

# **Pioneering Next-Generation NK Cell Therapies**

NK Pipeline Deep Dive

Julian Adams, Ph.D. CEO

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## Agenda

#### 1. Gamida Cell introduction Julian Adams, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer, Gamida Cell

# 2. NAM-enabled NK cell therapy mechanism of action

Julian Adams, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer, Gamida Cell

#### 3. Potential of NK cell therapy

**Jeff Miller, M.D.** Deputy Director of the University of Minnesota Masonic Comprehensive Cancer Center

#### 4. GDA-201 Phase 1/2 trial

**Ronit Simantov, M.D.** Chief Medical Officer, Gamida Cell

## Unmet need in lymphoma Michele Korfin, R.Ph. Chief Operating and Chief Commercial Officer, Gamida Cell

#### 6. A GDA-201 patient's perspective

Wayne Altenbernd GDA-201 recipient Veronika Bachanova, M.D., Ph.D. Hematologist/Oncologist at University of Minnesota Health

#### 7. Genetically-modified NK cell pipeline Yona Geffen, Ph.D. Vice President, Research and Development, Gamida Cell

8. Q&A



Committed to Cures: Near-term Promise and Long-term Potential

# Proprietary nicotinamide (NAM) cell expansion platform enables a continuing series of advanced cell therapy programs



Readying for commercialization

#### Omidubicel

- Preparing for <u>BLA</u> <u>submission in 4Q21</u>\*
- Potential to be first FDAapproved cell therapy for bone marrow transplantation
- Breakthrough Therapy and Orphan Drug status



Progressing clinical program in NK cells

#### GDA-201

- Innate NK cell product with positive Phase 1 data
- Submitted IND for a Phase 1/2 trial in NHL
- IND on clinical hold prior to patient dosing pending ongoing discussions with FDA



Opening new frontiers in cancer immunotherapy

#### GDA-301/401/501/601

- Proof-of-concept for CAR and CRISPR editing
- Evidence of increased cytotoxicity in preclinical studies
- Potential in blood cancers and solid tumors



#### Gamida Cell NK Points of Differentiation

NAM-enabled cell expansion technology	<ul> <li>Enhances potency, function and persistence</li> <li>Improves homing and retention to lymphoid tissues</li> </ul>	
Compelling NK product with positive clinical data (GDA-201)	<ul> <li>Positive Phase 1 clinical study completed</li> <li>Phase 1/2 study planned with cryopreservation*</li> </ul>	
R&D engine of unique genetically- modified NK cell constructs	<ul> <li>Customized modifications using CAR and CRISPR</li> <li>Potential indications include solid tumors and hematologic malignancies</li> </ul>	
Cell therapy manufacturing capabilities and experience	<ul> <li>Established manufacturing facility in Israel with experienced scientific and operations team</li> <li>Commercial scale-up capabilities</li> </ul>	

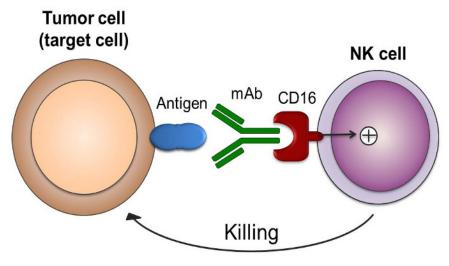


## Putting NK Cells to Work Using Our NAM Technology Platform

#### **Benefits of NK Cells**

- Natural killer (NK) cells infusion is a promising immune therapy for cancer
  - No HLA matching required
  - Synergy with antibodies
  - Potential for off-the-shelf therapy
- Expansion is necessary to obtain clinically meaningful doses with retained cell function

## **NK Cell Function**

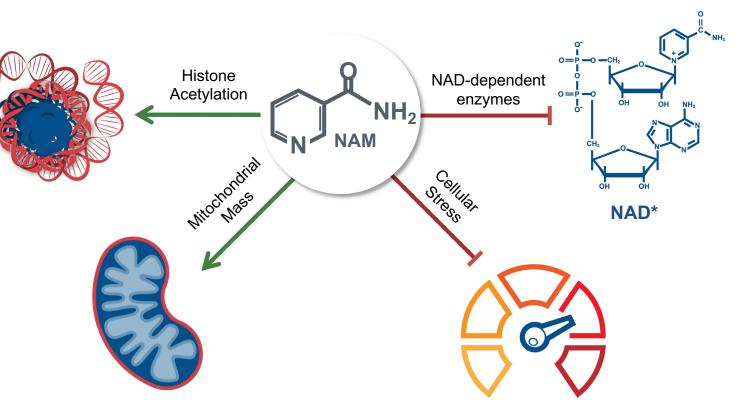




## Pipeline Built on Proprietary NAM Platform Technology

#### **NAM Platform Technology**

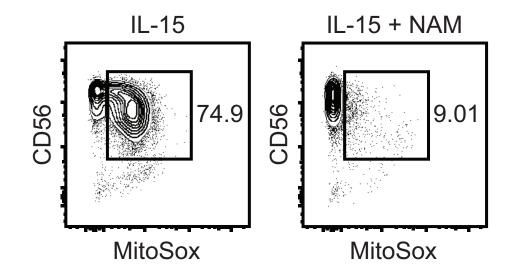
- Enhances the number of allogeneic donor cells
- Enhances cellular functionality
   and phenotype
- Improves homing and retention to lymphoid tissues
- Potential to expand any cell type



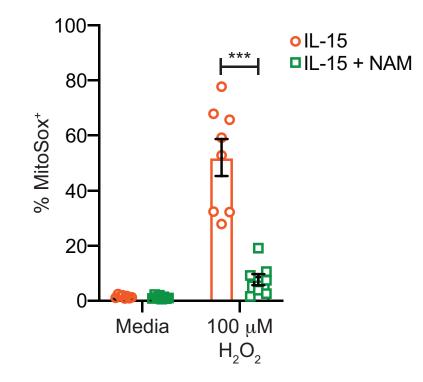


# Strongly Protective Effect Against Oxidative Stress Favors Survivability in the Tumor Microenvironment

#### NK cells were expanded with IL-15 and with or without NAM



NAM-expanded NK cell mitochondria produce decreased levels of lethal **superoxide** (labeled with fluorescent marker) when the cells are challenged with hydrogen peroxide, reducing oxidative stress.



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- F. Cichocki, presented at the American Association of Immunologists
- (AAI) conference, May 2021

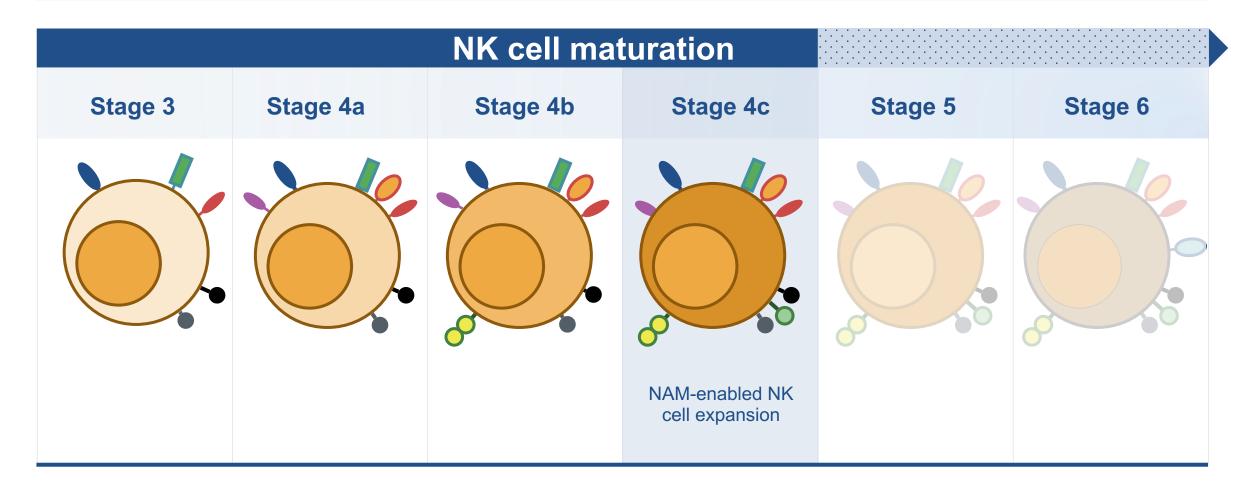
### GDA-201: NAM-Expanded NK Cells Display "Memory-Like" Phenotype

NK Marker	Function	+ NAM	P value
CD56*	Lineage and cytotoxicity	+	P=0.09
CD57*	Lineage and terminal differentiation receptor/exhaustion	-	P=6.37x10^-8
NKp80*	Lineage and activation receptor	-	P=0.52
CD62L*	Lymph node homing receptor	+	P=0.02
CD49a*	Integrin/adhesion receptor	+	P=0.03
CD200R**	Checkpoint inhibitor	-	P=0.04
LAG**	Checkpoint inhibitor	-	P= 3.2x10^-5

\*Correlates with cytokine-induced memory-like cell

\*\*Correlates with decreased exhaustion and downregulation of checkpoint inhibition

### NAM Enhances NK Cells Functionality During Cell Expansion by Preventing the Exhausted Phenotype



Natural Killer Cells: Development, Maturation, and Clinical Utilization. Frontiers in Immunology, 2018



