

Engineering adoptive T cell therapy to overcome immune suppression in ovarian cancer

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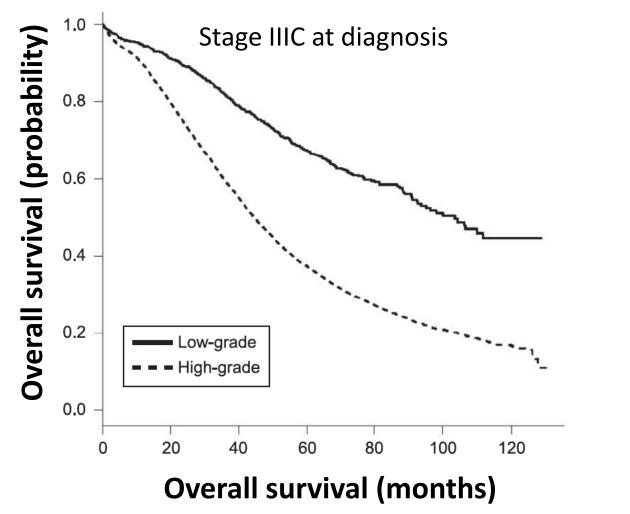
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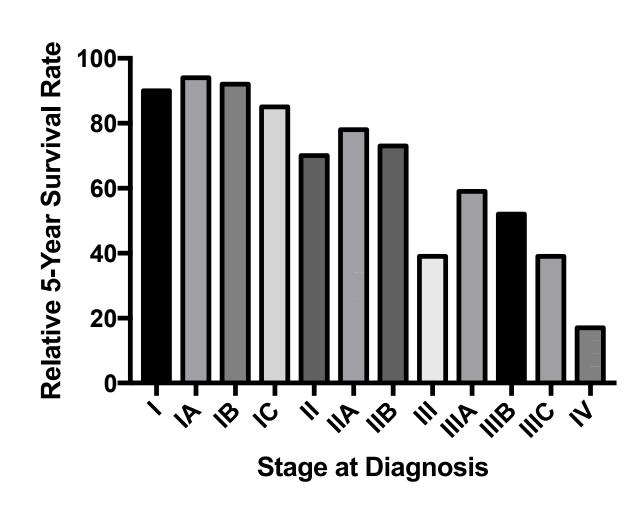
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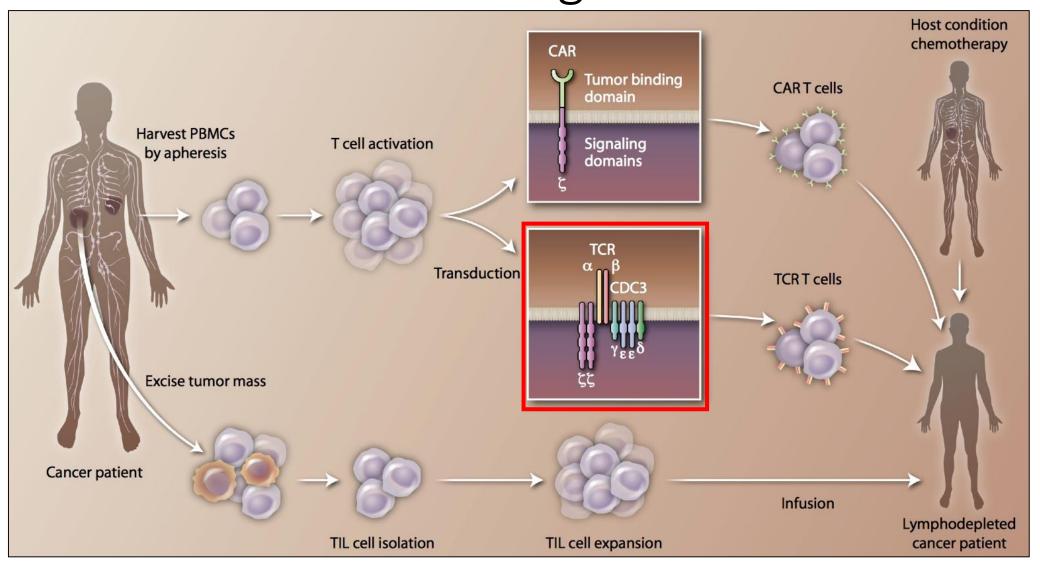
The overall 5-year survival rate for advanced stage high grade serous ovarian cancer patients is less than 50%





