

# **Adoptive Immune Therapy: Lessons Learned in Trial Design**

**SITC (4/13)**

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# Cell Transfer Therapy

(11/1/12)

<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>OR (%)</u>
number of patients (duration in months)				
<b>No TBI</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>16 (37%)</b> (84, 36, 29, 28, 14, 12, 11, 7, 7, 7, 7, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2)	<b>5 (12%)</b> (109+, 106+, 105+, 93+, 88+)	<b>21 (49%)</b>
<b>200 TBI</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8 (32%)</b> (14, 9, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3)	<b>5 (20%)</b> (95+, 91+, 87+, 84+, 81+)	<b>13 (52%)</b>
<b>1200 TBI</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8 (32%)</b> (21, 13, 7, 6, 6, 5, 3, 2)	<b>10 (40%)</b> (75+, 73+, 71+, 71+, 66+, 65+, 65+, 65+, 64+, 19)	<b>18(72%)</b>

(20 complete responses: 19 ongoing at 64 to 109 months)

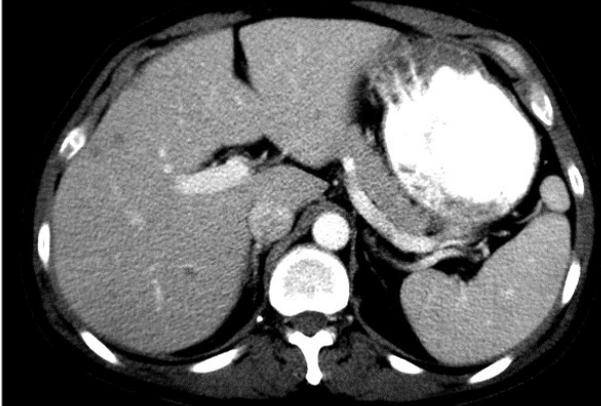
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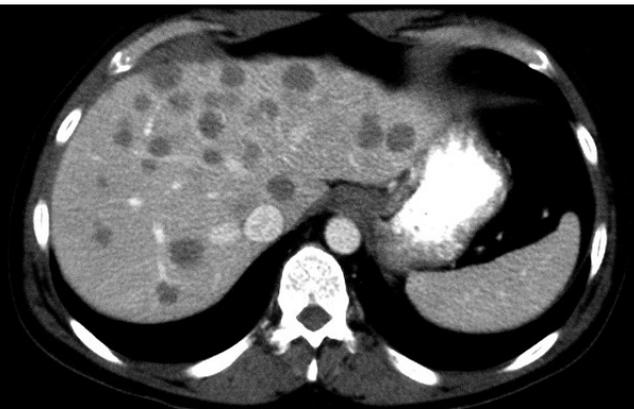


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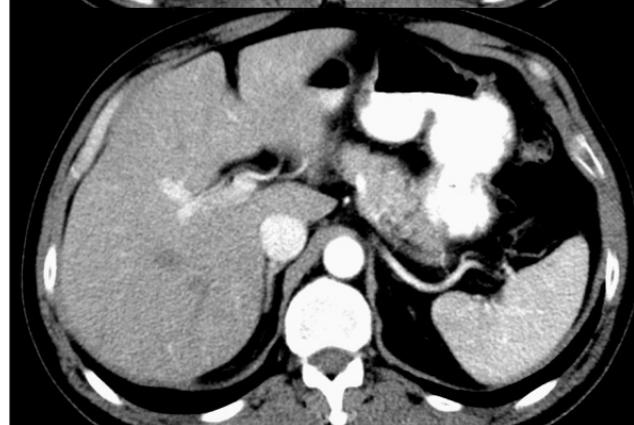
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**Other Sites: Lung**



**Nov 10, 2003**

**CR 75+ mo.**



**Feb 17, 2010**

C.K. (200cGy)

Pre

12 days



# A.H.: N-M cell transfer



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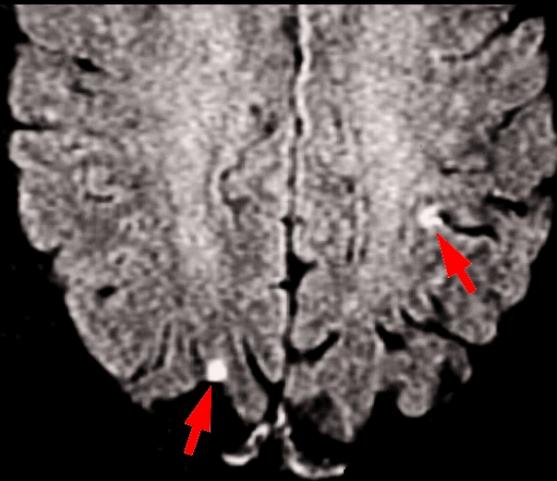
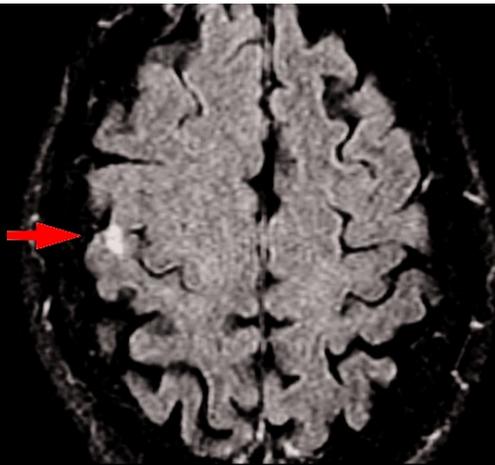
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**CR 59+ mo.**

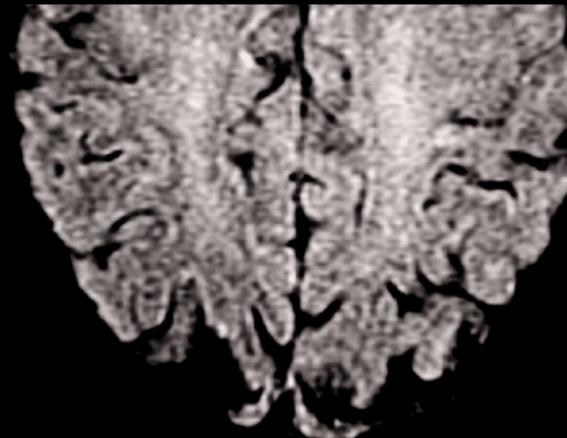
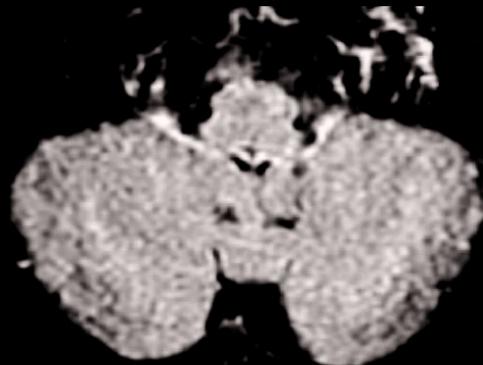
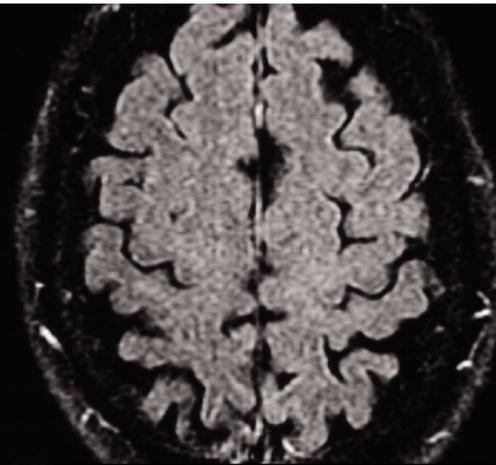


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Pt. M.H.

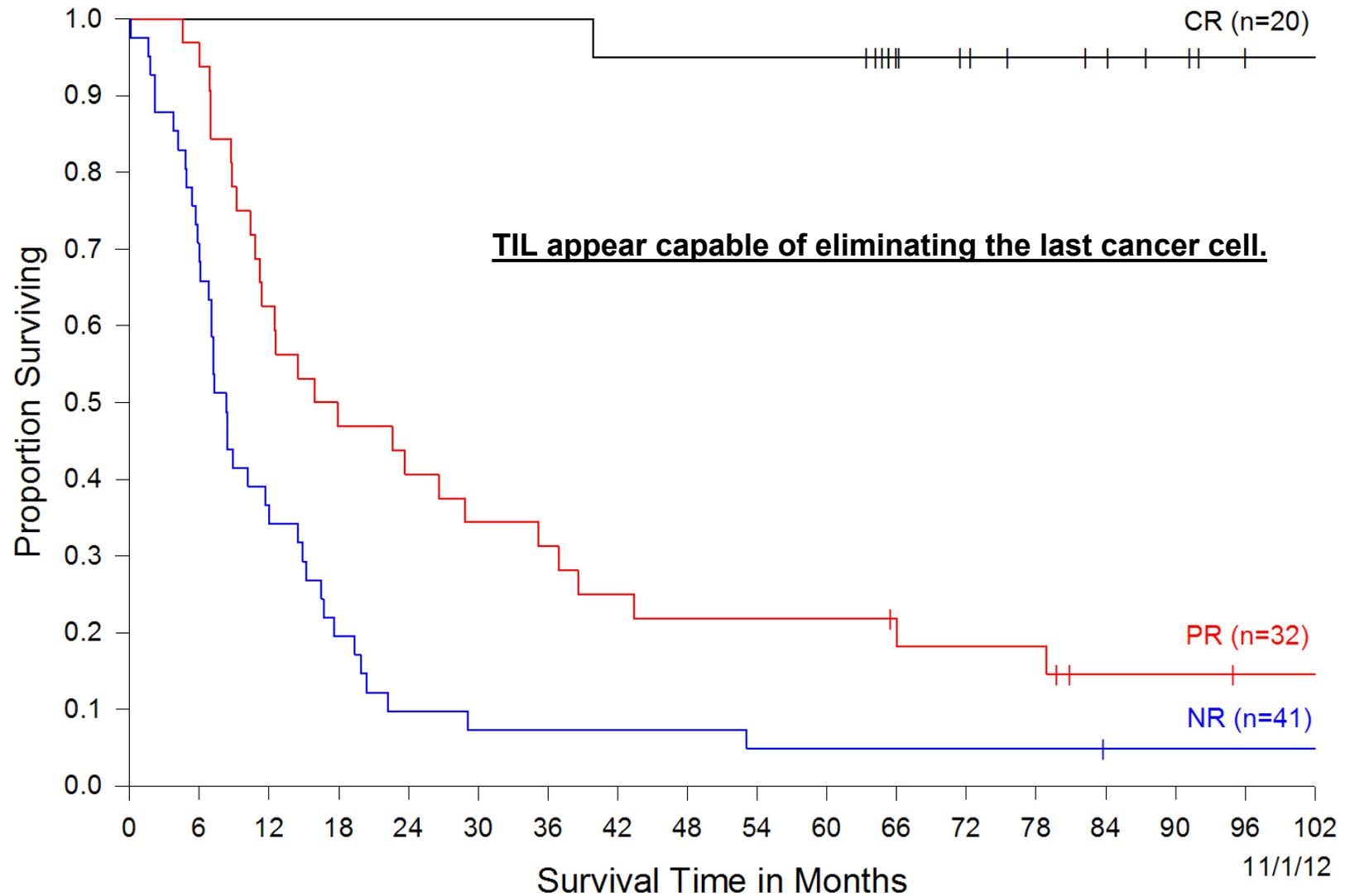


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## Survival of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with Autologous Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes and IL-2



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# Phase I Study of ACT Using TIL Transduced with Gene Encoding IL-12 (4/1/13)

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TIL grown for 2-3 weeks

Stimulated with OKT-3, transduced and expanded

Infuse after Cy/flu preparative regimen

No IL-2 administered

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Cohort (# cells x 10 <sup>-9</sup> )	Number of patients	Result
0.001	1	1NR
0.003	1	1NR
0.01	7	7NR
0.03	5	1CR (24+ mos); 4NR
0.1	3	3NR
0.3	3	3PR (4, 6, 12+)
1.0	4	1PR (12+); 3NR
3.0	4	1CR (5+) 3PR (9+, 7, 5)

In first 5 cohorts 1 of 17 patients responded. At doses greater than 0.1X10<sup>-9</sup> 8 of 11 patients responded.

# **POINTS TO CONSIDER IN IMMUNOTHERAPY TRIAL DESIGN**

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**Tension in Phase I studies between safety and possible effectiveness in selection of the starting dose and mode of dose escalation.**

**Goal: Find a safe dose but minimize the number of patients receiving very low ineffective doses.**

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## TCR Gene Therapy in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

TCR	Response		Toxicity		
	Total	OR	Skin	Uveitis (Grade 1/2/3)	Auditory
	(number of patients)				
MART-1TCR (DMF5)	20	6(30%)	11/3/0	2/9/0	2/0/7
gp100TCR (gp154)	16	3(19%)	11/4/0	0/4/0	2/2/3
(Total)	36	9(25%)	22/7/0 (81%)	2/13/0 (42%)	4/2/3 (25%)

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Skin	erythema	desquamation <50%	desquamation >50%
Eye	no symptoms	anterior, steroid drops	pan uveitis
Ear	15-25dB, 2 freq.	>25dB, 2 freq.	>25dB, 3 freq.

(Science 314:126, 2006; Blood 114:535, 2009)

# **Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA)**

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**CEA is a highly glycosylated protein:**

**50% carbohydrate**

**180 kDa**

**Highly expressed in fetal development with very low expression in colonic epithelial cells, squamous epithelium in the esophagus and cervix, epithelial cells of cervix**

**High expression in some cancers:**

**colorectal**

**breast**

**lung**

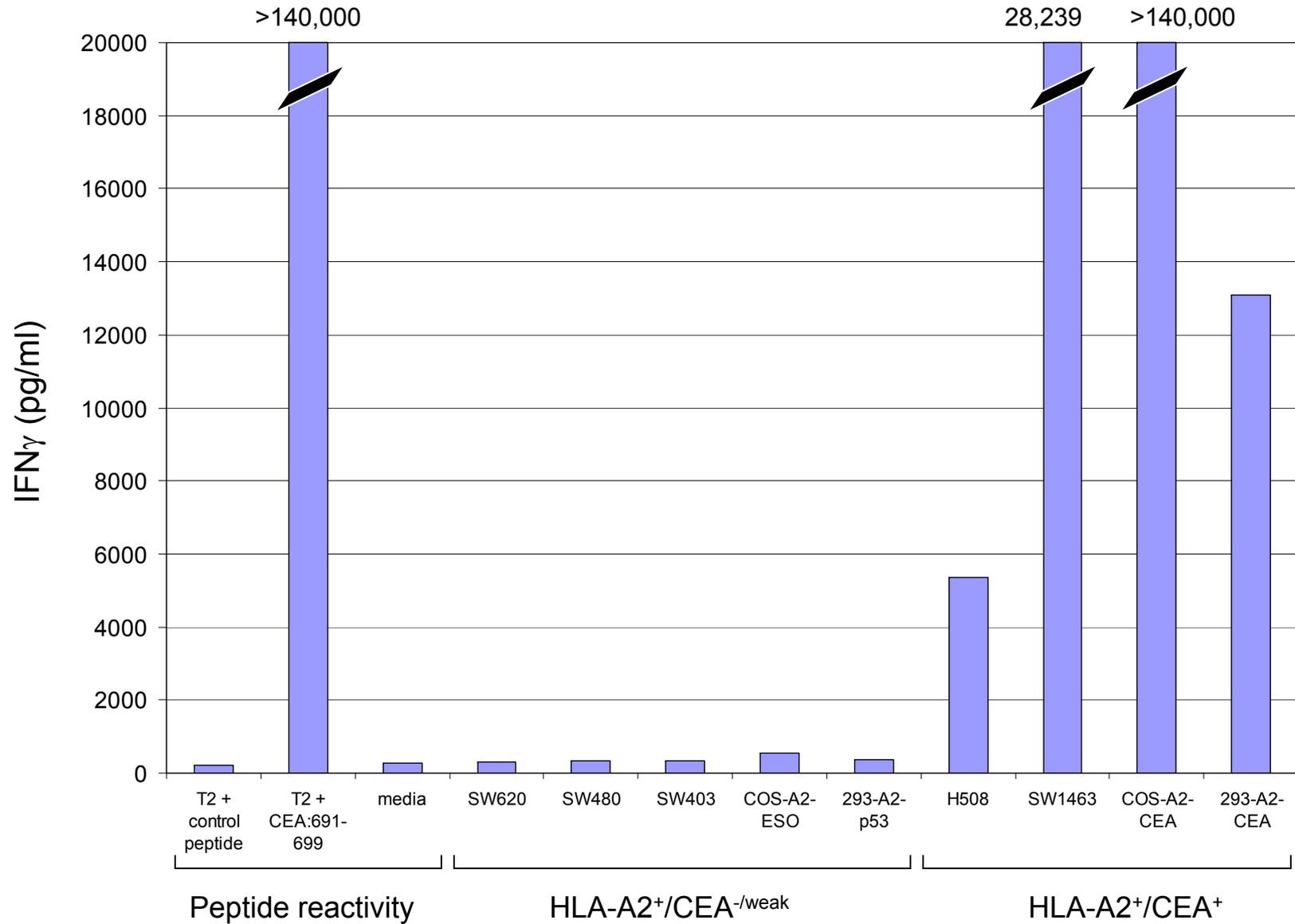
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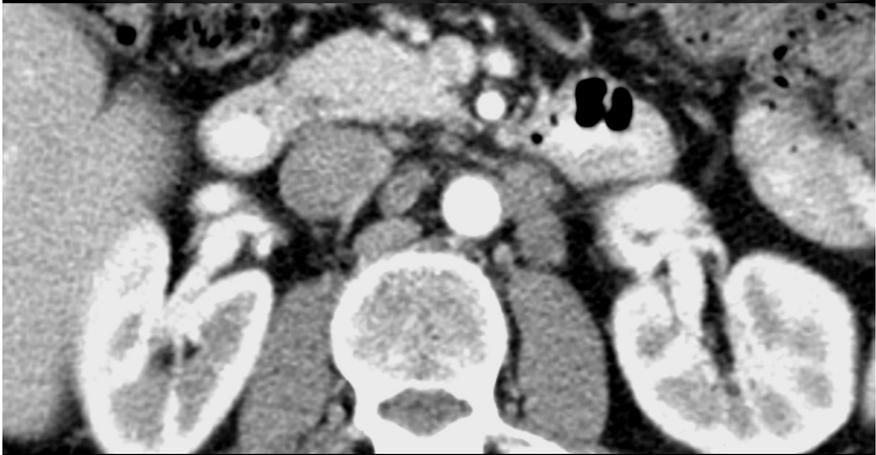
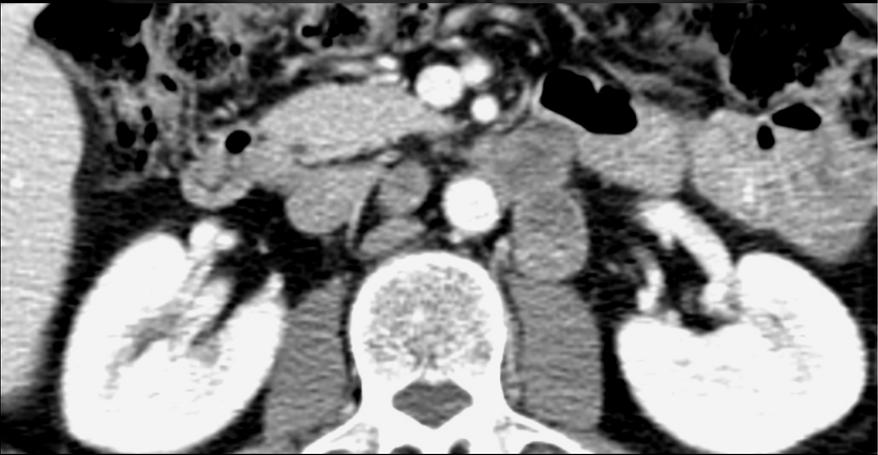
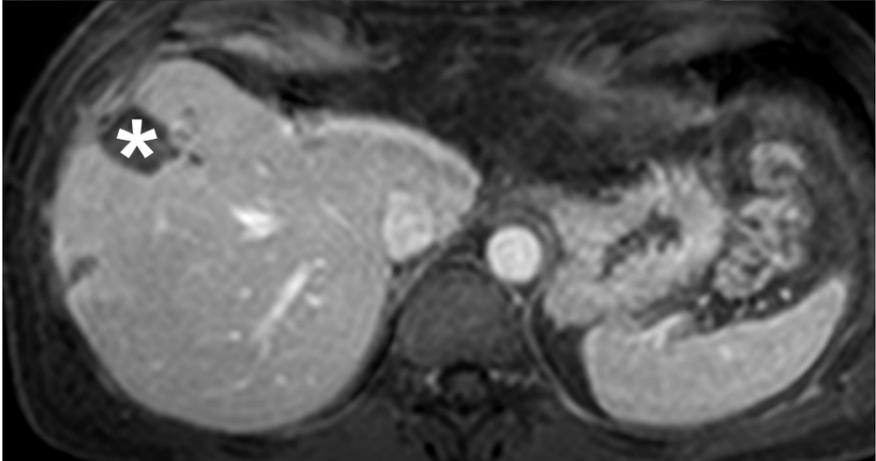
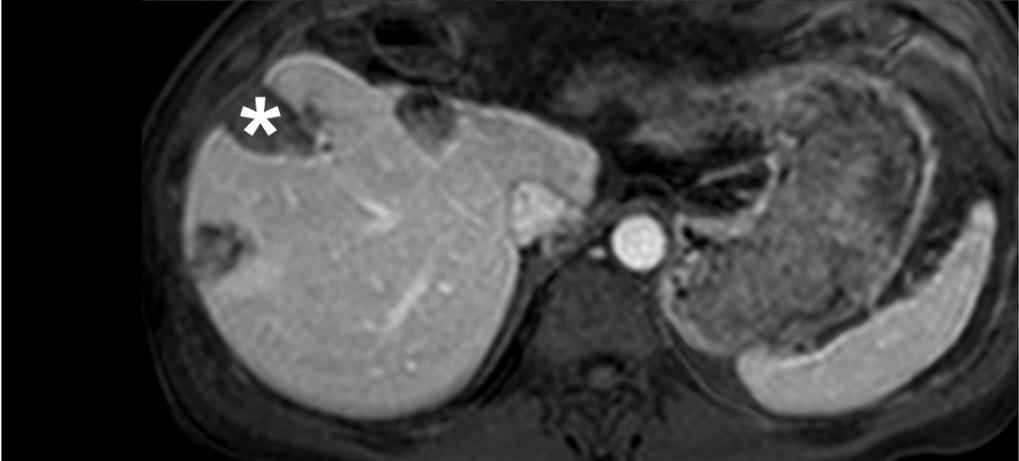
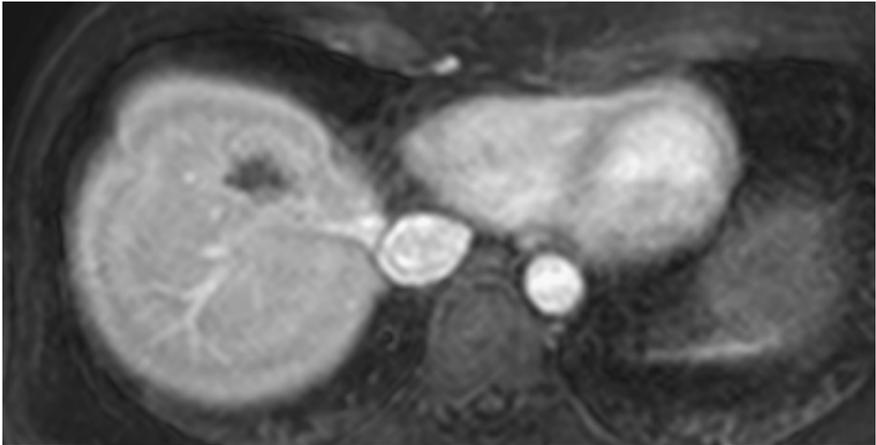
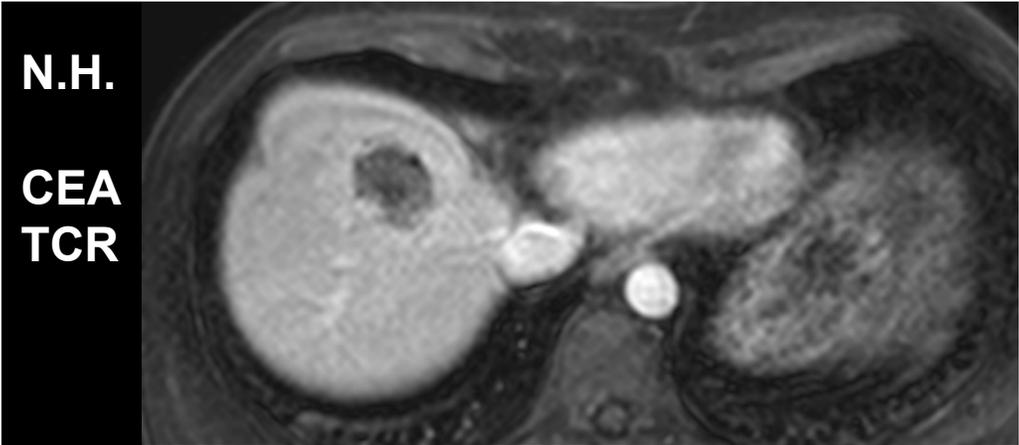
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**pancreas**

**and others**

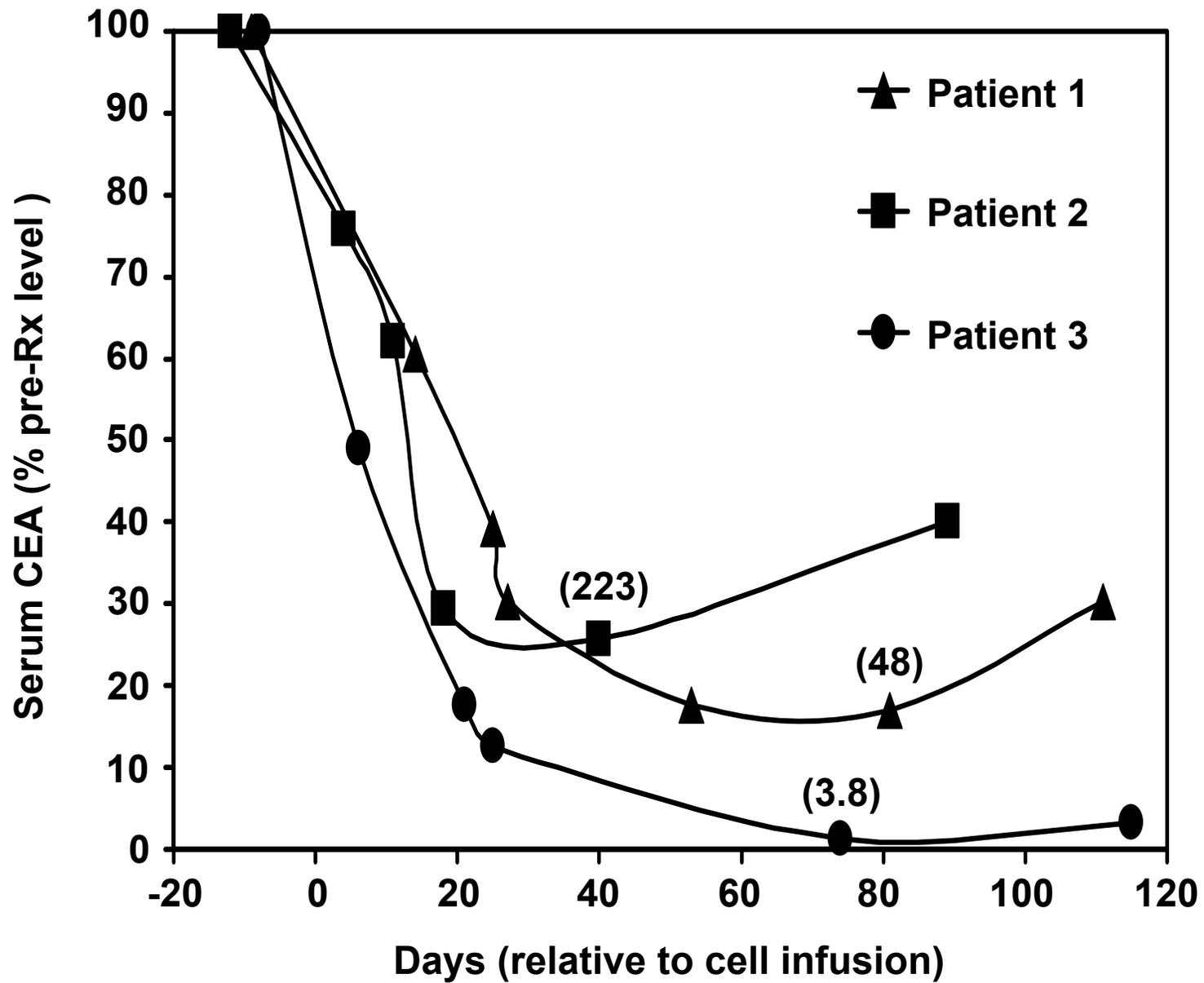
# HLA-A2 transgenic mouse T cell clone specifically reactive with human CEA:691-699





**Pre-Treatment**

**4 Months**



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# **POINTS TO CONSIDER IN IMMUNOTHERAPY TRIAL DESIGN**

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**The exquisite sensitivity of high affinity T cells can target very low levels of antigen expressing cells.**

**Finding cell affinities and cell numbers in immunotherapy approaches that can exploit the differences of antigen expression on tumors versus normal tissue can be difficult as well as dangerous.**

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# **B-cell Malignancies**

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**Approximately 22,000 people die of B-cell malignancies annually in the U.S.**

**CD19 is expressed by more than 90% of B-cell malignancies.**

**CD19 is expressed by mature B cells, B-cell precursors and plasma cells but not any other normal tissues.**

# T cells can be genetically engineered to express an anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor

We synthesized DNA encoding an anti-CD19 CAR and ligated it into the MSGV gammaretroviral backbone

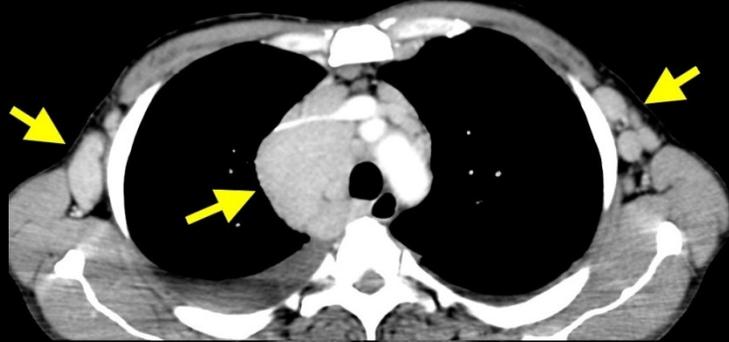
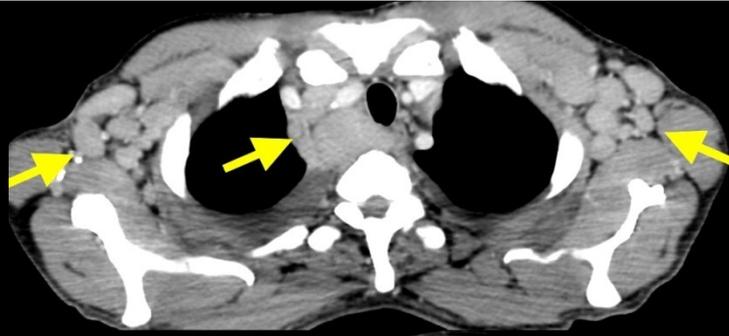
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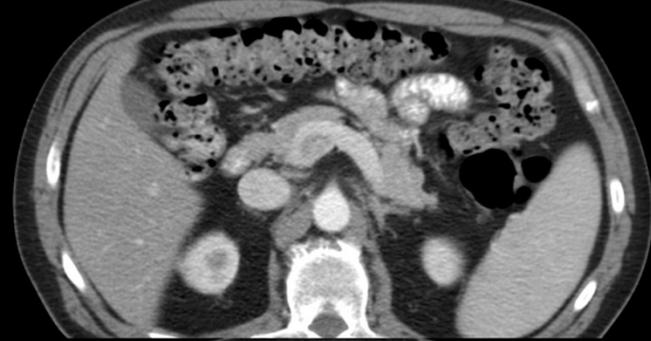
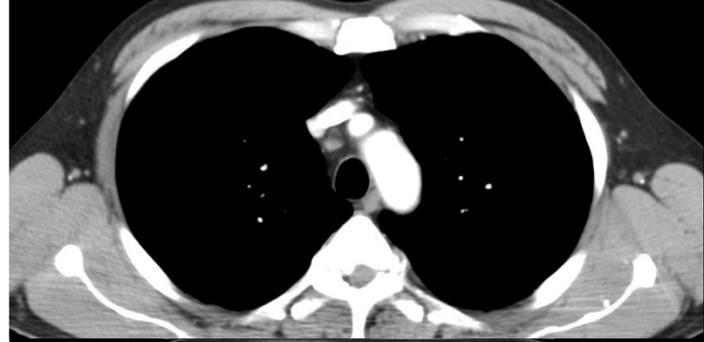
Retroviral supernatant for the trial was produced in the Surgery Branch Vector Production Facility

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Follicular  
lymphoma



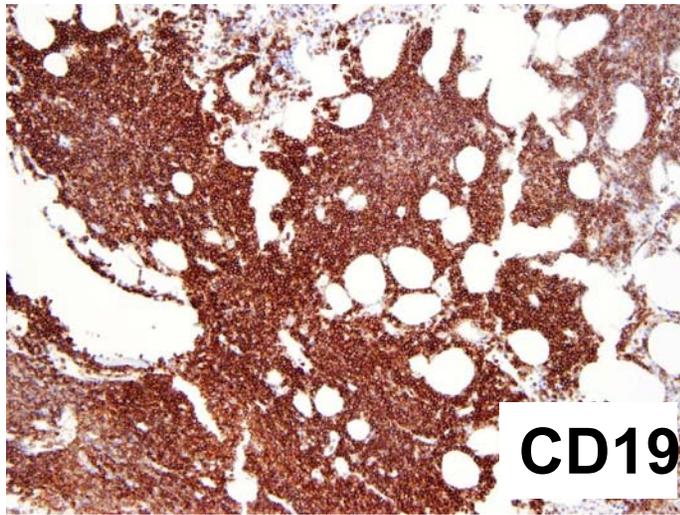
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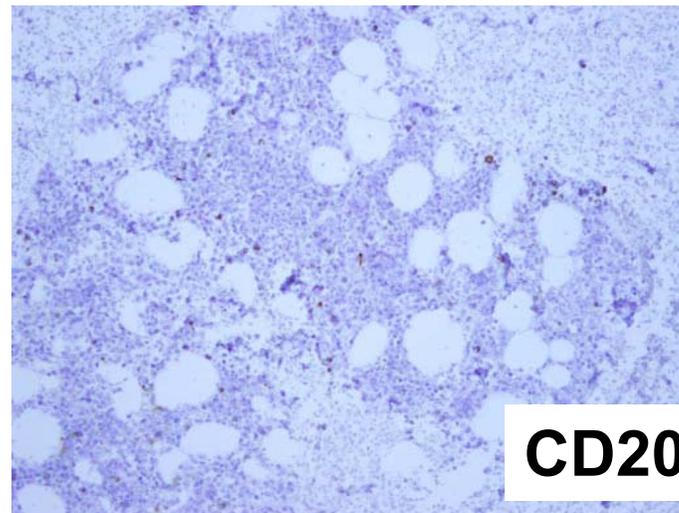
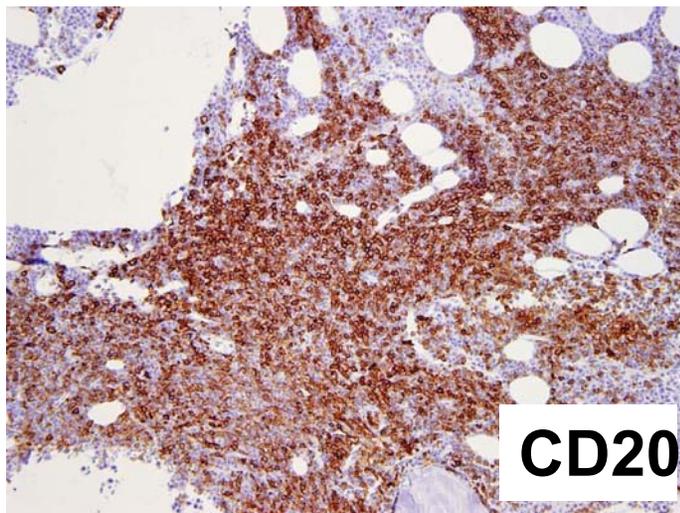
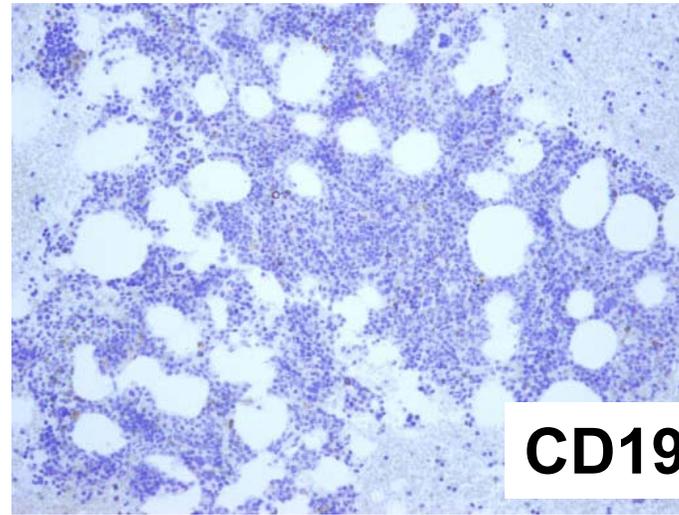
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**Bone marrow biopsies showed extensive CLL before treatment and nearly absent B-lineage cells after treatment**

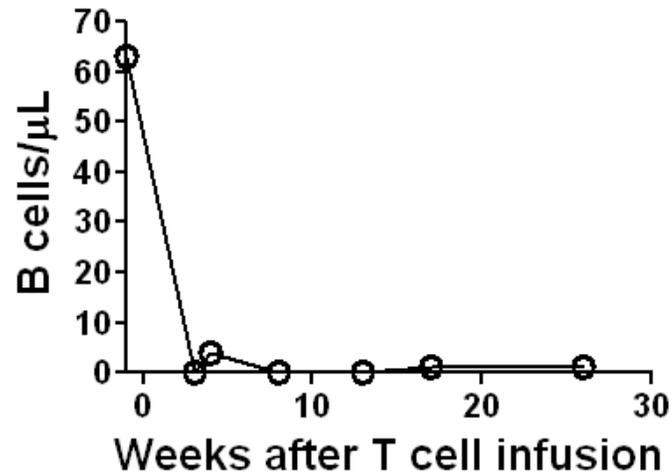
Before treatment



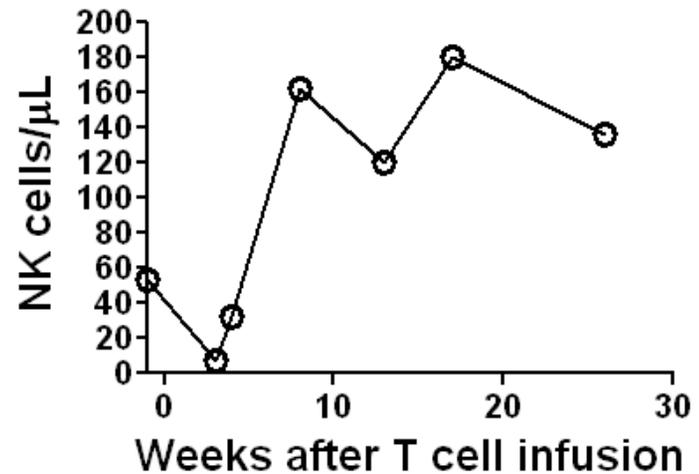
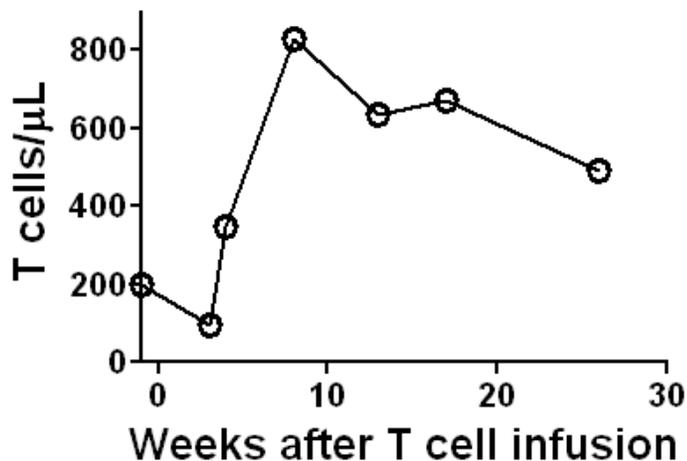
3 months after treatment



## In Patient 8, normal blood B cells were eliminated after CAR-transduced T cell infusion



## In contrast, T and NK cell counts rapidly recovered after treatment



## Current anti-CD19 CAR protocol patient characteristics (4/13)

<u>Patient</u>	<u>Age/sex</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of prior therapies</u>	<u>Number of CAR+ cells infused/Kg</u>	<u>Response (duration in months)</u>
1 <sup>ψ</sup>	56/M	Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma	4	5x10 <sup>6</sup>	PR (19+)
2*	43/F	DLBCL**	4	5x10 <sup>6</sup>	CR (16+)
3*	61/M	CLL (FR)	2	4x10 <sup>6</sup>	CR (14+)
4	30/F	DLBCL**	3	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	NE <sup>^^</sup>
5 <sup>ψ</sup>	63/M	CLL	4	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	PR (6+)
6*	48/M	CLL (FR)	1	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	CR (4+)
7	42/M	DLBCL**	4	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	CR (2+)
8	44/F	DLBCL	9	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	CR (2+)
9	38/M	DLBCL	3	2.5x10 <sup>6</sup>	TE

PR=partial remission, NE=not evaluable, CR=complete remission SD=stable disease FR=fludarabine-refractory

<sup>ψ</sup>Patient 1 and Patient 5 were previously treated with our original anti-CD19 CAR regimen

\*Received two doses of 30 mg/kg cyclophosphamide due to low platelet count

<sup>^^</sup>Patient died before one month staging. DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; \*\*Chemo-refractory

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# **Cancer/Testes Antigens - Shared Tumor Specific Antigens**

