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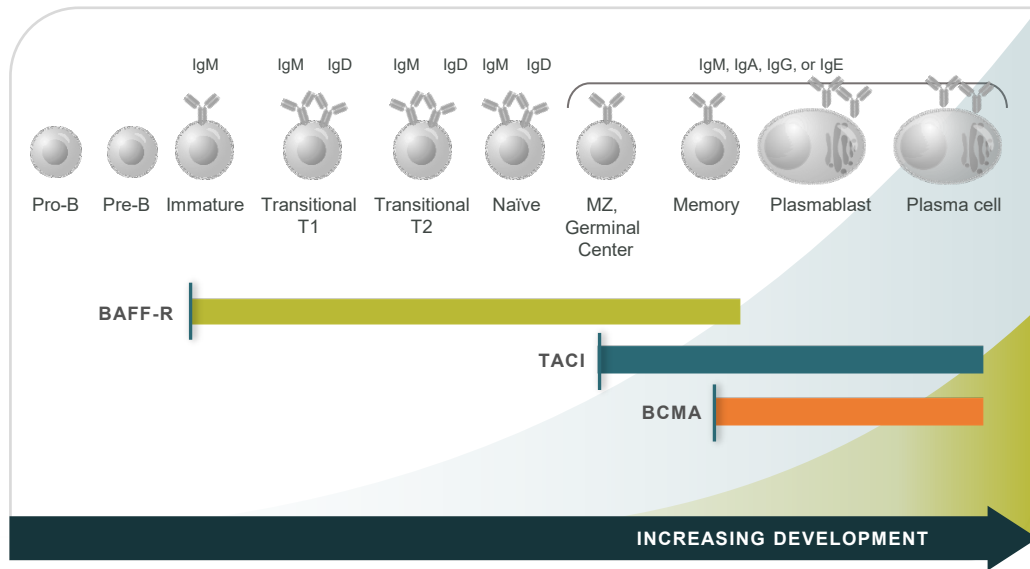
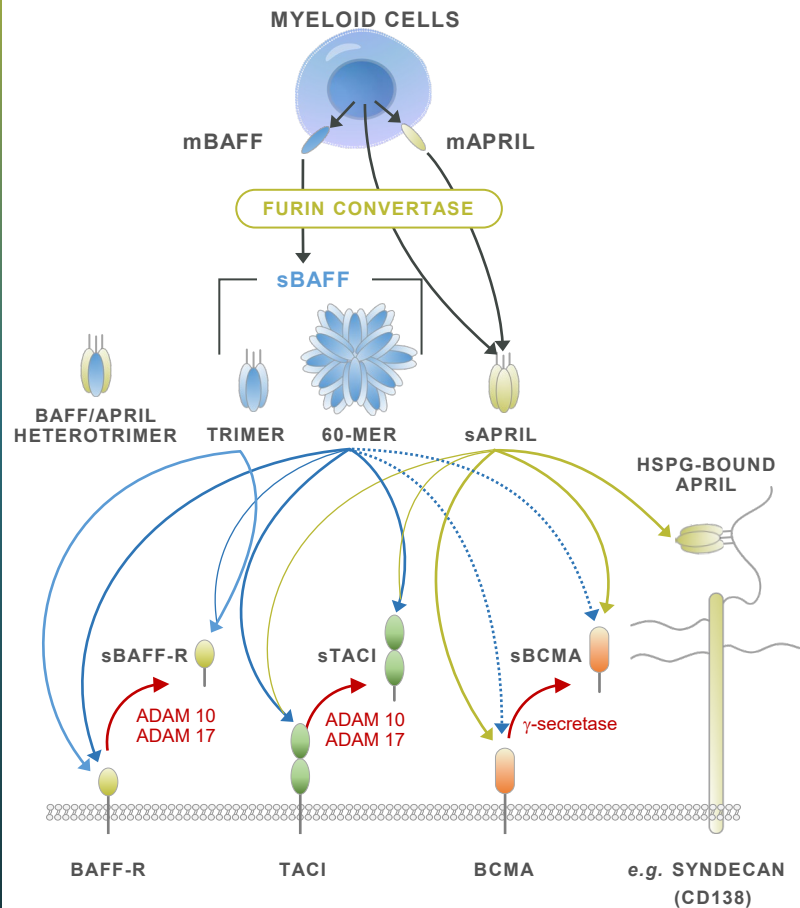
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# BAFF and APRIL Play Key Roles in B Cell Development and Function



