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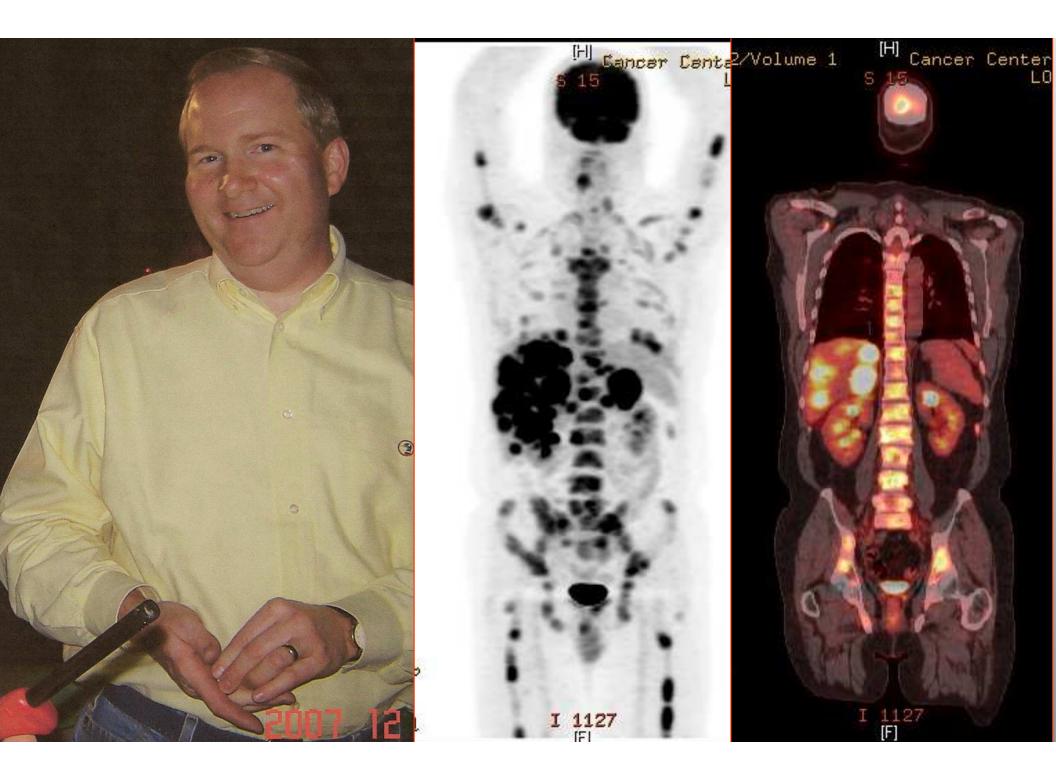
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# Active Immunization Approaches

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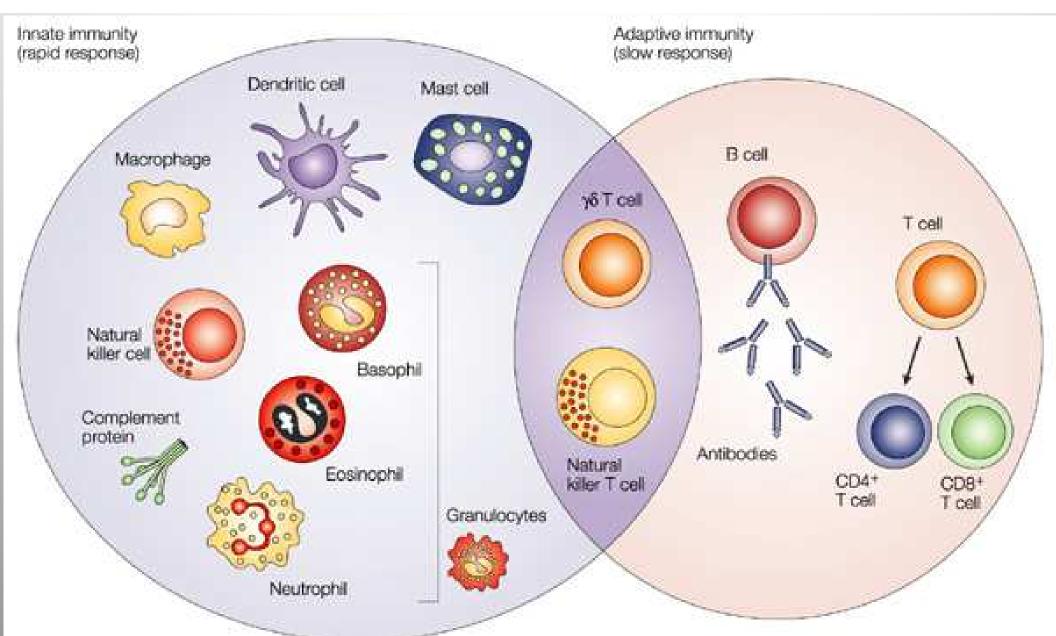
## Human Immune System

## **Active Immunity**

- Vaccine/infection
- Long-lasting protection
- Multiple immune cells and pathways affected
- It takes days/weeks to mount an immune response
- There is <u>specificity</u>
- There is memory

## **Passive Immunity**

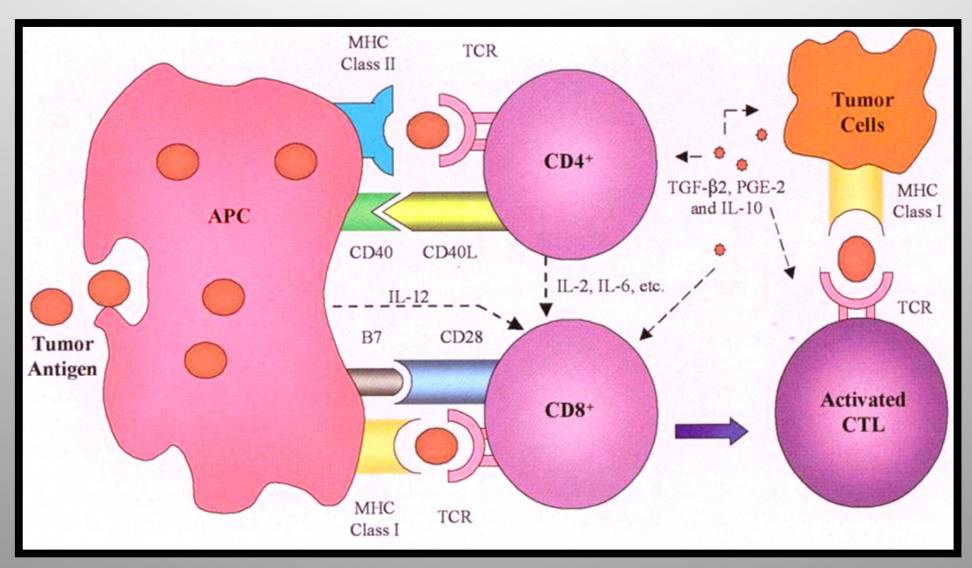
- Antibodies
- Rapid protection
- Short duration
- Antibody response
- There is <u>specificity</u>
- <u>No memory immune</u> response



Glen Dranoff, Cytokines in cancer pathogenesis and cancer therapy, Nature Reviews Cancer, 4, 11-22, 2004

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## **Immunologic Response to Cancer**



### Slide courtesy of Steven A. Rosenberg, 1998

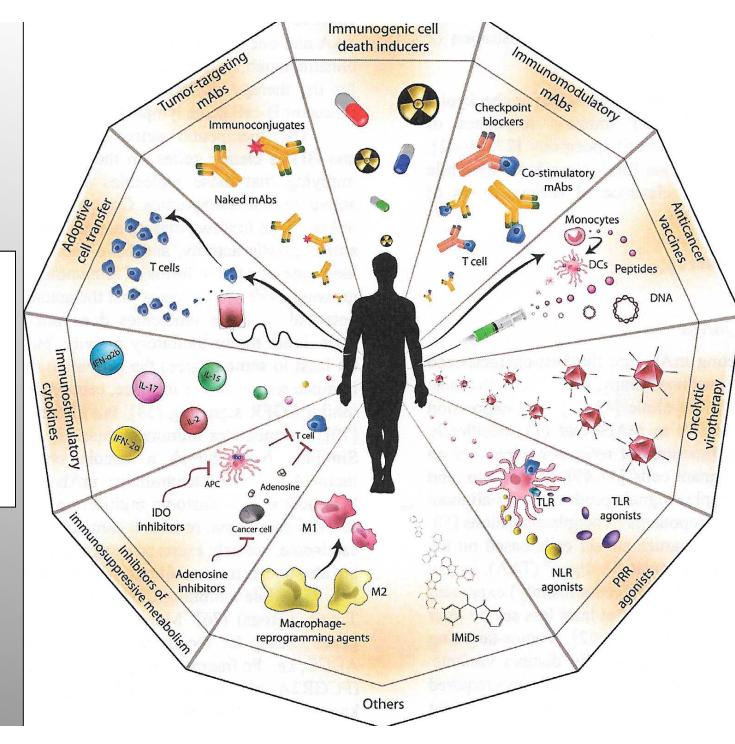
### **HISTORY OF CANCER TREATMENT MODALITIES**

	SURGERY	RADIATION	CHEMO- THERAPY	TARGETED DRUGS	IMMUNO- THERAPY
APPROACH	Cut out accessible tumor cells to stop growth and prevent their spread	Use highly concentrated X-rays or radioactive isotopes to kill cancerous cells	Use cytotoxic drugs to kill or inhibit cancer cells	Interfere with a mechanism required for, or that supports tumor growth	Support the immune system's innate ability to recognize and eliminate tumor cells
SINCE	1800s	early 1900s	late 1940s	2000s	2010s
LIMITATIONS	Many inaccessible tumors ineligible; limited effectiveness if tumor has already begun to spread	Limited effectiveness if tumor has already begun to spread; potentially dangerous for tumors near vital organs	High toxicity and often does not destroy the whole tumor, leading to high rates of recurrence	Limited tumor types eligible; high efficiency but short durability driving high rates of recurrence	Applicable to all tumors at all stages of disease including metastatic tumors; responses are highly durable; potential for lower toxicity profiles; synergistic with other treatments

**Cancer Research Institute, Website: www.cancerresearch.org** 

Classification of Current Anti-Cancer Immunotherapies

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## **Therapeutic Cancer Vaccines**

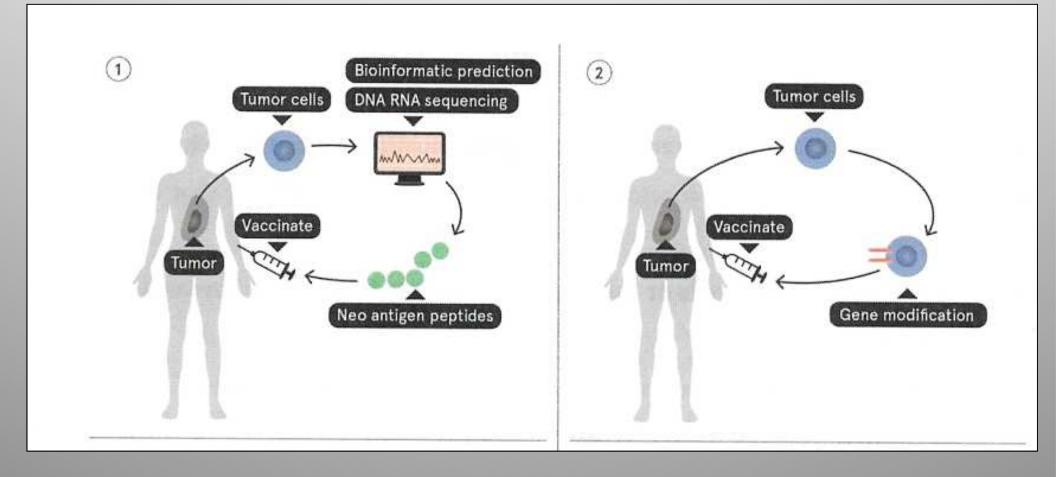
Approach to Immunization	Target	Subtype	Example	Comment
	Specific	Whole (irradiated) cell	GVAX prostate	Immunogen is irradiated autologous malignant pancreatic cells: also contains GM-CSF transfected gene and ipilimumab
Active	Specific	Component cell vaccine	Peptide, protein, tumor lysate and shed antigen vaccines have been developed	Non licensed as of May 2014
	Non-specific	Live, attenuated vaccine	BCG vaccine	Local tumor instillation (eg bladder cancer) enhances immune response
		Antibody	trastuzumab	Blocks Human Epidermal Growth Receptor 2
	Specific	Antibody Drug Conjugate	brentuximab vedotin	Antibody targets malignant cell releasing the fused antineoplastic drug
Passive		Autologous or allogeneic T cells	Tumor invading lymphocytes, CTLs, T <sub>H</sub> and T regs cell vaccines developed	Termed adoptive T cell therapy – non licensed (May, 2014)
		Antibody	ipilimumab	CTLA4 blocking antibody
		Autologous or allogeneic T cells	Tumor invading lymphocytes, CTLs, T <sub>H</sub> and T regs cell vaccines developed	Termed adoptive T cell therapy – non licensed (May 2014)

#### Table 1

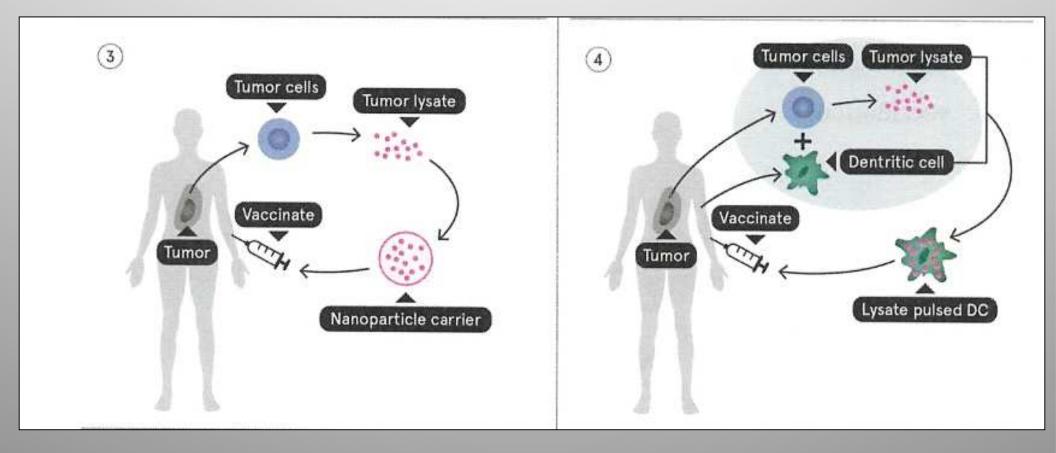
#### Overview of results from phase III vaccine trials and immune correlates to better patient outcomes

Trial/name	Cancer	Antigen	Adjuvant/delivery	Patients	Primary endpoint	Immune correlates to improved outcome	References
DERMA	Melanoma	MAGE-A3	AS15, AS02B	1351	Disease free survival – data pending	Gene signature (GS) suggesting active immune response within the tumor from Phase II data GS+ patients versus placebo, HR = $0.37$ , $p = 0.06$	[25**,28]
MAGRIT	Lung	MAGE-A3	AS15, AS02B	2278	Disease free survival, Terminated due to futility	Gene signature suggesting active immune response within the tumor GS+ patients versus placebo, HR = $0.42$ , $p = 0.06$	[23,24,25**]
Tecemotide/ SMART Trial	Lung	MUC1	Liposome	1239	Overall survival, 25.6 versus 22, p = 0.12	Concurrent Radiation + vaccine. Overall survival 30.8 versus 20.6, $p = 0.016$	[48]
IMA-901	Kidney	Multiple HLA-A2.1 peptides (10)	GM-CSF	68	Phase II, saftey and tolerability were met. Phase III trial is currently underway	Multiple eptiope response correlated with better disease controll, $p = 0.023$	[26]
Provenge/ IMPACT Study	Prostate	Prostatic Acid Phosphatase PAP	Autologous dendritic cells	512	Survival hazard ratio, 0.59, $p = 0.01$ Median overall survival 25.8 versus 21.7	Antibody titre >400, Increased overall survival p = 0.001, 28.5% of patients	[18-20]
gp100	Melanoma	gp100	Montanide/IL-2	185	Progression free survival, 2.2 versus 1.6, p = 0.008	No correlation with immune activity in Phase II or III trial	[21,30]
STn-KLH	Breast	Sialyl-Tn-KLH	KLH/Detox B	1022	Time to progression, 3.4 versus 3.0, p = 0.305 Overall survival, 23.1 vs. 22.3	Median or greater IgG response. Overall survival 39.6 versus 25.4, <i>p</i> = 0.005	[67,68]

