# mRNA The Next-Generation Cancer Vaccines

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Pipeline

RNA Technology

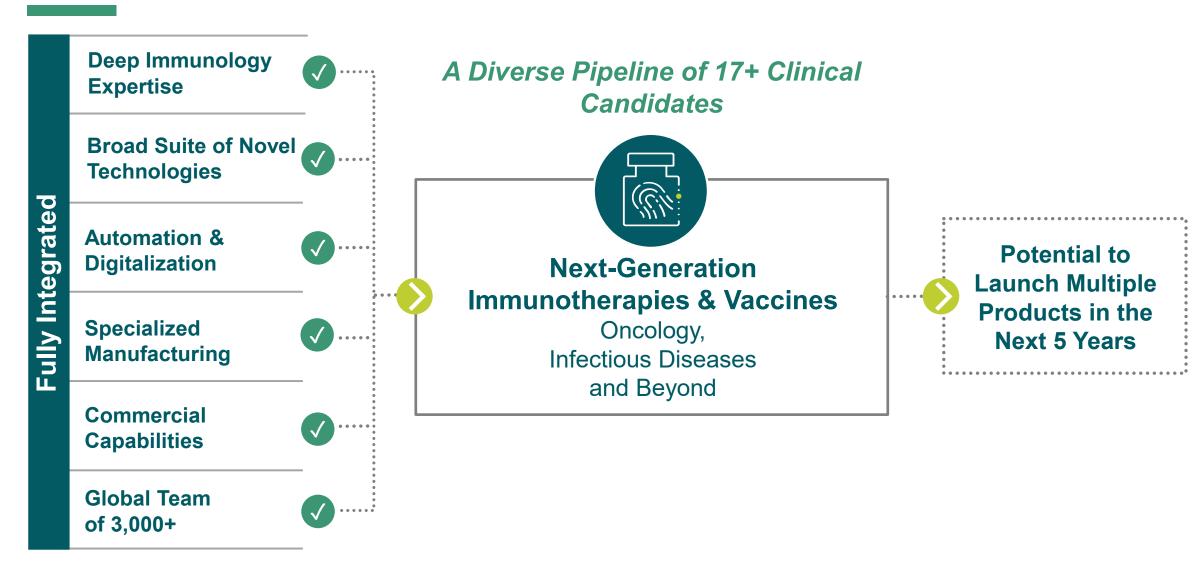
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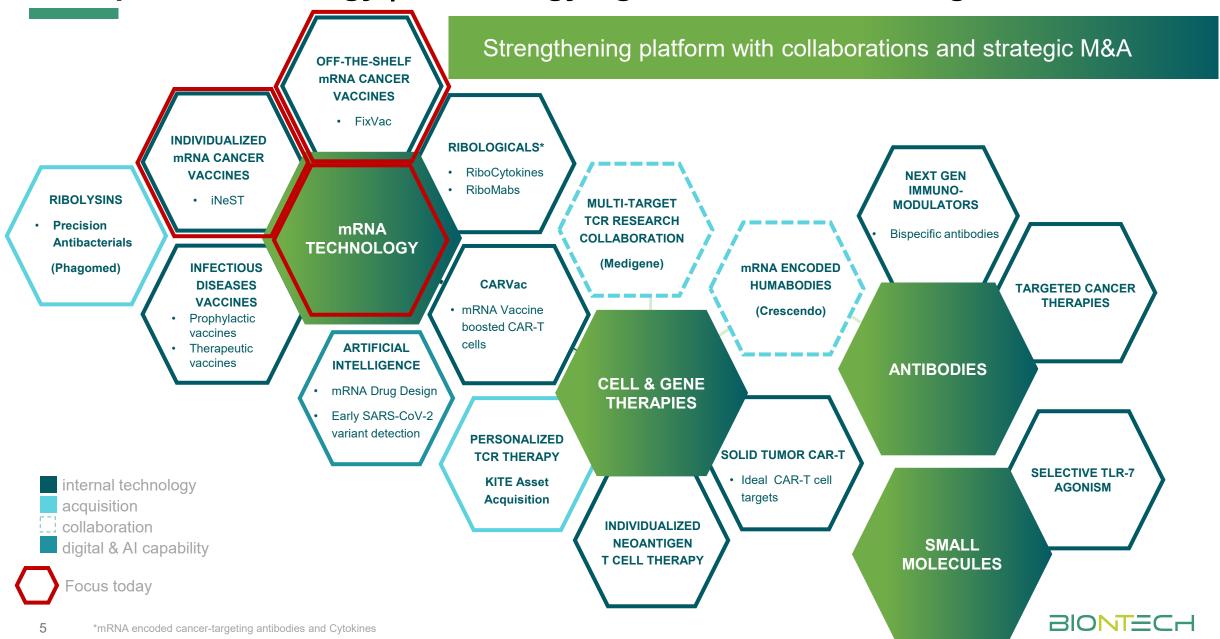