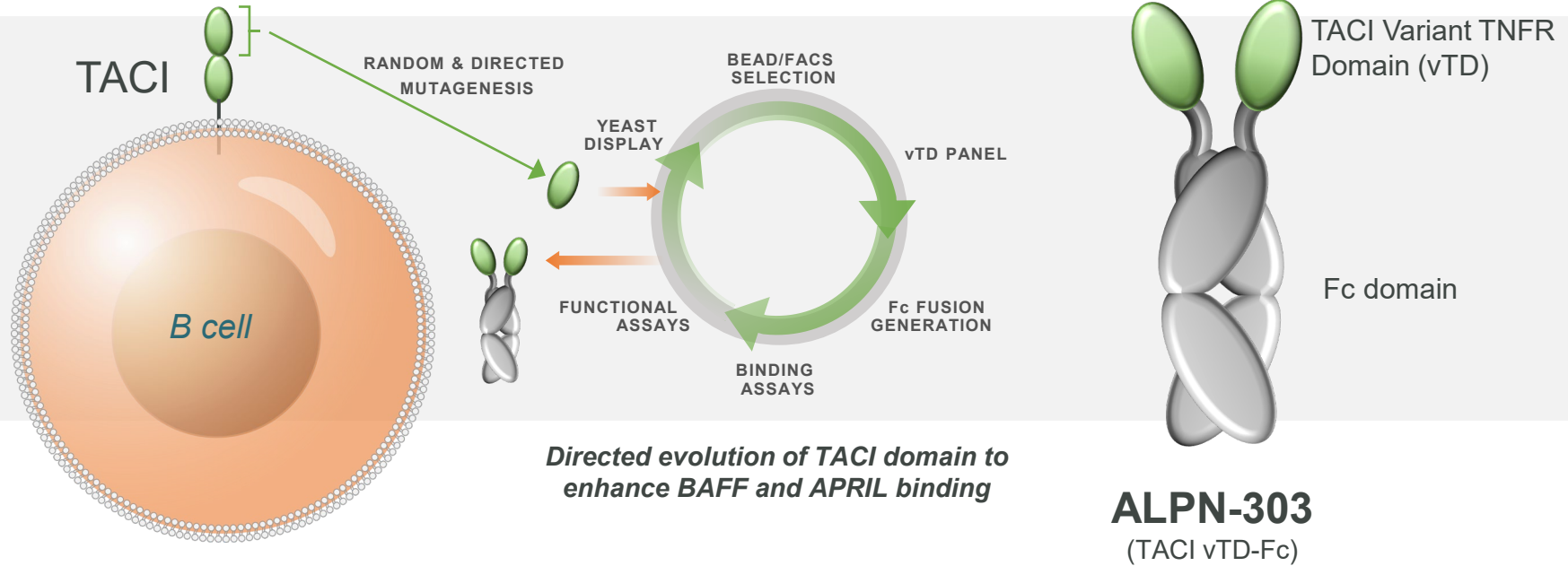
# Dual BAFF/APRIL Inhibition Provides Deeper and More Sustained B Cell Suppression than Anti-BAFF or Anti-APRIL Therapy

- In nonclinical models, BAFF or APRIL inhibition alone mediates modest effects\*
  - Co-neutralization dramatically reduces B cell function, including antibody production
- BAFF and APRIL antagonism with wild-type (WT) TACI-Fc (atacicept, telitacicept) shows encouraging clinical potential in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and IgA nephropathy
  - Many patients still fail to respond and/or experience clinically significant flares<sup>†</sup>; thus, there remains a significant unmet medical need
- ALPN-303 (TACI vTD-Fc) was engineered to have optimal BAFF and APRIL inhibition to provide superior efficacy and clinical benefit compared to WT TACI-Fc and BAFF- or APRIL-specific mAbs

\* e.g., Ramanujam et al. (2010), *Arthritis Rheum.* 62:1457-68 and Benson et al. (2008), *J. Immunol* 180:3655-59.

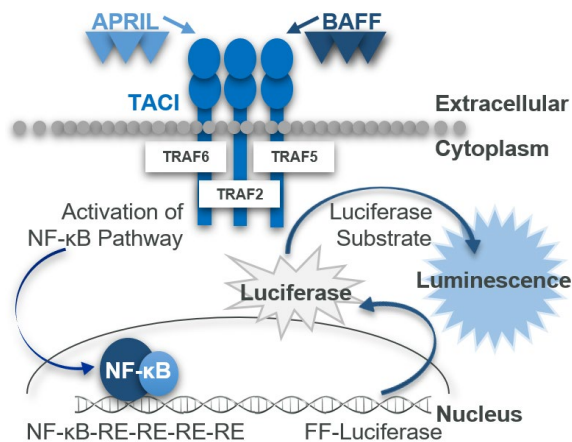
<sup>†</sup> Wu et al., ACR 2019, "Telitacicept (RC18) in Patients with SLE: Results of a Phase 2b, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study"

# ALPN-303 is a Modified TACI-Fc Fusion Protein Generated Via Directed Evolution that Mediates Enhanced BAFF and APRIL Inhibition vs. WT TACI-Fc



