# Stem Vax THERAPEUTICS

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## **Investment Highlights**

Clinical and Pre-Clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing next-generation immunotherapy products to treat Brain Cancer.

- Personalized Immunotherapy
- Dendritic cell-based approach to promote anti-tumor immunity
- Enhanced dendritic cell maturation and functionality over firstgeneration vaccine

Lead Candidate, TLR-AD1, dendritic cell-based vaccine for the treatment of glioblastoma multiforme ("GBM")

- Particularly lethal form of cancer with minimal improvements in standard of care.
- Orphan Drug designation
- Preclinical data shows significant increase in survival over parent "first generation" vaccine.

IP estate of 2 issued patents additional patent development

## **Program Overview**

#### Immunotherapy in Development: TLR-AD1

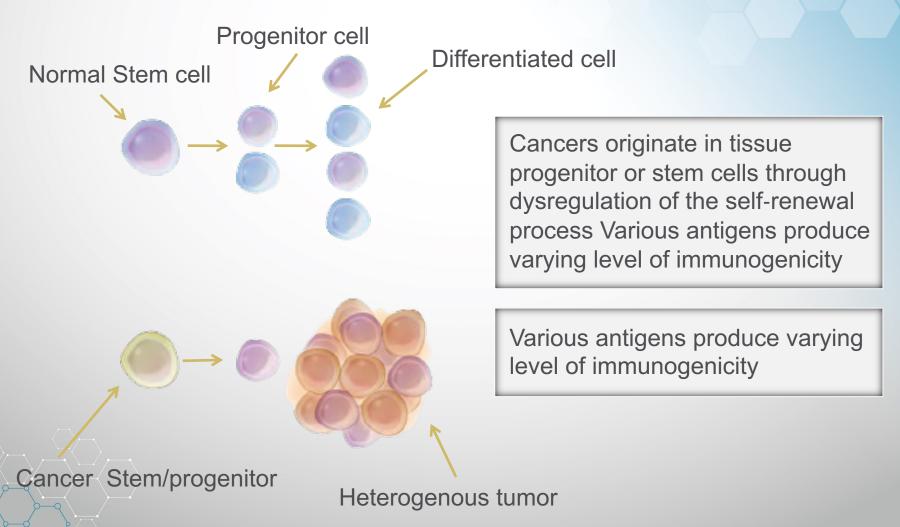
- Preclinical development demonstrated efficacy over leading dendritic cell immunotherapy approach currently in Phase II clinical trials ("ICT")
- Can be combined with various antigens, including cancer stem cell antigens
- Preparing IND to be filed by end Q1 2021; Phase I clinical trial to start by end Q2 2023 or in Q3 2023
- With filing of IND will also file for Orphan Drug Designation

## **Program Overview**

#### StemVax, LLC Company Development:

- Seeking initial funding through NIH SBIR and Investors
- Business Plan development
- Executive Board Development
- Scientific Advisory Board

## **Targeting Tumor**



# Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM)

 More than 18,000 brain tumors are diagnosed each year in the United States.

GBM is the most common primary brain tumor in adults.

Five-year survival rates are less than 5% for GBM.

# Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM)

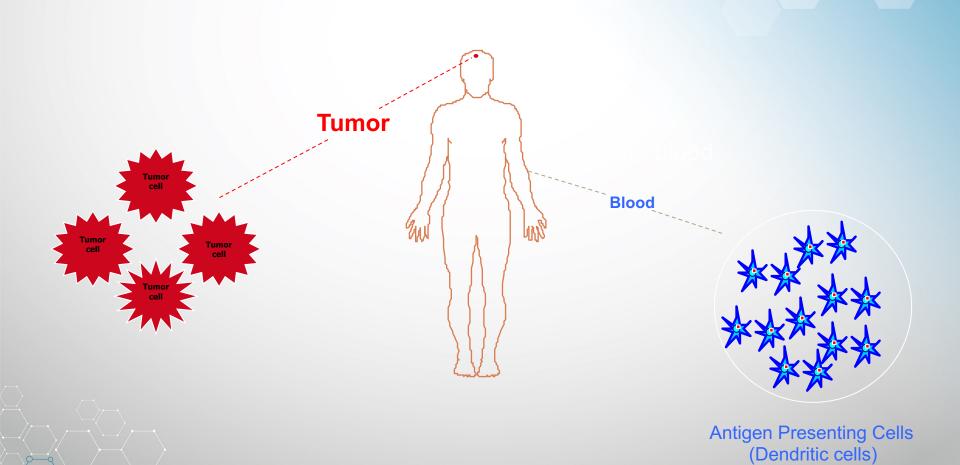
- Standard of Care: Surgical resection followed by radiation and temozolamide chemotherapy remains the most effective treatment.
- 15-month median survival.
- Additional GBM therapies needed Immunotherapy?
  - Vaccination with cytokine-transfected tumor cells
  - Adoptive transfer of tumor-activated T cells
  - Administration of antigen-pulsed dendritic cell (DC) vaccines why?
- All have been associated with enhanced immunity and/or favorable clinical outcomes

