

TNX-1500, an Fc-modified Anti-CD154 Antibody, Prolongs Nonhuman Primate Cardiac Allograft Survival

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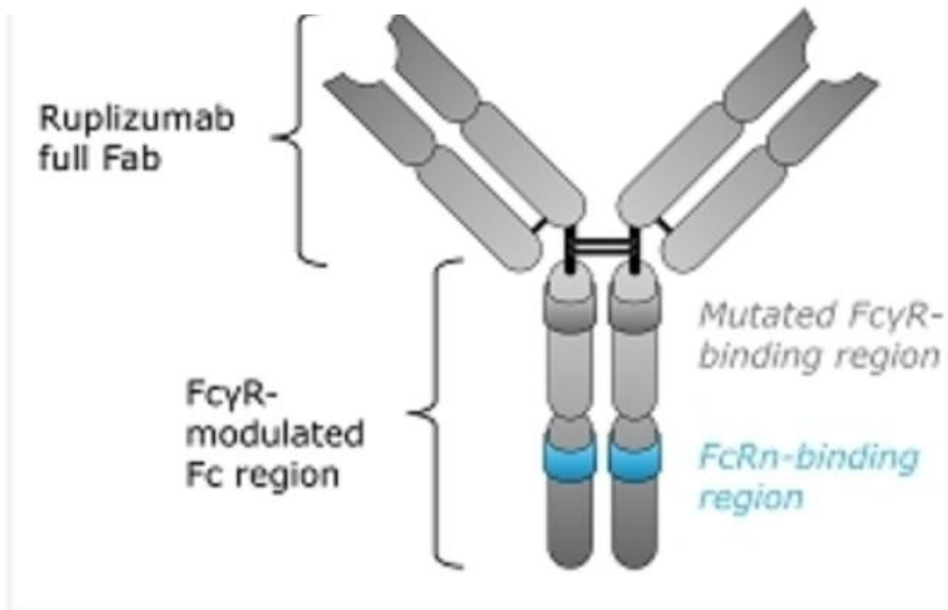
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Background TNX-1500,* a novel Fc-Modified-anti CD154 mAb



- The development of humanized 5c8 (ruplizumab) was halted due to thrombotic complications seen in human clinical trials, associated with anti-CD154 Abs to an Fcγ receptor-binding.
- Several Abs engineered to down-modulate FcγR-binding, successfully avoided thrombosis, however, reduced Fc functionality was associated with reduced efficacy as monotherapy in NHP kidney transplant models.
Ferrant, et al. International Immunology 2004
Kim, et al. AST 2017
- We evaluated the preserved functional ability of TNX-1500 (TNX), containing the hu5c8 Fab and an IgG4 Fc region engineered to reduce FcγR-binding associated with the risk of thrombosis in a NHP heart transplant model.

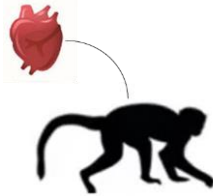
*TNX-1500 is an investigational new biologic, and has not been approved for any indication.

