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VX15 (pepinemab) Antibody Treatment for Cancer and Huntington's Disease

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# Pepinemab rapidly promotes T cell infiltration into tumor bed

MSS Colorectal cancer metastasis to liver – neoadjuvant/“window of opportunity” study

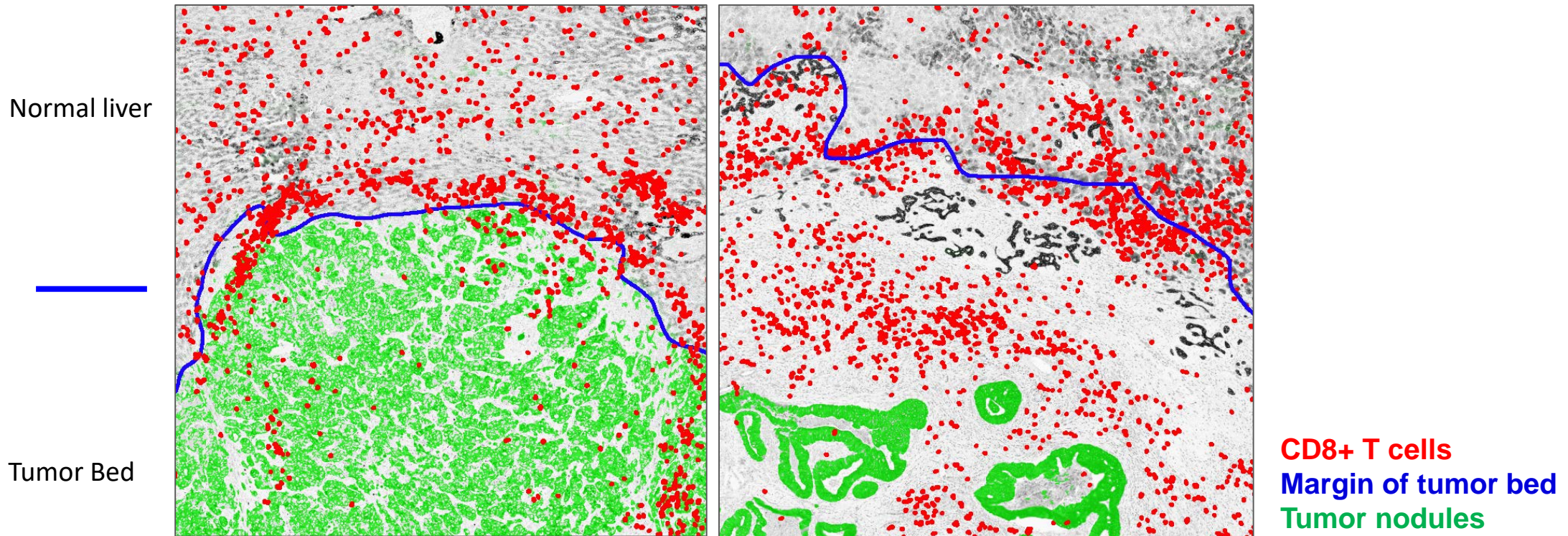
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## No treatment

T cells are trapped at margin and are largely excluded from tumor bed

## Pepinemab

T cells penetrate into the tumor bed.  
Tumor content is reduced and appears to be replaced by stroma.



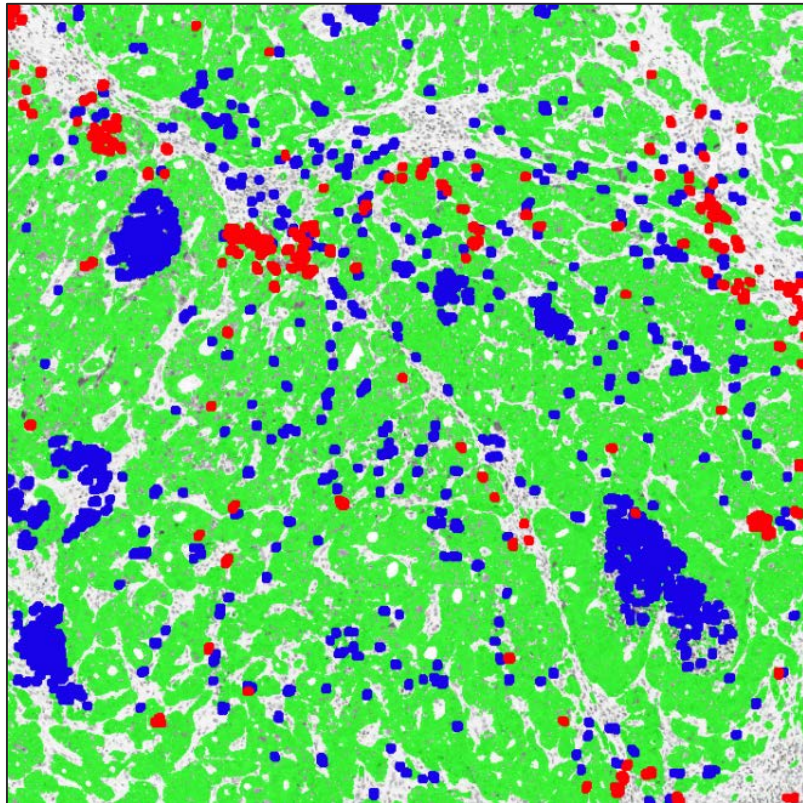


# Reduced MDSC and high CD8+ T cells following treatment with pepinemab

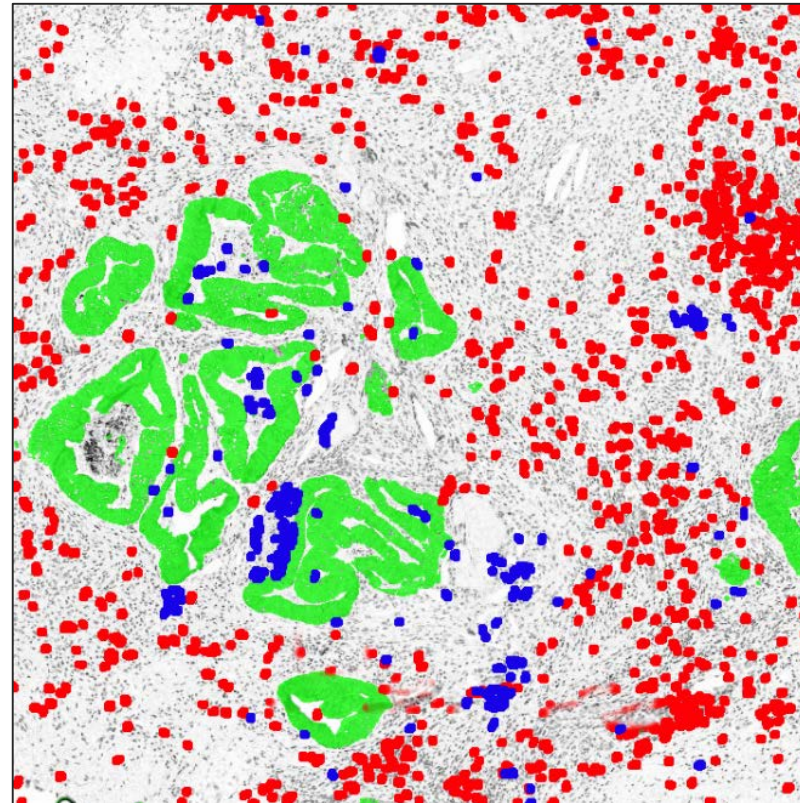
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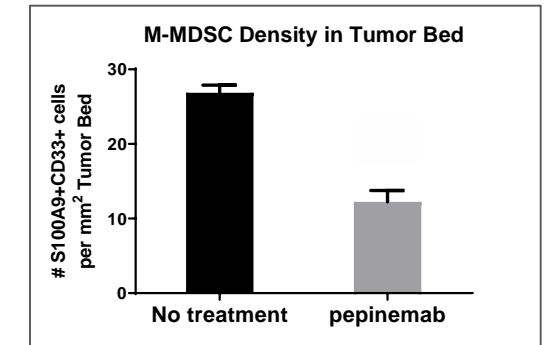
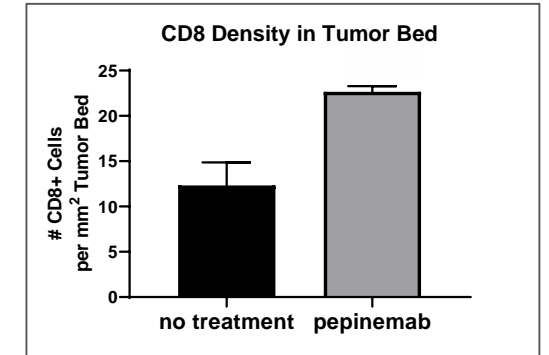
No treatment



Pepinemab



Patients received neoadjuvant chemo therapy before immunotherapy and surgery



Density was determined from entire tumor bed (n= 2 sections/patient).