#### Upcoming NAM-Enabled NK Cell Presentations at SITC

**Friday, November 12, 2021** 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST

Cytotoxicity of nicotinamide enhanced natural killer cells GDA-201 is based on metabolic modulation as demonstrated by AI assisted analysis of NK cell transcriptome and metabolome

Abstract number: 217 Location: Hall E **Saturday, November 13, 2021** 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST

Nicotinamide rejuvenates ex-vivo expanded NK cells and enhances their tumor killing capacity

Abstract Number: 162 Location: Hall E

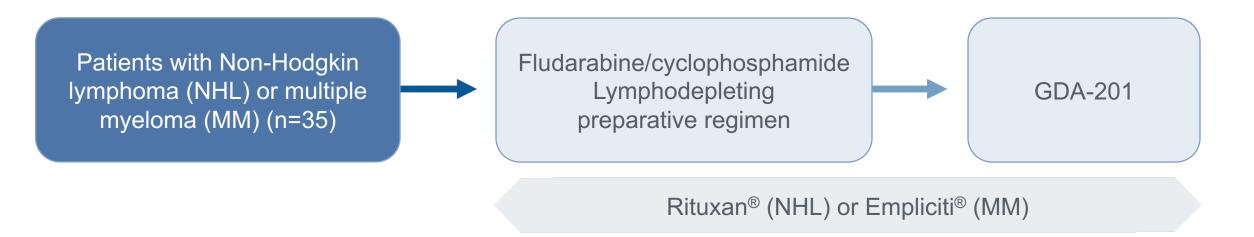


# GDA-201 Phase 1 Trial

Proof of concept



# Phase 1 Study of GDA-201 in Patients with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma

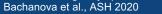


- Primary endpoint: Maximum tolerated dose of GDA-201 (3 doses evaluated)
- Secondary endpoints: Overall response, toxicity



### Safety Summary

- 35 patients treated (19 NHL, 16 MM)
- No dose limiting toxicities
- One patient died of E. coli sepsis, initially reported as CRS
- Most common grade 3/4 adverse events:
  - Thrombocytopenia (n=9)
  - Hypertension (n=5)
  - Neutropenia (n=4)
  - Febrile neutropenia (n=4)
  - Anemia (n=3)
- No neurotoxic events, graft versus host disease, or confirmed CRS



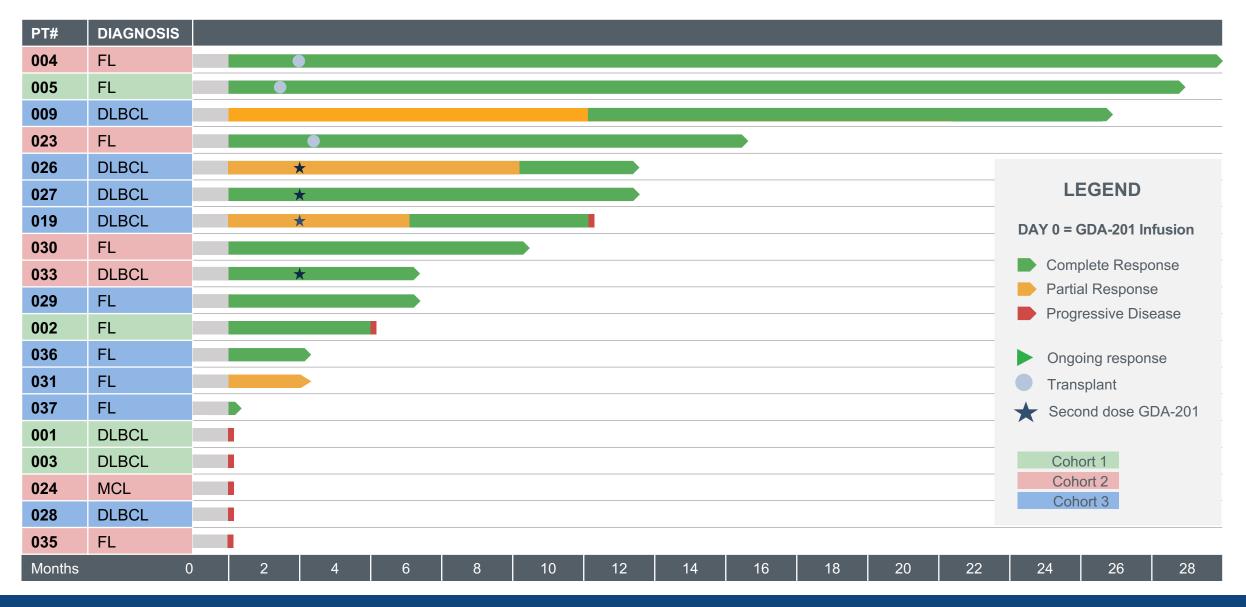


## Encouraging Clinical Outcomes: Complete Remissions 68% and Overall Response Rate of 74%

19 PATIENTS WITH NHL	Follicular Lymphoma (FL) (n=10)	Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) (n=8)
13 CR	8 CR	5 CR
1 PR	1 PR	
5 PD		
ORR: 74%		
CR rate: 68%		



### GDA-201 Is Highly Active in Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

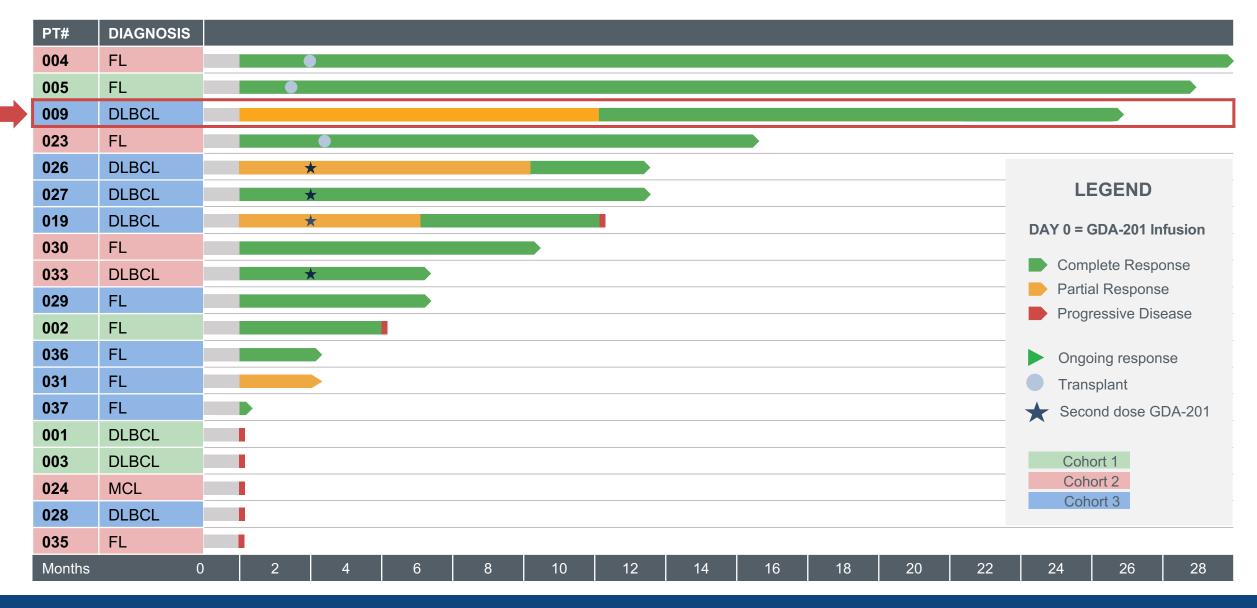


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- Note: Cohort 1 dose = 2.0 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells / kg; Cohort 2 dose = 1.0 x 10<sup>8</sup> cells / kg; Cohort 3 dose = 2.0 x 10<sup>8</sup> cells / kg
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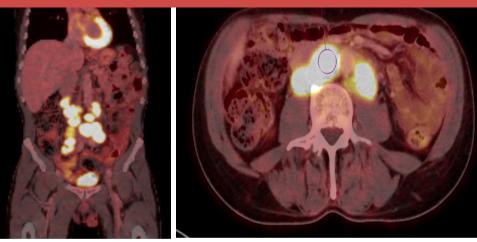


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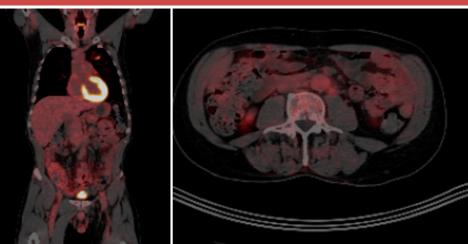
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### **Complete Response in Heavily Pretreated Lymphoma Patient**

