

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2022

**SENTI BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

333-262707  
(Commission  
File Number)

86-2437900  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2 Corporate Drive, First Floor  
South San Francisco, California 94080  
(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 382-3281

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	SNTI	The Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Beginning on October 3, 2022, Senti Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) will participate in conferences with investors. A copy of the Company’s presentation slide deck that will be presented is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and has been posted to the Company’s website at <https://investors.sentibio.com/events-presentations>.

*Limitation of Incorporation by Reference*

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this report, including the Exhibit, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

*Cautionary Statements*

This filing and the presentation include “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). We intend these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act and are making this statement for purposes of complying with those safe harbor provisions. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views about our plans, intentions, expectations, strategies and prospects, which are based on the information currently available to us and on assumptions we have made. Important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements are disclosed in the “Risk Factors” contained in the Company’s Form S-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 12, 2022. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by such factors. We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<a href="#">Presentation</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SENTI BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

Date: September 30, 2022

By: /s/ Tim Lu

Name: Tim Lu

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer



# Corporate Presentation

October 2022

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## Forward Looking Statements

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### Gene Circuits

Multi-Arming  
Logic Gating (OR and NOT GATES)  
Regulator Dial  
Smart Sensor

*to*  
reprogram cells to sense, compute,  
and respond to disease

Two INDs Anticipated in 2023

### Pipeline of CAR-NK Cell Therapies

Diseases: blood cancers and solid tumors  
Gene Circuit advantages: Multi-Arming, selectivity and control  
Manufacturing: off-the-shelf, scalable with outpatient potential

Spark, BlueRock

### Platform Collaborations

Precise gene therapy for eye, CNS and liver applications  
Targeted and controllable iPSC cell therapies for regenerative medicine

Founded 2016 | Public June 2022 | Anticipated Cash Runway into 2024 | Headquartered South San Francisco, CA



## Executive Team

**Tim Lu, MD, PhD**  
CEO & Co-Founder



**Philip Lee, PhD**  
CTO & Co-Founder



**Deb Knobelman, PhD**  
CFO



**Kanya Rajangam, MD, PhD**  
CMDO



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<b>Tim Lu MD, PhD</b>	CEO & Co-Founder

# CAR-NK Cell Therapy Pipeline









# Gene Circuits Designed to Solve for Key Cell Therapy Challenges



## Cancer Cell Therapy Challenges

## Senti's Gene Circuit Solutions

Lack of NK cell expansion and persistence	 Multi-Arming	▶ Autocrine and paracrine activation with proprietary <b>Calibrated Release</b> IL-15 and other cytokines
Antigen escape and tumor heterogeneity	 Logic Gating	▶ Bivalent activating CAR with <b>OR Logic Gate</b>
Dirty targets (on-target, off-tumor toxicity)	 Logic Gating	▶ Inhibitory CAR protects healthy cells with <b>NOT Logic Gate</b>
Immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment	 Regulator Dial	▶ Pulsed Calibrated Release IL-12 with small molecule-controlled <b>Regulator Dial</b>

# NK Cells Have Compared Favorably to Current Approved T Cell Therapies In Clinical Trials



Capabilities	Current Auto T Cells	Senti's CAR-NK Cells
Off-the-shelf potential with broad patient accessibility	✗	✓
Designed with Logic Gates to achieve enhanced selectivity and safety	✗	✓
Engineered with enhanced persistence	✗	✓
Engineered to stimulate the patient immune system	✗	✓

**Extensive clinical experience with allogeneic donor-derived unengineered NK cells<sup>1</sup>**

- Nearly 600 patients treated across 30+ single center academic trials
- Well-tolerated
  - No (or minimal) CRS, neurotoxicity, GvHD
- Anti-tumor activity observed in AML
  - 19% CR in 105 R/R AML patients aggregated from multiple trials

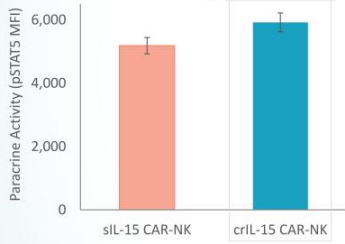
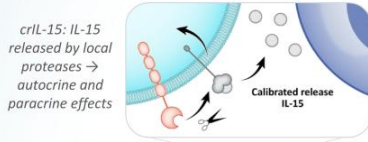
**Key limitations of unengineered NK cells**