**Expressed during fetal development**

**Restricted in their expression in adult normal tissues to germ cells**

**Up-regulated in 10-80% of cancers from multiple tissues**

## **NY-ESO-1 Family**

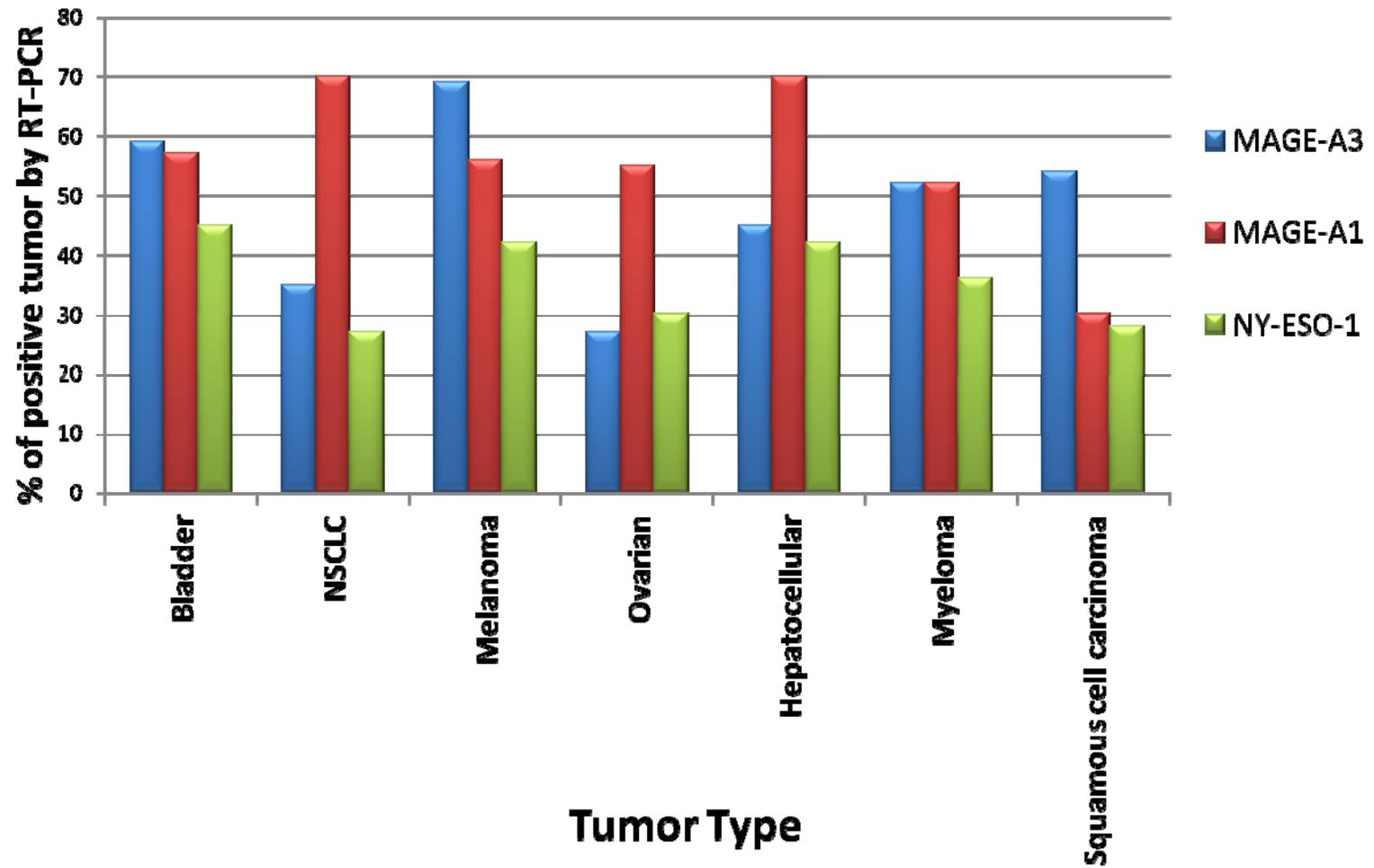
**Small family of X-linked genes that includes NY-ESO-1 and LAGE-1**

## **MAGE Family**

**Family of ~ 45 X-linked genes**

# Cancer/Testis Antigens Expressed in Multiple Tumor Types

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## Responses to Therapy with NY-ESO-1 TCR (2/1/13)

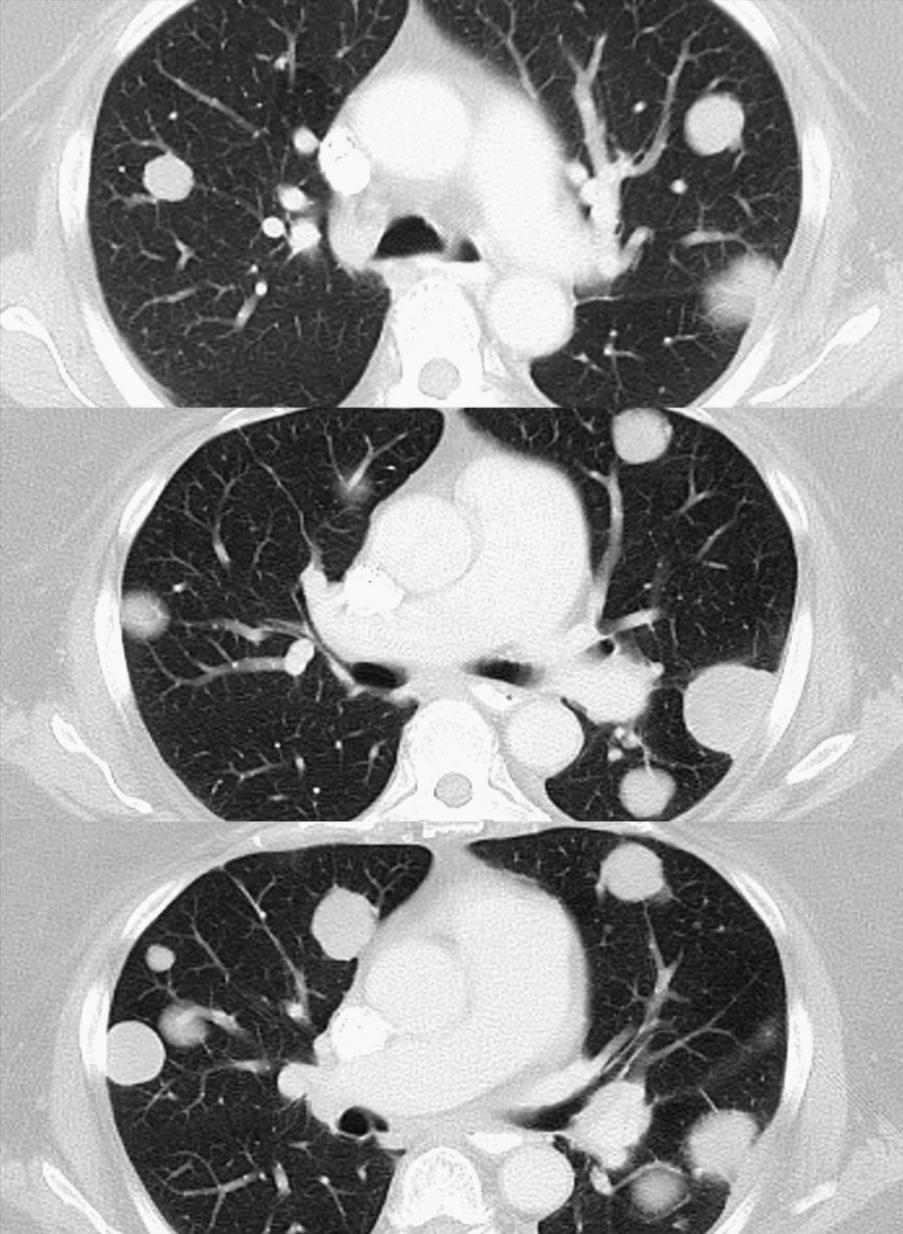
	Total	PR	CR	OR
	number of patients (duration in months)			
<b>Melanoma</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5 (28%)</b> <b>(18+,10**, 8, 4, 3)</b>	<b>4 (22%)</b> <b>(48+, 37+, 25, 21+**)</b>	<b>9 (50%)</b>
<b>Synovial Cell Sarcoma</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10 (63%)</b> <b>(29+**,14*, 12**,10, 8, 6+, 5, 4, 3**,2+)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10 (63%)</b>

\*treated twice

\*\*plus ALVAC vaccine

(Robbins et al J Clin Oncol 29:917-924, 2011)

A.R. Synovial cell sarcoma NY-ESO-1 TCR



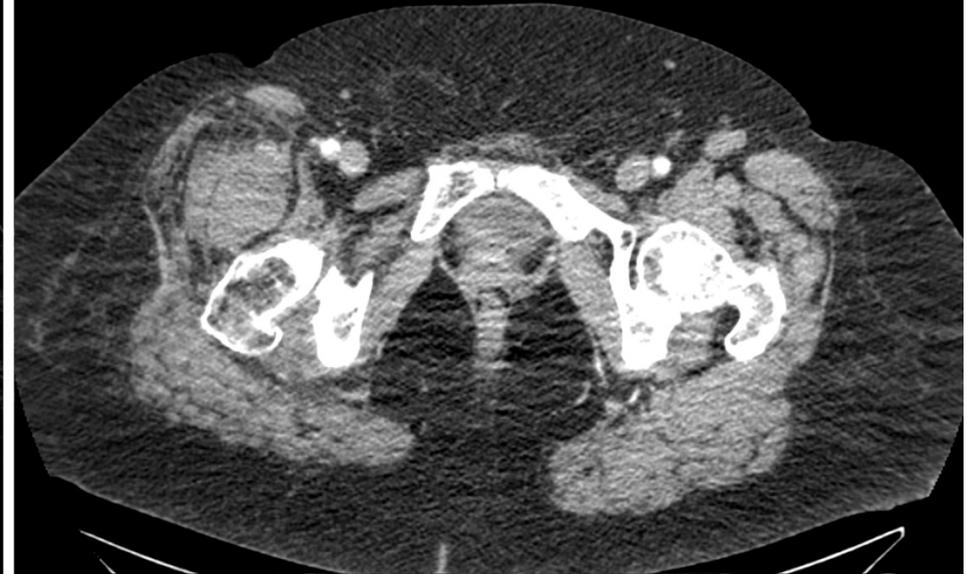
**Pre-Treatment**



**18 Months**

A.R. Synovial cell sarcoma

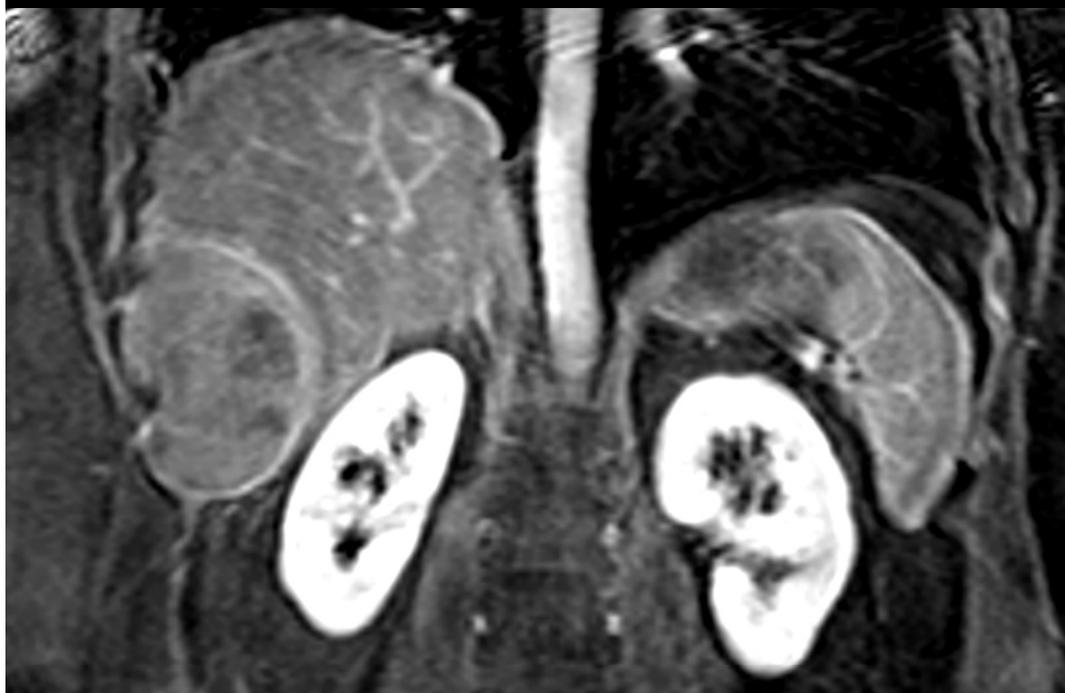
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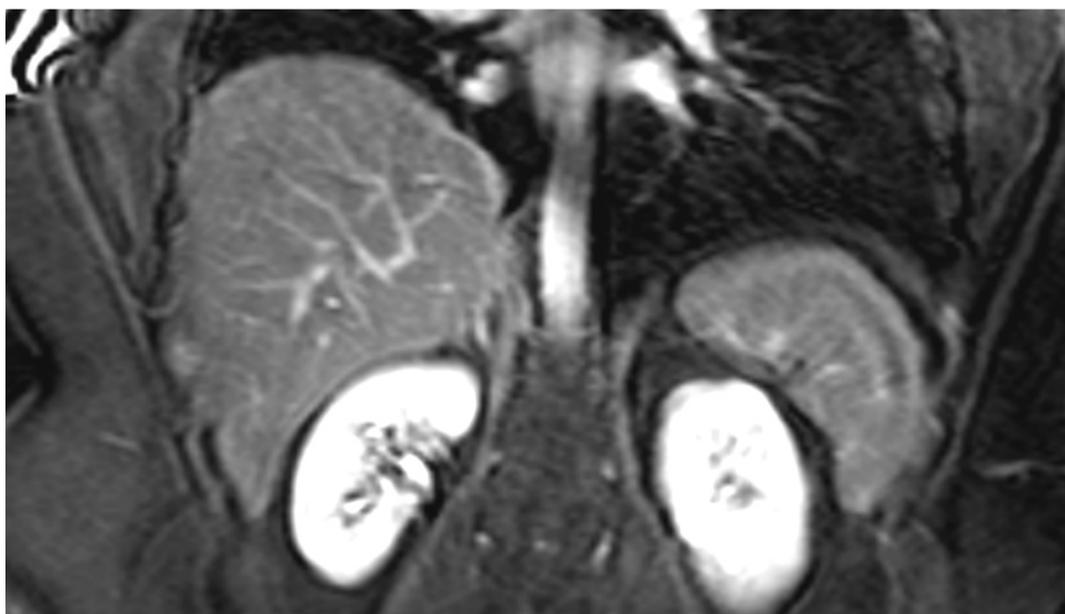
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**18 Months**

M.M. Synovial cell sarcoma ESO TCR

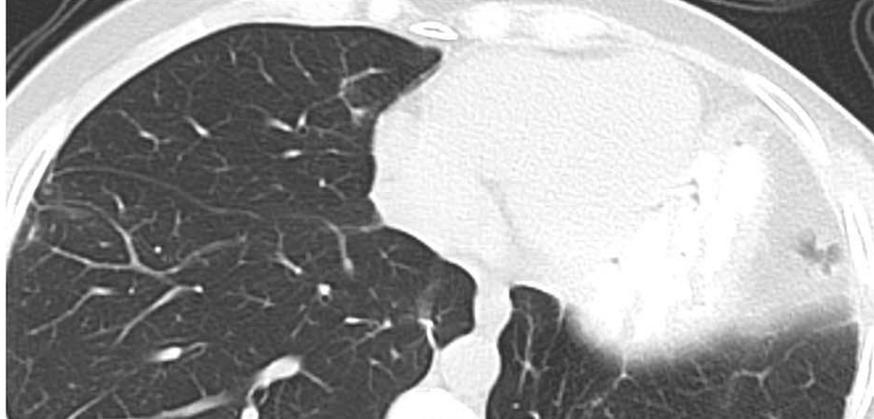
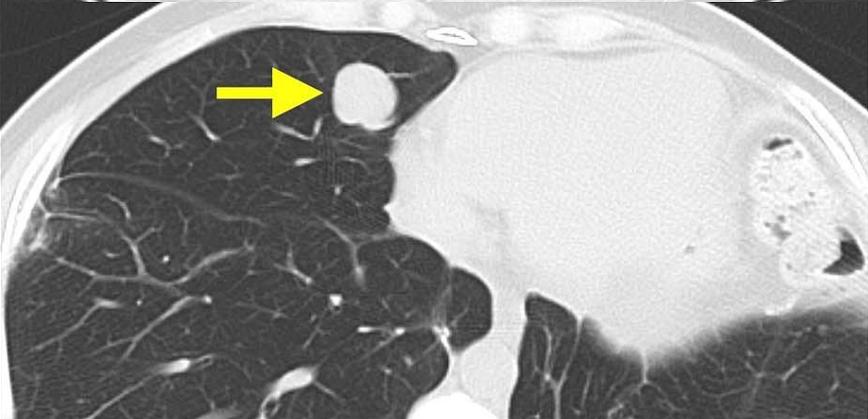
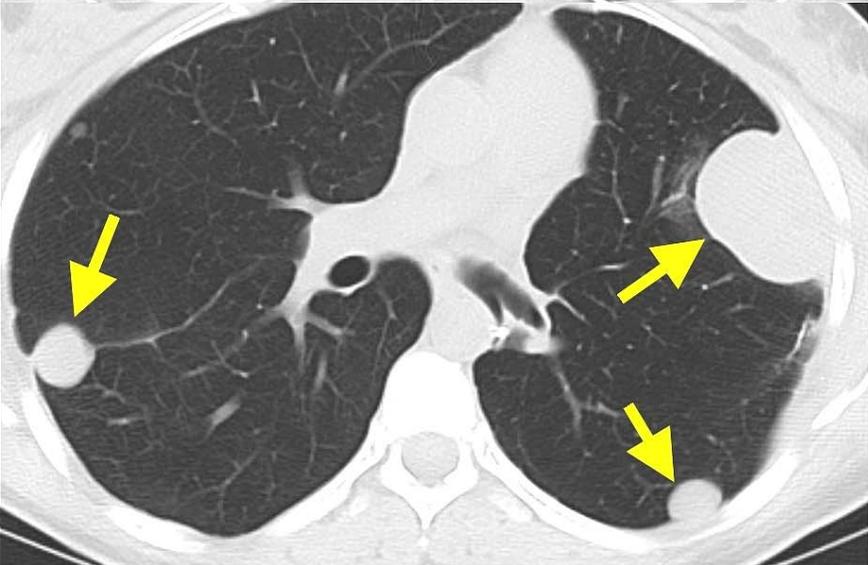


**Pre-Treatment**



**6 Months**

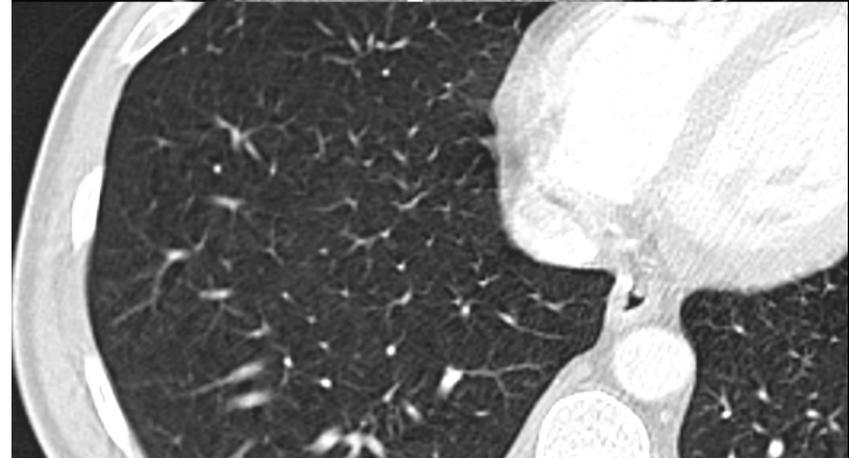
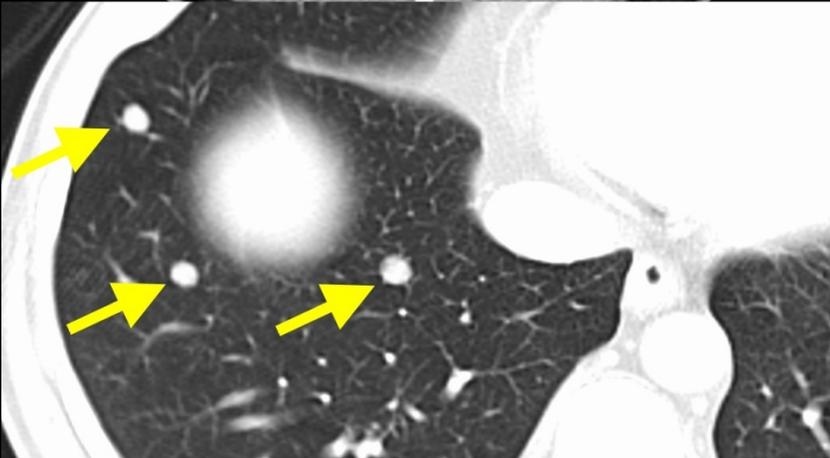
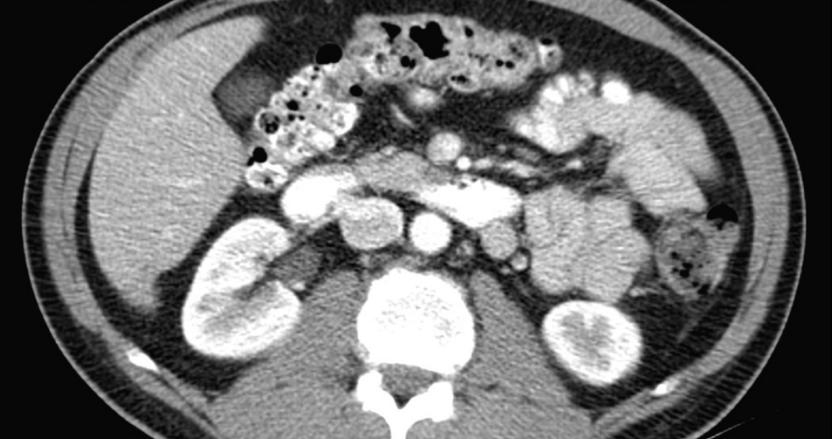
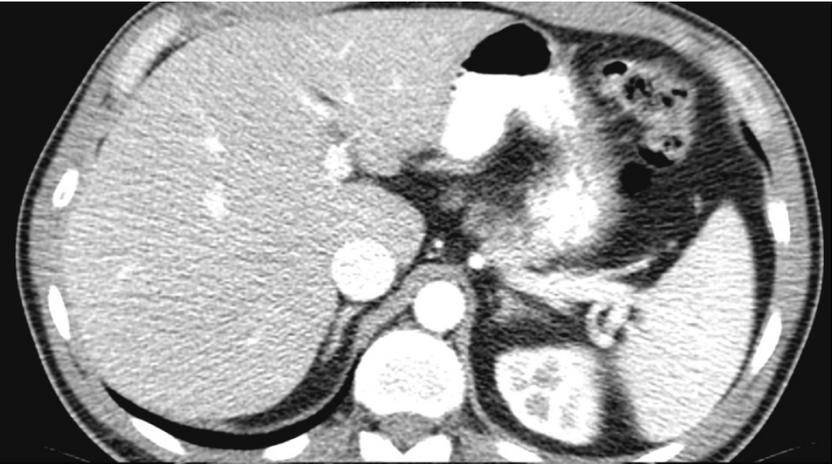
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Synovial Sarcoma  
ESO  
TCR



**Pre-Treatment**

**14 Months**

D.C.  
ESO TCR  
Melanoma



**December 2009**

**March 2012**

## Patients on MAGE-A3 TCR Protocol (F/U 3/1/12)

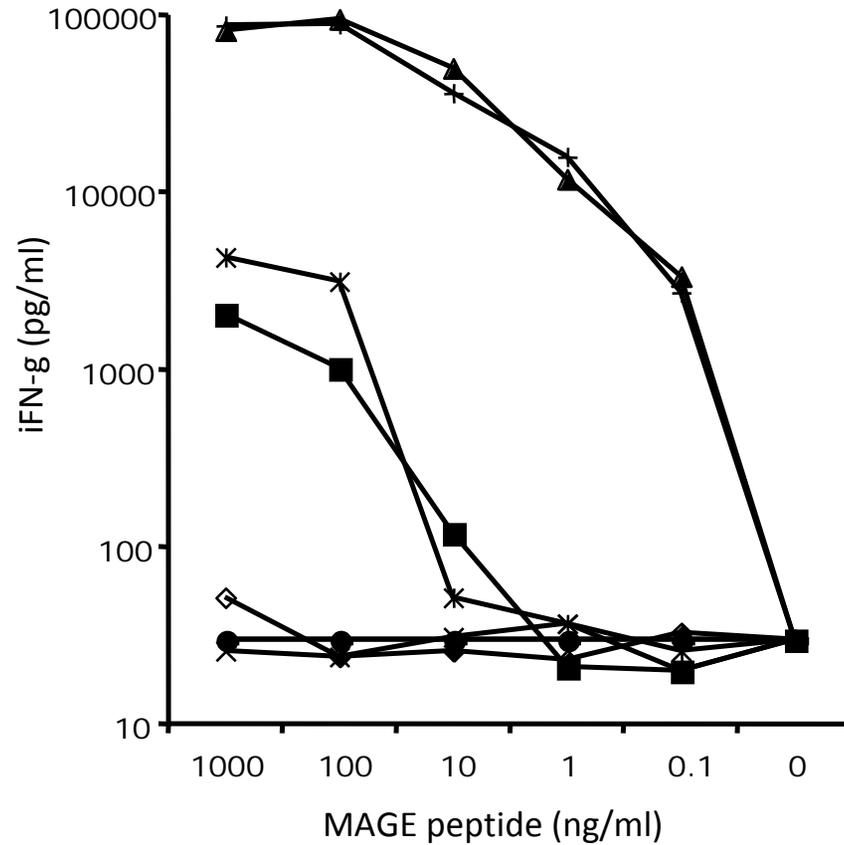
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2. J.P. 38	Melanoma	3/24/11	30	5	NR	None
3. P.M. 56	Melanoma	5/5/11	30	7	PR(4)	None
4. K.H. 21	Synovial Sarc.	6/10/11	41	1	PR(5)	None
5. M.S. 54	Melanoma	7/22/11	79	5	PR(4)	Coma (white matter)
6. J.M. 44	Melanoma	8/5/11	53	4	NR	None
7. F.B. 62	Melanoma	8/17/11	62	6	CR(6+)	Seizure (normal MRI; recovered completely)
8. G.T. 71	Esophageal	8/18/11	61	1	NR	Coma (white matter)
9. J.S. 62	Melanoma	8/31/11	30	0	NR	TIA (Normal MRI; recovered completely)

Can this MAGE-A3 TCR recognize other related MAGE peptides?

**MAGE peptides**

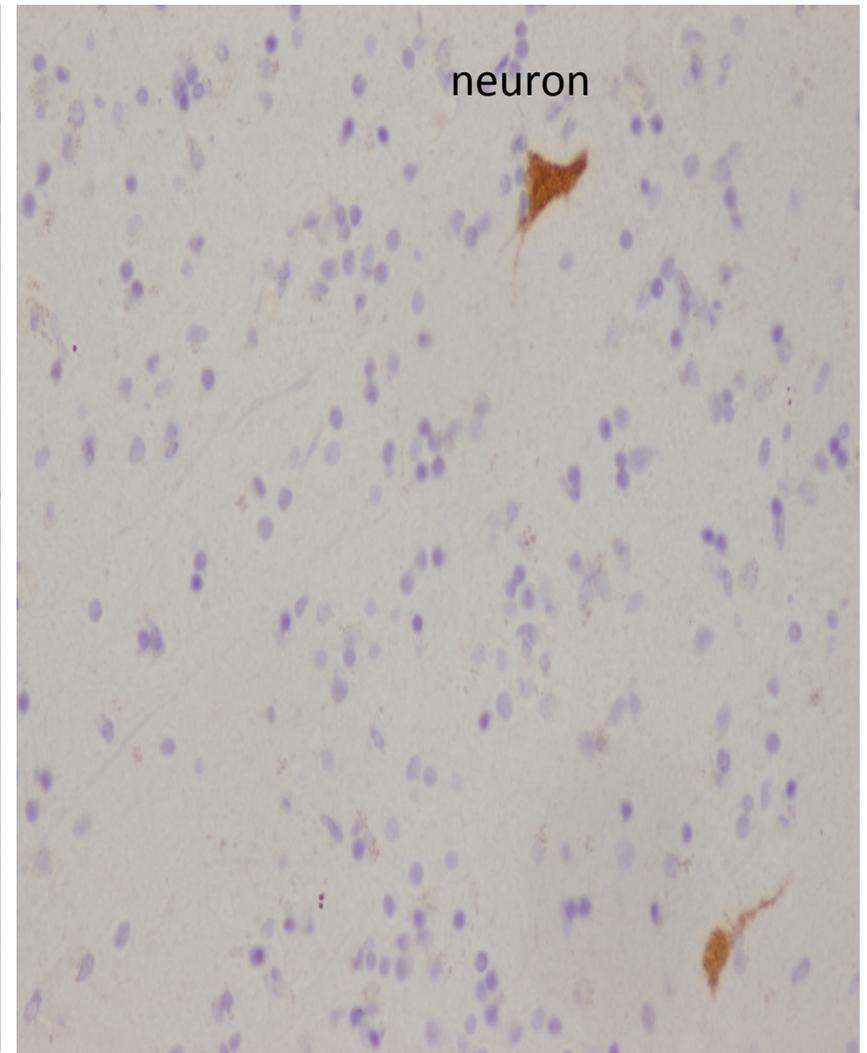
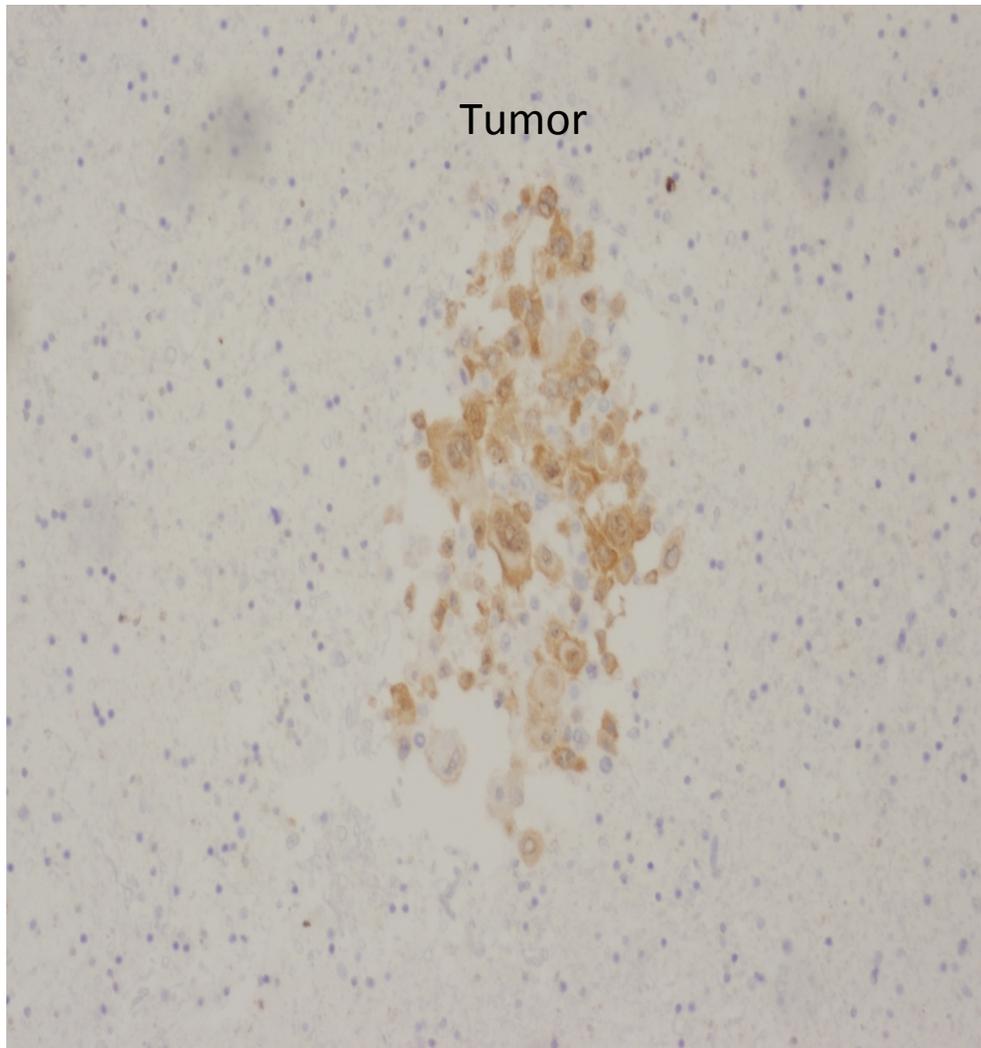
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- MAGE A2 KM**V**ELVHFL ✓
- ▲ MAGE A3 KVAELVHFL
- × MAGE A4 KV**D**EL**A**HFL
- \* MAGE A6 KVA**K**LVHFL ✓
- MAGE A8 KVAELV**R**FL
- + MAGE A12 K**M**AELVHFL
- MAGE C2 KVAELV**E**FL

**T2 cell co-culture assay**



MAGE-A3 TCR transduced PBL also recognized MAGE-A12 peptide efficiently and MAGE-A2 and A6 peptides at higher concentrations

Autopsy tissue from an esophageal cancer patient showing MAGE-A staining



11-43; metastatic poorly differentiated SCC (positive for MAGE); neurons nearby are also positive for MAGE

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**Even if the target is not on the tumor cell, cross-reactive antigens can lead to substantial toxicity.**

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# **EGFRvIII Activating Mutation is an Excellent Target for the Treatment of Glioblastoma**

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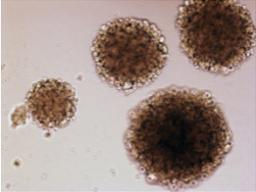
**Expressed in 30-50% of glioblastomas**

**Not expressed in normal tissues**

**Likely essential for the malignant phenotype so loss variants are unlikely**

**Highly specific antibodies that recognize EGFRvIII are available to produce CAR for use in cell transfer therapy**

# Recognition of Glioblastoma by T-cells Expressing an anti-EGFRvIII Chimeric Antigen Receptor

Transduction	Media	Targets		Glioblastoma Stem Cell Lines*		
		U251 EGFRwt	U251 EGFRvIII	1228	308	882
						
		(pg/ml IFN-g)				
None	0	0	0	0	0	80
GFP	0	0	0	0	0	180
EGFRvIII CAR	384	331	<u>4523</u>	<u>3306</u>	<u>3351</u>	<u>4406</u>

\*All lines express EGFRvIII

(R. Morgan, H. Fine et al)

# Phase I dose escalation trial in patients with recurrent glioblastoma (collaboration with Neurooncology Branch, NCI)

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Two groups:

- a) receiving steroids
- b) no steroids

Escalation cohorts: 1 patient per cohort (1<sup>st</sup> three cohorts) unless DLT; then 3 patients per cohort

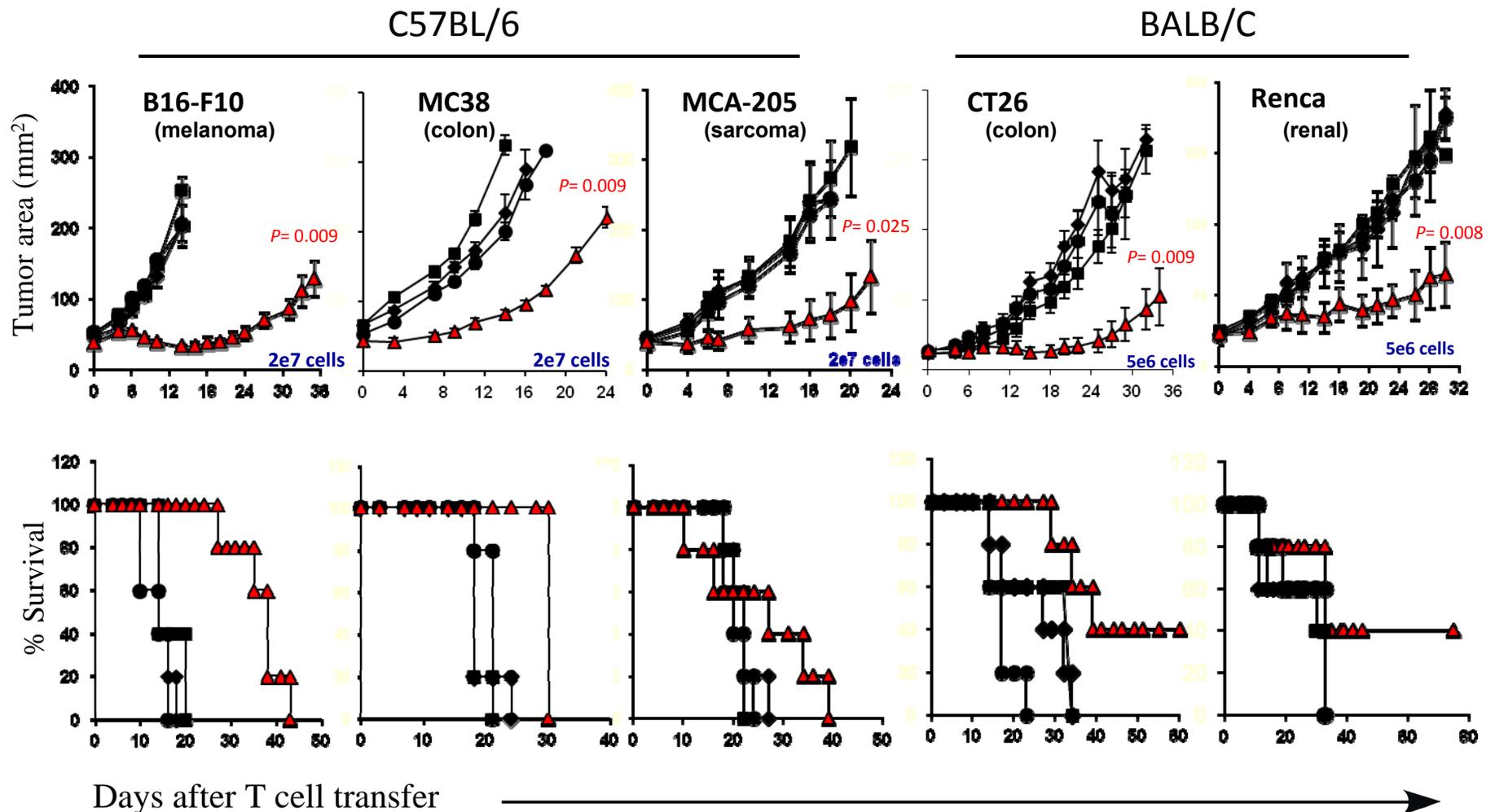
Dose Escalation Schedule		
Dose Level	Dose of Anti-EGFRvIII CAR T cells	
Cohort 1 (group a & b)	$10^7$	1 patient (5/16/12)
Cohort 2 (group a & b)	$3 \times 10^7$	1 patient
Cohort 3 (group a & b)	$10^8$	1 patient
Cohort 4 (group a & b)	$3 \times 10^8$	3 patients
Cohort 5 (group a & b)	$10^9$	3 patients
Cohort 6 (group a & b)	$3 \times 10^9$	3 patients
Cohort 7 (group a & b)	$10^{10}$	3 patients
Cohort 8 (group a & b)	$3 - 6 \times 10^{10}$	3 patients

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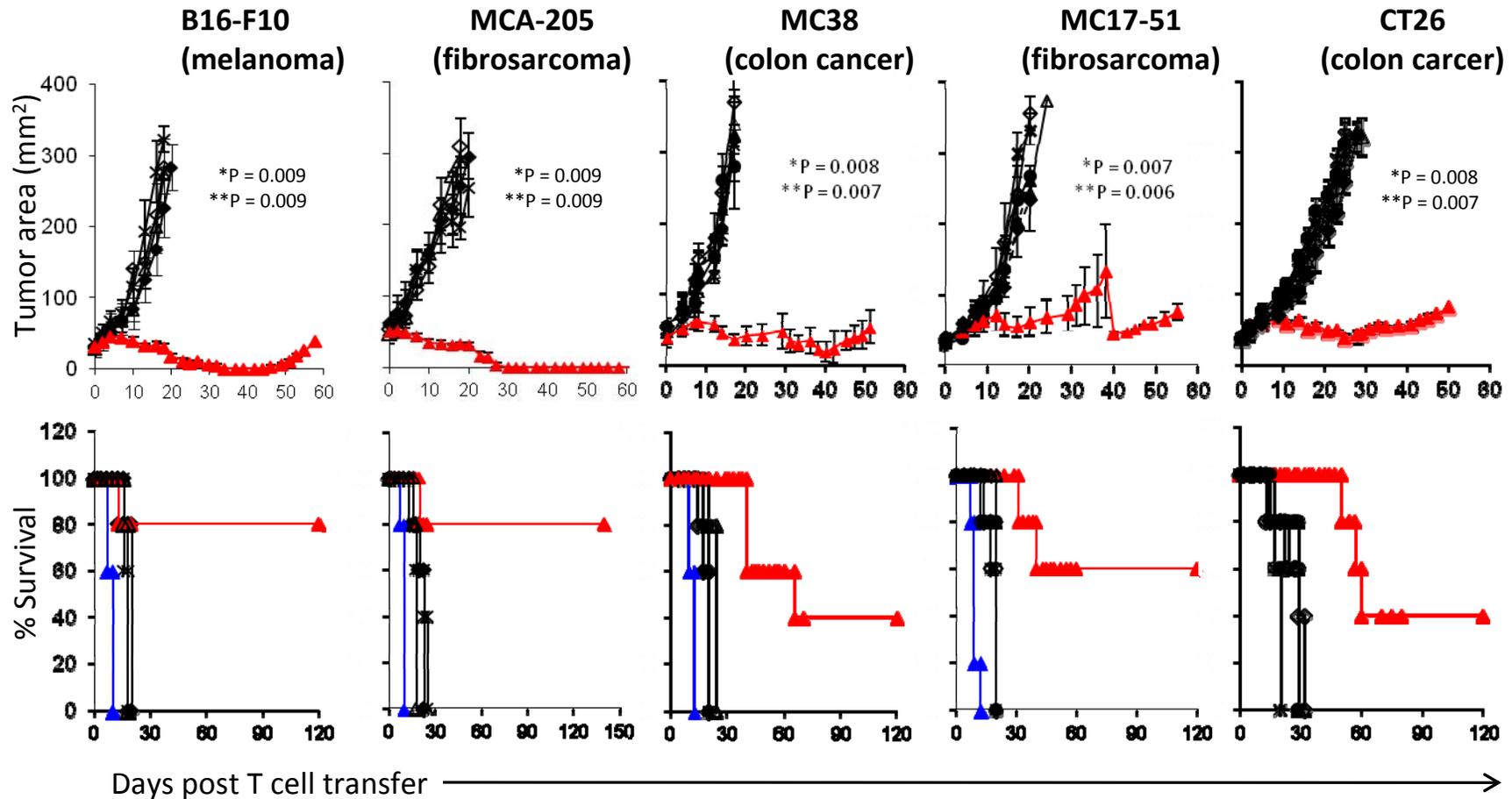
# Adoptively transferred VEGFR-2 CAR engineered syngeneic T cells induced regression of multiple established solid tumors in two strains of mice