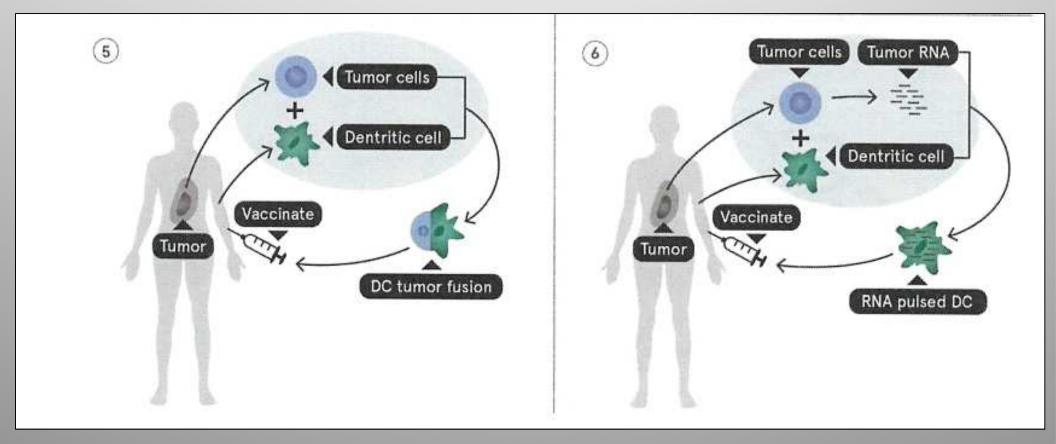
### Patient cells injected with <u>tumor-specific mutations</u> identified by high-throughput sequencing and bioinformatics, or whole tumor cells



### <u>Autologous tumor lysate encapsulated into</u> nanoparticle vehicles, delivered to DC's in vivo



## Dendritic cells <u>loaded ex-vivo with autologous tumor</u> <u>antigens</u> via pulsing with either tumor RNA or lysate



### Immune Dysfunction <u>Inhibiting Vaccine Efficacy</u> and Treatments to Overcome This

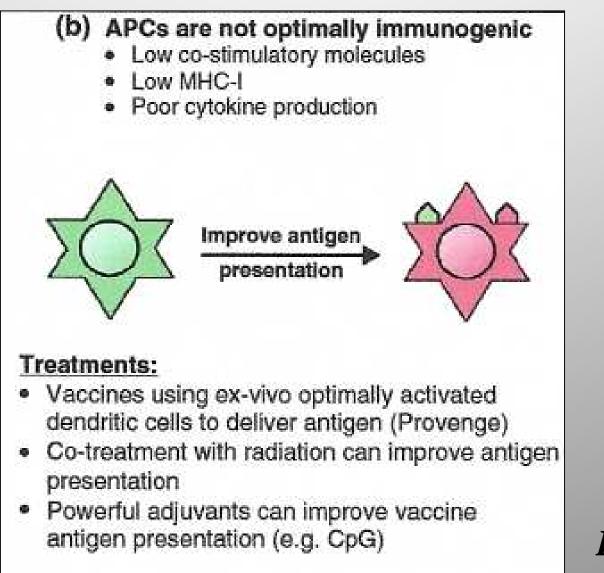
- (a) Vaccine antigen specific T-cell pool is mostly exhausted
  - Low proliferation in response to antigen
  - No cytokine production
  - High expression of PD1, LAG3, CTLA4



### Treatments:

 Antibody treatments blocking PD1, LAG3 and CTLA4 can restore the function of exhausted CD8 cells Current Opinions in Immunology

### Immune Dysfunction <u>Inhibiting Vaccine Efficacy</u> and Treatments to Overcome This



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### Immune Dysfunction Inhibiting Vaccine Efficacy and

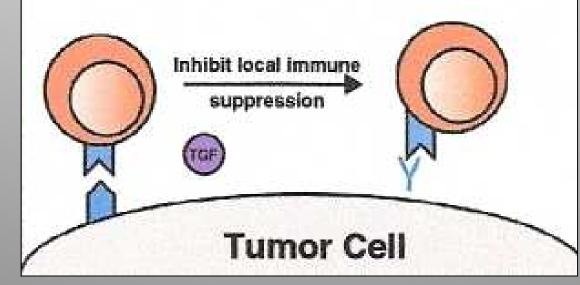
### **Treatments to Overcome This**

#### (c) T-cells activated by vaccines are inhibited in the tumor microenvironment

- Up-regulation of PD-L1 by tumor cells
- Secretion of immuno-suppressive molecules, e.g. TGF-β

#### Treatments:

- Antibody treatments blocking PD1
- siRNA against tumor produced TGF-β



Current Opinions in Immunology

## **Preventing cancer:**

## **True cancer vaccines**

### Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent (Types 6, 11, 16, and 18) Vaccine, Recombinant

### **Cervical Cancer:**

- Prevented <u>100%</u> of HPV 16- and 18- related cervical precancers and non-invasive cervical cancers
- Protects against 4 types of HPV in females ages 9 to 26
- Protects against 2 types of HPV that cause about 75% of cervical cancer cases, and 2 more types that cause 90% of genital warts.

**<u>Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia (CIN)</u>:** 

 Prevented <u>95%</u> of low-grade cervical dysplasia and precancers caused by HPV 6, 11, 16 or 18

### **Genital Warts**:

- Prevented <u>99%</u> of cases of genital warts caused by HPV 6 or 11
- Males ages 9 to 26, protect against 90% of genital warts

### Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent (Types 6, 11, 16, and 18) Vaccine, Recombinant

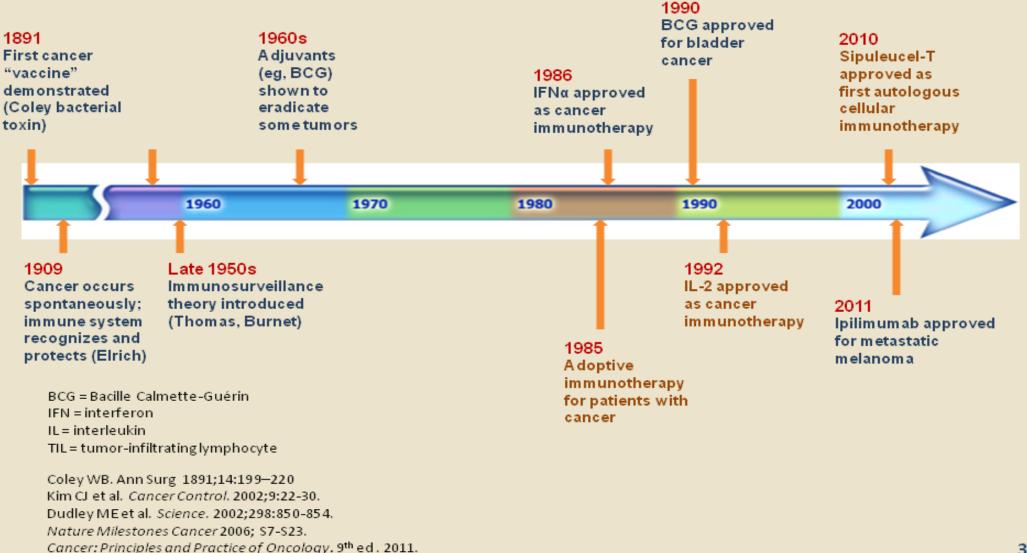
### Vaginal cancer:

 Helps protect females ages 9 to 26 against 70% of vaginal cancer cases and up to 50% of vulvar cancer cases.

### **Head/Neck Cancer ???**

- HPV infections, especially HPV 16, contribute to some H/N cancers
- HPV is found in an estimated 26-35% of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma).
- In principle, HPV vaccines may help reduce incidence of such cancers caused by HPV, but this has not been demonstrated.
- Given as 3 injections over 6 months.

## Timeline of the Development of Immunotherapy



## **Edward Jenner**

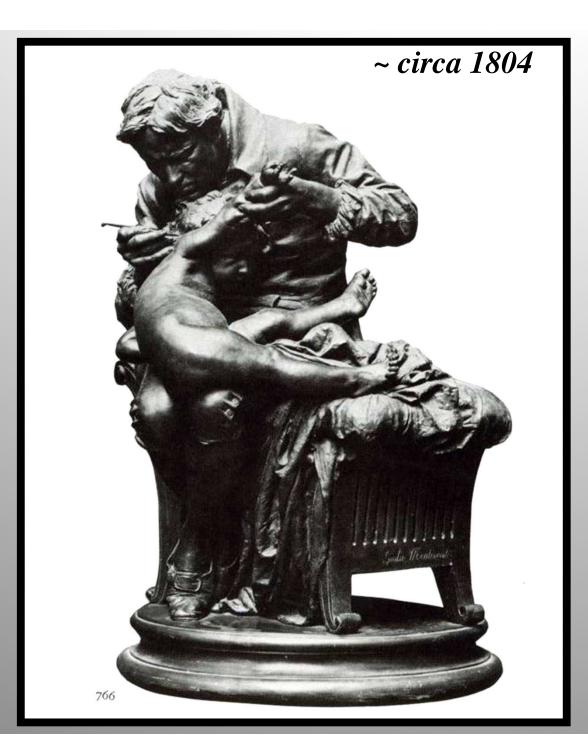
Milk maidens hand infected with cowpox virus



## All based on a simple observation: Milk maidens who developed cowpox <u>NEVER</u> developed smallpox



**Smallpox** 



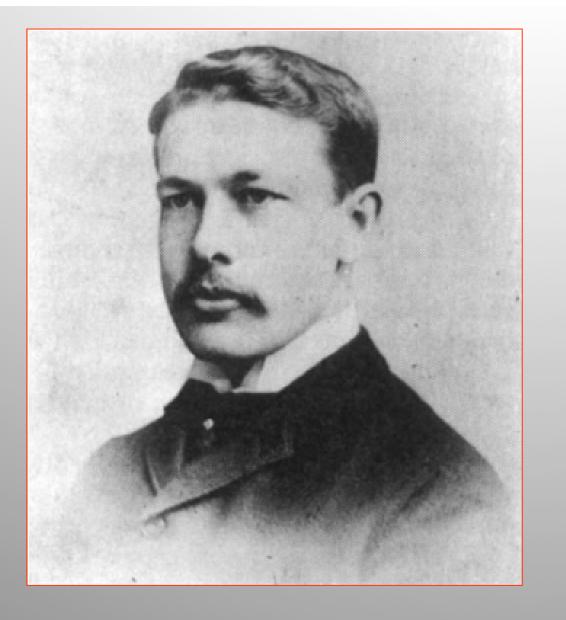
Bronze sculpture by Giulio Monteverde showing Edward Jenner inoculating his son with cowpox liquid as a prevention against smallpox

<u>Variolation:</u> Pricking into the skin with the fluid from a cowpox blister (vaccinia)

### THE COW-POCKOR: THE WONDERFUL EFFECTS OF THE NEW INOCULATION [James Gilray, circa 1802]

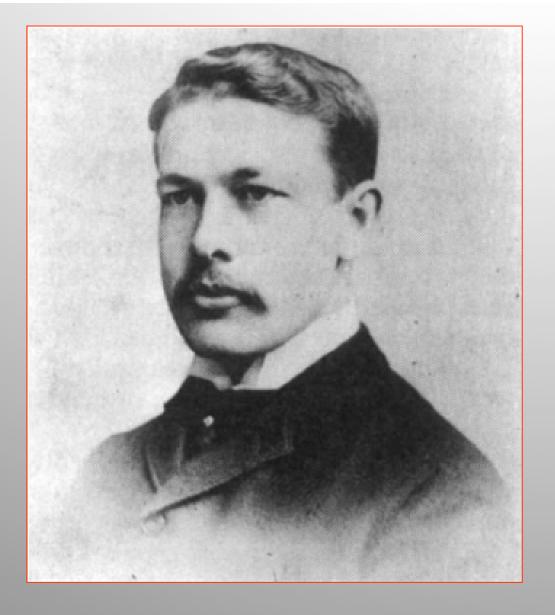


The Cow Pock \_ or \_\_ the Wonderful Effects of the New Inoculation !\_ vise. the Publications of y Anta Vacine Society.



## William B. Coley

- 1891: Attending Surgeon to the NYC Cancer Hospital
- Utilized a combination of live bacterial cultures (Streptococcus pyogenes [erysipelas] and <u>Bacillus</u> prodigiosus)
- Injected around a cancerous tumor (sarcoma)
- Changed to filtered cultures due to high toxicity
- Coley's Toxin resulted in disappearance of large, bulky tumors in many patients, primarily with sarcoma
- Possibly led to discovery of tumor necrosis factor (TNF)



### William B. Coley

- First patient: to receive Coley Fluid was a sixteen-year-old boy with a massive abdominal tumor.
- Every few days, Coley injected "Coley's fluid" directly into the tumor mass
- Produced the symptoms of an infectious disease, but did not produce the disease itself
- On each injection, there was a dramatic rise in body temperature and chills
- The tumor gradually diminished in size
- By May 1893, after four months of intensive treatment, the tumor was 1/5<sup>th</sup> its original size
- By August, the remains of the growth were barely perceptible
- The boy received no further anticancer treatment and remained in good health until he died of a heart attack 26 years later.

### INOPERABLE [898.] THE TREATMENT OF INOPERABLE SAR. COMA WITH THE MIXED TOXINS OF ERYSIPELAS AND BACILLUS PRODIGIOSUS. IMMEDIATE AND FINAL RESULTS IN ONE HUNDRED AND 0 FORTY CASES. presented to the Section on Surgery and Anatomy, at the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, held at Denver, Colo., June 7-10, 1998. BY WILLIAM B. COLEY, M.D. ATTENDING SURGEON TO THE NEW YORK CANCER HOSPITAL; ASSISTANT SURGEON TO THE HOSPITAL FOR RUPTURED AND CR NEW YORK, N. Y. Annual Meeting

of the AMA, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1898





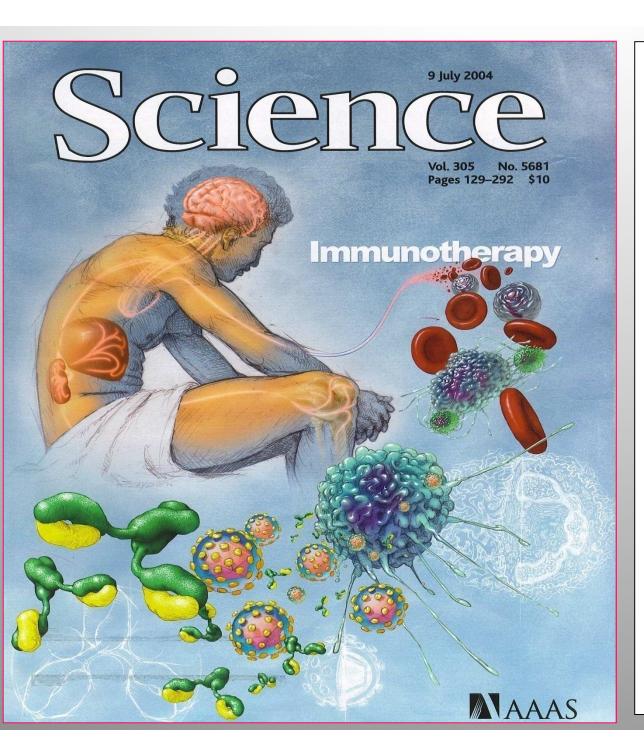
Type of cancer	Total	Α	В	$\mathbf{C}$	D	Ε
Soft tissue sarcomas <sup>1</sup>	84	32	12	11	12	17
Lymphosarcomas (lymphomas) <sup>2</sup>	33	10	4	.4	7	8
Osteosarcoma <sup>3</sup>	3	2	1	0	0	0
Ewing's tumor/reticulum cell sarcoma <sup>4</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ovarian carcinoma <sup>5</sup>	4	1	2	0	Ó	1
Cervical carcinoma <sup>5</sup>	2	0	1	0	0	1
Testicular <sup>6</sup>	14	5	3	3	2	1
Renal <sup>7</sup>	8	4	1	1	1	1 -
Multiple myeloma <sup>8</sup>	1	0	0	1	· 0	0
Colorectal carcinoma <sup>9</sup>	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breast carcinoma <sup>10</sup>	13	5	6	2	0	0
Melanoma <sup>11</sup>	6	2	3	0	1	0

Table 2. Summary of Patients Treated with Coley's Toxins before 1940.

