

# POWERING A NEW WAVE OF IMMUNE THERAPEUTICS

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# Powering a New Wave of Immune Therapeutics

## LEADERSHIP

Highly experienced executive team with a deep knowledge of biopharmaceutical drug discovery and development

## THERAPEUTIC FOCUS

Corporate strategy comprises an internal therapeutic pipeline of oncology candidates with external business development initiatives underway across oncology, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases

Platform expansion capability into vaccines, antibody drug conjugation and CAR-T

## FORTHCOMING MILESTONES

SON-1010: Initiate Phase 1 NHV study, 3Q22

SON-1010: Initial Phase 1 safety data in solid tumors & NHV, 2H22

SON-080: Initiate Phase 1b/2a trial in CIPN, 3Q22

SON-080: Phase 1b/2a initial safety data in CIPN, 2H22

SON-1210: Completion of NHP GLP tox study, 2H22

## PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY

Proprietary, patented **Fully Human Albumin Binding (F<sub>H</sub>AB<sup>®</sup>)** platform provides considerable payload flexibility with asset generation capabilities across major biologic drug classes

- Targeted delivery with increased *in vivo* efficacy
- Single or bispecific mechanism of action
- Extended pharmacokinetics (pK)








Sonnet's F<sub>H</sub>AB technology utilizes a single-chain antibody fragment (scFv) capable of delivering one or two active drug compounds

- Therapeutic payloads attached via flexible linker peptides

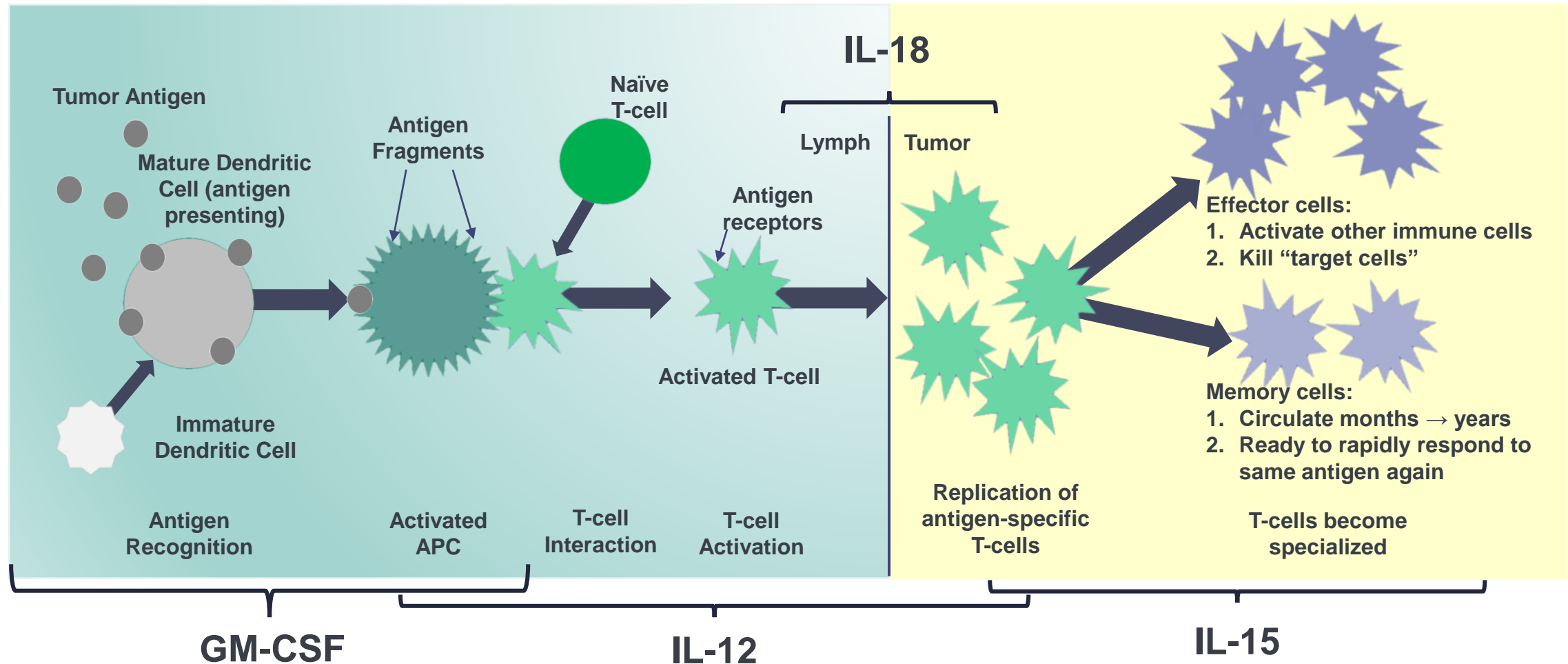
Following administration, Sonnet's F<sub>H</sub>AB derived candidates bind to and "hitch-hike" on endogenous Human Serum Albumin (HSA) for transport to lymphoid tissues

- F<sub>H</sub>AB has been designed to bind, unbind and rebind to albumin in an on-and-off fashion through a physical bonding mechanism, obviating the need for chemical conjugation

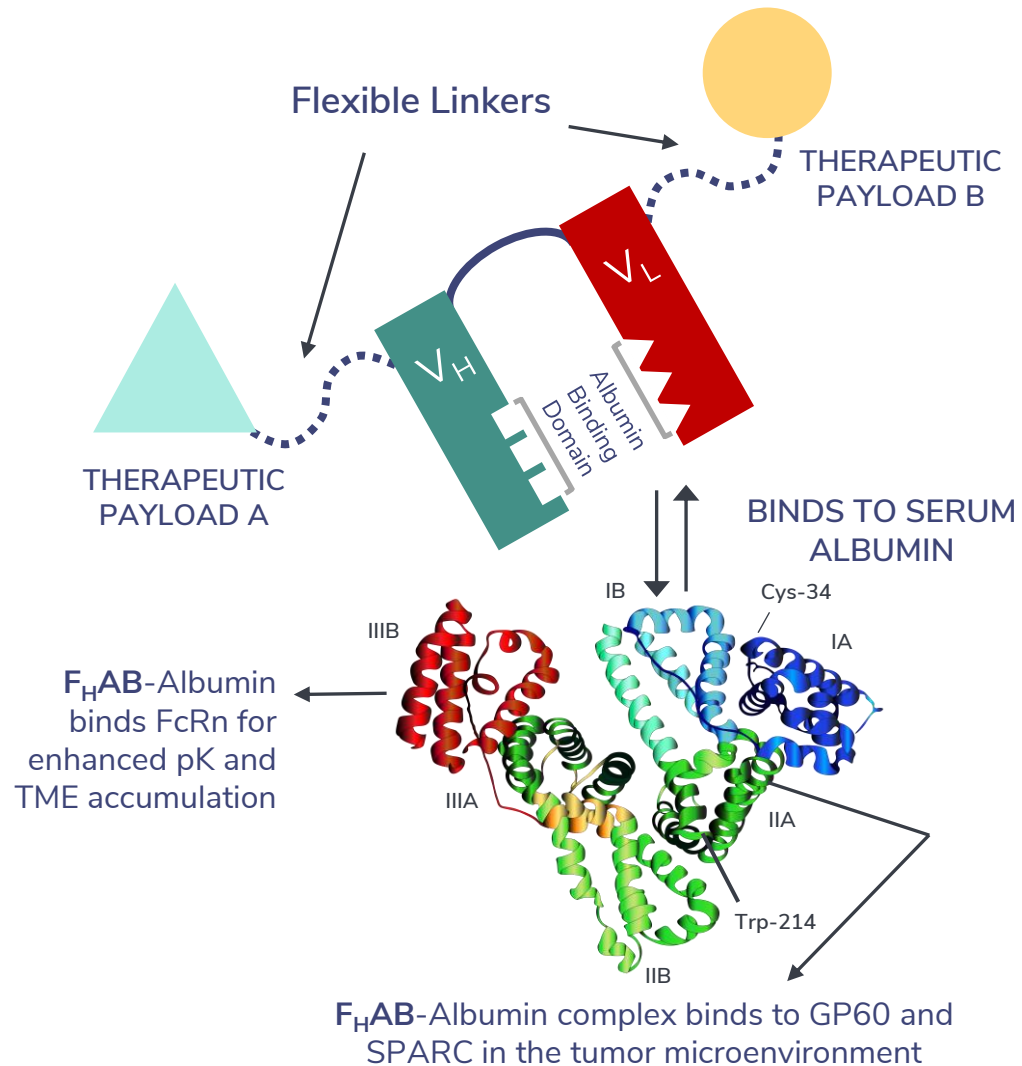
# Pipeline Overview

F <sub>H</sub> AB Platform	PROGRAM	INDICATIONS	DISCOVERY	PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PARTNER
	SON-1010 (IL12-F <sub>H</sub> AB)	Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Head and Neck Cancer						
	SON-1210 (IL12-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL15)	Solid Tumors						
	SON-1410 (IL18-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL12)	Melanoma, Renal Cancers						
	SON-3015 (Anti-IL6-F <sub>H</sub> AB-Anti-TGFβ)	Tumor and Bone Metastases						
	SON-080 (Low-dose IL-6)	Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy						
		Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy						

