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Session 301: Hot Topic Symposium: Advancing the Field: Can Physics and Mathematics Impact the Development of Tumor Immunotherapy?

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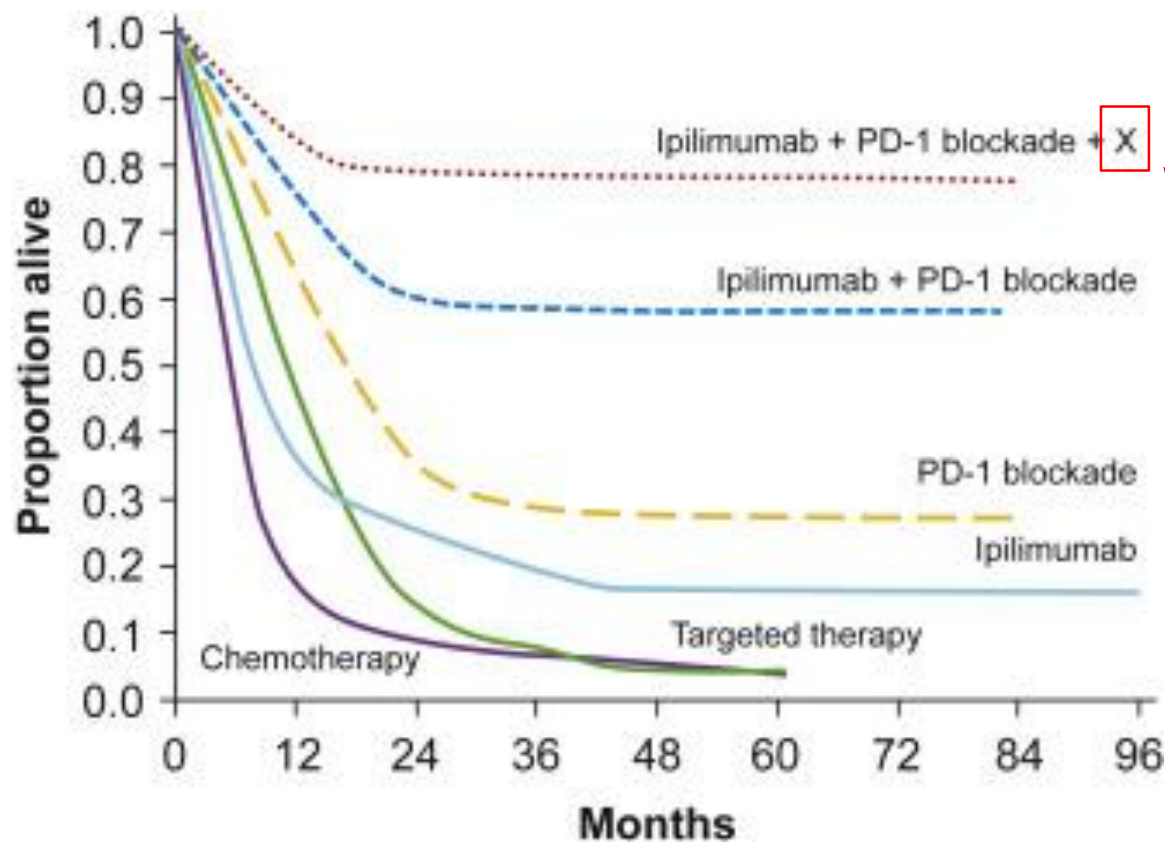
Overview of the Immunotherapy Field



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Cancer immunotherapy: Opportunities and challenges in the rapidly evolving clinical landscape

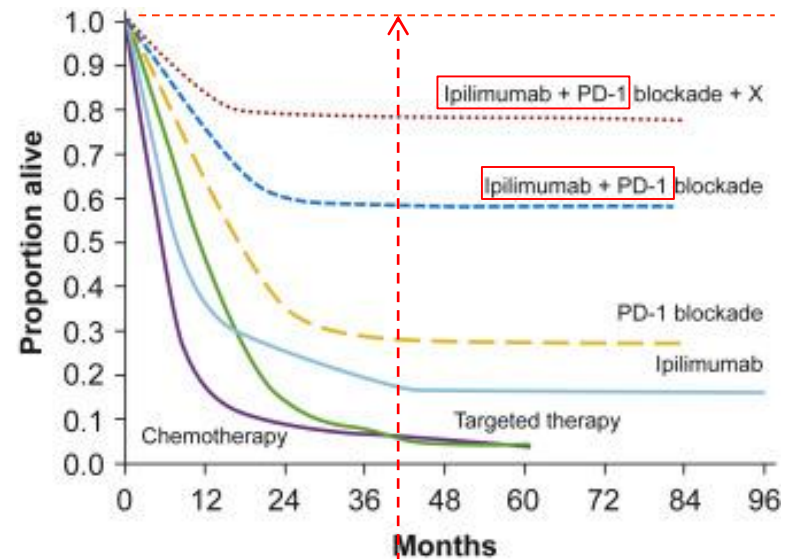
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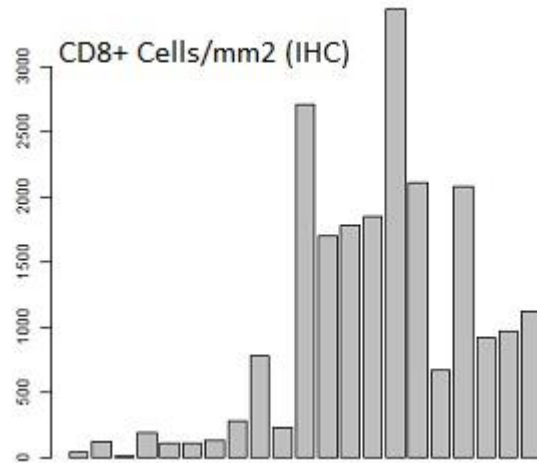
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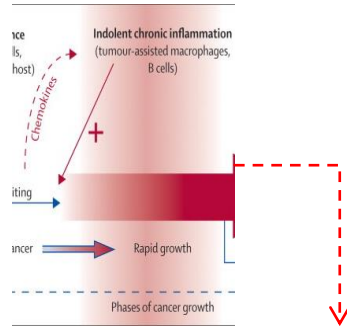
Does this apply to all cancers?