## Dendritic Cell Vaccine (1st Generation)

- Improves survival in responders (Phase I and II)
- Not a cure

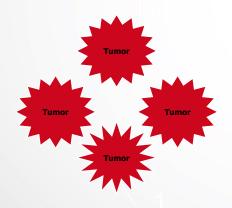
Needs improvement-survival rates, outcomes

## **Brain Tumor Vaccine**



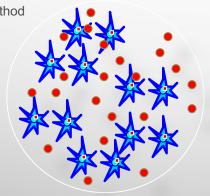
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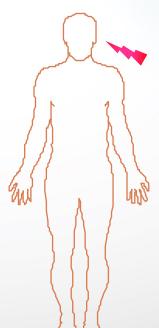
## **Brain Tumor Vaccine**



Glioma cell lysate

Freeze-thaw method

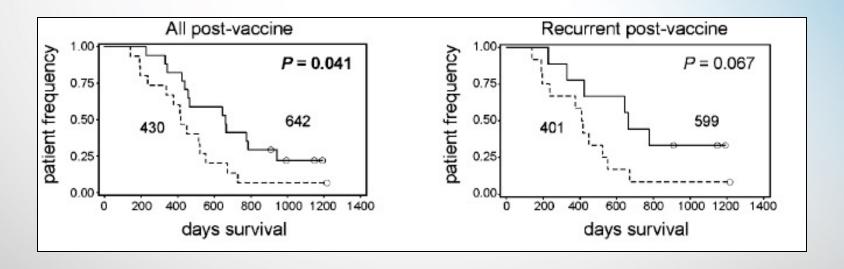




Anti-tumor immune response

### 1st Generation Vaccine-Bulk Tumor Lysate

GBM vaccine non-responders
 GBM vaccine responders



TTS (time from surgical resection immediately preceding vaccination to time of death)

(Wheeler et al, 2008, Cancer Research)

## How do we improve DC vaccine?

Toll-like receptor (TLR) adjuvants

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Vaccine - 6 Common Antigens (ICT-107)

#### ICT-107 - Targets Cancer Stem Cells Lead Indication in GBM

- PII data not encouraging and why we overcome the issues with ICT-107
- Why we are better and will succeed?

#### **Antigen**

gp100

MAGE-1

IL-13Ra2

Her-2/neu

AIM-2

Trp-2

#### **Treats**

melanoma, brain

melanoma, brain, ovarian

brain, ovarian

breast, ovarian

breast, colon, brain

melanoma, brain

### Phase I Trial Results for ICT-107

#### Significant increase in median Progression Free Survival (PFS)

- 16.9 months for ICT-107
- 6.9 months for historical SOC\*

#### Significant increase in 3-year PFS

- 38% for ICT-107
- 6% for historical SOC\*

#### Significant increase in median Overall Survival (OS)

- 38.4 months for ICT-107
- 14.6 months for historical SOC\*

#### Significant increase in 3-year OS

- 55% for ICT-107
- 16% for historical SOC\*

Cancer Immunol Immunother. 2013 Jan;62(1):125-35

\*Surgery followed by radiation and temozolomide (TMZ). Stupp et al. N Engl J Med. 2005 Mar 10;352(10):987-96.



