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Cancer vaccines

personalized versus antigen-agnostic approaches



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Learning goals

- 1. Understanding the stumbling blocks and requirements for the design of successful therapeutic vaccines: choice of antigens and adjuvants
- 2. Becoming familiar with some of the current approaches to vaccination against cancer: broader definition includes *in vivo* vaccination
- 3. Acquiring an understanding of the positioning of cancer vaccines in the developing field of cancer immunotherapy





Cancer Immunotherapy: a bit of history

WAKING THE BODY'S DEFENDERS

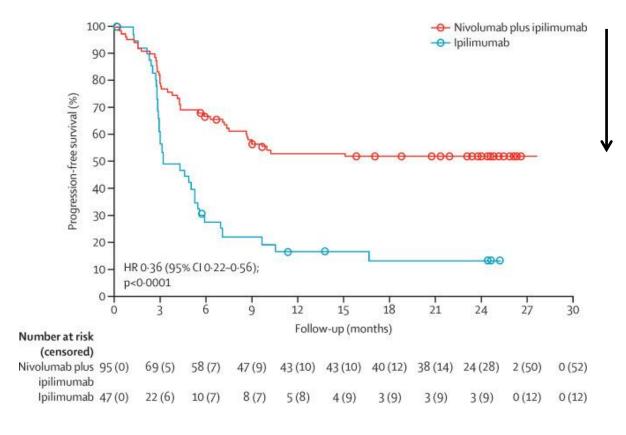
For more than a century, researchers have tried to harness the human immune system to fight cancer. But high hopes, too often, have been followed by disappointment. Here, some milestones.





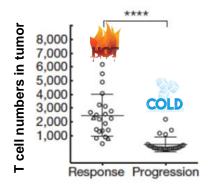


The promise of cancer immunotherapy: durable responses



Still...not everyone responds.

How come?



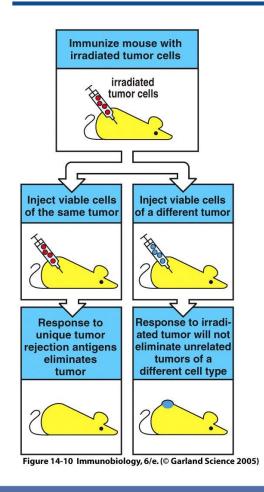
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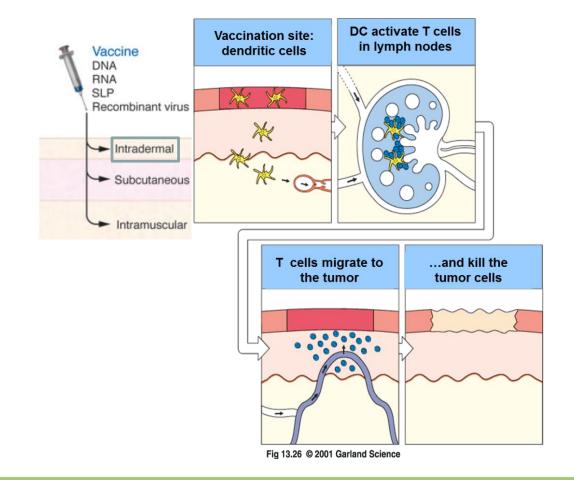
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Cancer vaccination: the basics



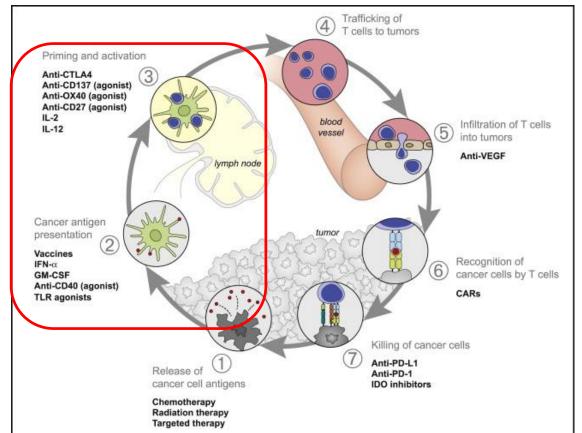






Cancer Immunotherapy: therapeutic windows

vaccination



Chen et al. Immunity. 2013 Jul 25;39(1):1-10.





Vaccine=Antigen+Adjuvant

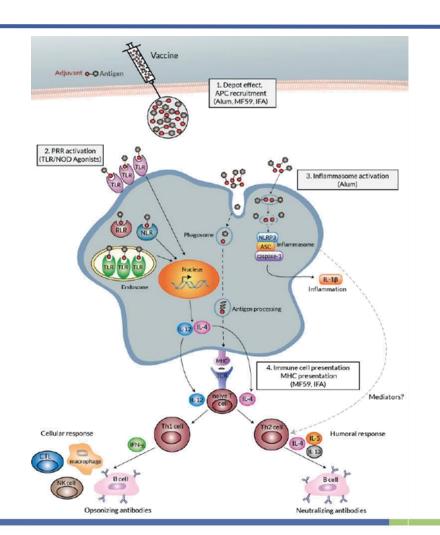
REVIEW ARTICLE Turning the corner on therapeutic cancer vaccines Robert E. Hollingsworth¹ and Kathrin Jansen 62 Tumor-Associated Antigens Tumor-Specific Antigens npj | Vaccines Overexpressed npj Vaccines (2019)4:7 proteins, Oncoviral Shared **Private** Cancer testis Target differentiation antigens antigens Neoantigens Neoantigens antigens types Tumor **VARIABLE IDEAL** GOOD specificity Central HIGH LOW NONE tolerance Prevalence in multiple HIGH HIGH LOW