Gockley et al. Obstetrics and Gynecology (2017)

Adoptive T cell therapy is currently used in the clinic to treat malignancies

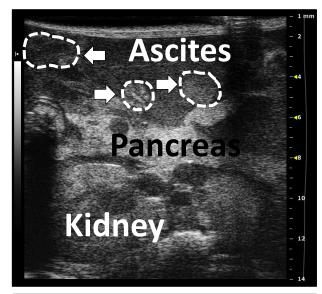


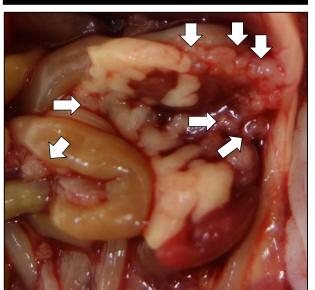
Adapted from: June, Riddell, and Schumacher, Sci Transl Med. 2015

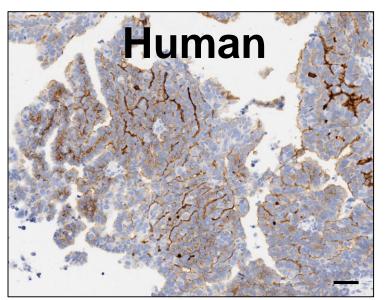
Hypothesis:

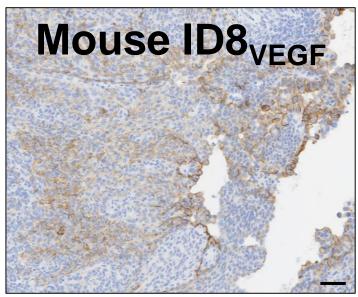
CD8 T cells engineered to express a high-affinity T cell receptor specific for an ovarian cancer antigen will slow tumor growth and prolong survival

The ID8_{VEGF} tumor model recapitulates characteristics of human ovarian cancer





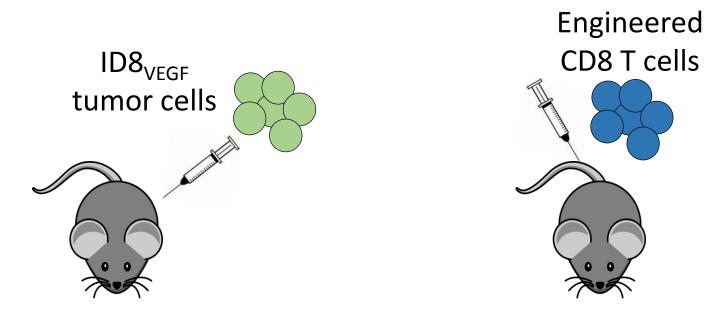






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Initial strategy to evaluate engineered T cell therapy in advanced stage ovarian cancer



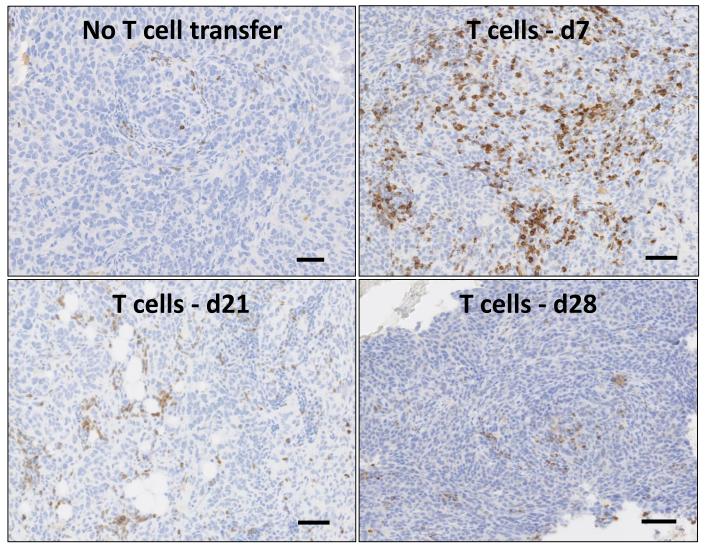
Inject 8 week old female C57BI/6J mice with ID8_{VFGF} cells IP

