## **PRECISION BIOLOGICS** Novel Targets Of Neoantigens In Monoclonal Antibodies

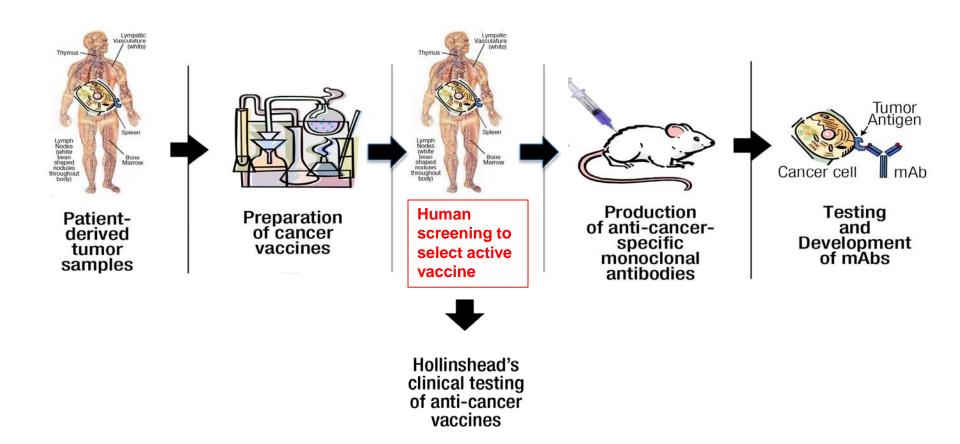
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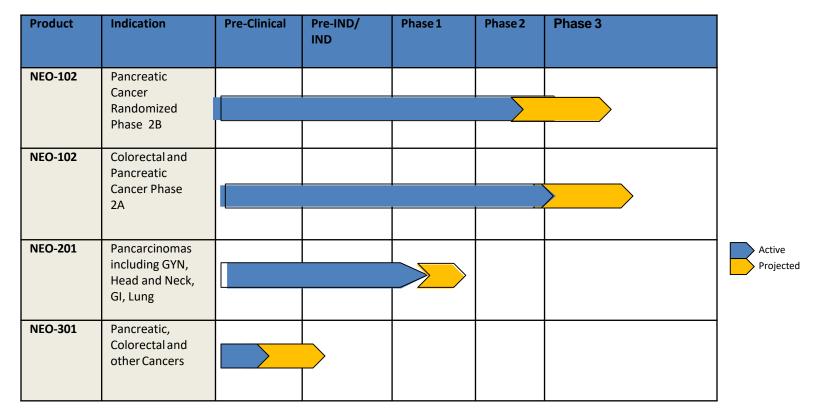
## Only Human Derived & Human Tested Neo-antigen Platform to Create Novel Therapeutics





#### Pipeline

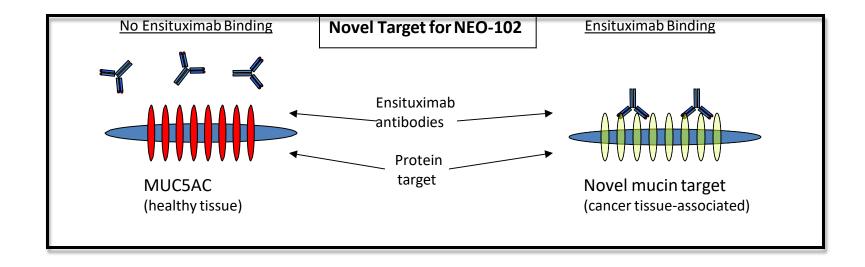
- > NEO-102: Phase 2a colorectal and pancreatic (NEO-102 monotherapy)- COMPLETE
- NEO-102: Phase 2b: pancreatic (randomized Gemzar/Abraxane ± NEO-102) CLOSED TO ACCRUAL
- NEO-201: IND-enabling studies, manufacturing completed and Phase 1 commenced in Q1 2019





#### Ensituximab (NEO-102) Binds to Novel Cancer Target

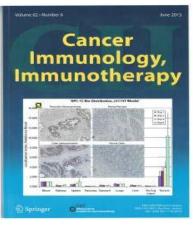
- Novel monoclonal antibody that specifically recognizes colorectal and pancreatic cancer.
- Recognizes a novel target which is a member of the mucin family of proteins, similar to BUT distinct from MUC5ac.
- Our novel target is not present in healthy tissues.