### 3rd Generation Vaccine-TLR-AD-1

 Antigen specific or antigens derived from bulk lysate combined with Toll-like receptor (TLR) adjuvants

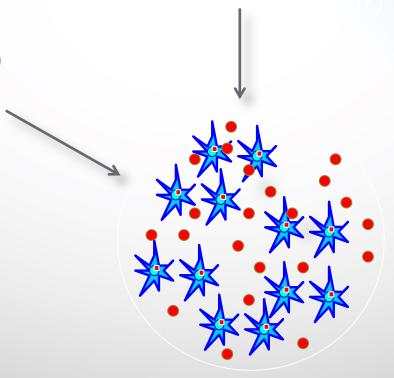
 Pre-clinical mouse model data show significant improvements in survival and dendritic cell activation and function

# **Dendritic Cell Assay**

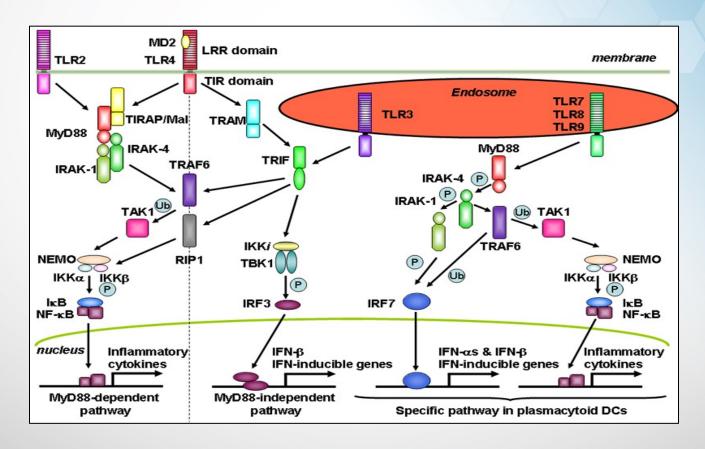
Glioma Antigens-Specificity

2.- Current
Toll-like receptor (TLR)
Adjuvants-Activate

TLR2, TLR4, TLR9

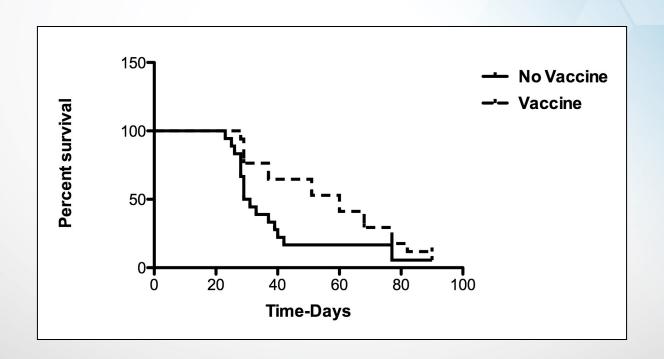


# **TLR Signaling Pathway**



- Each TLR family member has its specific signaling pathway.
- TLR signaling is a common pathway to induce inflammatory cytokines.

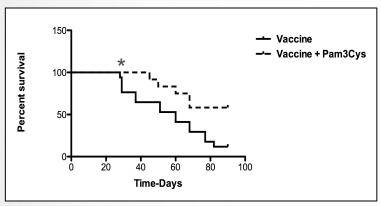
# Pre-Clinical Kaplan-Mier Survival Analysis of Vaccinated Glioma Bearing Mice (Controls)



#### Median Survival

No Vaccine: 30 days Vaccine: 60 days

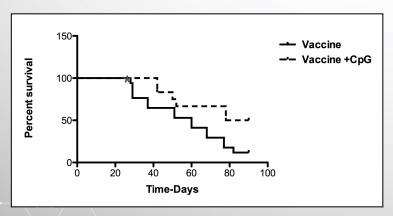
# Pre-Clinical Kaplan-Mier Survival Analysis of Vaccinated Glioma Bearing Mice (Vaccine vs. TLR adjuvants)



