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# Arovella Therapeutics Highlights



## Allogeneic iNKT Cell Platform

Arovella is developing off-the-shelf iNKT cell therapies for CD19 expressing lymphomas and solid tumors, and DKK1 producing cancers



## Data Driven

Arovella uses data to drive decision making for its key assets and clinical indications



## World Leading Partners

Arovella's technologies are licensed from **Imperial College London** and **MD Anderson Cancer Center**. Arovella has an ongoing collaboration with **Imugene**



## Acquiring New Technologies

Arovella is focused on acquiring innovative technologies that strengthen its cell therapy platform and align with its focus areas



## Strong Leadership Group

Arovella's leadership team and its Board have proven experience in drug development, particularly cell therapies



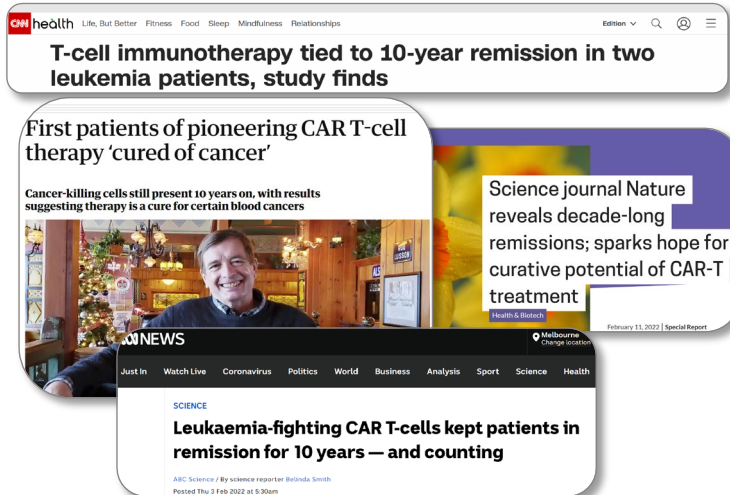
## Unique Value Proposition

Arovella is among few companies globally developing an iNKT cell therapy platform, and the only company developing a CAR targeting a DKK1-peptide

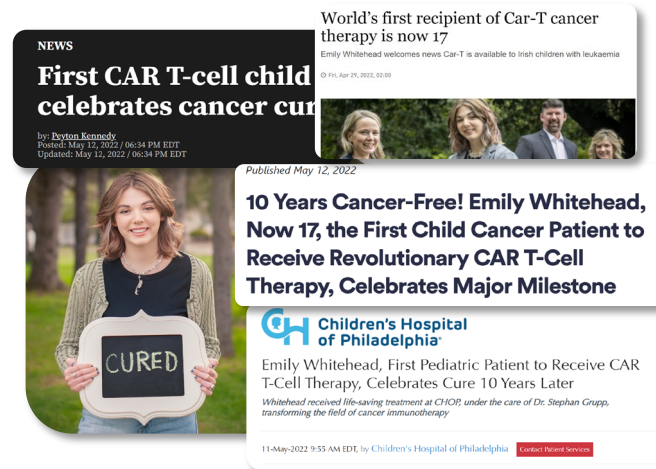
# Cell Therapy Has Revolutionized Blood Cancer Treatment

- CAR-T cells have demonstrated ability to **cure** haematological cancers  
BUT.....
- Manufacturing, logistics and access have prevented broader patient uptake
- **Arovella's CAR-iNKT cell platform** addresses these challenges and has the potential for **improved efficacy**

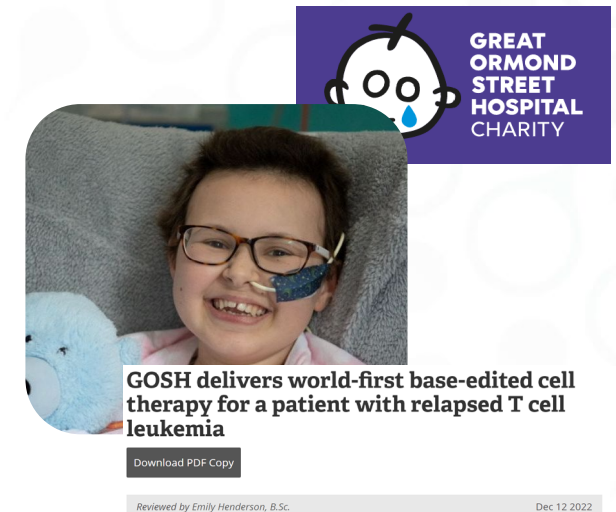
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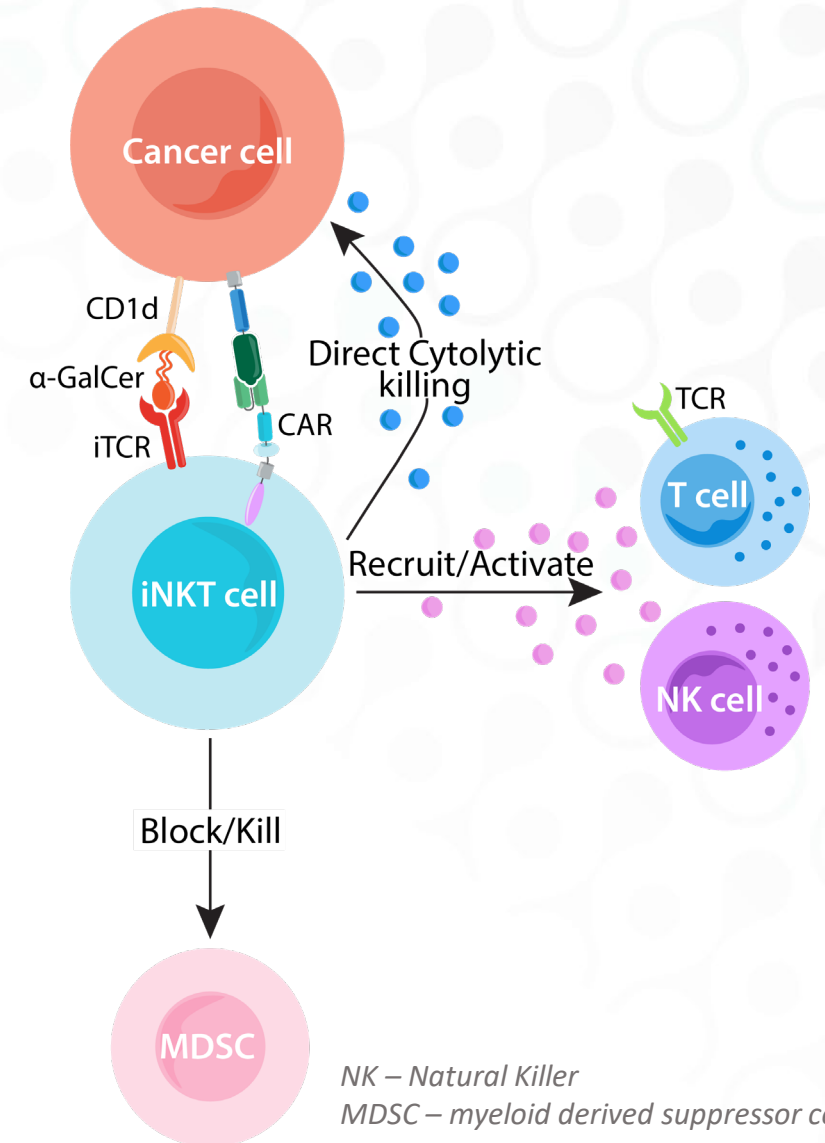




