

Combination *Lm-LL0* Immunotherapy plus Radiation Delays Tumor Progression and Prolongs Survival in Osteosarcoma

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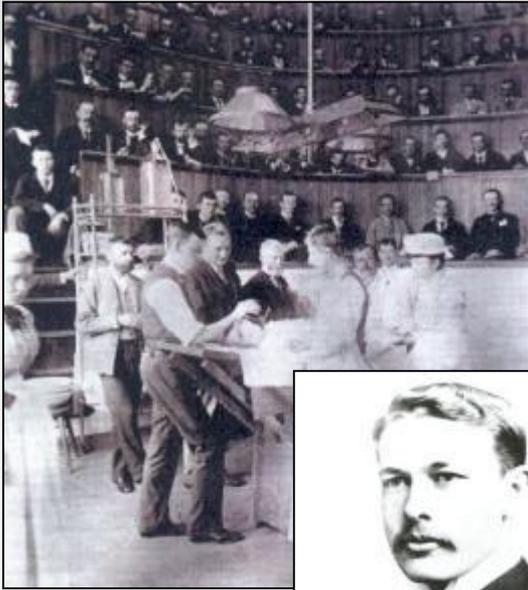
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Osteosarcoma is an “immune responsive” tumor



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ORIGINAL MEMOIRS.

SARCOMA OF THE LONG BONES.*

THE DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND PROGNOSIS, WITH A REPORT OF SIXTY-NINE CASES.

BY WILLIAM B. COLEY, M.D.,

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Annals of Surgical Oncology, 12(12): 1073–1083
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Improved Survival Associated With Postoperative Wound Infection in Dogs Treated With Limb-Salvage Surgery for Osteosarcoma

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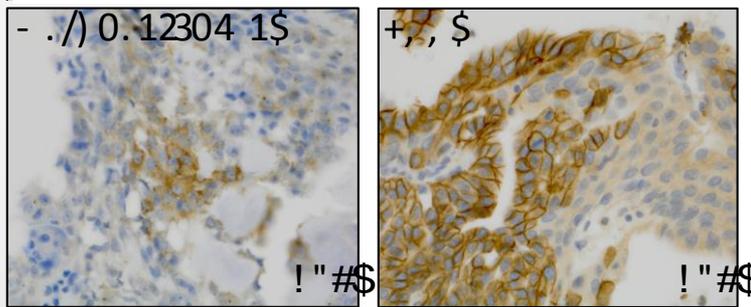
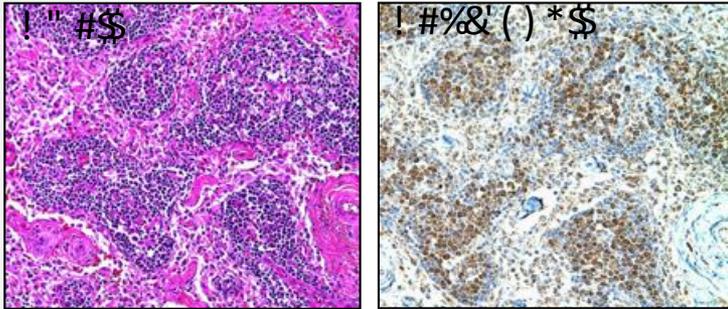
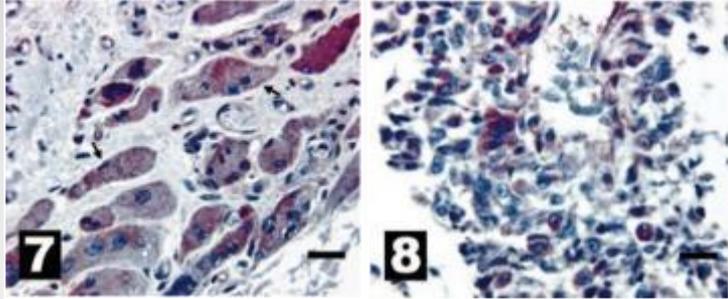
Veterinary Surgery
35:518–533, 2006

Cortical Allograft and Endoprosthesis for Limb-Sparing Surgery in Dogs with Distal Radial Osteosarcoma: A Prospective Clinical Comparison of Two Different Limb-Sparing Techniques

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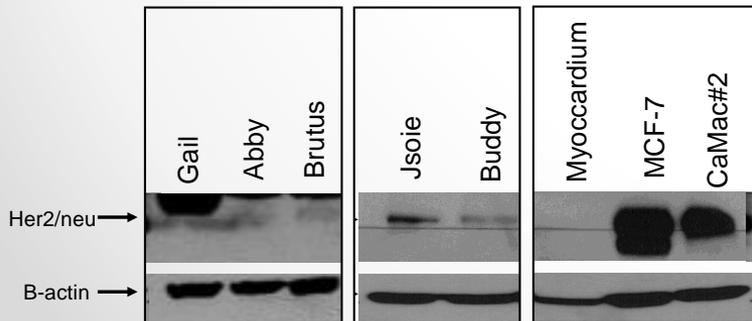
Evaluation of outcome and prognostic factors for dogs living greater than one year after diagnosis of osteosarcoma: 90 cases (1997–2008)

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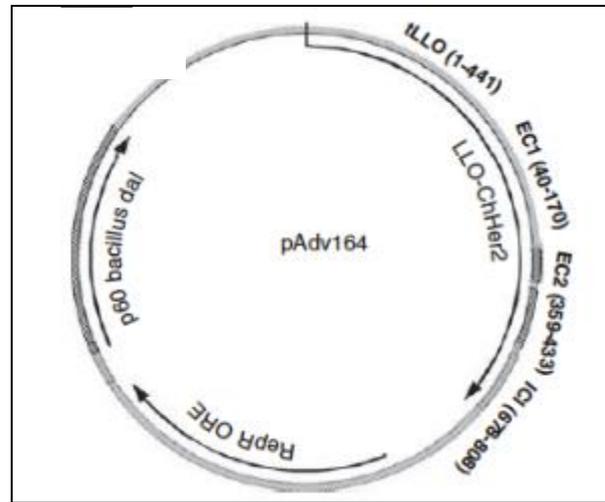
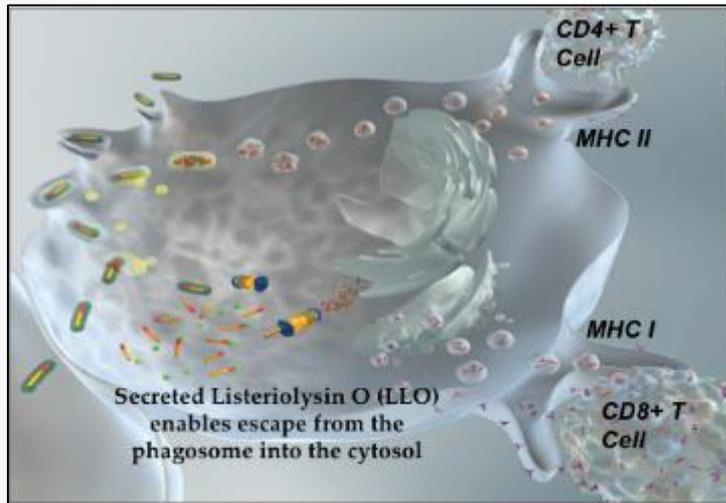
HER2/neu is a molecular target in OSA

- HER2/neu is expressed in 40-60% of pediatric and canine primary OSA and in pulmonary metastatic disease
- Supporting evidence for HER2/neu expression in tumor initiating cells
- Expression is associated with aggressive disease, increased risk of metastasis and decreased OS
- Not associated with gene amplification
- IHC indicates staining is predominantly cytoplasmic
- Trastuzumab showed minimal efficacy in a phase I clinical trial in children
- Represents a therapeutic target for T cell mediated therapies