M-MDSC (S100A9+CD33+)  
CD8+ T cells  
Tumors (Cytokeratin+)

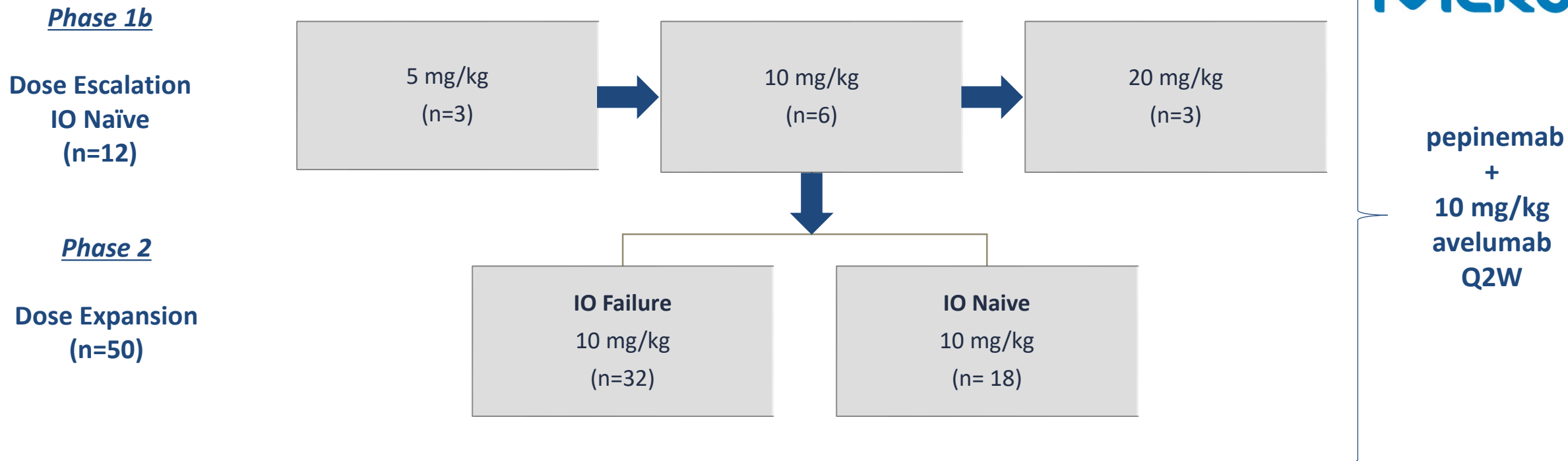
# Phase 1b/2 CLASSICAL- Lung Study Design

Combination Trial of Pepinemab with Avelumab in NSCLC

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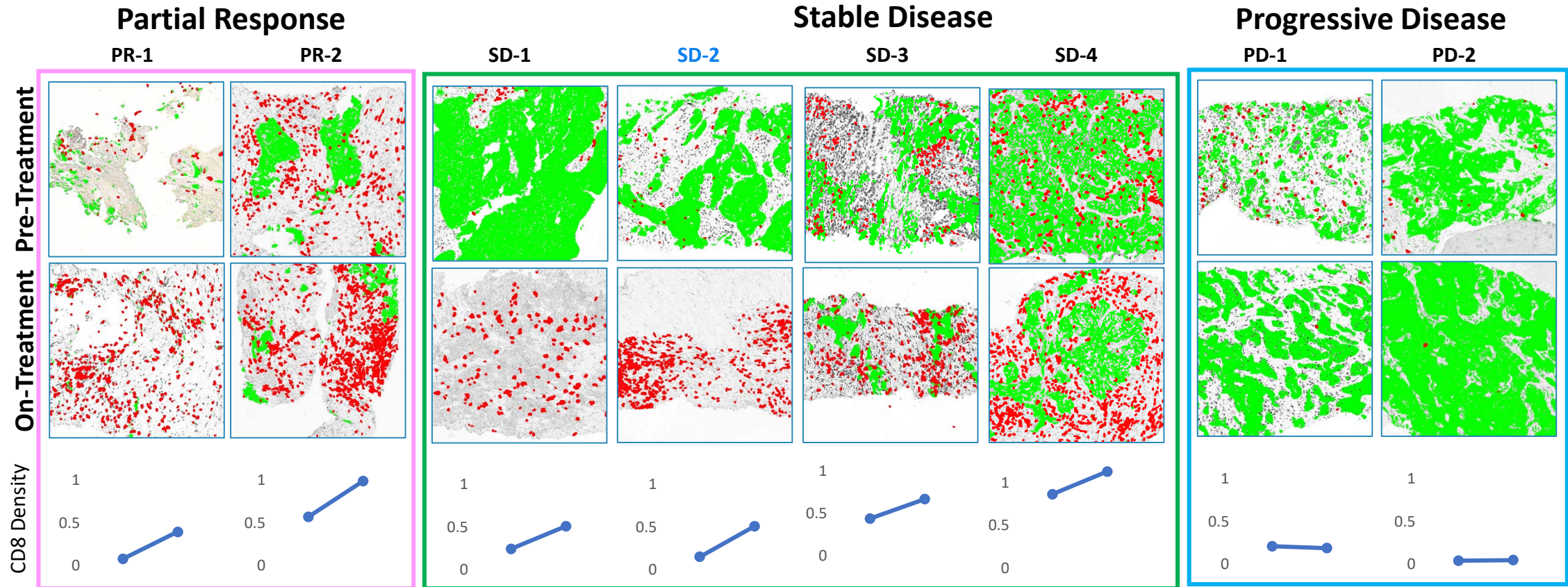
## Study Objectives

- The primary objective is safety, tolerability, and identification of the RP2D for dose expansion.
- Secondary objectives include evaluation of efficacy, immunogenicity, and PK/PD, and an exploratory objective is to identify candidate biomarkers of activity



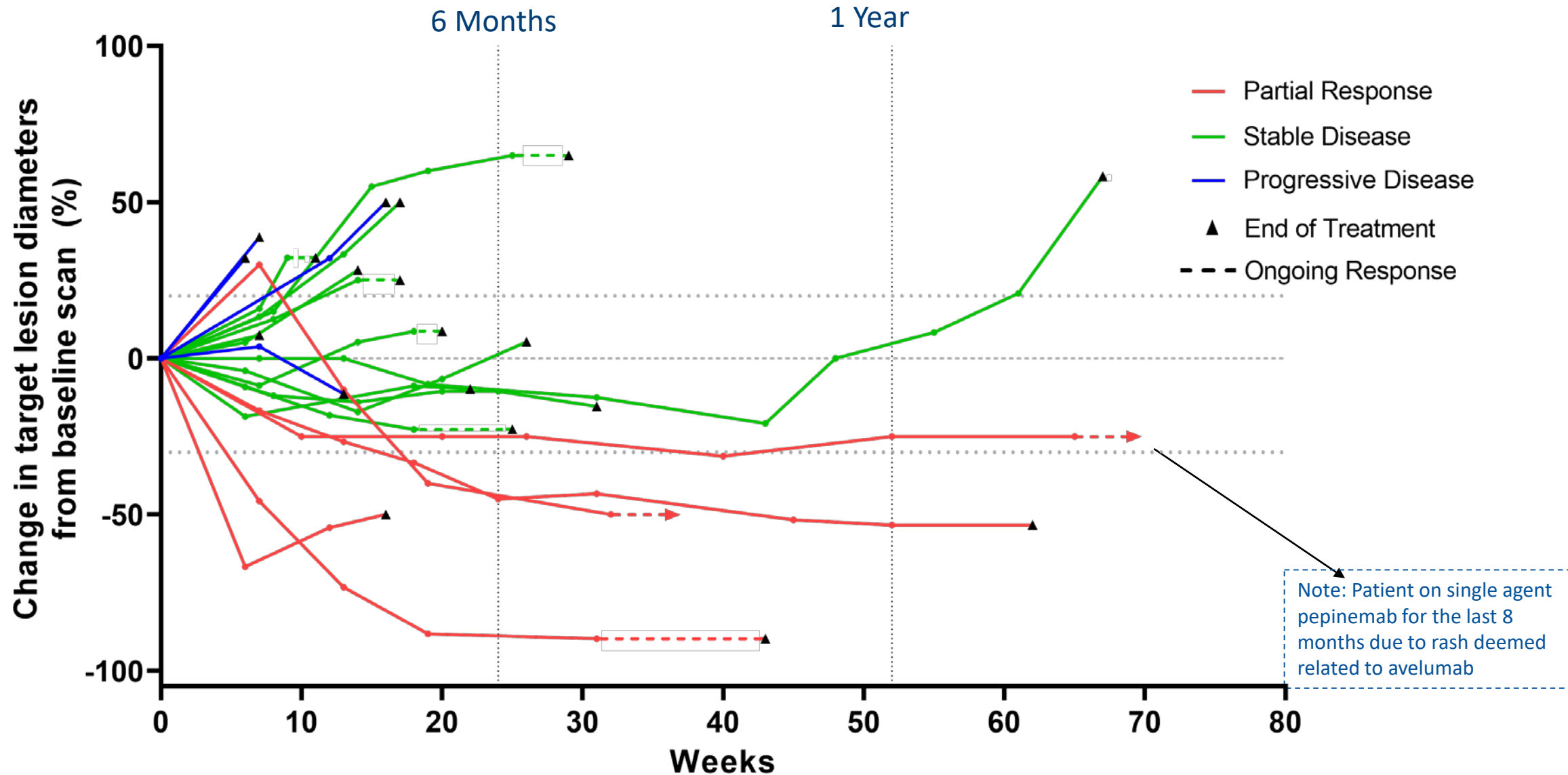
# Combination immunotherapy in NSCLC following immunotherapy failure

Increase in CD8+ T cell infiltration, decrease in tumor burden



Tumor (Cytokeratin+)  
CD8+ T cells  
Pembrolizumab refractory

# Percent Change in Target Lesion Diameter by Weeks (IO Naïve)



Lines are color-coded based on best overall response

# PD-L1 Subpopulations in Evaluable IO Naïve Subjects

## CLASSICAL-Lung vs. Historical Javelin Solid Tumor

<b>CLASSICAL-Lung (PD-L1 %)</b> <b>[22 Subjects]</b>	<b>Negative</b> <b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>≥80%</b>
Subpopulation size (%)	8/22 (36.4%)	1/22 (4.5%)
<b>Javelin-Lung (PD-L1 %)</b> <b>[142 Subjects]</b>	<b>Negative</b> <b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>≥80%</b>
Subpopulation size (%)	20/142(14%)	41/142(28.9%)

NOTE: Significantly higher PD-L1 <1% and lower PD-L1 ≥80% subpopulations enrolled in CLASSICAL-Lung than in Javelin-Lung. This reflects shift in available population following Keutruda approval.

