



*Empowering Immuno-Oncology Therapies By
Stimulating the Immune System:*
A Novel 1-2 Punch Against Cancer

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Using Proprietary, Uniquely Biocompatible Nanotechnology for a More Effective and Gentler Cancer Therapy That Enables Immunology

Sona's Proprietary Technology

- Patented, biocompatible, proprietary **gold nanorod** manufacturing technology

Used to Develop:

Therapies

- Developing 'Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy' to eliminate tumors with minimal systemic toxicity

Diagnostics

- Developer of novel lateral flow assay rapid tests for concussions and animal disease

Which then would be licensed to commercialization partners

Sona's Gold Nanorod Advantages

✓ Uniquely Biocompatible:

- Sona surfactant uses no toxic CTAB *
- Equally as effective at heat transfer as CTAB-based GNRs
- Potentially more suitable for use in the body: stable, inert and biocompatible

✓ Functional:

- Gold nanorods provide the most efficient thermal conversion
- Variety of lengths and widths to optimize surface area
- Aspect ratio control permits tuning to specific wave lengths
- Long shelf life and stable surface properties

✓ Validated :

- NCL was established by the FDA & NCI to accelerate the progress of nanomedicine by providing testing and characterization of nanoparticles.
 - Neither endotoxins nor microbial contamination were detected in seven rounds of NCL analysis



- NCL joined as part of Sona's team in its recent FDA 'Pre-sub' meeting

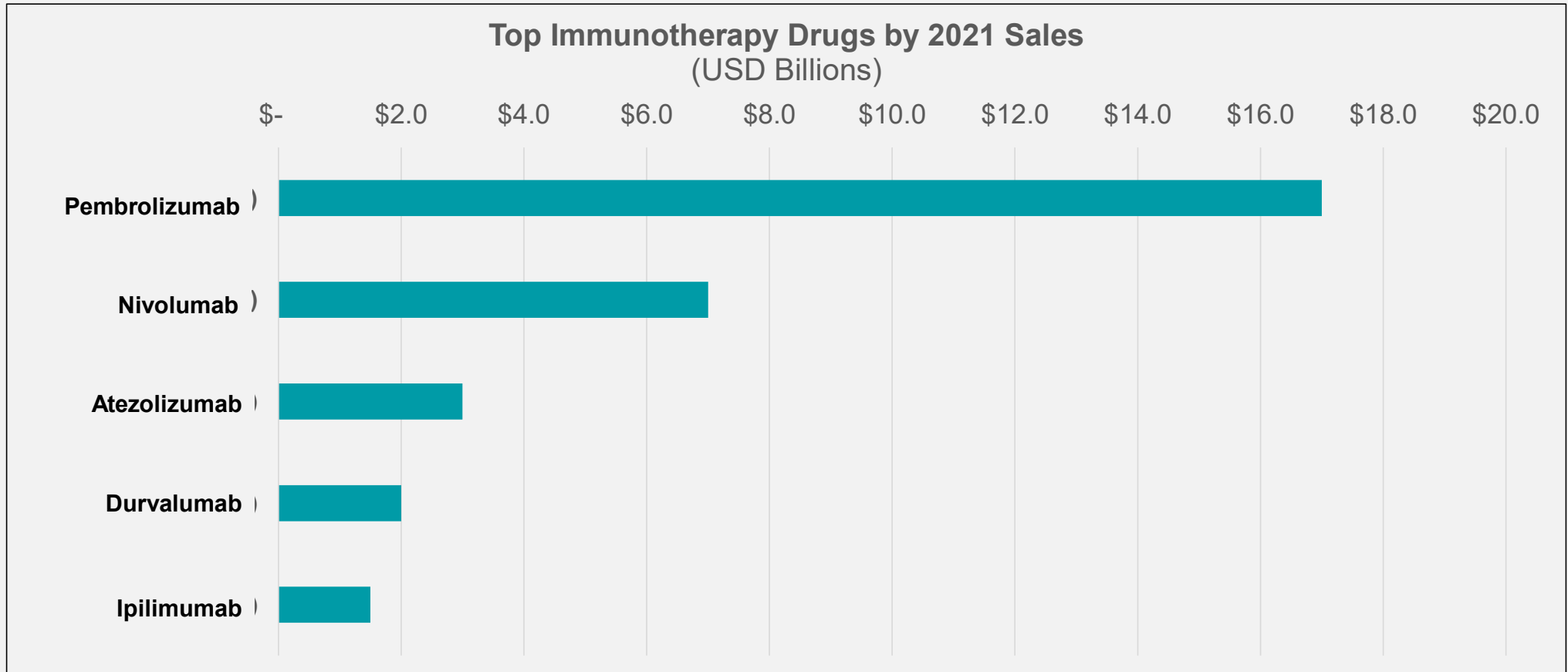
Sona's Cancer Therapy Shrinks Tumors, And Is Prescribed With Current Immunotherapies, Making Those Drugs Work *Much* Better

Sona's 'Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy' for Cancer

1. Tumor is injected with Sona's biocompatible gold nanorods
2. Sona's light energy device is applied to the tumor
3. Cancer cells are destroyed selectively, shrinking the tumor and triggering the release of *new antigens*
4. These new antigens enable immunotherapy to work much better, cleaning the job and possible even destroying distant, untreated tumors

Sona's THT therapy could therefore bring value to the immunology industry

\$31 Billion Was Spent On Immuno-Oncology (“IO”) Drugs In The U.S. For Solid Cancers In 2021