## Multiple Points of Intervention



# F<sub>H</sub>AB PLATFORM TECHNOLOGY



**Asset Profile:** SON-1010 (IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB)

**Stage:** Phase 1 study initiated

**Indications:** Solid Tumors

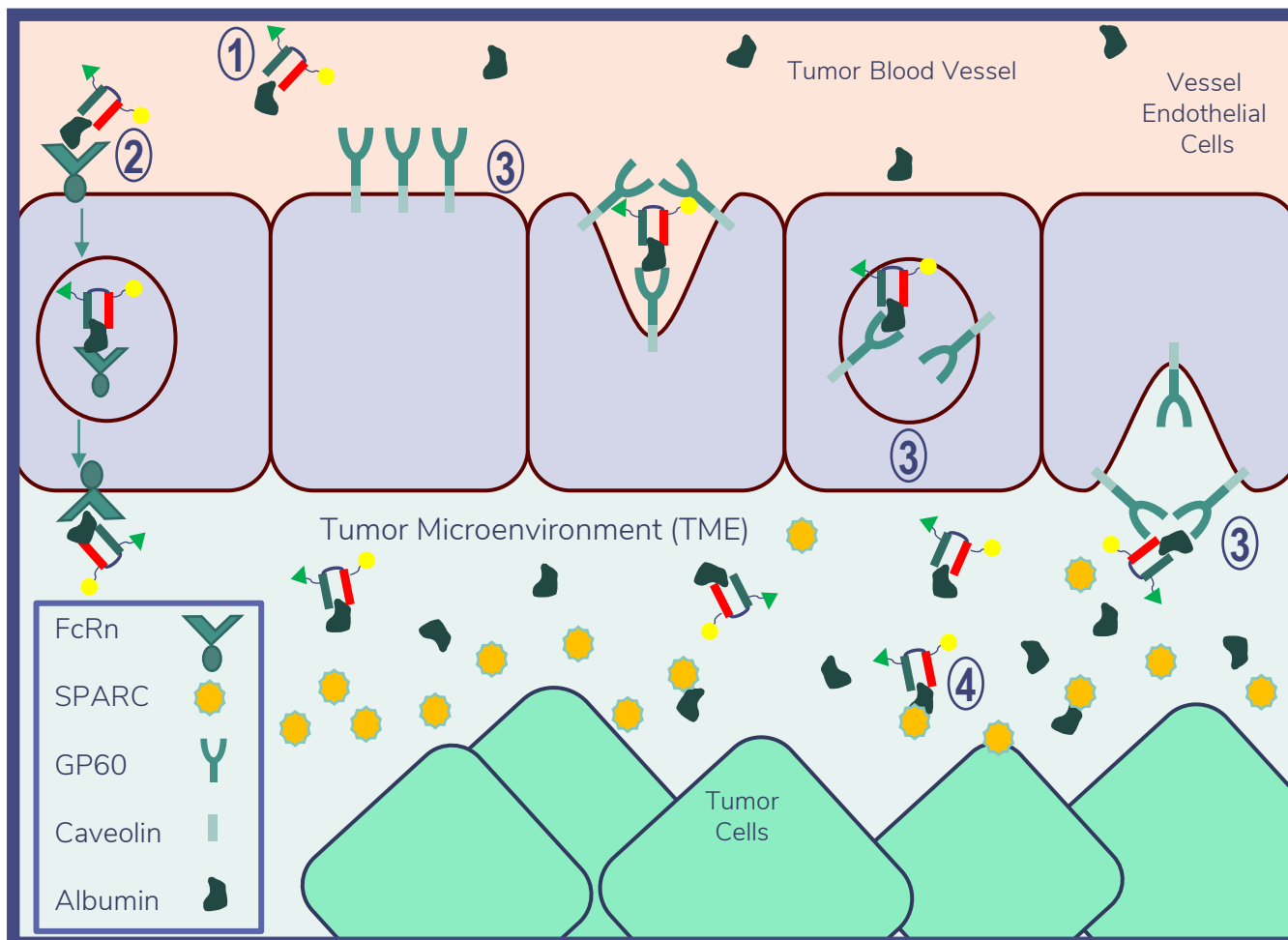
**Product Description:** Asset delivery and targeting by albumin binding mechanism via the F<sub>H</sub>AB domain, which results in accumulation of SON-1010 in the microenvironment of solid tumors (TME) through binding to FcRn, GP60, and SPARC, thereby enhancing penetration and retention with increased efficacy. SON-1010 has demonstrated improved pK via binding to FcRn, similar to full MAbs, and improved tumor delivery, all available in a single patented construct.

### Platform Attributes:

- Fully human construct – Low/No Immunogenicity
- Mammalian cell production (CHO) – Glycosylated
- Small size with linear flexibility – Optimized tumor penetration
- Enhanced PK – FcRn binding
- Targeted – GP60 and SPARC
- Asset Optionality: Single or Bispecific payload capacity
- Modular – Rapid asset development



# F<sub>H</sub>AB: Accumulation in the Tumor Microenvironment



Albumin is elevated in solid tumors

FcRn over expressed in tumors

GP60 is over-expressed on tumor vessel endothelial lining

Over-expression of SPARC has been shown in many solid tumors

Tumor architectural changes cause EPR that helps maintain the TME

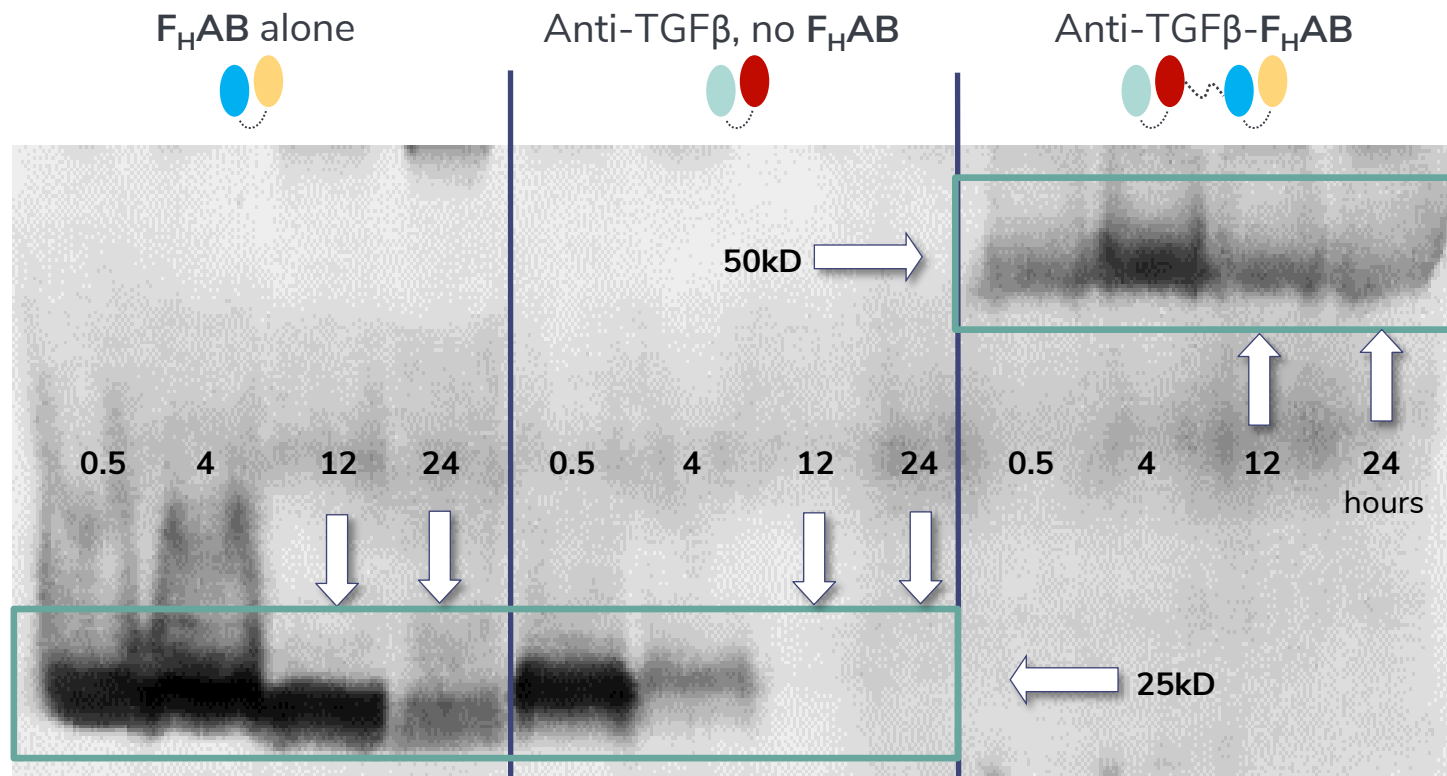
1. IL-F<sub>H</sub>AB binds Albumin in the blood
2. IL-F<sub>H</sub>AB – Albumin binds to FcRn resulting in transport from blood to TME
3. IL-F<sub>H</sub>AB – Albumin binds to GP60, resulting in transport from blood to TME
4. IL-F<sub>H</sub>AB – Albumin binds to SPARC

This mechanism of action results in SPARC retaining IL-F<sub>H</sub>AB in TME



# F<sub>H</sub>AB: Superior Uptake and Retention in Tumor Tissue

An *in vivo* demonstration of SPARC-mediated binding with optimized retention using albumin



Results show F<sub>H</sub>AB enhanced EPR = Efficacy

Western blot of Mouse 4T1 (TGFβ positive tumor@150mm<sup>3</sup>) extracts from mice 0.5-24 hours post IV injection with 100 μg/mouse of F<sub>H</sub>AB, anti-TGFβ or anti-TGFβ-F<sub>H</sub>AB

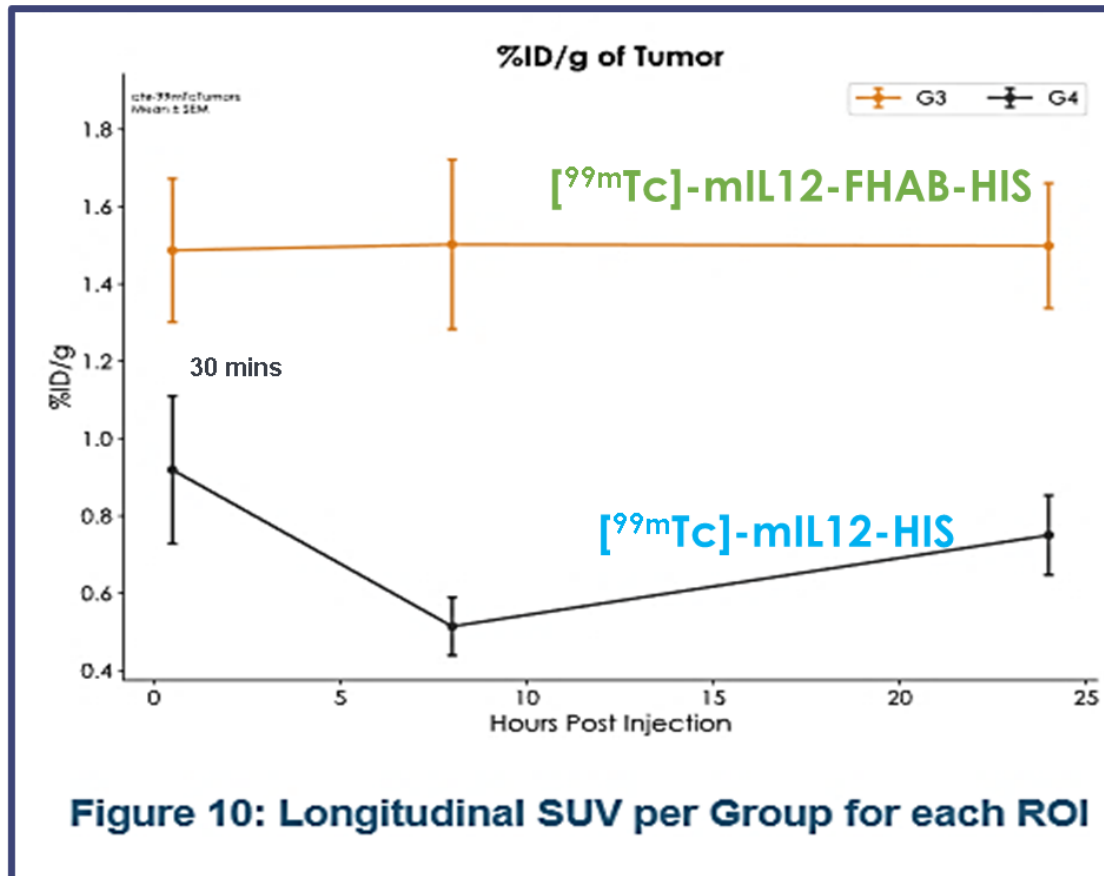
F<sub>H</sub>AB present at 0.5 hours, peaks at 4 hours and detectable through 24 hours