Calculated from data published in:

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# Objective Response Based on PD-L1 Status in Evaluable IO Naïve Subjects

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<b>CLASSICAL-Lung (PD-L1 %)</b> [22 Subjects]	<b>Negative</b> <b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>1-49%</b>	<b>50-79%</b>	<b>≥80%</b>
<b>OR (%)</b>	2/8 (25%)	2/10 (20%)	1/3 (33.3%)	0/1 (0%)
<b>Javelin-Lung (PD-L1 %)</b> [142 Subjects]	<b>Negative</b> <b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>1 to 49%</b>	<b>50 to 79%</b>	<b>≥80%</b>
<b>OR (%)</b>	2/20 (10%)	9/68(13.2%)	2/13 (15.4%)	9/41 (22.0%)

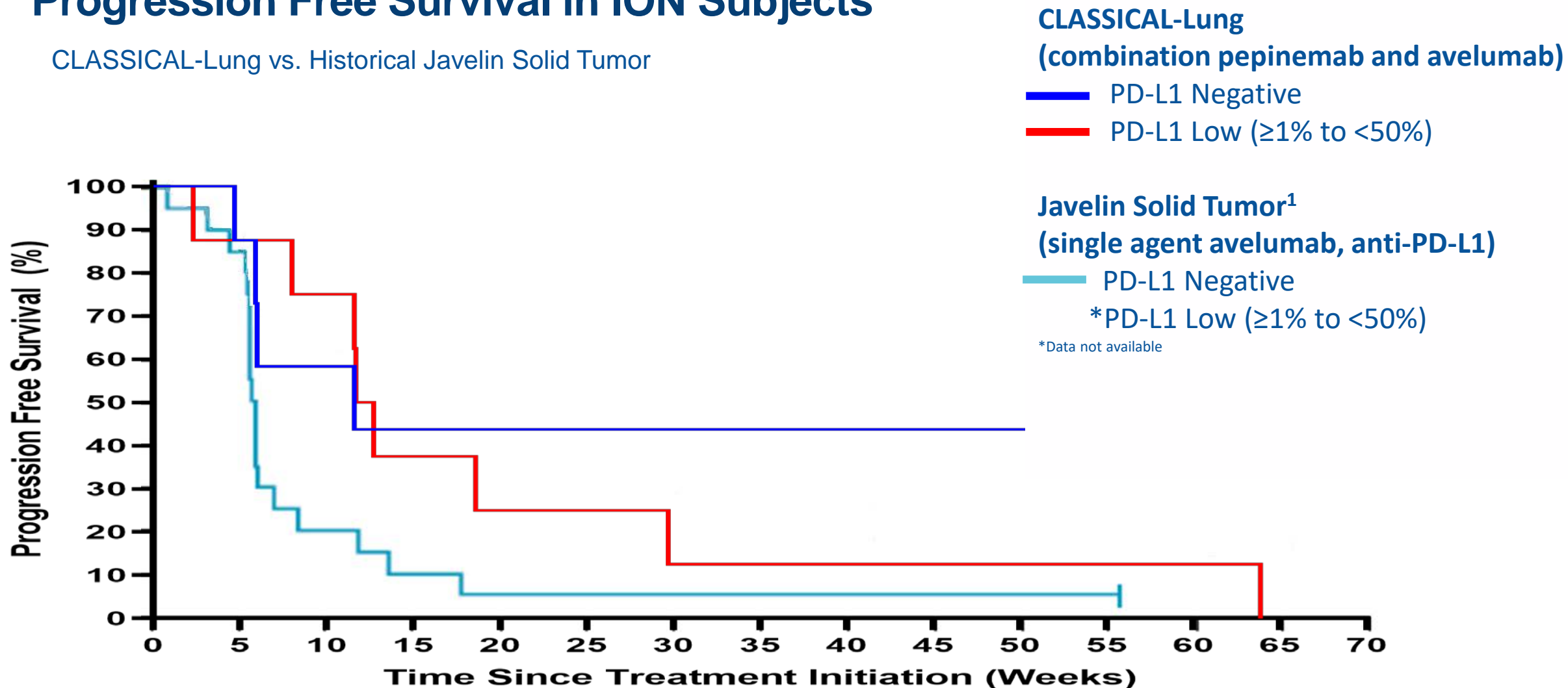
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# Progression Free Survival in ION Subjects

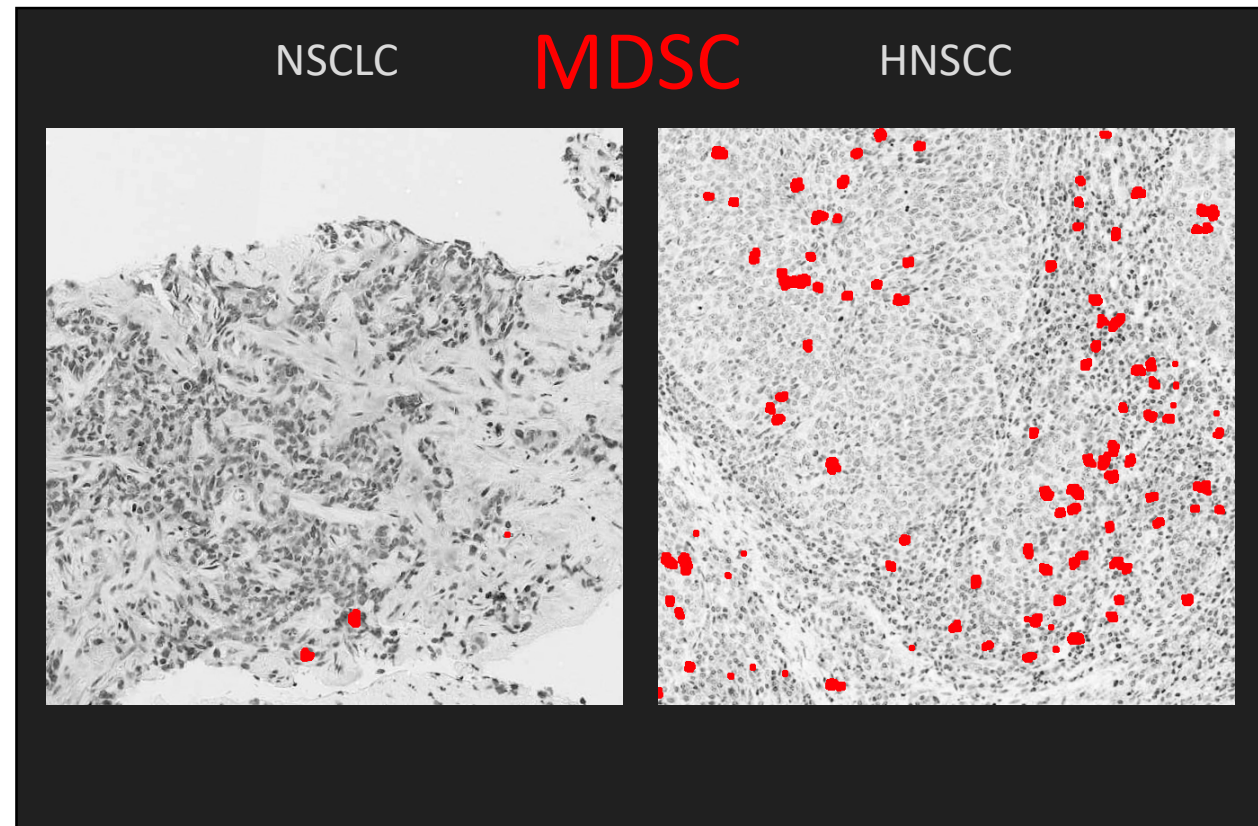
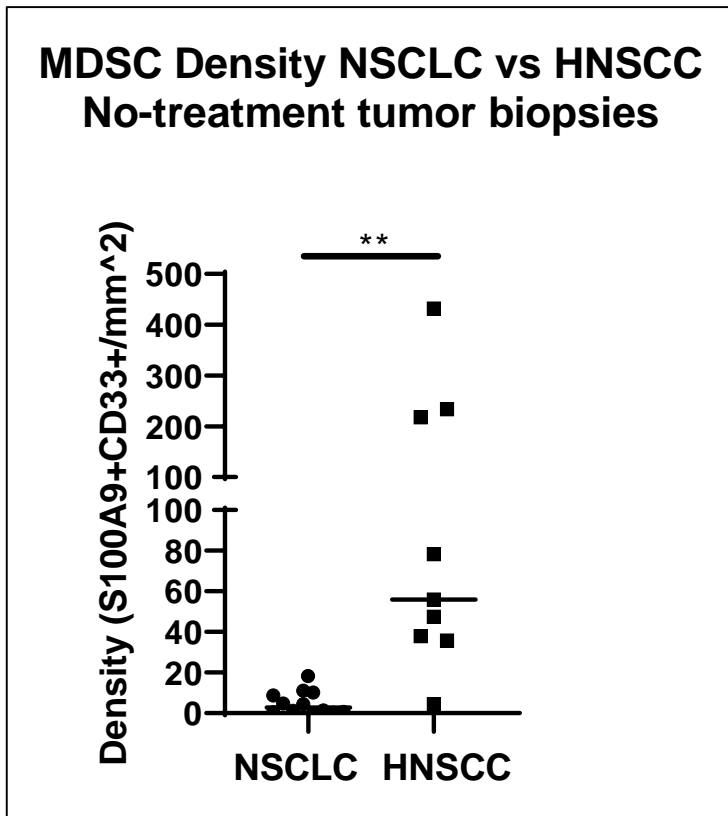
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# NSCLC have low MDSC content relative to HNSCC