Evaluation was restricted to those patients who were considered to be inoperable at the time of treatment, and who received no therapy other than the vaccine. Individual patient records are tabulated as follows: A, those making no beneficial response to the treatment; B, those making an initial response, but either known to relapse at any time or lost to follow-up in less than 5 years; C, those rendered free of disease, but lost to follow-up after at least 5, but less than 10, years; D, those rendered free of disease, but lost to follow-up after at least 10, but less than 20, years; E, those rendered free of any clinical evidence of disease for a period of time not less than 20 years. <sup>1</sup>Nauts, 1975c. <sup>2</sup>Nauts and Fowler, 1969. <sup>3</sup>Nauts, 1975b. <sup>4</sup>Nauts *et al.*, 1953. <sup>5</sup>Nauts, 1977. <sup>6</sup>Fowler, 1968. <sup>7</sup>Nauts, 1973. <sup>8</sup>Nauts, 1975a. <sup>9</sup>Fowler, 1969b. <sup>10</sup>Nauts, 1984. <sup>11</sup>Fowler, 1969a.

#### A complete response rate of 47.6% (40/84 pts. at 5 years)

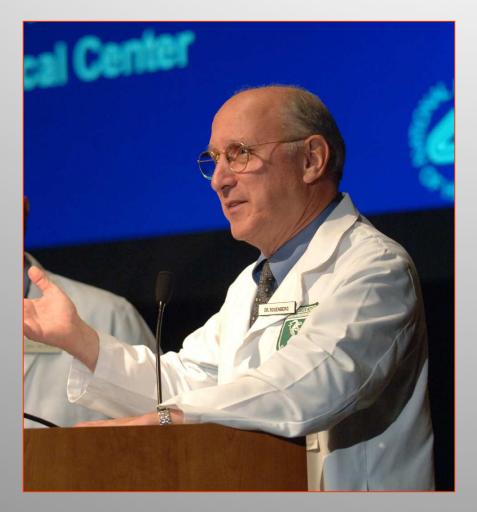
- CR @ 5 yrs., but <10 yr (13%)
- CR @ >10 yrs., but <20 yr (13%)
  - CR @ > 20 yr (20%)



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**IMMUNOTHERAPY OF CANCER: OFFERING THE PROMISE OF TREATING HUMAN DISEASES BY MOBILIZING OR INHIBITING MULTIPLE ARMS OF** THE IMMUNE **SYSTEM** 

## **Pioneers of cancer immunotherapy**



### Steven A. Rosenberg



### **Donald Morton**

## Clinical Studies with rIL-2 for the Treatment of Metastatic Melanoma

<b>Investigator</b>	Dosing//Schedule	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>CR+PR %</u>	<u>/o</u>
Hersh et al.	12x10 <sup>6</sup> IU/m, day 1,3,5 every week		26	0	3	12%
Parkinson et al.	600,000 IU/kg, TID x 5 days, q15 <sup>th</sup> d	46	2	8	22%	
Whitehead et al.	36-60 x 10 <sup>6</sup> IU/m, day 1,3,5 q week		42	0	4	10%
Sparano et al.	6 x 10 <sup>6</sup> U/m, TIDx 5 days, q15 <sup>th</sup> d		44	0	2	5%
Demchak et al.	600,000 IU/kg, TID x 5 days, q15 <sup>th</sup> d	27	0	4	26%	
Rosenberg et al.	720,000 IU/kg, TID x 5 days, q15 <sup>th</sup>		134	9	14	17%

$CR = 7\% \qquad PR = 10\% \qquad Total CR +$	⊢ <b>PR</b> = 17%
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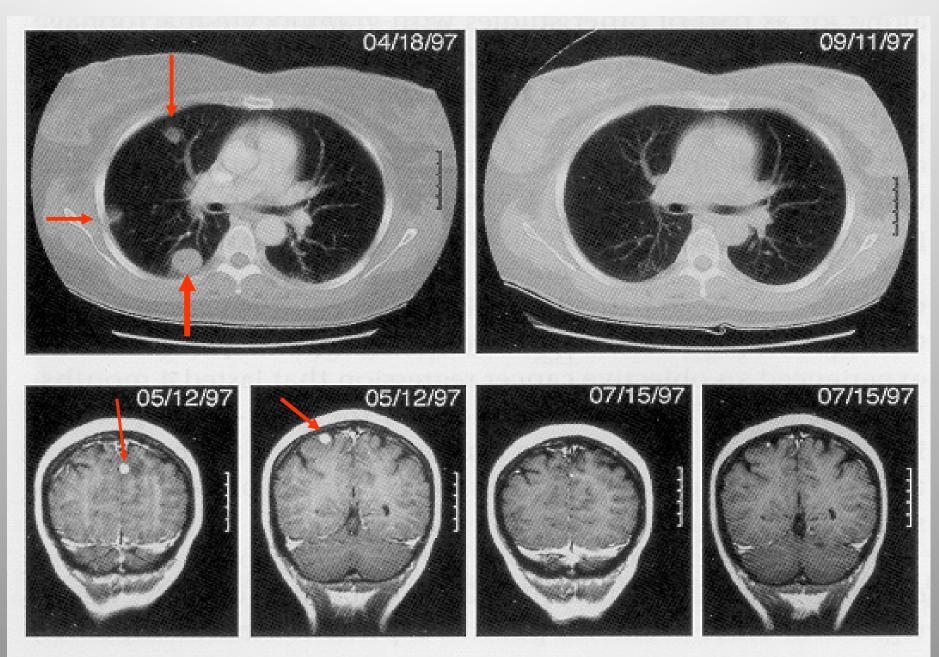




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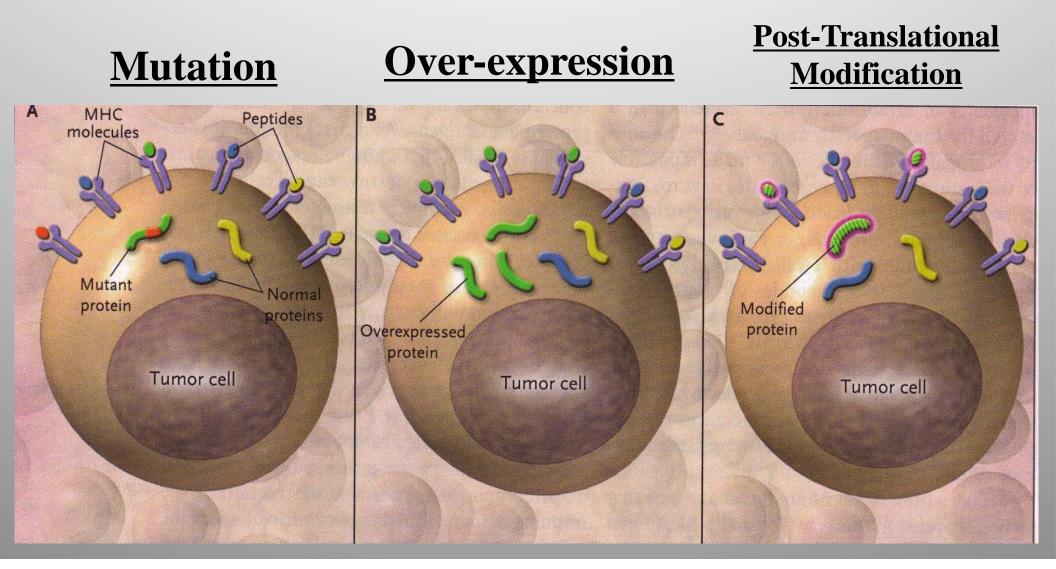






Rosenberg et al., Nature Med., 1998

**Tumor Cell Recognition by the Host Immune System:** Mechanisms for Self-Antigens to Become Tumor Antigens

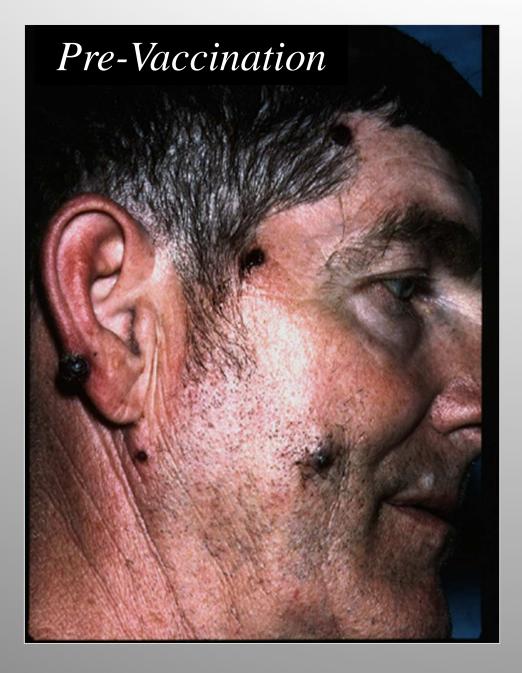


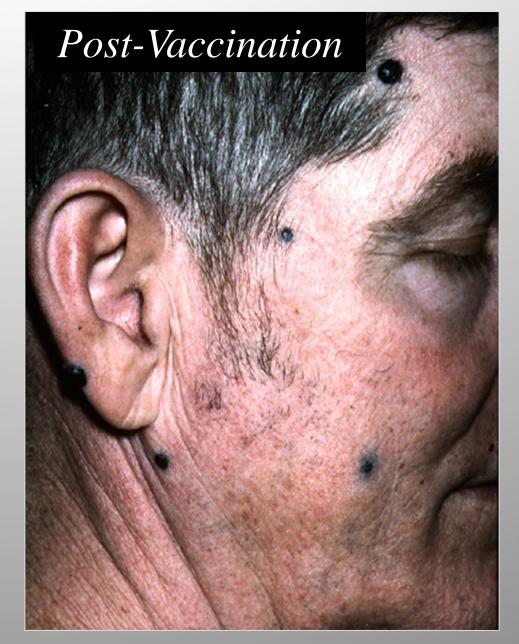
Immunologic and Therapeutic Evaluation of a Synthetic Peptide Vaccine for the Treatment of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma. <u>Nature Medicine</u>, March 1998. Rosenberg SA, Yang JC, Schwartzentruber DJ, Hwu P, Marincola FM, Topalian SL, Restifo NP, Dudley ME, Schwarz SL, Spiess PJ, Wunderlich JR, Parkhurst MR, Kawakami Y, Seipp CA, Einhorn JH, White DE.

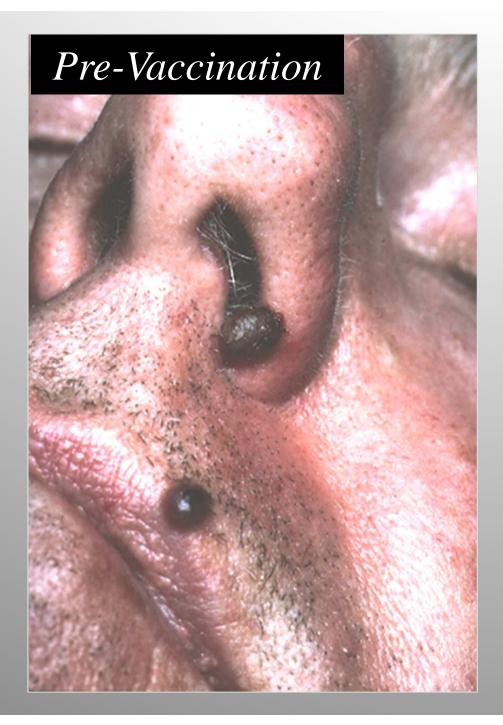
- Immunodominant peptides from the gp100 melanoma-associated antigen were identified, and a synthetic peptide (gp209-2M), designed to increase binding to HLA-A2 molecules, was used as a cancer vaccine to treat patients with metastatic melanoma
- On the basis of immunologic assays, 91% of patients could be successfully immunized with this synthetic peptide
- 13 of 31 patients (42%) receiving the peptide vaccine plus IL-2 had objective cancer responses
- Four additional patients had mixed or minor responses
- Proof-of-principle that synthetic peptide vaccines based on the genes encoding cancer antigens can be effective therapies for development of novel cancer immunotherapies