Limited activity beyond AML, persistence, durability, donor variability and select single clinical center usage

**Senti's Gene Circuit technology, donor selection and scalable manufacturing address these limitations**

<sup>1</sup> Velluchamy 2017, Bachier 2021

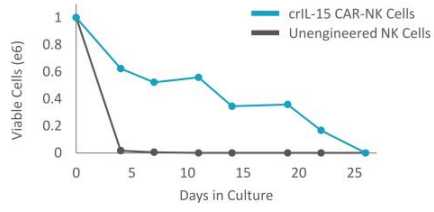
# Calibrated Release IL-15 (crIL-15) Increased Persistence and Activation of Both CAR-NK and Immune Cells in Tumor Milieu



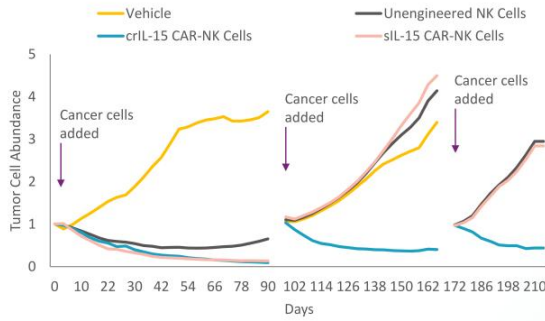
Phospho STAT5 levels increased in T cells exposed to supernatant from either crIL-15 or sIL-15 CAR-NK cell culture

**crIL-15 has paracrine activity and activates resting immune cells**

sIL-15: secreted wild-type IL-15



**crIL-15 increases persistence of CAR-NK cells**



**crIL-15 increases CAR-NK serial killing compared to secreted IL-15**

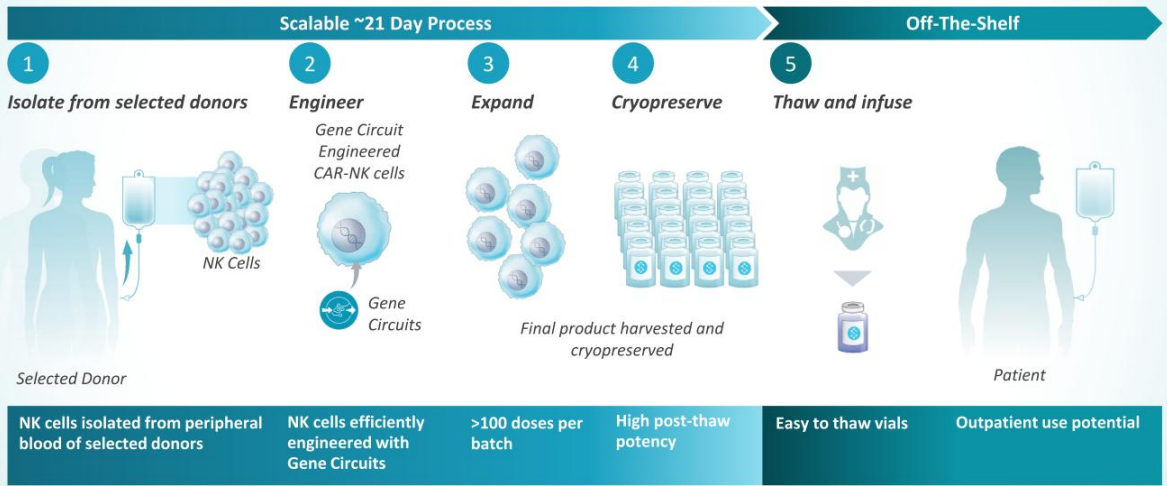
# Senti's Next Generation CAR-NK Cell Therapy Pipeline Tackles Hard to Treat Cancers

