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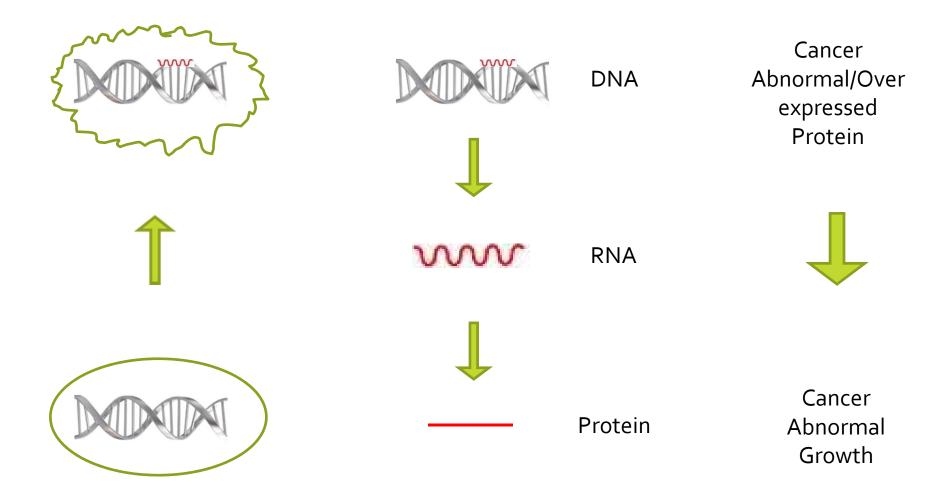


# Clinical Update of bifunctional (bi)-shRNAi Nanoplex Technology in Cancer



Traditional non-targeted therapeutics (e.g. chemotherapy) shifts the signal fitness landscape of cancer enabling generation of a new resistance strategy; in essence, acting as a selection factor allowing tumor cell rebound.