# iNKT Cells are Primed to Kill Cancer

- invariant Natural Killer T (iNKT) cells naturally target and kill cancer cells<sup>1</sup>
- The invariant T Cell Receptor (TCR) does not change between people and iNKT cells are protective against graft versus host disease (GVHD) <sup>2,3</sup>
- Can be administered “off-the-shelf”
- Shape the tumor microenvironment, promoting tumor destruction<sup>4</sup>
- Recruit other components of the immune system to attack cancer cells<sup>5</sup>
- Addition of a Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) makes them dual targeting, enhancing cytotoxicity<sup>6</sup>
- CAR-iNKT cells mount a rapid response and display robust tumor killing *in vivo*<sup>6</sup>

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NK – Natural Killer  
MDSC – myeloid derived suppressor cell

# CAR-iNKT Cell Therapy is a Superior Cell Therapy Platform

iNKT cells are a subpopulation of T cells that have NK cells properties

	APPROVED CAR-T CELLS	ALLOGENEIC CAR-T CELLS	ALLOGENEIC CAR-NK CELLS	CAR-iNKT CELLS
Multiple Cancer Targeting Mechanisms (iTCR-CD1d mediated)	✗	✗	✗	✓
T and NK cell mechanisms of killing	✗	✗	✗	✓
Naturally suppress GvHD	✗	✗	✗	✓
Allogeneic, 'off-the-shelf' dosing	✗	✓	✓	✓
Gene editing not required for allogeneic cells	✗	✗	✓	✓

*iTCR – invariant T Cell Receptor; CAR – Chimeric Antigen Receptor; NK – Natural Killer; iNKT – invariant Natural Killer T; GvHD – Graft Versus Host Disease*

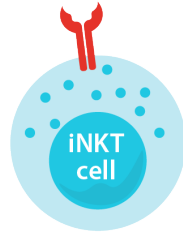
# CAR-iNKT Cell Therapy Production Advantages

## Manufacturing

Collect Healthy Donor Blood



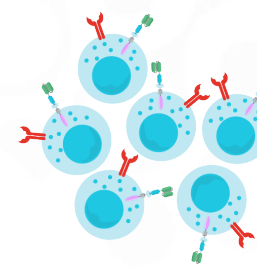
Isolate iNKT cells



Reprogram iNKT cells to produce a CAR



Expand to grow billions of CAR-iNKT cells



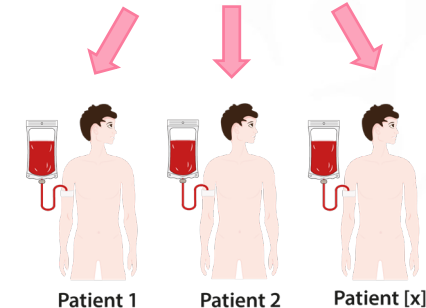
Vial and freeze CAR-iNKT cells



Thaw CAR-iNKT cells



Dose eligible patients




Dosing

## Allogeneic Manufacturing Advantages

1. Healthier Starting Material
2. Scalable Manufacturing with Reduced Costs – reach more patients
3. Faster Access for Aggressive Cancers
4. Removes Risk of Manufacturing Run Failure

# Arovella Therapeutics Cell Therapy Pipeline

Cell Therapy								
	Partner	Discovery	Lead Optimisation		IND-Enabling		Phase 1	
CAR19-iNKT (ALA-101)		CD19 Expressing Lymphoma						
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# CAR19-iNKT (**ALA-101**)

