

# XV Encuentro de Cooperación Farma-Biotech

**Clinical candidate BO-112:** a nanomedicine capable of stimulating innate and adaptative immune responses and triggering apoptosis in cancer cells



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### 3. Partnering Opportunities

**Bioncotech Therapeutics** emerged as the first spin off of the Spanish National Cancer Research Center (CNIO).



**Bioncotech Therapeutics** was established in 2010 and has its headquarters in Valencia, Spain.

**Bioncotech Therapeutics** is fully dedicated to the development of innovative technologies for the treatment of aggressive tumors.

It is now focused on its most advanced candidate, **BO-112**, a potent anti-tumoral drug with immuno-stimulatory activity

## **BO-11X has been developed for its use in solid tumors:**

It can be delivered both sistimically and directly into the tumor, allowing much higher concentrations of the product in the tumor microenvironment than do systemic infusions, providing lower toxicity and better efficacy when combined with other agents.

# THE PRODUCT BO-11X: DESIGN AND MOA

## BO-112 formation

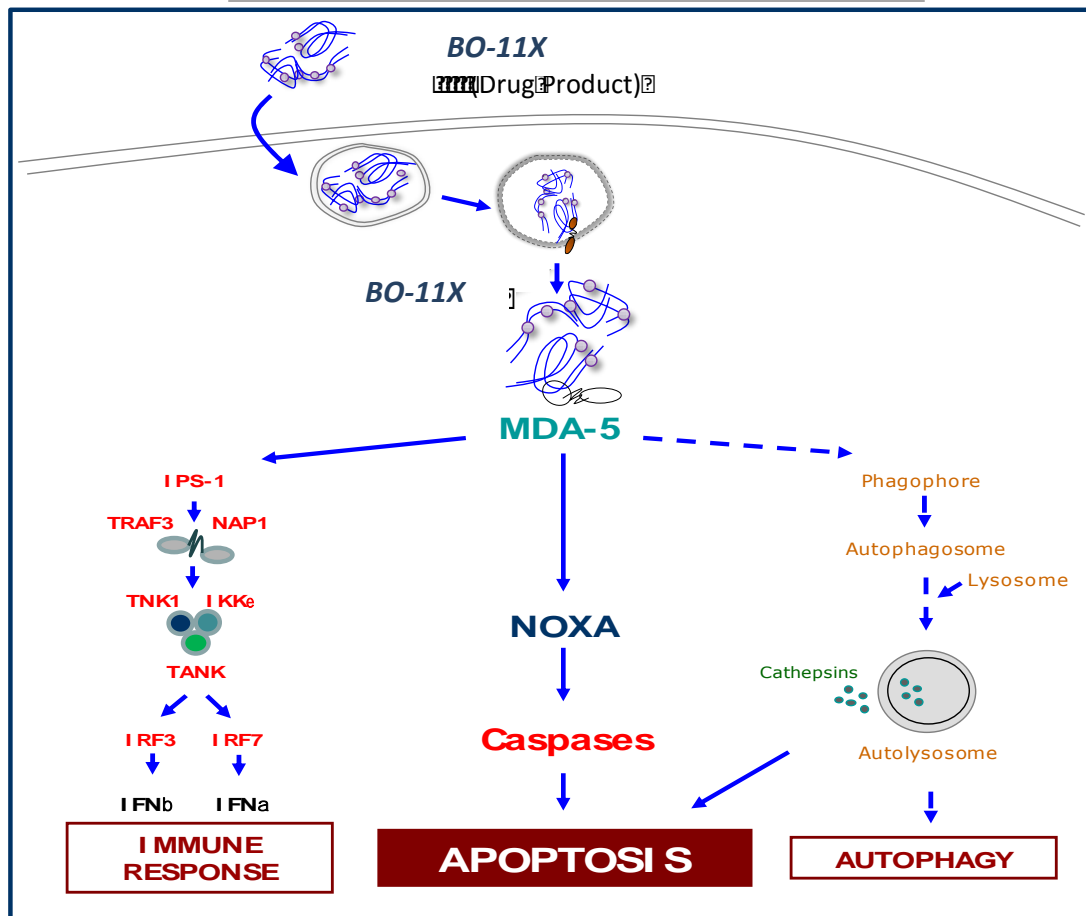
Poly I:C (dsRNA)