Listeria monocytogenes

- Gram positive intracellular bacteria
 - Preferentially infects APCs
 - Induces potent innate (IL-12) and adaptive (CD4 & CD8 T cell) immune responses
 - Readily genetically modified to deliver TAA into MHC I and II pathways



Sequence identity with canine HER2

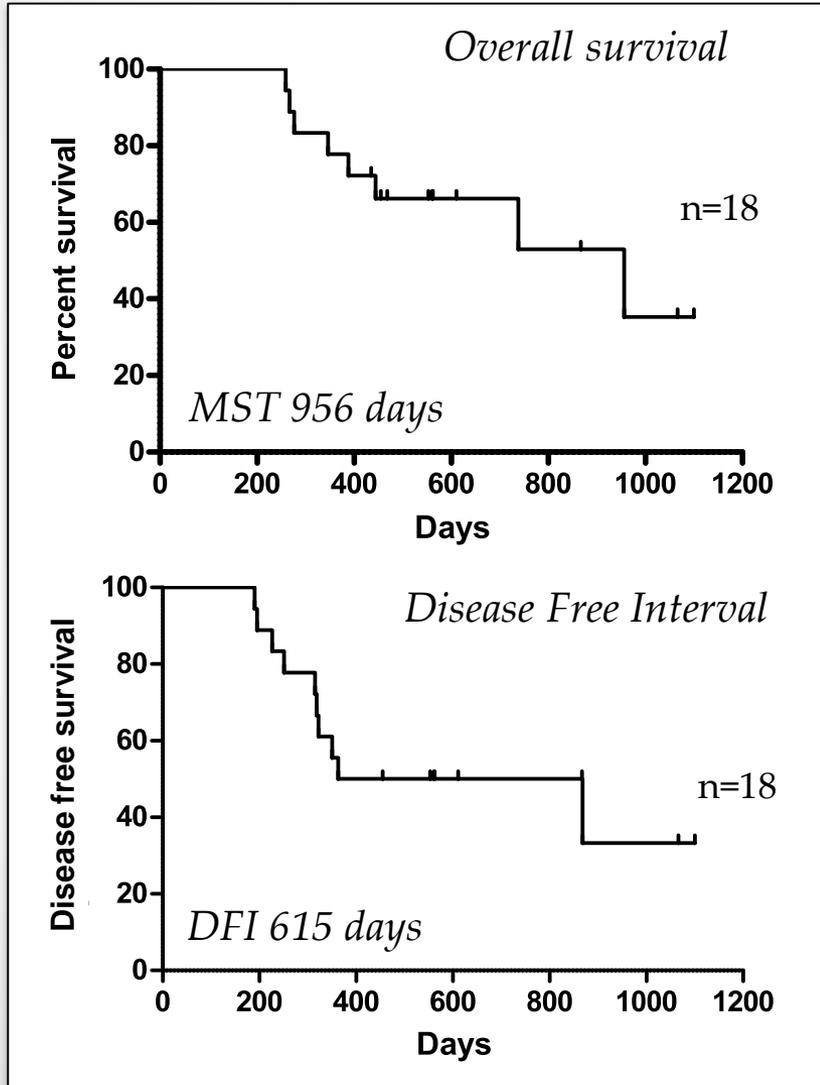
EC1 89%

EC2 93%

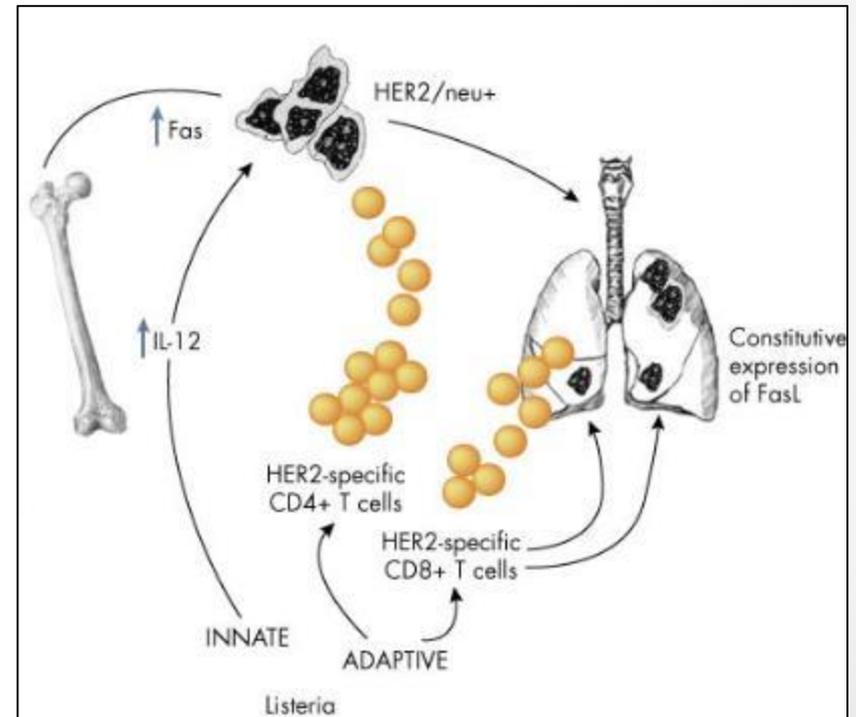
IC1 98%

- Influences the tumor microenvironment
 - Increases TIL and reduces % of Tregs and MDSC within tumors
- In mouse models:
 - Induces HER2 specific CD8+ cytotoxic T cell responses
 - Eliminates established HER2+ mammary tumors
 - Prevents HER2+ metastatic disease

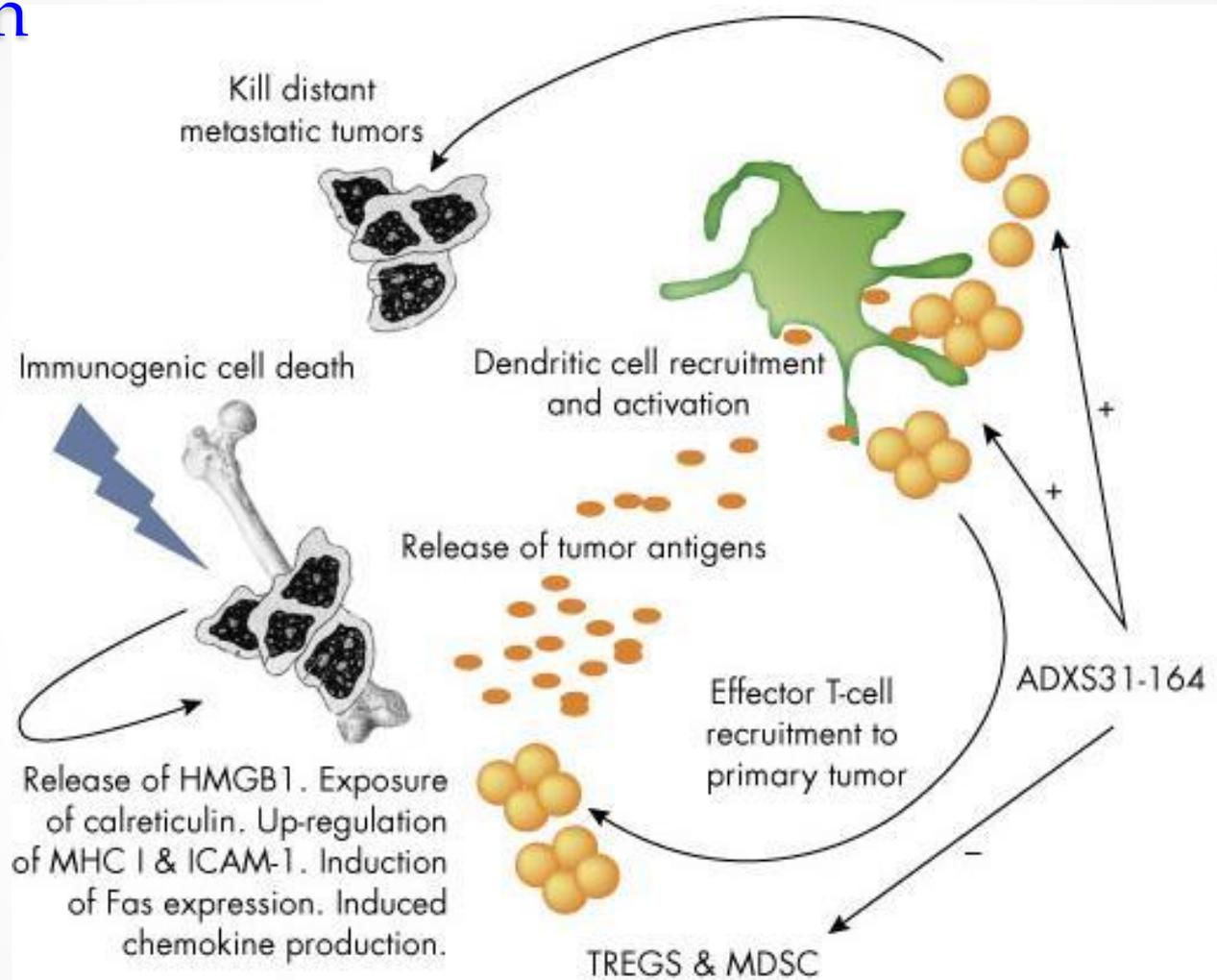
ADX31-164 administered in the setting of minimal residual disease prevents metastatic disease and prolongs overall survival