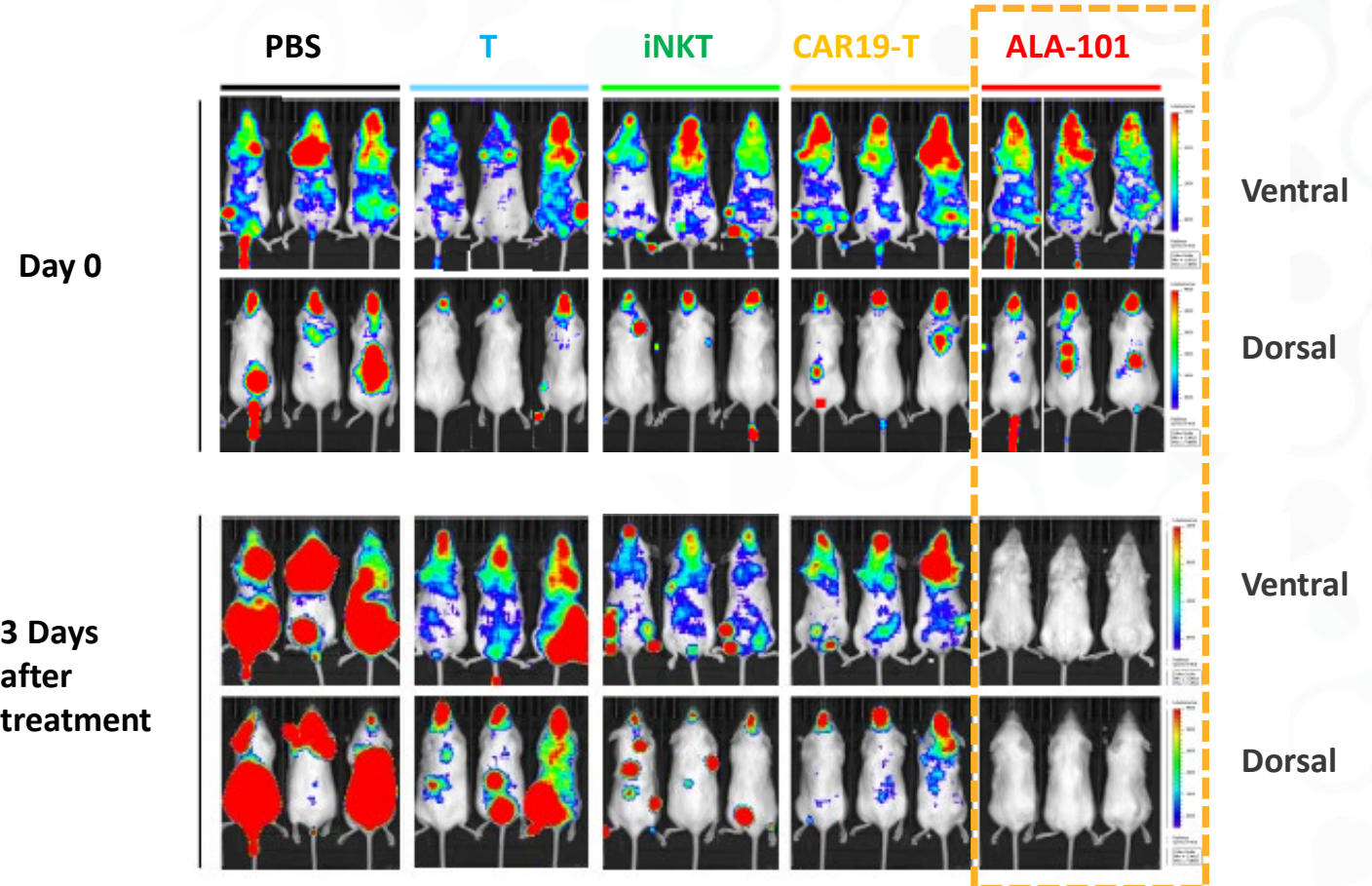
An off-the-shelf cell therapy for CD19 expressing cancers



# ALA-101: Enhanced Tumor Killing *In Vivo*

## ALA-101 rapidly eradicates tumor cells in mice

- Tumor cells expressing CD19 and CD1d were intravenously delivered into mice
- Mice were treated with:
  - PBS (saline)
  - Unmodified T cells (T)
  - Unmodified iNKT cells (iNKT)
  - CAR19-T cells
  - ALA-101
- After three days, ALA-101 resulted in significant regression of tumor cells
- In all other treatments, we observed strong tumor cell persistence
- ALA-101 displays swift action