## Molecular Signal Strategy Mechanism

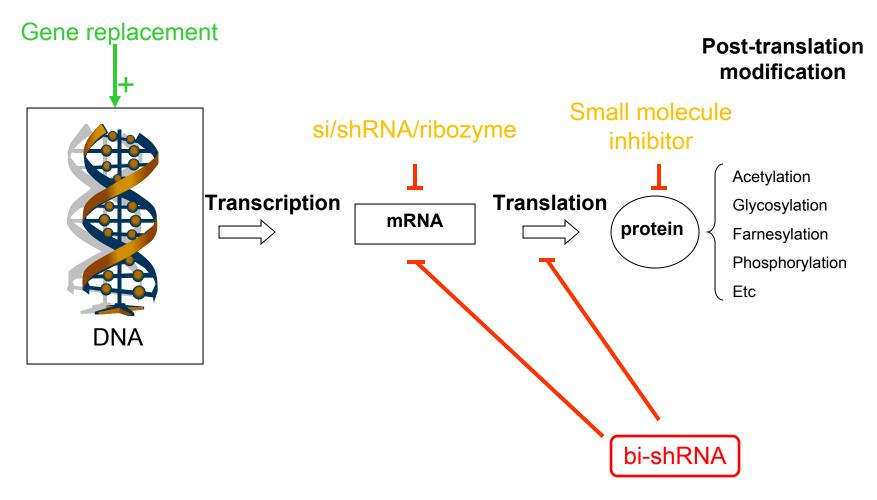


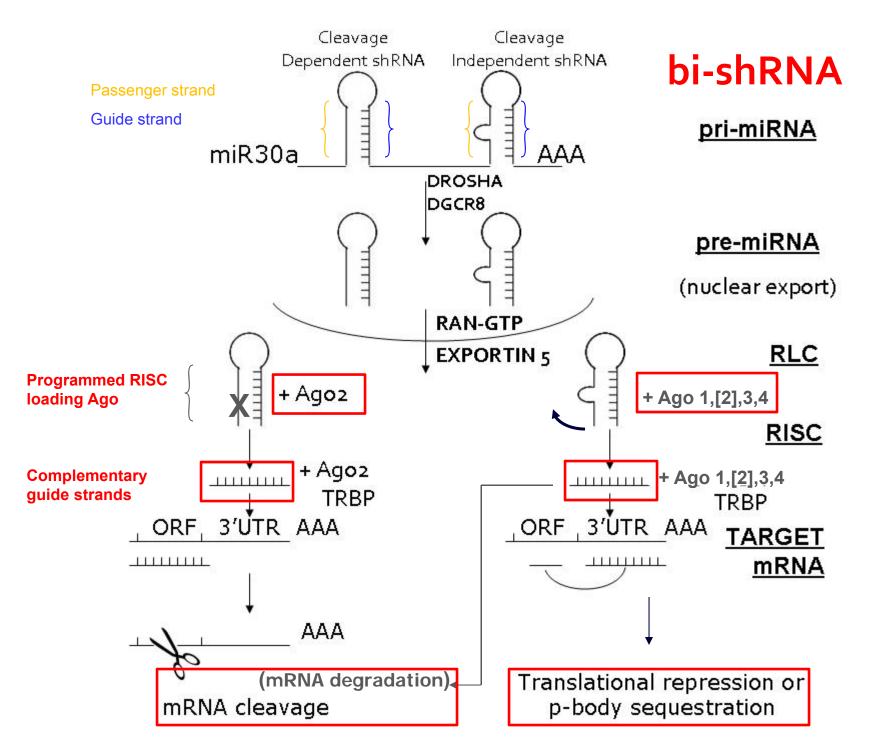
# However Targeted therapeutics could have similar limitations

- Wrong primary target
- Not all pertinent targets are addressed
- Insufficient target control
- Inadequate PK
  - Inadequate delivery to tumor
  - Limited intra-tumoral penetration
  - Limited homogenous distribution
  - Limited tumor cellular uptake

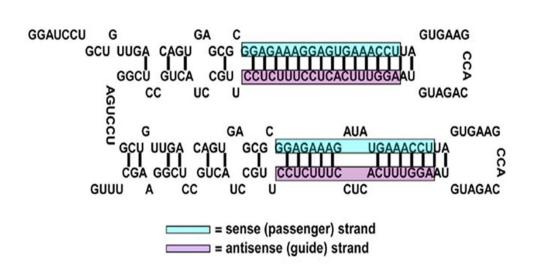
Clinical Trials of RNAi-Based Cancer Therapeutics							
Drug	CALAA-01	ALN-VSP02	TKM-080301	siRNA- tenacinC	Atu027	FANG <sup>™</sup> vaccine	bi-sh RNAi STMN1 Nanoplex
Phase	I	l	I	1	l	I, II	I
Cleavage Products	Yes	Yes VEGF No KSP	Yes	Unk	Unk	N/A	Yes
Delivery	cyclodextrin polymer	lipid nanoparticle	lipid nanoparticle	naked	lipoplex	ex-vivo by electroporatio n	Bilamellar invaginated vesicle
Route	IV	IV	IV	IT	IV	ID	IT
Target	RRM2	KSP/VEGF	polo-like kinase 1 (PLK1)	tenascin-C	protein kinase N3	furin	STMN1
RNAi	unmodified siRNA	chemically modified siRNA	chemically modified siRNA	160bp double- stranded RNA	chemically modified siRNA	bifunctional- short hairpin	bifunctional- short hairpin
Current Enrollment	(36)	(41)	(24)	(53)	(34)	(121)	(8)
References	Davis et al <i>Nat</i> 464: 1067-1070 (2010), a	Cervantes et al <i>J Clin</i> Oncol <b>29</b> : (2011), a	Ramanathan et al AACR 2013 Annual Meeting, a	Rolle et al Cancer Biol Ther <b>9</b> : 396- 406 (2010)	Santel et al <i>Clin Cancer</i> <i>Res</i> <b>16</b> : 5469- 80 (2010), a	Senzer NN, et al. <i>Mol Ther.</i> 2012:20(3):67 9-686.	N/A

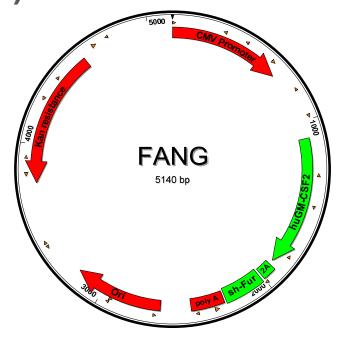
# bi-shRNAi Platform Targeting Attack Sites: 2-Front Attack





