



CxCL10 as Target for Treatment of Vitiligo

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Edesa Highlights

Advancing First-in-Class Therapeutics for Immuno-Inflammatory Diseases

First-in-Class Targets

Toll-like Receptor 4 (TLR4)

C-X-C motif chemokine ligand 10 (CXCL10)

Secretory phospholipase A2 (sPLA2)

Clinical Stage Pipeline and Data

EB05: Ph2 data in critically ill ARDS suggest potential to be standard of care

EB06: Phase 2 CTA in vitiligo approved, and IND in progress

EB01: Phase 2b data in chronic ACD with potential to be first labelled treatment

Demonstrated Track Record








Successfully executing clinical programs

Entrepreneurial team with strong record of partnering and exits



First-in-Class Development Pipeline

Advancing First-in-Class Therapeutics for Immuno-Inflammatory Conditions

Franchise	Asset	Program	Indication	Pre-Clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Status	Comments
 Dermatology	Anti-CXCL10 (mAb)	EB06	Vitiligo					CTA granted; IND in progress	Ph2 PoC and drug manufacturing plans in progress
	sPLA2 Inhibitor (Small Molecule)	EB01 Daniluromer	Allergic Contact Dermatitis (ACD)					Ph3-ready	Partnering stage
 Respiratory	Anti-TLR4 (mAb)	EB05 Paridiprubart	ARDS - General					BARDA platform study	U.S. govt-funded
		EB06 Paridiprubart	ARDS - General					To be informed by BARDA results	Canada govt funding; Refocusing Covid project to general ARDS
		EB07 Paridiprubart	Pulmonary Fibrosis					Ph2-ready	Ph2 study prep and IND in progress

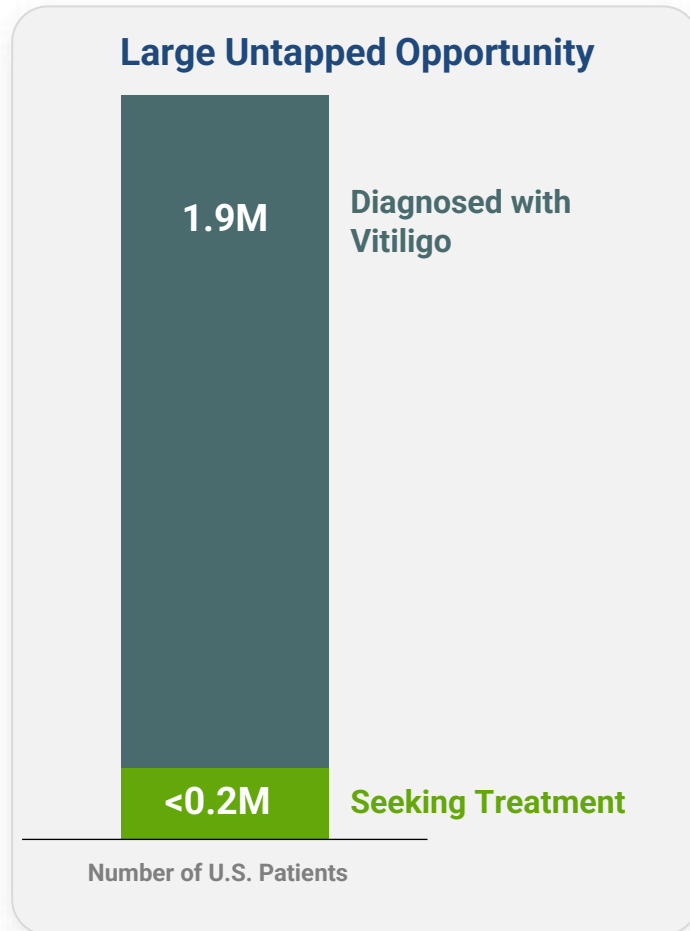
EB06 - Vitiligo

First-in-Class Anti-CXCL10 mAb



A Significant Unaddressed Market

Latent Market Comprised of Patients Waiting for Better Treatment Options

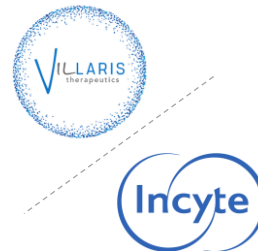


Large population but low proportion of patients seeking treatment due to **lack of effective and safe treatments**

New therapies likely to drive market growth

Opzelura is the only approved product and is poised to realize net sales of >\$100M within 3 quarters of launch despite topical formulation and potential safety concerns

Need for new options underscored by recent M&A activity



Villaris was acquired by Incyte in late 2022 for up to \$1.36B, including \$70M upfront

Villaris was developing auremolimab (Ab that blocks IL15R), which was preclinical at the time of acquisition

Vitiligo and Psoriasis: Parallels in Treatment Development

Evolution of the Psoriasis market towards multiple drugs with an increased emphasis on downstream targets