Methods

Heterotopic abdominal allo-heart Tx

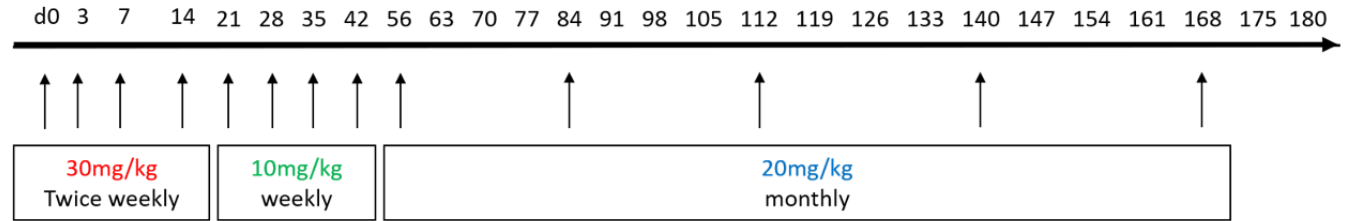
Protocol biopsies : POD 45 and 90

EOS : POD 180

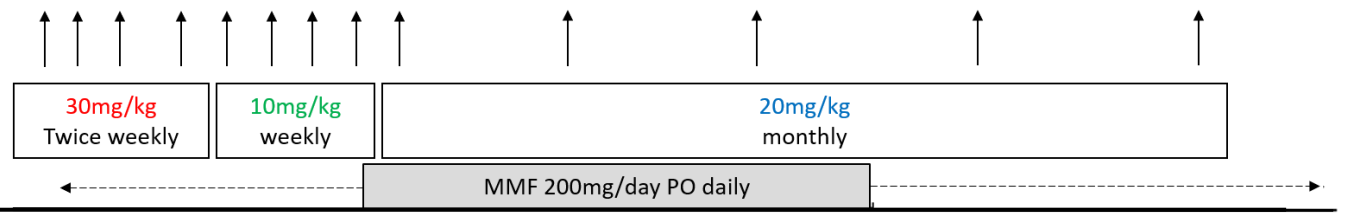


Treatment Group

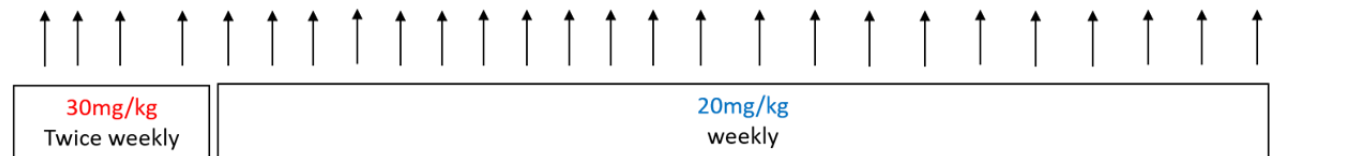
Group-1 : Low-dose TNX-1500 monotherapy
(loTNX regimen, n=4)



Group-2 : Low-dose TNX-1500 + MMF
(loTNX+MMF regimen, n=4)