## **BioNTech: A Global Immunotherapy Powerhouse**





## Multi-platform Strategy | Technology Agnostic Innovation Engine



## **Entering a New Era of mRNA Technology & Synthetic Biology**

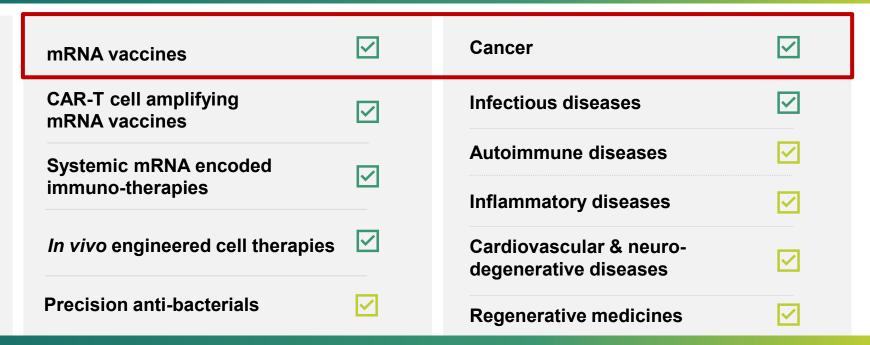
Impact poised to be comparable to introduction of recombinant technology

mRNA vaccines validated as a new drug class

mRNA to **deliver** a variety of **biologically active molecules** 

mRNA poised to broaden therapeutic horizons

BNT162b2 success accelerates diversification & maturation of mRNA technology



We believe that in 15 years, one-third of all newly approved drugs will be based on mRNA









## Oncology: Potential To Tackle Multiple Diseases With Different Therapeutic Modalities



#### mRNA Cancer Vaccines

#### iNeST / FixVac

- · Induces multi-specificity, multi-valency, high tumor-antigen specific T cell responses with unprecedented potency
- 4 Phase 2 randomized trials (2 iNeST and 2 FixVac)



#### **Antibodies**

#### Next Gen CAR-T Cell / **Neoantigen-based T Cell / Personalized TCR-T Cell Therapy**

**Cell Therapies** 

• 2 Phase 1 FIH trials started in Feb. and Apr. 2021



#### **Targeted Cancer Antibodies**

- Novel cancer cell surface targets for underserved high medical need cancers
- CA19-9 antibody in 1L pancreatic cancer in Phase 1/2 trial

## **Small Molecule Immunomodulators**

#### **TLR-7 Agonist**

Cancer + Immunomodulos

- Potently modulates innate immunity
- Phase 1 trial

#### **Next Generation Immunomodulators**



#### **Bispecifics**

- Next-generation checkpoint inhibitors to address a broad range of cancers
- Phase 1/2 trials of 2 bispecific antibodies
- 1 Phase 2 randomized trial

#### **Ribologicals**



#### Ribocytokines, RiboMabs

- · mRNA encoded cytokines or antibodies with potential for improved properties and half life
- Potential to amplify vaccines and CPIs
- 2 Phase 1 FIH RiboCytokine trials
- 1 Phase 1 FIH RiboMab trial

## Multiple product opportunities with unique combination potential in clinical testing





# Focused Execution Across 5 Phase 2 Programs in Various Solid Tumor Types

**Platform** 

Program

How

Why

#### FixVac

Off-the-shelf mRNA vaccine

## **BNT111**

R/R Melanoma

- Encodes 4 tumorassociated antigens covering >90% of cutaneous melanoma patients
- U.S. Fast Track
   Designation and
   Orphan Drug
   Designation
- Potential to improve outcomes in combo with anti-PD1

## **BNT113**

HPV16+ HNSCC

 Encodes HPV16 oncoproteins E6 & E7

 Potential for synergistic anti-tumor effect in combination with anti-PD1

#### **iNeST**

Individualized mRNA immunotherapy

# Autogene cevumeran BNT122<sup>1</sup>

1L Melanoma

- Targets 20 neo-antigens unique to each patient
- Data update expected 2H 2022

 Trial success may unlock 1L use of iNeST as combination therapy with anti-PD(L)1 in anti-PD1naive advanced cancers

# Autogene cevumeran BNT122<sup>1</sup>

Adjuvant colorectal cancer

 Targets 20 neo-antigens unique to each patient

 Potential to address residual cancer cells that remain – focus on recurrence free survival

# Bispecific Next-generation immunotherapy

BNT311<sup>2</sup>

R/R NSCLC

 Conditional 4-1BB costimulation while blocking PD(L)1 axis

Enhances T cell and NK cell function and targets them to tumor lesions





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## **Oncology: Advancement Across Multiple Modalities and Indications**

