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# Abstract P26: High-dimensional flow cytometry of circulating immune cells predicts clinical responses to combination Immune Checkpoint Blockade (ICB) and Radiotherapy (RT) in Gastroesophageal Cancer (GEC)

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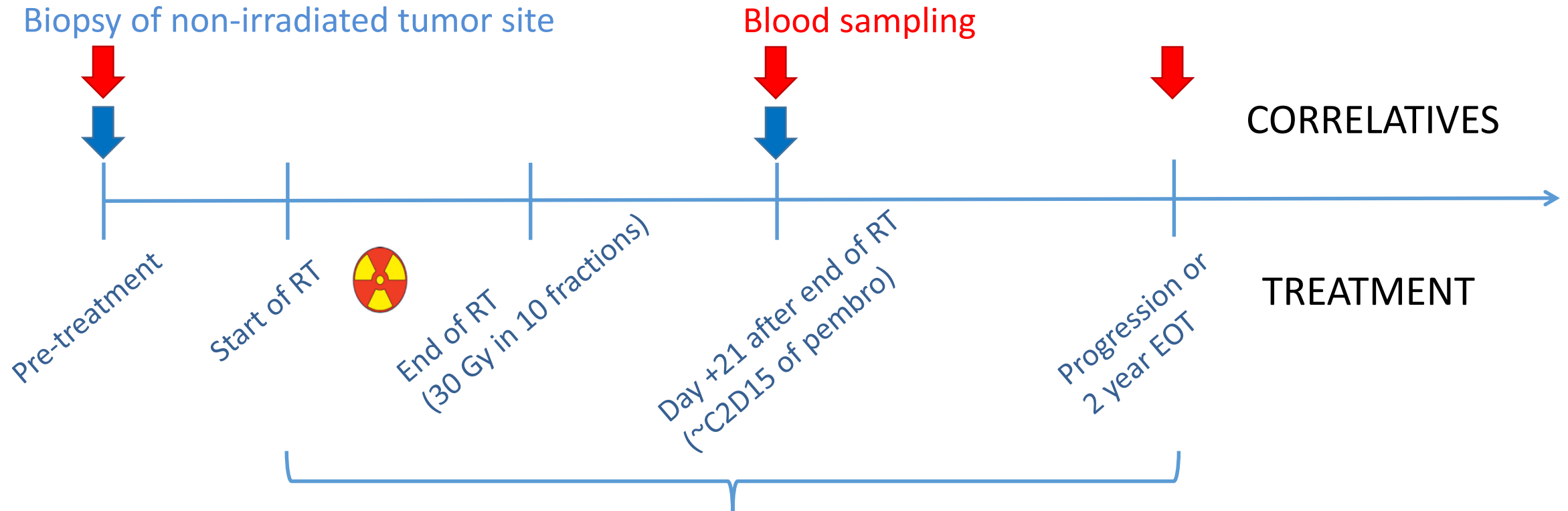
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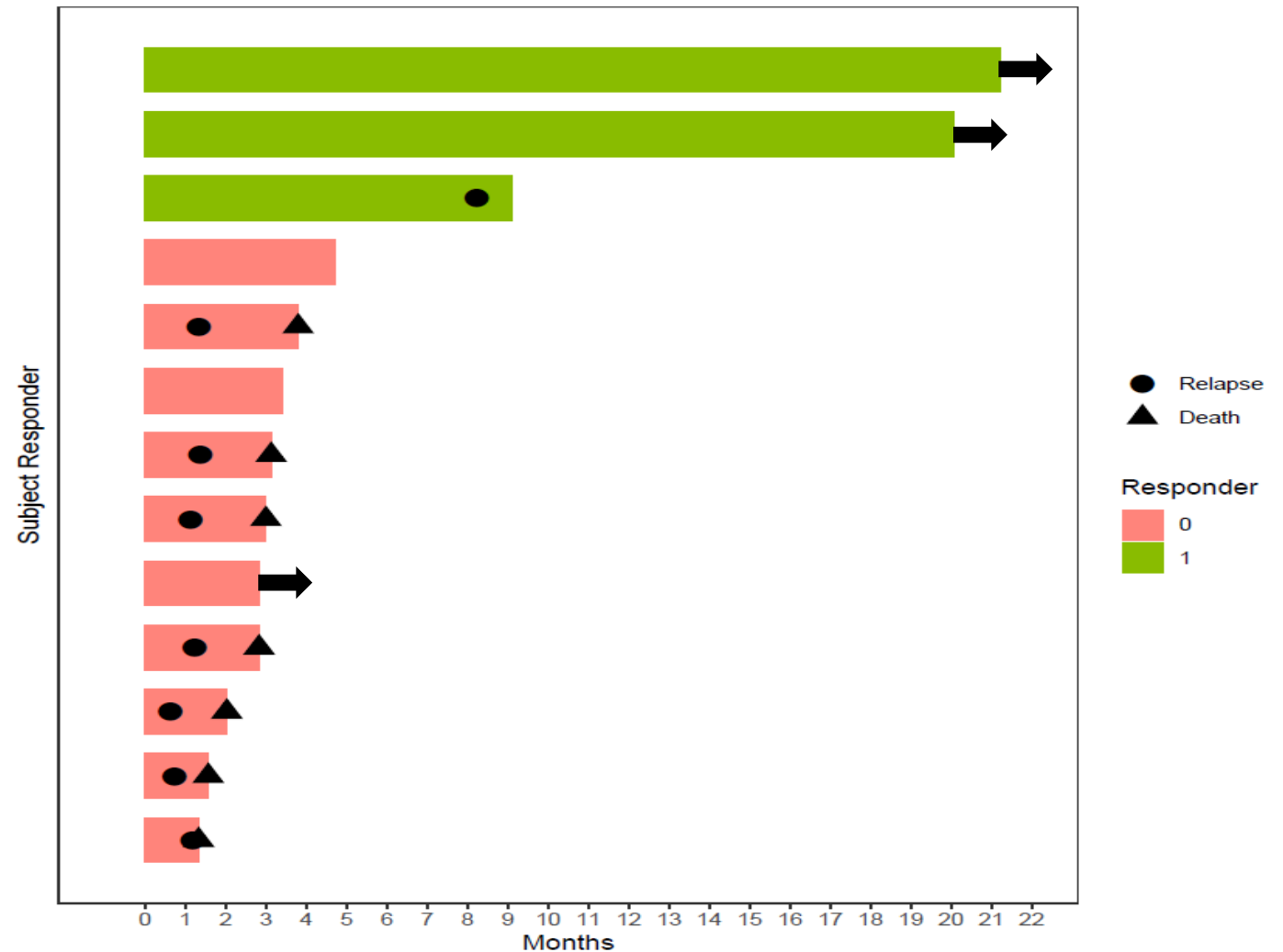
# Trial Schema