CLASSICAL-NSCLC patients may, therefore, benefit from only 1 of 2 major pepinemab mechanisms of action



- NSCLC: pre-treatment biopsies from CLASSICAL-Lung
- HNSCC: pre-treatment and no treatment biopsies from HNSCC integrated biomarker trial (collaboration at Emory University)



# SEMA4D and HNSCC

SEMA4D reported to play a role in invasion and MDSC survival / function in HNSCC

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Research Article

Cancer  
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## Semaphorin4D Inhibition Improves Response to Immune-Checkpoint Blockade via Attenuation of MDSC Recruitment and Function

Paul E. Clavijo<sup>1</sup>, Jay Friedman<sup>1</sup>, Yvette Robbins<sup>1</sup>, Ellen C. Moore<sup>1</sup>, Ernest Smith<sup>2</sup>, Maurice Zauderer<sup>2</sup>, Elizabeth E. Evans<sup>2</sup>, and Clint T. Allen<sup>1,3</sup>

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ONCOLOGY 51: 625-632, 2017

## Semaphorin 4D promotes bone invasion in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma

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Oncotarget, 2018, Vol. 9, (No. 13), pp: 11126-11144

Research Paper

## Semaphorin 4D in human head and neck cancer tissue and peripheral blood: A dense fibrotic peri-tumoral stromal phenotype

Roshanak Derakhshandeh<sup>1,6</sup>, Sonia Sanadhya<sup>1</sup>, Kyu Lee Han<sup>1</sup>, Haiyan Chen<sup>3</sup>, Olga Goloubeva<sup>5,7</sup>, Tonya J. Webb<sup>6,7</sup> and Rania H. Younis<sup>1,2,4,7</sup>

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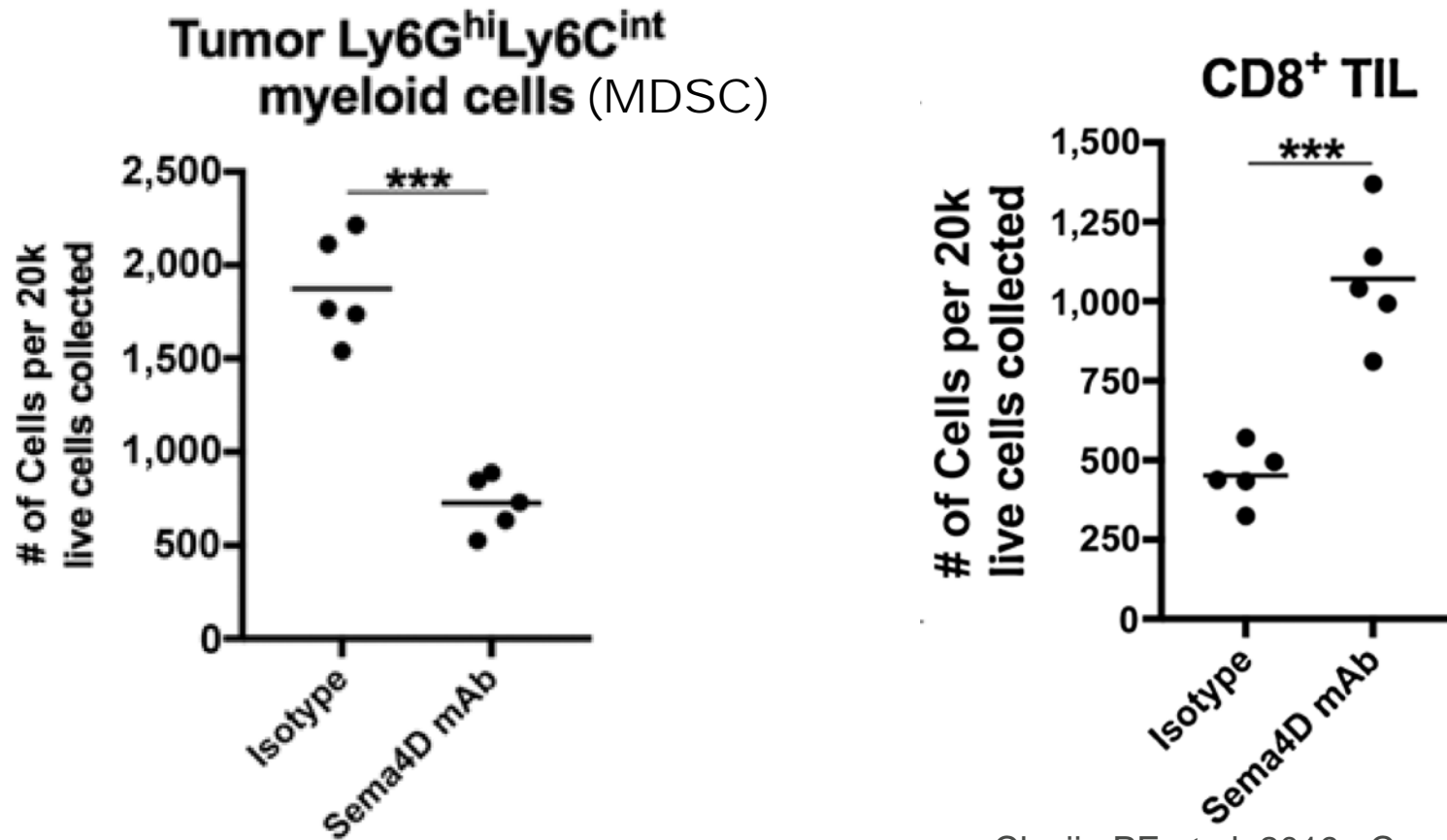
The Journal of Immunology

## Human Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma-Associated Semaphorin 4D Induces Expansion of Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells

Rania H. Younis,<sup>\*,†,1</sup> Kyu Lee Han,<sup>\*,1</sup> and Tonya J. Webb<sup>†,‡</sup>

# Depletion of SEMA4D shifts the balance of MDSC and CD8+ tumor cells within HNSCC Tumor Microenvironment

In vivo quantitation of MDSC and T cells in HNSCC animal tumor model

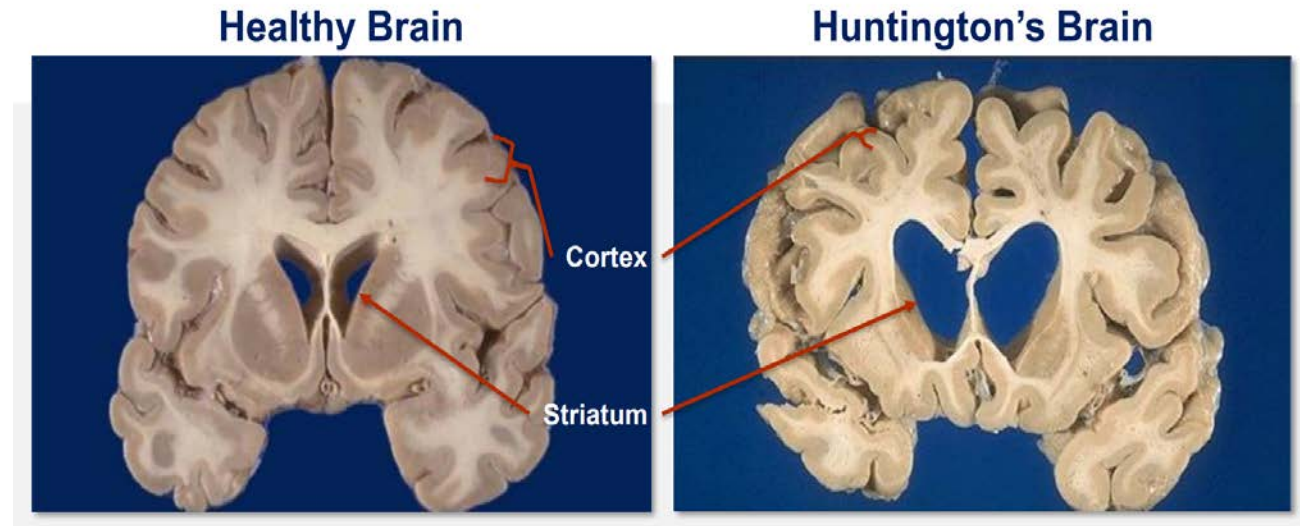


Clavijo PE et al. 2019 . Cancer Immunol Res. 7(2): 282-291

# Huntington's Disease (HD)

**HD is an autosomal dominant neurodegenerative disease caused by mutation in a single gene**

- Neuronal degeneration and severe atrophy is observed in multiple brain regions
- Symptoms usually appear between the ages of 30 to 50