Prevalence

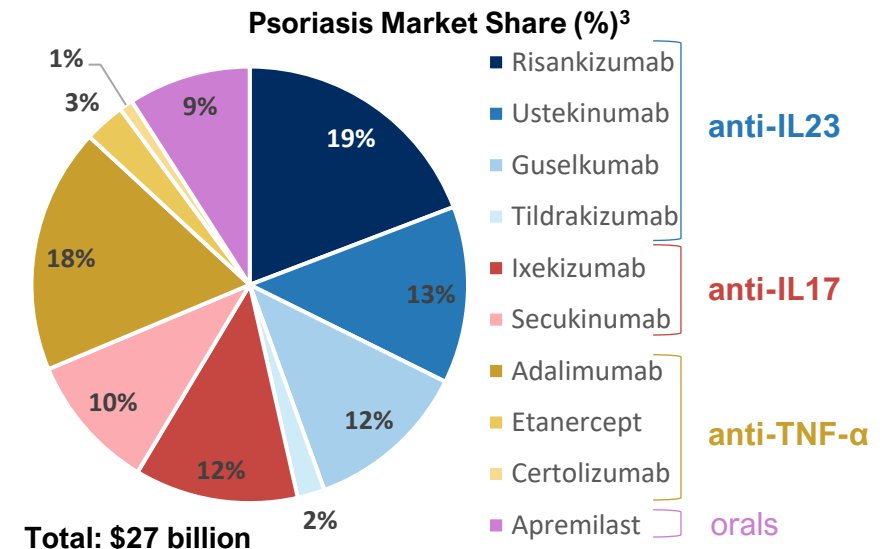
Vitiligo ~1%¹ vs Psoriasis ~3%²

Evolution of Psoriasis Market

- ~20 years ago, key systemic treatments were molecules targeting broad immunosuppression such as methotrexate, cyclosporine and retinoids³
- Market has seen novel targeted oral and biologics being developed for moderate to severe patients
- Early biologics targeted TNF- α
- Continued development towards more targeted therapies
 - modulation of downstream to IL-17A and IL-23
- Anti-TNF- α not as effective and less safe than anti-IL17A and anti-IL-23
- Novel Biologics >> Novel Oral Therapies

Billion Dollar Market with Multiple Validated Targets

- Psoriasis market evolution accommodated various targets (IL-23, IL-17A, PDE4) and multiple treatment options (Oral small molecule, Biologics).
- Market leaders biologics targeting IL-23 and IL-17A.



Vitiligo market at a similar juncture as early Psoriasis:

- Topical JAK inhibitors first approved therapy. Oral systemic Jak inhibitors in development with new safer and more targeted options being developed (e.g. anti-CXCL10 and anti-IL5 etc.).

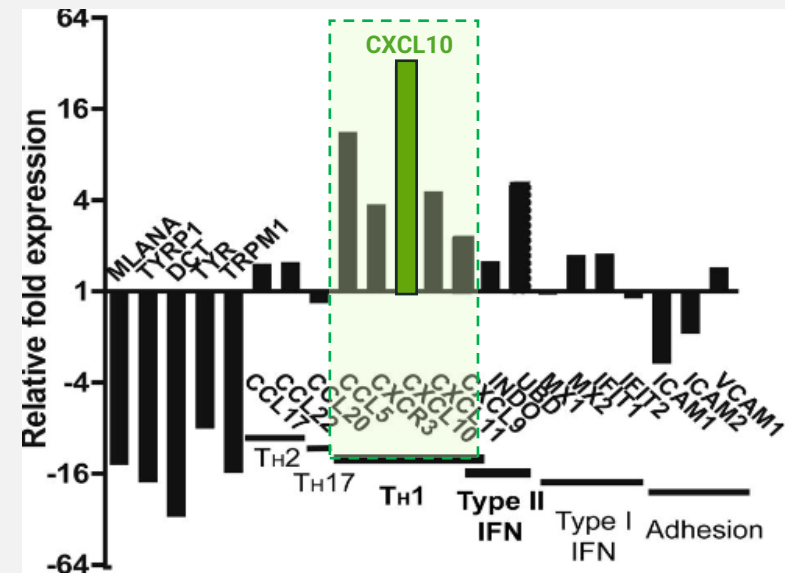
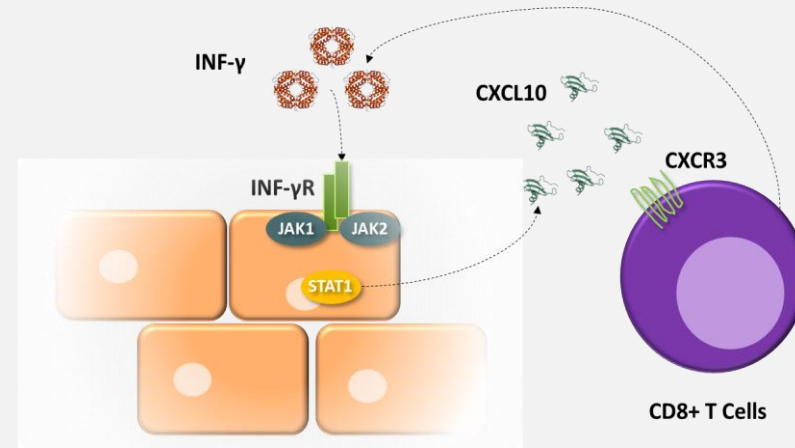
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Vitiligo

A Life-Altering Autoimmune Disease

- **High Prevalence – 1% Global Population**
50% Onset Before Age 20; Must be Managed for Decades
Associated with Type 1 Diabetes and Lupus, among others
- **Severe Quality of Life Impacts**
Same or Worse than Atopic Dermatitis/Psoriasis
- **Interferon IFN γ -CXCL10-CXCR3 Chemokine Axis**
CXCL10 is an IFN γ induced chemokine and is elevated in serum of patients with vitiligo
Its receptor CXCR3, is upregulated on autoreactive T cells in the blood and skin of patients with vitiligo
- **Therapies for Atopic Derm (Th2) or Psoriasis (Th17) are Largely Ineffective or Can Make Symptoms Worse**
No Systematic Drugs Approved by FDA to Repigment Skin
Topical and Phototherapies Limited Effectiveness
Targeted Immunotherapies are Needed

