- No treatment
- ◆ IL-2 alone
- Empty vector Td T cells+ IL-2
- ▲ DC101 CAR Td T cells+ IL-2

(D. Chinnasamy et al , J Clin Invest 120:3953, 2010)

# Anti-VEGFR2 CAR and IL-12 cotransduced mouse T cells induced regression of multiple types of vascularized tumors *in mice* without exogenous IL-2 administration



\* No Treatment                      ◇ 1e6 Empty                      △ 1e6 DC101 CAR                      ● 5e5 DC101 CAR+5e5 Flexi-IL12  
 ○ 5e5 Empty+5e5 Flexi-IL12      ◆ 1e6 Empty/Flexi-IL12      ▲ 1e6 DC101 CAR-Flexi-IL12      ▲ 5e5 DC101 CAR-Flexi-IL12

P values: \* DC101 CAR/Flexi-IL12 vs no treatment group; \*\* DC101 CAR/Flexi-IL12 vs DC101 CAR alone

(D. Chinnasamy et al, Clin Cancer Res 18:1672-83, 2012)

## Program for the Application of Cell Transfer Therapy to a Wide Variety of Human Cancers

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<b>Receptor</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Cancers</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>MART-1</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Melanoma</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>gp100</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Melanoma</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>NY-ESO-1</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Epithelial &amp; Sarcomas</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>CEA</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Colorectal</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>CD19</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>Lymphomas</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>VEGFR2</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>All cancers</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>2G-1</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Kidney</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>IL-12</b>	<b>Cytokine</b>	<b>Adjuvant for all receptors</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>MAGE-A3*</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Epithelial</b>	<b>in development</b>
<b>EGFRvIII</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>Glioblastoma</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>SSX-2</b>	<b>TCR</b>	<b>Epithelial</b>	<b>in development</b>
<b>Mesothelin</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>Pancreas &amp; mesothelioma</b>	<b>Accruing</b>
<b>CSP4 (HMWAg)</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>Melanoma, Tnbreast, Panc</b>	<b>in development</b>

\*(MAGE-A3 TCRs; restricted by HLA-A2, A1, Cw7, DP4 – covers 80% of patients)

# Conclusion

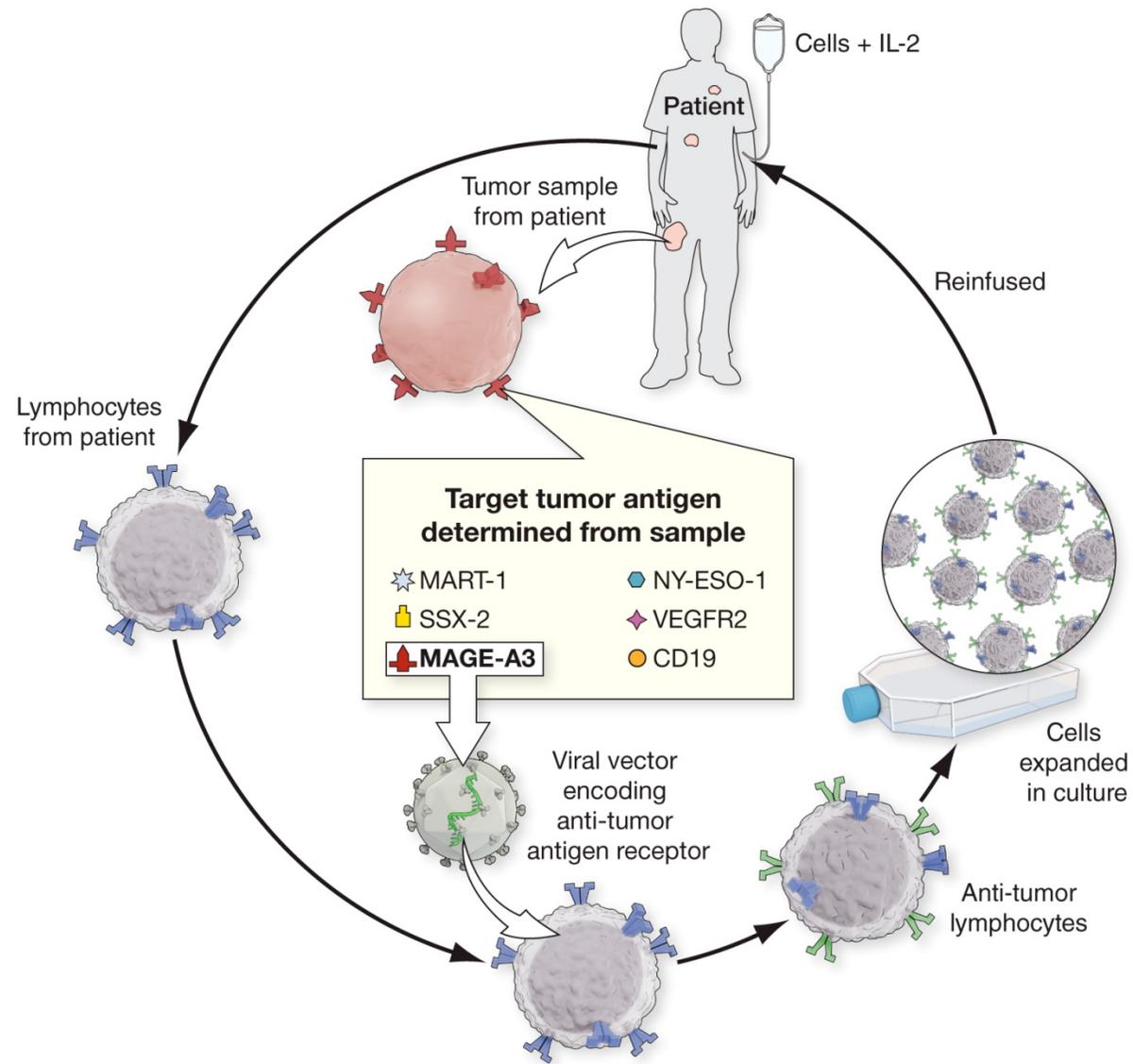
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**Cell transfer immunotherapy can mediate the regression of metastatic cancer in humans.**

**Autologous peripheral lymphocytes genetically modified to express anti-tumor T cell receptors can mediate cancer regression in vivo.**

**The ability to genetically modify human T cells opens possibilities to improve the effectiveness of cell transfer immunotherapy and extend it to patients with common epithelial cancers.**

# Personalized immunotherapy using anti-tumor receptor gene-modified lymphocytes





**The adoptive transfer of anti-tumor T cells can mediate the durable complete regression of large, invasive metastatic cancers in patients with metastatic melanoma.**

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**All tumor sites are susceptible (including brain)**

**No relationship between the bulk of tumor and the likelihood of achieving a complete response**

**Prior treatment has no impact on the likelihood of response**

**Cells with high proliferative potential (long telomeres and less differentiated phenotype) and cells with long in vivo persistence are associated with objective responses**

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## Patient A.R.

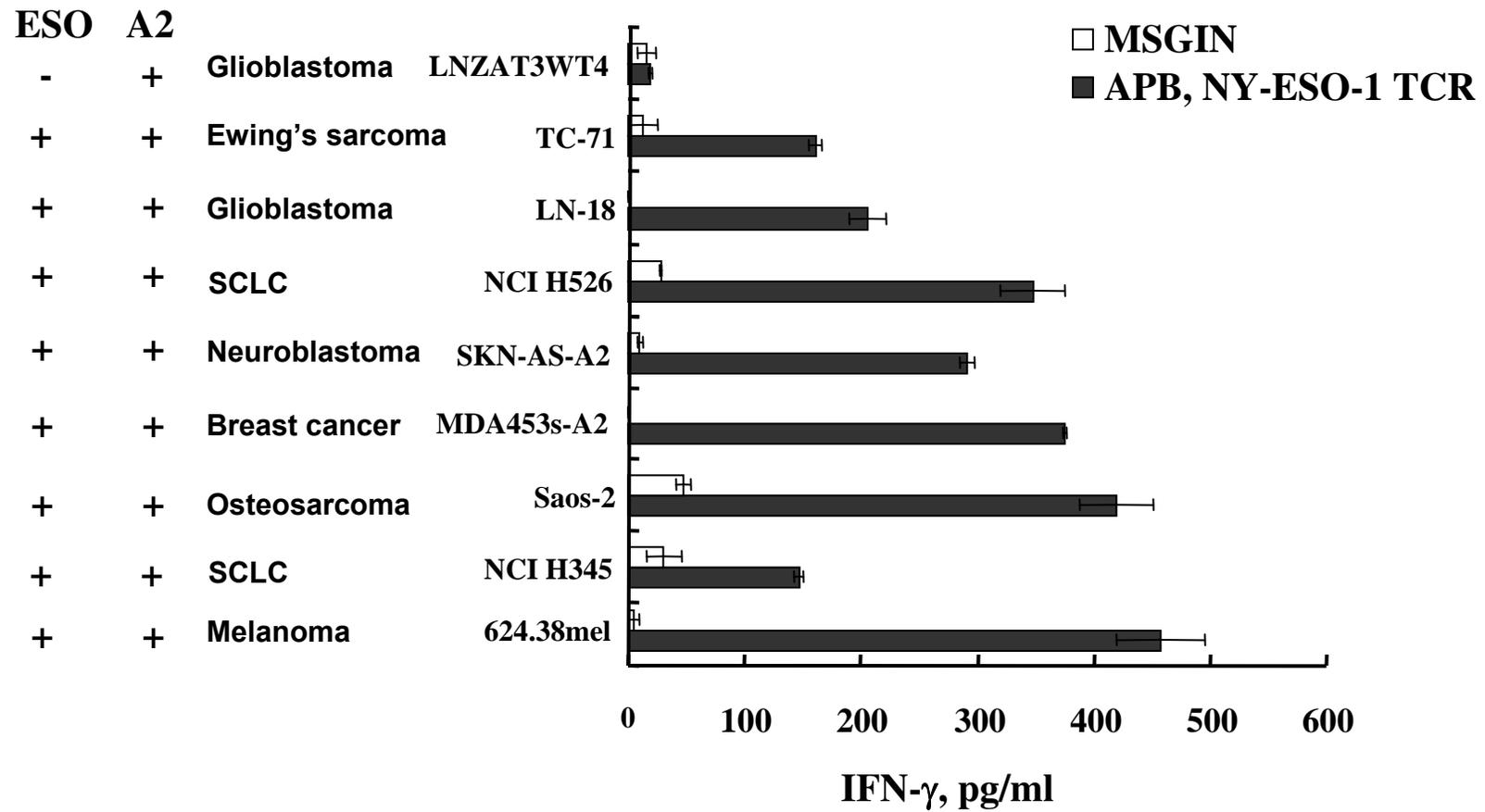
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**65 year old female with metastatic synovial sarcoma**

<b>Oct. 2008</b>	<b>resection of primary sarcoma right iliac wing</b>
<b>Nov. 2008</b>	<b>3 cycles ifosphamide</b>
<b>Feb. 2009</b>	<b>2 cycles ifosphamide, doxorubicin</b>
<b>April 2009</b>	<b>ifosphamide</b>
<b>Aug. 2009</b>	<b>gemcitabine, taxotere</b>
<b>Nov. 2009</b>	<b>sorafenib</b>
<b>Dec. 2009</b>	<b>radiation therapy right hip</b>
<b>Aug. 2010</b>	<b>To NCI; autologous cells transduced with anti-NY-ESO-1 T cell receptor</b>

**(Ongoing response as of Feb. 2013 30+ months)**

# Recognition of Non-melanoma Tumors by NY-ESO-1 TCR Transduced PBL



# Treatment of Refractory B-cell Lymphomas and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia with anti-DC19 CAR (3/13)

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		PR	CR	Total
		numbers (duration in months)		
<b>Lymphoma</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3 (37.5%) (42*,29+*,25+)</b>	<b>3 (37.5%) (15+,1+,1+)</b>	<b>6 (75%)</b>
<b>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2 (33%) (25+*,6)</b>	<b>3 (50%) (25+,13+,1+)</b>	<b>5 (83%)</b>

\*treated twice

## **Patient E.K.**

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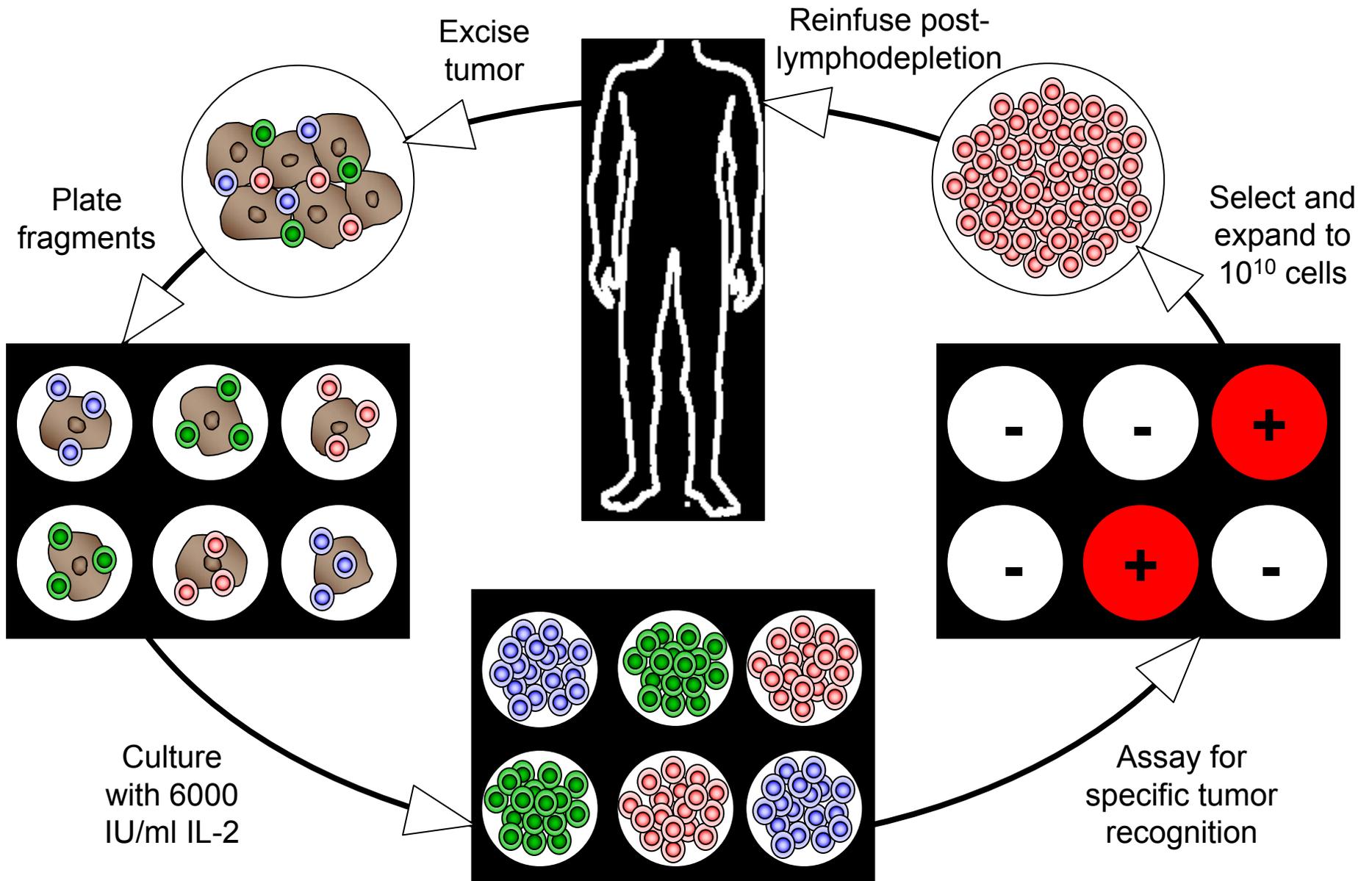
**48 year old male with follicular non-Hodgkin lymphoma**

<b>Aug. 2002</b>	<b>diagnosed with stage IV lymphoma 7 cycles PACE chemotherapy (cisplatin, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, etoposide)</b>
<b>April 2004</b>	<b>idiotypic/KLH vaccine (5 doses)</b>
<b>Sept. 2007</b>	<b>ipilimumab</b>
<b>Nov. 2007</b>	<b>6 cycles EPOCH-R chemotherapy (etoposide, predisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamine, rituximab)</b>
<b>May 2009</b>	<b>To NCI for treatment with autologous anti-CD19 CAR transduced T cells</b>

**In ongoing regression as of November 2012 (42+ months).**

**(Blood 116:3875-86, 2010; 119:2709-20, 2012)**

# Adoptive transfer of tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL)



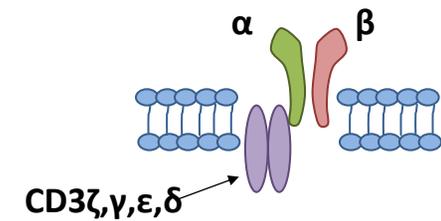
# Construction of T-cell Receptors (TCR) and Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CAR)

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## TCR Vector (eg, MART1, NY-ESO)



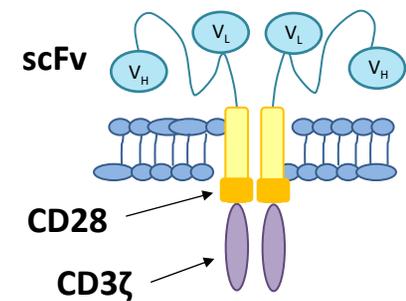
## TCR receptor



## CAR Vector (eg, CD19)



## CAR receptor



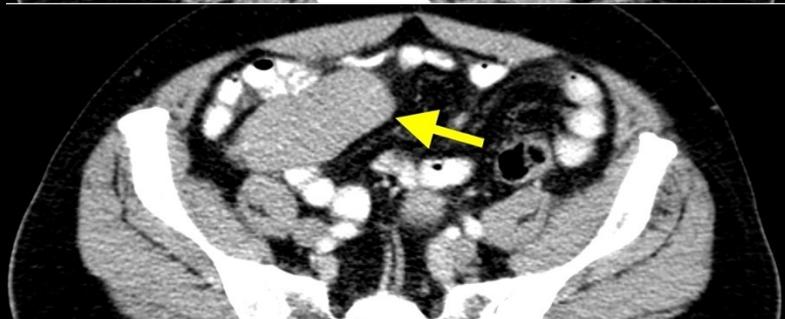
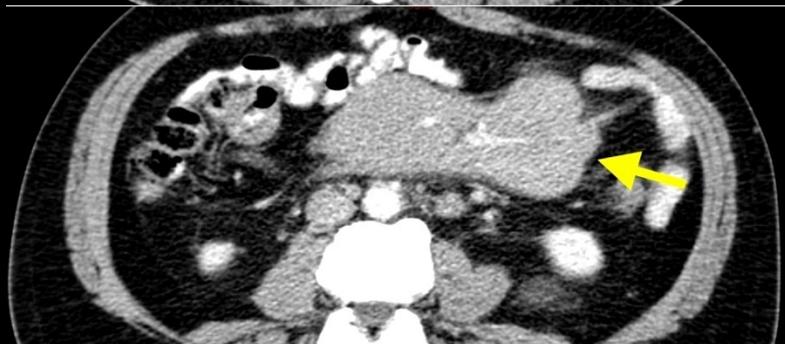
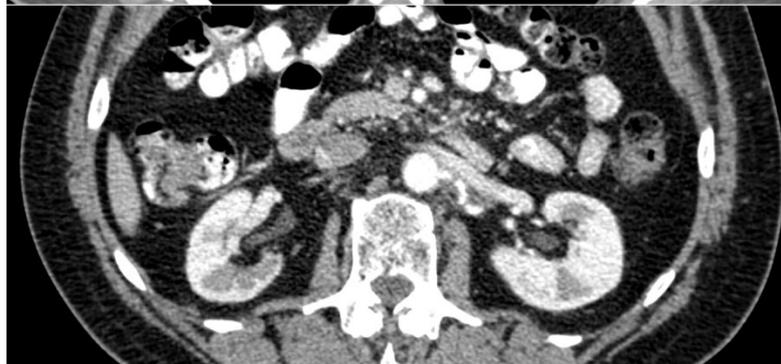
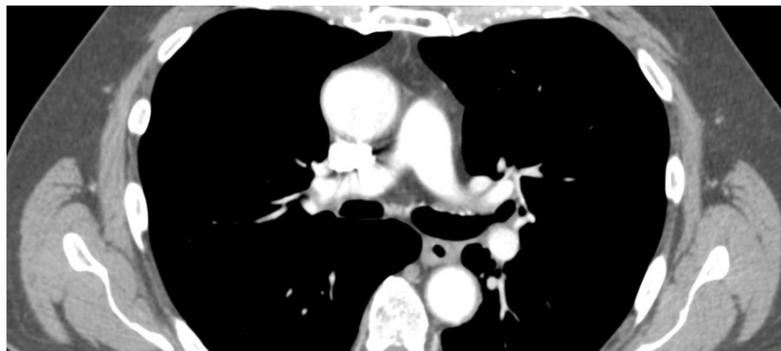
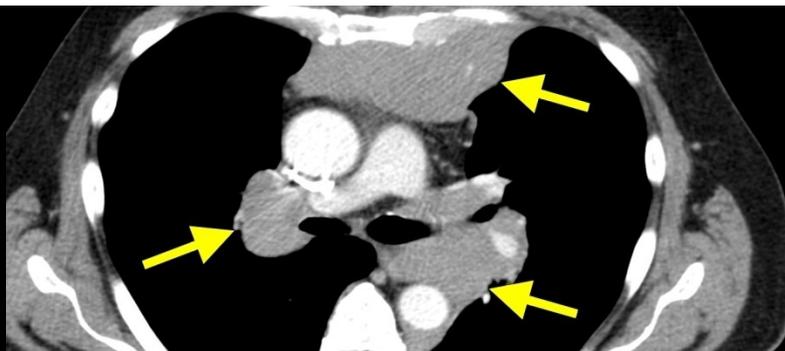
**Melanoma is the only cancer that easily and reproducibly gives rise to tumor infiltrating lymphocytes with anti-tumor activity.**

**Thus, to use cell transfer therapies against other cancer types, anti-tumor T cells must be generated in vitro by genetic engineering to insert either conventional alpha-beta T cell receptors (TCR) or chimeric antigen receptors (CAR)**

Patient	Age/ Sex	Dx	Sites of Disease	#Cells	Pre-Rx CEA (µg/L)	% CD8 CD4	% TCR+	T2+	T2+	SW480	SW620	H508	SW1463	SW480	H508
								HBVc: 18	CEA: 691	A2+ CEA-	A2+ CEA-	A2+ CEA+	A2+ CEA+	A2+ CEA-	A2+ CEA+
								IFN <sub>γ</sub> (pg/ml)				IFN <sub>γ</sub> ELISPOTS			
1	55/M	Rectal Ca	Adrenal, Lung	4x10 <sup>8</sup>	281	29.7 71.0	79.2	109	<u>44786</u>	37	67	<u>1529</u>	<u>10124</u>	5	<u>3700</u>
2	43/M	Rectal Ca	Lung, LN	2x10 <sup>8</sup>	865	63.7 34.2	89.8	435	<u>54782</u>	58	72	<u>8731</u>	<u>6718</u>	34	<u>5220</u>
3	52/M	Colon Ca	Liver, LN, Lung	2x10 <sup>8</sup>	226	64.3 33.6	90.1	59	<u>22527</u>	21	40	<u>10292</u>	<u>5848</u>	130	<u>7900</u>

D.G.

Follicular  
lymphoma



**Pre-Treatment**

**14 Months**

# Preparative Regimens for Cell Transfer

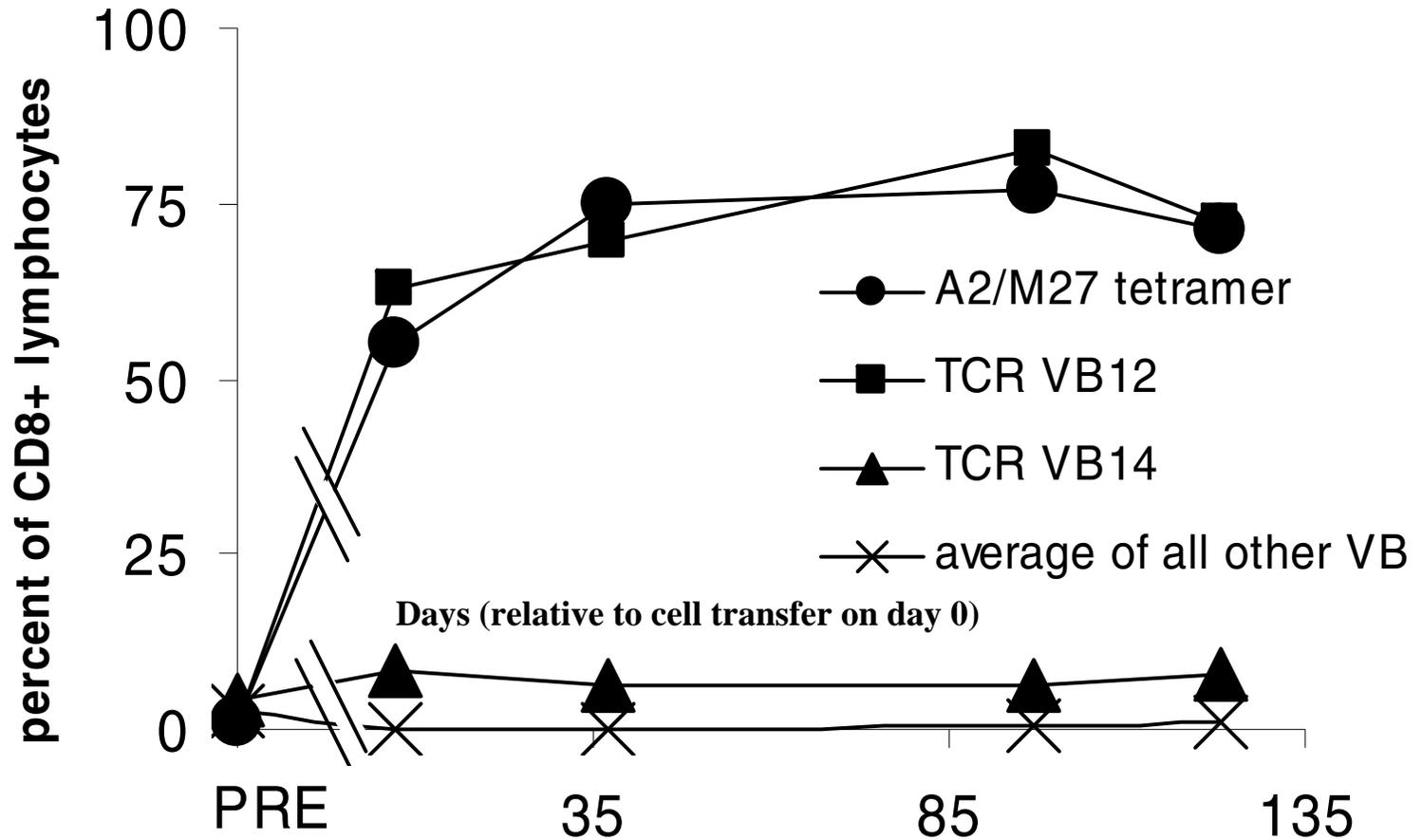
	Days											
	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	
<b>Non-myeloablative</b>	Cy	Cy	Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu		Cells IL-2	IL-2	IL-2	
<b>Ablative (200cGy)</b>		Cy Flu	Cy Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu		TBI	Cells IL-2	IL-2	IL-2	CD34+
<b>Ablative (1200cGy)</b>	Cy Flu	Cy Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu	Flu TBI	TBI	TBI	Cells IL-2	IL-2	IL-2	IL-2 CD34+

# **Adoptive Cell Therapy (ACT) is a Powerful Approach to Cancer Immunotherapy**

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- 1. Large numbers of antitumor cells can be grown in vitro.**
- 2. High avidity anti-tumor cells can be selected using in vitro assays or created in vitro by genetic engineering**
- 3. The host can be manipulated to provide a favorable tumor microenvironment prior to administering the cells**

## Persistence of transferred cells – Patient DM



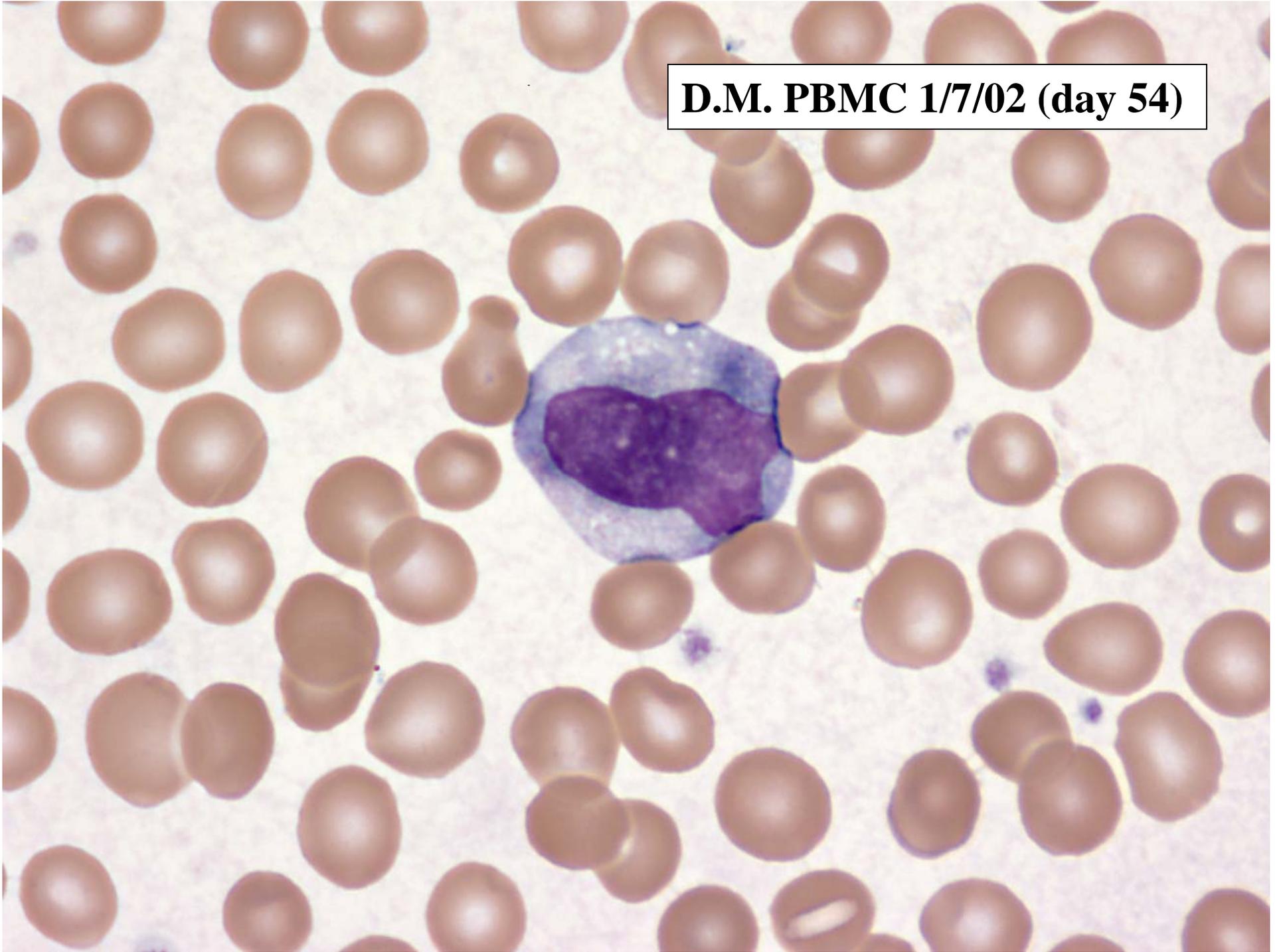
# CD8<sup>+</sup> Vβ12 LYMPHOCYTES IN PATIENT D.M.

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CD8 <sup>+</sup> Vβ12 MART-1	reactive lymphocytes	% of CD8 <sup>+</sup> that are MART <sup>+</sup>
Administered in TIL:	1.3x10 <sup>10</sup>	90%
Circulating in Blood: day 7	6.4x10 <sup>10</sup>	71%
Circulating in Blood: day 19	3.8x10 <sup>10</sup>	78%
Circulating in Blood: day 55	2.6x10 <sup>9</sup>	83%

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**D.M. PBMC 1/7/02 (day 54)**



## Predicted binding of mutated epitopes recognized by TIL

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<u>Protein</u>	<u>Length(aa)</u>	<u>Peptide(length)</u>	<u>HLA allele</u>	<u>NetMHCpan Rank (%)</u>
$\beta$ -catenin	781	SYLDSGHIF(9)	A*2402	1 (0.8)
PPP1R3B	285	YTDFHCQYVK(10)	A*01	1 (0.25)
CDKN2A(p16INK4A-ORF-3)	144	AVCPWTWLR(9)	A*11	1 (0.4)
CDKN2A(p14ARF-ORF3)	199	AVCPWTWLR(9)	A*11	2 (0.4)
GAS7	412	SLADEAEVYL(10)	A*0201	1 (0.5)
GAPDH	335	GIVEGLITTV(10)	A*0201	1 (0.8)
NOP56	594	VIAEILREV(9)	A*0201	1 (0.8)
MART-2	483	FLEGNEVGKTY(11)	A*01	15 (1.5)

**Mutated epitopes recognized by TIL were most often the highest binding peptides in that protein.**

**This implied that to be recognized by TIL, mutations occurred in or created high binding peptides.**

# **Cytokine Genes Transduced into Mouse Anti-tumor Cells to Evaluate Therapeutic Effectiveness**

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**Interferon – alpha**

**Interferon – beta**

**Interferon – gamma**

**IL-1 beta**

**IL-2**

**IL-12**

**IL-15**

**IL-17**

**IL-21**

**IL-23**

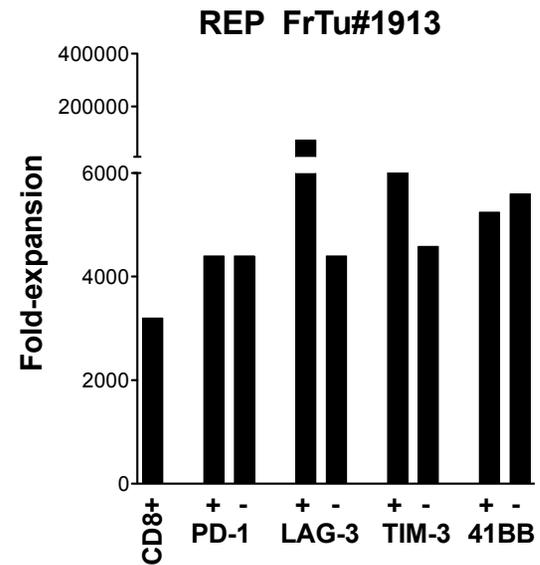
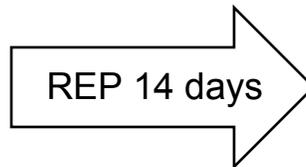
**IL-27**

# Sort FrTu#1913 according to marker expression and expand the cells *in vitro*

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FACS-sorted populations:

CD8+  
CD3+ CD8+ PD-1+/-  
CD3+ CD8+ TIM-3+/-  
CD3+ CD8+LAG-3+/-  
CD3+ CD8+ 41BB+/-

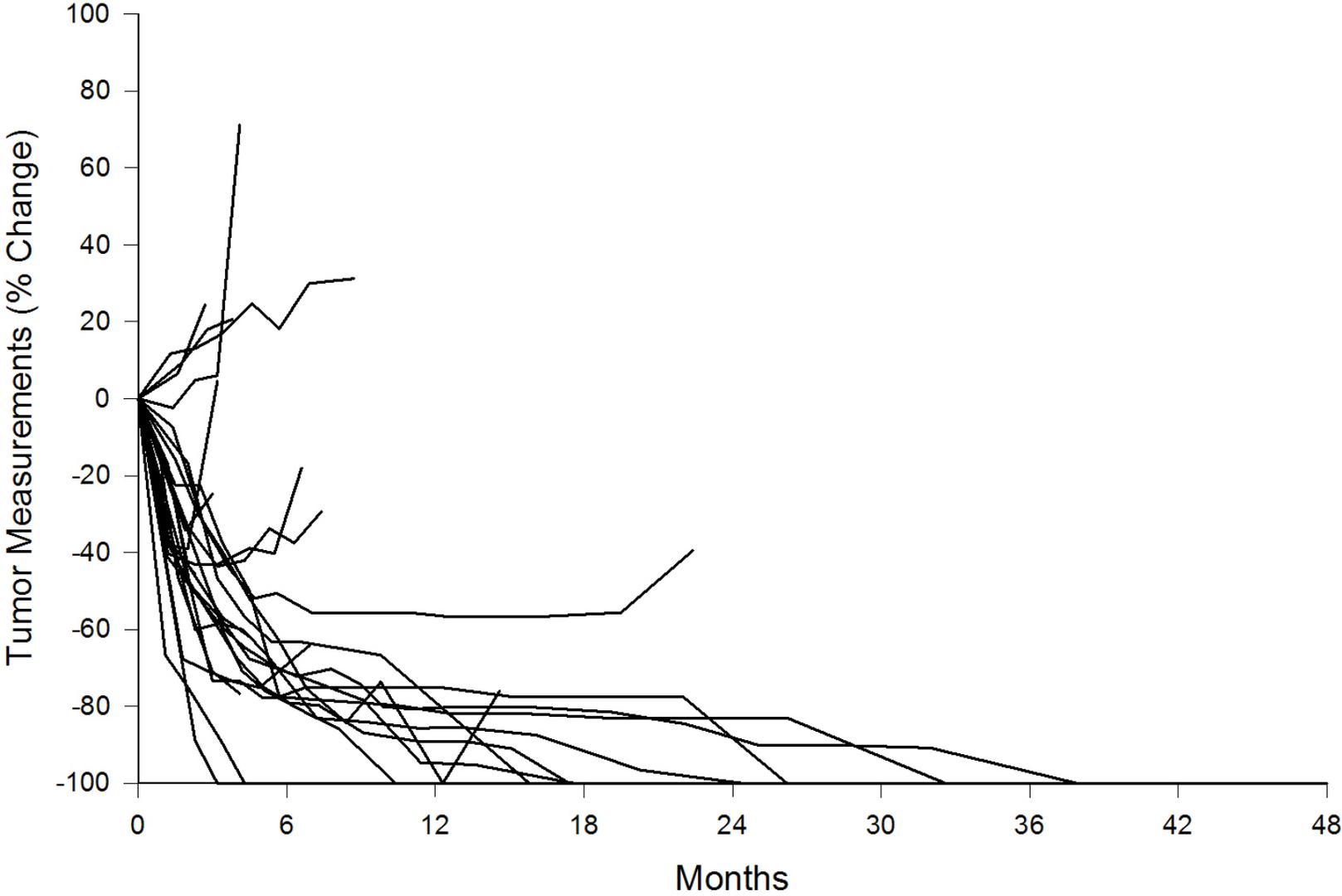


Test reactivity against autologous tumor and specific peptide recognition (CDKN2A<sub>mut</sub>):

- ❖ IFN  $\gamma$  release
- ❖ 41BB up-regulation (24h)
- ❖ %CDKN2A<sub>mut</sub> Tetramer+ cells

# TBI 1200 cGy + TIL + HD IL-2

Protocol 06-C-0136: All Patients



# **Four Factors that Correlate with Cancer Regression Following Cell Transfer Therapy**

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- 1. Long persistence of the transferred cells**
- 2. Long telomere length**
- 3. High expression of CD27 (less differentiated cells)**
- 4. Decreased recovery of endogenous CD4/Foxp3 T regulatory cells**

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# Impact of Prior Treatment on Response to Cell Transfer Therapy Using Selected TIL

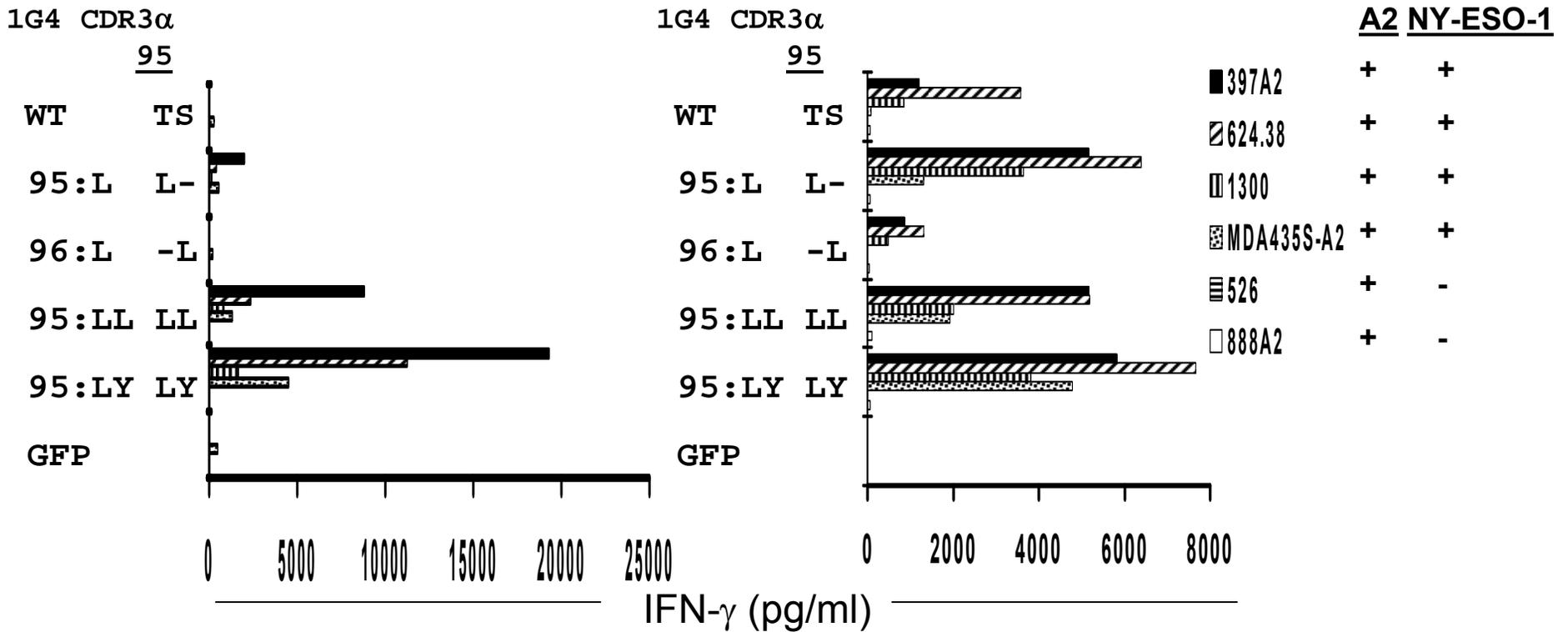
	Total	CR number (%)*	PR	OR
<b><u>All Patients</u></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>20(22%)</b>	<b>32(34%)</b>	<b>52(56%)</b>
<b><u>Prior Treatment</u></b>				
None	5(5%)	2(40%)	1(20%)	3(60%)
IL-2	77(83%)	14(18%)	28(36%)	42(54%)
Chemotherapy	40(43%)	7(18%)	16(40%)	23(39%)
Interferon	52(56%)	11(21%)	17(33%)	28(54%)
Anti-CTLA4	11(12%)	5(45%)	2(18%)	7(64%)
IL-2+ Chemotherapy	37(40%)	6(16%)	16(43%)	22(59%)
IL-2+ Anti-CTLA4	8(9%)	3(38%)	1(13%)	4(50%)
IL-2+ Anti-CTLA4+ Chemotherapy	6(7%)	2(33%)	1(17%)	3(50%)

\*This refers to the percent of patients with a CR, PR or OR in each group that had received the prior treatment.