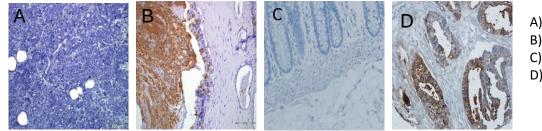


#### Ensituximab Highlighted on Cover of Cancer Immunology, Immunotherapy

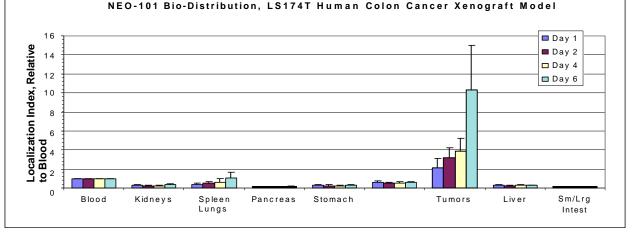
#### June 2013



Cancer Immunol Immunother (2013) 62:1011–1019 DOI 10.1007/s00262-013-1420-z Anti-tumor activity of a novel monoclonal antibody, NEO-102, optimized for recognition of tumor antigen in preclinical models



A) Normal pancreasB) Pancreas adenocarcinomaC) Normal ColonD) Colon Cancer



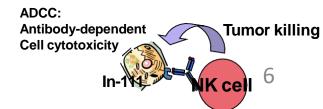
Mice with pre-established human colorectal tumors (LS174T) were injected iv with I-125 labeled NEO-101; mice were sacrificed on the indicated days and radioactivity was measured in selected tissues



#### Tumor Cell Killing Activity- Antibody Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity (ADCC) of (NEO-102)

	% Specific Killing (± SEM)			
Tumor Cell Line	Eff/Tar get	Cont rol	NEO-101	
	Ratio	mA b		
Colo-205 (Colorectal)	50:1	9.8 ± 1.9	66.7 ± 0.6	
	25:1	0.8 ± 1.2	$46.4 \pm 1.6$	
	12.5:1	-0.5 ± 0.1	32.8 ± 2.0	
SW620 (Colorectal)	50:1	1.6 ± 0.2	63.7 ± 2.9	
	25:1	$3.5 \pm 1.8$	61.0 ± 1.8	
	12.5:1	$0.0 \pm 0.3$	51.5 ± 0.9	
SW1463 (Colorectal)	50:1	0.1 ± 1.1	33.8 ± 1.0	
	25:1	$-1.3 \pm 0.2$	$25.5 \pm 0.6$	
	12.5:1	$-1.2 \pm 0.1$	17.9 ± 1.7	
LS174T (Colorectal)	50:1	-1.2 ± 0.1	26.8 ± 2.9	
	25:1	-0.8 ± 0.1	18.5 ± 4.1	
	12.5:1	$-1.1 \pm 0.0$	$9.5 \pm 0.5$	
AsPC-1 (Pancreatic)	50:1	-0.8 ± 2.9	44.5 ± 6.8	
	25:1	-7.0 ± 2.2	$36.2 \pm 2.6$	
	12.5:1	$-1.2 \pm 0.9$	$26.5 \pm 6.7$	