Median Survival

Vaccine: 60 days

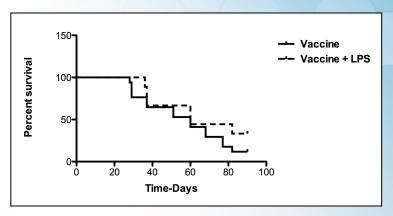
Vaccine + Pam3Cys: <90 days



Median Survival

Vaccine: 60 days

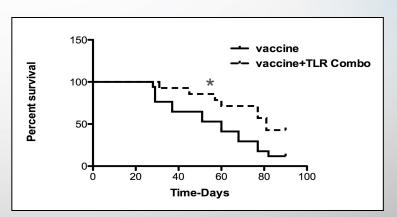
Vaccine + CpG: 84 days



Median Survival

Vaccine: 60 days

Vaccine + LPS: 60 days



Median Survival

Vaccine: 60 days

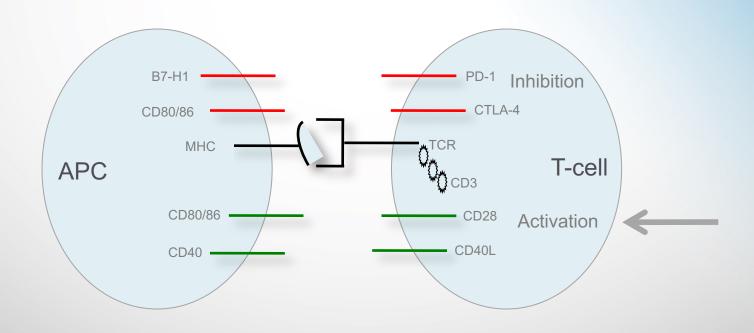
Vaccine + TLR Combos: 81 days

### **DC** Activation Molecules

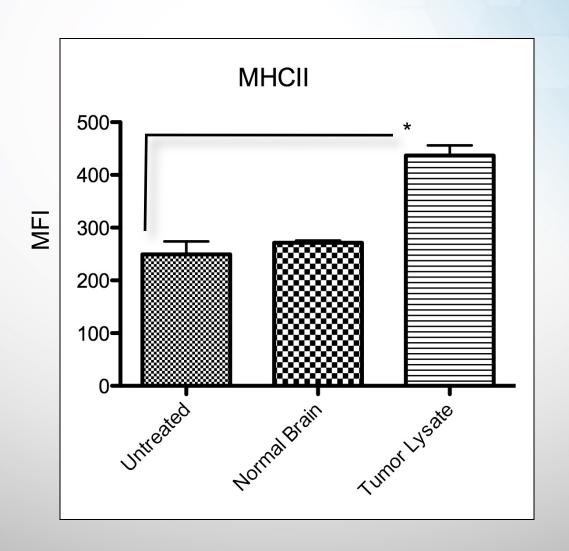
- Co-stimulatory:
  - CD80 (B7-1)
  - · CD86 (B7-2)
  - · CD40

- MHC II (Major histocompatability complex for antigen presentation to T cells)
- Pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-12, TNF-α, IL-6)