IFN γ -CXCL10-CXCR3 Chemokine Axis Play a Key Role in the Pathogenesis of Vitiligo



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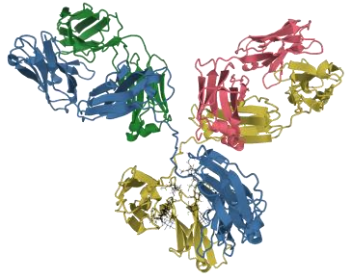
EB06 Positioning – Target Product Profile

Addressing Unmet Needs in Vitiligo

	Topical JAK Inhibitors (e.g. Ruxolitinib)	Oral JAK Inhibitors (e.g. ritlecitinib, povorcitinib)	Topical BET Inhibitors (e.g. VYN201)	Biologics (e.g. EB06, auremolimab)
Treats lesional and non-lesional skin				
Viable for patients with >10% BSA				
No Expected Safety Precaution (Black Box)				
No Daily Dosing required				

EB06 – Targeting the Chemokine CXCL10

Monoclonal Antibody that Directly Binds CXCL10 with High Affinity and Blocks it from Binding to CXCR3



Drug Profile

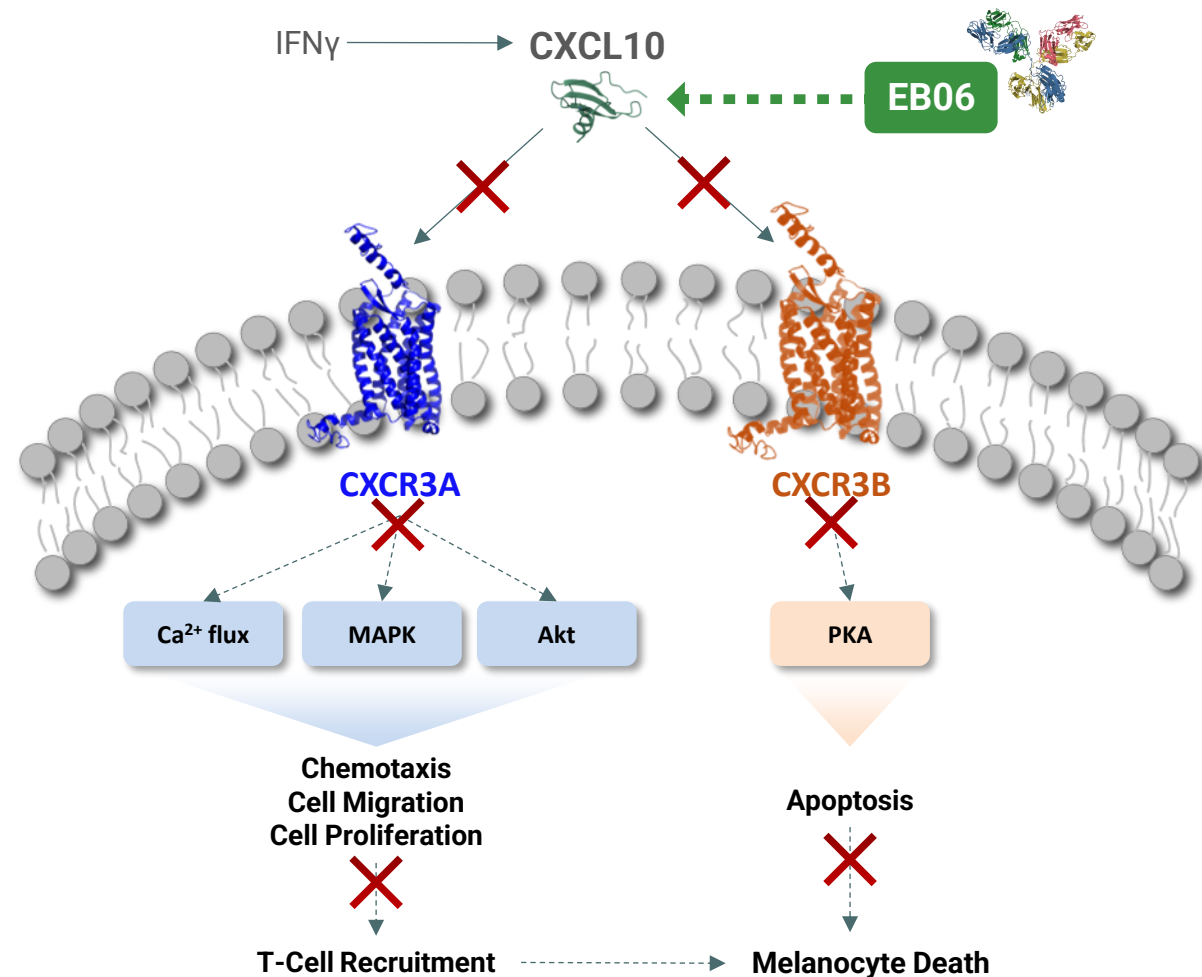
A fully human IgG1 λ 2 monoclonal antibody