Three basic cancer-immune phenotypes

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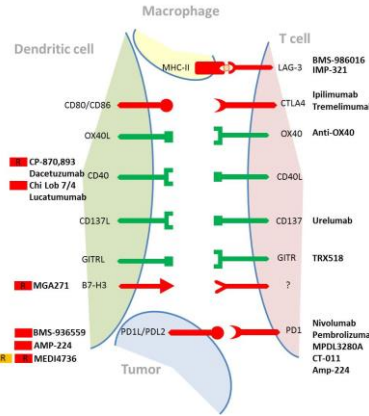
The immune landscape of cancer



“Sloppy” Tumors

- Growth Factors
- Pro-inflammatory Factors (CytDNA*/STING/pTNK1/IRF3/IFN)
- Chemokines (i.e. Batf3+IRF8/CD103,CD141 DCs)

Immune Active



Excluded Tumors

Immune Exclusion: Interference Hypothesis

↑ β -catenin/↓batf3 DCs — CCL4/IFN- β

Epithelial Barriers and Stromal Components:

Dystonin — Immune depletion (x)
Tight Junction } Mixed Expression
Desmosomal Proteins } Immune genes (w)
Cancer-associated Fibroblasts, Secretome,
Matrix deposition and remodeling

Fibrotic Mechanical Barriers

TGF- β driven fibro-genesis

Vascular Fidelity

VEGF — VCAM, ICAM

“Clean/Silent” Tumors

- Growth Factors
- Pro-inflammatory Factors

No Inflammation
Immune Ignorance
Epigenetic Silencing

Immunogenicity: metagenome
Adjacency: Immunogenic cell death

Distinct hypotheses/mechanisms:

Immune stimulatory

SCFN11

RxTx (suppressed by Trex1)

Chemotx and Necroptosis

HMGB1/TLR4/MyD88

CALR/LRP1

Extracellular ATP \leftrightarrow P2RY2/P2RX7

Microbiota

Immune suppressive/proliferative

PI3K γ

TIM-3

MAP Kinase Activation

AIM2, IL1 β /IL18-driven Pyroptosis

CD73-driven ATP degradation

IL-23/IL-17 axis/pSTAT3

iNOS

Mesenchymal transition

Efferocytosis (MERTK)

Hypoxia/Adenosine

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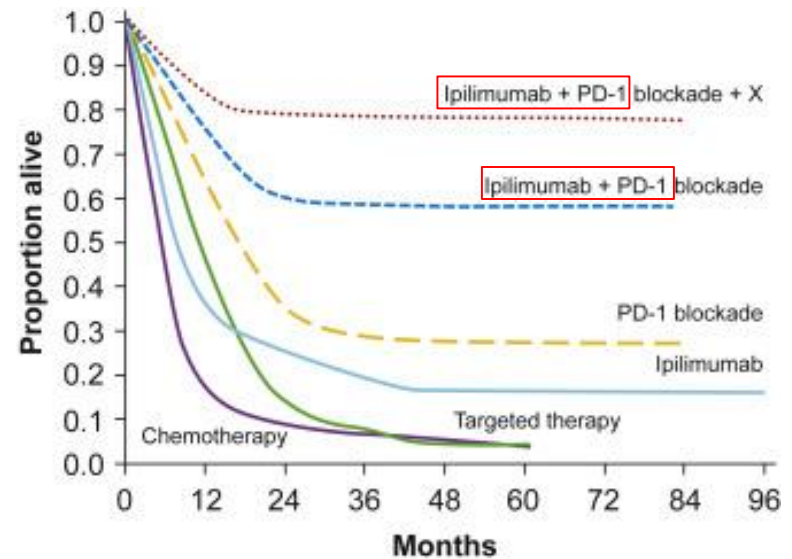
TREX1 (clearance of Cytosolic DNA/indirect inhibitor of STING

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“The answer to biological problems pre-exists, it is the question that needs to be discovered”

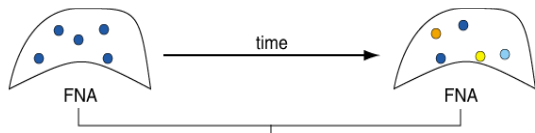
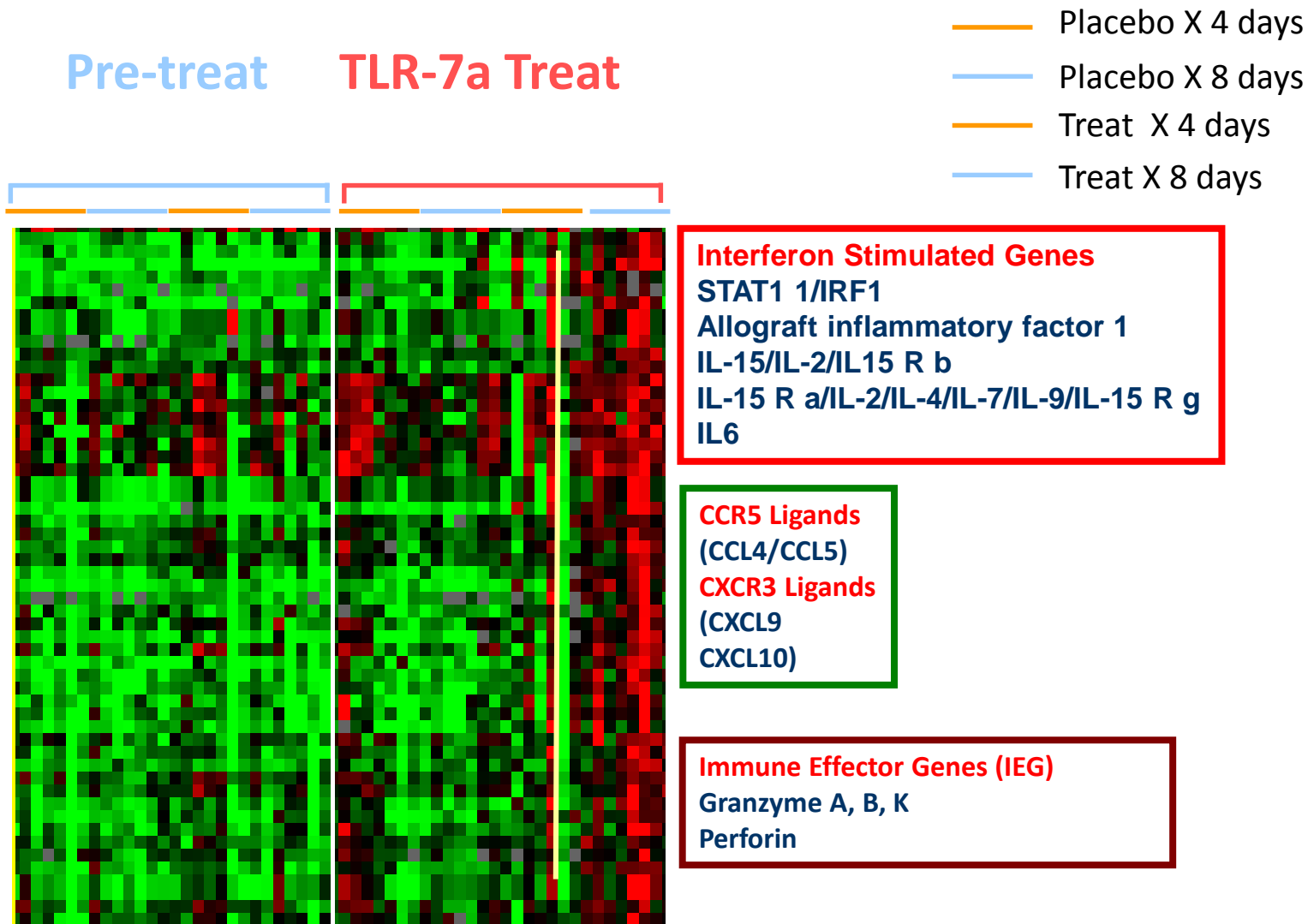
Jonas Salk – Ann NY Acad Sci 164: 365, 1969

