

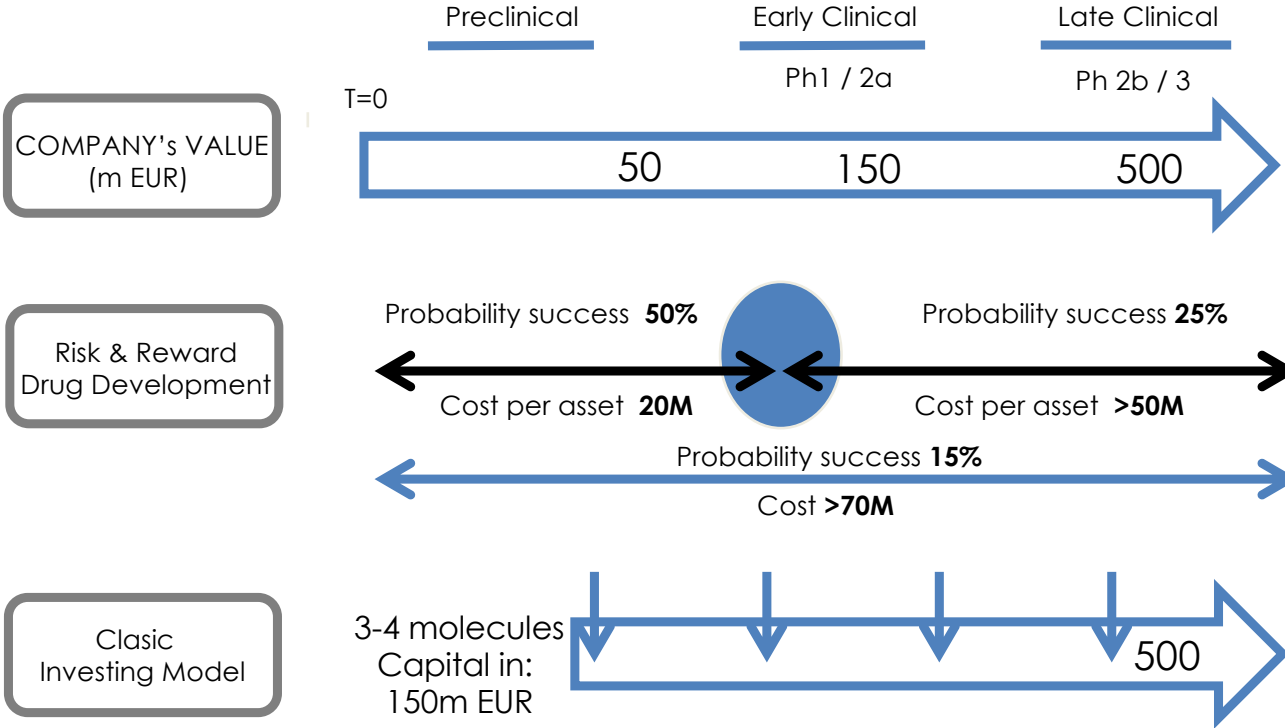
# Medicxi



- Index Ventures life science (“**LS**”) team spun out to form Medicxi Ventures in February 2016
- 4 partners and 15 executives together since 2004
- €326M invested in 67 healthcare companies to since 2000
- Backed by global pharmaceutical companies (“**Pharma**”)
- Offices in Geneva, London, Cambridge (UK), Jersey



