

# *Differentiating Macrophages are Regulated by PARP Inhibitors and can be Harnessed to Overcome PARP-Inhibitor Resistance in BRCA-Associated Triple-Negative Breast Cancer*



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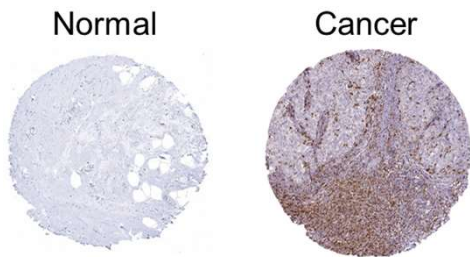
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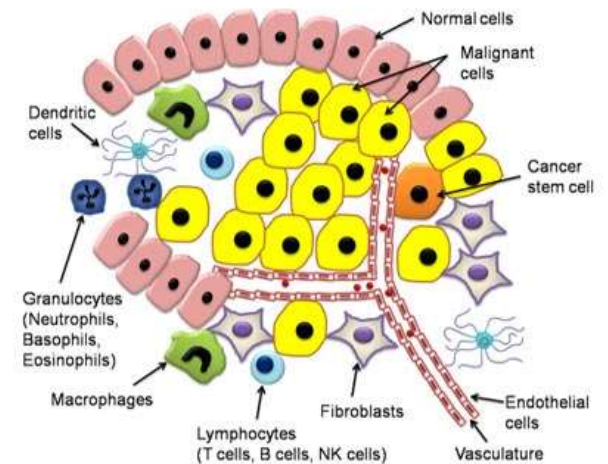
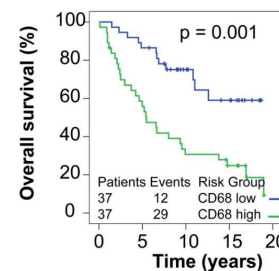
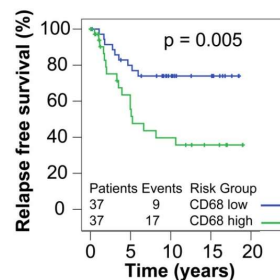
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# The tumor microenvironment contains a variety of non-malignant cells

- Play a pivotal role in tumor progression and metastasis
- T-cell immunotherapy has had modest responses in breast cancer
- Macrophages can represent up to 50% of the tumor mass
- Macrophage density is associated with poor prognosis



IHC: CD68 (human macrophage marker)



Proteinatlas.org

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# Tumor macrophages promote tumorigenesis