# Reactivity of Wild-type and Substituted Anti-ESO T Cell Receptor

## CD4+ T cells

## CD8+ T cells



# Prospective Randomized Trial Evaluating Two Lymphodepleting Regimens Prior to Cell Transfer in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

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	Days														
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													IL-2	IL-2	IL-2

Cyclophosphamide 60mg/kg  
 Fludarabine: 25mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 TBI: 2Gy bid

# TIL Protocol: NMA vs. NMA/TBI

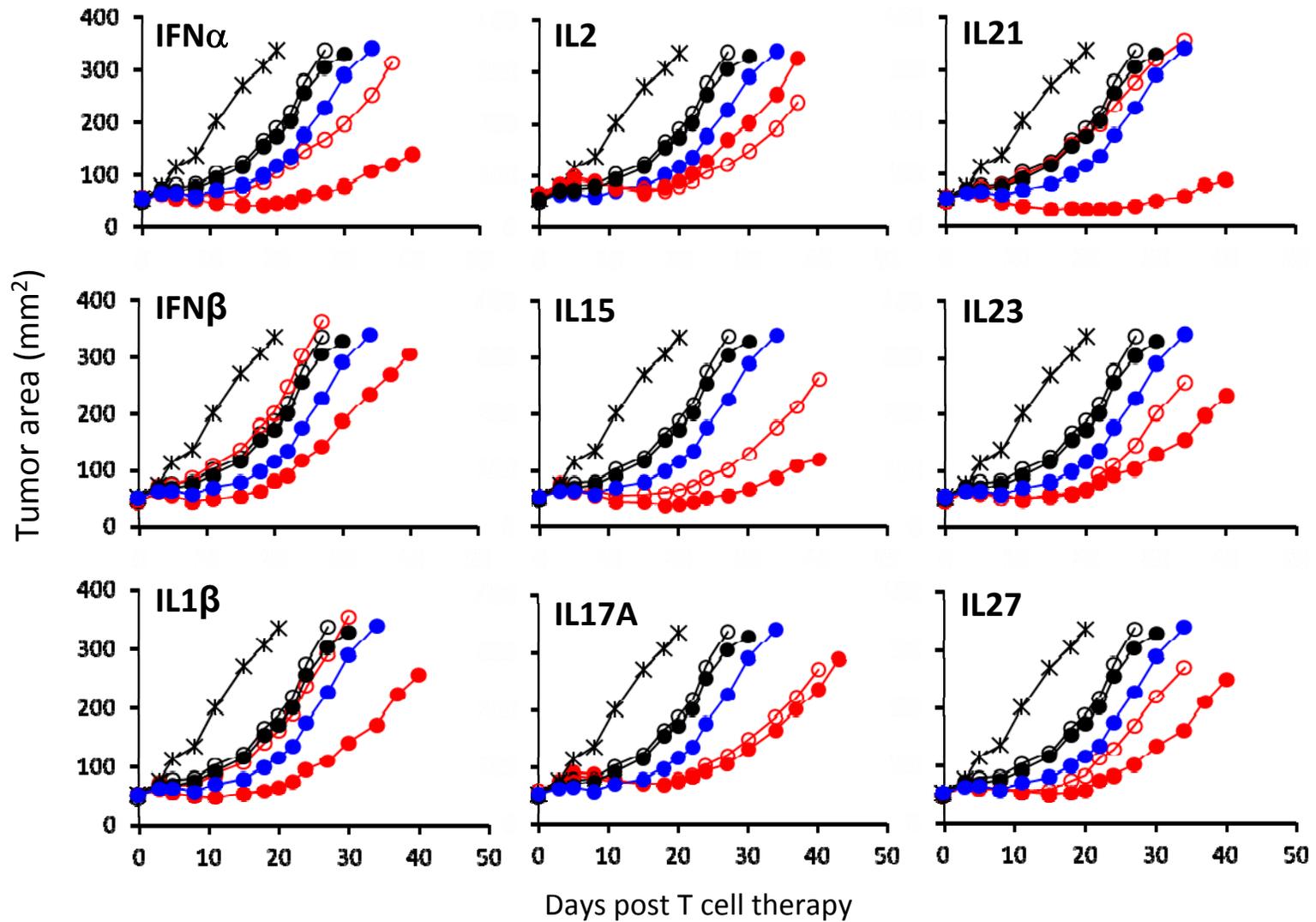
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<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>OR(%)</u>	<u>(TE)</u>
		number of patients (duration in months)			
<b>NMA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11 (41%)</b> <b>12+,10+,10+,7+,5+,</b> <b>4+,4+,3+,3+,3+,2+</b>	<b>1(4%)</b> <b>7+</b>	<b>12(44%)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>NMA/TBI</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12 (52%)</b> <b>12+,2,13+,13+,11+,</b> <b>8,7+,6+,4+3+,2+,2+</b>	<b>3(13%)</b> <b>14+</b> <b>10+</b> <b>8+</b>	<b>15(65%)</b>	<b>(5)</b>

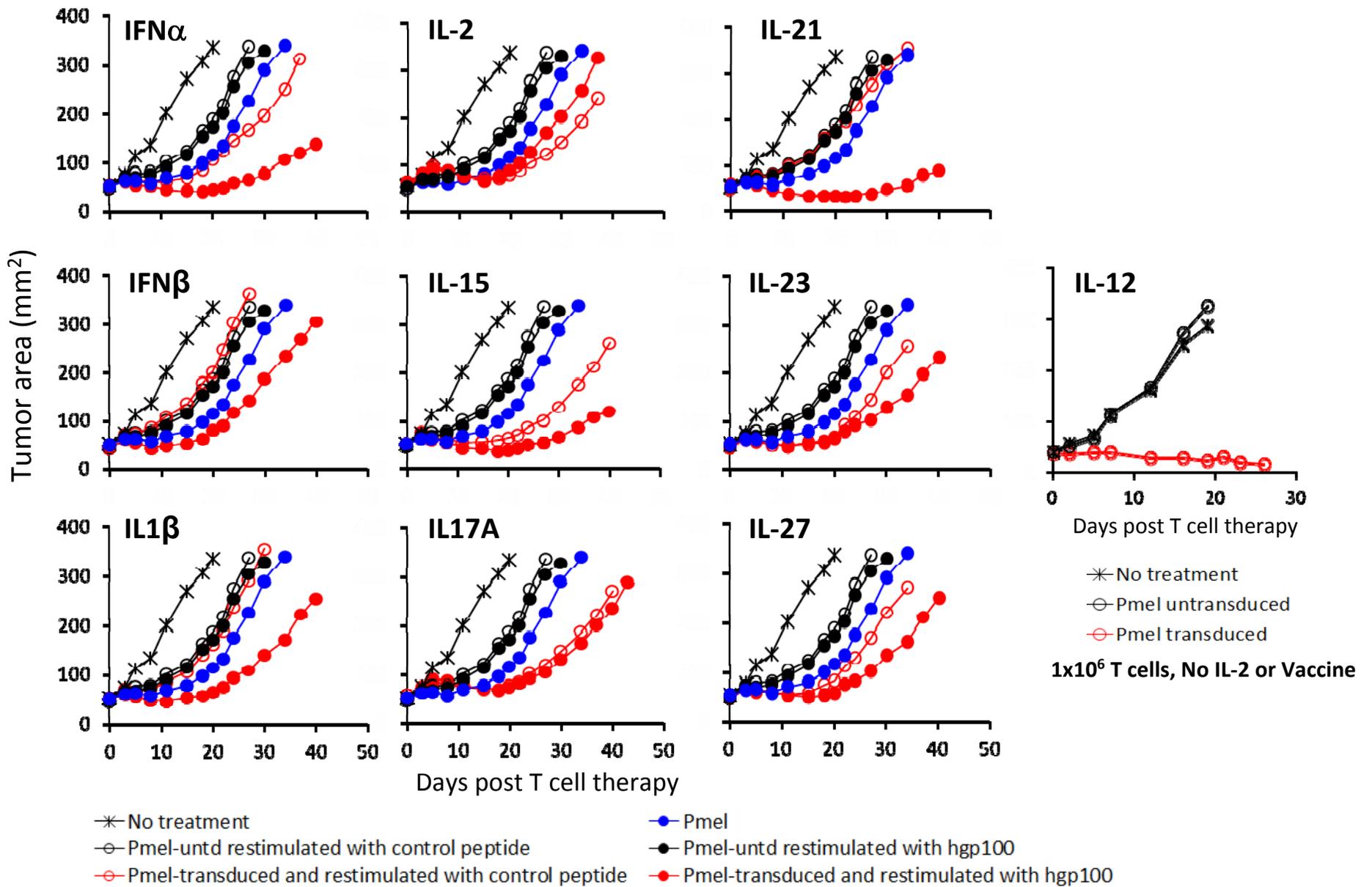
(1<sup>st</sup> patient randomized 3/24/11)

# Anti-tumor efficacy of Pmel T cells transduced with NFAT driven cytokine genes on established B16 melanoma in immunocompetent B6 mice



- \* No treatment
- Pmel-untreated restimulated with control peptide
- Pmel-transduced and restimulated with control peptide
- Pmel
- Pmel-untreated restimulated with hgp100
- Pmel-transduced and restimulated with hgp100

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All treatment groups received 1x 10<sup>6</sup> T cells, 3.3x 10<sup>4</sup> CU IL-2/dose x 6 doses, and vaccine

# Summary

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**Selection of PD-1, TIM-3, LAG-3 and 41BB in the fresh melanoma digest enriched for tumor-reactive cells including mutated epitopes**

**TCR- $\beta$  clonotype analysis suggests PD-1+ derived cells have undergone clonal expansion and the most frequently expressed clonotypes contain the anti-tumor reactivity**

**Thus:**

**Sorting the original preparation for expression of these markers could enrich for multiple tumor-reactive cells (including mutated epitopes), without screening for autologous tumor recognition, and shorten the period of cell culture before transfer**

**Response of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with  
anti-CTLA4 Monoclonal Antibody in Surgery Branch, NCI  
(2002-2005)**

<b>Ipilimumab dose</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>CR+PR</b>
<b>(number of patients)</b>				
<b>3 mg</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4 (7%)</b>	<b>3 (6%)</b>	<b>7 (13%)</b>
<b>3 - 9 mg</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>5 (6%)</b>	<b>12 (14%)</b>	<b>17 (20%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>9 (6%)</b>	<b>15 (11%)</b>	<b>24 (17%)</b>

(Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 100:8372-7, 2003)

(Clin. Cancer Res. 18:2039-47, 2012)

## **Patient A.R.**

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**65 year old female with metastatic synovial sarcoma**

<b>Oct. 2008</b>	<b>resection of primary sarcoma right iliac wing</b>
<b>Nov. 2008</b>	<b>3 cycles ifosphamide</b>
<b>Feb. 2009</b>	<b>2 cycles ifosphamide, doxorubicin</b>
<b>April 2009</b>	<b>ifosphamide</b>
<b>Aug. 2009</b>	<b>gemcitabine, taxotere</b>
<b>Nov. 2009</b>	<b>sorafenib</b>
<b>Dec. 2009</b>	<b>radiation therapy right hip</b>
<b>Aug. 2010</b>	<b>To NCI; autologous cells transduced with anti-NY-ESO-1 T cell receptor</b>

**(Ongoing response as of Nov. 2012; 27+ months)**

## **Rationale for the anti-VEGFR2 Gene Therapy Protocol**

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**Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) stimulates tumor angiogenesis by binding to its receptor, VEGFR2**

**Antibodies to VEGF (bevacizumab) interferes with tumor angiogenesis and improves survival in several metastatic cancers (FDA approved)**

**Redundancy in angiogenic pathways limits the effectiveness of VEGF**

**Destruction of cells bearing VEGFR2 may more effectively destroy tumor vasculature and result in effective cancer treatment**

## TCR Gene Therapy in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

TCR	Response		Toxicity		
	Total	OR	Skin	Uveitis (Grade 1/2/3)	Auditory
	(number of patients)				
MART-1TCR (DMF5)	20	6(30%)	11/3/0	2/9/0	2/0/7
gp100TCR (gp154)	16	3(19%)	11/4/0	0/4/0	2/2/3
(Total)	36	9(25%)	22/7/0 (81%)	2/13/0 (42%)	4/2/3 (25%)

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Skin	erythema	desquamation <50%	desquamation >50%
Eye	no symptoms	anterior, steroid drops	pan uveitis
Ear	15-25dB, 2 freq.	>25dB, 2 freq.	>25dB, 3 freq.

(Science 314:126, 2006; Blood 114:535, 2009)

# Simplified Screening Procedure for TIL Fragments

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Overnight co-culture ( $\gamma$ -IFN) of individual TIL wells vs. suspension of autologous tumor

Alone

Tumor

Tumor and anti-Class I Ab

	Total	OR
Reactive and Class I blocked	17	13 (76%)
Not reactive or not blocked	10	0
		(p-0.0002)

Of 39 patients deemed eligible and resected 32 (82%) were treated.  
(1 refused, 2 no growth, 4 disease progression)

Other patients resected to NED, TIL cryopreserved and at recurrence were randomized and treated

# Potential Improvements in TIL Therapy for Cancer

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**Test minimally cultured, unselected TIL**

**Pre-select subpopulations of TIL with anti-tumor activity**

**Genetically modify TIL to improve anti-tumor efficacy**

**Identify the mutated antigens in melanoma that are recognized by TIL and selectively target them**

**Generate anti-tumor reactive TIL from non-melanoma histologies**

## **Antigens Recognized by TIL Responsible for Cancer Regressions**

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**PBMC genetically modified to recognize melanoma/melanocyte antigens mediated severe eye, ear and vestibular toxicity (these organs contain melanocytes)**

**TIL mediated durable, complete melanoma regressions in the absence of toxicity to any normal organs**

**It thus appears that TIL recognized mutated antigens on melanomas**

**Since all cancers contain mutations, what accounts for the unique response of melanoma to immunotherapy? (TIL, IL-2 and CTLA-4)**

## Predicted binding of mutated epitopes recognized by TIL

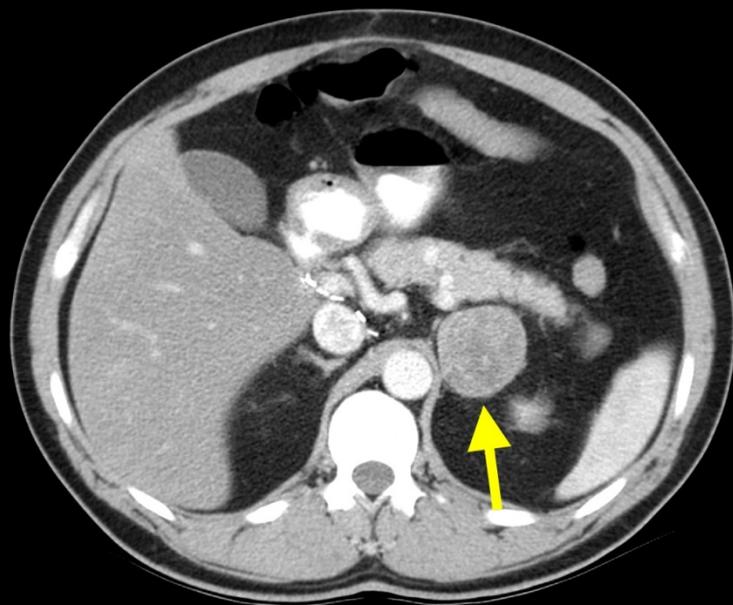
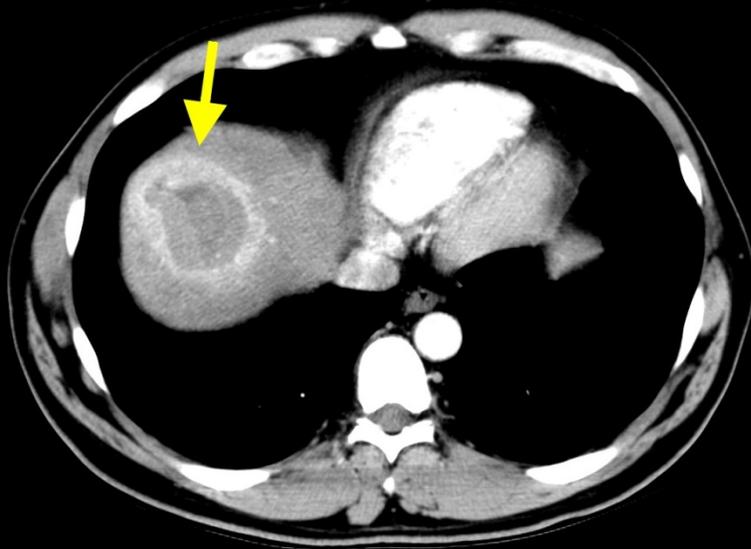
<u>Protein</u>	<u>Length(aa)</u>	<u>Peptide(length)</u>	<u>HLA allele</u>	<u>NetMHCpan Rank (%)</u>	<u>WT peptide</u>	
					<u>Rank of WT peptide(%)</u>	<u>Pred. Aff. (nm)</u>
β-catenin	781	SYLDSGHIF(9)	A*2402	1 (0.8)	107(32)	18,750
PPP1R3B	285	YTDFHCQYVK(10)	A*01	1 (0.25)	1(0.3)	136
CDKN2A(p16INK4A-ORF-3)	144	AVCPWTWLR(9)	A*11	1 (0.4)	-	-
CDKN2A(p14ARF-ORF3)	199	AVCPWTWLR(9)	A*11	2 (0.4)	-	-
GAS7	412	SLADEAEVYL(10)	A*0201	1 (0.5)	2(1.5)	39
GAPDH	335	GIVEGLITTV(10)	A*0201	1 (0.8)	1(1)	27
NOP56	594	VIAEILREV(9)	A*0201	1 (0.8)	1(0.8)	0.7
MART-2	483	FLEGNEVGKTY(11)	A*01	15 (1.5)	31(4)	4500

**Mutated epitopes recognized by TIL were most often the highest binding peptides in that protein.**

**This implied that to be recognized by TIL, mutations occurred in or created high binding peptides.**

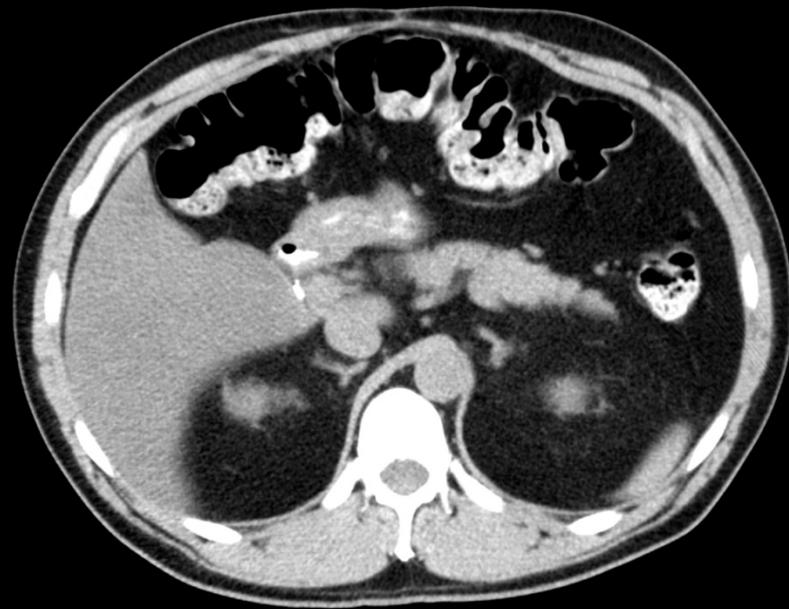
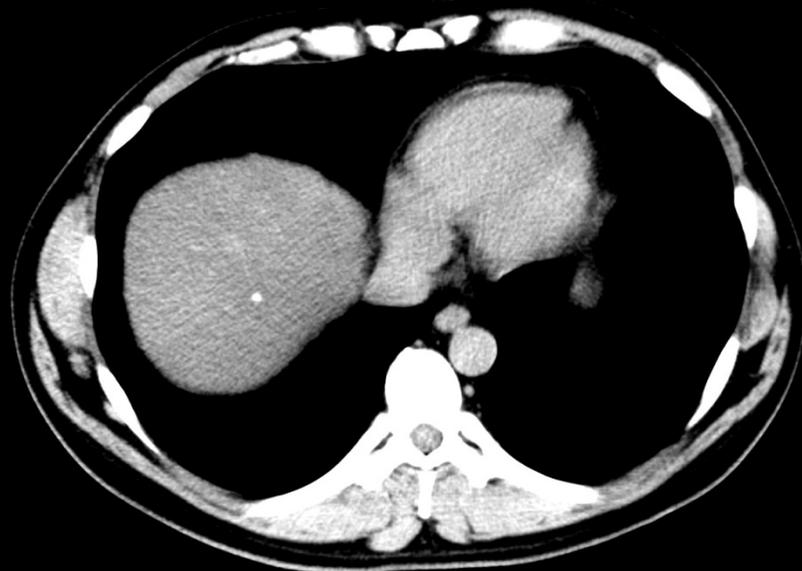
**This led to the hypothesis that cancers with high levels of mutations were more likely to give rise to immunogenic epitopes.**

**Other Sites: L nodes**



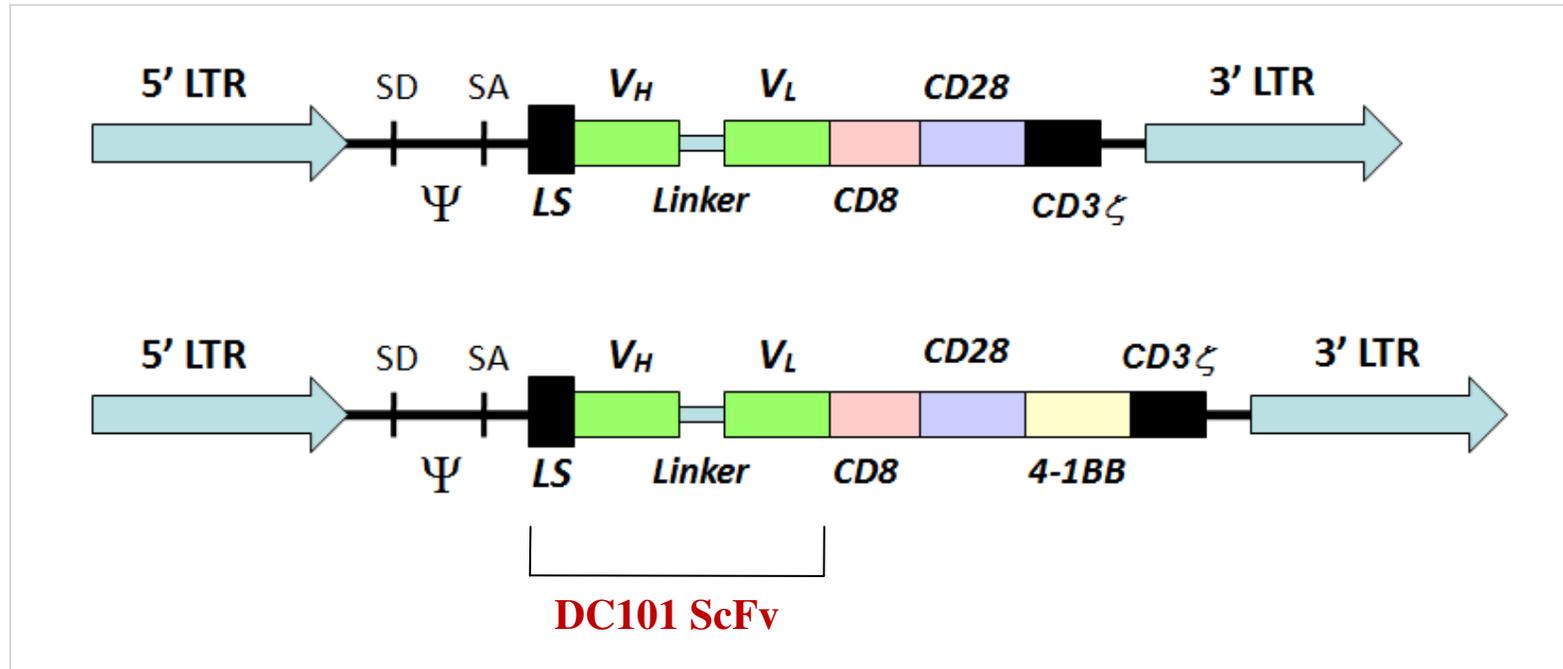
**Nov 7, 2006**

**CR 39+ mo.**



**Feb 24, 2010**

# Design of DC101 Anti-VEGFR2 CAR Retroviral Vectors



(D. Chinnasamy, J Clin Invest 120:3953, 2010)

# **Adoptive Cell Therapy of Refractory Metastatic Melanoma**

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**Depending on the intensity of prior lymphodepletion**

**Objective response    49 – 72%**

**Complete response    12 – 40%**

**19 of 20 complete responses ongoing at 56 to 101 months**

**No relationship between bulk and sites of disease or prior  
treatment and the likelihood of a complete response**

**ACT APPEARS CAPABLE OF ELIMINATING THE LAST CANCER  
CELL**

**(Clin Cancer Res 17:4550, 2011.)**

## Ongoing anti-CD19 CAR Gene Therapy Protocol (5/1/12)

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<u>Patient</u>	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Duration</u> (months)
1	Follicular lymphoma	PR (90%)*	34+
2	Follicular lymphoma	N.E. (died H1N1 pneumonia)	
3	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	CR	20
4	Splenic marginal zone lymphoma	PR (95%)*	23+
5	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	NR	--
6	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	PR	6
7	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	CR	15+
8	Follicular lymphoma	PR (95%)	15+
9	Large B cell lymphoma	CR	5+
10	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	PR (78%)	3+

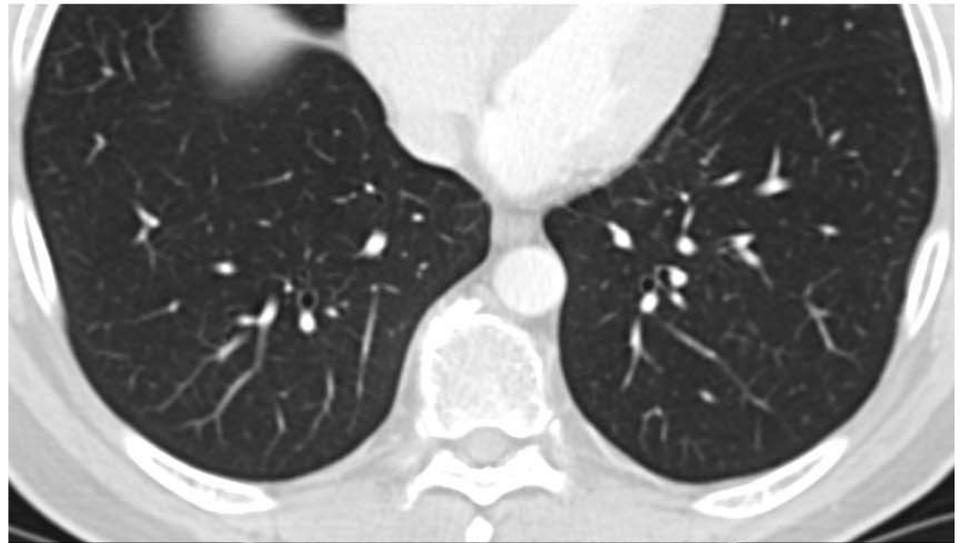
\*These two patients treated twice (recurred after 1<sup>st</sup> treatment; ongoing after 2<sup>nd</sup>)

(Kochenderfer et al, Blood 116:4099, 2010; 119:2709,2012.)

**Other Sites: Sm bowel, S.C., LN**



**CR 58+ mo**



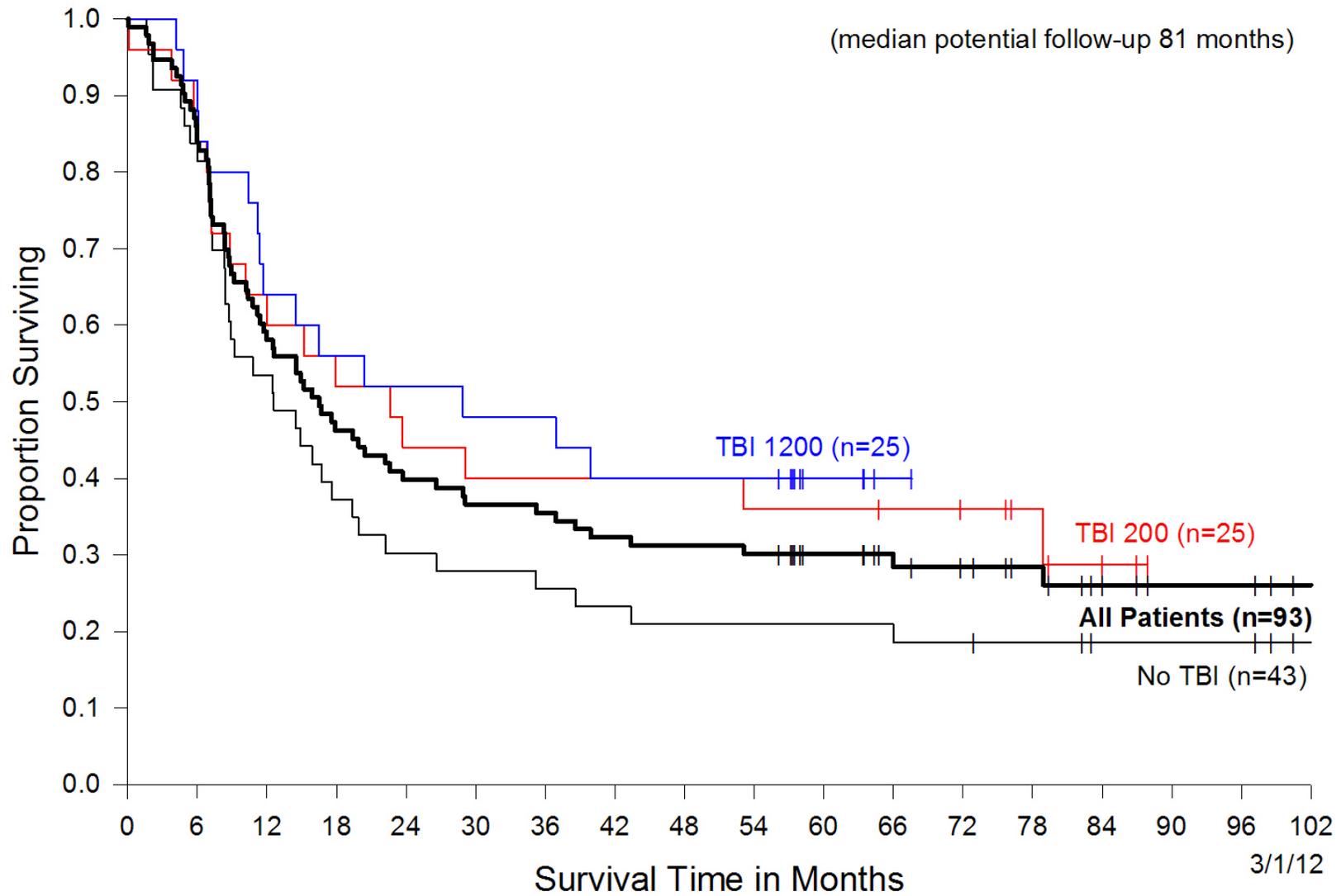
**Nov 19, 2005**



**Aug 18, 2010**

# Survival of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with Autologous Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes and IL-2

(median potential follow-up 81 months)



## Objective Responses in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

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	Total	CR	PR	OR
		number of patients (%)		
<b>Dacarbazine<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>220</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12(5.5%)</b>	<b>12(5.5%)</b>
<b>Interleukin-2<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>270</b>	<b>17(6.3%)</b>	<b>26(9.6%)</b>	<b>43(15.9%)</b>
	<b>305</b>	<b>13(4.3%)</b>	<b>26(8.5%)</b>	<b>39(12.8%)</b>
<b>Ipilimumab<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>540</b>	<b>3(0.6%)</b>	<b>35(6.4%)</b>	<b>38(7.0%)</b>
<b>Vemurafenib<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>219</b>	<b>2(0.9%)</b>	<b>104(47.5%)</b>	<b>106(48.4%)</b>
<b>Cell Transfer<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>20(21.5%)</b>	<b>32(34.4%)</b>	<b>52(55.9%)</b>

1) Middleton et al JCO, 18:158, 2000

2) Chapman et al NEJM, 364:2507, 2010

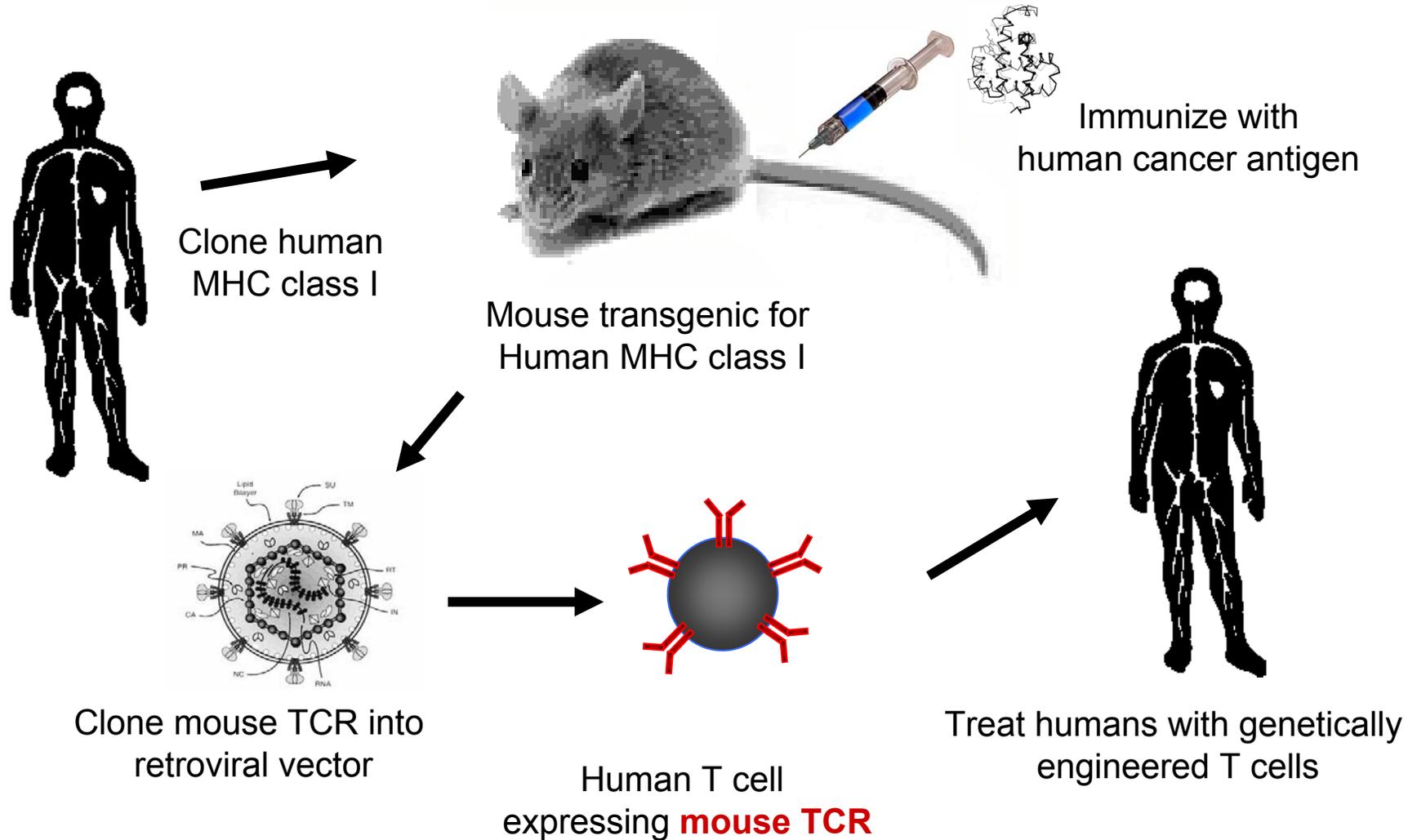
3) Atkins et al JCO, 17:2105, 1999

4) Smith et al CCR, 14:5610, 2008

5) Hodi et al NEJM, 363:711, 2010

6) Rosenberg et al CCR, 17:1-8, 2011

# Using transgenic mice to generate T cells specific for human tumor antigens



## Patients on MAGE-A3 TCR Protocol (F/U 3/1/12)

Patient	Diagnosis	Date of cells	# cells (x10 <sup>-9</sup> )	#IL-2 doses	Response	Neurologic
1. L.A. 59	Melanoma	2/24/11	28	6	CR(12+)	None
2. J.P. 38	Melanoma	3/24/11	30	5	NR	None
3. P.M. 56	Melanoma	5/5/11	30	7	PR(4)	None
4. K.H. 21	Synovial Sarc.	6/10/11	41	1	PR(5)	None
5. M.S. 54	Melanoma	7/22/11	79	5	PR(4)	Coma (white matter)
6. J.M. 44	Melanoma	8/5/11	53	4	NR	None
7. F.B. 62	Melanoma	8/17/11	62	6	CR(6+)	Seizure (normal MRI; recovered completely)
8. G.T. 71	Esophageal	8/18/11	61	1	NR	Coma (white matter)
9. J.S. 62	Melanoma	8/31/11	30	0	NR	TIA (Normal MRI; recovered completely)

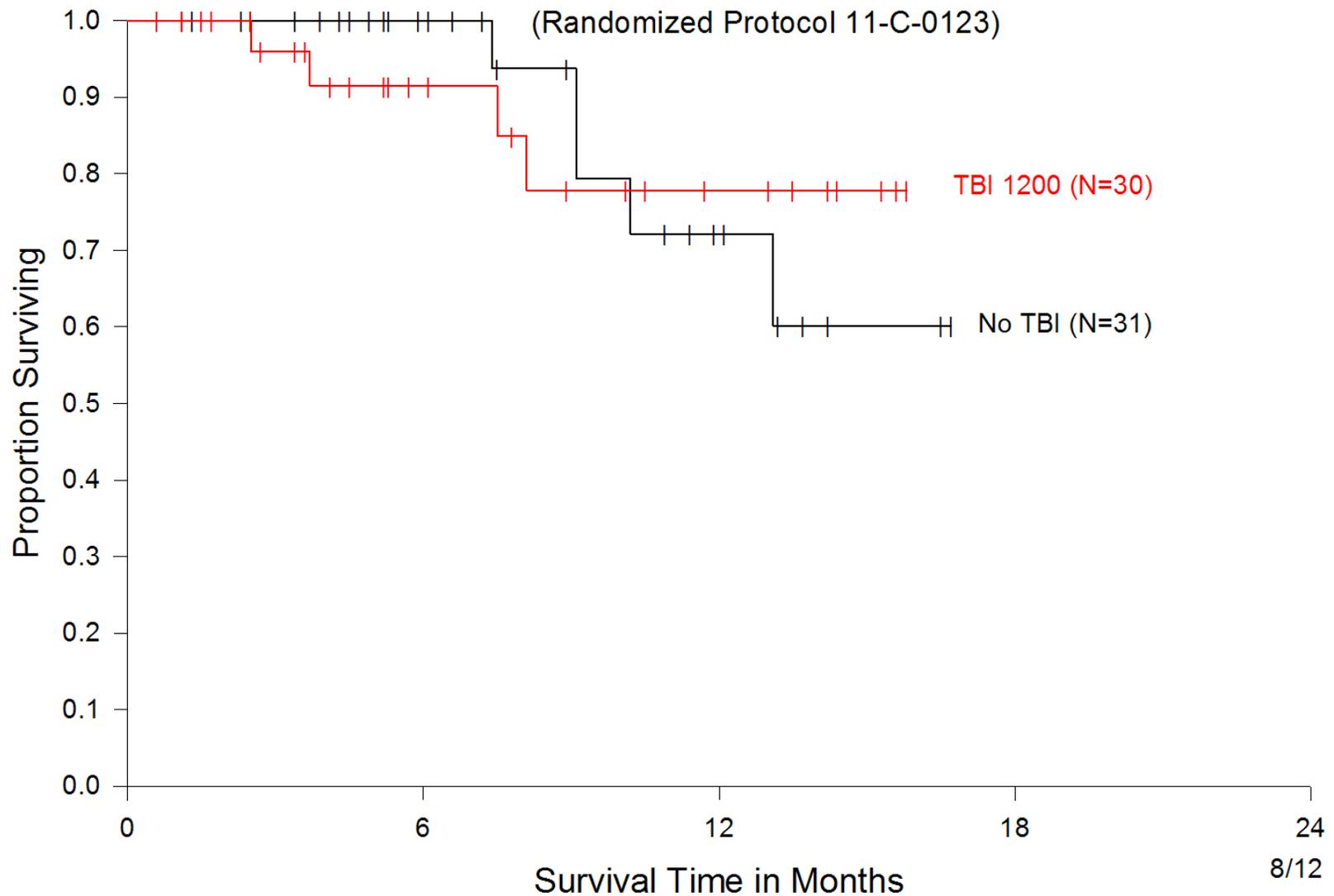
**The most critical challenge confronting the development of human cancer immunotherapy is the identification of antigens to target**

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- 1. Shared antigens unique to cancer (cancer-testes antigens)**
- 2. Antigens expressed on cancers and on non-essential normal tissues (CD19, thyroglobulin)**
- 3. Mutations unique to each cancer (EGFRvIII)**
- 4. Critical components of the tumor stroma (VEGFR2)**
- 5. Differentiation antigens overexpressed on cancers compared to normal tissue (MART-1, gp100, CEA, Her-2)**

# Survival of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with Autologous Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes and IL-2

(Randomized Protocol 11-C-0123)



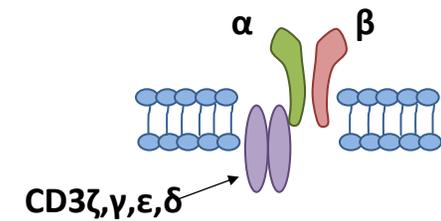
# Construction of T-cell Receptors (TCR) and Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CAR)

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## TCR Vector (eg, MART1, NY-ESO)



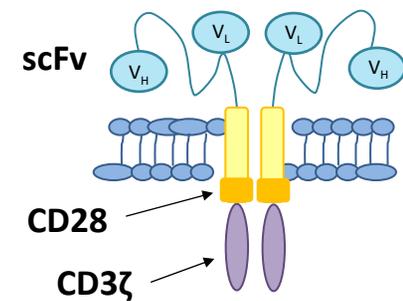
## TCR receptor



## CAR Vector (eg, CD19)



## CAR receptor



# Patient 1: Pre-infusion INF-gamma ELISA

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<u>Effector cells</u>	CD19-expressing targets			CD19-negative targets		Effectors alone
	<u>Toledo</u>	<u>Nalm6</u>	<u>CD19-K562</u>	<u>NGFR-K562</u>	<u>CCRL-CEM</u>	
Patient 1 anti-CD19 CAR-transduced	<b>2180</b>	<b>4765</b>	<b>48050</b>	581	193	110
Patient 1 Not transduced	63	70	59	66	66	31

(Kochenderfer et al, Blood 116:4099, Dec. 2010.)