Anti-TGFβ present at 0.5 hours, declines at 4 hours and undetectable at 12 and 24 hours

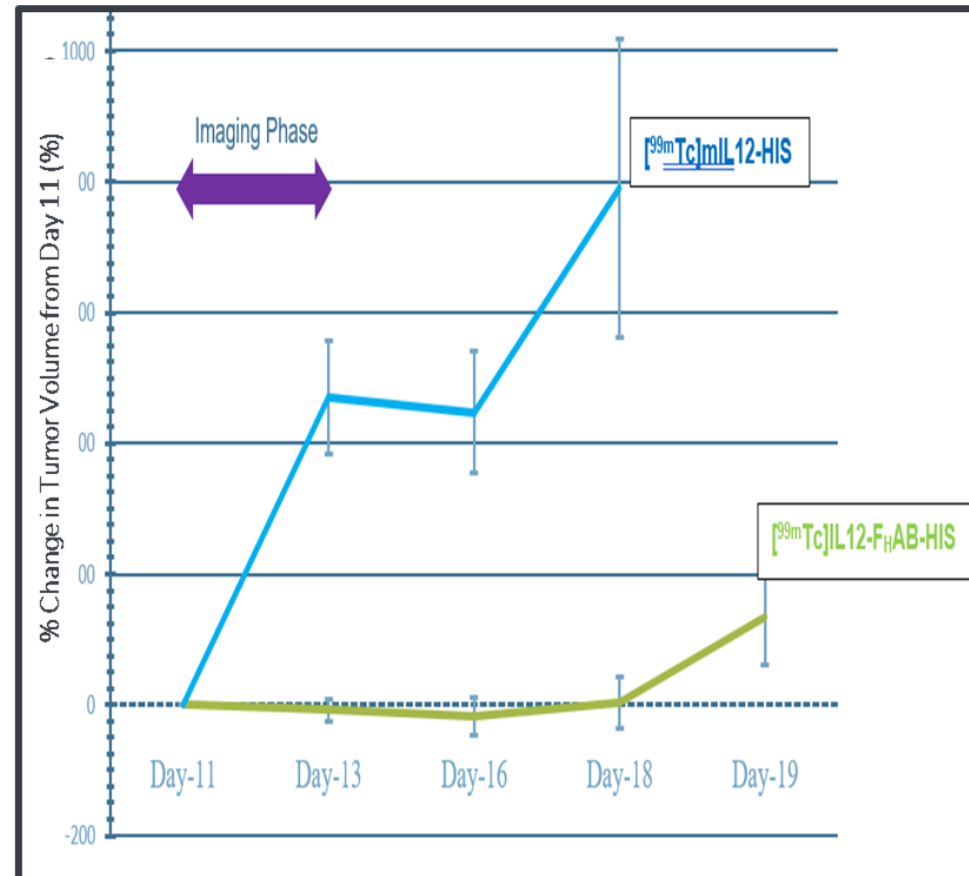
Anti-TGFβ-F<sub>H</sub>AB present at 0.5 hours and detectable through 24 hours

# Tumor Accumulation Comparison

Labeled mIL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB vs mIL12



In B16F10 tumor-bearing mice, the mIL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB-HIS molecule accumulated ~2-3x fold higher than the mIL12-HIS (without F<sub>H</sub>AB domain). The HIS Tag was labeled with [99mTc].

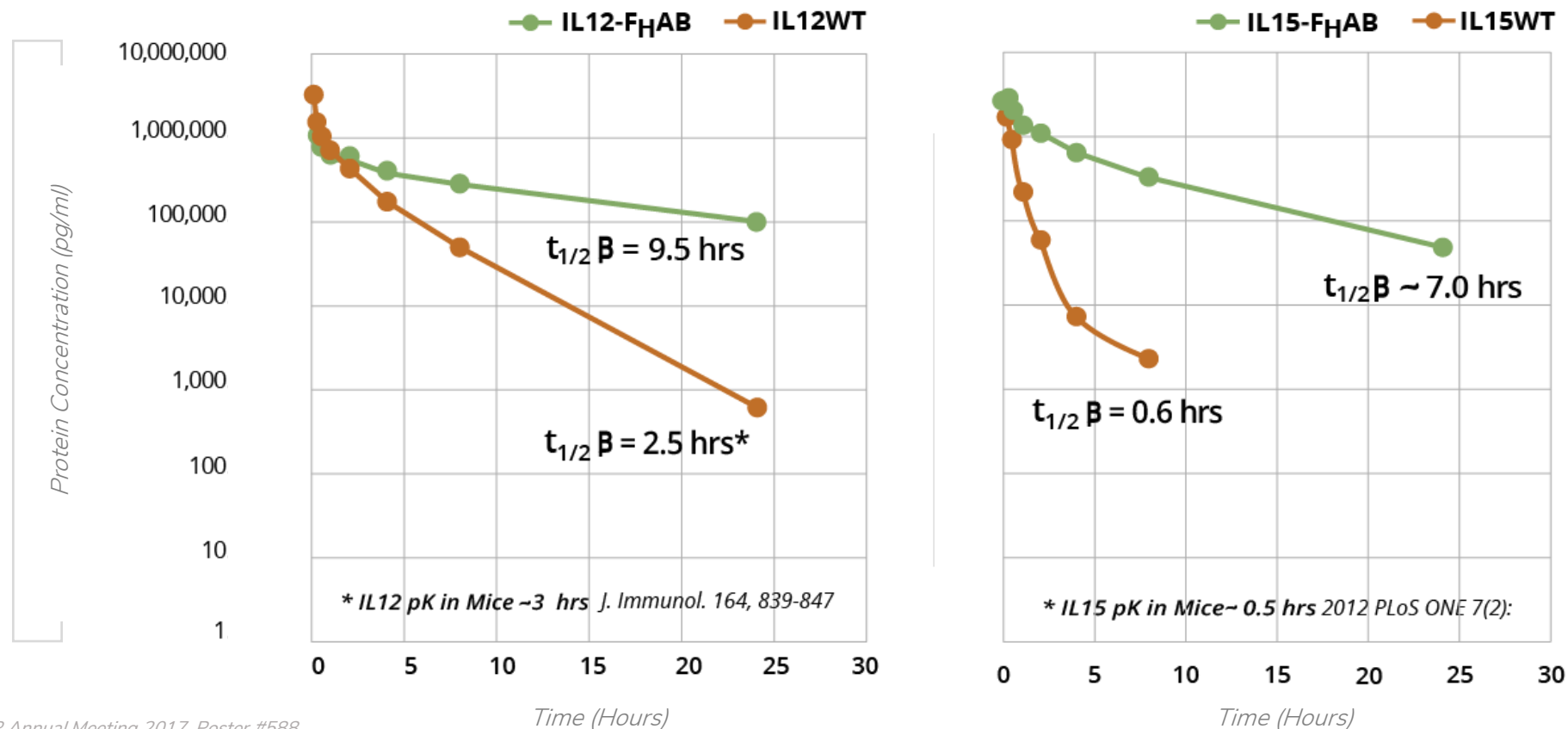


Efficacy Readout: The [99mTc]-mIL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB-HIS was more effective in inhibiting tumor growth than [99mTc]-mIL12-HIS (minus F<sub>H</sub>AB) over a 7-day period in the B16F10 mouse model.

# F<sub>H</sub>AB: Enhanced Pharmacokinetic Characteristics

Comparing the pharmacokinetic characteristics of naked IL-12 and IL-15 versus the same interleukins linked to Sonnet's F<sub>H</sub>AB

**Method:** 8 mice C57B/TP, age 9.5 weeks, dose IV, sacrificed @ 5, 15, 30 mins, 1, 2, 4, 8, 24 & 48 hrs. Serum tested by ELISA.