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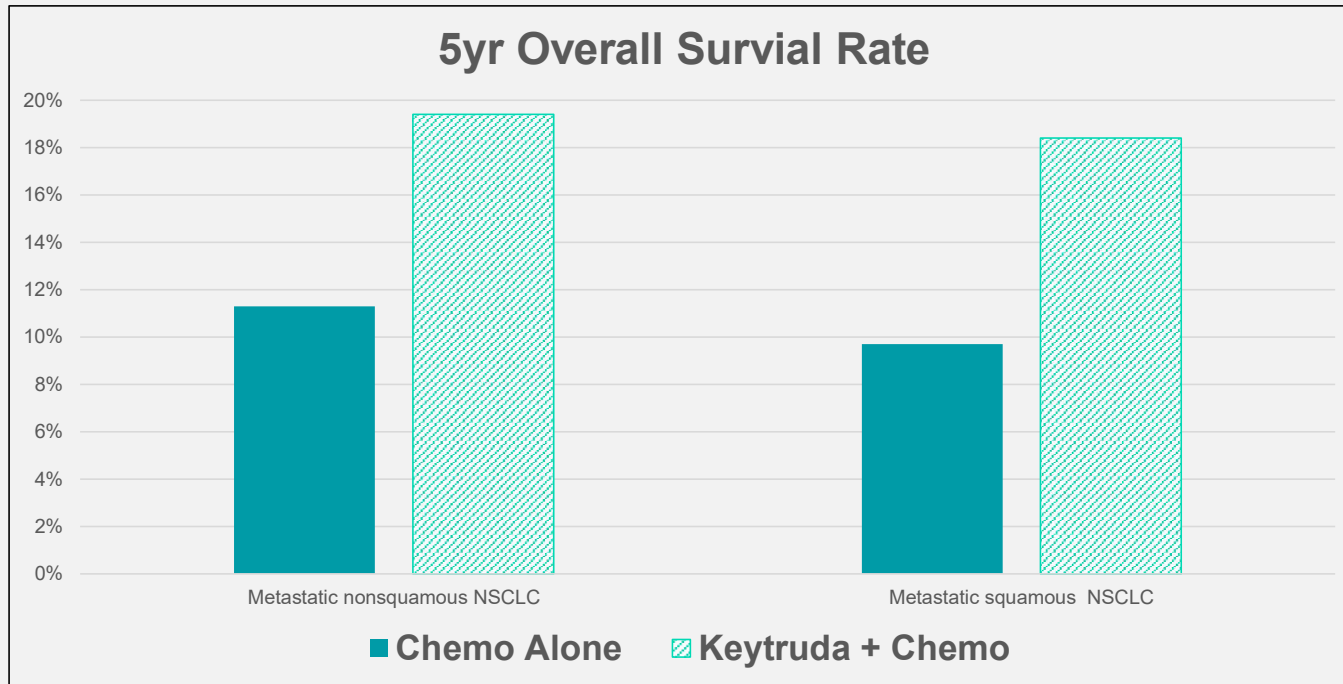
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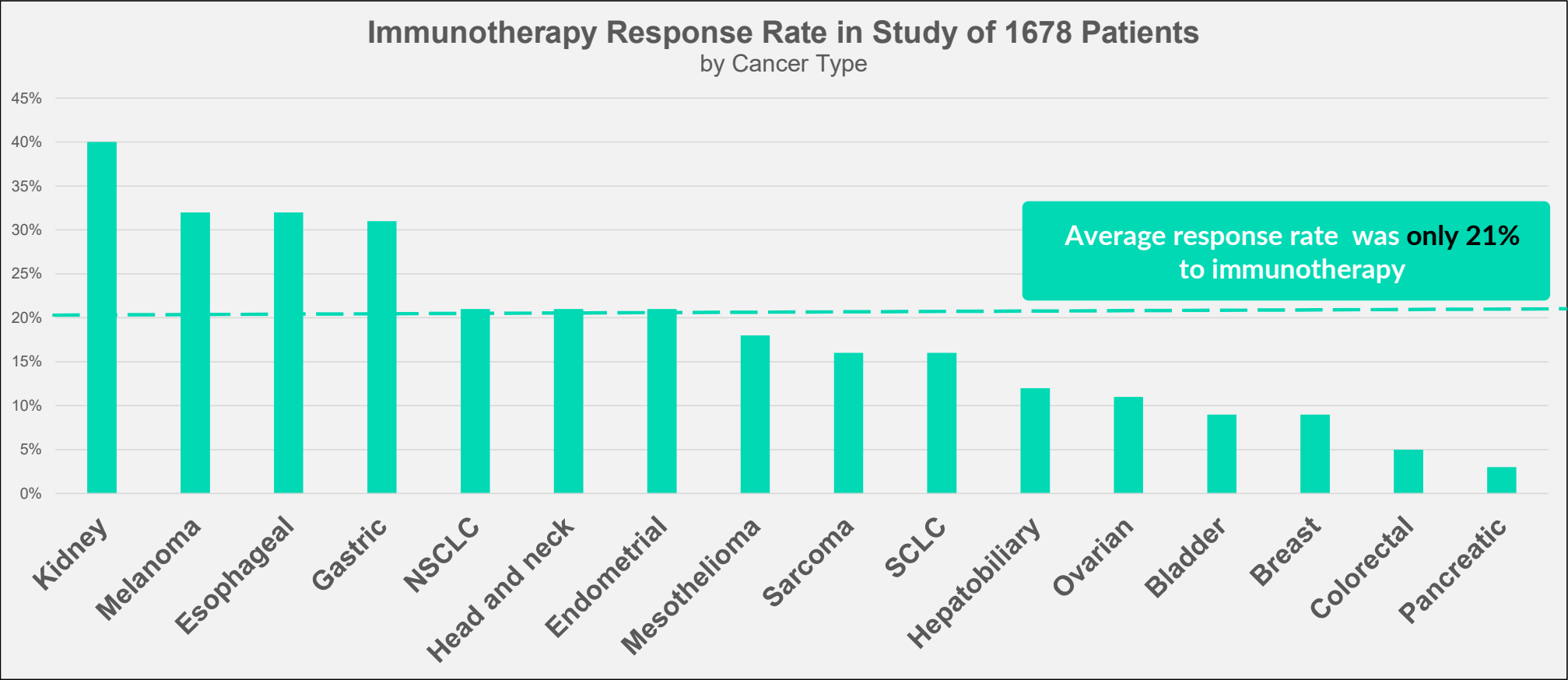
IO Therapies *Vastly* Improve Survival Rates Vs. Chemo Alone