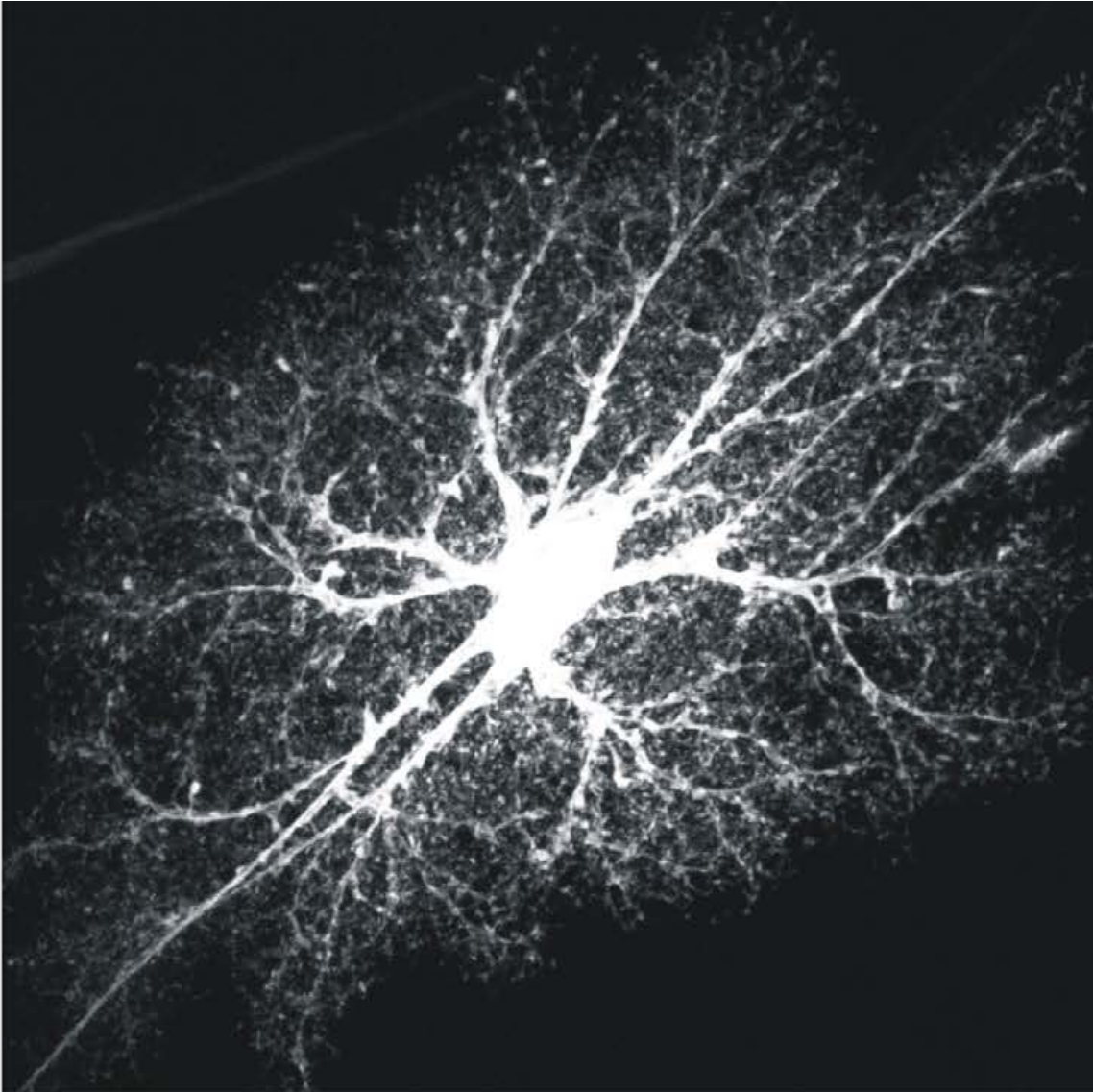


Estimated patient population ~30,000 manifest disease and 100,000 pre-manifest with inherited mutation (prodromal) in the U.S. Similar number in EU 5

**There are currently no approved treatments to alter the course of HD**



# Astrocytes reach out to touch and interact with other brain cells



**Astrocyte “arms” provide essential functional support to neurons.**

- Fully cover capillaries and facilitate glucose uptake from circulation
- Cradle synapses and recycle glutamate
- Positioned to couple energy metabolism with neuronal activity

# Astrocytes Undergo Inflammatory Transformation that Aggravates Brain Damage in Neurodegenerative Diseases

- **CNS damage triggers a dramatic change in astrocyte morphology and function**
  - this is beneficial in the context of acute focal injury such as stroke
  - but becomes maladaptive in broad chronic injury such as that caused by mHTT aggregates in HD or A $\beta$  amyloid/Tau fibrils in AD

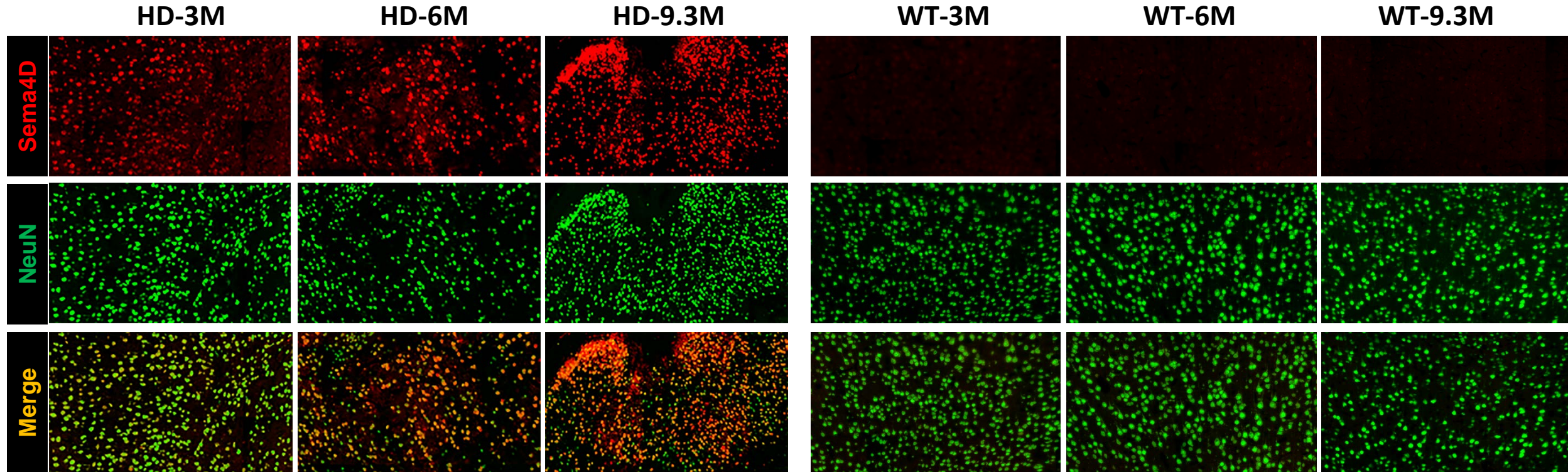
# How do astrocytes recognize and respond to damage?

- SEMA4D is upregulated on neurons during underlying Huntington's disease progression
- Astrocytes express high levels of receptors for SEMA4D
- SEMA4D triggers collapse of the astrocyte cytoskeleton which results in loss of normal astrocyte functions and gain of inflammatory activity



# SEMA4D is progressively upregulated in NeuN+ neurons of HD mice

Q175 transgenic mouse model of HD



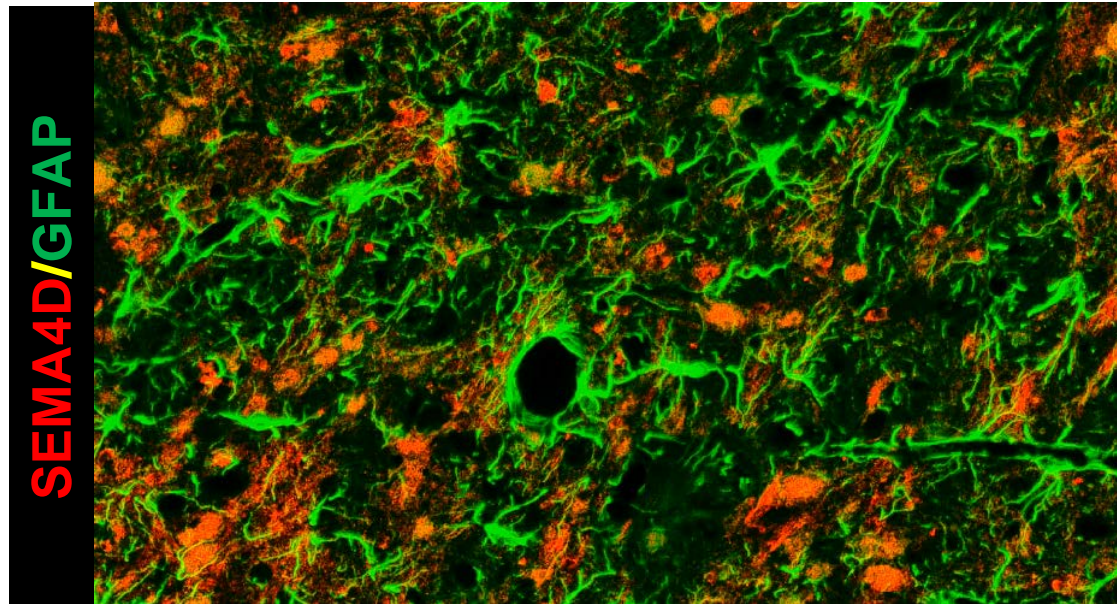
- **SEMA4D expression is upregulated in HD mice as disease progresses, compared to low expression in WT control.**
  - SEMA4D is upregulated early in disease, prior to onset of symptoms, which occurs ~ 5 months of age in Q175 HD transgenic mice.
- **SEMA4D co-localizes with NeuN+ neurons.**

NeuN/Sema staining of retrosplenial cortex region of Q175 knock-in mouse model of HD and age-matched wild type (WT) littermate controls. Representative images are shown from analysis of 3 mice/time-point. M = months of age.

