

# Evaluation of ICT01, a γ9δ2 T Cell-Activating Monoclonal Antibody, Combined with Venetoclax and Azacitidine in 1L AML (EVICTION Study)

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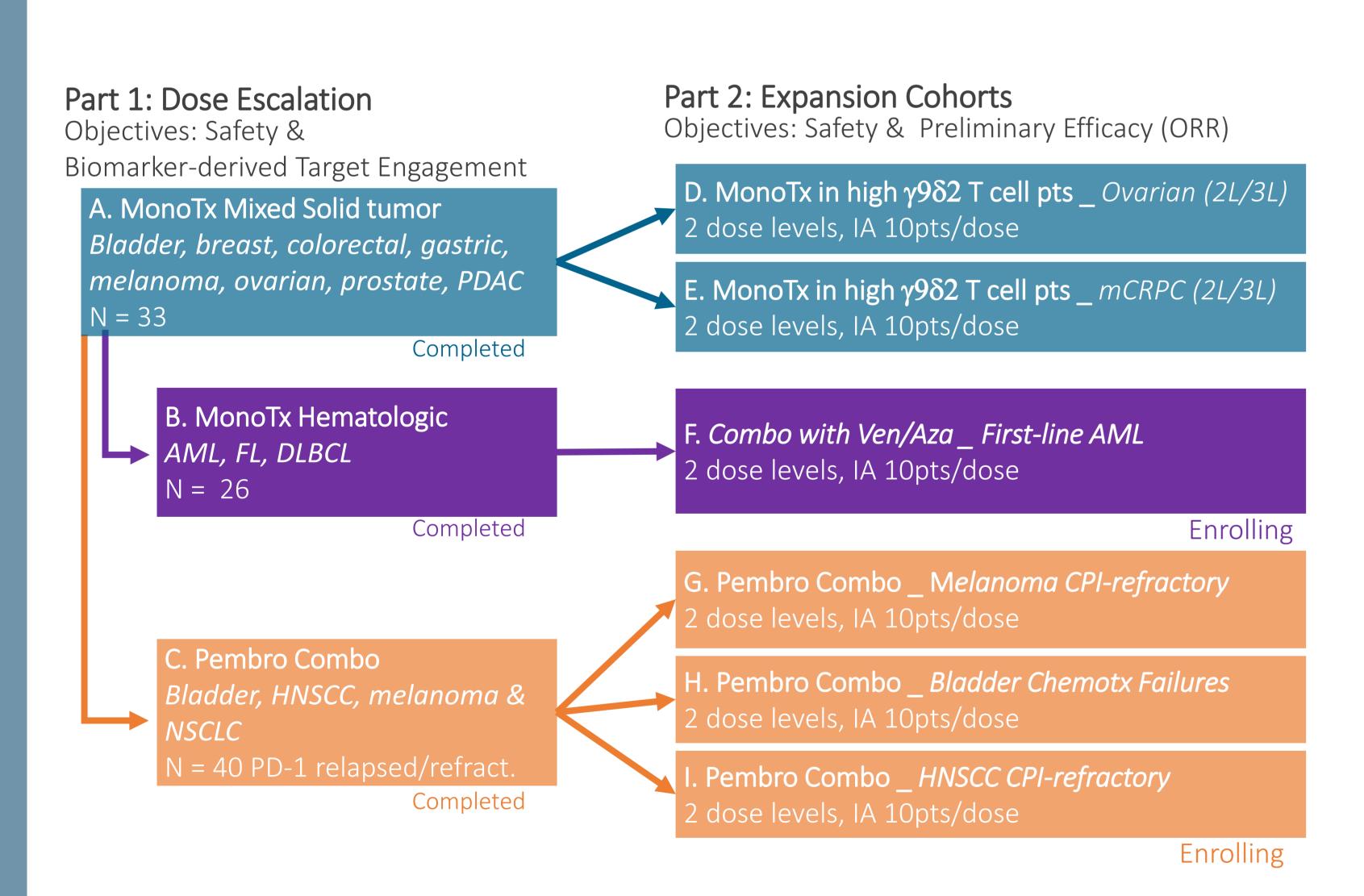
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### INTRODUCTION

### ICT01 & γ9δ2 T cells

- o γ9δ2 T cells are emerging as novel effector cells that harbor strong cytolytic and proinflammatory activities, and whose intratumoral presence is associated with a favorable prognosis across solid and liquid cancer patients (Gentles et al., Nature 2015; Tosolini et al., Oncoimmunology 2017).
- o ICT01, a first-in-class anti-BTN3A mAb activating  $\gamma 9\delta 2$  T cells, completed Phase 1 testing in relapsed/refractory (r/r) solid tumors as monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab, and as monotherapy in r/r AML and lymphoma (EVICTION NCT04243499).
- o ICTO1 activates circulating  $\gamma9\delta2$  T, CD8 T, and NK cells that leads to tumor infiltration and remodeling of the TME (*De Gassart et al., STM 2021; Wermke et al., ESMO 2021*) without dose-limiting toxicities and a good safety profile.