Named
'Breakthrough of the Year' in 2013
by Science
journal,
immunotherapy
enables the
immune system to
fight cancer itself

In a study by Merck, their blockbuster IO product Keytruda increased five-year survival rates by ~81%

But IO Therapy Response Rates Are Still Very Limited



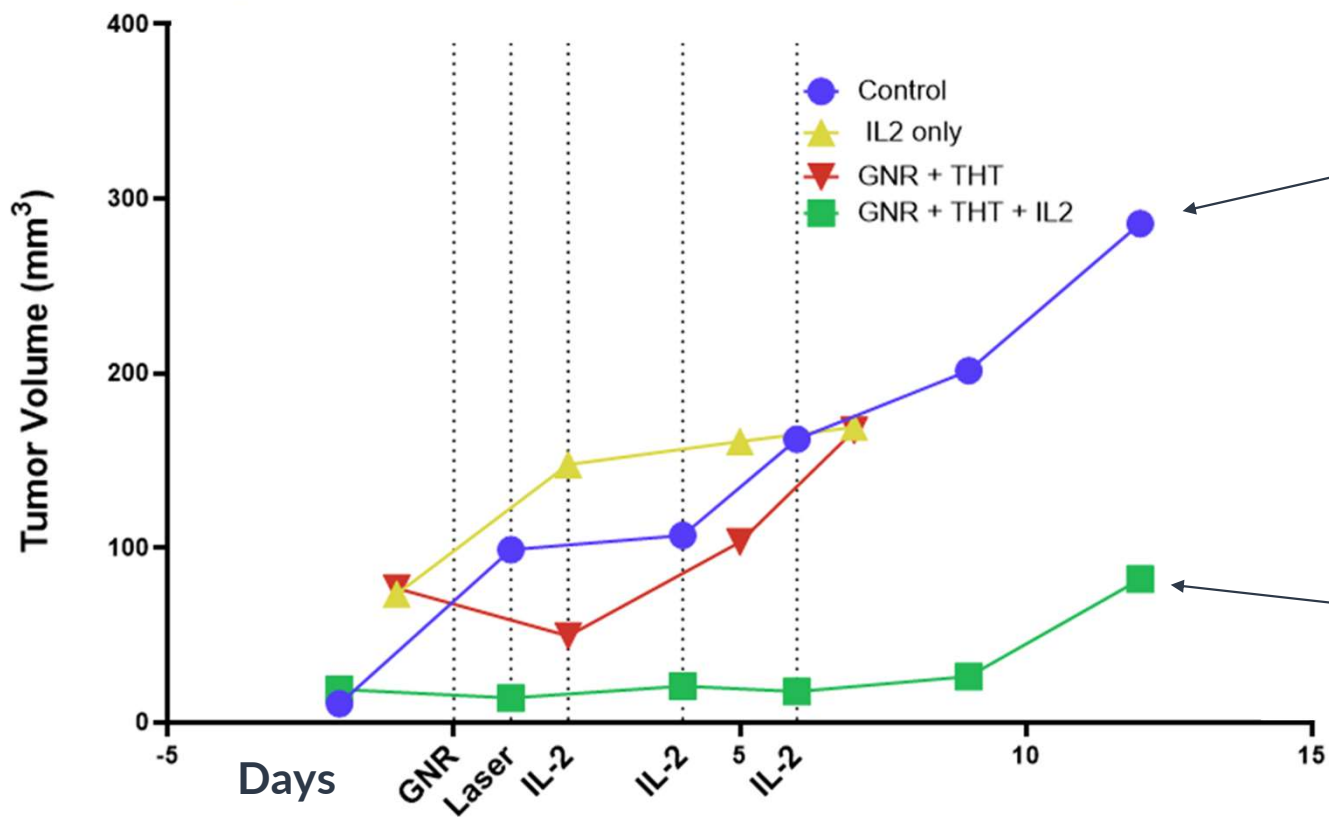
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Response Rates to Anti-PD-1 Immunotherapy in Microsatellite-Stable Solid Tumors With 10 or More Mutations per Megabase [Cristina Valero, MD, PhD,¹ et al](#)

Sona's Study Results Show Its Therapy Combined With Immunotherapy Drives Significantly Better Results

Research Study Background - Initial Results

(Triple Negative Breast Cancer Mouse Tumor Model, n=6)

Preclinical Study



Tumors left unchecked continue to grow

Tumors treated with combination of THT and immunotherapy shrink – significantly more than with either alone

The Main Reason IO Success On Its Own Can Be Constrained Is If Tumor Antigens Presented Are *Too Weak To Elicit An Immune Response*

