



**Nykode is announcing  
positive interim results from  
Phase 2 trial with VB10.16  
in combination with  
atezolizumab in advanced  
cervical cancer**

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# Positive interim results from VB C-02 – Executive Summary

- VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab showed durable responses with a very high disease control rate (DCR) of 64% in heavily pre-treated advanced cervical cancer patients
- Anti-tumor efficacy was observed in both PD-L1 positive and negative patients, with 27% overall response rate (ORR) and 77% DCR in PD-L1 positive patients and 17% ORR and DCR 58% in PD-L1 negative patients
- DCR of 71% was observed in patients with non-inflamed tumors, including both immune desert and T cell excluded tumors
- HPV16-specific IFN- $\gamma$  T cell responses were associated with clinical efficacy
- Complete clearance of HPV16 ctDNA was significantly correlated with clinical outcomes
- VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab is well-tolerated and has a safety profile comparable to CPI monotherapy

**Together these findings indicate a differentiated anti-tumor response pattern of the combination treatment compared to checkpoint inhibitor monotherapy**

# Today's presenters from Nykode management

International management team with solid drug development experience



**MICHAEL ENGSIG**  
CEO

M.Sc. Biochemistry, G.D.Bus.Admin.

Extensive experience from leading early-stage drug discovery through late-stage and commercial development

- Takeda and Nycomed
- PPD
- KLIFO



**AGNETE B. FREDRIKSEN**  
Chief Innovation & Strategy Officer

M.Sc. Molecular Biology, Ph.D. Immunology

More than 20 years experience with APC-targeted vaccines from discovery to clinical development

- Co-founder Vaccibody/Nykode
- Served as President & CSO 2007-2021



**SIRI TORHAUG**  
Chief Medical Officer

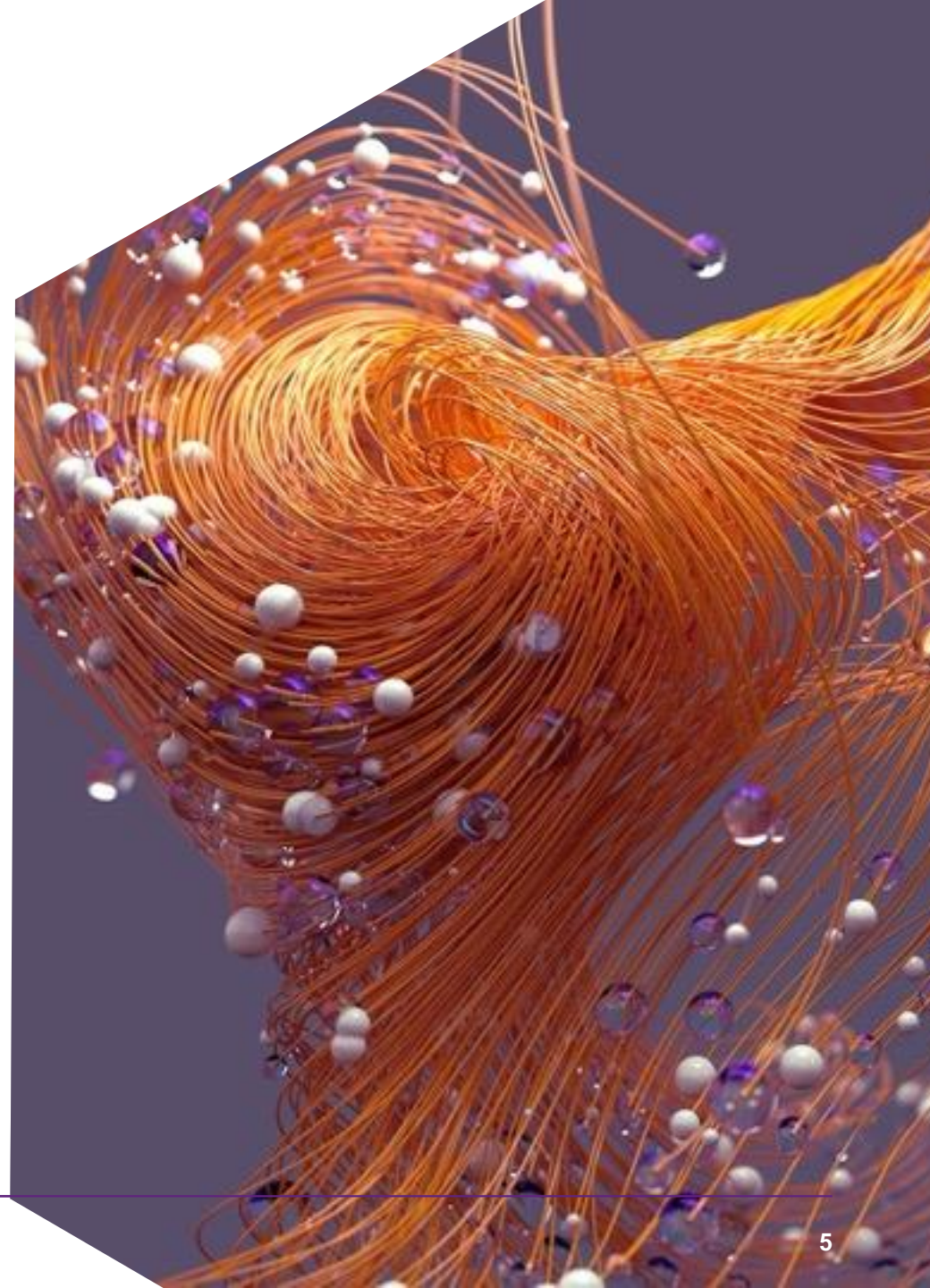
MD, Oncology specialist

More than 20 years experience within Clinical development and pharma scientific and medical affairs:








- Oslo university hospital
- Novartis
- AstraZeneca

# Overview

- ◆ Proprietary Vaccibody™ immunotherapy platform uniquely targeting Antigen Presenting Cells (APCs) for a potent, broad and lasting immune response
- ◆ Pipeline of oncology and infectious disease vaccines includes partnered programs and wholly-owned clinical candidates
- ◆ Potentially more than \$1.64 billion in upfront and milestone payments plus royalties from top-tier biopharma partners
- ◆ Wholly-owned programs include
  - ◆ cervical cancer candidate in Phase 2
  - ◆ next generation COVID vaccine for variants of concern in Phase 1/2
- ◆ Well capitalized and multiple significant catalysts in near-to-medium term



# Pipeline

Program		Indication	Discovery/ Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Partnerships	Upcoming Milestones
Nykode								
Oncology	VB10.16 (off-the-shelf)	HPV16+ cervical cancer <sup>3</sup>	<div></div>				 <sup>3</sup>	1H23: Updated data
	Internal (off-the-shelf)	Undisclosed targets	<div></div>					
Infectious Disease	VB10.COVS	SARS-CoV-2	<div></div>				 <sup>4</sup>	2H22: Interim data
	Internal	Undisclosed targets	<div></div>					
Partnered								
Oncology	VB10.NEO (individualized)	Melanoma, lung, bladder, renal, head and neck	<div></div>				 <sup>1</sup>  <sup>2</sup>	
	VB10.NEO (individualized)	Locally advanced and metastatic tumors	<div></div>				 <sup>1</sup>	
	Regeneron (programs 1 – 3) (off-the-shelf)	Undisclosed	<div></div>				 <sup>5</sup>	
Infectious Disease	Regeneron (programs 4 – 5)	Undisclosed	<div></div>				 <sup>5</sup>	

1. Genentech has an exclusive license to VB10.NEO; 2. Collaboration with Nektar Therapeutics on combining NKTR-214 (bempegaldesleukin) with VB10.NEO in trial arm 5B (SCCHN); 3. Roche supplies atezolizumab; 4. Collaboration with Adaptive Biotechnologies on SARS-CoV-2 T cell vaccine; 5. Collaboration with Regeneron