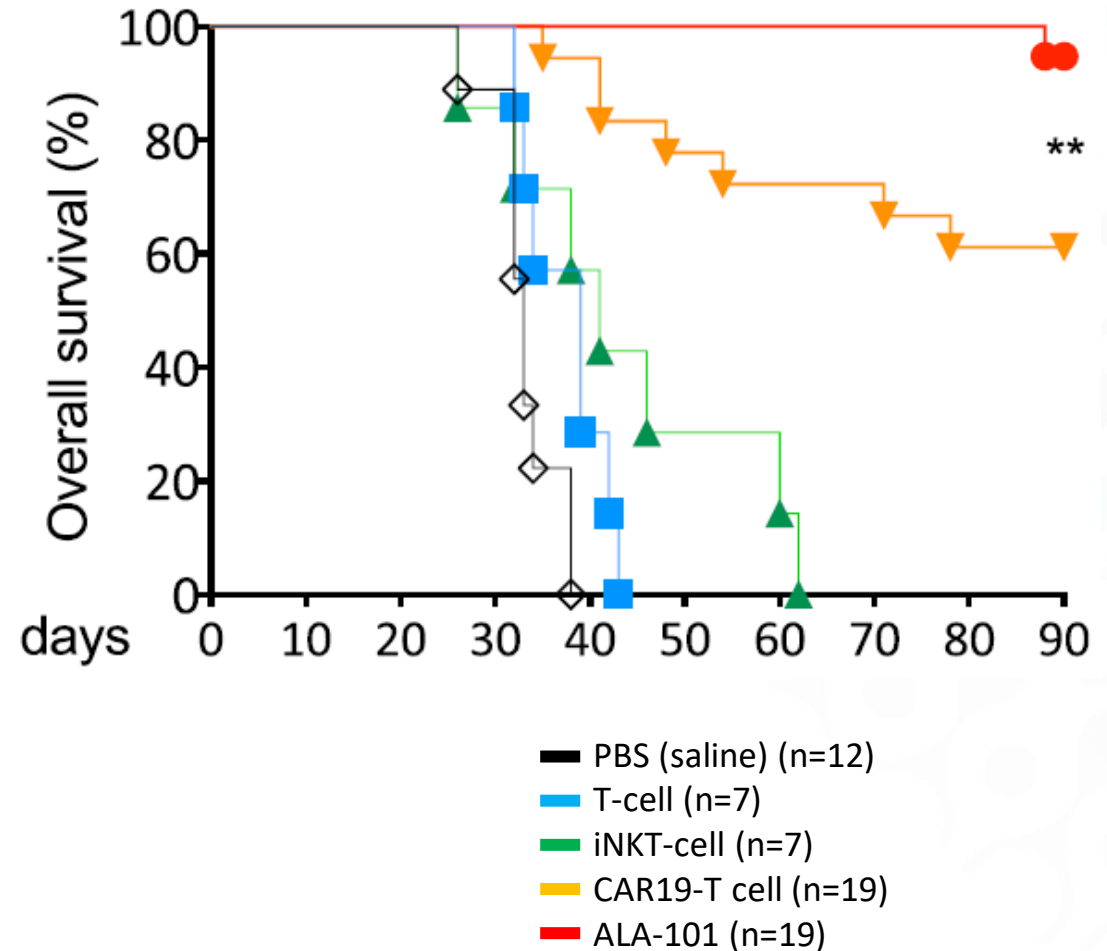


Rotolo et al., Cancer Cell (2018)

# ALA-101: Superior Animal Survival Over CAR-T Cells

## ALA-101 significantly increased survival in mice versus treatment with CAR19-T cells

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- Mice were treated with:
  - PBS (saline)
  - Unmodified T cells (T)
  - Unmodified iNKT cells (iNKT)
  - CAR19-T cells
  - ALA-101
- After 90 days, only mice treated with CAR19-T cells or ALA-101 remained alive
- 1.5x more mice treated with ALA-101 remained alive after 90 days relative to CAR19-T cells
- **ALA-101 has the potential to be an effective, off-the-shelf cell therapy for the treatment of CD19-expressing cancers**

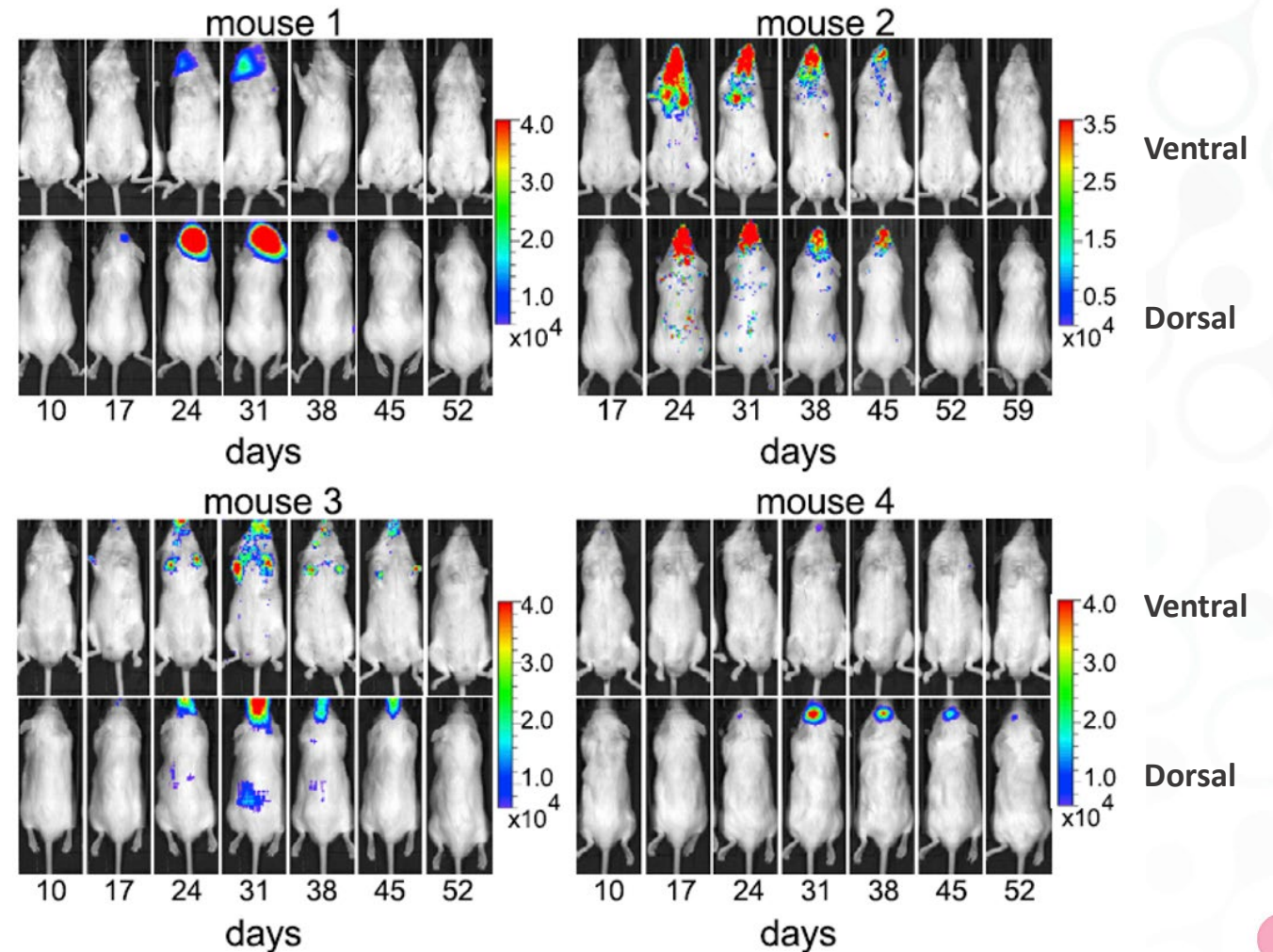


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# ALA-101: Spontaneous Secondary Remission