Sources of Immunotherapy Resistance

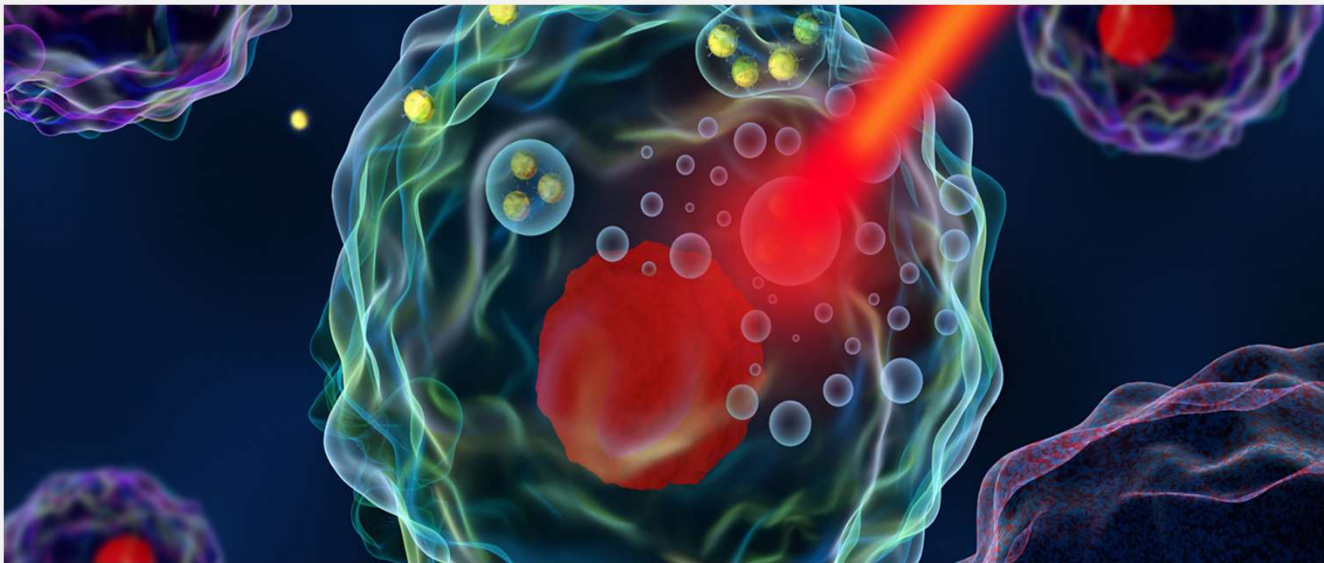
1. Weak tumor antigen or loss of tumor-antigen expression
2. Upregulation of immune-checkpoint molecules (immune fatigue)
3. Activation of alternative signaling pathways
4. Immunoediting

More of a good thing isn't necessarily better:

Addressing a weak antigen tumor microenvironment with stronger/more IO drugs risks triggering autoimmunity and toxicity

Revealing fresh and possibly stronger tumor antigens would spark and activate the innate immune system

Many Unexposed Antigens Exist in Tumors But How Can Sona Cause Them to be Presented to the Immune System?



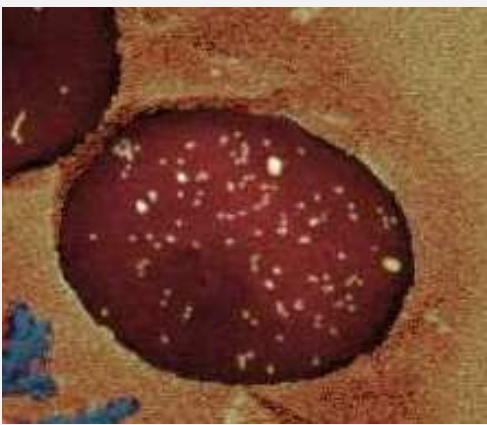
Heating cancer cells gently causes them to die by apoptosis which causes the release of neo-antigens

Sona's therapy primes the tumor microenvironment to present neo-antigens, thereby enabling immunotherapy to work better

Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy (“THT”) Uses NIR Light To Heat Nanorod-Saturated Tumors From Inside Out, Gently

A Two-Step Therapy

1. Inject Biocompatible Gold Nanorods Intratumorally



Nanoparticles shown in a red blood cell to show relative scale

2. Shine NIR Light Tuned to 850nm on Tumor



Near infrared light applied to GNR saturated tumor

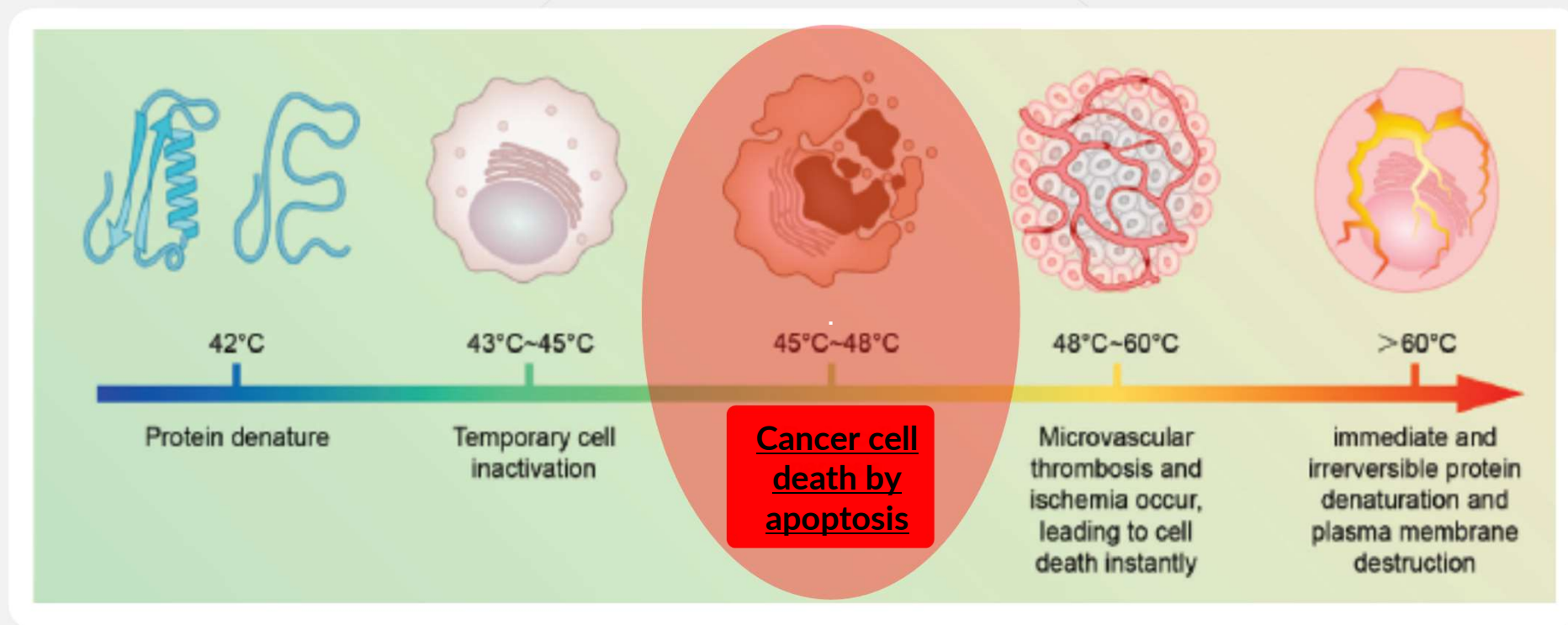
Delivering a 1-2 Punch:

1. Heat causes cancer cell apoptosis, shrinking tumors

2. Apoptotic cell death releases intact neoantigens, awakening the innate immune system

THT heats the tumor cells gently, shrinking it and causes the exposure of intact tumor-specific neo-antigens

THT's 'Hyperthermia' Approach Heats Tumors to 41-48 °C – Enough to Kill Cancer Cells, But Not Enough to Harm Healthy Cells



Apoptosis: A type of cell death in which a series of molecular steps in a cell lead to its death. This is one method the body uses to get rid of unneeded or abnormal cells. The process of apoptosis may be blocked in cancer cells. Also called *programmed cell death*.

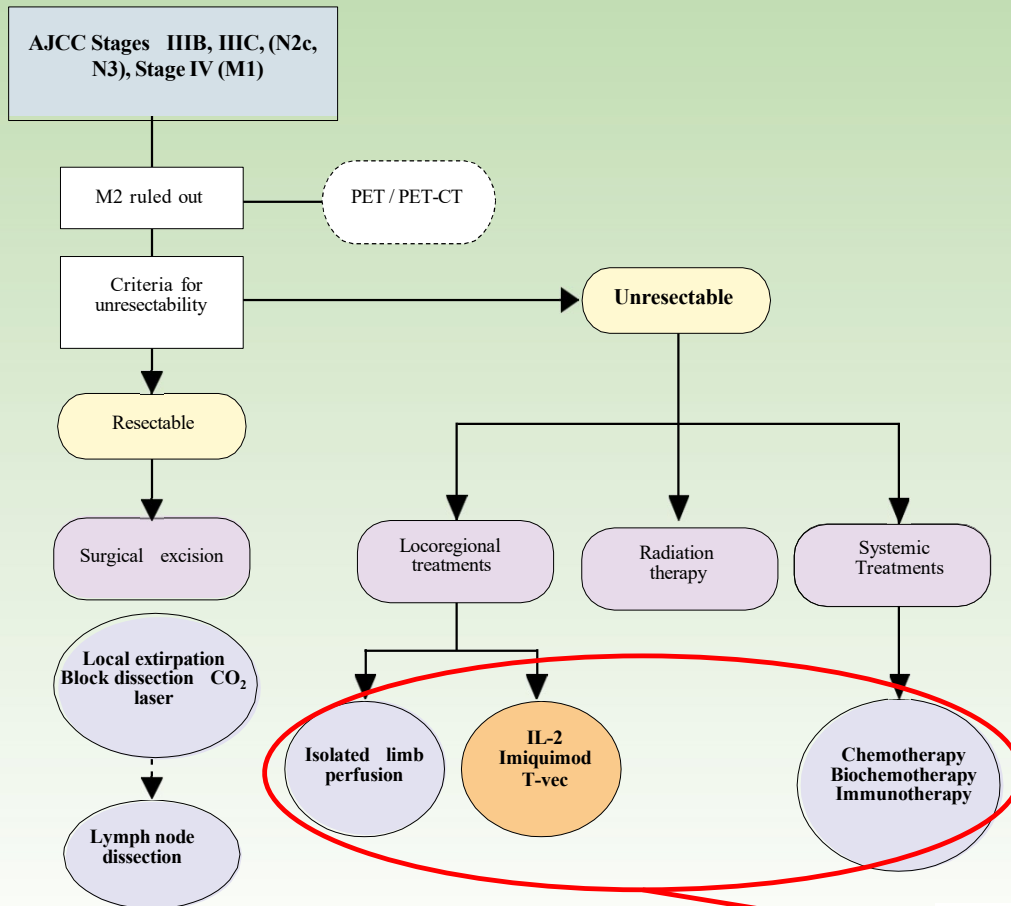
While Cancer Cell Death by Apoptosis Can Be Stimulated In a Variety of Ways, Sona's THT Therapy is Selective and Efficient

Rationale for Sona's Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy (THT)

- Gold nanorods (GNRs) are the most efficient gold nanoparticles at converting light energy into heat potentially minimizing therapy times
- Sona's GNRs are uniquely manufactured without toxins, making them an inherently safe and therefore desirable heat generating agent, in vivo
- THT limits healthy cell damage and promotes apoptosis, rather than necrosis by generating moderate hyperthermia instead of high-temperature ablation

Leverages the innate immune system without 'cutting, burning or poisoning'

Intended Use Is As Adjunctive To Current Standard Of Care, With The Goal To Become The Standard of Care



THT Intended Use

- To create hyperthermia in superficial tumors of patients with locally advanced cutaneous melanoma, without distant metastases, as an adjunctive treatment.
- Sites include:
 - Visible/palpable otherwise unresectable melanoma, mucosal melanoma
 - Regions with extensive cutaneous and subcutaneous metastasis e.g. numerous in-transit lesions.