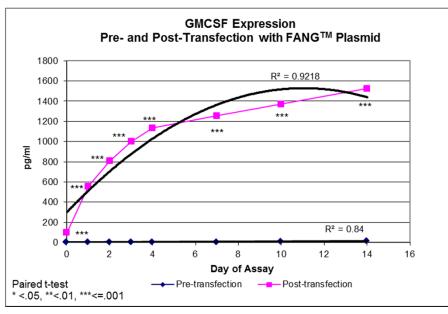
# First Clinical Experience with bi-shRNAi Platform FANG™ Phase I Trial Design (BB-IND-14205)

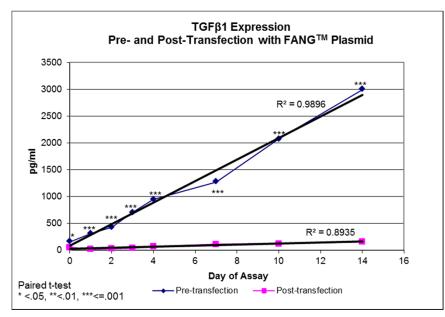


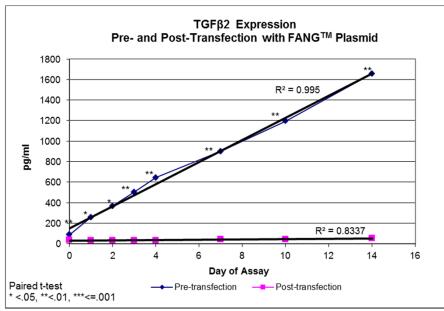


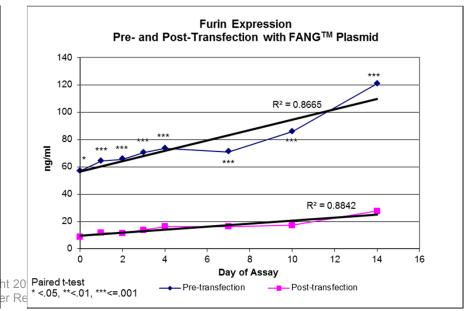
- 2 dose levels (1x10<sup>7</sup> / 2.5x10<sup>7</sup> cells/inj)
- Monthly ID injection (maximum of 12 months)
- Two groups of patients: other options prior to FANG™ vs. no options
   → FANG™
- ELISPOT for T-cell activation at baseline and follow up time points