# SEMA4D+ neurons are in close proximity to astrocytes

Q175 transgenic mouse model of HD

HD-9.3M

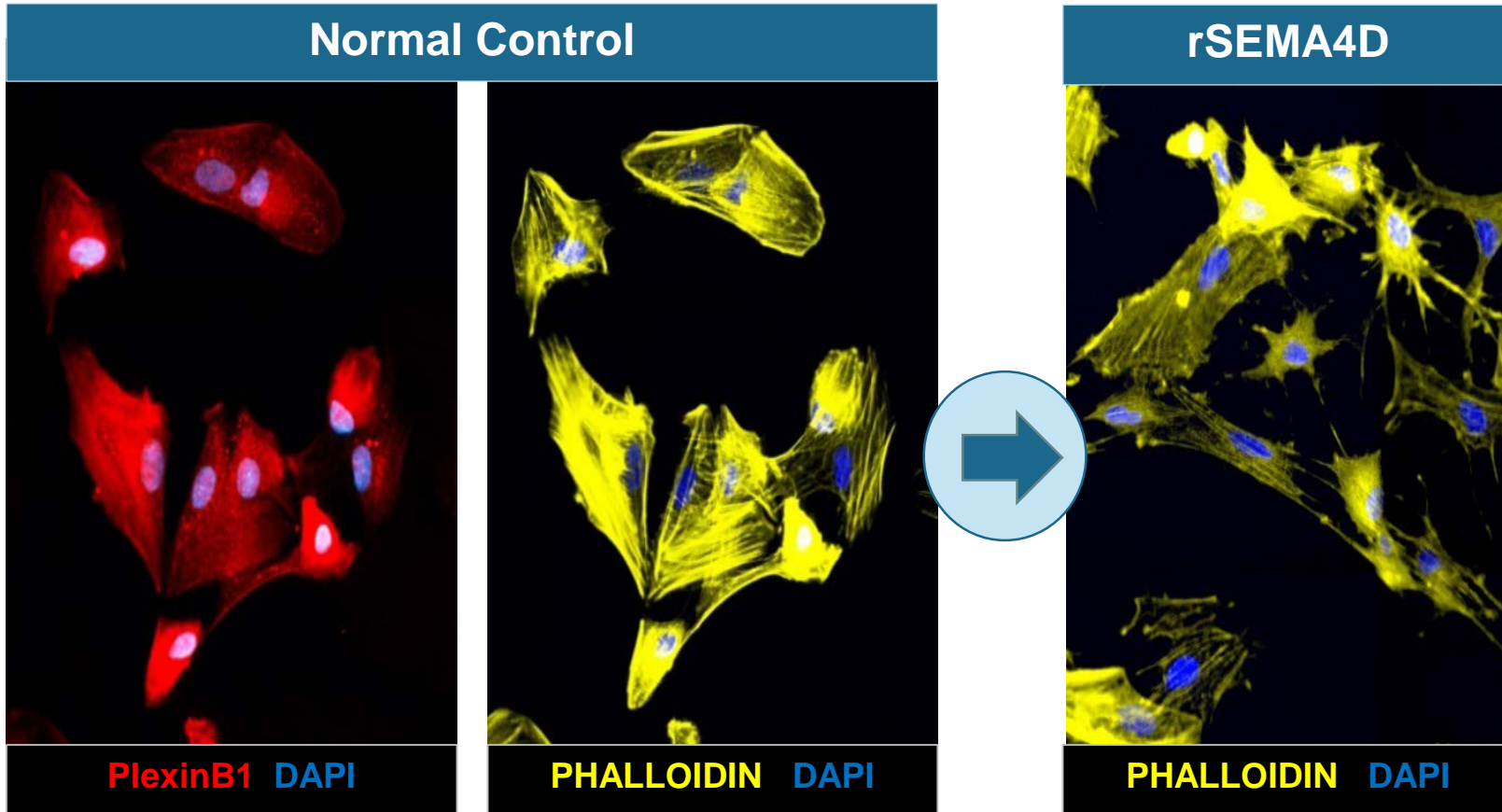


GFAP/SEMA4D staining of caudoputamen region of Q175 knock-in HD mice. Representative image (20X) is shown.

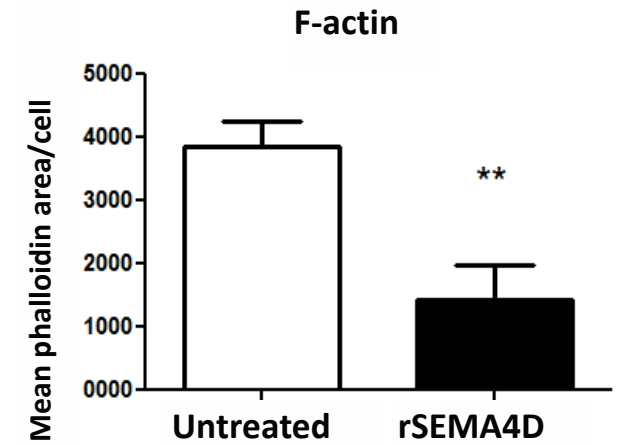


# SEMA4D triggers collapse of actin cytoskeleton

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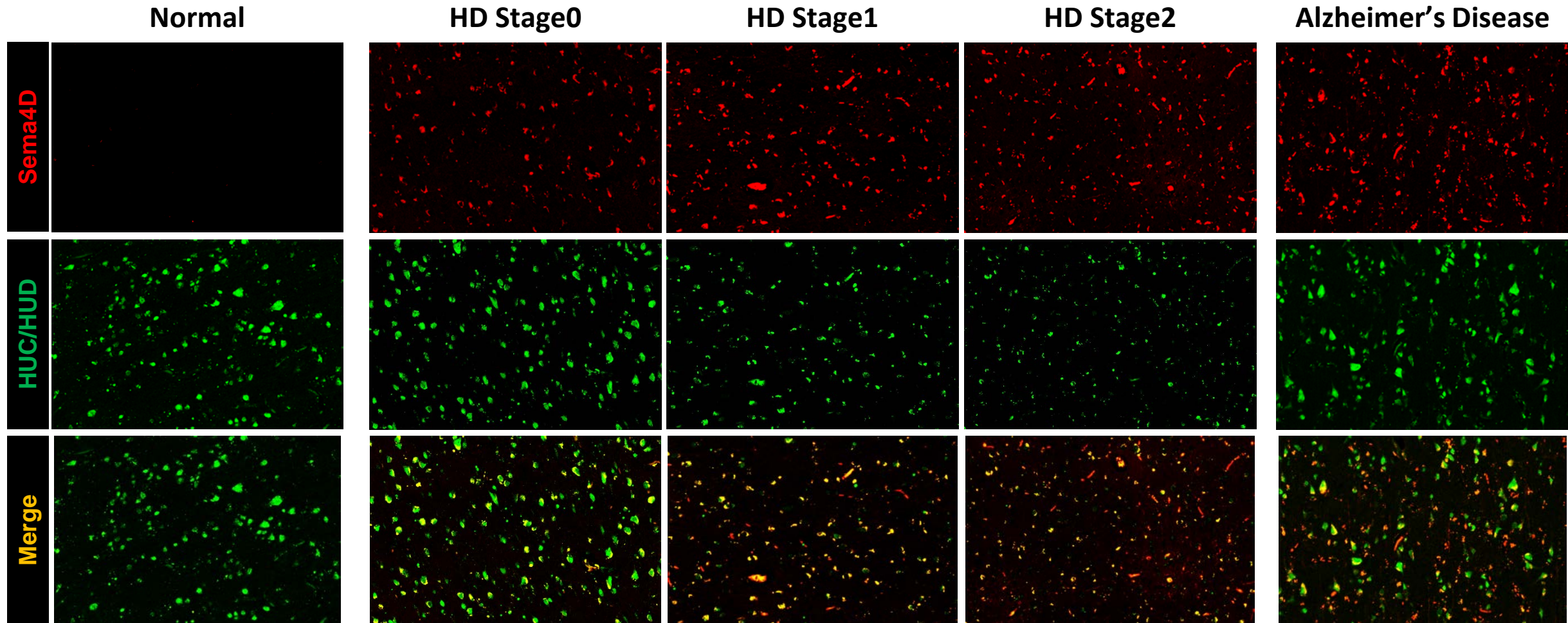