Binds specifically to CXCL10 with high affinity

Sequesters and renders CXCL10 inactive

65 patients dosed

Multiple manuf. runs by a leading CDMO; IV formulation; future subcutaneous



EB06 - Vitiligo

Preclinical Evidence



Vitiligo Progression - IFN γ -CXCL10-CXCR3 Chemokine Axis

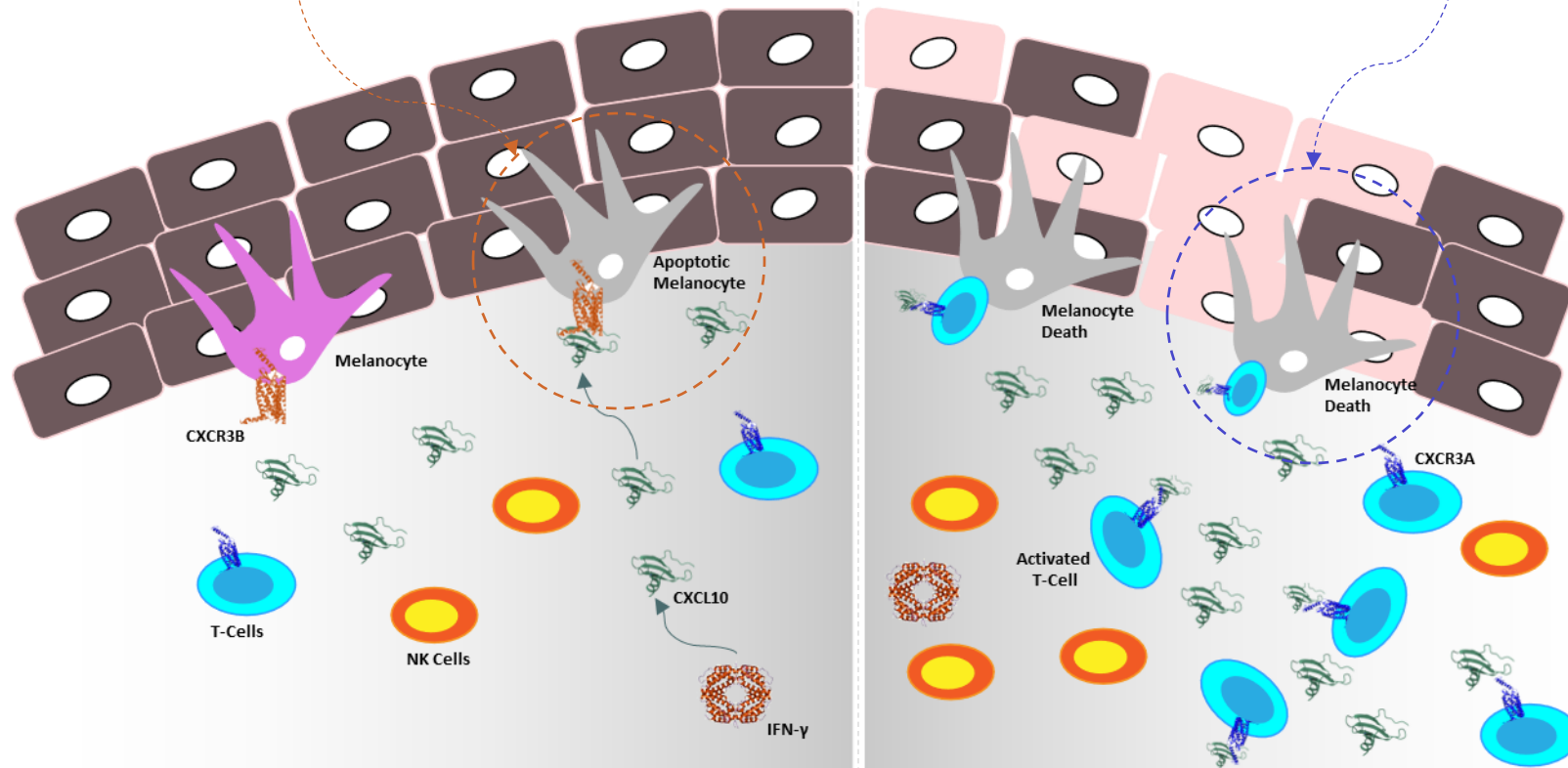
CXCL10 is Crucial in the Multiple Stages of Vitiligo Disease Progression

Non-Lesional (Innate)

- Increased NK cells and CXCR3B expression
- INF- γ induced production of CXCL10
- **CXCL10/CXCR3-B mediated melanocyte apoptosis** and antigen presentation

Lesional (Adaptive)

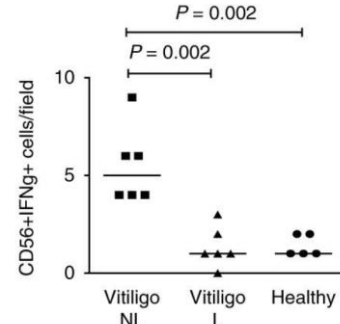
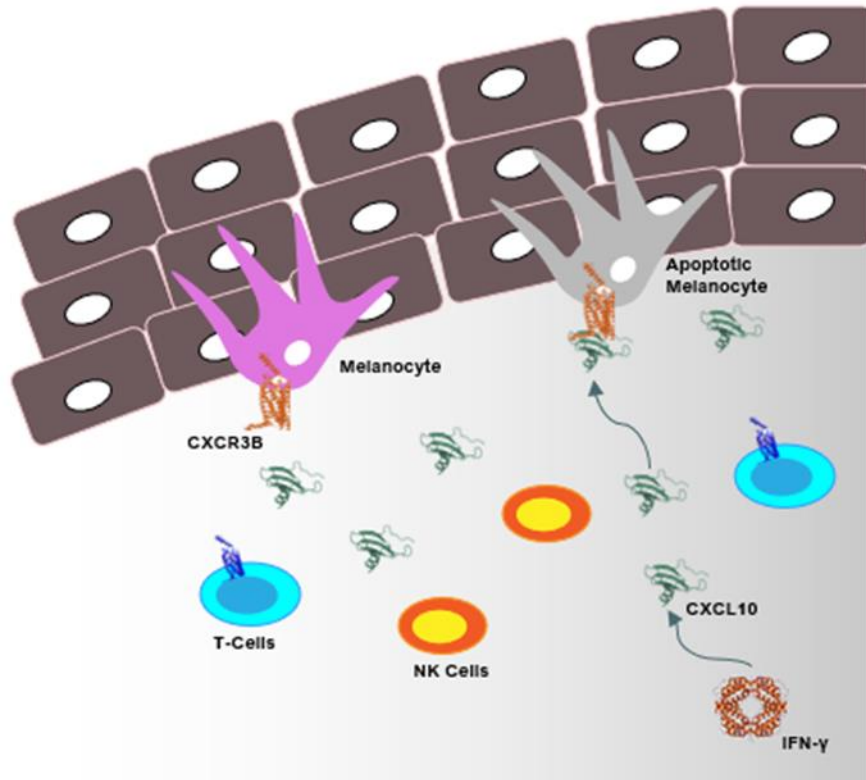
- CXCL10 creates chemotactic gradient and recruits melanocyte-specific T-Cells through CXCL10-CXCR3A
- CD8+ T-cell activation results in melanocyte death
- T-cells/chemokines levels prevent re-pigmentation