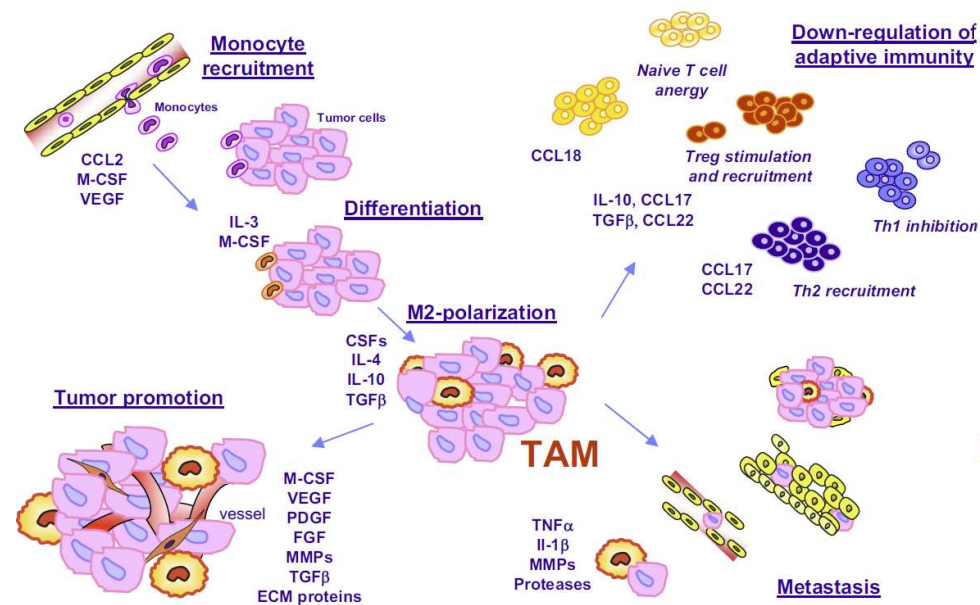
## Pro-tumor

- Repair mechanism
- Pro-tumor

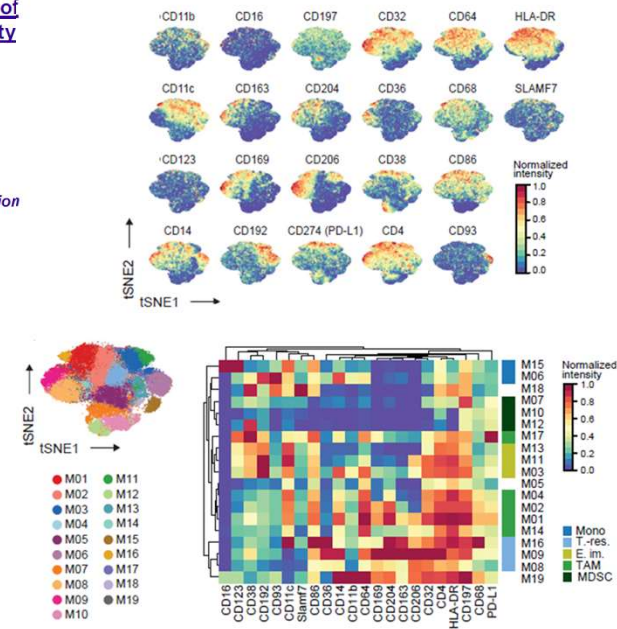


## Anti-tumor

- Defense mechanism
- Anti-tumor



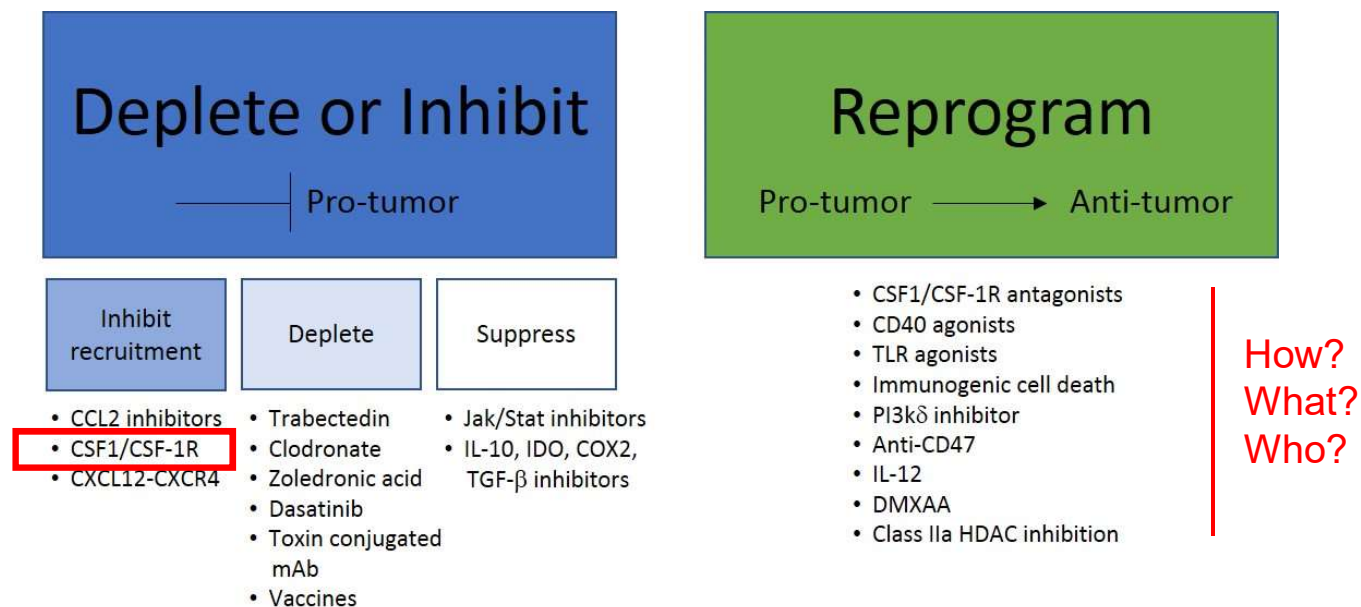
## Human breast tumors



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# Can we find rational ways to target tumor macrophages for anti-cancer therapy?

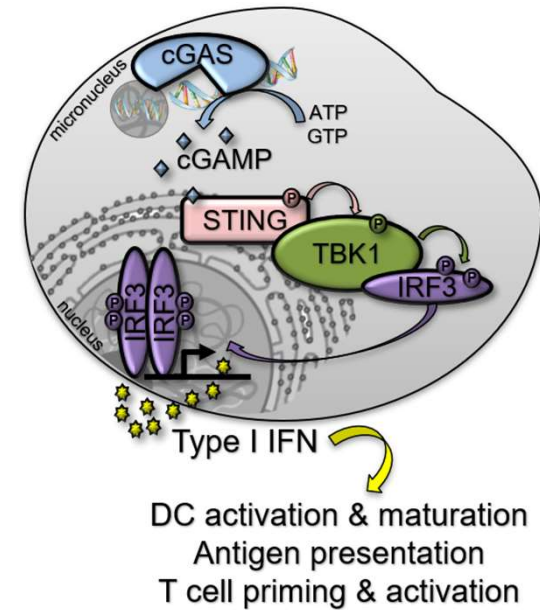


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# The STING pathway is active in *BRCA*-associated TNBC

- TNBC - aggressive, poor survival
- *BRCA*-associated TNBC is homologous recombination (HR) repair deficient
- *BRCA*-associated cancer cells have high levels of cytosolic DNA
  - Activation of the STING pathway
  - Secretion of CXCL10, CXCL9, CCL5
  - Recruitment of immune cells
- *BRCA* mutations regulation of the TME



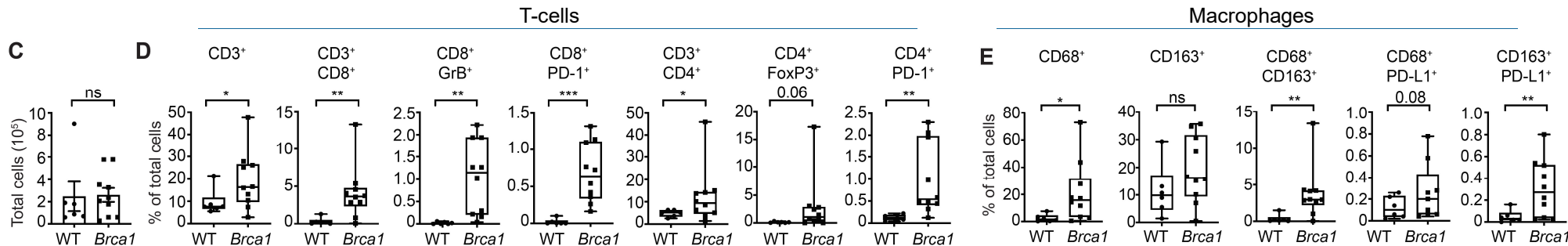
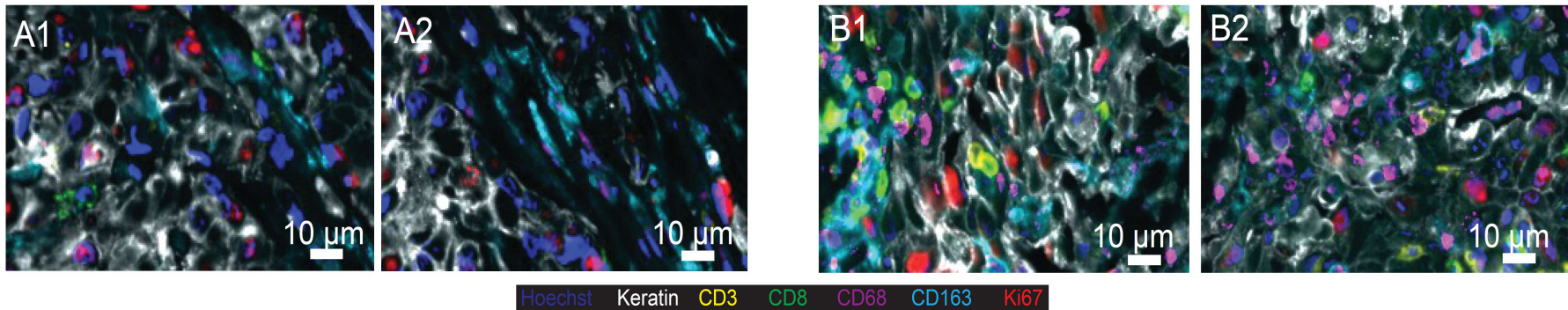
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# BRCA1-associated TNBC are highly infiltrated with macrophages and T-cells