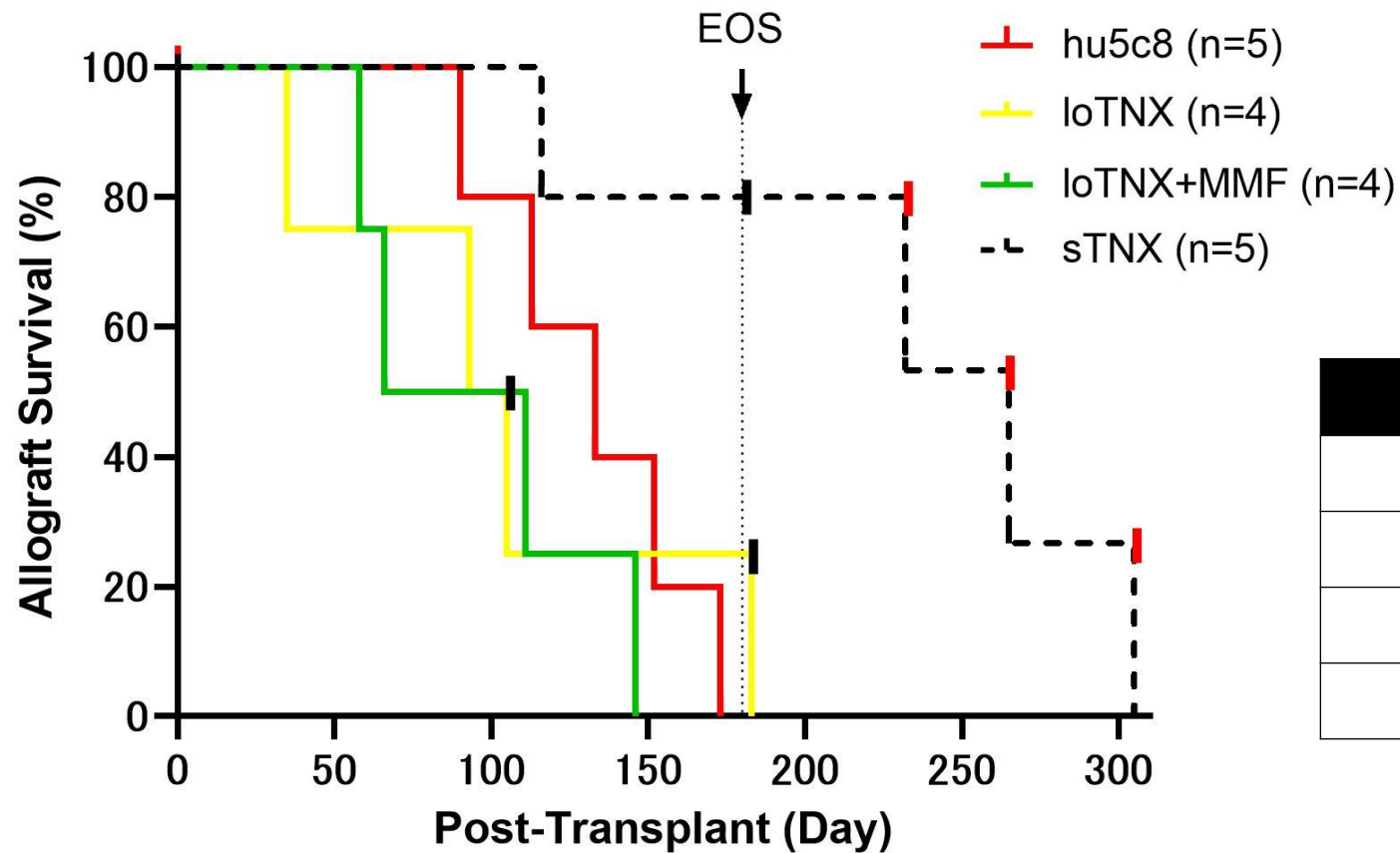
Group-3 : Standard-dose TNX-1500 monotherapy
(sTNX regimen, n=5)



Control : hu5c8 monotherapy
(Reference regimen, n=5)



Results-1 Allograft Survival



█ Explant of beating graft

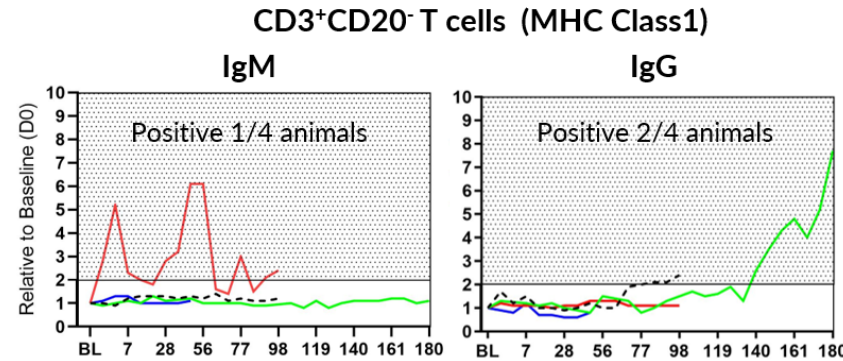
█ Rejection after cessation of sTNX treatment

Treatment Group	MST (range)
hu5c8	133 days (90-173)
loTNX	99 days (35-183)
loTNX + MMF	88 days (58-146)
sTNX	>265 days (116-305)

$P < 0.05$ for all comparisons against sTNX

Results-2 Anti-donor-alloantibody elaboration

IoTNX (n=4)



CD3⁻CD20⁺ B cells (MHC Class1 and Class2)