MOA to prevent metastatic disease

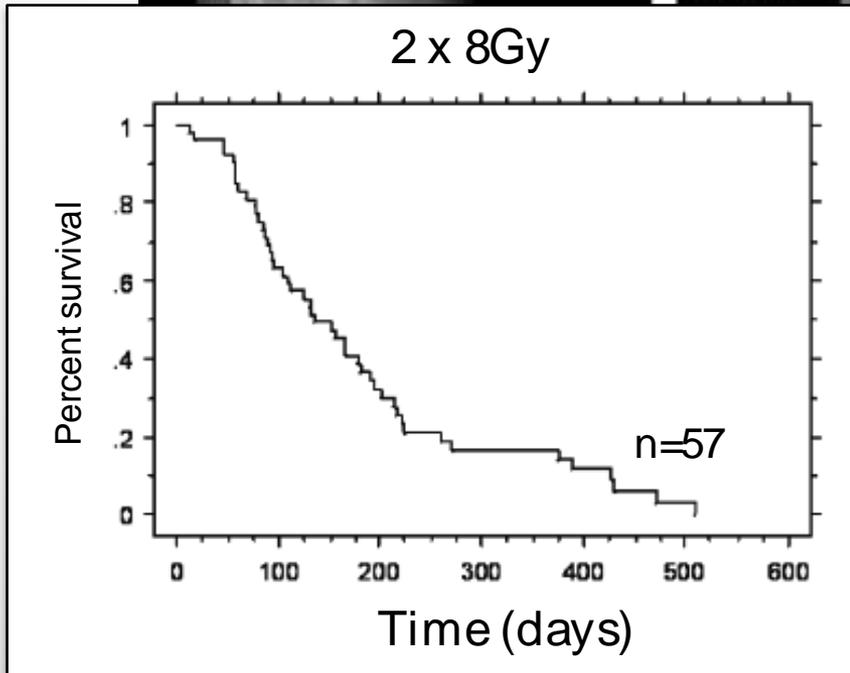


Proposed synergy between ADXS31-164 and palliative radiation

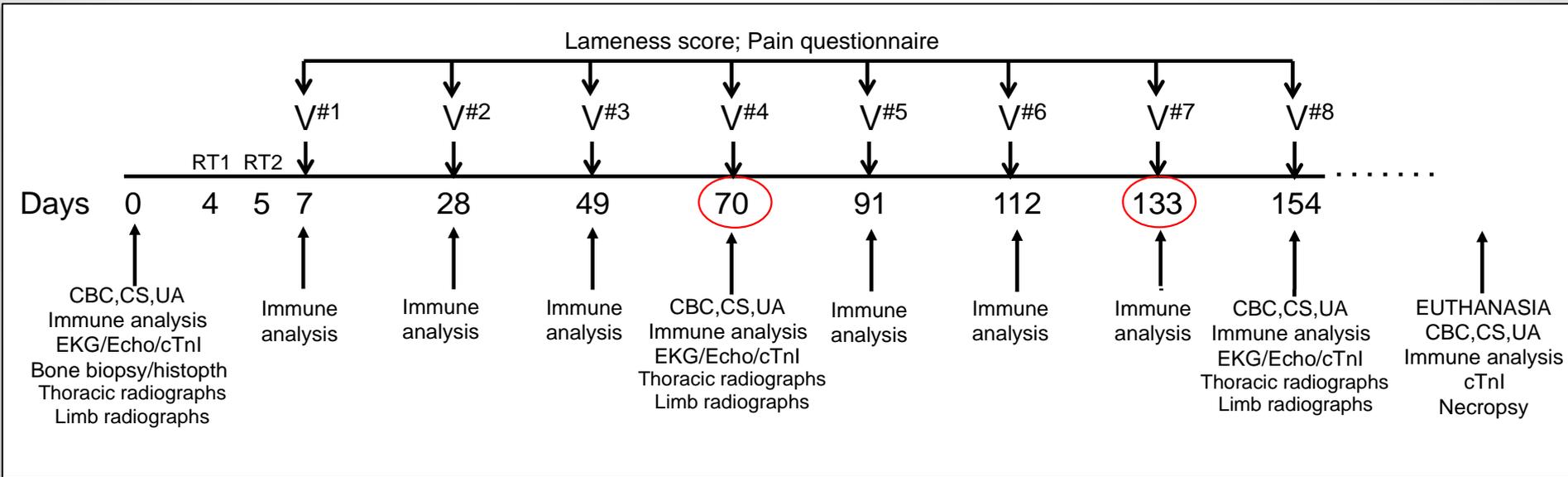


ADXS31-64 plus RT will synergize to promote anti-tumor immune responses that retard primary tumor progression and delay/prevent metastatic disease in dogs with non-resectable appendicular OSA

Characteristic Radiographic Progression of OSA following Radiation Therapy Alone



Overview of Pilot Study Timeline



Median Duration of Pain Relief with RT alone = 70 days

Median Survival Time with RT alone = 136 days

Ref: Knapp-Hoch et al. *J Am Anim Hosp Assoc.* 2009 Jan-Feb;45(1):24-32.

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

- Confirmed diagnosis of OSA by bone biopsy and histopathology
- No evidence of metastatic disease
- Systemically healthy with no evidence of cardiac disease
- Treatment naïve (other than pain medications)

Patient Signalment and Tumor Characteristics

AGE	BREED	SEX	TUMOR LOCATION	SUBTYPE	HER2/Neu expression	Number of vaccines administered to date	Concurrent treatments	Time to progression (days)	Overall survival (days)
Vaccine group									
9	Italian Spinone	MC	Proximal humerus	Osteoblastic	Pending	8	T,G,NSAIDs	238	285
6	Great Pyrenees	FS	Proximal humerus	Osteoblastic	1	8(+2)	T,G,Pamidronate		479+
9	Irish Setter	FS	Distal radius	Osteoblastic	6	2	T,G	62	62
8	Golden Retriever	MC	Distal tibia	Osteoblastic	Pending	8(+2)	None	243	378+
7	GSD	MC	Distal femur	Osteoblastic	2	8(+1)	None		354+
7	Great Dane	MC	Distal radius	Osteoblastic	6	5	T,G,A,NSAIDs	113(PF)	187*
7	Greyhound	MC	Proximal humerus	Fibroblastic	3	1	None	57(PF)	57*
9	Mixbreed	FS	Proximal humerus	Osteoblastic	Pending	7	None	204(PF)	322+
9	Mixbreed	MC	Distal tibia	Osteoblastic	Pending	8(+2)	T,G		269+
6	Great Pyrenees	FS	Distal radius	Osteoblastic	Pending	2	None	90(PF)	115*
7	Greyhound	FS	Proximal humerus	Osteoblastic	Pending	3	None		116+
9	Saluki	M	Distal radius	Osteoblastic	Pending	2	None		66+