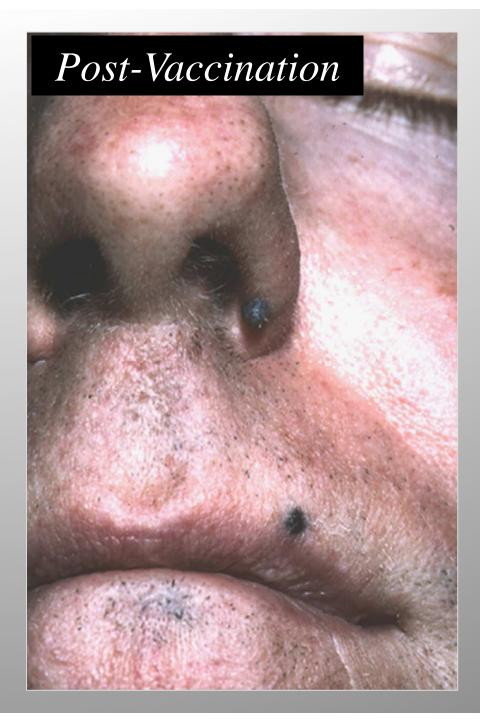


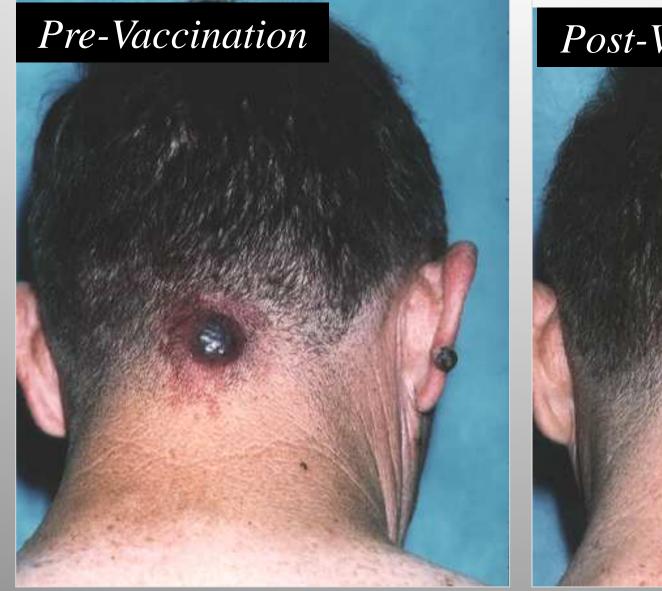


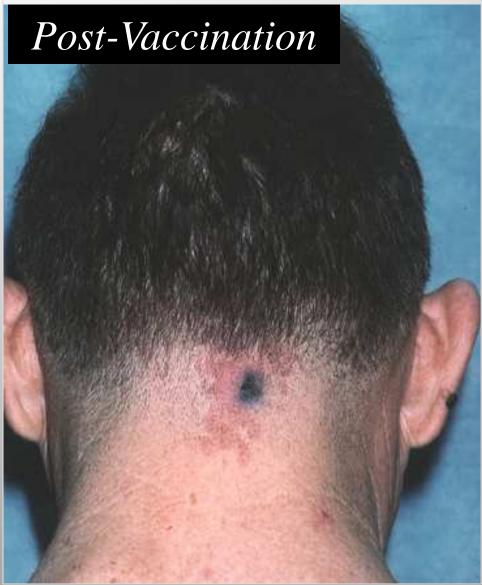








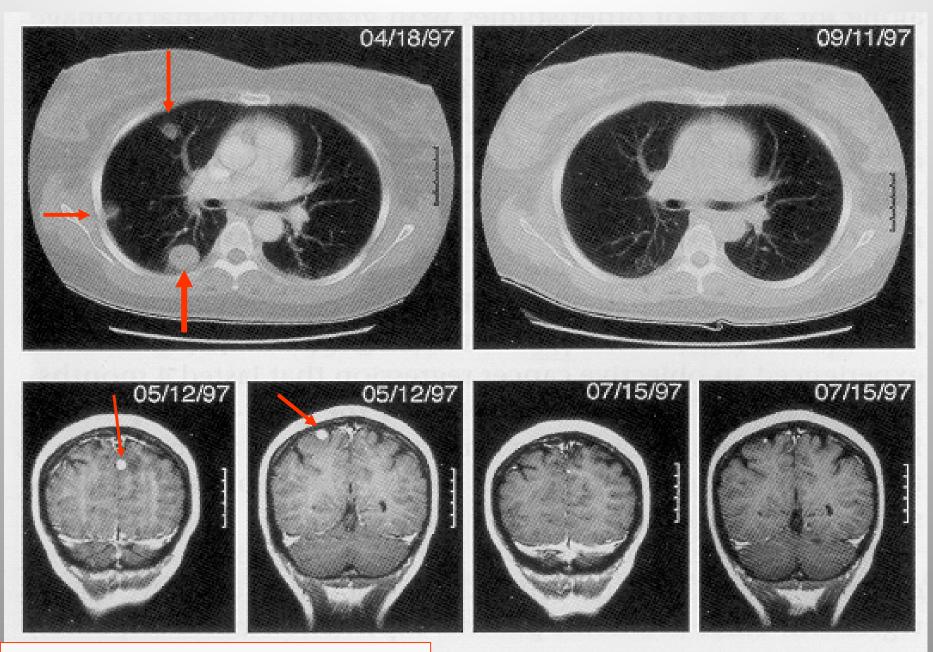






### **Pre-**Vaccination

### Post-Vaccination



(Rosenberg et al., Nature Med., 1998)

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#### NATURE MEDICINE, Volume 10(9), September 2004

# Cancer immunotherapy: moving beyond current vaccines

Steven A Rosenberg, James C Yang & Nicholas P Restifo

Great progress has been made in the field of tumor immunology in the past decade, but optimism about the clinical application of currently available cancer vaccine approaches is based more on surrogate endpoints than on clinical tumor regression. In our cancer vaccine trials of 440 patients, the objective response rate was low (2.6%), and comparable to the results obtained by others. We consider here results in cancer vaccine trials and highlight alternate strategies that mediate cancer regression in preclinical and clinical models.

patients who achieved clinical responses, many cancer vaccine trials have been optimistically reported because surrogate or subjective endpoints were achieved. Sensitive techniques such as tetramer or ELISpot assays have been used to demonstrate the generation *in vivo* of antitumor T cells in vaccinated patients, but the scarcity of clinical responses in these patients has made it difficult to validate any of these assays as a useful surrogate of clinical response.

#### Analysis of trials using standard oncologic criteria

Standard oncologic criteria for evaluating and reporting objective clinical responses to treatment are well established in oncology and

In the year 2003, there were 216 ongoing vaccine trials in cancer patients. For DCbased vaccines alone, there are 98 published studies treating over 1,000 patients

Peptide	HLA restriction	Total patients	NR	PR	CR
MART-1 <sub>27-35</sub>	A2	23	22	1	0
MART-1 <sub>27-35</sub> + IL-12	A2	12	12	0	0
MART-1 <sub>26-35</sub> (27L)	A2	6	6	0	0
TRP-2180-188	A2	20	19	1	0
gp100 <sub>209-217</sub>	A2	9	8	0	1
gp100 <sub>209-217</sub> (210M) <sup>a</sup>	A2	32	32	0	0
gp100 <sub>209-217</sub> (210M) + IL-12	A2	28	28	0	0
gp100 <sub>209-217</sub> (210M) + GM-CSF	A2	18	18	0	0
gp100 <sub>280-288</sub>	A2	9	9	0	0
gp100 <sub>280-288</sub> (2889V) <sup>b</sup>	A2	5	5	0	0
gp100 <sub>154-162</sub>	A2	10	0	0	0
gp100ES: <sub>209-217</sub> (210)	A2	9	9	0	0
g209-2M + MART-27L	A2	23	23	0	0
g209-2M, g280-9V, MART-27L <sup>c</sup> + tyr3D <sup>d</sup>	A2	16	14	2	0
gp100 <sub>44-59</sub>	DR4	4	4	0	0
gp100 <sub>44-59</sub> + g209-2M + MART-27L	A2/DR4	22	21	0	1
Tyrosinase <sub>240-251</sub>	A1	16	15	1	0
gp1001 <sub>7-25</sub>	A3	12	12	0	0
Tyrosinase <sub>206-214</sub>	A2	8	8	0	0
TRP-1 ORF1-9	A31	5	5	0	0
Combination peptides	Non-A2	15	15	0	0
MAGE-12 <sub>170-178</sub>	Cw7	9	8	1	0
NY-ESO-1 <sub>157-165</sub> (165V)	A2	19	19	0	0
NY-ESO-1 <sub>161-180</sub>	DP4	6	5	1	0
NY-ESO-1 <sub>161-180+157-165</sub> (165V)	A2/DP4	11	11	0	0
Her2/neu <sub>369-378</sub>	A2	6	6	0	0
Telomerase <sub>540-548</sub>	A2	13	13	0	0
Dendritic cells + g209-2M + MART-27L	A2	15	13	2	0
Total		381	370	9	2

<u>Peptide</u> Vaccine Immunization of Patients with Metastatic Cancer

**Overall Response Rate = 2.9%** 

Virus	HLA restriction	Total patients	NR	PR	CR
Fowlpox MART-1	Any	12	12	0	0
Fowlpox gp100	Any	20	20	0	0
Fowlpox gp100(210M, 288V)	A2	15	14	1	0
Fowipox gp100(ES <sub>209-271</sub> (210M))	A2	46	46	0	0
Vaccinia MART-1	Any	5	5	0	0
Vaccinia gp100	Any	16	16	0	0
Adenovirus MART-1	Any	17	16	0	1
Adenovirus gp100	Any	7	7	0	0
DNA gp100(210M, 288V)	A2	22	21	1	0
Total		160	157	2	1

<u>Viral</u> Vaccine Immunization of Patients with Metastatic Cancer

**Overall Response Rate = 1.9%** 

Rosenberg SA, Yang JC, Restifo NP. *Cancer immunotherapy: moving beyond current vaccines*. Nature Medicine, 10(9), 909-915, 2004

- 440 patients with stage IV melanoma
- Treated with 541 different vaccines over a nine-year period [Surgery Branch, NCI]
- Vaccine strategies: synthetic peptides, naked DNA, dendritic cells (DC) and recombinant viruses
- Overall Objective Response Rate = <u>2.6%</u>
- Comparison was made of 35 other vaccine trials from around the world: 765 patients receiving similar type vaccines
- Overall Objective Response Rate = <u>3.8%</u>
- Combining the results: 1,306 vaccine treatments in over 1,200 patients:

### **OVERALL RESPONSE RATE OF CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY OF <u>3.3%</u>**

# **Adoptive Immunotherapy**

- Cancer "Vaccines"
- Dendritic Cell-Based Therapy
- Cell-Transfer Therapy

### **Allogeneic Melanoma Vaccines**

- Polyvalent, allogeneic, antigen-enriched whole cell irradiated melanoma vaccine
- > Developed at the JWCI in Santa Monica, CA. (Morton *et al.*)
- Composed of 3 melanoma cell lines
- > HLA haplotype match in 95% of melanoma pts
- **Grow separately, combine, XRAY (150 Gy), stored sterile**
- > Most extensively studied vaccine with the longest follow-up

<u>Common Tumor Antigens</u>	M
(+) GM2, GM3, GD2, GD3	
gp90	
gp70	
MAGE 1	
MAGE 3	
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elanoma-Associated Antigens Tyrosinase MART-1 gp75, gp100 HMW antigen LP 180 O-acetyl GD3

### **Vaccination Schedule**

- Induction Phase with SQ injections q 2weeks x 5 doses over 2 months
- ✓ BCG given with the first 2 vaccinations as a nonspecific immunostimulant
- ✓ Maintenance phase with SQ injections q 4 weeks x 1 year, then q 2 months x 1 year and then q 3 months for a total of 5 years
- Minimal toxicity noted (fever, local reactions, fatigue, and muscle weakness)

### **Allogeneic Melanoma Vaccines are NOT Effective**

#### **Stage III Trial Results**

Disease-free survival	5-year DF survival	Median DF survival
Placebo arm	52.1%	>60 months
Vaccine arm	47.2%	42.6 months

Stage	IV	Trial	Results
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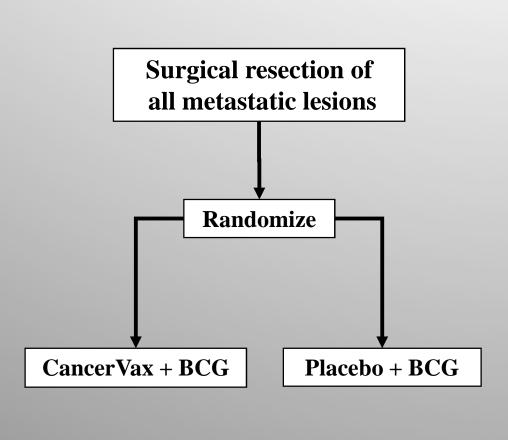
Disease-free survival	5-year survival	Median survival
Placebo arm	20.9%	7.2 months
Vaccine arm	27.4%	8.3 months

Overall survival	5-year survival	Median survival
Placebo arm	67.7%	>69 months
Vaccine arm	59.1%	>69 months

Overall survival	5-year survival	Median survival
Placebo arm	44.9%	38.7 months
Vaccine arm	39.6%	31.5 months

Morton DL et al. SSO, San Diego 2006

### Although the vaccine <u>doesn't work:</u> Up-Front Surgery May Help in Select Cases:



- 40% of all patients (in both arms) were alive at 5 years
- Prolonged survival <u>not</u> due to the vaccine
- Prolonged survival is likely due to complete surgical resection of metastatic disease

#### Morton et al., SSO 2006

#### Allogeneic Melanoma Lysates in Active Specific Immunotherapy

- Composition: Two melanoma cell lines grown to confluence, expanded and mechanically disrupted
  - Frozen lysates are thawed and mixed with Detox adjuvant (lipid A, mycobact. cell wall skeleton)and injected SQ in divided doses (0.5mL, 10-40 M tumor cell equivalents)

### **1988 and 1990 (N=114):**

Phase I and II trials with Melacine
20% Objective Response Rate
5% CR, 15% PR
8% (13/150) long-term survivors
Median duration of response of 21 months
Median survival time of 46 months

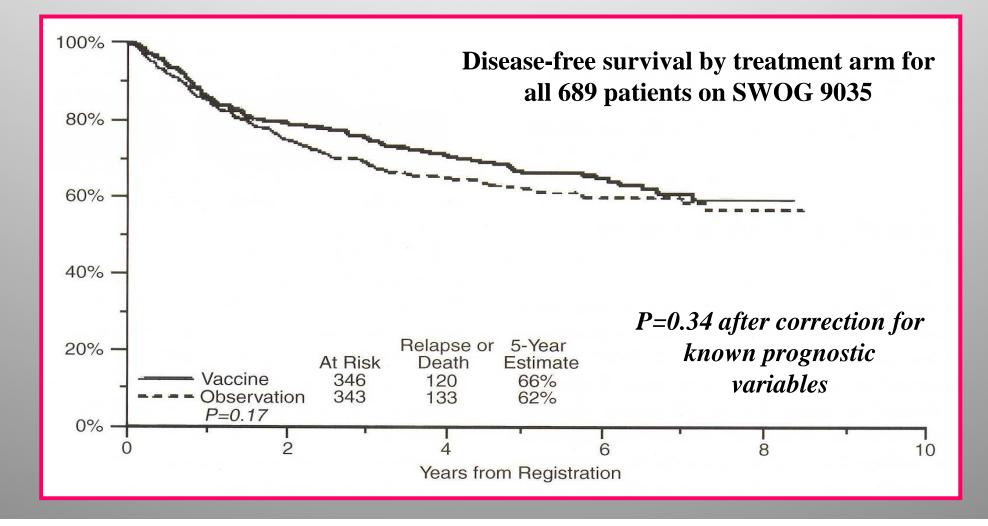
### <u>1993 (N=106)</u>

Multicenter Phase III Trial Cyclophosphamide + Melacine vs. DTIC+Cisplatin+Carmustine+Tamoxifen Objective Response Rate=7% 10% chemo. with no diff. In OS (9.4 mo. vs. 12.3 mo., vs. chemo.)

Mitchell, M. et al. Active Immuntherapy of Melanoma. Phase I trial of allogeneic melanoma lysates and a novel adjuvant. Cancer Research 1988 Mitchell, M. et al. Active Specific Immuntherapy for Melanoma. J Clin Oncol 1990 **SWOG 9035**: Phase III observation-controlled trial of allogeneic melanoma vaccine in patients with intermediate thickness (1.5-4.0 mm Breslow's depth) melanoma and clinically negative regional lymph nodes (T3N0M0)

- 1:1 randomization of observation vs. 2 years of adjuvant vaccinations with four 6-month cycles composed of 10 treatments (2 injections/treatment or 20 injections/cycle)
- No clinical evidence of nodal or distant metastasis and surgical staging allowed, but not required
- Results reported after median follow-up of 5.6 years, RFS reported but OS endpoints not yet met

Sondak et al.: Adjuvant Immunotherapy of Resected, Intermediate-Thickness Node-Negative Melanoma with an Allogeneic Tumor Vaccine. I. Overall Results of a Randomized Trial of the Southwest Oncology Group. J Clin Oncol 2002; 20: 2058-66



Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Multicenter Vaccinia Melanoma Oncolysate Trial

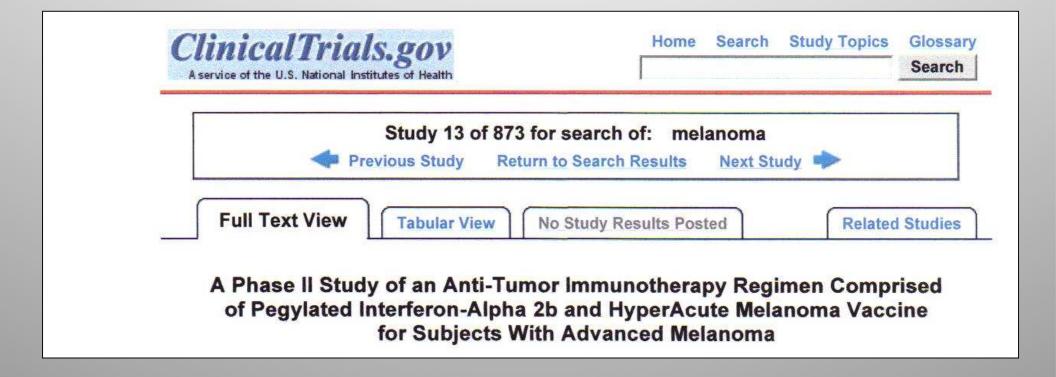
Wallack, Balch, Sivanandham, Urist, Bland, Murray, Robinson, Flaherty, Richards, Bartolucci, Rosen. J Am Coll Surg 1998

