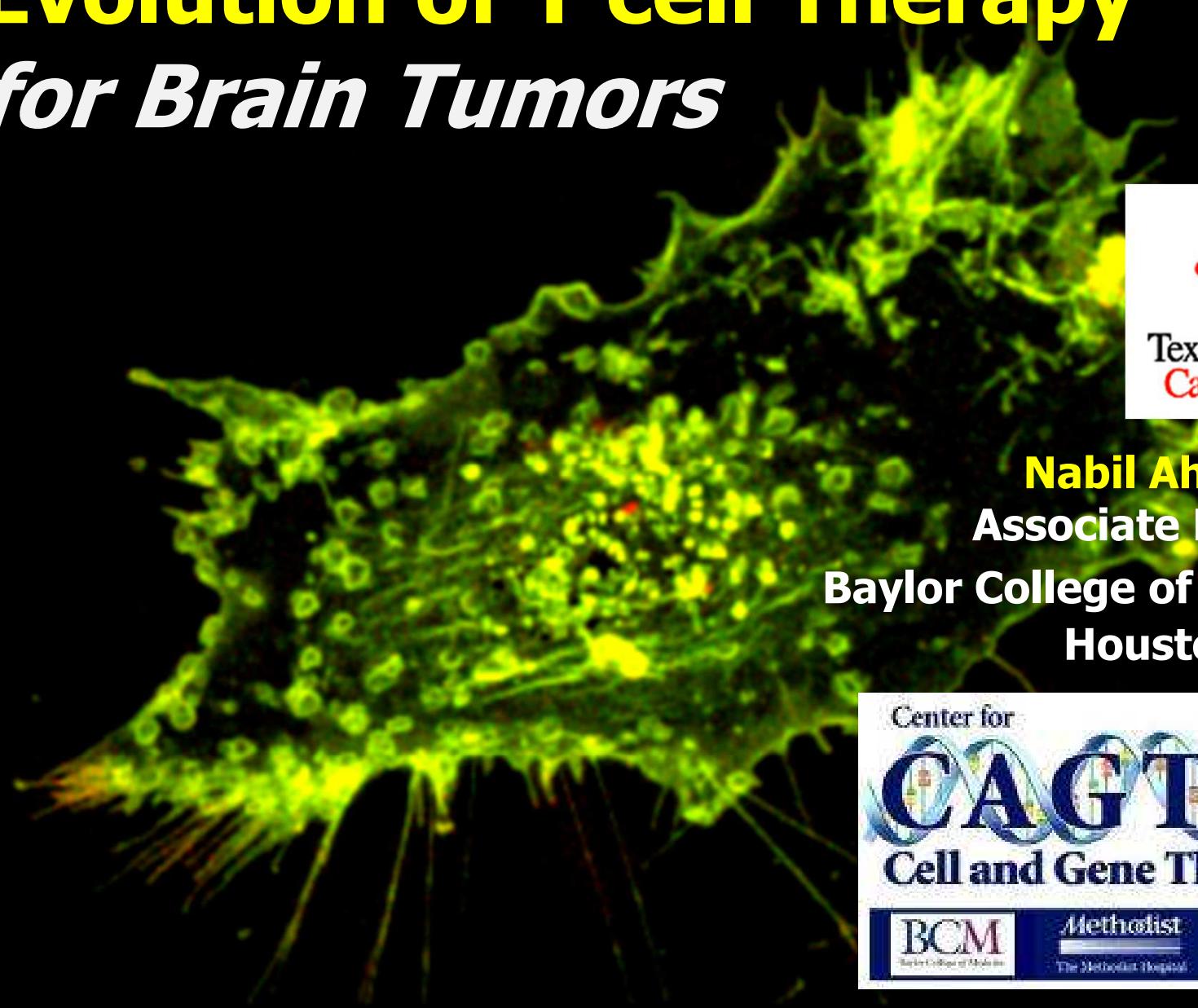


Evolution of T cell Therapy for Brain Tumors



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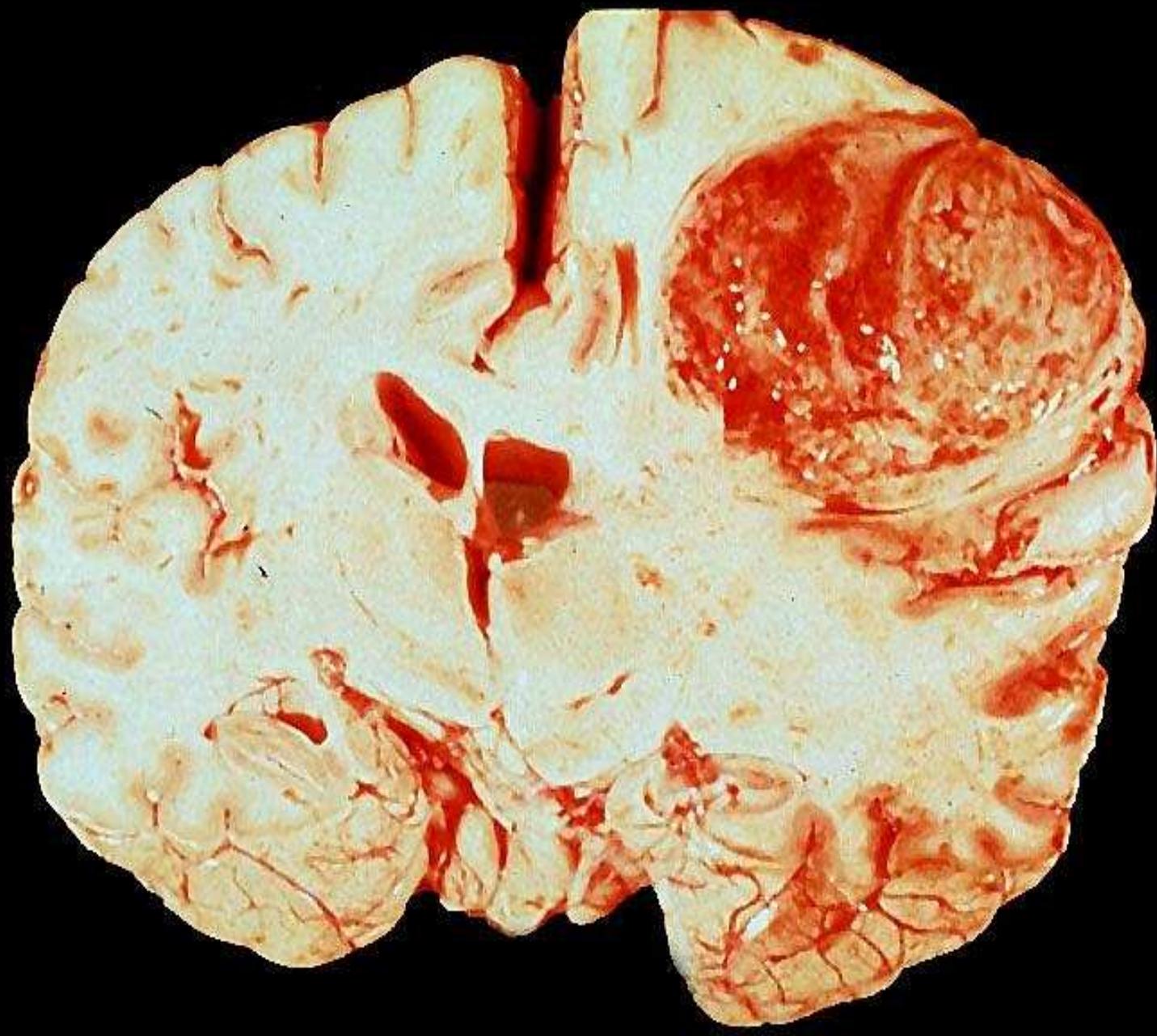
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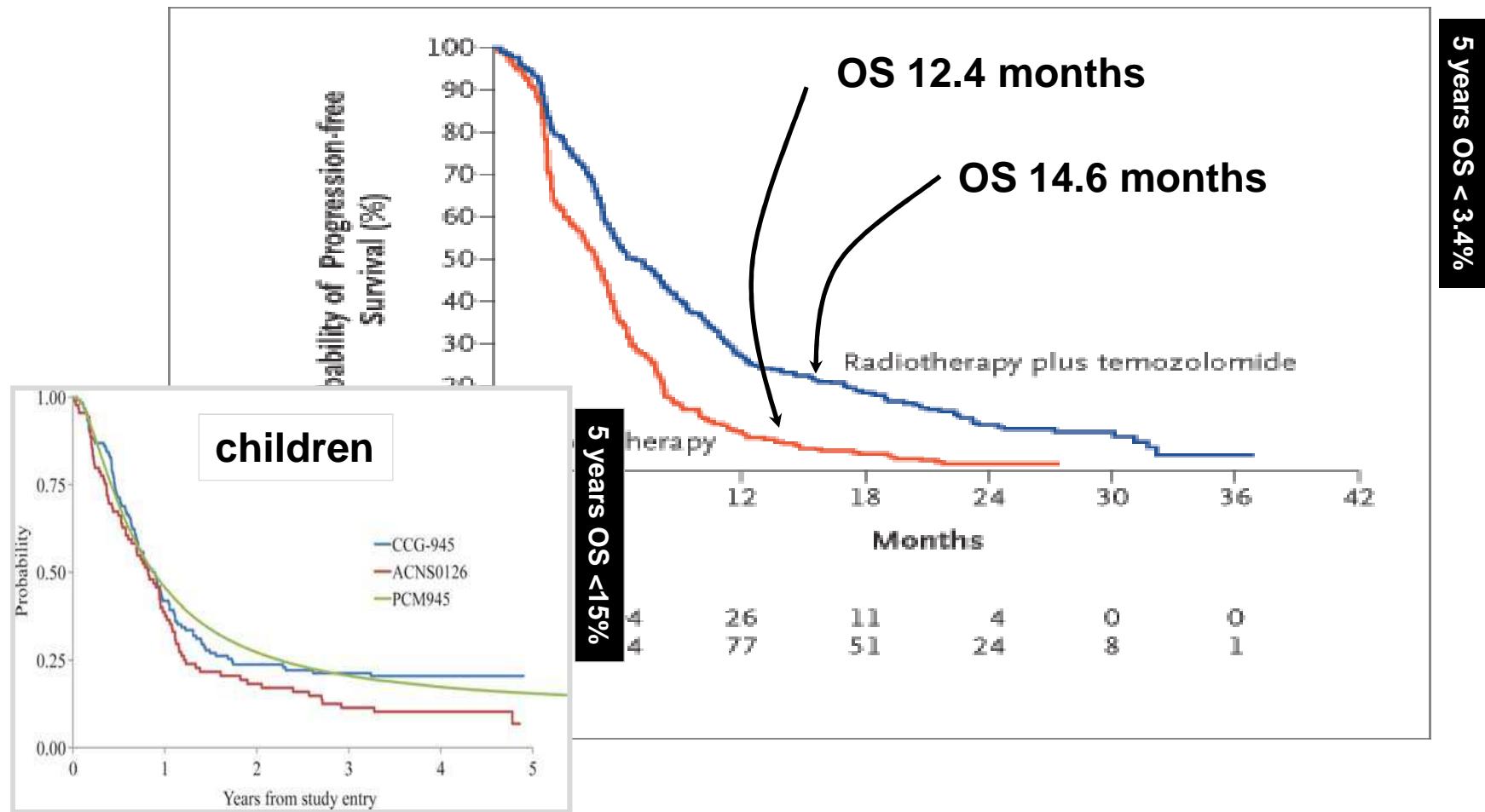
HER2 CAR T cells in GBM