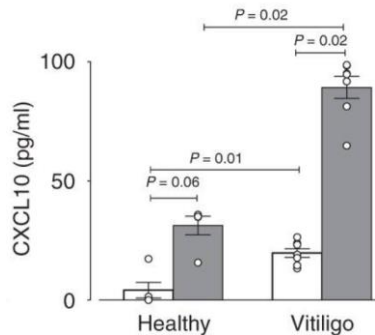
Vitiligo Progression – Innate Response in Non-Lesional Skin

Innate cells are Important in CXCL10 Expression and Melanocyte Apoptosis Occurs via CXCL10-CXCR3B

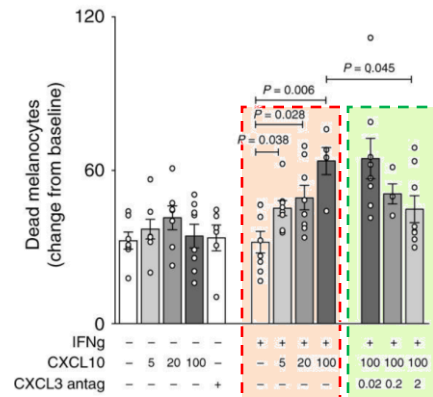
Non-Lesional (Innate)



Increased levels of NK cells in non-lesional vitiligo



Increased levels of CXCL10 with and without IFN-γ in vitiligo

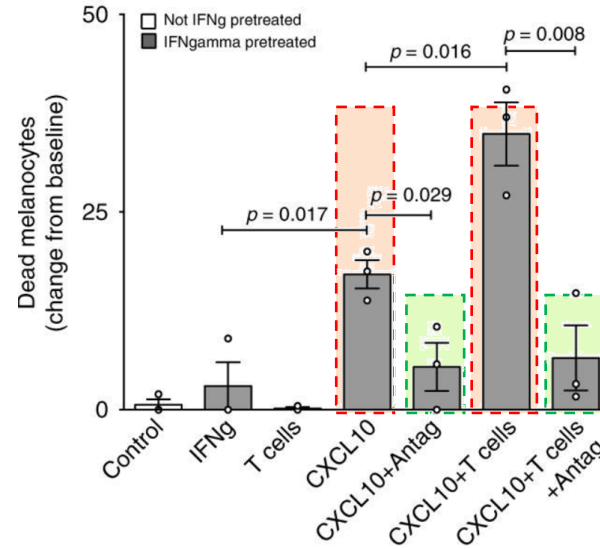
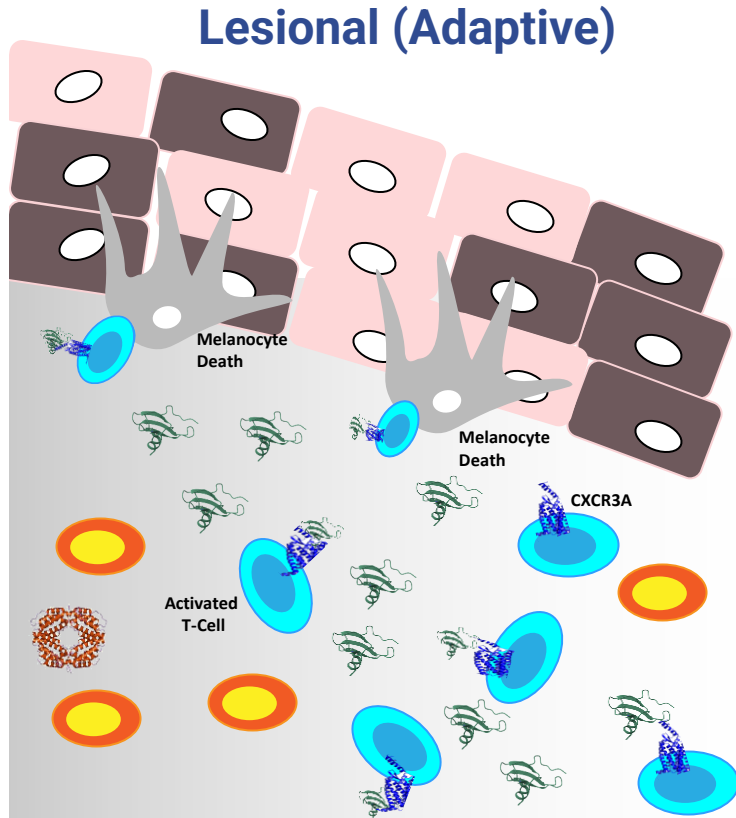