PEI

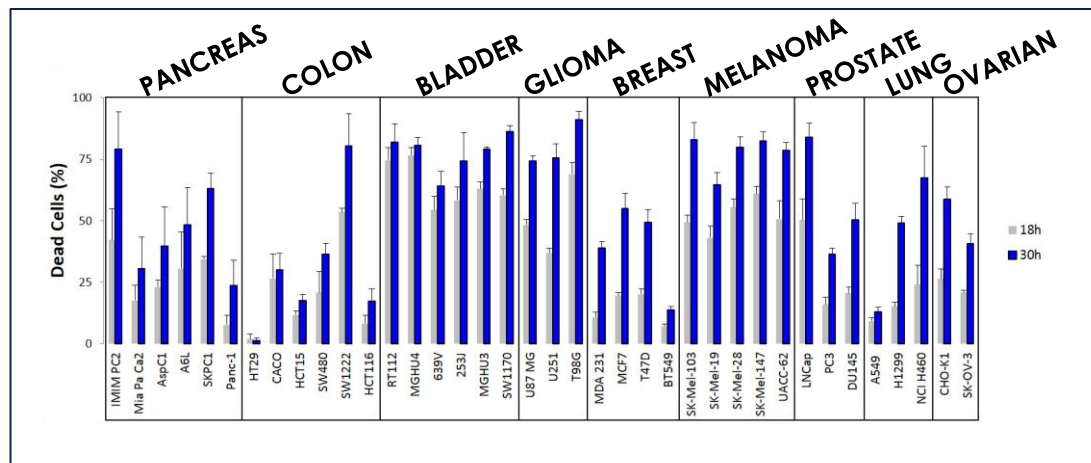
(Polyethylenimine)

**BO-11X**

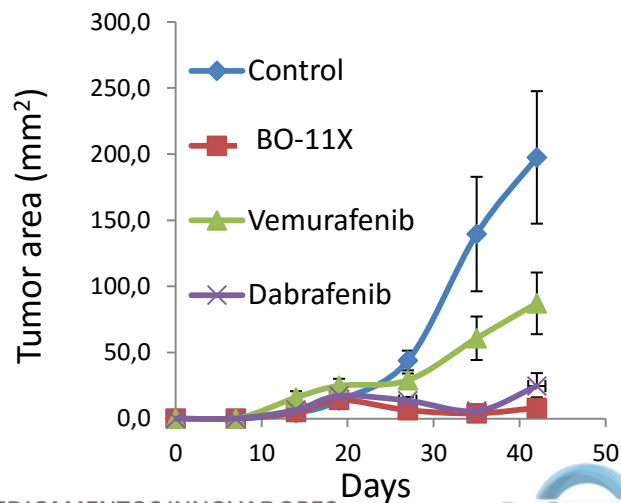
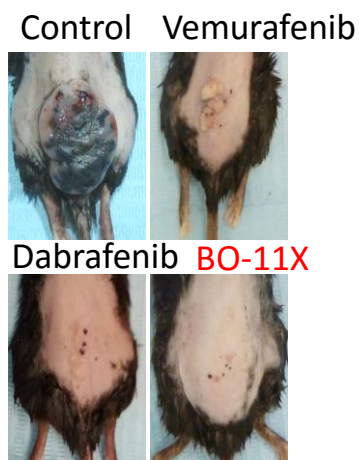
## BO-11X mechanism of action



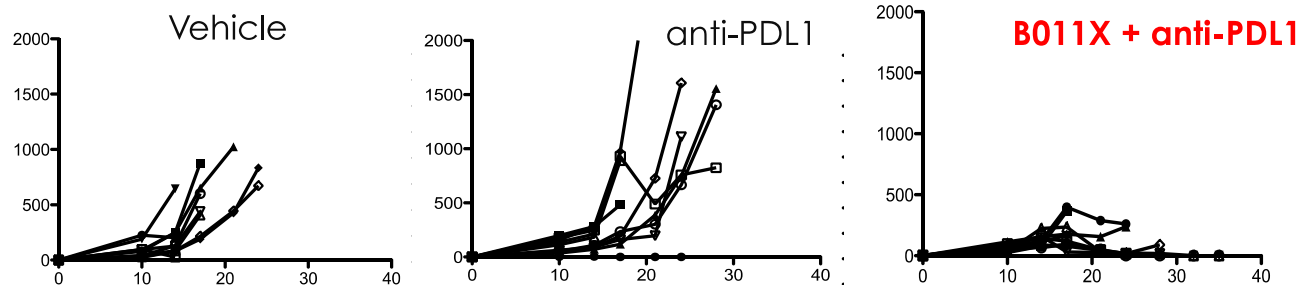
## BO-11X induces cell death in a panel of human tumor cell lines