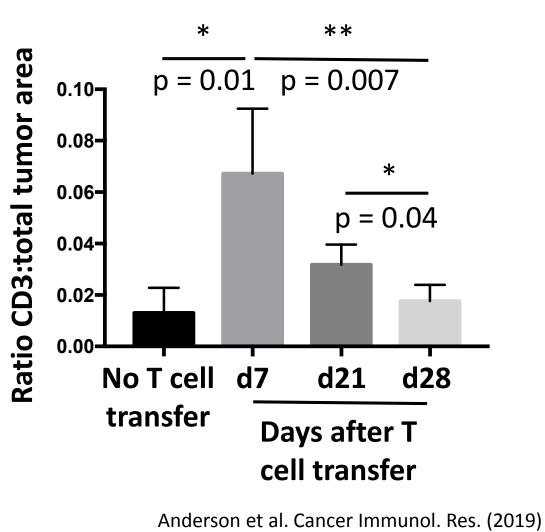
Image for detection of disseminated disease (~6-7 weeks)

Day 0: T cells IV + 10⁴ U IL-2 SC Day 1-9: 10⁴ U IL-2 SC Take down at various time points to assess T cell infiltration, tumor death, and T cell function

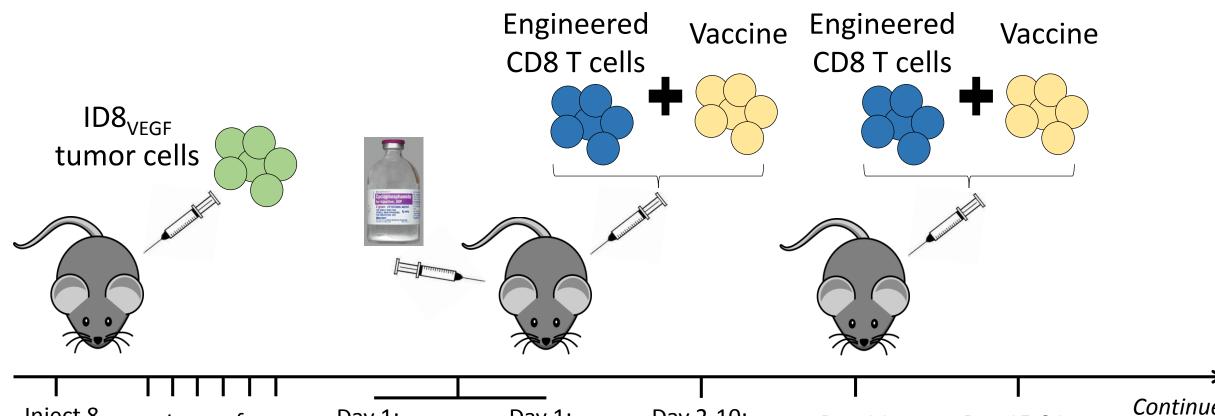
Engineered mesothelin-specific T cells infiltrate ID8_{VEGF} tumors but do not persist

CD3





Initial strategy to achieve antitumor activity with engineered T cells



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ID8_{VEGF}
cells IP

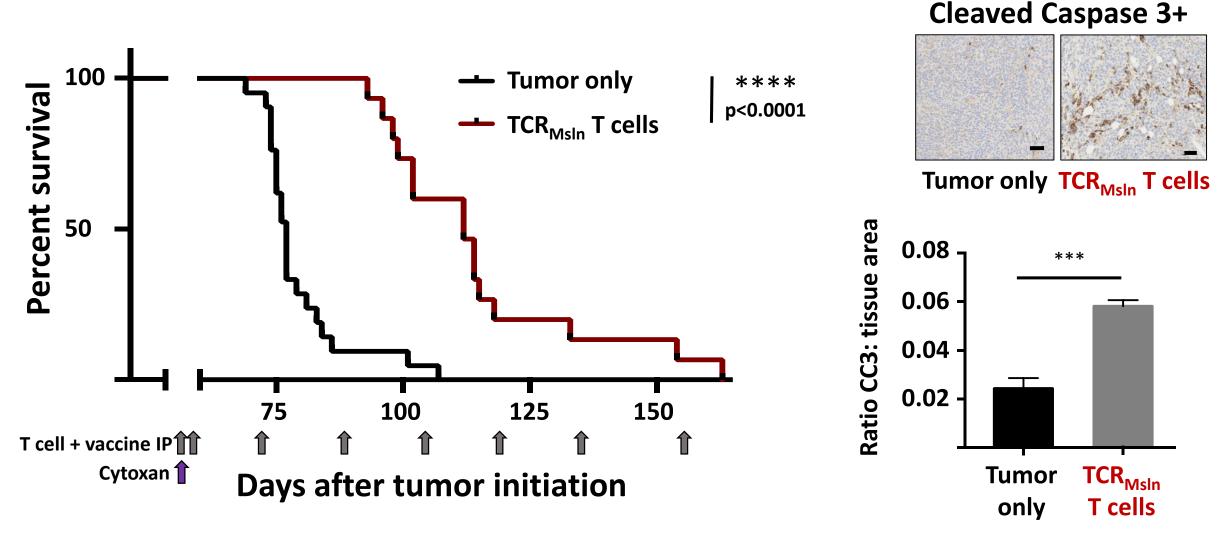
Image for detection of disseminated disease (~6-7 weeks) Day 1:
Cytoxan >8
hours before
transfer

