

# What's Next for Cancer Immunotherapy?

**Thomas U Marron, MD, PhD**

Assistant Director, Early Phase and Immunotherapy Trials

Tisch Cancer Institute

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

# Disclosures

## Personal Financial Disclosures

- None

## Research Funding

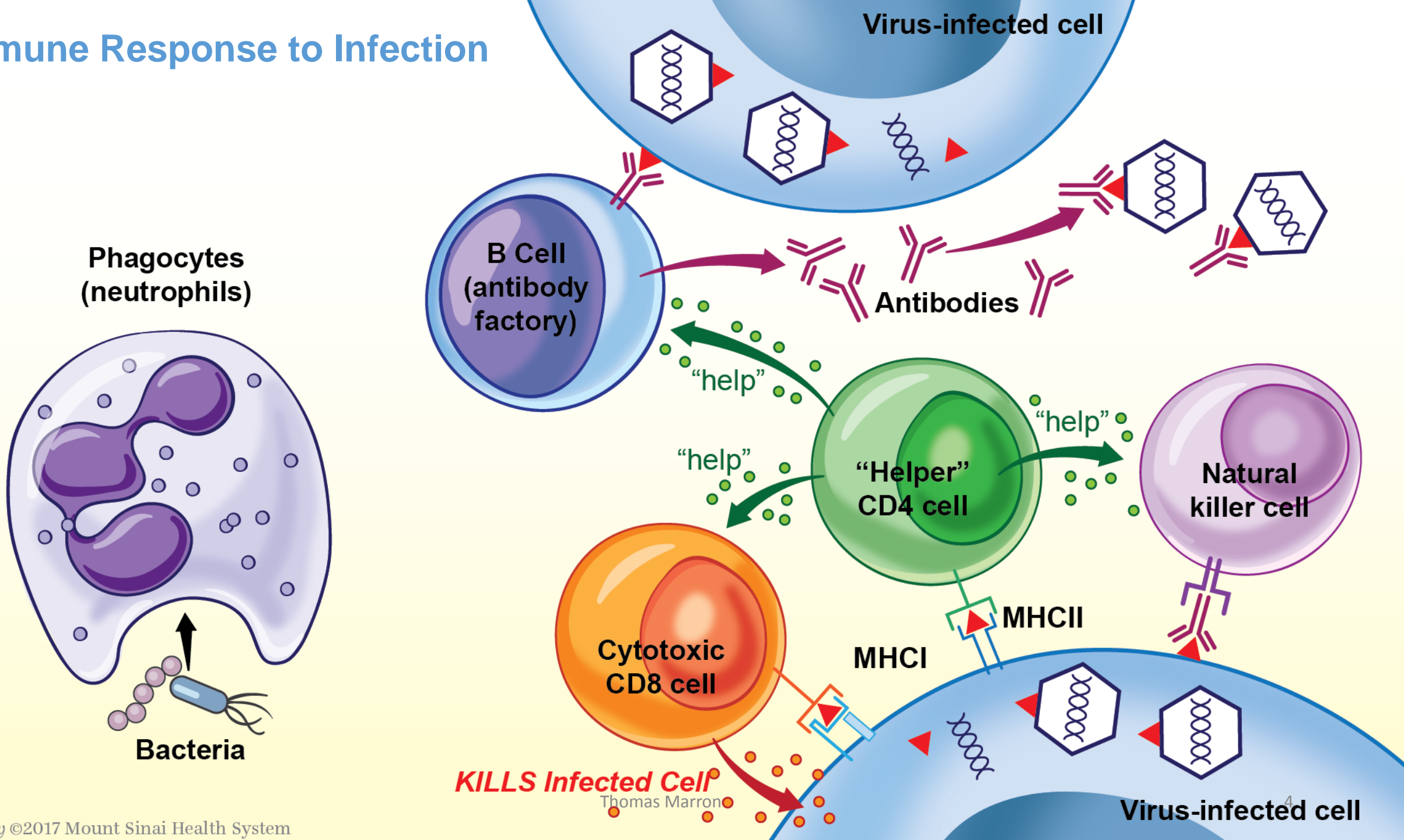
- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Regeneron
- Merck
- CTI Biopharma

I **will** be discussing **off-label** use of novel therapies  
(no connection to my research)

# Quick Review of Immunology 101

## Your immune system recognizes self/foreign

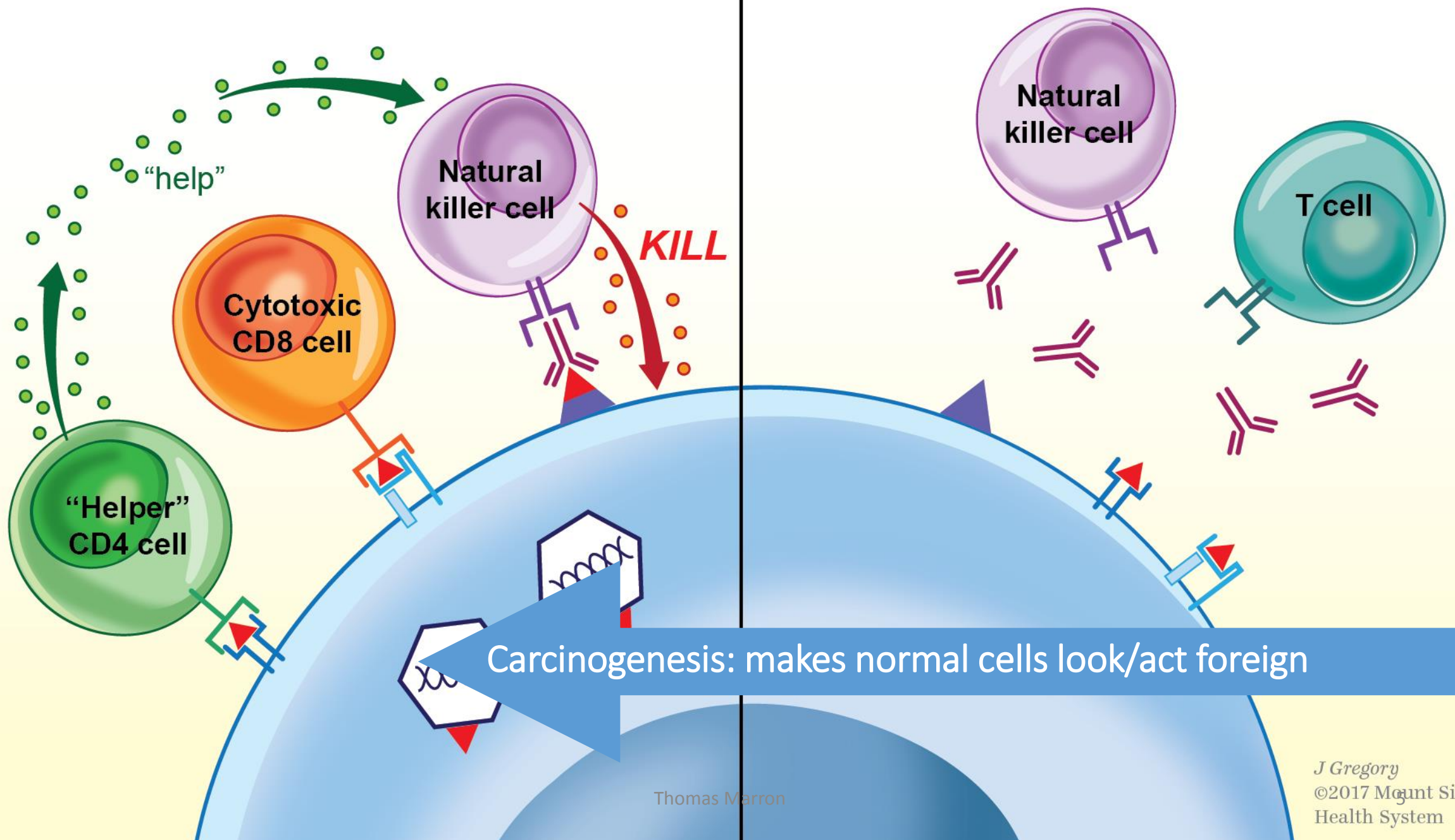
# Immune Response to Infection





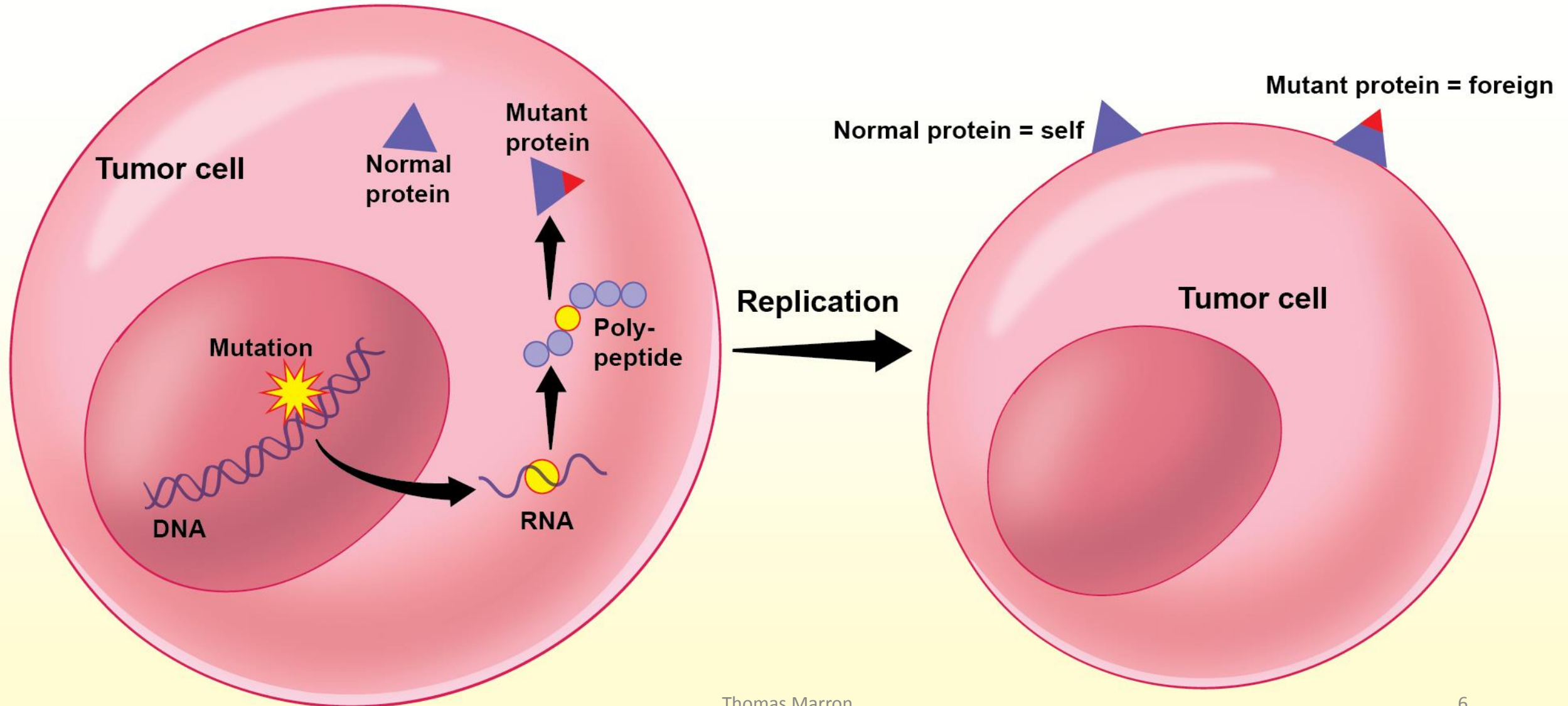
## Activation

## Tolerance



# Neoantigens: Things that make tumor cells look different from normal cells

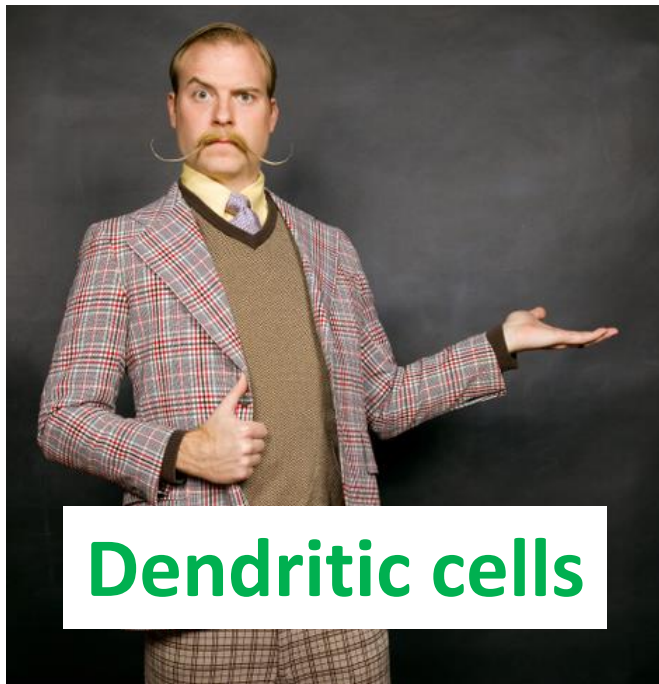
Similar to how virally-infected cells look different from normal cells