Dose dependent **melanocyte death** in response to increasing CXCL10 levels

Dose dependent **melanocyte survival** in response to increasing CXCL10-CXCR3 antagonist

Vitiligo Progression – Transition into an Adaptive Response

Melanocytic antigens from dead melanocytes and antigen presentation by surviving melanocytes



Melanocyte death is increased in the presence of CXCL10

Melanocyte survival increased when CXCL10 / CXCR3 is blocked

More pronounced melanocyte death when autologous T-cells are added post-CXCL10—i.e. after innate component is stimulated.

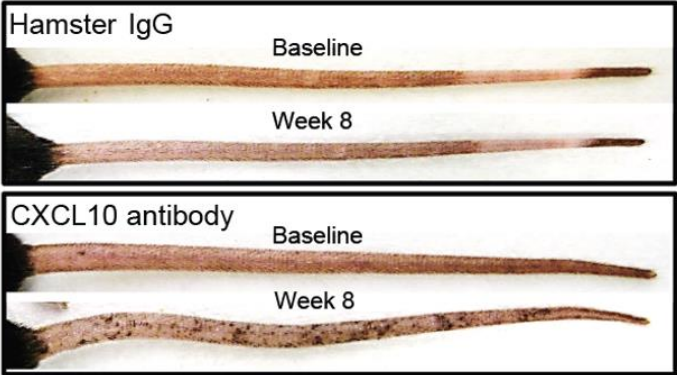
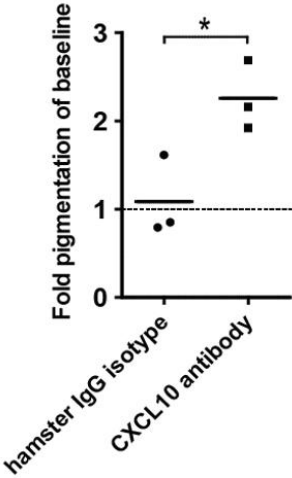
Vitiligo – Blocking IFN γ -CXCL10-CXCR3 Chemokine Axis

Evidence of therapeutic potential of CXCL10 as a target

Mice without CXCL10 do not develop Vitiligo

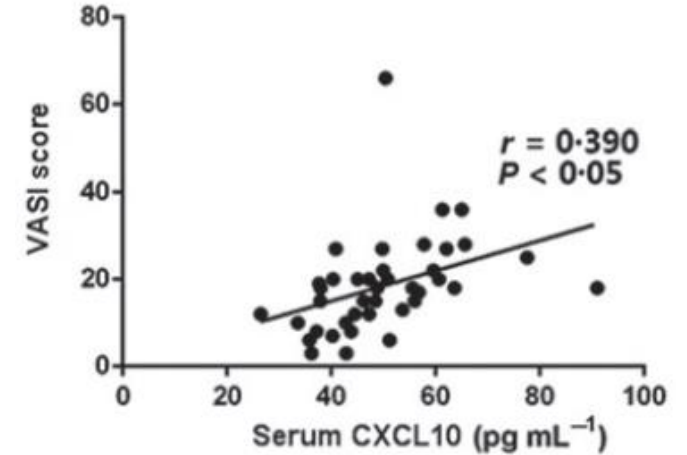
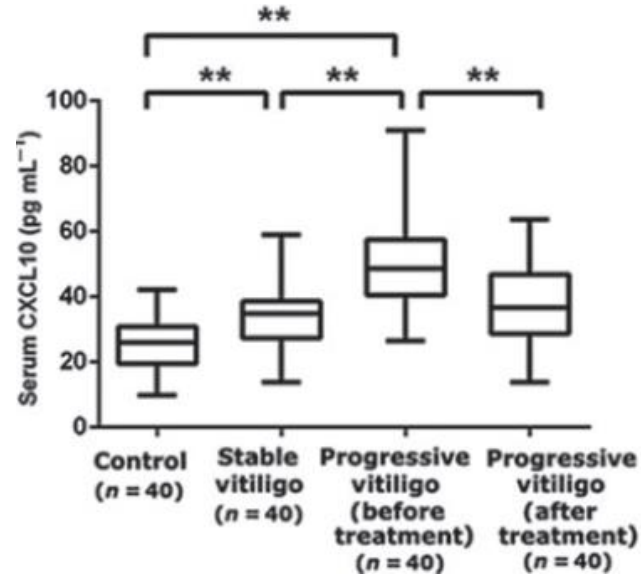
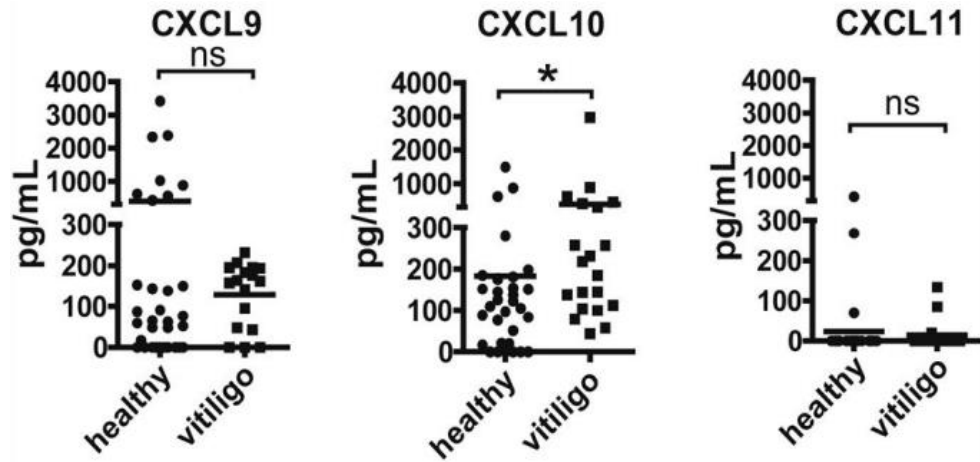