Day 1: T cells + APCs (1:5 ratio) IP + 10⁴ U IL-2 SC Day 2-10: 10⁴ U IL-2 SC

Day 14: T cells + APCs (1:5 ratio) IP + 10⁴ U IL-2 SC Day 15-24: 10⁴ U IL-2 SC

Continue
treatment every 2
weeks until
euthanasia due to
fatal tumor
progression

Treatment of ID8_{VEGF} tumor-bearing mice with MsIn-specific T cells prolongs survival



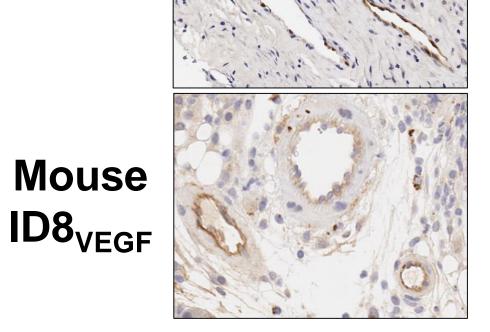
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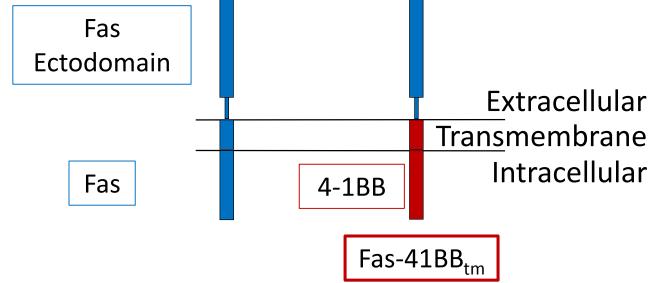
Engineered Fas Immunomodulatory Fusion Proteins may overcome induced T cell death and promote cell proliferation/survival