## ALA-101 activity may persist to eradicate tumor cells following relapse

- Four mice treated with ALA-101 had the cancer return to the brain
- In all four mice, the cancer was eliminated a second time with no additional dosing
- This infers that CAR19-iNKT cells can survive and continue to protect against cancer cells *in vivo*
- Potential to use ALA-101 to treat central nervous system lymphoma or brain metastases



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# ALA-101 + CF33-CD19

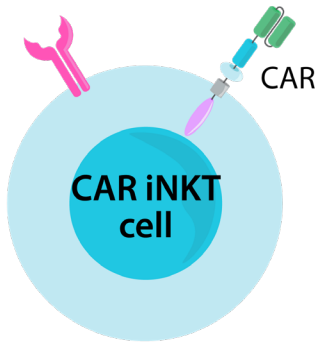
An off-the-shelf cell therapy and oncolytic virus combination to  
mark and destroy solid tumors





# Combining ALA-101 and CF33-CD19 (onCARlytics)

- ALA-101 is very potent and is rapidly activated to kill CD19 expressing cancers<sup>1</sup>
- The product is being developed as an off-the-shelf product for cancer treatment

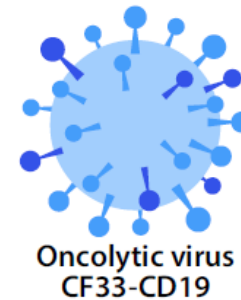


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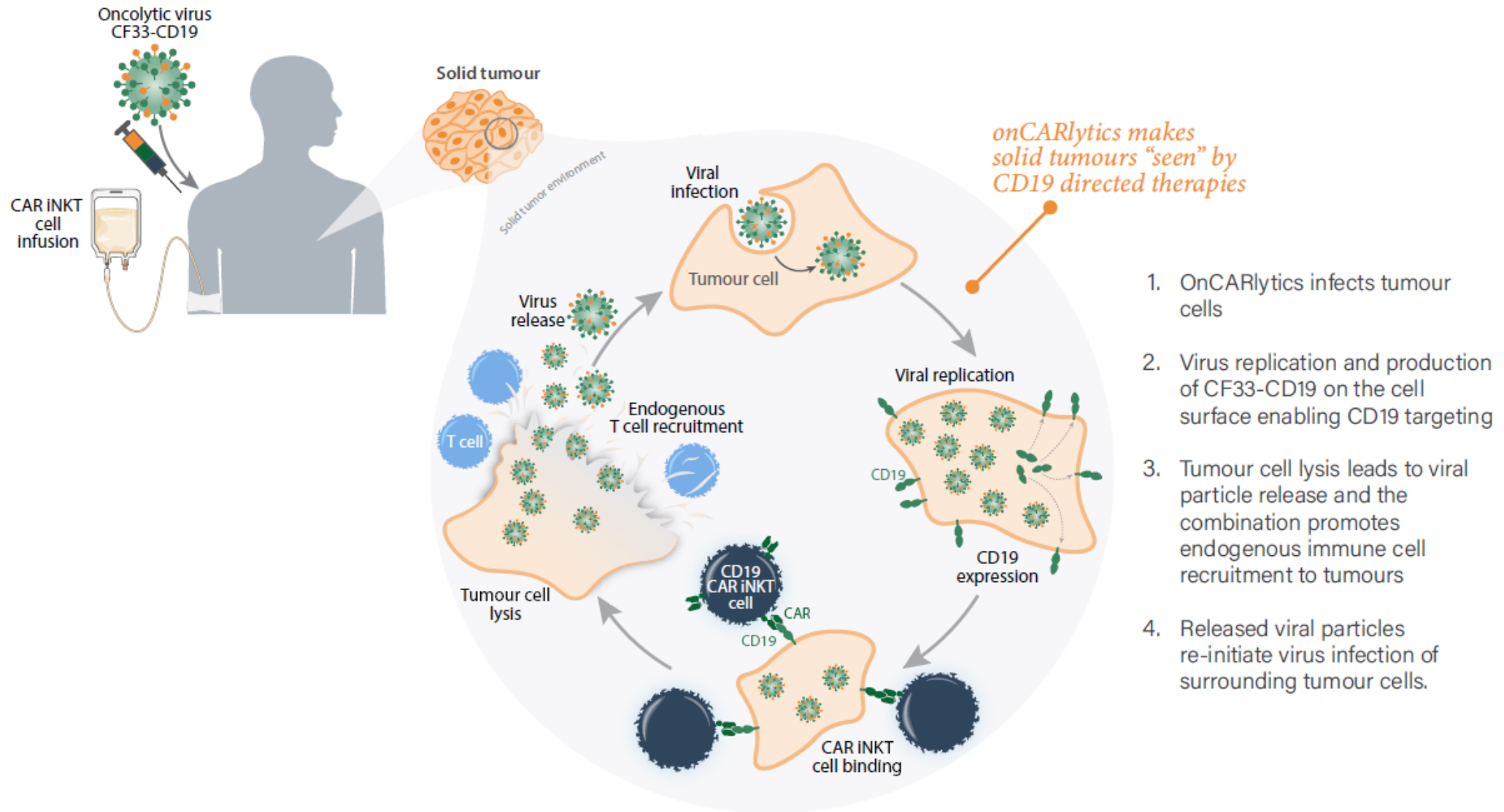
- CF33 is an oncolytic virus that targets tumor cells and not healthy cells<sup>2</sup>
- CF33 has been further engineered to induce CD19 expression after tumor cells have been infected – onCARlytics<sup>3</sup>
- Phase 1 trials for CF33 commenced October 2021 with CHECKvacc and May 2022 with VAXINIA