#### Pt 009: Baseline



#### Pt 009: 6-month post GDA-201



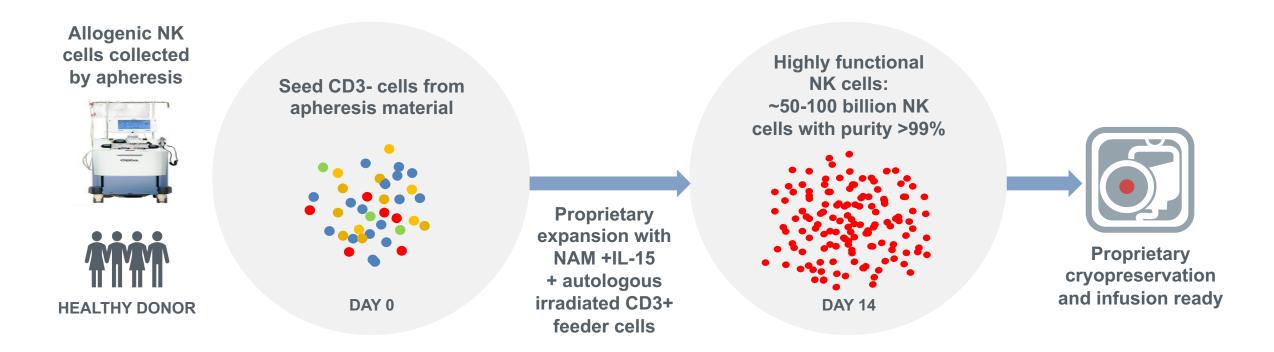
 57-year-old man with history of CLL and Richter's transformation-large cell lymphoma, measurable retroperitoneal lymph nodes at baseline

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- Prior therapy: FCR-light, Rituximab/Bendamustine Ibrutinib/Revlimid, R-CHOP, Venetoclax/Rituximab
- Allogeneic HSCT (matched sibling)
- Relapse at 6 months
- Treated with GDA-201
- 28-day response: Tumor shrinkage
- 6 months: PR with continued tumor shrinkage
- 12 months: Complete response

Bachanova et al. ASH 2019.

#### NAM rejuvenates NK cell preservation during expansion and cryopreservation



#### One apheresis procedure can provide several clinical doses

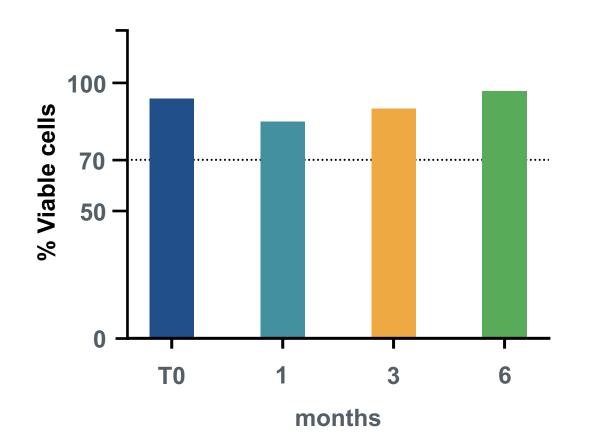


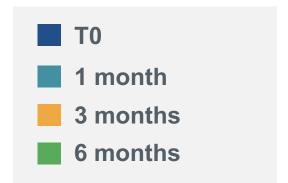
# Stability of GDA-201 Cryopreserved Formulation Exhibits High Viability and Maintains Profile Six Months Post-Thaw

- GDA-201 cryopreserved formulation exhibits high viability up to six months post-thaw
- GDA-201 cryopreserved formulation maintained:
  - Phenotype expression of CD56 NK cells; increased CD62L homing and retention marker and expression of CD16; NK cell activity marker
  - Cytotoxicity function: Killing and ADCC
  - Enhanced potency: Intracellular secretion of INF- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$  and extracellular degranulation marker CD107a



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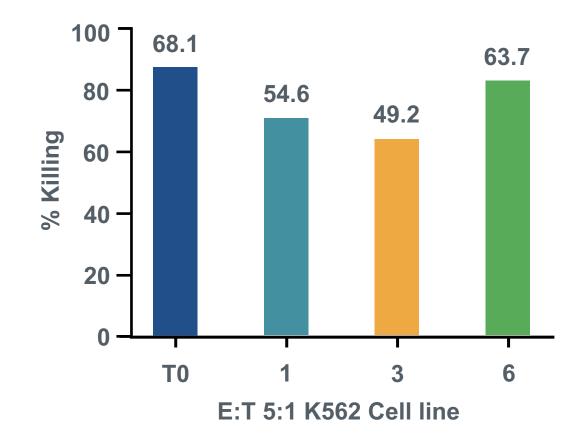


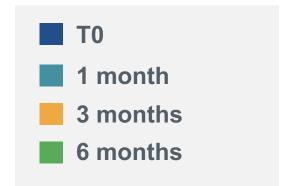
## Viability was measured using Flow cytometry:

High viability is maintained up to 6-month post thaw



#### GDA-201 Cryopreserved Formulation Maintained High Cytotoxicity Function (measured at 4-6 hours)





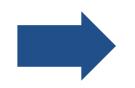
ER#1 data FACS Killing



## GDA-201: Encouraging Clinical Activity and Safety Profile Supports Continued Development



- Preclinical proof of principle
- Clinical proof of concept
- Maximum target dose achieved
- Cryopreserved formulation





Phase 1/2 multi-center study in lymphoma for cryopreserved GDA-201



# Potential of NK Cell Therapy

Jeff Miller, M.D.



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED AFTER HUNDREDS OF NK CELL INFUSIONS FOR CANCER THERAPY

Jeffrey S. Miller, MD Deputy Director, Masonic Cancer Center Director, NK Cell Program Minneapolis, MN





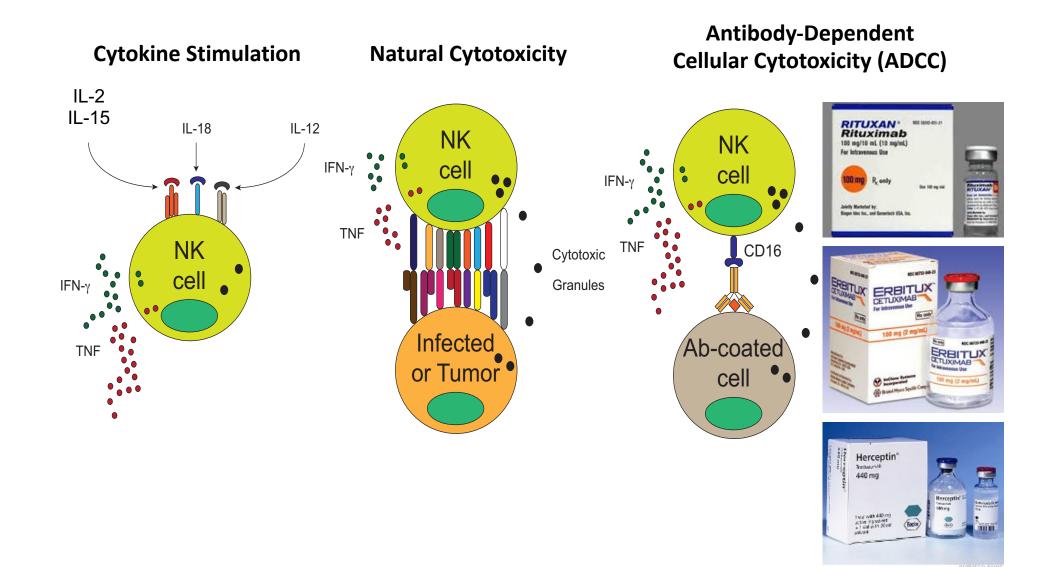
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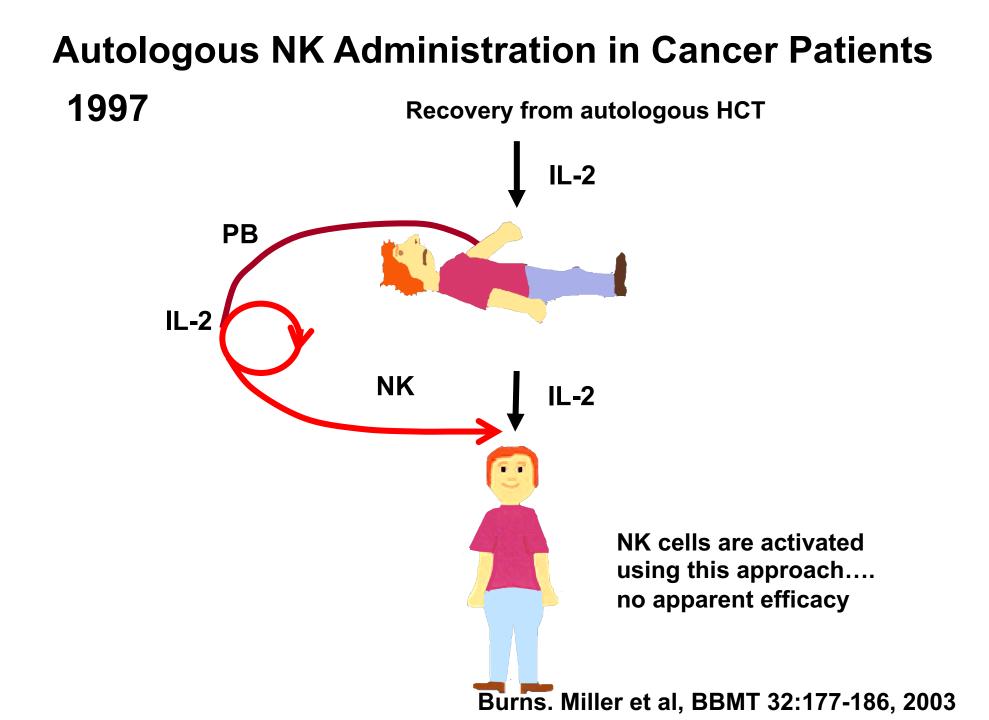
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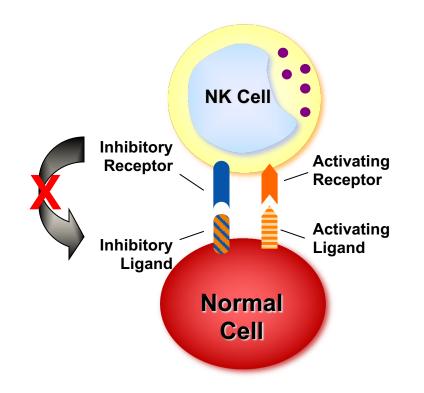
#### **NK Cell Functions in Health and Disease**