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10	CLL	TE	(76% decr. 1mo)

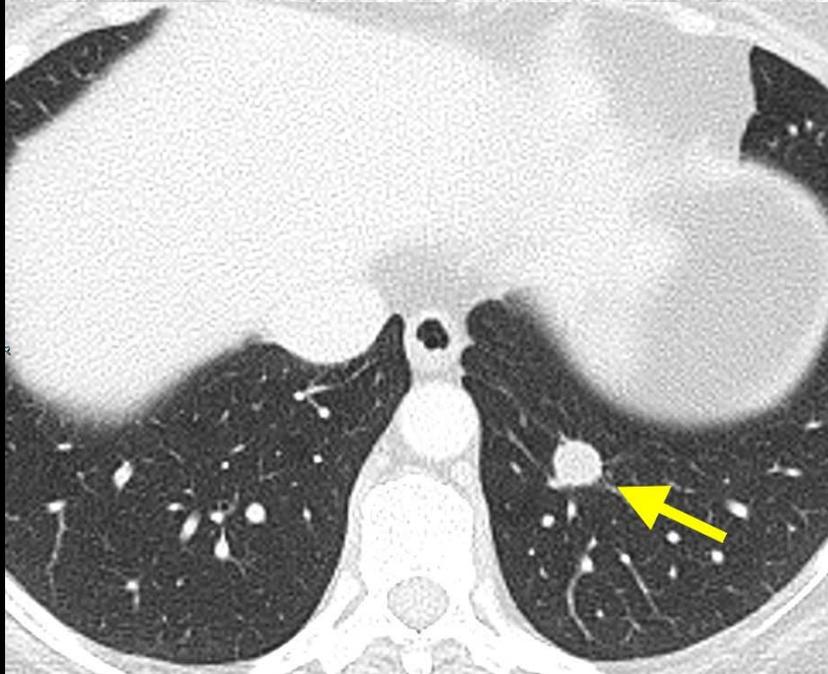
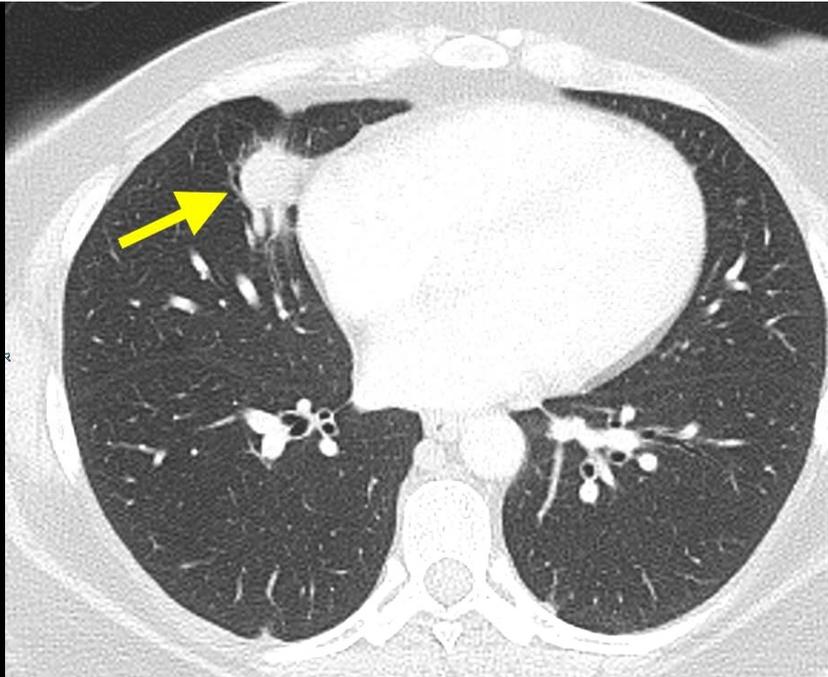
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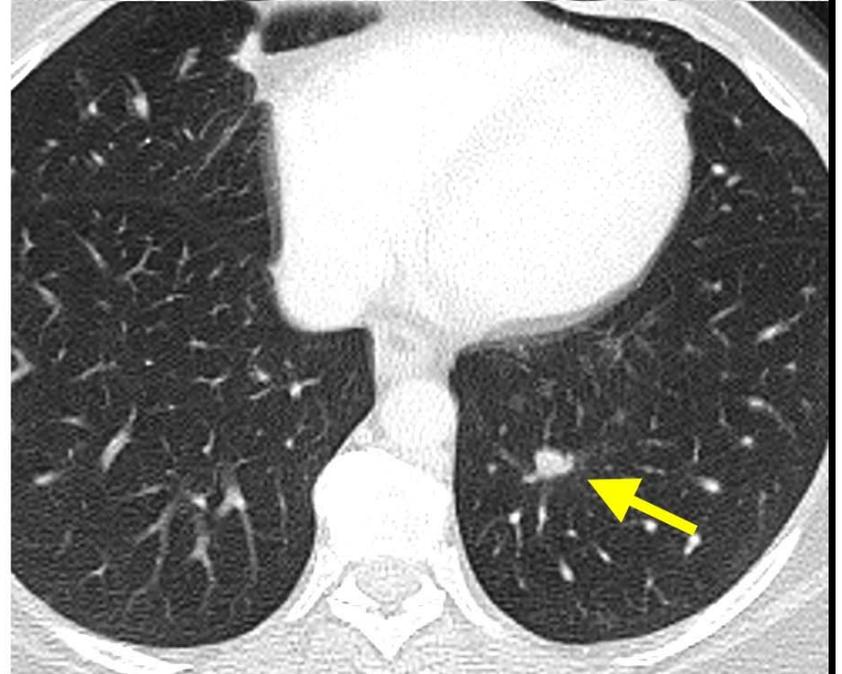
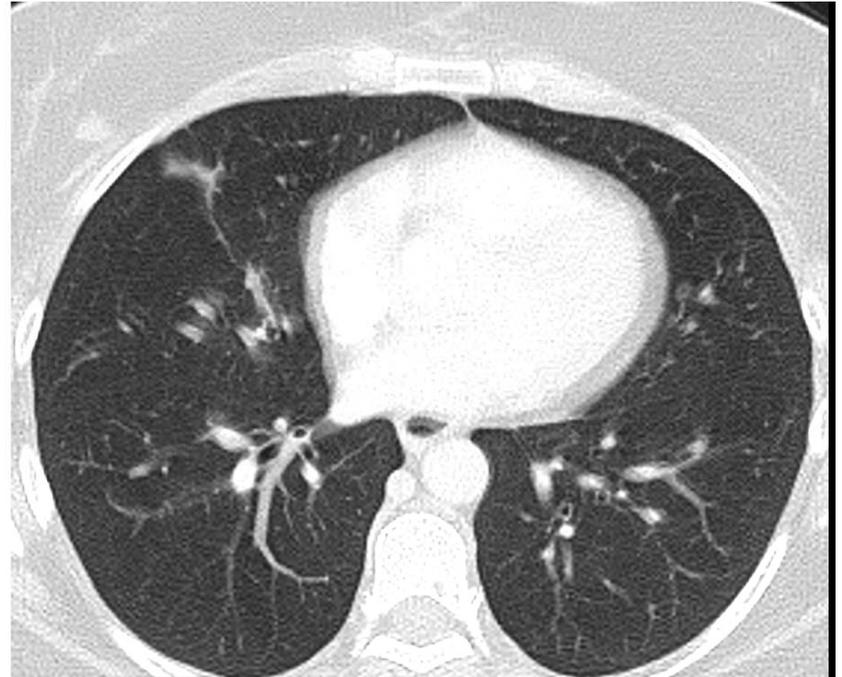
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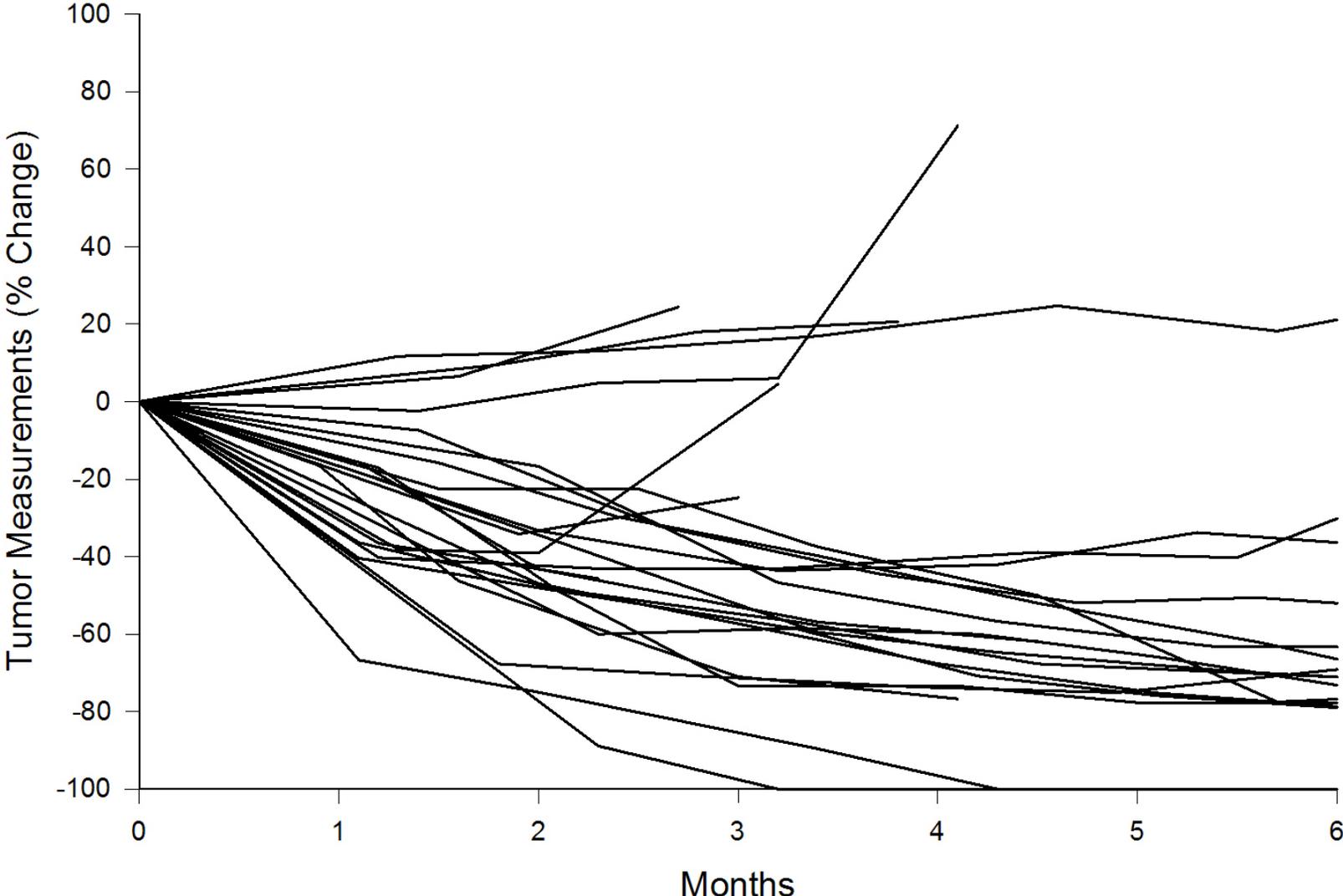
**Pre-Treatment**



**1 Month**

# TBI 1200 cGy + TIL + HD IL-2

Protocol 06-C-0136: All Patients



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**Use algorithm to predict best binders to that patient's HLA antigens**

**Synthesize best binding peptides**

**Test for recognition of pulsed peptides by TIL**

## **Patient B.C. (TIL 2098)**

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**53 year old female with metastatic melanoma**

**July 1995: excision of leg melanoma**

**Dec. 1995: diffuse leg recurrence**

**Feb. 1996: isolated limb perfusion; progressive disease**

**May 1999: below-knee amputation**

**Dec. 1999: recurrence in stump and lungs**

**May 2000: chemotherapy with cisplatin; progressive disease**

**Jan. 2003: TIL/NMA/IL-2**

**Complete regression until December 2009 when she died of an unrelated ovarian cancer; no melanoma present**

**(Exomic analysis revealed 300 nonsynonymous mutations)**

**Listing of the 20-mer peptides surrounding the central mutated amino acid (#2098)  
(300 nonsynonomous mutations)**

<u>Gene name</u>	<u>cDNA change</u>	<u>protein change</u>	<u>ref AA</u>	<u>var AA</u>
ZNF559	c.A299T	p.Q100L	KWSAPQQNFLQGKTSSVVEM	KWSAPQQNFL <b>L</b> GKTSSVVEM
TRPC6	c.C271T	p.R91C	NRGPAYMFSDRSTLSIEEER	NRGPAYMFSD <b>C</b> STLSIEEER
SERPINB11	c.C95T	p.S32L	NNIGDNIFFSSLILLYALSMV	NNIGDNIFFS <b>L</b> LLLYALSMV
HTR1F	c.G226A	p.V76M	AVTDFLVAVLVMPFSIVYIVR	AVTDFLVAVLMMPFSIVYIVR
UNC13A	c.C3842T	p.S1281F	LFSCSVVDVFSQLNQSFIEIK	LFSCSVVDVFFQLNQSFIEIK
PXDNL	c.C1838T	p.S613F	RQAGDDFVESHILDAVQRVDS	RQAGDDFVESFILDAVQRVDS
KCNK5	c.G335A	p.R112H	GNVAPKTPAGRLFCVYGLFG	GNVAPKTPAGHLFCVYGLFG
CNKSRI	c.C929T	p.A310V	SLSLAPLSPRASEDVFAFDL	SLSLAPLSPRVPSEDVFAFDL
MARCH11	c.C762G	p.F254L	QMIAVILGSLFLIASVTWLLW	QMIAVILGSLLLIASVTWLLW
C1S	c.A1672C	p.N558H	ICLPGTSSDYNLMDGDLGLIS	ICLPGTSSDYHLMGDLGLIS
KCNA6	c.C214T	p.R72W	FPDILLGDPGRRVRFFDPLRN	FPDILLGDPGWRVRFFDPLRN
GPR174	c.C751T	p.P251S	ICFAPYHFSFLDFLVKSNEI	ICFAPYHFSFLDFLVKSNEI
WDR47	c.C247T	p.R83C	CMEKFDKKFRYIILKQKFLE	CMEKFDKKRFCYIILKQKFLE
GAS7	85C>T	p.H289Y	KKSLADEAEVHLKFSAKLHSE	KKSLADEAEVYLKFSAKLHSE
GSTA4	c.G547A	p.E183K	NILSAFPFLQEYTVKLSNIPT	NILSAFPFLQKYTVKLSNIPT
OR8D4	c.G98A	p.G33E	LQLPLFCLFLGIYTVTVVGNL	LQLPLFCLFLEIYTVTVVGNL
BRCA2	c.C3116T	p.P1039L	MFFKDIEEQYPTSLACVEIVN	MFFKDIEEQYLTSLACVEIVN
RRP1B	c.C568T	p.L190F	GGKELLADQNLKFDPFCKIA	GGKELLADQNFKFDPFCKIA
CNTN5	c.C3251T	p.S1084L	QSTLHSLSTSSSVTLLLALM	QSTLHSLSTLSSVTLLLALM
C4orf15	c.A478G	p.T160A	QSQGILNAMITKISNELQALT	QSQGILNAMIKISNELQALT
NOTCH2	c.C4729G	p.L1577V	RALGTLHTNLRIRKDSQGEL	RALGTLHTNVRIKDSQGEL
KCNA6	c.C214T	p.R72W	FPDILLGDPGRRVRFFDPLRN	FPDILLGDPGWRVRFFDPLRN
UNC13A	c.C3842T	p.S1281F	LFSCSVVDVFSQLNQSFIEIK	LFSCSVVDVFFQLNQSFIEIK
C15orf32	c.G193A	p.G65R	CEMLSILALVGLHPFYRSNN	CEMLSILALVRVLPFYRSNN
C4orf15	c.A478G	p.T160A	QSQGILNAMITKISNELQALT	QSQGILNAMIKISNELQALT
MYH4	c.G2968A	p.D990N	KNLTEEMAGLDETIKLTKEK	KNLTEEMAGLNETIAKLTKEK
A2BP1	c.C133T	p.H45Y	NGIPAETAPHPAPEYTGQ	NGIPAETAPYHPAPEYTGQ
SCN3A	c.T2315A	p.L772*	VDLAITICIVLNTLFMAMEHY	VDLAITICIV*NTLFMAMEHY
OR8D4	c.G98A	p.G33E	LQLPLFCLFLGIYTVTVVGNL	LQLPLFCLFLEIYTVTVVGNL
GALNT14	c.A236G	p.H79R	YQRGHLPTGGHLAVCHFPCLL	YQRGHLPTGGRLAVCHFPCLL

## **Treatment of patients in the randomized protocol**

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**1 refused**

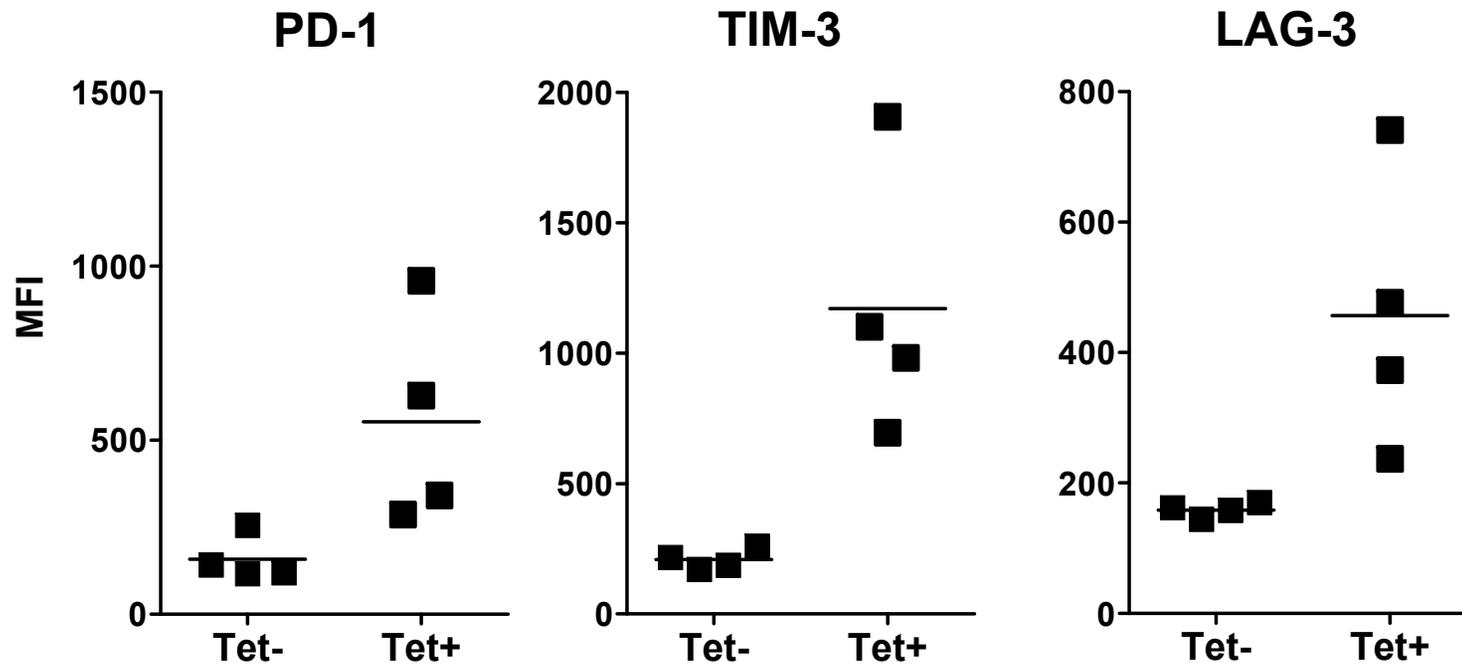
**2 no growth**

**4 disease progression**

**Other randomized patients resected to NED, TIL cryopreserved and at recurrence were randomized and treated.**

# Mart-1<sub>27-35</sub> reactive cells express higher levels of PD-1, TIM-3 and LAG-3

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# Research Goal

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To identify a specific marker/markers expressed by CD8 T cells in the fresh tumor digest that could be used to select tumor reactive cells

1- Characterization of the phenotype of CD8 T cells in the initial fresh tumor digest

Positive co-stimulatory molecules: 41BB

Negative co-stimulatory molecules: PD-1, TIM-3 and LAG-3

2- Assessment of the use of the markers to enrich for tumor-reactive cells

## Exome sequencing of melanoma 2369

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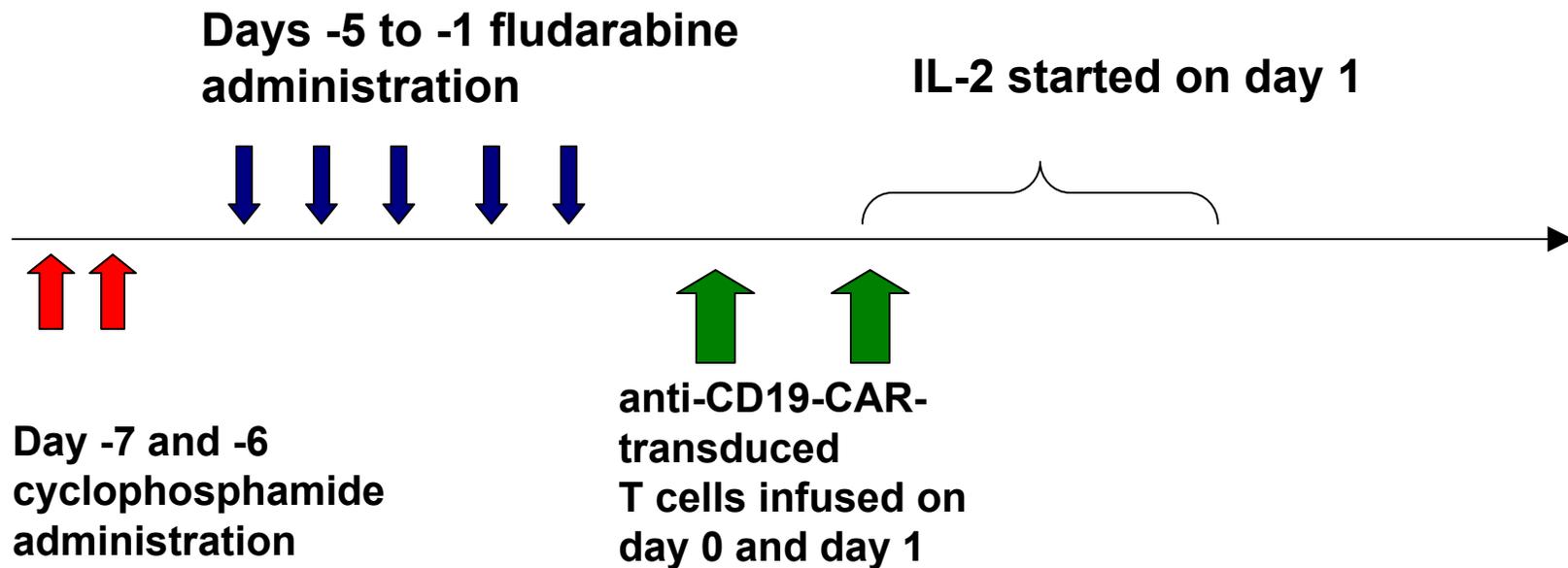
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1	FSDYYDLS <u>Y</u>	117 G to S	2	C22orf33	uc003aqe.1	<30
2	LTDDRLFT <u>CY</u>	1005 H to Y	3	PLEKHM2	uc001axa.2	10400
3	YSSALD <u>LCY</u>	621 N to D	5	GRIN3B	uc002lqo.1	<30
4	FSDK <u>KV</u> GT <u>Y</u>	688 L to F	5	PLCB1	uc002wna.1	<30
5	HSEYSSFF <u>Y</u>	603 H to Y	6	HEG1	uc003ehs.2	<30
6	CSNF <u>L</u> LLAY	84 S to L	7	BAI3	uc003pev.2	<30
7	ESDK <u>EEL</u> VG <u>Y</u>	332 F to L	7	MPP4	uc002uyj.2	<30
8	CTDT <u>Y</u> MLE <u>L</u> F	191 H to Y	8	OR4C46	uc001nhj.1	<30
9	FTGT <u>I</u> S <u>V</u> MY	60 P to S	12	UEVLD	uc001mot.1	<30
10	QTQSV <u>V</u> FL <u>Y</u>	156 S to L	13	COL9A1	uc003pfg.2	<30
11	MSSY <u>I</u> AS <u>F</u> TY	356 L to F	14	LST-3TM12	uc001ren.1	<30
12	CTDT <u>Y</u> M <u>L</u> E <u>L</u>	191 H to Y	22	OR4C46	uc001nhj.1	<30
13	LLD <u>L</u> MAY <u>D</u> RY	117 G to D	22	OR2T2	uc001iek.1	<30
14	SSDSQ <u>E</u> EN <u>Y</u>	117 G to E	23	MEOX2	uc003stc.1	<30
15	LTSMA <u>Y</u> DC <u>Y</u>	122 R to C	31	OR8B3	uc001qac.1	<30
16	YTDF <u>H</u> CQ <u>Y</u> V	176 P to H	49	PPP1R3B	uc003wsn.2	13400
17	WADWG <u>H</u> RT <u>Y</u>	3344 A to T	51	LRP2	uc002ues.1	<30
18	FTMV <u>I</u> L <u>Y</u> V <u>V</u> Y	219 S to L	54	LRR3B	uc003cdp.1	<30
19	CVDS <u>P</u> PP <u>L</u> FF	528 S to F	71	C15orf2	uc001ywo.1	<30
20	V <u>S</u> DG <u>F</u> T <u>A</u> VM	198 P to S	85	RNPEP	uc001gxd.1	<30
21	<u>W</u> SCLG <u>H</u> LG <u>Y</u>	267 R to W	86	MIRO-2	uc002ciq.1	<30
22	YTDF <u>H</u> CQ <u>Y</u> V <u>K</u>	176 P to H	100	PPP1R3B	uc003wsn.2	22000
23	YTFL <u>I</u> FSD <u>Y</u>	849 S to F	104	BCR	uc002zww.1	<30
24	ISAN <u>S</u> PY <u>I</u> S <u>Y</u>	86 P to S	124	ABCA12	uc002vev.1	<30
25	<u>S</u> SFLV <u>P</u> SL <u>P</u> Y	796 P to S	125	KIAA1211	uc003hbk.2	<30

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# Treatment plan



Cyclophosphamide dose was 60 mg/kg per day

Fludarabine dose was 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day

Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell dose was 1x10<sup>8</sup> cells on day 0 and 3x10<sup>8</sup> cells on day 1

IL-2 dose and schedule: 720,000 IU/kg every 8 hours (8 total doses)

## Prior Treatment of Patients Treated with the anti-CD19 CAR

<u>Pt</u>	<u>Inits</u>	<u>Date Cells</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Date Started</u>
1	D.S.	04/21/2010	1)	FLUDARABINE	6 cycles	XX/XX/2003
			2)	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE	7 cycles	03/XX/2006
				FLUDARABINE	7 cycles	
				MIXOXANTRONE	7 cycles	
			3)	METHYLPREDNISONE	21 days	XX/XX/2008
			4)	SOLUMEDROL	11 cycles	05/XX/2009
2	R.L.	01/13/2011	1)	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE	12 cycles	05/XX/1999
				VINCRIStINE	12 cycles	
				PREDNISONE	12 cycles	
			2)	CHLORAMBUCIL		XX/XX/2005
				PREDNISONE		
			3)	CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE	7 cycles	XX/XX/2008
				FLUDARABINE	7 cycles	
			4)	SOLU-MEDROL	PULSED	08/XX/2010
				OFATUMUMAB		
3	S.T.	11/04/2011	1)	R-CHOP	6 cycles	09/16/2010
				RITUXIMAB		
				CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE		
				DOXORUBICIN		
				ONCOVIN		
				PREDISOLONE		
			2)	IFOSFAMIDE/CARBOPLATIN	2 cycles	07/07/2011
				RITUXIMAB/ETOPOSIDE	2 cycles	
			3)	HYPER-CVAD	1 cycle	09/12/2011
				RITUXIMAB	1 cycle	

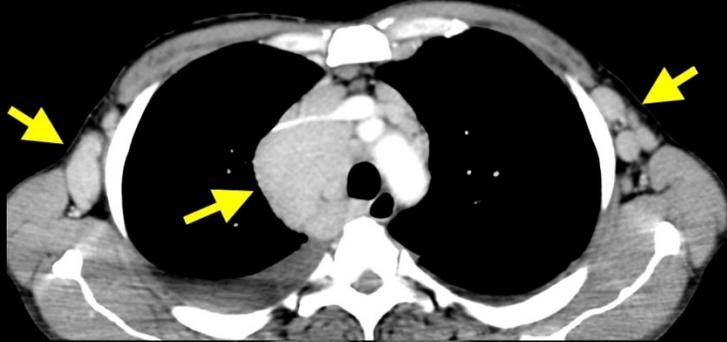
# Treatment of Refractory B-cell Lymphomas and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia with anti-DC19 CAR

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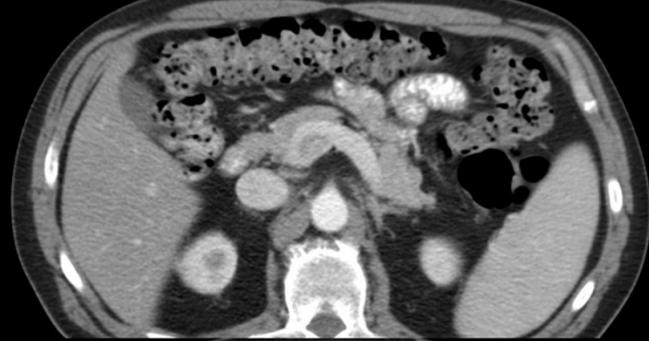
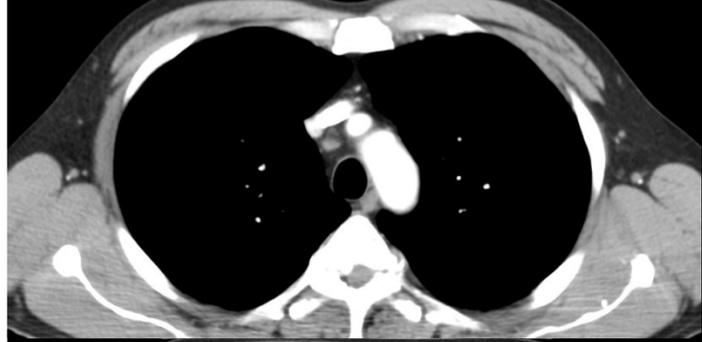
		PR	CR	Total
		numbers (duration in months)		
Lymphoma	5	3 (60%) (34+,23+,15+)	1 (20%) (5+)	4 (80%)
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	5	2 (40%) (6,3+)	2 (40%) (20,15+)	4 (80%)

E.K.

Follicular  
lymphoma



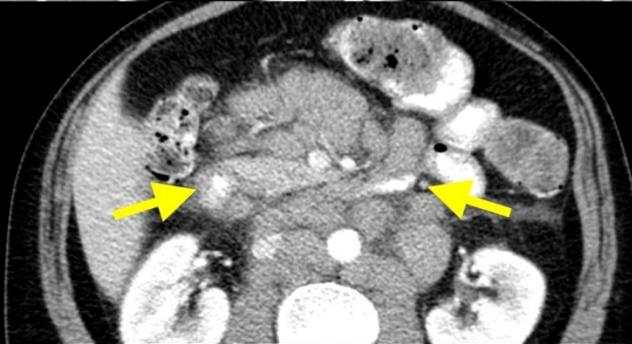
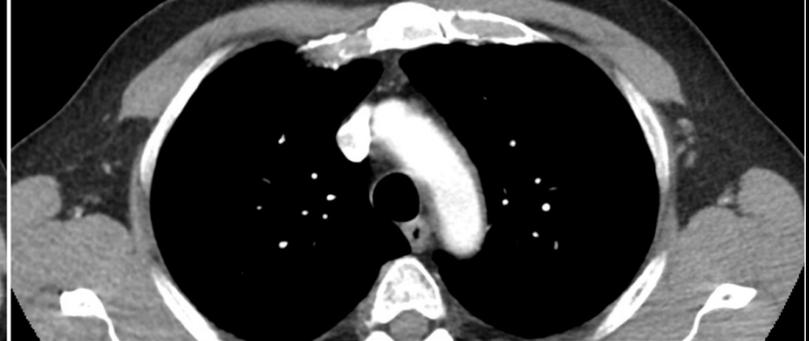
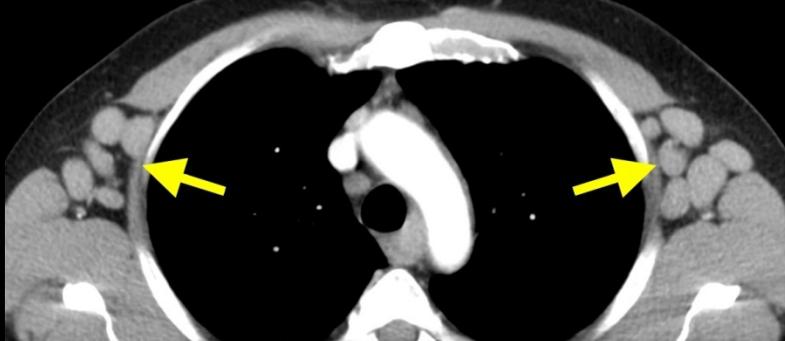
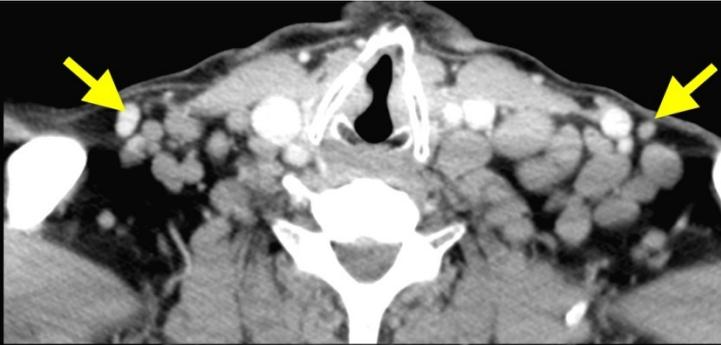
June 2, 2009



March 14, 2012

D.S.

Chronic  
lymphocytic  
leukemia



April 13, 2010

Jan 25, 2012

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26 of 50 consecutive TIL used for therapy recognized these antigens

no correlation with response:

14 objective responders

12 non-responders

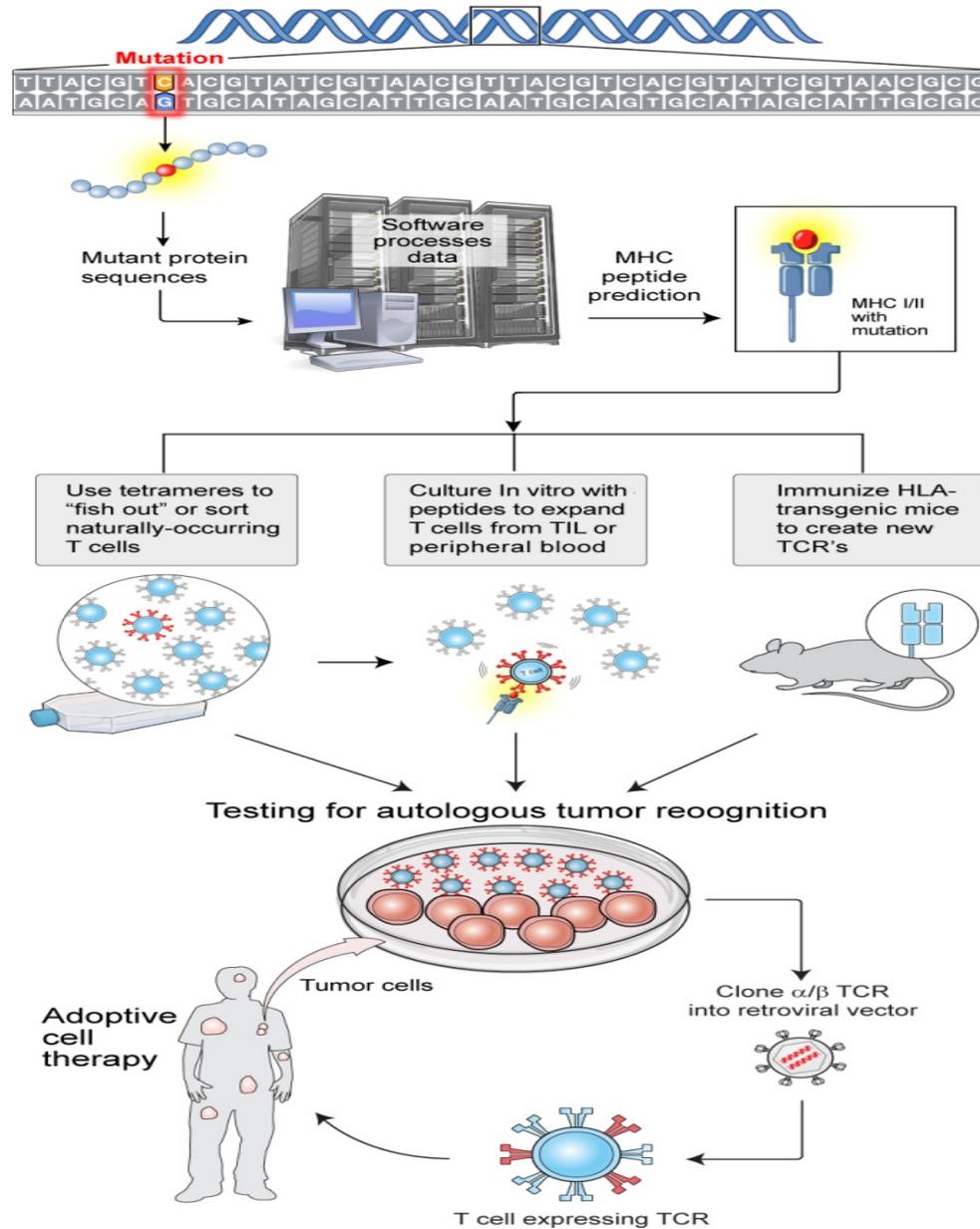
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Expression cloning of antigens recognized by TIL responders (since 1994) have identified 8 mutated antigens restricted by Class I

# Opportunities for personalized immunotherapy based on exomic identification of mutations



# Cells reactive with autologous tumor are highly enriched in the subsets expressing PD-1, LAG-3, TIM-3 and 41BB

	T cells	Aut. TC1913 A 0201	Aut. TC1913 + W6/32	Allo. TC2301	COSA11 1 $\mu$ M Irrel. Pept	COSA11 1 $\mu$ M CDKN2A <sub>mut</sub>	
Populations sorted FrTu#1913	PD1+	0 (2.1)	<u>9633</u> (46.1)	57 (12.9)	268 (3.1)	9 (1.3)	<u>17762</u> (30.3)
	PD1-	0 (0.5)	0 (1.0)	0 (0.9)	176 (3.2)	69 (0.7)	68 (0.6)
	LAG-3+	0 (1.3)	<u>15290</u> (61.2)	221 (16.5)	0 (0.6)	0 (1.0)	<u>23587</u> (55.7)
	LAG-3-	0 (1.7)	0 (1.2)	0 (1.4)	632 (4.2)	363 (1.3)	427 (1.4)
	TIM-3+	0 (1.2)	<u>11954</u> (58)	102 (11.4)	<u>1190</u> (2.9)	0 (0.5)	<u>21140</u> (56.3)
	TIM-3-	0 (0.8)	0 (1.0)	0 (0.9)	79 (3.0)	100 (0.5)	92 (0.4)
	41BB+	55 (10.3)	<u>6418</u> (39.6)	44 (10.0)	<u>1767</u> (11.2)	11 (1.7)	<u>12557</u> (19.5)
	41BB-	0 (0.6)	0 (1.0)	0 (0.8)	106 (2.7)	1874 (1.3)	2026 (1.4)

pg/ml IFN  $\gamma$  (% 41BB+)

>200 pg/ml and >twice background is positive

## Objective Responses in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

	Total	CR	PR	OR
		number of patients (%)		
<b>Dacarbazine<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>220</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12(5.5%)</b>	<b>12(5.5%)</b>
<b>Interleukin-2<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>270</b>	<b>17(6.3%)</b>	<b>26(9.6%)</b>	<b>43(15.9%)</b>
	<b>305</b>	<b>13(4.3%)</b>	<b>26(8.5%)</b>	<b>39(12.8%)</b>
<b>Ipilimumab<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>540</b>	<b>3(0.6%)</b>	<b>35(6.4%)</b>	<b>38(7.0%)</b>
<b>Vemurafenib<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>219</b>	<b>2(0.9%)</b>	<b>104(47.5%)</b>	<b>106(48.4%)</b>
<b>Cell Transfer<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>20(21.5%)</b>	<b>32(34.4%)</b>	<b>52(55.9%)</b>