TNBC *BRCA*-wild type

TNBC *BRCA1*-associated



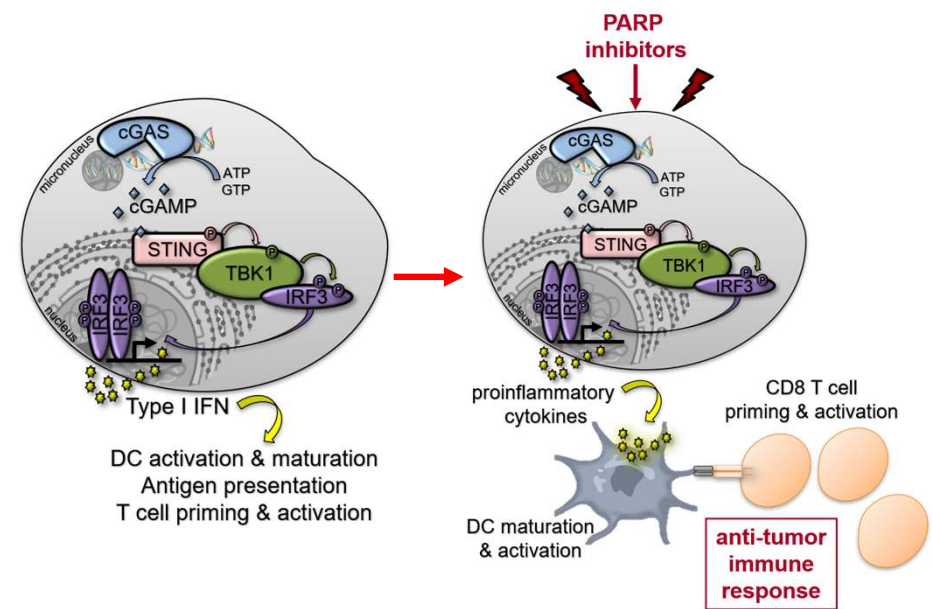
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# PARP inhibitor efficacy depends on CD8+ T-cell recruitment via intra-tumoral STING pathway activation in *BRCA*-deficient TNBC



TNBC breast cancer model:  
*K14-Cre BRCA1<sup>f/fp53f/f</sup>*

- PARPi therapy further activates the STING pathway
- Efficacy of PARP inhibition is dependent cGAS/STING pathway activation and recruitment of CD8 T-cells
- cGAS/STING activation is more pronounced in *BRCA1*-deficient TNBC compared to *BRCA1*-proficient

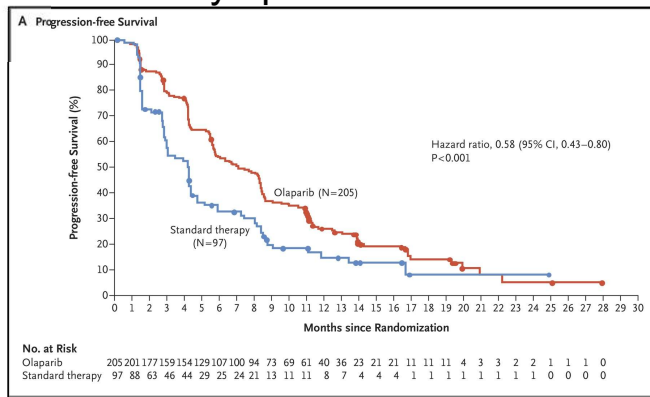


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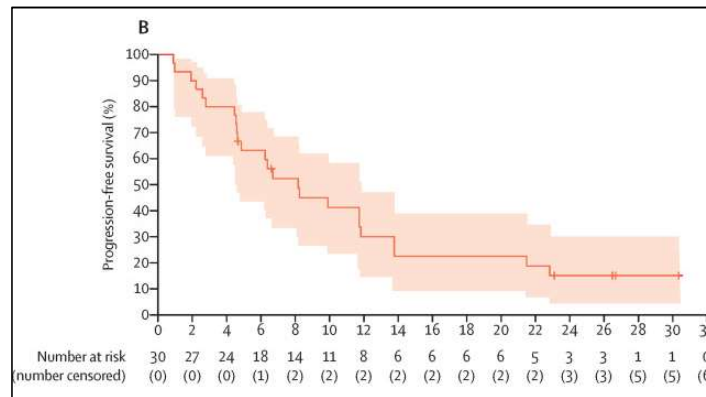
# Clinical response to PARPi + ICB have not yet demonstrated activity superior to PARPi monotherapy

OlympiAD: PARPi



ORR: 59.9%  
PFS: 7 months

MEDIOLA: PARPi + ICB



ORR: 63.3%  
PFS: 8.2 months  
DCR at 12 weeks: 80%

Single agent PD-1/PD-L1

Keynote-012 Pembro in  
TNBC: ORR: 18.5

Atezo in TNBC: ORR 10%

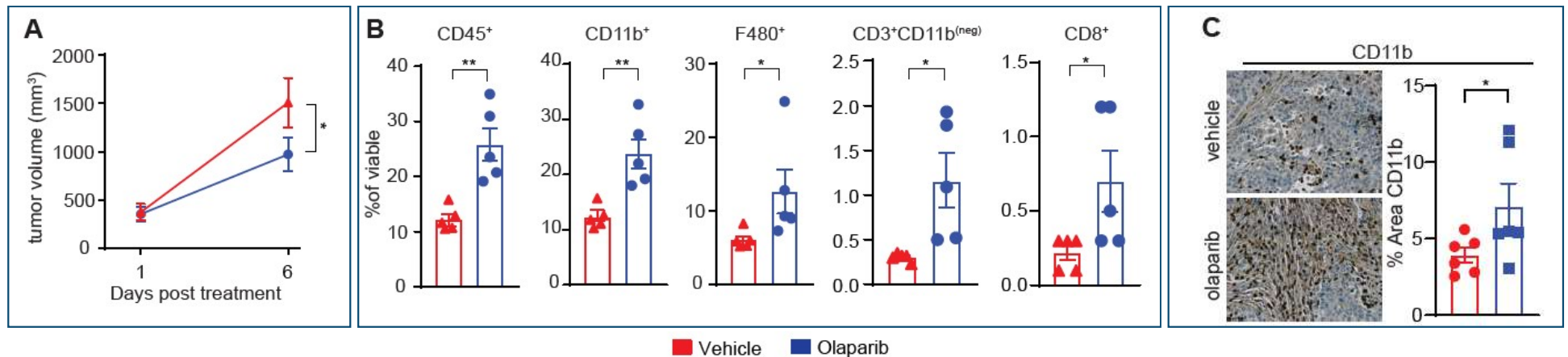
Avelumab in TNBC: 5.2%  
(22.2% in PD-L1+)