PRECLINICAL

- *Antigen Escape*
- *Broad Spectrum T cell products*



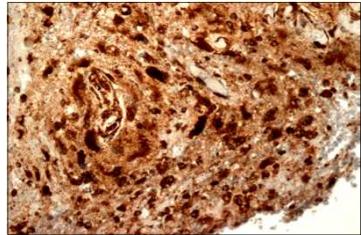
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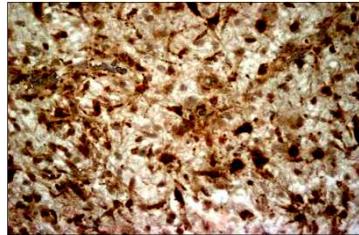
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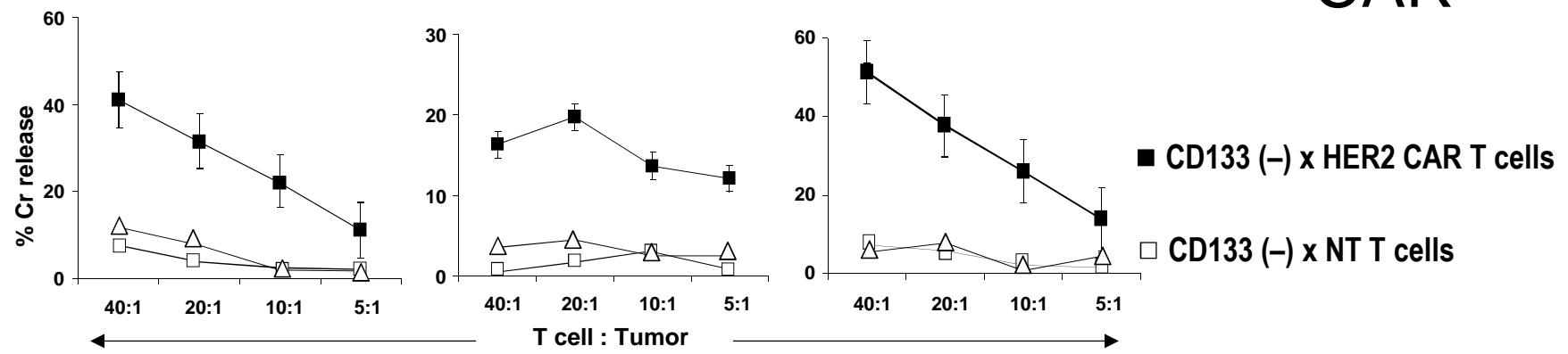
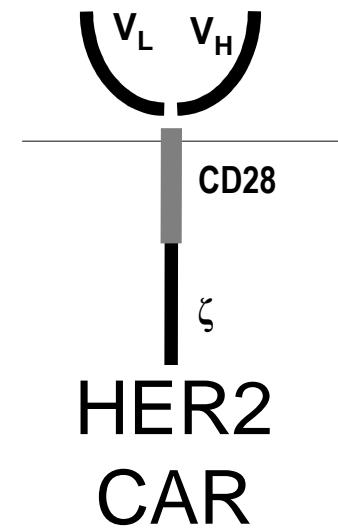
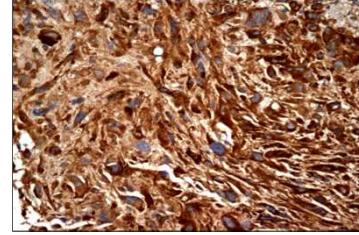
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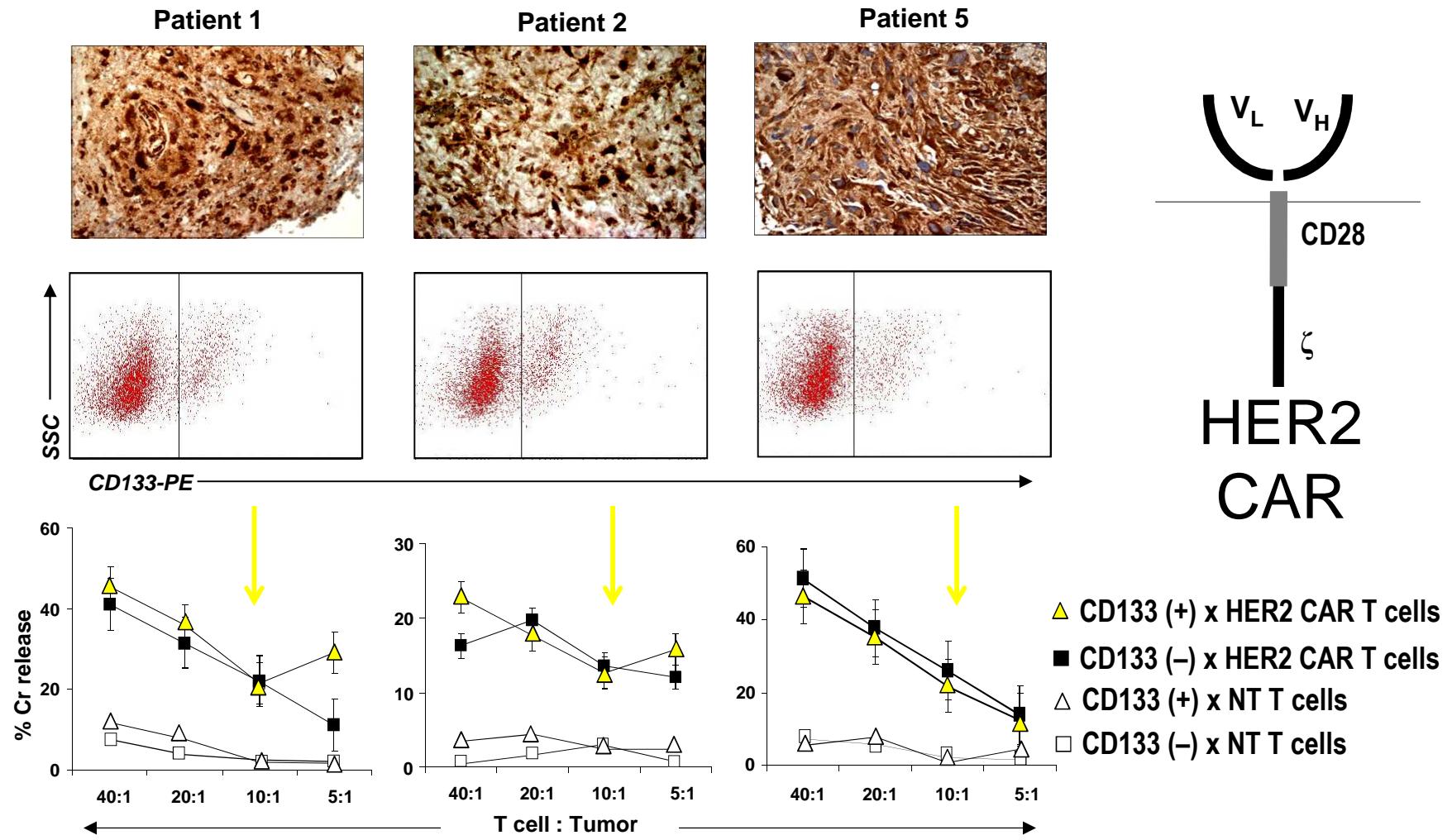
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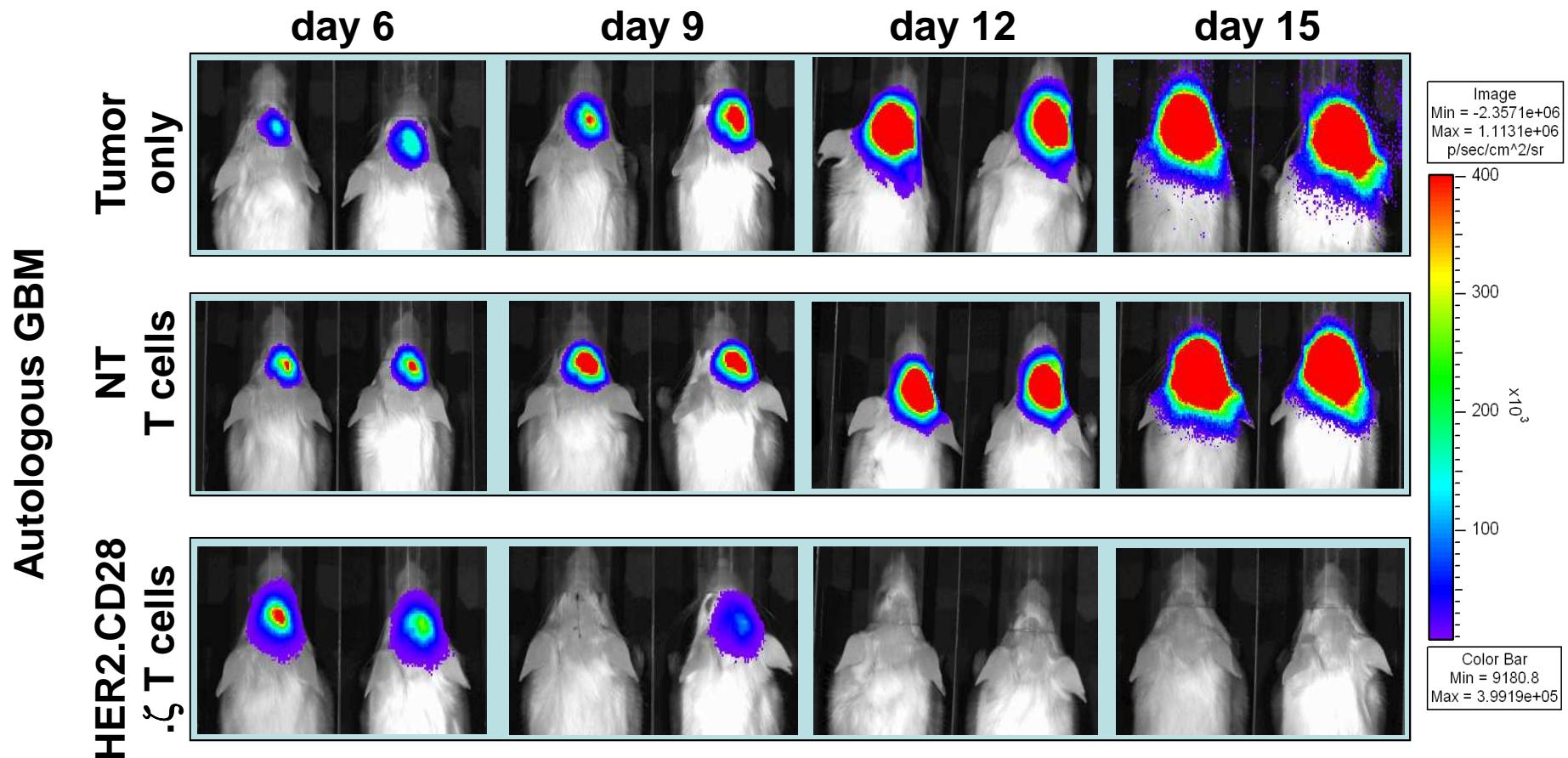
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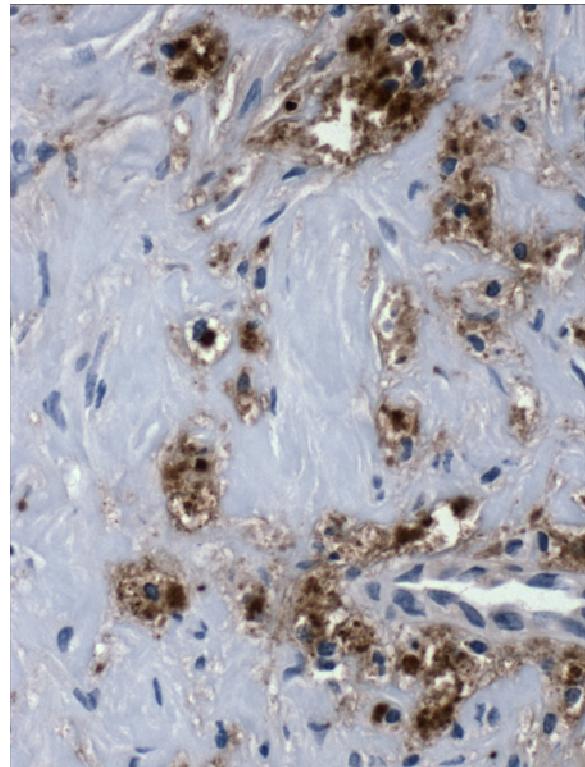
Regression of Autologous GBM



CMV and GBM

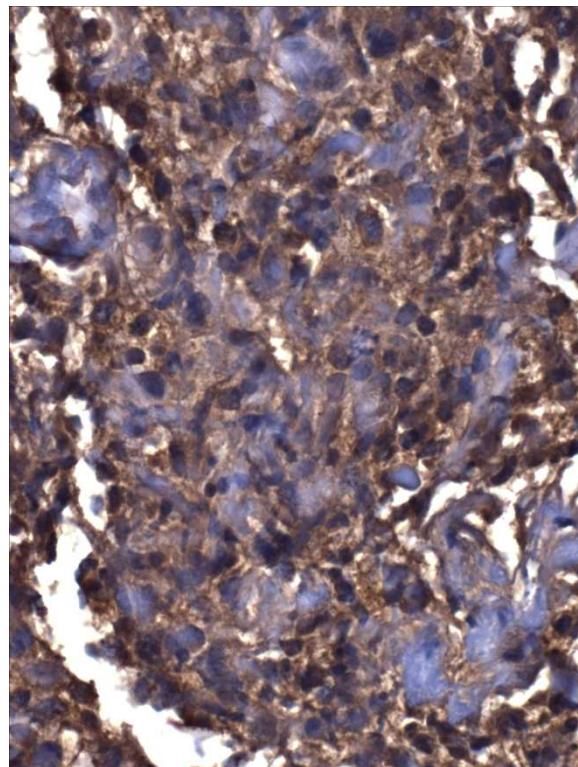
An Evolving Relationship

CMV pp65



11/22 (50%)

CMV IE1-72



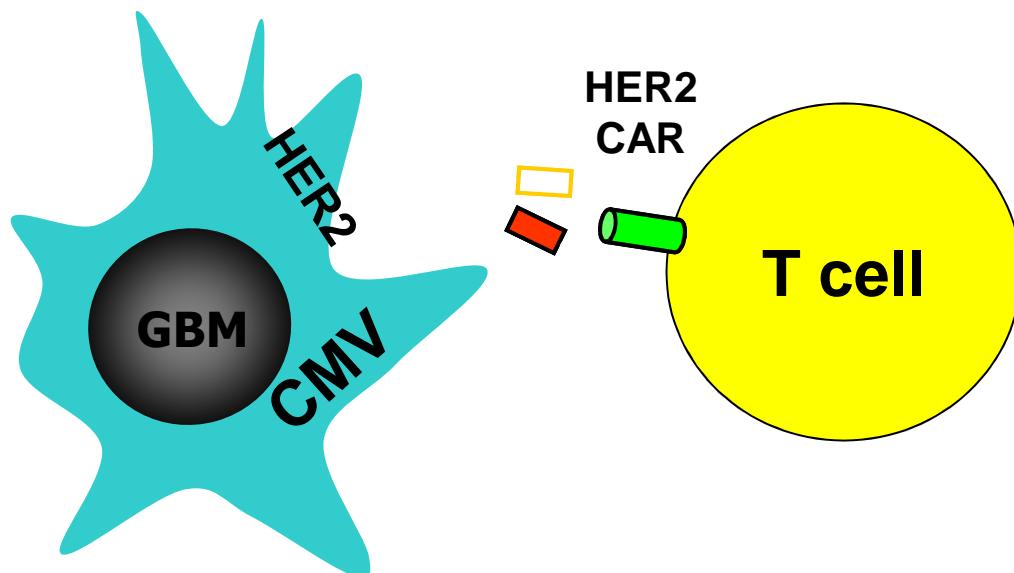
19/22 (86%)

+ CMV pp65

+ CMV IE1-72

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Ghazi. J ImmRx 2012; Pediatric data by **Corder et al** (in review)

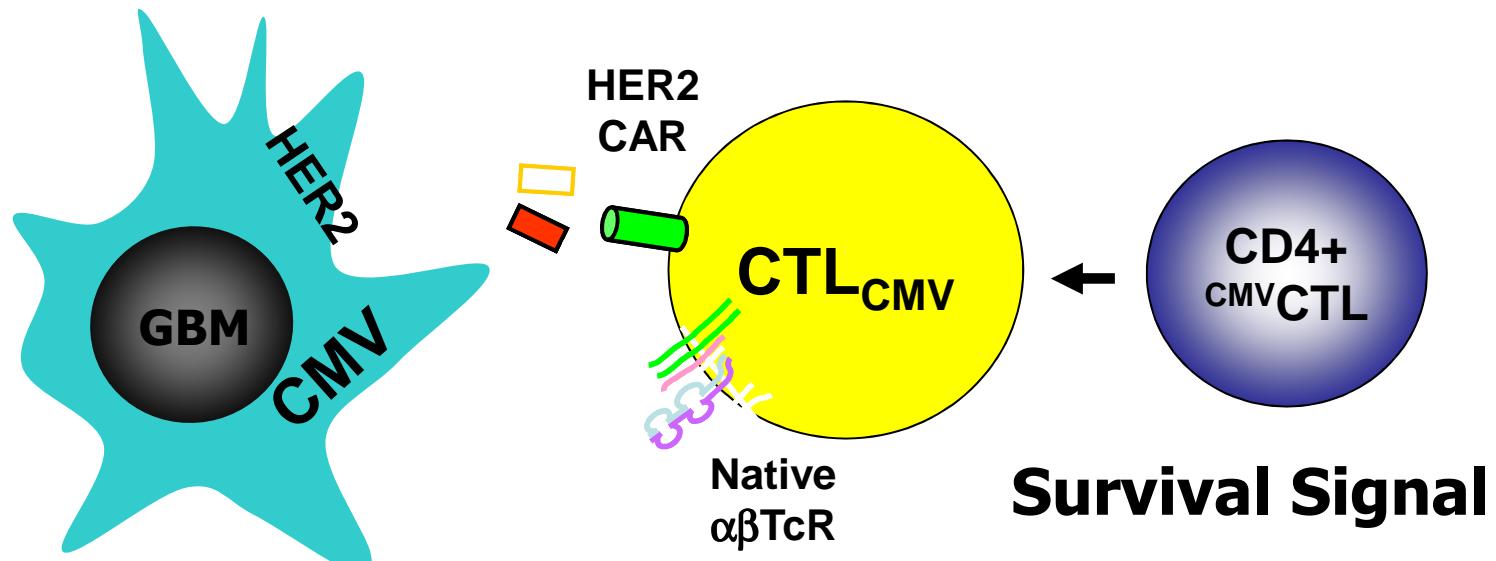
Rationale



Rossig et al. *Blood* 2002; Savoldo et al. *Blood* 2007; Pule et al. *Nat Med* 2008

HERT-GBM

HER2 CAR CMV T cells in GBM patients



**Offset Tumor Escape
Activation Signal**

HERT-GBM: NCT01109095

HERT-GBM: *objectives*

Primary

Safety

Secondary

Persistence of infused T cells

Anti-tumor activity of T cells

HERT-GBM: *eligibility*

Subject

Progressive GBM
CMV seropositive
KPS/LPS ≥ 50

Tumor

HER2 +

T cells

$\geq 15\%$ HER2 CAR
 $\geq 20\%$ killing

No therapy

≥ 4 wk before
 ≥ 6 wk after

Organ functions
Birth Control
Consent

Excluded

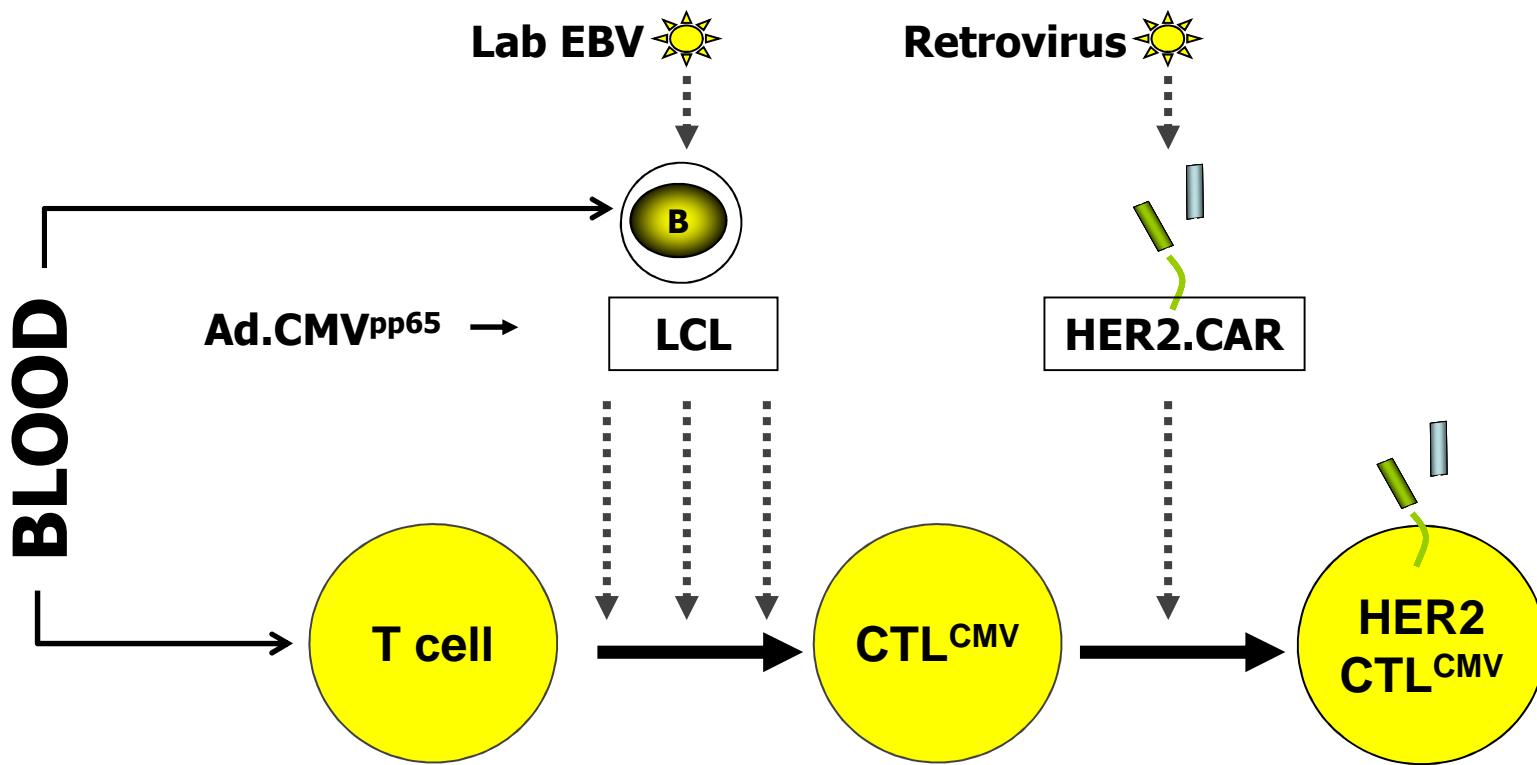
- HIV
- Infection
- Pregnancy
- Lactation
- Murine Allergy