1) Middleton et al JCO, 18:158, 2000

2) Chapman et al NEJM, 364:2507, 2010

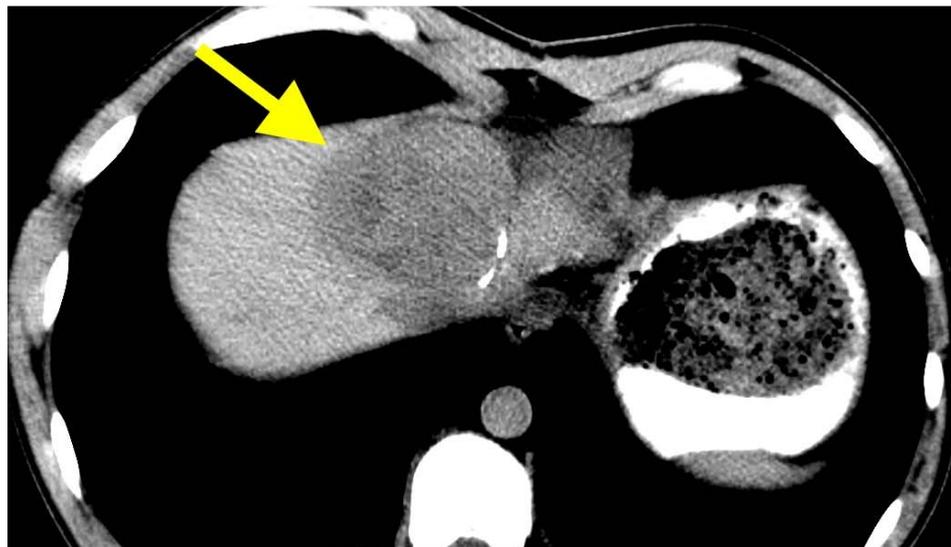
3) Atkins et al JCO, 17:2105, 1999

4) Smith et al CCR, 14:5610, 2008

5) Hodi et al NEJM, 363:711, 2010

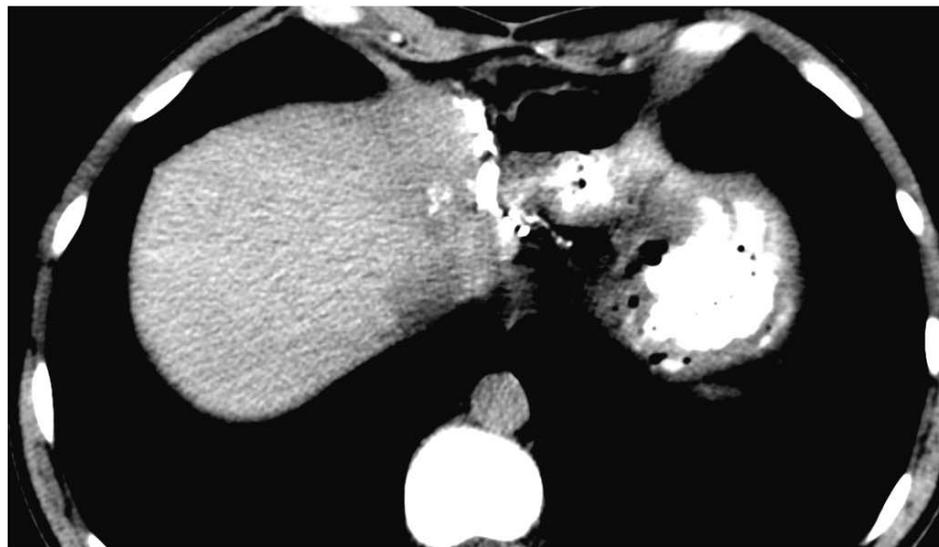
6) Rosenberg et al CCR, 17:1-8, 2011

**Other Sites: Portal LN, brain**



**July 12, 2005**

**CR 57+ mo.**



**April 12, 2010**

**(595 synonymous mutations)**

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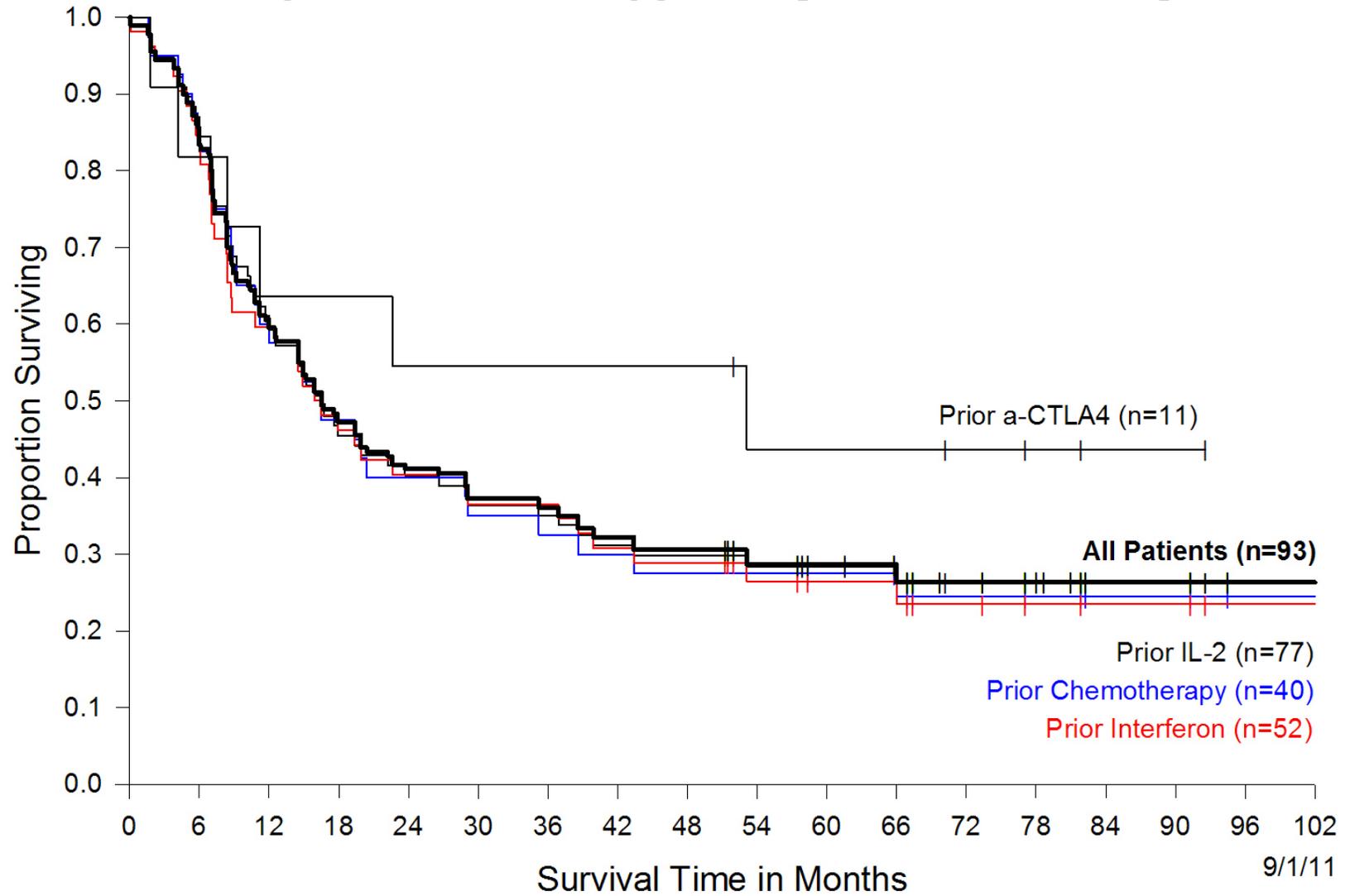
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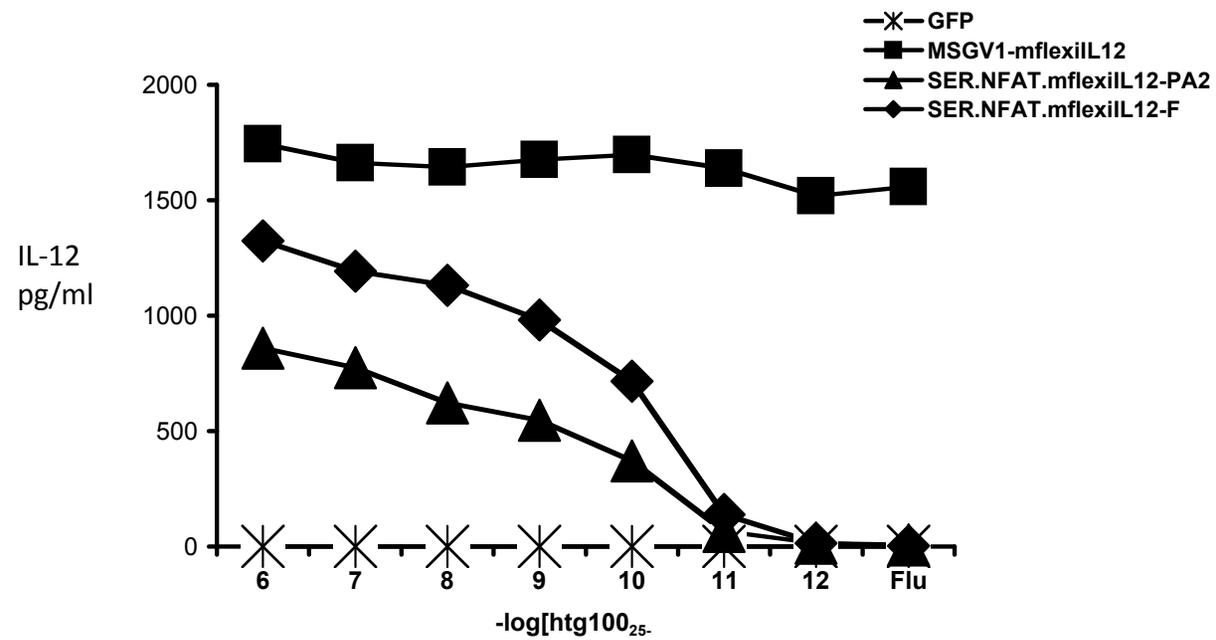
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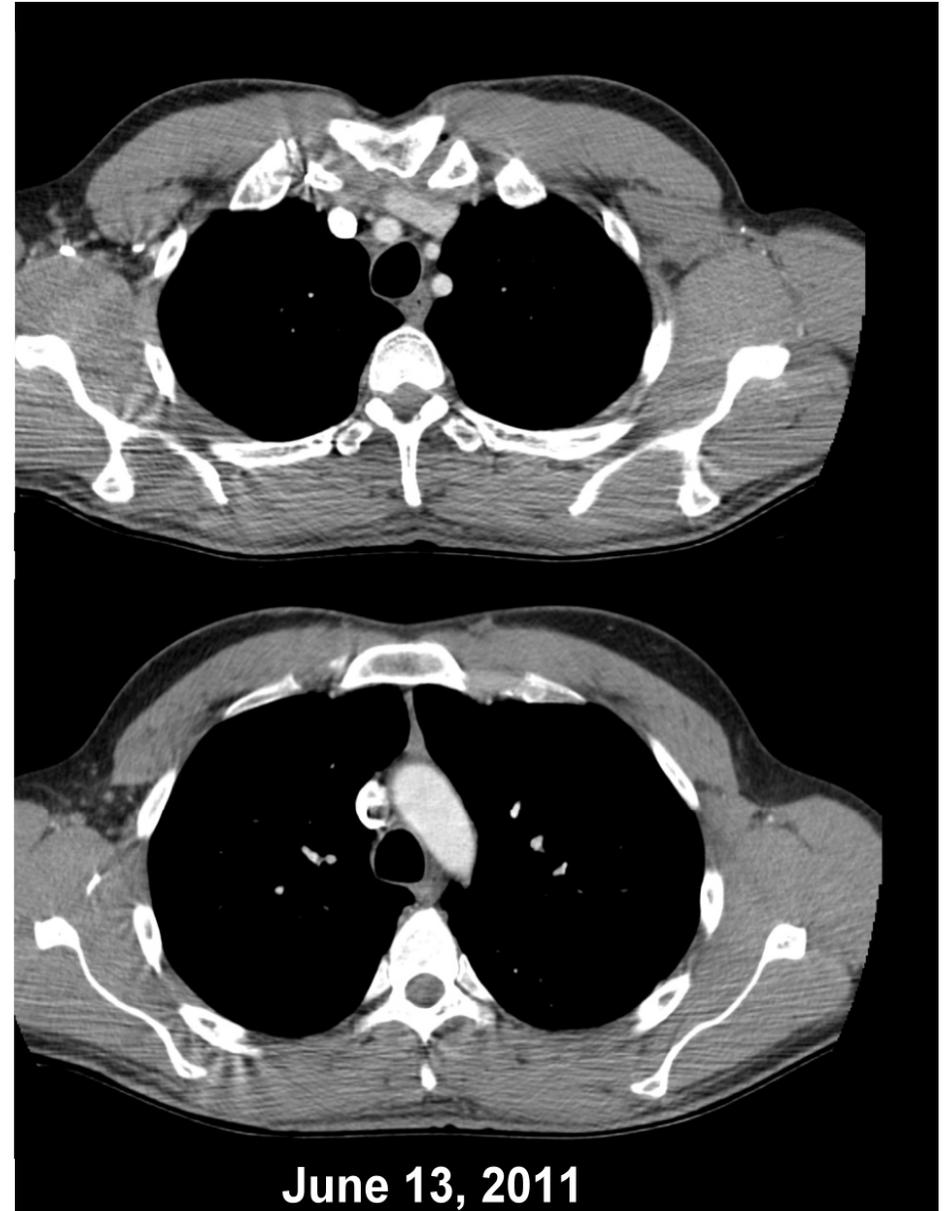
## Development of Retrovirus NFAT-mflexiIL12 vector

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(L. Zhang, R. Morgan, Surgery Branch, NCI)

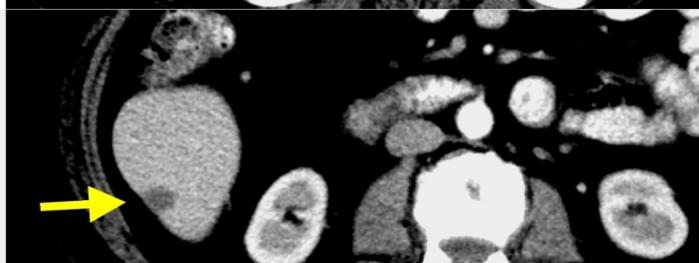
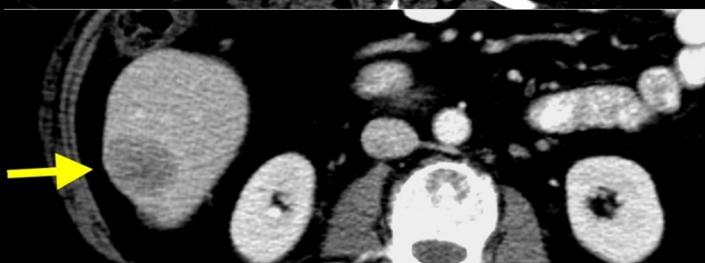
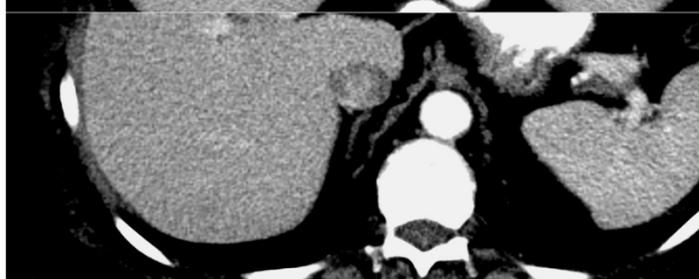
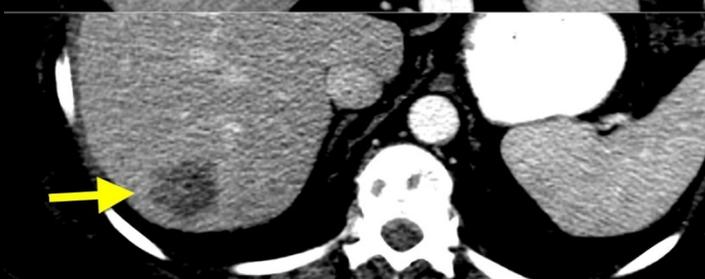
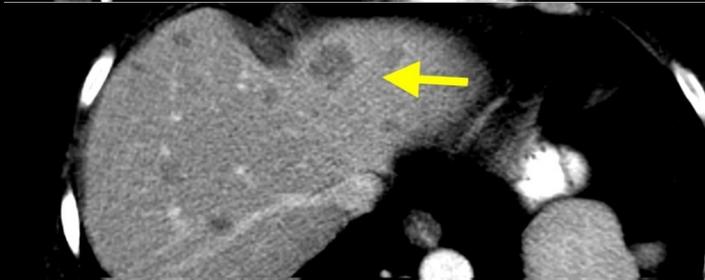
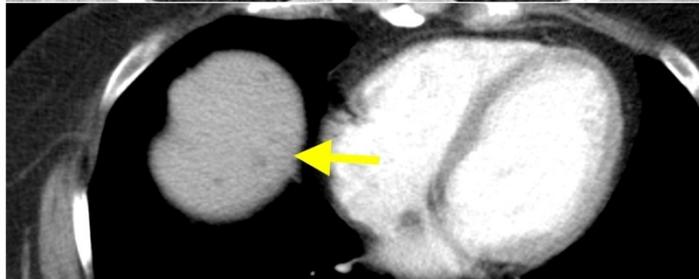
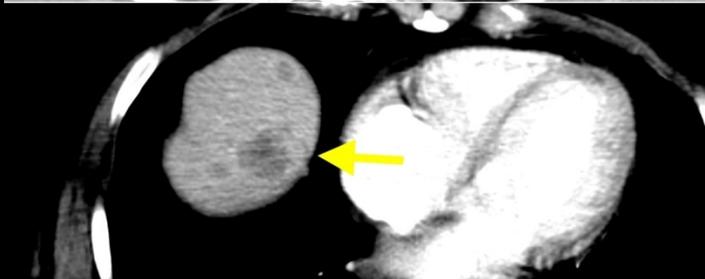
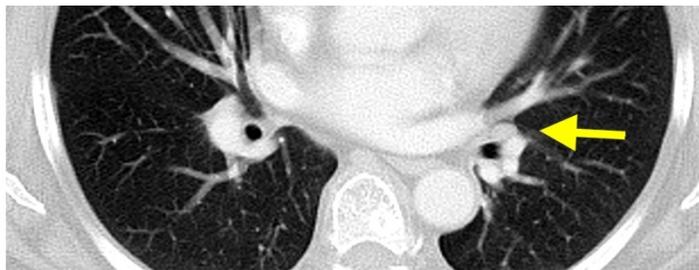
## M.M.-- Metastatic Melanoma



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Melanoma

ESO TCR



**Pre-Treatment**

**6 Months**

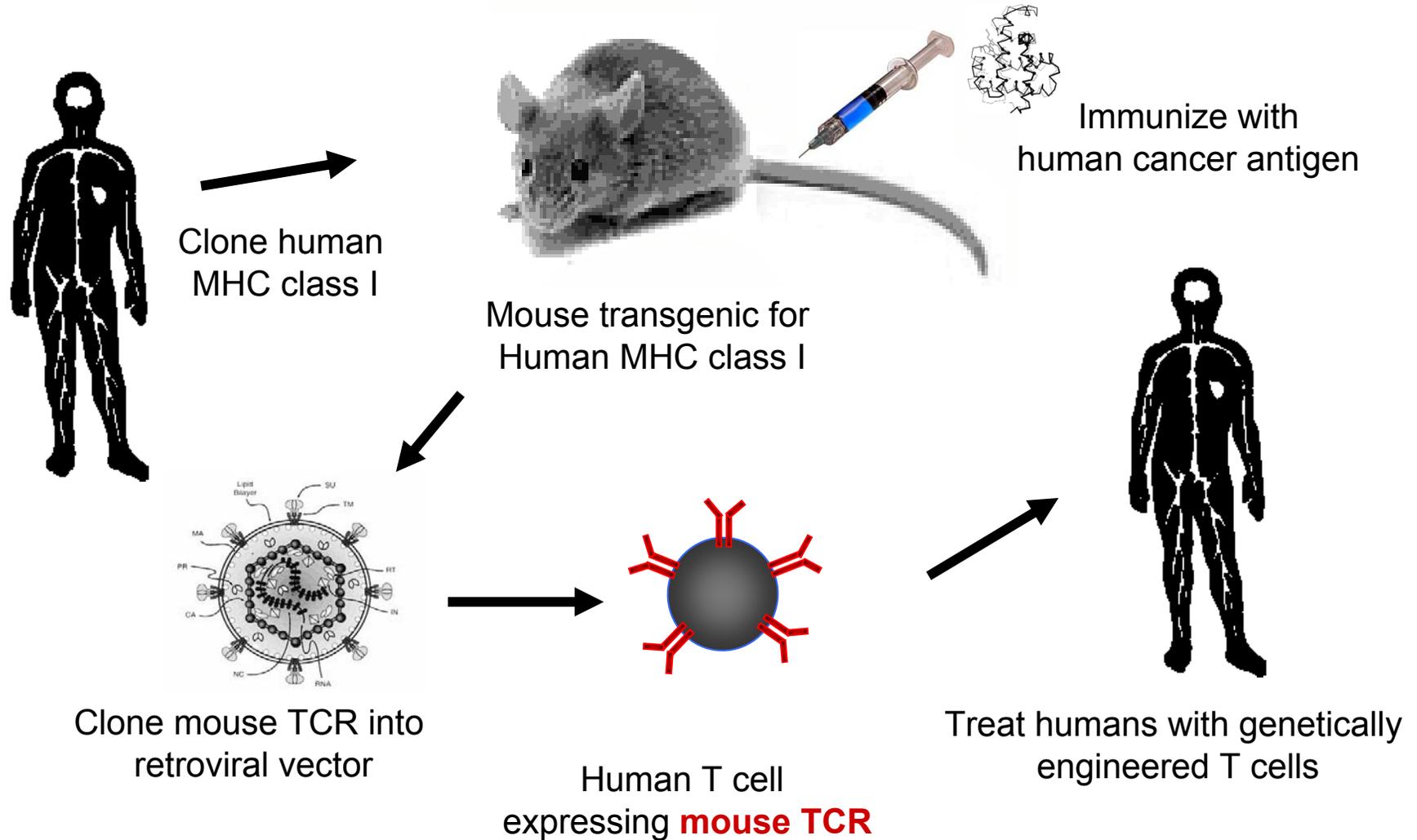
## MAGE-A3 (Melanoma Antigen Gene)

- **MAGE-A3** is a member of the MAGE super family
- MAGE-A3 is expressed in tumor cells and not in normal tissue except testicular germ cells that are non-MHC-expressing cells
- ✓ Therefore, the **risk of toxicity to normal tissue may be very low**
- ✓ MAGE is also expressed in **non-melanoma epithelial malignancies, thus has potential to treat other types of cancer**

**Therefore, MAGE-A3 may be an attractive target for TCR based gene therapy**

# Using transgenic mice to generate T cells specific for human tumor antigens

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Interferon- $\gamma$  production by the MAGE-TCR transduced PBL following co-culture with tumor cell lines

<u>Cell line</u>	<u>Histology</u>	<u>Interferon-<math>\gamma</math> (pg/ml)</u>	
		<u>MAGE-A3: 112-120</u>	<u>MAGE-A3: 271-279</u>
2361	RCC	<30	<30
H2721	SCLC	<30	<30
1088	Mel	<30	<30
888	Mel	<30	<30
H1299	NSCLC	<30	<30
H2122	SCLC	<30	<30
938	Mel	<30	<30
397-A*0201	Mel	25077	1992
526	Mel	17142	1996
1300	Mel	68746	7212
2984	Mel	36330	4605
624.38	Mel	29090	4131
1359-A*0201	Mel	32166	5759
H1299-A*0201	NSCLC	26229	475
H1250	SCLC	7730	231

**MAGE-A3: 112-120 TCR recognized tumor cells more efficiently**

## Patients on MAGE-A3 TCR Protocol (F/U 3/1/12)

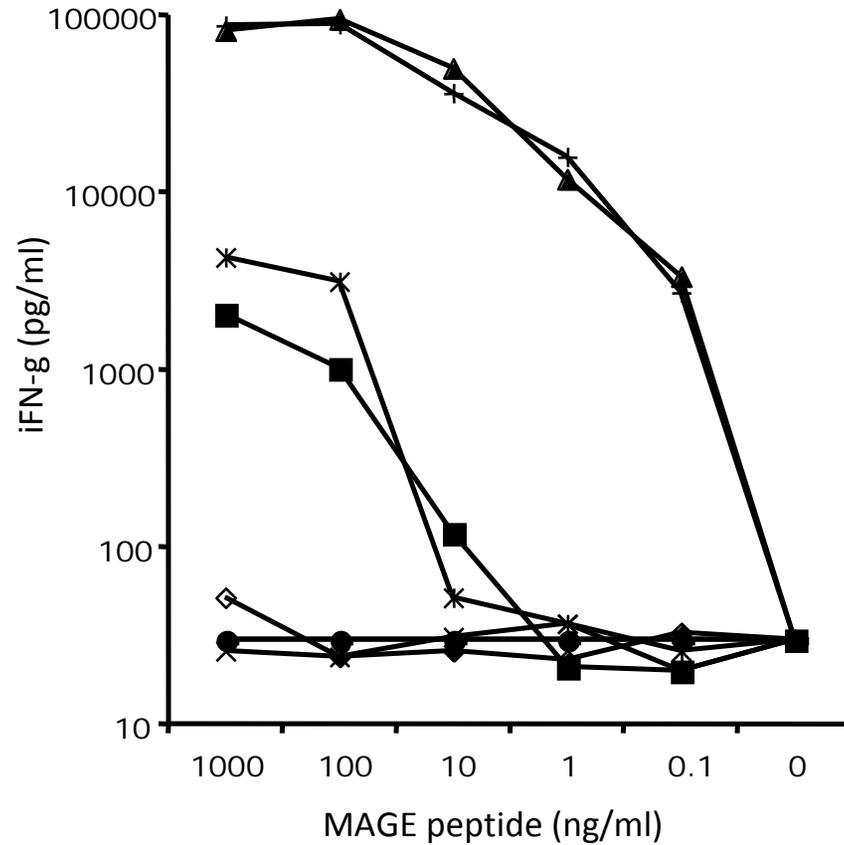
Patient	Diagnosis	Date of cells	# cells (x10 <sup>-9</sup> )	#IL-2 doses	Response	Neurologic
1. L.A. 59	Melanoma	2/24/11	28	6	CR(12+)	None
2. J.P. 38	Melanoma	3/24/11	30	5	NR	None
3. P.M. 56	Melanoma	5/5/11	30	7	PR(4)	None
4. K.H. 21	Synovial Sarc.	6/10/11	41	1	PR(5)	None
5. M.S. 54	Melanoma	7/22/11	79	5	PR(4)	Coma (white matter)
6. J.M. 44	Melanoma	8/5/11	53	4	NR	None
7. F.B. 62	Melanoma	8/17/11	62	6	CR(6+)	Seizure (normal MRI; recovered completely)
8. G.T. 71	Esophageal	8/18/11	61	1	NR	Coma (white matter)
9. J.S. 62	Melanoma	8/31/11	30	0	NR	TIA (Normal MRI; recovered completely)

Can this MAGE-A3 TCR recognize other related MAGE peptides?

**MAGE peptides**

- ◆ MAGE A1 KVADLV**G**FL
- MAGE A2 KM**V**ELVHFL ✓
- ▲ MAGE A3 KVAELVHFL
- × MAGE A4 KV**D**EL**A**HFL
- \* MAGE A6 KVA**K**LVHFL ✓
- MAGE A8 KVAELV**R**FL
- + MAGE A12 K**M**AELVHFL
- MAGE C2 KVAELV**E**FL

**T2 cell co-culture assay**

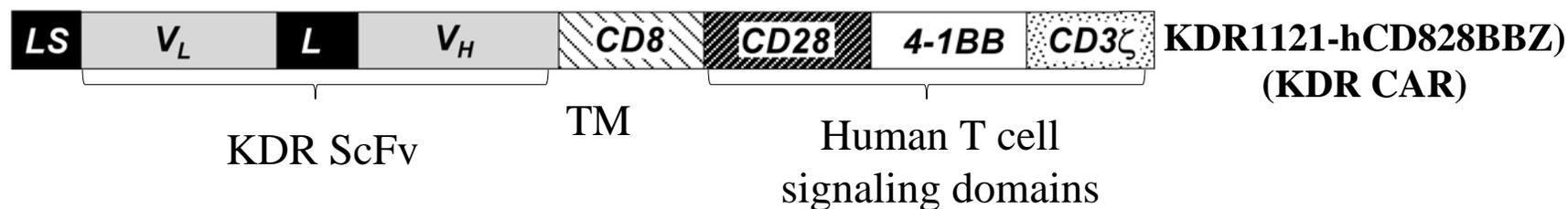


MAGE-A3 TCR transduced PBL also recognized MAGE-A12 peptide efficiently and MAGE-A2 and A6 peptides at higher concentrations

# Construction and evaluation of retroviral vectors encoding CAR against human VEGFR-2 (KDR)

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**KDR-1121 (IMC-1121B)**: A fully human anti-human VEGFR-2 (KDR) antibody - currently being evaluated in Phase II/III clinical trials.



**Phase I dose escalation trial ongoing.**

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# Interleukin-12

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- 1989**    **Discovered by G. Trinchieri**  
            **two chains p35 & p40**  
            **produced by dendritic cells and macrophages**  
            **central role in innate and adaptive immunity**
- 1995**    **Highly toxic when administered systemically to cancer patients**

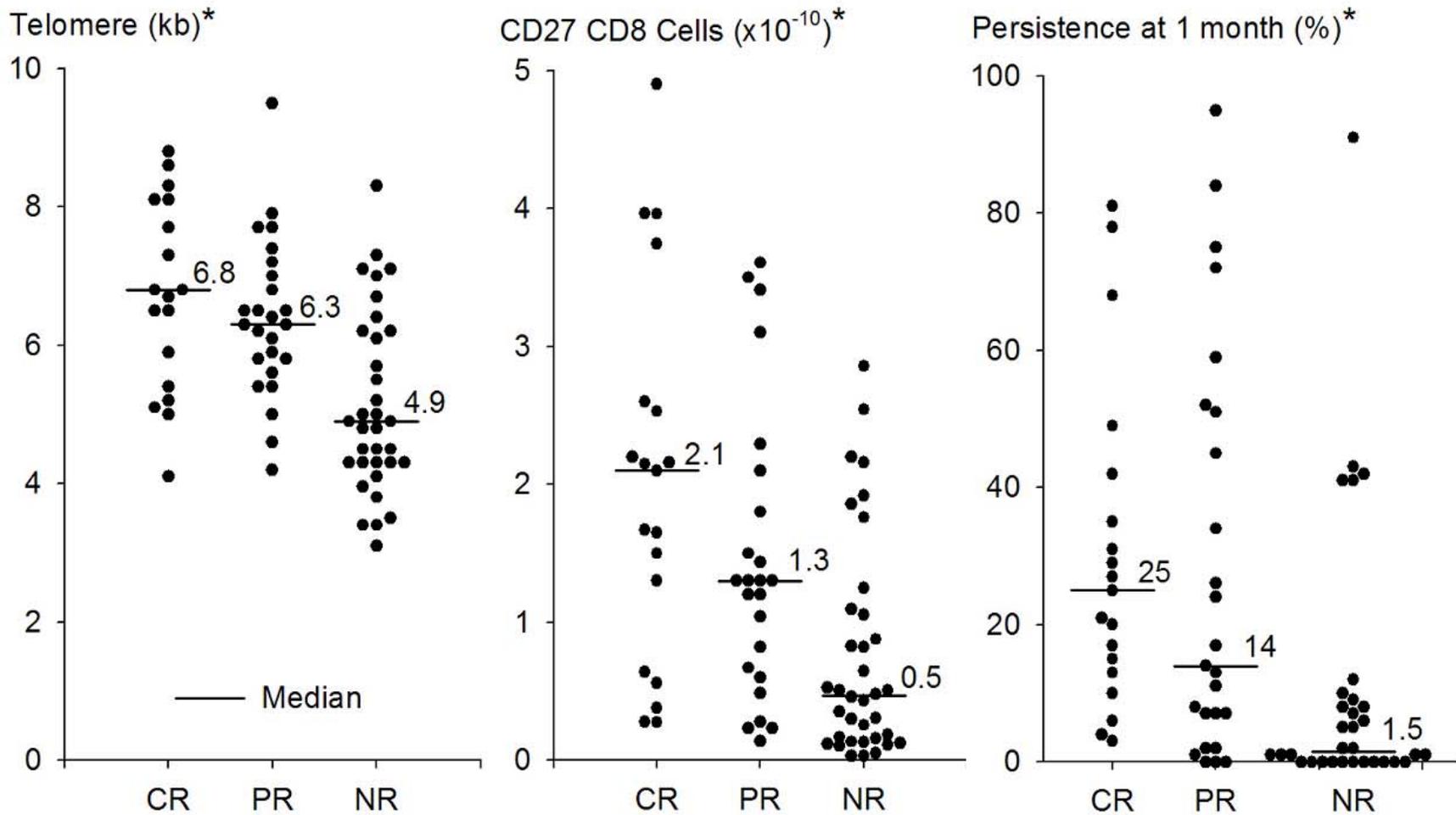
**PLAN: Use TIL to deliver IL-12 directly to the tumor site.**

# No Impact of Prior Treatment on the Incidence of Complete Regressions Using Selected TIL

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	Total	CR number (%)
<b><u>All Patients</u></b>	<b>93</b>	<b>20(22%)</b>
<b><u>Prior Treatment</u></b>		
None	5(5%)	2(40%)
IL-2	77(83%)	14(18%)
Chemotherapy	40(43%)	7(18%)
Interferon	52(56%)	11(21%)
Anti-CTLA4	11(12%)	5(45%)
IL-2+ Chemotherapy	37(40%)	6(16%)
IL-2+ Anti-CTLA4	8(9%)	3(38%)
IL-2+ Anti-CTLA4+ Chemotherapy	6(7%)	2(33%)

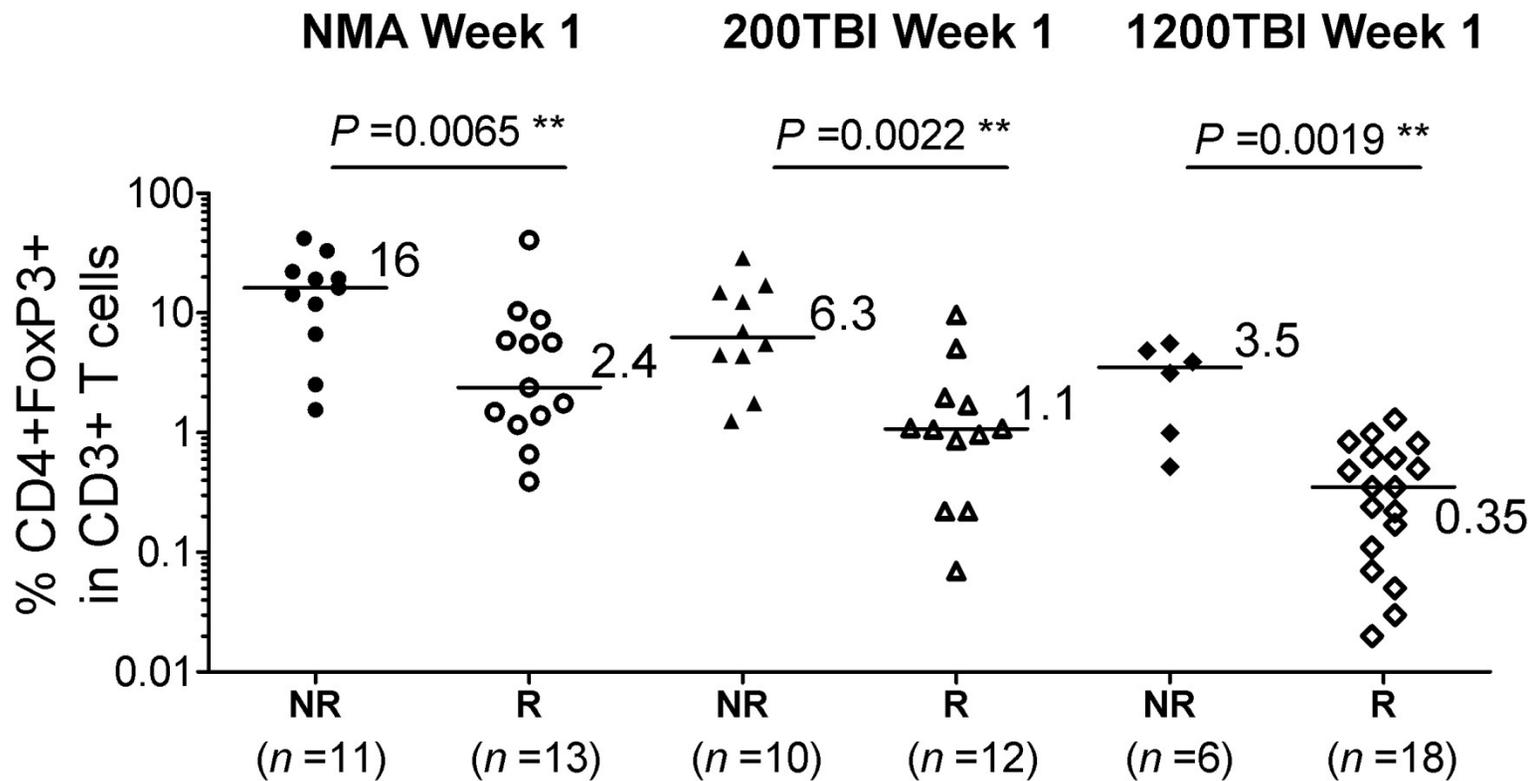
# Cell and Host Factors Associated with Response to Cell Transfer Therapy



\*CR+PR vs NR: < 0.001

Response

# Reconstitution with CD4+Foxp3+ cells is negatively correlated with clinical response



(Xin Yao, Surgery Branch, NCI)

# **Hypothesis of Mechanism of Cancer Regression Following Cell Transfer**

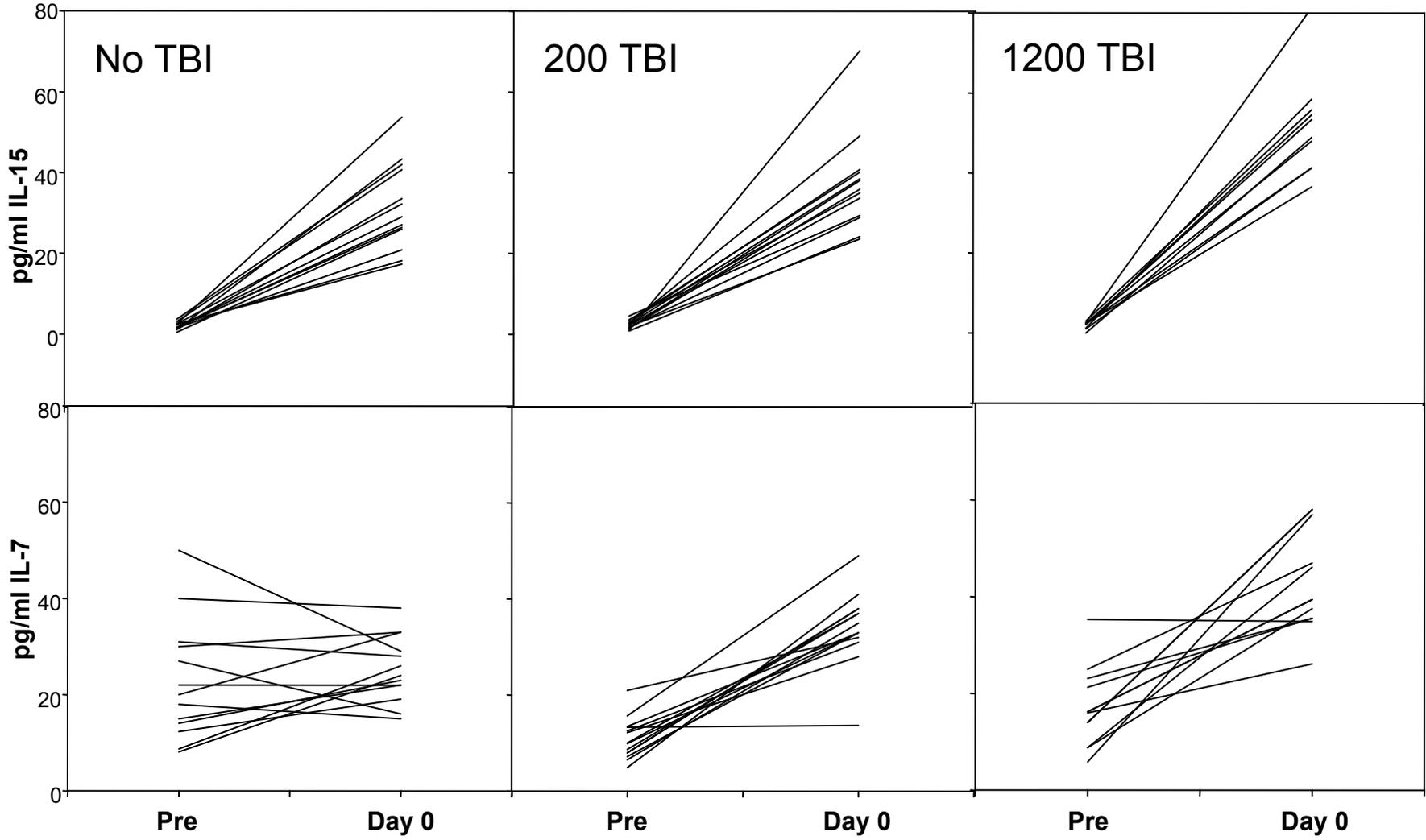
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## **The lymphopenic environment**

- 1) eliminates T regulatory (suppressor) cells**
- 2) eliminates competition for homeostatic cytokines (IL-7, IL-15) vital for T cell survival**

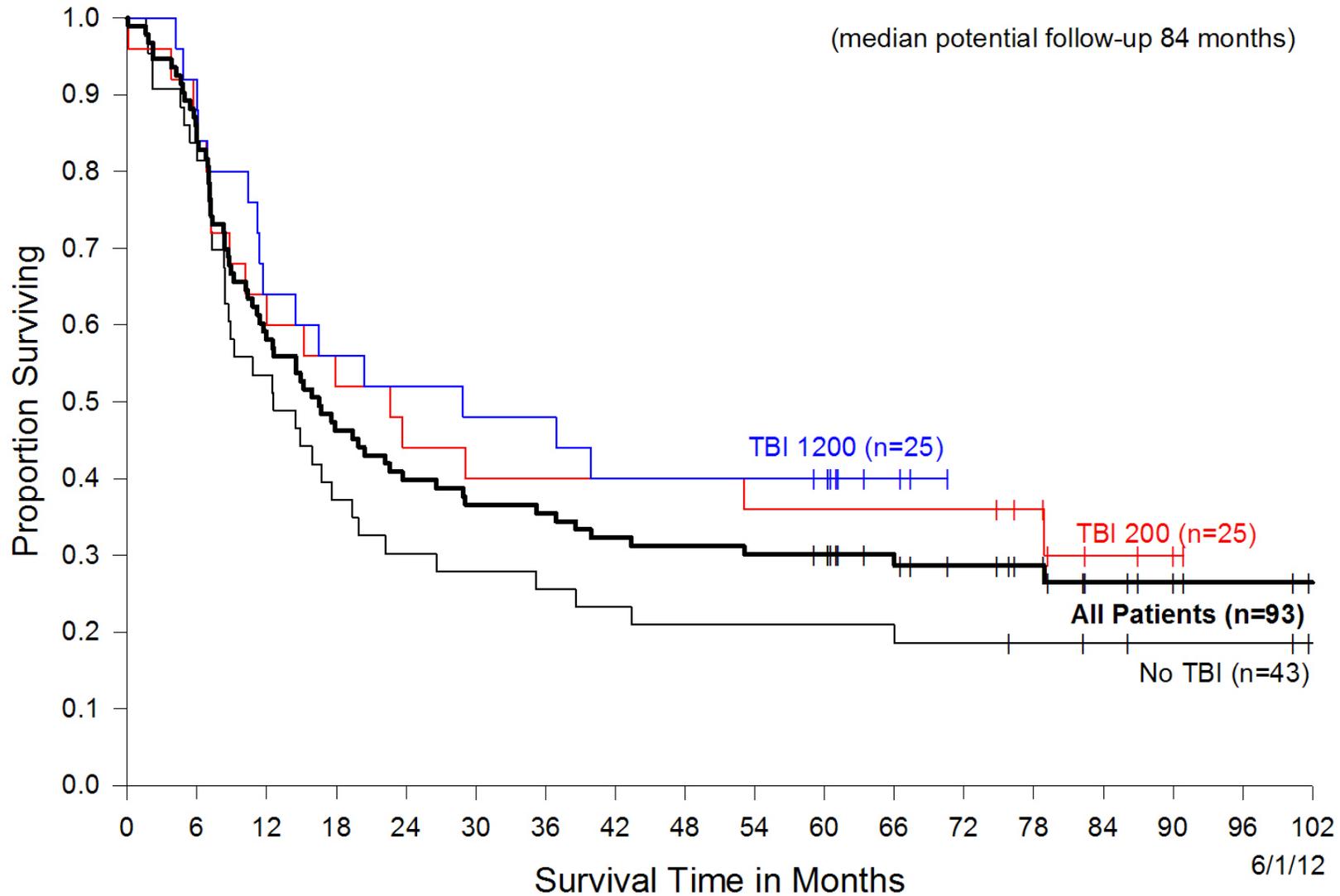
**In the lymphopenic host, anti-tumor T cells proliferate, persist, infiltrate organs, recognize cancer antigens and destroy cancer cells.**

# Impact of Lymphodepletion on Serum Levels Of IL-15 and IL-7



## Survival of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with Autologous Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes and IL-2

(median potential follow-up 84 months)



# The Puzzle of Melanoma Immunogenicity

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Melanoma, among the many cancer histologies appears to be unique in:

1. susceptibility to treatment with immune modulators

e.g. IL -2  
anti-CTLA4  
anti-CD40  
anti-PD1

2. generating infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) that recognize cancer-associated antigens

Two intertwining questions:

Why is melanoma uniquely immunogenic?