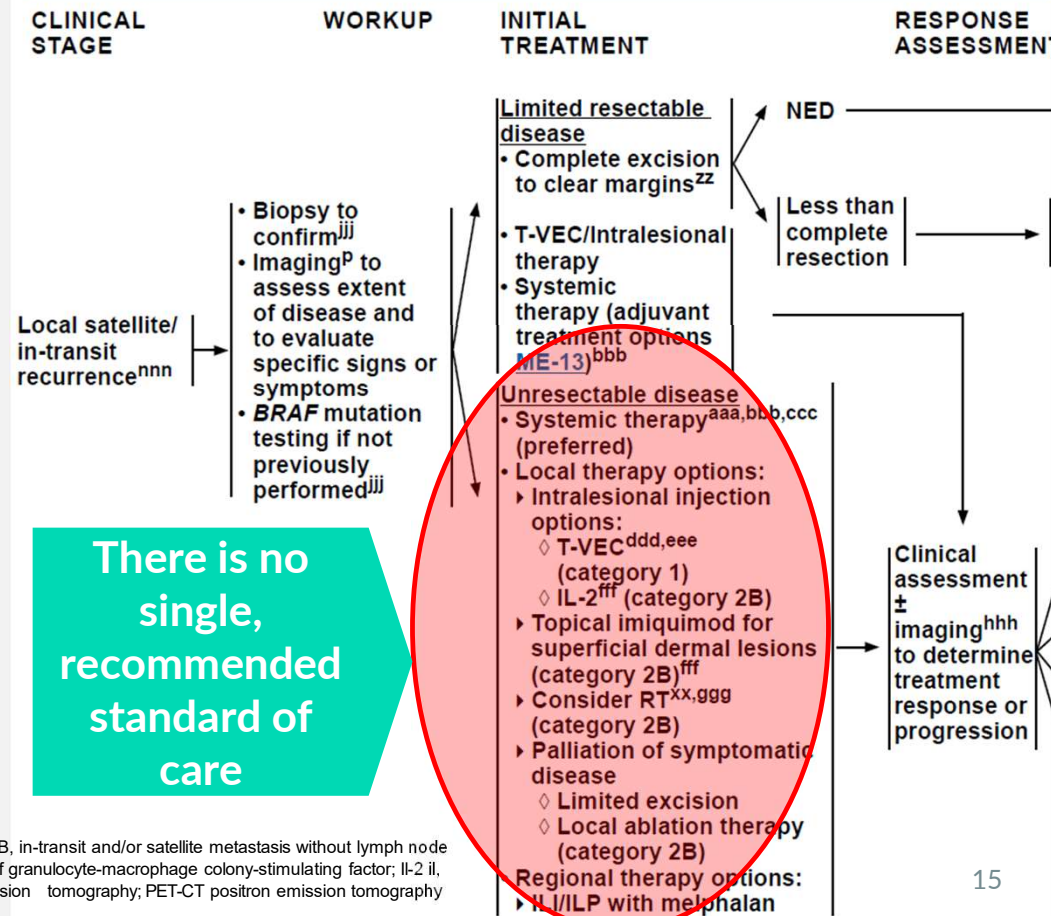
Opportunity for THT Treatment

Initial Target Indication Is Late-stage, Unresectable Melanoma

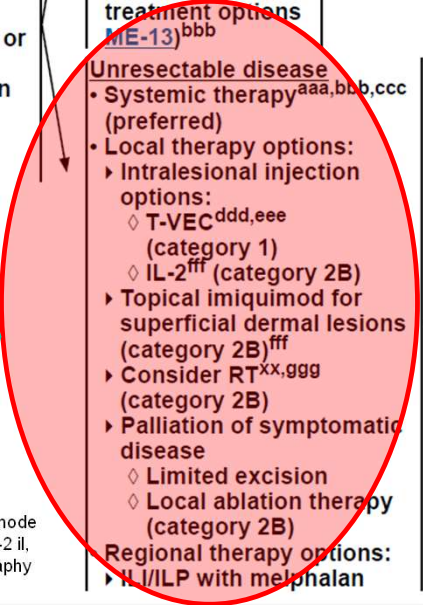
THT Target Indication

- Adjunctive treatment for patients with unresectable locally advanced cutaneous melanoma with in-transit or satellite metastases.
- Stage IIIB, IIIC (N2c or N3) and Stage IV (M1) melanoma.
- **Failed immunotherapy** (failed = other therapies are discontinued due to toxicity; non-responsive to immunotherapy; progression of any lesions while on immunotherapy).

Starting with advanced melanoma, where standard therapies have not worked, provides a fast route to prove THT therapy



There is no single, recommended standard of care



Note 1. Initial algorithm for the management of locally advanced melanoma. AJCC indicates American Joint Committee on Cancer; IIIB, in-transit and/or satellite metastasis without lymph node involvement; IIIC, in-transit and/or satellite metastasis with lymph node involvement; GM-CSF pl, treatment with perilesional injection of granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor; IL-2 il, treatment with intralesional injection of interleukin 2; M1, TNM corresponding to the presence of distant metastasis; PET, positron emission tomography; PET-CT positron emission tomography combined with computed tomography images.

Sona's THT Therapy is Proprietary And Will Benefit From IP Protection

Sona's Four Sources of IP Advantage

Patents:

- **Method for Manufacture of Biocompatible Gold Nanorods**
 - Issued: USA and South Korea. Pending: PCT, Canada, EU.
- **Photothermal NIR LED Light Device**
 - Issued on Dec. 11, 2014, as US patent #10,064,940
- **Photothermal Near-Infrared Laser Light Device**
 - U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/562461, filed Mar. 7, 2024
- **Gold Nanoparticle Conjugates and Uses Thereof**
 - US patent #9,175,015 filed Aug. 22, 2008
- **Further provisional patent work underway**

Time Advantage:

- Moving quickly to maintain Sona's lead to be the first to be approved by regulators

Two Device System:

- Once approved by regulators, Sona's light device may not be used with 3rd party GNPs
- Once approved by regulators, Sona's GNRs may not be used with 3rd party light device
- Use of one with a substitute for the other would also void warranties

All restrict off-label use

Trade Secrets:

- Techniques for delivery of GNRs in vivo and application of the non-thermal energy
- Protocols for immunotherapy agent combinations

Key Elements Of Sona's THT Concept Have Been Proven

Previously Done/Approved:

- ✓ Heat used to kill cancer cells
- ✓ Photothermal treatment using infrared light devices
- ✓ FDA has approved nanoparticles for injection into humans in prior clinical trials⁽¹⁾
- ✓ THT efficacy in small animals demonstrated in peer reviewed scientific journal

Sona's development plan leverages significant prior third-party research

Building the Safety and Efficacy Data Required by Regulators for a 'First in Human' Pivotal Phase 1 Clinical Study