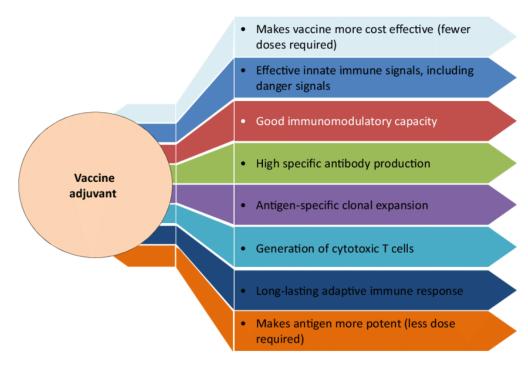


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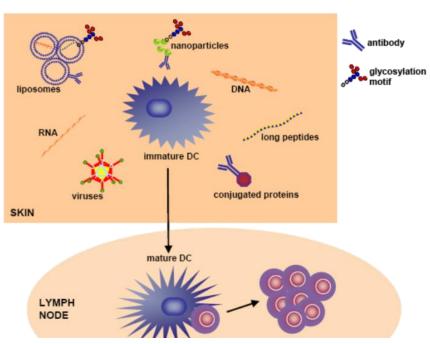
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Review InvivoGen



Cancer vaccine formulations and choice of adjuvant



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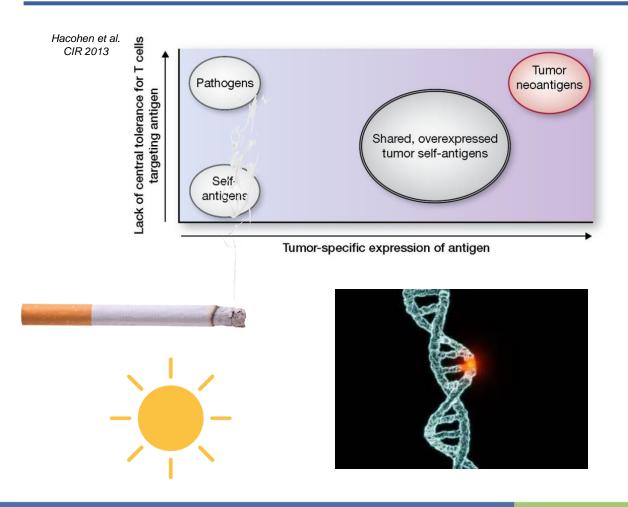
Personalized vaccines for cancer immunotherapy Ugur Sahin and Özlem Türeci Science 359 (6382), 1355-1360.

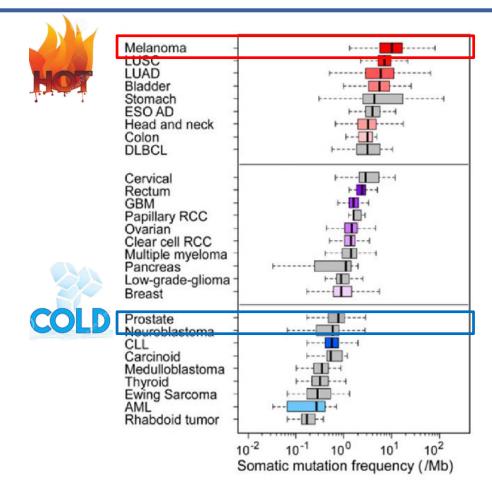
Vaccine format	Advantages	Challenges Lack of clinical-grade manufacturability of a substantial portion of sequences			
Synthetic peptides (45)	Cell-free manufacturing Automated synthesis established				
	Proven clinical activity of long peptides Compatible with a wide range of formulations to improve delivery	High variability in the physicochemical properties of individual peptides, complicating manufacturing			
	Transient activity and complete degradation	Irrelevant immune responses against artificial epitopes created by peptide degradation in the extracellular space			
Messenger RNA (46)	Cell-free manufacturing Inherent adjuvant function via TLR7, TLR8, and TLR3 signaling	Fast extracellular degradation of mRNA if not protected by appropriate formulation Interpatient variability of TLR7-driven adjuvant activity			
	Proven clinical activity Highly efficient systemic delivery into DCs established Transient activity and complete degradation All types of epitopes can be encoded				
DNA plasmids (47)	Cell-free manufacturing Inherent adjuvant activity driven by TLR9 Cost-effective and straightforward manufacturing All types of epitopes can be encoded	Potential safety risks by insertional mutagenesis Successful transfection requires entry into nucleus, thereby limiting effective delivery of vaccines into DCs			
Viral vectors (48) (adenoviral and vaccinia)	Strong immunostimulatory activity Extensive clinical experience with vector formats in the infectious disease field All types of epitopes can be encoded	Complex manufacturing Immune responses against components of the viral vector backbone, limiting successful in vivo vaccine delivery and efficacy			
Engineered attenuated bacterial vectors (49) (Salmonella, Listeria)	Strong immunostimulatory activity Could be combined with plasmid DNA All types of epitopes can be encoded	Complex manufacturing and "sterility" testing Immune responses against bacterial components, limiting vaccine delivery and vaccine immunogenicity Potential safety risks due to delivery of live, replication-competent bacteria			
Ex vivo antigen-loaded DCs (50)	Strong immunostimulatory activity Proven clinical efficacy of DC vaccines Can be loaded with various antigen formats	Higher costs and resources required for adoptive cell therapy approache			





Choice of antigens: what do T cells react to in tumors?