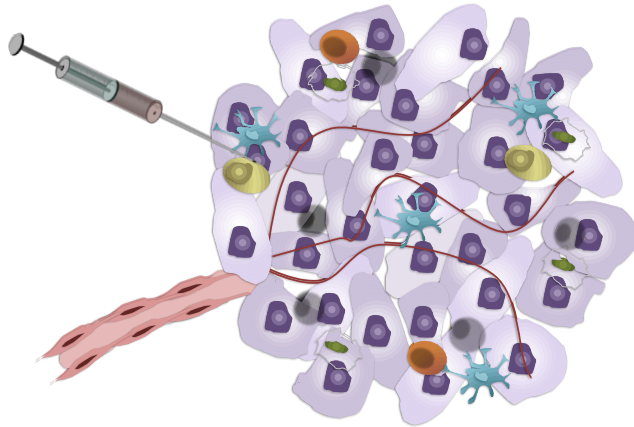
## BO-11x reduces tumor growth in melanoma mouse model



## BO-11x improves the anti-tumoral effect of existing IO agents

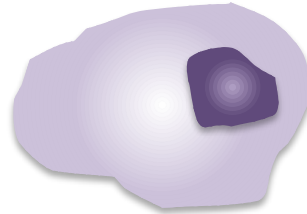


**BO-11X**



Tumor microenvironment

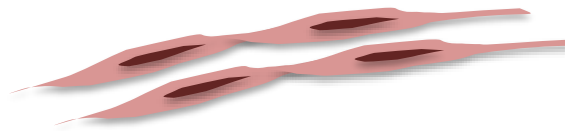
## TUMOR CELL



↑ Apoptosis and autophagy

INCREASES TUMOR CELL DEATH

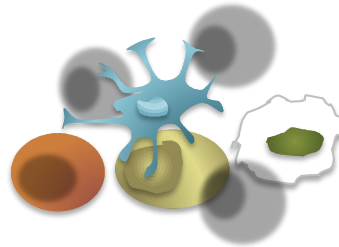
## LYMPHANGIOGENESIS



↓ Angiogenesis activators

REDUCES TUMOR VASCULARIZATION

## IMMUNE SYSTEM

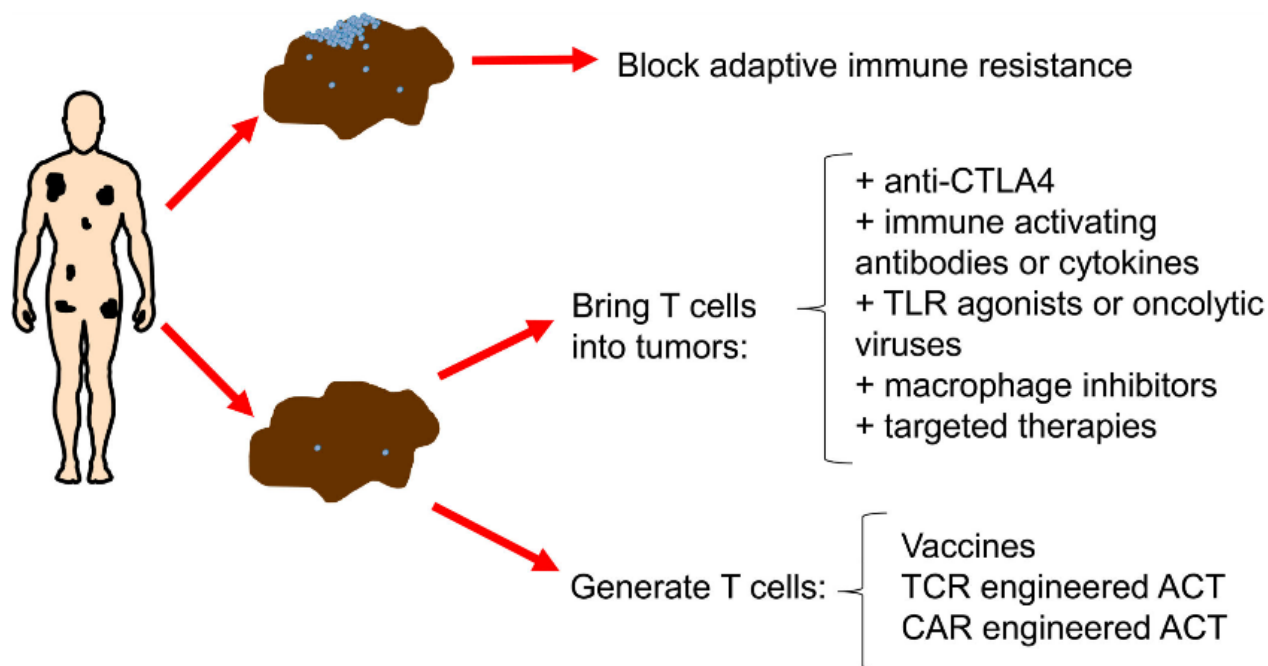


↑ M1 macrophage polarization

ENHANCES ANTI-TUMOR IMMUNITY



# Differential features facing the market: STRATEGIES COMBINING IO AGENTS



BO-11X represents an attractive tool to enhance the therapeutic effect of immune therapies that act “releasing the brakes” of the immune system

Combination with well-established agents brings alternative benefits by sensitizing tumor cells towards apoptosis and overcoming tumor-mediated immunosuppression.

# An exploratory first in human phase I clinical and pharmacokinetic study of intratumoral administration of BO-112 in adult patients with solid tumors”

*EUDRA CT: 2016-000527-24*

### ***Study population***

*Patients with aggressive solid tumors from whom biopsies can be obtained*