T Tramadol

G Gabapentin

NSAID Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug

B Bone Metastases

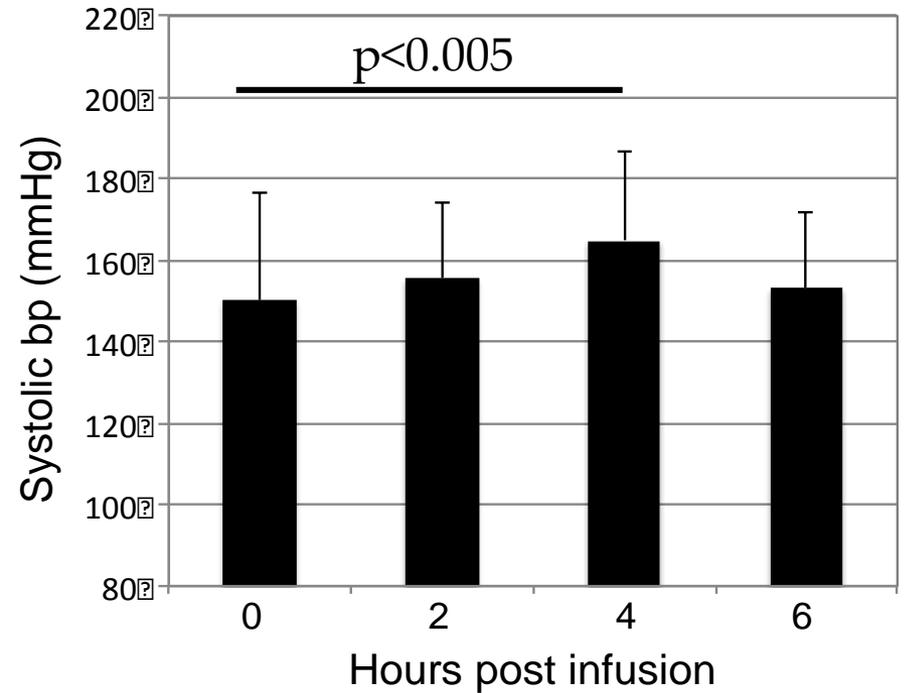
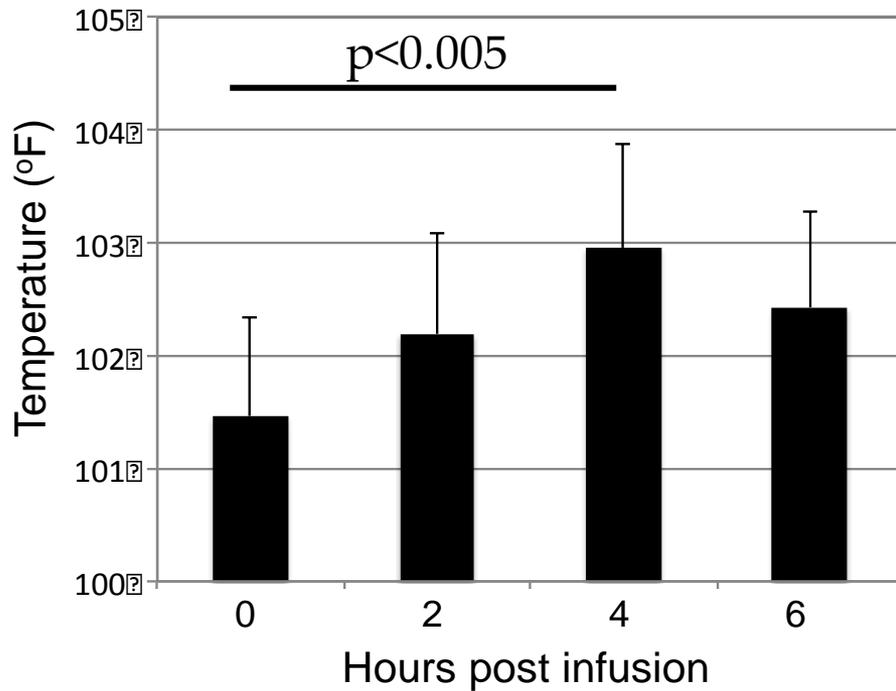
L Lung Metastases

PF Pathologic Fracture

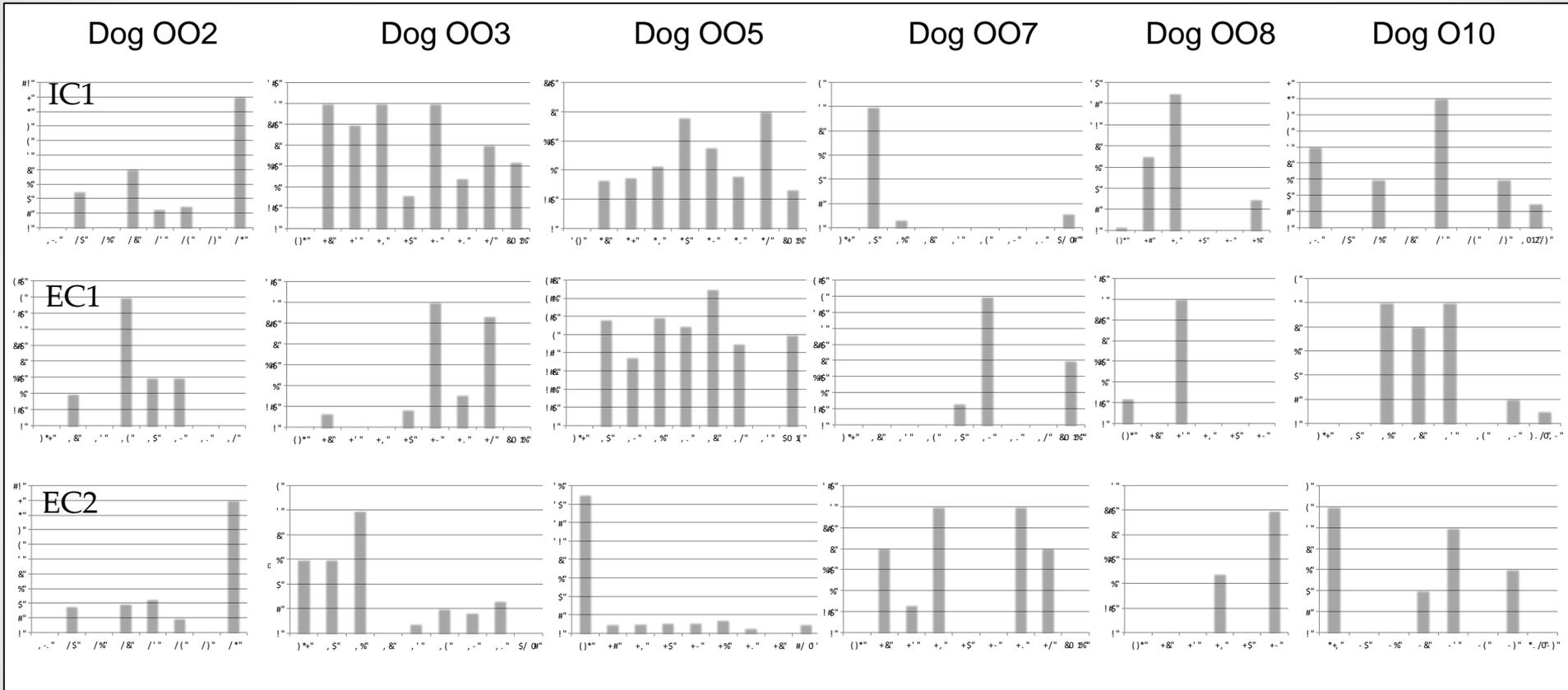
+ Alive

* Euthanasia due to pathologic fracture

Mild, transient increases in temperature and systolic blood pressure following ADXS31-164