### **Target Activity of FANG Vector**

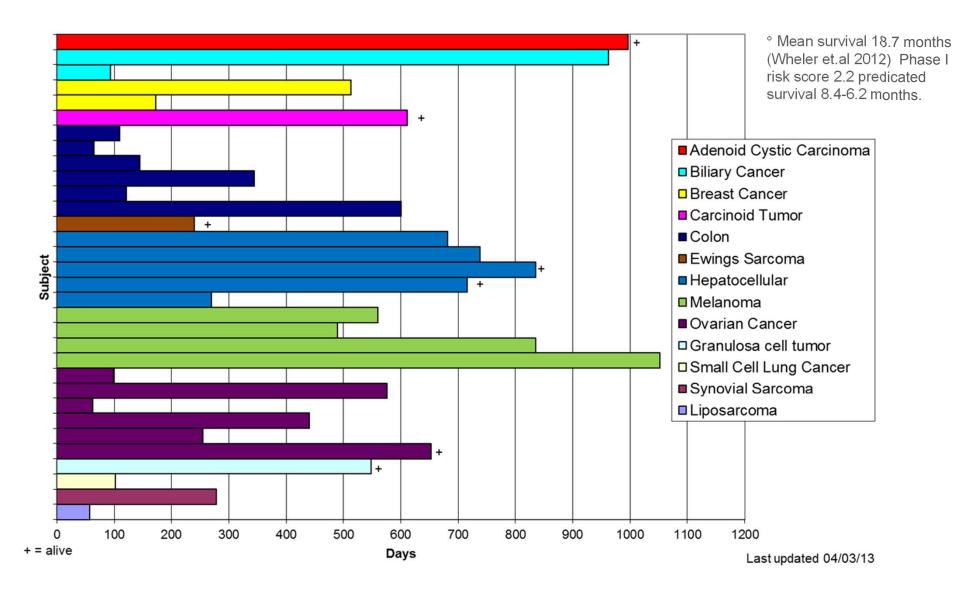




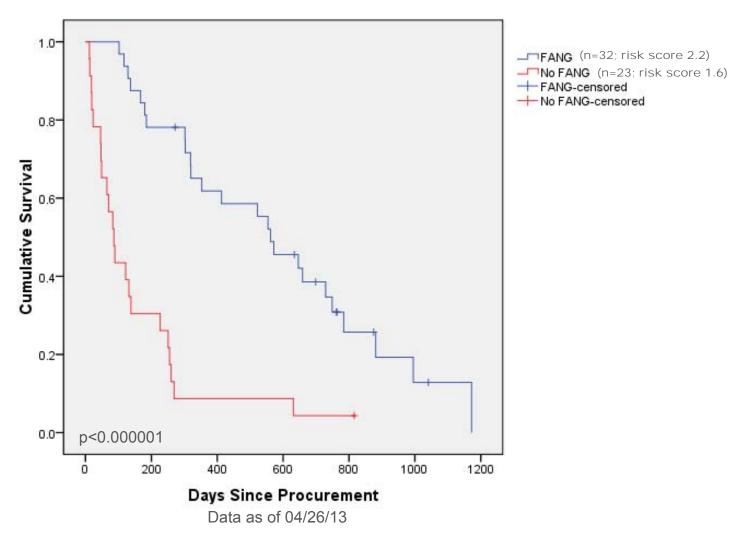




#### Survival of Treated Patients Since Treatment Start on FANG™ Phase I Protocol°

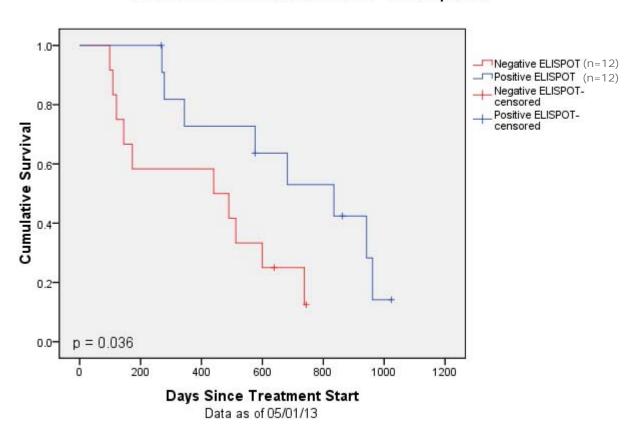


## Phase I FANG vs. No-FANG Survival

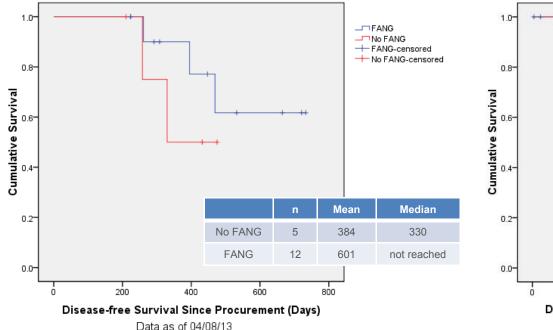


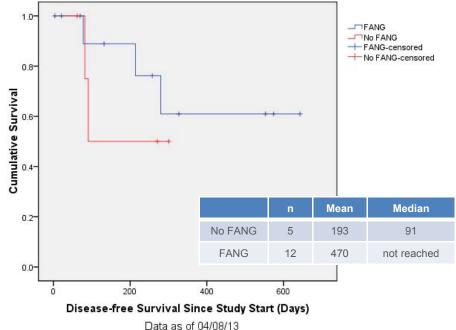
## Survival Relationship to Immune Response