Subjects

| UPN | Age | Sex | Surgery | XRT | +TMZ | Salvage Therapies | Investigational |
|-----|-----|-----|---------|------|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 45 | F | 3 | +x 5 | + | 5 | 2 |
| 2 | 60 | M | 1 | + | + | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 30 | M | 1 | +x3 | + | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 18 | M | NO | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 64 | M | 2 | + | + | 2 | 0 |
| 6 | 61 | F | 2 | + | + | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | 63 | F | 1 | + | + | 1 | 1 |
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| 9 | 65 | M | 2 | + | + | 0 | 1 |
| 10 | 51 | F | 1 | + | + | 1 | 0 |
| 11 | 64 | M | 1 | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | 14 | M | 2 | + | + | 1 | 0 |
| 13 | 71 | F | 1 | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | 16 | M | 1 | + | + | 0 | 0 |
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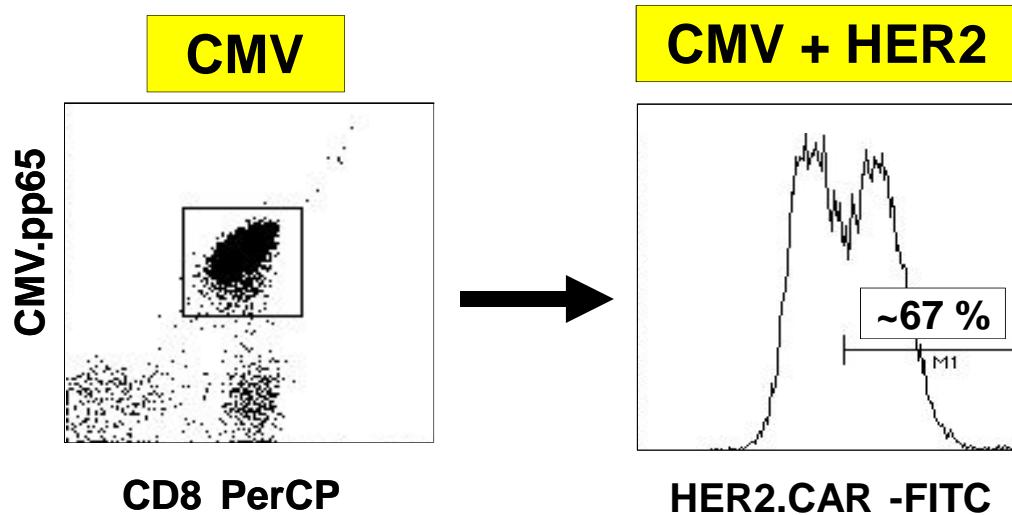
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HERT-GBM: product generation



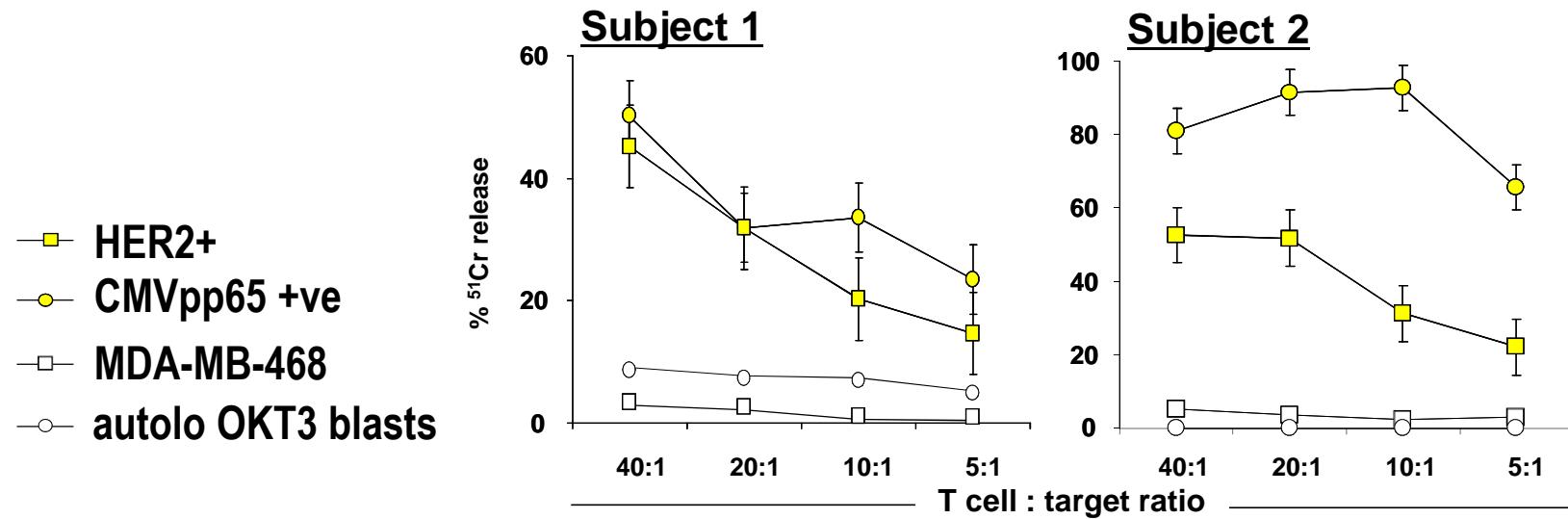
Rooney et al. *The Lancet* 1995; Pule et al. *Nat Med* 2009; Ghazi et al. *J ImmunoRx* '12

HERT-GBM: *bispecificity*



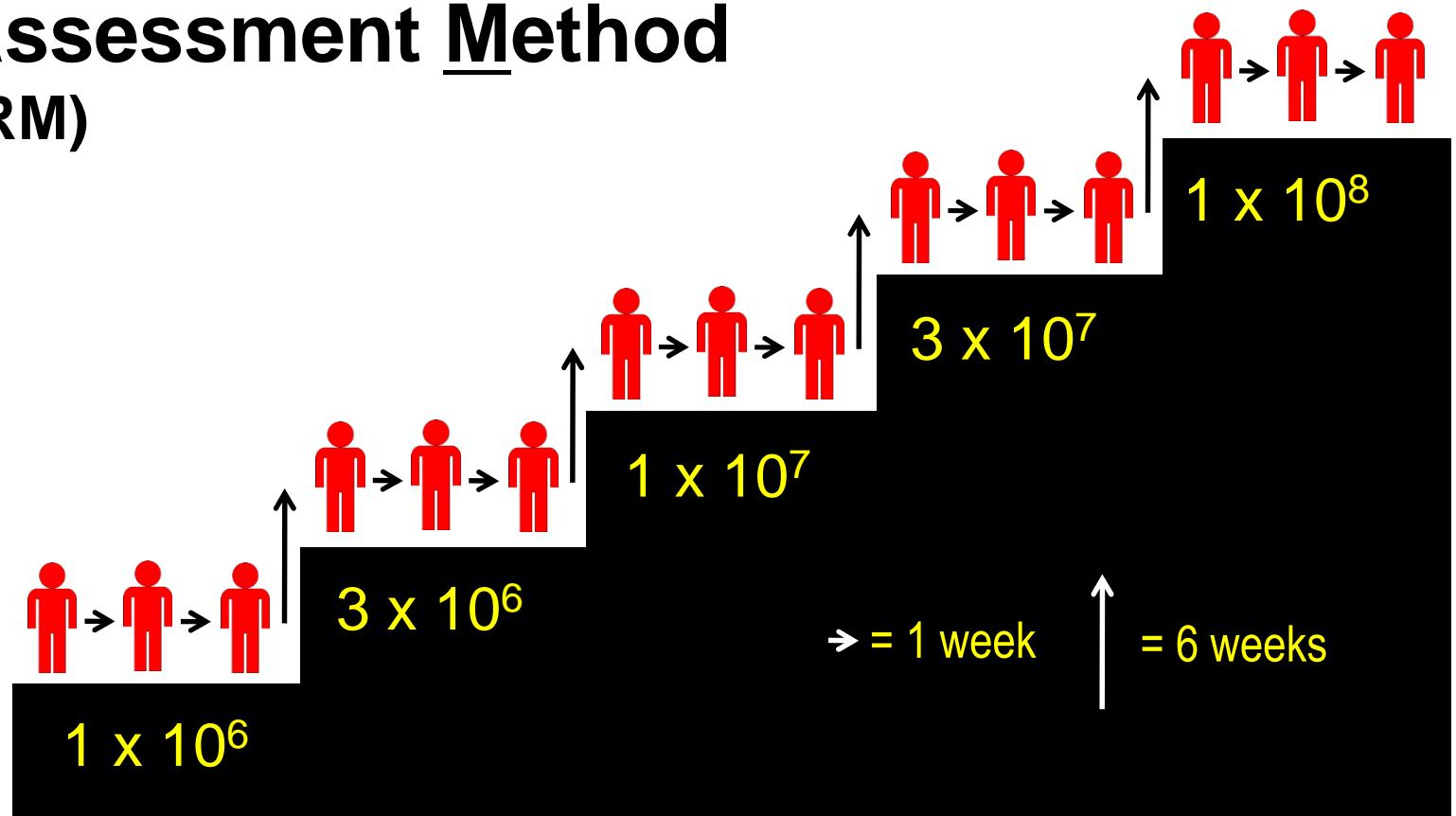
CMV.pp65 Elispot Reactivity
median 985.5
(range 390 to 1292 SFC/ 10^5)

HER2-CAR
median 67%
(range: 46-82)

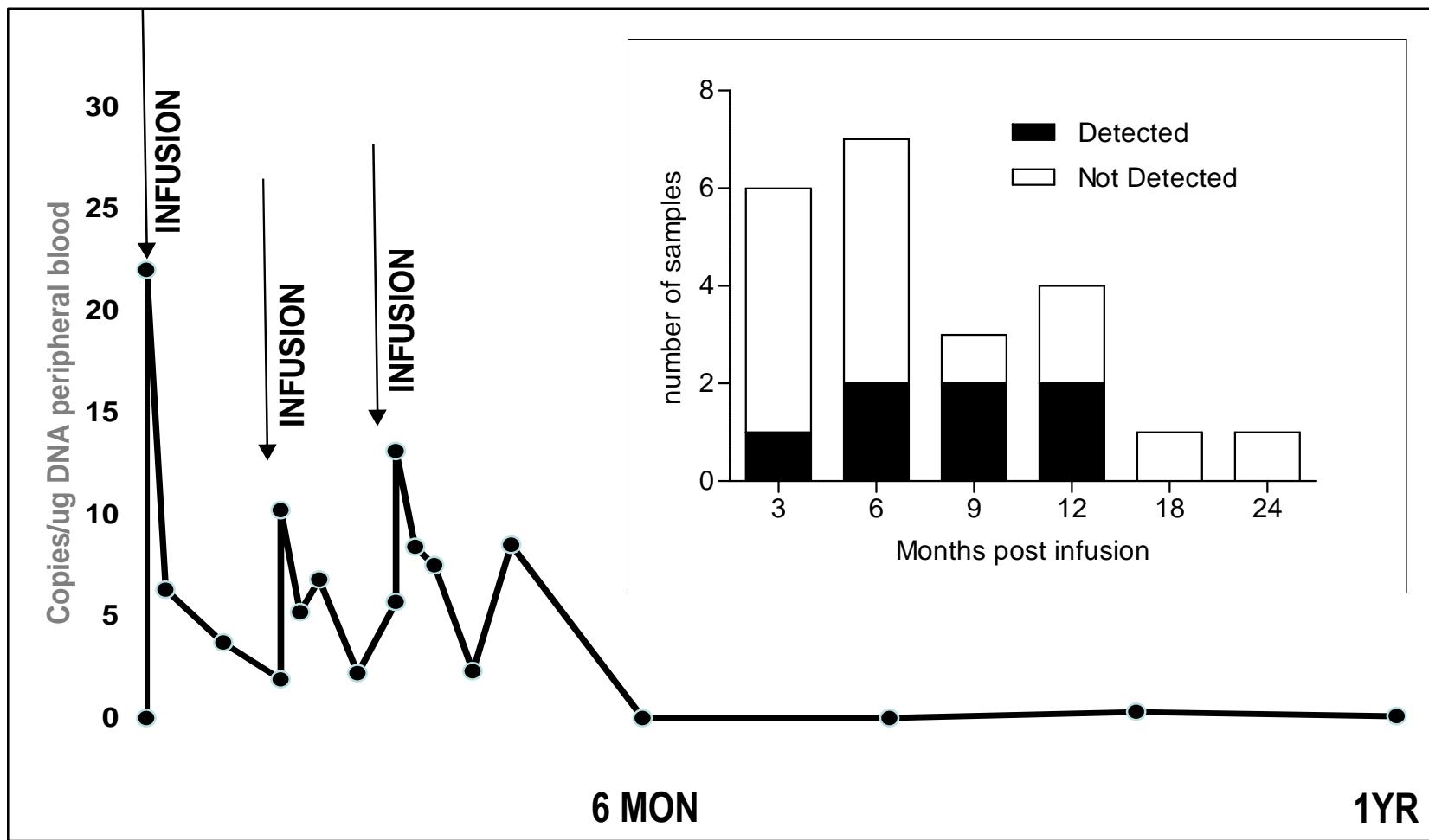


Escalation Design

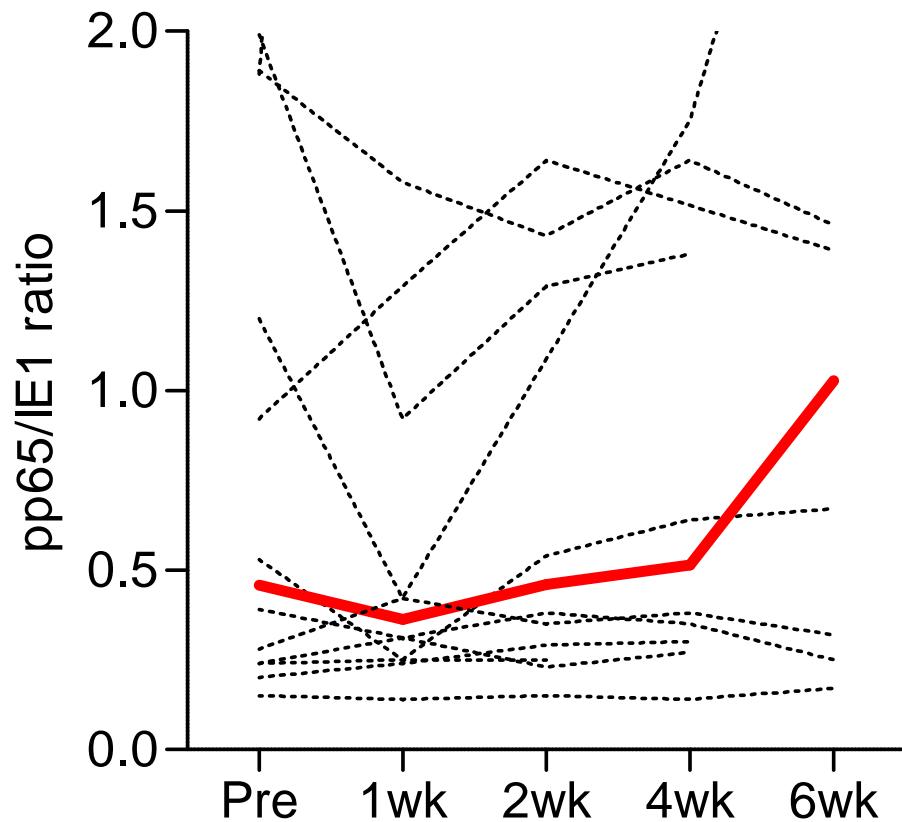
- Phase I dose escalation
- modified Continual Reassessment Method
(mCRM)



