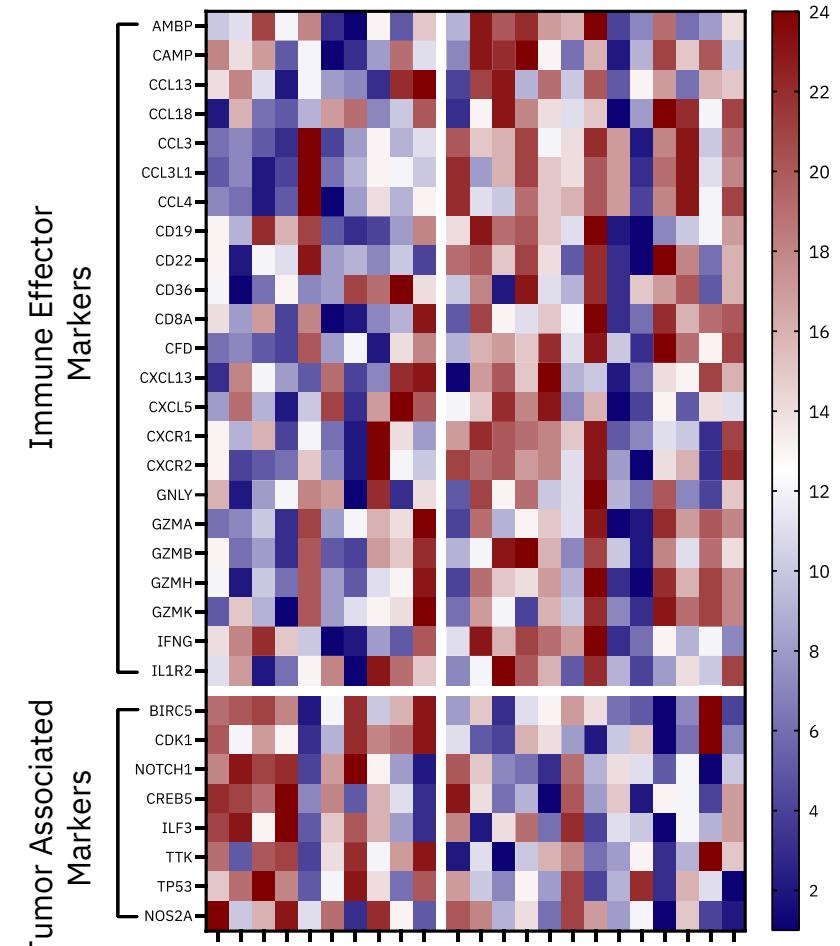
# Bizaxofusp Shrinks rGBMs and Stimulates Immune Effector Cells