#### Survival Based on Month 4 ELISPOT Response



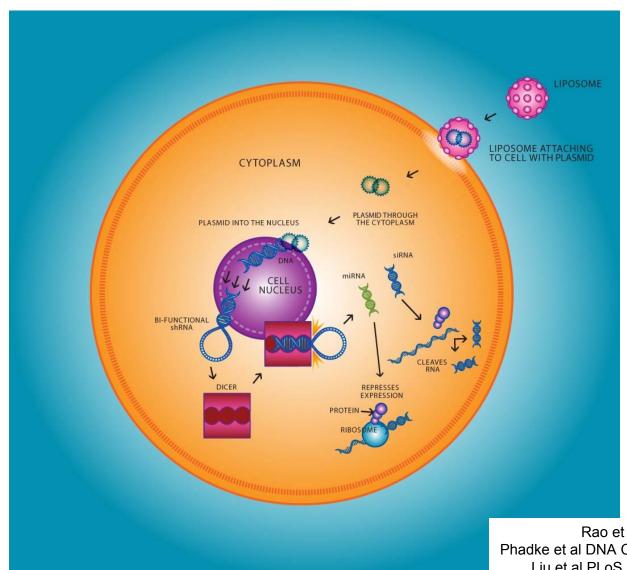
# Preliminary Disease-Free Survival Interval Demonstrated in Phase II Trial of III/IV Ovarian Cancer





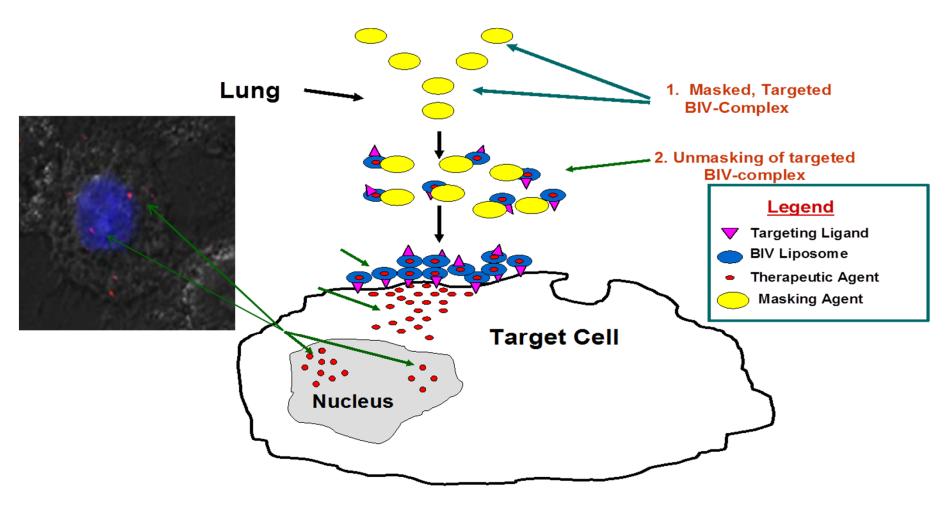
## DNA based "knockdown" attack





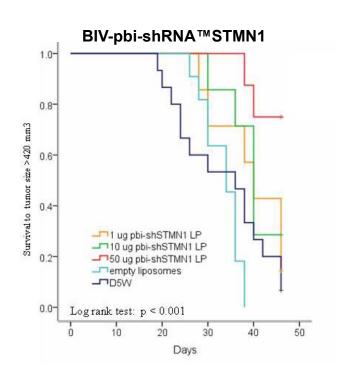
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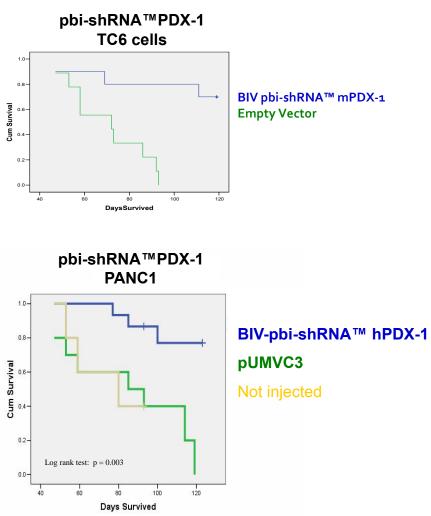
# Bilamellar Invaginated Vesicle (BIV) Liposome with Reversible Masking and Peptidomimetic Decoration