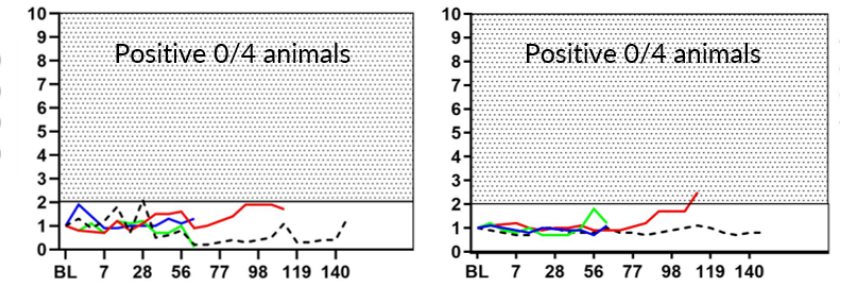
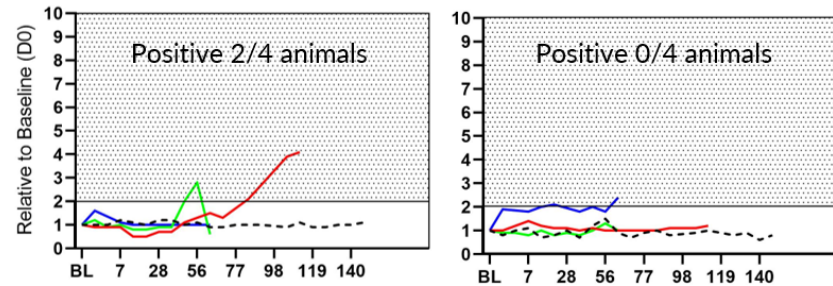
IgM **IgG**

Positive 1/4 animals **Positive 2/4 animals**

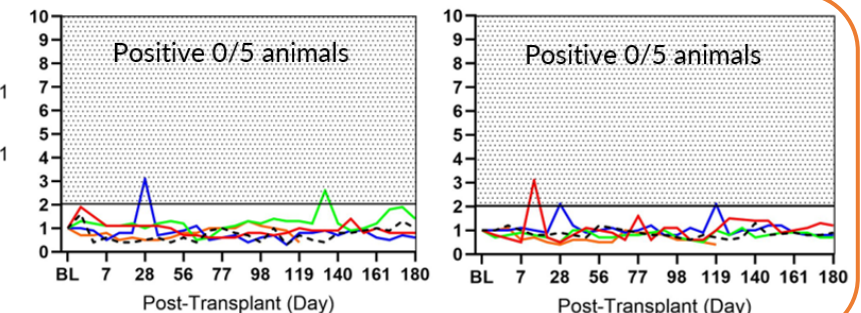
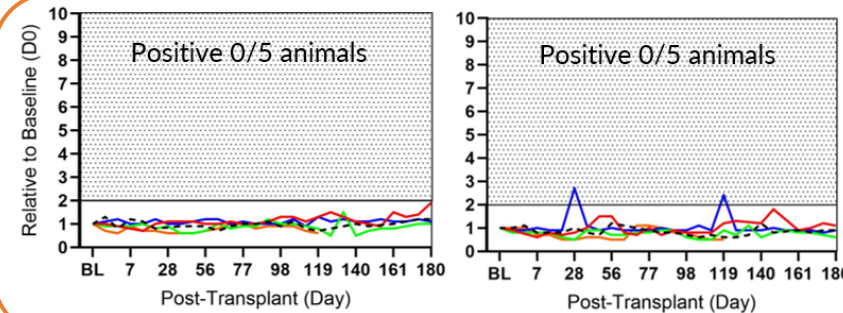
Relative to Baseline (D0)

BL 7 28 56 77 98 119 140 161 180

IoTNX + MMF (n=4)