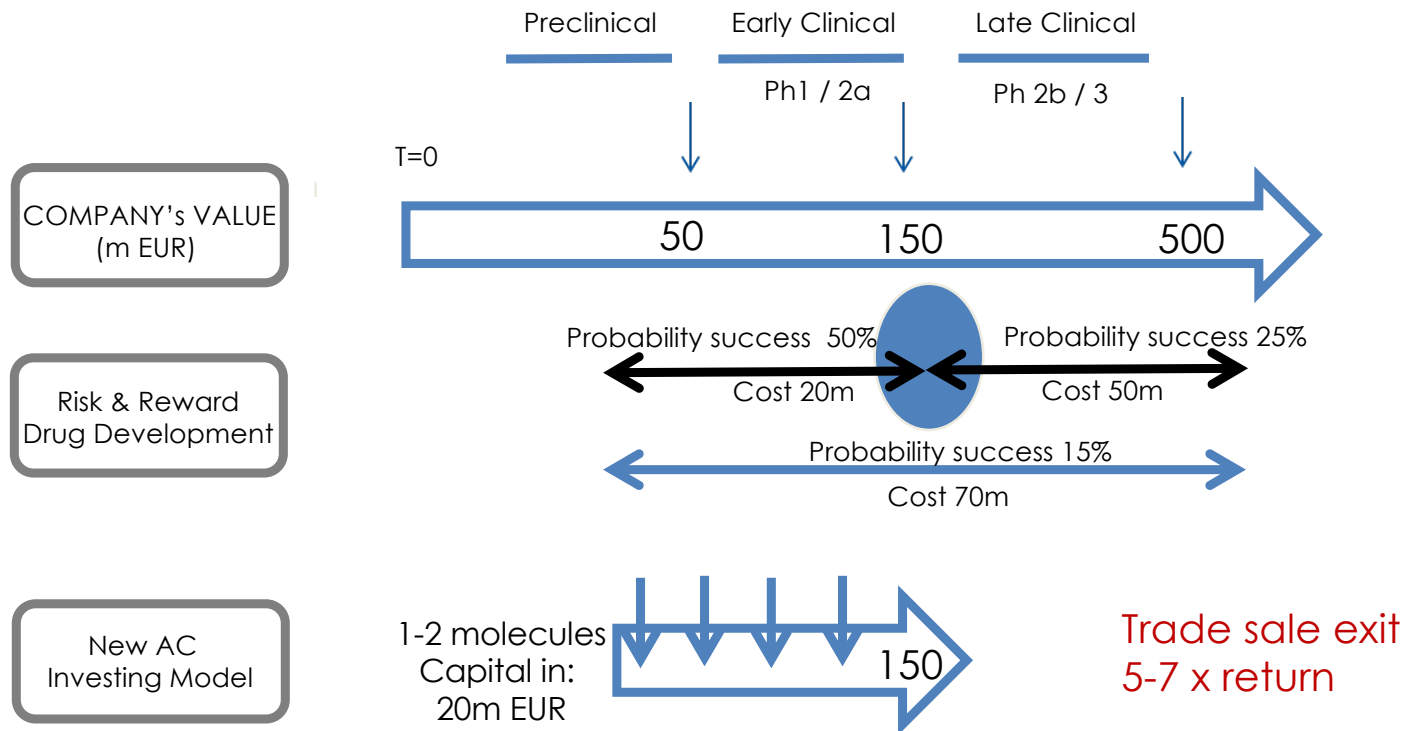
# Classical Investing Model:



IPO / trade sale exit  
2-3 x return

# Asset Centric Investing Model:

Milestone-based, one molecule at a time



# Selected historical (Index Ventures) investments





Next generation cancer immunotherapy  
meets metabolomics

A UMCU spin-off company

# Gadeta at a glance



- Developing proprietary Cellular Immunotherapy Platform to target hematological and solid tumors
  - Founded by Prof Jurgen Kuball from the Utrecht Medical Center Utrecht and Dr Mark de Boer, Venture Partner at Medicxi Ventures
- TEGs: T cells Engineered with Gamma delta ( $\gamma\delta$ ) T-cell receptors
  - Unique approaches with clear advantages over existing technologies
    - Using current knowledge and manufacturing of  $\alpha\beta$  T cells
    - Combined with unique  $\gamma\delta$  T-cell receptors
    - Targeting novel and unique cancer cell targets
  - First program to enter clinic in Q1-2017
- Series A financing (EUR 7M) closed in January 2016
  - Medicxi Ventures
  - Baxalta Ventures
  - UMCU Holding, founders and management