Current Efficacy Study at Dalhousie University:

Evaluation of Sona Nanotech's Gold Nanoparticle-Mediated Photothermal Therapy in Combination with Intralesional Immune Modulation as a Novel Immuno-Oncology Combination Strategy for Colorectal, Skin and Breast Cancers

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*Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University
Surgical Oncologist / General Surgeon, QEII HSC*



Research
Study

Research Study Background – Metrics of Success

Preclinical
Study

Success Will Be Assessed By The Extent To Which:

Tumor Shrinkage

- THT causes tumor volume reduction in mouse models of:
 - Melanoma
 - Breast cancer
 - Rectal cancer

Enhanced Immune Response

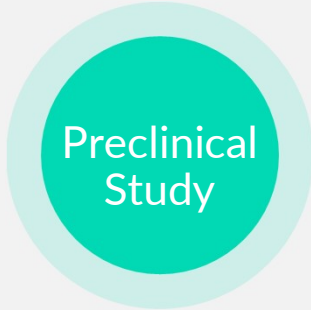
- Use of THT with certain immunotherapies is additive or even synergistic

Abscopal Effects are Observed

- Immune responses created in remote tumors without directly treating them

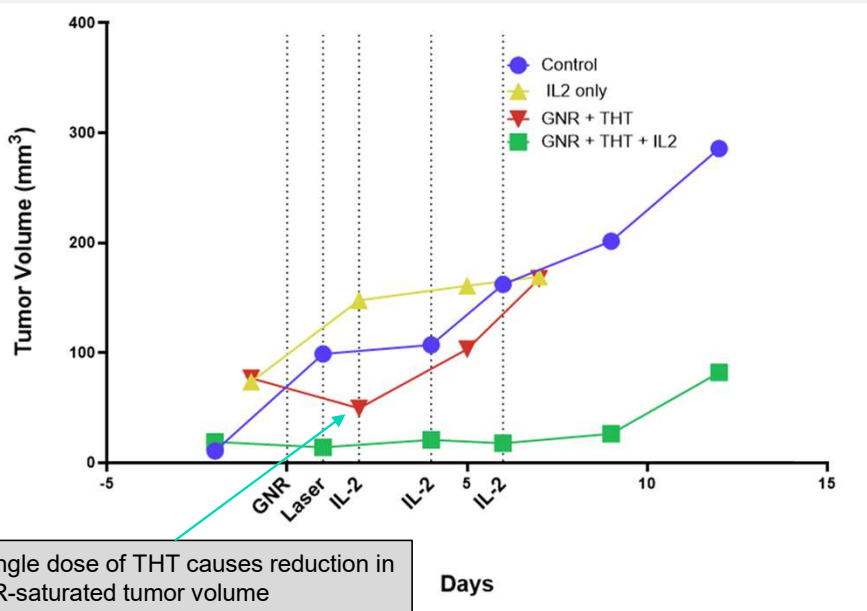
Can THT cause a synergistic effect as part of an immunomodulation strategy?

Initial Data Shows Synergistic Effect of Combining Sona's THT and Standard Immunotherapy Agent IL-2



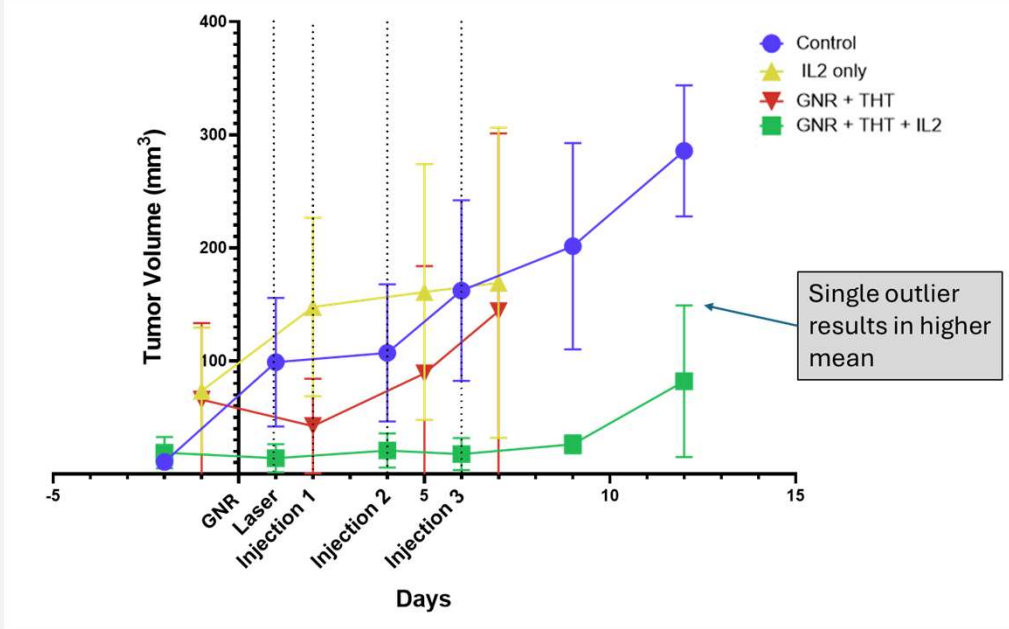
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Tumor Volume
(without error bars)



A single dose of THT causes reduction in GNR-saturated tumor volume

Tumor Volume
(with error bars)



Single outlier results in higher mean

Sona's Development Plan For THT Has Been Guided Of A Panel Of Leading Physicians In The U.S. And Multiple FDA Interactions

Stakeholder Engagement

EXCITE International Panel Members:

- Three surgical oncologists from leading U.S. cancer centres
- Four physicians representing different U.S. payer organizations



FDA Pre-IDE Submission Correspondence and Meeting #1:

- Commented on THT pre-clinical development plan
- Responded to questions on target Indications of Use and safety considerations