**Do macrophages limit the therapeutic response to PARP inhibitors?**

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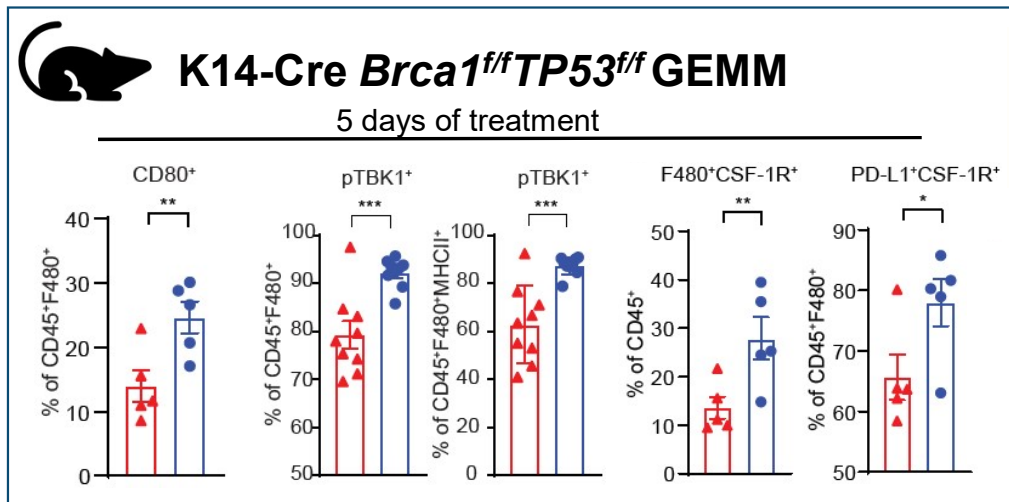
# PARP inhibitor therapy increases tumor macrophages in *BRCA1*-def TNBC

 **K14-Cre *Brca1*<sup>f/f</sup>*TP53*<sup>f/f</sup> GEMM**  
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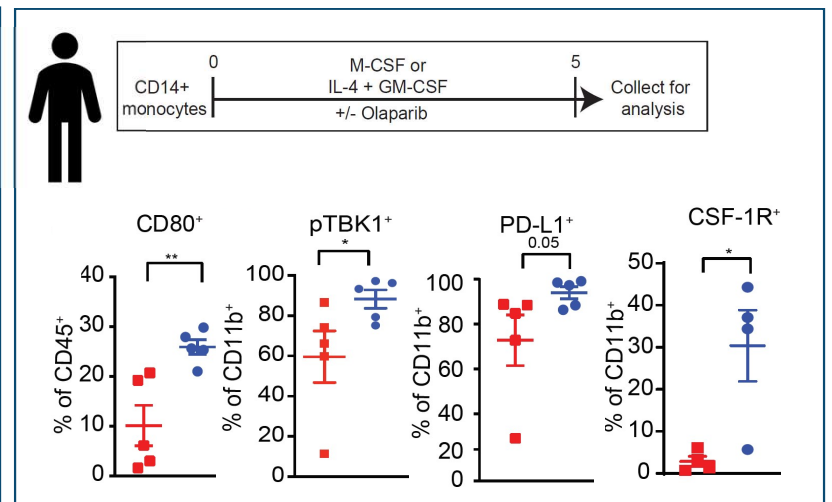


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# PARP inhibitor therapy modulates differentiating macrophages