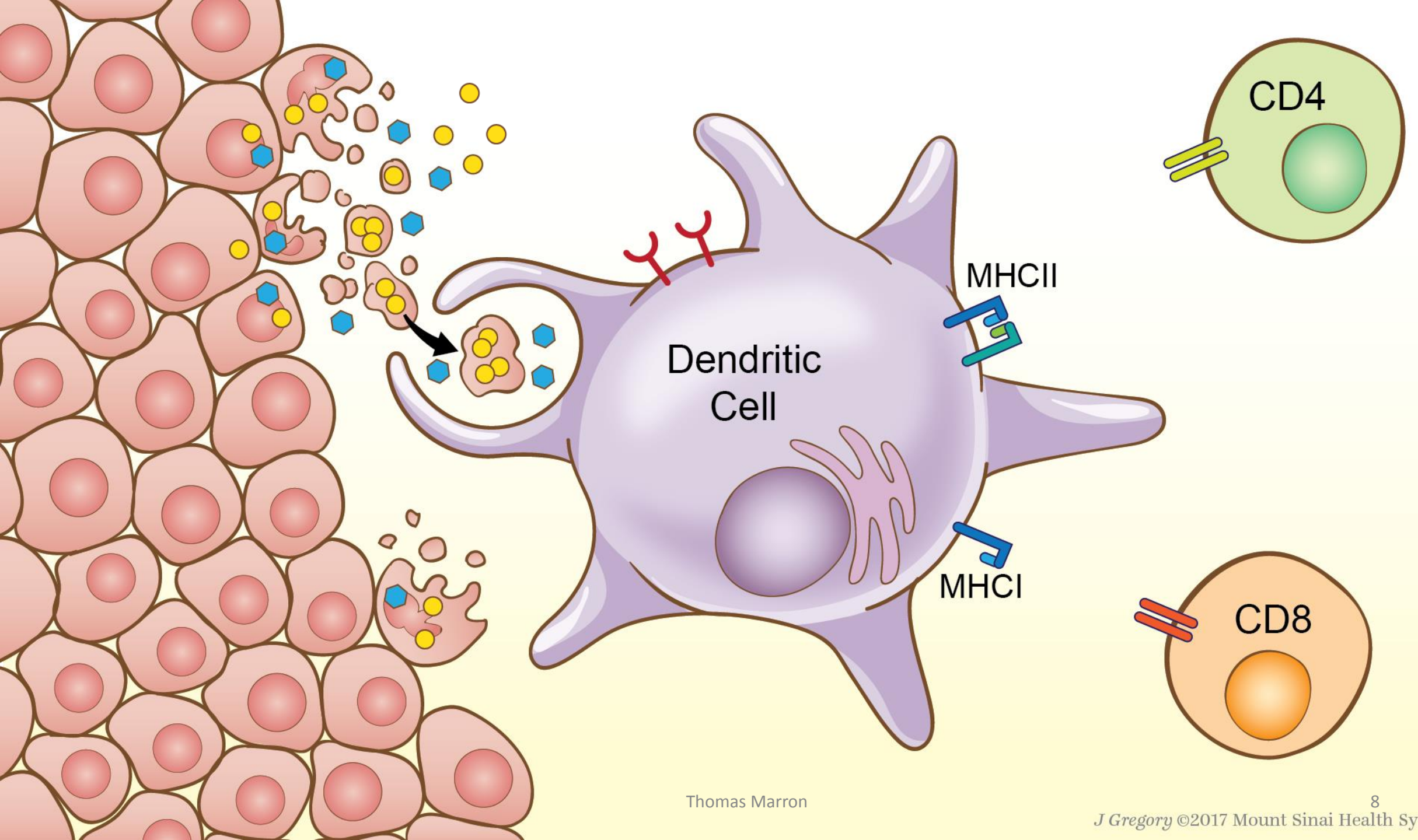




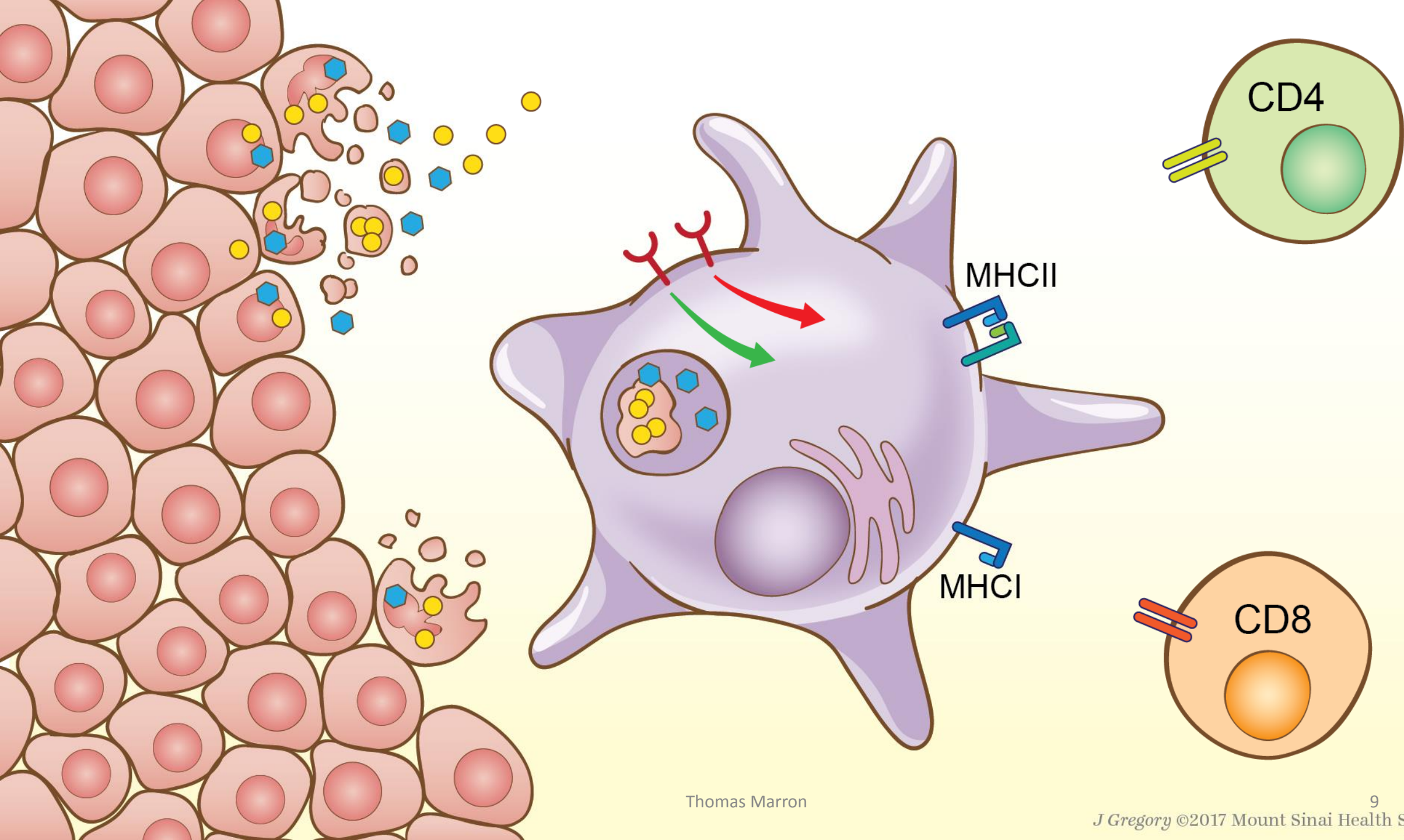
# Quick Review of Immunology 102

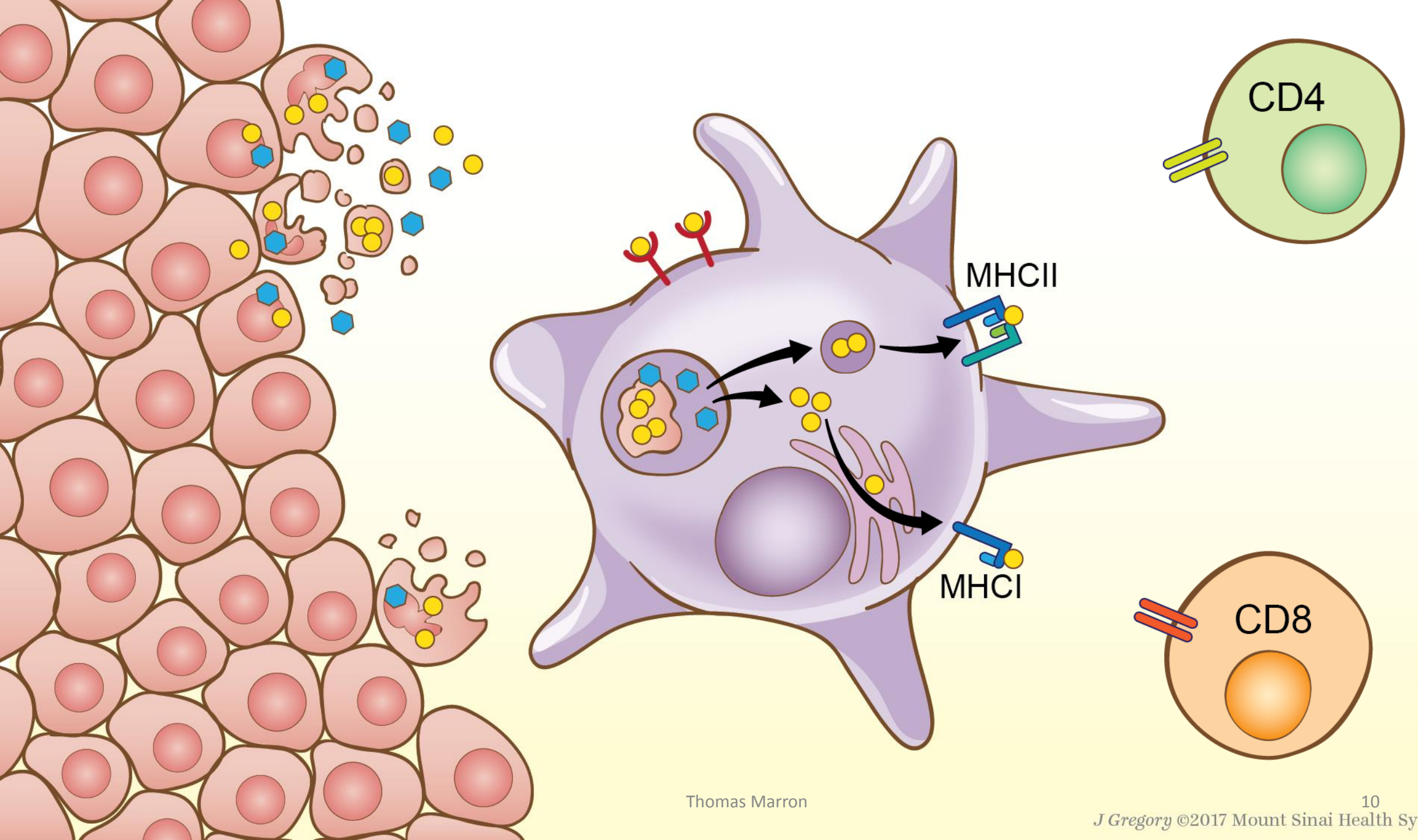
## How to teach your cells to recognize “foreign” cancer