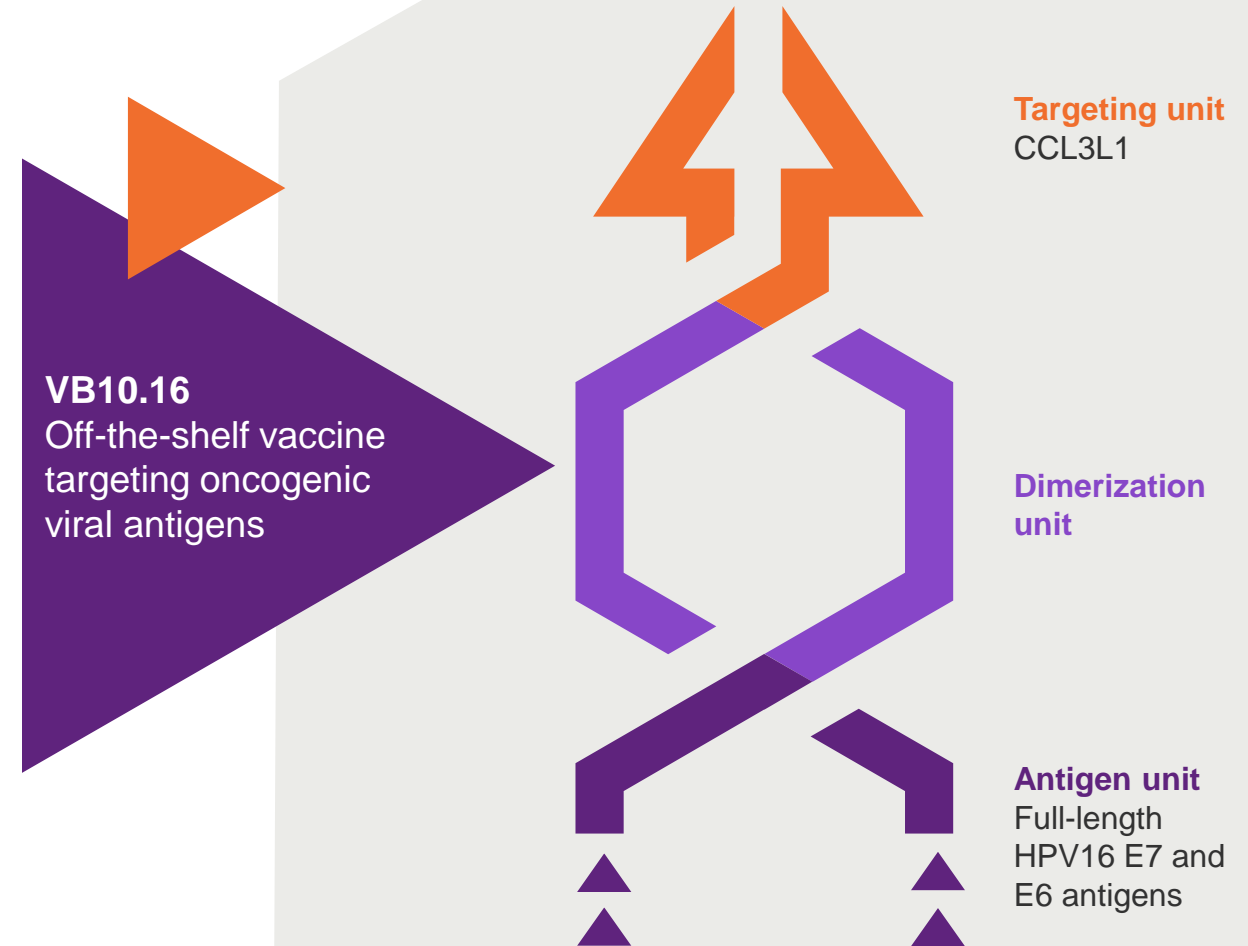
# VB10.16 Overview

**Nykode's off-the-shelf vaccine  
targeting HPV16+ cancers**

# VB10.16: Therapeutic HPV vaccine

## Off-the-shelf therapeutic cancer DNA vaccine against HPV16 induced malignancies





- ◆ Finalized VB C-01 Phase 1/2a study investigating VB10.16 monotherapy in HPV16+ precancerous cervical lesions
- ◆ Ongoing VB C-02 Phase 2 study investigating VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab in advanced cervical cancer
- ◆ Nykode is exploring the commercial potential of VB10.16 for the treatment of additional HPV driven cancer indications
- ◆ Wholly-owned by Nykode



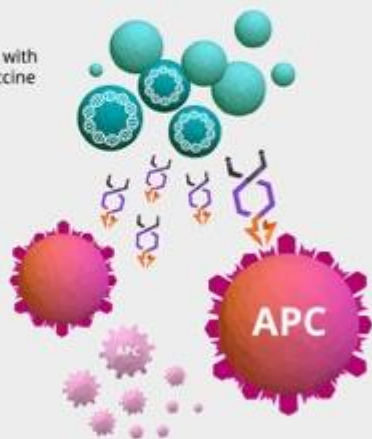
# Unique APC-Targeting Vaccine Platform Induces a Rapid, Robust and Long-Lasting CD8 T Cell Response

## Mechanism of Action – T Cell Induction

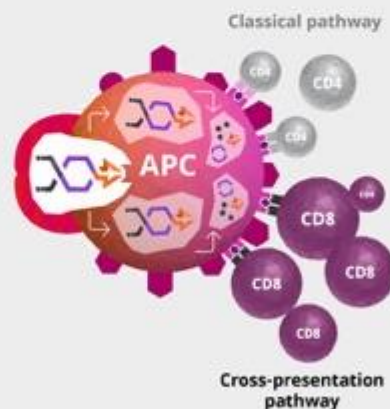
### Nykode's Vaccibody™ Protein

-  Antigenic unit
-  Dimerization unit facilitating the cross linking of target receptors
-  Targeting unit able to attract and bind antigen presenting cells
-  Antigen-Presenting Cell (APC) receptor

Cells transfected with DNA plasmid vaccine



- 1 Cells encode and secrete Vaccibody proteins, which attract a high concentration of APCs.



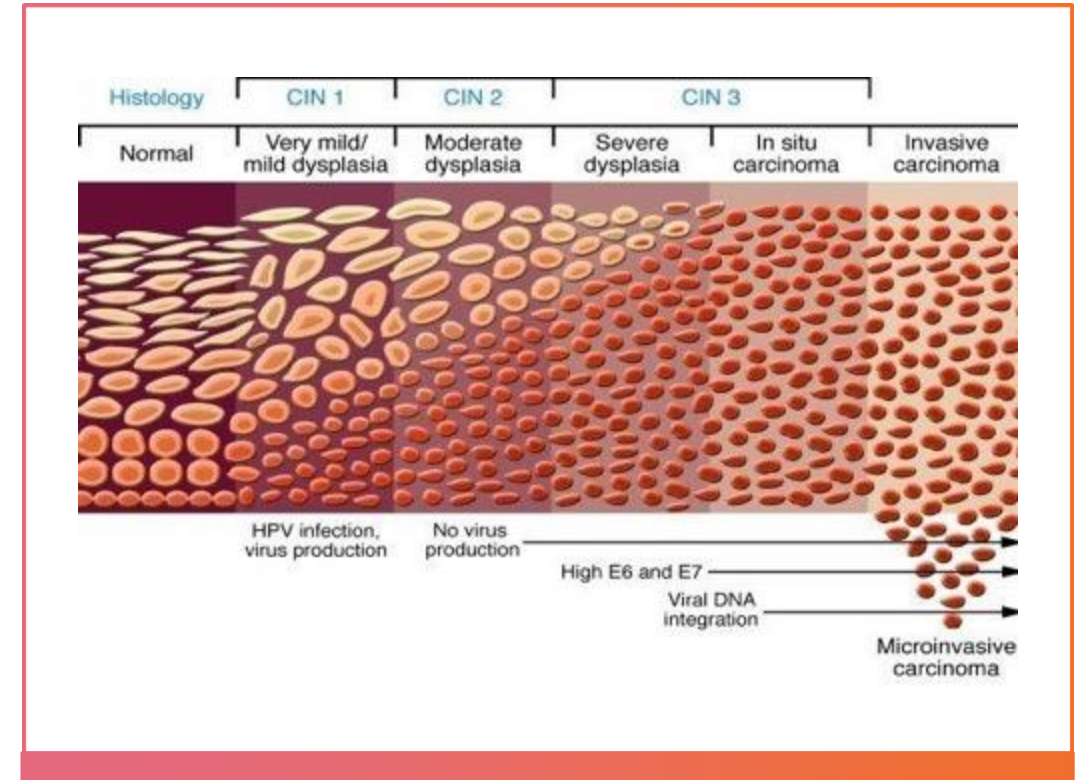
- 2 The APCs process and present the vaccine antigens to T cells and effectively activate CD8 killer T cells via cross-presentation.



- 3 The T cells attack cancer cells or pathogen-infected cells expressing the antigens.

# HPV16 is an ideal target for off-the-shelf cancer vaccines

- ◆ High-grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) caused by infection with human papillomavirus (HPV) often precedes the development of cervical cancer
- ◆ Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV infection and HPV16 accounts for more than half of all cases
- ◆ HPV E6 and E7 viral antigens are only expressed by HPV-infected cells and thus act as tumor-specific antigens that are attractive targets for therapeutic cancer vaccines like VB10.16