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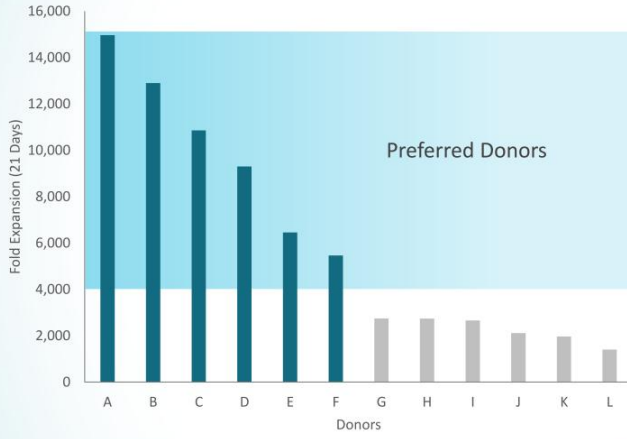
Program	Target	Indications	Discovery	IND enabling	Phase 1	Gene Circuits
<b>SENTI-202</b>	CD33, FLT3 bivalent	AML, MDS and other blood cancers		2023 IND		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Multi-Arming: designed for enhanced efficacy</li> <li>✓ crIL-15: autocrine and paracrine activation</li> <li>✓ OR GATE: bivalent activation</li> <li>✓ NOT GATE selectivity: healthy cell protection</li> </ul>
<b>SENTI-301</b>	GPC3	HCC and other solid tumors		2023 IND		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Multi-Arming: designed for enhanced efficacy</li> <li>✓ crIL-15: autocrine and paracrine activation</li> <li>✓ Control: Regulator Dial crIL-12</li> </ul>
<b>SENTI-401</b>	CEA	CRC and other solid tumors		2024 IND		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Multi-Arming: designed for enhanced efficacy</li> <li>✓ crIL-15: autocrine and paracrine activation</li> <li>✓ NOT GATE selectivity: healthy cell protection</li> <li>✓ Undisclosed: combo immune effectors</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Programs</b>	Undisclosed	Other tumors				Undisclosed



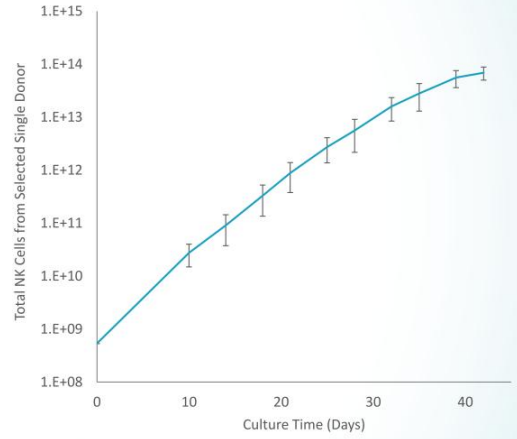
# Manufacturing



# Senti Selects NK Cell Donors to Support Robust Cell Expansion

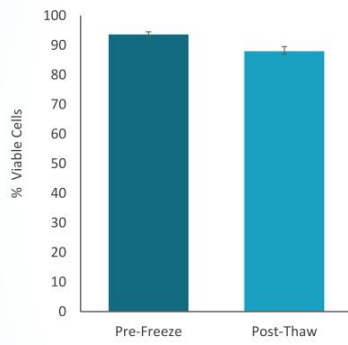


*Senti screens and selects GMP donors using NK cell expansion and other functional attributes to minimize variability*

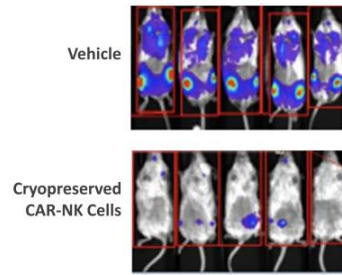


*Senti process can potentially generate over 100 trillion NK cells from a single donor collection*

# Senti's Cryopreservation Process Retains High Potency of CAR-NK Products Supporting Multi-Country and Multi-Site Clinical Evaluation