Anti-CXCL10 Antibodies Result in Re-pigmentation of Mice with Vitiligo



Biomarkers for Vitiligo - CXCL10 indicative of Disease and Severity

Increased levels of CXCL10 in Serum is Characteristic of Vitiligo



CXCL10 in Patient Samples

→ Predictors of disease progression and severity

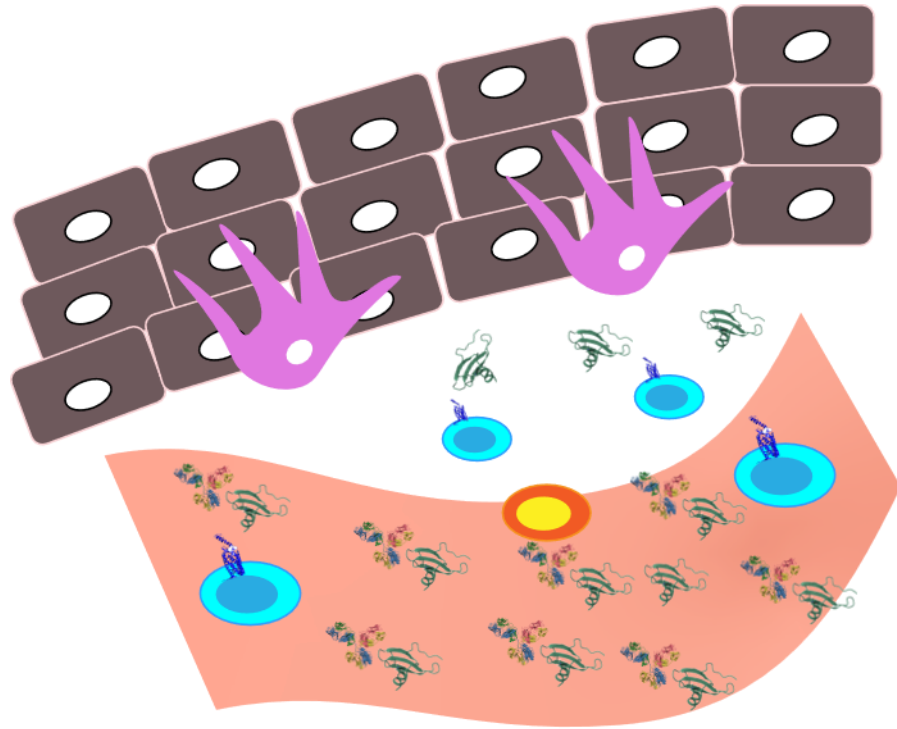
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Clinical Evidence



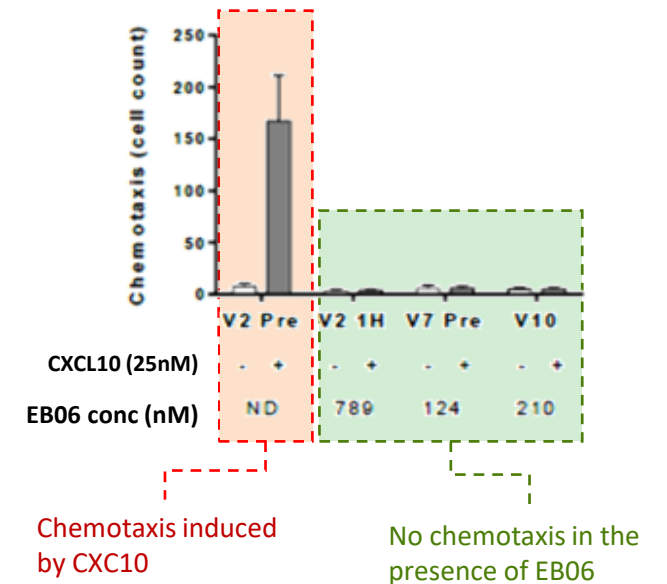
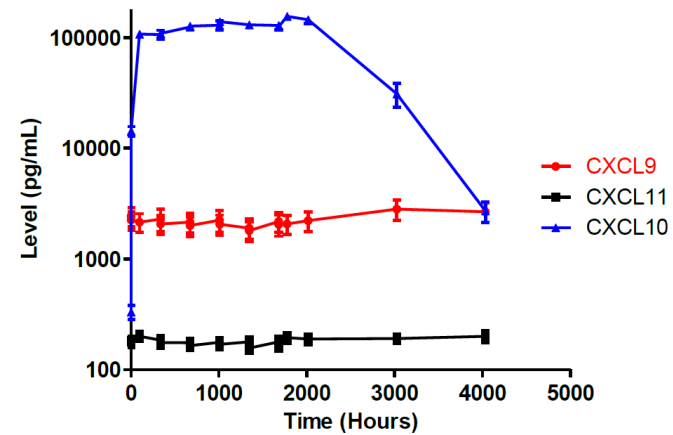
Evidence supporting EB06's Biological Activity in Humans