Rajasagi et al Blood 2014







Personalized neoantigen vaccines

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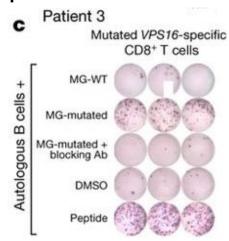
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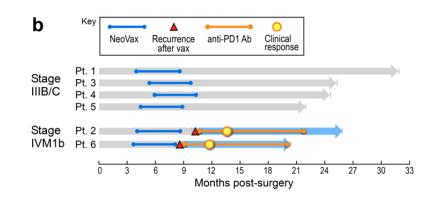
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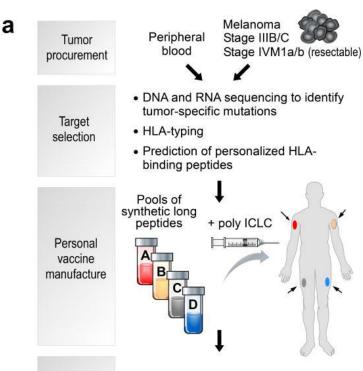
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Immune response:



Tumor control:





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Personalized neoantigen vaccines

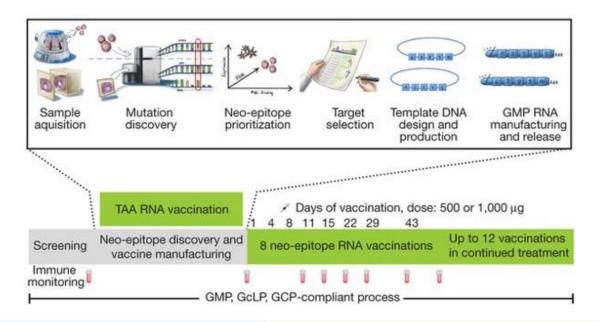
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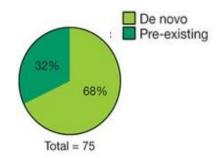
Personalized RNA mutanome vaccines mobilize poly-specific therapeutic immunity against cancer

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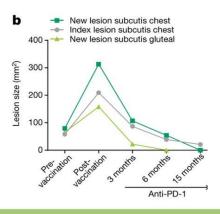
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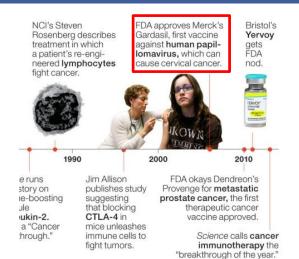








Successful (cancer) vaccines: prophylactic and antibody based







Doug Lowy & John Schiller

Prophylactic and active:



Cervical cancer jab 'in a year'

A vaccine shown to be 100% effective against two virus strains that cause most cervical cancer could be available within a year, say manufacturers.

Gardasil worked against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV).

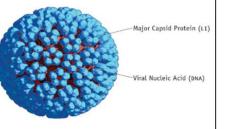
Some 12,167 women aged 16 to 23 from 13 countries, including the UK, took part in the drug company study.

Researchers believe a vaccine could work best if given before adolescence, but critics fear this could encourage underage sex.

Merck's vaccine is in head-to-head competition with a rival from UK-based GlaxoSmithKline called Cervarix.

The two-year Future II trial found Gardasil was 100% effective at preventing early stage cancers and pre-cancerous abnormalities caused by the two key strains of HPV - the 16 and 18 strains - which cause 70% of cervical cancers.





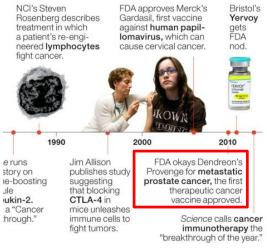
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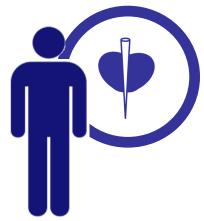