Drug class	Platform	Product candidate	Indication (targets)	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Milestones 2022
mRNA	FixVac (fixed combination of shared cancer antigens)	BNT111	Advanced melanoma					
		BNT112	Prostate cancer					
		BNT113	HPV16+ head and neck cancer					
		BNT115 <sup>1</sup>	Ovarian cancer <sup>1</sup>					
		BNT116	NSCLC					Phase 1 start: 2H 2022
	iNeST (patient specific cancer antigen immune therapy)	Autogene cevumeran	1L melanoma					Data update: 2H 2022
			Adjuvant colorectal cancer					
		(BNT122) <sup>2</sup>	Solid tumors					
	Intratumoral Immunotherapy	SAR441000 (BNT131) <sup>3</sup>	Solid tumors (IL-12sc, IL15-sushi, GM-CSF, IFNα)					
	RiboMabs (mRNA-encoded antibodies)	BNT141	Multiple solid tumors (CLDN18.2)					
		BNT142	Multiple solid tumors (CD3+CLDN6)					Phase 1 start: 1H 2022
	RiboCytokines (mRNA-encoded cytokines)	BNT151	Multiple solid tumors (optimized IL-2)					
		BNT152, BNT153	Multiple solid tumors (IL-7, IL-2)					
Cell Therapies	CAR-T Cells +	BNT211	Multiple solid tumors (CLDN6)					Data update: 2H 2022
	Carvac	BNT212	Pancreatic, other cancers (CLDN18.2)					
	Neoantigen-based T cells	BNT221 (NEO-PTC-01)	Multiple solid tumors					
	TCR engineered T cells	To be selected	All tumors					
Antibodies	Next-Gen CP Immunomodulators	GEN1046 (BNT311) <sup>4</sup>	Metastatic NSCLC (PD-L1x4-1BB) Multiple solid tumors (PD-L1x4-1BB)					
		GEN1042 (BNT312) <sup>4</sup>	Multiple solid tumors (PD-L1x4-1BB)  Multiple solid tumors (CD40x4-1BB)					
	Targeted Cancer Antibodies	BNT321 (MVT-5873)	Pancreatic cancer (sLea)					
SMIM	Toll-Like Receptor Binding	BNT411	Solid tumors (TLR7)					





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## mRNA: why is it a promising technology?



#### **Fast**

less then 1 year for development of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine less then 4 weeks for an individualized cancer vaccine



#### **Versatile**

unmodified: inherent vaccine adjuvant, modified: protein replacement



#### Scalable

~3 bln. doses SARS-CoV-2 vaccine to be produced in 2021 (~ 100 kg of RNA)



## Non-integrative

transient expression



#### Repetitively injectable

as compared to viral vectors

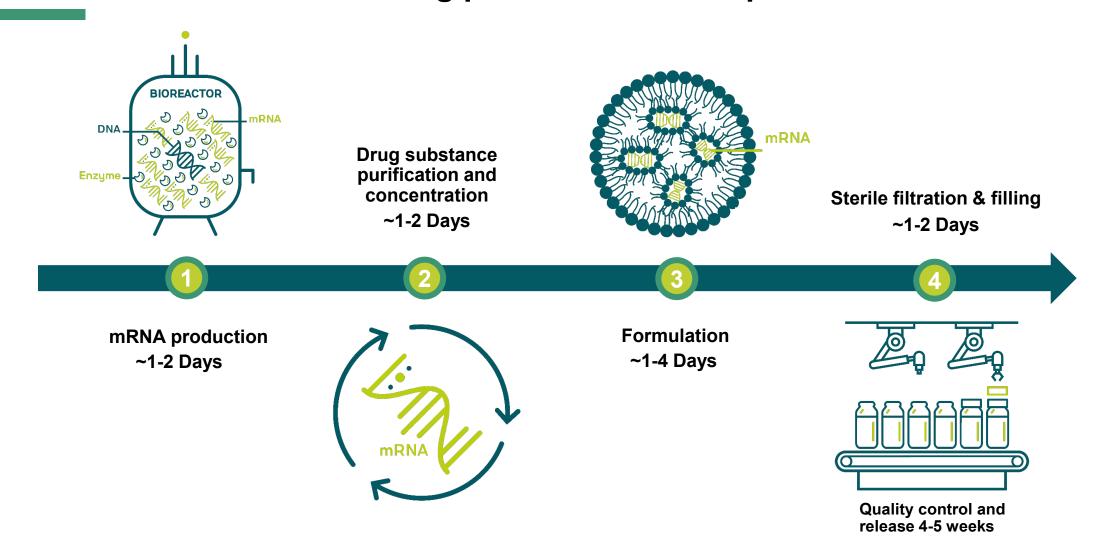


#### **Cost effective**

particularly at smaller scales compared to viral vectors and recombinant proteins