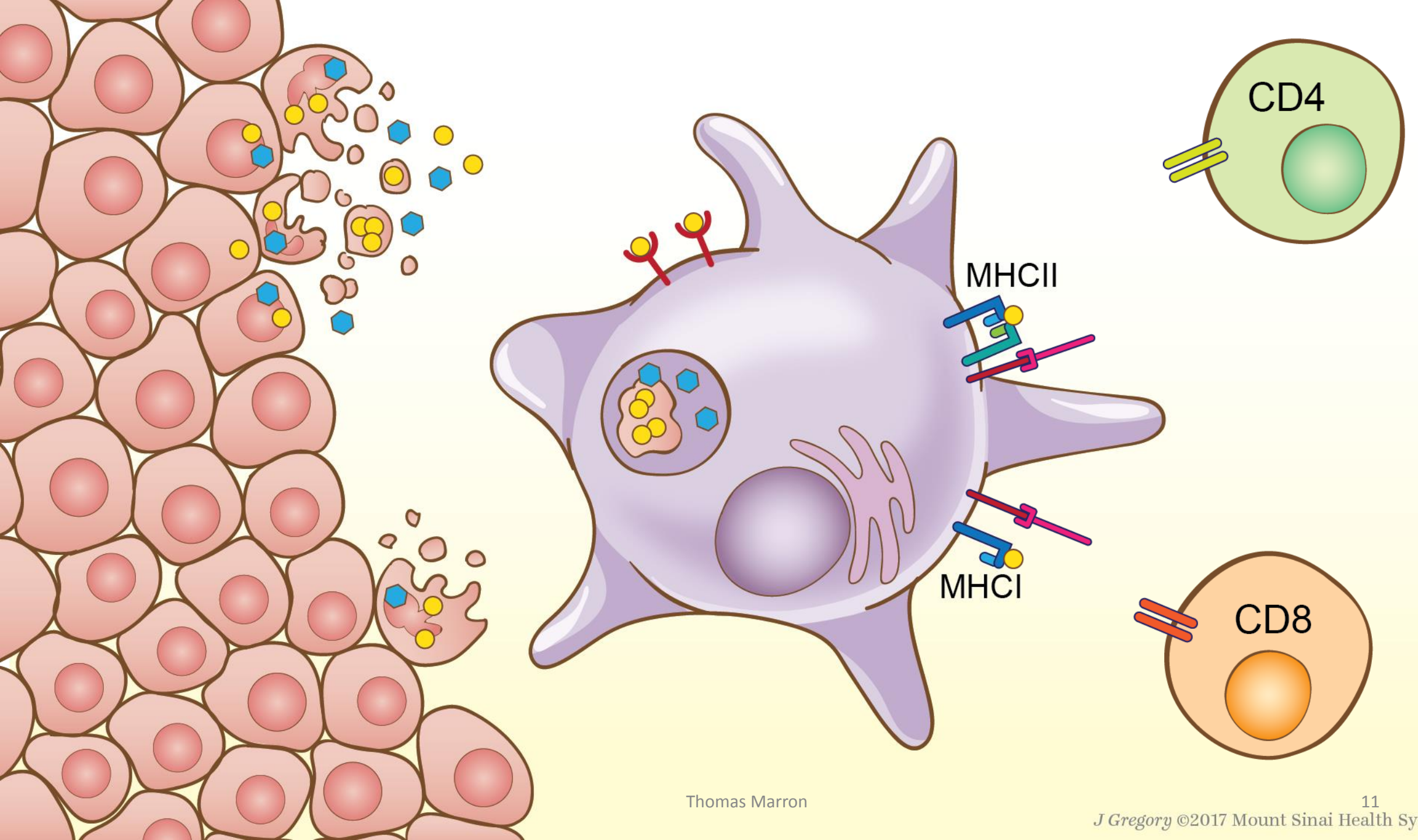






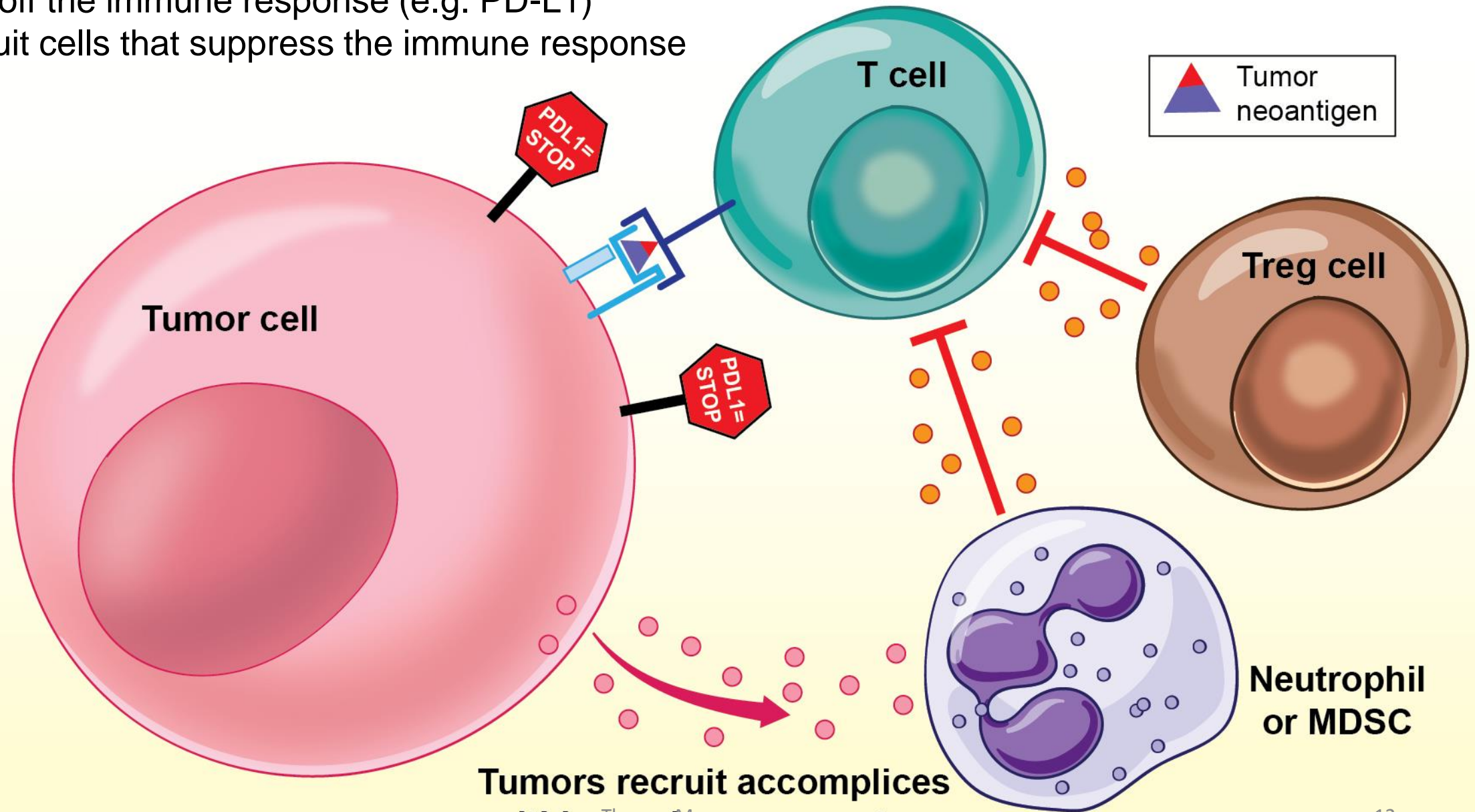






# Tumors Hijack the Immune System

1. Turn off the immune response (e.g. PD-L1)
2. Recruit cells that suppress the immune response



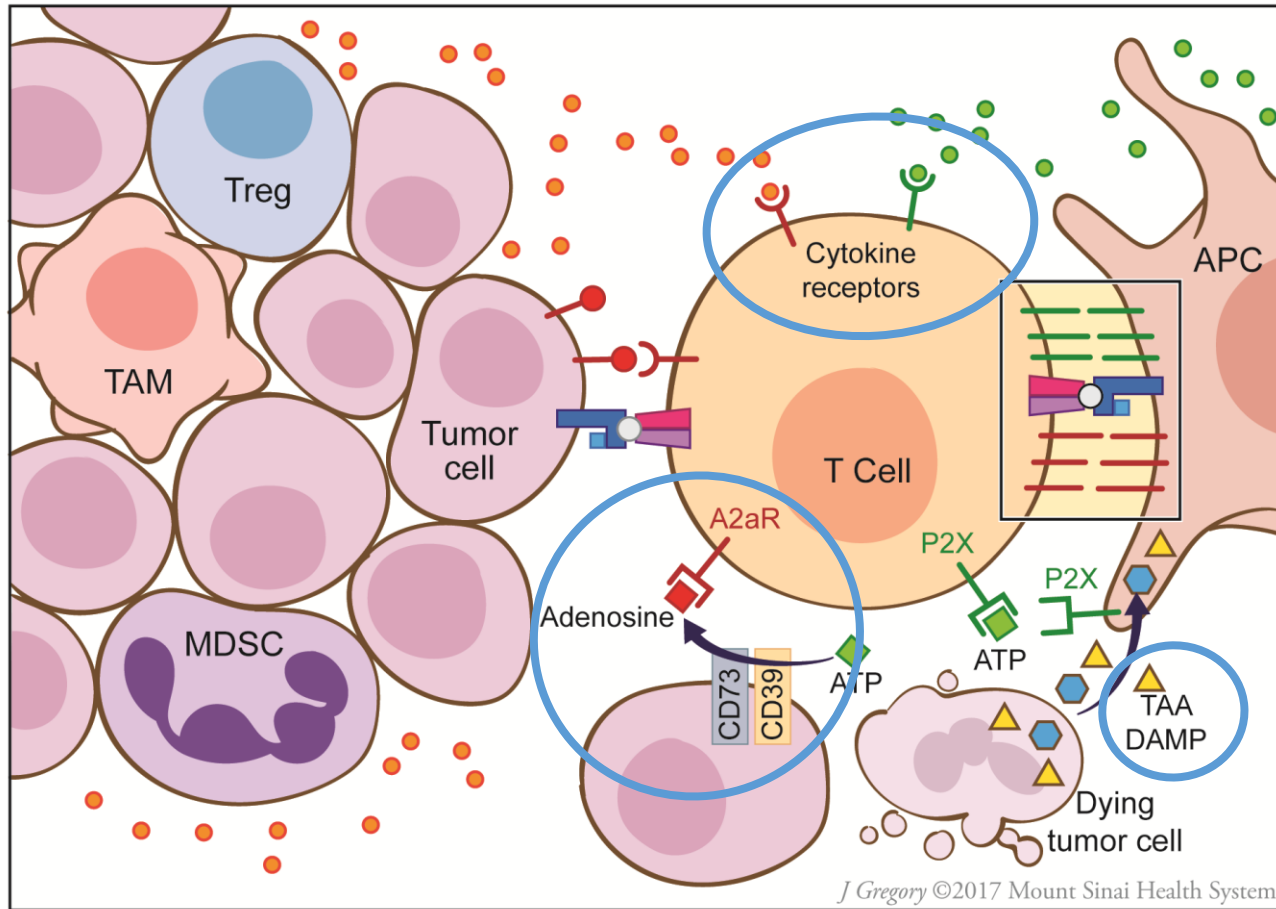
**Tumors recruit accomplices within our immune system**

Thomas Marron



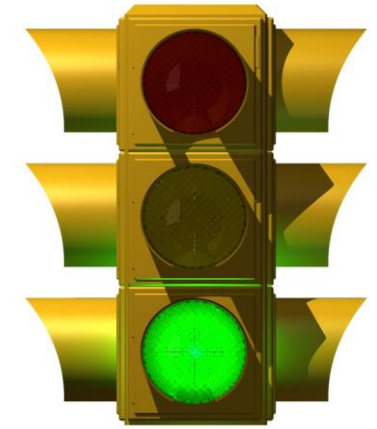
# The tumor-immune micro environment is complex, many targets

Many **ON/OFF** signals that we can manipulate with drugs to INCREASE inflammation



J Gregory ©2017 Mount Sinai Health System

T Cell	APC
2B4	CD48
GITR	GITRL
CD27	CD70
CD40L	CD40
CD28	CD80/CD86
ICOS	ICOSL
4-1BB	4-1BBL
OX40	OX40L
KIR	
TCR	MHCI
LAG3	
TIM3	Galectin 9
BTLA	HVEM
CTLA-4	CD80/CD86
PD-1	PD-L1/PD-L2
TIGIT	PVR
VISTA	VISTA
B7H3	B7H3



(kill the foreigner)



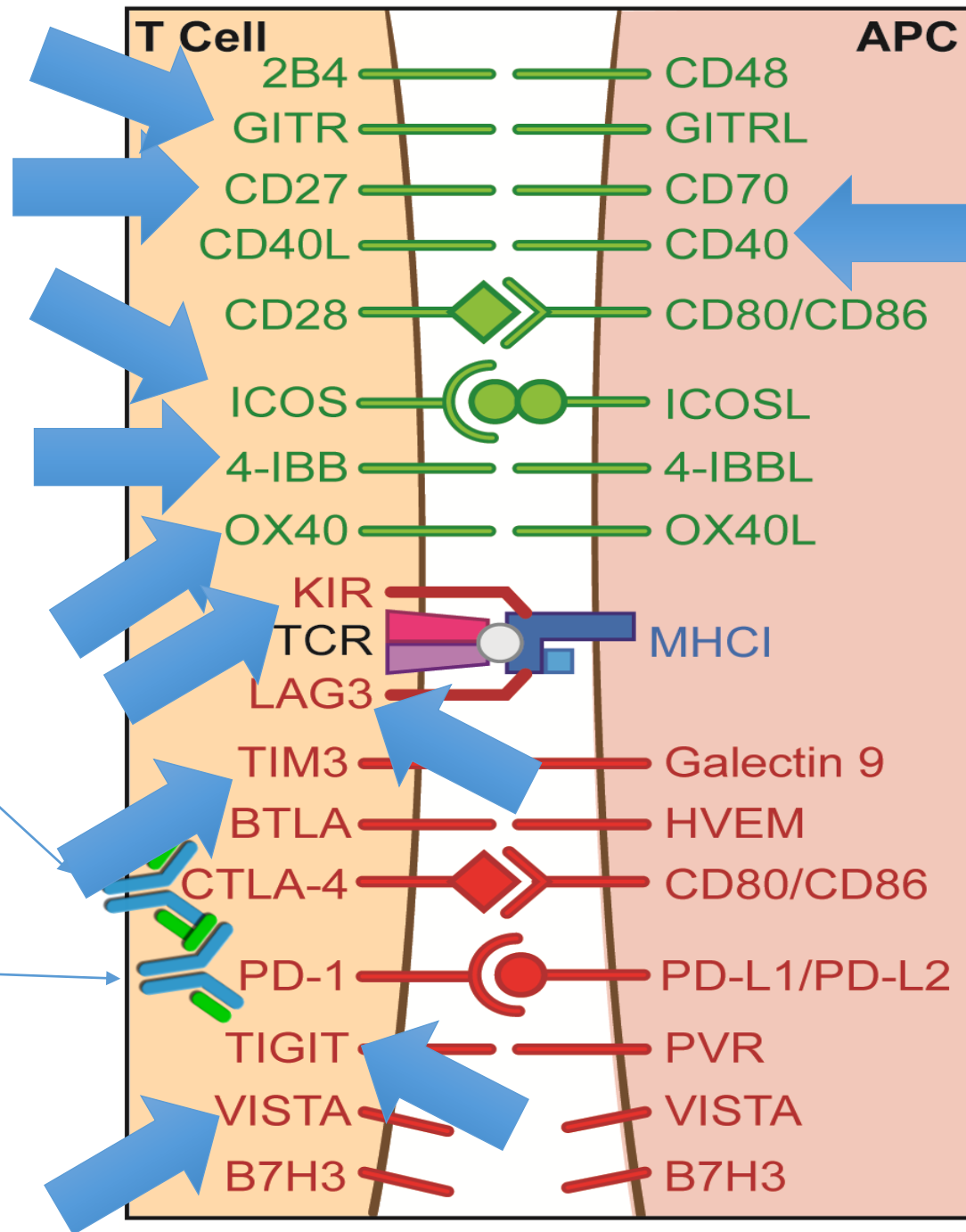
(don't hurt yourself)