# ALPN-303 Neutralizes APRIL and BAFF Activity More Potently than WT TACI-Fc or Combined $\alpha$ BAFF+APRIL mAbs in a Cell-Based Reporter Assay

## TACI-Jurkat Functional Assay:

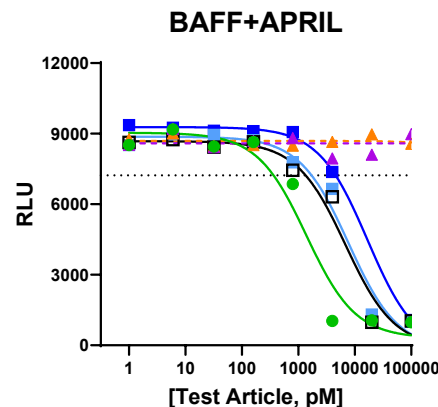
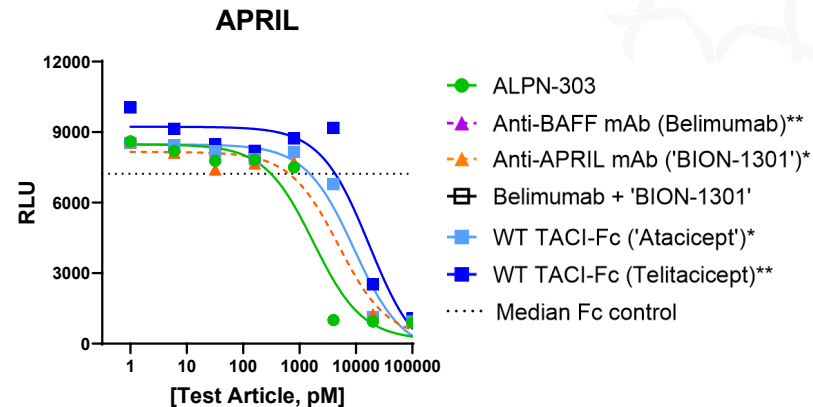
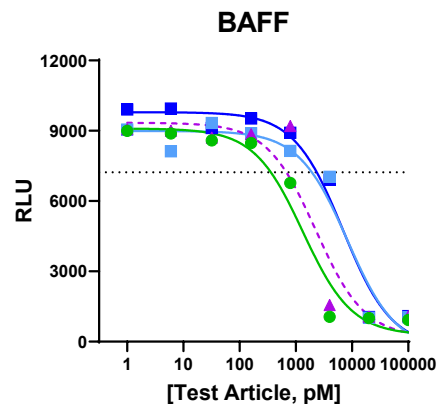


\* Generated at Alpine based on published sequences:

BION-1301: US Patent 10,377,830 B2 SEQ ID NO: 50 and SEQ ID NO: 52  
Atacicept: US Patent 8,815,238 B2 SEQ ID NO: 54

\*\* Purchased clinical drug product:

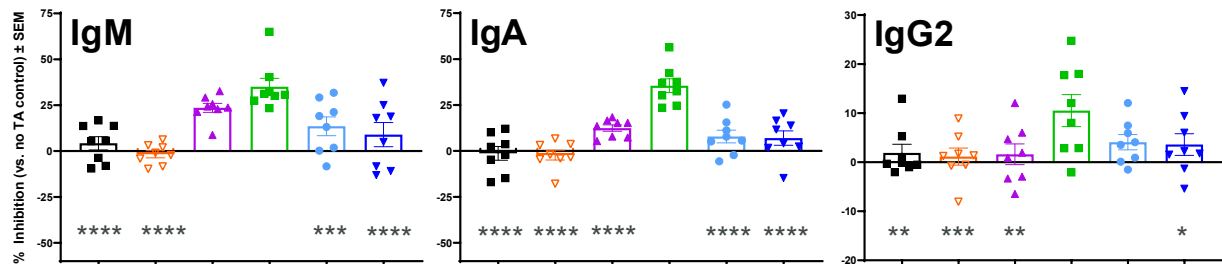
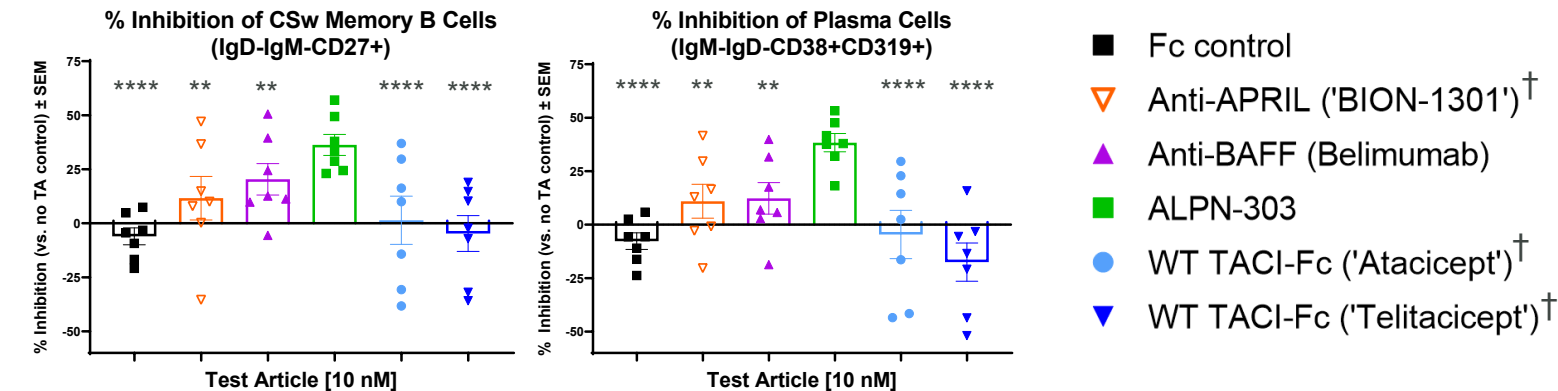
Belimumab (Benlysta®)  
Telitacept (Tai'ai®)