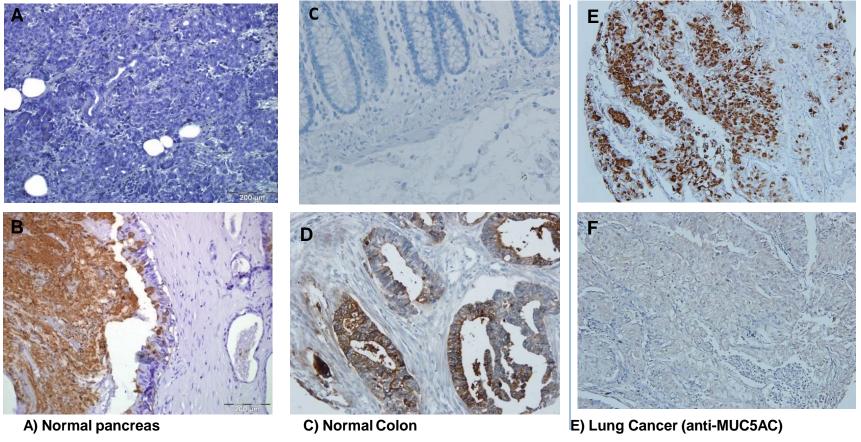
	% Specific Killing (± SEM)				
Tumor Cell Line	Eff/Tar get Ratio	Contr ol mAb	NEO-101		
CFPAC-1 (Pancreatic)	50:1	-1.2 ± 2.3	26.9 ± 1.6		
	25:1	-2.4 ± 0.1	23.2 ± 2.2		
	12.5:1	-2.0 ± 0.4	11.1 ± 1.6		
PANC-1 (Pancreatic)	50:1	$-2.2 \pm 0.4$	46.8 ± 2.1		
	25:1	-2.5 ± 0.4	33.2 ± 3.3		
	12.5:1	-3.9 ± 0.3	21.2 ± 0.6		
SK-MEL (Melanoma)	50:1	2.7 ±0.7	4.6 ± 1.1		
	25:1	1.5 ± 0.3	3.3 ± 1.1		
	12.5:1	1.6 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.6		
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DU145 (Prostate)	50:1	-0.3 ± 0.2	-0.5 ± 0.3		
	25:1	-0.7 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.8		
	12.5:1	-0.2 ± 0.2	-0.3 ± 0.1		





### 1. NPC-1 Antigen and Epitope

#### **Tissue-Specific Staining with Ensituximab (NEO-102)**



B) Pancreas adenocarcinoma

D) Colon Cancer

E) Lung Cancer (anti-MUC5AC
F) Lung Cancer (NEO-102)



## NEO-102 Monotherapy - Highlights of Clinical Data for Phase 1/2 Study in Colorectal and Pancreatic Cancer

- During the Phase 1 portion of this study: NEO-102 was administered IV every two weeks X 4 doses (D1, D15, D29, D43) and evaluated D57 (1 course)
  - 3 patients with mCRC (metastatic colorectal ca) at **1.5** mg/kg
  - 1 patient with mCRC and 2 patients with pancreatic cancer at 2 mg/kg
  - 3 patients with mCRC at **3** mg/kg
  - 6 patients with mCRC and 1 patient with pancreatic cancer at 4 mg/kg
    - 2 dose limiting toxicities (DLTs) occurred, grade 3 anemia and grade 3 hyperbilirubinemia
  - Dose de-escalated and 3 additional patients treated at 3 mg/kg with one DLT (grade 3 hypoxia)
- Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) established at 3 mg/kg