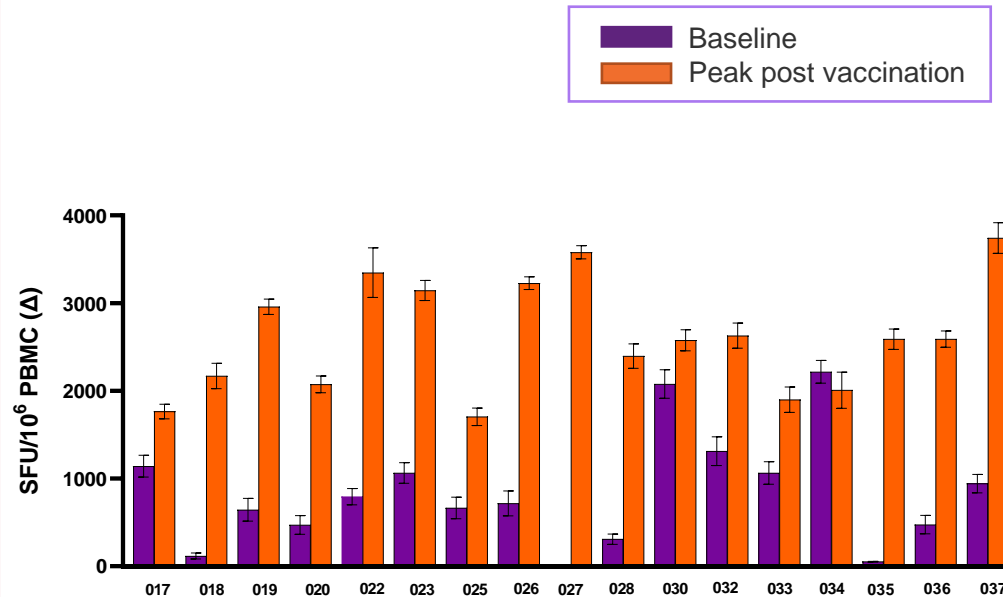


# VB10.16 monotherapy in pre-cancerous cervical lesions:

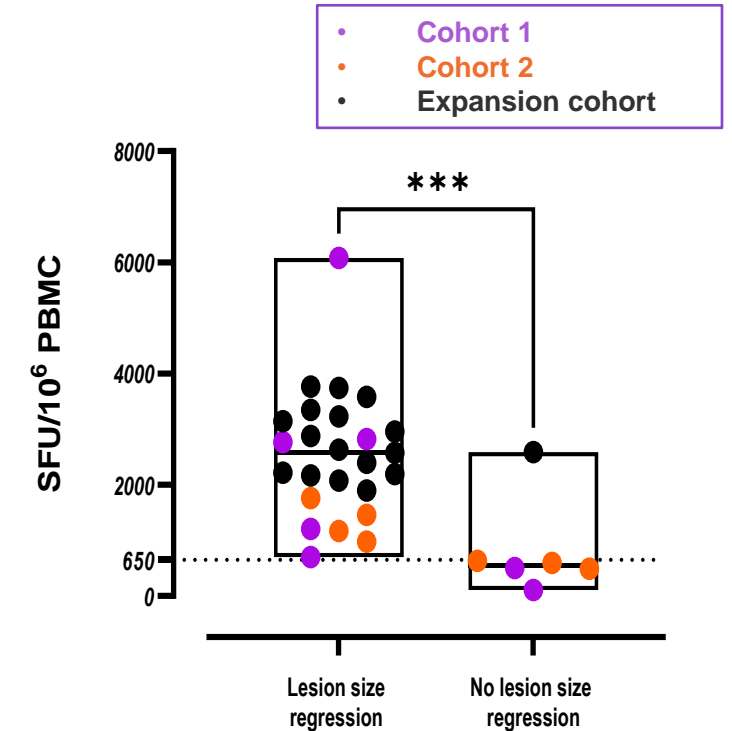
*Strong HPV16-specific T cell responses induced post vaccination correlated with lesion size regression*

- ♦ All patients in the expansion cohort elicited a strong HPV16-specific T cell response
- ♦ Highly significant correlation between vaccine-induced T cell responses and lesion size regression across all cohorts

## STRONG HPV16-SPECIFIC T CELL RESPONSES IN ALL SUBJECTS IN THE EXPANSION COHORT



## LESION SIZE REGRESSION CORRELATES WITH HPV-16 SPECIFIC RESPONSES

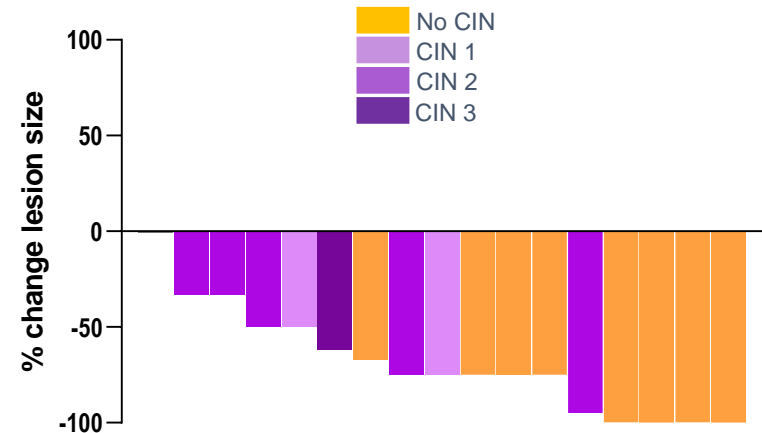


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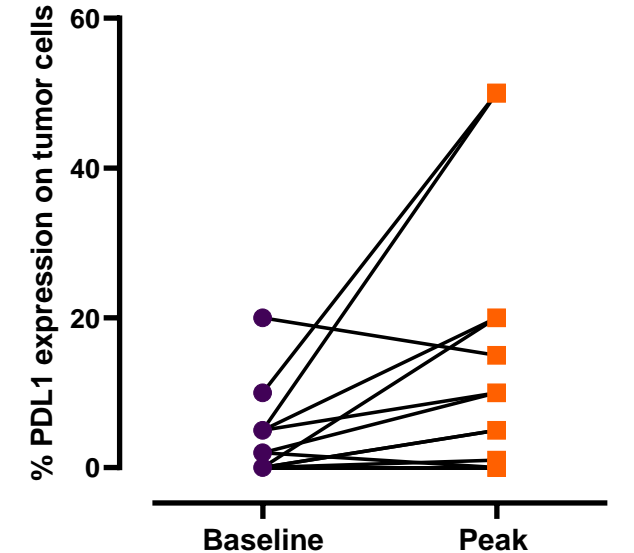
*Lesion size regression and upregulations of PD-L1 observed in the majority of subjects*

- ◆ Lesion size reduction in all patients in expansion cohort followed >4 months
- ◆ CIN regression to CIN1 or no CIN in 10 patients
- ◆ HPV16 and/or p16 clearance in 8 patients
- ◆ Well tolerated. No SAEs.
- ◆ PD-L1 was upregulated in post-vaccination lesions suggesting that the vaccine may sensitize the lesion for CPI treatment

LESION SIZE REDUCTION AND CIN REGRESSION



UPREGULATION OF PD-L1 POST VACCINATION



Peak indicate PD-L1 expression at 16 or 24 weeks after first vaccination



# Cervical cancer

**Burden of disease and treatment  
options available**

# Cervical cancer

*A leading cause of cancer death in women worldwide*

- ◆ Cervical cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in women worldwide
- ◆ Each year nearly 600,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer worldwide
- ◆ Cervical cancer is often curable when detected early, but treatment options are more limited in advanced disease stages or when the cancer has spread



Around 340,000 women died of cervical cancer in 2020

# Advanced cervical cancer

*Limited treatment options after progression on first-line treatment*



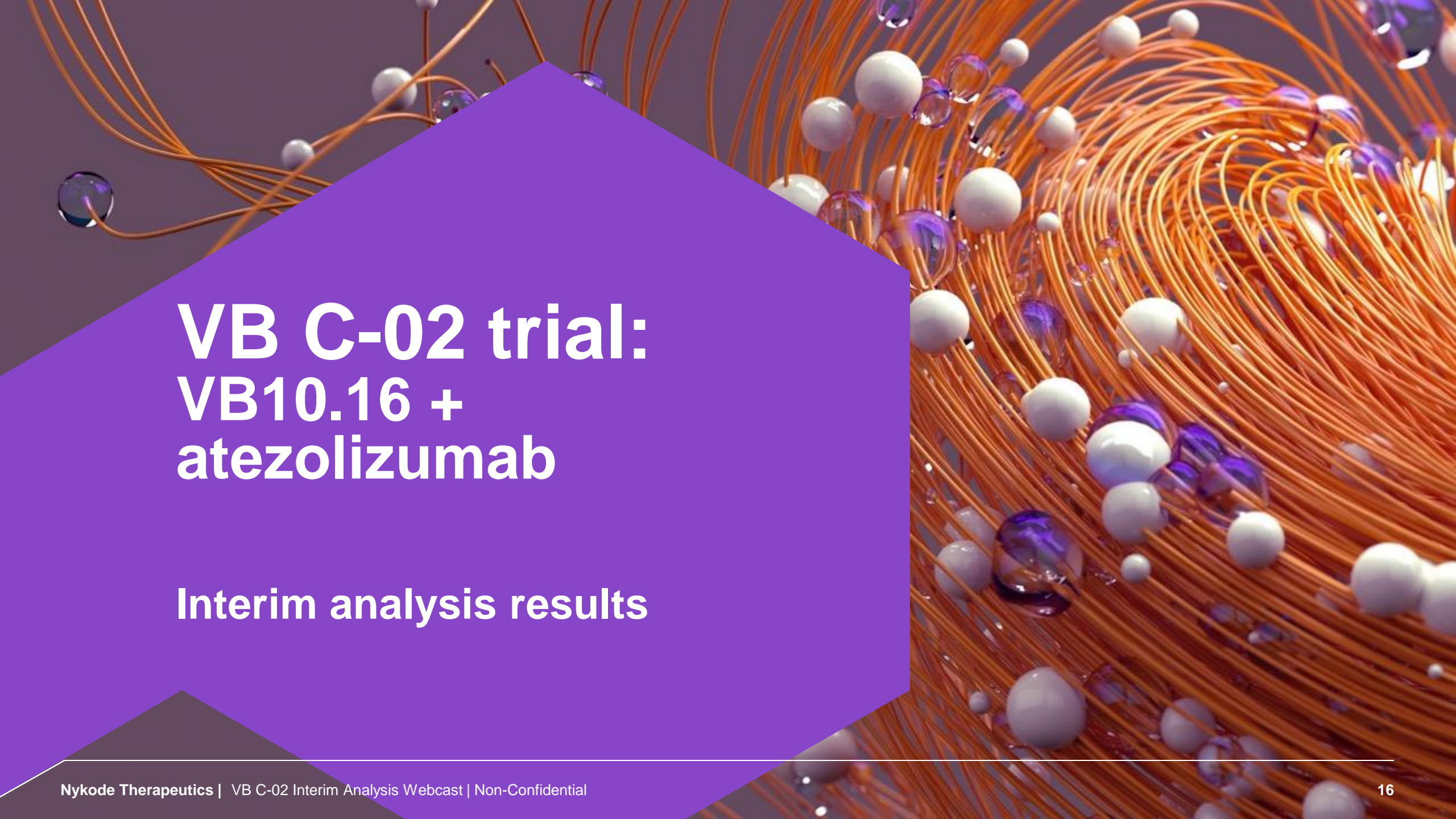
High unmet  
medical need

**Pembrolizumab is the only anti-PD-1 agent approved in the US as second-line therapy for PD-L1 positive patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer**