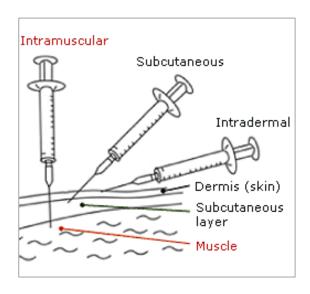


## **Duration of the manufacturing process until final product**



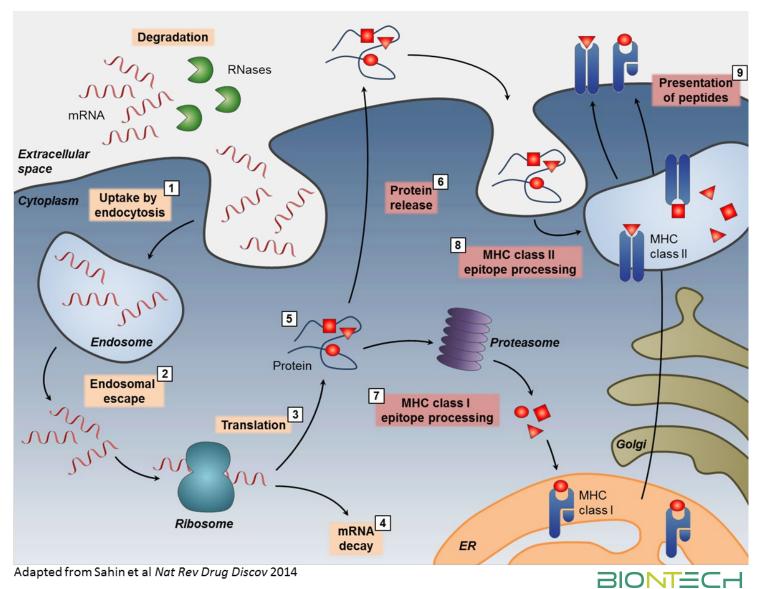


## mRNA Administration and MoA

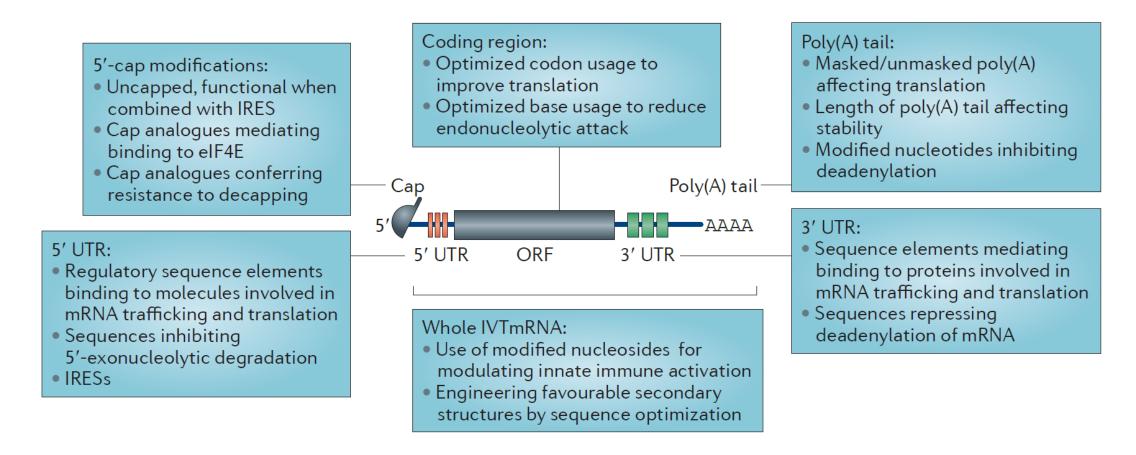


- Most commonly RNA is delivered intramuscular or i.v.
- RNA is quickly degraded by RNases, especially in the blood

→ Packaging of RNA into nanoparticles to improve its stability and efficacy



## mRNA structure elements and their impact on therapeutic efficacy



→ mRNA required significant structural optimizations in order to be efficiently applied for therapeutic purposes



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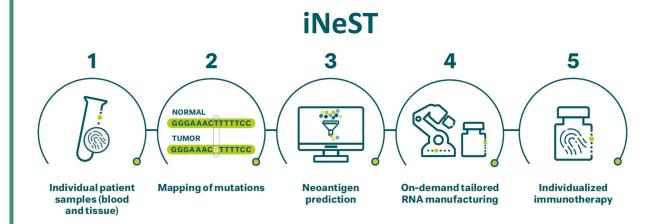