### NEO-102 Phase 1/2 Monotherapy in Treatment Refractory Colorectal Cancer Patients- Patient Summary

#### Phase 1 and 2:

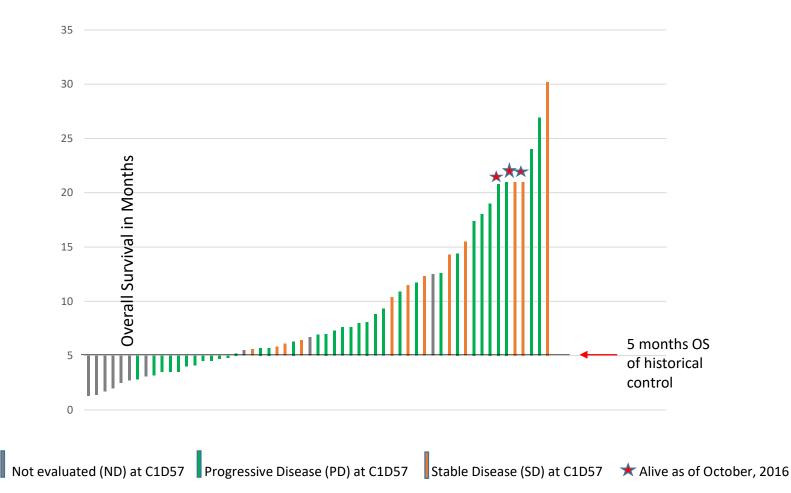
- 63 patients with recurrent or metastatic recurrent colorectal cancer received at least 1 dose of NEO-102
- Gender: 35 male (56%), 28 female (44%)
- Age: range 32-83, median 60 years
- > Number of Prior Therapies: range 1-9, average 3.7, median 4.0
- ➢ Number of doses of NEO-102: range 1 − 16, average 4
- ➢ Overall survival (OS) of patients with colorectal cancer enrolled in Phase 1/2 who were evaluable for response (57 patients received ≥ 2 doses of NEO-102):
  - ✓ 6.77 months (range 1-30 months after start of therapy)
  - ✓ 15 patients lived greater than 1 year from start of therapy
  - ✓ 3 patients remain alive (20-21 months after start of therapy)

#### NEO-102 Phase 2 Monotherapy in Treatment Refractory Colorectal Cancer Patients- Patient Summary

- ➢ 48 evaluable patients; Gender: 26 male (54%), 22 female (46%)
- Age: range 33-79, median 59 years
- Ethnicity: 32 (67%) Caucasian; 3 (6%) Hispanic; 11 (23%) Black/African Am; 2 (4%) Asian
- Number of Prior Therapies: range 2-9, average 3.7, median 4
- 12 of 48 (25%) patients in this trial had received prior therapy with Stivarga (regorafenib)
- ➢ Number of doses of NEO-102: range 2 − 16, average 3
- Number of subjects removed from therapy for treatment related toxicity: 1 (recovery from anemia delayed >14 days)
- Number of grade 3 / 4 toxicities were limited: anemia (1.3%), hyperbilirubinemia (0.9%), fatigue (0.9%), hemolysis, and nausea, vomiting, headache and hypoxia (0.4 %), respectively.

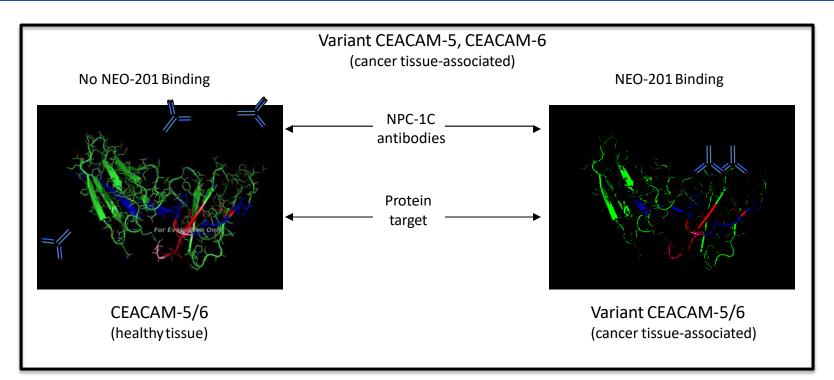


# Overall Survival of Evaluable Colorectal Cancer Patients (≥ 2 doses of NEO-102) in NEO-0901 Compared with 5 months OS in the CORRECT Study (Grothey, et al. 2013)





### NEO-201 Target

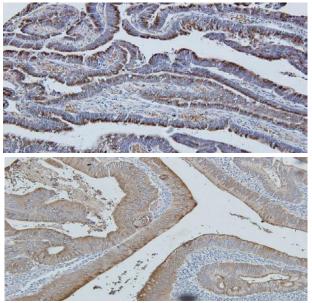


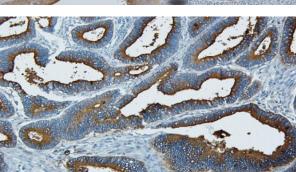
- NEO-201 recognizes tumor-specific variants of CEACAM-5 and CEACAM-6, members of the carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA) family of proteins. These proteins are expressed in normal epithelial tissues, and over-expressed in many solid tumor types (colon, pancreatic, breast, lung, ovarian)
- NEO-201 does not cross-react significantly with healthy tissues that express normal CEACAM-5 or CEACAM-6