Test Articles	IC50 (pM)		
	BAFF	APRIL	BAFF + APRIL
ALPN-303	1337	1758	1390
Belimumab	2263	--	>100,000
'BION-1301'	--	4901	>100,000
Belimumab + 'BION-1301'	6848	2100	6805
'Atacicept'	8285	9258	7718
Telitacept	6852	17244	16751



# ALPN-303 Inhibits Class-Switched (CSw) Memory B Cell and Plasma Cell Survival and Ig Secretion More Potently than WT TACI-Fc in Primary Human B Cell Assays



Asterisks indicate  $p$  values  
vs. ALPN-303 group:

\*  $p < 0.05$   
 \*\*  $p < 0.01$   
 \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$   
 \*\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$

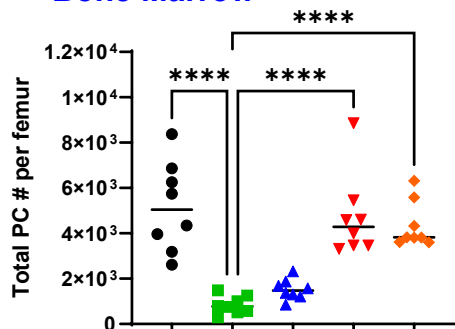
- CD19+ B cells purified from huPBMC (N=7 donors) were activated with 2nM rhCD40L for 3d, washed, and incubated for another 4d with 50ng/mL rhIL-21 + 10nM BAFF + 10nM APRIL
- Points represent the average value from triplicate wells for each donor
- Similar inhibition by ALPN-303 was observed for other IgG subtypes (IgG1, IgG3, IgG4)

<sup>†</sup>Generated at Alpine based on published patent sequences

# ALPN-303 Significantly Decreases Plasma Cell Numbers in Mice and Non-Human Primates

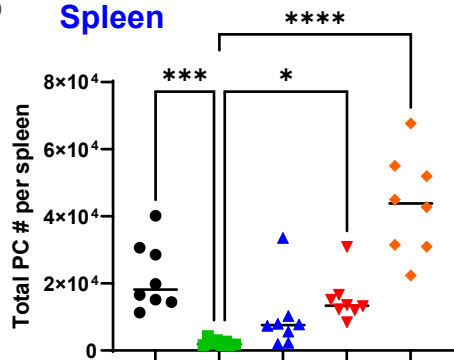
## Mouse

### Bone Marrow

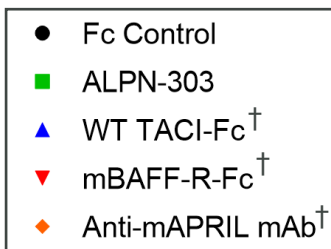


Mice received 6 doses of each test article twice weekly (10 mg/kg)

### Spleen



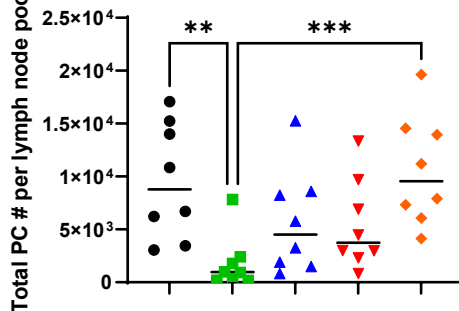
PC = CD138<sup>high</sup> TACI<sup>high</sup>