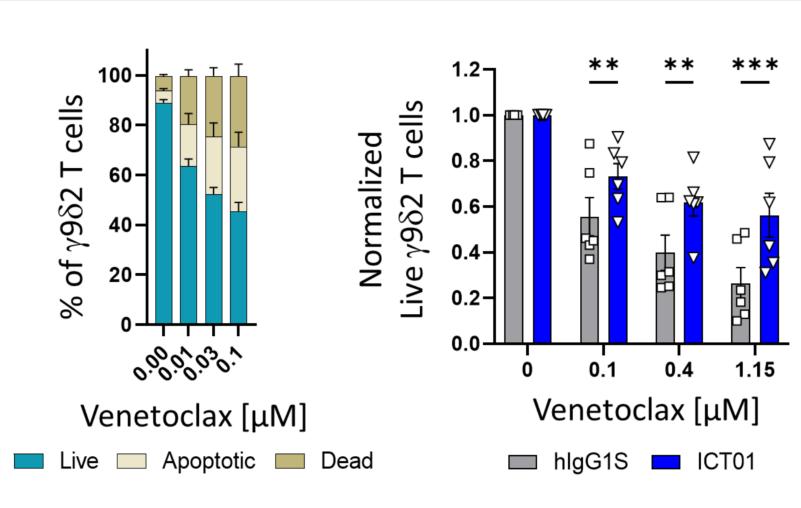


### Rationale for using ICT01 in VEN/AZA setting

- o ICT01 was well tolerated and demonstrated encouraging clinical activity in the hematologic cancer cohort with a 30% DCR on the 10 patients evaluable at week 8 or beyond (Garciaz et al., SITC 2023) including blast reductions in 3 patients.
- VEN/AZA is the standard of care for patients with newly diagnosed AML who are not candidates for intensive chemotherapy.
- In addition to their anti-leukemic activity:
- AZA improves cancer cell recognition by immune effector cells through induction of stress ligand expression (Gang et al., BCJ 2014; Lee et al., Blood 2021)
- VEN enhances T cell and NK cell-mediated cytotoxicity against AML blasts (Lee et al., Blood 2021; Wu et al., Int Immunopharmacol 2022)

## PRECLINICAL RESULTS

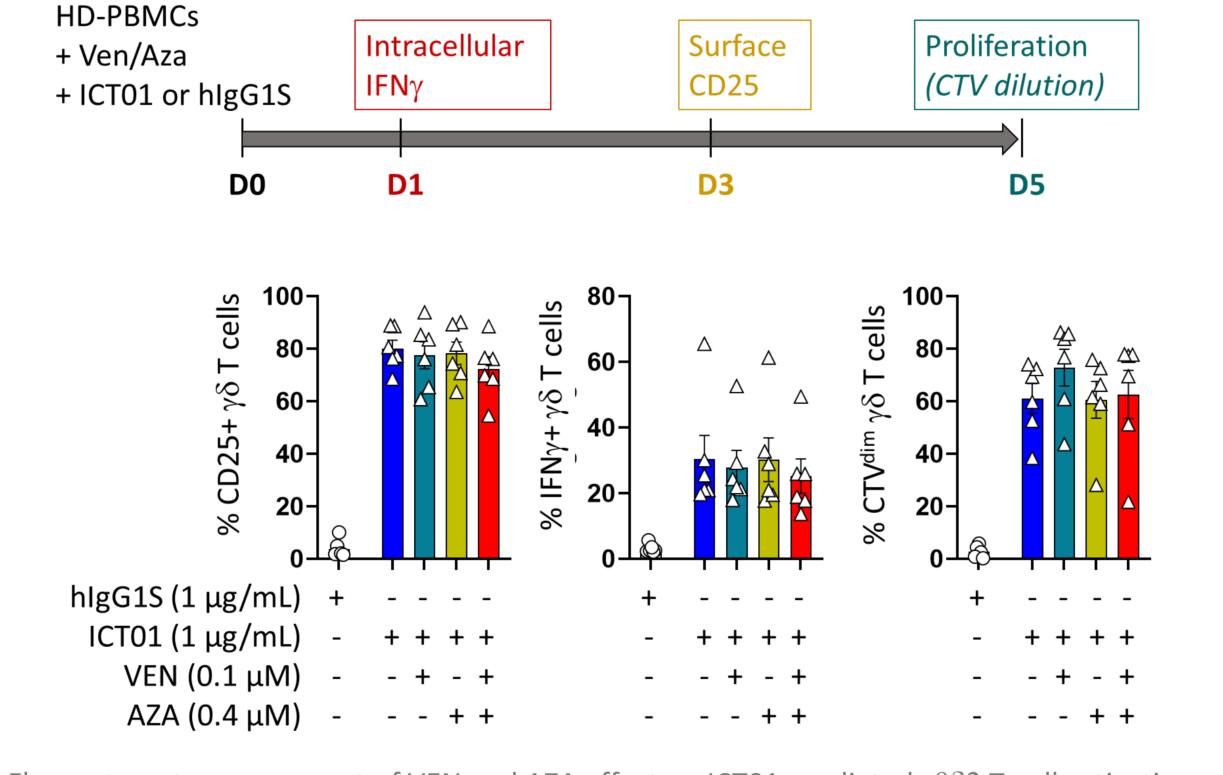
1. ICT01-Mediated Activation of Resting γ9δ2 T Cells Partially Protects them from VEN Induced Cell Death