## pbi-shRNA™ in vivo studies

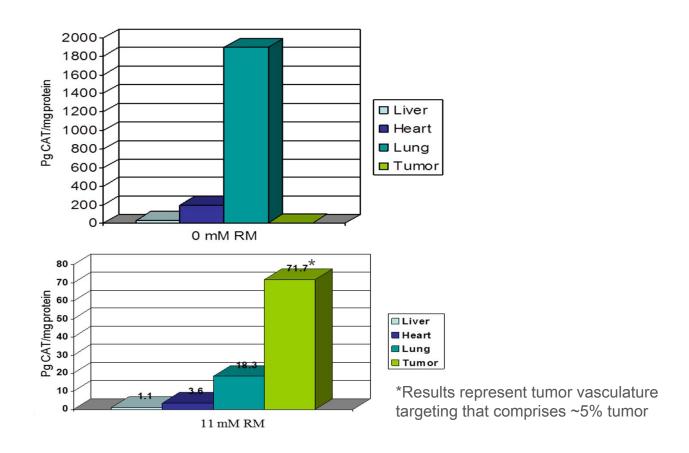
## with IV delivery of BIV pbi-shRNA™ to STMN1 and PDX-1 Kaplan-Meier Estimator for Time to Progression





Phadke et al., DNA & Cell Biol 2011 May 25 Liu et al., Cancer 117(4):723-3, 2011.

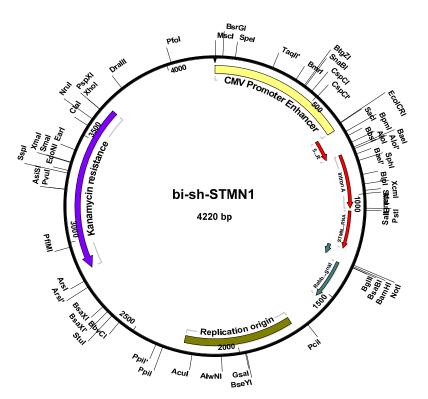
# Focused biodistribution and 200-fold increased targeted expression with in vivo targeting and reversible masking 14 h after IV injection

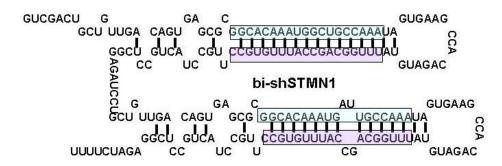


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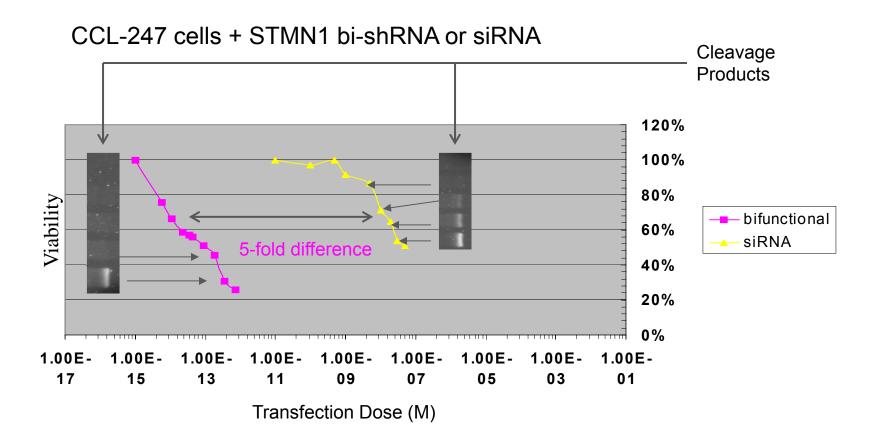
## **Pre-Clinical Development**

- Stathmin (STMN1) is a critical microtubule modulator highly expressed in a variety of human malignancies related to cancer survival
- Bioinfromatic analysis demonstrated STMN1 protein expansion as clinical target in melanoma (Nemunaitis et al 2007 Cancer Gene Therapy)





# Pre-Clinical Development bi-shRNA vs. siRNA to same sequence



## **GMP Manufacturing (Gradalis, Inc.)**

#### **Process for making stock BIV NPs**

Weigh DOTAP and Cholesterol

Dissolve in Chloroform

Rotory-evaporate to a thin film

Rehydrate lipid film in D5W

Sonicate and Extrude to create BIV NPs

QC and final fill

QA testing and release

#### Process for making stock plasmid DNA

Bacterial cell fermentation

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Alkaline lysis and filtration