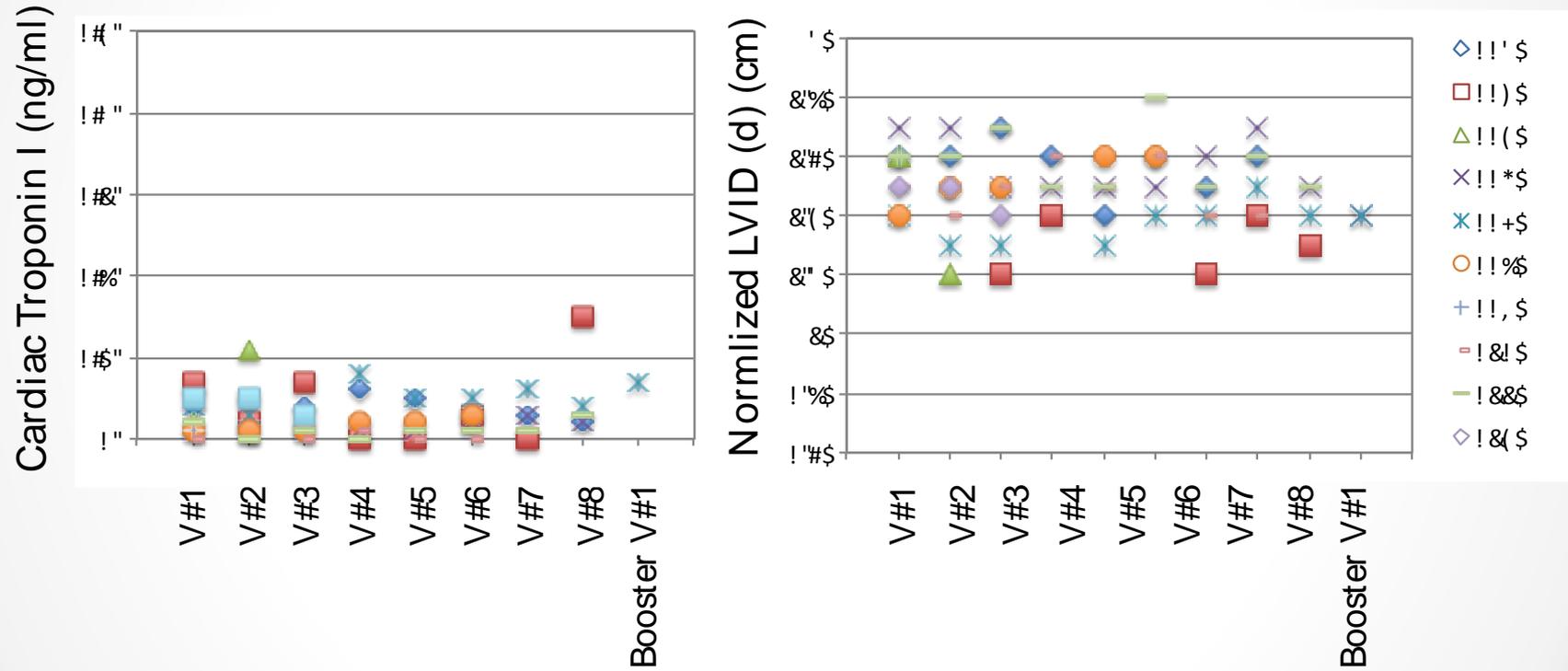


ADXS31-164 breaks tolerance to HER2/neu and induces antigen-specific IFN- γ production



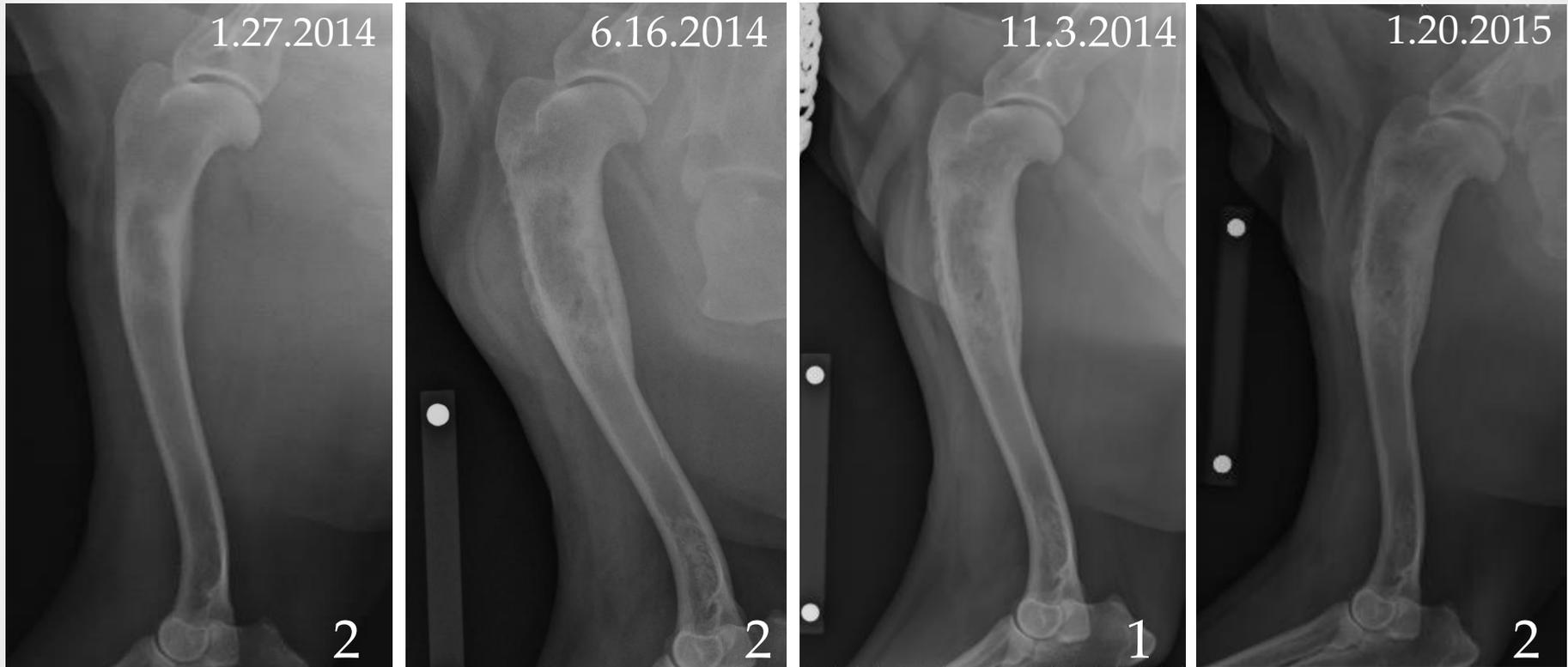
Fold increase
in spots
↑
→ Vaccine number

No evidence of cardiotoxicity with repeat doses of ADXS31-164



RT+ ADXS31-164 delays the radiographic progression of primary OSA

Dog 003



LAMENESS SCORE:

0=clinically sound, 1=barely detectable lameness, 2=mild lameness, 3=moderate lameness, 4=severe lameness, 5=non weight bearing