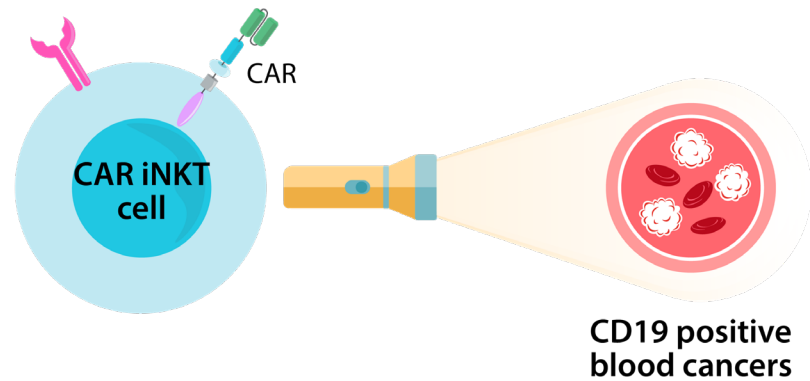
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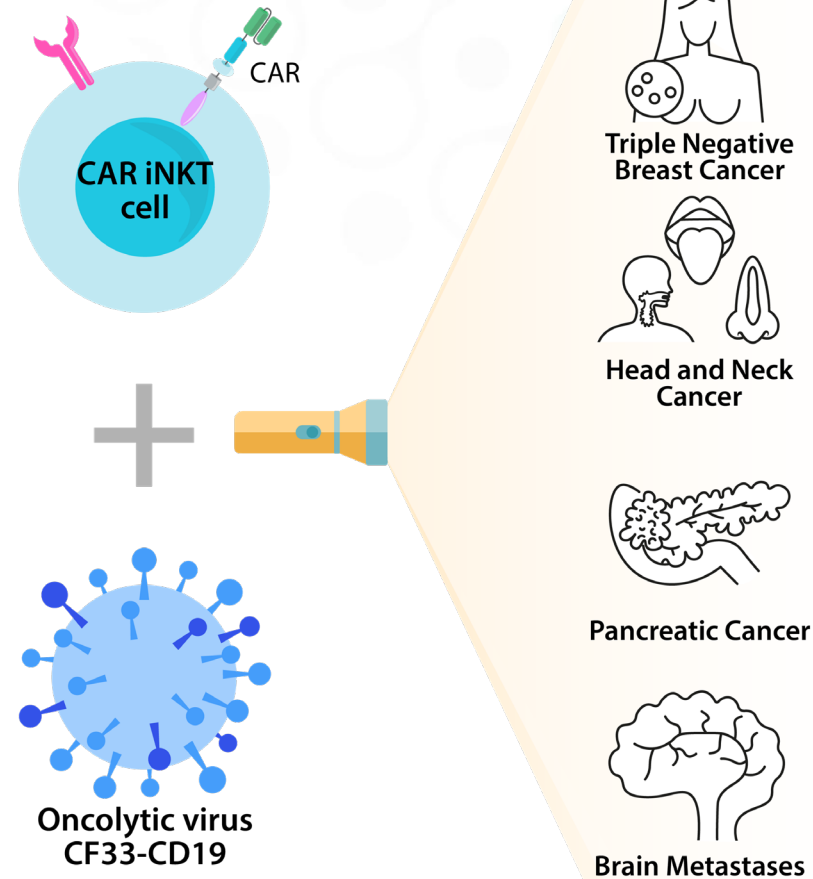
# ALA-101 + onCARlytics Mechanism of Action



# Expanding ALA-101's Utility by Combining with onCARlytics



- We expect ALA-101 to be effective against blood cancers that naturally express CD19
- Combining onCARlytics with ALA-101 cells opens up the possibility of treating a range of solid tumors



# DKK1-CAR-iNKT Cells (**ALA-104**)

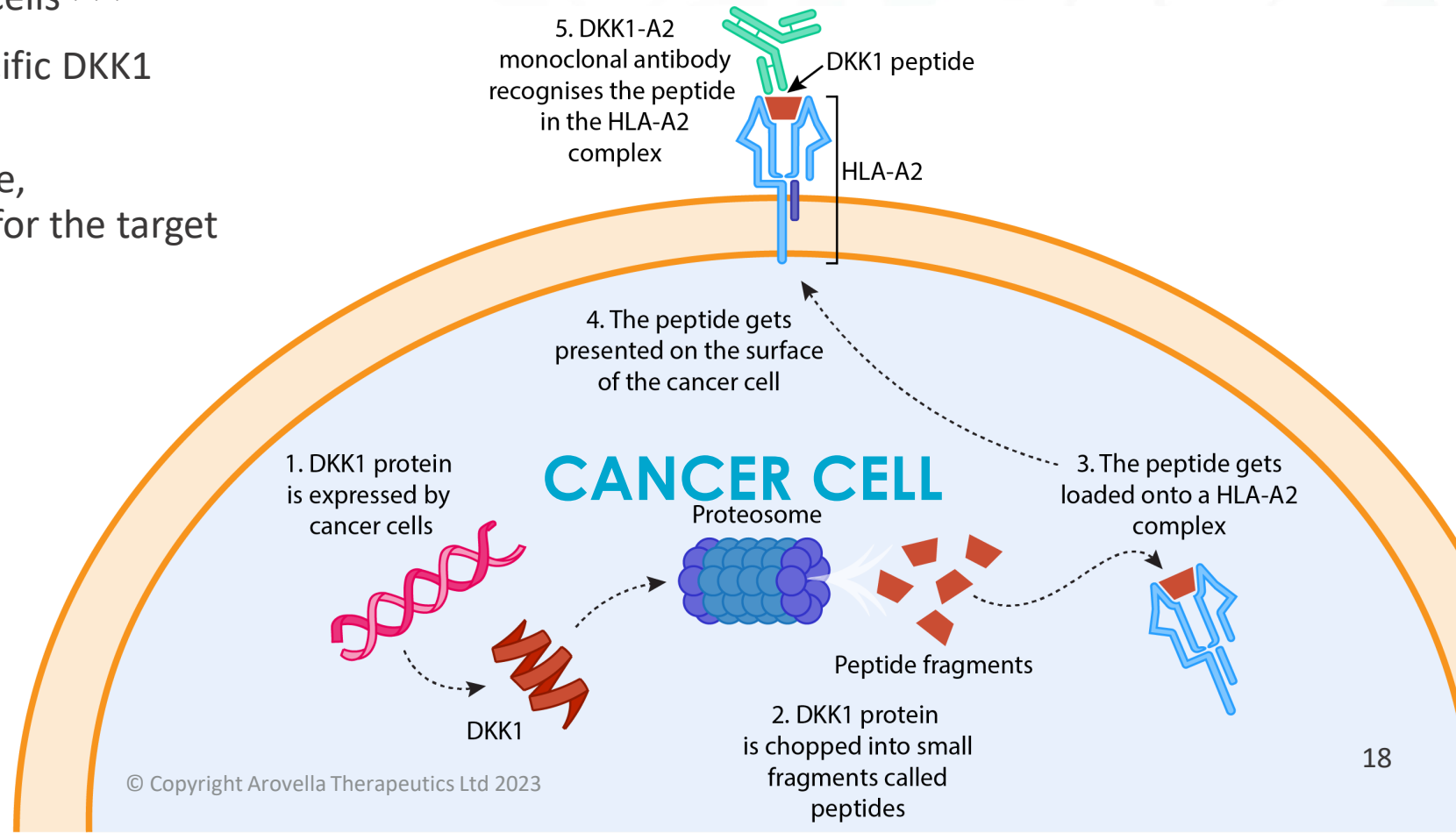
An off-the-shelf cell therapy for multiple myeloma and potentially solid tumors