**OPDIVO®**  
 (nivolumab)

**KEYTRUDA®**  
 (pembrolizumab) Injection 100 mg

**LIBTAYO®**  
 (cemiplimab-rwlc)  
 Injection 350 mg

**YERVOY®**  
 (ipilimumab)  
 Injection for intravenous use 5 mg/mL



**IMFINZI®**  
 durvalumab  
 Injection for Intravenous Use 50 mg/mL

**BAVENCIO®**  
 avelumab Injection 20 mg/mL

**TECENTRIQ®**  
 atezolizumab INJECTION FOR INTRAVENOUS USE 1200 mg

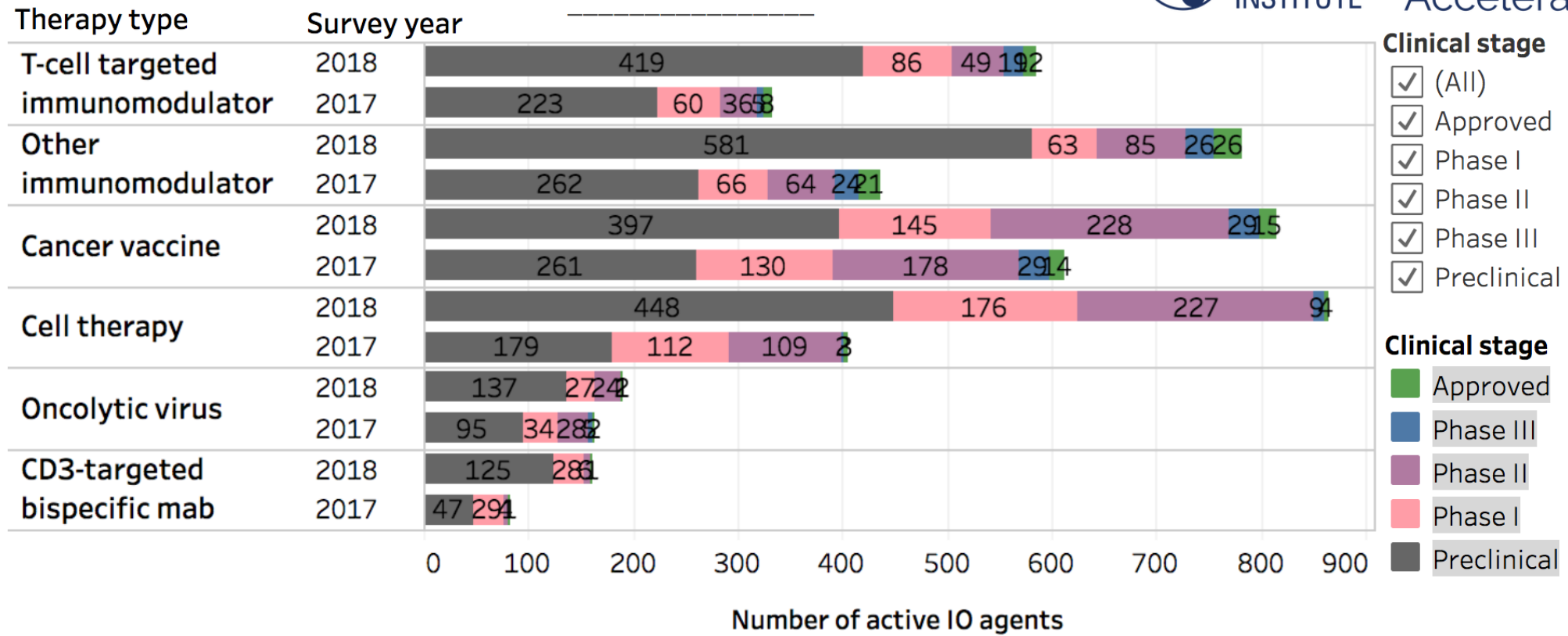
# There are almost too many new cancer therapies in development

Tang et al, Nat Rev Drug Discov, Oct 2018; Created on Oct 10, 2018.

Comparison of global IO pipelines of 2017 and 2018

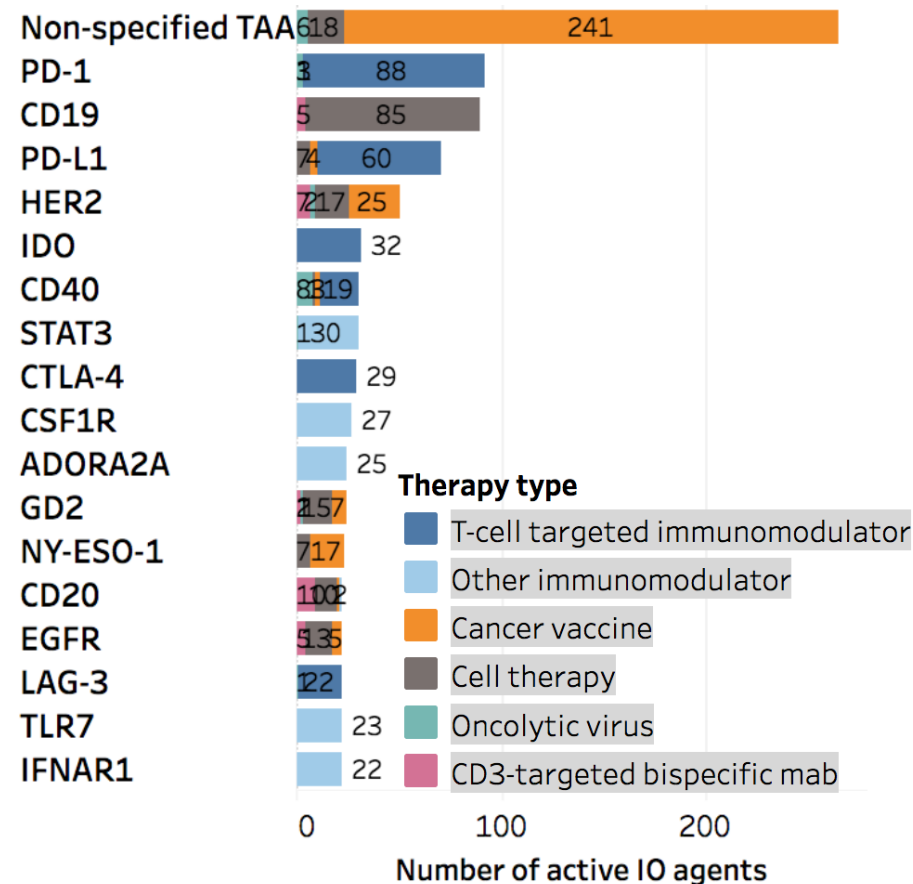


The Anna-Maria Kellen  
Clinical  
Accelerator

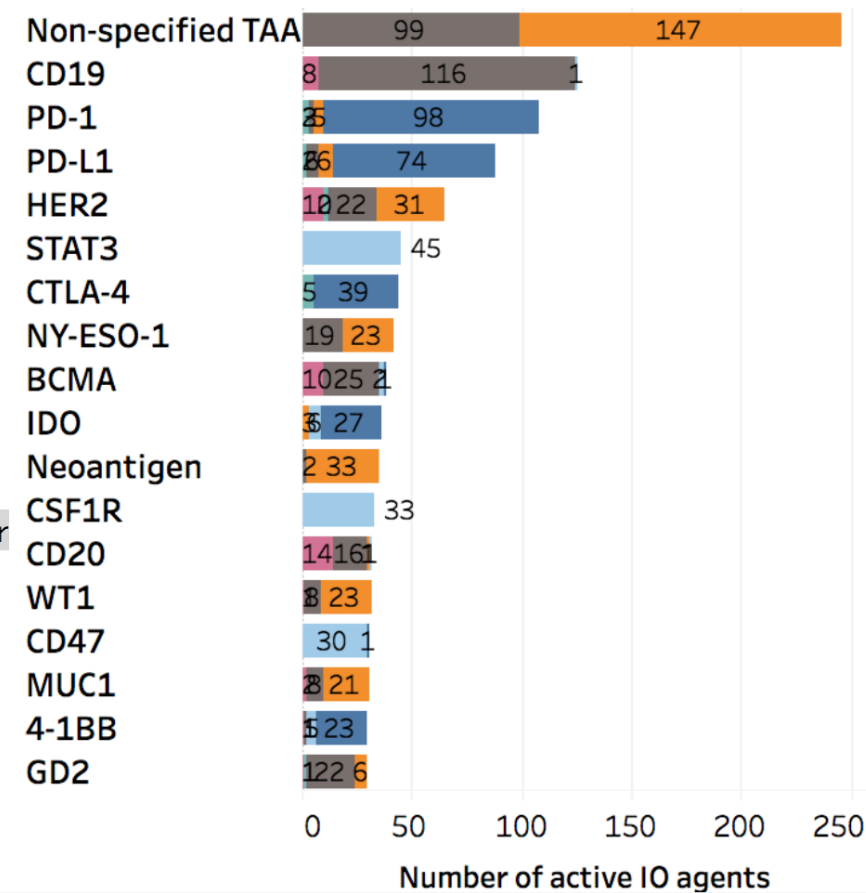


# There is significant redundancy within the field (pros/cons)

273 targets and 2,031 agents in 2017

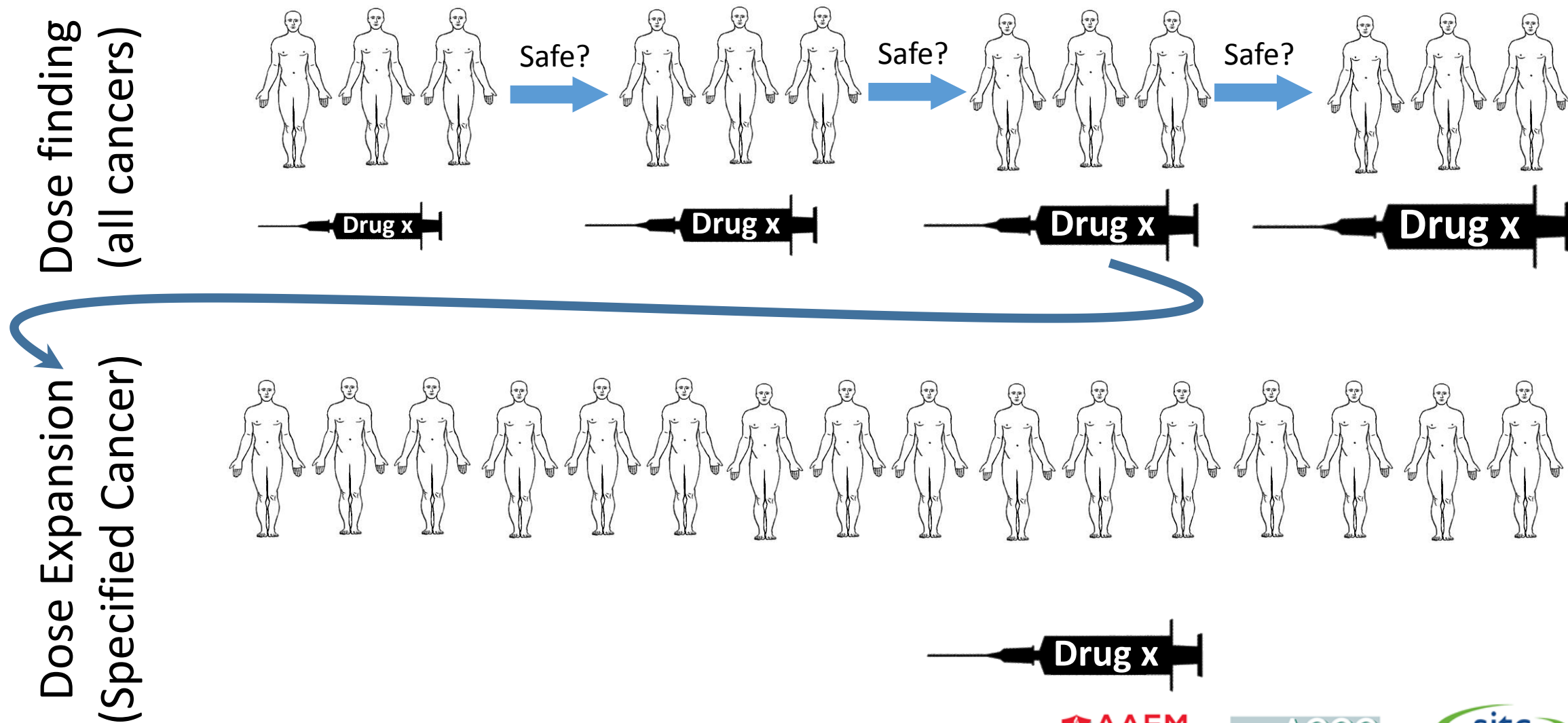


417 targets and 3,394 agents in 2018





# Overview of phase 1 clinical trials



# Interesting new combinations

- 1) New checkpoints (finding the next PD-1)
- 2) New combinations with PD-1
  - 1) New immune agents
  - 2) Chemotherapy
  - 3) Radiation
- 3) New approaches for people who don't respond to PD-1 (or progress post-response)
- 4) Recruiting other white blood cells to attack cancer