## rGBM Following Single Treatment with Bizaxofusp



## NanoString Gene Expression Analysis

### Baseline Post Bizaxofusp



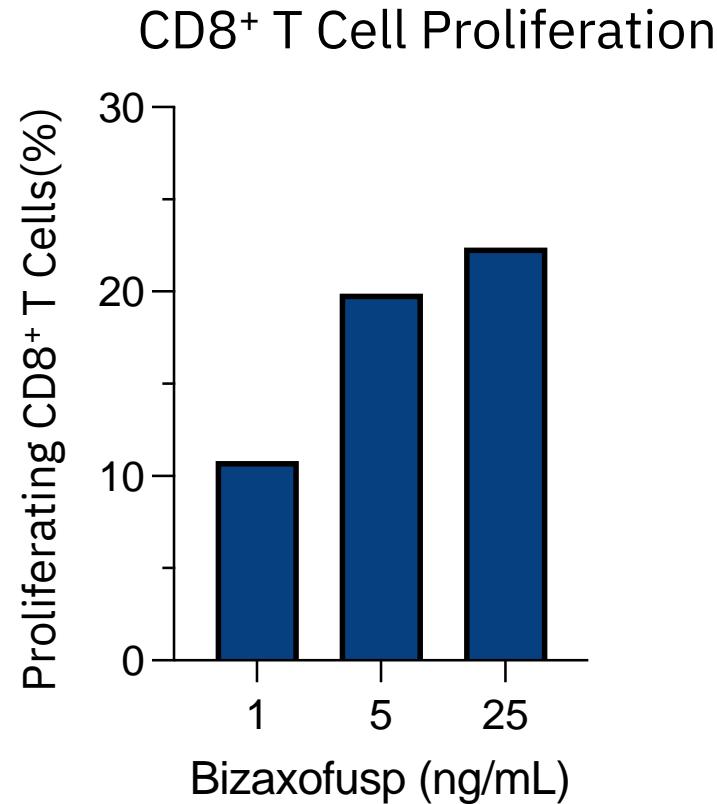
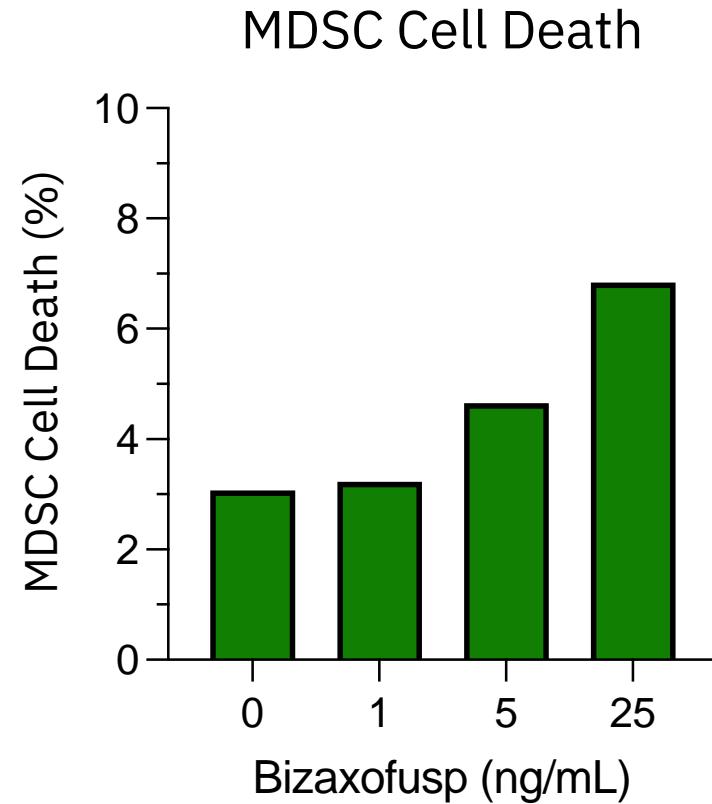
- Baseline samples from initial diagnosis
- Post treatment rGBM collected  $\geq 52$  days after a single intra-tumoral dose of bizaxofusp



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# Bizaxofusp Kills MDSCs to Invigorate CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells

Autologous co-cultures of MDSC / CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells treated with increasing concentrations of bizaxofusp