“Our goal should be to define a human evidence-based, systematic strategy for the identification and/or the selection of candidate targets in Immune Oncology”

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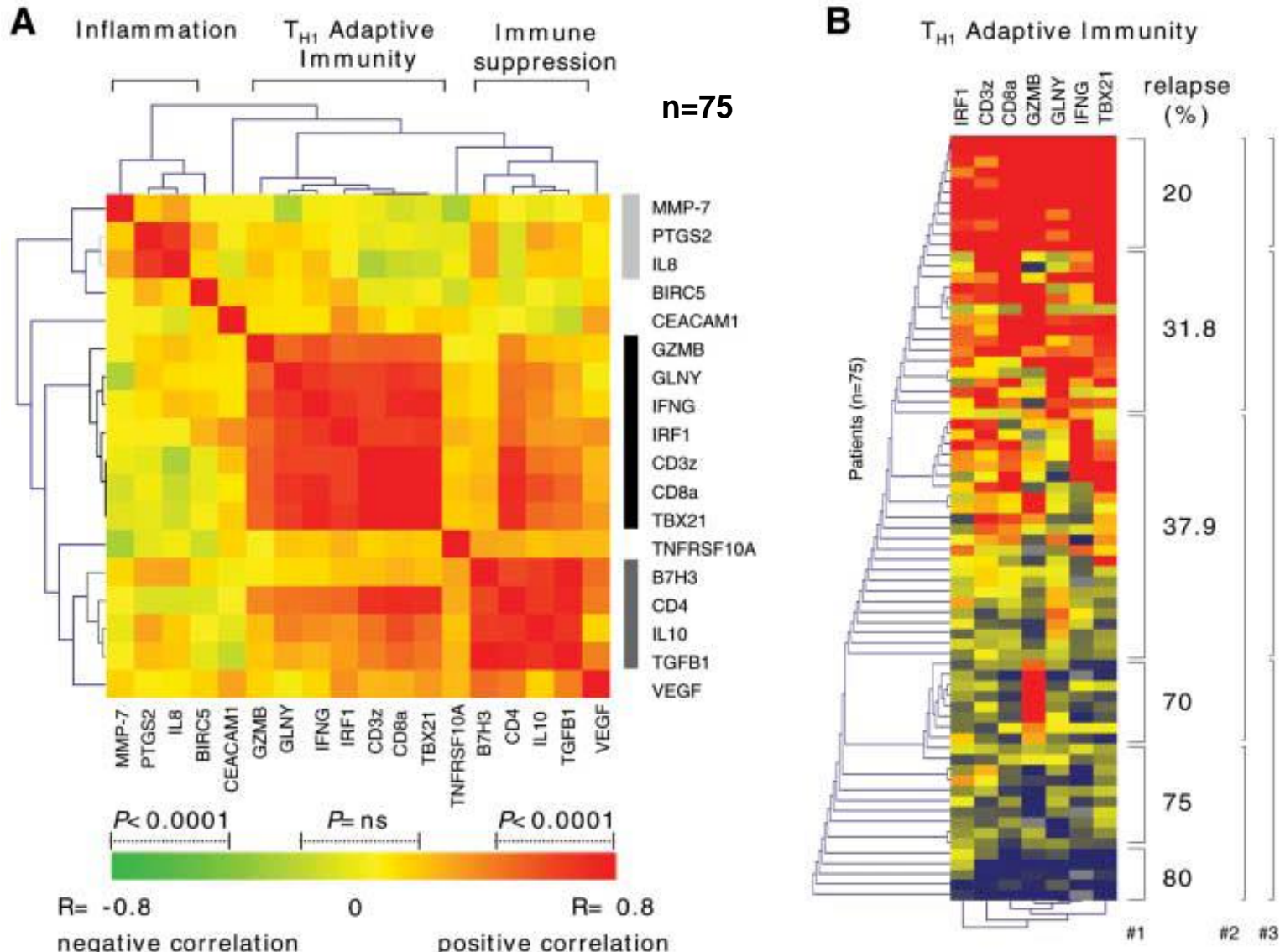
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Imiquimod (TLR-7a)-Basal cell Carcinoma



Type, Density, and Location of Immune Cells Within Human Colorectal Tumors Predict Clinical Outcome

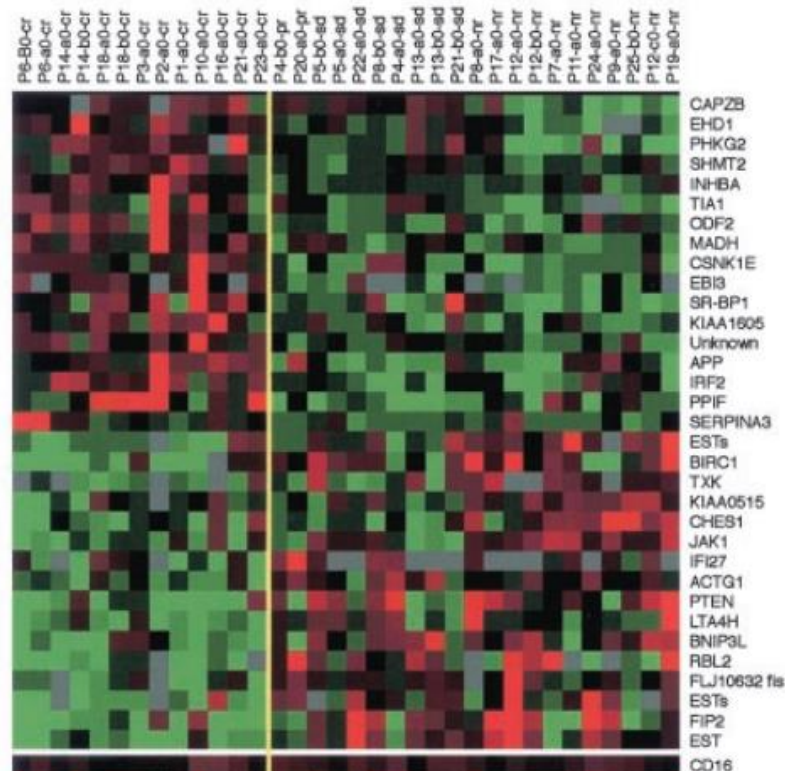
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Prospective Molecular Profiling of Melanoma Metastases Suggests Classifiers of Immune Responsiveness