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Anion exchange (AEX) chromatography

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Hydrophobic interaction (HIC) chromatography

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Tangential flow (TFF) filtration

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Sterile filtration and final fill

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QA testing and release





#### Process for making plasmid DNA + BIV NPs

Dilute stock BIV NPs in D5W

Dilute stock plasmid in D5W

Mix diluted plasmid into diluted BIV NPs

QC and final fill

QA testing and release

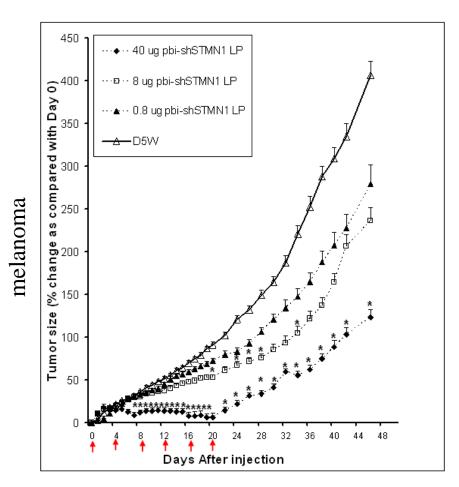


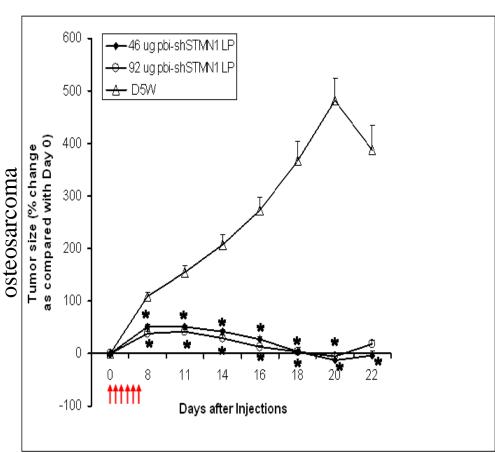
# GMP Manufacturing (Gradalis, Inc.) Plasmid DNA + BIV NPs Release Specifications and Characterization

Release Test	Test Method	Specification
OD400	Spectrophotometer	0.65-0.95
Particle size	ZetaSizer Nano	< 500nm
Zeta Potential	ZetaSizer Nano	> 40mV
Endotoxin	GLP Kinetic Chromogenic LAL	< 0.5 EU/ml
Sterility	21 CFR 610.12	No growth
Chloroform	Gas Chromatography	<75ppM
DNA Banding	Restriction Digest	Not I = 4220 bp Sal I = 4220 bp Not I + Sal I = 3968 & 252 bp
mRNA Expression	RT-qPCR	cT ≤ 26

### **Pre-Clinical Development**

## pbi-shRNA™ STMN1 + BIV NPs Reduces Primary Tumorgraft Growth



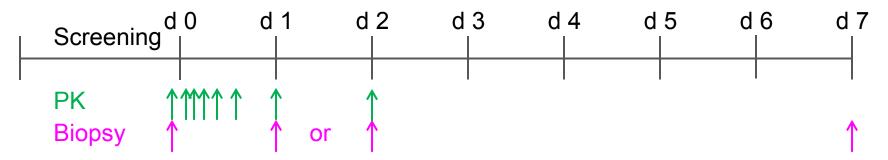


IT injections

(Phadke et al 2011 DNA and Cell Biology)

No limitations to toxicity, pharmacokinetics in mice and biorelevant rats

# pbi-shRNA STMN1 Phase I Clinical Trial (BB-IND- 14938) Study Design



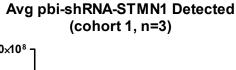
Cohort	Number of Patients	Dose (mg DNA / injection)	Dose (mg / kg / 70kg)
1	4	0.7	0.010
2	4	1.4	0.020
3	4	2.0	0.028
4	4	2.7	0.038
5	4	3.7	0.053