Flow cytometry assessment of VEN effect on  $\gamma 9\delta 2$  T cell viability in healthy donor (HD)-PBMC cultured *in vitro* for 48 hours with or without ICT01 (1 µg/mL). 2-way ANOVA and Holm-

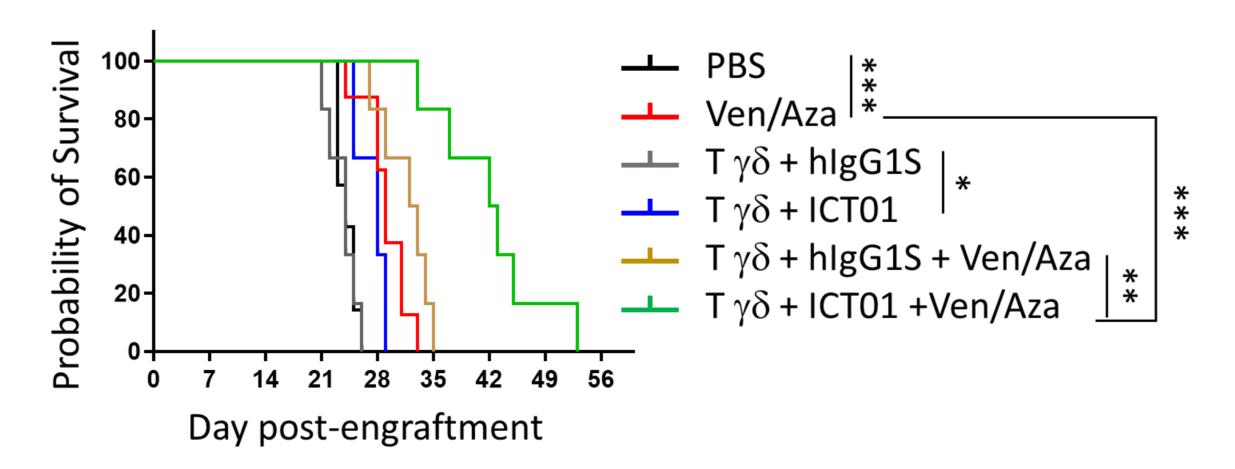
Žídák's multiple comparisons test. \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.005

2. Ven and AZA Do Not Interfere with ICT01-Induced Activation of γ9δ2 T cells in HD-PBMC



Flow cytometry assessment of VEN and AZA effect on ICT01-mediated  $\gamma 9\delta 2$  T-cell activation after in vitro culture of healthy donor (HD) PBMC for indicated time

3. Combination of ICT01 and VEN/AZA Significantly Improves  $\gamma 9\delta 2$  T Cells-Mediated Control of MOLM14 AML Cell Line Growth In Vivo