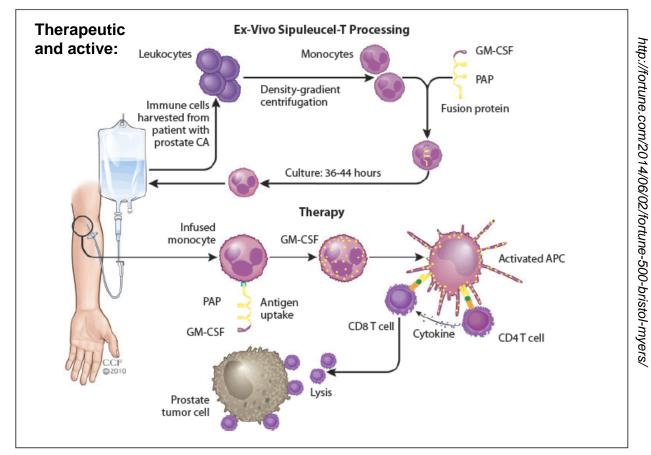




More challenging cancer vaccines: therapeutic and T cell based







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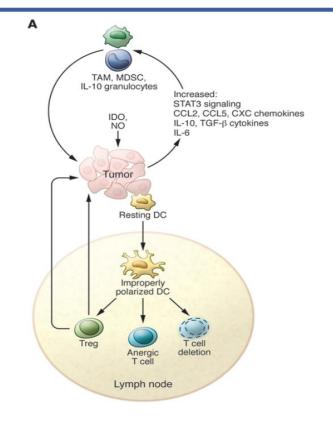
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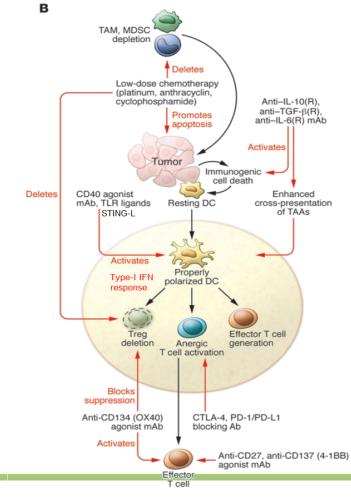
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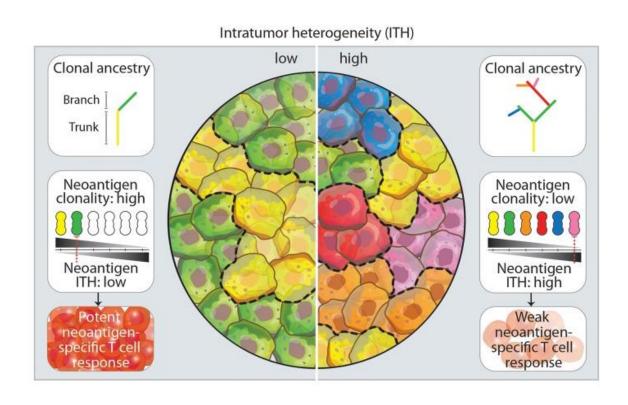


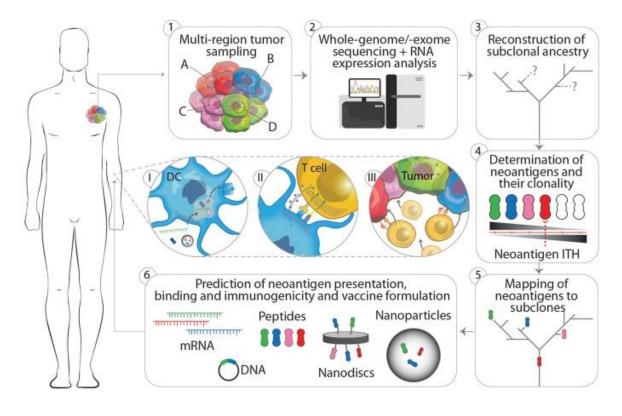




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Fennemann et al. Front. Immunol. 10:824, 2019









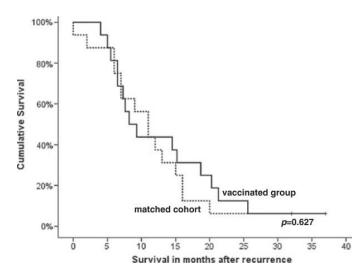


One solution: go early

HPV16 SLP vaccine in VIN: 16/20 PR/CR

Patient No.	No. of Vaccinations	At 3 Months			At 12 Mo		At 24 Mo	
		Symptoms	Lesion Response	Histologic Findings	Type of HPV Infection	Symptoms	Lesion Response	Lesion Response
1	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 2	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	Partial†
2	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16		Carcinoma	
3	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16	None	Partial	Partial‡
6	4	None	Complete	Normal	16	None	Complete	Complete
7	4	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
8	4	Mild to moderate	Complete	Normal	6b	None	Complete	Complete
9	3	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
10	4	None	Partial	VIN 3	16	Lost to follow-up¶		
11	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	Complete	Complete
12	4	Mild to moderate	None	VIN 3	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	None
13	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 3	16	Mild to moderate	Partial	Partial
16	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 1	16	Mild to moderate	Complete	Complete
18	4	Severe	None	VIN 3	16	Severe	None	None
22	4	Mild to moderate	None	VIN 3	16	Severe	Partial	Partial
23	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 2	16	None	Partial	Microinvasiv carcinoma
26	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	None	None
27	3	None	Partial	VIN 3	16	None	Complete	Complete
28	4	None	None	VIN 3	16	None	None	None
29	4	None	Complete	Normal	None	None	Complete	Complete
30	4	Mild to moderate	Partial	VIN 2	16	None	Complete	Complete

...but in cancer: none!



van Poelgeest et al. Journal of Translational Medicine 2013, 11:88



RESEARCH

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HPV16 synthetic long peptide (HPV16-SLP) vaccination therapy of patients with advanced or recurrent HPV16-induced gynecological carcinoma, a phase II trial

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Another solution: optimizing vaccines and combination therapies

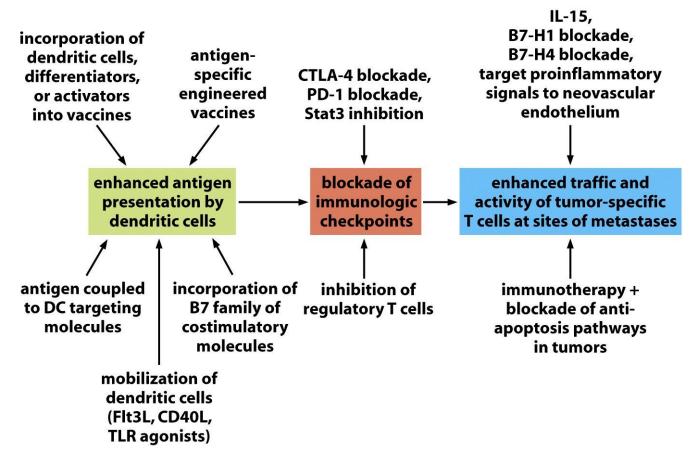


Figure 15.45 The Biology of Cancer (© Garland Science 2007)







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A One-Two Punch for HPV-16-positive Cancers?

—Individually, vaccines and immune checkpoint inhibitors have been no match for HPV-related cancers, but what happens when the 2 therapies are combined?