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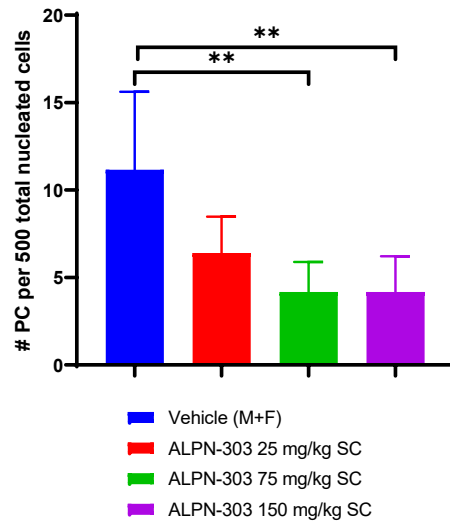
### Lymph Node

(pooled popliteal, axillary, and brachial LN)



## NHP

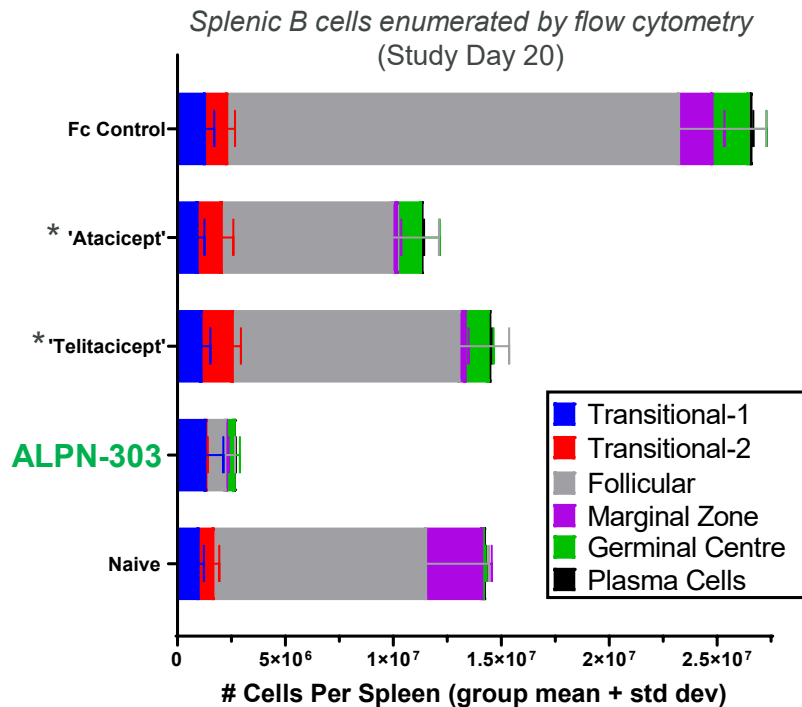
Plasma cell counts in BM smears from cynomolgus monkeys treated with ALPN-303



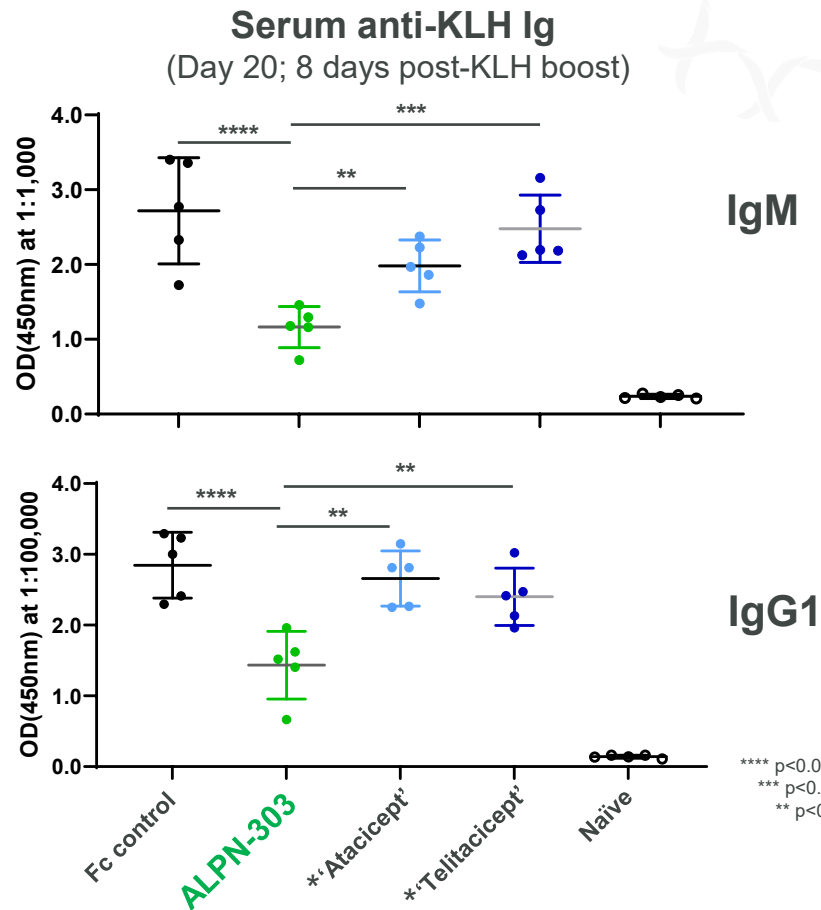
NHP were treated once weekly for 5 doses