*CAR-NK cell viability retained post-thaw in vitro*



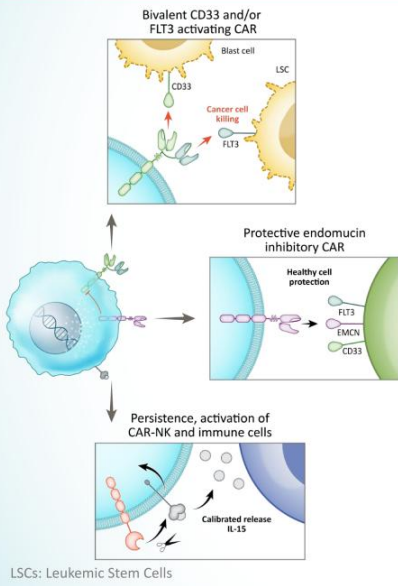
*In vivo activity with cryopreserved CAR NK cells in MOLM13 AML NSG mouse model (10 days after single dose)*





# Pipeline Products

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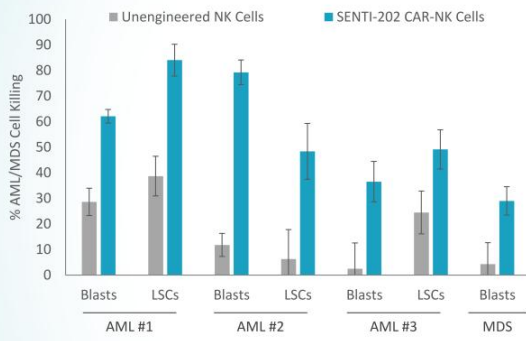


**Multi-Armed, off-the-shelf, selective CAR-NK**

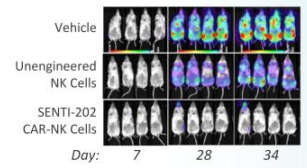
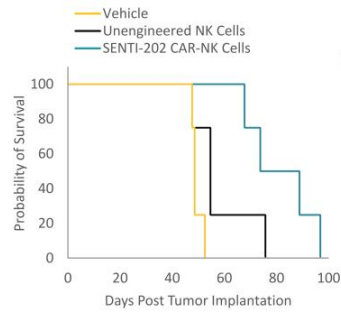
- **OR GATE:** *bivalent* CD33 and/or FLT3 activation → potential for deep and durable responses in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and other blood cancers
- **NOT GATE:** inhibition by endomucin (EMCN) protective antigen selectively expressed on healthy cells → potential for improved safety and increased therapeutic window
- ***crIL-15*** → potential for increased persistence, autocrine and paracrine immune cell activation

**On track for IND in 2023**

# SENTI-202 Shows Robust Preclinical Activity



**Broad in vitro killing of primary AML and MDS tumor cells**

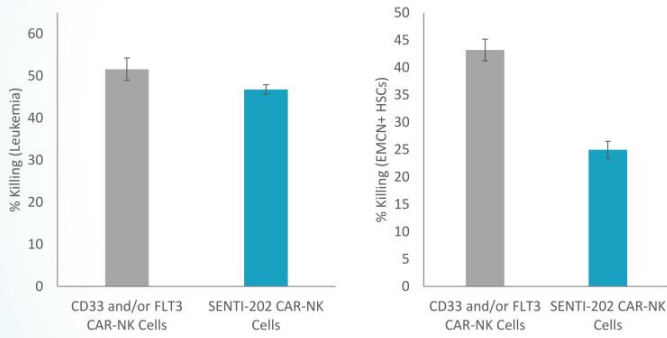


**In vivo suppression of tumor and increased mouse survival in MV4-11 AML NSG mouse model**

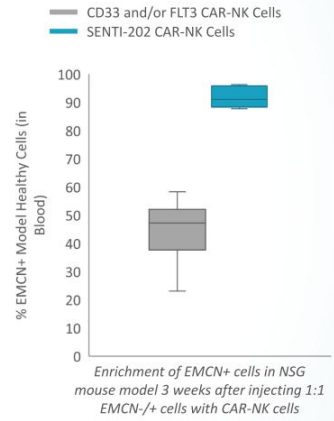
Group	Vehicle	Unengineered NK Cells	SENTI-202 CAR-NK Cells
Median Survival	49	55	81.5