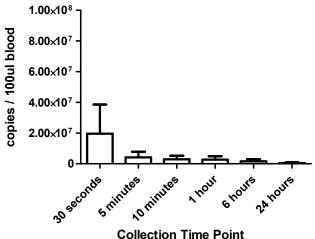
- Single IT injection, 4 patients / cohort
- Premeds Dexamethasone, Indocin, and Acetaminophen (BB-IND 10718, 12233, 13744)
- Whole blood PK at baseline; 30 sec; 5 & 10 min; 1, 6, 24, and 48 hr
- Tumor biopsy at baseline; 24 or 48 hr; day 7

# Gradalis STMN1 Phase I Clinical Trial Patient Characteristics

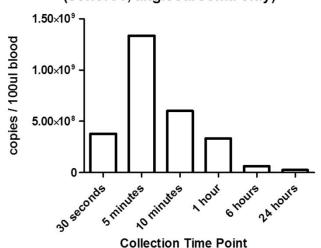
Cohort #	Patient #	Age / Sex	Cancer	Site	Dose (mg DNA)
1	1002	80 / F	Angiosarcoma	Arm	0.7
	1004	60 / F	Anal	Labia	0.7
	1005	70 / M	Colorectal	Chest	0.7
	1006	63 / F	Ovarian mets	Axillary Lymph Node	0.7
2	1007	59 / M	Melanoma	Right Axilla	1.4
	1008	49 / F	Breast	Chest	1.4
	1009	70 / M	Colorectal	Abdomen	1.4
	1010	50 / F	Breast	Chest	1.4

# **Gradalis STMN1 Phase I Clinical Trial Whole blood PK Sample Analysis - Results°**

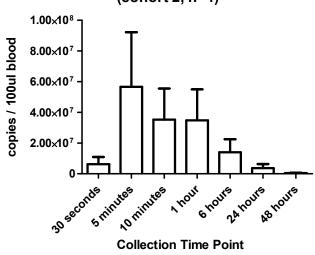




Avg pbi-shRNA-STMN1 Detected (cohort 1, angiosarcoma only)



### Avg pbi-shRNA-STMN1 Detected (cohort 2, n=4)



ASGCT 2013 Abstract #510

- No toxic efficient was observed in the 8 patients up to 30 days of observation
- ° Cleavage product demonstrated in cohorts 1 and 2 (7/7 patients, NGS) ----- ASGCT 2013 Abstract # 234

## Phase I bi-shRNAi STMN1 Nanoplex Results

- Suggest single dose safety
- Demonstrate circulating plasmid
- Demonstrate cleavage product
- Justify IV administration assessment (based on post IT injection achieved plasma concentrations)

# Preclinical assessment of the bi-shRNAi platform with several other targets

PDX-1

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UCLA

(ASGCT 2013 Abstract # 272, 659)

SRC-3

B. O' Malley

Baylor College

(ASGCT 2013 Abstract # 459)

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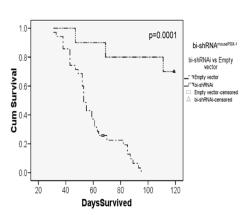
**KRAS Multiplex** 

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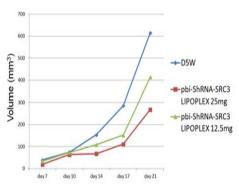
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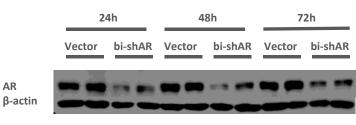
#### Beta TC-6 SCID survival in bishRNA PDX-1 BIV therapy



Bifunctional shRNA SRC3 BIV reduces tumor volume in MDA-MB-231 model



#### **RNA Expression Real Time RT-PCR**



### Triple Constructs Are Very Effective in Mutant Knockdown Without Affecting wt Expression (Restriction Enzyme Digest)

	PANC1	Empty vector	G12D	Triple DVR	Triple CDV	Triple DVR	Triple CDV	G12V
Mutant	80%	84%	82%	70%	63%	9%	12%	83%
wt	20%	16%	18%	30%	37%	91%	88%	17%

## Conclusion

- bi-shRNAi platform technology demonstrates clinically relevant target expression knockdown activity
- Further preclinical and clinical testing is underway