### **Comparison Binding Specificity of NEO-201 with** Commercial CEACAM-5/6 Antibodies by IHC

#### Colon cancer



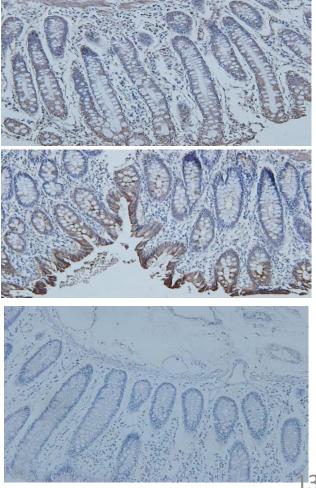


Anti-CEACAM-6 (9A6 from Cell Signal)

Anti-CEACAM-5 (CB30 from Abcam)



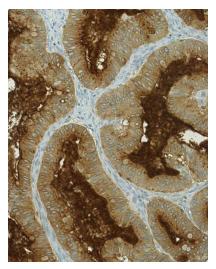
#### **Normal Colon**



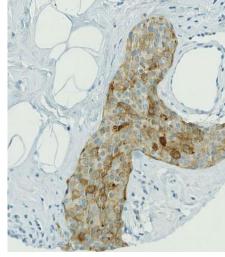


## Collaborative Research Project – Precision Biologics and Christina Annunziata, MD, NCI

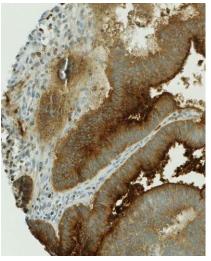
- Binds to tumor-associated antigen
- Minimal binding to healthy tissue



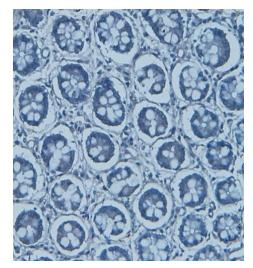
**Ovarian Cancer** 



**Breast Cancer** 



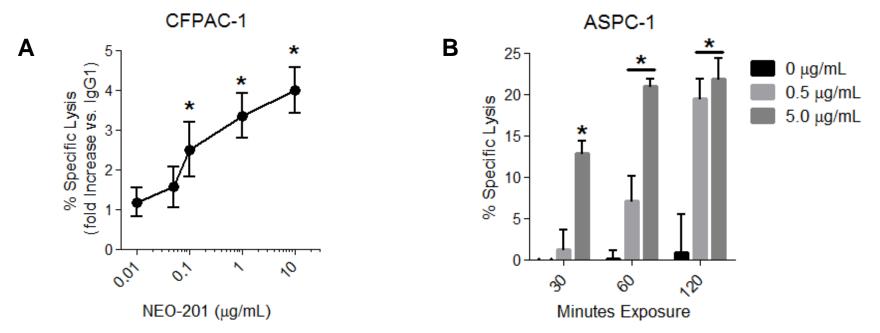
**Colon Cancer** 



Normal colon



## NEO-201 mediates ADCC and CDC against human tumor cells

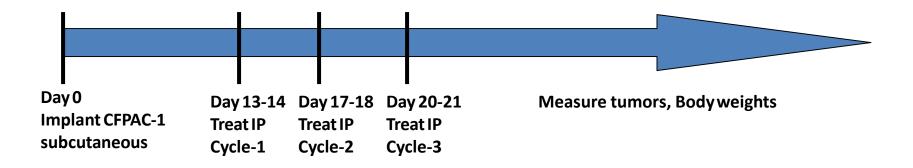


(A) ADCC assay using CFPAC-1 cells treated with increasing doses of NEO-201. NK cells isolated from a healthy donor were used as effector cells at an E:T ratio of 12.5:1. The graph depicts the fold increase in % specific lysis of NEO-201treated tumor cells versus that of control cells treated with 10µg/mL human IgG1. (\*, statistically significant (*p* < 0.05) by T-test.)</p>

(B) CDC assay using ASPC-1 cells treated with rabbit complement (1:8 dilution) and the indicated doses of NEO-201 for the indicated durations. (\*, statistically significant (*p* < 0.05) by T-test.)