# SENTI-202 Preclinical Selectivity via Inhibitory CAR Binding Endomucin on Healthy Primary Human Hematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)

*Endomucin was identified and validated by bioinformatics, flow cytometry, and functional assays, and is expressed on up to 76% of HSCs, but not on leukemic stem cells or blasts*



***In vitro protection of healthy primary human HSC fraction expressing EMCN***



*Enrichment of EMCN+ cells in NSG mouse model 3 weeks after injecting 1:1 EMCN-/+ cells with CAR-NK cells*

***In vivo protection of EMCN+ model healthy cells***

# Proposed Phase 1 Study in R/R CD33+ and/or FLT3+ Malignancies With Focus on AML



## High unmet need in patients with AML

- 30.5% 5-year survival<sup>1</sup>
- 5 months median overall survival at relapse<sup>2</sup>

## Proposed Phase 1 study anticipated to enroll R/R CD33+ and/or FLT3+ heme malignancies

- Received at least 1 prior treatment including targeted agents if FLT3, IDH1/2 mutation+
- 2 of 3 patients at each dose level with AML
- Disease specific expansion cohorts for AML and MDS

## Planned study endpoints

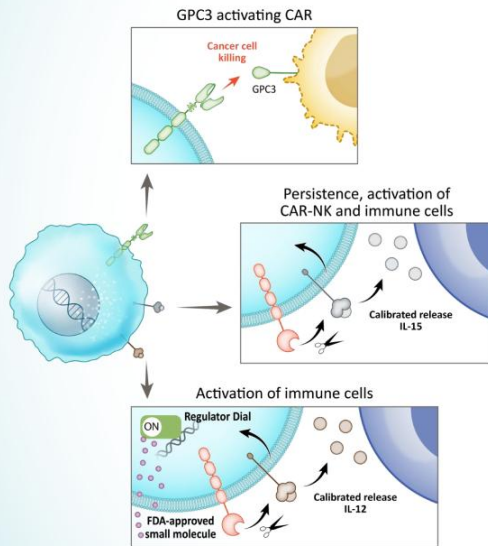
- Safety, DLT, identify recommended Phase 2 dose
- Efficacy using standard ELN 2022 criteria for AML and other disease specific consensus criteria
- PK, pharmacodynamics including endomucin protection, immunogenicity

<sup>1</sup> Seer 2020; <sup>2</sup> Brandwein 2020

## Planned Study Treatment/ Cycle

	Lymphodepletion <i>Fludarabine Cyclophosphamide</i>	SENTI-202 <i>2-3 dose levels of cells</i>			Efficacy <i>Additional cycles+</i>
Days	-5 to -3	0	7	14	28

Planned data-driven seamless Phase 1 to pivotal design



## Multi-Armed, off-the-shelf, Regulator Dial controlled CAR-NK

- **GPC3 activating CAR** → hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and other solid tumors
- **crIL-15** → potential for increased persistence, autocrine and paracrine immune cell activation
- **Pulsed crIL-12** controlled by FDA-approved drug via Regulator Dial → potential to remodel tumor micro-environment and increase anti-tumor immune responses with improved safety

On track for IND in 2023

## High unmet need in patients with liver cancer

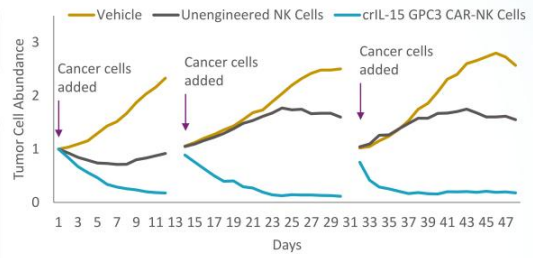
- 20.8% 5-year survival rate<sup>1</sup>