CAR T cell Persistence

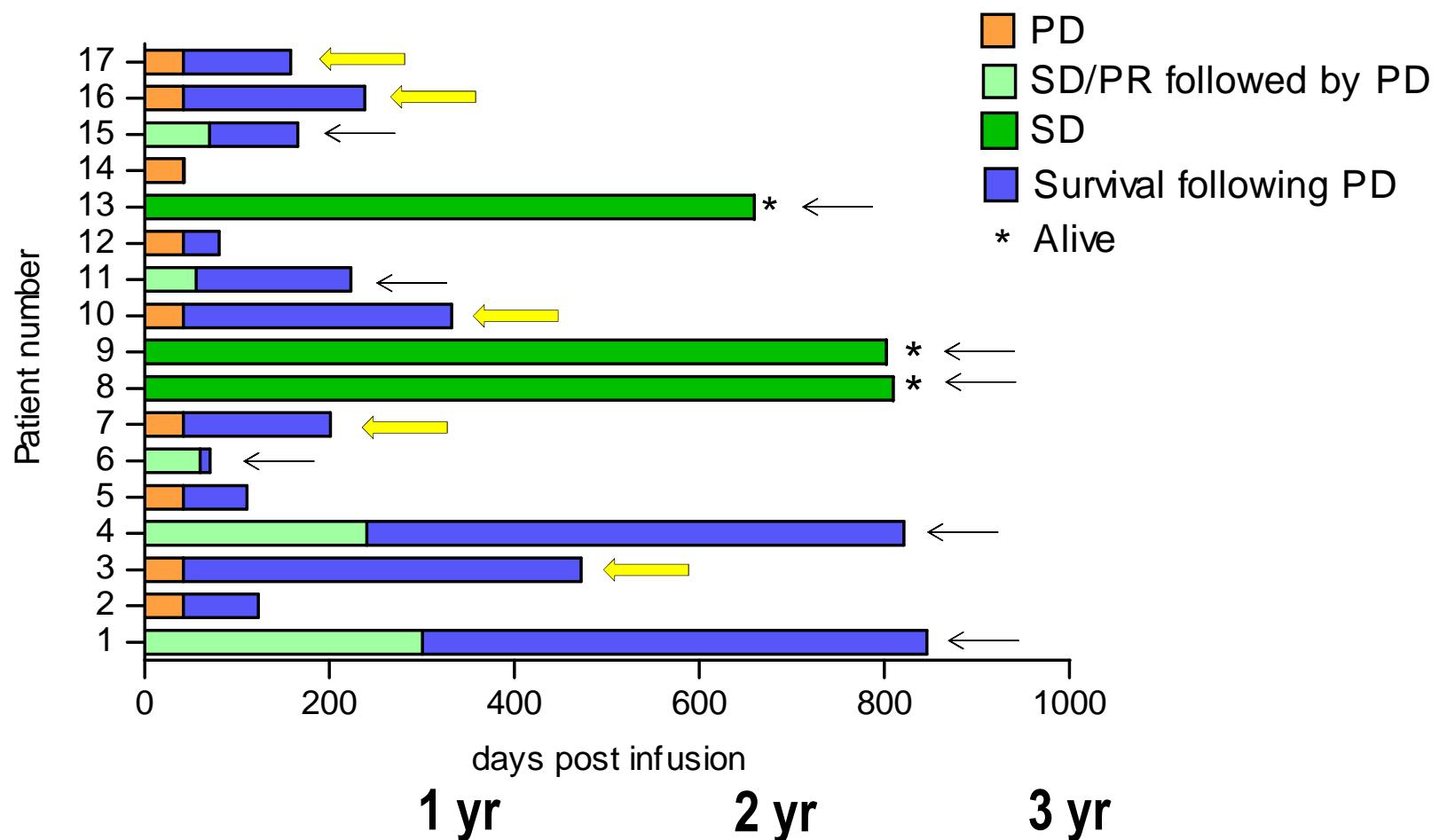


CMV Immune Reconstitution



Data past 6 weeks
pending

Outcomes

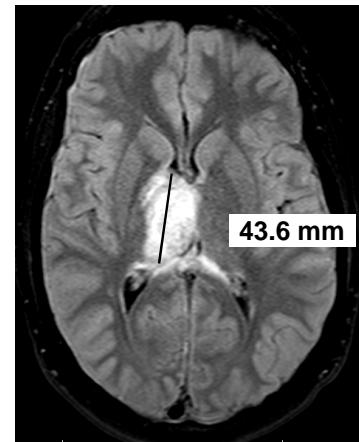


17 year old male

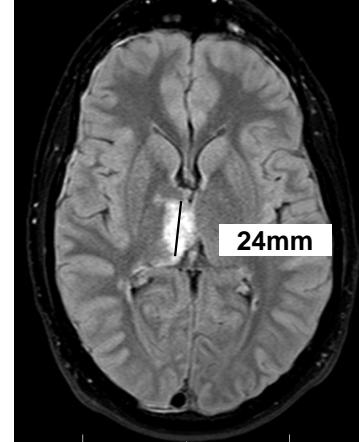
Thalamic tumor

Unresectable

Dose Level 2



DL2



MRI

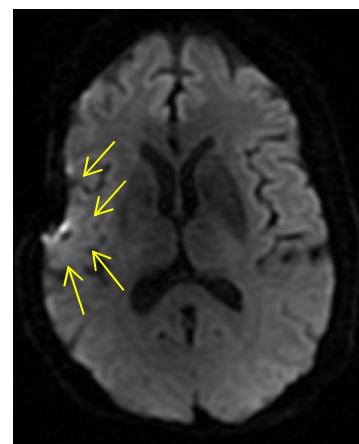
10 months

71 year old female

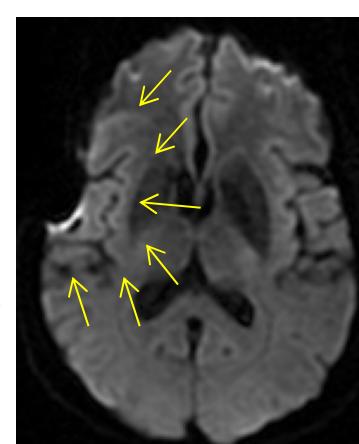
Parieto-temporal

GTR → Progressed

Dose Level 4



**DL4
x2**



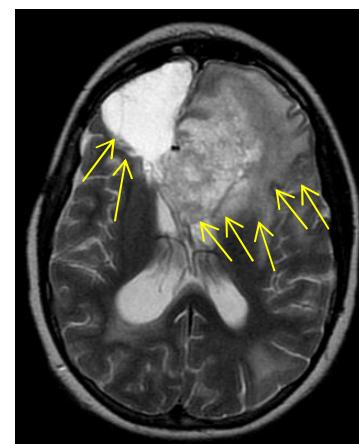
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15 year old female

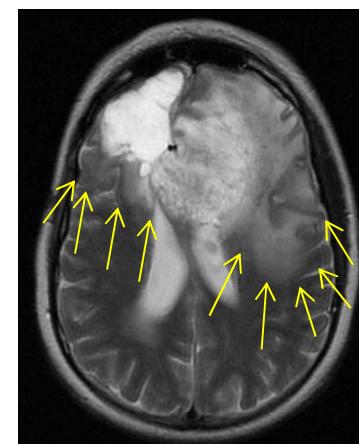
Fronto-caudate

Debulk → Progressed

Dose Level 5

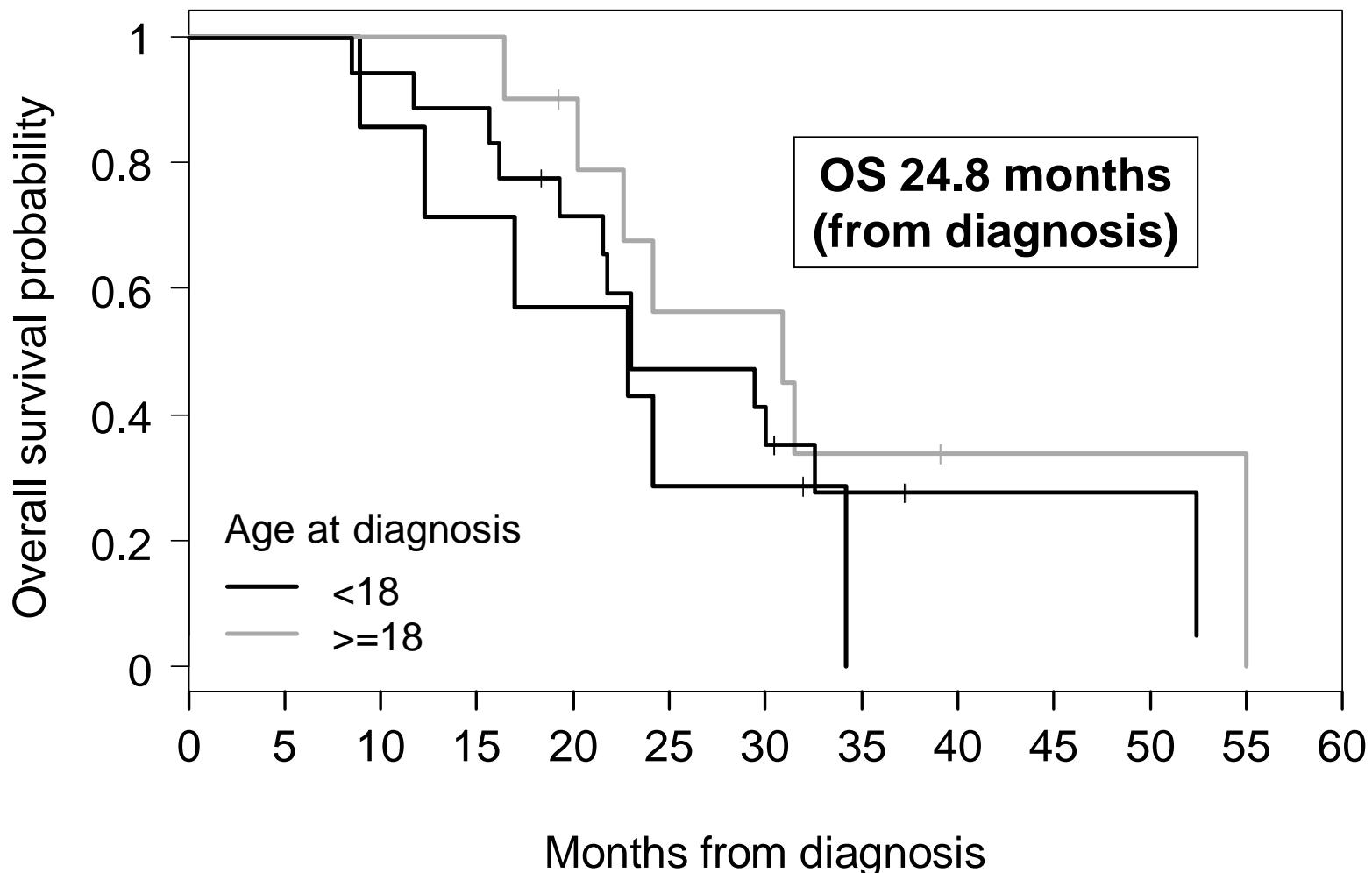


**DL5
x2**

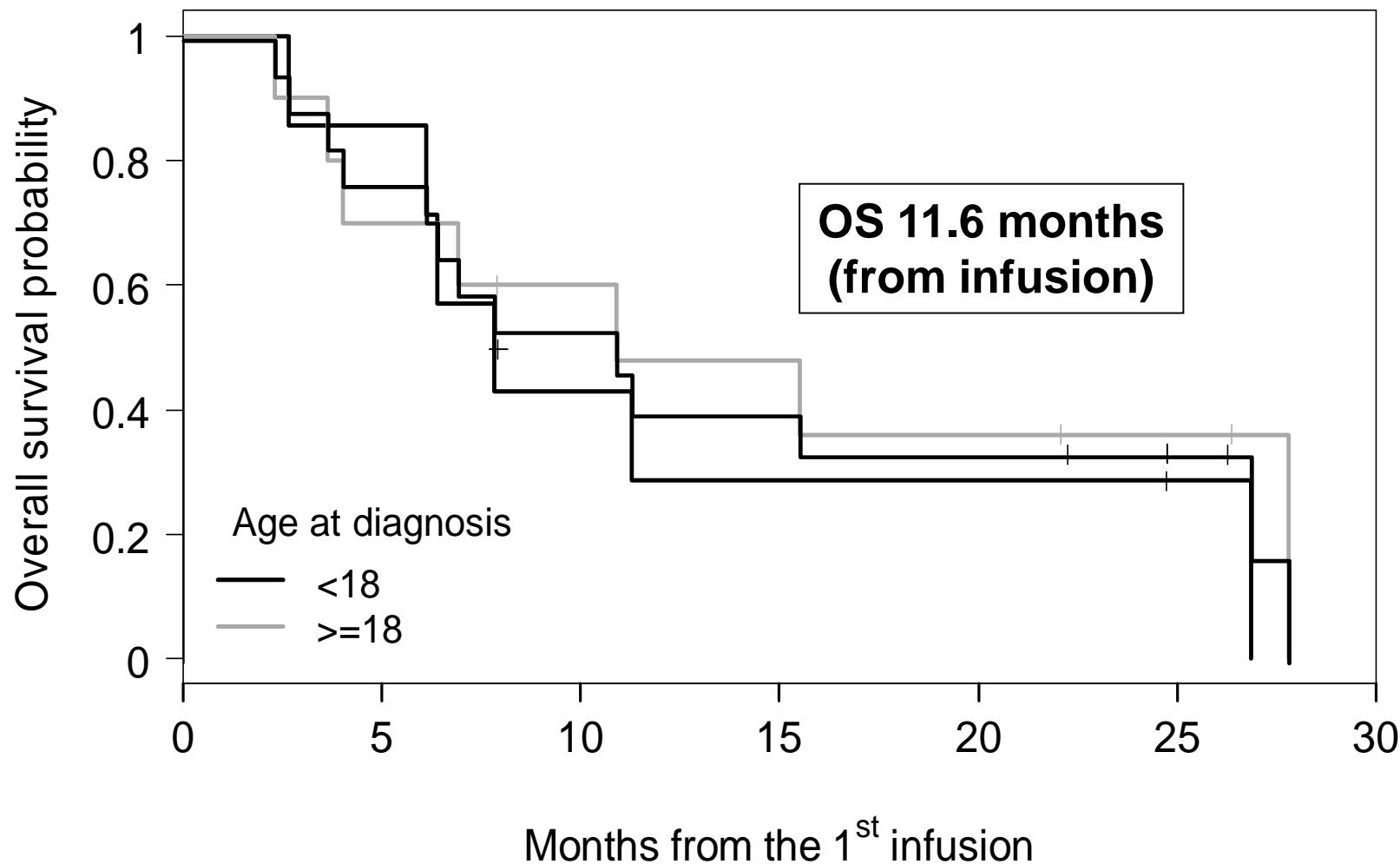


>5 months

Survival from Diagnosis



Survival from 1st Infusion



HERT-GBM: *summary*

Intent-to-treat: 20 lines; 17 subjects 5DL

- **Severe Adverse Events** *none*
- **Cytokine Release Syndrome** *none*

Efficacy

1/16 unevaluable

8/16 (50%) PD

8/16 (50%) SD (7/16) or PR (1/16)