Treatment with EB06 Traps CXCL10 in the Circulatory System and Renders it Biologically Inactive



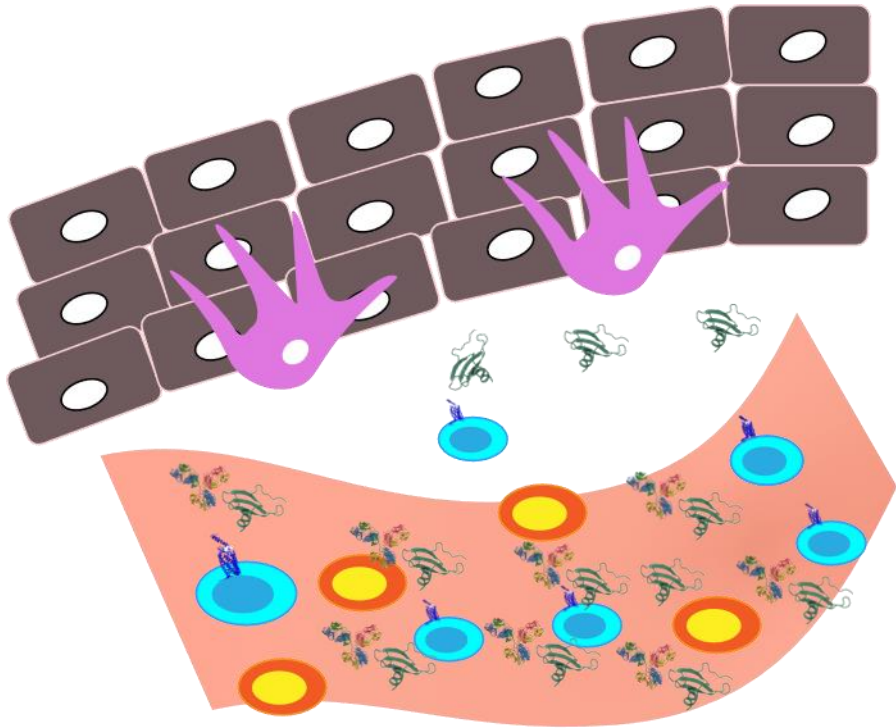
 = EB06/CXCL10 Complex

EB06 induces an increase in serum CXCL10 levels while rendering them biologically inactive

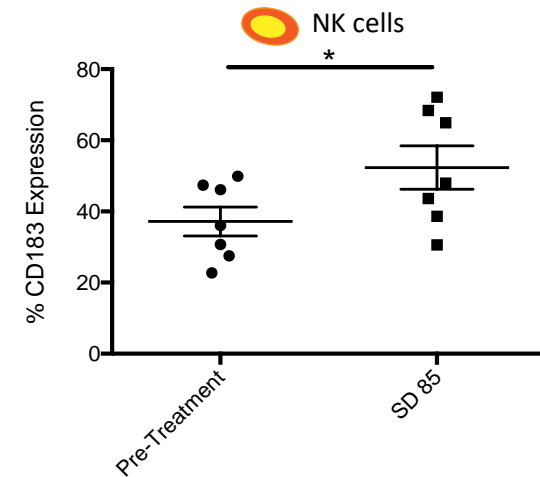
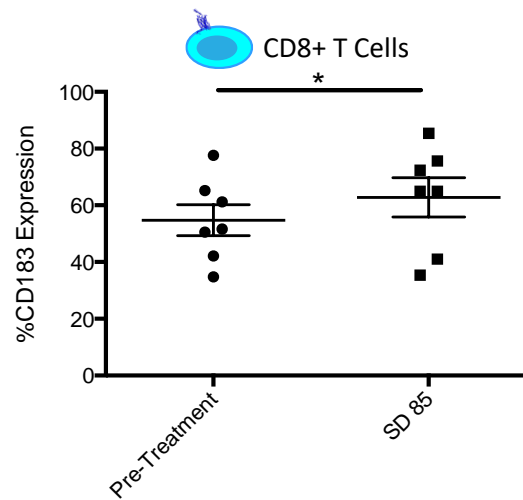


Evidence supporting EB06's Biological Activity in Humans

With Chemotactic Gradient Disrupted by EB06, CXCR3+ leukocytes are Unable to Migrate and Remain in Circulation



EB06 induces an increased proportion of CXCR3+ leukocytes in circulation



Phase 2 Proof of Concept

Moderate to Severe Non-Segmental (Generalized) Vitiligo

Status	CTA approved & IND in progress
Subjects	Total of ~160 evaluable patients randomized 1:1:1:1 (EB06, 5mg/kg, 10mg/kg: EB06, 20mg/kg: Placebo) across up to 25 study centers in US and Canada
Treatment Period	EB06 or placebo will be administered via IV every two weeks for up to 24 weeks, followed by a 12 week follow up period.
Primary Endpoint	Proportion of patients achieving F-VASI50 at week 24
Secondary Endpoints	Endpoints based on F-VASI50 and F-VASI75, mean % change in F-VASI, same for T-VASI and others Number of treatment-emergent adverse events and serious adverse events.

EB06: Anti-CXCL10 Monoclonal Antibody

Summary and Next Steps



Targeted Mechanism of Action
Binds free and bound CXCL10



65 Subjects dosed
No Significant AEs



Biological Activity
Demonstrated



Phase 2 Ready
CTA Approved



Manufacturing
Leading CDMO

NEXT STEPS

IND in progress

CRO identified and ready to be initiated

Finalizing manufacturing campaign plans with a leading global manufacturer

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