#### NEO-201(h16C3) Anti-tumor Efficacy in CFPAC-1 Tumor Xenograft Mouse Model

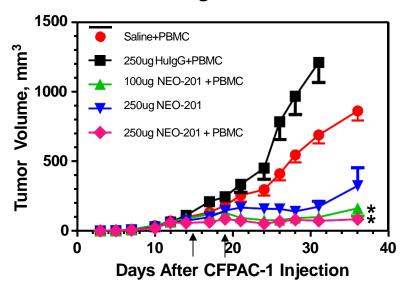


Group (n=10)	Antibody, dose	IL-2 Activated PBMC (NK cells)
1	Saline	~1x10 <sup>7</sup>
2	Human IgG, 250ug	~1x10 <sup>7</sup>
3	h16C3, 100ug	~1x10 <sup>7</sup>
4	h16C3, 250ug	No PBMC
5	h16C3, 250ug	~1x10 <sup>7</sup>



#### NEO-201 Anti-tumor Efficacy Results

#### NEO-201 Treatment of CFPAC-1 Tumor-Bearing Mice



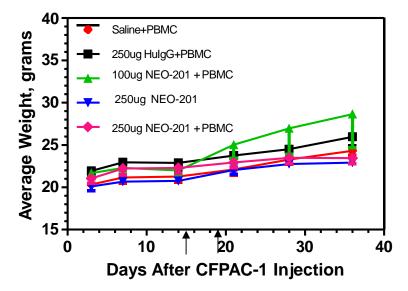
\*, indicates p<0.05 vs. saline group

NEO-201 injected intraperitoneally on Days 13, 17, 20 PBMC injected intraperitoneally on Days 14, 18, 21

#### On Day 36:

100ug NEO-201+PBMC, 1/10 mice tumor-free 250ug NEO-201 +PBMC, 4/10 mice tumor-free

#### Body Weights, CFPAC-1 Tumor-Bearing Mice



NEO-201 injected intraperitoneally on Days 13, 17, 20 PBMC injected intraperitoneally on Days 14, 18, 21

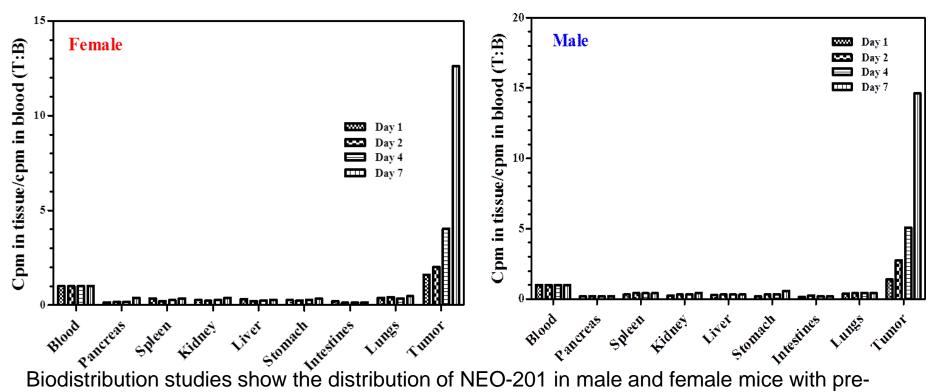


#### NEO-201 Anti-tumor Efficacy Results





#### **NEO-201 Biodistribution Studies**



Biodistribution studies show the distribution of NEO-201 in male and female mice with preestablished CFPAC-1 tumors. The mice were injected via tail vein with 20uCi of [<sup>125</sup>I] labeled NEO-201 monoclonal antibody and necropsied after 1, 2, 4 and 7 days. Blood and tumors were collected. The following organs were removed: lungs, kidneys, liver, spleen, pancreas, intestines, and stomach. All tissues were weighed. Radioactivity in tissues was measured in a gamma counter, and data were calculated as cpm/mg tissue. The data shown above represent the normalization of tissue cpm relative to blood cpm.