*Hospital Gregorio Marañón, Madrid  
Clínica Universitaria de Navarra (CUM)*

First Patient October 2016

## Primary objective:

To determine the biological effect of a single IT administration of BO-112

## Secondary objectives:

To determinate the safety profile of BO-112 in patients enrolled in the study

To establish the pharmacokinetics (PK) profile of BO-112 administered intratumorally

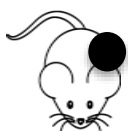
To explore pharmacodynamics (PD) markers of the BO-112

To monitor changes in the profiles of innate, specific, complement, and NK mediated immune response

To evaluate the preliminary antitumor activity of the drug

## THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY

### CLINICAL INDICATIONS



Tumor models:

Melanoma  
Breast carcinoma  
Colon carcinoma

Survival and tumor growth studies

### TREATMENT STRATEGY



BO-112  
BO-112 +  
(Immunoagents,  
radiotherapy,  
chemotherapy)

Survival and tumor growth studies

## MECHANISMS OF ACTION

### IN VIVO TUMOR MODELS



BO-112  
selected  
therapy

Characterization of the  
Immune response (TILs  
and draining lymph  
node)

### HUMAN PRIMARY CELLS



Immune cell  
populations  
from PMBC +  
BO-112

Analysis of the effect of  
BO-112 on activation  
and function of myeloid  
and lymphoid cells