## Results from a Phase I dose escalation trial (TACTI-mel) with the soluble LAG-3 protein (IMP321, eftilagimod alpha) together with pembrolizumab in unresectable or metastatic melanoma

Adnan Khattak<sup>1</sup>, Victoria Atkinson<sup>2</sup>, Andrew Haydon<sup>3</sup>, Melissa Eastgate<sup>4</sup>, Amitesh Roy<sup>5</sup>, Christian Mueller<sup>6</sup>, Chrystelle Brignone<sup>7</sup>, Frederic Triebel<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fiona Stanley Hospital, Perth <sup>2</sup> Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

<sup>3</sup> Alfred Hospital, Melbourne <sup>4</sup> Royal Brisbane Womens Hospital, Brisbane

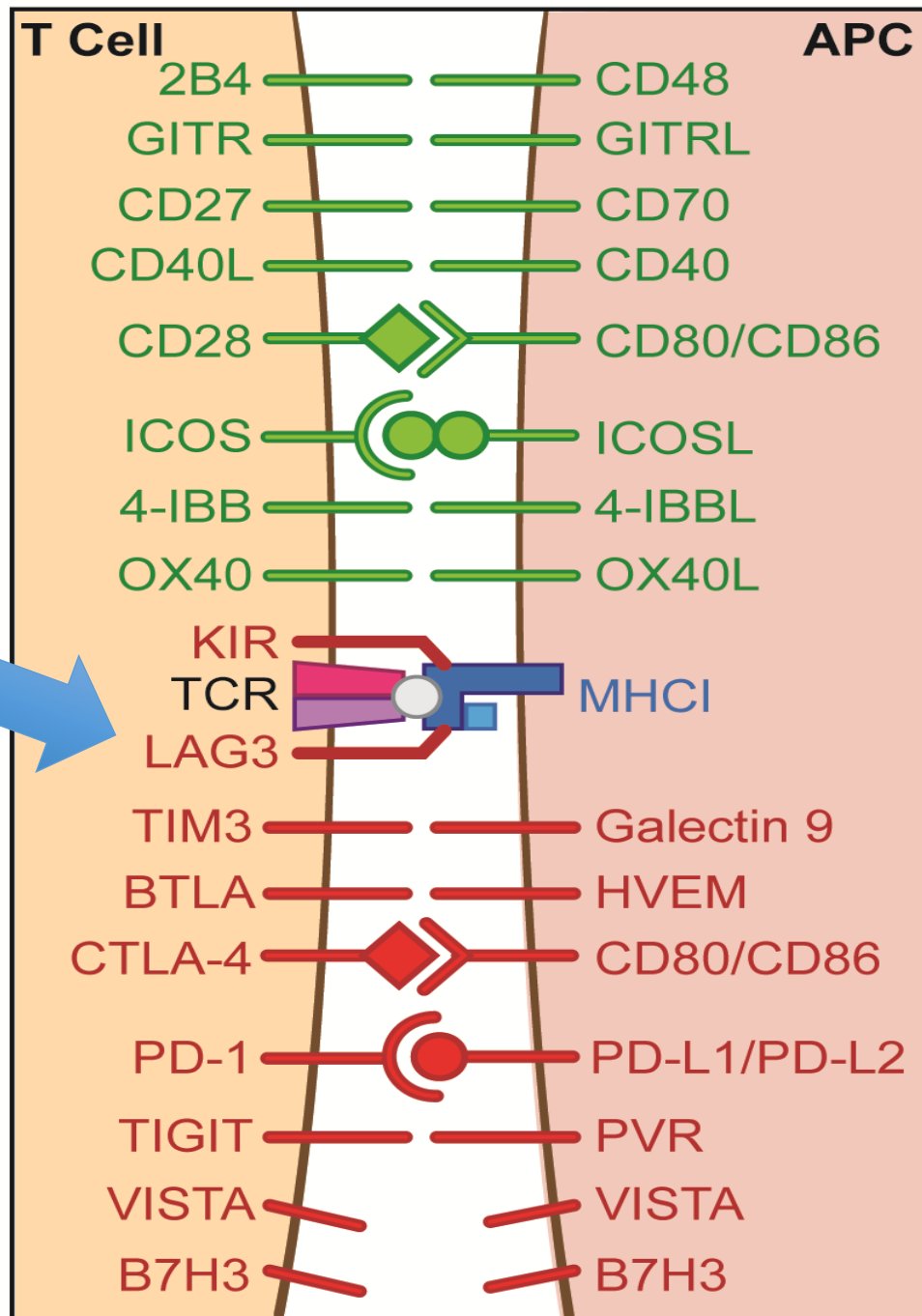
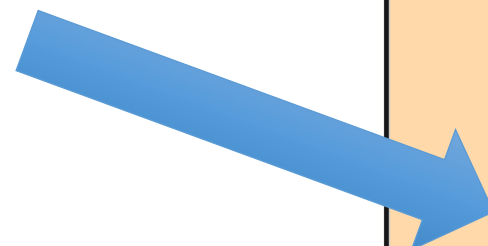
<sup>5</sup> Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer, Adelaide

<sup>6</sup> Clinical Development Immuteq, GmbH, Berlin <sup>7</sup> R&D Immuteq, Paris



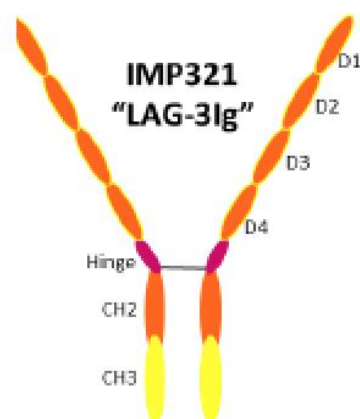
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

#SITC2018





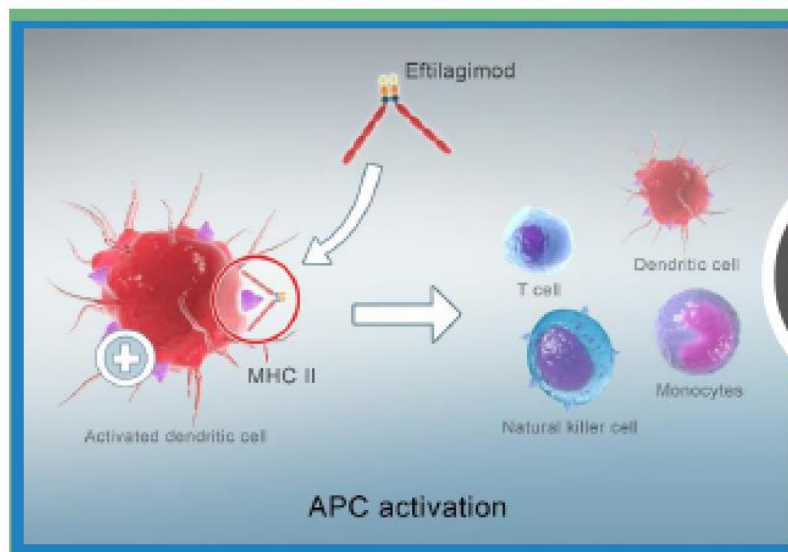
## eftilagimod alpha (IMP321): APC activator (i.e. not an ICI)



eftilagimod alpha:

- MHC II agonist
- LAG-3 fusion protein

“PUSHING THE ACCELERATOR ON IMMUNE RESPONSES”

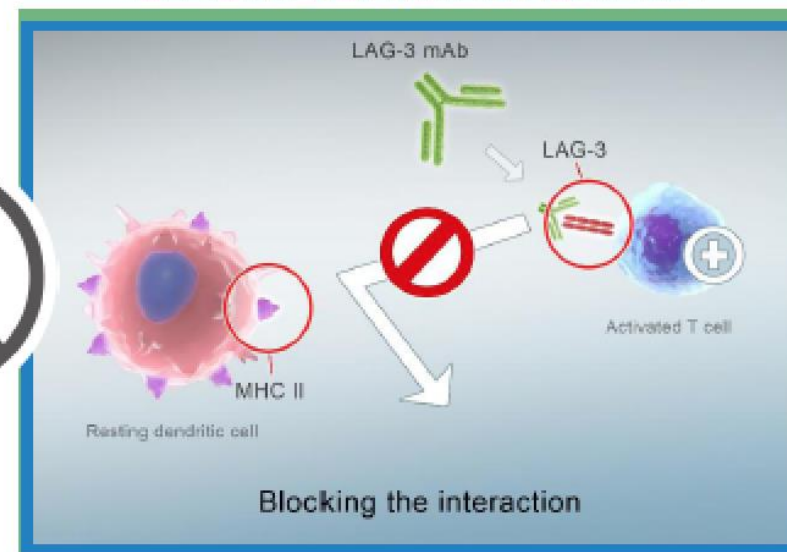


eftilagimod alpha (efti, IMP321):

### APC activator

- Boost and sustain the CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses
- Activate multiple immune cell subsets

“RELEASING THE BRAKE ON THE T CELL”



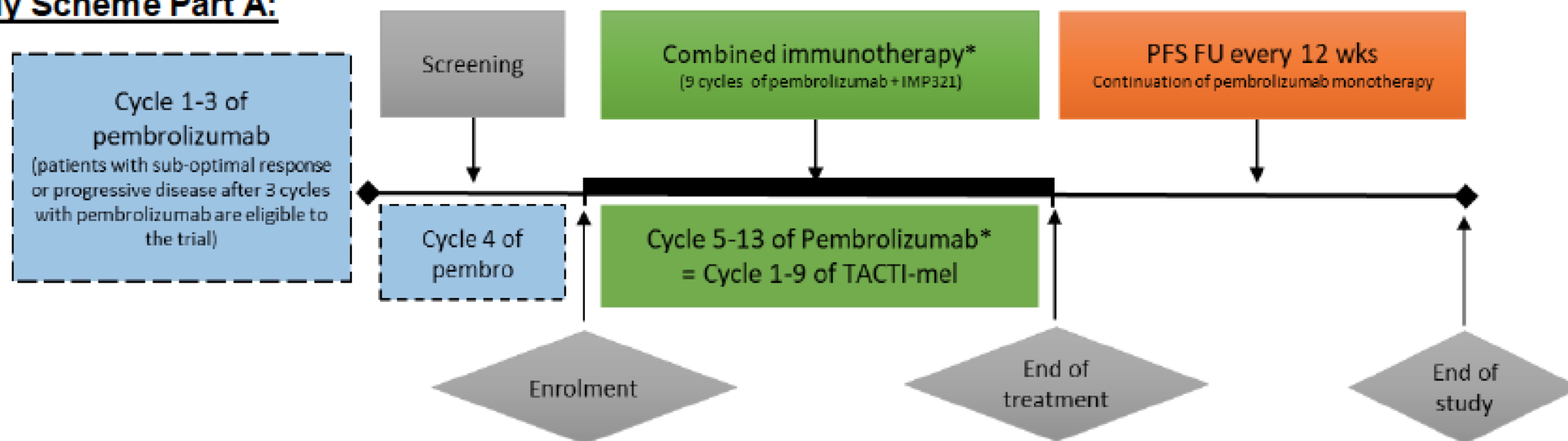
LAG-3 antagonist antibodies:

### Immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI)

- increase cytotoxicity of the pre-existing CD8 T cell response

# TACTI-mel: Trial Design

## Study Scheme Part A:



- 18 pts in total → 6 pts per efti dose group
- Patients received:
  - 2 mg/kg pembrolizumab i.v. every 3 weeks
  - 1, 6, 30 mg efti s.c. every 2 weeks for up to 6 months
- Imaging was done every 12 weeks



## TACTI-mel: Safety Summary

### Overview grade 3 / 4 TEAEs and rel. to study treatment

Preferred term	Grade 3 N (%)	Grade 4 N (%)	Rel to efti / pembro
Maculo-papular rash	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes
Decreased renal function	1 (6 %)	-	Yes / No
Colitis	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes
Altered liver functions	1 (6 %)	-	No / Yes

- No Dose limiting toxicities observed
- 6 pts (33 %) with  $\geq 1$  SAE; none related to any study drug
- 8 pts (44 %) with  $\geq 1$  AE with  $\geq$  grade 3 (no grade 5)

### Overview frequent TEAE (PT selected if $\geq 10$ % of the pts)

Adverse Event*,	Any grade N (%)	Grade 3 or 4 N (%)	No of events
Arthralgia	3 (17)	-	3
Diarrhea	5 (28)	-	6
Fatigue	8 (44)	-	10
Hyperglycemia	3 (17)	3 (17)	3
Nausea	5 (28)	-	7
Rash###	7 (39)	1 (6)	7

- No new safety signals
- 1 pt died due to an AE (grade 4 Intracranial hemorrhage, not rel.)
- 1 pt discontinued due to an AE (not rel.)
- 3 pts experienced treatment delay due to an AE