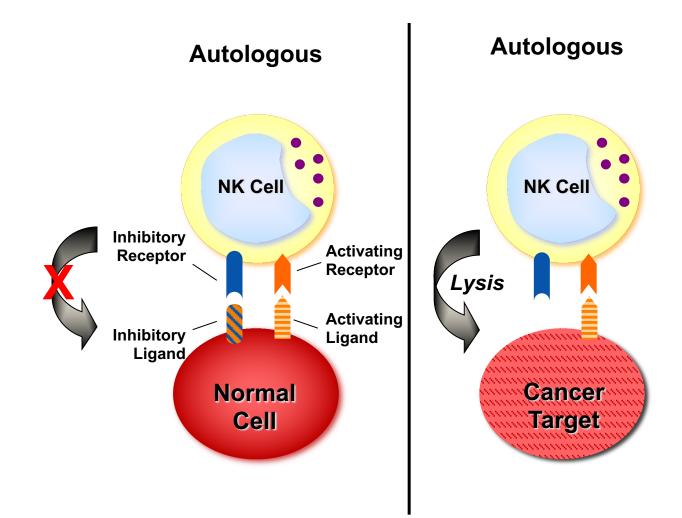


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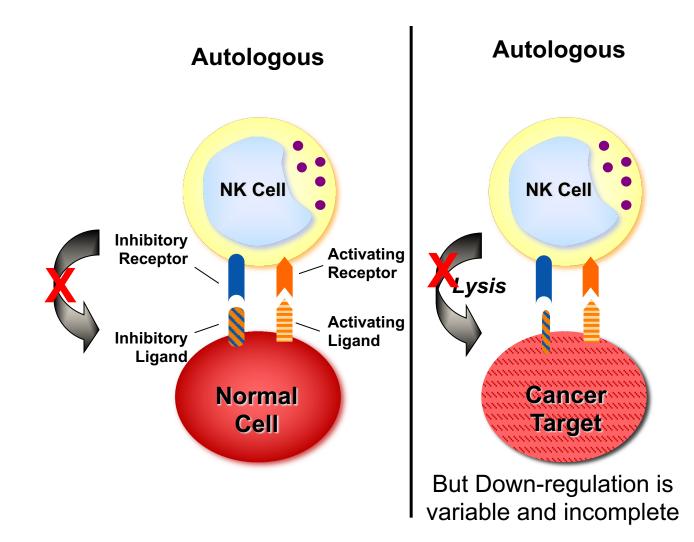
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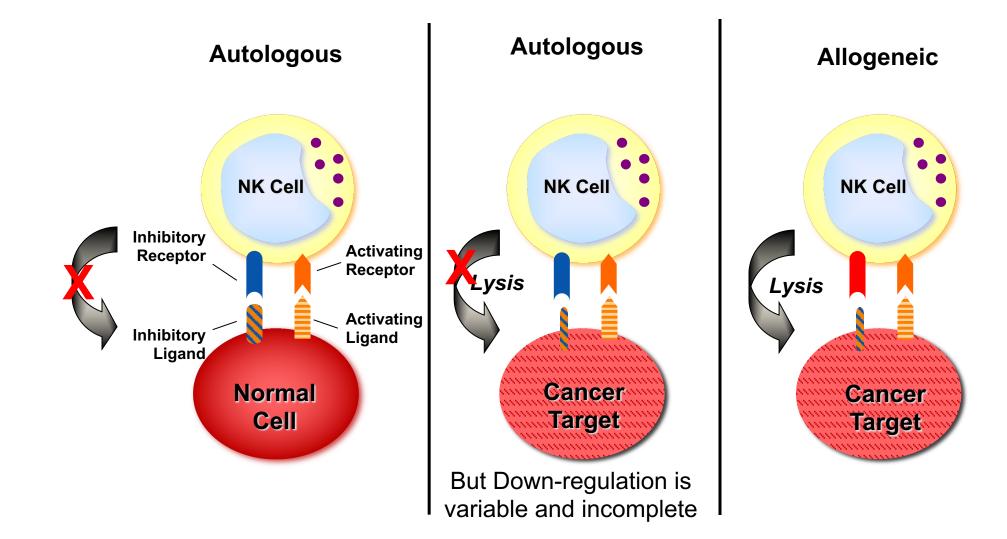
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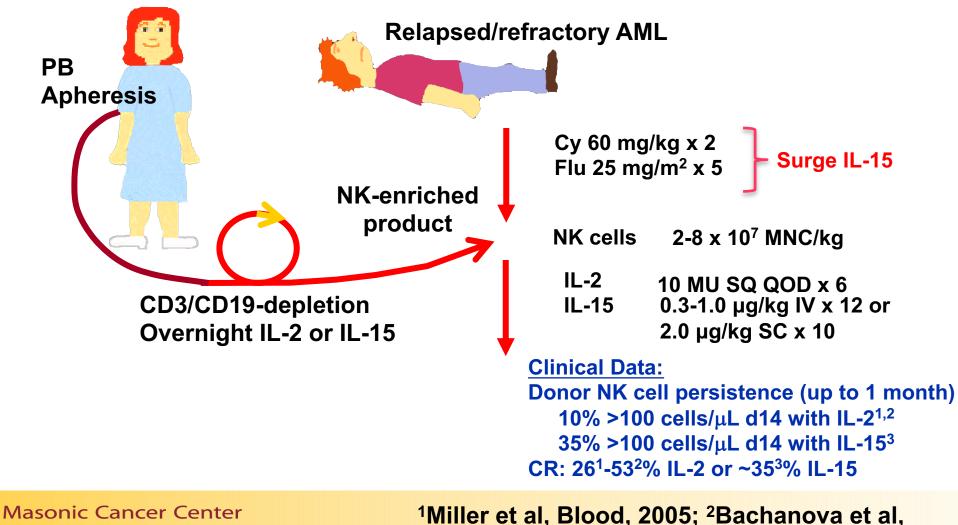
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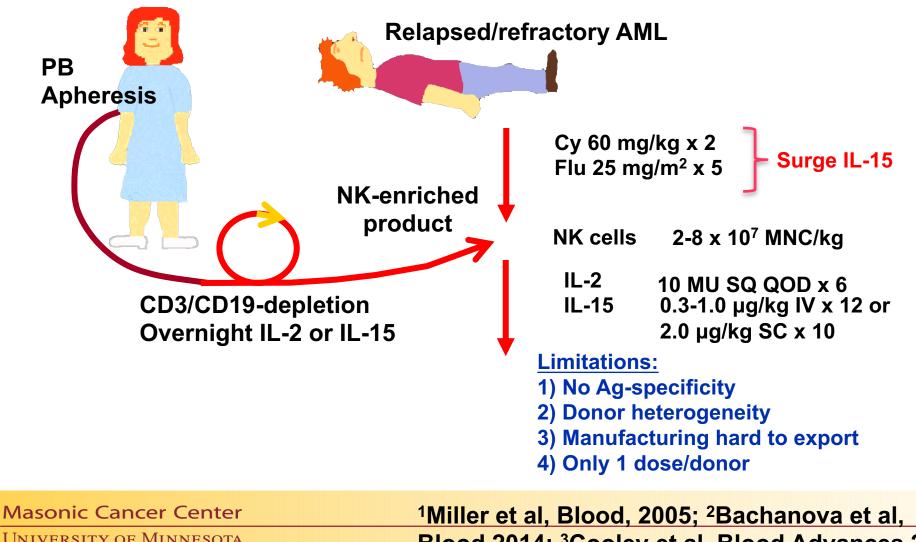
## Allogenic NK Cell Adoptive Transfer: Two Decades and Hundreds of Patients



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<sup>1</sup>Miller et al, Blood, 2005; <sup>2</sup>Bachanova et al, Blood 2014; <sup>3</sup>Cooley et al, Blood Advances 2019