## BIOMARKERS

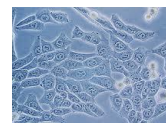
### CELL SCREENING



30 human tumor  
cell lines

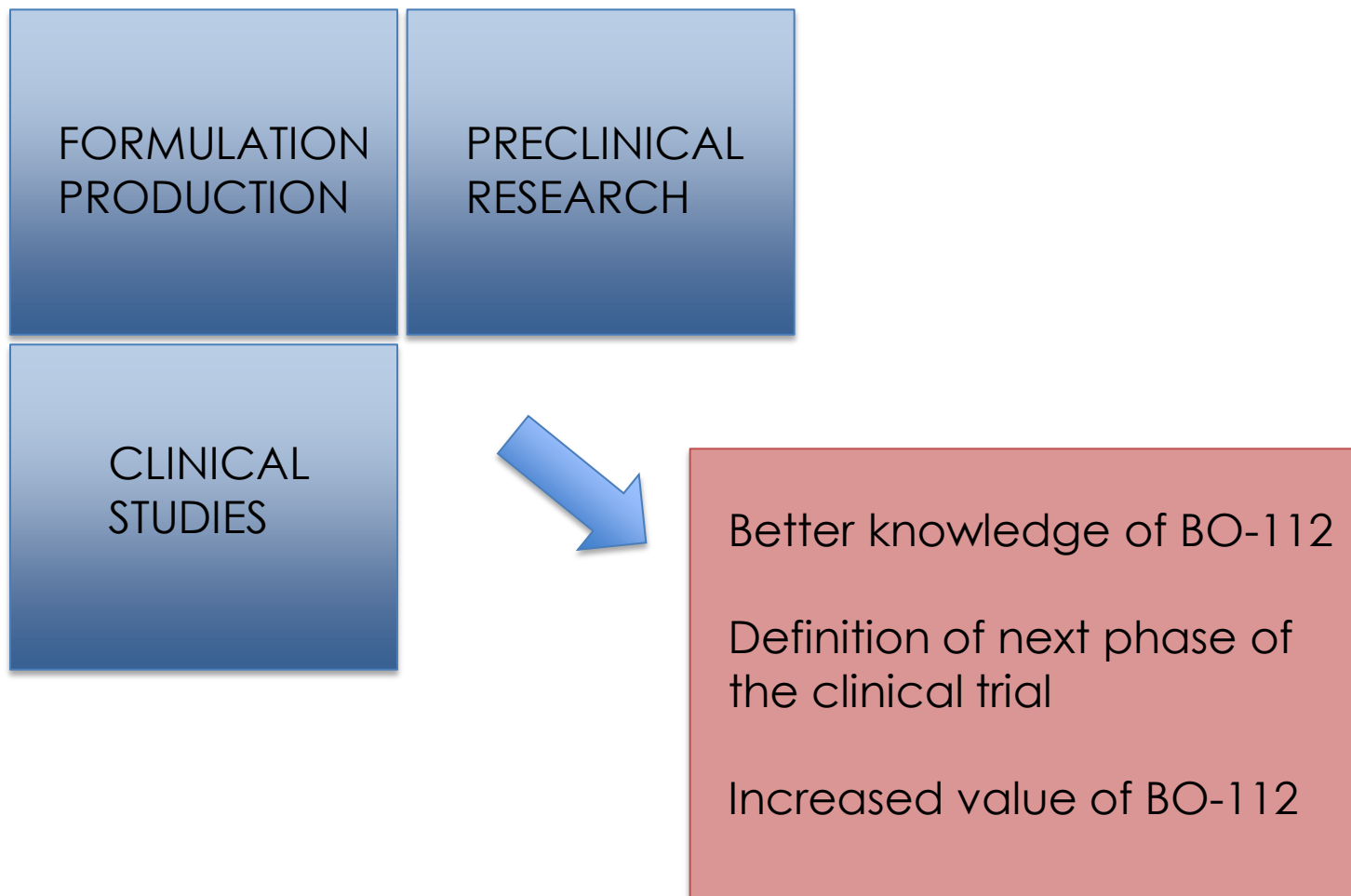
Markers of response to BO-112 (apoptosis, cytotoxicity, cytokine expression, autophagy)

### GENETIC STUDY



Selection of cell  
lines high- and  
non-responders  
to BO-112

Transcriptional study,  
NanoString Technology



**Better market positioning**

## **PCT/EP2010/059593: Process for the identification of compounds for treating cancer**

A pharmaceutical composition consisting in a combination of polyinosine-polycytidylic acid (pIC) which is at least 1000 nucleotides per chain and PEI for the treatment of cancer (melanoma, pancreatic cancer, colon cancer, bladder cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian carcinoma.)

## **EP15194864.3: Novel Pharmaceutical Composition**

Novel formulations of particles comprising poly (I:C) that not only improve properties of medical interest but also are more efficiently produced.

Our candidate has proved to be more effective than other pIC formulations, showing a direct anti-tumoral effect combined with its ability to activate innate immunity.

**CMC : Development of specific analytical methods**

**Manufacture: Reliable and scalable GMP campaigns**

**Clinical Trial: Definition of the study**

Bioncotech is interested in partnerships to explore the therapeutic opportunities of BO-112 in combination with other agents.

We would like to establish collaborations for the development of combination studies in the immuno-oncology area.

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