#### NEO-201: FDA interactions and Drug Manufacturing

- 1. Pre-IND meeting held with FDA in 2017
  - a. discussed relevant animal models
  - b. pre-clinical studies required prior to IND filing
  - c. GMP manufacturing of drug
  - d. First in Human Clinical trial
- 2. GMP- manufacturing completed by Catalent Pharma Solutions
- 3. Drug Stability Completed and Drug Released for Clinical use
- 4. IND filed in Q3 2018—FDA proceed letter initiated
- 5. NCI IRB approved study Q4 2018

6. Clinical Trial – 1<sup>st</sup> in Human initiated Q1 2019—colon ca, pancreatic ca, breast ca, NSCLC, and mucinous ovarian ca



### Nonclinical Testing of NEO-201: Selection of a Relevant Animal Species

- 1. As shown in the TCR studies, NEO-201 has cross reactivity with human granulocyte populations. Therefore, two studies were used to determine the most relevant animal population.
  - a) IHC study using GI tissue from normal mice (both C57BL/6 and BALB/c), cynomolgus monkey, mini pig, cow and rat demonstrated staining of esophagus and colon of cynomolgus monkey and mice, but not the cow, rat or mini pig GI tissues.
  - b) Flow cytometry of PBMCs from human, monkey and mouse was conducted to stain granulocytes with NEO-201. Only granulocytes from both monkey and human PBMCs stained similarly positive with NEO-201.
- 2. Hence the cynomolgus monkey was chosen as the relevant animal for nonclinical testing.



#### Nonclinical Testing of NEO-201: Single Dose Study

Study #1: Cynomolgus monkeys (8 male and 8 females)

- NEO-201 administered as one (1) intravenous dose
  - ✓ Group 1: 0 mg/kg NEO-201 IV (control group)
  - ✓ Group 2: 5 mg/kg NEO-201 IV (low dose)
  - ✓ Group 3: 20 mg/kg NEO-201 IV (moderate dose)
  - ✓ Group 4: 49 mg/kg NEO-201 IV (high dose)
- Pharmacokinetics (PK) samples were drawn pre-dose, 10 minutes, 1, 2, 4, 6, 24, 48, 72, 96, 168 and 336 hours



#### Nonclinical Testing of NEO-201: Single Dose Study

- Post NEO-201 infusion observations
  - No significant changes were observed in body weight, food consumption, urine, or laboratory testing.
  - Neutrophil count decreases were initially detected on Day 2 in Groups 2, 3, and 4, ranging from mild to moderate; all were transient with improvements by Day 8 and resolution by Day 15, although 2 males in Group 3 and one male and one female in Group 4 had persistently low neutrophil counts through Day 15.

CEACAM-6 is expressed on granulocytes, macrophages and monocytes, and hence this finding appears to reflect an on-target side-effect of NEO-201.



### Nonclinical Testing of NEO-201: Single Dose Study

#### NEO-201 PK Results

✓ Mean TK results

Group	HL (hr)	Tmax (hr)		Cmax/D (µg/mL/mg)	AUCinf (hr*µg/mL)	AUCinf/D (hr*µg/mL/mg)	CL (mL/hr)	Vz (mL)
2 (5 mg/kg)	46.2	0.584	138	11.4	8,220	680	1.54	103
3 (20 mg/kg)	167	0.167	579	11.2	70,100	1,360	0.746	179
4 (49 mg/kg)	170	0.167	1,470	11.8	157,000	1,260	0.830	191