\* - Adverse events occurred in  $> 10$  % of pts  
### - any kind of rash



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

#SITC2018

## TACTI-mel: Baseline Characteristics + Efficacy Summary

Baseline Characteristics	N = 18 (%)
Age (median)	67 yrs
Sex (f/m)	1 (6 %) / 17 (94 %)
<b>Elevated LDH</b>	<b>7 (39%)</b>
<b>Metastasis stage M1c</b>	<b>14 (78 %)</b>
Pre-treated with BRAF/MEK/ipilimumab	5 (28 %)
irPD/irSD to pembro after 3 cycles	11 (61 %)

- Very late stage of disease (M1c, elevated LDH) and majority not responding to pembrolizumab monotherapy

Best Overall Response acc. to irRC	N = 18 (%)
irCR	1 (6 %)
irPR#	5 (28 %)#
irSD	6 (33 %)
irPD	6 (33 %)
<b>Best overall response rate (ORR)</b>	<b>6 (33 %)</b>
<b>Patients with tumor shrinkage</b>	<b>10 (56 %)</b>
<b>Disease control rate</b>	<b>12 (66 %)</b>

# - incl. 1 pt with complete disappearance of all target lesions

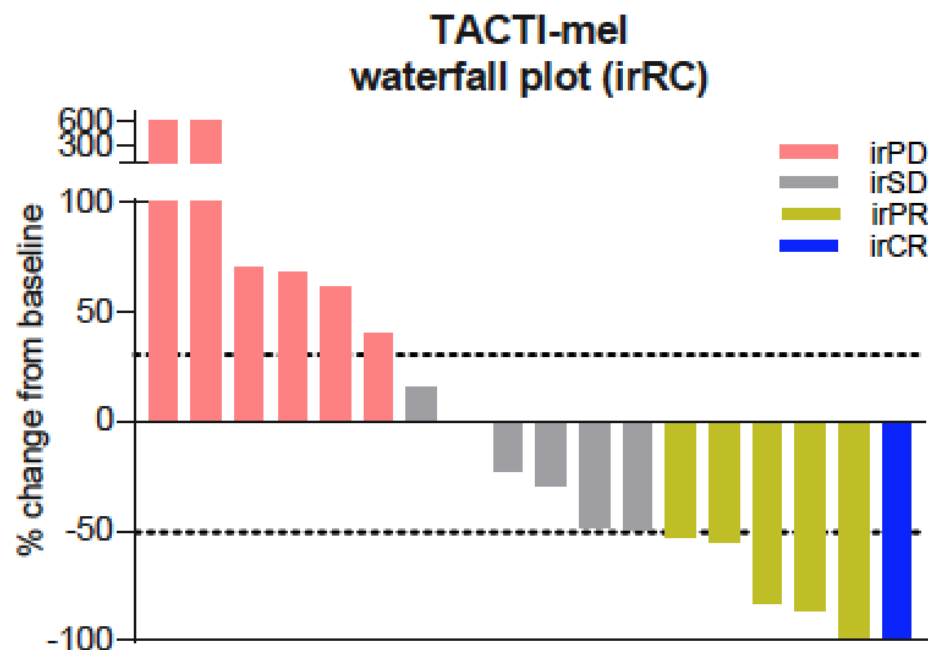
- If response is calculated from pre-pembro timepoint → ORR is 61 % acc. to irRC



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

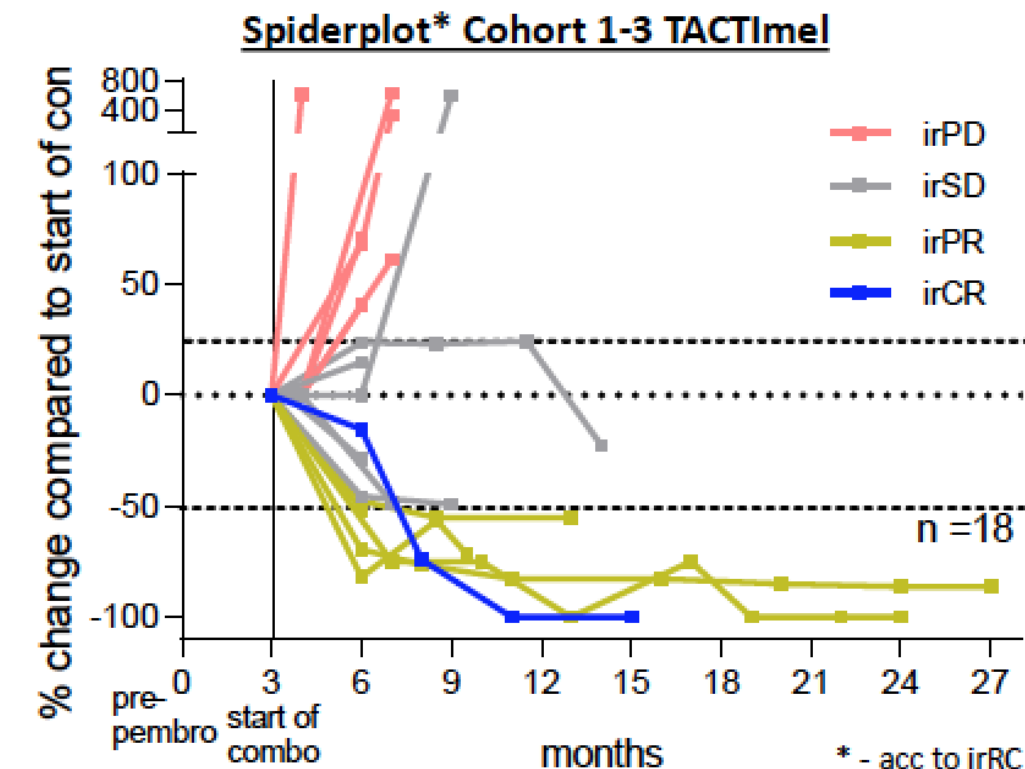
#SITC2018

## TACTI-mel: Response patterns



→ Tumor shrinkage in 10 (56 %) of these patients incl. 2 pts with complete disappearance of all target lesions

S

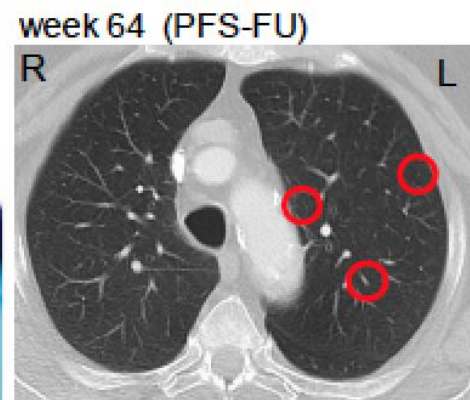
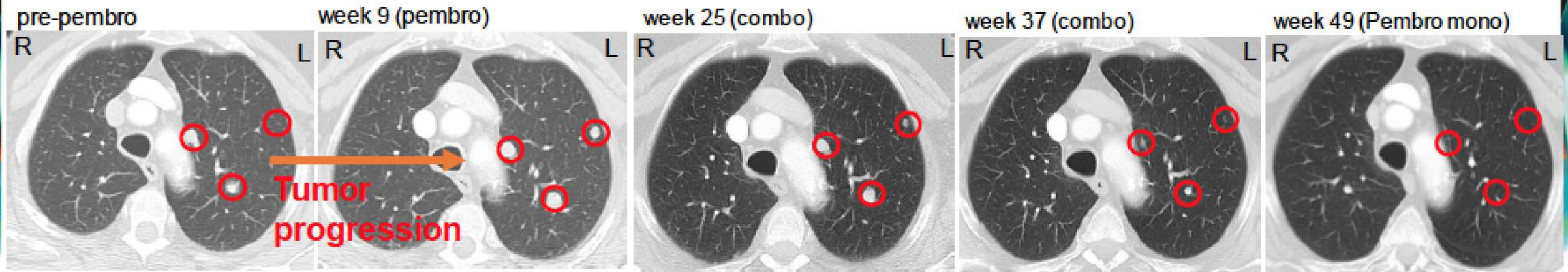


→ 1 pt with confirmed CR + 4 pts still on Tx after 12 months  
→ 5 (28 %) pts with long term (>12 mths) treatment/benefit



## TACTI-mel: Single Case

- 84 year old male with multiple lung metastases from melanoma
- BRAF wild type



- Patient progressing on pembrolizumab monotherapy
- At 1 yr all lesions disappeared → CR (confirmed)
- Patient without treatment and disease free → now lost to FU



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

#SITC2018

preliminary data, status Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

# Phase 2 Trial of Mocetinostat in Combination with Durvalumab in NSCLC Patients (Pts) with Progression on Prior Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy

Melissa Johnson<sup>1</sup>, Keith D. Eaton<sup>2</sup>, Balazs Halmos<sup>3</sup>, Edward Garon<sup>4</sup>, Thomas Hensing<sup>5</sup>, Nisha A. Mohindra<sup>6</sup>, James Strauss<sup>7</sup>, Timothy McCarthy<sup>8</sup>, Rami Ower<sup>9</sup>, Isan Chen<sup>10</sup>, Peter Olson<sup>10</sup>, Demiana Faltaos<sup>10</sup>, James Christensen<sup>10</sup>, Diane Potvin<sup>10</sup>, Tavette Neskoriak<sup>10</sup>, Adam Pavlicek<sup>11</sup>, Manish Patel<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Sarah Cannon Research Institute, Nashville, TN, USA, <sup>2</sup>Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, Seattle, WA, USA, <sup>3</sup>Montefiore Medical Center, <sup>4</sup>University of California-Los Angeles, CA, USA,

<sup>5</sup>Northshore University Health System, Evanston, IL, USA, <sup>6</sup>Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA,

<sup>7</sup>Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center, Dallas, TX, USA, <sup>8</sup>Virginia Cancer Specialists, Fairfax, VA, USA, <sup>9</sup>Woodlands Medical Specialists – Pensacola, FL, USA,

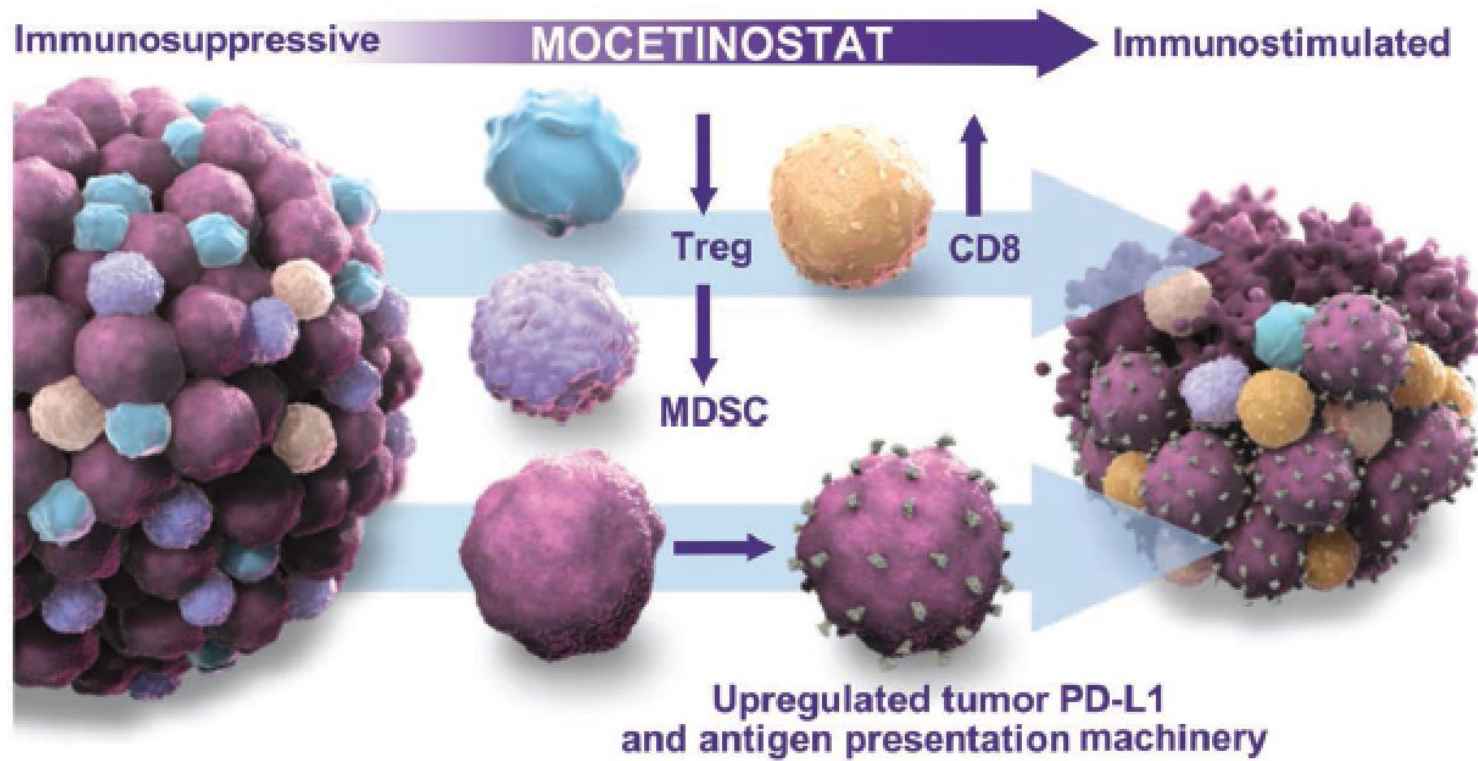
<sup>10</sup>Mirati Therapeutics, San Diego, CA, USA, <sup>11</sup>Monoceros Biosystems, San Diego, CA, USA, <sup>12</sup>University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center, Minneapolis, MN, USA