# Gadeta mission



**Cure more people with cancer**

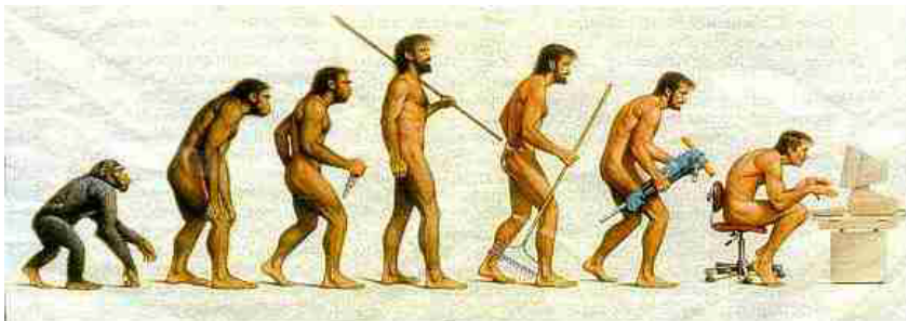


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# $\gamma\delta$ T-cells



survived > 500 M years of evolutionary pressure



$\gamma\delta$ T cells must provide a substantial survival advantage

$\gamma\delta$  T-cell share many features with NK cells and bridge the gap between innate and adaptive immunity

## V $\delta$ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells

Best characterized



1-5% of peripheral CD3+ T cells

## V $\delta$ 2- $\gamma\delta$ T cells



Up to 50% of tissue CD3+ T cells



# Functional evidence of cancer immune surveillance by $\gamma\delta$ T cells

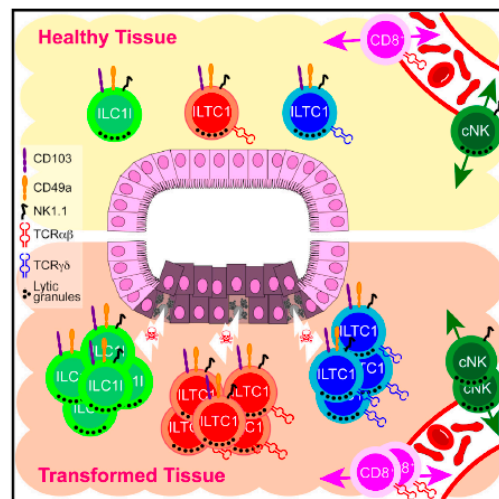


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## Cancer Immunosurveillance by Tissue-Resident Innate Lymphoid Cells and Innate-like T Cells

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Cell transformation triggers a cancer immunosurveillance mechanism that engages tissue-resident lymphocytes derived from innate, TCR $\alpha\beta$ , and TCR $\gamma\delta$  lineages.

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## Targeted Activation of Human $V\gamma 9V\delta 2$ -T Cells Controls Epstein-Barr Virus-Induced B Cell Lymphoproliferative Disease

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### SUMMARY

Epstein-Barr virus-induced lymphoproliferative disease (EBV-LPD) after transplantation remains a serious and life-threatening complication. Herein we showed that the aminobisphosphonate pamidronate-expanded human  $V\gamma 9V\delta 2$ -T cells efficiently killed EBV-transformed autologous lymphoblastoid B cell lines (EBV-LCL) through  $\gamma/\delta$ -TCR and NKG2D receptor triggering and Fas and TRAIL engagement. By inoculation of EBV-LCL in Rag2<sup>-/-</sup> $\gamma c$ <sup>-/-</sup> mice and humanized mice, we established lethal EBV-LPD with characteristics close to those of the human disease. Adoptive transfer of pamidronate-expanded  $V\gamma 9V\delta 2$ -T cells alone effectively prevented EBV-LPD in Rag2<sup>-/-</sup> $\gamma c$ <sup>-/-</sup> mice and induced EBV-LPD regression in EBV<sup>+</sup> tumor-bearing Rag2<sup>-/-</sup> $\gamma c$ <sup>-/-</sup> mice. Pamidronate treatment inhibited EBV-LPD development in humanized mice through selective activation and expansion of  $V\gamma 9V\delta 2$ -T cells. This study provides proof-of-principle for a therapeutic approach using pamidronate to control EBV-LPD through  $V\gamma 9V\delta 2$ -T cell targeting.