3/16 (19%) LTS >30 months

Future

- **Optimizing T cell Expansion v2.0**
 - HDC Conditioning
 - CTX 30 mg/kg/day on day -7, -6
 - Flu 25 mg/m²/day day -5 to -1
- **Rapidly generated HER2 CAR CMVCTLs**
 - pp65 and IE1 peptide pulsing (Ann Leen)
- **Intracranial Delivery (iCAR-GBM)**
primary HER2 CAR T cells **NCT 02442297**

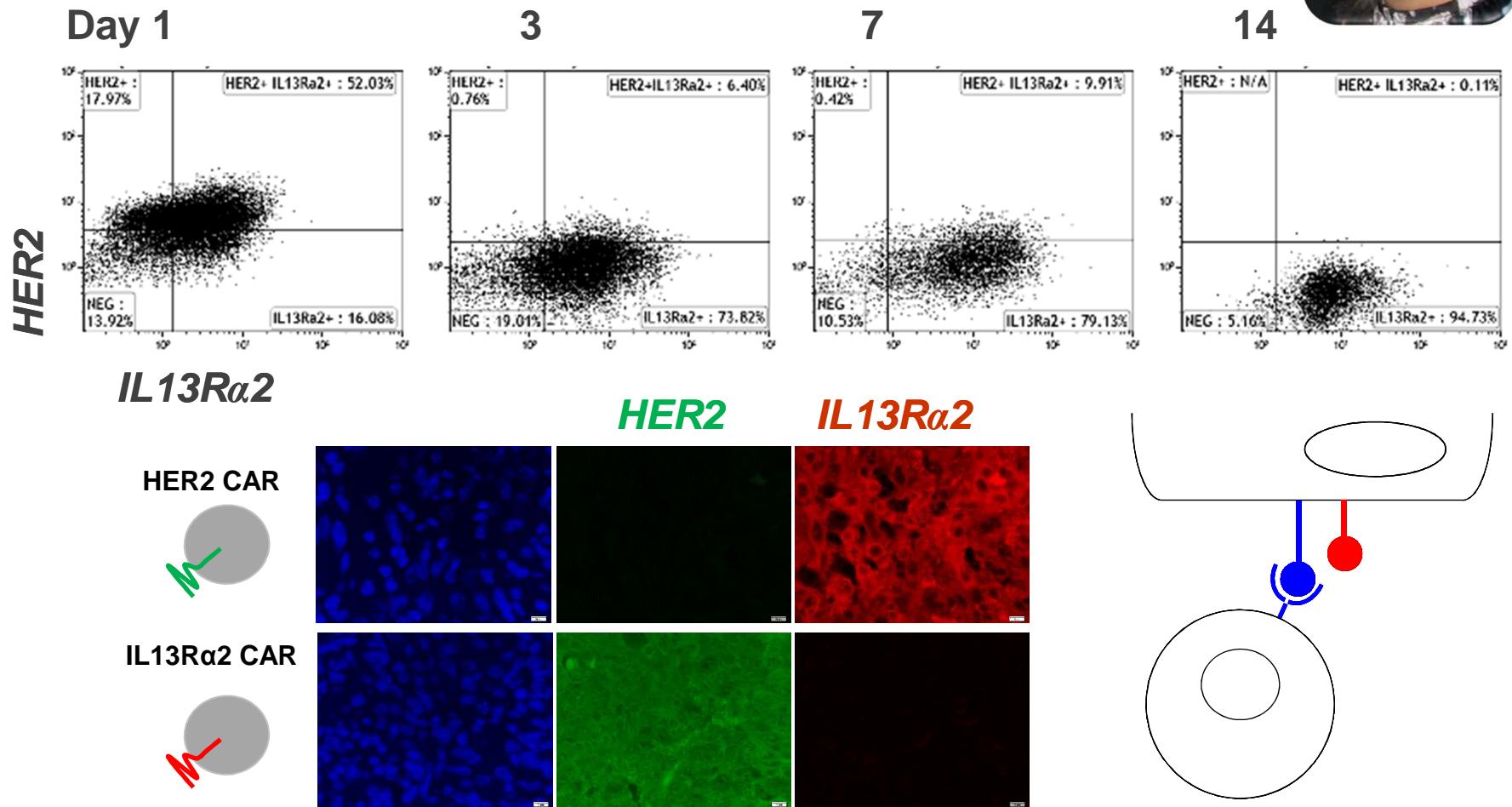


**"The Great Escape"
&
Broad Spectrum Products**

Antigen Escape



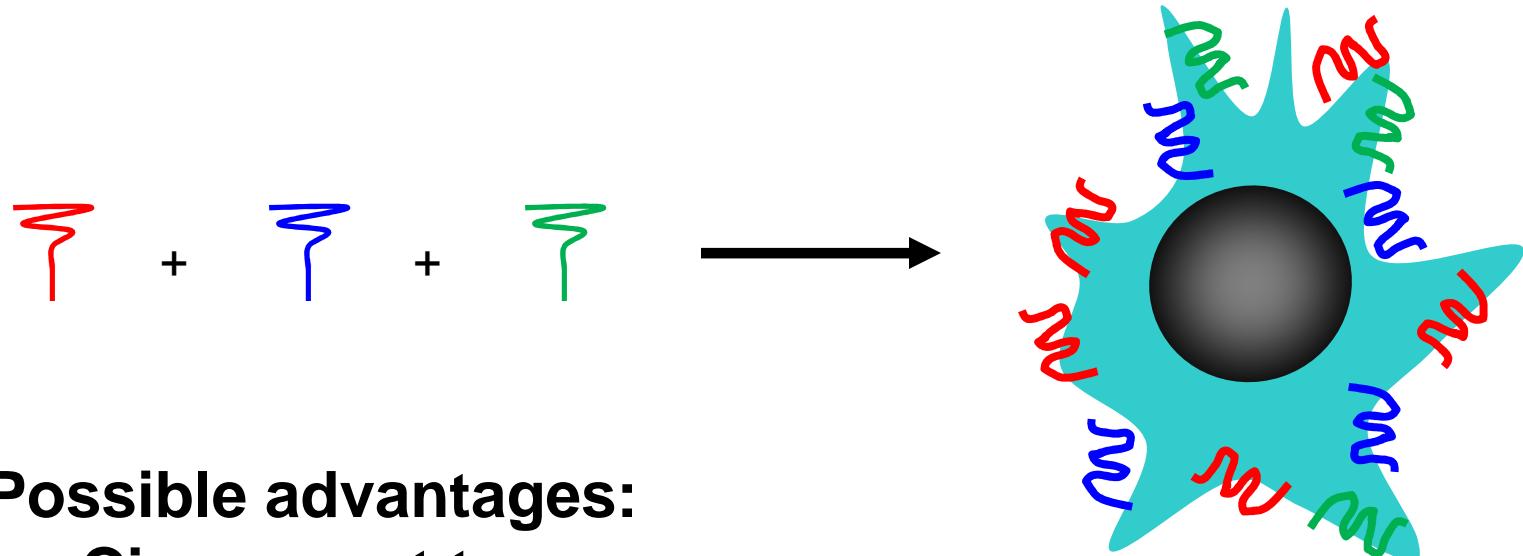
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HER2 CAR T cell

Hegde et al. *Mol Ther* 2013; Bielamowicz et al. *Frontiers in Oncology* 2014

Hypothesis



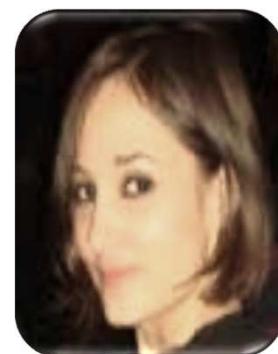
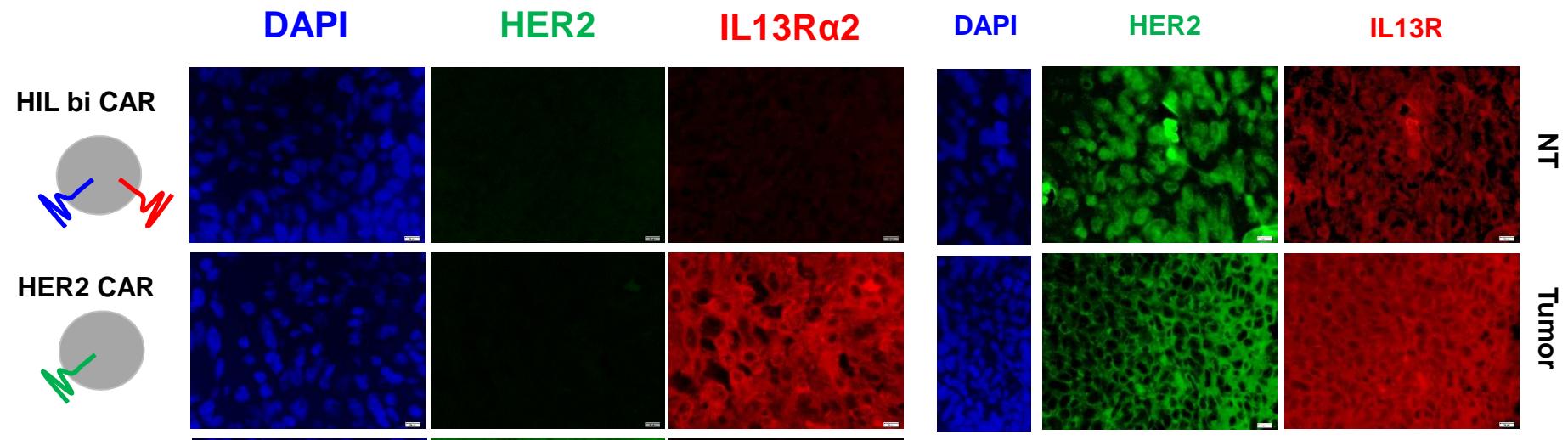
Possible advantages:

Circumvent tumor escape

- Heterogenous expression of target
- Down regulation of target
- Antigen loss variants

Improve T cell activation

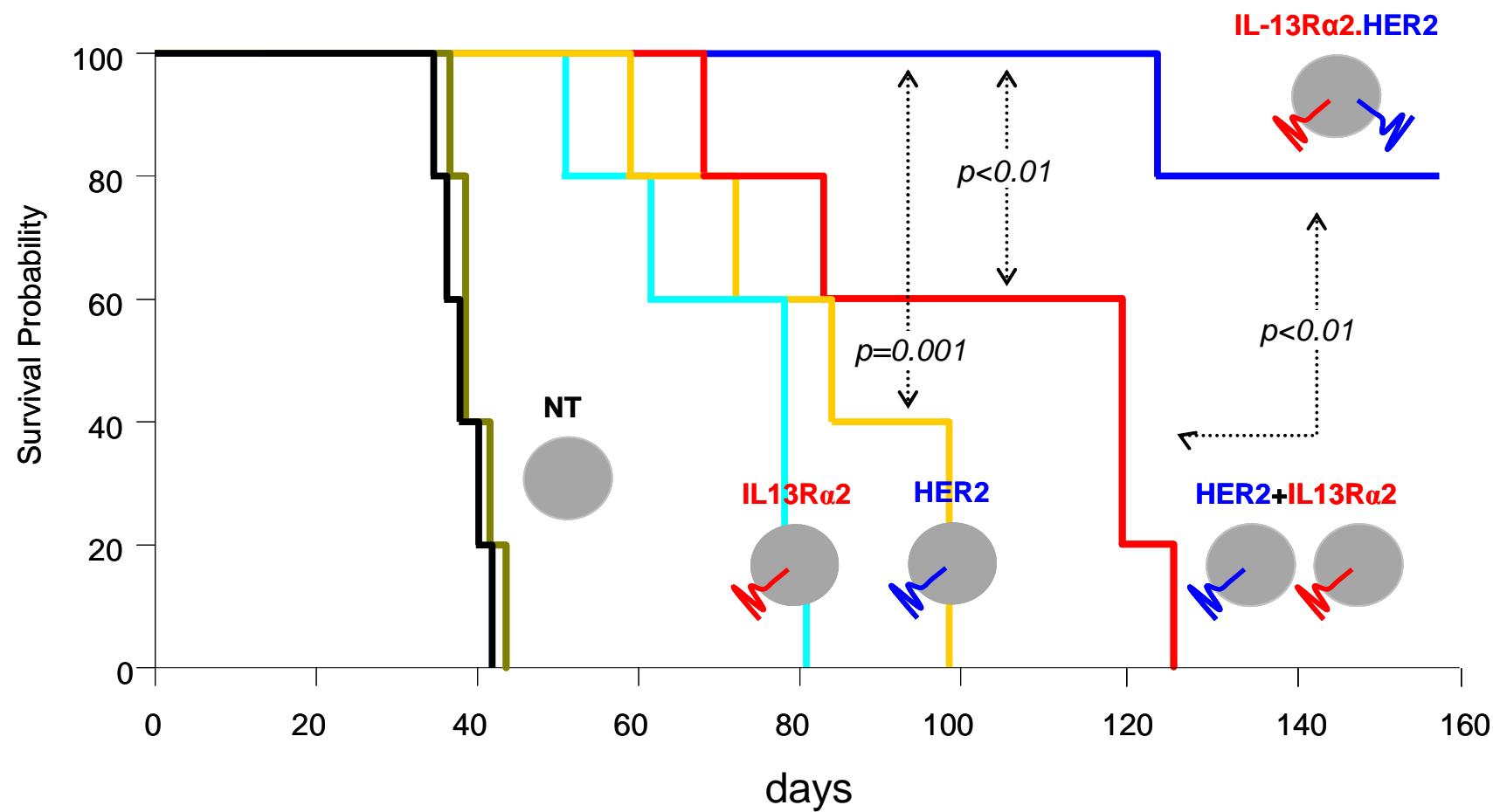
Mitigating Antigen Escape



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Hegde et al.