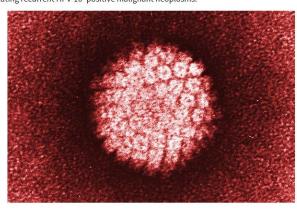






By Kristin Bundy Reviewed by Michael Leapman, MD

Independent of one another, therapeutic vaccines and immune checkpoint inhibition with anti-programmed cell death 1 (PD-1) antibodies have proven largely ineffective in treating recurrent HPV-16-positive malignant neoplasms.



But could they overcome a tumor-induced immunosuppressive environment when used together?

More On This Topic

Tumor Mutational Burden: A Biomarker for anti-PD-1 and anti-PD-L1 Tx?

Obese Patients Do Better on Immune Checkpoint Blockade—But Why?

Flu Vaccine in Patients Receiving Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors—Is It Safe?

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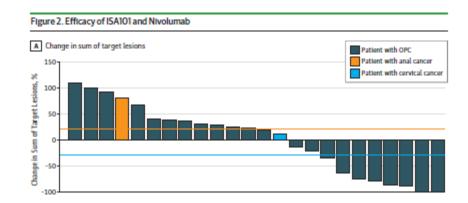
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Combining Immune Checkpoint Blockade and Tumor-Specific Vaccine for Patients With Incurable Human Papillomavirus 16-Related Cancer A Phase 2 Clinical Trial

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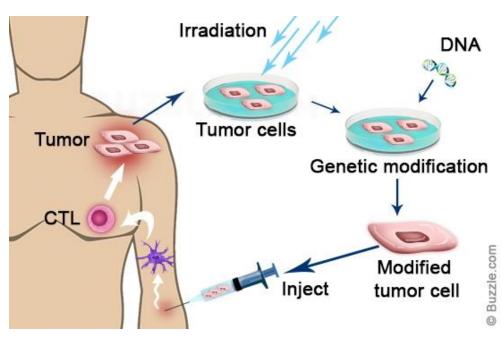
CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE The overall response rate of 33% and median overall survival of 17.5 months is promising compared with PD-1 inhibition alone in similar patients. A randomized clinical trial to confirm the contribution of HPV-16 vaccination to tumoricidal effects of PD-1 inhibition is warranted for further study.





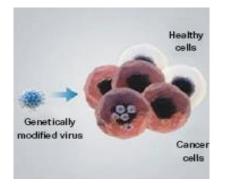
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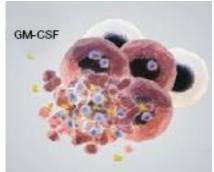
1) Whole cancer cell vaccines

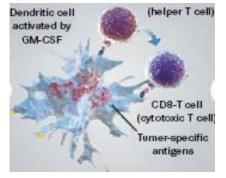


https://healthhearty.com/strategies-for-cancer-vaccine-development

2) Oncolytic virotherapy









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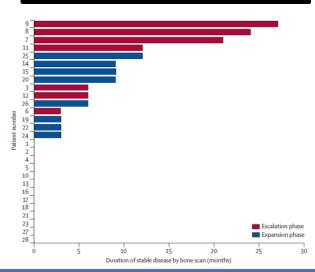


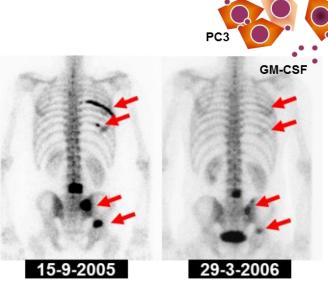


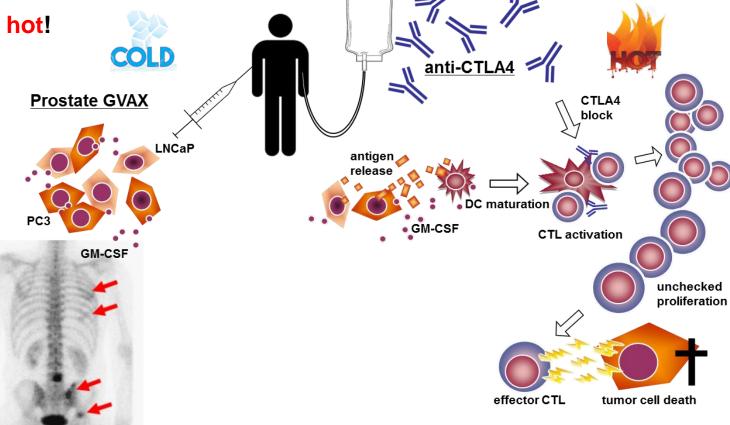
Whole cancer cell vaccines: GVAX with checkpoint blockade - turning up the heat

Turning a cold tumor hot!

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PSA Stable Disease (SD)	12 / 28
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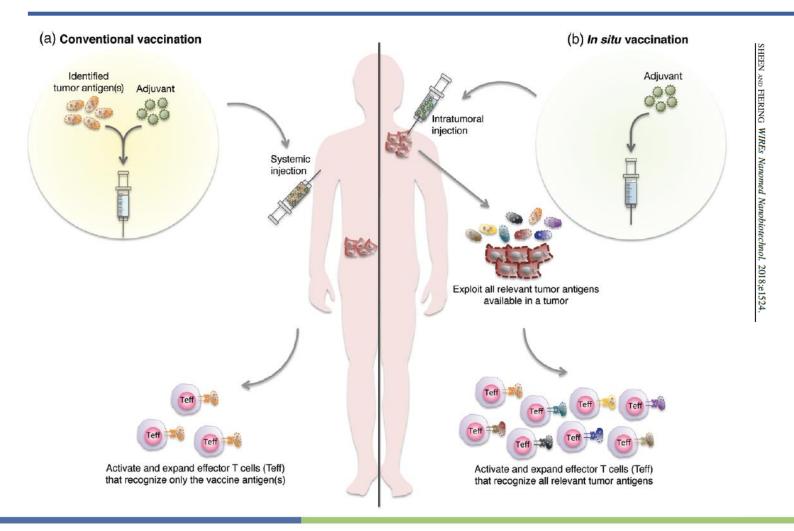