## Our mRNA Vaccine Platforms: FixVac and iNeST

## **FixVac**



- Off-the-shelf mRNA immunotherapy
- Targeting a fixed combination of shared antigens
  - Non-mutated shared antigens shared across patients
  - Applicable for almost all types of tumor antigens



- Fully individualized mRNA immunotherapy
- Targeting 20 neo-antigens unique to each patient
  - Vast majority of neo-antigens are unique to individual patients
  - Applicable across solid tumor types

Proprietary RNA-LPX formulation for systemic dendritic cell targeting

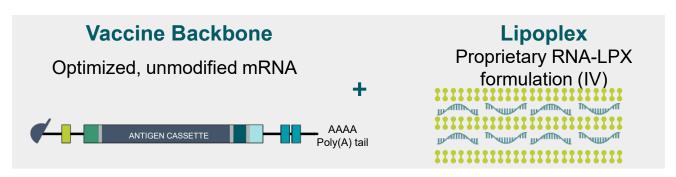
Strong immunogenicity observed *in vivo* via TLR7-driven adjuvant effect

Potent induction of strong *ex vivo* CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses



## FixVac: Leveraging Shared Antigens to Break Immune Tolerance

## Off-the-Shelf Concept: Scalable for multiple indications



## **Shared Antigens**

Multi-antigen approach tailored to each indication

## FixVac



Fixed vaccine combination against shared tumorassociated antigens

# Targeting antigen presenting cells to stimulate antigen-specific T cell responses

- Strong immunogenicity observed in vivo via TLR-driven adjuvant effect<sup>1</sup>
- Potent induction of strong ex vivo CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses<sup>1</sup>

Product Candidate <sup>3</sup>	Indication (Targets)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2
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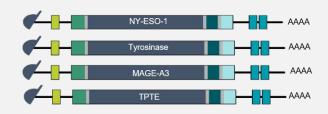
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## **BNT111: Off-the-Shelf Therapeutic Vaccine for Melanoma**

BNT111 encodes 4 tumor-associated antigens covering >90% of cutaneous melanoma patients<sup>1</sup>



## Potential to Improve Outcomes in Combination with Anti-PD1 by Rescuing from T Cell Exhaustion

Phase 1 trial in Advanced Melanoma

- Phase 1 trial data in CPI-experienced patients in monotherapy and in combination with anti-PD1 previously reported in July 2020 and published in Nature<sup>2</sup>
- Durable clinical responses in monotherapy and in combination with anti-PD1 accompanied by high magnitude CD4+ and CD8+ response

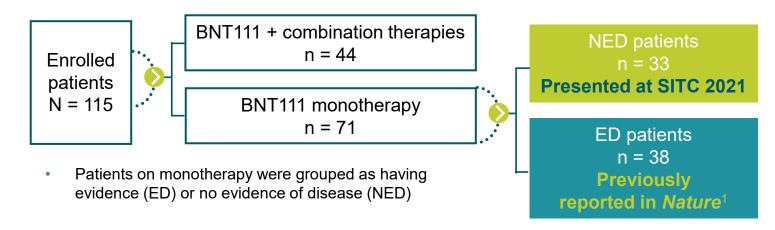
Phase 2 trial, strategic collaboration with Regeneron\*

- Randomized Phase 2 trial with BNT111 and Libtayo® (cemiplimab anti-PD-1 therapy)
- Targeting patients with anti-PD1-refractory/relapsed, unresectable Stage III or IV cutaneous melanoma
- FPD in June 2021
- U.S. FDA Fast Track Designation and Orphan Drug Designation



## **BNT111: Phase 1 Clinical Trial in Patients with Advanced Melanoma**

Lipo-MERIT trial - Safety, tolerability and efficacy of BNT111 in patients with pretreated, Stage III or IV cutaneous melanoma



#### Phase 1 trial data published in Nature<sup>1</sup>:

## nature

An RNA vaccine drives immunity in checkpointinhibitor-treated melanoma

Ugur Sahin ⊠, Petra Oehm, [...]Özlem Türeci

- Tolerable safety as monotherapy and in combination with anti-PD1
- Clinical responses accompanied by strong CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell immunity
- All patients showed TAA specific T cell responses with in vitro stimulation, and > 75% of patients showed immune responses against ≥ 1 TAA on ex vivo basis
  - T cell responses ramped up over 4-8 weeks and increased or remained stable up to over one year with monthly maintenance therapy
- Durable objective responses in CPI-experienced patients with unresectable melanoma
  - BNT111 monotherapy: 3/25 PR; 8/25 SD
  - ORR 35% in combination with anti-PD1: 6/17 PR; 2/17 SD