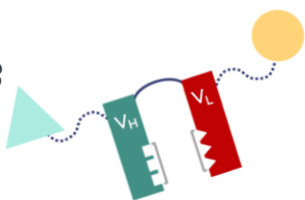
Fusion to F<sub>H</sub>AB increased the plasma half-life of IL-12 > 4x and IL-15 > 10X

IL-12 MW = 70 Kd  
vs IL-15 MW = 13Kd

# F<sub>H</sub>AB: Defining A Better Platform Technology

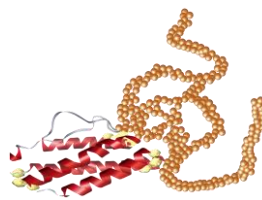
## Sonnet F<sub>H</sub>AB Constructs

Albumin Binding

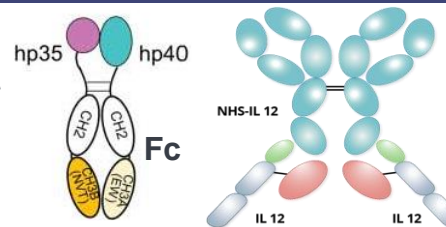


## PEG

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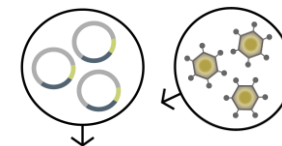


## Fc/IgG



## DNA / Viral

Gene Therapy  
Viral Gene Therapy



ATTRIBUTES	QUALIFIER
Mode	Mono or Bi-Specific
pK; Alb binding to FcRn	+++ Dosing 3-4 weeks
Glycosylated CHO expressed	+
Tumor Targeting and Retention	++++ Albumin binds gp60 and SPARC
Tumor Penetration, Size and Linear Flexibility	+++ 85-104 kD
Controllable Quantity Dosing	+++

ATTRIBUTES	QUALIFIER
Mode	Mono
pK; Size only	++ Dosing 1-2 weeks
Glycosylated Non mammalian	-
Tumor Targeting and Retention	-
Tumor Penetration Globular	+ ~100+ kD
Controllable Quantity Dosing	++

ATTRIBUTES	QUALIFIER
Mode	Mono or Bi-Specific
pK; FC Binding to FcRn	+++ Dosing 3-4 weeks
Glycosylated CHO expressed	+
Tumor Targeting and Retention	++
Tumor Penetration Globular	++ 100-300 kD
Controllable Quantity Dosing	+++

ATTRIBUTES	QUALIFIER
Mode	Mono
pK	++ Dosing 2-4 weeks
GMP - BSL-2 classified facility	+
Tumor Targeting DNA	Intratumoral Injection *
Tumor Targeting Viral	Viral tumor cell lysis
Controllable Quantity Dosing	Issues of variable spread, penetration, resistance and anti- viral immunity

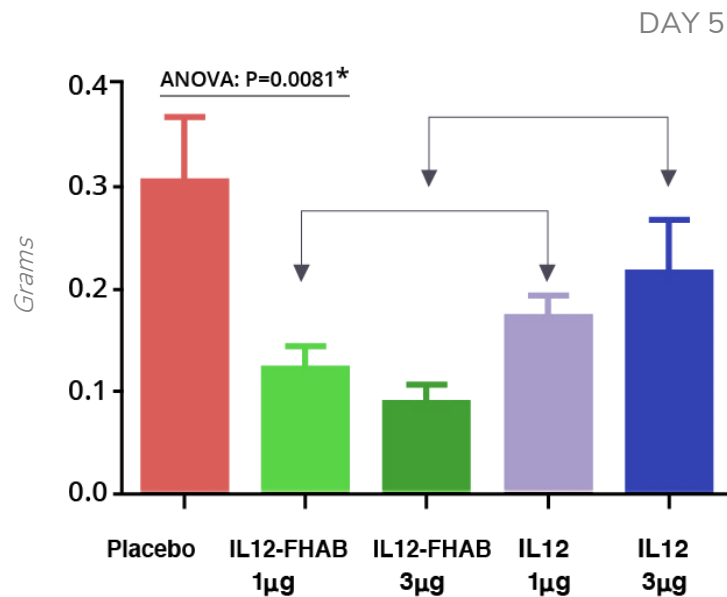
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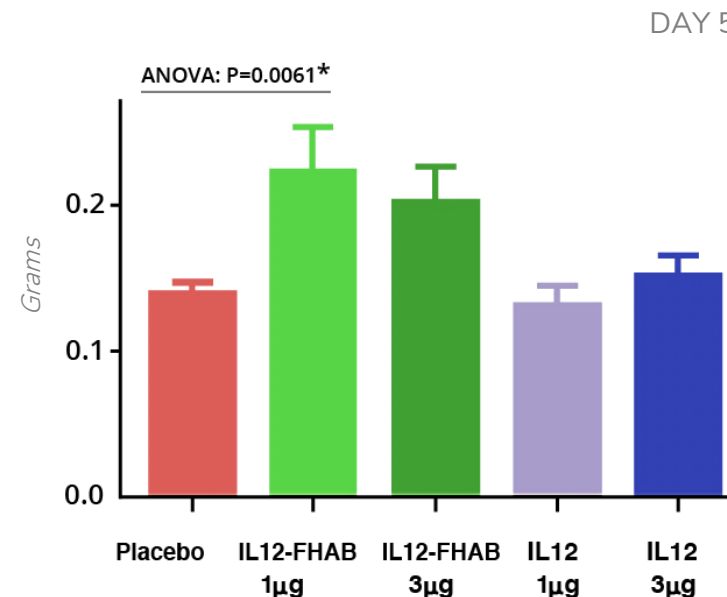
## $F_H$ AB: PRECLINICAL PROOF- OF-CONCEPT

# SON-1010: Extended IFN- $\gamma$ Release With Reduced Tumor and Reciprocal Spleen Weight vs Naked IL-12

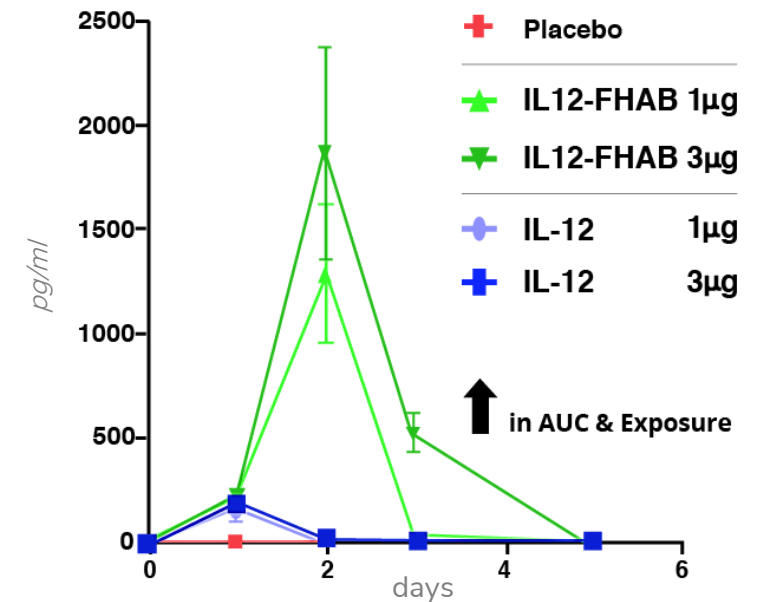
## TUMOR WEIGHT



## SPLEEN WEIGHT



## IFN- $\gamma$

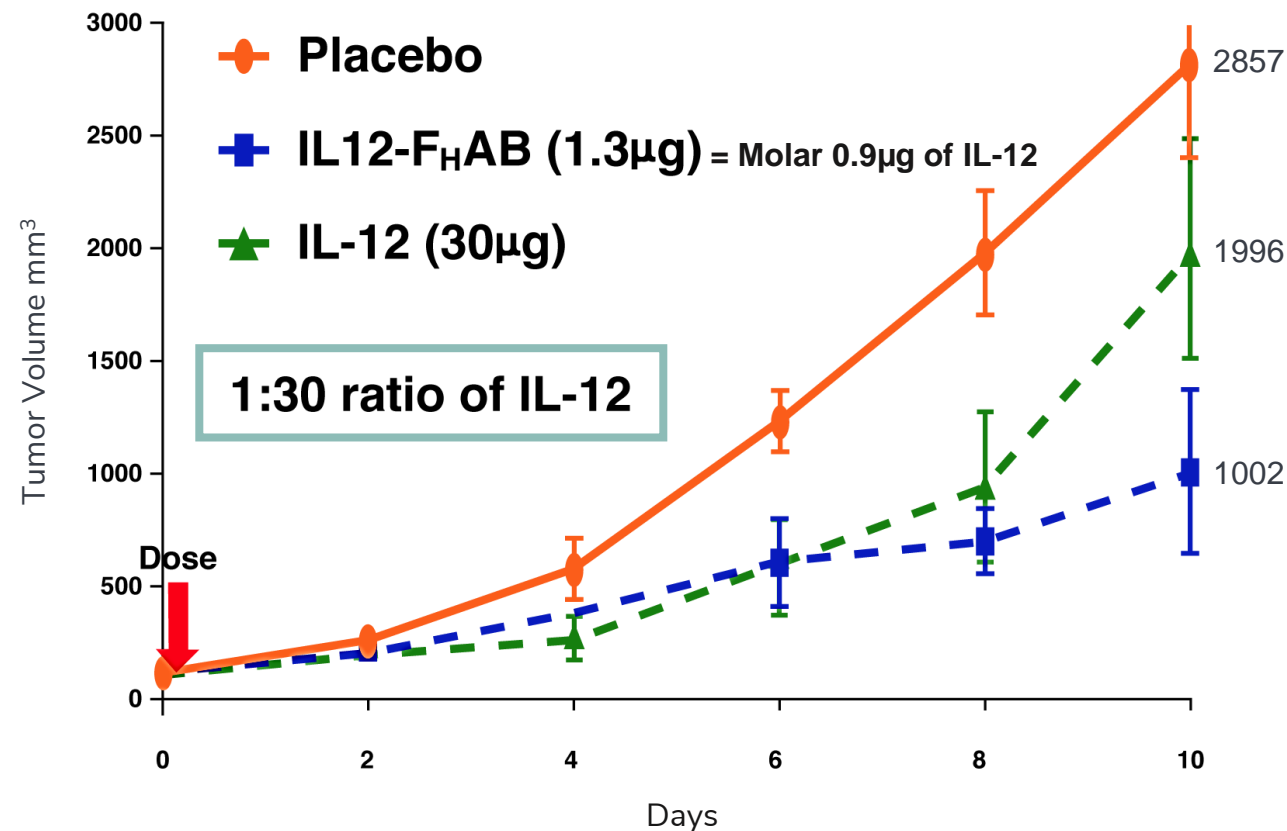


## Summary

- In the B16F10 melanoma model, IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB is more effective than naked IL-12 in reducing tumor weight at equivalent doses
- Reduction in tumor weight correlates with increase in spleen weight
- IFN- $\gamma$  levels are ~10x greater with longer bioavailability

# SON-1010: Reduces Tumor Volume

IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB (1.3μg) vs IL-12 (30μg) in B16F10 Melanoma



IL-12 (1μg) and IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB (1.3μg) are molar equivalent and have similar bioactivity, *in vitro*; however, *in vivo*, F<sub>H</sub>AB is approximately 30-fold more potent than IL-12 (at day 10, 1.3μg IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB > IL-12 30μg)