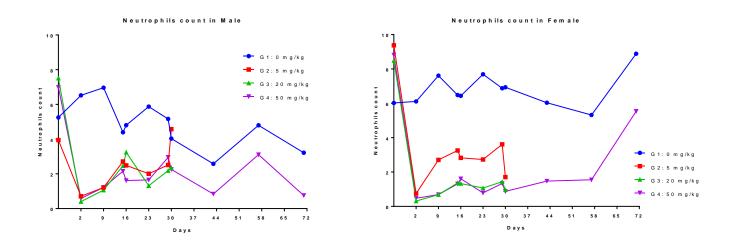
- $\checkmark$  No difference between dose groups in Tmax (0.167 or 0.584 hour)
- Peak (Cmax) exposure was dose proportional  $\checkmark$
- $\checkmark$  Total (AUC) exposure was greater than dose proportional at the lowest doses and approximately proportional from 20 mg/kg to 49 mg/kg



#### Nonclinical Testing of NEO-201: Multi Dose Study

Study #2: 5-week GLP study with 6-week recovery in cynomolgus monkeys.

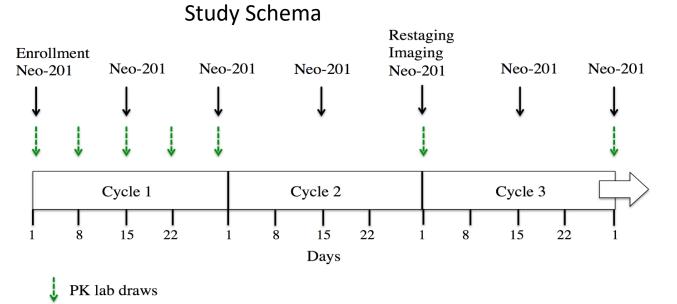
- Preliminary report showed similar findings to the observations made during the single dose study, i.e. no changes clinically, no significant changes in body weight, ECG, ophthalmology or urinalysis.
- Hematology laboratory changes were observed as depicted below:





### NEO-201 Ongoing Study

- NEO-201- 1<sup>st</sup> in human studies will treat patients with colon ca, pancreatic ca, breast ca, NSCLC, and mucinous ovarian ca, who are no longer eligible for standard therapy.
- Phase I first in human study at NCI, open label, dose escalation study to determine safety and recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D) in patients with refractory cancers expressing NEO-201 antigen. RP2D will be explored in expansion cohorts in several targeted disease states at multiple centers.





## NEO-201 Ongoing Study

- Phase I first in human study at NCI:
  - Planned doses:  $\bigcirc$

Dose Escalation Schedule				
Dose Cohorts	Dose of IND Agent (mg/kg)	Number of Patients planned for enrollment		
Level 1	1	3 - 6		
Level 2	2	3 - 6		
Level 2.5**	3	3-6		
Level 3	4	3 - 6		
Level 3.5**	5	3-6		
Level 4*	6	3 - 6		
*additional doses may be investigated if no DLTs or clinical activity is observed.				

\*\* dose de-escalation cohorts

- Correlative studies to include:  $\bigcirc$ 
  - Cellular immune monitoring assays (phenotype and functional [killing and Ο suppression] assays with NK, Treg and MDSC; CD16 phenotype of NK/haNK cells);
  - Humoral immune monitoring assays (multi-plex cytokine and chemokine Ο analysis; soluble factors such as MICA, arginase, soluble PD-1 and soluble PD-L1 and IDO, in vivo assay- HAHA analysis)



### NEO-201 Ongoing Study

- First in human study- Once the Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D) is determined, the study will be expanded to include 4-5 cohorts of up to 35 subjects of different tumor types to gain further information on toxicity, PK, and preliminary clinical response data.
- Future Studies
  - Combinatorial approaches with NEO-201 to be determined based on analysis of the Phase 1 study and *in vitro* laboratory tests.



#### NEO-201 Summary

- Target is broadly expressed in multiple solid tumors.
- Exhibits both ADCC and CDC killing.
- Promising pre-clinical results with complete regression of tumor in animal models.
- GMP manufacturing completed.
- Pre-clinical testing showed that NEO-201 was well tolerated in cynomolgus monkeys even at high doses.
- Preclinical changes in hematologic laboratory values represents an on-target side effect that appears to be reversible, and supports infusion schedule of every two weeks.
- FDA approved IND July 2018
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Human Study initiated at NCI Q1 2019