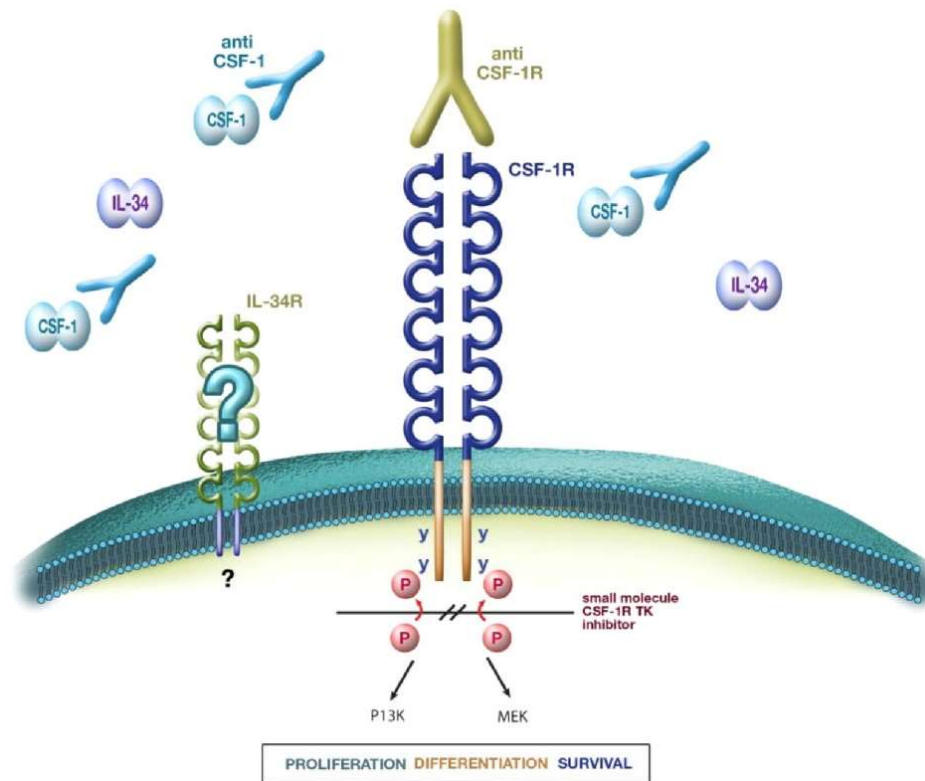


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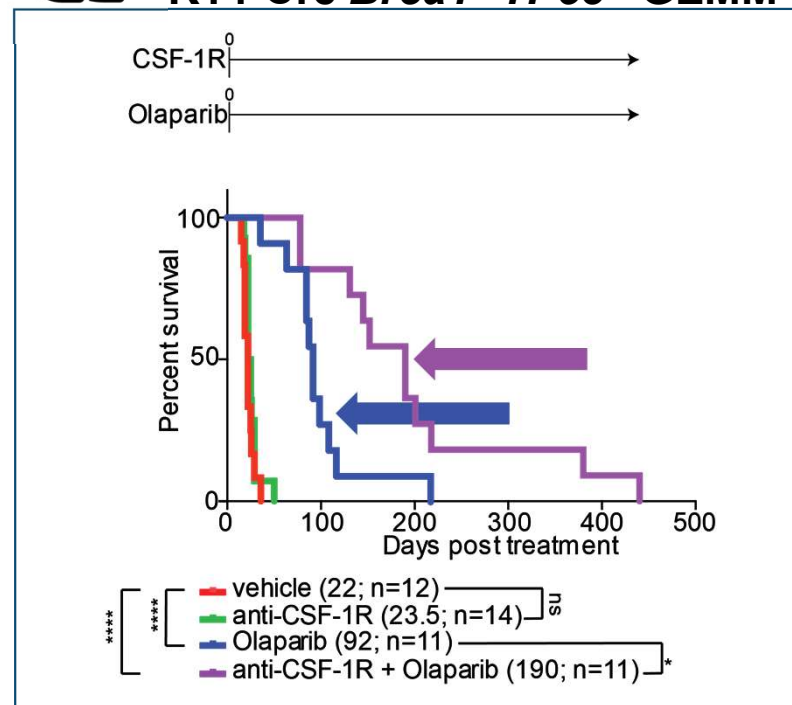


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# CSF-1R is expressed by mature macrophages



# Anti-CSF-1R enhances PARP inhibitor therapy in *BRCA1*-def TNBC

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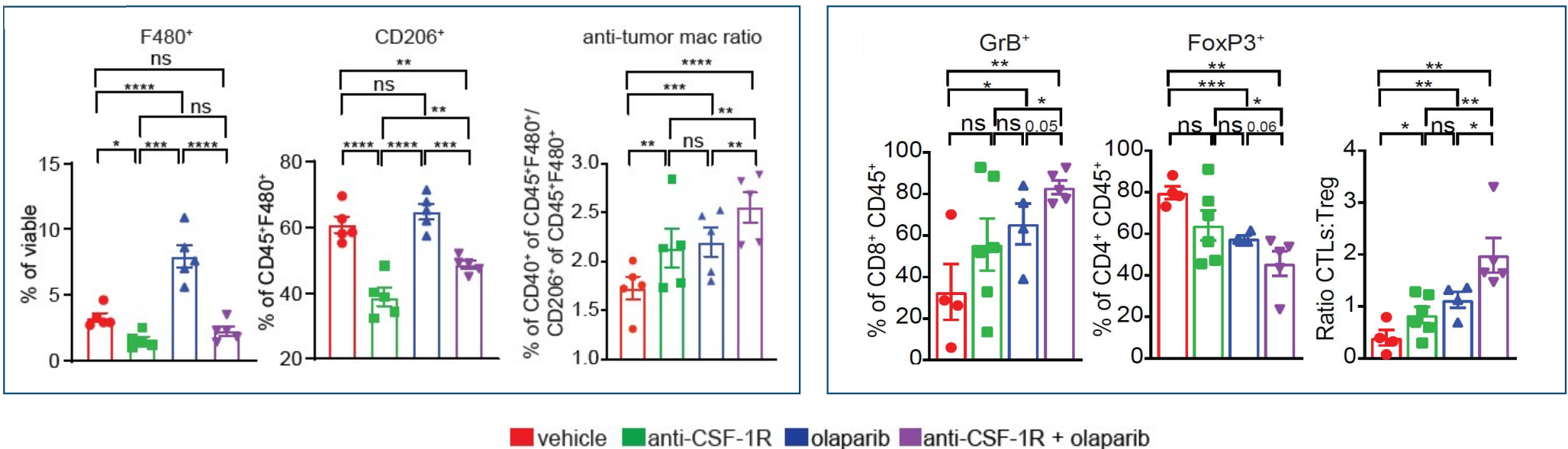
Macrophage-mediated  
immune suppression  
as a liability of PARP  
inhibitors.

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# Does anti-CSF-1R and Olaparib therapy activate anti-tumor innate and adaptive immunity?

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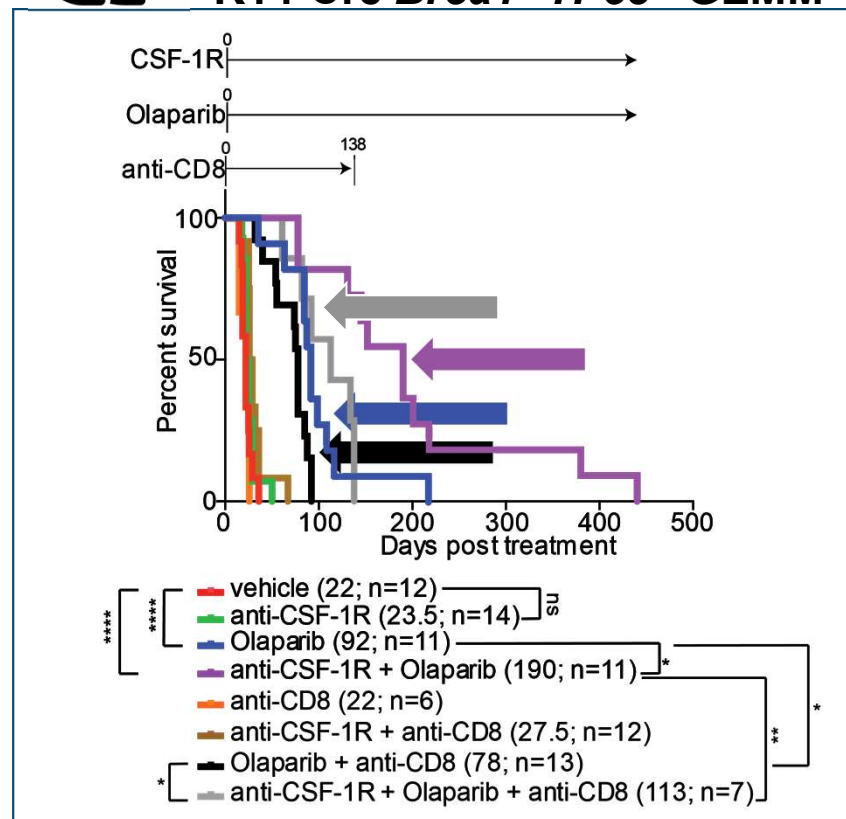