# In humans: The “favorable” prognostic landscape ... is dominated by $\gamma\delta$ T cells



## The prognostic landscape of genes and infiltrating immune cells across human cancers

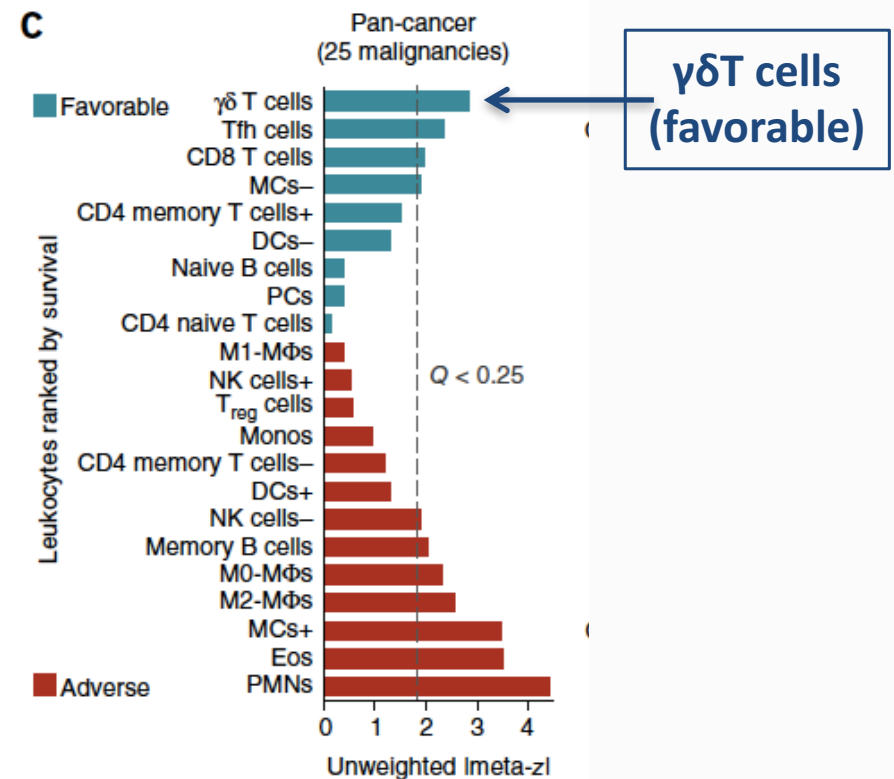
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### Abstract

Molecular profiles of tumors and tumor-associated cells hold great promise as biomarkers of clinical outcomes. However, existing data sets are fragmented and difficult to analyze systematically. Here we present a pan-cancer resource and meta-analysis of expression signatures from ~18,000 human tumors with overall survival outcomes across 39 malignancies. By using this resource, we identified a forkhead box M1 (*FOXM1*) regulatory network as a major predictor of adverse outcomes, and we found that expression of favorably prognostic genes, including *KLRB1* (encoding CD161), largely reflect tumor-associated leukocytes. By applying CIBERSORT, a computational approach for inferring leukocyte representation in bulk tumor transcriptomes, we identified complex associations between 22 distinct leukocyte subsets and cancer survival. For example, tumor-associated neutrophil and plasma cell signatures emerged as significant but opposite predictors of survival for diverse solid tumors, including breast and lung adenocarcinomas. This resource and associated analytical tools (<http://precog.stanford.edu>) may help delineate prognostic genes and leukocyte subsets within and across cancers, shed light on the impact of tumor heterogeneity on cancer outcomes, and facilitate the discovery of biomarkers and therapeutic targets.