# DKK1 is a Novel Cancer Target

- DKK1 is a secreted protein that functions as a negative regulator of the WNT signaling pathway<sup>1</sup>
- DKK1 is overexpressed in numerous cancer types and DKK1 peptides are loaded onto immune complexes and presented at the surface of cancer cells<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>
- Arovella's DKK1 mAb/CAR targets a specific DKK1 peptide in an HLA-A2 complex
- ~40-50% of the population is HLA-A2 +ve, representing a potentially large market for the target

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2. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41388-021-01860-z>
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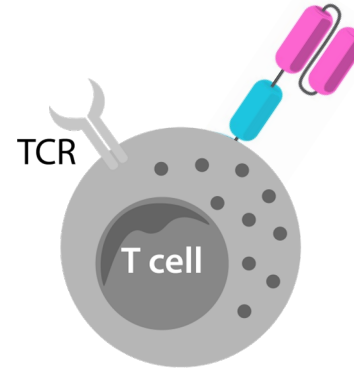




# The DKK1 CAR has been Validated in CAR-T Cells

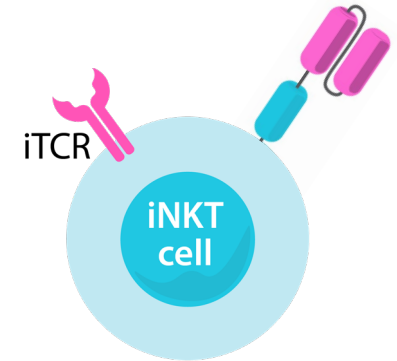
- Demonstrated activity of the DKK1 peptide-targeting mAb against multiple myeloma and breast cancer
- DKK1-CAR-T cells show potent activity against both blood cancers and solid tumors (unpublished)
- We are combining the DKK1-CAR with the iNKT cell therapy platform (ALA-104)
- ALA-104 initial development is focused on multiple myeloma, followed by expansion into other solid tumors expressing DKK1 and potentially CD1d

## Already Completed



**DKK1-CAR-T cells**  
Multiple Myeloma ✓  
Pancreatic Cancer ✓  
Lung Cancer ✓  
Breast Cancer ✓

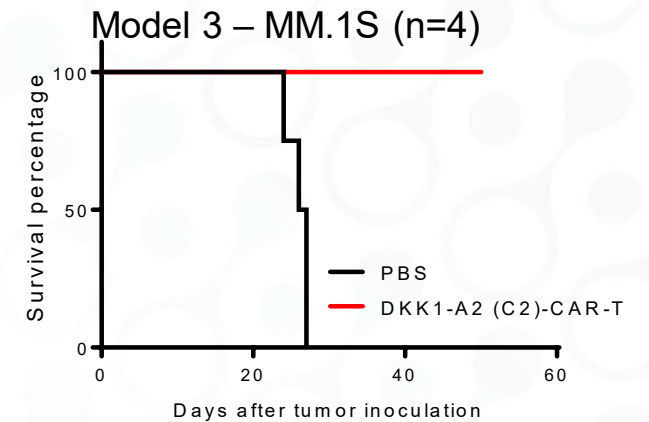
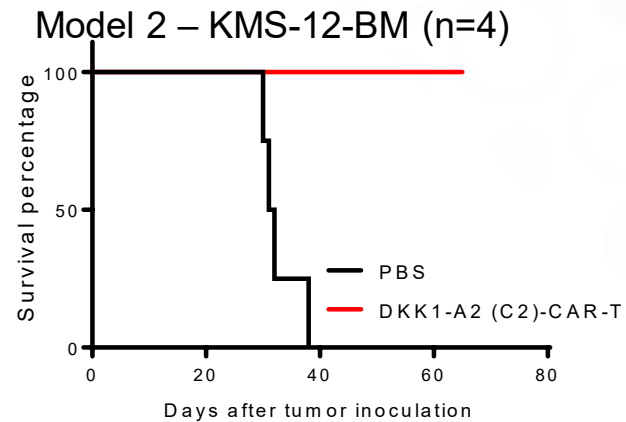
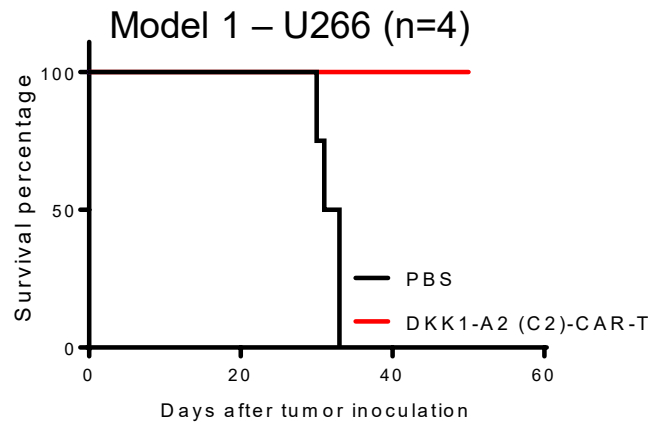
## In Progress



