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## The combination of CD16A/EGFR bispecific innate cell engager AFM24 with SNK01 NK cells promotes efficacious targeting and killing of EGFR+ tumor cells

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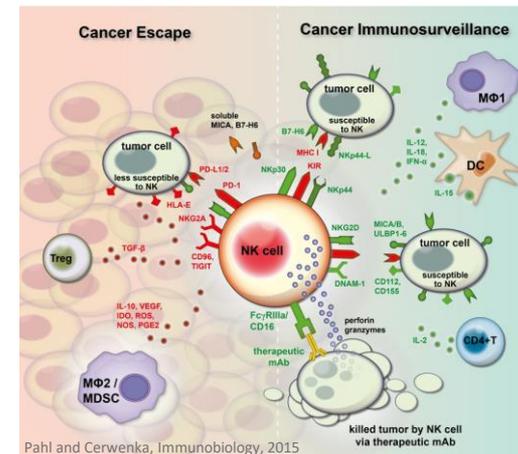
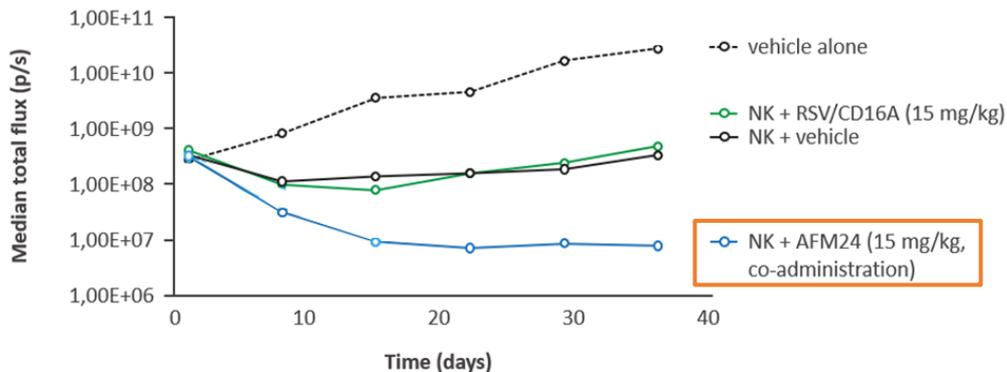
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# Background: Importance of Innate Immunity in Solid Cancers

- In solid cancers, there are lower number of NK cells and dysfunctional state compared to normal population<sup>1</sup>
- Patients' number of peripheral NK cells pre- and post-dose of ICE<sup>®</sup> (Innate Cell Engager) positively correlated with response to treatment.<sup>2</sup>
- Harnessing the power of the innate immune system to achieve an improved immune response reflects a promising approach to treat cancer patients

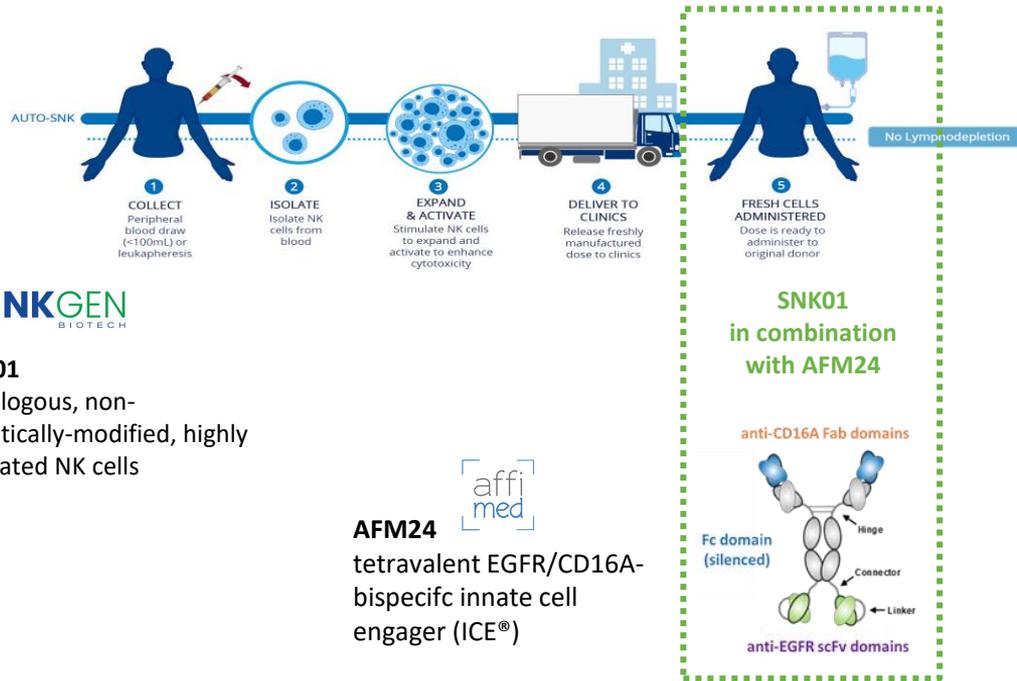
The combination of AFM24 with cytokine-stimulated and expanded NK cells (not SNK01) mediates tumor control in a mouse xenograft model with MDA-MB231 breast cancer cells<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Pahl and Cerwenka, Immunobiology, 2015; Shin *et al.* Immune Netw., 2020; <sup>2</sup>Sawas *et al.*; 15-ICML, 2020 -AFM13; <sup>3</sup>Pahl *et al.* AACR2021