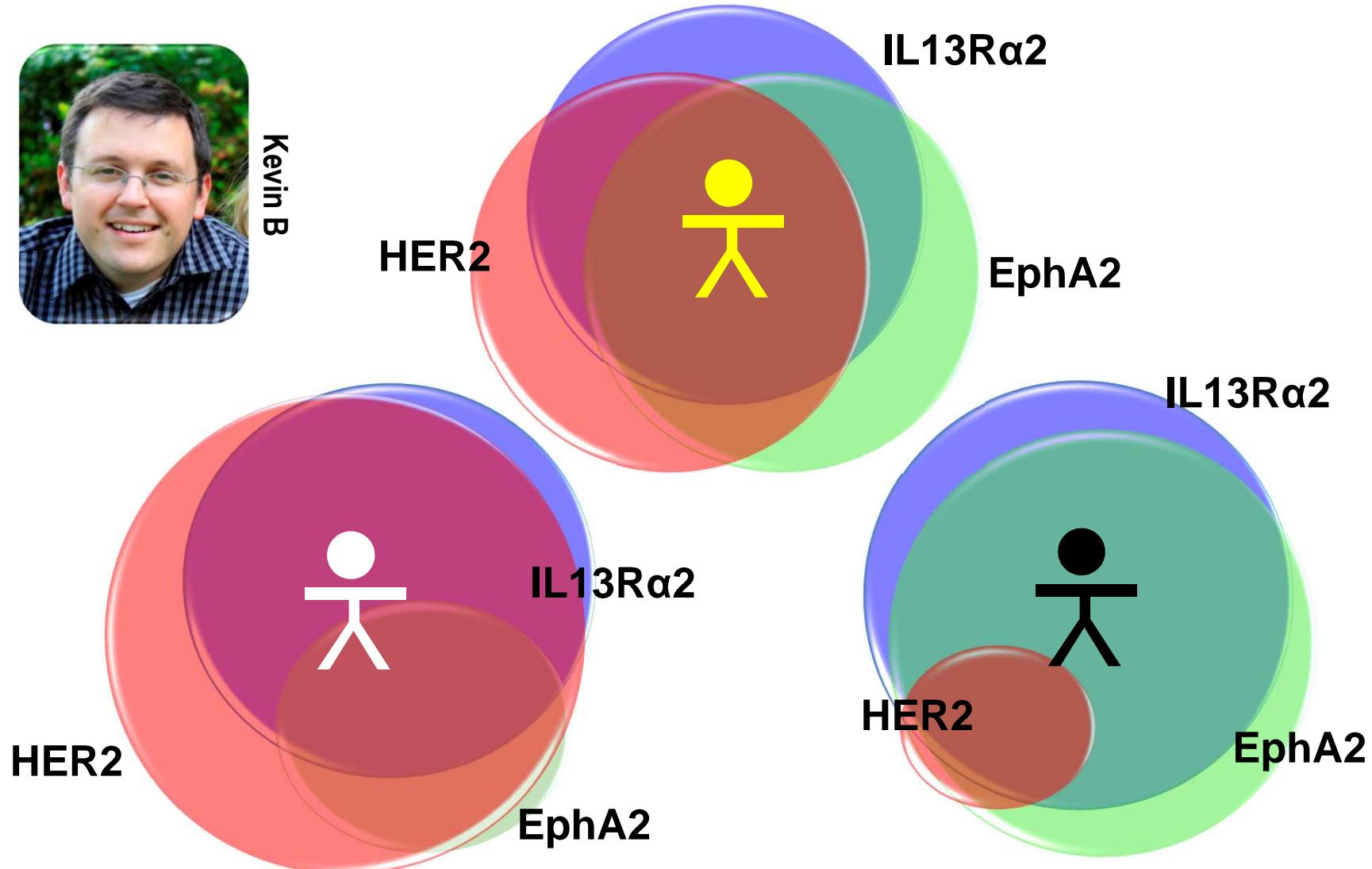
Antitumor Activity



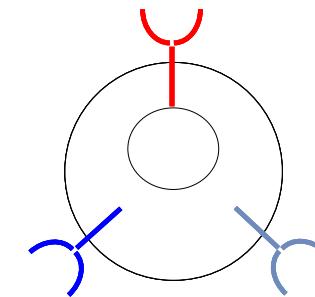
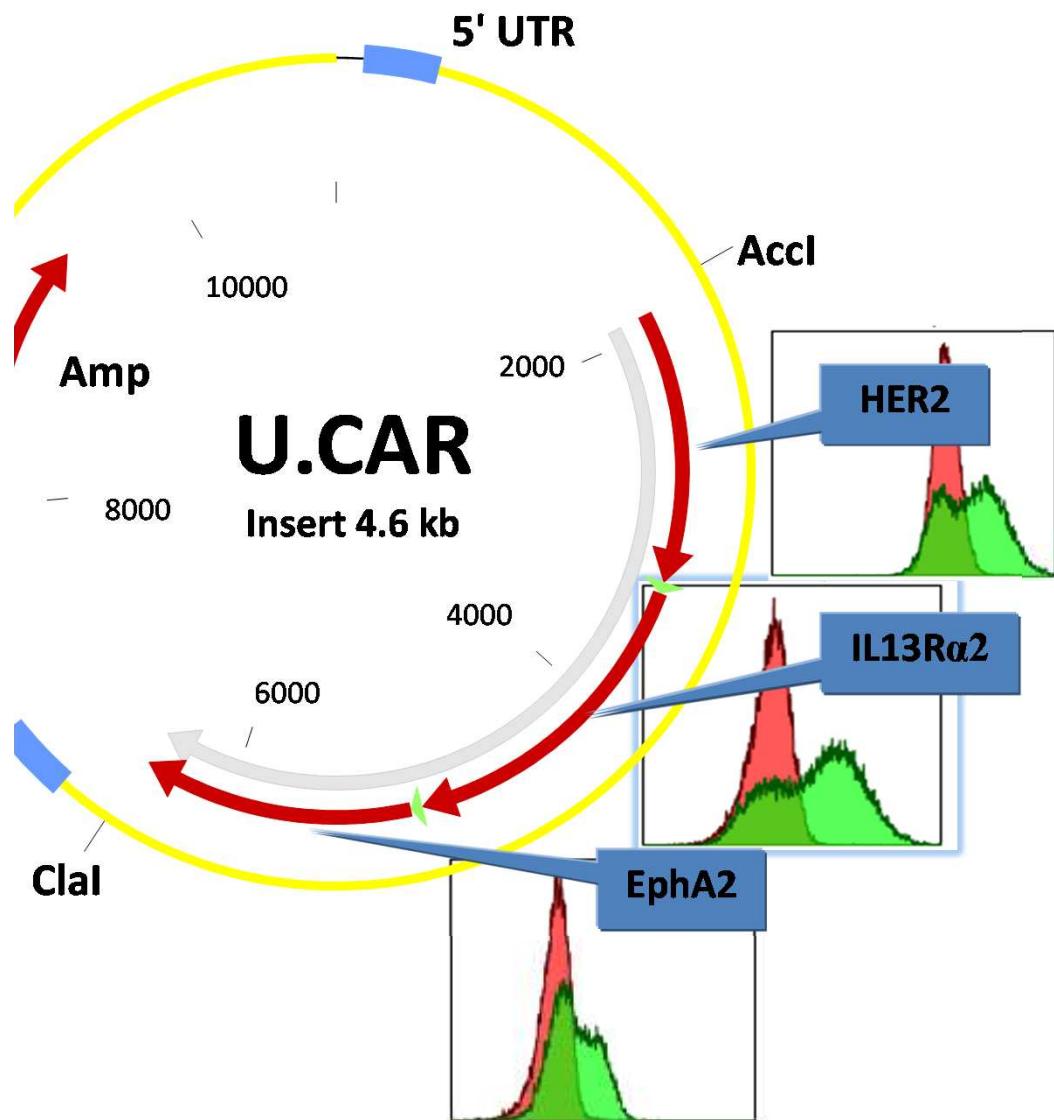
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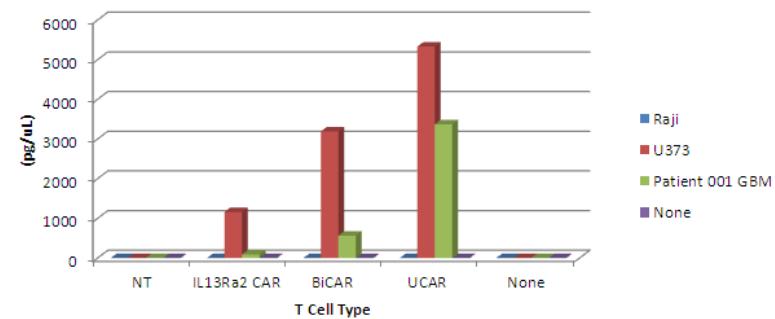
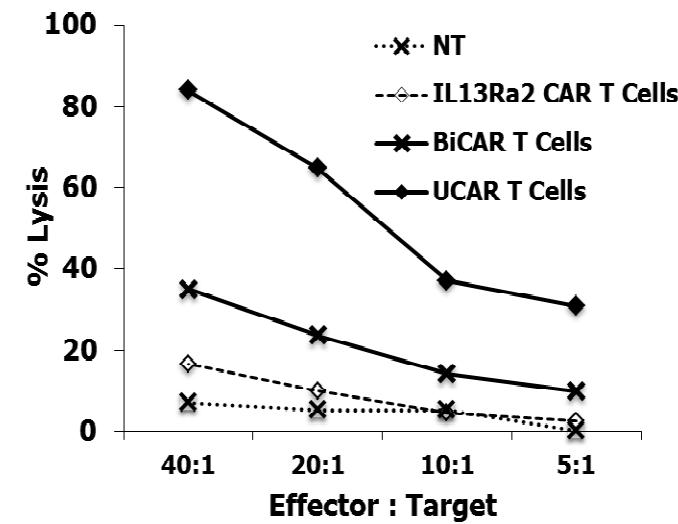
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U-CAR T cells

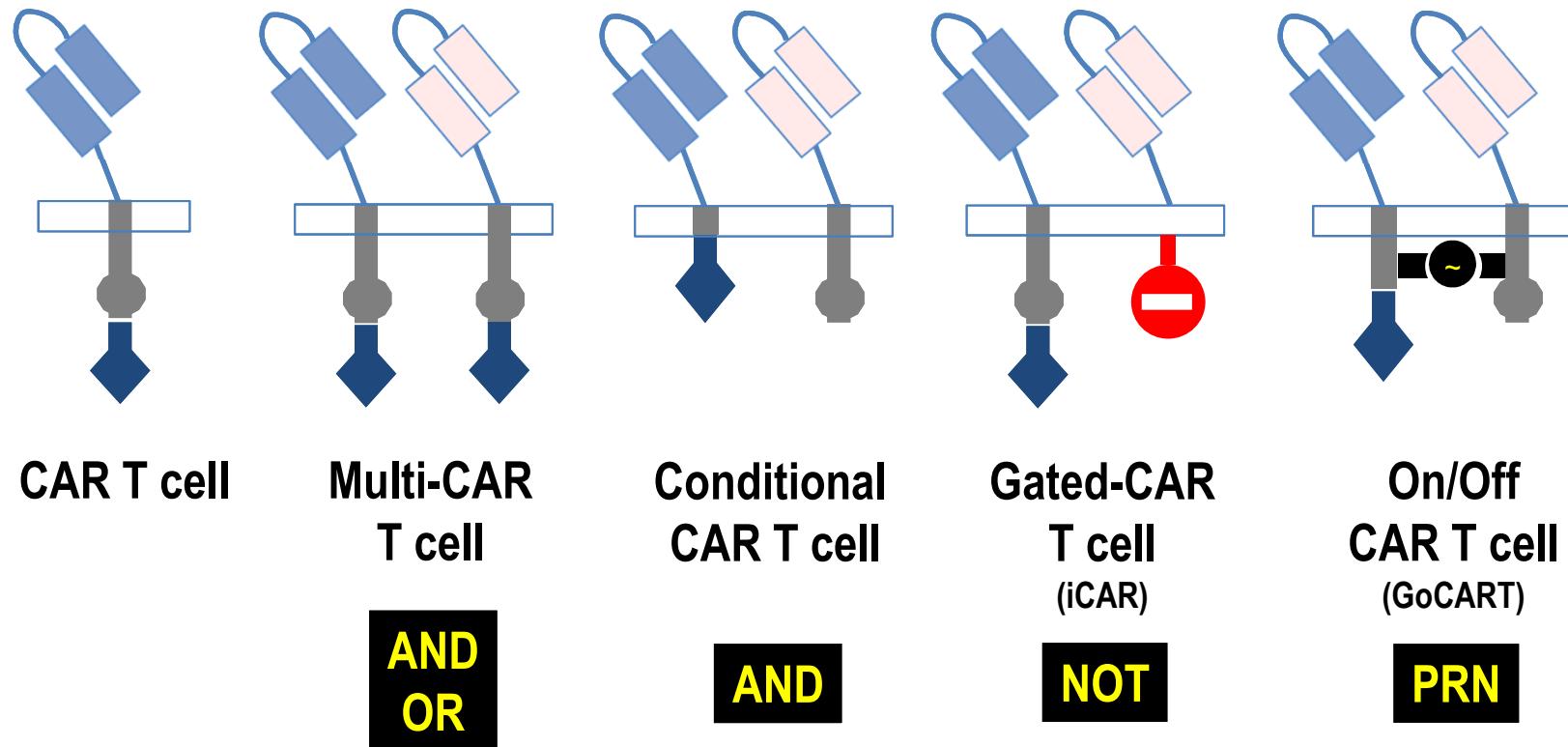


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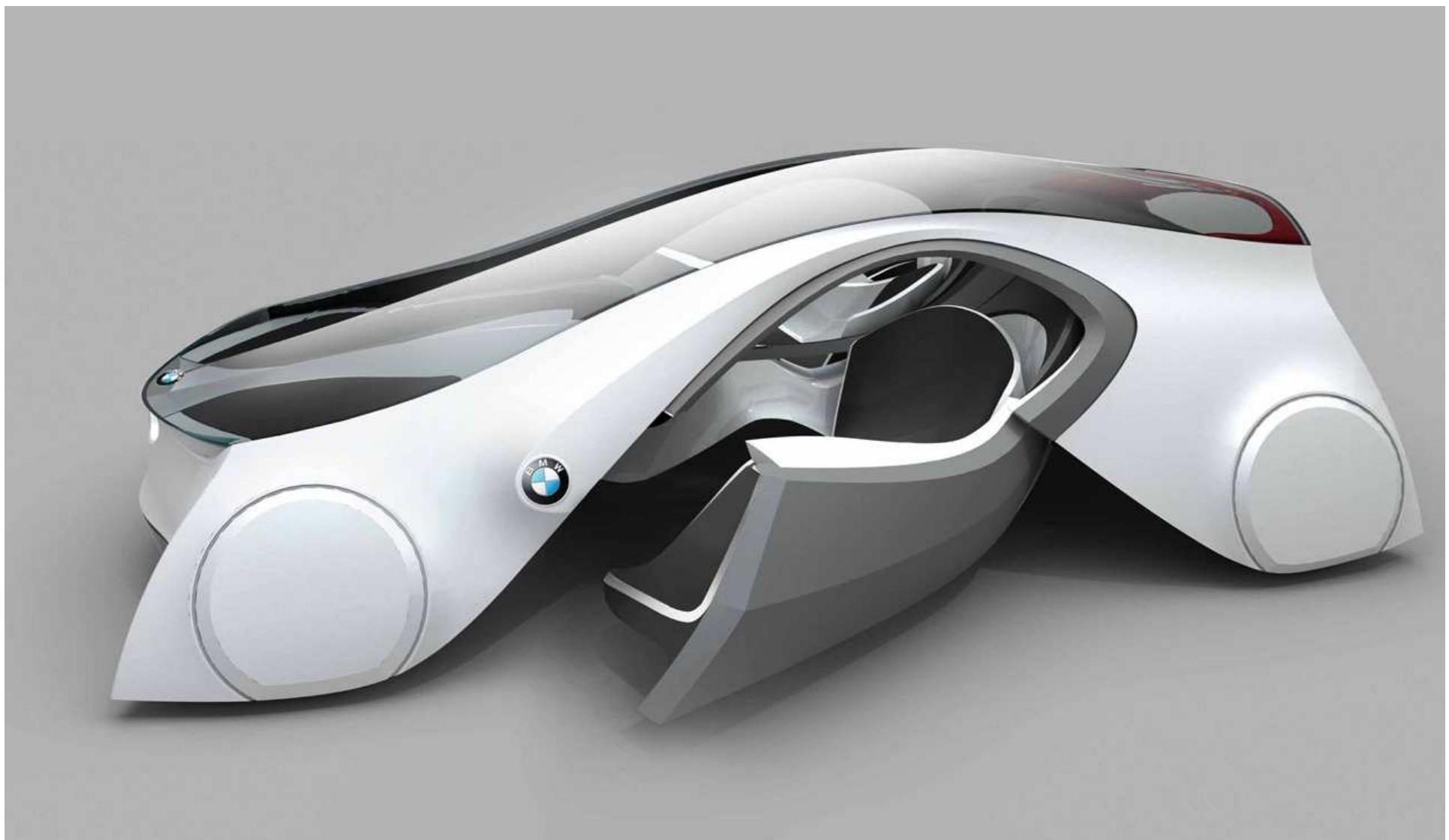




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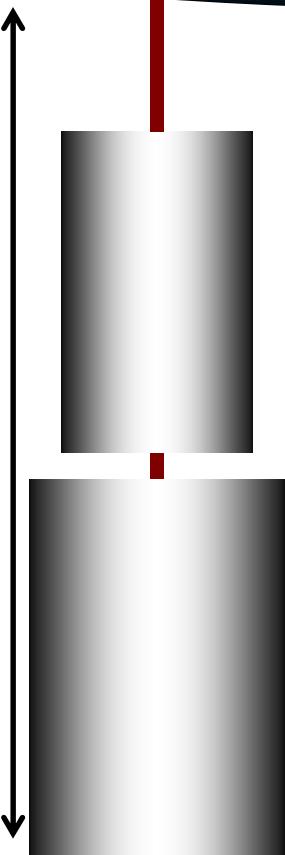
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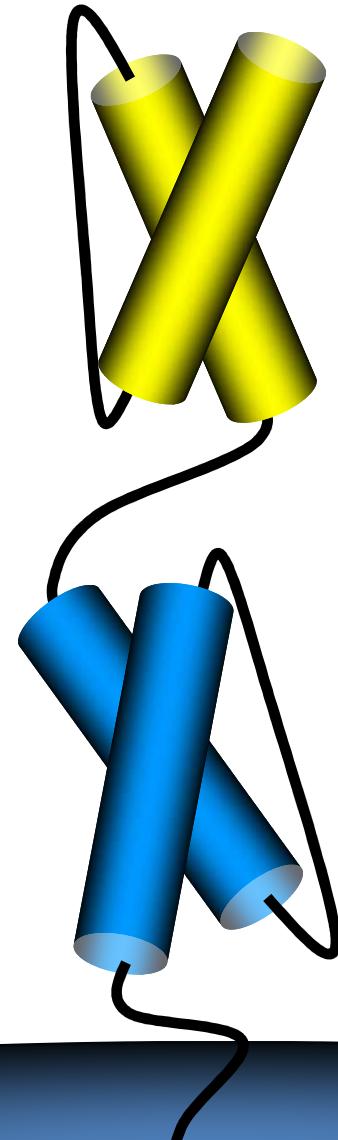
Tumor cell