- ✓ Polyvalent vaccina melanoma oncolysate developed from 4 cell lines and vaccinia virus
- ✓ Stage III patients randomized to VMO (n=104) vs. control virus (n=113)

#### **Results:**

- ✓ No difference in overall survival or disease-free survival in total group
- ✓ Retrospective subset analysis of pts. with 1-5 nodes (+), b/t the ages of 44-57, showed a survival advantage with VMO

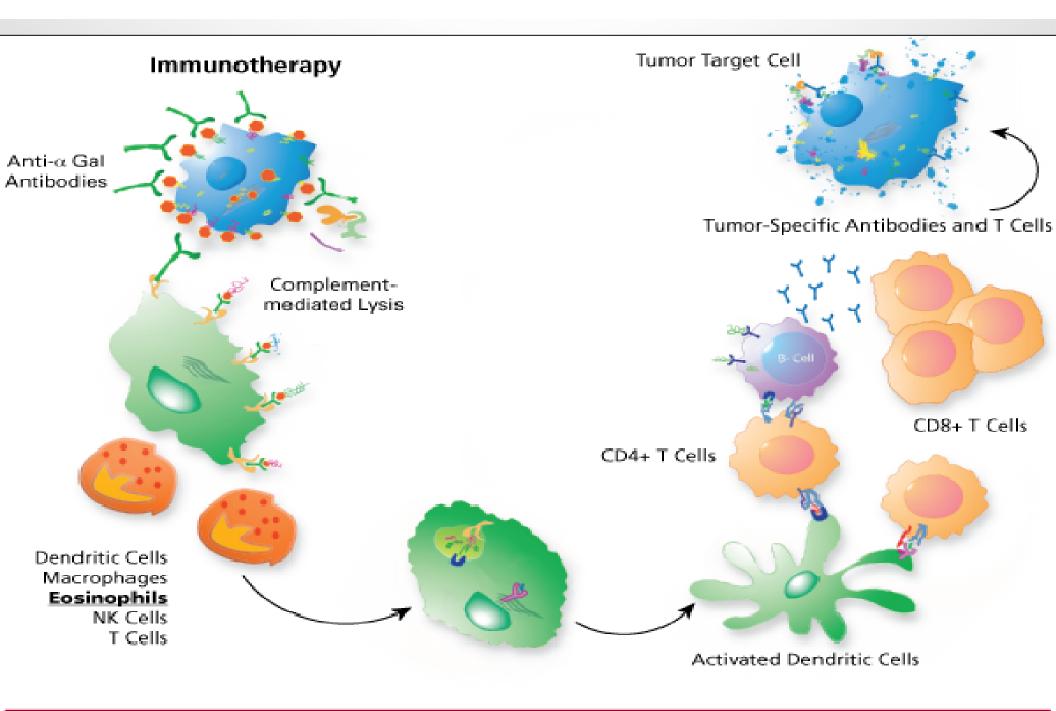
#### A Phase II Clinical Trial of an Anti-Tumor Immunotherapy Regimen Comprised of Pegylated Interferon-Alpha-2b and Dorgenmeltucel-L for Subjects with Advanced Melanoma. Riker et al. 2014, The Ochsner Journal



#### **Dorgenmeltucel-L Vaccine Platform**



- Mixture of irradiated, allogeneic, whole cancer cells
- Genetically modified to add α-(1,3)-galactosyl transferase gene to cell surface antigens
  - Based on mechanism of <u>Hyperacute rejection</u> in xenotransplantation
- Designed to break tolerance and enable longer duration of anti-tumor effect
  - Platform is broadly applicable to multiple cancers
    - Simple to manufacture and QC



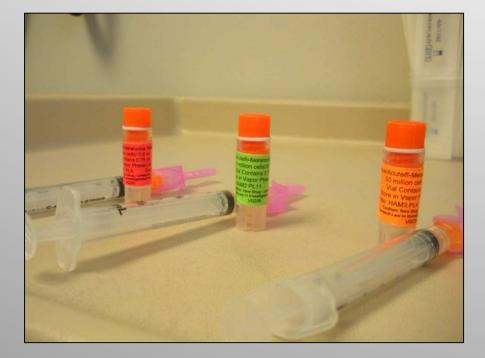


### Thawed and injected (Intradermal) within 30 minutes

### Stored at -170° C



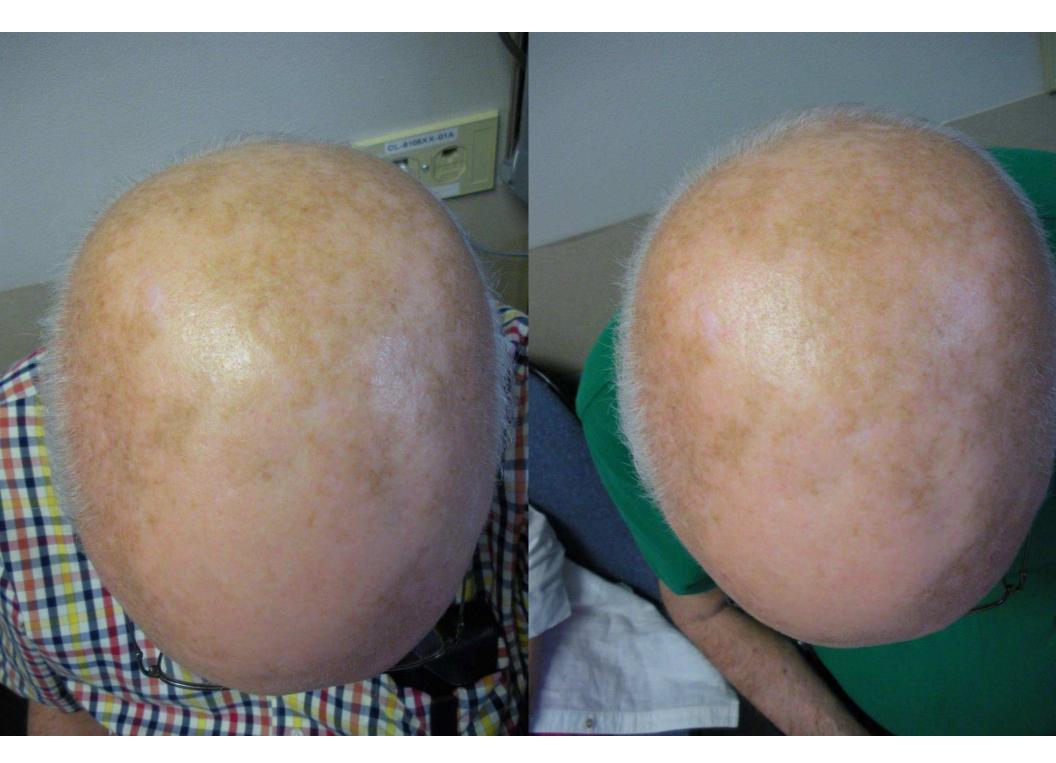
# **Combination Immunotherapy**



# Pegylated Interferon [6 ug/kg]

## **Dorgenmeltucel-L**











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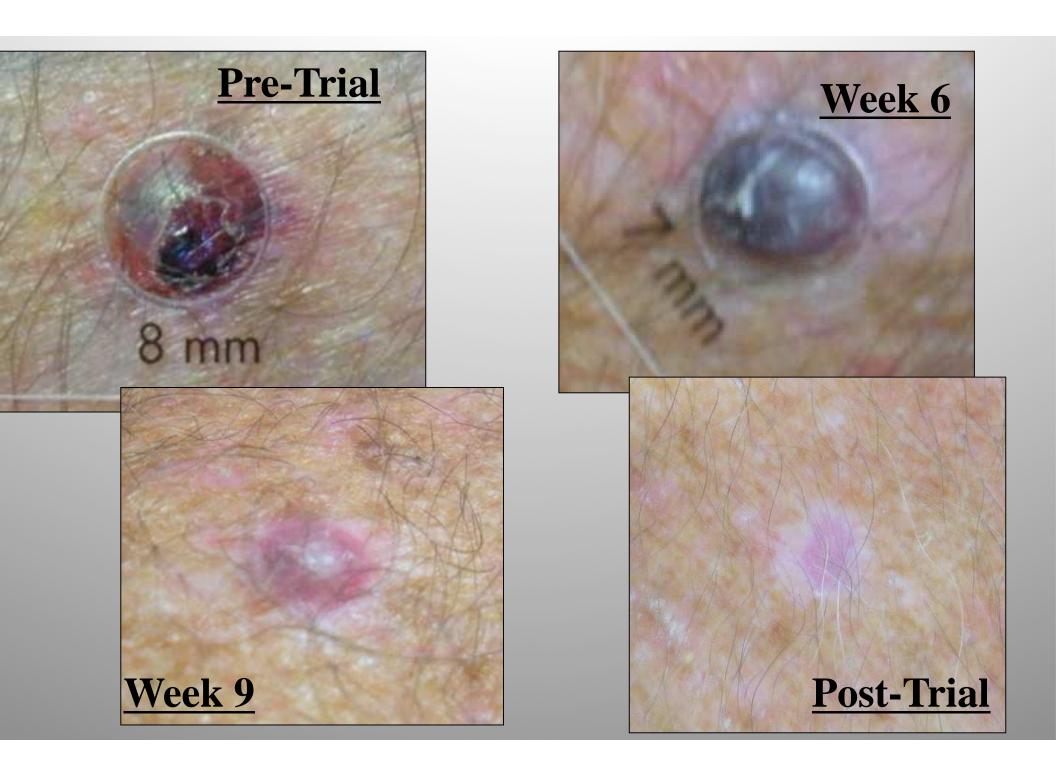
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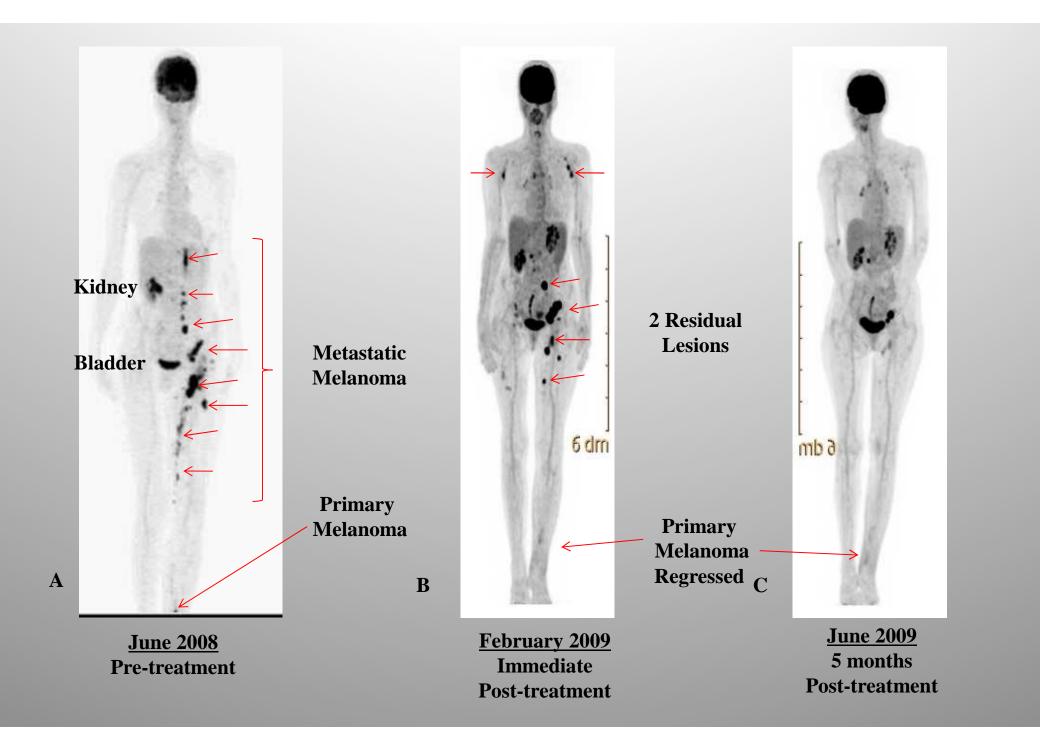
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Patient	Stage at Enrollment in Trial	Clinical Response	Status	Duration o Survival, Months
1	4	CR	Alive	36
2	4	CR	Alive	28
3	4, NED	NED	Alive	26
4	4, NED	NED	Alive	21
5	4, NED	NED	Alive	21
6	4	NED	Alive	12
7	4	SD	Alive	21
8	4	PD	Alive	16
9	4	PD	DOD	9
10	4	PD	DOD	5
11	4	PD	DOD	2
12	4	PD	DOD	29
13	4	PD	DOD	10
14	4	PD	DOD	5
15	4	PD	DOD	16
16	4	PD	DOD	6
17	2C, NED	NED	Alive	30
18	3B, NED	NED	Alive	28
19	3B, NED	NED	Alive	28
20	3B, NED	NED	Alive	18
21	3B, NED	PD	DOD	9
22	3C, NED	PD	DOD	19
23	3B, NED	PD	DOD	11
24	3B, NED	PD	DOD	7
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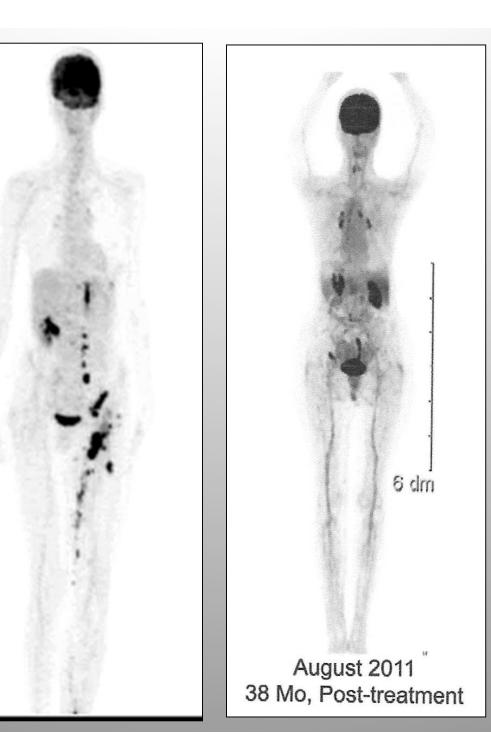
**Table 4. Summary of Clinical Responses Duration** of Response Number of Survival Range, by Stage Patients (%) Months Stage 4 Overall 16 DOD 8 (50) 2 - 29CR 2 (12.5) 28-36 NED 4 (25) 12-26 SD 1 (6.3) 21 PD (alive) 1 (6.3) 16 Stage 2/3 **Overall** 9 DOD 5 (55.5) 2-19 NED 3 (33.3) 18-28  $PD^{a}$ 1 (11.1) 30

CR, complete response; DOD, dying as direct result of disease; NED, no evidence of disease; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease.

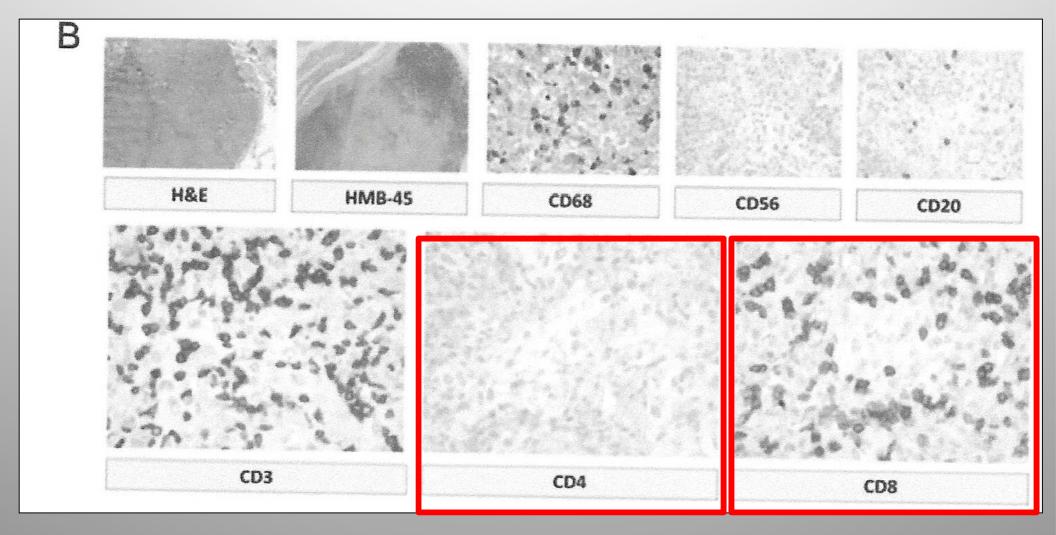




### June 2008 Pre-Treatment



August 2011, 38-months posttreatment



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#### ORIGINAL REPORT

#### Phase I Trial of Interleukin-12 Plasmid Electroporation in Patients With Metastatic Melanoma

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#### A B S T R A C T

#### Purpose

Gene-based immunotherapy for cancer is limited by the lack of safe, efficient, reproducible, and titratable delivery methods. Direct injection of DNA into tissue, although safer than viral vectors, suffers from low gene transfer efficiency. In vivo electroporation, in preclinical models, significantly enhances gene transfer efficiency while retaining the safety advantages of plasmid DNA.