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# Anti-CSF-1R enhances PARP inhibitor therapy and is CD8 T-cell dependent



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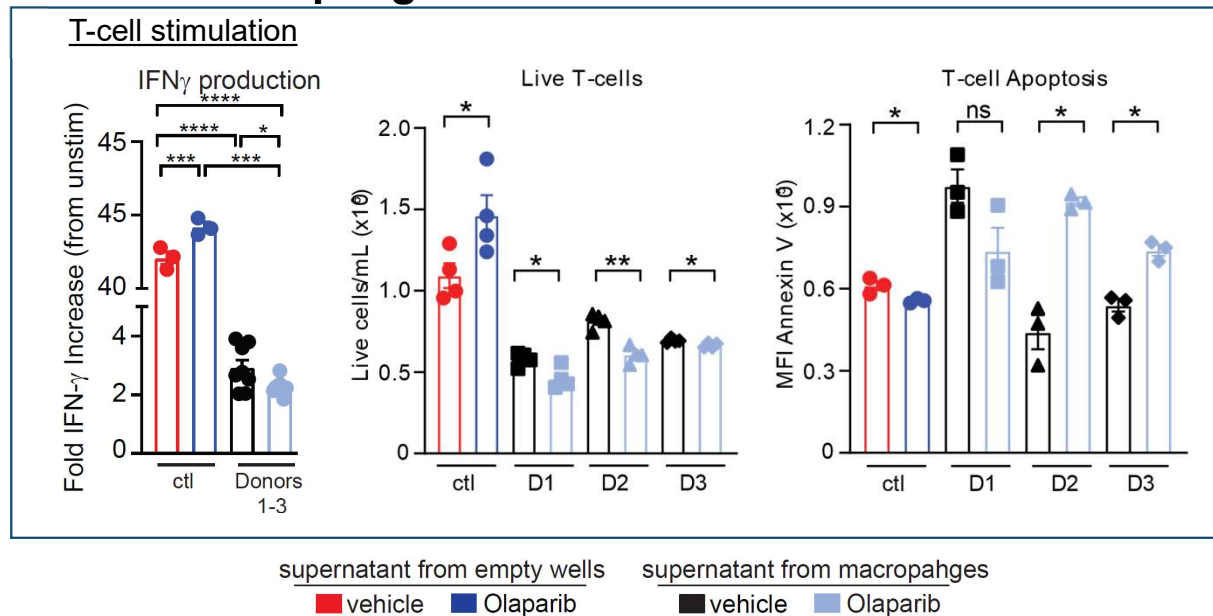


Both innate and adaptive anti-tumor activity will be necessary for durable clinical outcomes.

# How do Olaparib-treated macrophages suppress T-cell function and survival?



## Human macrophage conditioned media



Olaparib-treated macrophages inhibit T-cell function and induce T-cell apoptosis.

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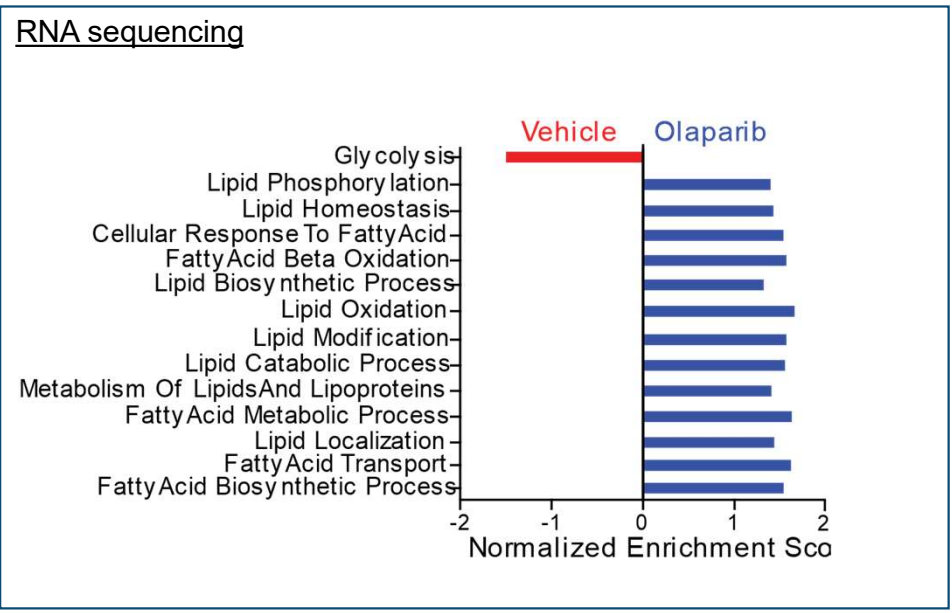


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# Unbiased approaches reveal PARP inhibitor-induced macrophage lipid metabolic processes



Human macrophages



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Proteomics

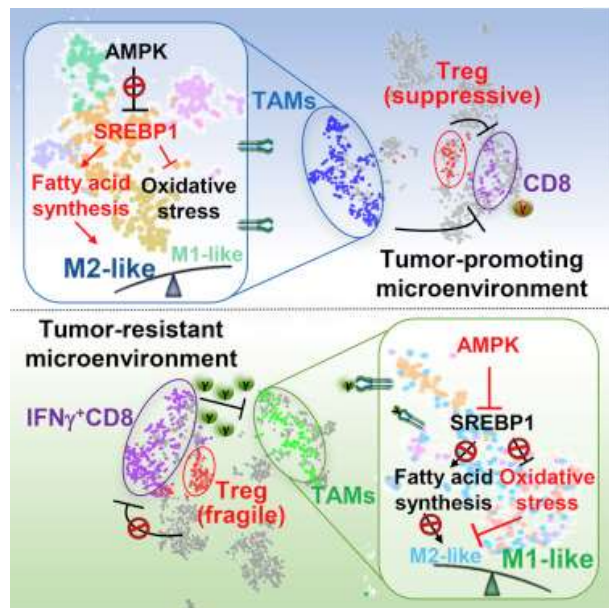
100 most significantly upregulated proteins with FDR < 0.05