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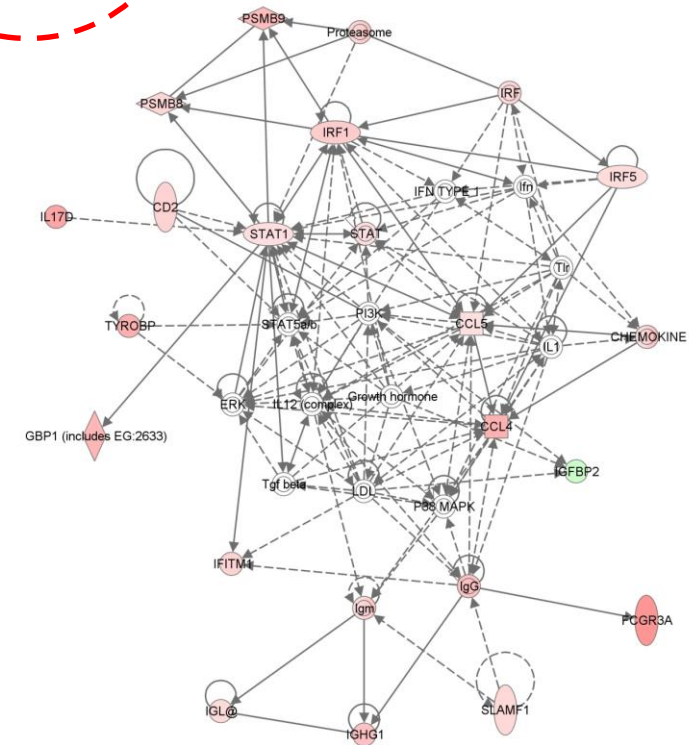
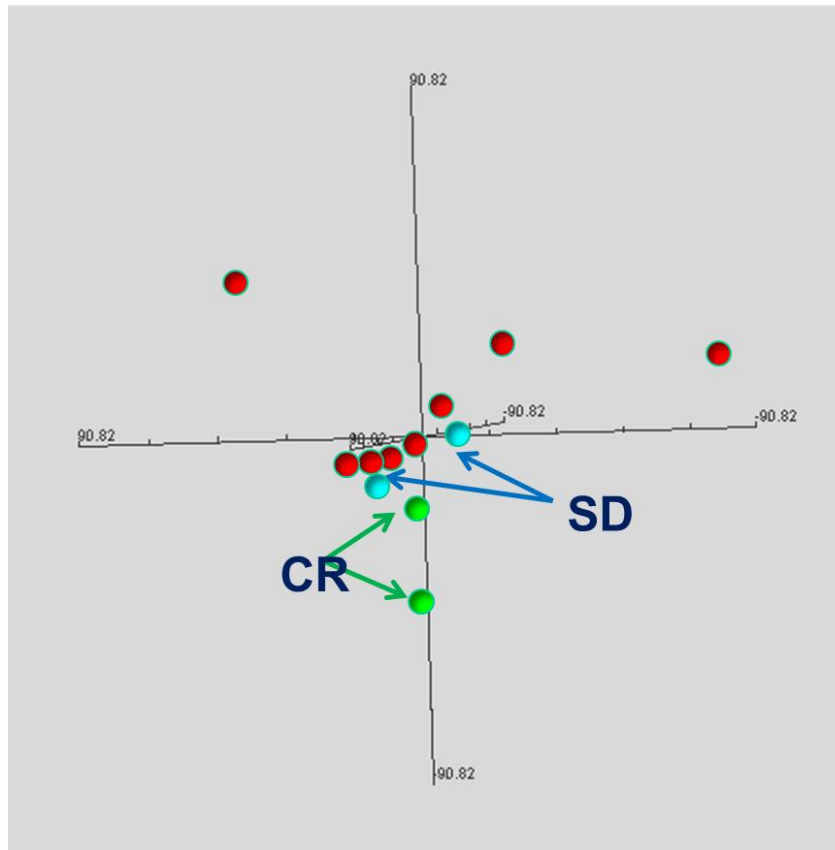
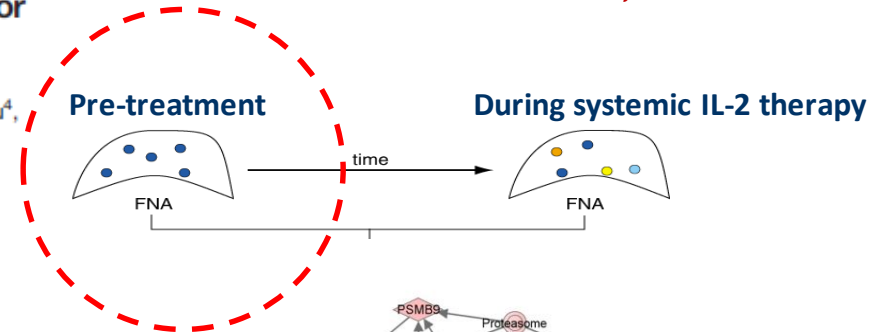
Molecular Insights on the Peripheral and Intratumoral Effects of Systemic High-Dose rIL-2 (Aldesleukin) Administration for the Treatment of Metastatic Melanoma