#### **Patients and Methods**

A phase I dose escalation trial of plasmid interleukin (IL)-12 electroporation was carried out in patients with metastatic melanoma. Patients received electroporation on days 1, 5, and 8 during a single 39-day cycle, into metastatic melanoma lesions with six 100- $\mu$ s pulses at a 1,300-V/cm electric field through a penetrating six-electrode array immediately after DNA injection. Pre- and post-treatment biopsies were obtained at defined time points for detailed histologic evaluation and determination of IL-12 protein levels.

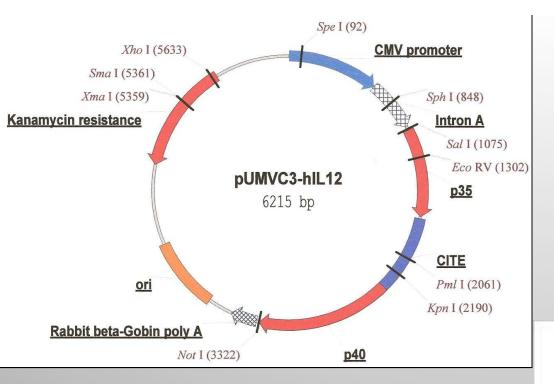
#### Results

Twenty-four patients were treated at seven dose levels, with minimal systemic toxicity. Transient pain after electroporation was the major adverse effect. Post-treatment biopsies showed plasmid dose proportional increases in IL-12 protein levels as well as marked tumor necrosis and lymphocytic infiltrate. Two (10%) of 19 patients with nonelectroporated distant lesions and no other systemic therapy showed complete regression of all metastases, whereas eight additional patients (42%) showed disease stabilization or partial response.

#### Conclusion

This report describes the first human trial, to our knowledge, of gene transfer utilizing in vivo DNA electroporation. The results indicated this modality to be safe, effective, reproducible, and titratable.

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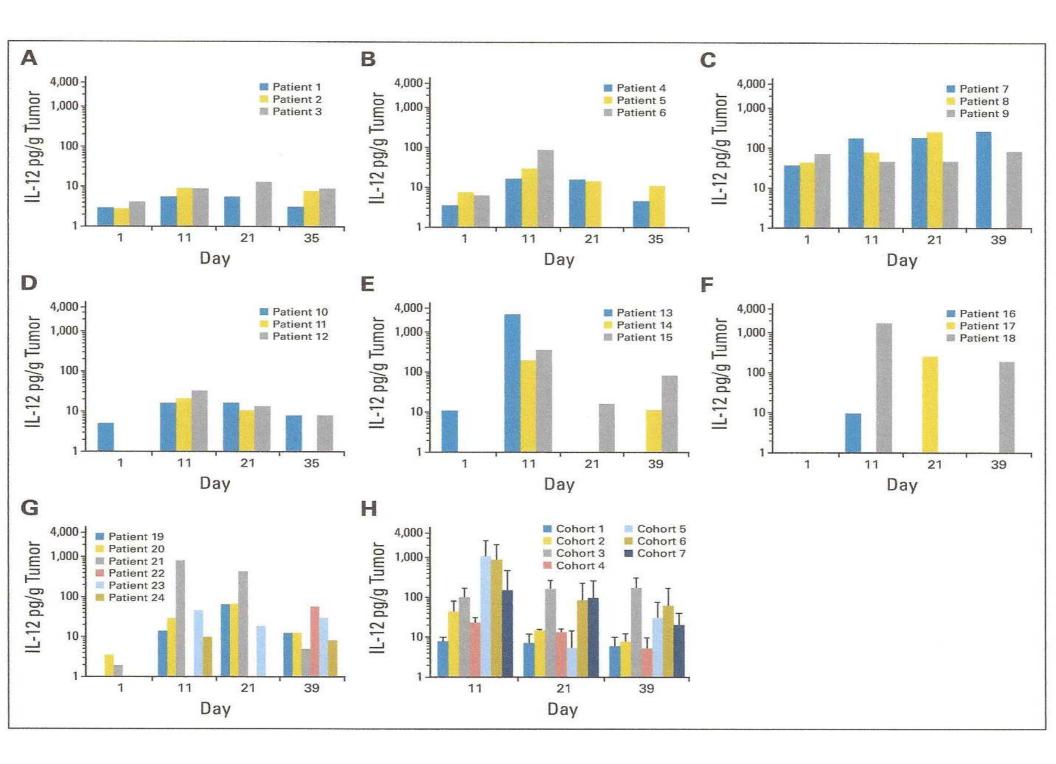
Plasmid Vector: Full-Length Human IL-12 Gene

### Intratumoral Electroporation Device

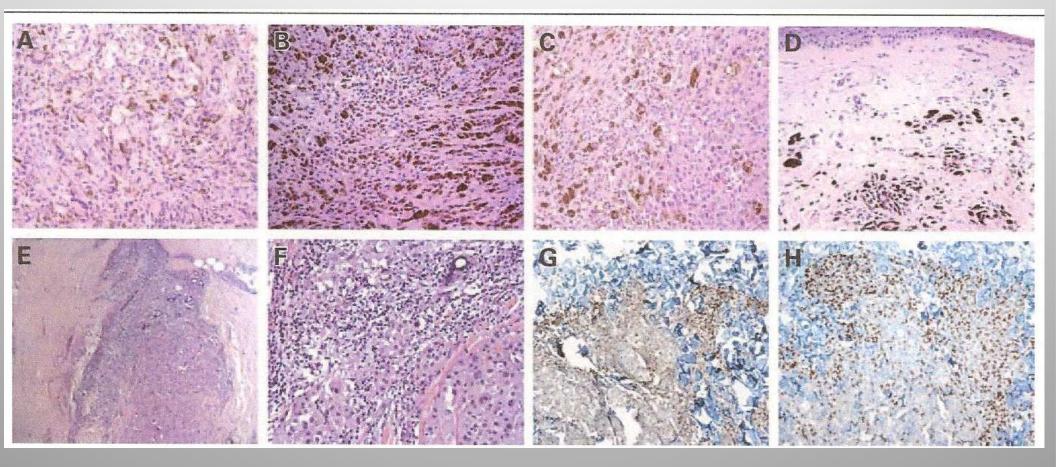


Cohort Pat						IL-12 P	lasmid	Elec	ctroporation		Objective	Response
	Patient	Age	Sex	AJCC Stage	LDH	Concentration (mg/mL)	Lesion Volume (mL)	No.	Site	Distant Disease Sites	Overall Response	Duration (months)
1	1	35	М	IVA	382	0.1	0.56	3	Leg	SQ, LN	PD	APRIL 1
	2	54	M	IVC	927	0.1	3.9	4	Trunk	SQ, LN	PD	
	3	69	M	IVC	923	0.1	4.4	2	Trunk	SQ	PD	
2	4	55	M	IVC	1,974	0.25	4.98	4	Trunk	Multiple sites	PD	
	5	66	М	IVB	368	0.25	4.03	3	Trunk	Multiple sites	SD	4
	6	43	Μ	IVA	483	0.25	2.98	2	Trunk, arm	SQ	PD	
3	7	50	М	IIIC	541	0.5	1.16	4	Trunk, arm	SQ	*	> 18
	8	61	М	IIIC	356	0.5	0.82	4	Leg	SQ	PD	
	9	80	М	IVA	449	0.5	0.13	4	Trunk, arm	SQ	CR	> 20
4	10	68	Μ	IVA	514	1	0.07	3	Trunk	SQ	SD	> 20
	11	64	F	IVC	908	1	1.2	з	Leg	SQ, LN	PD	
	12	70	М	IIIC	370	1	0.96	з	Trunk		PD	
5	13	61	М	IIIC	418	1.6	0.57	4	Arm		PD	
	14	76	F	IIIC	565	1.6	0.27	4	Leg	SQ	CR	> 16
	15	83	М	IIIC	465	1.6	0.04	4	Arm	SQ	PD	
6	16	56	М	IIIC	400	1.6	FV	4	Trunk	SQ	SD	4
	17	79	F	IIIB	470	1.6	FV	3	Leg		SD	>4
	18	56	F	IIIC	584	1.6	FV	4	Leg	SQ	PD	
7	19	72	М	IIIC	507	1.6	FV	2	Leg	LN	PD	
	20	41	М	IIIB	433	1.6	FV	4	Leg		SD	4
	21	26	M	IVA	358	1.6	FV	4	Leg	SQ	SD	4
	22	62	М	IVA	480	1.6	FV	2	Trunk	SQ	PD	
	23	85	М	IVA	572	1.6	FV	4	Leg	SQ, LN	SD	> 6
	24	63	М	IVC	1,380	1.6	FV	3	Neck	Liver, lung	PD	

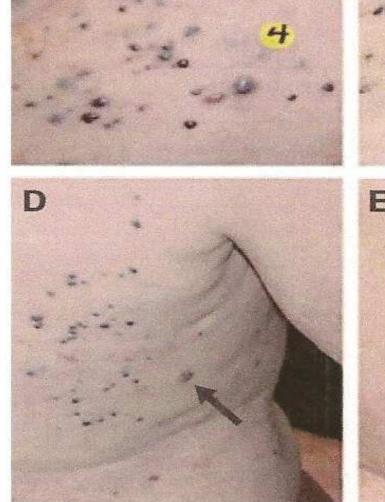
Abbreviations: AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; IL, interleukin; lesion volume, cumulative volume of lesions treated; M, male; SQ, subcutaneous; LN, lymph node; PD, progressive disease; F, female; SD, stable disease; CR, complete response; FV, fixed volume; em, no distant disease. \*Patient 7, overall response was a CR 5 after following treatment with plasmid IL-12 delivered with electroporation; however, the patient was treated with dacarbazine after completion of the IL-12 study and before the CR. Therefore, the response can not be definitively attributed to either therapy.



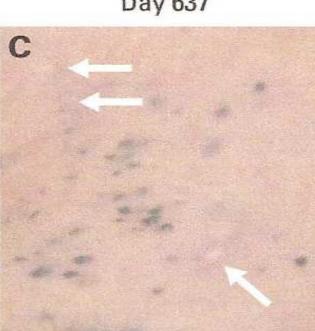
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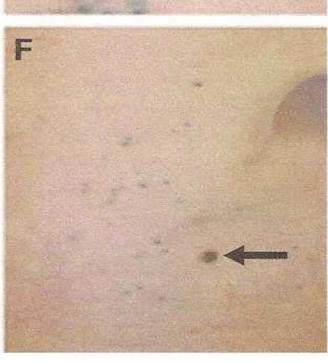


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# Right Front Chest Wall

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# <u>Talimogene</u> <u>Laherparepvec</u>

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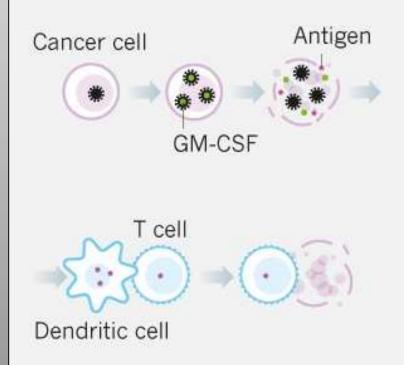
# **GOING VIRAL AGAINST CANCER**

The virus-based cancer therapy T-VEC infects tumour cells and destroys them by stimulating the immune system to direct an attack against malignant cells in the body.

Healthy cell



T-VEC enters but cannot replicate in normal cells.



T-VEC destroys malignant cells directly, releasing the protein GM-CSF and antigens that enable the immune system to target cancerous cells nearby and throughout the body.

GM-CSF attracts dendritic cells, which present tumour antigens to the immune system's T cells, programming them to destroy cancer cells throughout the body.

# Overall Response <u>Rate:</u>

## 26.4% in T-VEC arm vs. 5.7% in the GM-CSF arm

### Median Overall Survival

## 23.3 months in T-VEC vs. 18.9 months in the GM-CSF group

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#### Talimogene Laherparepvec Improves Durable Response Rate in Patients With Advanced Melanoma

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#### A B S T R A C T

#### Purpose

Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) is a herpes simplex virus type 1-derived oncolytic immunotherapy designed to selectively replicate within tumors and produce granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) to enhance systemic antitumor immune responses. T-VEC was compared with GM-CSF in patients with unresected stage IIIB to IV melanoma in a randomized open-label phase III trial.

#### **Patients and Methods**

Patients with injectable melanoma that was not surgically resectable were randomly assigned at a two-to-one ratio to intralesional T-VEC or subcutaneous GM-CSF. The primary end point was durable response rate (DRR; objective response lasting continuously  $\geq$  6 months) per independent assessment. Key secondary end points included overall survival (OS) and overall response rate.

#### Results

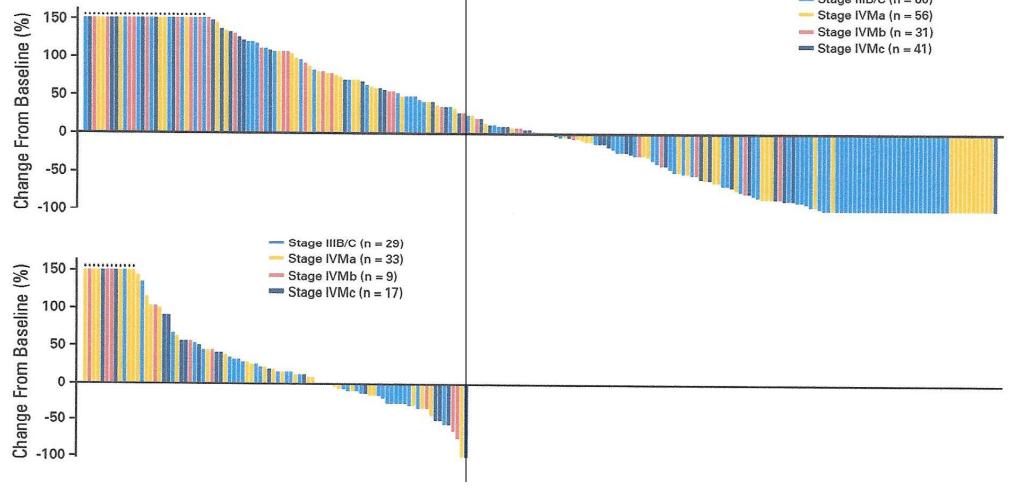
Among 436 patients randomly assigned, DRR was significantly higher with T-VEC (16.3%; 95% CI, 12.1% to 20.5%) than GM-CSF (2.1%; 95% CI, 0% to 4.5%]; odds ratio, 8.9; P < .001). Overall response rate was also higher in the T-VEC arm (26.4%; 95% CI, 21.4% to 31.5% v 5.7%; 95% CI, 1.9% to 9.5%). Median OS was 23.3 months (95% CI, 19.5 to 29.6 months) with T-VEC and 18.9 months (95% CI, 16.0 to 23.7 months) with GM-CSF (hazard ratio, 0.79; 95% CI, 0.62 to 1.00; P = .051). T-VEC efficacy was most pronounced in patients with stage IIIB, IIIC, or IVM1a disease and in patients with treatment-naive disease. The most common adverse events (AEs) with T-VEC were fatigue, chills, and pyrexia. The only grade 3 or 4 AE occurring in  $\ge$  2% of T-VEC-treated patients was cellulitis (2.1%). No fatal treatment-related AEs occurred.