Altered Trafficking/Survival

Fas Ligand

Human

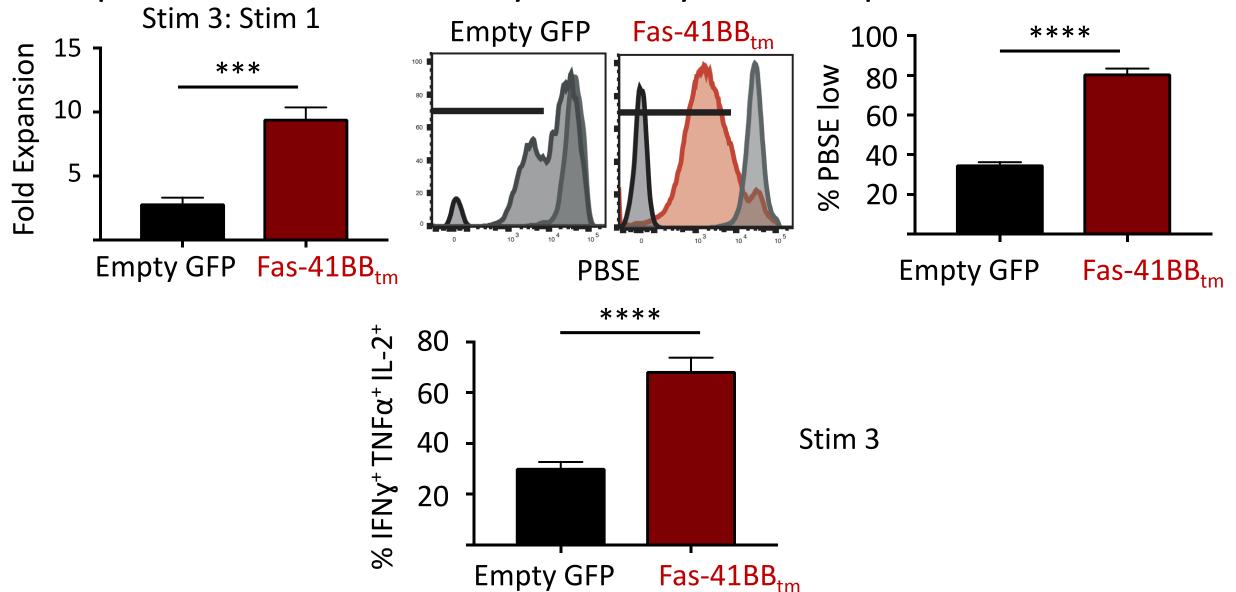




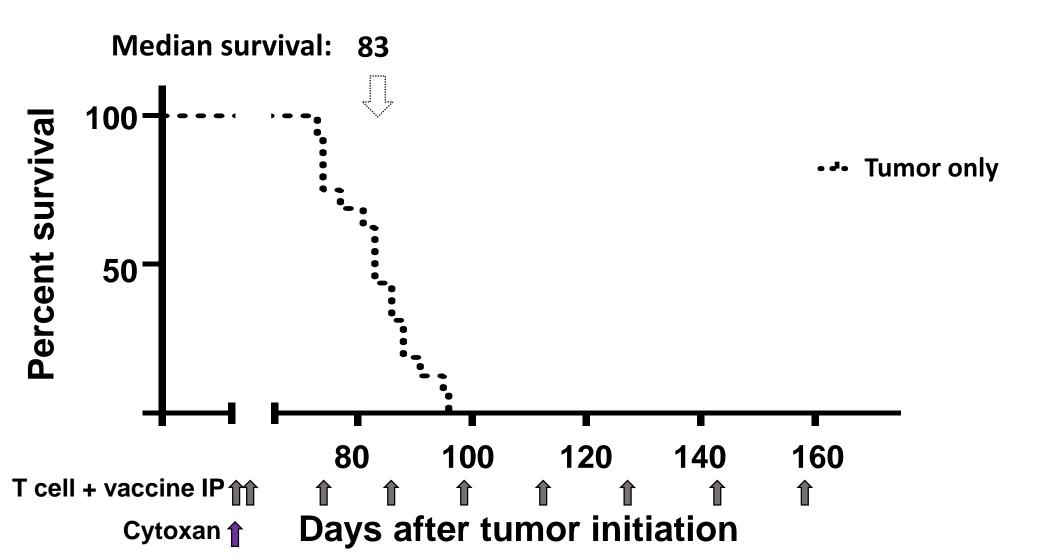


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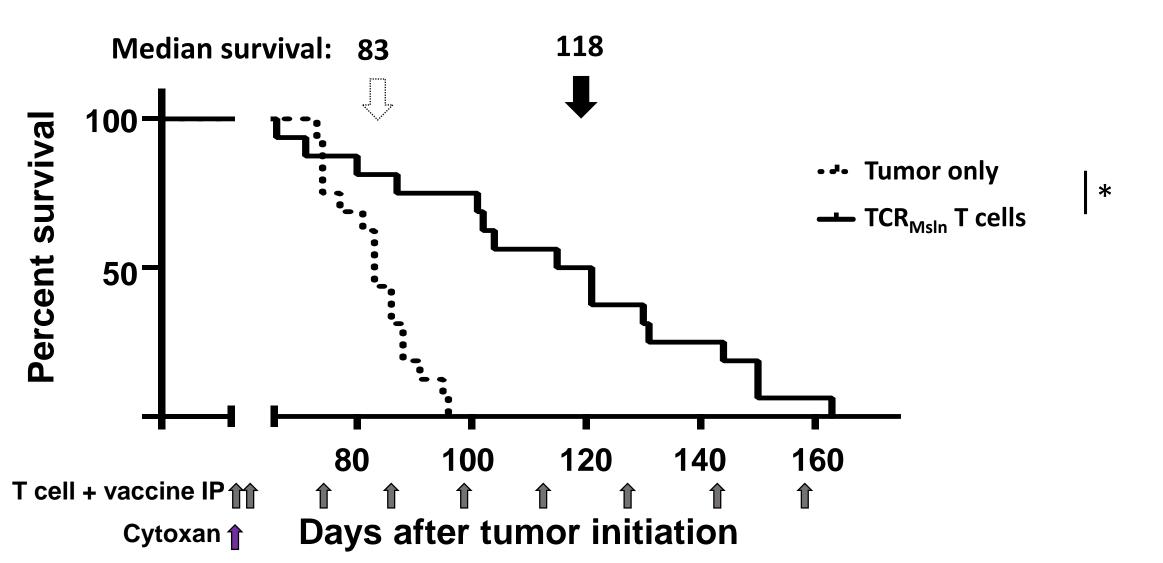
T cells expressing Fas-4-1BB IFPs have enhanced proliferative ability and cytokine production