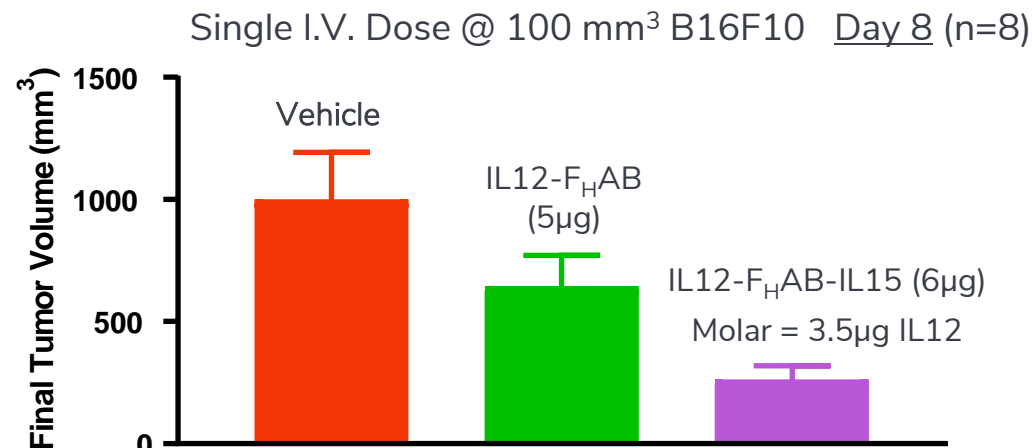


## Bispecific IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB-IL15

### Sonnet's Bispecific Construct – SON-1210

#### Synergistic Biologic Activity:

- IL-12: ↑ IL-15 alpha receptor, ↑ IFN, ↑ NK/T cells, ↑ TH1 and ↓ T reg
- IL-15: ↑ IL-12 beta 1 receptor, ↑ NK cells, ↓ CD8 memory loss by apoptosis

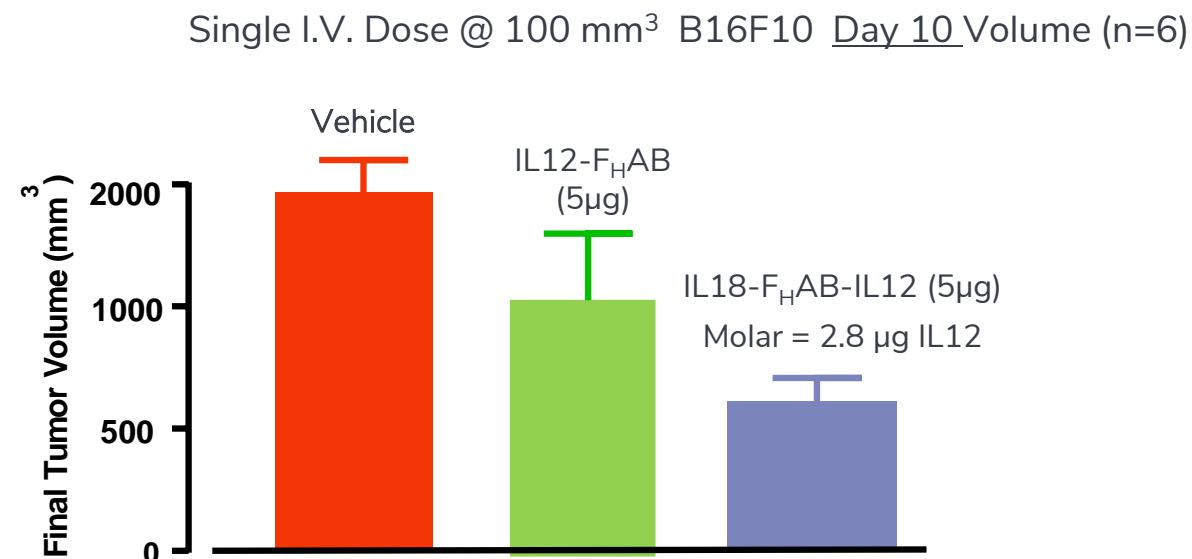


## Bispecific IL18-F<sub>H</sub>AB-IL12

### Sonnet's Bispecific Construct – SON-1410

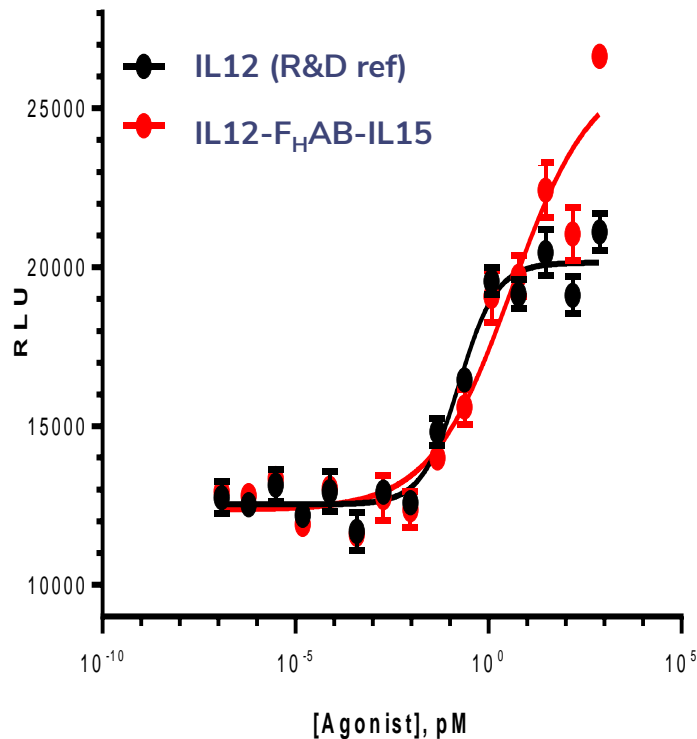
#### Synergistic Biologic Activity:

- IL-18: ↑ IL-12 receptor, ↑ IFN $\gamma$ , ↑ TH1, NK, CD8 cells *infiltrating into tumors – FACS data*
- IL-12: ↑ IL-18 receptor, ↑ IFN $\gamma$ ,
- IL-12 with IL-18 ↑ CXCL9 & CXCL10 by 50-fold

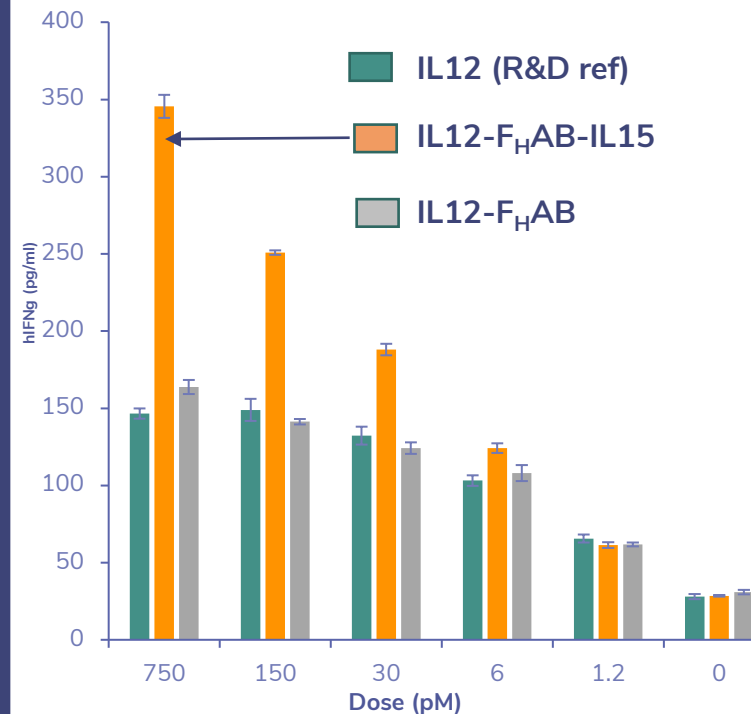


# SON-1210: Optimized Bispecific Activity

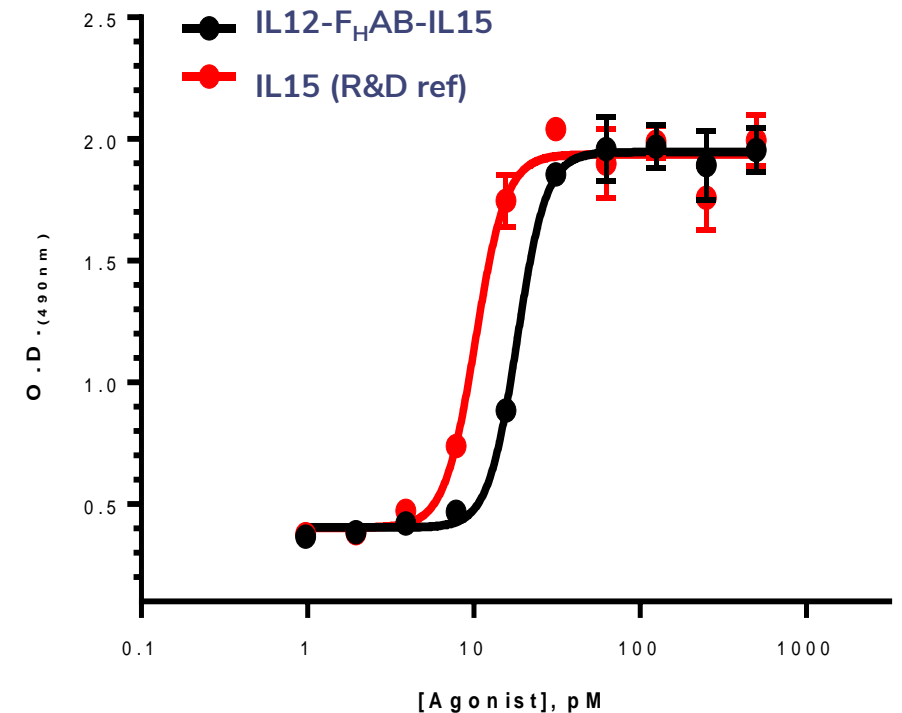
## Lymphoblast proliferation assay (IL-12)



## IFN- $\gamma$ release assay (IL-12)



## CTL-2 proliferation assay (IL-15)



- Cell-based assays showed no loss of biological activity for either IL-12 or IL-15, suggesting no steric hindrance of the bispecific construct
- Synergistic effect of IFN- $\gamma$  production was observed with the IL-12, IL-15 bispecific F<sub>H</sub>AB

Comparison of Efficacy Tumor & Spleen Immune Cell Type Day 5, TV ~400mm <sup>3</sup>	IL12-F <sub>H</sub> AB (1μg)		IL12-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL15 (5μg)		IL18-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL12 (5μg)	
	Inhibition 37%		Inhibition 78%		Inhibition 65%	
	Tumor	Spleen	Tumor	Spleen	Tumor	Spleen
Cell Population						
T cells	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.9	1.2	0.9
CD4+ T Cells	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.5	1.2	0.7
Th1 Cells	1.6	1.0	1.7	0.8	3.4	1.8
CD8+ T Cells	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.7	6.5	0.9
Cytotoxic CD8+, IFN $\gamma$	1.8	1.5	3.6	1.7	1.8	1.5
NK Cells	1.5	1.1	3.3	1.3	2.5	1.3
NK Cells, IFN $\gamma$	1.7	0.6	6.0	0.7	12.0	2.7
M1 Macrophages	1.4	2.9	1.4	3.0	1.8	3.2
M2 Macrophages	0.2	1.2	0.3	4.0	0.1	3.5
Regulatory (T Reg) Cells	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.7	1.6

Flow cytometry analysis of interleukin constructs: At Day 5 post single dose, an increase in immune-stimulating cells was observed within tumors, corresponding to a decrease in tumor volume. Also, there was a transition of M2 to M1 in the tumor. IL18-F<sub>H</sub>AB-IL12 showed the strongest infiltration of immune cells into the tumor, likely due to the biology of IL-18.