#### Conclusion

T-VEC is the first oncolytic immunotherapy to demonstrate therapeutic benefit against melanoma in a phase III clinical trial. T-VEC was well tolerated and resulted in a higher DRR (P < .001) and longer median OS (P = .051), particularly in untreated patients or those with stage IIIB, IIIC, or IVM1a disease. T-VEC represents a novel potential therapy for patients with metastatic melanoma.

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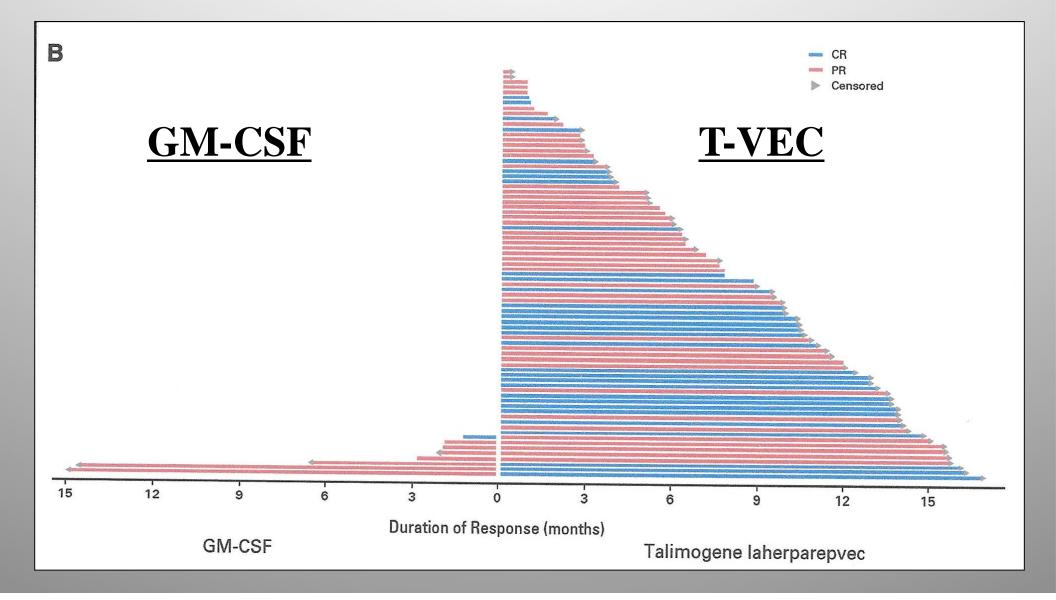
# **Change from Baseline GM-CSF T-VEC** Stage IIIB/C (n = 80) Stage IVMa (n = 56)



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# **Duration of Response [Months]**



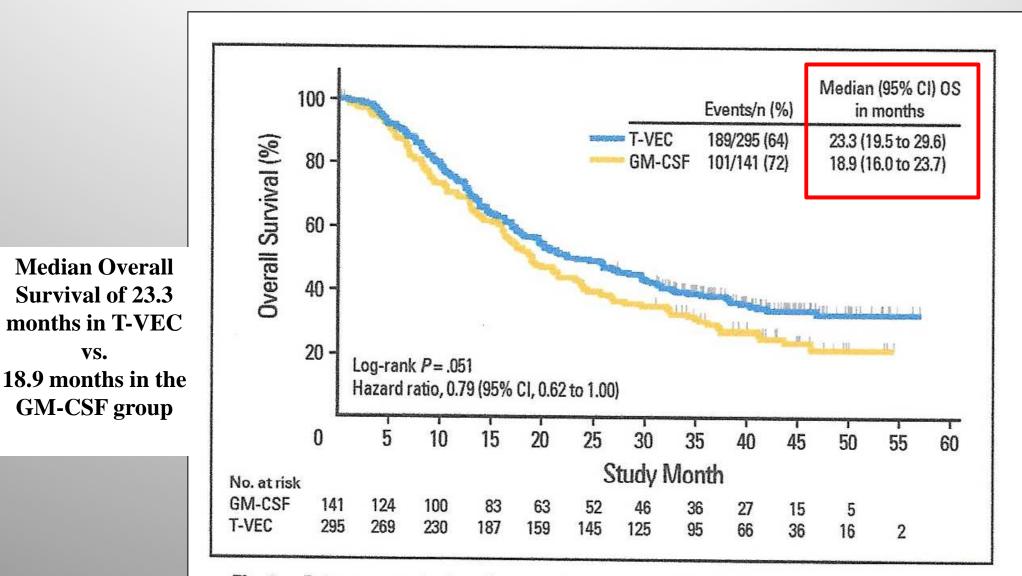
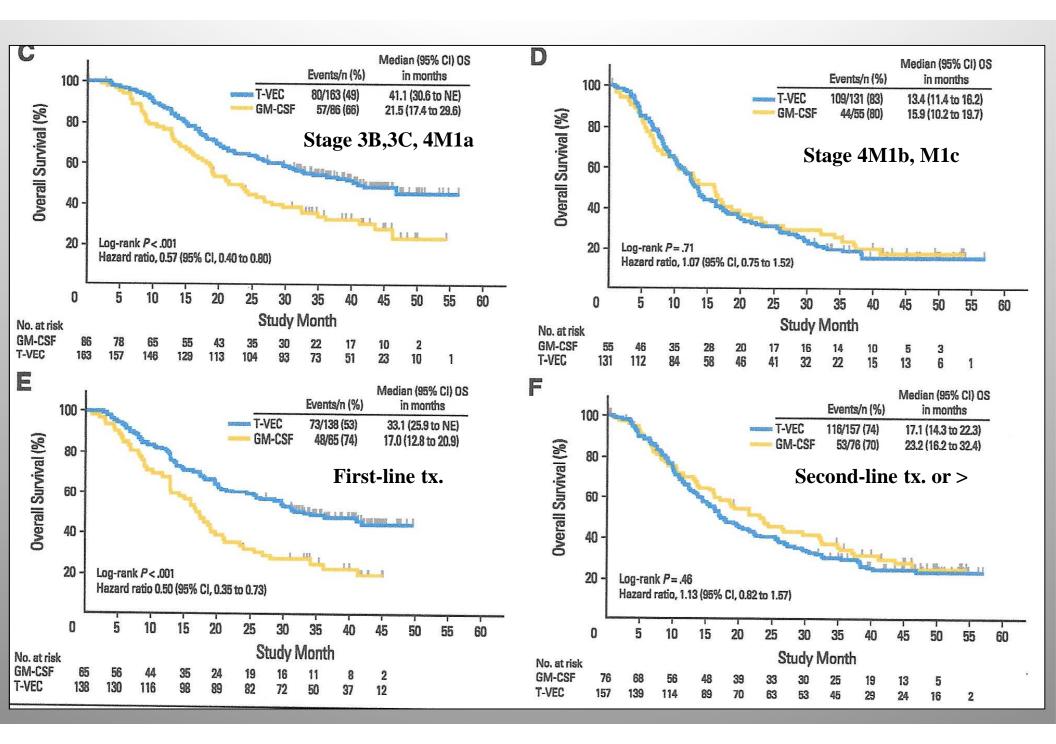


Fig 3. Primary analysis of overall survival (OS) in intent-to-treat population. GM-CSF, granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor; T-VEC, talimogene laherparepvec.

# Durable Response Rate

# **Overall Survival**

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	Favors GM-CSF	Favors T-VEC						Favors GM-CSF	Favors T-VEC			
	N	1	GM-CSF	T-VEC	Diff.	95% CI			1	HR	95% CI	
All randomly assigned	436	<b>⊢</b>	2.1	16.3	14.1	8.2 to 19.2				0.79	0.62 to 1.00	
Disease stage*† IIIB/IIIC	131		- 0.0	33.0	33.0	19.1 to 43.9				0.48	0.29 to 0.80	
IVM1a	118	<b> </b>	2.3	16.0	13.7	0.2 to 24.6		ŀ		0.67	0.42 to 1.07	
IVM1b	90	<b>∮</b> −− <b>1</b>	3.8	3.1	-0.7	-18.6 to 8.7				1.06	0.63 to 1.79	
IVM1c	96		3.4	7.5	4.0	-12.8 to 14.3		<del>-</del>		1.08	0.67 to 1.74	
Line of therapy* First line Second line or greater	203 233  -	 	0.0 3.9	23.9 9.6	23.9 5.6	14.3 to 32.1 -3.2 to 12.3				0.50 1.13	0.35 to 0.73 0.82 to 1.57	
Sex Male Female	250 186	 	2.6 1.6	16.8 15.6	14.2 14.0	5.3 to 21.1 4.2 to 22.1		ŀ		0.79 0.79	0.57 to 1.09 0.54 to 1.14	
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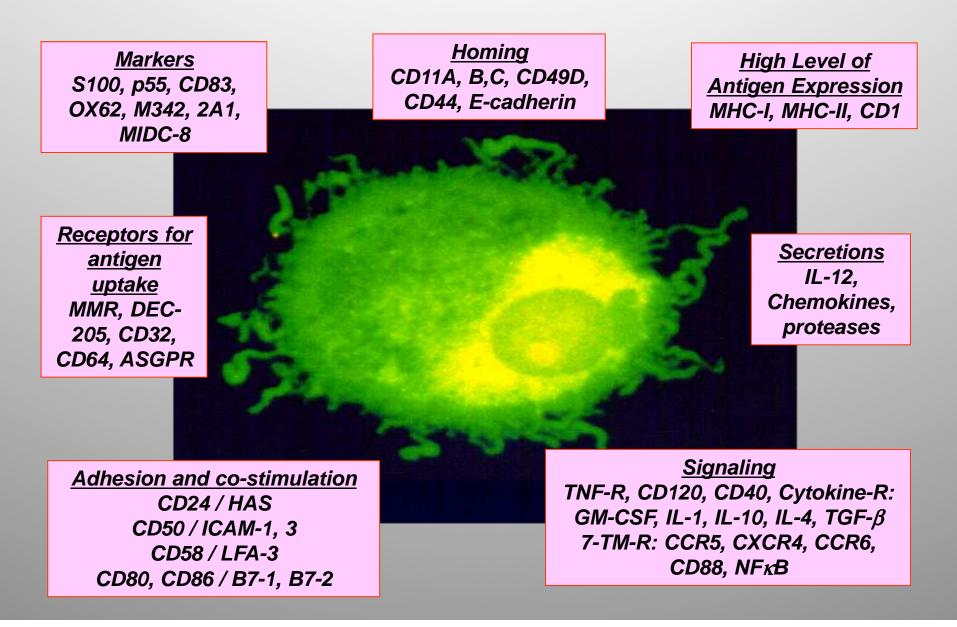
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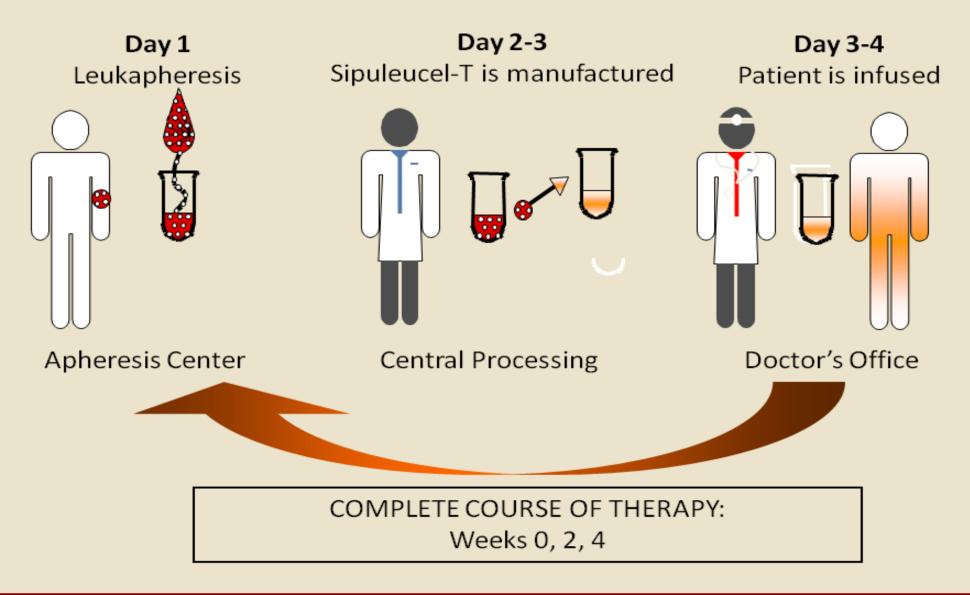
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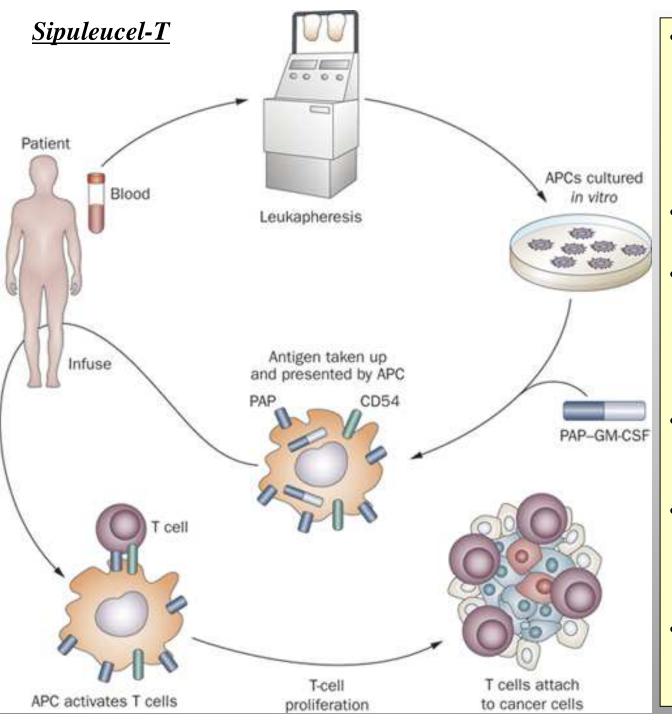
FDA Approves First-in-Class Oncolytic Virus Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

# **The Ultimate Antigen Presenting Cell**



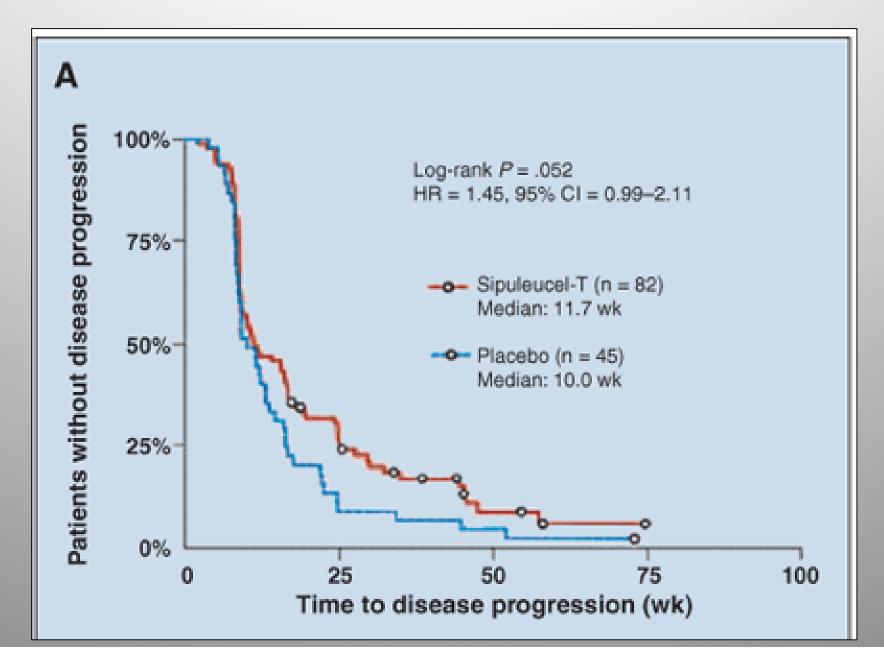
# Immune-based therapy: Sipuleucel-T





- Double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 trial evaluating supuleucel-T in <u>men with</u> <u>asymptomatic, metastatic</u> <u>androgen-independent prostate</u> <u>cancer</u>.
- Significantly improved survival compared to placebo.
- <u>Improvement of 4.5 months</u> median survival and a greater than 3-fold increase in survival at 36 months when compared to placebo
- <u>Patients receiving placebo had a</u> <u>relative risk of dying 70% higher</u> <u>than those receiving sipuleucel-T</u>
- 34% of patients receiving sipuleucel-T were alive at 36 months compared to 11% receiving placebo.
- Survival benefit seen with sipuleucel-T was independent of Gleason 's Score