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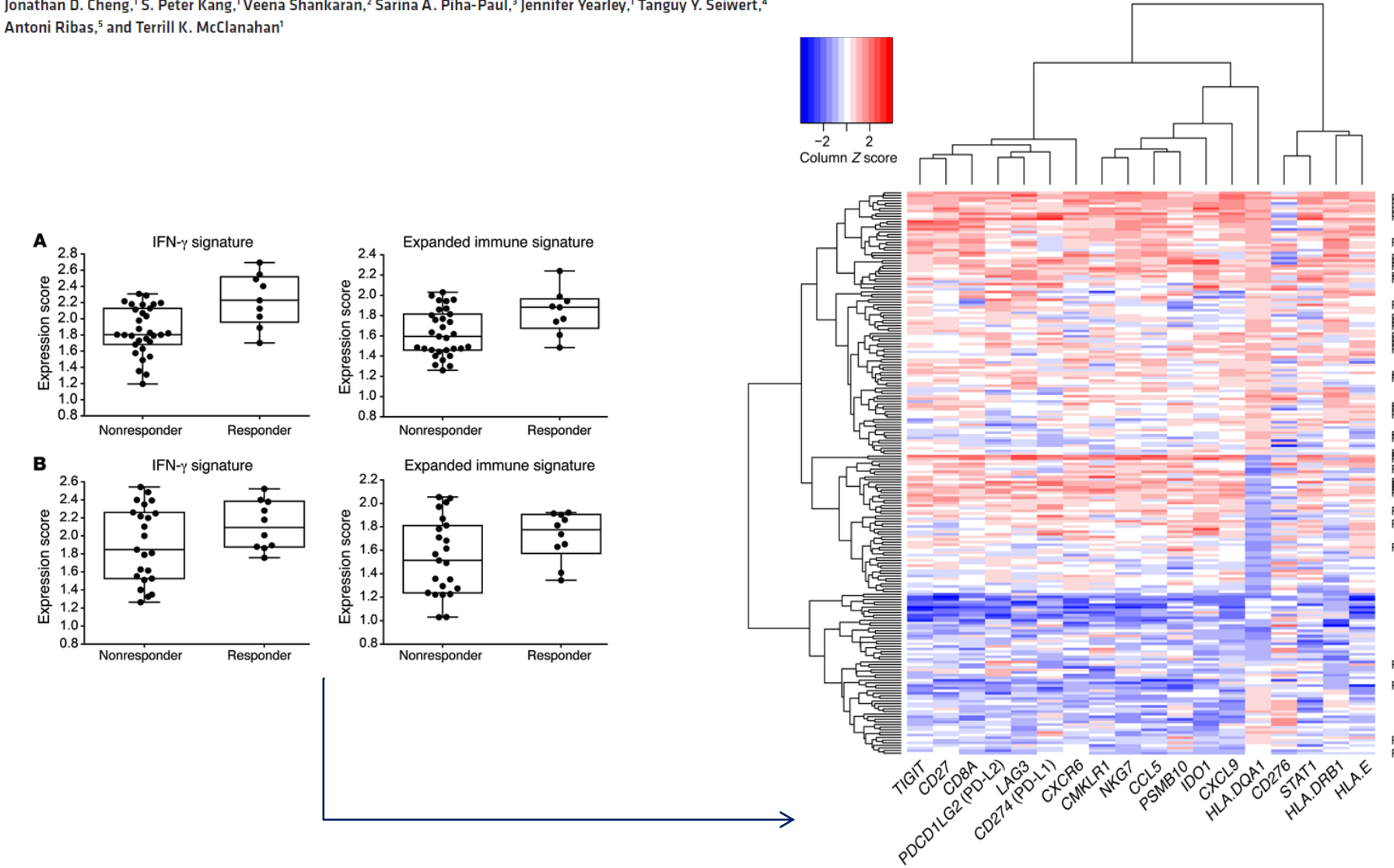
Pre-treatment

During systemic IL-2 therapy



IFN- γ -related mRNA profile predicts clinical response to PD-1 blockade

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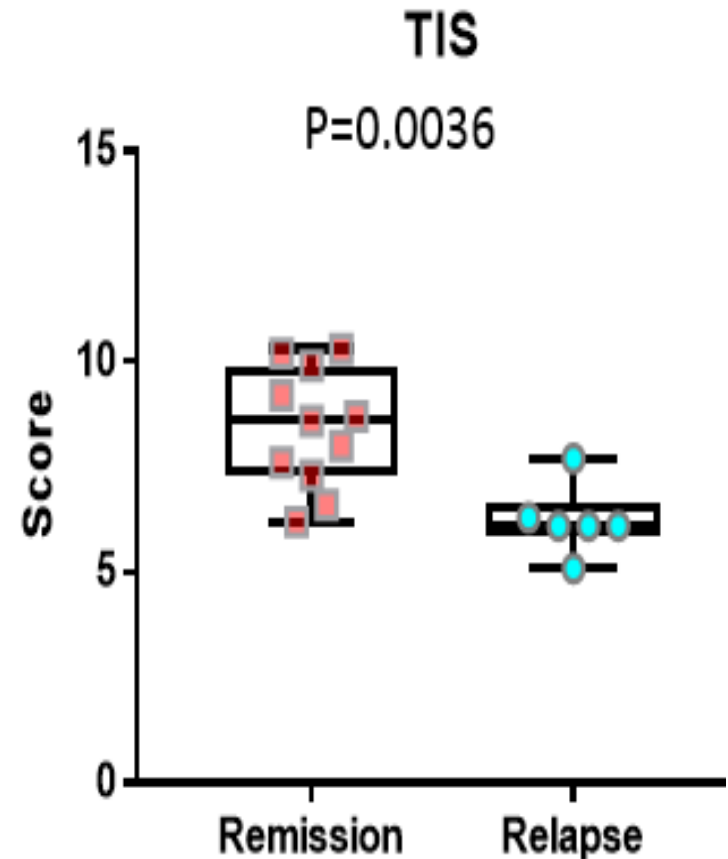


Tumor Inflammation Signature is Predictive in Combination Immune Checkpoint Blockade