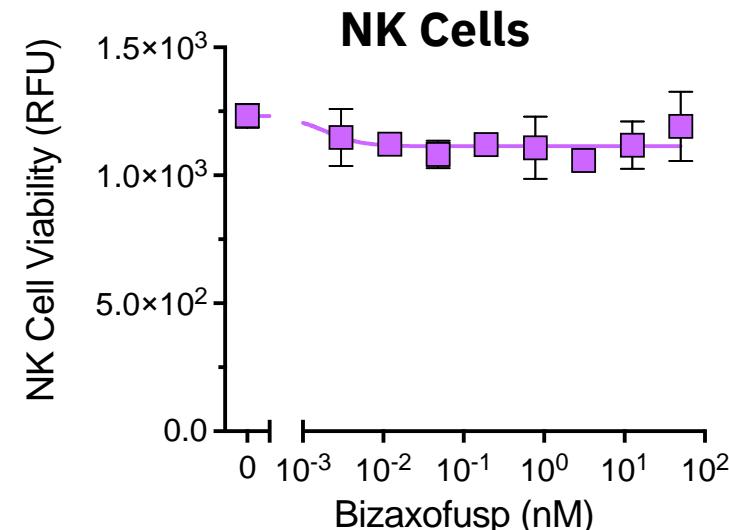
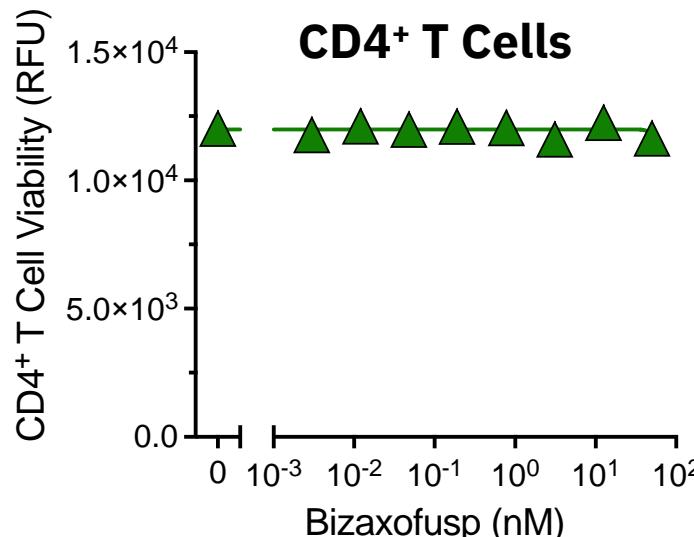
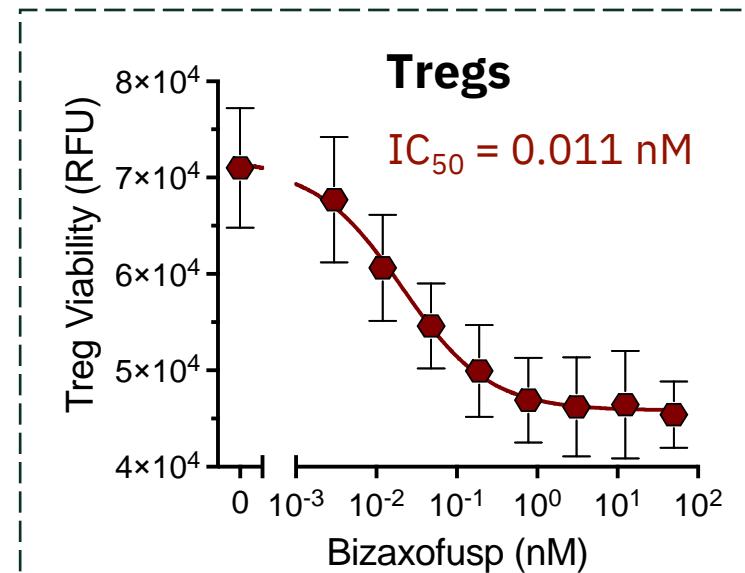
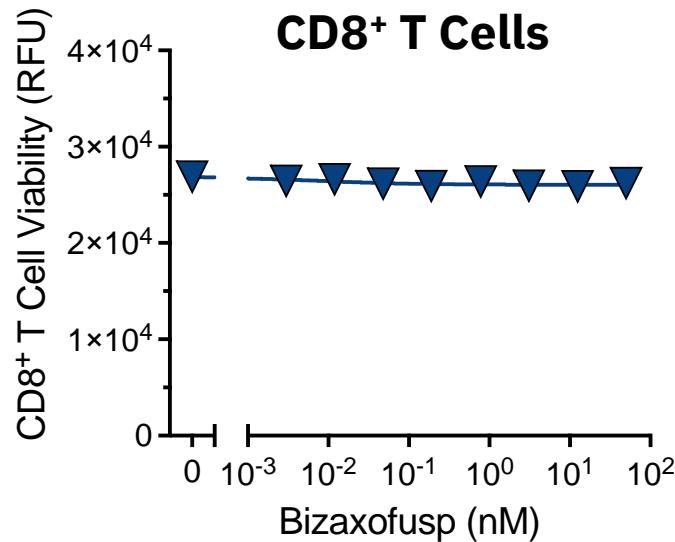
PBMC derived MDSC co-cultured with autologous CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in 1:2 ratio (Lechner et al., J Immunology, 2010). Treatment for 3 days; cell viability (7AAD) and proliferation (Cell Trace Violet) evaluated cell cytometry.