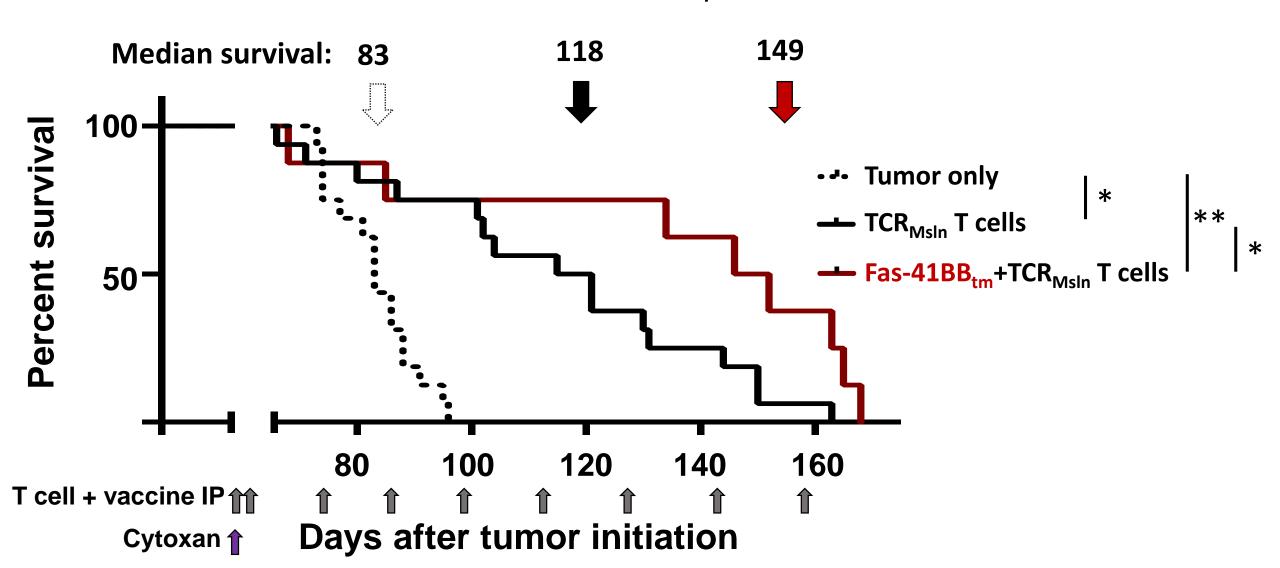
ID8_{VEGF} tumor-bearing mice treated with MsIn-specific T cells expressing a Fas IFP have prolonged survival relative to mice treated with MsIn-specific T cells