**TARGET
1**

632 aa $\approx 125 \text{ \AA}^\circ$



CAR T cell



**Target
2**
TanCAR

Zakaria Grada



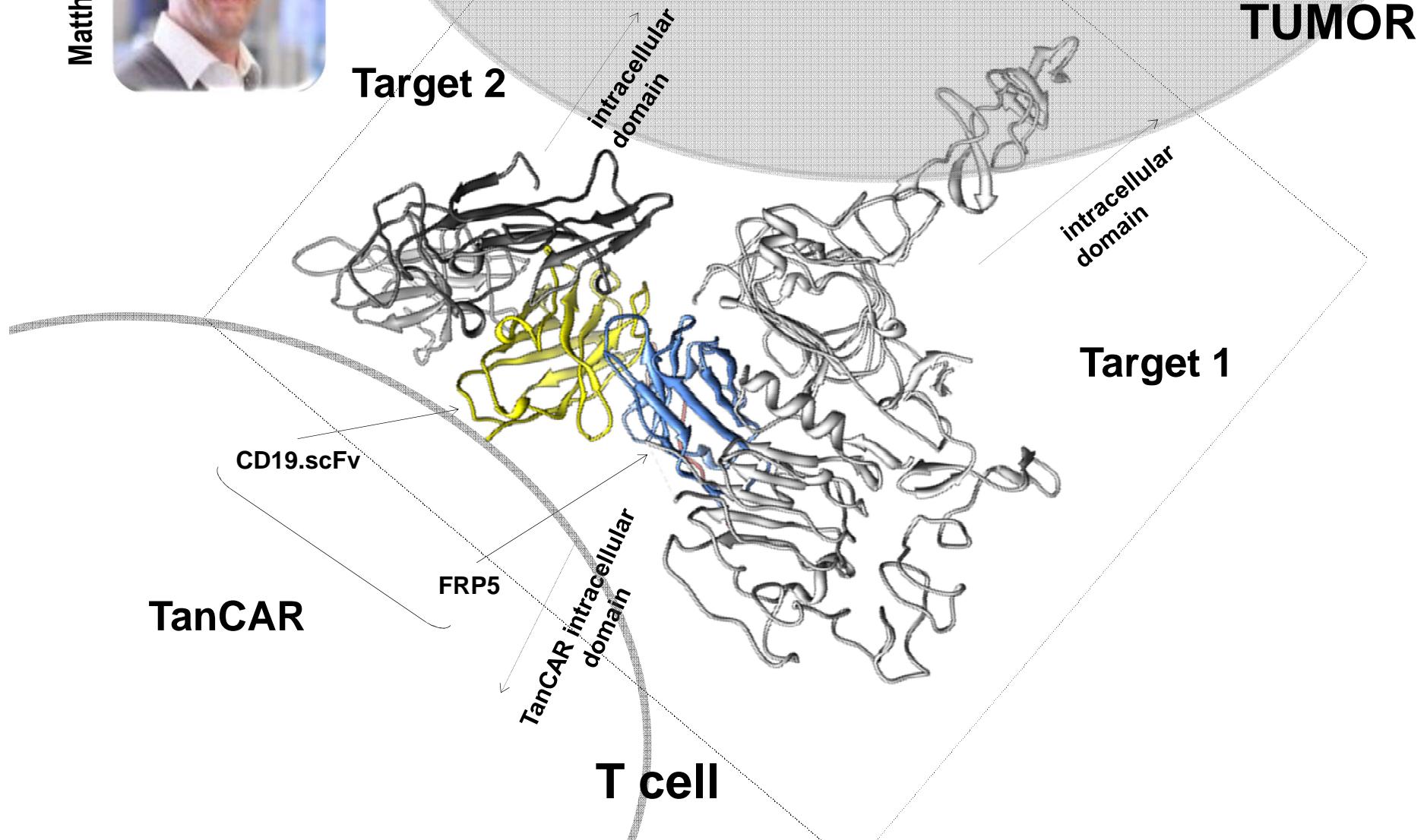
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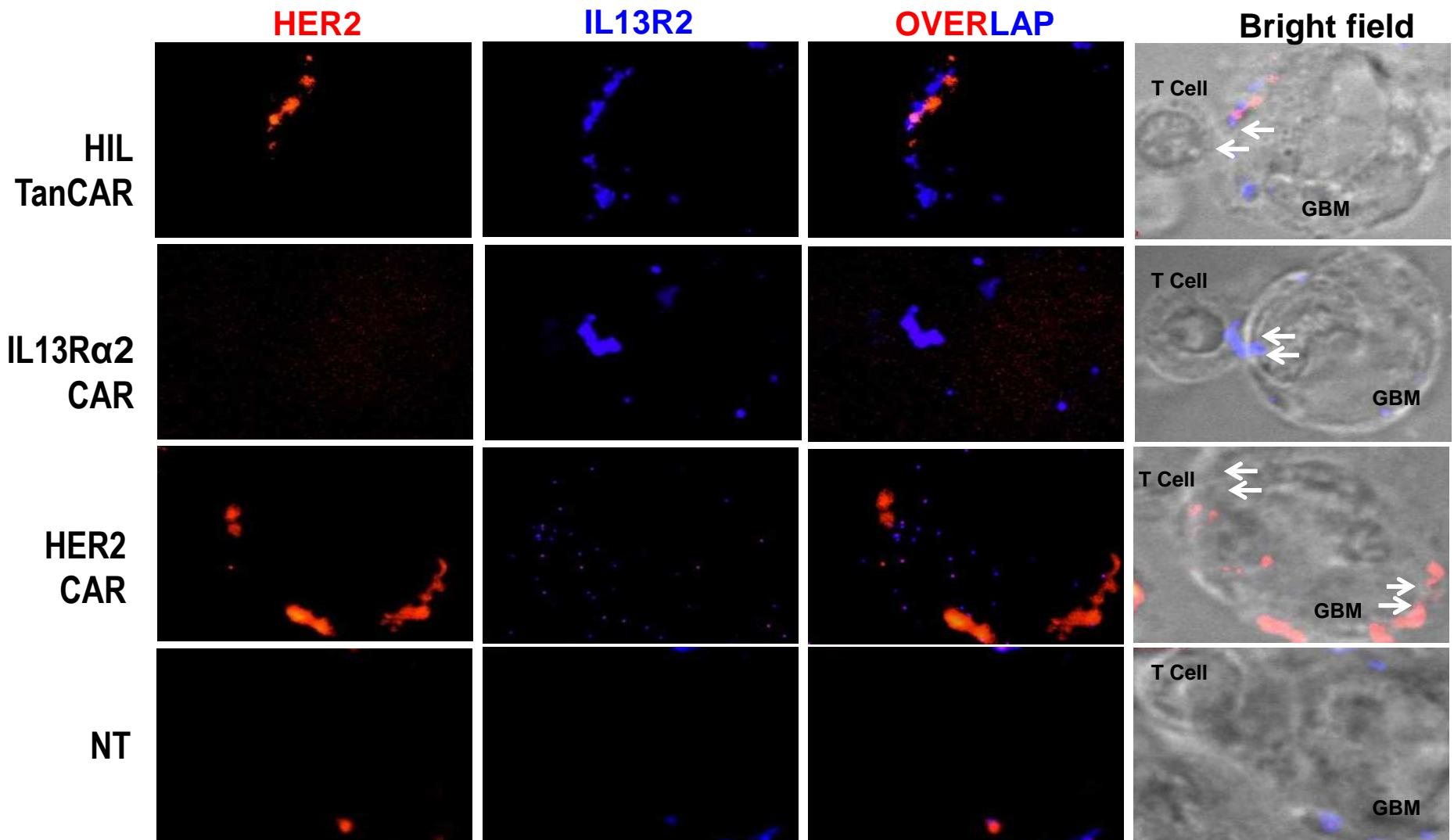
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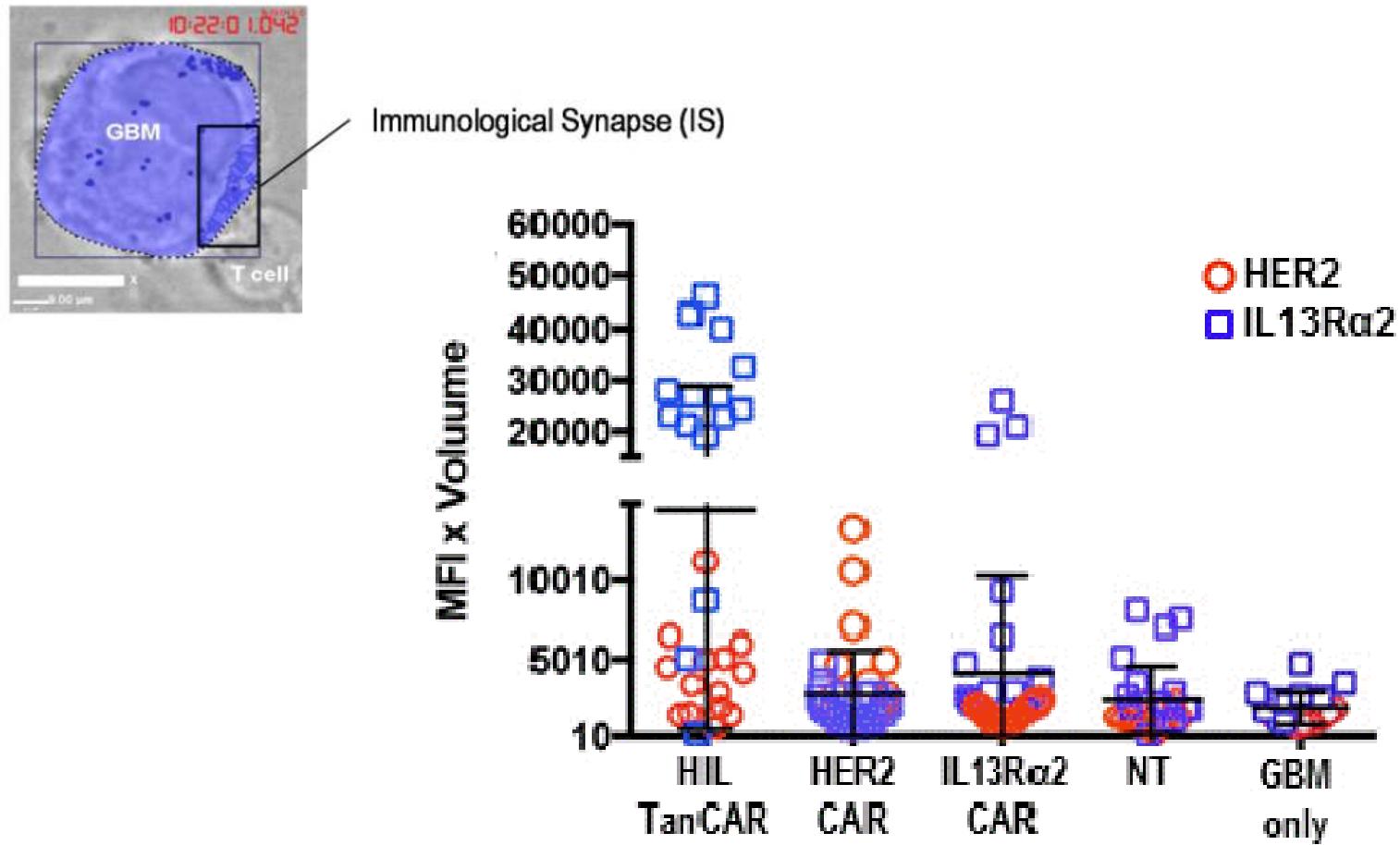


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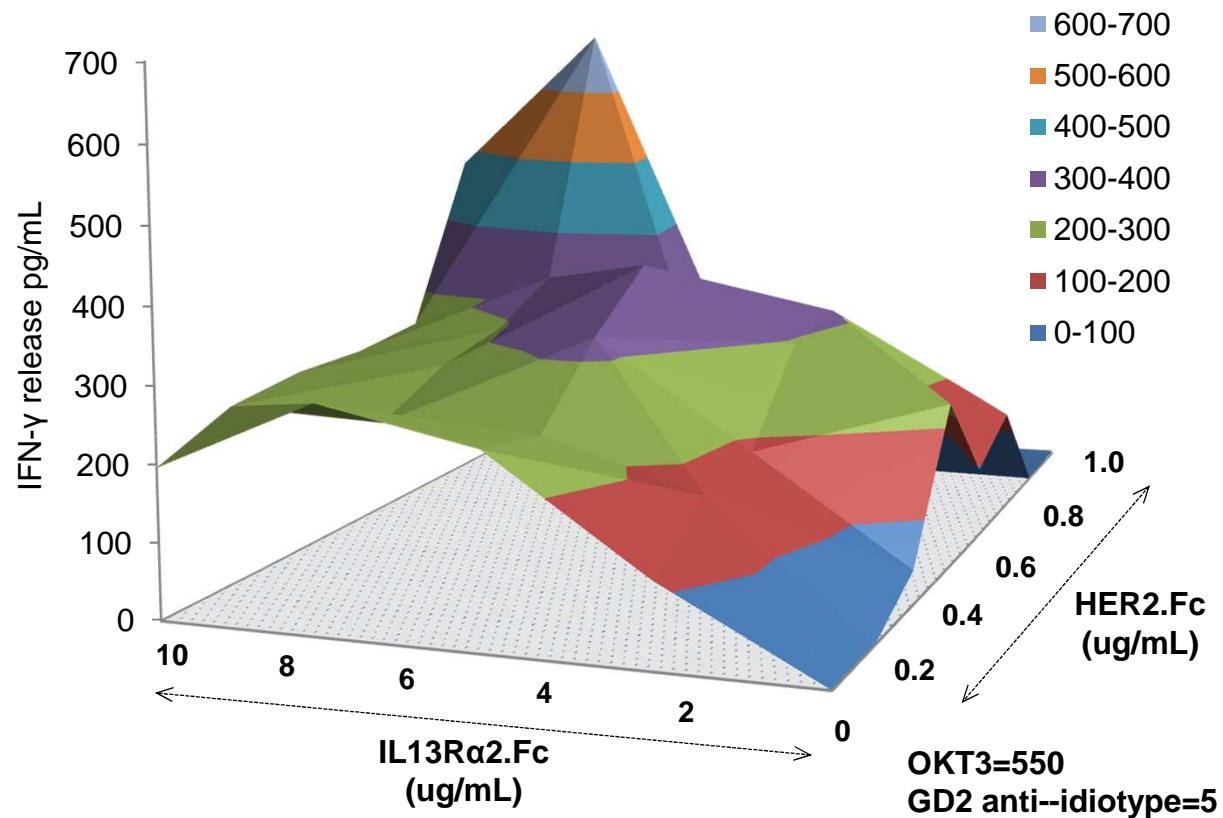


Mukherjee and Orange; Hegde et al.