IL18-F<sub>H</sub>AB-IL12 showed statistically significant tumor size reduction versus placebo in a mouse melanoma study, as well as a dose response.

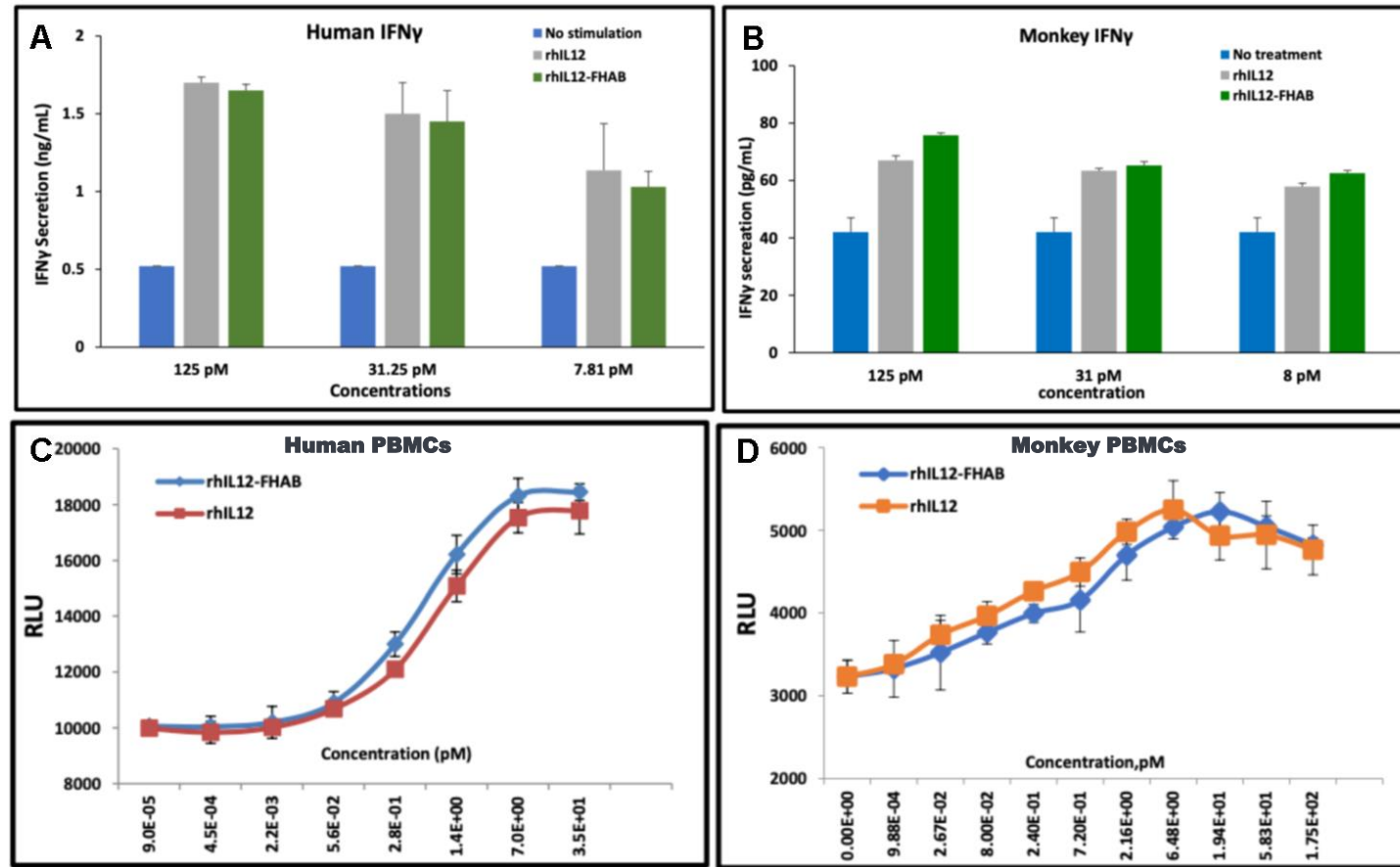
Test Article	Day 0, Single Dose Tumor @ 100 mm <sup>3</sup>	Day 8 Tumor Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> ± SEM), N=8	Day 8 Percentage Tumor Shrinkage
Placebo	NA	1747 ± 301	-
IL18-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL12	1 µg	918 ± 130	47%
IL18-F <sub>H</sub> AB-IL12	5 µg	619 ± 141	65%

- Synergy between these interleukins, as IL-18 upregulates the IL-12 receptor and IL-12 upregulates the IL-18 receptor
- IL-18 also increase chemokines CXCL9 and CXCL10 for immune cell migration into the tumor
- FACS analysis showed SON-1410 has the potential to make a cold tumor immunologically hot
- Data indicated significantly greater reduction in tumor volume, higher IFN-γ levels and immune cell responses (NK, NKT, Th1, and cytotoxic CD8 T cells), and enhanced infiltration into tumor

# Comparable Effects of SON-1010 and rhIL12

## IFN $\gamma$ Release and Proliferation of Human or Monkey PBMCs

Studies of hamster, rat, dog, macaque, and human cells were done to establish a relevant animal tox model. SPR and biopotency results showed that only cynomolgus macaque was an appropriate animal model for safety and PK/PD studies of SON-1010 (IL12-FHAB), compared to rhIL12.



PBMCs were pre-activated with PHA (A-D) and rhIL2 (C&D), then incubated with various doses of IL12-F<sub>H</sub>AB or rhIL12

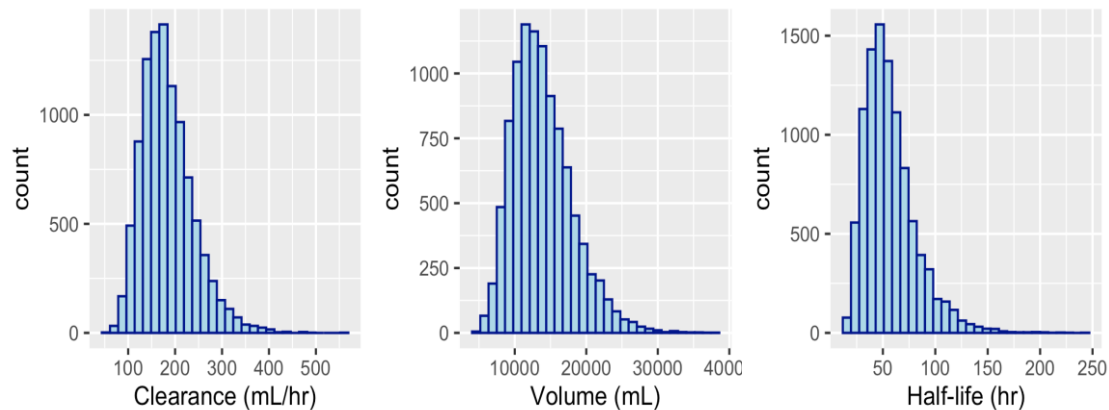
- (A&B) Production of IFN $\gamma$  in culture supernatants measured by ELISA
- (C&D) Cell proliferation measured by a luminescent assay

# SON-1010: Modeling of Human Pharmacokinetics

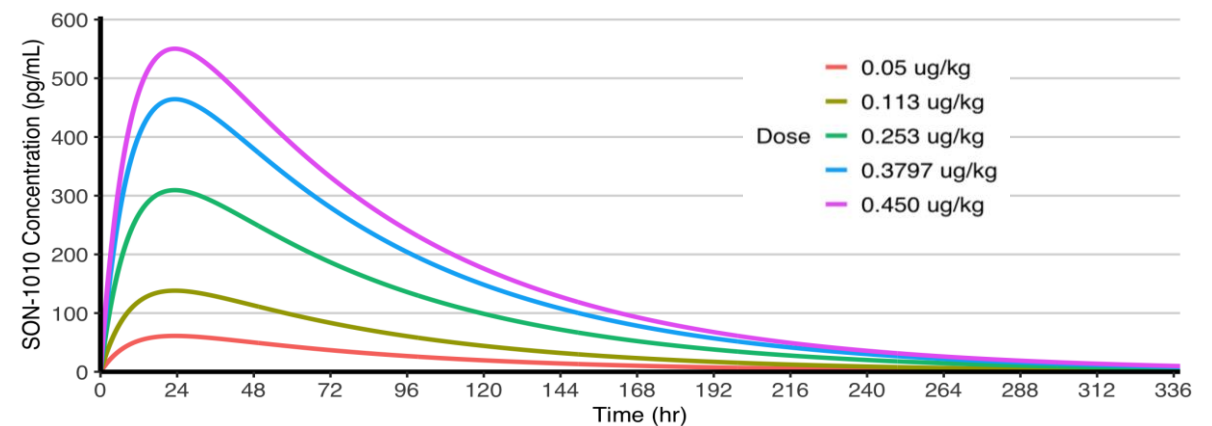
Allometric scaling was used with an uncertainty analysis to estimate human predicted values for clearance (CL) and the central volume of distribution (Vd) using single species scaling.