Moving Quickly Towards Regulatory Filings and First-in-Human Study

1. Selection of pre-clinical study partners, plans and initial safety study results
 - Utilizing pre-existing research & advisory groups to conduct studies in the most cost-effective ways
2. Panel of leading EXCITE International expert advisors from top U.S. institutions and 'payers' to provide guidance
 - To ensure that Sona's product development is in line with what surgical oncologists are looking for, prior to FDA submission
3. First FDA pre-submission meeting
 - Received written and verbal feedback from FDA in February, validating Sona's current approach
4. Gold nanorod GMP manufacturing partner selection
5. Efficacy study results
 - Currently measuring Sona's technology effectiveness in mice for melanoma, colorectal and breast cancer
6. Initiate Safety, Feasibility and Biocompatibility non-GLP studies
7. Initiate regulator required GMP manufacture of gold nanorods
8. **First-in-human studies** (subject to regulatory approval)
 - Company exploring opportunities to accelerate human efficacy studies, once safety established

Sona Has Engineered the Right 'Gene Pool' to Develop Its Cancer Therapy

Board



Mark Lievonen
Chairman

- Led vaccine maker Sanofi-Pasteur to a billion-dollar value



Walter Strapps PhD
Director

- CEO of Khosla Ventures CRISPR/Cas13 biotech



Neil Fraser
Director

- Led Medtronic Canada for ~20 years



Jim Megann
Director

- 25 years of experience in capital markets

Management



David Regan, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

- Capital markets professional
- Former strategy consultant



Len Pagliaro, PhD
Chief Scientific Officer

- Developer of Targeted Hyperthermia Therapy



Kulbir Singh, PhD
Head of R&D

- Co-Developer of CTAB-free gold nanorods



Darren Rowles, MBA
Head of Diagnostics

- 17 years' experience with nanoparticle diagnostics



Robert Randall, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

- Extensive public company experience

Advisors



Dr. Carman Giacomantonio

- Surgical oncologist & researcher



Dr. Catherine J. Murphy

- Inventor of gold nanorods



Dr. Gerry Marangoni

- Co-developer of CTAB-free gold nanorods

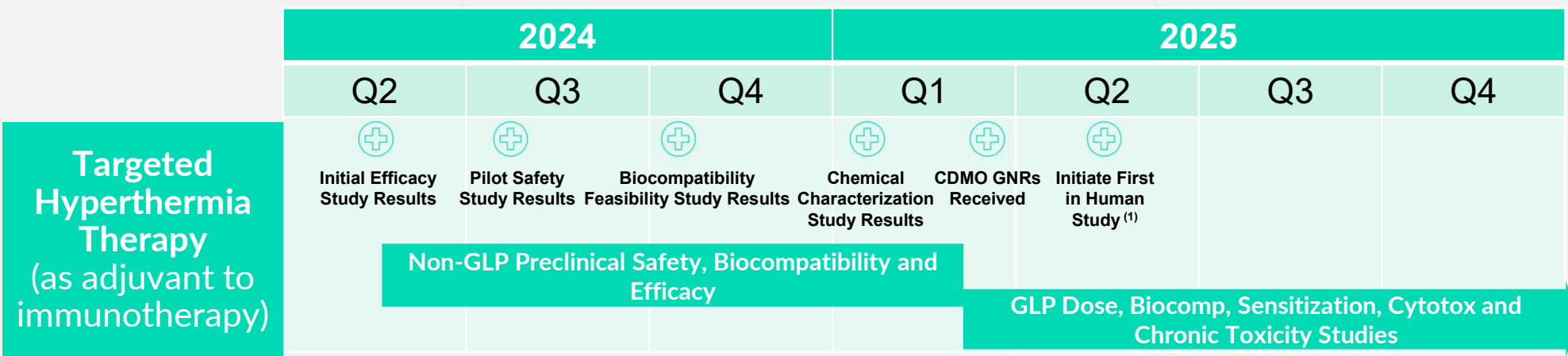


Glenn Kanner, B.Eng., MBA

- Medical device product development consultant

Key Development Studies For THT Will Provide Many Catalysts

2024-2025 Anticipated Milestones



Goal for 'first-in-human' study by 2Q 2025

Capitalization Table

As of April 26, 2024

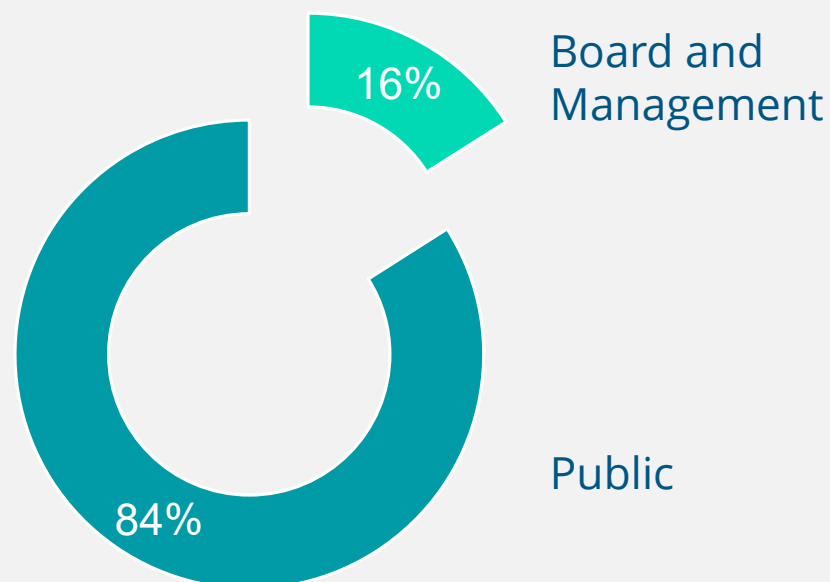
Market Capitalization

Share Price	C\$0.42
Market Cap.	C\$42M
52 Week High/Low	\$0.56/\$0.075

Capital Structure

Issued & Outstanding	99M
Options	6.0M
Warrants	3.1M

Ownership





Thank you

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