- ◆ US approval based on KEYNOTE-158 study that showed a modest response rate of 14% with all responses seen in PD-L1 positive patients

**Current ESMO guidelines do not recommend a specific treatment in patients with advanced/metastatic cervical cancer who progress on first-line treatment**

- ◆ Potential treatment options all have low response rates with short duration of response



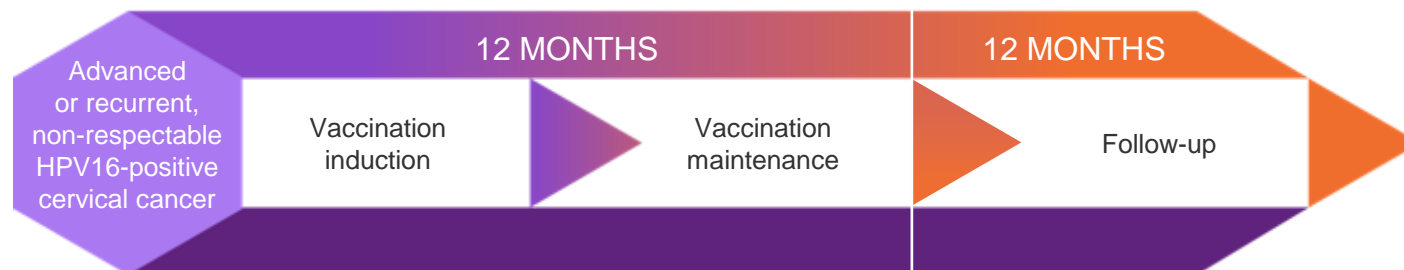
# **VB C-02 trial: VB10.16 + atezolizumab**

## **Interim analysis results**

# VB C-02: VB10.16 + atezolizumab (Tecentriq®) in advanced cervical cancer

## A Multi-Centre, Single Arm, Open-label Phase 2a Trial of the Combination of VB10.16 and atezolizumab in Patients with Advanced or Recurrent, Non-resectable HPV16 Positive Cervical Cancer (NCT04405349)

- ◆ Objectives: safety/tolerability, immunogenicity and efficacy
- ◆ Primary endpoints: incidence/severity of AEs, ORR (RECIST 1.1 by blinded independent central review)
- ◆ Fully enrolled with 52 patients
- ◆ Conducted in Europe in 6 countries (Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland and Norway)
- ◆ Last Patient First dose: 16 Feb 2022



# Interim analysis

*Number of patients included in the interim analysis*

Population	N
<b>Enrolled patients</b>	50
<b>Efficacy Analysis Set (EAS)</b> At least one available post-baseline scan at cut off date*	39
<i>Completed Treatment</i>	6
<i>Discontinued</i>	21
<i>Ongoing</i>	12
<b>Safety Analysis Set (SAS)</b> At least one dose of VB10.16 + atezolizumab at cut off date*	50

- ◆ *\*Cut off date is 14 February 2022; first post-baseline scan was taken at week 9*
- ◆ *7 patients on treatment had not yet reached week 9 at cut off date*

# Baseline characteristics

*VB C-02 included a heavily pre-treated population with advanced cervical cancer*

Characteristic	N (%)
Age (mean)	48.9 yrs
Age (median)	47.0 yrs
Ethnicity (White)	39 (100%)
Prior systemic treatment lines	
1	12 (31%)
2	15 (39%)
3	9 (23%)
4	1 (2%)
5	2 (5%)
Prior surgery	
Y	19 (49%)
N	20 (51%)
Prior radiotherapy	
Y	31 (80%)
N	8 (20%)
Prior chemotherapy	
Y	39 (100%)
N	0 (0%)

Characteristic	N (%)
ECOG	
0	22 (56%)
1	17 (44%)
PD-L1 status at baseline	
TIC 0 (<5%)	12 (31%)
TIC 1 (5-10%)	3 (8%)
TIC 2 (>10%)	19 (49%)
Missing	5 (13%)
Histology	
Squamous cell	28 (72%)
Adenocarcinoma	8 (21%)
Missing/unknown	3 (7%)
Metastases*	
Liver	7 (18%)
Lung	17 (44%)
Other	19 (49%)
Extra-pelvic metastases present	
Yes	35 (90%)
No	4 (10%)

# Best overall response by blinded independent central review

*Promising clinical activity in majority of patients with advanced cervical cancer including PD-L1 negative patients*

BOR rate	N (%)
Complete Response	2 (5%)
Partial Response	6 (15%)
Stable Disease SD+	17 (44%) 9
Progressive Disease	13 (33%)
NE	1 (3%)

- ◆ Assessment using RECIST v1.1 criteria
- ◆ SD+ = Stable Disease with shrinkage in target lesion(s)
- ◆ NE = non-evaluable

**ORR = 21%** (8/39 patients)

PD-L1 positive\* = 27% (6/22 patients)

PD-L1 negative = 17% (2/12 patients)

**DCR = 64%** (25/39 patients)

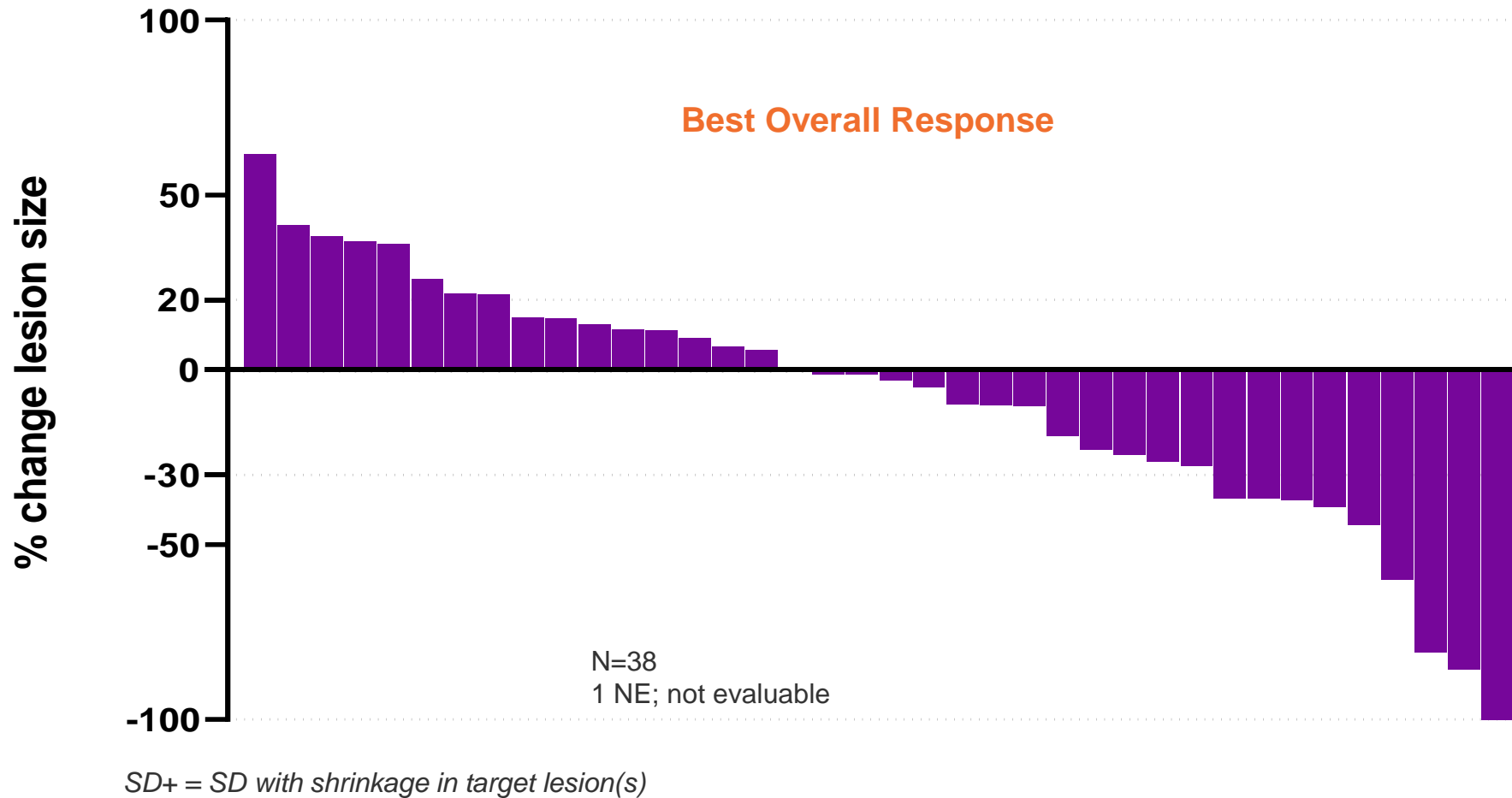
PD-L1 positive = 77% (17/22 patients)