**DKK1-CAR-iNKT cells**  
Multiple Myeloma  
Pancreatic Cancer  
Lung Cancer  
Breast Cancer

# DKK1-CAR-T Cell Activity Against Multiple Myeloma

DKK1-CAR-T cells were tested in three different animal models of multiple myeloma, displaying robust activity in all standard models



- All treated mice were alive at 50-60 days, while untreated mice succumbed to the cancer at 30-40 days
- Multiple myeloma cells also express CD1d, so engineering DKK1-CAR into iNKT cells makes them dual targeting<sup>1,2,3</sup>

1. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19056691/>

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# DKK1-CAR-T Preclinical Safety

Data demonstrates:

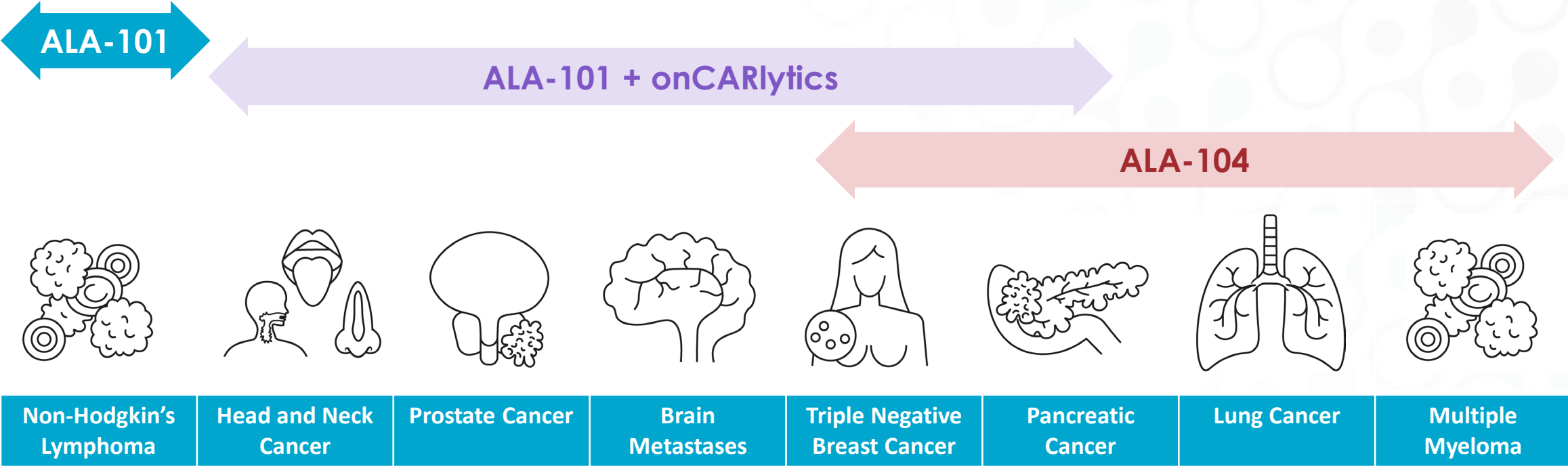
- They only kill cells that have the target on their surface
- They do not kill healthy blood cells
- They do not cause weight loss when administered to mice
- The DKK1 mAb non-specifically targeted only 1 out of 35 tissues tested (tonsil)

Arovella is confirming:


- That the DKK1 technology does not target or attack healthy cells
- The ability to combine DKK1-CAR with the iNKT cell therapy platform



# Arovella's Potential Cancer Targets



# Arovella's Key Milestones Over 18 Months

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- Over the next 6-18 months Arovella plans to:
  - Complete clinical manufacturing of ALA-101
  - Commence Phase 1 clinical trial with ALA-101 for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
  - Complete proof of concept studies and commence IND-enabling studies for ALA-101 + onCARlytics
  - Complete CAR-optimisation for IND enabling studies for ALA-104
  - Complete studies to assess the novel cytokine technology with the iNKT cell platform



# Arovella Has a Strong Leadership Team

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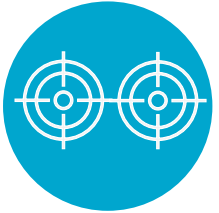
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# Summary – Arovella's CAR-iNKT Cell Platform



## **A novel allogeneic CAR-iNKT cell platform**

iNKT cells serve as an excellent platform to develop allogeneic cell therapies to treat cancer



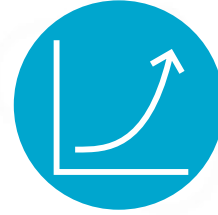
## **CAR-iNKT cells have multiple anticancer properties**

CAR-iNKT cells are dual-targeting with enhanced cancer killing ability



## **Improved manufacturing logistics**

Allogeneic CAR-iNKT cells will significantly improve logistics and increase patient access



## **Arovella has an expanding pipeline**

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## **Arovella is poised for growth**

Arovella is developing a cutting-edge CAR-iNKT cell therapy platform, with an expanding pipeline and a strong leadership team

# Thank You

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