What do TIL recognize that enables the in vivo destruction of the last cancer cell?

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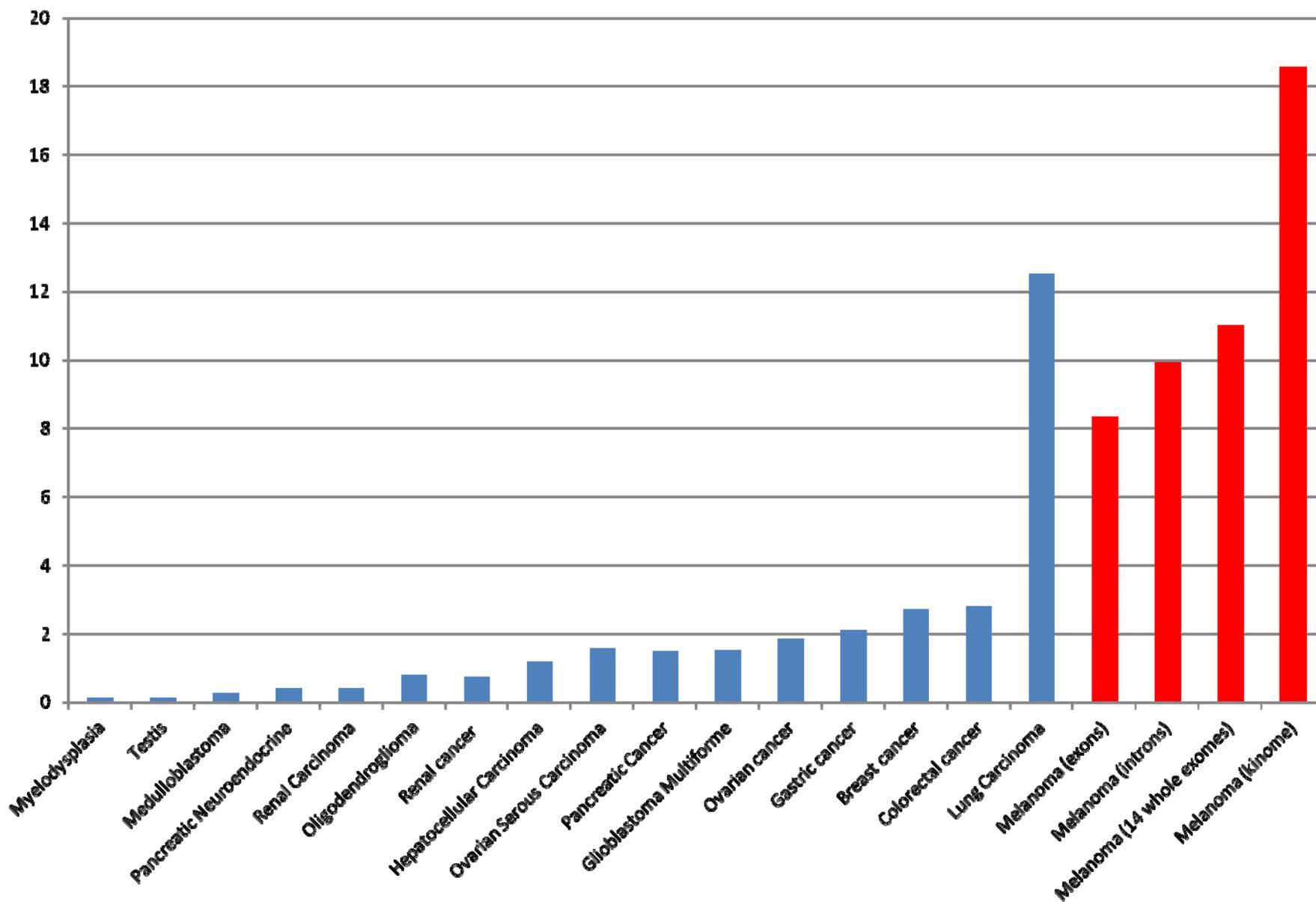
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## Wide variation in # of non-synonymous mutations detected in melanomas

Tumor	Date	Patient	# of Nonsynonymous mutations
TC 1477	11/2/1994	BA	142
TC 2589	8/17/2005	TB	308
TC 3309-3	7/8/2009	RC	303
TC 2098	12/12/2002	BC	279
TC 2167a	4/30/2003	PD	415
TC 2265	12/16/2003	ED	32
TC 2555-2	11/16/2005	GJ	1,637
TC 2202	7/22/2003	EG	121
TC 2224	8/28/2003	AH	105
TC 2159	4/1/2003	KH	95
TC 2272	1/22/2004	DH	114
TC 2427	12/29/2004	AH	5839
TC 2598	10/16/2006	JS	234
TC 2146	3/20/2003	AK	83
TC 2197	7/16/2003	JK	578
TC 2535-2a	9/23/2005	DL	579
TC 1946-3	7/10/2001	MM	108
TC 2479-2	5/26/2005	LN	234
TC 2531	9/16/2005	LN	182
TC 2183	6/10/2003	CP	646
TC 3338	8/12/2009	LP	337
TC 3396	11/16/2009	LP	302
TC 2614-1	3/15/2006	JR	306
TC 2232-L	9/16/2003	MR	350
TC 2650-2	6/30/2006	ER	219
TC2359	9/8/2004	DS	552
TC 2698	10/11/2006	SS	124
TC 2199	7/21/2003	TT	110
TC 2238	9/30/2003	AW	107
TC 2133-1	2/25/2003	EW	139
TC 2244	10/23/2003	CW	157
TC2591	2/8/2006	DW	235
TC 2207	7/24/2003	SW	116

Non-synonymous mutations  
**Average – 457 (289 w/o AH)**  
**Median – 234**  
**(n=33)**

## Mutation frequency (Mutation / Mb)



# **New Approach to Rapidly Identify Cancer Antigens Associated with Complete Cancer Regressions Based on Exomic Sequencing**

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**Exomic sequencing of fresh tumor or early cultured lines to determine  
the number of exomic mutations**

**Obtain sequence of 9 – 10 aa on either side of aa mutation**

**1) Use algorithm to predict best binders to that patient's HLA antigens**

**Synthesize best binding peptides**

**Test for recognition of pulsed peptides by TIL**

**2) Synthesize a minigene encoding the 19aa peptide containing each mutation**

**Transfect the minigene into autologous antigen presenting cells**

**Test for recognition by TIL**

## **Patient D.S. (TIL 2369)**

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**32 year old male with metastatic melanoma**

**Jan. 1996: excision of neck melanoma; positive lymph nodes**

**Feb. 1996: 1 year alpha interferon**

**July 2004: liver and brain metastases**

**Oct. 2004: High-dose IL-2; progressive disease**

**Jan. 2005: SRS to brain met; then excision**

**July 2005: TIL/200TBI/IL-2 with lymphodepletion**

**Complete regression ongoing as of March, 2012**

**(Exomic analysis revealed 595 nonsynonomous mutations)**

## Listing of the 20-mer peptides surrounding the central mutated amino acids (#2369)

<u>Gene</u>	<u>cDNA change</u>	<u>protein change</u>	<u>nM</u>	<u>ref aa</u>	<u>var aa</u>
C22orf33	c.G349A	p.G117S	2.3497	SSVFSDDYYDLGYNMRSNLFRG	SSVFSDDYYDLSYNMRSNLFRG
PLEKHM2	c.C3013T	p.H1005Y	3.206	VLTDRLFTCHEDCQTSFFRS	VLTDRLFTCYEDCQTSFFRS
GRIN3B	c.A1861G	p.N621D	4.7952	STVFSYSSALNLCYAILFRRT	STVFSYSSALDLCYAILFRRT
PLCB1	c.C2062T	p.L688F	5.2812	LSVKIISGQFLSDKKVGYVE	LSVKIISGQFFSDKKVGYVE
HEG1	c.C1807T	p.H603Y	5.9497	SSHSEYSSFFHAQTERSNISS	SSHSEYSSFFYAQTERSNISS
BAI3	c.C251T	p.S84L	6.9239	SKKDLSCSNFLLAYQFDHFS	SKKDLSCSNFLLAYQFDHFS
MPP4	c.T994C	p.F332L	7.2822	EETFESDKEEFVGYGQKFFIA	EETFESDKEELVGYGQKFFIA
OR4C46	c.C571T	p.H191Y	8.0429	PLLNLACTDTHMLELFIAANS	PLLNLACTDTYMLELFIAANS
UEVLD	c.C178T	p.P60S	12.364	KDLLNFTGTIPVMYQGNTYNI	KDLLNFTGTISVMYQGNTYNI
COL9A1	c.C467T	p.S156L	13.3332	INGQTQSVVFSYKGLDGLSQT	INGQTQSVVFLYKGLDGLSQT
LST-3TM12	c.C1066T	p.L356F	14.0447	LLHMSSYIASLTYIHKMVEQQ	LLHMSSYIASFTYIHKMVEQQ
OR4C46	c.C571T	p.H191Y	21.9828	PLLNLACTDTHMLELFIAANS	PLLNLACTDTYMLELFIAANS
OR2T2	c.G350A	p.G117D	22.418	TLIGGEFFLLGLMAYDRYVAV	TLIGGEFFLLDLMAYDRYVAV
MEOX2	c.G530A	p.G177E	23.3779	RKSDSSDSQEGNYKSEVNSKP	RKSDSSDSQEENYKSEVNSKP
OR8B3	c.C364T	p.R122C	31.391	CYMLTSMAYDRYVAICNPLLY	CYMLTSMAYDCYVAICNPLLY
PPP1R3B	c.C527A	p.P176H	48.7889	FDTWKSYPDTPCQYVKDITYAG	FDTWKSYPDTHCQYVKDITYAG
LRP2	c.G10030A	p.A3344T	51.034	YLYWADWGHRAYIGRVGMDGT	YLYWADWGHRTYIGRVGMDGT
LRR3B	c.C656T	p.S219L	53.9571	TMFGWFTMVISYVVYVVRQNNQ	TMFGWFTMVILYVVYVVRQNNQ
C15orf2	c.C1583T	p.S528F	71.4286	SMCVDSPPPLSFLTLPPVST	SMCVDSPPPLFLLTLPPVST
RNPEP	c.C592T	p.P198S	85.0666	KYKYSALIEVPDGFYAVMSAS	KYKYSALIEVSDGFYAVMSAS
MIRO-2	c.C799T	p.R267W	86.0664	QWTLVITYLDVRSCLGHLGYLG	QWTLVITYLDVWVRSCLGHLGYLG
PPP1R3B	c.C527A	p.P176H	100.1711	FDTWKSYPDTPCQYVKDITYAG	FDTWKSYPDTHCQYVKDITYAG
BCR	c.C2546T	p.S849F	103.6965	RNGKSYTFLISSDYERAWE	RNGKSYTFLIFSDYERAWE
ABCA12	c.C172T	p.P58S	124.4896	LNISANSPIPYLACVRNVTD	LNISANSPIYSLACVRNVTD
KIAA1211	c.C2386T	p.P796S	125.3308	TEGCKFAKDLPSFLVPSLPYP	TEGCKFAKDLSSFLVPSLPYP
SYPL2	c.C374T	p.S125F	126.6517	AEFFVTLGIFFFYTMAALVI	AEFFVTLGIFFFFYTMAALVI
PLCB1	c.C2062T	p.L688F	134.0483	LSVKIISGQFLSDKKVGYVE	LSVKIISGQFFSDKKVGYVE
PPP4R4	c.G953A	p.G318E	165.2447	SILISLSFHLGKLGCHGLYGF	SILISLSFHLEKLGCHGLYGF
FLRT2	c.C1330T	p.L444F	167.9839	DTSIQVSWLSLFTVMAYKLTW	DTSIQVSWLSFFTVMAYKLTW
HHLA2	c.C806T	p.S269F	171.8293	TWSRMKSGTFSVLAYLSSSQ	TWSRMKSGTFFVLAYLSSSQ
HHLA2	c.C806T	p.S269F	172.6459	TWSRMKSGTFSVLAYLSSSQ	TWSRMKSGTFFVLAYLSSSQ
CDH5	c.C1106T	p.P369L	180.1531	VIINITDVDEPIFQQPFYHF	VIINITDVDELPIFQQPFYHF

## Exome sequencing of melanoma 2369

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	<u>Peptide</u>	<u>Mutation</u> <sup>#</sup>	Affinity (nM)	<u>Gene</u>	<u>IFN-γ (pg/ml)</u>
1	FSDYYDLS <u>Y</u>	117 G to S	2	C22orf33	<30
2	LTDDRLFT <u>CY</u>	1005 H to Y	3	PLEKHM2	10400
3	YSSAL <u>DLCY</u>	621 N to D	5	GRIN3B	<30
4	FSDK <u>KVGTY</u>	688 L to F	5	PLCB1	<30
5	HSEYSSFF <u>Y</u>	603 H to Y	6	HEG1	<30
6	CSNF <u>LLLAY</u>	84 S to L	7	BAI3	<30
7	ESDK <u>EELVGY</u>	332 F to L	7	MPP4	<30
8	CTDT <u>YMLELF</u>	191 H to Y	8	OR4C46	<30
9	FTGT <u>ISVMY</u>	60 P to S	12	UEVLD	<30
10	QTQSVV <u>FLY</u>	156 S to L	13	COL9A1	<30
11	MSSYIASF <u>TY</u>	356 L to F	14	LST-3TM12	<30
12	CTDT <u>YMLEL</u>	191 H to Y	22	OR4C46	<30
13	LL <u>DLMAYDRY</u>	117 G to D	22	OR2T2	<30
14	SSDSQE <u>ENY</u>	117 G to E	23	MEOX2	<30
15	LTSMA <u>YDCY</u>	122 R to C	31	OR8B3	<30
16	YTDF <u>H</u> CQYV	176 P to H	49	PPP1R3B	13400
17	WADWG <u>HRTY</u>	3344 A to T	51	LRP2	<30
18	FTMV <u>I</u> LVVY	219 S to L	54	LRR3B	<30
19	CVDSPP <u>PLFF</u>	528 S to F	71	C15orf2	<30
20	V <u>S</u> DGFTAVM	198 P to S	85	RNPEP	<30
21	<u>W</u> SCLGHLGY	267 R to W	86	MIRO-2	<30
22	YTDF <u>H</u> CQYV <u>K</u>	176 P to H	100	PPP1R3B	22000
23	YTFL <u>I</u> ESDY	849 S to F	104	BCR	<30
24	ISANSPY <u>I</u> SY	86 P to S	124	ABCA12	<30
25	<u>S</u> SFLVPSLPY	796 P to S	125	KIAA1211	<30

## **Mutated Antigens in Autologous Tumor Recognized by TIL 2369**

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**PLEKHM2: Pleckstrin homology domain – containing family  
member M2**

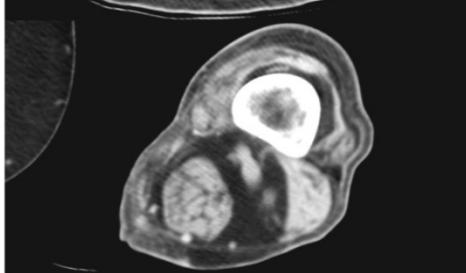
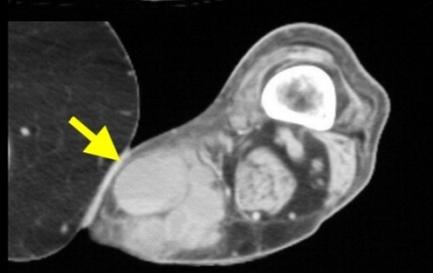
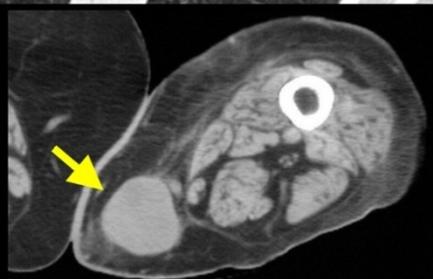
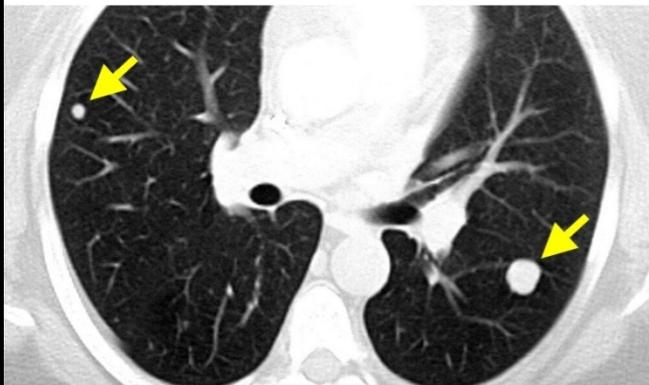
**interacts with kinesin and plays a role in microtubule  
formation**

**PP1R3B: Protein phosphatase 1 regulating subunit Ga protein**

**regulates glycogenesis in myotubes**

Other Sites: Pancreas, subcutaneous

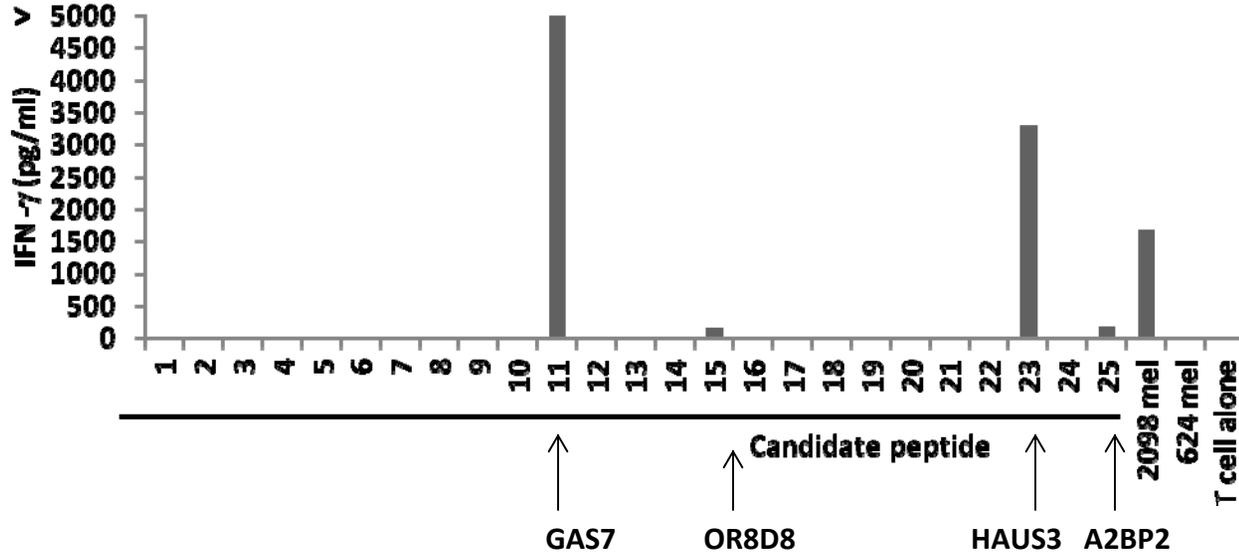
CR 58+ mo.



Jan 27, 2003

Dec 10, 2007

## Screening of #2098 TIL (A2) Peptide pulsed T2



No.	Peptide	Sub.	Predicted affinity (nM)	Gene	IFN- $\gamma$ (pg/ml)
1	FLLGKTSSV	136 Q to L	4	ZNF559	<30
2	YMFSDCSTSL	91 R to C	4	TRPC6	<30
3	SLLSLLYAL	32 S to L	4	SERPINB11	<30
4	LMMPFSIVYI	76 V to M	4	HTR1F	<30
5	FQLNQSF EI	1281 S to F	6	UNC13A	<30
6	FILDAVQRV	613 S to F	6	PXDNL	<30
7	SLAPLSPRV	310 A to V	7	CNKSRI	<30
8	LLGDPGWRV	72 R to W	11	KCNA6	<30
9	FSFSLDFLV	251 P to S	11	GPR174	<30
10	MLFLRFCYI	55 R to C	12	WDR47	<30
11	SLADEAEVYL	229 H to Y	12	GAS7	47288
12	FLQKYTVKL	183 E to K	13	GSTA4	<30
13	CLFLEIYTV	33 G to E	13	OR8D4	<30
14	TMSFSHLFYL	13 S to F	16	IGF1	<30
15	FLEIYTVTV	33 G to E	17	OR8D4	156
16	YLTSLACVEI	1039 P to L	17	BRCA2	<30
17	LLADQNFKFI	190 L to F	20	RRP1B	<30
18	SLSTSLSSV	1084 S to L	21	CNTN5	<30
19	AMIAKISNEL	160 T to A	22	C4orf15	<30
20	ALGTLHTNY	1577 L to V	23	NOTCH2	<30
21	SVVDVFFQL	1281 S to F	28	UNC13A	<30
22	MLSILALVRV	65 G to R	31	C15orf32	<30
23	ILNAMI AKI	160 T to A	34	HAUS3	3300
24	GLNETIAKL	990 D to N	35	MYH4	<30
25	YTAPYHPHA	45 H to Y	36	A2BP1	181

## **Mutated Antigens in Autologous Tumor Recognized by TIL 2098**

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**GAS7: Member of the Pombe Cdc 15 homology protein family  
expressed primarily in growth arrested cells**

**HAUS3: augmin-like complex, subunit 3**

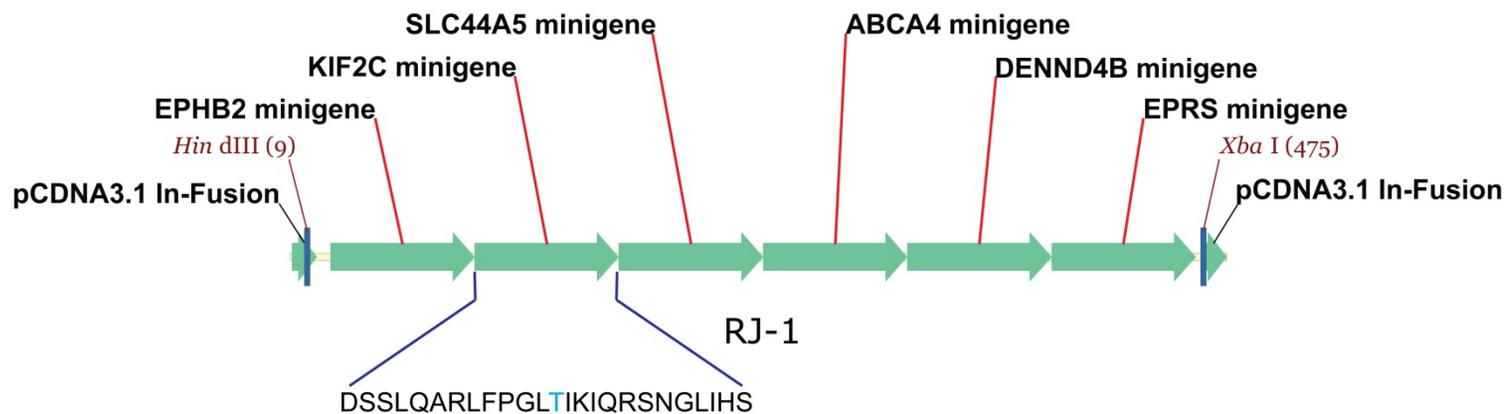
**plays a role in microtubule formation within the mitotic  
spindle**

# Exome sequencing-based antigen discovery

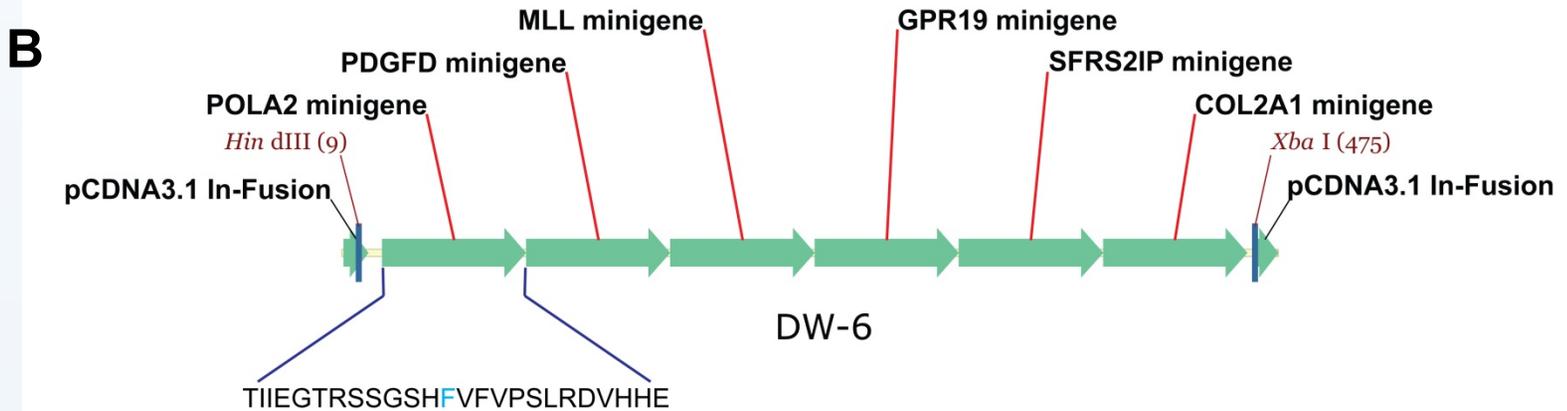
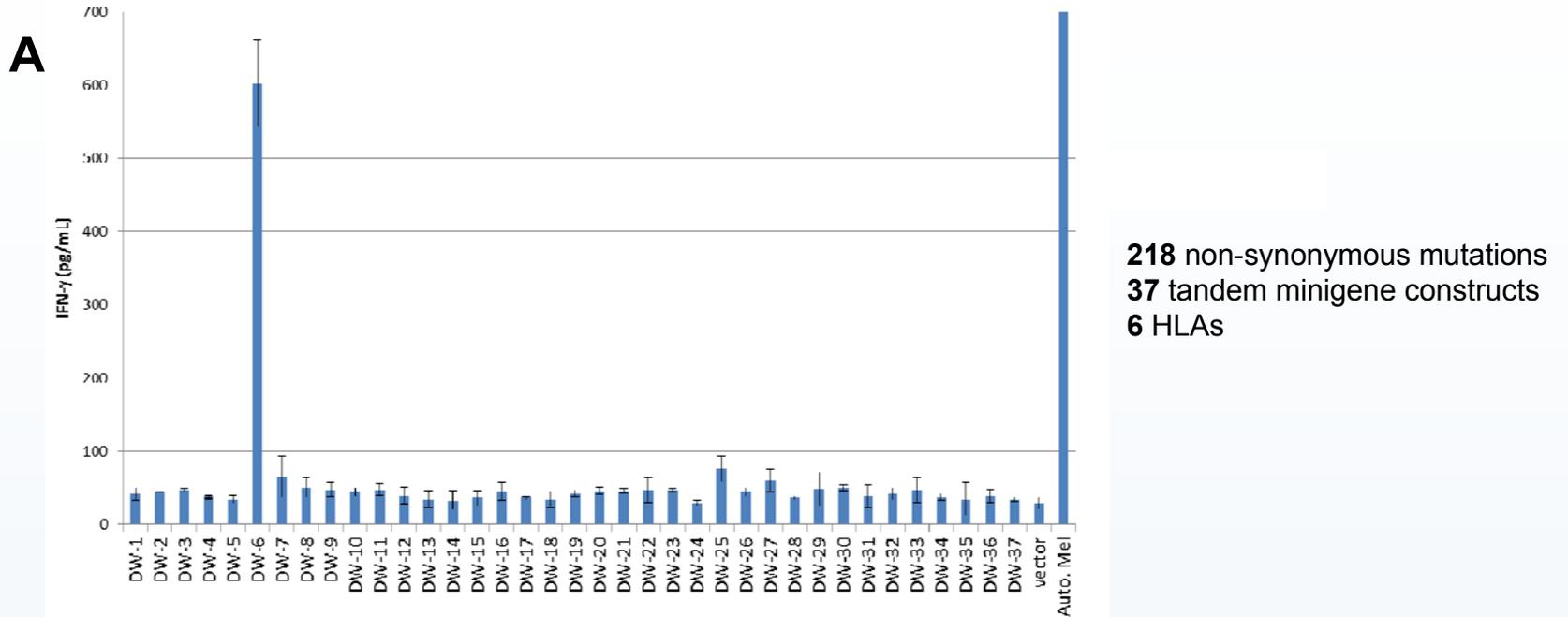
## A. Peptide-based approach



## B. Minigene-based approach

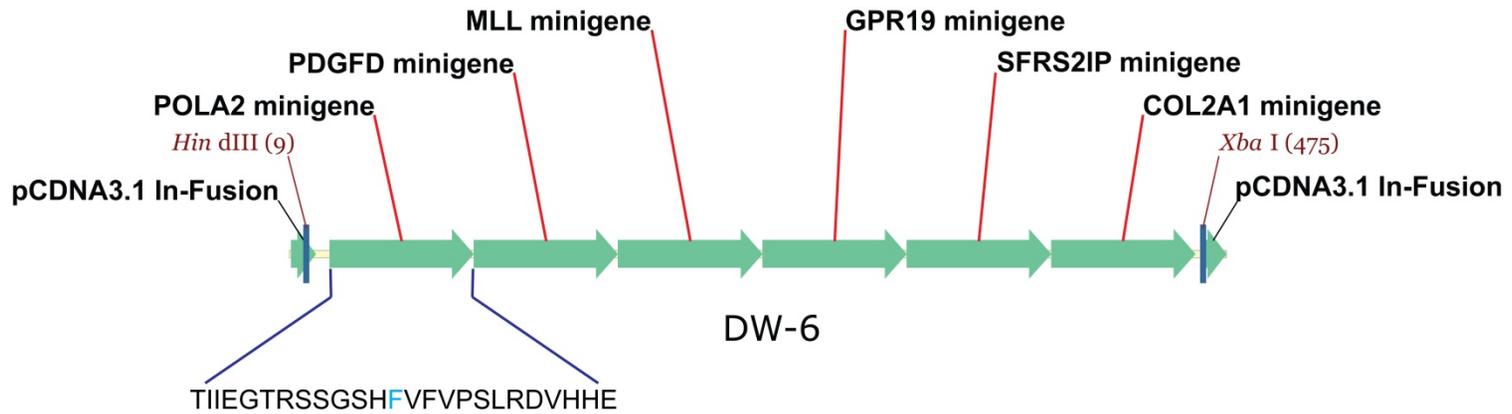


# Minigene library approach: Tandem minigene DW-6 recognized by D. Wilson TILs

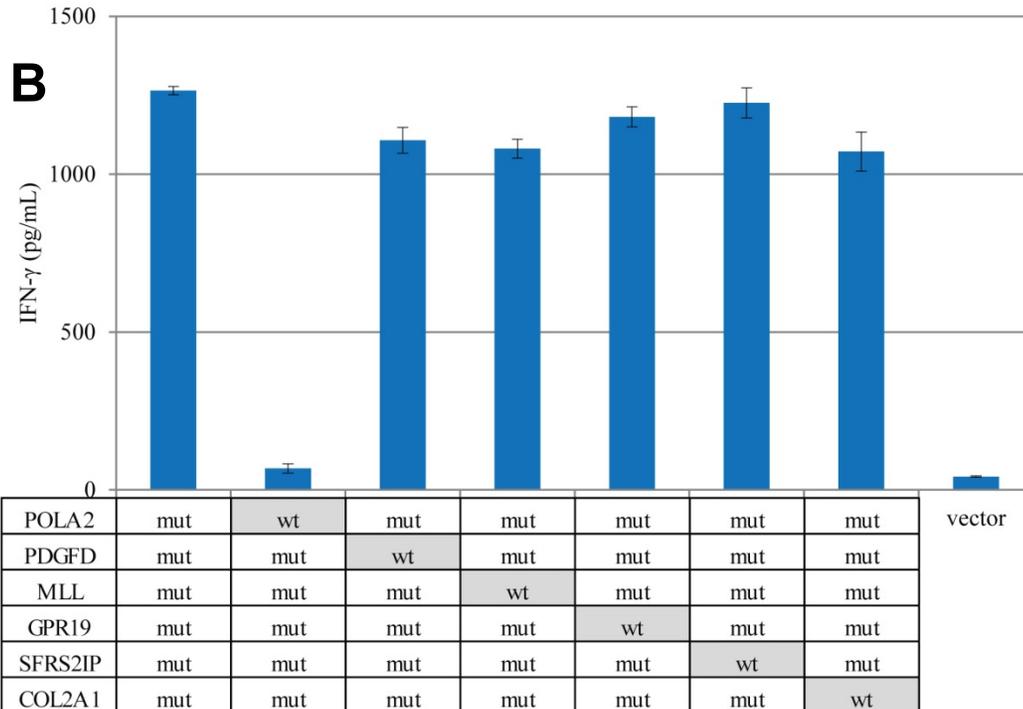


# Mutated antigen POLA2 [polymerase (DNA directed), alpha 2, accessory subunit] recognized by D. Wilson TILs

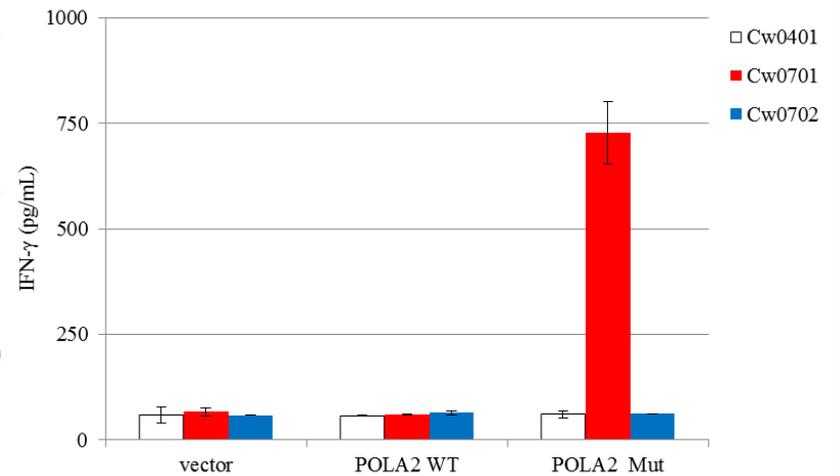
**A**



**B**



**C**



Full-length WT or Mutated POLA2 cDNA were co-transfected with HLA into COS-7 cells.

# Potential Improvements in TIL Therapy for Melanoma

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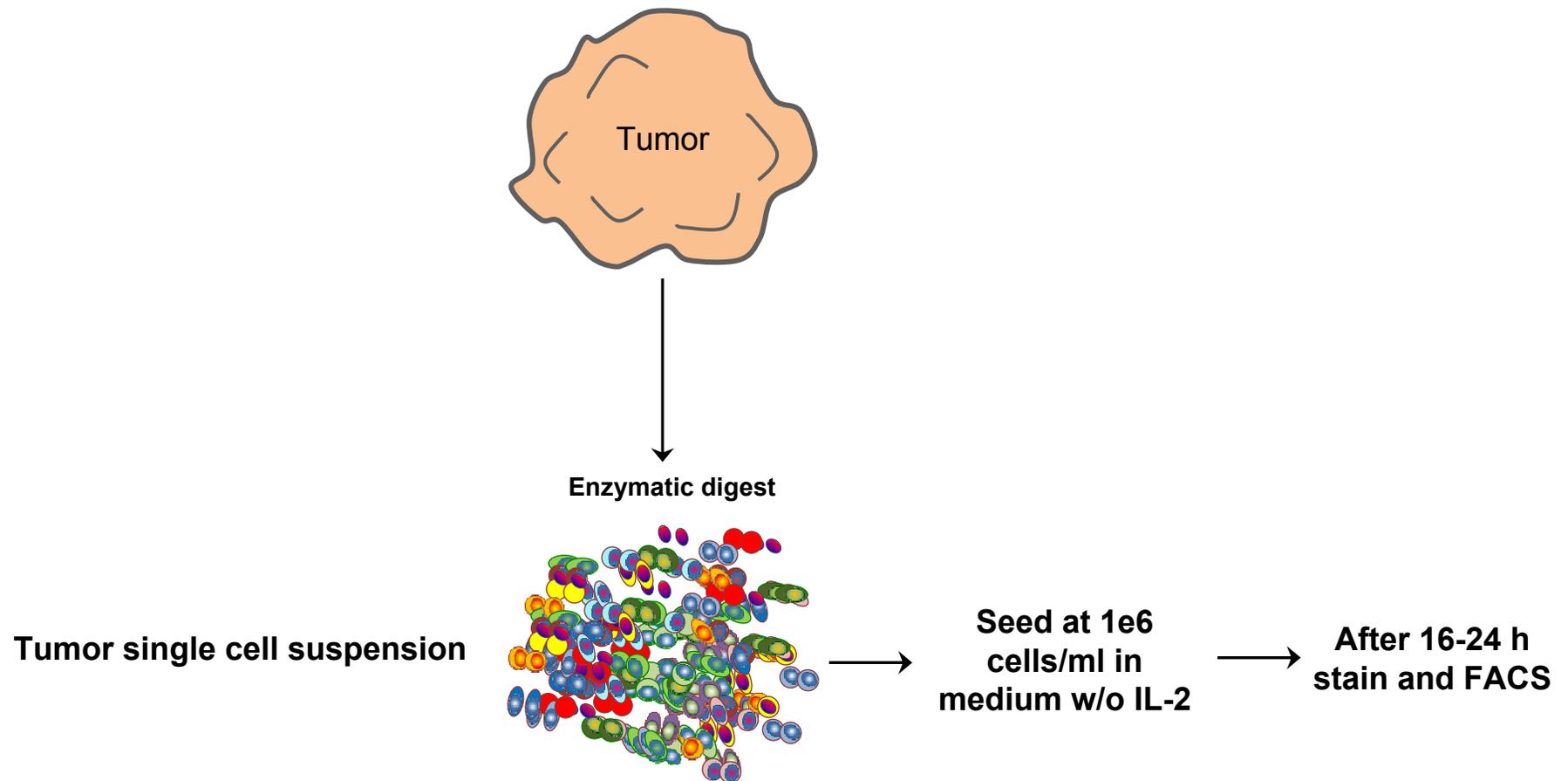
**Identify the mutated antigens in melanoma that are recognized by TIL and selectively target them (tetramer selection of the reactive cells or IVS to generate reactive lymphocytes)**

**Pre-select subpopulations of TIL with anti-tumor activity**

**Genetically modify TIL to improve anti-tumor efficacy**

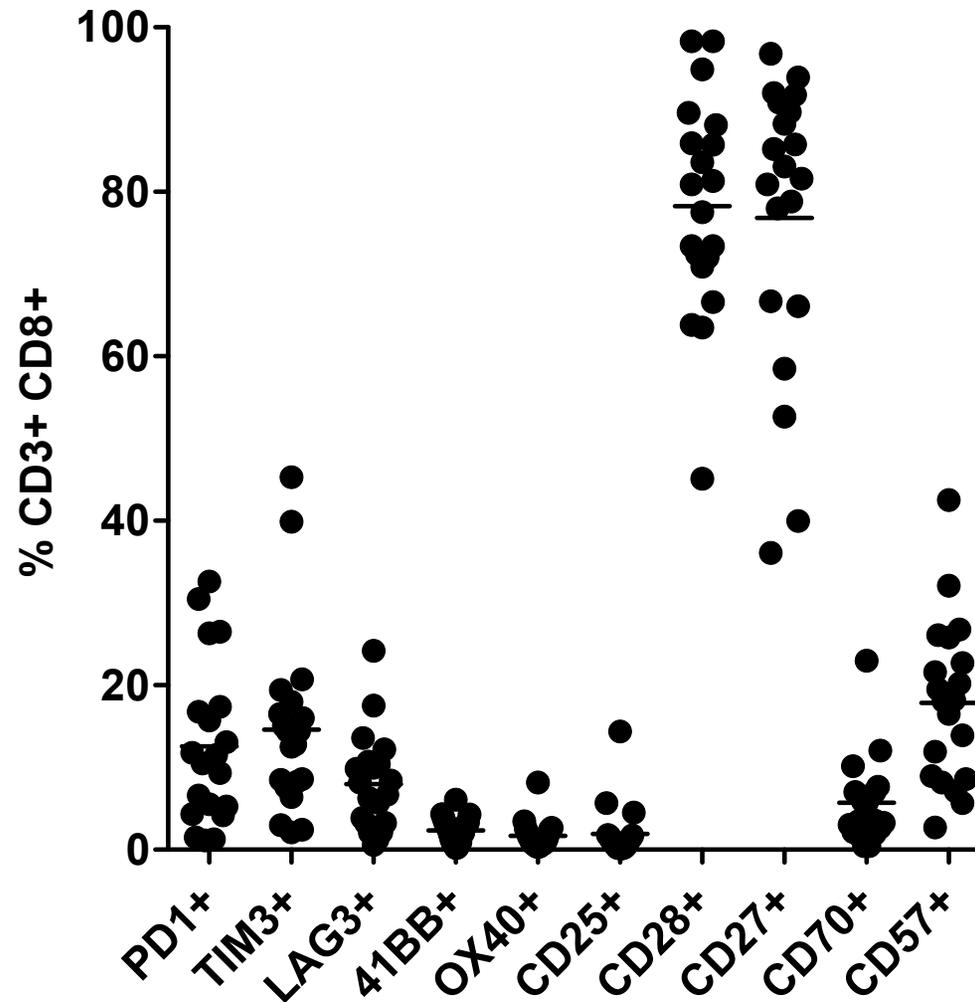
# Characterization of the phenotype of CD8 T cells in the fresh tumor digest