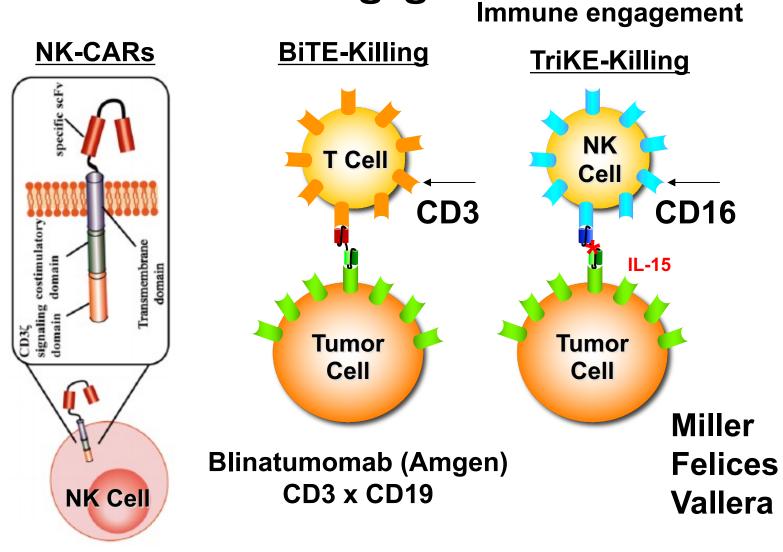
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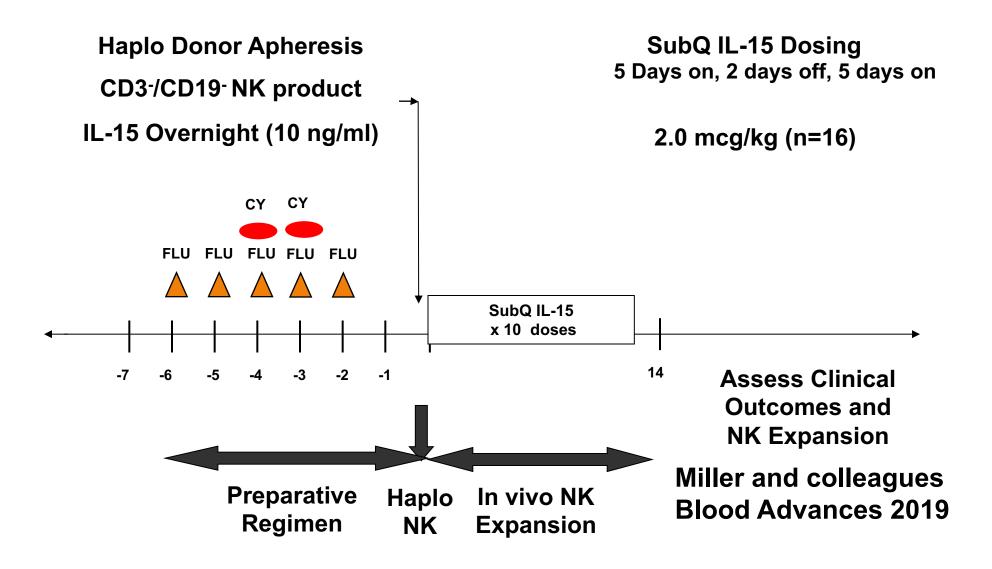
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## The Future Of NK Cell Therapy Is Targeting: NK-CAR vs NK Cell Engagers

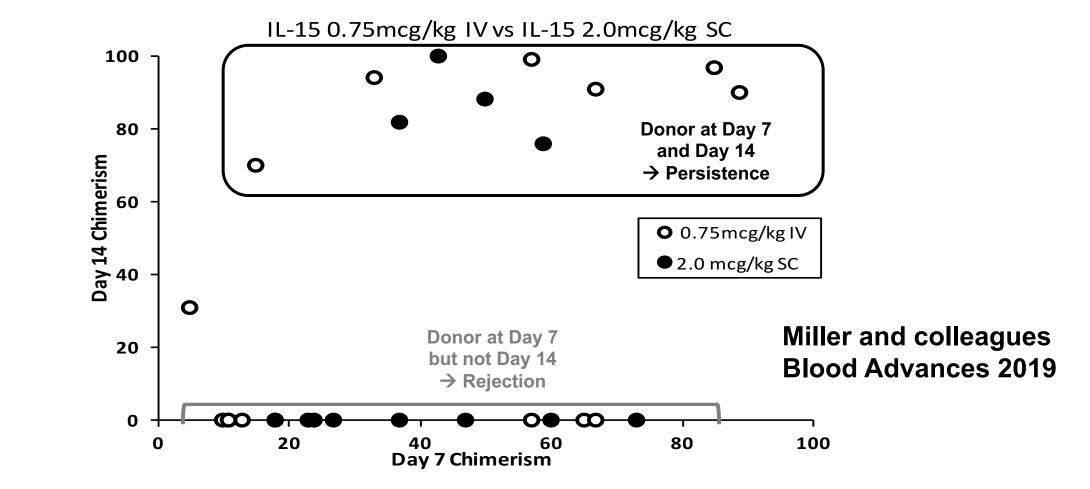


**Gene Therapy vs Off-The-Shelf Proteins** 

#### Example Schema of NK cells + IL-15 after LD Chemotherapy in r/r AML



### Allo NK Cells + IL-15 Can Persist For Weeks At A Macrochimerism Level In Some Patients



### Summary

- The field is moving rapidly
- Off-the-shelf NK cell therapy has started with multiple products
- The Future: Optimizing NK cells for better persistence, better homing, and avoiding allo-rejection will drive clinical efficacy



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# GDA-201 Phase 1/2 Trial

Ronit Simantov, M.D.



#### GDA-201 Study: Objectives\*

- Evaluate the safety and efficacy of GDA-201
- Phase 1: Dose limiting toxicities and recommended phase 2 dose
- Phase 2: Safety and efficacy in two patient cohorts:
  - Follicular lymphoma (FL)
  - Diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL)



### Proposed Key Inclusion Criteria\*

- Age ≥ 18
- Relapsed/refractory B Cell FL or DLBCL
  - Received at least 2 prior lines of therapy (including anti-CD20 antibody)
  - Prior autologous or allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant permitted
  - Prior chimeric antigen receptor modified T-cells (CAR-T) cell therapy permitted
- Measurable disease as defined by Lugano response criteria
- ECOG Performance Status ≥1
- Adequate organ function, no active infection



#### Proposed Study Design\*

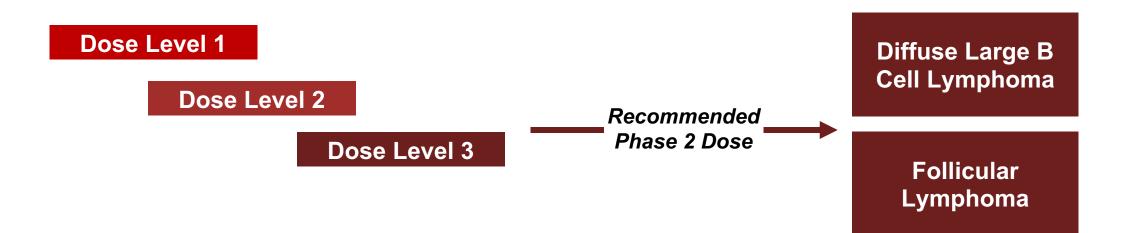
Sample size: N=80-100

#### **Phase 1: Dose Escalation**

Standard 3x3 design Primary endpoint: Safety

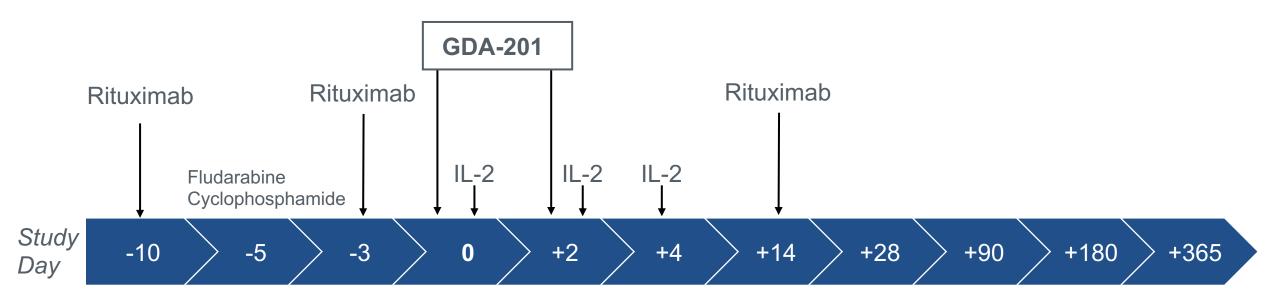
#### Phase 2: Expansion

Simon two stage design Primary endpoint: Overall Response Rate





### **Proposed Treatment Plan\***



#### Doses

Rituximab: 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Fludarabine: 30 mg/m2 IV x 3 days Cyclophosphamide: 400 mg/m2 IV x 3 days Interleukin-2 (IL-2): 6 million units SC



#### Summary\*

#### **Overall Goals of the Phase 1–2 Trial:**

- Confirm safety of cryopreserved, allogeneic GDA-201
- Conduct dose escalation to confirm dose
- Assess activity of GDA-201 in patients with indolent and aggressive B cell lymphomas
- Two-stage analyses to provide early response data for each cohort

#### Final study design will be posted on ClinicalTrials.gov



# Unmet Need in Lymphoma

Michele Korfin, RPh



### Relapsed/Refractory Lymphoma Opportunity Can Reach ~40,000 Patients in US and EU5

## Patients reaching 3L+ currently have limited opportunities for therapies which can provide durable responses





# Current Challenges Associated with Therapies for Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Lymphoma

# U.S. and EU physicians were consistent with the challenges they see with their current treatment options in relapsed/refractory lymphoma

### Unmet need for patients with relapsed/refractory DLBCL

- Need a rapidly available therapy due to the aggressive nature of this histology
- Patients need a therapy that balances efficacy, especially CRs, with a tolerable safety profile
- Improved duration of response

#### **Unmet need for Follicular Lymphoma**

- Quality of life is a focus: patients usually see multiple lines of therapy so need to assure there are not irreversible side effects
- Therapies with limited "drug burden" (ie one or two doses) to enable more time off therapy
- Efficacy is still key, especially CRs
- Improved duration of response



# Current Challenges Associated with Therapies for Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Lymphoma



#### Non-curative treatment options

"The majority of patients, who go down this path will ultimately relapse and die from lymphoma."