## 0103-020 Background

**Mocetinostat: Class I and IV HDAC Inhibitor**



Immuno-supportive effects in the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

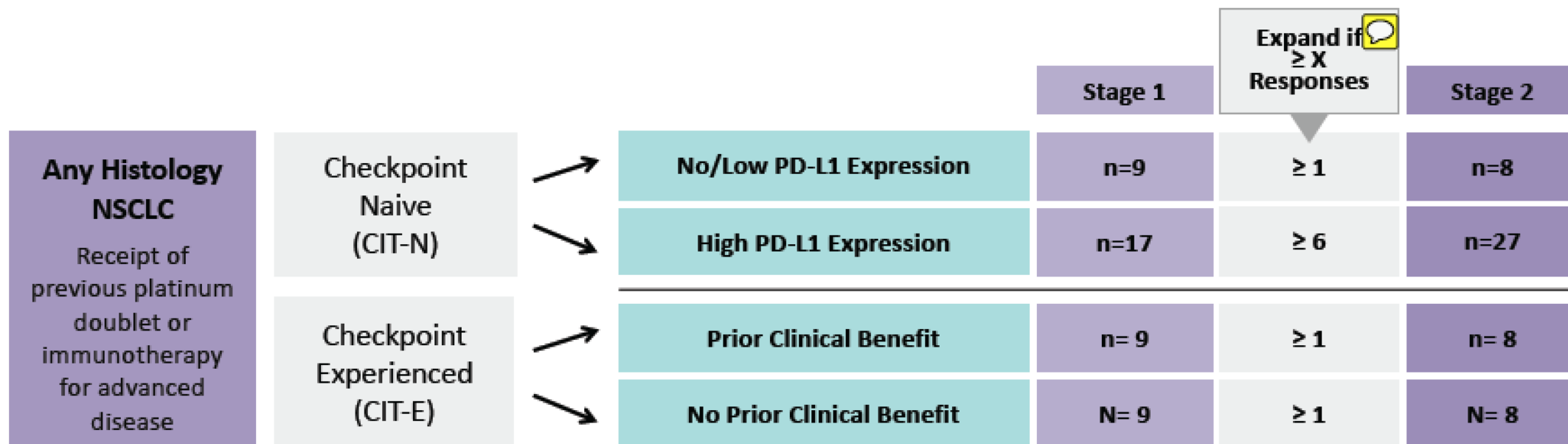


Given the pleiotropic immune activating effects of mocetinostat, the combination of mocetinostat and the PD-L1 blocking mAb durvalumab was tested in NSCLC patients with checkpoint inhibitor therapy (CIT) naïve disease or had progressive disease after prior CIT



# 0103-020 Phase 2 Design

- Phase 1/2 study evaluating the tolerability and clinical activity of mocetinostat in combination with durvalumab
- ORR in accordance with RECIST 1.1 is the primary clinical benefit endpoint
- Predictive Probability Design for assessment of  enrollment expansion in each stage and treatment arm
- Phase 1- Increased doses of mocetinostat administered (50, 70, 90 mg three times weekly [TIW]) in combination with durvalumab on day 1 of each 28-day cycle 



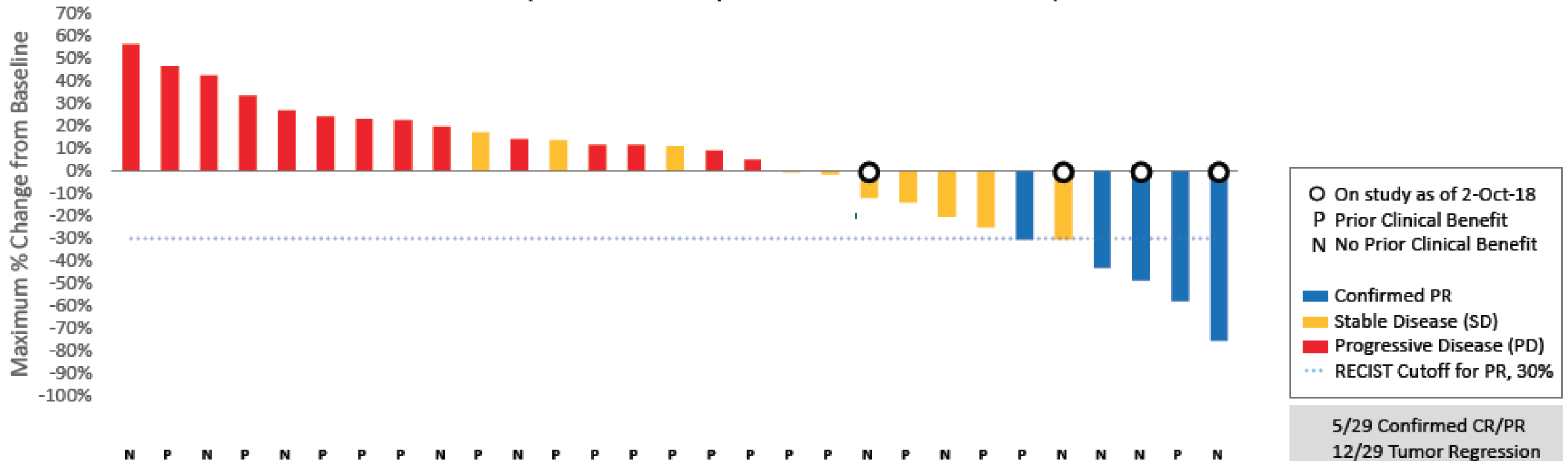
# 0103-020 Safety: Most Frequent ( $\geq 10\%$ ) Treatment-Related (Mocetinostat and/or Durvalumab)

Adverse Event (Preferred Term)	Phase 2 Safety Population N=63	
	All Grades n (%)	Grade $\geq 3$ n (%)
Fatigue	25 (40)	6 (10)
Nausea	22 (35)	1 (2)
Diarrhea	18 (29)	2 (3)
Decreased appetite	15 (24)	0
Vomiting	8 (13)	0
Fatigue	25 (40)	6 (10)
Cardiac disorders*	5 (8)	3 (5)

\*Includes adverse events of atrial fibrillation, cardiac tamponade, pericardial effusion, and pericarditis  
As of 02 October 2012 – all Phase 2 patients including CIT-Experienced and CIT-Naïve.

# 0103-020 Clinical Activity

## PRELIMINARY MAXIMUM RESPONSE IN NSCLC PATIENTS WHO FAILED PRIOR CHECKPOINT THERAPY (Clinical Activity Evaluable Patients, N=29)



# Monalizumab in combination with cetuximab in R/M SCCHN: Clinical results and preliminary biomarker analyses.

**Roger B. Cohen<sup>1</sup>,**

**Jérôme Fayette<sup>2</sup>, Marshall Posner<sup>3</sup>, Gautier Lefebvre<sup>4</sup>, Jessica Bauman<sup>5</sup>, Sébastien Salas<sup>6</sup>,  
Caroline Even<sup>7</sup>, Dimitrios Colevas<sup>8</sup>, Antonio Jimeno<sup>9</sup>, Esma Saada<sup>10</sup>, Barbara Burtness<sup>11</sup>,  
Franceline Calmels<sup>12</sup>, Robert Zerbib<sup>12</sup>, Agnès Boyer-Chammard<sup>12</sup>,  
Pascale André<sup>12</sup>, Tanguy Seiwert<sup>13</sup>**

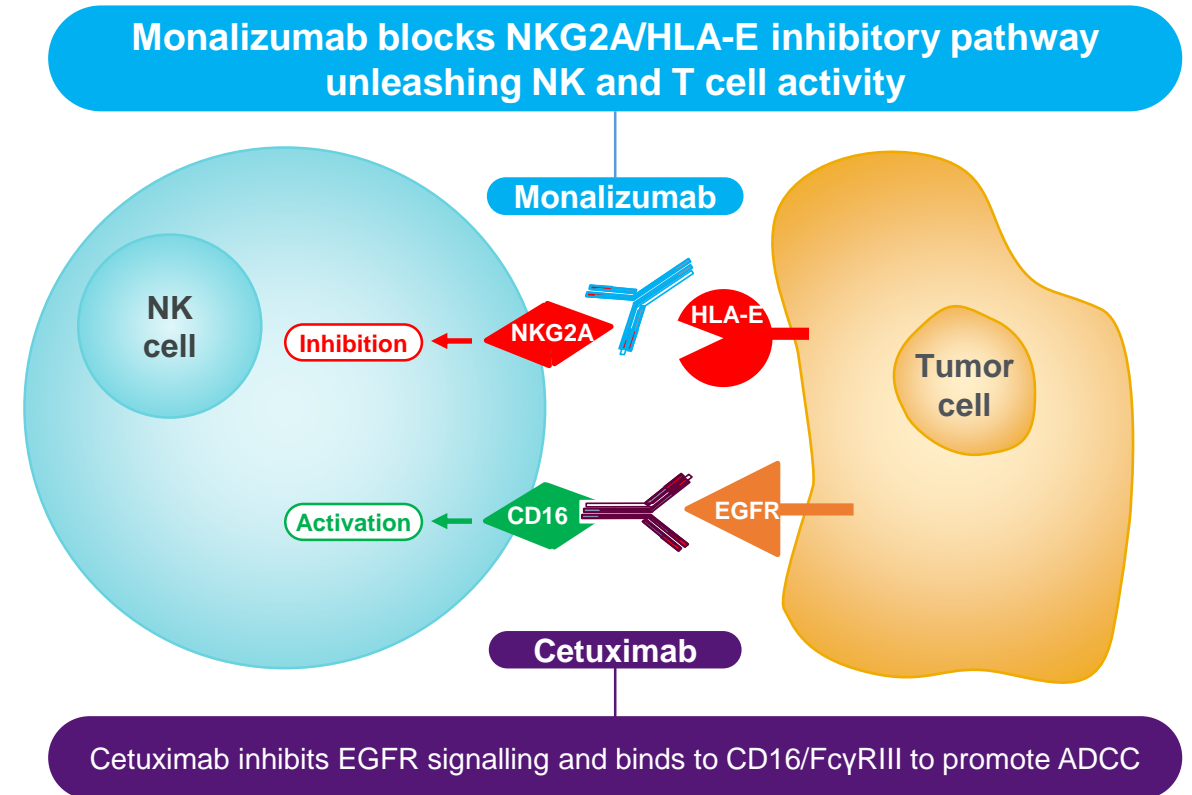
1- Abramson Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA; 2- Centre Léon Bérard, Lyon, France; 3- Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY; 4- Oscar Lambret Institute, Lille, France; 5- Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA; 6- AP-HM, Marseille, France; 7- Gustave Roussy, Paris, Villejuif, France; 8- Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA; 9- University of Colorado Cancer Center, Denver, CO; 10- Centre A. Lacassagne, Nice, France; 11- Yale University, New Haven, CT; 12- Innate Pharma, Marseille, France; 13- University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.



## Dual antibody targeting in cancer immunology

### Monalizumab:

- First-in-class humanized IgG<sub>4</sub> targeting NKG2A on NK and tumor infiltrating CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.
- Blocks binding of CD94/NKG2A to HLA-E reducing inhibitory signaling and thereby unleashing NK and T cell responses.



**Hypothesis:** Dual targeting with the combination of monalizumab and cetuximab will provide greater antitumor activity than cetuximab alone.

## IPH2201-203 study design

- Multicenter single arm study to evaluate the combination of monalizumab and cetuximab in patients with recurrent and/or metastatic SCCHN (R/M SCCHN)
- Cohort expansion in recurrent and/or metastatic SCCHN patients (NCT02643550).
- N= 40 patients enrolled. Data cut-off August 31, 2018.