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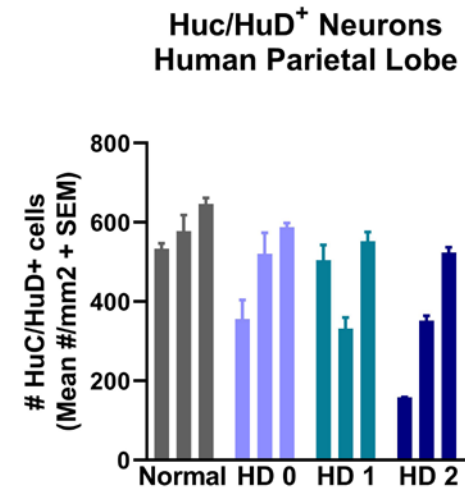
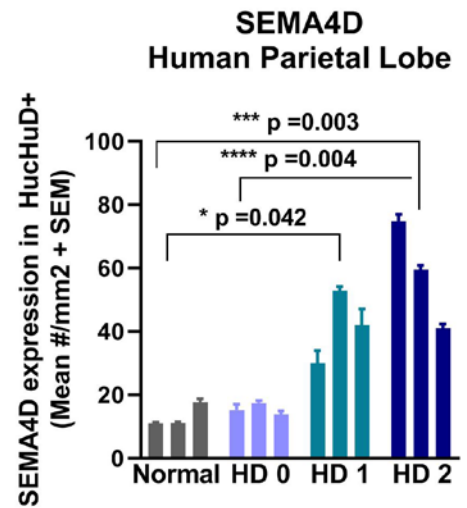
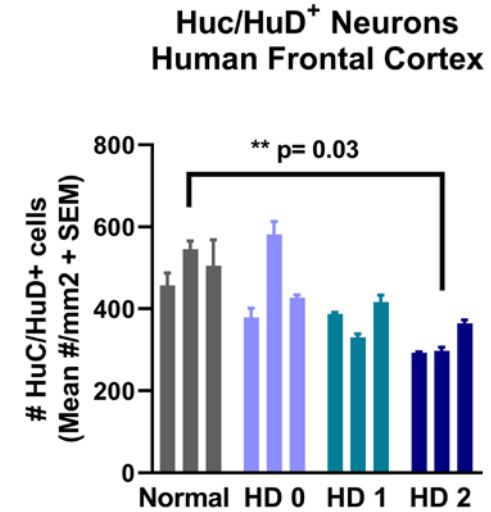
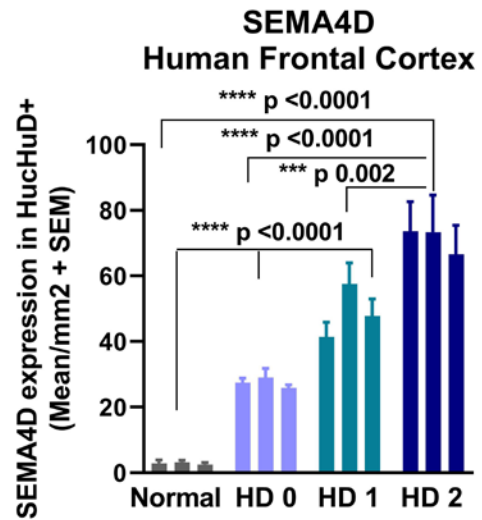
# SEMA4D is upregulated in cortical neurons during Human HD Progression

Frontal Lobe





# Changes in SEMA4D and Neuronal HuC/HuD Marker Expression with HD Progression



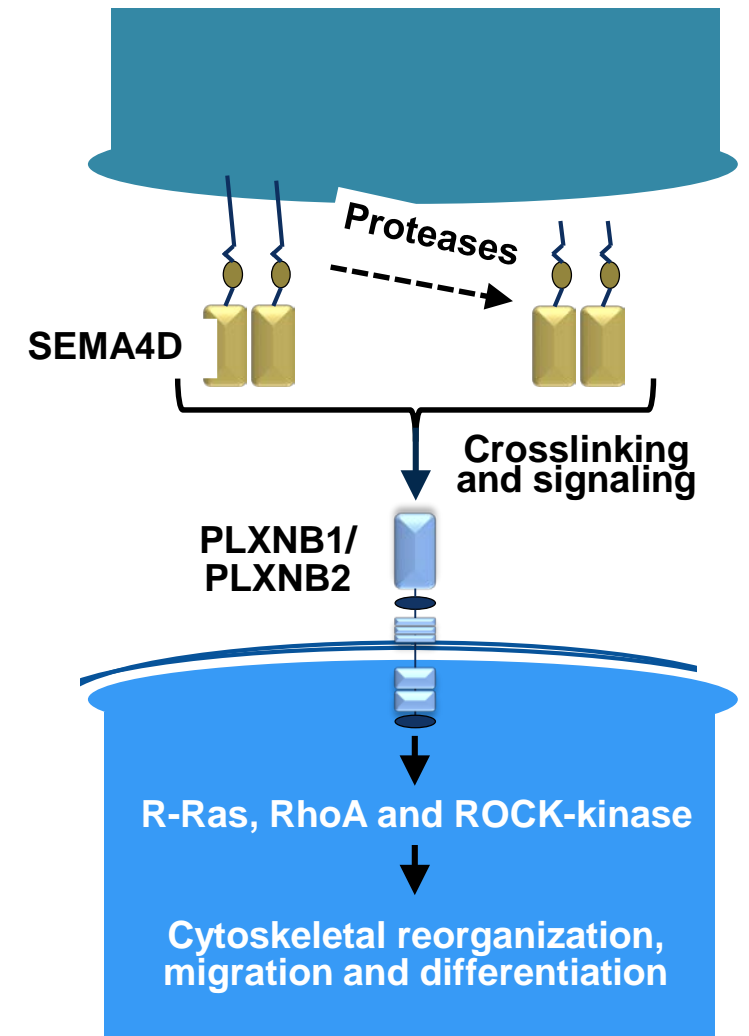
# Semaphorin 4D (SEMA4D) Mechanism of Action Neurology

SEMA4D signals through PLXNB1 and PLXNB2 receptors to trigger dissociation of polymerized F-actin and collapse of cell's cytoskeleton

The cell cytoskeleton regulates process extension and cell migration

Because of their complex morphology with numerous cytoplasmic projections, astrocytes are dependent on intact cytoskeleton for normal functions

**Pepinemab (VX15 antibody) binds to SEMA4D and blocks its signaling activity. This preserves normal astrocyte morphology and function and averts inflammatory transformation**



## **Treatment Rationale: Anti-SEMA4D Antibody can prevent inflammatory transformation of astrocytes that aggravate brain damage in HD**

- Blocking SEMA4D signaling prevents collapse of the cell cytoskeleton
- This should preserve normal astrocyte functions and prevent transition to inflammatory activity
- Glucose transport in brain is one of several important normal astrocyte functions that are known to be compromised in HD. This should be reflected in treatment outcomes and may be detected by FDG-PET in cortical regions of brain.

# Huntington's Disease Clinical Trial Design: Cohort A

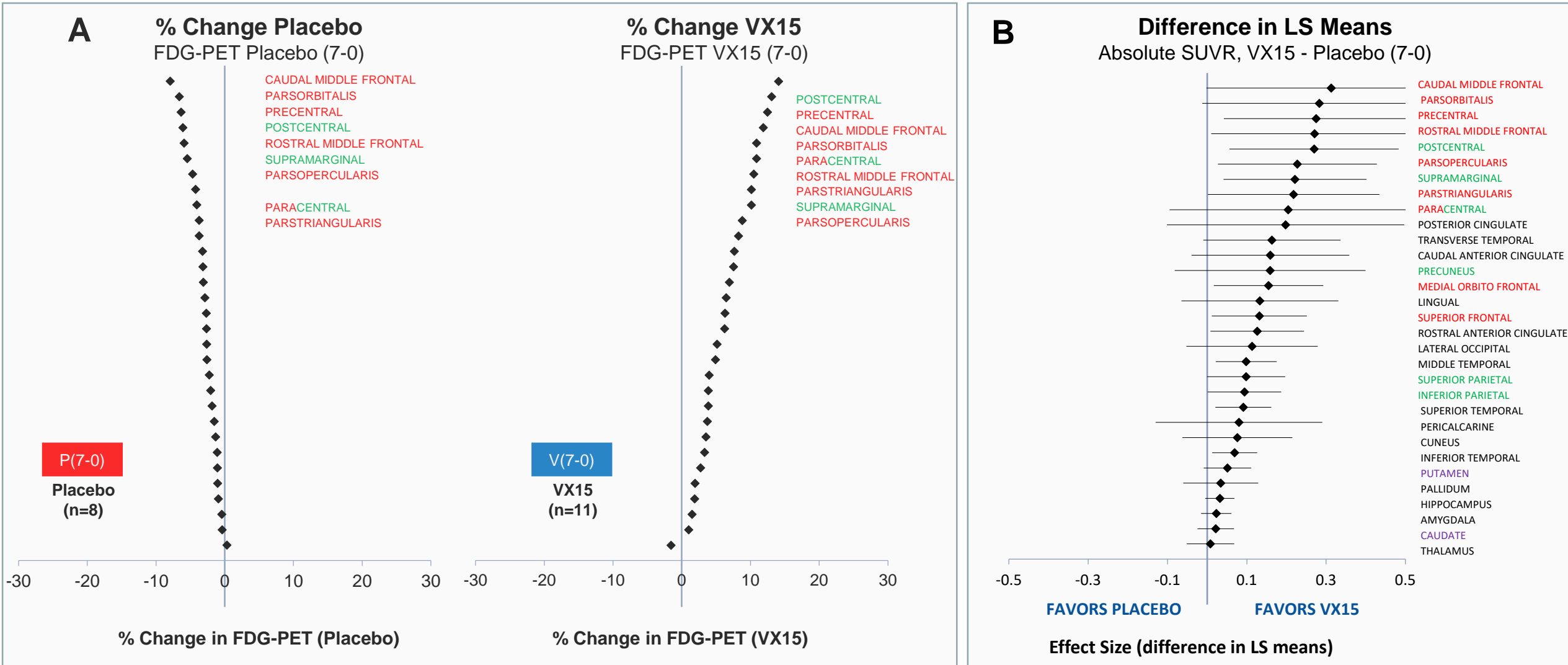


**Cohort A provided important data to determine required sample size and treatment duration for potentially pivotal Cohort B study and also identified a biomarker of treatment effect**