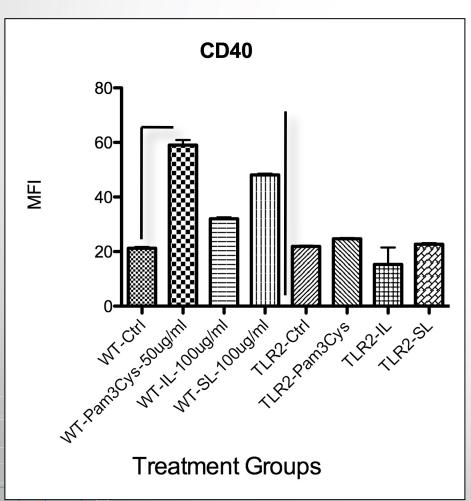
# Co-Signaling Molecules

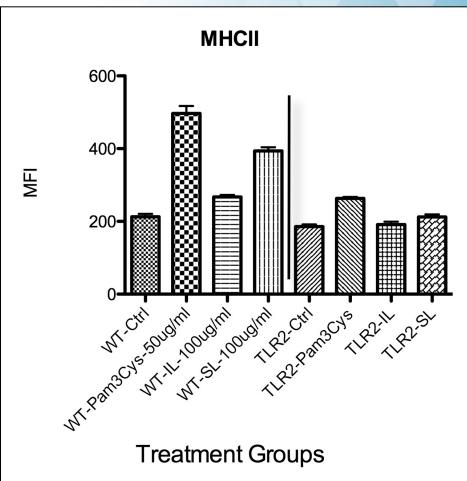


# Glioma Lysate Activates vs. Normal Brain Control (Flow Cyotmetry Assay)

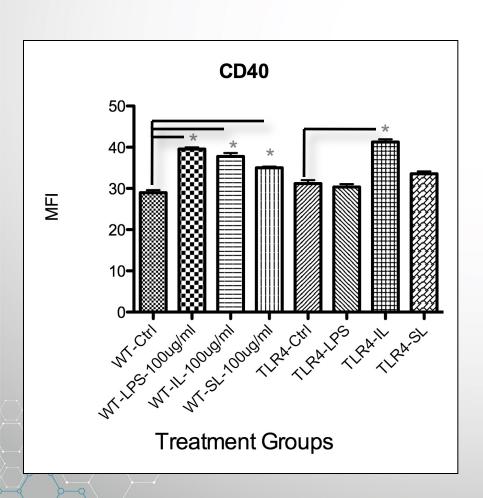


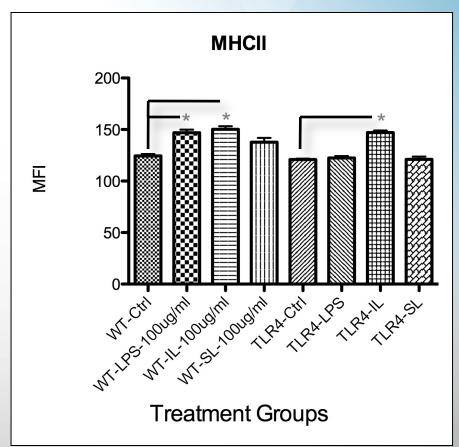
# Glioma Lysate Activates DC Through TLRs TLR2 (Flow Cytometry Assay)



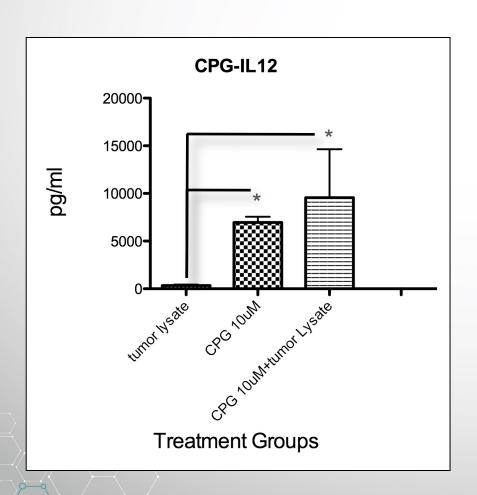


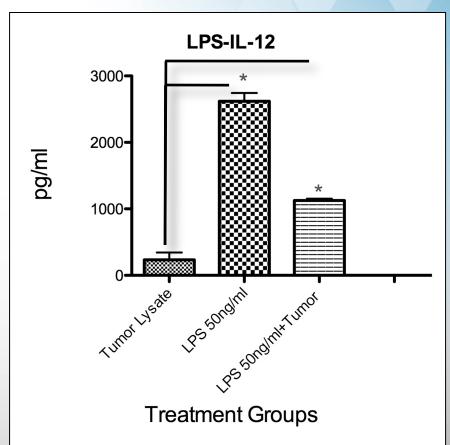
# Glioma Lysate Activates DC Through TLRs TLR4 (Flow Cytometry Assay)