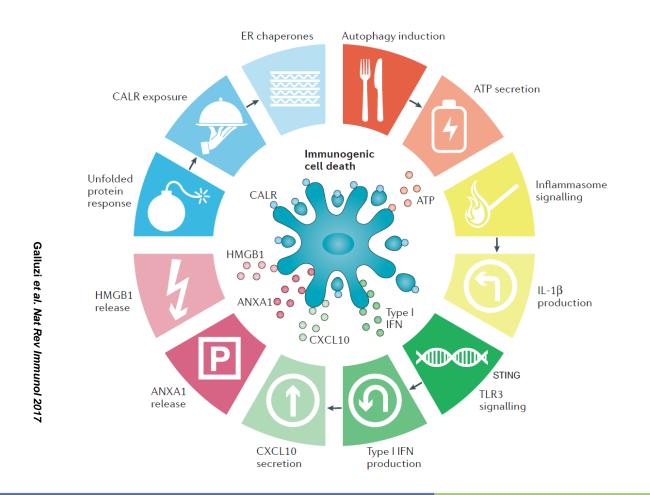
Conventional versus in vivo vaccination

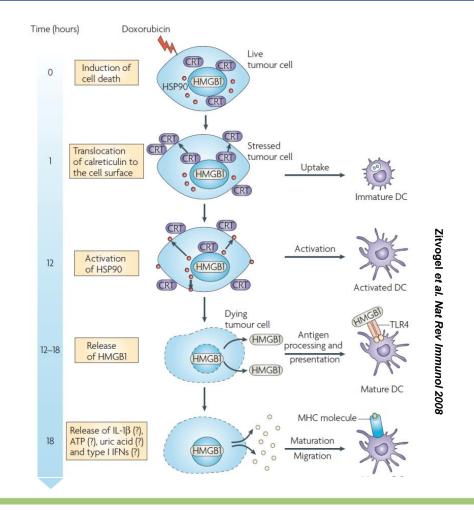






In vivo vaccination: requirements for an effective antitumor T cell response

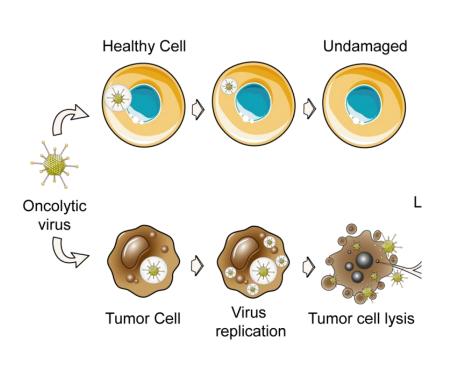




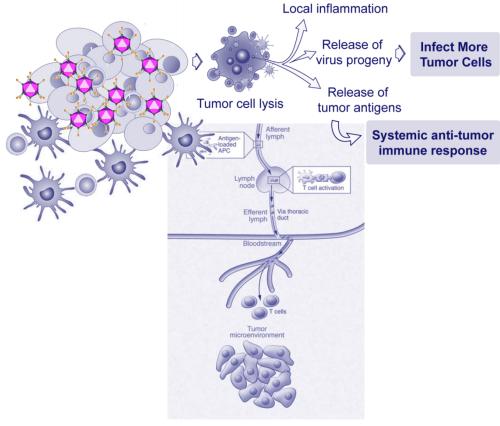


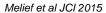


Oncolytic virotherapy: in vivo vaccination



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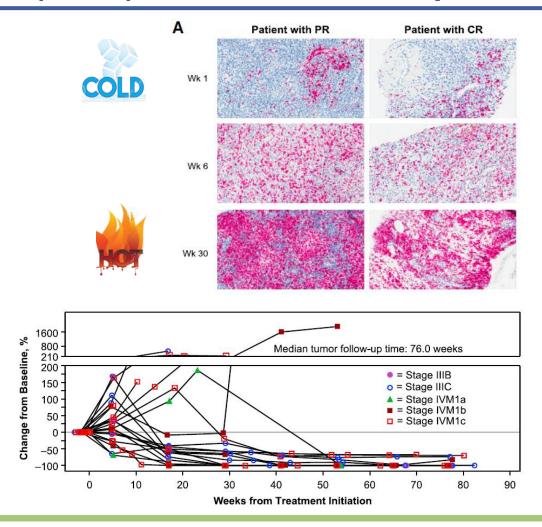




Oncolytic viruses (T-vec) and immune checkpoint blockade

Role for dendritic cells! Pembrolizumab Talimogene laherparepvec Genetically modified HSV-1 designed to ctively replicate Anti-PD-1 in tumors and produce GM-CSF monoclonal antibody Δ34.5 Administration by IV infusion CMV hGM-CSF pA hGM-CSF CMV Antitumor immune response Administration by intralesional injection Melanoma 1 † CD4+ and CD8+ T cells ↑ IFN-y expression **Antitumor Activity** (Objective Response Rate=62%)