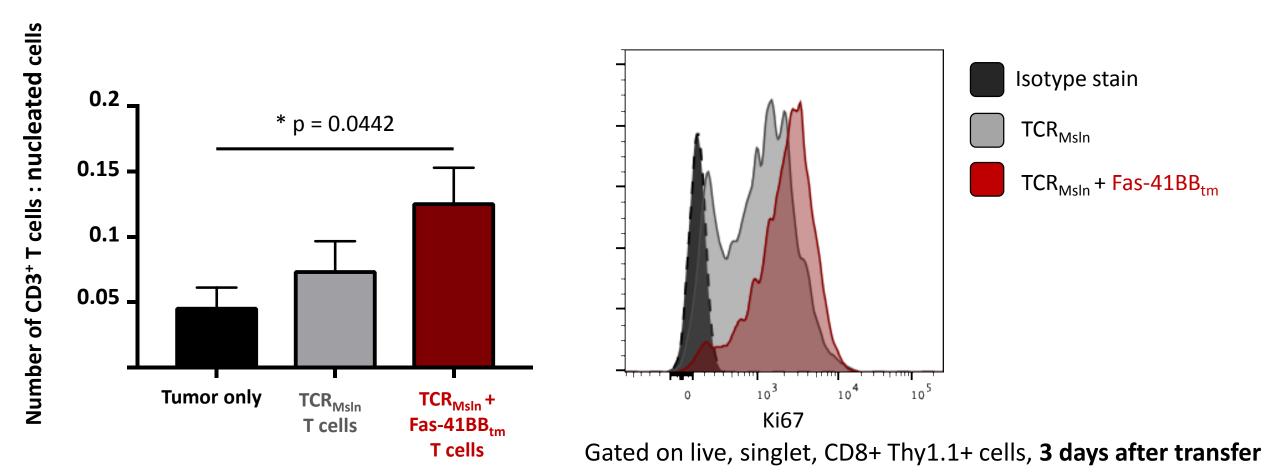
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T cells expressing Fas-4-1BB IFPs are enriched in $ID8_{VEGF}$ tumors and have greater proliferative potential



Quantified using IHC, 21 days after T cell transfer

Take home messages:

The ID8_{VEGF} mouse model mimics features of human ovarian cancer:

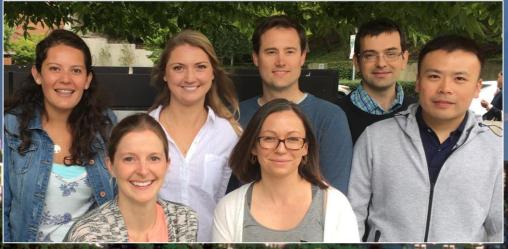
 metastatic lesions, terminal ascites, over-expression of Mesothelin.

Engineered T cells infiltrate but do not persist in ID8_{VEGF} tumors.

 Adoptive transfer of high-affinity MSLN-specific T cells prolongs survival of tumor-bearing mice.

 The addition of an IFP to co-opt Fas-mediated signaling in CD8 T cells enhances the efficacy of engineered T cell therapy.

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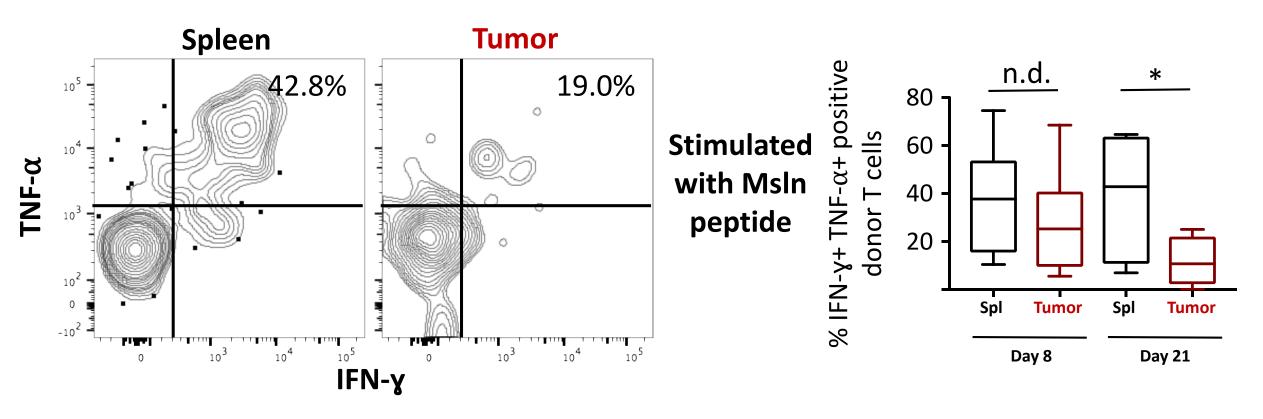
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MsIn-specific T cells have reduced function after prolonged antigen experience within ID8_{VEGF} tumors

T cell cytokines with anti-tumor activity



Gated on lymphocytes, live, CD8+, Thy1.1+ cells, 21 days after T cell transfer