PD-L1 negative = 58% (7/12 patients)

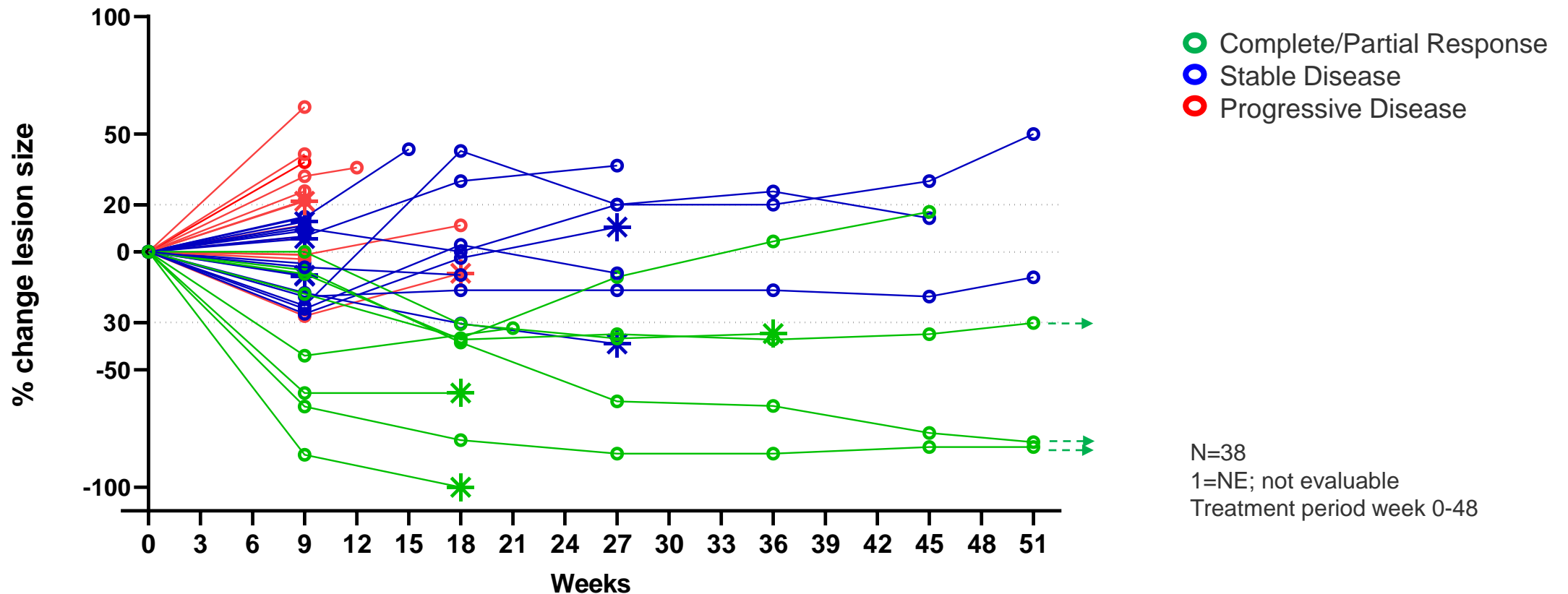
**Median follow up time (range) = 6 months  
(3-20 months)**

- PD-L1 status at baseline was available in 34 patients
- 1 PD-L1 negative patient was NE (RECIST)

# Anti-tumor activity observed in majority of patients including 9 patients with SD+



# VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab showed promising efficacy with durable responses



\* Subjects with ongoing study treatment at cut off date (n=12)  
--> 3 responders who completed study treatment showed ongoing response on last available scan (Week 51)

# Safety and tolerability

*VB10.16 was generally well-tolerated and has a favorable safety profile*

## TRAEs considered related to VB10.16

System Organ Class Preferred Term	Any Grade N=50 (%)	Grade 3 N=50 (%)	Grade 4-5 N=50 (%)
<b>All TRAEs related to VB10.16</b>	15 (30)	1 (2)	-
<b>General disorders and adm. site conditions.</b>	8 (16)	-	-
Administration site pain	2 (4)	-	-
Fatigue	1 (2)	-	-
Injection site bruising	2 (4)	-	-
Injection site discomfort	2 (4)	-	-
Injection site haematoma	1 (2)	-	-
Injection site pain	1 (2)	-	-
<b>Injury, poisoning and procedural complications</b>	1 (2)	-	-
Infusion related reaction	1 (2)	-	-
<b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>	1 (2)	-	-
Decreased appetite	1 (2)	-	-
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>	3 (6)	1 (2)	-
Arthralgia	1 (2)	1 (2)	-
Myalgia	1 (2)	-	-
Pain in extremity	1 (2)	-	-
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>	4 (8)	-	-
Erythema	1 (2)	-	-
Pruritus	2 (4)	-	-
Rash	2 (4)	-	-

VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab was generally well-tolerated

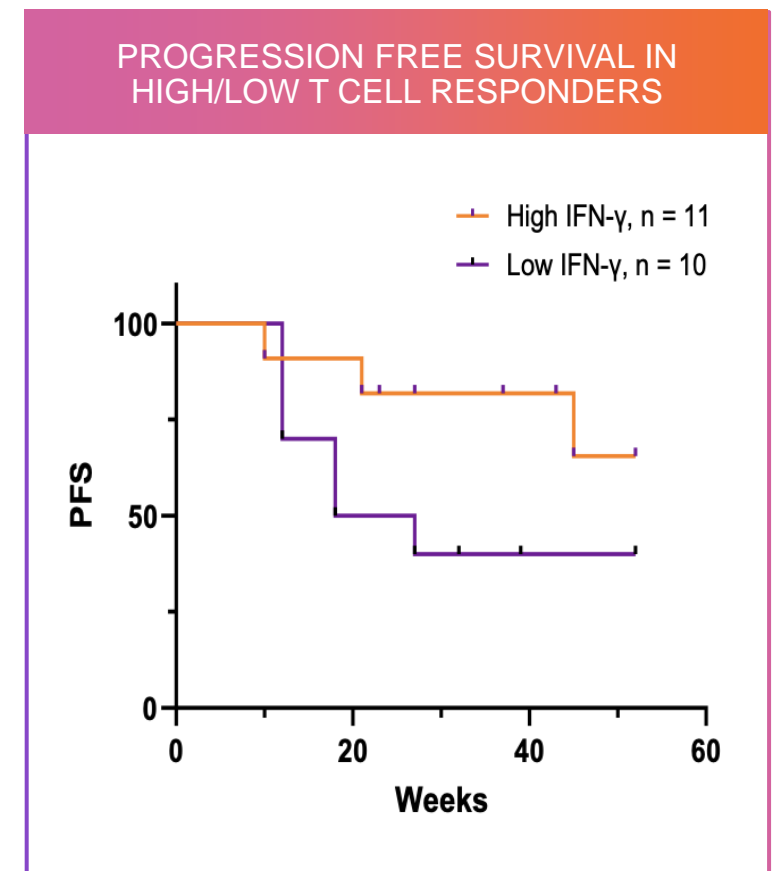
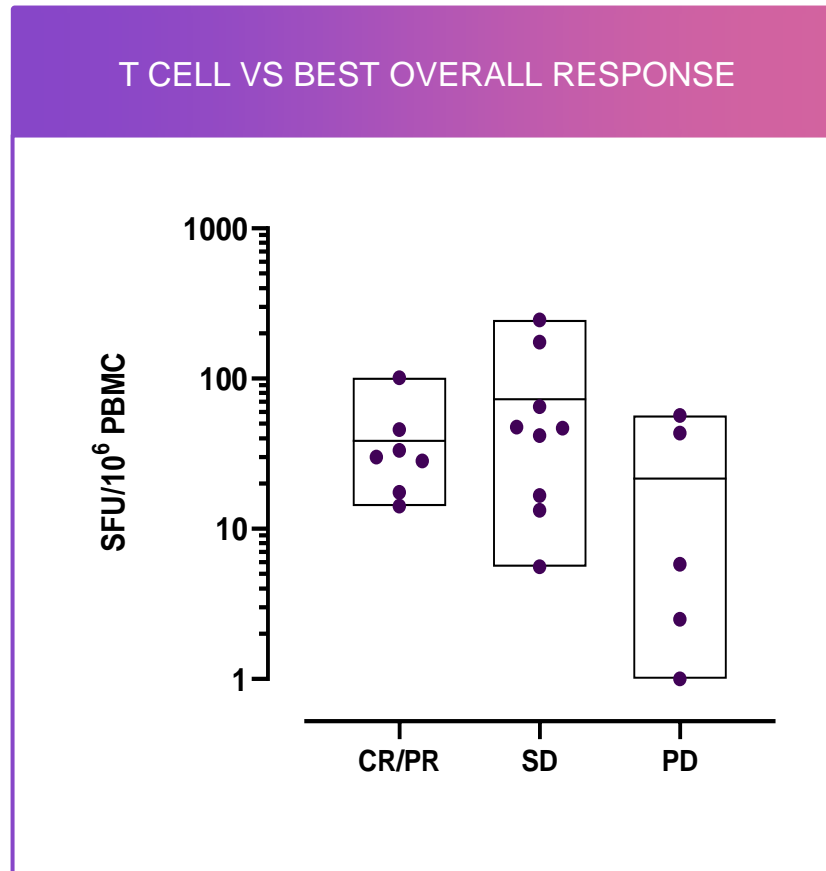
- TRAEs of any grade related to either VB10.16 or atezolizumab was seen in 64% of patients.
- 5 patients (10%) experienced seven TRAEs of grade 3.
  - 1 patient (2%) experienced a TRAE of grade 3 related to VB10.16.
- No TRAEs of grade 4-5 were reported
- No deaths related to either VB10.16 or atezolizumab.