Tumor Inflammation Signature -
18 gene biomarker classifier of
peripherally suppressed adaptive
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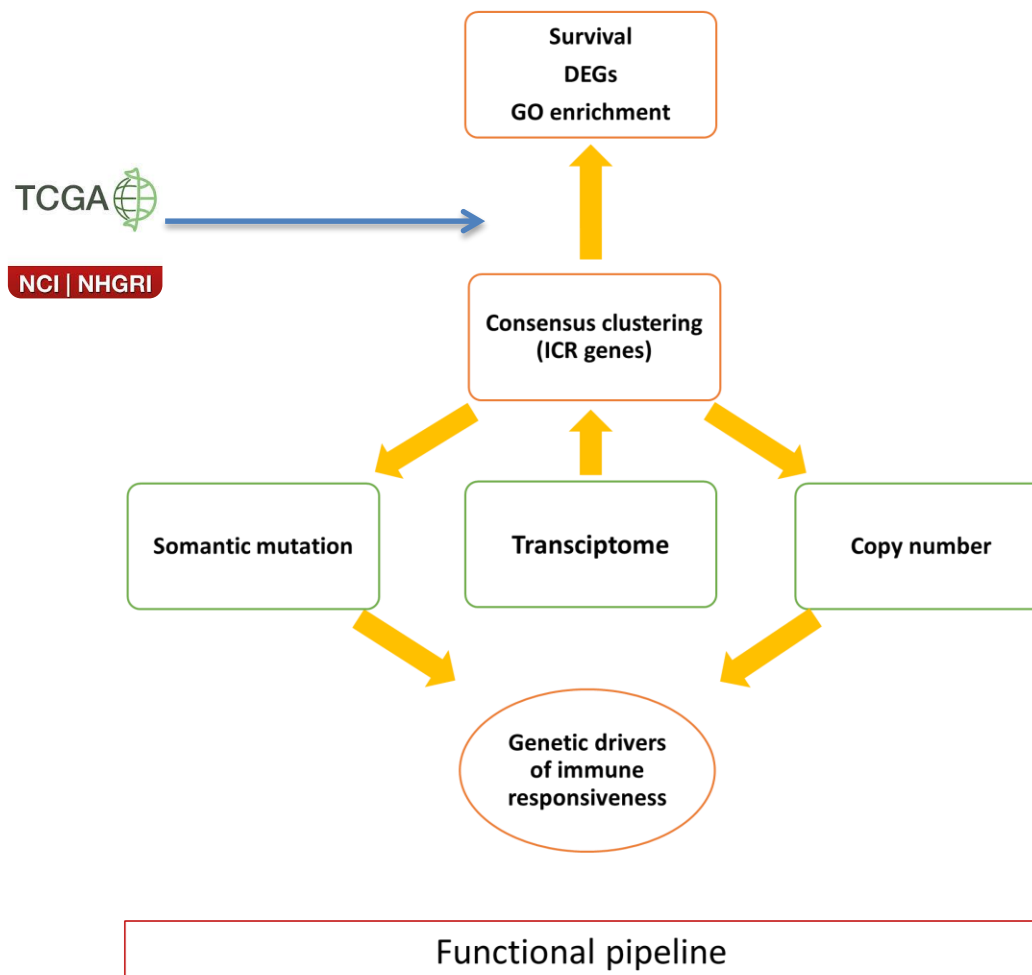
OpACIN Trial – neo-/adjuvant
ipilimumab + nivolumab in stage III
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Gene expression profiling shows
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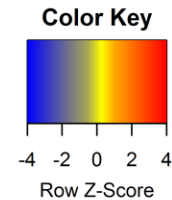
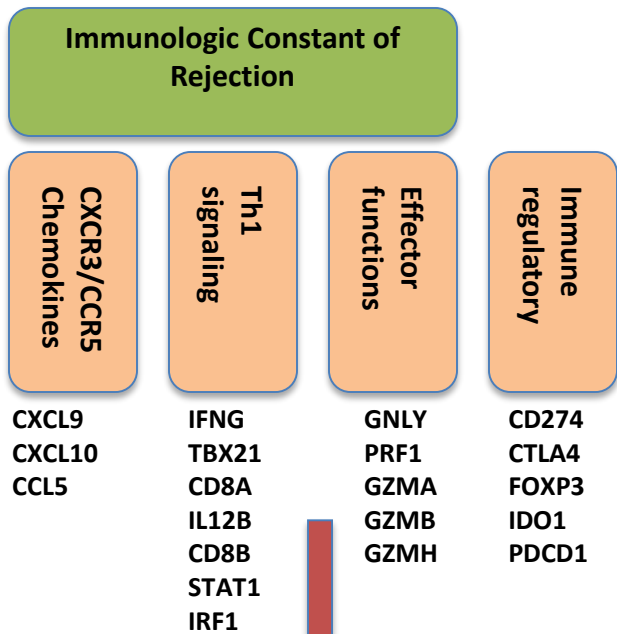


Identification of genetic determinants of breast cancer immune phenotypes by integrative genome-scale analysis

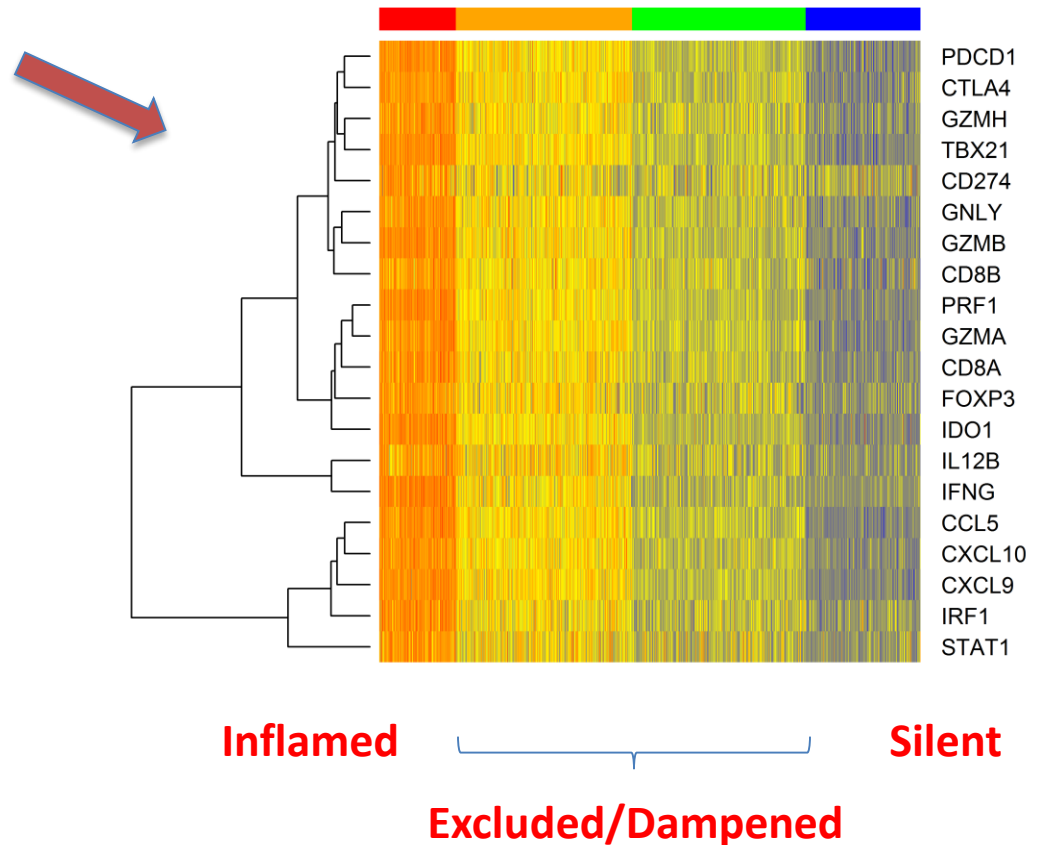
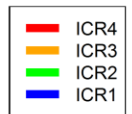
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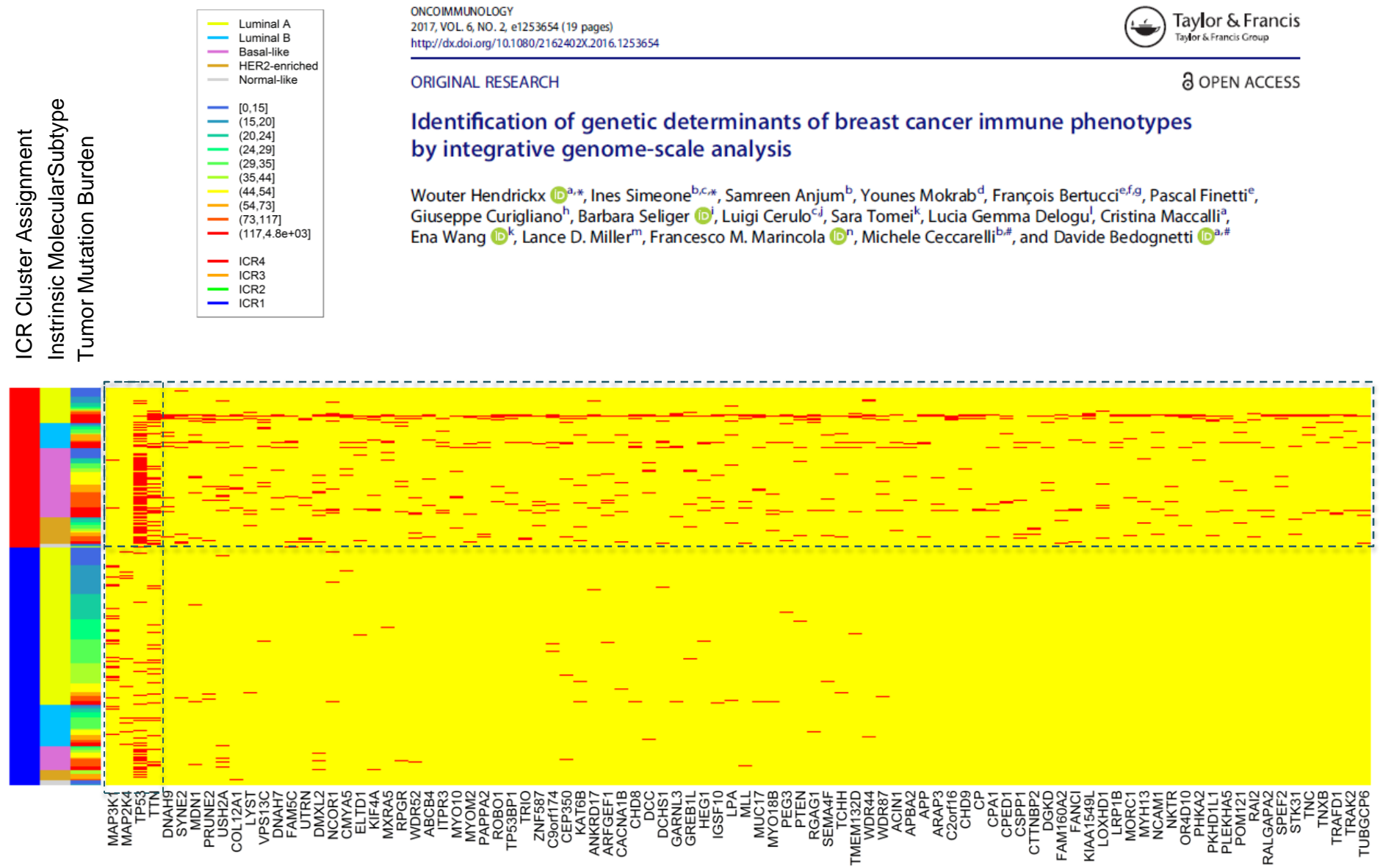
ICR based Consensus Clustering