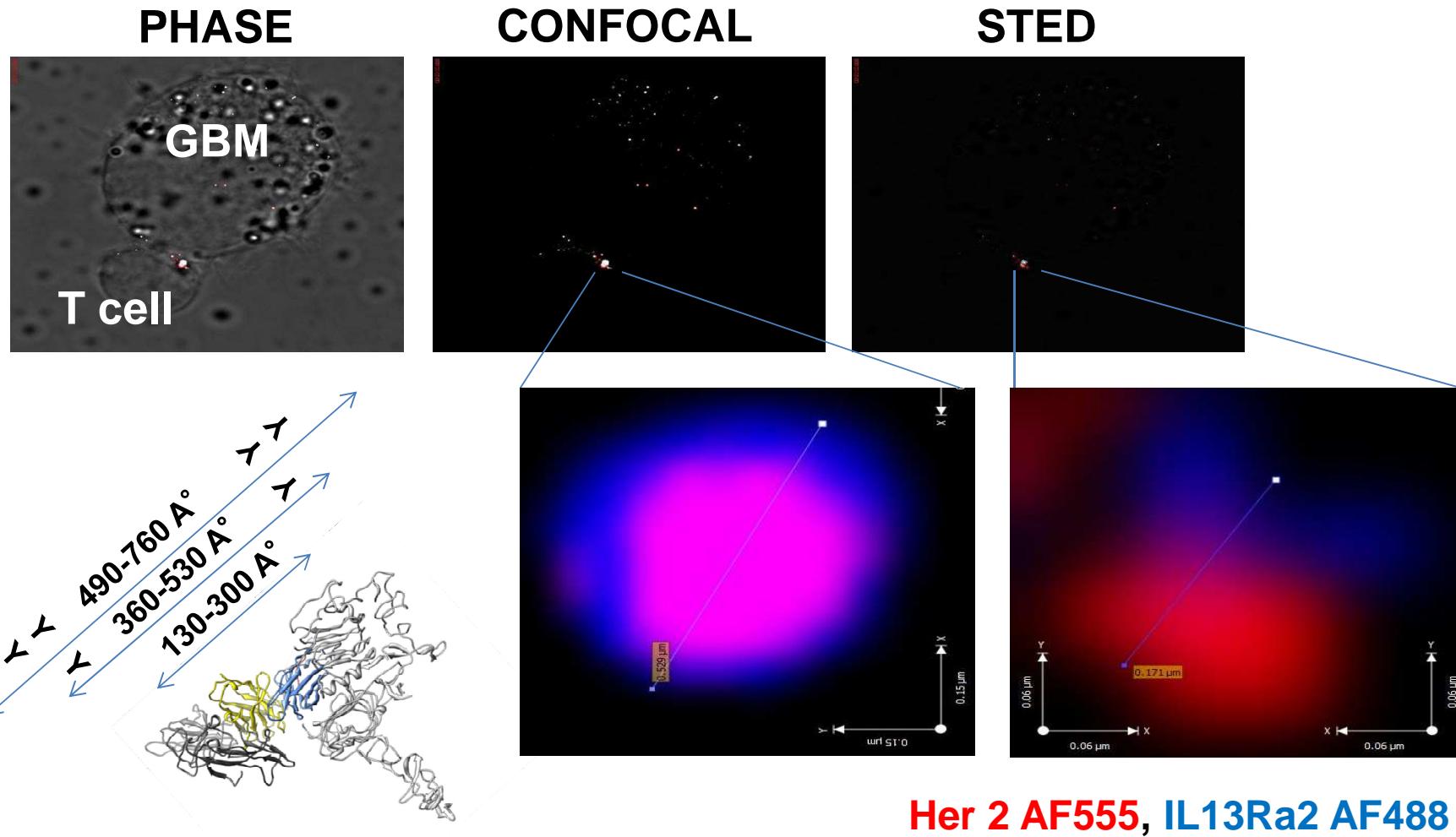
Larger HIL TanCAR Synapse



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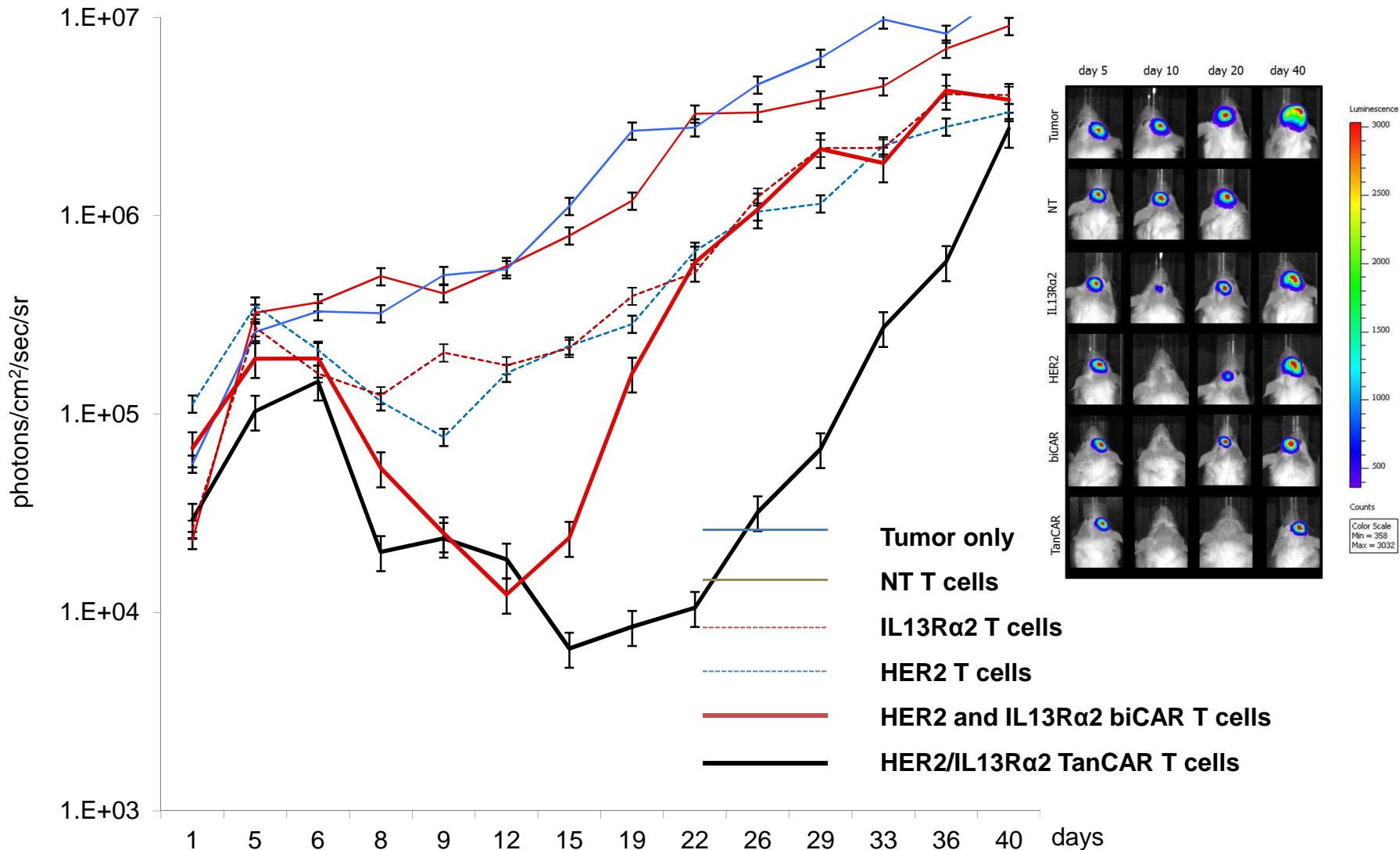


Can TanCAR Co-engage Targets?

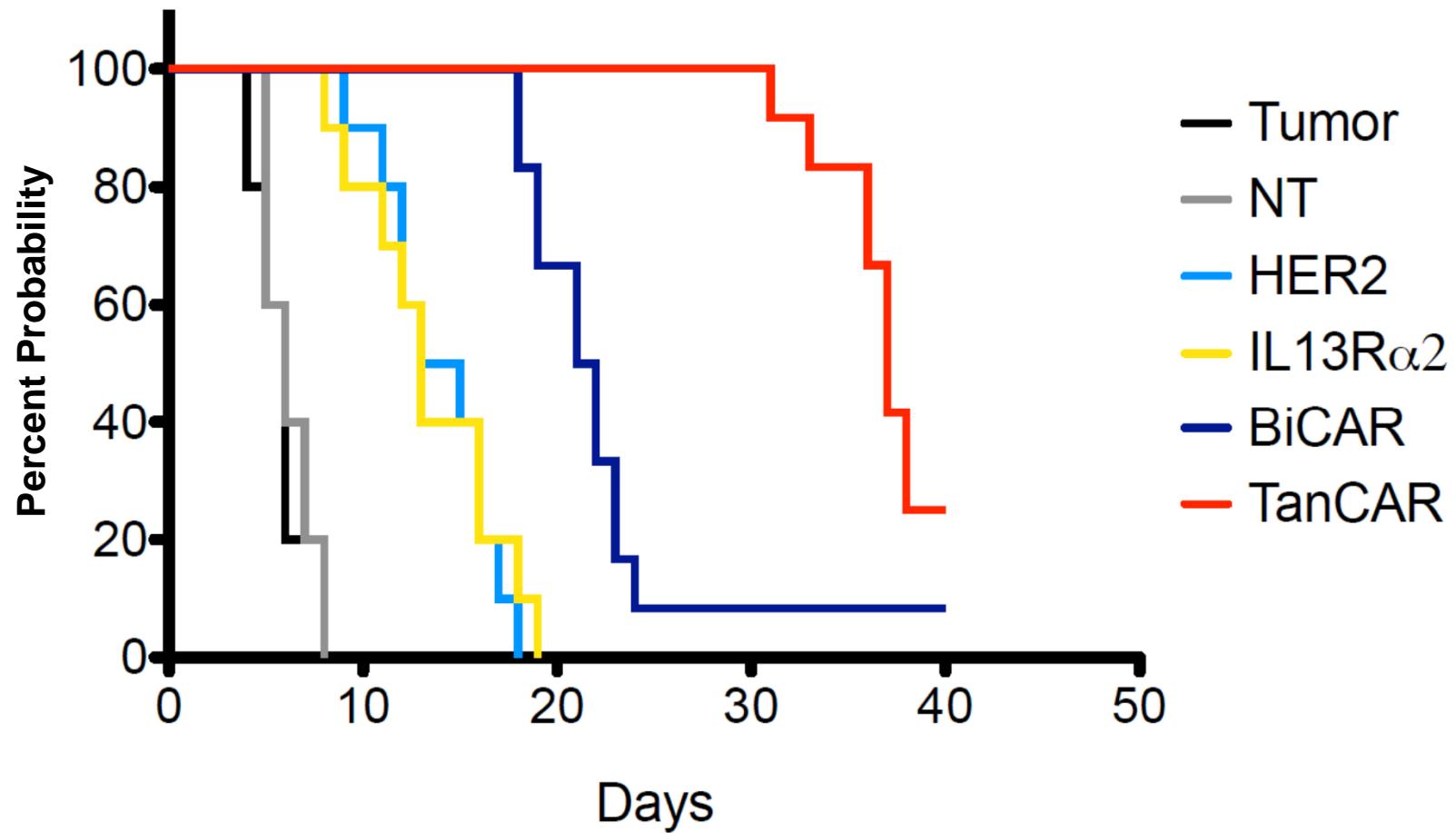


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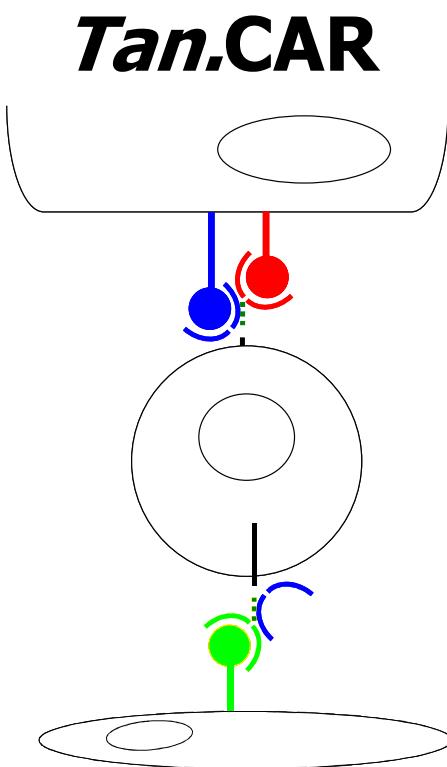
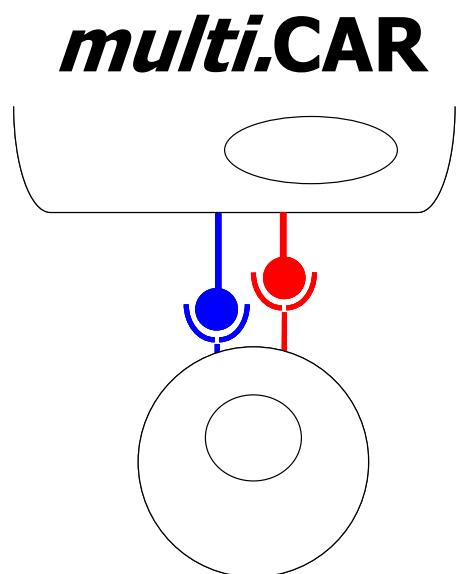
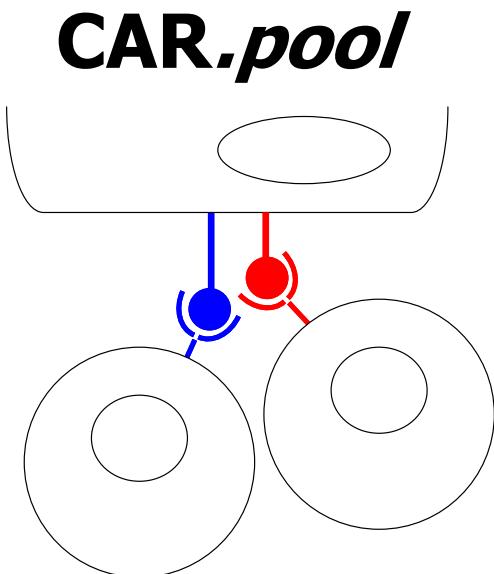
Anti-glioma *in vivo* Activity



Improved TTP



Conclusion: Broad Spectrum Products



offset antigen escape

offset antigen escape

offset antigen escape

+ enhance T cell activation

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+ selective synergy?

Coming soon

TanCAR Molecules

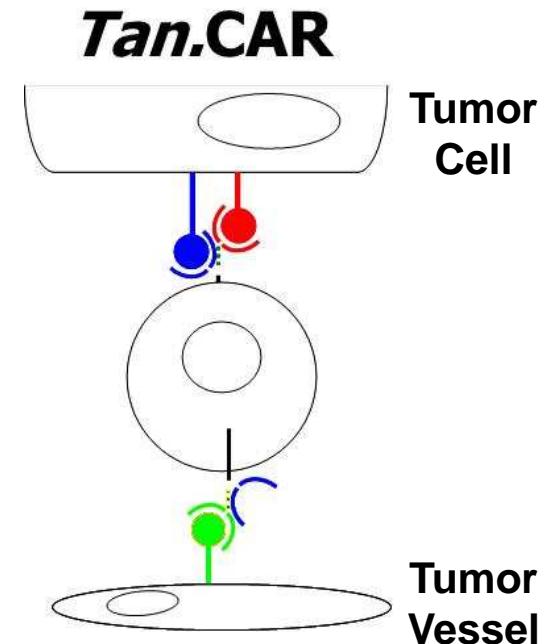
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Custom-made vs. Universal CART

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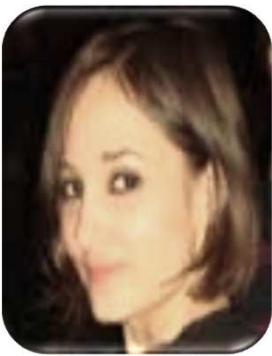
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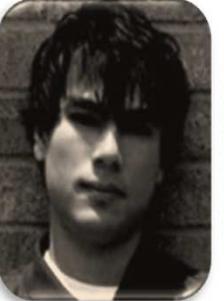
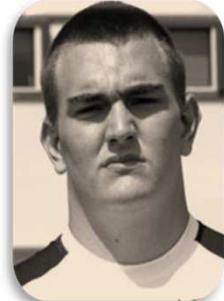
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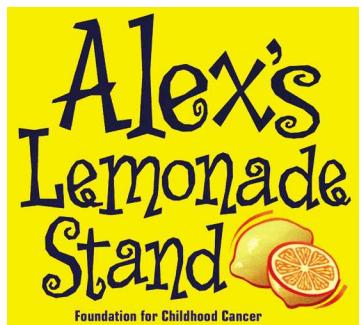
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