— US physician



#### Safety

"We need a safer alternative of CAR-Ts so we can safely move the age of eligible patients up and avoid ICU costs."

- US physician



#### **Delays to treatment**

"Unfortunately, there are a number of R/R patients who have highly aggressive disease. They can't wait four weeks for production, so current CAR-Ts are not an option." — US physician



#### **Bed capacity challenges**

"We have limited beds to house CAR-T patients post-infusion. If there's a similar product that doesn't require an inpatient stay, it would allow me to reserve auto-CAR-T for those who need it most." — UK physician





#### Feedback on the GDA-201 Target Product Profile was Encouraging

- Market insight study conducted with physicians and payers in both the U.S. and EU-5
  - Community and academic physicians were included
- GDA-201 efficacy, safety and availability were noted as all encouraging attributes

"The absence of CRS and neurotoxicity is key for NK cell therapies and will make them suitable for those older and more fragile patients." – U.S. physician

"Allogeneic cells hold the potential to treat those patients that can't wait for autologous CAR-T manufacturing." – U.S. physician "The results look exceptional in 3L. I think the efficacy is very similar to that of CAR-T today." – FR physician



# GDA-201's Response Rates in Late Line NHL in Line with Other Allogeneic NK Cell Therapies

	Generic Name	Originator/ Licensee	Clifical Data						
Modality			Phase	Dose	Efficacy		Patient Population	Safety <sup>2</sup>	
					CR	ORR			
Allogeneic NK	GDA-201	gamida ell	I		68%	74%	N = 19, R/R FL, DLBCL	No confirmed CRS <sup>3</sup> No ICANS, No GVHD Infection Gr 3+: 9%	
	FT-516	Feite	I	DC2 + DC3	57% <sup>1</sup>	86% <sup>1</sup>	N = 7, R/R BCL, auto CAR-T naive	No CRS, No ICANS, No GVHE Infection Gr 1-2: 7%, 3+: 8%	
Allogeneic CAR-NK	KUR-502/ CMD-502	<b>&gt;Kuur</b> Therapeutics	I		100% <sup>1</sup>	100% <sup>1</sup>	<b>N = 1</b> , R/R Lymphoma, auto CAR-T naïve	No CRS, No ICANS, No GVHE	
	TAK-007	Takeda	1/11		67%	67%	N = 6, R/R FL, DLBCL, auto CAR-T naive	No CRS, No ICANS, No GVHI Infection Gr 1-2: 18%, 3+: 9% B-cell aplasia post-CAR NK: 1 patient	
	FT-596	Fete	I	DC2 + DC3 Monotherapy	50% <sup>1</sup>	100% <sup>1</sup>	N= 6, R/R BCL, auto CAR-T naive	– No ICANS, No GVHD,	
				DC2 + DC3 Combination	50% <sup>1</sup>	50% <sup>1</sup>	N= 4, R/R BCL, auto CAR-T naive	CRS: Gr 1-2: 10%, Gr 3+: 0%	

**Clinical Data** 

<sup>1</sup> Only includes results from auto-CAR-T naïve patients.

<sup>2</sup> Infection rate included where available. Safety data reported for efficacy cohort where available. Where not available, safety data reported for full study population.

<sup>3</sup> One case of unconfirmed CRS occurred in a patient with multiple myeloma.

Note: ICANS: Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome. CRS: cytokine release syndrome. GVHD: Graft vs. Host Disease.

Source: Health Advances analysis, Pharmaprojects, Clinical Trials.gov, NEJM 2020 Liu et al, ASH presentation 2020 Bachanova et al, company press releases: FT-516 June 2021, FT-596 Aug 2021, KUR-502/CMD-502 Jan 2021.



### Encouraging Global GDA-201 Commercial Opportunity

- GDA-201 clinical data received positive feedback from physicians and payers in a global assessment
  - Efficacy feedback: ORR and CR rates were viewed positively
  - Safety feedback: No CRS and/or neurotoxicity as seen with other cell therapies
- Although there have been advances for patients with lymphoma, there are significant unmet needs in relapsed/refractory patients that GDA-201 could address



~40,000 Line 3+ patients in the U.S. and EU-5 could potentially benefit from a new therapy that addresses the unmet needs for efficacy and safety





# **GDA-201** Patient **Perspective**

Wayne Altenbernd Veronika Bachanova, M.D., Ph.D.



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# Engineered NK Cell Programs

Yona Geffen, Ph.D.



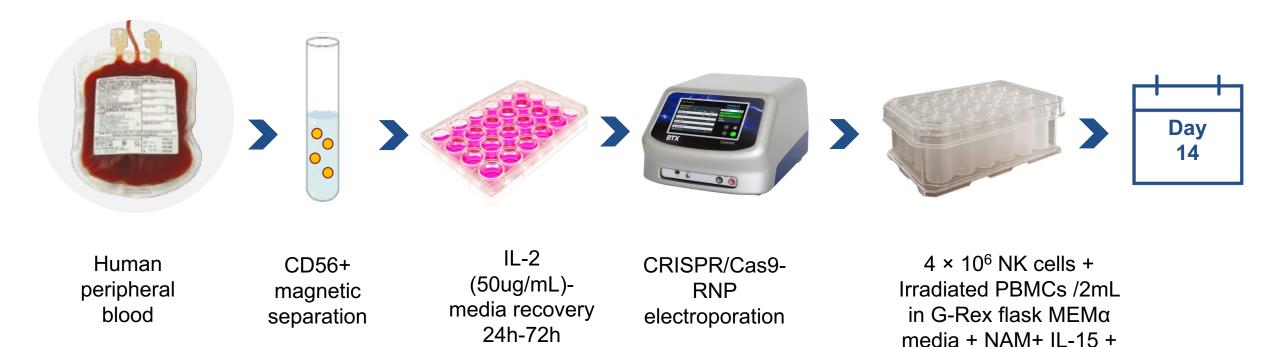
### A Leading Genetically Engineered NK Cell Pipeline

PROGRAM	STRATEGY	GENETIC MODIFICATION	INDICATION(S)			
GDA-301	Increased potency and persistence	CISH KO + membIL-15	Hematologic + solid tumors			
GDA-401	Undisclosed					
GDA-501	HER2 Targeting	HER2 CAR	HER2+ solid tumors			
GDA-601	CD38 Targeting	CD38 KO + CD38 CAR	Multiple myeloma			

- memb-IL15 = Membrane-bound IL-15
- KO = Knockout
- CAR = Chimeric antigen receptor



### Genome Editing in NK Primary Cells Using the CRISPR/Cas9 System



10% human AB+ serum

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# **GDA-301**

### CISH Knockout and Membranebound IL-15 for Solid Tumors



### Combined Genetic Engineering: CRISPR Cas9 Gene Knockout of CISH and Expression of Membrane-bound IL-15

#### **1** CISH regulates IL-15 signaling

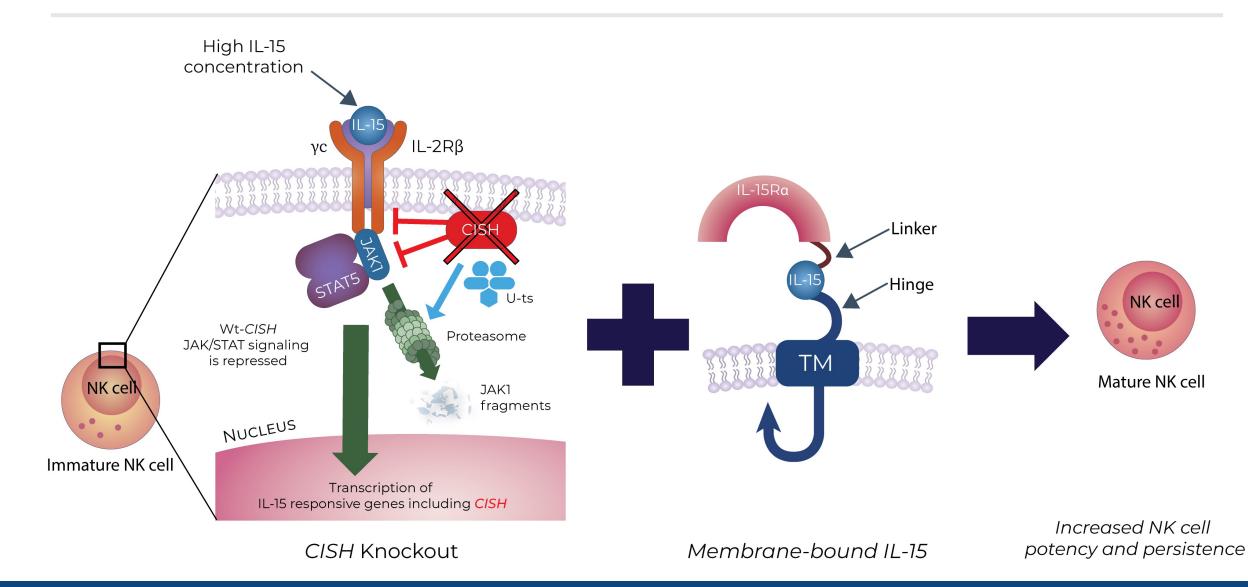
• CISH deletion increases sensitivity to IL-15 by lowering the NK activation threshold