<sup>†</sup> Generated at Alpine from published sequences. WT TACI-Fc: US Patent 8,193,316 SEQ ID NO: 3; mBAFF-R-Fc: UniProt Q9D8D0; mAPRIL mAb: WO 2017/091683 A1 SEQ ID NO: 161 and 162

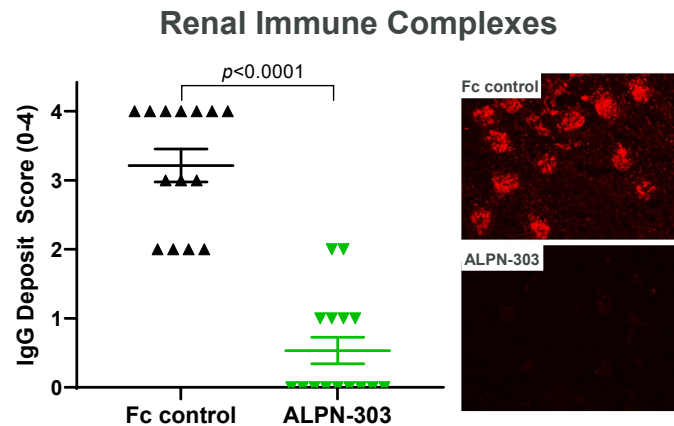
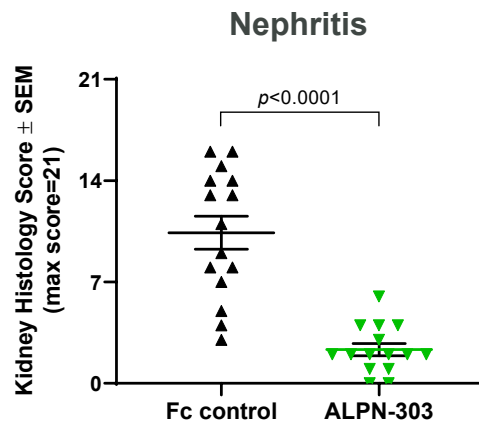
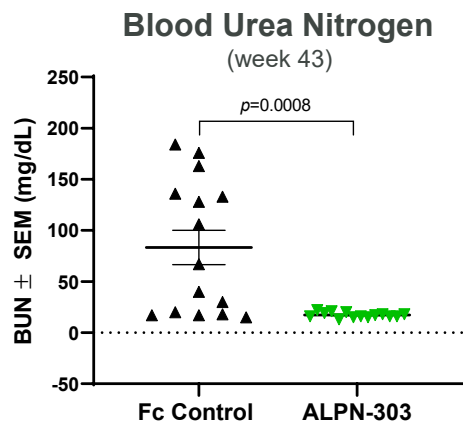
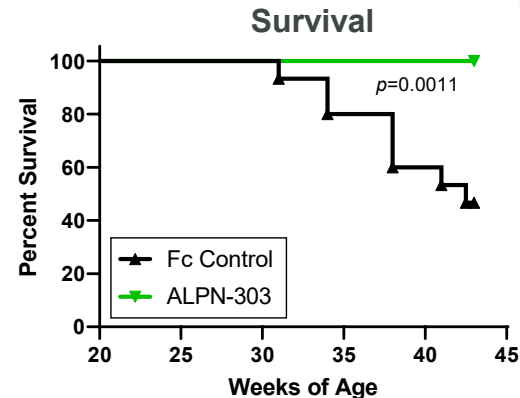
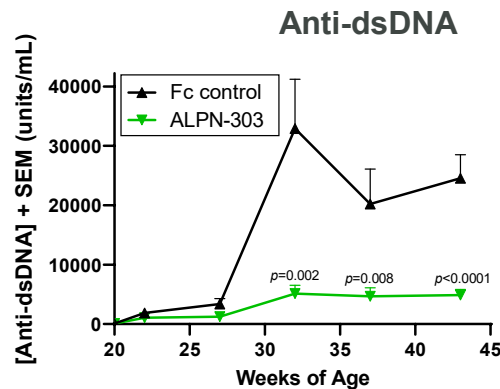
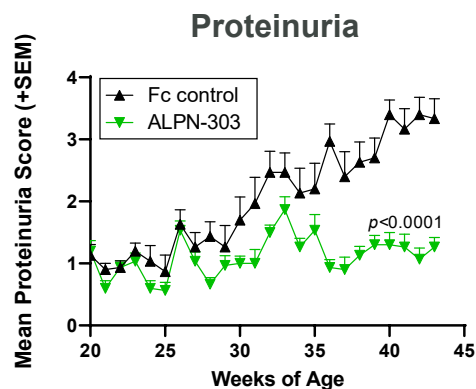
# ALPN-303 Inhibits T Cell-Dependent Antibody Formation More Potently than WT TACI-Fc in KLH-Immunized Mice