Pembrolizumab 200 mg every 3 weeks  
 CT every 6 weeks for 18 weeks then every 9 weeks  
 for RECIST1.1 assessment  
 Target Accrual: 14 patients

# Clinical Response Data (data cut-off as of 9/28/18)

- 1 patient pending response evaluation
- All patients with MSS disease
- EBV status to be determined among adenocarcinomas (3 were SCC histology)



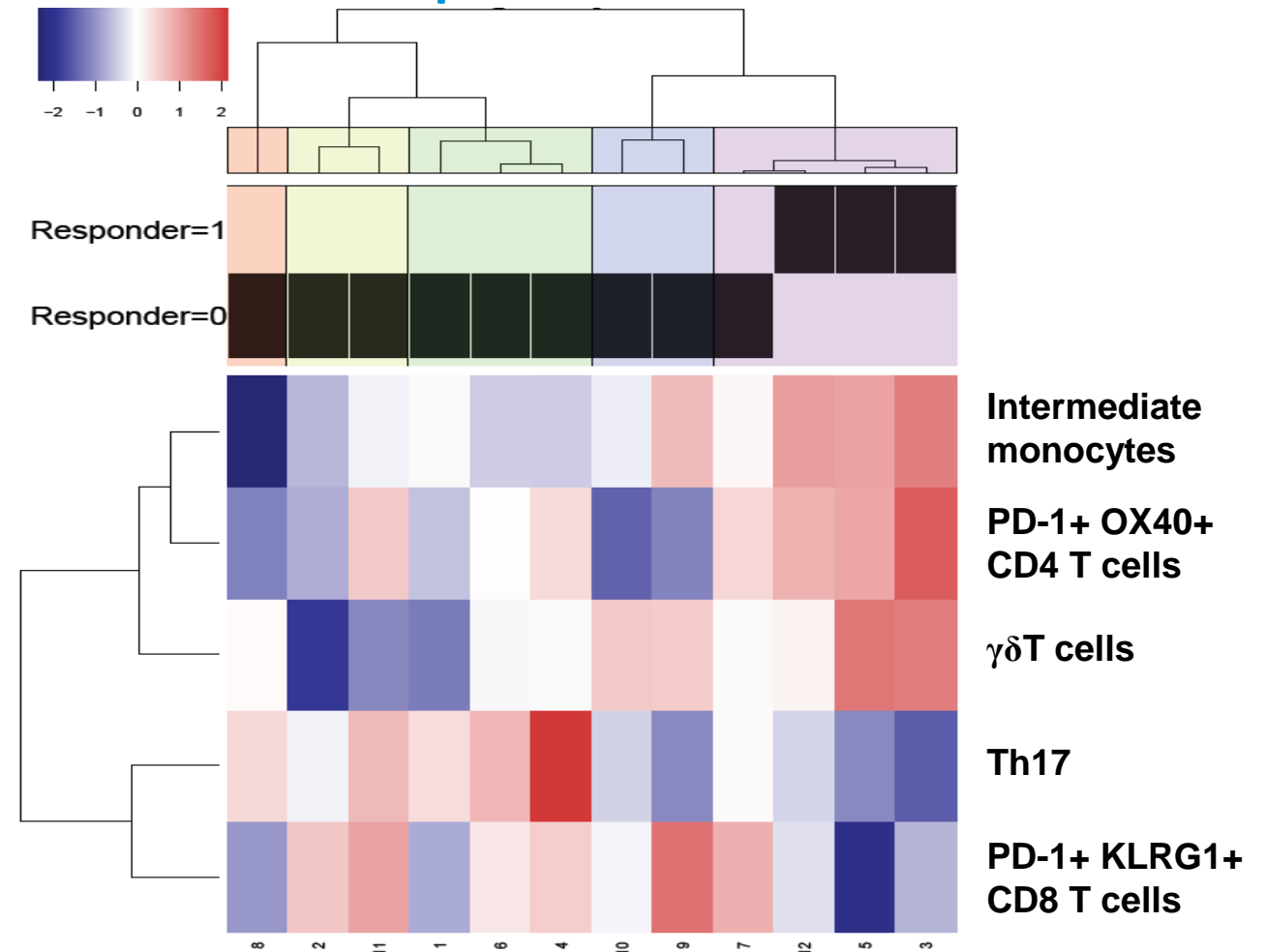


# Methods – Flow cytometry antibody panel (15-color) to analyze 105 circulating immune cell subsets

Laser	Innate network	Adaptive network	Checkpoint network	LP	Filter	Fluor assignment
640 (Red)	CD33	CCR10	KLRG1	685	670/30	APC/Alexa647
	CD56	CCR6	4-1BB	685	730/45	APC-R700/Alexa700
	CD11c	CD73	CXCR5	750	780/60	APC-Cy7
405 (Violet)	CD141	PD-1	BTLA		450/50	BV421
	Death	Dump	Dump	505	525/50	BV510
	CD1c	CXCR5	LAG-3	630	660/20	BV650
	CD123	CXCR3	OX40	750	780/60	BV786
UV (355)	CD14	CD45RA	CD45RA		379/28	BUV395
	CD3	CD8	CD8	450	515/30	BUV496
	CD20	CD4	CD4	770	820/60	BUV805
488 (Blue)	CD83	CD25	CD160	505	525/50	FITC/BB515
	HLA-DR	CCR4	TIGIT	685	710/50	PerCP-Cy5.5
Yel/Green (561)	TCR $\gamma\delta$	ICOS	PD-1		585/15	PE
	PD-L1	CCR7	CCR7	600	610/20	PE-CF594
	CD16	CD127	TIM-3	750	780/60	PE-Cy7

# Initial Results – Circulating immune cell subsets with significant correlation to clinical responses

- Updated analysis of 13 patients with response data
- Clustering analyses between responders and non-responders revealed 5 subsets with logFC >1 at C2D15 sampling compared to baseline that are significant ( $p < 0.05$ )
- $\gamma\delta$  T cells demonstrating increase of interest for further investigation



# Future Research Plans

- Confirm circulating immune cell subsets correlating with durable clinical benefit remain significant with longer term follow-up
- Tissue analyses of patients with satisfactory pre- and post-treatment biopsies
- Stool and oral microbiome profiling of patients with available specimens after trial amendment
- Circulating immune cell biomarkers correlating with durable clinical responses need to be validated in larger datasets