

#### Conditionally Active CD28xVISTA Bi-specific Antibodies for Myeloiddriven Tumor-specific T-cell Co-stimulation

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# The TMAb Platform: Antibodies That Selectively Bind to Targets in the Low-pH Tumor Microenvironment

## The tumor microenvironment of pH ~6 is lower than physiological pH of 7.4



Sensei's technology identifies pH-selective antibodies designed to bind only at the tumor

- Exploits the tumor microenvironment using pHselective properties
- Intended to alleviate undesirable PK/PD properties:
  - Dose-limiting toxicities due to on-target/offtumor binding
  - Higher and more frequent dosing due to poor pharmacokinetics
- Bolsters specific activities
- Unlocks previously undruggable immune targets



## Conventional CD28xTAA T-cell Co-stimulation Approach Requires Specific and Targetable Tumor Associated Antigens (TAAs)





### **Current CD28-targeted mAb Programs**

Table 1 | Industry-sponsored CD28-targeted antibodies in clinical or preclinical development for cancer therapy<sup>a</sup>

Company	Candidate	Target×CD28	Furthest stage of development	ClinicalTrials.gov trial number	Indication
<b>Bispecific antibodies</b>					
Janssen	JNJ-87189401	PSMA×CD28	Phase I	NCT06095089	Prostate cancer
	JNJ-87801493	CD20×CD28	Phase I	NCT06139406	B cell malignancies
Janux	JANX009	PD-L1×CD28	Preclinical	-	TBD
Light Chain Biosciences/ Novimmune	NI-3201	PD-L1×CD28	Preclinical	-	TBD
LamKap Bio Group	NILK-3301	CEA×CD28	Preclinical	-	TBD
	NILK-3801	GPC3×CD28	Preclinical	-	TBD
Regeneron	REGN5678	PSMA×CD28	Phase I-II	NCT03972657, NCT05125016	Prostate cancer
	REGN7075	EGFR×CD28	Phase I-II	NCT04626635 <sup>172</sup>	EGFR⁺ solid tumours
	REGN5668	MUC16×CD28	Phase I–II	NCT04590326	Ovarian cancer
	REGN5837	CD22×CD28	Phase I	NCT05685173	DLBCL
Roche	RG6333 (RO7443904)	CD19×CD28	Phase I	NCT05219513	NHL
Xencor	XmAb808	B7H3×CD28	Phase I	NCT05585034	Solid tumours, prostate cancer
Trispecific antibodies					
CytoCares	CC312	CD19×CD3×CD28	Phase I	NCT06037018	B cell malignancies
Sanofi	SAR443216	HER2×CD3×CD28	Phase I (discontinued)	NCT05013554	Advanced solid tumours
	SAR442257	CD38×CD3×CD28	Phase I (discontinued)	NCT04401020	Haematological malignancies
Tetraspecific antibodies					
Opko/Modex	MDX2001	TAA×TAA×CD3×CD28	Phase I–II	NCT06239194	Solid tumours
	MDX2003	TAA×TAA×CD3×CD28	Preclinical	-	B cell malignancies
Others					
Alpine	Davoceticept (ALPN-202) <sup>b</sup>	PD-L1×CD28/ CTLA4+PD-L1 ICB	Phase I (discontinued)	NCT04186637, NCT04920383	Solid tumours
Five Prime/Amgen	FPT155	CD28	Phase I (discontinued)	NCT04074759	Solid tumours
TeGenero	TGN1412	CD28	Phase I (discontinued)	-	Healthy volunteers



DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; TAA, tumour-associated antigen; TBD, to be determined. \*As of 27 May 2024. \*CD80 ectodomain binds both CD28 and CTLA4.

## Sensei's CD28xVISTA Bispecific MOA Bypasses TAA Requirement



#### Conventional CD28xTAA co-stimulation approach

#### Sensei's tumor-targeted agonist approach



#### cis

Requires specific and targetable tumor associated antigens (TAAs)

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#### trans

 pH-selective VISTA binding ensures potency in TME with minimal risk of systemic CRS

## Sensei's pH-selective VISTA Binding Fab



(Thisted et al., Nat Commun 15, 2917 (2024))

- Anti-VISTA Fab discovery by pH-selective selection strategies of a yeast-based display library
- Protonation of key His-residues in epitope/paratope interface at low pH responsible for pH-selective binding



## pH-selective VISTA Binding Fab Ensures No TMDD and Rapid Tumor Accumulation



- VISTA<sup>+</sup> myeloid cells are abundant outside tumor; pH-selective binding abrogates TMDD
- VISTA binding at low pH leads to efficient tumor accumulation



## **CD28xVISTA Bispecifics Exhibit Favorable Properties**



- High transient expression levels, monomeric purity, and thermal stability comparable to starting mAb's
- Efficient (but variable) simultaneous target engagement (ELISA, SPR, cell binding assays)

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# CD28xVISTA bsAb Induces IL-2–luciferase Reporter Expression in *cis* and in *trans*



# CD28xVISTA mAb Potentiates a PSMAxCD3 Bispecific T-cell



- CD28xVISTA BS2 potentiates LNCaP killing by a PSMAxCD3 bispecific mAb in *trans*
- Enhances T-cell activation, proliferation and cytokine release
- No effect in the absence of Signal 1: <u>no super-agonistic properties</u>



## CD28xVISTA bsAb SNS-201: Inhibition of MC38-hVISTA Tumor Growth in hCD28 KI Mice in Combination with anti-PD-1



- CD28xVISTA BS2 antibody (SNS-201 with pH-selective VISTA engagement) induces significant tumor growth inhibition in combination with anti-mPD-1
- Efficient tumor control despite highly heterogeneous tumor cell population

GroupTreatmentTGI at D17<br/>(%)1Isotype Control0.02anti-mPD-1 1 mg/kg27.43anti-VISTAxCD28 5 mg/kg28.04anti-mPD-1 1 mg/kg +<br/>anti-VISTAxCD28 5 mg/kg73.4

TGI = Tumor growth inhibition



# SNS-201 Does Not Induce Significant Cytokine Release in HUVEC:PBMC Co-culture Assays





# SNS-201 Does Not Induce Significant Cytokine Release in Sensitive *ex vivo* Whole Blood ID.Flow Assays



- *Ex vivo* assay with fresh whole blood in constant circulation to mimic human blood circulation (ID.Flow)
- No significant response compared to negative Control up to 100 µg/mL

### Conclusion

#### A conditionally active CD28xVISTA bsAb was developed as a TME-specific CD28 agonist

- SNS-201 potentiates LNCaP cancer cell killing by a CD3xPSMA T-cell engager *in vitro*
- SNS-201 shows effective TGI inhibition of MC38-hVISTA tumors in hCD28 KI mice in combination with anti-PD-1 (natural Signal 1)
- SNS-201 displays a good safety profile with no "super-agonistic" properties and no induction of cytokine release in physiological relevant assays
- PK profile in hCD28 KI mice is favorable
- SNS-201 has good developability properties

SNS-201 bsAb could complement PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors or enhance bispecific T-cell engagers' selectivity and efficacy by targeting dual/orthogonal antigens on tumor and myeloid cells



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