## Proposed Phase 1 study anticipated to enroll an advanced metastatic GPC3 solid tumor population

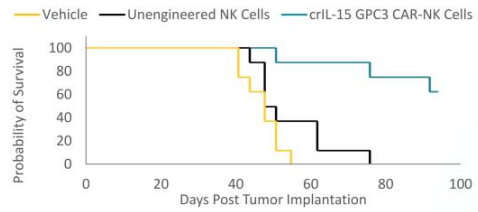
- Must have received standard of care
- Advanced solid tumors with focus on HCC (70-90% GPC3+) during dose finding
- Disease specific expansion cohorts of advanced HCC and other solid tumors (29-54%<sup>2</sup> GPC3+) including lung cancer

## Planned study treatment

- Multi-dose and multi-cycle following conditioning
- Small molecule administered as needed
- 2-3 cell dose levels



Effective *in vitro* serial killing of HepG2 HCC cell line



Increased survival in HepG2 HCC NSG mouse model

Group	Tumor Cells	Unengineered NK Cells	crIL-15 GPC3 CAR-NK Cells
<b>Median Survival</b>	48	49.5	Not reached

<sup>1</sup> Seer 2020 (liver and intrahepatic bile duct cancer combined); <sup>2</sup> Moek 2018

# Senti's Regulator Dial Enables On-Demand Production of crIL-12 Controlled via FDA-Approved Small Molecule Drug



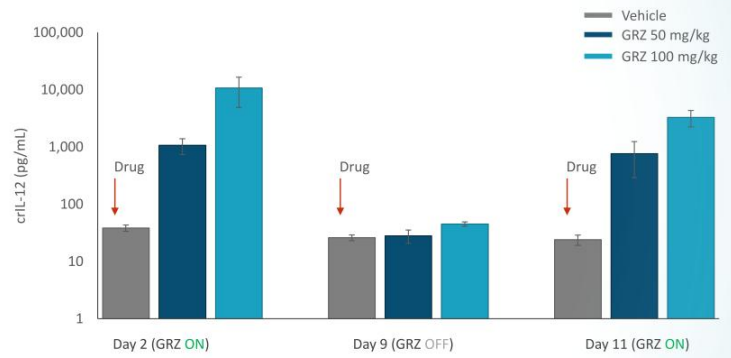
## IL-12 is a potent pro-inflammatory type 1 cytokine

- Increases NK and T cell activation
- Inhibits immunosuppressive cells such as tumor-associated macrophages
- Responses noted with systemic administration of IL-12<sup>1</sup>

## IL-12 clinical use has been limited by toxicities

- Narrow therapeutic window with systemic IL-12

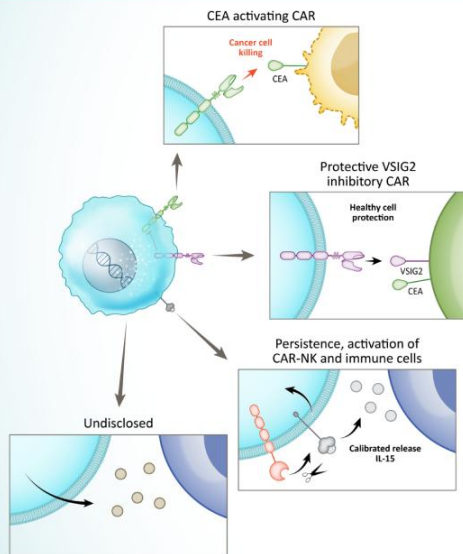
**Senti's proprietary Regulator Dial is controlled by FDA-approved small molecule releasing crIL-12**



*crIL-12 release controlled by small molecule drug administered 2 days prior to sampling in a dose-dependent manner in vivo*

<sup>1</sup> Leonard 1997



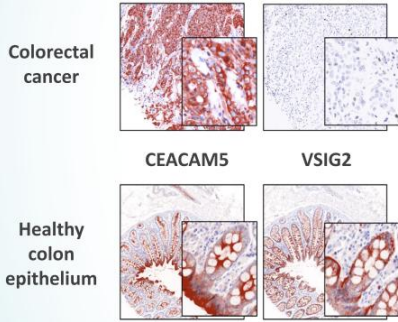


## Multi-Armed, off-the-shelf, selective CAR-NK

- **CEACAM5 (CEA) activating CAR** → colorectal cancer (CRC) and other solid tumors
- **NOT GATE:** inhibition by VSI2 antigen on healthy epithelial cells → potential for improved safety, increased therapeutic window and reduced on-target, off-tumor toxicity
- **crIL-15** → potential for increased persistence and autocrine and paracrine immune cell activation
- **Undisclosed 4<sup>th</sup> arming** → construct to further potentiate persistence, efficacy of CAR-NK cells and stimulate endogenous immune cells