50 patients were included in the safety population for the interim analysis. Median number of VB10.16 doses given was 5 (range 1-11).

# Strong HPV16-specific T cell responses were associated with clinical response in advanced cervical cancer patients

**A strong HPV16-specific IFN- $\gamma$  T cell response was associated with clinical response indicating HPV-specific T cells are important for clinical efficacy in advanced cervical cancer**

Supported by data presented from VB C-01 clinical trial where a strong significant correlation was demonstrated between HPV16-specific T cell responses and clinical responses in a pre-cancerous setting

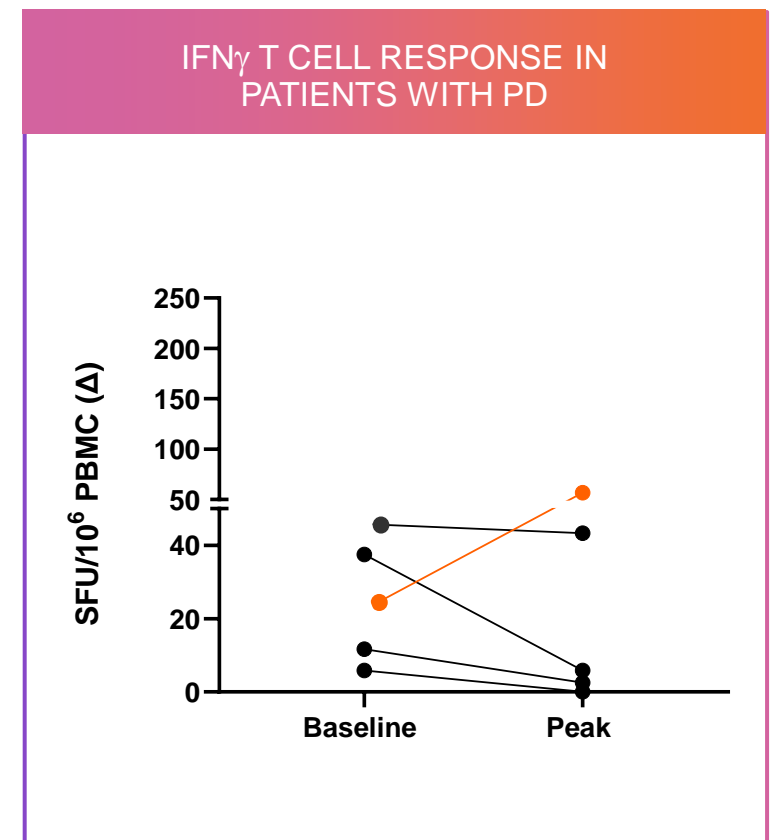
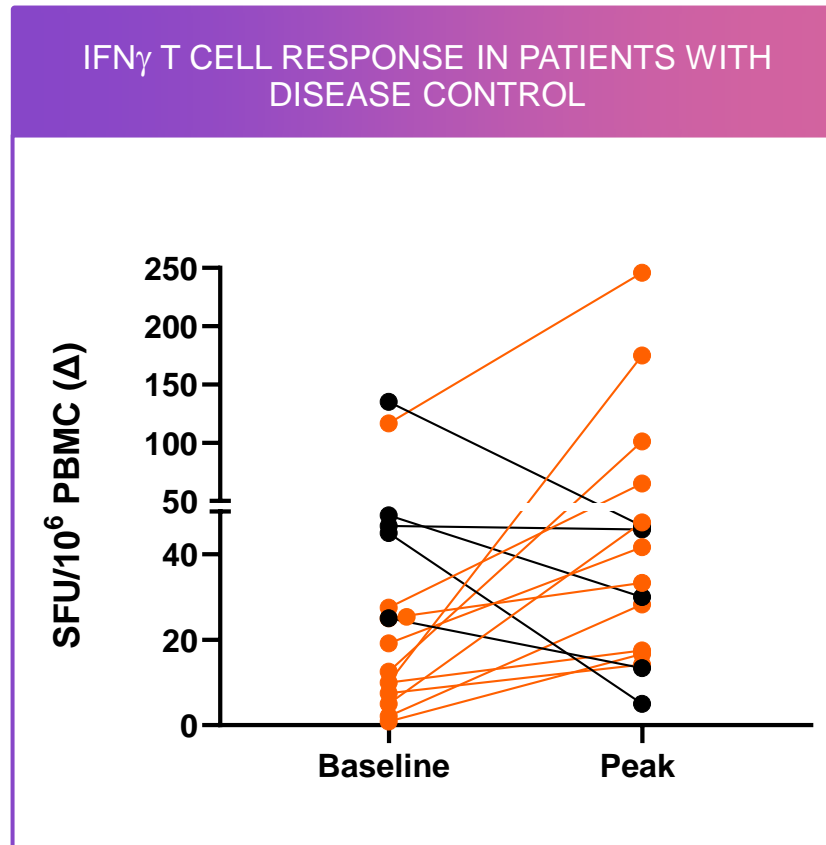


- IFN- $\gamma$  T cell responses were evaluated in 21 subjects
- T cell responses were evaluated in ex vivo ELISpot detecting HPV16 E6 and E7 antigens separately

# HPV16-specific T cell responses were increased in patients achieving disease control

**Increased HPV16-specific T cell responses in post vaccination samples observed in the majority of patients with disease control**

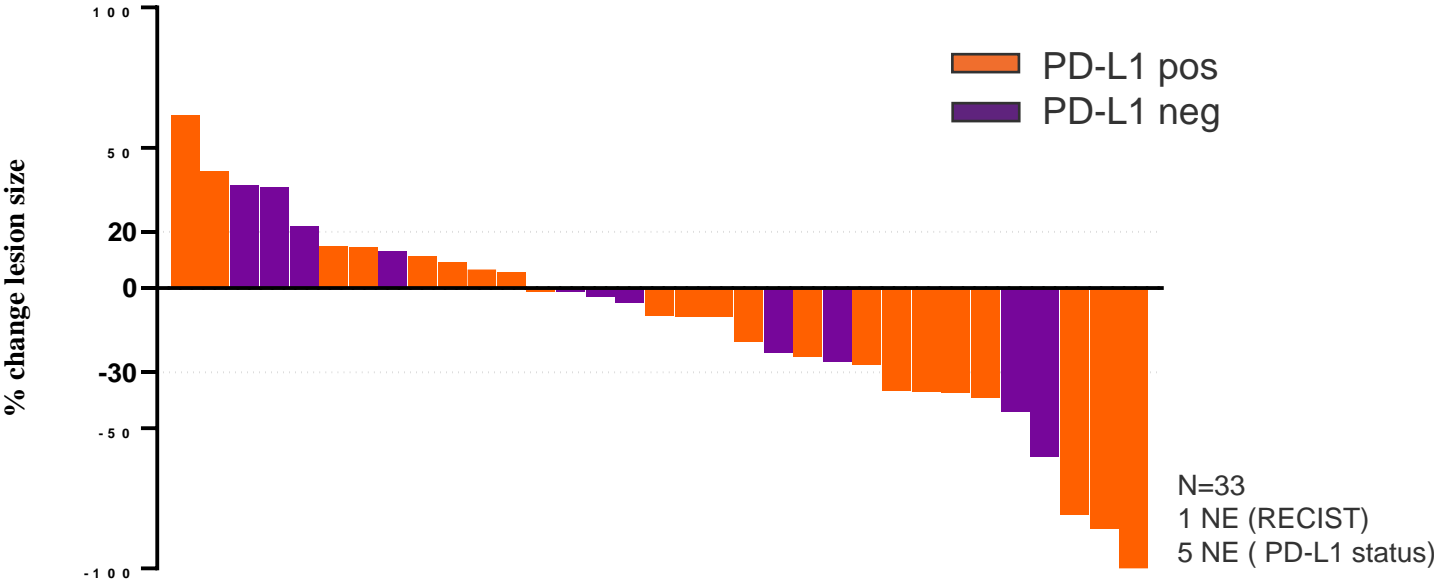
Indicating a clinically relevant T cell response induced post vaccination with VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab



- IFN- $\gamma$  T cell responses were evaluated in 21 subjects. T cell responses were detected in ex vivo ELISpot detecting HPV16 E6 and E7 antigens.
- Peak response post vaccination compared to baseline is shown per patient
- 3 baseline samples were collected 7 days after first vaccination to replace pre-vaccination samples lost in shipment

# Anti-tumor activity was observed both in patients with positive and negative baseline PD-L1 status

Tumor regression in PD-L1 +/-

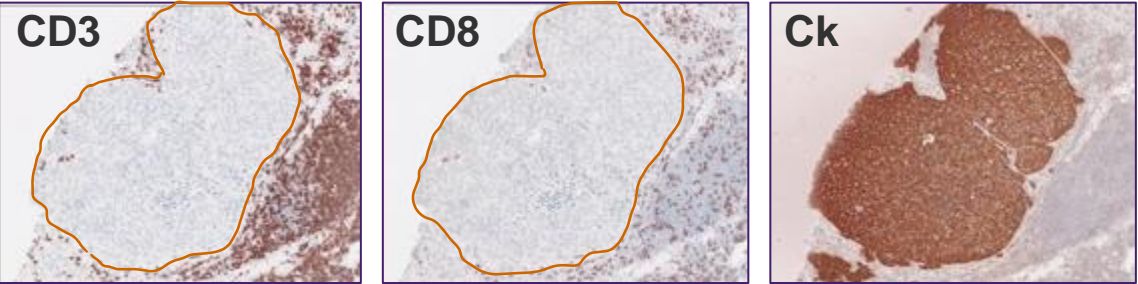


PD-L1 status	ORR (n/N)	DCR (n/N)
Positive (TIC 1-2)	27% (6/22)	77% (17/22)
Negative (TIC 0)	17% (2/12)	58% (7/12)

These findings support that VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab may enhance clinical responses both in PD-L1 positive -and in PD-L1 negative patients where CPI monotherapy is not approved

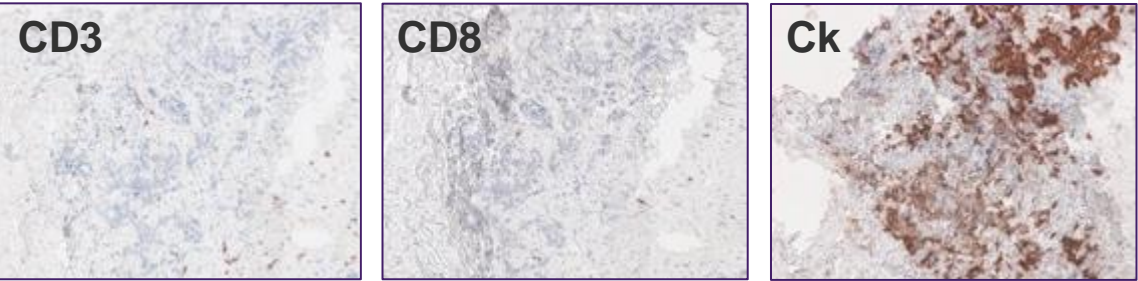
# Disease control achieved in patients with non-inflamed tumors at baseline

## T cell excluded tumor



10 of 14 patients with non-inflamed tumor immune status at baseline achieved disease control on combination treatment

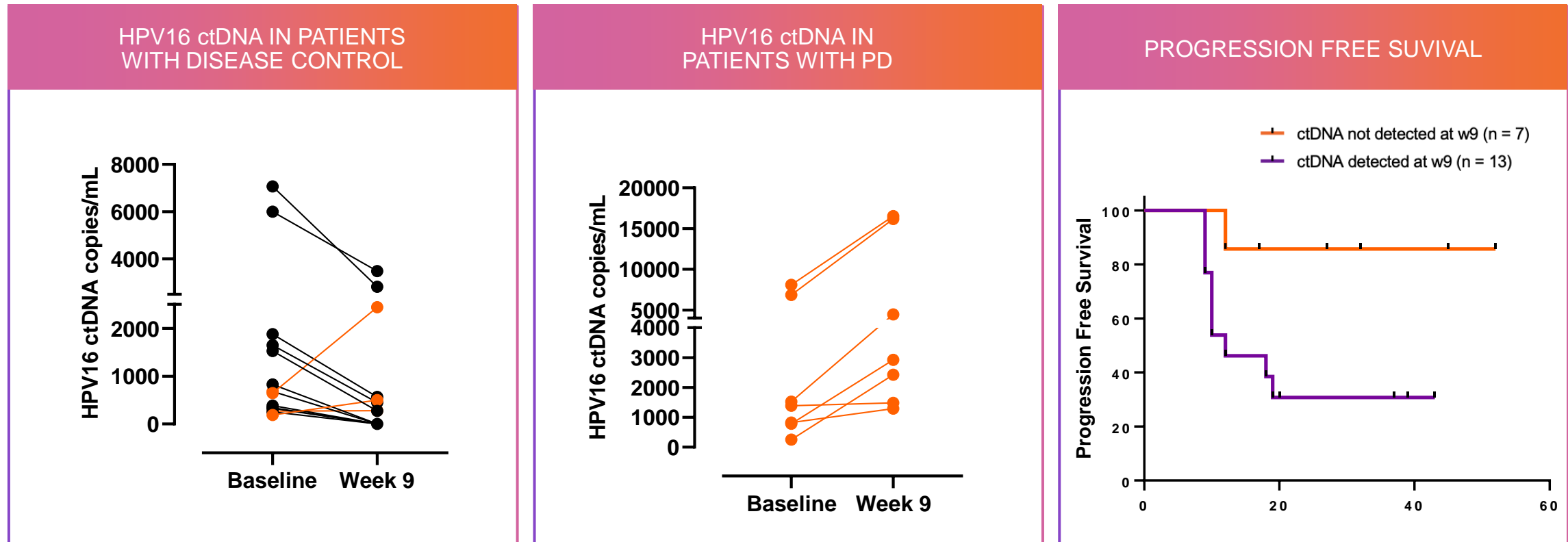
## Immune Desert



	DCR
Non-inflamed tumors	10 of 14 (71%)
T cell excluded	5 (36%)
Immune desert	5 (36%)

Patients with non-inflamed tumor at baseline, generally unresponsive to CPI monotherapy, show disease control on the combination treatment

# Reduced HPV16 ctDNA correlated with clinical response



## HPV16 ctDNA can serve as an early marker of response to HPV16-specific treatments in cervical cancer

Complete clearance of HPV16 ctDNA was significantly associated with disease control and prolonged PFS

Patients with increasing ctDNA at week 9 was generally associated with lack of response

# Patient case 1

## *T cell excluded and PD-L1 negative tumor with clinical response*

### Patient

66 years old female with squamous cell cervical carcinoma – diagnosed in November 2019 and enrolled in February 2021 with progression following radiotherapy and one line of chemotherapy

### Clinical status

Completed 24 weeks of study treatment with no signs of progression

### Tumor response status

Partial Response at Week 9 and ongoing response

### HPV16 specific T cell response

Increased post vaccination

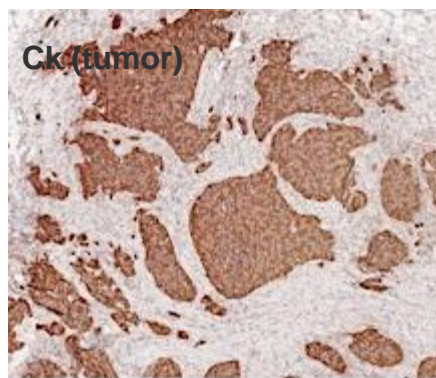
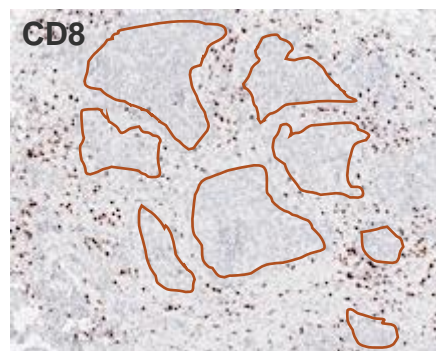
### Tumor microenvironment at baseline

T cell excluded and PD-L1 negative

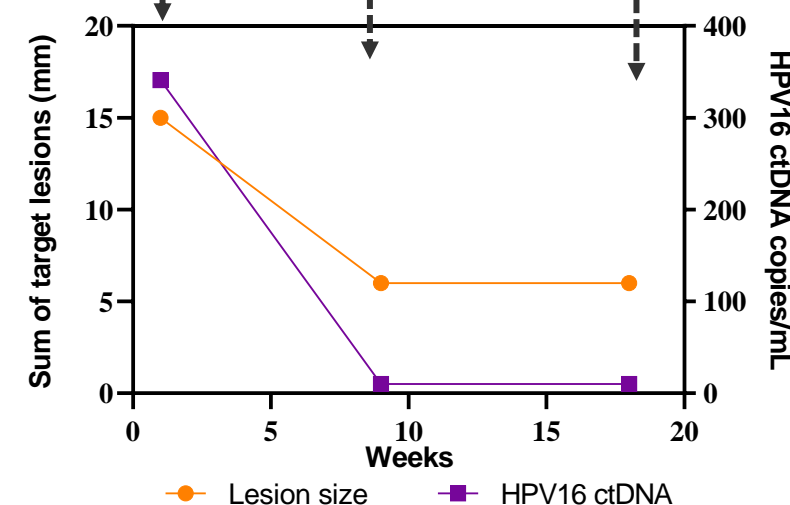
### HPV16 circulating tumor DNA kinetics