Heatmap RNASeq - DBGS3 sel., K=4



Driver genes (Chisqr < 0.05)



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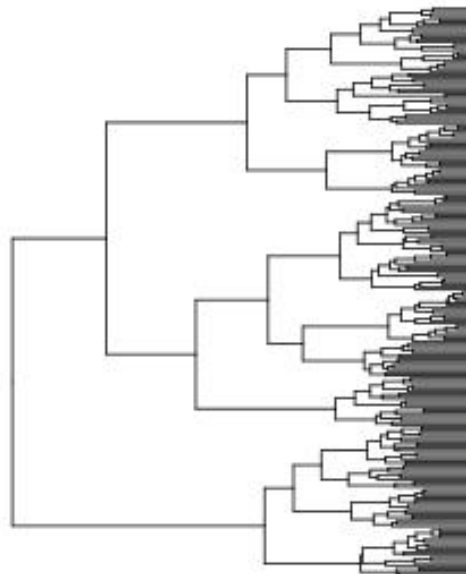
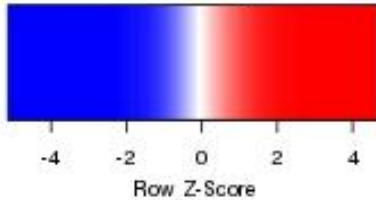
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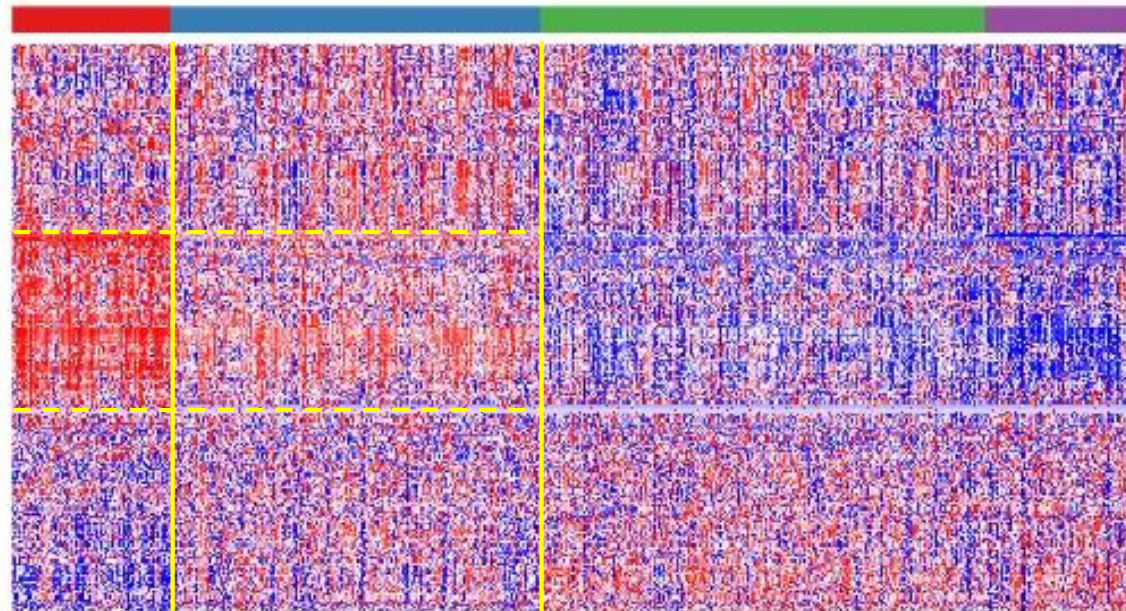
TOE – Distribution of signatures among 999 Breast Cancers

Color Key



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Compensatory Resistance

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Primary Ignorance



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SHC1/STAT3
Barrier Molecules
Checkpoints: B7-H3, B7-H4