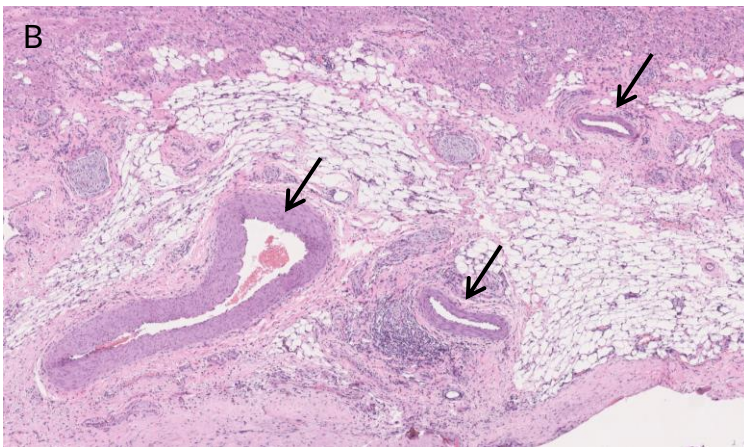
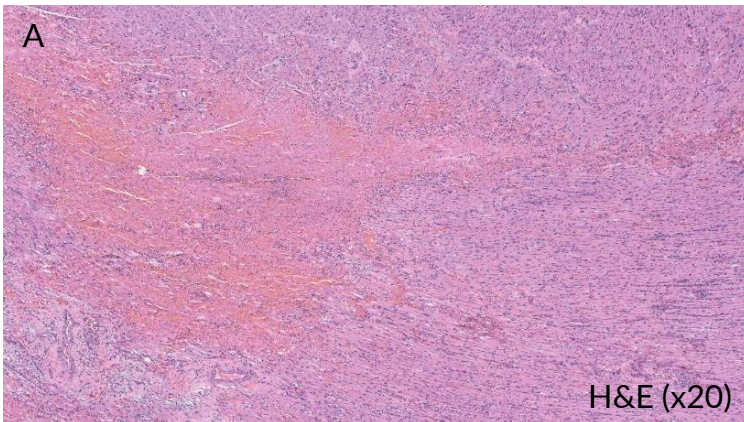


sTNX (n=5)



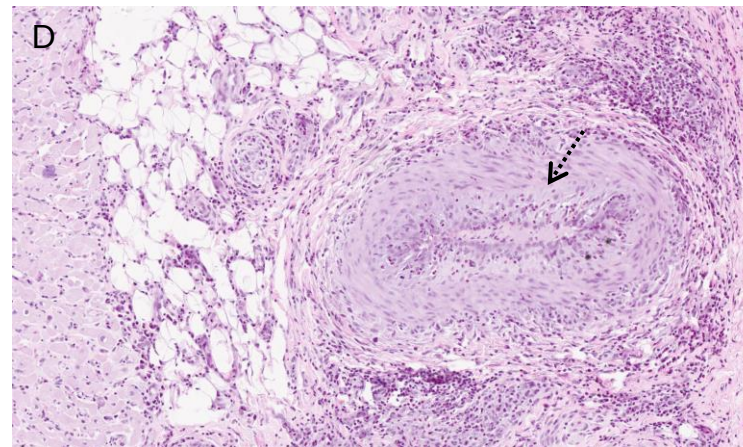
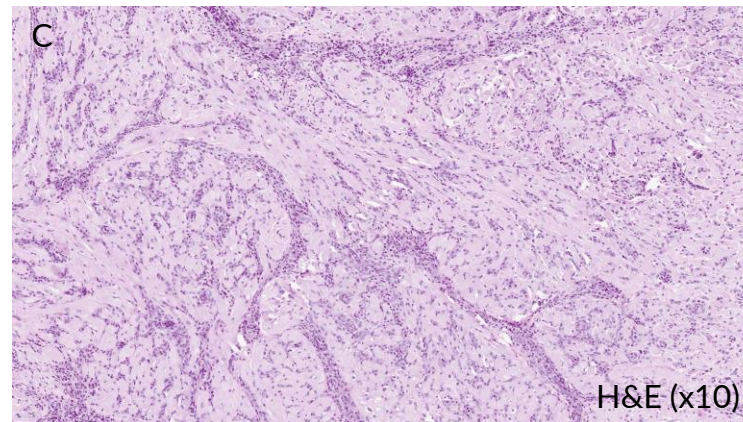
Results-3 Representative cardiac pathology at explant