# Rationale for AFM24 with Adoptive SNK01 NK Cells to Treat EGFR+ Solid Cancers

Abstract scope → Investigate benefit of SNK01 in combination with AFM24 towards EGFR<sup>+</sup> A-431 cells *in vitro*



## SNK01

Autologous, non-genetically-modified, highly activated NK cells



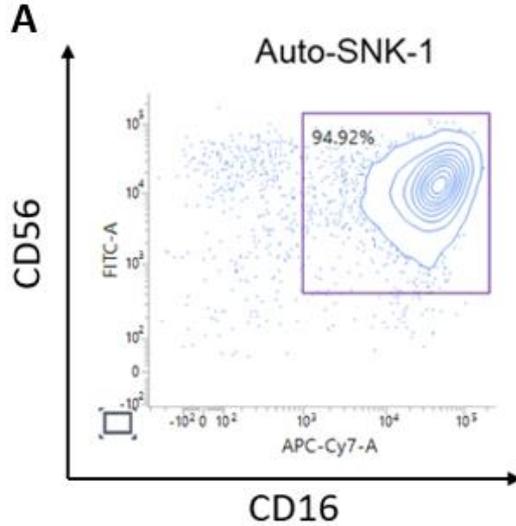
## AFM24

tetravalent EGFR/CD16A-bispecific innate cell engager (ICE®)

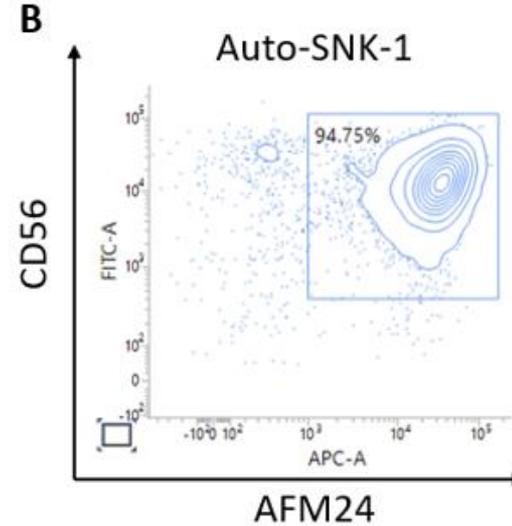
## Summary of AFM24 + SNK01 Combination

- ✓ **SNK01:** Ex-vivo activated & expanded NK Cells Potent & Cytotoxic anti-tumor activity in multiple solid tumor settings in clinical trials, regardless of patient's innate NK cell condition
- ✓ **AFM24:** Specific tumor targeting of NK cell cytotoxicity (ADCC) to EGFR<sup>+</sup> tumor cells
  - ✓ MoA (ADCC) independent of EGFR signaling cascade and its mutational status
  - ✓ MoA (ADCC) independent of CD16A allotypes, in the presence of serum IgG and at low target antigen density
- ✓ **AFM24** showed activity against numerous solid tumors and safety in preclinical studies
- ✓ **AFM24** is currently being investigated in a Phase 1/2a monotherapy study in patients with EGFR<sup>+</sup> tumors

# Binding of AFM24 to SNK01 Up To Saturation Level

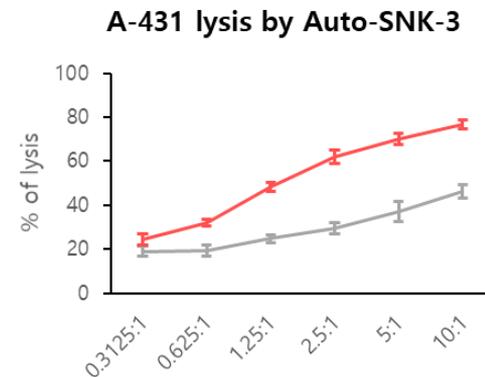
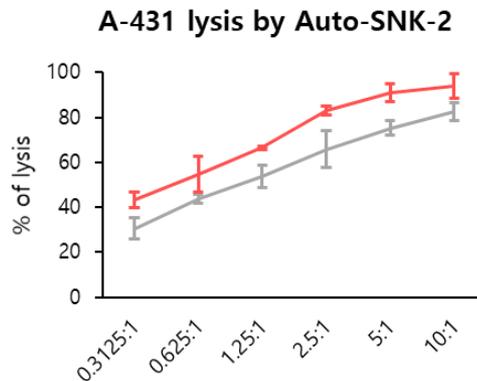
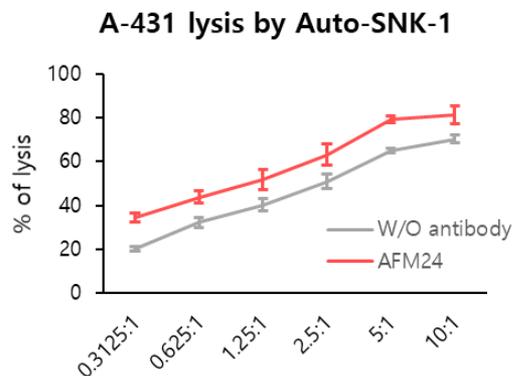