RT+ ADXS31-164 delays the radiographic progression of primary OSA

Dog 007

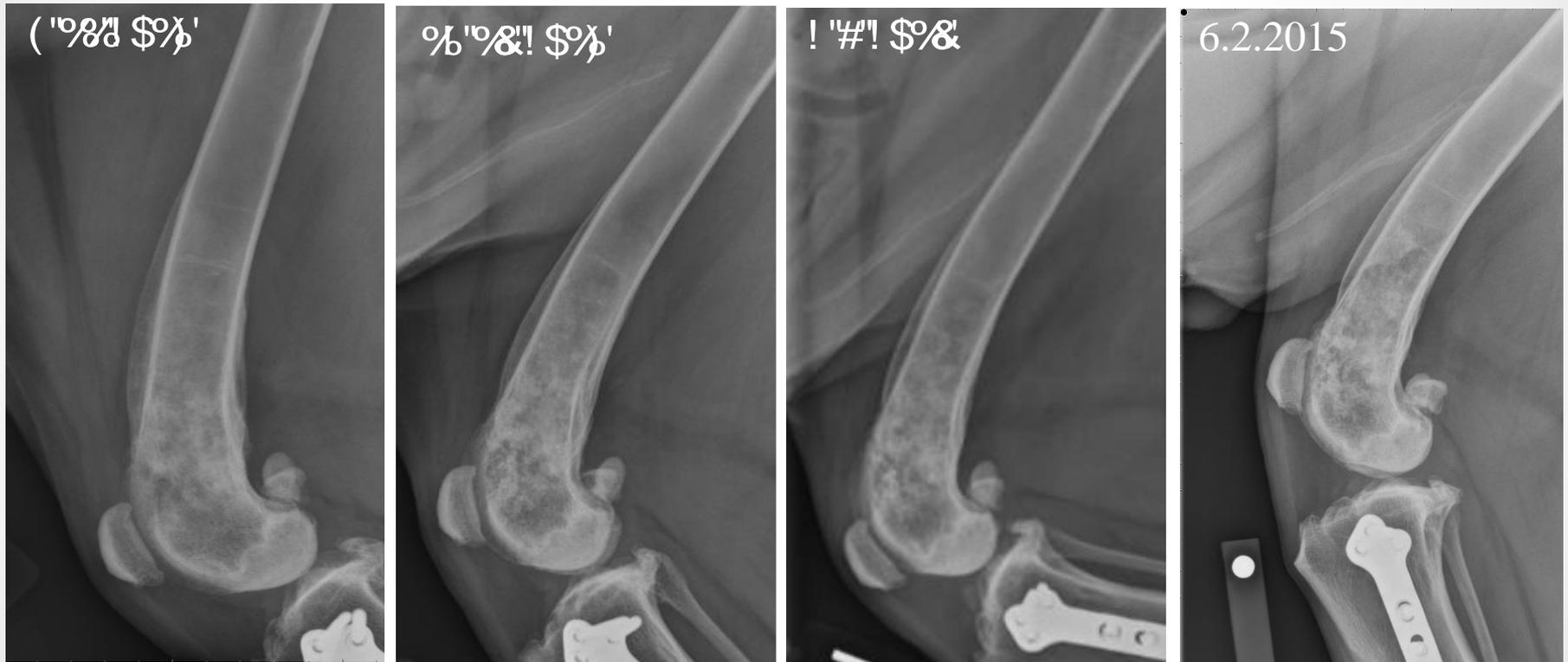


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RT+ ADXS31-164 delays the radiographic progression of primary OSA

Dog 005



LAMENESS SCORE:

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Radiographic evidence of bone remodeling and “healing” of primary OSA lesion following RT+ ADXS31-164

Dog 011



- Increase bony deposition and apparent cortical bone replacement
- Decrease in lysis of distal tibia
- Smoothing of periosteal reaction on cranial aspect of tibia

Stable clinical disease following RT+ADXS31-164

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Stable clinical disease following RT+ADXS31-164

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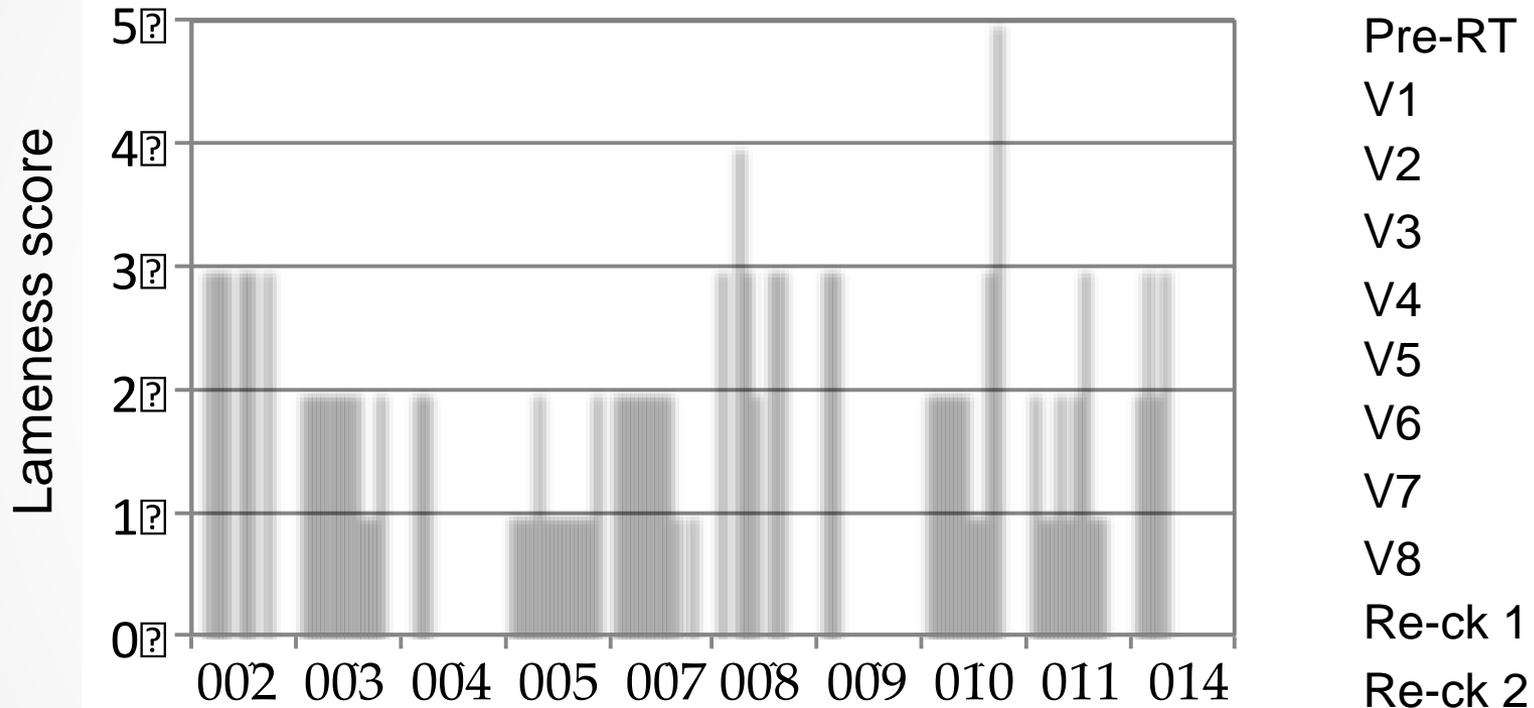
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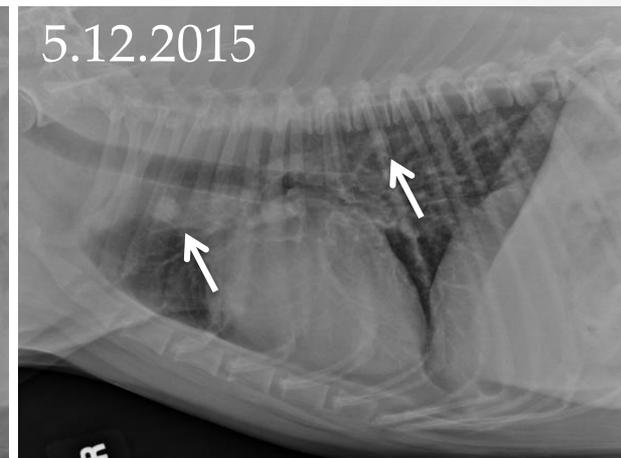
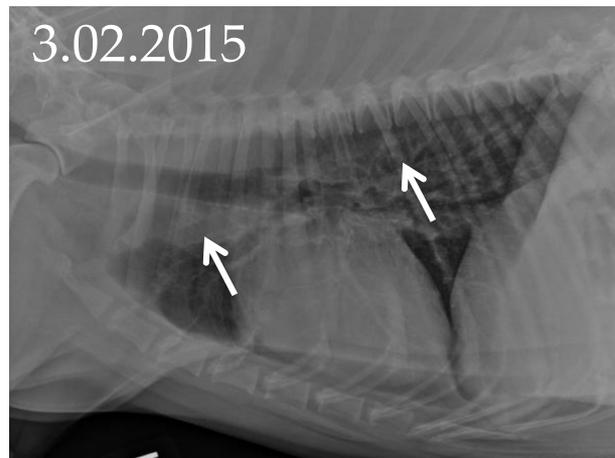
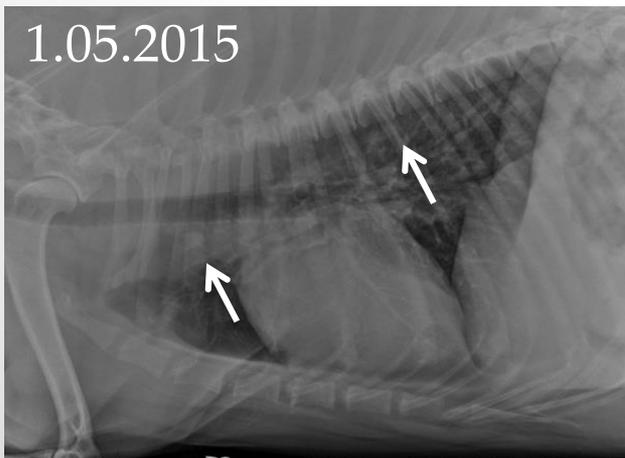