# Why did clinical trials with $\gamma\delta$ T-cells fail so far?

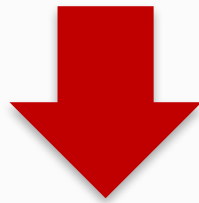


- Homing properties of  $\gamma\delta$ T-cells might be different
- Proliferation deficiency of conventional  $\gamma\delta$ T-cells in many cancer patients is observed
- $\gamma\delta$ T-cells are sensitive to cancer cell expressed check point inhibitors
- Diversity of  $\gamma\delta$ T-cells in NK-receptors &  $\gamma\delta$ -TCRs is unfortunately widely underestimated
- Frequently  $\gamma\delta$ T-cells are absent in advanced stage cancer patients

# Key success factors of Gadeta

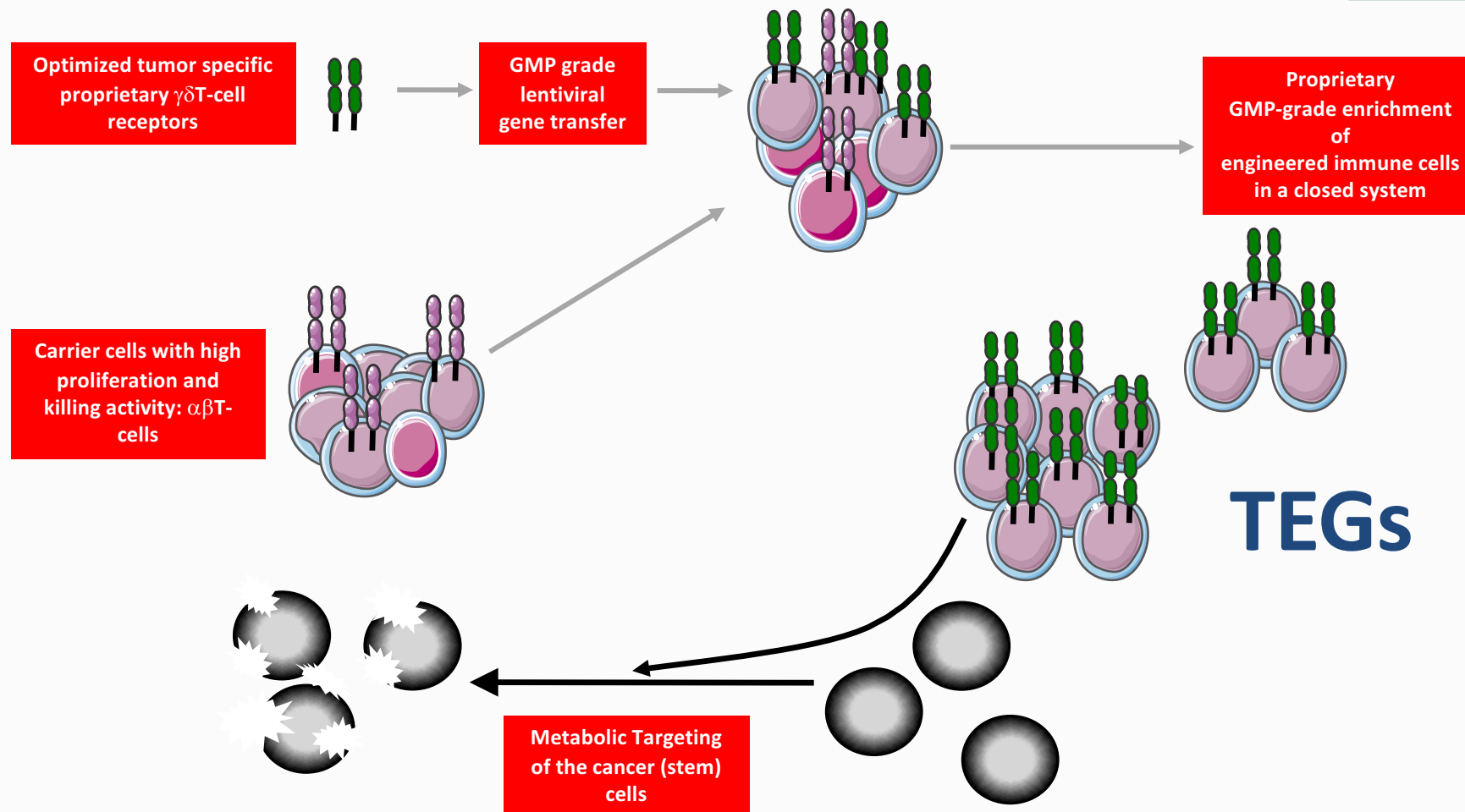


- Appreciating pitfalls and the unique strength of  $\gamma\delta$ T cells during cancer immune surveillance for our therapeutic strategy
- Learning lessons from clinical trials with unmodified  $\gamma\delta$ T cells