- Female C57BL/6 mice injected IP with 250 µg KLH in PBS w/o adjuvant on Days 0 & 12
- Test articles were molar matched to 15 mg/kg ALPN-303 and administered IP on Days 4 & 11 (n=5)



# ALPN-303 Suppresses Disease in the (NZBxNZW) $F_1$ Spontaneous Lupus Model

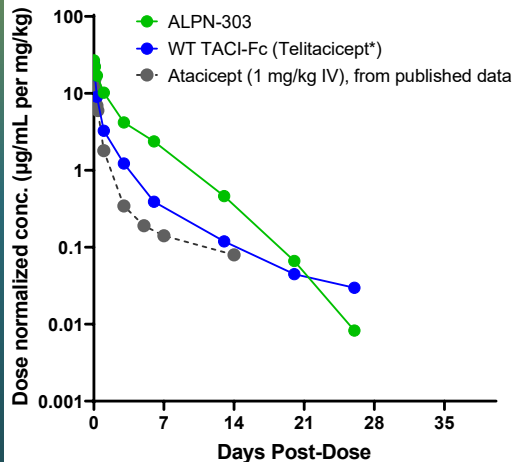


ALPN-303 dosed at 17 mg/kg IP 2x/week from 22-42 wks of age (vs. molar matched dose of Fc control)

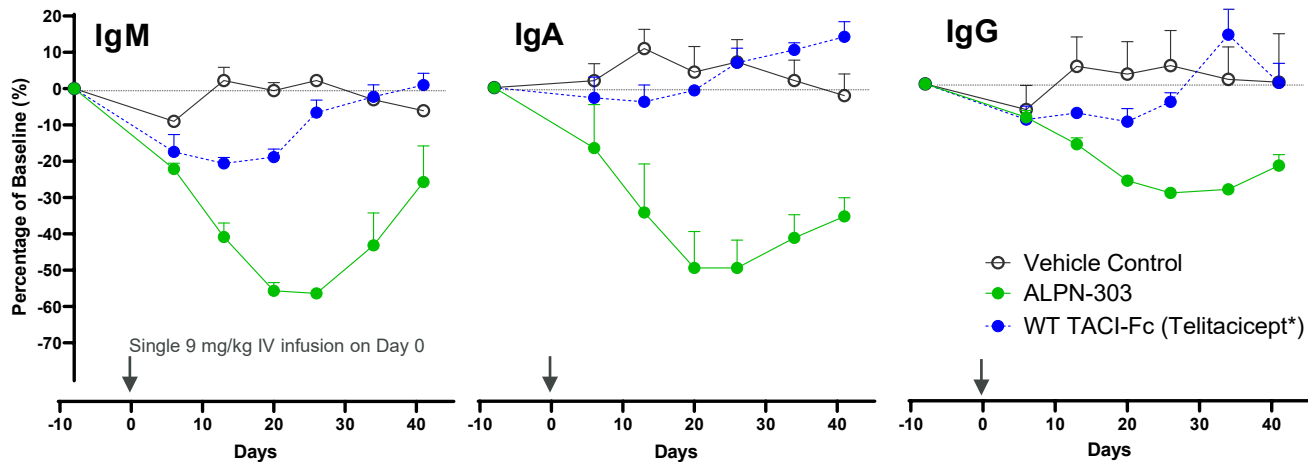
# Following a Single Dose, ALPN-303 Exhibits Increased Exposure and Enhanced Ig Suppression vs. WT TACI-Fc in Non-Human Primates

- N=2 female cynomolgus monkeys/group
- Single dose, 9 mg/kg, 30 min IV infusion
- Serum Ig baseline collected on Day -8

## Serum Concentration



## Serum Immunoglobulins



	C <sub>max</sub> /Dose (µg/mL per mg/kg)	AUC/Dose (µg*hr/mL per mg/kg)
ALPN-303	27	1167
WT TACI-Fc*	25	397
Atacept	23	215

\*Generated at Alpine based on the sequence included with the WHO INN submission, WHO Drug Information, Vol. 32, No. 4, 2018.; sequence subsequently confirmed by mass spectrometry analysis of telitacept clinical drug product