GO-ID	Description	p-val
6629	lipid metabolic process	1.65E-07
8152	metabolic process	7.69E-06
44255	cellular lipid metabolic process	6.00E-05
5506	iron ion binding	1.63E-04
40009	regulation of growth rate	1.86E-04
5789	endoplasmic reticulum membrane	6.31E-04
6633	fatty acid biosynthetic process	1.40E-03
10876	lipid localization	1.63E-03
32787	monocarboxylic acid metabolic process	1.64E-03
6633	fatty acid biosynthetic process	1.40E-03
42769	DNA damage response	6.46E-04
20037	heme binding	6.27E-04
51938	L-glutamate import	4.63E-04

Marian Kalocsay, PhD and Matthew Berberich

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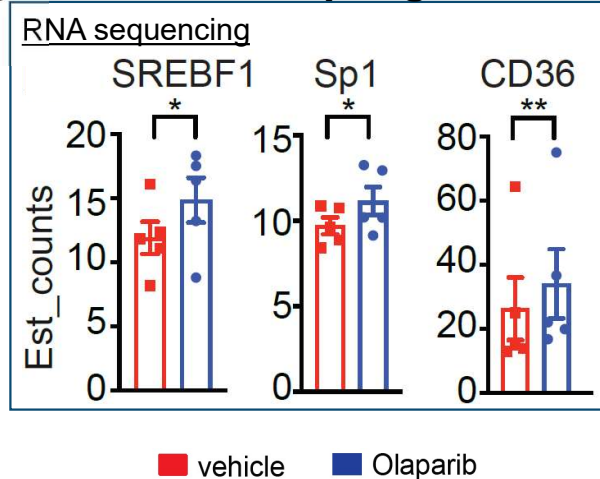
# The SREBP1-mediated fatty acid synthesis pathway is associated with pro-tumor macrophages



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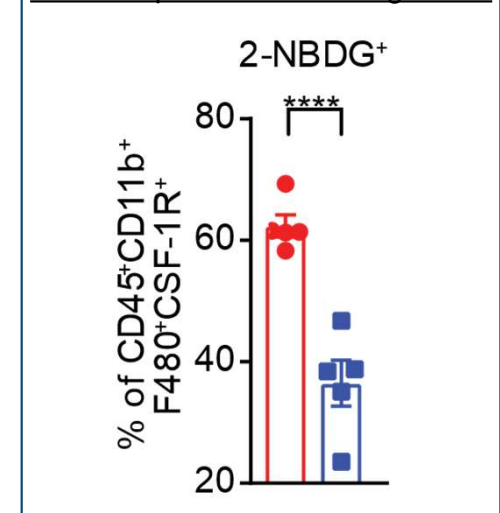


## Human macrophages



## Murine macrophages

Ex vivo uptake of labelled glucose



Sterol regulatory element-binding protein 1 (SREBP1)

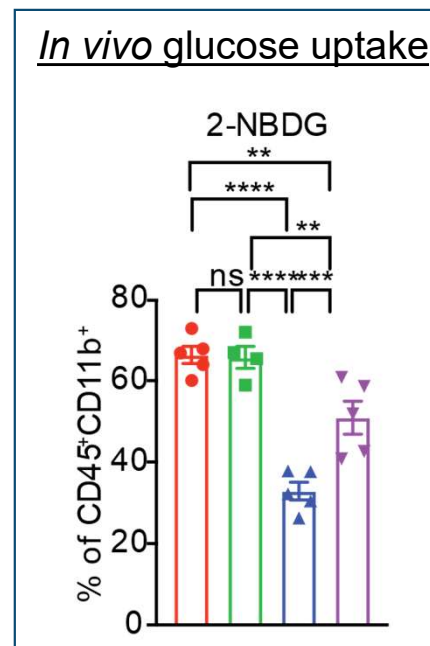
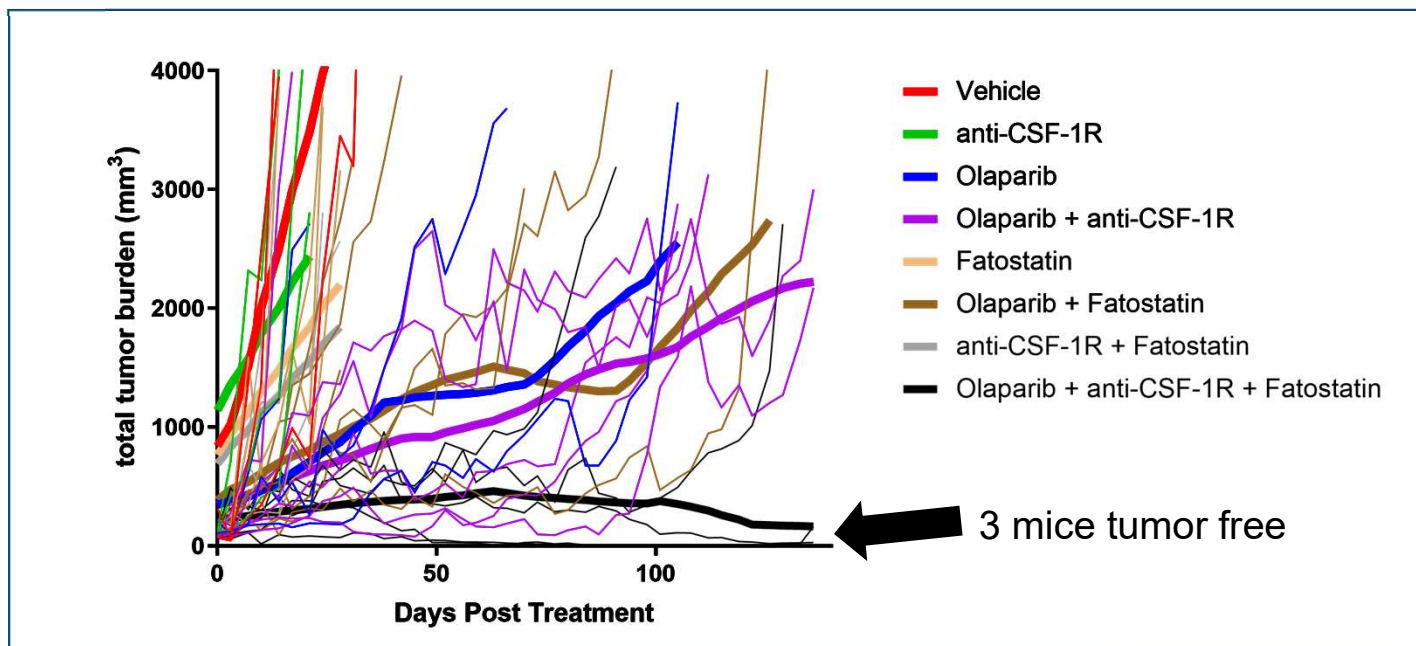
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# Can SREBP1 inhibition enhance PARP inhibitor therapy?