LoTNX monotherapy



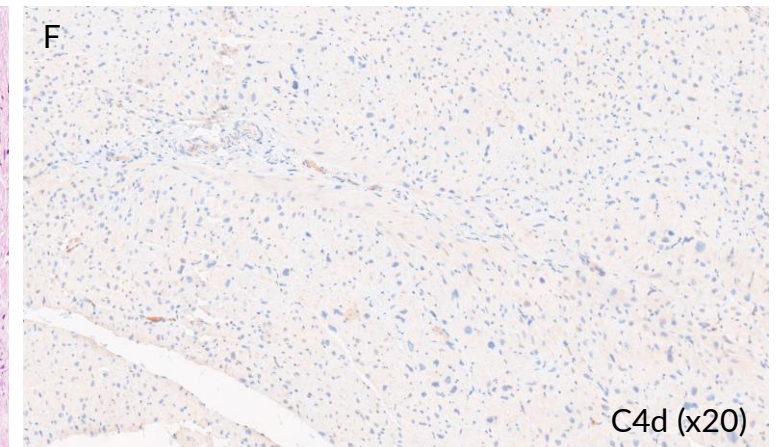
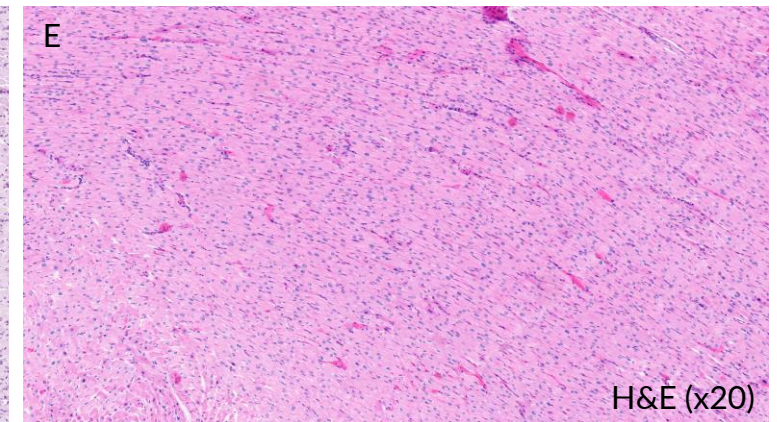
Day 93