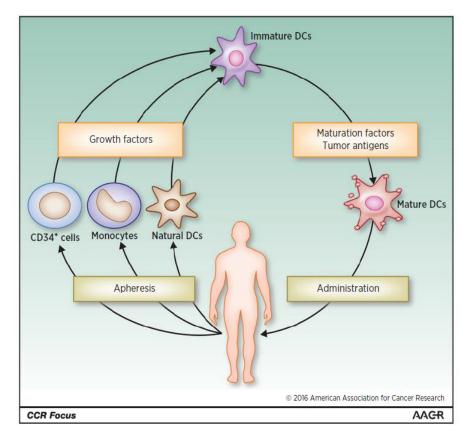








Dendritic cell vaccines: classic approach

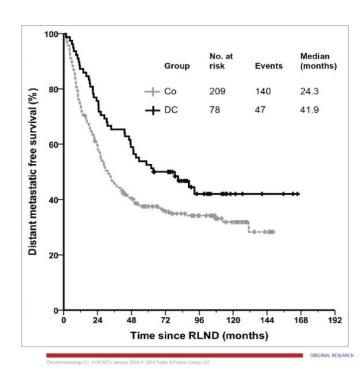




Dendritic Cell-Based Immunotherapy: State of the Art and Beyond $\[\]$

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Favorable overall survival in stage III melanoma patients after adjuvant dendritic cell vaccination

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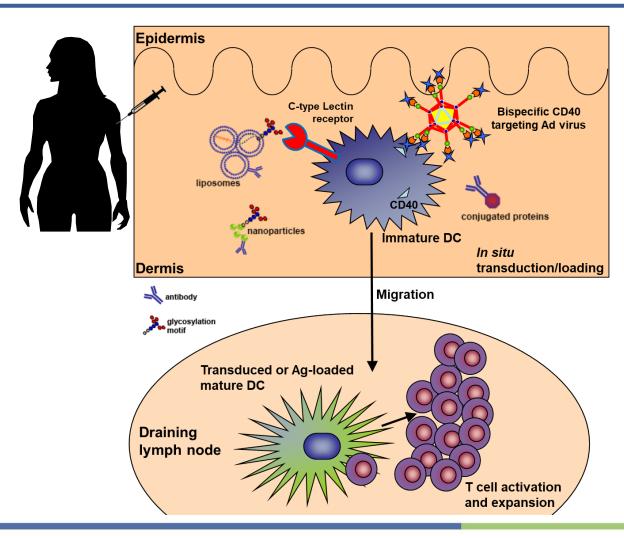


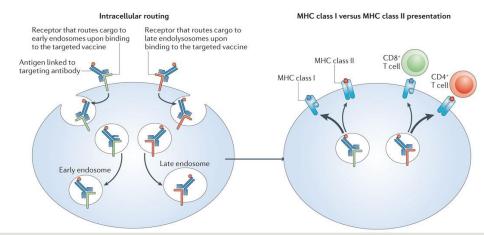


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Alternative DC vaccines: in vivo targeting





Receptor	Early endosomal compartment	Late endosomal compartment	Stimulates CD4 ⁺ T cells		Stimulates CD8+ T cells	
			In vitro	In vivo	In vitro	In vivo
CD205	No	Yes	+	+	+	++ +/- (human)
CD207	Yes	No	+	+	+	++
Mannose receptor 1	Yes	No	+	+	+	+
DC-SIGN	Yes (ligand dependent)	Yes (ligand dependent)	+	+	+	+
CLEC9A	Yes	No	+	+	+	++
DCIR2	No	Yes	+	++	+	+
CLEC12A	Not investigated	Not investigated	+	++	+	+/-
DC-ASGPR	No	Yes	+	++	+	+/-
Dectin 1	No	Yes	+	++	+	+
CD11c	Not investigated	Not investigated	+	+	+	++
CD11b	Not investigated	Not investigated	+	++	+	+
MHC class II	No	Yes	+	+	+	+/-
CD40	Yes	No	++ (human)	+	++ (human)	+
FcγR	No	Yes	+	+	+	+
XCR1 or XCL1	Not investigated	Not investigated	+	+	+	++

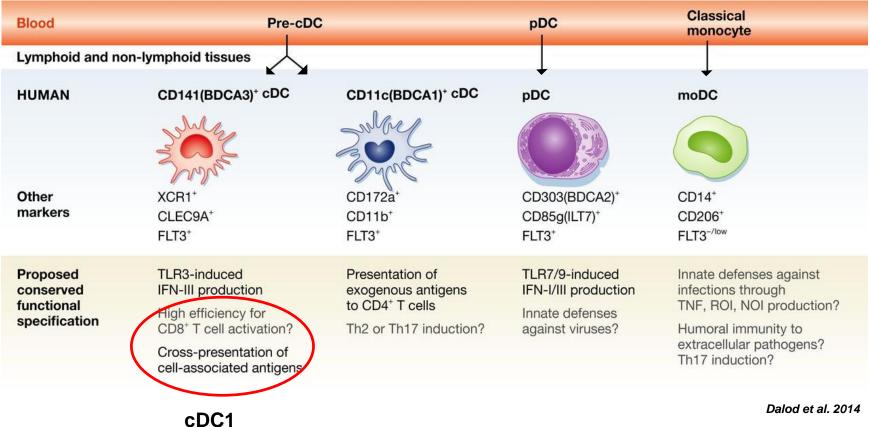
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DC vaccines: what subset to target?