**TEGs**

# T Cells Engineered To Express a Defined Gamma Delta TCR



# Gadeta TEGs: $\gamma\delta$ TCRs in $\alpha\beta$ T-cells



- $\gamma\delta$  TCR have interesting specificities
  - Sensing metabolic dis-regulation in cancer cells
  - Highly tumor-reactive receptors with the potential to target the cancer stem cells
- Overcoming limitations of  $\gamma\delta$  T-cells
  - Overcome tolerance induction of  $\gamma\delta$  T-cells
  - Taking advantage of one defined innate receptor with strong anti-tumor-reactivity

# TEG Pipeline



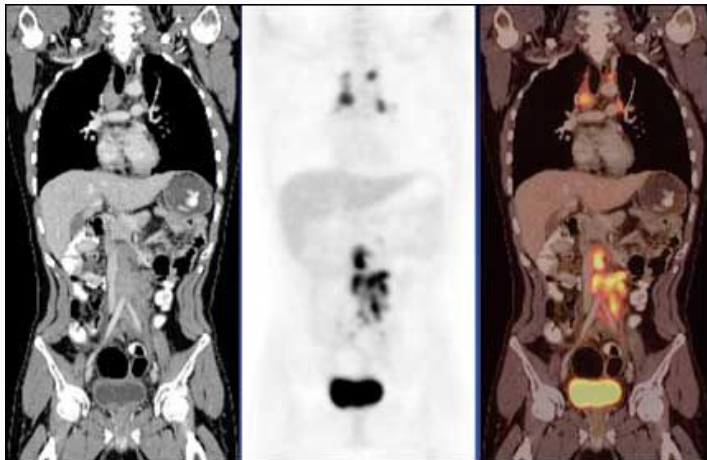
Compound	Target	Indication	Research	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2
TEG-1001	CD277	Hematologic cancers				
TEG-1002	CD277	Solid tumors				
TEG-2001	CD277	Solid tumors				
TEG-3001	Undisclosed					
TEG-4001	Undisclosed					

# TEG-1001



## Cancer is a metabolic disease

Daily practice: detecting cancer cells based on their metabolic state with PET CT