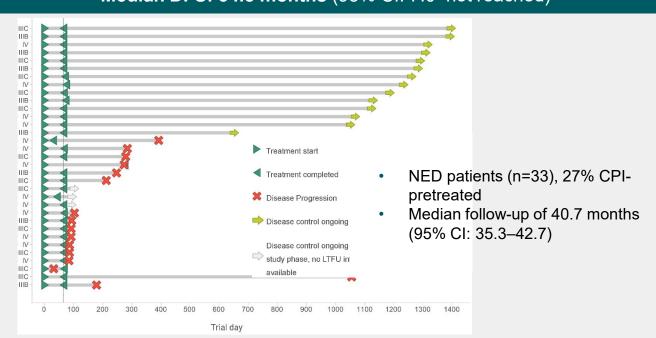


## SITC 2021 - BNT111 Phase 1: Monotherapy Shows Potential Immunogenicity and Extended Disease-free Survival in Patients with No Evidence of Disease

#### Favorable and tolerable Safety profile

- Most common treatment-related AEs: pyrexia, followed by mostly mild-to-moderate flu-like symptoms
- Similar safety profile between evidence of disease & no evidence of disease populations
- Low rate of related Serious AE
- Low rate of TEAE of Grade ≥3

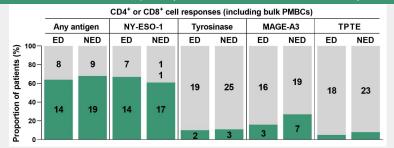
## Median DFS: 34.8 months (95% CI: 7.0–not reached)



#### CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses

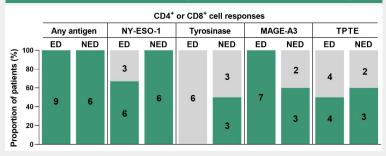
- Substantial fraction of *de novo* induced responses
- T-cell immunity irrespective of the presence of a clinically or radiologically detectable tumor
- All patients with T cell response against at least one TAA

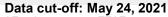
#### Ex vivo ELISpot (ED, n=22; NED, n=28)



Response: ED 14/22 (63.6%), NED 19/28 (67.7%)

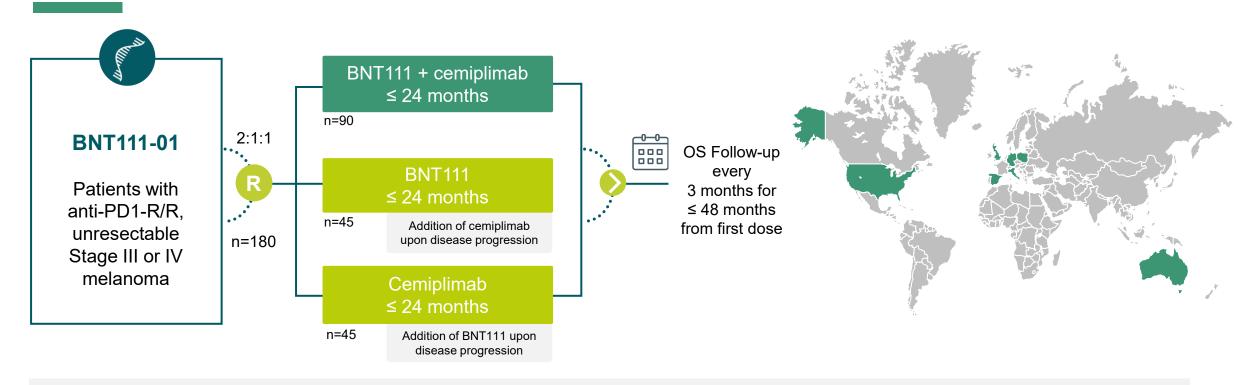
## Post-IVS ELISpot (ED, n=9; NED, n=6)







## BNT111: Global Phase 2 Clinical Trial in Anti-PD1 R/R Melanoma Patients



## **Open-label, randomized Phase 2 trial**



- BNT111 and cemiplimab in combination or as single agents
- · Collaboration with Regeneron

#### **Success Measures for BNT111 Trial**

**ORR 30%** 

https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/record/NCT04526899

## **Primary Endpoints**

Arm 1: ORR by RECIST 1.1

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

- ORR (key secondary endpoint arms 2, 3)
   DOR, DCR, TTR, PFS by RECIST 1.1
- · OS, safety, tolerability, PRO



## **BNT111: Treatment Options Needed to Address CPI Failure in Advanced Melanoma Patients**

## Melanoma Remains the Deadliest Skin Cancer<sup>1,2</sup>

Incidence

**†** 50%

Annual cases have increased by nearly 50% to over 287.000<sup>1,2</sup>

**Deaths** 

**1** 20%

WHO predicts by 2025, number of deaths will increase by 20%<sup>3</sup> **CPI R/R patients** 

~ 55%

patients refractory to or relapse on CPI treatment, leaving them with limited treatment options<sup>4</sup>