Lameness scores

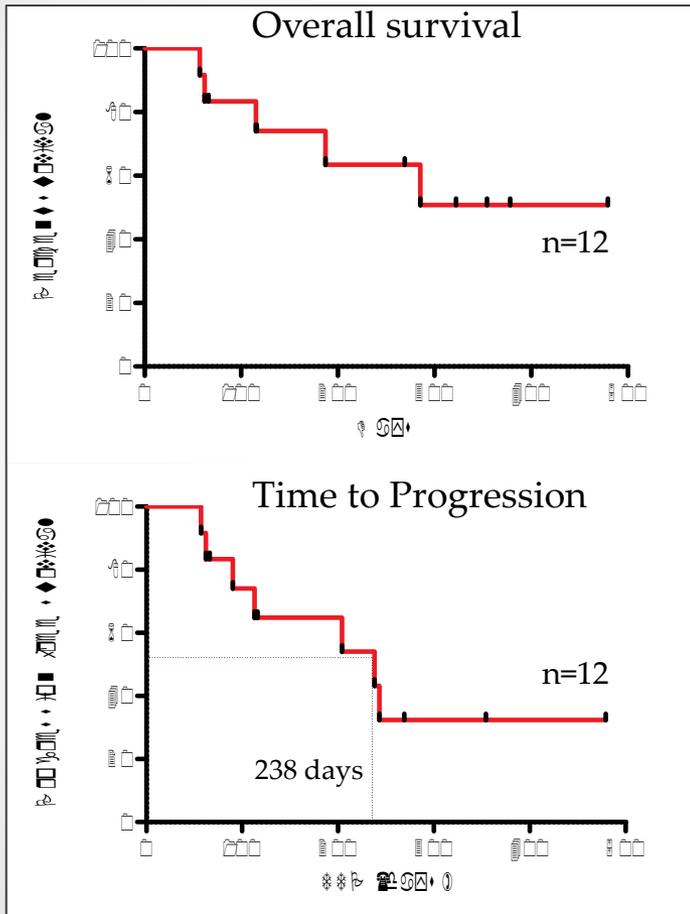


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Inflammatory infiltrates versus progressive pulmonary metastatic disease following ADXS31-164 immune therapy?



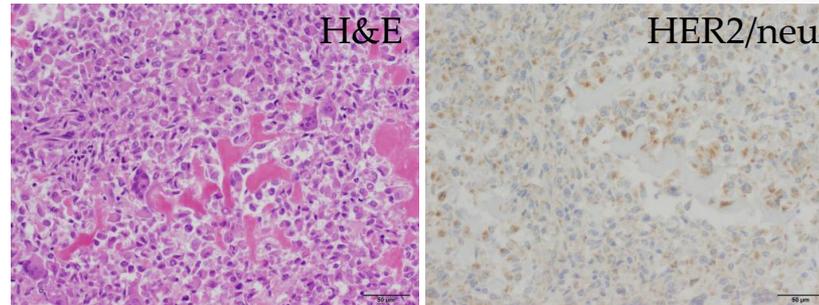
K-M curves and autopsy findings of euthanized dogs



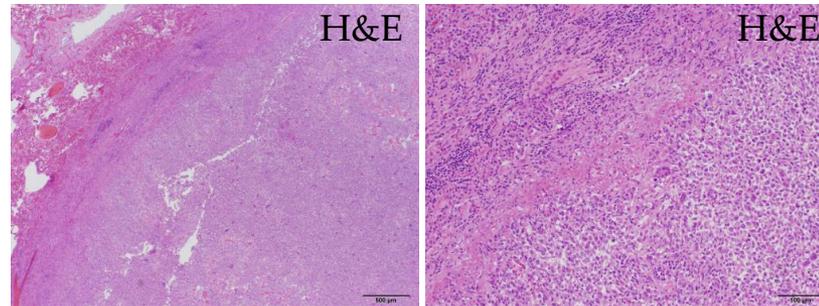
Dog	Metastatic lesion location	HER2 status of metastatic lesions	Time to Progression (days)	Overall Survival (days)	Reason for euthanasia
002	Primary: Right Proximal Humerus Metastatic sites: Lungs, Liver, Spleen, Omentum, Right Kidney, Right 5 th rib, Vertebrae (T5, L1, and L5) and Subcutis	HER2+ Scores pending	238	285	Metastatic disease
004	Primary: Right Distal Radius Metastatic sites: Right pre-scapular LN, Right Axillary LN, Lungs, Heart, Spleen	HER2+ Scores pending	62	62	Metastatic disease
008	Primary: Left Distal Radius Metastatic sites: Lungs	HER2+ Scores pending	113	187	Pathologic fracture
009	Primary: Right Proximal Humerus Metastatic sites: None	None	57	57	Pathologic fracture
014	Unknown – no autopsy	Unknown	90	115	Pathologic fracture