NHP Mean $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	NHP Clearance (mL/hr)	NHP Volume (mL)	Clearance Human Pred. (mL/hr)	Volume Human Pred. (mL)	Human Pred. $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	Mean $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	Geometric Mean $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	Median $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	5 <sup>th</sup> Percentile $t_{1/2}$ (hr)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile $t_{1/2}$ (hr)
40.0	11.4	523.7	184.1	13,867	52.2	56.9	52.2	52.3	26.2	105.0

An exponent for CL of 0.85 for large protein molecules and an exponent of 1 for the Vd were selected, based on the molecular size of SON-1010.



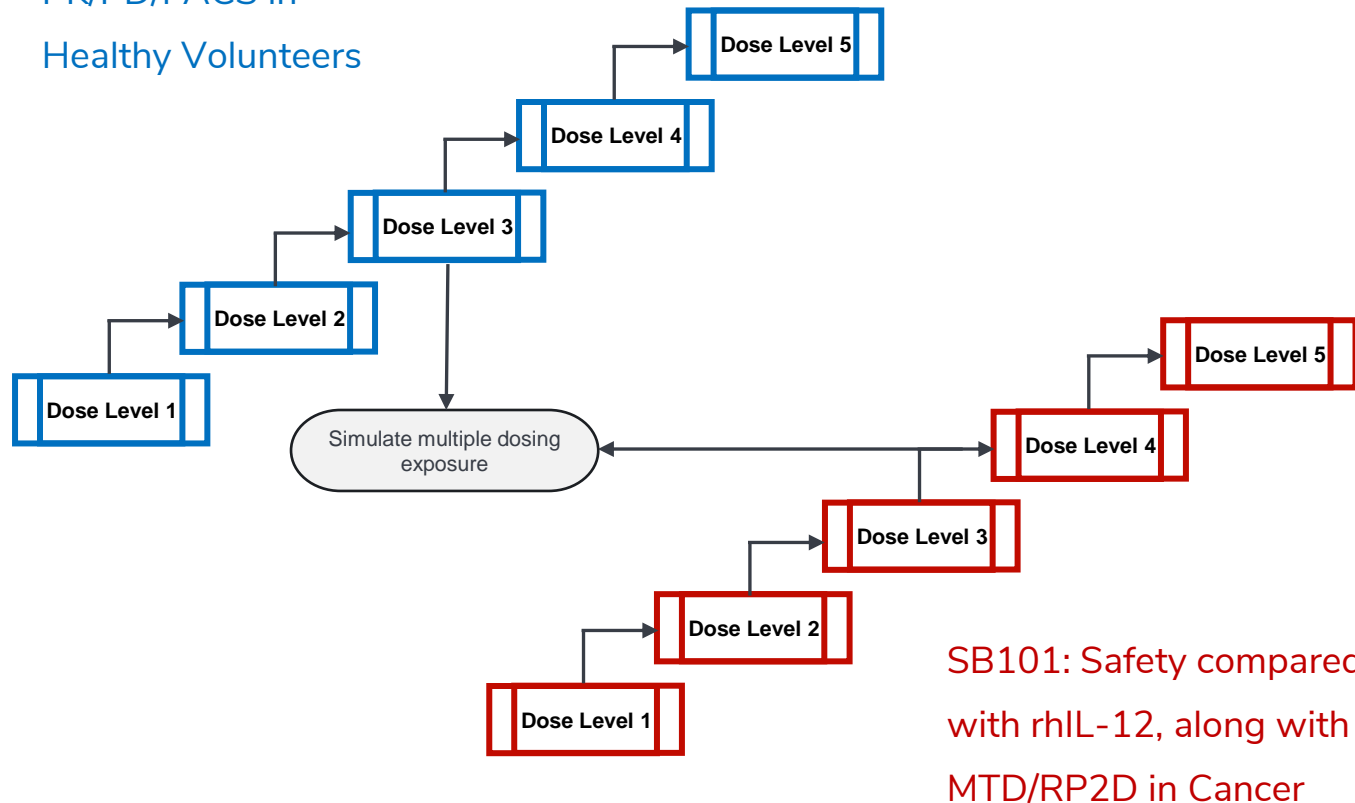
**Uncertainty Approach for Calculating the Half-Life in Humans**



**Human Single Dose Simulations**

Wang, *Biopharm Drug Dispos* (2010) 21:253  
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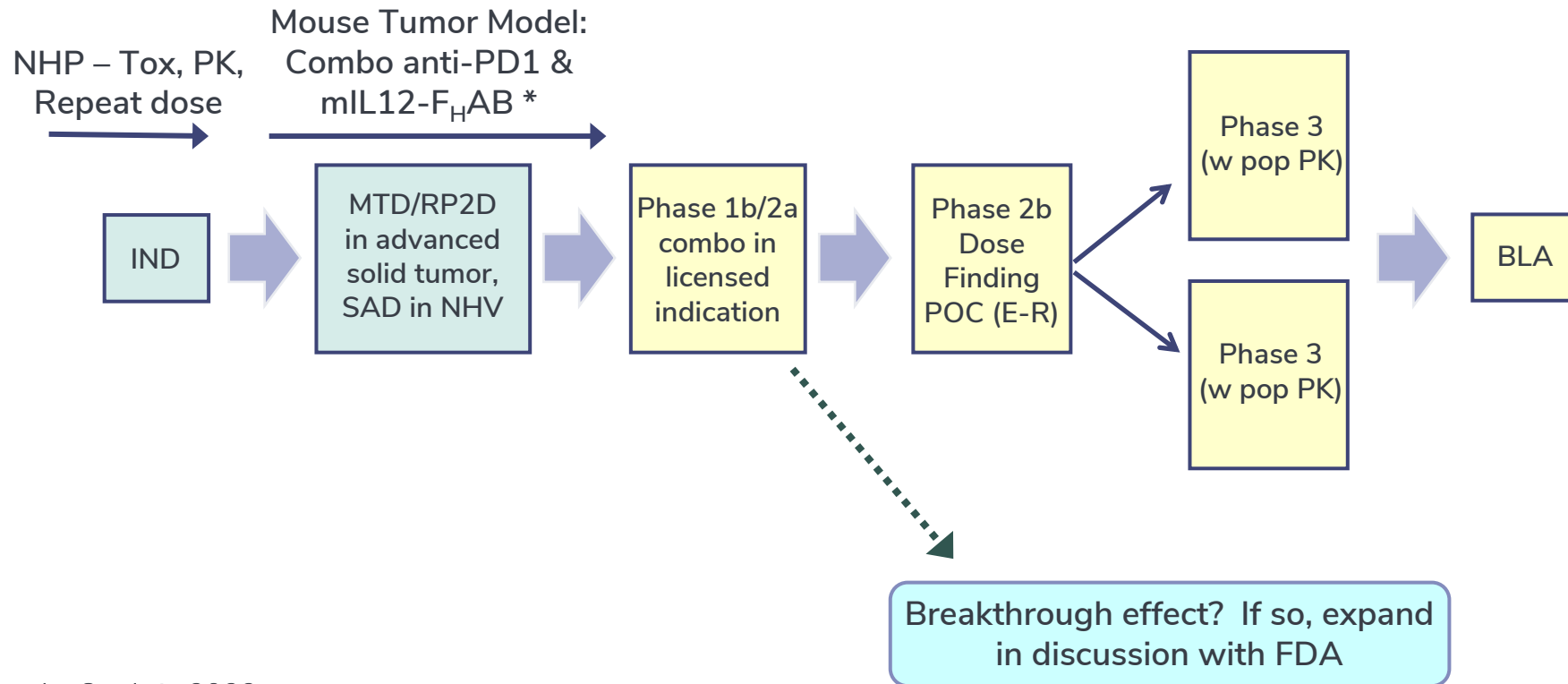


- Rapid enrollment of healthy volunteers in the SAD provides clean PK data without interpretation challenges from prior cancer treatment effects
- Simulation using continual reassessment model allows prediction of safe doses in the MAD that have more potential for effect on the tumor micro-environment, encouraging enrollment
- Clinical pharmacology support and HV SAD allows for much lower cost and faster completion
- MTD/RP2D in solid tumor patients provides path to combination studies