#### **2** Membrane-bound IL-15

- The lack of persistence of infused NK cells is a principal limitation of adaptive immunotherapy
- NKs equipped with memIL-15 will be fully autonomous and will obviate the need for patient IL-2 administration regimen

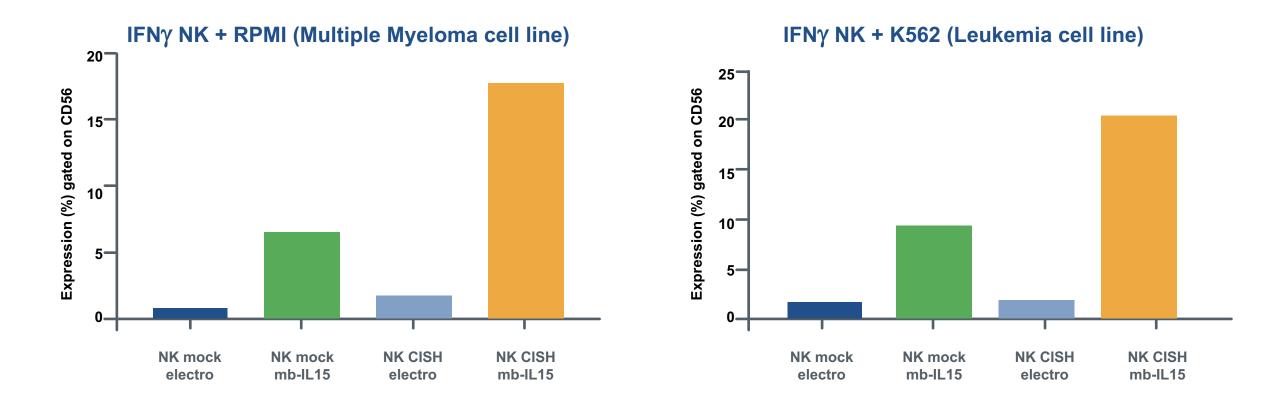
### Combining CISH KO with membrane-bound IL-15 will improve *in vivo* persistence and killing capacity

#### **GDA-301: Increasing NK Potency and Persistence**





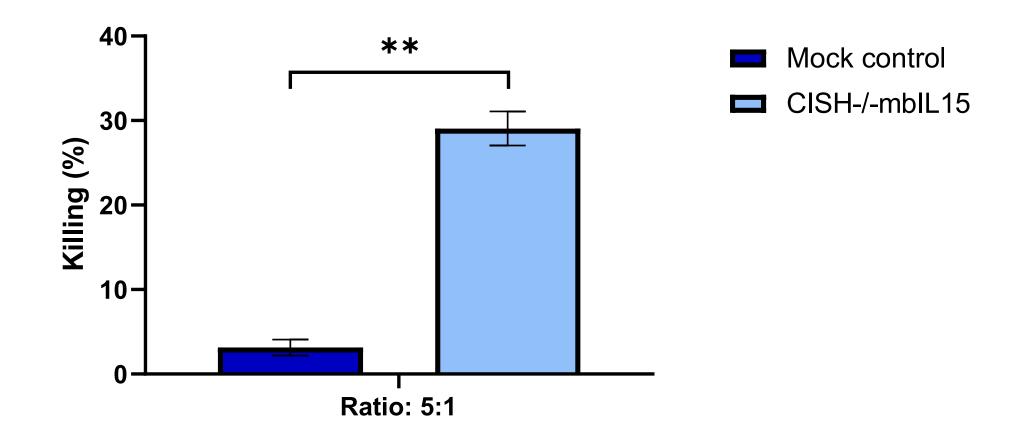
### GDA-301: Combination of CISH CRISPR KO and Membrane-Bound IL15 Increases Potency Against Multiple Myeloma and Leukemia Cell Lines



Deletion of *CISH* gene in NK cells with subsequent mb-IL-15.1B mRNA electroporation reveals upregulation of cytokine production associated with NK cell activation, 3-4h post co-culture



GDA-301: CISH Knockout NK Cells that co-express mbIL-15 Increase Cytotoxicity Function Against Multiple Myeloma Cell Line (RPMI)



Deletion of CISH and co-expression of mb-IL15 on NK cells enhances their cytotoxicity activity. Killing assay was performed on CISH knocked cells ,24h after the electroporation of mRNA-mbIL-15 that followed a 6hr co-culture of NK cells with RPMI cell line



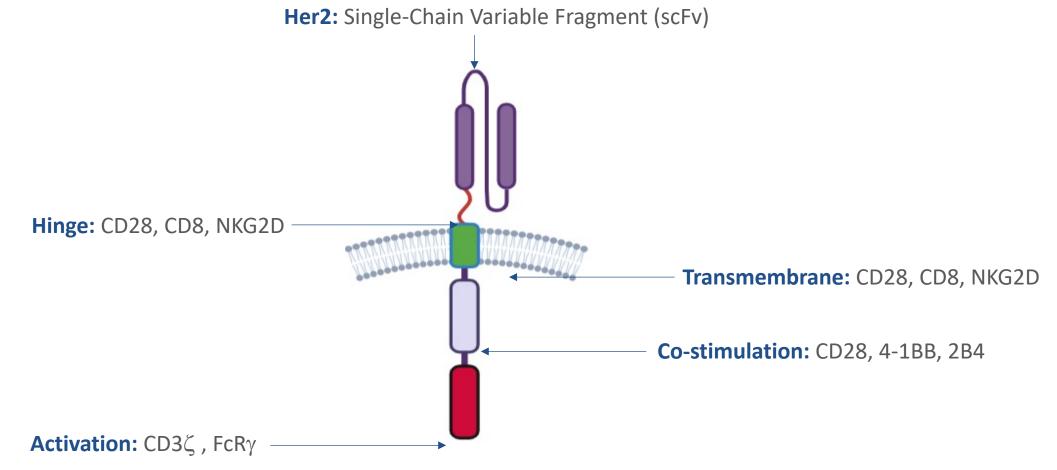


### HER2 CAR for Solid Tumors

# **GDA-501**

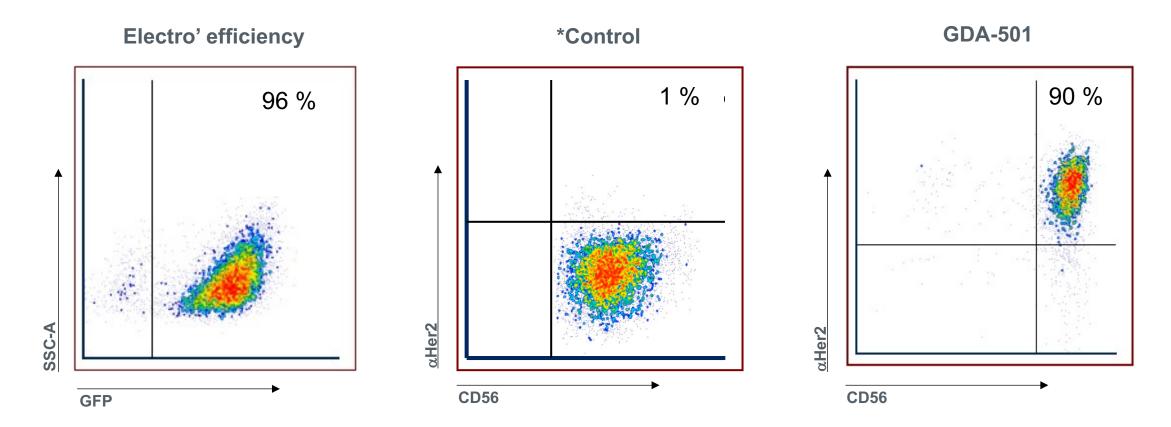
### GDA-501: Targeting Solid Tumors Expressing HER2