>80% SNK01 cells homogenously express high levels of CD16A as detected by flow cytometry



AFM24 binding levels match CD16A expression levels, indicating saturation of CD16 on SNK01 by AFM24

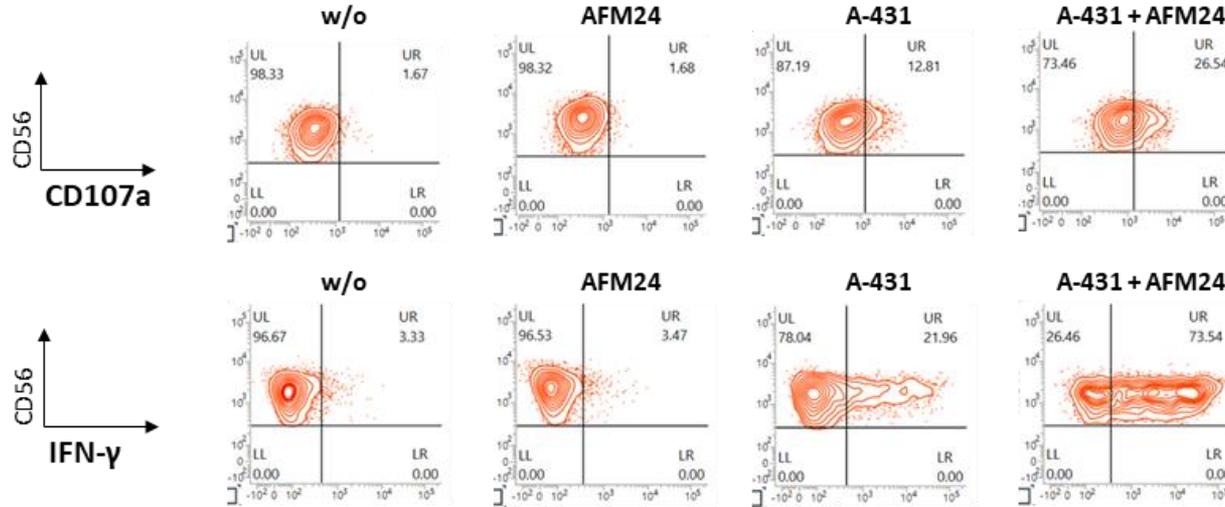
# AFM24 Enhances the Killing of EGFR+ Tumor Cells by SNK01 NK Cells



Auto-SNK-1, Auto-SNK-2, Auto-SNK-3 representing NK cell products prepared from 3 different donors

**AFM24 + SNK01 show favorable cytotoxic activity**

# AFM24 + SNK01 Enhanced Degranulation & IFN- $\gamma$ towards EGFR+ Tumor Cells



AFM24 + SNK01 substantially increases degranulation (CD107a up-regulation) and intracellular IFN- $\gamma$  in response to A-431 target cells

Note that in the absence of target cells, AFM24 + SNK01 does not show enhanced degranulation or IFN- $\gamma$

## The combination of AFM24 with SNK01 NK cells is intended to:

- Introduce highly cytotoxic CD16+ SNK01 in EGFR+ tumor with an autologous platform
- Enhance the targeting ability of SNK01 + AFM24 in EGFR+ tumors
- Stimulate SNK01 cell cytotoxicity (ADCC) towards EGFR+ cell lines regardless of the mutational status of the EGFR signalling pathway and CD16A allotypes

## Clinical development path of combining AFM24 + SNK01:

- Phase 1/2a Study: Collaboration between NKGen Biotech & Affimed
- Open-label, non-randomized, multi-center, US only, dose escalation and expansion trial in adult patients with EGFR+ tumors
- Phase 1: Establish safety and maximum tolerated dose or recommended phase 2 dose of AFM24+SNK01, PK, PD
- Potential Phase 2a: Evaluate the preliminary efficacy of AFM24 in combination with SNK01
- First-patient-in anticipated in H2/2021

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