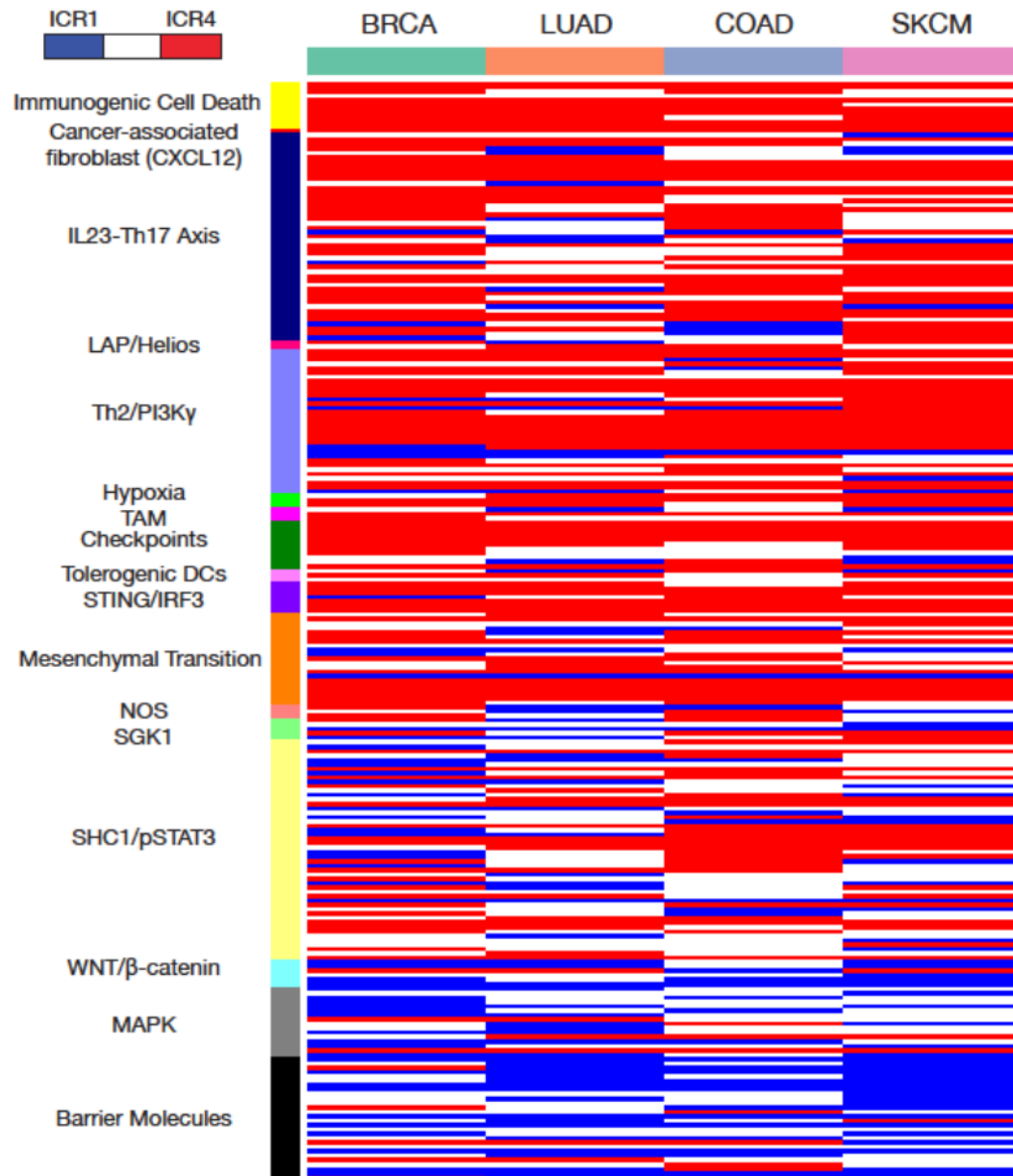
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Sting/Immunogenic Cell Death
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Hypoxia

Immune depleted:

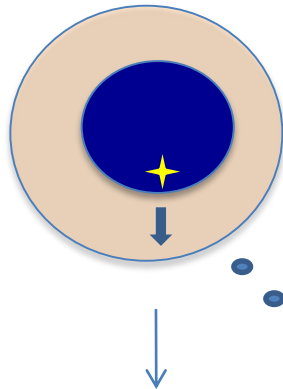
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Mapping Big TOE genes to ICR landscapes in all 4 tumor types



The “Two-Option Choice” (TOC) determinism in the natural history of cancer: A conserved evolutionary crossroad for cancer survival

Immune silent



Low **Mutational Burden** High
Limited **Transcriptional Activity** Broad
Low **Neo-epitope Frequency** High
High **Stromal Composition** Low

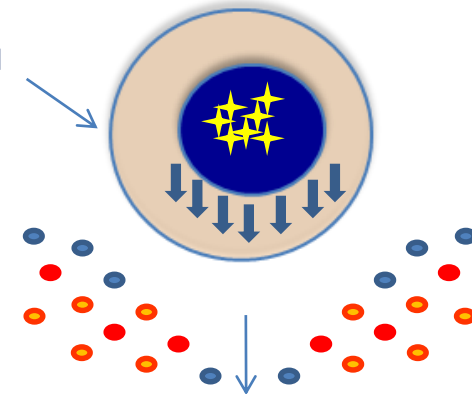
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Tumor Immune-conversion Project

TIP

Tumor Augmentation-of-immunity Project

TAP

SITC Task Force on Immune Responsiveness

- A workshop associated with the Biomarker Task Force (with AbbVie, Nanostring and Celgene)
- *“To educate the scientific community on the status of immunotherapy research by **bringing together leaders in the field of immunology, cell biology, genetics and computational biology**”*
- Fundamental questions to be addressed:
 - ✓ Do cancers of different histology display different immune landscapes?
 - ✓ Are the ICR, TIS or other equivalent signatures accurate predictors of immune responsiveness?
 - ✓ Do immune silent tumors follow a distinct evolutionary process?
 - ✓ Is the transcriptional enrichment observed in immunogenic tumors due to immune infiltrates?
 - ✓ Are there oncogenic pathways broadly shared among immune silent cancers?
 - ✓ Can therapeutic disruption of oncogenesis in silent tumors activated immunogenic cell death?
 - ✓ How can experimental observation be validated in relevant pre-clinical settings using human tissues or rodent models?
 - ✓ How can the information gained be utilized to inform drug development in the discovery and development phase?
- Five working groups:
 - **Somatic Genetics/Epigenetics of Immune landscapes** (Organizer, Josue Samayoa)
 - **Transcriptional Patterns of Immune Landscapes** (Organizer, Stefanie Spranger)
 - **Role of Immunogenic Cell Death** (Organizer, Sara Warren)
 - **Experimental models of Immune Landscapes** (Organizer, RongZe Lu)
 - **Germline Contributions to Immune Landscapes** (Organizer, Davide Bedognetti)

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