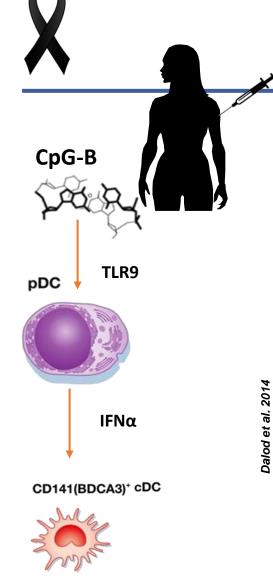


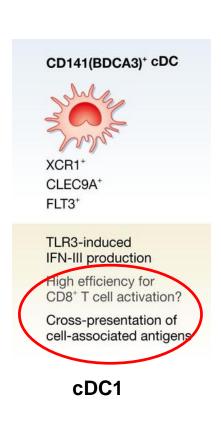
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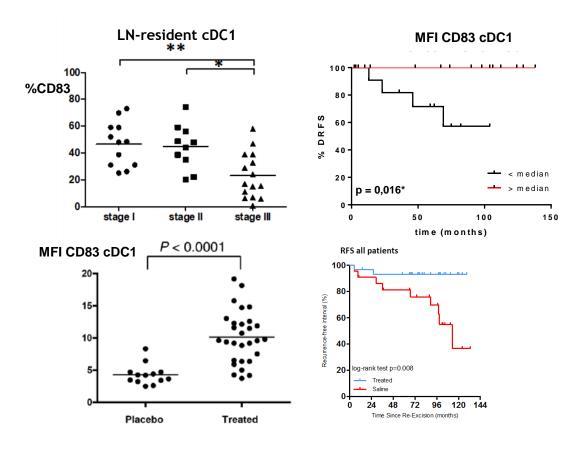




Early cDC1 suppression in TDLN: immune escape







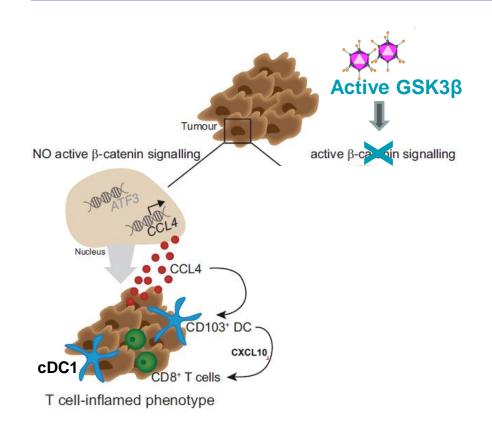
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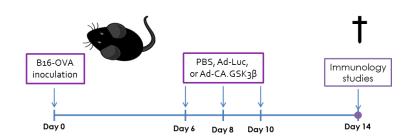


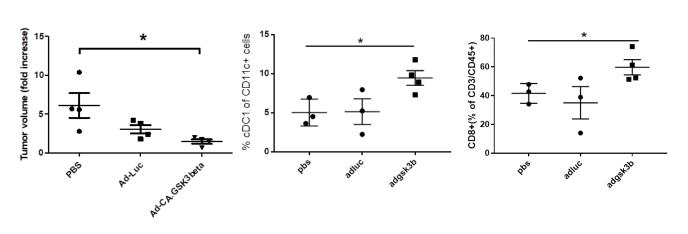




Melanoma T cell infiltration depends on DC: role for Wnt







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Options and advantages of in vivo vaccination

High-intensity focused ultrasound

Stereotactic body radiation

therapy (SBRT)

Microwave ablation (MW)

Oncolytic viruses

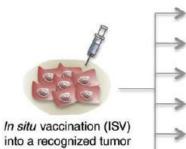
Chemotherapy

Radiofrequency ablation (RFA)

Cryoablation

Irreversible electroporation (IRE)

Immunogenic cell death: antigen and damage-associated molecular pattern (DAMP) release Type-I IFN response Ensure DC and T cell recruitment



- ISV exploits all relevant antigens in the tumor, avoiding the need to identify tumor antigens or consider the HLA type
- · ISV is simple and cost effective because it utilizes standard reagents and does not require patient-specific vaccines
- · ISV takes advantage of the entire antigenic repertoire of a tumor to minimize immune escape
- · ISV utilizes feasible local delivery with minimal systemic side effects
- ISV has the potential for synergy when combined with other therapies
- ISV can be effectively performed prior to surgery as neoadjuvant therapy

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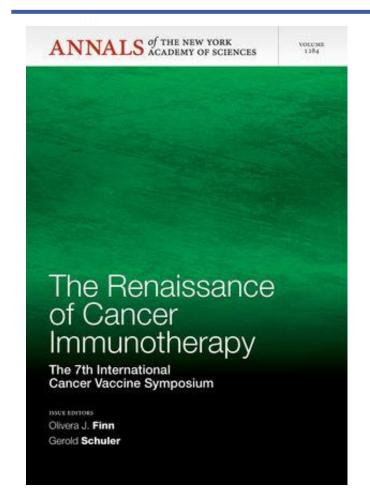
Learning goals

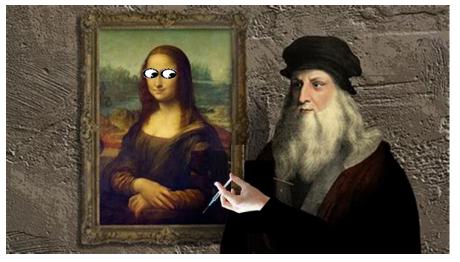
- 1. Understanding the stumbling blocks and requirements for the design of successful therapeutic vaccines: choice of antigens and adjuvants
- 2. Becoming familiar with some of the current approaches to vaccination against cancer: broader definition includes *in vivo* vaccination
- 3. Acquiring an understanding of the positioning of cancer vaccines in the developing field of cancer immunotherapy





Cancer vaccines: a renaissance in the golden age of immunotherapy?





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