## Multiple tailor-made NK CARs were developed to target and activate NKs against HER2+ tumors





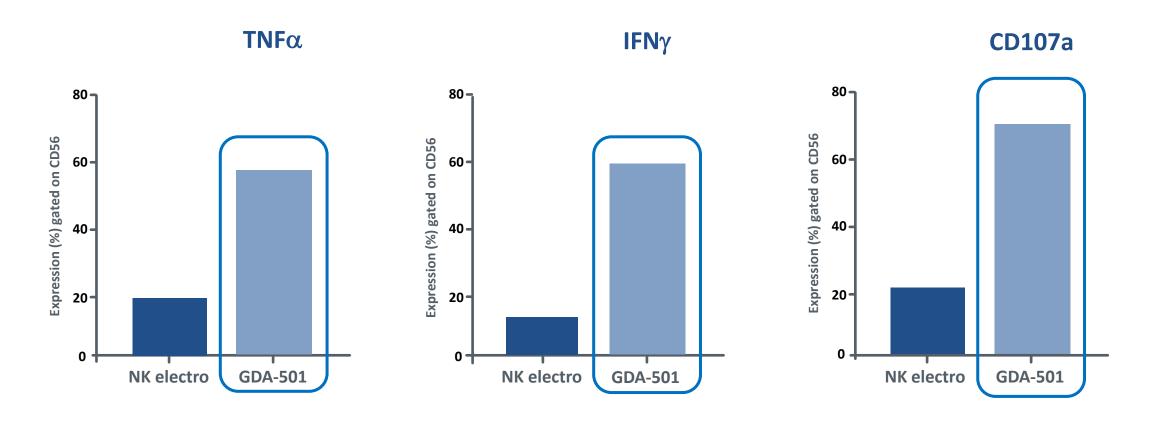
#### CAR construct is expressed by NK cells and recognizes the HER2 protein



\* GDA-501 cells were expanded using Gamida's NAM technology, gene editing was done on the NAM expanded cells



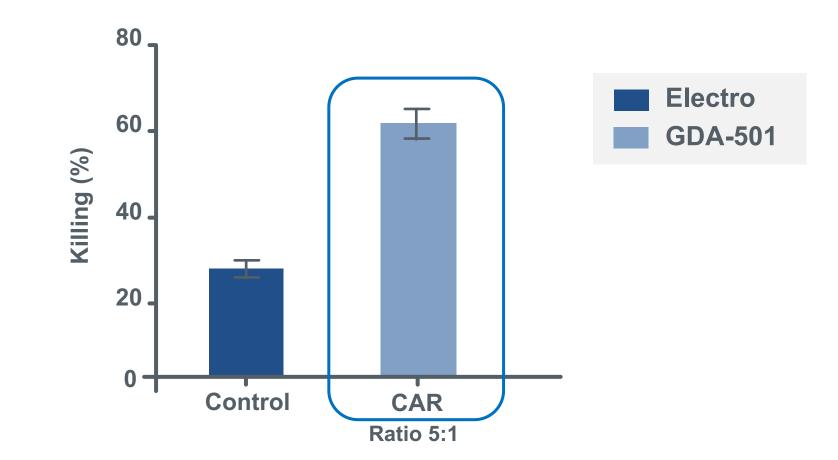
### GDA-501: CAR-HER2 NK Cells Enhance Potency Activity Against Tumor Cell Lines



Expression of anti-HER2 CAR on NK cells reveals an upregulation of degranulation marker CD107a and inflammatory cytokine production associated with NK cell cytotoxicity. Potency assay was performed 24h after the electroporation.



GDA-501: CAR-HER2 NK Cells Increase Cytotoxicity Function Against Ovarian Tumor Cell Line (SKOV3)



Expression of anti-Her2 CAR on NK cells enhances their killing activity. Killing assay was performed 24h after the electroporation that followed a 6hr co-culture of NK cells with SKOV-3 cell line

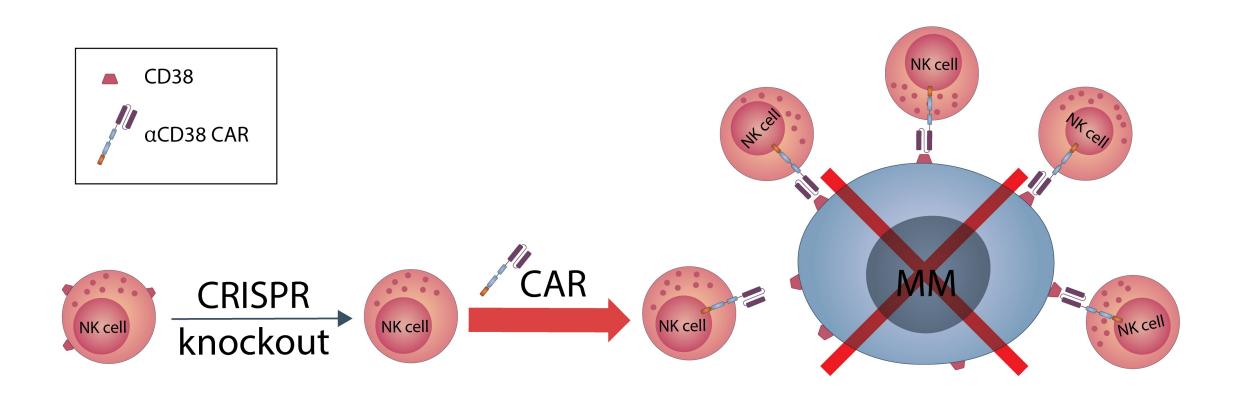


# **GDA-601**

# CD38 Knockout and CD38 CAR for Multiple Myeloma



### CD38 Knockout and CD38 CAR Targeting Multiple Myeloma

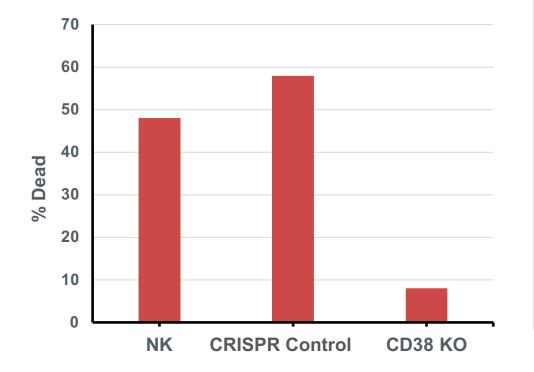


#### We used the CRISPR/Cas9 system to knockout CD38 in NKs

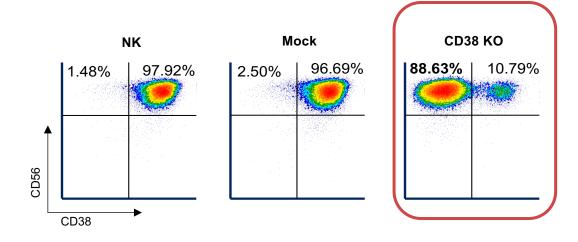


# CD38 KO NKs are Resistant to Fratricide in the Presence of Daratumumab

#### The fratricide rescue and addition of $\alpha$ CD38 CAR improved cytotoxicity



#### Fratricide-NK+DARA



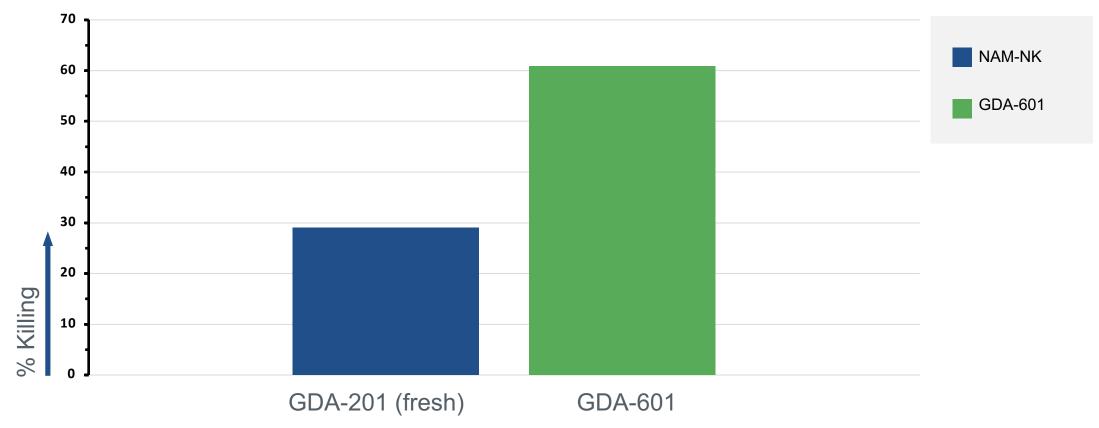
CD38 KO in NAM-NK cells expanded ex-vivo.Representative flow cytometry analysis of untreated NK cells (NK), Cas 9 control (Mock) and NK cells treated with CD38 CRISPR-Cas9 (CD38KO).Cells were expanded 14 days post electroporation and analyzed for CD56/CD38 expression and viability staining.



# GDA-601: CD38 KO & $\alpha$ CD38 CAR — Increased Cytotoxicity Against Multiple Myeloma

#### The fratricide rescue and addition of $\alpha$ CD38 CAR improve cytotoxicity

Flow Cytometry Killing, 6h RPMI: Multiple Myeloma Cell Line, E:T- 5:1





# Multiple genetically modified NK constructs with demonstrated potency in preclinical studies

#### **GDA-301**

CISH knockout + membrane-bound IL-15 increased potency against leukemia and multiple myeloma cell lines

#### **GDA-501**

CAR-HER2 increased cytotoxicity against ovarian tumor cell line

#### **GDA-601**

CD38 knockout + CD38 CAR increased cytotoxicity against multiple myeloma cell line

Research collaboration with Dana-Farber
 using fresh patient samples ongoing

#### **R&D** engine to continually introduce new NK constructs into the clinic





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