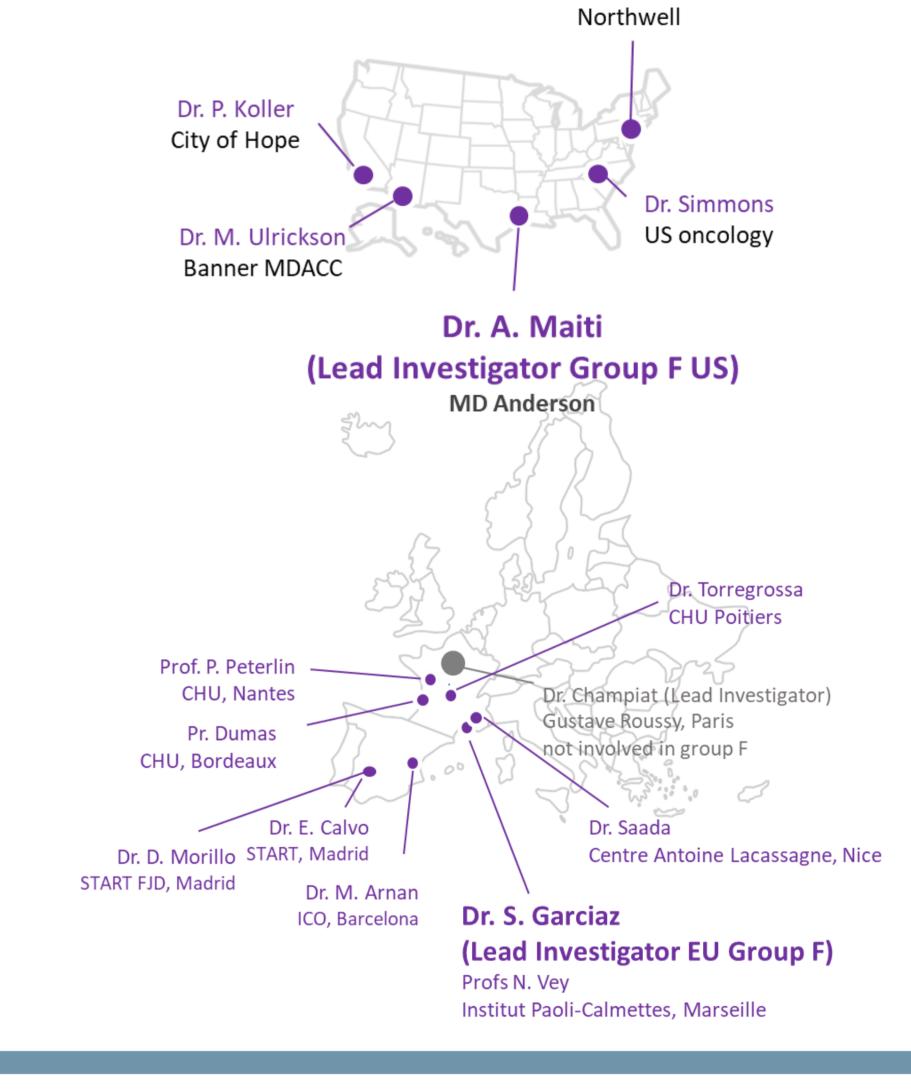
NSG mice engrafted with human AML cell line (MOLM14). From D1, mice received indicated treatments as follow:

- VEN (40mg/kg/day OG 5 days/week for 3 weeks)/AZA (2mg/kg/day IP 5 days/week for 1 week)
- Adoptive transfer of human  $\gamma 9\delta 2$  T cells (3x10<sup>6</sup> cells weekly 4 weeks)
- hlgG1S or ICT01 (1mg/kg IV twice/week 4 weeks)
- p values calculated with log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test. \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.005, \*\*\*p<0.0005.

### CLINICAL DESIGN

- AML by WHO criteria, newly diagnosed in adults aged ≥75, or 18-74 years of age who have comorbidities that preclude use of intensive induction chemotherapy and are indicated to start VEN/AZA
- IV ICT01 10 or 75 mg (n =25/dose group) every 4 weeks





### AML CASE STUDY

- 78-yo male diagnosed Sept 2023
- NPM1, DNTM3A, IDH2, JAK2, PTPN11 mutations
- BM: 25% blasts at diagnosis

**BIOMARKERS** 

Dosing: 10 mg of ICT01 plus VEN/AZA

### Clinical Assessments

Immune Activation in Peripheral Blood

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dose: CRS Grade 3 resolved within 48h with supportive care, including steroids and adrenaline
   2<sup>nd</sup> Dose: pre-treated with 20 mg dexamethasone and no IRR/CRS observed
- o **AEs:** Neutropenia G3/4 resolved with Filgastrim
- BM Day 21: Blasts decreased to 3%, MRD+ NPM1 3%

well expressed on blasts in BM

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# CONCLUSION

BTN3A on leukocytes

 Encouraging results obtained in the EVICTION Phase 1 trial and preclinical demonstration of the benefit of using ICT01 plus VEN/AZA have led to initiation of a Phase 2a expansion cohort in EU and US to evaluate the clinical benefit of this combination in 1L AML patients.