Lymphocytic recruitment to metastatic lung lesions

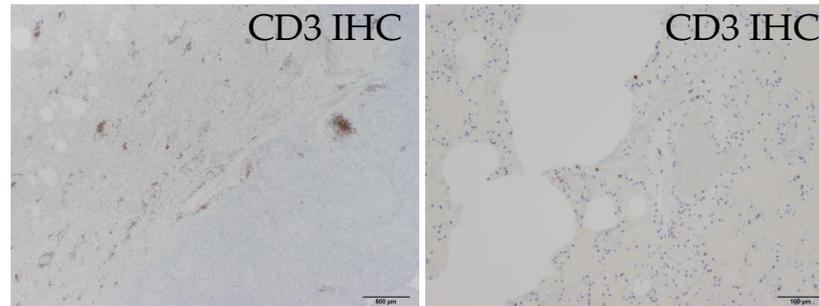
Pulmonary nodule
Metastatic HER2⁺ OSA



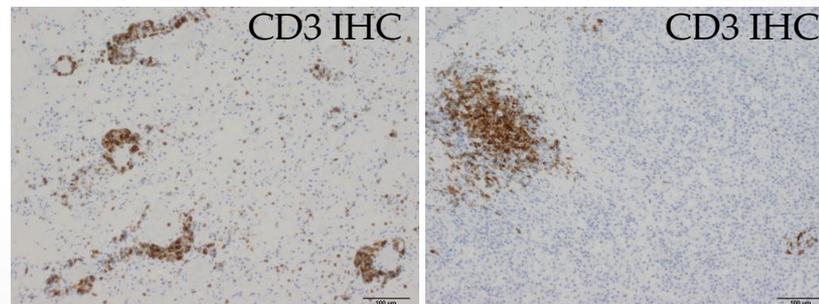
Lymphocytic
recruitment



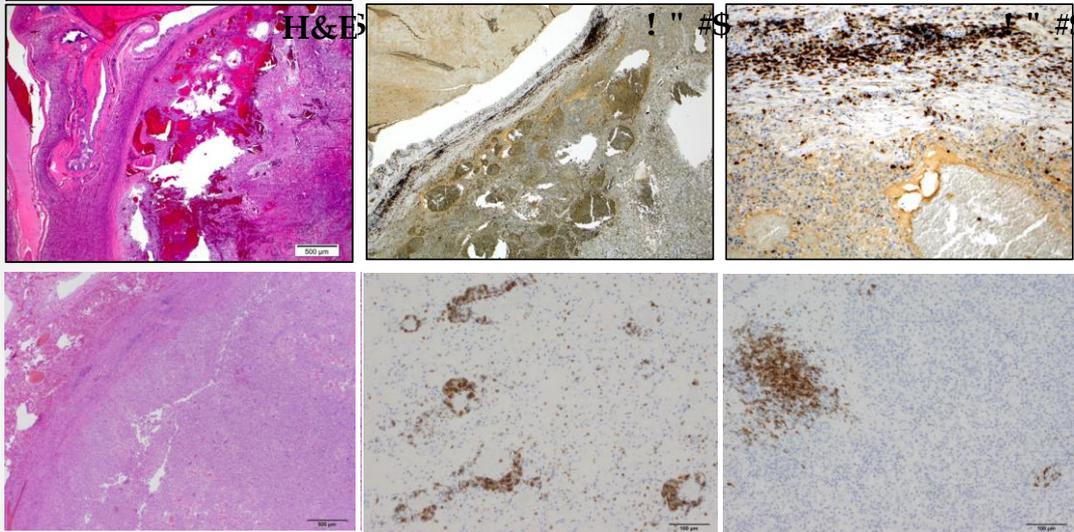
CD3⁺ lymphocytes
specifically associated
with nodule



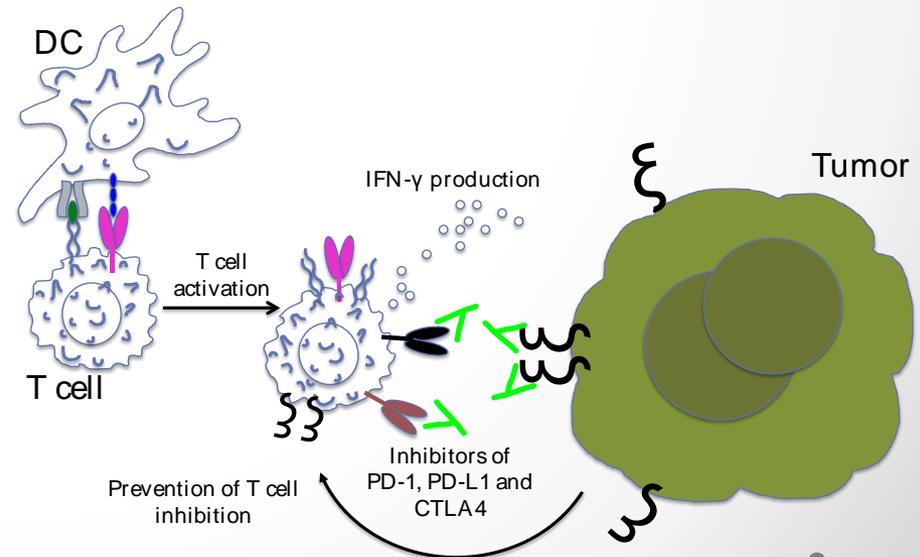
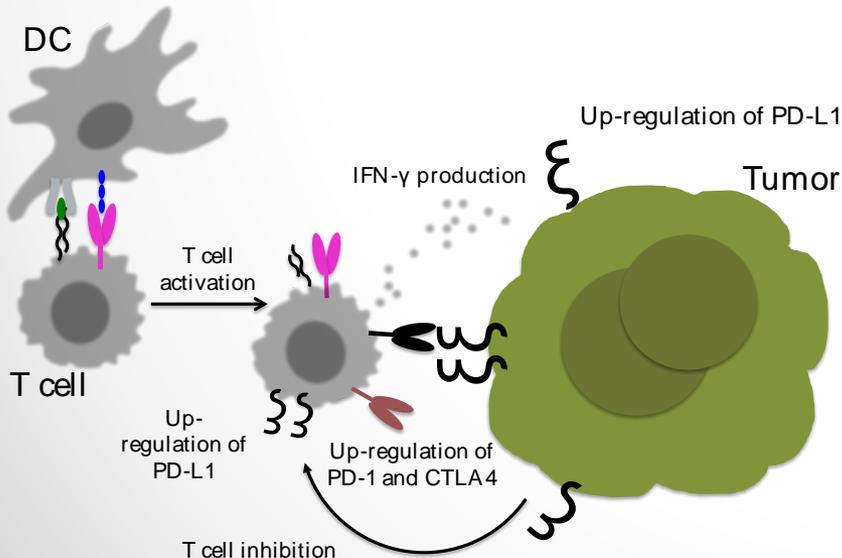
Perivascular cuffing
CD3⁺ lymphocytes
adjacent to nodule



Physical and Functional T cell Inhibition Reduces Efficacy in Metastatic Disease



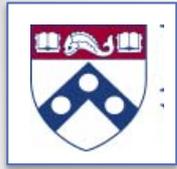
- Physical barriers
 - Fibrous capsule
 - High intra-tumoral pressure
- Functional barriers
 - Immune Checkpoints
 - Immune suppressive milieu
 - Tregs & MDSC
 - Cytokines
 - IDO, Arginase I



Summary, Conclusions and Future Directions

- ADXS31-164 administration in dogs
 - Repeat administrations of up to 3.3×10^9 CFU are well tolerated
 - Breaks peripheral tolerance to HER2/neu and perhaps primes an effective memory response
 - Delay or prevents metastatic disease when administered in MRD
 - Innate versus Adaptive Immune response
 - Delays clinical and radiographic progression of OSA when used following palliative RT
- Disease Progression is not associated with loss of HER2/neu
 - Sequencing required to determine presence of HER2 mutations
- Effective control or elimination of pre-existing metastatic disease will likely require combination therapies that address the tumor microenvironment
 - Combination therapy with checkpoint inhibitors
 - Combination therapy with FAP targeting CAR T cells
- Future Directions
 - Understanding the mechanism of action of ADXS31-164 – is HER2 a relevant target?
 - Evaluation of CTCs for HER2 expression
 - Understanding differences between primary and metastatic tumor microenvironments
 - Evaluation of ADXS31-164 as neo-adjuvant therapy

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