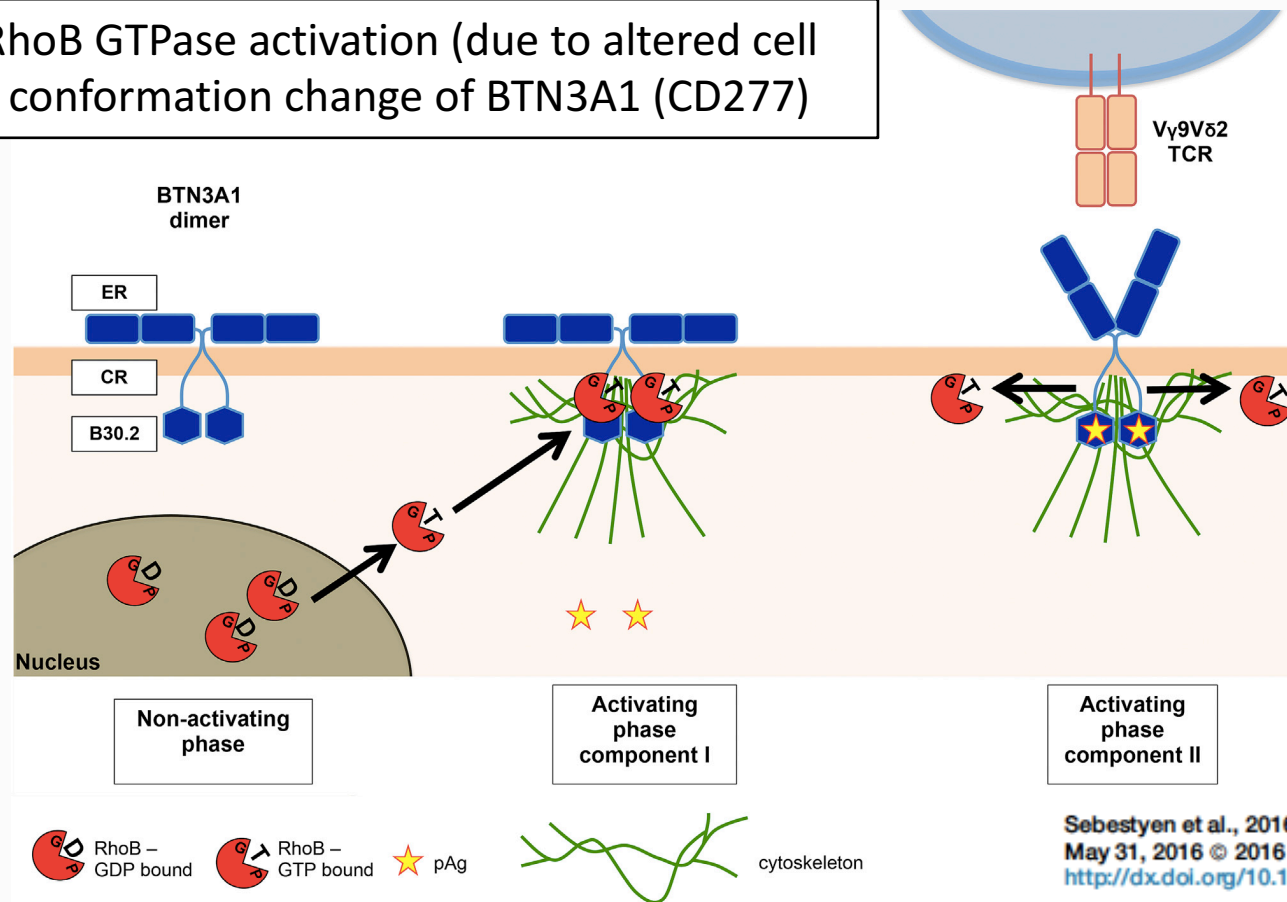
Utilizing a highly tumor reactive  $\gamma 9\delta 2$ TCR for metabolic cancer targeting



# TEG-1001 can sense metabolic state of cancer cells



IPP accumulation and RhoB GTPase activation (due to altered cell metabolism) result in a conformation change of BTN3A1 (CD277)



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# Conclusion



- **Gadeta: Cancer Immunotherapy meets Metabolomics**
- **TEGs** ( $\alpha\beta$ T cells engineered with  $\gamma\delta$ TCRs) allow an efficient targeting of cancer as metabolic disease
- Strong IP position
- Building strong pipeline
  - First clinical trial with TEG-1001 in Q2/2017 in hematological malignancies
  - Second clinical trial with TEG-1002 in solid cancer in planning
  - Broadening the pipeline with other  $\gamma\delta$ TCR lead structures



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