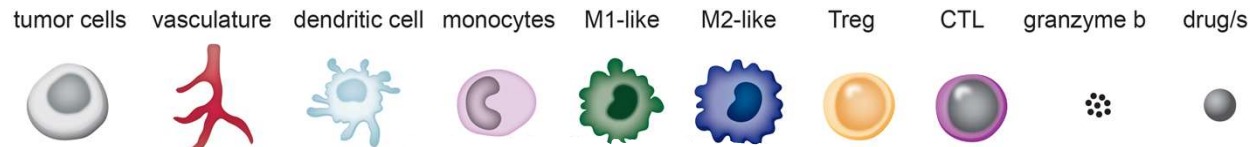
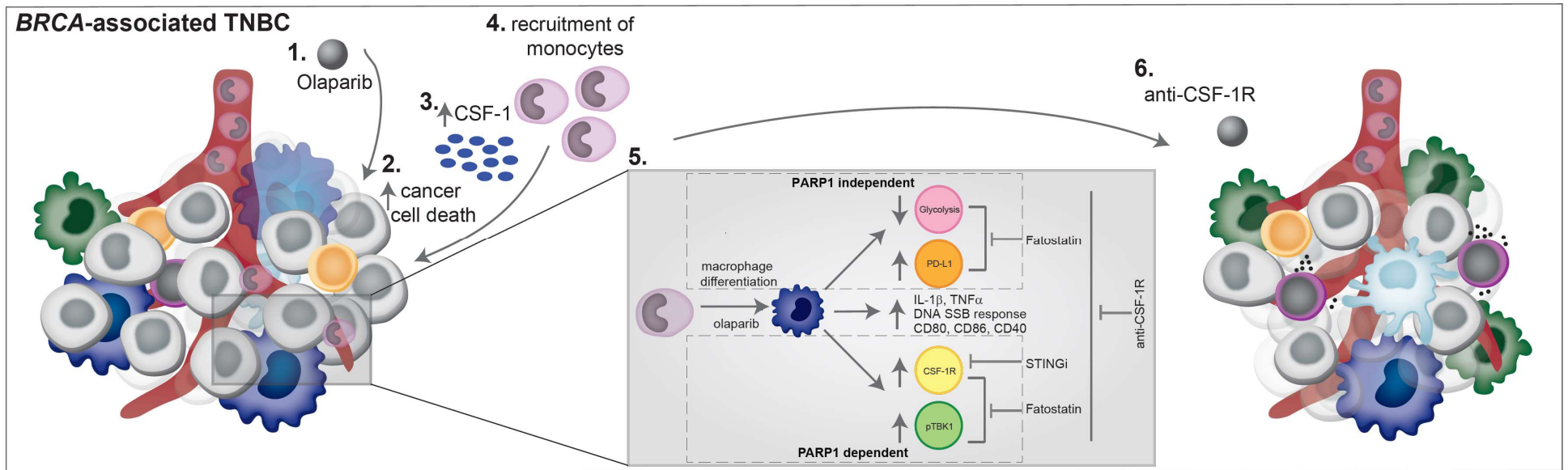


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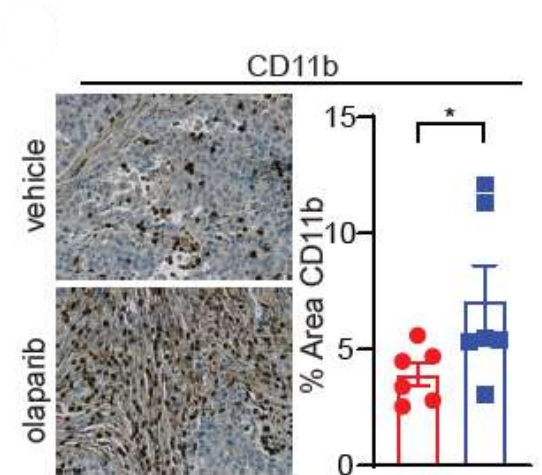
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# Anti-CSF-1R therapy overcomes PARP inhibitor-induced immune-suppressive macrophages and activates an anti-tumor immune response in *BRCA*-associated TNBC



# TAM modulation for anti-cancer therapy needs to be tailored to each patient

- *BRCA*-deficient have high levels of cytosolic DNA/STING activation
- Olaparib further activates the STING pathway
- Recruitment of suppressive macrophages
- PARPi treated cancers may benefit from anti-CSF-1R treatment



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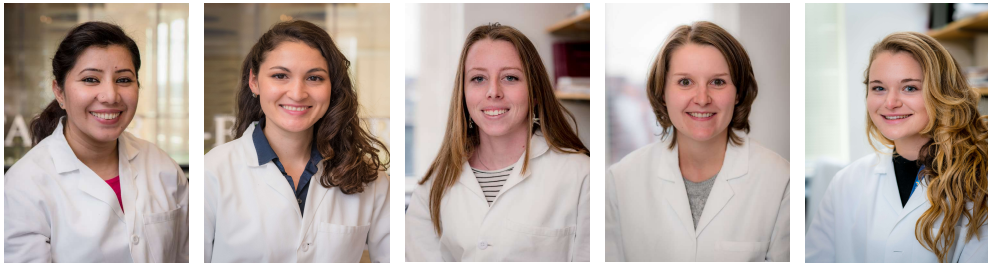
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