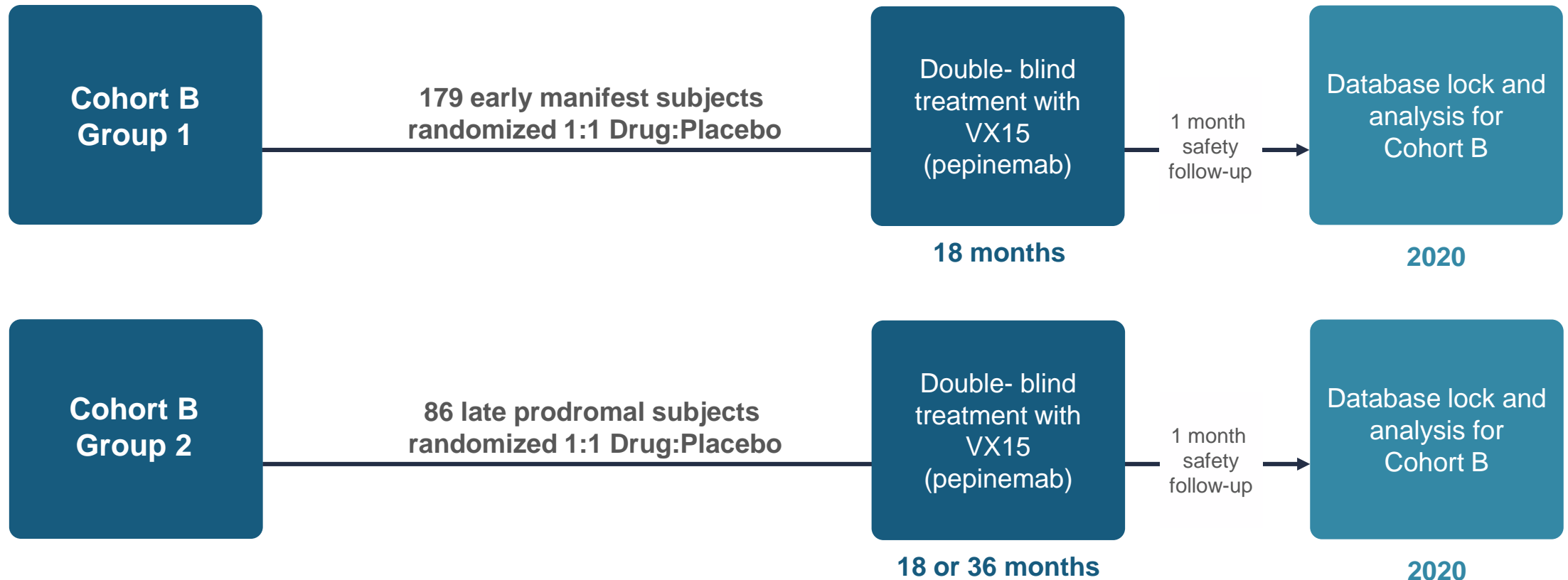
Disclaimer: VX15 (pepinemab) is under clinical investigation for the treatment of Huntington's disease and has not been demonstrated to be safe and effective for this indication. There is no guarantee that VX15 (pepinemab) will be approved for the treatment of Huntington's disease by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or by any other health authority worldwide.



# Clinical Treatment effect: FDG-PET biomarker

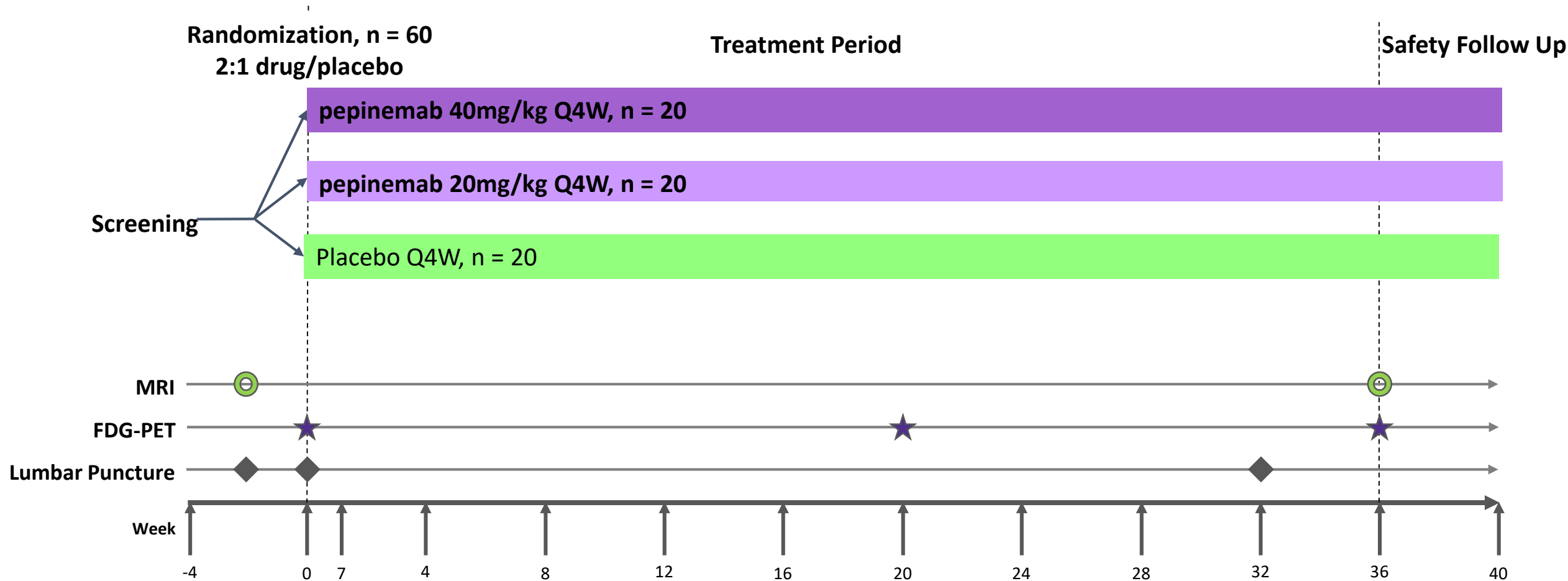


# Huntington's Disease Clinical Trial Design: Cohort B



**Enrollment in Cohort B was completed on December 31, 2018**  
**Last patient last visit anticipated around July, 2020**

# Alzheimer's Disease Trial



Program funding from Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)

# Robust Patent Estate

## VX15 (pepinemab) US Patents and Patent Applications

<b>Key Composition of Matter Claims</b>	<b>US No. 8,496,938 issued 7/30/13)</b> <i>Expected Exclusivity to 2030 (before patent term extension)</i>
<b>Key Additional Method of Use Claims for Treatment of Cancer and Neurodegenerative Diseases</b>	US No. 9,243,9068 issued 1/26/16 US No. 9,249,227 issued 2/2/16 Filed: 2014 – 2015 Expected Exclusivity to 2035 (before patent term extension)

<b>Total Patent Franchise</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>EU</b>
Granted / allowed	26	11
Pending	15	13



# Anticipated Vaccinex 2020 Milestones

Event	Timing
SUGNAL Cohort A Data in Huntington's Disease submitted for publication	January 2020
<b>Near Topline Clinical Data for Pepinemab in Combination with Avelumab in NSCLC</b>	February 2020
Interim analysis of combination Window-of-Opportunity studies at Emory University (Melanoma, HNSCC, colorectal and pancreatic cancer)	ASCO 2020
Estimated enrollment of first patient in Alzheimer's disease phase1 study	July 2020
<b>Estimated Topline Clinical Data for SIGNAL Cohort B study in Huntington's Disease</b>	October 2020
<b>Secondary Equity Offering</b>	Q3 2020

# Vaccinex Corporation

Clinical-stage immunotherapy company focused on the discovery and development of antibody therapies for neurodegenerative diseases and cancer

## VCNX (NASDAQ)

52 week High/Low	\$12.23/\$3.77
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Recent Close	\$7.50 (30Jan2020)
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Shares outstanding	16.4M
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Market cap	\$123 million
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Headquarters	Rochester, NY
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Employees	45
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IPO (proceeds \$40M)	August 2018
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PIPE (proceeds \$21.3M)	July 2019/Jan 2020
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