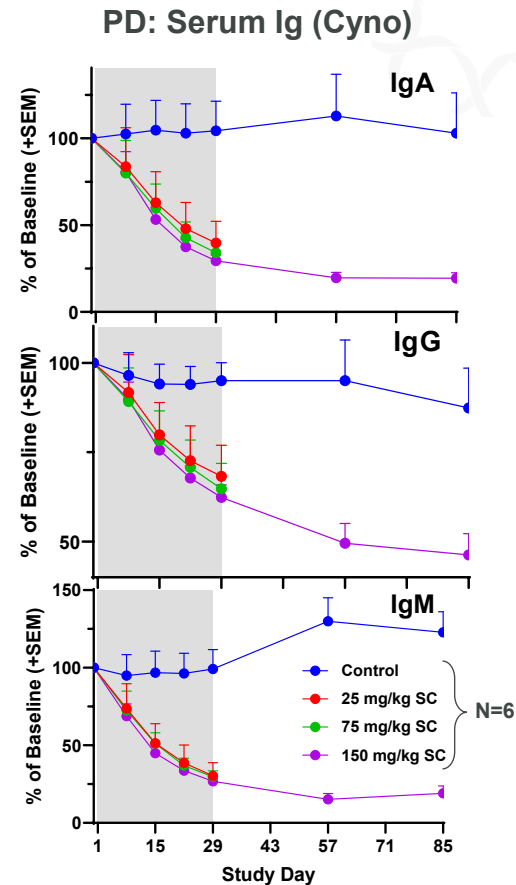
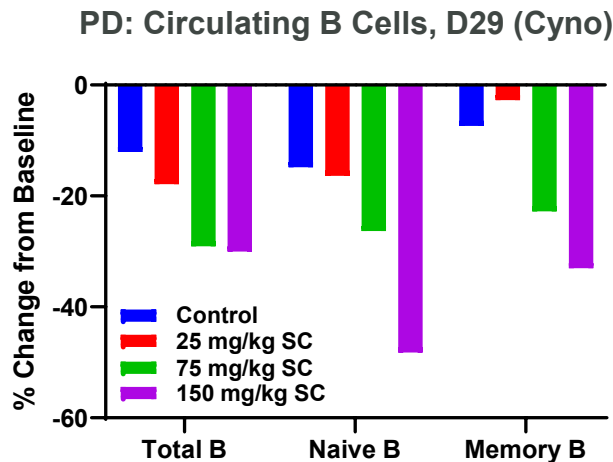
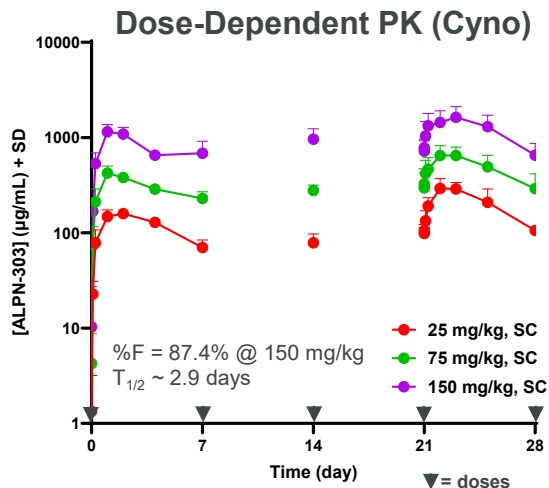
# ALPN-303 is Well-Tolerated Following Multiple Doses in Rat and Cynomolgus Monkey

1-Month GLP Toxicology Studies:

Species	NOAEL <sup>1</sup>	AEs	Non-Adverse Findings
Cynomolgus monkey	150	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> <li>No cytokine release<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Rat	200	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Spleen weight and lymphocyte cellularity, ↓ serum IgA, IgM, IgG</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> mg/kg, IV, Q1W x 5

<sup>2</sup> IFN $\gamma$ , IL-2/-4/-6/-8/-10, TNF $\alpha$



# Summary

- ALPN-303 is a potentially best-in-class BAFF/APRIL antagonist derived from our directed evolution platform
- ALPN-303 is well-tolerated in rodents and NHP and demonstrates encouraging immunomodulatory activity and efficacy, including significant reductions in plasma cells and Ig secretion *in vitro* and *in vivo*, typically superior in preclinical studies to anti-BAFF and/or anti-APRIL mAbs and WT TACI-Fc
- ALPN-303 exhibits favorable preliminary developability characteristics
  - Higher serum exposures and more potent immunomodulatory activities may translate in the clinic to lower doses, longer dosing intervals, and/or improved efficacy
- ALPN-303 is an attractive development candidate for the treatment of multiple autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, particularly SLE
  - Additional indications are under consideration, including Sjögren's syndrome and other connective tissue diseases, and antibody-related renal and skin diseases
- A Phase 1 study of ALPN-303 in adult healthy volunteers (NCT05034484) has been initiated

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