Clearance observed from week 9

**T cells present in stroma, but excluded from the tumor area**



**Shrinkage of target lesion (retrocaval lymph node)**



# Patient case 2

## Deepening and durable clinical response

### Patient

55 years old female with squamous cell cervical carcinoma – diagnosed in November 2019 and enrolled in August 2021 with progression after radiotherapy and two previous systemic treatments

### Clinical status

Completed study treatment (48 weeks) with no signs of progression at last follow-up scan

### Tumor response status

Partial Response at Week 18 and signs of deepening anti-tumor response

### HPV16 specific T cell response

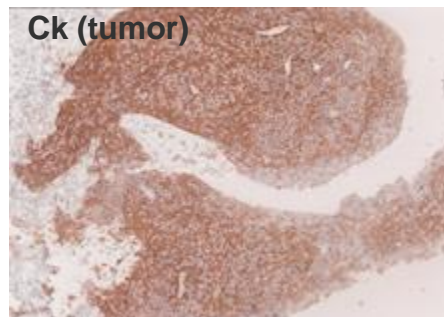
Increased post vaccination

### Tumor microenvironment at baseline

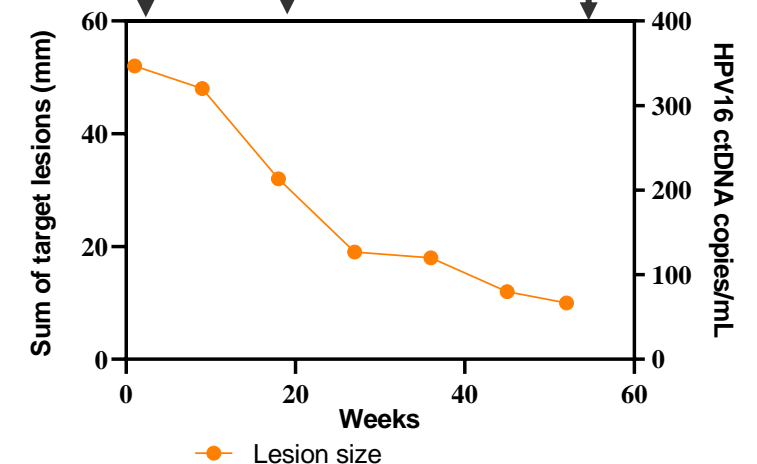
T cell infiltrated and PD-L1 positive

### T cells present in tumor tissue

CD3+CD8+Ki67+



### Shrinkage of target lesions (pelvic lymph node)



# VB C-02 Interim Analysis – Conclusion

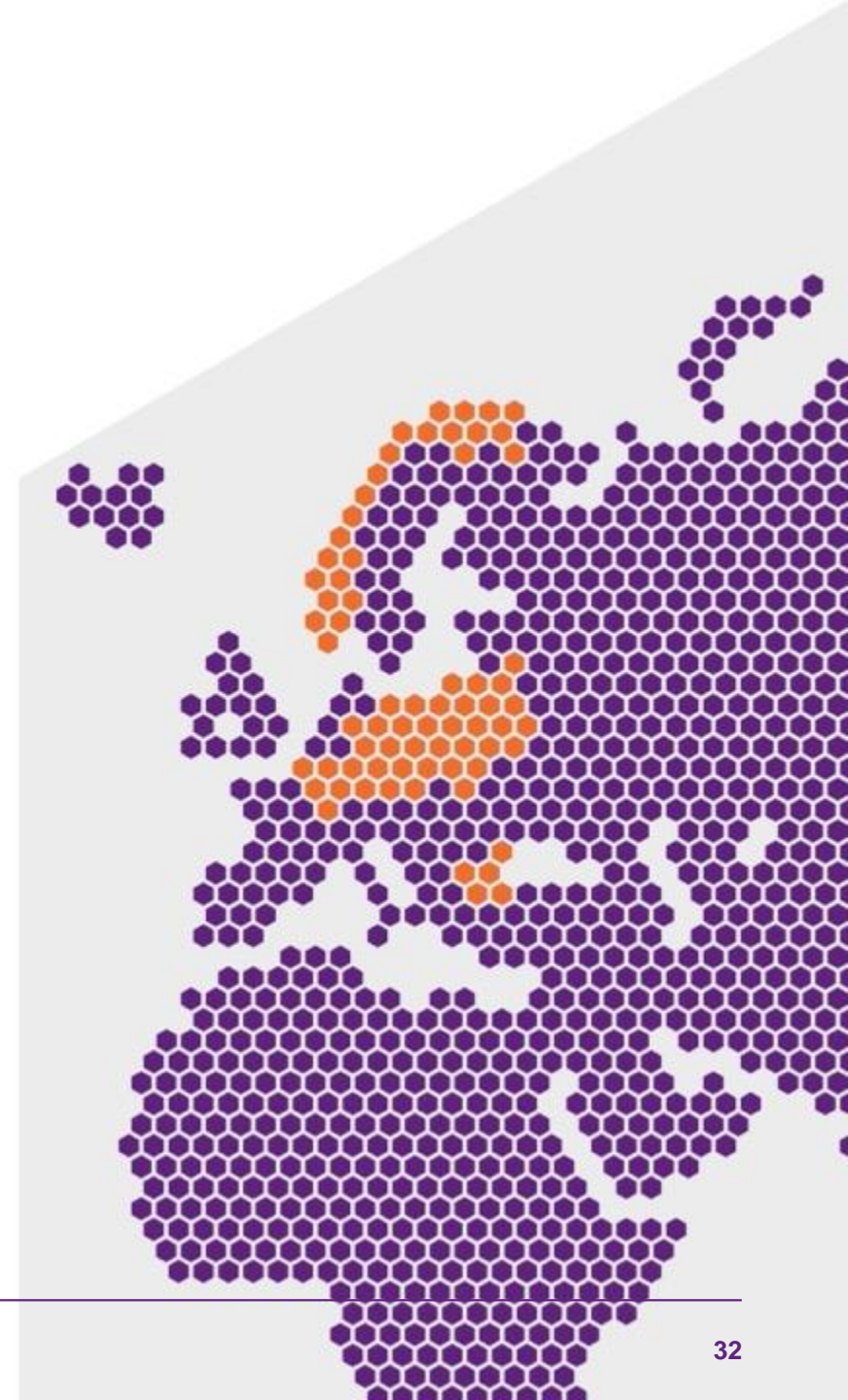
- ◆ VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab showed promising efficacy in heavily pre-treated patients with advanced HPV16+ cervical cancer who have a high unmet medical need
- ◆ VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab showed durable responses with a very high DCR in advanced cervical cancer patients
- ◆ Efficacy was observed in patients with both PD-L1 positive and PD-L1 negative tumors, as well as non-inflamed tumors
- ◆ HPV16-specific IFN- $\gamma$  T cell responses increased post vaccination in the majority of subjects and were associated with clinical efficacy indicating induction of clinically relevant T cell responses
- ◆ Complete clearance of HPV16 ctDNA was significantly correlated with clinical outcomes indicating that HPV16 ctDNA may be an early marker of response to treatment
- ◆ VB10.16 in combination with atezolizumab has a favorable safety profile

**The anti-tumor activity seen in the PD-L1 negative population may potentially open up for treatment of a new subset of patients**

# Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the patients, their families as well as investigators for their participation in the trial

Atezolizumab was supplied by Roche





# Financials and upcoming events

# Strong financial foundation for achieving our vision



- ◆ Financially well positioned to grow and execute the Company's strategy over the next years
- ◆ Strong balance sheet
  - ◆ YE 2021 liquidity of \$228 million
  - ◆ Milestone payment of \$20 million for initiation of Phase 1b trial in 2H 2021 received 1Q 2022

# Upcoming Catalysts

2022 Key Priorities	Program	Indication	Partnerships	Milestones
Wholly-Owned Candidates*				
Oncology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance internal oncology programs including cervical cancer program</li> <li>Expand into additional indications for VB10.16</li> </ul>	VB10.16 (off-the-shelf)	HPV16+ cervical cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Phase 2 interim data</li> <li>Update on VB10.16 development strategy</li> <li>Updated Phase 2 data (1H 2023)</li> </ul>
		Internal programs	Undisclosed	
Infectious Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>Expand into additional high-priority disease areas</li> </ul>	VB10.COVID	SARS-CoV-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 key results measuring T cell and antibody responses in previously vaccinated subjects (2H 2022)</li> </ul>
		Internal programs	Undisclosed	
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance control of manufacturing capacity and capability</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on manufacturing strategy</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage technology platform</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Present preclinical data from second-generation Vaccibody platform at AACR (1H 2022)</li> </ul>

# Invite to Capital Markets Day

**May 12, 2022**

**2.00-4.00 p.m. CET  
(8.00-10.00 a.m. ET)**

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- ◆ Pipeline update - Overview of Nykode's product candidate pipeline with a focus on the VB C-02 interim analysis
- ◆ Research update - Deep dive into Nykode's research and the ongoing technology projects
- ◆ Capital markets strategy update, including potential uplisting to the main market of Oslo Stock Exchange (Oslo Børs)

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