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# Bizaxofusp Selectively Kills Immune Suppressive Tregs

No impact on viability of key anti-tumor immune cells



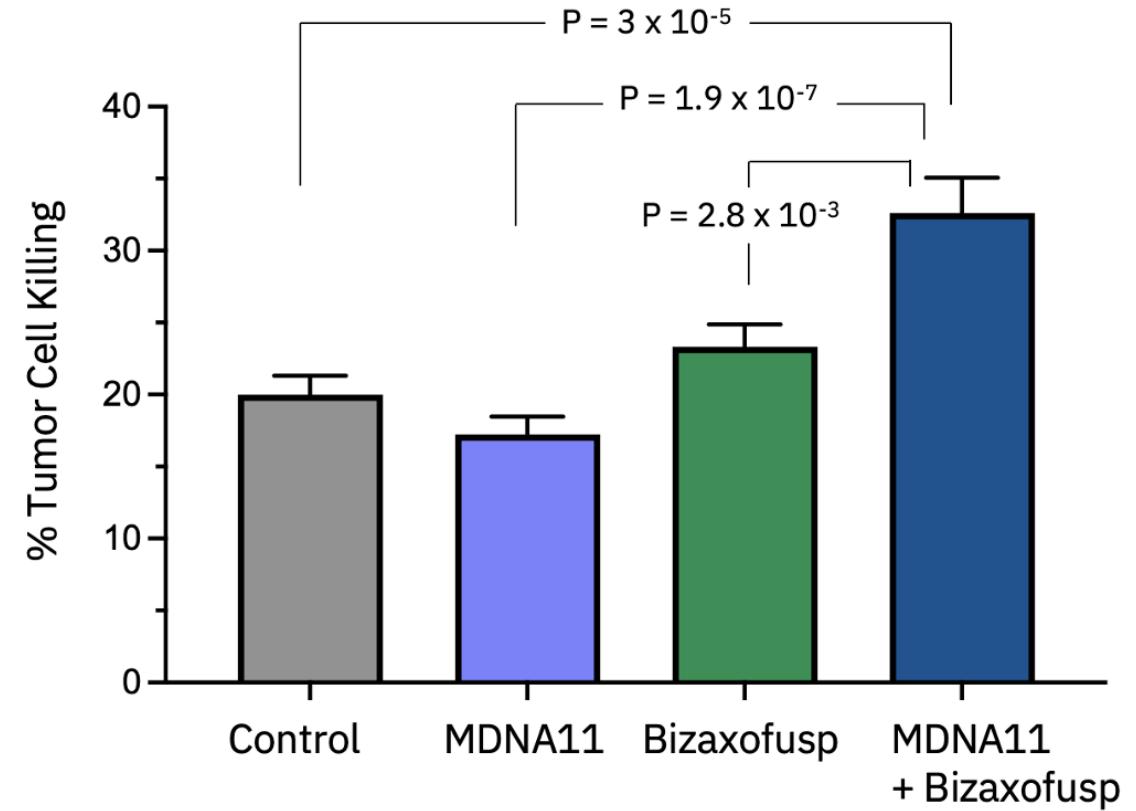
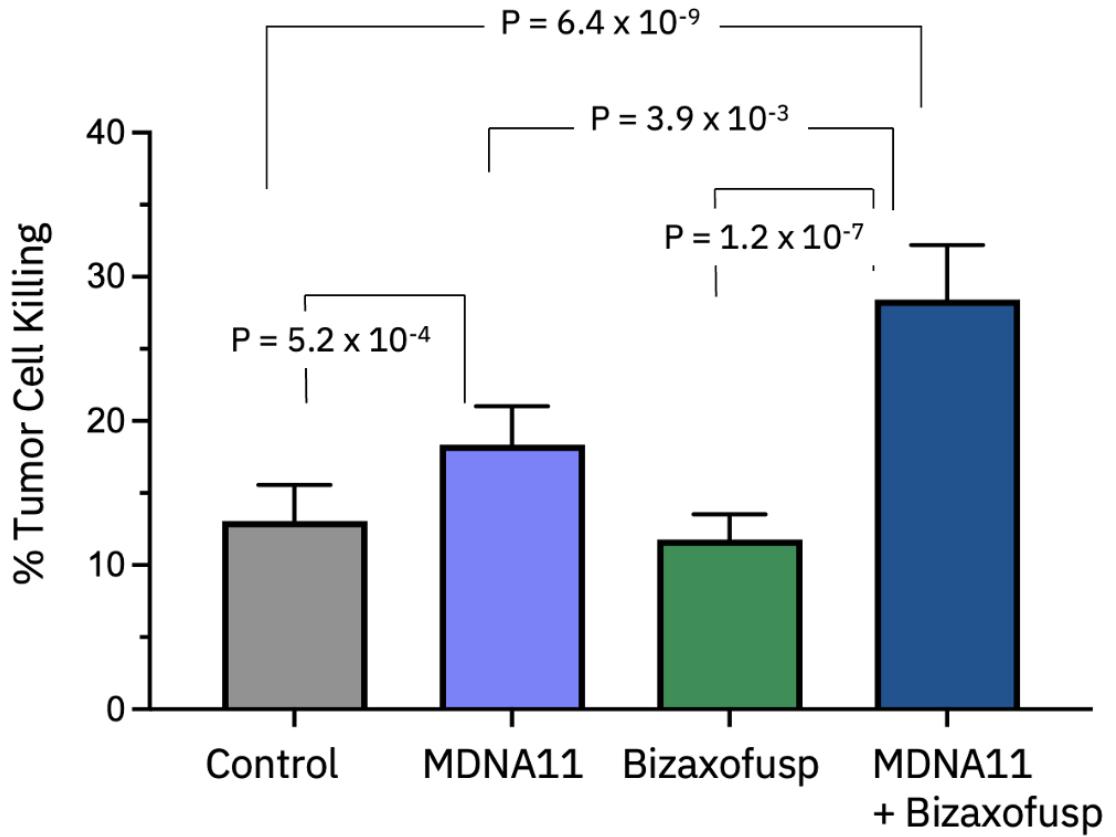
Treatment for 48 hours;  
Cell viability measured by Cell TiterBlue



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# MDNA11 and Bizaxofusp Synergize to Enhance Tumor Cell Killing

GBM tumoroids maintain original architecture of tumor and resident immune cells.



>51 tumoroids per condition; treatment for 5 days.

Tumor cell killing measured by high resolution microscopy based on size and nuclear morphology.

P-values calculated using Mann-Whitney test



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# Summary

- MDNA11 showed significant survival benefit in an orthotopic model of GBM
- Single intra-tumoral treatment with bizaxofusp induced tumor shrinkage and stimulated immune effector response within the TME of rGBM patients
- Bizaxofusp kills immune suppressive MDSC and Tregs to invigorate immune effector cells (i.e., CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell proliferation)
- MDNA11 and bizaxofusp synergize to elicit tumor cell killing in patient derived GBM tumoroids
- Results underscore the promise of IL-2R stimulation together with IL-4R targeted toxin payload for treating immunologically ‘cold’ GBM.



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