LoTNX + MMF



Day 111

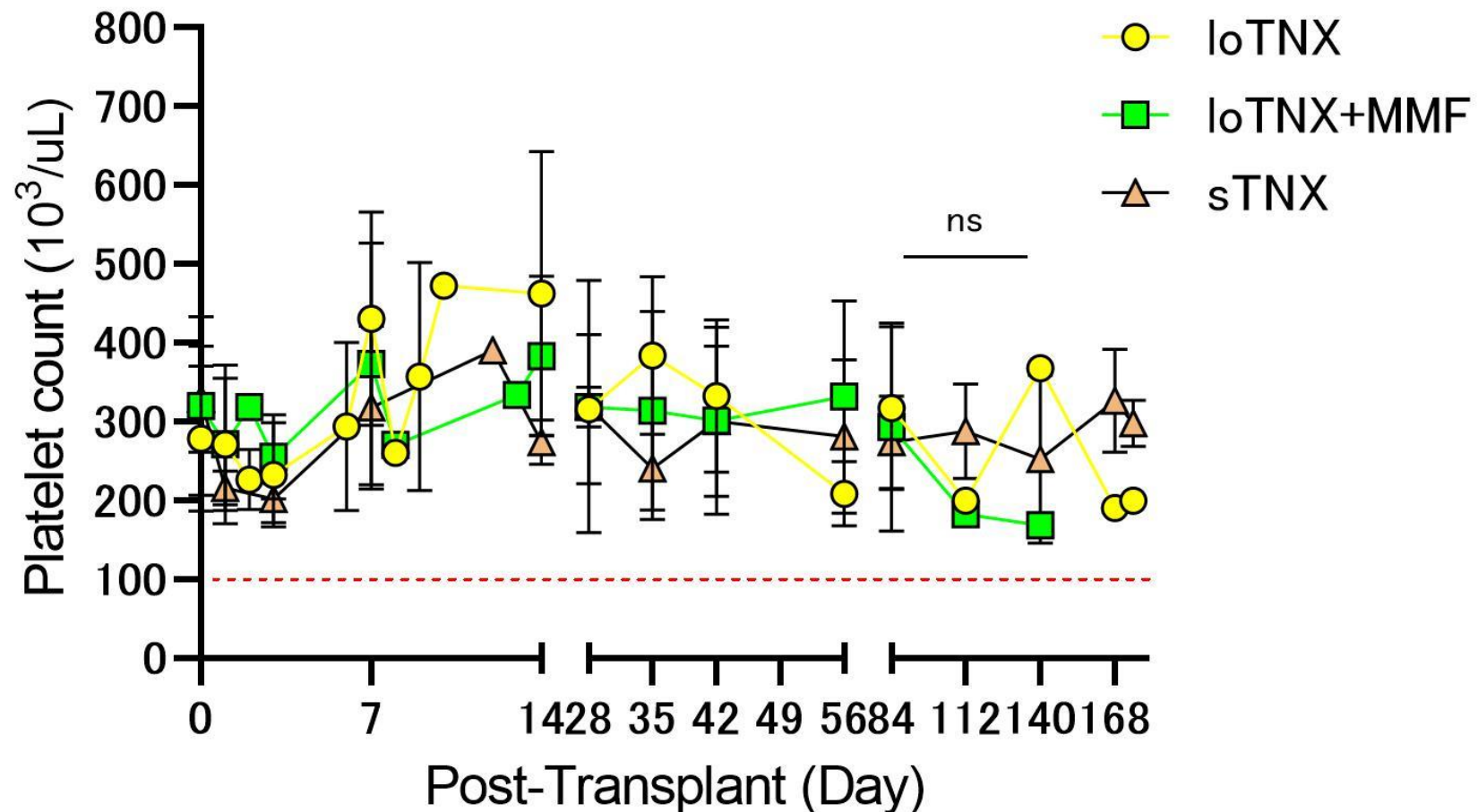
sTNX monotherapy



Day 181

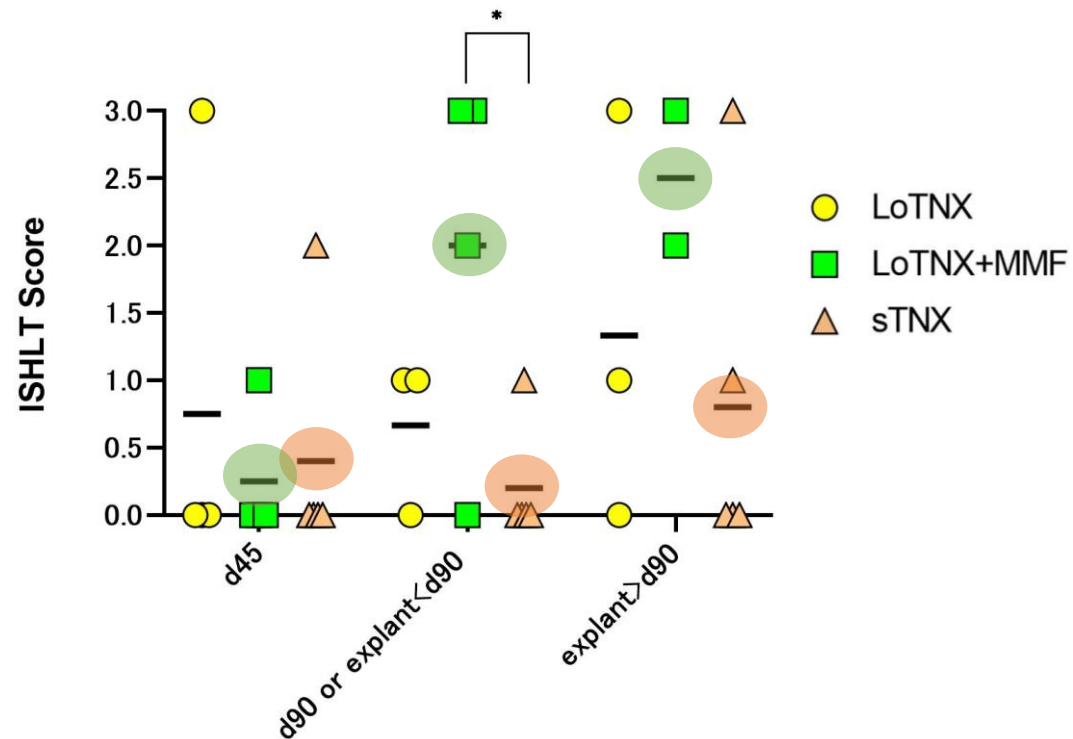
Results-4 Platelet counts

No thromboembolic complications were observed.

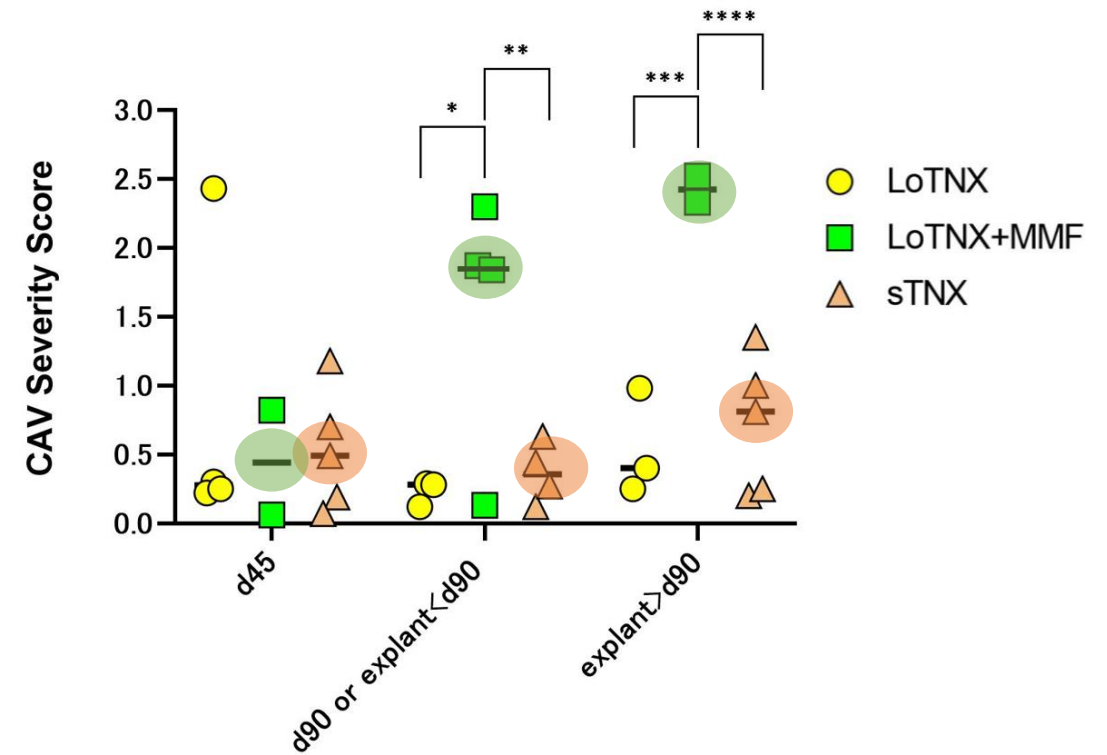


Results-5

ISHLT scores



CAV severity scores



Conclusion

- Blockade of CD154 with TNX-1500 monotherapy consistently and safely prevented pathologic alloimmunity in a NHP cardiac allograft model at least as effectively as hu5c8 monotherapy, without clinical thrombotic events.
- "Standard-dose" TNX-1500 regimen was associated with prolonged allograft survival relative to "low-dose" maintenance regimen, with or without MMF, as supported by prevention of antidonor alloAb elaboration, reduced ISHLT and CAV severity scores.