# SON-1010: Proposed Development Pathway

## Core Safety and Efficacy Studies

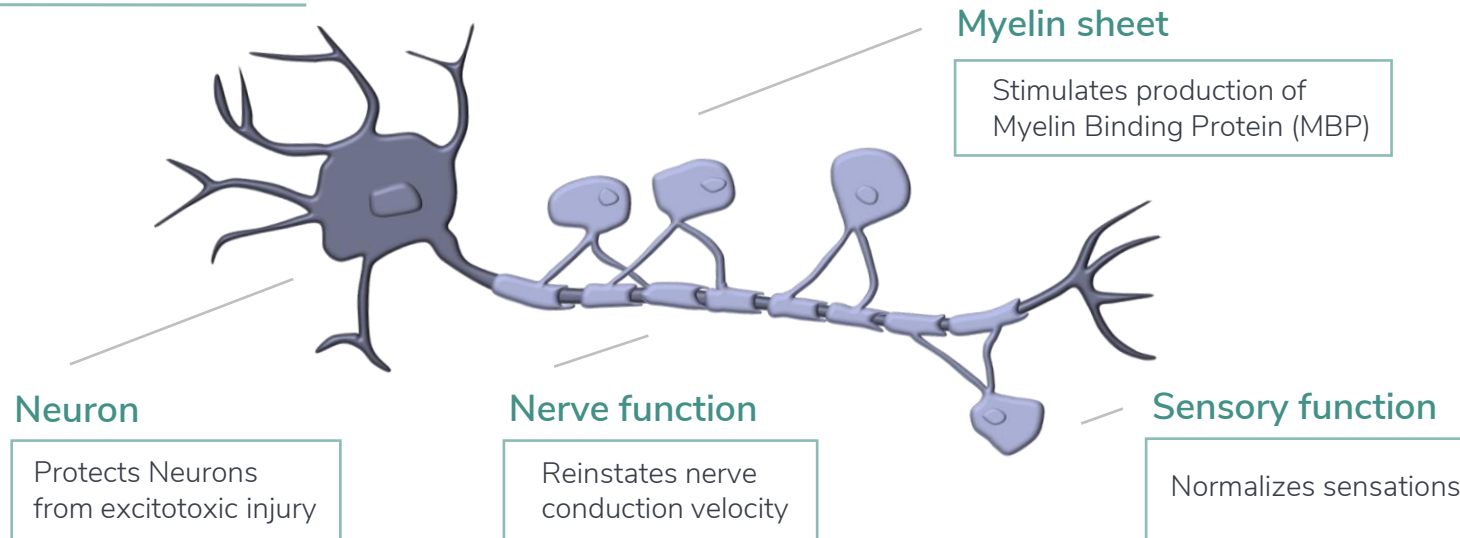


\* Initiate Preclinical Combo Study in 2022

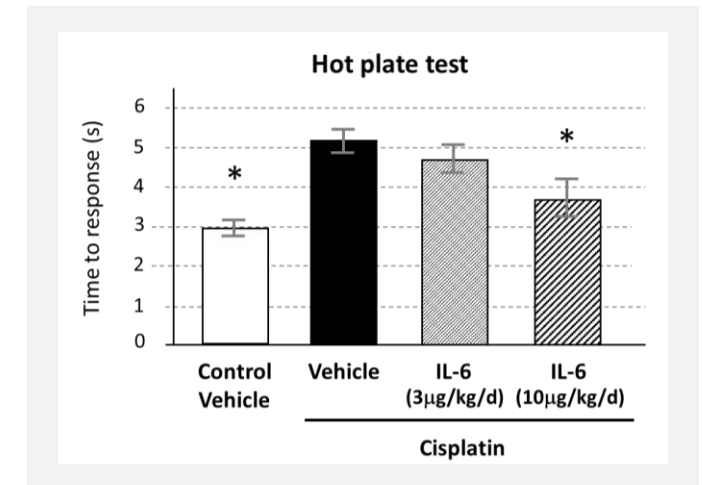
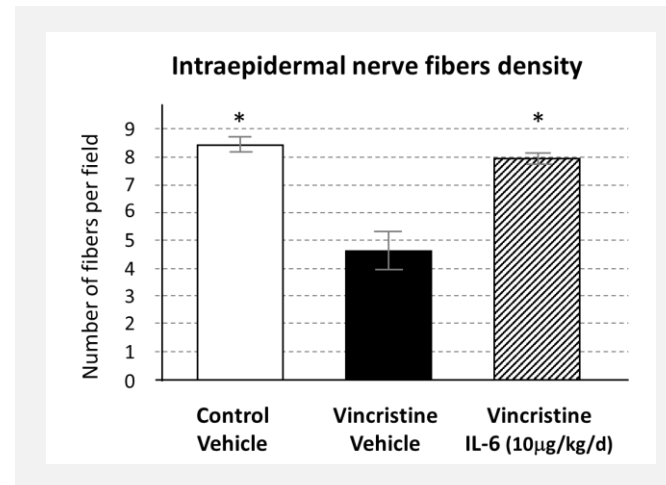
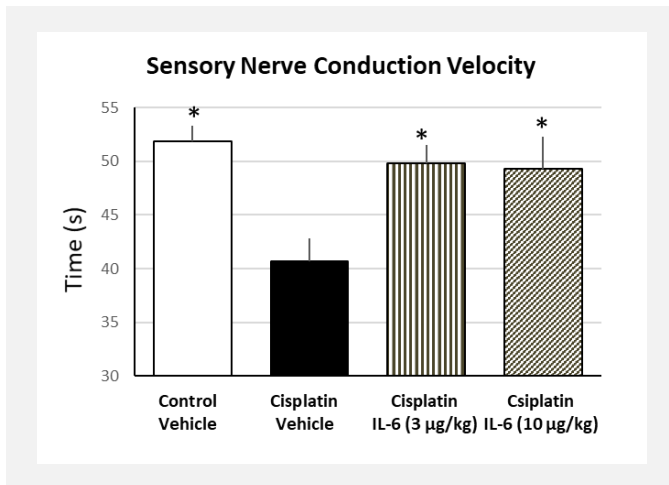
**SON-080 (LOW-DOSE IL-6)**

**CHEMOTHERAPY-INDUCED  
PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY AND  
DIABETIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY**

# IL-6 Is Neurotrophic



Epidermal Innervation reinstates nerve fiber density

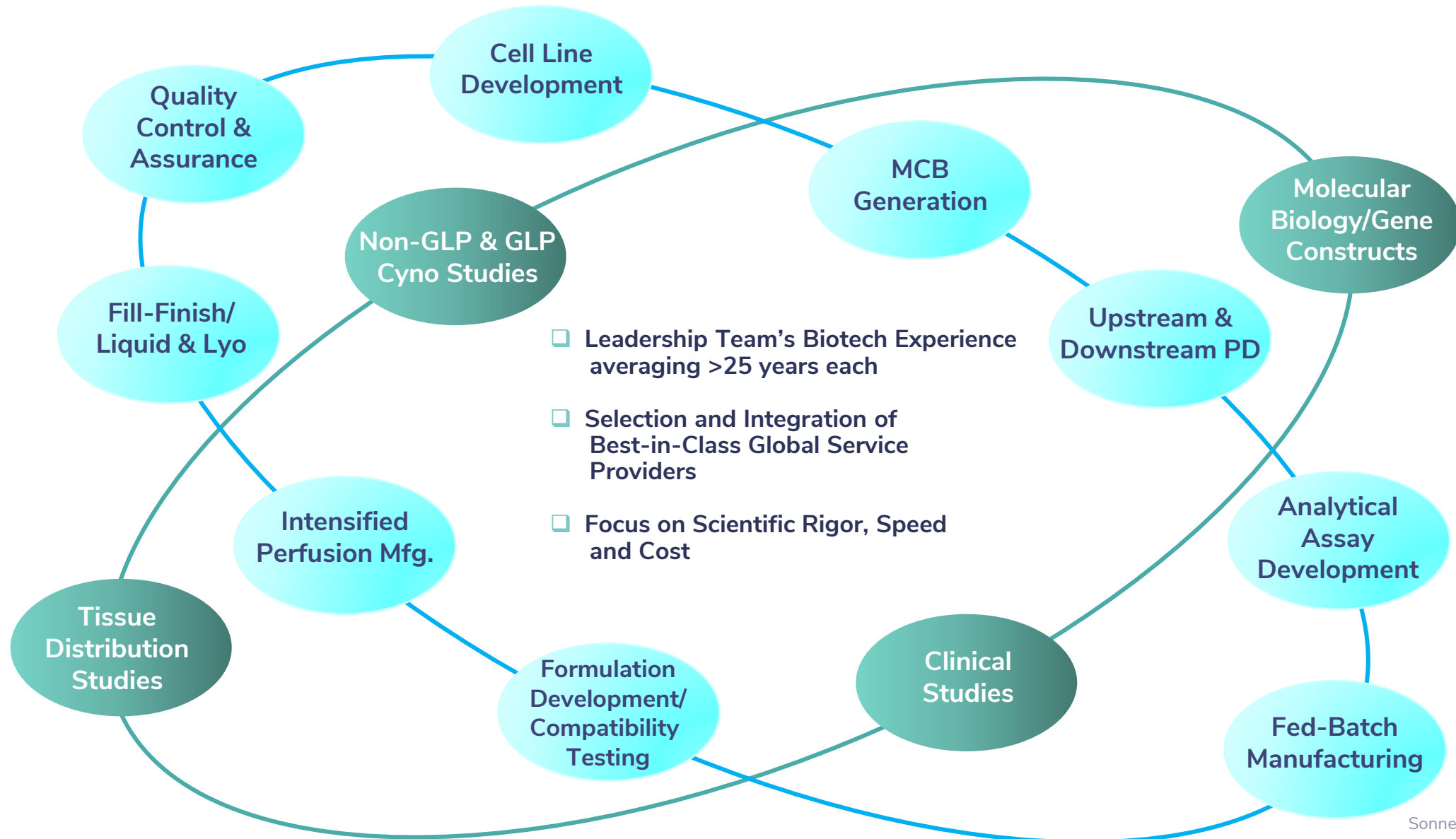


# IL-6: Safe and Well Tolerated at the Target Dose

## Phase I / II Clinical Data

CONDITION	Thrombocytopenia	SIDE EFFECT PROFILE	Similar AEs and SAEs to controls, e.g. fever and rigor, headache, vomiting (at target dose range)
PATIENT	n = 213; all types also including Grade III/IV cancer		No exacerbation of pain or neuropathy were observed after IL-6 administration
STUDIES	10 independent Phase I/II studies		
CO-TREATMENT	Diverse antineoplastic therapies	SAFETY WINDOW	MTD = 5µg/kg/day or 10µg/kg/TIW
DOSES	0.25-32 µg/kg/day, or 5-20 µg/kg/TIW SC		Doses below 2.5 µg/kg/day were well tolerated
DURATION	Up to 10 weeks		Sonnet target dose will be 0.2 – 0.8 µg/kg/TIW, 50 times below the estimated MTD

# Sonnet's Product Development Engine



# Leveraging Technology to Improve Process Productivity and Product Quality



**State-of-the-Art** manufacturing technology being deployed to manufacture pipeline cytokines

**Intensified perfusion upstream,** using integration of Sartorius bioreactor and Repligen ATF technology

**Continuous** downstream from capture step required to manage proteolytic degradation, using Repligen ATF technology

# Corporate Summary

## Immune Oncology

Validated targets combined with a proprietary Fully Human Albumin Binding ( $F_H$ AB) platform

## Toxicity

Single dose non-human primate study with SON-1010 demonstrates tolerability at high doses

## Demonstrated *in vivo* POC

- Enhanced pK
- Selectivity to tumor
- Superior efficacy of cytokines while attached to  $F_H$ AB as compared to their naked counterparts

## Clinical study initiation targets over the next 12 months

SON-1010 (Phase 1 in NHV)  
SON-080 (Phase 1b/2a in CIPN)  
SON-080 (Phase 2a in DPN)  
SON-1210 (Phase 1 in Solid Tumors)

## $F_H$ AB Pipeline Expansion

Several novel interleukin-growth factor combinations

## Intellectual Property

PCT and US Patents in prosecution, as well as six provisional patents filed (i.e., potential utility with Vaccines, ADCs, Checkpoint Inhibitors and CAR-Ts; Continuous Intensified Perfusion Manufacturing)

US Patent No. 11,028,166, "Albumin Domain Fusion Proteins", Issued June 2021