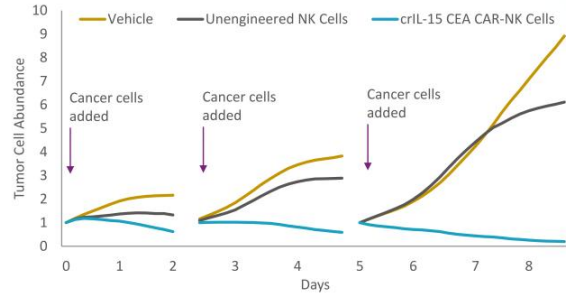
# Senti's Approach to Select Paired Target and Protective Antigens Translates to Rapid Preclinical Proof of Principle

*VSIG2 was identified by bioinformatics using single cell RNA sequencing and validated as protective antigen with immunohistochemistry*

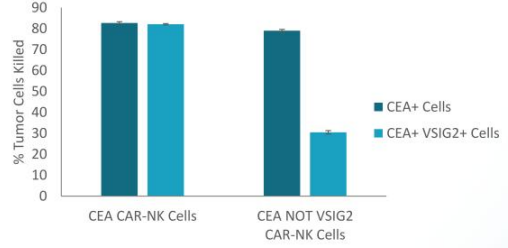


**CEACAM5: 85-90% of CRC and 40-60% of other solid tumors including lung cancer<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Goldstein 2005



**Effective in vitro serial killing of LOVO cell line by Multi-Armed CEA CAR**



**Decreased cell killing of VSIG2 expressing cells with addition of inhibitory CAR construct**

# Platform Collaborations



# Multiple Platform Collaborations Extend Utility of Gene Circuits

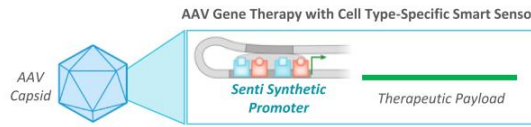


Program	Indications	Gene Circuit	Discovery	IND enabling	Phase 1	Rights
<b>Gene Therapies for Tissue-Directed Targets</b>						
GC-1001/GC-1002	Eye	Smart Sensor				 
GC-1003/GC-1004	CNS	Smart Sensor				
GC-1005	Liver	Smart Sensor				
<b>Cell Therapies for Regenerative Medicine</b>						
GC-1101	Regenerative Medicine	Regulator Dial				 
GC-1102	Regenerative Medicine	Regulator Dial				
GC-1103	Regenerative Medicine	Smart Sensor				

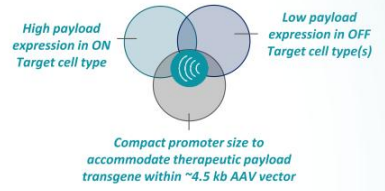


Collaboration for gene therapies

AAV Gene Therapy with Cell Type-Specific Smart Sensor

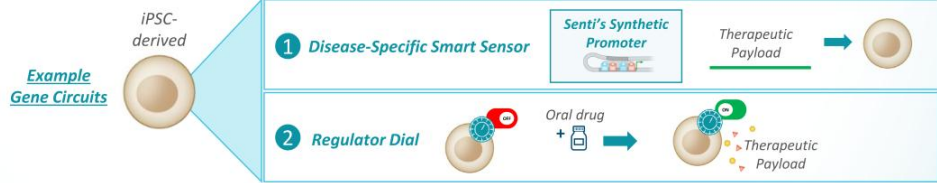


Synthetic Promoter Performance Profile:



Collaboration for cell therapies

Gene Circuit-Engineered "Smart" Regenerative Medicines







# Smart Sensor Promoters Are Designed to Address Key Challenges in Gene Therapy



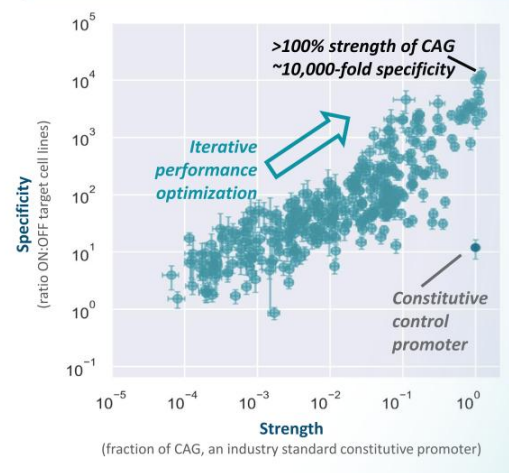
## Gene Therapy Challenges

## Senti's Gene Circuit Solutions

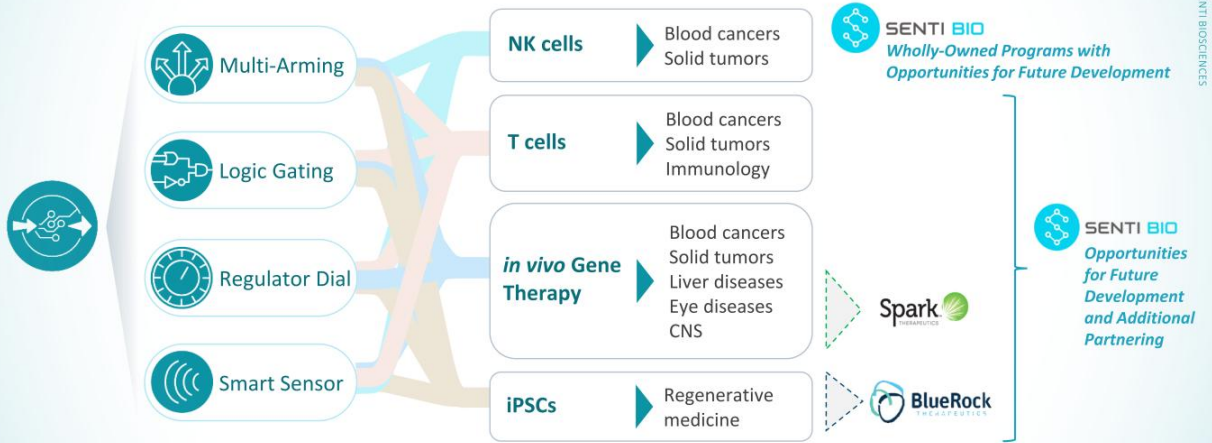
- Off-target tissue toxicity  Smart Sensor  Enhance target tissue specificity and limit off-target tissue toxicity
- Sub-optimal therapeutic performance  Smart Sensor  Improve expression and increase potency

Smart Sensor Promoters designed to enable next-generation gene therapy by enhancing **specificity** to target tissue(s) (and thus limiting off-target tissue toxicities) and increasing **strength**, potentially enabling more efficacious therapies

## Smart Sensor Promoter Data



# Senti's Gene Circuit Technology Has Broad Potential Across Modalities and Therapeutic Areas



## Upcoming Value Driving Milestones



Program	2022 Anticipated Milestones	2023 Anticipated Milestones
<b>SENTI-202</b> <i>CD33, FLT3 bivalent</i> <i>AML, MDS and other blood cancers</i>	Present data at key scientific conferences in 2H 2022 (e.g., ASH)	File IND application in 2023
<b>SENTI-301</b> <i>GPC3</i> <i>HCC and other solid tumors</i>	Present data at key scientific conferences in 2H 2022 (e.g., SITC)	File IND application in 2023
<b>SENTI-401</b> <i>CEA</i> <i>CRC and other solid tumors</i>	Present data at key scientific conferences	
<b>Additional Programs</b> <i>Other tumors</i>	Initiate preclinical work on additional CAR-NK pipeline programs	Pre-clinical PoCs for additional pipeline candidates
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Startup of manufacturing by YE 2022 Present data at key conferences	





**Thank you!**