# Significant Opportunity to Improve on Standard of Care

- 5-year survival for metastatic melanoma still only 29.8%<sup>5</sup>
- Frontline immunotherapy with CPI induces durable responses in max. 45-50% of patients but with relatively short PFS<sup>4</sup>
- CPI resistant/refractory patients that fail to respond to CPI or relapse after CPI have an especially poor prognosis with survival as short as 6 months depending on risk factors
- Advanced CPI R/R melanoma is a high medical need population with highly unfavorable prognosis



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## Autogene Cevumeran (BNT122): Phase 1 Data Update Reported at AACR 2020

## Dose escalation: Monotherapy in locally advanced or metastatic solid tumors

- 31 patients, doses ranging from 25-100µg
  - Most common tumor types: HR+/HER2+ breast, prostate, and ovarian cancer
  - Median of 5 lines of prior therapies (range 1-17)
  - Most patients enrolled had low level of PD-L1 expression in tumor
- Neoantigen-specific T cell responses observed in peripheral blood in 86% of patients, significant T cell expansion and both naïve and memory activated phenotype
- Of 26 patients with at least one tumor assessment,
  - Confirmed CR in 1 patient with gastric cancer and metastatic liver lesions (ongoing for 10 months)
  - 12 SD

# Combination with atezolizumab: clinical activity in heavily pre-treated patients

- 132 patients, doses ranging from 15-50µg
- Heavily pre-treated patient population
  - Both CPI experienced and inexperienced
  - Most patients with low PD-1
- Clinical responses associated with T cell response, correlating immune profiling of patients' T cells to cancer-specific response
- Of 108 patients with at least one tumor assessment
  - 1 CR as best response (0.9%),
  - 8 PR (7.4%), and
  - **53 SD** (49.1%)

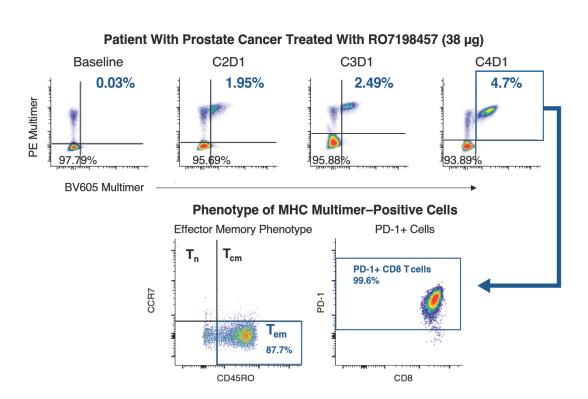
- Demonstrates ability to elicit significant T cell responses of both effector and memory phenotype as monotherapy and in combination
- TEAEs primarily transient systemic reactions, manifesting as low grade CRS, IRR or flu-like symptoms
- Early evidence of clinical activity in highly refractory patient population



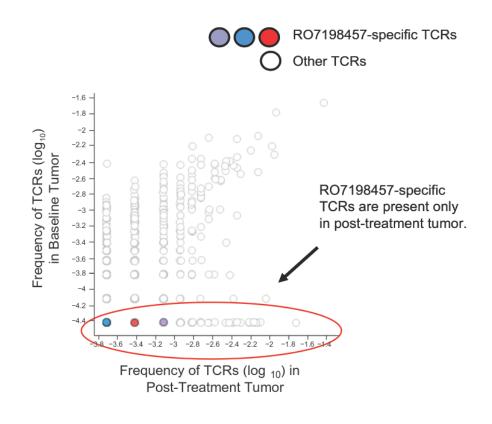
# Autogene Cevumeran (BNT122): Phase 1 Data Update Reported at AACR 2020 (Cont'd)

## Autogene Cevumeran (BNT122) induces:

CD8+ T cells in CPI-sensitive and CPI-insensitive tumor types



CD8+ T cell infiltrates in tumors



## Autogene cevumeran (BNT122): 2 Ongoing Randomized Phase 2 Trials

## First-line advanced melanoma Phase 2

# Adjuvant colorectal cancer Phase 2

Study design and patient population

Open-label, multicenter randomized trial of the efficacy and safety of Autogene Cevumeran in combination with pembrolizumab vs. pembrolizumab in patients with previously untreated advanced melanoma