### Key eligibility criteria

- R/M SCCHN, HPV(+) or HPV(-)
- PD after platinum-based CT
- Maximum of 2 prior systemic regimens for R/M disease
- Prior IO allowed\*

### Treatment

**monalizumab**  
(10mg/kg Q2W)  
+  
**cetuximab**  
(approved dosage)

until progression or unacceptable toxicity

### Primary objective

- ORR (RECIST 1.1)

### Secondary objectives

- DoR, PFS, OS
- Safety

### Exploratory objectives

- Translational analyses

\* prior cetuximab allowed if for locally advanced disease with no PD for at least 4 months

# Objective responses with monalizumab and cetuximab

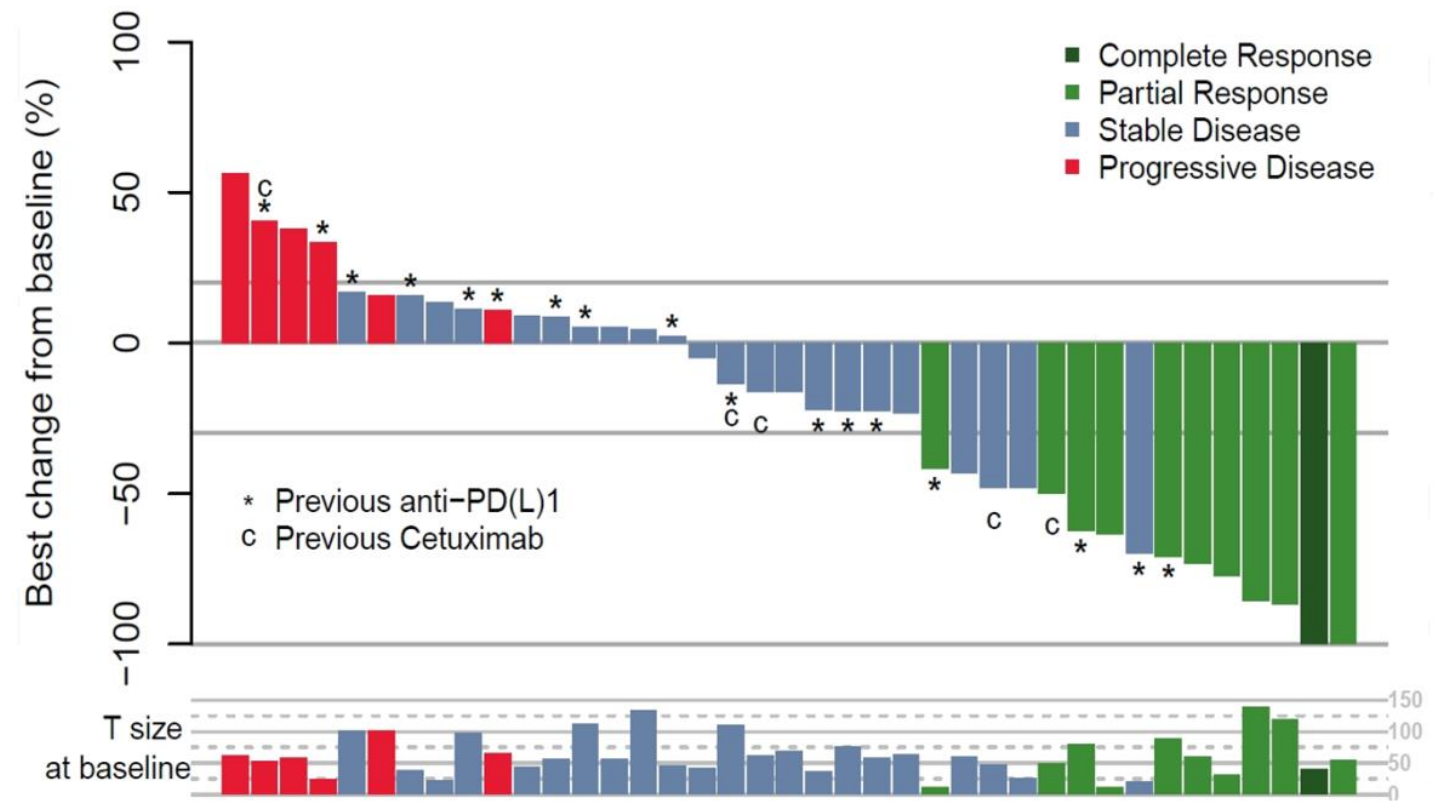
**Overall Response Rate is 27.5%**

**[95% CI, 16.1-42.8]**

1 confirmed CR & 10 confirmed PR

- ✓ Responses observed in IO naive (35% [19-55]) and IO pretreated patients (18% [6-41])
- ✓ Responses observed in platinum resistant patients and in HPV positive and negative disease

## Best change of tumor size from baseline

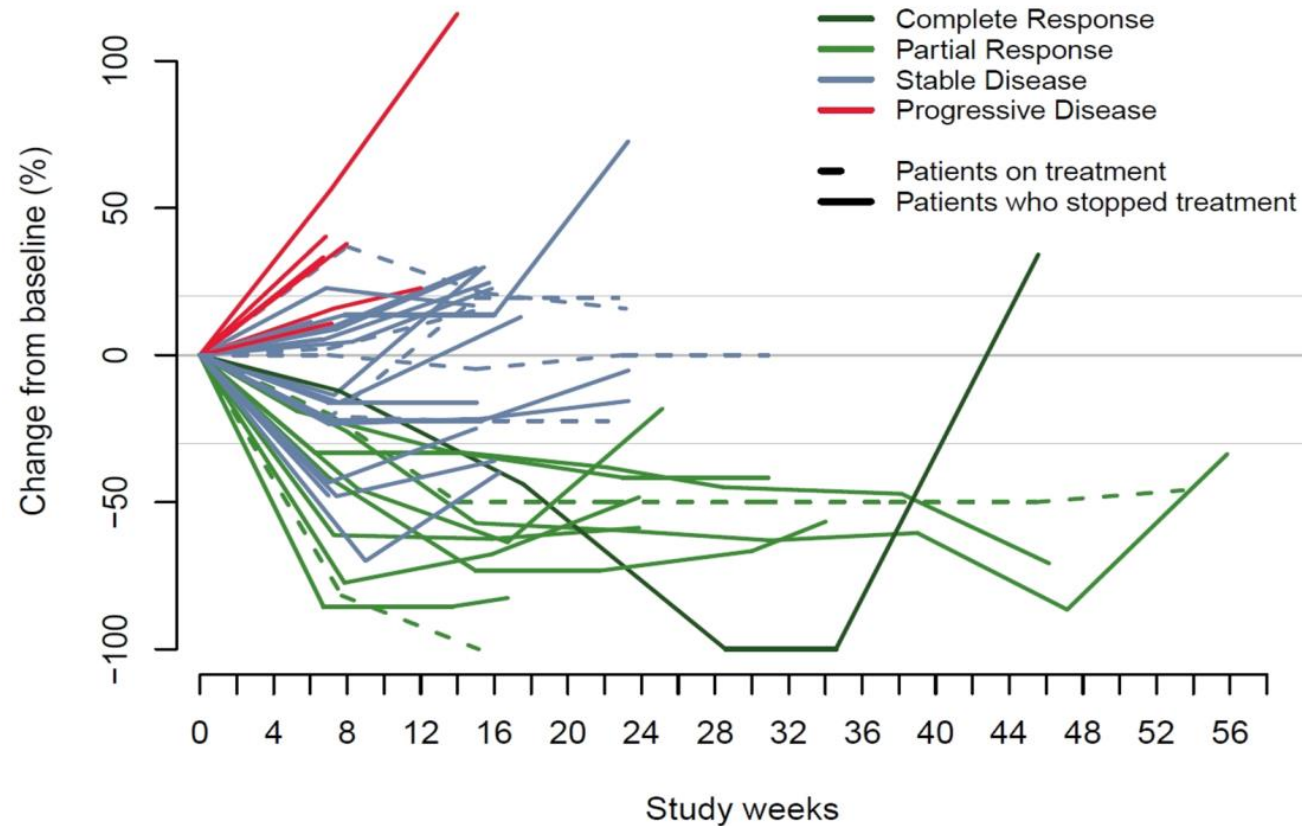


One patient with death from clinical progression before the 1<sup>st</sup> post baseline radiological assessment is not represented in the graphs

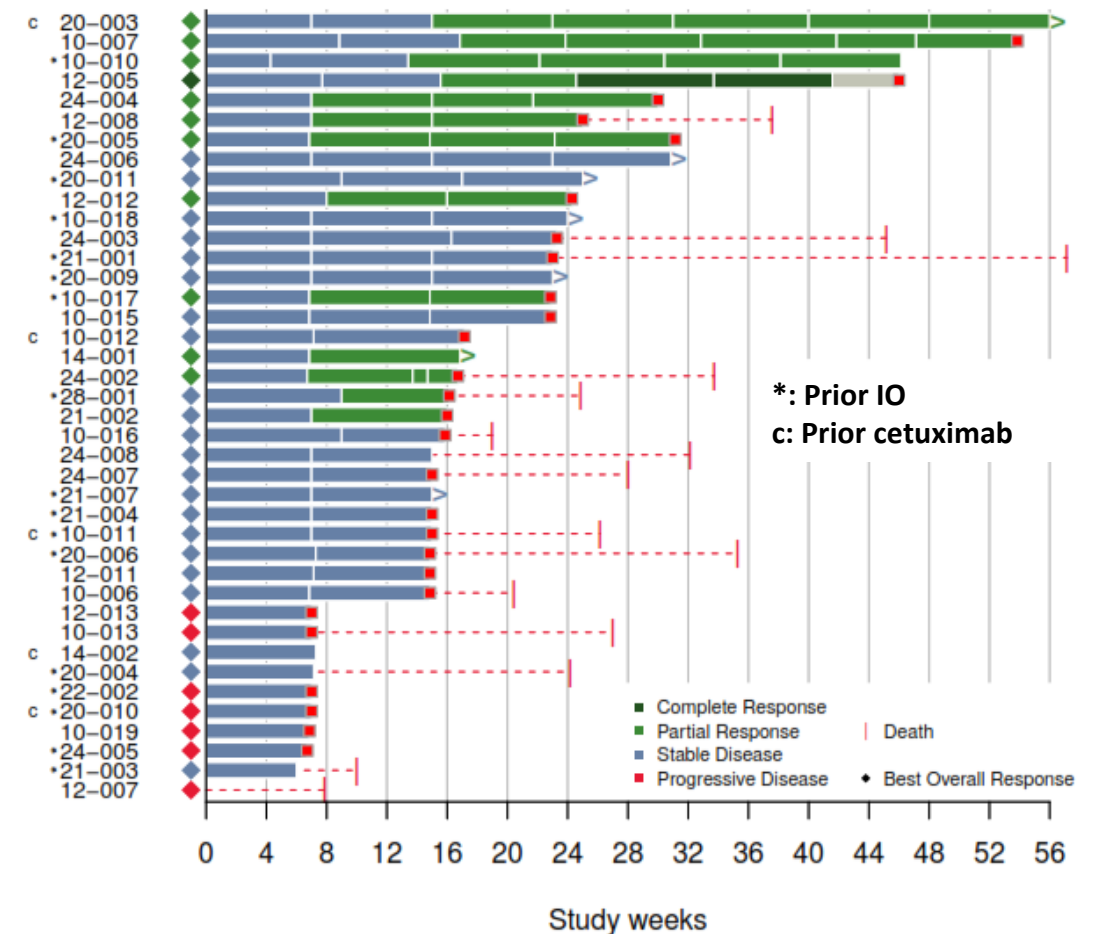


# Early and Durable responses with monalizumab and cetuximab

Change of tumor size from baseline



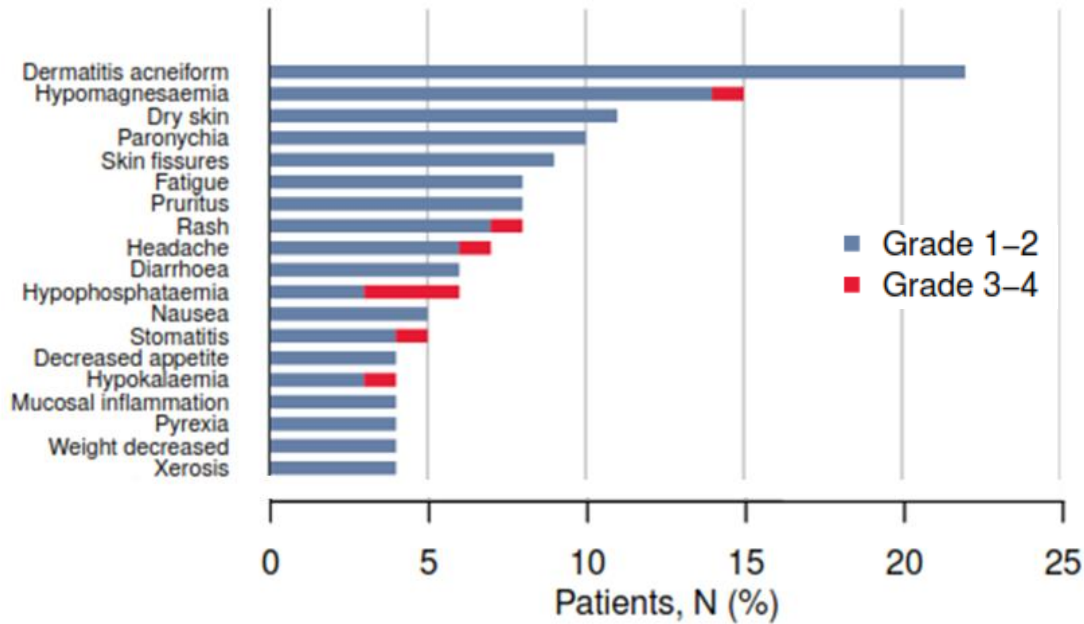
Median time to response is 1.6 months [1.5-3.9]



Median duration of response is 5.6 months [3.8-NR\*]

## Safety profile of the combination

### AEs related to the monalizumab cetuximab combination



	All TEAEs N (%)		Monalizumab related TEAEs N (%)	
	All	Grade 3-4	All	Grade 3-4
AEs	40 (100%)	20 (50%)	30 (75%)	7 (18%)
SAEs	16 (40%)	12 (30%)	3 (8%)	3 (8%)

- No new safety signals for monalizumab
- Only one patient stopped treatment for an AE
- No potentiation of cetuximab side effects

# Save the date!

## SITC 2019

Nov. 6-10, 2019

Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center  
National Harbor, Maryland



# Questions?



**Mount  
Sinai**

*The Tisch Cancer Institute*

[thomas.marron@mountsinai.org](mailto:thomas.marron@mountsinai.org)

703-609-9912