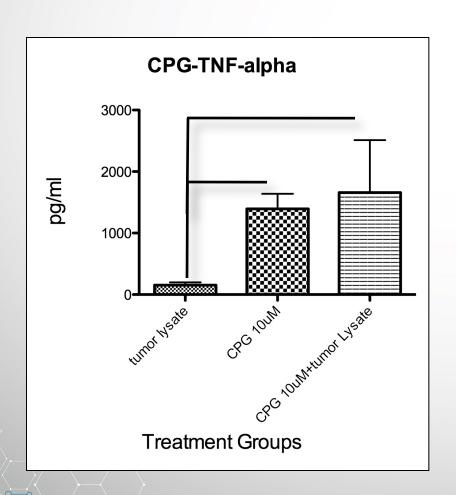


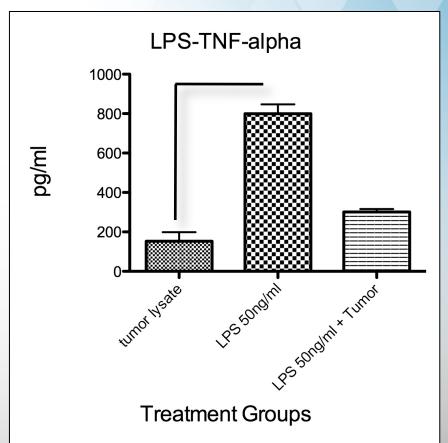
#### DC Cytokine Expression (IL-12) After Glioma Lysate and TLR Ligands (ELISA Based Assay)



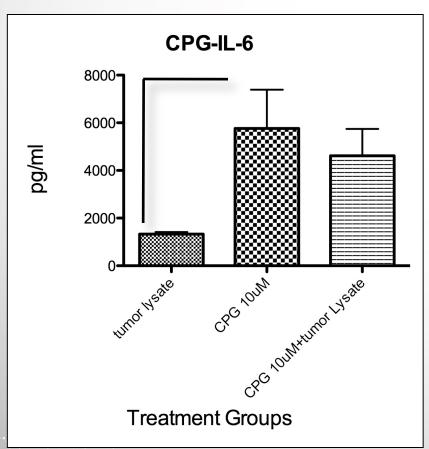


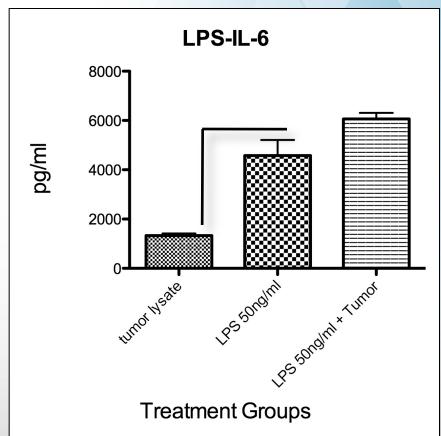
#### DC Cytokine Expression (TNF-α) After Glioma Lysate and TLR Ligands (ELISA Based Assay)





# PBMDC Cytokine Expression (IL-6) After Glioma Lysate and TLR Ligands (ELISA Based Assay)





## Summary

- Glioma lysate activation of DCs is at least partially regulated through TLR signaling and is MyD88 dependent.
- TLR2 signaling in DCs may be one the predominant receptors for glioma lysate signaling.
- Glioma lysate and TLR ligands may work together to maximize an anti-tumor immune response.

### **Highlights**

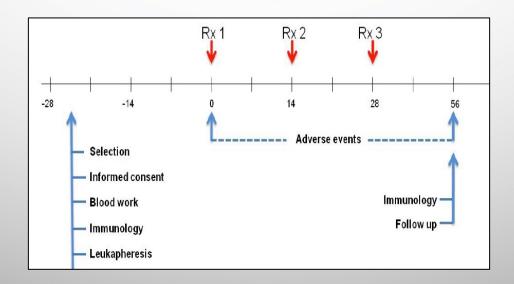
- Can be combined with any antigen specific technology
- Proven mechanism of dendritic cell maturation and function

Essential for patient-based (personalized) immunotherapy

## Phase I Trial with TLR-AD1

#### Nonrandomized, single-center study

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Department of Neurosurgery
- Twenty GBM patients, newly diagnosed
- Patients will receive Standard of Care (surgery and chemo-radiation)
   followed by three vaccinations of TLR-AD1 every 2 weeks



### **Milestones Over Next 18 Months**

File for IND for Orphan Drug Designation; Initiate Phase I or II Clinical

Trial

- Apply for NIH SBIR grant
- Complete Seed/Series A rounds for a total investment of 5 million

## **Current Management Team**

- Dwain Morris-Irvin, PhD, MPH
   Founder, Chief Scientific Officer
- Christopher Wheeler, PhD
   President
- Peter Weinstein, PhD, JD Legal Council
- XSNX Biotech Advisory Board