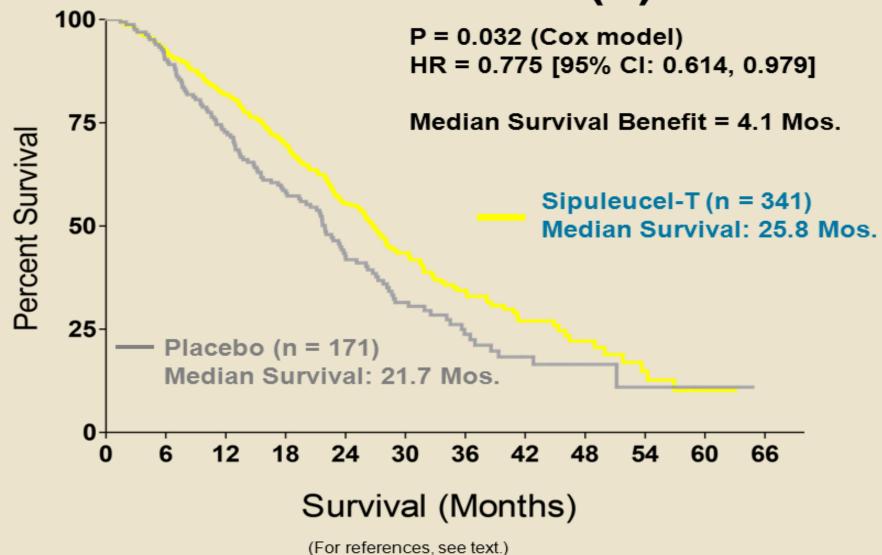
## **Disease-Free Progression** with or without Sipuleucel-T



#### В 100% Log-rank P = .010 HR = 1.71, 95% CI = 1.13-2.58 Median benefit: 4.5 mo 75%-Survival 50% Sipuleucel-T (n = 82) Median: 25.9 wk 25% Placebo (n = 45) Median: 21.4 wk 0%<sup>l</sup> 25 75 50 100 0 Survival time (mo)

# **Overall Survival** with or without Sipuleucel-T

# Sipuleucel-T: Survival Benefit in Phase 3 Trial(s)



# **Optimal Use of Sipuleucel-T**

- Sipuleucel-T is approved for asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer and a rising PSA level.
- It should not be used in patients with a life expectancy of < 6 to 9 months, and after chemotherapy should be considered only in select patients.
- Consider the vaccine early in the course of advanced prostate cancer.

# FDA Approval April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

# **Dendritic Cell-Based Immunotherapy for** <u>Metastatic Melanoma</u>

Schadendorf D, Nestle FO, Broecker EB, Enk A, Grabbe S, Ugurel S, Edler L, Schuler G, DeCOG-DC Study Group. Dacarbacine (DTIC) versus vaccination with autologous peptide-pulsed dendritic cells (DC) as first-line treatment of patients with metastatic melanoma: Results of a prospective-randomized phase III study Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2004 ASCO Annual Meeting Proceedings (Post-Meeting Edition). Vol 22, No 14S (July 15 Supplement), 2004: 7508

• German Dendritic Cell Study Group: Prospective, randomized phase III clinical trial of autologous <u>peptide-pulsed DC-based</u> vaccine in patients with stage IV melanoma compared to standard chemotherapy with DTIC alone

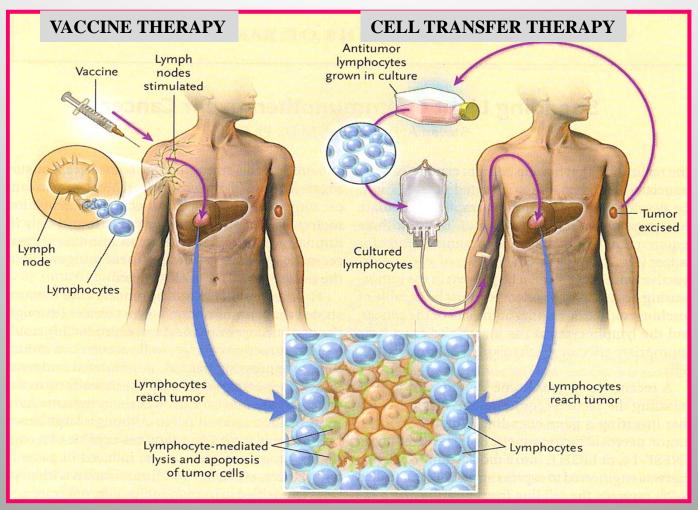
#### **Response Rates**

DC vaccine group = 3.8% TTP=2.8
 DTIC alone = 5.5% TTP=3.2

OS=9 months OS=11 months

• No statistically significant differences noted in response, toxicity, overall and progression-free survival between groups

# **TWO MAIN APPROACHES TO TUMOR IMMUNOTHERAPY**



#### **THREE PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE TREATMENT:**

- **1.** There must be a sufficient number of lymphocytes that recognize the tumor
  - 2. These lymphocytes must reach the tumor
  - 3. Once there, they must be able to destroy established tumor

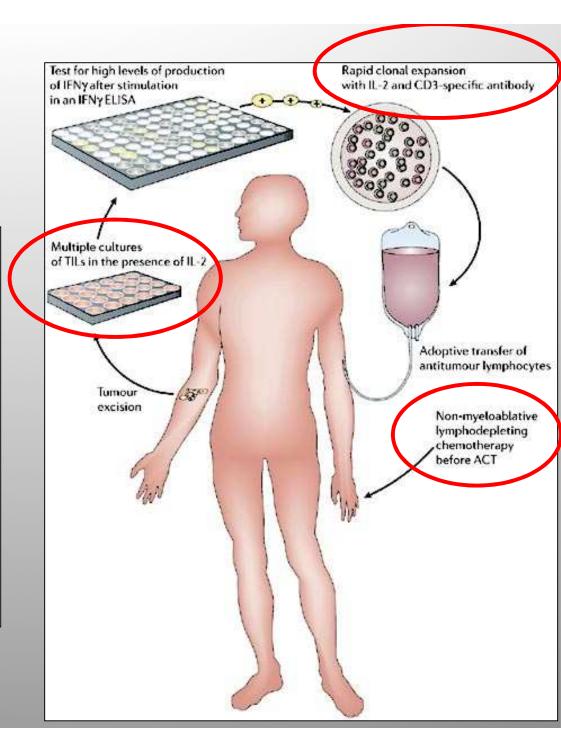
# Concept of Adoptive Immunotherapy

#### Cancer Regression and Autoimmunity in Patients After Clonal Repopulation with Antitumor Lymphocytes

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We report here the adoptive transfer, to patients with metastatic melanoma, of highly selected tumor-reactive T cells directed against overexpressed self-derived differentiation antigens after a nonmyeloablative conditioning regimen. This approach resulted in the persistent clonal repopulation of T cells in those cancer patients, with the transferred cells proliferating in vivo, displaying functional activity, and trafficking to tumor sites. This led to regression of the patients' metastatic melanoma as well as to the onset of autoimmune melanocyte destruction. This approach presents new possibilities for the treatment of patients with cancer as well as patients with human immunodeficiency virus-related acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and other infectious diseases.

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Patient	Age/sex	Cells infused <sup>†</sup> (x10 <sup>-10</sup> )	CD4/CD8 phenotype <sup>‡</sup> (%)	Antigen specificity <sup>§</sup>	IL-2 (doses)	Sites of evaluable metastases	Response duration (months)	Auto- immunity
1	18/M	2.3	11/39	Other	9	lymph nodes (axillary, mesenteric, pelvic)	PR (21+)	None
2	30/F	3.5	83/15	MART-1, gp100	8	cutaneous, subcutaneous	PR (8)	Vitiligo
3	43/F	4.0	44/58	gp100	5	brain, cutaneous, liver, lung	NR	None
4	57/F	3.4	56/52	gp100	9	cutaneous, subcutaneous	PR (2)	None
5	53/M	3.0	16/85	Other	7	brain, lung, lymph nodes	NR-mixed	None
6	37/F	9.2	65/35	Other	6	lung, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous	PR (12+)	None
7	44/M	12.3	61/41	MART-1	7	lymph nodes, subcutaneous	NR-mixed	Vitiligo
8	48/M	9.5	48/52	gp100	12	subcutaneous	NR	None
9	57/M	9.6	84/13	MART-1	10	cutaneous, subcutaneous	PR (8+)	Vitiligo
10	55/M	10.7	96/2	MART-1	12	lymph nodes, cutaneous, subcutaneous	$\geq$	Uveitis
11	29/M	13.0	96/3	MART-1	12	liver, pericardial, subcutaneous	NR-mixed	Vitiligo
12	37/F	13.7	72/24	MART-1	11	liver, lung, gallbladder, lymph nodes	NR-mixed	None
13	41/F	7.7	92/8	MART-1	11	subcutaneous	NR	None

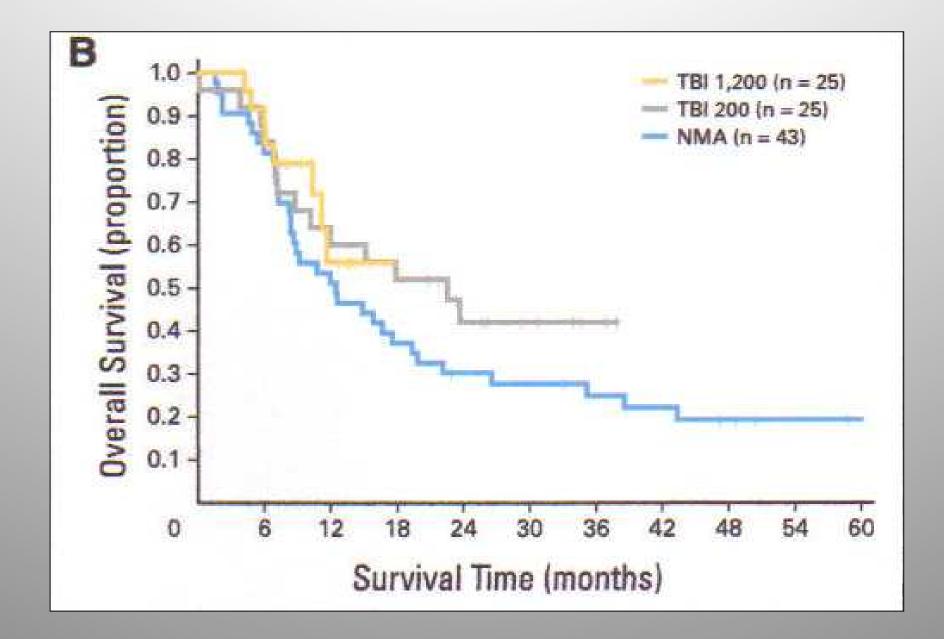
Cancer regression in patients with metastatic melanoma after the transfer of autologous anti-tumor lymphocytes. Rosenberg SA, Dudley ME, *Proc Natl Acad Sci., September 20th , 2004* 

- Autologous cell transfer after lymphodepleting chemotherapy
- <u>Eighteen of 35 patients (51.4%)</u> treated with tumor-reactive lymphocyte cultures with objective clinical response (>50% reduction in tumor)
- <u>4 complete responders (11.4%)</u>
- Tumor regression was accompanied by a large *in vivo* expansion of the administered anti-tumor lymphocytes (ATL)
- ATL persisted in peripheral blood <u>at >70% of total</u> <u>lymphocytes</u> for many months after transfer
- ATL consisted of heterogeneous lymphocyte populations with <u>high avidity for tumor antigens, derived from tumor-</u> <u>infiltrating lymphocytes</u>

## Adoptive Cell Therapy for Patients With Metastatic Melanoma: Evaluation of Intensive Myeloablative Chemoradiation Preparative Regimens

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Ablative (200cGy)		Cy Flu	Cy Flu	Flu	Fiu	Flu	TBI	TIL	IL-2 IL-2 CD34		52%
Ablative (1,200cGy)	Cy Flu	Cy Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu TBI	тві	TBI	TIL	IL-2 IL-2 CD34+	IL-2	72 %



TBI	Total No. of	-	PR							
	Patients	No.	%	Duration (months)						
None*	43	17	39.5	64+, 32+, 20+, 29, 28, 14, 13, 11, 8, 8, 7, 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2						
2 Gy	25	11	44.0	33+, 29+, 23+, 14, 10, 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3						
12 Gy	25	14	56.0	14+, 13+, 10+, 7+, 7+, 7+, 6+, 6+, 4+, 7, 6, 6, 4, 3						

	_	OR			
No.	%	Duration (months)	No.	%	
4	9.3	63+, 58+, 48+, 47+	21	48.8	
2	8.0	37+, 25+	13	52.0	
4	16.0	17+, 15+, 13+, 8+	18	72.0	

esponse; TIL, tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes.

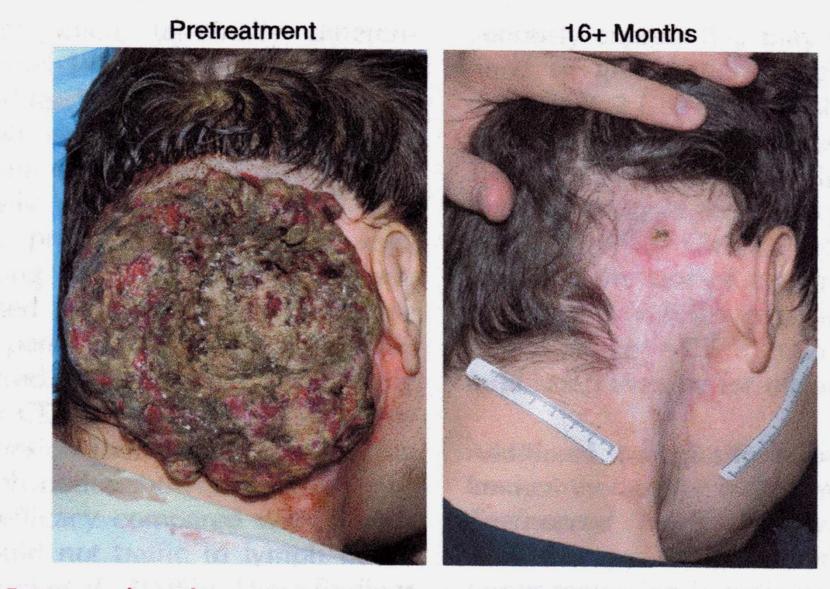


Figure 3. Response of a melanoma tumor to a lymphodepleting chemotherapy regimen combined with adoptive transfer of tumor-infiltrating T cells (Dudley *et al.*, 2002a). (photo courtesy of Dr Steven A. Rosenberg, Surgery Branch, NCI).

# **In Conclusion**

- The immunotherapy of cancer has dramatically changed the way we treat cancer patients today
- There is proof of principle that our own immune systems can become specifically activated to attack and destroy cancer cells
- The bodies immune system is powerful, against cancer, when properly activated
- There will certainly be more advances in the near future, with improved treatment options that are based upon activating our immune systems