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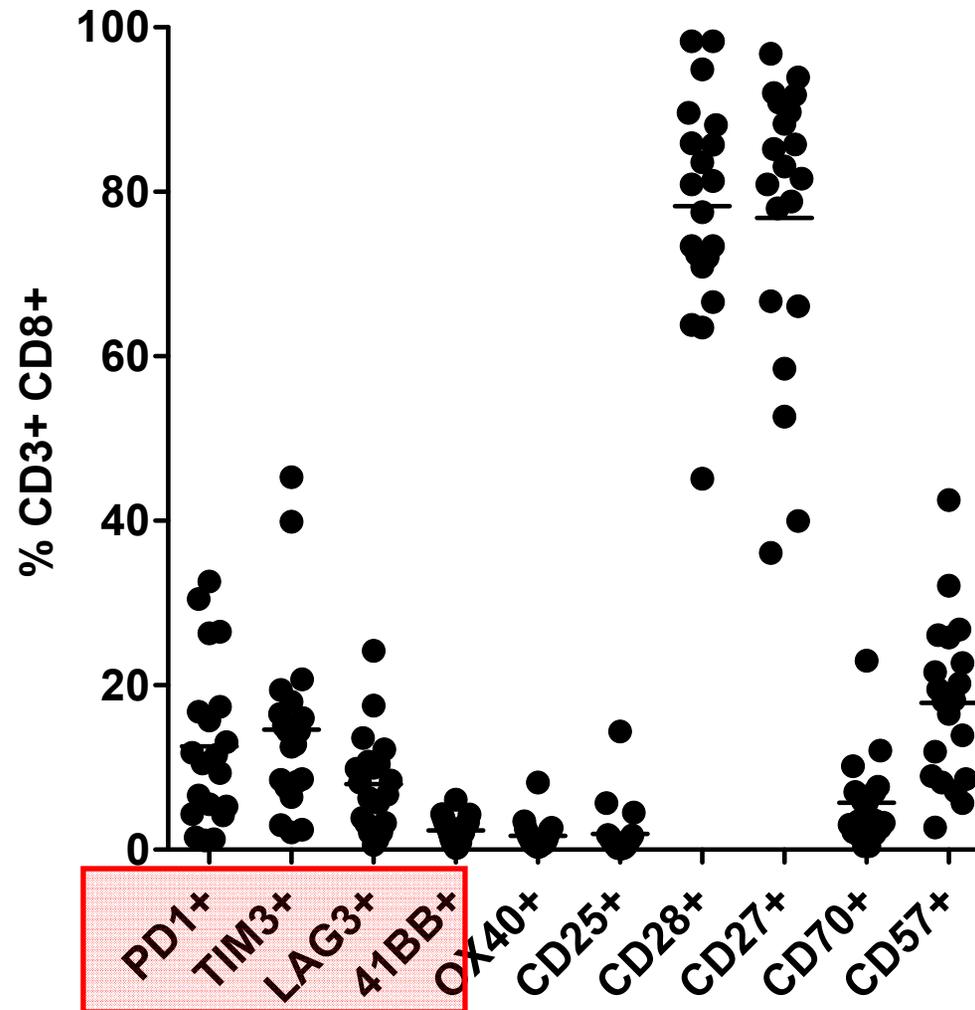
There is high variability in the levels of expression of the activation markers studied in the fresh tumor digest

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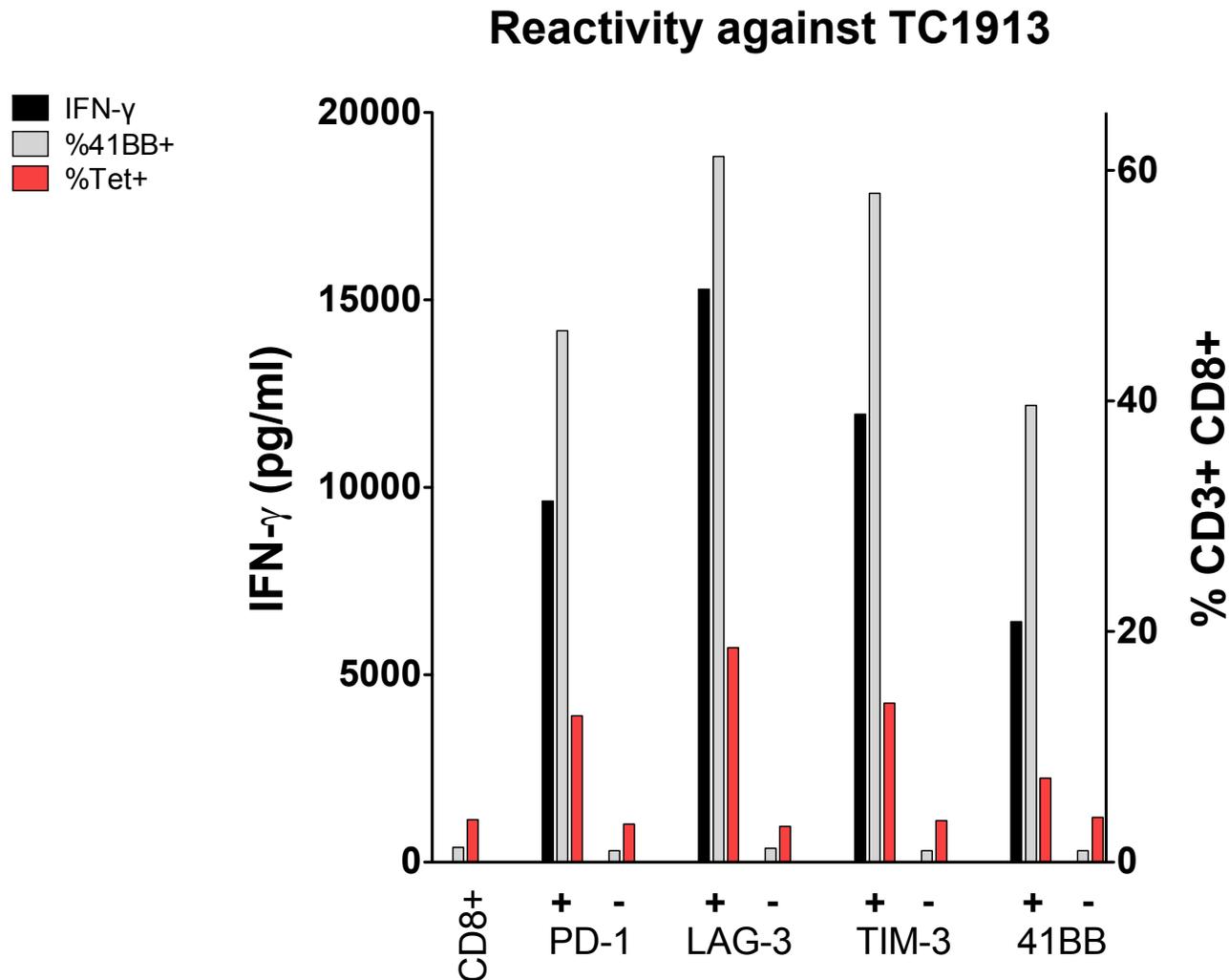
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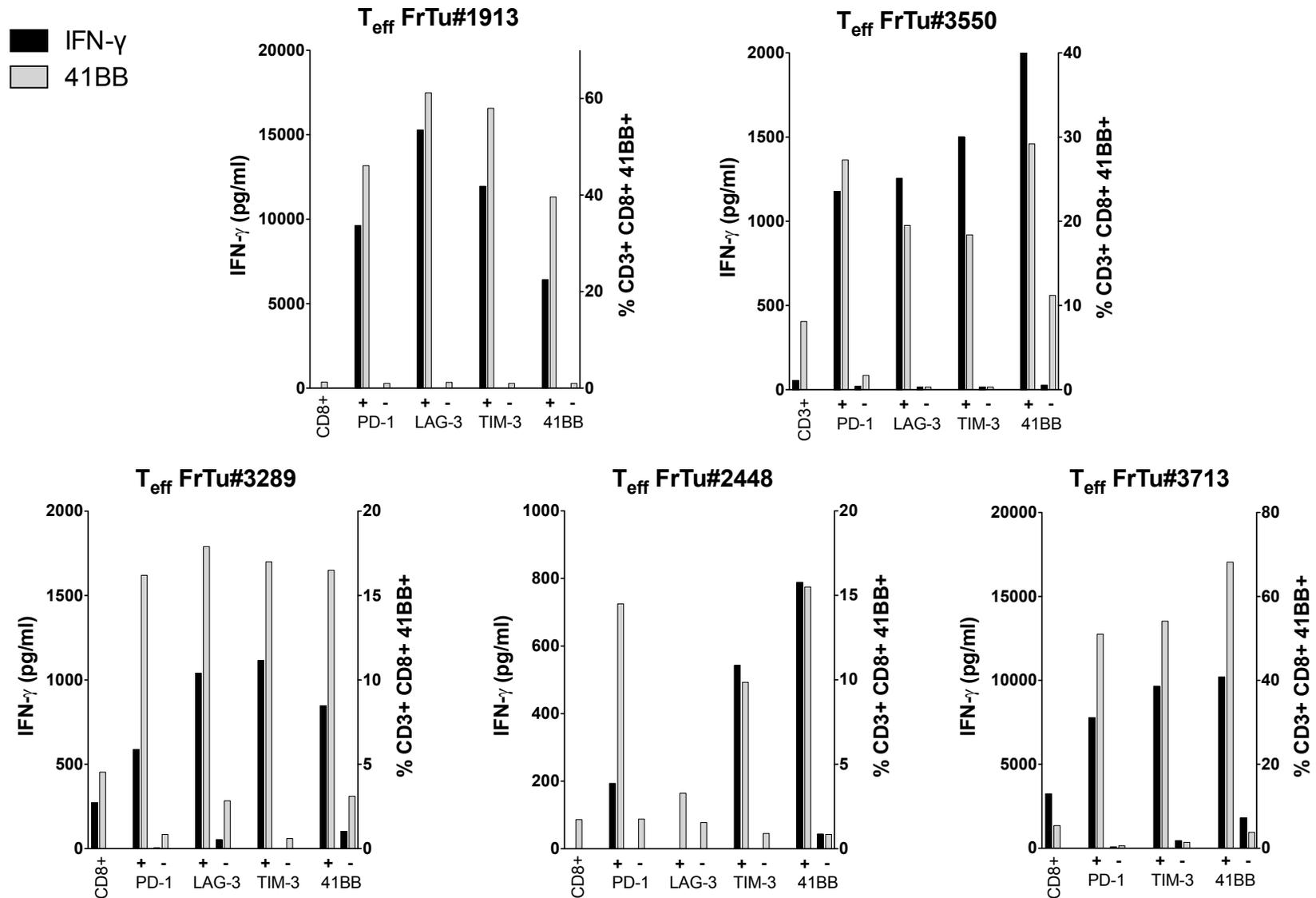


41BB < LAG-3 < PD-1 ≤ TIM-3

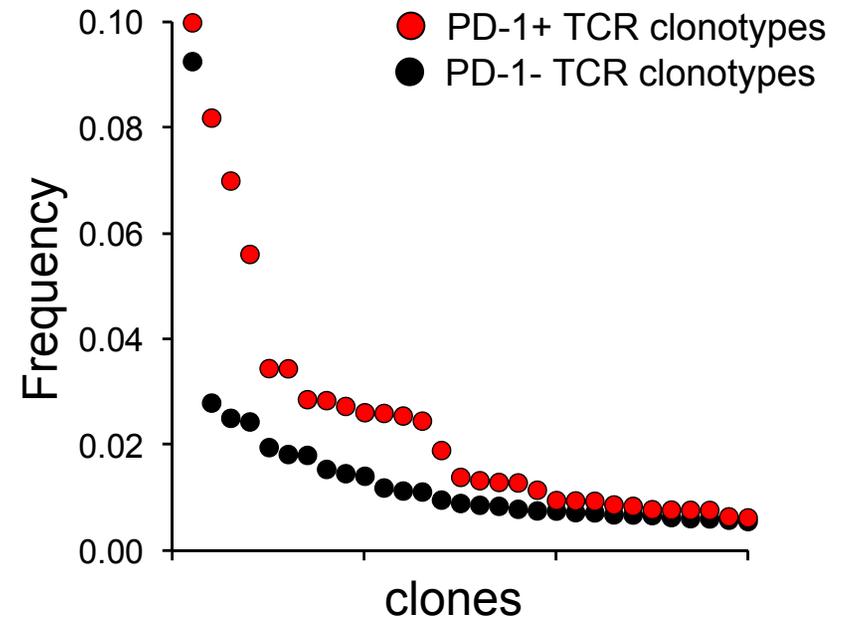
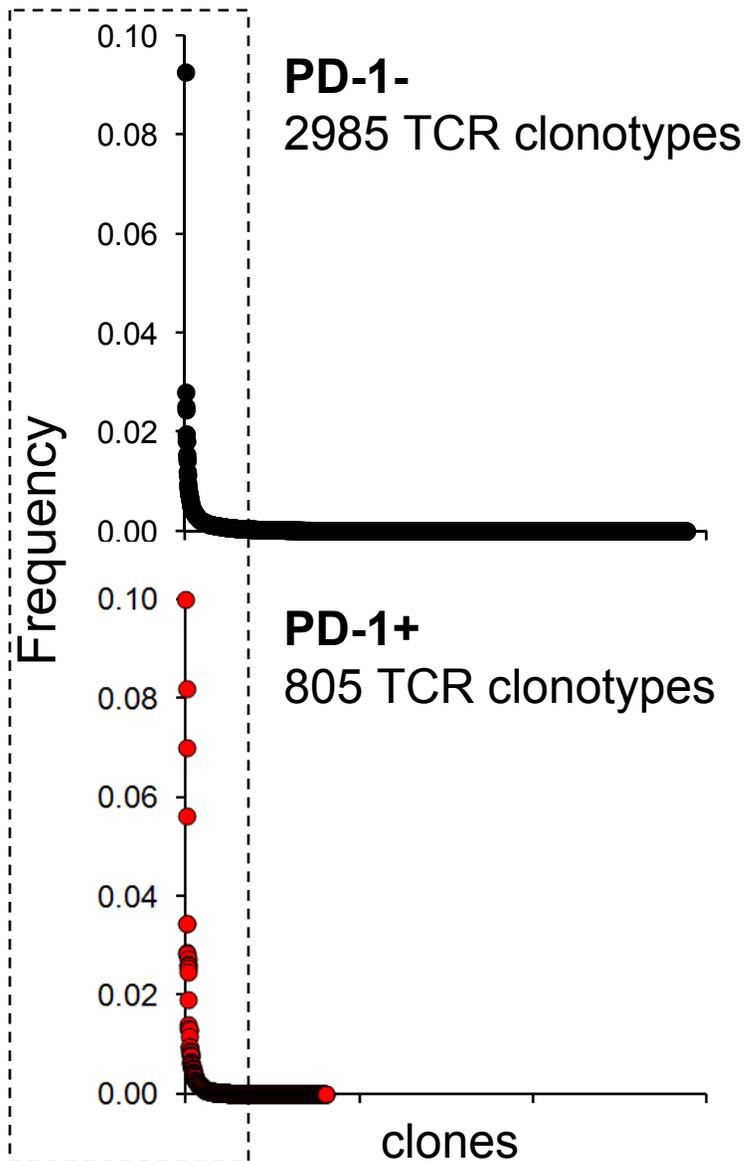
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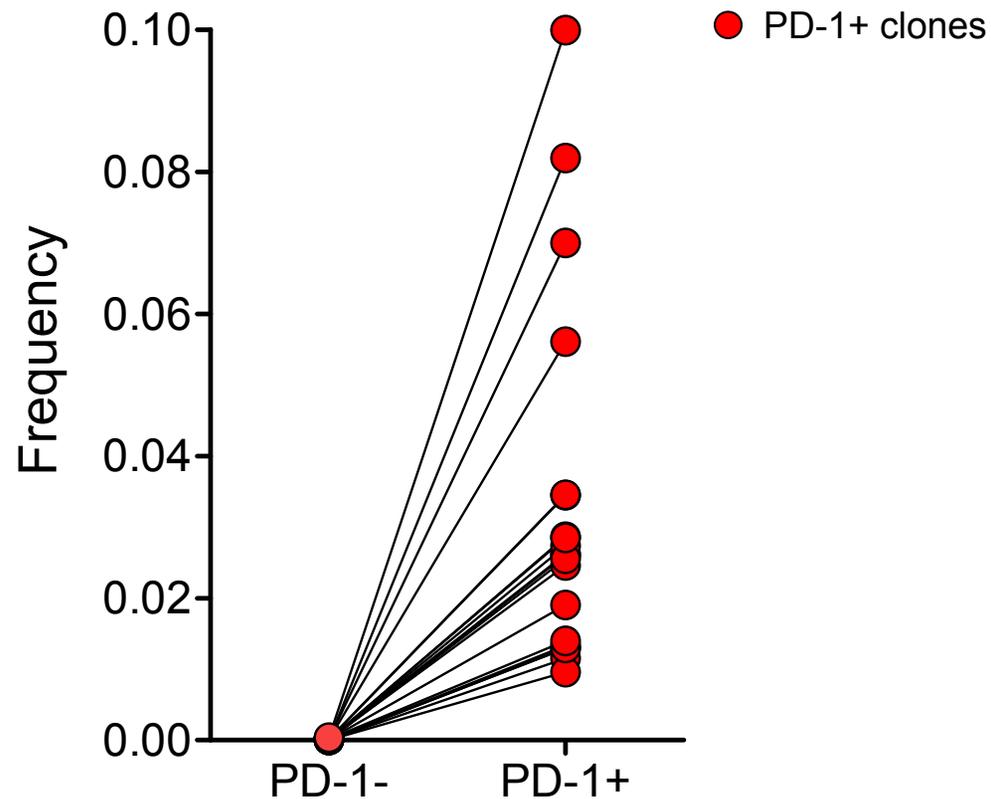


# PD-1+ derived cells are more oligoclonal than PD-1- derived cells



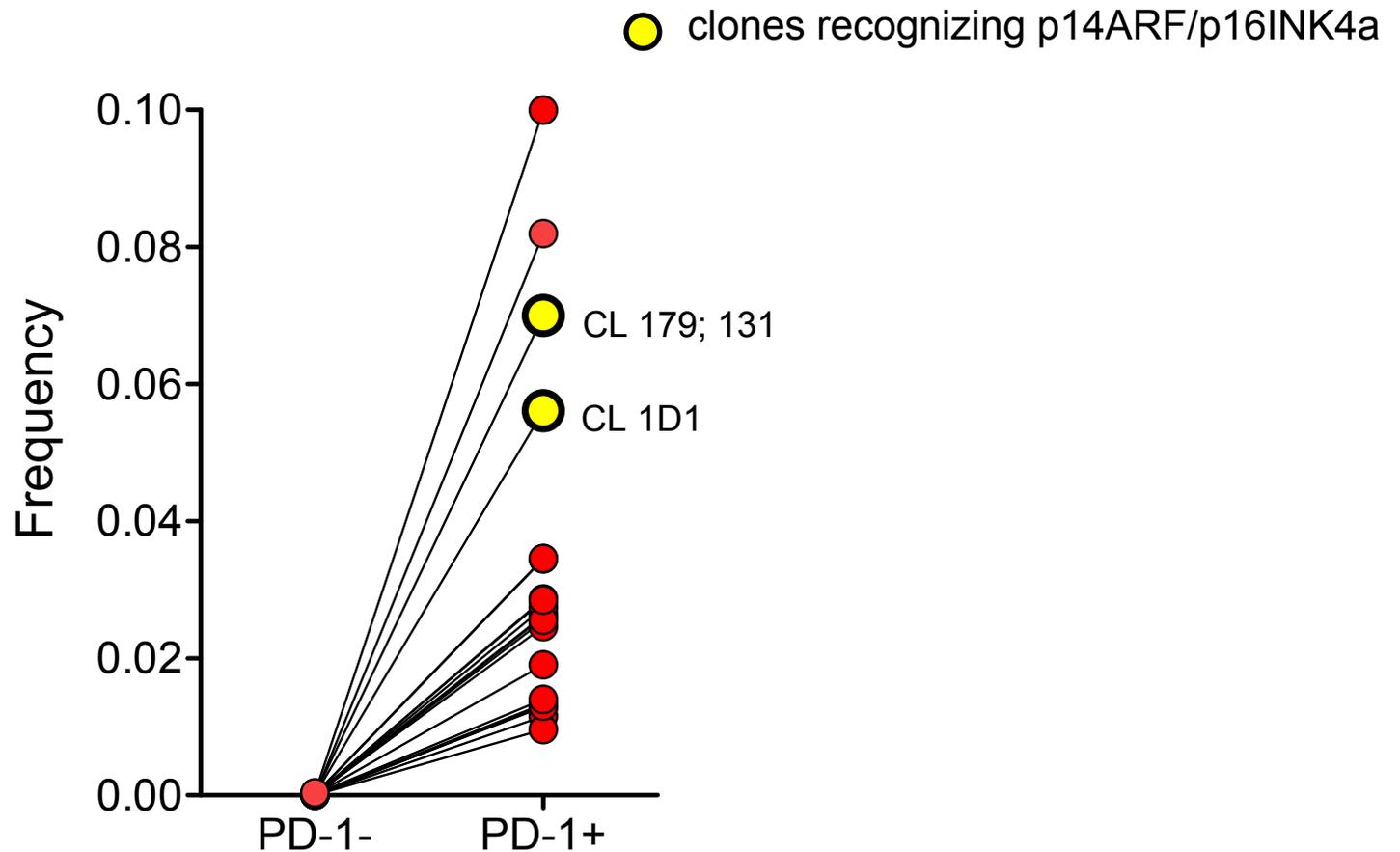
The most frequent TCR beta clonotypes in the PD-1+ cells were seen at very low frequency in the PD-1- fraction

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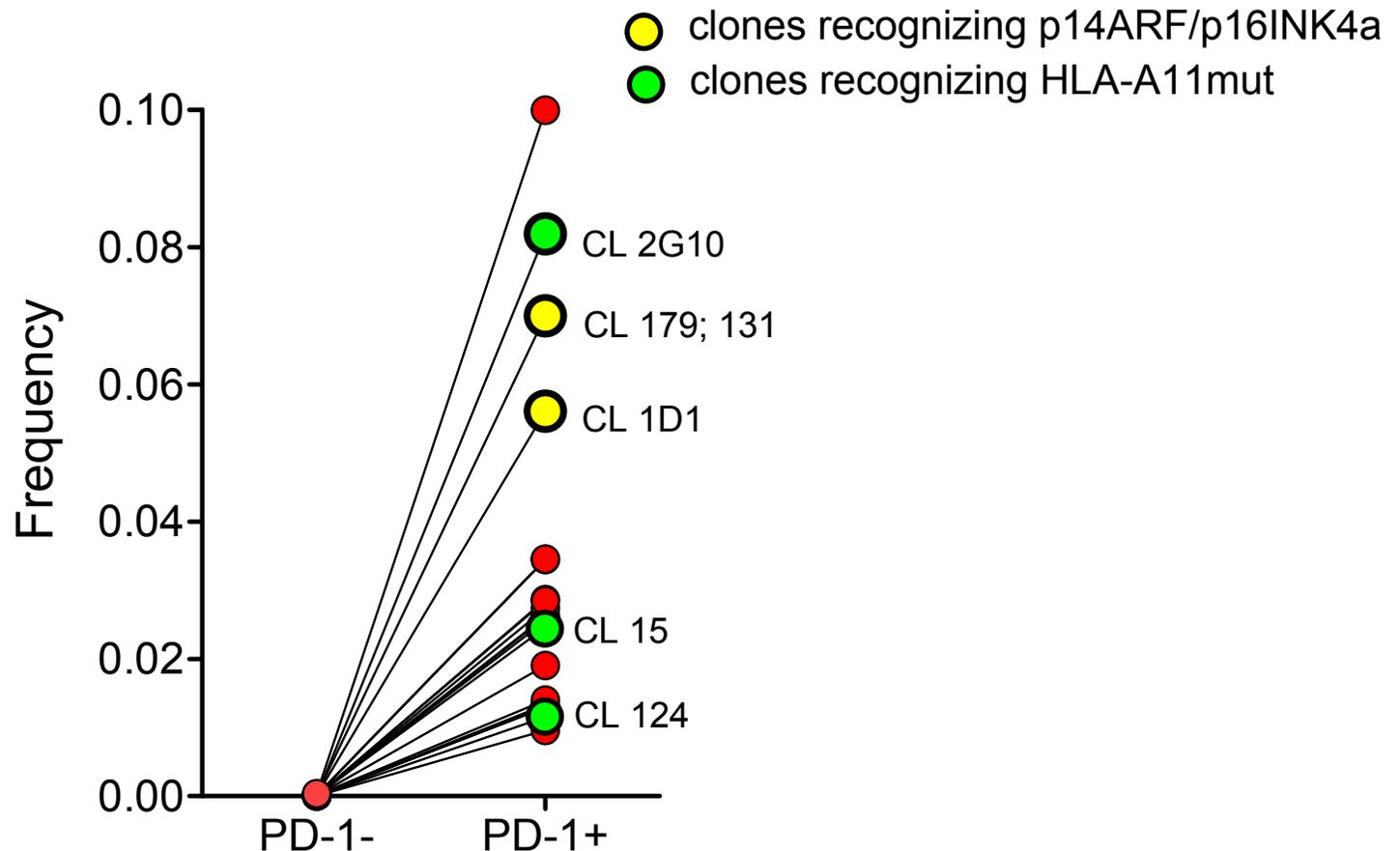
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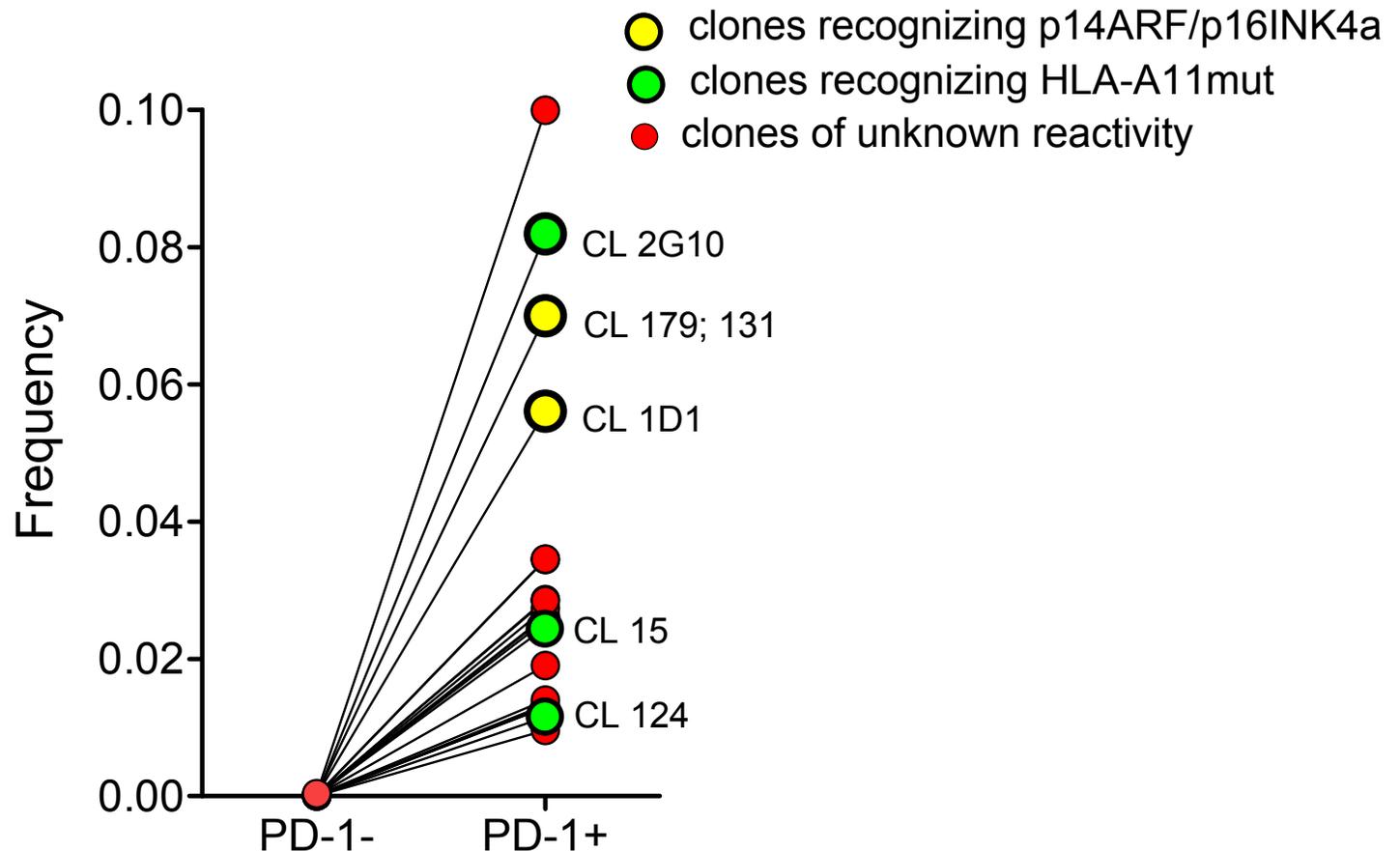
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# Improvement in TIL Technology

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**Sort single cell suspension of tumor for 41BB<sup>+</sup> or PD1<sup>+</sup> cells**

- 1. enriches reactivity against multiple tumor antigens**
- 2. no screening of anti-tumor activity necessary**
- 3. shortens the time of cell culture so cells are more proliferative**

## **CONCLUSION**

**T cell based immunotherapy is capable of mediating long-term durable regressions of large vascularized, invasive metastatic melanoma in humans.**

## **CHALLENGE**

- 1) Improve TIL treatment for melanoma**
- 2) Extend cell transfer therapy to additional cancer types**

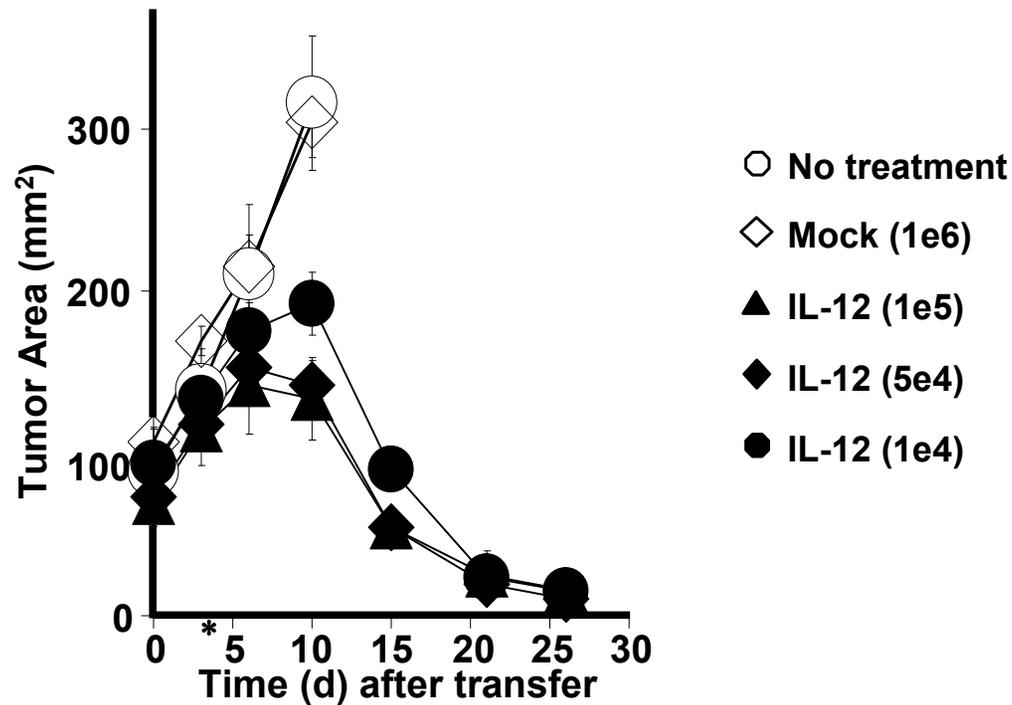
# Potential Gene Alterations to Improve the Efficacy of Cell Transfer Therapy

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<b>Expand tumor recognition</b>	<b>T cell receptors or chimeric T cell receptors that recognize cancer antigens</b>
<b>Cytokines</b>	<b>IL-2, 12, 15, 17, 21, 23</b>
<b>Costimulatory molecules</b>	<b>CD8, CD27, CD80, 41BBL, OX-40L</b>
<b>Antiapoptotic molecules</b>	<b>Bcl-2, Bcl-xl, FLIP, TIPE-2</b>
<b>Reverse inhibitory influences</b>	<b>KO SHP-1, PD-1, CTLA-4, SOCS, CIS Dominant negative TGF-<math>\beta</math>, cbl-b</b>
<b>Trafficking molecules</b>	<b>CD62L, CCR7, CXCR2, CXCR4</b>
<b>Improve survival</b>	<b>Telomerase, KOp53</b>

# Pmel-1 CD8+ T cells engineered to produce IL-12 enhance anti-tumor responses without exogenous IL-2 and vaccine

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But constitutive production of IL-12 was toxic to mice.

(Kerkar et al, Cancer Res, 2010)

## Development of an Inducible Vector to Mediate IL-12 Production Only in the Tumor Microenvironment

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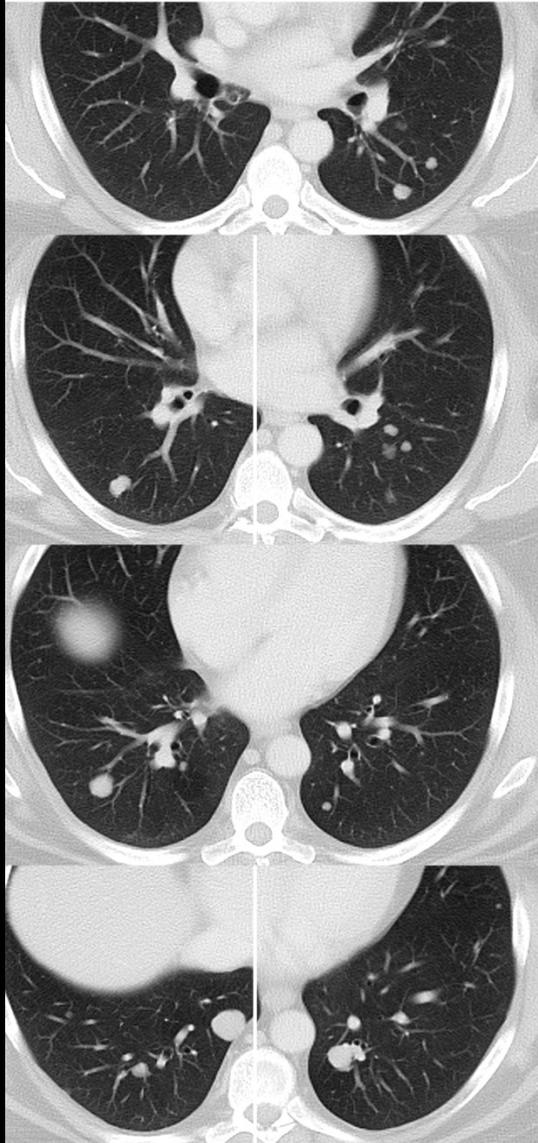
NFAT is a transcription factor produced in T cells activated by antigen specific triggering of the T cell receptor

An NFAT responsive promoter (NFAT.hIL-12) is used to drive single chain IL-12 production by T cells only when encountering specific antigen stimulation



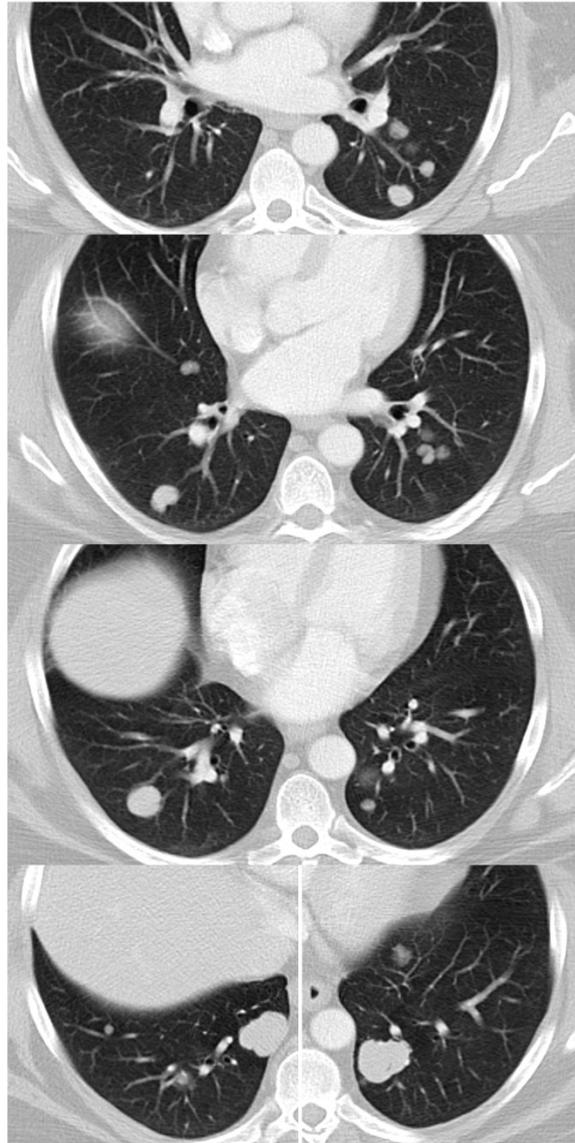
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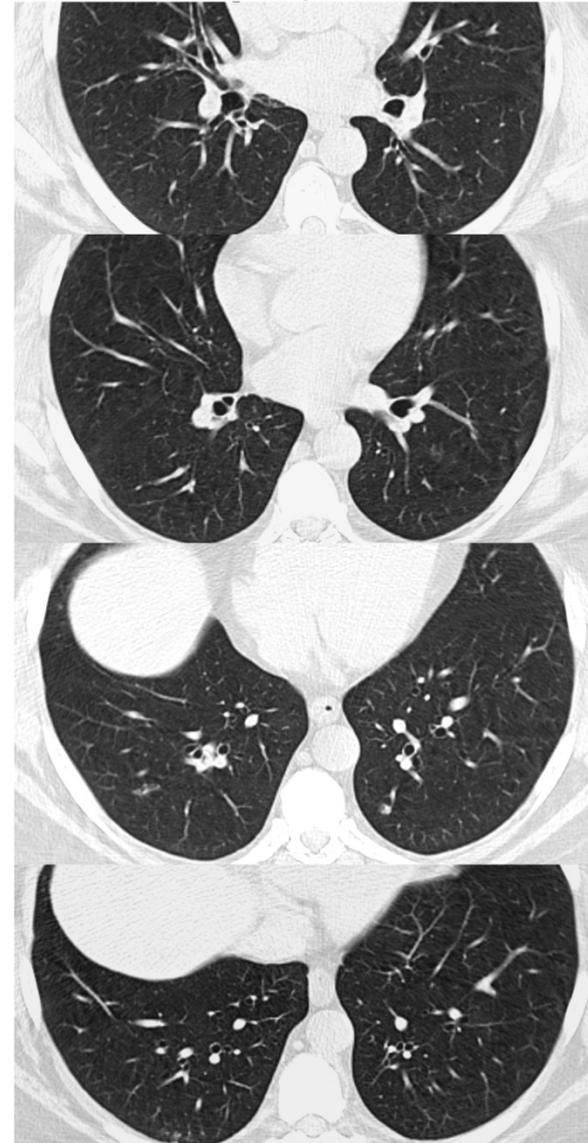
Pre-Treatment

March 2011



After  $3 \times 10^{10}$  TIL  
and 7 Doses IL-2

February 2012

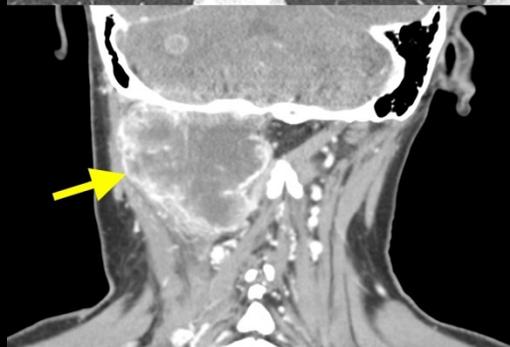
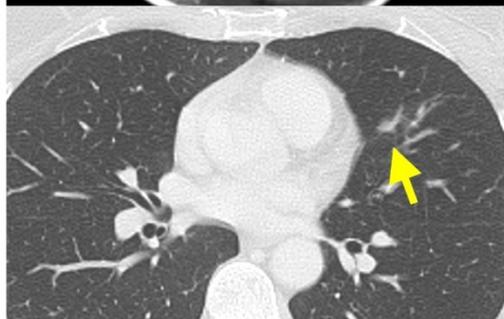
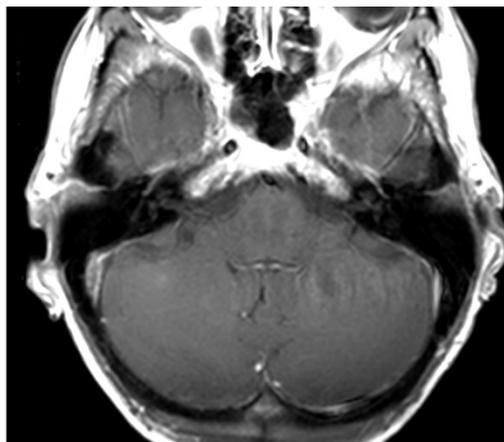
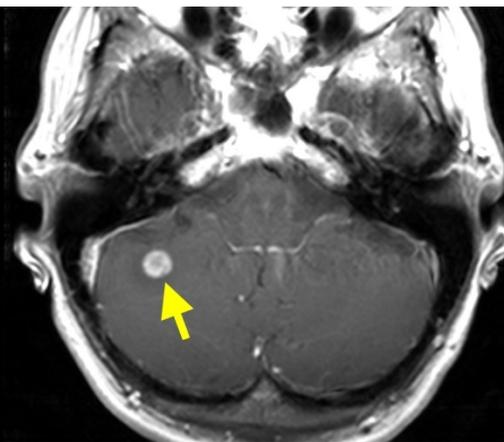


After  $3 \times 10^7$  IL-12 TIL  
and No IL-2





M.C. TIL/IL-12



Pre-Treatment

2 Months