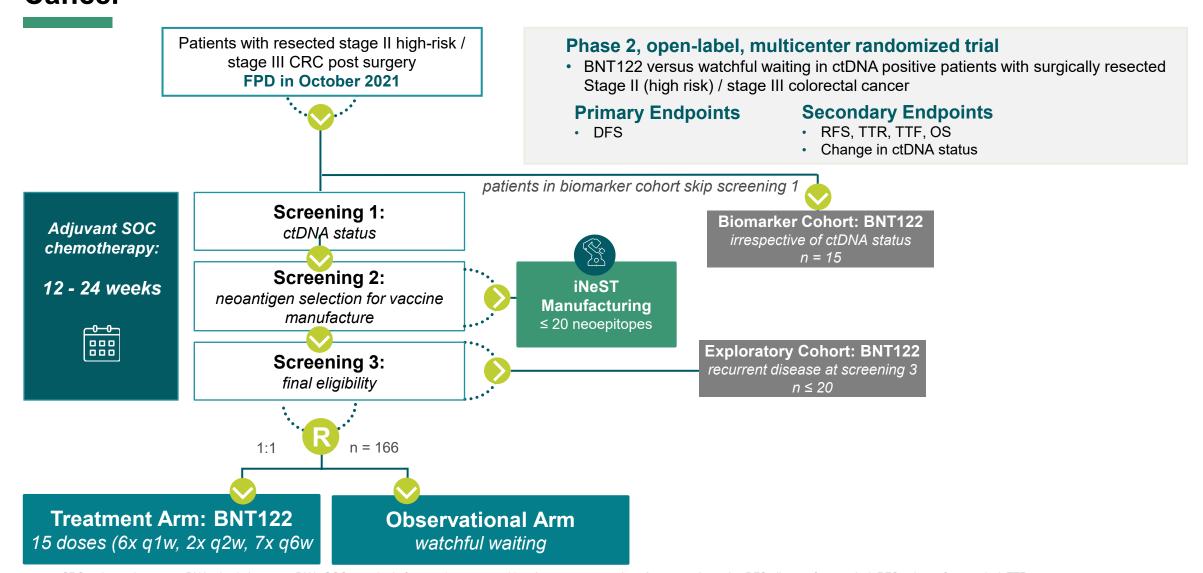
Open-label, multicenter randomized trial to compare the efficacy of Autogene Cevumeran versus watchful waiting in patients with ctDNA positive, surgically resected Stage 2/3 rectal cancer, or Stage 2 high risk/stage 3 colorectal cancer

#### Rationale

- Evaluate added benefit of 1L Autogene Cevumeran in an advanced CPI-sensitive tumor (PFS, ORR)
- Success may unlock 1L use of iNeST in CPI-sensitive advanced cancers for combination therapy
- Evaluate added benefit of Autogene Cevumeran in a micrometastatic CPI-insensitive tumor (RFS)
- Success may unlock adjuvant use of iNeST for CPI-insensitive ctDNA+ cancer types



# Autogene cevumeran (BNT122): Phase 2 Clinical Trial in Adjuvant Colorectal Cancer



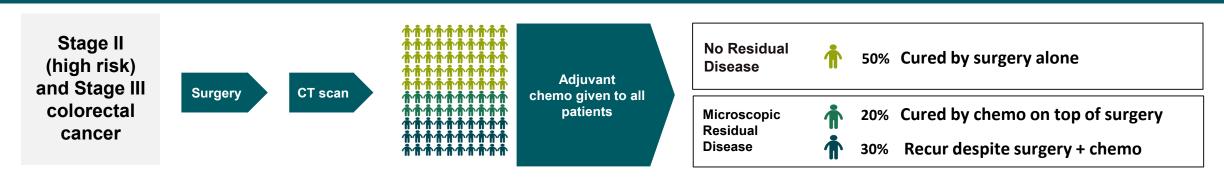


# Autogene cevumeran (BNT122): Adjuvant treatment of circulating tumor DNA positive, surgically resected Stage II (high risk)/Stage III colorectal cancer

## High medical need in the adjuvant treatment of Stage II (high risk)/Stage III colorectal cancer

- Colorectal cancer is second deadliest cancer worldwide<sup>1</sup>, 5 year OS in regional disease is 71%<sup>2</sup>
- SoC in Stage II (high risk) and Stage III CRC after removal of the primary tumor and adjuvant chemotherapy is watchful waiting
- ctDNA is a marker for minimal residual disease and thus can identify patients at high risk of disease recurrence<sup>3,4</sup>
- In ctDNA-positive, Stage 2 (high risk) and Stage 3 CRC post AdCTx, duration of disease free survival is 6 months<sup>5</sup>

## Challenge in Adjuvant Setting in Stage 2 (high risk) and Stage 3 Colorectal Cancer: Residual cancer cells may remain.



OS, Overall Survival; CRC, Colorectal Cancer; SoC, Standard of Care; ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; AdCTx, adjuvant chemotherapy



## Digitalization and Automation for Neo-antigen Vaccine Manufacturing





**Paperless documentation** 

**Semi-automatic manufacturing** 

- 2 mRNA GMP production facilities: Idar-Oberstein (GMP since 2011) and Mainz (GMP since 2018)
- Construction and GMP licensure of new Mainz facility for iNeST expected in 2022/2023
- Partnered with Siemens to develop automated production processes





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